Mean-Field Studies of Nuclear Quark Structure

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News

 PAC42 (2014) at Jefferson Lab approved an experiment to measure the "The EMC Effect in Spin Structure Functions" using a ⁷Li target

https://www.jlab.org/exp_prog/proposals/14/PR12-14-001.pdf

- Proposal went through Jeopardy process in PAC 48 (2020)
 - scientific rating went from B⁺ to A⁻ almost unheard of thanks to a lot of work from Will Brooks and Sebastian Kuhn
- Long awaited quasi-elastic electron scattering results from JLab will be presented in a plenary talk by Michael Paolone at the GHP 2021 Meeting (13-16 April)

https://www.jlab.org/indico/event/412/

- results on ${}^{12}C$ and ${}^{56}Fe$ will be presented
- if you are interested please participate in the meeting





Polarized EMC Effect

- Spin/Polarized EMC effect experiments are just measurements of the spin structure function(s) of a nucleus exactly analogous to nucleon DIS
- Polarized EMC effect provides insight into QCD effects in nuclei

$$\Delta R(x) = \frac{g_{1A}(x)}{g_{1A}^{\text{naive}}(x)} = \frac{g_{1A}(x)}{P_{\rho} g_{1\rho}(x) + P_{n} g_{1n}(x)}$$

- $P_p \& P_n$ effective polarizations of protons/neutrons in nucleus
- Things to consider when choosing a target
 - spin of nucleus carried by valence nucleons 1/A suppression so need light nucleus or perhaps tagging
 - $g_{1n}(x)$ is small, so best to have spin dominated by protons
 - candidate nuclei include ³H $(J = \frac{1}{2})$, ⁷Li $(J = \frac{3}{2})$, ¹¹B $(J = \frac{3}{2})$, ...
- JLab seems enthusiastic to run polarized ⁷Li DIS experiment





Mean-Field Calculations of Polarized EMC Effect

- Several relativistic mean-field calculations of polarized EMC effect
 - all calculations find polarized EMC same size or larger than EMC effect
- Large polarized EMC effect results because in-medium quarks are more relativistic (*M** < *M*)
 - quark lower components are enhanced
 - in-medium we find that quark spin is converted to orbital angular momentum







[Tronchin, Matevosyan and Thomas, PLB 783, 247-252 (2018)]



Mean-Field vs SRC Expectations

- To explain EMC effect need medium modification of bound nucleons — or equivalently significant non-nucleonic components in nucleus
 - leading explanation for EMC effect is medium modification from mean-field and/or SRC
- Polarized EMC effect provides a means to possibility distinguish between mean-field and SRC effects
- For SRCs to give large polarized EMC SRC pairs need to have a significant polarization correlated with spin of nucleus
 - QMC calculations using Argonne v18 potential show very little net polarization for high momentum nucleons
 - integrating distributions shows that only ${\sim}2\%$ net polarization from high momentum nucleons
- See also "Reflections on the Origin of the EMC Effect" (A. W. Thomas) for explanation on how SRCs depolarize participants





Quasi-elastic scattering

• Quasi-elastic scattering is used to study nucleon properties in a nucleus: $q^2 = \omega^2 - |q|^2$



 $R(O^2, n)$ Giant Resonance $O^2 =$ Total photo-absorption Elastic EMC Nucleur Lepton scattering Deep Inelastic OUARKS" Proton Elastic Lenton scattering $x = O^2/2Mn$ r = 1

Nuclear Response function

• The cross-section for this process reads

$$\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega \,d\omega} = \sigma_{\text{Mott}} \left[\frac{q^{4}}{\left|\boldsymbol{q}\right|^{4}} \, R_{L}(\omega, \left|\boldsymbol{q}\right|) + \left(\frac{q^{2}}{2\left|\boldsymbol{q}\right|^{2}} + \tan^{2}\frac{\theta}{2} \right) R_{T}(\omega, \left|\boldsymbol{q}\right|) \right]$$

