Physics Opportunities at the MEIC at JLab

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The physics program of an EIC

Map the spin and spatial structure of sea quarks and gluons in nucleons

- Sea quark and gluon polarization
- Transverse spatial distributions
- Orbital motion of sea quarks / gluons
- Parton correlations: beyond one-body densities

Discover the collective effects of gluons in nuclei

- Color transparency: small-size configurations
- Nuclear gluons: EMC effect, shadowing
- Strong color fields: unitarity limit, saturation
- Fluctuations: diffraction

Understand the emergence of *hadronic matter from color charge*

- Materialization of color: fragmentation, hadron breakup, color correlations
- Parton propagation in matter: radiation, energy loss

EIC Stage I will address all major areas!

EIC – consensus on many global requirements

The EIC project is pursued jointly by BNL and JLab, and both labs work towards implementing a common set of goals

- Polarized electron, nucleon, and light ion beams
 - Electron and nucleon polarization > 70%
 - Transverse polarization at least for nucleons
- Ions from hydrogen to A > 200
- Luminosity reaching 10^{34} cm⁻²s⁻¹
- Stage I energy: $\sqrt{s} = 20 70$ GeV (variable)
- Stage II energy: \sqrt{s} up to about 150 GeV

From base EIC requirements in the INT report

(MEIC)

(ELIC)

EIC – similar CM energies at BNL and JLab

eRHIC @ BNL	<u>Stage I</u>	<u>Stage II</u>
eRHIC detector	$\sqrt{s} = 25 - 71 \text{ GeV}$ $E_e = 3 - 5 \text{ GeV}$ $E_p = 50 - 250 \text{ GeV}$ $E_{Pb} = \text{up to 100 GeV/A}$	$\sqrt{s} = up \text{ to } \sim 180 \text{ GeV}$ $E_e = up \text{ to } \sim 30 \text{ GeV}$ $E_p = up \text{ to } 275 \text{ GeV}$ $E_{Pb} = up \text{ to } 110 \text{ GeV/A}$
MEIC / ELIC @ JLab	$\sqrt{s} = 15 - 66 \text{ GeV}$ $E_e = 3 - 11 \text{ GeV}$ $E_p = 20 - 100 \text{ GeV}$ $E_{Pb} = up \text{ to } 40 \text{ GeV/A}$	$\sqrt{s} = up \text{ to } \sim 140 \text{ GeV}$ $E_e = up \text{ to } \sim 20 \text{ GeV}$ $E_p = up \text{ to at least } 250 \text{ GeV}$ $E_{Pb} = up \text{ to at least } 100 \text{ GeV/A}$
	(MEIC)	(ELIC)

EIC Stage I – kinematic coverage



$$Q^2 \sim ysx$$

Medium-energy EIC (Stage I) • $s_{max} = 4 E_e E_p = 4 \times 11 \times 100 = 4400 \text{ GeV}^2$

Fixed-target experiments

- $s_{max} = 2 E_e M_p = 2 \times 11 \times 0.938 = 20 \text{ GeV}^2$
- $s_{max} = 2 E_e M_p = 2 \times 160 \times 0.938 = 300 \text{ GeV}^2$

LHeC kinematic coverage is entirely complementary to a Stage I EIC

JLab 12 GeV

You are here! This week concludes more than a decade of successful JLab Stage I (6 GeV) running. A Stage II (12 GeV) upgrade capability was incorporated from the outset

The EIC at JLab – overview of accelerator





- Stage I (MEIC):
 - 3-11 GeV electrons on 20-100 GeV protons (12-40 GeV/A heavy ions)
 - About the same size as the 12 GeV CEBAF accelerator (1/3 of RHIC)
- Stage II (ELIC):
 - 20 GeV electrons on 250+ GeV protons (100+ GeV/A heavy ions)

MEIC – a figure-8 ring-ring collider

The design makes possible:

- Simultaneous use of multiple detectors
- Longitudinal and *transverse* polarization of light ions
 - protons, *deuterium*, ³He, ...
- Longitudinally polarized leptons
 - electrons and *positrons*
- Running fixed-target experiments in parallel with collider



