Mass and Isospin Dependence of Short-Range Correlations

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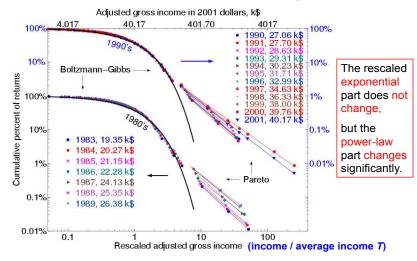




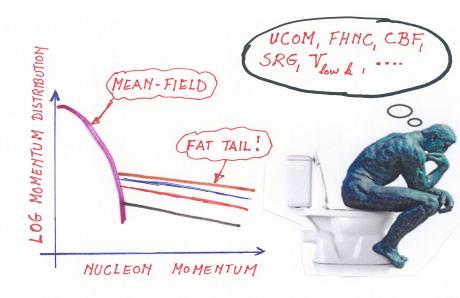


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Income distribution in the USA, 1983-2001



Mass and isospin dependence of SRC



Introduction

STYLIZED FACTS OF NUCLEAR SRC?



- How can one quantify
 - the number of 2N pairs prone to SRC?
 - the mass and isospin dependence of 2N SRC?
 - the number of 3N triples prone to SRC?
- 2 How to connect this knowledge to electron-scattering observables?
 - Inclusive A(e, e') at $1.5 \lesssim x_B$ (2N)
 - Inclusive A(e, e') at $2.2 \lesssim x_B$ (3N)
 - The magnitude of the EMC effect
 - Exclusive A(e, e'pp)

Electron scattering and nuclear SRC (I)

- Lots of nuclear-structure activity in computing
 - One-body momentum distribution $n_1(k) k^2 dk$: probability of finding a nucleon with momentum in [k, k + dk]
 - **Two-body momentum distribution** n_2 (k_{12} , P_{12}) $k_{12}^2 dk_{12} P_{12}^2 dP_{12}$: combined probability of finding a pair with relative and c.m. momentum in [k_{12} , $k_{12} + dk_{12}$] and [P_{12} , $P_{12} + dP_{12}$]
- The mean-field ⁽⁰⁾ and correlated ⁽¹⁾ parts can be separated

$$n_1(k) = n_1^{(0)}(k) + n_1^{(1)}(k)$$

$$n_2(k_{12}, P_{12}) = n_2^{(0)}(k_{12}, P_{12}) + n_2^{(1)}(k_{12}, P_{12})$$

- In practice: perturbative (cluster, virial) expansions are required to compute the $n_1^{(1)}(k)$ and $n_2^{(1)}(k_{12}, P_{12})$ for A > 4
- \blacksquare Nucleon-nucleon short-range correlations are highly "local" which naturally truncates the expansions (2N \gg 3N)



Electron scattering and nuclear SRC (II)

- One-body and two-body momentum distributions are not directly observable and the obtained information on SRC is indirect.
- Need for an effective approximation scheme to link the electron-scattering data to SRC information!
- Unitary Correlation Operator Method (UCOM): correlations are dynamically generated by operating with $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$ on IPM wave functions
- Realistic wave functions $|\overline{\Psi}\rangle$ after applying a many-body correlation operator to a Slater determinant $|\Psi\rangle$

$$\mid \overline{\Psi} \mid = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\langle \Psi \mid \widehat{\mathcal{G}}^{\dagger} \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \mid \Psi \mid}} \, \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \mid \Psi \mid .$$

■ The $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$ reflects the full complexity of the NN force but is dominated by the central and tensor correlations

Electron scattering and nuclear SRC (III)

Dominant contributions to nuclear correlation operator

$$\widehat{\mathcal{G}} \approx \widehat{\mathcal{S}} \left[\prod_{i < j = 1}^{A} \left(1 - \frac{g_c(r_{ij})}{\hat{r}_{ij}} + \widehat{t}(i, j) \right) \right] \qquad \left(\widehat{t}(i, j) = \frac{f_{t\tau}(r_{ij})}{\hat{S}_{ij}} \widehat{\tau}_i \cdot \widehat{\tau}_j \right)$$

