# **New Avenues in Hadronic Physics** at JLab with 22 GeV Patrizia Rossi **QCD** Evolution 2025 Jefferson Lab (USA) May 19-23, 2025

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### Jefferson Lab - a Cornerstone of Modern Hadron Physics Research



- A NEW territory to explore
- A BETTER insight into our current program
- A BRIDGE between JLab @ 12 GeV and EIC

A Facility at the LUMINOSITY Frontier (up to 10<sup>39</sup> cm-<sup>2</sup> s-<sup>1</sup>)

#### World-Class Electron Beam

CEBAF provides a high-quality, 12 GeV continuous electron beam with::

- High Intensity
- High Polarization

#### **Unique Experimental Facilities**

CEBAF supports 4 cutting-edge experimental halls with:

- State-of-the-art detectors
- Versatile experimental setups
- Detection of multiparticle in the Final State

#### Impactful Research

CEBAF has a history of groundbreaking discoveries

#### CEBAF @ 22 GeV Positron Beam @ 12 GeV

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### The 22 GeV Physics Program

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#### Strong interaction physics at the luminosity frontier with 22 GeV electrons at Jefferson Lab

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- Hadron Spectroscopy
- Partonic Structure and Spin
- Hadronization and Transverse
  Momentum
- Spatial Structure, Mechanical Properties, Emergent Hadron Mass
- Hadron-Quark Transition and Nuclear Dynamics at Extreme Conditions
- QCD Confinement and Fundamental Symmetries

### The 22 GeV Physics Program

### A new document outlining the progress of the scientific case will be available soon

### Goal 1: recent developments since the white paper

- Changes in the overarching goals or focus since the white paper
- Progress made in understanding either the discovery potential or anticipated (statistical and systematic) precision of key observables
- New thrusts or topics in this broad area that would benefit from 22 GeV data that are not featured in the white paper (or topics in the white paper for which it has become evident that 22 GeV data will not add significant scientific value)

### Goal 2: future plans

- Most critical simulation exercises needed to understand sensitivity
- Most important theoretical issues to address
- Key results from 12 GeV data needed to help solidify the science case for 22 GeV

### Goal 3: the global landscape

- How is the 22 GeV program anticipated to remain unique in its capabilities into the future (over the next 10-15)?

Next workshop planned for spring/summer 2026

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With GlueX-III baseline (1 fb-1/year): All numbers doubled

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# **SIDIS Cross Section**



- Measurements of correlations of spin and transverse momenta provides direct access to details of QCD dynamics
- Full decomposition of SFs is needed to underlying the 3D PDFs

 $\epsilon\text{=}ratio$  of longitudinal and transverse photon flux



### $\sigma_L$ / $\sigma_T$ : CRITICAL for SIDIS & Exclusive Measurements



 By neglecting the contribution of γ\*<sub>L</sub>, can introduce biases in TMD extractions and factorization studies limiting the depth and accuracy of our understanding of spin-dependent QCD effects







JLab will remain the ONLY source of quality L-T separated data!

### B2B Production – Leading Twist Fracture Functions...and more

Back-to-Back SIDIS (B2B): A powerful dual lens, for a complete picture of the nucleon's internal structure



Leading Twist Fracture Function:

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 $\hat{t}_{1}^{h}, \hat{t}_{1}^{\perp}$ 

 $\hat{t}^h_{1L}, \hat{t}^\perp_{1L}$ 

 $\hat{t}_{1T}, \hat{t}_{1T}^{hh}, \hat{t}_{1T}^{\perp\perp}, \hat{t}_{1T}^{\perp h}$ 

### B2B Increased Phase Space at 22 GeV



### Exclusive $\rho^0$ : extending the Q<sup>2</sup> with JLab22



- Beam SSA provides important info on production of longitudinal  $\rho$  from transverse photons
- Range in Q<sup>2</sup> increases significantly with 22 GeV upgrade, allowing detailed studies at beyond 10 GeV<sup>2</sup> and providing a bridge to EIC

### **Threshold Charmonium Photoproduction**

Charmonium photoproduction near threshold has been used to probe the gluonic structure of the nucleon

- Two theoretical approaches have been used with very different domains of validity
  - GPD → requires high Itl and works for hard processes the reaction is expected to be dominated by two-gluon exchange. As the two gluons can mimic graviton-like exchange, the gluonic GPD in turn can be related to the gluon Gravitational Form Factors (gGFFs)
  - Holographic → valid for soft processes works in the limit of high coupling constant that depend only on the momentum transfer t.
- Gluon gravitational form factors (gGFFs) via Rosenbluth separation technique
  - Assuming 1) or 2) extracted the gGFFs kinematically from the data and found they are energy independent
  - In leading-term approximation (and neglecting B<sub>g</sub>):  $G_0(t) = H_0(t) = A_g^2(t)$   $G_0(t) + G_2(t) = H_2(t) = 8C_g(t)Ag(t)$
  - General agreement in the extracted FFs using two diametric theories, each with specific corrections very different in nature (higher moments, , ...) and agreement with lattice



More precise relation to the gluon properties of the proton requires comprehensive experimental and theoretical studies to better understand the reaction mechanism.