- Reduced R&D challenges
 - Regular electron cooling
 - Regular electron source
 - No multi-pass ERL

The EIC will provide unique capabilities

A few examples of what this implies for detection

Nuclear beams

- Nuclear fragments
 - also neutrons and photons
- Spectators
 - protons, neutrons, nuclei

Polarized "targets"

- Recoil baryons from deep exclusive reactions
 - also nuclei from coherent processes
- Current and target fragmentation in SIDIS

Transverse spatial imaging of sea quarks and gluons



- Are the *radii* of quarks and gluons, or strange and light sea quarks, different at a given *x*?
- Full *image of the proton* can be obtained by mapping *t*-distributions for different processes.



Horn et al. 08+, INT10-3

Recoil baryons



- At high proton energies, recoil baryons are scattered at small angles
 - Lower energies give better *resolution* in -t
- Taking full advantage of different kinematics requires
 - High luminosity over a wide range of proton (deutron) energies
 - Excellent small-angle detection

Luminosity as a function of proton energy



- MEIC luminosity is optimized for mid-range (4-8 GeV) electron energies over a wide range of proton energies.
 - Luminosities are listed *per detector*. All can be used simultaneously.
- eRHIC offers a high luminosity at a high proton energy.
 - Luminosity is given for *all detectors*, which share the beam time.

Detectors

Space for 3 Interaction Points (IP)

• Main IPs located close to outgoing ion arc to reduce backgrounds

Full-acceptance detector (primary)

• 7 m from IP to ion final-focus quads

High-luminosity detector (secondary)

• 4.5 m from IP to ion final-focus quads



Special IP

• Space reserved for future needs

Full-acceptance detector – strategy



Ultra-forward hadron detection – requirements

1. Good acceptance for ion fragments (large dp/p or dm/m)

2. Good acceptance for recoil baryons (small dp/p)

3. Good momentum- and angular resolution

4. Sufficient separation between beam lines (~1 m)

Full-acceptance detector – integration



Ultra-forward hadron acceptance from GEANT



Red and **Green**: Detection between upstream 2 Tm dipole and ion quadrupoles Yellow: Detection between ion quadrupoles and downstream 20 Tm dipole **Blue**: Detection after the 20 Tm downstream dipole

- Reasonable ion quad peak fields at 100 GeV: 9, 9, and 7 T, respectively.
- Aperture of downstream dipole (blue) can be adjusted shown shifted for illustration
- Angles shown are scattering angles at IP with respect to the ion beam direction

Small-angle hadron detection – summary

- Neutron detection in a 25 mrad cone down to zero degrees
 - Excellent acceptance for *all ion fragments*



Neutron structure through spectator tagging



- In fixed-target experiments, scattering on *bound neutrons* is complicated
 - Fermi motion, nuclear effects
 - Low-momentum spectators
- Spectator tagging at the MEIC will allow flavor separation of spin and sea quark distributions



Spectator tagging with polarized deuterium



- Longitudinal and *transverse* polarization for deuterium
 - Also for other light ions
- Tagged, quasi-free neutrons give larger asymmetries than ³He and nuclear effects are less of an issue
- Polarized neutrons are important for probing d-quarks through SIDIS
- Polarized *neutrons* are also important for **exlusive reactions**
 - Access to GPD E



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TMDs



- Measure *Q*²-*dependence* over a wide range at a *fixed value of x* where asymmetries are significant
 - Ideal for a Stage I EIC (shown)
- Variable CM energy important
 y-coverage for SIDIS
- Polarized proton and neutron "targets"
- Simulations show very good statistical uncertainties
 - Multi-dimensional binning

Target and current fragmentation in SIDIS



- Cannot separate intrinsic k_T from soft FSI and fragmentation
- New insight from p'_T of target fragments?
 - Origin of FSI? QCD radiation?
- EIC: current-target correlation measurements over wide range in p_T

