Inclusive electron scattering from nuclei in the quasielastic region Data and its interpretation

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Outline

- * Inclusive Electron Scattering from Nuclei
- * Correlations
- * Scaling
- **∗** FSI
- * Extrapolation to NM
- * Data Archive and Conclusion

Introduction

Inclusive electron scattering from nuclei provides a rich, yet complicated mixture of physics that has yet to be fully exploited.

- Momentum distributions and the spectral function S(k,E).
- Short Range Correlations and Multi-Nucleon Correlations
- Scaling (x, y, ϕ' , ξ)
- Medium Modifications -- tests of EMC; 6-quark admixtures
- Duality

The inclusive nature of these studies make disentangling all the different pieces a challenge but experiments over a range of Q² and with different A will help.

Inclusive Electron Scattering from Nuclei





There is a rich, if complicated, blend of nuclear and fundamental QCD interactions available for study from these types of experiments.

The two processes share the same initial state

 $\frac{d^2\sigma}{dQd\nu}$

QES in IA

DIS

$$\alpha \int d\vec{k} \int dE \sigma_{ei} S_i(k, E) \delta()$$

The limits on the integrals are determined by the kinematics. Specific (x, Q²) select specific pieces of the spectral function.

Spectral function

 $n(k) = \int dE \ S(k, E)$

Spectral function

However they have very different Q^2 dependencies $\sigma_{ei} \propto elastic$ (form factor)² $W_{1,2}$ scale with <u>ln Q²</u> dependence

 $\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{dQdv} \propto \left[d\vec{k} \right]^{i} dE W_{1,2}^{(p,n)} S_{i}(k,E),$

Exploit this dissimilar Q² dependence

Early 1970's Quasielastic Data

500 MeV, 60 degrees $\vec{q} \simeq 500 MeV/c$





The quasielastic peak (QE) is broadened by the Fermi-motion of the struck nucleon.

The quasielastic contribution dominates the cross section at low energy loss (v) even at moderate to high Q^2 .

- The shape of the low v cross section is determined by the momentum distribution of the nucleons.
- As Q^2 >> inelastic scattering from the nucleons begins to dominate
- We can use x and Q^2 as knobs to dial the relative contribution of QES and DIS.

A dependence: higher internal momenta broadens the peak



Correlations and Inclusive Electron Scattering



Shaded domain where scattering is restricted solely to correlations. Czyz and Gottfried (1963)



Czyz and Gottfried proposed to replace the Fermi n(k) with that of an actual nucleus. (a) hard core gas; (b) finite system of noninteracting fermions; (c) actual large nucleus.





Short Range Correlations (SRCs)

Mean field contributions: k < k_F Well understood, Spectroscopic Factors ≈ 0.65

- High momentum tails: k > k_F Calculable for few-body nuclei, nuclear matter. Dominated by two-nucleon
- short range correlations
- Isolate short range interactions (and SRC's) by probing at high pm: (e,e'p) and (e,e')
- Poorly understood part of nuclear structure
- Sign. fraction have $k > k_F$
- Uncertainty in SR interaction leads to uncertainty at k>>, even for simplest systems





Fig. 2. Momentum distributions for ⁴He, HJ: Hamada-Johnston potential, RSC: Reid soft core potential, SSCB: de Tourreil-Sprung super soft core potential B, UNC: uncorrelated, for the RSC potential. The other uncorrelated distributions do not differ appreciably for q > 2 fm⁻¹.

Zabolitzky and Ey, PLB 76, 527



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Scaling

- Scaling refers to the dependence of a cross section, in certain kinematic regions, on a single variable. If the data scales in the single variable then it validates the assumptions about the underlying physics and scale-breaking provides information about conditions that go beyond the assumptions.
- At moderate Q² inclusive data from nuclei has been well described in terms y-scaling, one that arises from the assumption that the electron scatters from quasi-free nucleons.
- We expect that as Q² increases we should see for evidence (x-scaling) that we are scattering from a quark that has obtained its momenta from interactions with partons in other nucleons. These are super-fast quarks.

y-scaling in inclusive electron scattering from ³He



Assumption: scattering takes place from a quasi-free proton or neutron in the nucleus.

y is the momentum of the struck nucleon parallel to the momentum transfer: $y \approx -q/2 + m\nu/q$



y-scaling in PWIA

- lower limit becomes $y = y(q, \omega)$
- upper limits grows with q and because momentum distributions are steeply peaked, can be replaced with ∞
- Assume S(E_s,k) is isospin independent and neglect E_s dependence of σ_{ei} and kinematic factor K and pull outside
- At very large q and ω , we can let $E_{max} = \infty$, and integral over E_s can be done $n(k) = \int S(E_s, k) dE_s$

$$\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{dEdQ_{e'}} = (Z\overline{\sigma}_{ep}' + N\overline{\sigma}_{en}')K'F(y)$$

where

$$F(y) = 2\pi \int_{|y|}^{\omega} n(k)kdk$$

Scaling (independent of Q²) of QES provides direct access to momentum distribution

Assumptions & Potential Scale Breaking Mechanisms

- No FSI
- No internal excitation of (A-1)
- Full strength of Spectral function can be integrated over at finite q
- No inelastic processes
- No medium modifications



 $y \approx -q/2 + mv/q$



Helium-3



In nuclei the distribution of the strength in energy complicates the relationship between the scaling function and n(k).

