Review Talk on QCD Processes in Nuclear Matter

at Jefferson Lab

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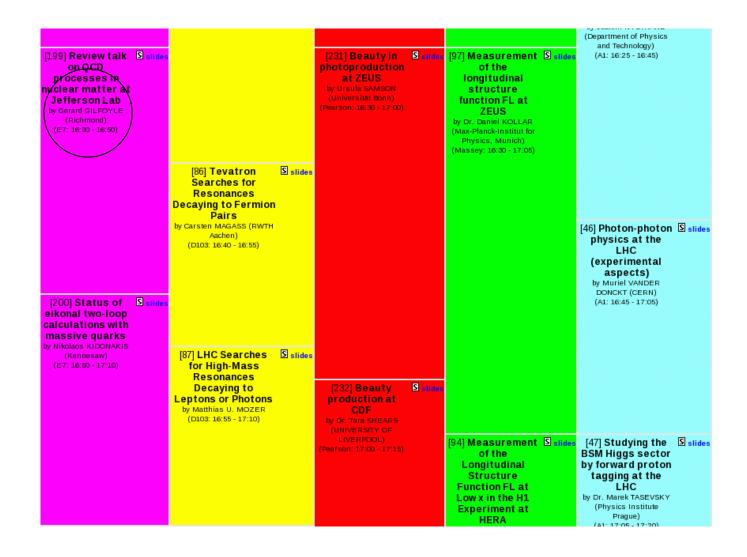
- Introduction
- Jefferson Lab: Accelerator and End Stations.
- Overview of Program
- Selected Topics
- The Future
- Concluding Remarks





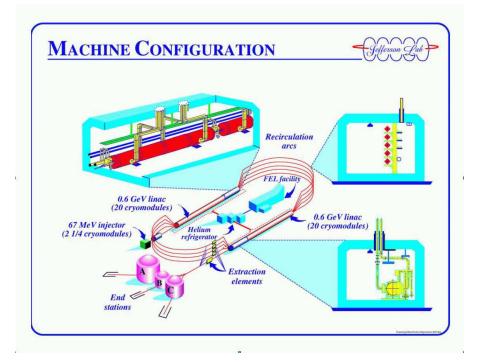


300 participants, 6 working groups, hundreds of talks



The Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility at JLab



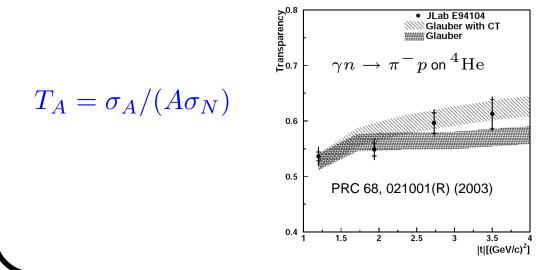


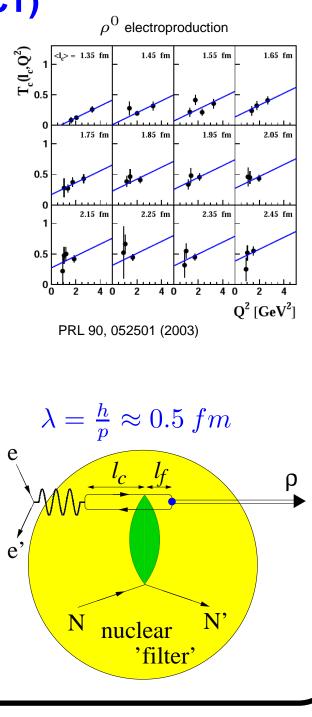
View of site in Newport News, Va. Schematic of accelerator and components.

Superconducting Electron Accelerator (338 cavities), 100% duty cycle, $I_{max} = 200 \ \mu A$, $E_{max} = 6 \ GeV$, $\Delta E/E = 10^{-4}$, $P_e > 80\%$, 1500 physicists, over 30 countries, operational since end of 1997.

Color Transparency (CT)

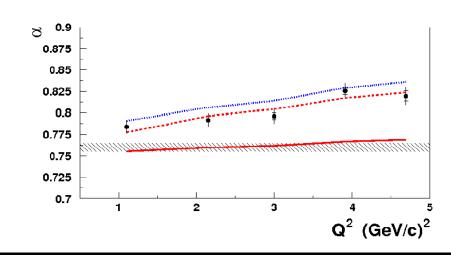
- Small, point-like, color-neutral, hadron formed inside a nucleus and passes through with little interaction.
- Central (and surprising!) prediction of QCD.
- Signature of transition from hadronic to quark-gluon description of nuclei.
- More recently, necessary condition for factorization of meson electroproduction and extraction of generalized parton distributions.
- Observed at 'high' momentum and/or energy transfer.

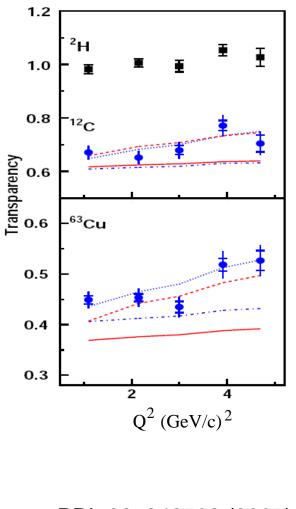




Seeking Color Transparency - Recent JLab Hall-C Results

- Measure in Hall C $A(e, e'\pi^+)$ on ²H, ¹²C, ²⁷Al, ⁶³Cu, and ¹⁹⁷Au for $Q^2 = 1.1 - 4.7 \,(\text{GeV/c})^2$
- Use multi-pion simulation to set missing mass cut and correct for Fermi motion, Pauli blocking, offshell properties, and acceptance.
- Compared results with Glauber and Glauber+CT.
- Observe modest rise in Q^2 and dependence on A. The parameter α comes from a fit to $T_A = A^{\alpha-1}$ at fixed Q^2 .

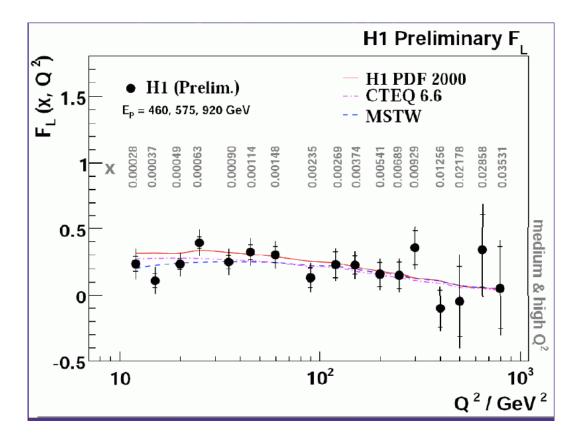




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Major News

- Measuring the longitudinal structure function of the proton F_L is a major accomplishment. This structure function reveals the density and distribution of gluons that inhabit the proton.
- The baton passes to the LHC.



Fun Stuff Besides Physics



