### eRHIC Overview

- Why is it important and timely to study the fundamental origin of observable matter?
- Why a high luminosity lepton-ion collider?
- Why now?
- Why eRHIC?
- eRHIC conceptual design
- Cost
- Schedule

# Why study the fundamental structure of matter?

- QCD is the gauge theory which provides the basis for understanding the nucleon and atomic nuclei
- The valence quark region is well explored experimentally and reasonably well understood theoretically
- Frontier research in QCD demands a concerted experimental effort directed at the role of the gluons and sea quarks
- A new accelerator which directly probes the quarks and gluons is required

Lepton probe High center of mass energy High luminosity  $\Rightarrow$  precision vs. *ab initio* QCD Polarized lepton, nucleon Optimized detectors

• This accelerator is urgently needed to make progress in this field of research and has substantial discovery potential R.G. Milner MIT BNL PAC March 23, 2006 2

#### Crucial, open questions to be addressed by eRHIC

- Spin structure of the nucleon See talk by Abhay
  - $g_{1}^{p}(x)$  at low x dramatic QCD prediction
  - gluon and sea quark polarization
  - new (GPD, transversity) parton distributions
- Partonic understanding of nuclei hot QCD
  - gluon momentum distribution in nuclei
  - fundamental explanation of nuclear binding
  - saturation, color glass condensate See talk by Raju
- Test QCD
  - Precision: Bjorken Sum Rule
  - Novel physics: Hard diffraction

Significant discovery potential

## Why a high luminosity lepton-ion collider ?

- Lepton probe provides precision but requires high luminosity to be effective
- High E<sub>cm</sub> ⇒ large range of x, Q<sup>2</sup> Q<sub>max</sub><sup>2</sup> = E<sub>CM</sub><sup>2</sup> · x
  x range: valence, sea quarks, glue
  Q<sup>2</sup> range: utilize evolution equations of QCD
- High polarization of lepton, nucleon achievable
- Complete range of nuclear targets
- Collider geometry allows complete reconstruction of final state

eRHIC will be a unique accelerator



### $Q^2$ and x Range of eRHIC



- E\_=5-10 GeV
- E<sub>p</sub>=30-250 GeV
   s<sup>1/2</sup>=25-100 GeV

- x<sub>Bj</sub>=10<sup>-4</sup> to 0.7
  Q<sup>2</sup>=0 to 10<sup>4</sup> (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>
- polarization of  $e^{\pm}$ , p, <sup>3</sup>He ~ 70%
- heavy ion beams of all elements
- high luminosity >  $10^{33}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

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### Why now?

• Understanding the fundamental structure of matter of central importance in physics, e.g.

- Spin structure of the nucleon

- Partonic understanding of nuclei

- Over last 40 years increasing sophistication both in experimental techniques and theoretical understanding of DIS
- Lepton-nucleon capability disappearing at high energy lepton facilities (SLAC, Fermilab, CERN, and DESY)
- Planning of next generation facility a matter of urgency

### Why eRHIC?

- Collider with both polarized nucleon and heavy ion beams exists at BNL
- Capitalize on ~ \$ 1 billion investment in RHIC
- Strong scientific interest from RHIC community
- In March 2002, the leading lepton-collider option was identified as a ring-ring configuration using the existing RHIC collider: eRHIC
- Even with these advantages it will take a significant amount of time to realize eRHIC
- eRHIC complementary to other research efforts within the US and worldwide
- eRHIC is an opportunity for the United States to enhance leadership worldwide in an important field of science

### eRHIC evolution

- Substantial international interest in high luminosity (~10<sup>33</sup>cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>) polarized lepton-ion collider over decade
- Workshops

Seeheim, Germany	1997	MIT, USA	2000
IUCF, USA	1999	BNL, USA	2002
BNL, USA	1999	JLab, USA	2004
Yale, USA	2000		

- eRHIC received favorable review of science case in US 2001 Nuclear Physics Long Range Plan, with strong endorsement for R&D
- At BNL Workshop in March 2002, a plan was formulated to produce a conceptual design for ERHIC within three years
- NSAC in March 2003, declared eRHIC science `absolutely central' to future of Nuclear Physics
- eRHIC identified in November 2003 as future priority in DOE Office of Science 20 year planning

## Steering Committee

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# Workshop on QCD: Future Perspectives

- Long Range Planning Exercise for Nuclear Physics planned to start Fall 2006
- Goal: identification of eRHIC as a major priority for new construction
- QCD: Future Perspectives Workshop at BNL in July RHIC+ RHIC/spin+RHIC II + eRHIC + JLab@12GeV+.....
- APS study of QCD under consideration
- Detector R&D meeting
- Polarized electron source workshop
- Optical stochastic cooling workshop

### eRHIC Machine Design

- A Zero-order Design Report (ZDR) has been completed in March 2004 and reviewed by the BNL MAC in June 2005
- Endorsement of basic design with many good technical criticisms and suggestions
- The leading eRHIC design concept is a ring-ring configuration and will reach  $\sim 10^{33}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> luminosity
- The present design includes a full energy linac injecting polarized electrons (positrons) into a 10 GeV electron ring
- A more ambitious linac-ring concept is also under consideration to reach luminosity ~  $10^{34}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>

### Possible eRHIC layout

- Collisions at 12 o'clock interaction region
- 10 GeV, 0.5 A e-ring with 1/3 of RHIC circumference
- Inject at full energy 5 10 GeV
- Existing RHIC interaction region allows for typical asymmetric detector (similar to HERA or PEP II detectors)



### eRHIC: linac-ring concept

- Two possible designs are presented in the ZDR
- Electron beam is transported to collision point(s) directly from superconducting energy recovery linac (ERL)
- Features:
  - Higher luminosity (~ X 5) possible
  - Rapid reversal of electron polarization
  - Machine elements free region approx. ±5m
  - Simpler IR region design: Round beams possible
  - Multiple interaction regions
  - No positrons





### eRHIC ring-ring design concept estimated cost (FY06\$)

\$ 130M	
\$ 170M	
\$ 120M	
\$ 10M	

Total Estimated Direct Costs\$430MEDIA; Conting@25%; ProjG&A\$220M

Total Estimated Costs (w/o escalation) \$650M

#### Cost framework well understood and stable

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### **Present Schedule Estimate**

- · 2007
- 2009 Q1
- · 2008-10
- 2010 Q1
- 2011 Q1
- 2012 Q1
- 2016 Q4

- NSAC approval
- CDO
- R&D funding
- CD1
- CD2
- CD3 (begin construction)
- CD4 (commissioning begins)

### **Urgent Priorities**

- Urge increased support for long term R&D Important examples include
  - development of polarized <sup>3</sup>He ion source for RHIC
  - demonstrate optical stochastic cooling
  - polarized electron source technology
- Urge support for resources for eRHIC detector and simulations group

#### See talk by Bernd



 eRHIC is required within a decade to maintain progress in the study of the fundamental structure of matter spin structure of nucleon

partonic basis of atomic nuclei

- eRHIC is an outstanding scientific opportunity to realize the next generation QCD machine in a cost effective way
- An eRHIC accelerator design has been developed based on realistic considerations and which can deliver luminosity close to 10<sup>33</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> - cost model is well understood
- The more ambitious linac-ring concept has the potential to yield higher luminosity and is under development
- Urgency to realize eRHIC driven by strength of scientific case and interest from worldwide community
- We request the resources and support to make a convincing case to broad nuclear physics community over next year for eRHIC