## Probing QCD in Nuclei -From Jefferson Lab to the EIC

Or Hen (MIT)

Hen Lab

Science @

Symposium on QCD and Nuclei, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### Correlations & Hadron structure @ JLab



### Neutrino-Nucleus Interactions @ FNAL & JLab



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Nature (2021) PRD (2021) PRL (2020) EPJC (2019)



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# Understanding nuclei



- Most of the visible mass in the universe.
  - Only ~9% of nucleon mass due to quark mass
  - Rest dynamically generated by quark-gluon interactions & trace anomaly

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### **Cold Dense Nuclear Matter**

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Fluctuations of Nucleon pairs that are close together in the nucleus

### SRCs Across Scales



# Many-Body Problem

NN Interaction

MMMMMM Nucleon Sub-Structure

### Looking for SRCs

#### Breakup the pair => Detect <u>both</u> nucleons => <u>Reconstruct</u> 'initial' state



### Jefferson-Lab

- Virginia, USA
- 1 11 GeV Electron beam
  [~80 uA; polarized]
- 4 experimental halls
- Approved physics program for coming decade; Leading to EIC



# CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer [CLAS]



### Hall-A: High-Resolution Spectrometers

# 0 Neutron **BigBite Spectrometer** Detector







Back-to-back = SRC pairs!





### Neutron-proton pairs



Duer, PRL '19; Duer, Nature '18; Cohen, PRL '18; Hen, Science '14; Korover, PRL '14; Subedi, <u>Science '08; Shneor, PRL '07; Piasetzky, PRL '06; Tang, PRL '03; Review:</u> Hen RMP '17;

### Weak coupling to A-2 system



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# Pairs $\Leftrightarrow$ Scale Separation



R. Cruz-Torres et al., Nature Physics (2020)J.-W. Chen, W. Detmold, J. E. Lynn, A. Schwenk, PRL 119 (2017)R. Weiss et al., Phys. Lett. B 780 (2018)R. Weiss, B. Bazak, N. Barnea, Phys. Rev. C 92 (2015)

### Pair factorization Implies no correlation between relative & c.m. motions

### $f(p_{rel}, p_{c.m.}, \theta_{rel,c.m.}) \approx C(p_{c.m.}) \times \varphi(p_{rel})$

### From Direct to Inverse Kinematics



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### High-Energy Ion Beam @ JINR Nuclotron



### SRC @ BM@N









### Fragment PID



## SRC + A-2: First Observation

- 23 <sup>10</sup>B events
- 2<sup>10</sup>Be events
- → *np* pair dominance



Patsyuk and Kahlbow et al., Nature Physics 17, 693 (2021)



### Pair Motion (Agree \w JLab data)



### Back-to-Back Pair Signature





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### Factorization of SRC distributions





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### Experimentally observed factorization!

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

### When SRC dominate, nuclei resemble deuterium



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### Universality in high-momenta Scattering





Schmookler et al., Nature (2019)

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# Scaling onsets around k<sub>F</sub>





# Quantifying SRC Dominance





## **SRC Transition Function**





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- Quantify SRC properties. (quantum numbers; isospin structure; c.m. motion; mass & asymmetry dependence; ...)

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"SRC Lab"

#### Many-Body System

#### Short-Ranged Interaction





#### A=3 (e,e'p): testing few-body physics



Cruz Torres and Nguyen et al., PRL (2020)

• High-Q<sup>2</sup>: Factorization \w spectral functions from NN interaction:

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- Pair convolution:

$$s_{NN}^{\alpha} = \int \frac{dp_2}{(2\pi)^3} \, \delta[f(p_2)] \, \left[ \frac{|\varphi_{NN}^{\alpha}(p_1 - p_2)/2|}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{n_{NN}^{\alpha}(p_1 + p_2)}{\sqrt{2}} \right]$$

$$AV18 \, / \, N2LO \, / \dots \quad Gaussian$$









#### pn also consistent!





Korover et al. Phys. Lett. B (2021)

#### Spectral function Sensitivity



#### "SRC Lab"



NN Interaction

# Quarks in the Nucleus



# **EMC Effect:**

Iron / Deuterium Structure Function



Aubert et al., PLB (**1983**); 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 (**2019**)

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# 'Global' EMC Data



**SLAC (1994)** 

## 'Global' EMC Data

#### Effect driven by nuclear structure & dynamics



- 1. Proper treatment of 'known' nuclear effects
  - Nuclear Binding and Fermi motion, Pions, Coulomb Field.
  - No modification of bound nucleon structure.
- 2. Bound Nucleons are 'larger' than free nucleons.
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#### PERSPECTIVES .

