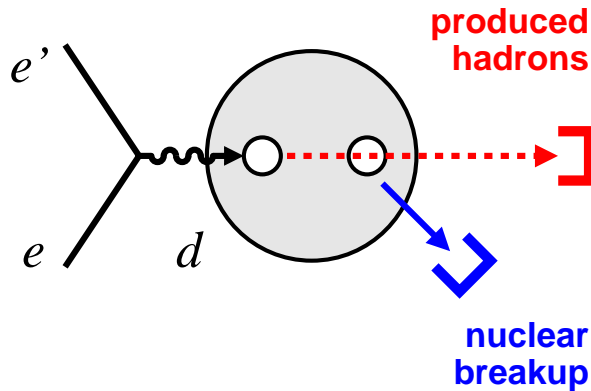


Final-state interactions in tagged deuteron DIS

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- Tagged deuteron DIS

Applications

Theoretical description

Light-front nuclear structure

Impulse approximation and final-state interactions

- Final-state interactions

DIS $x \gtrsim 0.1$: Hadrons from nucleon fragmentation

DIS $x \ll 0.1$: Diffraction and coherence

Finite W, Q^2 : Resonance production

- Extensions

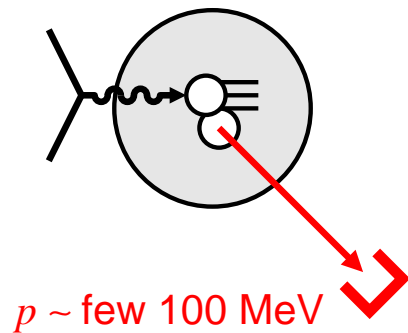
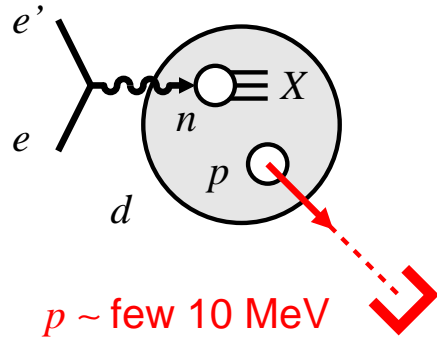
Polarized deuteron, exclusive processes, $A > 2$

FSI mechanisms change with x, Q^2 :
JLab, EIC

Critical for initial-state studies:
SRC, EMC effect, diffraction

Connected with target fragmentation,
hadronization dynamics, transparency

Tagging: Applications



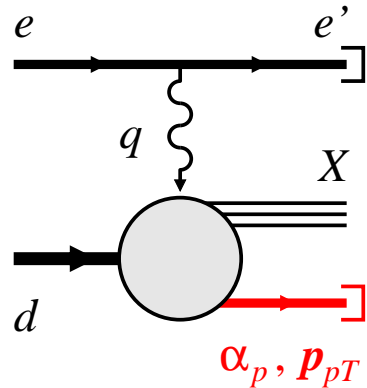
- Neutron structure extraction
Tagged momenta $p \sim \text{few } 10 \text{ MeV}$
Free neutron from on-shell extrapolation
- Nuclear interactions: EMC effect, SRCs
Tagged momenta $p \sim \text{few } 100 \text{ MeV}$
Configuration dependence of EMC effect
- Coherent phenomena in QCD at small x
Nuclear shadowing in $A = 2$ system

Tagged inclusive scattering (DIS)
 $e + d \rightarrow e' + X + p(n)$

Also exclusive processes, e.g.
 $e + d \rightarrow e' + M + p + n$

Idea: Use spectator momentum to control nuclear configuration during high-energy process

