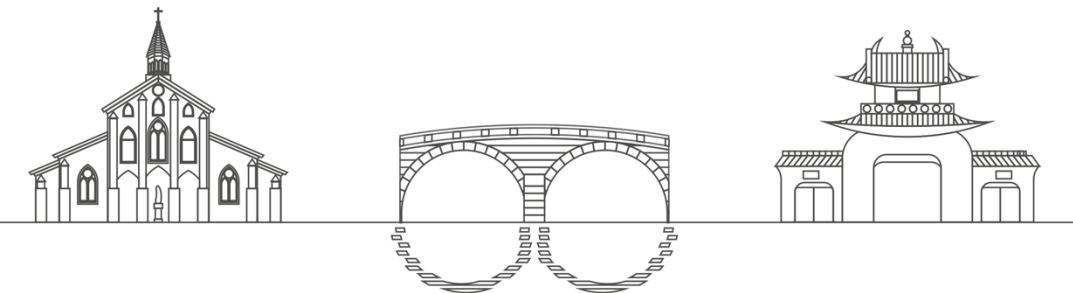


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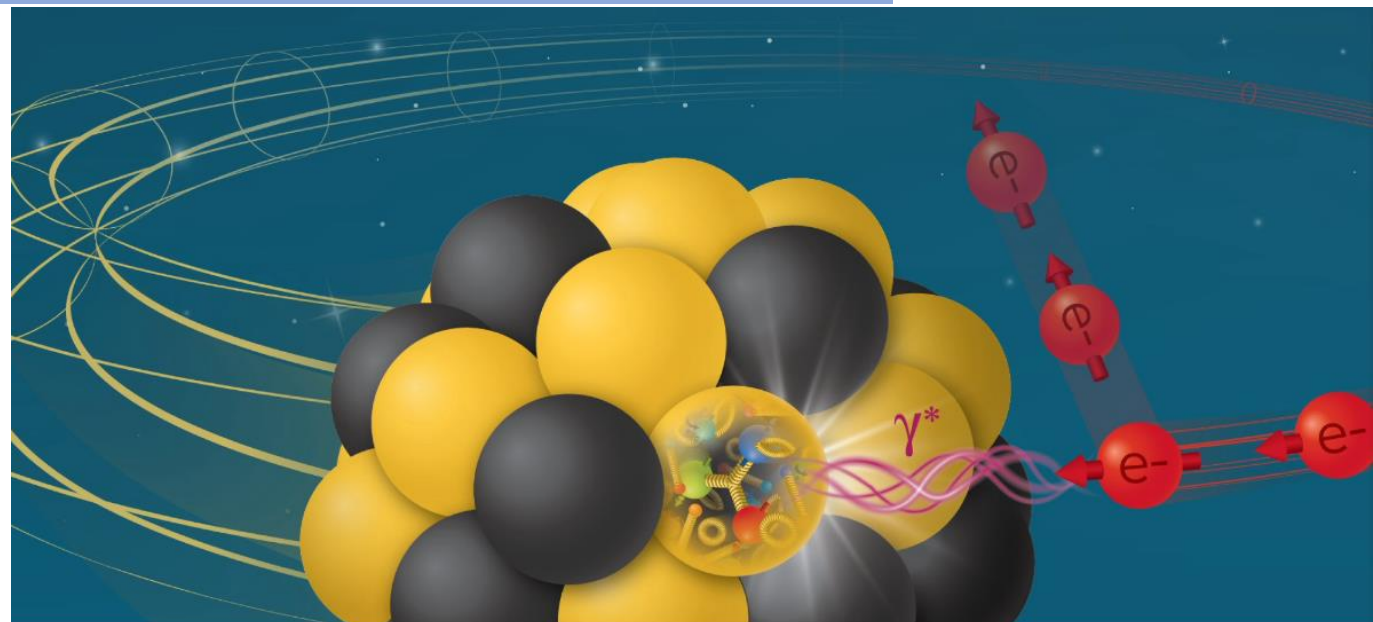
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Future facilities: Electron Ion Collider

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Next for QCD



A SCHEMATIC MODEL OF BARYONS AND MESONS *

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If we assume that the strong interactions of baryons and mesons are correctly described in terms of the broken "eightfold way" ¹⁻³⁾, we are tempted to look for some fundamental explanation of the situation. A highly promised approach is the purely dynamical "bootstrap" model for all the strongly interacting particles within which one may try to derive isotopic spin and strangeness conservation and broken eightfold symmetry from self-consistency alone ⁴⁾. Of course, with only strong interactions, the orientation of the asymmetry in the unitary space cannot be specified; one hopes that in some way the selection of specific components of the F

ber $n_t - n_{\bar{t}}$ would be zero for all known baryons and mesons. The most interesting example of such a model is one in which the triplet has spin $\frac{1}{2}$ and $z = -1$, so that the four particles d^- , s^- , u^0 and b^0 exhibit a parallel with the leptons.

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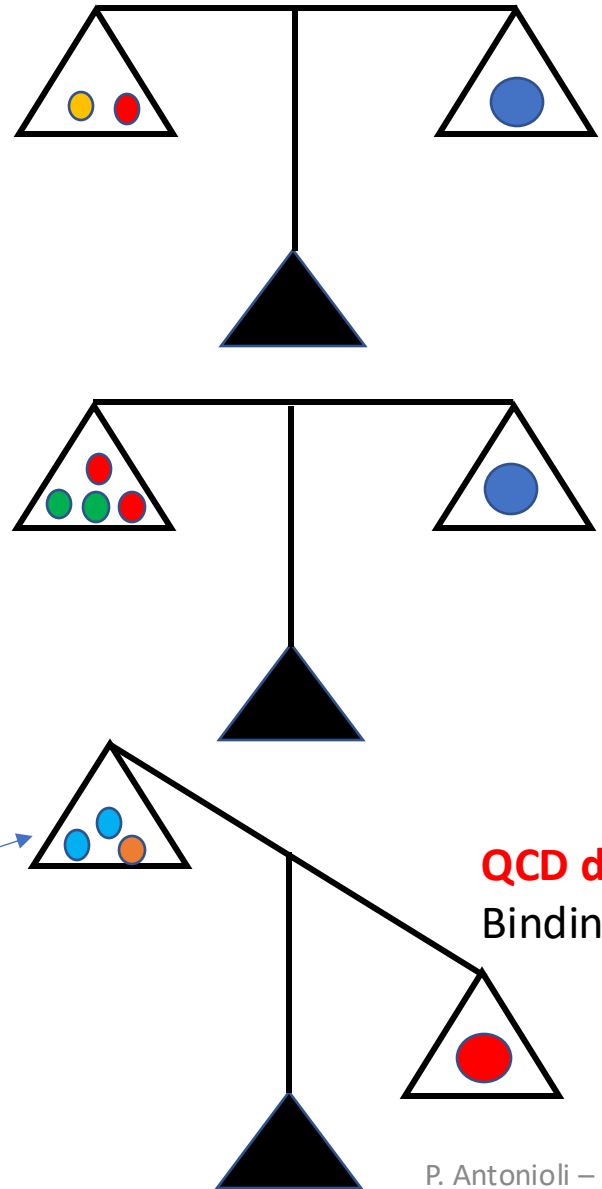
Why we still need microscopes for the nucleon?

The way matter sums up in the nucleon is still quite a mystery!

● Electron
● Proton

● Proton
● Neutron

● d quark
● u quark

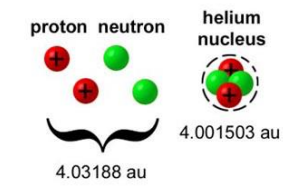
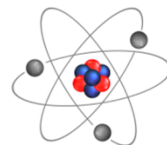


● Hydrogen

● Helion

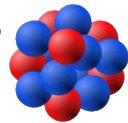
● proton

First ionization energy for the atoms ~ 10 eV: is a tiny fraction of the atom mass



5 B Boron 10.81	6 C Carbon 12.011	7 N Nitrogen 14.007	8 O Oxygen 15.999	9 F Fluorine 18.99840316
13 Al Aluminum 26.981538	14 Si Silicon 28.085	15 P Phosphorus 30.97376200	16 S Sulfur 32.07	17 Cl Chlorine 35.45

Binding mass is some percent of the nucleus mass



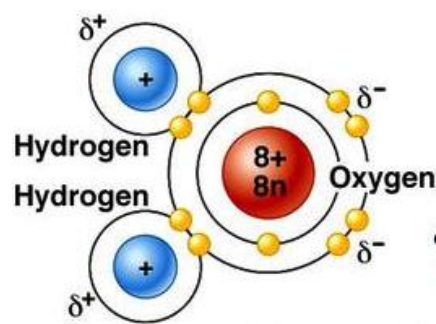
QCD dynamics makes 96% of proton mass!

Binding Mass is ... mass $\approx 168 \times 10^{-26}$ g

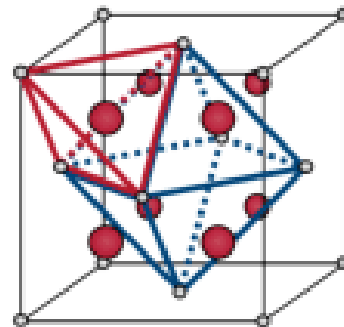
Higgs mechanism:
Mass $\approx 1.78 \times 10^{-26}$ g

Nuclear matter is indeed... different!

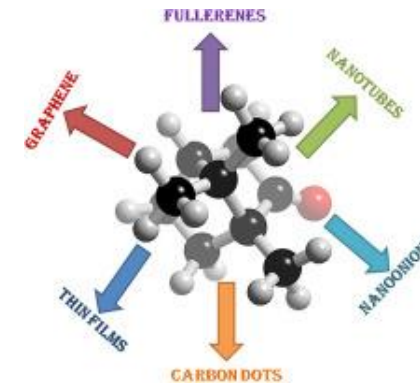
The usual matter has plenty of open space, localized mass and charge centers



Molecule



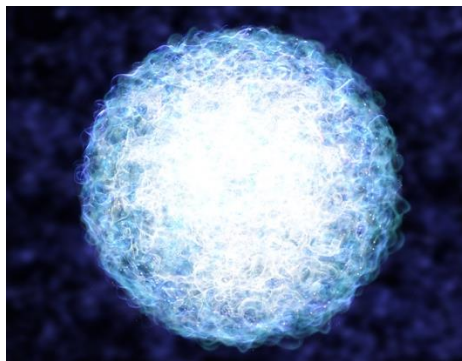
Crystal



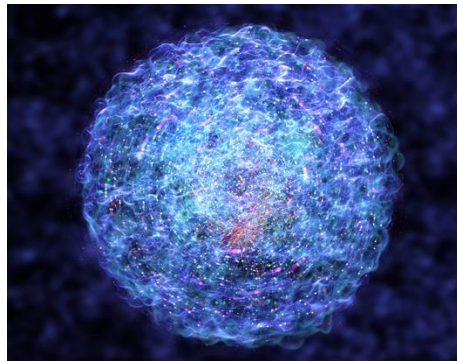
Nanomaterial carbon-based

The proton looks different at different x (the size of the probe!): the interactions and the structures are inextricably mixed

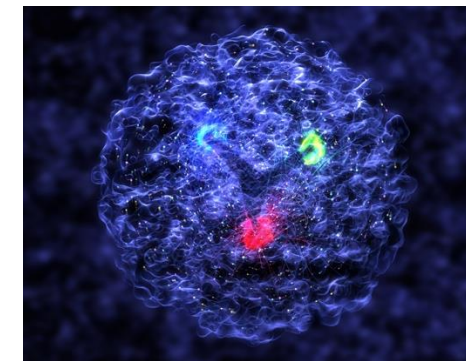
low-x



medium-x

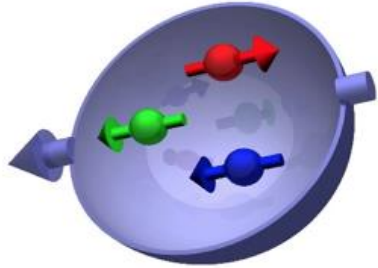


high-x



Fascinating video by R. Milner and R. Ent here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-9l0buDi4s>
 (Visualizing Proton Project by the MIT Center for Art, Science & Technology and Jefferson Lab)

The spin of the proton: still a puzzle

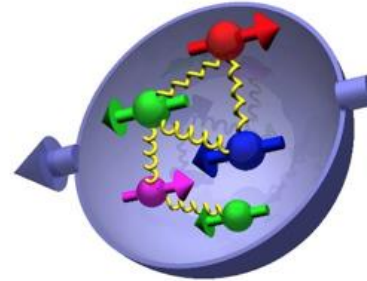


Naive parton model:
all spin made by constituent quarks

EMC, PLB 206 (1988) 364
→ spin of the proton is only partially
made by valence quarks!

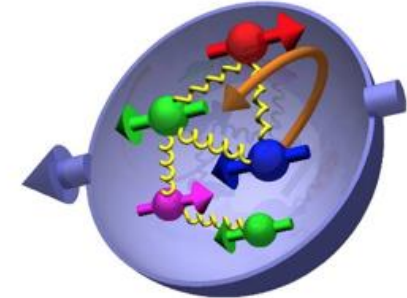
$$\Delta\Sigma \approx 25\%$$

As for the **mass**, also the **spin** (and charge and magnetic moment) is a global property that **emerges** from the interaction of its constituents



From unpolarized PDFs we know
 Δg and Δq_s are sizeable!

Three decades efforts (DESY, BNL, JLAB,
CERN, ...) estimates $\Delta g \approx 35\%$
(and we completely ignore it for $x < 0.005$!)



And we can't neglect orbital angular
momentum

EIC is the machine to unveil the
decomposition of the proton spin!

emergence | ɪ'mɜːdʒ(ə)ns |

noun [mass noun]

1 the process of becoming visible after being concealed:

EIC science program in five columns



Spin is one of the fundamental properties of matter.

All elementary particles, but the Higgs carry spin.

Spin cannot be explained by a static picture of the hadron. It is the interplay between the intrinsic properties and interactions of quarks and gluons

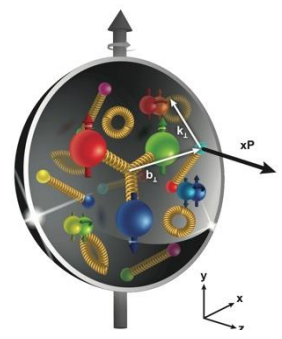
The EIC will unravel the different contribution from the quarks, gluons and orbital angular momentum.



How the **mass** of visible matter emerge from quark-gluon interactions?

	Binding energy Mass
Atom	0.00000001
Nucleus	0.01
Nucleon	100

The EIC will determine an important term contributing to the proton mass → QCD trace anomaly



How are the quarks and gluon **distributed** in space and momentum inside the nucleon & nuclei?

How do the nucleon properties emerge from them and their interactions?

How can we understand their dynamical origin in QCD?

What is the relation to confinement?

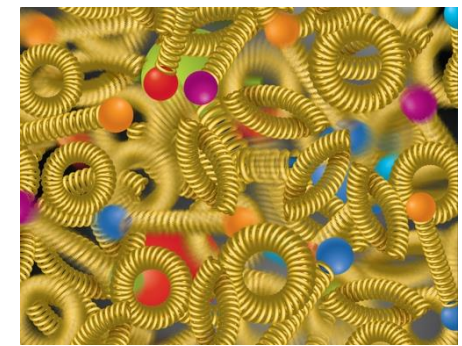


Is the **structure** of a **free and bound nucleon** the same?

How do quarks and gluons, interact with a nuclear medium?

How do the confined hadronic states emerge from these quarks and gluons?

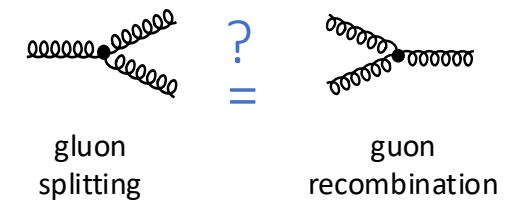
How do the quark-gluon interactions create nuclear binding?



How many gluons can fit in a proton?

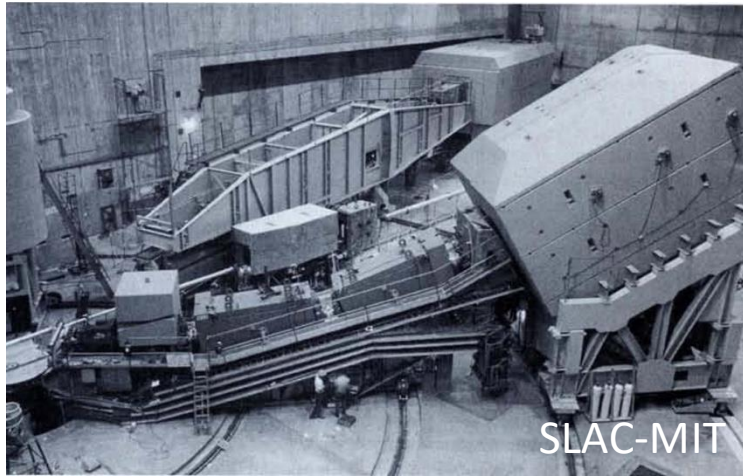
How does a **dense nuclear environment** affect the quarks and gluons, their correlations, and their interactions?

What happens to the **gluon density in nuclei**? Does it saturate at high energy?

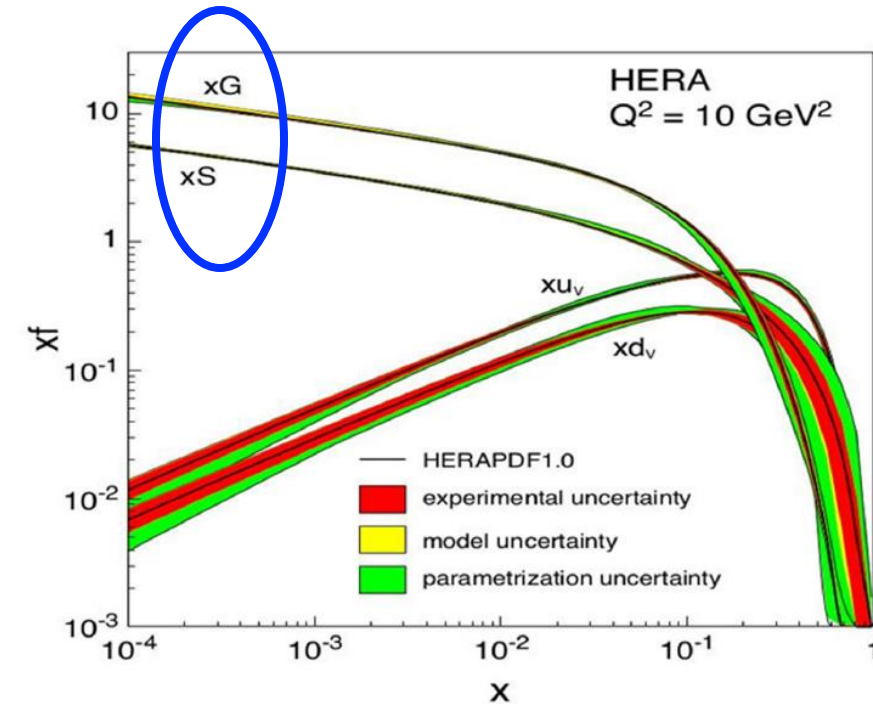


EIC: 21st Century Laboratory of Emergent Dynamics in QCD

DIS is the microscope to make that science!



“When HERA started in 1992, we only had vague notions of the structure of the proton,” says Rolf-Dieter Heuer, director for particle-physics research at DESY. “The measurements from HERA showed that the interior of the proton is like a thick, bubbling soup in which gluons and quark–antiquark pairs are continuously emitted and annihilated.”

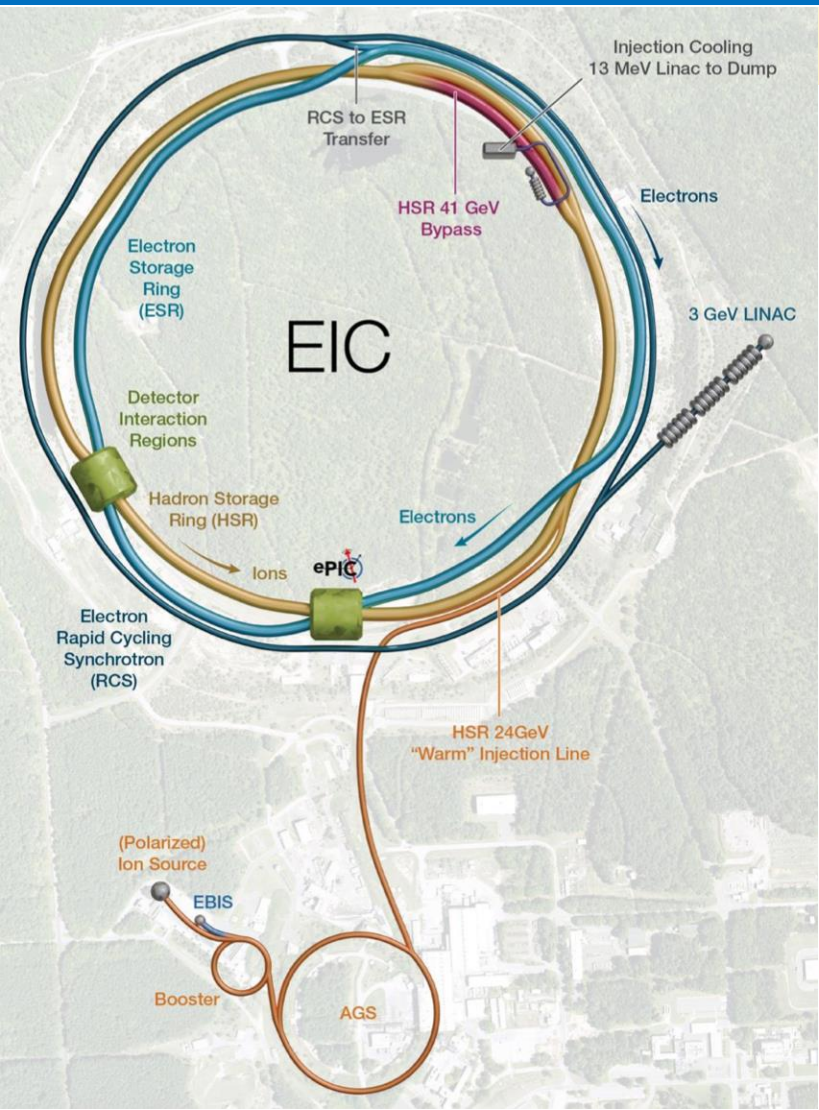


EIC: Understanding the Glue that Binds Us All

The collider: a new electron microscope



Evolution of RHIC (pp/pA/AA) facility at BNL approved by DOE (CD-0) in January 2020



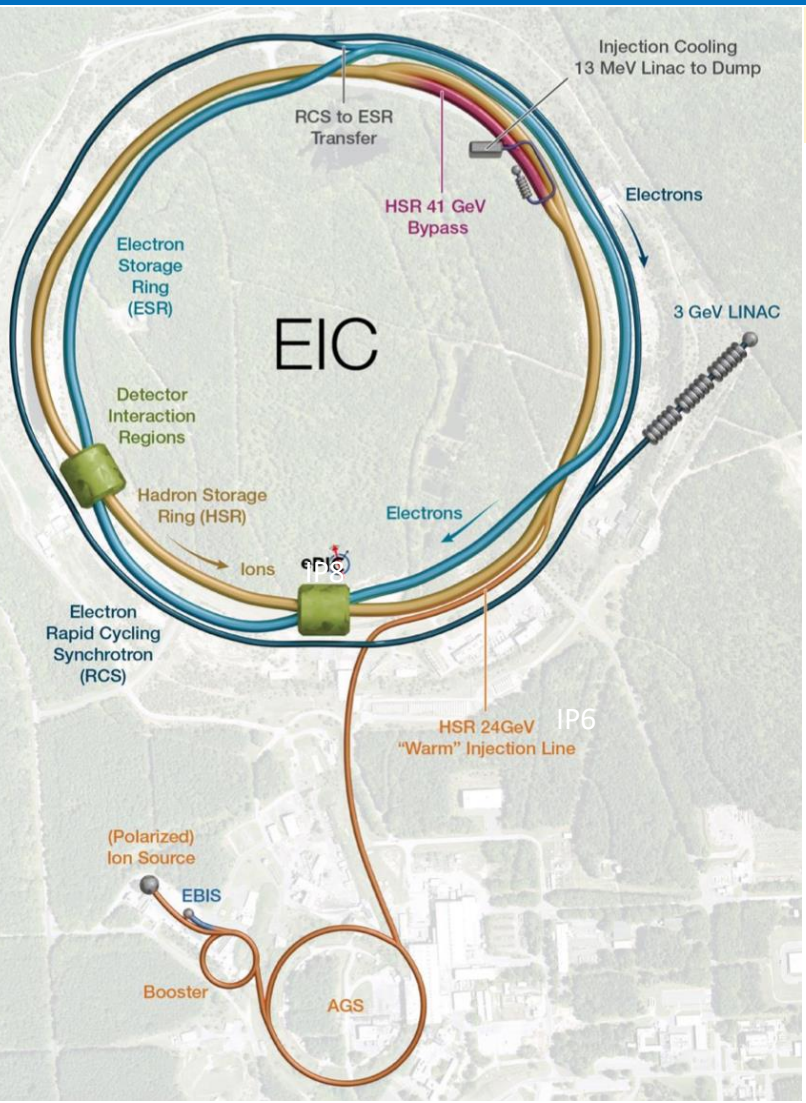
Project Design Goals

- High Luminosity: $L = 10^{33} - 10^{34} \text{cm}^{-2}\text{sec}^{-1}$, 10 – 100 fb⁻¹/year
- Highly Polarized Beams: 70%
- Large Center of Mass Energy Range: $E_{\text{cm}} = 29 - 140 \text{ GeV}$
- Large Ion Species Range: protons – Uranium
- Large Detector Acceptance and Good Background Conditions
- Accommodate a Second Interaction Region (IR)

