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> <u>You</u> for taking part in this <u>discussion</u>

~10⁻¹⁵ m ~GeV



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The proton is just 2 up quarks and 1 down quark, ...



QCD - been there, done that, got the T-shirt ?!



A strongly-bound object of ~0.8fm radius, ~0.94 GeV mass spin 1/2

None of these are Standard Model parameters,

Ab-initio calculations are starting to scratch the surface,

To provoke a little: we are still *far* from "QCD-engineering," "QED-engineering" brought us the transistor.



~10⁻¹⁰ m

~keV

What *is* a proton, neutron, nucleus?

Strongly bound objects with rich structure and dynamics; partially understood thanks to *decades* of interplay between theory and *experiment*

~10-15 m

~10⁻¹⁴ m

~MeV

0

< 10⁻¹⁸ m

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Scattering off a hard sphere; $r_{\text{nucleus}} \sim (10^{-4} \text{ .} r_{\text{atom}}) \sim 10^{-14} \text{ m}$

Elastic Electron Scattering





Scattering off a spin-1/2 Dirac particle:

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Proton "radius" remains topical - see e.g. Nilanga Liyanage's talk on Wednesday

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The lepton tensor is calculable:

$$L_{\rm lepton}^{\mu\nu} = 2\left(k^{\mu}k'^{\nu} + k^{\nu}k'^{\mu} + g^{\mu\nu}(m^2 - k \cdot k')\right)$$

The nucleon tensor is not; it's general (spin-averaged, parity conserved) form is:

$$K_{\mu\nu\,\text{nucleon}} = -K_1 g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{K_2}{M^2} p_\mu p_\nu + \frac{K_4}{M^2} q_\mu q_\nu + \frac{K_5}{M^2} \left(p_\mu q_\nu + p_\nu q_\mu \right)$$

Charge conservation at the proton vertex reduces the number of structure functions:

$$q_{\mu}K_{\text{nucleon}}^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow K_4 = f(K_1, K_2), \quad K_5 = g(K_2)$$

and one obtains the Rosenbluth form, with electric and magnetic form factors:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{\alpha}{4ME\sin^2(\theta/2)}\right)^2 \frac{E'}{E} \left[2K_1\sin^2(\theta/2) + K_2\cos^2(\theta/2)\right], \quad K_{1,2}(q^2)$$

Inelastic Scattering



Considerably more complex, indeed!

Simplify - consider inclusive inelastic scattering,

$$d\sigma \propto \left\langle |\mathcal{M}|^2 \right\rangle = \frac{g_e^4}{q^4} L_{\text{lepton}}^{\mu\nu} W_{\mu\nu \,\text{nucleon}}, \qquad W_{\mu\nu \,\text{nucleon}}(p,q)$$

Again, two (parity-conserving, spin-averaged) structure functions:

 W_1, W_2 or, alternatively expressed, F_1, F_2

which may depend on two invariants,

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Not convinced of additional complexity?



Then forget this talk, and calculate this! $W_{\mu\nu\,\mathrm{nucleon}}(p,q)$

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Compare:

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with:

$$K_{\mu\nu\,\text{nucleon}} = K_1 \left(-g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{q^{\mu}q^{\nu}}{q^2} \right) + \frac{K_2}{M^2} \left(p^{\mu} + \frac{1}{2}q^{\mu} \right) \left(p^{\nu} + \frac{1}{2}q^{\nu} \right)$$

which uses the relations between $K_{1,2}$ and $K_{4,5}$

Then, e.g. by substitution of k' = k - q in L:

$$K_1 = -q^2, \quad K_2 = 4M^2$$

Note, furthermore, that inelastic cross section reduces to the elastic one for:

$$W_{1,2}(q^2, x) = -\frac{K_{1,2}(q^2)}{2Mq^2}\delta(x-1)$$
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Elastic scattering off Dirac Partons



Imagine *incoherent* scattering off *Dirac* Partons (quarks) q:

Two important observable consequences,

Bjorken scaling: $F_{1,2}(x)$, not $F_{1,2}(x,Q^2)$ Callan-Gross relation: $F_2 = 2xF_1(x)$

~10 GeV Deep-Inelastic Electron Scattering



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

Deep-Inelastic Electron Scattering



Deep-Inelastic Neutrino Scattering



Recognize this from CERN?

