Physics Prospects and Performance of Proposed EIC detectors

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### Plan of the Talk

### **Understanding the properties of visible matter**



This is us !!! protons, neutrons, electrons

#### **Proton:**

The Higgs mechanism is responsible for quarks mass

Quark-Masses: ~1% M<sub>p</sub>

All strongly interacting matter is an emergent consequence of many-body quark-gluon dynamics in QCD

To investigate the nucleon's partonic structure, HERA, the previous and only electron (projectile beam) → proton (target beam) collider, was built



### What did HERA found?

HERA studied in detail the one-dimensional picture of a free proton





#### **HERA discovery:**

Gluon density dominates at x < 0.1

Limits of HERA: Low luminosity; no nuclei; no polarization of the proton beam

Need a high lumi, highly polarized e+p(A) collider to resolve quark and gluon spatial, momentum and spin structure in multi-dimensions in both protons and nuclei  $\rightarrow EIC$ 

## **Most compelling physics GOALS**



How do the nucleon properties emerge from them and their interactions?



What happens to the gluon density in nuclei?

- Does it saturate at high energy?
- Does this saturation give rise to a gluonic matter with universal poperties in all nuclei, even proton?

How does a dense nuclear environment affect the quarks and gluons, their correlations and 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 quark-gluon interactions create nuclear binding?

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### **Ingredients for a high resolution "femtoscope"**

- Large center-of-mass coverage:
- Access to wide kinematic range in x and  $Q^2$
- Polarized electron and hadron beams:
- > access to spin structure of nucleons and nuclei
- > Spin vehicle to access the 3D spatial and momentum structure of the nucleon
- Full specification of initial and final states to probe q-g structure of NN and NNN interaction in light nuclei
- Nuclear beams:
- > Accessing the highest gluon densities  $\rightarrow$  amplification of saturation phenomena
- High luminosity:
- Detailed mapping the 3D spatial and momentum structure of nucleons and nuclei
   Access to rare probes
- All these requirement can be addressed by the future **Electron-Ion Collider**

### **The Electron-Ion Collider**







Eur. Phy. J. A. 52 9(2016)

### World's first Polarized electron-proton/light ion and electron-Nucleus collider

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### What process must be measured?



### **Requirements for a "general-purpose" detector**



The Yellow Report Initiative (Jan-Dec 2020) – to advance the state of the documented physics studies (W.P., INT Reports) and detector concepts in preparation for the realization of the EIC. Report released in March 2021: <u>arXiv:2103.05419</u> Enormous community effort: 902 pages, 415 authors, 151 institutions

#### **Overall detector requirements:**

- Hermeticity: large acceptance in pseudorapidity,  $-4 \leq \eta \leq 4$  [exclusive and diffractive channels]
- Good momentum resolution in central region
  - DIS and SIDIS channels that use the hadronic state to reconstruct kinematics
- **Minimum**  $p_T$ : 100 MeV for pions, 135 MeV for kaons
- Electron ID:  $\pi$  suppression of 10<sup>4</sup> (for eg. PVDIS).  $3\sigma e/\pi$  separation for spectroscopy
- Good γ detection threshold at zero angle (ZDC): separate coherent/incoherent in e+A VMP.
- Hadron ID: required over a large momentum range for SIDIS/TMD measurements
- **ECAL:**  $(10 12)\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus (1 3)\%$  in central region for jets,  $(1 2)\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus (1 3)\%$  at backwards rapidities (DIS electron reconstruction)
- **HCAL:**  $50\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 10\%$  (jets), with a minimum threshold of 500 MeV
- Far Forward instrumentation: measure the diffractive protons

### **Proposed EIC detectors**

### Two proposals for a general purpose «project detector»









A proposals for a (still general purpose) complementary detector







# **Spin Physics**



- what is the polarization of gluons at small *x* where they are most abundant?
- what is the flavor decomposition of the polarized sea depending on x?

Determine quark and gluon contributions to the proton spin

### **Proton's helicity structure**



#### **Expected impact of the EIC:**

The x-range will be extended by two orders of magnitude, allowing an extremely precise measurement in the earlier poorly known area



### **Proton's helicity structure**

 $\Delta g(x,Q^2) = g \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} (x,Q^2) - g \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} (x,Q^2)$ 

- $\circ$  **Observable:** Longitudinal double spin asymmetries ( $A_{LL}$ )
- **DIS** scaling violations determine gluons at small x Ο



### **Proton's helicity structure from SIDIS**

- $\circ$  **Observable:** Longitudinal double spin asymmetries ( $A_{LL}$ )
- Furthermore SIDIS data provide detailed separation of sea quark
  - Do see quark helicities vanish at small x ?

