

WG Summary: “QCD at zero temperature”

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Physics topics:

- QCD at small x
- Quark/gluon structure of nuclei
- Hadronization and final states

- Physics topics addressed by experiments at both electron–hadron [HERA] and hadron–hadron colliders [RHIC, Tevatron, LHC]

... Fundamental property of QCD: “Universality” of hard scattering processes, parton structure!
- Theorist: “Probing the CGC in ep/eA ”
$$\downarrow$$
$$pA$$
- This summary emphasizes issues directly relevant to a future electron–ion collider (EIC)

I) QCD at small x

- QCD evolution and the gluon density
- Testing small- x dynamics in inclusive, diffractive, and exclusive scattering
- Transverse gluon imaging of the proton
- QCD evolution at high gluon densities (unitarity, non-linear evolution, CGC, etc.)
- Experimental probes of the high-density regime

- QCD evolution and the gluon density

- BFKL evolution stabilized through DGLAP-like resummation:
Reliable predictions of small- x behavior of $g(x)$ [A. Stasto](#)
- Possible precise determination of $g(x)$ via σ_L in ep :
“Natural” Rosenbluth separation EIC \leftrightarrow HERA [A. Caldwell](#)

- Tests of small- x dynamics

- Detailed tests of small- x dynamics in inclusive, exclusive,
and diffractive ep/eA scattering (Q^2, W -dep., L/T)
[G. Watt, Ch. Weiss](#)

“Color transparency” . . . Interaction of small-size
quark/gluon configurations with hadronic matter

- Results for hard diffractive production from Tevatron
and predictions for LHC (Higgs production) [Ch. Mesropian, G. Watt](#)

- Transverse gluon imaging of proton

- Exclusive $J/\psi, \phi, \rho$ production in ep maps transverse spatial distribution of gluons in proton . . . Fundamental characteristic (gluon GPD), needed for modeling of pp collisions with hard processes [G. Watt, Ch. Weiss](#)
- “Optical” model of unitarity limit in dipole–hadron interactions at high–energies: “Black–disk limit” [T. Rogers](#)

- QCD evolution at high gluon densities

Progress in theoretical understanding of non-linear QCD evolution at high gluon densities: Geometric scaling, statistical interpretation, relation to Reggeon field theory [A. Stasto, K. Tuchin](#)

- Experimental probes of the high–density regime

- CGC predictions for hadron production (spectra, multiplicities, angular correlations, heavy quarkonia, dileptons) in pA/dA at RHIC

K. Tuchin

- Can high–density regime be approached in eA at an EIC?
Does $A^{1/3}$ enhancement overcome lower x compared to HERA?

Discussion

II) The quark/gluon structure of nuclei

- Many aspects of nuclear PDFs still poorly understood:
Gluons, Q^2 -dependence of shadowing (leading vs. higher twist)
. . . . need eA DIS data!

- RHIC dAu and $AuAu$ data begin to constrain nuclear gluon density
R. Venugopalan, L. Bland

- Hard exclusive processes in coherent eA scattering as a new probe of the quark/gluon structure of the nucleus: First studies of feasibility of collider measurements (forward detectors, beam optics) Ch. Hyde-Wright

III) Hadronization and final states

- Use of hard processes to probe medium properties in AA requires detailed studies of hadronization mechanism in eA : Physical mechanism (energy loss vs. absorption), formation length/time, etc. Present data cannot discriminate between different mechanisms **A. Accardi**
- Heavy nuclei: A -enhanced higher-twist effects can modify partonic initial state of fragmentation **X. Guo**
- Gluon production in high-energy AA collision studied in CGC approach (semiclassical approximation) **F. Gelis**