From Quarks to Nuclei: new results from the upgraded Jefferson Lab.



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The Jefferson Lab 12 GeV upgrade project was declared completed on September 27, 2017.



To date, over 27 experiments (~1/3) have already been completed using the upgraded JLab.



4-Hall operation since Jan. 2018

Hall-D First beam May 2014, 2 experiments completed

Hall-A

First beam April 2014, 9 experiments completed

> Hall-B First beam Dec. 2014, 9 experiments completed

Hall-C

First beam Sept. 2017, 7 experiments completed

These early experiments address a wide range of basic nuclear physics questions.



- 1. How do we reveal the quark structure of nuclei?
- 2. Why & how are the quark distributions inside nuclei modified?
- 3. What is the nature of short range forces in nuclei?
- 4. What NP phenomena are critical for neutrino experiment?
- 5. How do we reveal the quark structure of nucleons and their excited states?
- 6. What is the neutron density in heavy nuclei?
- 7. How do quarks and gluons create nucleon structure and properties?
- 3D structure 8. What does the quark/gluon orbital angular momentum contribute to the proton's spin?
- 9. What is the role of glue in the spectroscopy of light mesons and baryons?
- hadron spectra 10. Is there evidence for physics beyond the standard model of particle physics at low energies?







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Outline



- 1. Introduction
- 2. Early results from



- Experiments probing short distance structure in light nuclei.
- Experiments studying hadron propagation in nuclei.
- Experiments looking at short range correlations and the EMC effect
- 3. Summary





The role of quarks and gluons in nuclei is still one of the important unsolved and much debated problems.

Quantum Chromo Dynamics (QCD) is the fundamental theory describing the strong force in terms of quarks and gluons carrying color charges.



QCD is the only legitimate candidate for a theory of the strong force, but there is no consensus on how it works.



How to describe nuclei in terms of quarks & gluons of QCD? What is the energy threshold for the transition?

Tuesday 13 April 2021 Unraveling the Nucleon's Collinear Structure (13:30-15:30)

14:50 [136] Residual Mean Field Model of Valence Quarks in the Nucleon

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Understand the role of color in nuclei by studying the propagation of hadrons through nuclei with exclusive processes.



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One of the commissioning experiments in Hall-C examined the short distance structure (core).

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The Hall C experiment extends the reach to the highest |P_m| to date. |P_m| ~ 1 GeV/c

Theory input was crucial for this experiment to help select the kinematics with small FSI

Results show deviations from current models above |Pm| > 700 MeV/c

Future: new improved calculations and explore inelastic channels at JLab & EIC



C. Yero et al., Phys. Rev. Lett., 125, 262501 (2020).

Plot courtesy Carlos Yero

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Wednesday 14 April 2021

Hadrons in Nuclei (13:30-15:30)

14:30 [73] Onset of Color Transparency in Protons at JLab

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Probe the properties of superdense fluctuations of nuclear matter and their correlation to the modification of quark distributions in nuclei.



Study the propagation of hadrons through nuclei with exclusive processes.

Look for the onset of QCD predictions associated with hadron propagation in nuclei.

Establish connections with the alternative framework which advocates the dominance of the handbag mechanism

At high energies hadron propagation is dominated by reduction of flux, which is quantified by Nuclear Transparency. $T = \frac{\sigma_{N}}{A\sigma_{0}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \sigma_{N} = \text{nuclear cross section parameterized as } \sigma_{0} A^{\alpha} \\ \sigma_{0} = \text{free (nucleon) cross-section} \end{array}$



For light nuclei very precise calculations of are possible.

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QCD predicts that h-N interaction for hadrons produced in exclusive processes at high Q should vanish.



At high momentum transfers, scattering takes place via selection of amplitudes characterized by small transverse size (PLC) - "squeezing"

The compact size is maintained while traversing the nuclear medium - "freezing".

The PLC is 'color screened' - it passes undisturbed through the nuclear medium.

$$\sigma_{PLC} \approx \sigma_{hN} \frac{b}{\frac{2}{R^{h}}}$$

CT is unexpected in a strongly interacting hadronic picture, but it is natural in a quark-gluon framework.

Onset of CT would be a signature of the onset of QCD degrees of freedom in nuclei

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CT is also connected to the framework of GPDs and essential to account for Bjorken scaling in DIS at small x.



The onset of CT is a necessary (but not sufficient) conditions for factorization.

-Strikman, Frankfurt, Miller and Sargsian

- small size configurations (SSC/PLC) needed for factorization

- It is still uncertain what Q² value reaches the factorization regime

Reduced interaction at high energies due to "squeezing and freezing"(i.e. due to CT) is assumed in calculations of structure functions.

L. Frankfurt and M. Strikman, Phys Rep. 160, 235 (1988).

CT is implied by the successful description of DIS.



Although CT is well established at high energies the evidence at intermediate energies is lacking for baryons.

First direct search for the onset of CT

Transparency in A(p,2p) Reaction at BNL



Results inconsistent with CT only. But can be explained by including additional mechanisms such as nuclear filtering or charm resonance states.

