## EMC Effect for A=3

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## Outline

EMC Effect

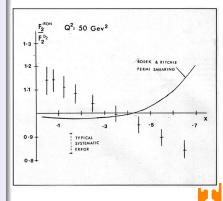
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European Muon Collaboration's (EMC) 1983 results for the lepton scattering experiment on Iron and Deuterium.

- Nucleon Structure Functions
- Sea-Quark Distributions
- Gluon Distributions
- Expected  $F_A = NF_2^N + ZF_2^P$
- Because the binding energies of the nucleons are several orders of magnitude smaller then the momentum transfer for an interaction in DIS region
- Fermi interaction causing differentiation at high momentum transfer.

Figure: EMC data of  $F_2^{Fe}/F_2^D$  from 1982 [Higinbotham D., 2013].



#### European Muon Collaboration:

- Nuclear F2 structure function per nucleon different than that of deuterium
- Quark distribution functions modified in the nuclear medium
- Defined the magnitude of the EMC effect as the slope of the  $\frac{A}{D}$  per nucleon cross section ratio from 0.3 to 0.7 in x.
- Current Explanations
  - Binding effects beyond nucleon Fermi motion
  - Enhancement of pion field with increasing A
  - Influence of possible multi-quark clusters
  - Change in the quark confinement scale in nuclei
- No unique/universally accepted theory for explanation of effect up to date.



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Figure: SLAC experiment E139 [J. Gomez et al., 1994].

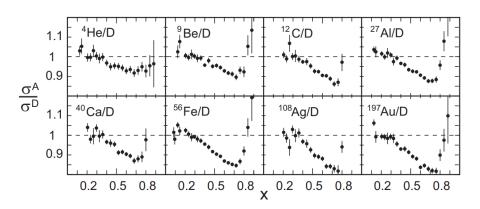




Figure: JLab experiment "EMC in light

Nuclei" [J.Seely, A. Daniel et al].

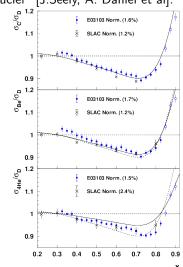
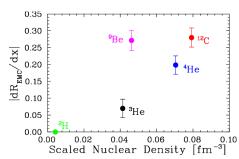
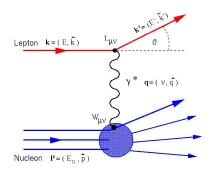


Figure: EMC as a function of Nuclear Density [J.Seely, A. Daniel et al].





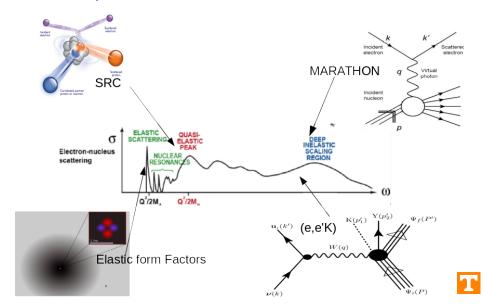
## Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)



- Momentum Transfer  $Q^2 \equiv 4EE'\sin\frac{\theta}{2}$
- Bjorken X  $(X_{bj}/x) = \frac{Q^2}{2\nu M}$
- $\sigma_{eN} = \frac{\alpha^2}{eE^2 sin^4(\frac{\theta}{2})} \left[ \frac{F_2}{\nu} cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{2F_2}{M} sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]$
- Invariant Mass  $W^2 = 2M\nu + M^2 Q^2$
- $W^2 > 4 \to DIS$



## Tritium Experiments



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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.

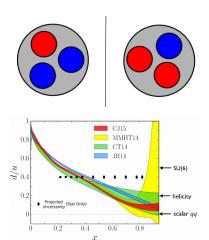


Figure: d/u quark distribution ratios

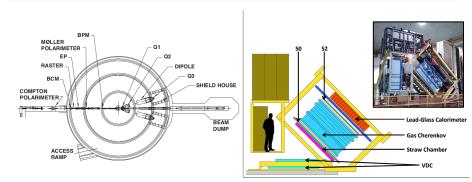
- Lightest and simplest mirror system
  - Number of protons in <sup>3</sup>H = neutrons in <sup>3</sup>He
- Differences in the nuclear effects are small
- Improve the current measurement and understanding of Fn2 to F p2 ratio
- Restrict the assumptions and parameters made in the model calculations of the down to up quark distribution ratio



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Use CEBAF(Continues Electron Beam Facility) to provide 10.6 GeV beam for electron scattering.





## Tritium Target Cell

#### First tritium target at JLab

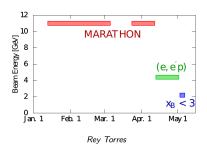
- Thin Al entrance and exit windows 0.01 inches
- 1090Ci of Tritium (0.1 g)
- 25 cm long
- Tritium Cell was filled in Savannah River
- 40 kelvin Helium is used to cool an attached heat sink







### The Run Period



- Ran from January 11th to April 12th
- Original Plan was to use mirror Kinematics on both arms march out in angle
- Right arm dipole failed, on the first day,
- Experts could not resolve the issue in a timely manner
- Changed to only use the left arm, and skip a few kinematics settings where the spectrometer acceptance overlaps.



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# The End