Tagging: Cross section and observables

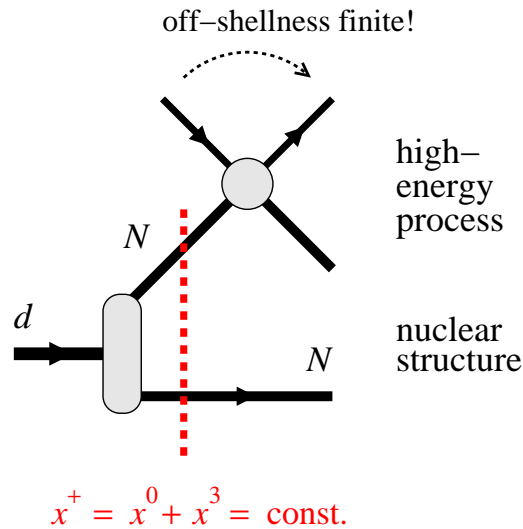


$$\frac{d\sigma}{dx dQ^2 (d^3p_p/E_p)} = [\text{flux}] \left[F_{Td}(x, Q^2; \alpha_p, \mathbf{p}_{pT}) + \epsilon F_{Ld}(\dots) \right. \\ \left. + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \cos \phi_p F_{LT,d}(\dots) + \epsilon \cos(2\phi_p) F_{TT,d}(\dots) \right. \\ \left. + \text{spin-dependent structures} \right]$$

→ Talk Cosyn

- Semi-inclusive DIS cross section $e + d \rightarrow e' + X + p$
- Tagged proton momentum described by LF components $p_p^+ = \alpha_p p_d^+ / 2$, \mathbf{p}_{pT} , simply related to $\mathbf{p}_p(\text{restframe})$
- Special case of target fragmentation: QCD factorization, leading-twist
Trentadue, Veneziano 93; Collins 97
- No a-priori assumptions re composite nuclear structure, $A = \sum N$, etc.

Tagging: Theoretical description



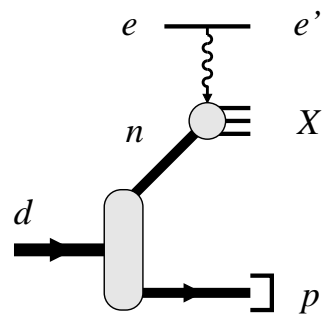
- Light-front quantization

Nuclear structure described at fixed light-front time $x^+ = x^0 + x^3 = \text{const.}$

Off-shellness of nucleon scattering process remains finite in high-energy limit, permits matching with on-shell nucleon amplitudes [Frankfurt, Strikman 80's](#)

Deuteron LF wave function $x^+ \langle pn | d \rangle = \Psi(\alpha_p, \mathbf{p}_{pT})$

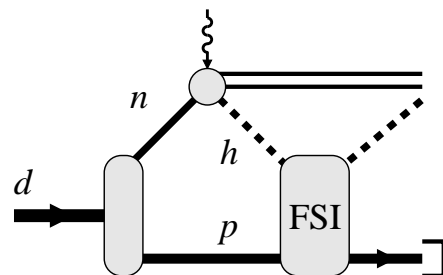
Low-energy nuclear structure \leftrightarrow non-relativistic theory



- Composite description

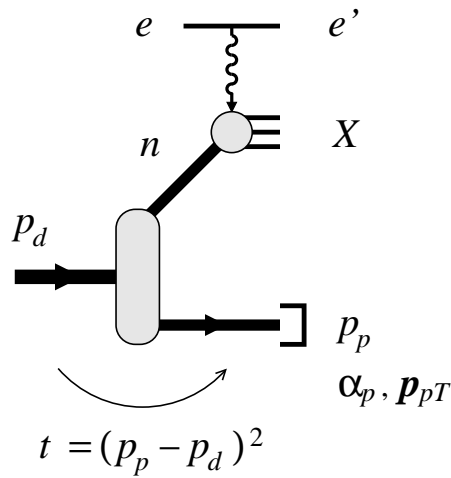
Impulse approximation IA: DIS final state and spectator nucleon evolve independently

Final-state interactions: Part of DIS final state interacts with spectator, transfers momentum



Idea: Use tagged momentum as variable to control nuclear binding, minimize/maximize FSI

Tagging: Free neutron structure



- Nucleon pole in deuteron wave function
Configurations with size $\rightarrow \infty$, nucleons free
Contained in IA spectral function

