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Multi-Nucleon Short-Range Correlation Model for Nuclear Spectral Functions.¹ OSWALDO ARTILES, MISAK SARGSIAN, Florida International University — We develop a theoretical model for nuclear spectral functions at high missing momenta and energies based on the multi-nucleon short-range correlation(SRC) model aimed at probing nuclear structure at short-distances. The model is based on the effective Feynman diagram method which allows us to account for the relativistic effects in the SRC domain. We derive the contribution of twonucleon SRC with center of mass motion, and three-nucleon SRCs to the nuclear spectral functions. The spectral functions are based on two theoretical approaches in evaluating covariant Feynman diagrams: In the first, referred to as virtual nucleon approximation, we reduce Feynman diagrams to the time ordered non-covariant diagrams by evaluating nucleon spectators on the SRC at their positive energy poles, neglecting the contribution from vacuum diagrams. In the second approach, referred to as light-front approximation, we formulate the boost invariant nuclear spectral function on the light-front reference frame, on which the vacuum diagrams are suppressed. Numerical calculations and parametrization of spectral functions and momentum distributions are presented.

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