



Investigation of Proton-Proton Short-Range Correlations via the Triple-Coincidence ¹²C(e,e'pp) Measurement at Jlab / Hall A

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What did we know about 2N-SRC in nuclei before the Jlab triple coincidence measurement ?



Measurement: (e,e'p)

Observed phenomena: spectroscopic factors are 60-70% of the Independent Particle Shell Model (IPSM) predictions.

Deduction: Nucleons in nuclei can not be fully described as individual nucleons moving in an average potential (mean field).

Quantitative conclusion: 30-40% are due to shell model long range correlations, 2N-SRC, multi nucleon correlations...



Spectroscopic strength for knocked out valence p with the reaction (e, e'p), relative to the independent model prediction.



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Measurement: (e,e') $X_B > 1$, large Q^2

Observed phenomena: scaling.

Deduction: The electrons probe high momentum bound nucleons from a local source (2N-SRC) with properties generally independent of the residual nucleus.

Quantitative conclusion:

- * 2N-SRC (np, pp, nn) = 20±4.5%.
- * 3N-SRC are one order of magnitude smaller than 2N-SRC.

Theory:	Frankfurt, Sargsian, and Strikman
CLAS:	K. Sh. Egiyan et al. PRC 68, 014313.
	K. Sh. Egiyan et al. PRL. 96, 082501 (2006)
SLAC:	D. Day et. al.



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Observed phenomena: Removal of a proton from ¹²C with (p,2p) reaction and missing momentum 275-550 MeV/c is 92^{+8}_{-18} % accompanied by the emission of a neutron with momentum equal and opposite to the missing momentum.

Deduction:

np-SRC pairs have been observed.

Quantitative conclusion:

In ¹²C of all nucleons with 275-550 MeV/c :

- * **<u>2N-SRC dominance</u>**: 74-100% are partners in 2N-SRC.
- * np-SRC dominance:
- 92_{-18}^{+8} % are members of an np-SRC pair.
- 0-13% are pp-SRC pairs.
- # np-SRC / # pp-SRC > 6.







\star The probability to find a pp-SRC in nuclei is small.

pp-SRC are important to identify and study since they can tell us about the isospin dependence of the strong interaction at short distance scale. This may have relevance to understanding the equation of state for neutron stars.

How well do we understand cold dense nuclear matter?

Stars containing nucleons (hyperons)



Stars containing exotic components

J. M. Lattimer and M. Prakash

The Astrophysical Journal, 550:426-442 2001

A triple coincidence (e,e'pp) measurement is required.

Custom Experiment to study 2N-SRC



 $Q^2 = 2 \text{ GeV/c}$, $x_B \sim 1.2$, $P_m = 250-650 \text{ MeV/c}$, $E_{2m} < 140 \text{ MeV}$ Luminosity ~ $10^{37-38} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$



<u>"Redefine" the problem in</u> <u>momentum space</u>

A pair with "large" relative momentum between the nucleons and small CM momentum.

We optimized kinematics to minimize the competing processes

High energy, Large Q²

MEC are reduced as 1/Q².

Large Q^2 is required to probe high P_{miss} with $x_B > 1$.

FSI can treated in Glauber approximation.

The light-cone variable α is not sensitive to FSI.

No ambiguity with respect to the identification of the struck and recoil nucleons as in low Q².

<u>x_B>1</u>

Reduce isobar currents.

Large p_{miss}, and E_{miss}~p²_{miss}/2M

Large P_{miss_z}

"Almost anti-parallel" kinematics, with a large component of p_{miss} in the virtual photon direction, reduce FSI.











New Equipment for the Experimental Setup





- New Scattering Chamber
- New BigBite Hadron Spectrometer (100 msr)
- New Low Energy Neutron Detector





EXP 01-015 Jlab / Hall A

Dec. 2004 – Apr. 2005





¹²C(e,e'p)¹¹B

Thesis of Peter Monaghan (MIT)





Analysis of the 12C(e,e'p) continuum cross sections underway.



- Operated at a luminosity of up to 10³⁸ cm⁻² s⁻¹
- AE/E Particle Identification
- Timing Resolution of 0.4 ns
- Momentum Resolution dp/p of 2% from time of flight





P_{mis}="300" MeV/c (Signal : BG= 1.5:1)

P_{mis}="400" MeV/c

(Signal : BG= 2.3:1)

P_{mis}="500" MeV/c (Signal : BG= 4:1)



CM motion of the pair:



0.6241 / -3

 22.72 ± 2.784

-0.2975 ± 0.05079

 $\textbf{0.0009933} \pm \textbf{0.0002}$

180

200

σ_{c M} [MeV/c]