### Threshold J/ $\Psi$ Photoproduction at 22 GeV



### "Charmed" Studies at 22 GeV

	GlueX 22GeV	Solid 22GeV	EIC
J/ $\psi$ photoproduction	✓	✓ Aceptance limitations for $E_{\gamma}$ >12 GeV	?
J/ $\psi$ electroproduction	×	✓ unique up to $Q^2 = 8 \text{ GeV}^2$	?
$\chi_{ extsf{c}}$ photoproduction	🗸 unique	×	?
$\psi$ (2S) photoproduction	√	✓ Acceptance limitations for $E_{\gamma}$ >16 GeV	?
$\psi$ (2S) electroproduction	×	✓ up to $Q^2 = 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$	?
J/ $\psi$ , $\chi_c$ , $\psi$ (2S) linear polarization	✓ unique	×	×
r	×	×	✓ unique
		Courtesy	/ L. Pentchev

• GlueX has linear polarization and almost full acceptance for multiparticle final states (including photons) - unique in polarization measurements and  $\chi_c$  states.

- SoLID has very high luminosity, relatively wide acceptance, capable of reaching high values in electroproduction (unique).
- EIC energies much above charmonia thresholds, detection is questionable, however very suitable for studying production at threshold.

CEBAF energy upgrade adds new dimensions:

- Threshold production of highermass charmonium states (with different quantum numbers)  $\psi(2S)$ (SoLID, GlueX),  $\chi_c$ (GlueX)
- Threshold charmonium electroproduction at high Q<sup>2</sup> (SoLID)
- Polarization measurements with high FoM (GlueX)
- Studies of open-charm production, that is supposed to dominate with increasing the energy



# Measurements of $\alpha_{s}$ with JLab@22 GeV

It is the most important quantity of QCD, key parameter of Comparison with JLab at 6 and 11 GeV the SM, but (by far) the least known fundamental coupling: CLAS EG1dvcs (< 6GeV) 3jorken Sum  $\Delta \alpha_s / \alpha_s \simeq 10^{-2}$ Expected EG12 (JLab < 11 GeV) Expected JLab (< 22 GeV) Large efforts ongoing to reduce  $\Delta \alpha_s/\alpha_s$ Estimate EIC Full sum No "silver bullet" experiment can perfectly determine \*\*\*\*\*  $a_s \Rightarrow$  Strategy: combine many independent measurements 0.175 Good prospects of measuring precisely  $\alpha_s$  (Mz) at Missing Bjorken sum strength due to 0.15 JLab@22 GeV with Bjorken sum rule: unmeasured low-x (not accounting for EIC): ~10% **<u>Bjorken sum rule</u>**:  $\Gamma_1^{p-n}(Q^2) \equiv \left[g_1^{p-n}(x,Q^2)dx = \frac{1}{6}g_A\left[1 - \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}\cdots\right]\right]$ 0.125 Missing Biorken sum strength due to unmeasured low-x Gain in the measured Bjorken 40% to 55% 0.1 Q<sup>2</sup>-dependence of  $\Gamma^{p-n}(Q^2)$  provides **a**<sub>s</sub>. sum strength due to  $11 \rightarrow 22 \text{ GeV}$ unmeasured low-x Uncertainties from pQCD truncation and Higher-Twists remain small 0.075 Gain in the measured Bjorken  $\alpha_{\rm c}(M_{\rm Z}) = 0.1123 \pm 0.0061$ Compared to EIC & 3 most precise experimental determinations in PDG 0.05 sum strength due to  $6 \rightarrow 11 \text{ GeV}$ EIC alone JLab@22 GeV+EIC 0.025  $\Delta \alpha_{s} / \alpha_{s} \simeq 6.1 \times 10^{-3}$ ±4.2(uncor.) ± 3.6(cor.) ± 2.6(theo.)] × 10^{-3} NNPDF31 Abbate (T) Verbytskyi (2j)  $Q^2 (GeV^2)$ 10 0.125 0.110 0.115 0.120 0.130Courtesy A. Deur  $\alpha_{s}(M_{7}^{2})$ Jefferson Lab

