Inclusive + Semi-Inclusive Scattering EXPERIMENT



Quantitative challenges in EMC and SRC Research and Data-Mining

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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 ${}^{3}\text{He}$ and 4He Nuclei through
E97-111	Systematic Probe of Short-Range Correlations via the Reaction ${}^{4}\mathrm{He}(e,e'p){}^{3}H$
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 $\mathbf{d}(e,e'p)\mathbf{n}$
E06-007	Impulse Approximation limitations to the $(e, e'p)$ on ²⁰⁸ Pb,



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p_=820 MeV/c

20 40 60 80 100 120 140

 $E_m - E_{thr}$ (MeV)

FIG. 2: (color online). Cross-section results for the 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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 $\alpha = 2 - \frac{q^{-} + 2M}{2M} \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{W^{2} - 4M^{2}}}{W} \right)$







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$$\frac{d\sigma^{QE}}{d\Omega dE'} \propto \int d\vec{k} \int dE \sigma_{ei} S_i(k, E) \delta(Arg)$$
$$Arg = v + M_A - \sqrt{M^2 + p^2} - \sqrt{M_{A-1}^{*2} + k^2}$$

$$F(y,\mathbf{q}) = \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega d\upsilon} \frac{1}{(Z\overline{\sigma}_p + N\overline{\sigma}_n)} \frac{\mathbf{q}}{\sqrt{M^2 + (y+q)^2}}$$
$$= 2\pi \int_{|y|}^{\infty} n(k)kdk$$



2N correlations



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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

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



3N correlations (x>2 inclusive scattering)



Have we actually seen 3N SRC in ratios?



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3N correlations





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x > 1: Nuclear PDFs



Overlapping nucleons \rightarrow enhancement of F_2 structure function



Small effect, possible contribution to EMC effect?

Noticeable effect at x>1

"Super-fast quarks"

• With all the tools in hand, we apply target mass corrections to the available data sets

 \bullet With the exception of low Q^2 quasielastic data – E02-019 data can be used for SFQ distributions

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





Coming very soon: [Jlab E12-11-112]

- Quasielastic electron scattering with ³H and ³He
- Study isospin dependence of 2N and 3N correlations
- Test calculations of FSI for well-understood nuclei





Discussion/Summary

Inclusive x >1

- Extraction of a2(A,Z) for wide range of nuclei
- Extraction of light-cone momentum distribution of nuclei in 2N SRC region
- Possible Medium Modification in Quasi-Elastic Domain
- Probing polarized structure of the deuteron at x>1
- Probing superfast quarks
- Setting up studies of nuclear partonic distributions at x>1

Inclusive x > 3

- Looking for the plateau in inclusive cross section ratio
- Understanding transition from 2N to 3N SRCs
- Extraction of momentum distribution in 3N SRC
- Center of mass motion effects in 3N SRCs

Semi-Inclusive Reactions

- Probing x-\alpha correlations in fast backward production off nuclei
- Probing Non-nucleonic components in nuclei in backward production of resonances
- Probing superfast quarks in jet production at LHC/EIC