

Status of the ePIC Collaboration

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ePIC, the Context

- ePIC is the Project Detector →

- the whole path to the EIC is also the path to ePIC

White paper (2012, 2014)
the NAS assessment (2018)
the Yellow Report (2020)

Long range plan for Nuclear Science (2015)
CDO and site selection (Dec 2019/Jan 2020)
the ECCE and ATHENA proposals (2021)

- the whole EIC physics scope has to be addressed by ePIC

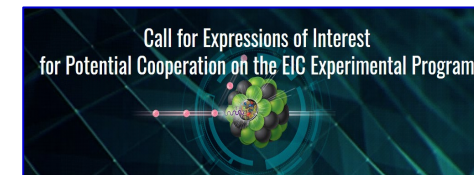
- Status 1 y ago (@ EICUG annual meeting 2022, Stony Brook):

- Merging of the ECCE and ATHENA Collaborations **forming a stronger collaboration for the Project Detector @ IP6 → ePIC**
- Community merging was just completed
- Structuring the ePIC collaboration just started
- Detector consolidation and optimization at a very initial stage

- Today : an update about ePIC progress during the last year



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OUTLOOK

- The composition and the structure of the ePIC Collaboration
- The ePIC detector moving towards the TDR

The ePIC today



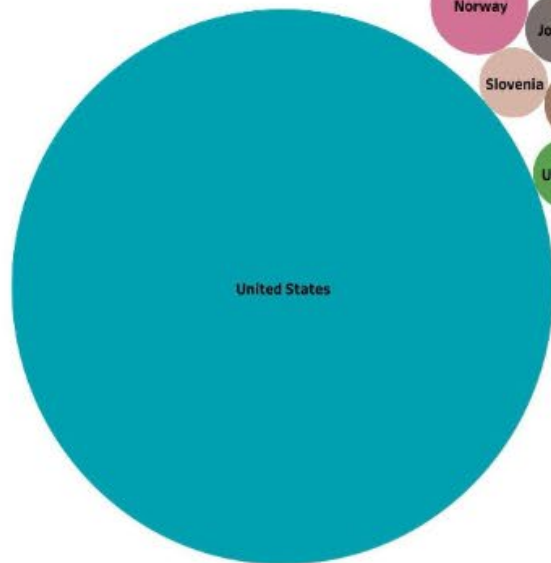
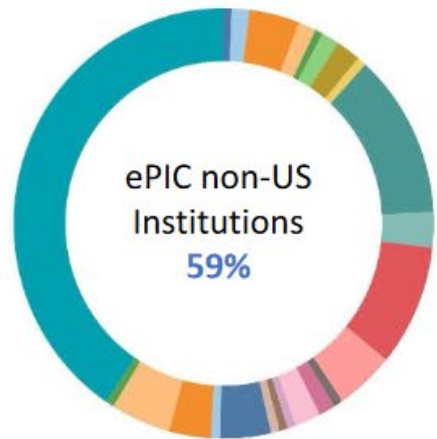
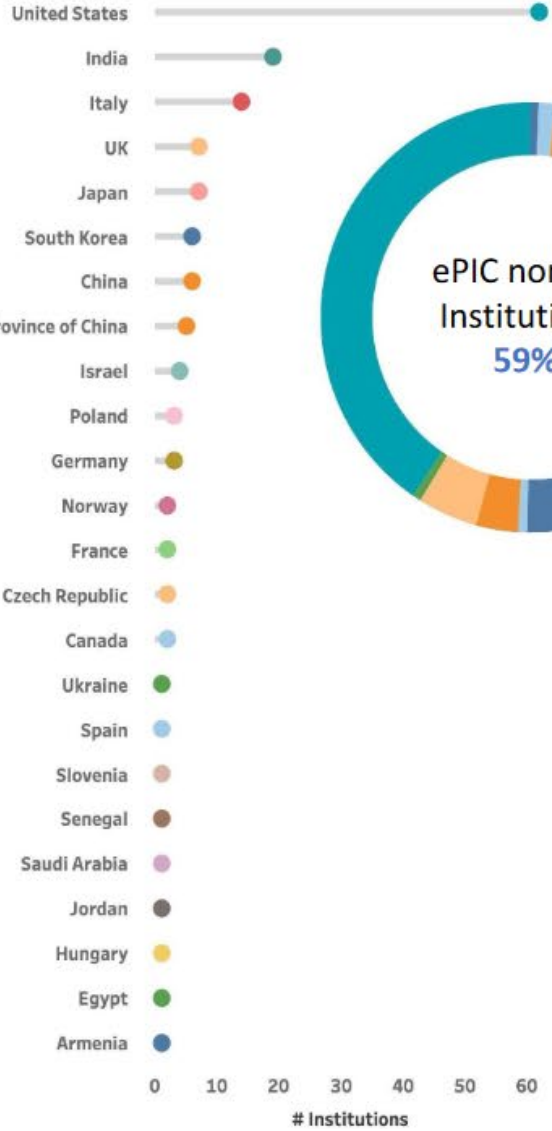
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11 new entries in July 2023:

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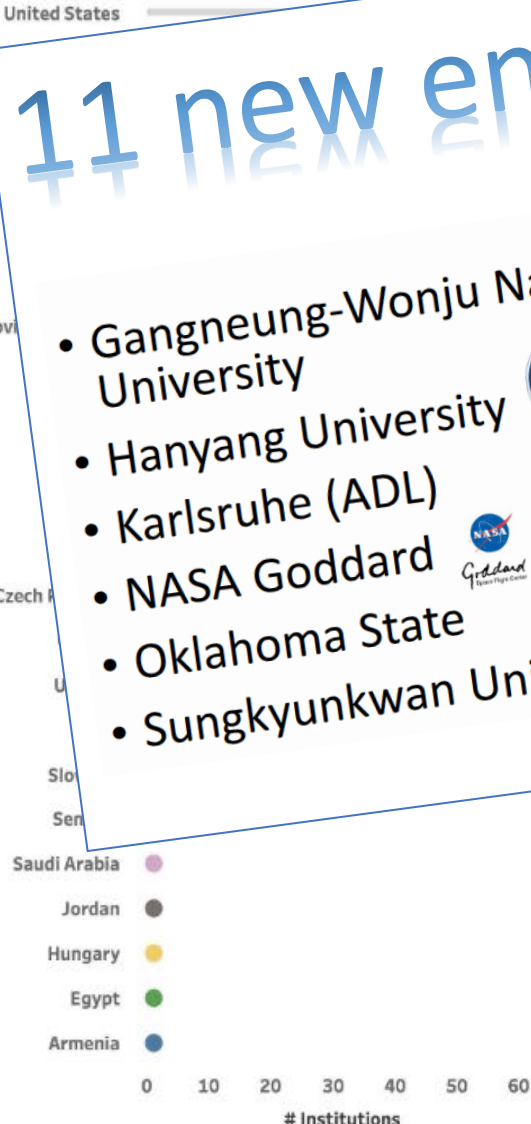
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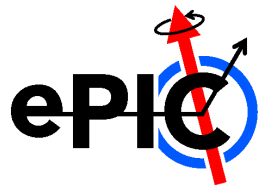
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- The Ohio State 
- University of Liverpool 
- University of Seoul 
- University of Tokyo (CNS) 
- Yonsei University 

- Gangneung-Wonju National University 
- Hanyang University 
- Karlsruhe (ADL)  
- NASA Goddard 
- Oklahoma State 
- Sungkyunkwan University 



COLLABORATION ORGANIZATION TIMELINE

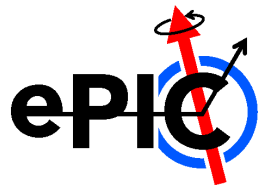


Snapshot of collaboration activities towards structuring the COLLABORATION:

- June 2022: **Collaboration roster established** via institutional survey
- July 26th-28th: **Collaboration formation meeting** @ Stony Brook University
- August-December 2022: **Collaboration Charter**
 - December 14: **adoption of charter**
- December 2022 - February 2023: **Nomination process & Collaboration leadership election**
 - Mid February: **announcement of election results**
- After April 2022: **forming the collaboration community**
 - **Biweekly general meetings**, alternating meeting time to account for a **world-wide collaboration including 4 time-areas**:
East Cost, West Cost, Europe, Asia
 - **First Collaboration Meeting**: July 26-28, 2022, at Stonybrook
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Till February 2023 the Collaboration has been managed by a Steering Committee:

Silvia Dalla Torre, Or Hen, Tanja Horn, John Lajoie, Bernd Surrow



Warm thanks to our colleagues for serving in the ePIC SC in the crucial initial phase!

East Cost, West Cost, Europe, Asia

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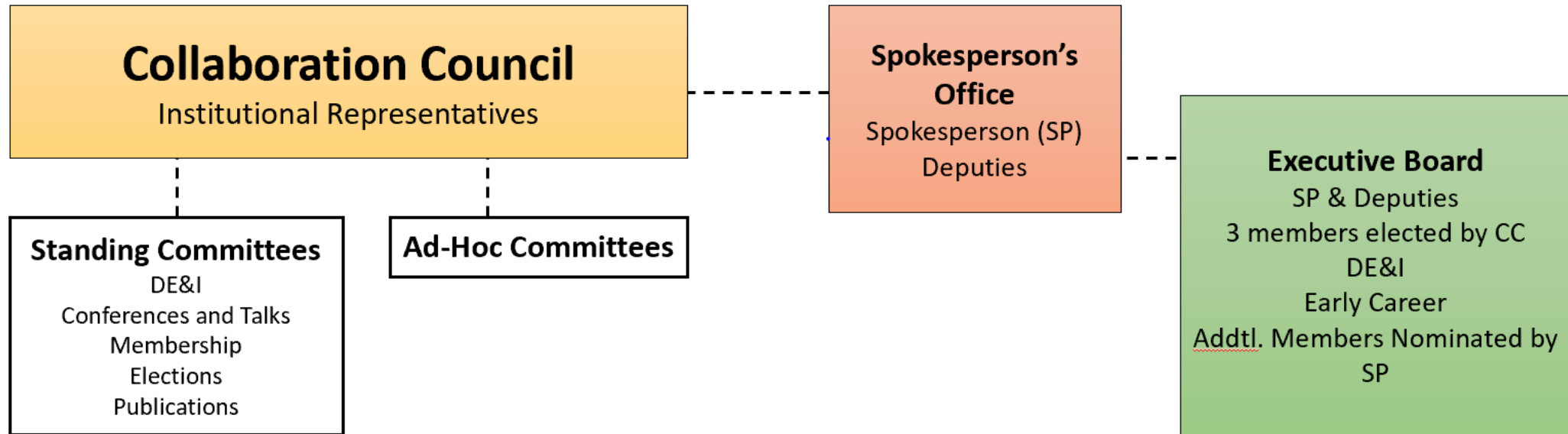
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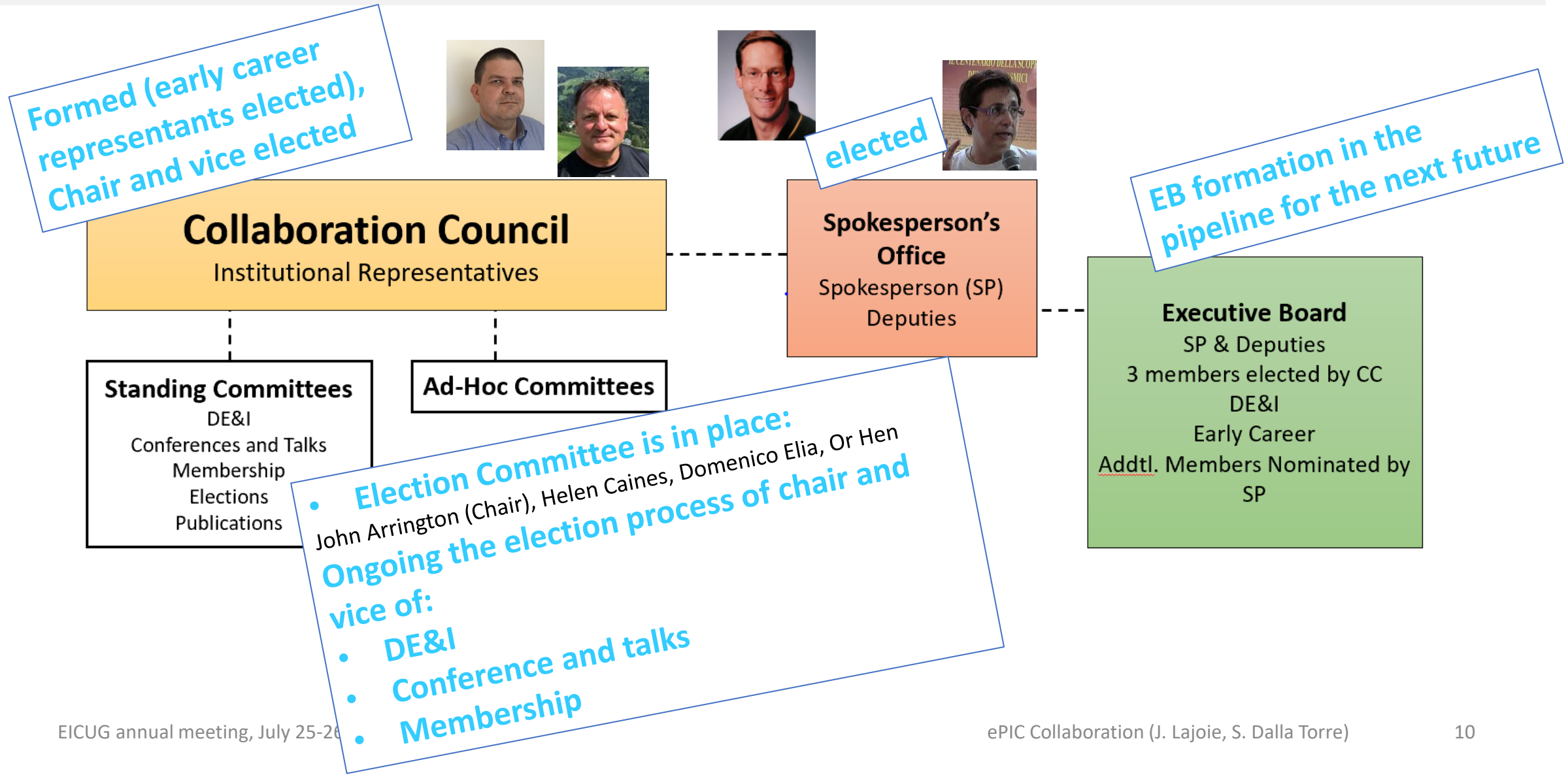
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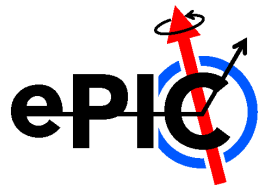
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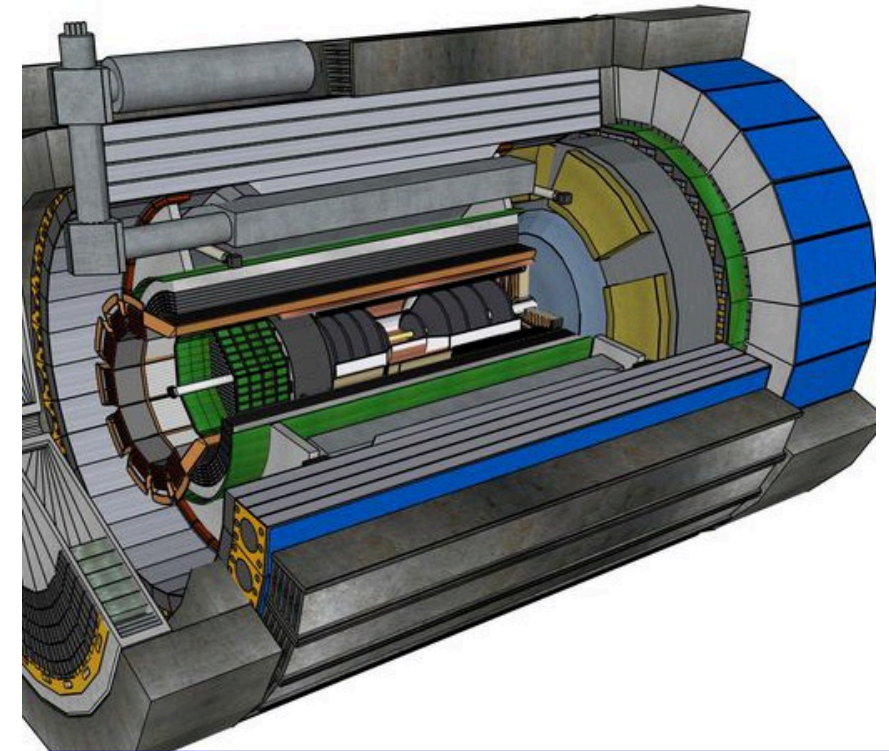