Gargamelle bubble chamber, observation of weak neutral current (1973).

Charged-current DIS!

Nucl.Phys. **B73** (1974) 1 Nucl.Phys. **B85** (1975) 269 Nucl.Phys. **B118** (1977) 218 Phys.Lett. **B74** (1978) 134



Deep-Inelastic Scattering - Fractional Electric Charges



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$$\frac{F_2^N}{F_2^{\nu N}} = \frac{1}{2}(e_u^2 + e_d^2) = \frac{5}{18} \simeq 0.28$$

Deep-Inelastic Scattering - Valence and Sea Quarks

Charged-current DIS:

$$F_2^{\nu} = 2x \sum (q + \bar{q})$$
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Deep-Inelastic Scattering - Momentum Conservation



Gargamelle: 0.49 +/- 0.07 SLAC: 0.14 +/- 0.05

Quarks carry half of the nucleon momentum!

3-jet events at PETRA

Recall the intro on colour:



Observation of its higher order process,



marks the discovery of the gluon.



Mom. Conservation: Gluons carry the other half of the nucleon momentum.



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 2003-2007₂₁

US

HERA - Electron Proton Collider

Observed (or known):

 $e = (0, 0, -E_e, E_e)$ $e' = (E'_e \sin \theta'_e, 0, E'_e \cos \theta'_e, E_e)$ $p = (0, 0, E_p, E_p)$



i.e. angles are defined w.r.t. the hadron beam direction (HERA-convention).

Relevant invariants:

 $s = (e + p)^{2}$ Square of total c.m. energy ZEUC $q = e - e' \quad Q^{2} = -(e - e')^{2}$ Square of (4-)momentum transfer $x = \frac{Q^{2}}{ys}$ 27.5 GeV electron Bjorken-x, ~parton mom. fraction

y = (q.p)/(e.p) Fractional energy transfer x, Q² can be reconstructed from the scattered electron, the "current jet", or hybrids.

HERA - Early Measurements



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QCD Radiation

DGLAP equations are easy to "understand" intuitively, in terms of four "splitting functions",



P_{ab}(z) : the probability that parton a will radiate a parton b with the fraction z of the original momentum carried by a.

Yu.L. Dokshitzer, Sov.Phys. JETP **46** (1977) 641, V.N. Gribov and L.N.Lipatov, Sov. Journ. Nucl. Phys. **15** (1972) 438; ibid **15** (1972) 675 G.Altarelli and G.Parisi, Nucl.Phys. **B126** (1977) 298

QCD Radiation

DGLAP is highly successful, but not the only approach.



Gluons do not recombine, incoherence is preserved.

Gluon-dense environments?

Similarly, process-independent quarks, survive.

How does DGLAP work?

QCD Radiation

Schematically, DGLAP equations:



That is, the change of quark distribution q with Q^2 is given by the probability that q and g radiate q.

Similarly, for gluons:

$$\frac{dg(x,Q^2)}{d \ln Q^2} = \alpha_s \left[\sum q_f \otimes P_{qg} + g \otimes P_{gg} \right]$$

Side-note: the spin-dependent splitting functions are different from the spin-averaged splitting functions; for example, they generate orbital momentum.
QCD Radiation

A parton at x at Q^2 is a source of partons at x' < x at $Q'^2 > Q^2$.



measured

, Any parton at x > x' at Q^2 is a source.

It is necessary and sufficient to know the parton densities in the range $x' \le x \le 1$ at a lower Q^2 to determine the parton density at x', Q'^2 .

If you measure partons in range $x' \le x \le 1$ at some Q^2 then you know them in that range, and only that range, for all Q'^2 .

Asymptotic solutions exist to the DGLAP equations that may overwhelm the intrinsic contributions. 27

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



A lot in this plot:

- covers about five orders of magnitude in *x* and Q²,
- 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 Q²,
- crucial input to "PDF fits"

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Vast body of *precision* measurements over a wide kinematic range, Exquisite insight in high-energy proton structure and QCD dynamics.



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.

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At high energy: an unseparated, broadband beam of quarks, anti-quarks, and gauge bosons (primarily gluons), and perhaps other constituents, yet unknown.

