

# Short-Range Correlations Study at HIAF

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# Nucleons in Nuclei

- Strong Force vs Nuclear Force
  - Nuclear force is a "weak" strong force, but too complicated for QCD in description of Nuclei
  - □ Suprisedly, shell-models work very well
    - ✓ Sum of nucleon-nucleon(NN) Interactions → mean field
    - ✓ Modern NN potentials, e.g. AV18

$$V = \sum_{i} \bar{V}(i) + \sum_{i < j} V^{(2)}(i, j) + \sum_{i < j < k} V^{(3)}(i, j, k) + \dots$$



- NN terms fitted from data
- Too hard for NNN and beyond
- Short range part (non-nucleonic)?











TABLE I. Argonne V18 spin-isospin operators in coordinate space.

Term	Spin-isospin operator in r space
$\overline{O_1}$	I
$O_2$	$(\boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2)$
$O_3$	$(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2),$
$O_4$	$(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2)(\boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2)$
$O_5$	$S_{12} = 3(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}})(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}) - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2$
$O_6$	$S_{12}(\boldsymbol{ au}_1\cdot\boldsymbol{ au}_2),$
$O_7$	$(\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S})$
$O_8$	$(\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S})(\boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2)$
$O_9$	$(\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{L})$
$O_{10}$	$(\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{L})(\boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2)$
$O_{11}$	$(\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{L})(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2)$
$O_{12}$	$(\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{L})(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2)(\boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2)$
<i>O</i> <sub>13</sub>	$(\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S})^2$
$O_{14}$	$(\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{S})^2 (\boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_2)$
<i>O</i> <sub>15</sub>	$T_{12} = (3\tau_{1z}\tau_{2z} - \boldsymbol{\tau}\cdot\boldsymbol{\tau})$
<i>O</i> <sub>16</sub>	$(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2)T_{12}$
<i>O</i> <sub>17</sub>	$S_{12}T_{12}$
$O_{18}$	$( au_{1z}+ au_{2z})$



# Nucleons in Nuclei

Momentum Distribution

- Short Range Correlations (SRC)
  - □ 2 or more nucleons highly overlapped  $\rightarrow$  high-density but <u>cold</u>!
  - □ SRC nucleons carry high relative momenta (A-independent)
  - **Experimental signals:** 
    - ✓ Look for back-to-back nucleons after breaking up SRC







- Studying SRC is important
  - □ Short-Range forces are the extreme cases of NN & NNN forces
  - □ SRC could be important in forming neutron-rich nuclei



### □ SRC in the mass matrix for neutrino-less double beta decay?

Wang, Zhao, Meng, arXiv: 2304.12009, Song, Yao, Ring, Meng, Phys. Rev. C 95, 024305







# Exclusive SRC Results

□ Exclusively count np-/pp-/nn-SRC pairs  $\rightarrow$ np make up 90% of SRC pairs



proton "speed up" with neutron excess





### **C** Similar np-dominances in heavy nuclei $\rightarrow$ universality?



O. Hen et al., Science (2014), M. Duer et. al., Nature (2018), B. Schmookler et. al. Nature (2019), A. Schmidt et. al Nature (2020) + many others

### Cautions:

- Exclusive results are statistics limited
- Mixed with mean-field and long-range NN signals
- Complicated FSI corrections
- Limited stable nuclei







□ Heavy to light nuclei have similar high-P tails

 $\rightarrow$  look for a plateau

✓ 2N-SRC (1.3<<sub>xbj</sub><2): 
$$a_2(A, D) = \frac{2}{A} \frac{\sigma_A(x, Q^2)}{\sigma_D(x, Q^2)}$$
,  
✓ 3N-SRC (2<<sub>xbj</sub><3):  $a_3(A, {}^{3}He) = \frac{3\sigma_A}{A\sigma_{{}^{3}He}}$ 

□ Inclusive vs Exclusive:

- High precision, small FSI
- Not direct probing np-SRC internal info





### ►2N-SRC







Frankfurt, Strikman, Day, Sargsian, PRC48, 2451 (1993)



Compared with exclusive SRC Korover and Denniston et al.,CLAS, PRC 107, L061301 (2023) 27

#### □ Non-Universal in light nuclei?

S. Li, R. Cruz-Torres, N. Santiesteban, Z. Ye, et. al, Nature, 2022, 609: 41





### SRC vs EMC

- □ EMC: Inclusive DIS A/D XS ratio drops linearly in 0.3<x<0.7
  - 40 years after discovery, still unknown!
- □ Connection with SRC?
  - Modification in all nucleons or partially?



