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# The EIC Project in a nutshell

- Enable the ultimate QCD exploration
  - By a high-luminosity polarized electron-ion collider: the EIC
  - By a detector highly integrated with the collider and capable to cope with the overall EIC physics scope, ePIC
- Status : approved project progressing towards its realization at BNL
- Key ingredients : the ample community supporting the EIC and the long dedicated effort path









ePIC





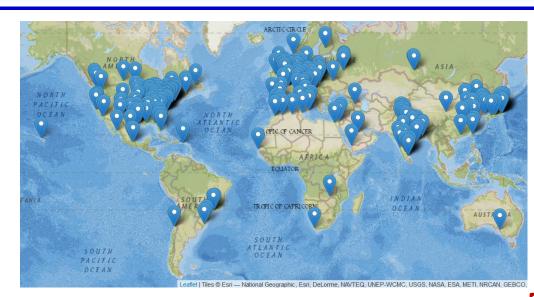
## THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY: the EIC-User Group

#### The EIC User Group: https://eicug.github.io/

#### Formed in 2016 -

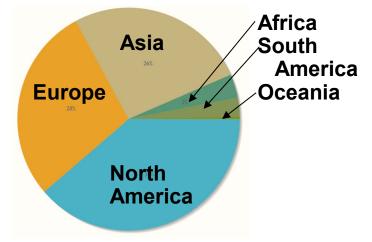
- 1548 members
- 40 countries
- 6 world regions
- 298 institutions

As of October 10, 2024



#### Among the main Achievements: The Yellow Report (2020)

#### Institutions



#### Annual EICUG meeting 2016 UC Berkeley, CA

2016 UC Berkeley, CA 2016 Argonne, IL 2017 Trieste, Italy 2018 CUA, Washington, DC 2019 Paris, France 2020 Miami, FL 2021 VUU, VA & UCR, CA 2022 Stony Brook U, NY 2023 Warsaw, Poland 2024 Lehigh U., PA





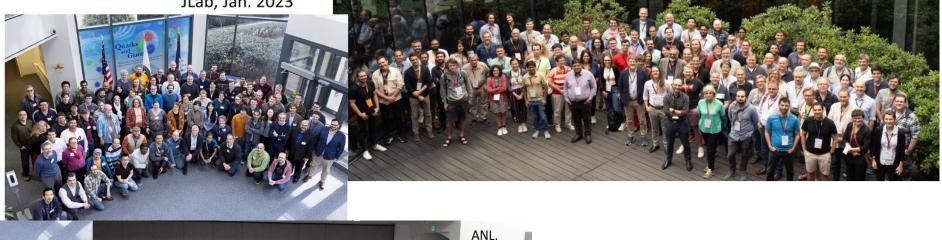


# The ePIC Collaboration

#### The community dedicated to the EIC science mission by the realization of the ePIC detector

Warsaw, July 2023

JLab, Jan. 2023





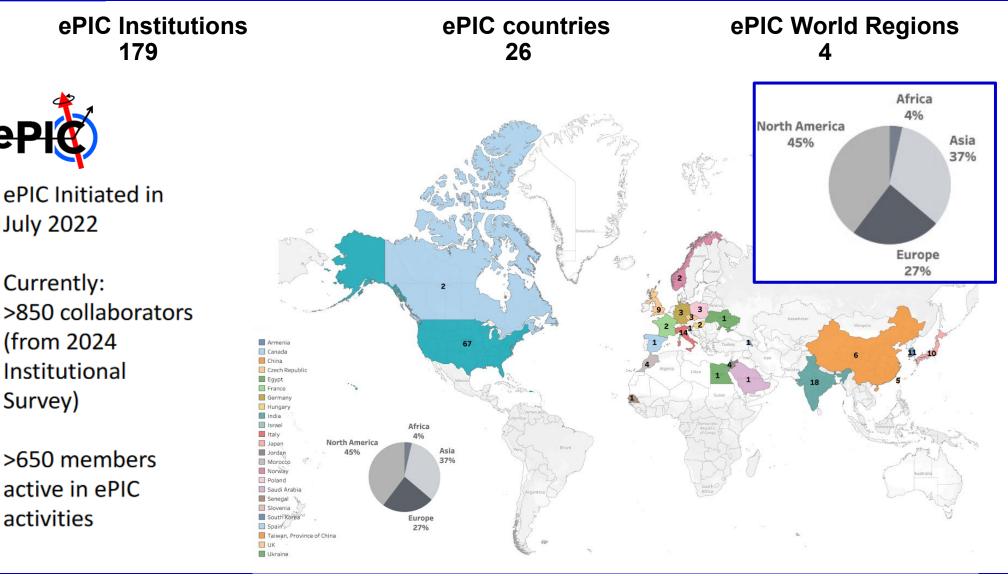
Lehigh, July 2024





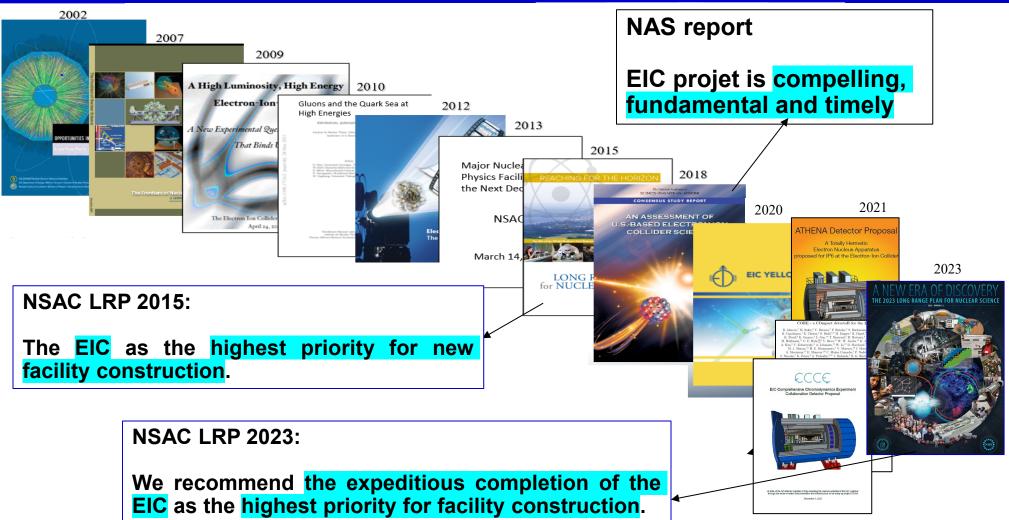


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# THE PATH TO THE EIC PROJECT



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In short words:

*Investigate with precision the universal dynamics of gluons to understand the emergence of hadronic and nuclear matter and their properties* 

In terms of major open questions:



How does the **spin** of the nucleon arise?



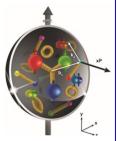
How do quarks and gluons interact with a nuclear medium?

How do the **confined hadronic states** emerge?



How does the **mass** of the nucleon arise?

How do the quark-gluon interactions create **nuclear binding**?



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



What are the emergent properties of **dense system of gluons**?





## REQUIREMENTS

- Access to gluon dominated region and wide kinematic range in x and Q<sup>2</sup>
- Access to spin structure and 3D spatial and momentum structure
- Accessing the highest gluon densities  $(Q_s^A)^2 \sim cQ_o^2 \left(\frac{A}{x}\right)^{1/3}$
- Studying observables as a function of x, Q<sup>2</sup>, A, hadronic flavour, ...

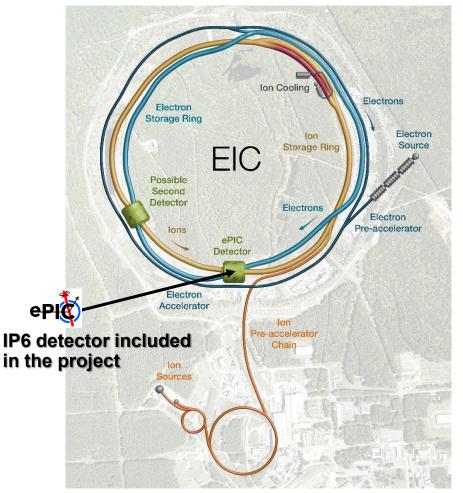
## THE EIC COLLIDER PROVIDES

- Large center-of-mass energy range: √s = 21 -140 GeV
- Polarized electron, proton and light nuclear beams ≥ 70%
- Nuclear beams, the heavier the better (from H to U)
- High luminosity (100 x HERA): 10<sup>33-34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

