Nucleon Form Factors and the Nuclear Medium



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What do we know about their internal structure?



Mass: ~ 940 MeV, but u- and d-quark mass only a few MeV each!

 $1 \text{ MeV} = 1.602 \text{ x } 10^{-13} \text{ J}$

Charge: proton, +1; neutron, 0 Magnetic moment: large part is anomalous, > 150%! Spin-1/2: but total quark spin contributes only ~ 30%!

Sum of the parts is not equal to the whole!

Proton FFs Including JLab Data



cross-section data: open circles polarization data: filled circles



Neutron FFs Including JLab Data

G_{En} and $G_{Mn}/\mu \sim G_D$



Requires the use of light nuclei such as the deuteron and ³He



Quark Flavor Decomposition



 General Parton Distribution (GPD) models are constrained by nucleon form factors:

$$F_{1,2}^{p} = \frac{2}{3}F_{1,2}^{u} - \frac{1}{3}F_{1,2}^{d}$$
$$F_{1,2}^{n} = -\frac{1}{3}F_{1,2}^{u} + \frac{2}{3}F_{1,2}^{d}$$

- High Q² for Gⁿ_E data allows for quark decomposition
- Lattice QCD is better suited for isovector FF

Lattice: Bratt et al., arXiv: 1001.3620, $m_{\pi} = 140 \text{ MeV}$



JLab 12 GeV Upgrade

- JLab's 12 GeV upgrade is currently in the construction phase
- Hall D will be added
- The three current experimental halls are being upgraded
- Several new experiments are already approved to run after the 12-GeV upgrade with 6 approved form factor experiments





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- E12-09-016 (GEn II): polarized ³He(e,e'n) using SBS, ratio G_{En}/G_{Mn}
- E12-11-009: D(e,e'n) using recoil polarimetry in Hall C to measure ratio G_{En}/G_{Mn}

Motivations to Study FFs

- Form factors are a fundamental property of the nucleon
- > Are not yet calculable from first principles

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- Provide excellent testing ground for QCD and QCD-inspired models
- Gives constraints on models of nucleon structure
- Electromagnetic form factors of the proton were thought to be well understood prior to Jefferson Lab data:
 - At high Q², discovery of significant difference between techniques
 - Proton radius puzzle at low Q²; experiments at JLab and PSI (MUSE) continue the investigation

Questions to Ponder

- Do protons and neutrons behave differently inside a nucleus?
- 2) Do nucleons form pairs inside the nucleus?
- 3) What can we learn from correlated pairs of protons and neutrons?





Periodic Table of Elements



Protons, neutrons, and electrons seem like our fundamental particles.



Nucleons in the Nucleus

- How do free nucleons differ from those in nuclei?
- Does the interplay between the attractive long-range and repulsive short- range components of the nucleonnucleon (N-N) potential force cause some of the nucleons inside the nucleus to form pairs?
- Do the pairs favor a particular combination of nucleons:

proton-proton, neutron-neutron or proton-neutron?



Tools of the Trade



Target: nucleus such as helium, carbon or lead



A(e,e'p)A-1 Kinematics



Electron Scattering at Fixed Q²



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Simple Theory Of Nucleon Knock-out

Plane Wave Impulse Approximation (PWIA)



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Spectral Function

In nonrelativistic PWIA:



Reaction Mechanisms in (e,e'p)

A more accurate description of the (e,e'p) reaction includes:

- Final-State Interactions: Interactions of the extracted proton with the residual nucleus.
- Coulomb Distortion and Internal Radiative Corrections: The momentum of the electrons at the reaction point is different to their asymptotic measured values.
- External Effects (From atomic interactions in the target): Energy Loss, External Radiative Corrections, Straggling, Proton Absorption.
- Meson Exchange Currents (MEC)
- Intermediate excited nucleonic configurations: e.g. Delta-isobar contributions



Reaction Mechanisms

Example: Final State Interactions (FSI)



Improve Theory

Distorted Wave Impulse Approximation (DWIA)

This is modeled by an optical potential from elastic (p,p) data. Proton is described by Distorted Waves.

$$\frac{d^{6}\sigma}{d\Omega_{e}d\Omega_{p}dpd\omega} = K \sigma_{ep} S^{D}(p_{m},\varepsilon_{m},p)$$
"Distorted" spectral function

DWIA: If the struck nucleon re-interacts with the rest of the nucleus, then the cross section still factorizes (mostly) but we measure a distorted spectral function.



Classic Result from (e,e'p) Measurements

L. Lapikas, Nucl. Phys. A553 (1993) 297.

Independent-Particle Shell-Model is based upon the assumption that each nucleon moves independently in an average potential (mean field) induced by the surrounding nucleons

The (e,e'p) data for knockout of valence and deeply bound orbits in nuclei gives spectroscopic factors that are 60 - 70% of the mean field prediction.

Solution: Correlations Between Nucleons Long-range (> 2 fm) and short-range (< 1 fm)





Short-Range Correlations



SRC depletes states below the Fermi sea and makes the states above this level partially occupied.





Short-Range Correlations



Single nucleon knock-out

Correlated pair knock-out



Realistic Momentum Distribution

- What fraction of the momentum distribution is due to 2N-SRC?
- What is the relative momentum between the nucleons in the pair?
- What is the ratio of pp to pn pairs?
- Are these nucleons different from free nucleons (e.g. size)?

BUT other effects such as Final State Rescattering have masked the signal in the past.

To observe the effects of correlations one must probe beyond the Fermi level :

P_{min}> 275 MeV/c

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O. Benhar et al., Phys. Lett. B 177 (1986) 135.



