Transparent Virtual Nucleons and Short-Range Correlations

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Understanding nuclei from QCD is a monumental challenge for the 20th century

- 1. Many-body problem.
- 2. Traditional mean-field approximations challenged by strong many-particle correlations.
- 3. Fundamental interaction extremely complex.
- 4. High density.



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(scattering) Ground-state measurements complicated by strong initial- & final-state interactions.



Understanding nuclei is very important

Z₈₀

60

40

20

ZΛ

- Most of the visible mass in the universe.
- Formation of the elements.
- Burning of stars and formation of galactic structures
- Lab for (new) interactions.





Short-Range Correlations (SRC)



Nucleon pairs that are close together in the nucleus





high *relative* and low *c.m.* momentum compared to k_F

<u>r-space</u>

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Why SRC?

Required for a high-resolution, first principle, description of nuclear systems & processes.

NN interaction from QCD & QCD in nuclei



High-density systems



High-q processes (e.g. $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay)



SRCs Across Scales









0.7

0.8

0.9

1.0

0.5

0.4

0.6



NN Interaction



2018-21 SRC Publications:

- Nature 578, 540 (2020)
- Nature 566, 354 (2019)
- Nature 560, 617 (2018)
- Nature Physics, In-Print (2020)
- Nature Physics, In-Print (2021)
- PRL 124, 212501 (2020)
- PRL 124, 092002 (2020)
- PRL 122, 172502 (2019)
- PRL 121, 092501 (2018)
- Phys. Lett. B 811, 135877 (2020)
- Phys. Lett. B 805, 135429 (2020)
- Phys. Lett. B 800, 135110 (2020)
- Phys. Lett. B 797, 134890 (2019)
- Phys. Lett. B 797, 134792 (2019)
- Phys. Lett. B 791, 242 (2019)
- Phys. Lett. B 793, 360 (2019)
- Phys. Lett. B 785, 304 (2018)
- Phys. Lett. B 780, 211 (2018)
- Phys. Rev. C (lett.), In-Print (2021) arXiv: 2006.10249; 2004.07304.

Today: SRCs & CT



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Nuclear Transparency

$$T(A) = \frac{\sigma_{exp}(e, e'p)}{\sigma_{PWIA}(e, e'p)}$$

$$\sigma_{PWIA} = \frac{d^6\sigma}{dE'_e d\Omega_{e'} dE'_p d\Omega_{p'}} = p'E'_p \sigma_1^{cc} S(p, E_s)$$

Ratio of experiment / theory → Transparency measurements really depend on our understanding of the nuclear wave function!





Wiringa, PRC (2014); Carlson, RMP (2015); ...





Mean-Field Transparency



Reduced Correlation Contribution in Transverse Kinematics

$$\sigma_{pwia} = F_{kin} \sigma_{cc1}^{ep} \int S(\mathbf{k}, E) \, d^3k \, dE,$$

Independent Particle Shell Model:

 $\int S(\mathbf{k}, E) \, dE \, d^3 \, k = \underbrace{f(A)}_{\mathsf{F}} \int S_{IPSM}(\mathbf{k}, E) \, dE \, d^3 \, k.$

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Transverse Kinematics:

$$S(k_3=0)\equiv\int S(\mathbf{k_t},k_3=0,E)d^2k_tdE$$

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Reduced sensitivity to high momenta

P. Lava et al., Phys. Lett. B. 595, 117 (2004)

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$$\sigma_{pwia} = F_{kin} \sigma_{cc1}^{ep} \int S(\mathbf{k}, E) \, d^3k \, dE,$$

S(k₃=0), (GeV/c)⁻¹ 55 54 ▲ Q^2 =1.8 GeV² F(y=0) scaling function from Q^2 =1.0 GeV² A(e,e') Independent Particle Shell Model: $\int S(\mathbf{k}, E) dE d^3 k = (f(A)) \int S_{IPSM}(\mathbf{k}, E) dE d^3 k.$ Independent Particle Correlation correction factor 4 Shell Model => Q² (+kinematics) dependent 3.5 Transverse Kinematics: Hartee-Fock-Skyrme $S(k_3=0) \equiv \int S(\mathbf{k_t}, k_3=0, E) d^2k_t dE$ 3 Independent Particle $\blacktriangleright S(k_3=0) = \frac{1}{2} \int S(\mathbf{k}, E) \frac{d^3k}{k} dE,$ Shell Model 2.5 +Correlation Correction Reduced sensitivity to high momenta 2 10 P. Lava et al., Phys. Lett. B. **595**, 117 (2004)

L. L. Frankfurt et al., Phys. Lett. B. 503, 73 (2001)

Inverting the problem: Focus on SRCs instead of correcting for them!



