The Search for the onset of **Color Transparency**

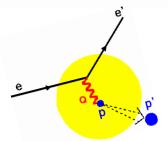


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Outline



- Nuclear Transparency and Hadron Propagation
- Color Transparency & Small size configurations
- CT and soft-hard factorization/GPDs
- Experimental Status and New Opportunities
- Summary

Hadron Propagation through nuclear matter is a key element of the nuclear many body problem.

Needed for interpretation of experiments involving hadrons in the nuclear matter and searches for QCD in nuclei.

An active area of interest.

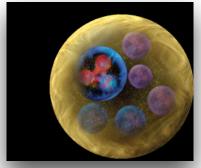
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D D, K. Hafidi and M. Strikman, Prog. in Nucl. & Part. Phy., 69, 1 (2013) (cited 15 times)



At high energies it is dominated by **reduction of flux**, which is quantified by **Nuclear Transparency**.

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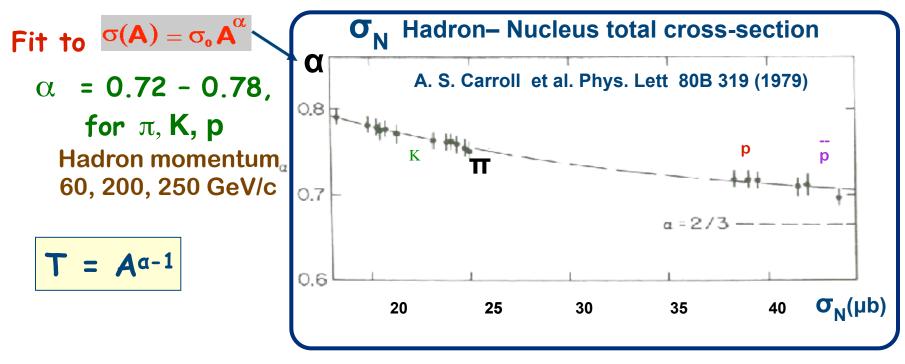


Nuclear Transparency is the ratio of cross-sections for exclusive processes from nuclei to nucleons.

$$T = \frac{\sigma_{N}}{A\sigma_{0}}$$

$$σ_0 = free (nucleon) cross-section$$

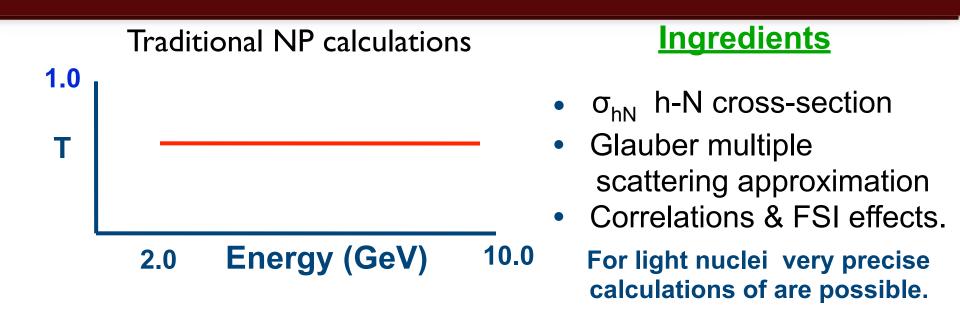
 $σ_N parameterized as = σ_0 Aα$



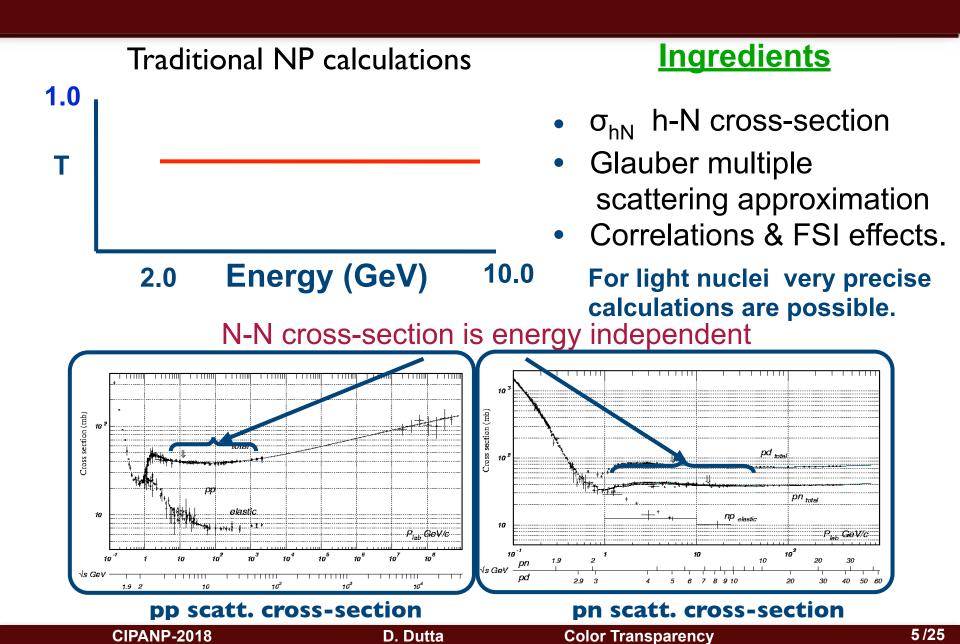
 α < 1 interpreted as due to the strong interaction nature of the probe

