High Momentum Nucleons: where have we been and where are we going



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High momentum nucleons – where do they come from?

Independent Particle Shell Model :

$$S_{\alpha} = 4\pi \int S(E_m, p_m) p_m^2 dp_m \delta(E_m - E_{\alpha})$$





Proton E_m, p_m distribution modeled as sum of independent shell contributions (arbitrary normalization)

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- For nuclei, S_α should be equal to 2j+1
 => number of protons in a given orbital
- However, it as found to be only ~2/3 of the expected value
- The bulk of the missing strength it is thought to come from short range correlations







High momentum nucleons

- Short Range Correlations



High momentum tails in A(e,e'p)

- E89-004: Measure of ³He(e,e'p)d
- Measured far into high momentum tail: Cross section is ~5-10x expectation

Difficulty

 High momentum pair can come from SRC (initial state)

OR

 Final State Interactions (FSI) and Meson Exchange Contributions (MEC)





A(e,e'p)

²H(e,e'p) Mainz PRC 78 054001 (2008)

E =0.855 GeV θ = 45° E'=0.657 GeV Q²=0.33 GeV² x=0.88

Unfortunately: FSI, MECs overwhelm the high momentum nucleons



FIG. 1: The experimental D(e,e'p)n cross section as a function of missing momentum measured at MAMI for $Q^2 = 0.33$ $(\text{GeV/c})^2$ [4] compared to calculations [5] with (solid curve) and without (dashed curve) MEC and IC. Both calculations include FSI. The low p_m data have been re-analyzed and used in this work to determine f_{LT} (color online).

Past A(e,e'p) experiments in Hall A

E89-003	Study of the Quasielastic $(e, e'p)$ reaction in ¹⁶ O at High Recoil Momentum	
E89-044	Selected Studies of the 3 He and 4He Nuclei through	
E97-111	Systematic Probe of Short-Range Correlations via the Reaction ${}^4\mathrm{He}(e,e'p){}^3H$	
E00-102	Testing the limits of the Single Particle Model in $^{16}\mathrm{O}(e,e'p)$	
E03-104	Probing the Limits of the Standard Model of Nuclear Physics with the ${}^{4}\text{He}(e,e'p){}^{3}\text{H}$ Reaction	
E04-004	In-Plane Separations and High Momentum Structure in $d(e, e'p)n$	
E06-007	Impulse Approximation limitations to the $(e, e'p)$ on ²⁰⁸ Pb,	



2

0

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p_=820 MeV/c

20 40 60 80 100 120 140

 $E_m - E_{thr}$ (MeV)

(color online). Cross-section results for the FIG. 2: ³He(e, e'p)pn reaction versus missing energy E_m . The vertical arrow gives the peak position expected for disintegration of correlated pairs. The dotted curve presents a PWIA calculation using Salme's spectral function and σ_{cc1} electron-proton off-shell cross section. Other curves are recent theoretical predictions of J. M. Laget [19] from the PWIA (dash dot) to PWIA + FSI (long dash) to full calculation (solid), including meson exchange current and final state interactions. In the 620 MeV/c panel, the additional short dash curve is a calculation with PWIA + FSI only within the correlated pair.



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Try inclusive scattering! Select kinematics such that the initial nucleon momentum $> k_f$

High momentum nucleons

$$\frac{d\sigma^{QE}}{d\Omega dE'} \propto \int d\vec{k} \int dE \sigma_{ei} S_i(k, E) \delta(Arg)$$

$$Arg = v + M_A - \sqrt{M^2 + p^2} - \sqrt{M_{A-1}^{*2} + k^2}$$

$$F(y, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dv} \frac{1}{(Z\overline{\sigma}_p + N\overline{\sigma}_n)} \frac{\mathbf{q}}{\sqrt{M^2 + (y+q)^2}}$$

$$= 2\pi \int_{|y|}^{\infty} n(k)kdk \quad \mathbf{Ok} \text{ for } \mathbf{A=2}$$

Fomin et al, PRL **108** (2012) 10^{-4} 0 $0.1 \quad 0.2 \quad 0.3 \quad 0.4 \quad 0.5 \quad 0.6 \quad 0.7 \quad 0.8 \quad 0.9$ k [GeV/c]

ions

3N SRC

Paris

Nijmegen

Argonne V14





Short Range Correlations

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 - L. L. Frankfurt and M. I. Strikman, Phys. Rept. 76, 215(1981).
 - J. Arrington, D. Higinbotham, G. Rosner, and M. Sargsian (2011), arXiv:1104.1196
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Before my time



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 $2/\Delta \ \sigma^{I\!I\!0}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{Q}^8)/\sigma^{I\!I}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{Q}^8)$

 $2/\Delta \sigma^{Ie}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{Q}^2)/\sigma^{D}(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{Q}^2)$

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Previous measurements



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Kinematic cutoff is A-dependent



