#### **Color Transparency effects at 22 GeV**



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Vanishing of final state interactions of hadrons with nuclear medium in exclusive processes at high momentum transfer

# Color transparency is a fundamental prediction of pQCD

Quantum mechanics: Shorter wavelength photons are absorbed on smaller-size hadrons (squeezing)



#### **Relativity:**

Maintains this small size as it propagates out of the nucleus (*freezing*)  $\gamma t_l = \frac{E}{m} t_l$ 

Strong force: Experience reduced attenuation in the nucleus, color screened  $\sigma_{PLC} \approx \sigma_{hN} \frac{b^2}{R_h^2}$ 

# Transparency is the probability that the struck hadron emerges from the nucleus without being deflected or absorbed



- scattering cross section
- Glauber multiple scattering
- NN Correlations and Final State Interaction (FSI) effects

# **Onset of CT indicates the transition to quark-gluon degrees of freedom**

Onset of CT indicates where quark-gluon degrees of freedom become relevant





#### **CT experiments**



A( $\boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\pi}^{-}$ p): JLab A(e, e' $\pi$ <sup>+</sup>): JLab A(e, e' $\rho^0$ ): DESY & JLab





# Extend measurements on $\rho^0$ in Hall B



Assumes same number of beam days at 11 and 22 GeV for comparison

#### Extend measurements on $\pi^+$ in Hall C

- $E_b = 13.2 \text{ GeV or } E_b = 17.6 \text{ GeV}$
- x4 rate increase from  $13.2 \rightarrow 17.6 \text{ GeV}$
- Both E<sub>b</sub> kinematics are limited to approx. max Q<sup>2</sup>=12.5 GeV<sup>2</sup> to keep t<1 GeV<sup>2</sup> (reduced FSI)
- At 17.6 GeV, run HMS at high  $P_{central}$

200 beam hours total,  $E_b = 17.6 \text{ GeV}$ Beam hours on each target, 3% uncertainty

	9.5	11	12.5
Н	1.5x2	7x2	13x2
D	1.5	7	13
С	2	9	16
Cu	7	37	66



~Could further confirm meson CT with J/ $\psi$  at 22 GeV~

# **Extending the proton measurements in Hall C: Parallel kinematics, access higher Q<sup>2</sup>**

Previous attempt at 12 GeV did not observe CT in protons. HLFQCD predicts we will see it at higher Q<sup>2</sup>.



Brodsky and de Téramond, Physics 2022

Kinematics possible in current Hall C spectrometers



Region of interest at high  $Q^2$ 

# **Extending the proton measurements in Hall C: Parallel kinematics, access higher Q<sup>2</sup>**

Increasing  $E_b = 13$  GeV:

 14.2 GeV<sup>2</sup> gains x3 on rate compared to previous 10.6 GeV beam

 $\vec{p} || \vec{q}$ 

~180 hrs beam on target, can get
2.2% stats on 14.2, 15.8, 17.4 GeV<sup>2</sup>



#### Left-right asymmetry in A(e,e'p) in perpendicular kinematics Bianconi, Boffi & Kharzeev, PLB 325, 294 (1994)

L-R Asymmetry is very sensitive to FSI at large  $P_{miss}$ , away from parallel kinematics ( $|\theta_{pq}| > 0$ )



D. Bhetuwal, et al, Phys. Rev. C 108, 025203 (2023)

# **Extending proton measurements in Hall C: New (high FSI) kinematics, access higher Q**<sup>2</sup>

Deuterium is well-described through Generalized Eikonal Approximation (GEA)



Larger spectator momentum →

smaller distances between the production and rescattering vertices

### **Extending proton measurements in Hall C: New (high FSI) kinematics, access higher Q<sup>2</sup>**

Measure protons from re-scattering, look for **decrease** with increasing Q<sup>2</sup>



# **Extending proton measurements in Hall C: New (high FSI) kinematics, access higher Q**<sup>2</sup>

With 13 GeV beam, approved experiment is  $\sim$  14 days

Farrar et al., PRL (1988) Higher  $Q^2$  important to increase sensitivity to larger  $\Delta M^2$ 

