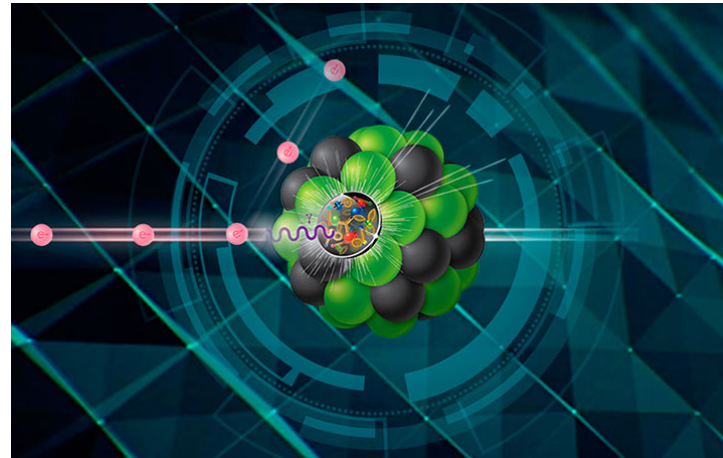




# ePIC (electron-Proton/Ion Collider) Detector and Collaboration

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**Low-x**  
Leros, GR  
Sep 4-8, 23

**Topics**

- Diffraction and photon-exchange
- Heavy-ion physics at LHC and RHIC
- Low  $x$  PDFs, and hadronic final states
- QCD and saturation
- Spin physics

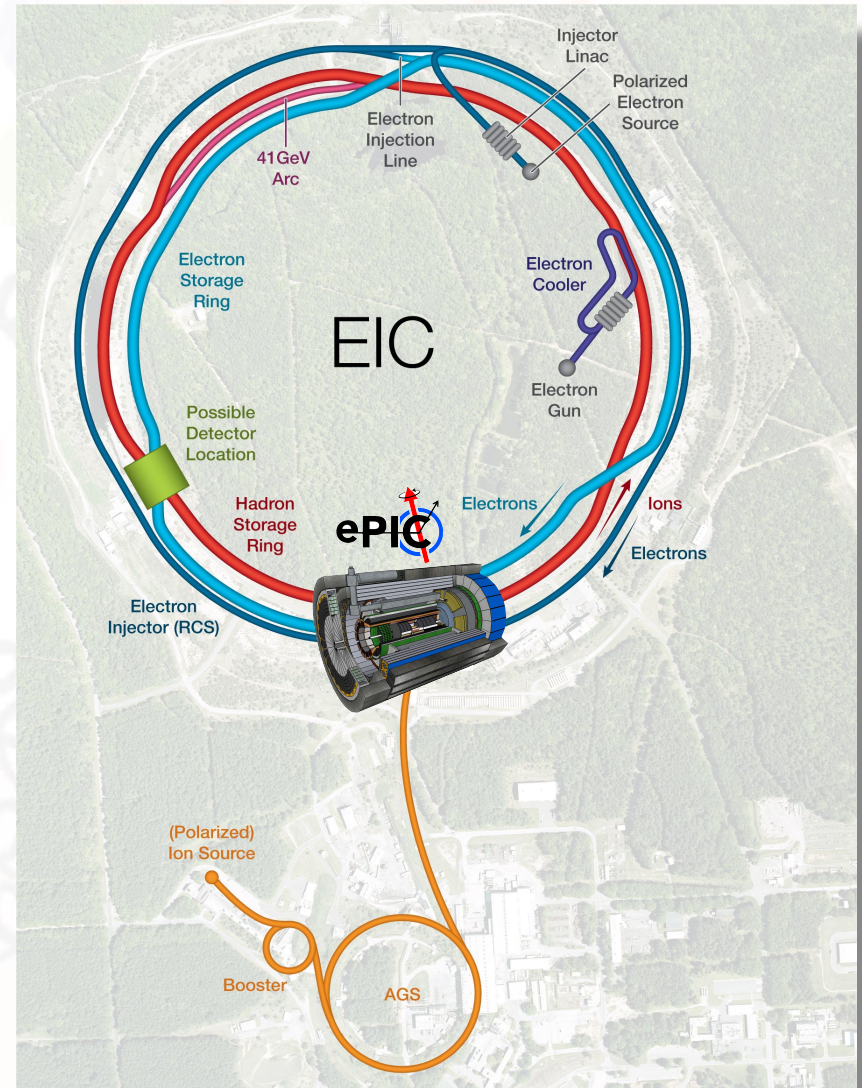
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# Outline

- EIC Project Development
- Selected EIC Physics Pillars → Low-x Physics
- ePIC Detector Layout
- ePIC Collaboration
- Summary And Next Steps

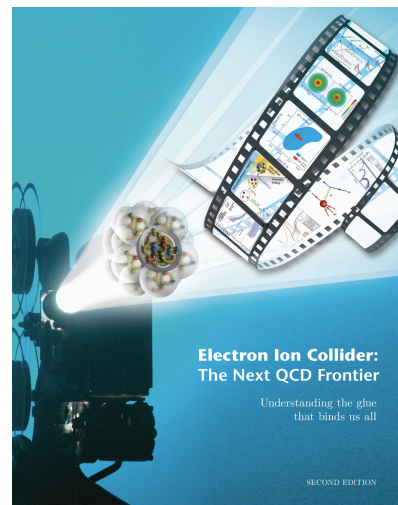


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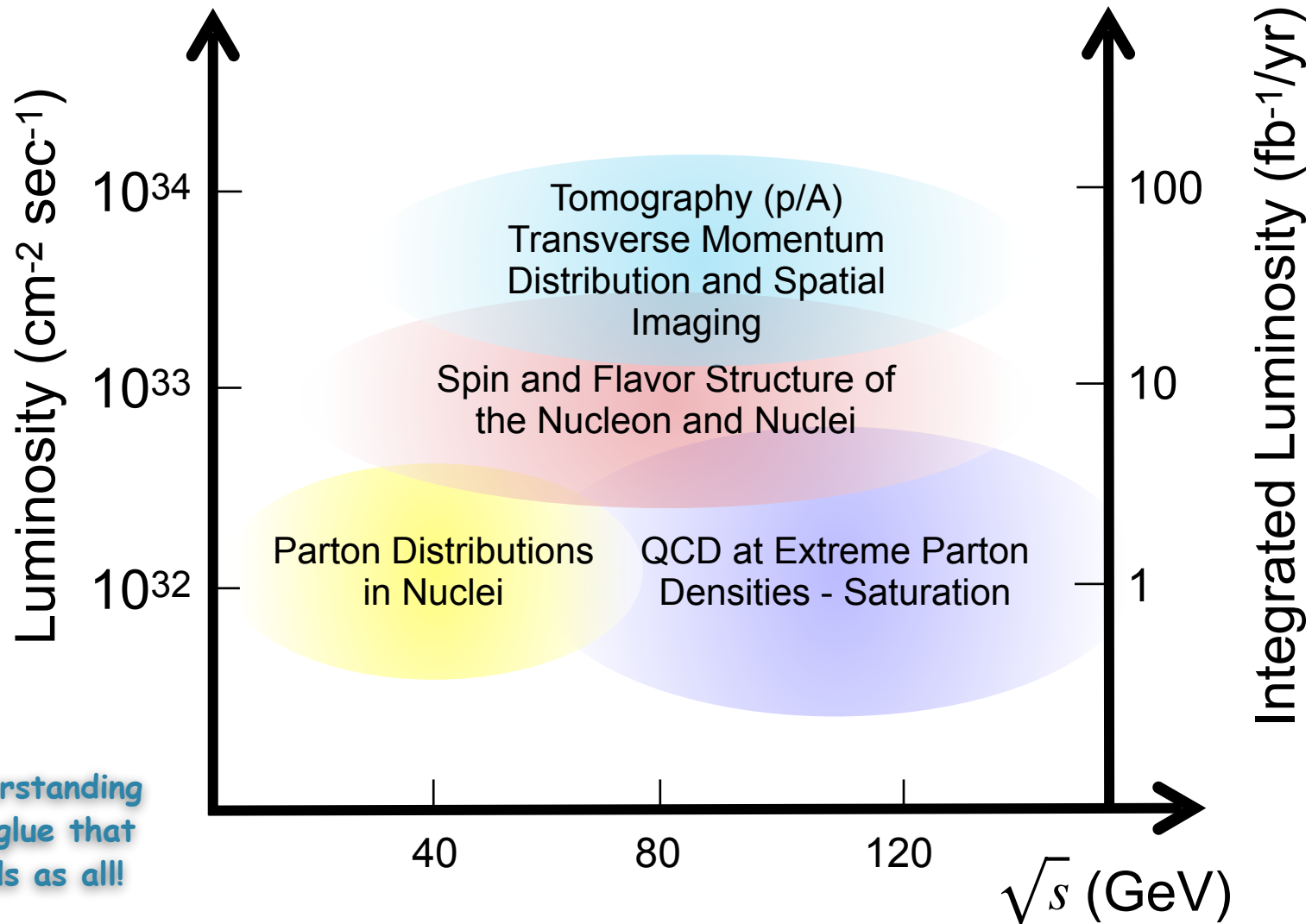
- EIC: Study structure and dynamics of matter at **high luminosity**, **high energy** with **polarized beams** and **wide range of nuclei**

- Whitepaper:

arXiv:1212.1701



Understanding  
the glue that  
binds as all!



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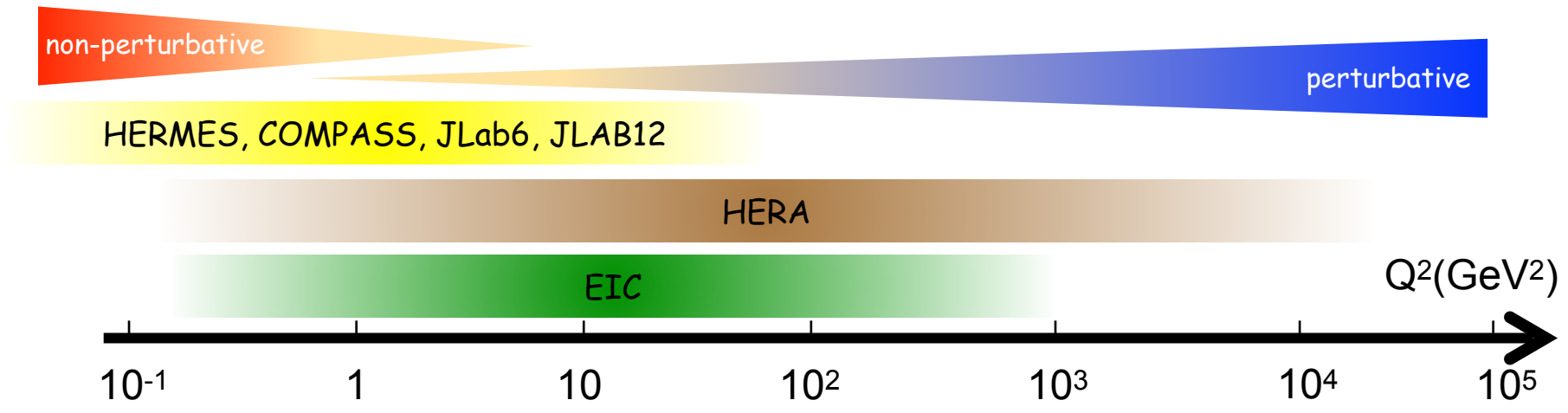
## □ Requirements

### ○ Machine:

- High luminosity:  $10^{33}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1} - 10^{34}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Flexible center-of-mass energy  $\sqrt{s} = \sqrt{4 E_e E_p}$ : Wide kinematic range  $Q^2 = s x y$
- Highly polarized electron (0.8) and proton / light ion (0.7) beams: Spin structure studies
- Wide range of nuclear beams (d to Pb/U): High gluon density

### ○ Detector:

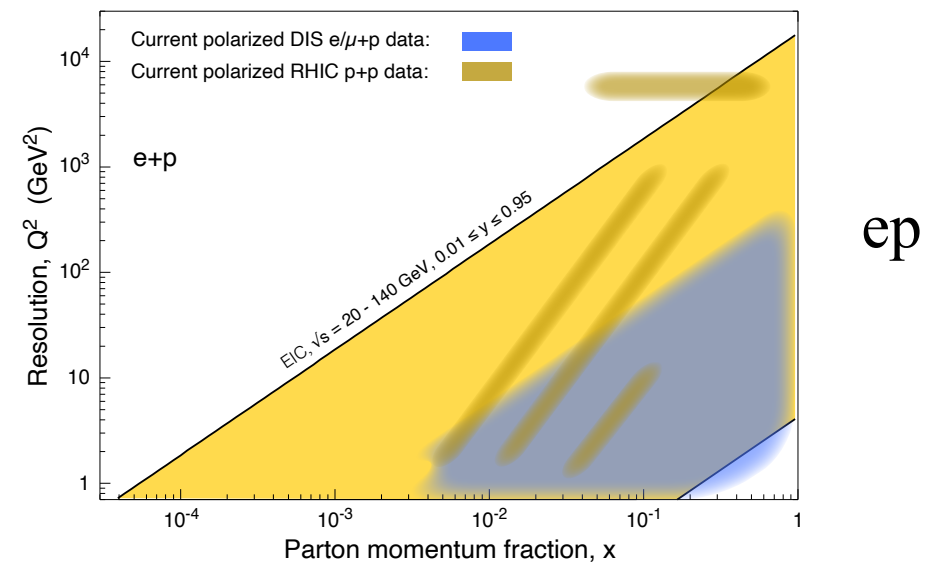
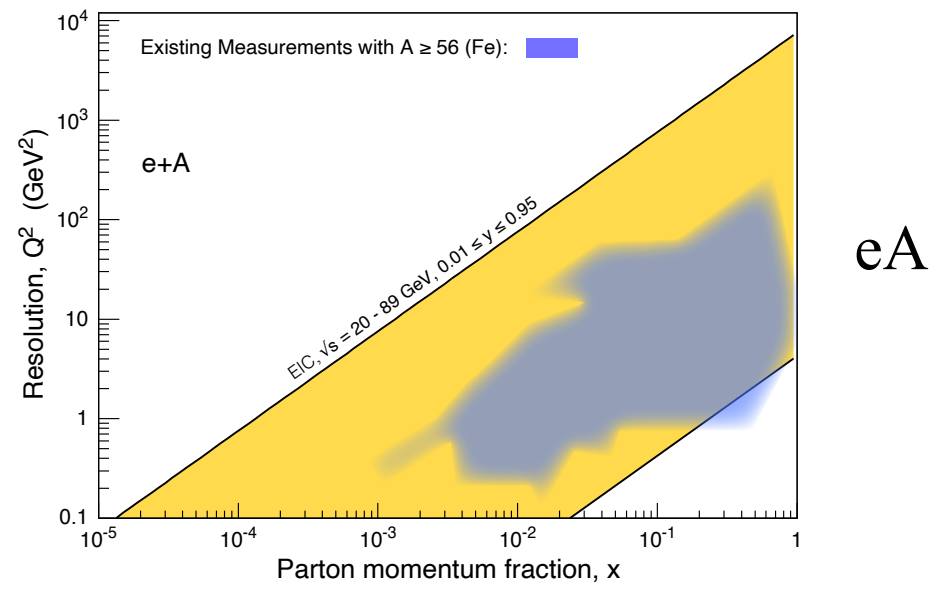
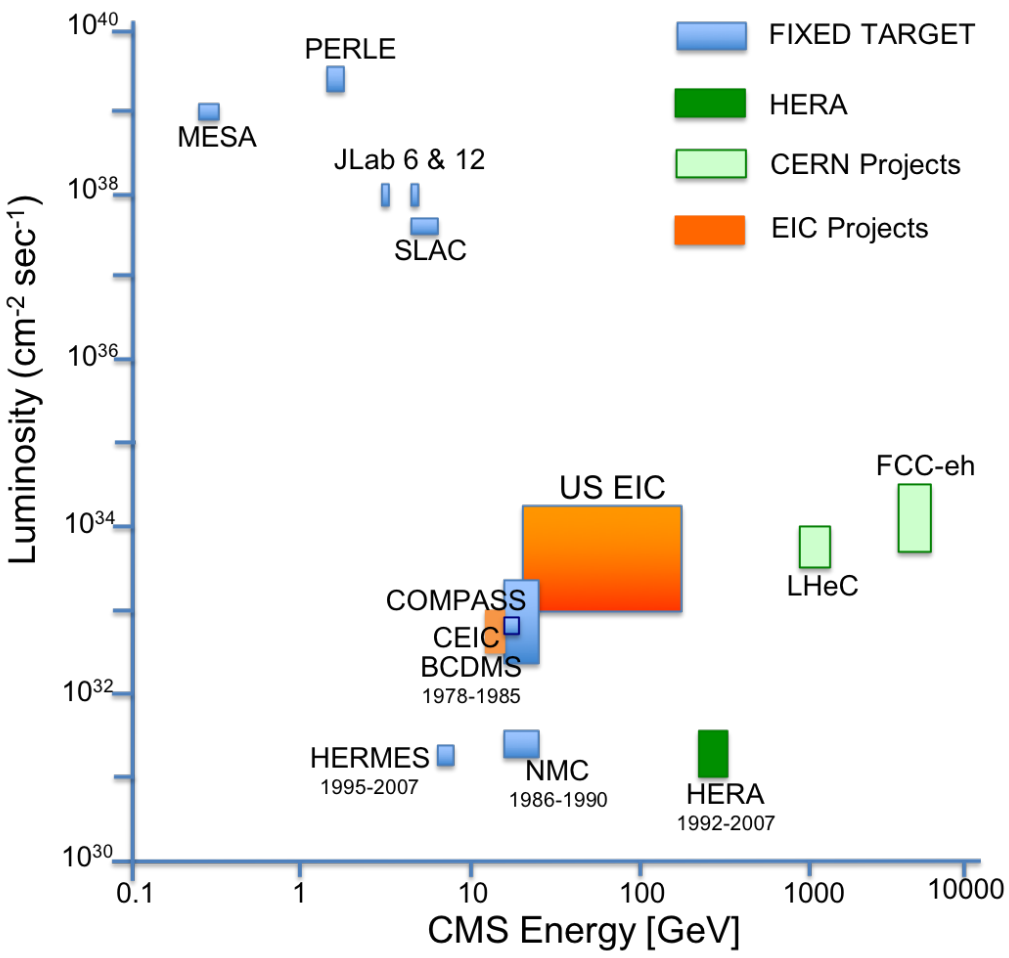
- Wide acceptance detector system including particle ID (e/h separation &  $\pi$ , K, p ID - flavor tagging)
- Instrumentation for tagging of protons from elastic reactions and neutrons from nuclear breakup: Target / nuclear fragments in addition to low  $Q^2$  tagger / polarimetry and luminosity (abs. and rel.) measurement





# EIC Project Development

□ Luminosity /  $\sqrt{s}$  / Kinematic coverage



# EIC Project Development

- Critical steps over the last couple of years
  - INT Workshop series / Documentation of Physics Case - **Whitepaper**: "Understanding the glue that binds us all!"
    - INT Workshop: 2010
    - WP: 2012, updated in 2014 for LRP
  - 2015 Long-range plan (LRP):

T. Hallman

**The 2015 Long Range Plan for Nuclear Science**

Recommendations:

1. Capitalize on investments made to maintain U.S. leadership in nuclear science.
2. Develop and deploy a U.S.-led ton-scale neutrino-less double beta decay experiment.
3. Construct a high-energy high-luminosity polarized electron-ion collider (EIC) as the highest priority for new construction following the completion of FRIB.
4. Increase investment in small-scale and mid-scale projects and initiatives that enable forefront research at universities and laboratories.