■ A one-body operator $\widehat{\Omega} = \sum_{i=1}^{A} \widehat{\Omega}^{[1]}(i)$ recieves SRC corrections (NPA 672 (2000) 285)

$$egin{aligned} \widehat{\Omega}^{\mathit{eff}} &= \widehat{\mathcal{G}}^{\dagger} \; \widehat{\Omega} \; \widehat{\mathcal{G}} pprox \widehat{\Omega} + \sum_{i < j = 1}^{A} \left(\left[\widehat{\Omega}^{[1]}(i) + \widehat{\Omega}^{[1]}(j) \right] \right. \\ & \times \left[-g_c(r_{ij}) + \widehat{t}(i,j) \right] + h.c. \right). \end{aligned}$$

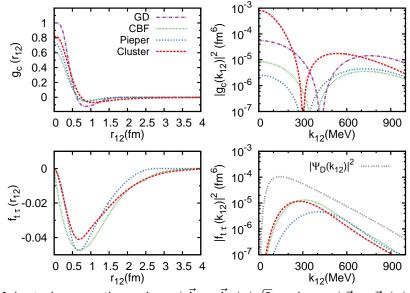
Electron-nucleon coupling receives two-body, \dots contributions

Two-nucleon knockout A(e, e'NN) is the hallmark of SRC

■ Many models for $g_c(r_{ij})$ and $f_{t\tau}(r_{ij})$

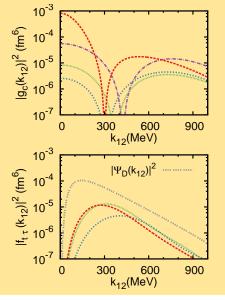


Electron scattering and nuclear SRC (IV)



Adopted conventions: $k_{12} = |\vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2|/\sqrt{2}$ and $r_{12} = |\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2|/\sqrt{2}$

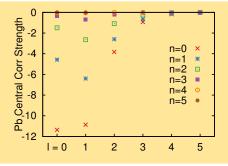
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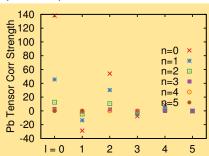


- very high relative pair momenta: central correlations
- moderate relative pair momenta: tensor correlations
- $|f_{t\tau}(k_{12})|^2 \sim |\Psi_D(k_{12})|^2$
- $|f_{t\tau}(k_{12})|^2$ is well constrained! (*D*-state deuteron wave function)
- the $g_C(k_{12})$ looks like the correlation function of a monoatomic classical liquid (reflects finite-size effects)
- the $g_c(k_{12})$ are ill constrained!

Correlated part of pn two-body momentum distribution

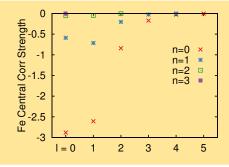
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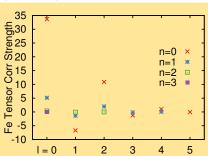




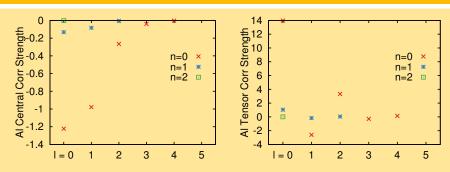
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Correlated part of pn two-body momentum distribution



- integrated effect of the tensor correlations is larger by a factor of \approx 10 compared to central correlations
- effect of tensor correlations strongest for pn pairs with (n = 0, l = 0)!
- effect of central correlations strongest for pairs with (n = 0, l = 0)!

