The Electron-Ion Collider:A Facility to Bring the
Era of Quantitative
QCD to Maturity

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Now in early years of second phase: quantitative QCD





The era of quantitative QCD: Perturbative techniques/ideas

• In perturbative QCD, since 1990s starting to consider detailed internal *dynamics* that parts with traditional parton model ways of looking at hadrons—and perform <u>phenomenological</u> <u>calculations</u> using these new ideas/tools

E.g.:

- Various *resummation* techniques
- Non-linear evolution at small momentum fractions
- Spin-spin and spin-momentum correlations in QCD bound states
- Techniques to handle *target-mass and higher-twist corrections*
- Spatial distributions of partons in QCD bound states
- Role of *color flow* in hadronic scattering, and concrete approaches to consider classes of *factorization-breaking* processes





Effective field theories

- Color Glass Condensate
- Soft-Collinear Effective Theory
- Heavy Quark Effective Theory
- Large Momentum Effective Theory



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Quantitative basic research in QCD (usually) implies phenomenological calculations...





Example: Threshold resummation Extending perturbative calculations to lower energies



Almeida, Sterman, Vogelsang PRD80, 074016 (2009)





Example: Phenomenological applications of a non-linear gluon saturation regime



Fits to proton structure function data at low parton momentum fraction x.

Non-linear QCD meets data: A global analysis of lepton-proton scattering with running coupling BK evolution

Phys. Rev. D80, 034031 (2009)

Javier L. Albacete¹, Néstor Armesto², José Guilherme Milhano³ and Carlos A. Salgado²

Basic framework for non-linear QCD developed ~1997-2001. But had to wait for running coupling BK evolution in 2007 to compare directly to data





Example: Fits of transversemomentum-dependent PDFs

 First global fit of unpolarized TMD PDFs, including semi-inclusive DIS, Drell-Yan, and Z boson data





Example: Fits to collinear quark and gluon distributions including much wider range of data

- Incorporate corrections for target mass, higher-twist, and nuclear effects
- Can in turn make predictions for future measurements in extended kinematic regions







A cyclical process

Proliferation of observations and ideas

Synthesis







Next-generation QCD facility: The Electron-Ion Collider

Key science questions:

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- What are the emergent properties of dense systems of gluons?

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EC Collaboration, Institution Locations over the World

Electron-Ion Collider User Group: Currently 971 members from 194 institutions in 30 countries (25% theorists)

www.eicug.org





2015 U.S. Nuclear Physics Long-Range Plan

 EIC endorsed by U.S. nuclear community as highest priority facility for new construction after completion of Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB)



The 2015 LONG RANGE PLAN for NUCLEAR SCIENCE







2018 U.S. National Academy of Sciences report

The National Academics of SCIENCES - ENGINEERING - MEDICINE

CONSENSUS STUDY REPORT

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



2016 – U.S. Dept. of Energy charged National Academy of Sciences with assessing the science case of a U.S.-based Electron-Ion Collider

July 2018 National Academy Consensus Report found that the science that can be addressed by an EIC is "compelling, fundamental, and timely"





An EIC as envisioned in the NAS report

An advanced accelerator that collides beams of electrons with beams of protons or heavier ions (atomic nuclei).

Electron-ion center of mass energy ~20-100 GeV, upgradable to ~140 GeV.

High luminosity and polarization



- 1) Highly polarized electrons, $E \sim 4$ GeV to possibly 20 GeV
- 2) Highly polarized protons, $E \sim 30$ GeV to some 300 GeV, and heavier ions





Two possible configurations: Brookhaven National Lab and Jefferson Lab





An EIC detector concept





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EIC: Status and recent developments

Site selection process underway

- Independent Cost Review to establish cost range
 - Documentation submitted to DOE May 1, 2019, reviewed May-June
 - Final report submitted August 2, 2019
- Site Assessment Panel
 - Convened by DOE Office of Science (chaired by James Siegrist, DOE/HEP)
 - Responses to 6 criteria submitted August 2, 2019
 - Lab presentations, Q&A sessions on October 8, 2019
- Further decision process internal to DOE





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How do we understand the visible matter in our universe in terms of the quark and gluon degrees of freedom of quantum chromodynamics?

