Unlocking what underlies the common nuclear dependence of EMC effect and Short Range Correlations





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### The inclusive reaction



#### **High momentum nucleons - Short Range Correlations**



Cannot extract momentum distributions directly from inclusive data for A>2



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

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



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### **Short Range Correlations**

- To experimentally probe SRCs, must be in the high-momentum region (x>1)
- To measure the relative probability of finding a correlation, ratios of heavy to light nuclei are taken
- In the high momentum region, FSIs are thought to be confined to the SRCs and therefore, cancel in the cross section ratios
  - L. L. Frankfurt and M. I. Strikman, Phys. Rept. 76, 215(1981).
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 $\frac{O_A}{-} = a_2(A)$ 

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#### **Previous measurements**



No observation of scaling for  $Q^2 < 1.4 \text{ GeV}^2$ 

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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

#### E02-019: 2N correlations in A/D ratios



Fomin et al, PRL **108** (2012) Jlab E02-019



### **Q<sup>2</sup> dependence features**









# **NP dominance**



R. Subedi et al., Science 320, 1476 (2008)

R. Shneor et al., PRL 99, 072501 (2007)

## **NP dominance**



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





### FROM Quasielastic Scattering at x>1 to DIS at x<1



Where an unexpected connection is made

### **Discovery of the EMC effect**

 Goal was a measurement of the lepton-nucleon cross section at high Q<sup>2</sup>

• To achieve statistical precision in a reasonable amount of time, an iron target was used, on the assumption that

$$\frac{\sigma_A / A}{\sigma_D / 2} \approx 1$$

meaning

$$F_2^{A}(x) = ZF_2^{p}(x) + NF_2^{n}(x)$$



#### The EMC effect

$$F_{2}^{A}(x) \neq ZF_{2}^{p}(x) + NF_{2}^{n}(x)$$

Nuclear dependence of the structure functions discovered 30 years ago by the European Muon Collaboration (EMC effect)

Nucleon structure functions are modified by the nuclear medium





### **Measurements before 2004**

- <u>NMC</u> extraction of  $F_2^n/F_2^p$
- <u>BCDMS</u>  $50 < Q^2 < 200 (GeV^2)$
- <u>HERMES</u> first measurement on <sup>3</sup>He
- <u>SLAC E139</u> most precise large x data
  - Q<sup>2</sup> independent
  - Universal shape
  - Magnitude approximately scales with density



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#### Precision results on light nuclei from JLab E03-103

• **C/D** and <sup>4</sup>**He/D** ratios – no isoscalar correction necessary

• Consistent with SLAC results, but much higher precision at high x



PhD theses: J. Seely, A. Daniel



#### SRCs and EMC effect share the same nuclear dependence.

 $a_2$  – relative measure of SRCs  $dR_{EMC}/dx$  – slope of the A/D cross section ratio in the 0.35<x<0.7 region





Common Density (or A) dependence → linear correlation makes sense





### Enter <sup>9</sup>Be



- Correlation between EMC effect and SRC data can no longer be explained by common density- or Ascaling
- However, the trends for both sets of data mirror each other as a function of A, or density





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Separation energies were calculated from spectral functions, including MF and correlations S.A. Kulagin and R. Petti, Nucl. Phys. A 176, 126 (2006)

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- All the usual (historical) suspects don't adequately describe the trends seen in both sets of data
- Perhaps, SRCs are an indirect (or not so indirect ) measure of what drives medium modification



## **Two Hypotheses**

- 1. Both quantities reflect *virtuality* of the nucleons (*L. Weinstein et al, PRL* 106:052301,2011)
  - **a**<sub>2</sub> measures the relative high momentum tail good for testing virtuality
  - dR<sub>EMC</sub>/dx relevant quantity
- 2. EMC effect is driven by "local density"
  - SRCs are sensitive to high density configurations, but MUST remove the center of mass motion smearing to get  $R_{2N}$ 
    - measure of correlated pairs relative to the deuteron
  - EMC effect samples **all** the nucleons, whereas  $R_{2N}$  is only sensitive to np pairs, a subset of all possible NN configurations

- If we're going to use SRCs as a measure of local density, must scale  $\textit{R}_{2N}$  by  $\rm N_{total}/\rm N_{iso}.$ 



Now that we have the relevant quantities, we can test the two hypotheses



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- 2. A measure of "*local density*" *R*<sub>2N</sub>
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Each hypothesis is tested with 3 types of fits:

- 1) 2-parameter linear fit, no deuteron constraint
- 2) 1-parameter fit, strict deuteron constraint
- 3) 2–parameter fit, deuteron constraint, partial accounting for correlated errors within a given experiment

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$$\frac{dR_{IMC}}{dx}\Big|_{D} = \frac{dR_{EMC}}{dx}\Big|_{a_{2}} = 0 - \left|\frac{dR_{EMC}}{dx}\right|_{D}$$

IMC effect  $\rightarrow$  in-medium correction effect, the ratio of the DIS cross section per nucleon bound in a nucleus relative to the free (unbound) pn pair cross section

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#### New Data are helping and more data will help even further









# **Summary**

• New results suggest a local density dependence of the EMC effect as well as SRCs

• These hints and suggestions need to be further investigated with new experiments, focusing on light targets

- E12-06-105 (x>1) approved at Jlab
- E12-10-008 (EMC effect) approved at Jlab





#### **Two hypotheses**



$$R_{2N} = a_2 / \frac{n_D^{CONV}(k)}{n_D(k)}$$



#### **Short Range Correlations – 3N**



Egiyan et al, PRL 96, 2006

#### E02-019 Ratios



CLAS: 1.6

E02-019: 2.7

- Excellent agreement for x≤2
- Very different approaches to 3N plateau, later onset of scaling for E02-019
- Very similar behavior for heavier targets

### **Isoscalar Correction if Z≠P**

$$Cor_{iso} = \frac{(Z\sigma_p + N\sigma_n)/A}{(\sigma_p + \sigma_n)/2}$$





• No free neutron target  $\rightarrow$  extraction of  $F_2^{\ n}/F_2^{\ p}$  is modeldependent

• For E03-103,  $F_2^n/F_2^p$  for bound nucleons was used





### **Rescaling of the Deuteron**





FSI in A>2 are identical to those in the deuteron, and match calculations

Ciofi degli Atti, Mezzetti, PRC79

#### **Overestimate of cross sections**