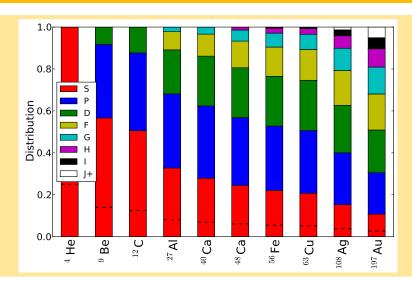
Quantifying 2N correlations (I)

- Suggestion: significance of 2N correlations in A(N, Z) is proportional to the number of relative S states
- Requires transformation from (\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) to $\left(\vec{r}_{12} = \frac{\vec{r}_1 \vec{r}_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \vec{R}_{12} = \frac{\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$ which can be easily achieved in a HO basis $(\alpha_a = (n_a l_a j_a t_a))$

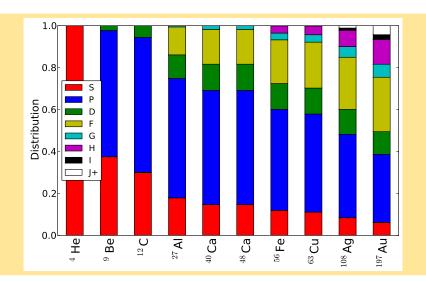
$$\begin{split} &|\alpha_{a}\alpha_{b};J_{R}M_{R}\rangle_{nas} = \sum_{LM_{L}}\sum_{nl}\sum_{N\Lambda}\sum_{SM_{S}}\sum_{TM_{T}}\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\left(1+\delta_{\alpha_{a}\alpha_{b}}\right)}}\\ &\times\left[1-(-1)^{l+S+T}\right]\\ &\times\mathcal{C}\left(\alpha_{a}\alpha_{b}J_{R}M_{R};(nlN\Lambda)LM_{L}SM_{S}TM_{T}\right)\\ &\times\left[\left[nl\left(\vec{r}_{12}\right),N\Lambda\left(\vec{R}_{12}\right)\right]LM_{L},\left(\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}\right)SM_{S},\left(\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}\right)TM_{T}\right\rangle\;, \end{split}$$

 $|nl(\vec{r}_{12})\rangle$ ($|N\Lambda(\vec{R}_{12})\rangle$) is the relative (c.m.) pair wave function

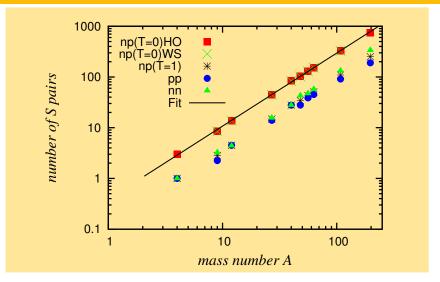
Relative orbital momentum (I_{12}) distribution for pn pairs



Relative orbital momentum I_{12} distribution for pp pairs



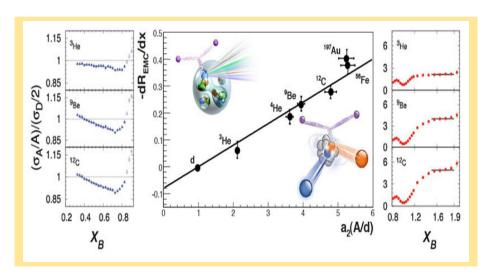
Number of pairs with $I_{12} = 0$ (SRC-prone pairs)



- Number of pairs prone to SRC: a robust power law $\sim A^{1.44\pm0.01}$.
- Strong isospin and spin dependence!
- Some asymmetry $N \neq Z$ effects!



Connection between stylized facts of SRC and observables?

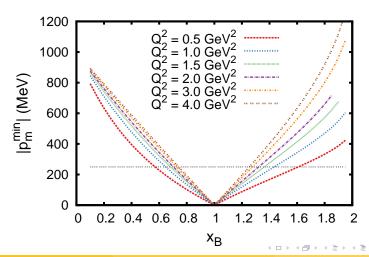


Connection between stylized facts of SRC and observables?

- Dispersion of "IPM" nucleons: low virtualities $v = p^{\mu}p_{\mu} M_N^2$ (p^{μ} is initial momentum of the "active" nucleon)
- SRC induce spatio-temporal fluctuations from mean-field quantities
- Dispersion of "SRC" nucleons is two-nucleon like and accesses a much wider range in virtualities v
- The fluctuations induced by SRC can be probed with reactions which select large virtualities
- In A(e, e') reactions one has $v \sim -p_m^2$ (missing momentum of the hit nucleon)
- Large virtualities in A(e, e') for $1.5 \le x_B$ and $0.3 < x_B < 0.7$ (EMC effect) and under those conditions the IPM part of the momentum distributions runs out of steam - small things (SRC) can become big!