120

140

160

 χ^2 / ndf

p0

p1

p2



3 components of $\vec{p}_{c,m}$ and 3 kinematical setups

This experiment : σ_{CM} =0.136±0.008 GeV/c

(p,2pn) experiment at BNL : σ_{CM} =0.143±0.017 GeV/c

Theoretical prediction (Ciofi and Simula) : σ_{CM} =0.139 GeV/c





For ${}^{12}C(e,e'p)$ p_{miss} = 275-600 MeV/c







2N-SRC dominance: 84-100%

* Deduced from ¹²C(p,2pn)

Notice: 100% is the sum of all the protons in this momentum range



$$\frac{(e,e'pp)}{(e,e'p)} = 2x \implies \frac{pp-SRC}{2N-SRC} = x$$

Assuming in ${}^{12}C$ nn-SRC = pp-SRC and 2N-SRC=100%

1-2x

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A virtual photon with $x_B > 1$ "sees" all the pp pairs but only 50% of the np pairs.

$$\frac{(e,e'\,pp)}{(e,e'\,p)} = \frac{x}{x + (1 - 2x)/2} = 2x$$









2N –SRC dominance np-SRC dominance

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For all protons in ¹²C: Assuming for ¹²C nn-SRC = pp-SRC





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pp-SRC versus pn-SRC pairs



 $P_{pn}({}^{12}C)/P_{pp}({}^{12}C) = 74 - 95\%/_{3.5+1\%} > 16$

Is this large or small? What to expect?

- Just counting pairs in ¹²C:
 - #np=6*6=36 #pp=6*5/2=15 $P_{pn}({}^{12}C) / P_{pp}({}^{12}C) = 36/15 = 2.4$
- A statistical distribution obtained by assuming that the SRC are L=0 pairs with equal occupation of each possible quantum state:
 - np (spin=0,1) : 4 states pp (spin=0) : 1 state nn (spin= 0): 1 state

$$P_{pn}({}^{12}C)/P_{pp}({}^{12}C) = 4$$

I. Yaron et al., PRC C66, 024601 (2002). Does it mean that a nucleus of only protons or only neutrons (like what a n-star might be) behaves more like an ideal Fermi gas or more like nuclei? Thus, the deduced ¹²C structure is:







Analysis of more data, available from the triple coincidence measurement of the (e, e'pn) and (e, e'pp) reactions at Jlab / Hall A (E01-015) will allow to check, confirm, and to reduce the uncertainties

 $(e,e'pn)/(e,e'p) \rightarrow pn-SRC$ to compare with the (p,2pn) result.

- $(e,e'pp)/(e,e'pn) \rightarrow A$ direct comparison between
- pn and pp SRC pairs.



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Why FSI are predicted to be small in the chosen kinematics?

The FSI between the two nucleons in the SRC pair

The large mass of the pair (~2.15 GeV), which corresponds to relative momentum of about 0.5 GeV/c reduce the FSI.

Frankfurt, Sargsian, Strikman PR C56, 1124 (1997).

The FSI of the recoil proton with the rest of the nucleus

Suppressed due to Pauli blocking and the geometry of the (e,e'p) reaction Pandharipande and Pierper PR C45, 791 (1992).

The FSI of the fast proton with the rest of the nucleus

The large anti-parallel component of p_{miss} (>k_F) reduce the FSI.

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The absorptive (imaginary) part of the FSI amplitude does not modify the (e,e'pp)/(e,e'p) ratio.

The small reduction in the (e,e'pp)/(e,e'p) ratio due to the transparency of the low energy proton is partially compensated by a small increase in the ratio by single charge exchange that can turn pn-SRC pairs into (e,e'pp) events.



Simple estimates of the FSI effects, based on a Glauber approximation show that these are small compared to the large errors of the data.



Mardor, Mardor, Piasetzky, Alster, and Sargsian PR C 761 (1992)

The data itself indicate that FSI are small. The extracted pair c.m distribution is a combination of c.m motion and FSI. The fact that we get :

- \bigstar a narrow width (σ_{cm} =136 MeV/c),
- \star similar in the transverse and longitudinal directions,
- \bigstar Same as in previous measurements of the (p,2pn) reaction,
 - Same as theoretical predications,

indicates that FSI contribution are not dominant.

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The transparency of the low momentum protons is about 0.8. i.e the measured (e,e'pp)/(e,e'p) ratio should be increased by 20%

The same ratio should be decreased by 8-16% due to SCX.

These two, within the errors, compensate each other.



$$T = \frac{1}{A} \int \rho \exp(-\sigma_{eff} \int \rho \hat{z} dl) dv$$

we adjust the effective cross section to obtain the measured Transparency:

 $\sigma_{eff} (1.5 GeV/c) = 26 mb$ $\sigma_{eff} (180 MeV/c) = 14 mb$

We used the measured effective cross section at 180 MeV/c and the energy dependent of the mean free path as calculated by Pandharipande and Pieper (Phys. Rev C45(1992)791.).



