# Short Range Correlations in Few Body Systems

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Summary





### Nuclear Potential



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## Momentum distribution

n(k) for k>k<sub>fermi</sub> exhibits the same shape for all nuclei

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similar shape to deuteron: NN interaction is isospin dependent

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## **Short-Range Correlations**

### At $x \approx 1$ : Quasi-Elastic Scattering



→ Motion of nucleon in the nucleus broadens the peak.
→ little strength from QE above x ≈ 1.3

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For 
$$x \ge 1.3$$
:  
 $\sigma_A(x,Q^2) = \sum_{j=2}^A \frac{A}{j} a_j(A) \sigma_j(x,Q^2)$   
 $= \frac{A}{2} a_2(A) \sigma_2(x,Q^2) + \frac{A}{3} a_3(A) \sigma_3(x,Q^2) + \dots$ 

 $\sigma_j \rightarrow cross \ section \ from \ a \ j-nucleon$  correlation

 $a_j(A) \propto$  probability of finding a nucleon in a j-nucleon correlation







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**Evidence of 2N-SRC at x>1.5** 

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> > Saturation

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Dominance of np pairs in SRC region leads us to drop the isoscalar correction. We correct for COM motion of pair.

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<sup>3</sup>He

<sup>4</sup>He

Be

C

Au

 $\langle Q^2 \rangle$ 

 $x_{\min}$ 

 $\alpha_{\min}$ 

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## SRC: isospin dependence

### Simple SRC model assumes isospin independence



Data show large asymmetry between np, pp pairs:

Qualitative agreement with calculations; effect of tensor force. Huge violation of often assumed isospin symmetry

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### New results from Jefferson Lab





## JLab experiment E08-014

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Verify and define scaling regime for 3N-SRC

Isospin effects on SRCs: <sup>48</sup>Ca vs. <sup>40</sup>Ca

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## E08-014 result: <sup>12</sup>C/D



SLAC: a<sub>2</sub>(<sup>12</sup>C)=5.0±0.5

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Advantages of this ratio:

- 1) less sensitive to the window contribution
- 2) <sup>4</sup>He cross section doesn't go to zero at x=3
- 3) CM motion of the 3N mainly cancels in the ratio

But still no sign of a 3N-SRC plateau !





## **Isolating 3N-SRCs**



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## Isospin study from <sup>48</sup>Ca/<sup>40</sup>Ca ratio

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#### **Theoretical predictions:**

M. Vanhalst, J. Ryckebusch and W. Cosyn, PRC86, 044619 (2012)

"correlation operators generate the correlated part of the nuclear WF from that part of the mean-field WF where two nucleons are sufficiently close."





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## JLab experiment E07-006

Approaching the nucleon-nucleon short-range repulsive core via the  ${}^{4}\text{He}(e,e'pN)$  triple-coincidence reaction.

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## E07-006 results

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#### **Observations:**

#pp/#np increase with Pmiss
 (as predicted by AV18)

#pp stays constant
(dominated by the repulsive core)

#np decrease with Pmiss
(FSI and/or 3N-SRC)



Wiringa, Schiavilla, Pieper, Carlson, arXiv: 1309.3794

### Future experiments at Jefferson Lab





## E12-11-112: <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>3</sup>H at x>1

Precision measurement of the isospin dependence in the 2N and 3N short range correlation region

Spokespeople: P. Solvignon, J. Arrington, D. Day, D. Higinbotham

**Main physics goals** 

#### **Isospin-dependence**

- ✓ Improved precision: extract R(T=1/T=0) to 3.8%
- $\checkmark$  FSI much smaller (inclusive) and expected to cancel in ratio

#### 3N SRCs structure (momentum-sharing and isospin)

#### Improved A-dependence in light and heavy nuclei

- ✓ Average of <sup>3</sup>H, <sup>3</sup>He --> A=3 "isoscalar" nucleus
   ✓ Determine isospin dependence --> improved correction for N>Z nuclei,
- extrapolation to nuclear matter

# Absolute cross sections (and ratios) for <sup>2</sup>H, <sup>3</sup>H, <sup>3</sup>He: test calculations of FSI for simple, well-understood nuclei

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## QE data and Neutron Magnetic FF

## In PWIA, <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>3</sup>H with 1.5% uncertainty corresponds to 3% on $G_{M^{n}}$

- ► Limited to  $Q^2 \le 1$  GeV<sup>2</sup>, where QE peak has minimal inelastic contribution
- ► This is the region with ~8% discrepancy between the Ankin, Kubon data and the CLAS ratio and the Hall A polarized <sup>3</sup>He extraction.