- Free neutron from pole extrapolation

Measure tagged cross section at physical $p_{pT}^2 > 0$ and fixed α_p

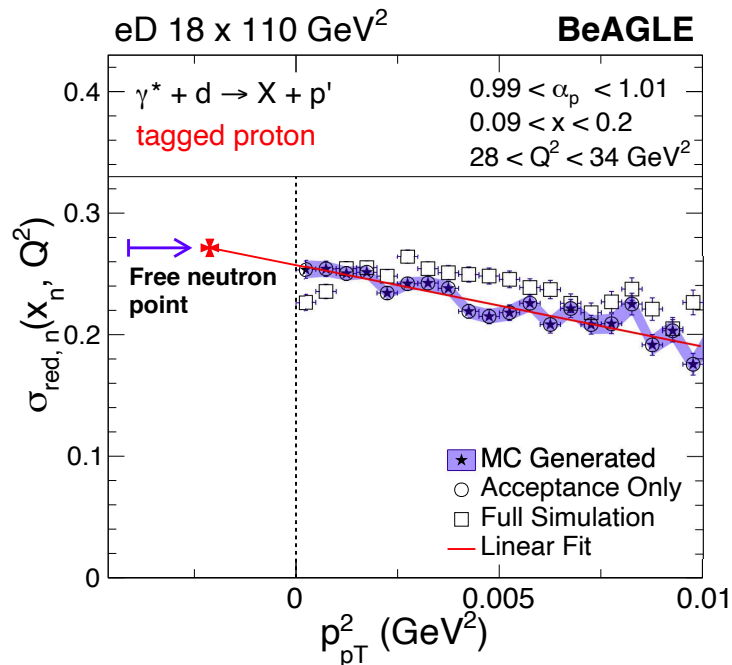
Extrapolate to pole $p_{pT}^2 = -a_T^2 < 0$, corresponding to $t - m^2 = 0$

Eliminates nuclear binding effects and FSI
[Sargsian, Strikman 05](#)

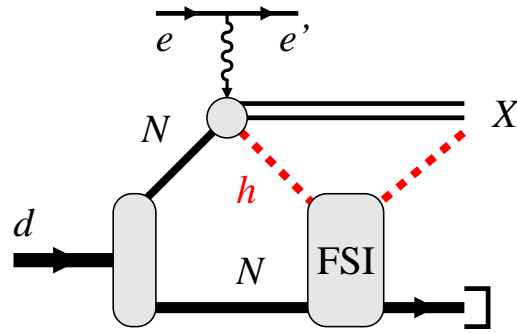
Extension to polarized DIS \rightarrow [Talk Cosyn](#)

- EIC simulations

Far-forward detection of protons/neutrons



Simulation of proton/neutron tagging and pole extrapolation with EIC far-forward detectors. Jentsch, Tu, Weiss 2108.08314



- Final state of DIS process can interact with spectator

Changes observed nucleon distribution in tagging

No effect on total cross section – closure

What states are produced in DIS process?
 How do they interact with spectator?
 Depends on kinematic regime

- Physical pictures of FSI

DIS, $x \gtrsim 0.1$

h = target fragmentation hadrons
 on-shell rescattering

Ciofi degli Atti, Kaptari, Kopeliovich 2004-
 Strikman CW 2018 ←

DIS, $x \ll 0.1$

h = diffractive nucleons
 QM rescattering, orthogonality

Guzey, Strikman, CW; in progress

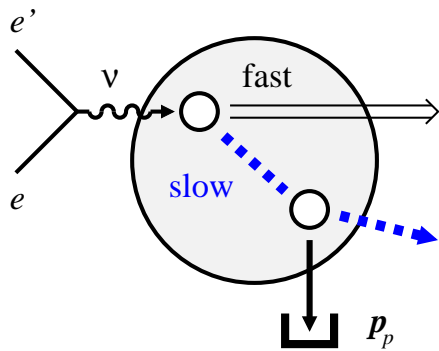
Finite W , Q^2
 resonance region

$$X = \sum N^*$$

Sargsian, Strikman 2006

Cosyn, Sargsian, Melnitchouk 2011-

FSI: Tagged DIS at $x \gtrsim 0.1$



- Space-time picture in nuclear rest frame
[Strikman, CW, PRC97 \(2018\) 035209](#)

DIS limit $\nu \gg$ hadronic scale, Q^2/ν fixed,
large phase space for hadron production

- Nucleon DIS final state has two components [current and target jet]

