



# **From THREE to INFINITY**

the asymmetric nuclei study at Jefferson Lab

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# Jefferson Lab as the "Intensity Frontier"

#### Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility (CEBAF)

- High luminosity: up to 10<sup>38</sup>/cm<sup>2</sup>/s ٠
- Electron as the clean probe
- Fixed targets •
- 4 experimental halls, diverse programs ٠



#### **Nuclear structure**

Momentum distribution, charge radii,...

#### **Hadron structure**

- Nucleons, resonances, mesons
- 1D and 3D imaging

#### Hadron spectroscopy

#### **Fundamental symmetries**

Dark matter, BSM physics,...

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fraction of nucleon momentum carried by the struck quark in parton model.  $2M\nu$ 



 $-q^2$ 

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• Access d/u through F<sub>2</sub> n/p

At leading order, assuming charge symmetry

$$F_2^p = x \Big[ \frac{4}{9} (u + \bar{u}) + \frac{1}{9} (d + \bar{d}) + \frac{1}{9} (s + \bar{s}) \Big]$$
  
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Ignore sea quarks and strange quark contributions at x>0.3

$$\frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p} \approx \frac{u+4d}{4u+d} \Rightarrow \frac{d}{u} \approx \frac{4F_2^{n/p} - 1}{4 - F_2^{n/p}}$$

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- Realistic d/u extraction at x→1 from global QCD analysis
  - lack of constraints from data
  - **NO** free neutron target:
    - n = D p with nuclear correction
    - Iarge uncertainty as  $x \rightarrow 1$





#### The JLab Hall A Tritium experiments



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$$^{3}H = 2n + p$$
  
 $^{3}He = 2p + n$   
 $\Rightarrow ^{3}H/^{3}He = (2n/p+1)/(2+n/p)$   
 $\Rightarrow n/p$ 

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#### The JLab Hall A Tritium experiments a collective efforts of many students and postdocs, Hall A staff, engineers, target experts, etc.

#### Measurement of the Nucleon $F_2^n/F_2^p$ Structure Function Ratio by the Jefferson Lab MARATHON Tritium/Helium-3 Deep Inelastic Scattering Experiment

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(Jefferson Lab Hall A Tritium Collaboration)



- Low-density, room temperature gas target system
- 25 cm alloy target cell
- 1000 Ci of tritium gas (safe to ship with FedEx )

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#### Charge Normalized Yield



# E12-11-103 "MARATHON" F2n/p, EMC 10.1103/PhysRevLett.128.132003

E12-14-011 high momentum nucleon distribution

10.1016/j.physletb.2019.134890, 10.1103/PhysRevLett.124.212501

E12-11-112 isospin dependence of SRC 10.1038/s41586-022-05007-2

E12-17-003 nnL hypernuclei 10.1103/PhysRevC.105.L051001



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Nucleus binding energy: O(10) MeV DIS momentum transfer: O(10) GeV



## **The EMC Effect**



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#### p/n momentum distribution in <sup>3</sup>He



# **1, 2, 3** ... Quasi-elastic scattering to probe high $simall q^2$ momentum nucleons

#### p/n momentum distribution in <sup>3</sup>He



~ nucleon initial momentum in PWIA



Short-range correlated (SRC) N-N pair in nuclei:

- large back-to-back momentum, low excitation state
- mainly n-p pairs (isospin=0)

## **Short-range Correlations in Coincidence Measurements**

#### Count high momentum triple-coincidence pairs Inciden electron Knocked-out proton Correlated partner proton or neutron Subedi et al, Science 320, 1476 (2008) 12C 80% 18% 1% Single nucleons The as p-p



# **Short-range Correlations in (e, e')**





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## Extract np/pp SRC Pair Ratio From <sup>3</sup>H/<sup>3</sup>He Ratio:



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Ratio of np/pp SRC pairs in A=3 nuclei: R<sub>np/pp</sub> =4.2+-0.4

> Remove contribution from pair counting: 2 np pairs v.s. 1 pp(nn) pair

#### np/pp "enhancement factor" = 2.1+-0.2

To be appeared on Nature <u>SL</u> et. al, 10.1038/s41586-022-05007-2

## **A-dependance of np SRC**



Ca48: Nguyen, D. et al. Phys. Rev. C, 102, 064004 (2020)

### **SRC-EMC** Relations



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A road map to infinity

See talks from D. Higinbotham, N. Fomin, J. Arrington, F. Hauenstein, **Thursday afternoon**@Camelia/Dogwood