The FY 2018 Request supports progress in important aspects of the 2015 LRP Vision

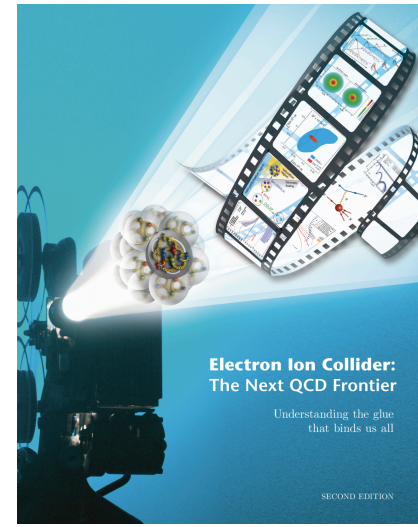
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NSAC Meeting

June 2, 2017

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arXiv:1212.1701



Understanding the glue that binds us all!

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Next Formal Step on the EIC Science Case is Continuing

**THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES, ENGINEERING, AND MEDICINE**  
Division on Engineering and Physical Science  
Board on Physics and Astronomy  
**U.S.-Based Electron Ion Collider Science Assessment**

**Summary**

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine ("National Academies") will form a committee to carry out a thorough, independent assessment of the scientific justification for a U.S. domestic electron ion collider facility. In preparing its report, the committee will address the role that such a facility would play in the future of nuclear science, considering the field broadly, but placing emphasis on its potential scientific impact on quantum chromodynamics. The need for such an accelerator will be addressed in the context of international efforts in this area. Support for the 18-month project in the amount of \$540,000 is requested from the Department of Energy.

"U.S.-Based Electron Ion Collider Science Assessment" is now getting underway. The Chair will be Gordon Baym. The rest of the committee, including a co-chair, will be appointed in the next couple of weeks. The first meeting is being planned for January, 2017

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- Request to review EIC Science Case by National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAS)

# EIC Project Development

## □ NAS Webinar and NAS report release: 07/24/2018

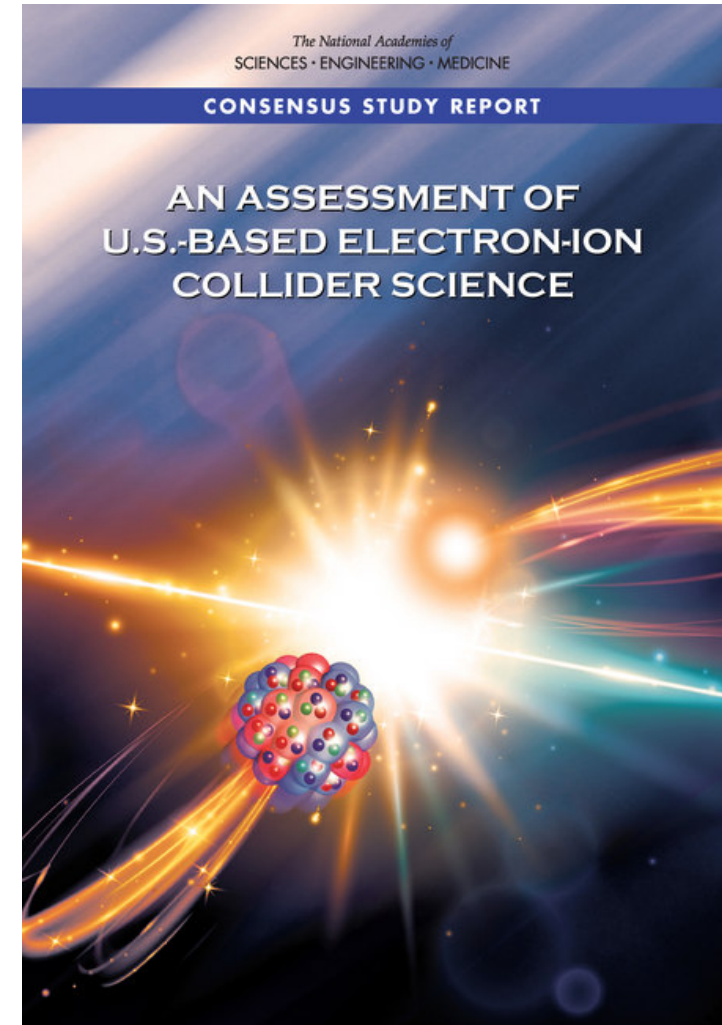
<https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25171/an-assessment-of-us-based-electron-ion-collider-science>

Download pdf-file of  
final report!

- Webinar on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 - Public presentation and report release
- Gordon Baym (Co-chair): Webinar presentation

“The committee finds that the science that can be addressed by an EIC is compelling, fundamental and timely.”

- Slides from Webinar: <https://www.nap.edu/resource/25171/eic-public-briefing-slides.pdf>
- Glowing" report on a US-based EIC facility!

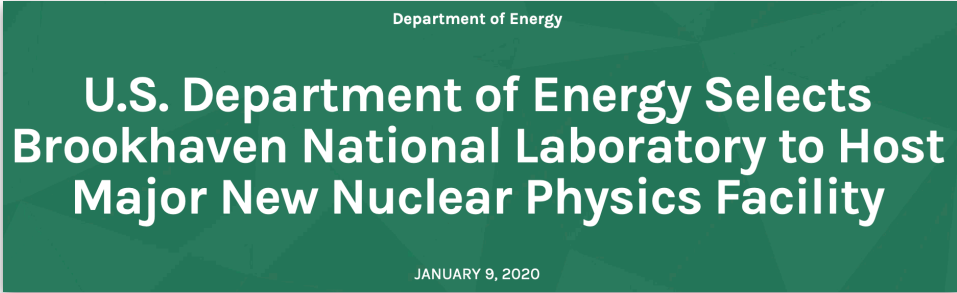




# EIC Project Development

- Site Selection and award of DOE Critical Decisions 0 (CD-0) and 1 (CD-1)

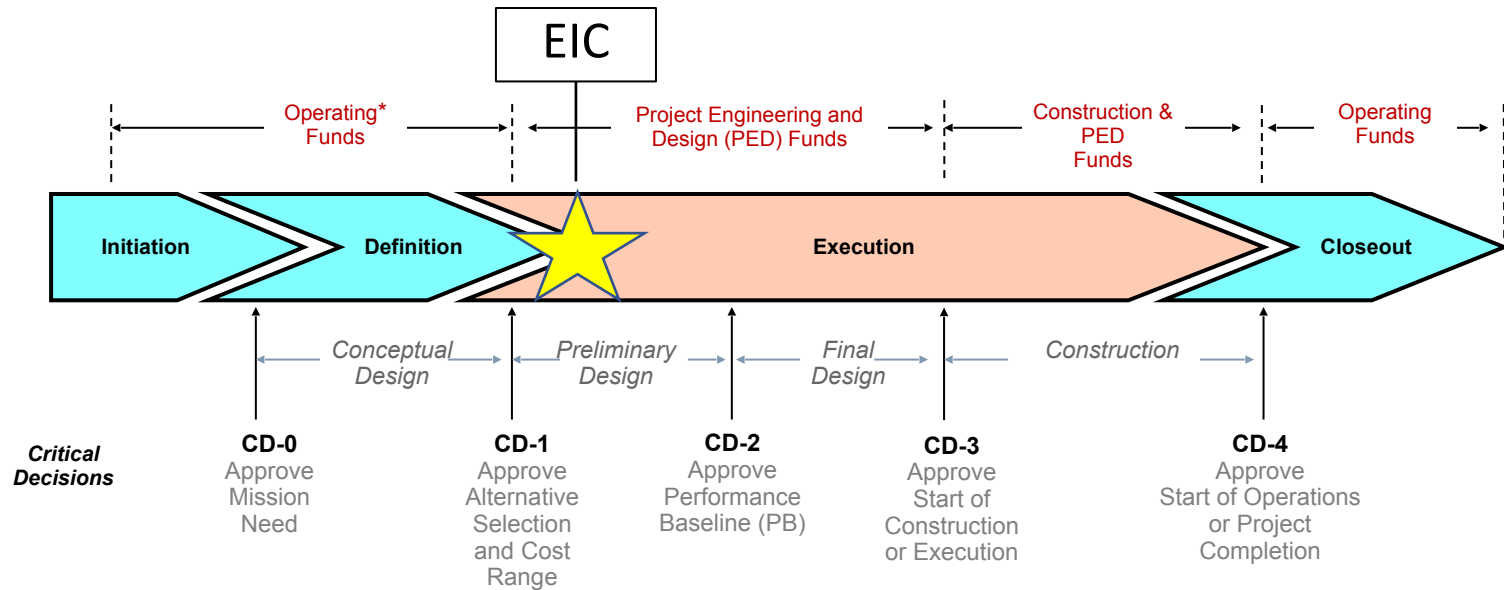
<https://www.energy.gov/articles/us-department-energy-selects-brookhaven-national-laboratory-host-major-new-nuclear-physics>



**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced the selection of Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, NY, as the site for a planned major new nuclear physics research facility. The Electron Ion Collider (EIC), to be designed and constructed over ten years at an estimated cost between \$1.6 and \$2.6 billion, will smash electrons into protons and heavier atomic nuclei in an effort to penetrate the mysteries of the “strong force” that binds the atomic nucleus together.

Critical Decision-0 (CD-0), “Approve Mission Need”, approved for the EIC on December 19, 2019.

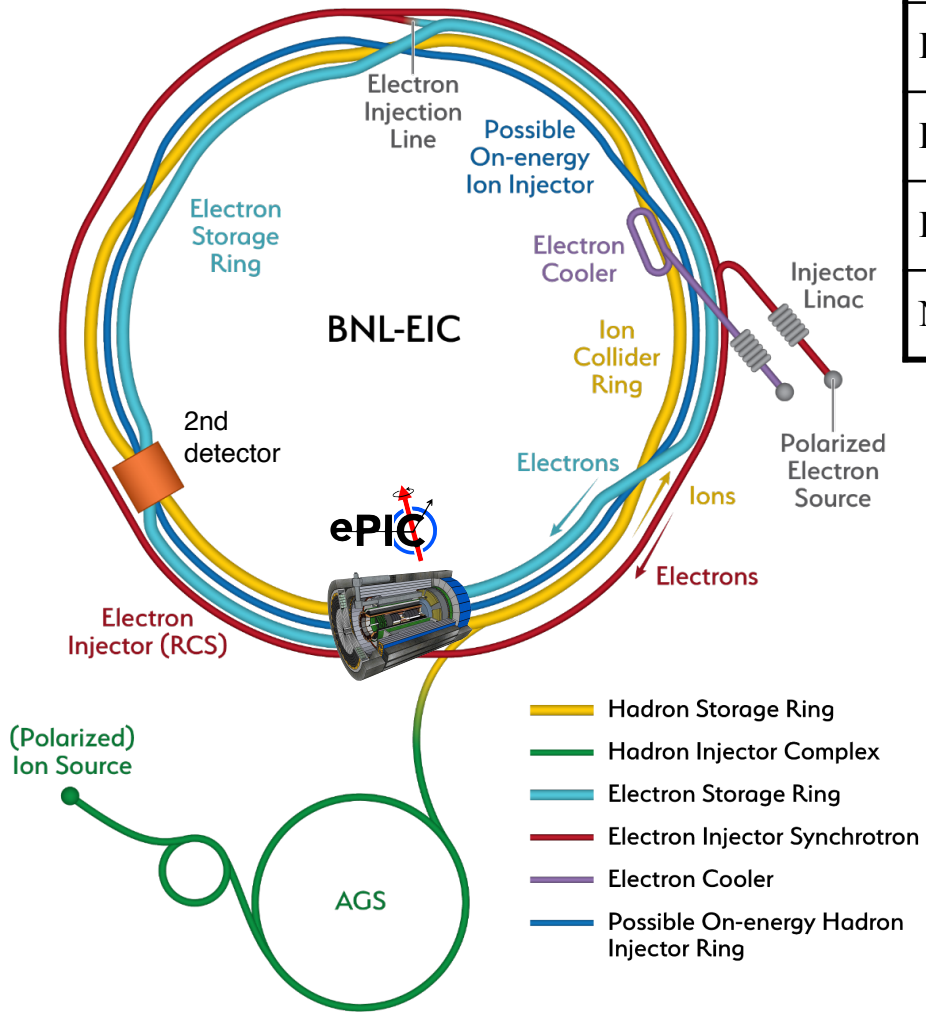
Critical Decision-1 (CD-1), “Approve Alternative Selection and Cost Range”, was awarded for the EIC on June 29, 2021.



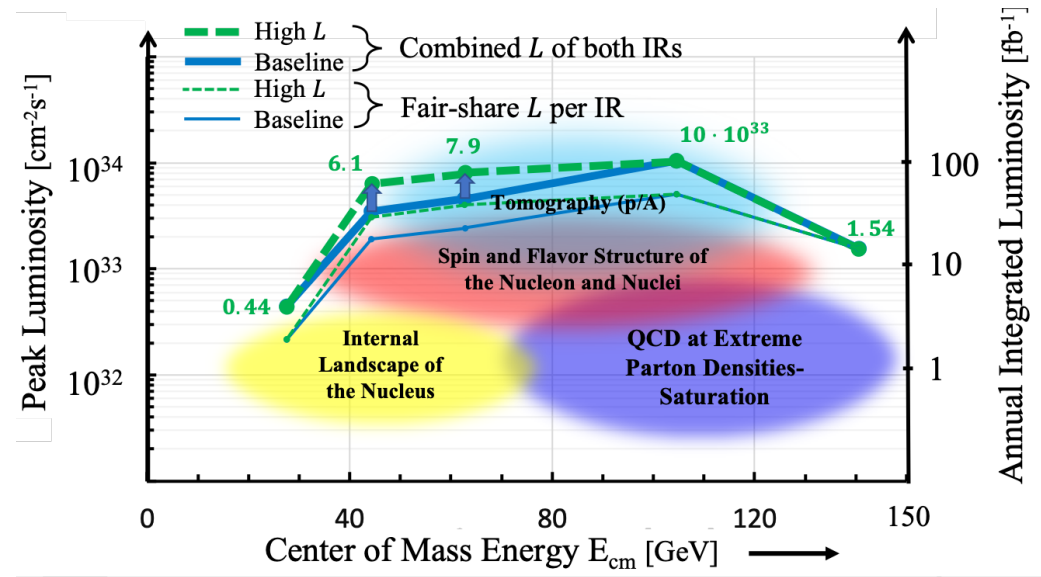


# EIC Project Development

## EIC accelerator design



Center of Mass Energies:	20GeV - 140GeV
Luminosity:	$10^{33} - 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ / 10-100fb <sup>-1</sup> / year
Highly Polarized Beams:	70%
Large Ion Species Range:	p to U
Number of Interaction Regions:	Up to 2!



