Synergy between CERN projects and EIC: physics and technology

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EIC progam and requirements



high luminosities

- large centre of mass energy range
- highly polarized beams: P > 70%
- wide variety of ion species
- large detector acceptance

EIC in a nutshell

- Polarized beams: e, p, d/3He
- e beam 5-10 (18) GeV
- Luminosity L_{ep} ~ 10³³⁻³⁴ cm⁻²sec⁻¹ (100-1000 times HERA)
- 20-100 (140) GeV Variable CoM
- Nuclei from p to Uranium
- Two interaction regions
- One detector from day-0, strong wish for a second detector



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LHC and EIC timelines



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Kinematics





- LHC offers a much larger coverage at small-x and high Q2
- Complementarity EIC data at moderate Q2 and large-x
- DIS (theoretically and experimentally) cleaner than an hadron machine

Selected synergy topics – Physics



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Proton PDFs – LHC

LHC data are playing already an important role



HL-LHC data will considerably help in reducing PDF uncertainties even further



Proton PDFs – EIC





- (HL-)LHC (will) compete with it.
- Comparable impact on observables: tests of factorization



Ions – Nuclear PDFs – LHC





- Data from different nuclei and observables
- LHC data now cover large-Q2 and small-x
- Still important uncertainties when compared with new data



Ions – Nuclear PDFs – LHC



Near future possible improvements at LHC: EM data from FOCAL and vector meson in UPC data

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Ions – Nuclear PDFs – EIC





At EIC:

- Extensive DIS data from single nucleus
- Data from different nuclei too
- Impact both at low and high x
- Not only inclusive data, but also multiple probes
- Charm particularly sensitive at gluons at high-x



GDR QCD -- EIC-LHC -- F.Bossu

lons – "cold"

Open question:

- How partons and hadrons interact with the "cold" nuclear medium
- Instrumental for understanding better QGP signatures
- Measurements in pPb at LHC not unambiguous
- EIC provides a cleaner environment in e-A
 - Light and Heavy flavours
 - Jets
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 - Varying A





Tomography – LHC

- Unpolarized quark TMDs with DY
- Gluon TMDs with double quarkonium
- Also in fixed (polarized) targets (LHC-Spin)
- Small-x connections with CGC
- Gluon GPDs in exclusive vector meson production in UPC
- Double (multiple) parton scatterings
- Shape fluctuations in incoherent UPC



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Tomography – EIC

Domain where EIC features shine:

- Highly polarized beams
- Unpolarized and polarized TMDs on protons with SIDIS
- Quarks and gluons GPDs with exclusive processes (DVCS and DVMP)
- **Q2 dependence**, but limited in low-x (wrt LHC)
- Diffraction: "DIS" on the colorless exchange





Small-x





- At small x, linear evolution must fail, but present data cannot really tell us how
- we need
 - Differential observables: correlations, diffraction,...
 - Lever arm in $Q^2 > Q_s > \Lambda_{QCD}$ at small x

Small-x



LHC

- Access to very small-x, down to 10⁻⁶
- Single particle and di-jets in p-Pb
- Exclusive process, diffractive di-jets... in UPC
- Sizable theory uncertainties and experimental ambiguities difficult to resolve completely

EIC

- Limited a x ~10⁻⁴
- Need ions to get to the saturation region in perturbative regime: $Q_s \sim A^{\frac{1}{3}} x^{-0.3}$
- Focus on inclusive measurements, but DIS provides more control on the reaction



Detectors

Tracking

Hadron PID

Counters



ATLAS and CMS:

• Tracking, calorimetry, large acceptance

Particle ID only for ALICE(3) and LHCb



LHCb

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EIC detector

Key measurements: Features:

- Inclusive DIS
 e-ID
- SIDIS
- Exclusive DIS
- Diffraction

- Tracking res:
 - Momentum
 - > Angular
 - Pointing
- PID, calorimetry
- Hermetic, t-res

η < -4.6 Low-Q2 tagging Polarimetry

η > 4.6 Tracking and calorimetry



EIC detector 1 : ePIC





Central detector



Selected synergy topics – Detector



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Tracking

µ-vertex and barrel tracker

- Excellent momentum 0.05%pT⊕0.5%
- and spatial resolution 20mm/pT \oplus 5mm
- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor: ALICE ITS3 MOSAIX sensor (65 nm)
- small pixels (~18 mm) and power consumption (<20 mW/cm2)
- Barrel: EIC Large Area Sensor (LAS), modification of ITS3 sensor with 5 or 6 RSU forming staves

MPGDs (Micromegas and µRWELL)

Redundancy and fast hits for pattern recognition

Large area, low material budget, 2D detectors

Novel readout ASIC development (CEA)



AC-LGAD

- Time of flight ~30ps
- Precise space point $\sim 30 \mu m$
- Also used in Roman pots
- Readout ASIC development (IJCLab-CEA-Omega)

Calorimetry



Backward EM calorimeter

- Scattered lepton detection → very highprecision
- PbWO4
- SiPM as Photonsensors
- Readout ASIC: synergy with CMS electronics

DAQ and software





Software :

- No trigger
- Processing every bunch crossing (spacing at ~10ns)
- Aim at holistic reconstruction

- Use and contribute to HEP packages
- Example :
 - DD4Hep
 - ACTS for charger particle tracking

Magnets





- MARCO (CEA)
 - New detector solenoid
 - 2 T, Babar magnet form factor, different conductor, but same transparency

Spin rotators (CEA)



Cryomodules for ERL (IJCLab)



Summary



	EIC	LHC	
PDFs	Large-x	Low-x and high-Q ²	Impact in SM parameter determination and BSM searches
Nuclear PDFs and 3D structure	Cleaner probes Polarized beams	Extension at Low-x	Initial conditions of HIC
Tomography: TMDs and GPDs	High precision	Evolution at low-x	Global analyses
Small-x	Smaller phase space Higher precision Several observables	Lever arm for "discovery"	Pin point gluon saturation dynamics

• Inputs for this talk :

- Joint ECFA-NuPECC-APPEC Activity Workshop "Synergies between the EIC and the LHC"
- In particular : Nestor Armesto Perez's Talk