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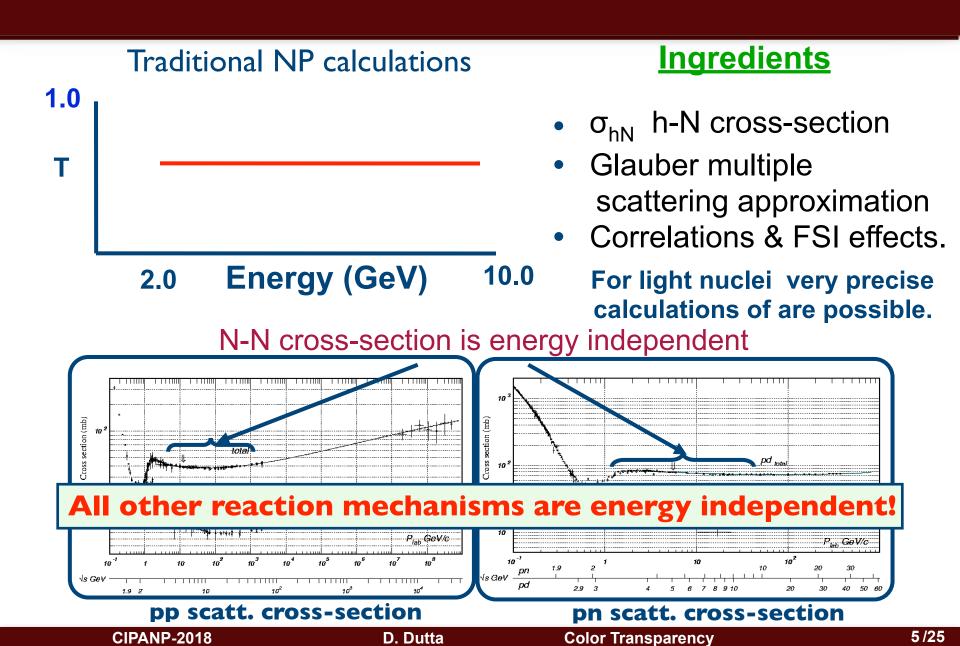
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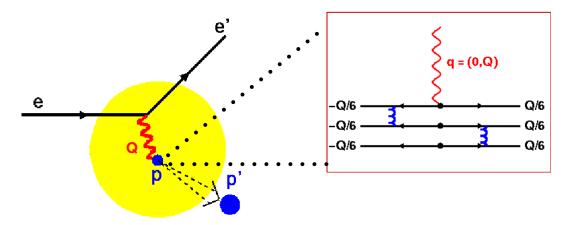
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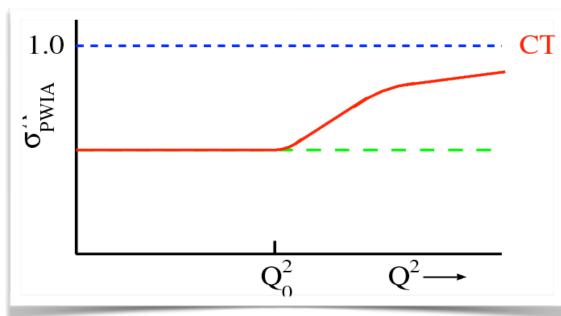
At high momentum transfers, scattering takes place via selection of amplitudes characterized by small transverse size (PLC) - "squeezing"

The compact size is maintained while traversing the nuclear medium - "freezing".

The PLC is 'color screened' - it passes undisturbed through the nuclear medium.

CT leads to vanishing of the hadron-nucleon interaction for hadrons produced at high momentum transfers

CT is unexpected in a strongly interacting hadronic picture. But it is natural in a quark-gluon framework.



CT is well established at high energies (DIS data cannot be described without assuming CT).

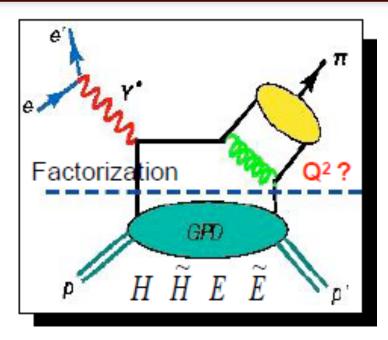
The onset of CT is of primary interest.

Onset of CT would be a signature of the onset of QCD degrees of freedom in nuclei

For a recent review see: D.D., K. Hafidi and M. Strikman, Prog. in Part. & Nucl. Phy., 69, 1 (2013).

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CT is also connected to the new framework of GPDs developed in the last two decades.



The new framework, assumes the dominance of the handbag mechanism.

-factorizes into a hard interaction with a single quark and a soft part parametrized as GPDs.

