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A new high-energy electron microscope to study QCD

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Physicists concerned with understanding the fundamental quark and gluon structure of atomic nuclei have identified a new high-energy electron microscope as a key tool with which to make progress. A high luminosity electron-ion collider with both polarized and nuclear beams would open a new window on the virtual particles of QCD, namely the sea quarks and gluons. The talk will summarize the scientific arguments that motivate this new capability.