

# Experimental study of knockout reaction mechanism using <sup>14</sup>O at 60 MeV/nucleon

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### **Isospin dependence of nucleon correlation**



→ More correlations are missing for deeply-bound nucleon in structure calculation, in case of the reaction model is correct

## **Isospin dependence of nucleon correlation**

#### **B.** Transfer reaction



#### **Q: Isospin Dependence ?**

#### **Knockout reactions: Yes & Strong**

A. Gade et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 93, 042501 (2004).)

#### **Transfer reactions: Weak**

<sup>34,36,46</sup>Ar(*p*, *d*) at 33 MeV/u
J. Lee *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett 104, 112701 (2010)
<sup>14</sup>O(*d*, *t*)<sup>13</sup>O , <sup>14</sup>O(*d*, <sup>3</sup>He)<sup>13</sup>N at 18 MeV/u
F. Flavigny, *et al.*, PRL 110, 122503 (2013)

Systematic difference between two probes !

→Need better understanding of deeply-bound nucleon removal mechanism !

#### **Knockout Reaction--Eikonal Formalism**



# **Knockout Reaction--INC Description**



C. Louchart et al., Phys. Rev. C. 83, 011601 (2011).

#### **Our Probe:** <sup>14</sup>O Knockout Reaction with Exclusive Measurement

1) Very asymmetric.

 $S_{\rm n} = 23.2 \text{ MeV}, S_{\rm p} = 4.6 \text{ MeV}, \Delta S = 18.6 \text{ MeV}$ 

- 2) *p*-shell spherical nucleus, *ab initio* calc.
- 3) <sup>13</sup>N and <sup>13</sup>O have no bound excited states.



"Core" Excitation + Evaporation

**Measure excitation channels** Verify the contribution of "core" excitation by invariant mass technique.

$$M = \sqrt{\left(\sum_{i} E_{i}\right)^{2} - \left|\sum_{i} \overrightarrow{P_{i}}\right|^{2}}$$

# **Experimental setup**

#### Fully Exclusive Measurements of reaction products



#### **Experimental setup** *Detection efficiency (Hodoscope)*



due to unfavorable penetrability, this decay route is at least 1000 times less probable than one-proton decay. Therefore

#### B. B. Skorodumov et al., PRC75, 024607 (2007)

## **Experimental results**



Cross section of 2pn removal to <sup>11</sup>C is 60(9) mb. 41(6)mb at 305MeV/nucleon, Z. Y. Sun *et al*, PRC90,037601(2014)

• 3.5 times larger than the  $({}^{14}O, {}^{13}O)$  channel (~16.8 mb).

Core excitations or other complicated reaction processes ?

→ To determine the excitation strength quantitatively, need coincidence with protons.

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- ✓ Exclusive measurement of 60 MeV/nucleon <sup>14</sup>O beam on a carbon target was performed at RCNP.
- $\checkmark$  The unbound excited states of <sup>13</sup>O were reconstructed by using the invariant mass method.
- $\checkmark \sigma(^{14}O, ^{11}C) = 60(9)$  mb, which is 3.5 times larger than the deduced oneneutron-removal cross section of 16.8(12) mb.
- ✓  $\sigma(^{14}O, p + ^{12}N/2p + ^{11}C) < 4.6(20)$  mb, with  $E^*(^{13}O) < 7.5$  MeV.  $\sigma(^{14}O, ^{13}O^*)_{INC} = 6.2 \text{mb}$ , for the non-direct population of unbound  $^{13}O^*$ .
- ✓ The data provide first constrain on the role of core excitation and evaporation process in deeply bound nucleon removal.
- ✓ The consistency with INC indicates that, non-direct reaction processes play an important role in the deeply bound nucleon removal from asymmetric nuclei at intermediate energies.

# Thank you!

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# Thank you very much for your attention !