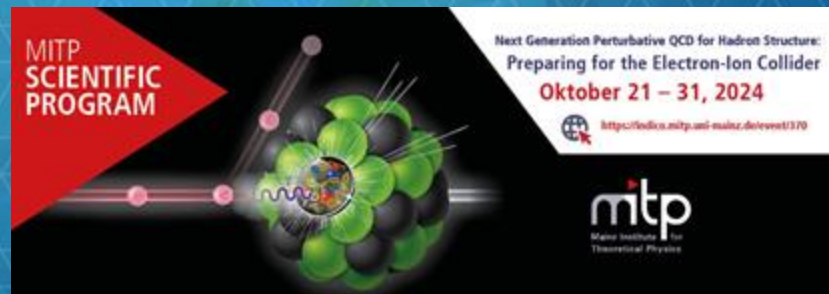


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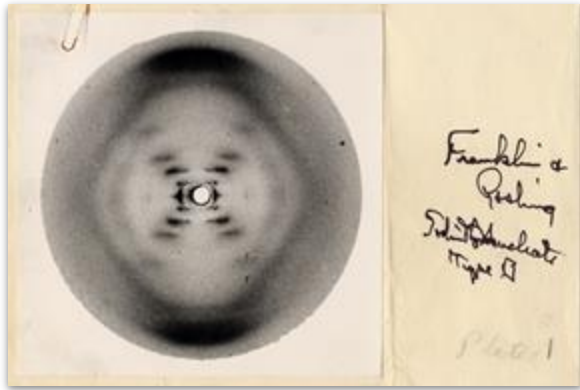
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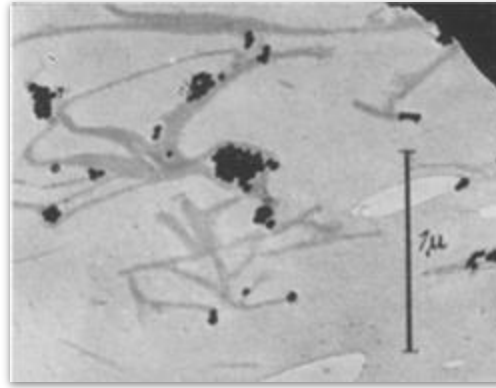
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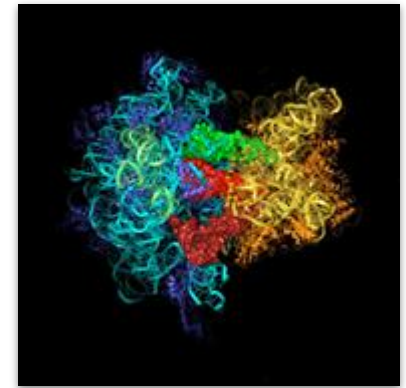




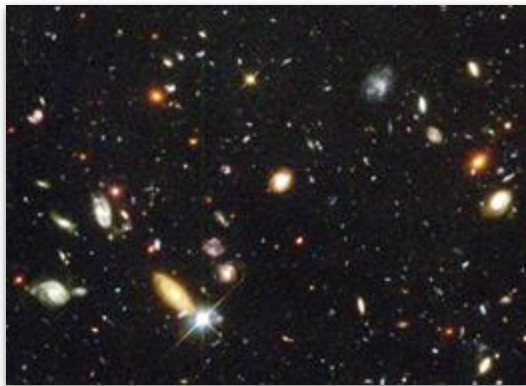
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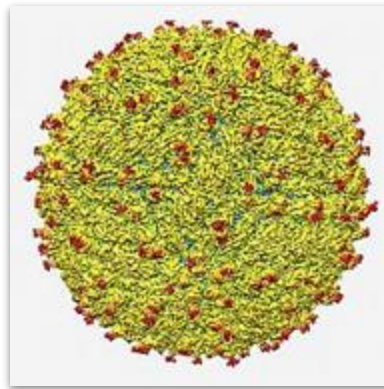
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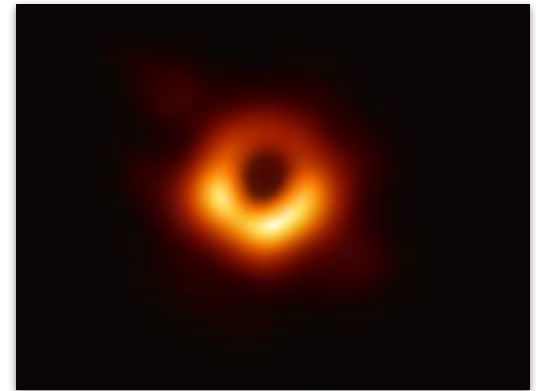
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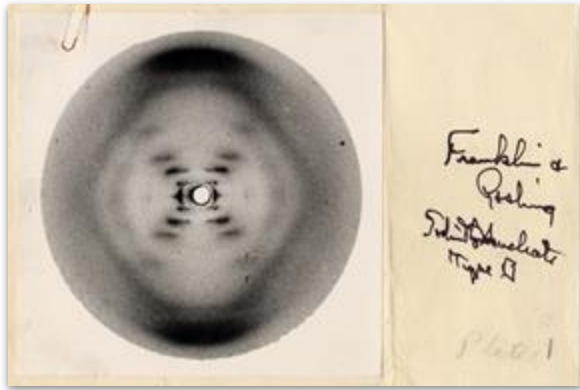
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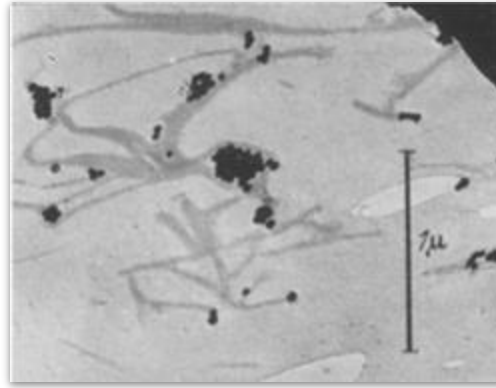
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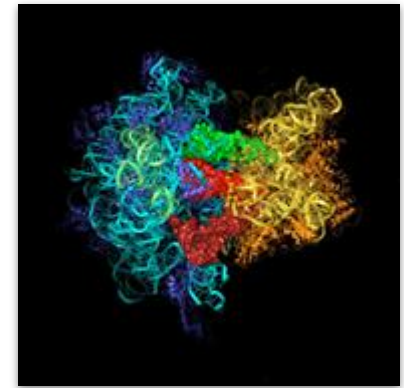
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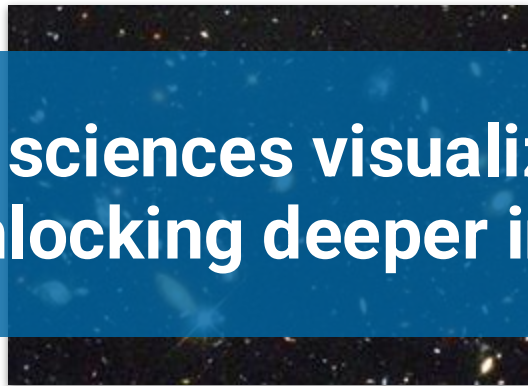


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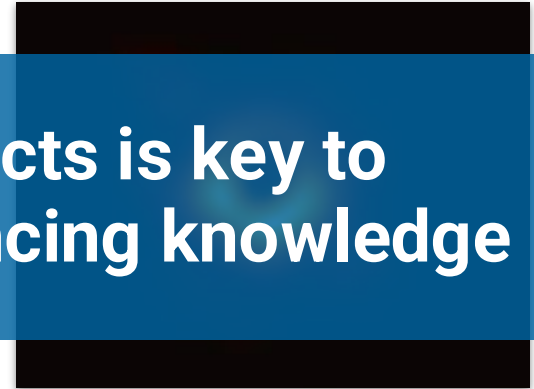
**In sciences visualizing complex objects is key to
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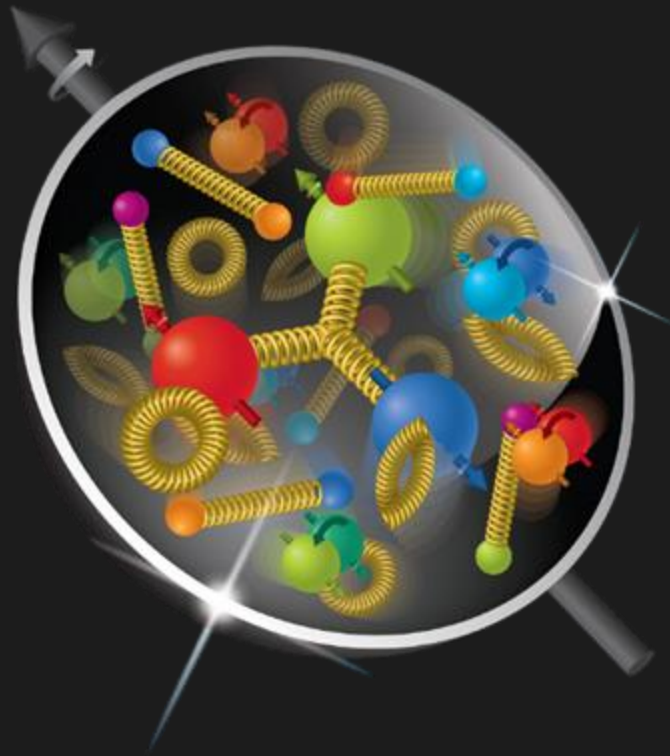


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The Electron-Ion Collider

The EIC Physics Quest



The EIC will uncover the hidden structure of protons and nuclei in 3D with precision offering new insights into the fundamental fabric of matter

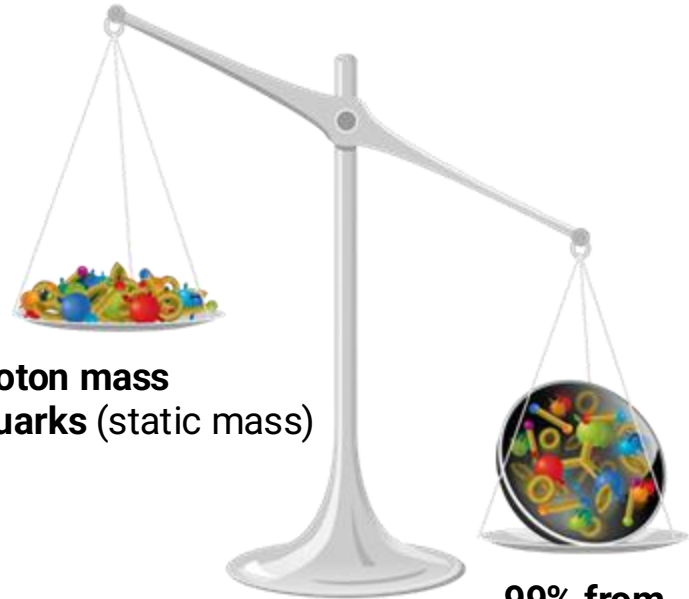
Understanding the Glue that Binds Us All

The EIC Physics Quest

- How do the **nucleon properties like mass and spin emerge** from their partonic structure?
- How are the **sea quarks and gluons, and their spins, distributed in space and momentum** inside the nucleon?



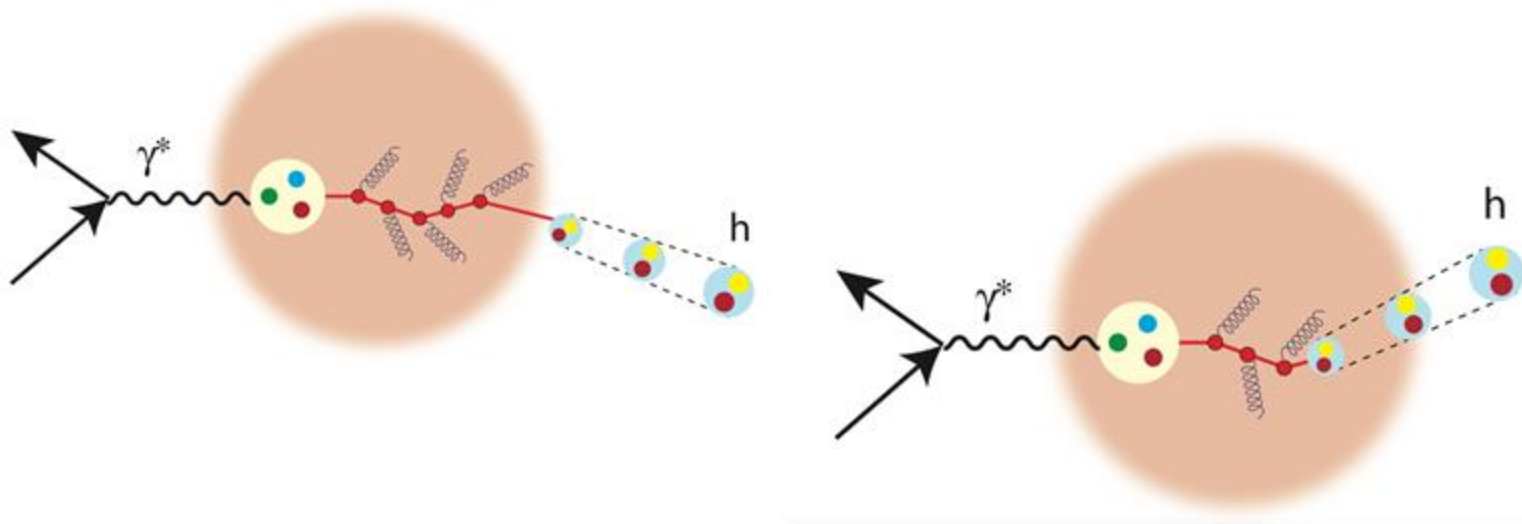
**<1% proton mass
from quarks (static mass)**



**99% from
interactions**

The EIC Physics Quest

- In what manner do color-charged quarks and gluons, along with colorless jets, interact with the nuclear medium?
- What is the mechanism through which quark-gluon interactions give rise to nuclear binding?



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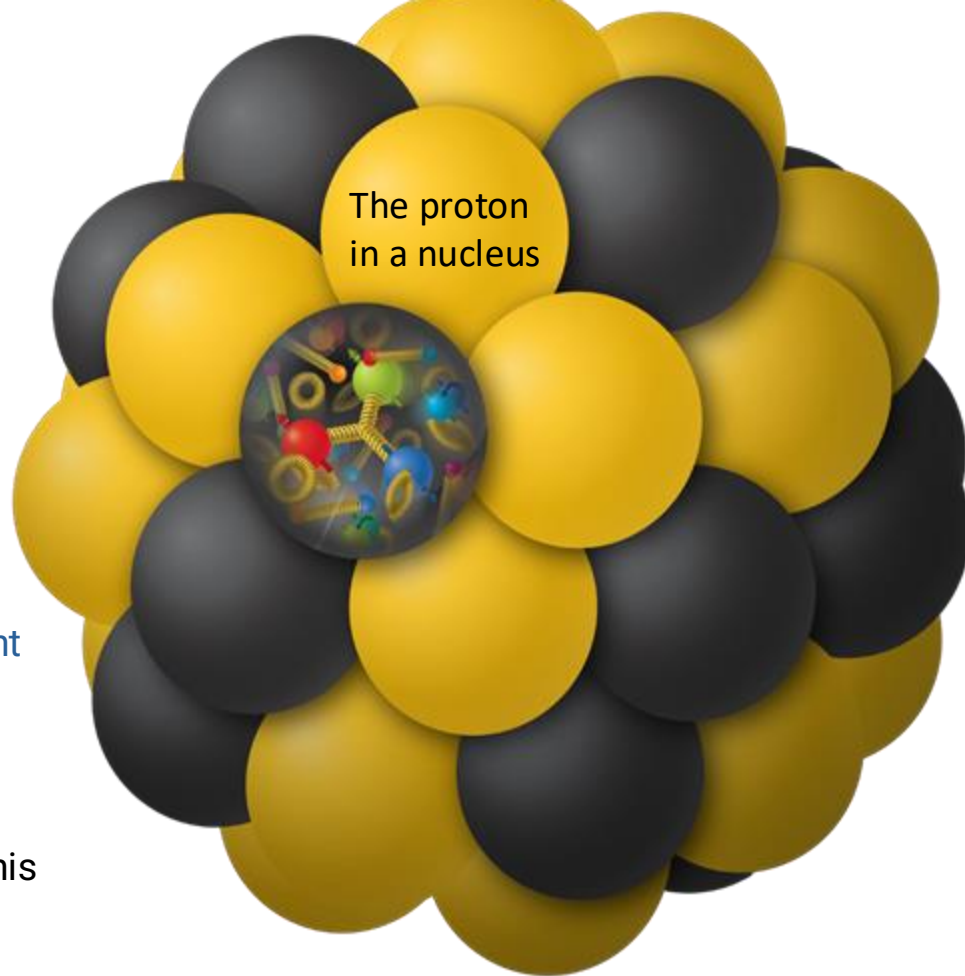
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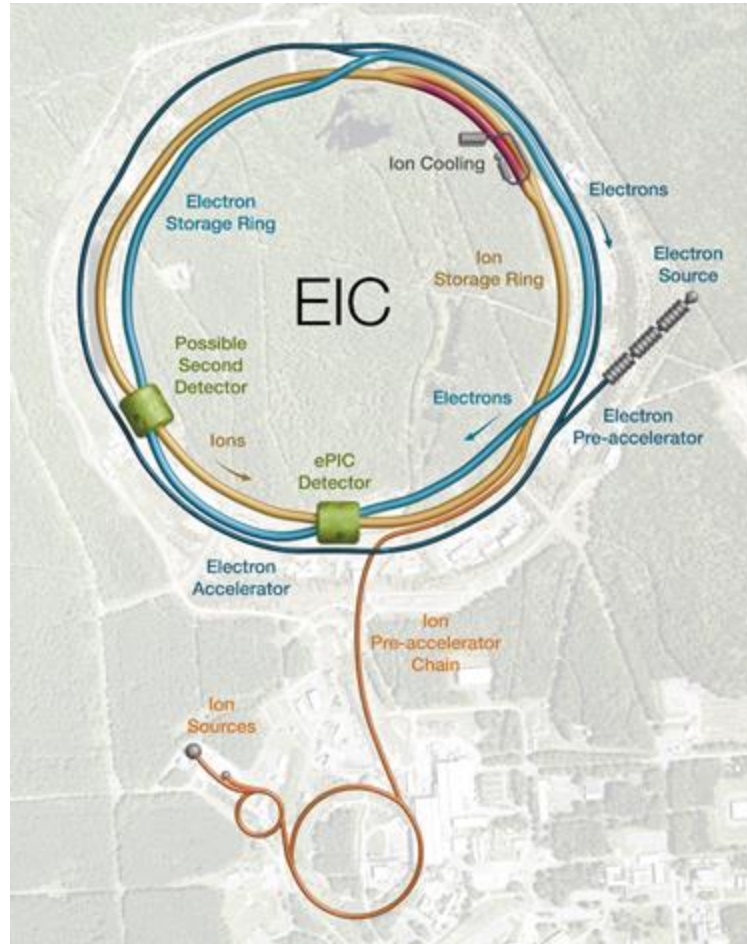


- How does a **high-density nuclear environment** affect the interactions, correlations, and behaviors of quarks and gluons?
- Is there a **saturation point** for the density of gluons in nuclei at high energies, and does this lead to the **formation of gluonic matter** with universal properties across all nuclei?



The EIC Facility

- The **only collider project anticipated in the near term**, ensuring cutting-edge exploration for years to come
- **Breakthrough precision:** Delivers luminosities 100 to 1000 times greater than HERA
- Explore QCD landscape over **large range of Q^2 and quark/gluon density ($1/x$)**



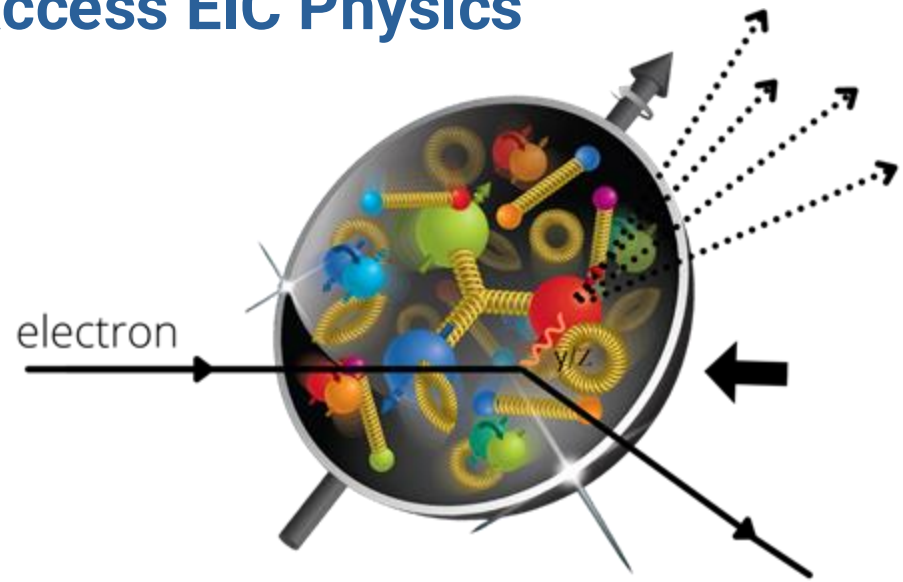
- **Spin-controlled collisions:** Both electrons and protons/light nuclei can be polarized, enabling unique spin-related studies
- Handles **nuclear beams** from light nuclei like deuterium up to heavy ions such as U
- Equipped with a **cutting-edge detector**, designed for high-precision data collection across a broad range of physics experiments

Experimental Processes to Access EIC Physics

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

Golden process to probe nucleons and nuclei with electrons, having no internal structure, providing the unmatched precision of electromagnetic interactions

- Access to **partonic kinematics** through scattered lepton on event level
- **Initial and final state** effects can be cleanly disentangled

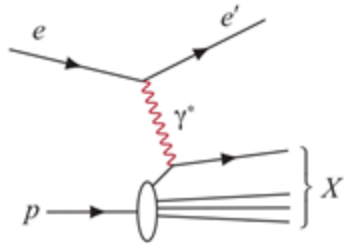


$$Q^2 = s \cdot x \cdot y$$

Q^2 - virtuality of the photon
 s - center-of-mass energy squared
 x - momentum fraction
 y - inelasticity

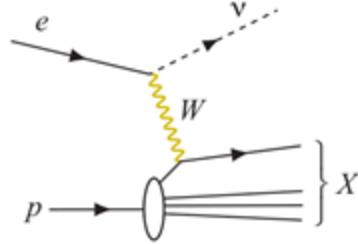
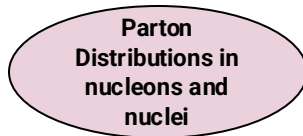
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DIS event kinematics - **scattered electron** or **final state particles** (CC DIS, low y)



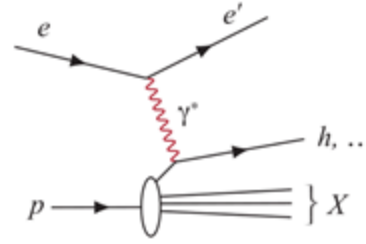
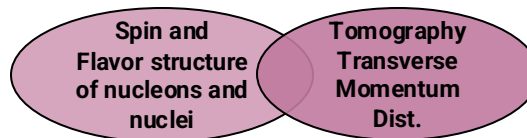
Neutral Current DIS

- Detection of **scattered electron** with high precision - event kinematics



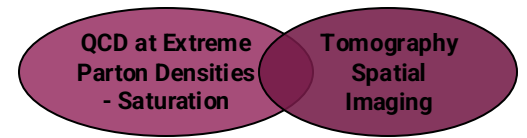
Charged Current DIS

- Event kinematics from the **final state particles** (Jacquet-Blondel method)



Semi-Inclusive DIS

- Precise detection of **scattered electron** in coincidence with at **least 1 hadron**



