

# Few Degree Calorimeter (FDC)

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# Golden Channels Strawman

Slide by Thomas Ullrich

CHANNEL	PHYSICS	DETECTOR II OPPORTUNITY
Diffractive dijet	Wigner Distribution	detection of forward scattered proton/nucleus + detection of low $p_T$ particles
DVCS on nuclei	Nuclear GPDs	High resolution photon + detection of forward scattered proton/nucleus
Baryon/Charge Stopping	Origin of Baryon # in QCD	PID and detection for low $p_T$ pi/K/p
$F_2$ at low $x$ and $Q^2$	Probes transition from partonic to color dipole regime	Maximize $Q^2$ tagger down to 0.1 GeV and integrate into IR.
Coherent VM Production	Nuclear shadowing and saturation	High resolution tracking for precision t reconstruction



# Issue#1: Limited Acceptance of crystal ECAL

- Acceptance limited by requirement that it slide past flange.
- **Realistic estimates suggest limit of  $\eta=3.5$**

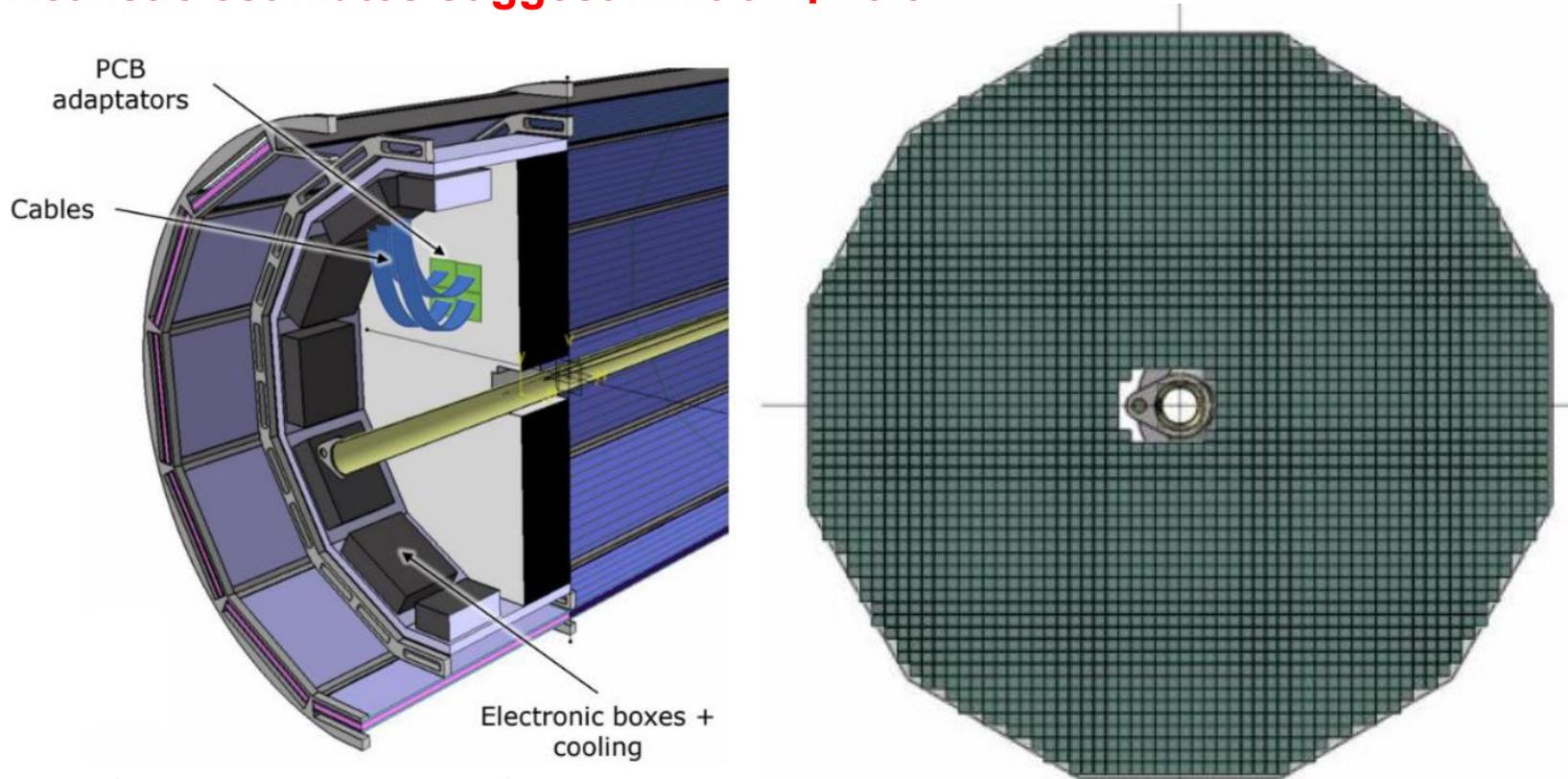
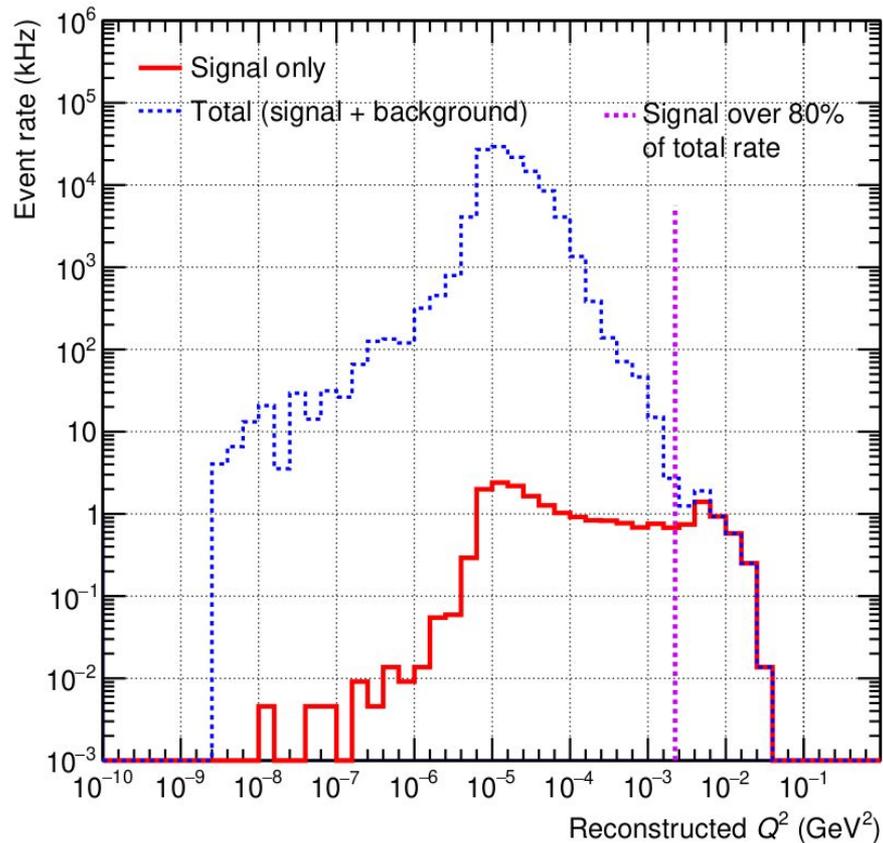


Fig. shown by Carlos Munoz in last ePIC mtg

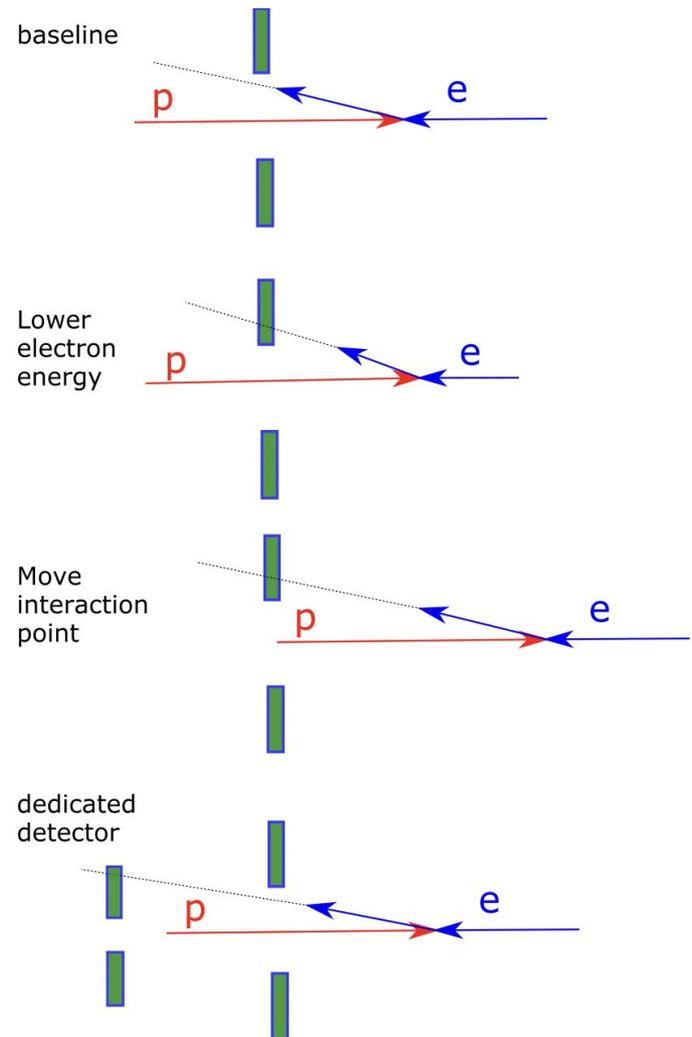
## Issue#2: Far-backward taggers have limited acceptance