Strong support to EIC in [2023 NSAC long range plan](#)



The collider: energy and intensity frontiers



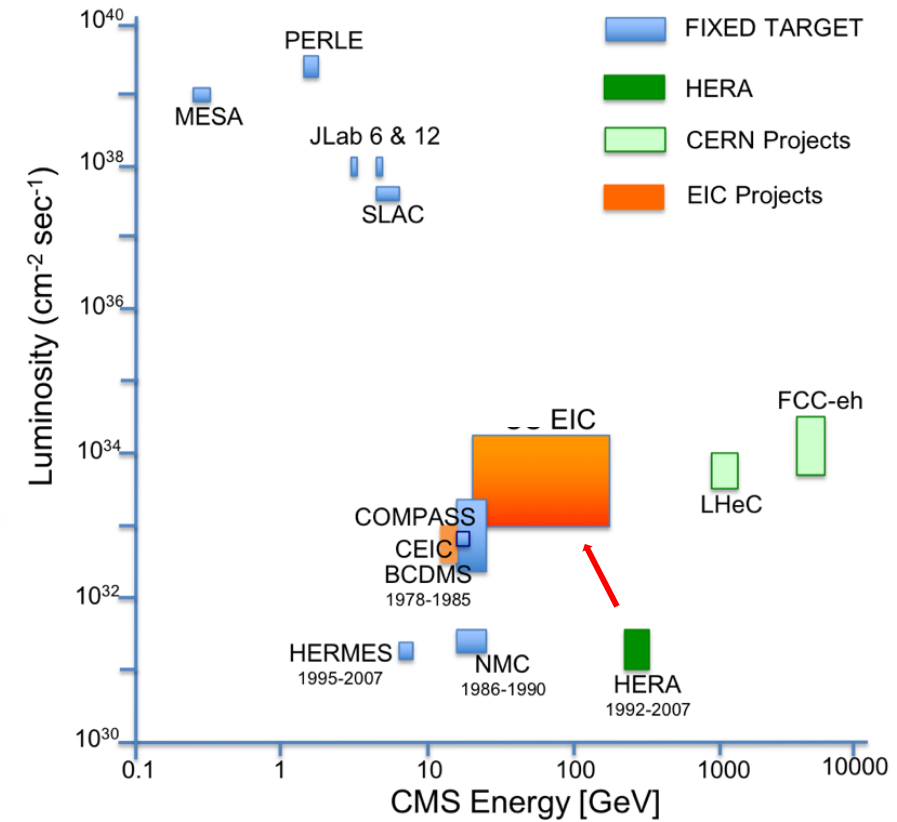
Strong hadron cooling, 25 mrad crab crossing angle, high frequency (BC/10 ns) key ingredients for high luminosity

with respect to HERA:

- luminosity x 100 to 1000 higher
- both (p, d, ³He) and e polarized
- nuclear beams (d to U)

with respect to JLAB12:

- energy frontier vs intensity frontier



EIC Conceptual Design Report

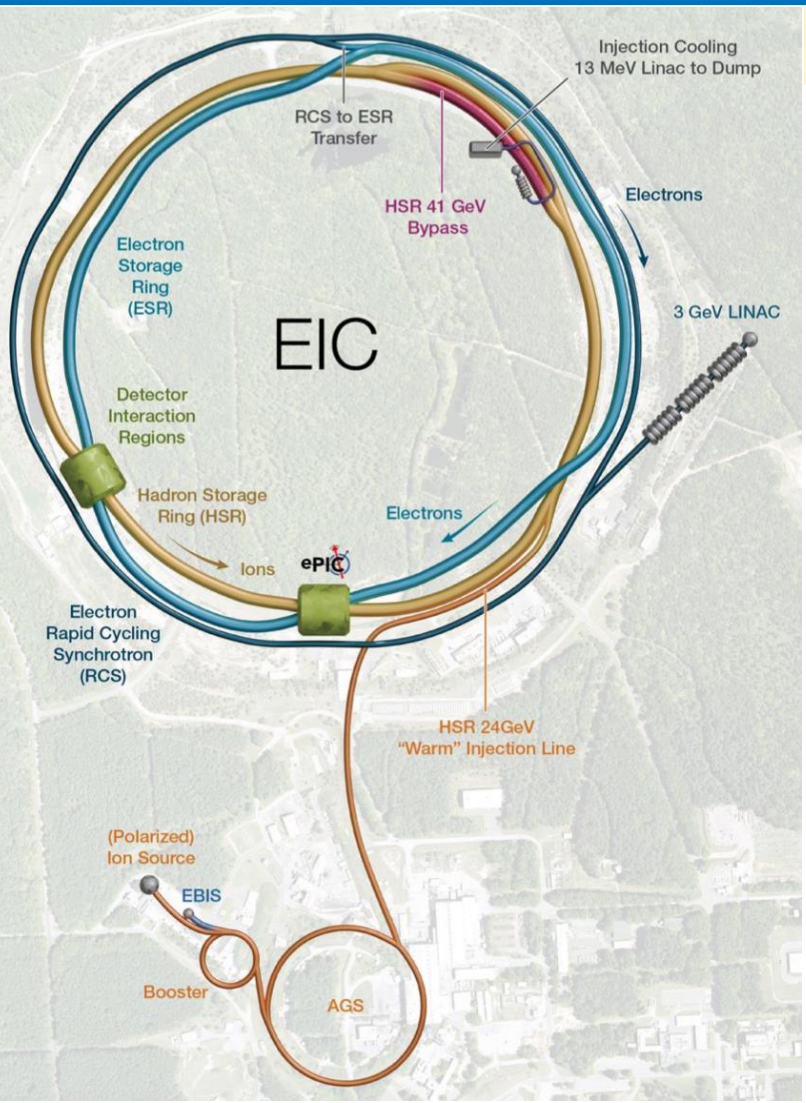
p: 41 GeV, 100 to 275 GeV

p/A beam

e beam

e: 5 GeV to 18 GeV

The collider: towards the land of gluons and quark sea



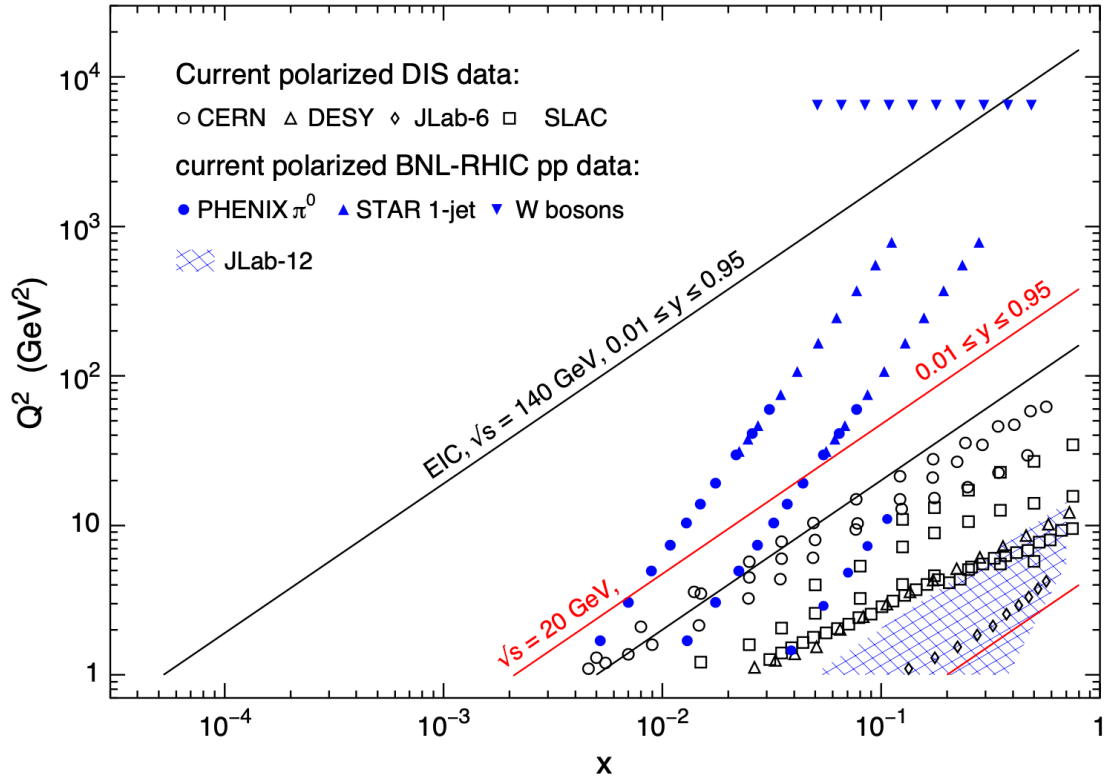
Flexible beam energies/c.m. maximizes nucleon exploration / tuning the microscope

with respect to fixed target facilities:

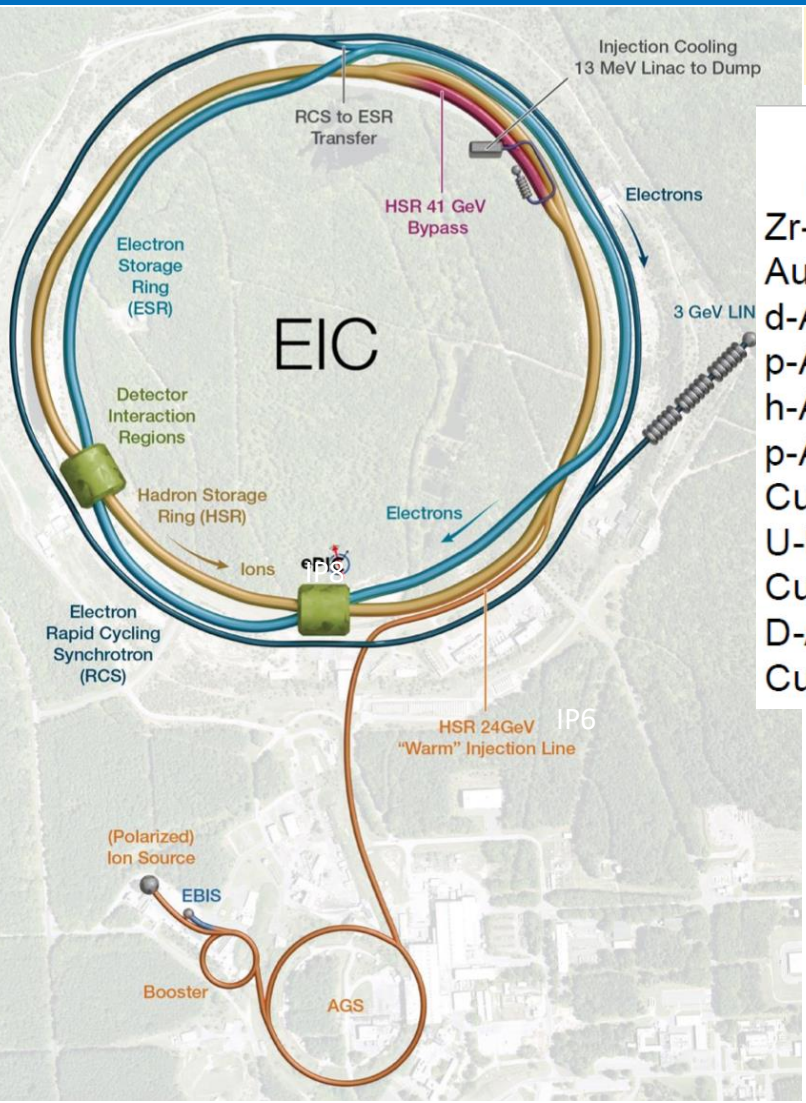
- more than 2 decades increase in kinematic coverage in x and Q^2
- JLAB12 covers well valence quarks

towards the land of gluons and quark sea

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The collider: the nuclei

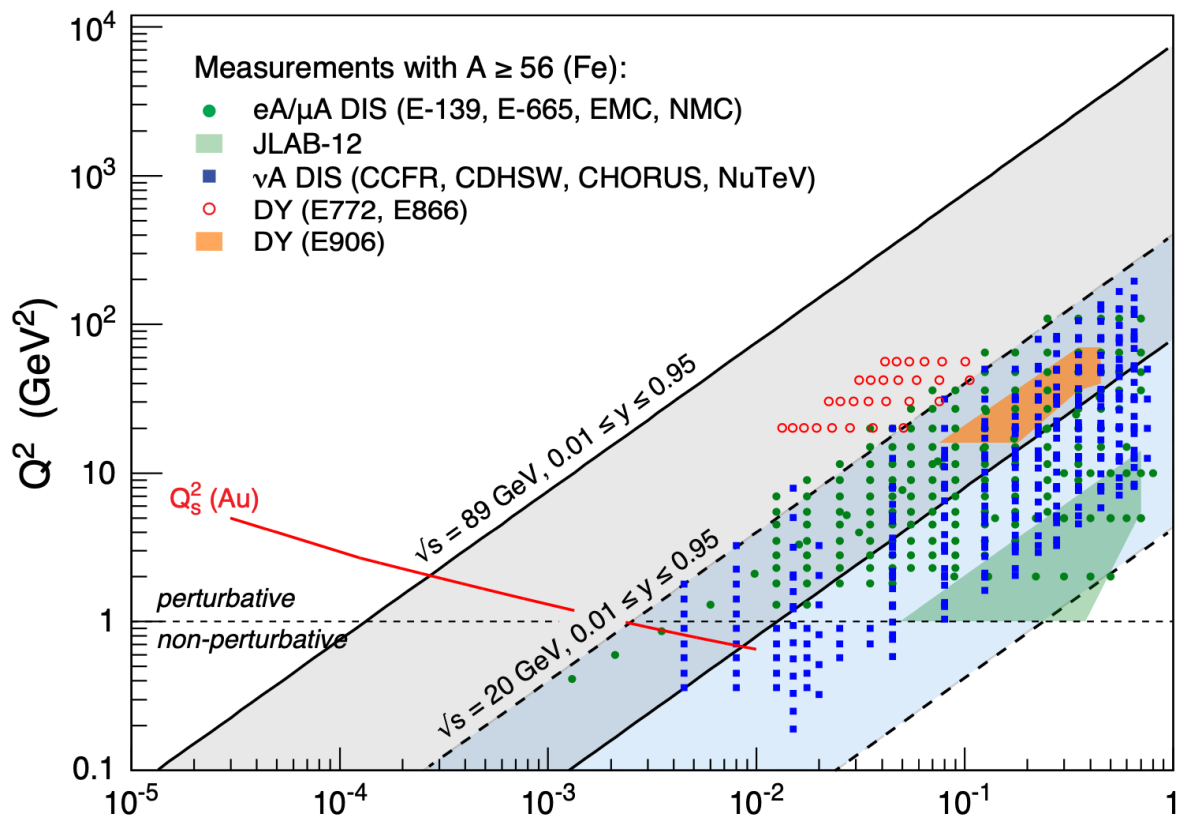


RHIC infrastructure has proven experience on accelerating all ions for the EIC

Ion Pairs in the RHIC Complex

Zr-Zr, Ru-Ru	(2018)
Au-Au	(2016)
d-Au	(2016)
p-Al	(2015)
h-Au	(2015)
p-Au	(2015)
Cu-Au	(2012)
U-U	(2012)
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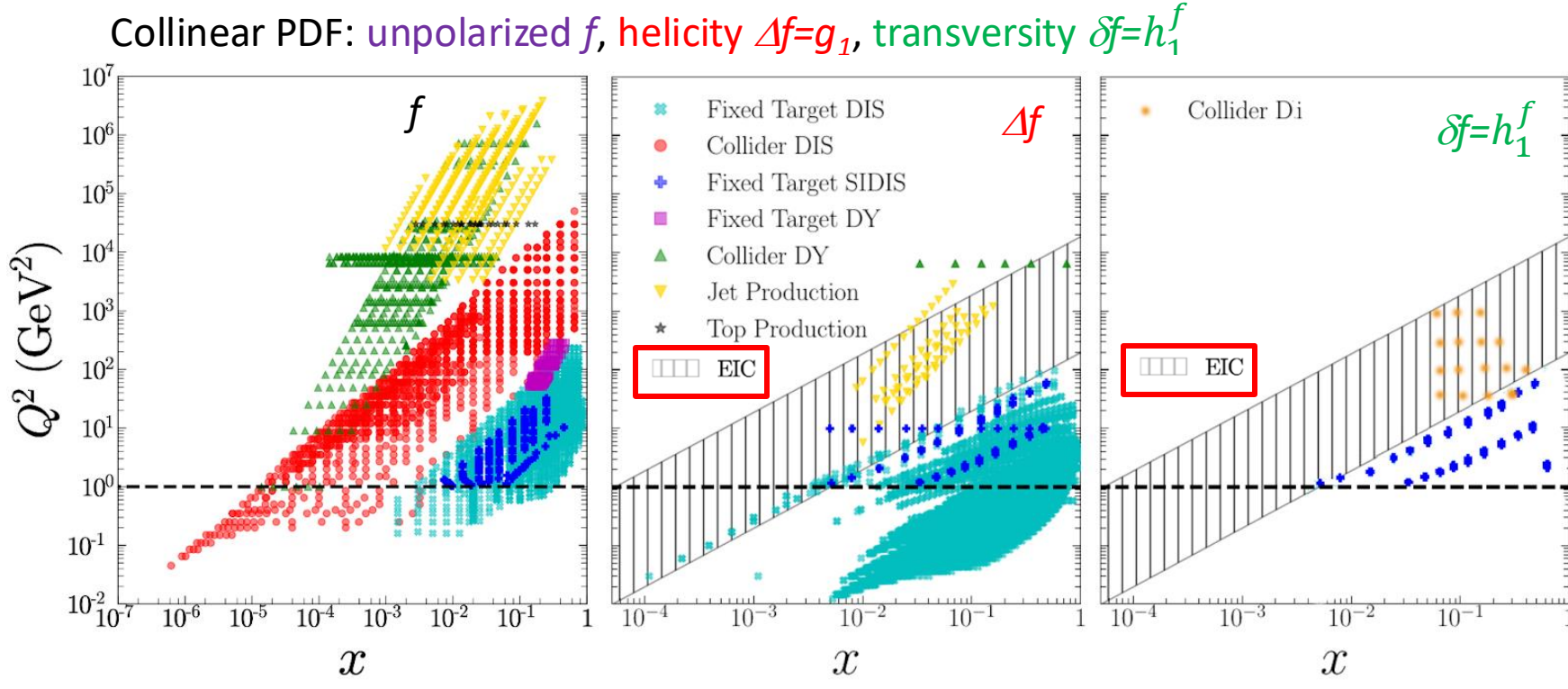
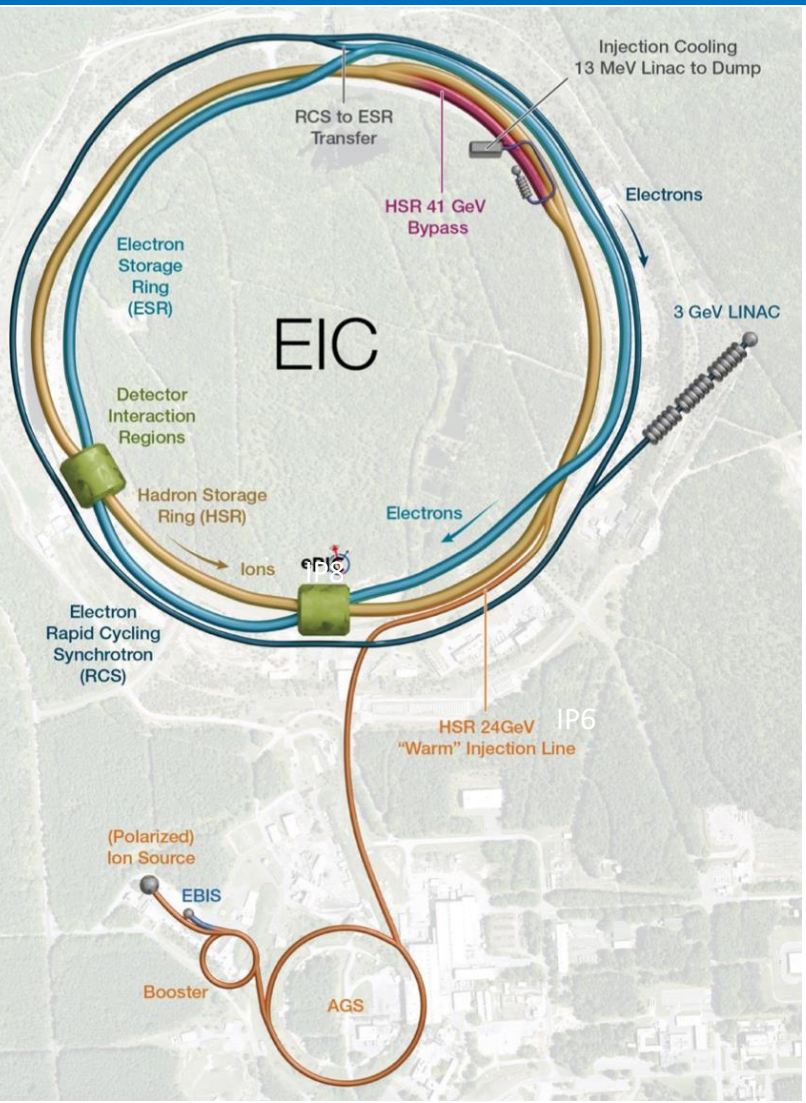
The first e-A collider opens up an explored kinematic region for nPDF!

Note: don't forget UPC@LHC/RHIC (see this morning session!)

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Worldwide data for collinear PDF and the EIC

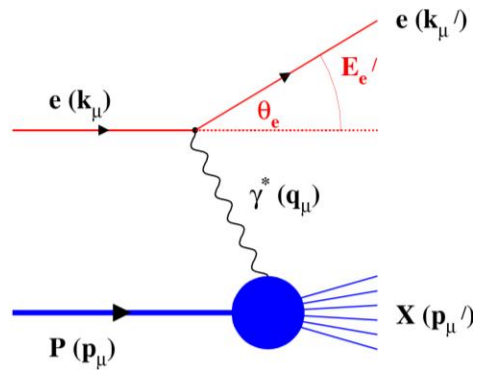


adapted from M. Constantinou et al., [PPNP 121 \(2021\) 103908](https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.10398)

Polarized beams unique asset!

DIS processes → physics/detector requirements

Parton Distributions in nucleons and nuclei QCD at Extreme Parton Densities - Saturation

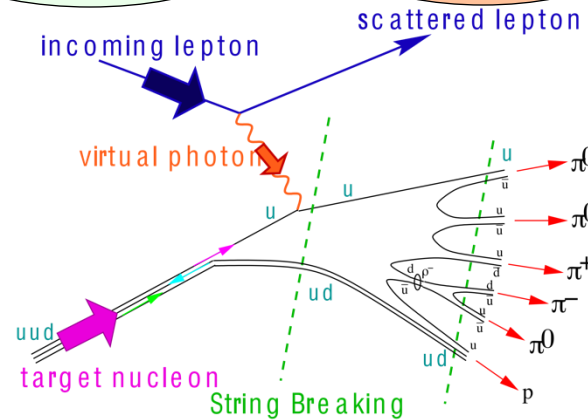


inclusive DIS

- measure scattered electron
- e/h PID
- eCAL calorimetry

$$\int L dt: 1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

Spin and Flavor structure of nucleons and nuclei Tomography Transverse Momentum Dist.

