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Experimental Introduction to Electron-Ion Collider Physics Lecture 2: Exploring Proton and Nuclear Structure at the EIC

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(Selected) Open Questions that EIC will address

The EIC Physics Quest



The EIC will uncover the hidden structure of protons and nuclei in 3D with precision offering new insights into the fundamental matter

Understanding the Glue that Binds Us All

Unraveling the Mystery of the Origin of the Proton Spin





After decades of experiments: **quark spins account for only about 30%** of the proton's spin

We now know that **quarks**, **gluons**, and **their motion** all contribute, but the full picture remains elusive

Origin of the Proton Spin - Unknown Components

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How do Protons and Neutrons Acquire Mass?

Gluons have no mass and **quarks are nearly massless**, but protons and nuclei are heavy, making up most of the visible mass of the Universe

Where does the mass of the visible world come from?



Our mass arises from the energy of the strong force between quarks and gluons!



99% from interactions

3D Mapping of Gluons Inside Matter

EIC will provide the **first ever 3D images of gluons inside protons:**

- How do gluon interactions contribute to the proton's mass?
- How do they mediate the forces that bind quarks together?
- Analogous to how the discovery of DNA's double helix unveiled the structure and organization of genetic information



EIC will **3D map gluons inside protons** using special reactions that keep the proton intact and produce a quark-antiquark bound state

Motion of Gluons and Quarks Inside the Proton

The EIC will create the first 3D map of gluon and sea quark motion inside the proton, revealing their correlation with the proton's spin.



Current Understanding: Existing 3D maps only illustrate the motion of quarks, leaving the dynamics of gluons and sea quarks completely unexplored

Heart of Nuclear Matter

We are made of atoms, with heavier nuclei, not just protons.

The proton (1980s) he proton (2020s)





How does a high-density nuclear environment affect the behaviors of quarks and gluons?

The EIC will provide a complete view of the nucleus with insights into interactions that give rise to the forces binding protons and neutrons together in nuclei



New State of Gluonic Matter

- High-energy protons are packed with
 increasing numbers of gluons
- At extreme densities, gluon multiplication halts, giving rise to a new state of matter—this is gluon saturation
- Heavy ion beams at the EIC are key to creating the extreme conditions needed to study and magnify this effect



The EIC will probe the unexplored dense gluon environments, potentially unveiling new states of matter and deepening our understanding of the fundamental forces that bind everything in the visible Universe

Experimental Access EIC Physics









Neutral Current DIS

Detection of

scattered electron

with high precision

- event kinematics

Event kinematics from the final state particles (Jacquet-Blondel method)

Charged Current DIS Semi-Inclusive DIS

Precise detection of scattered electron in coincidence with at least 1 hadron

Deep Exclusive Processes

Detection of all particles in event



Case Study: Proton Spin

Origin of the Proton Spin

How does the **spin of the nucleon originate** from its **quark**, **anti-quark**, and **gluon** constituents and their dynamics?



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Case Study: Extracting g1(x, Q2) via ALL



Reaction: Polarized DIS

Access through: Difference of cross-sections with different longitudinal spin orientation of e and proton

Observable: Longitudinal double-spin asymmetry A_{LL}

Goal: Extract the spin-dependent structure function $g_1(x, Q^2)$

Key physics: Quark and gluon spin contributions to the proton's total spin

Access to helicity structure function?

Unpolarized DIS Cross Section

$$rac{d^2 \sigma_{ ext{unpol}}}{dx\, dQ^2} = rac{4\pi lpha^2}{Q^4} \cdot \left[y^2 F_1(x,Q^2) + \left(1-y - rac{M^2 x^2 y^2}{Q^2}
ight) F_2(x,Q^2)
ight]$$

Both lepton and nucleon are longitudinally polarized, additional spin-dependent part:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \sigma_{\mathrm{LL}}\left(x,Q^2\right)}{\mathrm{d}x \,\mathrm{d}Q^2} = \frac{8\pi\alpha^2 y}{Q^4} \left[\left(1 - \frac{y}{2} - \frac{y^2}{4}\gamma^2\right) g_1\left(x,Q^2\right) - \frac{y}{2}\gamma^2 g_2\left(x,Q^2\right) \right]$$

$$\nu = E - E'$$

$$y = \nu/E, \ \gamma^2 = Q^2/\nu^2$$

$$g_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q e_q^2 \ \Delta q(x)$$

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Why Measure Asymmetries?

