## Low x LHeC and FCC-eh Studies



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#### Low x Physics is Driven by the Gluon

... knowledge comes entirely from inclusive NC HERA data ...



#### Are there Saturation Effects in low x HERA data?

e.g. NNPDF: NLO DGLAP description deteriorates when adding data in lines  $Q^2 > Ax^{-0.3}$ parallel to 'saturation' curve in x/Q<sup>2</sup>.





Final HERA-2 Combined PDF Paper: "some tension in fit between low & medium Q<sup>2</sup> data... not attributable to particular x region" (though kinematic correlation) ... something probably happens, but subtle ... interpretation?

### Introducing Q<sup>2</sup> < 1 GeV<sup>2</sup> data ... and a Dipole Model with Saturation





All data ( $Q^2 > ~ 0.05 \text{ GeV}^2$ ) are well fitted in (dipole) models that include saturation effects - x dependent "saturation scale",  $Q^2_s(x)$ 

 $\frac{xG_A(x,Q_s^2)}{\pi R_A^2 Q_s^2} \sim 1 \Longrightarrow Q_s^2 \propto A^{1/3} x^{\sim -0.3}$ 

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... at HERA,  $Q_s^2$  doesn't get above about 0.5 GeV<sup>2</sup>  $\rightarrow$ Saturation may have been observed at HERA ... well described by CGC+dipoles  $\rightarrow$ Gluon sat<sup>n</sup> not observed (and may not be in inclusive ep in foreseeable future)

## The Gluon Density at Scales other than 10GeV<sup>2</sup>



Saturating hadrons with a small number of ("large") gluons?
Alternative language (dipole models,

gluons not degrees of freedom)?

... Phase space is vital for a clean partonic investigation of saturation ...

- Electroweak scale ~ M<sub>Z</sub><sup>2</sup> (as
   relevant to precision LHC physics)
   ... gluon rise gets sharper ...
  - Starting scale ~ 1.9 GeV<sup>2</sup> (gluon close to 0 in pure DGLAP approach

... and coupling  $\widehat{f_X}^{(x)}$ not so weak!)



#### LHeC: Accessing saturation region at large Q<sup>2</sup>

n 1/x

LHeC delivers a 2-pronged approach:

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



... Reaches saturated region in both ep & eA inclusive data according to models

In A

[fixed Q]

DENSE REGION

eA

#### Maximal Detector Acceptance is Vital

#### eg from LHeC ...

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°





Also need 1° acceptance in proton direction to contain hadrons for kinematic reconstruction, Mueller-Navelet jets, maximise acceptance for new massive particles ...

#### Elastic J/Ψ Kinematics (example from LHeC)

• At fixed  $\int s$ , decay muon direction is determined by W =  $\int s_{\gamma p}$ 

• To access highest W, acceptance in outgoing electron beam direction crucial







#### **LHeC Sensitivity to Different Saturation Models**

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>D</sub>



#### $F_2$ and $F_L$ pseudodata at $Q^2 = 10 \text{ GeV}^2$

• LHeC can distinguish between different QCD-based models for the onset of non-linear dynamics

... but can sat<sup>n</sup> effects hide in standard fit parameterisations?

#### Can Parton Saturation be Established in ep @ LHeC?

Simulated LHeC  $F_2$  and  $F_L$  data based on an (old) dipole model containing low x saturation (FS04-sat)... Try to fit in NLO DGLAP ... NNPDF (also HERA framework) DGLAP QCD fits work OK if only  $F_2$  is fitted, but cannot accommodate saturation effects if  $F_2$ and  $F_1$  both fitted



• 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**

v\*m

р

g g g g

win

V

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

р

(Q<sup>2</sup>)

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



#### **Proton Spectrometers Come of Age**

LHC experiments (TOTEM, ALFA@ATLAS) have shown that it's possible to make precision measurements and cover wide kinematic range with Roman pots.

e.g. TOTEM operates 14(?) pots in 2017, with several at full LHC

lumi (~50ps timing and precision tracking detectors) → Sensitivity to subtle new effects eg non-exponential term in elastic t dependence ...