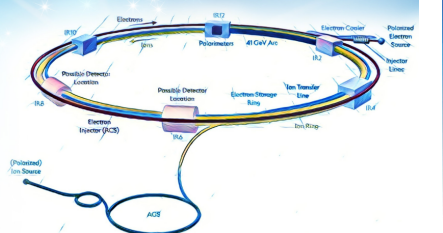
# EIC Project Development

## □ Yellow Report Activity - Critical EIC Community activity for CD-1

R.~Khalek *et al.* [EIC Users Group],  
BNL-220990-2021-FORE, [arXiv e-Print: 2103.05419](#), Accepted for publication in  
Nuclear Physics A



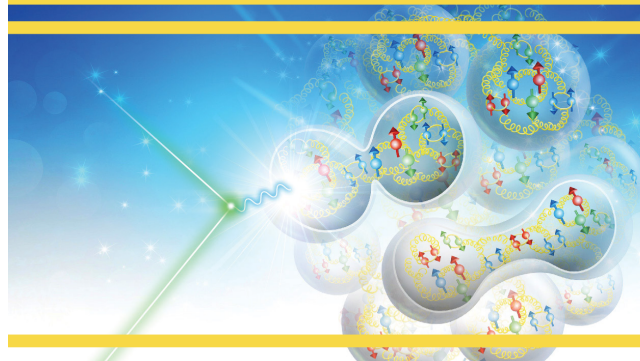
**EIC YELLOW REPORT**  
Volume I: Executive Summary



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**EIC YELLOW REPORT**  
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Volume III: Detector

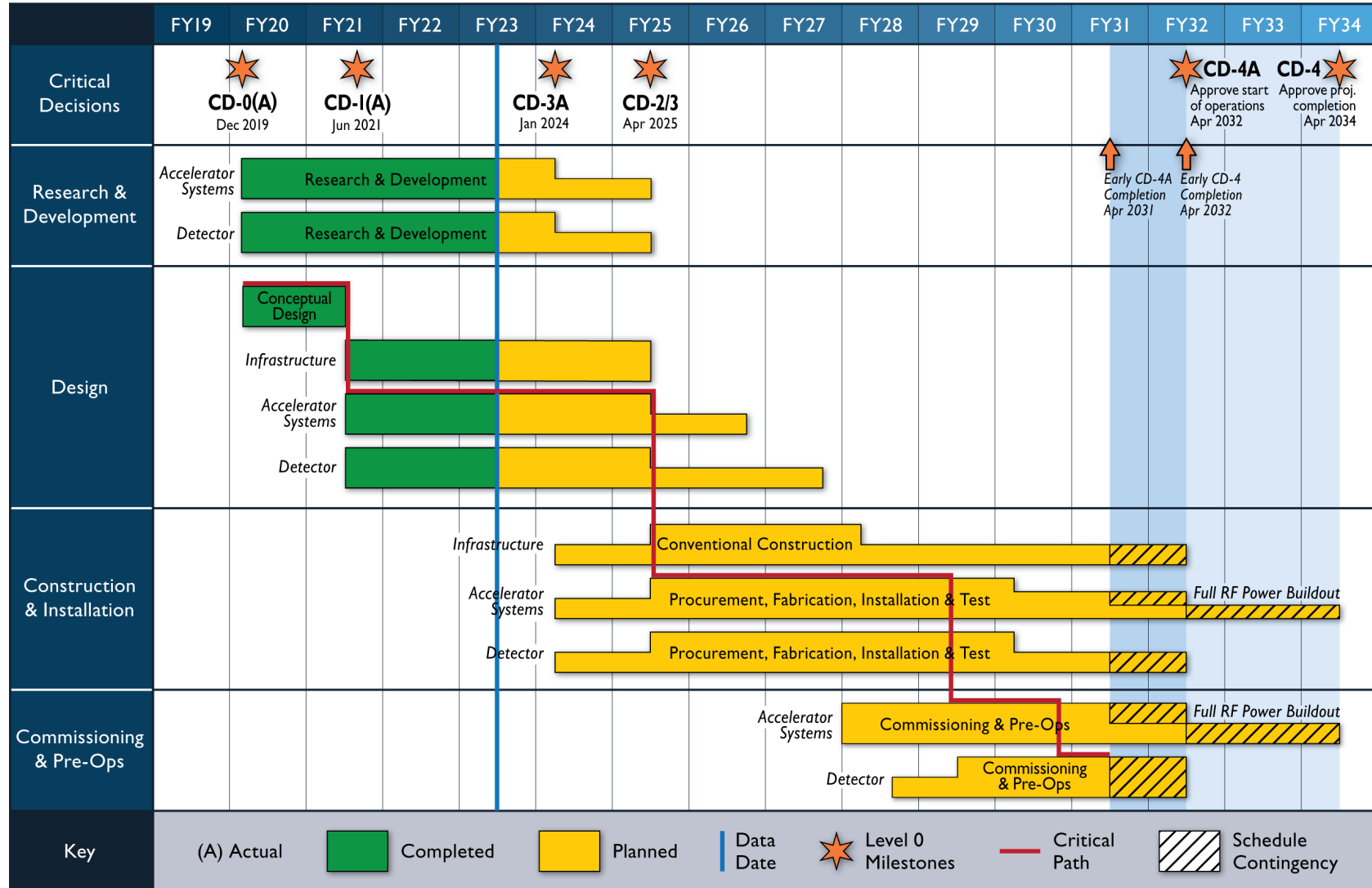


- ~400 authors / ~150 institutions / ~900 pages with strong international contributions!
- Review: **Community review** within EICUG and **external readers** (~30) worldwide covering physics and detector expert fields!
- Available on archive: [Nucl. Phys. A 1026 \(2022\) 122447](#) / <https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.05419>



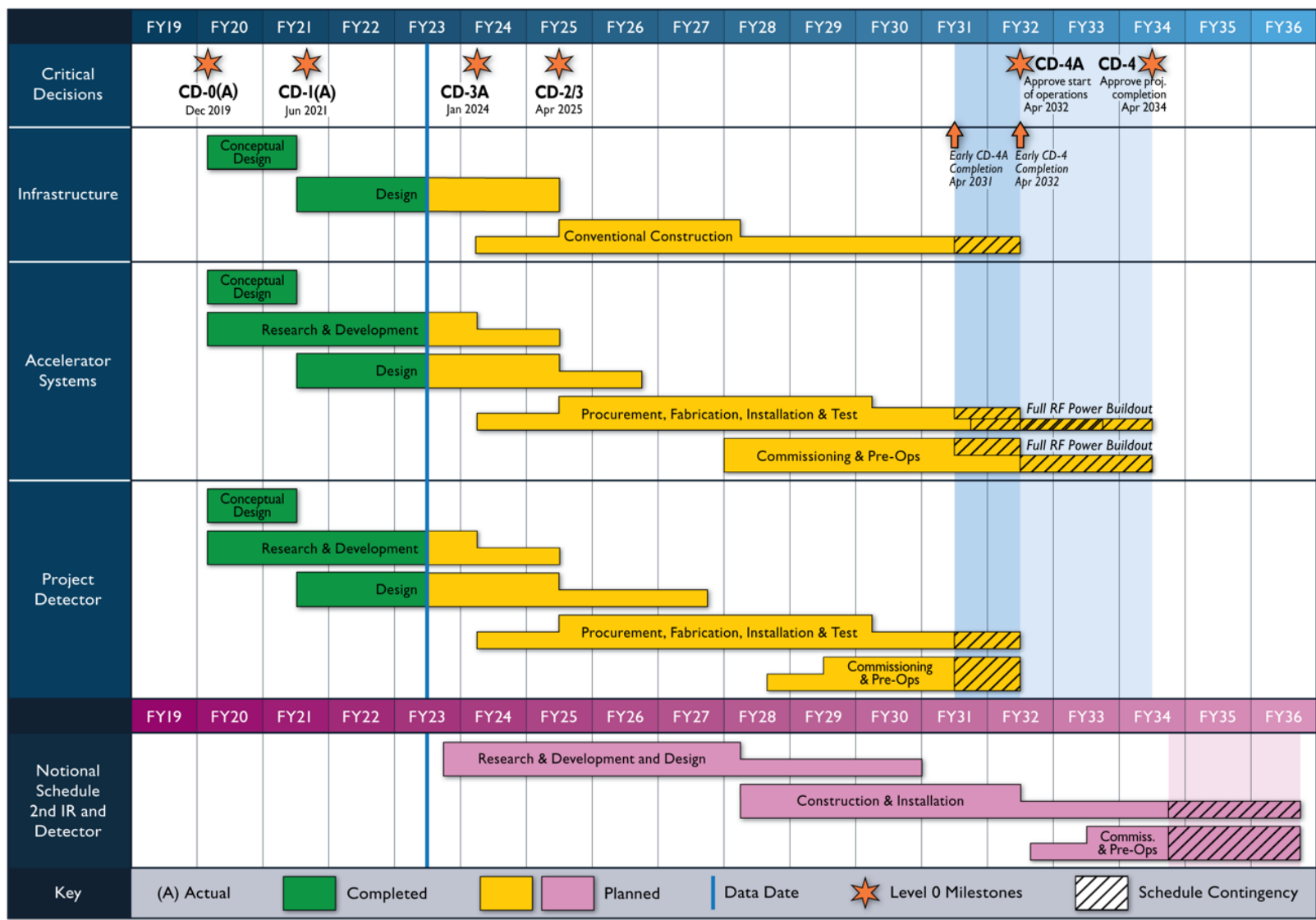
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## □ Schedule: EIC Project Detector at IP 6 / ePIC



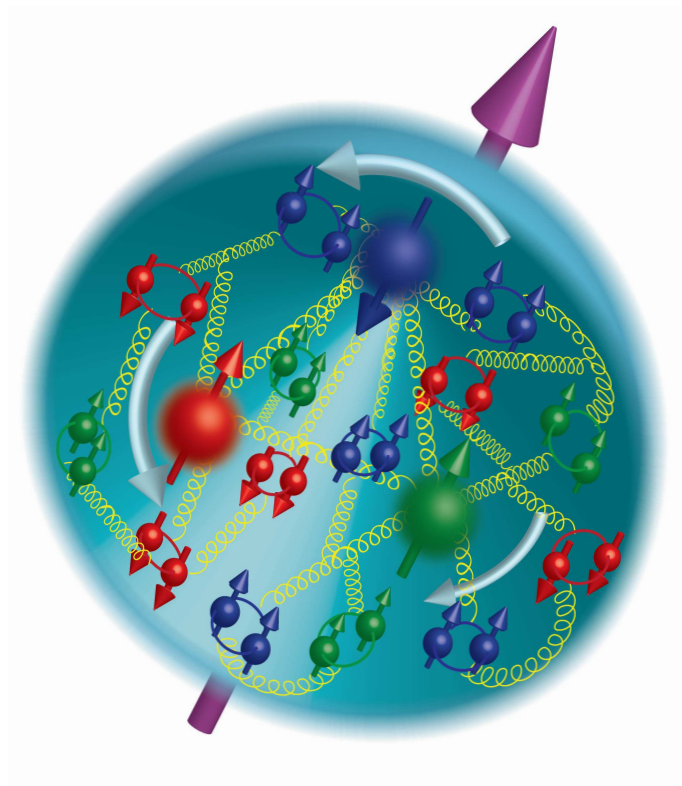
# EIC Project Development

## Reference Schedule for 2nd IR and Detector



# EIC Physics Pillars

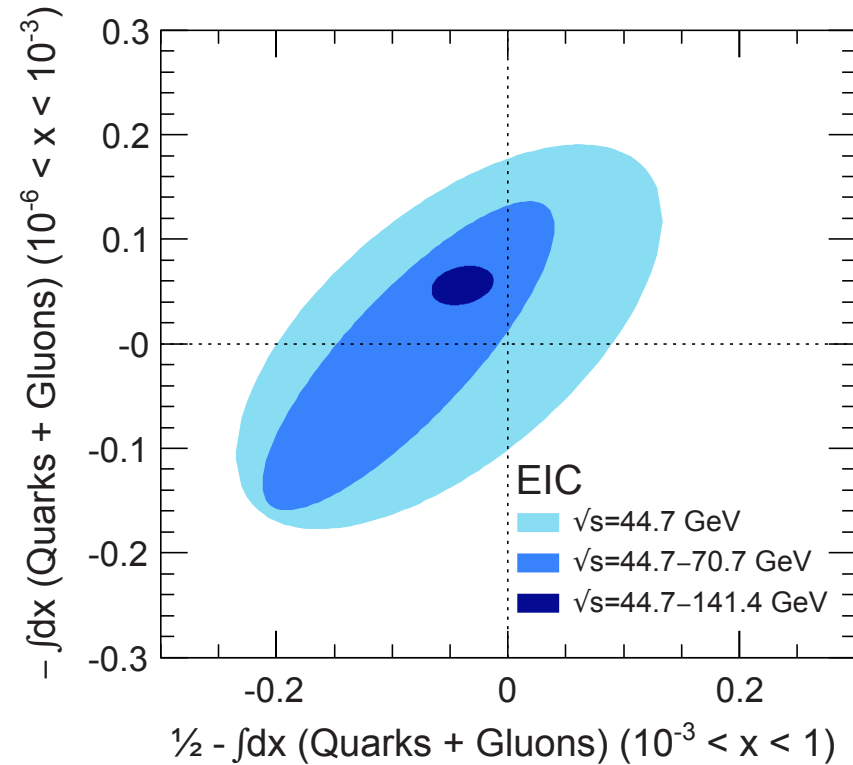
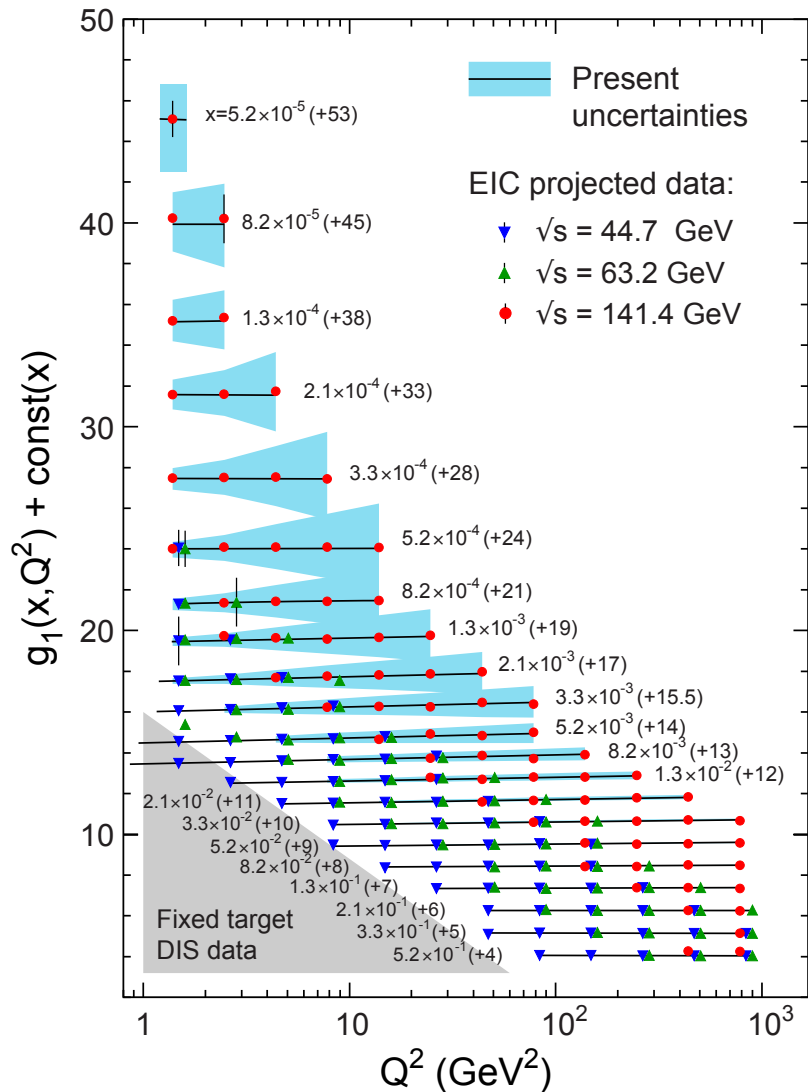
## Global properties: Spin



# EIC Physics Pillars

## Spin and Flavor Structure of the Nucleon

arXiv:1708.01527

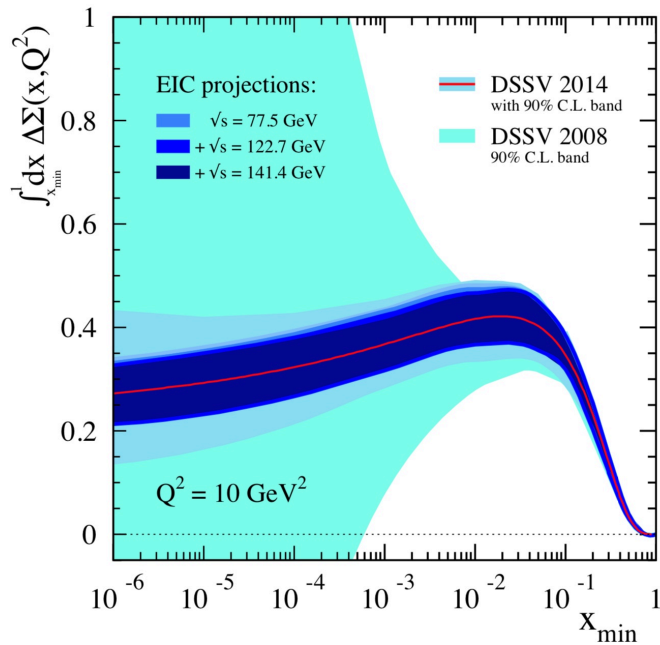


- $g_1$  stat. uncertainty projections for  $10\text{fb}^{-1}$  for range of CME in comparison to DSSV14 predictions incl. uncertainties
- EIC impact on the knowledge of the integral of the quark + gluon spin contribution vs. orbital angular momentum

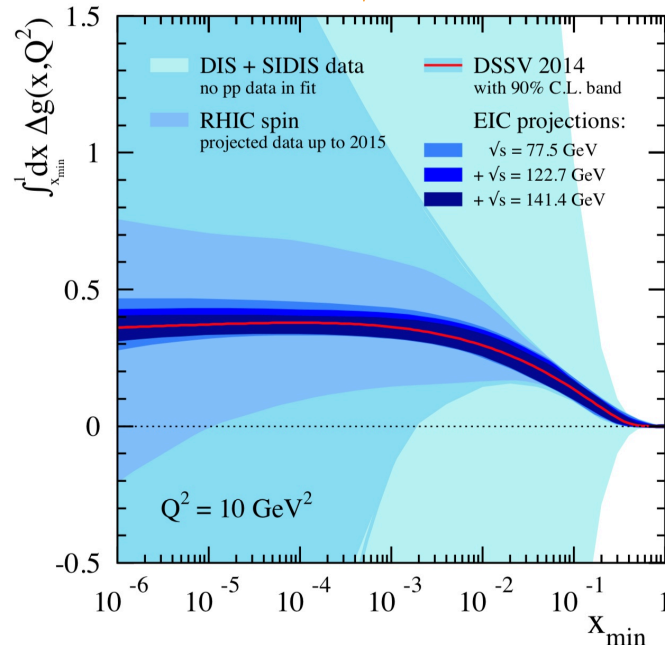
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## Impact on proton spin

