

EMC effect: from SRCs?

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Discovery of the EMC effect

 Goal was a measurement of the lepton-nucleon cross section at high Q²

• To achieve statistical precision in a reasonable amount of time, an iron target was used, on the assumption that

$$\frac{\sigma_A / A}{\sigma_D / 2} \approx 1$$

meaning

$$F_2^A(x) = ZF_2^p(x) + NF_2^n(x)$$



$$F_{1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \Sigma e_{i}^{2} [q_{i}^{\uparrow}(x) + q_{i}^{\downarrow}(x)]$$
$$F_{1}(x) = \frac{1}{2x} F_{2}(x)$$

The EMC effect

$$F_{2}^{A}(x) \neq ZF_{2}^{p}(x) + NF_{2}^{n}(x)$$

Nuclear dependence of the structure functions discovered 30+ years ago by the European Muon Collaboration (EMC effect)

Nucleon structure functions are modified by the nuclear medium

Depletion of high-x quarks for A>2 nuclei is not expected or understood



Measurements before 2004

- <u>NMC</u> extraction of F_2^n/F_2^p
- <u>BCDMS</u> $50 < Q^2 < 200 (GeV^2)$
- <u>HERMES</u> first measurement on ³He
- <u>SLAC E139</u> most precise large x data
 - Q² independent
 - Universal shape
 - Magnitude approximately scales with density



Nuclear Dependence of the EMC effect



Models of the EMC effect

Nucleon structure is modified in the nuclear medium

- Dynamical rescaling
- Nucleon 'swelling'
- Multiquark clusters (6q, 9q 'bags')

or

Nuclear structure is modified *due to hadronic effects*

- More detailed binding calculations
 - Fermi motion + binding
 - N-N correlations
- Nuclear pions

Models of the EMC effect

- 1. **"Conventional"** nuclear physics based explanations (convolution calculations)
 - Fermi motion alone clearly not sufficient
 - Early attempts to combine Fermi motion effects and binding were fairly simplistic
 - Even more sophisticated approaches (spectral function) fail unless one includes something more, e.g. "nuclear pions"

Size of contributions from nuclear pions typically used in DIS calculations inconsistent with nuclear dependence of Drell-Yan

- 2. "Exotic" effects
 - Medium effects on quark distributions themselves → dynamical rescaling, multiquark clusters, etc.
- → Uncertainties in 1 make it difficult to determine what role mechanisms in 2 play in observed EMC effect



Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility

now with an 11 GeV beam



Jlab E03-103: A long time ago in Hall C



No scaling for low Q² data



Establish Q² independence



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For E03-103, this extends to *x*=0.85

Precision results on light nuclei from JLab E03-103

- **C/D** and ⁴**He/D** ratios no isoscalar correction necessary
- Consistent with SLAC results, but much higher precision at high x

• Fit the slope of the ratios for 0.35<x<0.7:



Compare across nuclei

PhD theses: J. Seely, A. Daniel



Data don't support existing mass- or A-dependent pictures



Density determined from *ab initio* few-body calculation S.C. Pieper and R.B. Wiringa, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci 51, 53 (2001)



• EMC effect appears to follow "local" density

• Sounds like the short range structure that we would normally study at x>1 (result of nucleon interaction at short range)





Measuring Short Range Correlations (SRCs)



2N knockout experiments establish NP dominance

- Knockout high-initialmomentum proton, look for correlated nucleon partner.
- For 300 < P_{miss} < 600 MeV/c all nucleons are part of 2N-SRC pairs: 90% np, 5% pp (nn)

R. Subedi et al., Science 320, 1476 (2008)



R. Shneor et al., PRL 99, 072501 (2007)

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NP dominance



Look at nuclear dependence of NN SRCs





Α	$\theta_e = 18^{\circ}$
$^{3}\mathrm{He}$	$2.14{\pm}0.04$
$^{4}\mathrm{He}$	$3.66{\pm}0.07$
Be	$4.00 {\pm} 0.08$
\mathbf{C}	$4.88 {\pm} 0.10$
$\mathbf{C}\mathbf{u}$	$5.37 {\pm} 0.11$
Au	$5.34 {\pm} 0.11$
$\langle Q^2 \rangle$	$2.7 \ {\rm GeV}^2$
x_{\min}	1.5







- Correlation between EMC effect and SRC data can no longer be explained by common density- or Ascaling
- However, the trends for both sets of data mirror each other as a function of A, or density



Two Hypotheses

- **1.** Both quantities reflect *virtuality* of the nucleons (*L. Weinstein et al, PRL* 106:052301,2011)
 - **a**₂ measures the relative high momentum tail good for testing virtuality
 - dR_{EMC}/dx relevant quantity
- 2. EMC effect is driven by *"local density"* (JA, A. Daniel, D. Day, N. Fomin, D. Gaskell, P. Solvignon, PRC 86, 065204 (2012))
 - SRCs are sensitive to high density configurations, but MUST remove the center of mass motion smearing to get R_{2N}
 - measure of correlated pairs relative to the deuteron
 - EMC effect samples **all** the nucleons, whereas R_{2N} is only sensitive to *np* pairs, a subset of all possible NN configurations



The data show a weak preference for "local density" hypothesis



Local density vs high virtuality



While waiting for new data

$$F_2^{A} = (Z - n_{SRC}^{A})F_2^{p} + (N - n_{SRC}^{A})F_2^{n} + n_{SRC}^{A}(F_2^{p*} + F_2^{n*})$$

 $= ZF_2^p + NF_2^n + n_{SRC}^A \left(\Delta F_2^p + \Delta F_2^n\right)$



Towards A-independence of EMC effect?