#### Design for LHeC Forward Proton Spectrometers

We should ensure full acceptance Roman pot forward detector systems are integrated into our future facility designs from outset

eg LHeC Proton spectrometer uses outcomes of FP420 project (proposal for low ξ Roman pots at ATLAS / CMS not yet adopted)
Tags elastically scattered protons with high acceptance over a wide

z (m)

420

Proton

Spectrometer





#### **Test Case: Elastic J/\Psi Photoproduction**

- `Cleanly' interpreted as hard 2g exchange coupling to qqbar dipole
- c and c-bar share energy equally, simplifying VM wavefunction relative to  $\rho$



• Clean experimental signature (just 2 leptons)

• Scale  $\overline{Q^2} \sim (Q^2 + M_V^2) / 4 > \sim 3 \text{ GeV}^2$  ideally suited to reaching lowest possible x whilst remaining in perturbative regime

... eg LHeC reach extends to:  $x_g \sim (Q^2 + M_V^2) / (Q^2 + W^2) \sim 5.10^{-6}$ 

• Simulations (DIFFVM) of elastic  $J/\Psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$  photoproduction  $\rightarrow$  scattered electron untagged, 1° acceptance for muons (similar method to H1 and ZEUS)

#### $J/\Psi$ from future ep v Dipole model Predictions

- e.g. "b-Sat" Dipole model - "eikonalised": with impact-parameter dependent saturation
- "1 Pomeron": non-saturating





• Significant non-linear effects expected in LHeC kinematic range

... 'smoking gun'?...

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#### "beware unrealistic non-saturation straw men" [T. Lappi]





 Lack of sat<sup>n</sup> signal at LHC to date suggests increasing energy alone is not the answer

• Need detailed mapping in ep and eA and scanning of t (& maybe also of Q<sup>2</sup>).

#### t Dependence of Elastic J/ $\psi$ at LHeC



• Precise t measurement from decay  $\mu$  tracks over wide W range extends to  $|t| \sim 2 \ GeV^2$  and enhances sensitivity to saturation effects

# • Measurements also possible in multiple Q<sup>2</sup> bins

... see also eA (later talks)









## New Study (Wojtek Slominski)

Investigate LHeC potential for diffractive parton densities

- So far using same framework as at HERA (ZEUS version) with factorising  $x_{IP}$  dependence (IP) and  $(\beta, Q^2)$  dependence from NLO DGLAP fit

$$f_k = A_k x^{B_k} (1-x)^{C_k}$$

k=g,d and  $A_k$ ,  $B_k$ ,  $C_k$  free

d = u = s = dbar= ubar = sbar



0.2

0.4

0.6

0.8

1

z

- Small sub-leading (IR) exchange required at largest x<sub>IP</sub>

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#### HERA Data v LHeC Phase Space



#### LHeC Simulated Data (ZEUS-SJ extrapolation)





- Normalisation uncertainties
- Parameterisation bias etc?
- Optimise binning
- Sensitivity to flavour decomp
- Sensitivity to deviations from pure DGLAP

## Simulated DPDF Precision (work in progress)



#### Diffraction at FCC-eh in 1 slide





- Similarly for masses and transverse momenta of jets.
- W range for VMs  $\rightarrow$  multi-TeV

FCC-eh kinematics sensitive to diffractive structure in larger  $(\beta, Q^2)$  range than  $(x, Q^2)$  range sampled for the proton @ HERA!



#### Summary

- Low x QCD is a frontier of future  $\rightarrow$  emergent phenomena at high density, strong coupling (saturation, confinement, mass)

- LHeC / FCC-eh addresses this physics better than any other future facility

- Recent progress in sensitivity to diffractive PDFs
- Still plenty more to do ... wish list
  - → DVCS and GPD / TMD sensitivity
  - $\rightarrow$  Lots of FCC-eh simulations
  - $\rightarrow$  Any simulations with real attempts at systematics
  - $\rightarrow$  More detailed forward instrumentation design

 $\rightarrow$  ...

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