

The EMC Effect for Tritium and Helium-3 from JLab's MARATHON Experiment using DIS.

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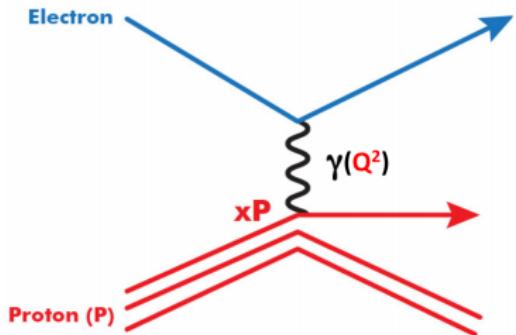


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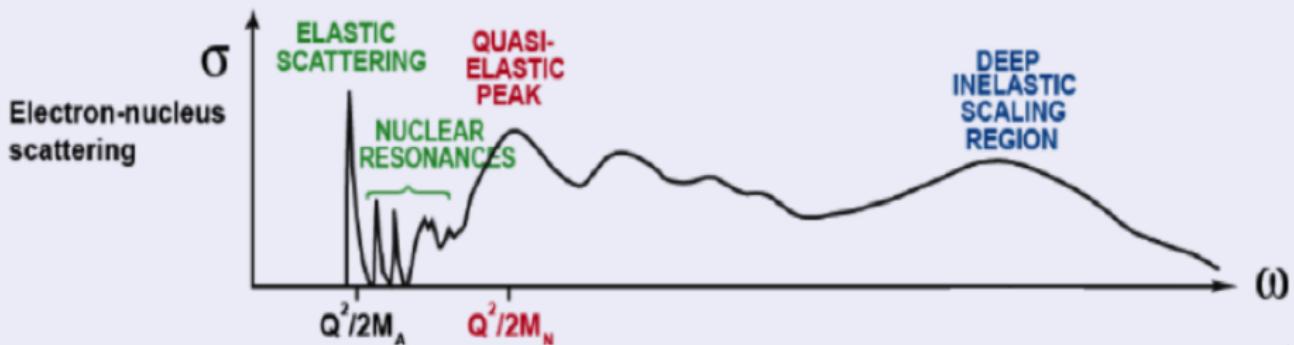
- Deep Inelastic Scattering
- The EMC Effect
- The MARATHON Experiment
- Data Analysis
- EMC Effect of $A=3$

Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)

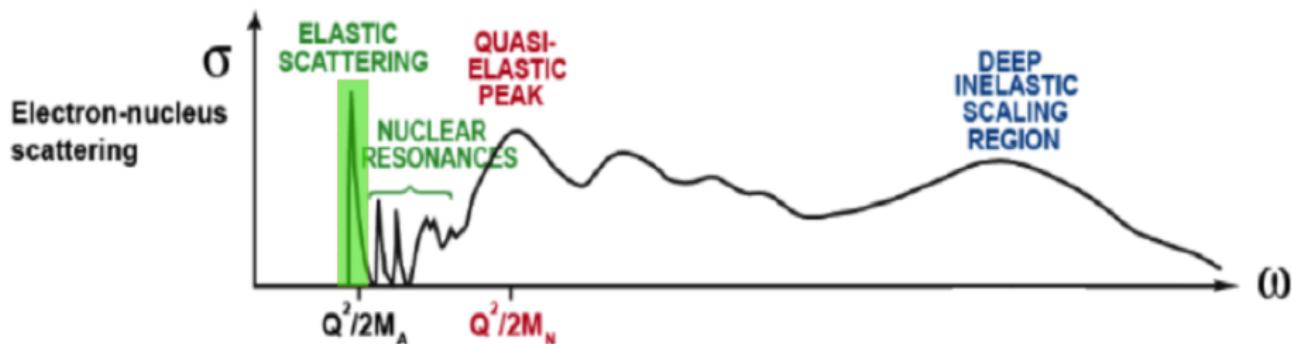


- $Q^2 \equiv 4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$
- $X_{Bj} = \frac{Q^2}{2\nu M}$
- $\nu \equiv E - E'$
- $W^2 = 2M\nu + M^2 - Q^2$
- $W^2 > 4 \rightarrow \text{DIS}$

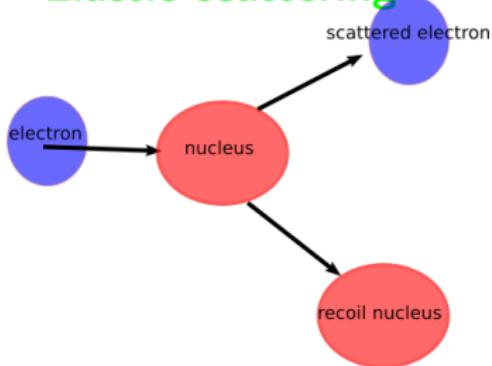
DIS ??????

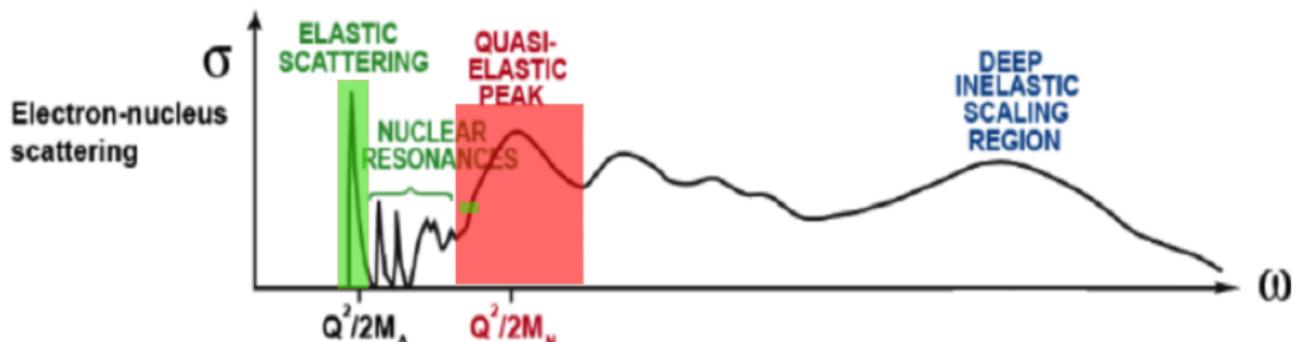


Idealized spectra of high-energy electron scattering as a function of energy transfer [G. T. Garvey, et al., 2015].

