

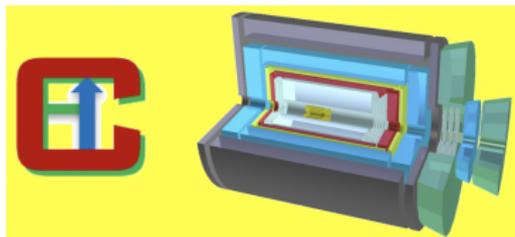
Updates on the Scientific Opportunities with EicC

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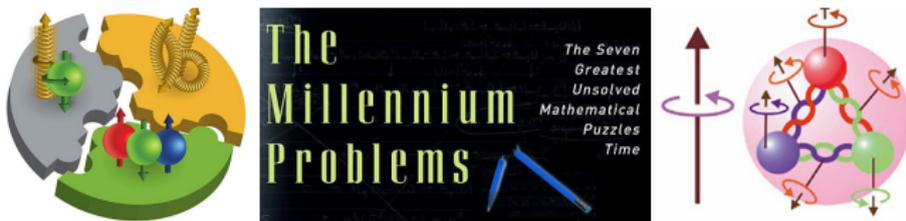
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Ultimate Questions and Challenges in QCD



- How does the spin of proton arise? (**Spin puzzle**)
- What are the **emergent properties** of **dense gluon** system?
- How does proton mass arise? **Mass gap**: **million dollar** question.
- How does gluon bind quarks and gluons inside proton?
- Can we map the quark and gluon inside the proton in 3D?

EICs: keys to unlocking these mysteries! **Many opportunities will be in front of us!**



Proposed EIC Facilities Across the Globe



- Electron-Ion colliders will become the **cutting-edge** high-energy and nuclear physics research facilities in the near future.



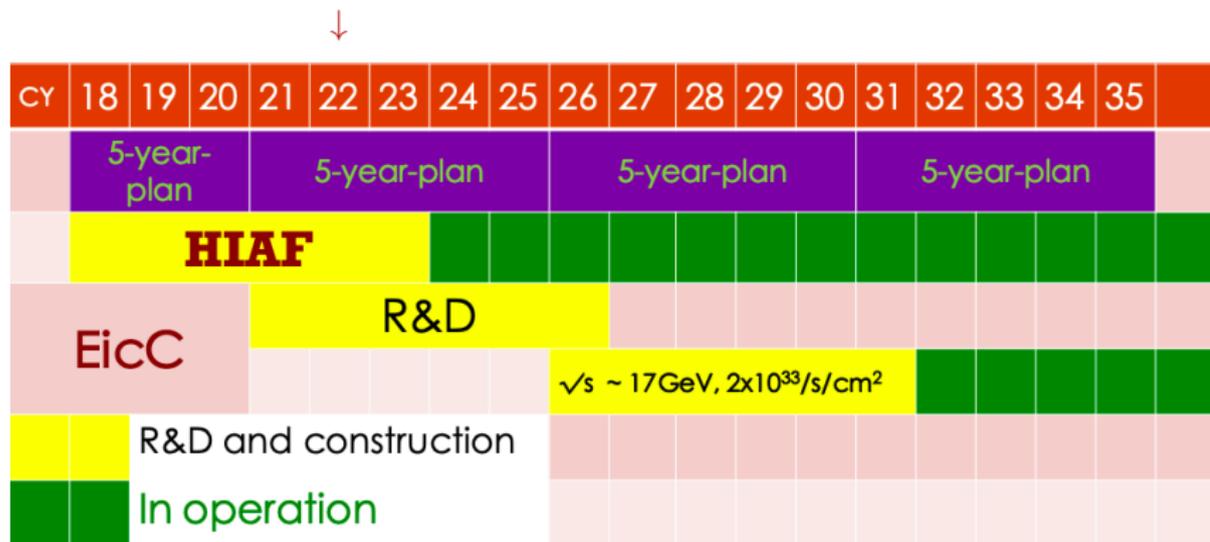
Status of the polarized Electron Ion Collider in China



- Based on High-Intensity Heavy Ion Accelerator Facility (HIAF) which is currently under construction in Huizhou (惠州).
- HIAF total investment: 2.5 billion RMB.



