Quasi-free knockout reactions with radioactive beams at F



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PDR – Electromagnetic excitation of neutron-rich nuclei

- PDR strength observed in neutron-rich Sn nuclei below the GDR at energies above particle threshold (around 10 MeV excitation energy exhausting about 5% EWSR)
- Virtual photon scattering on ⁶⁸Ni identifies PDR above threshold





O. Wieland et al., PRL 102 (2009) 092502



Symmetry energy and dipole response



Pygmy dipole strength, neutron skin, and the equation of state of neutron-rich matter

Relation between dipole strength and n-skin thickness



"...,the pygmy dipole resonance may place important constraints on the neutron skin of heavy nuclei and, as a result, on the equation of state of neutron-rich matter."

J. Piekarewicz, PRC 73 (2006) 044325

Constraints on EoS of neutron-rich matter derived from dipole strength of n-rich Sn isotopes

symmetry energy $a_4 = 32.0 \pm 1.8$ MeV pressure $p_0 = 2.3 \pm 0.8$ MeV/fm³

A. Klimkiewicz et al., PRC 76 (2007) 051603(R)

n-skin thickness derived from dipole strength



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<u>A laboratory for studying nuclear properties</u> <u>as a function of isospin and density:</u>



Single-particle structure and correlations



Single-particle cross sections Quenching for neutron-proton asymmetric nuclei



Figure from Alexandra Gade, Phys. Rev. C 77, 044306 (2008)

Correlations in asymmetric nuclei and nuclear matter





SPECTROSCOPIC FACTORS IN ¹⁶O AND NUCLEON ASYMMETRY

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Quenching of Spectroscopic Factors for Proton Removal in Oxygen Isotopes

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Coupled-cluster calculation N³LO

including coupling to scattering states above the neutron separation threshold

Sensitivity of Coulomb and nuclear breakup



Sensitivity to the tail of the wave function only

Alternative approach: quasi-free scattering: (p,2p), (p,pn) etc. at LAND and R3B

or (e,e'p) at the e-A collider at FAIR

One-neutron removal reaction (nuclear breakup)



Reaction mechanisms:

- knockout (stripping)
- inelastic scattering (diffraction)

cross section dominated by knockout for

- high beam energies
- non-halo states

$$p_{stripping} = \langle S_c^2(\mathbf{b_c})[1 - S_n^2(\mathbf{b_n})] \rangle$$

$$p_{inelastic} = \langle [1 - S_c(\mathbf{b_c})S_n(\mathbf{b_n})]^2 \rangle - \langle 1 - S_c(\mathbf{b_c})S_n(\mathbf{b_n}) \rangle^2$$

$$\underline{no-recoil\ limit:}\ A_c \gg 1, \mathbf{b_c} = \mathbf{b}$$

$$p_{diffraction} = S_c^2 \langle [1 - S_n(\mathbf{b_n})]^2 \rangle - S_c^2 \langle 1 - S_n(\mathbf{b_n}) \rangle^2$$

$$\underline{elastic\ scattering}}$$

$$\underline{elastic\ scattering}}$$

$$\underline{of\ neutron}$$

$$\underline{of\ projectile}$$

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Quasi-free scattering in inverse kinematics

Measurement of proton recoils after knockout reactions with a CH₂ target



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- kinematical complete measurement of (p,pn), (p,2p), (p,pd), (p,α), reactions
- redundant experimental information: kinematical reconstruction from proton momenta plus gamma rays, invariant mass, recoil momentum
- sensitivity not limited to surface
 - \rightarrow spectral functions
 - \rightarrow knockout from deeply bound states
- cluster knockout reactions



Experimental setup: LAND/R3B@GSI



Quasi-free scattering with exotic nuclei:¹⁷Ne(p,2p)¹⁵O+p The two-proton Halo (?) nucleus ¹⁷Ne



Pilot experiments with ¹²C, ¹⁷Ne and Ni isotopes already performed at the LAND-R3B setup are under analysis ...

Angular Correlations measured with Si-strip detectors for ¹⁷Ne(p,2p)¹⁵O+p

 $\Delta\theta$ ~180°, $\Delta\phi$ ~83° (sim. as for free pp scattering)

¹⁷Ne, Felix Wamers, PhD thesis



Benchmark experiment: ¹²C(p,2p) in inverse kinematics



Selective one-proton knockout from core- and 'Halo'- states in ¹⁷Ne



R3B preliminary data 2011, unpublished

Beyond the dripline: Ground and first excited state of ¹⁰He - three-body correlations in the decay of unbound nuclei -



High-energy radioactive beams at FAIR



Reactions with Relativistic Radioactive Beams



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Summary

- Quasi-free scattering
 - QFS successfully applied in inverse kinematics
 - Rich physics program: N-N correlations, shell structure, cluster structure, unbound nuclei
- R3B development
 - Technical Design Report for neutron detector NeuLAND and calorimeter CALIFA ready
 - Start construction in 2012, physics run with new dipole GLAD and 20% NeuLAND and CALIFA in 2014
 - Full R3B detection system operational in Cave C for physics runs 2016
- FAIR
 - R3B hall ready for installation in 2017
 - R3B @ FAIR with Super FRS will start in 2018