Shown by  
Jaroslav Adam in  
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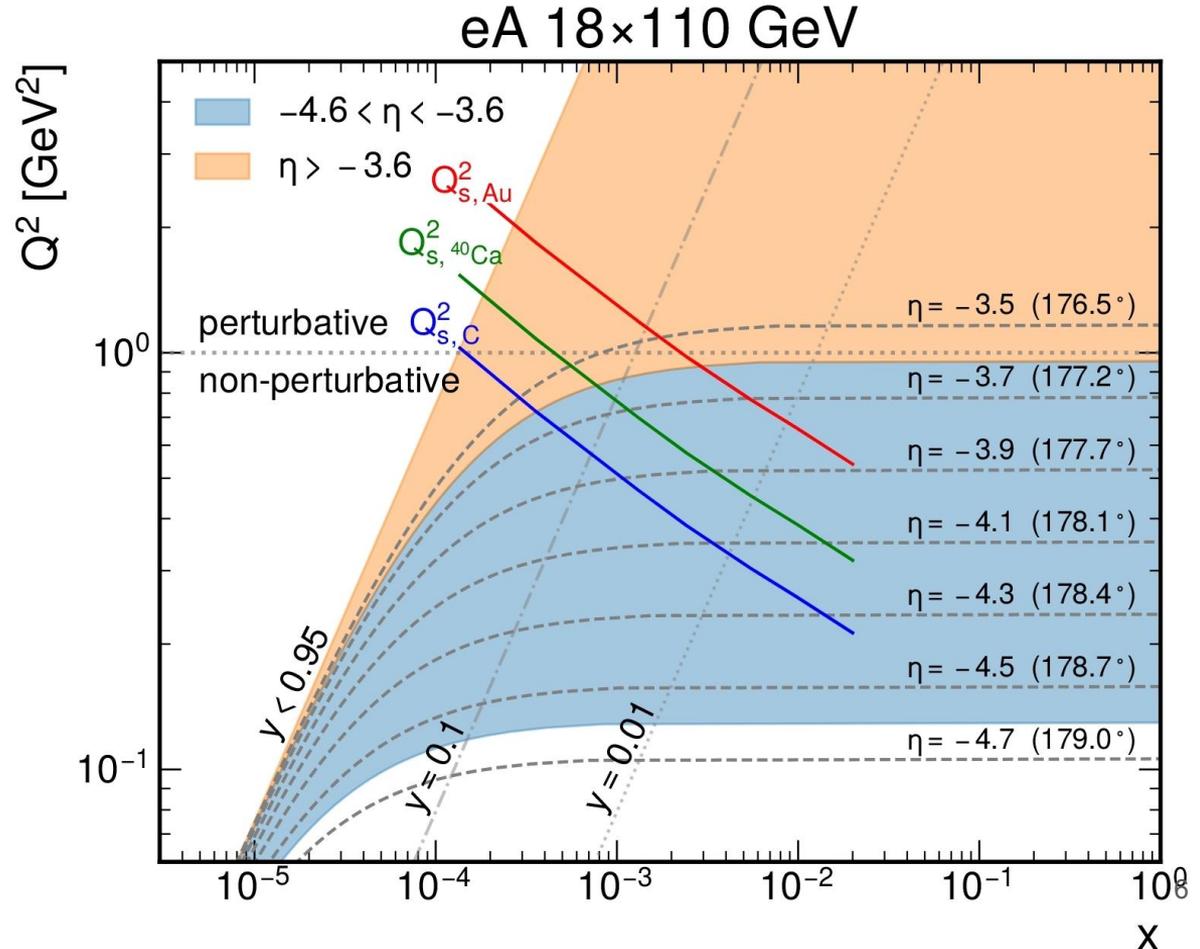
# Mitigation strategies

- Lower e beam energy → lower minimum  $Q^2$ 
  - Unwanted consequence of lower CoM energy (not an option for saturation)
- Move interaction point in positive z
  - Worked in HERA, but not possible in EIC due to beam-crossing angle
- Build a dedicated detector system for low scattering-angle electrons
  - Used in H1 VLQ and ZEUS BPC
  - **Our planned strategy**



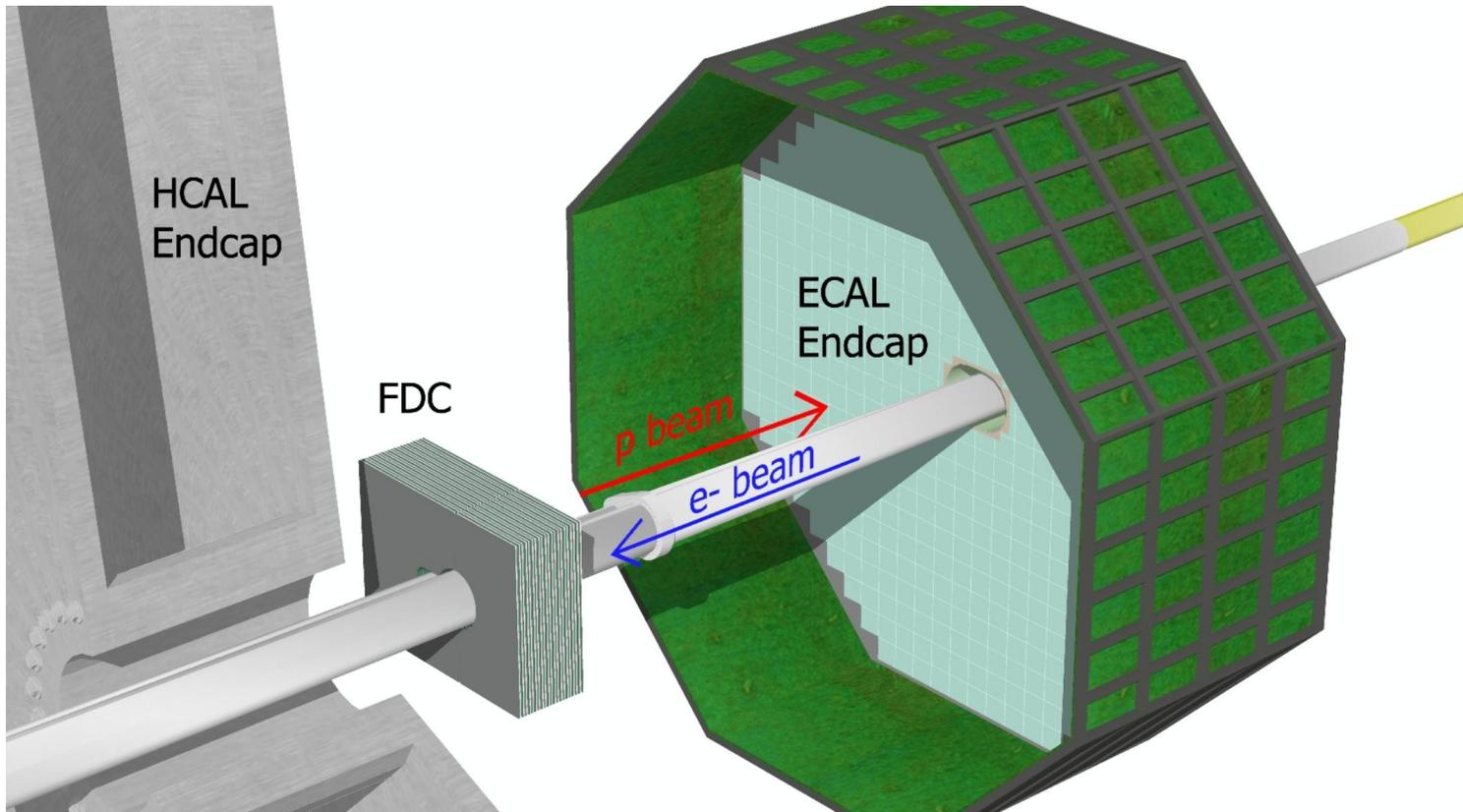
# Motivation for a Few-Degree Calorimeter ( $-4.6 < \eta < -3.6$ )

- To probe transition to perturbative regime and onset of Gluon Saturation, which requires measuring  $0.1 < Q^2 < 1.0 \text{ GeV}^2$



