Short Range Correlations at GLUE



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Particle identification





Why GLUE?

Photon beam:

- complements the set of different probes
- interact with neutron leading to charged final state $(\gamma n \rightarrow \pi^{-} p)$
- hard reactions
- γp scattering ($\sigma \sim s^{-7}$) selects mostly forward going high momentum protons in nucleus (SRC)

Good neutron detection efficiency:

- probe nn SRC-pairs
- role of protons vs. neutrons in a nucleus
- map transition between mean field and SRC



FIG. 6. $s^7 d\sigma/dt$ versus $\cos\theta^*$ for the reaction $\gamma p \rightarrow \pi^+ n$. The solid line shows the empirical function $(1-z)^{-5}(1+z)^{-4}$ where $(z=\cos\theta^*)$, which is an empirical fit to the angular distribution.

Modifications of nucleon structure in nuclei

Exp. evidence:

EMC effect → bound nucleon ≠ free nucleon

Explanations:

a) all nucleons are modified by the mean field

b) only high momentum nucleons ≠ free nucleons

Novel observable:

Compare branching ratios (BR) when scattering off quasi-free/ bound nucleon for reactions:

Exclusive Proton Reactions	Exclusive Neutron Reactions
$\gamma + p \rightarrow \pi^0 + p$	$\gamma + n \rightarrow \pi^{-} + p$
$\gamma + p \rightarrow \pi^- + \Delta^{++}$	$\gamma + n \rightarrow \pi^- + \Delta^{++}$
$\gamma + \rho \rightarrow \rho^0 + \rho$	$\gamma + n \rightarrow \rho^{-} + p$
$\gamma + p \rightarrow K^+ + \Lambda^0$	$\gamma + n \rightarrow K^0 + \Lambda^0$
$\gamma + p \rightarrow K^+ + \Sigma^0$	$\gamma + n \rightarrow K^0 + \Sigma^0$
$\gamma + p \rightarrow \omega + p$	x
$\gamma + p \rightarrow \phi + p$	X
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Modifications of nucleon structure in nuclei



Different Fock states absorb γ differently → variation in Fock state decomposition for protons from different nuclei:

²H, ⁴He, ¹²C, (²⁷Al), ²⁸Si, ⁴⁰Ca, ⁴⁸Ca, ⁵⁴Fe, ⁹³Nb, ²⁰⁸Pb

Nuclear transparency

For GlueX kinematical conditions nuclear attenuation deviates from the Glauber calculation:



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Outlook

- GlueX experiment has a unique beam for SRC studies and a spectrometer with good efficiency for detecting charged particles and neutrons
- SRC physics program (LOI submitted to PAC 44) includes:
 - Search for SRC pairs
 - (Color) transparency studies
 - In medium modifications of nucleon structure
- Simulation studies are needed

Backup

Reactions

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$\gamma + p \rightarrow K^+ + \Lambda^0$	$\gamma + n \rightarrow K^0 + \Lambda^0$
$\gamma + p \rightarrow K^+ + \Sigma^0$	$\gamma + n \rightarrow K^0 + \Sigma^0$
$\gamma + p \rightarrow \omega + p$	x
γ+p → φ + p	x

A set of thin foil targets:

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<sup>2</sup>H, <sup>4</sup>He, <sup>12</sup>C, (<sup>27</sup>Al), <sup>28</sup>Si, <sup>40</sup>Ca, <sup>48</sup>Ca, <sup>54</sup>Fe, <sup>93</sup>Nb, <sup>208</sup>Pb
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Modifications of nucleon structure in nuclei

A proton can be described using Fock states:

- FREE $| proton \rangle = \alpha_{PLC} | PLC \rangle + \alpha_{3qg} | 3q + g \rangle ... + \alpha_{3q\pi} | 3q + \pi \rangle + \alpha | \rangle$
- **BOUND** $| proton^* \rangle = \alpha^*_{PLC} | PLC \rangle + \alpha^*_{3qg} | 3q + g \rangle ... + \alpha^*_{3q\pi} | 3q + \pi \rangle + \alpha^* | \rangle$
- SRC

$$proton^{SRC} \rangle = \alpha^{SRC}_{PLC} |PLC\rangle + \alpha^{SRC}_{3qg} |3q+g\rangle ... + \alpha^{SRC}_{3q\pi} |3q+\pi\rangle + \alpha^{SRC} |\rangle$$

Novel observable:

Compare branching ratios (BR) when scattering off quasi-free/bound nucleon for a set of reactions Get an idea about relative contribution of different Fock states for quasi-free/bound nucleon