Factorization theorems have been derived for deep-exclusive processes and are essential to access GPDs

- small size configurations (SSC/PLC) needed for factorization
- It is still uncertain at what Q² value reaches the factorization regime

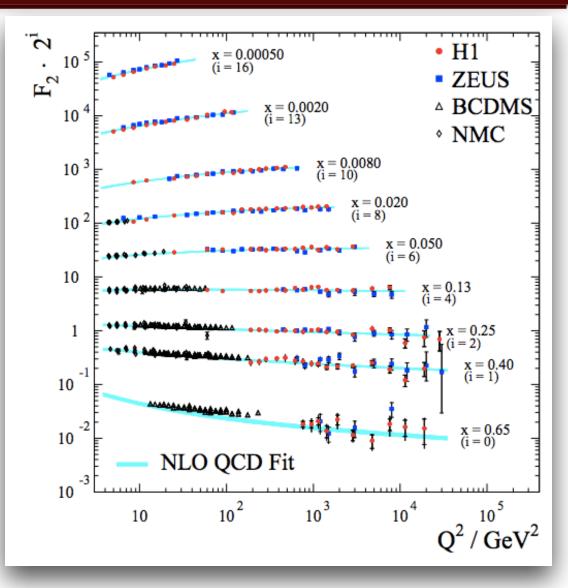
The onset of CT is a necessary (but not sufficient) conditions for factorization. -Strikman, Frankfurt, Miller and Sargsian

Suppression of interaction is essential to account for Bjorken scaling in DIS at small x

Reduced interaction at high energies due to "squeezing and freezing"(i.e. due to CT) is assumed in calculations of structure functions.

L. Frankfurt and M. Strikman, Phys Rep. 160, 235 (1988).

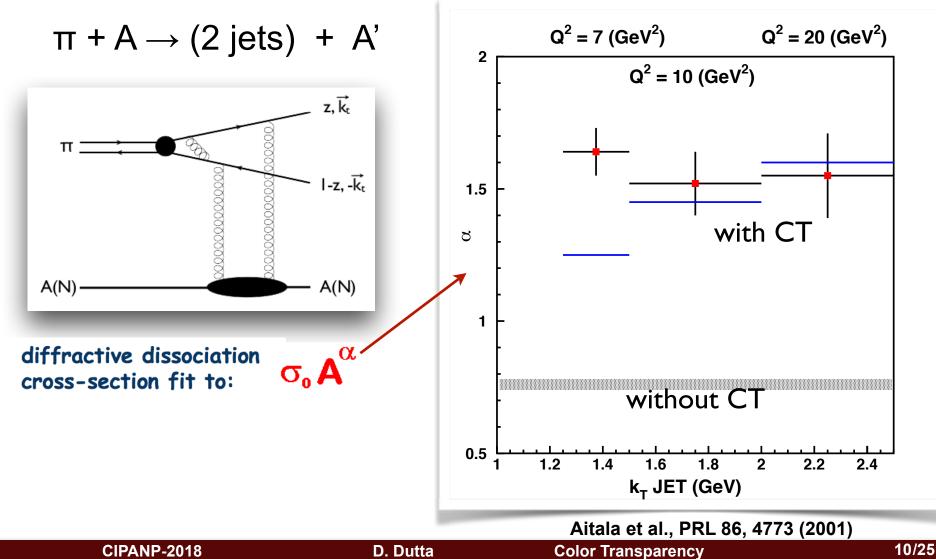
CT is implied by the successful description of DIS.



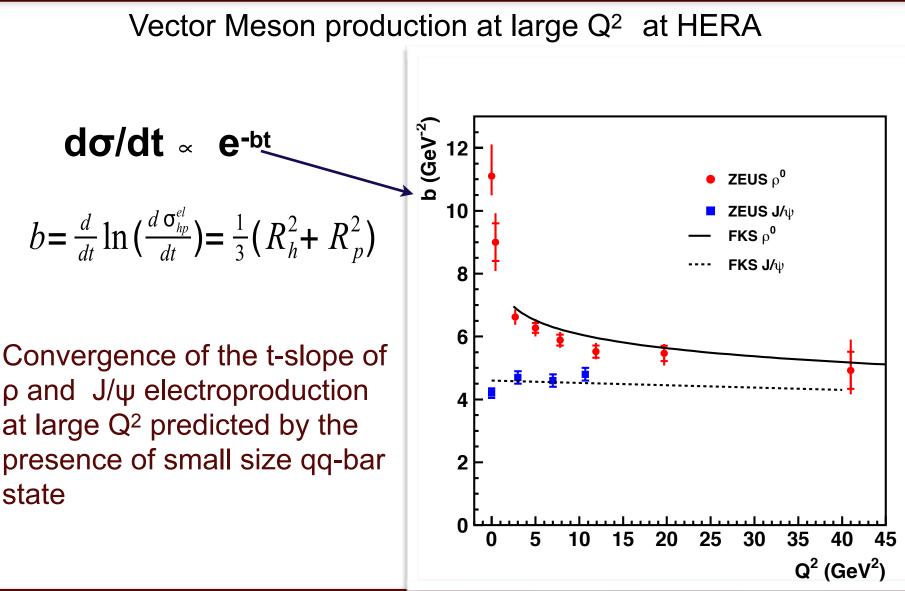
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Coherent diffractive dissociation of 500 GeV/c pions on Pt and C.