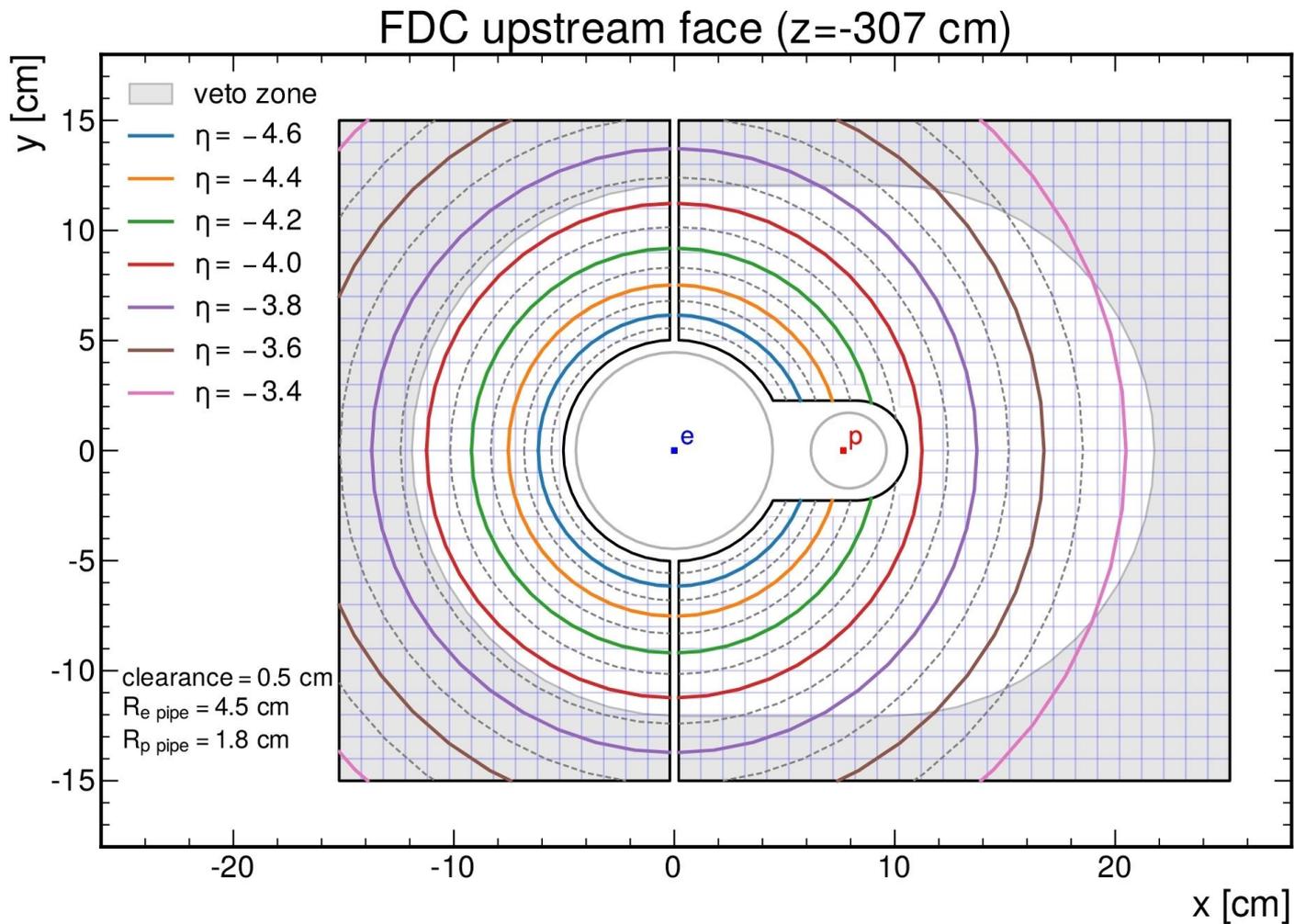
# The FDC approach

- Small calorimeter behind crystal ECAL

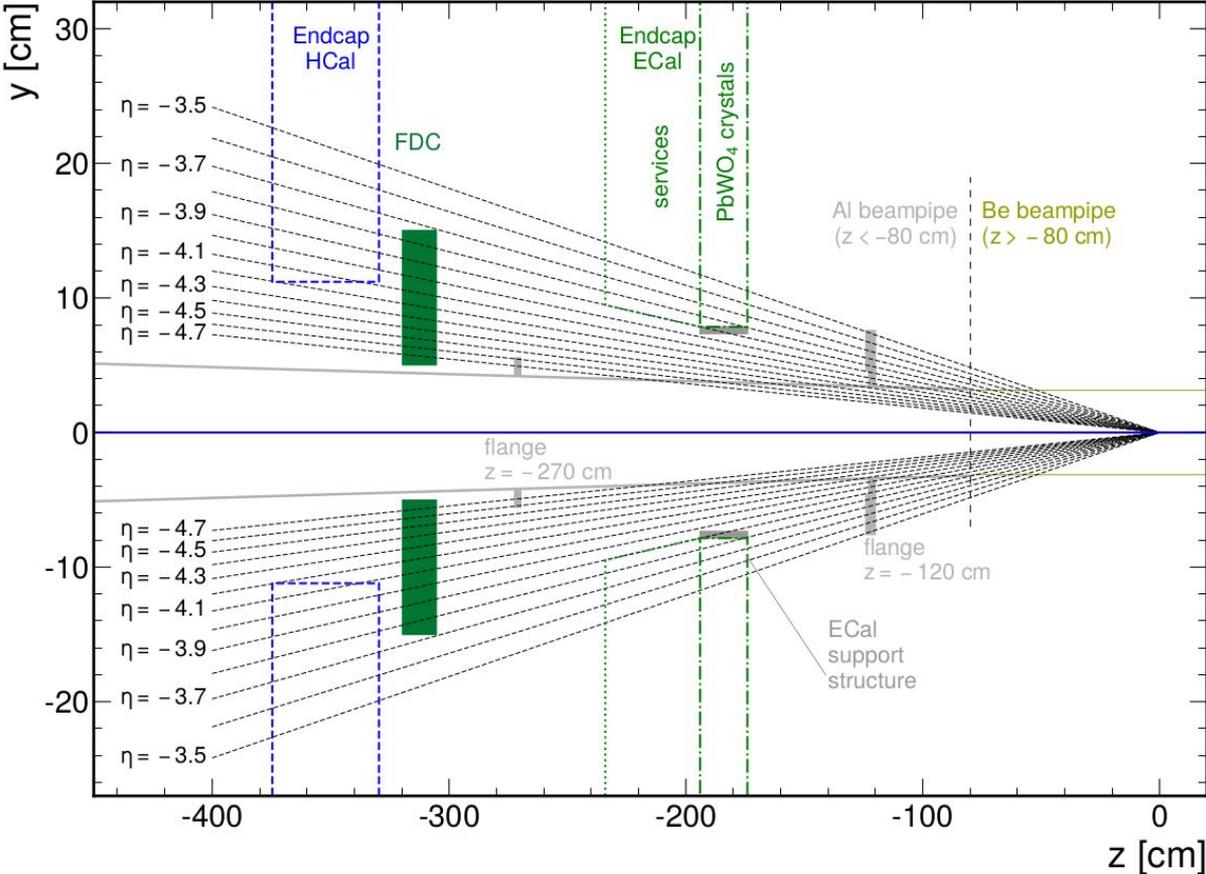


# FDC Acceptance

Non-shadowed area  
corresponds to the  
crystal ECAL hole

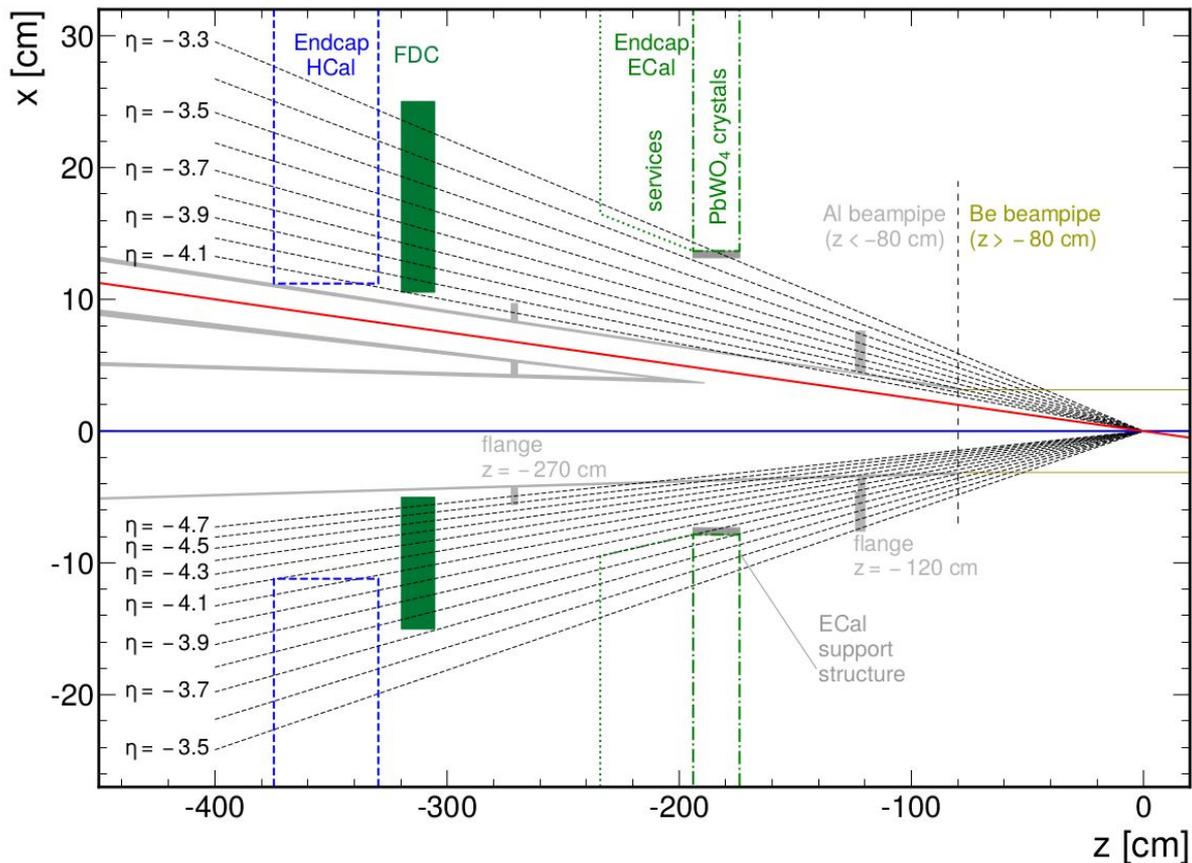


# FDC acceptance in IP6 (yz plane)



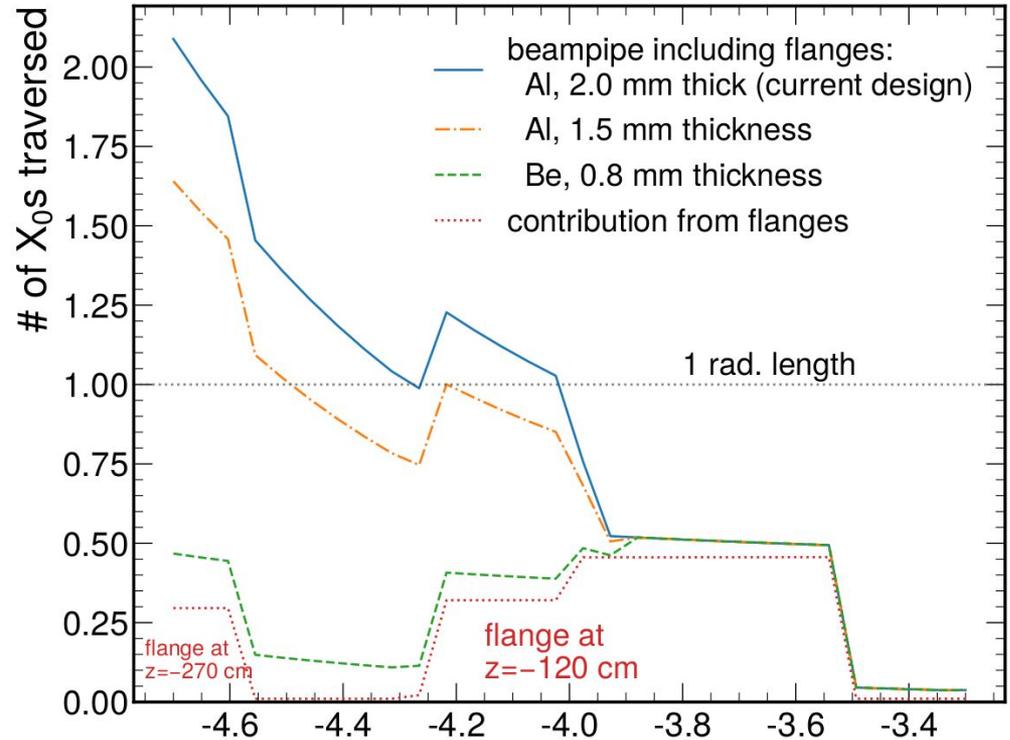
# FDC acceptance in IP6 (xz plane)

Room for optimized acceptance in IP8 given larger crossing angle



# Challenge: & mitigation strategy

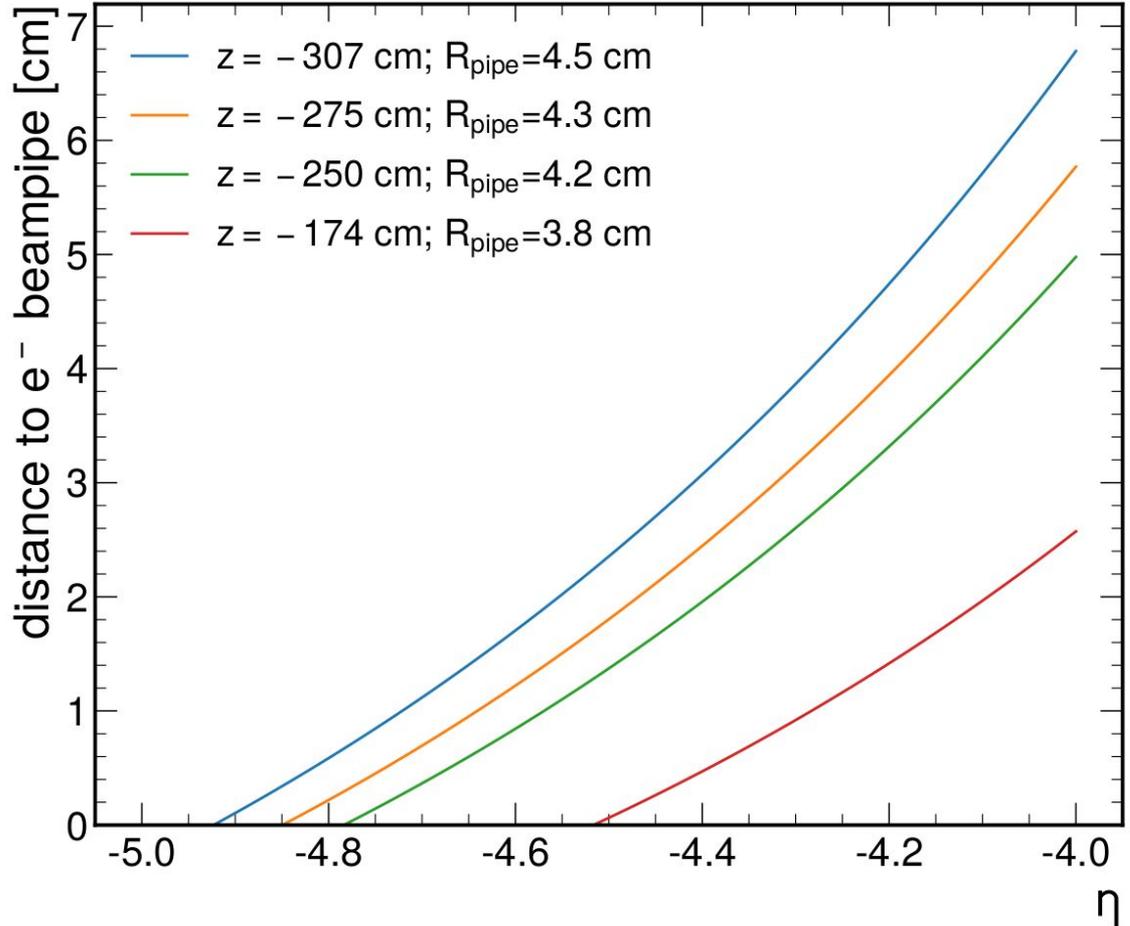
- Electron at shallow angles can graze the beampipe walls.
- Optimized beampipe (Be?) can have a huge impact.
- Thin Al would work too
- Exit window?