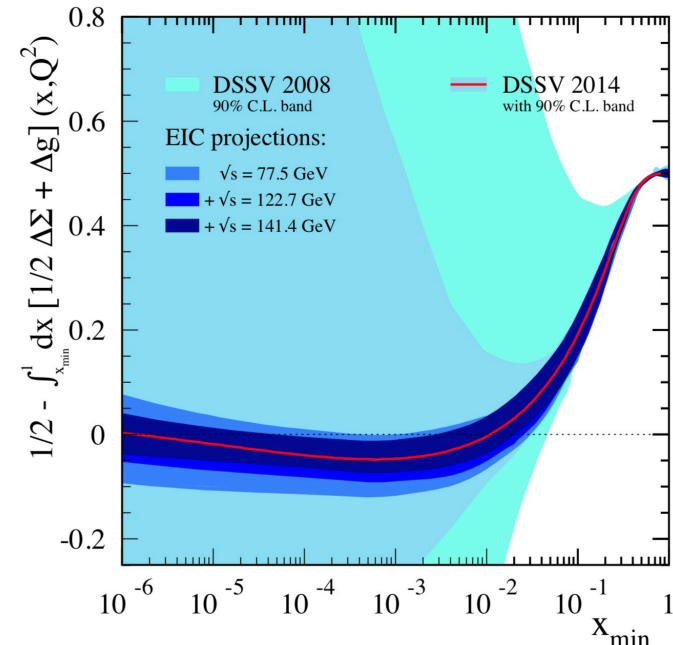
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Quark Spin



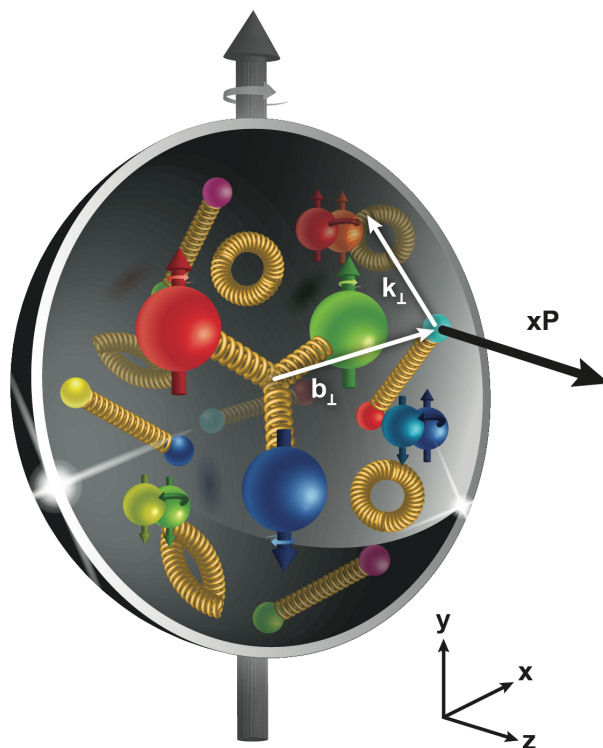
Gluon Spin



Orbital Angular Momentum

# EIC Physics Pillars

## Nucleon 3D structure





# EIC Physics Pillars

## Transverse Momentum Distribution and Spatial Imaging

arXiv:1212.1701

$$f(x, k_T) \quad 1+2D$$

Transverse Momentum Distribution (TMD)

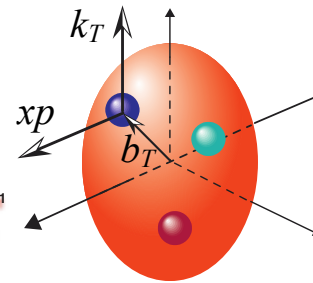
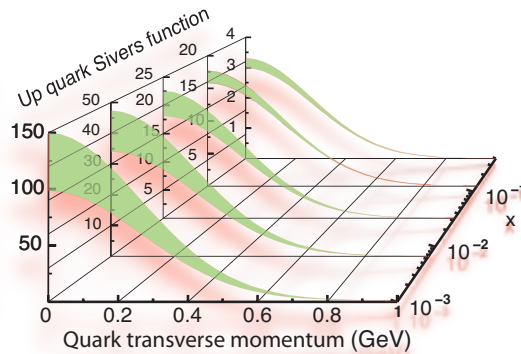
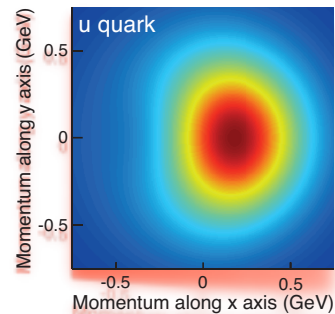
$$\int d^2 b_T \quad W(x, b_T, k_T) \quad \int d^2 k_T$$

Wigner Distribution

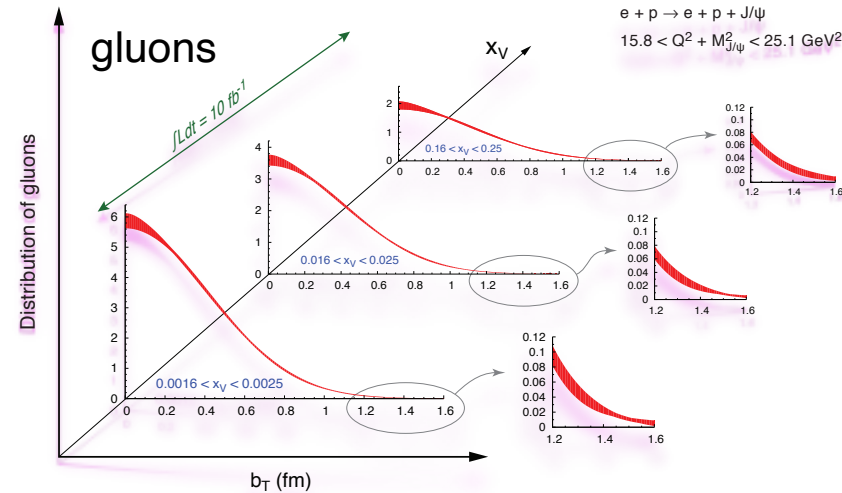
$$f(x, b_T) \quad 1+2D$$

Impact Parameter Distribution

quarks



gluons



- Spin-dependent 1+2D momentum space (transverse) images from semi-inclusive scattering

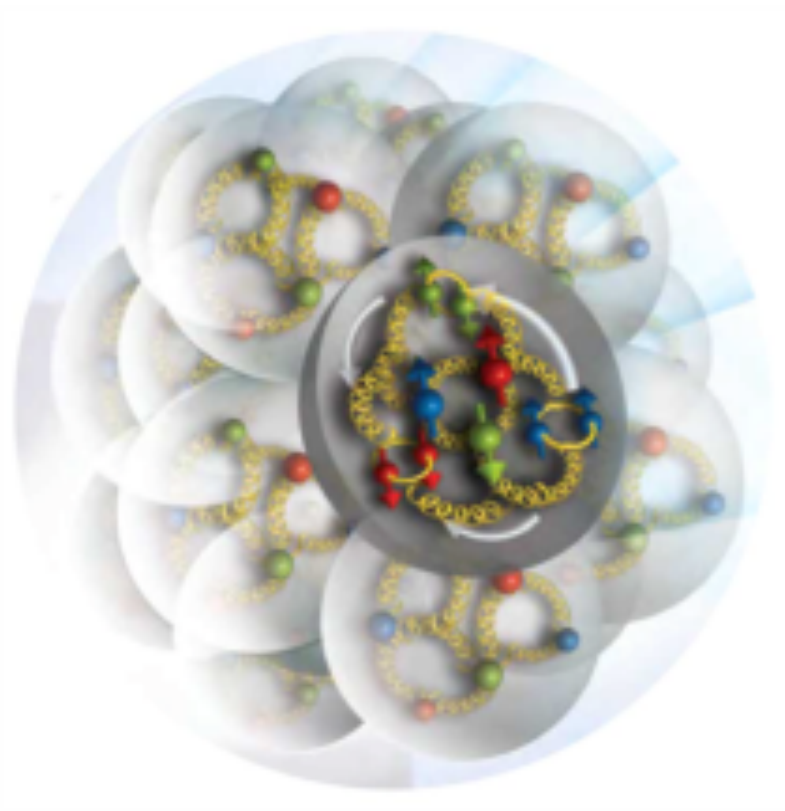
- Spin-dependent 1+2D impact parameter (transverse) images from exclusive scattering

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Fourier transf.} \\ & b_T \leftrightarrow \Delta: t = -\Delta^2 \\ & H(x, 0, t) \\ & \uparrow \xi = 0 \\ & H(x, \xi, t) \end{aligned}$$

Generalized Parton Distribution (GPD)

# EIC Physics Pillars

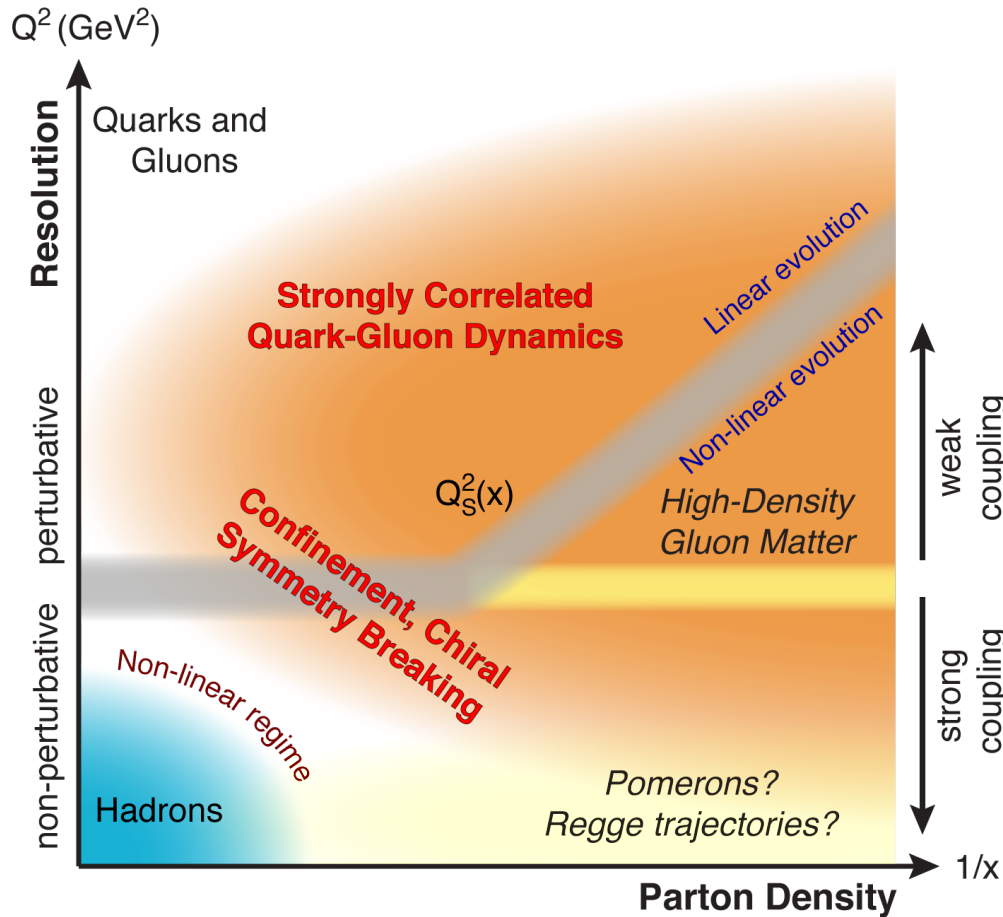
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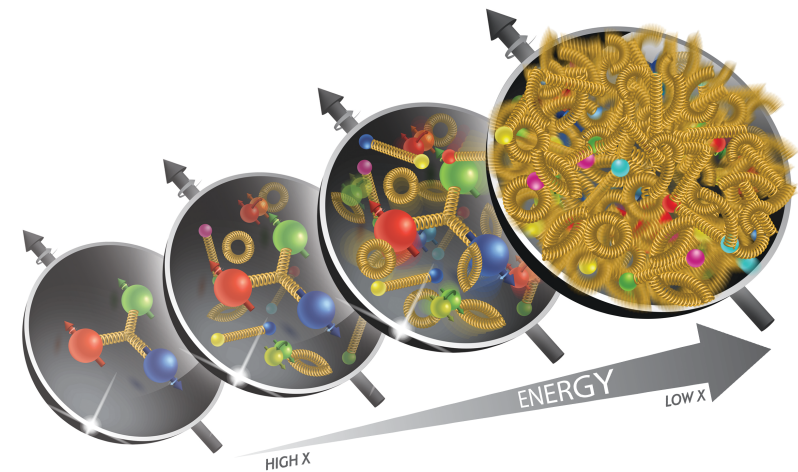
# EIC Physics Pillars

## QCD dynamics

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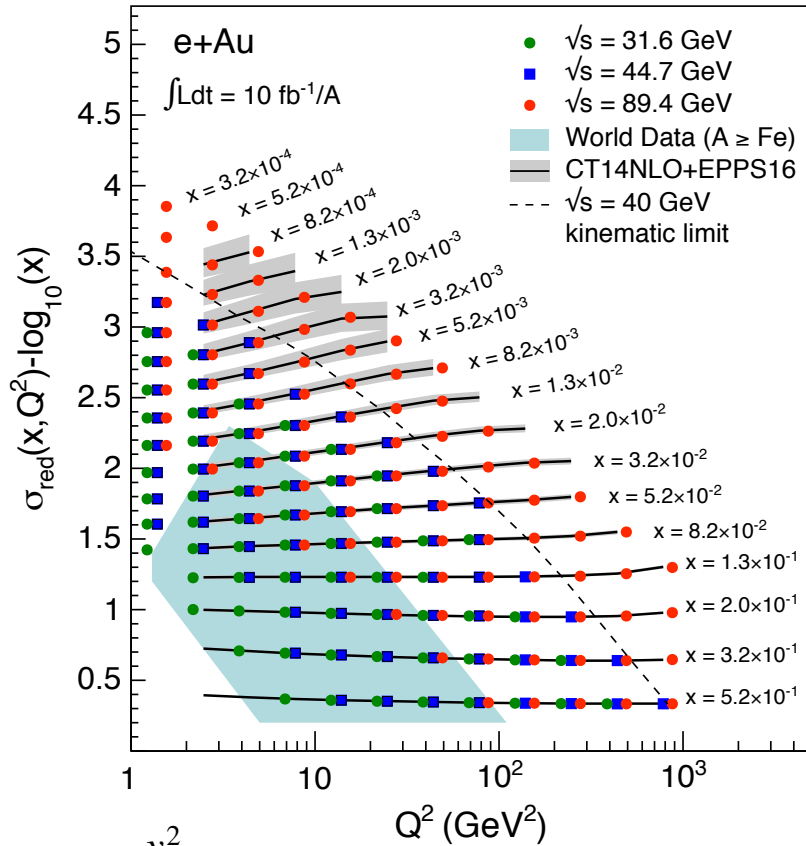
- Explore QCD landscape in various aspects over a wide range in  $x$  and  $Q^2$
- Heavy nuclei at high energy critical to explore high-density gluon matter!



# EIC Physics Pillars

## Inclusive eA scattering measurements

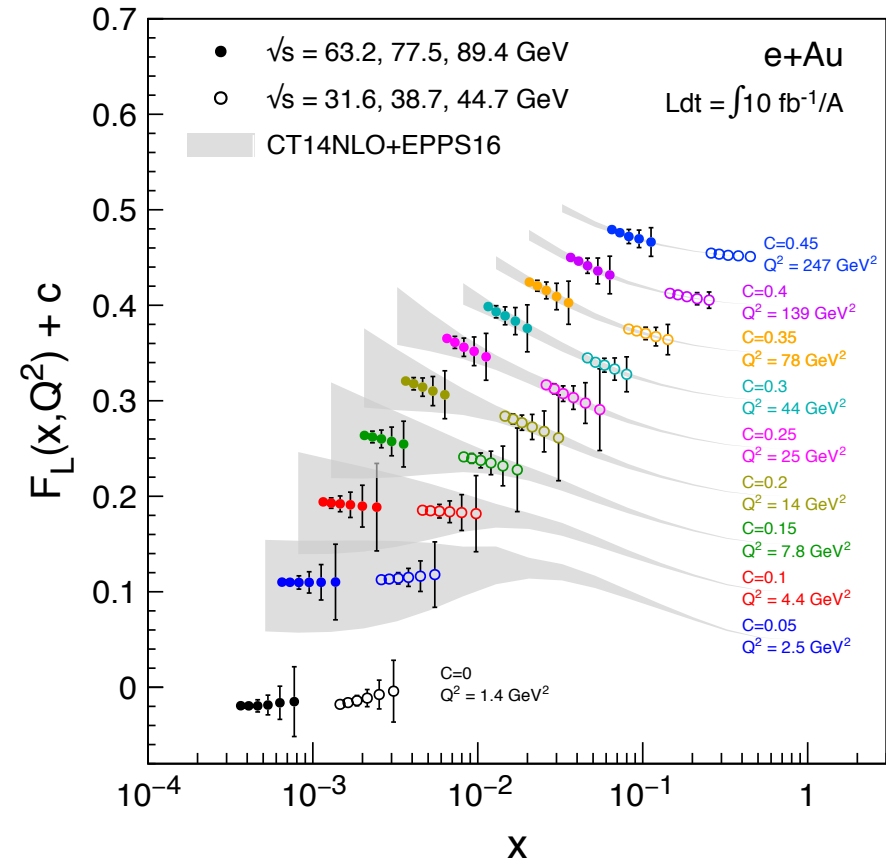
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$$\sigma_{\text{red}} = F_2 - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L$$

$$\left( \frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dQ^2} \right) = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2 Y_+}{xQ^4} \left( F_2 - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L \right)$$