Deep Exclusive Processes

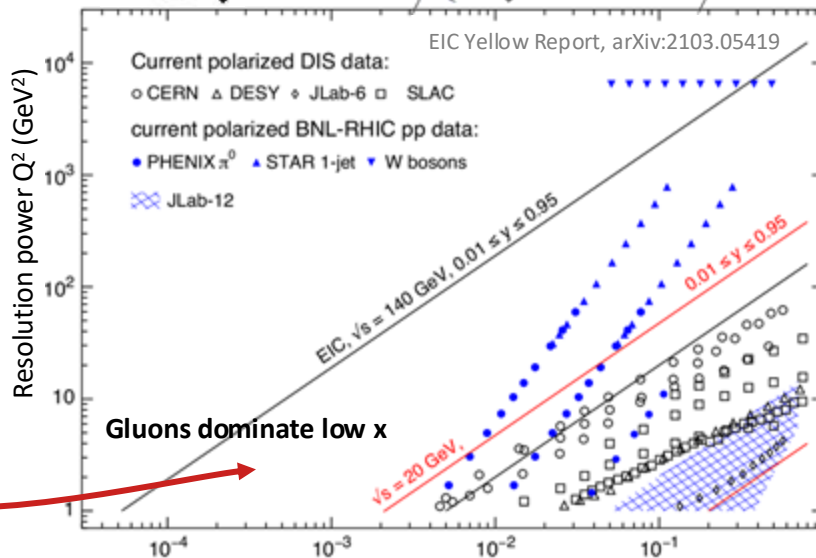
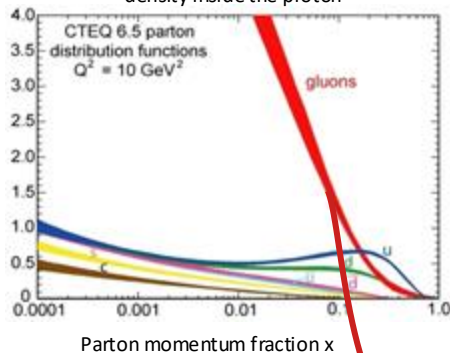
- Detection of **all particles** in event

Probing Uncharted Territory

Unprecedented Access to Nucleon and Nucleus Structure



Quarks and gluons momentum fraction times their density inside the proton



Gluons dominate low x

Parton momentum fraction x
Larger center of mass energy

Larger center of mass energy and luminosity



Experimental Realizations and Challenges

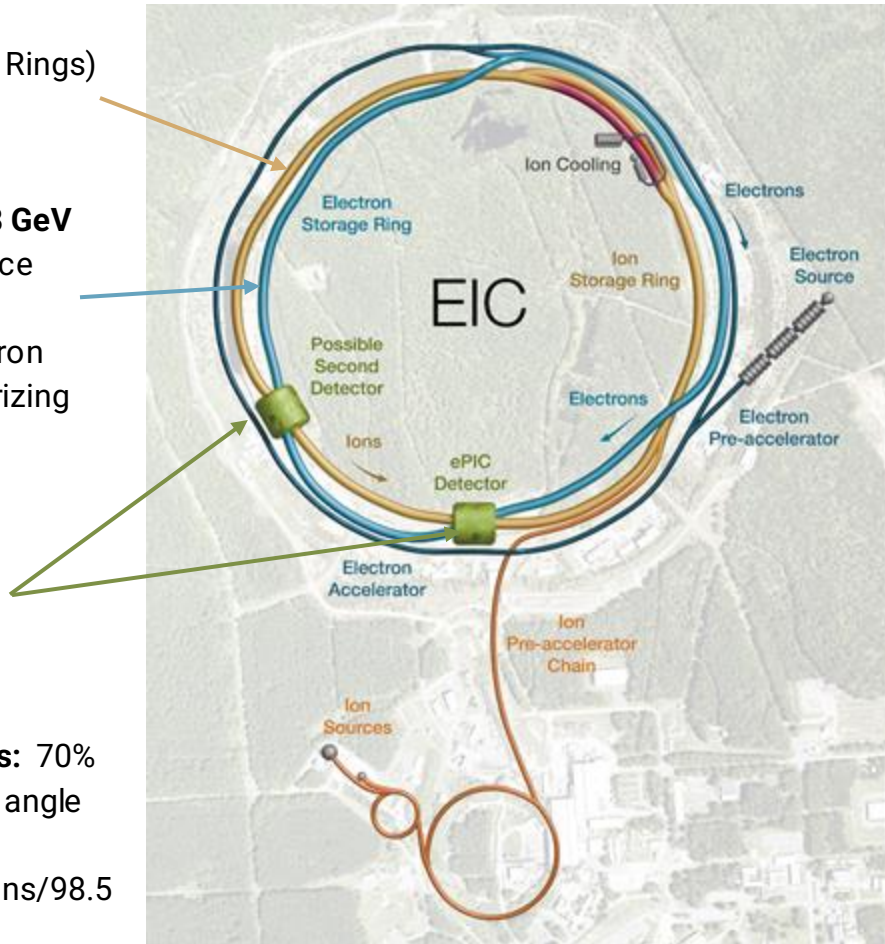
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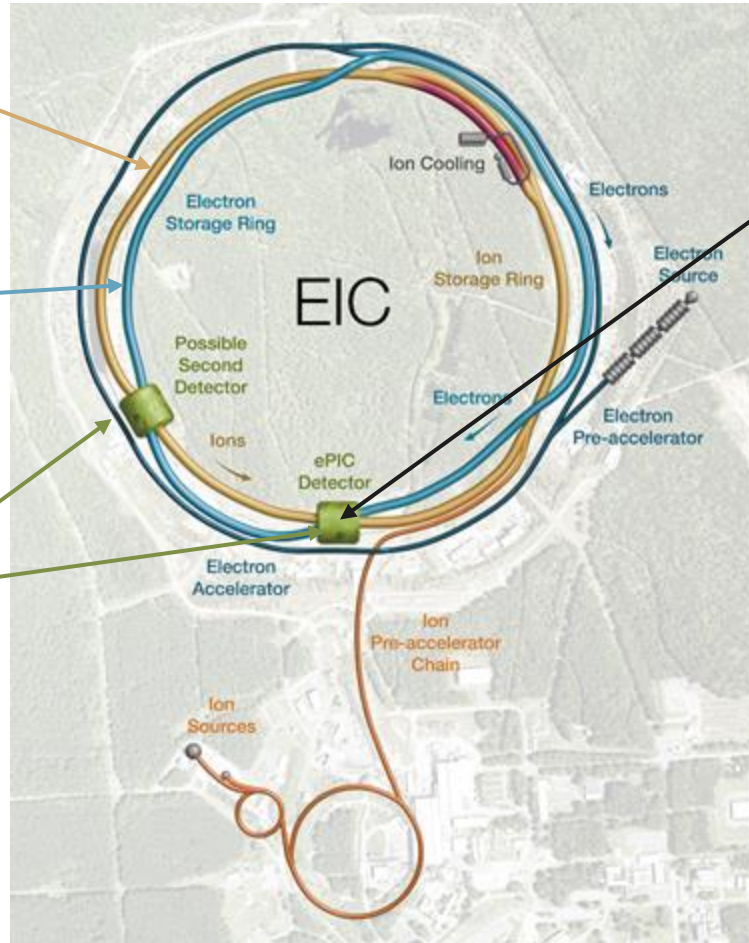
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Detector located at 6 o'clock of the EIC Ring

The **ePIC Collaboration** formed in July 2022 is dedicating to the realization of the project detector

- 177 Institutions, 26 countries, 4 world's region
- Currently: > 850 collaborators (from 2024 survey)

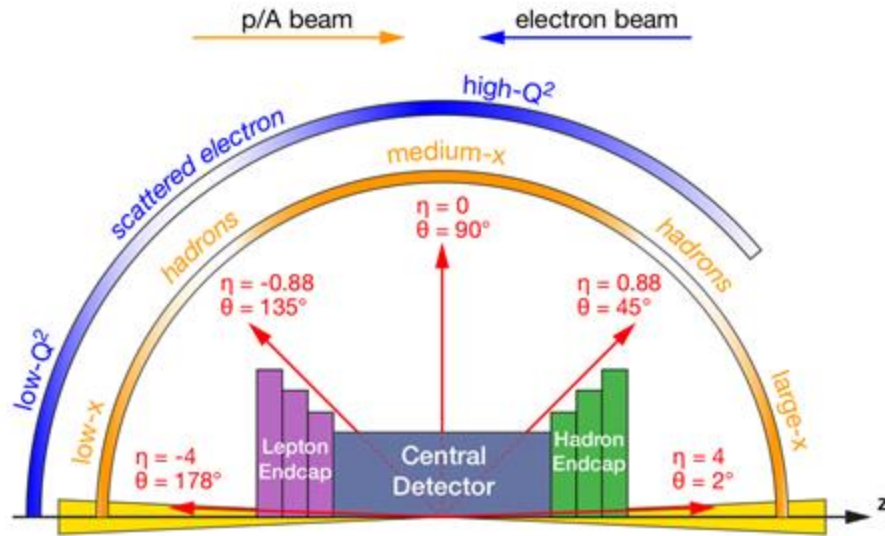
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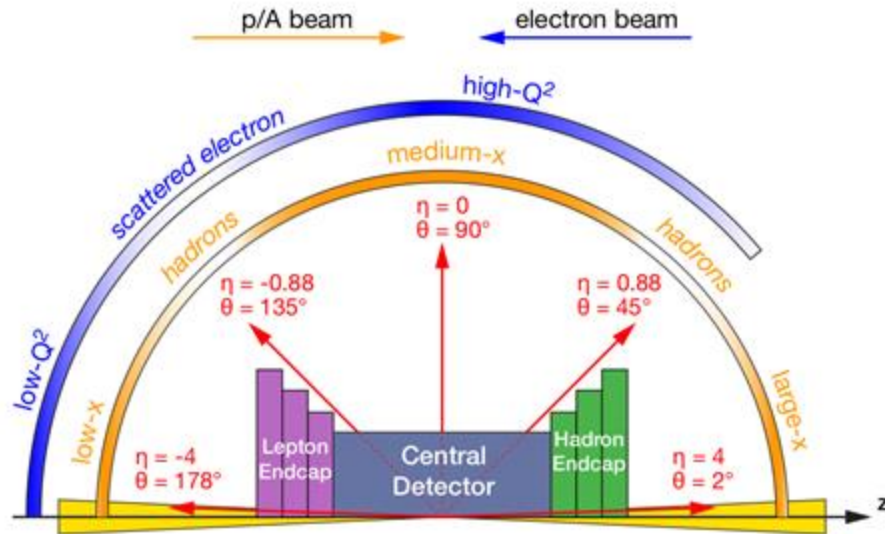
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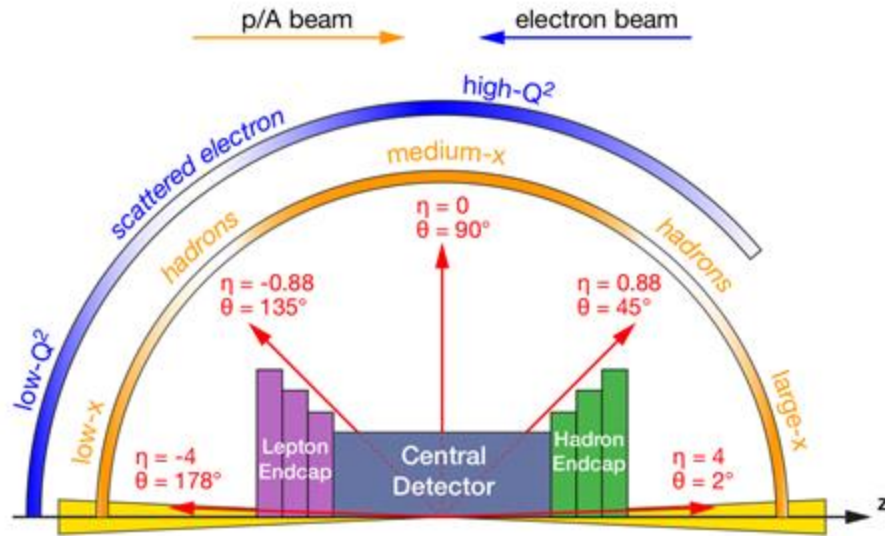
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Far-forward: particle from
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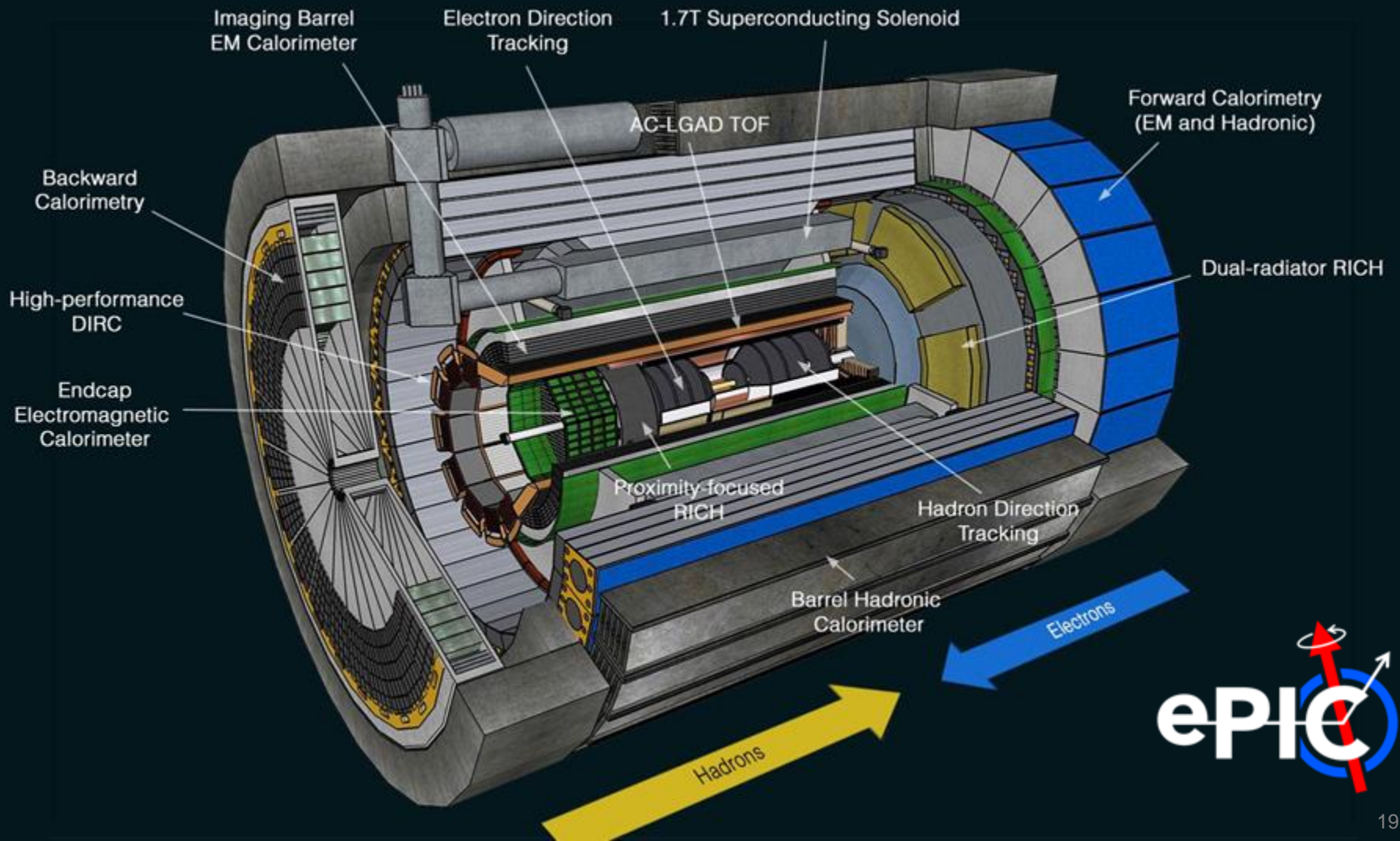
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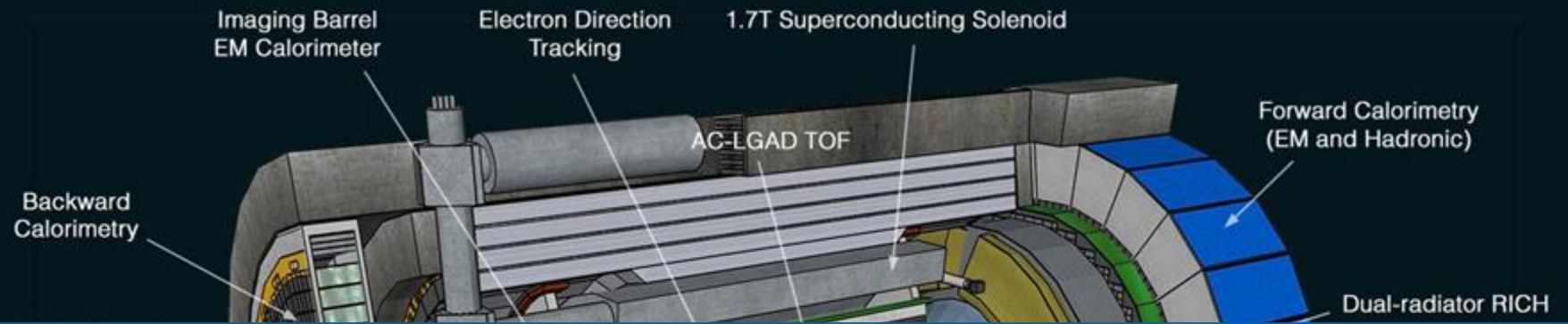
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Imaging science program with large ion species range: protons-U

- Exclusive processes: + Specialized detectors **integrated in the Interaction Region over 80m**



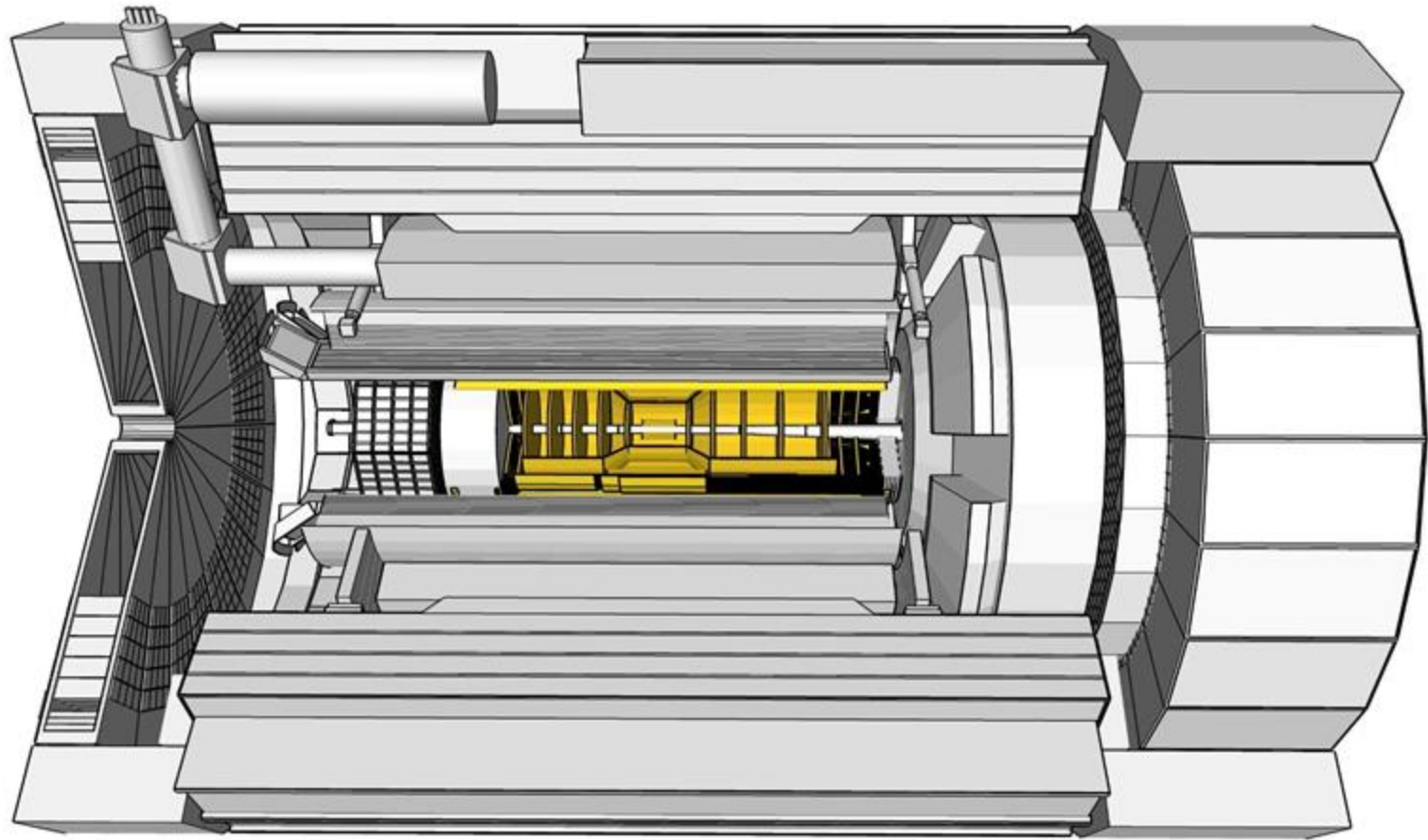


- **Development** of cutting-edge technologies to build a state-of-art experiment
- **25 different subsystems** including polarimetry!
- **Streaming readout and AI:** highest scientific flexibility
- Many “**world’s first in ePIC**” technology used

Details on exact detector subsystems in backup slides, next slides cover high-level detector requirements for physics



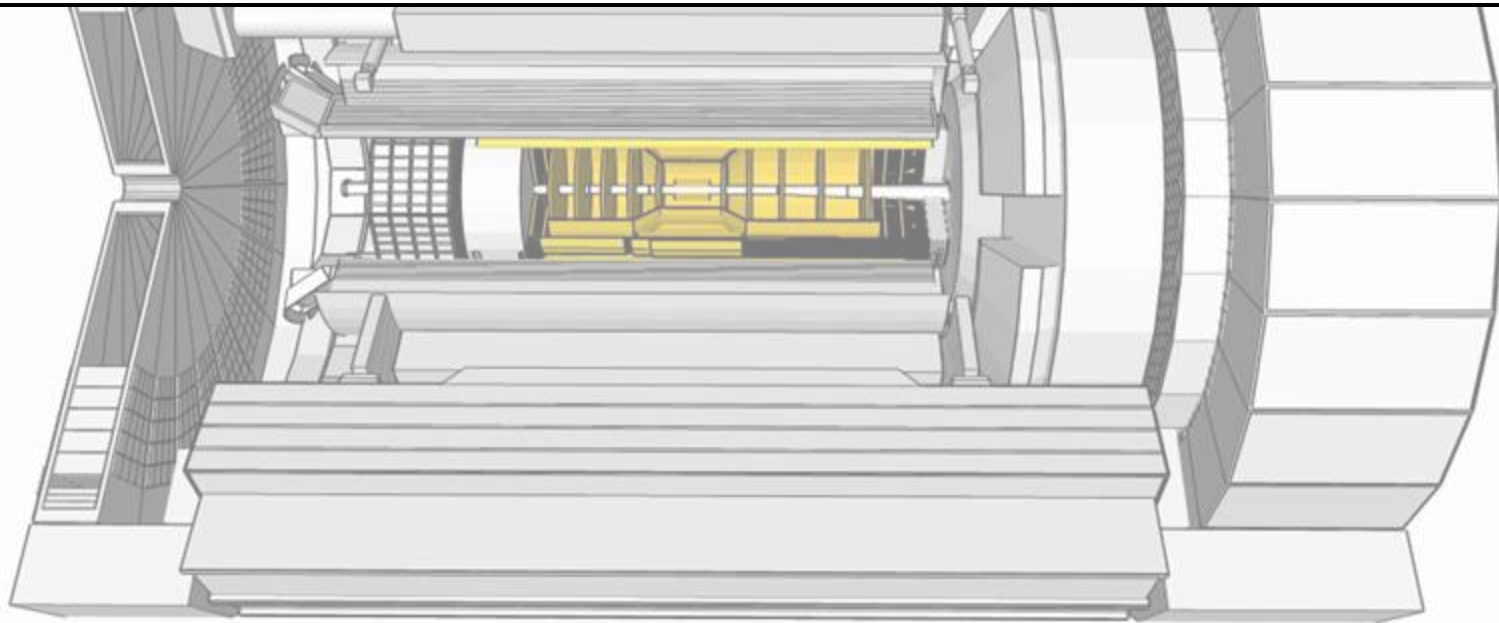
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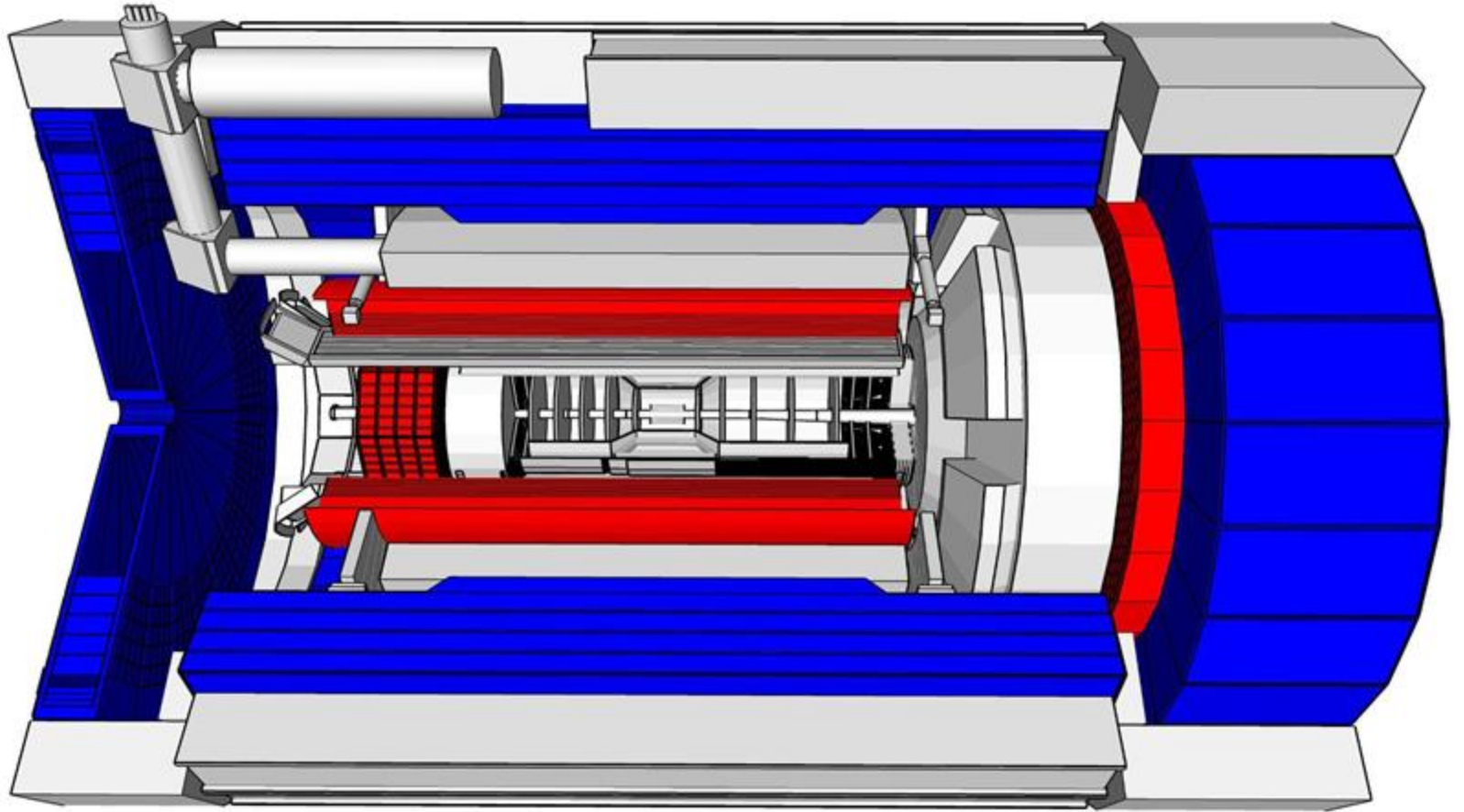
Tracking

Challenges: High precision low mass tracking, fine p_T and vertexing resolution (e.g., fundamental for DIS kinematics, exclusivity definition, SIDIS binning in p_T , ...)