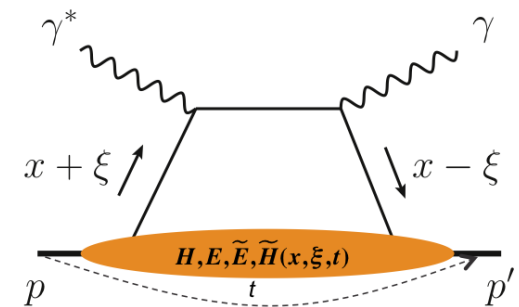


semi-inclusive DIS

- measure electron and hadrons
- hadron PID

$$10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

QCD at Extreme Parton Densities - Saturation Tomography Spatial Imaging



exclusive processes

- measure all particles
- hermeticity
- design IR

$$10 - 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

-> [ePIC Collaboration](#) formed in 2022

ePIC central detector design

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- New 1.7 T SC solenoid, 2.8 m bore diameter

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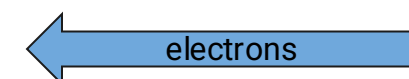
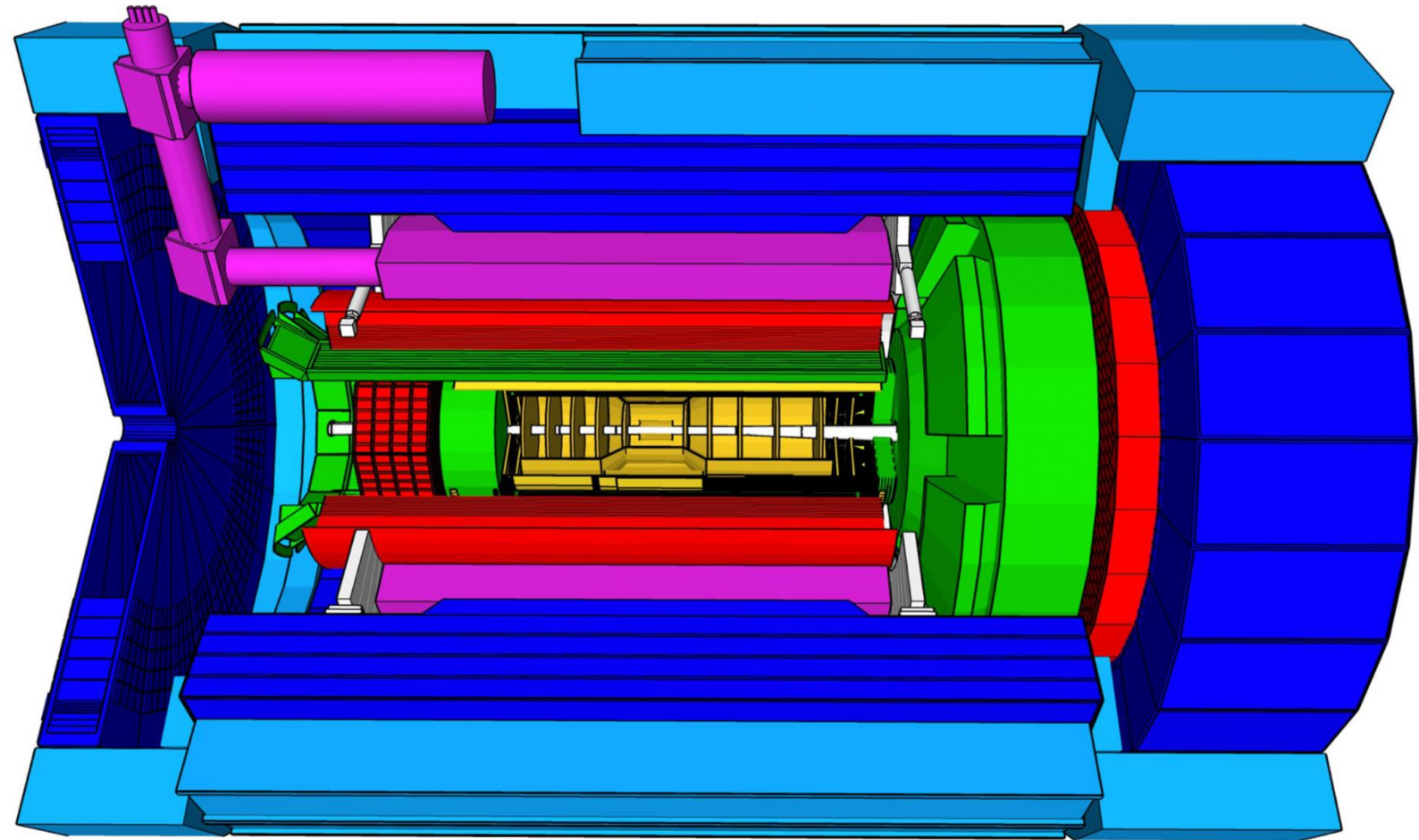
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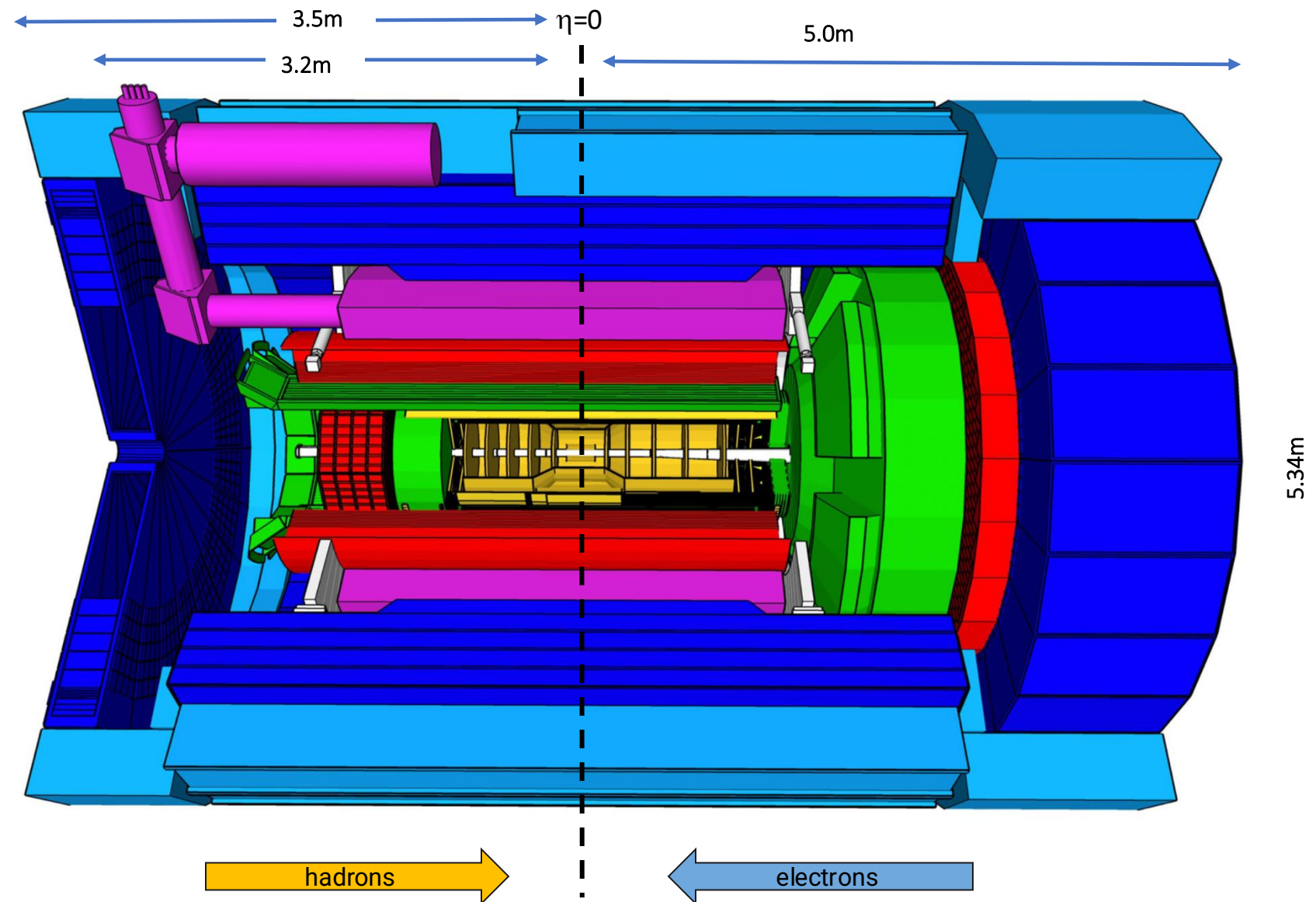
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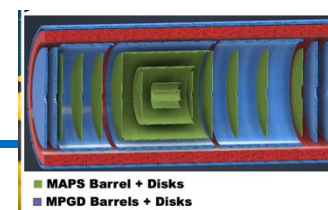
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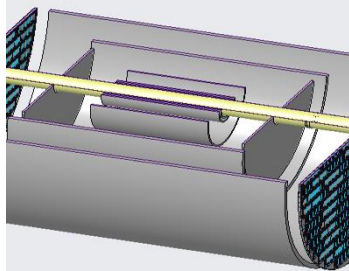


μVertex Tracker

Barrel Tracker

Outer Barrel MPGD Tracker

EndcapTracker

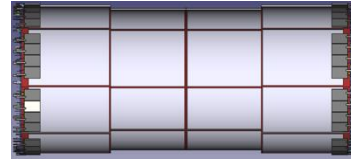


Excellent momentum $0.05\% p_T \oplus 0.5\%$
and spatial resolution $20\mu\text{m}/p_T \oplus 5\mu\text{m}$

Displaced vertex reconstruction

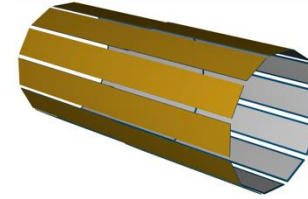
Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor → ALICE ITS3 sensor (65 nm) small pixels ($21 \times 23 \mu\text{m}$) and power consumption ($<40 \text{ mW}/\text{cm}^2$)

EIC Large Area Sensor (LAS), modification of ITS3 sensor with 5 or 6 RSU forming staves as the basic building elements for the Outer Barrel



MicroMegas Tracker

Provide redundancy and pattern recognition for tracking



μRWELL Tracker

Tracking close to hpDIRC detector to improve angular and space point resolution. Redundancy and pattern recognition for tracking

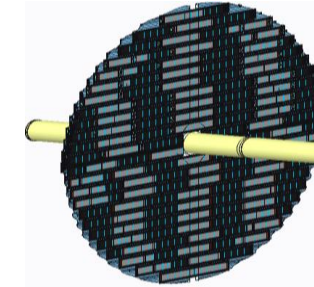
Main Function

Proven Technology

Cylindrical resistive Micromegas technology Used: ATLAS NSW, CLAS12, SPHENIX, MINOS& T2K TPC

world's first at ePIC

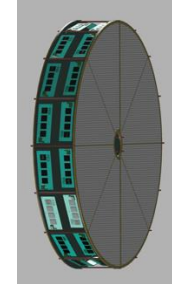
24 planar Thin-gap & double amplification (GEM & μRWELL) modules & 2D-strip readout



MAPS Disks

Excellent momentum $0.05 (0.10)\% p_T \oplus 1.0 (2.0)\%$ and spatial resolution $30\mu\text{m}/p_T \oplus (20 - 40) \mu\text{m}$

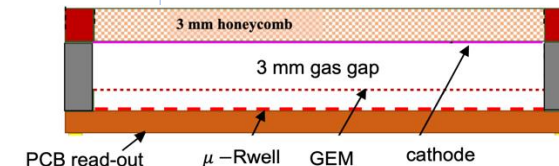
EIC Large Area Sensor (LAS), staves as the basic building elements for the MAPS disks

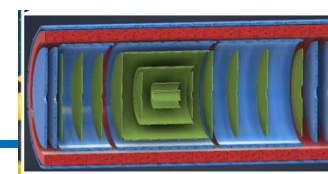


GEM-μRWELL Disks

Provide redundancy and pattern recognition for tracking

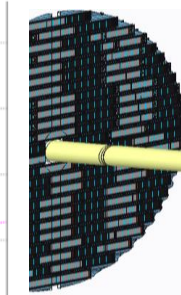
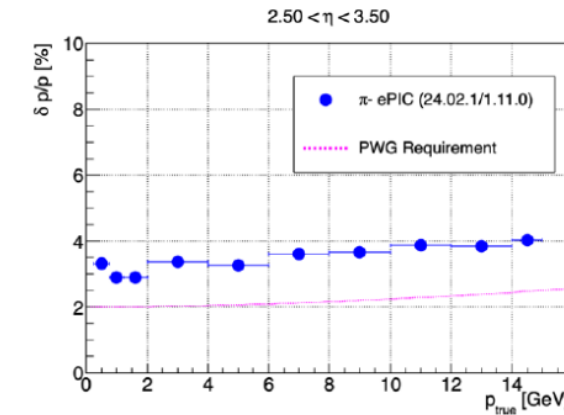
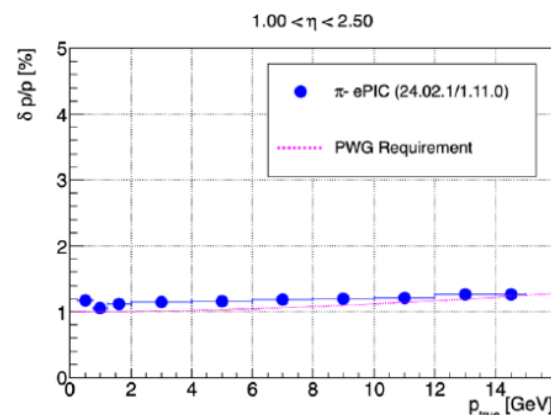
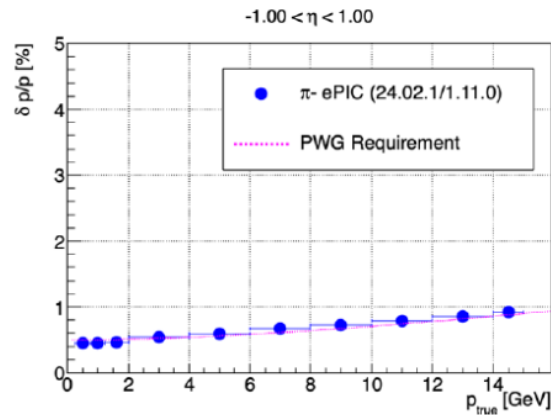
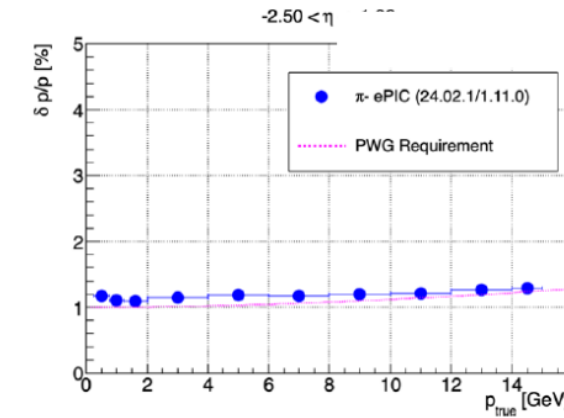
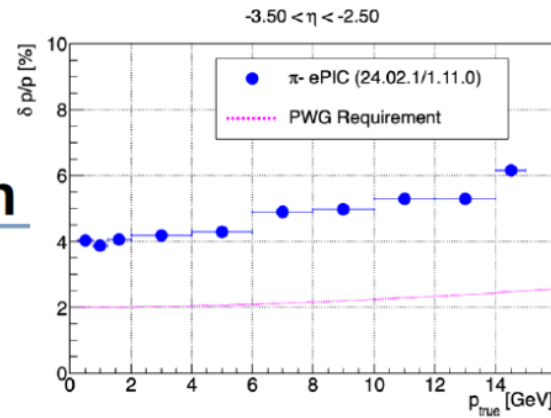
hybrid GEM-μRwell → increased gain



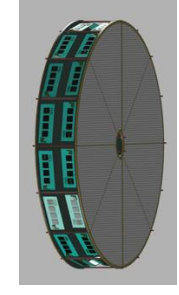


EndcapTracker

Momentum Resolution



MAPS Disks



GEM-μRWELL Disks

momentum resolution $\Delta 1.0$ (2.0)%
 $(20 - 40) \mu\text{m}$

Provide redundancy and pattern recognition for tracking

mW/cm²)

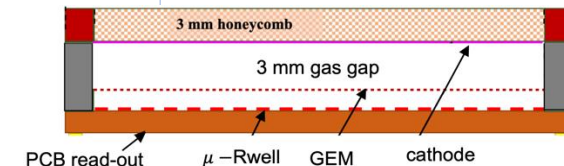
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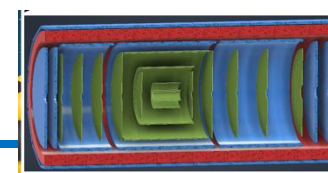
24 planar Thin-gap & double amplification (GEM & μRWELL) modules & 2D-strip readout

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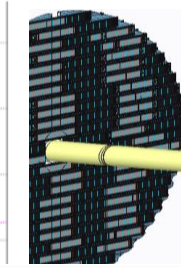
hybrid GEM-μRwell → increased gain



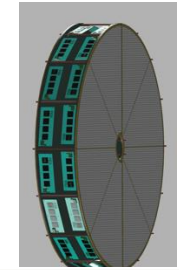
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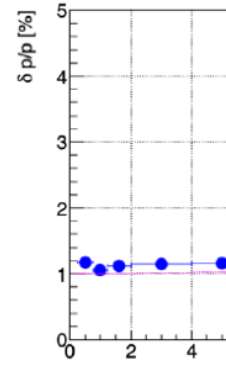
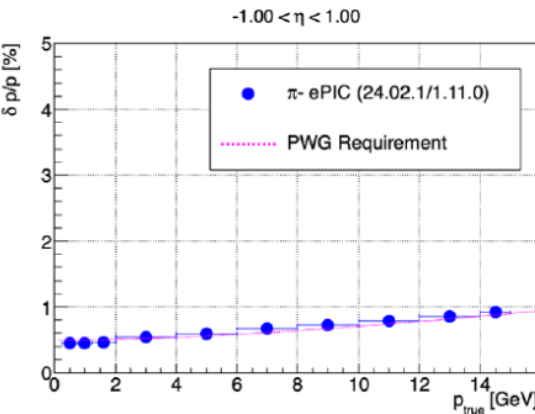
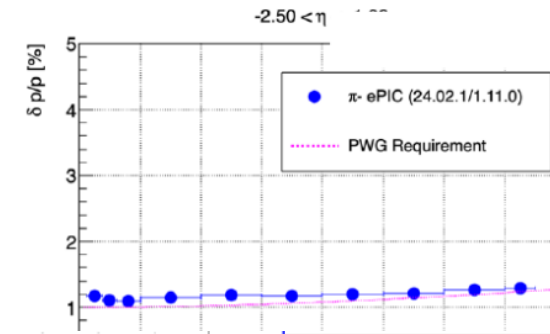
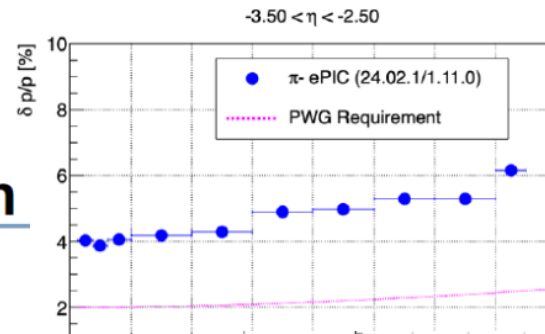


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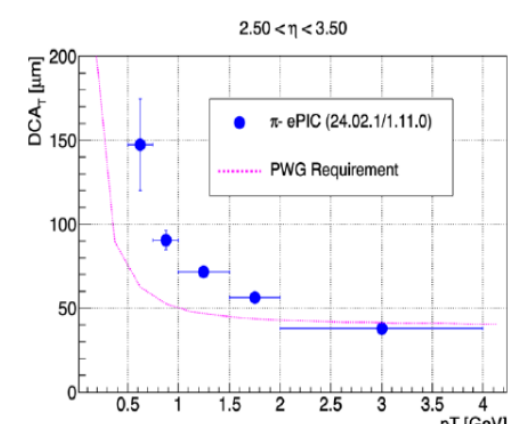
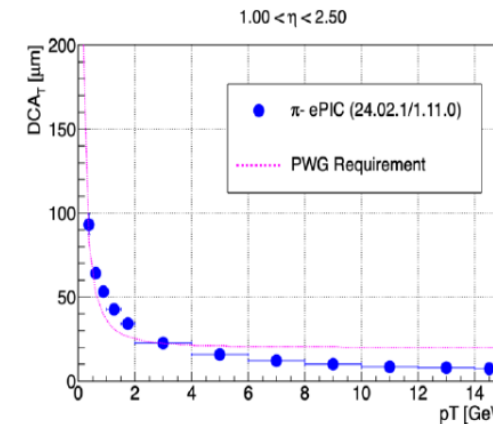
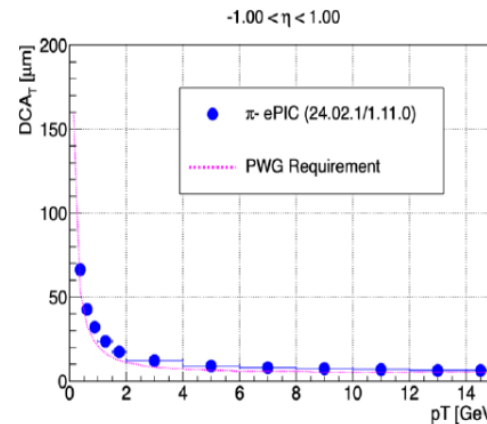
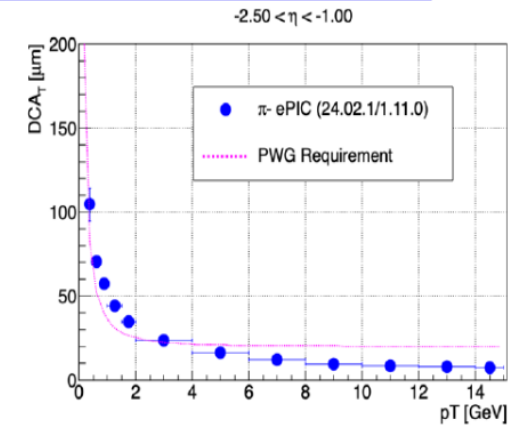
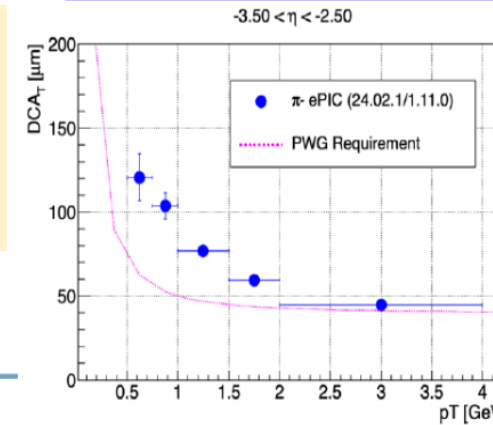
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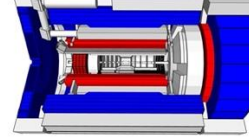
- Pion-gun simulation
- Reconstr. include AC-LGAD
- At extreme η need to use additional info from other det.
- Follows requirements elsewhere

Pointing Resolution

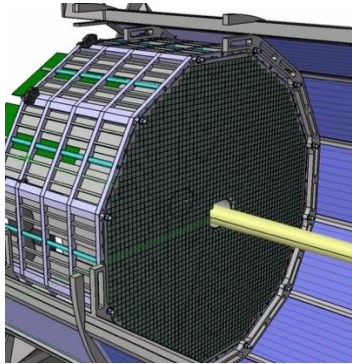


mw/cm²)

EIC Large Area Sensor (LAS), modification of ITS3 sensor with 5 or 6 RSU forming staves as the basic building elements for the Outer Barrel

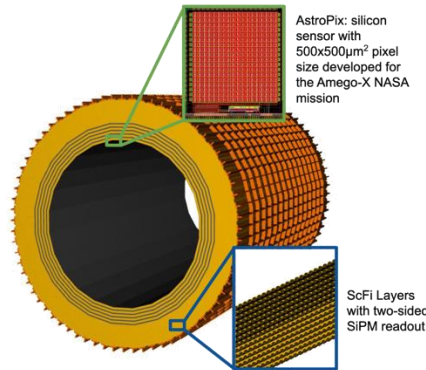


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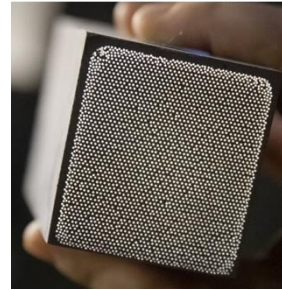
scattered lepton detection
→ very high-precision

Barrel ECal



scattered lepton and γ detection, hadronic final state characterization

Forward ECal



lepton and γ detection, hadronic final state characterization → π^0 , γ separation

Backward HCal



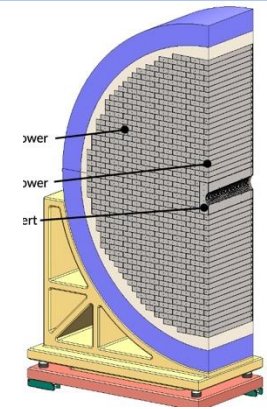
muon and neutral detection
→ improved jet Energy reconstruction

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Forward HCal



particle-flow measurements

Main Function

Proven Technology

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PbWO₄ – crystals

Pb/SciFi sampling part using SiPMs combined with imaging section (4 layers) interleaving Pb/SciFi with AstroPix sensor (500x500 μm^2)
Res: 5.3% $1/\sqrt{E} \oplus 1.0\%$

Tungsten-powder + SciFi SPACAL design
Developed through EIC R&D and applied successfully in sPHENIX

