

# EMC Effect for $A=3$

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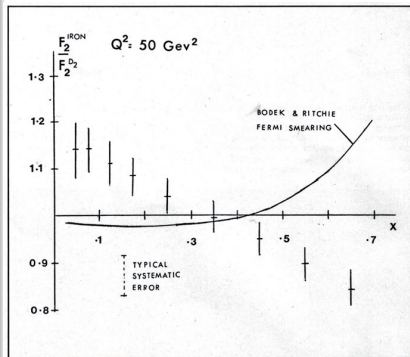


# EMC Effect

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 than 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].



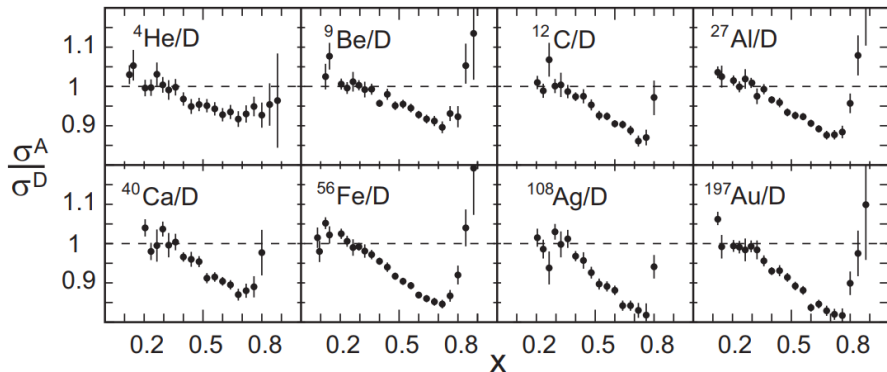
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## European Muon Collaboration:

- 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].



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Figure: JLab experiment "EMC in light Nuclei" [J.Seely, A. Daniel et al].

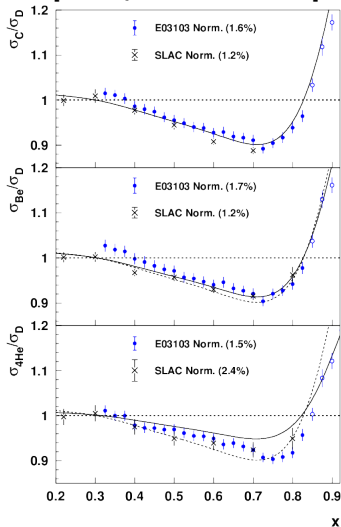
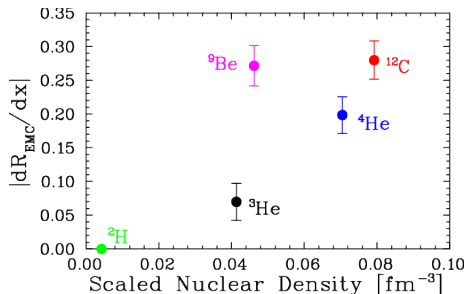
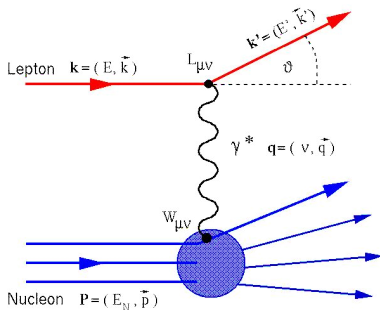


Figure: EMC as a function of Nuclear Density [J.Seely, A. Daniel et al].



# Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)



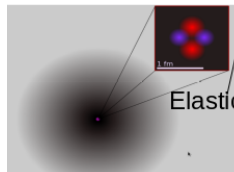
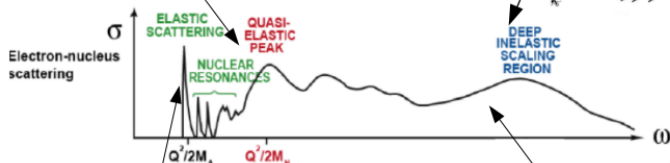
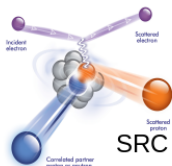
- Momentum Transfer  

$$Q^2 \equiv 4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$$
- 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  

