Clusters, Correlations and Quarks: a High-Energy Perspective on Nuclei

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At each scale, the simplest description involves different constituents and interactions

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Field Picture of Nucleus

Low Energy Nuclear Physics

Medium Energy Nuclear **Physics (and most** neutrino scattering) High Energy Physics (& RHIC)

Chemistry/Atomic Physics Small, heavy, static (uninteresting) **Protons + neutrons, complicated** shell structure, angular momentum,.... **Protons + neutrons (typically non**interacting)

**Bag of quasi-free quarks** 

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# Charge radii and nuclear structure

ATTA (Atom Trap Trace Analysis)

*–Trap rare <sup>6</sup>He, <sup>8</sup>He isotopes* (produced at ATLAS(ANL) or GANIL)

-Measure isotopic shift in  $S \rightarrow P$  transition

Variation of the charge radius with isotope can be understood in terms of nuclear structure



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# Does nuclear structure impact hadronic (quark-level) substructure ?

- Extremely high energy scales in nuclei
  - Energy density [RHIC, LHC]
    - Introducing large **external** energy scale
    - Quark-Gluon Plasma = Nucleus ??
  - Matter density [Heavy nuclei, neutron star?]

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  - Need 100% packing fraction for dense nuclei
  - Can internal structure be unchangeo 0.20 0.16 0.12  $\rho(r)~(fm^{-3})$ 0.08 0.04 0.00 2.8 om GFMC Councesy on B. Wiringa



# High-momentum nucleons (Short-Range Correlations)

# N-N interaction Hard interaction at short range



# Two key experiments

**JLab E03-103** JA and D. Gaskell, spokespersons

- Scatter from HIGH-MOMENTUM QUARKS in nucl
  - EMC effect Density dependence of quark pdf

#### JLab E02-019 JA, D. Day, B. Filippone, A. Lung

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  - Probe high-momentum nucleons in nuclei





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- Deviation from stationary-proton yields proton initial momentum
- Relatively high-energy probe to reach large initial momentum scales
- Very high  $Q^2 \rightarrow$  DIS: probe **quark distributions** in the same way

x = quark's "longitudinal momentum fraction"



**Bjorken-x** 

# Quark distributions in nuclei: EMC effect

#### Deeply-inelastic scattering (DIS) measures structure function $F_2(x)$

- x = quark longitudinal momentum fraction
- $F_2(x)$  related to parton momentum distributions (pdfs)  $F_2(x)$   $e_i^2 q_i(x)$  i=up, down,

Nuclear binding << energy scales of probe, proton/neutron excitations

Expected  $F_2^A(\mathbf{x}) \approx Z F_2^p(\mathbf{x}) + N F_2^n(\mathbf{x})$ 



J. J. Aubert, et al., PLB 123, 275 (1983)

# EMC effect: A-dependence

#### **SLAC E139**

- Most precise large-x data
- Nuclei from A=4 to 197

#### Conclusions

- Universal xdependence
- Magnitude varies
  - Scales with A (~A<sup>-1/3</sup>)
  - Scales with density



J. Gomez, et al., PRD49, 4349 (1994)

#### Models of the EMC effect

#### **Nuclear Medium modifies internal nucleon structure**

- Dynamical rescaling
- Nucleon 'swelling'
- Multiquark clusters (6q, 9q 'bags')

#### or

Nuclear structure is modified due to nuclear/hadronic effects

- More detailed binding calculations
  - Fermi motion + binding
  - N-N correlations
- Nuclear pions

Many ways to model the suppression of high-x quarks, but little to differentiate between these explanations

#### Importance of light nuclei

**Test mass vs. density dependence** 

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#### JLab E03-103 Results



**Consistent shape for all nuclei** (curves show shape from SLAC fit)

If shape (x-dependence) is same for all nuclei, the slope (0.35<x<0.7) can be used to study dependence on A





# Nuclear structure $\leftarrow \rightarrow$ Quark effects?

- New EMC effect data suggest importance of 'local density'
  - Suggests connection to detailed nuclear structure, clustering effects
  - Impact of clustering can be seen from neV shifts in electron energy level to GeV/TeV probes of nuclear quark distributions
  - New and intriguing information, but still no microscopic explanation

#### Can we study these high-density structures directly?

- Short-range correlation (SRC) measurements are meant to probe such high-density configurations
  - The experiments **measure** high momentum nucleons
  - Aim is to study contribution of high density configuration

two nucleons

r [fm]

0

~1 fm



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#### Inclusive scattering at large x



e-p elastic scattering: x = 1

Quasielastic scattering *x* 

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Motion of nucleon in the nucleus broadens the peak

Low energy transfer region (x>1) suppresses inelastic backgrounds



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A/D Ratio	
³Не	2.14±0.04
⁴He	3.66±0.07
Ве	4.00±0.08
С	4.88±0.10
Cu	5.37±0.11
Au	5.34±0.11

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# Connection to EMC effect?