#### Key:

- PID (barrel, forward
- Vertexing for charm tagging



### The spin sum rule







### 1/2 - Quarks



Gluons



#### orb. angular momentum



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### EIC: the Ultimate Multi-dimension Experience!



### **Multidimensional imaging of quarks and gluons**

#### **Wigner functions** offer unprecedented insight into confinement and chiral symmetry breaking $W(x,b_T,k_T)$ $\int d^2 \mathbf{k}_{\mathrm{T}}$ ∫d<sup>2</sup>b<sub>τ</sub> **Momentum** Coordinate $k_T \uparrow$ space space xp $f(x,b_T)$ $f(x,k_{T})$ Spin-dependent 2D coordinate space Spin-dependent 3D momentum space (transverse) + 1D (longitudinal momentum) images from **semi-inclusive scattering** images from exclusive scattering $\rightarrow$ TMDs $\rightarrow$ GPDs

Direct access to  $W(x,b_T,k_T)$ 

for gluons through exclusive di-jets measurements at an EIC under investigation <sup>19</sup>

### **Momentum tomography**

#### **Transverse Momentum Dependent distributions (TMDs)** are PDFs depending on transverse momentum

At low  $k_T$ , these functions cannot be perturbatively calculated

 $\rightarrow$  need precision measurement

What we want to measure:

 $\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}\,\mathrm{d}\mathbf{Q}^2\,\mathrm{d}\mathbf{z}\,\mathrm{d}\phi_{\mathrm{S}}\,\mathrm{d}\phi_{\mathrm{h}}\,\mathrm{d}\mathbf{p}_{\mathrm{T}}^{\mathrm{h}}}$ 

6-fold differential cross sections in SIDIS

Azimuthal asymmetries and their modulations









### **Momentum tomography – SIDIS, Heavy Flavor, Jets**





#### 5 Projected Sievers asymmetries 0.05 0.045 0.045 0.046 0.0250.025

- excellent proxies for partons
- probe **quark TMDs** without convolution with FF
- di-jets can probe gluon Sivers



#### Key:

- Azimuthal acceptance
- PID
- Acceptance
- Vertexing (heavy flavor)
- Quality of tracking
- HCal (for jets)



### **Momentum tomography**



SIDIS in CORE 10x275 GeV<sup>2</sup>

- Black = all pions
- Red = Identified  $\pi$

• 
$$z = \frac{p_h \cdot P}{q \cdot P}$$

• Full z-range covered, independent of PID threshold

### **Spatial tomography**

-> whole set of GPDs

-> gluon GPDs

#### Hard Exclusive processes probe specific components of GPDs

- DVCS, TCS
- heavy vector mesons (J/ψ, Y)
- light vector mesons ( $\rho^0$ ;  $\rho^+$ ;  $\omega$ ) -> quark flavors GPDs
- light pseudoscalar mesons ( $\pi^+$ ;  $\pi^0$ ;  $\eta$ ) -> helicity-flip GPDs

#### ✤GPDs also sensitive to

- Distribution of forces inside the proton
- Contribution from orbital angular momentum to proton spin
- Energy-Momentum Tensor trace anomaly  $\rightarrow$  origin of *p*-mass







### **Spatial tomography – DVCS/TCS**



### **Observables:** $d\sigma/dt$ ; $A_{LU}$ ; $A_{UT}$ **Asymmetries (DVCS & TCS):** GPDs via amplitude-level interference with Bethe-Heitler

#### Key:

- Acceptance (including FF)
- $\gamma/\pi^0$  separation in ECAL
- t lever arm in FF spectrometers

**Timelike Compton Scattering (TCS)**   $\gamma p \rightarrow \gamma^* p \ (\gamma^* \rightarrow l^+ l^-)$ • Q': invariant mass of  $l^+ l^-$ •  $\tau = Q^2 = (s - m_p^2)$  equivalente to  $x_B$ 

### **Spatial tomography - VMs**



- Muon id
  - Scattered electrons over full kinem.

 $\vec{e} + \vec{p} \rightarrow e + p + \vec{V}$ 

• *t*-lever arm in FF spectrometers

-> origin of *p*-mass

30000

20000

10000

92

9.3

9.4

9.5

9.7

 $M_{\mu+\mu}$  [GeV]

9.6

<sup>3.14</sup> M<sub>e+e-</sub> [GeV]

3.12

3.1

3.08

30000

20000

# And what about the nuclei?



- How does the nuclear environment affect the distribution of quarks and gluons and their interaction in nuclei?
- Where does the saturation of the gluon density set in?