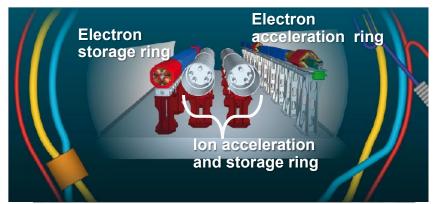




# The EIC Collider



#### Usage of RHIC tunnel and RHIC p/ion complex



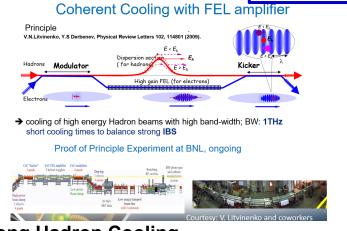
- spanning a wide kinematical range
  - ECM: 20 141 GeV
- High luminosity
  - up to 10<sup>34</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>
- highly polarized e (~ 70%) beams
- highly polarized light A (~70%) beams
- wide variety of ions: from H to U
- Number of interaction regions: up to 2





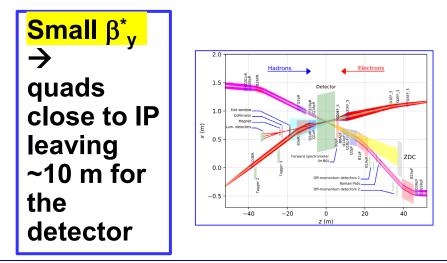
# The EIC Collider

#### **4 critical ingredients for HIGH LUMINOSITY**



#### **Strong Hadron Cooling**

- Work continues on Strong Hadron Cooling, both the Coherent electron Cooling (CeC) approach and a backup solution based on a ring cooler
- Both approaches were reviewed in summer, no show stoppers found in either one

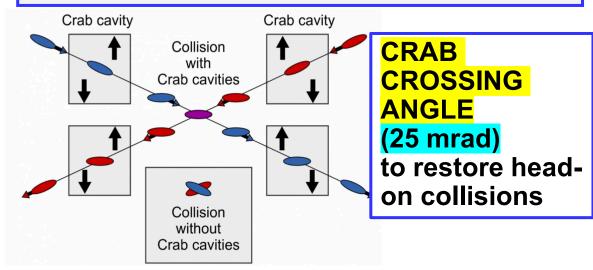


#### Bunches and beam crossing rates

| Species           | р   | е   | p   | е    | p   | е    | р   | е    | р  | е    |  |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|----|------|--|
| Beam energy [GeV] | 275 | 18  | 275 | 10   | 100 | 10   | 100 | 5    | 41 | 5    |  |
| $\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]  | 140 | ).7 | 10  | 4.9  | 63  | .2   | 44  | .7   | 28 | .6   |  |
| No. of bunches    | 29  | 290 |     | 1160 | 11  | 1160 |     | 1160 |    | 1160 |  |
| Species           | Au  | е   | Au  | е    | Au  | е    | Au  | е    |    |      |  |
| Beam energy [GeV] | 110 | 18  | 110 | 10   | 110 | 5    | 41  | 5    |    |      |  |
| $\sqrt{s}$ [GeV]  | 89  | .0  | 66  | .3   | 46  | .9   | 28  | .6   |    |      |  |
| No. of bunches    | 29  | 0   | 11  | 60   | 110 | 60   | 116 | 50   |    |      |  |

#### Up to a beam crossing rate at the IR every 10ns

a challenge for the collider and the experiment !







# The EIC Collider

#### **MORE unique aspects**

#### **BEAM POLARIZATION**

#### **ABOUT e POLARIZATION**

#### **ION SPECIES**

The existing RHIC <u>ion sources &</u> <u>ion acceleration chain</u> provides already **today** all ions needed at EIC

|  |                            | in the DUI            |                                      |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
|  |                            | Zr-Zr, Ru-Ru<br>Au-Au | <u>C Complex</u><br>(2018)<br>(2016) |
|  | Enormous                   | d-Au                  | (2016)                               |
|  | versatility!               | p-Al<br>h-Au          | (2015)<br>(2015)                     |
|  | is a unique<br>capability! | p-Au                  | (2015)                               |
|  |                            | Cu-Au<br>U-U          | (2012)<br>(2012)                     |
|  |                            | Cu-Cu                 | (2012)                               |
|  |                            | D-Au                  | (2008)                               |
|  |                            | Cu-Cu                 | (2005)                               |

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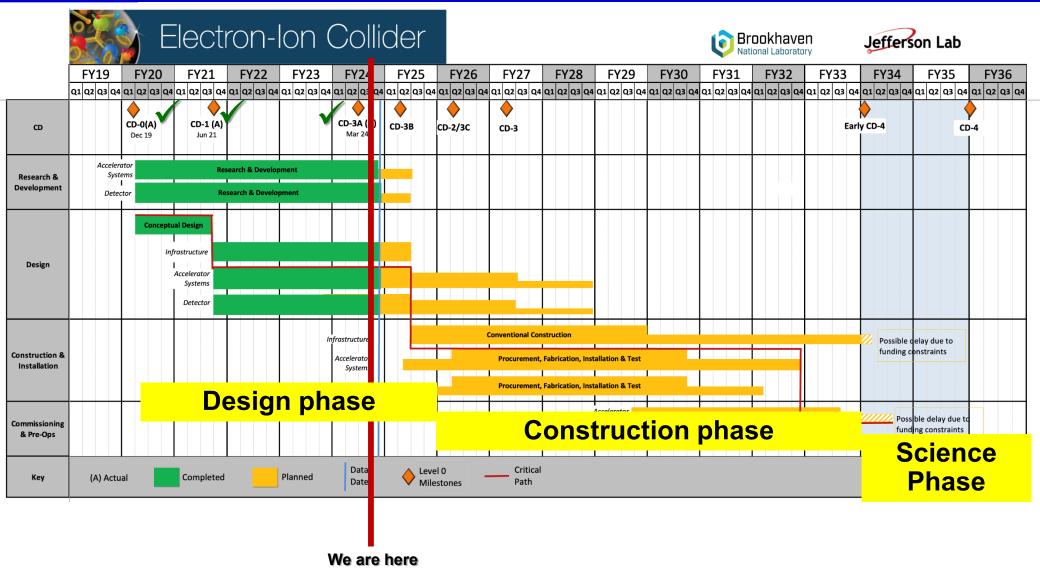
on average, every bunch refilled in 2.2 min

## **ABOUT p/ light ion POLARIZATION**

| presentlyMeasured RHIC Results:• Proton Source Polarization 83 %• Polarization at extraction from AGS 70%• Polarization at RHIC collision energy 60% |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| empowerment Planned near term improvements:  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AGS: Stronger snake, skew quadrupoles,   |  |  |  |  |  |
| increased injection energy   |  |  |  |  |  |
| ightarrow expect 80% at extraction of AGS  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>RHIC:</b> Add 2 snakes to 4 existing no polarization loss   |  |  |  |  |  |
| expect 80% in Polarization in RHIC and eRHIC   |  |  |  |  |  |
| High polarization <sup>3</sup> He and D beams also possible  |  |  |  |  |  |



# The EIC schedule







# The ePIC context: the physics scope and the EIC project The ePIC detector

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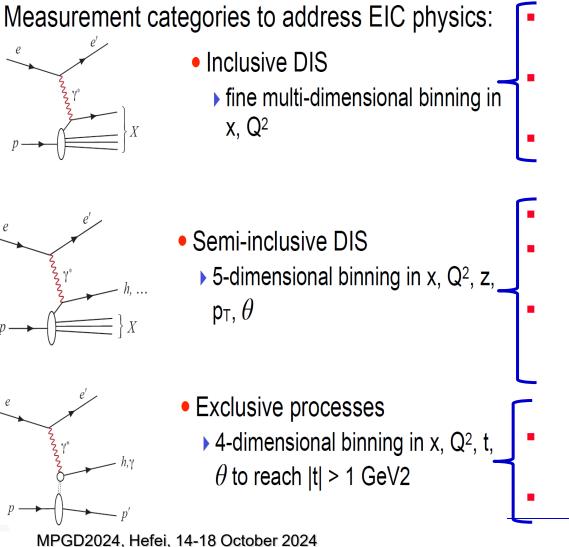




# **Ultimate QCD exploration**

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## REQUIREMENTS



## ePIC detector

- Large coverage (-3.5 <  $\eta$  < 3.5) for wide phase-space reach
- Excellent EM-calorimetry with PID support for  $e/\pi$  separation
- Fine resolution tracking by low mass detectors