Cross section

$$rac{d^2\sigma}{dx\,dQ^2} = rac{1}{\mathcal{L}_{
m int}}\cdot rac{N_{
m obs}}{\Delta x\,\Delta Q^2\cdot\epsilon\cdot A}\cdot C_{
m rad}\cdot C_{
m bin}$$

- $C_{\rm rad}$: Radiative QED effects
- $C_{
 m bin}$: Bin smearing / unfolding
- ε: Detector + reconstruction efficiency
- A: Acceptance
- + $\mathcal{L}_{int}:$ Luminosity from QED process
- Background and trigger corrections as needed

Why Measure Asymmetries?

Instead of cross sections, we measure asymmetries:

- Cleaner (many systematics cancel)
- Don't require absolute luminosity

electron and proton spins anti-aligned

electron and proton spins aligned

 $\begin{array}{l} A_1(x,Q^2) \approx \frac{g_1(x,Q^2)}{F_1(x,Q^2)} \text{ with known kinematic factor } D: \\ A_{LL} \approx D(y) \cdot A_1(x,Q^2) \\ D(y) = \frac{y(2-y)}{1+(1-y)^2} \text{ (depolarization factor)} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{proton and } \gamma^* \text{ spins anti-aligned} \\ A_1 = \frac{\sigma_{1/2} - \sigma_{3/2}}{\sigma_{1/2} + \sigma_{3/2}} \end{array}$

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What Do We Measure?

number of scattered electrons with particular electron-proton spin orientations



spin dependent luminosity: reduced to spin dependent relative luminosity:

$$A_{\parallel} = rac{1}{P_B P_z} \cdot rac{N^{\Rightarrow\Rightarrow} - R \cdot N^{\Rightarrow\Leftarrow}}{N^{\Rightarrow\Rightarrow} + R \cdot N^{\Rightarrow\Leftarrow}}$$

 $R = \mathcal{L}^{\Rightarrow\Rightarrow}/\mathcal{L}^{\Rightarrow\Leftarrow}$: spin-dependent relative luminosity

Polarization measurements will be covered next week by Oleg Eyser

beam polarization

Flavor Separation



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• Sensitivity to sea quarks at low x from $A_1^{\pi}(\Delta \bar{u})$, $A_1^{\pi}(\Delta \bar{d})$, $A_1^{K}(\Delta s)$

Kinematics

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Current DIS Data: Down to $x \approx 0.005$ $Q^2 \approx 1-100 \text{ GeV}^2$



- Access to gluon spin through g₁ scaling violation
- different √s settings to maximize kinematic coverage

Experimental Requirements

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 cutting-edge detector,
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Proton Spin and ePIC Detector Requirements







High-performance

- **Development** of cutting-edge technologies to build a state-of-art experiment
- 25 different subsystems including polarimetry!
- Streaming readout and AI: highest scientific flexibility
- Many "world's first in ePIC" technology used

Details on exact detector subsystems in backup slides, next slides cover high-level detector requirements for physics

Calorimeter





Proton Spin and ePIC Detector Requirements

Information on $\Delta \pmb{\Sigma}$ and $\Delta \pmb{G}$

Longitudinally polarized e^{-} and p for over a wide range in center-of-mass energy (x-Q² coverage)

Low-x performance:

- Good EM calo in barrel region
- Superior in backward region
- Electron-pion separation up to 10⁴

Higher-x performance:

• Hadronic final state - good momentum resolution and calo measurement, in particular in the forward direction



Improved access to the sea quark helicities and TMD measurements - SIDIS with detected pions and kaons

 Particle ID over wide range of |η| ≤ 3.5 with better than 3σ separation with different particle energy ranges: barrel (< 6 GeV/c), backward (< 10 GeV/c), forward (< 50 GeV/c)

Access to Orbital Angular Momentum - GPD measurements

• Demanding program requiring high luminosity and detection of the forward-going protons scattered under small angles (*Forward-Backward Detectors discussed yesterday by Thomas*)

Calorimetry Requirements

Electron momentum resolution - dominated by tracker in central region: Si MAPS Trackers + Micro Pattern Gas Detectors