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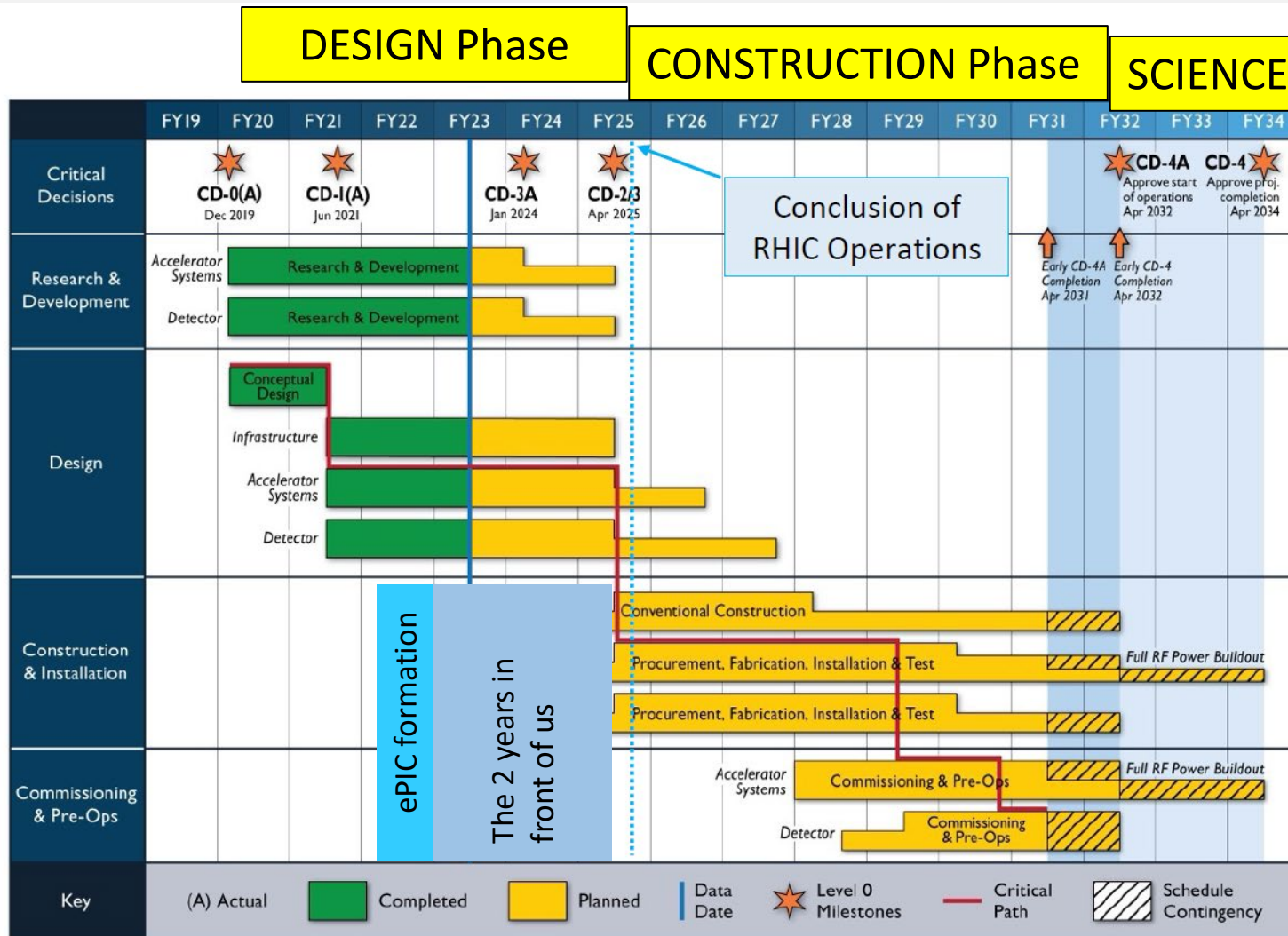
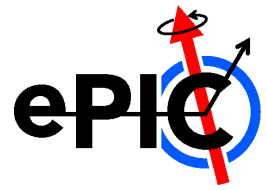
Snapshot of collaboration activities towards detector consolidation and optimization:

- April 2022: **Formation of Working Groups** and start of technological consolidation process, following EIC detector proposal closeout in March 2022
- April 2022 – March 2023: **intense WG activity**
 - Weekly/biweekly WG meetings
 - Biweekly meetings WG conveners- Collaboration Management
 - WG “Global Detector and Integration” acting as a proto-technical board, including review processes when appropriate
 - Recent reviews for optimization:
Barrel EM Calorimeter, backward RICH
- The activity is continuing within **an upgraded structure of the collaboration scientific bodies**



The design of the ePIC Central Detector **now**, as resulting from the consolidation and optimization activity

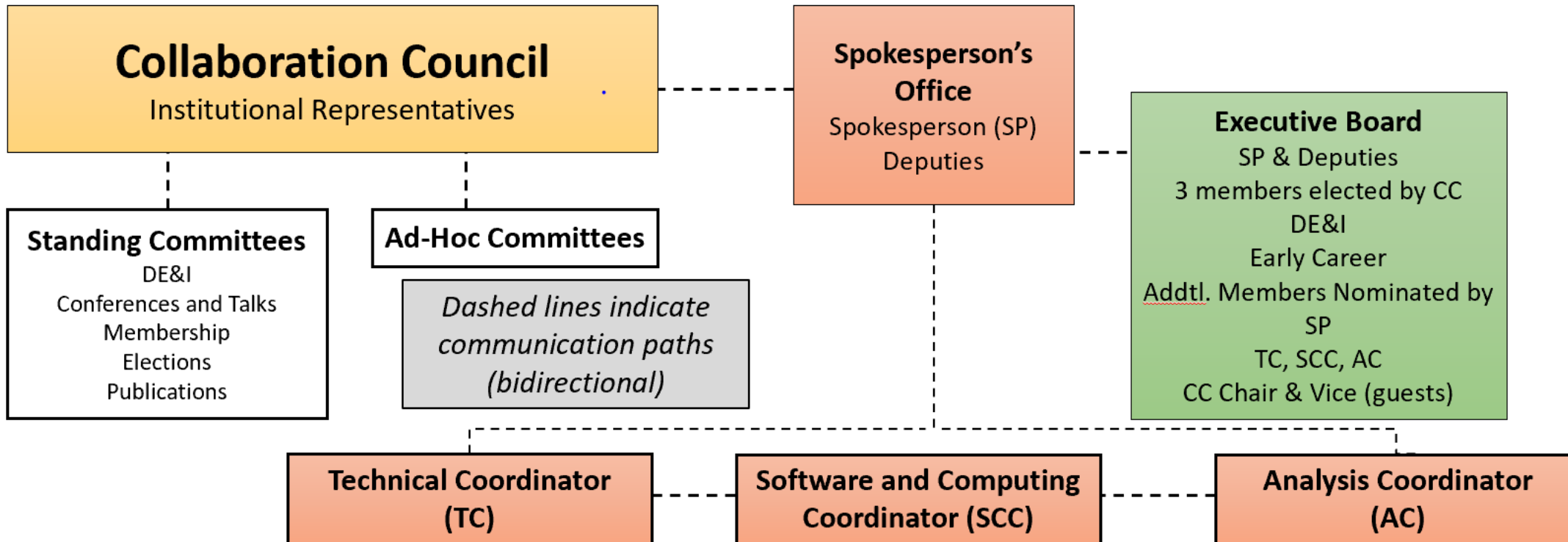
PROJECT TIMELINES and COLLABORATION TIMELINES



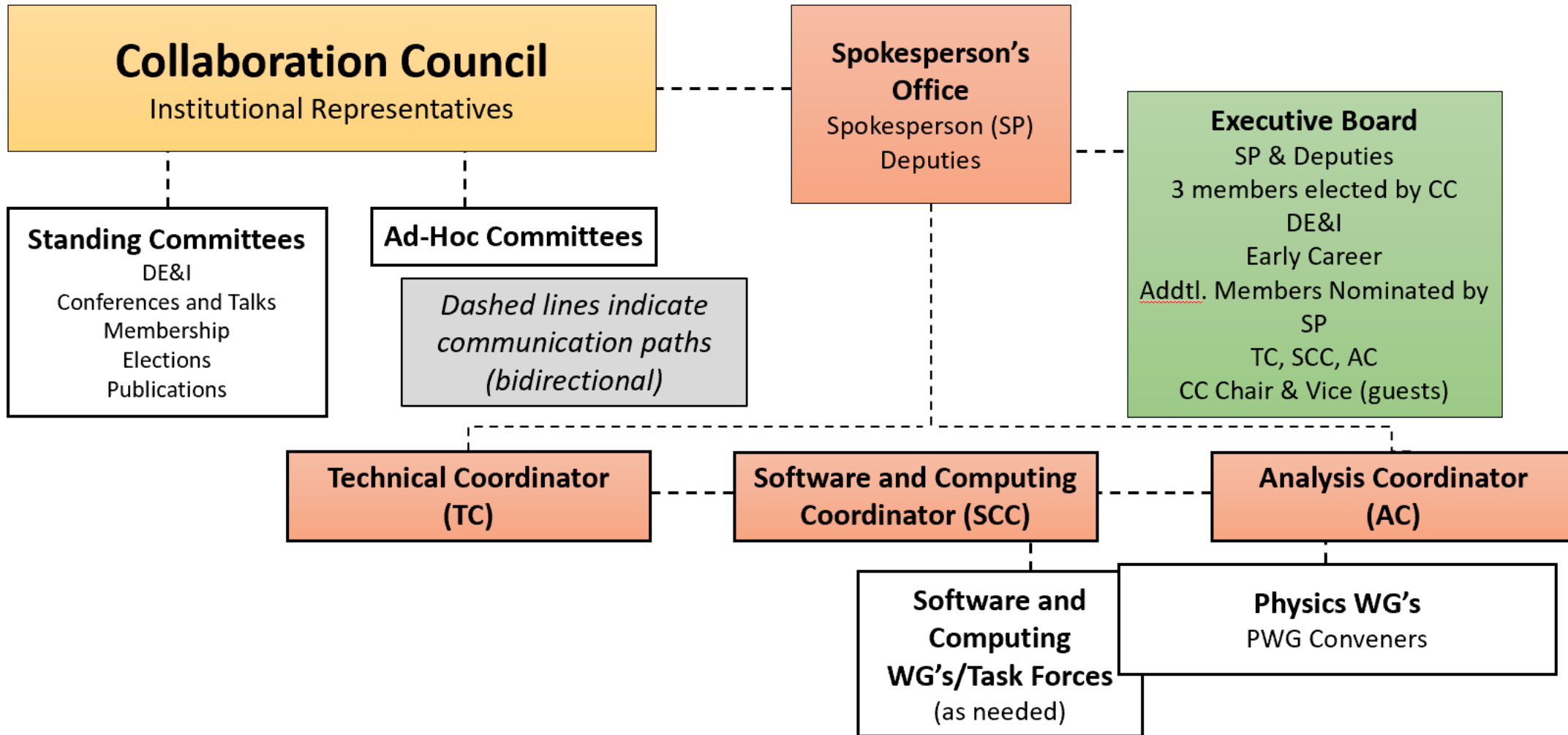
The [ePIC goals](#) for the current and next year:

- to prepare the Technical Design Report (TDR) to get CD3 approval
- To organize the Collaboration so to be ready for the construction phase at the beginning of 2025
- The ePIC management plan by the SP-office is focused on the next two-years

Key aspects of the scientific structure : the Coordinators



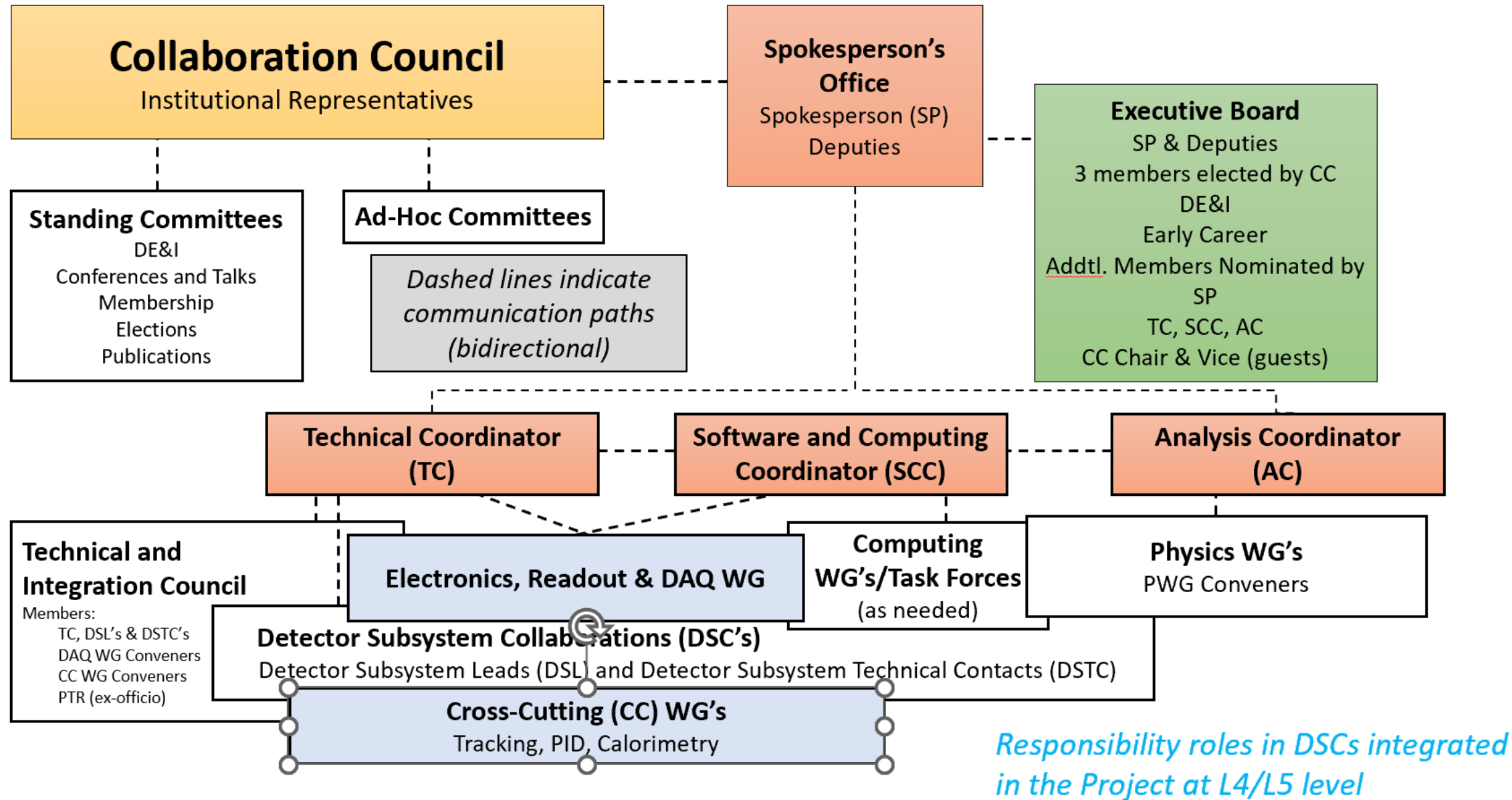
Key aspects of the scientific structure : Physics and /software/computing WGs



SSC activity includes

- **Operations and production**
- **Software development and reconstruction**
- **Infrastructure**

Key aspects of the scientific structure : DSCs and CC WGs



Scientific structure : the people



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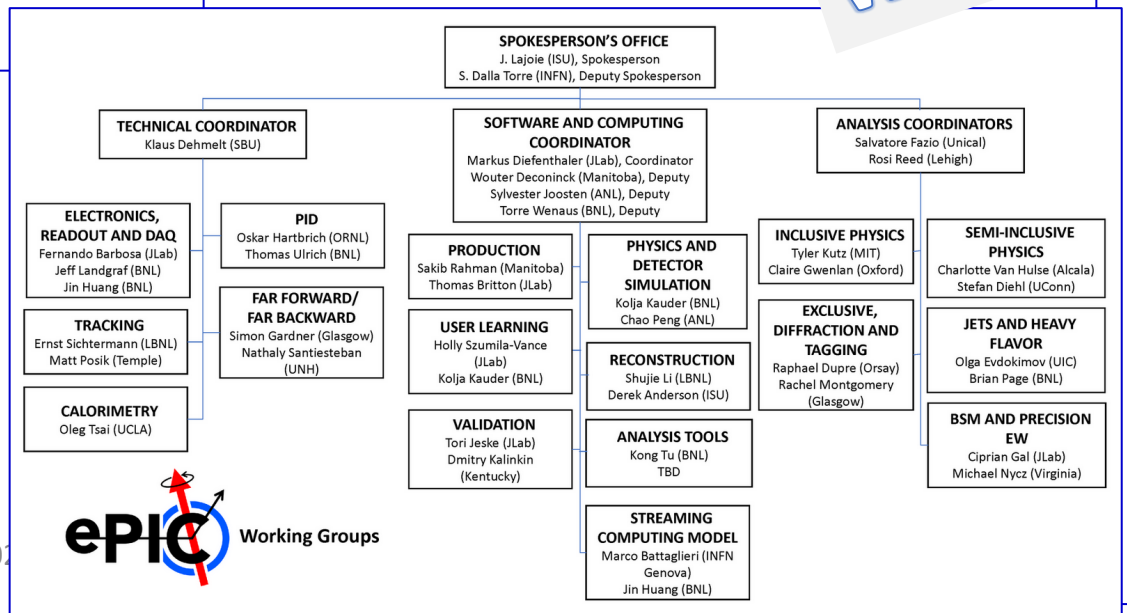
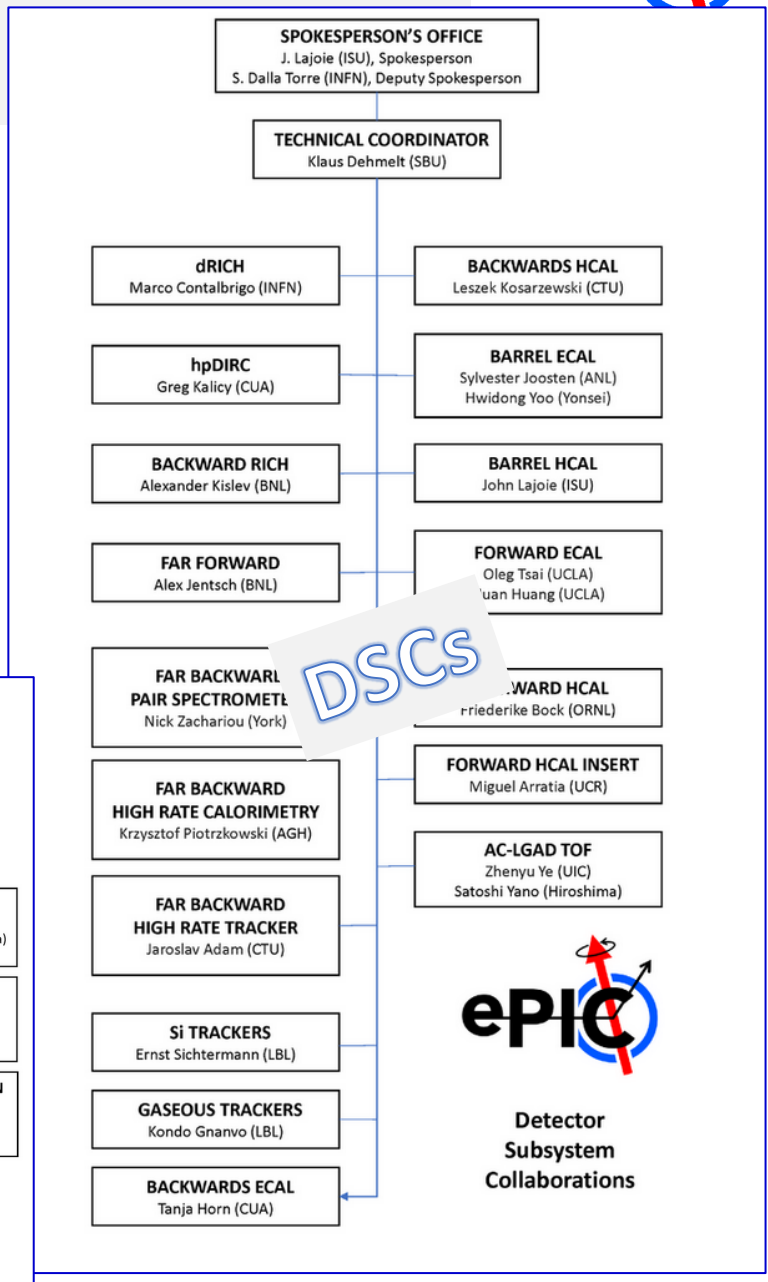
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Thank you !