- High spatial-resolution and efficiency and large-area coverage (8 m² of Silicon Vertex Detector):
 - High pixel granularity
 - Very low material budget constraints also at large η (challenge for services)



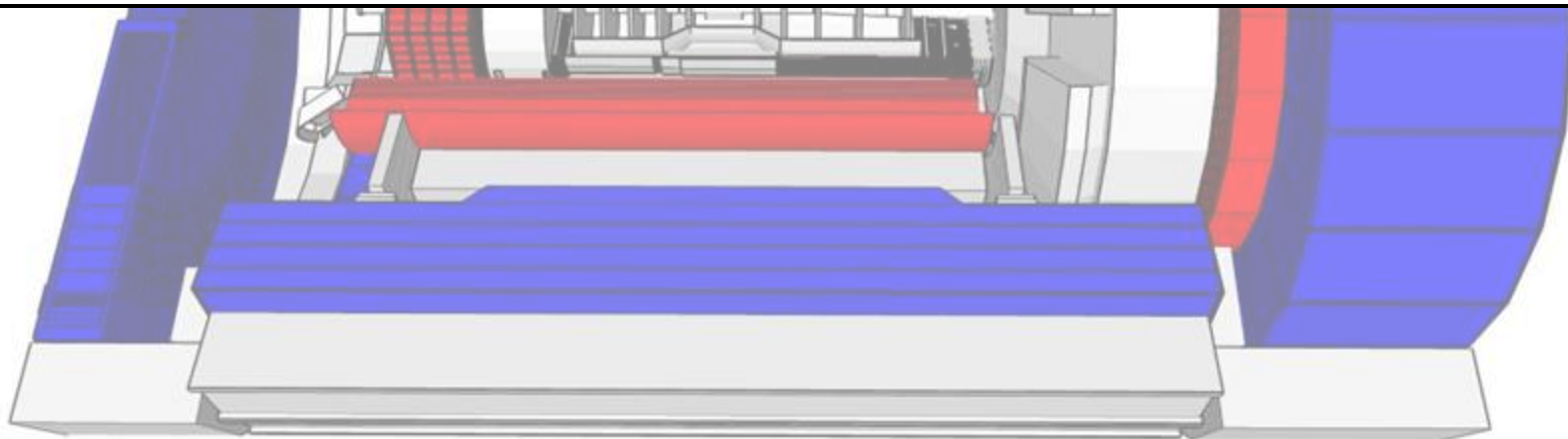
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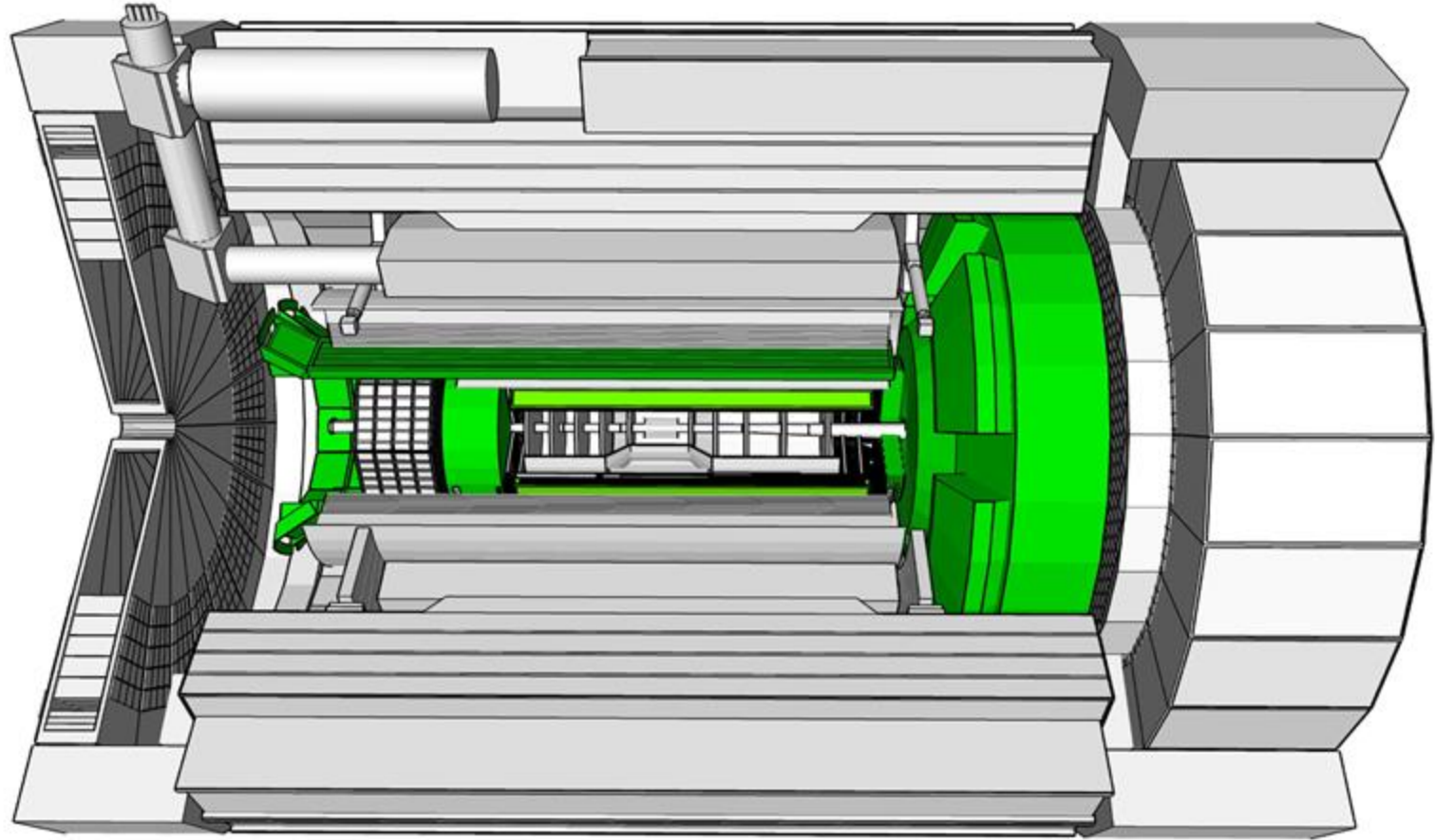
Calorimetry

Challenges:

- Detect the **scattered electron** and **separate them from π** (up to 10^{-4} suppression factor in backward and barrel ECal)
- Improve the electron **momentum resolution at backward rapidities** ($2-3\% / \sqrt{E} \oplus (1-2)\%$ for backward ECal)
 - e.g., DIS, SIDIS, ...
- Provide **spatial resolution of two photons sufficient to identify decays $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$** at high energies from ECal
 - e.g., Exclusive processes: DVCS, ...
- Contain the **highly energetic hadronic final state and separate clusters** in a dense hadronic environment in Forward ECal and HCal
 - e.g., TMD studies with jets, kinematics definition for CC DIS, low y , ...



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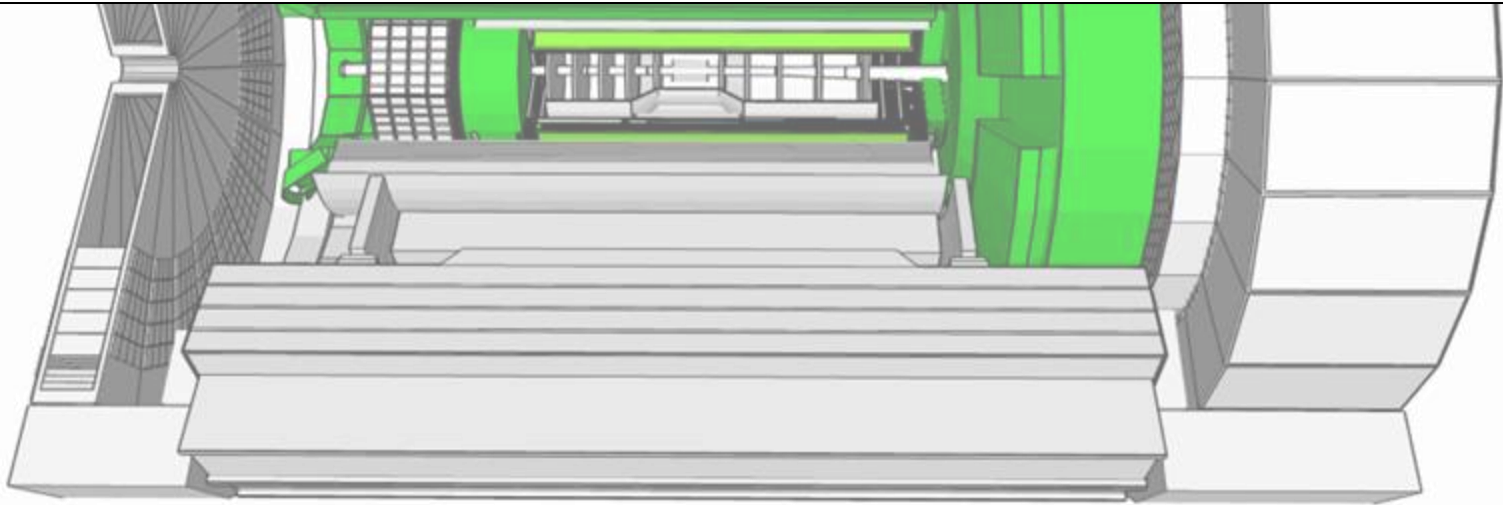


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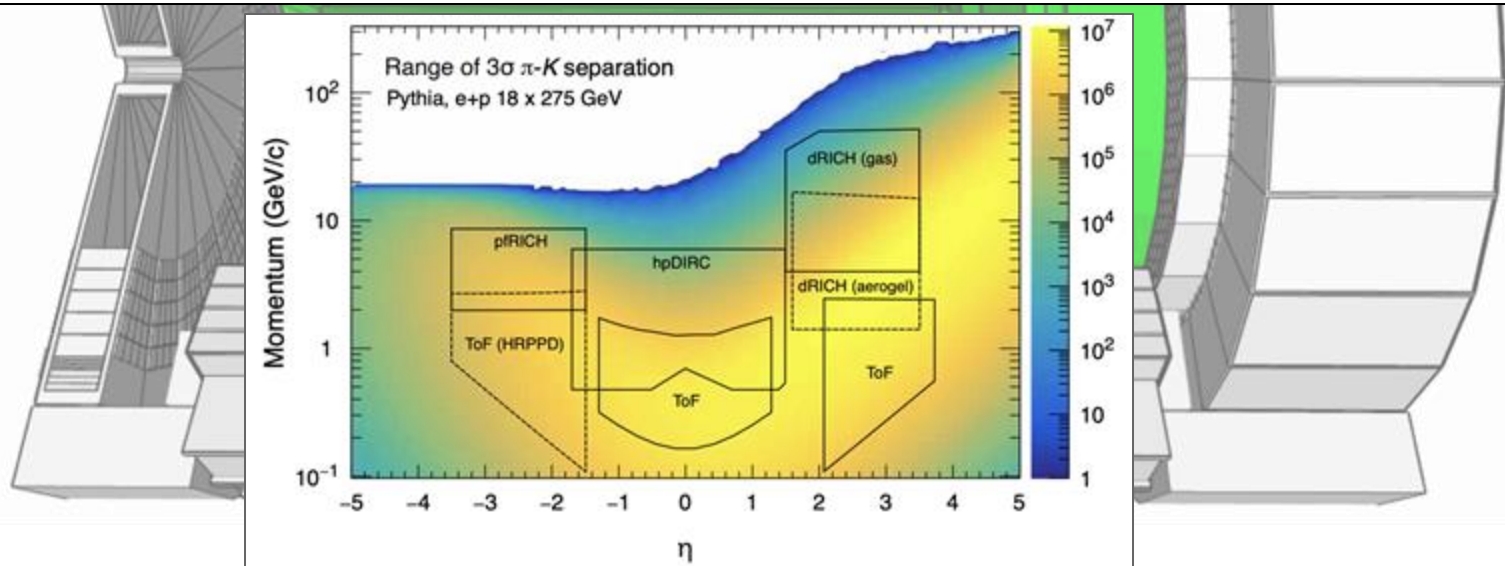


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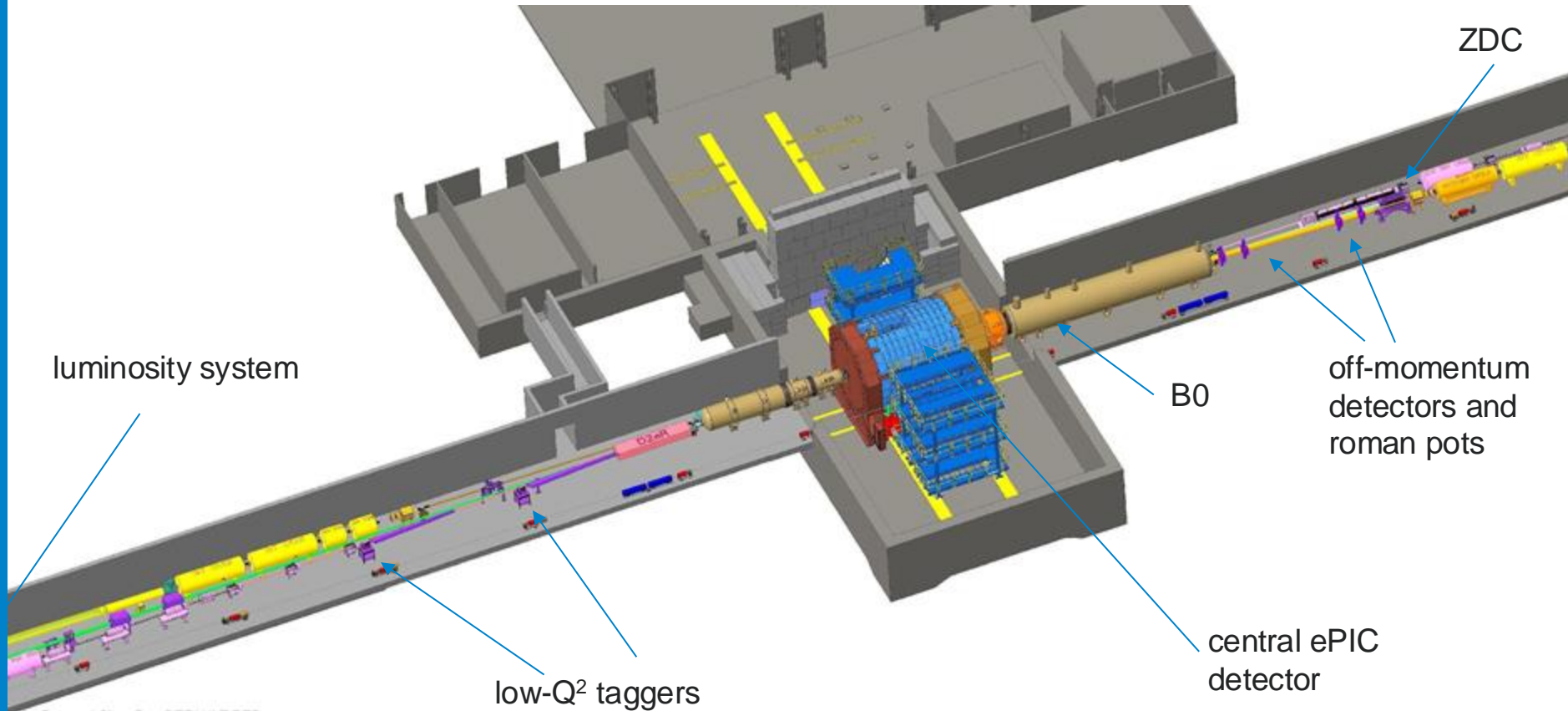
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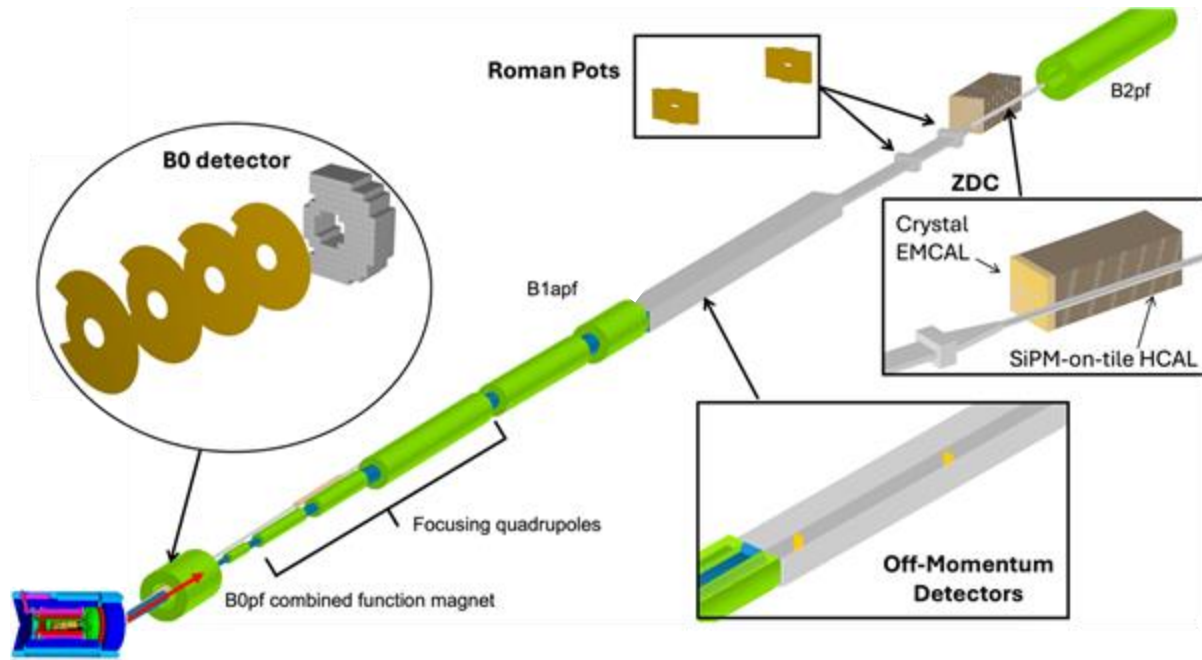
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ePIC is more than 80 m long...