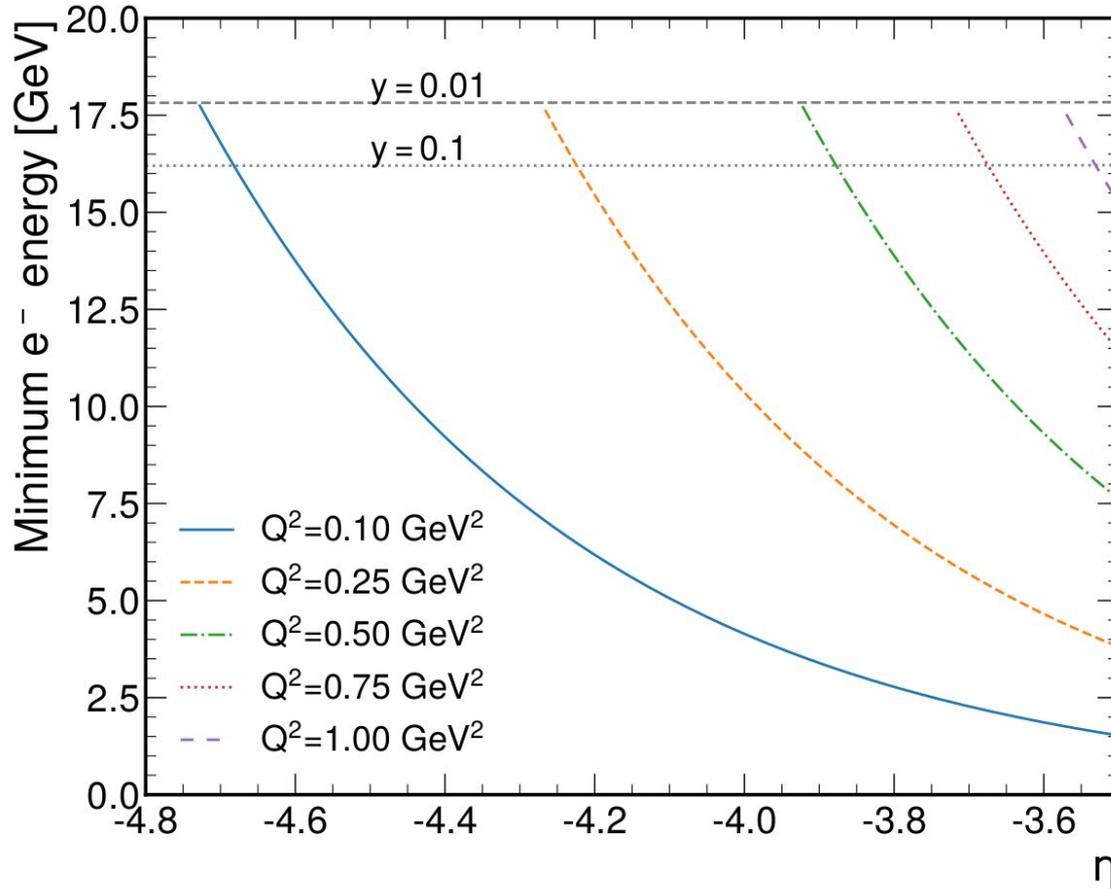
# Distance to the beampipe (IP6)

We actually gain from placing FDC as far away as possible from IP

Need small Moliere radius  
To maximize acceptance

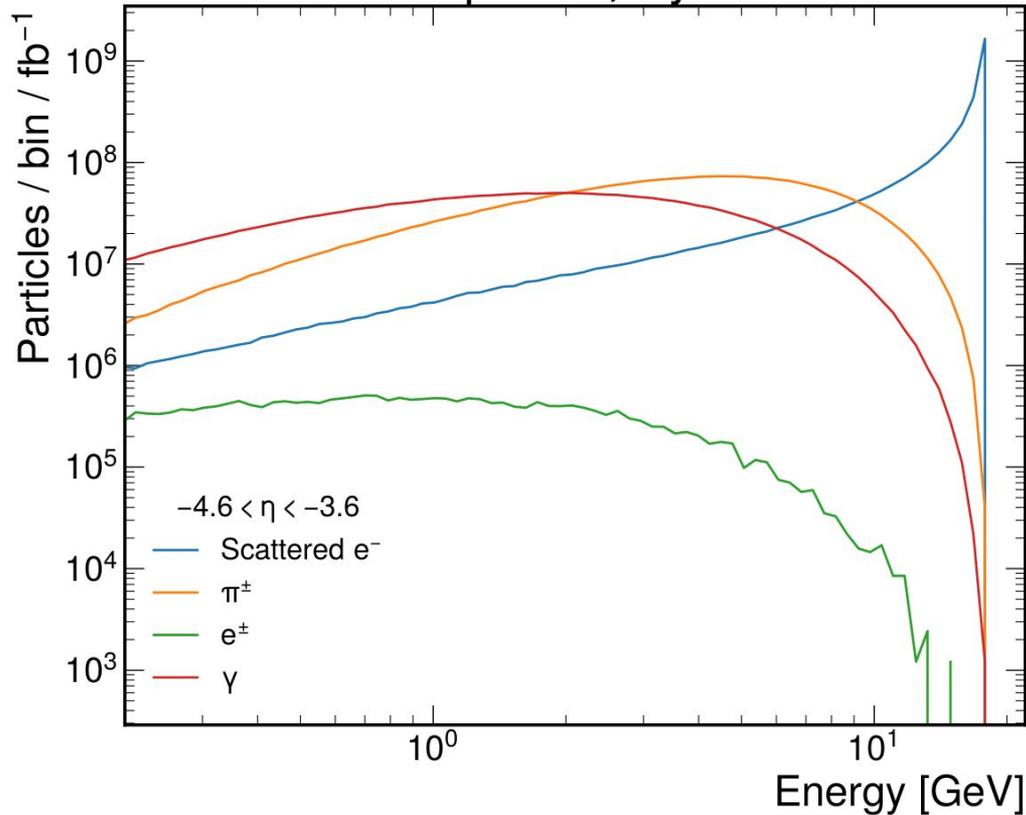


# Electron energy range is 2-18 GeV



# Background

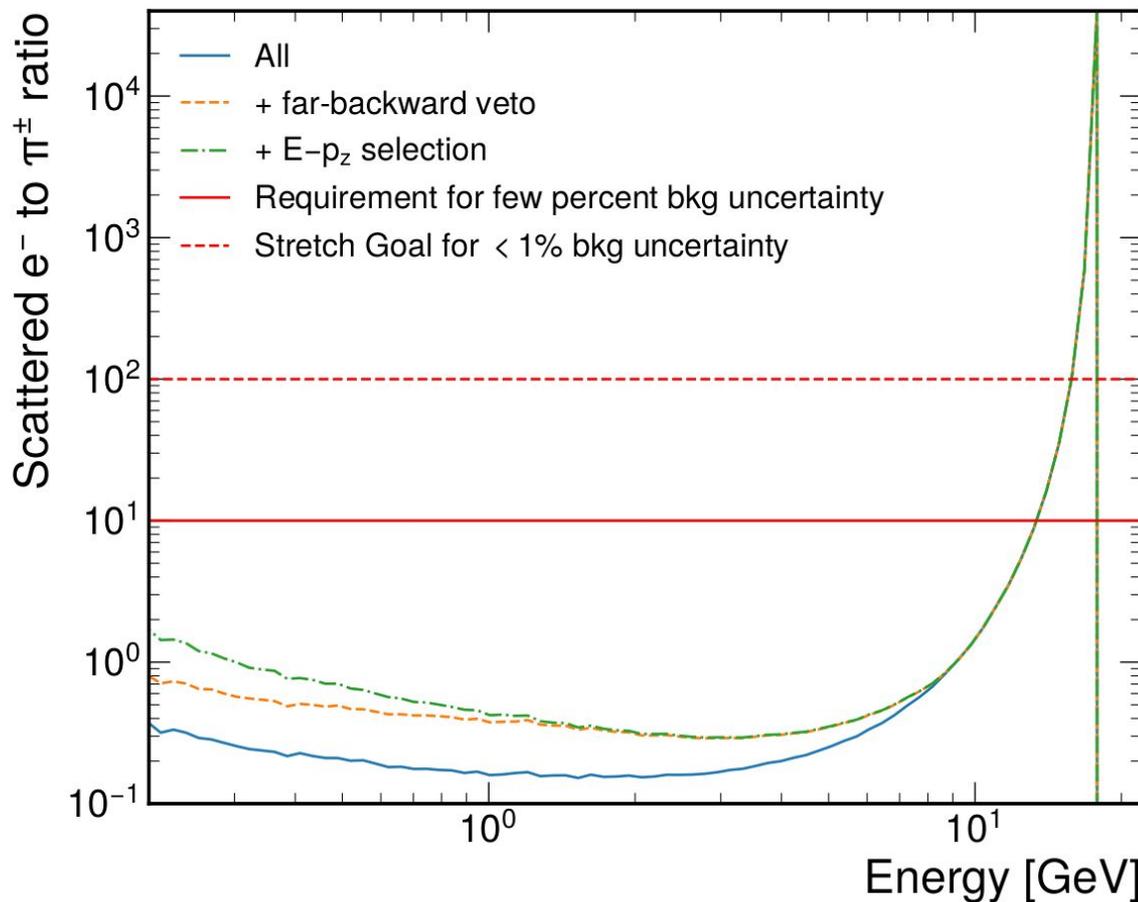
18 e on 275 p GeV, Pythia6  $Q^2 > 0$



Mostly  
photoproduction.

