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# ATHENA @ EIC

A Totally Hermetic  
Electron Nucleus Apparatus  
proposed for  
the **Electron-Ion Collider**



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# The Context

# The EIC, WHY?

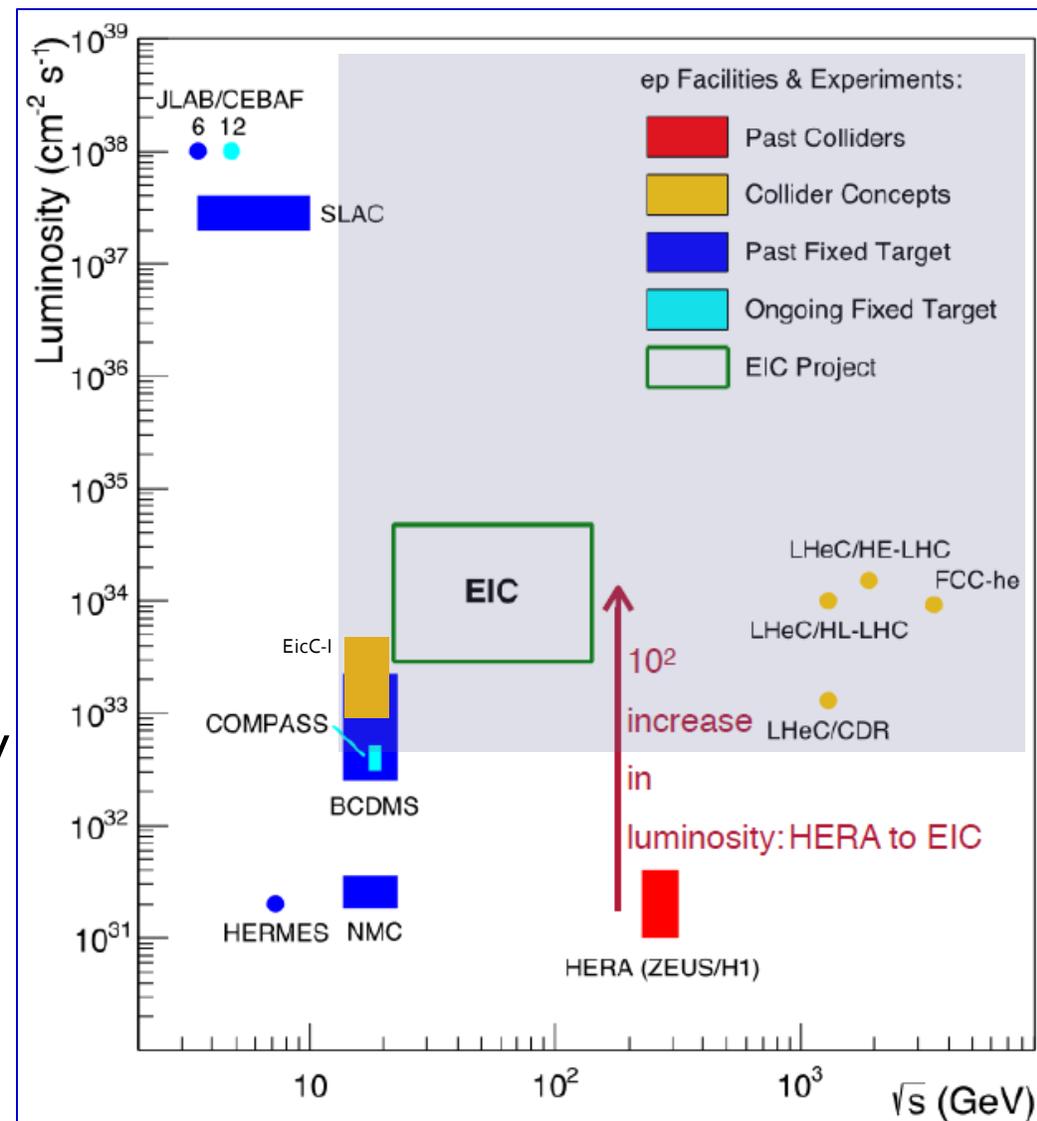
## ■ Ultimate understanding of QCD

### ➤ By answering to the open questions

- ✓ N spin structure and overall N tomography
- ✓ Origin of the N mass
- ✓ Evolution of the gluons in high density nuclear matter and gluon saturation
- ✓ ...

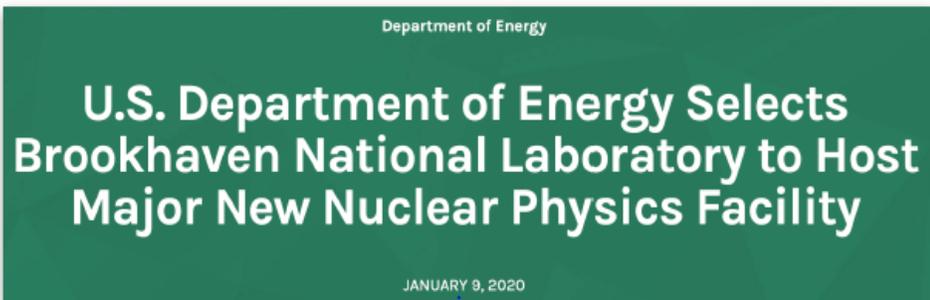
### ➤ By conjugating High Energy and High Luminosity enriched with Beam Polarization

- ✓ Several e-h colliders proposed by the community
- ✓ **The EIC is an approved project !**



# The EIC, an approved project

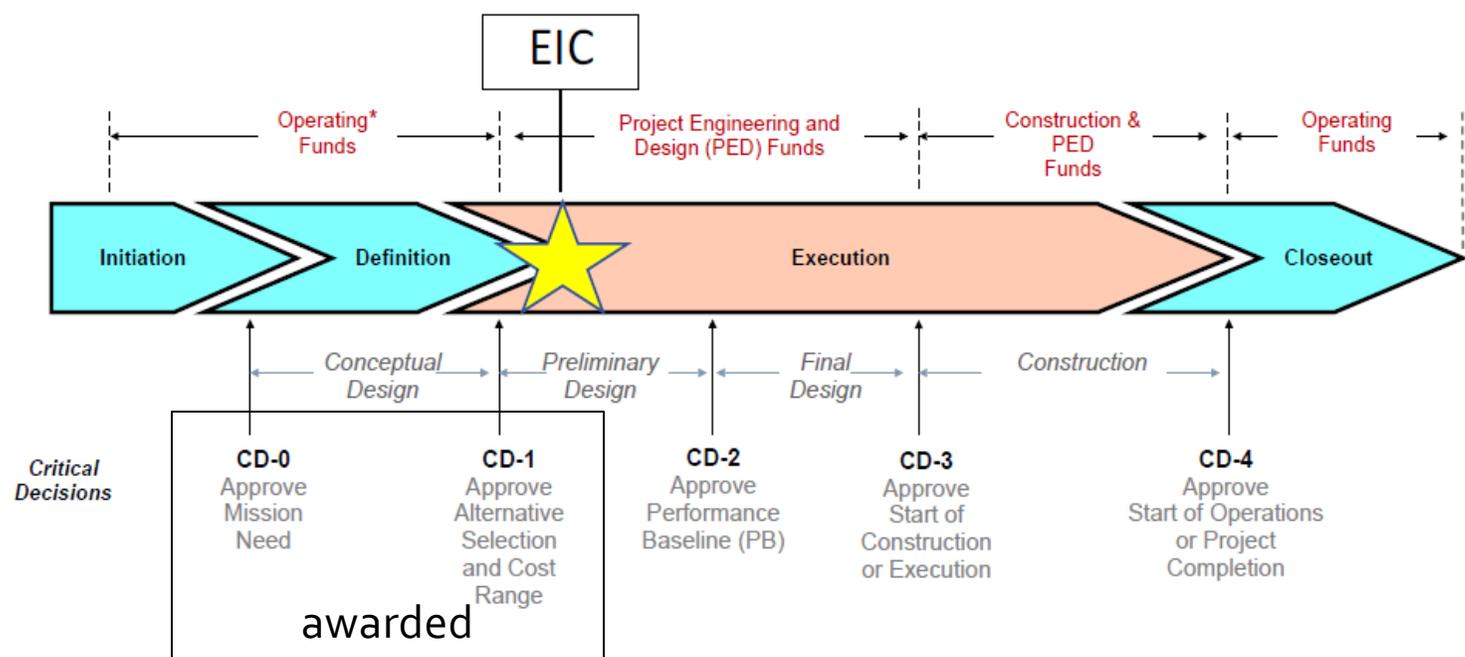
<https://www.energy.gov/articles/us-department-energy-selects-brookhaven-national-laboratory-host-major-new-nuclear-physics>



**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced the selection of Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, NY, as the site for a planned major new nuclear physics research facility. The Electron Ion Collider (EIC), to be designed and constructed over ten years at an estimated cost between \$1.6 and \$2.6 billion, will smash electrons into protons and heavier atomic nuclei in an effort to penetrate the mysteries of the “strong force” that binds the atomic nucleus together.

Critical Decision-0 (CD-0), “Approve Mission Need”, approved for the EIC on December 19, 2019.

Critical Decision-1 (CD-1), “Approve Alternative Selection and Cost Range”, was awarded for the EIC on June 29, 2021.



- The next milestones in front of the project (present projection)
- CD2/3A ~ Jan. 2024 (pre-TDR needed)
  - CD-3 ~ Apr. 2025 (TDR)
  - CD4A ~ 2031 (start of operation)
  - CD4 ~ 2033 (project completion)

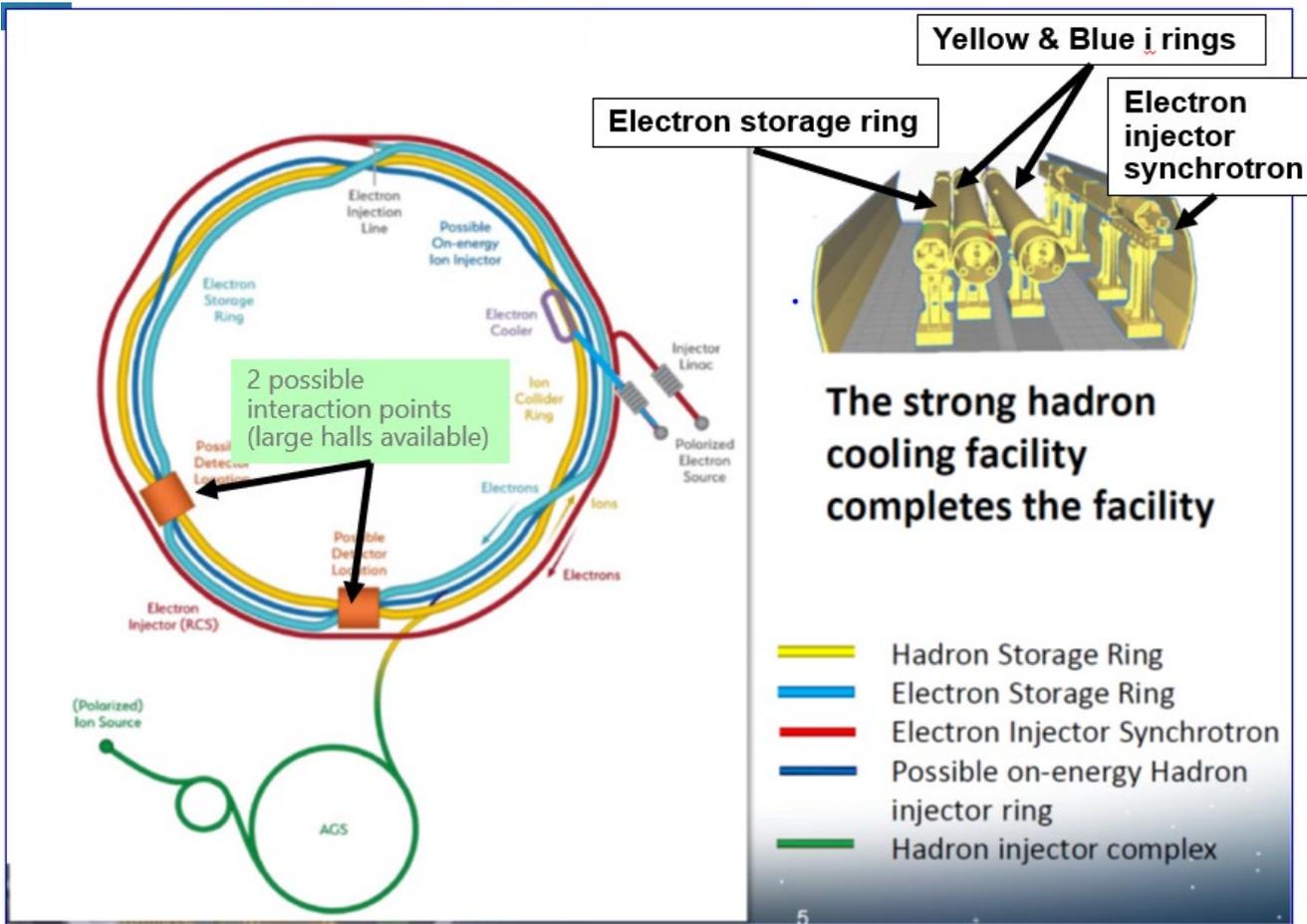
# The EIC project in a nutshell

## "SPECIFICATIONS":

- spanning a wide kinematical range
  - ECM: 20 – 141 GeV
- High luminosity
  - up to  $10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- 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**
- True  $4\pi$ -coverage
  - Fully integrated detector-IR
- Detector**

collider design

detector design



h-sources, acceleration, polarization, storage ring  
empowering the existing complex