Far-Forward Detectors



Challenge:

The extended detector's array required to enable primary physics objectives: Detect particles from nuclear breakup and exclusive processes

Subsystems:

- **B0 detector:** Full reconstruction of charged particles and photons
- **Off-momentum detectors:** Reconstruction of charged spectators from breakup of light nuclei
- **Roman pot detectors:** Charged particles near the beam
- **Zero-degree calorimeter:** Neutral particles at small angles

Detector	Acceptance
Zero-Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)	$\theta < 5.5 \text{ mrad } (\eta > 6)$
Roman Pots (2 stations)	$0.0 < \theta < 5.0 \text{ mrad } (\eta > 6)$
Off-Momentum Detectors (2 stations)	$\theta < 5.0 \text{ mrad } (\eta > 6)$
B0 Detector	$5.5 < \theta < 20.0 \text{ mrad } (4.6 < \eta < 5.9)$

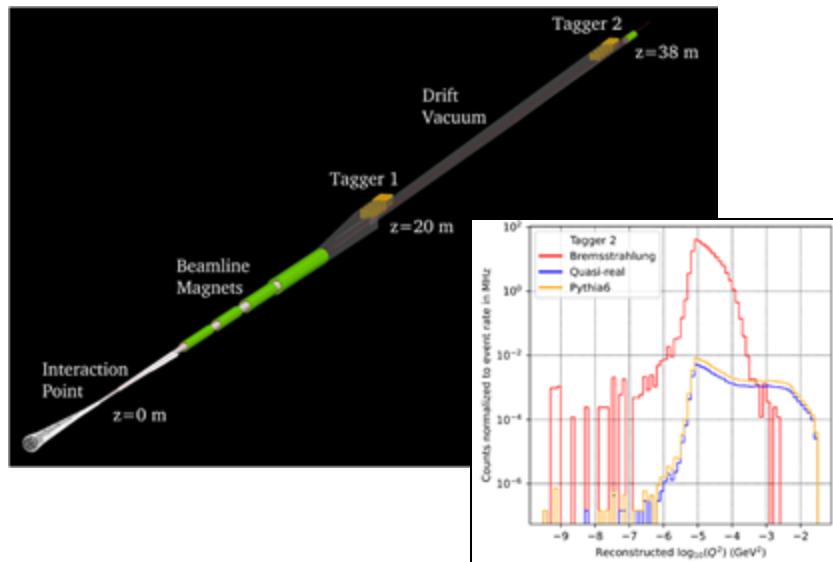
Far-Backward Detectors

Low- Q^2 tagger

Challenge: Allow quasi real ($Q \ll 1$) physics with electron detection in very forward rapidity

- high, non-uniform Bremsstrahlung background

Pixel-based trackers (Timepix4), with rate capability of > 10 tracks per bunch and calorimeters for calibration



Luminosity Spectrometer

Challenge: Precise luminosity determination ($< 1\%$)

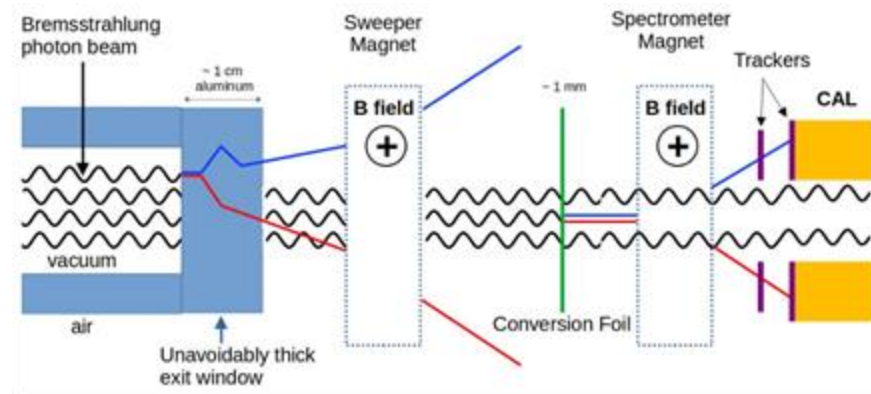
From Bremsstrahlung processes

$$e+p \rightarrow e \gamma p$$

$$e+Au \rightarrow e \gamma Au$$

AC-LGAD and Scintillating

Fiber 23X $_0$ ECal

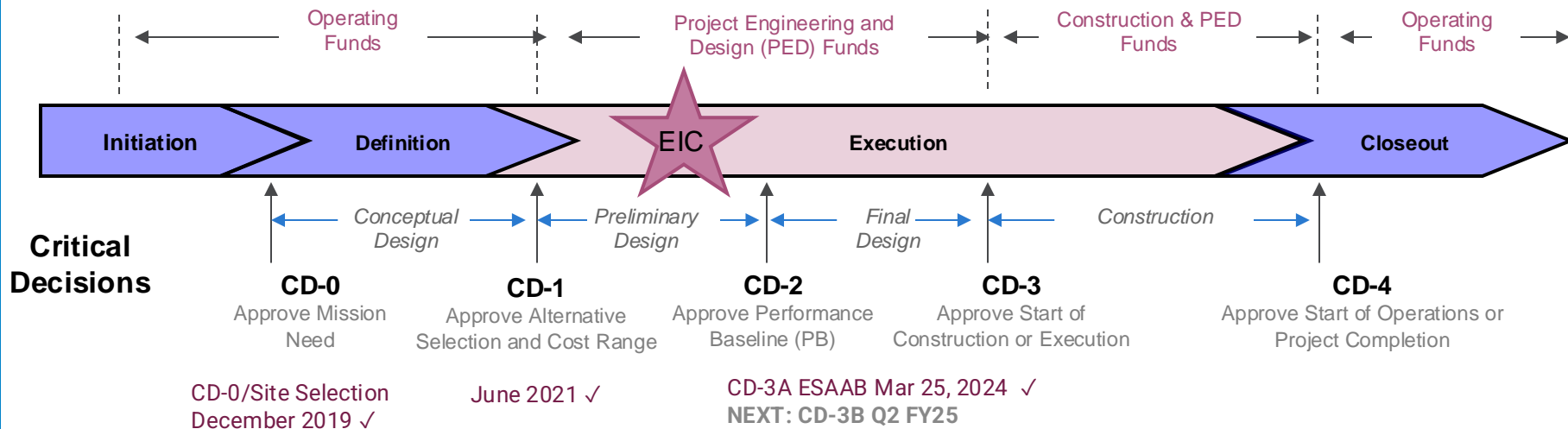


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Schedule

Critical Decisions and Where to Find Them





Longitudinal Spin Structure - Experimental Overview

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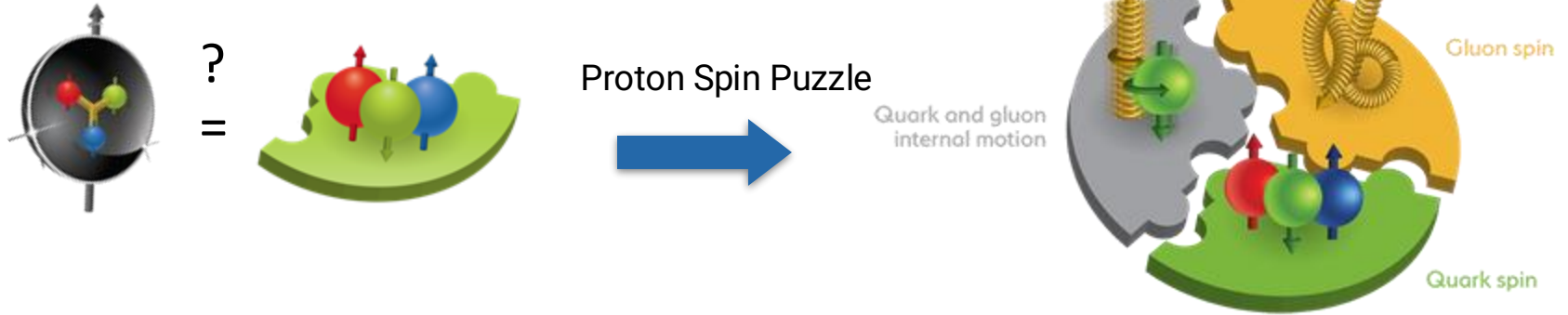


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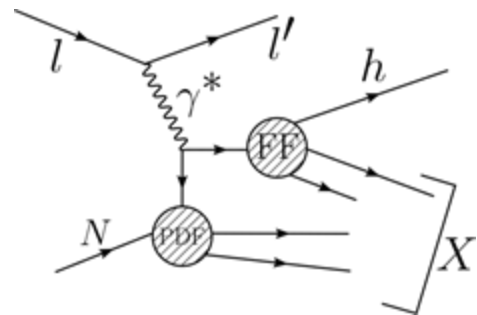


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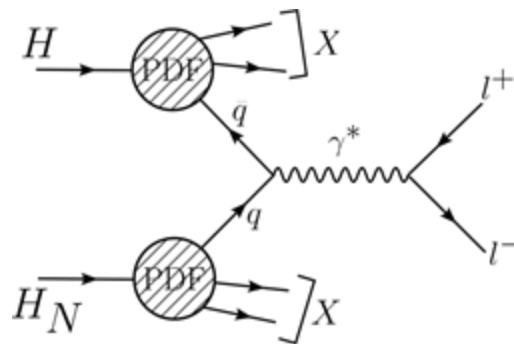
We now know that **quarks, gluons, and their motion** all contribute, but the full picture remains elusive

Complementary Experimental Probes

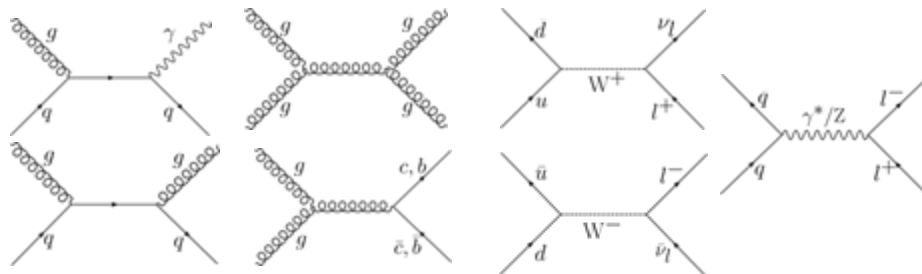
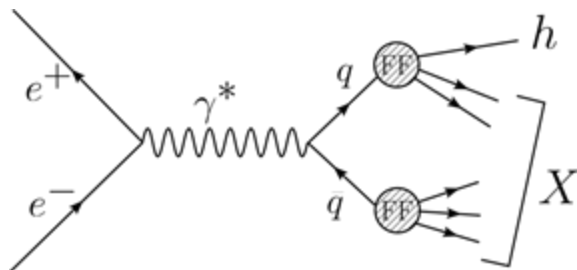
(Semi-Inclusive) Deep Inelastic Scattering



Hadron-hadron interactions



e^+e^- annihilation (access to FF)



Origin of the Proton Spin

How does the **spin of the nucleon originate** from its **quark, anti-quark, and gluon** constituents and their dynamics?

Composition of the proton spin:

Jaffe-Manohar sum rule:

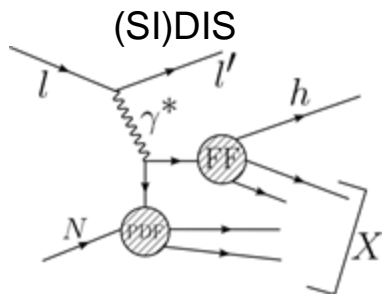
$$\boxed{\Delta\Sigma/2} + \boxed{\Delta G} + \boxed{l_q} + \boxed{l_g} = \hbar/2$$

Quark helicity

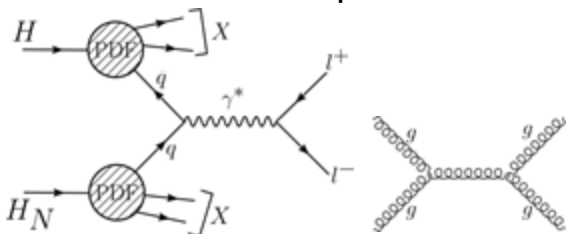
Gluon helicity

Quark canonical
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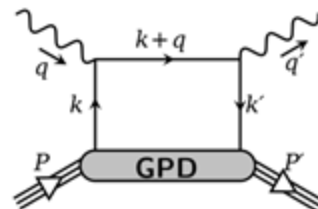
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hadron-hadron processes



+ OAM (Ji's) from DVCS and DVMP



Longitudinal Spin Structure

- Decades of studies in **Deep Inelastic Scattering**, as well as **Semi-Inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering** and **proton-proton** collisions
- **Polarized DIS cross section** studied at **SLAC, CERN, DESY, JLab** encodes information about **helicity structure of quarks** inside the proton (double spin asymmetries)

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{LL}(x, Q^2)}{dx dQ^2} = \frac{8\pi\alpha^2 y}{Q^4} \left[\left(1 - \frac{y}{2} - \frac{y^2}{4}\gamma^2\right) g_1(x, Q^2) - \frac{y}{2}\gamma^2 g_2(x, Q^2) \right]$$

$$\nu = E - E'$$

$$y = \nu/E, \gamma^2 = Q^2/\nu^2$$

$$g_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_q e_q^2 \Delta q(x)$$

In (LO QCD) Quark Parton Model

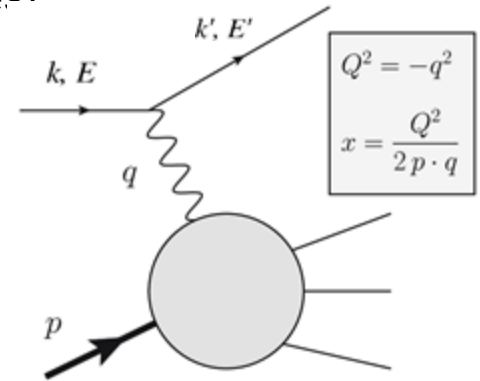
Quark helicity distribution

Experimental access through double spin asymmetries

$$A_{\parallel} = \frac{\sigma_{LL}}{\sigma_{UU}} = \frac{1}{P_B P_z} \cdot \frac{\sigma_{\leftarrow\leftarrow} - \sigma_{\rightarrow\rightarrow}}{\sigma_{\leftarrow\rightarrow} + \sigma_{\rightarrow\leftarrow}} = D(1 + \eta\gamma) A_1$$

D - Depolarization factor
 η - kinematic factor
 A_1 - photon-nucleon asymmetry

$$A_1 = \frac{g_1}{F_1}$$



Longitudinal Spin Structure

- Decades of studies in **Deep Inelastic Scattering**, as well as **Semi-Inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering** and **proton-proton** collisions
- **Semi-Inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering** with charged pions and kaons adds **sensitivity to flavor-separated quark helicities** via the fragmentation functions $D_q^h(z, Q^2)$
 - valence parton content of h relates to the fragmenting parton flavor, particularly at high z
 z - fractional energy of the final-state hadron $z = E^h/v$

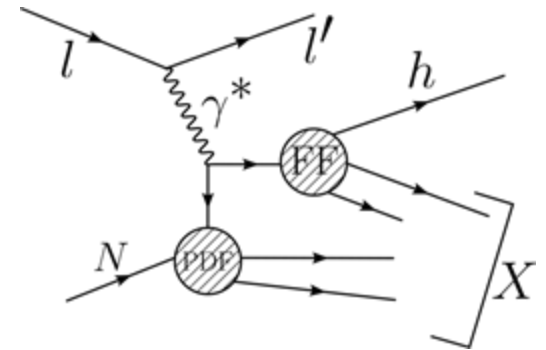
Photon-nucleon asymmetry for SIDIS

$$A_1^h = \frac{\sigma_{1/2}^h - \sigma_{3/2}^h}{\sigma_{1/2}^h + \sigma_{3/2}^h} \xrightarrow{\text{LO}} \frac{d^3 \sigma_{1/2(3/2)}^h}{dx dQ^2 dz} \propto \sum_q e_q^2 q^{+(-)}(x, Q^2) D_q^h(z, Q^2)$$

$$A_1^h(x, Q^2, z) = \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 \Delta q(x, Q^2) D_q^h(z, Q^2)}{\sum_{q'} e_{q'}^2 q'(x, Q^2) D_{q'}^h(z, Q^2)}$$

Experimental access through double spin asymmetries (analogous to DIS)

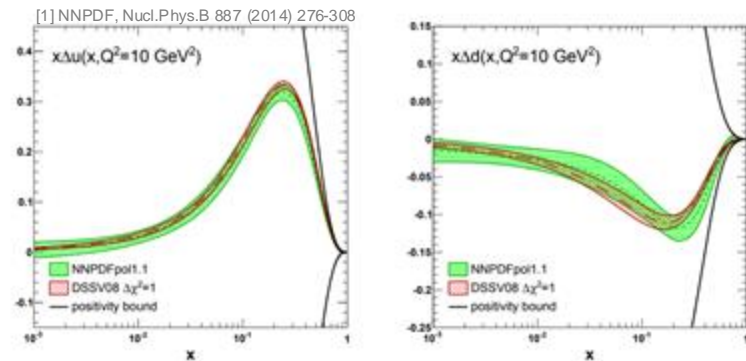
- Sensitivity to sea quarks at low x from $A_1^{\pi^-}$ ($\Delta\bar{u}$), $A_1^{\pi^+}$ ($\Delta\bar{d}$), A_1^K (Δs)



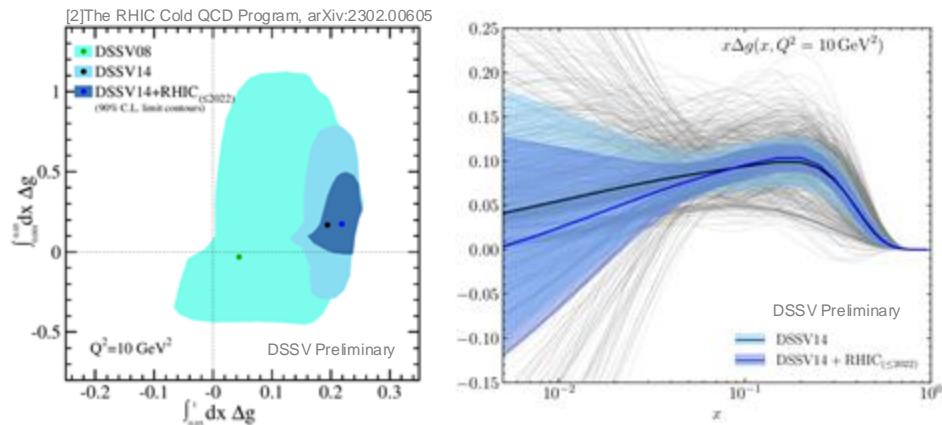
$$\sigma^{\text{SIDIS}} = \hat{\sigma} \otimes \text{PDF} \otimes \text{FF}$$

Longitudinal Spin Structure - Where Are We?

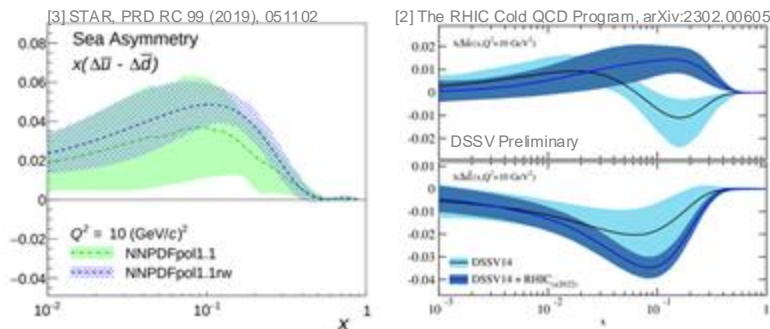
u and d quark helicities



Gluon Helicity



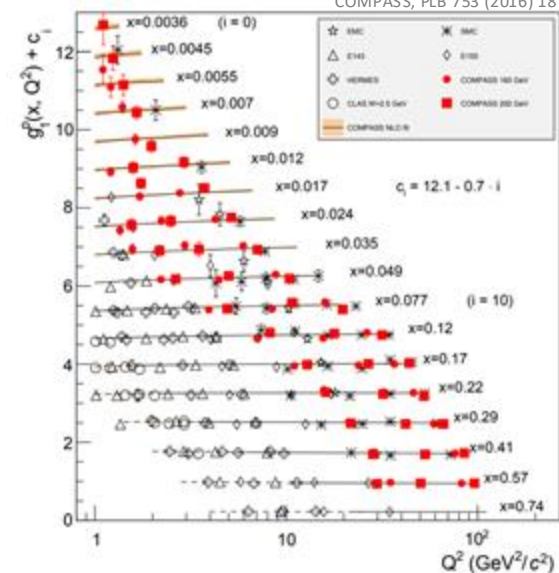
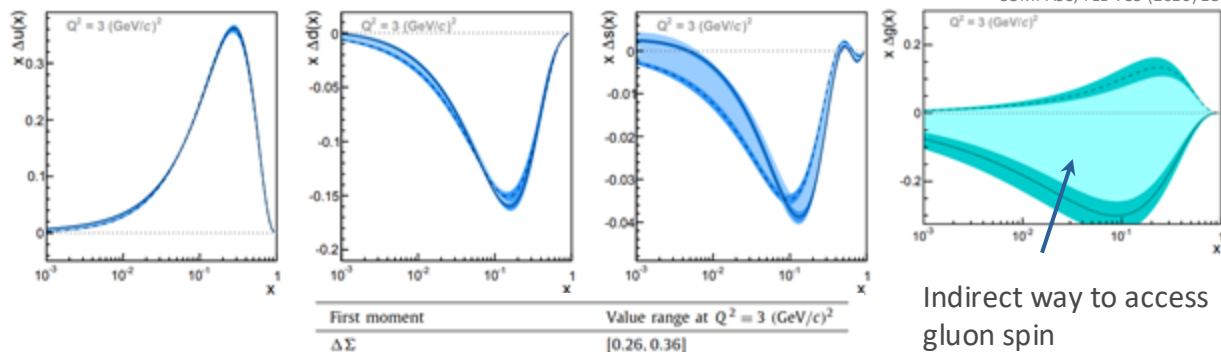
Sea-quark polarization asymmetry



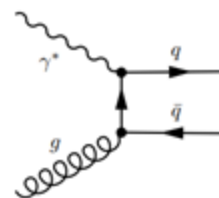
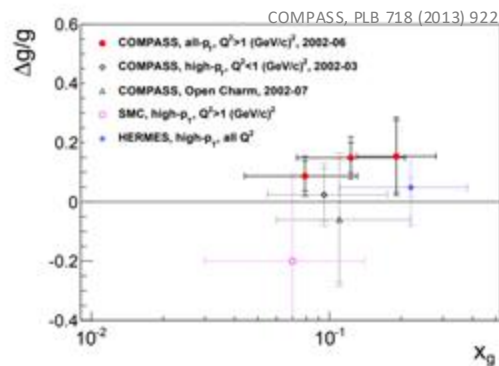
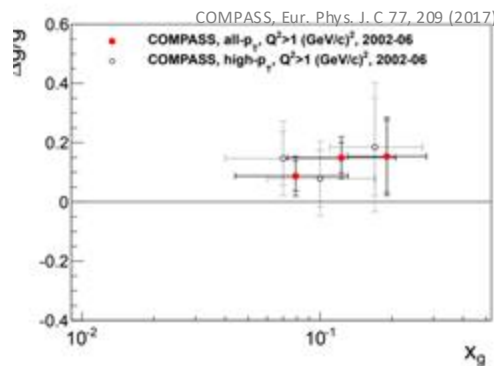
	NNPDF1.1[1]	DSSV08[1]
x	(0.001, 1)	
$\Delta\Sigma$	$+0.25 \pm 0.10$	$+0.366^{+0.042}_{-0.062} (+0.124)$
	DSSV14 + RHIC(2022)[2]	
x	(0.001, 0.05)	(0.05, 1)
ΔG	0.173 ± 0.156	0.218 ± 0.027

Insights from DIS

QCD fit to g_1 world data



Direct access to Δg from SIDIS



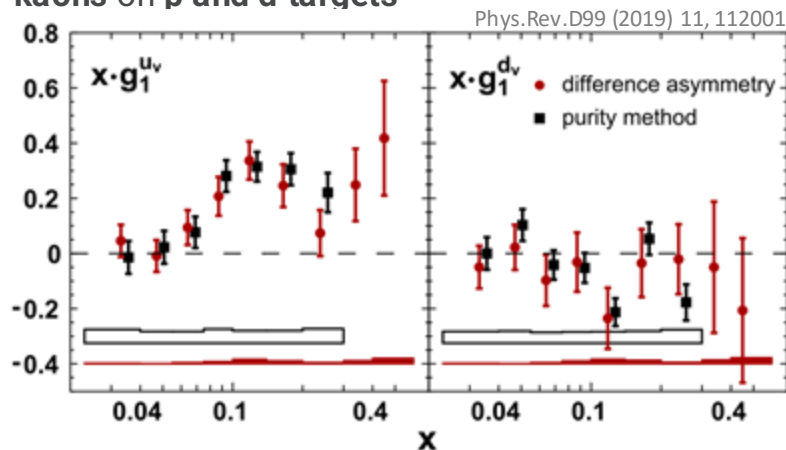
Photon-Gluon Fusion
Sensitive to Δg

SIDIS events with hadrons of large p_T
• Enhanced contribution of higher-order processes

Insights from DIS

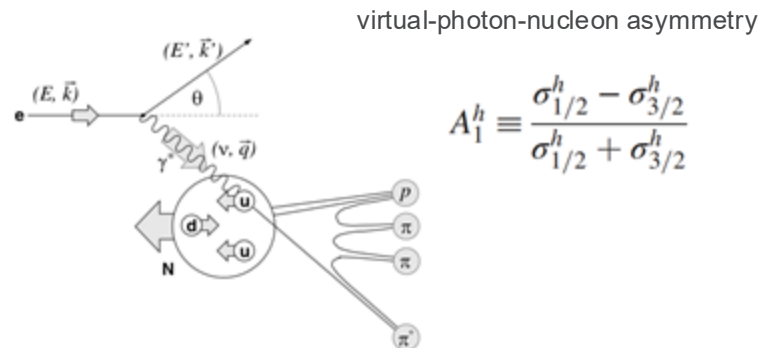
Flavor-separated valence-quark helicities from SIDIS (HERMES, COMPASS)

- Example for **final HERMES valence quark helicities** from electron and positron SIDIS with charged **pions and kaons** on **p and d targets**



Hadron charge-difference asymmetry: direct way to extract valence-quark helicities (depends on isospin-symmetry assumption of FF)

Purity method: includes conditional probability that a hadron originated from a struck quark of flavor q (depends on a fragmentation model)



$$A_{1,d}^{h^+-h^- \text{LOLT}} \equiv \frac{g_1^{u_v} + g_1^{d_v}}{f_1^{u_v} + f_1^{d_v}} \quad A_{1,p}^{h^+-h^- \text{LOLT}} \equiv \frac{4g_1^{u_v} - g_1^{d_v}}{4f_1^{u_v} - f_1^{d_v}}$$

Here g_1 - helicity

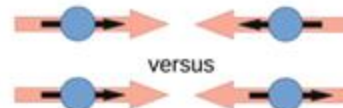
$$A_1^h(x, Q^2, z) = \sum_q \mathcal{P}_q^h(x, Q^2, z) \cdot \frac{\Delta q(x, Q^2)}{q(x, Q^2)}$$

Gluon spin from pp collisions

$$A_{LL} = \frac{\sigma_{++} - \sigma_{+-}}{\sigma_{++} + \sigma_{+-}} = \frac{\Sigma \Delta f_a \otimes \Delta f_b \otimes \hat{\sigma} a_{LL} \otimes D}{\Sigma f_a \otimes f_b \otimes \hat{\sigma} \otimes D}$$

LO for illustration

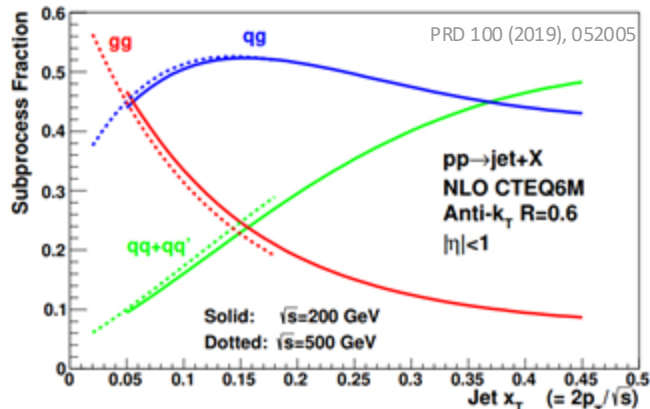
$$\vec{p} + \vec{p} \rightarrow \text{jet/dijet/hadrons} + X$$



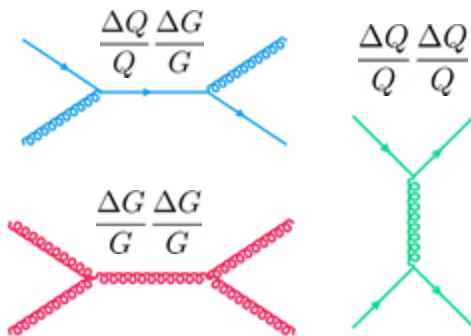
At RHIC energies: sensitivity to qg and gg – Access to $\Delta g(x)/g(x)$

Cross-section measurement to support the NLO pQCD interpretation of asymmetries

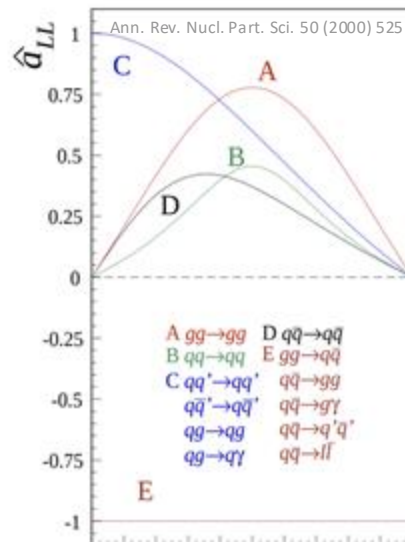
Which processes dominate at RHIC?