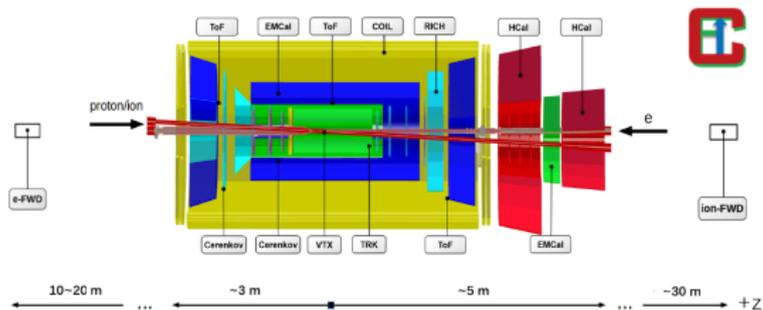
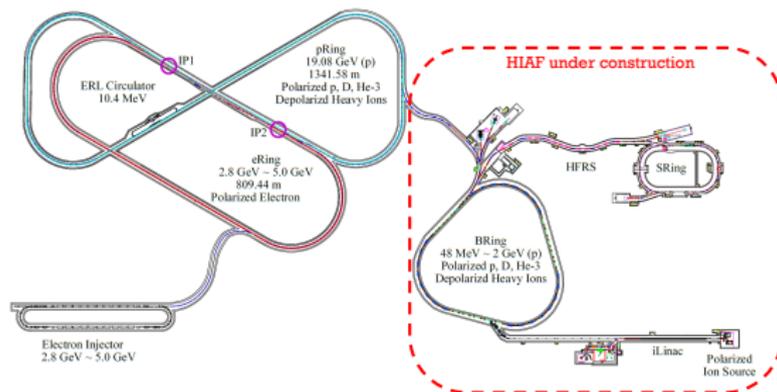
EicC Preliminary Timeline



- **HIAF** is half way through the construction.
- **Tech driven schedule:** it is like a wish list to be blessed by the funding agency.
- **21-25:** Simulations and detector R&D.
- **2026,** hope to get supported by the next five-year plan.
- **2032,** in operation if everything goes through.



Conceptual Design for Accelerator and Detector



Detailed full Geant4 simulation is ongoing!

EicC accelerator includes

- Based on HIAF (right)
- pRing (8-shape)
- Energy Recovery Linac
- Electron Polarized Source and Injector.
- eRing (racetrack)
- Two IPs reserved.

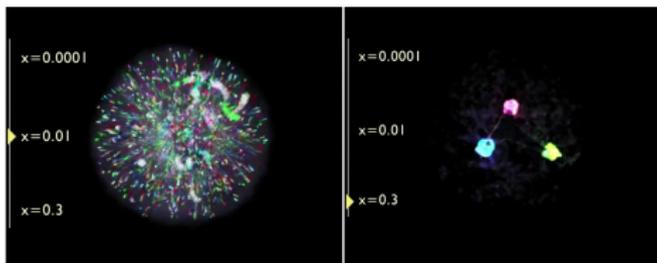
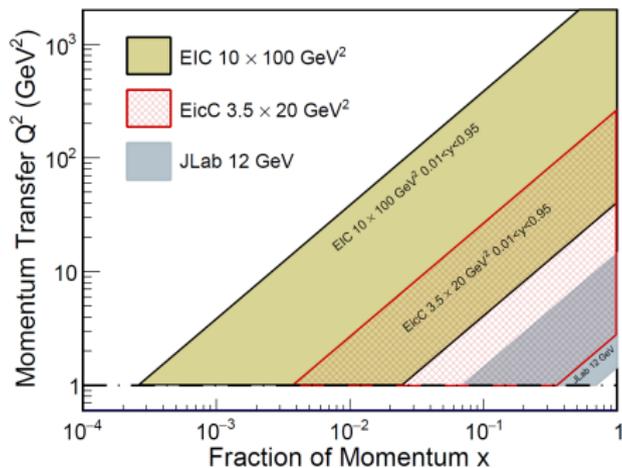
A general purpose detector with 4 components:

- Vertex detector
- Tracking detector
- Particle Identification Detector (PID) (ToF & RICH)
- Calorimeter (EM & Hadron)