The spectral function S(k,E) for ³He

Hanover group, T = 0 and T = 1 pieces (right)

Theoretical ³He F(y) integrated at increasing q



As q increases, more and more of the spectral function S(k,E) is integrated.

Inelastic contribution increases with Q²



DIS begins to contribute at x > 1, y < 0

Convolution model



Scaling of the response function shows up in a variety of disciplines. Scaling in inclusive neutron scattering from atoms provides access to the momentum distributions.

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Scaling and final-state interactions in deep-inelastic neutron scattering

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The momentum distributions of atoms in condensed matter can be determined by neutron inelastic scattering experiments if the momentum transfer $\hbar q$ is large enough for the scattering to be described by the impulse approximation. This is strictly true only in the limit $q \rightarrow \infty$ and, in practice, the experimentally determined momentum distributions are distorted by final-state interactions by an amount that is typically 2% to 8%. In this paper we develop a self-consistent method for correcting for the effect of these final-state-interaction effects. We also discuss the Bjorken-scaling and y-scaling properties of the thermal-neutron scattering cross section and demonstrate, in particular, the usefulness of y scaling as an experimental test for the presence of residual final-state interactions.

Momentum distributions are "distorted" by the presence of FSI y-scaling as a test for presence of FSI FSI have a 1/q dependence



FIG. 1. y scaling in liquid neon. $qS_s(q,\omega)$ is shown in arbitrary units as a function of $y = (m/\hbar q)(\omega - \omega_r)$ for liquid neon at T = 26.9 K for the eleven values of q in the range 5.0-10.0 Å⁻¹, which were used in the determination of the momentum distribution in Ref. 7. The data are from Ref. 59.

Weinstein & Negele PRL 49 1016 (1982)

Final State Interactions

In (e,e'p) flux of outgoing protons strongly suppressed: 20-40% in C, 50-70% in Au



FSI has two effects: energy shift and a redistribution of strength

<u>Benhar et al</u> proposed approach based on NMBT and Correlated Glauber Approximation



CS Ratios and SRC

In the region where correlations should dominate, large x,



$$= \sum_{j=1}^{A} A \frac{1}{j} a_{j}(A) \sigma_{j}(x, Q^{2})$$

$$= \frac{A}{2} a_{2}(A) \sigma_{2}(x, Q^{2}) + \frac{A}{3} a_{3}(A) \sigma_{3}(x, Q^{2}$$

 $a_j(A)$ are proportional to finding a nucleon in a j-nucleon correlation. It should fall rapidly with j as nuclei are dilute.

 $\sigma(\mathbf{x}, Q^2)$

$$\sigma_2(x,Q^2) = \sigma_{eD}(x,Q^2)$$
 and $\sigma_j(x,Q^2) = 0$ for $x > j$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{A} \frac{\sigma_A(x, Q^2)}{\sigma_D(x, Q^2)} = a_2(A) \Big|_{1 < x \le 2}$$
$$\frac{3}{A} \frac{\sigma_A(x, Q^2)}{\sigma_{A=3}(x, Q^2)} = a_3(A) \Big|_{2 < x \le 3}$$

In the ratios, off-shell effects and FSI largely cancel.

 $a_j(A)$ is proportional to probability of finding a *j*-nucleon correlation

Ratios and SRC



a j-nucleon correlation





Arguments about role of FSI Benhar et al.: FSI includes a piece that has a weak Q² dependence, Benhar et al. PLB 3443, 47

There is the cancellation of two large factors (\approx 3) that bring the theory to describe the data. These factors are Q² and A dependent

The solution

- Direct ratios to ²H, ³He, ⁴He out to large x and over wide range of Q²
 - Study Q², A dependence (FSI)
- Absolute Cross section to test exact calculations and FSI
- Extrapolation to NM

Extrapolation of Responses

- Possible to extrapolate nuclear response to NM
 - incoherent sum of contributions
 - average density in nuclear interior and nuclear shapes are ≈ A-independent
 - Response can be separated into a volume component $\propto A$ and a surface piece $\propto A^{2/3}$
 - Ratio of surface to volume goes as A^{-1/3} and extrapolation of nuclear response per nucleon to A^{-1/3} = 0 (A→∞) yields NM