Subprocess fraction in central jet production



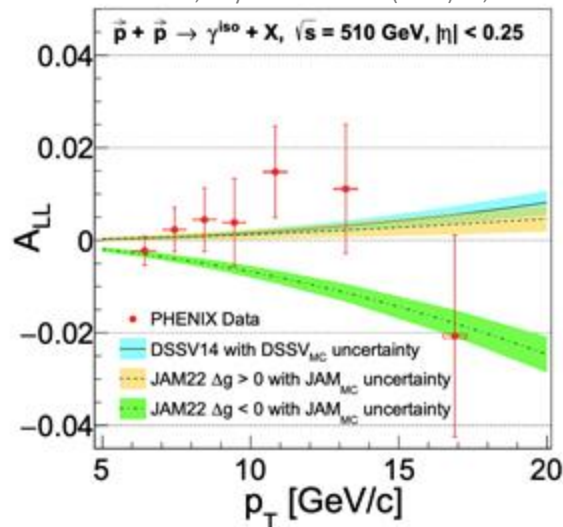
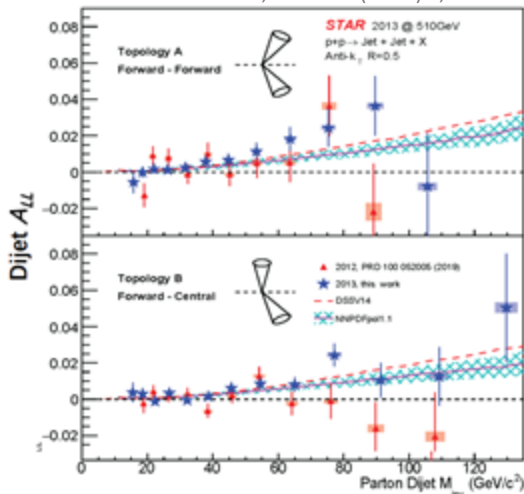
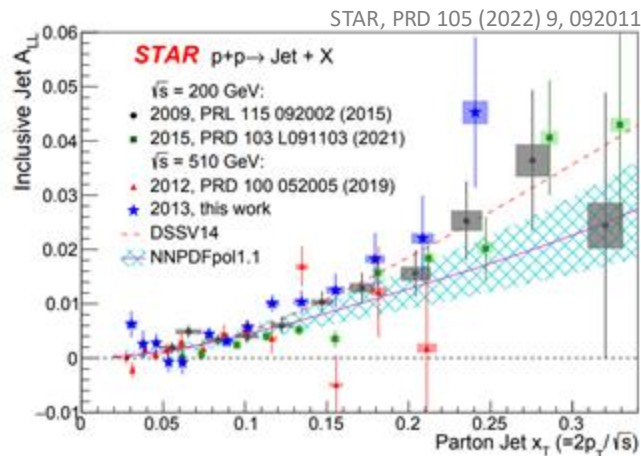
What are a_{LL} for these processes?



Gluon spin from pp collisions

STAR, PRD 105 (2022) 9, 092011

PHENIX, Phys.Rev.Lett. 130 (2023) 25, 251901



Higher \sqrt{s} and more forward rapidity push sensitivity to lower x

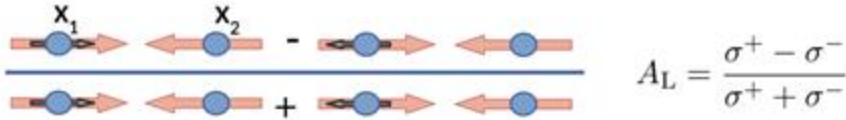
- Down to ~ 0.004 with STAR Endcap ($\eta < 1.8$) dijets at 510 GeV
- **Dijets** provide constraints to underlying partonic kinematics - **better constraints on functional form of $\Delta G(x)$**
- **Direct photon** sensitive to $gq \rightarrow \gamma q$ LO process; **clean access to $\Delta g(x)$** (no hadronization)
- **Consistent results from both energies and both experiments**

RHIC concluded data taking with longitudinally polarized protons in 2015

The data are anticipated to provide the most precise insights in $\Delta g(x)$ well into the future

Sea-quark spin from pp collisions

Single spin asymmetry and cross sections for **W** production



$$A_L^{W^+}(y_W) \propto \frac{\Delta \bar{d}(x_1) u(x_2) - \Delta u(x_1) \bar{d}(x_2)}{\bar{d}(x_1) u(x_2) + u(x_1) \bar{d}(x_2)}$$

$$A_L^{W^-}(y_W) \propto \frac{\Delta \bar{u}(x_1) d(x_2) - \Delta d(x_1) \bar{u}(x_2)}{\bar{u}(x_1) d(x_2) + d(x_1) \bar{u}(x_2)}$$

LO for illustration

Separation of quark flavor

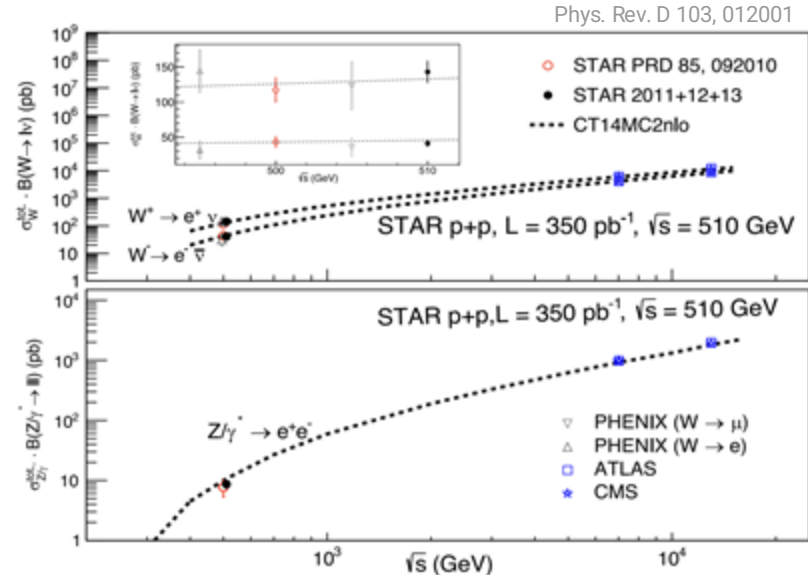
- $W^+(W^-)$: predominantly $u(d)$ and $d(u)$

Maximal parity violation

- W couples to left-handed particles or right-handed antiparticles

The decay process is calculable

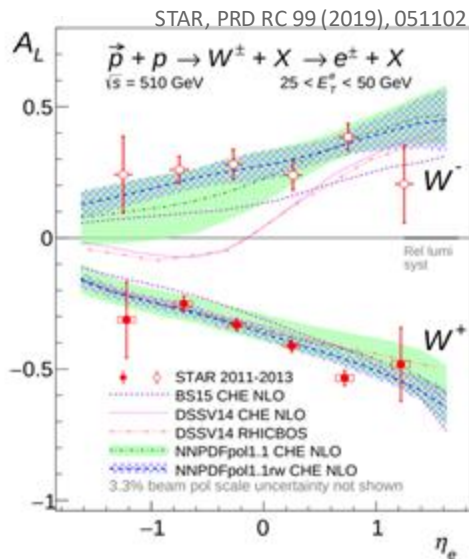
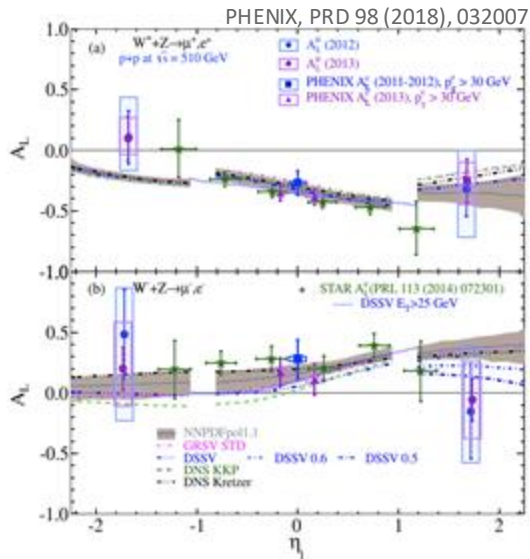
- Free from fragmentation function



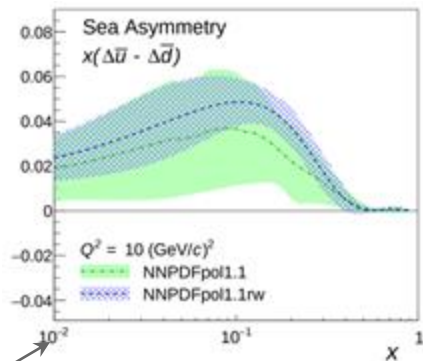
$W^{+/-}$ and Z cross section

- Agreement between theory and experiment
- Support for the NLO pQCD interpretation of asymmetry measurements

Sea-quark spin from pp collisions



Flavor asymmetry for quark sea



Covered lepton η : $0.05 < x_1 < 0.25$

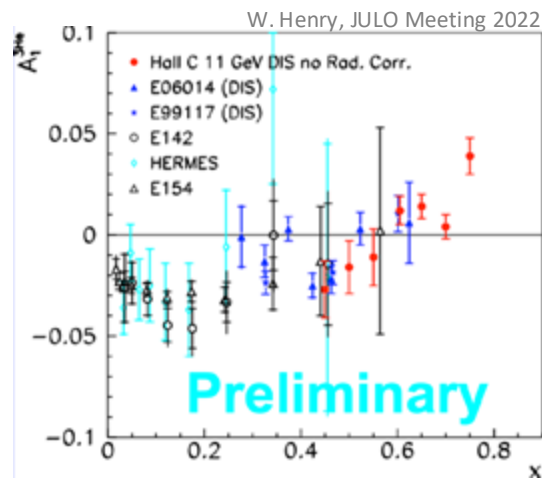
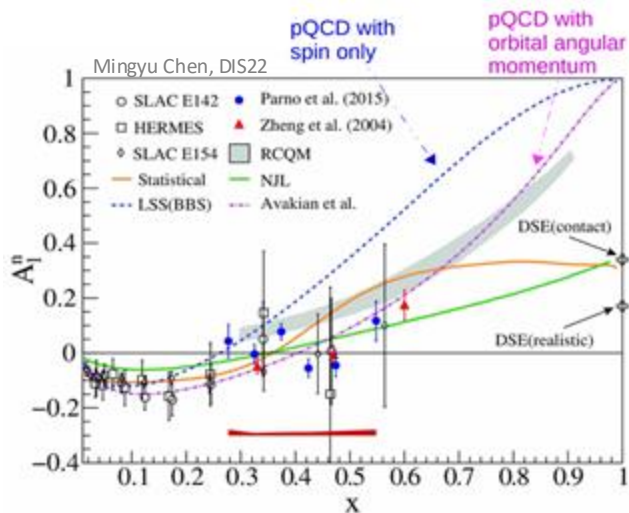
Full available data set analyzed from STAR (shown) and PHENIX (PHENIX, PRD 98 (2018), 032007)

- **Significant preference for Δu over Δd** \rightarrow Opposite to the spin-averaged quark-sea distributions
- Evaluations from DSSV and NNPDF agree with data in sea and valence quark region

Nucleon spin structure at high-x

Hall C A1n experiment with polarized ^3He target (E12-06-110)

- Measurement of the virtual-photon-nucleon asymmetry A_1 on polarized neutron (^3He) target
 $A_1(x) \approx g_1(x)/F_1(x)$ for large Q^2
- Measurement of A_1 for proton (CLAS12) and neutron: extraction of **polarized to unpolarized parton distribution function ratios $\Delta u/u$ and $\Delta d/d$** for large x region $0.61 < x < 0.77$
- Explore the **Q^2 dependence of A1n** at large x



Without radiative corrections
 Statistical uncertainties only
 Nuclear corrections to be applied

$$A_1^n = \frac{F_2^{3\text{He}} \left[A_1^{3\text{He}} - 2 \frac{F_2^p}{F_2^{3\text{He}}} P_p A_1^p \left(1 - \frac{0.014}{2P_p} \right) \right]}{P_n F_2^n \left(1 + \frac{0.056}{P_n} \right)}$$

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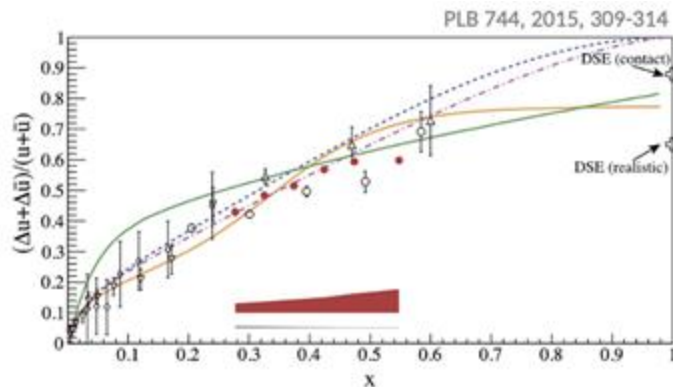
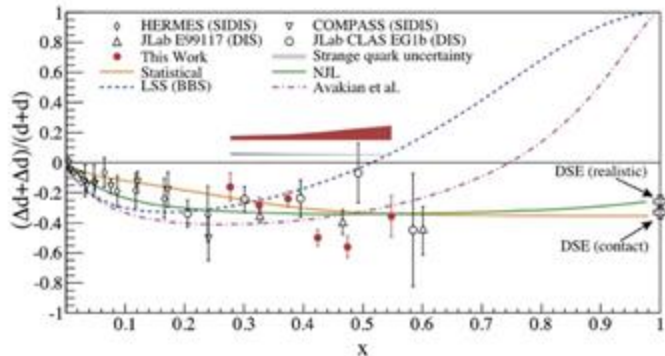
Example extraction of $\Delta u/u$ and $\Delta d/d$ from E06-014 Hall A Jlab predecessor measurement, red) with previous world DIS data and selected model predictions and parameterizations

$$\frac{\Delta u + \Delta \bar{u}}{u + \bar{u}} = \frac{4}{15} \frac{g_1^p}{F_1^p} (4 + R^{du}) - \frac{1}{15} \frac{g_1^n}{F_1^n} (1 + 4R^{du})$$

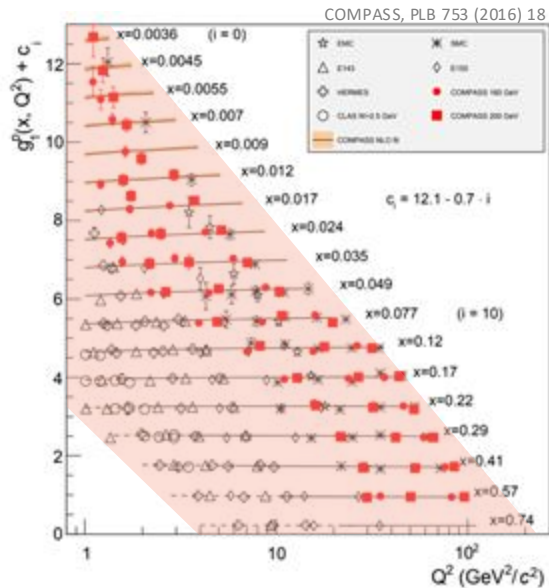
$$\frac{\Delta d + \Delta \bar{d}}{d + \bar{d}} = \frac{-1}{15} \frac{g_1^p}{F_1^p} \left(1 + \frac{4}{R^{du}}\right) + \frac{4}{15} \frac{g_1^n}{F_1^n} \left(4 + \frac{1}{R^{du}}\right)$$

where $R^{du} \equiv (d + \bar{d})/(u + \bar{u})$ and is taken from the CJ12

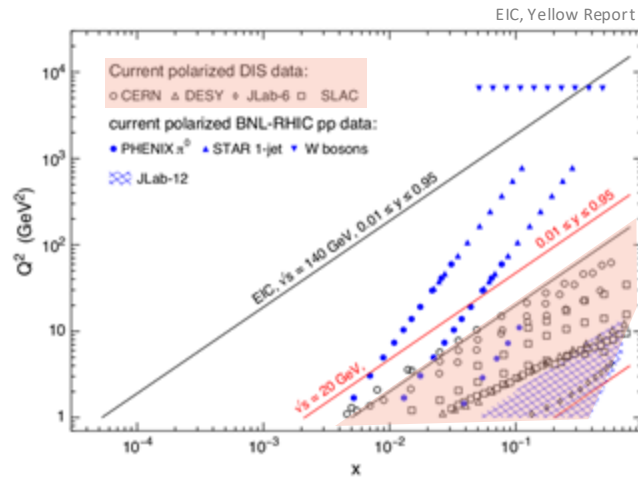
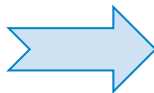
PLB 744, 2015, 309-314



Longitudinal Spin Structure - Where Are We Going?



Current DIS Data:
Down to $x \approx 0.005$
 $Q^2 \approx 1-100 \text{ GeV}^2$



EIC:
Down to $x \approx 10^{-4}$
 $Q^2 \approx 1-10^3 \text{ GeV}^2$!

- Access to gluon spin through g_1 scaling violation
- different \sqrt{s} settings to maximize kinematic coverage

$\Delta\Sigma$ and ΔG Projections

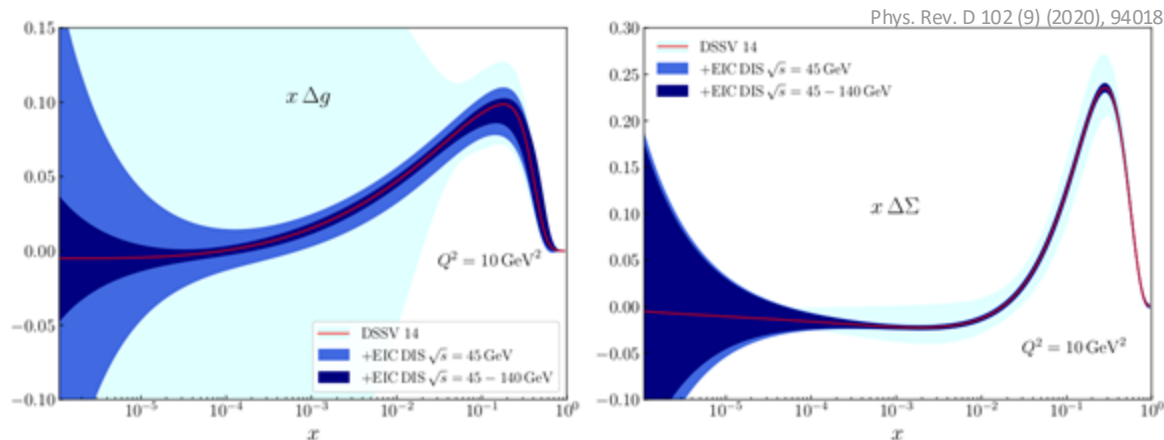
Current world data

- Helicity distributions known for $x > \sim 0.01$ with good precision

Deep insight with EIC

- Precision down to $x \sim 10^{-4}$
- In addition to the sensitivity to the **quark sector**, **scaling violation in $g_1(x, Q^2)$ in inclusive DIS to access gluons**
- In addition to golden channel g_1 , direct access to gluons in higher-order photon-gluon fusion: dijet, heavy-quark

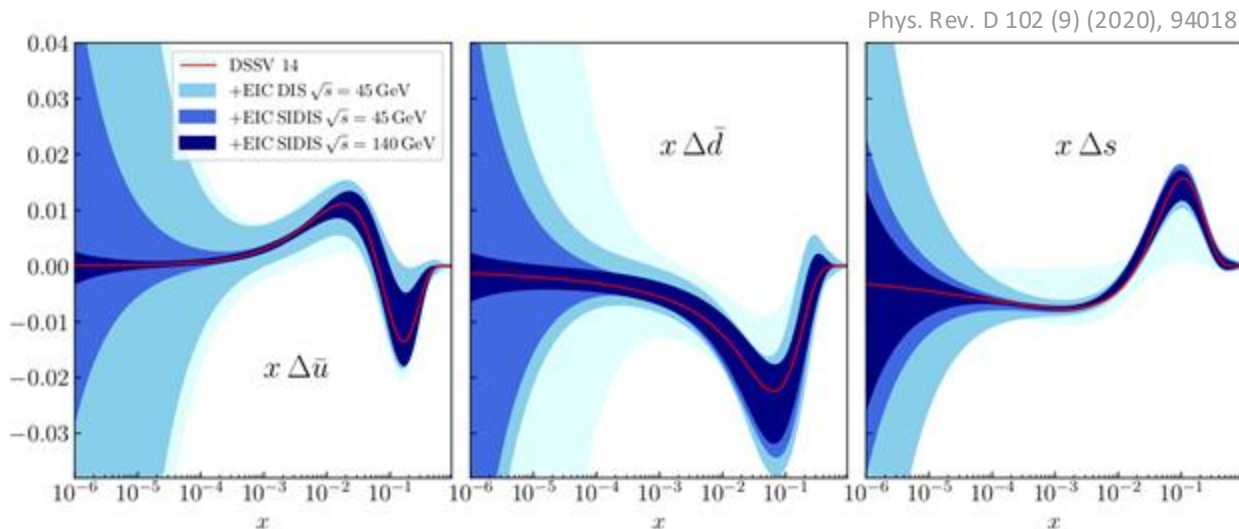
Impact of the projected EIC DIS A_{LL} pseudodata ($L = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$) on the gluon helicity and quark singlet helicity



Sea Quark Helicities Projections

Sea quark helicities via SIDIS measurements with pions and kaons

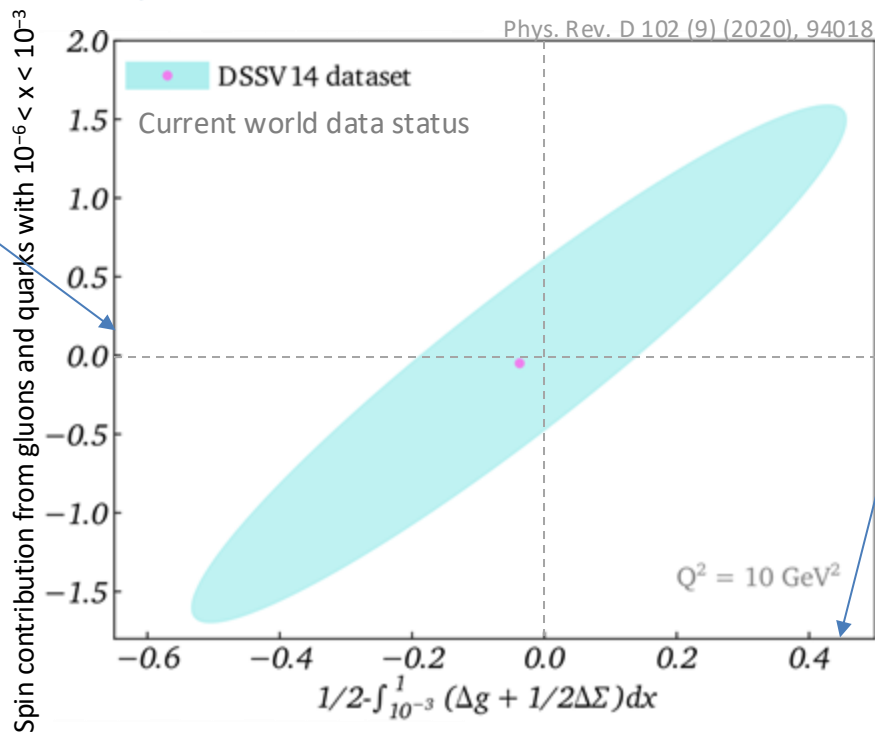
- Tackle question of sea quark helicities contributions to the spin, in particular, the **strange sea polarization**
- **Highest impact at low x** from the data at the **highest collision energies**
- Sensitivity to sea quarks from $A_1^{\pi^-}$ ($\Delta\bar{u}$), $A_1^{\pi^+}$ ($\Delta\bar{d}$), A_1^K (Δs) with strongest correlations between A_1 and sea quark helicity distributions at low x
- Both pion asymmetries show a weaker but still significant correlation with strange quarks



Room Left for Angular Momentum

How much do the **spins of quarks and gluons very “deep” inside the proton** contribute to its spin?