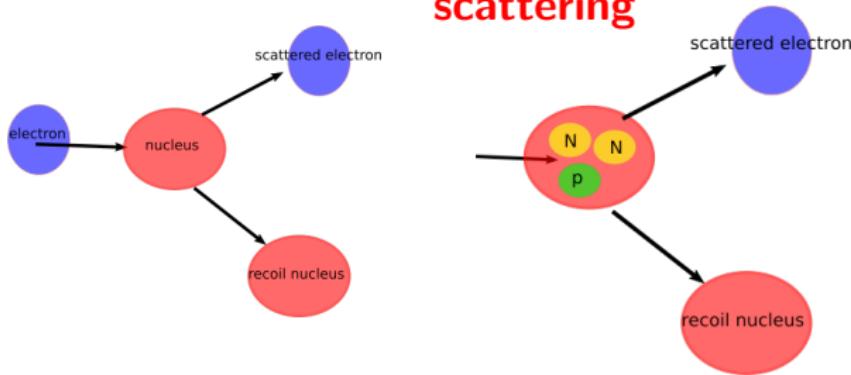


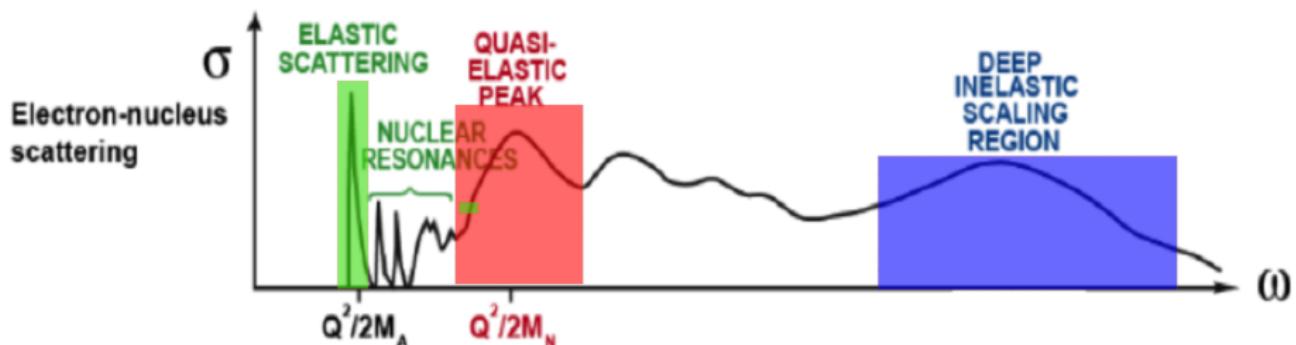
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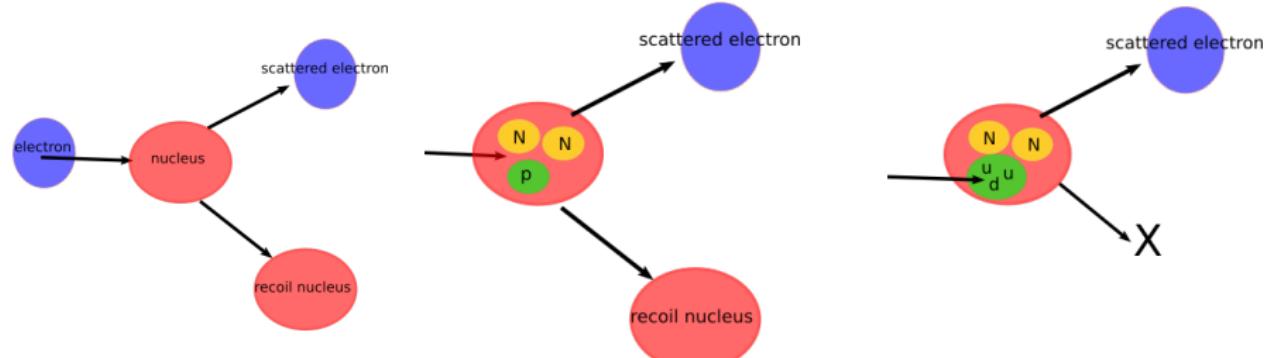




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- **Quaiselastic scattering**

- **DIS**

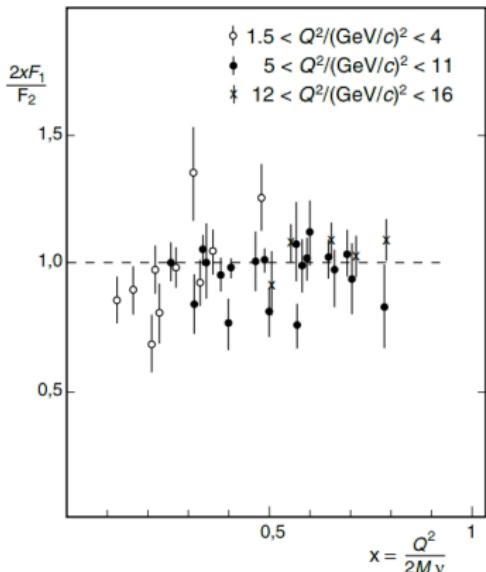


Why DIS?

$$\sigma_{eN} = \frac{\alpha^2}{4E^2 \sin^4\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)} \left[\frac{F_2(x)}{\nu} \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) + \frac{2F_1(x)}{M} \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) \right]$$

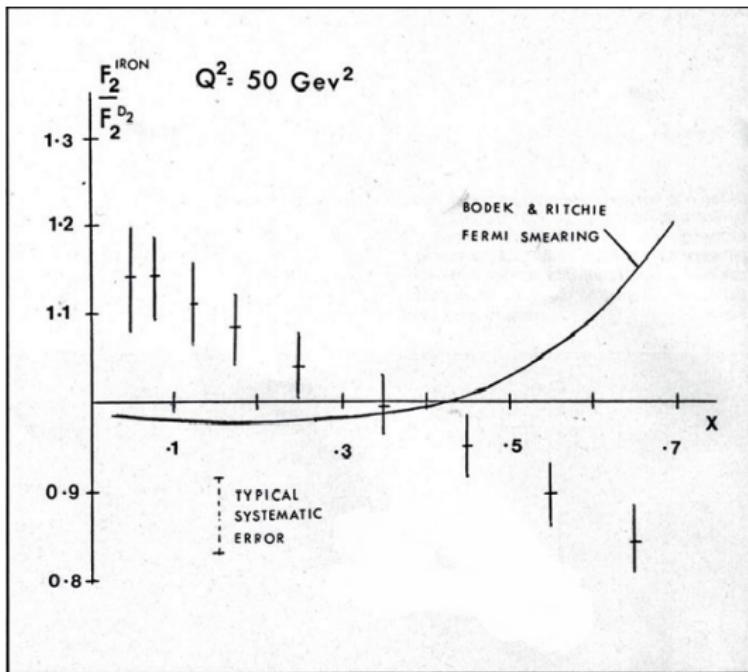
Quark parton model

- $F_2(x) = x \cdot \sum_i z_i^2 f_i(x)$
- $F_1(x) = 1/2 \cdot \sum_i z_i^2 f_i(x)$
- **Spin 1/2 quarks**
 $F_2(x) = F_1(x) \cdot 2x$



Ratio of $2x \cdot F_1(x)$ and $F_2(x)$ vs. x .
 [Povh, 1995]

The EMC Effect



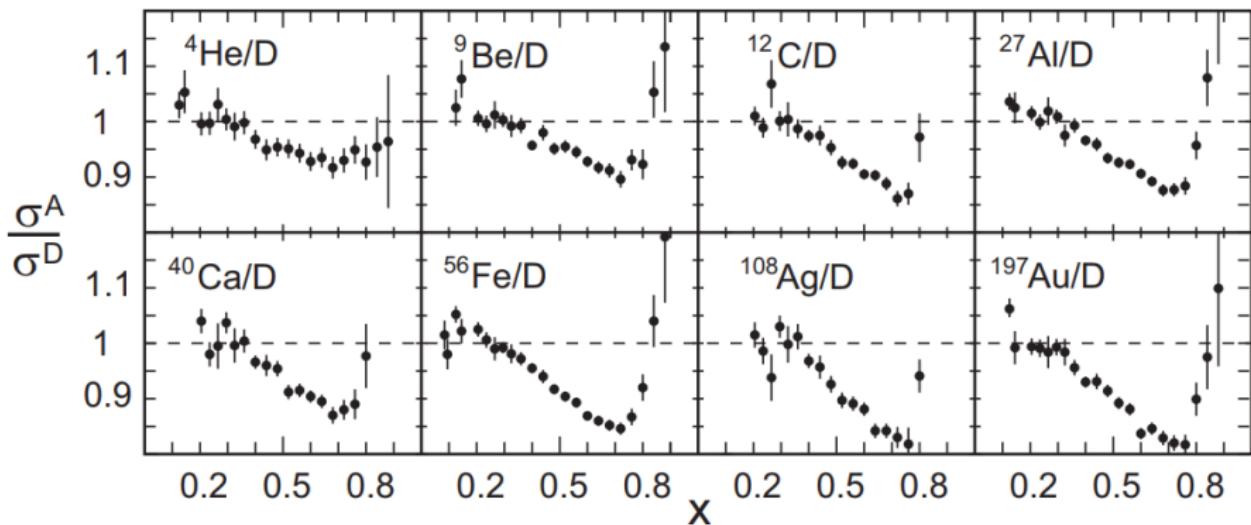
[D. Higinbotham, 2013]