Steel + Scintillator SiPM-on-tile

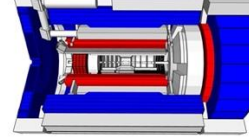
Steel + Scintillator design re-used from sPHENIX

longitudinal segmented Steel + Scintillator SiPM-on-tile
Pioneered by CALICE analog HCal
High resolution insert next to beam-pipe

SiPM as Photosensors

Use of ASTROPIX in Calorimetry

first-time full-size CALICE like calorimeter in collider experiment



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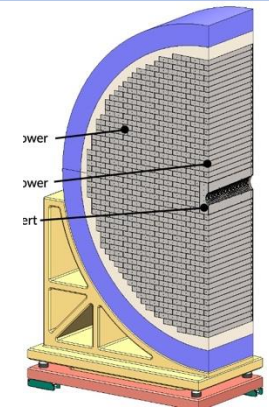
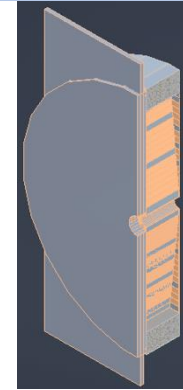
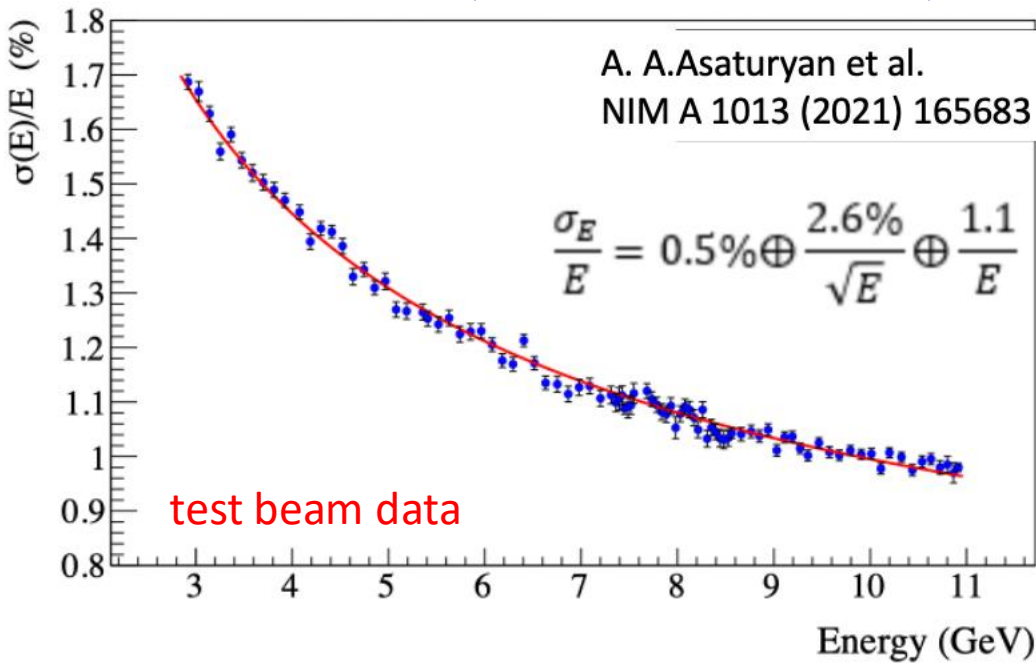
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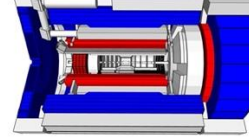
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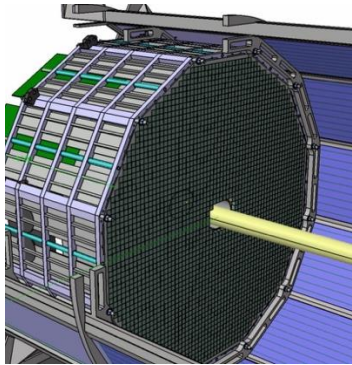
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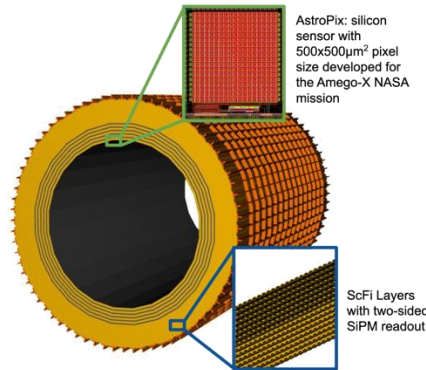
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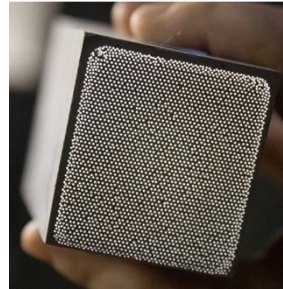
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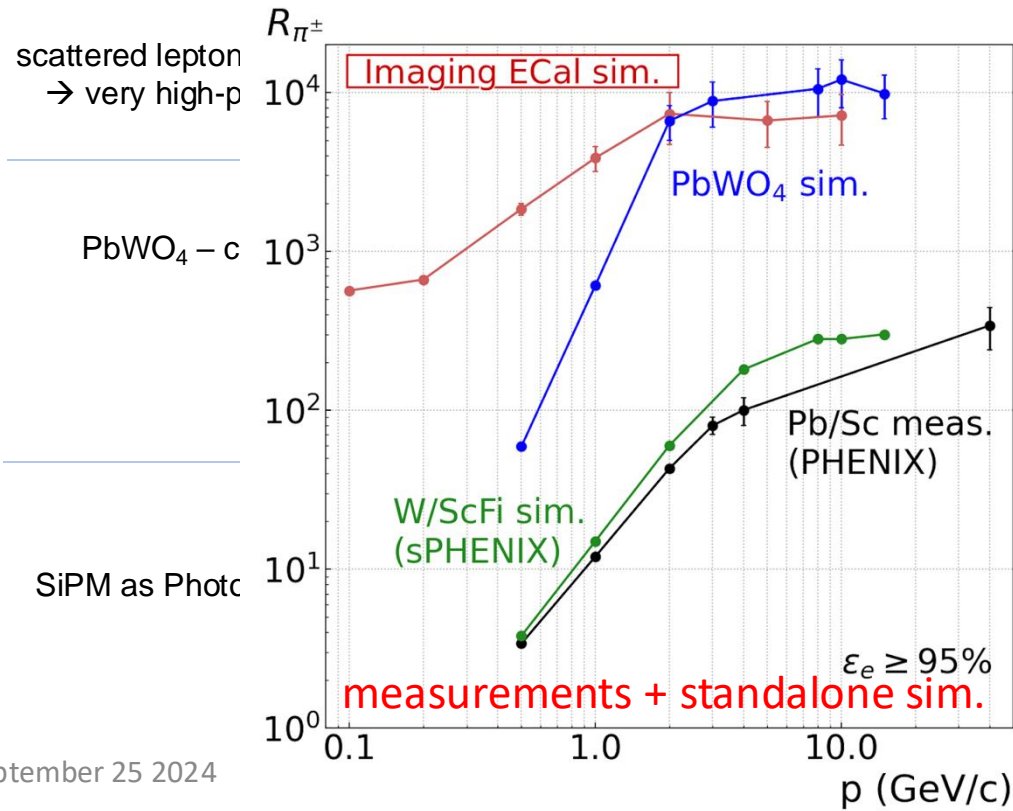
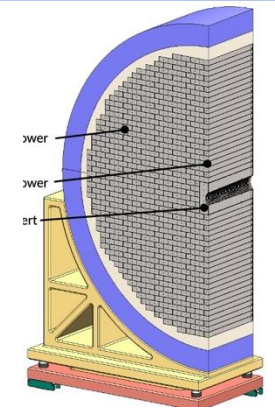
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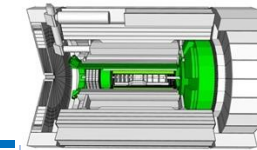
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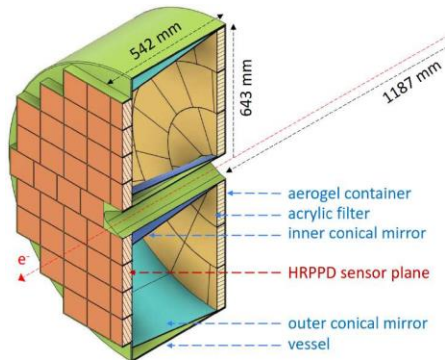
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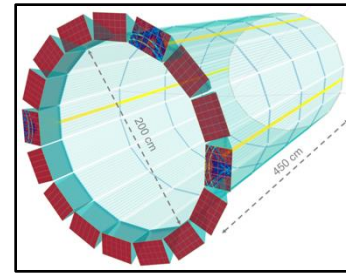
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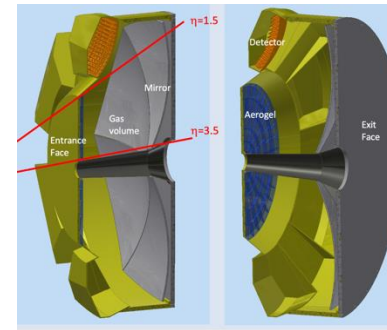
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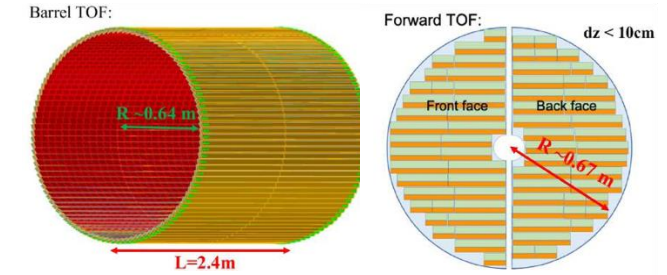
Barrel DIRC (hpDIRC)



Forward RICH (dRICH)



Time-of-Flight (Barrel, Forward)



Main Function

- e, π , K, p separation
- π /K 3σ sep. up to 9 GeV/c and 10-20 ps timing → ToF

- e, π , K, p separation
- π /K 3σ sep. at 6 GeV/c

- e, π , K, p separation
- π /K 3σ sep. up to 50 GeV/c

- e, π , K, p separation through 20-35 ps ToF
- Barrel: $0.15 < p_T < 1.5$ GeV/c
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- Accurate space point for tracking

Proven Technology

- High Performance DIRC
- Quartz bar radiator → Reuse of BaBAR DIRC bars
 - light detection with MCP-PMTs

- Dual Radiator RICH
- Aerogel and C_2F_6 gas
 - Spherical Mirrors (6 Az. Sectors)
 - Photon-Sensors tiled on spheres



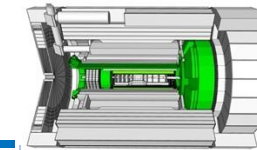
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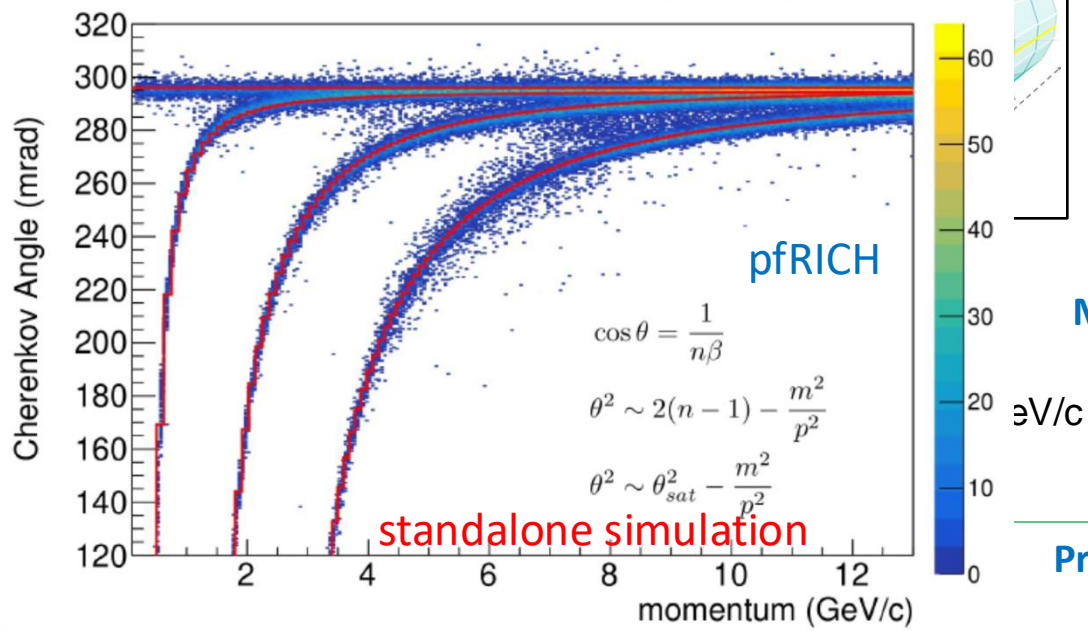
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Momentum Vs Cherenkov angle (track)



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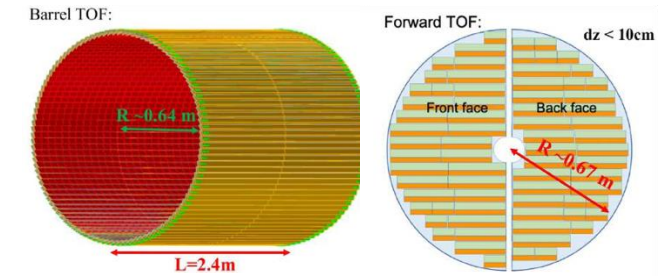
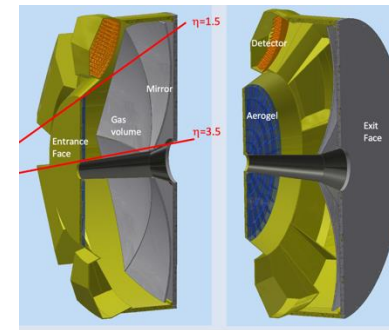
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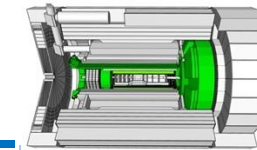


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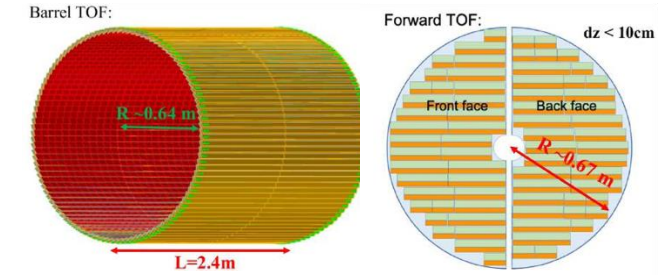
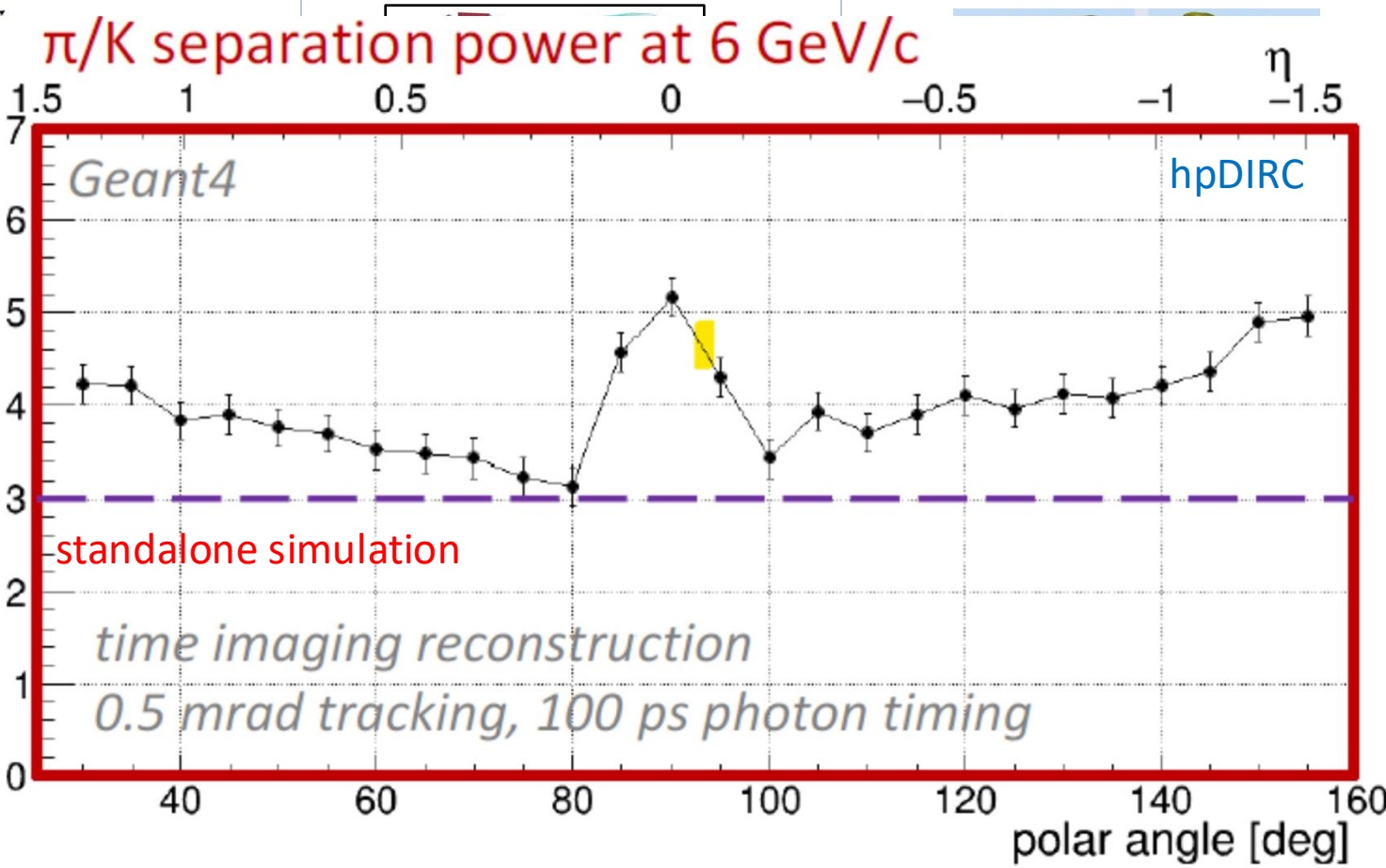
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separation [s.d.]

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→ π /K 3σ
and 1σ



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Classical π s
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proximity

First time
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(\rightarrow Time-of-Flight)



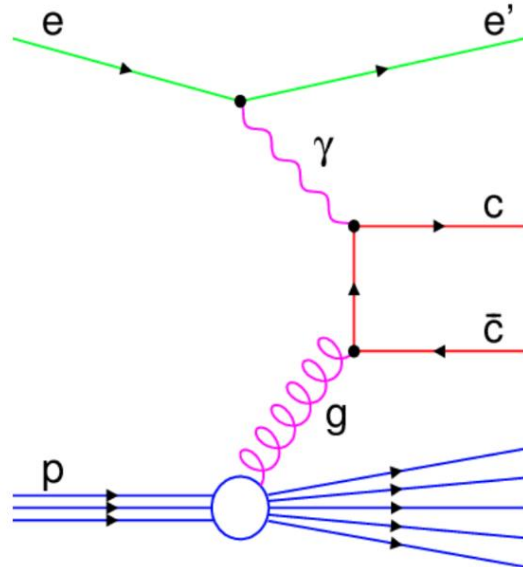
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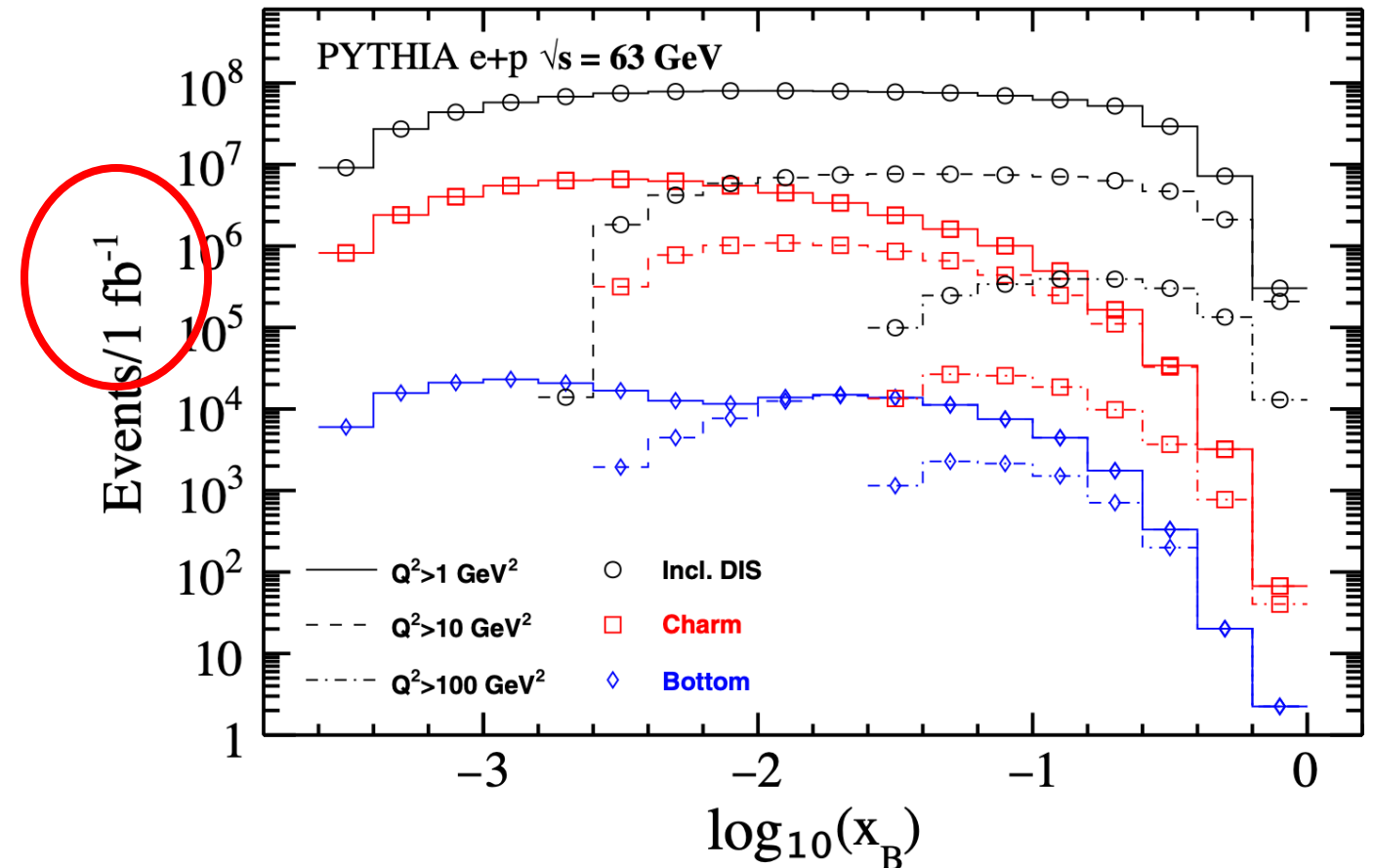
Disclaimer notice:

- Somehow "personal" selection
- ePIC Collaboration is moving towards TDR: many reference plots are on the making
- Tried "Hard Probes angle"

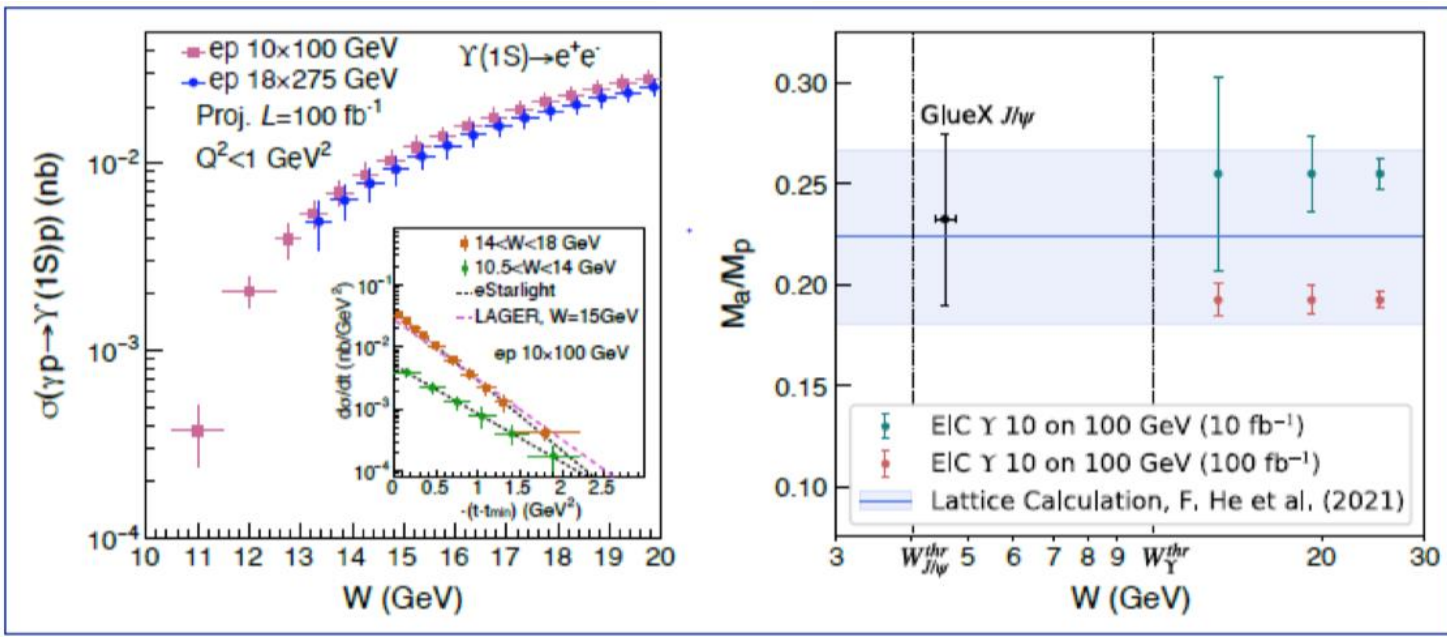


General remark: Heavy quark production in DIS: leading order contribution from photon gluon fusion process \rightarrow a scanner for gluon distributions

