Electron-Ion Collider

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Understanding the glue that binds us all
and that sets the initial stages of high energy nucl. coll.
Most Compelling EIC SCIENCE Questions

How are the gluons and sea-quarks, and their spins, distributed in space and momentum inside the nucleon?

- How are these quark and gluon distributions correlated with the over all nucleon properties, such as spin direction?
- What is the role of the motion of sea quarks and gluons in building the nucleon spin?

Where does the saturation of gluon densities set in?

- Is there a simple boundary that separates the region from the more dilute quark gluon matter? If so how do the distributions of quarks and gluons change as one crosses the boundary?
- Does this saturation produce matter of universal properties in the nucleon and all nuclei viewed at nearly the speed of light?

How does the nuclear environment affect the distribution of quarks and gluons and their interaction in nuclei?

- How does the transverse spatial distribution of gluons compare to that in the nucleon?
- How does matter respond to fast moving color charge passing through it? Is this response different for light and heavy quarks?
Electron-Ion Collider

• An ultimate machine to provide answers to these fundamental QCD questions:
  • Collider $\Rightarrow$ kinematic reach into the gluon-dominated regime
  • Electron beam $\Rightarrow$ precision of the EM interaction as a probe
  • Polarized electron and nucleon beams $\Rightarrow$ determine the correlations of sea quark and gluon distributions with the nucleon spin
  • Heavy ion beams $\Rightarrow$ access to the regime of saturated gluon densities, and offer a precise dial in the study of propagation-length for color charges in nuclear matter

• A machine with high-luminosity polarized electron and proton beams, combined with versatile kinematics and beam species
Two concepts for an EIC in the US

- eRHIC at BNL
- RHIC + new electron machine
- JLEIC at JLab
- CEBAF + new hadron machine

- Maximum utilization of past and current investment
EIC: Luminosity vs energy

Science case areas indicate the range of peak luminosities with which a statistically significant result can be achieved in about one year ($10^7$ sec) of running.

- **eRHIC ERL-Ring design**: no cooling of protons, $P_{\text{synch}} \sim 2.5$ MW
- **eRHIC Ring-Ring design**: some cooling, 330 bunches, $P_{\text{synch}} \sim 10$ MW
- **JLEIC high luminosity detector**
- **JLEIC full acceptance detector**
Key Measurements:
Spin and three dimensional imaging of nucleon

with inclusive, semi-inclusive, exclusive DIS and diffraction in ep
Puzzles: spin of nucleon

- Nucleon Spin: sum of quark, gluon spin and orbital angular momentum

\[
\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma + L_q + \Delta G + L_g
\]

- Quarks (\(\Delta \Sigma\)) carry \(\sim 30\%\) of proton spin (EMC collaboration 1987)

- Where is the “missing” spin?
  - gluon contribution in the limited measured range (latest RHIC data) \(\sim 20\%\)

- Spin is the interplay between the intrinsic properties and interaction of quarks and gluons
Polarized inclusive DIS

- Reaching low $x$ ⇒ get into the region where gluons and sea quarks dominate
- Cover wide $Q^2$ range for each $x$ ⇒ study “scaling violations” ⇒ gluon density
- Access to large $Q^2$ (at medium-to-large $x$) ⇒ access to electroweak effects
spin puzzle: will be solved

\( \frac{1}{2} - \text{Gluon} - \text{Quarks} = \text{orbital angular momentum} \)
3D imaging of sea and gluons

- **Transverse Momentum Dependent** parton distributions (TMDs)
  - confined motion in a nucleon (semi-inclusive DIS)
  - 2+1D picture in momentum space ($k_T$)

- **Generalized Parton Distributions** (GPDs)
  - Spatial imaging of quarks and gluons (exclusive DIS)
  - 2+1D picture in impact parameter space ($b$)

![Diagram of parton distributions](image)

Figure 2.23:
- Top: The DVCS polarization asymmetry $A_{\sin(S)}$ for a transversely polarized proton (see [115] for a precise definition).
- Middle: The spatial distribution of sea quarks in an unpolarized proton (left) and in a proton polarized along the positive $x$ axis (right) obtained from a GPD fit to simulated data for $d$ DVCS/dt and $A_{\sin(S)}$. The bands represent the parametric errors of the fit and the uncertainty from extrapolating the $t$ spectrum outside the measured region.
- Bottom: The corresponding density of partons in the transverse plane.
TMD measured in semi-inclusive DIS

Go beyond the one-dimensional picture in parton TMD distributions
Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering

Current data: Limited and mainly unpolarized data at low-x

Requires high luminosities at different energies to map out the spatial distribution
Key Measurements in eA:
Saturation and spatial-imaging of gluon

with inclusive, semi-inclusive, exclusive DIS and diffraction in eA
Puzzles: How gluons grow?