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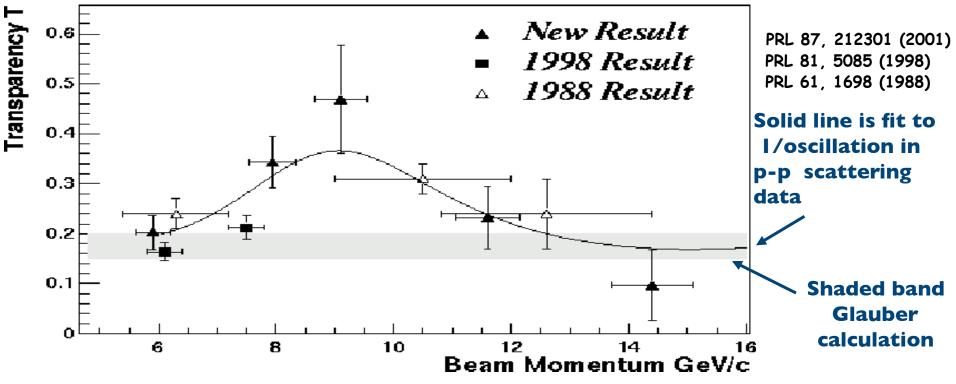


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Evidence for CT at intermediate energies is a mixed bag.



Transparency in A(p,2p) Reaction at BNL

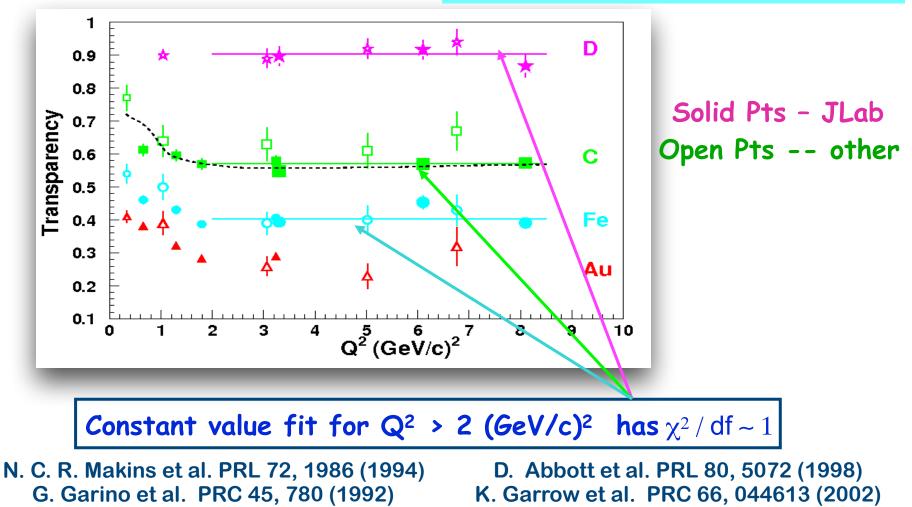


Results inconsistent with CT only. But can be explained by including additional mechanisms such as nuclear filtering or charm resonance states.

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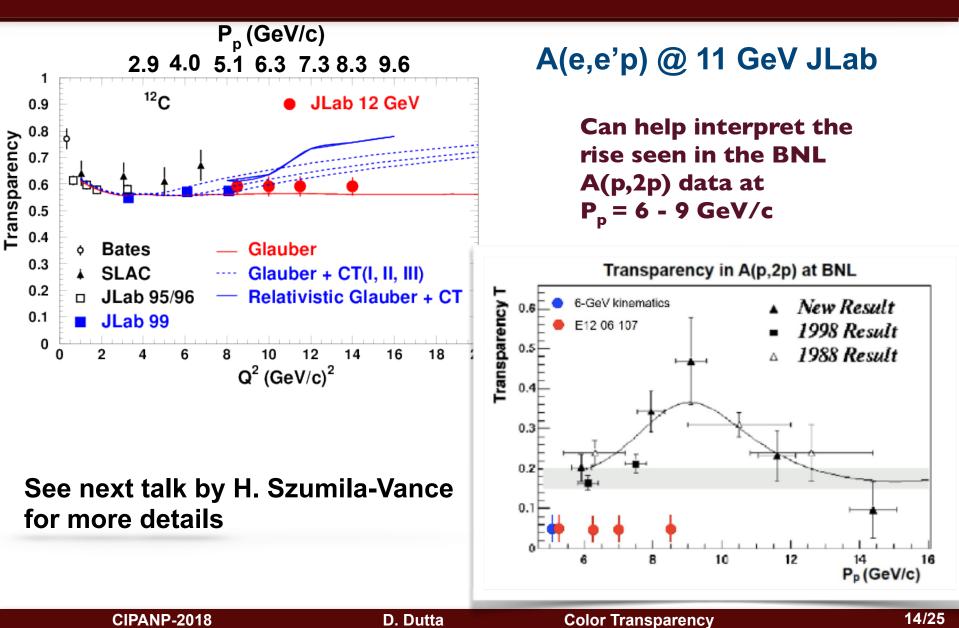
A(e,e'p) results

Q² dependence consistent with standard nuclear physics calculations

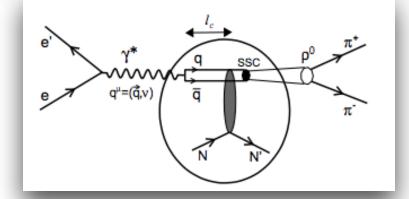


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Recently completed experiment at JLab should provide answers.