FDC  
~charged-blind so  
positrons and  
positive pions  
also are bkg

# Background rejection with standard means



Far-backward taggers have limited acceptance

$E-p_z$  cut does not remove much because in bkg events the electron has low energy

# TOF potential (at $z=-307$ cm)

50 ps or better  
would help  
tag  $<1$  GeV  
pions

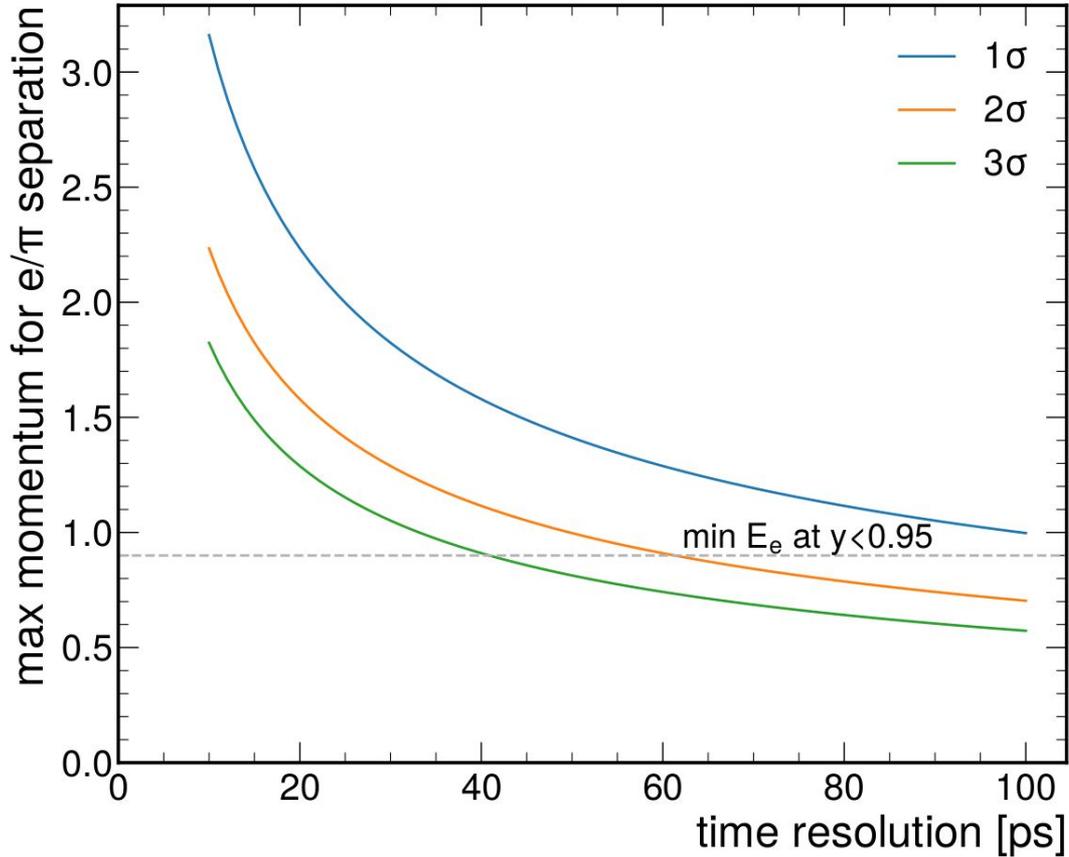
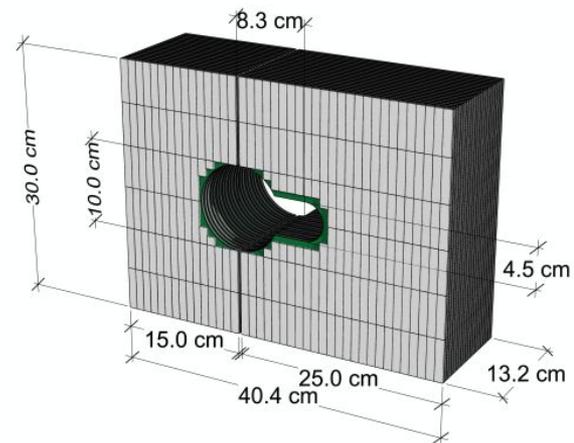
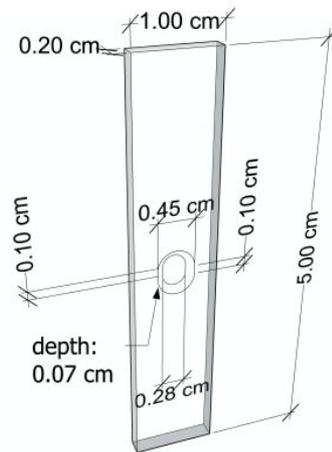
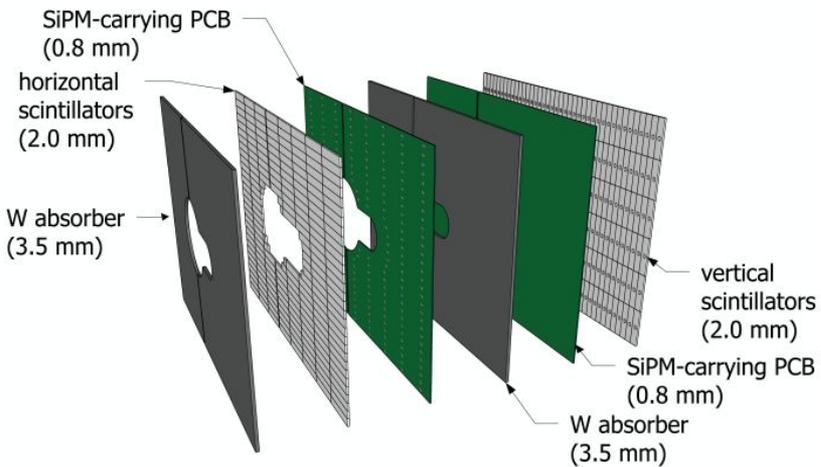


Table 2: Summary of physics-inspired requirements for FDC

Requirement	Value/Range	Justification
$\eta$ range	$\eta_{\min} = -4.6$	Get to $Q^2 \approx 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2$ limit
$\phi$ range	$0 < \phi < 2\pi$	Maximize acceptance
Energy range	2–18 GeV	Follows from kinematics for $Q^2 > 0.1 \text{ GeV}^2$
$\pi^\pm$ rejection	$> \times 25$ at 90% eff. in 1–10 GeV	Purity for $F_2$ measurement with 90% purity
$\gamma$ rejection	$> \times 100$ at 90% eff. in 1–10 GeV.	Purity for $F_2$ measurement with 90% purity
Moliere radius	$< 21 \text{ mm}$	$> 95\%$ shower containment at $\eta = -4.6$
Energy resolution	$< 17\%/\sqrt{E}$	Sufficient $x, Q^2$ reconstruction
Position resolution	$< 2 \text{ mm}/\sqrt{E}$	Sufficient $x, Q^2$ reconstruction
Time resolution	$< 50 \text{ ps}$	Rejection of $\pi^\pm$ below $\approx 1 \text{ GeV}$

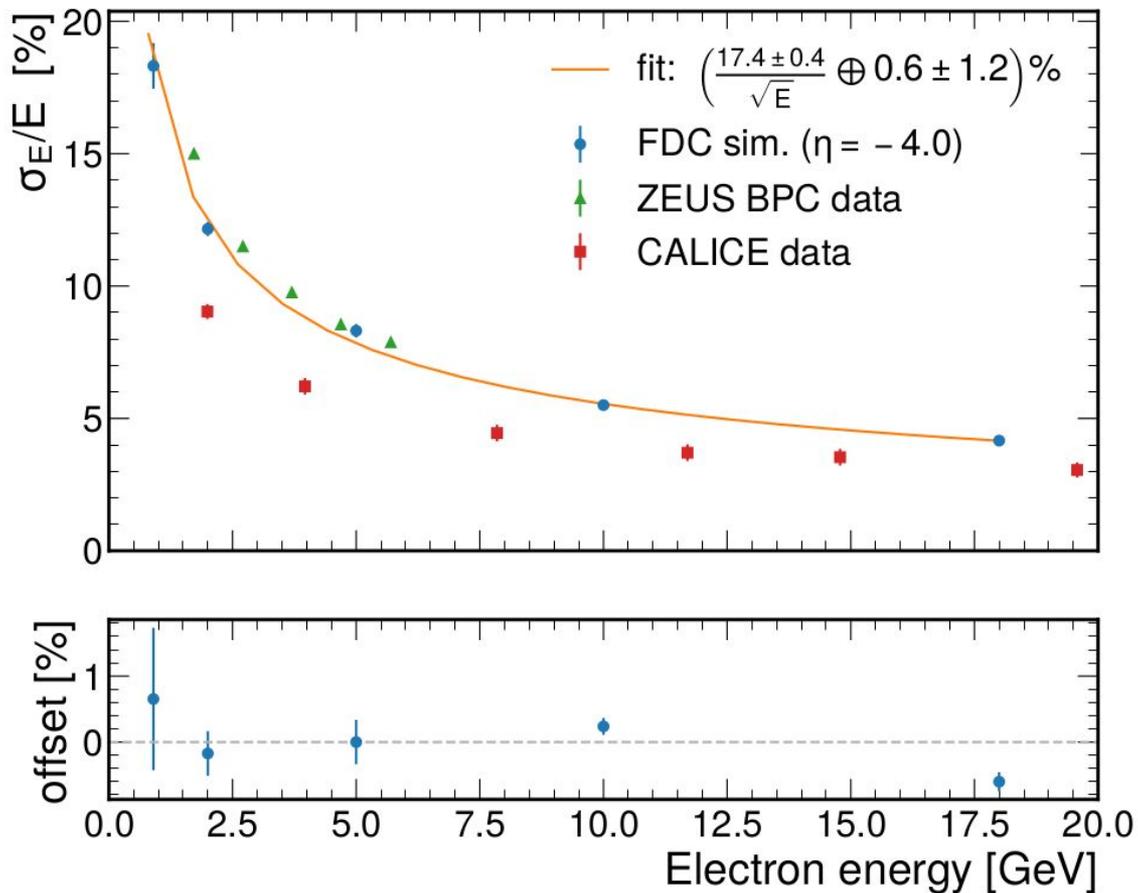
# FDC design (SiPM-on-tile style, strip scintillator)