European Muon Collaboration

- X = fraction of momentum carried by quark
- Expected Unity \rightarrow Binding $<$ interaction
- $F^A = Z \cdot F^p + (A - Z) \cdot F^n$
- Unexpected Relative Decrease
- Missing high-momentum quarks in $A > 2$
- EMC Effect \equiv structure of the A/D Ratio

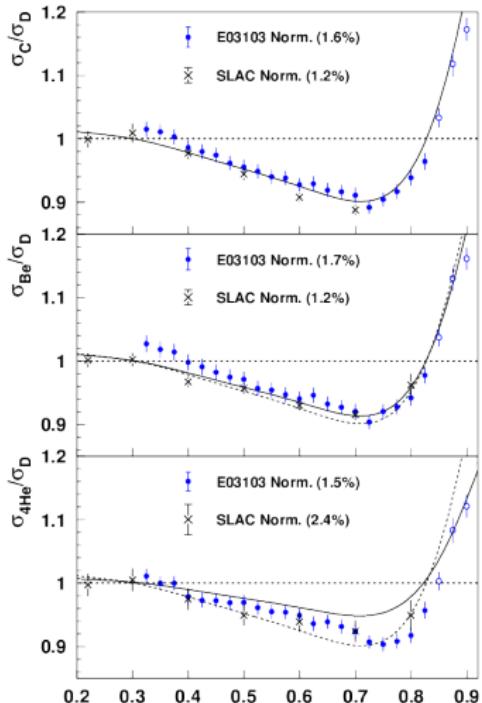
EMC Effect

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



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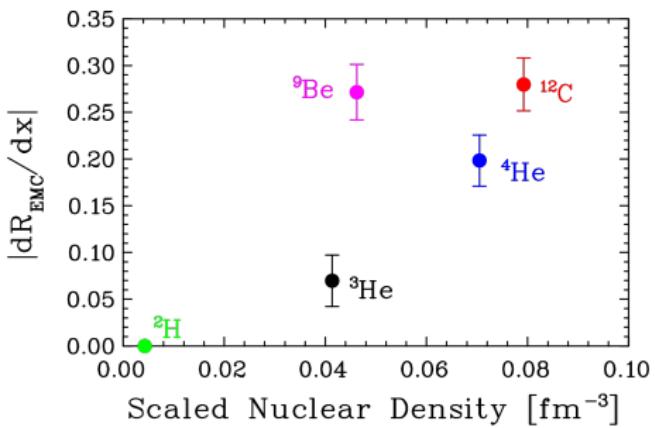
JLab experiment E03103
[J.Seely, A. Daniel et al, 2009]



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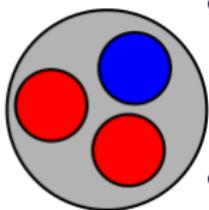
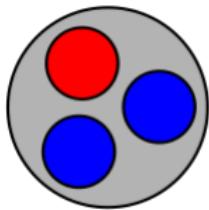
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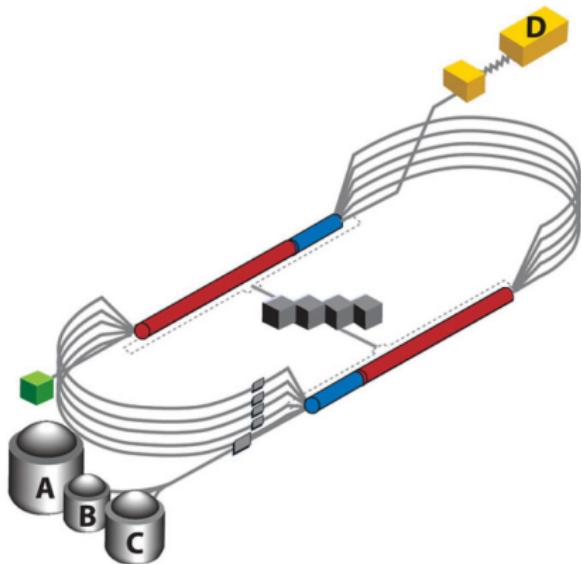
MARATHON

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 MirOr Nuclei.



- Lightest and simplest mirror system
 - ▶ Number of protons in 3H = neutrons in 3He
- Differences in the nuclear effects are small

The Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility (CEBAF) at Thomas Jefferson Accelerator Facility.



- ≈ 2.2 GeV per revolution
- 12 GeV for Hall D
- Superconducting RF cavities
- RF separators split the beam to each Hall

MARATHON's proposal

- 11 GeV Beam
- Bigbite spectrometer
- Hall A's high resolution spectrometers (HRS)
- Tritium

