Small x physics at an EIC





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The proton: a complex many-body system



A key lesson from the HERA DIS collider:

Gluons and sea quarks dominate the proton wave-function at high energies

Boosting the proton uncovers many-body structure



Wee parton fluctuations time dilated on strong interaction time scales

Long lived gluons can radiate further small x gluons...

Is the proton a runaway popcorn machine at high energies ?

The runaway proton...



Nature does not like this!

The boosted proton viewed head-on



When their occupancies become very large ~ $1/\alpha_s$, gluons resist further close packing -- by recombining and screening their color charges -- leading to gluon saturation

Characterized by an emergent scale Q_s -- rigorous in the Regge-Gribov limit of QCD

The boosted proton viewed head-on



The corresponding Chromo-Electric and Chromo-Magnetic fields are amongst the strongest in nature

$$E^2 \sim B^2 \sim Q_s^4/\alpha_s$$

Saturation in the QCD landscape



Unique and controlled *dynamical* exploration of a fully nonlinear regime of quantum field theory

Saturation: dipole model formulation in DIS Ζ 1-z $\sigma_{\rm T,L}^{\gamma^*,P} = \int d^2 r_{\perp} \int dz \, |\psi_{\rm T,L}(r_{\perp},z,Q^2)|^2 \sigma_{q,\bar{q},P}(r_{\perp},x)$ Golec-Biernat Wusthoff model $\sigma_{q\bar{q}P}(r_{\perp}, x) = \sigma_0 \left[1 - \exp\left(-r_{\perp}^2 Q_s^2(x)\right) \right] Q_s^2(x) = Q_0^2 \left(\frac{x_0}{x}\right)^{\lambda}$ **Golec-Biernat Wusthoff model**

Sophisticated dipole models give excellent fits to all HERA small x data

Parameters: $Q_0 = 1 \text{ GeV}; \lambda = 0.3;$ $x_0 = 3^* 10^{-4}; \sigma_0 = 23 \text{ mb}$

Saturation scale from dipole model fits to DIS data



 $R \sim A^{1/3}$

Nonlinear response of saturated matter to probes



Varying both x and Q² essential to see nonlinear response of saturated gluons - a clear manifestation of the fully nonlinear character of QCD

Color dipoles, the fundamental degrees of freedom of high energy QCD,
encode a Color Memory Effect
Pate,Raclariu,Strominger, arXiv:1707.08016
Ball,Pate,Raclariu,Strominger, RV, in preparation

Intriguing connections to similar phenomena in gravity/holography: Compute multi-gluon amplitudes in the Regge limit? Strominger, arXiv:1703.05448

Theory framework: the Color Glass Condensate



CGC Effective Theory:B-JIMWLK hierarchy of many-body correlators



Diffusion of the fuzz of "wee" partons in the functional space of colored fields

Can be solved numerically to "leading logs in x" accuracy. Considerable ongoing work at NLO...several talks at DIS

Glue probed by the the quark-antiquark femtoscope



Typical size of the blobs at a given time is the inverse saturation scale

Intricate dance of color across the QCD landscape



How do these transitions occur? What are the degrees of freedom?

How do correlation functions of these evolve?

Are there universal fixed points for the RG evolution of d.o.f What is the corresponding universality class?

Does the coupling run with Q_s^2 ?

How does saturation transition to Chiral Symmetry Breaking and Confinement?

What is the evidence for gluon saturation?





DIS off nuclei



Kowalski, Lappi, RV:0705.3047

Consistent, within limited available data, with shadowing obseved in e+A collisions

Role of gluon shape fluctuations in the proton





A sampling of results from p+p & p+A collisions

J/ ψ rapidity and p_T distributions in p+p and p+A at RHIC & the LHC



A sampling of results from p+p & p+A collisions



Ma, Tribedy, Watanabe, RV, arXiv: 1803.11093

CGC initial conditions key to quantitative description of heavy-ion data







Hydrodynamics converts initial spatial anisotropies of partons into final state momentum anisotropies

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} = \frac{N}{2\pi} \left(1 + 2v_1 \cos(\phi) + 2v_2 \cos(2\phi) + 2v_3 \cos(3\phi) + 2v_4 \cos(4\phi) + \cdots \right)$$

CGC initial conditions key to quantitative description of heavy-ion data





IP-Glasma + viscous hydro (MUSIC) -- excellent description of event by event azimuthal anisotropies V_n

Gale, Jeon, Schenke, Tribedy, Venugopalan, PRL (2013) 012302 Schenke, Venugopalan, PRL 113 (2014) 102301

Quo Vadis?

- In e+p DIS, saturation models provide a good *combined* description of inclusive, diffractive, and exclusive final states at small x. However, the Q_s² scales extracted are not much larger than the intrinsic QCD scale.
- Data in e+A DIS is very scarce at small x and for Q² > 1 GeV² where the extraction of gluon distributions is reliable
- In hadron-hadron collisions, descriptions of the *initial states* of the colliding protons and nuclei as saturated glue states provide good agreement with data for semi-hard processes. However, *final state interactions* may be strong, and separating the two in an interesting challenge...

addressing, in their own right, profound questions of quantum vs classical dynamics, the nature of thermalization, and quantum entanglement...