Particle Identification in Barrel

electron-pion: method



BIC geometry rendering with an electron and pion shower from simulations with SciFi/Pb and AstroPix layers

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$\Delta\Sigma$ and ΔG Projections

Current world data

- Helicity distributions known for x > -0.01 with good precision
- Deep insight with EIC
 - Precision down to **x** ~ **10**⁻⁴
 - In addition to the sensitivity to the quark sector, scaling violation in g₁(x, Q²) in inclusive DIS to access gluons
 - In addition to golden channel g₁, direct access to gluons in higher-order photon-gluon fusion: dijet, heavy-quark



Impact of the projected EIC DIS A_{11} pseudodata (L = 10 fb⁻¹) on the gluon helicity and quark singlet helicity

Sea Quark Helicities Projections

Sea quark helicities via SIDIS measurements with pions and kaons

- Tackle question of sea quark helicities contributions to the spin, in particular, the strange sea polarization
- Highest impact at low x from the data at the highest collision energies
- Sensitivity to sea quarks from $A_1^{\pi}(\Delta \bar{u})$, $A_1^{\pi}(\Delta \bar{d})$, $A_1^{\kappa}(\Delta s)$ with strongest correlations between A_1 and sea quark helicity distributions at low x
- Both pion asymmetries show a weaker but still significant correlation with strange quarks



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- Today we focused on a few case studies
- But this is just the beginning...
- The EIC will enable insight into glue that binds us all:
 - 3D momentum-space imaging (TMDs)
 - 3D spatial imaging (GPDs, DVCS)
 - Precision studies of nuclear effects and saturation
 - Mapping gluon and sea quark distributions at small x
 - Explorations of **color charge propagation**, **hadronization**, and more

Summary

EIC science program will profoundly impact our understanding of the most fundamental inner structure of the matter that builds us all

Our current knowledge about the structure of matter is a **mysterious dark room** even after decades of studies

- We can see shadows and shapes with some important bright spots with existing tools
- With the EIC, we can turn on the light and reveal the hidden details inside

Access to EIC Physics through

- Large kinematic coverage
- Polarized electron and hadron beams and unpolarized nuclear beams with high luminosities
- Detector setup fulfilling specific requirements of the polarized e-p/A collider



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Detector located at 6 o'clock of the EIC Ring

The **ePIC Collaboration** formed in July 2022 is dedicating to the realization of the project detector

- 177 Institutions, 26
 countries, 4 world's region
- Currently: > 850 collaborators (from 2024 survey)

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Imaging science program with large ion species range: protons-U

 Exclusive processes: + Specialized detectors integrated in the Interaction Region over 80m





Tracking

Challenges: High precision low mass tracking, fine p_T and vertexing resolution (e.g., fundamental for DIS kinematics, exclusivity definition, SIDIS binning in p_T , ...)

- High spatial-resolution and efficiency and large-area coverage (8 m² of Silicon Vertex Detector):
 - High pixel granularity
 - \circ Very low material budget constraints also at large η (challenge for services)



Calorimetry



Calorimetry

Challenges:

- Detect the scattered electron and separate them from π (up to 10⁻⁴ suppression factor in backward and barrel ECal)
- Improve the electron momentum resolution at backward rapidities $(2-3\% / \sqrt{E} \oplus (1-2)\%)$ for backward ECal)
 - e.g., DIS, SIDIS, ...
- Provide spatial resolution of two photons sufficient to identify decays $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ at high energies from ECals
 - e.g., Exclusive processes: DVCS, ...
- Contain the **highly energetic hadronic final state and separate clusters** in a dense hadronic environment in Forward ECal and HCal
 - \circ $\,$ e.g., TMD studies with jets, kinematics definition for CC DIS, low y, ...



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ePIC is more than 80 m long...