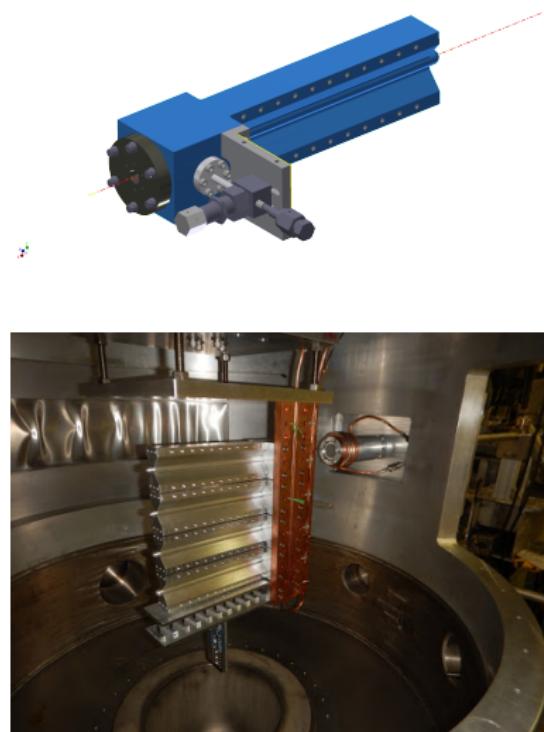
Uses of Tritium



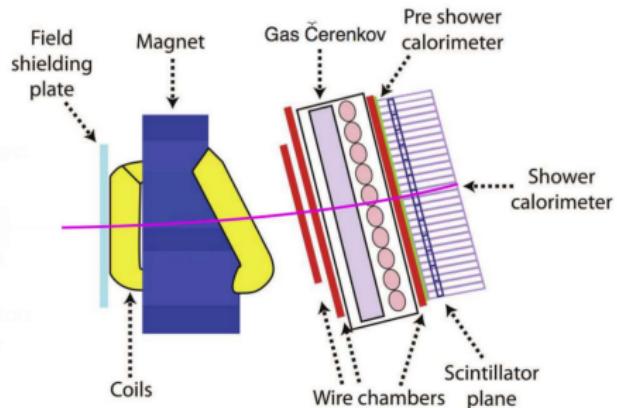
Tritium Target Cell

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



Bigbite Spectrometer



Large Acceptance Spectrometer

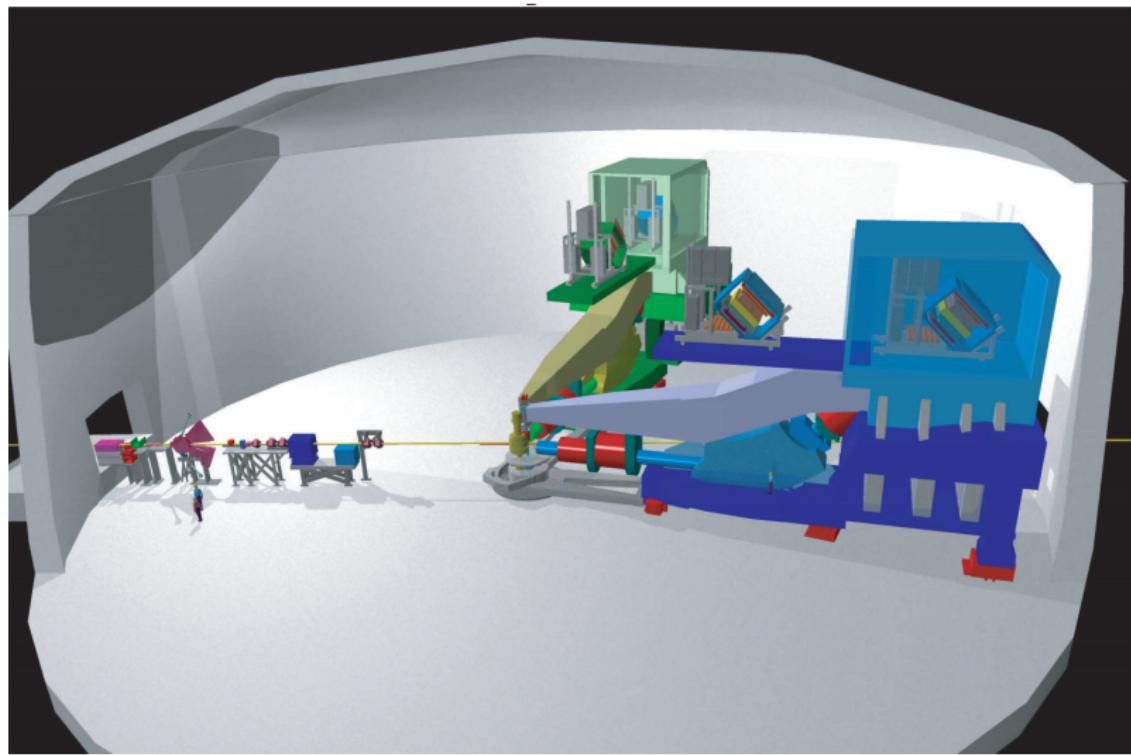
- Solid angle = 96 mrad
- Large Momentum Acceptance: $> 500 \text{ MeV}/c$

Preparing Bigbite

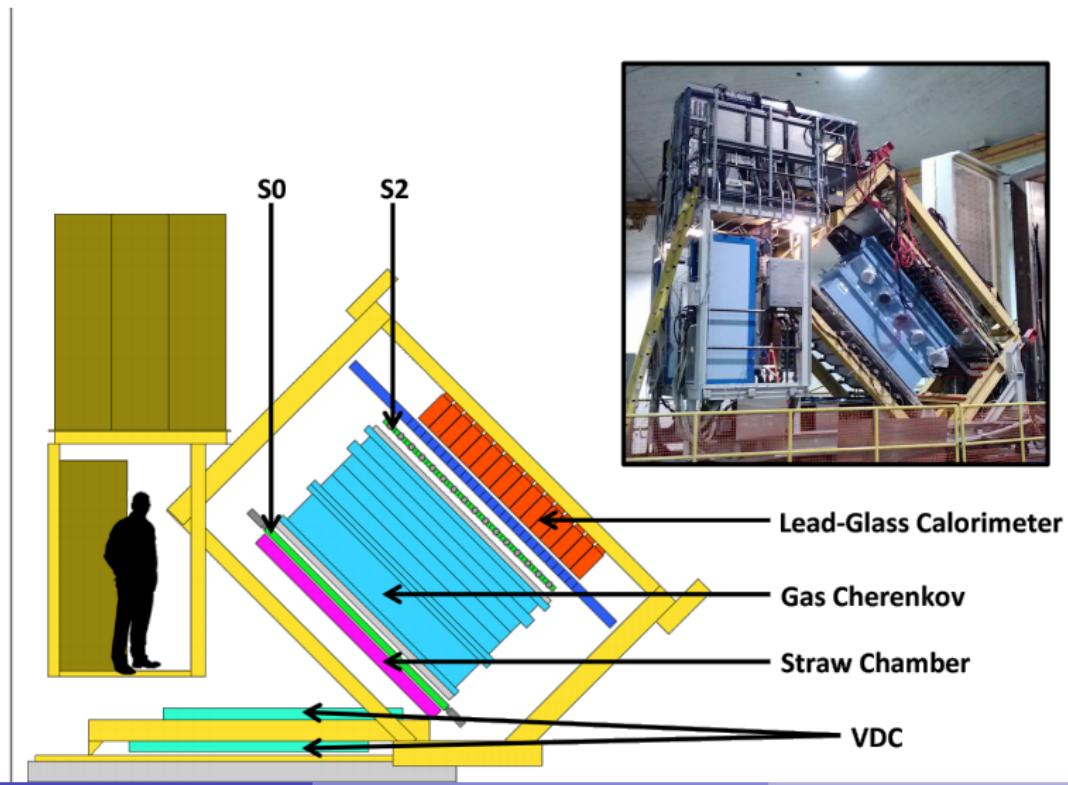
- Signal quality checks
- PMT performance studies
- Designing trigger logic
- Supply detector HV

After about 2 years of work:
Removed from then run plan!

Hall A

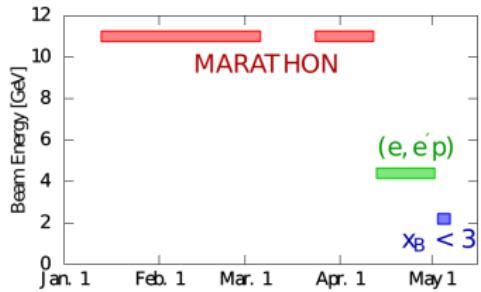


High Resolution Spectrometers (HRSs)



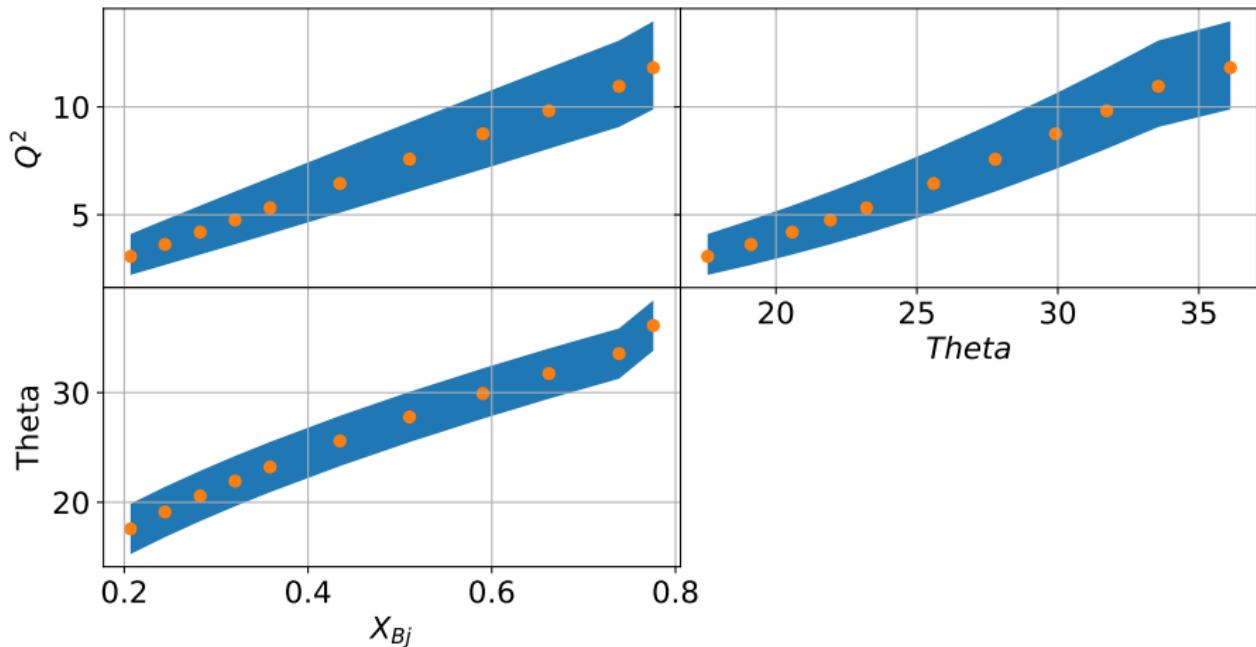


The Run Period



Rey Torres

Kinematic Coverage



Kinematic coverage between Q^2 , x , and Θ . The band around the points represents the approximate spectrometer acceptance in the y axis.