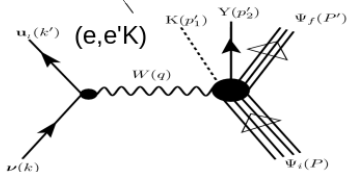
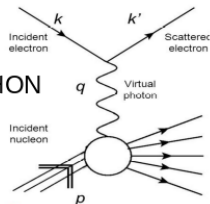
$$W^2 = 2M\nu + M^2 - Q^2$$
- $W^2 > 4 \rightarrow \text{DIS}$



# 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.

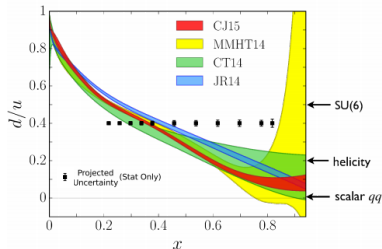
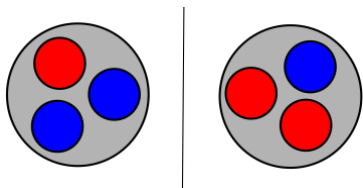


Figure:  $d/u$  quark distribution ratios

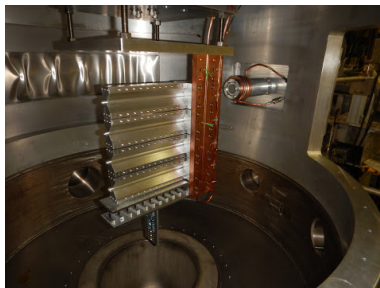
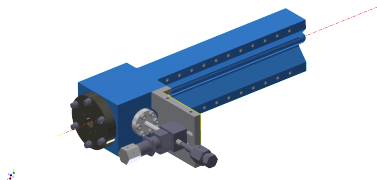
- Lightest and simplest mirror system
  - ▶ Number of protons in  $^3\text{H}$  = neutrons in  $^3\text{He}$
- Differences in the nuclear effects are small
- Improve the current measurement and understanding of  $F_2^n$  to  $F_2^p$  ratio
- Restrict the assumptions and parameters made in the model calculations of the down to up quark distribution ratio



# Tritium Target Cell

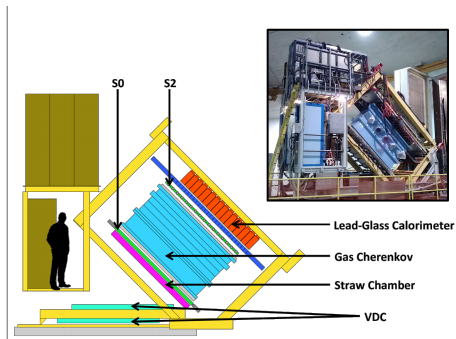
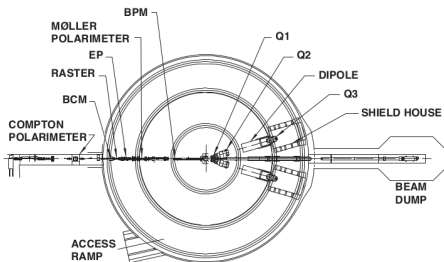
First tritium target at JLab

- 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

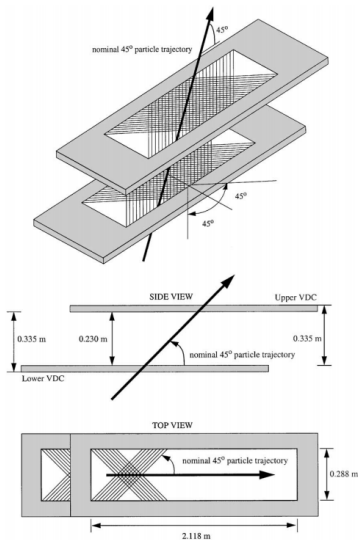


# Hall A & The HRSs

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



# Vertical Drift Chamber(VDC)

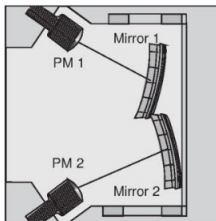


A dual VDC system is used to provide precise angular reconstruction of particle trajectories.