Massive uncertainty range from -300% to +300% of the total proton spin!



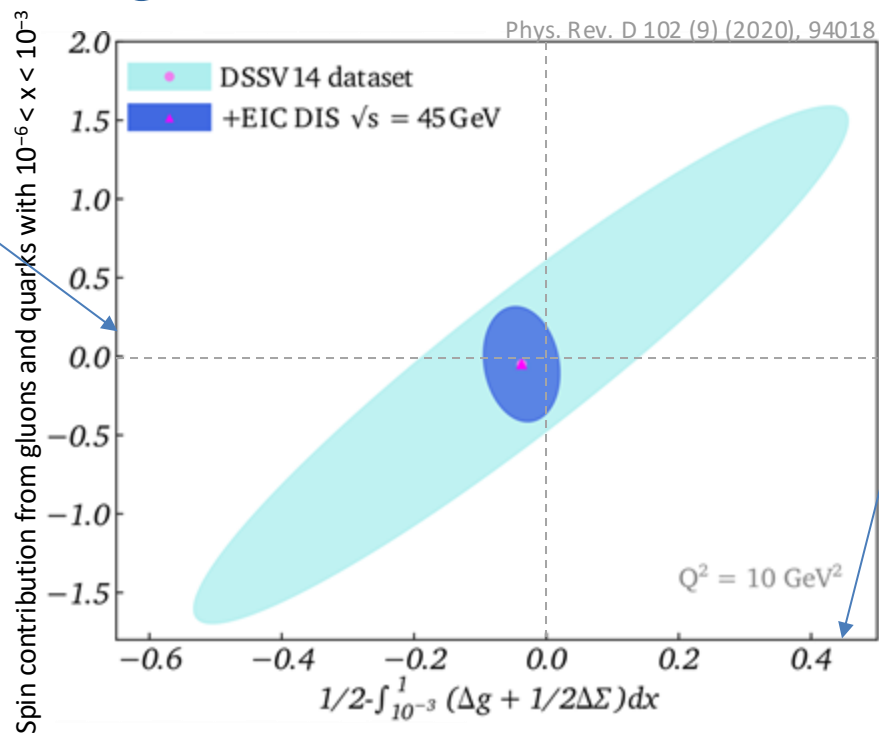
How much do **the motion of quarks and gluons** contribute to the proton's spin?

Close to zero—but with a huge uncertainty ranging from -100% to +80% of the total proton spin!

Room left for potential contributions to the proton spin from angular momentum of gluons and quarks with $x > 0.001$

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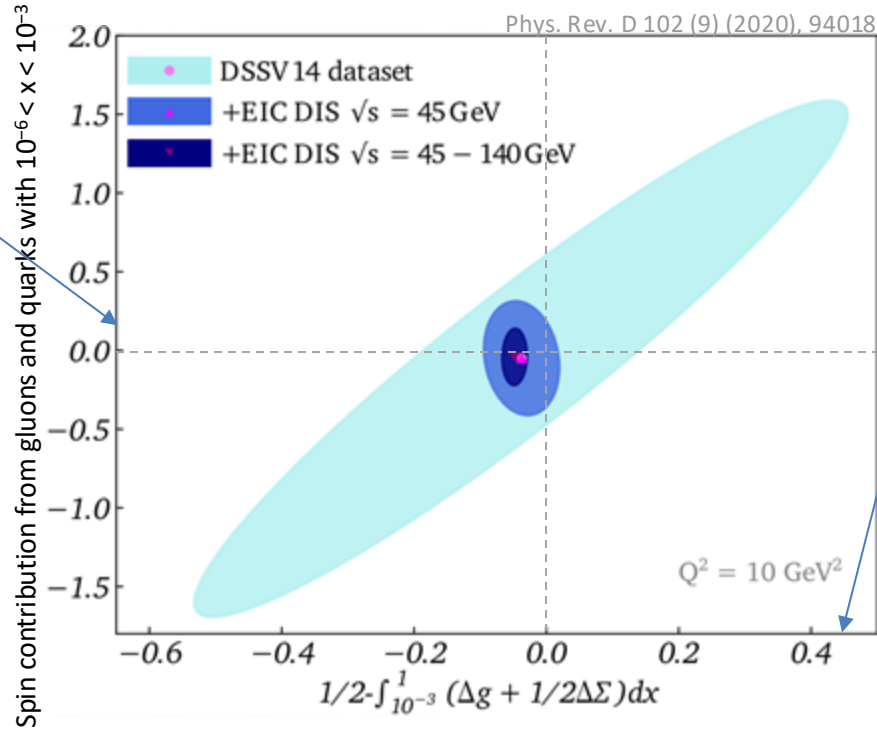
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How much do the **spins of quarks and gluons very “deep” inside the proton** contribute to its spin?

EIC aims to shrink this uncertainty about 10 times!



How much do **the motion of quarks and gluons** contribute to the proton's spin?

EIC aims to shrink this uncertainty 22 times!

Room left for potential contributions to the proton spin from angular momentum of gluons and quarks with $x > 0.001$

Summary

EIC science program will profoundly impact our understanding of the most fundamental inner structure of the matter that builds us all

Access to EIC Physics through

- Large kinematic coverage
- Polarized electron and hadron beams and unpolarized nuclear beams with high luminosities
- Detector setup fulfilling specific requirements of the polarized e-p/A collider

The EIC project is progressing towards construction, with the ePIC collaboration established and dedicated to its mission.

Experiments employing both lepton scattering processes and hadron-hadron interactions have unveiled the intricate nucleon spin structure.

- Decades of research encompassing Deep Inelastic Scattering, Semi-Inclusive Deep Inelastic Scattering, and proton-proton collisions have paved the way.

The Electron-Ion Collider promises precision in probing the longitudinal spin structure of nucleons across a wide range of x and Q^2

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Backup

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Proton Spin and ePIC Detector Requirements

Physics Question

How does the **spin of the nucleon originate** from its **quark, anti-quark, and gluon** constituents and their dynamics?

Two established approaches to look at the compositions of the proton spin:

Ji sum rule:

$$\boxed{\Delta\Sigma/2} + \boxed{L_q} + \boxed{J_g} = \hbar/2$$

Quark helicity

Quark orbital angular momentum

Gluon helicity and orbital angular momentum

Jaffe-Manohar sum rule:

$$\boxed{\Delta\Sigma/2} + \boxed{\Delta G} + \boxed{l_q} + \boxed{l_g} = \hbar/2$$

Quark helicity

Gluon helicity

Quark canonical orbital angular momentum

Gluon canonical orbital angular momentum

- **Frame independent** spin sum rule
- **Quark and gluon J_q** (sum of $\Delta\Sigma/2$ and L_q) **and J_g** can be obtained from Generalized Parton Distributions (**GPDs**) **moments**
- Phys. Rev. Lett. 78, 610–613 (1997)

- All terms have **partonic interpretation**
- In infinite-momentum frame
- **l_q and l_g** (Twist-3 quantities) can be extracted **from GPDs**
- Nucl. Phys. B 337, 509–546 (1990)

DIS Kinematics

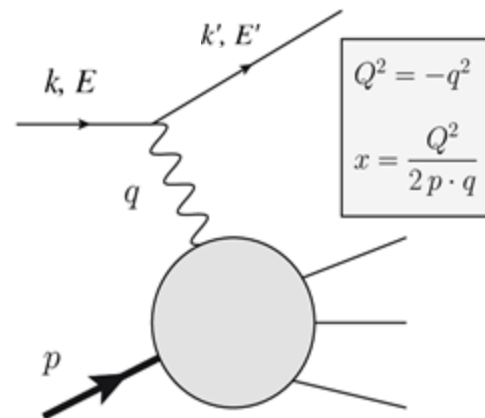
Reconstructed from **scattered electron** or **hadronic final state**

Inclusive NC: leveraging the overconstraint of kinematics to maximize the resolution

Resolution on conventional methods depends on events x - Q^2 , acceptance and resolution effects, size of radiative processes

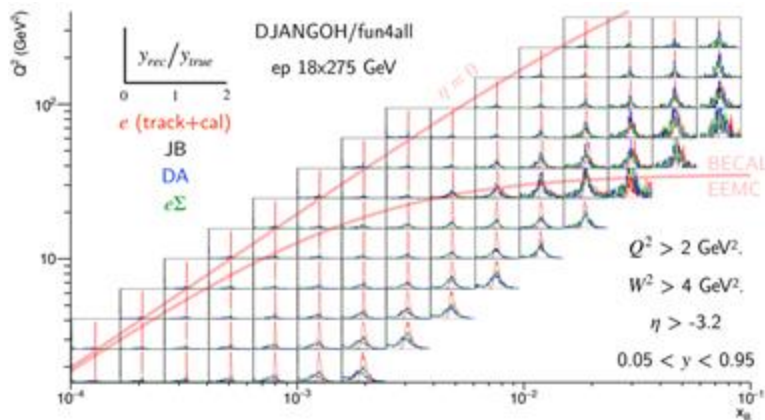
Advanced reconstruction methods in development for ePIC:

- Kinematic fitting (see, e.g., [S. Maple, DIS23](#))
- Deep Learning Approaches (see, e.g., [M. Diefenthaler et al., Eur.Phys.J.C 82 \(2022\) 11, 1064](#), [C. Pecar, AI4EIC22](#))



$$Q^2 = -q^2$$

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2p \cdot q}$$



Assessment of relative performance of reconstruction methods for measured phase space for ECCE and ATHENA

- Coverage driven by acceptance: $0.01 < y < 0.95$, $Q^2 > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$
- y resolution: important role of data overlap at different y s

Proton Spin and ePIC Detector Requirements

Information on $\Delta\Sigma$ and ΔG

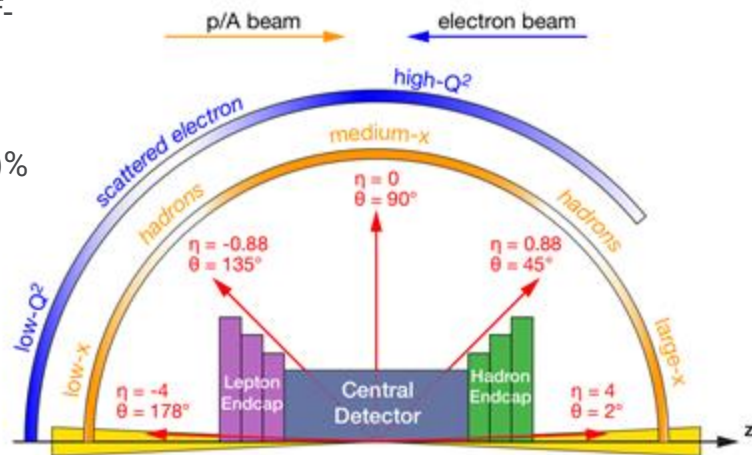
Longitudinally polarized e^- and p for over a wide range in center-of-mass energy (x - Q^2 coverage)

Low- x performance:

- Good EM calo in barrel region $\sigma_E/E = (7 - 10)\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus (1 - 3)\%$
- Superior in backward region $\sigma_E/E = 2\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus (1 - 3)\%$
- Electron-pion separation up to 10^4

Higher- x performance:

- Hadronic final state - good momentum resolution and calo measurement, in particular in the forward direction



Improved access to the sea quark helicities and TMD measurements - SIDIS with detected pions and kaons

- Particle ID over wide range of $|\eta| \leq 3.5$ with better than 3σ separation with different particle energy ranges: barrel (< 6 GeV/c), backward (< 10 GeV/c), forward (< 50 GeV/c)

Access to Orbital Angular Momentum - GPD measurements

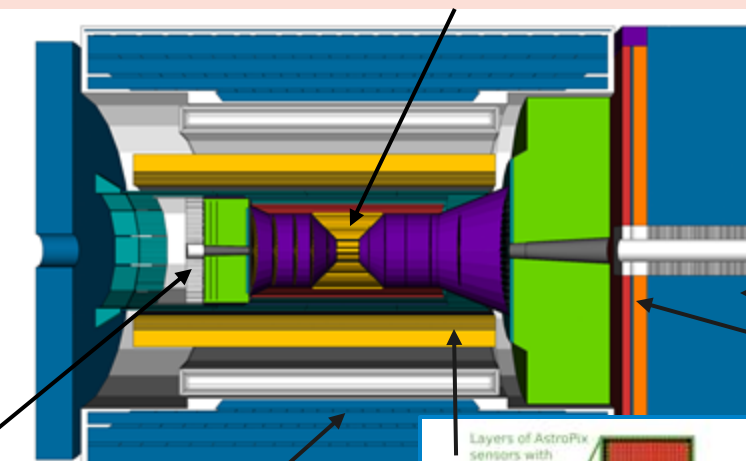
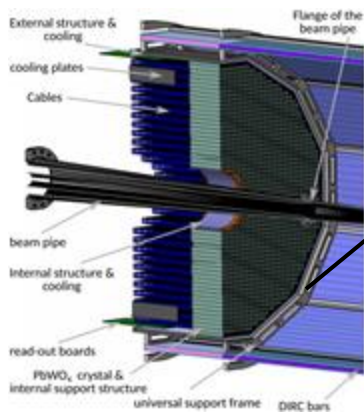
- Demanding program requiring high luminosity and detection of the forward-going protons scattered under small angles

Proton Spin and ePIC Detector Requirements

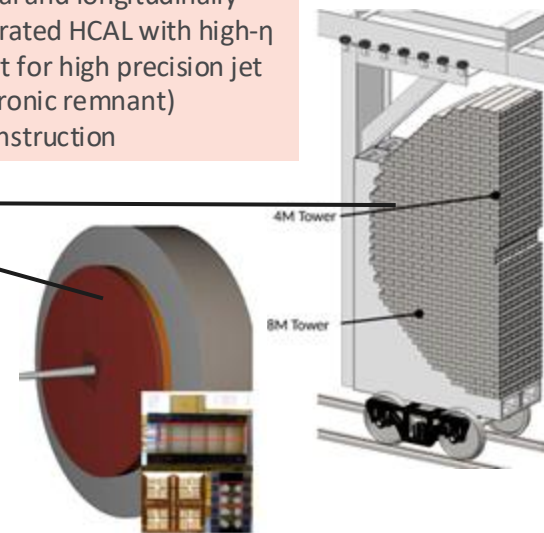
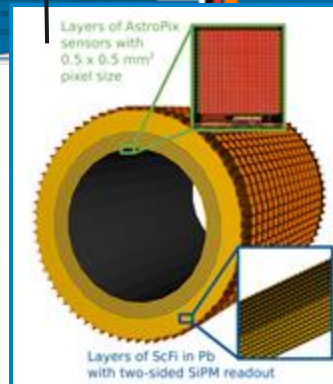
Electron momentum resolution - dominated by tracker in central region: Si MAPS Trackers + μ Mega (see backup for more details)

Superior EM energy resolution from Backwards EMCal - PbWO_4 crystals

High granularity W/SciFi EMCal and longitudinally separated HCAL with high- η insert for high precision jet (hadronic remnant) reconstruction



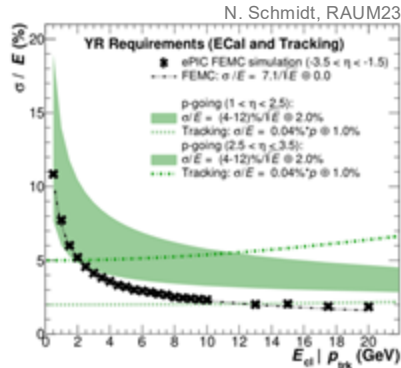
Barrel HCAL
(sPHENIX re-use)



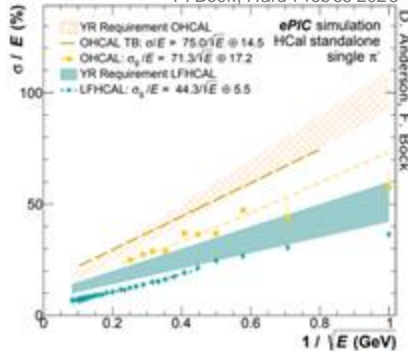
Barrel Imaging ECAL with good energy resolution from SciFi/Pb and high e/π separation supported by Si layers

Proton Spin and ePIC Detector Requirements

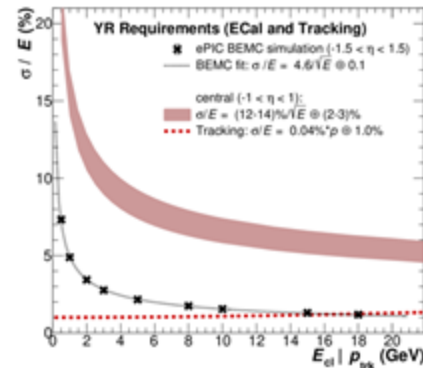
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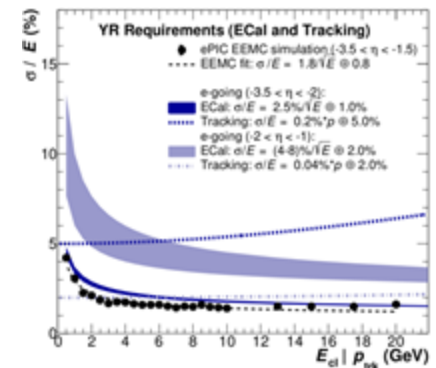
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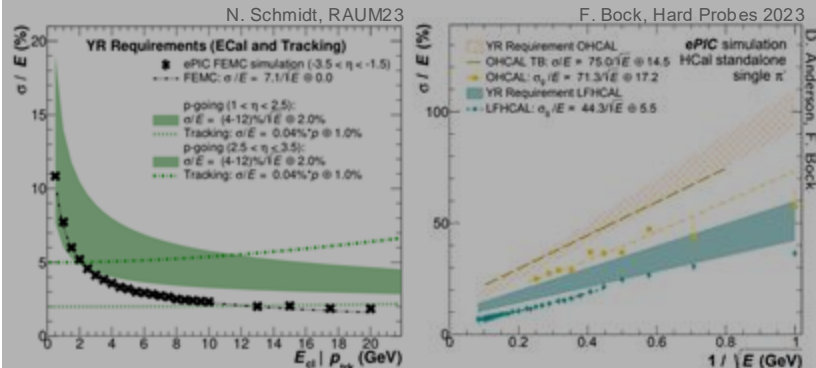


Performance of energy resolution

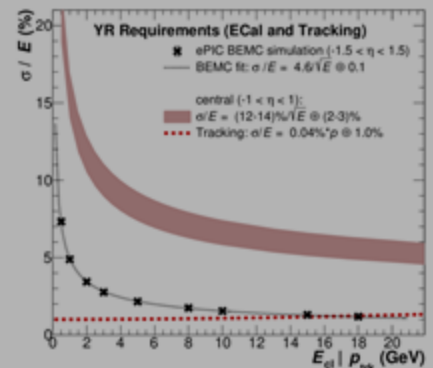
- Technologies fulfill YR requirements on energy resolution
- Ongoing simulation studies related to overlaps between different η regions for calorimetry, tracking and reconstruction algorithms
- **Barrel:** electron momentum measurement predominantly from tracker, but e/ π separation critical (EMCal for low energy pions, EMCal + HCal for higher energy pions)
- **e-going EMCal:** Energy resolution for e important for the backward rapidities + e/ π separation
- **h-going EMCal + HCal:** energy resolution (EM and hadronic) for hadronic remnant reconstruction

