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Geometry tagging for heavy ions at JLEIC

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Geometry tagging is an experimental analysis technique for selecting event samples where we can, on a statistical basis, control the geometry of the collision in order to make more incisive physics measurements. This technique has been heavily exploited in heavy ion (AA) collisions at RHIC and the LHC, and played an essential role in the discovery and detailed characterization of the quark gluon plasma, but it has seen only very limited use to date in deep-inelastic scattering. Several physics measurements at the EIC would benefit significantly from the use of this technique, including studies of gluon anti-shadowing, studies of parton propagation, attenuation and hadronization in the nucleus, and ultimately the search for parton saturation. Using geometry tagging, we can create an event sample in eAu collisions with a saturation scale or an average path length equivalent to a minimum bias nucleus of size $A=600-800$. The JLEIC full-acceptance detector, with full acceptance for forward-going neutrons, protons and nuclear fragments and a high data-taking rate should be ideally suited to such geometry tagging. We improve, tune, and apply existing modeling codes, BeAGLE, Sartre, and GEMC, and detector descriptions to study this physics.

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