Bound proton structure with BAND

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Nuclear configuration from spectator tagging

• Want to measure parton structure of bound nucleon, but differentiate...



- DIS destroys struck nucleon
 - \rightarrow must infer configuration from *correlated spectator nucleon*



- Deuterium ideal nucleus to study
 - Know which nucleon was struck (*n* or *p*)
 - "Simple" two-body system *always correlated*















Standing nucleon:
$$P = (M_i, \overline{0}) \rightarrow x_B$$



$$Q^2 = -(k-k')^2$$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2P_\mu q^\mu}$$

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Moving nucleon:
$$P = (E_i, \overline{p}_i) \rightarrow x'$$



• Spectator LC momentum fraction:

$$\alpha_S = \frac{E_s - p_{\parallel}}{M_s}$$

• Require backward θ_{nq} to minimize FSI



Cosyn & Sargsian, PRC (2011), Ciofi degli Atti & Kaptari, PRC (2011), Palli et al., PRC (2009)







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$$e^{-(k')}$$
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$$e^{-(k)}$$

$$R_{inc} = \left(\frac{Y_{inc}^{exp}(Q^2, x)}{Y_{inc}^{exp}(Q^2, x = 0.3)}\right) / \left(\frac{Y_{inc}^{PWIA}(Q^2, x)}{Y_{inc}^{PWIA}(Q^2, x = 0.3)}\right)$$

$$\overline{p}_n$$

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$$R^* = \frac{R_{tag}}{R_{inc}(x = x')}$$

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- Experimental overview
- Analysis status
- Summary

Jefferson Lab



- CEBAF electron accelerator
- 10.2 GeV electron beam delivered to Hall B
- Electrons scatter from 5 cm LD2 target

CEBAF Large-Acceptance Spectrometer (CLAS12)



- Charged particle tracking, calorimetry, TOF
- Acceptance $5^{\circ} \lesssim \theta_e \lesssim 40^{\circ}$

Backward Angle Neutron Detector (BAND)



- \approx 3 m upstream of target
- $155^{\circ} \lesssim \theta_n \lesssim 175^{\circ}$
- Laser calibration system to achieve resolution better than 250 ps ($\delta p/p \approx 1.5\%$)

Segarra *et al.*, NIMA (2020) Denniston *et al.*, NIMA (2020)

BAND construction



BAND in Hall B



BAND time of flight spectrum



- Signal region $p_n \approx 200 600 \text{ MeV}/c$
- Constant off-time neutron background

Background subtraction with event-mixing



- Shift off-time neutron into signal region
- Pair with inclusive electron to get tagged kinematics
- Repeat x10 for high statistics



Tagged kinematics



Electron cuts:

- Fiducial/PID
- $Q^2 > 2 \text{ GeV}^2$
- *W* > 4 GeV

Tagged cuts:

- $|p_n| > 0.3 \text{ GeV/c}$
- $-1 < \cos \theta_{nq} < -0.8$
- *W'* > 1.8 GeV
- $\alpha_S > 1.3$

Ingredients for BAND simulation

PWIA event generator

- Cross section constructed from:
 - Free neutron, proton
 - Deuterium wave function
- Radiative effects
- No nucleon modification
- Working with theorists on:
 - Scheme dependence
 - Finite Q^2 corrections

Experimental effects

- Full GEANT4 simulation
 - Electron, neutron propagation
 - Detector response
 - Digitization
- Output/analysis identical to data



Inclusive D(e,e')X





Tagged D(e,e'n)X



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Systematic stability

- Indication of x' dependence (and small α_S dependence) in R_{tag}
- dR_{tag}/dx' as function of BAND layer is stable for all p_T bins



Evaluating theoretical models

- Keep generator-level event info in MC analysis
- Weight simulated events for different theoretical models...



Summary

- BAND measured the tagged DIS D(e, e'n)X reaction
 - Sensitive to bound proton structure differential in α_S
- Background-subtracted yields have been extracted
 - Inclusive and spectator variables agree well with simulation
- Using generator/simulation for consistent evaluation of theory
- Observed x' dependence of tagged observables systematically stable
- Converging on result...stay tuned!