□ C12-21-004 w/ new Tritium target (+ 2<sup>nd</sup> Tritium-SRC)

#### SIDIS Measurement of A=3 Nuclei with CLAS12 in Hall-B

#### Conditionally approved in PAC49

On behalf of the spokespeople:

D. Dutta, D. Gaskell, O. Hen, D. Meekins, D. Nguyen, L. Weinstein\*, J. R. West, Z. Ye,

and the CLAS Collaboration







#### ► 3N-SRC

□ Much higher relative momenta

□ Much denser cluster (Neutron-Star, Nuclear Matter)

Bi-neutron-stars merger: neutron star > 2.4 solar mass  $\rightarrow$  Short-Range 3-body force?

□ Inclusive Measurement: XS links to the 3N-SRC tails SN-SRC (2<x<3)  $a_3(A, {}^{3}He) = K \cdot \frac{3\sigma_A}{A\sigma_{_{3}He}}$ New E08014 (23, 25, 1.5<Q<sup>2</sup><1.9 GeV<sup>2</sup>) E02019 (18,  $Q^2=2.7 \text{ GeV}^2$ )  $(\sigma_{^4\mathrm{He}}/4)/(\sigma_{^3\mathrm{He}}/3)$ CLAS Ο Ye, Phys. Rev. C 97, 065204 (2018) 2.0 2.5 1.5 Х



#### **Missing 3N-SRC?**

• CLAS result has big background

Higinbotham & Hen, PRL 114,169201 2015)

- $Q^2$  too low to see 3N-SRC?
- Much bigger FSI?

# "Muti-messenger" era







# **Measuring SRC** w/ Inverse-pA

- ➤ Advantage vs eA Scattering
  - $\Box$  Bigger cross-sections  $\rightarrow$  Precision and discovery
  - $\Box$  Easier detection of fragments  $\rightarrow$  Suppress mean field contribution
  - $\Box$  Better controlled FSI  $\rightarrow$  Reduce theoretical systematic errors
  - $\square$  Secondary ion beams  $\rightarrow$  Large asymmetric nuclei, radioactive isotopes









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# **Measuring SRC** w/ Inverse-pA





□ Pioneer experiment at BM@N

- Test run in 2018, results publised ٠
- $^{12}$ C beam, 3.5 4 GeV/c/nucleon ٠
- Identify fragments:



- Detection of two outgoing nucleons ٠
- Reconstruct initial nucleon momentum: ٠  $P_{\text{miss}} = P_1 + P_2 - P_{\text{beam}}$

M. Patsyuk et al. Nature Physics 17, 693 (2021)







# ► JINR BM@N SRC Experiments

- □ Single nucleon quasi-free knock-out
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### □ Selection of 2N-SRC Pairs



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# **Measuring SRC** w/ Inverse-pA

JINR BM@N SRC Experiments

□ 2018 run firstly demonstrated advantage of inverse-pA reaction in SRC study

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□ 2022 run completed

- ✓ JINR, GSI, MIT, Tel Aviv, Tsinghua ...
- ✓ Improve statics x100
- ✓ Detection of n & p recoils
- ✓ Multi-fragment reconstruction
- $\checkmark$  Absolute cross-section (in preparing)



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# **Measuring SRC** w/ Inverse-pA

Vasilisa

Lenivenko

(JINR)



> JINR BM@N SRC Experiments

Timur

Atovuallev

□ Preliminary results of 2022 run, under analysis by:

Sergey

Nepochatykh

(JINR)









Yaopeng

Zhang

(Tsinghua U)





Maria Patsyuk (JINR)





✓ X10 more statistics vs 2018 run ✓ First extraction of absolute XS



# Measuring SRC w/ CEE@HIRFL

*P*: 2.8 GeV

# $\succ$ CEE(*a*)HIRFL-CSR

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- □ HIRFL-CSR comparable with GSI:
  - $\checkmark$  1.0GeV/u @10<sup>5</sup>pps vs 1.25GeV/u@1x10<sup>5</sup>pps
- **CSR** External-Target Experiment (CEE):
  - ✓ Physics Goals: QCD phase boundary at low T, nuclear E.O.S. at  $\rho > 2\rho_0$  regime, Interplay with Neutron Star Physics
  - $\checkmark$  Expected to commission in early 2025





- $\Delta p/p: \leq 5\%, \Delta t/t: \leq 50 ps$
- Max. Rate: 10 kHz
- Proton acceptance: ~ 85%



