### Future High Energy Electron - Hadron Scattering: The LHeC Project







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collider for the
2020s, based on
the high lumi LHC
Can we add ep and eA
collisions to the existing LHC
pp, AA and pA programme?



<u>Conceptual Design</u> <u>Report (July 2012)</u>

630 pages, summarising 5 year workshop commissioned by CERN, ECFA and NuPECC

~200 participants, 69 institutes

Additional material in subsequent updates:

"A Large Hadron Electron Collider at CERN" [arXiv:1211.4831]

*"On the Relation of the LHeC and the LHC"* [arXiv:1211.5102]

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### **DIS and HERA**

Q<sup>2</sup>: exchanged boson resolving power

# x: fractional momentum of struck quark





HERA Proton parton densities in x range well matched to LHC rapidity plateau ... BUT...

- Insufficient lumi for high x
- Lack of Q<sup>2</sup> lever-arm for low x gluon
- Assumptions on quark flavour decomposition
- No deuterons or heavy ions

## Current PDFs & LHC



Current uncertainties due to PDFs for particles on LHC rapidity plateau (NLO):

- Most precise for quark initiated processes around EW scale
- Gluon initiated processes less well known
- All uncertainties explode for largest masses



### **Beyond HERA: LHeC Context**



### Baseline<sup>#</sup> Design (Electron "Linac")

Design constraint: power consumption < 100 MW  $\rightarrow$  E<sub>e</sub> = 60 GeV

- Two 10 GeV linacs,
- 3 returns, 20 MV/m
- Energy recovery in same structures [CERN plans energy recovery prototype]



- ep Lumi 10<sup>33</sup> 10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>
- $\rightarrow$  10 100 fb<sup>-1</sup> per year
- → 100 fb<sup>-1</sup> 1 ab<sup>-1</sup> total
- eD and eA collisions have always been integral to programme
- e-nucleon Lumi estimates ~ 10<sup>31</sup> (10<sup>32</sup>) cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> for eD (ePb)

# Alternative designs based on electron ring and on higher energy, lower
 6 luminosity, linac also exist

### **Physics Overview**



#### LHeC Detector Acceptance Requirements

Access to  $Q^2=1$  GeV<sup>2</sup> in ep mode for all x > 5 x 10<sup>-7</sup> requires scattered electron acceptance to 179°





Similarly, need 1° acceptance in outgoing proton direction to contain hadrons at high x (essential for good kinematic reconstruction)

#### **Detector Overview**



- Forward / backward asymmetry reflecting beam energies
- Present size 14m x 9m (c.f. CMS 21m x 15m, ATLAS 45m x 25m)
- ZDC, proton spectrometer integral to design from outset

### **Assumed Systematic Precision**

In the absence of a detailed simulation set-up, simulated `pseudo-data' produced with reasonable assumptions on systematics (typically 2x better than H1 and ZEUS at HERA).

	LHeC	HERA
Lumi [cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ]	10 <sup>33</sup>	1-5*10 <sup>31</sup>
Acceptance [°]	1-179	7-177
Tracking to	0.1 mrad	0.2-1 mrad
EM calorimetry to	0.1%	0.2-0.5%
Hadronic calorimetry	0.5%	1-2%
Luminosity	0.5%	1%

#### **PDF Constraints at LHeC**

Full simulation of inclusive NC and CC DIS data, including systematics  $\rightarrow$  NLO DGLAP fit using HERA technology...



... impact at low x (kinematic range) and high x (luminosity)

... precise light quark vector, axial couplings, weak mixing angle

... full flavour decomposition



### Do we need to Care about High x?



Ancient history (HERA, Tevatron)

- Apparent excess in large  $E_T$  jets at Tevatron turned out to be explained by too low high x gluon density in PDF sets

- Confirmation of (non-resonant) new physics near LHC kinematic limit relies on breakdown of factorisation between ep and pp

Searches near LHC kinematic boundary may ultimately be limited by knowledge of PDFs (especially gluon as  $x \rightarrow 1$ ) <sup>12</sup>

### e.g. High Mass 2 Gluino Production

- Signature is excess @ large invariant mass
- Expected SM background (e.g.  $gg \rightarrow gg$ ) poorly known for s-hat > 1 TeV.
- Both signal & background uncertainties driven by error on gluon density ...
   Essentially unknown for masses much beyond 2 TeV

- Similar conclusions for other non-resonant LHC signals involving high x partons (e.g. contact interactions signal in Drell-Yan)



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### **PDF Uncertainties for Higgs Physics**



contributions

knowledge of PDFs in HL-LHC era

### A Direct Higgs Study

Dominant charged current process has similar cross section to linear e+e- collider

Study of  $H \rightarrow$  bbbar in generic simulated LHC detector

	E <sub>e</sub> = 150 GeV (10 fb <sup>-1</sup> )	E <sub>e</sub> = 60 GeV (100 fb <sup>-1</sup> )
$H \rightarrow bb$ signal	84.6	248
S/N	1.79	1.05
S∕√N	12.3	16.1



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... + 90% lepton polarisation enhances signal by factor 1.9

- ... + With 10<sup>34</sup> luminosity, x10 more data
- $\rightarrow$  ~5000 events @ Ee = 60 GeV ... H $\rightarrow$ bbbar coupling to ~ 1%.