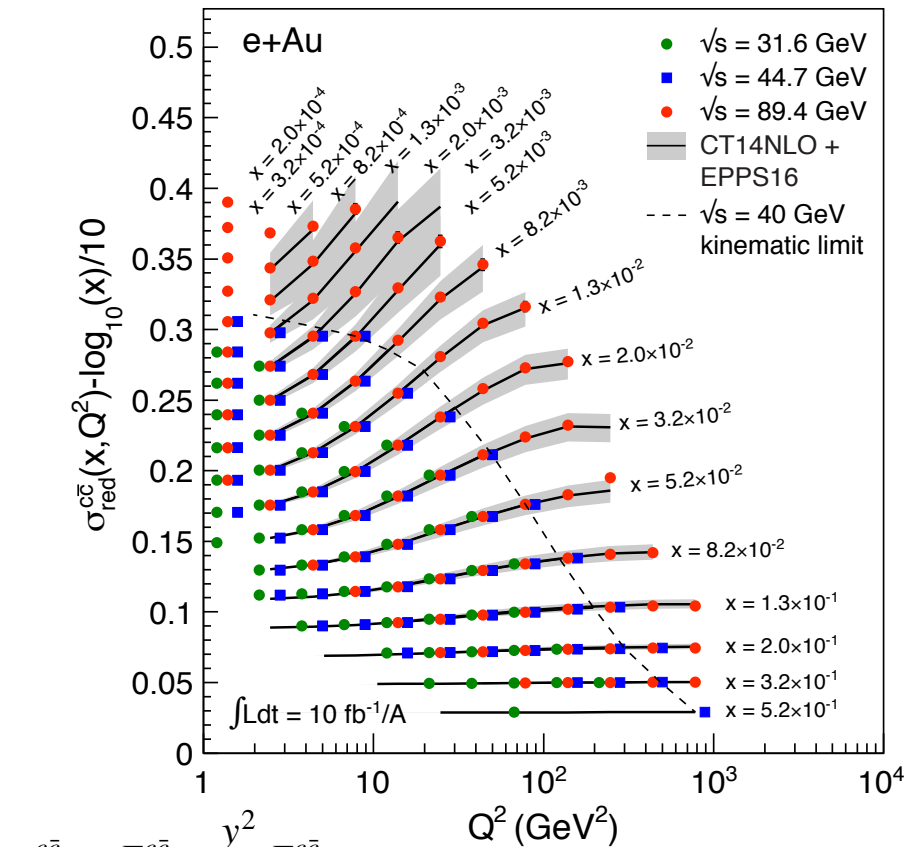
$$Y_+ = 1 + (1 - y)^2$$



# EIC Physics Pillars

## Charm-associated $eA$ scattering measurements

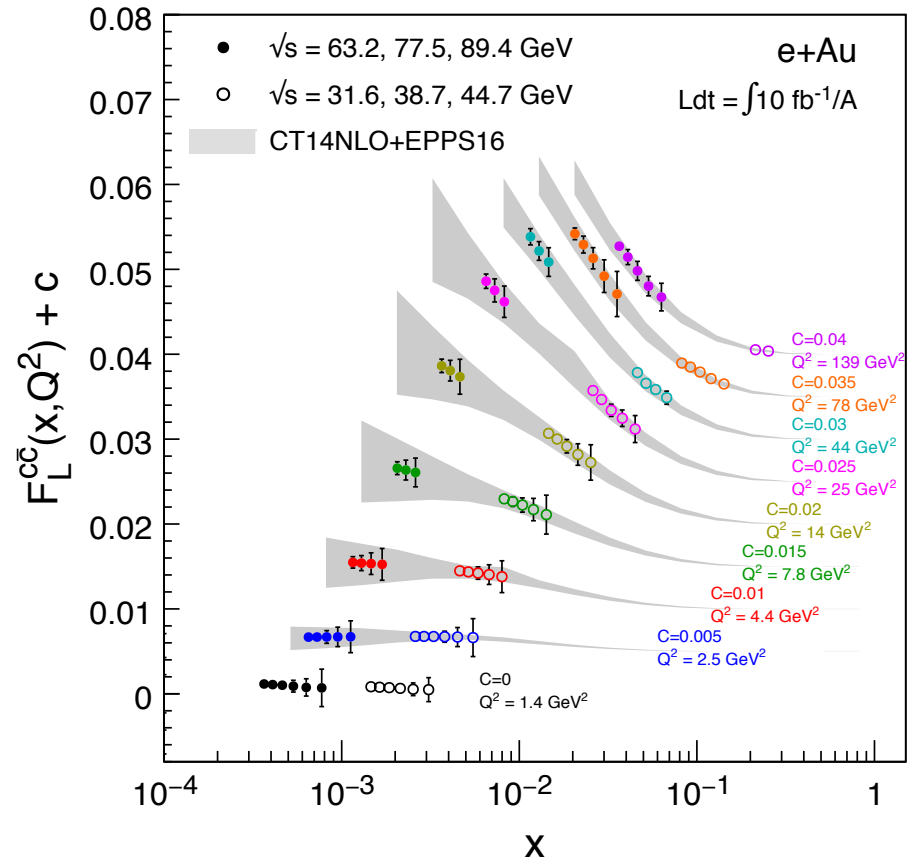
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$$\sigma_{\text{red}}^{c\bar{c}} = F_2^{c\bar{c}} - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L^{c\bar{c}}$$

$$\left( \frac{d^2\sigma}{dx dQ^2} \right)^{c\bar{c}} = \frac{2\pi\alpha^2 Y_+}{x Q^4} \left( F_2^{c\bar{c}} - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L^{c\bar{c}} \right)$$

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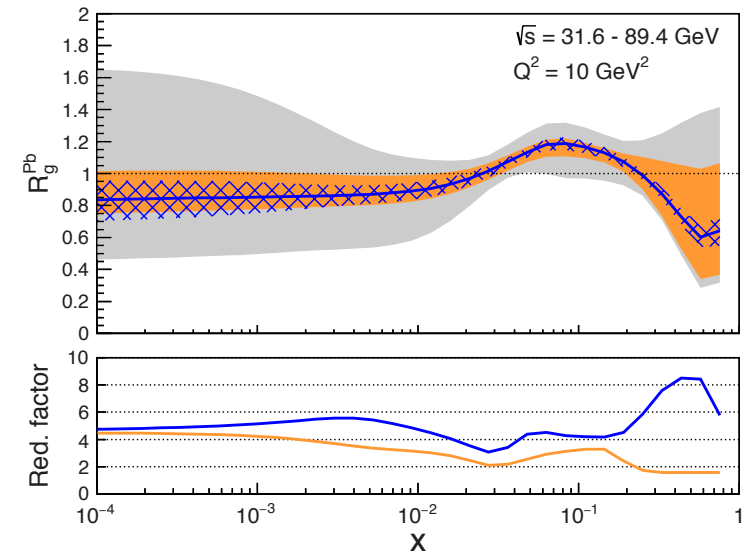
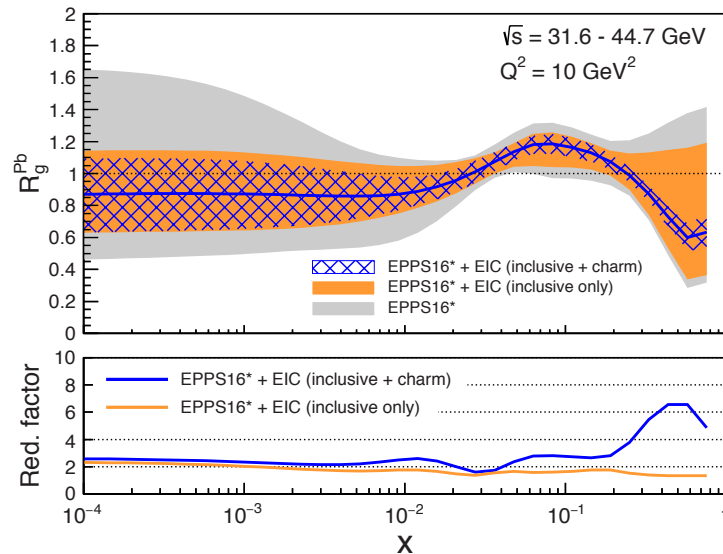
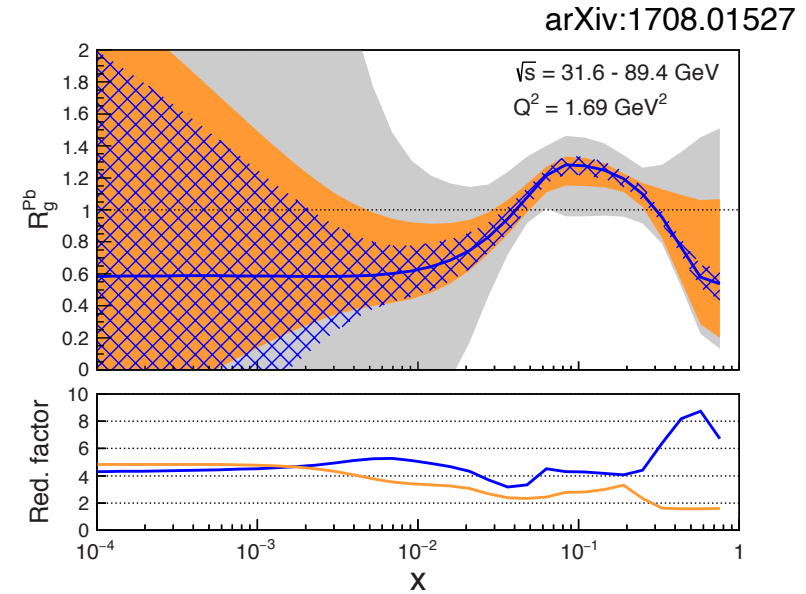
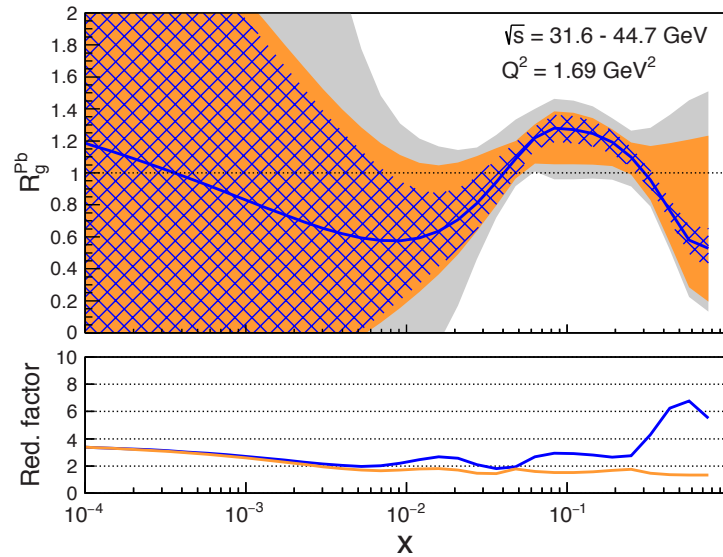
# EIC Physics Pillars

## Impact on nuclear gluon behavior in eA scattering

Modifications of  
nuclear  
environment:

$R_g^{Pb}$

Ratio of gluon  
distribution in Pb  
compared to proton

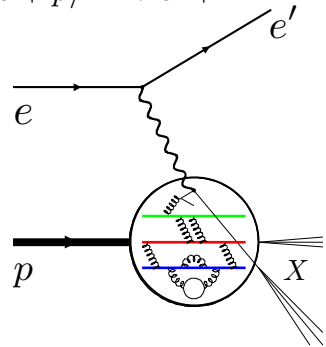


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# ePIC Detector Layout

## Overview of processes and final states

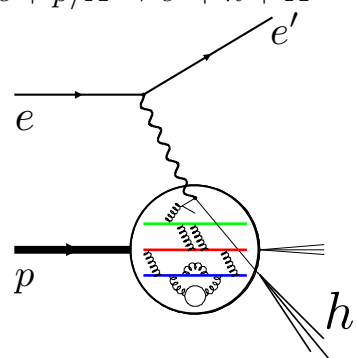
$$e + p/A \rightarrow e' + X$$



### Inclusive DIS

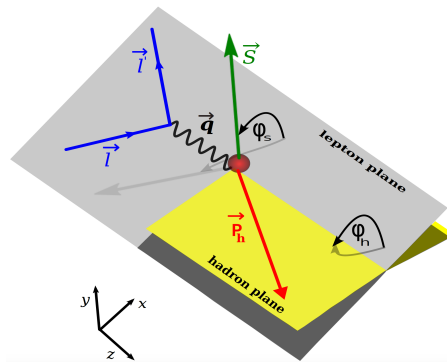
- **Inclusive:** Unpolarized  $f_i(x, Q^2)$  and helicity distribution  $\Delta f_i(x, Q^2)$  functions through unpolarized and polarized structure function measurements ( $F_2, F_L, g_1$ )

$$e + p/A \rightarrow e' + h + X$$



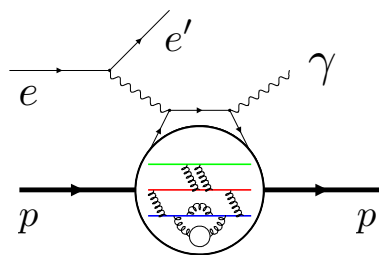
### Semi-Inclusive DIS (SDIS)

- Define kinematics ( $x, y, Q^2$ ) through electron (e-ID and energy+angular measurement critical) / hadron final state or combination of both depending on kinematic  $x$ - $Q^2$  region



- **SDIS:** Flavor tagging through hadron identification studying FF / TMD's (Transverse momentum,  $k_T$ , dependence) requiring azimuthal asymmetry measurement - Full azimuthal acceptance

$$e + p/A \rightarrow e' + N'/A' + \gamma/m$$



### Deeply-Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)

- **Heavy flavor** (charm / bottom): Excellent secondary vertex reconstruction

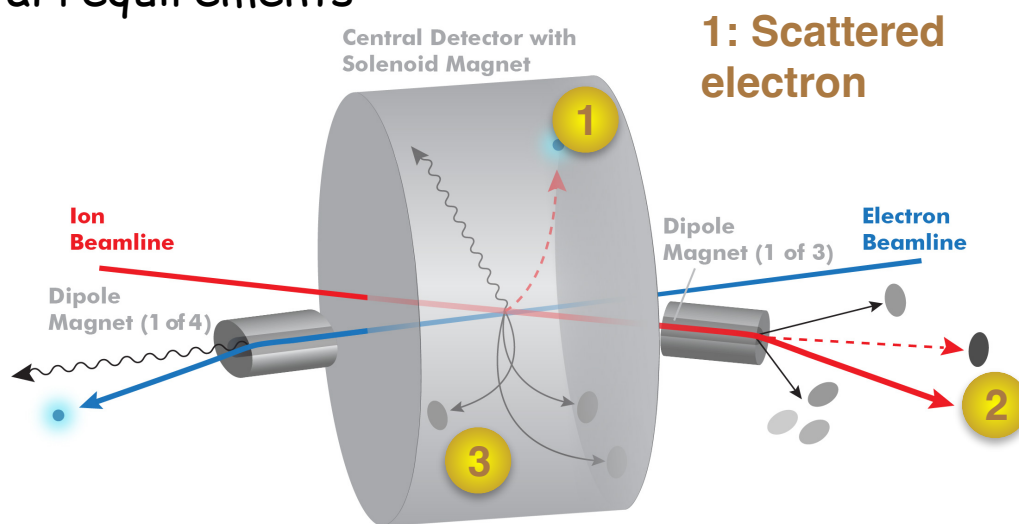
- **Exclusive:** Tagging of final state proton using Roman pot system studying GPD's (Impact parameter,  $b_T$ , dependence) using DVCS and VM production
- **eA:** Impact parameter determination / Neutron tagging using Zero-Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)

# ePIC Detector Layout

## □ Overview of general requirements

arXiv:1212.1701

### 3: Nuclear and nucleonic fragments / scattered proton



### 1: Scattered electron

### 2: Fragmented particles (e.g. $\pi$ , $K$ , $p$ ) of struck quark

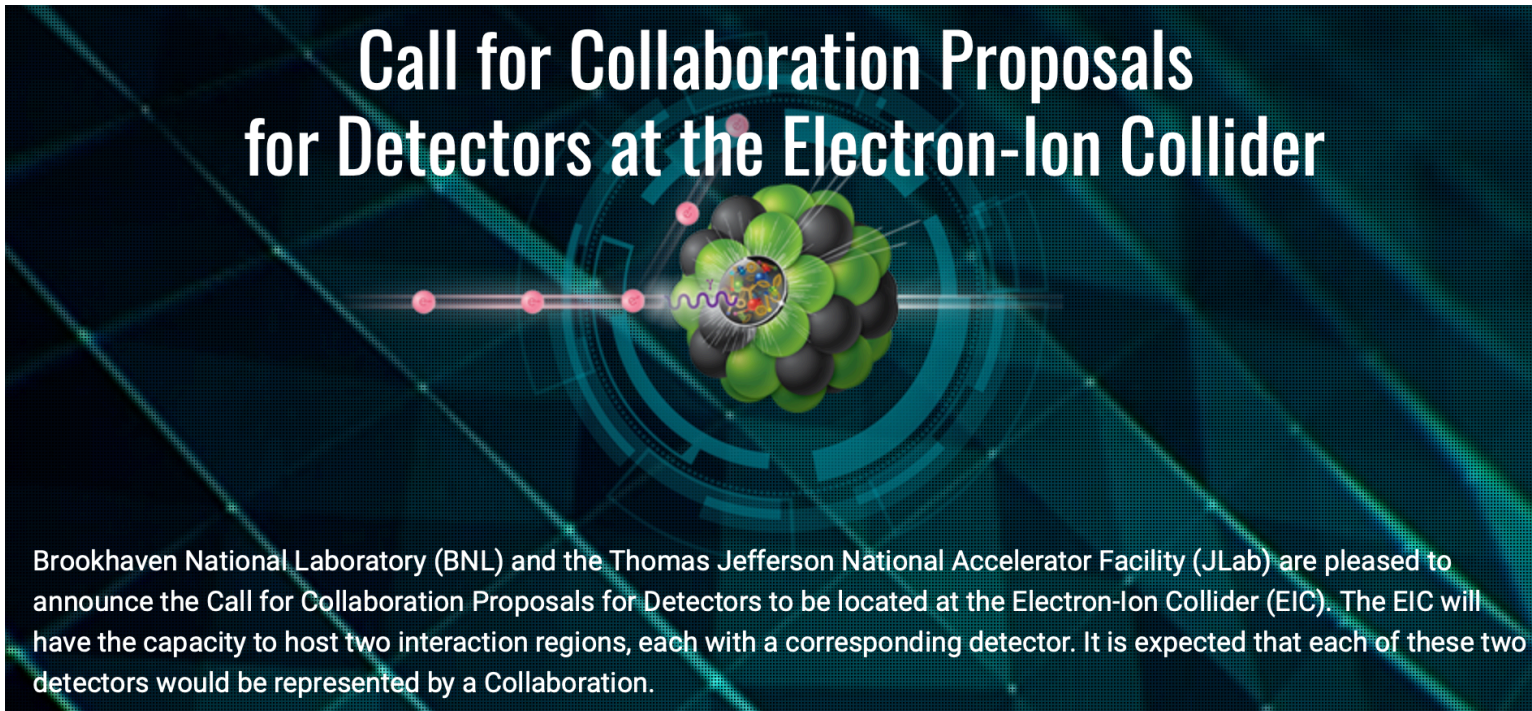
- **Acceptance:** Close to  $4\pi$  coverage with a  $\eta$ -coverage ( $\eta = -\ln(\tan(\theta/2))$ ) of approximately  $\eta < |3.5|$  combined calorimetry (EM CAL and hadron CAL at least in forward direction) and tracking coverage
- **Low dead material** budget in particular in rear direction ( $\sim 10\% X/X_0$ )
- **Good momentum resolution**  $\Delta p/p \sim \text{few } \%$
- **Electron ID** for  $e/h$  separation varies with  $\theta / \eta$  at the level of  $1:10^4 / \sim 2\text{-}3\%/\sqrt{E}$  for  $\eta < -2$  and  $\sim 7\%/\sqrt{E}$  for  $-2 < \eta < 1$

- **Particle ID** for  $\pi/K/p$  separation over wide momentum range (Forward  $\eta$  up to  $\sim 50 \text{ GeV}/c$  / Barrel  $\eta$  up to  $\sim 4 \text{ GeV}/c$  / Rear  $\eta$  up to  $\sim 6 \text{ GeV}/c$ )
- **High spatial vertex resolution**  $\sim 10\text{-}20 \mu\text{m}$  for vertex reconstruction
- **Low-angle taggers:**
  - Forward proton / A fragment spectrometer (Roman pots)
  - Low  $Q^2$  tagger
  - Neutrons on hadron direction
- **Luminosity** (Absolute and relative) and **local polarization direction measurement**



# ePIC Detector Layout

## □ Open Call for Detector Proposals



**Call for Collaboration Proposals  
for Detectors at the Electron-Ion Collider**

Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) and the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (JLab) are pleased to announce the Call for Collaboration Proposals for Detectors to be located at the Electron-Ion Collider (EIC). The EIC will have the capacity to host two interaction regions, each with a corresponding detector. It is expected that each of these two detectors would be represented by a Collaboration.

