A journey from the LHC to an EIC with a *short stop* at RHIC and HERA



Emergence of Quantum Matter



Big question:

 Detail properties of this emergent QCD matter, .e.g., Chiral symmetry restoration in Quark-Gluon-Plasma?

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Why do such thing?

 Shown some properties of the hot QGP medium, e.g., long-range particle correlation

provides a baseline for (not) finding exotic physics

Chiral Magnetic Effect

Three birds, one stone

- Version of the second strong P and CP violation
- Chiral symmetry restoration
- Initial strong magnetic field



CME: charge separation w.r.t event plane

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Unambiguous prove of presence of background in data!

New insights and baseline for CME searches at RHIC

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Von Neumann entanglement entropy [edit]

The bipartite Von Neumann entanglement entropy S is defined as the Von Neumann entropy of either of its reduced states; the result is independent of which one we pick. That is, for a pure state $\rho_{AB} = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|_{AB}$, it is given by:

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where $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B(\rho_{AB})$ and $\rho_B = \text{Tr}_A(\rho_{AB})$ are the reduced density matrices for each partition.

Entanglement entropy inside of a proton?



("local parton-hadron duality")

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H1 experiment at HERA

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Limited in acceptance

asymmetric beams at an EIC will be a game changer

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Nucleons, protons and neutrons, interacts weakly at large distance (> 2fm), and strongly at short distance (~1fm), inside of nuclei

 Two distinct regions: k < k_F and k < k_F corresponds to: Mean-field theory, e.g., Shell model, vs Short-Range Correlations (SRCs)

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Can we study the SRCs in the simplest nuclei?

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- Sensitive to deuteron GPD
- Constrains SRCs models

Will be a challenging measurement at an EIC

Opportunities at RHIC via ultra-peripheral collisions

- Current dAu UPCs data:
 - 1. J/psi photoproduction off deuterons
 - Baseline estimates of *pn* configuration in deuteron by tagging a neutron? direct connection to *SRCs*



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Maybe we can get a taste of the EIC physics before a decade later?

"If I ever get a career in physics, (I hope) it will be in an EIC"

Thank you!