

Overview of the EIC

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What is EIC ?

EIC: Electron-**I**on **C**ollider facility that will be built at Brookhaven National Laboratory using and upgrading existing RHIC complex.

Partnership between BNL and Jefferson Lab.

Capabilities of EIC

- ➤ High luminosity 10³³ 10³⁴cm⁻²s⁻¹ (100-1000 times more than HERA)
- Variable center of mass energies 20 -140
 GeV
- Beams with different A: from light nuclei (proton) to the heaviest nuclei (uranium)
- Polarized electron and proton beams.
 Possibility of polarized light ions.
- ► Up to **two interaction** regions







Core physics program of the EIC

How are the sea quarks and gluons, and their spins, **distributed in space and momentum** inside the nucleon? How do the **nucleon properties (mass & spin) emerge** from their interactions?





How do color-charged quarks and gluons, and colorless jets, interact with a nuclear medium? How do the confined hadronic states emerge from these quarks and gluons? How do the quarkgluon interactions create nuclear binding?

Qs: Matter of Definition of Definition (ah)

How does a **dense nuclear environment affect** the quark- and gluon- distributions? What happens to the **gluon density in nuclei?** Does it **saturate at high energy**, giving rise to a **gluonic matter with universal properties** in all nuclei, even the proton?



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Deep Inelastic Scattering



DIS: Deep Inelastic e/p(A) scattering

- Electromagnetic probe allows for very precise exploration of hadron structure: excellent microscope
- Control over kinematics of the process

electron-proton cms energy squared:

$$s = (k+p)^2$$

(minus) photon virtuality resolution power

$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

Bjorken x: momentum fraction of struck quark

$$y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot k}$$

inelasticity

$$x = \frac{-q^2}{2p \cdot q}$$

Complementarity:

For full understanding of QCD and EW need to run various experiments with 0,1,2 initial state hadrons



How quarks and gluon distributions get modified in nuclei? How this interaction creates nuclear binding?



Nuclear ratio:

$$R_{F_2}^A(x,Q^2) = \frac{F_2^A(x,Q^2)}{A F_2^{\text{nucleon}}(x,Q^2)}$$

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- Fermi motion $x \ge 0.8$
- EMC region 0.25 0.3 < x < 0.8
- Antishadowing region
 - $0.1 \le x \le 0.25 0.3$
- Shadowing region $x \leq 0.1$



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- Possible explanation: Short range correlations between nucleons, most nucleons are not modified but some experiencing SRC are modified (about 20%).









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Shadowing: ratio < 1 for small x,
 x<0.1.



Nuclear structure: nuclear shadowing

Shadowing increases with A and increases with decreasing x



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Large uncertainties, particularly at low x: need more accurate data

Global structure of nuclei

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dxdQ^2} = \frac{2\pi\alpha_{\rm em}^2}{xQ^4} Y_+ \sigma_{\rm r}(x,Q^2)$$
$$Y_+ = 1 + (1-y)^2$$
$$\sigma_{\rm r}(x,Q^2) = F_2(x,Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L(x,Q^2)$$

- Precise measurement of nuclear structure functions for wide range of nuclei and wide kinematic range
- Extraction of nuclear PDFs which are essential for understanding nuclear structure
- Initial conditions for Quark-Gluon Plasma
- ► Sys. uncertainties at most few %, stat. negligible
- Proton, deuteron and wide range nuclei structure function within one facility: reduction of uncertainties



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Global nuclear structure: structure functions



- Precision measurements of the reduced cross section
- ► Charm component in nuclei
- Errors much smaller than the uncertainties of QCD predictions

Impact of EIC on nuclear PDFs

Collinear factorization

$$F_{2,L}(x,Q^2) = \sum_j \int_x^1 dz \, C_{2,L}(Q/\mu, x/z; \alpha_s) \, f_j(z,\mu) + \dots$$