There has a been a long ongoing effort to measure CT in protons using the A(e,e'p) reaction.



ELBA-2019

Color Transparency

But, JLab experiments from the 6-GeV era have conclusively observed the onset of CT in mesons.



FMS: Frankfurt, Miller and Strikman, Phys. Rev., C78: 015208, 2008

The first experiment to run in JLab Hall C in the 12 GeV era, was a search for the onset of CT in protons.

- Coincidence trigger: SHMS measures protons, HMS measures electrons
- Targets: 10 cm LH₂ (H(e,e'p) normalization),
- 6% ¹²C (production),
- Al dummy (background)





The results from the first Hall C experiment rule out the onset of CT in (e,e'p) up to $Q^2 = 14.3 \text{ GeV}^2$



https://indico.jlab.org/event/437/



The Future of Color Transparency and Hadronization Studies at Jefferson Lab and Beyond

7-8 June 2021 Online US/Eastern timezone

Code of Conduct

Overview

Timetable

Registration

Participant List

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This workshop will explore the options for new theoretical and experimental efforts towards resolving the puzzling lack of color transparency in protons as reported by a new A(e,e'p) experiment at the recently upgraded Jefferson Lab. The objectives of the workshop are to stimulate new theoretical and experimental work towards understanding the origins of the apparent reaction dependence of this fundamental prediction of QCD, and/or the differences between three-quark and quark-antiquark states.

The connection of color transparency/coherence phenomenon with final state interactions in deep inelastic scattering, hadronization in the nuclear medium, heavy-ion collisions, and quantum entanglement will be examined. The possibility for new experimental searches including at future facilities such as the EIC will also be discussed. The results of the workshop will be summarized in a report that can serve as a roadmap for the future developments and a guide to areas for possible collaboration.

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Examine what happens during the brief intervals when two or more nucleons overlap in space (Short Range Correlations).





number of deuteron like high momentum pairs in the nucleus (w/o corrections for center-of-mass motion).

do we need quark exchanges between nucleons and the kneading of the nucleon constituents into six- or nine-quark bags?

DIS at $x > 1 \Rightarrow$ access to super-fast quarks (quarks that carry light-cone momentum fraction > that of a nucleon at rest)?

40 years ago the discovery of the EMC effect brought quarks into nuclear physics.



A large campaign underway at JLab to study SRC and EMC effect

A unique Tritium program in Hall A included studies of superdense fluctuations in nuclei.



Low activity (~ 1 kCi); High-pressure sealed cell @ 40K; Beam current < 22.5µA

Used for a broad physics program with mirror nuclei (3H, 3He)



The Tritium program includes studies of short range correlations with inclusive scattering from ³H/³He.



(A/D) ratio of inclusive cross section at x>1

 \propto probability of scattering from a SRC pair

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Compare ³He to ³H to study the composition of SRCs

Helium-3/Deuterium ratio

Tritium/Deuterium ratio



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A study of short range correlations with exclusive scattering from ³H/³He was the first publication from the Tritium program in Hall A.



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EMC effect in Tritium and Helium-3 was also measured



Another experiment in Hall C has measured the EMC effect and 2N-SRC (at x > 1) in ¹⁰B & ⁹B.

The First measurement of EMC Effect in Boron



The Tritium program also measured F_2^n/F_2^p & d/u, using ³H & ³He.

MeAsurement of the F₂ⁿ/F₂^p, d/u RAtios and A=3 EMC Effect in Deep Inelastic Electron Scattering Off the Tritium and Helium MirrOr Nuclei (MARATHON).



Incomplete list of other completed experiments that will have results soon.

Charge symmetry violation in quark distributions: Measured SIDIS ratio of π^+/π^- on Deuterium, data collected in 2018 and 2019 in Hall C.

SIDIS pion electroproduction scans in (x, z, P_T) and Q^2 at fixed x, data collected in 2018 and 2019 in Hall C.

L-T separated cross sections for exclusive kaon electroproduction at high Q², data collected in 2018 and 2019 in Hall C.

Determining the Λ -n interaction via study of Λ -nn resonance, data collected as part of the Tritium program in 2018 in Hall A.

Measurement of the neutron distribution in ²⁰⁸Pb using parity violating electron scattering, data collected in Fall 2019 and 2020. Results to appear in PRL soon.

Measurement of Bound Neutron Structure (BoNuS-12) in Hall-B completed in 2020.

Summary

- The upgraded accelerator at JLab is fully operational and the extensive experimental program is underway in earnest.
- Over 30% of the approved experiments have already been completed.
- Exciting new results on the role of quarks in nuclei are trickling in and some have already been published.
- Some of these results are very puzzling.
- Look out for the deluge about to come, and move us closer to an eventual resolution to the problem of quarks in nuclei.

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A big shout out to the army of graduate students and post docs working on these experiments.

Among the completed experiments several conducted extensive measurements of structure functions and PDFs.

One of the Hall-C commissioning experiments measured H(e,e') and D(e,e') cross section to: i) study quark-hadron duality, and ii) compare moments of the F₂ structure function to Lattice calculations



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