“Fast” $E_h = O(\nu)$

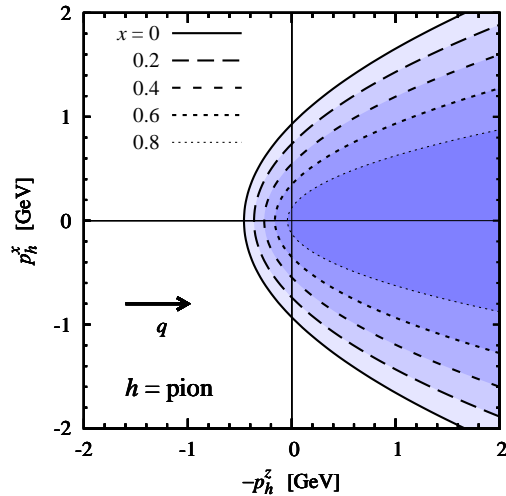
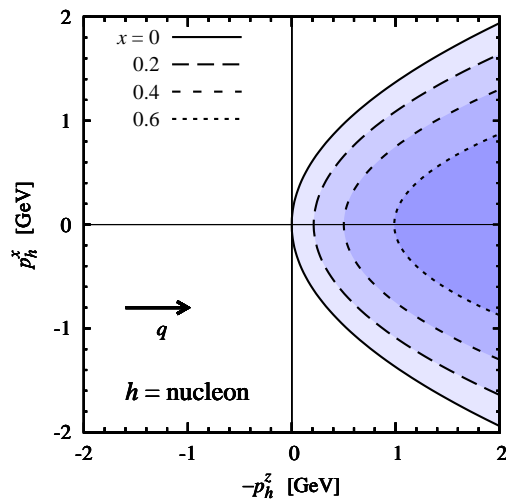
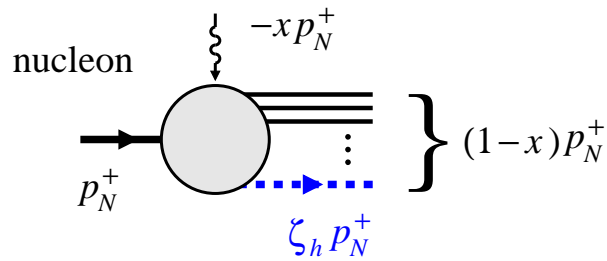
hadrons formed outside nucleus
interact weakly with spectators

“Slow” $E_h = O(\mu_{\text{had}}) \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$

formed inside nucleus
interacts with hadronic cross section
dominant source of FSI ←

- Respects QCD factorization for target fragmentation
[Trentadue, Veneziano 1993; Collins 1997](#)

