

Overview and Performance of the ePIC Silicon Vertex Tracker

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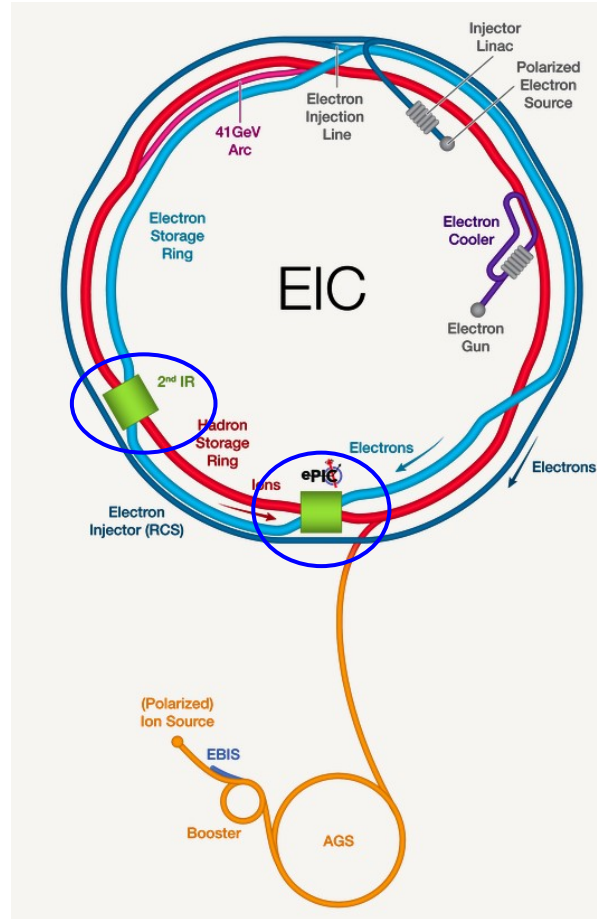
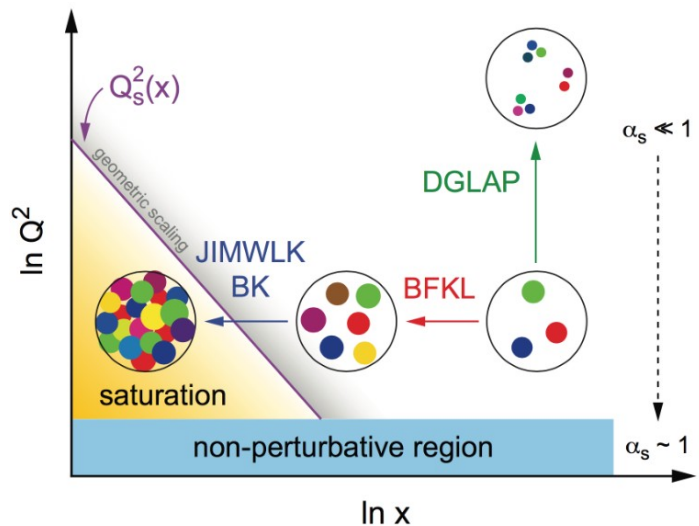
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Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)

Why EIC ?

- Electrons to achieve a high precision: electro-weak interaction using Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)
- Polarized protons and light ions for spin/structure physics
- Collider to achieve wide x and Q^2 range to probe extreme gluon density regime



ePIC (electron-Proton/Ion Collider) experiment at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), USA

For e-N collisions at the EIC:

- ~70% polarized beams: e, p, d/³He
- Electron beam (5-18 GeV)
- $\sqrt{s_{ep}} = 20-140$ GeV (Variable)
- $L_{ep} \sim 10^{33}-10^{34}$ cm⁻²sec⁻¹ ~100-1000 times higher than HERA using crab cavities

For e-A collisions at the EIC:

- Wide range of nuclei
- Variable centre-of-mass energy
- Luminosity per nucleon same as ep collisions

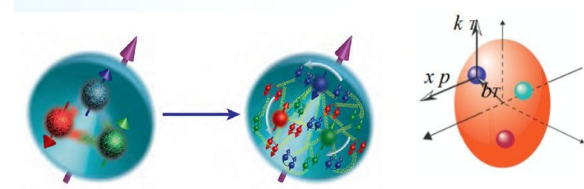
More than one interaction region

(Detector I and II (not yet scheduled in time))

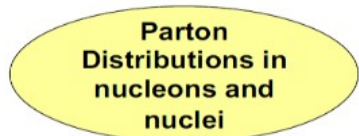
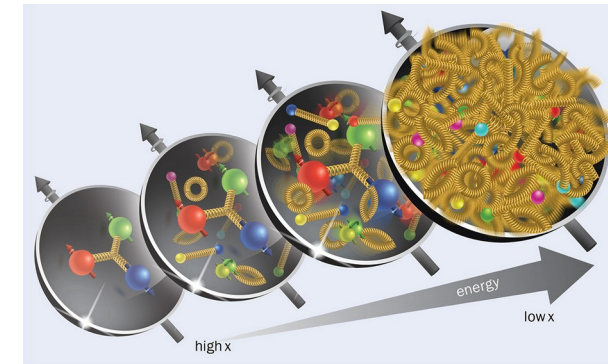
Physics Goals of ePIC Experiment

- How are partons distributed inside the nucleon in both position and momentum space? basically 3D imaging of a nucleon.
 - How do the properties (spin, mass) of nucleon emerge from constituent partons and their interactions?
- What happens to the hadronic matter at extremely high gluon density at low-x ?
 - Does it saturate at high-energy? Does this saturation give rise to a gluonic matter with universal properties in all nuclei, even proton?
- How does a dense nuclear environment affect the quarks and gluons, their correlations and interactions?
 - Energy loss and Hadronization
 - How do the confined hadronic states emerge from these quarks and gluons?
 - How do the quark-gluon interactions create nuclear binding?