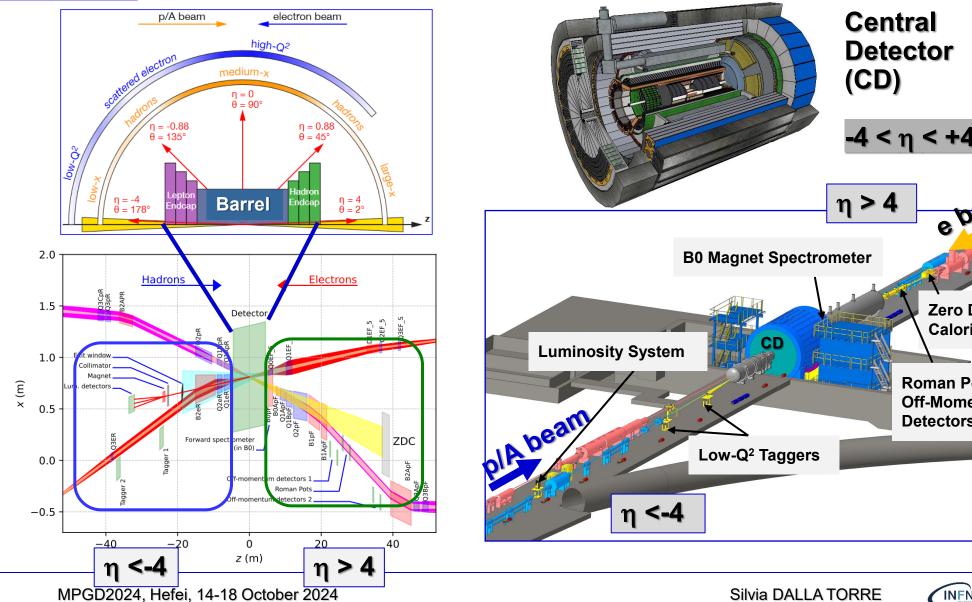
## Fine $p_T$ resolution

- Extended PID systems for hadron identification
- H-calorimetry to attempt TMD assessment with jets (new world-wide), as tail chatter, for  $\mu$  identification
- Extend acceptance at extremely small scattering angles
- Fine vertex resolution by tracking





# THE COMPLETE ePIC DETECTOR



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e beam

**Zero Degree** 

Calorimeter

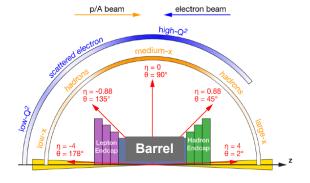
**Roman Pots and Off-Momentum** 

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**Detectors** 



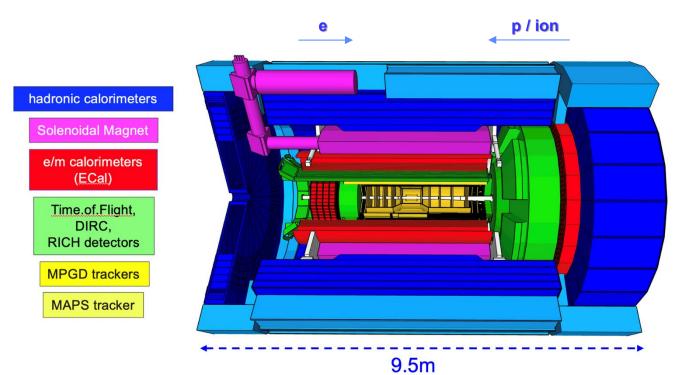
# ePIC Central Detector (CD)



Very naturally organized in:

- Backward endcap
- Barrel
- Forward endcap

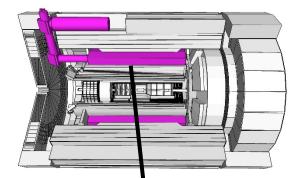
subsystems

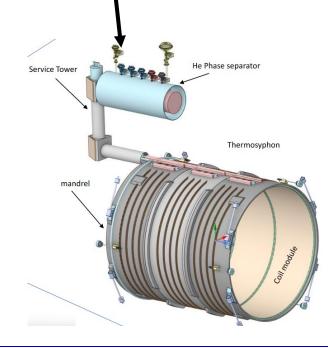






# The ePIC solenoid

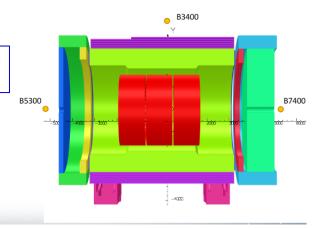




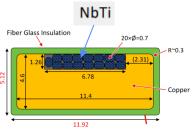
| Parameter               | Value     |  |  |
|-------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| Coil length             | 3512 mm   |  |  |
| Warm bore diameter      | 2840 mm   |  |  |
| Cryostat length         | < 3850 mm |  |  |
| Cryostat outer diameter | < 3540 mm |  |  |

| Parameter                       | Value   |                                      | Comment        |           |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|--|
| Central Field<br>B <sub>0</sub> | 2.0 T   | 2.0 T<br>Reference five value: 1.7 T |                | ]<br>ield |  |
| Lowest<br>operating<br>field    | 0.5 T   |                                      |                |           |  |
| Field<br>Uniformity in<br>FFA   | 12.5 %<br>± 100 cm around<br>center<br>80 cm radius<br>< 0.1 (mrad@30GeV/c)<br>< 10 T/A/mm <sup>2</sup><br>From Z = 180 cm to<br>280 cm |                                      | Magnetic Field |           |  |
| Projectivity in<br>RICH Area    |   |                                      | Properties     |           |  |

| Parameter                  | Value  | Comment                       |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| B5300<br>(B @ Z= -5300 mm) | < 10 G | Stray field                   |
| B7400<br>(B @ Z= 7400 mm)  | < 10 G | requirement is<br>based on IR |
| B3400<br>(B @ R= 3400 mm)  | < 10 G | magnet location               |



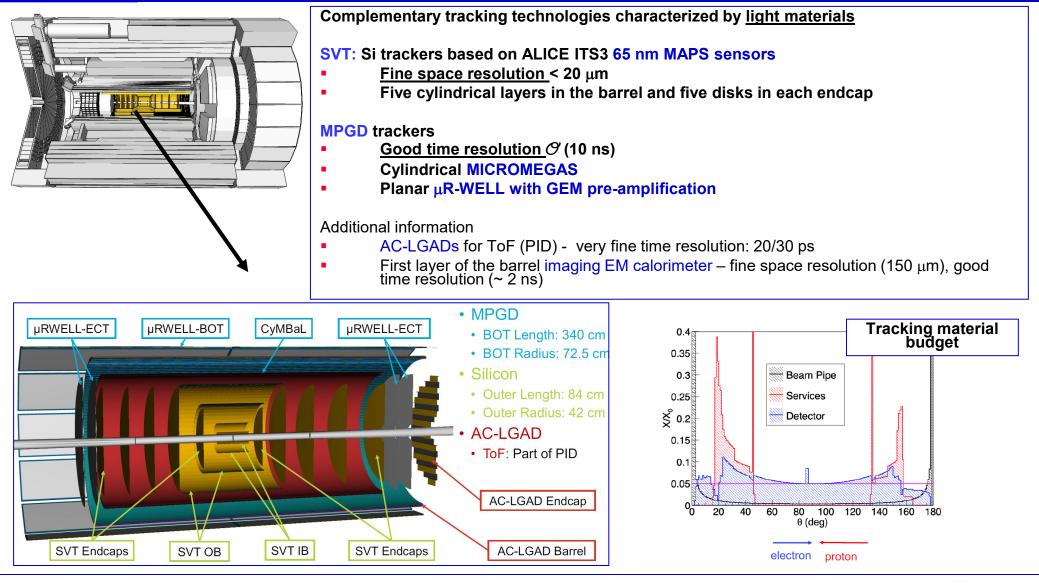








# TRACKING IN ePIC CD



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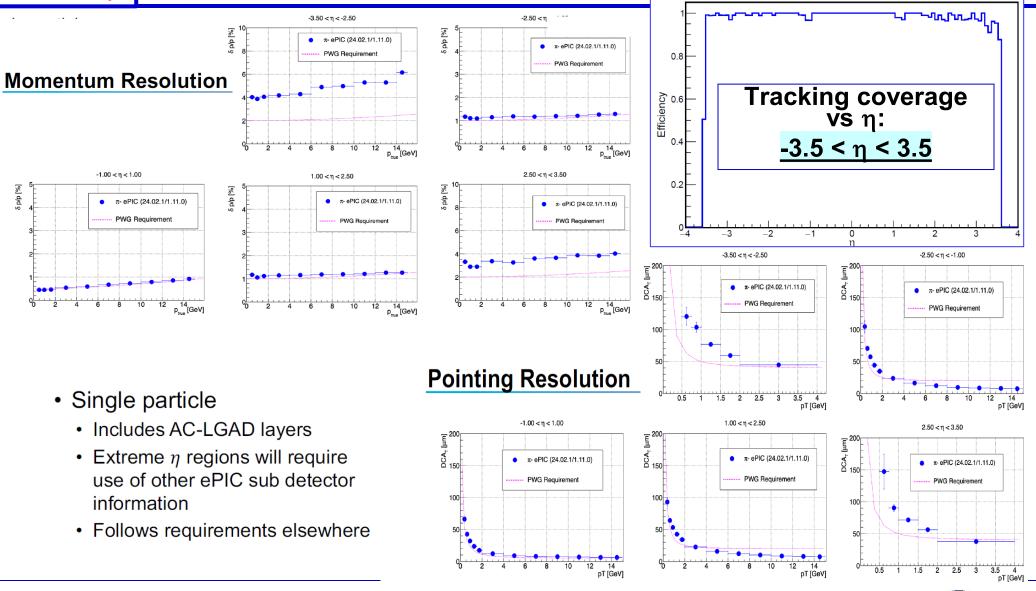
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# TRACKING IN ePIC CD

