Hall C outlook: LAD (E12-11-107)

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## Summary

- Physics motivation
- Experimental overview
- Status

Protons and neutrons are modified in the nucleus

- EMC effect:  $F_2^A \neq ZF_2^p + NF_2^n$
- Effect stronger than "known" nuclear effects (Fermi motion, binding...)
- Nucleon structure is modified



B. Schmookler et al., Nature 566, 354 (2019)

#### Protons and neutrons are modified in the nucleus

Are *all* nucleons *slightly* modified? Or are a *few* nucleons *highly* modified?



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### SRCs lead to high-momentum scaling



Short-range correlations:

- Separation  $\lesssim$  radius
- Large relative, small center of mass momentum (relative to  $k_F$ )
- 90% neutron-proton pairs

High-momentum tail:

- Universal shape
- Strength grows with nucleus

M. Alvioli et al., Phys. Rev. C 87, 034603 (2013)

#### Strength of EMC effect correlated with SRC abundance



O. Hen et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 89, 045002 (2017)

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- Minimize experimental and theoretical uncertainties by measuring double ratio
- Measured to calculated cross section for high to low x' as function of initial nucleon momentum  $p_s$

$$\frac{F_2^{bound}(x'_{high}, p_s)}{F_2^{free}(x_{high})} = \frac{\sigma_{tag}(x'_{high}, p_s) / \sigma_d(x_{high})}{\sigma_{tag}(x'_{low}, p_s) / \sigma_d(x_{low})} \times \frac{\sigma_d / \sigma_n^{free}(x_{high})}{\sigma_d / \sigma_n^{free}(x_{low})}$$

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#### BAND analysis flash



#### LAD experimental setup



### LAD target





from D. Meekins

- HAPPEX cell design
- 20 cm cell length
- Target ladder:
  - LH2
  - LD2
  - Empty
  - Carbon multi foil
  - Solid targets for checkout

# Large angle detector (LAD)



- 5 panels of refurbished CLAS6 TOF scintillators
  - 55 paddles, each 22 cm long and 4 cm thick
  - One panel at smaller angle, two panels at larger angle
- Positioned 5-5.4 m from target covering  $95^{\circ} < \theta_p < 157^{\circ}$
- Proton ID using dE/dX vs. TOF
- Proton momentum from TOF
- Laser calibration system for timing and energy calibration

### LAD support design complete











#### Laser calibration system

- Following laser calibration system developed for BAND\*
- Rack-mountable box contains laser system
- Splitter distributes laser pulse to scintillators
- Laser completely contained in fiber-optic cables
- Web GUI allows remote operation
- Time resolution  $\leq 100 \text{ ps}$

Laser				Generator		Attenuator		
Times		Pulsing		Select Channel		Handling by dB		
Supply Time	3689:1 [H:M]	Status	ON	Channel 1	Channel 2	Current dB	0.00 [dB]	
Emitting	3688:52 [H:M]		Turn ON	Channel 1			Set dB	
Temperatures			Turn OFF	Wave	PULSE V		-0.1[dB]	+0.1[dB]
Diode	34.00 [°C]			Amplitude	5 [V]		-1[dB]	+1[dB]
Crystal	28.01 [°C]			Offset	2.5 [V]	Handling by Transference (OUT/IN)%		
Electronic Sink	44.00 [°C]			Frequency	1000 [Hz]	Current Transference % 100.0 [%]		
Heat Sink	23.00 [°C]			Duty	10 [%]	Set %		: %
Temperature Control				Pulse Width	0.0001 [S]		-1[%]	+1[%]
Control TEC 1	ON			Rise	2.68e-08 [S]		-10[%]	+10[%]
Control TEC 2	ON			Fall	Fall 1.68e-08 [S]		Handling by Step	
Errors and Informations				Output	OrFF OFF		2640 [Step]	
Error 1	0				Get Current		Set Po	sition
Error 2	0				Load Default		-1	+1
Error 2	0				Set Parameters		-10	+10
Info 1	12				Turn ON			
Info 2	133				Turn OFF	Last Command	D	В
Info 3	47		Update				Upd	ate

\*A. Denniston, et al., NIM A 973 164177 (2020)

### Random background will be limit to LAD precision



Simulated protons hitting middle LAD panel

- Anticipate accidental background rate 4-8x signal
- Suppress background using
  - Energy deposition (dE/dX)
  - Proton vertexing (GEMs)

#### GEMs for proton vertexing



- Repurpose PRad GEMs
- Active area: 120 x 55 cm<sup>2</sup>
- Positioned at 127°
  - First plane 75 cm from target
  - Second plane 95 cm from target

## Background rate at GEMs is manageable



- Estimate rate with GEANT4 simulation
- 10.9 GeV electron beam on 20 cm LD2 target
- Include GMn GEM for photon rate comparison

- Rates for LAD GEMs from GEANT4
  - Photons = 22.5 GHz (0.5% efficiency per PRad simulations)
  - Electrons = 15 GHz (4 GHz with aluminum window and 1mm polyethylene)
  - Consistent with previous calculations by Pavel Degtiarenko
- Simple simulation shows 40 ns time resolution achievable with these rates
- With 40 ns time resolution, vertexing able to suppress background to 10% level

### GEM support design complete





#### Experimental status

- ERR approved November 2020
- Beam time request submitted December 2020
- Key remaining tasks:
  - Detailed simulation of GEMs and LAD in GEANT4
  - Commissioning of PRad GEMs for LAD

# Thank you!