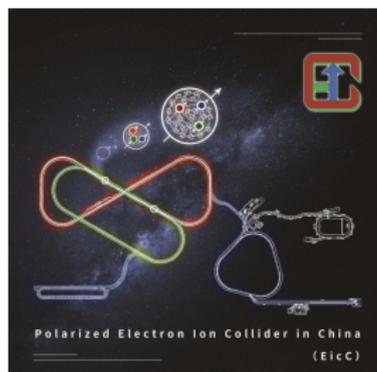


Kinematic Coverage

EicC focus on moderate x and sea-quark region



EicC white paper



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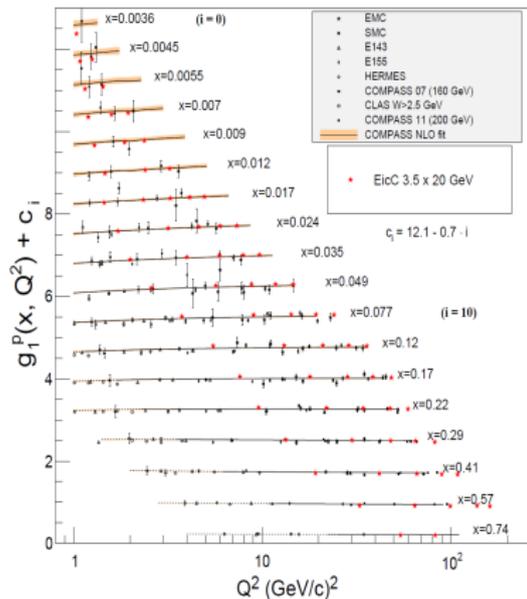
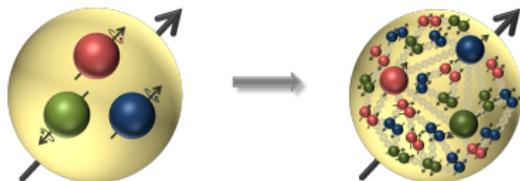


EicC Conceptual Design Report Efforts

Accelerator	Physics	Detector
1) EicC Accelerators	1) 1D spin	1) Vertexing + tracking
2) Ion Sources	2) 3D spin (TMDs + GPDs)	2) PID
3) Ion Machine	3) Exotic states	3) Calorimetry
5) Electron Machine	4) EHM and proton mass	4) IR + Magnet
5) Polarization	5) Cold nuclear medium effect	5) Luminosity and polarimetry
6) Electron cooling	6) LQCD	6) Far Forward detector
7) IR	7) DSE	7) DAQ
8) Common System	8) New ideas: (1) Jets (2) Heavy flavor observable (3) Fragmentation function	8) Simulations
		Software: EicCRoot Southern Nuclear Science Computing Center.
HIAF → EicC		
EicC CDR Volume I		EicC CDR Volume II



Understanding Nucleon Spin



Jaffe-Manohar decomposition

$$\frac{1}{2} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma + L_q}_{\text{Quark}} + \underbrace{\Delta G + L_g}_{\text{Gluon}}$$

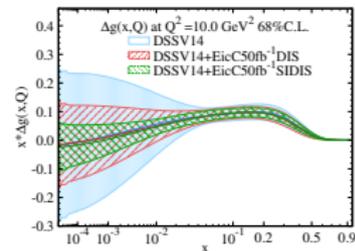
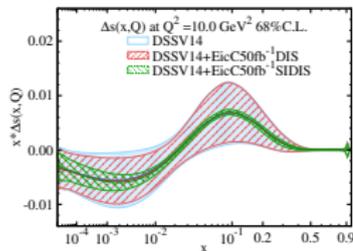
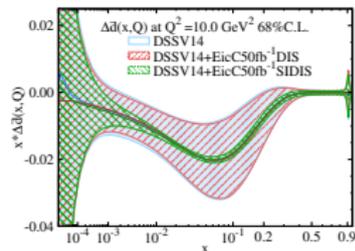
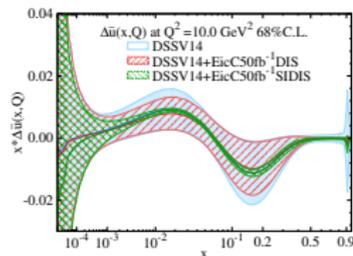
- Quark spin $\Delta\Sigma$ is only 30% of proton spin. (g_1 structure func)
- $g_1(x, Q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum e_q^2 [\Delta q + \Delta \bar{q}]$
- EicC: large acceptance and improvement at low- x .
- The rest of the proton spin must come from the gluon spin ΔG , quark and gluon OAM $L_{q,g}$.
- Orbital motions of quark and gluon are essential.
- [χ QCD; Yang *et al*, 17]: Gluon $\Delta G \simeq 0.25$