Preparing Data for Analysis

Calibration

ADC calibration

- Calorimeters, Scintillators, and Cherenkov

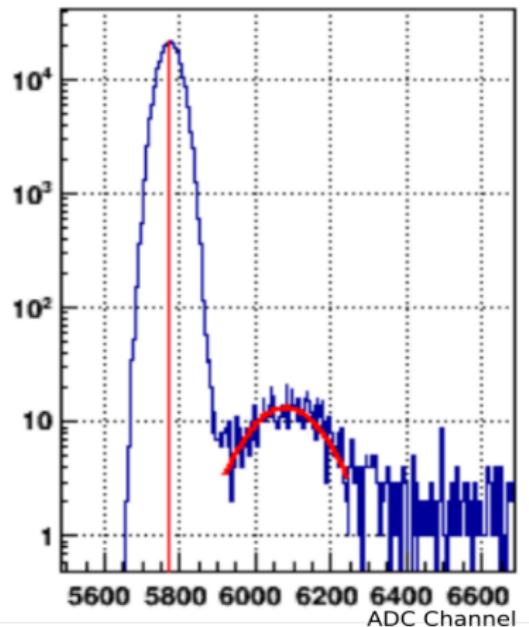
TDC calibration

- Scintillators and VDC

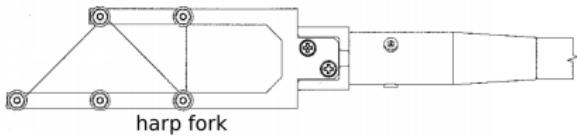
Detector calibrations

- BPMs, BCMS, Optics

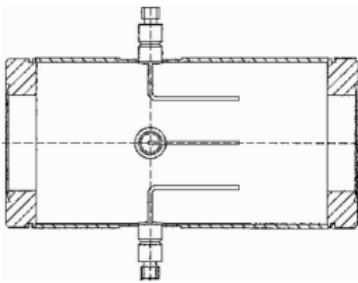
Cherenkov Calibration



Beam Position Monitor(BPM) Calibration



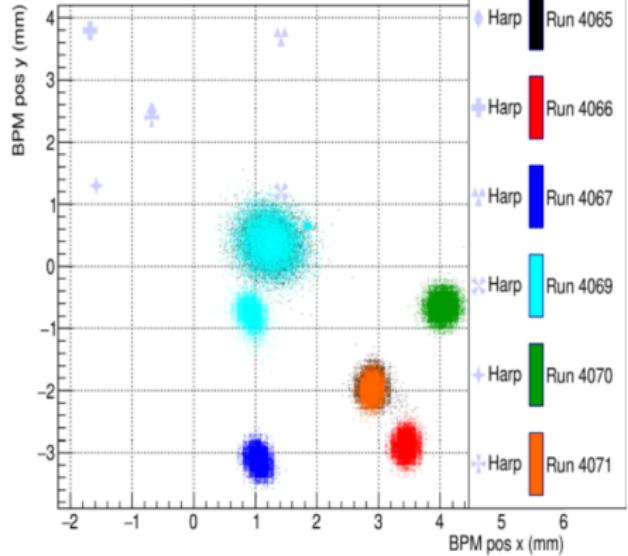
Intrusive absolute position measurement



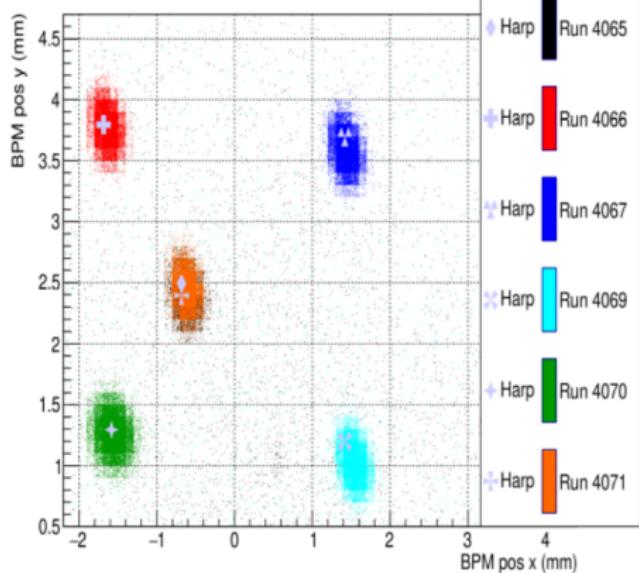
Relative position measurement

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_{position} \\ Y_{position} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C(0, 0) & C(0, 1) \\ C(0, 0) & C(0, 1) \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} X_{BPM} \\ Y_{BPM} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} X_{offset} \\ Y_{offset} \end{pmatrix}$$

Beam position from BPM and harp for a collection of runs



Before Calibration



After Calibration

Experimentally Measured Cross Section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE'd\Omega} = \frac{(N - BG)}{L \cdot \epsilon \cdot \Delta E' \Delta \Omega \cdot A(E', \theta)}$$

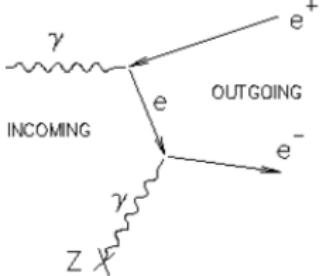


- N = Number of electrons
- BG = Background
- L = Luminosity
 - ▶ Density Correction
- ϵ = Efficiency
- $\Delta E' \Delta \Omega$ = Bin Size
- $A(E', \theta)$ = Acceptance probability

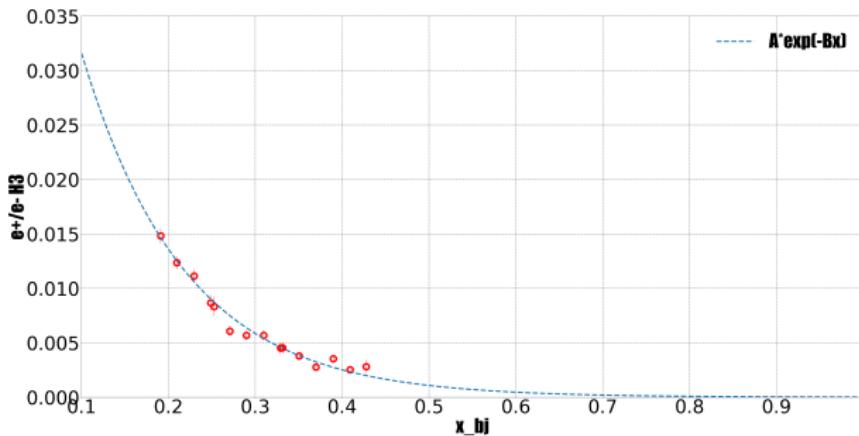
Charge Symmetric Background

- γ decay into an e^+e^- pairs
- Pair produced e^- by detecting e^+
- Extraction based on fit to Exponential function