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Far-Forward Detectors



Detector	Acceptance
Zero-Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)	θ < 5.5 mrad (η > 6)
Roman Pots (2 stations)	$0.0 < \theta < 5.0 \text{ mrad} (\eta > 6)$
Off-Momentum Detectors (2 stations)	θ < 5.0 mrad (η > 6)
B0 Detector	$5.5 < \theta < 20.0 \text{ mrad} (4.6 < \eta < 5.9)$

Challenge:

The extended detector's array required to enable primary physics objectives: Detect particles from nuclear breakup and exclusive processes

Subsystems:

- **B0 detector:** Full reconstruction of charged particles and photons
- Off-momentum detectors: Reconstruction of charged spectators from breakup of light nuclei
- Roman pot detectors: Charged particles near the beam
- Zero-degree calorimeter: Neutral particles at small angles

Far-Backward Detectors

Low-Q² tagger

Challenge: Allow quasi real (Q<<1) physics with electron detection in very forward rapidity

• high, non-uniform Bremsstrahlung background

Pixel-based trackers (Timepix4), with rate capability of > 10 tracks per bunch and calorimeters for calibration



Luminosity Spectrometer

Challenge: Precise luminosity determination (<1%)

From Bremsstrahlung processes $e+p \rightarrow e \gamma p$ $e+Au \rightarrow e \gamma Au$

AC-LGAD and Scintillating Fiber $23X_0$ ECal



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Longitudinal Spin Structure - Experimental Overview

Physics Question

How does the **spin of the nucleon originate** from its **quark, anti-quark,** and **gluon** constituents and their dynamics?





- . Frame independent spin sum rule
- Quark and gluon Jq (sum of $\Delta\Sigma/2$ and Lq) and Jg can be obtained form Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs) moments
- Phys. Rev. Lett. 78, 610-613 (1997)



- All terms have partonic interpretation
- . In infinite-momentum frame
- **{q** and **{g** (Twist-3 quantities) can be extracted from GPDs
- Nucl. Phys. B 337, 509-546 (1990)

Complementary Experimental Probes

(Semi-Inclusive) Deep Inelastic Scattering



e+e- annihilation (access to FF)



Hadron-hadron interactions



Longitudinal Spin Structure

- Decades of studies in Deep Inelastic Scattering, as well as Semi-Inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering and proton-proton collisions
 - Polarized DIS cross section studied at SLAC, CERN, DESY, JLab encodes information about helicity structure of quarks inside the proton (double spin asymmetries)



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Experimental access through double spin asymmetries (analogous to DIS)

• Sensitivity to sea quarks at low x from $A_1^{\pi^-}(\Delta \overline{u})$, $A_1^{\pi^+}(\Delta \overline{d})$, $A_1^{\kappa}(\Delta s)$

Longitudinal Spin Structure - Where Are We?

[1] NNPDF, Nucl. Phys. B 887 (2014) 276-308 x∆u(x,Q2=10 GeV2) $x\Delta d(x,Q^2=10 \text{ GeV}^2)$ 0.1 0.2 -0.15 NNPDFpol1.1 NNPDFpol1.1 DSSV08 42=1 -0.2 DSSV08 Ay2=1 - positivity bound - positivity bound 10-2 10-1 10-2 10-1 x ¥ Sea-quark polarization asymmetry 31 STAR, PRD RC 99 (2019), 051102 [2] The RHIC Cold QCD Program, arXiv:2302.00605 Sea Asymmetry 0.02 - XAB(x,Q2=10 GeV2) 0.08 $x(\Delta \overline{u} - \Delta \overline{d})$ 0.01 0.06 -0.01 0.04 -0.02 - DSSV Preliminary 0.02 0.01 xAd(xO2=10 GeV2) -0.01 $O^2 = 10 (GeV/c)^2$ -0.02 -0.02 NNPDFpol1.1 -0.03 DSSV14 NNPDFpol1.1rw -0.04 - DSSV14 + RHIC -0.04

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 10^{-1}

10-2

u and d quark helicities



Gluon Helicity

	NNPDF1.1[1]	DSSV08[1]	
Х	(0.001, 1)		
ΔΣ	$+0.25\pm0.10$	$+0.366^{+0.042}_{-0.062}(+0.124)$	

	DSSV14 + RHIC(2022)[2]		
Х	(0.001, 0.05)	(0.05, 1)	
ΔG	0.173 ± 0.156	0.218 ± 0.027	

Insights from DIS

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COMPASS, PLB 753 (2016) 18

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Insights from DIS

Flavor-separated valence-quark helicities from SIDIS (HERMES, COMPASS)

• Example for **final HERMES valence quark helicities** from electron and positron SIDIS with charged **pions and kaons** on **p and d targets**



virtual-photon-nucleon asymmetry



Hadron charge-difference asymmetry: direct way to extract valence-quark helicities (depends on isospin-symmetry assumption of FF)