FSI only modifies soft breakup of target, no long-range rapidity correlations



- Kinematic variables

ζ_h, \mathbf{p}_{hT} hadron LC momentum

Slow hadrons in rest frame have $\zeta_h \sim 1$

$\zeta_h < 1 - x$ kinematic limit

$\zeta_h / (1 - x) \approx -x_F$ relation to Feynman var

- Momentum distribution in rest frame

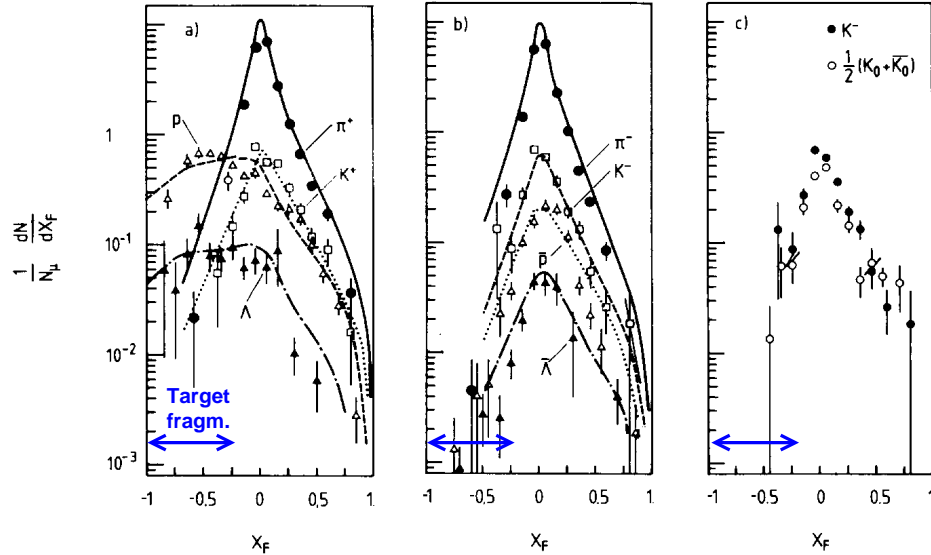
Constrained by LC momentum conservation

Cone opening in virtual photon direction q

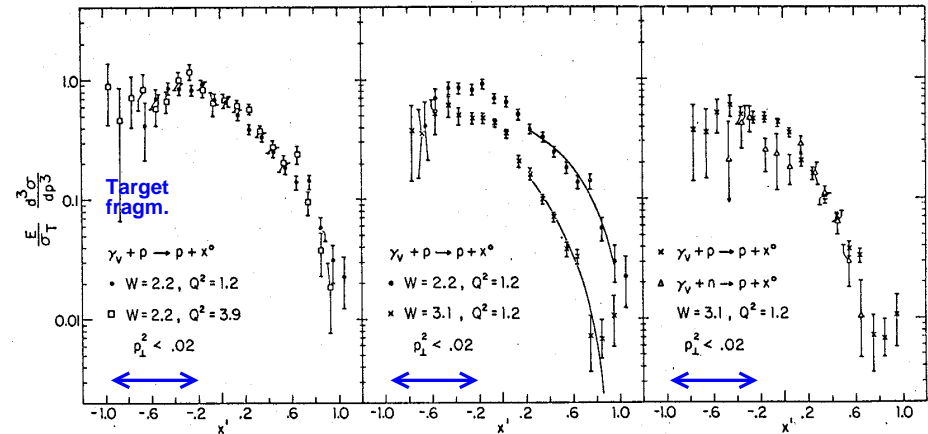
$h = \text{nucleon}$: \mathbf{p}_h forward, grows for $x \rightarrow 1$

$h = \text{pion}$: \mathbf{p}_h forward or backward

EMC hadron xF distributions. Phys Lett B 150 (1986) 458



Cornell proton distributions in DIS. Hanson 1976



- Measurements of target fragmentation ($x_F < 0$)

EMC μp 1986 $x > 0.02$: x_F distributions of $p, \bar{p}, \pi^\pm, K^\pm, \Lambda$

HERA ep 2009/2014 $x < 0.01$: x_F distributions of p, n

Cornell ep 1975 $x > 0.1$: Momentum distributions of p, π

Neutrino DIS: FNAL-E-0031 1977, CERN-WA-021 1981

- JLab12 and EIC should measure target fragmentation

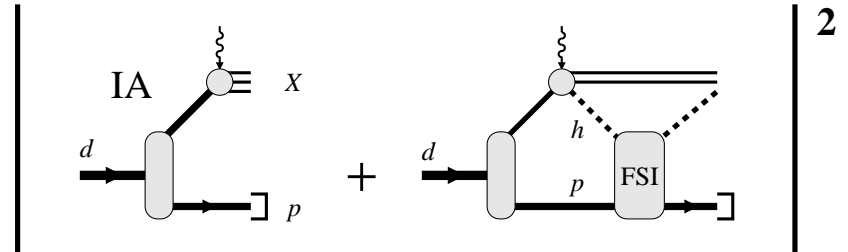
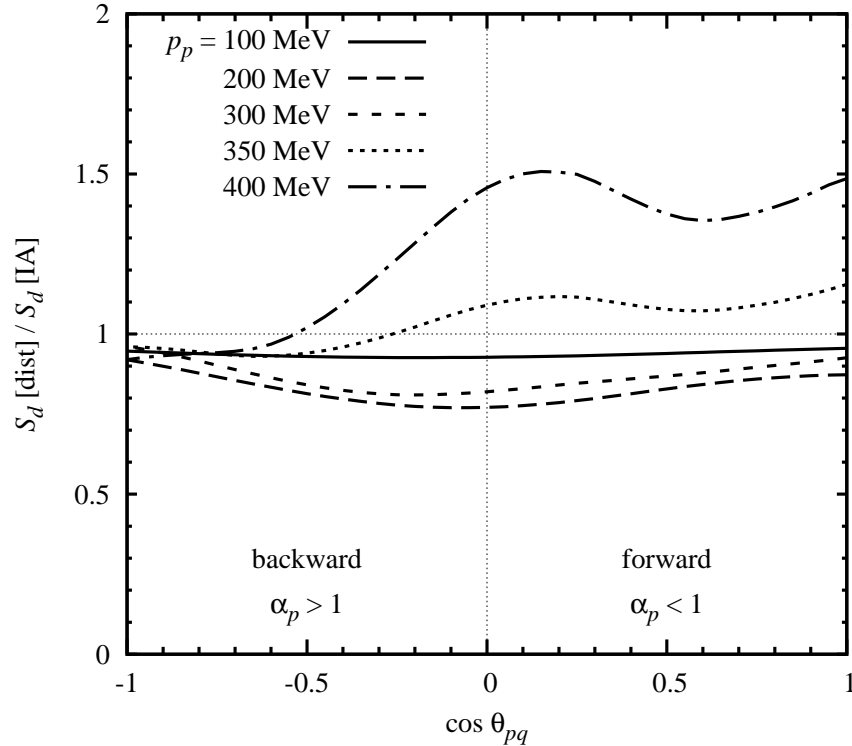
→ Talk Strikman