### **Direct Sensitivity to New Physics**

• The (pp) LHC has much better discovery potential than LHeC (unless  $E_e$  increases to >~500 GeV and 10<sup>34</sup> lumi achieved)



e.g. Expected quark compositeness limits below 10<sup>-19</sup> m at LHeC

... big improvement on HERA, but already beaten by LHC

• LHeC *is* competitive with LHC in cases where initial state lepton is an advantage and offers cleaner final states



#### **Cross Sections and Rates for Heavy Flavours**



c.f. luminosity of ~10 fb<sup>-1</sup> per year ...

#### Low-x Physics and Parton Saturation



Somewhere & somehow, the low x growth of cross sections must be tamed to satisfy unitarity ... non-linear effects
... new high density, small coupling parton regime of non-linear parton evolution dynamics (e.g. Colour Glass Condensate)? ...
... gluon dynamics → confinement and hadronic mass generation

#### LHeC Strategy for making the target blacker

ln 1/x

LHeC delivers a 2-pronged approach:

Enhance target `blackness' by: ep 1) Probing lower x at fixed  $Q^2$  in ep eA [evolution of a single source] DILUTE REGION 2) Increasing target matter in eA [overlapping many sources at fixed kinematics ... density ~  $A^{1/3} \sim 6$  for Pb ... worth 2 orders of magnitude in x]



... Reaching saturated region in both ep & eA according to current models

In A

[fixed Q]

DENSE REGION **Establishing and Characterising Saturation** With 1 fb<sup>-1</sup> (1 month at  $10^{33}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>), F<sub>2</sub> stat. < 0.1%, syst, 1-3% F<sub>L</sub> measurement to 8% with 1 year of varying E<sub>e</sub> or E<sub>p</sub>



- LHeC can distinguish between different QCD-based models for the onset of non-linear dynamics
- Unambiguous observation of saturation will be based on tension between different observables e.g.  $F_2 v F_L$  in ep or  $F_2$  in ep v eA

### **Exclusive / Diffractive Channels and Saturation**

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**X (M<sub>x</sub>)** 

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- 1) [Low-Nussinov] interpretation as 2 gluon exchange enhances sensitivity to low x gluon
- 2) Additional variable t gives access to impact parameter (b) dependent amplitudes
  - $\rightarrow$  Large t (small b) probes densest packed part of proton?



### e.g. J/ $\psi$ Photoproduction







• Significant non-linear effects expected in LHeC kinematic range.

 Data shown are extrapolations of HERA power law fit for E<sub>e</sub> = 150 GeV... → Sat<sup>n</sup> smoking gun?

### LHeC as an Electron-ion Collider

#### Four orders of magnitude increase in kinematic range over previous DIS experiments.



→Revolutionise our view of the partonic structure of nuclear matter.

 $\rightarrow$  Study interactions of densely packed, but weakly coupled, partons

→Ultra-clean probe of passage of `struck' partons through cold nuclear matter

### **Relevance to the Heavy Ion Programme**



### **Current Status of Nuclear Parton Densities**



constrained for  $x < 10^{-2}$ 









### **Current Low x Understanding in LHC Ion Data**



η dependence of pPb charged
particle spectra best described
by shadowing-only models
(saturation models too steep?)
... progress with pPb, but
uncertainties still large, detailed
situation far from clear

Uncertainties in low-x nuclear PDFs preclude precision statements on medium produced in AA (e.g. extent of screening of c-cbar potential)

Minimum Bias pA data





### **Summary and Outlook**

- LHC is new world for p-p physics (even more for heavy ion) physics
- Conceptual Design Report available.
- Timeline?... Optimal impact by running in High Lumi LHC Phase
- Ongoing work ...
  - Physics motivation
  - Detector / simulation
  - Superconducting RF, ERL, machine ...

More at:

- http://cern.ch/lhec
- CDR [arXiv:1206.2913]
- `Dig Deeper', Newman & Stasto, Nature Physics 9 (2013) 448



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