SRC studies in inverse kinematics

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Quasi-free scattering to study nuclear structure

¹²C(p,2p):

- shell structure
- momentum distributions







Advantages of inverse kinematics experiments for nuclear structure physics



fully exclusive measurement: measure momenta of all emerging particles

Disadvantages: In-medium effects

Incoming proton and outgoing protons interact with other nucleons (initial and final state interactions)

- → disturb initial momentum reconstruction
- → extra excitations of the nucleus (break fragment apart)
- \rightarrow eject additional particles (pions, ...)

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We proof in fully exclusive scattering experiment that fragment tagging suppresses ISI/FSI [Attenuation & Distortion]

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Quasi-free scattering at high energies





- + large energy and momentum transfer
- \rightarrow impulse & spectator approximation (~ adiabatic process)
- \rightarrow multi-scattering well described by Glauber theory

2018 Experiment at BM@N Setup / JINR

¹²C(p,2p)X



Fragment Measurement

¹²C(p,2p)X



Fragment recoil momentum

Does adiabatic approximation hold $\boldsymbol{p}_{miss} = -\boldsymbol{p}_{A-1}$?



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 \vec{p}'_N

 $\vec{p}'_{(A-1)}$

 $\mathbf{Q} \quad \vec{p}_p'$

Reaction mechanism under control

Fragment tagging suppresses initial/final state interactions



Single-step nucleon knockout

Proton momentum distribution with fragment tagging to access ground-state distribution



Calculation of QE (p,2p)scattering off *p*-shell nucleon in ¹²C without ISI/FSI

[T. Aumann, C.A. Bertulani, J. Ryckebusch, PRC 88 (2013).]

Fragment recoil momentum

Fragment not impacted by inelastic scattering: adiabatic approximation holds $p_{miss} = -p_{A-1}$



Fragment-proton correlation



Experiment in inverse kinematics at high energy with hadronic probe is a "clean" technique to study nuclear structure

SRC study in inverse kinematics



Measure:

- Scattered proton momentum
- Fragment momentum
- Recoil nucleon momentum
- Measure final state / energy

Extract:

p_{miss}
pair c.m.
factorization
spin, parity

Probe SRC universality using different probes



SRC breakup using hadronic probe

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{pp} \\ d\sigma &\sim K \cdot \sigma_{eN} \cdot S(p_i, E_i) \\ S(p_i, E_i) &\sim \sum_{\alpha} C^A_{\alpha, NN}(p_{cm}) \times |\tilde{\varphi}^{\alpha}_{NN}(|\vec{p}_{Rel}|)|^2 \end{aligned}$$





M. Patsyuk, JK et al. (BM@N), Nat. Phys. 17 (2021). 19



▲ ¹²C(*p*,2*p*)¹⁰B

а

BM@N

b

0.4

E_{miss} (GeV)

-> np dominance

(guided by GCF)

23 np pairs (10B) 2 pp pairs (¹⁰Be)



SRC identification

¹⁰Be

1,600

Fragment momentum = pair c.m. motion





direct extraction: $\sigma = (156 \pm 27) \text{ MeV/c}$ -> small c.m. momentum

Signature for universality: c.m. momentum comparison



SRC universality & scale separation

factorized Generalized Contact Formalism (GCF)



R. Cruz-Torres, D. Lonardoni, R. Weiss et al., Nature Physics 17 (2021).

Pair correlations

strongly correlated pair: nucleon momentum not balanced by *A-1*

NN back-to-back emission



weak interaction between pair and A-2 spectator

→ Factorization measured directly



Summary



Quasi-free scattering in inverse kinematics is a clean reaction tool

1st SRC identification in inverse kinematics:

- access to new observables
- evidence for factorization and universality



Thank you.