Nuclear modification in this framework:

initial condition at low scales, linear evolution with scale

- Impact of charm cross section on the gluon PDF at high x
- Charm is produced mainly in the photon-gluon fusion process
- ► Further constraints: **F**_L



e x, Q^{2} x_{g} \overline{c} $G_{N,A}(x)$

DGLAP : linear evolution

$$\frac{d}{d\ln\mu^2}f_j(z,\mu) = \sum_k \int \frac{d\xi}{\xi} P_{jk}(\xi,\alpha_s)f_k(z/\xi,\mu)$$



Significant impact of EIC measurements on nuclear PDFs

Studying saturation at EIC with nuclei



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Testing saturation through inclusive structure functions at EIC

Study differences in evolution between **linear DGLAP** evolution and **nonlinear** evolution with **saturation Matching** of both approaches in the region where saturation effects expected to be small Quantify differences away from the matching region: **differences in evolution dynamics**



Heavy nucleus: difference between DGLAP and nonlinear are few % for F_2^A and up to 20% for F_L^A .

Longitudinal structure function can provide good sensitivity at EIC

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Testing small x and saturation in (de)correlations of hadrons at EIC

Azimuthal (de)correlations of two hadrons (dijets) in DIS in eA: direct test of the unintegrated gluon distribution

Instead of looking for two jets separated by large rapidity, look for two hadrons/dijets at small x



 $\frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* + A \to h_1 + h_2 + X}}{dz_{h1} dz_{h2} d^2 p_{h1T} d^2 p_{h2T}} \sim \mathcal{F}(x_g, q_T) \otimes \mathcal{H}(z_q, k_{1T}, k_{2T}) \otimes D_q(z_{h1}/z_q, p_{1T}) \otimes D_q(z_{h2}/z_q, p_{2T})$

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Clear differences between the ep and eA: **suppression** of the correlation peak in **eA** due to **saturation** effects (including the **Sudakov resummation**)

Further observables: azimuthal correlations of dihadrons/dijets in diffraction, photon+jet/dijet. These processes will allow to test various **CGC correlators**





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Problem solved....Is it ? Not so fast...

EMC and spin crisis

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EMC and spin crisis

Polarized muon - proton scattering



Measuring asymmetry (difference between cross sections of parallel and antiparallel orientations of projectile and target spins divided by the sum)

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Result:

In addition, the result implies that, in the scaling limit, a rather small fraction of the spin of the proton is carried by the spin of the quarks.

Proton spin at EIC



- \blacktriangleright EIC extends range in (x,Q²) by 1-2 orders of magnitude for polarized measurements.
- Possibilities for precision measurement of structure function g1, gluon contribution to proton spin, quark contribution, strange quark contribution also accessible, polarized deuterons allow for measurement of g1 in a neutron
Proton spin

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma^{\overrightarrow{\leftarrow}}}{\mathrm{d}x \,\mathrm{d}Q^2} - \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma^{\overrightarrow{\rightarrow}}}{\mathrm{d}x \,\mathrm{d}Q^2} \right] \simeq \frac{4\pi \,\alpha^2}{Q^4} y \left(2 - y\right) g_1(x, Q^2)$$



Quark contribution: integral over of g₁ over x from 0 to 1

Sensitive to **gluon** contribution Δg at higher orders: drive the scaling violations.



Current **uncertainties** for g_1 as a function of x for fixed Q^2

EIC projections leads to greatly reduced **uncertainties**



Borsa, Lucero, Sassot, Aschenauer, Nunes

Diffraction

Diffraction : occurs when a wave (for example light) encounters an obstacle or an opening.