ZDC

eTOF

CEE

# **Measuring SRC w/ CEE@HIRFL**

HIRFL-CSR beam

*P: 2.8 GeV* 

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 $^{12}C^{+}$ : 1 GeV/u

 $^{238}U^+$  : 0.5 GeV/u

# ≻ CEE@HIRFL-CSR

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- □ HIRFL-CSR comparable with GSI:
  - ✓ 1.0GeV/u @10<sup>5</sup>pps vs 1.25GeV/u@1x10<sup>5</sup>pps
- Using CEE w/ additional changes:
  - ✓ Liquid hydrogen (LH2) target
  - ✓ Replace ZDC w/ a new detectors for A-2 fragments
  - ✓ Possibly a new dipole





# Measuring SRC w/ CEE@HIRFL

# ➤ CEE@HIRFL-CSR

### Goals:

- $\checkmark$  Precision nuclear wave functions
- ✓ Define MF & SRC transition regions
- ✓ Check FSI corrections
- $\checkmark$  Other quasi-free knockout & pickup reactions



PRC 92 (2015), PLB 780 (2018), PLB 791 (2019), PLB 792 (2019), JPG 47 (2020), Nature Physics 17 (2021), PRC 104 (2021), PRC 53 (1996), PRL 119 (2017)



p<sub>miss</sub> (MeV/c)

#### Korover PRC 107, L061301 (2023)

 $(\sigma^{12}C/12) / (\sigma_d/2)$ 

0.8

1.0

XB



# Measuring SRC w/ CEE@HIRFL

## ≻ LH2 Target:

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Under development by Hongna Liu, Beijing Normal University (BNU)



#### ()) 济華大学 Tsinghua University

# Measuring SRC w/ CEE@HIRFL

# ≻ CEE@HIRFL-CSR

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□ Monte-Carlo simulation of SRC w/ CEE@HIRFL









 $^{12}C^{+} (p,ppn)^{10}B^{+}$ 



# Measuring SRC w/ CEE@HIRFL



# ≻ CEE@HIRFL-CSR

□ Fragment detection w/ standard CEE setup

- ✓ Fragment-Detector at 4m downstream
- ✓ Same magnetic field as 0.5T





#### □ Not yet considered:

- Detector resolution & efficiencies
- Background









## ≻ CEE@HIRFL-CSR

□ Fragment detection w/ standard CEE setup

- ✓ Fragment-Detector at 4m downstream
- ✓ Increase magnetic field to 1.0T





# Measuring SRC @HIAF



# ➢ HIAF-High-Energy Station

- HIAF construction to be completed in 2025 (see Dr. He Zhao's talk on Aug. 5th) :
  - C12, E=51 GeV/c (4.25GeV/c/u)  $\rightarrow$  similar to NICA
  - $1.8 \times 10^{12}$  pps (fast extr.),  $4.5 \times 10^{11}$  pps (slow extr.) vs.  $3.5 \times 10^{4}$  pps at JINR
  - LH2 = 0.073 g/cm3 x 15 cm
  - Total Luminosity =  $3 \times 10^{35}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (slow ext)



# Measuring SRC @HIAF



- HIAF-High-Energy Station
  - □ Precision frontier for SRC in HES:
    - Mapping 2N-SRC at all kinematic
    - Search 3N-SRC







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- HIAF-High-Energy Station
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### **Challenges:**

- CEE@1.0T won't easily separate C12 and fragments
- LH2 Target at high luminosity
- FEE, DAQ





### □ A brand new detector?



# Measuring SRC @HIAF

factor

enhancement

np/pp SRC

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# ≻ HIAF-HFRS

### □ Radioactive ion beams are produced at HFRS



□ Study 2N-SRC w/ radioactive isotopes from HFRS

 $\checkmark\,$  Neutron-rich nuclei vs fixed "isoscaler" nuclei

Maximum rigidity	25 Tm
Resolving power	800, 700, 1100
Momentum acceptance	± 2.0%
Angular acceptance	± 30 mrad (x) ± 15 mrad (y)
Beam size	± 1 mm (x) ± 2 mm (y)
Total length	192 m





# Summary



- SRC allows fully studies of nuclear force, quark & gluon in nuclei, neutron stars, etc.
- > 2N-SRC well studied (np-dominate); 3N-SRC remains unseen
- > Inverse kinematic pA reaction  $\rightarrow$  Precisely study SRC
- ▶ Initial exploration with JINR & GSI & CEE@HIRFL,
- $\succ$  Precision frontier SRC study with HIAF  $\rightarrow$  more simulation and optimization on ongoing!
- □ Most of simulation works done by TMEG undergraduate <u>Haocen Zhao</u>, & also graduate: Haojie Zhang, Yaopeng Zhang
- In close collaboration with: Eli Piasetzky (Telv Aviv), Maria Patsyuk (Dubna), Hongna Liu (BNU), Or Hen&Julian

Kahlbow & Hang Qi (MIT), Xionghong He & Hao Qiu & Yapeng Zhang (IMP), ...



