



# **Electron-Ion Collider**

#### Peering deeper into the protons and neutrons of atomic nuclei

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#### U.S. Department of Energy Selects Brookhaven National Laboratory to Host Major New Nuclear Physics Facility

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced the selection of Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, NY, as the site for a planned major new nuclear physics research facility.

The Electron Ion Collider (EIC), to be designed and constructed over ten years at an estimated cost between \$1.6 and \$2.6 billion, will smash electrons into protons and heavier atomic nuclei in an effort to penetrate the mysteries of the "strong force" that binds the atomic nucleus together.

The EIC's high luminosity and highly polarized beams will push the frontiers of particle accelerator science and technology and provide unprecedented insights into the building blocks and forces that hold atomic nuclei together.

Secretary Brouillette approved Critical Decision-0, "Approve Mission Need," for the EIC on December 19, 2019.









Interactive Chart of Nuclides Click on a nucleus to obtain information

NNDC ENSDF NSR Nuclear Wallet Cards





Proton — a strongly-bound object of ~0.8 fm (charge) radius, ~0.94 GeV mass spin 1/2

None of these are Standard Model parameters,

Ab-initio (lattice) QCD calculations are starting to scratch the surface,

To provoke a little: society is still far from "QCD-engineering."

#### High-energy (deep-inelastic) electron scattering



Lorentz invariants:

$$E_{\rm cm}^2 = (p+k)^2$$
$$Q^2 = -(k-k')^2$$
$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2 p \cdot q}$$

In the Breit frame,

$$\gamma_{\rm Breit} = \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}\right)}$$

length is contracted and the motion of the proton's constituents is slowed down by time-dilation.

In this frame, the *instantaneous* charge distribution is seen and *x* is understood as the *longitudinal* momentum fraction;

valence quarks  $\sim 0.1 < x < 1$ 

sea quarks  $x < \sim 0.1$ 

#### ~10 GeV Deep-Inelastic Electron Scattering



e.g. J.T.Friedman and H.W. Kendall, Ann.Rev.Nucl.Sci. 22 (1972) 203

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**Nucleon Structure** 

Three quarks with 1/3 of total proton momentum each.

Three quarks with some momentum smearing.

The three quarks radiate partons to lower momentum fractions *x*.

Insight really only from the first EIC, HERA

#### **HERA - Electron Proton Collider**

# 460-920 GeV protons HERA

# 27.5 GeV electron

PETRA

HERA-I 1992-2000 HERA-II 2003-2007<sub>10</sub>

US

#### H1 and ZEUS Coll., EPJ C75 (2015) 580



A lot in this plot:

- covers about five orders of magnitude in *x* and Q<sup>2</sup>,
- consistency of fixed-target data and HERA data,
- scaling at x ~ 0.1 and violations elsewhere,
- strong rise of gluon density,
- E.W. interference at high Q<sup>2</sup>,
- crucial input to "PDF fits"

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Proton structure at high-energy is:

- far from elementary,
- gluon-dominated for x < 0.1,

Gluon content increases with decreasing *x*,

Gluons pose a number of questions

HERAPDF2.0: 14 parameters, ~1400 combined data points,

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Factorization, the separation of short distance and long distance physics, combined with PDFs are 'universally invaluable' in hard scattering processes.

### Truth in advertising....



A great deal has been learned and continues to be learned from other experiments, e.g. from the LHC.... Shown here CTEQ fits, arXiv:1908.11238

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CTEQ fits, arXiv:1908.11238 — How strange is the proton? PID was missing at HERA and is an absolute *must* for EIC.

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Not quite.... more than a few high-energy observations are actually different QCD is the richest part of the Standard Model Gauge Field Theory and will (have to) be developed much further, on its own and as backgrnd.

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#### Forward-Forward

#### Mid-forward correlation



Phenix, Phys.Rev.Lett. 107 (2011) 172301

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#### Imaging / tomography:

- valence quark region,



## **Electron Ion Collider Initiatives**

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#### **Possible Future**

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**High-Energy Physics** 

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Representative though not complete, c.f. ENC, HE-LHeC, PEPIC, VHEeP, FCC-eh

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#### World Wide Interest

## **Electron Ion Collider Initiatives**

Approach: combine strengths use existing investments (risk, cost), pursue luminosity;100x - 1000x HERA *nuclei* and *polarization*, optimized instrumentation.

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#### **Status of U.S.-based EIC**

The National Academies of SCIENCES • ENGINEERING • MEDICINE

#### CONSENSUS STUDY REPORT

#### AN ASSESSMENT OF U.S.-BASED ELECTRON-ION COLLIDER SCIENCE



The committee *unanimously* finds that the science that can be addressed by an EIC is *compelling, fundamental, and timely.* 

The *unanimous* conclusion of the Committee is that an EIC, as envisioned in this report, would be a *unique facility in the world that would boost the U.S. STEM workforce and help maintain U.S. scientific leadership in nuclear physics.* 

The project is strongly supported by the nuclear physics community.

The technological benefits of meeting the accelerator challenges are enormous, both for basic science and for applied areas that use accelerators, including material science and medicine.

## **U.S. EIC Capabilities**



Eur. Phys. J. A52 (2016) no.9, 268 - 699 citations

• A collider to provide kinematic reach well into the gluon dominated regime,

 Electron beams provide the unmatched precision of the electromagnetic interaction as a probe,

 Polarized nucleon beams to determine the correlations of sea quark and gluon distributions with the nucleon spin,

• Heavy lon beams to access the gluonsaturated regime and as a precise dial to study propagation of color charges in nuclear matter.

 Facility concepts at RHIC and at Jefferson Laboratory, re-use of existing, investment. RHIC now selected.