#### **Nuclear Structure Functions** Ratio:F<sub>2</sub>(x,Q<sup>2</sup>)<sub>Pb</sub>/F<sub>2</sub>(x,Q<sup>2</sup>)<sub>p</sub>

Inclusive DIS on e+A analog to e+p:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma^{eA\to eX}}{dxdQ^2} = \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{xQ^4} \left[ \left( 1 - y + \frac{y^2}{2} \right) F_2(x,Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{2} F_L(x,Q^2) \right]$$
quark+anti-quark (or tag on 5, shorm)

(or tag on F<sub>2</sub>-charm)

Theory/models have to be able to describe the structure functions and their evolution

#### DGLAP evolution model:

predicts Q<sup>2</sup> but not A-dependence and x-dependence

#### Saturation models:

predict A-dependence and x-dependence but not  $Q^2$  $\rightarrow$  Need: large Q<sup>2</sup> lever-arm for fixed x, A-scan

#### **Charm production at EIC:**

 Aim at extending our knowledge on structure functions into the realm where gluon saturation effects emerge ⇒ different evolution

 $10^{-2}$ 

eRHIC Coverage

10-1

shadowing

10<sup>-3</sup>

1.4

1.2

1.0

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

0.0

10<sup>-4</sup>

 $R_{g}^{Pb}(x)$ 

An EIC provides a factor 10 larger reach in Q<sup>2</sup> and low-x compared to available data

Direct access to gluons at medium to high x by tagging **photon-gluon fusion** 

### **Collinear PDFs on protons and nuclei**



Impact after global fits

#### gluon nPDFs

 constrained at the ~10% level over large x-arm

#### proton PDFs

- impact on HERA + LHC global fits
- EIC/ATHENA constrains the high-x region



proton PDFs

#### Key:

 Fine resolution in y over a large phase space

### **Imaging of gluons in Nuclei**

#### Diffractive vector meson production: $e + Au \rightarrow e' + Au' + J/\psi$



- Nuclear modifications of GPDs & gluon saturation
- Coherent part probes "shape of black disc"
- Incoherent part (large t) sensitive to "lumpiness" of the source [= proton] (fluctuations, hot spots, ...)

0.25

0.2

0.15-

0.1

6

 $R_0^8(fm)$ 

(1-z)r

 $V = J/w \phi \phi$ 

### **Imaging of gluons in Nuclei**



#### **EIC Yellow Report:**

Measuring up to two minima required for High quality Fourier transform

#### Key:

0.15

- High resolution reconstruction of the event kinematics and the final-state VM decays:
  - $\rightarrow$  3T solenoid (higher field helps!)
- high-purity coherent sample:
  - veto the nuclear breakups using FF
  - PID to suppress vector meson
- Simulations (both experiment) do not yet include pid
- t is reconstructed from scattered e and VM
- **ECCE plot:** note how at higher  $\sqrt{s}$  it's harder to get to the minima (same confirmed by ATHENA)

### **Study of neutrons with light nuclei**



- Possibility to study neutron structure
- $\blacktriangleright$  DVCS on neutron compared to proton is important for flavor u/d separation

DVCS on incoherent D (D breaks up) but coherent on the neutron, the "double tagging" method

- Tag DIS on a neutron (by the ZDC)
- Measure the recoil proton momentum
- The recoil proton momentum cone is

- 
$$lpha_R = ig( E_R + p_{R||} ig) / ig( E_D + p_{D||} ig)$$
 and  $p_{RT}$ 

• Gives you a free neutron structure, not affected by final state interactions



#### ATHENA – DVCS on e+D:

- 80-90% acceptance at low |t|,
- |t|-acceptance loss at higher value mostly due to the loss in tagging the active neutron in ZDC.
- Alternatively, |t| can be measured via scattered e and γ → higher acceptance at large |t|.
- Proton momentum is well reconstructed

### **A window into the Gluon Saturation regime**



### **Saturation via Di-hadron correlations**



<sup>∆</sup>ø [rad]

### **Saturation via Diffraction**

#### **Diffraction**

High sensitivity to gluon density in linear regime  $\sigma^{[g(x,Q^2)]^2}$ 





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### **Summary**

The EIC (with a state of art detector) will allow us to obtain the answers to the big questions discussed

- ✓ Solve the proton spin puzzle
- ✓ How visible matter emerges from quarks and gluons, confined in hadrons?
- ✓ 3D imaging in momentum and coordinate space of nucleons and nuclei
  - ✓ Investigate the origin of proton mass
- ✓ Map the region of the transition from non-saturated to saturated regime
- And much more I had no time to cover: e.g. Spectroscopy, Cold Nuclear matter, Wigner fnc., separation of Y states...
- Excellent proposals have been presented for possible collider detector with high resolution, wide acceptance and good particle identification

#### + However the selection process goes... let us remember:

- we are one single dedicated and enthusiastic community worldwide.
- we made through the site selection process together
- we aim to remain together for many decades to come!