The transparency of the recoil particle in the triple coincidence experiment is higher than that calculated for (e,e'p) since the (e,e'p) already selected an interaction point in the nucleus where the transparency of the (e,e'p) proton is high and therefore the transparency of the recoil proton is also high.

We calculated the conditioned transparency as:

$$T = \frac{1}{A} \int \rho \exp[-\sigma_{eff} (1.5GeV/c) \int \rho \hat{z} dl] \exp[-\sigma_{eff} (p_{recoil}) \int \rho \hat{n} dl] dv$$

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Assuming the (e,e'pn) is 5-10 times the magnitude of the (e,e'pp), the contamination of (e,e'pp) events with contribution from the np correlated pairs is 8-16%. Since the SCX is very forward peaked at these energies we assumed that each proton produced in a SCX process will be considered a correlated partner.

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Evidence for Strong Dominance of Proton-Neutron Correlations in Nuclei

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We analyze recent data from high-momentum-transfer (p, pp) and (p, ppn) reactions on carbon. For this analysis, the two-nucleon short-range correlation (NN-SRC) model for backward nucleon emission is extended to include the motion of the NN pair in the mean field. The model is found to describe major characteristics of the data. Our analysis demonstrates that the removal of a proton from the nucleus with initial momentum 275–550 MeV/c is 92^{+8}_{-18} % of the time accompanied by the emission of a correlated neutron that carries momentum roughly equal and opposite to the initial proton momentum. This indicates that the probabilities of pp or nn SRCs in the nucleus are at least a factor of 6 smaller than that of pnSRCs. Our result is the first estimate of the isospin structure of NN-SRCs in nuclei, and may have important implication for modeling the equation of state of asymmetric nuclear matter.

¹²C(e,e'p)¹¹B Peter Monaghan (MIT)



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Theory:

Frankfurt, Sargsian, and Strikman New CLAS A(e,e') Result:

K. Sh. Egiyan et al. PRC 68, 014313.K. Sh. Egiyan et al. PRL. 96, 082501 (2006)



$$x_{B} = \frac{Q^{2}}{2M\nu} > 1.5, P_{in} \ge 275 MeV/c$$
$$2 < x_{B} = \frac{Q^{2}}{2M\nu} < 3,$$
$$Q^{2} > 1.4 GeV^{2}$$

The observed "scaling" means that the electrons probe the high-momentum nucleons in the 2/3-nucleon phase, and the scaling factors determine the per-nucleon probability of the 2/3N-SRC phase in nuclei with A>3 relative to ³He.

The probabilities for 3-nucleon SRC are smaller by one order of magnitude relative to the 2N SRC.

For ¹² C:

2N-SRC(np,pp,nn) = 0.20 ± 0.045%

3N-SRC Less than 1% of total

Now Include (e,e'p) Data

The Independent Particle Shell Model is based upon the assumption that each nucleon moves independently in an average potential (mean field) induced by the surrounding nucleons.

The (e,e'p) data for knockout of valence and deeply bound orbits in nuclei gives spectroscopic factors that are 60 - 70% of the mean field value.



Spectroscopic strength for knocked out valence protons measured. with the reaction (e, e'p), relative to the independent-particle-shell model prediction.



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Triple – coincidence measurements of large momentum transfer high energy reactions:

To study nucleon pairs at close proximity and their contribution to the large momentum tail of nucleons in nuclei.





A pair with "large" relative momentum between the nucleons and small CM momentum.

NN SRC



<1 fm



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"Redefine" the problem in momentum space

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- high Q² minimizes MEC (reduced as 1/Q²),
 - x_B>1 suppress isobar contributions.
 - almost anti-parallel kinematics to suppress FSI.



EVA collaboration / BNL A. Carroll, S. Heppelman, J. Alster, J. Aclander, A. Malki, A. Tang

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"Evidence for the strong dominanace of pn-correlations in nuclei" arXiv:nucl-th/0604012 April 06 E. Piasetzky M. Sargsian, L. Frankfurt, M. Strikman, J. W. Watson What do we know about pp-SRC ?



A triple coincidence measurement of the (e, e'pn) and (e, e'pp) reactions Jlab / Hall A

The measurement was done Dec. 2004 – Apr. 2005.

Data are being analyzed by 4 students from TAU, MIT, KSU, and Glasgow.





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PRC 65 (2002) 024306.







FSI

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LARGE X

IC are reduced by performing the experiment in "anti-parallel" kinematics $(x_B > 1)$, possible for large Q² only.

LARGE E_m , P_m , $P_m z$

FSI can be treated in Glauber approximation. Also, the relevant parameter in the light-cone formalism is not sensitive to FSI.

Significant reduction of the ambiguity in low Q^2 measurements with respect to the identification of the struck and recoil nucleons.





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HIGH ENERGY

LARGE Q² LARGE X LARGE E_m, P_m, P_{mz}

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