Tracker Efficiency vs. generated particle n



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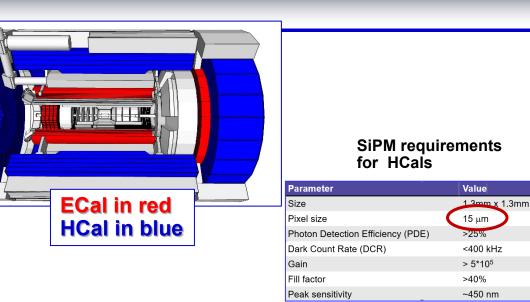
# SENSORS FOR CALORIMETRY IN ePIC

#### SiPM sensors for all Calorimeters in ePIC

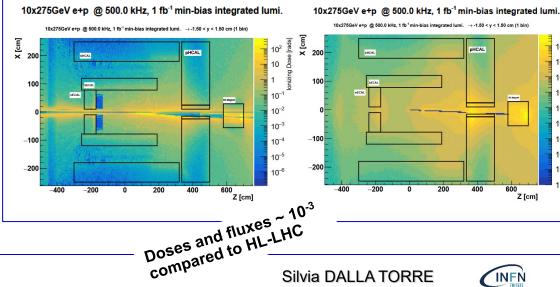
- SiPMs recently introduced in calorimetry
- direct experience is coming from the applications in GlueX, STAR and sPHENIX
- these colleagues now at work for ePIC calorimetry

#### **Relevant SiPM features for ePIC calorimetry**

- Cost-effective technology
- Operation in magnetic field
- Wide dynamic range with tuned parameters for the different calorimeters
- Low **noise** with appropriate thresholding
- Effect of the radiation
  - Not new, already addressed for STAR and sPHENIX
  - Further irradiation campaigns on-• qoing



## Rad Dose and Neutron Flux



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Z [cm]

10<sup>9</sup>

10<sup>8</sup>

 $10^{7}$ 

 $10^{6}$ 

10<sup>5</sup>

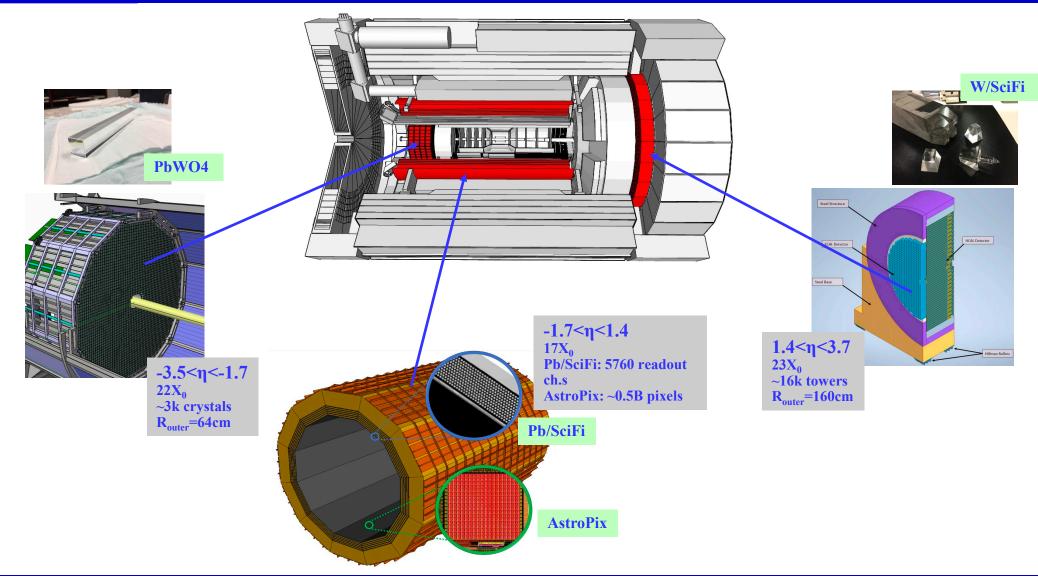
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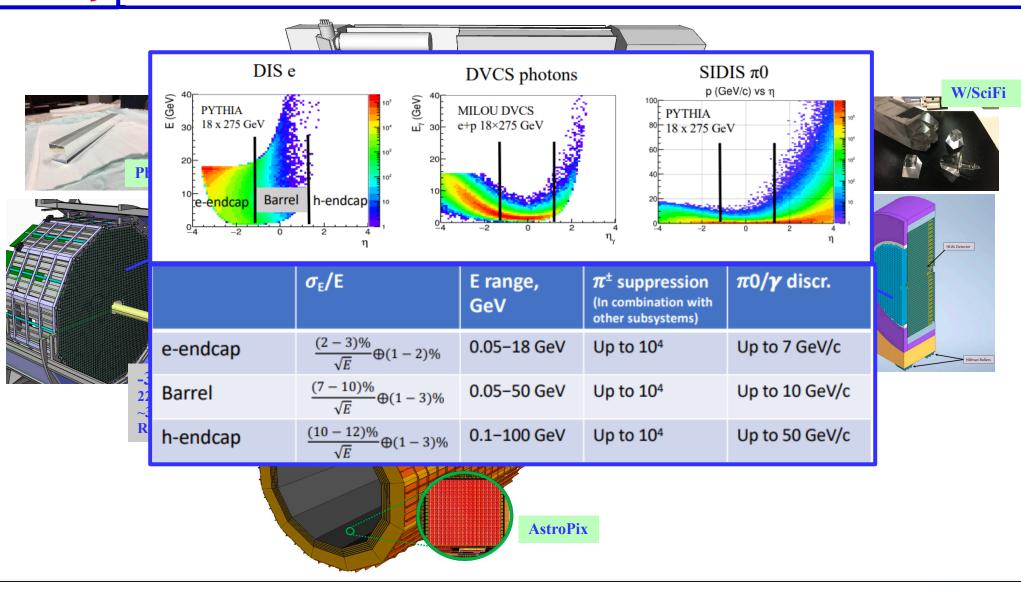
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# HADRON CALORIMETRY IN ePIC CD

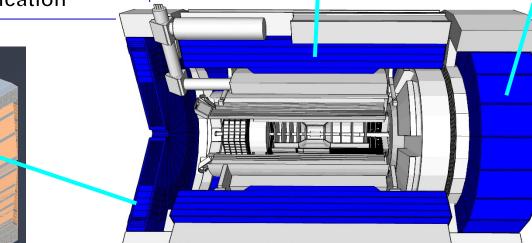
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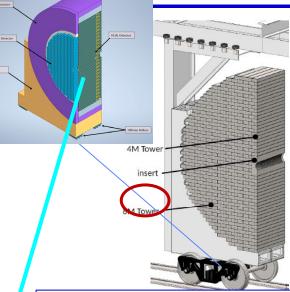
Steel/scintillator sampling calorimetry -CONSOLIDATED TECHNOLOGY

- Identification of neutral hadron jets, especially at low x
- Tail catcher for e/m calorimeter
- μ identification



**Barrel Hcal** 





#### Forward endcap

- Original design inspired by CALICE development:
- "SiPM on TILE"
- High granularity insert at high η
- Jet energy measurement
- DIS kinematics reconstruction "Hadronic method"
- muon ID

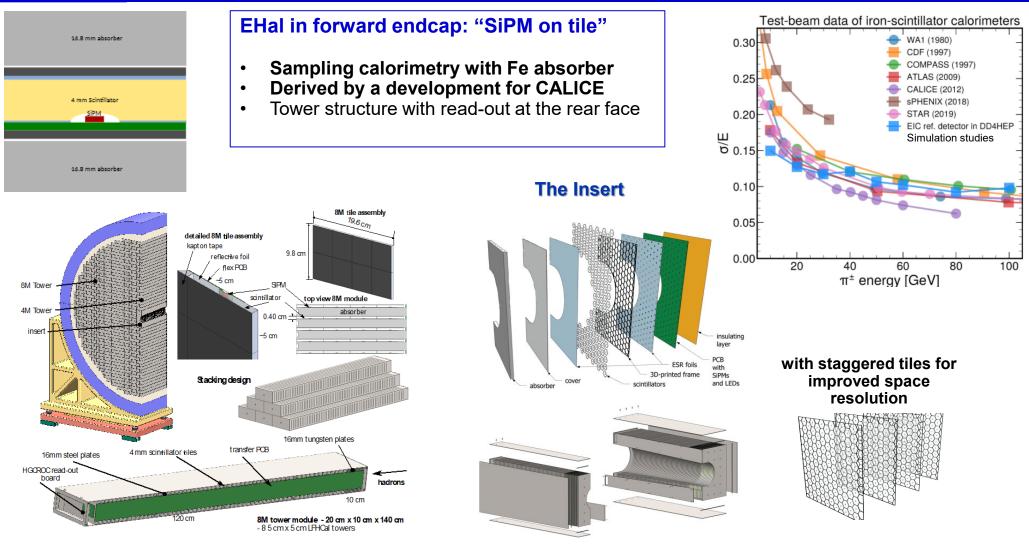
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## HADRON CALORIMETRY IN ePIC CD

