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PROPOSAL FOR EXPERIMENT AT RCNP

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TITLE:

Study of nuclear medium effects on D_{NN} for $1s_{1/2}$ knockout ($\vec{p}, \vec{n}p$) reactions.

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RUNNING TIME:

Development for neutron polarization measurement	3.0 days
Calibration of NPOL3	2.0 days
Measurement of σ and A_y	0.5 days
Measurement of D_{NN}	10.5 days
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Total	16.0 days

BEAM LINE: WS (NPOL3 + LAS)

BEAM REQUIREMENTS:

Type of particle	Polarized Protons
Beam energy	346 MeV
Beam intensity	$\lesssim 100$ nA
Time resolution	$\lesssim 500$ ps (FWHM)
Beam polarization	$\gtrsim 0.6$

BUDGET:

Experimental expenses	3,500,000
Travel expenses	1,200,000
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Total	4,700,000

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SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSAL

In the RCNP-E59 and E131 experiments, differential cross sections and a complete set of polarization observables have been measured for the quasielastic (\vec{p}, \vec{n}) reaction on ^{12}C at $T_p = 346$ MeV and $\theta_{\text{lab}} = 22^\circ$ ($q \simeq 1.7 \text{ fm}^{-1}$). In this momentum transfer region, the isovector spin-longitudinal interaction is attractive where the one-pion exchange is dominant. The spin-longitudinal ID_q and two spin-transverse, ID_p and ID_n , polarized cross sections have been deduced. The theoretically expected enhancement in the spin-longitudinal mode is observed, and the observed enhancement is reasonably reproduced by the distorted wave impulse approximation (DWIA) calculations employing random phase approximation (RPA) response functions. On the other hand, the theoretically predicted quenching in the spin-transverse mode is not observed. The observed ID_p and ID_n are not quenched, but rather enhanced relative to the DWIA+RPA predictions. The small enhancement in ID_p might be resolved by considering the short-range tensor correlations. However, the large enhancement in ID_n could not be resolved.

Since the relevant nucleon-nucleon (NN) t -matrix component is different between ID_p and ID_n , a possible explanation is that the NN interaction is modified in the nuclear medium, and thus the t -matrix component relevant to ID_n (B -term in the KMT representation) is enhanced compared with the free-space value. Recently, in the E313 experiment at RCNP, the cross section for the exclusive $1s_{1/2}$ knockout $^{12}\text{C}(p, np)$ reaction was measured, and the data has been compared with the cross section for the exclusive $1s_{1/2}$ knockout $^{12}\text{C}(p, 2p)$ reaction. The result suggests that the $n(p, n)p$ cross section in the nuclear medium is enhanced compared with the free space value.

The enhancement observed in the exclusive (p, np) reaction would be responsible for the “unexpected” enhancement in ID_n for the inclusive (p, n) reaction. In order to investigate the medium effects on each term of the NN t -matrix, a complete set of D_{ij} should be measured. For the first measurement, we propose to measure the polarization transfer D_{NN} for the $1s_{1/2}$ knockout ($\vec{p}, \vec{n}p$) reaction since the significant discrepancy is observed in D_{NN} for the inclusive $^{12}\text{C}(\vec{p}, \vec{n})$ reaction whereas the other D_{ij} are reasonably reproduced by the calculations. Thus it is very interesting to investigate whether the D_{NN} for the exclusive ($\vec{p}, \vec{n}p$) in the nuclear field is different from that in the free space or not. Furthermore, the measurement of D_{NN} does not require the use of a special magnet for the neutron spin rotation. Thus the measurement of D_{NN} is suitable for the first measurement investigating nuclear medium effects on D_{ij} .