Comparing proton momentum distributions in A=3 nuclei via <sup>3</sup>He and <sup>3</sup>H(e, e'p) measurements



# Nucleon-nucleon interaction

Crucial for:

- Ab-Initio nuclear structure calculations
- understanding dense astrophysical objects such as neutron stars

Strong nuclear force, Coulomb force, spins, magnetic moments ...



# There are many NN potential models...



- Hamada-Johnston Potential
- Yale-Group Potential
- Reid68 Potential
- Reid-Day Potential
- Partovi-Lomon Potential
- Paris-Group Potentials
- Stony-Brook Potential
- dTRS Super-Soft-Core Potentials
- Funabashi Potentials
- Urbana-Group Potentials
- Argonne-Group Potentials
  - Argonne V14
  - Argonne V28
  - Argonne V18
- Bonn-Group Potentials
  - Full-Bonn Potential
  - CD-Bonn Potential
  - Padua-Group Potential
  - Nijmegen-Group Potentials
    - Nijm78 Potential
    - Partial-Wave-Analysis
    - Nijm93
    - Nijml

- Nijmll
- Reid93 Potential
- Extended Soft-Core
- Nijmegen Optical Potentials
- Hamburg-Group Potentials
- Moscow-Group Potentials
- Budapest(IS)-Group Potential
- MIK-Group Potential
- Imaginary Potentials
- QCD-Inspired Potentials
- The Oxford Potential
- The First CHPT NN Potentials
- Sao Paulo-Group CHPT Potentials
- Munich-Group CHPT Potentials
- Idaho-Group CHPT Potentials
- Bochum-Julich-Group CHPT Potentials
  - LO Potentials
  - NLO Potentials
  - NNLO Potentials
  - NNNLO Potentials
- and more!

#### ...still, short-range behavior in unconstrained



# Why light nuclei?

 can be exactly calculated for a given two- and threenucleon interaction model.

# Why Tritium?

- Isospin doublet:
  - <sup>3</sup>He is stable mirror nucleus

$$\frac{{}^{3}\text{He}(p)}{{}^{3}\text{H}(p)} \cong \frac{{}^{3}\text{He}(p)}{{}^{3}\text{He}(n)}$$



#### Previous studies and non-QE mechanisms



F. Benmokhtar et al., PRL 94, 082305 (2005)

#### Minimizing non-QE mechanisms

# Q<sup>2</sup> > 2 GeV<sup>2</sup> x<sub>B</sub> > 1



#### Minimizing non-QE mechanisms





#### High Q<sup>2</sup>: factorized approximation

In PWIA:

$$\frac{d^6\sigma}{d\omega dE_p d\Omega_e d\Omega_p} = \mathbf{K}\sigma_{ep}S(|\vec{p_i}|, E_i)$$

#### thus:



#### Phenomenological expectations



#### np-dominance



M. Duer et al., (Jefferson Lab CLAS Collaboration) arXiv:1810.05343 (2018)

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# Theory predictions



#### Missing momentum



a proxi for the nucleon momentum before the interaction took place

## Hall-A spectrometers (top view)

More information here: http://hallaweb.jlab.org/equipment/HRS.html



Angular acceptance:

- Horizontal: 28 mrad
- Vertical: 60 mrad

## HRS detector package



Allow for excellent momentum reconstruction and particle identification

#### **Kinematical settings**



### Measured <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>3</sup>H ratio



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#### Corrections

$$R_{n(p)}^{\text{meas.}}(p_{miss}) \neq R_{^{3}\text{He}/^{3}\text{H}}^{corr.yield}(p_{miss})$$



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$$R_{n(p)}^{\text{meas.}}(p_{miss}) = R_{^{3}\text{He}/^{3}\text{H}}^{corr.yield}(p_{miss}) \times C_{\text{BinMig}} \times C_{\text{Rad}} \times C_{E_{m}\text{Acc}}$$

High missing momentum setting



# **Final results**



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## **Effect of Final-State Interactions**





# Where do we go from here?



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# Backup slides

#### Event selection cuts

electron-PID:  $E_{cal}/|\mathbf{p}| > 0.5$ proton in coincidence:  $\Delta t_{e-p} < 3\sigma$ target wall cut: |vz| < 9.5 cm  $\Delta vz_{e-p} < 1.2$  cm (<  $3\sigma$ )

Acceptance:  $\delta < 4\%$   $\phi$  (horizontal) < 25.5 mrad  $\theta$  (vertical) < 55.0 mrad

FSI:  $\theta_{rq} < 37.5 \text{ deg}$ 

non-QE events: xB > 1.3
(high-Pmiss kinematics)



#### From event selection

Determined as follows: for a given  $p_{miss}$  bin:











**Others:** 

	Overall	Point-to-point
Target Walls	$\ll 1\%$	
Target Density	1.5%	
Beam-Charge and Stability	1%	
Tritium Decay	0.18%	
spectral function	30%	
isospin symmetry	<b>J</b> 70	
Cut sensitivity		1% - 8%
Simulation Corrections		
(bin-migration, radiation,		1% - $2%$
$E_m$ acceptance)		

#### Corrections

 $R_{n(p)}^{\text{meas.}}(p_{miss}) = R_{^{3}\text{He}/^{3}\text{H}}^{corr.yield}(p_{miss}) \times C_{\text{BinMig}} \times C_{\text{Rad}} \times C_{E_{m}\text{Acc}}$ 

$$\begin{array}{lll} C_{\mathrm{BinMig}} &=& R_{\mathrm{Sim}}^{\sigma_{\mathrm{Rad}}}(p_{miss}^{\mathrm{gen}}) \ / \ R_{\mathrm{Sim}}^{\sigma_{\mathrm{Rad}}}(p_{miss}^{\mathrm{rec}}), \\ C_{\mathrm{Rad}} &=& R_{\mathrm{Sim}}^{\sigma_{\mathrm{Born}}}(p_{miss}^{\mathrm{gen}}) \ / \ R_{\mathrm{Sim}}^{\sigma_{\mathrm{Rad}}}(p_{miss}^{\mathrm{gen}}), \\ C_{E_{m}\mathrm{Acc}} &=& n_{^{3}\mathrm{He}/^{3}\mathrm{H}}(p_{miss}^{\mathrm{gen}}) \ / \ R_{\mathrm{Sim}}^{\sigma_{\mathrm{Born}}}(p_{miss}^{\mathrm{gen}}), \end{array}$$



## Ratios of AV18/N<sup>2</sup>LO momentum distributions



FIG. 2: Ratio of different distributions obtained using the AV18 and N<sup>2</sup>LO potentials. The left figure shows the  $(n_{A=3})_{AV18}/(n_{A=3})_{N^2LO}$ , where  $n_{A=3}$  refers to the <sup>3</sup>He proton and <sup>3</sup>H neutron momentum distributions. The right figure shows the double ratio  $(n_{3He}^p/n_{3H}^p)_{AV18}/(n_{3He}^p/n_{3H}^p)_{N^2LO}$ .

#### Measurement-simulation comparison



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# 2- and 3-body breakups in <sup>3</sup>He