Source: Wikipedia Author: Verbcatcher

Water waves passing through small entrance

Diffraction in DIS



In order for the rapidity gap to exist it needs to be mediated by the **colorless** exchange

Diffraction: a reaction characterized by a **rapidity** gap in the final state

Diffractive kinematics in DIS



Standard DIS variables:

electron-proton cms energy squared:

$$s = (k+p)^2$$

photon-proton cms energy squared: $W^2 = (q + p)^2$ inelasticity



Target is scattered elastically: elastic scattering

It can also dissociate into a state Y with the same quantum numbers, but still separated from the rest of particles

Diffractive DIS variables:

$$\xi \equiv x_{IP} = \frac{Q^2 + M_X^2 - t}{Q^2 + W^2}$$

$$\beta = \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 + M_X^2 - t}$$

$$t = (p - p')^2$$

momentum fraction of the Pomeron w.r.t hadron

x =

momentum fraction of parton w.r.t Pomeron

4-momentum transfer squared

Deep Inelastic Scattering : non-diffractive



Diffraction at HERA



10% events at HERA were of diffractive type

Large portion of the detector void of any particle activity: **rapidity gap** Proton stays intact despite undergoing violent collision with a 50 TeV electron (in its rest frame)

Phase space (x,Q²) EIC-HERA in diffraction

EIC 3 scenarios - HERA





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Diffraction in DIS

Why diffraction ?

- Dynamics of **color singlet** object (Pomeron). Relation to confinement
- Sensitivity to gluon content, low *x* dynamics and saturation
- Relation to **shadowing**
- Limits of **factorization** and **universality** of diffractive PDFs
- Provides information about **spatial** distribution of the gluons in the target

In nuclei, also possible **incoherent** diffraction, when nucleus breaks up, but rapidity gap still present

On protons, one can have **diffractive dissociation** (proton breaks up but there is rapidity gap)



Diffractive cross section, structure functions

Diffractive cross section depends on 4 variables (ξ , β , Q^2 ,t):

$$\frac{d^4 \sigma^D}{d\xi d\beta dQ^2 dt} = \frac{2\pi \alpha_{\rm em}^2}{\beta Q^4} Y_+ \sigma_{\rm r}^{\rm D(4)}(\xi, \beta, Q^2, t)$$
$$Y_+ = 1 + (1 - y)^2$$

Reduced cross section depends on two structure functions:

$$\sigma_{\rm r}^{{\rm D}(4)}(\xi,\beta,Q^2,t) = F_2^{{\rm D}(4)}(\xi,\beta,Q^2,t) - \frac{y^2}{Y_+}F_L^{{\rm D}(4)}(\xi,\beta,Q^2,t)$$

Upon integration over *t*:

$$F_{2,L}^{D(3)}(\xi,\beta,Q^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{0} dt \, F_{2,L}^{D(4)}(\xi,\beta,Q^2,t) \qquad \text{Dimensions:} \\ [\sigma_r^{D(4)}] = \text{GeV}^{-2}$$

 $\sigma_{
m r}^{
m D(3)}$ Dimensionless

Example: pseudodata for $\sigma^{D(3)}$ in ep at EIC



Armesto, Newman, Slominski, Stasto

Possibilities for $F_L^{D(3)}$ at EIC

Why F_L^D is interesting?

$$\sigma_{\rm r}^{\rm D(3)} = F_2^{\rm D(3)} - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L^{\rm D(3)}$$

 F_L^D vanishes in the parton model

Gets non-vanishing contributions in QCD

As in inclusive case, particularly sensitive to the diffractive gluon density

Expected large higher twists, provides test of the non-linear, saturation phenomena

Experimentally challenging...