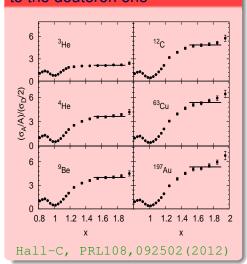
Virtuality of the hit nucleon in the deuteron

Relation between minimum missing momentum $|p_m^{min}|$ and (x_B, Q^2) in deuteron



A(e, e') for 1.5 $\lesssim x_B$ and 2N SRCs (I)

Scaling of the A(e, e') response to the deuteron one



Quantify scaling behavior:

$$a_{2}\left(A/D\right) \equiv \frac{2}{A} \frac{\sigma^{A}\left(x_{B}, Q^{2}\right)}{\sigma^{D}\left(x_{B}, Q^{2}\right)} \; ,$$

- Assume that signal is dominated by the pn correlations!
- Assume that $\sigma_{epn}(Q^2, x_B) \approx \sigma_{eD}(Q^2, x_B)$
- Very naive counting (all pn pairs contribute): $a_2 \sim A$
- Suggestion: $a_2(A/D) \sim \frac{2}{A} N_{pn(S=1)}(A, Z)$ (number of deuteron-like pn pairs)

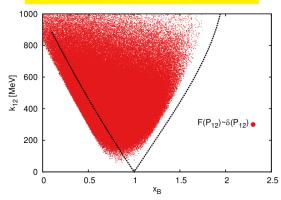
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Corrections to the ratio's of cross-section data which affect the extracted value of $a_2(A/D)$: unlike the deuteron

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- Pairs have c.m. motion
- Final-state interactions on the ejected two nucleons (?)
- Contribution of the pp and nn correlations (small)

Talk of W. Cosyn (Feb.20)

Effect of A-2 excitation energy



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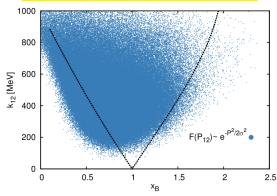
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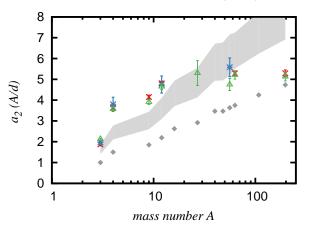
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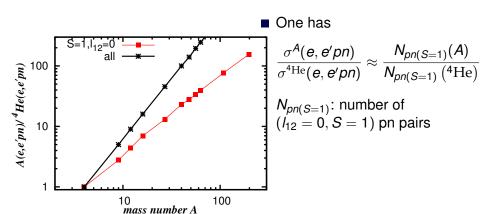
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Corrections for c.m. motion have been applied to the computed values of $a_2(A/D)$

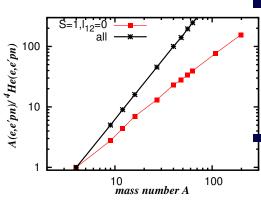


- C.m. corrections from a Monte-Carlo based on $A(e, e') \sim$ $\int d\vec{P}_{12}F^{pn}(P_{12})$
- Band is the estimated model uncertainty on the c.m. corrections!
- Role of FSI? (O. Benhar)

Mass dependence of the pn SRC



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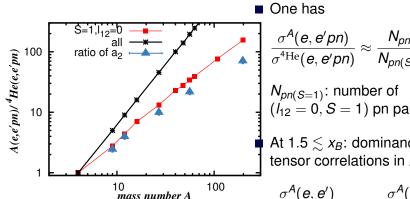
$$\frac{\sigma^{A}(e,e'pn)}{\sigma^{^{4}\mathrm{He}}(e,e'pn)} \approx \frac{N_{pn(S=1)}(A)}{N_{pn(S=1)}\left(^{4}\mathrm{He}\right)}$$