[M. Kelsey et al. Phys. Rev. D 104, 054002 \(2021\)](#)



Using vector mesons to unveil the proton mass composition



J/ψ and Y near threshold production gives access to trace anomaly Wang R. et al, Eur.Phys.J.C 80 (2020)

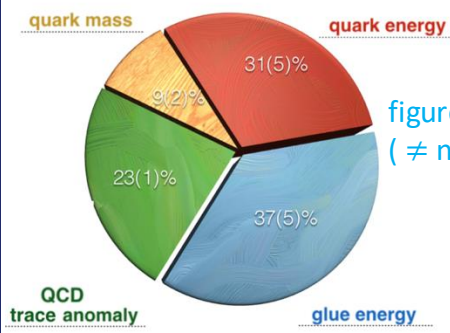
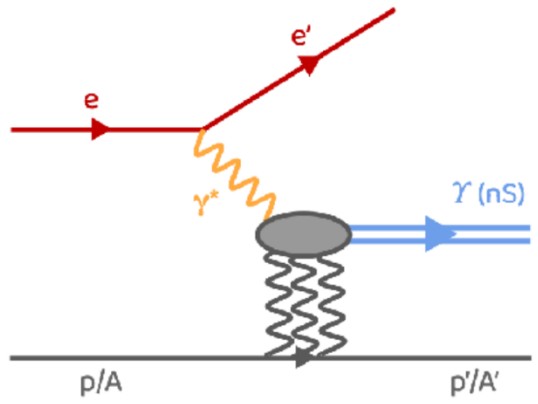
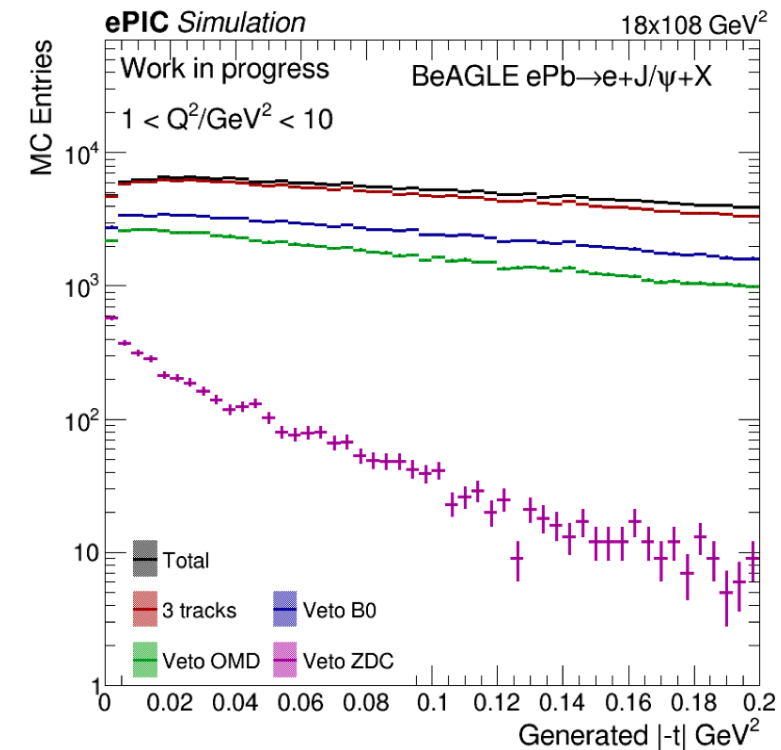


figure from Yi-Bo Yang et al, Lattice 2017 (\neq numbers in C. Lorce' et al., DIS2022)

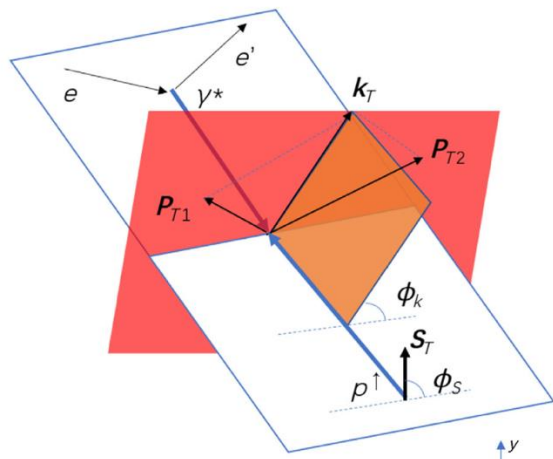
$$M_N = M_m + M_q + M_g + M_a$$



Y reconstructed in e^+e^- channel
 ePIC is moving toward reconstruct (from standalone simulation)
 → here example of using far forward instrumentation to remove background from photon QC interaction in diffractive VM production in eA



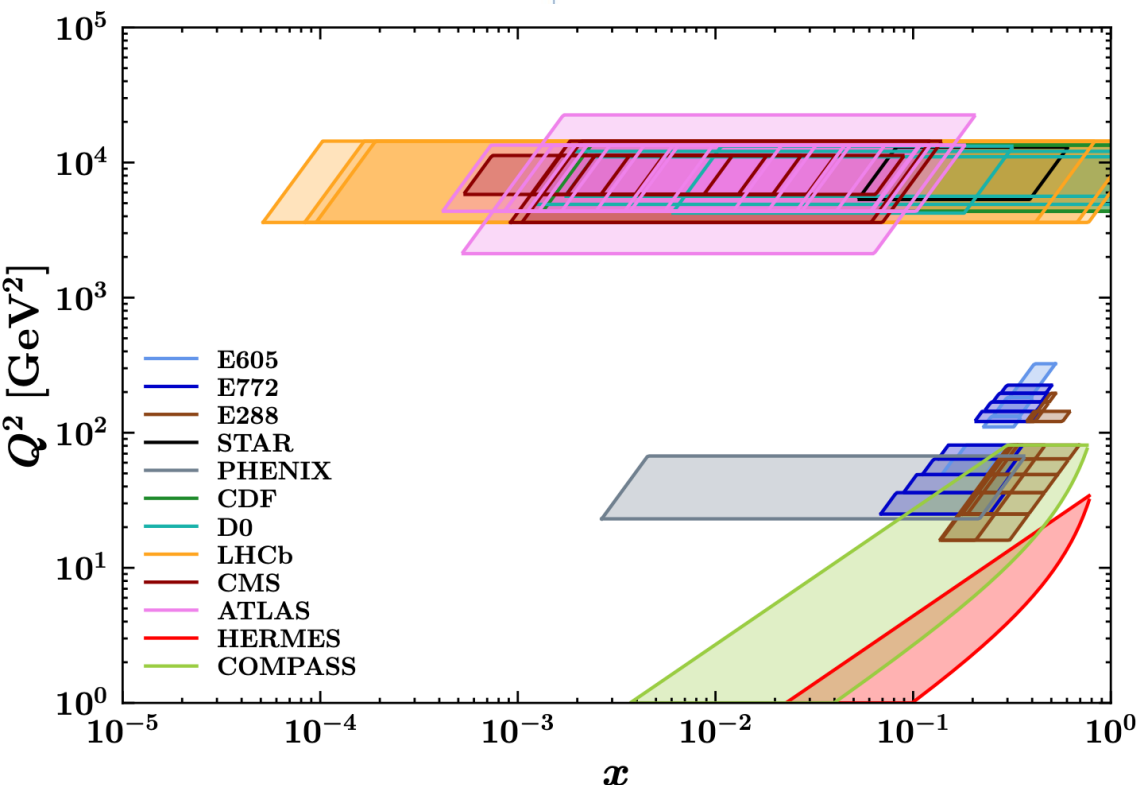
Semi-inclusive DIS and TMD



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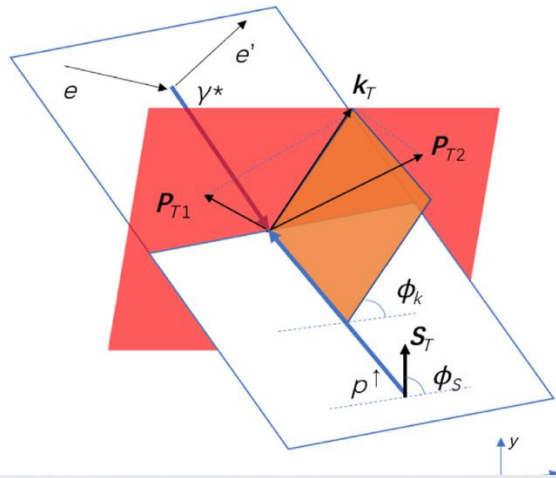
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MAPTMD24 extraction 2031 exp. points
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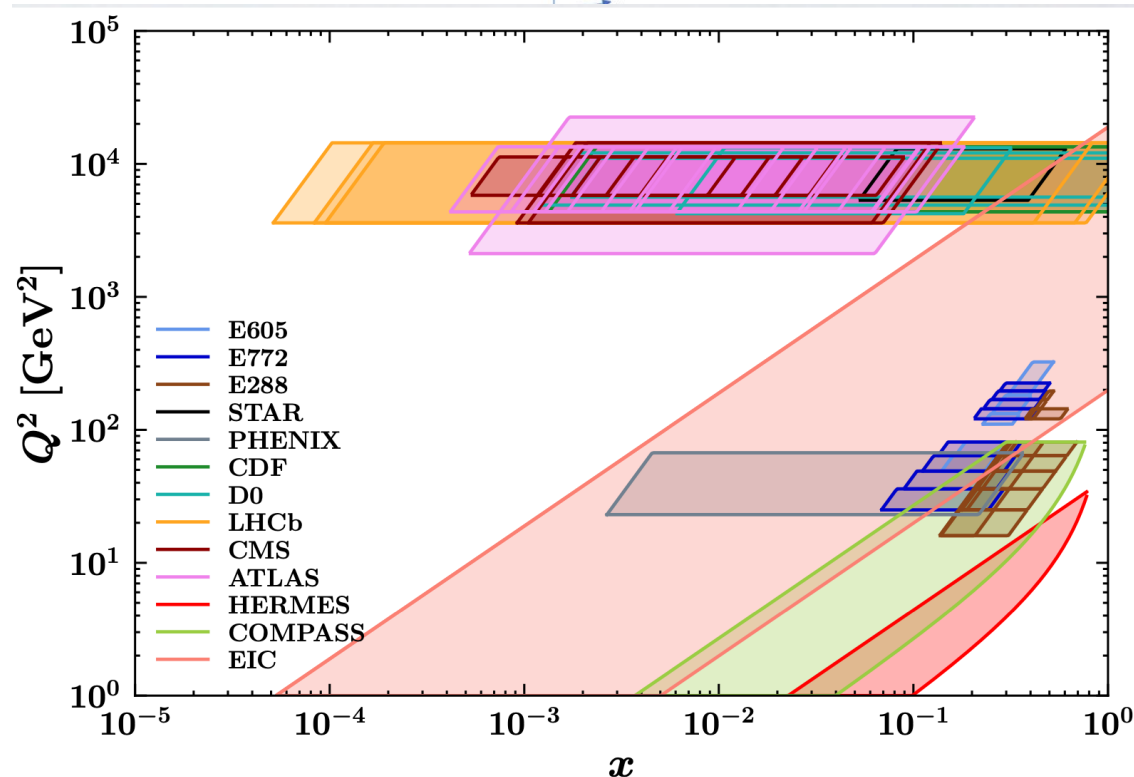
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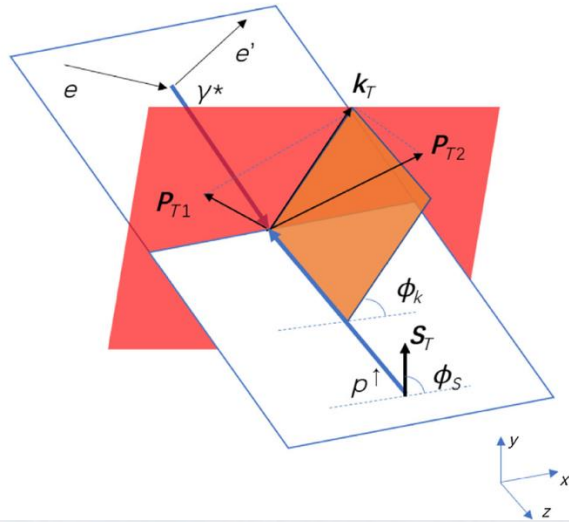
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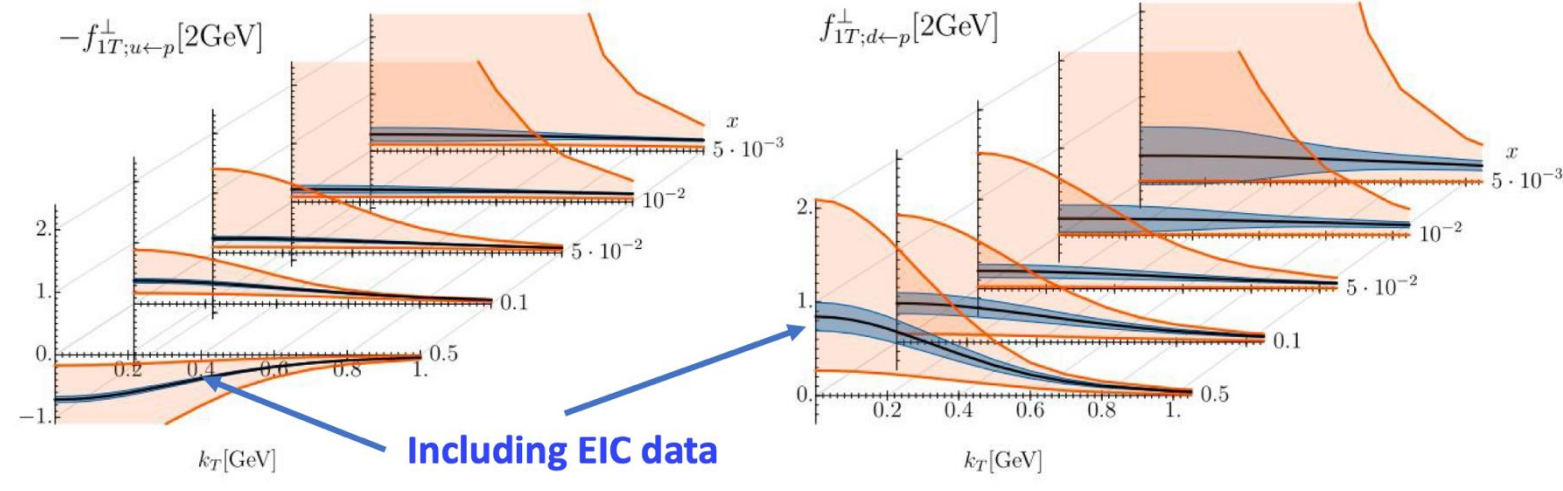
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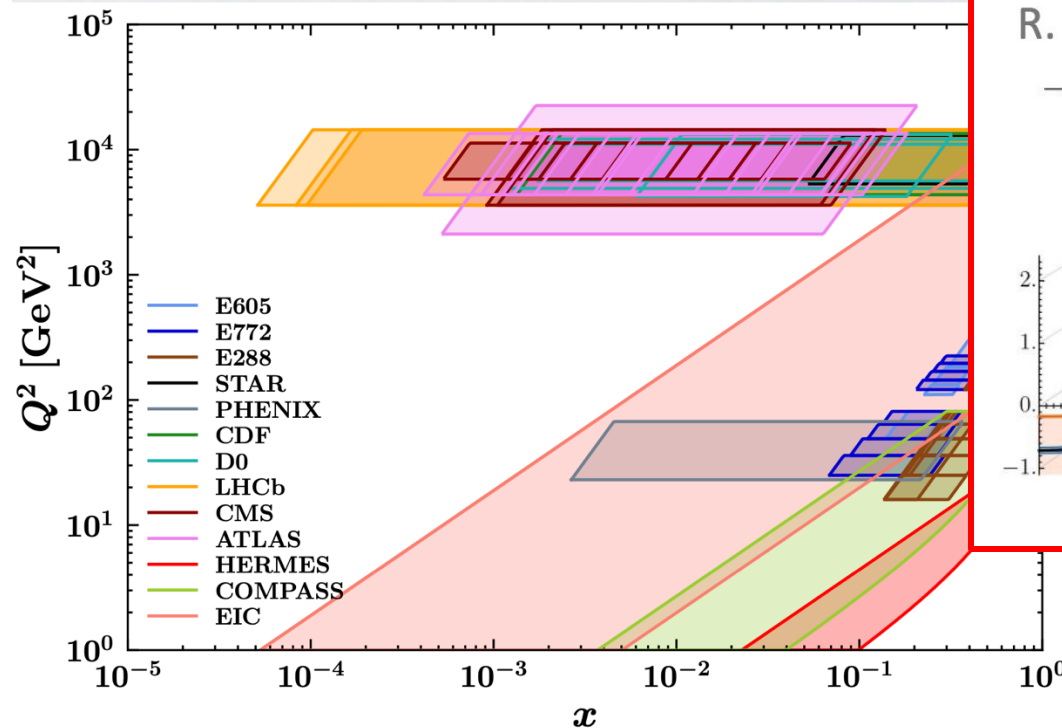
Expected impact on u and d quark Sivers distributions

R. Seidl, et al., NIMA 1049 (2023) 168017



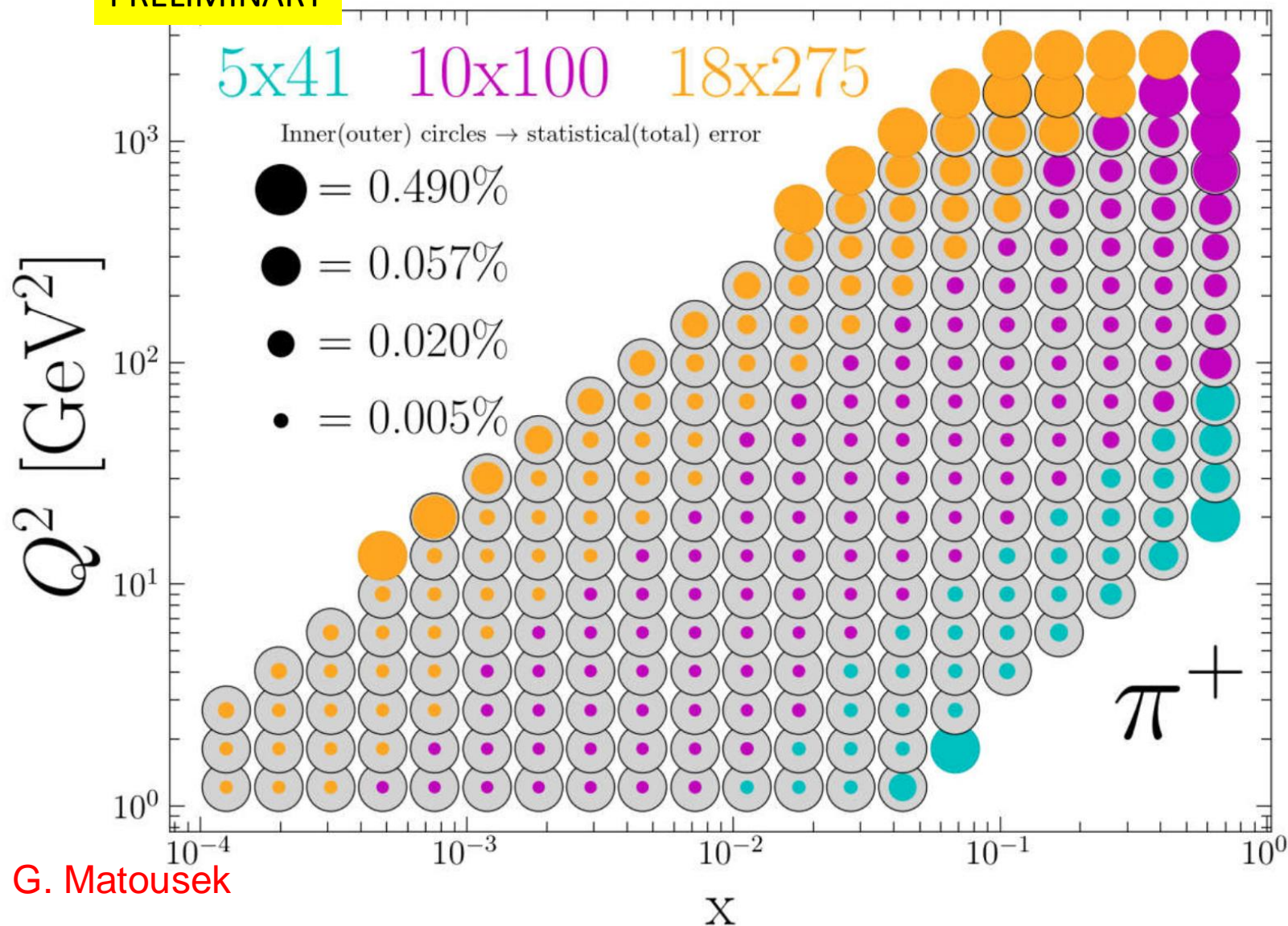
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SIDIS and TMD (unpolarized)

PRELIMINARY ePIC simulation



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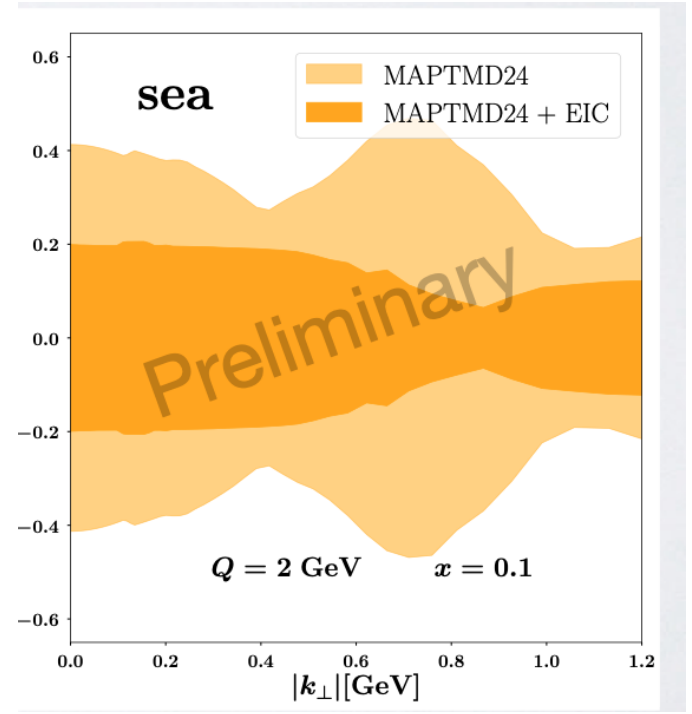
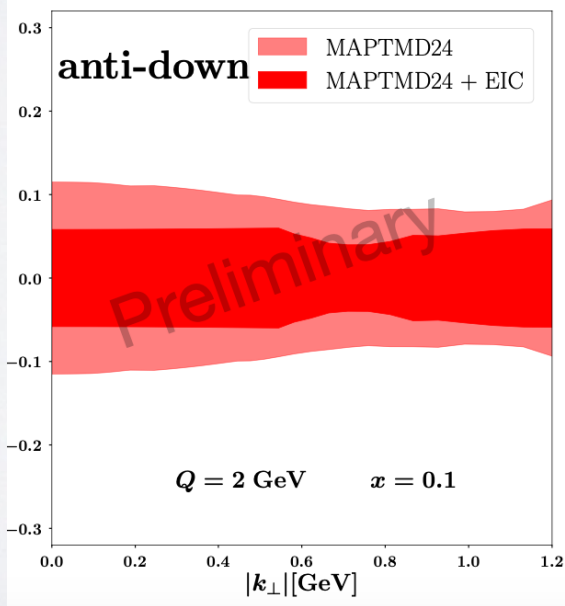
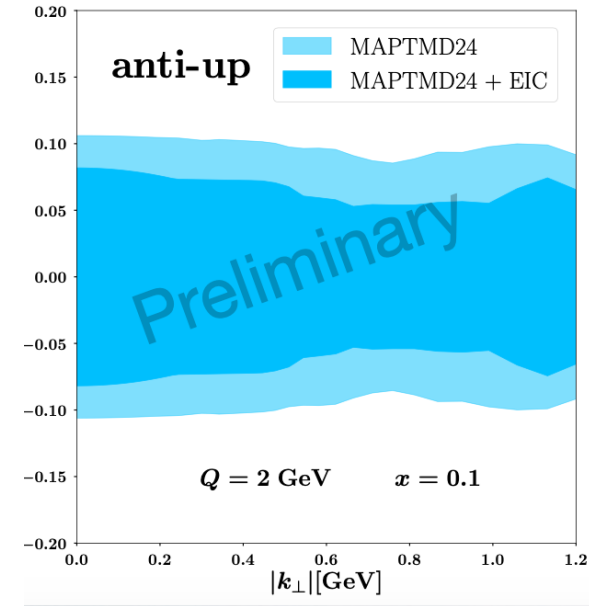
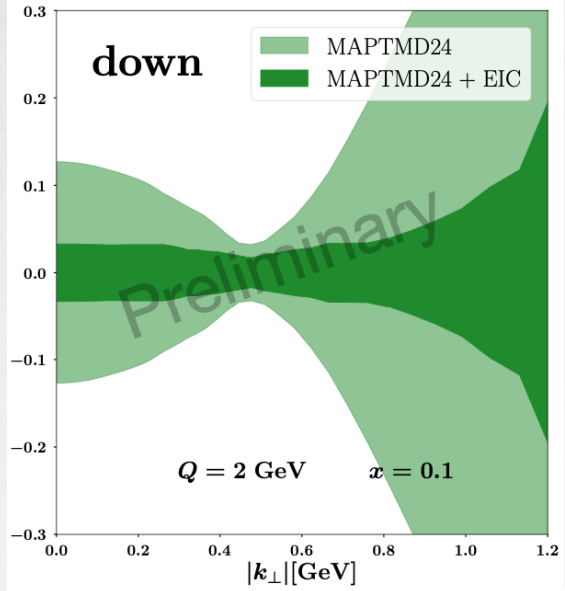
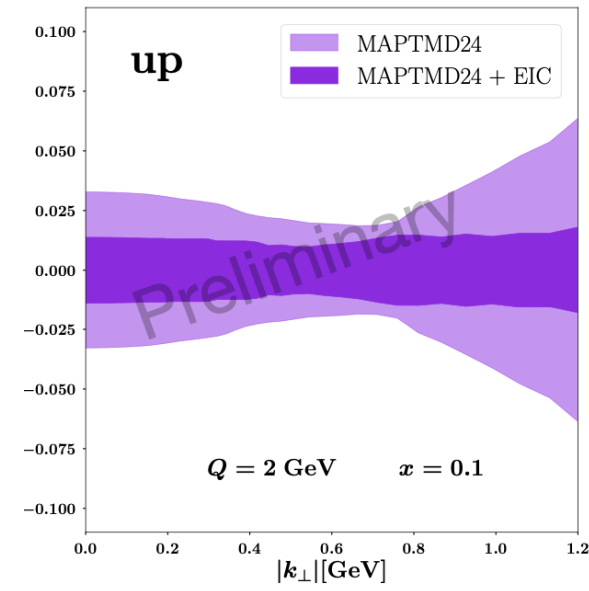
$Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$
 $W > 3 \text{ GeV}$
 $0.05 < y < 0.95$
at least 1 pion!
 $p_T > 0.1 \text{ GeV}$

- collider flexibility is an asset!
- ePIC is moving from quick MC/standalone generators to full reconstructon flow!