Measurement requires several beam energies

 F_L^D strongest when $y \to 1$. Low electron energies

H1 measurement: 4 energies, E_p =920, 820, 575, 460 GeV, electron beam E_e =27.6 GeV

Large errors, limited by statistics at HERA

Careful evaluation of systematics. Best precision 4%, with uncorrelated sources as low as 2%

F_L^{D(3)} at HERA





Measurements of σ_r^D consistent with predictions from the models

Extracted F_L^D has a tendency to be higher than the predictions, though compatible with model predictions within errors

 $x_{IP} = 0.0005$ $Q^2 = 11.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ -0.05 -0.0 **10**⁻¹ 4×10⁻¹ 5×10⁻¹ Overall: $0 < F_L^D < F_2^D$ 0.05 $\mathbf{X}_{IP} \mathbf{F}_{L}^{D}$ Q²) H1 data ා 0.04 H1 2006 DPDF Fit B Ľ Anna Staśto, Overview of the EIC, UPC 2023, Playa del Carmen, December H1 2006 PPDF Fit A Golec-Biernat & Luszczak 0.03 33 , г о $x_{IP} = 0.003$

x_{IP} F^D_{L,2} (x_{IP}, β, Q²) 0 500

 $x_{IP} F_{L,2}^{D} (x_{IP}^{}, \beta, Q^2)$

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extrapolated Fit B

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Q²)

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Simulated measurement of $F_L^{D(3)}$ vs β in bins of (ξ ,Q²)

Uncorr. systematic error 1%, 5 MC samples to illustrate fluctuations



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Small differences between S-17 and S-9, small reduction to range and increase in uncertainties. More pronounced reduction in range and higher uncertainties in S-5.

An extraction of F^D_L possible with EIC-favored set of energy combinations

Example : inclusive diffraction in eA DIS

Diffractive to inclusive ratio of cross sections sensitive probe to different models



Example : diffractive elastic vector meson production



IP

e

p

Final state contains only vector meson, scattered lepton and proton



J/ ψ vector meson: charm -anti charm system Upsilon vector meson: bottom - anti bottom system

X

m = 3.09 GeVm = 9.46 GeV

Elastic vector meson production



Diffraction in hadronic physics: analogy with optics





Source: Wikipedia Author: Epzcaw

Source: Wikipedia Author: Wisky Circular aperture

Rectangular aperture

The diffraction pattern (far away from obstacle) is a Fourier transform of the apertured field.

Diffraction pattern



Source: Wikipedia

Diffraction can provide very detailed information about the structure of an object. The object cannot be destroyed in this process.

Diffractive elastic VM production

Diffractive elastic vector meson production as a way to study nucleon structure



Radius measured in diffractive scattering of vector mesons

Proton charge radius

 $R \approx 0.84 \div 0.87 \text{ fm}$

$b\approx 0.5\div 0.6~{\rm fm}$

Experiments on elastic VM production suggest gluons are concentrated in smaller regions than quarks



Elastic vector meson production at EIC



EIC, White paper

EIC: lower energy than HERA, different kinematics. Very high statistics, high precision

Profile function from elastic vector meson production





Elastic vector meson production at EIC : eA

EIC, White paper











Coherent:

Depends on the shape of the source, average distribution

Incoherent:

Provides information about the fluctuations or lumpiness of the source

Passage of color charges through cold nuclear matter

> Modern theories of QCD in matter (such as SCET_G and NRQCD_G) have enabled novel understanding of parton showers on matter. Capabilities to calculate higher order and resumed calculations in reactions with nuclei

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0.6

0.5

0.4

- ► EIC will provide important input on hadronization mechanism in eA
- Different scenarios: parton evolution in medium or hadron absorption MSTW08LO, ghat=0



Parton energy loss and in-medium fragmentation function modification

$$\frac{d}{d\ln\mu^2}\tilde{D}^{h/i}\left(x,\mu\right) = \sum_j \int_x^1 \frac{dz}{z}\tilde{D}^{h/j}\left(\frac{x}{z},\mu\right)\left(P_{ji}\left(z,\alpha_s\left(\mu\right)\right) + P_{ji}^{\text{med}}\left(z,\mu\right)\right)$$



 10^{2}

10

MSTW08L0+EPS09, ahat=0

10⁴

 10^{5}

 ν (GeV)

Constrain the space-time picture of hadronization.

