

Quasi-free proton knockout reactions on oxygen isotopic chain

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According to the Independent Particle Model (IPM) single-particle states are fully occupied with a spectroscopic factor one. However in electron-induced proton knockout reactions a reduction of single-particle strengths has been observed to about 60-70% for stable nuclei in comparison to the IPM [1]. This finding has been confirmed by nuclear knockout reactions using stable and exotic beams, however, with a strong dependency on the proton-neutron asymmetry [2], which is not yet well understood. To understand this dependency quantitatively a complementary approach, quasi-free reactions, is introduced. Quasi-free knockout reactions in inverse kinematics at relativistic energies provide a direct way to investigate single-particle structure of stable and exotic nuclei [3].

We have performed a systematic study of spectroscopic strength of oxygen isotopes using quasi-free (p,2p) knockout reactions in complete kinematic at the R3B/LAND experimental setup (at GSI in Darmstadt, Germany) with secondary beams containing $^{13-24}\text{O}$. The oxygen isotopic chain offers a large variation of separation energies, which allow us to obtain a quantitative understanding of spectroscopic factors with respect to isospin asymmetry.

We will present systematic results on the entire oxygen isotopic chain obtained in a single experiment. The results include total and partial cross sections extracted by means of gamma-coincidence measurements as well as momentum distributions. The latter is sensitive to the angular momentum of the knocked-out nucleon in the projectile. By comparison with the eikonal reaction theory [4] the spectroscopic factors and reduction factors as a function of separation energy have been extracted and will be compared to existing data in literature.

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