Example Backward e/ π Performance for 10 x 100 GeV

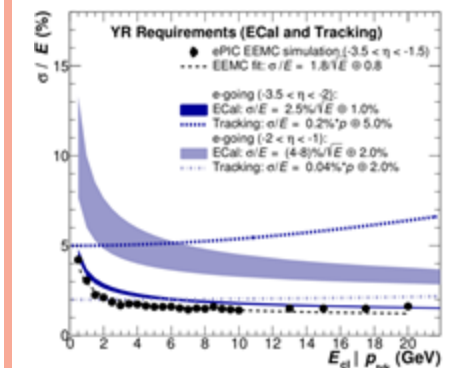
p-going EMCAL and HCal



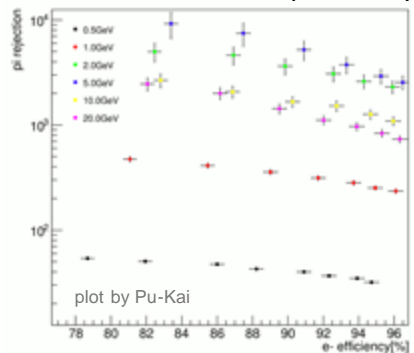
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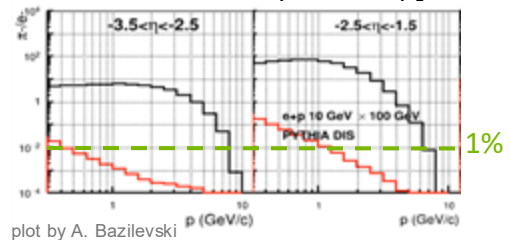
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ePIC Simulation, E/p cut only



ePIC Simulation, E/p cut + E-p_z cut

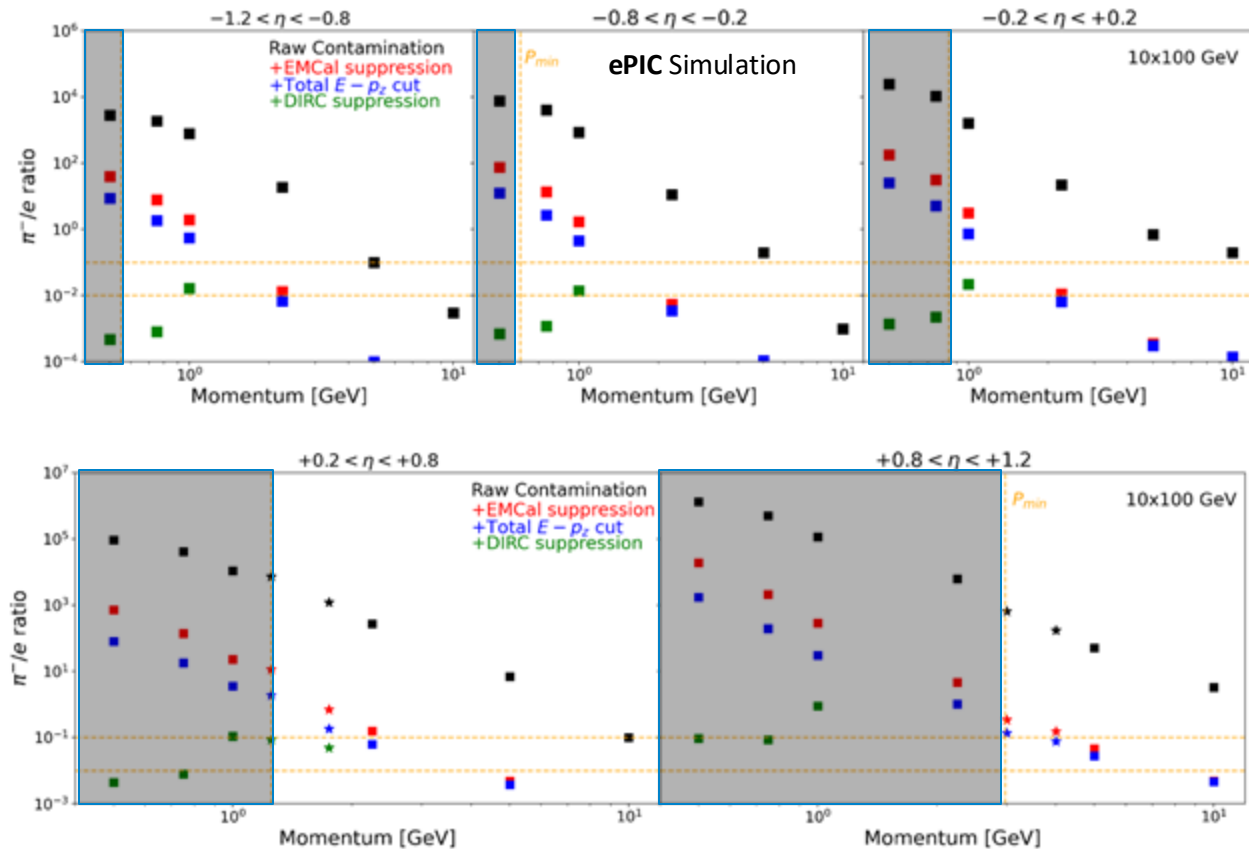


< 1% pion contamination expected for the DIS electron reconstruction

- Pythia DIS, no cut, initial π contamination
- E/p < 1-1.6E/p and E-p_z cut

Another strong suppression factor < 2.5 GeV from pFRHIC

Example Barrel e/ π Performance for 10 x 100 GeV



Challenging goal: Achieve 90% electron purity from the combined detector performance (ECAL + DIRC)

- To keep pion contamination systematic uncertainty to required 1% level
- Impact of total $E - p_z$ cut, DIRC suppression and EMCal suppression studies

See also: B. Schmookler, ePIC Collaboration Meeting contribution ([link](#))

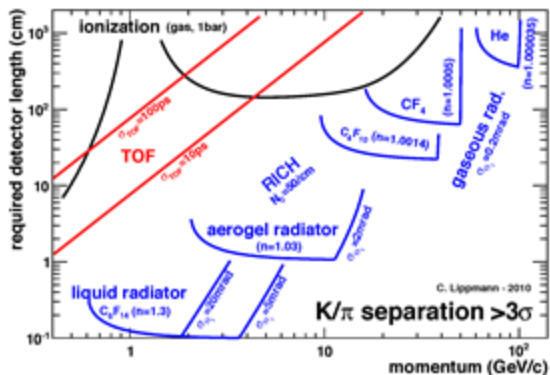
Requirement fulfilled in all η ranges

SIDIS and ePIC Detector Requirements

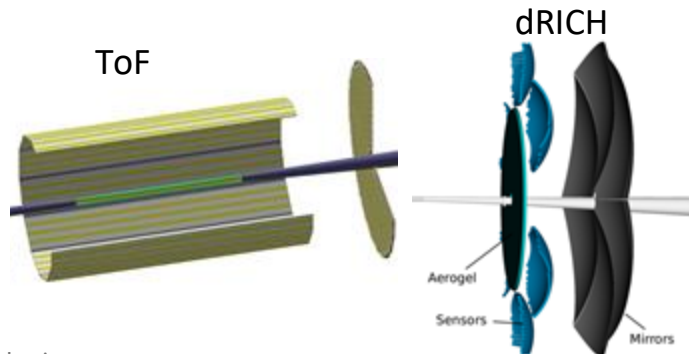
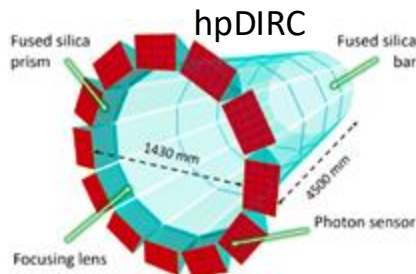
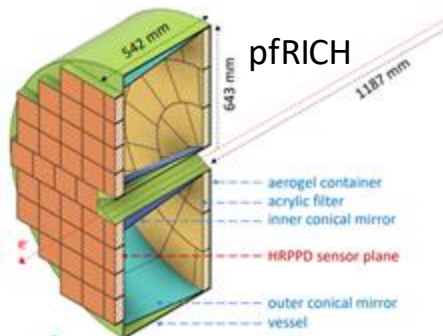
SIDS Measurements to probe fragmentation functions and flavor-separated quark helicities:

On top of the inclusive DIS requirements → **Particle IDentification needs**

- Charged pions, kaons and protons separation on track level → **Cherenkov detectors** complemented by **ToF** at lower momenta



Region	Momentum	ePIC Technology
forward	< 50 GeV/c	dual-radiator RICH
central	< 6 GeV/c	high performance DIRC, AC-LGAD ToF
backward	< 10 GeV/c	proximity focusing RICH



GPDs and Angular Orbital Momentum

Connection to the **proton spin**: $J_q = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_{-1}^1 dx x [H^q(x, \xi, t) + E^q(x, \xi, t)]$ $J_q = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma + L_q$

N/q	U	L	T
U	H		E_T
L		\tilde{H}	\tilde{E}_T
T	E	\tilde{E}	$H_T \tilde{H}_T$

4 chiral-even and 4 chiral-odd quark **GPDs** at leading twist for a spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ hadron

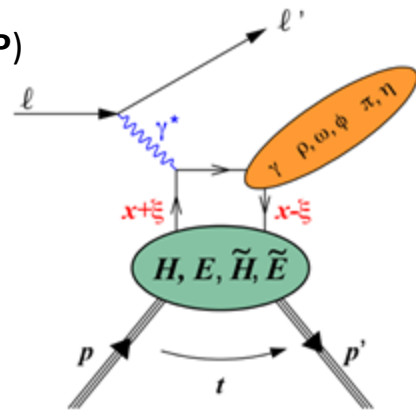
Accessed via hard exclusive processes: cross section and asymmetries

- Deep virtual Compton scattering (**DVCS**) and hard exclusive meson production (**HEMP**)
- H, E accessed in vector meson production, all 4 chiral-even GPDs accessed in DVCS

DVCS and access to GPDs

- Experimental access to GPDs via Compton Form Factors
- Different configurations: p and e polarization, beam charge \rightarrow different CFFs
- proton + neutron DVCS \rightarrow flavor separation of GPDs

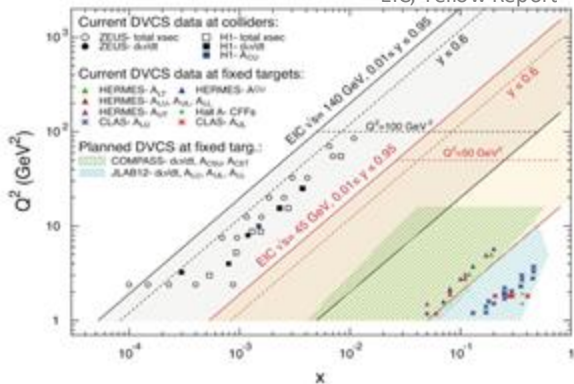
$$\mathcal{H}(\xi, t) = \sum_q e_q^2 \int_{-1}^1 dx H^q(x, \xi, t) \left(\frac{1}{\xi - x - i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{\xi + x - i\epsilon} \right)$$



GPDs at EIC: Snapshot

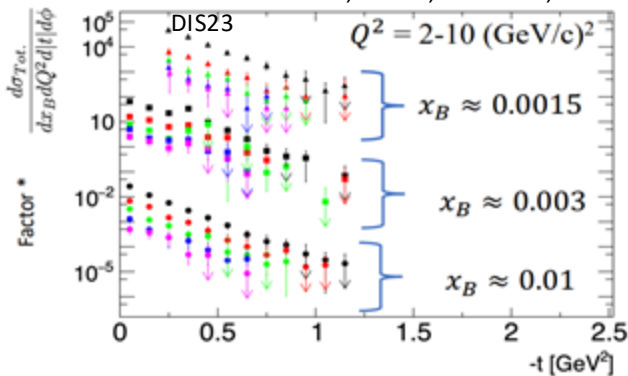
EIC kinematic reach: DVCS

EIC, Yellow Report



Projected DVCS cross-sections

ECCE Simulation, 10 fb⁻¹, I. Korover,

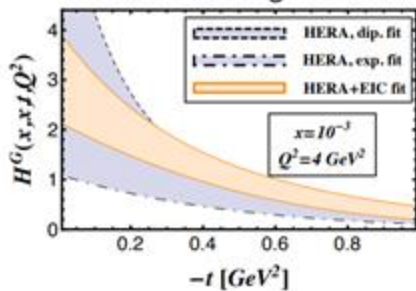


- ▲ e+p 18+275 GeV
- e+p 10+100 GeV
- e+p 5+41 GeV

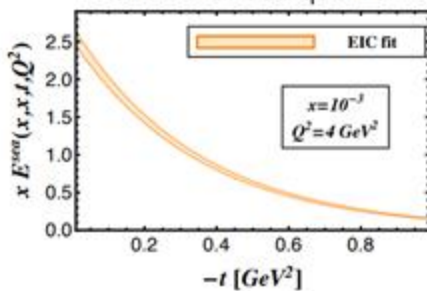
Strong constraints on extraction of Compton Form Factors from multidimensional binning

Anticipated constrain on GPDs H and E from EIC

GPD H for gluons

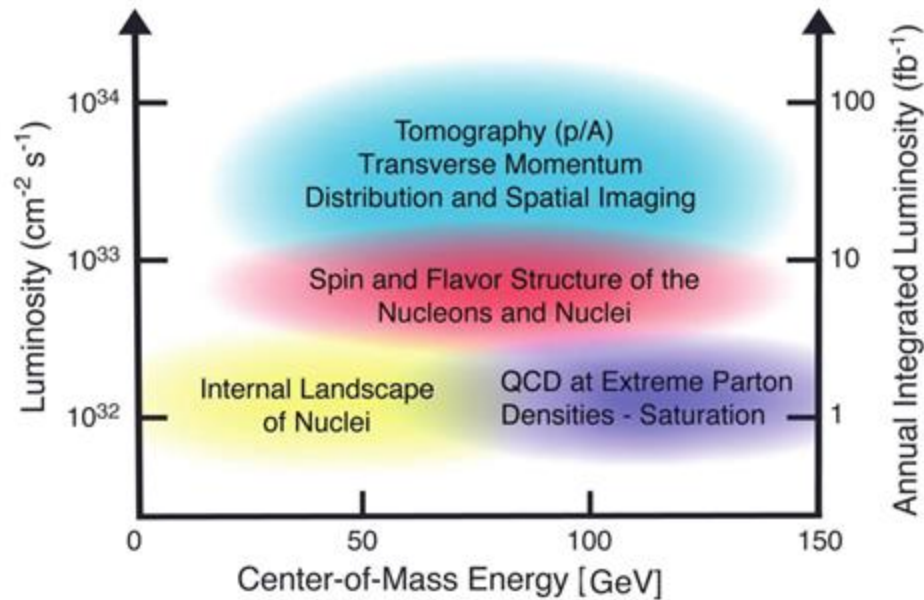


GPD E for sea quarks



- Different observables have different sensitivity to the GPDs, and measurements from multiple processes are needed for their flavour separation
- Measurements at EIC will provide significant constraints at low-x and enable extraction of as-yet unknown GPDs

Experimental Access to EIC Physics



Access to EIC Physics through

- Large kinematic coverage
- Polarized electron and hadron beams and unpolarized nuclear beams with high luminosities
- Detector setup fulfilling specific requirements of the polarized e-p/A collider

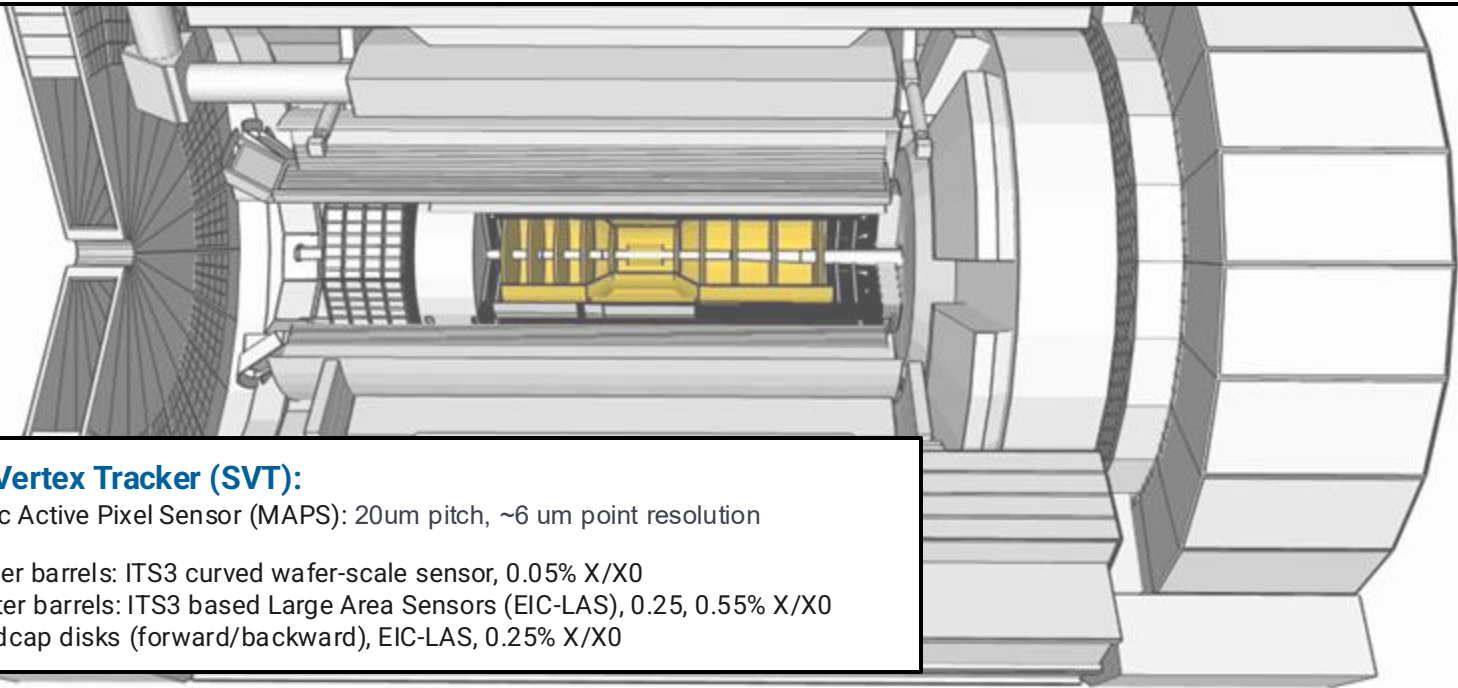
The background is a vibrant green with a subtle grid pattern at the bottom. On the right side, there is a circular graphic composed of concentric rings and segments in various shades of green and yellow, resembling a stylized globe or a data visualization. The text "ePIC Technology Choices" is prominently displayed in the center-left area.

ePIC Technology Choices

Tracking

Challenges: High precision low mass tracking

- High spatial-resolution and efficiency and large-area coverage (8 m² of Silicon Vertex Detector):
 - High pixel granularity
 - Very low material budget constraints also at large η (challenge for services)



Silicon Vertex Tracker (SVT):

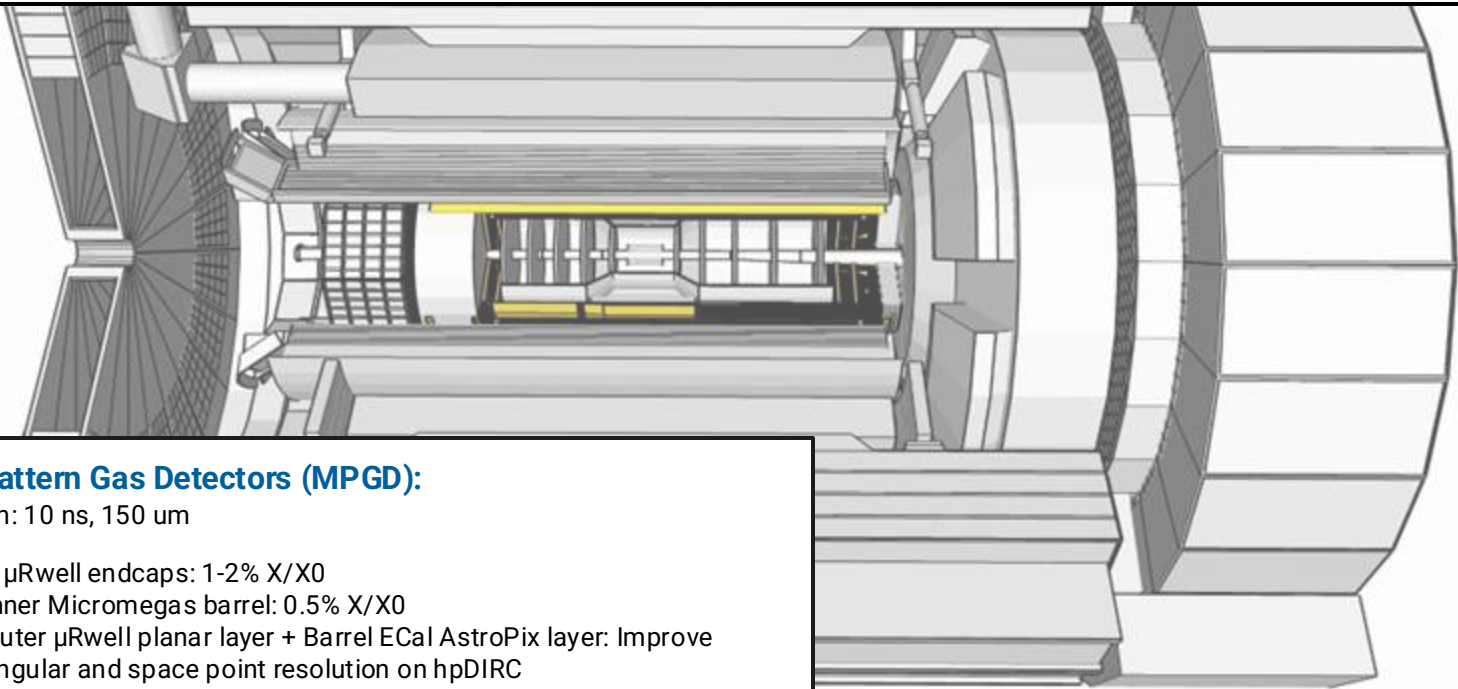
Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor (MAPS): 20 μ m pitch, \sim 6 μ m point resolution

- 3 inner barrels: ITS3 curved wafer-scale sensor, 0.05% X/X0
- 2 outer barrels: ITS3 based Large Area Sensors (EIC-LAS), 0.25, 0.55% X/X0
- 5 endcap disks (forward/backward), EIC-LAS, 0.25% X/X0

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Micro Pattern Gas Detectors (MPGD):

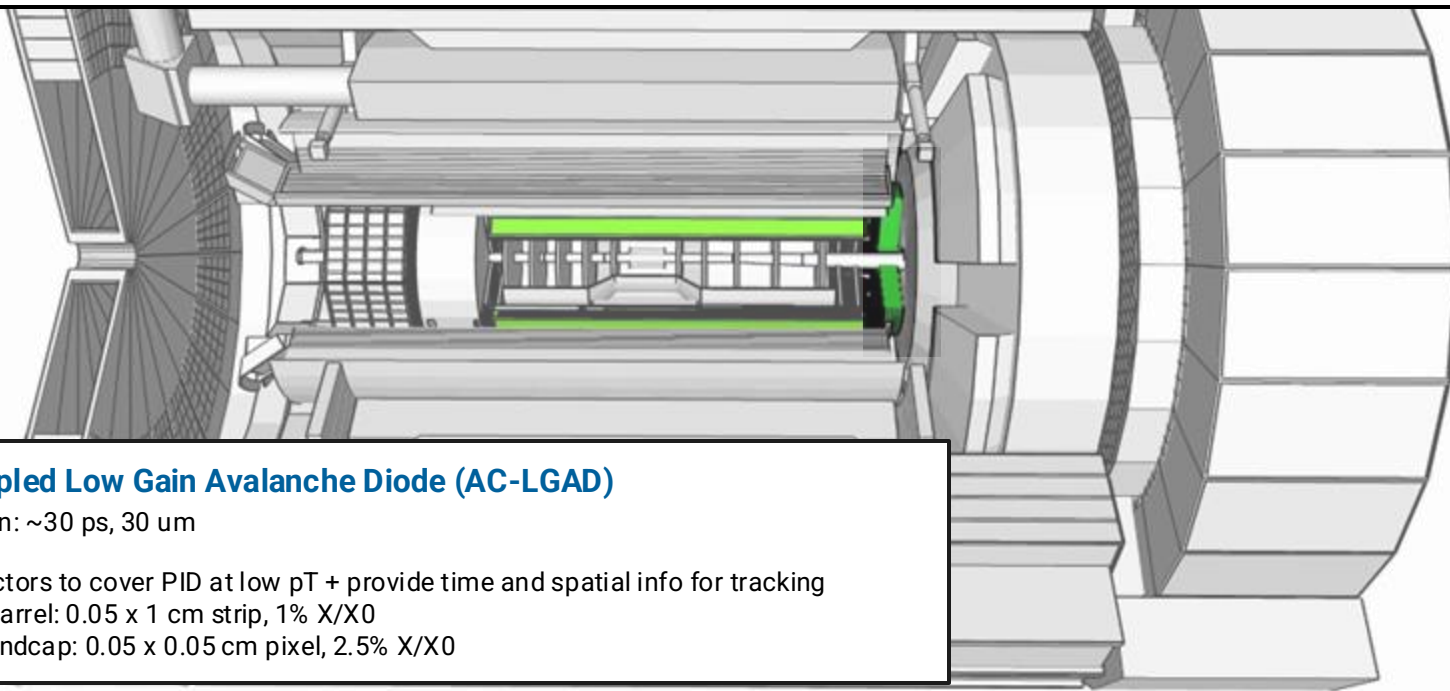
Resolution: 10 ns, 150 μ m

- 2 μ Rwell endcaps: 1-2% X/X0
- Inner Micromegas barrel: 0.5% X/X0
- Outer μ Rwell planar layer + Barrel ECal AstroPix layer: Improve angular and space point resolution on hpDIRC

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AC-coupled Low Gain Avalanche Diode (AC-LGAD)

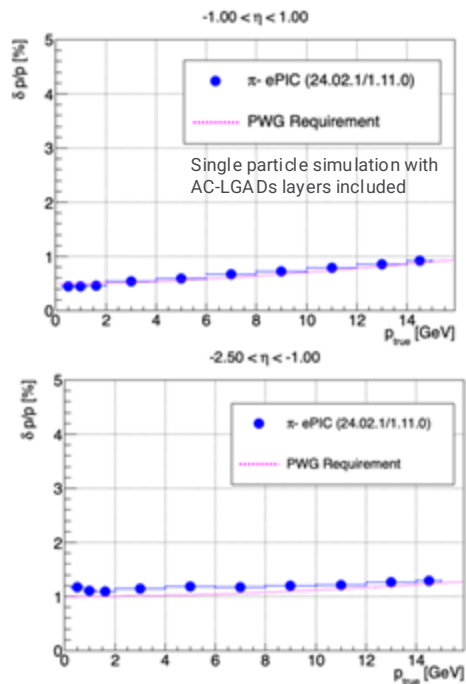
Resolution: ~ 30 ps, 30 μ m

ToF detectors to cover PID at low p_T + provide time and spatial info for tracking