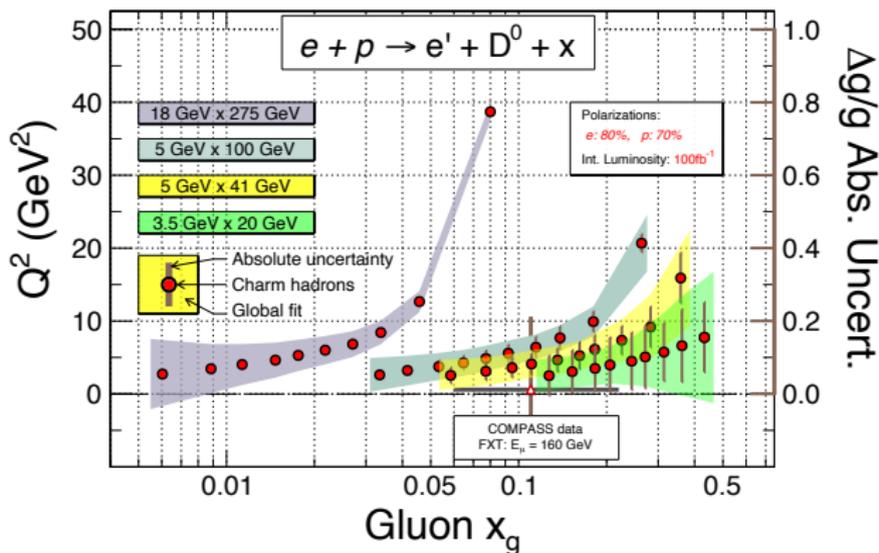
Spin flavor Structure at EicC

NLO EicC SIDIS projection

- π^\pm and K^\pm mesons
- ep : 3.5 GeV \times 20 GeV
- $e\text{He}^3$: 3.5 GeV on 40 GeV
- Luminosity ep 50 fb $^{-1}$
- Polarization: $e(80\%)$, $p(70\%)$, $\text{He}^3(70\%)$
- High precision for sea quark helicity.
- Significantly reduce spin contribution from the *sea*.



Gluon Helicity at Moderate and Large x



- By tagging D meson, EicC can access **gluon helicity** in moderate and high x regions.
- The position of each data point is according to the mean value of x_g and Q^2 .
- The uncertainty for the data points is shown on the right side of the plot.
- The colored band represents the uncertainty calculated using NNPDF PDFs.
- The red triangle marker shows the existing measurement from COMPASS.



Probing 3D Distributions in Momentum Space with SIDIS

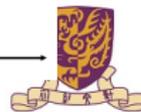
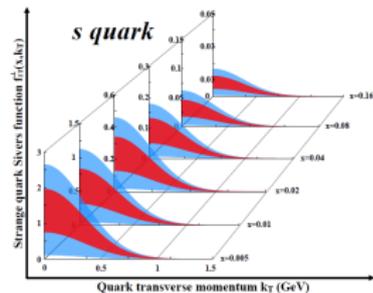
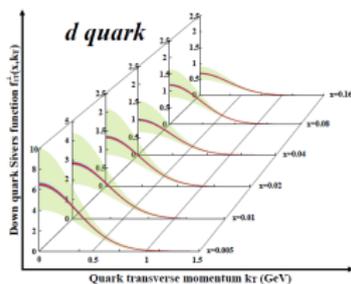
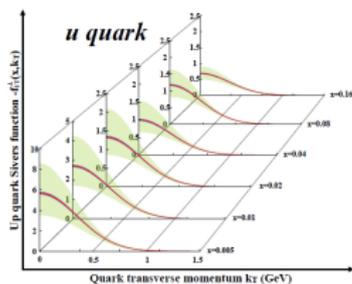
Access to quark Sivers function, especially the strange quark Sivers via SIDIS.

