

# Forward Physics and Detectors

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**Physics motivation (examples):** 

- 1. The total photoproduction cross section
- 2. The transition from photoproduction to DIS
- 3. Longitudinal structure function F<sub>L</sub>
- 4. High-x structure functions
- 5. Photoproduction of VM (J/psi)

**Detector study, examples of performance** 

### **Hadron-Hadron Cross Section**



•Total cross section not understood from QCD – phenomenological models based on Regge Theory

• EIC/ENC could provide high precision photoproduction measurements in new kinematic region

- Of great interest for interpretation of cosmic ray data
- eA behavior would be very interesting

#### HERA: total photoproduction cross section



ZEUS prel.

**EIC-ENC:** would need to measure the scattered electron. Minimum cuts on the hadronic state produced.

#### **HERA Discovery!**

The rise of the parton densities (and of  $F_2$ ) with decreasing x is strongly dependent on Q<sup>2</sup>. Implies very large density of partons in the proton when probe at high energies !



#### **Small fraction of HERA data**

### The rise at small **x**

**Parametrize:** 



Electron scattered at very small angle

**Transition region** 

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Does the rise in  $F_2$  set in at the same  $Q^2$  in eA and in eP ?

# Measuring $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{L}}$

$$\sigma_{r} = \left(\frac{2\pi\alpha^{2}Y_{+}}{xQ^{4}}\right)^{-1} \frac{d^{2}\sigma}{dxdQ^{2}} = \left[F_{2}(x,Q^{2}) - \frac{y^{2}}{Y_{+}}F_{L}(x,Q^{2})\right] \text{ Small Q}^{2}, \text{ ignore } F_{3}$$

 $F_L$  gives more direct access to gluons than  $F_2$ 



# **F<sub>L</sub> EIC vs. Other DIS Facilities**



### Small-x is not the only frontier ...

### There is limited data on cross sections at high-x and high Q<sup>2</sup>



**BCDMS** has measured F<sub>2</sub> up to x=0.75

H1, ZEUS have measured  $F_2$  up to x=0.65

The PDF's are poorly determined at high-x. Sizeable differences despite the fact that all fitters use the same parametrization xq∝(1-x)<sup>η</sup>. Is it possible to check this?



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# **HERA Kinematics**



# Need to measure hadronic jets to highest possible rapidity. Note, cannot reconstruct x accurately from electron information.

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### **Exclusive Processes**



impact parameter of ~0.6 fm. smaller than the proton charge radius of 0.870 [PDG] ...

 $Q^{2}+M^{2}(GeV^{2})$ 

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# A long list of processes have been measured:

$$eP \rightarrow ePV \quad V = \rho, \omega, \varphi, J/\psi$$

$$eP \rightarrow eNV \quad V = \rho, \omega, \varphi, J/\psi$$

N is low mass system

and 
$$eP \rightarrow eP\gamma$$
 QCD



## **Elastic Scattering**

Ideal process to measure hadronic structure

**Detector requirements:** 

- forward electron spectrometer
- forward p,A reconstruction (veto of dissociation)
- precision tracking in central detector

**Accelerator requirements:** 

- substantial component free region around IP
- small  $P_T$  of beam particles (< few MeV)

## EIC/ENC

- 1. Precise scan of the transition region between partonic & hadronic behavior. Something changes there can we understand it ? Need acceptance in electron direction.
- 2. Make precision measurements at high-x to understand the valence quarks. Need acceptance in proton direction.
- 3. Make  $F_L$  a highlight of the program much more direct access to gluon density than via  $F_2$  scaling violations. Needs high precision measurements good resolution, small systematics. Note:  $F_L$  can also be derived from comparison with HERA, fixed target.
- 4. Focus on clean, high acceptance diffractive and elastic scattering measurements. Needs high efficiency rejection of proton/ion dissociation.
- 5. Photoproduction measurements benefit strongly from measurement of forward scattered electron.

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### **Full-acceptance detector studied for HERA-3, eRHIC**

#### See: HERA3 Lol and I. Abt, A. Caldwell, X. Liu and J. Sutiak, arXiv:hep-ex/0407053

#### **Conceptual Beam–Line**



**10:1 scale** 



The focus of the detector was on providing complete acceptance in the low Q<sup>2</sup> region where we want to probe the transition between partons and more complicated objects.



### **Tracking acceptance in proton direction**

#### Accepted = 4 Si stations crossed.



Very large gain also for vector meson, DVCS studies. Can measure cross sections at small, large W, get much more precise determination of the energy dependence.



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#### **Probing the parton-hadron transition**



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#### Work in progress, H. Kowalski, A. Caldwell



# Summary

There is tremendous physics potential for measurements in the forward electron and ion/proton direction.

Dipole magnetic field in extended region, considerable free space along beamline, precision tracking near the beamline will be important.

Some first detector concepts have been discussed – more work is needed.