How can studying QCD systems teach us more about fundamental aspects of QCD as a theory?





(One way of dividing up) Areas of study in QCD

• *Structure/properties* of QCD matter

• *Formation* of states of QCD matter

• Interactions within QCD





Structure/Properties of QCD matter

Bound states: Mesons and baryons



• Bound states of bound states: Nuclei, neutron stars



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- Parton energy loss in cold and hot QCD matter
- Flow of partons within quark-gluon plasma
- Quantum interference and phase shifts
 - E.g. quantum interference effects in hadronization
 - One parton \rightarrow multiple hadrons
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Resummation

- Working with multiscale problems in QCD
- EIC accelerator and detectors being designed with QCD in mind, in an era in which the community has already gone beyond thinking primarily in terms of inclusive observables
- Detectors will be ~hermetic
- In principle can measure observables with many scales—what classes of multiscale observables will be most useful for pushing us to develop our ideas, calculational tools, and understanding?





Evolution

- EIC being designed to run over a wide range of center-of-mass energies (~20-140 GeV)
 - Data at different c.m. energies explicitly required e.g. to constrain longitudinal structure function F_L
- Also explicit plans to measure collinear as well as transverse-momentum-dependent observables, linear and nonlinear regimes
- Plenty of opportunities to "exercise" different types of evolution machinery for phenomenology
- Can something new be learned about evolution?





Factorization

- Factorization of scattering processes involving hadrons is the exception, not the norm!
- What's interesting is breaking factorization in ways that teach us something
 - Explore unique properties of QCD as only Standard Model non-Abelian gauge theory that admits bound states
- Ideas for EIC most welcome
 - Correlated hadronization across the current and target fragmentation regions??
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What can we learn from QED, EW analogs?

- Are we taking full advantage of what can be learned from analog calculations and measurements in the QED and EW sectors?
- Effects may be orders of magnitude smaller than in QCD, but QED calculations and measurements are often orders of magnitude more precise than in QCD
 - Greater dialog with e.g. AMO community could be valuable
- EIC will be able to probe nucleons and nuclei with high-virtuality photons, ~real photons, and color dipoles
 - How best to exploit these complementary probes?



Role of open data?

- In the longer-term future, will be interested in/able to describe increasingly complex, less inclusive observables
- Would be interested in input from the theory community on the value and importance of creating open data sets from the EIC
 - Requires resources—the more general-purpose the open data set is, the more resources required to make it usable in practice. Priorities?





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New ideas on how to fully exploit the facility for maximum physics impact always welcome













Mapping out the partonic structure of the proton

What does the proton look like in terms of the quarks and gluons inside it?

- Position
- Momentum
- Spin
- Flavor
- Color

Theoretical and experimental concepts to describe and access position only born in mid-1990s. Pioneering measurements over past decade.

Polarized protons first studied in 1980s. How angular Measurements of flavor distributions in valence region. Flavor structure at lower momentum fractions Accounted for theoretically from beginning of QCD, but more detailed, potentially observable effects of color have come to forefront in last few years . . .





Example: Spin-spin and spin-momentum correlations in QCD bound states







Example: Exploring spatial distributions

 $x_{\rm B} = 0.25$





Spatial charge densities measured via deeply virtual Compton scattering

Guidal, Moutarde, Vanderhaeghen, Rept. Prog. Phys. 76 (2013) 066202

Initial evidence that quarks carrying larger momentum fractions (25% vs. 9%) in the nucleon are distributed over a smaller volume in space









Site Assessment Criteria

- 1. Scientific Merit of the Proposal
- 2. Technical Maturity
- 3. Schedule for Achieving the Full Range of the NSAC Machine Parameters
- Proposal Costs Including Consideration of All Major Risks
- 5. Assurance of Successful Project Delivery
- 6. Value Added for each Site