**ATHENA:** A Totally Hermetic Electron-Nucleus Apparatus

**Concept:** General purpose detector inspired by the YR studies based on a new central magnet of up to 3T

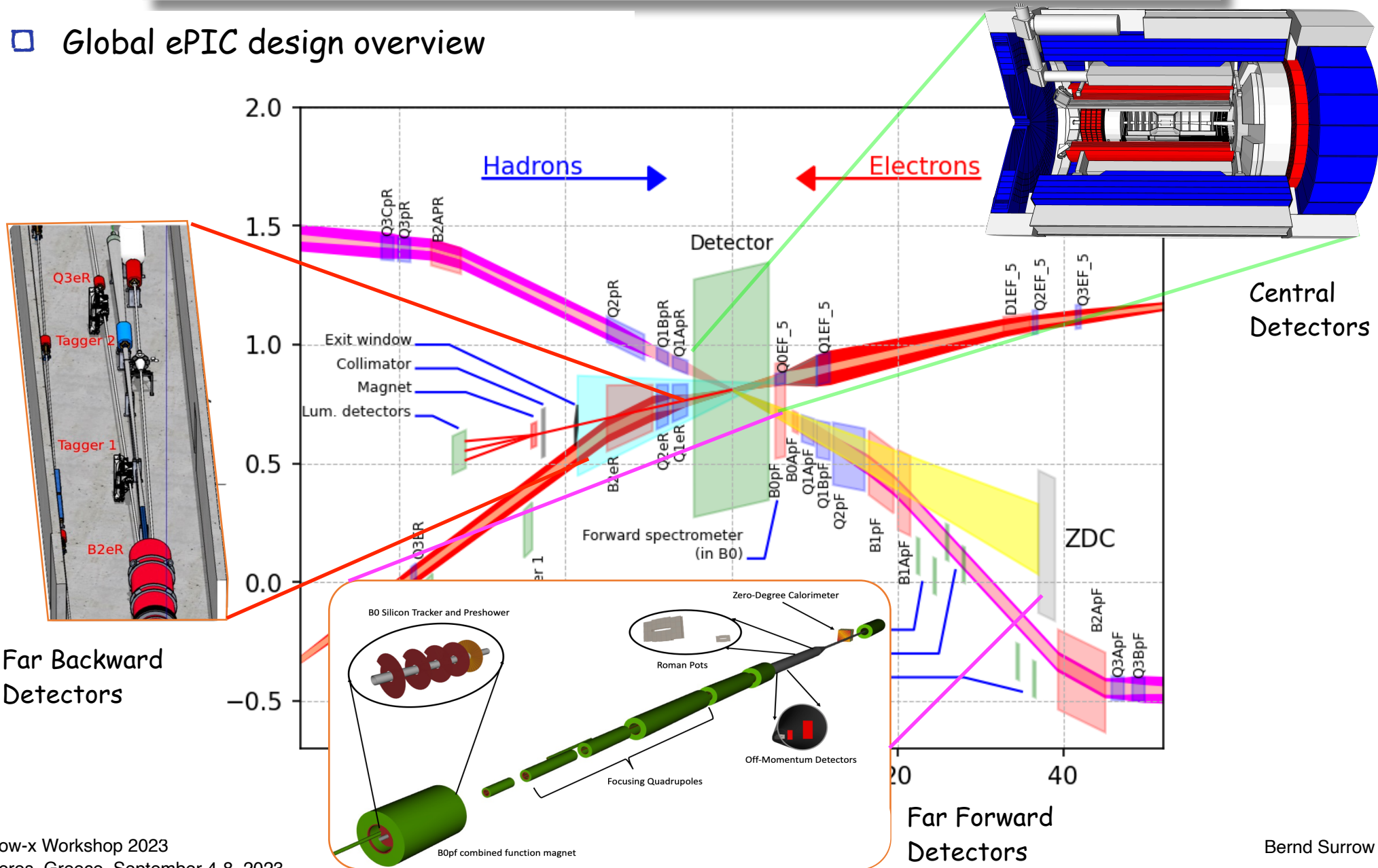
**WWW-page:** <https://www.athena-eic.org>

**CORE:** COmpact detector for the EIC  
**Concept:** Nearly hermetic, general-purpose compact detector, 2T baseline  
**WWW-page:** <https://userweb.jlab.org/~hyde/EIC-CORE/>

**ECCE:** EIC Comprehensive Chromodynamics Experiment  
**Concept:** General purpose detector based on 1.5T BaBar magnet  
**WWW-page:** <https://www.ecce-eic.org>

# ePIC Detector Layout

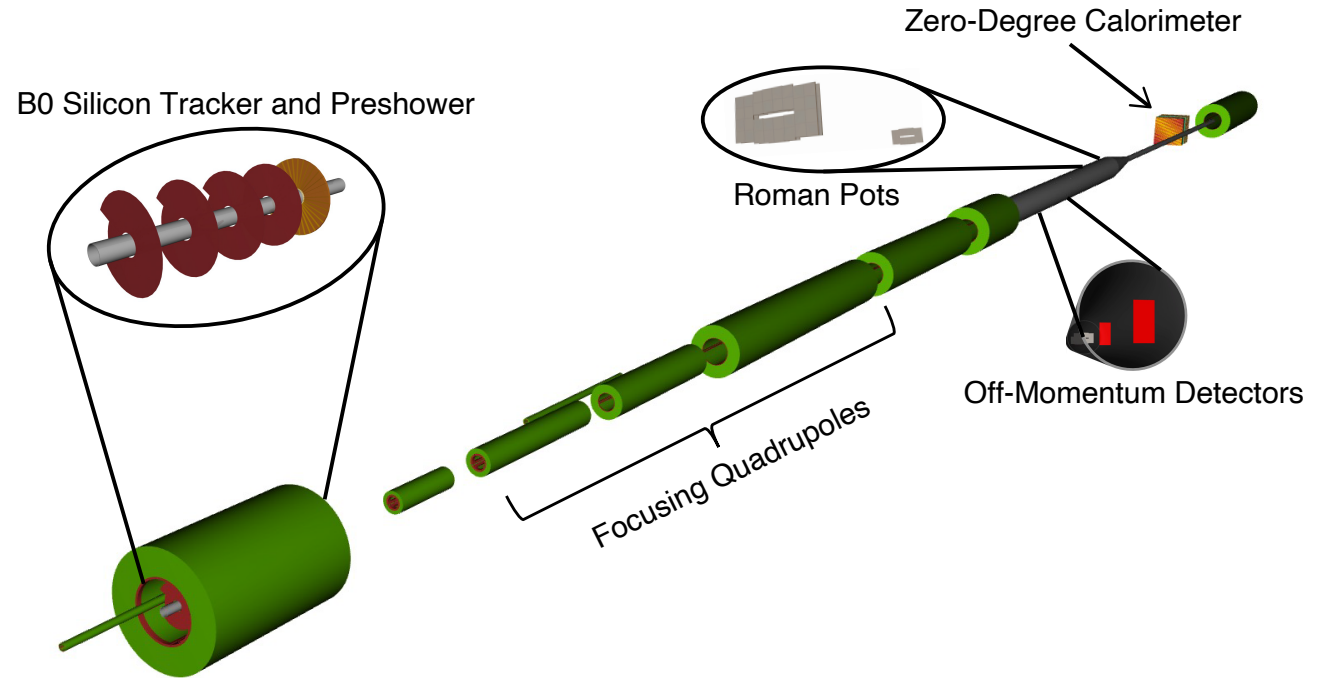
## Global ePIC design overview



# ePIC Detector Layout

## FarForward detector system

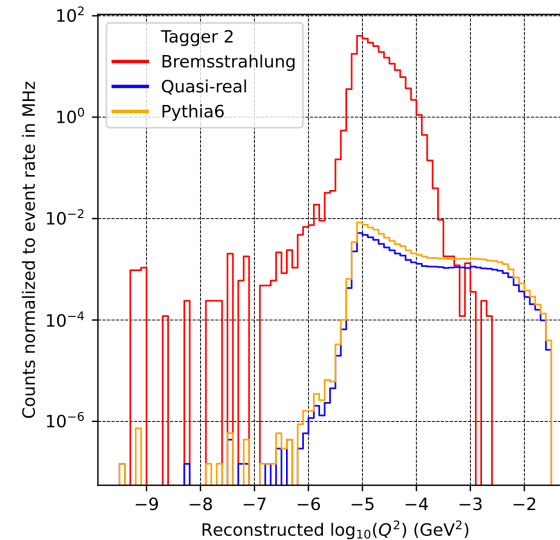
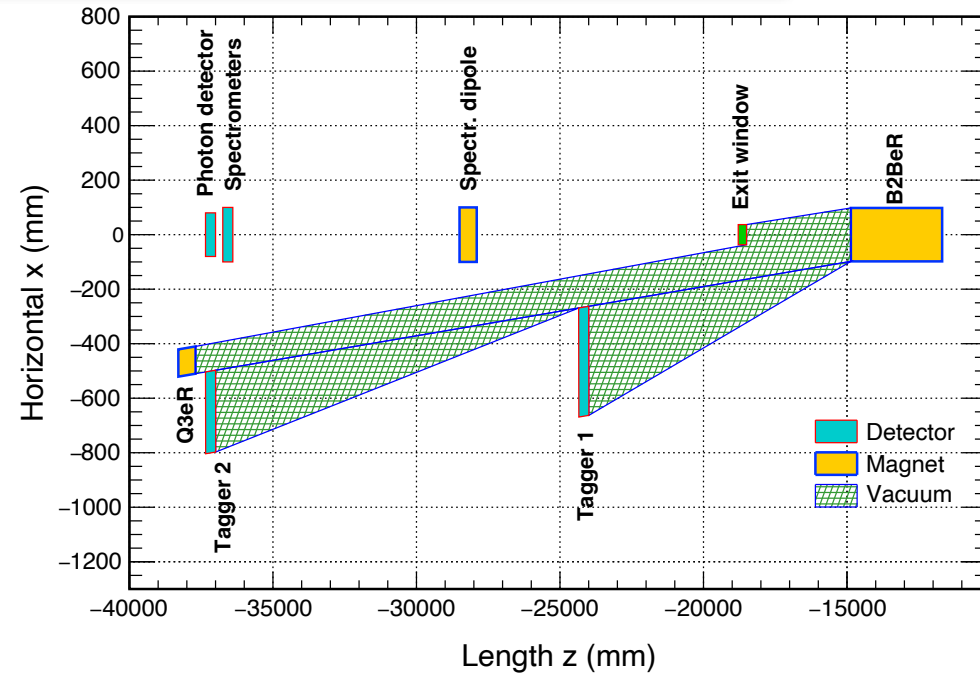
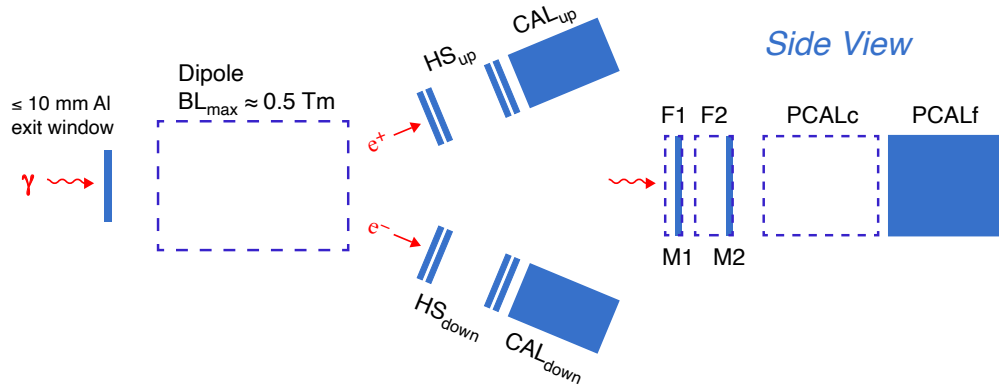
- FarForward detector system to measure very forward neutral and charged particle production: 4 detector systems
- B0 system:** Measures charged particles in the forward direction and tags neutral particles
- Off-momentum detectors:** Measure charged particles resulting from decays
- Roman pot detectors:** Measure charged particles near the beam
- Zero-degree calorimeter:** Measures neutral particles at small angles



Detector	$\theta$ accep. [mrad]	Rigidity accep.	Particles	Technology
B0 tracker	5.5–20.0	N/A	Charged particles Tagged photons	MAPS AC-LGAD
Off-Momentum Detector	0.0–5.0	45%–65%	Charged particles	AC-LGAD
Roman Pots	0.0–5.0	60%–95%*	Protons Light nuclei	AC-LGAD
Zero-Degree Calorimeter	0.0–4.0	N/A	Neutrons Photons	W/SciFi (ECal) Pb/Sci (HCal)

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## FarBackward system



- High precision luminosity measurement at 1% level for **absolute luminosity** and 0.01% for **relative luminosity**

measurement using several methods based on the

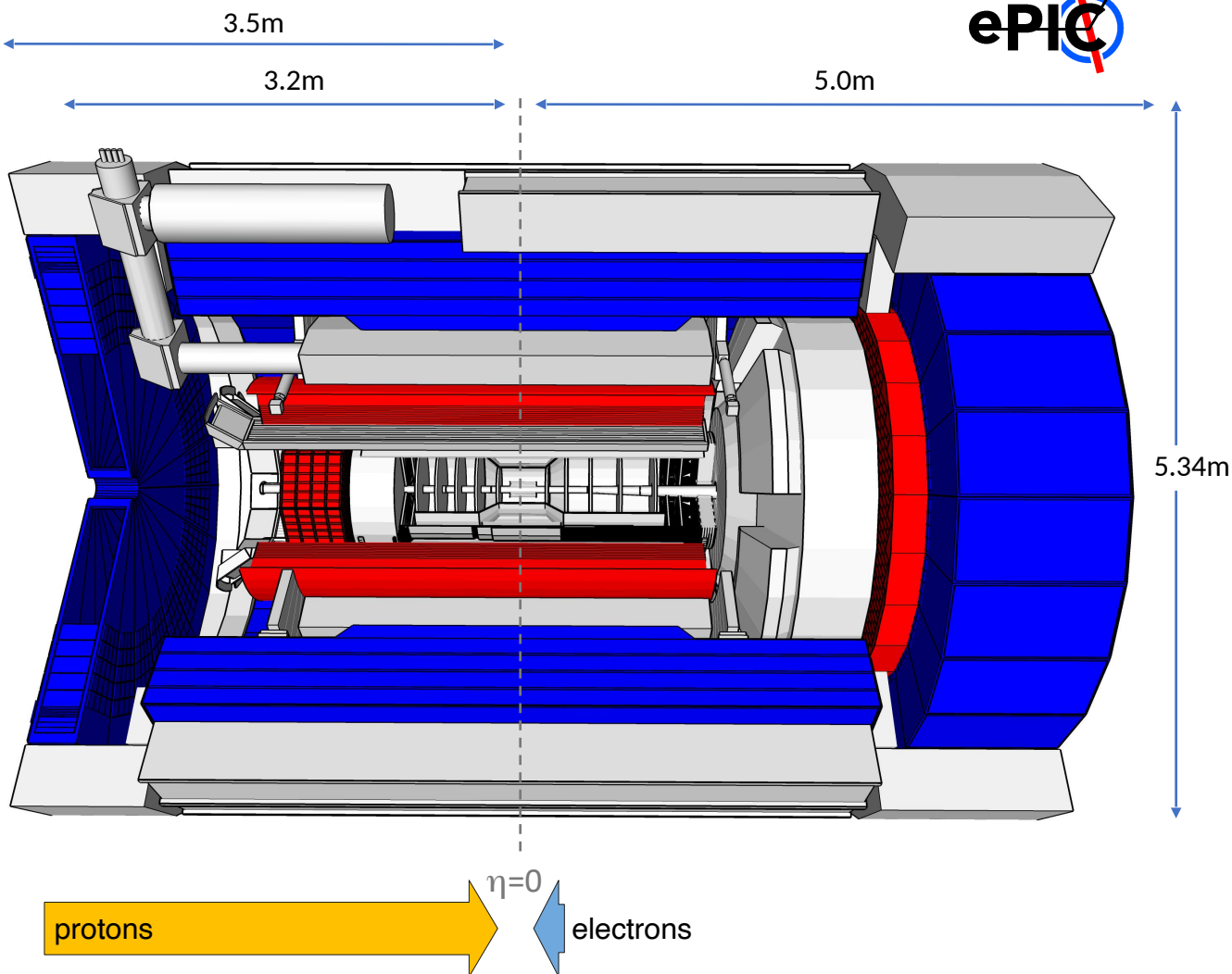
Bremsstrahlung process:

- Counting photons converted in thin exit window using dipole field and measuring  $e^+e^-$  pairs
- Energy measurement of unconverted photons
- Counting of unconverted photons

- Low Q<sup>2</sup> taggers - **PHP tagger**

# ePIC Detector Layout

## ePIC Detector Design



### Tracking:

- New 1.7T solenoid
- Si MAPS Tracker
- MPGDs ( $\mu$ RWELL/ $\mu$ Megas)

### PID:

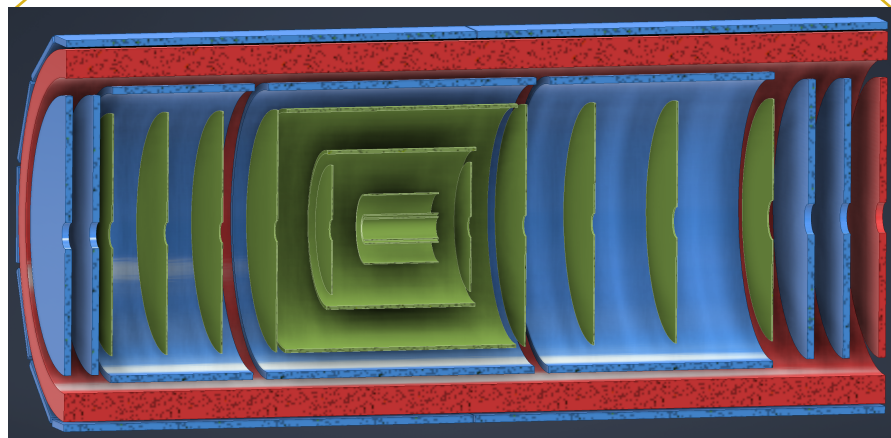
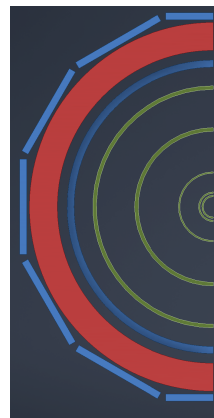
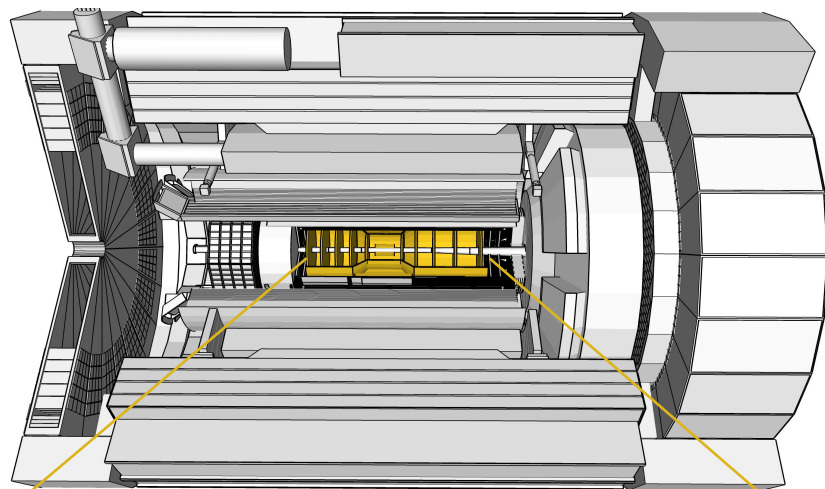
- hpDIRC
- pFRICH
- dRICH
- AC-LGAD ( $\sim 30$ ps TOF)

### Calorimetry:

- Imaging Barrel EMCal
- PbWO<sub>4</sub> EMCal in backward direction
- Finely segmented EMCal +HCal in forward direction
- Outer HCal (sPHENIX re-use)
- Backwards HCal (tail-catcher)

# ePIC Detector Layout

## □ ePIC Tracking Detectors: Layout



- MAPS Barrel + Disks
- MPGD Barrels + Disks
- AC-LGAD based ToF

### ○ MAPS Tracker:

- Small pixels (20  $\mu\text{m}$ ), low power consumption ( $<20 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ ) and material budget (0.05% to 0.55%  $X/X_0$ ) per layer
- Based on ALICE ITS3 development
- Vertex layers optimized for beam pipe bake-out and ITS-3 sensor size
- Forward and backward disks

### ○ MPGD Layers:

- Provide timing and pattern recognition
- Cylindrical  $\mu\text{MEGAs}$
- Planar  $\mu\text{RWell's}$  before hpDIRC - Impact point and direction for ring seeding

### ○ AC-LGAD TOF and AstroPix (BECAL):

- Additional space point for pattern recognition / redundancy
- Fast hit point / Low p PID

# ePIC Detector Layout

## ePIC Tracking Detectors: Performance

### Technology:

#### ITS3 MAPS based Si-detectors:

- $O(20\mu\text{m})$  pitch,  $X/X_0 \sim 0.05 - 0.55\%$ / layer

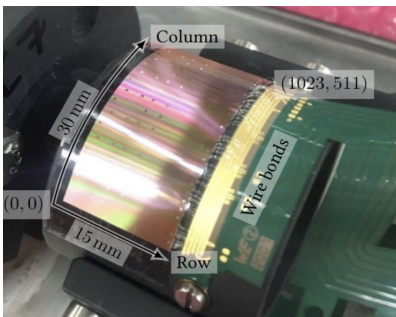
#### Gaseous tracker:

- $\sigma = 150 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $X/X_0 \sim 0.5-1.0\%$ /layer

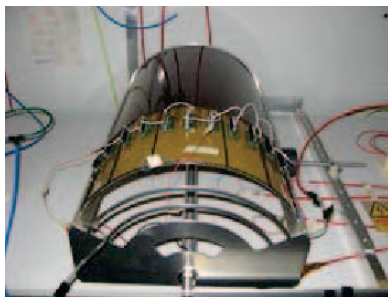
#### AstroPix outer tracker layer:

- $500\mu\text{m}$  pixel pitch ( $\sigma = 144 \mu\text{m}$ )

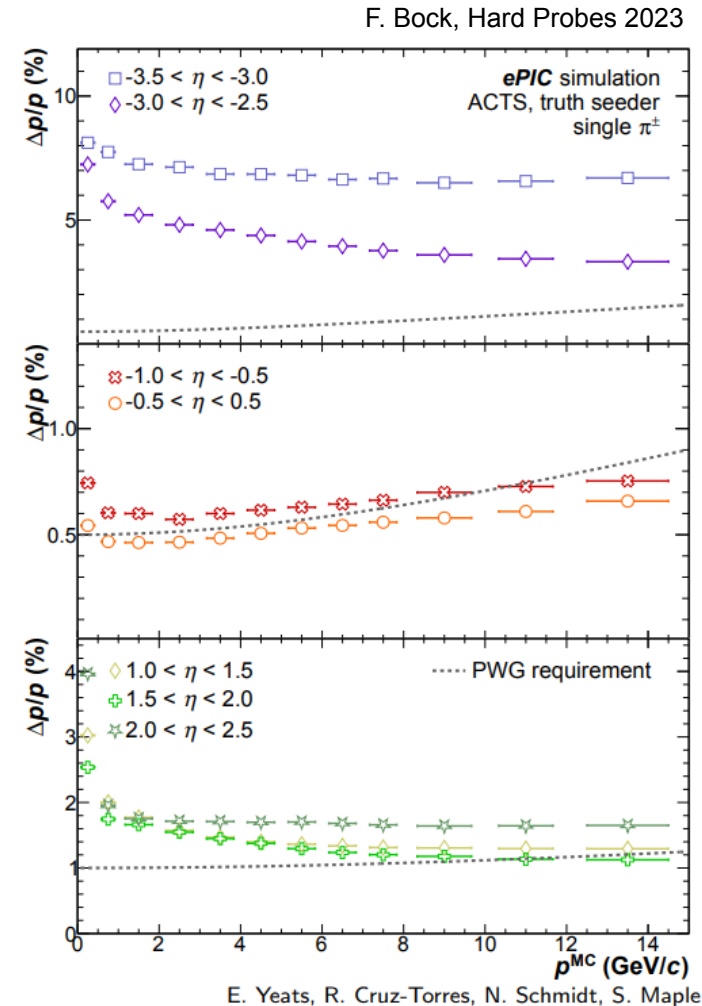
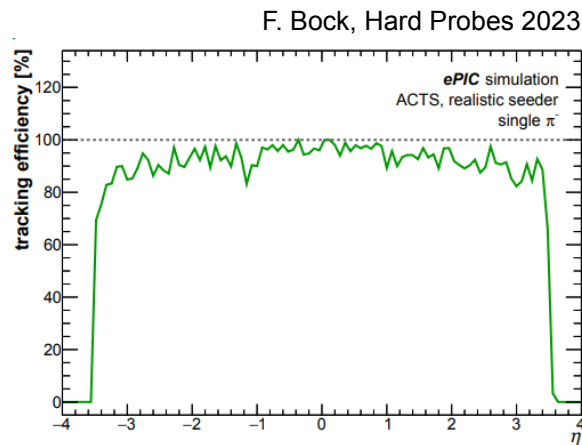
First "μITS3" assembly at CERN



Cylindrical MicroMegas detector



### Simulated performance:



- Meets EICUG Yellow Report design requirements
- Backward momentum resolution complemented by calorimetric resolution

E. Yeats, R. Cruz-Torres, N. Schmidt, S. Maple

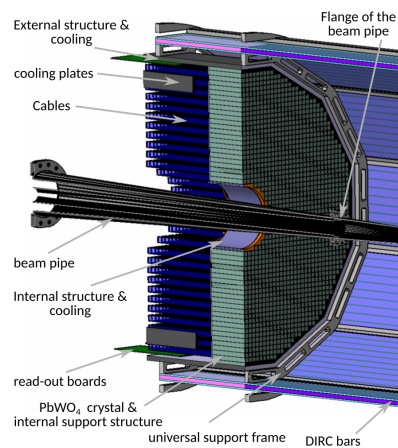
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# ePIC Detector Layout

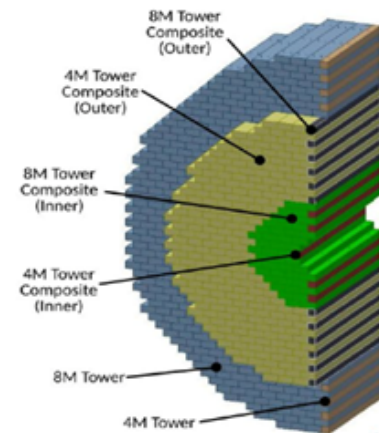
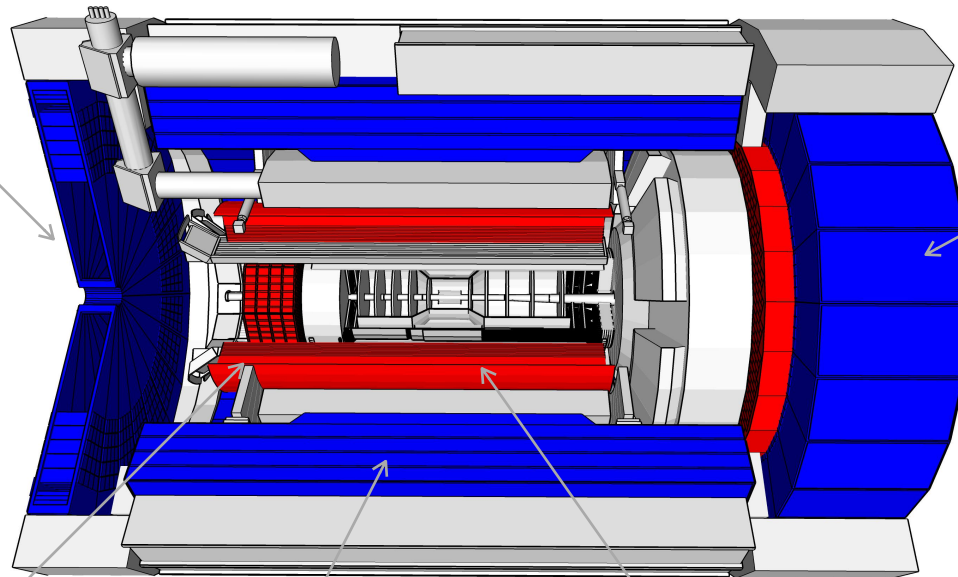
## ePIC Calorimeter Detectors: Layout



**Backwards HCal**  
Steel/Sc Sandwich tail catcher



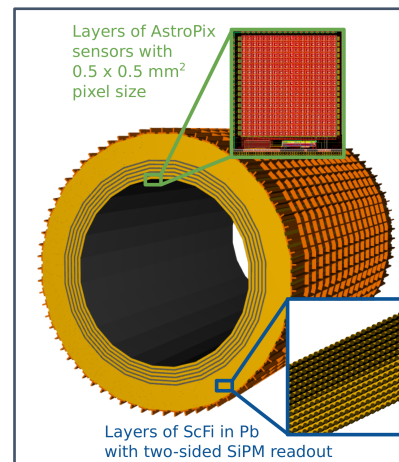
**Backwards EMCAL**  
PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals,  
SiPM photosensor



High granularity  
W/SciFi **EMCAL**  
Longitudinally separated  
**HCal** with high- $\eta$  insert



**Barrel HCal**  
(SPHENIX re-use)



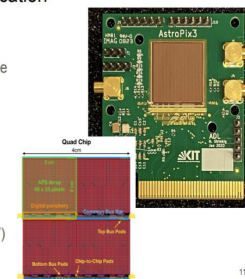
**Barrel BECAL**

### AstroPix v3: Design and Fabrication

#### Pixel Matrix:

- 500 $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup> Pixel Pitch, 300 $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup> Pixel Size
- 35 x 35 pixels
- first 3 cols PMOS amplifier others NMOS
- Pixel Comparator Outputs Row/Column OR wired
- Goal:
  - Pixel Dynamic Range 20keV - 700keV
  - Noise Floor 5 keV (2% @ 662keV)

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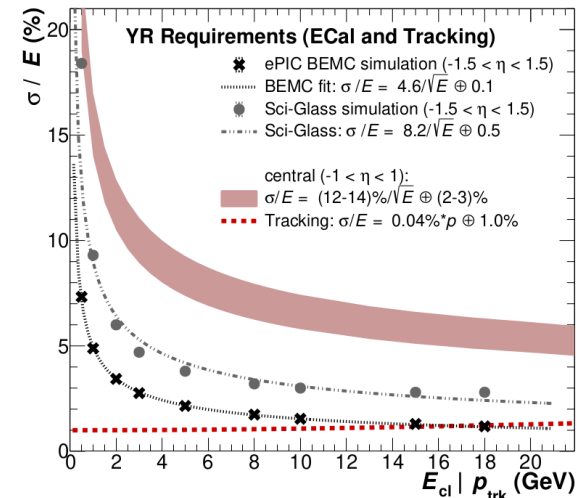
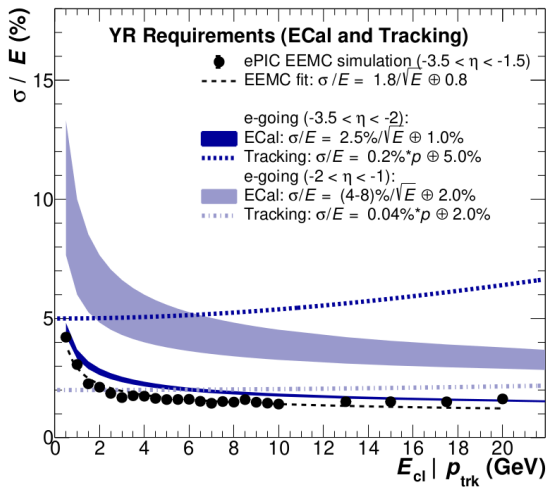
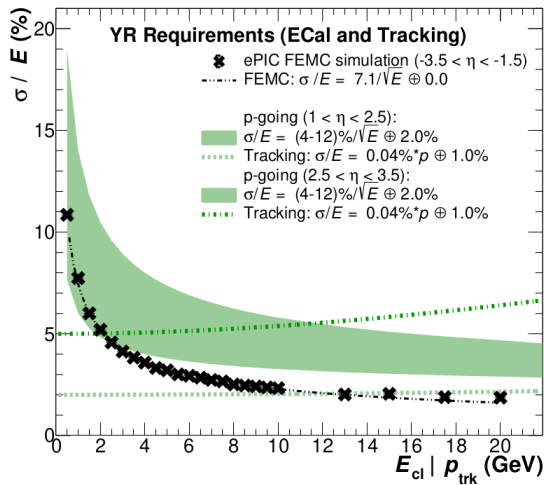