# Probing Bound Three-Quark Exitations

- The N\* program in Hall B is uniquely positioned to explore nucleon resonance structure with high-precision, providing unparalleled access to γ<sub>v</sub>NN\* electrocouplings.
- The  $\gamma_v$ NN\* electrocouplings are directly linked to Emergent Hadron Mass (EHM), with the Schwinger-Dyson equations (DSEs) describing how quarks and gluons dynamically acquire momentum-dependent masses.
- The Continuum Schwinger Function Methods (CSMs) built upon the DSEs, successfully described N\* electrocoupling for nucleon resonances of different structure,  $\pi$  and N FFs.
- These successes demonstrate the capability of gaining insight into EHM from the experimental results on the Q<sup>2</sup>-evolution of the electrocouplings.



	Q <sup>2</sup> -coverage of electrocouplings	Range of quark momenta k	Fraction of dressed quark mass at k <k<sub>max</k<sub>				
CLAS	$< 5 \text{ GeV}^2$	< 0.8 GeV	30%				
CLAS12	< 12 GeV <sup>2</sup>	< 1.2 GeV	50%				
CLAS22	< 35 GeV <sup>2</sup>	< 2.0 GeV	90%				

#### On-going studies:

- Acceptance calculation improved with increased precision in the TWOPEG event generator
- Resolution for 10.6 GeV experiment (Fall 2018, is comparable to resolution for 22 GeV simulation

These measurements can be uniquely done at JLab



# Color Transparency





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22 GeV will cover a large range in -t and may discover existence of pressure domains.

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### 22 GeV Upgrade – Baseline under Study



 Imported a vendor's magnet mechanical design and overlaid it on the beam orbits to make sure there is clearance



- Prototype open-midplane BF magnet successfully built and evaluated for mechanical integrity
- >1.5 Tesla measured in good field region
- Field accuracy of  $10^{-3}$

Installation map in CEBAF – 30 installation locations of varying dose and radiation type (gamma vs. neutron)



materials in a radiation environment at CEBAF resembling their intended operational one (LDRD project started Oct. 1, 2023) **Construction** of a full-length permanent magnet (Lol to DOE)





# Path Forward

- Jefferson Lab continues to work with the community to articulate the scientific case for an increase in the max electron beam energy from 12 GeV to 22 GeV
- Goal: <u>strong</u> placement in the next Long Range Plan

Working backwards...

- Assume LRP every seven years, so look to 2029 town meetings
- Prepare a strong TDR for ~2028, excellent physics case
- Enable accelerator to make a major splash with technology demonstration in ~2027
- Earlier pTDR prepared in ~2026
  - Capture the critical questions that must be answered
  - Workshops and meetings to prepare
  - A small study group (11 people) from Jab management, Physics, Accelerator and Theory Divisions, and 3 representatives of the user community, meets monthly
- Laboratory to continue communication with funding agencies in parallel



# Conclusions and Outlook

- Jefferson Lab offers an exceptional environment for exploring QCD in the non-perturbative regime, combining high luminosity with state-of-the-art experimental facilities.
- Upgrading CEBAF to 22 GeV will allow researchers to cross key energy thresholds and expand the phase space, opening a new window between Jefferson Lab at 12 GeV and the EIC. This intermediate range offers a unique opportunity to explore non-perturbative QCD dynamics with unprecedented precision.
- A strong scientific case for this upgrade is emerging and actively being developed. It is supported by JLab management, staff and user community.
- It is an exciting accelerator opportunity nearly double the energy with no new cryomodules!
- The goal is to secure a strong position in the next Long Range Plan.





# **Notional CEBAF and EIC Efforts on One Chart**

- Accelerator team has worked up an early schedule and cost estimate
  - Schedule assumptions based on a notional timing of when funds might be available (near EIC ramp down based on EIC V3 profile)
  - For completeness, Moller and SoLID (part of 12 GeV program) are shown; positron source dev shown
- EIC Project is shown

Activities	Fiscal Year																		
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
Moller (MIE, 413.3B, CD-2/3)																			
SoLID (LRP, Rec 4)																			
Positron Source (R&D)																			
CEBAF Upgrade preCDR/preplan																			
Positron Project (potential)																			
Transport e+																			
22 GeV Development (R&D)																			
22 GeV Project (potential)																			
EIC Project (V4.2, CD-1, CD-3A)																			
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