#### Nuclear partonic structure from breakup measurements A >= 2



Exploring nuclear effects and neutron structure

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# **Tagging Overview**

## **Deuterium (polarized or not)**

- Study pion and kaon content (TDIS @ JLab)
- Study the unpolarized neutron (Bonus @ JLab)
- Study nuclear effects and SRC (BAND @ JLab)

# Helium-3 (polarized)

- Effective polarized neutron
  - Understudy for JLab and EIC

## Helium-4

- Study bound nucleons (ALERT @ JLab)
- Study of EMC and SRC (ALERT @ JLab)

## **Heavy targets**

- Centrality tagging

# **Tagging Nuclear Reactions**

#### **Tagged processes**

- When we detect nuclear fragments in coincidence
- Mix classic nuclear physics with quark level observables

#### Why tagging?

- To control final state interaction
- To control the initial state
  - Access to the nucleon's virtuality

#### Can we do tagging?

- Done only for deuterium
  - Bonus measurement from CLAS
- Need a recoil detector (fixed target)

 $\rightarrow$  ALERT

Or a forward detector (collider)



# Tagging at JLab with ALERT

## **A Low Energy Recoil Tracker**

- Optimized for low momentum measurement
- Placed in the center of CLAS12 (Hall-B)
- Around a thin gaseous target

# **Composed of**

#### - An hyperbolic drift chamber

• Stereo angles give the z-axis resolution

#### - Scintillators

- For Time-of-Flight measurement
- Energy measurement for good PID



# **ALERT** specifications



#### **Capabilities for very low momentum detection**

- As low as 70 MeV/c for protons and 240 MeV/c for 4He
- Detection at large angles in forward and backward directions (25° from the beam)

#### **Capabilities to handle high rates**

- Luminosity up to 10<sup>35</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>

#### **Excellent PID and resolution**

- Can identify isotopes of light nuclei precisely
- The only way to go beyond A = 2

# **Testing tagging models**



#### Not sexy, but necessary

- First, test that the theory is under control
- CLAS12 + ALERT give a large momentum and angle range to test

#### First test of the process for A>2

- It is key to generalize the method beyond deuterium
- Allows to access higher Fermi momentum and to generalize any finding

## Link EMC effect to nucleon momentum

# **Tagging links EMC to nucleon kinematics**

- Linked to virtuality
- Differentiate mean field from SRC

## Test models and more

- Comparison between deuterium and helium is key
- It unequivocally resolve the link between EMC and nucleon momentum

## **Different nuclei**

- Cover different momentum ranges
- Mean field vs SRC



## Mean field nucleon vs SRC nucleons

 $10^{4}$ 

 $10^{2}$ 

## How to set a limit?

- **Different arguments** can be made
- It will be nuclei dependent

How relevant is this limit?

- Does only momentum or virtuality matters?
- $^{2}\mathrm{H}$  $10^{0}$  $\rho(k)~(fm^3)$  $\rho_p$ 10-2 D-wave  $10^{-4}$ S-wave 10-6 10-8 2 4 8  $k (fm^{-1})$
- Or the nucleon correlation matters as well?
  - If yes in what direction?

#### How can we resolve these questions?

- Tagged processes (A-1 tagging mainly here)
- Generalized parton distributions

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# Other opportunities with tagging



# Tagged DIS gives many other opportunities to test specific EMC models

- In some binding models, the EMC effect is due to the cancellation of much larger effects
- These can be tested with spectator detection

#### Tagged DIS can also be used for flavor selection

- We can test how the d/u ratio changes in the nuclear medium

## **GPDs & Nuclei**

## **Generalizing the parton distributions**

- Three dimensions: x,  $\xi$  and t
- Spin-0 → 1 GPD // Spin-1/2 → 4 GPDs

### **Deep virtual Compton scattering**

- The simplest access to GPDs
- Allows the tomography of the target

#### In the nucleus

- Coherent and incoherent channels
  - Similar to elastic and quasi-elastic

## Perfect probe into the EMC effect

- Offer localization with the t dependence

## **Goes much beyond**

- Can look at the nuclei without the nucleons



## **CLAS Incoherent DVCS**

#### **Measurement of CLAS**

- Proton bound in helium target

## **Gives a generalized EMC**

- Strongly suppressed in particular in the anti-shadowing region
- Strange behavior compared to the models

#### A New kind of EMC effect?

- It could be a nuclear effect
- Or it could be due to final state interactions
  - Can be very complicated in DVCS

#### Can we resolve this with tagging?

- We will try using ALERT



# **Tagged DVCS**

### **Tagging DVCS**

- To better control the reaction
- Both initial and final state are better under control

## **Proposed for JLab 12 GeV**

 Similar method can be used for all sort of processes, quasi-elastic etc.







## **Tagged Neutron DVCS**

## In parallel to Bonus 12

- Start running in two weeks
- Large statistics
  - As efficient as direct neutron detection

# **Unique insight on FSI**







# Tagging at the EIC

#### Kinematics of colliders makes it much simpler

- Allows detection of both proton and neutrons
- As any nucleus with a magnetic rigidity different from the beam
  - Raises questions for A-2 tagging in view of the pn dominance in SRC pairs

#### Allows tagging and polarized target at the same time

- Access to effective target of polarized neutrons

#### Gives access to many body tagging

- For large nuclei, the A-1 contribution becomes small
- Other information can be gathered



# **Tagging in Many Body Systems**

# Centrality measurements are now standard in A-A

- They get more and more evolved
- Also applied in p-A
  - With some caveats

## We need such measurements at EIC

- Else we are dominated by surface events
- Effort to create proper Monte-Carlo tools with Beagle
- Plans to use E665 data from Fermi Lab to calibrate

# Impacts the beam line design

- This is a good time to worry about this





# Workshop in Paris-Saclay (14<sup>th</sup> of Sept. to 23<sup>rd</sup> of Oct.)

## Six weeks focused on tagging (INT style long workshop)

- Exploring QCD with Tagged Processes

#### Different focus each week

- Many body tagging, hadronization and measuring centrality in AA, pA and eA
- Experimental progress on tagged processes, in fixed target and collider settings
- Tagging light nuclei to understand nuclear effects
- Tagging light nuclei to access pion, kaon and neutron structure
- The future of tagging in fixed and collider kinematics
- Treating final state interactions in tagged processes

Each week starts with long review talk from an expert of the field

- Aimed at students, postdocs and people new to the domain

#### Support available

- Local expenses for attendees, including PhD students
- Contact us: W. Cosyn, R. Dupre, C. Keppel, M. Sargsian

https://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/fr/exploring-qcd-with-tagged-processes

## Summary

# We do not understand the link between the nucleon and quark structure of nuclei

- We need new observables to resolve this issue

# **Tagged process offer clean new observables**

- To help understand the EMC effect
- And many other features of the nucleus

# **EIC will extend these studies much more**

- Simplify tagging with proper instrumentation
- Tagging will be the tool of choice for centrality estimation

# Come in the Fall discuss all these at Univ. Paris-Saclay

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