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HERA

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HERA - RHIC

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- forward multiplicities and correlations at RHIC,

Forward-Forward

Mid-forward correlation



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

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- fragmentation-free insight in Δu, Δd, Δu, Δd strange (anti-)quarks?
- large forward transverse-spin phenomena
- Lattice-QCD is making impressive progress,
- See e.g. Renee Fatemi's talk on RHIC-spin tomorrow, Numerous talks on PDFs in WS1 tomorrow, Numerous talks on Lattice QCD.



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Imaging / tomography:

- valence quark region,



See e.g. Alexei Prokudin's talk on Friday

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Past

Possible Future

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High-Energy Physics

Nuclear Physics

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

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World Wide Interest

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U.S. EIC Capabilities



Eur. Phys. J. A52 (2016) no.9, 268 - 644 citations

See also Rept.Prog.Phys. 82 (2019) 024301

• 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, significant investment.

eRHIC:

- re-use existing RHIC hadron beam,

JLEIC:

- re-use existing CEBAF 12 GeV electron beam,





eRHIC (as presented in the W.P.):

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- new electron storage ring,
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- Heavy lons up to 100 GeV/u
- √s up to 93 GeV
- L ~ $0.4x10^{34}$ cm⁻²s⁻¹/A base design, 1.0x10³⁴ cm⁻²s⁻¹/A w. strong cooling

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- new hadron injector,
- new figure-8 collider configuration,
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See Valily Morozov's talk on EIC Accelerator Design Status in WS2 tomorrow

Science cases by themselves requiring, for example, tight integration with detectors



courtesy V. Morozov (JLab)

Multiple (central) detector concepts are being pursued within the EIC community.

U.S. EIC Science Case

See Abhay Deshpande's talk "EIC Science Overview" in WS2 tomorrow



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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.

See also Rept.Prog.Phys. 82 (2019) 024301

U.S.-based EIC - Core Science



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

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multi-dimensional and multi-channel



Photoproduction is the dominant cross-section; well known, 2 orders below RHIC, LHC



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L ~ $10^{33(34)}$ cm⁻²s⁻¹ implies a ~50 (500) kHz collision-event rate, << EIC bunch cross crossing rate ~ similar to μ s integration times

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See Alexander Kiselev's talk EIC Detectors in WS2 tomorrow



courtesy JLEIC Detector and Interaction Region Study Group

- Compact design concepts,
- Low mass (traversed material),
- Channel counts (well) beyond existing and planned U.S.-based NP physics experiments, though not so compared to the LHC experiments,
- Active Generic Detector R&D Program, c.f. <u>https://wiki.bnl.gov/</u> <u>conferences/index.php/EIC_R&D</u>, novel calorimetry, micro-pattern gas detectors, precision tracking, computing; simulation and analysis tools, interfaces and integration, planning for the future with future compatibility,

• The EIC User Group, <u>eicug.org</u>, is about to initiate a 12-18 month effort to firm up measurement precision, detector requirements, and conceptual design(s).

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Two orders in x and Q² 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 (!) 50



EIC - DVCS, DVMP, and Imaging







x-dependence at fixed Q²
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 $\ln Q^2$



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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



Study mass-dependence via charmed hadrons.



Status of U.S.-based EIC



The 2015 LONG RANGE PLAN for NUCLEAR SCIENCE



RECOMMENDATION I

The progress achieved under the guidance of the 2007 Long Range Plan has reinforced U.S. world leadership in nuclear science. The highest priority in this 2015 Plan is to capitalize on the investments made.

RECOMMENDATION II

We recommend the timely development and deployment of a U.S.-led ton-scale neutrinoless double beta decay experiment.

RECOMMENDATION III

We recommend a high-energy high-luminosity polarized EIC as the highest priority for new facility construction following the completion of FRIB. [Q3 FY22]

RECOMMENDATION IV

We recommend increasing investment in small-scale and mid-scale projects and initiatives that enable forefront research at universities and laboratories.

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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.-based EIC - Closing Comments



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 both candidate host-laboratories are working together towards realizing the *project*,

Cost review complete, site selection ongoing,

NP budget has an overall positive (recent) past and outlook,

The EIC User Group, <u>eicug.org</u>, welcomes new collaborators; About to embark on a 12-18 month physics and detector conceptual development study.





Thank You