Hadronization – parton propagation in matter



smaller v e p_T p_T p_T

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- p_T broadening
- Fragmentation functions
- Heavy flavors: B, D mesons, J/Ψ ...
- Jets at s > 1000 GeV²
 ,,real" pQCD, IR safe



Particle identification and detector design



Solenoid yoke + Muon Detector <u>EM Calorimeter</u> <u>Tracking</u> Unou Detector <u>Indrun Calorimeter</u> <u>Indrun Calorimeter</u> <u>Indrun Detector</u> <u>Indrun Detector</u> <u>Indrum Detector</u>

- Small differences in the desired range of π/K separation has huge impact on detector layout
- What range in p_{lab} (not p_T or k_T) do you need?
- If you need 8-9 GeV, the detector may look like on the left (1 m radial space for PID)
- If 5-6 GeV is enough, the detector may look like this instead (0.1 m radial space for PID)
 - TOF
 - DIRC bar
 - DIRC expansion volume

Summary

EIC is the ultimate tool for studying sea quarks and gluons

• An EIC is required to fully understand nucleon structure and the role of gluons in nuclei

Common framework for JLab and BNL implementations

- Global design parameters (energies, staging, etc)
- Funds for detector and accelerator R&D have been allocated

MEIC at JLab offers many attractive capabilities

- Luminosity profile
- Positrons and polarized deuterium
- Excellent detection of recoil baryons, spectators, and target fragments



EIC – timeline

Mont, INT-10-03



The EIC project will be a pursued jointly by BNL and JLab in the Long Range Plan

Tracking: momentum resolution in a solenoid field



 $\Delta p/p \sim \sigma p / BR^2$

- Tracker (not magnet!) radius R is important at central rapidities
- Only solenoid field B matters at forward rapidities
- A 2 Tm dipole covering 3-5° can eliminate divergence at small angles
- A beam crossing angle moves the region of poor resolution away from the ion beam center line.
 - 2D problem!

Hadron detection prior to ion quadrupoles



• Large crossing angle (50 mrad)

- Moves spot of poor resolution along solenoid axis into the periphery
- Minimizes shadow from electron FFQs
- Large-acceptance dipole further improves resolution in the few-degree range

Crossing angle

Small-angle hadron acceptance – quad peak fields



Red: Detection between the 2 Tm upstream dipole and ion quadrupoles **Blue**: Detection after the 20 Tm downstream dipole

Hadron acceptance and resolution at the focal point



- Momentum resolution is given by the slope of the line
- Recoil baryons do not gain $\Delta p/p$ (or $\Delta m/m$)
- Large deflections allow precisce tracking over long distances with cheaper detectors
 - Particles with deflections > 1 m will be detected closer to the dipole

 $F_2^{\ d/n}$





- Spectator tagging reduces nuclear uncertainties
 - F_2^{n} measured directly

Exclusive reactions with transverse "target"



- DVCS on a transversely polarized target is sensitive to the *GPD E*
 - GPD H can be measured through the beam spin asymmetry
- Meson production is more selective: J/Ψ sensitive to corresponding *gluon GPDs*
- Colliders provide an excellent Figure-Of-Merit (FOM)
 - FOM = Cross section x Luminosity x Acceptance x (Polarization)² x (Target dilution)²

Imaging in coordinate and momentum space

<u>GPDs</u>

<u>TMDs</u>



2+1 D picture in **impact-parameter space**

- Accessed through *exclusive* processes
- Existing factorization theorems
- Ji sum rule for nucleon spin

2+1 D picture in momentum space



- Accessed through Semi-Inclusive DIS
- Non-trivial factorization
- OAM through spin-orbit correlations?

TMDs and Orbital Angular Momentum (OAM) x = 0.1



• What about sea quarks?



Sea quark polarization

Spin-Flavor Decomposition of the Light Quark Sea
 Needs intermediate √s ~ 30 (and good luminosity)



Gluons in nuclei



- HERA measured the longitudinal gluon distributions in the *nucleon*
 - F_L and $dF_2/dln(Q^2)$

• Very little is known about gluons in *nuclei* for all x