Probing 3N-SRCs Using Inclusive and Exclusive Reactions

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#motivations:

- High Density Fluctuations in Nuclei
- Can such fluctuations be probed? 2N, 3N SRCs What they tell us about the nuclear forces at short distances
 - QCD/ Hadron transitions Partons in the nuclear medum/EMC effects Nature of the nuclear core Nature of 3N forces Astrophysical Implications

Conceptually: How to probe nuclei at short nucleon separations

- Probe bound nucleons at large internal momenta

- Need high energy probes to resolve such nucleons in nuclei

#Theory of High Energy eA Scattering:

Emergence of High Energy Dynamics

- Short Range Nucleon Correlations(SRCs) are important feature of Nuclear Dynamics
- Transition from hadronic to quark-gluon degrees of freedom in cold-nuclei "should happen" through SRCs
- Internal momenta relevant to SRCs $p\sim M_N$ Relativistic
- Such states are probed in high energy processes: high energy approximations can be applied in description of SRC dynamics

Light-Front wave function of the Nucleus

 $\Psi_{LF}(\mathcal{Z}_1, \mathcal{Z}_2, \mathcal{Z}_3, \cdots, \mathcal{Z}_n, \tau)$

- in the momentum space

 $\Psi_{LF}(\alpha_1, p_{1\perp}; \alpha_2, p_{2\perp}; \alpha_3, p_{3\perp}; \cdots, \alpha_n, p_{n\perp}) \quad \alpha_i = \frac{p_{i\perp}}{p_{A\perp}/A}$

- How the LF wave function appears in the scattering process



Frank Vera, M.S. ArXiV 2018

High Energy Approximations:



 $ert ec q ert = q_3 \sim p_{f3} \gg p \sim M_N$ $Q^2 \geq few \,\,\, {
m GeV^2}$ Both for QE/DIS

- Emergence of the small parameter

 $\frac{q_{-}}{q_{+}} = \frac{q_{0} - q_{3}}{q_{0} + q_{3}} \ll 1 \quad \mathcal{O}(\frac{q_{-}}{q_{+}})$ $\frac{p_{f-}}{p_{f+}} = \frac{E_{f} - p_{f3}}{E_{f} + p_{f3}} \ll 1 \quad \mathcal{O}(\frac{p_{f-}}{p_{f+}})$

Emergence of "effective" theory





Effective Feynman Diagrammatic Rules

M.S. IJMS 2001

Wave function?

Spectral Function Calculations



$$S_{A}^{MF} = -Im \int \chi_{A}^{\dagger} \Gamma_{A,N,A-1}^{\dagger} \frac{\not{p}_{1} + m}{p_{1}^{2} - m^{2} + i\varepsilon} \hat{V}^{MF} \frac{\not{p}_{1} + m}{p_{1}^{2} - m^{2} + i\times\varepsilon} \left[\frac{G_{A-1}(p_{A-1})}{p_{A-1}^{2} - M_{A-1}^{2} + i\varepsilon} \right]^{on} \Gamma_{A,N,A-1} \chi_{A} \frac{d^{4}p_{A-1}}{i(2\pi)^{4}}$$

$$\hat{V}^{MF} = ia^{\dagger}(p_1, s_1)\delta^3(p_1 + p_{A-1})\delta(E_m - E_{\alpha})a(p_1, s_1)$$

$$\psi_{N/A}(p_1, s_1, s_A, E_\alpha) = \frac{\bar{u}(p_1, s_1)\Psi_{A-1}^{\dagger}(p_{A-1}, s_{A-1}, E_\alpha)\Gamma_{A,N,A-1}\chi_A}{(M_{A-1}^2 - p_{A-1}^2)\sqrt{(2\pi)^3 2E_{A-1}}}$$

$$S_A^{MF}(p_1, E_m) = \sum_{\alpha} \sum_{s_1, s_{A-1}} |\psi_{N/A}(p_1, s_1, s_A, E_\alpha)|^2 \,\delta(E_m - E_\alpha)$$