WGS

management



ePIC handling processes for technology choices, the barrel ECal and the backward RICH cases



Why?

- March 13, 2022 – EIC Project encourages proto-collaboration to “...integrate new experimental concepts and technologies that improve physics capabilities without introducing inappropriate risk.”
- Spring/Summer 2022 – Barrel ECal and backwards PID identified by GD/I as consolidation items requiring additional scrutiny.

- October '22 – March '23:
 - First ePIC simulation campaign with 2 geometry concepts to support simulation studies for competing technologies

- Barrel ECal and backwards PID guidance to proponents, committee charge developed.

- External review committee members identified.

- GD/I review preparation meetings:

- (ECal) <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/17940/> ;
- (bRICH) <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/18140/>, <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/18221>

- **Barrel Ecal review:** <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/18517/>

(at the INDICO site: charge to proponents, charge to reviewers and review report)

- **Backward RICH:** <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/18499/>

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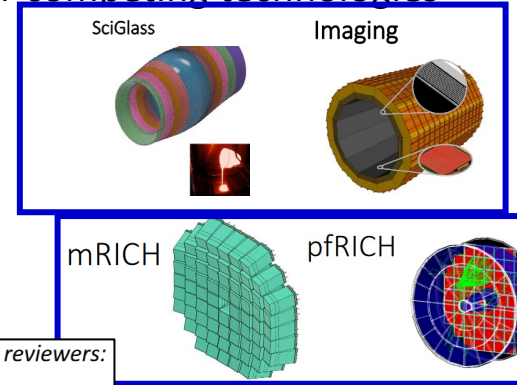
REVIEW
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GD/I &
external
reviewers

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SP-office and proto-EB → Recommendations

- April 14, 2023 : Recommendations presented at the ePIC General Meeting
- April 21, 2023 : Recommendations presented at the CC Meeting, motions to initiate the change control process presented
- May 1, 2023 : as result of a CC voting process, the motions to initiate the change control process are approved

First meeting of ePIC proto Executive Board (proto-EB):

- **Members:** J. Lajoie, S. Dalla Torre, K. Dehmelt, M. Diefenthaler, R. Reed, S. Fazio
- **CC Chair/Vice Chair (invited):** E. Sichtermann, B. Surrow (*invited, non-voting*)
- **Temporary EB Members:** B. Jacak, O. Evdokimov, T. Gunji, D. Higinbotham
- **External Input Solicited:** P. Jones, P. Newman

Preparatory
phase

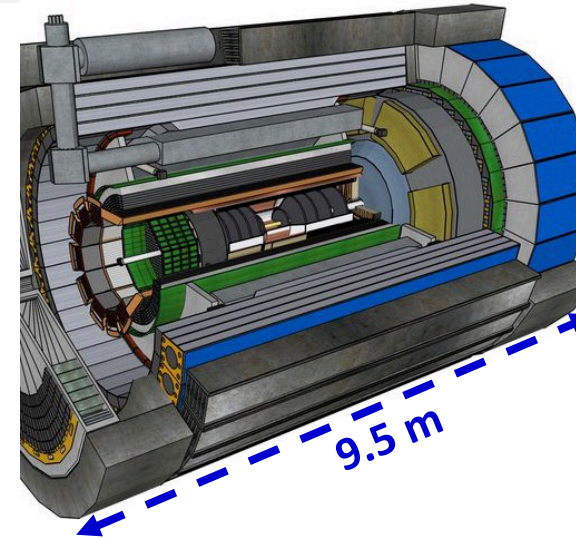
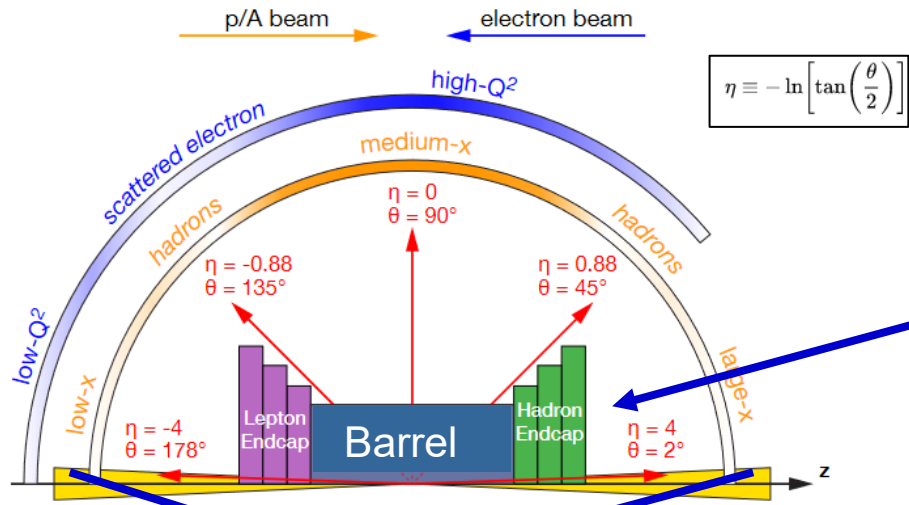
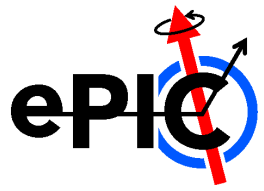
Internal
Reviews

Recommendations
and motion
approval

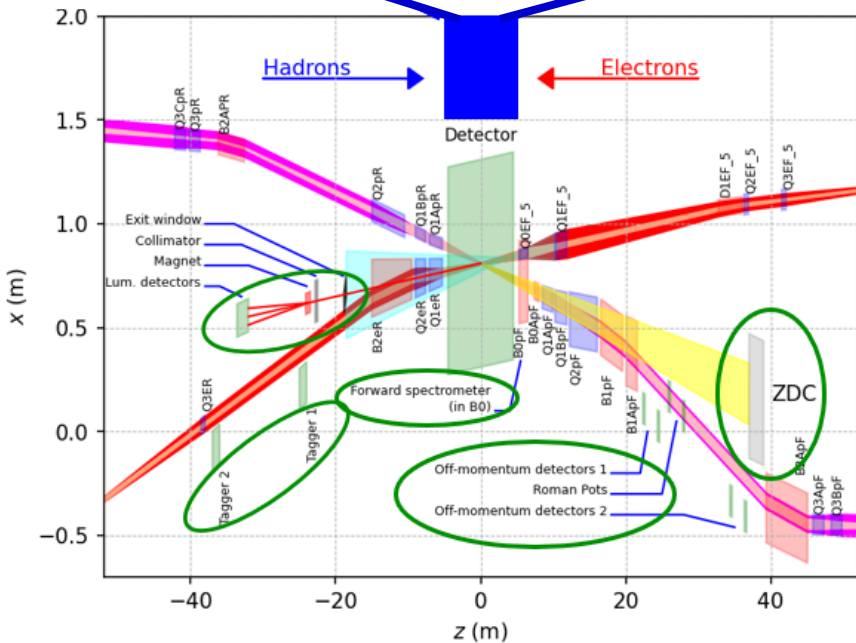
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ePIC, an extended detector



Central Detector (CD)



Total size detector: ~75m

Central detector: ~10m

Far Backward electron detection: ~35m

Far Forward hadron spectrometer: ~40m

Auxiliary detectors needed to tag particles with very small scattering angles both in the outgoing lepton and hadron beam direction (B0-Taggers, Off-momentum taggers, Roman Pots, Zero-degree Calorimeter and low Q2-tagger).

ePIC detector, the challenges

Background



E.C. Aschenauer, EIC Asia workshop, 2023

What is needed experimentally?

experimental measurements categories to address EIC physics:

inclusive DIS

- measure scattered lepton
- event kinematics
- e-ID: e/h separation
- reach to lowest x, Q² impacts Interaction Region design

10 fb⁻¹

semi-inclusive DIS

- measure scattered lepton and hadrons in coincidence
- multi-dimensional binning: x, Q², z, p_T, Θ
- particle identification over entire kinematic region is critical
- Jets: excellent E_T, jet-energy scale

10 fb⁻¹

exclusive processes

- measure all particles in event
- multi-dimensional binning: x, Q², t, Θ
- proton p_T: 0.2 - 1.3 GeV
- cannot be detected in main detector
- strong impact on Interaction Region design

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machine & detector requirements

spanning a wide kinematical range

ECM: 20 – 141 GeV

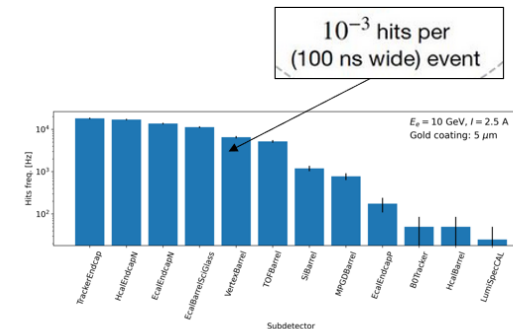
Background sources

- Beam-gas induced
 - Hadron-gas interaction
 - Electron-gas interaction

rates in kHz	5x41 GeV	5x100 GeV	10x100 GeV	10x275 GeV	18x275 GeV	Vacuum
DIS ep	12.5 kHz	129 kHz	184 kHz	500 kHz	83 kHz	
hadron beam gas	12.2kHz	22.0kHz	31.9kHz	32.6kHz	22.5kHz	10000Ahr
electron beam gas	131.1kHz	236.4kHz	342.8kHz	350.3kHz	241.8kHz	100Ahr

Main contribution to detector background are from Bethe-Heitler process:

$$e_{\text{beam}} + H^2_{\text{rest gas}} \rightarrow e' + \gamma + H^2_{\text{rest gas}}$$



Data from the ePIC wiki page

- Synchrotron radiation

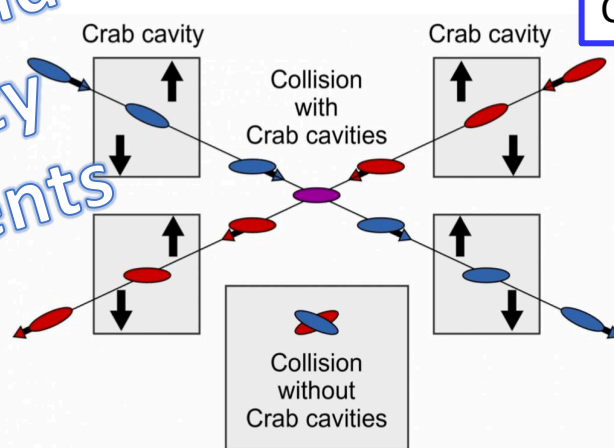
Bunches and beam crossing rates

Species	p	e	p	e	p	e	p	e	p	e
Beam energy [GeV]	275	18	275	10	100	10	100	5	41	5
√s [GeV]	140.7		104.9		63.2		44.7		28.6	
No. of bunches	290		1160		1160		1160		1160	
Species	Au	e	Au	e	Au	e	Au	e		
Beam energy [GeV]	110	18	110	10	110	5	41	5		
√s [GeV]	89.0		66.3		46.9		28.6			
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Data from EIC CDR, 2020

Up to a beam crossing rate at the IP every 10ns, with a max collision rate of ~0.5 MHz (1 event every ~200 bunch crossing)

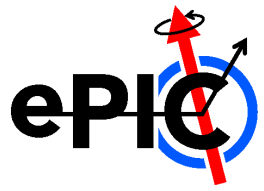
Machine and luminosity requirements



CRAB CROSSING ANGLE (25 mrad)

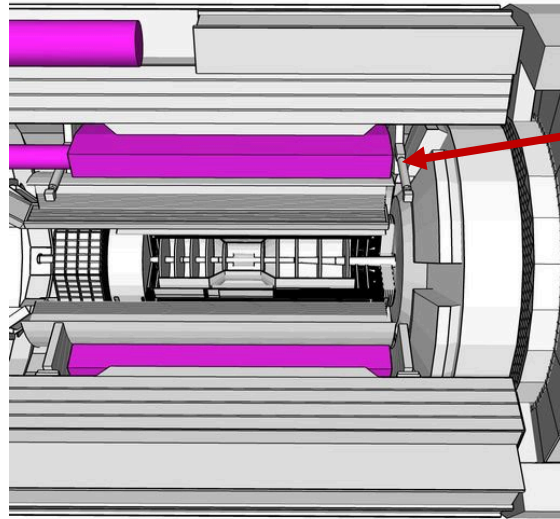
Head-on collision is restored by rotating the bunches before colliding and, then, back (“crab crossing”)

ePIC detector, the CD solenoid



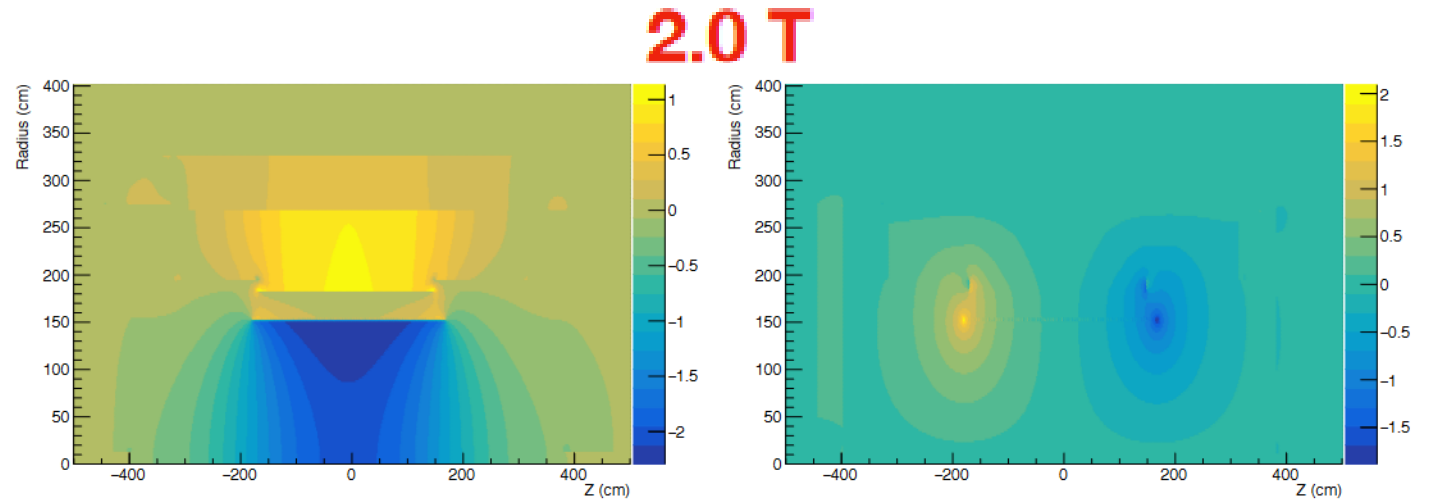
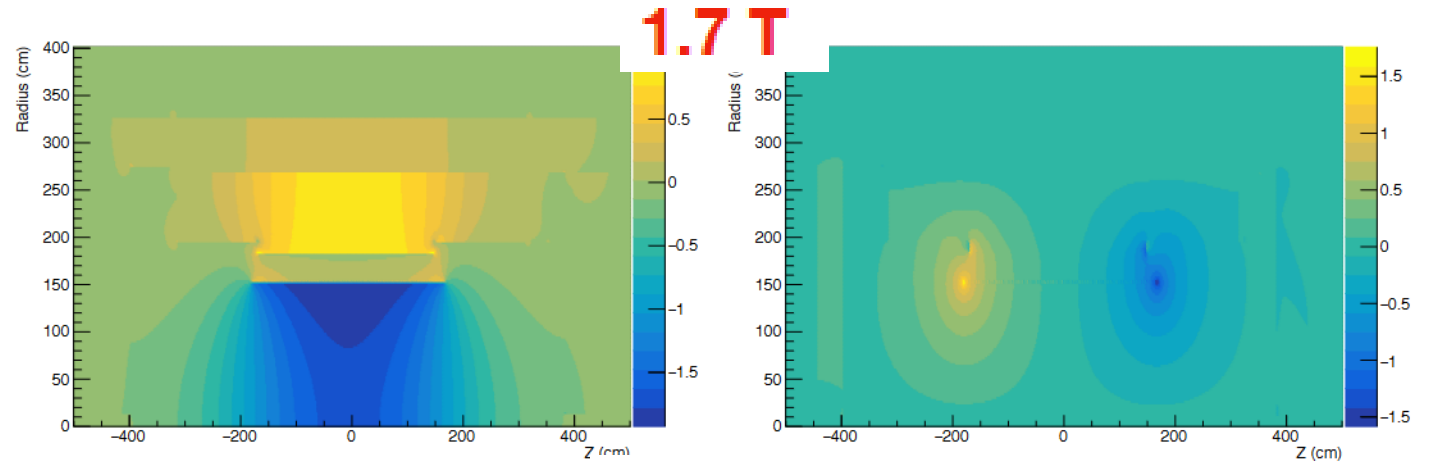
@ ePIC meeting:
Talk by Valerio Calvelli on
Thursday morning

The choice of a new in Spring 2022



MARCO

magnetic field (Tesla) in Z direction magnetic field (Tesla) in radial direction;

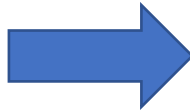


- Design to operate at 1.7 T
- It can provide up to 2 T

Review in October 2022:
60% design readiness
confirmed!