#### Where Are the Nuclear Pions?

George F. Bertsch, Leonid Frankfurt, Mark Strikman

Unexpected results in a number of experiments in high-energy and medium-energy nuclear physics are chipping away one of the cornerstones of nuclear physics, namely the pi meson (or pion) as a dominant carrier of the nuclear force. In the 1930s, H. Yukawa suggested that nuclear forces would have particles associated with them, and the discovery of the pions in 1947 was a beautiful confirmation of his prediction. Since then, many more mesons have been found and our understanding of the nuclear force has been refined and modified to include contributions from all the meson exchanges that could occur. Nevertheless, the pion has special importance because it is the lightest of the mesons. According to the Yukawa theory, the smaller the mass of the particle, the larger the distance over which the force acts. The



Fig. 1. The relative number of quarks in a heavy nucleus compared to those in an equal mass of deuterium. The upper curve shows the trend of the old muon scattering data, which found an enhancement of 15 to 20%. In the newer data, the enhancement has almost completely disappeared.

energies, the muons scatter from the quarks in the target. More quarks were found than could be accounted for by the number of nucleons in the nucleus. The interpretation (3) was that the extra quarks came from the pion field. As expected from the nuclear physics, the pion field would be enhanced by the interactions of the nucleons, giving in effect more virtual pions in a nucleus than for the same number of isolated nucleons. This experiment also showed the quarks to be depleted at higher momentum. According to the explanation by pions, this effect would be a consequence of the observed enhancement at lower momentum.

The nuclear pions should also affect the scattering of nucleons from a nuclear target (4). The most sensitive method for probing the pion field with nuclear scattering is to use polarized beams and to measure the polarization transfer. The pions' interaction depends on the nucleon spin orientation with respect to the momentum transfer direction, giving a characteristic signature to the spin transfer cross section. An experiment (5) measuring the spin behavior of scattered protons in 1986 produced the surprising result that the scattering was independent of

# (1993) MAAAS

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#### **EMC – SRC Correlation**



Nature (2019); RMP (2017); IJMPE (2013); PRC (2012); PRL (2011);

#### All Nucleons

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# **SRC Universality!**



# **Universal Modification**





Schmookler et al., Nature (2019) E.P. Segarra et al., PRL (2020)



#### SRC quark-gluon structure


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#### SRC quark-gluon structure

#### Deuteron:

- Small EMC Effect
- Small SRC fraction
- Still expect large modification for SRC nucleons





#### CLAS12 + BAND





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## BAND @ JLab Hall B









#### CLAS12+BAND: DIS \w Tagged Neutrons





## Inclusive DIS d(e,e')X



Q<sup>2</sup> > 2 GeV<sup>2</sup> W<sup>2</sup> > 4 GeV<sup>2</sup> y < 0.7



#### Tagged DIS d(e,e'n)X





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# Initial prospect for explaining EMC (few-body systems)













# Electron-Ion Collider

- Brookhaven National Lab (\w JLab partnership)
- ~ \$2 billion (passed CD-1)
- Explore structure of matter via QCD:
  - Origin of Hadron Mass & Spin
  - Confinement
  - Nucleon / Nuclear Femtography
  - Dense Gluon States
  - BSM
- Start Operations in 2030(ish)
- Detector proposal review
  - Dec. '21 March '22.
- Advanced design starts mid '22.
- Opportunity to get involved \w detectors design & construction