Spin/ flavor dependence? Kinematic dependences?

Interesting nucleon structure physics + necessary input for nuclear FSI!

Workshop "Target Fragmentation Physics with EIC," CFNS Stony Brook, 28-30 Sep 2020 [Webpage].

EIC Yellow Report arXiv:2103.05419



- Quantum-mechanical description: Interference, absorption
[Strikman, CW, PRC97 \(2018\) 035209](#)

- Momentum and angle dependence in rest frame

$$p_p < 300 \text{ MeV}$$

IA \times FSI interference, absorptive, weak angular dependence

$$p_p > 300 \text{ MeV}$$

$|FSI|^2$, refractive, strong angular dependence

- FSI vanishes at nucleon pole $t - m^2 \rightarrow 0$; pole extrapolation feasible

- FSI at backward angles

Present calculation includes only FSI from $h =$ nucleons in DIS final state

FSI from pions?

- FSI at $x \rightarrow 1$

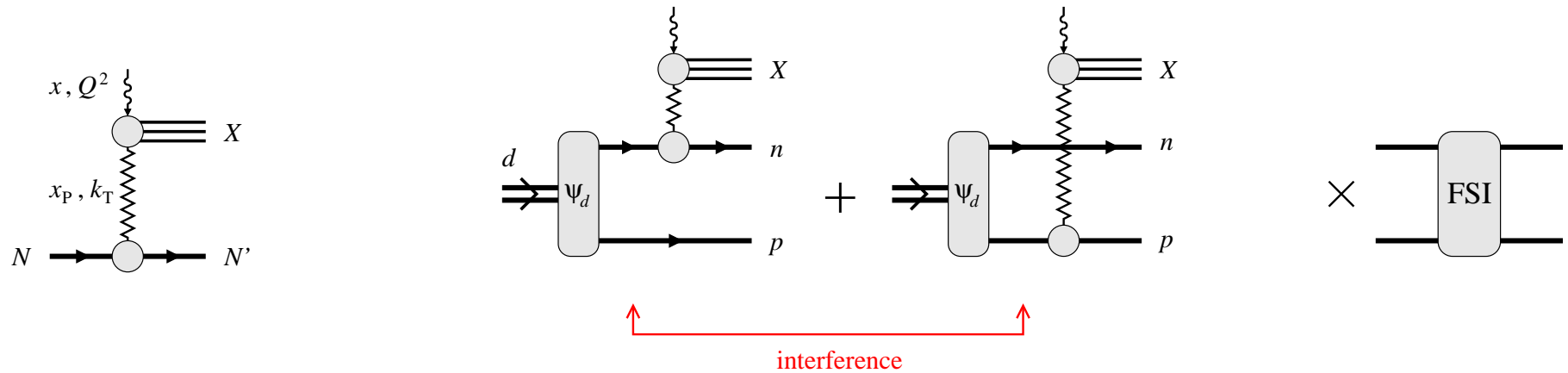
Depletion of slow hadrons in nucleon fragmentation

Absence of FSI?