CHALLENGES

- Efficient pattern recognition
- Very low material budget for the central tracking region not exceeding 5% X/X_0 (p resolution!)
- Solenoidal magnetic field
 - Fine $\int B \cdot dl$ in the barrel
 - Limited $\int B \cdot dl$ in the endcaps
- Limited lever arm
 - Solenoid and overall detector design constrains in the barrel
 - IR design in the endcaps
- “low” interaction rate (< 0.5 GHz), but background !



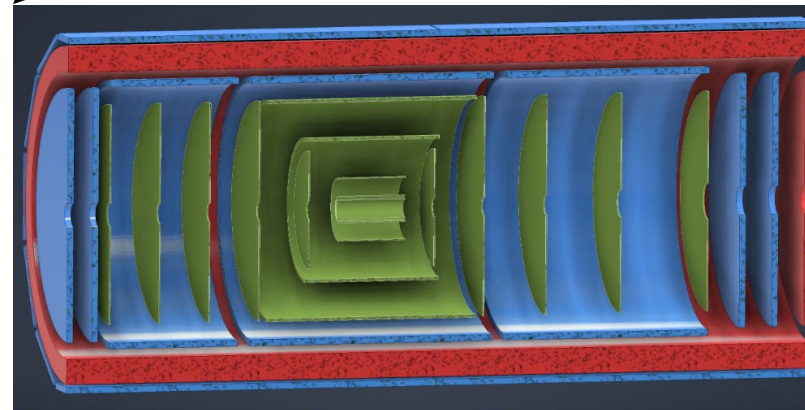
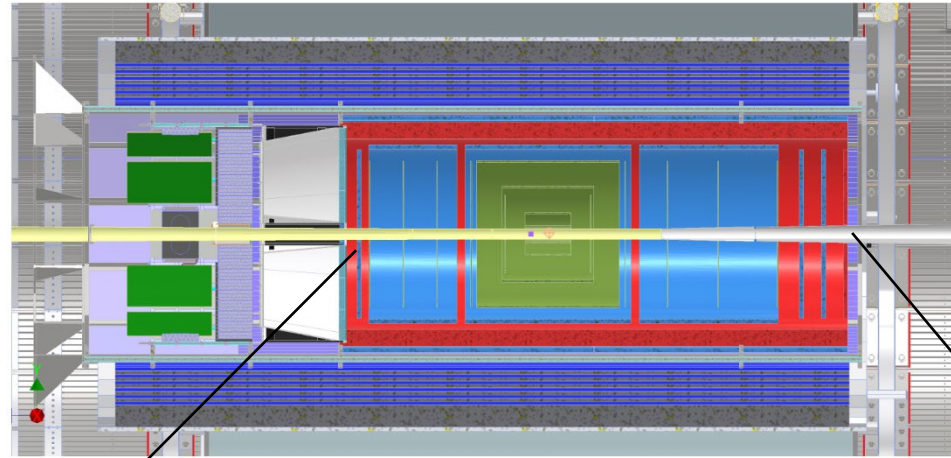
STRATEGIES

- Redundancy of the measured space point coordinates
- Monolithic Active Pixel Silicon (MAPS)
 - Guiding example: the inner tracking in ALICE (ALPIDE chip, also used in sPHENIX)
- Fine space resolution – fine granularity Si sensors
- Synergies among detector components (backward ECal, barrel ECal, RICH counters, ...)
- Good time resolution to disentangle signal and background: this cannot be provided by MAPS, use additional MicroPattern Gaseous Detector layers

Ongoing layout optimization

Monolithic Active Pixel Silicon (MAPS) Tracker:

- 1 single technology: 65-nm MAPS
- $O(20 \mu\text{m})$ pitch, $<20 \text{ mW/cm}^2$
- No fine time resolution: signal length $O(\sim 5 \mu\text{s})$
- Developed for ALICE ITS3
- Silicon **VERTEX** (3 layers)
 - First layer @ $R \sim 4 \text{ cm}$
 - Material: $0.05\% X/X_0$ / layer
- Silicon **BARREL** (2 layers)
 - Material: $0.55\% X/X_0$ / layer
- F & B Silicon **DISKS** (5 in Front and Back)
 - Material: $0.24\% X/X_0$ / layer



SVT MPGDs ToF (fiducial volume)

Multi Pattern Gas Detectors (MPGD):

2 technologies being considered

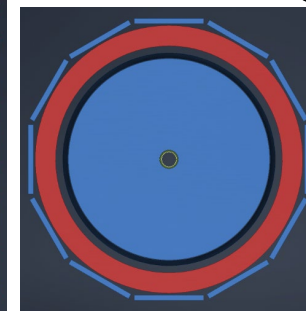
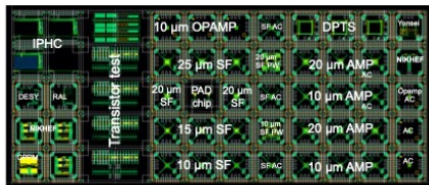
- MicroMEGAS
- μRWELL
- Time resolution $< 10 \text{ ns}$

2 geometrical implementations

- \rightarrow cylindrical (established for MM, R&D for μRWELL)
- \rightarrow planar

Role of the MPGDs

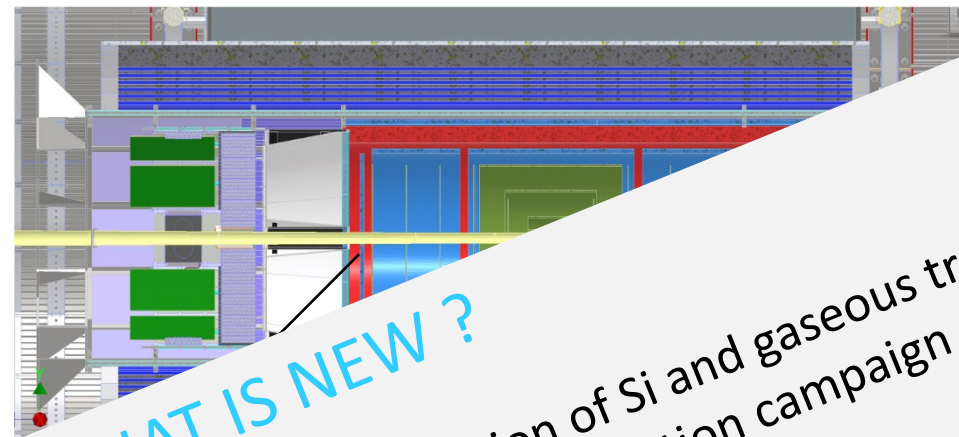
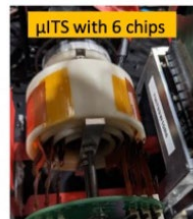
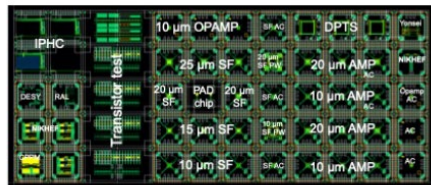
- \rightarrow Additional space points for pattern recognition / redundancy
- \rightarrow time information



Ongoing layout optimization

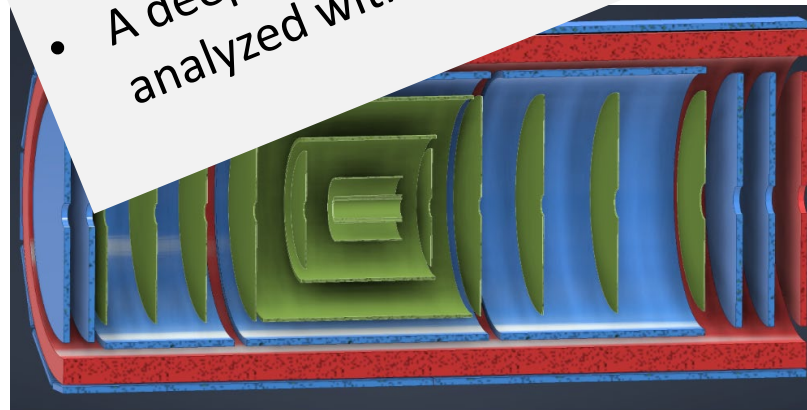
Monolithic Active Pixel Silicon (MAPS) Tracker:

- 1 single technology: 65-nm MAPS
- $O(20 \mu\text{m})$ pitch, $<20 \text{ mW/cm}^2$
- No fine time resolution: signal length $O(\sim 5 \mu\text{s})$
- Developed for ALICE ITS3
- Silicon **VERTEX** (3 layers)
 - First layer @ $R \sim 4 \text{ cm}$
 - Material: $0.05\% X/X_0$ / layer
- Silicon **BARREL** (2 layers)
 - Material: $0.55\% X/X_0$ / layer
- F & B Silicon **DISKS** (5 in Front and Back)
 - Material: $0.24\% X/X_0$ / layer

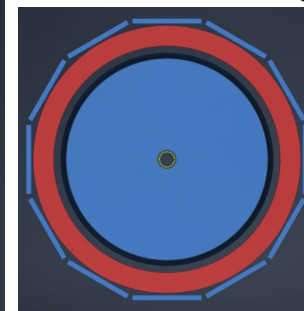


WHAT IS NEW ?

- A deeper integration of Si and gaseous trackers, analyzed with the simulation campaign



SVT MPGDs ToF (fiducial volume)



Multi Pattern Gas Detectors (MPGD):

2 technologies being considered

- MicroMEGAS
- μRWELL
- Time resolution $< 10 \text{ ns}$

Geometrical implementations

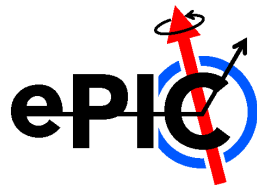
- cylindrical (established for MM, R&D for μRWELL)
- planar

Role of the MPGDs

- Additional space points for pattern recognition / redundancy
- time information



ePIC detector, electromagnetic calorimetry



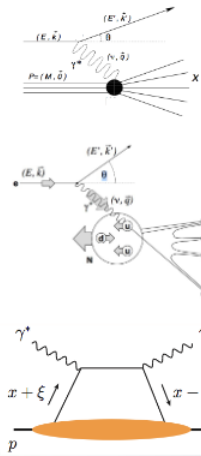
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Electron/photon PID, energy, angle/position:
Coverage (in rapidity and energy), resolution, e/π , granularity, projectivity

Inclusive DIS: scattered electron

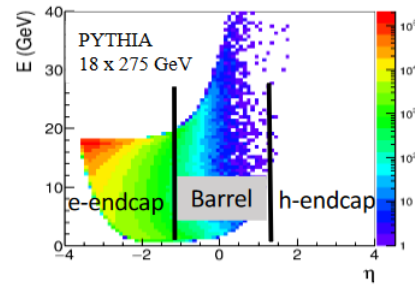
Semi-Inclusive DIS: $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$, HF $\rightarrow e$

Exclusive DIS: DVCS photons, $J/\psi \rightarrow ee$ etc.

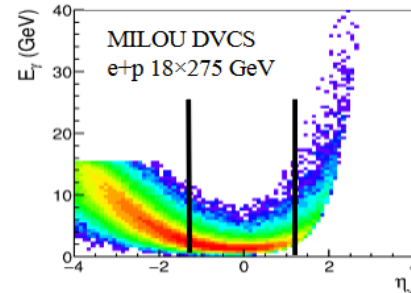


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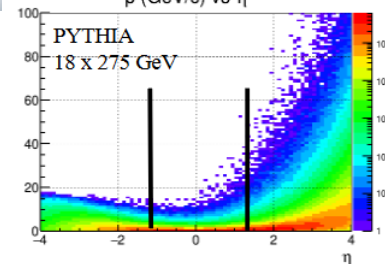
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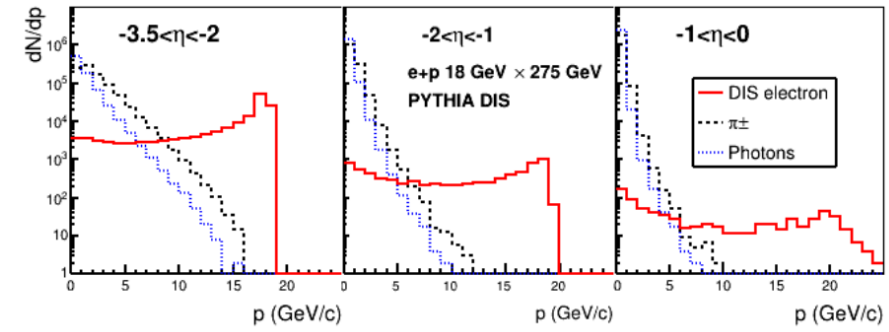
DVCS photons



SIDIS pi0



DIS kinematics: ePID

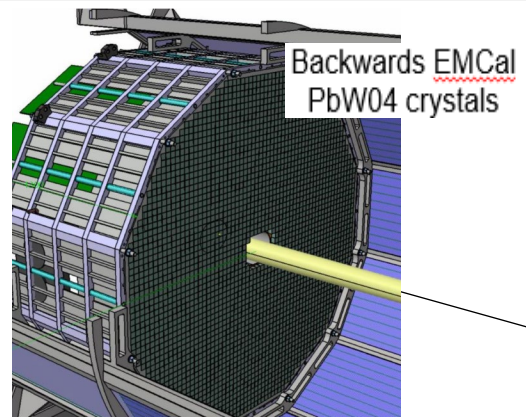
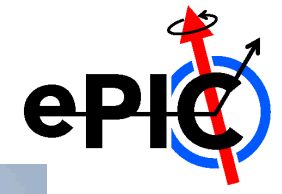


Detector Requirements: Summary

	σ_E/E	E range, GeV	π^\pm suppression (In combination with other subsystems)	π^0/γ discr.
e-endcap	$\frac{(2-3)\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus (1-2)\%$	0.05–18 GeV	Up to 10^4	Up to 7 GeV/c
Barrel	$\frac{(7-10)\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus (1-3)\%$	0.05–50 GeV	Up to 10^4	Up to 10 GeV/c
h-endcap	$\frac{(10-12)\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus (1-3)\%$	0.1–100 GeV	Up to 10^4	Up to 50 GeV/c

- Continuous acceptance (particularly from e-endcap to barrel)
- Photosensors and FEE tolerate magnetic field
- Operate at full luminosity and expected background conditions (rad. dose, neutron flux)
- Minimal material budget on the way from the vertex (particularly for e-endcap to barrel)

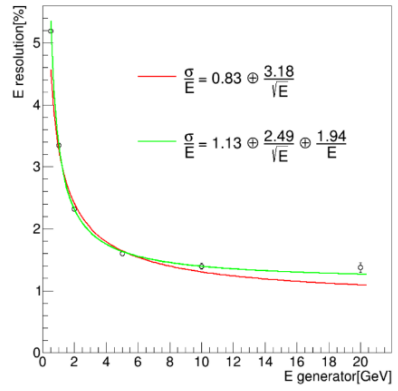
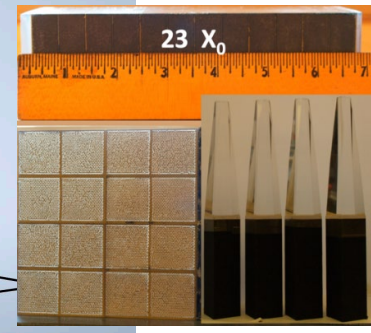
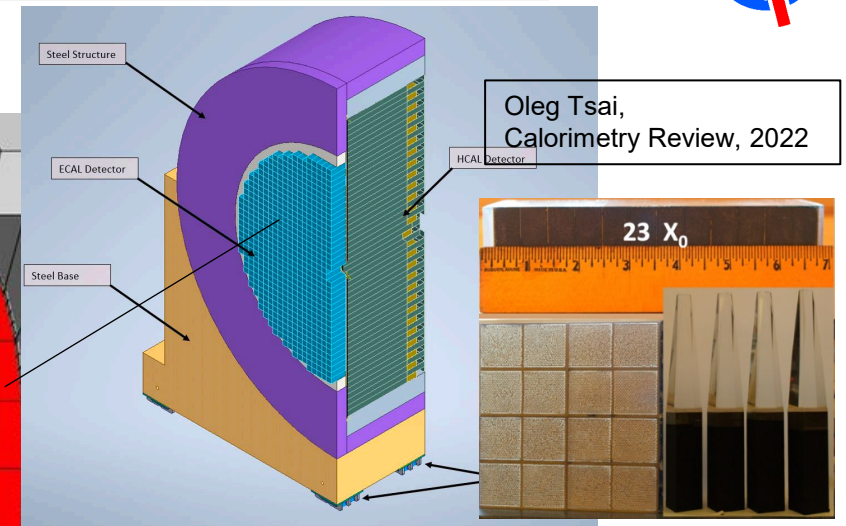
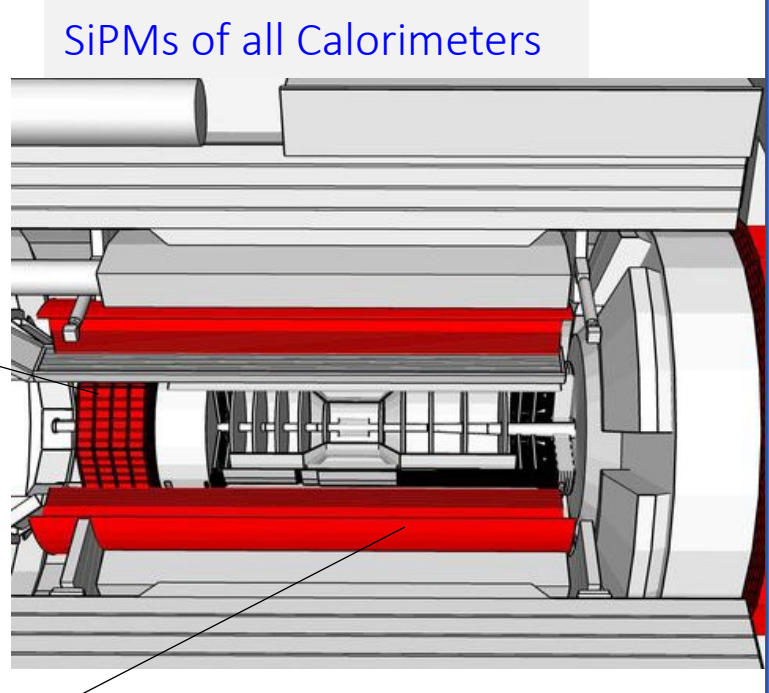
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Concept based on a recent PWVO calorimeter at JLab