## **U.S. EIC Accelerator Concept**



From: An Electron-Ion Collider Study - Brookhaven National Laboratory, August 2019

## **U.S. EIC Challenges / Opportunities**

**ENERGY** Office of Science

**Jones Panel Priority Table:** 

Report of the Community Review of EIC Accelerator R&D for the Office of Nuclear Physics

February 13, 2017

2017

The key EIC machine parameters identified in the LRP were:

- Polarized (~70%) electrons, protons, and light nuclei,
- Ion beams from deuterons to the heaviest stable nuclei,
- Variable center of mass energies ~20-100 GeV, upgradable to ~140 GeV,
- High collision luminosity  $\sim 10^{33}$ - $10^{34}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>sec<sup>-1</sup>, and
- Possibly have more than one interaction region.

## **U.S. EIC Challenges / Opportunities**



## **Technical Challenges for EIC**

EIC will be one of the most complex collider accelerators ever to be built. It will push the envelope in many fronts including high degrees of beam polarizations, high luminosity, beam cooling, beam dynamics, crab cavities for both beams, and an interaction region with complex magnets.

Required Accelerator R&D Advances for EIC (list from the Jones panel report)

- Hadron cooling techniques
- Polarized electron sources
- Ring magnet demonstrations
- Interaction region magnet design and prototyping
- Machine-detector interfaces
- Superconducting RF technology
- Large scale cryogenics technology
- High current ERL linacs
- Crab cavity design, fabrication and testing (with beam)
- Beam and spin dynamics and benchmarking of simulation tools
- Electron cloud mitigation techniques

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Complexity perhaps most apparent from the interaction-region concept:



**Figure 1.4:** Schematic layout of the interaction region (top view, as simulated for high divergence, no cooling). Beams cross at an angle of 25 mrad. Note the length scales for the horizontal and vertical axis are very different. The IR design integrates focusing magnets for both beams, luminosity and neutron detectors, electron taggers, spectrometer magnets, near-beam detectors (Roman pots for hadrons), crab cavities, and spin rotators for both beams. The two beams are focused by quadrupole doublets. On the hadron-forward side, there are separate focusing magnets which are partially longitudinally interleaved. The first quadrupole magnet for electrons is integrated into a hadron spectrometer dipole. On the rear side, hadrons and electrons are focused by quadrupoles which are installed side-by-side in the same cryostat. The maximum  $\beta$ -functions in the IR for hadrons of 2000 m remain within the operating range of RHIC, while the maximum  $\beta$ -functions for electrons remain below 860 m.

Note, the central detector must have large acceptance,  $-4 < \eta < 4$ low material/mass, figure 3 particle-identification over a wide kinematic range



Figure 3.2: A zoom of the interaction region layout in the rear (top) and forward (bottom) directions.

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Organized around four themes:

#### Proton spin, quark and gluon helicity distributions, orbital motion

 Imaging of nucleons and nuclei TMDs, GPDs, Wigner functions

Saturation
 Non-linear evolution,
 Color-glass condensate,

 Hadronization and fragmentation, in-medium propagation, attenuation

Identified measurements and impact.

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### **U.S.-based EIC - Observables**

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#### multi-dimensional and multi-channel

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courtesy JLEIC Detector and Interaction Region Study Group

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### **U.S.-based EIC - Core Science**



Nuclear Physics enabled by EIC accelerator energy, intensity, polarization, and species, experiment capabilities,

#### theory



Two orders in x and Q<sup>2</sup> compared to existing data; few, if any, alternatives.

### **U.S.-based EIC - Proton Spin**



Conclusive insights in quark and gluon helicity from inclusive measurements, and orbital momentum by subtraction (!) 27



## **EIC - DVCS, DVMP, and Imaging**



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**Polarization**, **Detectors**,

Less so about x, Q<sup>2</sup> range

t, however, ...



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#### x-dependence at fixed Q<sup>2</sup>

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LHeC, if it will be realized, will further extend the kinematic coverage.





Impactful baseline inclusive measurements.

 $Q_s^2(x)$ 

 $\ln {\rm Q}^2$ 



Clearly visible impact also beyond baseline inclusive measurements with "Rosenbluth separation" and semi-inclusive measurements.

Nuclear gluon will be probed sensitively with complementary channels.



## **EIC - Saturation from within the PDF?**



#### Improbable and certainly no substitute for thinking outside the PDF!



Dominguez, Xiao, Yuan (2011)

Zheng et al (2014)

Suppression of back-to-back hadron or jet correlation directly probes the (un-)saturated gluon distributions in nuclei,

### **EIC - Exclusive Vector Mesons to probe Saturation**

$$t = ({m p}_A - {m p}_{A'})^2 = ({m p}_{
m VM} + {m p}_{e'} - {m p}_e)^2$$



Nucleus escapes down the beampipe (In)coherence tagged with ZDC

#### **Dipole Cross-Section:**



### **EIC - Exclusive Vector Mesons to probe Saturation**



Exclusive vector meson production is key to (all) imaging, as is deeply virtual Compton scattering

## **EIC - SIDIS to study Emergence of Hadrons**





Perhaps the least-well articulated case thus far; opportunities abound



#### Four central nuclear physics themes:

- nucleon spin,
- imaging in nucleon and nuclei,
- gluon-dense matter / saturation,
- hadronization and fragmentation

U.S.-based Electron-Ion Collider is strongly endorsed in the 2015 Long Range Plan for Nuclear Physics,

#### 2018 NAS Science Assessment:

"EIC is compelling, fundamental, and timely"

Science case: theory, experiment, and accelerator,

U.S. Department of Energy and host-laboratory are working together towards realizing the *project*,

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**Thank you!** 