DIS off nuclei over with large reach, range, light and heavy beams, and high luminosities afford novel opportunities I will outline briefly

Diffraction for the 21st century



A TeV electron hits a nucleus (binding energy of 8 MeV/nucleon)

Day 1 prediction: nucleus remains intact in at least 1 in 5 events

Diffraction for the 21st century



Very strong Q² and A-dependencies for exclusive vector meson production



Distinctive systematics in A and Q²

	Longitudinal, low Q^2	Longitudinal, high Q^2	Transverse, low Q^2	Transverse, high Q^2
$\mathrm{d}\sigma^{\gamma^* + A \to V + A} / \mathrm{d}t (t = 0)$	$Q^2 A^{4/3}$	$Q^6 A^2$	$Q^0 A^{4/3}$	$Q^8 A^2$
$\sigma^{\gamma^* + A \to V + A}$	$Q^2 A^{2/3}$	$Q^{6}A^{4/3}$	$Q^0 A^{2/3}$	$Q^8 A^{4/3}$

Mantysaari, RV:1712.02508

Gluon saturation through di-hadron correlations

Dominguez, Marquet, Xiao, Yuan, arXiv:1101.0715 Dumitru, Skokov



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New opportunities

Probing rare glue fluctuations with ballistic protons

Lappi,Mantysaari,RV: PRL 114 (2015) 8, 082301

Incoherent diffraction (nucleus breaks up but no color is exchanged) - directly sensitive to gluon field fluctuations



Probing rare glue fluctuations with ballistic protons

Can use "ballistic" protons in Roman pots as a measure of centrality dependence of fluctuations







Central/min.bias double ratios very sensitive probe of fluctuations of strong gluon fields Lappi,Mantysaari,RV: PRL 114 (2015) 8, 082301

The p+A limit of e+A



Photo-production in e+A is like p+A collisions – can perform all p+A-like correlation measurements in very rare e+A collisions – can one see the "ridge" in such events ?

Dial up Q² to see how these effects go away...

Exciting possibility: compute the quantum entanglement entropyfrom long range hadron correlationsKovner,Lublinsky, PRD92 (Kovner,Lublinsky, PRD95 (20)

Kovner,Lublinsky, PRD92 (2015) 034016 Kharzeev,Levin,PRD95 (2017)114008 Berges,Florchinger, RV, arXiv:1707.05338 arXiv:1712.09362

Short-range nucleon-nucleon interactions with EIC



Can EIC provide insight into the short-range gluon contribution to the nucleon-nucleon potential ?

Short-range nucleon-nucleon interactions with EIC $\bigcirc \gamma^* \bigvee^{q} \bigvee$ $q - \Delta$ $=J/\psi$ 1 - z1-zMiller, Sievert, RV, 1512.03111 00000 α', p_1' α , p_1 Đ $(1-\alpha)$, $-\underline{p_1}$ $(1 - \alpha'), p'_{0} = (\Delta)$ Short distance interactions Novel "transition" GPDs from high p_T back-to-back nucleons 0000 8 8 000 g $N(p'_1)$ $N(p_1)$ $N(p'_1)$ $N(p_1)$ $N(p_1')$ $N(p_1)$ $N(p_2)$ $N(p_2)$ $N(p'_2)$ $N(p_2)$ $N(p'_2)$ $N(p'_2)$

Preliminary estimate of rates suggest that these measurements are very feasible at EIC with $p_T \sim$ several GeV range

Outlook

- Unique opportunity to study fully nonlinear features of QCD dynamically (and cleanly) in a regime where the coupling is weak
- The interplay of the strong color fields of saturated gluons and those from confining dynamics may provide fundamental insight into both

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- Upcoming CFNS workshops to explore cutting edge EIC issues:
- **1.** Next-generation GPD studies with exclusive meson production at EIC, June 4-6, 2018 Organizers: Marie Boer, Salvatore Fazio, Lech Syzmankowski, Christian Weiss
- 2. Jets and jet quenching at collider energies, July 23-27, 2018 Organizers: Megan Connors, Yacine Mehtar-Tani, Felix Ringer, Konrad Tywoniuk, Marta Verweij
- **3.** Short-range nuclear correlations at an Electron-Ion Collider, September 5-7, 2018 Organizers: Abhay Deshpande, Dima Kharzeev, Witek Nazarewicz, Jianwei Qiu, Thomas Ullrich, Raju Venugopalan, Rik Yoshida
- 4. Quantum Entanglement at high energy colliders, September 10-12, 2018 Organizers: Keith Baker, Ian Cloet, Abhay Deshpande, Dima Kharzeev, Yen-Jie Lee, Thomas Ullrich, Raju Venugopalan