SiPM 4x4 per crystal

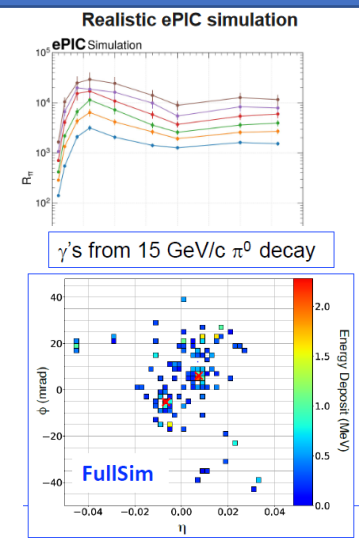
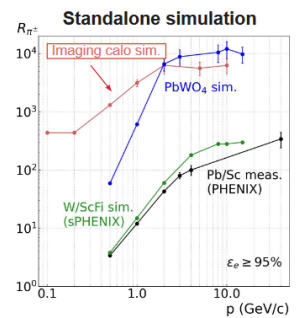
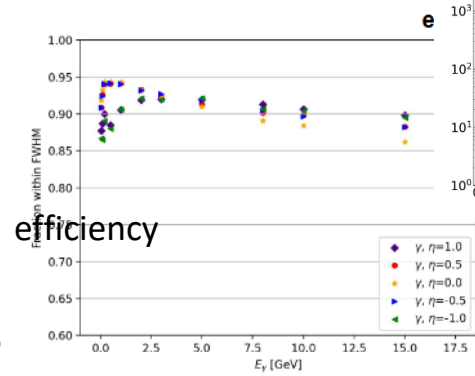
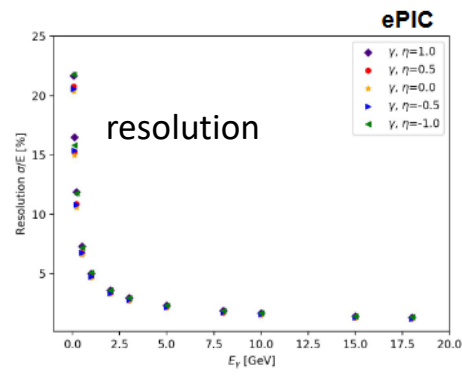
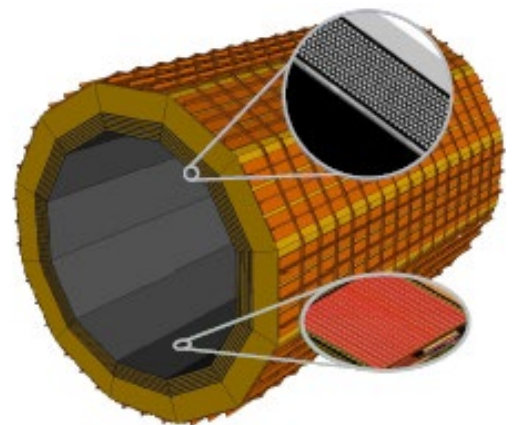
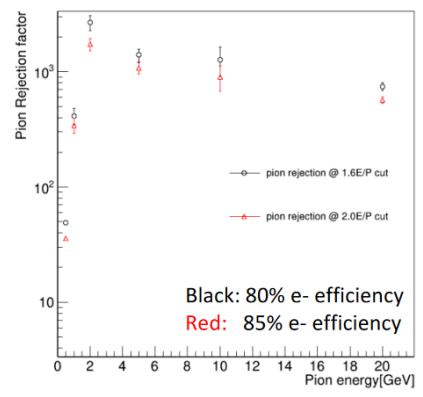


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WScFi is a unique technology allowing to achieve $e/h \sim 1$ (response to hadrons) and at the same time keep em energy resolution at $\sim 10\%/\sqrt{E} + 2\%$

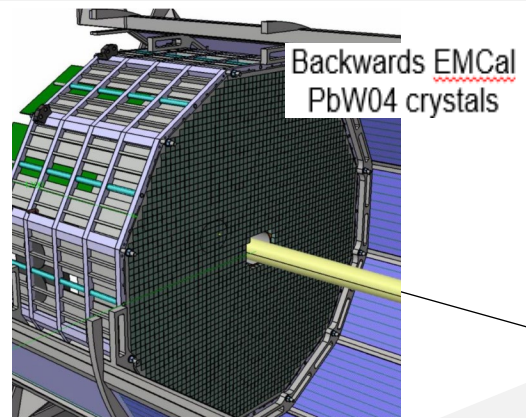
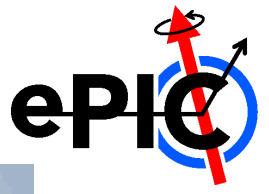
4 (6) layers of imaging calorimetry by Astropix MAPS, and sampling calorimetry by Pb/SciFi

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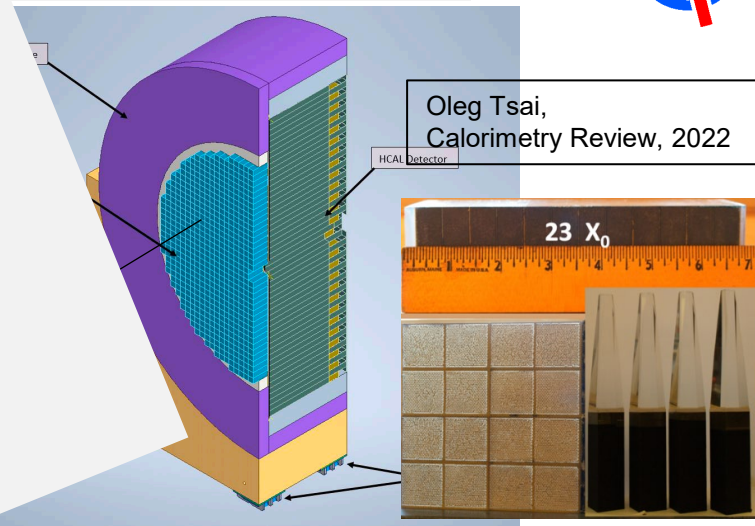
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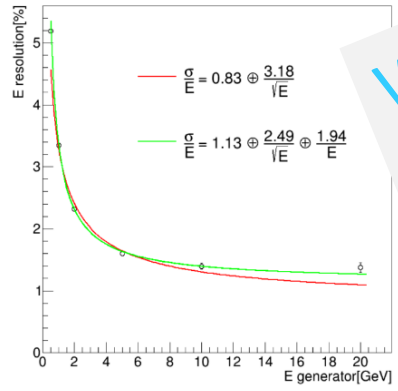
SiPMs of all Calorimeter



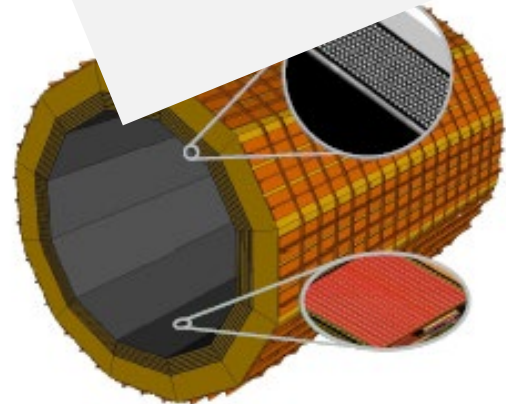
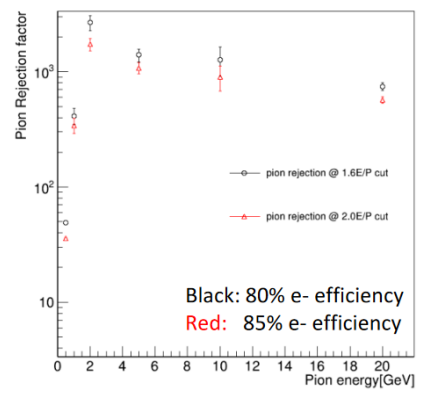
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WHAT IS NEW ?

- The choice of WScFi technology for the forward ECal
- The adoption of the hybrid imaging/sampling calorimeter design for the barrel ECal

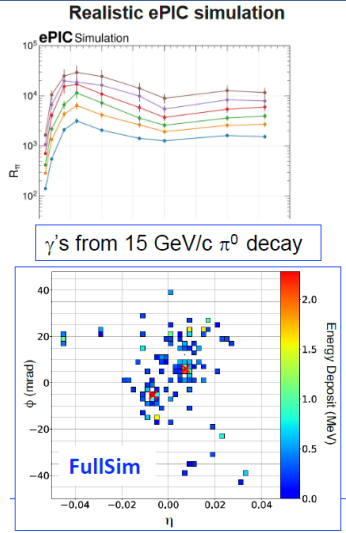
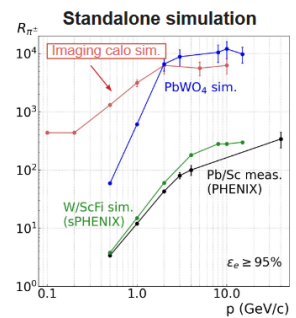
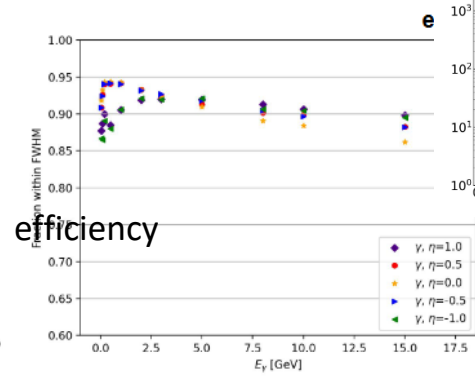
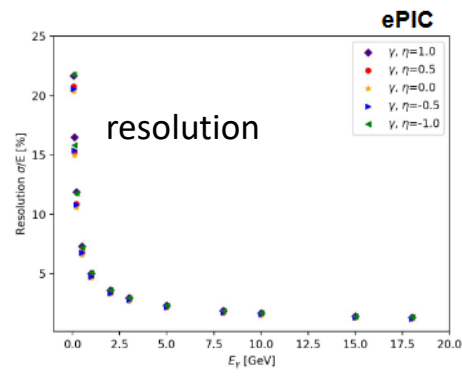


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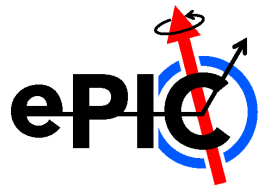
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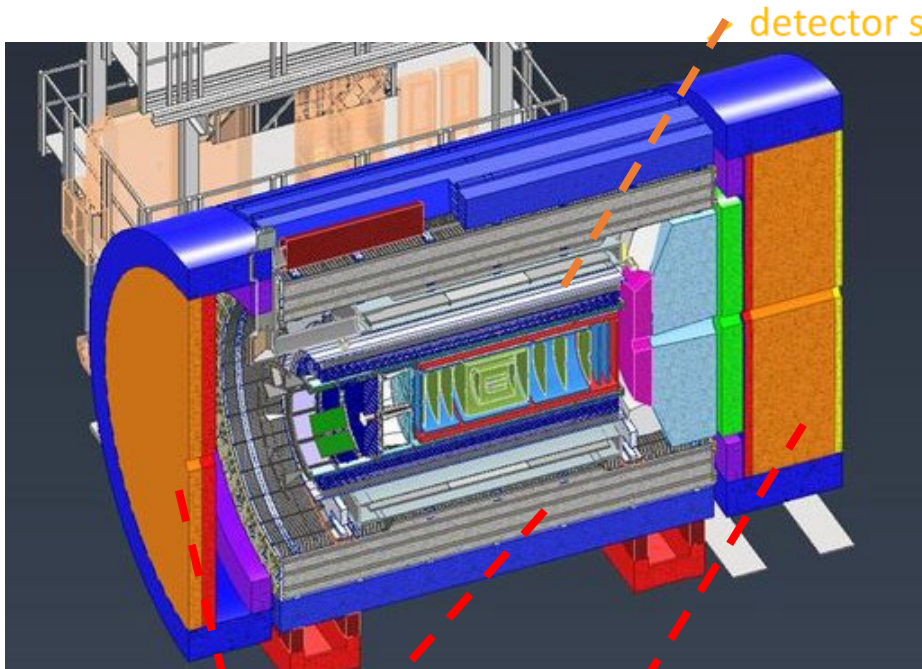


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ePIC detector, the hadron calorimetry



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detector solenoid coil

- Jet energy measurement
 - Tag jets with a neutral component
- DIS kinematics reconstruction
 - Hadronic method
- Solenoid flux return
- Additional capability: muon ID

Requirements

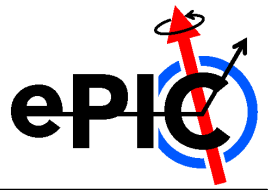
η	$\sigma_E/E, \%$	E_{min}, MeV
-3.5 to -1.0	$50/\sqrt{E} + 10$	500
-1.0 to +1.0	$100/\sqrt{E} + 10$	500
+1.0 to +3.5	$50/\sqrt{E} + 10$	500

Barrel HCal	Refurbished sPHENIX barrel calorimeter
Backward HCal	Scintillator recycled from STAR endcap EmCal
Forward HCal	Brand new design

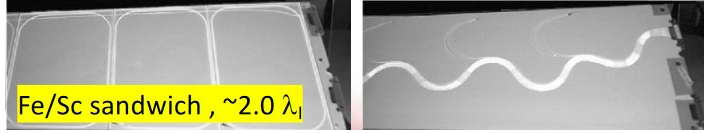
All: sampling sandwich design with WLS fibers & SiPM readout