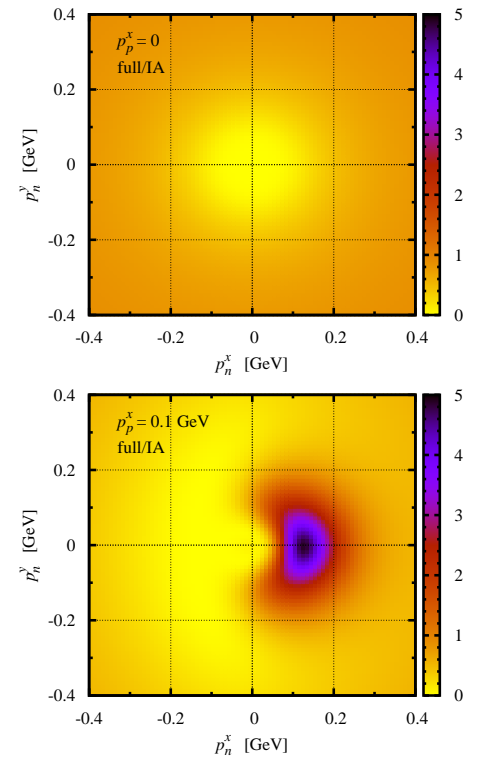
FSI: Finite W, Q^2 regime

- Calculations based on picture of resonance production
[Cosyn, Sargisan 2011+](#); [Cosyn, Sargsian, Melnitchouk 2014](#)
- Questions: Connection with DIS regime of fast \leftrightarrow slow hadrons?
Subasymptotic corrections? Coherence and color transparency?

FSI: Diffractive DIS at small x



- Diffractive scattering: Nucleon remains intact, recoils with $k \sim \text{few } 100 \text{ MeV}$ (rest frame)
- Shadowing: QM interference of diffractive scattering on neutron or proton
Observed in inclusive nuclear scattering
- Final-state interactions
 - Low-momentum pn system with $S = 1, I = 0$
 - pn breakup state must be orthogonal to d bound state
 - Large distortion, qualitative deviations from IA
 - Guzey, Strikman, CW; in progress



- Tagged DIS with polarized deuteron

Tagging controls S/D wave ratio: Vector and tensor polarized observables → [Talk Cosyn Frankfurt, Strikman 1983; Cosyn, Weiss, PLB799 \(2019\) 135035; Phys.Rev.C 102 \(2020\) 065204](#)

Spin-dependence in hadron production and FSI?

