

The Partonic Structure of Nucleons in the Valence Regime



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Why is the valence regime interesting?

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baryon number, charge, flavor content, total spin, ...

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Nucleon Structure Example: F₂ⁿ/F₂^p (neutron/proton) ratio at Large x

• SU(6)-symmetric wave function of the proton in the quark model:

$$p\uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} \left(3u\uparrow [ud]_{S=0} + u\uparrow [ud]_{S=1} - \sqrt{2}u\downarrow [ud]_{S=1} - \sqrt{2}d\uparrow [uu]_{S=1} - 2d\downarrow [uu]_{S=1} \right)$$

- u and d quarks same shape, SU(6) spin/flavor symmetry
- In this model: d/u = 1/2, $F_2^n/F_2^p = 2/3$ for x -> 1
- But, N and Δ would be degenerate in mass....
- SU(6) symmetry is broken: N- Δ Mass Splitting
 - Mechanism produces mass splitting between S=1 and S=0 diquark spectator.
 - symmetric states are raised, antisymmetric states are lowered (~300 MeV).
 - S=1 suppressed => d/u = 0, $F_2^n/F_2^p = 1/4$, for x -> 1
- pQCD: helicity conservation $(q \uparrow \uparrow p) => d/u = 2/(9+1) = 1/5$, $F_2^n/F_2^p = 3/7$ for $x \to 1$
- Dyson-Schwinger Eq.: Contains finite size S=0 and S=1 diquarks
 - d/u = 0.28, $F_2^n/F_2^p = 0.49$ for x -> 1

There are more!





Multiple predictions for Large x

$$|p\uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |u\uparrow(ud)_{S=0}\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} |u\uparrow(ud)_{S=1}\rangle - \frac{1}{3} |u\downarrow(ud)_{S=1}\rangle$$
$$-\frac{1}{3} |d\uparrow(uu)_{S=1}\rangle - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} |d\downarrow(uu)_{S=1}\rangle$$

Nucleon Model	F_2^n/F_2^p	d/u
SU(6)	2/3	1/2
Valence Quark	1/4	0
DSE contact interaction	0.41	0.18
DSE realistic interaction	0.49	0.28
pQCD	3/7	1/5

Review Articles:

- N. Isgur, PR**D 59** (1999)
- S Brodsky et al NP **B441** (1995)
- W. Melnitchouk and A. Thomas PL B377 (1996)
- R.J. Holt and C. D. Roberts, Rev. Mod. Phys. 82 (2010)



F₂ⁿ/F₂^p (and, hence, d/u) is essentially unknown at large x: - Conflicting fundamental theory pictures

- F₂ⁿ data inconclusive due to uncertainties in deuterium nuclear corrections

- Translates directly to large uncertainties on d(x), g(x) parton distribution functions



Present status: Large uncertainties on pdfs at large x



pdf Evolution



- DGLAP evolution allows high Q pdfs to be generated from those at lower Q
- Evolution at a value x₀ only requires knowledge of the pdfs at values of x ≥ x₀
- As a result, high-x, low-Q feeds lower-x, higher-Q
- Wide kinematic range over which pdfs must be known

<u>Example</u> of kinematic coverage – heavy particle production in a collider

- Mass M, center-of-mass energy \sqrt{s} , rapidity Y
- $x_a = \frac{M}{\sqrt{s}} e^Y$ $x_b = \frac{M}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-Y}$ $x_a x_b = \frac{M^2}{s}$
- $\frac{M^2}{s} \le x_i \le 1$
- Factorization scale ("Q") $\sim M$
- Large Y with large M means one x is small, the other large.
- For a $q\overline{q} \to M + X$ subprocess at the LHC one would have a \overline{q} at small x with a valence q at large x

Understanding small x means understanding large x





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Deuteron nuclear effects are a major obstacle....