# Imaging physical systems is key for gaining new understanding

#### Snapshots where 0 < x < 1 is the shutter exposure time







x ≈ 10<sup>-4</sup> Probe non-linear dynamics short exposure time

x ≈ 10<sup>-2</sup> Probe rad. dominated medium exposure time

x ≈ 0.3 Probe valence quarks long exposure time





#### (GeV<sup>2</sup>) е Q2 www h,y

#### **EIC** is a versatile Machine

**Exclusive** 

10

10

10

1

10<sup>4</sup>

10<sup>3</sup>

10

0.1

10-5

 $Q_{e}^{2}$  (Au)

(GeV<sup>2</sup>)

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#### **SIDIS**



#### Imaging Gluons & looking for Saturation



### **Understanding Gluons & NN Interaction**



Tu and Jentsch et a., Phys. Lett. B 811, 135877 (2020)

#### Neutron Spin from Double Tagging



Friscic and Nguyena et al., Phys. Lett. B, In-Print (2021)





Figure 7.17: Room left for potential orbital angular momentum contributions to the proton spin at  $Q^2 = 10 \,\text{GeV}^2$ , according to present data and future EIC measurements.

# **EIC Detector Layout**



### **EIC Detector Layout**





### EIC Comprehensive Chromodynamics Experiment



#### ATHENA

A Totally Hermetic Electron-

Nucleus Apparatus





EIC Comprehensive Chromodynamics Experiment

#### Scientist from 80 institutions



# Designing (& building!) a detector



# To deliver on EIC science mission





# EIC Comprehensive Chromodynamics Experiment



Background / Experience: 50% 'RHIC' 40% 'JLab' 10% Both

## **ECCE Detector Layout**





#### **ELECTRON ENDCAP**

**Tracking:** Large area μRWELL **Electron Detection:** 

- Inner: PbWO4 crystals (reuse some)
- Outer: SciGlass (backup PbGl)
   h-PID: mRICH & AC-LGAD
   HCAL: Fe/Sc (STAR re-use)

#### **CENTRAL BARREL**

Tracking: MAPS Si for vertexing and endcaps (design to be optimized) Electron PID: SciGlass (alt: PbGl or W(Pb)/Sc shashlik) (plus instrumented frame) h-PID: hpDIRC & AC-LGAD HCAL: Fe/Sc (sPHENIX re-use)

#### HADRON ENDCAP

Tracking: Large area μRWELL PID: dual-RICH & AC-LGAD Calorimetry: (option A) standard Pb/ScFi shashlik (PHENIX re-use) long. sep. HCAL (other options under study)

### ECCE Detector Layout



# Significant International Interest



**Polarized Beam and** polarimetry: MIT, UNH, SBU Electronics: Columbia. ORNL

DAQ/Trigger: ISU, CU Boulder, OU, ORNL, SBU, UConn, LLNL 📐 Artificial Intelligence: MIT, CNU. Brunel U.

#### **CENTRAL**

#### **Tracking:**

- Silicon: China, Czech Republic, Japan Calorimetry
- PWO and SciGlass: Czech Republic, Armenia, France
- Forward Calo/Dual Readout: China, Japan, 澿
  - South Korea



#### Particle ID

DIRC: GSI/Germany





- Roman pots: France ٠
- Off momentum: Israel • £Υ
- **ZDC:** Japan •

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Low Q2 tagger: UK •
# Starting ECCE construction 😂



#### LABORATORY for NUCLEAR SCIENCE

# Result of work by many young scientists



\*Postback

#### **LABORATORY** for NUCLEAR SCIENCE

#### ... Also those that moved on





Faculty, GWU



Faculty, TAU

JLab

# Postdocs



Staff Scientist, **JINR** 

Consultant





**Isgur Fellow**, JLab

Staff Scientist,



**Staff Scientist** (starting soon)







Postdoc, **Stony Brook** 



**AI Scientist** 

### 2018-21 Publications:

- Nature, In-Print (2021)
- Nature 578, 540 (2020)
- Nature 566, 354 (2019)
- Nature 560, 617 (2018)
- Nature Physics 17, 693 (2021)
- Nature Physics 17, 306 (2021)
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- PRD 103, 114015 (2021)
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## Understanding Nuclei from QCD

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