#### **Nuclear Matter**

- equation of state (see C. Drischler's talk)
- symmetric vs. neutron excess

Isospin effect and flavor dependence

## **Parity Violating Electron Scattering**

The power of weak



## From Neutron Skin to Neutron Stars see J. Mammei's talk



## **Summary**

- Electron scattering has unique sensitivity to important nuclear properties. Careful choice of asymmetric targets provides insight into both general nuclear structure and isospin/flavor dependence
- The recent tritium experiments at Jefferson provide high impact results on
  - $F_2$  n/p at large x
  - n/p momentum distributions and np/pp SRC ratio in A=3 system
  - The combined MARATHON and SRC results will provide unique information to understand the SRC-EMC relation.
- Starting Fall 2022, experiments at Hall C, JLab will map out the EMC-SRC relation in various light and heavy nuclei to disentangle the A vs. N/Z dependence. Also, following the success of Hall A tritium program ("once in a generation"), a broad CLAS program with tritium has been approved by JLab.
- Parity-violation electron scattering provide unique access to neutron skin thickness on heavy nuclei. That will also be used to determine the flavor-dependence in EMC effect with the future SoLID project.

# **THANK YOU!**

## **From Neutron Skin to Neutron Stars**

#### Elastic Scattering

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$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{exp.} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} \left[\frac{F_{ch}^2 + \tau F_M^2}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau F_M^2 tan^2(\frac{\theta}{2})\right]$$

$$\left\langle r^2 \right\rangle \equiv -6\hbar^2 \frac{dF(q^2)}{dq^2} \bigg|_{q^2=0}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{^{3}H}}{\sigma_{^{3}He}} \rightarrow \frac{F_{ch^{3}H}}{F_{ch^{3}He}} \rightarrow \Delta R_{RMS}$$

Jefferson Lab Experiment E1214009 Approved but not scheduled Ratio of the electric form factor in the mirror nuclei 3He and 3H Spokespersons: Arrington, John Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, Berkeley, CA johna@jlab.org Averett, Todd The College of William and Mary averett@jlab.org Higinbotham, Douglas Jefferson Lab doug@jlab.org

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#### Data taken during beam study

- Beam current: 5µA
- Beam energy: 1.171 GeV
- Momentum: 1.128 GeV
- Angle: 17 degree
- Q<sup>2</sup> = 0.11 GeV<sup>2</sup>

Ref.	$^{3}\mathrm{H}$	$^{3}\mathrm{He}$	
SACLAY	$1.76\pm0.09$	$1.96\pm0.03$	$\Delta R_{\rm RMS} = 0.20 \pm 0.1$
Bates	$1.68\pm0.03$	$1.97\pm0.03$	$\rightarrow \Delta R_{RMS} = 0.29 \pm 0.04$
GFMC	$1.77\pm0.01$	$1.97\pm0.01$	ALIAS
$\chi { m EFT}$	$1.756\pm0.006$	$1.962 \pm 0.004$	_

## **Quasi-elastic Scattering**

to access the initial state of correlated nucleons

#### At 1.4<x<2:



#### Inclusive measurement:

- Calculate the nucleon initial momentum **range** from electron kinematics
- High statistics
- Need high x, high Q2
- Competing process @ meson exchange current



High momentum tails should yield constant ratio if SRC-dominated

N. Fomin, et al., PRL 108 (2012) 092052

## Short-distance behavior and the EMC effect

1. EMC effect driven by average density of the nucleus [J. Gomez, et al., PRD 94, 4348 (1994), Frankfurt and Strikman, Phys. Rept. 160 (1988) 235]

2. EMC effect is driven by Local Density (LD) – overlap of nucleons [J. Seely et al., PRL 103, 202301, 2009]

SRCs generated by interactions in short-distance (high-density) np pairs EMC effect driven by high-density nucleon configurations (pairs, clusters)

3. EMC effect driven by High Virtuality (HV) of the nucleons [L. Weinstein et al, PRL 106, 052301,2011] SRC measurements directly probe high-momentum nucleons EMC effect driven by off-shell effects in high-momentum nucleons





First comparison of HV/LD explanations of EMC-SRC correlation: JA, A. Daniel, D. Day, N. Fomin, D. Gaskell, P. Solvignon, PRC 86 (2012) 065204

## **Nucleon-Nucleon Short Range Correlation (SRC)**

Free nucleon-nucleon potential = **Repulsive core+ attractive tensor force** T = 1, S = 0 :np, pp, nn pairs. The tensor operator  $S_{1,2}$ = 0, no attractive tensor force T = 0, S = 1: Deuteron-like np pair.





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