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Coulomb Sum Rule

- The "Coulomb Sum Rule" reads $S_L(|\boldsymbol{q}|) = \int_{\omega^+}^{|\boldsymbol{q}|} d\omega \; \frac{R_L(\boldsymbol{\phi}, |\boldsymbol{q}|)}{\tilde{G}_E^2(Q^2)}, \quad \tilde{G}_E^2 = Z \; G_{Ep}^2(Q^2) + N \; G_{En}^2(Q^2)$
- Non-relativistic expectation as $|\mathbf{q}|$ becomes large $S_L(|\mathbf{q}| \gg p_F) \rightarrow 1$ [CSR counts number of charge carriers]
- CSR first measured at MIT Bates in 1980 then Saclay in 1984
 - both experiments observed significant quenching of the CSR
 - no new data on the CSR since SLAC data from early 1990s
- Two plausible explanations: 1) nucleon structure is modified in the nuclear medium; 2) experiment/analysis is flawed e.g. Coulomb corrections
- Quenching of the CSR has become one of the most contentious observations in nuclear physics
- JLab experiment E05-110 will report ¹²C and ⁵⁶ Fe results at GHP2021 (13-16 April)
 - will hopefully settle controversy of CSR quenching





Longitudinal Response Function

• In nuclear matter response function given by

$$R_L(\omega,oldsymbol{q}) = -rac{2\,Z}{\pi\,
ho_B}\,\,{
m Im}\,{
m \Pi}_L\,(\omega,oldsymbol{q})$$

- longitudinal polarization Π_L is obtained by solving a Dyson equation
- Response function sensitive to electromagnetic form factors of bound nucleon consider:
 - 1) electromagnetic current is that if a free nucleon
 - 2) electromagnetic current modified by nuclear medium
- The *in-medium* nucleon current causes a sizeable quenching of the longitudinal response
 - driver of this effect is modification of the proton Dirac form factor
- Nucleon RPA correlations play almost no role for $|{m q}|\gtrsim$ 0.7 GeV





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- Recall that the non-relativistic expectation is unity for $|\boldsymbol{q}| \gg p_F$
 - GFMC ¹²C results appear consistent with this expectation
- For a *free nucleon current* find relativistic corrections of 20% at $|{m q}|\simeq 1\,{\rm GeV}$
 - in the non-relativistic limit our CSR result does saturate at unity
- An *in-medium nucleon current* induces a further 20% correction to the CSR
 - good agreement with exisiting $^{\rm 208}{\rm Pb}$ data
- Quenching of the CSR can be naturally explained by slight modification of bound nucleon EM form factors natural consequence of QCD models



Nuclear Imaging — Next Steps for Mean-Field Calculations

- During the next 10-20 years Jefferson Lab and the EIC will (hopefully) revolutionize our understanding of QCD and nuclear
 - provide quark and gluon tomography of light nuclei, e.g., quark and gluon GPDs and TMDs of deuteron, ³H, ³He, ⁴He, ⁷Li, ...
 - such progress is likely essential to fully solve the mystery of the EMC effect and to develop a QCD based description of nuclei
- A robust description of nuclear tomography and forthcoming data – places stringent requirements on model frameworks — ideally:
 - should satisfy Poincaré symmetry to given, e.g., correct support, polynomiality, positivity, correct number of observables, gauge invariance, gluon & flavor separation ...
- Some relativistic mean-field models of nuclear structure can satisty these requirements



Gluon EMC Effects

- To solve puzzle of EMC effect need new observables, e.g., gluon and spin EMC effects
 - can help distinguish between different explanations of the EMC effect (Everyone's Model is Cool – Jerry Miller)
 - mean-field and SRC make different predictions for spin EMC effect
- The gluon EMC effect can be defined as

$$R_g(x) = \frac{g_A(x)}{Z g_p(x) + N g_n(x)}$$

- analogous definition for gluon spin EMC effect, with, $Z \rightarrow P_p$ and $N \rightarrow P_n$
- Results opposite obtained in mean-field model that describes the EMC effect and predicts spin EMC effect
 - gluons are generated purely perturbatively
 - provides a baseline for comparison and understanding of future EIC measurements





Generalized Parton Distributions

- GPDs are a generalization of PDFs and form factors, and provide a spatial tomography of hadrons and nuclei
 - measured in processes such as DVCS, DDVCS, DVMP, ...