Calculation of Nucleon Initial Momentum



Inclusive Scattering at Large x_B

- Define y as the x_B -value at which the minimum p_{miss} exceeds k_F SRC model predicts:
- Scaling for $x_B > y$ and $Q^2 > 1.5$ GeV²
- No scaling for $Q^2 < 1 \text{ GeV}^2$
- In scaling regime ratio Q²independent and only weakly Adependent
- Glauber Approximation predicts:
- No scaling for $x^{}_{\rm B} < 2$ and $Q^2 > 1$ GeV^2
- Nuclear ratios should vary with A and Q²





SRC Signature from Inclusive Measurements

Inclusive Cross Section involving SRC:

> k > k_F for x_B > 1.3, so QE electron-nucleus scattering probes SRC:

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

 \succ a_j(A): the probability of a nucleon in a jN-SRC

- > $\sigma_j(A)$: the cross section of an electron scattering off a nucleon in a jN-SRC
- Ratios:

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➤ a_2 and a_3 are independent of x_B and Q^2 , and only depend on A → Scaling plateau

2N-SRC $(1.3 < x_B < 2)$

$$a_2(A,D) = \frac{2}{A} \frac{\sigma_A(x,Q^2)}{\sigma_D(x,Q^2)},$$

 $3\text{N-SRC} (2 < \text{x}_{\text{B}} < 3)$ $a_3(A, {}^3\text{He}) = K \cdot \frac{3\sigma_A}{A\sigma_{3}}$

³He(e,e'p)d and ³He(e,e'p)np

F. Benmokhtar et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 95 (2004) 082305.





Hall B (CLAS) D(e,e'p)n, x<1 Data

K. Sh. Egiyan et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 98 (2007) 262502.



Black Paris Potential Red AV-18 Potential

From Lowest To Highest PWIA PWIA+FSI PWIA+FSI+MEC+NΔ

CLAS A(e,e') Data

K. Sh. Egiyan et al., Phys. Rev. C 68 (2003) 014313.

Originally done with SLAC data by D.B. Day et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 59 (1987) 427.

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\omega} > 1.5$$
 and $Q^2 > 1.4 [GeV/c]^2$
then
 $r(A,^{3}He) = a_{2n}(A)/a_{2n}(^{3}He)$

The observed *scaling* means that the electrons probe the high-momentum nucleons in the 2N-SRC phase, and the scaling factors determine the pernucleon probability of the 2N-SRC phase in nuclei with A>3 relative to ³He

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Results From JLab Hall-C

N. Fomin et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 108 (2012) 092502.



Estimate of ¹²C Two-Nucleon SRC

Scaling onset corresponds to $P_{\min} \approx 275 \text{ MeV/c}$ $\int_{0}^{\infty} n_d(k) k^2 dk = 100\% \implies \int_{P_{\min}}^{\infty} n_d(k) k^2 dk = 4\%$

- K. Egiyan *et al*. related the known correlations in deuterium and previous r(³He,D) results to find:
- ¹²C, 20% of nucleons are in a 2-N SRC

 $a_2(^{3}He) = 1.7 \pm 0.3$ $a_2(^{4}He) = 3.3 \pm 0.5$ $a_2(^{12}C) = 5.0 \pm 0.5$ $a_2(^{27}Al) = 5.3 \pm 0.6$ $a_2(^{56}Fe) = 5.2 \pm 0.9$ $a_2(^{197}Au) = 4.8 \pm 0.7$

K. Sh. Egiyan et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 96 (2006) 082501



Results on ¹²C From the (e,e') and (e,e'p)

- 80 +/- 5% single particles moving in an average potential
 - 60 70% independent single particle in a shell model potential
 - 10 20% shell model long range correlations
- 20 +/- 5% two-nucleon short-range correlations
 - No Q² Dependence Of Ratio Magnitude Q²: 1 to 4 GeV to few percent
 - Plateaus Start When Minimum Missing Momentum > Fermi Momentum



Customized (e,e'pN) Measurement

To study nucleon pairs at close proximity and their contributions to the large momentum tail of nucleons in nuclei.

A pair with "large" relative momentum between the nucleons and small center of mass momentum relative to the Fermi-sea level:

~ 275 MeV/c





Suppression of Non-SRC Two Body Effects



- High Q^2 to minimize MEC (1/ Q^2) and FSI
- x>1 to suppress isobar contributions

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Experimental Hall A





Experimental Hall A



- Hall A's two High resolution Spectrometers can detect scattered electrons with momentum up 4 GeV/c with a resolution of 10⁻⁴.
- Can detect particles scattered from 6° to 120°.
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Add BigBite and Neutron Detector



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HAND

- Hall A Neutron Detector
- First Neutron Detector in Hall A
- Measuring D(e,e'p) and detecting the neutron, the detector was tested and calibrated.



77 72 75 70 74 73 78 69

(e,e'p) & (e,e'pp) Data

• ¹²C(e,e'p)

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- Quasi-Elastic Shaded In Blue
- Resonance Even at x_B>1

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R. Shneor et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 99 (2007) 072501.

Brookhaven EVA Collaboration Result

Correlated Pair Factions from ¹²C

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- > 80 +/- 5% single particles moving in an average potential
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 - 18% np pairs
 - 1% pp pairs
 - 1% nn pairs (from isospin symmetry)

Importance of Tensor Correlations

- R. Schiavilla et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 98 (2007) 132501. [shown above]
- M. Sargsian et al., Phys. Rev. C (2005) 044615.
- M. Alvioli, C. Ciofi degli Atti, and H. Morita, Phys. Rev. Lett. 100 (2008) 162503.