Extrapolation Procedure – local density approximation

Spectral function S(k,E,p) depends on (k,E) and the local nuclear density $\rho(r)$ $\sigma(q,\omega) = \int S(k,E,\rho(r)) F d\vec{k} dE d\vec{r} \rho(\vec{r}) d\vec{r}$

Explicit dependence on A, split density into 2 terms $\rho_c + \rho_s$ $\rho_c(r < R_o) = \rho_o \ p_c(r > R_o) = 0$ hard sphere

 $\rho_{\sigma} \equiv \rho_{c} - \rho(r)$ surface peaked (with total volume zero)

 ρ_c largely independent of A, with $R_o = r_o A^{1/3.}$ ρ_s is a universal function of ($R_o - r$) and has a shape independent of A and is significantly different from zero, only at the surface

These two terms give different contributions to the nuclear response:

Extrapolation Procedure – local density approximation

1)
$$\sigma_c = A \int S(\rho_o) F d \vec{k} dE$$

 $\sigma_{c/A}$ in the limit $A \rightarrow \infty$ in the nuclear matter response per nucleon 2) $\sigma_{\sigma} = A^{2/3} 4 \pi r_{o}^{2} \int S(\rho(r)) F d\vec{k} dE \rho_{\sigma}(r) dr$ after angular integral is done

This contribution represents the difference between the nucleons with density ρ_c and the nucleons have finite surface thickness

The total nuclear response, divided by A,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(q,\omega)/A &= \sigma_c(q,\omega)/A + \sigma_s(q,\omega)/A \\ &= \int S(\rho_0) \cdot F \cdot d\vec{K} dE + \\ A^{-1/3} \int S(\rho(r)) \cdot F \cdot d\vec{K} dE \cdot 4\pi r_0^2 \cdot \rho_s(r) dr \end{aligned}$$

Linear dependence on A^{-1/3}

E= 3.6 GeV, θ = 16, ω = 180 MeV



x and ξ scaling

An alternative view is suggested when the data (deuteron) is presented in terms of scattering from individual quarks



$$\nu W_2^A = \nu \cdot \frac{\sigma^{exp}}{\sigma_M} \left[1 + 2\tan^2(\theta/2) \cdot \left(\frac{1 + \nu^2/Q^2}{1 + R}\right) \right]^{-1}$$



The Nachtmann variable (fraction ξ of nucleon light cone momentum p⁺) has been shown to be the variable in which logarithmic violations of scaling in DIS should be studied.

Local duality (averaging over finite range in x) should also be valid for elastic peak at x = 1 if analyzed in ξ



Evidently the inelastic and quasielastic contributions cooperate to produce ξ scaling. Is this duality?

Medium Modifications generated by high density configurations



High enough to modify nucleon structure?

To which nucleon does the quark belong?

http://faculty.virginia.edu/qes-archive/index.html

**	Quasielastic Electron Nucleus Scattering Archive
Home page	
Data	Welcome to Quasielastic Electron Nucleus Scattering Archive
Table & Notes	In connection with a review article (Quasielastic Electron-Nucleus Scattering, by O. Benhar, D. Day and I. Sick) to be submitted to Reviews of Modern Physics, we have collected here an extensive set of quasielastic electron scattering data in order to preserve and make available these data to the nuclear physics community.
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Acknowledgements	We have chosen to provide the cross section only and not the separated response functions. Unless explicitly indicated the data do not include Coulomb corrections.
	Our criteria for inclusion into the data base is the following:
	 Data published in tabular form in journal, thesis or preprint. Radiative corrections applied to data. No known or acknowledged pathologies
	At present there are about 600 different combinations of targets, energies and angles consisting of some 19,000 data points.
	In the infrequent event that corrections were made to the data after the original publications, we included the latest data set, adding an additional reference, usually a private communication.

As additional data become known to us, we will add to the data sets.

If you wish to be alerted to changes in the archive or to the inclusion of new data, send an email to <u>me</u>. Send any comments or corrections you might have as well.