Breakup the pair => Detect <u>both</u> nucleons => Reconstruct 'initial' state



Nuclear Transparency of Correlated Protons

A(e,e'p) Transparency in SRC Dominated Kinematics

• Large Q^2 , $x_B > 1$ region dominated by 2N-SRC pairs

 Spectral function scales according to the number of 2N-SRC pairs.

Transparency ratio of SRC protons in nuclei can be expressed as:

$$\frac{T(A_1)}{T(A_2)} = \frac{\sigma_{A_1(e,e'p)}/(\#np \cdot \sigma_{ep} + 2\#pp \cdot \sigma_{ep})_{A_1}}{\sigma_{A_2(e,e'p)}/(\#np \cdot \sigma_{ep} + 2\#pp \cdot \sigma_{ep})_{A_2}}$$

$$\underset{\text{number of np-SRC pairs}}{\text{number of pp-SRC pairs}} \stackrel{\text{number of shell}}{\underset{\text{cross section}}{\text{section}}} \stackrel{\text{number of pp-SRC päirs}}{\underset{\text{pp-SRC päirs}}{\text{section}}}$$

Scaling Data Can Constrain Relative SRC Abundances



Transparency in SRC Dominated Kinematics

$$\frac{T(A_1)}{T(A_2)} = \frac{\sigma_{A_1(e,e'p)}/(A_1 \cdot a_2(A_1))}{\sigma_{A_2(e,e'p)}/(A_2 \cdot a_2(A_2))} = a_2(A_2/A_1) \cdot \frac{\sigma_{A_1(e,e'p)}/A_1}{\sigma_{A_2(e,e'p)}/A_2}$$

Theory Independent Observable!

SRC Transparency Ratios



Difference Between Mean-Field and SRC Transparencies



A dependence [$T(A) = A^{\alpha}$ Parametrization]



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Full Understanding \w SRC Guidance



Duer et al., PLB (2019)

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Going Inverse:

Towards Colliders & Radioactive Beams



Key: Suppress Final State Interactions



FIG. 1: Color online. The recoil neutron momentum distribution for (a) $Q^2 = 2 \pm 0.25 \text{ GeV}^2$ and (b) $Q^2 = 3 \pm 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$. Dashed, dash-dotted and solid curves are calculations with the Paris potential for PWIA, PWIA+FSI and PWIA+FSI+MEC+N Δ , respectively. Dotted (red) curves are calculations with the AV18 potential.


Scale Separation and re-interactions



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High-Energy Ion Beam @ JINR Nuclotron







SRC @ BM@N: Fragment



Fragment Tagging Suppress FSI



¹²C p-shell measurement



Patsyuk and Kahlbow al., Nature Physics (2021)

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JINR Results

- First observation of ISI/FSI suppression using fragment detection.
- First observation of SRCs with bound residual A-2 system:

Direct measurement of pair c.m. motion

Establishment of factorization!

Patsyuk and Kahlbow al., Nature Physics (2021)







Quarks in the Nucleus



EMC Effect:

1.2 Original 1.1 **Expectation** Iron / Deuterium 1 Structure Function 0.9 **Experimental** 0.8 **Observation** 0.7 0.60.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 0 X_B

Aubert et al., PLB (<u>1983</u>); Ashman et al., PLB (1988); Arneodo et al., PLB (1988); Allasia et al., PLB (1990); Gomez et al., PRD (1994); Seely et al., PRL (2009); Schmookler et al., Nature (<u>2019</u>)

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'Global' EMC Data



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Effect driven by nuclear structure & dynamics





Bound = 'quasi Free' + Modified SRCs

→ SRC = Bound - 'quasi Free'





Schmookler, Nature (2019)



SRC Universality!

Schmookler, Nature (2019)



SRC quark-gluon structure























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Next Steps in SRC studies \w electrons



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Linear

Electron

Accelerato

Polarized Electron

Source

JINR 2021: New Setup



¹²C(*p*,2*p*)X at 3.5 GeV/c/u

- increased statistics: x20
- improved missing-momentum resolution (60 -> 25 MeV/c)
- direct proton/pion ID
- increased (multi) fragment detection efficiency

New ToF-Calorimeter



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