LO analysis of EicC projection

- π^\pm and K^\pm mesons
- ep : 3.5 GeV \times 20 GeV
- eHe^3 : 3.5 \times 40/3 GeV
- Luminosity 50 fb⁻¹
- Stat. Error vs Sys. Error

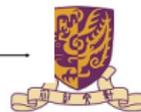
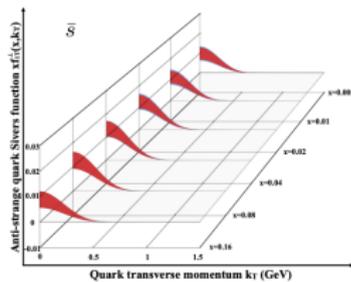
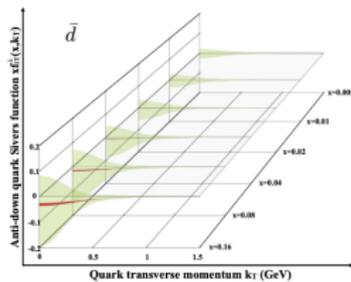
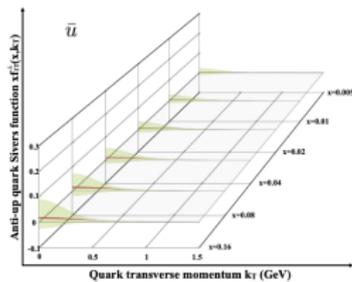
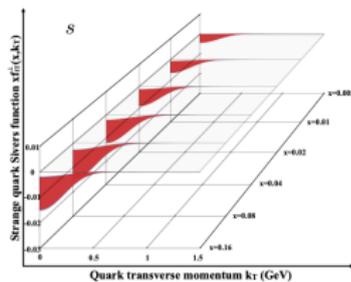
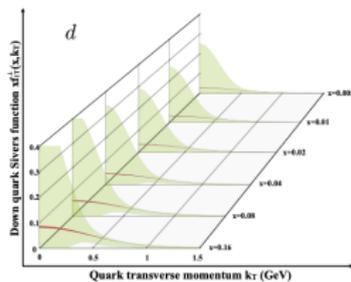
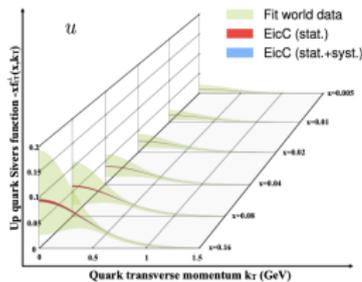
TMDs		Quark Polarization		
		Unpolarized (U)	Longitudinally polarized (L)	Transversely polarized (T)
Nucleon Polarization	U	f_1 unpolarized		h_1 Boer-Mulders
	L		g_{1L} helicity	h_{1L} longi-transversity
	T	f_{1T}^\perp Sivers	g_{1T} trans-helicity	h_{1T} transversity h_{1T}^\perp pretzelosity

○ → Nucleon spin ● → Quark spin

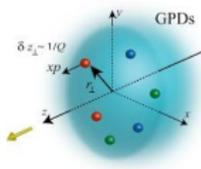
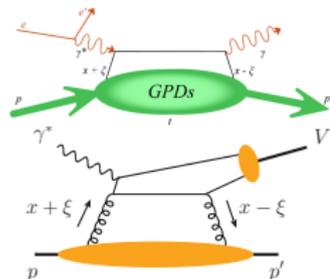
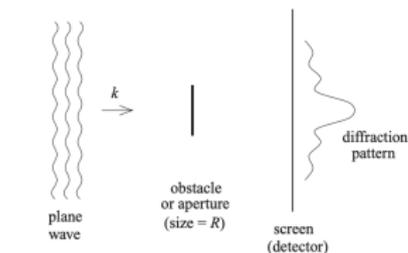


EicC's Impact on Sivers

Recent EicC impact studies [▶ arXiv:2208.14620](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.14620)