Nuclear effects expected to be small, largely cancel in ratio



This experiment: 0.6, 0.8, 1.0, 1.4, 1.7, 2.4, 2.7 and 3.0 GeV<sup>2</sup>



## EMC vs. SRC



EMC effect due to: high virtuality or local density ???

J. Arrington, A. Daniel, D. Day, N. Fomin, D. Gaskell and P. Solvignon, PRC 86, 065204 (2012)

> No clear conclusion. Needs more data !

After combining results from E12-11-112 and MARATHON experiments (no error bar projected at this time)

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## E12-06-105

Inclusive Scattering from Nuclei at x > 1 in the quasielastic and deeply inelastic regimes.

Spokespeople: J. Arrington, D. Day, N. Fomin, P. Solvignon

#### Main physics goals

A-dependence of 2N and 3N-SRCs at moderate Q<sup>2</sup> values for large x

First studies of the size and importance of  $\alpha$ -clusters in nuclei

**Distribution of superfast quarks in nuclei:** high sensitivity to non-hadronic components (6-q bags)

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## Summary

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

~20% of nucleons in SRC Very few (~1%) p-p, n-n pairs



Inclusive scattering measurements from E08-014 and E12-11-112 will map out the 2N- and 3N-SRCs and produce a detailed study of their isospin dependence

- --> E08-014: too early to conclude on the 3N-SRC and the isospin test
- --> E12-11-112 is scheduled to run in Spring 2016

#### E12-06-105 will probe quark distribution in SRC = EMC effect in SRCs

--> A part of the experiment is scheduled to run in 2017

Several other experiments at 12 GeV to look at SRC and EMC and their possible link.



### EXTRA SLIDES





## **3N-configuration**



(a) yields  $R(^{3}He/^{3}H) \approx 3.0$  if nucleon #3 is always the doubly-occurring nucleon (a) yields  $R(^{3}He/^{3}H) \approx 0.3$  if nucleon #3 is always the singly-occurring nucleon (a) yields  $R(^{3}He/^{3}H) \approx 1.4$  if configuration is isospin-independent, as does (b)

**R** ≠ 1.4 implies isospin dependence AND non-symmetric momentum sharing

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## **Isolating 2N-SRCs**

Onset of plateaus is A dependent

Heavier recoil systems do not require as much energy to balance momentum of struck:  $p_{min}$  for a given x and  $Q^2$  is smaller

Mean field part in heavy nuclei persist in x to larger values

Have to go to higher x or Q<sup>2</sup> to insure scattering is not from mean-field nucleon

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## Light-cone fraction

SRC model: 1N, 2N, 3N, ..., contributions at  $x \le 1, 2, 3, ...$ 

Motion of SRCs: broaden the range of contribution



Relativistic:  $x \longrightarrow \alpha_{2N}$ 

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 $\alpha_{2N}$  is the light-cone variable for the interacting nucleon of the correlated nucleon pair



## E12-06-105



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## Isospin study from <sup>3</sup>He/<sup>3</sup>H ratio

#### Simple mean field estimates for 2N-SRC

### Isospin independent:

$$\frac{\sigma_{{}^{3}He}/3}{\sigma_{{}^{3}H}/3} = \frac{(2\sigma_{p} + 1\sigma_{n})/3}{(1\sigma_{p} + 2\sigma_{n})/3} \xrightarrow{\sigma_{p} \approx 3\sigma_{n}} 1.40$$

n-p (T=0) dominance:





## E12-11-112: kinematics

Beam current: 25  $\mu$ A, unpolarized, Raster interlock Beam energy:

17.5 Days 4.4 GeV [main production] 1.5 days 2.2 GeV [checkout+QE]

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 $a_2({}^{40}Ca) \approx a_2({}^{48}Ca)$ 



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