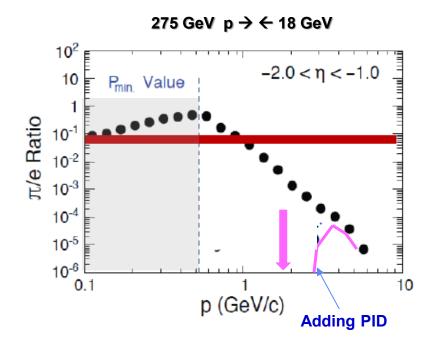




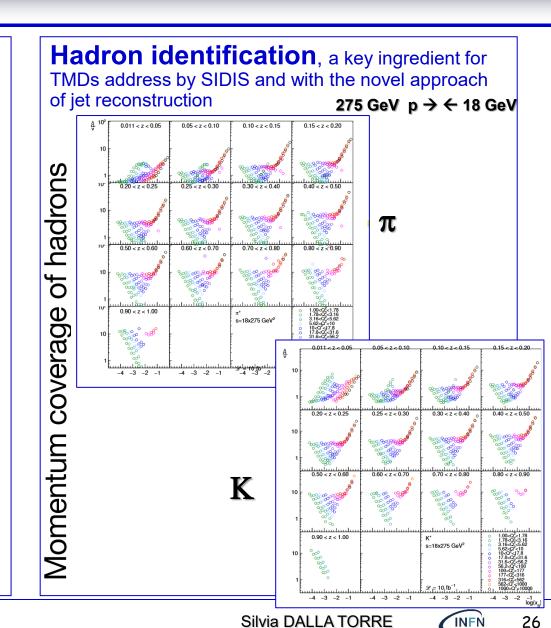


# The <u>double</u> role of PID in ePIC CD

**Support electron identification**, which cannot be provided by ECals only in DIS experiments with electron beams (see HERMES, JLab)

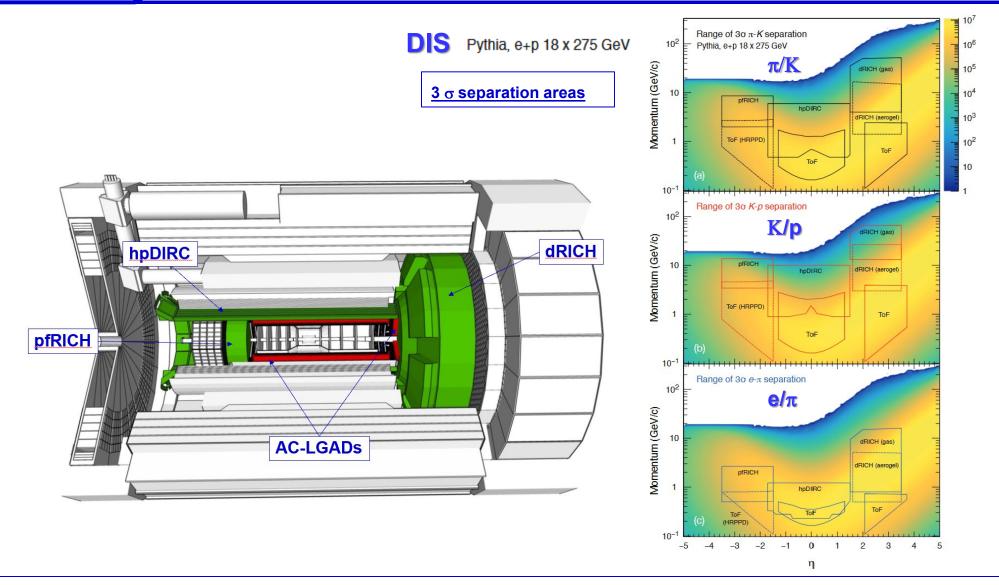


The different physics channels require  $\pi$  contamination in the electron sample down to 10<sup>-4</sup>





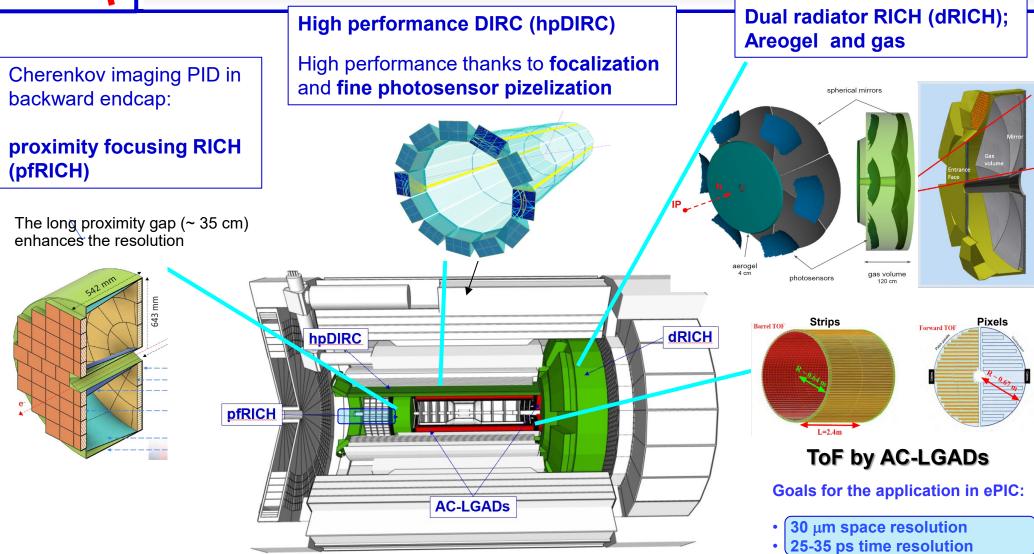
## PID IN ePIC CD







# PID IN ePIC CD





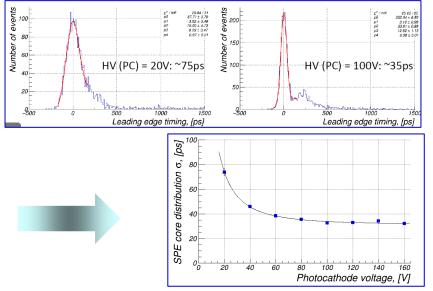


# PHOTOSENSORS for CHERENKOV PID IN ePIC

# For pfRICH (option for hpDIRC) : **HRPPDs by INCOM**

 $\rightarrow$  large-size (12 x 12 cm<sup>2</sup>) MCP-PMTs, pixelized





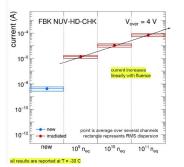
### For dRICH : SiPMs at -30°C

#### $\rightarrow$ Robust R&D for the validation

Studies of radiation damage on SiPM

Repeated irradiation/ annealing cycles

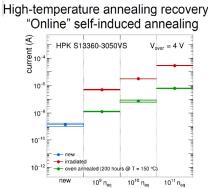
1<sup>st</sup> cycle 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle



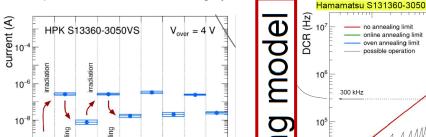
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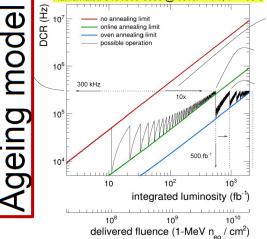




 $\bigcirc$  Vover = 4 V T = -30 C



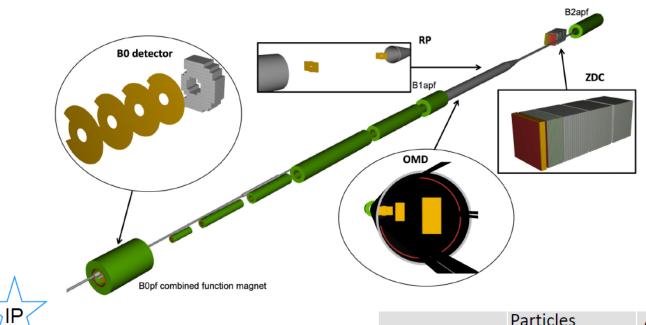
4<sup>th</sup> cycle



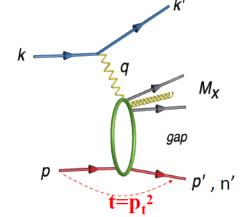




# FAR FORWARD DETECTORS



Exclusive /diffractive reactions driving the design of FF area -> reconstruction of particles outside of the central detector acceptance