CT is relatively easier to find with mesons.



Small size configurations are more probable in 2 quark system such as pions than in protons. - B. Blattel et al., PRL 70, 896 (1993)

Onset of CT expected at lower Q² in mesons

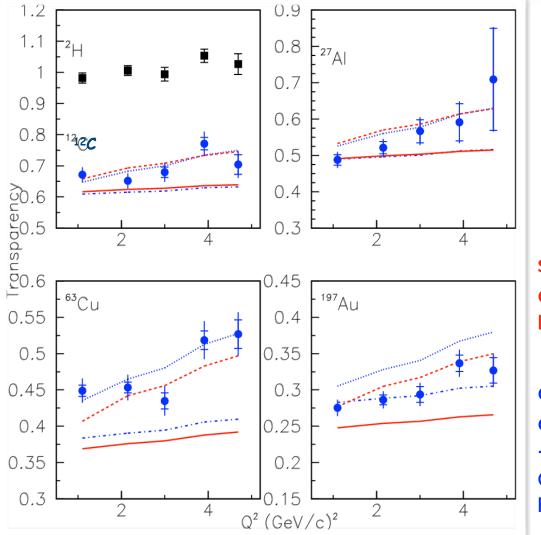
Formation length is ~ 10 fm at moderate Q^2 in mesons

Onset of CT is directly related to the onset of factorization required for access to GPDs in deep exclusive meson production.

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Pion transparency results are consistent with onset of CT



$$T = \frac{\sigma_A^{Expt} / \sigma_A^{Model}}{\sigma_p^{Expt} / \sigma_p^{Model}}$$

solid : Glauber (semi-classical) dashed : Glauber +CT (quantum diff.) Larson, Miller & Strikman, PRC 74, 018201 ('06)

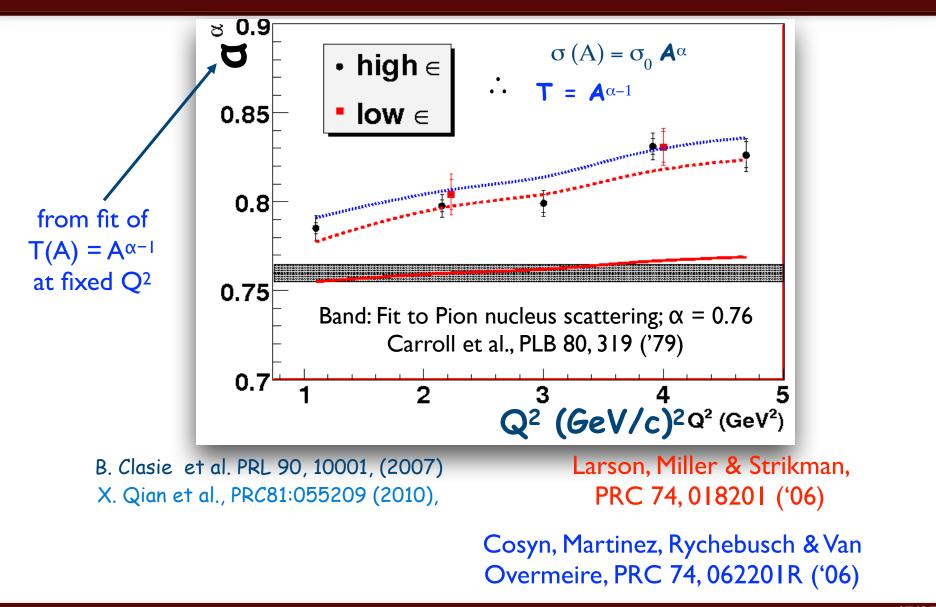
dot-dash : Glauber (Relativistic) dotted : Glauber +CT (quantum diff.) +SRC Cosyn, Martinez, Rychebusch & Van Overmeire, PRC 74, 062201R ('06)