1. Short-Range Correlations

for large $k > k_{Fermi}$

$$n_A^{LC}(\alpha, p_t) \approx a_{NN}(A, z) n_{NN}^{LC}(\alpha, p_t)$$

- Experimental observations

Frankfurt, Strikman Phys. Rep, 1988 Day,Frankfurt, Strikman, MS, Phys. Rev. C 1993

Egiyan et al, 2002,2006 Fomin et al, 2011

 $n_A^{LC}(\alpha,p_t) \approx a_{pn}(A,z) n_d^{LC}(\alpha,p_t)$

E. Piasetzky, MS, L. Frankfurt, M. Strikman, J. Watson PRL, 2006

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{A=2^{n}} \sum_{p=2^{n}} \sum_{p=2^{n}}$$

2N SRC model Non Relativistic Approximation



Nuclear Scaling in QE Inclusive A(e,e')X reaction at x>1 region



Day, Frankfurt, MS, Strikman, PRC 1993







Fomin et al PRL 2011



A(e,e')

Day, Frankfurt, MS, Frankfurt, MS, Strikman, Meaning of the scaling values Strikman, PRC 1993 **IJMP A 2008** Fomin et al PRL 2011 $\frac{A_2\sigma[A_1(e,e')X]}{A_1\sigma[A_2(e,e')X]}$ RFor $1 < x < 2 \ R \approx \frac{a_2(A_1)}{a_2(A_2)}$ A(e,e') $\frac{3\sigma_{C12}}{6} n_{c12}^{-12} \sigma_{He3}^{-12}$ $Q^2 = 2.5$ 1 a) 0.5 0 ∟ 0.8 $X_{b} = Q^{2}/2m_{p}v$ 1 1.2 1.4 1.6 $\frac{3\sigma_{Fe56}}{5}$ $\frac{56\sigma_{He3}}{5}$ $O^2 = 2.5$ 1 0.5 0.8 1.2 1.4 1.6 $X_{b} = Q^{2}/2m_{p}v$ Egiyan, et al PRL 2006, PRC 2004

a2's as relative probability of 2N SRCs

Table 1: The results for $a_2(A, y)$										
А	У	This Work	Frankfurt et al	Egiyan et al	Famin et al					
$^{3}\mathrm{He}$	0.33	$2.07{\pm}0.08$	$1.7{\pm}0.3$		2.13 ± 0.04					
$^{4}\mathrm{He}$	0	$3.51{\pm}0.03$	$3.3{\pm}0.5$	$3.38{\pm}0.2$	$3.60 {\pm} 0.10$					
$^{9}\mathrm{Be}$	0.11	$3.92{\pm}0.03$			$3.91{\pm}0.12$					
$^{12}\mathrm{C}$	0	$4.19{\pm}0.02$	$5.0{\pm}0.5$	$4.32{\pm}0.4$	$4.75 {\pm} 0.16$					
^{27}Al	0.037	$4.50{\pm}0.12$	$5.3 {\pm} 0.6$							
$^{56}\mathrm{Fe}$	0.071	$4.95{\pm}0.07$	$5.6{\pm}0.9$	$4.99{\pm}0.5$						
$^{64}\mathrm{Cu}$	0.094	$5.02 {\pm} 0.04$			$5.21 {\pm} 0.20$					
$^{197}\mathrm{Au}$	0.198	$4.56{\pm}0.03$	$4.8 {\pm} 0.7$		$5.16 {\pm} 0.22$					

Towards Three Nucleon Short Range Correlations Looking for the Plateau in Inclusive Cross Section Ratios x>2



For 1 < x < 2 $R \approx \frac{a_2(A_1)}{a_2(A_2)}$ For 2 < x < 3 $R \approx \frac{a_3(A_1)}{a_3(A_2)}$

3N SRCs Z. Ye, at al, 2017 Looking for the Plateau in Inclusive Cross Section Ratios x>2



Egiyan, et al PRL 2006

Egiyan, et al PRC 2004

2N SRCs:

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Donal Day, M.S., Frankfurt, Strikman 2018

³He World Data Set for $Q^2 > 1$



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Ratios of all nuclei to 3He at 18°

JLab - E02019 - Data

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3N SRC: Light-Cone Momentum Fraction Distribution