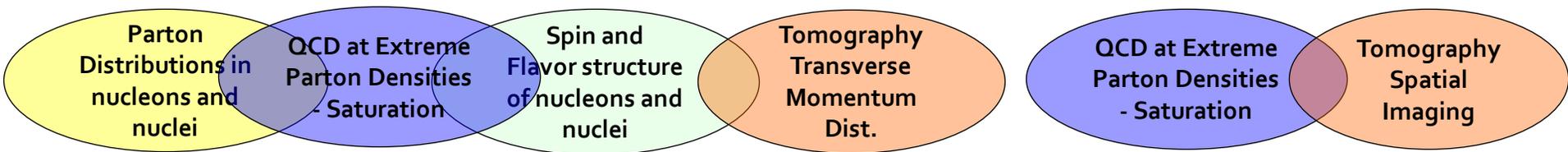
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# The EIC Detector

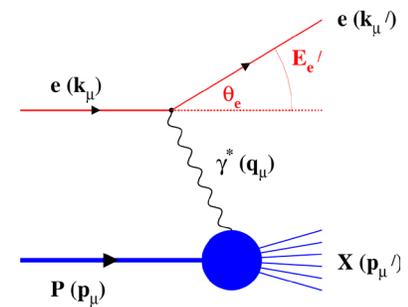
(general considerations)

# Detector requirements dictated by the Physics Scope

measurements by categories (from WP & NAS Report)

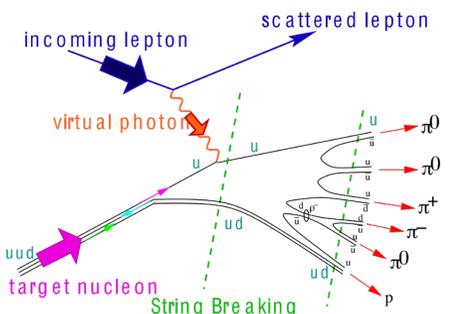


process



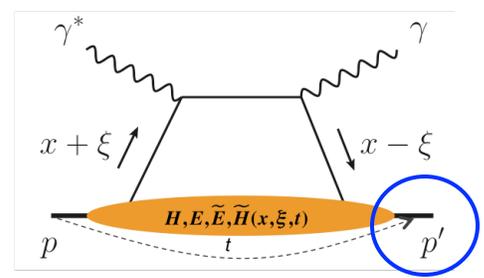
### inclusive DIS

- Detect, measure and identify the scattered lepton
- hermeticity and h reconstruction
- jet reconstruction
- Acceptance & resolution for multi-dimensional binning:  $x, Q^2$



### semi-inclusive DIS

- measure scattered lepton and hadrons in coincidence
- Identify hadrons
- jet reconstruction
- Vertex resolution to reconstruct heavy hadron decays
- Acceptance & resolution for multi-dimensional binning:  $x, Q^2, z, p_T, \Theta$



### exclusive processes (small cross-sections)

- measure all particles in event
- tagging nuclear fragments for background suppression
- $e/\pi$  separation for background suppression
- identify hadron for background suppression
- Acceptance & resolution multi-dimensional binning:  $x, Q^2, t, \Theta$

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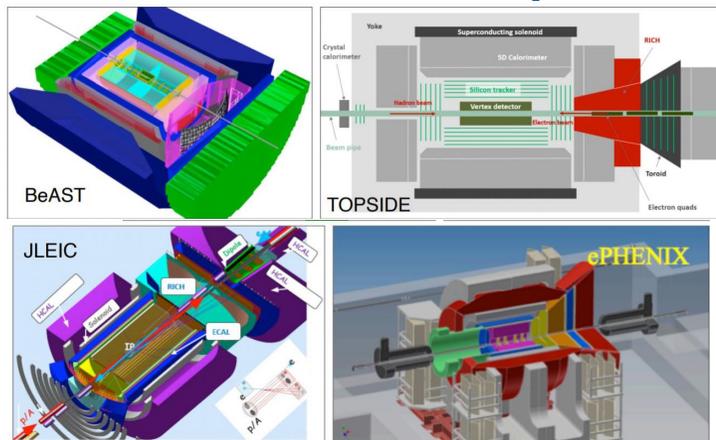
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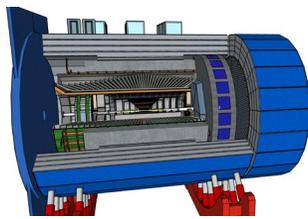
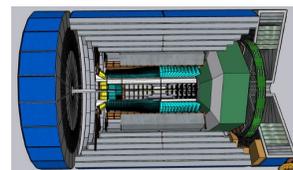
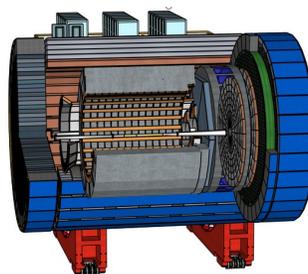
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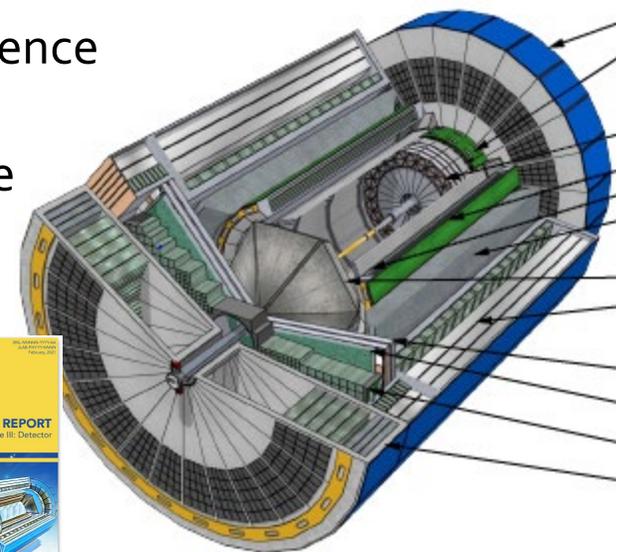


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  - A Totally Hermetic Electron-Nucleus Apparatus
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- CORE
  - Compact detector for the Eic
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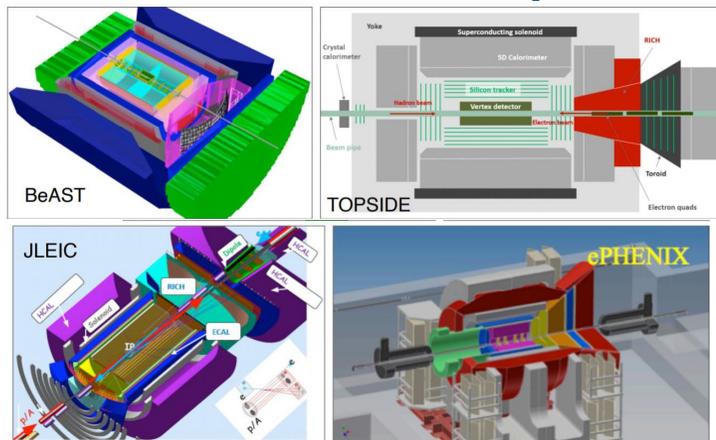
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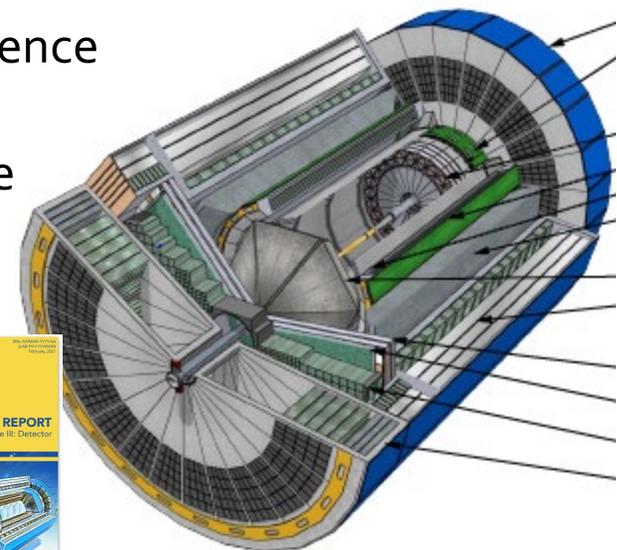
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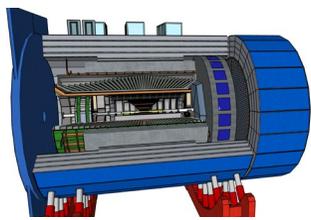
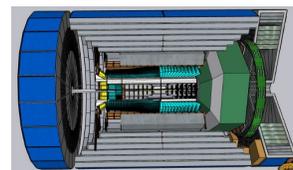
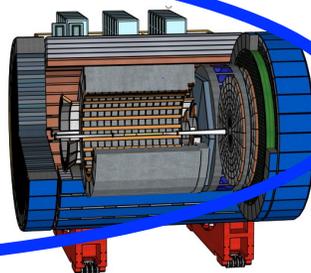
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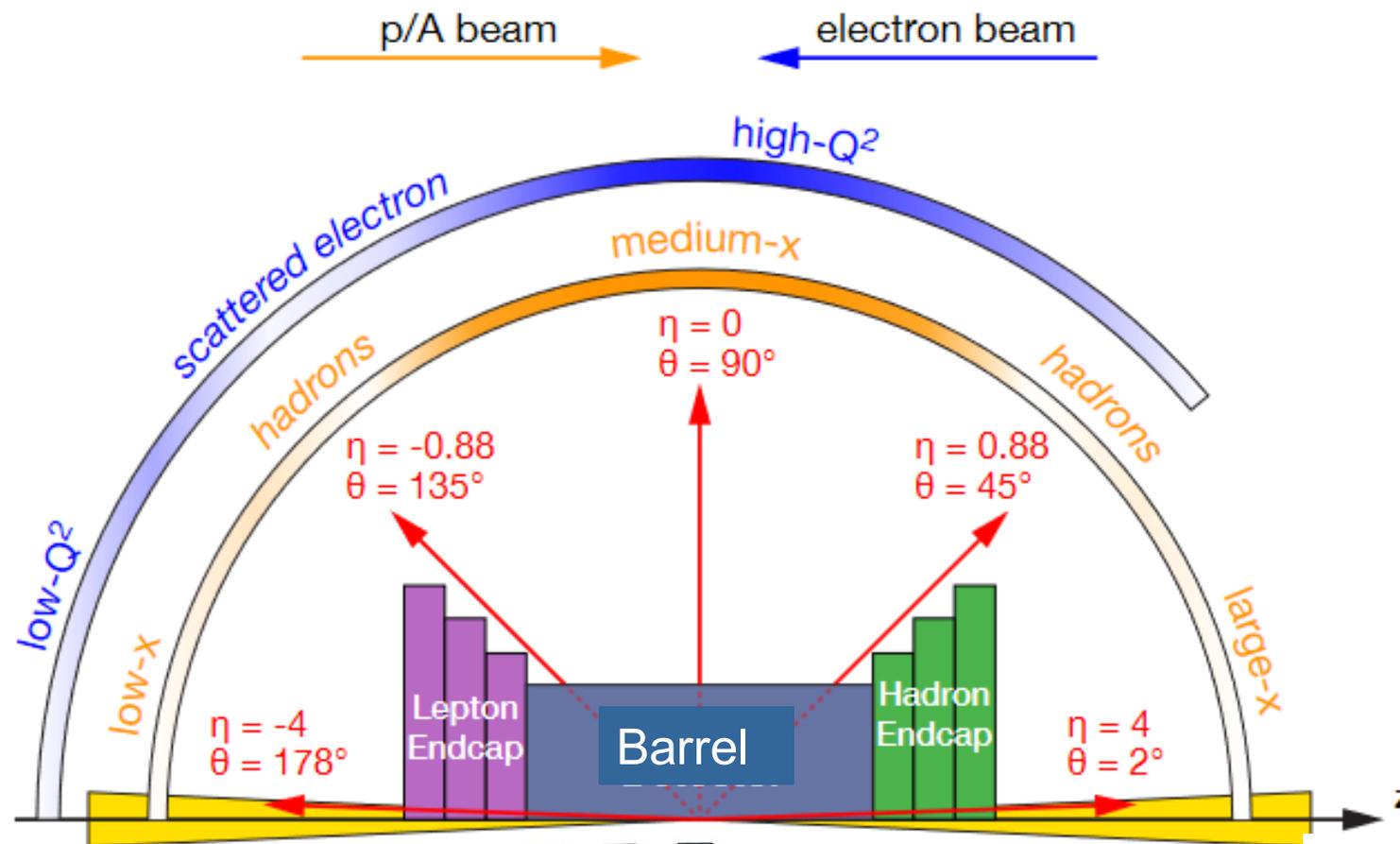
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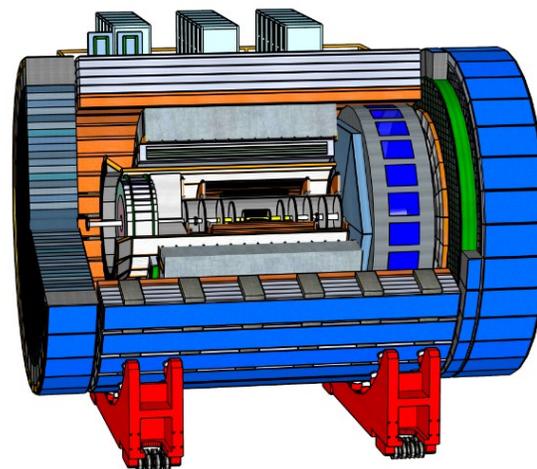
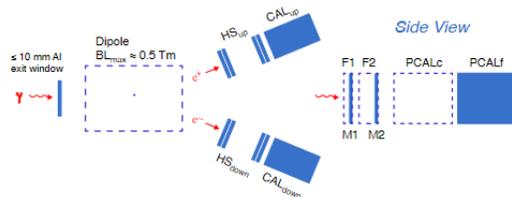