Semi-inclusive DIS and TMD

MAPTMD24 extraction 2031 exp. points + 4532 EIC pseudodata points

EIC	# pts.	lumi [fb ⁻¹]
5x41	1273	2.85
10x100	1611	51.3
18x275	1648	10

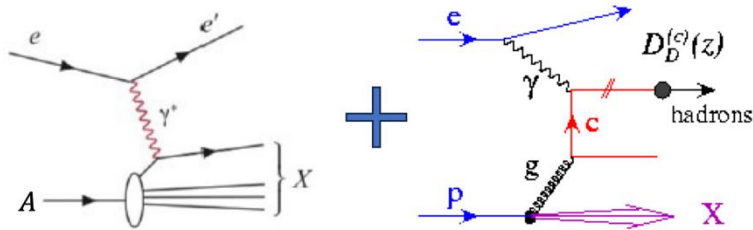


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exploring gluons in the nucleon

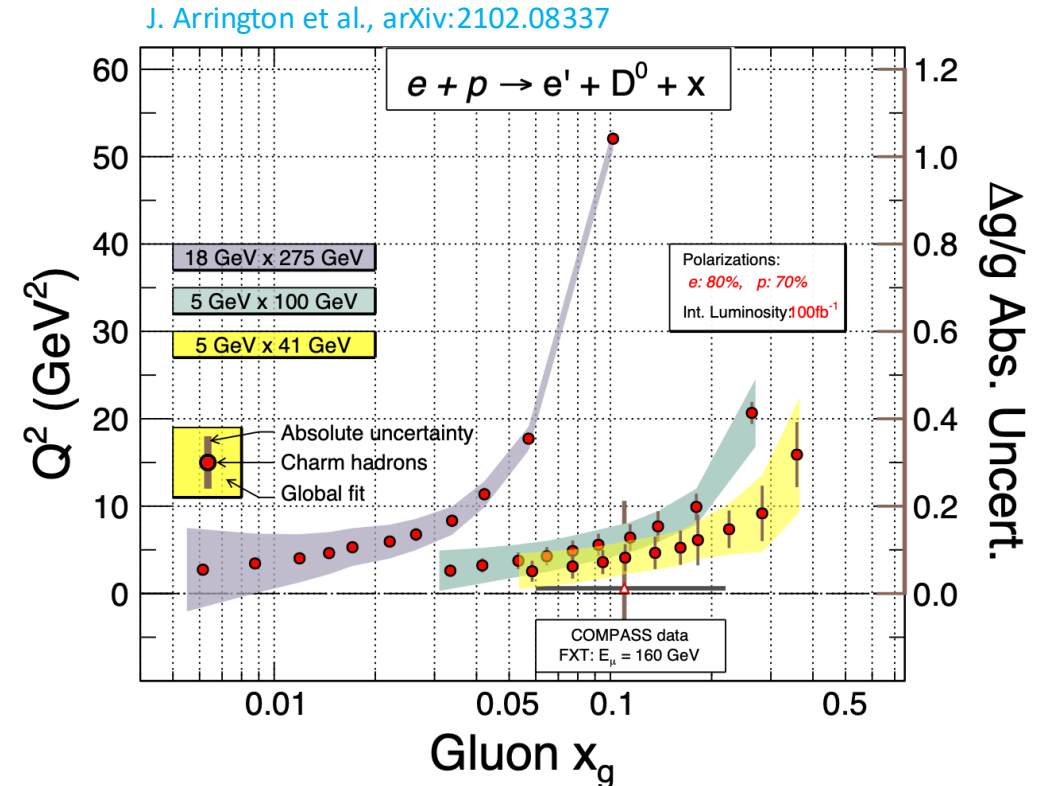
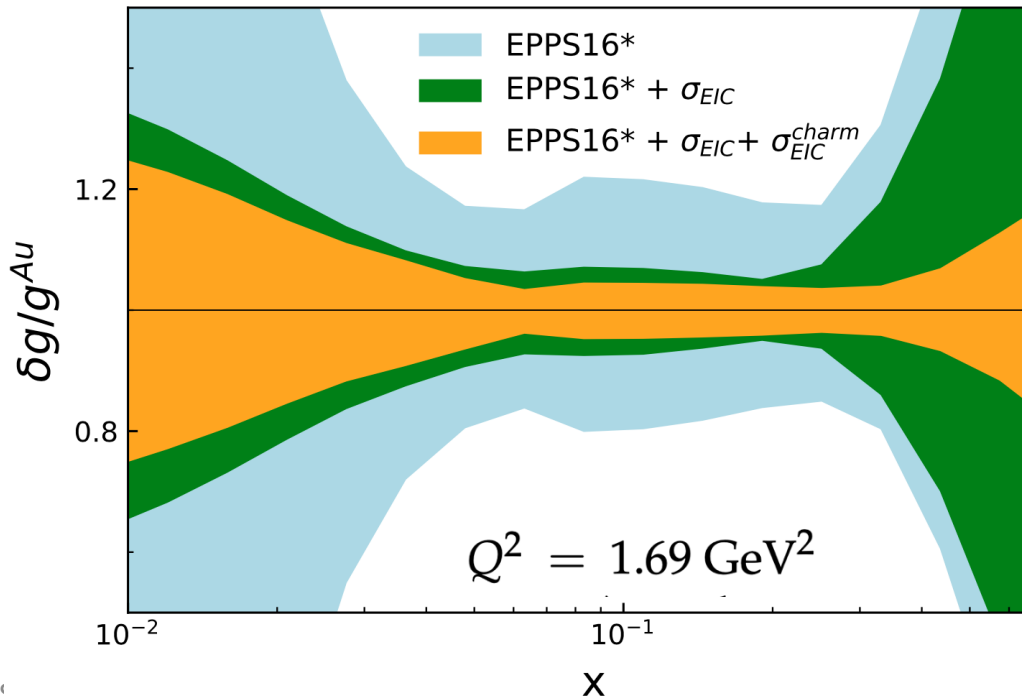
DGLAP and saturation models offer different prediction (Q^2 , A , x dependence)
channels \rightarrow di-hadron angular correlations, diffractive particle production in eA
strategy \rightarrow large Q^2 span at fixed x performing A scan!

$$(Q_s^A)^2 \sim c Q_0^2 \left(\frac{A}{x}\right)^{1/3}$$



- charm \rightarrow tag photon-gluon fusion \rightarrow direct access to gluon

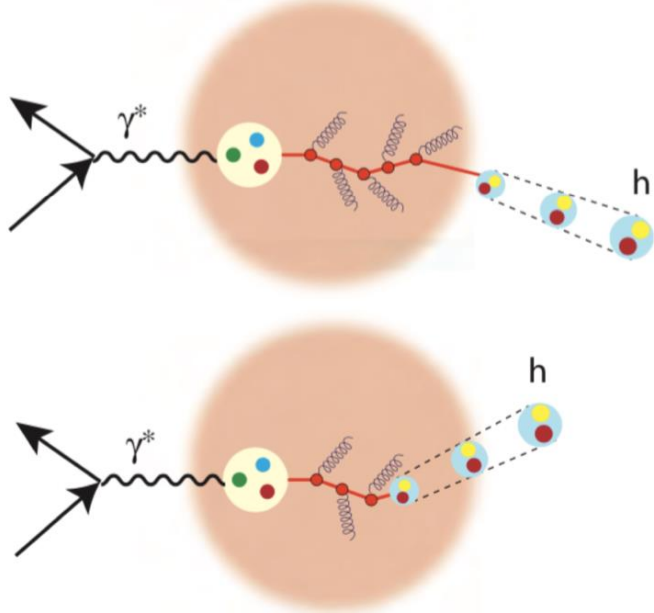
R. Abdlul Kalek et al (EIC Yellow Report) Nucl. Phys A 1026 (2022) 122447



hadronization and CNM

EIC White Paper

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1212.1701>

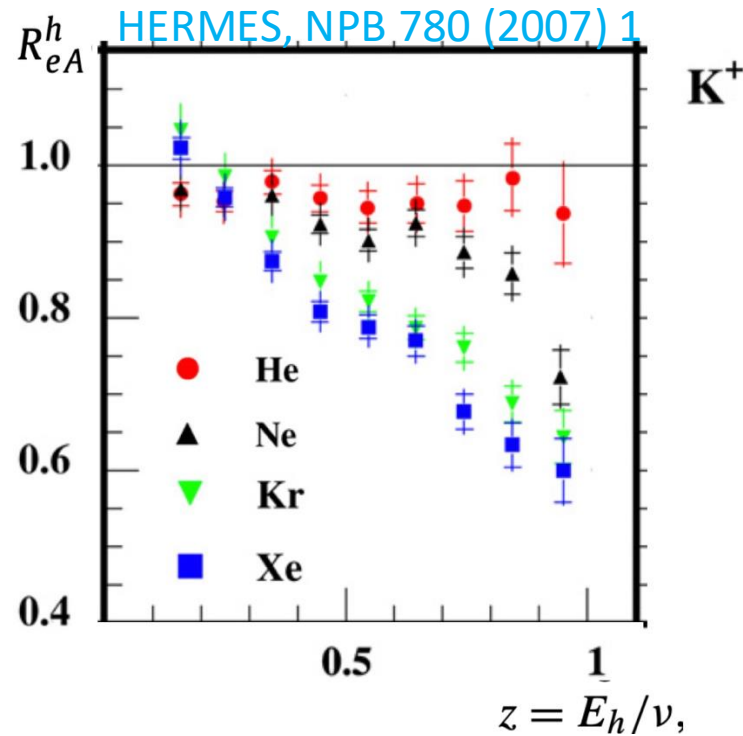


Basic idea: use Q^2 and $v=q \cdot p/M$ to control **where** hadronization happens

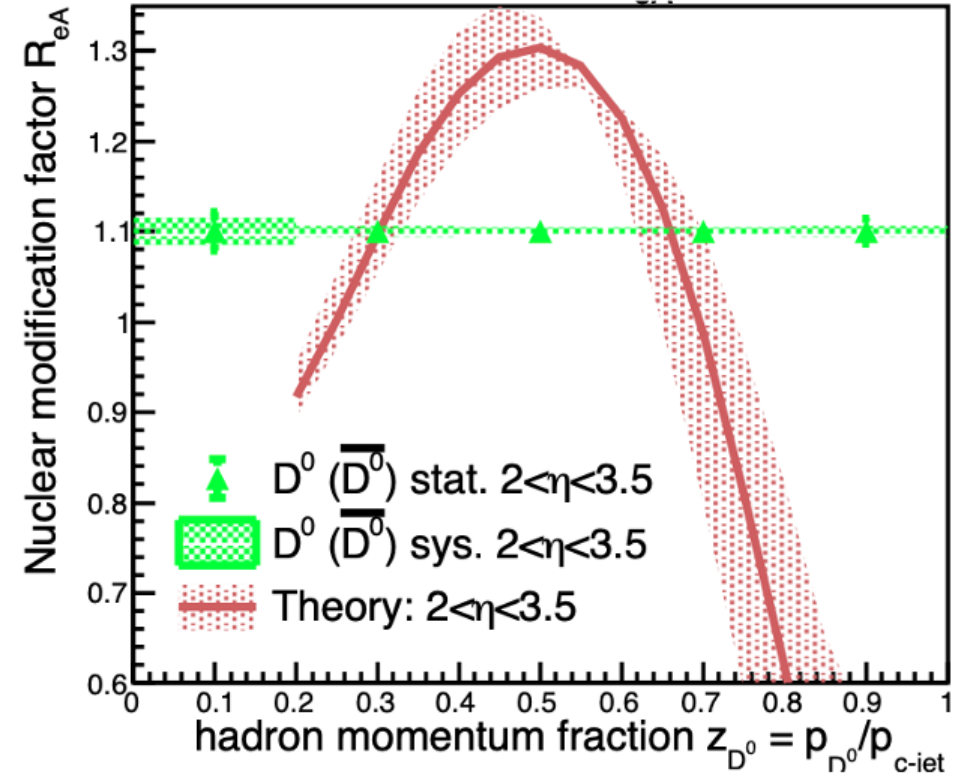
- effect foreseen for D^0/π (based on different FF) might be there also for HF baryons
- usually pre-hadron and absorption in CNM discussed for *mesons* (Kopeliovich et al., Nucl.Phys. A740 (2004) 211-245)

C. Wong @ DIS2022

Results for light hadrons only at much lower energy (fixed target e beam 27.6 GeV)



$$R_{eA}^\pi(\nu, Q^2, z) = \frac{N^\pi(\nu, Q^2, z) \Big|_A}{N^e(\nu, Q^2)} \Big|_A \Big/ \frac{N^\pi(\nu, Q^2, z) \Big|_D}{N^e(\nu, Q^2)} \Big|_D$$

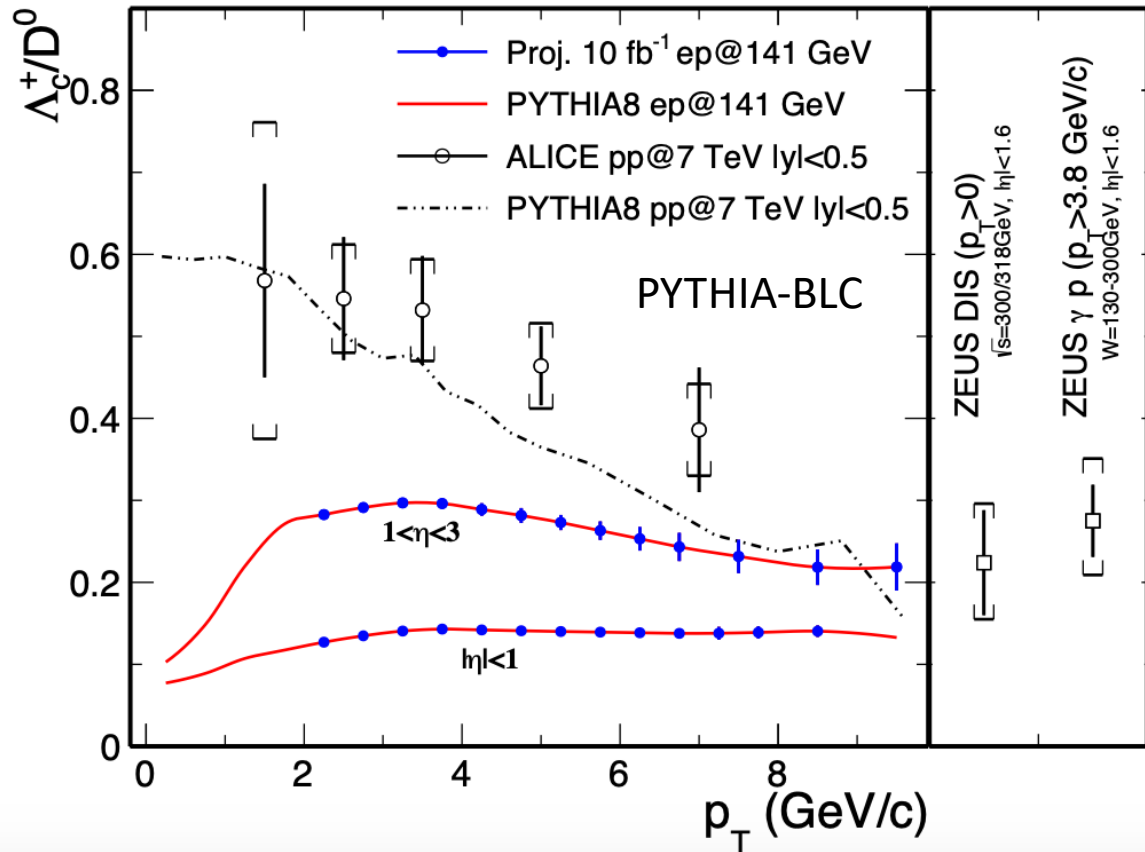


$$\mathcal{L}_{ep}^{\text{int}} = 10.0 \text{ fb}^{-1}, \quad \mathcal{L}_{eA}^{\text{int}} = 0.05 \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

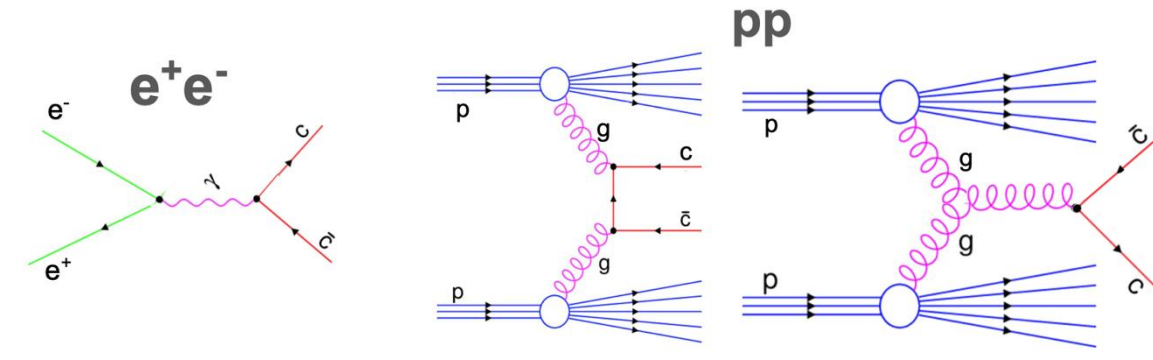
Theory curves from: Li H, Liu Z and I. Vitev, PLB 816 (2021) 136261

hadronization in ep: Λ_c/D_0

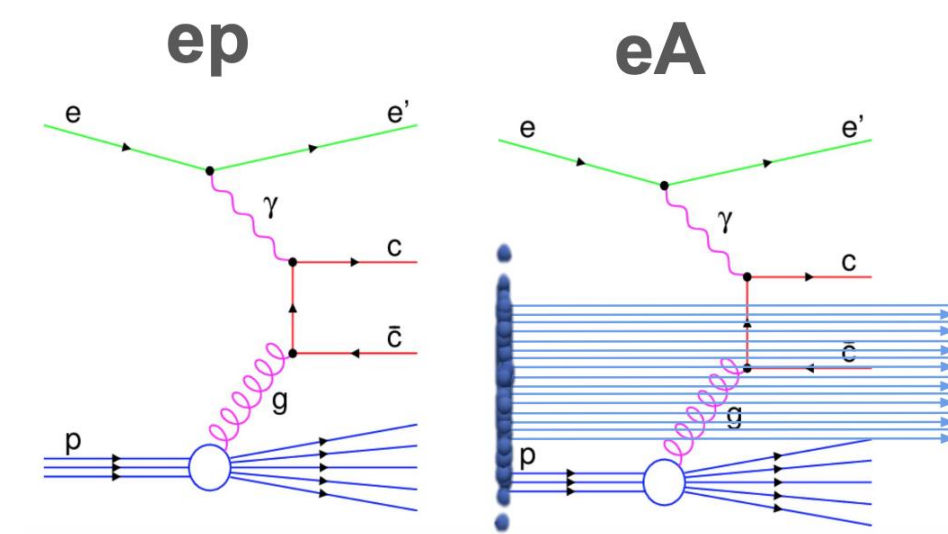
J. Arrington et al., arXiv:2102.08337



LHC surprise: universality of fragmentation functions violated seen for HF **baryons** already in **pp**



processes and environment are different!



- HERA2 Λ_c total lumi was just **120 pb⁻¹**
- ALICE studies vs event multiplicity (PLB 839 (2023) 137796) to be compared with ep mult. @ EIC!