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BONUS at JLab – first experiment to use target tagging at JLab to create an effective *free* neutron target





Measure DIS electron in coincidence with proton tag

The lower the spectator proton momentum, the closer to a free neutron...

The BONUS approach: tag spectator proton at (very) low momentum *and* large angle in electron-deuteron scattering



Spectator Proton Tagging

- <u>Low momentum</u> spectator must escape target
 - Thin deuterium gas target
 - Low density detector media
 - Minimal insensitive material
- Large acceptance
 - Backward angles important
 - Symmetric about the target
- Detector sensitive to spectators, insensitive to background
 - Use solenoidal field to contain Moller electrons
- GEM-based radial TPC





GEM-based radial Time Projection Chamber



BoNuS rTPC (low momentum p detector) Solenoid Magnet

(track curvature in TPC)





The technique works!







Neutron target via low momentum proton tagging *achieved*





CTEQ-Jefferson Lab "CJ" Global Fitting Effort

High x region requires use of data at lower W, Q^2 , which in turn requires for instance...

- Careful treatment of subleading 1/Q² corrections
 - target mass corrections
 - dynamical higher twists
- Correcting for nuclear effects in deuteron
 - binding + Fermi motion (well known)
 - nucleon off-shell (less well known)
- Flexible d quark parameterization



CJ15 release this month! Still need data above x ~ 0.65



E12-06-113 BONUS at 12 GeV



Spectator Tagging at the EIC

The technique is uniquely suited to colliders: there is no target material absorbing low-momentum nucleons



• Secondary high dispersive ion focus ~40 m downstream of IP

Projected Data Example: Neutron Structure at the EIC

 $e + D \rightarrow e' + p + X$ *a la BONUS* $\alpha_R \equiv 2(E_R + p_R^z)/(E_D + p_D^z)$ residue = free neutron



Tagged measurements require coverage for [protons] with low momenta relative to beam momentum (pT < 200 MeV, pT/ p(beam) ~ 0.8 – 1.2), and good momentum resolution (Δ pT ~ 20 MeV).

Tagging also requires that the intrinsic momentum spread in the ion beam be small to allow for accurate reconstruction.

EIC being designed for tagging

More Projected EIC Results - F₂^d Structure Function Relative Uncertainty



Solid lines are statistical errors, dotted lines are stat+syst in quadrature

Huge improvement in Q^2 coverage and uncertainty

Proton even better (smaller neutron cross section)

Could greatly aid global pdf fitting efforts

EIC will have excellent kinematics to measure n/ p at large x!





F_2^{p} & F_2^{d} Structure Functions in the nearer term

JLab12 Hall C commissioning experiment (Fall 2016 start) aims to reduce uncertainties in F_2^{p} and F_2^{d} structure functions at large x and high Q



Goal @ 12 GeV: similar precision as E00-116 (@ 6 GeV)



Nuclear Physicists' Approach to F₂ⁿ

- Problem:
 - The deuteron experiments present extraction complications.
- Nuclear physicists' solution: Add another nucleon!
- ³H/³He ratio: minimizes nuclear physics uncertainties

I. Afnan et al, PRC 68 (2003)





Another approach to F_2^n : DIS from A=3 nuclei

$$R(^{3}\text{He}) = \frac{F_{2}^{^{3}\text{He}}}{2F_{2}^{p} + F_{2}^{n}}$$
, $R(^{3}\text{H}) = \frac{F_{2}^{^{3}\text{H}}}{F_{2}^{p} + 2F_{2}^{n}}$

- Mirror symmetry of A=3 nuclei
 - Extract F₂ⁿ/F₂^p from ratio of measured ³He/³H structure functions

$$\frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p} = \frac{2\mathcal{R} - F_2^{^3He}/F_2^{^3H}}{2F_2^{^3He}/F_2^{^3H} - \mathcal{R}}$$

- R = SUPER ratio of "EMC ratios" for ³He and ³H
- Relies only on <u>difference</u> in nuclear effects in ³H, ³He
- Calculated to within 1%
- Most systematic and theoretical uncertainties cancel