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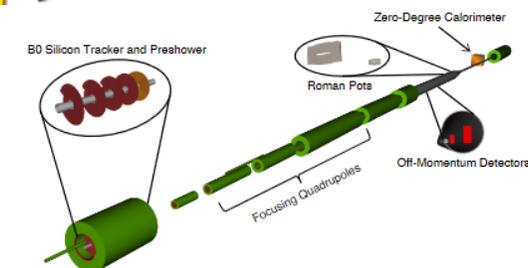
# ATHENA DETECTOR



till  $\sim -40$  m from IR  
far - backward



Central detector  
9.5 m long



far - forward  
till  $\sim 40$  m from IR

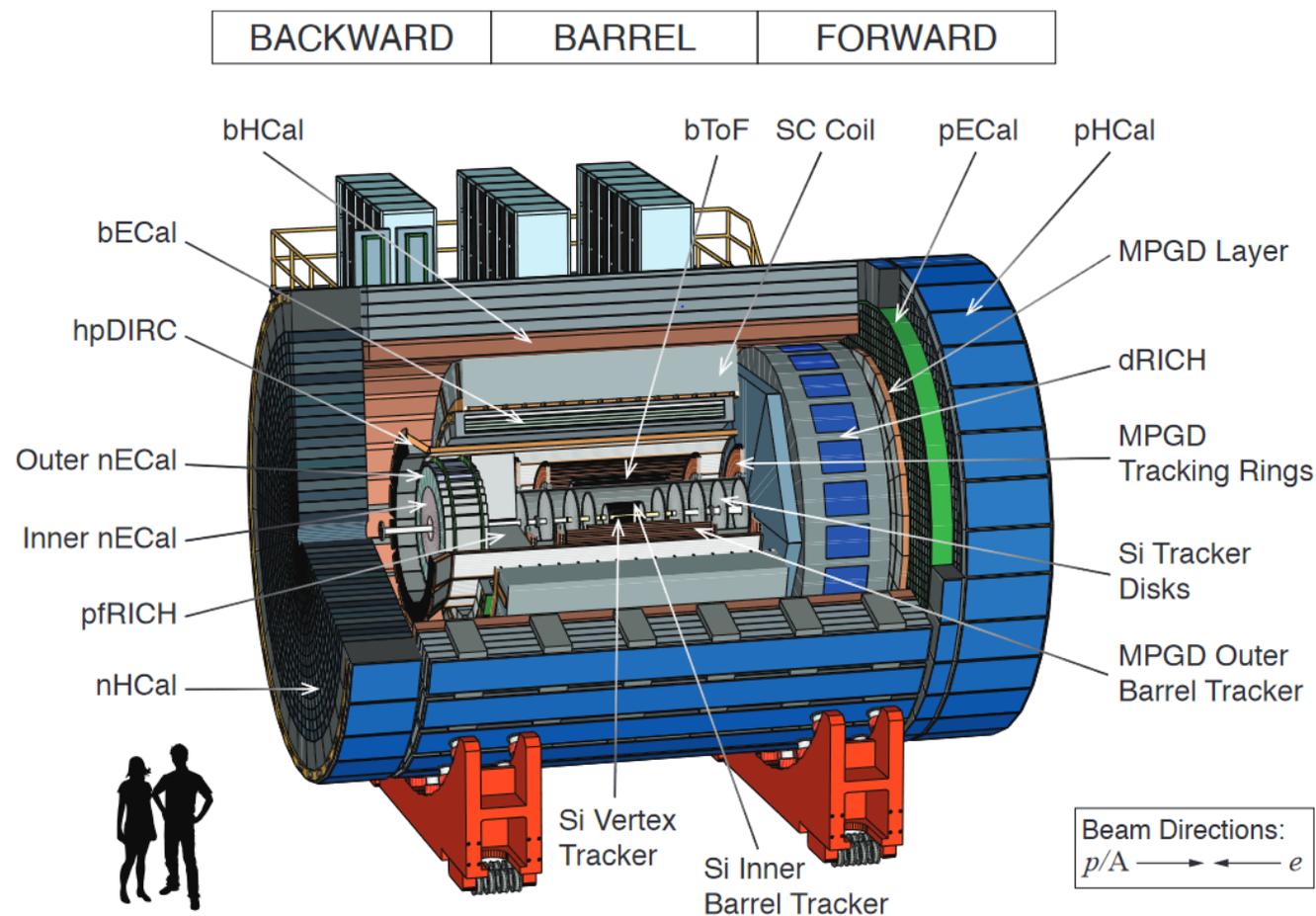
# The ATHENA Detector

(by highlights)

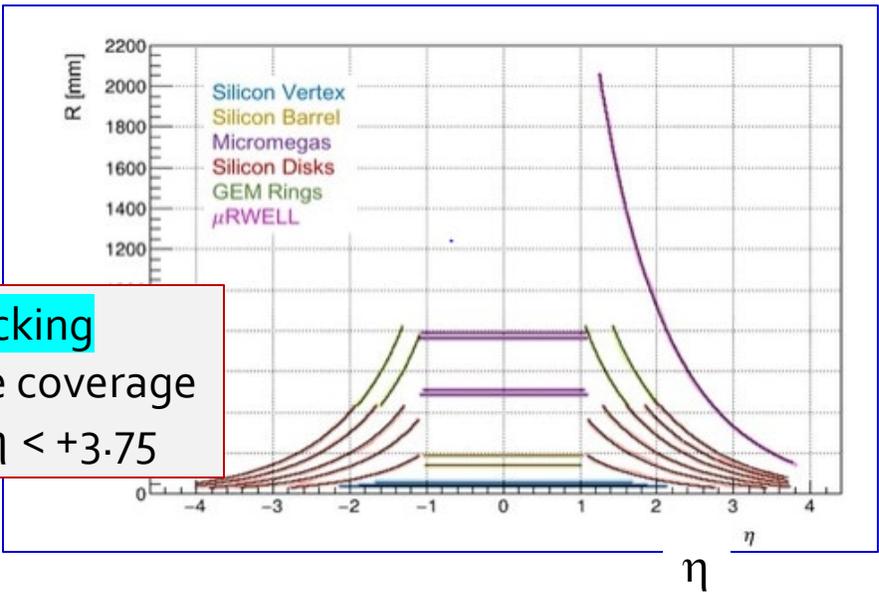
# Central Detector Overview

## Highlights of the ATHENA design

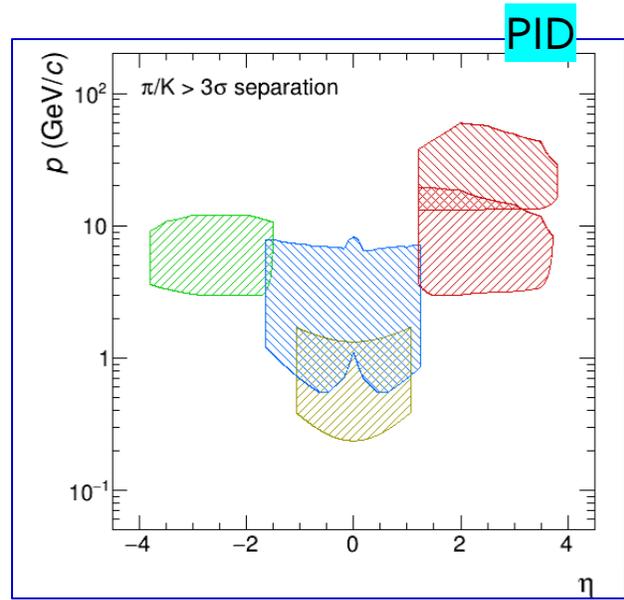
- Large-bore **3T solenoid**, material budget in nuclear interaction length  $\sim 1.3 \lambda/\lambda_I$
- **Hybrid tracking**: Silicon pixel sensors by MAPS and state-of-the-art MPGDs
- **Calorimetry**: Backward high-resolution crystal calorimeter / Barrel novel hybrid imaging/ sampling EM calorimeter / Forward high-energy jet reconstruction
- **PID**: Large bore allows for layered, complementary, state-of-the-art PID technologies and innovative approach for single photon detection



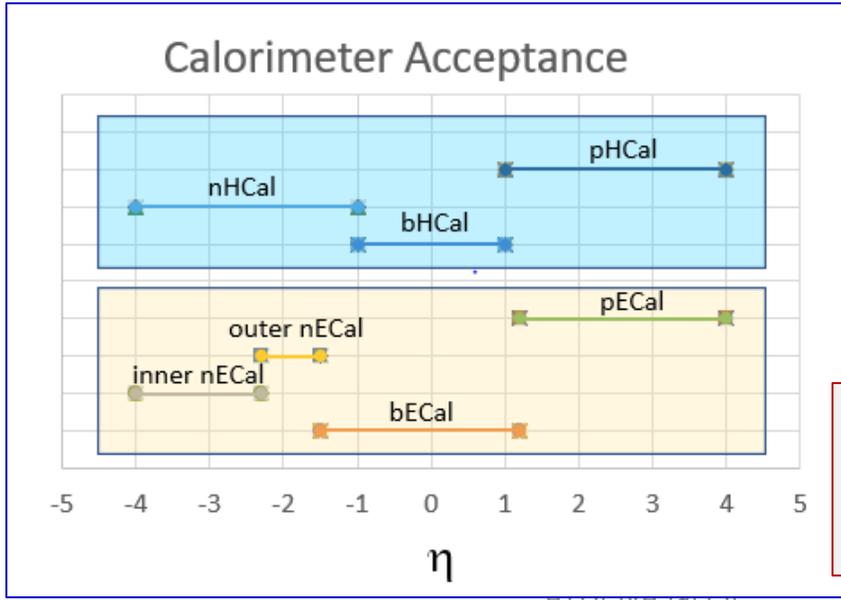
# ATHENA – Central Detector acceptance



**Tracking**  
Complete coverage  
 $-3.8 < \eta < +3.75$



**PID**  
Complete coverage  
 $-3.8 < \eta < +3.7$



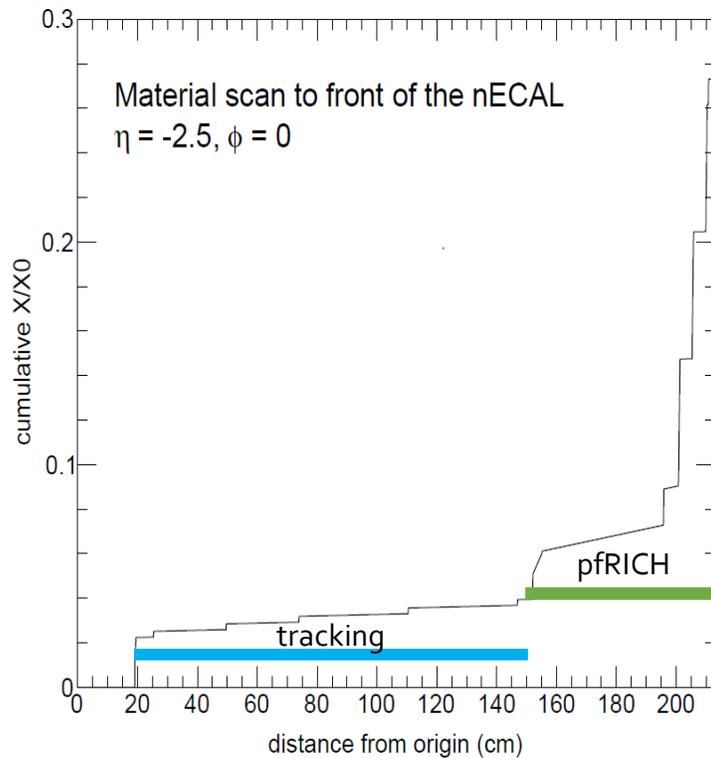
**Calorimetry (E & H)**  
Complete coverage  
 $-4 < \eta < +4$

