# eA Physics with the EIC Henri Kowalski



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#### Why eA physics?:

#### Because:

#### Physics of nuclei is still poorly understood

- from the perspective of QCD it is not clear
- what gives proton or neutron its mass and size,
- why nuclear radius grows with A<sup>1/3</sup>
  - (atomic radius remains ~ constant with Z)
- why quarks and gluons contained in different nucleons are not merging into a common bag in a nucleus (common bag = delocalization = energy saving)

#### Textbook knowledge:

#### lack of good probe to view inside nuclei

electrons can only see the electric charge distribution protons are not simple probes

Feynman: scattering of hadrons on hadrons is like colliding Swiss watches to find out how they are build

#### A novel tool to investigate nuclei: Quark-antiquark dipoles

Dipoles interact strongly with the nuclear matter but the interaction is well understood in QCD





dipole life time  $\approx 1/m_p x \rightarrow 20$  to 2000 fm, for  $x^{-2}$  to  $x^{-4}$ 



The same, universal, gluon density describes the properties of many reactions measured at HERA:

> $F_2$ , inclusive diffraction, exclusive J/Psi, Phi and Rho production DVCS, diffractive jets



#### Extracting Proton Shape using dipoles



#### Two main fields of dipole investigations

### Saturation of gluon density

high density gluon state with small coupling const. Particularly simple limes of QCD (McLerran, Venugopalan)

Determination of the gluonic shape of the proton Measurement of the gluonic proton radius

# Fast rise of the proton structure function→ Suggestion of saturation



 $F_2$  is dominated by gluon density at x <  $10^{-2}$ 





 $Q_{s}^{HERA}(x=10^{-4}) \sim Q_{s}^{RHIC}(x=10^{-2})$ 



Lumpy Gluon Cloud



At HERA, large fraction of  $\sigma^{\gamma^* p}$ comes from the region of large b where matter density is low

 Saturation shapes data in a similar way as DGLAP
 Difficult to distinguish



Nuclear enhancement of universal dynamics of high parton densities Kowalski, Lappi, Venugopalan

$$\frac{Q_{\rm s,A}^2}{Q_{\rm s,B}^2} = \frac{A}{B} \frac{T_A(\mathbf{b}_\perp)}{T_B(\mathbf{b}_\perp)} \frac{F(x,Q_{\rm s,A}^2)}{F(x,Q_{\rm s,B}^2)} \sim \frac{A^{1/3}}{B^{1/3}} \frac{F(x,Q_{\rm s,A}^2)}{F(x,Q_{\rm s,B}^2)}$$





Pocket formula  $Q_{s} \sim (A/x)^{0.3}$ 

large enhancement of saturation scale in nuclei  $200^{1/3} \sim 6$ Oomph factor

## $J/\psi$ as a probe of proton and nuclei

Ideal probe: large cross sections, easy detection by ee or μμ decay channels small width → well separated from background decay leptons are not re-interacting with nucleus

 $J/\psi$  dipole interacts only by 2g exchange at low x process is well understood in QCD

## DIS studies of jet quenching in nuclei



Forward vs transverse jet absorption particles energy loss photons vs hadron Diffractive vs inclusive jets

→ Clean studies of nuclear medium properties

## Proton shapes from exclusive $J/\psi$



Exponential behavior  $\rightarrow$  B<sub>D</sub> size of the interaction region

$$\frac{d\sigma^{diff}}{dt} \sim \exp(B_D \cdot t) \qquad \Rightarrow T(b) \sim \exp(-\vec{b}^2/2B_G)$$



For  $J/\psi$  B<sub>D</sub>-B<sub>G</sub> = 0.6 +/- 0.2 GeV<sup>-2</sup>

## **Proton radius**



the gluonic proton radius is smaller than the quark radius

## Nuclear gluonic shapes at EIC



## Incoherent exclusive $J/\psi$ production - Nucleus disintegrates

The measurement of the t-distribution correlated with the number and momenta of the breakup neutrons and protons can become an invaluable source of information about the nuclear forces

# Impact dependent saturation studies with $J/\psi$

Saturation leads to a clear distortion of a proton or nuclear shape

Survival Probability S<sup>2</sup>  $d\sigma_{qq}/d^2b = 2[1 - \Re S(b)]$ 



Munier, Stasto, Mueller Kowalski, Teaney

## J/psi $p_T$ resolution



J/psi  $p_T$  can be determined from the momentum of ee or  $\mu\mu$  decay pair

no measurement of the proton or ion momentum necessary

 $p_{\rm T}$  resolution for J/psi - O(2) MeV for a TPC with 1m radius beam electron  $p_{\rm T}$  < 1 MeV scattered electron can be easily detected in the forw. det.



#### Conclusions

We have an ideal tool to investigate the structure of nuclear matter through a well understood QCD process

With EIC we can investigate nuclei in a similar way as proteins are investigated by the high frequency laser light

We have a chance to solve the long standing puzzle; how strong interactions are forming the matter

LET US DO IT

# BACK UP SLIDES

### Hard Diffraction - the HERA surprise



#### Dipole description of DIS equivalent to Parton Picture in the perturbative region momentum space configuration space 1-z γľ $\left|\Psi_{T}^{f}\right|^{2} = \frac{3\alpha_{em}}{2\pi^{2}}e_{q}^{2}\left\{\left[z^{2} + (1-z)^{2}\right]\varepsilon^{2}K_{1}^{2}(\varepsilon r) + m_{q}^{2}K_{0}^{2}(\varepsilon r)\right\}$ z dipole preserves s<sub>qq</sub> ~ r<sup>2</sup>×g(x,m) for small r $\left|\Psi_{L}^{f}\right|^{2} = \frac{3\alpha_{em}}{2\pi^{2}}e_{q}^{2}\left\{4Q^{2}z^{2}(1-z)^{2}K_{0}^{2}(\varepsilon r)\right\}$ its size during interaction. $\varepsilon^2 = z(1-z)Q^2 + m_a^2$ er < <1 Optical T $\mathbf{P}$ $\mathbf{P}$ $O^2 \sim 1/r^2$

Mueller, Nikolaev, Zakharov

$$\sigma_{tot}^{\gamma^* p} = \int d^2 \hat{\vec{r}} \int_0^1 dz \Psi^* \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x,r^2) \Psi \qquad \frac{d\sigma_{VM}^{\gamma^* p}}{dt}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{VM}^{\gamma^* p}}{dt}\Big|_{t=0} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \left| \int d^2 \vec{r} \int_0^1 dz \Psi_{VM}^*(Q^2, z, \vec{r}) \sigma_{q\bar{q}}(x, r^2) \Psi(Q^2, z, \vec{r}) \right|^2$$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{diff}^{\gamma^* p}}{dt}\Big|_{t=0} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int d^2 \vec{r} \int_0^1 dz \Psi^* \sigma_{q\bar{q}}^2(x,r^2) \Psi$$







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At EIC (LHeC) it should be possible to reduce the errors by a large factor,
→ detailed study of the Pomeron possible