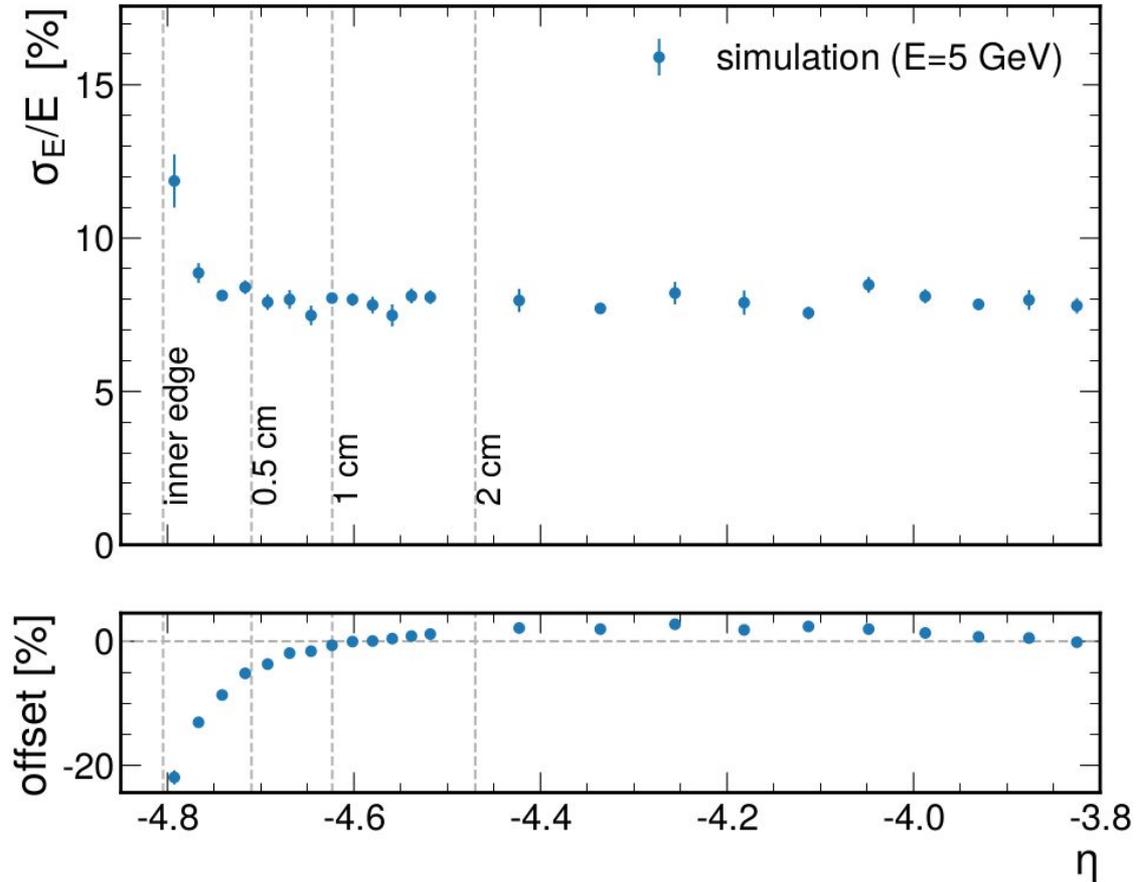
# State of the art

	EIC FDC	ZEUS BPC	H1 VLQ	CALICE	CEPC
Test beam	2024 planned	1994	1997	2009	2023
Depth	20 $X_0$	24 $X_0$	16.7 $X_0$	21.5 $X_0$	22 $X_0$
W/Sc thickness	3.5/2 mm	3.5/2.6 mm	2.5/3 mm	3.5/3 mm	3.5/2 mm
Moliere Radius	15 mm <sup>4</sup>	13 mm	15 mm	20 mm	20 mm
Optical readout	SiPM-on-tile	WLS bar+PMT	WLS bar+PIN	WLS fiber+SiPM	SiPM-on-tile
Trans. granularity	10×50 mm <sup>2</sup>	7.9×150 mm <sup>2</sup>	5×120 mm <sup>2</sup>	10×45 mm <sup>2</sup>	5×45 mm <sup>2</sup>
Long. granularity	every strip	none	none	every strip	every strip
Readout channels	4500	31	336	2160	6720
Electronic readout	HGROC	FADC/TDC	ASIC	SPIROC	SPIROC2E
Position resolution	3.6 mm/ $\sqrt{E}$	2.2 mm/ $\sqrt{E}$	2 mm/ $\sqrt{E}$	—	—
Energy resolution	$\frac{17\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 2\%$	$\frac{17\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 2\%$	$\frac{13\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 3\%$	$\frac{12.5\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 1.2\%$	$\frac{15\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 1\%$
Time resolution	<50 ps	400 ps	—	—	—

# Energy resolution

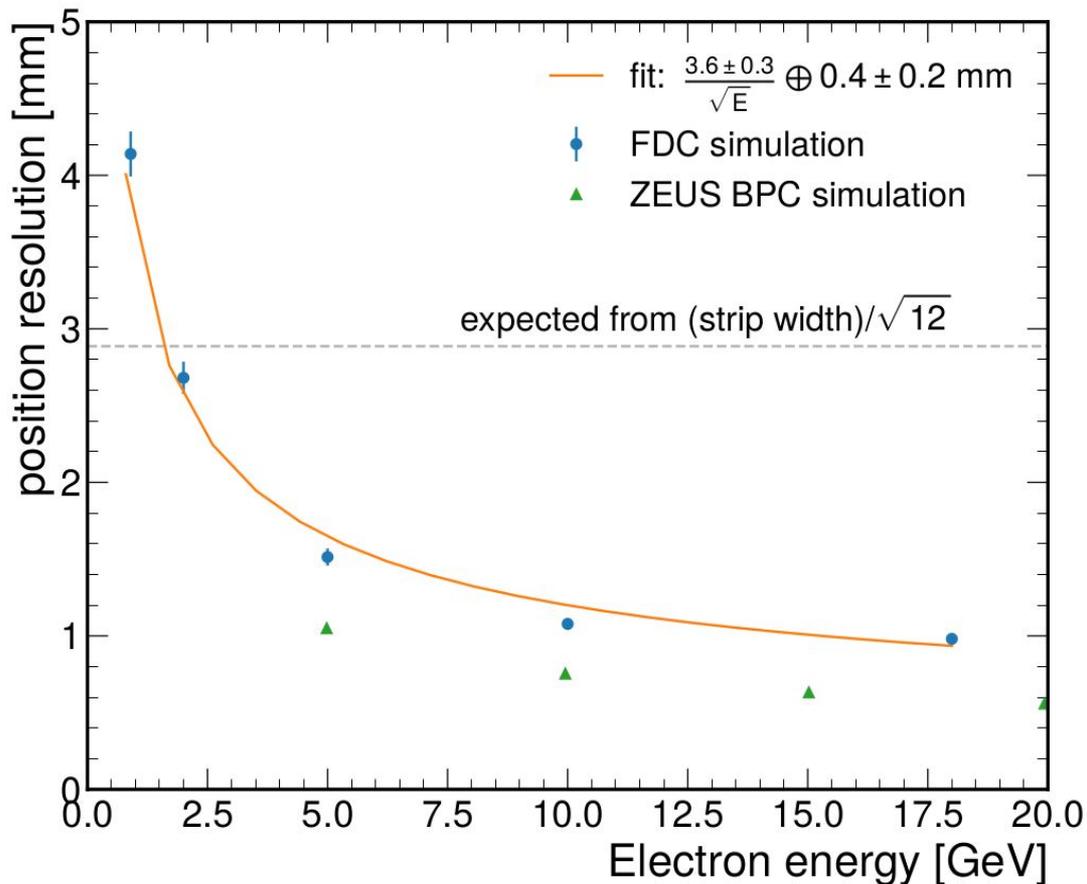


# Energy resolution vs angle

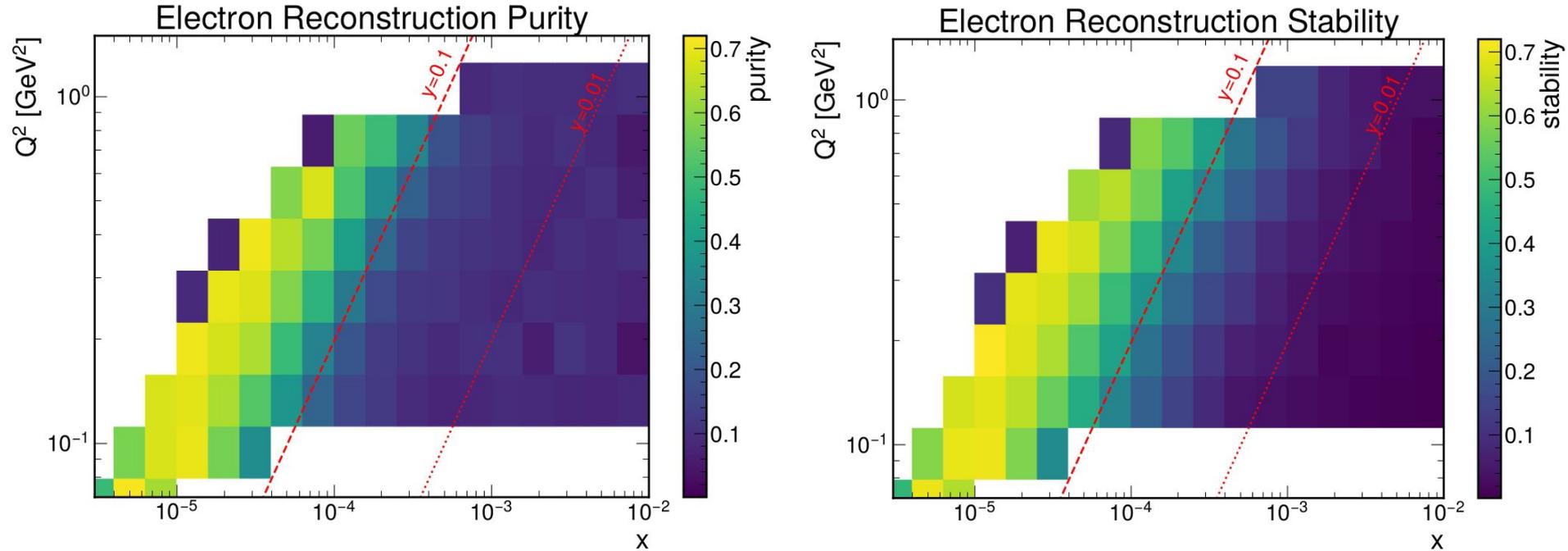


# Position resolution

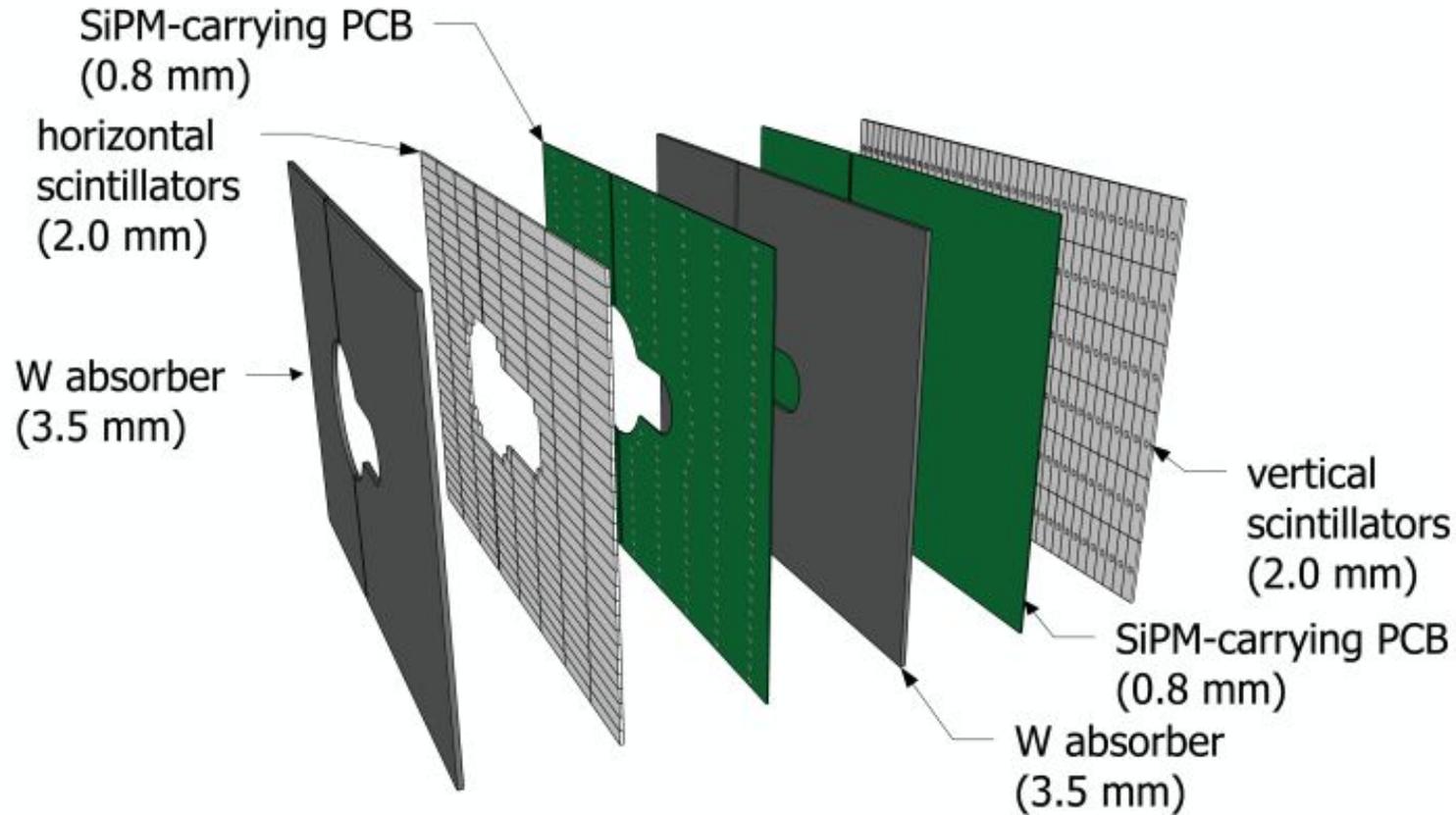
There is room for optimization in the algorithm, currently log-weighting with cut off of 4.0