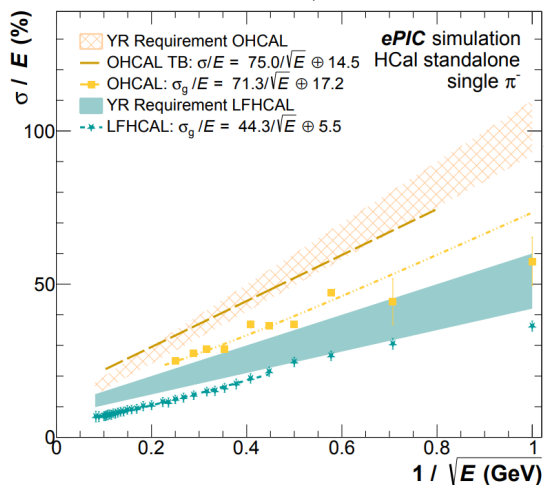
# ePIC Detector Layout

## ePIC Calorimeter Detectors: Performance

N. Schmidt



F. Bock, Hard Probes 2023



Performance on **energy resolution** and matching:

- Technologies fulfill YR requirements for energy resolution
- Ongoing simulation studies related to overlaps between different  $\eta$  regions for calorimetry and reconstruction algorithms

Ongoing work on Monte-Carlo validation:

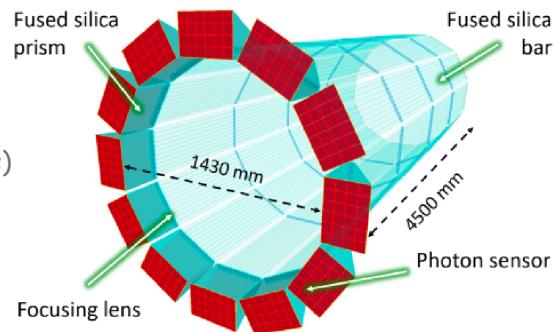
- Validation for high Z absorbers

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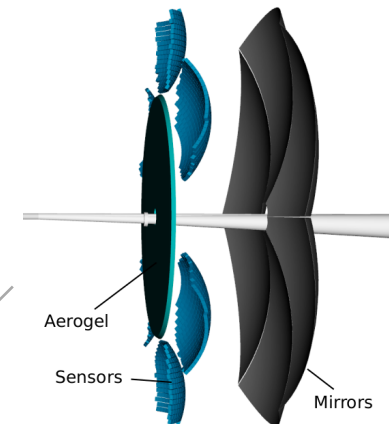
## ePIC PID Detectors: Layout

### High-Performance DIRC

- Quartz bar radiator (BaBAR bars)
- light detection with MCP-PMTs
- Fully focused
- $\pi/K$  36 separation at 6 GeV/c

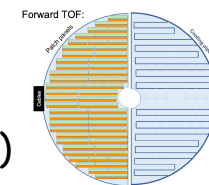


### Dual-Radiator RICH (dRICH)



- $C_2F_6$  Gas Volume and Aerogel
- Sensors tiled on spheres (SiPMs)
- $\pi/K$  3 $\sigma$  sep. at 50 GeV/c

### AC-LGAD TOF ( $\sim 30$ ps)

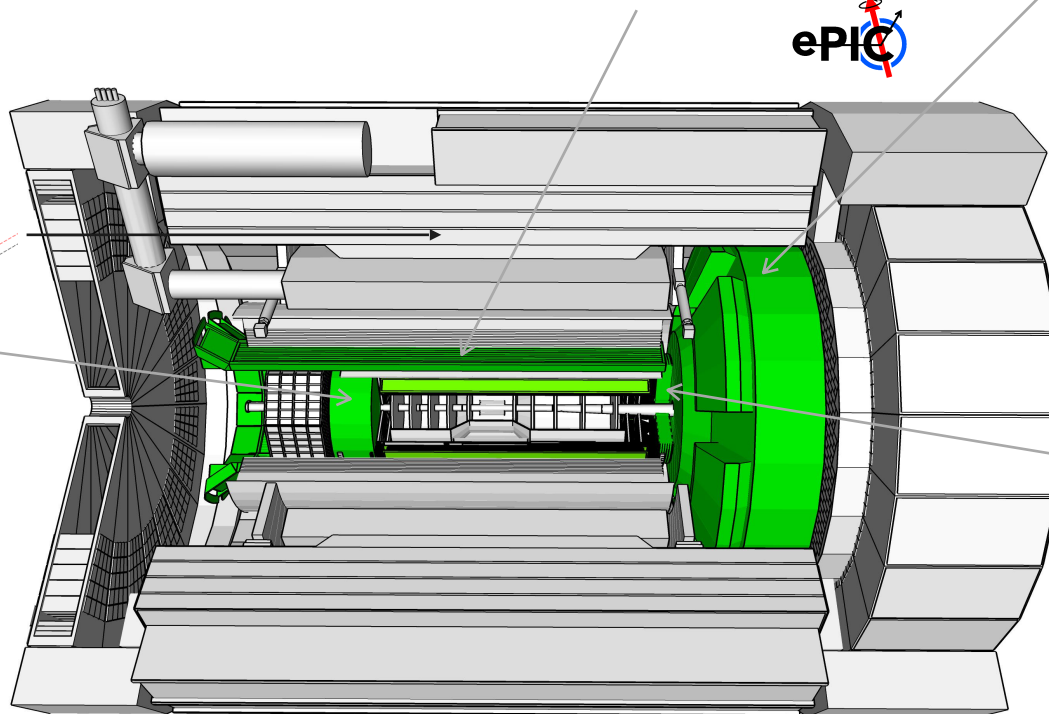
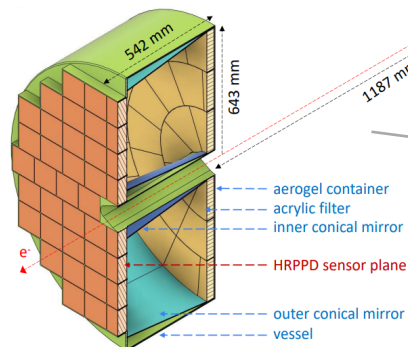


- Accurate space point for tracking / Low p PID
- Forward disk and central barrel

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### Proximity Focused (pFRICH)

- Long proximity gap ( $\sim 40$  cm)
- Sensor: LAPPDs
- up to 9 GeV/c 36  $\pi/K$  sep.



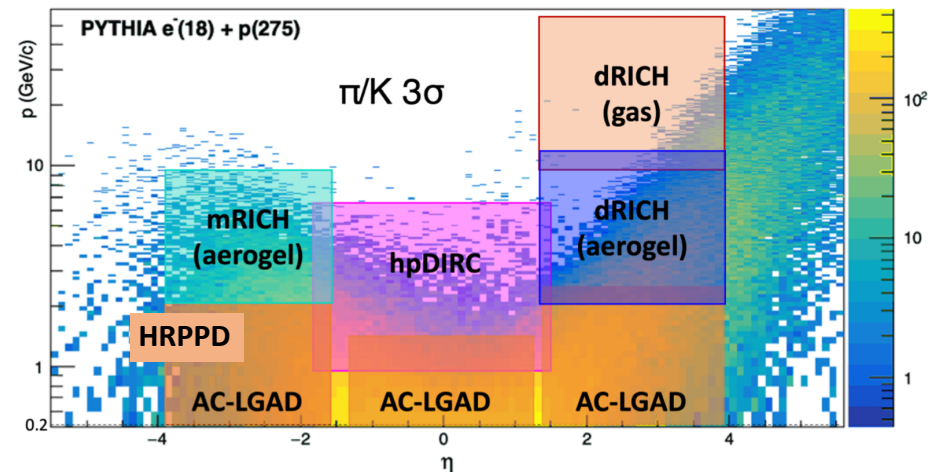
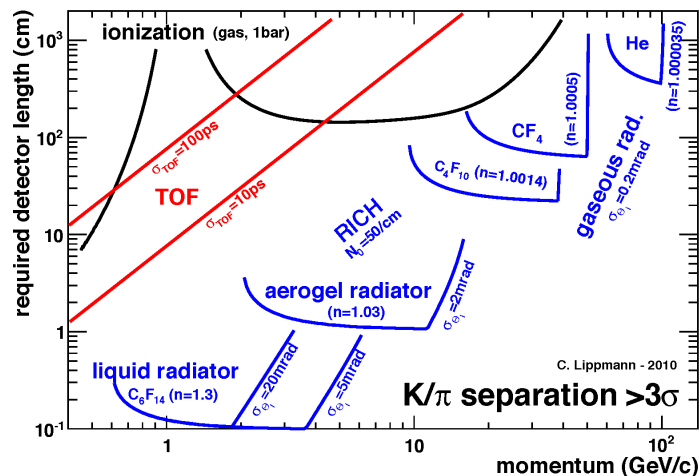
# ePIC Detector Layout

## □ ePIC PID Detectors: Performance

Particle IDentification needs:

- Electrons from photons  $\rightarrow$   $4\pi$  coverage in tracking
- Electrons from charged hadrons  $\rightarrow$  mostly provided by calorimetry and tracking
- Charged pions, kaons, and protons from each other on track level  $\rightarrow$  Cherenkov detectors, complemented by ToF

Rapidity	$\pi/K/\rho$ and $\pi^0/\gamma$	e/h	Min $p_T$ (E)
-3.5 - -1.0	7 GeV/c	18 GeV/c	100 MeV/c
-1.0 - 1.0	8-10 GeV/c	8 GeV/c	100 MeV/c
1.0 - 3.5	50 GeV/c	20 GeV/c	100 MeV/c



Critical: Need more than one technology to cover the **entire momentum ranges** at **different rapidities!**

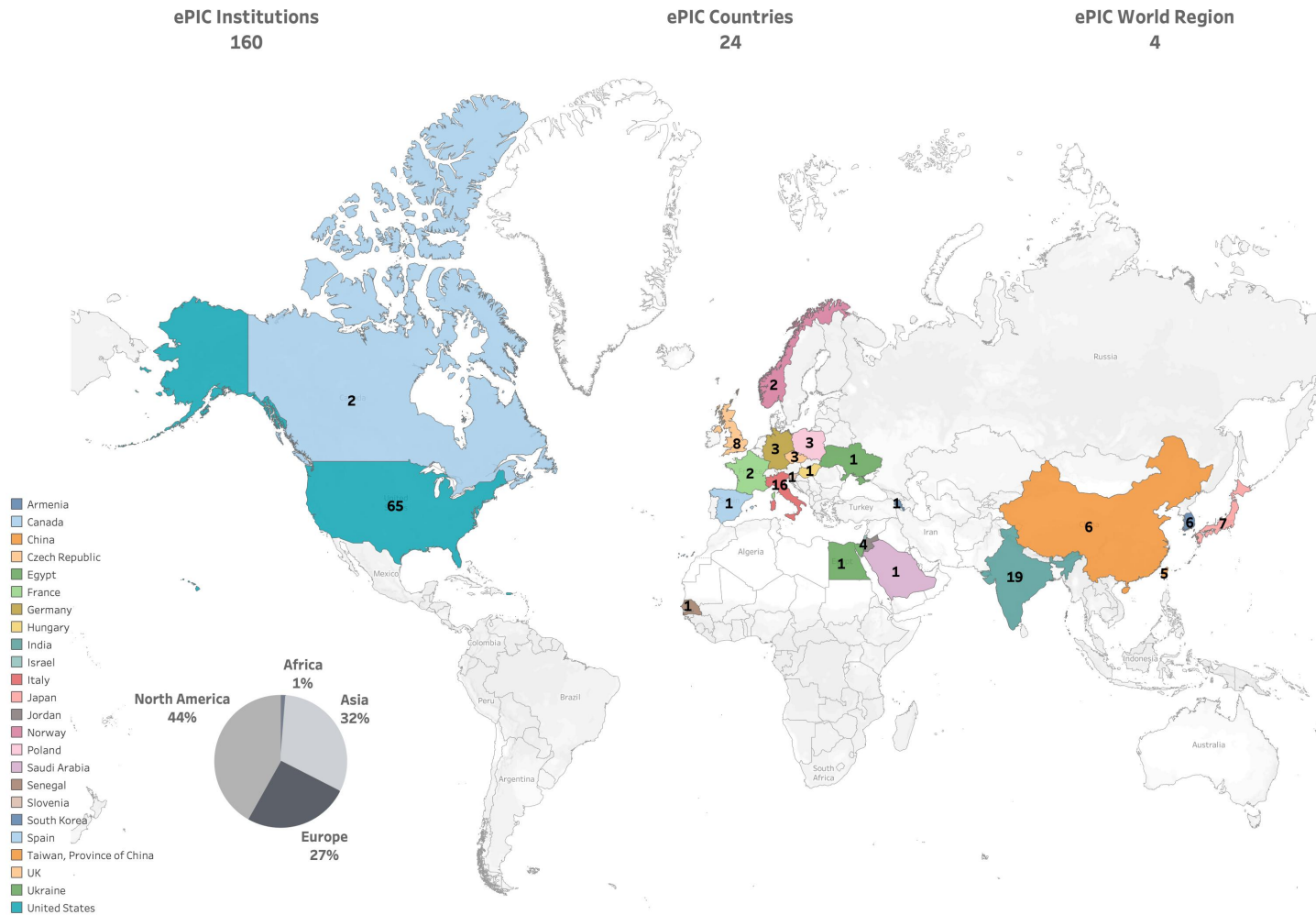


# ePIC Collaboration

## World Map - Institutions



ePIC - A **global** pursuit for a new EIC experiment at IP6 at BNL

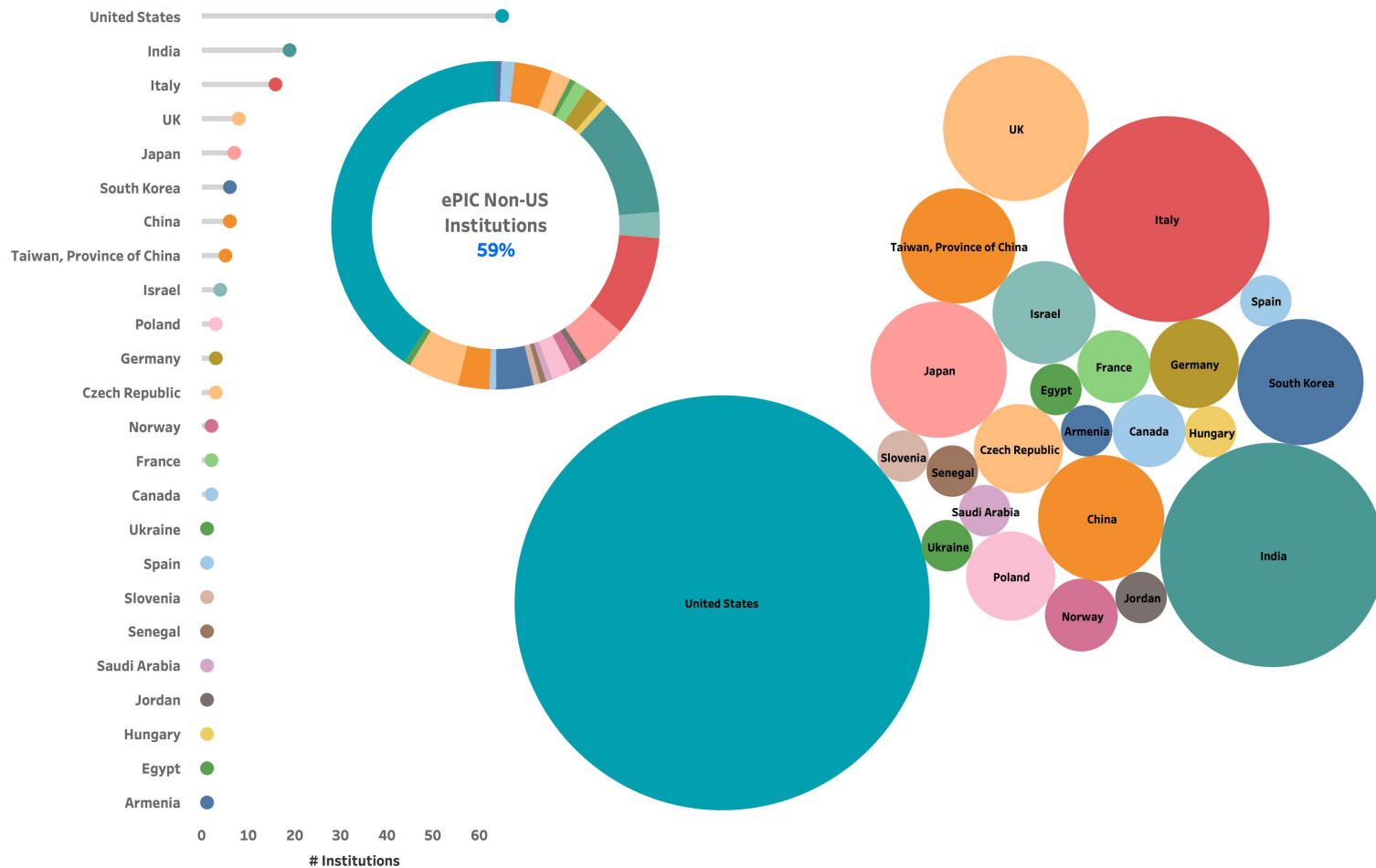


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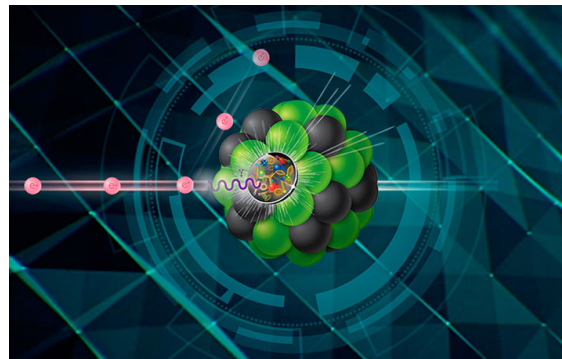


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# Summary and Next Steps

- Over two decades, the nuclear physics community has developed the **scientific and technical case for the Electron-Ion Collider**, to push the **frontiers of human understanding of the fundamental structure and dynamics of matter** → **Emergent phenomena** in QCD!
- Enormously profit from a **diverse set of experiences among experimentalists and theorists** at numerous institutions **worldwide** → Critical for a **broad EIC scientific program**
- **Successful merging of several proposal efforts**, forming a new collaboration in 2022/2023: **ePIC** collaboration
- A **very exciting time is ahead of us** to explore the structure and dynamics of matter at a new **ep/eA** collider facility following years of preparation - Join us!



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## □ Schedule: EIC Project Detector at IP 6 / ePIC