EIC Schedule (official)



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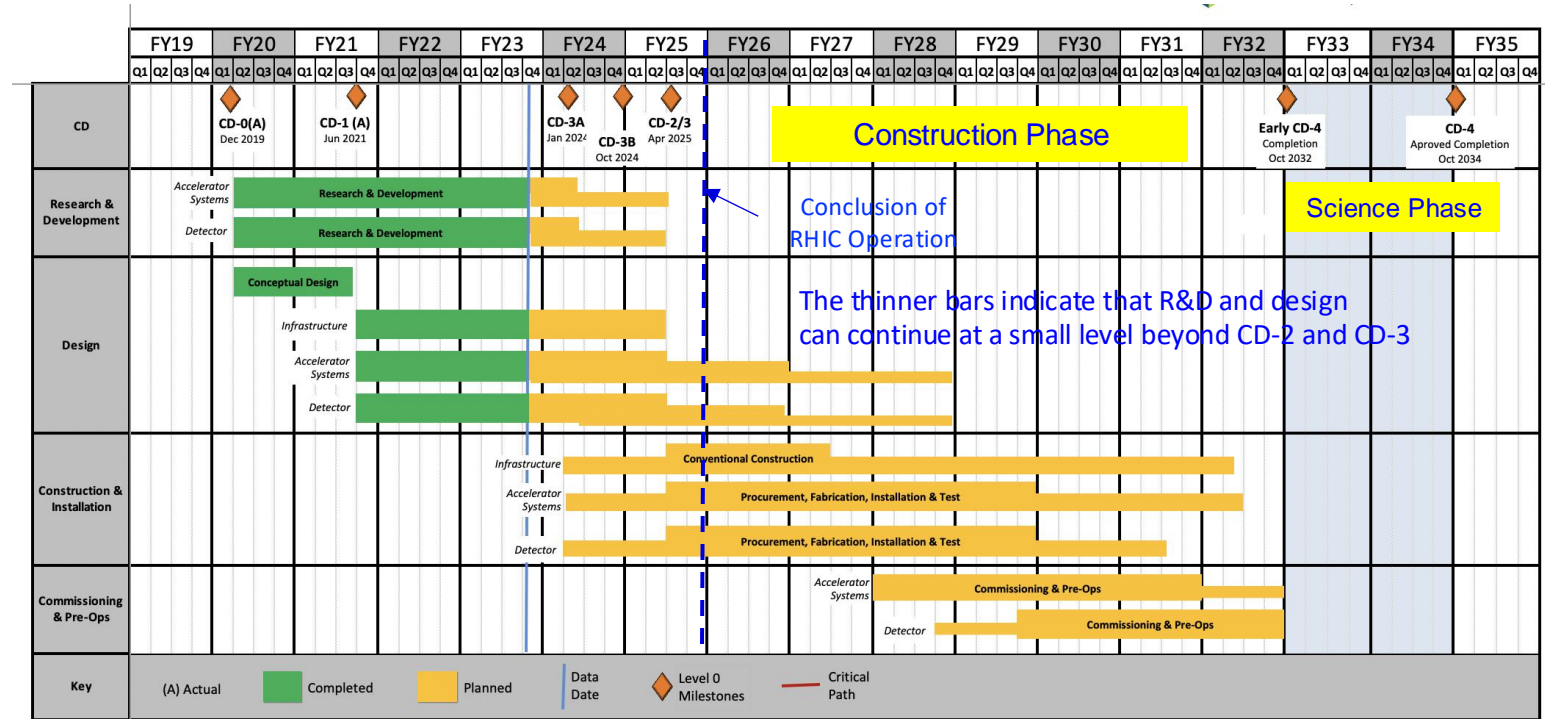
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Construction Phase

Science Phase

Conclusion of RHIC Operation

The thinner bars indicate that R&D and design can continue at a small level beyond CD-2 and CD-3

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EIC Schedule (best guess from project management)

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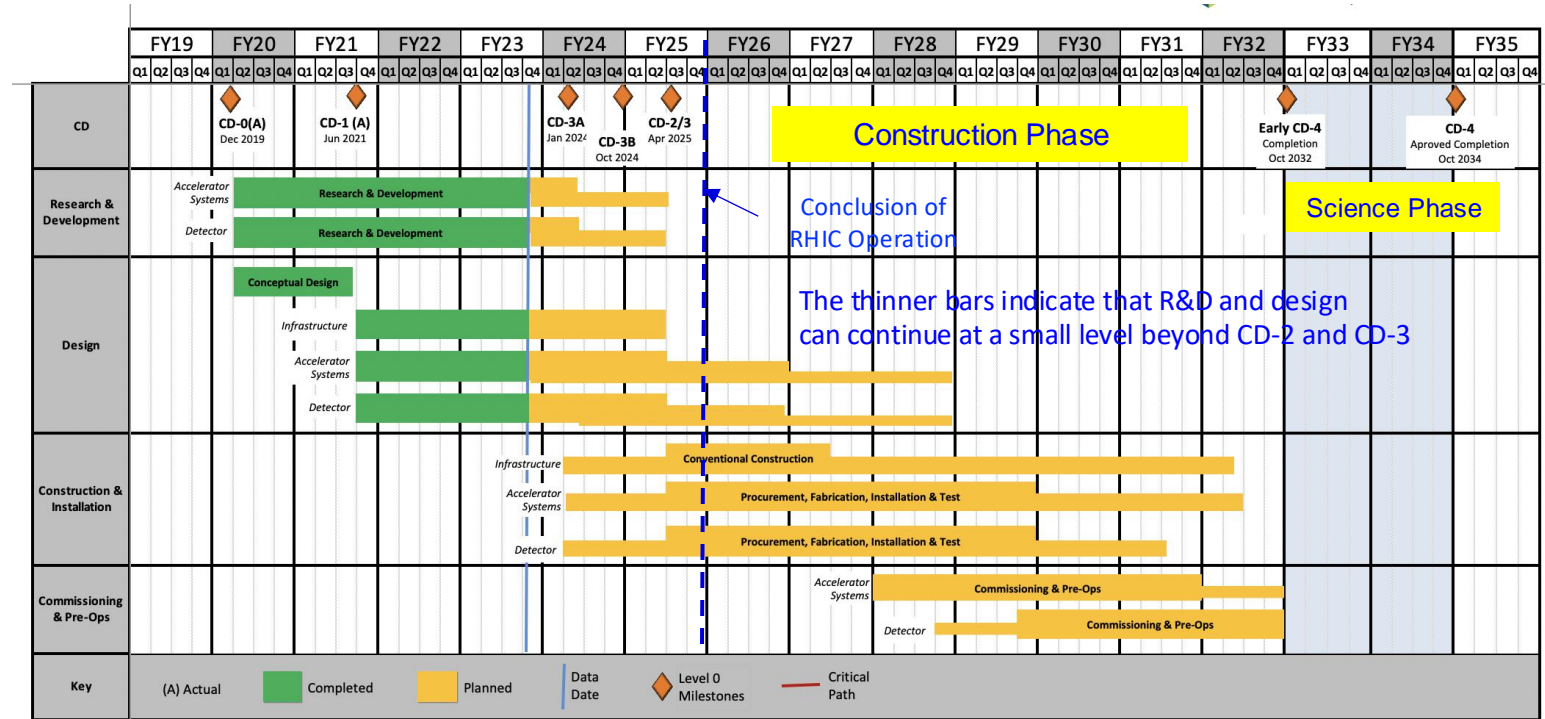
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CD-2/3 Review	End of 2025
early CD-4	December 2034?
CD-4	December 2036?



(courtesy from R. Ent @ QNP2024)

Summary and outlook

- EIC is a unique, high-energy, high-luminosity, polarized beam collider for the ultimate **understanding of QCD**: the only new collider in the 15-20 years
- ePIC Collaboration formed in 2022 and ePIC detector on track towards **TDR** (CD-2 \rightarrow CD \rightarrow 3)
- The ePIC detector was designed to fulfill the physics requirements: several **new technologies** will be also implemented \rightarrow benefit for the larger community

new microscope delivery time:
8-9 years to first collisions for physics



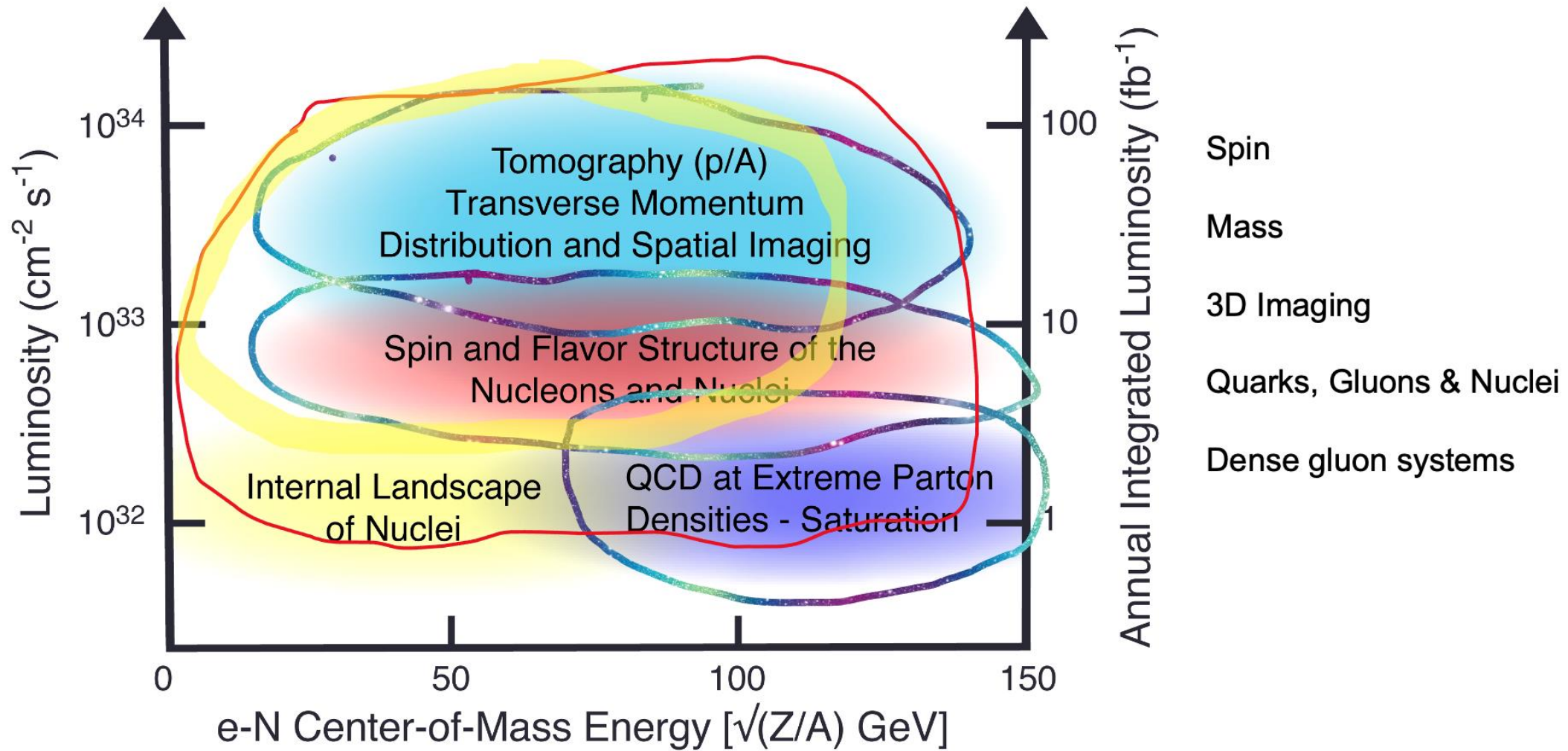
a robust "early physics program" being discussed:
phased-approach for accelerator

EIC physics will provide "unique baseline input" (PDF, nPDF, hadronization, ..) to "Hard Probes Conference" physics, stay tuned!

Some additional references (and many credits for some slides borrowed by these colleagues):

- EIC overview [R. Ent @QNP 2024](#)
- ePIC detector [S. Dalla Torre @ CERN Detector Seminar](#)
- TMD/GPD: [S. Fazio @ Mainz 2023](#)
- exclusive process/diffraction + far forward/backward detectors [A. Jentsch @ Diffraction 2024](#)

EIC: luminosity vs physics reach

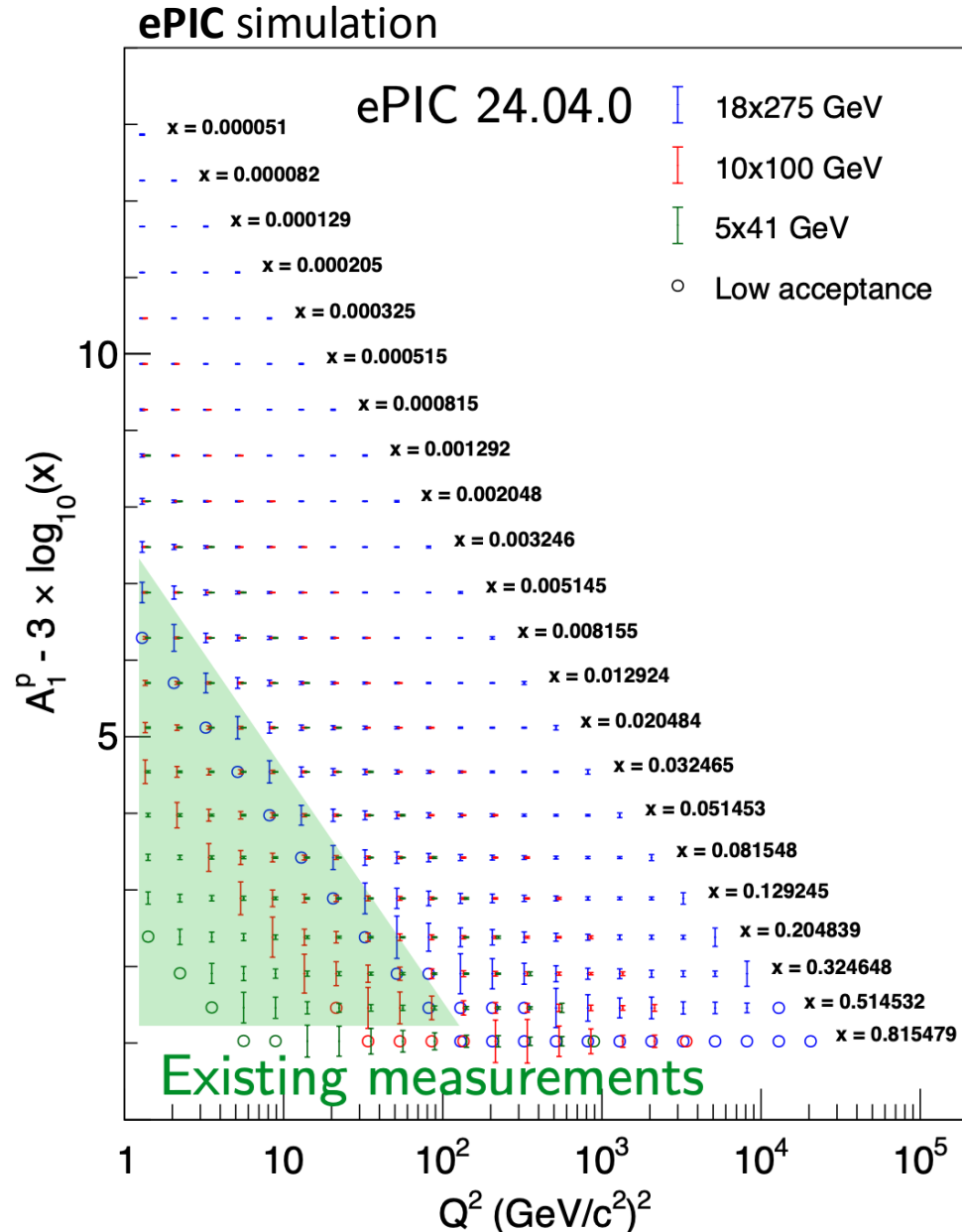


Nucleon spin structure function

Double-spin asymmetries

Provide access to g_1 : spin-dependent structure function

Access to unexplored Q^2 - x region, while allowing benchmark to existing data

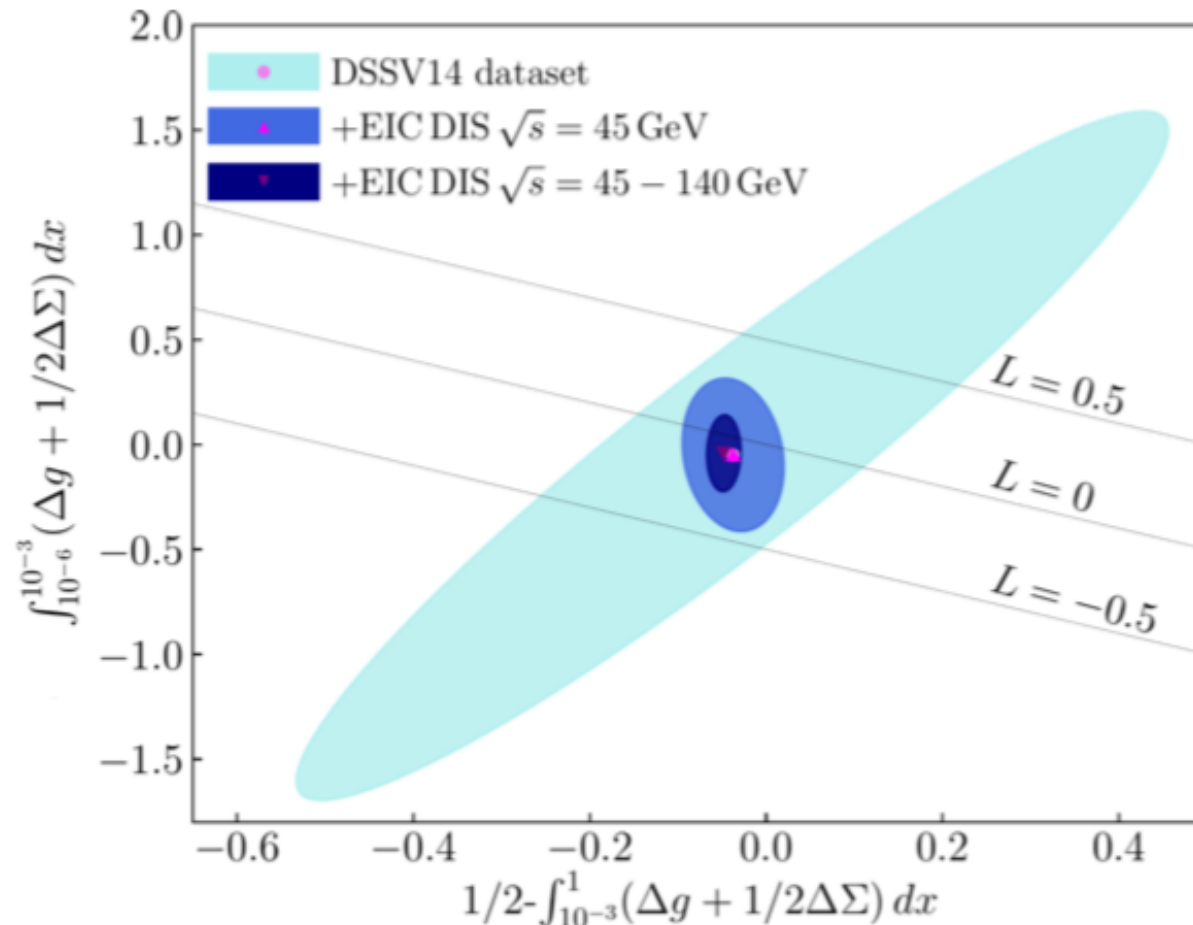


Solving the proton spin puzzle

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta\Sigma(\mu) + \Delta G(\mu) + L_q(\mu) + L_g(\mu)$$

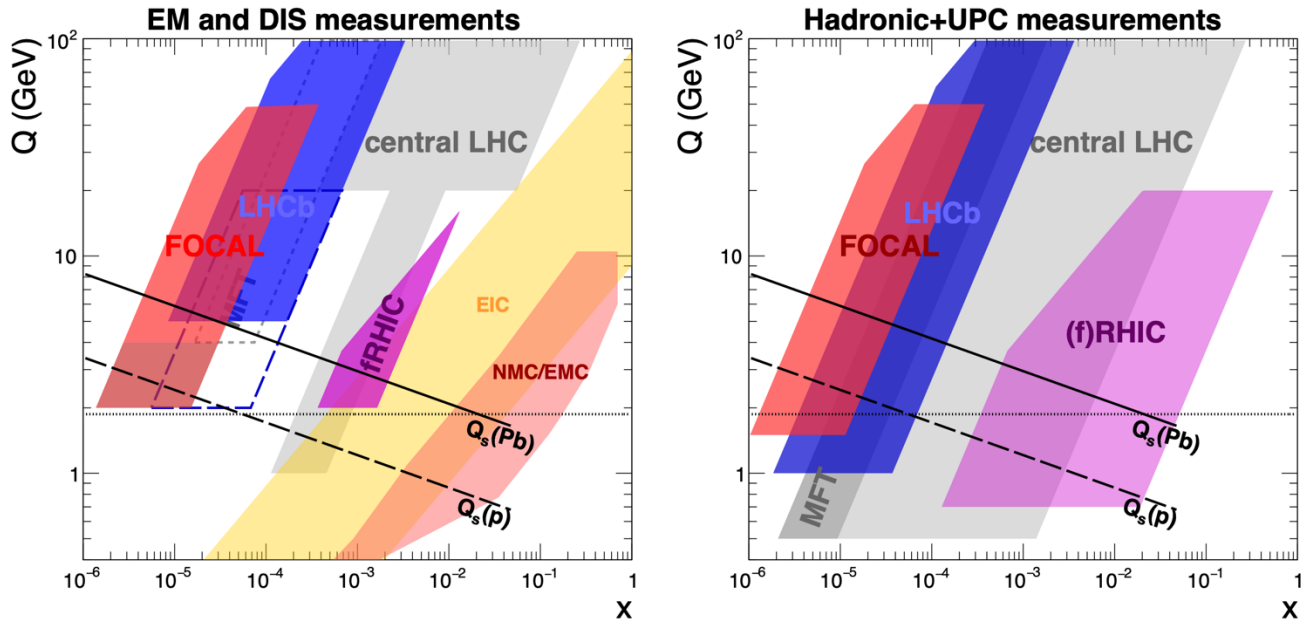
quark and gluon spin orbital angular momentum

[R. Abdul Kalek et al \(EIC Yellow Report\) Nucl. Phys A 1026 \(2022\) 122447](#)



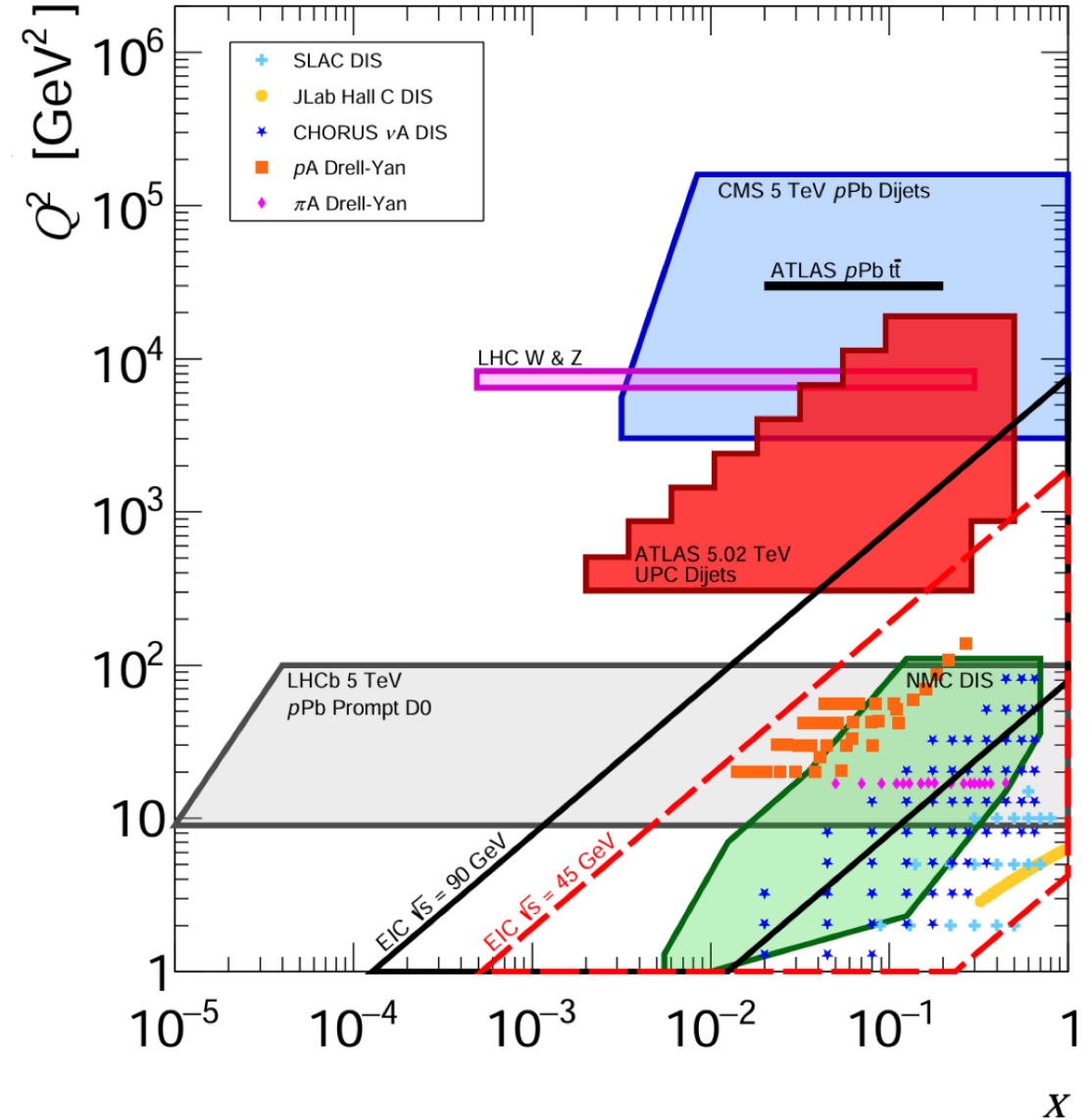
DIS, UPC and LHC/EIC/RHIC

from ALICE Collaboration, FOCAL LoI, [CERN-LHCC-2020-009](https://cds.cern.ch/record/2710000/files/CERN-LHCC-2020-009)



Nice EIC & LHC & RHIC complementarity to kinematically map the nucleon....