Larger  $\Delta M^2 \rightarrow l_h = 2p_h/\Delta M^2$ shorter PLC lifetime  $\rightarrow$ delays CT onset

Larger  $\Delta M^2$  consistent with lack of observation of weakly interacting quark-gluon plasma

Add two new Q<sup>2</sup> points at 15 and 17 GeV<sup>2</sup> with 3% uncertainty (19 days and 2 months, respectively)



#### P<sub>n</sub> (normal) component of recoil proton polarization in A(e,e'p)

 $P_n = 0$  in the absence of any nuclear medium effects (FSI filter)



Dirty kinematics: large P<sub>r</sub>

CT signature:  $P_n \rightarrow 0$  with increasing  $Q^2$ 

In-plane kinematics:  $\cos(\beta) = n\pi$ 

$$\frac{d^3\sigma}{d\omega d\Omega_e d\Omega_p} = \sigma_0 [1 + P_n]$$

 $\sigma_0 = K[v_L R_L + v_T R_T + v_{TT} R_{TT} \cos 2\beta + v_{LT} R_{LT} \cos \beta]$   $P_n = \frac{K}{\sigma_0} [v_L R_L^n + v_T R_T^n + v_{TT} R_{TT}^n \cos 2\beta + v_{LT} R_{LT}^n \cos \beta]$   $K = \frac{m |\vec{p'}|}{2(2\pi)^3} \left[ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_e} \right]_{Mott}$ 

# **P**<sub>n</sub> (normal) component of polarization transfer

- Construct double focal plane polarimeter for SHMS to measure  $P_n$  for <sup>2</sup>H, <sup>12</sup>C, <sup>63</sup>Cu
- p(e,e'p) for self-calibration (analyzing power, A<sub>c</sub>) and false asymmetry
- Already measured proton form factors



Statistical uncertainty:

 $\Delta P_n = \frac{\pi}{2} \left( N_0 \epsilon \right)^{-1/2}$ 

Where  $\epsilon = A_c^2 f$ And f is the useful fraction of events in the FPP acceptance

> Using  $\epsilon$ =0.003 and 13 GeV beam, scan Q<sup>2</sup> and targets: 2-10 GeV<sup>2</sup> ( $\Delta P_n < 0.1$ ) = 200 hrs

A. Saha et al., PR 91-006, Hall A proposal.

B. Anklin H. et al., The ELFE Project, Conference Proceedings, Vol. 44, p.223 (1993)

#### **Reaction mechanism dependent? Photoproduction!**

 $\gamma n \rightarrow \pi^{-} p$  in <sup>4</sup>He in Hall A (6 GeV era)



D. Dutta *et al*. PRC 68.021001 (2003)

#### **Photoproduction in Hall D**

Experiment ran in 2021 on <sup>4</sup>He, <sup>12</sup>C and deuterium

- Goal to study SRCs and test our assumptions
- Look for CT effects using photons



# Photoproduction in Hall D at 22 GeV $\gamma p \rightarrow \rho^0 p$ Increasing the photon energy:



#### **Photoproduction in Hall D at 22 GeV**

Photon energy can be fine-tuned for reactions of interest:

- Polarization-optimization could enable better access transverse kinematics
- Rates
- Collimator
- Access J/ $\psi$  for confirmation of meson CT



#### **Summary**

With a 22 GeV upgrade, we can:

- Extend  $\rho^0$  and  $\pi^+$  meson measurements to higher  $Q^2$
- Extend proton studies to higher Q<sup>2</sup> and shorter PLC lifetime with increased sensitivity
- Access higher "freezing" in photoproduction
- Access other kinematics with sensitive FSIs in proton recoil polarization transfer
- Explore J/ $\psi$  in electro- and photoproduction as confirmation of meson CT
- Explore high precision nuclear transparency measurements in general
- Consider neutron transparency studies

Thank you for your attention!