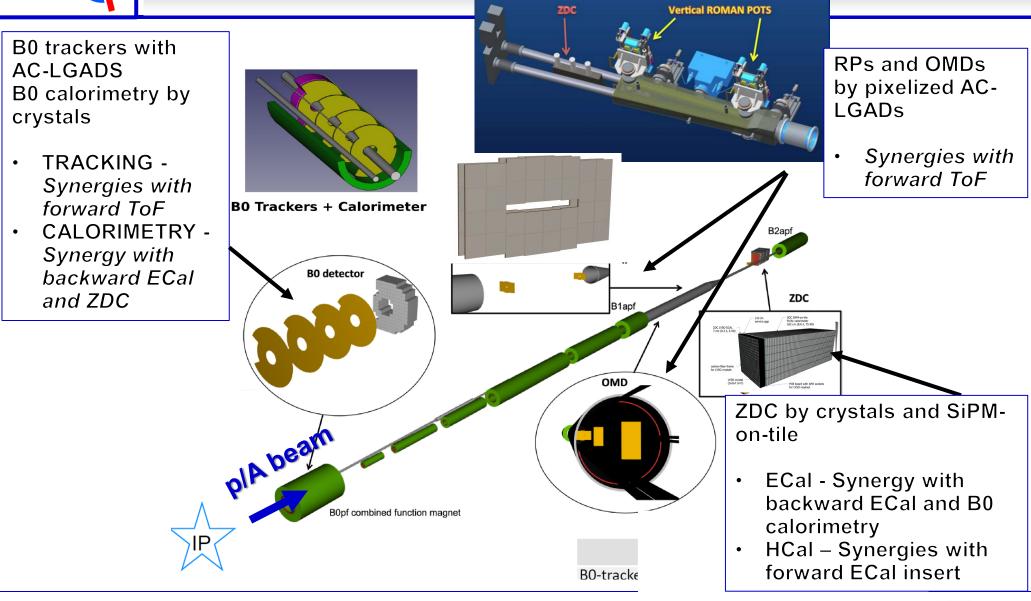


✓ protons at wide range of  $p_T^2$ ✓ protons with different rigidity ✓ neutrons and photons

|              | Particles                              | Angle [mrad] |                | Distance from IP |
|--------------|--|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| B0-tracker   | Charged particles<br>Photons ( tagged) | 5.5 - 20     |                | ca 6-7 m         |
| Off-momentum | Charged particles                      | 0-5.0        | 0.4< xL< 0.65  | ca 23-25 m       |
| Roman Pots   | Protons<br>Light nuclei                | 0*-5.0       | 0.6 < xL< 0.95 | ca 27-30 m       |
| ZDC          | Neutrons<br>Photons                    | 0-4.0 (5.5)  |                | ca 35 m          |



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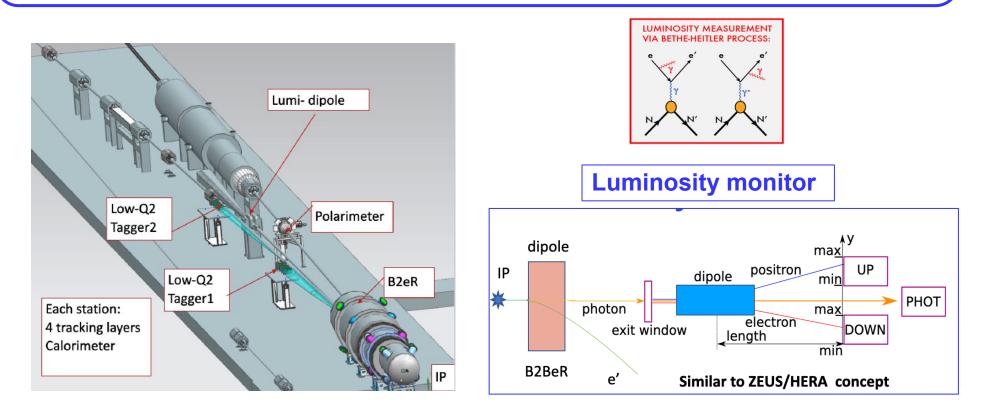


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- > This area is designed to provide coverage for the low-Q<sup>2</sup> events (photoproduction,  $Q^2 < \sim 1 GeV^2$ ). Need to measure a scattered electron position/angle and energy
- > And luminosity detector (ep -> e'p $\gamma$  bremsstrahlung photons)

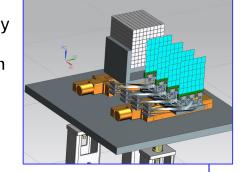




# THE ePIC FAR BACKWARD DETECTORS

Low Q2 taggers

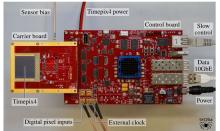
- High rate capability
- Fine tracking pixelization



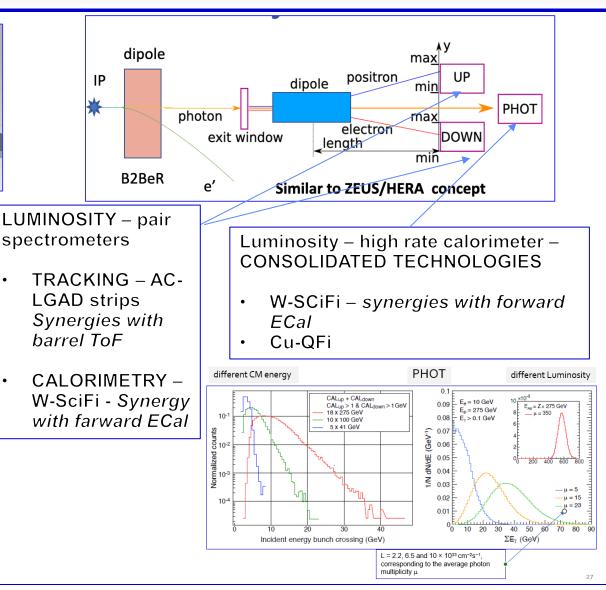
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- Tracking Timepix4 Hybrid (ASIC+Si tracker) - FRONTIER APPLICATION
- Calorimetry SciFi's
- Timepix4 wide experience accumulated with the different timepix versions



**CALORIMETRY** - Synergy with forward **ECal** 

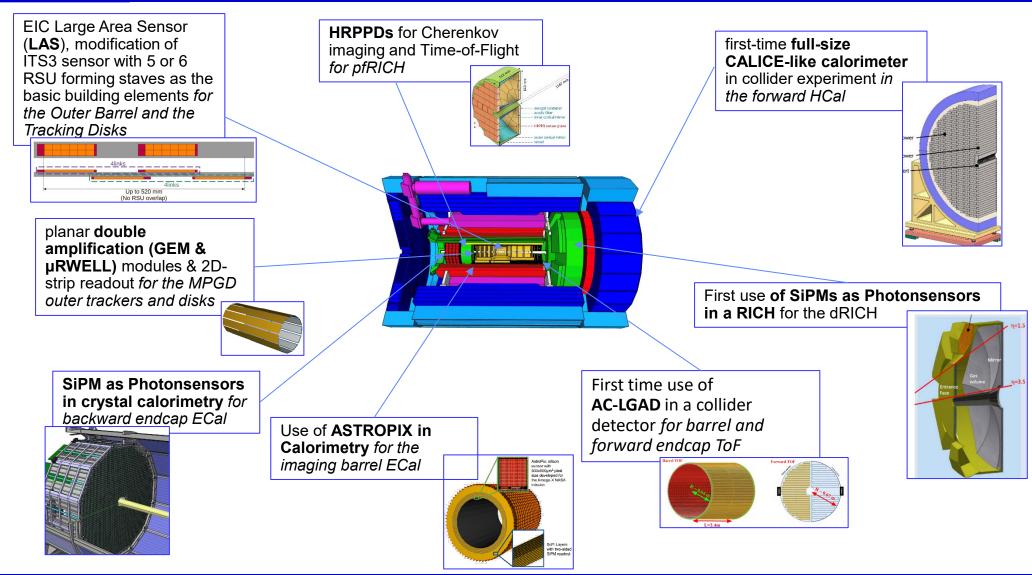


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## TECHNOLOGIES: WORLD FIRST AT ePIC



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The EIC is a unique project, the word only one approved for the ultimate understanding of **Q**CD

Most likely, the only novel high energy collider in the next 15-20 years

- The EIC project is approved and progressing according to schedule
- The ePIC Collaboration for the project detector ePIC is working and highly committed
  - The ePIC detector design is dictated by the physics scope
  - A number of established and novel technologies needed to match this scope
- Exciting perspectives in front of us designing, building, operating ePIC and progressing in physics with our detector