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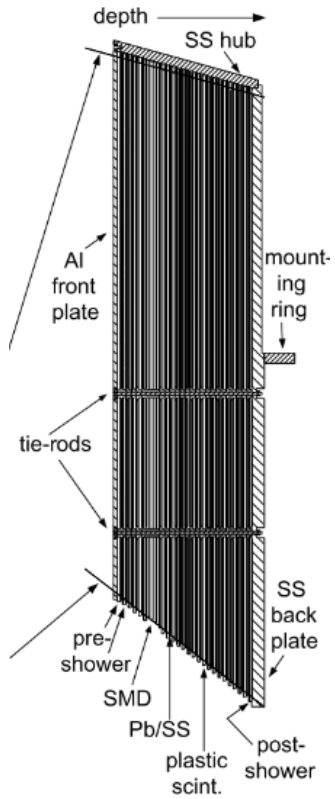
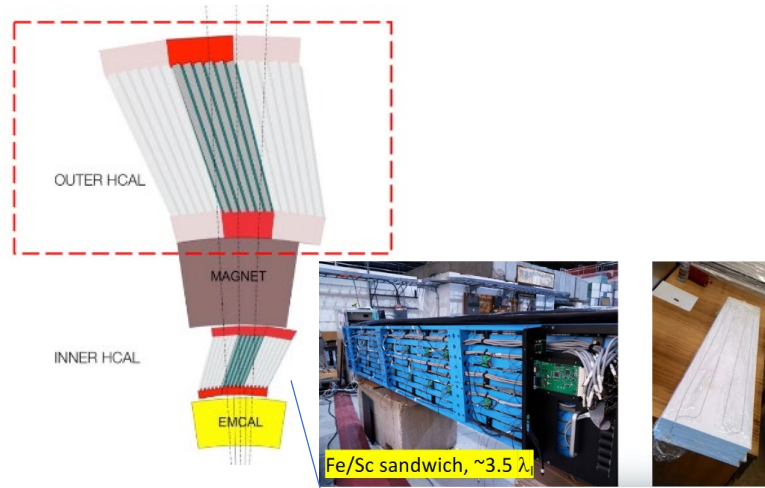
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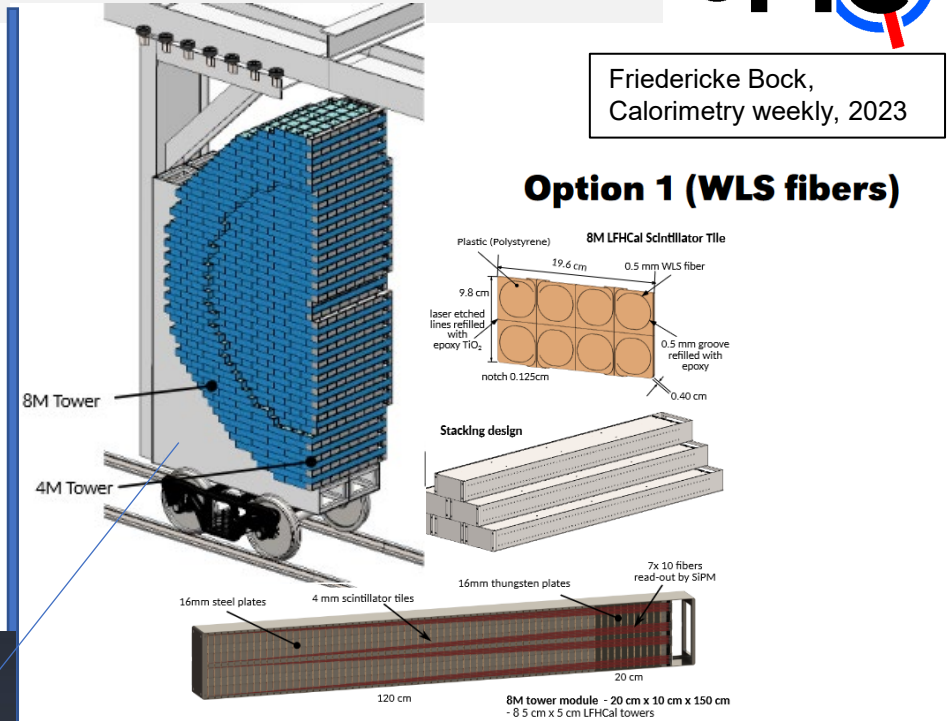
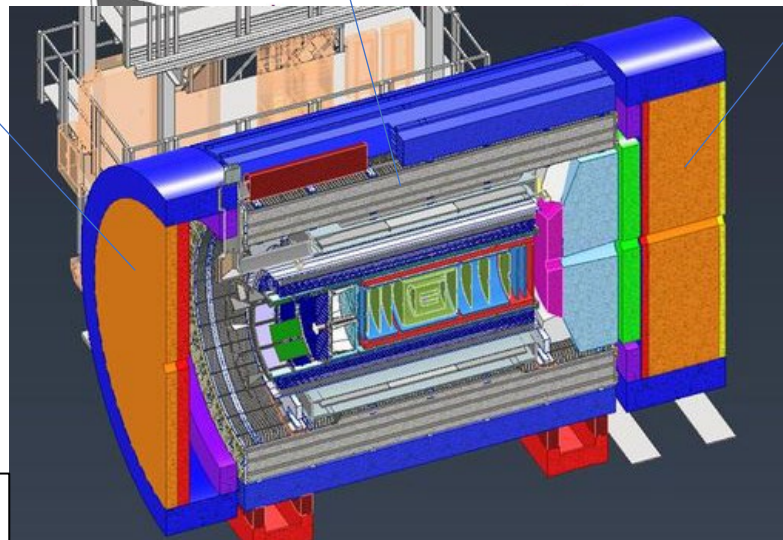
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Fe/Sc sandwich, $\sim 2.0 \lambda_i$



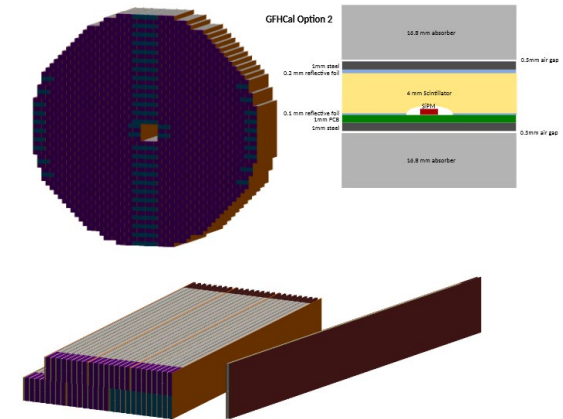
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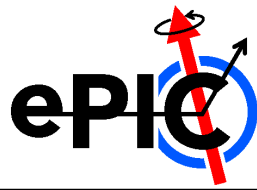
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Option 1b (Buried SiPM)

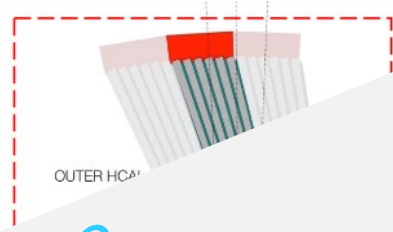
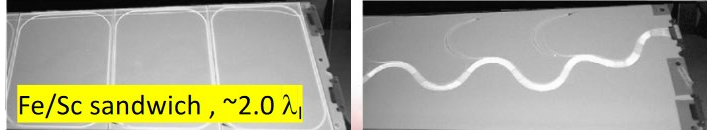
Option 2 - GFHCal



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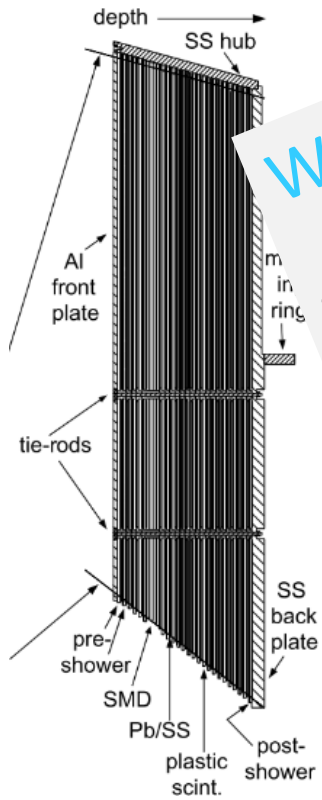


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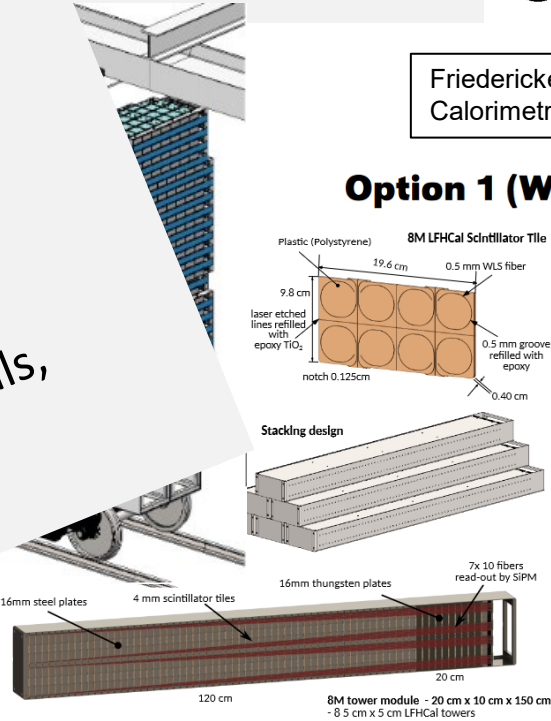
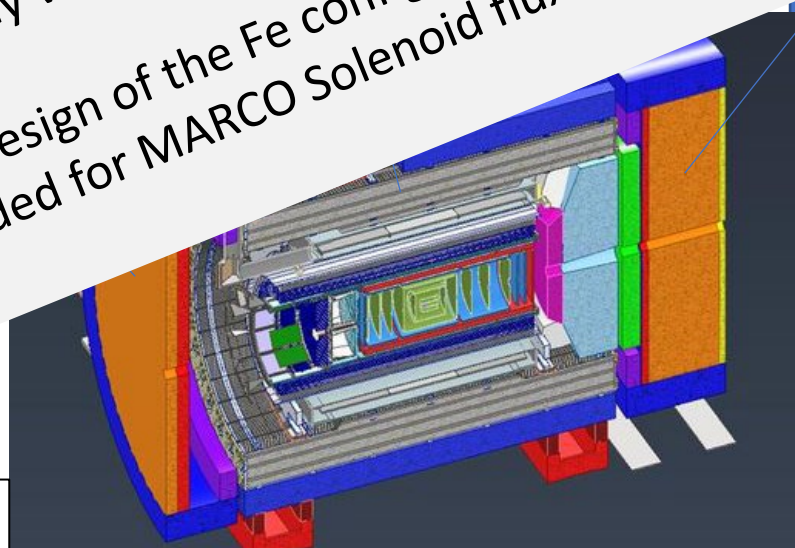


WHAT IS NEW ?

- The variety of layouts under consideration for the forward HCal, with the goal of simplifying the construction and assembly w/o compromising the performance
- The design of the Fe configurations in the various HCals, needed for MARCO Solenoid flux return



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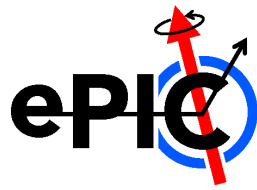


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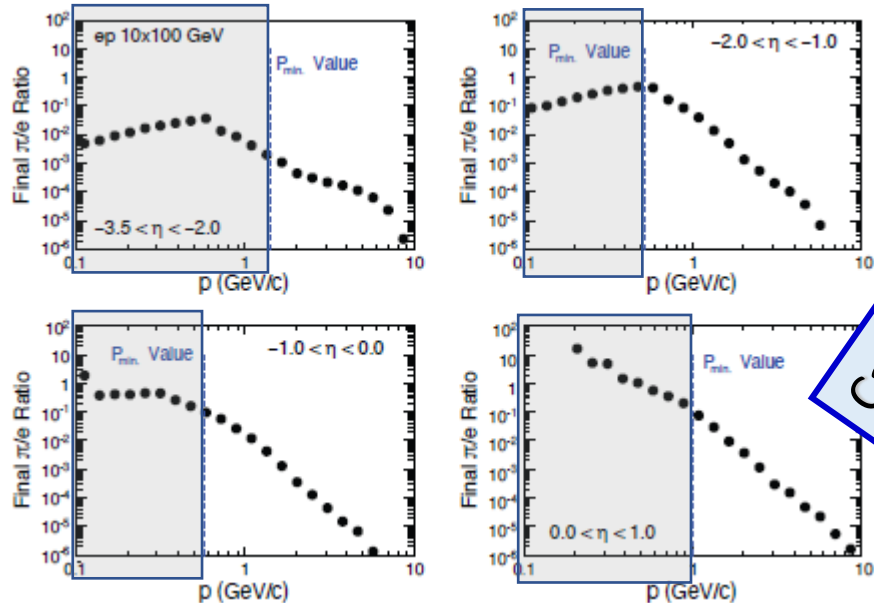
ePIC detector, PID subsystems : double mission



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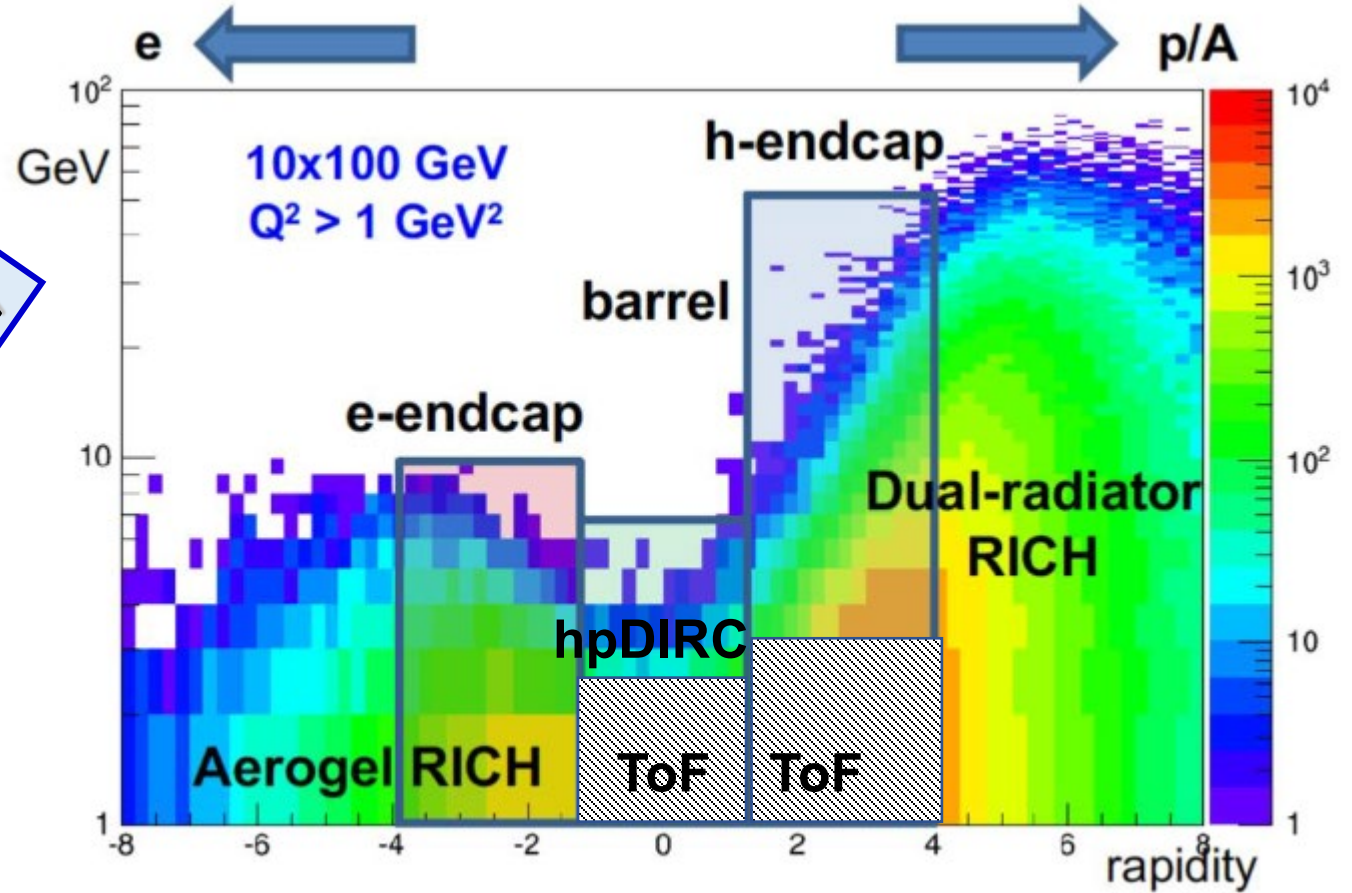
e- π separation:

Cherenkov imaging support the Ecal effort,
in particular needed at low momenta
(the whole EIC physics scope)



Calorimeters only

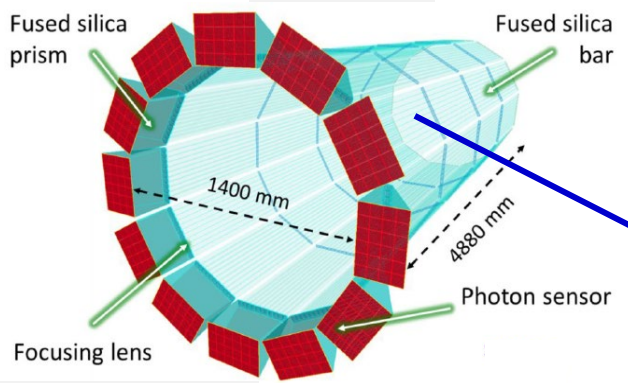
h-PID: Cherenkov imaging complemented with ToF
(SIDIS, heavy flavour, ...)