# ATHENA – Material Budget in Central Detector

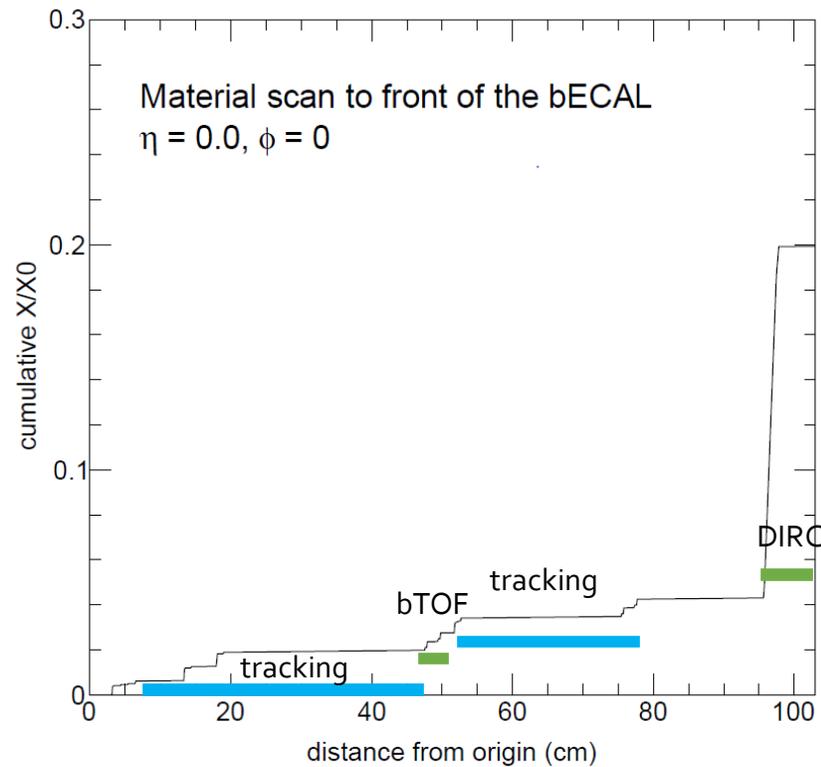


## Material budget in front of ECals

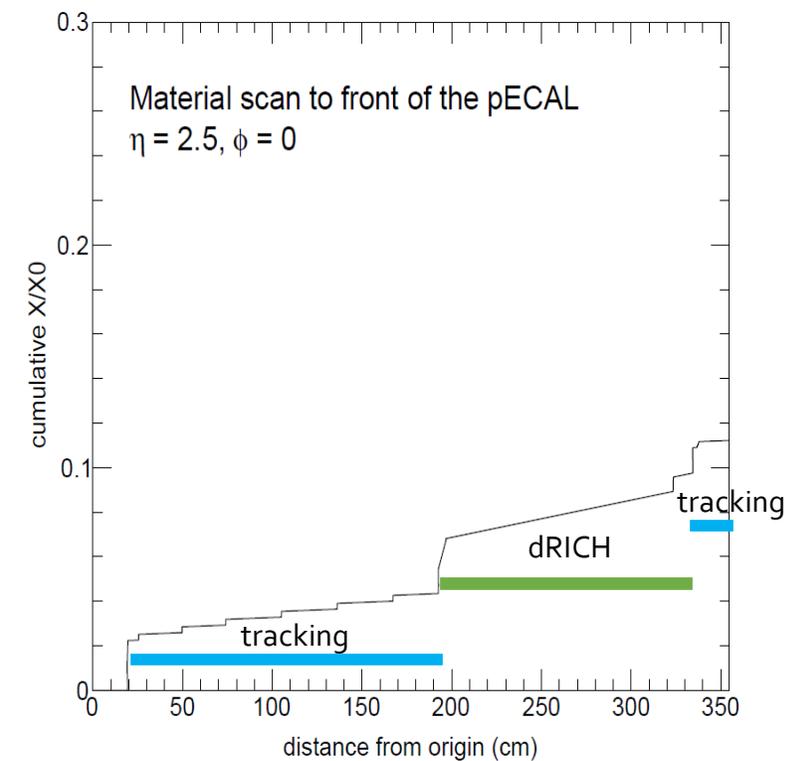
Backward endcap



Barrel



Forward endcap



# ATHENA VERTEX & TRACKING, a description

## Si Trackers (from eRD16/eRD18/eRD25 → eRD111)

- 1 single technology
- 65-nm technology MAPS (10  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch,  $< 20 \text{ mW cm}^{-2}$ )
- Developed for ALICE ITS3
- EIC Si consortium (leadership within ATHENA)

- **Silicon Vertex**, 3 layers  
first layer @  $R = 33 \text{ mm}$   
material:  $0.05 X/X_0 / \text{layer}$
- **Silicon barrel**, 2 layers  
material:  $0.55 X/X_0 / \text{layer}$
- **F & B Silicon disks**  
material:  $0.24 X/X_0 / \text{layer}$

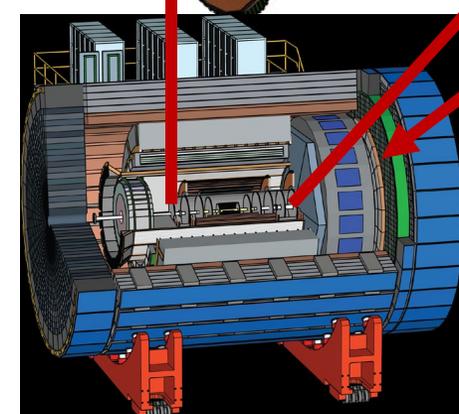
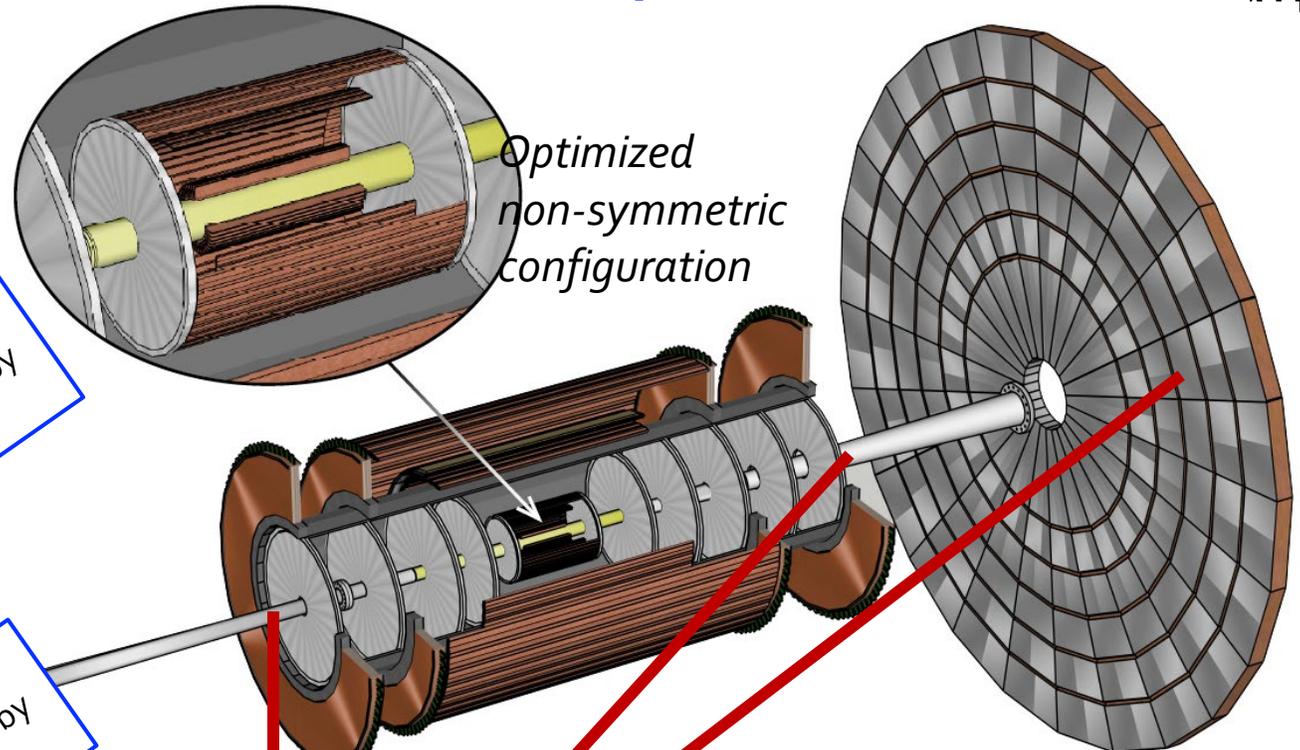
## MPGDs (from eRD3/eRD6 → eRD108)

- material  $< 1\% X/X_0 / \text{layer}$
- R&D needed for 2-D read-out

- barrel, cylindrical, 2 x 2 layers, **Micromegas**
- rings, **GEM**
- behind dRICH,  $\mu\text{RWELL}$

About MAPS in ATHENA  
All details in the poster by  
Giacomo Contin

About MPGD in ATHENA  
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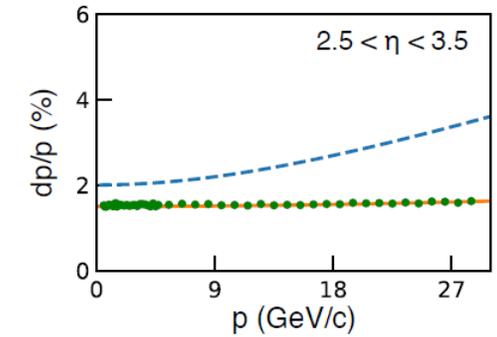
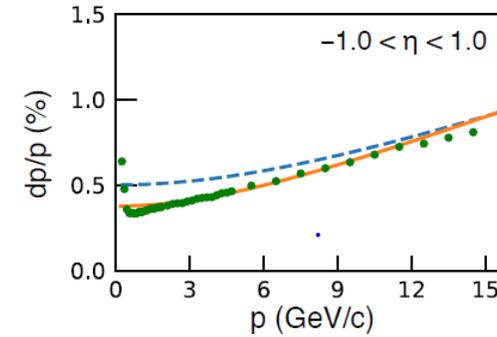
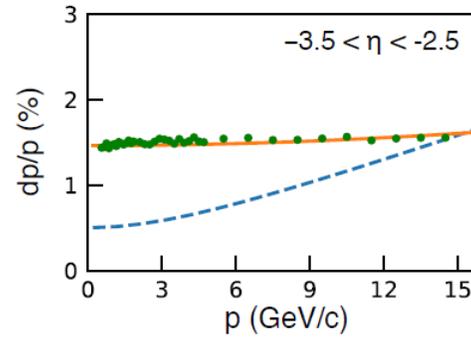
Additional space-point information (not included in present tracking studies)

- bTOF layer in front of Micromegas
- Imaging bECal, coordinate-measurement behind DIRC
- nECal high-granularity in the central region, behind pfRICH

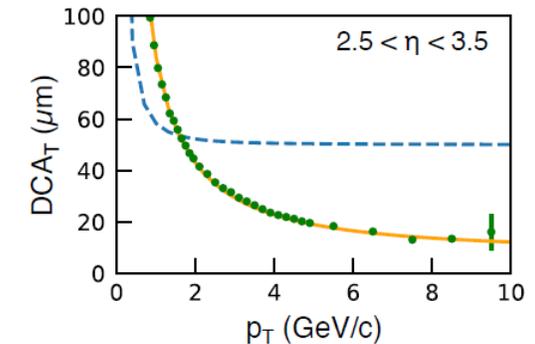
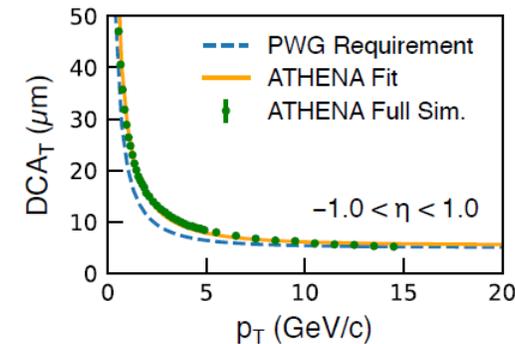
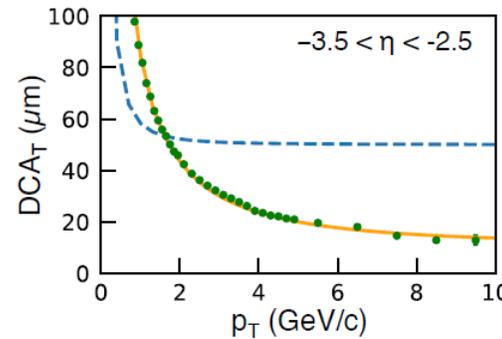
# ATHENA VERTEX & TRACKING, performances



## Momentum resolution vs p in 3 $\eta$ -bins



## Transfer distance of closest approach to the primary vertex vs p in 3 $\eta$ -bins



## KEY INGREDIENTS for these PERFORMANCES

- High magnetic field / Maximized lever-arm/ Minimized material / Sensor pitch

# ATHENA Calorimetry, overview

## Global characteristics of ATHENA Calorimetry:

- high granularity
- high resolution
- Si PM sensors → fine time information

## nECAL

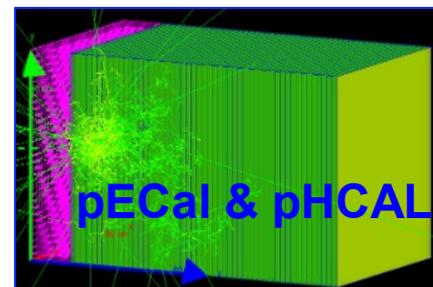
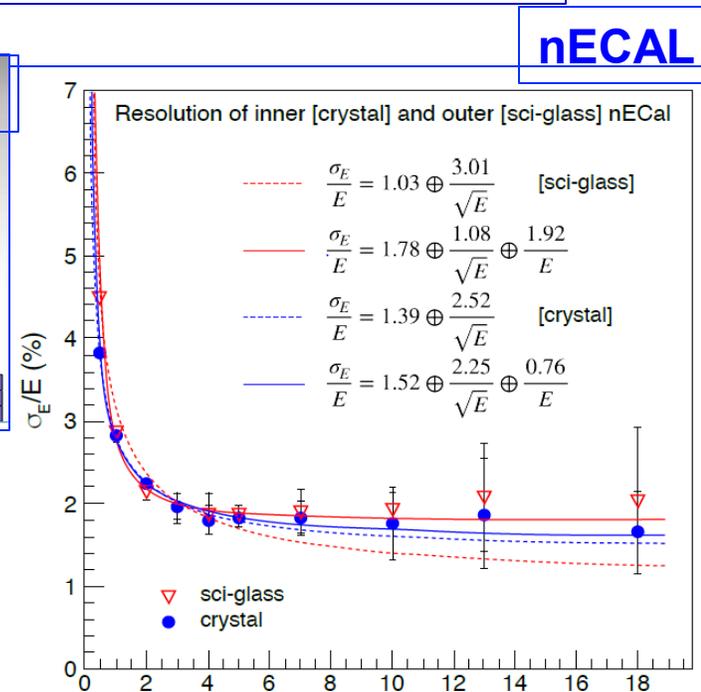
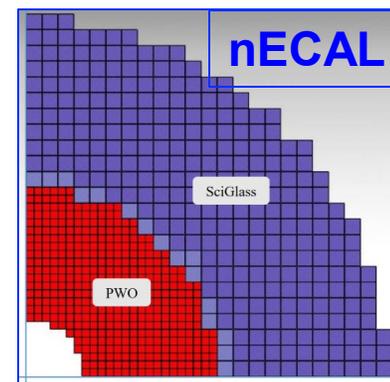
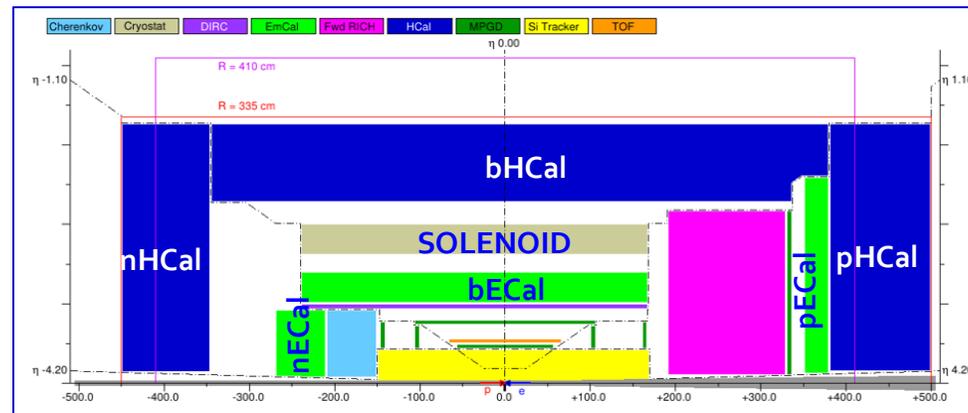
- Finest resolution needed → PbWO<sub>4</sub> crystals in the central part
- eRD1 → eRD105, eRD110 & EEEMCAL consortium