- For heavy nuclei, the minimum momentum changes \rightarrow heavier recoil system requires less kinetic energy to balance the momentum of the struck nucleon
- Larger fermi momenta for $A>2 \rightarrow MF$ contribution persists for longer

E02-019: 2N correlations in A/D ratios



<Q²>=2.7 GeV²

Fomin et al, PRL **108** (2012) Jlab E02-019

Q² dependence features









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Look at nuclear dependence of NN SRCs





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$(a_2 = \sigma_A / \sigma_D)!$ = Relative #of SRCs



Both driven by a similar underlying cause? Separation Energy



For SRCs, a linear relationship with $\langle \epsilon \rangle$ is less suggestive

S.A. Kulagin and R. Petti, Nucl. Phys. A 176, 126 (2006)

Both driven by a similar underlying cause? A ^{-1/3}



Apply exact NM calculations to finite nuclei via LDA

- (A. Antonov and I. Petkov, Nuovo Cimento A 94, 68 (1986)
- (I. Sick and D. Day, Phys. Lett B 274, 16 (1992))
- For A>12, the nuclear density distribution has a common shape; constant in the nuclear interior (bulk)
 → Scale with A
- Nuclear surface contributions grow as A^{2/3} (R²)
- σ per nucleon would be constant with small deviations that go with A^{-1/3}

10+ years ago....in Hall C



Physics Tend to Fill the Open Space



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2N knockout experiments establish NP dominance

- Knockout high-initialmomentum proton, look for correlated nucleon partner.
- For 300 < P_{miss} < 600 MeV/c all nucleons are part of 2N-SRC pairs: 90% np, 5% pp (nn)

R. Subedi et al., Science 320, 1476 (2008)



R. Shneor et al., PRL 99, 072501 (2007)

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NP dominance



NP dominance: momentum dependent



Data mining using CLAS NP dominance continues for heavy nuclei

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Assuming scattering off 2N-SRC pairs:

- (e,e'p) is sensitive to *np* and *pp* pairs
- (e,e'pp) is sensitive to *pp* pairs alone
- => (e,e'pp)/(e,e'p) ratio is sensitive to the *np/pp* ratio

Why not more nucleons in a correlation?

Further evidence of multi-nucleon correlations



- Excellent agreement for x≤2
- Very different approaches to 3N plateau, later onset of scaling for E02-019
- Very similar behavior for heavier targets

E08-014: Study 3N correlations

- Map Q² dependence of 3N plateau
- Verify Isospin Dependence with ⁴⁰Ca and ⁴⁸Ca

Analysis in final stages



If independent:
$$\frac{\sigma_{Ca48}/48}{\sigma_{Ca40}/40} = \frac{(20\sigma_p + 28\sigma_n)/48}{(20\sigma_p + 20\sigma_n)/40} \xrightarrow{\sigma_p \approx 3\sigma_n} 0.92$$

If dependent:
$$\frac{\sigma_{Ca48}/48}{\sigma_{Ca40}/40} = \frac{(20 \times 28)/48}{(20 \times 20)/40} \longrightarrow 1.17$$

E08-014: Study 3N correlations



Plot courtesy of Z. Ye

Coming soon at 12 (well....11) GeV

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Jlab E12-06-105

- short-range nuclear structure
 - Isospin dependence
 - A-dependence
- Super-fast quarks



In-Medium Nucleon Structure Functions

[E11-107: O. Hen, L.B. Weinstein, S. Gilad, S.A. Wood]

- DIS scattering from nucleon in deuterium
- Tag high-momentum struck nucleons by detecting backward "spectator" nucleon in Large-Angle Detector





In-Medium Nucleon Form Factors [E11-002: E. Brash, G. M. Huber, R. Ransom, S. Strauch]



 Compare proton knockout from dense and thin nuclei: ⁴He(e,e'p)³H and

²H(e,e'p)n

- Modern, rigorous
 ²H(e,e'p)n calculations show reaction-dynamics effects and FSI will change the ratio at most 8%
- QMC model predicts 30% deviation from free nucleon at large virtuality

S. Jeschonnek and J.W. Van Orden, Phys. Rev. C 81, 014008 (2010) and Phys. Rev. C 78, 014007 (2008); M.M. Sargsian, Phys. Rev. C82, 014612 (2010)

Summary

- SRCs have been under the microscope for many decades – 6GeV era at Jlab has yielded interesting data
- 12 GeV experiments continue the search
- New results in the next few years!

Overlapping nucleons \rightarrow enhancement of F_2 structure function



Small effect, possible contribution to EMC effect?

Noticeable effect at x>1

"Superfast" quarks

Current data at highest Q² (JLab E02-019) already sensitive to partonic behavior at x>1

N. Fomin et al, PRL 105, 212502 (2010)



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Separation energies were calculated from spectral functions, including MF and correlations

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