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• For example, the twist-2 spin-independent GPDs of a spin-1/2 target are defined by

$$\int \frac{\mathrm{d}\lambda}{2\pi} e^{2i \times \lambda P \cdot n} \langle p' | \bar{q}(-n\lambda) \not p[-n\lambda, n\lambda] q(n\lambda) | p \rangle = \bar{u}(p') \left[\not p H_q(x, \xi, t) + \frac{i\sigma^{n\Delta}}{2M} E_q(x, \xi, t) \right] u(p)$$

- analogous results for helicity and transversity twist-2 GPDs
- GPDs have numerous remarkable properties

$$q(x) = H_q(x, 0, 0),$$
 $\int_{-1}^{1} \mathrm{d}x \left[H_q(x, \xi, t), E_q(x, \xi, t)\right] = \left[F_1^q(t), F_2^q(t)\right],$

$$J_q = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} \mathrm{d}x \, x \left[H_q(x,\xi,0) + E_q(x,\xi,0) \right], \qquad \qquad S_q = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} \mathrm{d}x \, x \, \tilde{H}_q(x,\xi,0)$$

NJL Results for Proton GPDs (including at finite skewness)

• GPDs are given by the diagrams:



- quark propagator is solution to gap equation
- diquark propagators are solutions to Bethe-Salpeter equations
- quark-diquark vertices from solution to Faddeev equation









-0.5

0 0.5



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Deuteron GPDs

- The deuteron has a rich GPD structure
- The impact parameter PDFs provide a spatial tomography for various *x* slices
 - tensor polarized along z-axis
 - donut shape is clear
 - longitudinally polarized along x-axis
 - dumbbell shape is clear
- These quantities provide an interesting connection to traditional nuclear physics results for the deuteron
 - nuclear spatial densities have donut and dumbbell shapes
- Does the gluon donut align with the quark donut – does this change with x? Incredible insight into NN interaction possible at an EIC





J. Carlson, R. Schiavalla, Rev. Mod. Phys. **70** 743 (1998)

J. L. Forrest *et al.* Phys. Rev. **C54** 646 (1996)

Results for Deuteron GPDs

• Nuclear GPDs given by convolution between quark/gluon GPDs in nucleon & nucleon GPDs nuclei $H_A(x_A, \xi_A, t) = h_A(y_A, \xi_V, t) \otimes H_N(z, \xi_Z, t)$

Gravitational Structure of Nucleons and Nuclear Matter

• The nucleon has 3 gravitational form factors

$$\langle p' | T^{\mu\nu} | p \rangle = \bar{u}(p') \left[A(t) \frac{P^{\mu}P^{\nu}}{M} + D(t) \frac{\Delta^{\mu}\Delta^{\nu} - \Delta^{2}g^{\mu\nu}}{4M} + J(t) \frac{P^{(\mu}i\sigma^{\nu})^{\alpha}\Delta_{\alpha}}{2M} \right] u(p)$$

- related to mass and angular momentum distributions $J(t) = \frac{1}{2} [A(t) + B(t)]$, and pressure and shear forces
- Gravitational form factors are related to GPDs

$$\sum_{i=q,g} \int_{-1}^{1} \mathrm{d}x \, x \, \left[H_i(x,\xi,t), E_i(x,\xi,t) \right] = \left[A(t) + \xi^2 D(t), \, B(t) - \xi^2 D(t) \right]$$

• We find (light front) charge and mass radii of:

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{free} & \left< r^2 \right>_C = (0.61\,\text{fm})^2, & \left< r^2 \right>_A = (0.45\,\text{fm})^2, & D(0) = -1.08 \\ \text{NM} & \left< r^2 \right>_C = (0.66\,\text{fm})^2, & \left< r^2 \right>_A = (0.46\,\text{fm})^2, & \underline{D(0) = -1.21} \end{array}$

- mass radius changes much less than the charge radius
- ullet pressure and shear forces on the nucleon increase by around 10%
- small mass radius may help explain success of traditional NP



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