3D Imaging: GPD from DVCS and DVMP



Ji Sum Rule[Ji, 97]:

$$J_q = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma + L_q = \frac{1}{2} \int dx x (H_q + E_q) ,$$

$$J_g = \frac{1}{4} \int dx (H_g + E_g) .$$

- Measure Compton Form Factors (CFF) which depends on GPDs.
- Allows us to access to spacial distributions (which are related to GPDs via FT) of (valence and sea) quarks in the nucleon.
- Obtain the information about the quark orbital motions L_q indirectly.
- Flavor separation and sea quark GPD in DVMP



Understanding Proton Mass

Mass decomposition [Ji, 95]

$$M = \underbrace{M_q + M_m}_{\text{Quark}} + \underbrace{M_g + M_a}_{\text{Gluon}}$$

M_q : quark energy

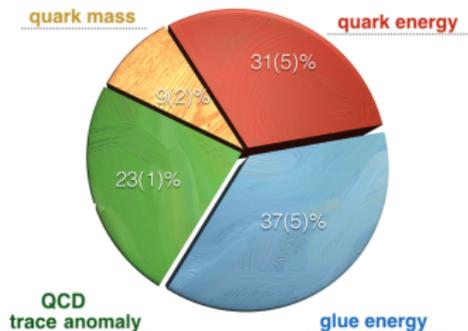
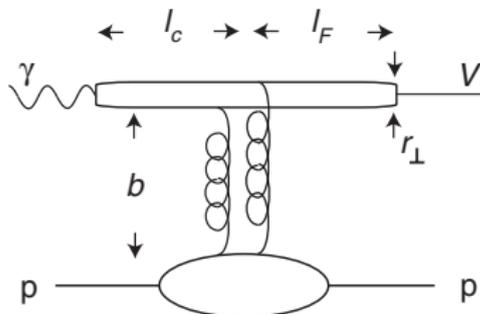
M_m : quark mass (condensate)

M_g : gluon energy

M_a : trace anomaly

- M_q and M_g constrained by PDFs.
- M_m via πN low energy scattering.
- M_a via threshold production of J/Ψ (8.2 GeV; JLab) and Υ (12 GeV);
- Threshold requires low CoM energy. (Low $y \equiv q \cdot p / k \cdot p$ at EIC).
- Complementarity between EicC (and EIC) and lattice.

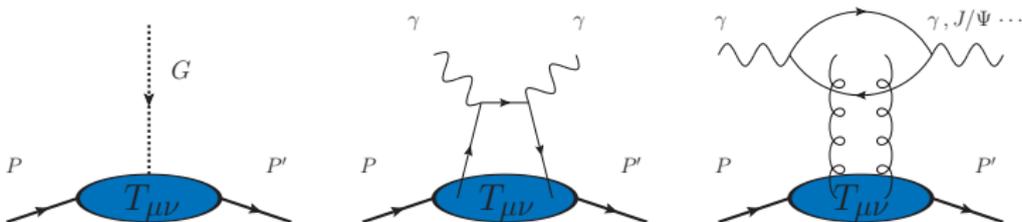
[Kharzeev, *et al*, 99; Brodsky *et al*, 01]



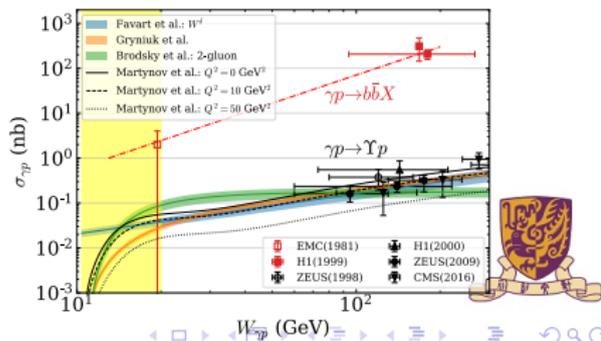
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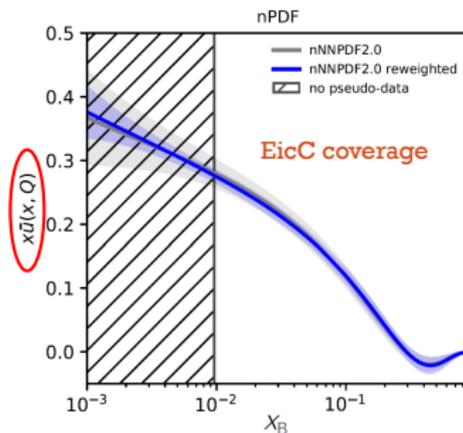
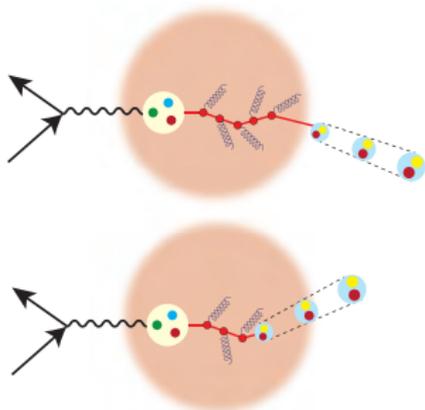
Measuring Gravitational Form Factors