## pECal & pHCal, compensated calorimeters

- A global development, eRD1 → eRD107, eRD110
- W/SciFi, Fe/Scint
- Measurements of longitudinal shower development

## bHCal and nHCal

- Both Fe/Scint sandwich
- Well established technology, no R&D needed
- bHCal as tail catcher following bECal (~ 1 λ<sub>I</sub>) and solenoid (~1.3 λ<sub>I</sub>): 95 % of hadrons contained



calorimeter stand alone

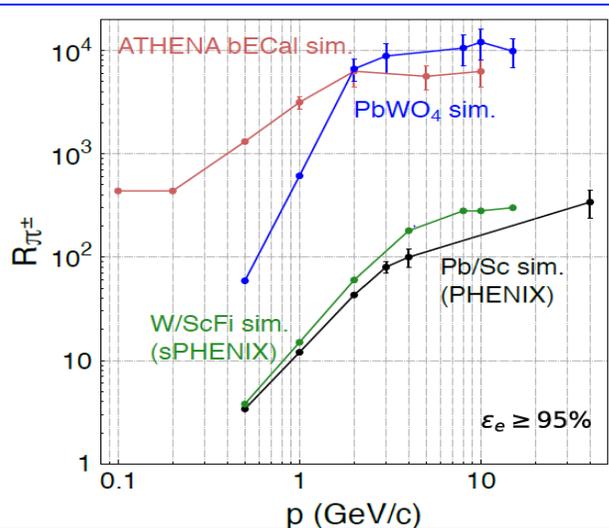
# bECal (ECal in the barrel and part of backward endcap)

## Hybrid concept:

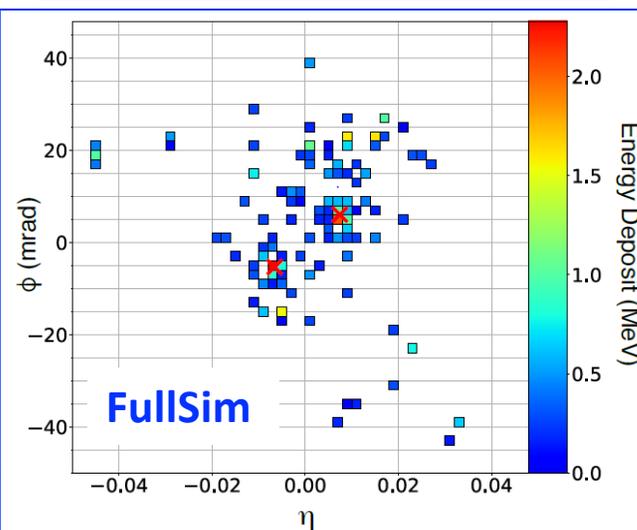
- 6 imaging layer: AstroPix and Pb/SciFi
  - ✓ AstroPix, monolithic Si sensor, developed (from ATLASPix)
  - ✓ Pb/SciFi following KLOE, GlueX

- Reconstruct scattered and secondary electrons
- Separate  $e/\pi$
- Identify and reconstruct  $\gamma$  (also radiated from  $e$ )
- Identify  $\pi^0$  also at high momenta

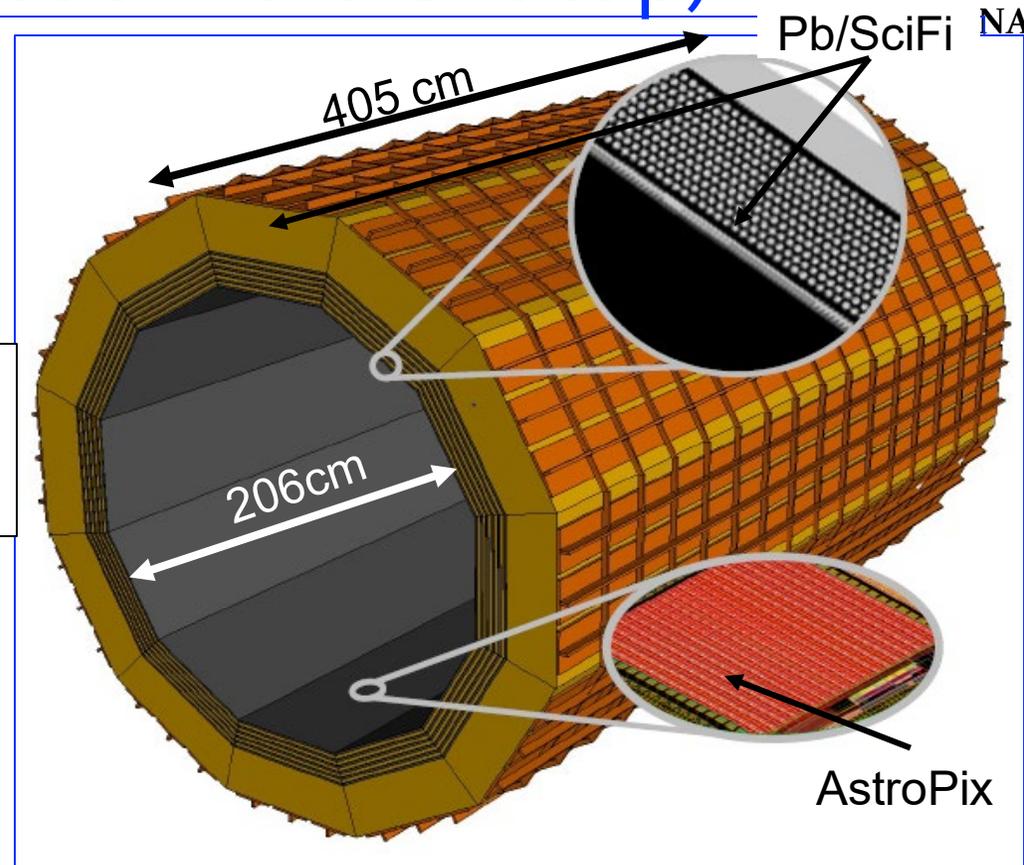
Separate  $e/\pi$  at low  $p$



$\gamma$ 's from 15 GeV/c  $\pi^0$  decay



also  $> 1 \lambda_1$   
contributing to  
bHCal

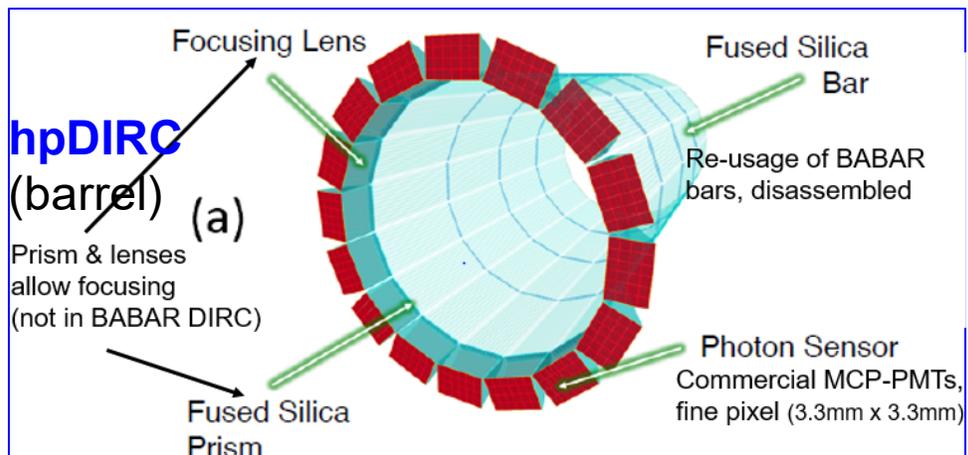


expected performance

Energy Resolution	$5.5\%/\sqrt{E} \oplus 1\%^a$
$e/\pi$ separation	$> 99.8\%$ pion rejection with 95% electron efficiency at $p \geq 0.1$ GeV/c <sup>b</sup> .
$E_{\min}^\gamma$	$< 100$ MeV <sup>c</sup>
Spatial Resolution	Cluster position resolution for 5 GeV photons at normal incident angle is below $\sigma = 2$ mm (at the surface of the stave $r = 103$ cm) or $0.12^\circ$ . For comparison, the minimal opening angle of photons from $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ at 15 GeV is $\sim 1.05^\circ$ (about 19 mm – 37 pixels – of separation at $r = 103$ cm).

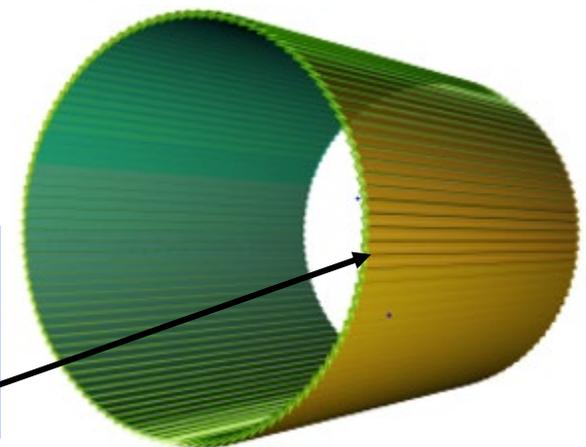
# PID in ATHENA detector

## barrel

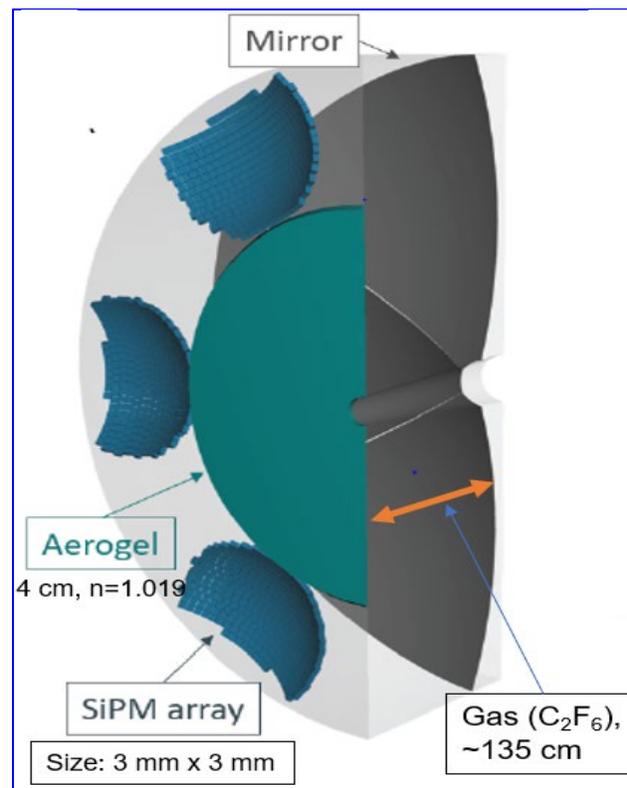


## AC-LGAD ToF layer (barrel)

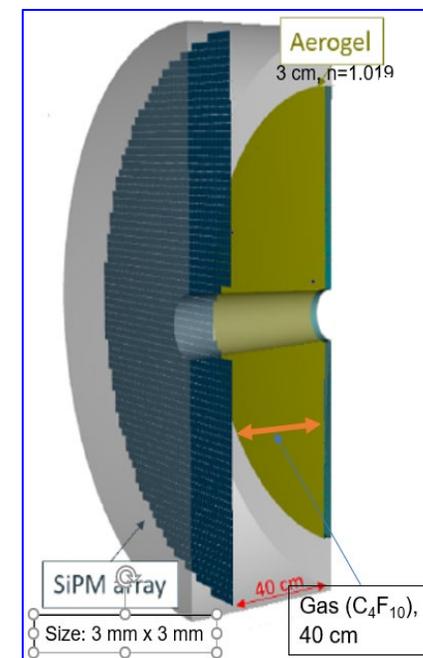
AC-LGAD: adding fine pixelization to LGAD (synergies with FF sensors)