- Linear DGLAP evolution: requires “safety dynamics” to prevent unitarity violation
- Saturation regime arises naturally through non-linear BK/JIMWLK evolution
  - in the Color Glass Condensate (CGC) framework
- Where does saturation set in?
- What is the dynamics of saturation process?
Lepton-Nucleus Scattering and nuclear enhanced gluon saturation scale

\[ (Q_s^A)^2 \approx cQ_0^2 \left( \frac{A}{x} \right)^{1/3} \]
nuclear structure function: $F_2$ and $F_L$

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\sigma_r = \left( \frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dQ} \right) \frac{xQ^4}{2\pi[1 + (1 - y)^2]} = F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2} F_L(x, Q^2)
\]
\[ R_i = x f_i^A(x, Q^2) / A x f_i^P(x, Q^2) \]

- with \( A \int L dt = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1} \) with experimental smearing
Differential probes of many-body correlations

- Di-hadron correlations are very sensitive to the evolution and dynamics of many-body correlation
- In the saturation regime ($< Q_s$), large transverse momentum imbalance for the hadron pairs expected, which leads to back-to-back jet/hadron pairs to de-correlation
- EIC expected data from $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ integrated luminosity at $15(e)\times100(p/Au)$ GeV ($< \sim 1$ month running at eRHIC)
- Saturation / no-saturation can be clearly distinguished
- Strong suppression cannot be reproduced by the non-saturation model
- Systematic differential measurement: crossing onset of saturation using $\sqrt{s}, Q^2, A$
Gluon spatial distribution and correlations in exclusive diffractive Vector Meson production

- Novel “strong” probe to investigate gluonic structure of nuclei: color dipole coherent and incoherent diffractive interaction: Sensitive to saturation (s,b,A)

- Large $\sigma_{\text{diff}}/\sigma_{\text{total}}$ in e+A (~25-40%) compared to e+p (~10-15%)

- Coherent: Access to spatial distribution of gluons
  - Precise transverse imaging of the gluons
  - Modification due to small-x evolution

- Incoherent: Gluon correlations in the transverse plane
Exclusive diffractive vector meson production: $J/\Psi$ and $\Phi$

- Probe (VM dipole size) dependent exclusive $t$-dependent production: yield and pattern sensitive to saturation
- with $A \int L \, dt = 10 \, fb^{-1}$ with experimental smearing
Parton propagation and fragmentation

- Nuclei as space-time analyzer
- EIC can measure
  - fragmentation time scale to understand dynamics
  - in medium energy loss to characterize medium
    - gluon bremstrahlung: hadronization outside media
    - prehadron absorption: color neutralization inside the medium
- Observable
  - $p_T$ distribution broadening: direct link to saturation
  - attenuation of hadrons
**Hadronization - Energy Loss study in wide kinematic and mass range**

- **access to heavy-meson:** studying mass-dependent hadronization properties - transition mechanism from quarks to hadrons
Summary

Electron-Ion Collider is to understand the glue that binds us all. It is the brightest sub-femtometer to answer outstanding fundamental questions in QCD through unique and unprecedented measurements:

• Deeply extend the current understanding of nucleon structure: spin and 3D landscape.
• Establish and explore new degree of freedom of gluonic property of matter - saturation regime
• Shed light on what governs the transition from quarks to hadrons
extra
Ultimate eRHIC design
Highly advanced and energy efficient accelerator

Electron Beamlines
- 1.7-5.0 GeV
- 6.7-18.3 GeV
- Up to 20 GeV (last pass or storage ring)

ERL Cryomodules

Hadron Cooler
Detector
Place for Second Detector
Electrons
From AGS

Energy Recovery Linac, 1.665 GeV
Polarized Electron Source, 20 MeV Injector

Beam Dump

arXiv:1409.1633
CEBAF is a full energy injector.