

## 3D Partonic Structure of Nucleons and Nuclei

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- Physics Motivations
- Recent Results.
- Future Measurements.



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### **Exploring the Hadron Structure**

Most of what we know today about hadrons' structure has come from the electromagnetic probes which give access to measure structure functions that quantify the properties of partons in hadrons.

- Form Factors (FFs)
  - $\rightarrow$  Provide the charge and magnetization distributions inside a hadron.
  - $\rightarrow$  Accessible via Elastic Scattering (ES).



- C. F. Perdrisat, V. Punjabi and M. Vanderhaeghen, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 59, 694-764 (2007)
- Kelly J. J., Phys. Rev. C 66, 065203 (2002)





## **Exploring the Hadron Structure**

### Structure functions that quantify the properties of the partons in a hadron:

• Form Factors (FFs)

### • Parton Distribution Functions (PDFs)

- $\rightarrow$  Provide partons longitudinal momentum distributions
- $\rightarrow$  Measurable via Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS).
  - For nucleons, the unpolarized DIS cross section is parametrized







#### Proton structure.

- $\rightarrow$  Large x,  $u_v(x) \sim 2 d_v(x)$
- $\rightarrow$  Low x, more gluons radiated and slpitting producing sea quarks

- J. Beringer et al. (Particle Data Group), Phys. Rev. D 86, 010001, page241, 2012. - R. Placakyte et al. (H1 and ZEUS Collaborations), arXiv:1111.5452 [hep-ph], 2010.

## **EMC Effect**



[K. Rith, arXiv:1402.5000 [hep-ph], 2014]

Precise measurements at CERN, SLAC and JLab
 → Links with the nuclear properties, i.e. mass & density

More details will be given by Seamus, William, Gerald, Misak, John, and Ian

- The origin of the EMC effect is still not fully understood, but possible explanations:
  - $\rightarrow$  Modifications of the nucleons themselves
  - $\rightarrow$  Effect of non-nucleonic degrees of freedom, e.g. pions exchange
  - $\rightarrow$  Modifications from multi-nucleon effects (binding, N-N correlations, etc...)

#### Clear explanations may arise from measuring the nuclear modifications via measuring the Generalized Parton Distributions.

**EMC effect:** the modification of the PDF F<sub>2</sub> as a function of the longitudinal momentum fraction x [0.3, 0.75] carried by the parton.



### **Generalized Parton Distributions**

#### - Contain information on:

- $\rightarrow$  Correlation between quarks and anti-quarks
- → Correlation between longitudinal momentum and transverse spatial position of partons
- Can be accessed via hard exclusive processes such as deeply virtual Compton scattering (DVCS):



- $t = (p p')^2 = (q q')^2$
- \* At leading order in  $1/Q^2$  (twist-2) and in the coupling constant of QCD ( $\alpha_s$ ).



• **Experimentally,** the measured photonelectroproduction cross section ( $ep \rightarrow ep\gamma$ ) is:

• The DVCS signal is enhanced by the interference with BH.

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## **DVCS off Nuclei**

### **Two DVCS channels are accessible with nuclear targets:**

#### $\diamond$ Coherent DVCS: $e^-A \rightarrow e^-A \gamma$

- $\rightarrow$  Study the partonic structure of the nucleus.
- → One chiral-even GPD ( $H_A(x,\xi,t)$ ) is needed to parametrize the structure of the spinless nuclei (<sup>4</sup>He, <sup>12</sup>C, <sup>16</sup>O, ...).

#### ◊ Incoherent DVCS: e<sup>-</sup>A→e<sup>-</sup>N γ X

- $\rightarrow$  The nucleus breaks and the DVCS takes place on a nucleon.
- $\rightarrow$  Study the partonic structure of the bound nucleons
  - (4 chiral-even GPDs are needed to parametrize their structure).





### **Nuclear Spin-Zero DVCS Observables**

#### The GPD H<sub>A</sub> parametrizes the structure of the spinless nuclei (<sup>4</sup>He,<sup>12</sup>C, ...)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{A}(\xi,t) &= Re(\mathcal{H}_{A}(\xi,t)) - i\pi Im(\mathcal{H}_{A}(\xi,t)) \\ Im(\mathcal{H}_{A}(\xi,t)) &= H_{A}(\xi,\xi,t) - H_{A}(-\xi,\xi,t) \\ Re(\mathcal{H}_{A}(\xi,t)) &= \mathcal{P} \int_{0}^{1} dx [H_{A}(x,\xi,t) - H_{A}(-x,\xi,t)] C^{+}(x,\xi)] \end{aligned}$$
Quark propagator  
$$C^{+}(x,\xi) &= \frac{1}{x-\xi} + \frac{1}{x+\xi} \end{aligned}$$

