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Status of the SRC Analysis

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Short-Range Correlations (SRC) in Nuclei





SRC pair: 2N in close proximity

In momentum space:

- small center-of-mass motion
- large relative momentum

(compared to Fermi momentum k_F)

What is known about SRCs?

- (mainly) electron-scattering experiments at Jefferson Lab
- "hard" break-up reaction and reconstruction of initial state p_{miss} (Q²≥ 2GeV², x_B ≥ 1.0)





E. Cohen et al., PRL 121 (2018) 092501

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Experimental Setup



Courtesy of Efrain Segarra

Analysis Groups



In-Beam Tracking

Maria Patsyuk Vasilisa Lenivenko Vladimir Palichik (JINR)

Efrain Segarra (MIT)

Calibration Status – In-Beam Tracking





- MWPC tracking improved
- silicon strip detectors have better resolution but problem in y coordinate (Si2)
- combined MWPC+Si tracking in progress
- tracking efficiency (#track==1):
 95% for MWPC
 - 65.2% for combined MWPC+Si tracks (to be improved)

Courtesy of Vasilisa Lenivenko



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Proton-Arm Analysis

Efrain Segarra (MIT) Mikhail Rumyantsev (JINR)

Calibration Status – Proton Arms



ToF Alignment for (p,2p)

- internal alignment with gammas from Pb target
- results from iterated time and position calibration:



Courtesy of Efrain Segarra

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 proton correlation and p_{miss}



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Analysis Groups



Fragment Analysis

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Calibration Status – Fragment Tracking





- Kalman filter applied for fitting
- attempts towards global tracking:
 include CSC, DCHs, ToF700 in downstream tracking
 - updated path length, ToF for momentum and ID

 \rightarrow resolution improves to 6.2%

Courtesy of Sergei Merts

Calibration Status – Fragment Tracking



- alignment of DCH and ToF700 done
- improved tracking efficiency
- ε_{DCH1} ≈ 98%, ε_{DCH2} ≈ 95% (rel. to GEM & DCH#)

momentum = .3*Int(BL)/[sin(alphaX_out)+C]



Courtesy of Vladimir Palichik & Nikolay Voytishin

Primary Analysis Goals

Quasi-elastic scattering ¹²C(*p*,2*p*)¹¹B at 4GeV/c/u

Previous measurement at R³B/LAND Setup at GSI at 0.95GeV/c/u in inverse kinematics

(V. Panin et al., Phys. Lett. B 752 (2016) 204)



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- hard scattering with large momentum transfer
- pp cross section scales ~S⁻¹⁰
- nucleon momenta in same direction (small c.m. energies) are strongly favored



signature in asymmetry of momentum distributions





Primary Analysis Goals II

Study of break-up reactions of the heavy charged residual nucleus

- identify the abundance of produced fragments, $^{12}C + p \rightarrow X$



Courtesy of Göran Johansson

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QE tagging: ${}^{12}C(p,2p){}^{11}B$ selection



Analysis Plans

Next Analysis Steps – combine the work from sub-groups:

- global tracking (track eff.)
- reaction-channel identification: compare different approaches to improve resolution and efficiency
- proton-arm vertex reconstruction and identification

 \rightarrow momentum analysis: incoming beam, protons, fragments

- include in BMNRoot repository
- regular analysis meetings at JINR (~2months), coordination Maria Patsyuk
- 5 PhD students
 - Efrain (MIT)
 - Göran (TAU)
 - Vasilisa, Ksenia, Timur (JINR)
- 1st publication and thesis expected on QE scattering
- preliminary results to be presented at next Nuclotron User's Meeting

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New Beam Counters

(charge identification)

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Additional ToF RPCs (increase angular coverage)

Additional plastic-scintillator hodoscope

(improved ToF and pion discrimination)

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Thank You for Your Attention.

Many Thanks to the Collaborators















Appendix

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$$\vec{p}_{\text{c.m.}} = \vec{p}_{\text{miss}} + \vec{p}_{\text{recoil}} = \vec{p}_p - \vec{q} + \vec{p}_{\text{recoil}},$$
$$\vec{p}_{\text{rel}} = \frac{1}{2} (\vec{p}_{\text{miss}} - \vec{p}_{\text{recoil}}).$$



FIG. 2. The number of A(e, e'pp) events plotted versus the components of $\vec{p}_{c.m.}$ perpendicular to \vec{p}_{miss} . The red and blue histograms show the \hat{x} and \hat{y} directions, respectively. The data are shown before corrections for the CLAS detector acceptance. The dashed lines show the results of Gaussian fits to the data. The widths in parentheses with uncertainties are corrected for the CLAS acceptance as discussed in the text.

measured (corrected)

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2p tracking and vertex reconstruction using GEM+ToF400

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TOF _{1,2}	17.4 nsec <tof<sub>1,2<18.7 nsec</tof<sub>	517
s,t,u	$\geq 2 (\text{GeV/c})^2$	
P _{miss}	0.25 (GeV/c)≤	401
	$P_{miss} \leq 1.0 (\text{GeV/c})$	
$\theta_{1,2}$	2D-cut at (θ_{2}, θ_{1})	216
$\theta_{1,2}$ vs $P_{1,2}$	2D-cut at $(P_{1,2}, \theta_{1,2})$	96
P ₁ +P ₂	5.4 GeV/c < p ₁ + p ₂ < 5.65 GeV/c	20

Table 8: A summary of the cuts (columns 1,2) and the background events, per 10⁸ proton-Carbon interactions, to the p(¹²C,2p)X reaction that survive after each cut (column 3).



Figure 27 Time of flight spectra of π^{\pm} and protons (black), π^{\pm} alone (red), and protons alone (blue).



Figure 31 The sum of the momenta p_1+p_2 of the two leading protons for SRC events in the ¹²C nucleus rest frame (black distribution). The background events are shown in red.





Figure 30 The correlation of the polar angle with momentum for one of the leading protons in the laboratory protons for the SRC signal together with a graphical cut (red line) that accepts the majority frame for the SRC signal events. Also shown is the graphical cut (red line) that accepts the of the SRC events.

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