[B. Gilbert talk](#) at this conference

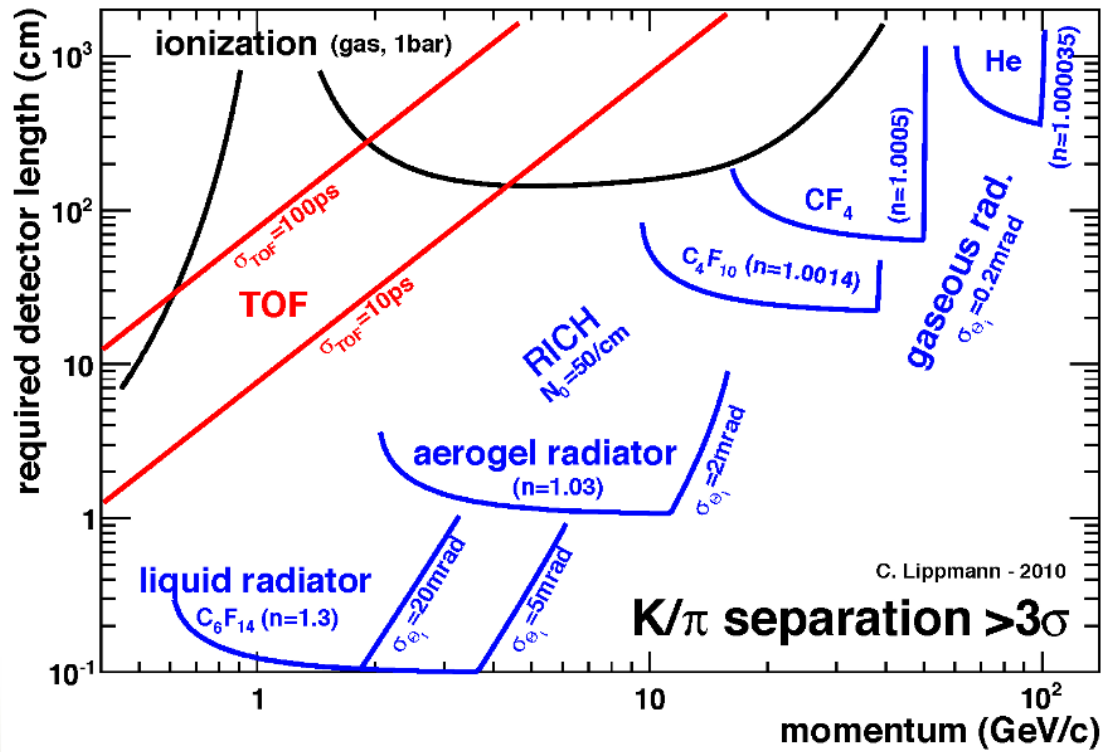


PID technologies and momentum coverage

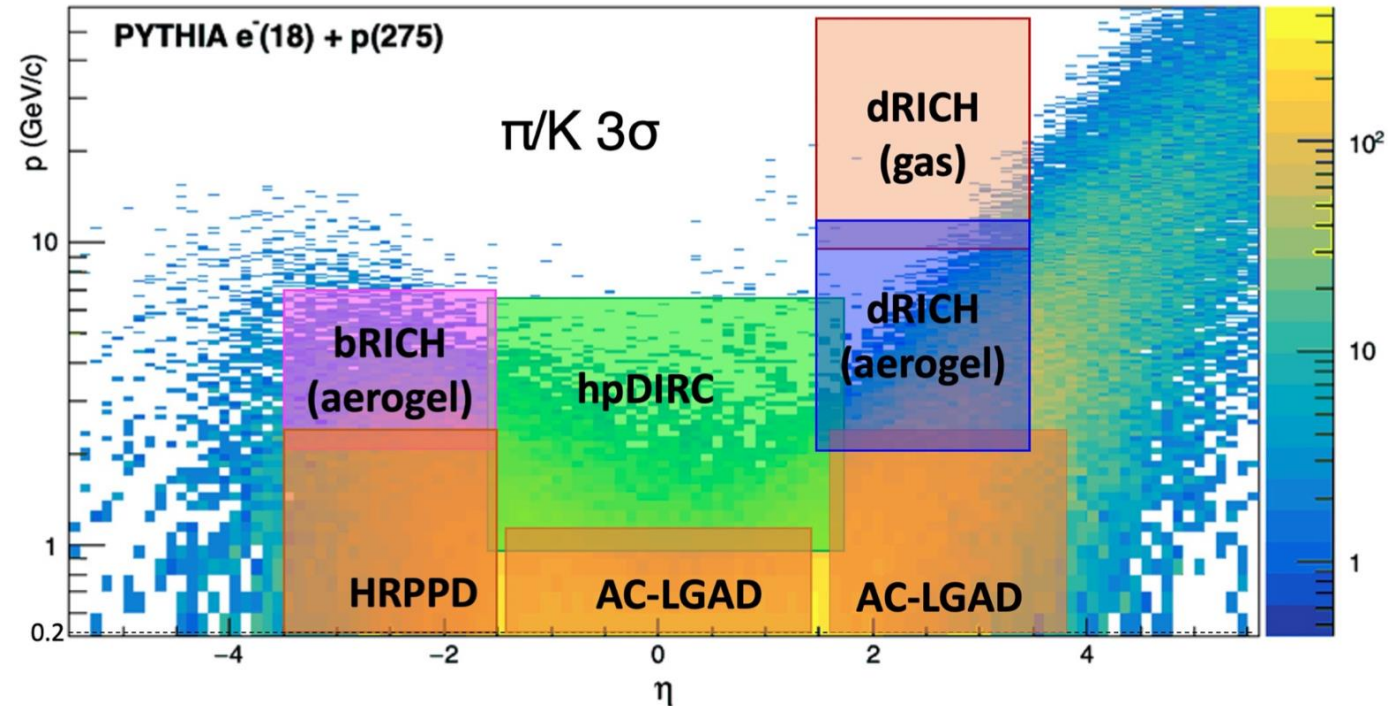
e- π separation

Cherenkov PID complements ECAL effort, especially at low momenta/backward region

C. Lippmann, NIM A 666 (2012), 148



hadron identification: SIDIS (\rightarrow TMD), heavy flavour
ToF complements Cherenkov PID



more than one technology needed to cover the entire momentum ranges at different rapidities

ePIC Collaboration

<https://www.bnl.gov/eic/epic.php>



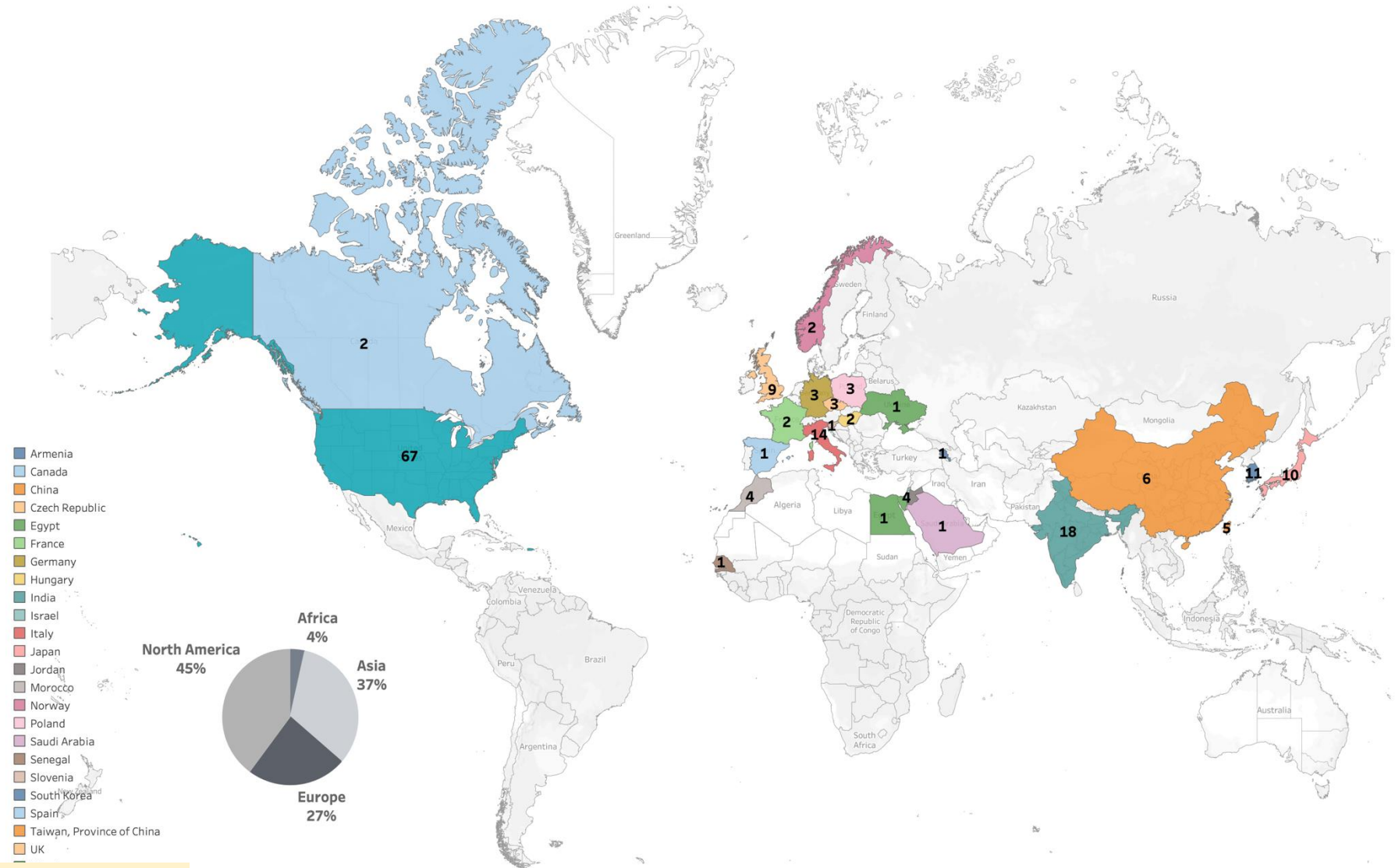
ePIC Initiated in July 2022

> 850 collaborators

175 institutions

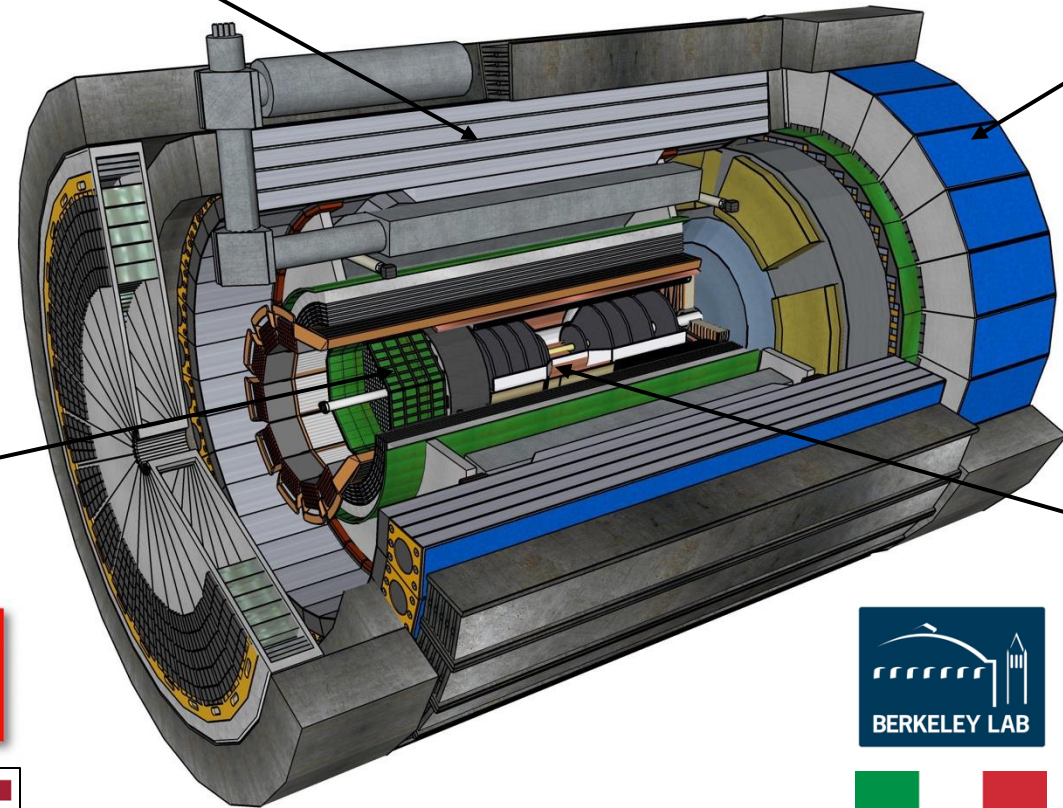
25 countries

67/175 – 35% US institutions



EIC User Group: 1537 members/40 countries

DOE national labs partnership (not incl. BNL/JLAB)



Barrel
Electromagnetic
Calorimeter



Forward Hadron
Calorimeter



(ORNL also large
involvement in
DAQ/electronics)

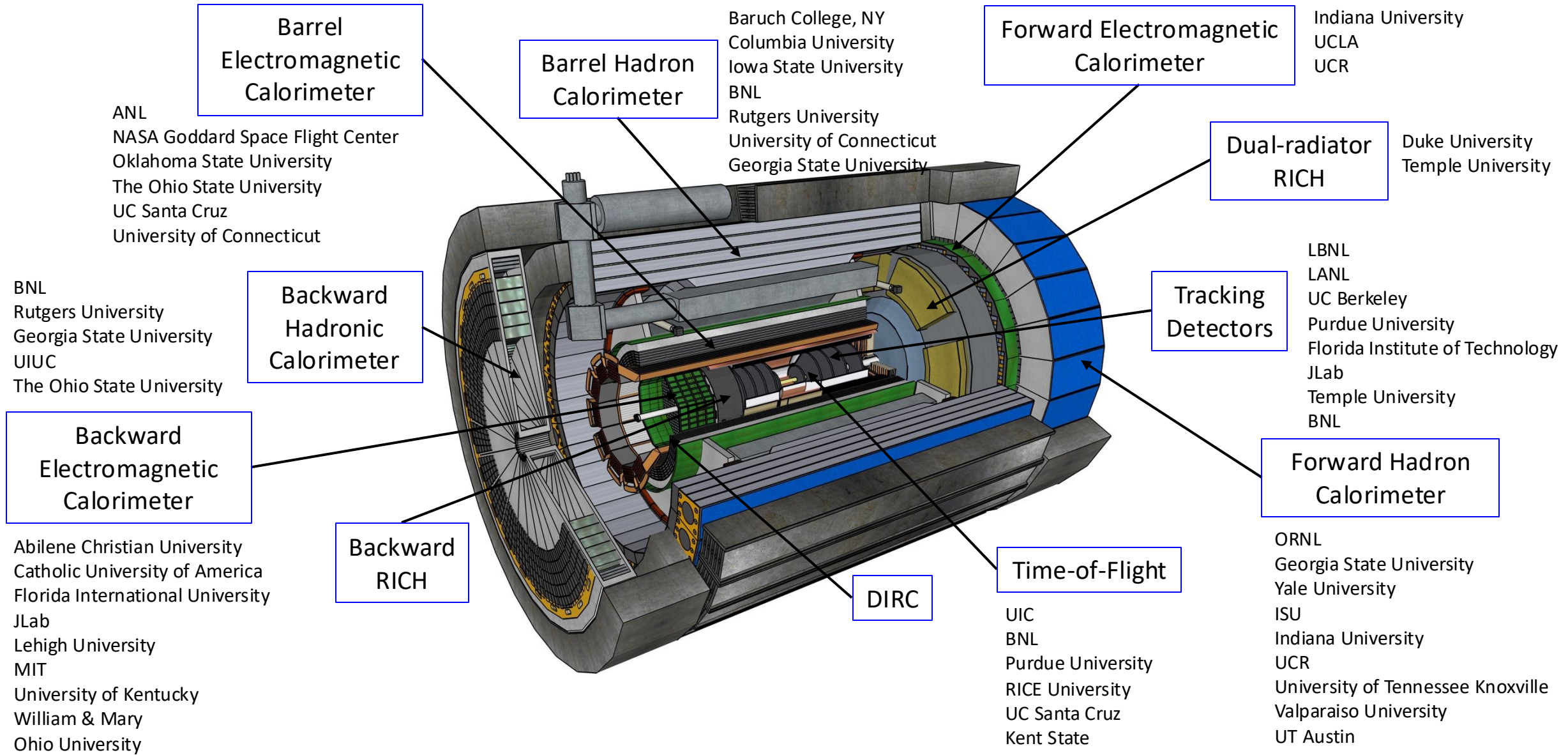
Backward
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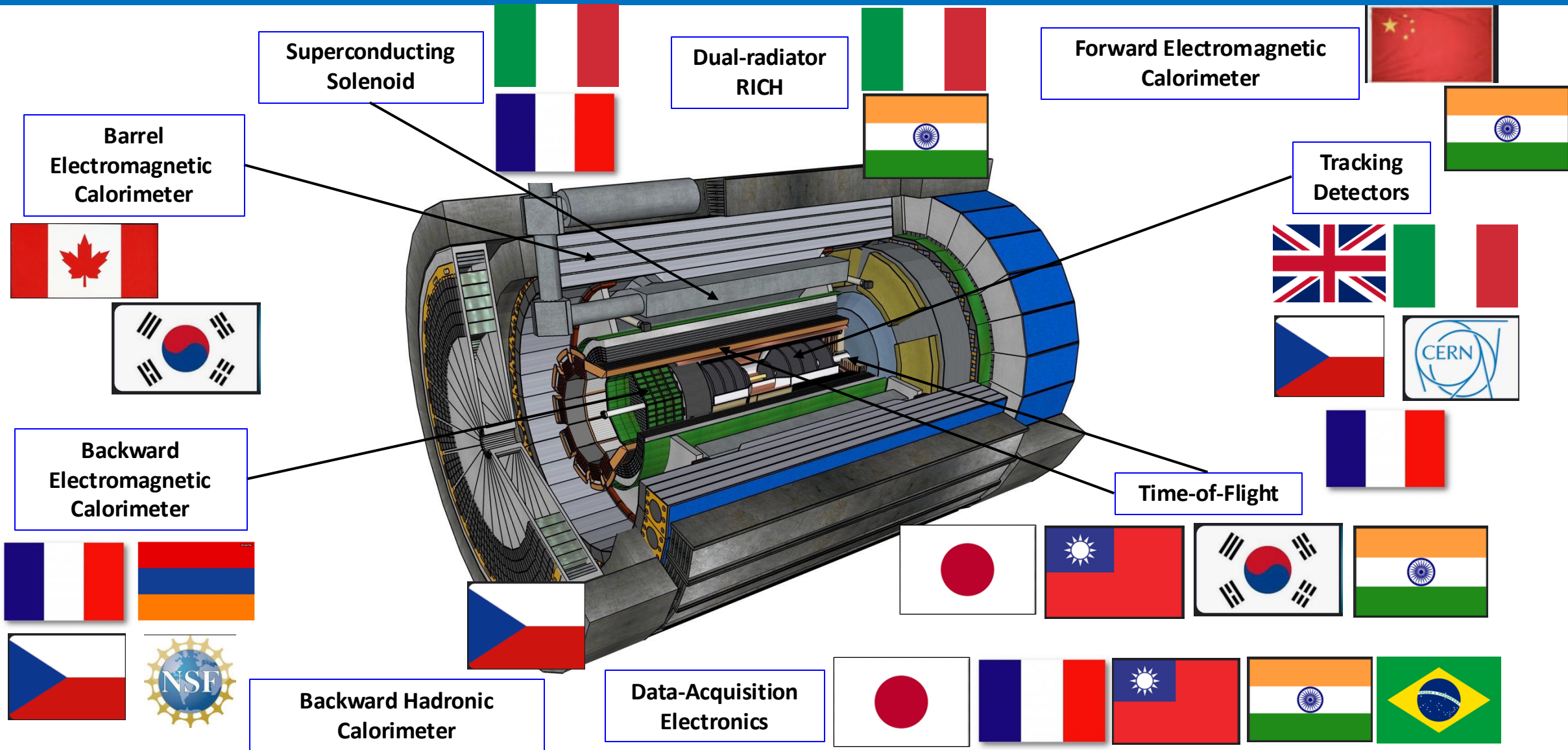
Silicon/MAPS
Tracking Detectors



ePIC US Universities partnerships



ePIC international contributions/interests

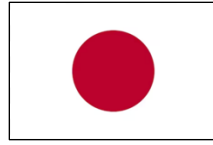
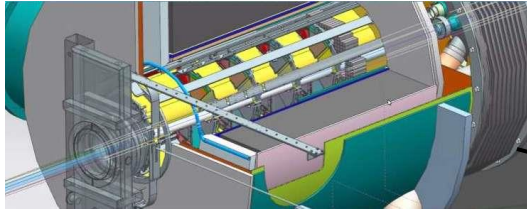


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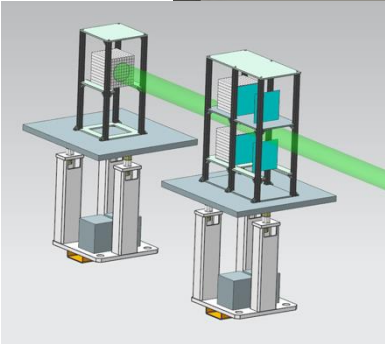
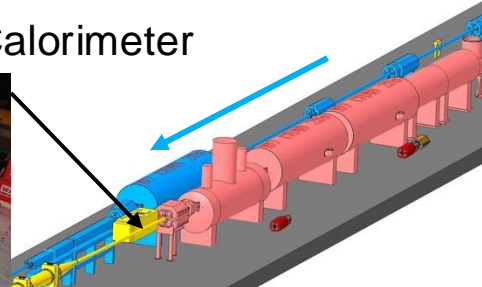
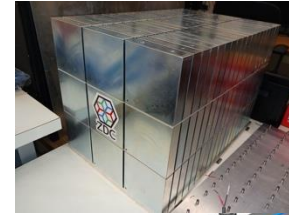
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B0 Magnet Spectrometer



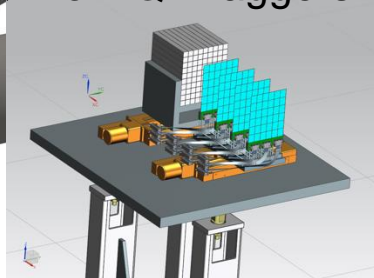
Zero Degree Calorimeter



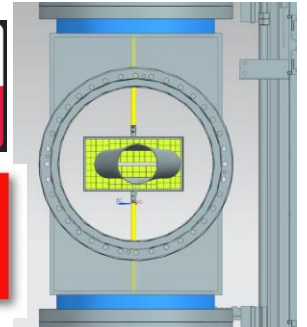
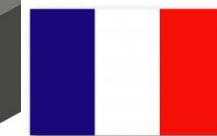
Luminosity System

p/A beam

Low-Q2 Taggers



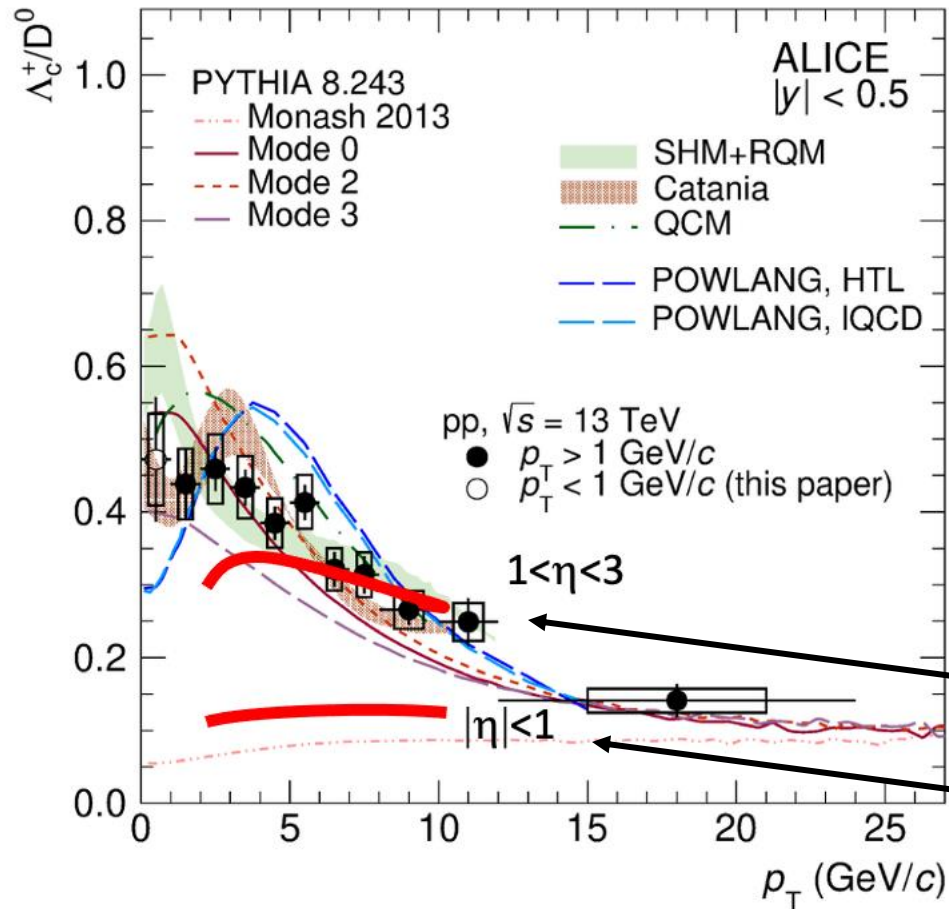
Roman Pots and Off-Momentum Detectors



IR vacuum – crucial interface for detectors



Published ALICE plot Λ_c/D^0 @ 13 TeV
with supersimposed (brutally PowerPointed) EIC prediction from
[J. Arrington et al., arXiv:2102.08337](https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.08337)



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