## dRICH (forward)



## pfRICH (backward)



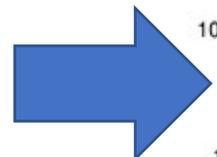
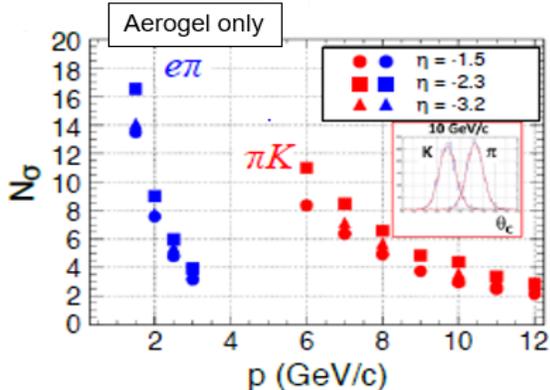
dRICH & pfRICH, large overlap of technologies

- SiPMs
- Aerogel
- Radiator gas

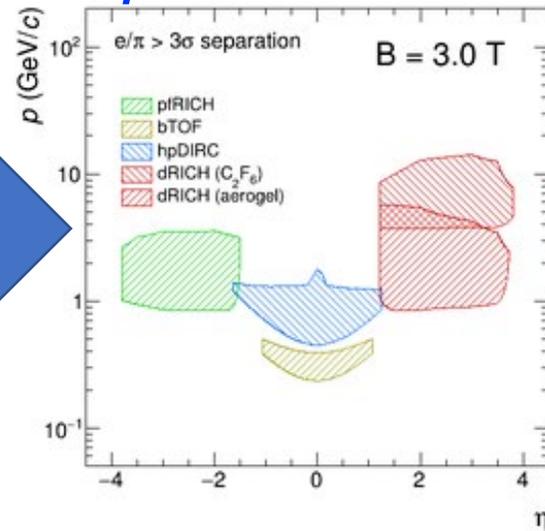
# PID momentum acceptance

EXAMPLE:

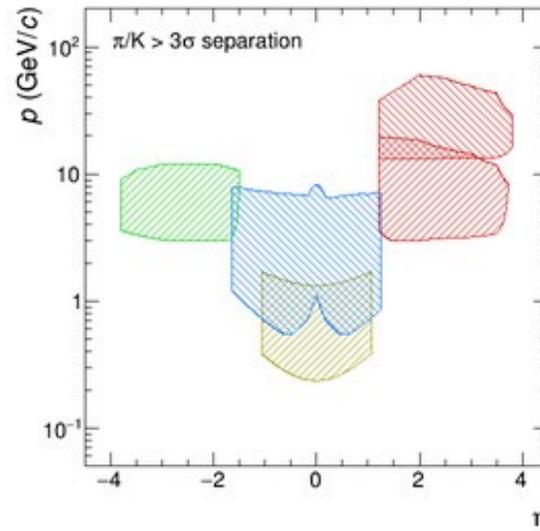
pfRICH, FullSim



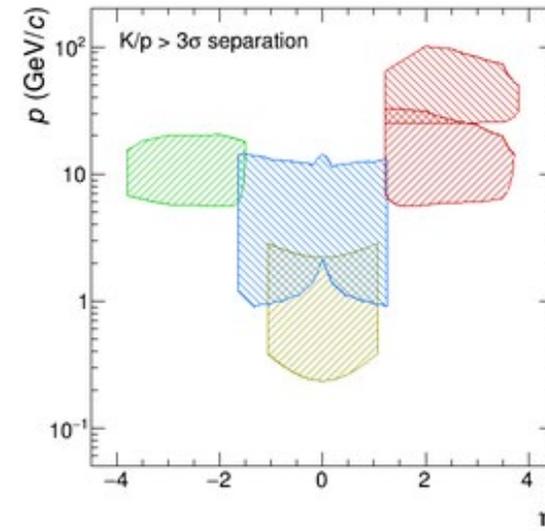
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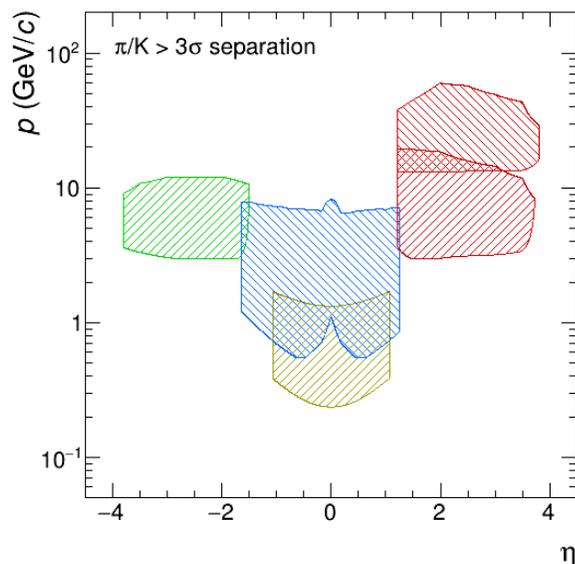
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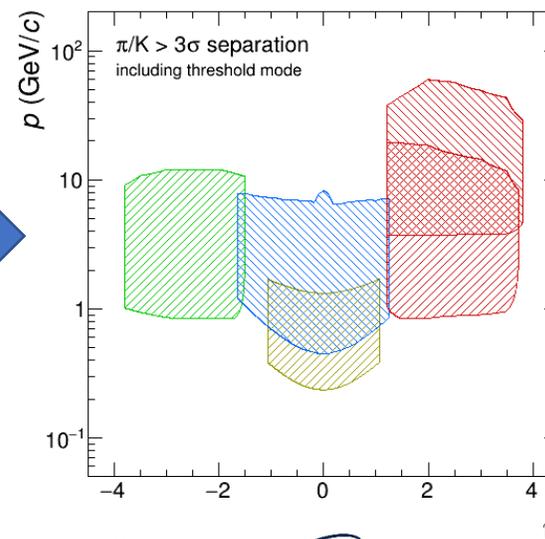
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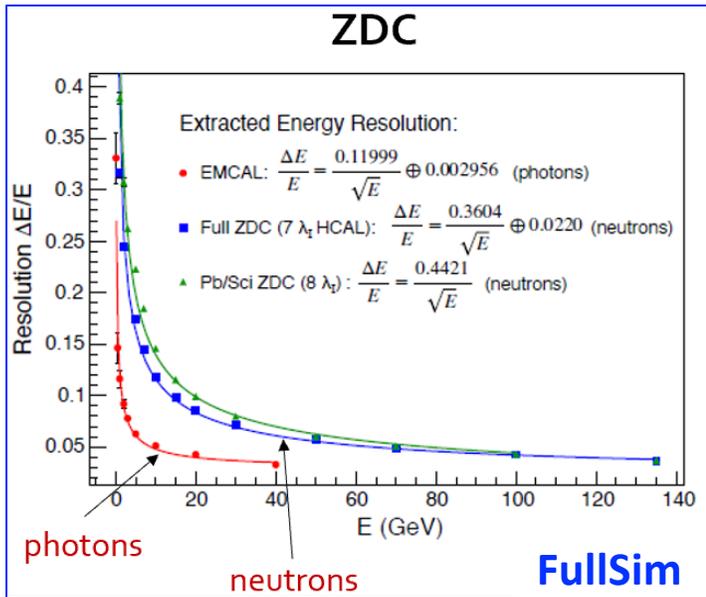
With positive identification of the higher mass particle in the couple



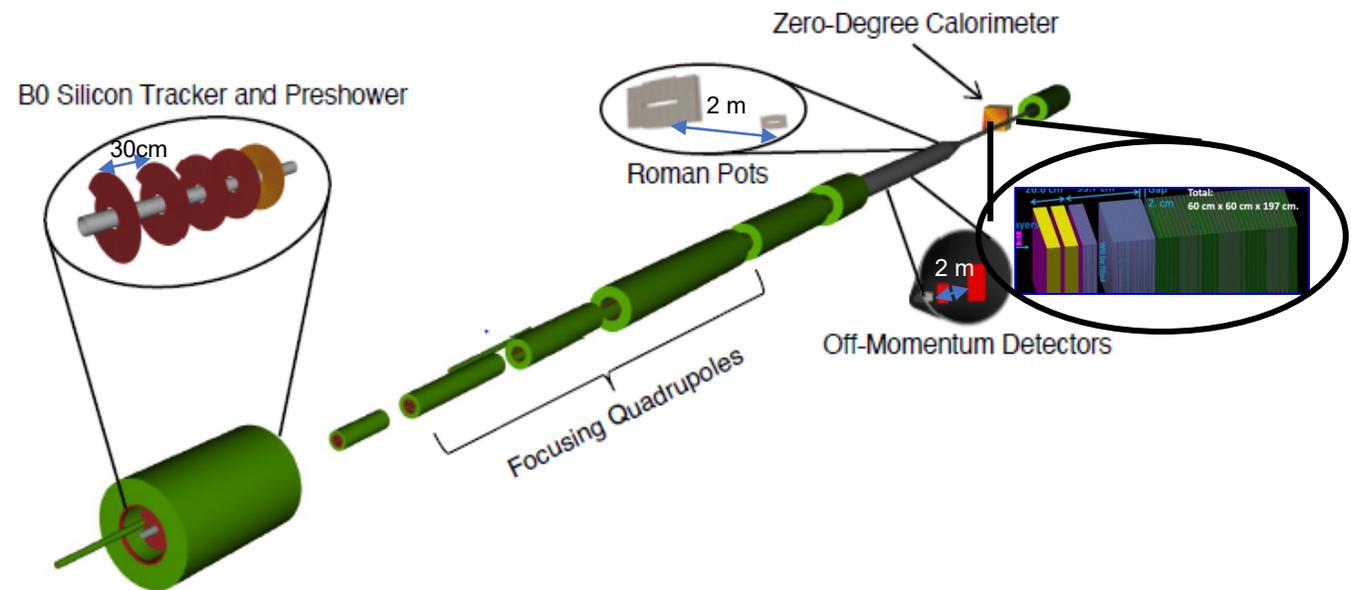
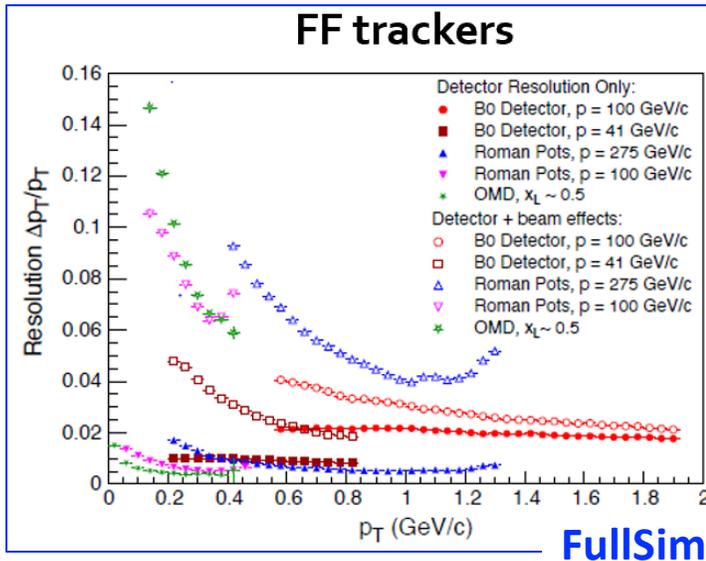
Using also the Cherenkov threshold information

# FAR FORWARD instrumentation

$\eta > 4.0$ .