Purity method: includes conditional probability that a hadron originated from a struck quark of flavor q (depends on a fragmentation model)

Gluon spin from pp collisions

$$A_{LL} = \frac{\sigma_{++} - \sigma_{+-}}{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{+-}} = \frac{\Sigma \Delta f_a \otimes \Delta f_b \otimes \hat{\sigma} a_{LL} \otimes D}{\Sigma f_a \otimes f_b \otimes \hat{\sigma} \otimes D}$$

LO for illustration

 $\vec{p} + \vec{p} \rightarrow {\rm jet/dijet/hadrons} + X$



At RHIC energies: sensitivity to qg and gg – Access to $\Delta g(x)/g(x)$

Cross-section measurement to support the NLO pQCD interpretation of asymmetries



Which processes dominate at RHIC?

What are a_{11} for these processes?

 $\cos \theta$

Gluon spin from pp collisions



Higher \sqrt{s} and more forward rapidity push sensitivity to lower x

- Down to ~0.004 with STAR Endcap (η < 1.8) dijets at 510 GeV
- Dijets provide constraints to underlying partonic kinematics better constraints on functional form of $\Delta G(x)$
- **Direct photon** sensitive to $gq \rightarrow \gamma q LO$ process; **clean access to \Delta g(x)** (no hadronization)
- Consistent results from both energies and both experiments

RHIC concluded data taking with longitudinally polarized protons in 2015 The data are anticipated to provide the most precise insights in $\Delta g(x)$ well into the future

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Sea-quark spin from pp collisions

Single spin asymmetry and cross sections for W production



LO for illustration

Separation of quark flavor

• $W^+(W^-)$: predominantly u(d) and d(u)

Maximal parity violation

• W couples to left-handed particles or right-handed antiparticles

The decay process is calculable

• Free from fragmentation function



W^{+/-} and Z cross section

- Agreement between theory and experiment
- Support for the NLO pQCD interpretation of asymmetry measurements

Sea-quark spin from pp collisions



Full available data set analyzed from STAR (shown) and PHENIX (PHENIX, PRD 98 (2018), 032007)

- Significant preference for Δu over $\Delta d \rightarrow$ Opposite to the spin-averaged quark-sea distributions
- Evaluations from DSSV and NNPDF agree with data in sea and valence quark region

Nucleon spin structure at high-x

Hall C A1n experiment with polarized ³He target (E12-06-110)

- Measurement of the virtual-photon-nucleon asymmetry A_1 on polarized neutron (³He) target $A_1(x) \approx g_1(x)/F_1(x)$ for large Q^2
- Measurement of A₁ for proton (CLAS12) and neutron: extraction of polarized to unpolarized parton distribution function ratios Δu/u and Δd/d for large x region 0.61 < x < 0.77</p>
- Explore the **Q**² dependence of A1n at large x



Without radiative corrections Statistical uncertainties only Nuclear corrections to be applied

$$A_1^n = \frac{F_2^{^{3}\text{He}} \left[A_1^{^{3}\text{He}} - 2\frac{F_2^p}{F_2^{^{3}\text{He}}} P_p A_1^p \left(1 - \frac{0.014}{2P_p} \right) \right]}{P_n F_2^n \left(1 + \frac{0.056}{P_n} \right)}$$

Nucleon spin structure at high-x

Hall C A1n experiment with polarized ³He target (E12-06-110)

- Measurement of the virtual-photon-nucleon asymmetry A_1 on polarized neutron (³He) target $A_1(x) \approx g_1(x)/F_1(x)$ for large Q^2
- Measurement of A₁ for proton (CLAS12) and neutron: extraction of polarized to unpolarized parton distribution function ratios Δu/u and Δd/d for large x region 0.61 < x < 0.77
- Explore the **Q**² dependence of A1n at large x