$$N_{pn(S=1)}$$
: number of $(I_{12}=0, S=1)$ pn pairs

At 1.5 $\lesssim x_B$: dominance of pn tensor correlations in A(e, e')

$$\begin{array}{ll} \frac{\sigma^{A}(\textbf{\textit{e}},\textbf{\textit{e}}')}{\sigma^{^{4}\text{He}}(\textbf{\textit{e}},\textbf{\textit{e}}')} & \approx & \frac{\sigma^{A}(\textbf{\textit{e}},\textbf{\textit{e}}'p\textit{\textit{n}})}{\sigma^{^{4}\text{He}}(\textbf{\textit{e}},\textbf{\textit{e}}'p\textit{\textit{n}})} \\ & \approx & \frac{\textbf{\textit{A}}\times\textbf{\textit{a}}_{2}\left(\textbf{\textit{A}}\right)}{\textbf{\textit{4}}\times\textbf{\textit{a}}_{2}\left(^{4}\text{He}\right)} \end{array}$$

Mass dependence of the pn SRC



MASS DEPENDENCE OF THE "CORRELATED" STRENGTH IS MUCH SOFTER THAN NZ!

$$rac{\sigma^{A}(e,e'pn)}{\sigma^{^{4}\mathrm{He}}(e,e'pn)} pprox rac{N_{pn(S=1)}(A)}{N_{pn(S=1)}} (^{4}\mathrm{He})$$

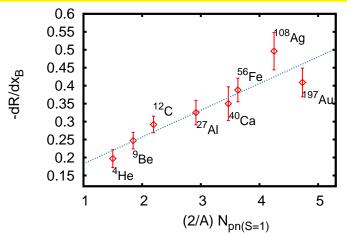
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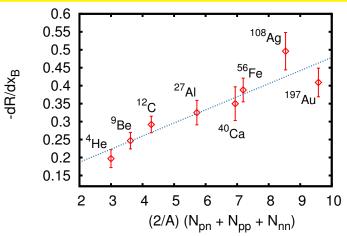
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 $\frac{2}{A}N_{pn(S=1)}(A,Z)$: per nucleon number of SRC pn pairs (measure for the magnitude of the pn SRC in AZ)

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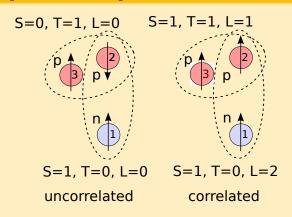
Magnitude of EMC effect \sim number of SRC-prone pairs!



 $\frac{2}{A}$ ($N_{pn(S=1)} + N_{pn(S=0)} + N_{nn} + N_{pp}$): per nucleon number of SRC NN pairs (measure for the magnitude of the NN SRC in ^{A}Z)

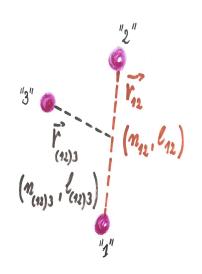
Quantifying 3N correlations? (I)

3N correlations induced by products of 2N correlation functions $\left(f_{t\tau}(r_{12})\widehat{S_{12}}\right)\left[f_{LS}(r_{23})\vec{L}_{23}\cdot\vec{S}_{23}\right]$



Feldmeier, Horiuchi, Neff, Suzuki: PRC84, 054003 (2011)

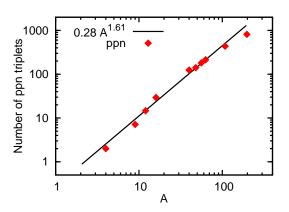
Quantifying 3N correlations? (II)



- seek for those wave-function components where all three nucleons are "close"
- requires transformation from $(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3)$ to $(\vec{r}_{12}, \vec{r}_{(12)3}, \vec{R}_{123})$ (Jacobi coordinates)

$$\begin{split} \vec{r}_{12} &= \frac{\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \ \vec{R}_{12} = \frac{\vec{r}_1 + \vec{r}_2}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \vec{r}_{(12)3} &= \frac{\vec{R}_{12} - \sqrt{2}\vec{r}_3}{\sqrt{3}}, \\ \vec{R}_{123} &= \frac{\sqrt{2}\vec{R}_{12} + \vec{r}_3}{\sqrt{3}}, \end{split}$$

