# From Electron to Hadron Beams: New Results on Short-Range Correlations

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## Short-Range Correlations (SRC)



## high *relative* and low *c.m.* momentum compared to k<sub>F</sub>

<u>r-space</u>

# Nucleon pairs that are close together in the nucleus



## Why SRC?

## Required for a high-resolution, first principle, description of nuclear systems & processes.

NN interaction from QCD & QCD in nuclei



High-density systems



High-q processes (e.g.  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay)



## Today: Overview of present And discussion of future

## Discussion of future





## Pairs $\Leftrightarrow$ Scale Separation



## **Pair Distance Distributions**





Many Body = Constant x Two-Body

#### Cruz Torres et al., Nature Physics (2020)





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## Factorization is *Position* Independent



## **SRC** Pairs Density



## Scale Separation



R. Cruz-Torres et al., Nature Physics (2020)
R. Weiss et al., Phys. Lett. B 780 (2018)
J.-W. Chen, W. Detmold, J. E. Lynn, A. Schwenk, PRL 119 (2017)
R. Weiss, B. Bazak, N. Barnea, Phys. Rev. C 92 (2015)

## Scale Separation and re-interactions



Lots to discuss about theory...

...but this in an experimental talk!

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Glauber improves theory. [M. Sargsian]

SCX can explain the trends  $4 + \sigma(e,e'p)$ 

Cruz Torres and Nguyen et al., PRL (2020)



## High-Q<sup>2</sup> Studies of A = 2 & 3

Deuteron data can also help understand the high-resolution picture...



Yero et al., arXiv: 2008.08058 (2020)

#### Breakup the pair => Detect <u>both</u> nucleons => Reconstruct 'initial' state



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## Mean-field Center-of-Mass Motion



## 300 – 600 MeV/c: np pairs



Duer, PRL (2019); Duer, Nature (2018); Hen, Science (2014); Korover, PRL (2014); Subedi, Science (2008); Shneor, PRL (2007); Piasetzky, PRL (2006); Tang, PRL (2003); <u>Review:</u> Hen RMP (2017);









## **Nucleon Distributions Sensitivity**





Schmidt et al., Nature (2020)

## Spectral function Sensitivity





### Neutron data consistency



Korover et al., arXiv: 2004.07304 (2020)

## Bound on SRC Dominance of high-p



Korover et al., arXiv: 2004.07304 (2020)

## **High-Momentum Scaling**



## Contacts are *universal*!



Scaling of SRC pairs in different nuclei is driven by mean-field physics.

Same for all NN interactions! Same for small-r and high-k!

> \*also seen for small-r by Chen & Lynn et al.

Cruz Torres et al., Nature Physics (2020)
# Theory that works for (e,e'NN) struggles for (e,e')



Weiss and Denniston et al., arXiv: 2005.01621 (2020)

# Need to re-think our *quantitative* interpretation?



Weiss and Denniston et al., arXiv: 2005.01621 (2020)

### (e,e'p) to the rescue!



Korover and Denniston et al.

### SRC Dominance Onset ~ k<sub>F</sub>



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## Going Inverse:

## **Towards Colliders & Radioactive Beams**



## Scale Separation

#### **Factorization of SRC distribution function:**



## High-Energy Ion Beam @ JINR Nuclotron



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## SRC @ BM@N: Fragment



## (p,2p)X vs. (p,2p)<sup>11</sup>B



Patsyuk and Kahlbow et al.

## Quasi-elastic: (p,2p)X vs. (p,2p)<sup>11</sup>B



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## (p,2p)<sup>11</sup>B: Inelastic Vs. Quasielastic





Patsyuk and Kahlbow et al.

## First Observation of SRCs

- 23 <sup>10</sup>B events
- 2<sup>10</sup>Be events
- $\rightarrow$  *np* pair dominance



## Fragment Momenta: Pair c.m. Motion



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

Cohen et al., PRL (2018)

Patsyuk and Kahlbow et al.

## SRC Pair: Angular Correlation

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

-> NN back-to-back emission





Patsyuk and Kahlbow et al.

### Factorization of SRC distribution function



 $f(p_{rel}, p_{c.m.}, \theta_{rel,c.m.}) \approx C(p_{c.m.}) \times \varphi(p_{rel})$ 

## **JINR Results**

- First observation of ISI/FSI suppression using fragment detection.
- First observation of SRCs with bound residual A-2 system:

➢ Direct measurement of pair c.m. motion

Establishment of factorization!

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## Going neutron rich:

## What do excess neutrons do?



### correlate with each other?

correlate with core protons?

### **Proton vs. Neutron Knockout** M. Duer ELECTRON 1 INCIDENT **ELECTRON** TARGET **NUCLEUS NEUTRON** DRIFT **CHAMBERS** PROTON **CHERENKOV COUNTER** TIME OF FLIGHT **ELECTROMAGNETIC** CALORIMETER

### Same # of high-momentum p & n



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### Correlation Probability: Neutrons saturate Protons grow





Duer Nature (2018)

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### Protons 'Speed-Up' In Neutron-Rich Nuclei



Duer Nature (2018)

### Precision <sup>40,48</sup>Ca (e,e') measurements

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Nguyen et al., arXiv: 2004.11448 (2020)

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### Radioactive-ion beams (R<sup>3</sup>B@GSI)





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## 'Our' SRC World



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