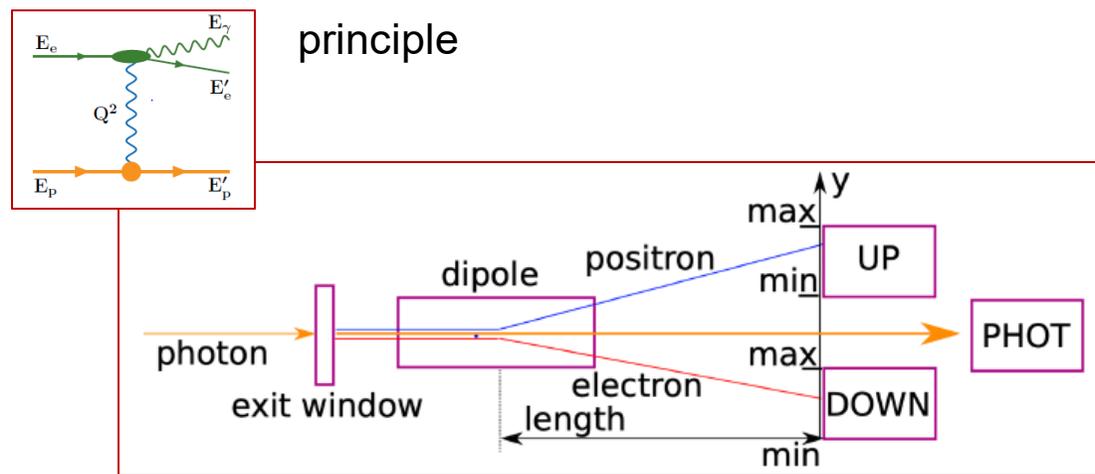


Detector	$\theta$ accep. [mrad]	Rigidity accep.	Particles	Technology
B0 tracker	5.5–20.0	N/A	Charged particles Tagged photons	MAPS AC-LGAD
Off-Momentum	0.0–5.0	45%–65%	Charged particles	AC-LGAD
Roman Pots	0.0–5.0	60%–95%*	Protons Light nuclei	AC-LGAD
Zero-Degree Calorimeter	0.0–4.0	N/A	Neutrons Photons	W/SciFi (ECal) Pb/Sci (HCal)



# FAR BACKWARD

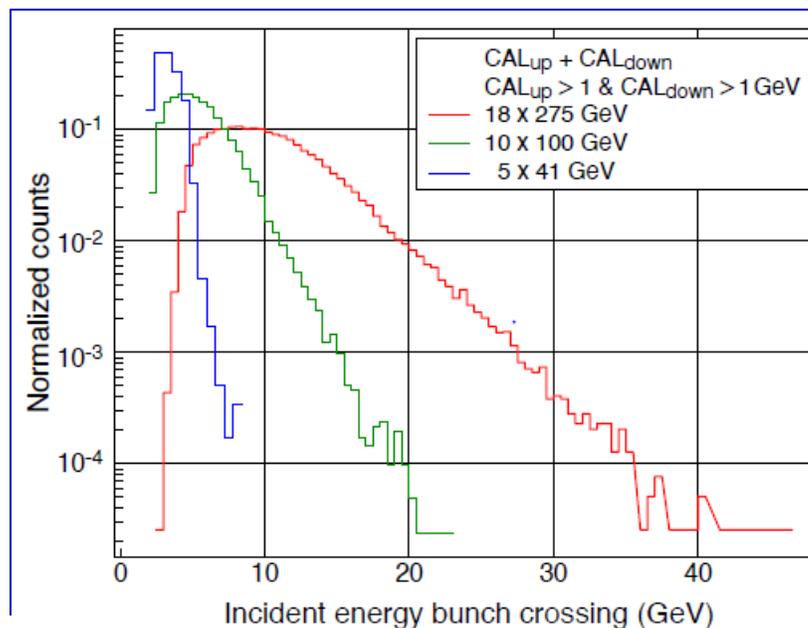
- measure IP6 luminosity with **an absolute precision better than 1% absolute and a relative precision better than 0.01%** using the electron-ion bremsstrahlung by three largely independent and complementary measurements
- electron detectors will also be used to tag low- $Q^2$  Events (photoproduction) in ATHENA



## Technologies for the calorimetry:

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

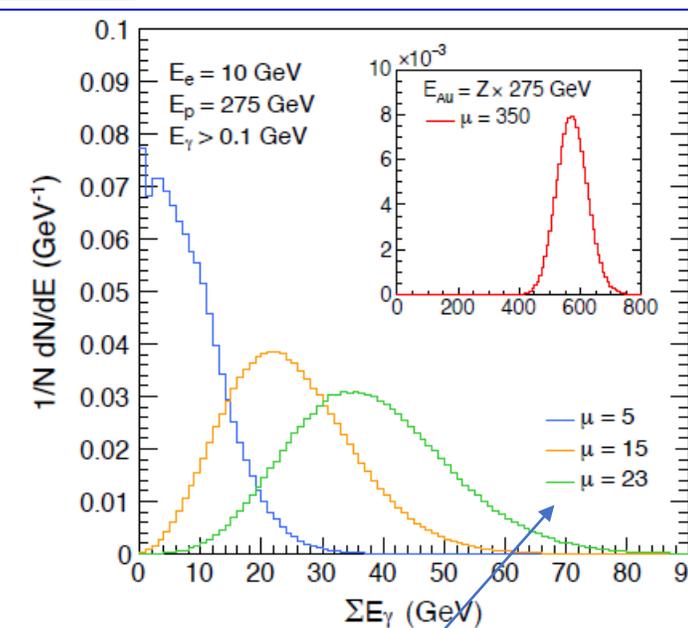
different CM energy



FullSim

PHOT

different Luminosity



$L = 2.2, 6.5$  and  $10 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ , corresponding to the average photon multiplicity  $\mu$

# ATHENA PERFORMANCE for PHYSICS

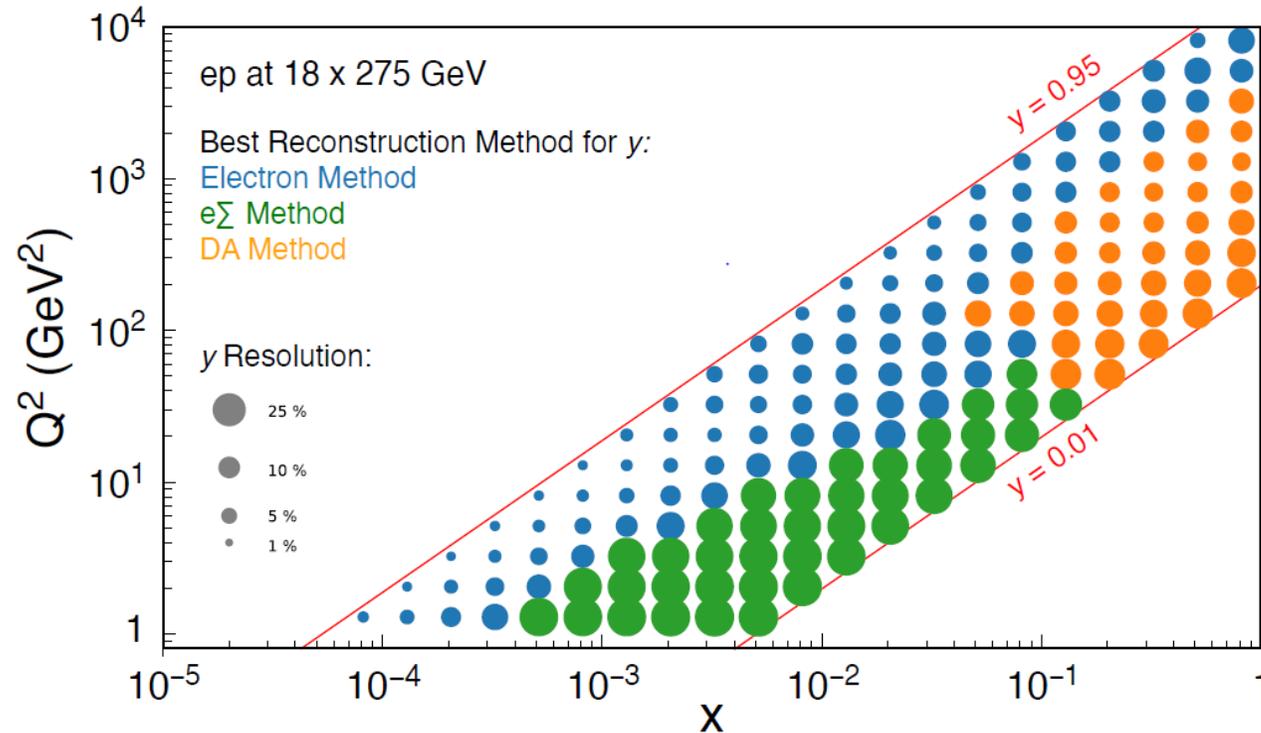
(selected items)

# ACCEPTANCE AND PERFORMANCE for DIS

## DIS resolution in the $(x, Q^2)$ plane

- reconstruction via **e only** for NC,  $y$  not too small – **key: ECal performance**
- Reconstruction with support of **hadrons** (small  $y$ ) - **key: good reconstruction of the whole h final state**
- For large QED radiation correction regions and CC, **h detection only** – **key: good reconstruction of the whole h final state**

Resolution in  $y$   
(reminder:  $Q^2 \approx sxy$ )



# DIS reach in $(x, Q^2)$ plane

**ep SCATTERING**,  $100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  (=1 y of data taking)

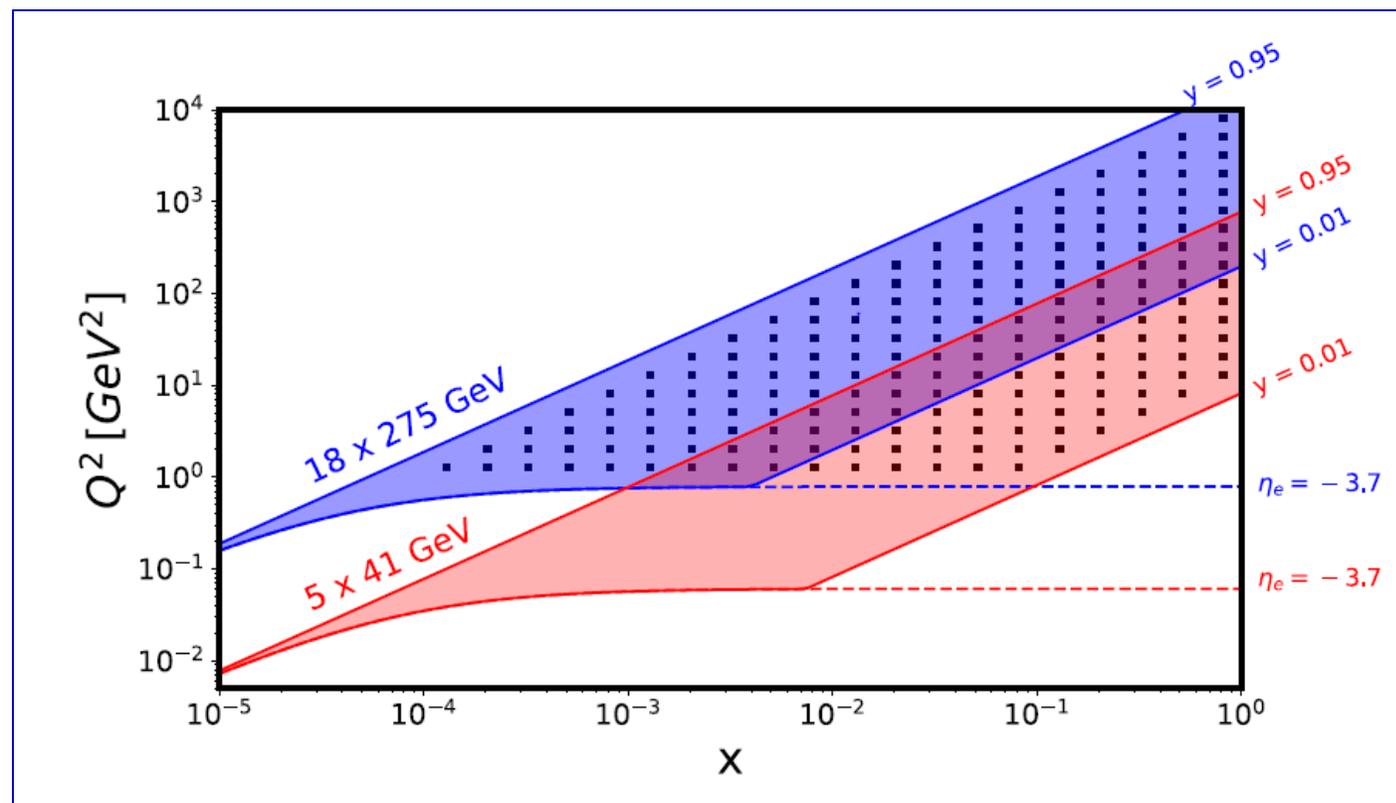
$[Q^2 > 1, 0.01 < y < 0.95]$

- grid of points: simulated unpolarized measurements
- negligible statistical error
- 1.5-2.5% systematic error point to point

**inclusive NC cross section:**

the fundamental ingredient for measurement of:

- collinear **parton densities**
- semi-inclusive, exclusive and hadronic final state **cross section**



# Electron Identification

Sample purity respect to main background source, i.e. **pions**

Included in this study:

- NC DIS events from PYTHIA6
- ECal performance
- Kinematic cuts:

Isolation of the scattered electron

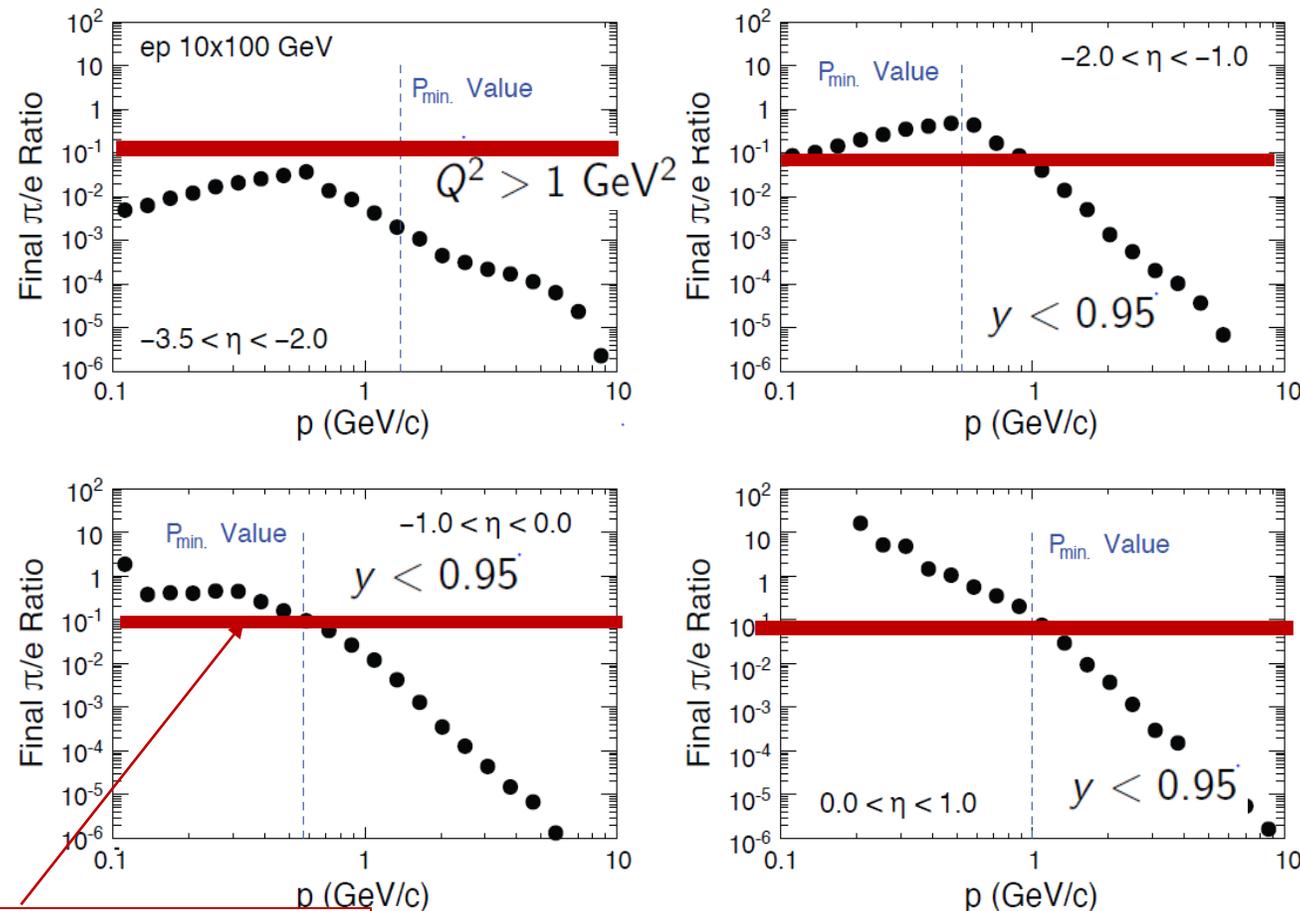
$e - \Sigma$  check

Not included:

- Contribution to  $e/\pi$  separation from PID devices

Final  $\pi^- / e$  ratio

FastSim



**10% contamination**

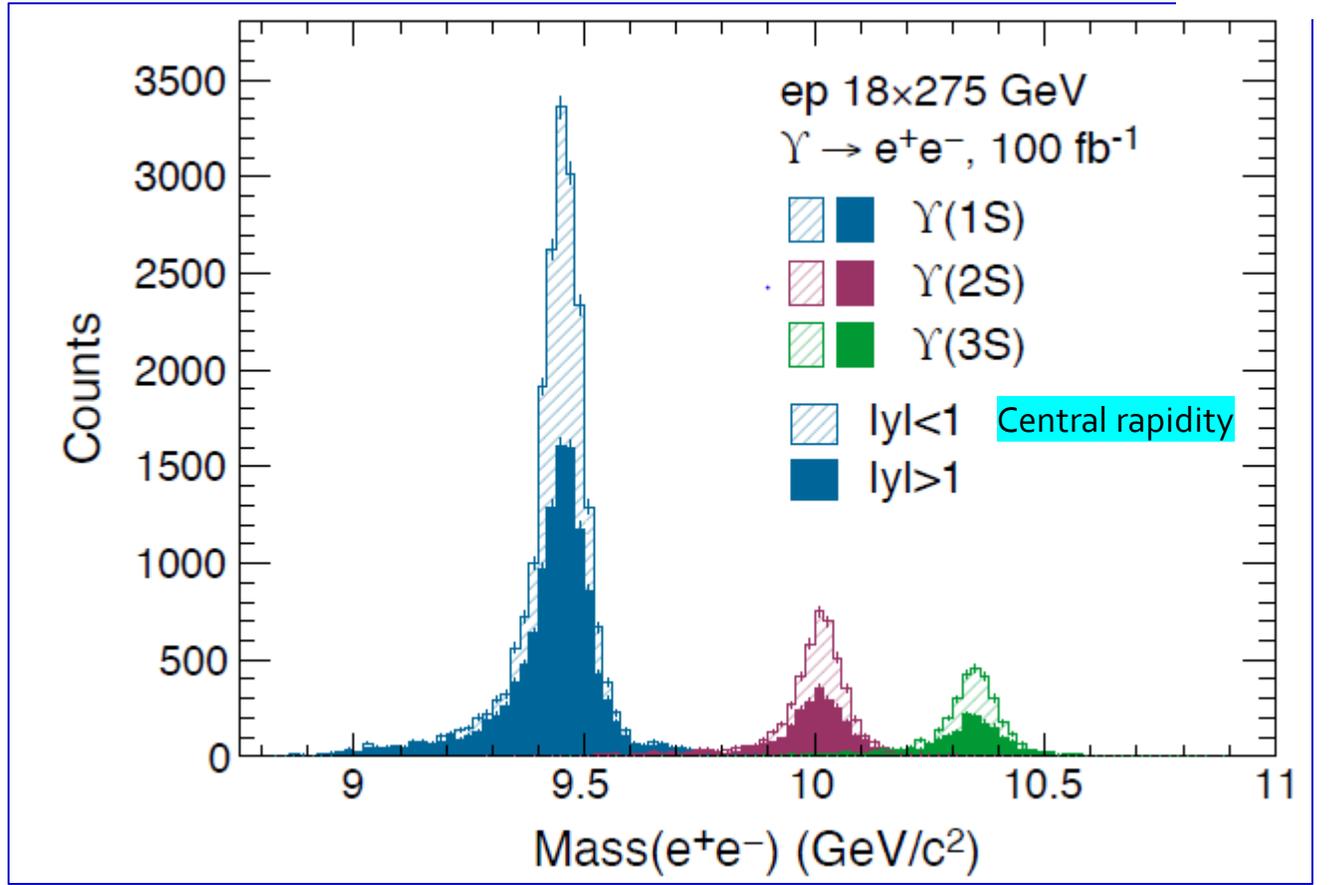
# Lepton-pair invariant-mass resolution

Resolution demonstrated in the plot

- only a small low-mass shoulder from bremsstrahlung is observed
- possibility for correction with more advanced analysis (key is **bECal**)

**Key for excellent resolution:** low-mass tracking (including beam pipe)

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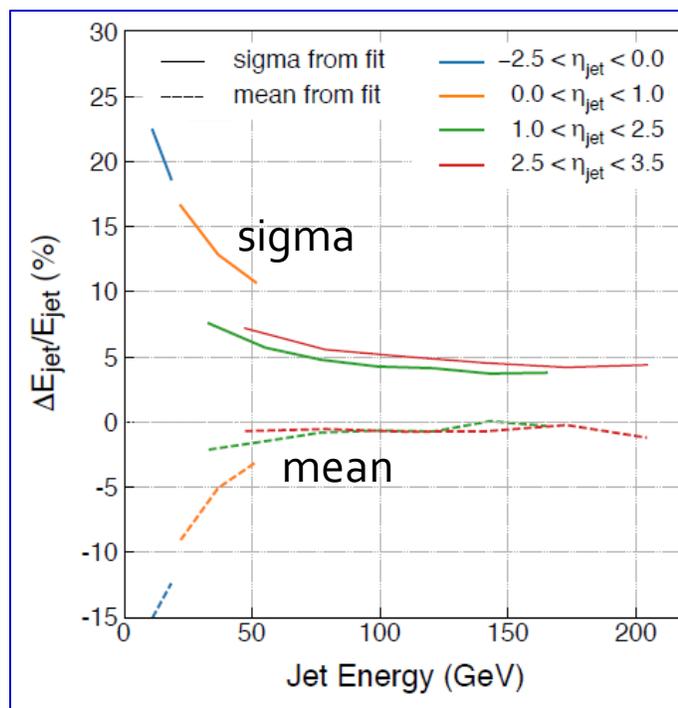
# Jet reconstruction

Jets reconstructed with anti- $k_T$  algorithm,  $R = 1.0$ , with energy-flow reconstruction

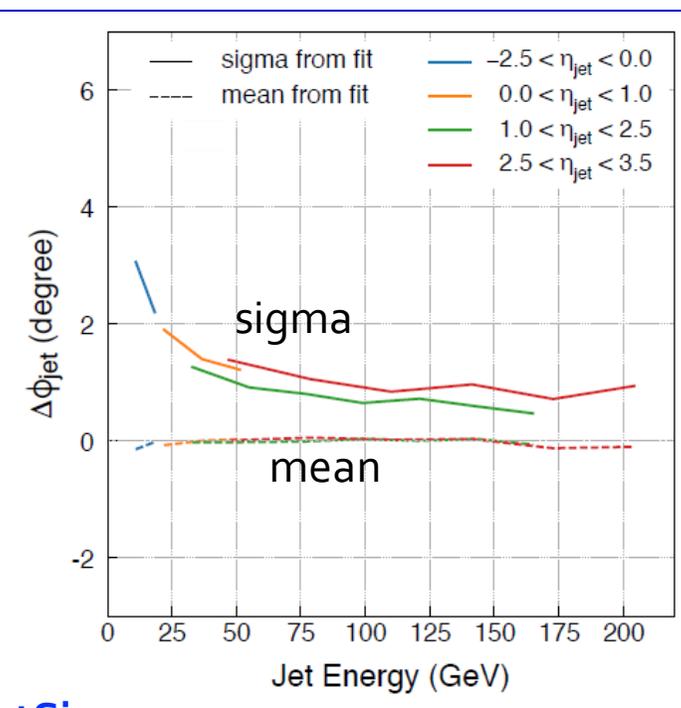
- Jet energy resolution better than 10% for  $E_{\text{jet}} > 40$  GeV
- Jet azimuthal angle resolution better than 1 degree for  $E_{\text{jet}} > 25$  GeV
- Low  $E_{\text{jet}}$  affected by threshold
- Very high  $E_{\text{jet}}$  affected by acceptance

**KEY** - tracking and calorimetry resolution

relative jet energy resolution



jet azimuthal angle absolute resolution



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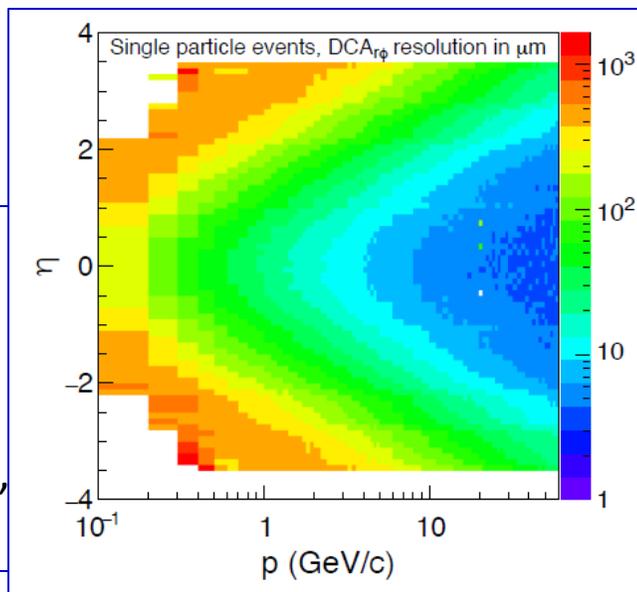
# Charm reconstruction, secondary vertices

## for secondary decays, for example, $D^0$ reconstruction

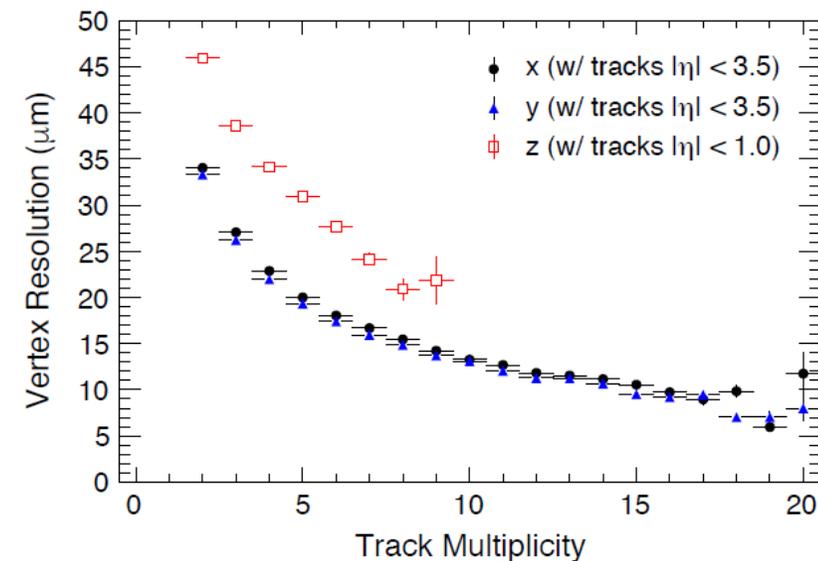
**Key** - resolution and low mass vertexing layers

- displaced-track resolutions  $\rightarrow$
- **Secondary decay reconstruction** ( $D^0$ , ...)
- **good charm-jet tagging** based on a displaced track counting
- charm efficiency 10% - 30% for 5-30 GeV/c, excellent purity (misidentification < 1%)

Single particle, resolution  
Distance of Closest Approach ( $\mu\text{m}$ )



Longitudinal and transversal  
Vertex resolution ( $\mu\text{m}$ )  
vs track number



# SUMMARY and PERSPECTIVES

- We have reported about the ATHENA effort
  - As underlined, more efforts in parallel
- Review of EIC detector proposals concluded in March 2022
- Merging of ATHENA and ECCE proposal strengths forming a new collaboration for DETECTOR 1
  - Ongoing process!
- 2nd experiment (DETECTOR 2) planned on a different timescale
  - CORE proposal a starting point
- Preparation of pre-TDR / TDR in front of us
  - A very exciting time is ahead of us to explore the structure and dynamics of matter at a new ep/eA collider facility, following years of preparation!
- Great opportunities for physics and frontier detectors → **Join us!**