T-odd structures in ϕ_p dependence proportional to FSI, can serve as test

- Tagged exclusive processes

Meson production or DVCS on neutron

“Know” forward-going hadron: Simpler FSI calculations, test picture/models

- Tagging with nuclei $A > 2$

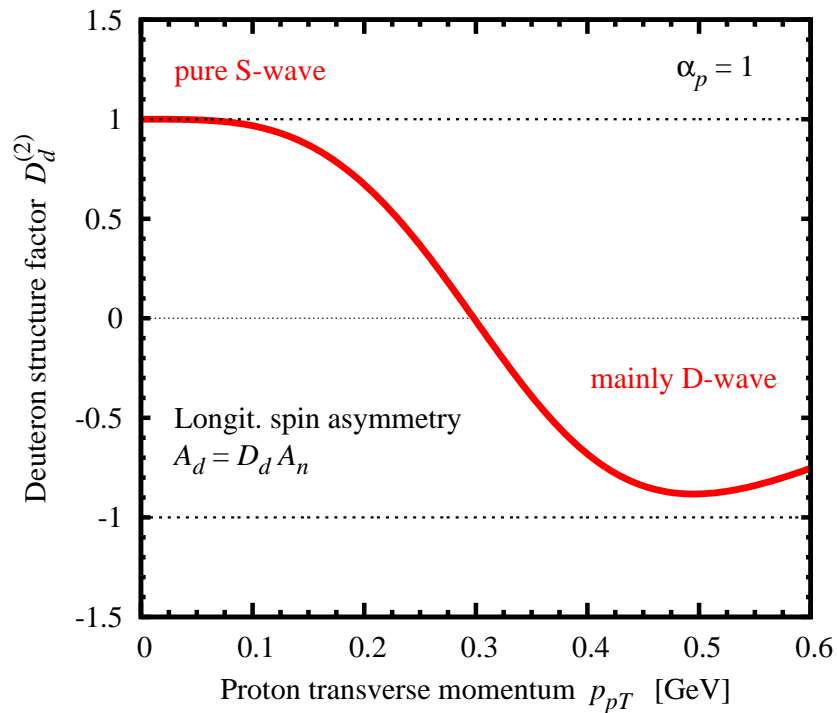
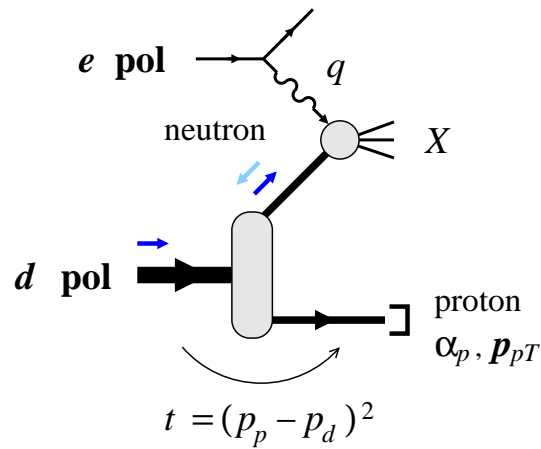
Much more complex: Wave function overlap in IA, multiple trajectories in FSI

Requires input from low-energy nuclear structure

[Workshop “Polarized light ion physics with EIC”, 5-9 Feb 2018, Ghent \[Webpage\].](#)
[Emerging collaboration with low-energy nuclear structure community](#)

- Tagged DIS on deuteron permits control of nuclear configuration during high-energy process and differential treatment of nuclear effects
- Free neutron structure can be extracted model-independently using pole extrapolation, not affected by FSI
- FSI in tagged DIS at $x \gtrsim 0.1$
 - Induced by “slow” hadrons from target fragmentation of active nucleon
 - Need experimental data on target fragmentation in DIS, x_F distributions
 - FSI effects are $O(1)$ for at $p(\text{tagged}) \sim \text{few } 100 \text{ MeV}$
- FSI in diffractive DIS at $x \ll 0.1$
 - Large effects, qualitative changes to IA at $p_T \rightarrow 0$
- Exciting prospects for programs at JLab12, EIC, J-PARC

Supplementary material



- Nuclear binding: Neutron polarization?
S + D waves, depolarization

- Control neutron polarization

Measure tagged spin asymmetries

D-wave drops out at $p_{pT} = 0$:
Pure S-wave, neutron 100% polarized

$[|p_{pT}| \approx 400 \text{ MeV: D-wave dominates}]$

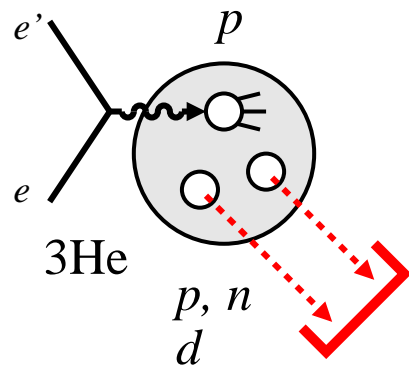
- Free neutron spin structure

On-shell extrapolation of asymmetry

- EIC simulations

Possible with int lumi \sim few 10 fb^{-1}

Extensions: Tagging with nuclei $A > 2$



- Potential applications

Isospin dependence neutron \leftrightarrow proton

Universality of bound nucleon structure

- Simplest example: $A-1$ ground state recoil

$^3\text{He} (e, e' d) X$, including polarization

[Ciofi, Kaptari, Scopetta 99](#); [Kaptari et al. 2014](#); [Milner et al. 2018](#)

Bound proton \leftrightarrow free proton structure

- Nuclear breakup much more complex than $A=2$

IA: Wave function overlap, large amplitude factors

FSI: Multiple trajectories

Requires new nuclear structure input:

Light-front spectral functions, decay functions, FSI

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