- Intuitively, one can use graviton (spin 2), similar to charge form factor, to probe the mass properties of proton (GFF). But gravity is too weak.
- [Ji, 97] Use two photons (spin 1) in DVCS to study GPDs, which are related to GFF. Two different channels can probe quark and gluon parts, respectively.
- Strong impact of recent GlueX data on extraction of **mass radius**. [Kharzeev, 21], [Wang, *et al*, 21], [Ji, 21] [Guo, *et al*, 21], [Sun, *et al*, 21], [Roberts, *et al*, 21] π , K
- Synergy** between EICs and theory including lattice.



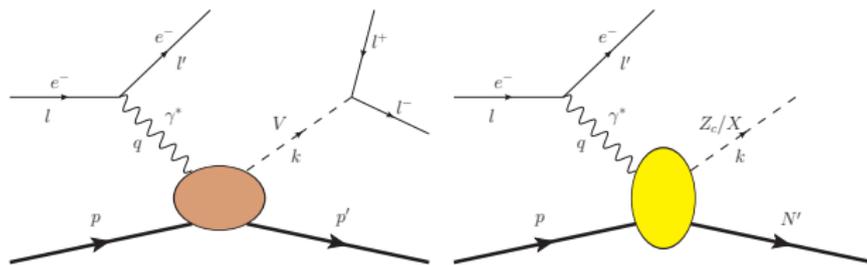
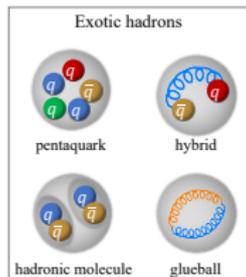
Quark-gluons in cold nuclear medium



- Use heavy nuclei to study parton energy loss in cold nuclear medium
- Hadronization inside and outside medium. (Nucleus as a lab at the fm scale)
- Medium modification of light meson and heavy meson in SIDIS.
- Precision study of nuclear PDFs with heavy ion beams.



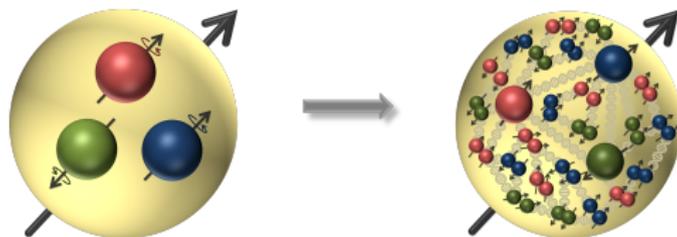
Exotic States



- Complementary to e^+e^- and pp colliders. (reduce ambiguity / background)
- Larger acceptance, exotic hadrons produced at middle rapidity.
- Heavy-flavor exotic hadrons, in particular to charmonium-like states and hidden charm pentaquarks.
- Polarization helps to determine the quantum numbers.



Summary



- Fifty years ago, **quark and gluon & their interaction** discovered. On the other hand, still more questions than answers in QCD!
- Cutting-edge Electron-Ion Colliders will complete our 21st century view of the proton and render us **3D image** of protons and heavy nuclei with unprecedented precision; significantly advance our understanding of **strong interaction (QCD)**.
- EicC focuses on **sea-quark/gluon** at **moderate/large- x** region ($\Delta g/g$ and 3D).
- EicC can tackle the issue of the **trace anomaly** contribution to the proton mass at the **Υ threshold**. Understand mass in general!
- EIC and EicC are **complementary** to each other in physics goals.