- U/V angle  $\pm 45^\circ$
- 368 wires per plane
- 4.2mm spacing between wires
- Online Efficiency determined by nearest neighbor method



# The Run Period

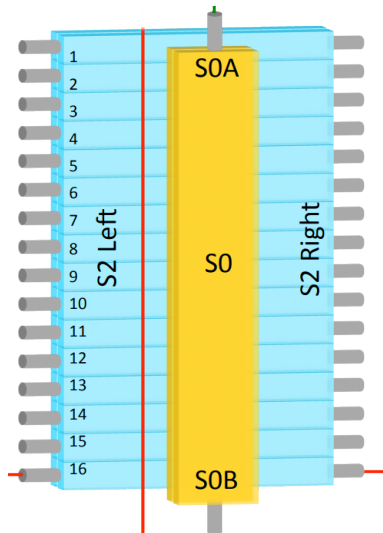


- Ran from January 11th to April 12th
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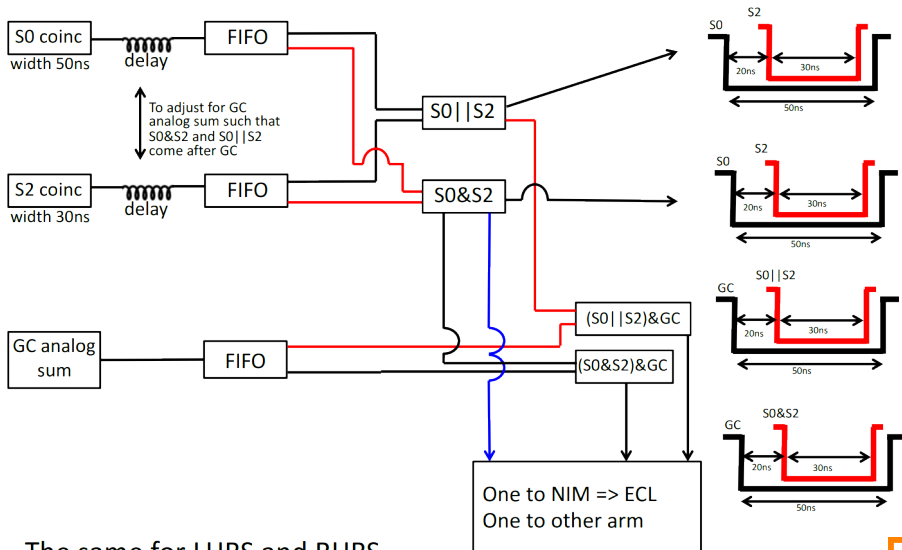


# Scintillators

- Two Scintillating light detectors
  - ▶ S0 large acceptance and low resolution
  - ▶ S2 16 bars capped by PMTs
- Main source for trigger
- Provide TOF(time of flight) & Used to help identify hadrons



# Single Arm Triggers ( $S0\&S2$ ); ( $S0\&S2$ )&GC; ( $S0 || S2$ )&GC

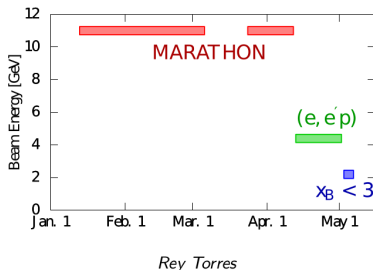


The same for LHRS and RHRS

Figure: Florian Hauenstein



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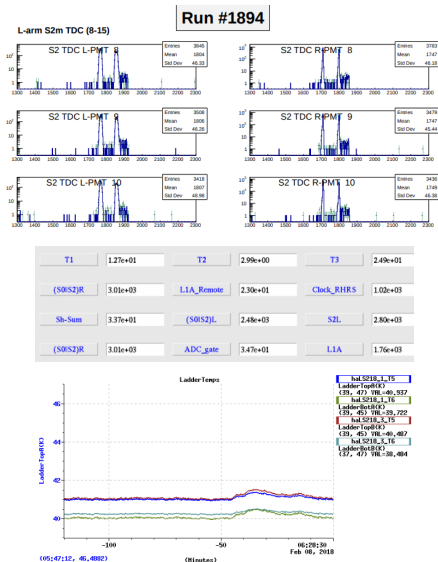




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## Shift Crew Task

- Monitor Detector plots
- Record and observe event frequency
- Observe target response including the temperature sensor attached to the target ladder.



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# The End