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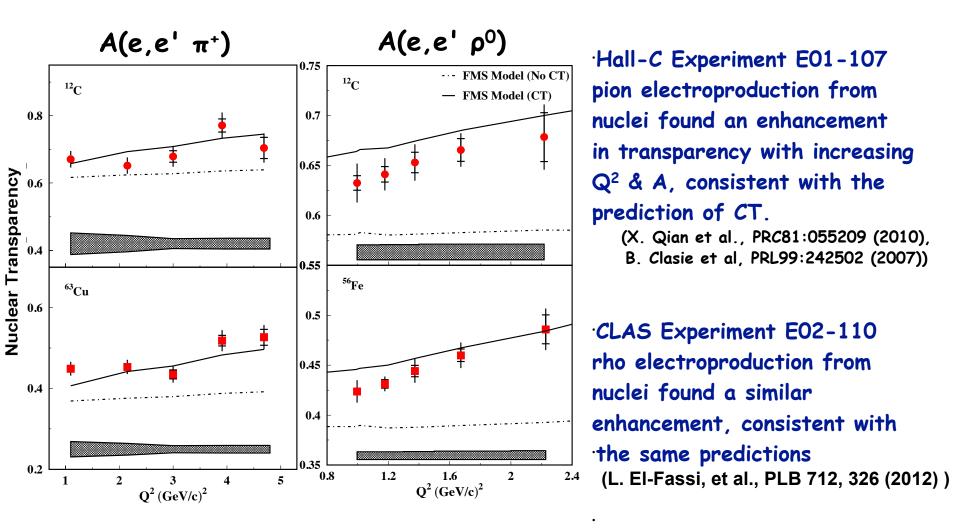
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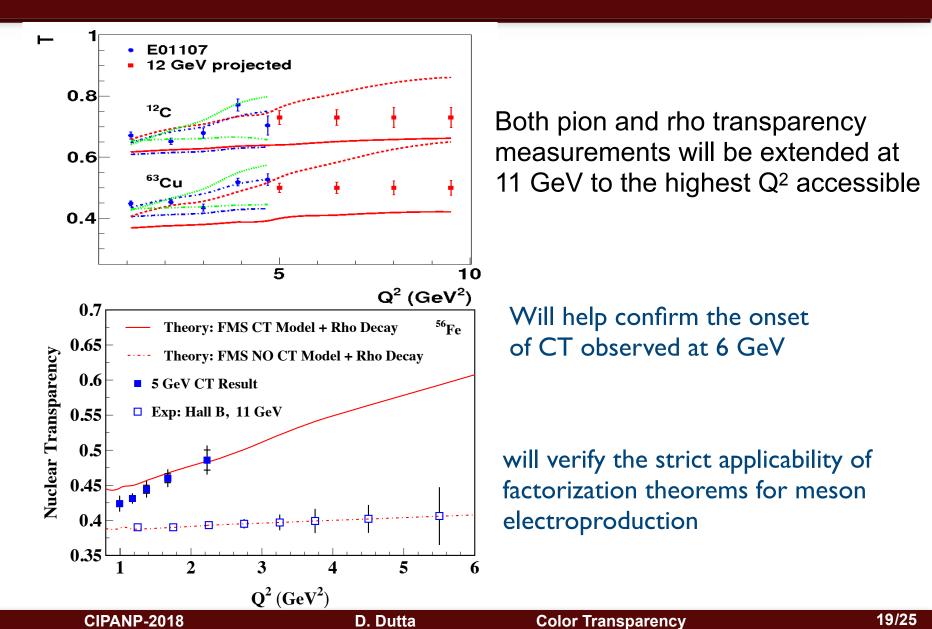
JLab Experiments conclusively find the onset of CT.



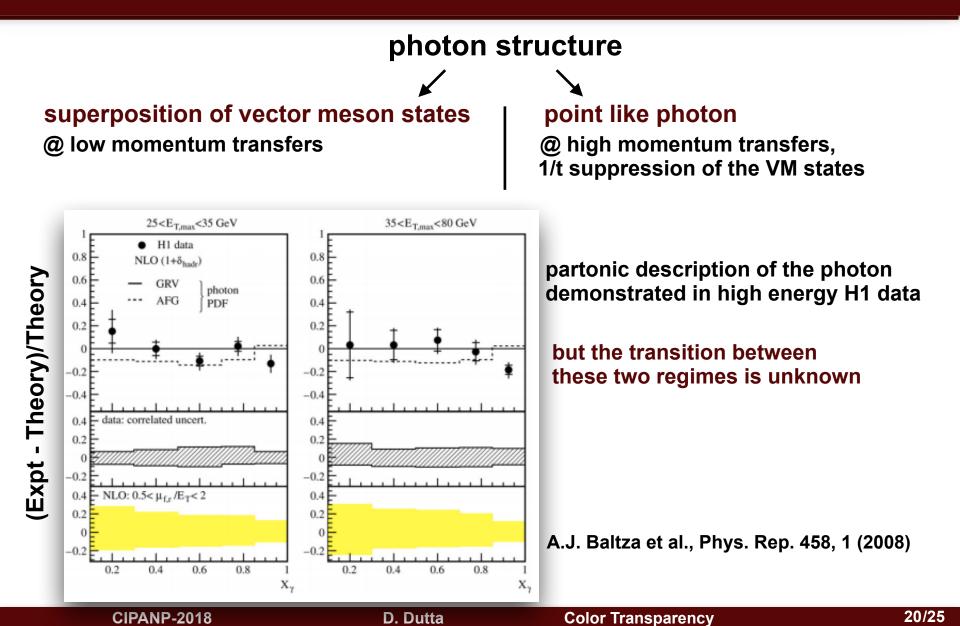
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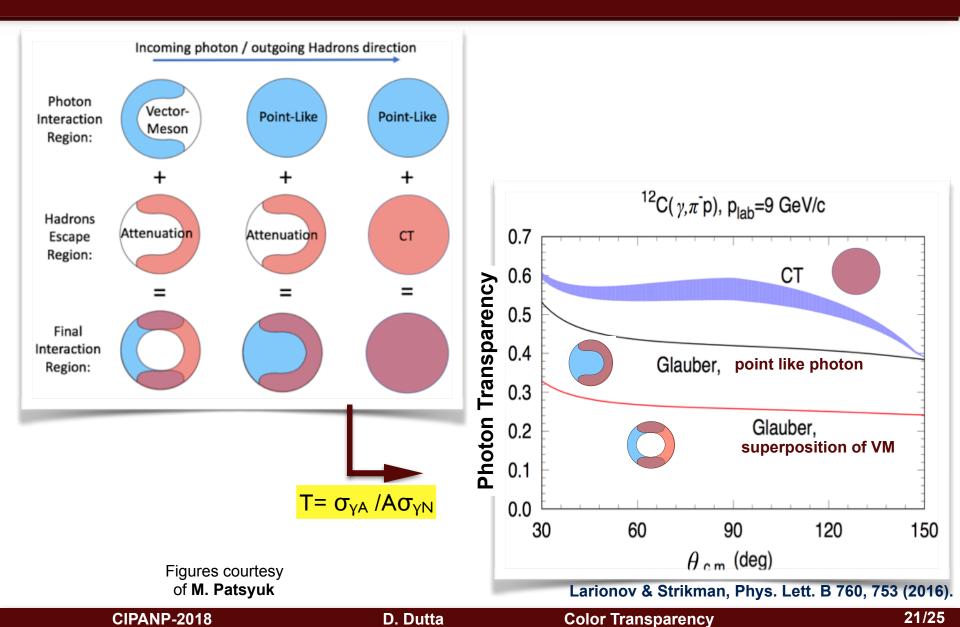
Upcoming experiments at JLab will help confirm 6 GeV results.