A.Freese, M.S., M.Strikman, Eur. Phys. J 2015 V_{3N} O. Artiles M.S. Phys. Rev. C 2016 k1 $P_{A,3N}^{N}(\alpha_{1}, p_{1,\perp}, s_{1}, \tilde{M}_{N}) = \sum_{\substack{s_{2}, s_{3}, s_{2'}, \tilde{s}_{2'}}} \int \bar{u}(k_{1})\bar{u}(k_{2})\bar{u}(k_{3})\Gamma_{NN\to NN}^{\dagger} \frac{u(p_{2'}, \tilde{s}_{2'})\bar{u}(p_{2'}, \tilde{s}_{2'})}{p_{2'}^{2} - M_{N}^{2}}$ $\times \Gamma^{\dagger}_{NN \to NN} \frac{u(p_1, s_1)}{p_1^2 - M_N^2} u(p_2, s_2) \left[2\alpha_1^2 \delta(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 - 3) \delta^2(p_{1\perp} + p_{2\perp} + p_{3\perp}) \delta(\tilde{M}_N^2 - M_N^{3N,2}) \right]$ $\times \ \bar{u}(p_2, s_2) \frac{\bar{u}(p_1, s_1)}{p_1^2 - M_N^2} \Gamma_{NN \to NN} \frac{u(p_{2'}, s_{2'}) \bar{u}(p_{2'}, s_{2'})}{p_{2'}^2 - M_N^2} u(p_3, s_3) \bar{u}(p_3, s_3) \Gamma_{NN \to NN}^{\dagger} u(k_1) u(k_2) u(k_3)$ $imes rac{dlpha_2}{lpha_2} rac{d^2 p_{2\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3} rac{dlpha_3}{lpha_3} rac{d^2 p_{3\perp}}{2(2\pi)^3},$ (1) $P_{A,3N}^{N}(\alpha_{1},p_{1,\perp},\tilde{M}_{N}) = \int \frac{3-\alpha_{3}}{2(2-\alpha_{3})^{2}} \rho_{NN}(\beta_{3},p_{3\perp})\rho_{NN}(\beta_{1},\tilde{k}_{1\perp}) 2\delta(\alpha_{1}+\alpha_{2}+\alpha_{3}-3)$ $\delta^2(p_{1+} + p_{2+} + p_{3+})\delta(\tilde{M}_N^2 - M_N^{3N,2})d\alpha_2 d^2p_{2+} d\alpha_3 d^2p_{3+}.$ (1)



$$\rho_{pn}(\alpha, p_{\perp}) \approx a_2(A)\rho_d(\alpha, p_{\perp})$$

3N SRC: Light-Cone Momentum Fraction Distribution

$$I_{k_{2}}^{k_{1}} \underbrace{P_{p_{2}}}_{p_{3}} \underbrace{P_{p_{2}}}_{p_{3}} \underbrace{P_{p_{2}}}_{k_{3}} -\rho_{3N} \sim a_{2}(A, z)^{2}$$
- For A(e,e') X reactions: $\sigma_{eA} = \sum_{N} \sigma_{eN} \rho_{3N} (\alpha_{3N})$
- Defining: $R_{3}(A, Z) = \frac{3\sigma_{eA}}{A\sigma_{e}^{3}He} |_{\alpha_{3N} \ge \alpha_{3N}^{0}}$
- We predict: $R_{3}(A, Z) = \frac{9}{8} \frac{(\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/2}{(2\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/3} \left(\frac{a_{2}(A, Z)}{a_{2}(^{3}He)}\right)^{2} = \frac{9}{8} \frac{(\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/2}{(2\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/3} R_{2}^{2}(A, Z),$
- Where: $R_{2}(A, Z) = \frac{3\sigma_{eA}}{A\sigma_{e}^{3}He} |_{1.3 \le \alpha_{3N} \le 1.5}$ where: $\alpha_{3N} \approx \alpha_{2N}$



- ppp and nnn strongly suppressed compared with ppn or pnn- pp/nn recoil state is suppressed compared with pn