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DIS from A=3 nuclei – Projected results from Fall 2016 run



Hall A BigBite Spectrometer



Test cell factor ~10 safety test, burst pressure above 3500 psi



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Polarized predictions for d/u at large x

Proton Wavefunction (Spin and Flavor Symmetric)

$$\begin{vmatrix} p \uparrow \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} | u \uparrow (ud)_{S=0} \rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} | u \uparrow (ud)_{S=1} \rangle - \frac{1}{3} | u \downarrow (ud)_{S=1} \rangle$$
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SU(6)	2/3	1/2	2/3	-1/3	0	5/9
Valence Quark	1/4	0	1	-1/3	1	1
pQCD	3/7	1/5	1	1	1	1

Polarized structure function data can provide d/u theory guidance











Measurements and Projections for A₁^p



JLab E12-06-109, S. Kuhn, D. Crabb, A. Deur, V. Dharmawardane, T. Forest, K. Griffioen, M. Holtrop, Y. Prok, et al.

C. D. Roberts, R. Holt, S. Schmidt, Phys. Lett. B 727 (2013) pp. 249-2548

Measurements and Projections for A_1^n



2017 at JLab

JLab E12-06-110, X. Zheng, J.-P. Chen, Z.-E. Meziani, G. Cates et al. JLab E12-06-122, B. Wojtsekhowski, G. Cates, N. Liyanage, Z.-E. Meziani, G. Rosner, X. Zheng, et al.

PVDIS Measurements - SoLID Proposed Setup

Solenoidal Large Intensity Device - 12 GeV Hall A at JLab Parity-violating DIS program on deuterium and hydrogen



$$A_{\rm PV} \approx -\frac{G_F Q^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi \alpha} \left[a_1(x) + \frac{1 - (1 - y)^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2} a_3(x) \right]$$

$$a_1(x) = 2 \frac{\sum C_{1q} e_q(q + \bar{q})}{\sum e_q^2(q + \bar{q})}, a_3(x) = 2 \frac{\sum C_{2q} e_q(q - \bar{q})}{\sum e_q^2(q + \bar{q})}$$

For high x on proton target:

$$a_1^p(x) = \left[\frac{12C_{1u}u(x) - 6C_{1d}d(x)}{4u(x) + d(x)}\right] \approx \left[\frac{1 - 0.91d(x)/u(x)}{1 + 0.25d(x)/u(x)}\right]$$



DSE - Wilson et al., Phys Rev C89, 025205 (2012)

- Three JLab 12 GeV experiments:
 - CLAS12 BoNuS spectator tagging
 - BigBite DIS ³H/³He Ratio
 - SoLID PVDIS ep
- The SoLID extraction of d/u is made directly from ep DIS: no nuclear corrections

SeaQuest at FNAL - 120 GeV protons

‡ Fermilab Today

SeaQuest dives into a mysterious sea of particles

Feature



Scientists hope the SeaQuest detector will begin taking data in a couple of weeks. *Photo: Reidar Hahn*

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FNAL E906

Longer term: Polarized FNAL, J-PARC at 50 GeV





Drell-Yan measurement of anti-quark distributions



No model predicts dbar/ubar <1.

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Probing the Valence Regime: Summary

- JLab at 12 GeV will access the regime where valence quarks dominate
- First experiments *THIS FALL*!
 - Hall C F2p,n
 - Hall A 3H/3He
 - Ongoing program
- Also new data from SeaQuest at FNAL
- EIC on the horizon
- Dedicated theory efforts also underway
 - "CJ", (CTEQ-Jefferson Lab) and "JAM" collaborations
- Expect large improvements in our understanding of the valence regime over the next 1-5 years!







Thank You!





Present status: Neutron to proton structure function ratio







Drell-Yan Interactions







Large *x* - Large Nuclear Effects





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