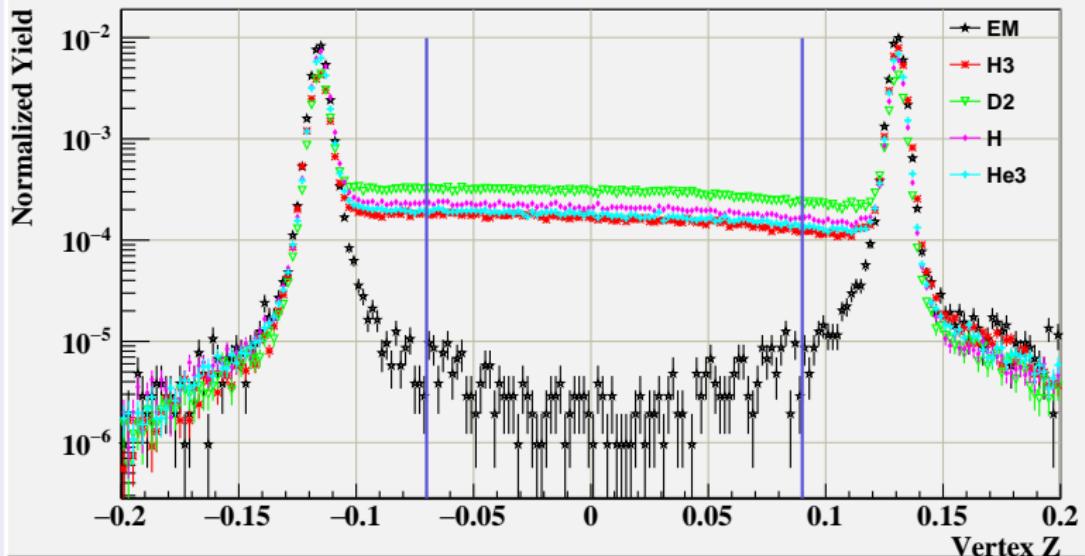
Pair Production



Tritium positron contamination. Credit: Tong Su

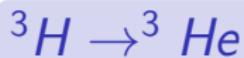


Aluminum Endcap Background



- Extract ratio of the normalized yield from the gas cell to that of the empty cell

3H Decay

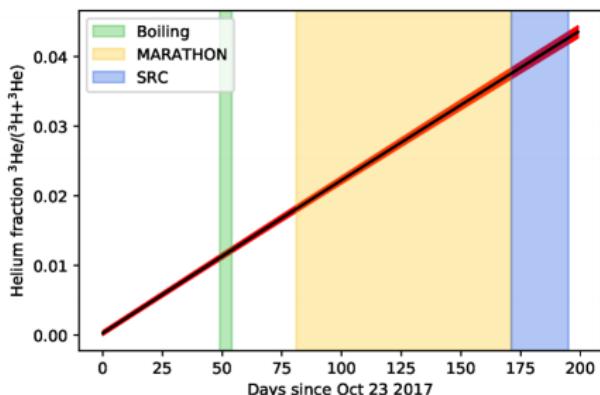


$$\tau(^3H) = 4500 \pm 8\text{ days}$$

$$c = \frac{\eta_{^3He}}{\eta_{tot}}$$

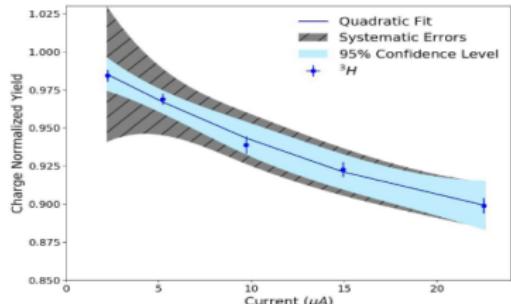
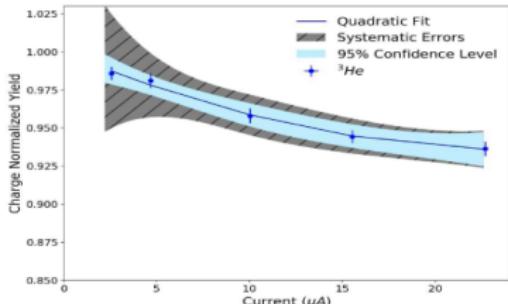
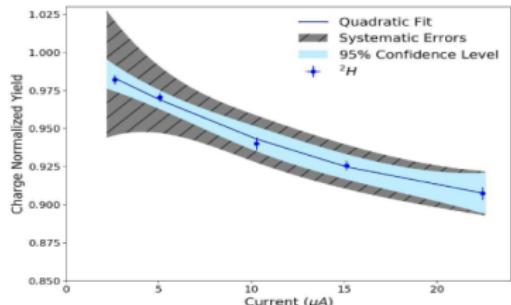
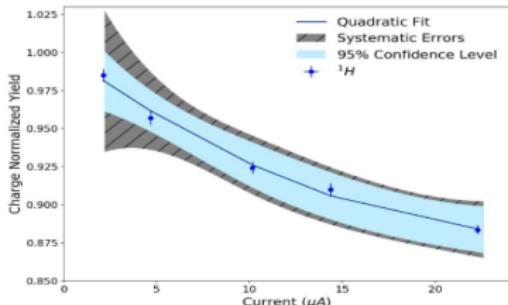
$$\sigma_{^3H} = \left(\frac{\sigma_{tot}}{\sigma_{^3He}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 - c} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{1 - c} \right)$$

Beta Decay Helium Fraction



Tyler Kutz

Density Fluctuations

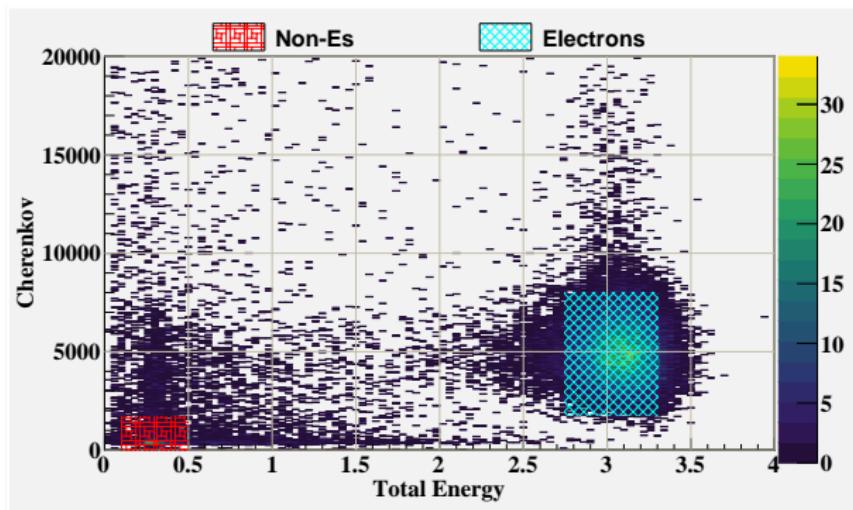
(a) ${}^3\text{H}$ Density Analysis.(b) ${}^3\text{He}$ Density Analysis.(c) ${}^2\text{H}$ Density Analysis.(d) ${}^1\text{H}$ Density Analysis.

[S.N.Santiesteban et. al (2019)]

Efficiencies (ϵ)

- Particle Identification(PID)
 - ▶ Cherenkov
 - ▶ Calorimeters
- Trigger
 - ▶ Scintillators
- Tracking
 - ▶ Vertical Drift Chambers(VDCs)
- Electronic Deadtime

Particle ID Efficiency



- Use well defined samples
- Apply PID cuts and count
- PID efficiency $\approx 98\%$ for all kinematics

Monte Carlo Ratio Method

$$Y_{MC}(E', \theta) = L \cdot \sigma^{model} \cdot (\Delta E' \Delta \Omega) \cdot A(E', \theta)$$

$$\sigma_{data} = \frac{Y_{data}(E', \theta)}{L \cdot (\Delta E' \Delta \Omega) \cdot A(E', \theta)}$$