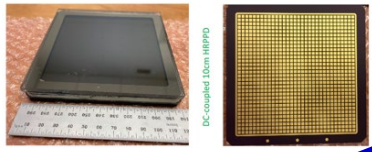
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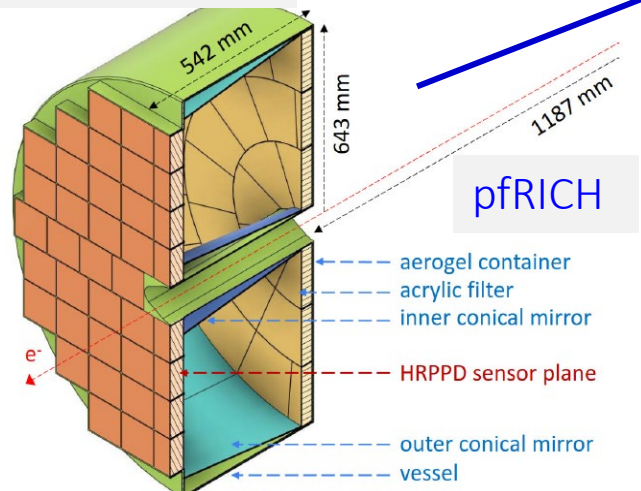
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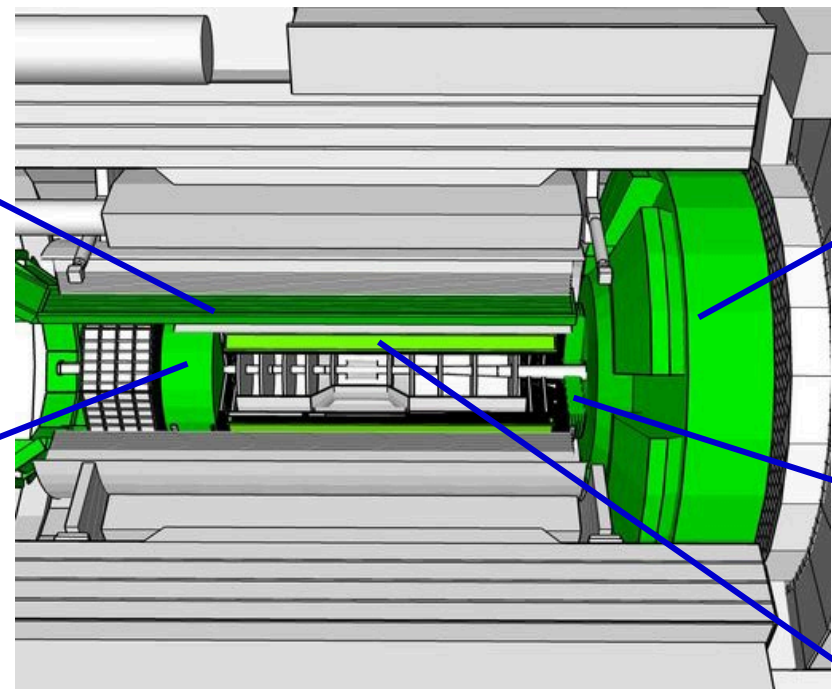
HRPPD (10 x 10 cm², 10 μm pore)



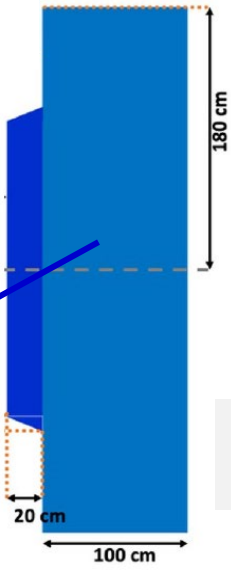
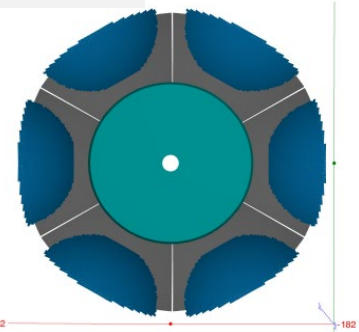
HRPPD photosensors (hpDIRC, pFRICH) Also providing timing in pFRICH



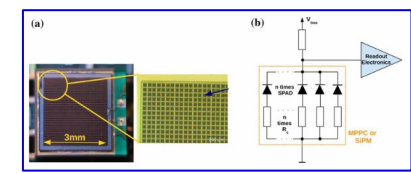
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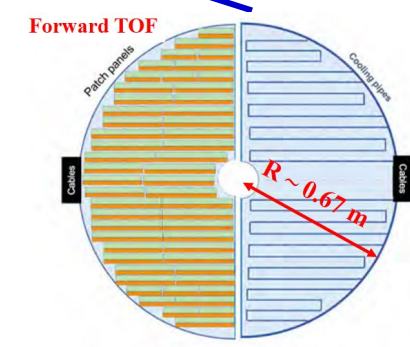
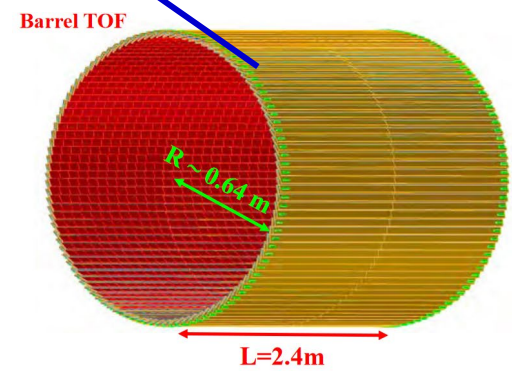
dRICH



SiPMs as single photon detectors



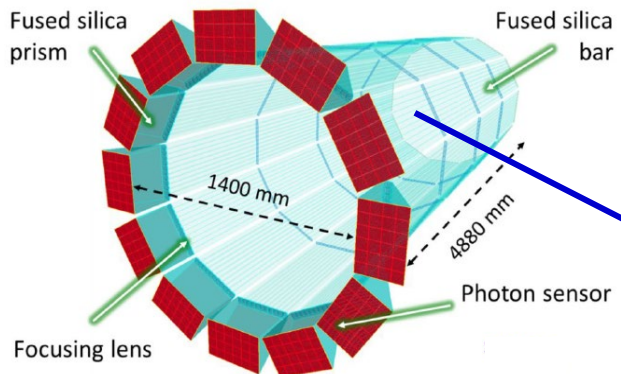
ToF layers by AC-LGADs



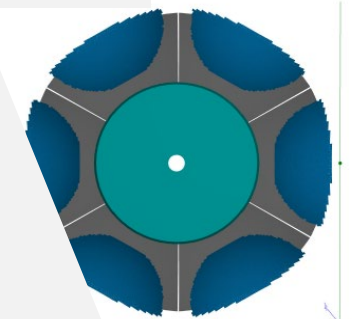
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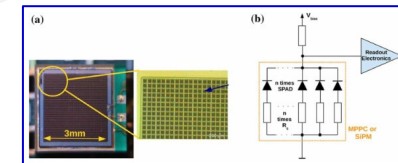
Angle detectors

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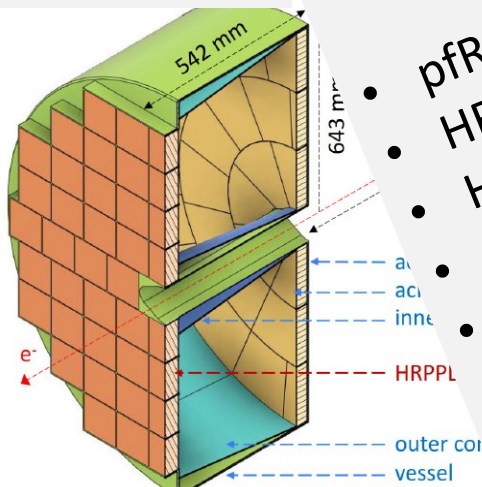
HRPPD (10 x 10 cm², 10 μm pore)

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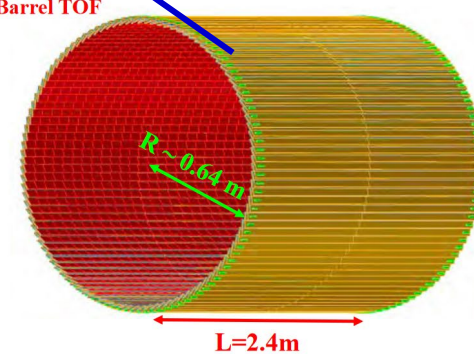
- pFRICH for PID in the backward endcap
- HRPPDs as baseline photodetectors for pFRICH and hpDIRC
- HRPPD in pFRICH also for timing information
- Progress in dRICH layout to make it compliant with overall detector layout
- Progress in establishing SiPMs as appropriate single photon detectors
- Steps forward in defining the AC-LGAD parameters for the ToF layers



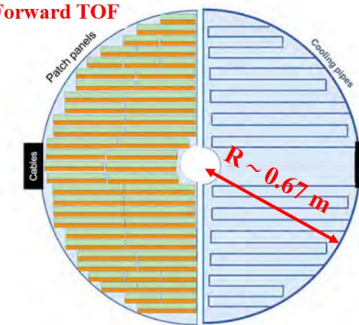
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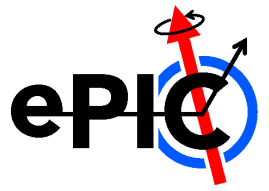
Barrel TOF



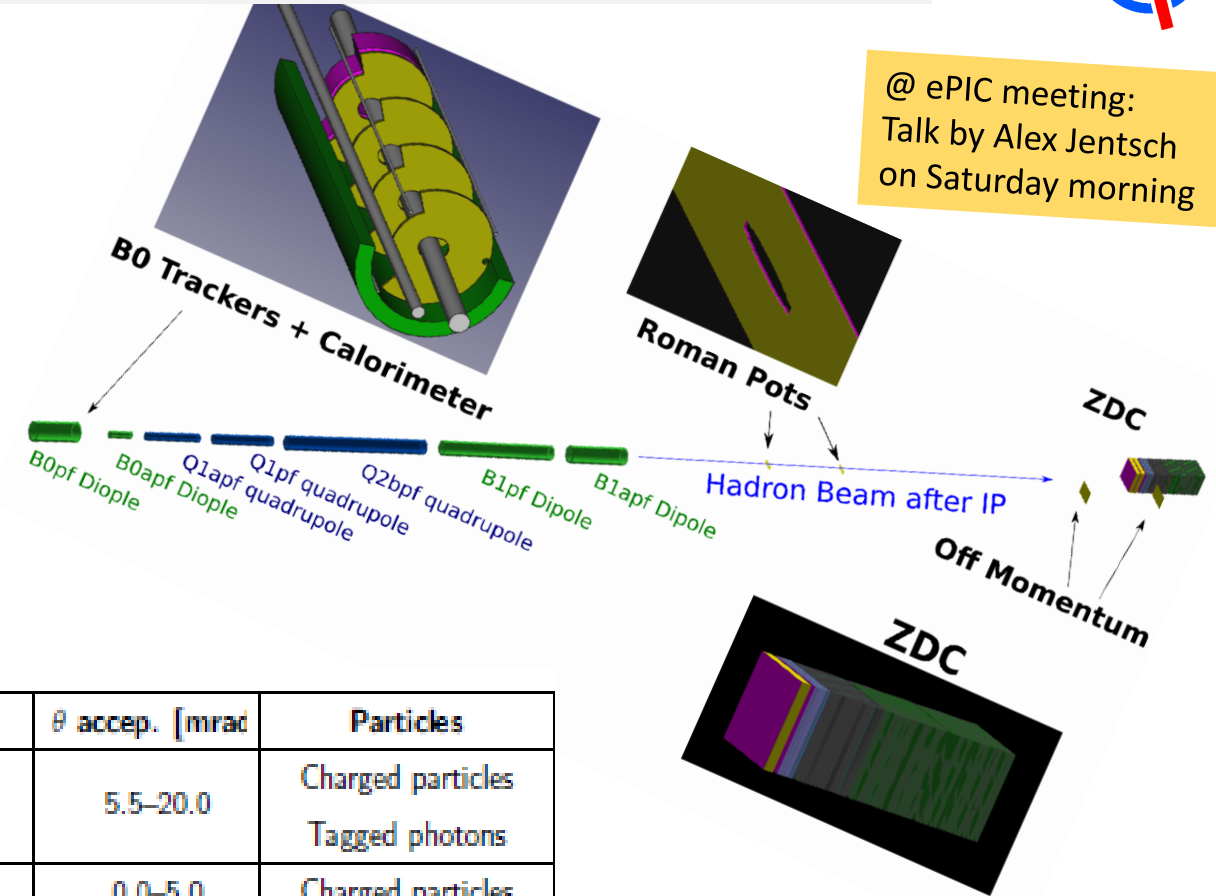
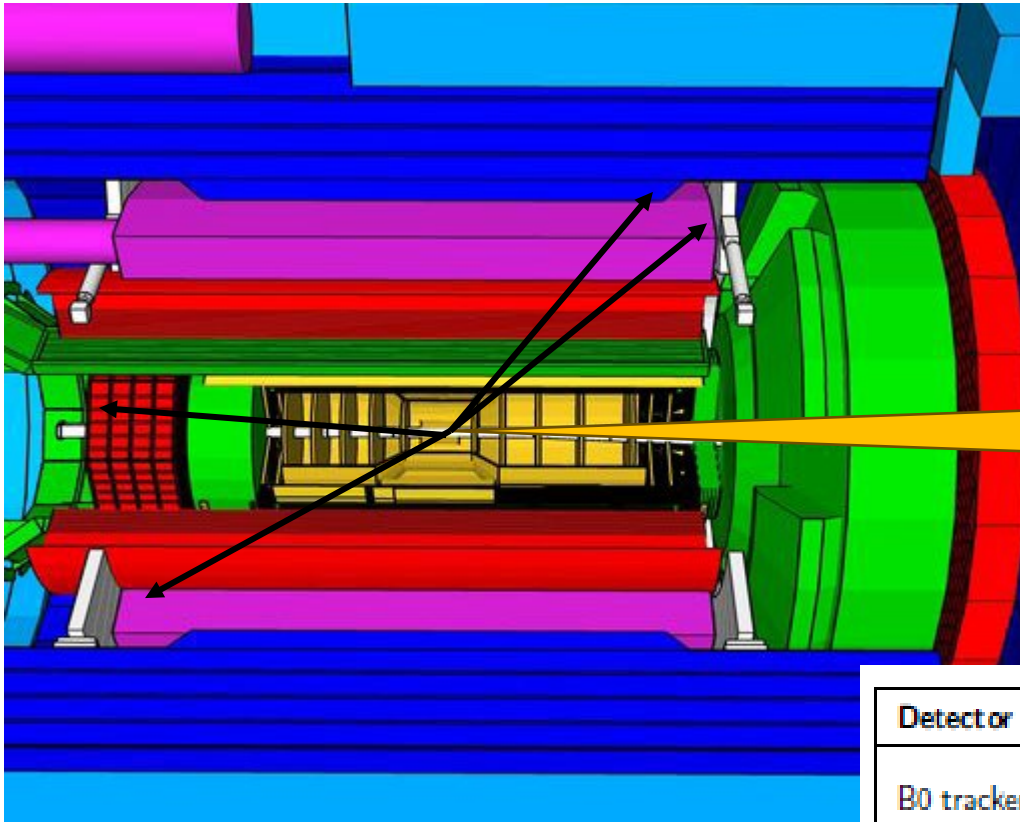
Forward TOF



ePIC detector, the far forward region



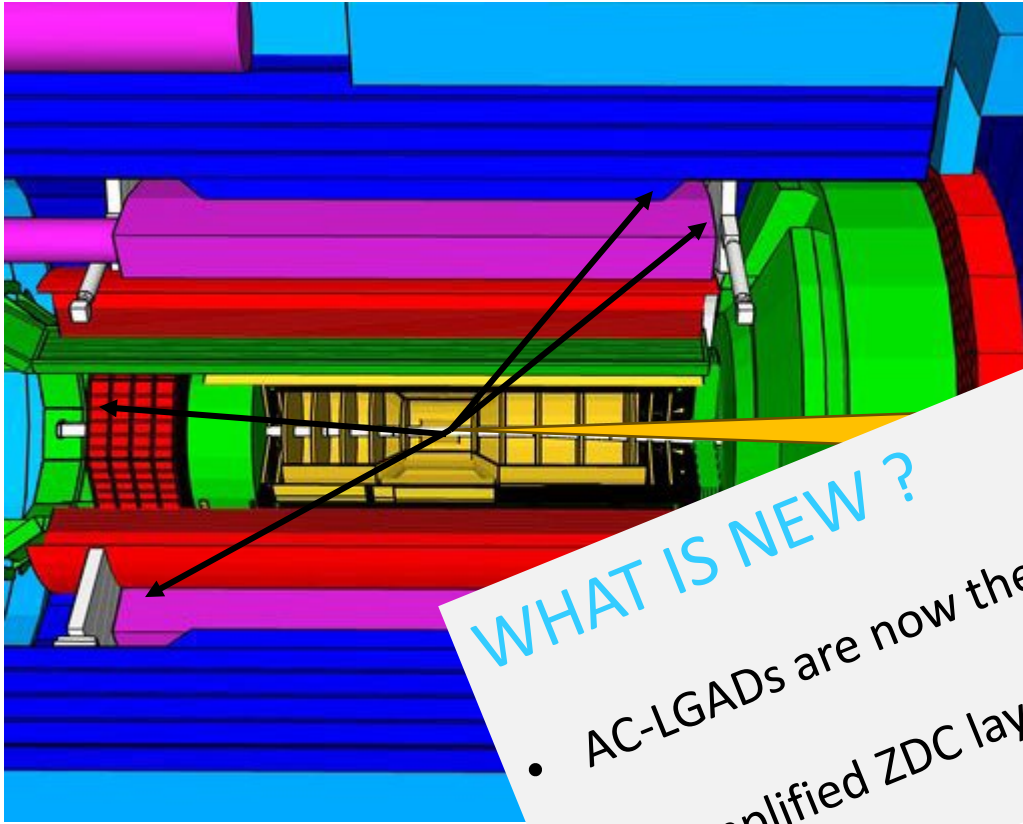
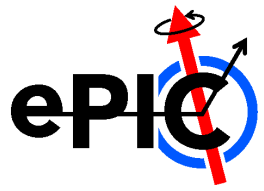
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Physics channels require tagging of **charged hadrons** (protons, pions) or **neutral particles** (neutrons, photons) at **very-forward rapidities** ($\eta > 4.5$).

Detector	θ accep. [mrad]	Particles
B0 tracker	5.5–20.0	Charged particles Tagged photons
Off-Momentum	0.0–5.0	Charged particles
Roman Pots	0.0–5.0	Protons Light nuclei
Zero-Degree Calorimeter	0.0–4.0	Neutrons Photons

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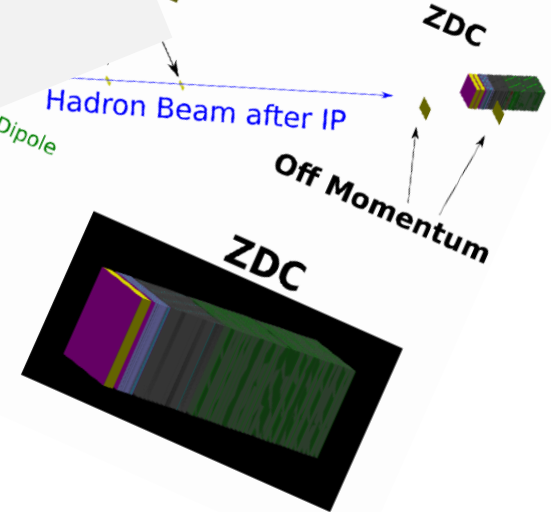


WHAT IS NEW ?

- AC-LGADs are now the base line for tracking in B0 (occupancy !)
- A simplified ZDC layout under consideration

Physics channels require tagging of **charged hadrons** (pions, protons) or **neutral particles** (neutrons, photons) at **very-forward rapidities** ($\eta > 4.5$).