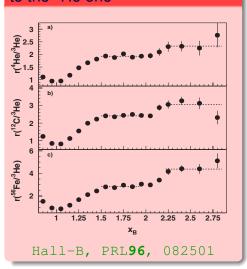
Mass dependence of number of ppn triples with $(I_{12} = 0, I_{(12)3} = 0)$



■ Number of ppn triples prone to SRC effects ($I_{12} = 0, I_{(12)3} = 0$): $N_{ppn}(A) = 0.28A^{1.61}$

A(e, e') for $2.2 \lesssim x_B$ and 3N SRCs

Scaling of the A(e, e') response to the ${}^{3}\text{He}$ one



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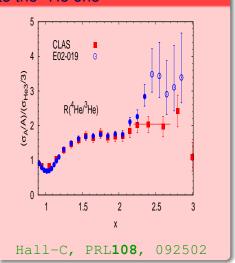
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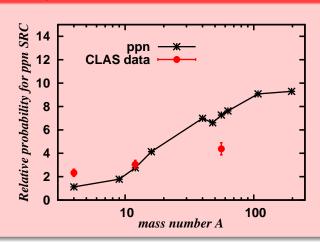
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A(e, e') for 2.2 $\lesssim x_B$ and 3N SRCs (II)

 $a_3(A)^3He)$ as a measure of the per-nucleon probability of ppn SRC relative to 3He (calculations are NOT corrected for c.m. motion, FSI, . . .)



Exclusive A(e, e'pp) reactions

The fact that SRC-prone proton-proton pairs are mostly in a state with relative orbital momentum $I_{12} = 0$ has important consequences for the EXCLUSIVE A(e, e'pp) cross sections (PLB 383,1 ('96))!!

1 The A(e, e'pp) cross sections factorizes according to

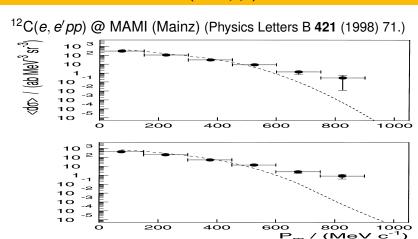
$$\begin{split} &\frac{d^8\sigma}{d\epsilon'd\Omega_{\epsilon'}d\Omega_1d\Omega_2dT_{p_2}}(e,e'pp) = E_1p_1E_2p_2f_{rec}^{-1}\\ &\times \sigma_{eN_1N_2}\left(k_+,k_-,q\right) F_{h_1,h_2}\left(P\right) \end{split}$$

 $F_{h_1,h_2}(P)$: probability to find a diproton with c.m. momentum P and relative orbital momentum $I_{12}=0$!

The A dependence of the A(e, e'pp) cross sections is soft (much softer than predicted by naive Z(Z-1) counting)

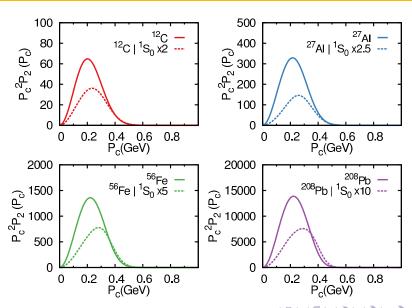
$$\frac{A(e,e'pp)}{^{12}C(e,e'pp)} \approx \frac{N_{pp}(A)}{N_{pp}(^{12}C)} \times \left(\frac{T_A(e,e'p)}{T_{^{12}C}(e,e'p)}\right)^{1-2}$$

Factorization of the A(e, e'pp) cross sections

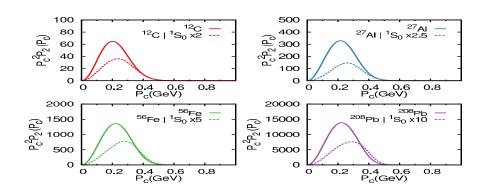


For $P\lesssim 0.5$ GeV c.m. motion of correlated pairs in ^{12}C is mean-field like $\left(\exp\frac{-P^2}{2\sigma_{c.m}^2}\right)!$ Data prove factorization in terms of F(P) (relative $J_{12}=0!$).