Example extraction of $\Delta u/u$ and $\Delta d/d$ from E06-014 Hall A Jlab predecessor measurement, red) with previous world DIS data and selected model predictions and parameterizations

$$\frac{\Delta u + \Delta \bar{u}}{u + \bar{u}} = \frac{4}{15} \frac{g_1^p}{F_1^p} \left(4 + R^{du} \right) - \frac{1}{15} \frac{g_1^n}{F_1^n} \left(1 + 4R^{du} \right)$$
$$\frac{\Delta d + \Delta \bar{d}}{d + \bar{d}} = \frac{-1}{15} \frac{g_1^p}{F_1^p} \left(1 + \frac{4}{R^{du}} \right) + \frac{4}{15} \frac{g_1^n}{F_1^n} \left(4 + \frac{1}{R^{du}} \right)$$

where $R^{du} \equiv (d + \bar{d})/(u + \bar{u})$ and is taken from the CJ12 PLB 744, 2015, 309-314


Proton Spin and ePIC Detector Requirements

DIS Kinematics

Reconstructed from scattered electron or hadronic final state

Inclusive NC: leveraging the overconstraint of kinematics to maximize the resolution

Resolution on conventional methods depends on events x-Q², acceptance and resolution effects, size of radiative processes

Advanced reconstruction methods in development for ePIC:

- Kinematic fitting (see, e.g., <u>S. Maple, DIS23</u>)
- Deep Learning Approaches (see, e.g., M. Diefenthaler et al., Eur. Phys. J.C 82 (2022) 11, 1064, C. Pecar, AI4EIC22)



Assessment of relative performance of reconstruction methods for measured phase space for ECCE and ATHENA

- Coverage driven by acceptance: 0.01 < y < 0.95, $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$
- y resolution: important role of data overlap at different \sqrt{s}



Proton Spin and ePIC Detector Requirements

Information on $\Delta\Sigma$ and ΔG

Longitudinally polarized e^{-} and p for over a wide range in center-of-mass energy (x-Q² coverage)

Low-x performance:

- Good EM calo in barrel region $\sigma_E / E = (7 10) \% / \sqrt{E} \oplus (1 3) \%$
- Superior in backward region $\sigma_{E}/E = 2\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus (1 3)\%$
- Electron-pion separation up to 10⁴

Higher-x performance:

• Hadronic final state - good momentum resolution and calo measurement, in particular in the forward direction



Improved access to the sea quark helicities and TMD measurements - SIDIS with detected pions and kaons

• Particle ID over wide range of $|\eta| \le 3.5$ with better than 3σ separation with different particle energy ranges: barrel (< 6 GeV/c), backward (< 10 GeV/c), forward (< 50 GeV/c)

Access to Orbital Angular Momentum - GPD measurements

• Demanding program requiring high luminosity and detection of the forward-going protons scattered under small angles

Proton Spin and ePIC Detector Requirements



Performance of energy resolution

- Technologies fulfill YR requirements on energy resolution
- Ongoing simulation studies related to overlaps between different η regions for calorimetry, tracking and reconstruction algorithms
- **Barrel:** electron momentum measurement predominantly from tracker, but e/π separation critical (EMCal for low energy pions, EMCal + HCal for higher energy pions)
- **e-going EMCal:** Energy resolution for e important for the backward rapidities + e/π separation
- h-going EMCal + HCal: energy resolution (EM and hadronic) for hadronic remnant reconstruction

Example Backward e/π Performance for 10 x 100 GeV



Example Barrel e/ π Performance for 10 x 100 GeV



Challenging goal: Achieve 90% electron purity from the combined detector performance (ECAL + DIRC)

- To keep pion contamination systematic uncertainty to required 1% level
- Impact of total E-pz cut, DIRC suppression and EMCal suppression studies

See also: B. Schmookler, ePIC Collaboration Meeting contribution (<u>link</u>)

Requirement fulfilled in all η ranges

SIDIS and ePIC Detector Requirements

SIDS Measurements to probe fragmentation functions and flavor-separated quark helicities: On top of the inclusive DIS requirements \rightarrow Particle IDentification needs

• Charged pions, kaons and protons separation on track level \rightarrow Cherenkov detectors complemented by ToF at lower momenta



GPDs and Angular Orbital Momentum

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Connection to the **proton spin**:

$$_{q} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \to 0} \int_{-1}^{1} dx \ x \left[H^{q}(x,\xi,t) + E^{q}(x,\xi,t) \right] \qquad J_{q} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma + L_{q}$$

N/q	U	L	Т
U	H		E_T
L		$ ilde{H}$	$ ilde{E}_T$
Т	E	$ ilde{E}$	$H_T \ ilde{H}_T$

4 chiral-even and 4 chiral-odd quark **GPDs at leading twist** for a spin-½ hadron