Differentiate energy loss and hadron absorption models (based on ability to measure heavy flavors)

Lower energy beams better for this process

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1.1

0.9

0.8

0.7

0.6

0.5

0.4

 $R_{P_{b}}^{\pi}(\nu,z=0.5,Q^{2}=10 \text{ GeV}^{2})$

Jets as probes of cold nuclear matter

Jets emerged as a premier diagnostic tool for hot nuclear matter at RHIC and LHC

Also excellent probes for **cold** nuclear matter. Using jets, elucidate the properties of in-medium parton showers.



- Pioneer jet substructure studies with heavy quark initiated jets performed in a EIC regime very different from the one probed in heavy ion collisions Li, Liu, Vitev
- > Pave the way to a qualitatively new level of understanding of the role of **heavy quark mass**

Extraction of $\alpha_{\!\scriptscriptstyle S}$ from HERA and EIC







HERA inclusive (or inclusive + jets) + EIC inclusive data allows for **determination of** α_s with **unprecedented precision** : $\leq 0.3 \%$

 $\alpha_s(M_Z^2) = 0.1161 \pm 0.0003 \text{ (exp)} \pm 0.0001 \text{ (model + param)} {}^{+0.0002}_{-0.0001} \text{ (scale)}$

Machine design and parameters





- Hadron storage ring (HSR): 41-275 GeV (based on RHIC)
 - up to 1160 bunches, 1A beam current (3x RHIC) bright vertical beam emittance (1.5 nm)
 - strong cooling (coherent electron cooling, ERL)
 - ➤ Electron storage ring (ESR): 2.5–18 GeV (new) up to 1160 polarized bunches high polarization by continual reinjection from RCS large beam current (2.5 A) → 9 MW SR power superconducting RF cavities
 - Rapid cycling synchrotron (RCS): 0.4-18 GeV (new)
 2 bunches at 1 Hz; spin transparent due to high periodicity
- High luminosity interaction region(s) (new)
 - $L = 10^{34} \, \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

superconducting magnets

25 mrad crossing angle with crab cavities

spin rotators (produce longitudinal spin at IP)

Detector: ePIC

Slide from S. Dalla Torre talk at EICUG

ePIC, an extended detector





Central Detector (CD)

Total size detector: ~75m Central detector: ~10m Far Backward electron detection: ~35m Far Forward hadron spectrometer: ~40m

Auxiliary detectors needed to tag particles with very small scattering angles both in the outgoing lepton and hadron beam direction (B0-Taggers, Off-momentum taggers, Roman Pots, Zero-degree Calorimeter and low Q2tagger).

ePIC Collaboration (J. Lajoie, S. Dalla Torre)

Timeline



EIC Users Group

The **Electron-Ion Collider User Group (EICUG)** is an international affiliation of scientists dedicated to developing and promoting the scientific, technological, and educational goals and motivations for a new high energy **Electron-Ion Collider**.



https://www.eicug.org/index.html

1435 members 905 experimentalists 363 theorists 151 accelerator scientists 10 computer scientists 3 support 3 other 295 institutions 40 countries

Status as of December 4, 2023

EIC Users Group

EIC is international at its core

Over 60% institutions are outside US

Last annual meeting: July 25-31, 2023, Warsaw, Poland

Strong community and still growing !



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26%

38%

30%

NORTH AMERIC EUROPE

ASIA

SOUTH AM OCEANIA
Summary

Electron Ion Collider : high energy, high luminosity, polarized, electron-proton and electron-ion collider, funded by DoE, will be built in this decade and start operating in 2030's

- Precision tool which will address most profound unanswered questions in QCD
- One of the most challenging and versatile accelerator complexes ever built
- EIC is a project with strong international engagement
- ePIC collaboration: 1st detector collaboration formed
- 2nd detector: under consideration, needs additional funding

Please join and contribute! Everybody is welcome: engineers, designers, technicians, administrators, theorists, experimentalists, accelerator physicists...

Especially early career scientists: postdocs, undergraduate and graduate students...