At high momentum transfers, photons fluctuate to a point like configuration.



Onset of CT may also be probed using the photo-nuclear processes.

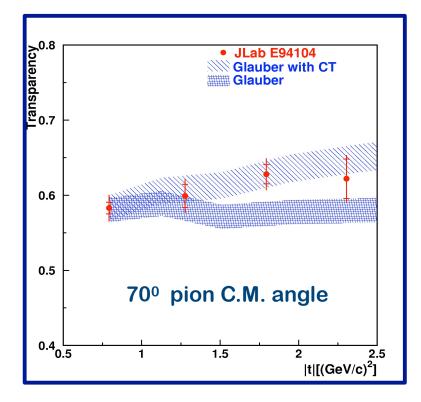


A proof of principle experiment on photo production on ⁴He was carried out at JLab.

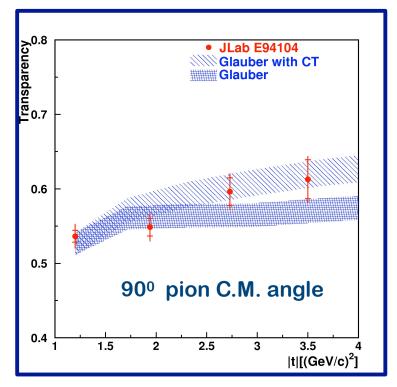
Positive hints from pion photoproduction in JLab Hall A

(H. Gao & R. Holt Spokespersons)

$(\gamma + ^{4}\text{He} \rightarrow \pi^{-} + p + X) / (\gamma + D \rightarrow \pi^{-} + p + p)$



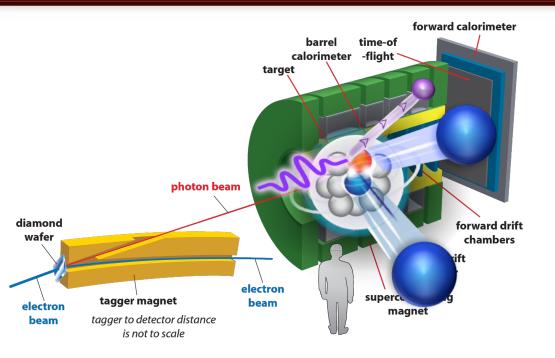
Deviations from Glauber !



Dutta et al. PRC 68, 021001R (2003) Gao et al. PRC 54, 2779 (1996)

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A new photo-nuclear program is being proposed for Hall-D at JLab



Two Observables to probe photon structure, and CT:

Transparency for a given nucleus, $T = \sigma_{YA} / A \sigma_{YN}$

A-dependence of transparency (i.e. ratio for different nuclei)

Targets: D, ⁴He, ¹²C, ⁴⁰Ca

| Exclusive Proton Reactions | Exclusive Neutron Reactions |
|--|--|
| $\gamma + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + p$ | γ + n → π [.] + p |
| $\gamma + p \rightarrow \pi^- + \Delta^{++}$ | $\gamma + n \rightarrow \pi^- + \Delta^{++}$ |
| $\gamma + p \rightarrow \rho^0 + p$ | $\gamma + n \rightarrow \rho^{-} + p$ |
| $\gamma + p \rightarrow K^{\scriptscriptstyle +} + \Lambda^{\scriptscriptstyle 0}$ | $\gamma + n \rightarrow K^0 + \Lambda^0$ |
| $\gamma + p \rightarrow K^{_+} + \Sigma^{_0}$ | $\gamma + n \rightarrow K^0 + \Sigma^0$ |
| $\gamma + p \rightarrow \omega + p$ | x |
| $\gamma + p \rightarrow \phi + p$ | x |
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8.4 - 9.1 GeV photons on

4 targets for total of 40 days

Spokespersons: Hen, Patsyuk, Piasetzky, Dutta, Gao, Somov, Weinstein.