Arrington et al, (PRC 86, 2012)

Nature 566, CLAS Collaboration

Can other *universal* EMC functions be obtained?



HV picture: np-dominance generates predicable isospin dependence of EMC effect

LD picture: EMC effect from short-distance pairs, assumed to be isospin independent

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HV picture: *EMC effect from np-SRC,* generates known isospin dependence

LD picture: Driven by short-distance pairs, assumed to be isospin independent

As in 2012 EMC-SRC test, somewhat better description in isospin-independent LD picture



SRCs and EMC effect

- SRC ratios (via measurements of high momentum nucleon) probe NP pairs
- In N>Z nuclei, protons are more likely to be paired up than neutrons
- If related to EMC effect, *u* quark modification might be greater than that of *d* quarks

$$\begin{aligned} n_p^A(p) &\approx \frac{1}{2x_p} a_2(A, y) n_d(p) & x_p = \frac{Z}{A} \\ n_n^A(p) &\approx \frac{1}{2x_n} a_2(A, y) n_d(p) & x_n = \frac{A - Z}{A} \end{aligned}$$

M. Sargsian, arXiv:1209.2477 [nucl-th] and arXiv:1210.3280 [nucl-th] O. Hen et al, Science 346 (2014) MeAsurement of F_2^n/F_2^p , d/u RAtios and A = 3 EMC Effect in Deep Inelastic Electron Scattering off the Tritium and Helium MirrOr Nuclei.



Is EMC effect different for *p* and *n*?

Isovector-vector mean field causes u(d) quark to feel additional vector attraction (repulsion) in $N \neq Z$ nuclei

Has not been experimentally verified – can be probed in PV EMC effect



[I. Cloet, et al, PRL 109, 182301 (2012); PRL 102, 252301 (2009)]

Flavor Dependent Model EMC Predictions



- PVDIS with neutron rich nuclei (⁴⁸Ca) can constrain possible flavor-dependent nuclear medium modification effects on quarks
 - PVDIS asymmetry is a direct measurement of differences in the quark flavors

$$a_1 \simeq \frac{9}{5} - 4\sin^2\theta_W - \frac{12}{25}\frac{u_A^+ - d_A^+}{u_A^+ + d_A^+}$$

slide courtesy of Rakitha Beminiwattha

Another place to look: Overlapping nucleons \rightarrow enhancement of F_2 structure function



Small effect, possible contribution to EMC effect?

Noticeable effect at x>1

"Superfast" quarks

Current data at highest Q² (JLab E02-019) already sensitive to partonic behavior at x>1

N. Fomin et al, PRL 105, 212502 (2010)



Upcoming Measurements

Detailed studies of the nuclear dependence of F₂ in light nuclei

[E12-10-008: J. Arringon, A. Daniel, NF, D. Gaskell]



The EMC effect in spin structure functions

[E12-14-001: Will Brooks and Sebastian Kuhn]



- A polarized EMC effect arises because in-medium quarks are more relativisitic
 - Lower components of quark wave functions are enhanced
 - Quark Spin is converted to orbital angular momentum
- Spin Dependent cross-section is suppressed by 1/A
- Experiment to measure spin structure functions of 7Li

In-Medium Nucleon Structure Functions

[E11-107: O. Hen, L.B. Weinstein, S. Gilad, S.A. Wood]

- DIS scattering from nucleon in deuterium
- Tag high-momentum struck nucleons by detecting backward "spectator" nucleon in Large-Angle Detector





In-Medium Nucleon Form Factors [E11-002: E. Brash, G. M. Huber, R. Ransom, S. Strauch]



 Compare proton knockout from dense and thin nuclei: ⁴He(e,e'p)³H and

²H(e,e′p)n

- Modern, rigorous
 ²H(e,e'p)n calculations show reaction-dynamics effects and FSI will change the ratio at most 8%
- QMC model predicts 30% deviation from free nucleon at large virtuality

S. Jeschonnek and J.W. Van Orden, Phys. Rev. C 81, 014008 (2010) and Phys. Rev. C 78, 014007 (2008); M.M. Sargsian, Phys. Rev. C82, 014612 (2010)

Summary

- After 30 years under the microscope, 6 GeV data offers a suggestion for more targeted studies of the EMC effect
- 12 GeV experiments continue the search
- New results in the next few years!

Both driven by a similar underlying cause? Separation Energy



Separation energies were calculated from spectral functions, including MF and correlations S.A. Kulagin and R. Petti, Nucl. Phys. A 176, 126 (2006)

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For SRCs, a linear relationship with $\langle \epsilon \rangle$ is less suggestive

S.A. Kulagin and R. Petti, Nucl. Phys. A 176, 126 (2006)

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EMC Effect in Heavy Nuclei - Cu



New CLAS analysis by B. Schookler

