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LHeC - Low x Kinematics



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### Small x and saturation:



• QCD radiation of partons when x decreases leads to a large number of partons (gluons), provided each parton evolves independently (linearly,  $\Delta$ [xg]  $\propto$  xg).

• This independent evolution breaks at high densities (small x or high mass number A): non-linear effects (g  $\leftrightarrow$  gg,  $\Delta$ [xg]  $\propto$  xg - k(xg)<sup>2</sup>).

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<u>high mass number A): non-linear effects</u> ( $g \leftrightarrow gg$ ,  $\Delta[xg] \stackrel{1}{\sim} xg - k(xg)^2$ ).

# **LHO** The 'QCD phase' diagram:



Our aims: understanding

- The implications of unitarity in a QFT.
- The behaviour of QCD at large energies.
- The hadron wave function at small x.

• The initial conditions for the creation of a dense medium in heavy-ion collisions.

### Origin in the early 80's: GLR, Mueller et al, McLerran-Venugopalan.





### **Questions**:

• Theory: can the dense regime be described using pQCD techniques? Or non-perturbative - Regge, AdS/QCD,...? Which factorisation is at work?

• Experiment: where do present/future experimental data lie?

### LH<sub>0</sub> Status of small-x physics:

- Three pQCD-based alternatives to describe small-x ep and eA data (differences at moderate  $Q^2(>\Lambda^2_{QCD})$  and small x):
- $\rightarrow$  DGLAP evolution (fixed order PT).
- $\rightarrow$  Resummation schemes.
- → Saturation (CGC, dipole models).
- Non-linear effects (unitarity constraints) are density effects: where?  $\Rightarrow$  two-pronged approach at the LHeC:  $\downarrow \times / \uparrow A$ .





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### Project:

- •LHeC@CERN  $\rightarrow$  ep/eA experiment using p/A from the LHC: E<sub>p</sub>=7 TeV, E<sub>A</sub>=(Z/A)E<sub>p</sub>=2.75 TeV/nucleon for Pb.
- New  $e^+/e^-$  accelerator:  $E_{cm} \sim I 2 \text{ TeV/nucleon}$  ( $E_e = 50 I 50 \text{ GeV}$ ).
- Compatible with pp/pA/AA LHC operation, power < 100 MW.

Requirements	LHeC	HERA	How?
high lumi for high x and Q <sup>2</sup>	10^33	1-5×10 <sup>31</sup>	
large acceptance	I-179 deg.	7-177 deg.	kinematic coverage
tracking	0.1 mrad	0.2-1 mrad	modern Si
EMcal	0.1 %	0.2-0.5 %	kinematic reconstruction
Hcal	0.5 %	I %	tracking + calo e/h
accurate lumi/pol	0.5 %	I %	demanding



### Chapter 4: physics



Proton structure to a few 10<sup>-20</sup> m: Q<sup>2</sup> lever arm.

• Precision QCD/EW physics.

 High-mass frontier (leptoquarks, excited fermions, contact interactions).

• Unambiguous access, in ep and eA, to a qualitatively novel regime of matter predicted by QCD.

 Substructure/parton dynamics inside nuclei with strong implications on QGP search.

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### Effects beyond DGLAP?:



• LHeC  $F_2$  and  $F_L$  data will have discriminatory power on models.

## Effects beyond DGLAP?:

# NLO DGLAP cannot simultaneously accommodate LHeC $F_2$ and $F_L$ data if saturation effects included according to current models.



### ep diffractive pseudodata:





# **LHO** Elastic VM production in ep:



### LHO Elastic VM production in eA:



# Transverse scan: elastic VM

• t-differential measurements give a gluon tranverse mapping of the hadron/nucleus.

e(k)

p(p)



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- Exclusive processes give information about GPDs, whose Fourier transform gives a tranverse scan of the hadron: DVCS sensitive to the singlet.
- Sensitive to dynamics e.g. non-linear effects.





DVCS,  $E_e$ =50 GeV, 10°, pT<sup>Y,cut</sup>=5 GeV, 100 fb<sup>-1</sup>



### **LHO** Dihadron azimuthal decorrelation:

• Dihadron azimuthal decorrelation is currently discussed at RHIC as one of the most suggestive indications of saturation.

• At the LHeC it could be studied far from the kinematical limits.



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# **LHO** Radiation and hadronization:

- LHeC: dynamics of QCD radiation and hadronization.
- Most relevant for particle production off nuclei and for QGP analysis in HIC.  $R_A^h(z,\nu) = \frac{1}{N_A^e} \frac{dN_A^h(z,\nu)}{d\nu dz} / \frac{1}{N_D^e} \frac{dN_D^h(z,\nu)}{d\nu dz}$

 $e^{2}$ 

0.9

0.8

0.6

0.5

0.4

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MSTW08LO, qhat=0

10<sup>2</sup>

10

MSTW08L0+EPS09, qhat=0

 $10^{\overline{3}}$ 

MSTW08L0+EPS09, ghat=0.72, L<sub>max</sub>

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Low energy: hadronization
 inside → formation time, (pre-),
 hadronic absorption,...