# Performance for kinematic variables

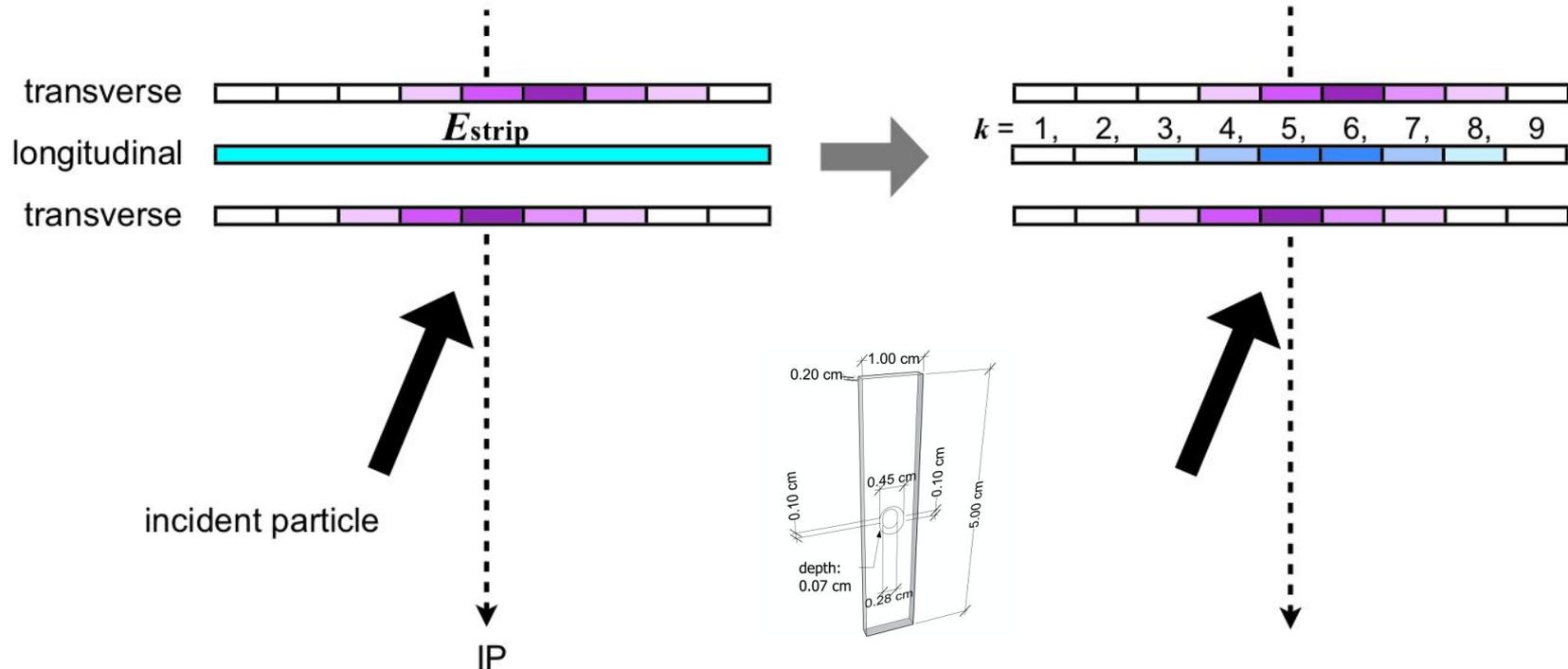


# High-granularity brings opportunities for electron ID

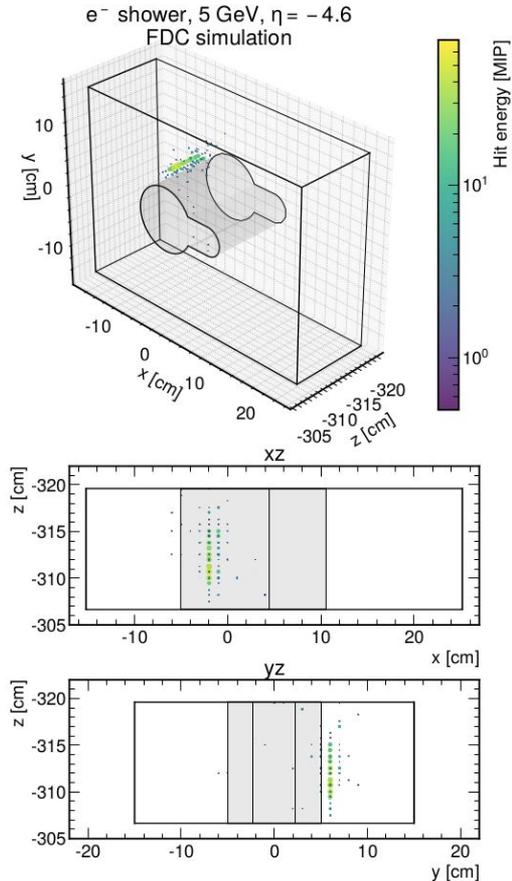


# “Strip split algorithm” can squeeze performance out of alternating strips

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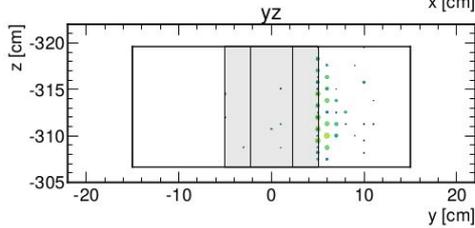
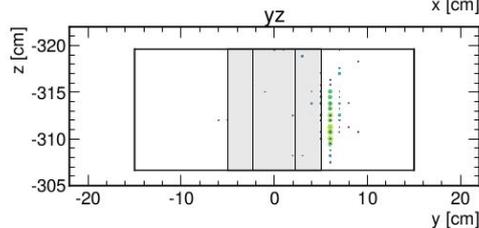
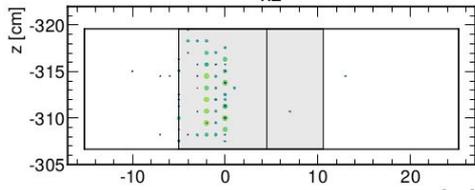
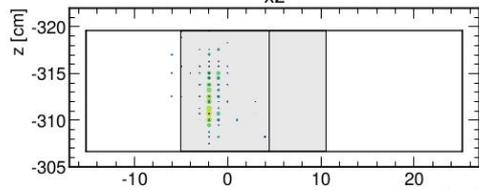
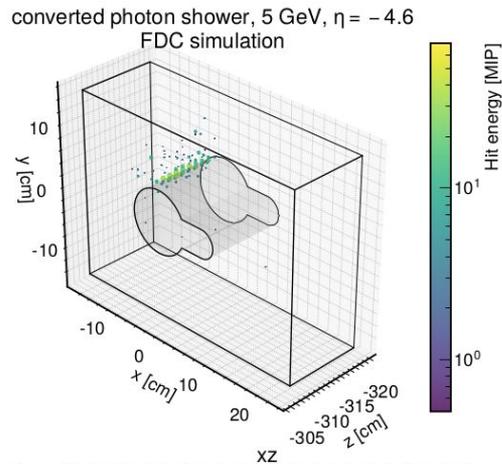
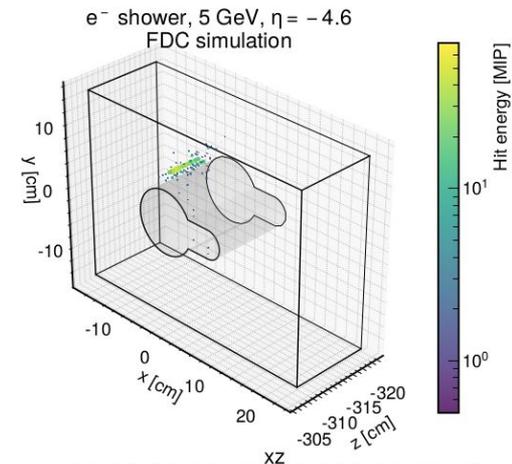


