

Hall A Collaboration Meeting

Approaching the NN short range repulsive core

E07 – 006 (SRC) Analysis Report

⁴He(e,e'p)
⁴He(e,e'pp)
⁴He(e,e'pn)

800 850 MeVic

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Missing Momentum [GeV/c] R. Subedi, et al. Science 320, 1476 (2008)

R. Shneor, Phys. Rev. Lett. 99, 072501 (2007)

E. Piasetzky, Phys. Rev. Lett. **97**, 162504 (2006). A. Tang, Phys. Rev. Lett. **90**, 042301 (2003).

~80% of all nucleons with momentum \geq 300 MeV / c belong to 2N-SRC.

For 300-600 MeV/c:

 $\frac{\# \text{ np-SRC}}{\# \text{ pp-SRC}} \approx 18$



★ Dominance of NN tensor force

Motivation for E07 – 006

Extend the measurement to be sensitive to the **NN tensor force** and the **repulsive force**

Repulsive core is not well know theoretically and experimentally.



Fig. 2. Hierarchy of scales governing the nucleon-nucleon interaction (adapted from Taketani [5]). The distance r is given in units of the pion Compton wavelength, $\mu^{-1} \simeq 1.4$ fm.





We want to study isospin structure of the SRC pairs by measuring ratios:

 $^{4}He(e, e'pn)$ $^{4}He(e,e'p)$

 $\frac{{}^{4}He(e,e'pp)}{{}^{4}He(e,e'p)}$

 $\frac{{}^{4}He(e, e'pp)}{{}^{4}He(e, e'pn)}$

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Triple to triple ratio

Triple to double ratios





Experimental setup – continued

<u>BigBite</u>: Use of MWDC instead of auxiliary plane – Improve momentum resolution

HAND: Two additional scintillator planes

Thinner lead wall

Increase neutron detection efficiency

<u>Target</u>: ${}^{12}C \rightarrow {}^{4}He$ Less FSI and can be treated more easily theoretically





HAND analysis

d(e,e'pn)





Momentum determination using MWDC – curvature in the magnetic field.





Protons





Results - Triple coincidence events

Event selection based on the TOF peak



 $x_{B} > 1$ $Q^2 \approx 2 (GeV/c)^2$

(e,e'p) coincidence time



Quasi elastic (e,e'p) events selection





Results – Identification of SRC pairs





Results



Wiringa, Schiavilla, Steven, Pieper, Carlson, http://arxiv.org/abs/arXiv:1309.3794

With increasing Pmiss

pp/ # np increase
pp is constant
np decrease

(As predicted by AV 18) (Dominated by the repulsive core) (FSI and/or 3N Correlations)

Summary

We observe a change in the pp-SRC/np-SRC ratio indicating a transition from the dominate tensor NN force to the repulsive interaction

- We plan to publish the results presented here within 1-2 months
- Additional analysis on the (e,e'p_recoil) and (e,e'n_recoil) reactions is in progress (Navaphon Muangma from MIT).

Thank you!

TDC calibration

Relative time calibration using elastic protons

Time walk correction



 $TDC = a^* X^b + c^* X + d$

TDC calibration - Continue

TOF resolution for single bar before and after the correction



TDC calibration - Continue

Relative time calibration using elastic protons



Neutron identification

Neutron is defined as a hit if there is no hit in space and time in the matching bar in the preceding layer (blocking bar)

Event viewer created:

Green bar: examined bar Red bar : blocking bar



Neutron Efficiency

Efficiency measurements at two kinematical settings:

- Pmiss ~ 300 MeV/c
- Pmiss ~ 440 MeV/c

Efficiency determined by comparing the number of (e,e'p) events to (e,e'pn) events

Target: LD2 HRS-R – detected electrons (contrary to protons during the production)

In order to define a valid (e,e'p) event following cuts are used:



- Missing mass
- Coincidence Time (e,e'p)
 - Nominal HRSs cuts
 - Vertex Cuts
- Spatial direction of Pmiss

Absolute timing determined using the exclusive scattering from Deuterium when LHRS detected electrons and carried the time during the production.

HAND was already calibrated with elastic protons, so only global offset needed to determine the absolute time.



Gamma Peak

In addition to exclusive scattering. High energy photons arrive to detector at the same time during the production



Hits Matching

In order to define a proton we must match the hits in MWDC to the hits in the Trigger plane

Matching algorithm:

1) for each reconstructed track check if there is a hit in E plane

2) If there is no hit in E plane, than check if there is hit in dE plane



Matching between the track from the MWDC and Trigger plane

HRS – Calibrations

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Alignment of all TDCs to generate signal in the same time with no dependence on the paddle that was hit. Example for RHRS



Event Selections



(e,e'p) events are the basis for the analysis. Cut that used to choose these events are:

- Nominal HRSs cuts
- Coincidence Time
- Vertex cut
- Vertex difference between L-HRS and R-HRS
- Two dimensional cut on Y scaling and omega





Neutron TOF with background subtraction