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# Backup Slides





Nucleus-scattering with high momenta

**Quasi-Elastic Scattering (QES):** Knock out a nucleon but not breaking it

#### **Beam Particle:**

• Electron

- Pro: Precise, low background
- Con: small cross-section (EM)

#### • Proton:

- Pro: large cross-section (Strong)
- Con: Less precise, high background

#### "Target":

- Fixed (Gas, Liquid, Solid)
  - Pro: Luminosity=Density, most of stable nuclei (atoms) available
  - Con: Knocked-out nucleon, residuals hard to escape
- Ion Beam:
  - Pro: detector final state particles w/ high momenta
  - Con: Luminosity=current, limited ion beams





- Two Types of Detector Systems
  - SRC has small reaction rates → Precision vs. Coverage

Hall-A HRS / Hall-C HMS (High-Precision, Limited Acceptance);



Add third-arm to detector p/n





#### • SRC Event Selection

□ Conditions: Knock-out nucleons, initial and final nuclear systems both in ground state → QES tail on the low-E side

**Quantities**:

Momentum Fractions:  $x = \frac{Q^2}{2m_p v}$ Four Momentum Transfer:  $Q^2 = 4E_0 E' \sin^2(\theta/2)$ 

 $\Box$  Remove mean-field contribution  $\rightarrow$  k>k<sub>Fermi</sub>

- Directly measure high-P knock-out nucleons  $\rightarrow$  strong FSI
- $1 < x < A \rightarrow$  "quark" takes addition momenta from nucleon-motion
- □ Control FSI in semi-(exclusive) measurements (very hard!):
  - High-Q<sup>2</sup> to minimum the time of escaping  $\rightarrow$  less re-scattering
  - Measure knocked out nucleons at special kinematics with min/max FSI
  - Combine with theories models for additional corrections







### Isospin Dependence







**Tensor force favor neutron-proton pairs** 

Proton  $\rightarrow$  T= 1/2, Neutron  $\rightarrow$  T= -1/2

Isospin Singlet: T = 0, n-p pairs ✓ Stable! due to Pauli Principle

Isospin Triplet: T = 1, p-p ( $T_z$ =1), n-p ( $T_z$ =0), and n-n ( $T_z$ =-1)

 $\overline{p_1}$ 

 $\vec{p_3}$ 





□ Many final-state combinations after breaking up 3N-SRC

□ Impossible w/ eA exclusive measurement → need detect 3 high-P nucleons at all possible momenta

□ Inclusive Measurement: XS links to the 3N-SRC tails

3N-SRC (2<x<3)

 $a_3(A,{}^{3}He) = K \cdot \frac{3\sigma_A}{A\sigma_{_{3}He}}$ 

• 2nd plateau?







# **Measuring SRC** w/ Inverse-pA

> Other ongoing/future Experiments

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□ 3rd Gen experiment in HyperNIS@JINR: non-nucleonic d.o.f in Deutron

$$A_{zz} = \frac{(\sigma_{-} + \sigma_{+} - 2\sigma_{0})}{\sigma_{unpol}}$$

□ SRC w/ rare radioactive isotope at R<sup>3</sup>B@GSI

- <sup>16</sup>C(p,2pN)A-2\* in 2022.
- Future:  $^{110,120,132}$ Sn (N/Z = 1.20, 1.40, 1.64)



#### SRC at HADES@GSI

- 4.5GeV p on fixed nuclear targets
- Search for 3N-SRC signals in A(p,2pNN)





![](_page_35_Picture_0.jpeg)

by Hooi-Jin Ong

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light-ion

Image: RIKEN-SAMURAI spectrometer

heavy-ion detectors

# Bremsstrahlung γ generated from SRC (Y.H. Qin & Z.G. Xiao, Physics Letters B 850, 138514 (2024))

Tensor-force project @IMF

 $\theta_{c.m.}$  (deg)

K. Sekiguchi et al., PRL95, 162301(2004)

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