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#### Also seen in ab-initio pair distributions





Schmidt et al., Nature (2020)



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## **Overview:** Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)



Structure Functions

EMC Effect





- Interacting nucleon destroyed
- Interaction with <u>Parton</u> (quark) inside the nucleon
- $\Box \text{ Cross-section depends on Nucleon structure function } \mathbf{F}_2$  $\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \sigma_A = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \left[ 2\frac{F_1}{M} \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \frac{F_2}{V} \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right] \approx K(E, \theta, E') F_2(x)$

#### Partonic Structure





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0.8

1

0.2

0

0.4

0.6

Momentum fraction x

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#### Decade of measurement gives us Proton's $F_2$ and PDFs





## What is F<sub>2</sub> for a nucleus A

$$F_2^A = Z F_2^P + N F_2^N ??$$

**Questions:** 

- 1. Do quarks move differently in Nuclei?
- 2. Does the nuclear environment affect quark?

## Quark and Nuclei are scale-separated



The scale of GeV

The scale of MeV

#### Naive expectation :

#### Bound nucleon = Free nucleon

(Except some small Fermi motion correction)



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#### Answer:

The nuclear interaction that binds the deuteron also makes the neutron stable.

- Simplest nuclear system = Deuteron,
- Free neutron is unstable: decays in ~ 10 minuets,
- Bound in the Deuteron, a neutron can live forever!

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### The EMC effect!



□ Size of EMC effect is characterized by the slope

## 'Global' EMC Data



#### **EMC Effect increases with Nuclear Size**



## 'Global' EMC Data

#### Effect driven by nuclear structure & dynamics



#### Correlations Between EMC and SRC



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#### EMC-SRC model

Hypothesis:

- EMC effect as being due entirely to the modification of SRC-pair
- Based on the isospin dominance of SRCs => Modification of np-SRC pair



## EMC-SRC model predicts that the modification of SRCs should be universal! $F_2^A = ZF_2^p + NF_2^n + n_{SRC}^A(\Delta F_2^p + \Delta F_2^n)$

 $F_2^d = F_2^p + F_2^n + n_{SRC}^d \left( \Delta F_2^p + \Delta F_2^n \right)$ 

EMC ratio

$$\frac{F_2^A/A}{F_2^d/2} = (a_2 - 2\frac{N}{A})\left(n_{SRC}^d \frac{\Delta F_2^p + \Delta F_2^n}{F_2^d}\right) + 2 \cdot \frac{Z - N}{Z + N} \cdot \frac{F_2^p}{F_2^d} + 2\frac{N}{A}, \text{ where } a_2 = \frac{n_{SRC}^A/A}{n_{SRC}^d/2}.$$

Nucleus-independent

Schmookler, Nature (2019)

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The EMC effect can be described by the universal modification of SRC pairs

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## Tagged DIS on Deuterium



- "Tag" interacting nucleon by measuring recoil spectator
- Measure dependence of bound nucleon structure function on nucleon momentum

#### DIS Recoil Tagging d(e,e'N)X - Expected Results



*Recoil spectator momentum [GeV/c]* 

## Tagged DIS at JLab

Hall B: CLAS 12 + Backward Angle Neutron Detector (BAND)



### Tagged DIS at JLab

Hall B: CLAS 12 + Backward Angle Neutron Detector (BAND) Hall C: SHMS/HMS + Large Angle Detector (LAD)



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## SRCs has many implication



**Proton visualization** 

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-9I0buDi4s