Use a Monte Carlo simulation

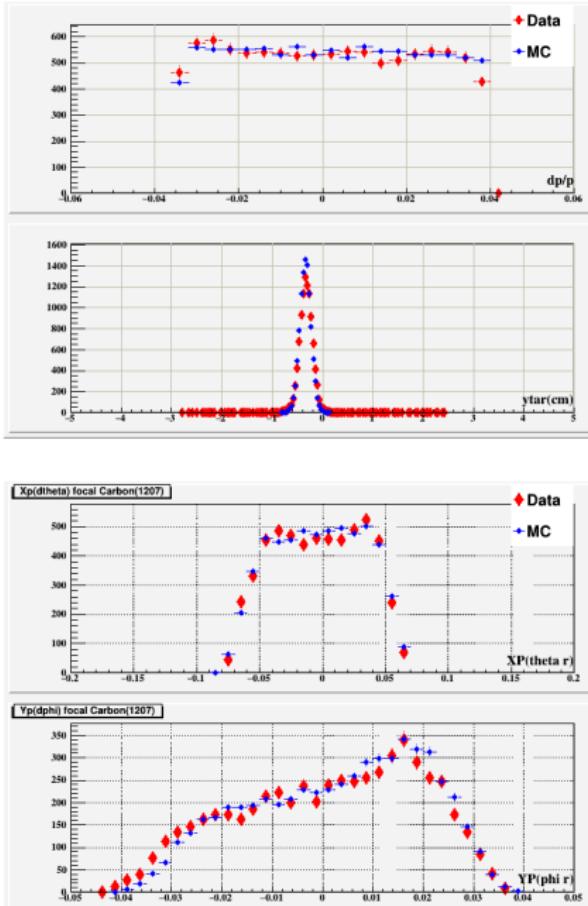
- $(\Delta E' \Delta \Omega)_{Data} = (\Delta E' \Delta \Omega)_{MC}$
- $A(E', \theta)_{Data} = A(E', \theta)_{MC}$

$$\sigma_{Data} = \sigma_{model} \cdot \frac{Y_{Data}}{Y_{MC}}$$

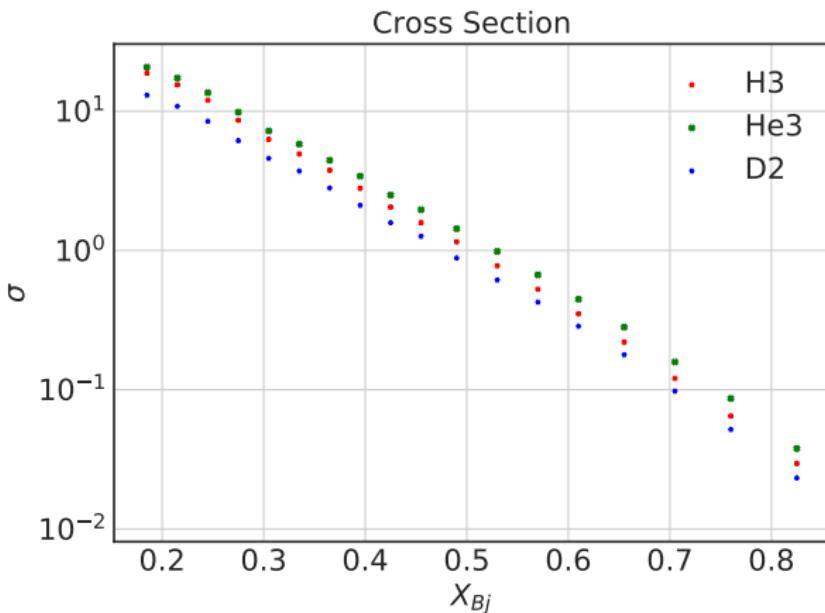
Monte Carlo

- Generate events → Pass through Magnetic apertures
- Tune Simulation offsets to match detector response
- Use model to weight events
 - ▶ Deep Inelastic and resonance region from Ari Bodek Fit from E139

[A. Bodek and U.K. Yang, 2002]



DIS Cross Section



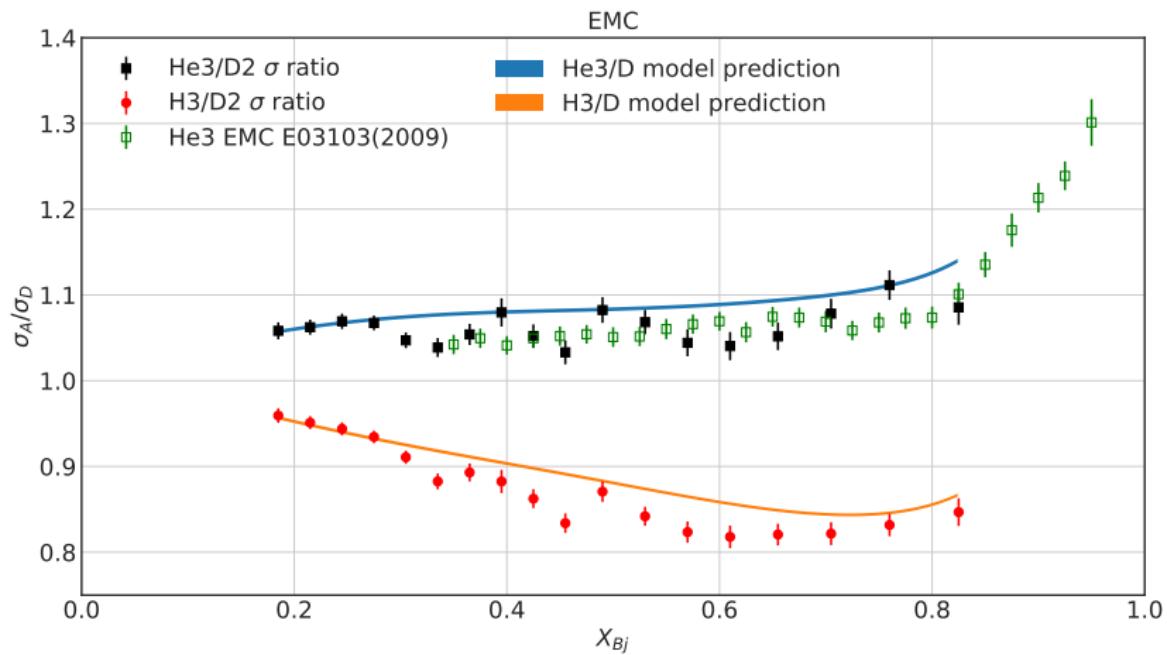
Normalization uncertainty due to target thickness uncertainty
He3 - 1.12% • H3 - 0.97% • D - 0.56%

Relative Error Contributions in % for Cross Section for a selection of bins

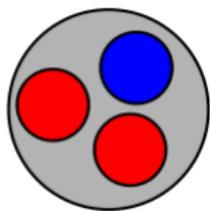
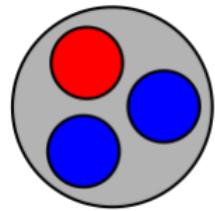
x bin	0.215	0.455	0.705
Statistical Error	0.512	0.889	1.106
Positron Correction Error	0.036	0.016	0.005
Efficiency Error*	0.665	1.477	2.951
Density Correction Error	0.002	0.002	0.002
Monte Carlo Error	0.193	0.217	0.209
Total Error	0.95	1.931	3.316

* Contains contributions from PID, tracking, trigger, and livetime

Per Nucleon Cross Section Ratio



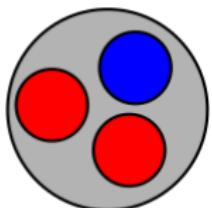
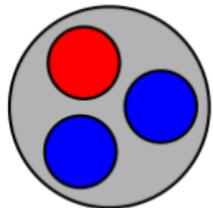
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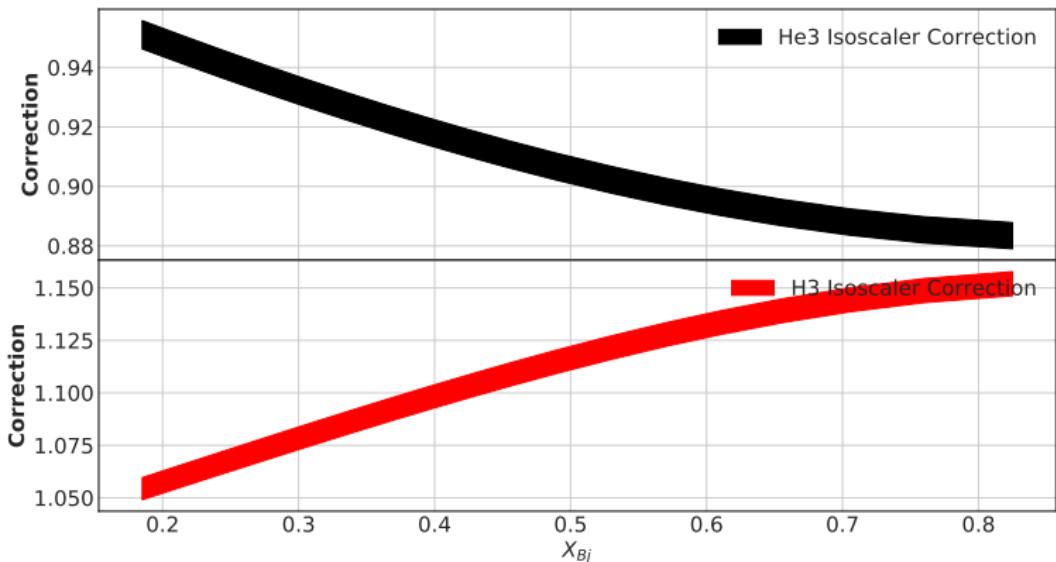
- Correct for the unpaired nucleon in the A/D ratio.