Summary

- Inclusive QES is a rich source of information about the gs properties of nuclei, significant data set already exists and easily accessible.
- Different Q² dependences allow the QES and DIS regimes to be, in principal, separated.
- Extreme sensitivity to correlations and FSI and these are moderately well understood
- Existing data can be used to extrapolate to NM and to interpolate to gain estimates for nuclei for which no data exists.
- Did not mention: separation of responses, other forms of scaling, medium modifications, duality, SF Q² dependence (from DIS)

Review paper (Benhar, Day and Sick) nucl-ex/0603029, new version soon, RMP

Extra Slides

Convergence of F(y,q)





Relation to charged current neutrino-nucleus scattering

$$e + A \longrightarrow e' + X \qquad \qquad \frac{d\sigma^2}{dQ_{e'}dE_{e'}} = \frac{a^2}{Q^4} \frac{E'_e}{E_e} L_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}$$
$$\frac{d\sigma^2}{dQ_{e'}dE_{e'}} = \frac{G^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{|\vec{k'}|}{|\vec{k}|} L_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}$$

Both can be cast in the same form

$$\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{dQd\nu} \propto \int d\vec{k} \int dE\sigma_{ei} \underbrace{S_{i}(k, E)}_{Spectral function} \delta()$$

 $\sigma_{ei} \rightarrow \sigma_{\nu i}$ weak charged current interaction with a nucleon



Sensitivity to SRC increase with Q^2 and x

We want to be able to isolate and probe two-nucleon and multi-nucleon SRCs

Dotted = mean field approx. Solid = +2N SRCs. Dashed = +multi-nucleon.



11 GeV can reach $Q^2 = 20(13)$ GeV² at x = 1.3(1.5) - very sensitive, especially at higher x values

Approach to Scaling (Carbon)



Convolution model QES RR (W² < 4) DIS (W² > 4)

Scaling appears to work well even in regions where the DIS is not the dominate process

We can expect that any scaling violations will melt away as we go to higher Q^2

Formalism

$$\frac{d\sigma^2}{dQ_{e'}dE_{e'}} = \frac{a^2}{Q^4} \frac{E'_e}{E_e} L_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu}$$

 $L_{\mu\nu} = 2 \left[k_e^{\mu} k_{e'}^{\nu} + k_e^{\nu} k_{e'}^{\mu} - g^{\mu\nu} (k_e k_{e'}) \right] \quad W^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{\chi} \langle O|J^{\mu}|X \rangle \langle X|J^{\nu}|O \rangle \delta^{(4)} (p_O + q - p_X)$

Currents can be written as sum of one-body currents which (eventually) allows (See O. Benhar)

$$\mathcal{N}^{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{q},\omega) = \int d^{3}k \ dE \ \left(\frac{m}{E_{\mathbf{k}}}\right) \left[ZS_{p}(\mathbf{k},E)w_{p}^{\mu\nu}(\widetilde{q}) + (A-Z)S_{n}(\mathbf{k},E)w_{n}^{\mu\nu}(\widetilde{q})\right]$$

where $w^{\mu\nu}$ describes the e/m response of a bound nucleon with momentum **k**

which consists of an elastic and inelastic component.

QES in IA $\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{dQd\nu} \propto \int d\vec{k} \int dE\sigma_{ei} \underbrace{S_{i}(k, E)}_{Spectral function} \delta(t) \qquad G_{E}^{p,n}(Q^{2}) \text{ and } G_{M}^{p,n}(Q^{2})$ DIS $\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{dQd\nu} \propto \int d\vec{k} \int dE W_{1,2}^{(p,n)} \underbrace{S_{i}(k, E)}_{Spectral function} \qquad W_{1,2}^{p,n}(Q^{2}, \nu) \rightarrow W_{1,2}^{p,n}(x)$ $+ \log(Q^{2}) \text{ corrections}$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{Formalism} \qquad \frac{d\sigma^2}{dQ_{e'}dE_{e'}} = \frac{a^2}{Q^4} \frac{E'_e}{E_e} L_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu} \\ L_{\mu\nu} = 2 \left[k_{\sigma}^{\mu} k_{\sigma'}^{\nu} + k_{\sigma}^{\nu} k_{e'}^{\nu} - g^{\mu\nu} (k_{\sigma} k_{\sigma'}) \right] \quad W^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{\chi} \langle 0 | J^{\mu} | X \rangle \langle X | J^{\nu} | 0 \rangle \delta^{(4)} (p_0 + q - p_X) \\ & \frac{d^2 \sigma}{dQ_{e'} dE_{e'}} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dQ_{e'}} \right)_M \\ & \times \left[W_2 (|\mathbf{q}|, \omega) + 2W_1 (|\mathbf{q}|, \omega) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] \\ & \frac{d^2 \sigma}{dQ_{e'} dE_{e'}} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dQ_{\sigma'}} \right)_M \left[\frac{Q^4}{|\mathbf{q}|^4} R_L (|\mathbf{q}|, \omega) \\ & + \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{|\mathbf{q}|^2} + \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right) R_T (|\mathbf{q}|, \omega) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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Preliminary Results - Deuteron



Preliminary Results – ³He



Preliminary Results – ¹²C



Sensitivity to non-hadronic components