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	5.5–20.0	Charged particles Tagged photons
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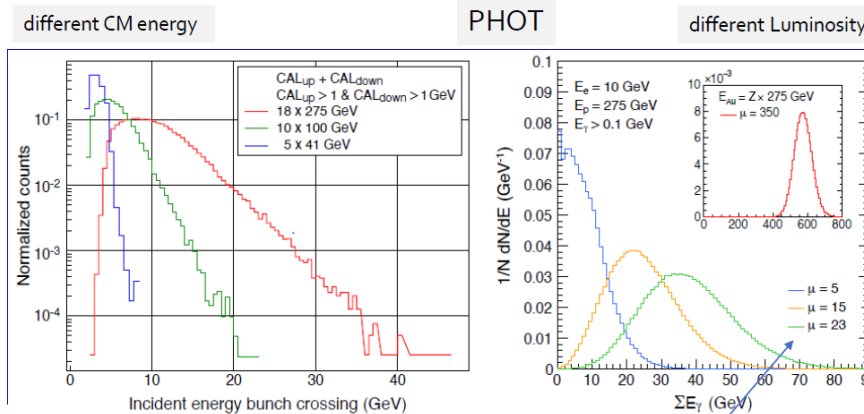
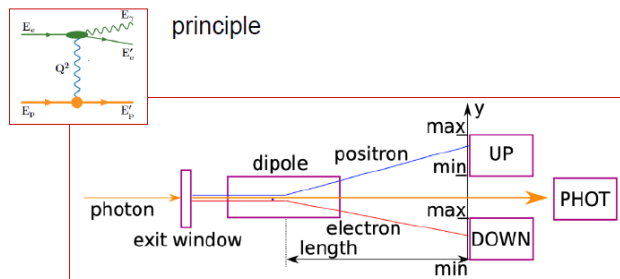


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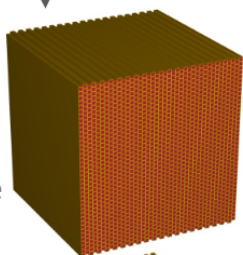
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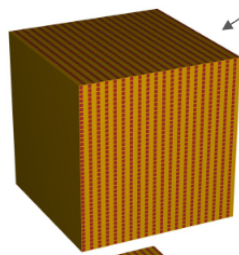
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Performance and practicality of construction being studied

D. Gangadharan, TIC meeting, 6/26/2023

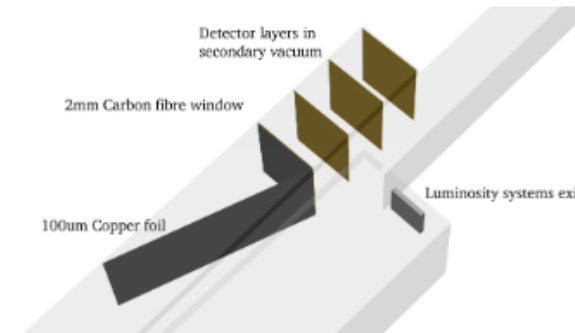
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Low Q^2 taggers

@ ePIC meeting:
Talk by Alex Jentsch
on Saturday morning

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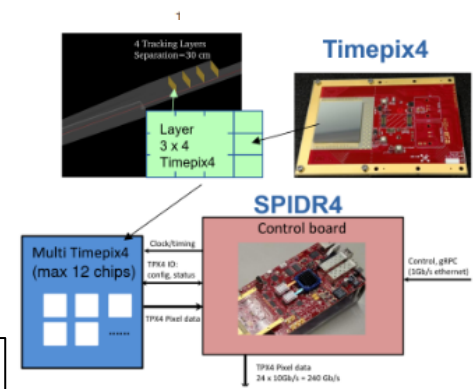
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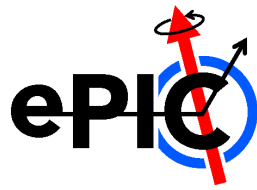
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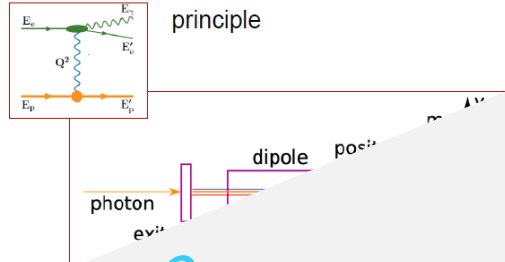


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- Studies for the realistic realization/integration of the low Q^2 taggers

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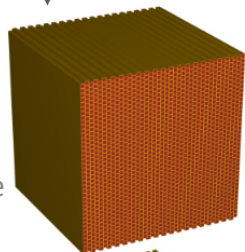
- Spaghetti W-calorimeter with radiating hard scintillating fiber, read out with fast PMTs
- Cherenkov-radiating quartz fibers read out by SiPMs

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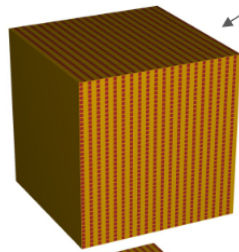
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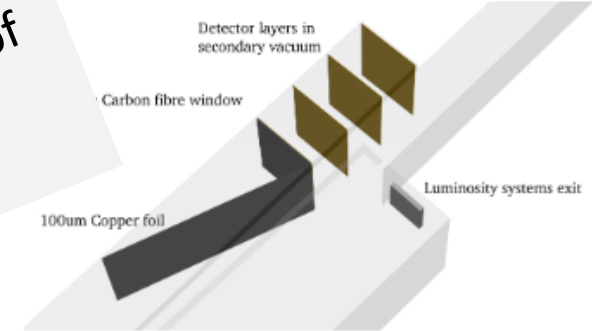
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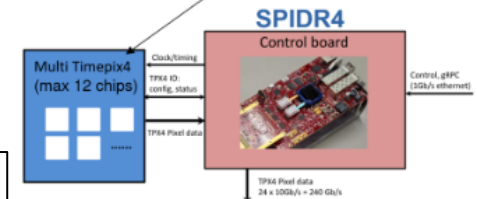
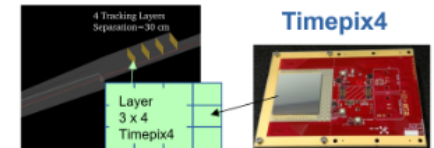
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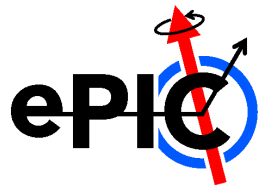
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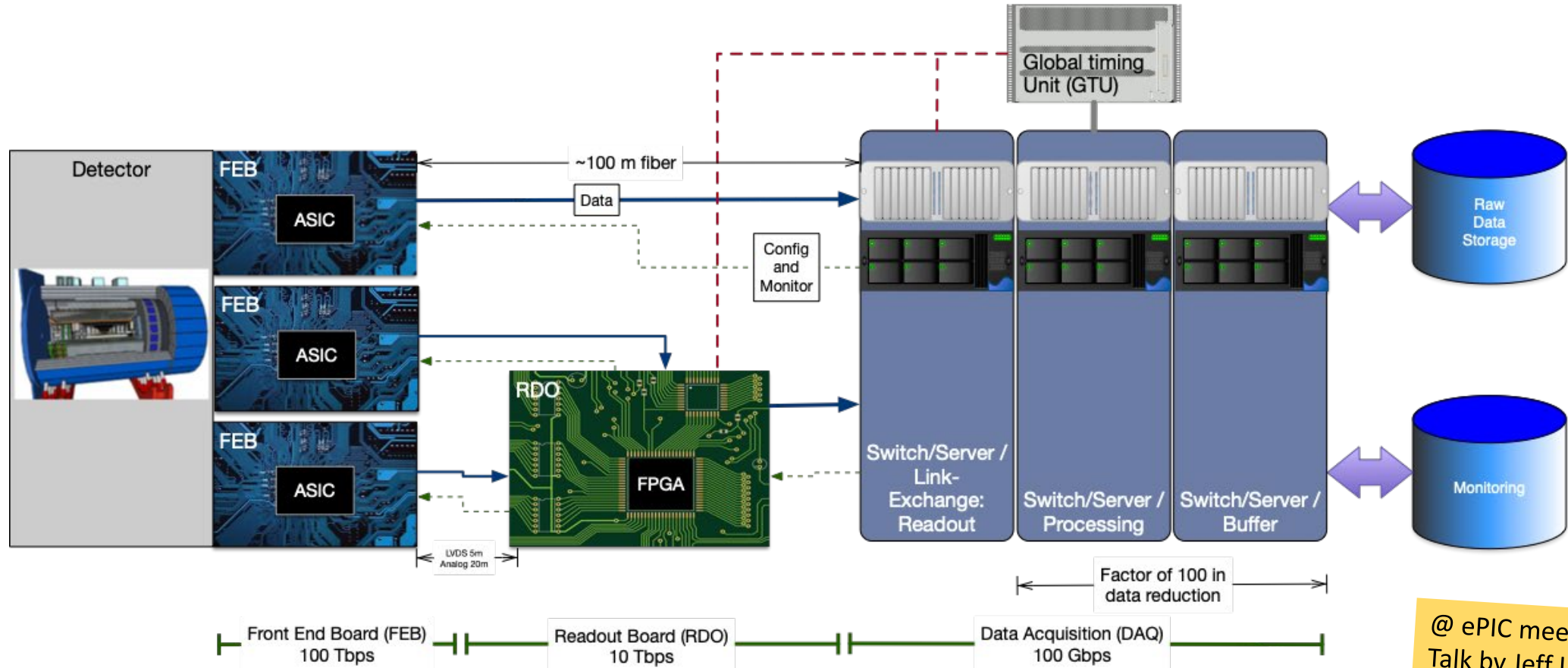
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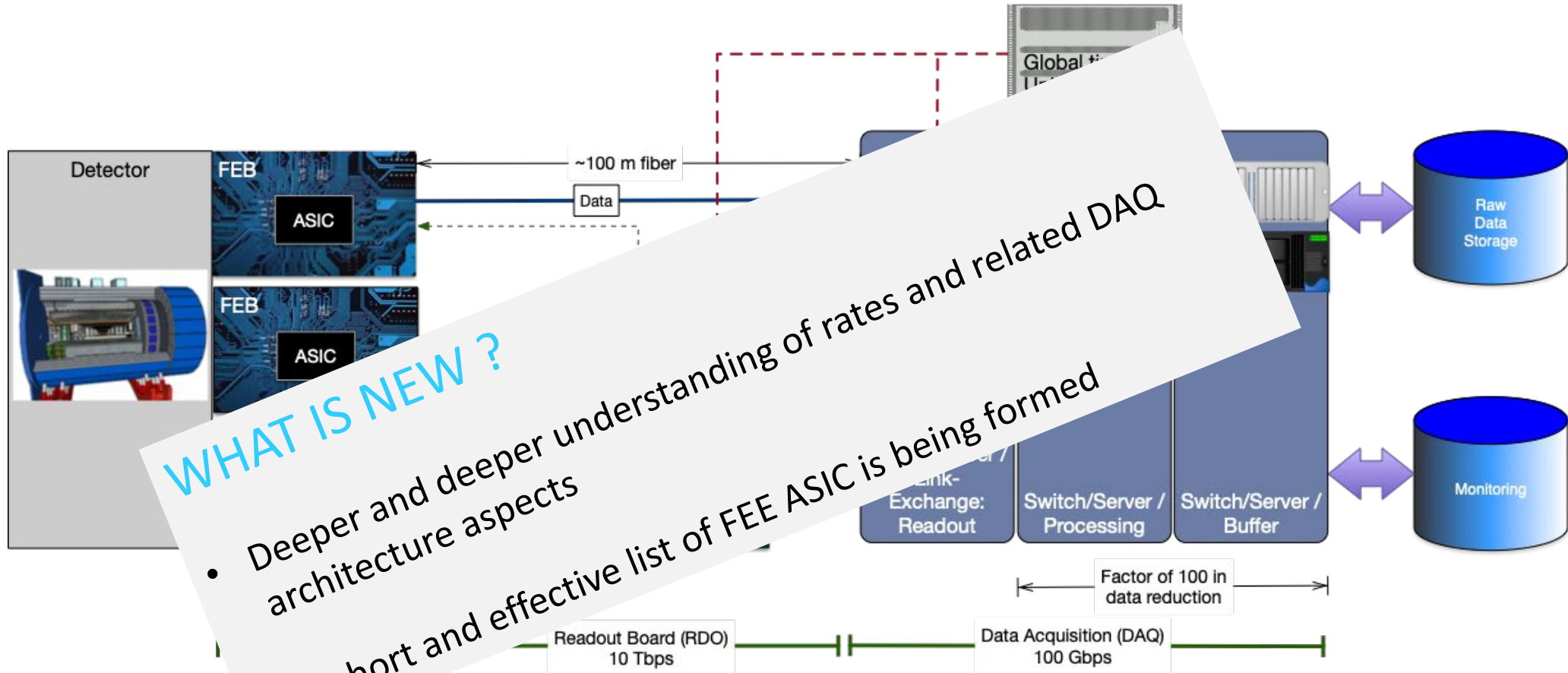
ePIC detector, R-O & electronics & DAQ



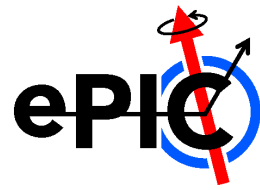
A R-O and DAQ architecture with built-in streaming read-out concept



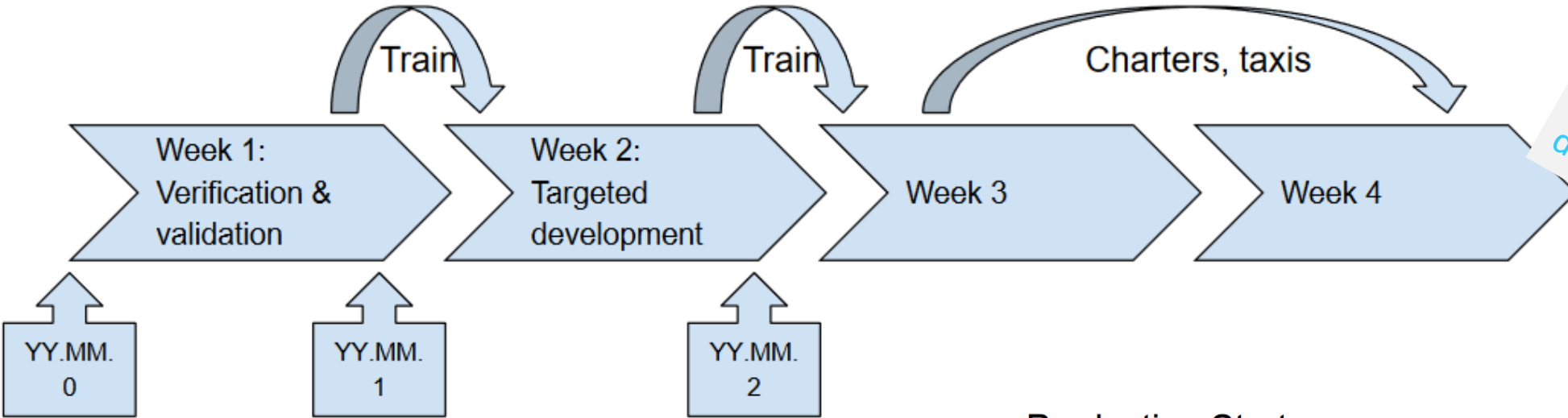
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Talk by Jeff Landgraf
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ePIC detector, a new strategy for the simulation campaign



Continuous production of data according to needs with every month improved reconstruction code and detector implementation



Strategy

We use three types of simulation productions:

- **Train:** a simulation production for validation and verification that is submitted on a fixed time schedule, with whichever features are available at that time. The *train* leaves the station at a fixed time.
- **Charter:** a simulation production that is requested by the Technical and Physics Coordinators, with larger standard data sets that are already benchmarked. *Charter* simulation productions can be run after the validation and verification, in the third and fourth week of a month only. The Production WG determines when the *charter* starts (within a launch window).
- **Taxi:** a simulation production that is requested on a one-off basis, for individual datasets. A *taxi* is only available when no *train* or *charter* is available. *Taxi* simulation productions can be run in the third and fourth week of a month only. Due to the overhead required for a *taxi* simulation production, no *taxi* can be guaranteed.

Production Strategy

[Simulation Production Strategy Document](#)

Critical Dates:

Cut-off Date for Inclusion in Train Campaigns: Last working day before first Monday of the month- **June 2 and June 30** for next two months.

Discussion of summary of changes, identification of missed targets, and prioritization of sprint goals in compSW meeting: First wednesday of the first working week- **June 7 and July 5** for next two months.

Discussion of validation studies in compSW meeting: Second wednesday of second working week- **June 14 and July 12** for next two months

Week 1: YY.MM.0
Verification and Validation

Last working day of first week: Train 1

Week 2: YY.MM.1
Targeted development

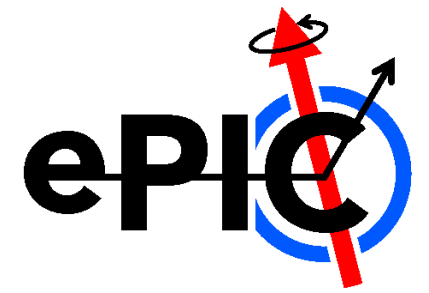
Last working day of the second week: Train 2

Week 3+4: YY.MM.2

Charters and taxis - Requests for charters by DSSs, DSCs, and PWGs, need to be filtered through Technical and Analysis Coordinators

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Talks by Markus Diefenthaler on Thursday morning and by Salvatore Fazio on Friday afternoon

Short-form summary



Last year: 1 year of great progress for ePIC

- **Structuring the collaboration**
 - SP-office, CC, Coordinators, new scientific bodies, the DSCs
 - Welcoming new collaborators world-wide
- **Consolidating and optimizing the detector layout**
 - Tracking, calorimetry, PID, FF/FB, r-o & electronics & DAQ
- **A new strategy for continuous work and progress in the simulation studies**
 - The monthly simulation cycle
- **And much, much more that will be illustrated during the ePIC meeting**

EVERYONE WELCOME to our Collaboration Meeting !

Thank you

Backup