

Exclusive processes at EIC at high x (x>0.05)

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The EIC facility





Project Design Goals

- High Luminosity: $L = 10^{33} 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{sec}^{-1}$, $10 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}/\text{year}$
- Highly Polarized Beams: 70%
- Large Center of Mass Energy Range: $E_{cm} = 29 140 \text{ GeV}$
- Large Ion Species Range: protons Uranium
- Large Detector Acceptance and Good Background Conditions
- Accommodate a Second Interaction Region (IR)



Luminosity and kinematic coverage



Complementarity with JLab and other facilities



The EIC project detector: ePIC

Tracking:

- New 1.7T solenoid
- Si MAPS Tracker
- MPGDs (µRWELL/µMegas)

PID:

- Backward pfRICH
- Barrel hpDIRC
- Forward dRICH
- Barrel & Forward TOF (AC-LGAD)



- Backward HCal (Steel+scint)
- PbWO₄ EMCal in backward direction
- Sampling & Imaging Barrel EMCal
- Outer HCal (sPHENIX re-use)
 - Finely segmented EMCal +HCal in forward direction



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ToF, DIRC, RICH detectors



MAPS tracker 25 subdetectors

incl. polarimeters

Far-Backward Detectors:

- Luminosity monitor.
- Low-Q² Tagger

Far-Forward Detectors:

- B0 Tracking and Photon Detection
- Roman Pots and Off-Momentum Detectors.
- Zero-Degree Calorimeter



Far-forward detection region



Exclusive processes and nucleon 3D imaging

3D imaging of the nucleon and nuclei through Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)



Experimentally accessible with exclusive reactions:

- Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)
- Deeply Virtual Meson Production (DVMP)



DVCS at EIC: kinematic coverage



Projections using 2

10

10⁻¹

10⁻²

0⁻³

-0.5

 $\log_{10} \mathbf{x}_{Bj}$

DVCS: acceptance

- > Continuous coverage in t in a single detector (B0) at low energy
- Important for Fourier transform and 3D imaging





DVCS: cross section measurements

Projections for 1 year of running at highest luminosity $(10_{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1})$



DVCS: nucleon 3D imaging

- Projections for 10 fb⁻¹ (≈1 year)
- Very good statistical precision, even at large t and high x

(for 5 GeV x 100 GeV)



Exclusive J/ Ψ production: 3D imaging of gluons





- Exclusive J/Ψ production access gluon distributions inside the nucleon
- Very high precision expected with one year of data (10 fb⁻¹), even at high b_T

EIC White Paper

Origin of mass

Exclusive J/ ψ production



Threshold J/ Ψ production as a function of Q2 is sensitive to the trace anomaly contribution to the proton mass



Other exclusive channels

- \succ Other meson channels (π^0 , Υ , etc)
- Time-like Compton scattering
- DVCS off nuclei
- Backward DVCS

Studies ongoing

No projections for high x (that I could find), but could be done

Summary

The EIC facility will address fundamental questions on the structure and dynamics of nucleons and nuclei in terms of quarks and gluons.



- Exclusive reactions are an essential tool to address one of the key deliveries of EIC: 3D imaging, gluon content of the nucleon and nuclei
 - 3D imaging
 - Gluon content of the nucleon and nuclei
 - Origin of nucleon mass
- EIC will mostly cover the low-x kinematic region, dominated by gluons and sea quarks, and complement measurements performed at JLab (at 12 and 22 GeV)
- ➢ A significant overlap with JLab in the region of x>0.05 will allow cross-checks and shed light into the transition region between the gluon-dominated kinematics and the valence-quark kinematics

Back-up

EIC schedule

CD-3A:

Approve start of long-lead procurements CD-3A items passed final design review All interfaces related to them are frozen Authorization received March 28, 2024.

CD-2:

Approve prelim. design for all subdetectors Design Maturity: >60% Need "pre-"TDR (or draft TDR) Baseline project in scope, cost, schedule

CD-3:

Approve final design for all subdetectors Design Maturity: ~90% Need full TDR



EIC project timeline

- > Dec 2021 (CD-1): Start of detector design (through CD-3)
- Dec 2025: R&D completed (expected CD-2)
- 2027: Start of construction (expected CD-3),
- 2034: Start of early physics program (expected CD-4A)
- > 2036: Project completion (expected CD4) and start of operations

As presented by the EIC project on Oct 9, 2024

Updated EIC Critical Decision Plan	
CD-0/Site Selection	December 2019 √
CD-1	June 2021 √
CD-3A	March 2024 √
CD-3B Review	January 7-9 2025
CD-2/3C Review	End of 2025?
CD-3 Review	End of 2026?
early CD-4	December 2034?
CD-4	December 2036?

TMDs and GPDs at EIC

Transverse Momentum Distribution and Spatial Imaging