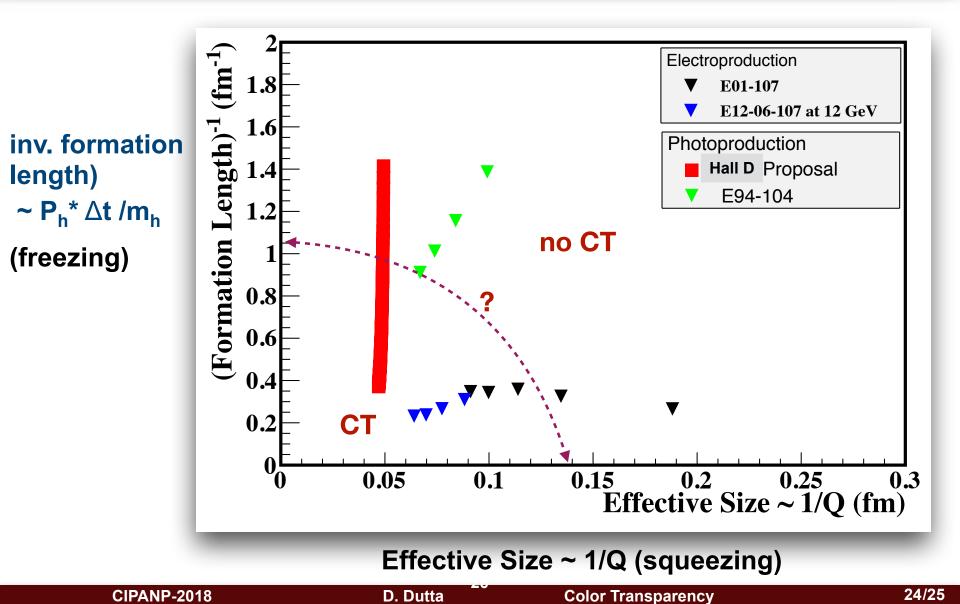
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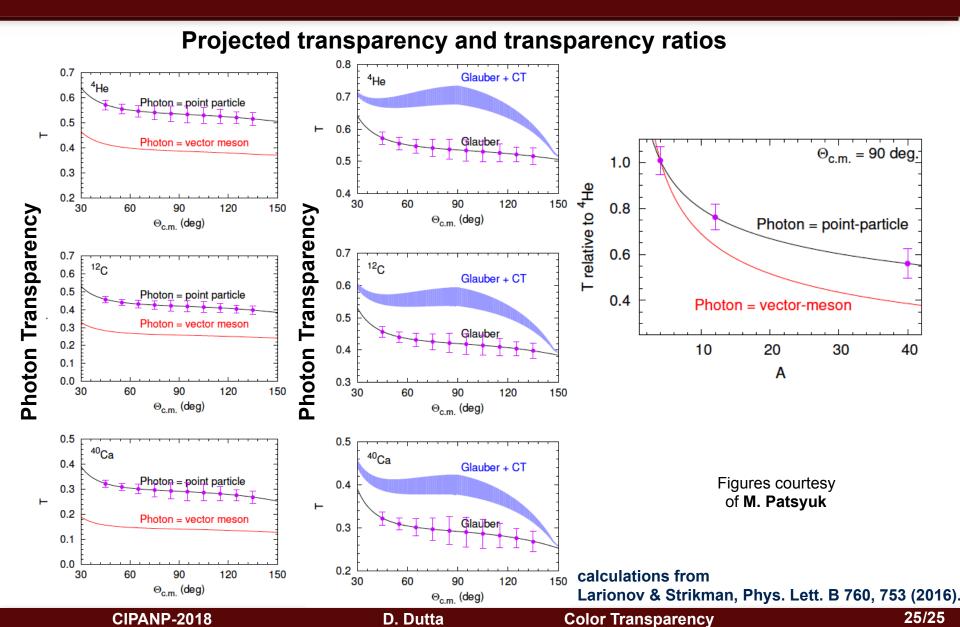
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Photo and electro production of hadrons probes different regions of the freezing-vs- squeezing phase space.



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Summary

Color Transparency is the reduction in interaction due to "squeezing and freezing" at high momentum transfers.

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σ^{.,} PWIA



There is no unambiguous signs of the onset of CT in baryons

Results from the a one of the commissioning experiments at the upgraded JLab should help remedy this situation soon.

A new photo nuclear program being proposed for Hall-D will also provide definitive answers about photon structure and CT.

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