$$\text{Cor.} = \frac{\left(0.5 * (1.0 + \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p})\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{A} \cdot (Z + (A - Z) \cdot \frac{F_2^n}{F_2^p})\right)}$$

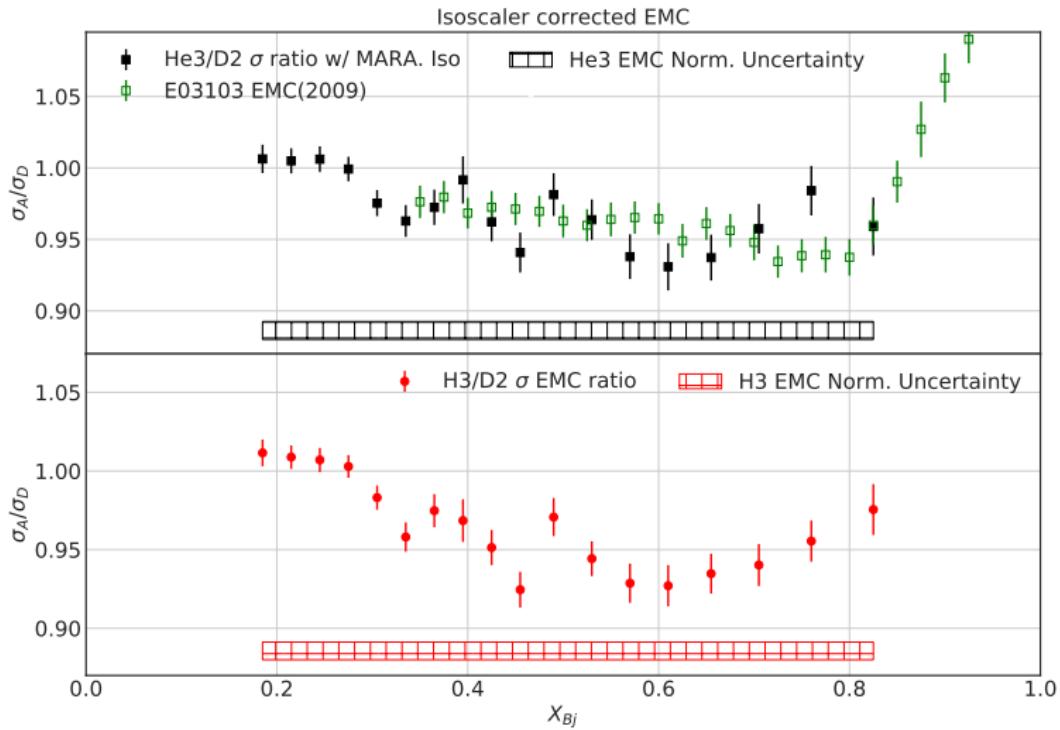
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EMC Effect



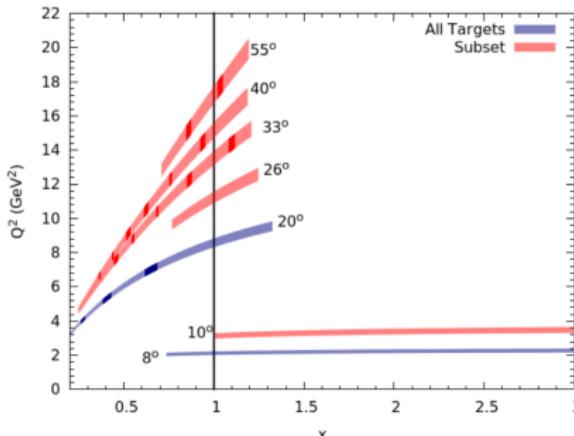
Future Plans

- Model dependence on cross section extraction
- Study the edge of the HRS acceptance for a long target
- Model Dependence on Isoscalar correction
- Determine the magnitude of the EMC effect for Tritium and Helium-3



Detailed Studies of the nuclear dependence of F2 in light nuclei [E12-100-008: J. Arrington, A Daniel, NF, D. Gaskell]

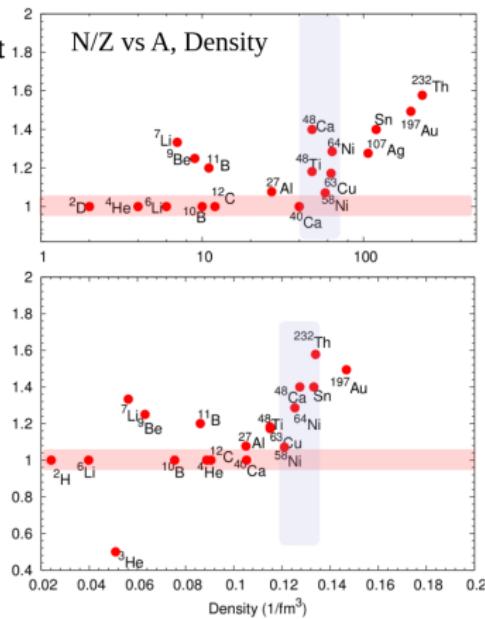
Target Choice motivated by physics impact



Coming soon* in Hall C

What is soon?

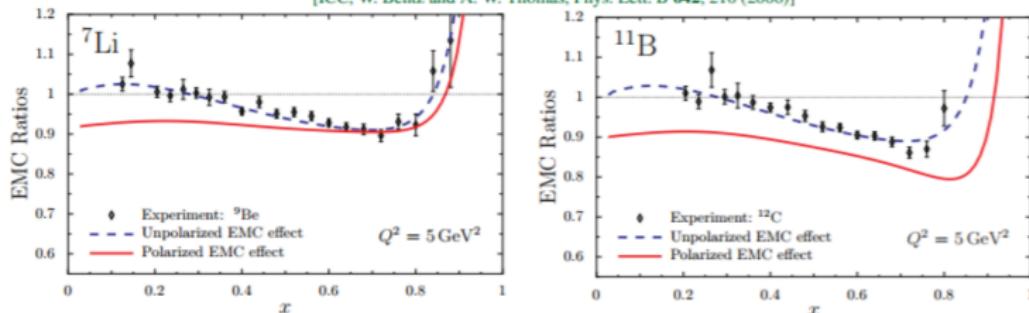
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The EMC effect in spin structure functions

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

[ICC, W. Bentz and A. W. Thomas, Phys. Lett. B **642**, 210 (2006)]



- A polarized EMC effect arises because in-medium quarks are more relativistic
 - 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 ${}^7\text{Li}$

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Summary

- The puzzling EMC Effect - decrease in high momentum quarks $A > 2$
- DIS - probe the quarks
- Used JLab's 12GeV electron beam & Hall A's HRS
- Use the ${}^3\text{He}$ & ${}^3\text{H}$ EMC Effect to add a puzzle piece to the EMC puzzle.

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