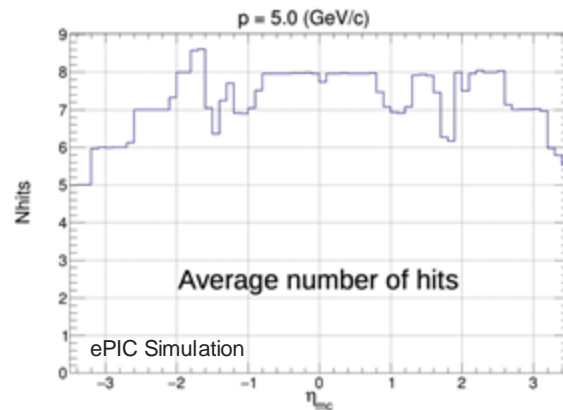
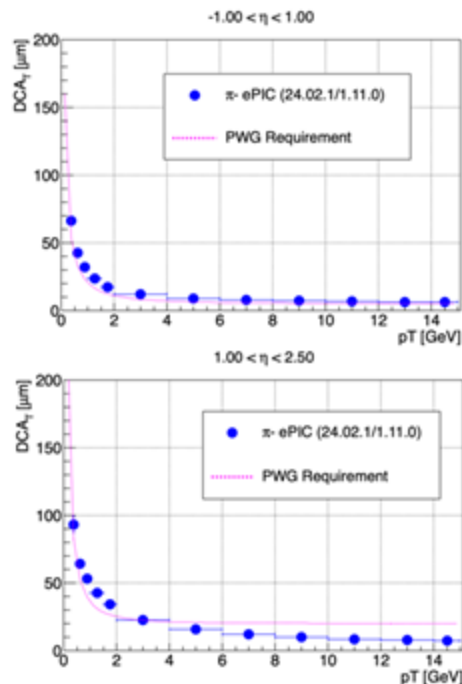
- Barrel: 0.05 x 1 cm strip, 1% X/X₀
- Endcap: 0.05 x 0.05 cm pixel, 2.5% X/X₀

Tracking Performance

Momentum



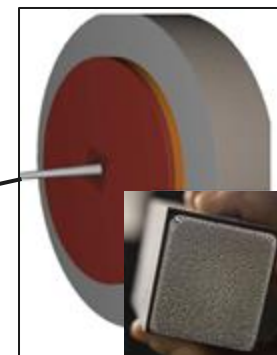
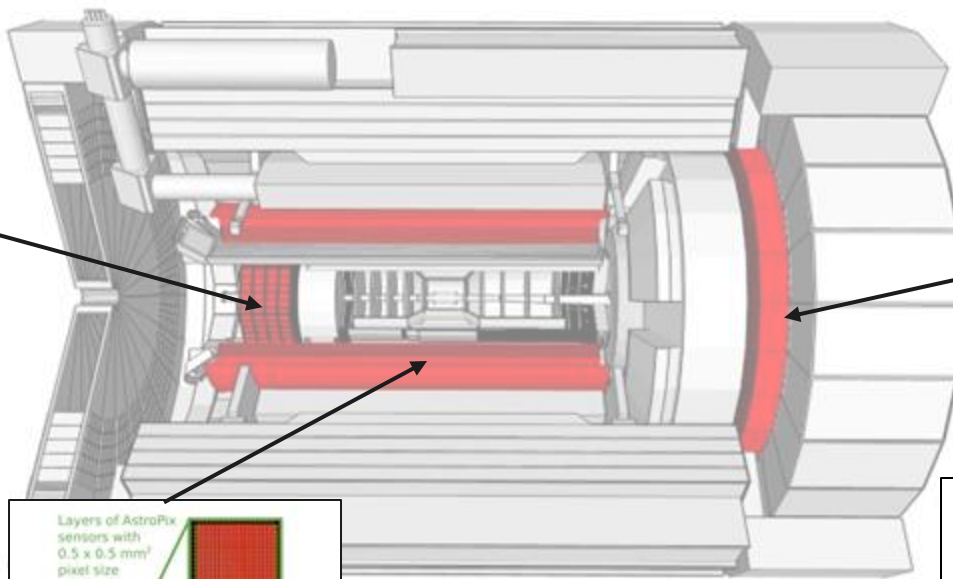
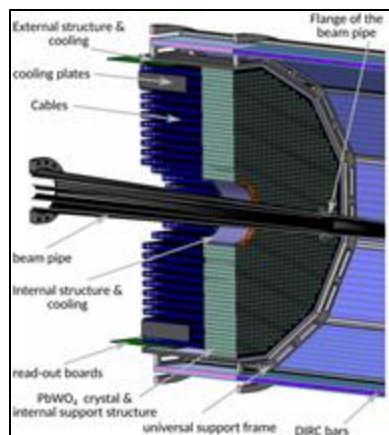
Distance of Closest Approach (DCA_T)



	Momentum Resolution	Spatial Resolution
Backward (-3.5 to -2.5)	$\sim 0.10\% \times p \oplus 2.0\%$	$\sim 30/pT \mu\text{m} \oplus 40 \mu\text{m}$
Backward (-2.5 to -1.0)	$\sim 0.05\% \times p \oplus 1.0\%$	$\sim 30/pT \mu\text{m} \oplus 20 \mu\text{m}$
Barrel (-1.0 to 1.0)	$\sim 0.05\% \times p \oplus 0.5\%$	$\sim 20/pT \mu\text{m} \oplus 5 \mu\text{m}$
Forward (1.0 to 2.5)	$\sim 0.05\% \times p \oplus 1.0\%$	$\sim 30/pT \mu\text{m} \oplus 20 \mu\text{m}$
Forward (2.5 to 3.5)	$\sim 0.10\% \times p \oplus 2.0\%$	$\sim 30/pT \mu\text{m} \oplus 40 \mu\text{m}$

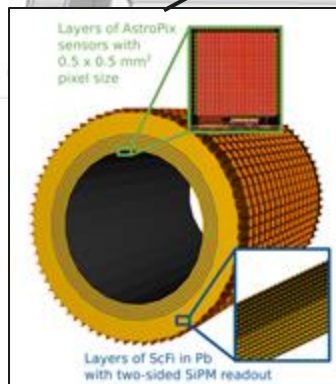
- Backward/Forward momentum resolution in extreme η regions complemented by calorimetric resolution
- Meets PWG requirements elsewhere

Electromagnetic Calorimetry



Backward EMCAL PbWO₄ crystals

- 2 × 2 × 20 cm³ crystals
- Readout: SiPMs 10 μm pixel
- Depth: ~20 X0
- Cooling to keep temperature stable within ± 0.1 °C



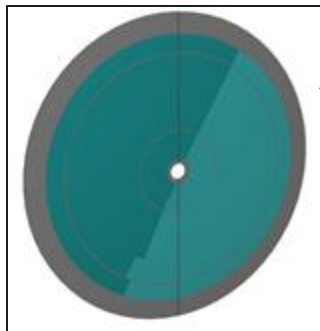
Imaging Barrel Calorimeter

- 4(+2) layers of AstroPix MAPS sensor, 500x500 μm
- Interleaved with scintillating fiber/Pb layers
 - 2-side SiPM readout, 50 μm pixel
- Depth: ~17.1 X0

High granularity W/SciFi EMCAL

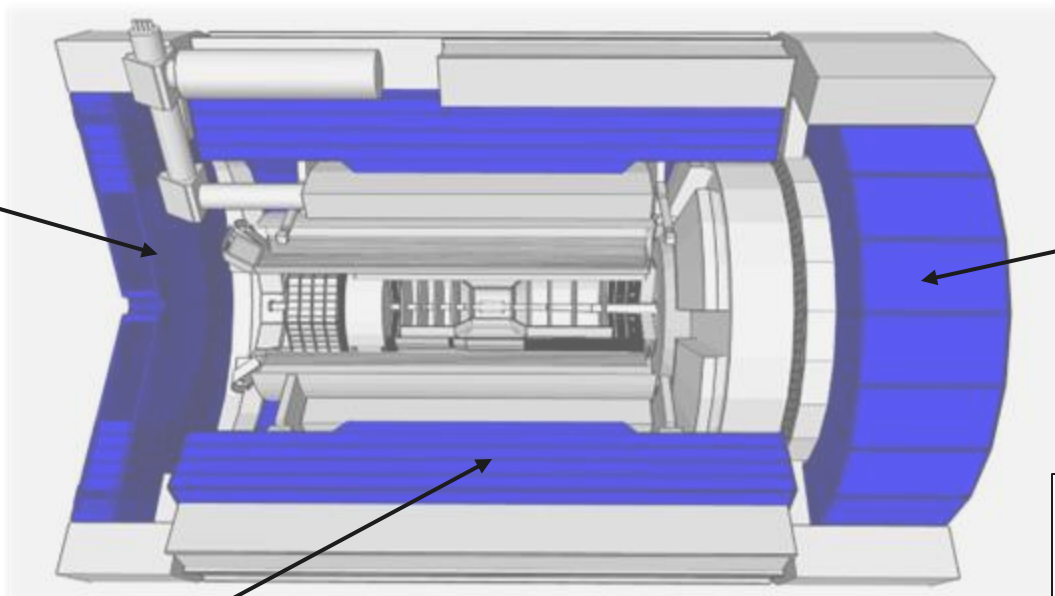
- Tungsten powder mixed with epoxy + scintillating fibers
- 5 cm x 5 cm x 17 cm blocks
- 4 independent towers per block
- Readout: 4 SiPM per tower, 50 μm pixel
- Depth: ~23 X0

Hadronic Calorimetry



Backwards HCal

- Steel + large scintillator tiles sandwich
- SiPM readout
- Exact design still in progress

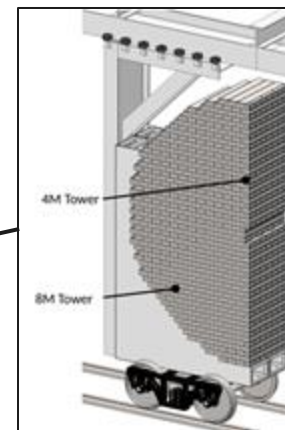


Barrel HCal (sPHENIX re-use)

- Tilted Steel/Scintillator plates with SiPM readout

Refurbish for EIC

- Minor radiation damage replace SiPMs
- Upgrade electronics to HGCROC
- Reading out each tile individually

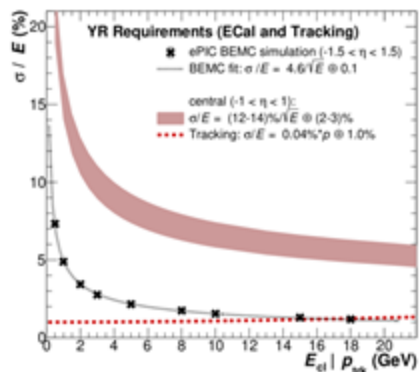


Longitudinally separated HCal with high- η insert

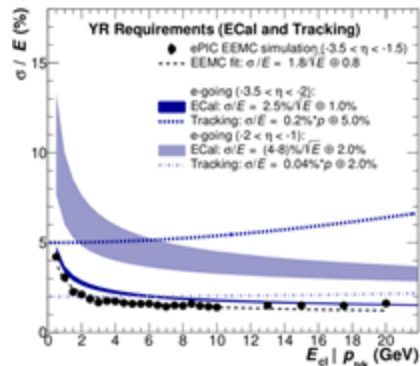
- Steel + Scintillator SiPM-on-tile
- Highly segmented longitudinally
- 65 layers per tower
 - 565,760 SiPMs
- Stackable for “easy” construction
- Highly segmented insert

Calorimetry Performance

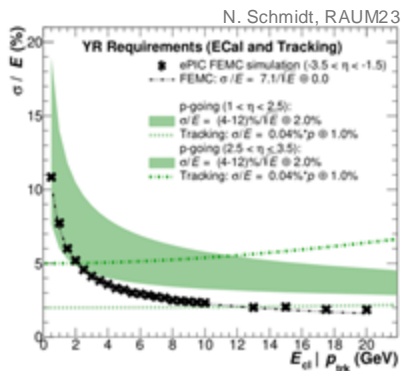
Barrel



Endcap (e-going)

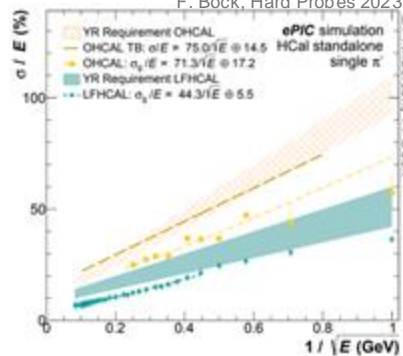


Endcap (p-going)



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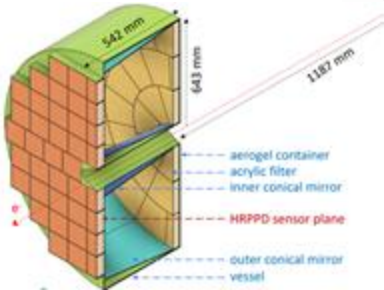


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Particle Identification

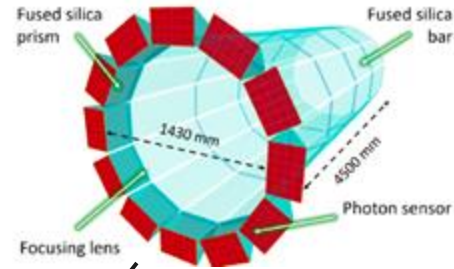
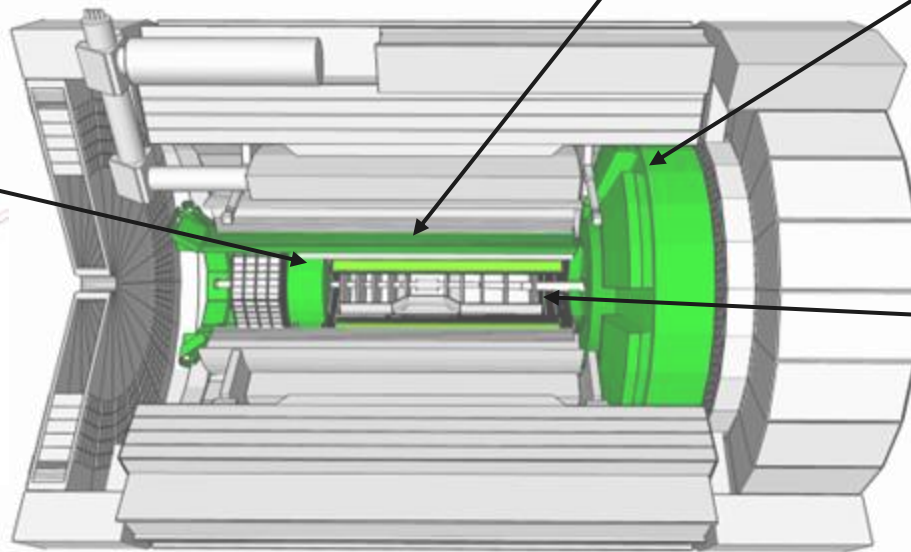
Proximity Focusing RICH

- Proximity gap >40 cm
- up to 7 GeV/c 36 π/K sep.
- High Rate Picosecond Photodetector (HRPPD) sensors
 - Provide also reference time (~20ps) for ToF

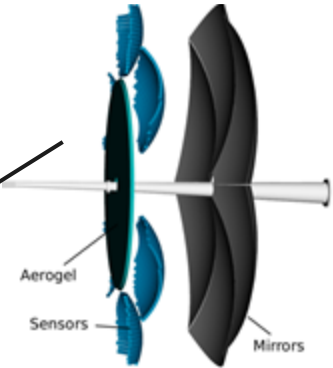


High-Performance DIRC

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

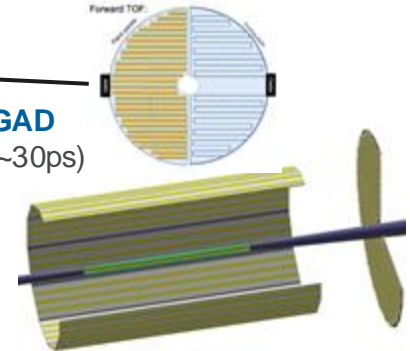


Dual-Radiator RICH (dRICH)




- C_2F_6 Gas Volume and Aerogel
- Sensors tiled on spheres (SiPMs)
- π/K 36 sep. at 50 GeV/c

AC-LGAD TOF (~30ps)



- Accurate space point for tracking ~30 μ m
- Forward disk and central barrel

Far-Forward and Far-Backward Detectors

	1 st IR (IP-6)	2 nd IR (IP-8)
Globally:	same accelerator highlights and challenges	
Geometry:	ring inside to outside	ring outside to inside
Crossing Angle:	25 mrad	35 mrad
		
		→ more difficult to get acceptance at high h
	different blind spots	
Luminosity:	different far-forward detector acceptances	
	same luminosity at both IRs	
	same center-of-mass energy coverage	
IR-Design:	$0.2 \text{ GeV} < p_T < 1.3 \text{ GeV}$	2 nd Focus
		→ improved low p_T acceptance at far-forward Roman Pots
		$x_L \sim 1 \rightarrow p_T \sim 0$
Experiment:	complementarity through	
	different subdetector technologies	

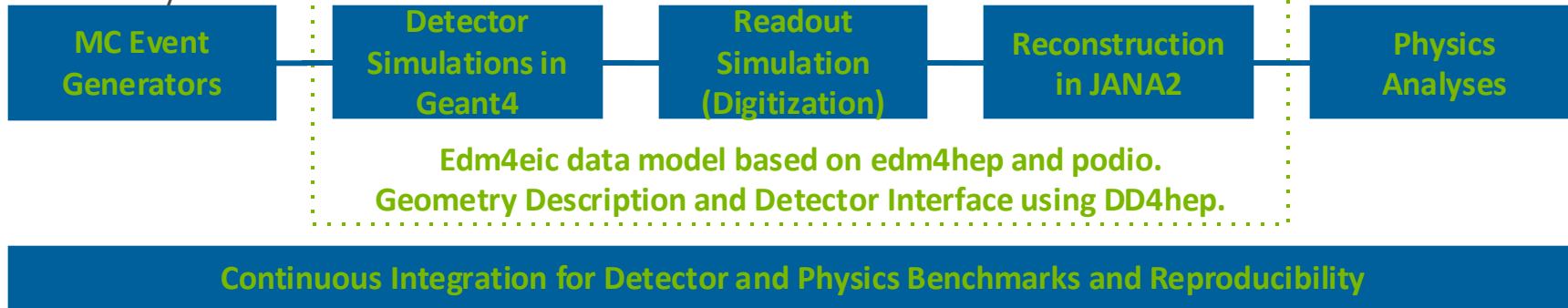
Software and Computing

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ePIC Software

Our software design is based on **lessons learned in the worldwide NP and HEP community** and a **decision-making process** involving the whole community. We will continue to work with the worldwide NP and HEP community.

Modular Simulation, Reconstruction, and Analysis Toolkit using tools from the NP-HEP community



We are providing a production-ready software stack throughout the development:

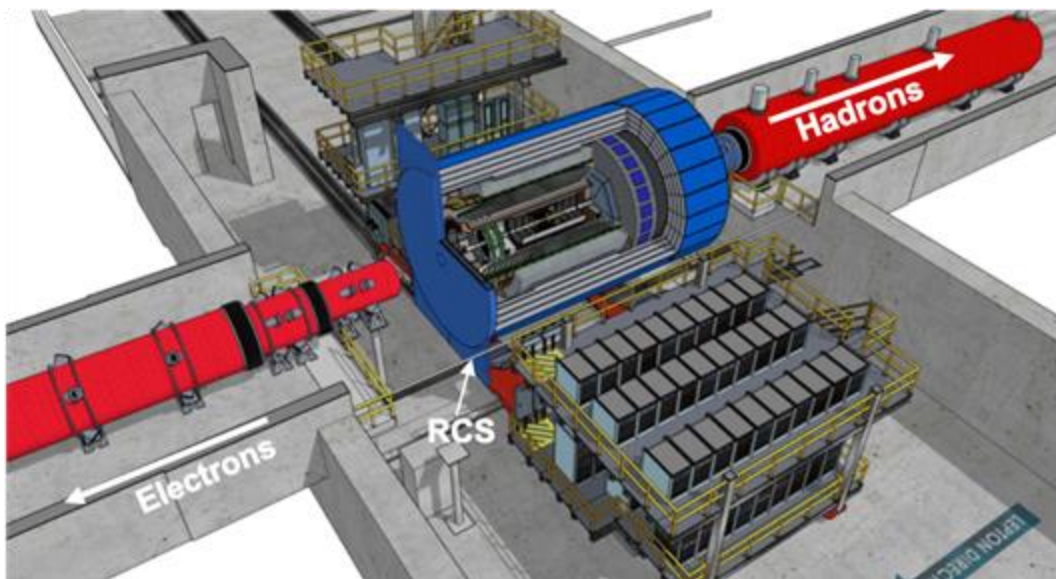
- **Milestone:** Software enabled first large-scale simulation campaign for ePIC.

We have a good foundation to meet the near-term and long-term software needs for ePIC.

Optimize Physics Reach

Integrated interaction and detector region (+/- 40 m)

Get ~100% acceptance for all final state particles, and measure them with good resolution. All particles count!

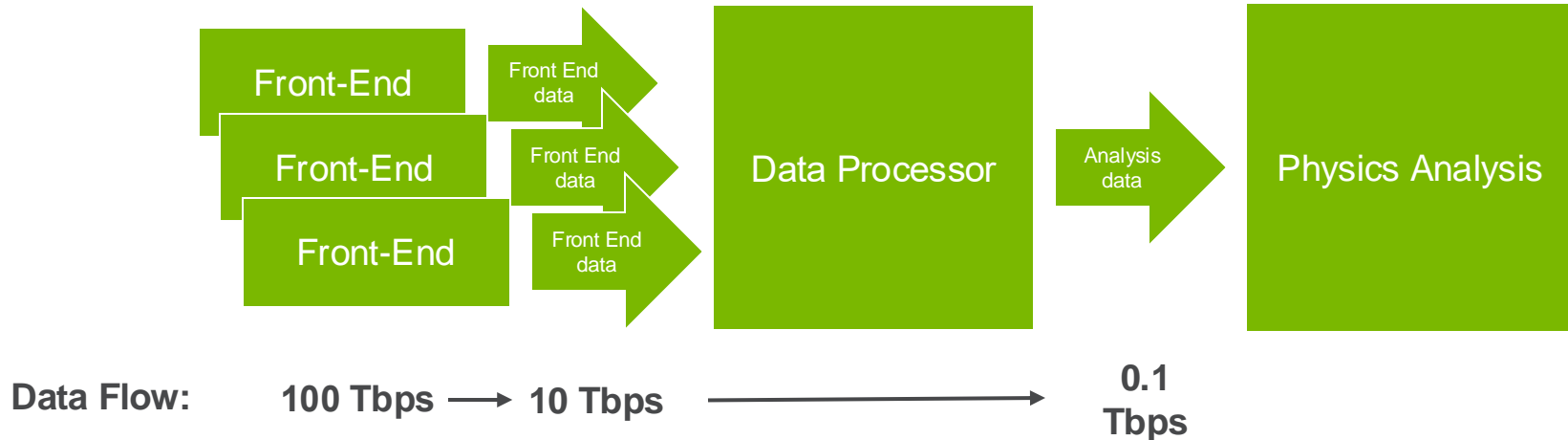


Compute-Detector Integration

Extend integrated interaction and detector region into detector readout (electronics), data acquisition, data processing and reconstruction, and physics analysis.

Compute-Detector Integration to Maximize Science

- **Problem** Data for physics analyses and the resulting publications available after $O(1\text{year})$ due to complexity of NP experiments (and their organization).
 - Alignment and calibration of detector as well as reconstruction and validation of events time-consuming.
- **Goal** Rapid turnaround of data for physics analyses.
- **Solution** Compute-detector integration using:
 - AI/ML for autonomous alignment and calibration as well as reconstruction in near real time,
 - Streaming readout for continuous data flow and heterogeneous computing for acceleration.



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