# THANK YOU





# **ePIC DETECTOR CHALLENGES**

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- Small β\*
  - → quads near to IP
  - → 9.5 m to host the central detector
- Asymmetry beam energies
  - → Asymmetric detector design
- Far detectors highly integrated with the storage rings
- Synchrotron radiation background
  - ightarrow solenoid axis aligned with e beam
  - $\rightarrow$  p/ion beams follow a helical path in the CD solenoid
- Other physical backgrounds
   → beam-gas scattering
- Crab crossing
  - → Vertex smearing to be removed with timing information fast timing in the range ~30 40 ps
- Bunch crossing rate and crossing time
  - $\rightarrow$  Up to a bunch crossing every 10 ns
  - $\rightarrow$  The whole bunch crossing takes ~ 3 ns

| -40 $-20$ $0$ $20$ $40$ $z$ (m) | Offendence generations<br>Offendence generations<br>Offend | Q1<br>B0pF<br>B0AF<br>B0AF<br>D1ApF<br>Q1B1pF<br>Q2pF<br>DF |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| 9.5m                            | 9.5m   |   |

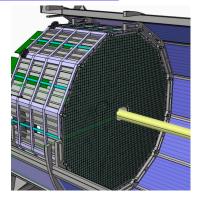
Detector

Q1BpF 01ApR

| rates in kHz         | 5x41 GeV    | 5x100 GeV   | 10x100 GeV  | 10x275 GeV  | 18x275 GeV | Vacuum   |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| Total 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 |
|                      | 131.1kHz    | 236.4kHz    | 342.8kHz    | 350.3kHz    | 241.8kHz   | 100Ahr   |
| electron beam gas    | 2181.97 kHz | 2826.38 kHz | 3177.25 kHz | 3177.25 kHz | 316.94 kHz | 10000Ahr |
| DIS eA               | kHz         | kHz         | kHz         | 1           | 1          |          |
| hadron beam (Au) gas | 7.36kHz     | 10.3kHz     | 10.3kHz     | 1           | 1          | 10000Ahr |
|                      | 79.1kHz     | 110.7kHz    | 110.7kHz    | 1           | 1          | 100Ahr   |

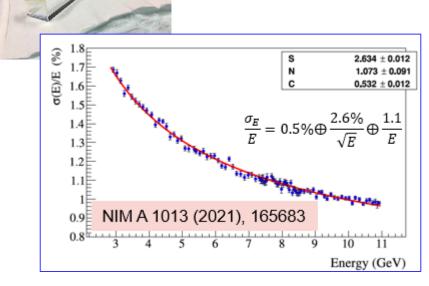




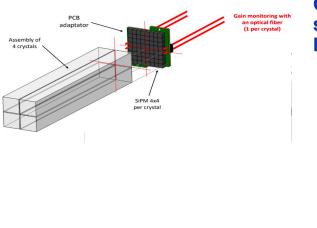


#### ECal in backward endcap: PbWO<sub>4</sub>

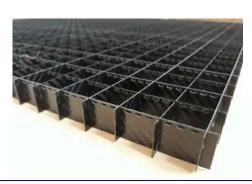
- Consolidated technology
- Finest energy resolution
   Now challenge: preserve
  - New challenge: preserving the resolution with SiPMs
- Fine granularity



#### Readout coupling

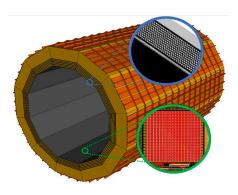


#### C-fiber structure to hold crystals



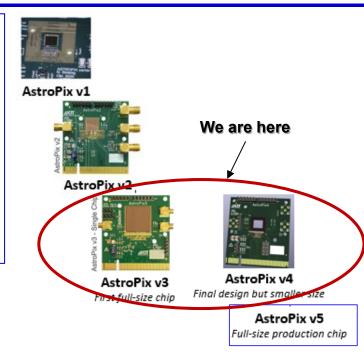




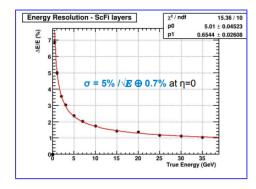


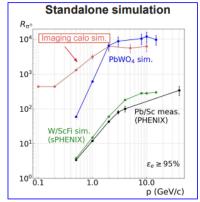
#### ECal in the barrel: hybrid architecture

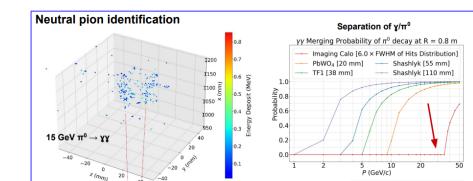
- Internal layers: imaging
  - SENSOR : Astropix (derived from ATLASpix3, design for NASA AMEGO-X mission)
  - New: active interposing layers
- External and interposing layers:
  - **Pb/Sci** (validated: KLOE, GlueX, ...)



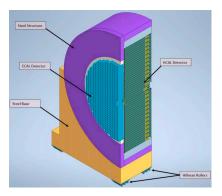
## Performance based on simulations

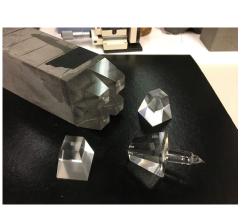








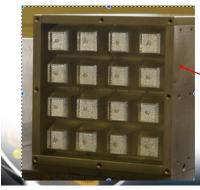




#### ECal in forward endcap: W/SciFi

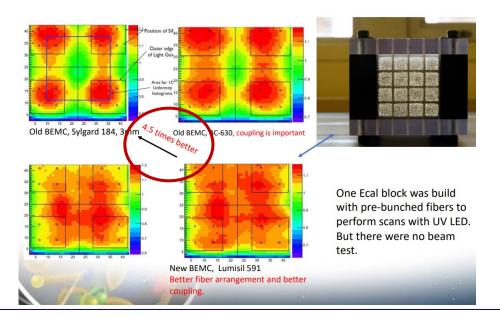
- Pioneered by UCLA
  - sPHENIX EMCal: 25k towers
- Good resolution
- High granularity for  $\pi^0$
- e/h~1 for jets
  - → ideal to operate in duet with the forward endcap HCal

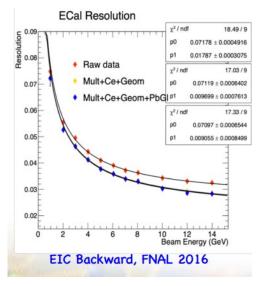




Optimization of light collection: BEMC Super

BEMC Superblocks, UV LED Map

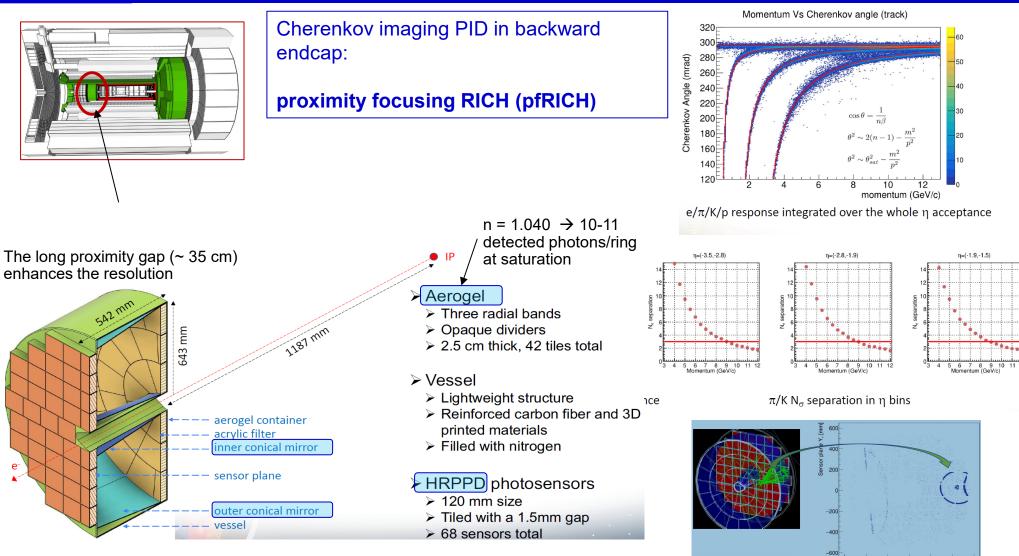








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-400

-600

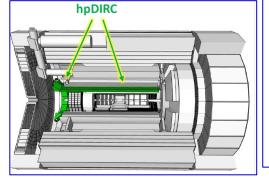


200 400 600 Sensor plane X. (mm



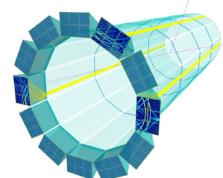
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Cherenkov imaging PID in the barrel:

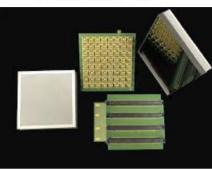


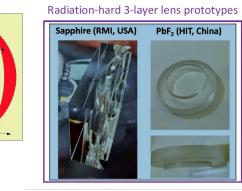
High performance DIRC (hpDIRC)

High performance thanks to focalization and fine photosensor pizelization



Photek MAPMT 253

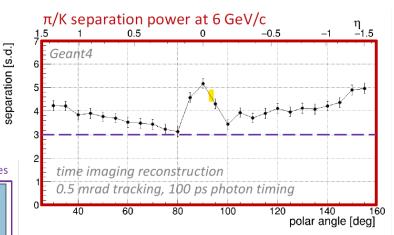




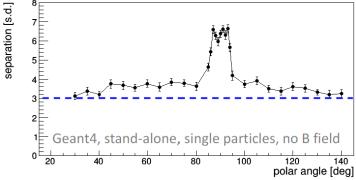
A further option: HRPPDs

LaK33B







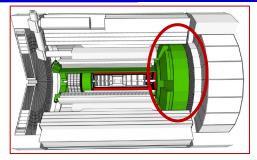


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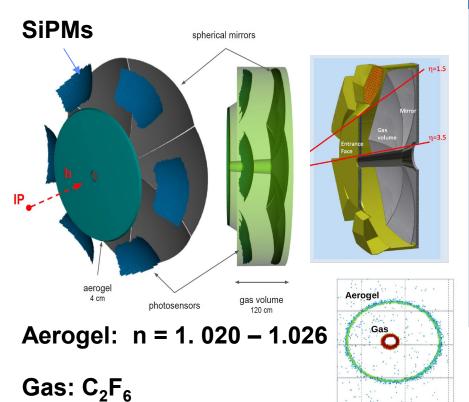


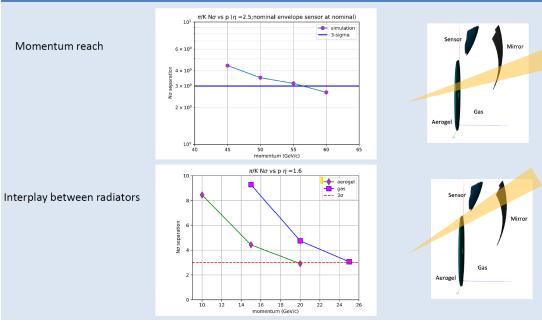
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Cherenkov imaging PID in the forward endcap:

#### **Dual radiator RICH (dRICH)**





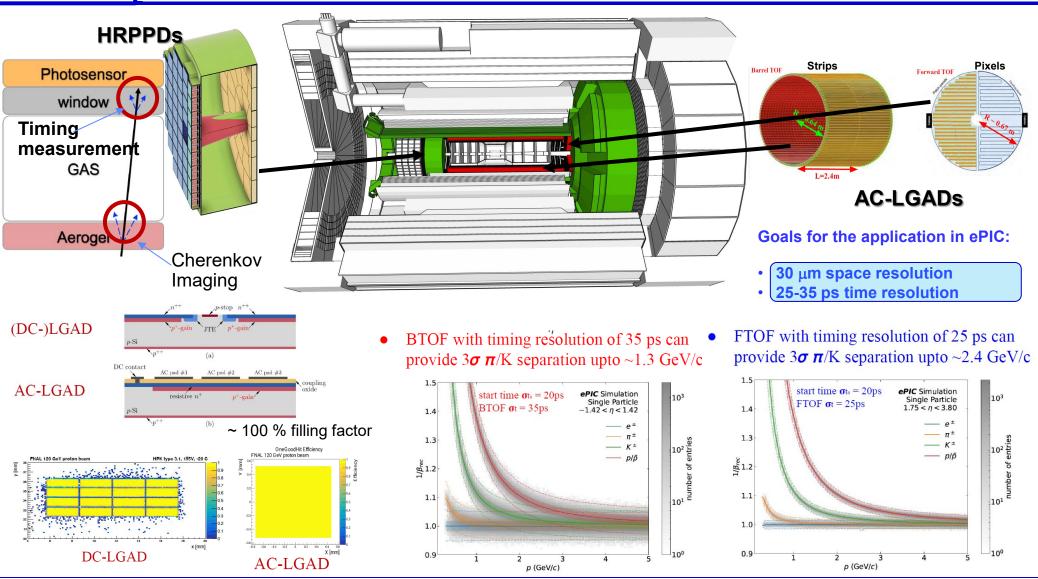
dRICH Simulation: Momentum reach

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## ToF PID IN ePIC CD



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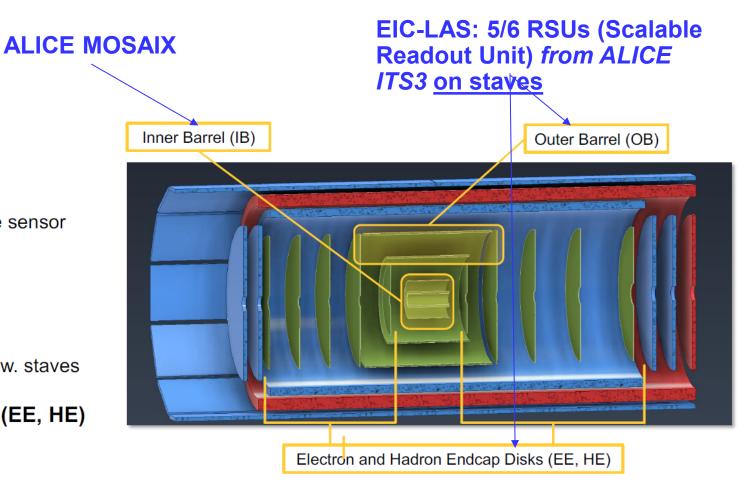
# Si TRACKING IN ePIC CD

#### • Inner Barrel (IB)

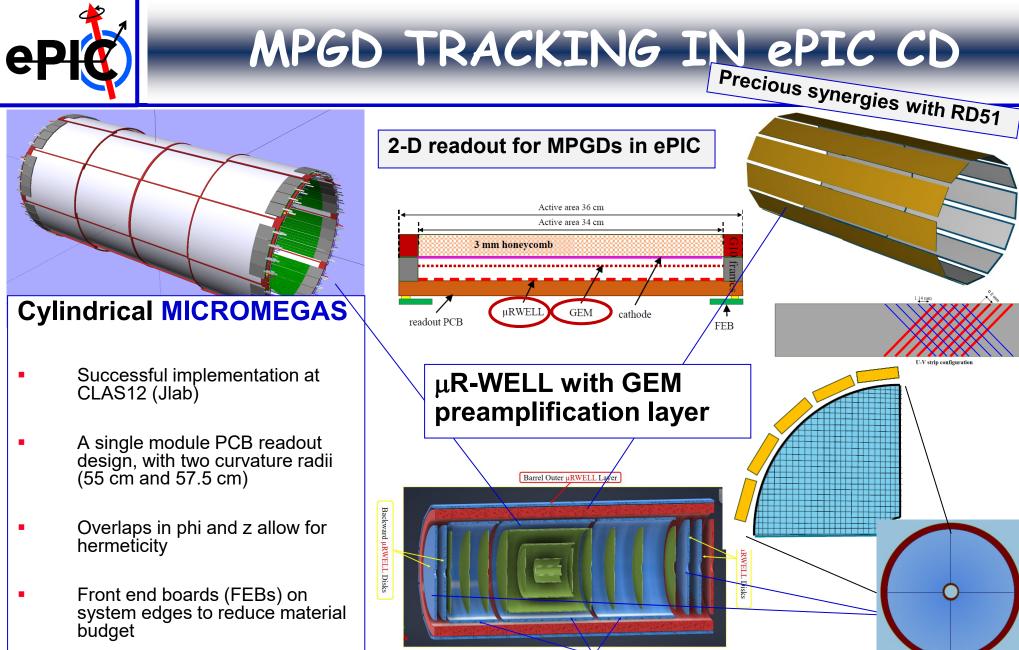
- Three layers, L0, L1, L2,
- Radii of 36, 41, 120 mm
- Length of 27 cm
- X/X<sub>0</sub> ~ 0.05% per layer
- Curved, thinned, wafer-scale sensor

#### • Outer Barrel (OB)

- Two layers, L3, L4
- Radii of 27 and 42 cm
- X/X $_0$  ~0.25% and ~0.55%
- · More conventional structure w. staves
- Electron/Hadron Endcaps (EE, HE)
  - Two arrays with five disks
  - X/X<sub>0</sub> ~0.25% per disk
  - More conventional structure



• Lengths for L2—L4 increase so as to project back to z = 0; disk radii adjust accordingly



Inner Cyl Micromegas Barrel Layer CyMBaL