Accessed via hard exclusive processes: cross section and asymmetries

- Deep virtual Compton scattering (DVCS) and hard exclusive meson production (HEMP)
- H, E accessed in vector meson production, all 4 chiral-even GPDs accessed in DVCS

DVCS and access to GPDs

- Experimental access to GPDs via Compton Form Factors
- Different configurations: p and e polarization, beam charge \rightarrow different CFFs
- proton + neutron DVCS \rightarrow flavor separation of GPDs

$$\mathcal{H}(\xi,t) = \sum_{q} e_q^2 \int_{-1}^{1} dx \, H^q(x,\xi,t) igg(rac{1}{\xi - x - iarepsilon} - rac{1}{\xi + x - iarepsilon} igg)$$



GPDs at EIC: Snapshot



- e+p 18+275 GeV
- e+p 10+100 GeV
- e+p 5+41 GeV

Strong constraints on extraction of **Compton Form Factors from** multidimentional binning

Anticipated constrain on GPDs H and E from EIC



Different observables have different sensitivity to the GPDs, and measurements from multiple processes are needed for their flavour separation

2.5

-t [GeV²]

Measurements at EIC will provide significant constraints at low-x and enable extraction of as-yet unknown GPDs

TMDs and Spin-Orbit Correlations



TMDs surviving integration over k_{τ}

Naive time-reversal odd TMDs describing strength of **spin-orbit correlations**

Chiral odd TMDs

Off-diagonal part vanishes without parton's transverse motion

TMDs describing strength of spin-orbit correlations non-zero \rightarrow indication of parton OAM

- No quantitative relation between TMDs & OAM identified yet
- Sivers: correlations of transverse-spin direction and the parton transverse momentum
- **Boer-Mulders:** correlations of parton transverse spin and parton transverse momentum
- Collins: fragmentation of a transversely polarized parton into a final-state hadron

TMDs at EIC: Snapshot

See plenary talks and in TMD session: C. Dilks, Future studies of dihadron production in SIDIS A. Mukherjee, Probing gluon TMDs in back-to-back production of a D meson and jet at the EIC A. Prokudin, Three-dimensional nucleon structure



Example: expected impact on u and d guark Sivers distributions

- Rich program to probe spin-orbit effects within the proton and during hadronization, and explore the 3D spin structure of the proton in momentum space
- Access TMDs primarily through SIDIS for single hadrons, as well as other semi-inclusive processes with di-hadrons and jets
- EIC has transformative potential for understanding the proton's 3D structure in momentum space
 - Valence region TMDs still have significant uncertainties (see the Sivers function example) Ο
 - Severe lack of experimental data for sea guarks and gluons Ο

Experimental Access to EIC Physics



Access to EIC Physics through

- Large kinematic coverage
- Polarized electron and hadron beams and unpolarized nuclear beams with high luminosities
- Detector setup fulfilling specific requirements of the polarized e-p/A collider

ePIC Technology Choices

Tracking

Challenges: High precision low mass tracking

- High spatial-resolution and efficiency and large-area coverage (8 m² of Silicon Vertex Detector):
 - High pixel granularity
 - Very low material budget constraints also at large η (challenge for services)



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Tracking Performance





- Backward/Forward momentum resolution in extreme η regions complemented by calorimetric resolution
- Meets PWG requirements elsewhere

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Electromagnetic Calorimetry



Backward EMCal PbWO₄ crystals

- 2 × 2 × 20 cm³ crystals
- Readout: SiPMs 10µm pixel
- Depth: ~20 X0
- Cooling to keep temperature stable within ± 0.1 °C



Hadronic Calorimetry



- Steel + large ۲ scintillator tiles sandwich
- SiPM readout •
- Exact design still in • progress



- Minor radiation damage replace SiPMs
- Upgrade electronics to HGCROC
- Reading out each tile individually •

4M Tower 8M Tower

Longitudinally separated HCAL with high-n insert

- Steel + Scintillator • SiPM-on-tile
- Highly segmented • longitudinally
- 65 layers per tower • 565,760 SiPMs 0
- Stackable for "easy" • construction
- Highly segmented insert

Calorimetry Performance



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Particle Identification



Accurate space point for tracking ~30 um

Forward disk and central barrel