Short-Range Correlations and the Quarks Within

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Short-Range Correlations (SRC)



Nucleon pairs that are close together in the nucleus





high *relative* and low *c.m.* momentum compared to k_F

<u>r-space</u>

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Why SRC?

Required for a high-resolution, first principle, description of nuclear systems & processes.

NN interaction from QCD & QCD in nuclei



High-density systems



High-q processes (e.g. $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay)



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p_{miss} [GeV/c]



Looking For Correlations





Wiringa, PRC (2014); Carlson, RMP (2015); ...







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Jefferson-Lab National Accelerator Facility

- Virginia, USA.
- Electron beam. [12 GeV; ~80 uA; polarized]
- 4 experimental halls.
- Approved program for coming decade; Leading to EIC.



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Low Pair C.M. Motion





Cohen, PRL (2018).

Consistent \w combining two mean-field nucleons





np pairs predominate



Duer, PRL (2019); Duer, Nature (2018); Hen, Science (2014); Korover, PRL (2014); Subedi, Science (2008); Shneor, PRL (2007); Piasetzky, PRL (2006); Tang, PRL (2003); <u>Review:</u> Hen RMP (2017);





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correlate with each other?

correlate with core protons?

Proton vs. Neutron Knockout M. Duer ELECTRON INCIDENT **ELECTRON** TARGET **NUCLEUS NEUTRON** DRIFT **CHAMBERS** PROTON **CHERENKOV COUNTER** TIME OF FLIGHT **ELECTROMAGNETIC** CALORIMETER

Same # of high-momentum p & n



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Correlation Probability: Neutrons saturate Protons grow





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Protons 'Speed-Up' In Neutron-Rich Nuclei



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Many-Body System

Short-Ranged Interaction



Probing the NN Interaction

- Measure one- and two-nucleon knockout cross-sections.
- Compare with calculations using different NN interactions.
- See which one works best

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What's needed?

• Data

 Ab-initio cross-section calculations

First high-Q² A=3 Studies



Cruz Torres and Nguyen et al., arXiv 2001.07230 (2020)

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High-Momenta => Pairs Spectral Functions



Pairs \Leftrightarrow Scale Separation



SRCs from Quantum Monte-Carlo (QMC):

Pair Distance Distributions





Many Body = Constant x Two-Body





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Scale & Scheme Independence Momentum–Position Equivalence





Scale Separation



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Experiments usually correct data for detector acceptance and reaction mechanism effect before comparing with theory.

Instead, we bring theory to data!

[theory based simulation forms 'pseudo-data' that is overlaid on exp-data]










Nucleon Distributions Sensitivity





Schmidt et al., Nature (2020)

Relativistic Effects: Light-Cone Formalism (Frankfurt & Strikman)



Schmidt et al., Nature (2020)

Spectral function Sensitivity





pn data completes the picture!

Korover et al. (2020)



pn consistent with theory!



Korover et al. (2020)

Observation of scalar core



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+ Allow probing NN interaction up to 1 GeV/c.



Generalization of the Atomic Contact Formalism



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While two body interactions can differ....



... Many tools can be shared



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Dimensionless Interaction Strength

No accident...

Contacts are low-energy objects, governed by mean-field dynamics => <u>consistency \w atomic results not surprising</u>!







A Tale of Scale Separation & Confinement







EMC Effect:

1.2Original 1.1**Expectation** Iron / Deuterium 1 Structure Function 0.9**Experimental** 0.8**Observation** 0.70.60.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 0 X_B

Aubert et al., PLB (<u>1983</u>); Ashman et al., PLB (1988); Arneodo et al., PLB (1988); Allasia et al., PLB (1990); Gomez et al., PRD (1994); Seely et al., PRL (2009); Schmookler et al., Nature (<u>2019</u>)

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Effect driven by nuclear structure & dynamics







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E.P. Segarra et al., arXiv: 1908.02223 (2019)

SRC quark-gluon structure
















CLAS12 + BAND



- BAND Beam 355nm Laser picosecond pulsed 2 Fiber Mode Scrambler Mechanical Distribution (SM to MM) Photodiode Attenuator System **1**0 90-10 Splitter 1-10-4 90 BAND **/ariable** Optic Attenuator
- 140 scintillator bars
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BAND @ JLab Hall B







CLAS12+BAND: DIS \w Tagged Neutrons!!



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(1) Atomic nuclei have 2 'phases'



(2) Correlated phase significant across scales













'Our' SRC World



+ Many Theory Collaborators: UW, PSU, HUJI, LANL, ANL, Gent, FIU, Perugia, Pisa, ...

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