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3N SRC model

 $R_2 = rac{3\sigma_{eA}(lpha_{3N})}{A\sigma_{3A}(lpha_{3N})} \ \ 1.3 \le lpha_{3N} \le 1.5 \ \ \ 1.6 \le lpha_{3N} < 3$

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$$R_3(A) = R_2(A)^2$$

D.Day, L.Frankfurt, M.S, M.Strikman ArXiv 2018



3N SRC model Defining: $a_3(A, Z) = \frac{3}{A} \frac{\sigma_{eA}}{(\sigma_{e^3He} + \sigma_{e^3H})/2}$

One relates: $a_3(A,Z) = \frac{(2\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/3}{(\sigma_{ep} + \sigma_{en})/2} R_3(A,Z)$

Α	a_2	R_2	R_2^{\exp}	R_{2}^{2}	$R_3^{ m exp}$	a_3
3	2.14 ± 0.04	NA	NA	NA	NA	1
4	3.66 ± 0.07	1.71 ± 0.026	1.722 ± 0.013	2.924 ± 0.29	3.034 ± 0.23	4.55 ± 0.35
9	4.00 ± 0.08	1.84 ± 0.027	1.878 ± 0.018	3.38 ± 0.38	4.01 ± 0.52	6.0 ± 0.78
12	4.88 ± 0.10	2.28 ± 0.027	2.301 ± 0.021	5.2 ± 0.5	5.78 ± 0.71	8.7 ± 1.1
27	5.30 ± 0.60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
56	4.75 ± 0.29	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
64	5.37 ± 0.11	2.51 ± 0.027	2.502 ± 0.024	6.3 ± 0.63	6.780 ± 0.875	10.2 ± 1.3
197	5.34 ± 0.11	2.46 ± 0.028	2.532 ± 0.026	6.05 ± 0.6	7.059 ± 0.970	10.6 ± 1.5

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 $R_3 = \frac{3\sigma_{eA}(\alpha_{3N})}{A\sigma_{3A}(\alpha_{3N})}$ **1.6** $\leq \alpha_{3N} \leq 1.8$ $R_3(A) = R_2(A)^2$



3N SRC Summary & Outlook

- Proper variable for studies of 2N and 3N SRS are Light-Cone momentum fractions: α_{2N}, α_{3N}

- It seems we observed first signatures of 3N SRCs in the form of the "scaling"
- Existing data in agreement with the prediction of: $R_3(A,Z)pprox R_2(A,Z)^2$
- Unambiguous verification will require larger Q2 data to cover larger α_{3N} region
- Reaching Q2 > 5 GeV2 will allow to reach: $lpha_{3N}>2$

3N SRC Outlook



3N SRCs in Exclusive Processes: A(e,e'pp)X

Genuine pp-2NSRC vs pnp 3NSRC

Considering A(e,e'pp)X process: looking for apparent pp short range correlations



 $D_{A,2N}(\alpha_1, p_{1\perp}, \alpha_2, p_{2\perp}) = \rho_{pp}(\beta_1, k_{1\perp})\rho_{CM}(\alpha_{cm}, p_{cm,\perp})\frac{\alpha_2}{\alpha_{cm}}$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{2\alpha_1}{\alpha_{cm}} \qquad \beta_2 = \frac{2\alpha_2}{\alpha_{cm}}$$

$$k_{1\perp} = p_{1\perp} - \frac{\beta_1}{2} p_{cm,\perp}$$

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 $D_{A,3N}(\alpha_1, p_{1\perp}, \alpha_2, p_{2\perp}) = \frac{3 - \alpha_2}{2(2 - \alpha_3)^2} \rho_{pn}(\beta'_3, k'_{3\perp}) \rho_{pn}(\beta_1, k_{1,\perp}) \alpha_3$

 $\alpha_2 = 3 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_3$ $\beta_1 = \frac{2\alpha_1}{3 - \alpha_2}$ $k_{1\perp} = p_{1\perp} + \frac{\beta_1}{2} p_{2\perp}$ $\beta_3' = 2 - \beta_2$ $\beta_2 \approx \alpha_2$ $k_3' \approx -p_{2\perp}$





