Model Uncertainties for Veto Tagging

for Coherent Diffraction

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Investigation of the background in coherent J/ψ production at the EIC

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BeAGLE: Benchmark eA Generator for LEptoproduction in high energy lepton-nucleus collisions (Best BeAGLE reference)

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Uncertainties in eA models are different

- eA models are different than ep or pp models.
 - We are not comparing QCD orders to 1%...
 - We are trying to understand the relevant degrees of freedom...
 - Quarks, gluons, color dipoles, parton showers, prehadrons, hadrons...
 - Heterogenous energy & timescales
 - Few MeV binding energy, photons in nuclear rest frame
 - Few TeV beam electron energy in nuclear rest frame
- This is a feature. Lots of physics to discover!
- But it leads to uncertainty in the physics performance of the detector.

The importance of coherent diffraction





- Coherent diffraction is sensitive to the spatial distribution of gluons in the nucleus and to gluon saturation.
- The exact map G(b) ↔ d³N/dtdW²dQ² is not fully understood, but it's clear that we need to measure coherent diffraction!



Three key uncertainties for diffraction

- Impact of t resolution See previous talk!
- Model uncertainty in coherent diffraction not covered today
 - Ask Klein, or Ent, or EIC Theory Working Group...
- Model uncertainty in vetoing incoherent diffraction – my topic today
 - BeAGLE is currently the only complete EIC model including nuclear response and breakup.
 - JLAB SRC data is the best way to validate it to reduce the model uncertainty.

Vetoing incoherent diffraction is crucial

T. Toll, T. Ullrich, PRC 87, 024913 (2013) & ...



- Don't trust the dips to be very deep.
- The dips are by definition the location where the "leading" terms in your approximation are no longer dominant...

A less model-dependent experimental figure of merit is S/B at the peaks after veto. Let's get that to 1:10 or 1:100. The more questions there are about the theory (Good-Walker, Leading Twist, nuclear effects) the more important it is to veto the incoherent events experimentally! 11-JAN-2023 ePIC Collab. Meeting - Diffraction - Baker

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The ugly: E665 charged particle data ^{on 110} GeV at the EIC. Different line are hard to describe by any model.

Trying to tune using net charge distributions







Note: Filled circles in BeAGLE plot Are the open circles from E665

Note: A shift to higher y^{*} corresponds to protons at larger angles in the forward direction @ the EIC: More difficult to veto! Lower τ_0 means easier to veto.

Plan: tune with more recent, more incisive data that we understand better!

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SRC recoil nucleon affected by the INC

Blue points/curve: no INC ($\tau_0 \rightarrow \infty$) Black is full BeAGLE $\tau_0=10$ fm/c

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Conclusions

- Coherent diffraction is important and interesting and presents one of the main challenges to the ePIC detector design.
- Model uncertainties in the ePIC detector performance for vetoing incoherent diffraction are substantial.
 - True for forward-detector event tagging in general.
- Comparing BeAGLE to JLAB Short-Range Correlation data should reduce our model uncertainty.
 Stay tuned! Image

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Short-range correlations (quasielastic)



Correlated SLOW RECOIL NUCLEON Probes Intranuclear Cascade (INC)

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BeAGLE Structure



BeAGLE as an afterburner!



Tuning BeAGLE parameter τ₀ with neutrons

 τ_0 controls the hadron formation time during an IntraNuclear Cascade.

E665 neutrons prefer τ_0 =10 fm/c IF we assume f=N_{coherent}/N_{total} = 0.24. Varying the unknown fraction f, leads to values between 6-14 fm/c



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Transport FSI: Excess nucleons at low end of recoil peak.

Washing out the peak.

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We could use JLAB data on SRC with FSI

https://indico.jlab.org/event/428/timetable/#20210325.detailed

Plot from Natalie Wright talk: "Transport Estimations of Final State Interaction Effects on Short–range Correlation Studies" @ 3rd Workshop on Quantitative Challenges in EMC and SRC Research

eGENIE (used for light ions and low energies) allows a single hadron-hadron scatter instead of a full cascade, but is otherwise similar to BeAGLE in terms of FSI.



Low momentum excess washes out peak

Blue is no IntraNuclear Cascade Black is full BeAGLE