 $\rightarrow$  Beam-spin asymmetry (A<sub>LU</sub>( $\varphi$ ) : (+/- beam helicity)

$$A_{LU} = \frac{d^4\sigma^+ - d^4\sigma^-}{d^4\sigma^+ + d^4\sigma^-} = \frac{1}{P_B} \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha_0(\phi) \Im m(\mathcal{H}_A)}{\alpha_1(\phi) + \alpha_2(\phi) \Re e(\mathcal{H}_A) + \alpha_3(\phi) \left(\Re e(\mathcal{H}_A)^2 + \Im m(\mathcal{H}_A)^2\right)}$$
  

$$\alpha_0(\phi) = \frac{x_A(1+\varepsilon^2)^2}{y} S_{++}(1) \sin(\phi)$$
  

$$\alpha_1(\phi) = c_0^{BH} + c_1^{BH} \cos(\phi) + c_2^{BH} \cos(2\phi)$$
  

$$\alpha_2(\phi) = \frac{x_A(1+\varepsilon^2)^2}{y} \left(C_{++}(0) + C_{++}(1)\cos(\phi)\right)$$
  

$$\alpha_3(\phi) = \frac{x_A^2 t(1+\varepsilon^2)^2}{y} \mathcal{P}_1(\phi) \mathcal{P}_2(\phi) \cdot 2\frac{2-2y+y^2+\frac{\varepsilon^2}{2}y^2}{1+\varepsilon^2}$$





## **Theoretical Predictions of the EMC in <sup>4</sup>He**

### **On-shell calculations:**

Off-shell calculations:



## **Proton Tomography via DVCS**

- Local fit of all the JLab data – Jlab Hall A ( $\sigma$ ,  $\Delta \sigma$ ) – CLAS ( $\sigma$ ,  $\Delta \sigma$ , ITSA, DSA)
- Enough coverage to explore the t and  $x_B (\rightarrow \xi)$  dependence of  $H_{Im}$ .



- Obtaining the tomography of the proton – Represented is the mean square charge radius of the proton for slices of x. 0.8
- The nucleon size is shrinking with x.

[R. Dupré et al. Phys.Rev. D95 (2017) no.1, 011501]





## **Nuclear DVCS Measurements: HERMES**

- The exclusivity is ensured via cut on the missing mass of  $e\gamma X$  final state configuration.
- Coherent and incoherent separation depending on -t, i.e. coherent rich at small -t.
- Conclusions from HERMES: No nuclear-mass dependence has been observed.

In CLAS - E08-024, we measured EXCLUSIVELY the coherent and incoherent DVCS channels off <sup>4</sup>He

$$A_{LU}^{sin} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \, \sin\phi \, A_{LU}(\phi)$$



[A. Airapetian, et al., Phys Rev. C 81 (2010) 035202]

## CLAS - E08-024 Experimental Setup

### $e^{-4}He \rightarrow e^{-}$ (<sup>4</sup>He/pX) $\gamma$

#### 6 GeV, L. polarized

Beam polarization ( $P_B$ ) = 83%

#### - CLAS:

- $\rightarrow$  Superconducting Torus magnet.
- $\rightarrow$  6 independent sectors:
  - $\rightarrow$  DCs track charged particles.
  - $\rightarrow$  CCs separate e<sup>-</sup>/ $\pi$ <sup>-</sup>.
  - $\rightarrow$  TOF Counters identify hadrons.
  - $\rightarrow$  ECs detect  $\gamma$ , e<sup>-</sup> and n [8°,45°].
- IC: Improves γ detection acceptance [4°,14°].
- **RTPC:** Detects low energy nuclear recoils.
- Solenoid: Shields the detectors from Møller electrons.
  Enables tracking in the RTPC.
- **Target:** <sup>4</sup>He gas @ 6 atm, 293 K



## **Coherent DVCS Selection & Asymmetries**

#### 1. We select **COHERENT** events which have:

 $\diamond$  Events with :

- Only one good electron in CLAS
- At least one high-energy photon ( $E\gamma > 2 \text{ GeV}$ )
- Only one <sup>4</sup>He in RTPC (  $p \sim 250-400 \text{ MeV}$ ).

 $\langle Q^2 > 1$  GeV<sup>2</sup>.

 $\diamond$  Exclusivity cuts.