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Credit: P. Mueller



#### EMC effect: Importance of two-body effects?



# Brief detour: Isospin dependence of SRCs

#### **Inclusive ratios:**

- •Shows SRC-dominance for high momentum
- Determines relative SRC contributions
- •Can't separate scattering from proton and neutron



#### Two-nucleon knockout: <sup>12</sup>C(e,e'pN), <sup>4</sup>He(e,e'pN), A(e,e'pp)

# Reconstruct *initial high momentum proton*Look for *fast spectator nucleon* from SRC <u>in opposite</u> <u>direction</u>

•Find spectator ~100% of the time, neutron >90% of the time





# Brief detour: Isospin dependence of the EMC effect

- Always assumed that EMC effect is <u>identical for proton and</u> <u>neutron</u>
- Becoming hard to believe, at least for non-isoscalar nuclei
  - EMC/SRC connection + SRC n-p dominance suggests enhanced EMC effect in minority nucleons
  - <sup>48</sup>Ca, <sup>208</sup>Pb expected to have significant neutron skin: neutrons preferentially sit near the surface, in low density regions
  - Recent calculations show difference for u-, d-quark, as result of scalar and vector mean-field potentials in asymmetric nuclear matter
     [I. Cloet, et al, PRL 109, 182301 (2012); PRL 102, 252301 (2009)]
- Key measurement: parity-violating DIS from <sup>48</sup>Ca (SoLID collab at JLab)
  - <sup>2</sup>H PVDIS: search for beyond standard model physics
  - <sup>1</sup>H PVDIS: clean separation of u(x)/d(x) at large x in the proton
  - <sup>48</sup>Ca: flavor dependence of EMC effect

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Isospin dependence of SRCs implies slightly different correlation: Small, dense configurations for all NN pairs, high momentum only for np pairs JA, A. Daniel, D. Day, N. Fomin, D. Gaskell, P. Solvignon, PRC 86 (2012) 065204

Data favors local density interpretation, but very much an open output of the second s

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**EMC effect at 12 GeV** [E10-008: JA, A. Daniel, D. Gaskell]

Full <sup>3</sup>H, <sup>3</sup>He program (4 expts) in 2016 (Hall A) Initial set of light/medium nuclei in 2017 (Hall C)







<sup>3</sup>H, <sup>3</sup>He DIS: EMC effect and d(x)/u(x) SRC Isospin dependence: <sup>3</sup>H vs <sup>3</sup>He Charge radius difference: <sup>3</sup>He - <sup>3</sup>H

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## Quark distributions of SRC: "Super-fast" quarks



6q bag is 'shorthand' for any model where overlapping nucleons allows free sharing of quark momentum

First Look from 6 GeV: N. Fomin, et al., PRL 105 (2010) 212502 Suggests quark distributions can be extracted for x>1

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  - Kinematically isolate SRCs, probe at very high scales [DIS on SRCs]
- "Tag" scattering from slow (on-shell) or fast (off-shell) nucleon in <sup>2</sup>H
  - JLab: Measure form factors of slow and fast protons

I won't discuss tagged measurements – instead, want to try and reconcile these observations with what we know about protons and neutrons

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## A Simple, Popular, View of the Proton

# The Proton



The Neutron



- The proton consists of two up (or *u*) quarks and one down (or *d*) quark.
  - A u-quark has charge +2/3
  - A d-quark has charge –1/3
- The neutron consists of two down, one up
  - Hence it has charge 0
- The u and d quarks mass is ≈1/3 the proton's
  - Explains why m(n) = m(p) to ~0.1%
- But, very hard to explain zoo of hadrons
  - M ≈ 140, 490, 550, 780 MeV
  - M ≈ 1120, 1190, 1230 MeV
  - with 300 MeV quarks Slides adapted from Tom LeCompte

## Constituents are not enough



The fundamental constituents of matter (or at least most of them)

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Proton (hadron)	??? ~10 MeV (u+u+d), 938 MeV total 99% is in the field; increases mass!

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Hadron as a dynamic; self-interacting quarks gluon field localized around quarks whose quantum numbers identify the hadron

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## **GPDs: Imaging gluons at an EIC**

**Exclusive vector meson production:** 





Resolution ~ 1/Q or  $1/M_Q$ 

#### **Gluon imaging from simulation:**



Only possible at the EIC: From the valence quark region deep into the gluon / sea quark region

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  - Quark core is ~1/3 of volume
  - Overlap in nuclei is mainly











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Nucleon











## Summary

#### SRCs are an important component to nuclear structure

- ~20% of nucleons in SRC, mainly np pairs
  - Room for small additional contributions (3N-SRCs, 6q bags) 18%
- Impact A scattering, neutron stars, symmetry energy

These dense, energetic configurations appear to drive in n-n in p-p the EMC effect, modifying proton's internal structure bedi et al., Science 320, 1476 (2008)

80%

1%

## JLab 12 GeV and EIC can use tagging to probe structure of nucleons inside these high-density configurations

- Probe internal structure of SRCs
- Isolate nearly free nucleons (e.g. effective free neutron target)
- Isolate extremely high-momentum, highly-off shell nucleons

Drell-Yan and -A scattering (FNAL), PVDIS, and EIC can examine flavor dependence and isolate nuclear effects for sea, valence, and glue









## Nuclear densities and quark structure?





Average nuclear density

Are nucleons unaffected by this overlap?

Do they deform as they are squeezed together?

Do the quarks exchange or interact?

## Super-fast quarks

Current data at highest Q<sup>2</sup> (JLab E02-019) already show partonic-like scaling behavior at x>1





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

## JLab E89-004: <sup>3</sup>He(e,e'p)d

Measured far into high momentum tail: Cross section is ~5-10x expectation

High momentum pair can come from initial state short-range correlations

OR

Final State Interactions (FSI) and Meson Exchange Contributions





### Average density, or average overlap?



wo-body densities: Pieper and Wire

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