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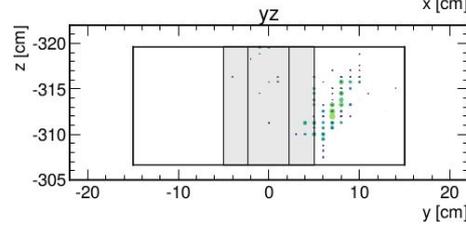
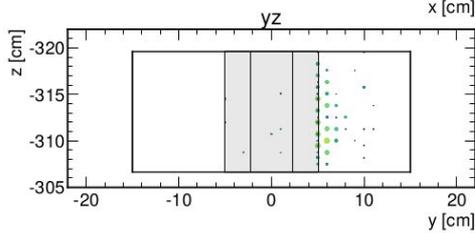
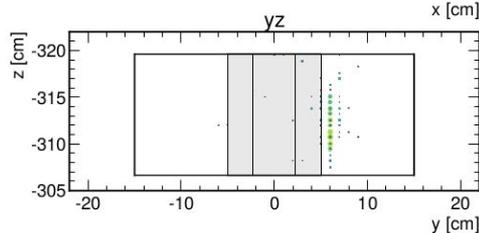
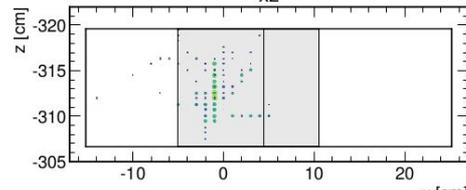
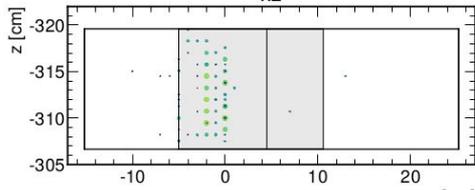
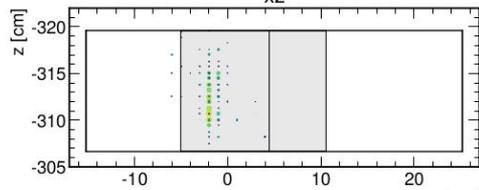
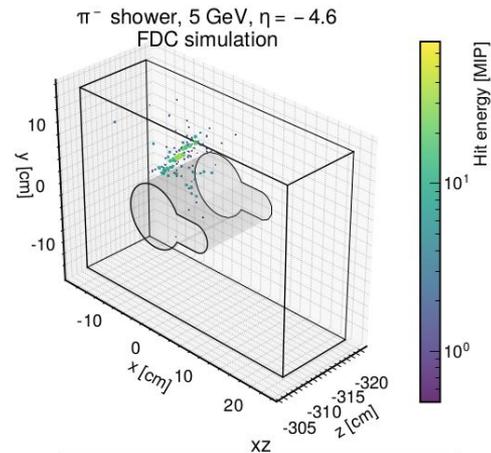
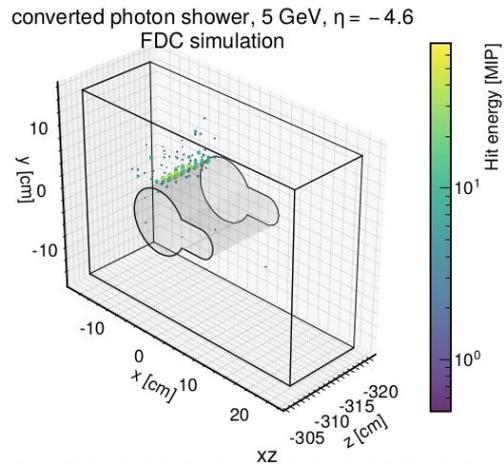
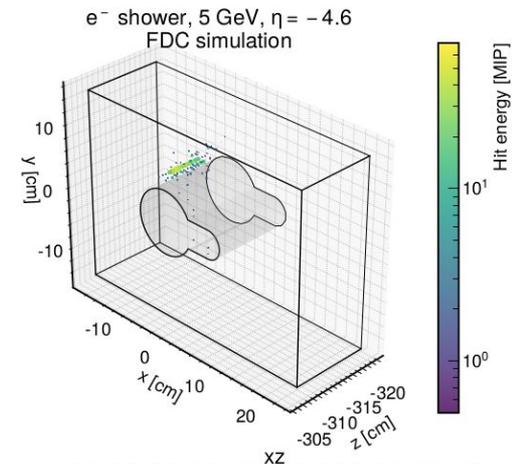
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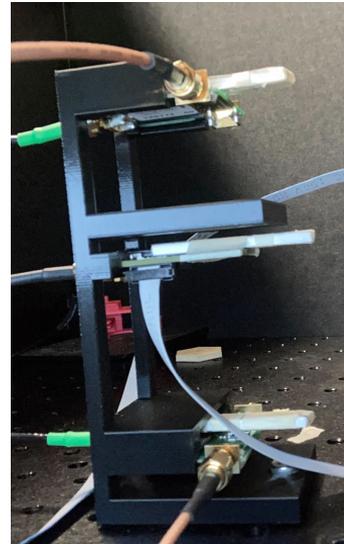
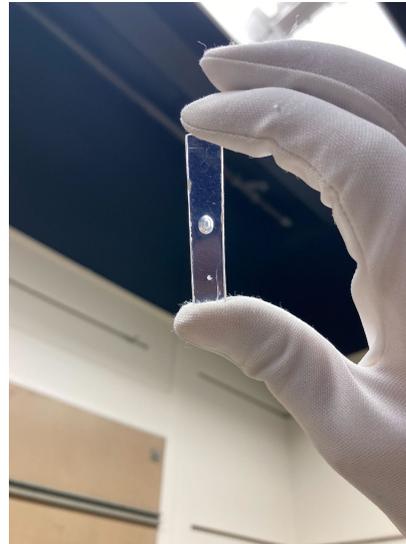
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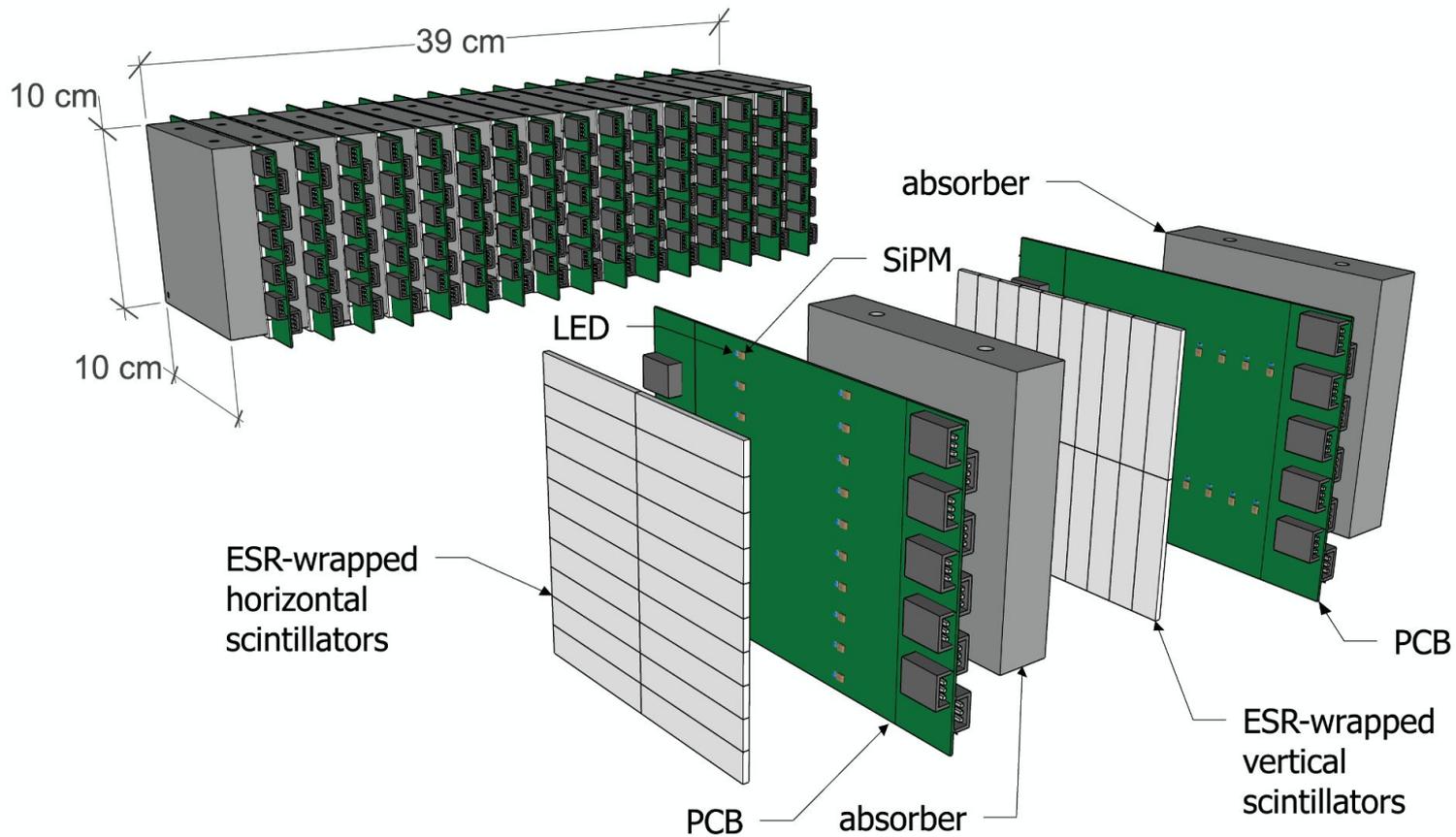
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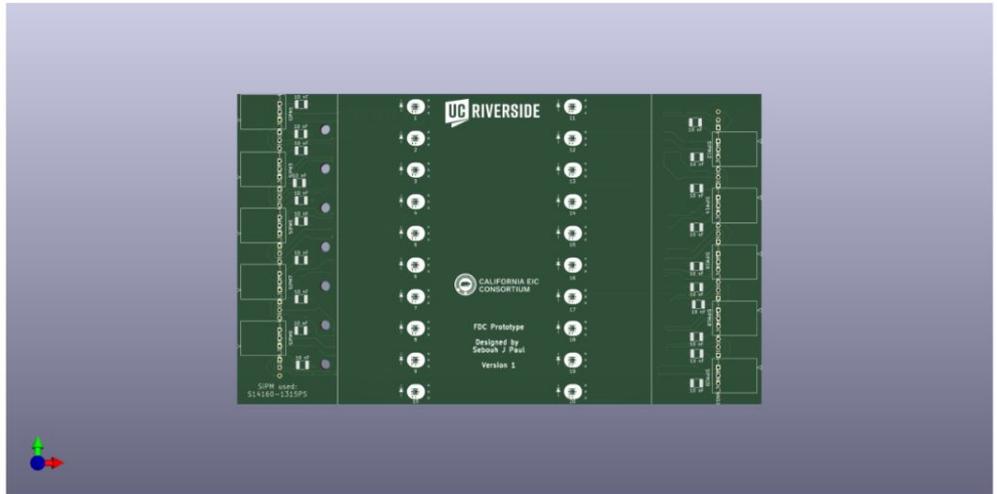
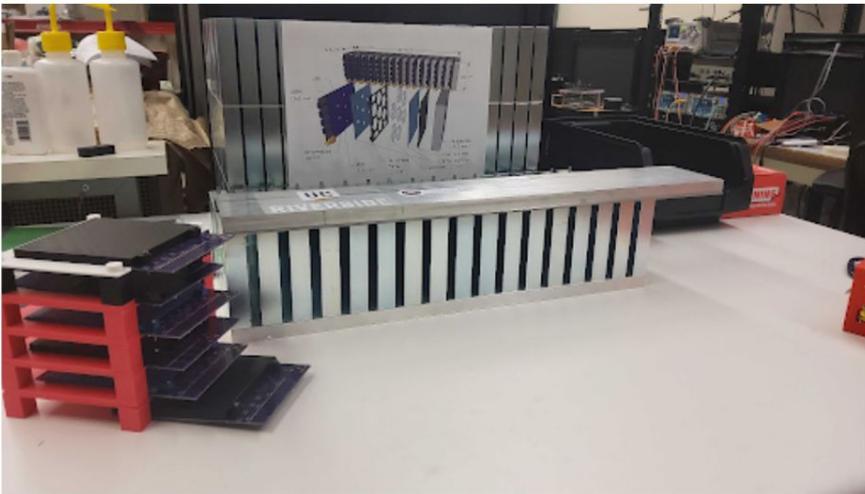
SiPM-on-tile is an emerging new paradigm in calorimetry, not yet explored in EIC detector R&D program



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# Prototype





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## A Few-Degree Calorimeter for the future Electron-Ion Collider

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Measuring the region  $0.1 < Q^2 < 1.0 \text{ GeV}^2$  is essential to support searches for gluon saturation at the future Electron-Ion Collider. Recent studies have revealed that covering this region at the highest beam energies is not feasible with current detector designs, resulting in the so-called  $Q^2$  gap. In this work, we present a design for the Few-Degree Calorimeter (FDC), which addresses this issue. The FDC uses SiPM-on-tile technology with tungsten absorber and covers the range of  $-4.6 < \eta < -3.6$ . It offers fine transverse and longitudinal granularity, along with excellent time resolution, enabling standalone electron tagging. Our design represents the first concrete solution to bridge the  $Q^2$  gap at the EIC.

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# Summary

- A FDC can bridge the Q2 gap. Maybe needed even more in IP8, with room for optimization in beam pipe design.
- SiPM-on-tile tungsten calorimeter meets requirements at low cost
- SiPM-on-tile technology is an emerging technology, offering a new tool for various calorimeters at EIC.

**FDC**