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 $\nu$  (GeV)

10<sup>5</sup>

~ ratio of FFs A/p

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→ ...

### Summary:

#### • At an LHeC@CERN:

- $\rightarrow$  Unprecedented access to small x in p and A for PDFs.
- → Novel sensitivity to physics beyond standard pQCD.
- Stringent tests of QCD radiation and hadronization.
- → High precision tests of collinear factorization(s).
- $\rightarrow$  Transverse scan of the hadron at small x.

#### • The LHeC will answer the question of saturation/ non-linear dynamics. For that, ep AND eA essential!!!



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### Messages from HERA:

 Very good description of F<sub>2(c,b)</sub> (F<sub>L</sub>?) within DGLAP, steep gluon in I/x.



• Large fraction of diffraction  $\sigma_{\rm diff}/\sigma_{\rm tot} \sim 10\%$ (Cooper-Sarkar, 1206.0984).



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#### Saturation ideas: CGC



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#### LHeC scenarios:

conf	fig.	E(e)	E(N)	Ν	$\int L(e^+)$	∫L(e <sup>-</sup> )	Pol	L/10 <sup>32</sup> P/	MW	yea	rs type
					F	or	2				
A	1	20	7	р	1	1	-	1	10	1	SPL
E	}	50	7	р	50	50	0.4	25	30	2	$RR hiQ^2$
( c	; )	50	7	р	1	1	0.4	1	30	1	RR lo x
Γ	)	100	7	р	5	10	0.9	2.5	40	2	LR
E	E	150	7	р	3	6	0.9	1.8	40	2	LR
F		50	3.5	D	1	1		0.5	30	1	eD
( 0	í (	50	2.7	Pb	10-4	10-4	0.4	10-3	30	1	ePb
H	I	50	1	р		1		25	30	1	lowEp
		50	3.5	Ca	5·10 <sup>-4</sup>		?	5·10 <sup>-</sup>	3?	?	eCa

• For  $F_L$ : 10, 25, 50 + 2750 (7000);  $Q^2 \le sx$ ; Lumi=5, 10, 100 pb<sup>-1</sup> respectively; charm and beauty: same efficiencies in ep and eA. *Physics at low x<sub>Bj</sub> and in eA at the LHeC*.

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# He eA inclusive: comparison Good precision can be obtained for F<sub>2(c,b)</sub> and F<sub>L</sub> at small x

(Glauberized 3-5 flavor GBW model, NA '02).





#### Note: F<sub>L</sub> in eA

 $\sigma_r^{NC} = \frac{Q^4 x}{2\pi \alpha^2 Y_+} \frac{d^2 \sigma^{NC}}{dx dQ^2} = F_2 \left[ 1 - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} \frac{F_L}{F_2} \right], \qquad Y_+ = 1 + (1 - y)^2$ 

•  $F_L$  traces the nuclear effects on the glue (Cazarotto et al '08).

• Uncertainties in the extraction of  $F_2$  due to the unknown nuclear effects on  $F_L$  of order 5 % (larger than expected stat.+syst.)  $\Rightarrow$ 

measure  $F_L$  or use the reduced cross section (but then ratios at two energies...).



### Photoproduction cross section:

• Small angle electron detector 62 m far from the interaction point: Q<sup>2</sup><0.01 GeV,  $y \sim 0.3 \Rightarrow W \sim 0.5 \sqrt{s}$ .

Substantial enlarging of the lever arm in W.



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#### Implications for UHEv's:



- v-n/A cross section (T energy loss) dominated by DIS structure functions / (n)pdfs at small-x and large (small) Q<sup>2</sup>.
- Key ingredient for estimating fluxes.



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#### LHO Diffraction and non-linear dynamics:

• Dipole models show differences with linear-based extrapolations (HERA-based dpdf's) and among each other: possibility to check saturation and its realization.



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#### Diffractive dijets:



### LHO Diffractive DIS on nuclear targets:



• Challenging experimental problem, requires Monte Carlo simulation with detailed understanding of the nuclear break-up.

• For the coherent case, predictions available.





#### Odderon:

• Odderon (C-odd exchange contributing to particle-antiparticle difference in cross section) seached in  $\gamma^{(\star)}p \rightarrow Cp$ , where  $C = \pi^0, \eta, \eta', \eta_c \dots$  or through O-P interferences.



• Sizable charge asymmetry, yields and reconstruction pending.



#### Transversity GPDs:

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10<sup>2</sup>

10<sup>1</sup>

- Chiral-odd transversity GPDs are largely unknown.
- They can be accessed through double exclusive production:

 $ep(p_2) \to e' \gamma_{L/T}^{(*)}(q) \ p(p_2) \to e' \rho_{L,T}^0(q_\rho) \ \rho_T(p_\rho) \ N'(p_{2'}) \twoheadrightarrow_p$ 



 $Q^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}$ 4 GeV





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## **LHO** Dynamics of QCD radiation:

- Studying dijet azimuthal decorrelation or forward jets ( $p_T \sim Q$ ) would allow to understand the mechanism of radiation:
- $\rightarrow$  k<sub>T</sub>-ordered: DGLAP.



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