The pp c.m. momentum distribution



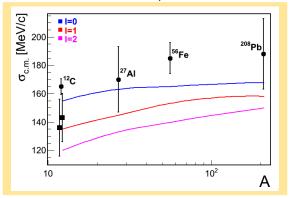
The pp c.m. momentum distribution



- The c.m. momentum distributions carry information about the quantum numbers of the pairs
- The A(e, e'pp) cross sections do not scale with A^2 but rather with $A^{x (x<1.44)}$ (FSI corrections!)

C.m. motion of correlated pp pairs

DATA IS PRELIMINARY! (COURTESY OF O. HEN AND E. PIASETZKY)

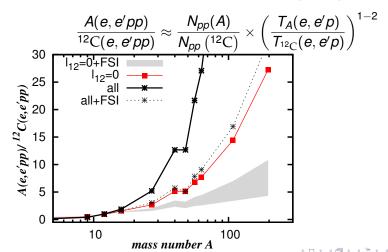


- analysis of exclusive A(e, e'pp) for ¹²C, ²⁷Al, ⁵⁶Fe. ²⁰⁸Pb
- distribution of events against P is fairly Gaussian
- σ_{c.m.}: Gaussian widths from a fit to measured c.m. distributions
- theory lines: Gaussian fits to computed c.m. distributions for l = 0, 1, 2

More on the A(e, e'pp) results from CLAS Data Mining: O. Hen (Expt), M. Vanhalst (MC simulations) (Wed, Feb. 20)

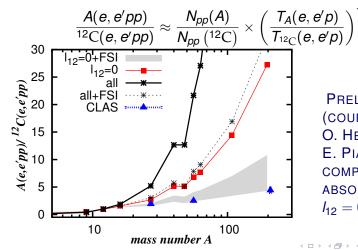
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Preliminary data (Courtesy of O. Hen and E. Piasetzky) Compatible with Absorption on $I_{12}=0$ pairs!

CONCLUSIONS (I)

Stylized features of nuclear SRC: The mass dependence of the magnitude of the 2N and 3N correlations can be captured by some approximate principles

- The number of SRC-prone pairs in a nucleus A(N, Z) is proportional with the number of pairs in a relative S state $(I_{12} = 0)!$ (2N pairs are prone to correlations when they are "close")
- The number of SRC-prone pairs follows a robust power law for pp,pn,nn: $Constant \times A^{1.44\pm0.01}$
- Technique can be extended to count the number of SRC-prone nucleon triples in a nucleus
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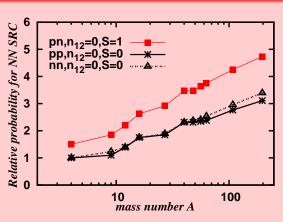
CONCLUSIONS (II)

Experimental evidence for this stylized features of nuclear SRC?

- Inclusive A(e, e') at $1.5 \lesssim x_B$ (2N): The a_2 (A/D) can be predicted and these predictions are not inconsistent with trends and magnitude of the data (corrections for c.m. motion, FSI)
- Inclusive A(e, e') at $2.2 \lesssim x_B$ (3N): Fair prediction for the a_3 ($A/^3$ He)
- The magnitude of the EMC effect: The ^{-dR}_{EMC} is proportional with the predicted number of SRC-prone pairs!
- **Exclusive** A(e, e'pp):
 - 1 scaling behavior of c.s. ($\sim F(P)$): CONFIRMED!
 - very soft mass dependence of c.s.: CONFIRMED!

Universality of SRC (I)

 $a_2(A/D) = \frac{2}{A}N_{pn(S=1)}$ as a measure of the per-nucleon probability of pn SRC relative to the deuteron



Universality of SRC: $n_2^{(1)}(k_{12}\gg,P_{12}\approx 0)\approx N_{pn(S=1)}n^{(D)}(k_{12})F^{pn}(P_{12})$