2.  $\pi^0$  background subtraction based on data and simulation (cont. ~ 2 – 4%)

#### 3. Beam-spin asymmetry:

$$A_{LU} = \frac{d^4 \sigma^+ - d^4 \sigma^-}{d^4 \sigma^+ + d^4 \sigma^-} = \frac{1}{P_B} \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-} \\ = \frac{\alpha_0(\phi) \Im m(\mathcal{H}_A)}{\alpha_1(\phi) + \alpha_2(\phi) \Re e(\mathcal{H}_A) + \alpha_3(\phi) \left(\Re e(\mathcal{H}_A)^2 + \Im m(\mathcal{H}_A)^2\right)}$$

- 2D bins due to limited statistics
- Uncertainities dominated by statictics
- Systematic uncertainities (~ 10 %)
- dominated by exclusivity cuts (~8 %) and large phi bining (~5 %)



# **Coherent A** and CFFs



PRC 72 (2005) 0322011 [HERMES: A. Airapetian, et al., PRC 81, 035202 (2010)]

- $\rightarrow$ Same A<sub>111</sub> sign as HERMES.
- $\rightarrow$ Asymmetries are in agreement with the available models.
- $\rightarrow$ The first ever experimental extraction of the real and the imaginary parts of the <sup>4</sup>He CFF. Compatible with the calculations.
- $\rightarrow$ More precise extraction of Im(H<sub>1</sub>).

CLAS-EG6: M. Hattawy et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 202004 (2017) Convolution-Dual: V. Guzey, PRC 78, 025211 (2008). Convolution-VGG: M. Guidal, M. V. Polyakov, A. V. Radyushkin and M. Vanderhaeghen, PRD 72, 054013 (2005). Off-shell model: J. O. Gonzalez-Hernandez, S. Liuti, G. R. Goldstein and K. Kathuria, PRC 88, no. 6, 065206 (2013)



## **Incoherent DVCS Selection & Asymmetries**

#### 1. We select events which have:

 $\diamond$  Events with :

- Only one good electron in CLAS
- At least one high-energy photon ( $E\gamma > 2 \text{ GeV}$ )
- Only one proton in CLAS.

 $Q^2 > 1$  GeV<sup>2</sup> and W> 2 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

♦ Exclusivity cuts (3 sigmas).



2.  $\pi^0$  background subtraction (contaminations ~ 8 - 11%)

#### 3. Beam-spin asymmetry:

$$A_{LU} = \frac{d^4\sigma^+ - d^4\sigma^-}{d^4\sigma^+ + d^4\sigma^-} = \frac{1}{P_B} \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-}$$

 $A_{LU} \propto \alpha(\phi) \{F_1 H + \xi (F_1 + F_2) \widetilde{H} + \kappa F_2 E\}$ 

• 2D bins due to limited statistics

• Fits in the form:  $\alpha * \sin(\phi)$ 

 $(1+\beta*\cos(\phi))$ 

\* A PRL presenting the incoherent results is under progress.



## **Generalized EMC Ratio**

◊ We comparing our measured coherent/incoherent asymmetries to the asymmetries measured in CLAS DVCS experiment on free proton





#### → **Coherent/proton** is:

Consistent with the enhancement predicted by the Impulse approximation model [V. Guezy et al., PRC 78 (2008) 025211]
Does not match the inclusive measurement of HERMES.

[A. Airapetian, et al., Phys. Rev. C 81, 035202 (2010)]

→ **Incoherent/proton** is supressed compared to both the PWIA and the nuclear spectral function calculations.

[S. Liuti and K. Taneja. PRC 72 (2005) 032201] [V. Guezy et al., PRC 78 (2008) 025211]

## **CLAS12-ALERT Program**

### CLAS–E08-024 experiment:

- 2D binning due to limited statistics
- Limited phase-space.

### CLAS12 experimental apparatus:

- High luminosity & large acceptance.
- Measurements of deeply virtual exclusive, semi-inclusive, and inclusive processes.

### • We proposed to measure with CLAS12:

- Partonic Structure of Light Nuclei.
- Tagged EMC Measurements on Light Nuclei.
- Spectator-Tagged DVCS Off Light Nuclei.
- Other Physics Opportunities.

The momentum threshold of the CLAS12 inner tracker is too high to be used for our measurements.

- Proposed experimental setup:
  - CLAS12 forward detectors.
  - A Low Eenergy Recoil Tracker (ALERT) in place of CLAS12 Central detector (SVT & MVT).
- CLAS12-ALERT setup will allow higher statistics and wider kinematical coverage.



### **ALERT Detector**



- $\rightarrow$ Will detect the trajectory of the low energy nuclear recoils.
  - 8 circular layers of 2mm hexagonal cells.
  - $10^{\circ}$  stereo-angle to give z-resolution.
  - Total of 2600 wires, < 600 kg tension.
  - Maximum drift time  $\sim 250$  ns, will be included in the trigger.
- Two rings of plastic scintillators (Total thickness of 20 mm, SIPMs directly attached):
  - $\rightarrow$  TOF (< 150 ps resolution) and deposited energy measurements.

### → Separate protons, deuterium, tritium, alpha, <sup>3</sup>He

### **ALERT Expected Performance**

- Capabilities for very low momentum detection
  - As low as 70 MeV/c for protons and 240 MeV/c for <sup>4</sup>He
  - Forward and backward detections (25° from the beam).
- Capabilities to handle high rates
  - Small distance between wires leads to short drift time <250 ns (5  $\mu$ s in a similar RTPC)
  - This translates into 20× less accidental hits
  - Will be integrated in the trigger for significantly reduced DAQ rate
- Improved PID
  - Like in the RTPC, we get dE/dx measurment
  - We have more resolution on the curvature due to the large pad size in previous RTPCs
  - TOF information



## Partonic Structure of Light Nuclei (PR12-17-012)

### - Map the fundamental structure of nuclei within the GPD framework

- Compare the quark and gluon 3D structure of the Helium nucleus



**Requested PAC days:** 20 days at  $3x10^{34}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> + 10 days at  $6x10^{34}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> + (5 Com.)

## **Tagged EMC Measurements (PR12-17-012A)**

DIS, with tagged spectator, provides access to new variables and explore links between EMC effect and intranuclear dynamics

### Tagged DIS provides test for:

- FSI models over wide momentum and angle ranges.
- EMC effect models:  $x/Q^2$  scaling.
- d/u ratio changes in nuclear medium.

### • Comparing D to <sup>4</sup>He is particularly interesting:

- It conserves the nucleus isospin symmetry.
- <sup>4</sup>He is a light nuclei with a sizable EMC effect.
- The two rescaling effects are cleanly separated by the comparison between the two nuclei.
- They complement each other in spectator momentum coverage.





## Spectator-Tagged DVCS On Light Nuclei (PR12-17-012B)

- Probe connection between partonic and nucleonic interpretations via DVCS
- Partonic interpretation and in-medium hadron tomography of nucleons
- Study of Off-Forward EMC effect in incoherent DVCS

### Bound-p DVCS:

- Fully detected ep<sup>3</sup>H final state, provides unique opportunity to study FSI, test PWIA, identify kinematics with small/large FSI.
- Bound neutron in <sup>4</sup>He/quasi-free in <sup>2</sup>H:
  - e  ${}^{3}$ He(n) / ep(n) final states (p detection down to ~70 MeV,  ${}^{3}$ He to ~120 MeV).
  - Six-dimensional binning (  $Q^2, x_{_B}, t, \phi, p_{_s}, \theta_{_s}).$
- No additional PAC days





## **Other Physics Opportunities** (PR12-17-012C)

The three main proposals of the ALERT run group is only a fraction of the physics that can be achieved by successfully analyzing the ALERT run group data

### • $\pi^0$ production off <sup>4</sup>He

- Coherent and incoherent production.
- Measure BSA, leading to chiral-odd CFFs.
- Also as a DVCS background.

### Coherent DVCS off D

- Access to new GPDs,  $H_3$ , with relationships to dueteron charge form factors.

### Coherent DVMP off D

- $\pi^0$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\omega$  and  $\rho$  mesons.
- Semi-inclusive reaction p(e,e`p)X
  - Study the  $\pi^0$  cloud of the proton.
- $D(e, e'pp_S)X$ 
  - Study the  $\pi^-$  cloud of the neutron.

### More Physics:

- Helium GPDs beyond the DVCS at leading order and leading twist.
- Tagged nuclear form factors measurements.
- The role of  $\Delta s$  in short-range correlations.
- The role of the final state interaction in hadronization and medium modified fragmentation functions.
- The medium modification of the transverse momentum dependent parton distributions.
- ... and more

## **Conclusions & Perspectives**

Several decades of elastic and DIS experiments on hadrons have provided one-dimensional views of hadrons' structure.

#### **Over a now exploring the 3D structure of nucleons within the GPD framework**

- $\rightarrow$  Fifteen years of successful experiments at JLab.
- $\rightarrow$  Accumulated a wide array of proton data.
- $\rightarrow$  The first tomography was extracted.

#### ♦ The first exclusive measurement of DVCS off <sup>4</sup>He:

- $\rightarrow$  The coherent DVCS shows a stronger asymmetry than the free proton as was expected from theory.
- $\rightarrow$  We performed the first ever model independent extraction of the <sup>4</sup>He CFF.
- $\rightarrow$  We extracted EMC ratios and compared them to theoretical predictions.
- → The bound proton has shown a different trend compared to the free one indicating the medium modifications of the GPDs and opening up new opportunities to study the EMC effect.

#### ♦ **CLAS12-ALERT** will provide wider kinematical coverage and better statistics that will:

- $\rightarrow$  Allow performing <sup>4</sup>He tomography in terms of quarks and gluons.
- $\rightarrow$  Allow comparing the gluon radius to the charge radius.
- $\rightarrow$  Use tagging methods to study EMC effect via DIS measurements.
- $\rightarrow$  Use Tagged-DVCS techniques to study in-medium nucleon interpretations.
- $\rightarrow$  Reinforce EIC physics program by proving their usefulness in the valence region.