Nucleon Structure

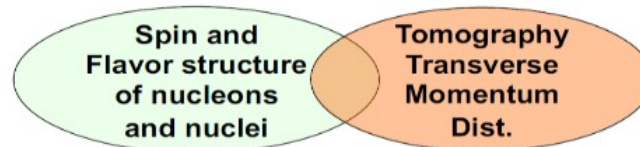


Saturation, CGC (Color Glass Condensate)



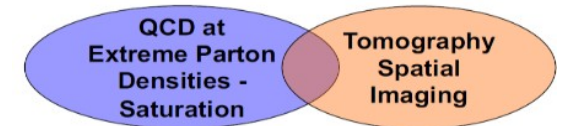
Inclusive DIS

$$e+p/A \longrightarrow e'+X$$



Semi-inclusive DIS

$$e+p/A \longrightarrow e'+h(\pi, K, p, \text{jet})+X$$



Exclusive DIS

$$e+p/A \longrightarrow e'+p'/A'+\nu/h(\pi, K, p, \text{jet})$$

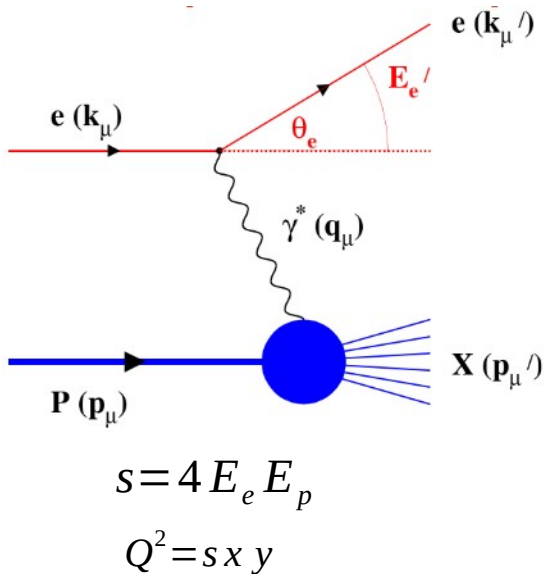
Measure all particles in a event: full detector coverage is required

Detector Requirements

Measurement of scattered electron from low Q^2 to high Q^2 region at mid and backward η

Hadron measurement from low x to high x region at all η

DIS Kinematics



$$Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k_\mu - k_\mu')^2$$

$$Q^2 = 2 E_e E_e' (1 - \cos \theta_e)$$

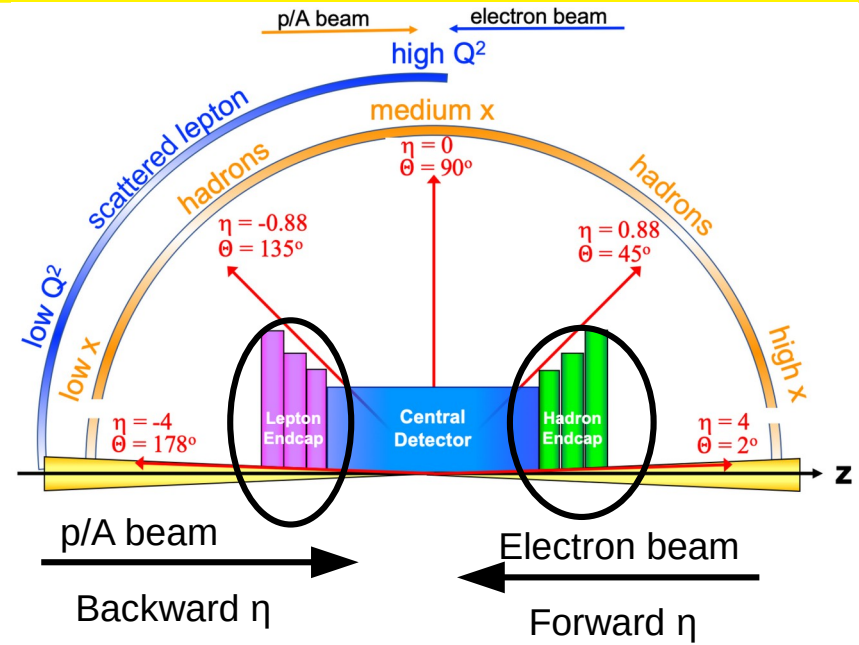
Resolution power

$$y = \frac{pq}{pk} = 1 - \frac{E_e'}{E_e} \cos^2\left(\frac{\theta_e}{2}\right)$$

Inelasticity

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

Momentum fraction of struck quark



The Electron Ion Collider: Science and Status, Abhay Deshpande, Jan 2019

High granularity and low material budget in Central, Far Forward and Far Backward play a very crucial role to meet the physics requirements

The ePIC Detector

Central Detector, Far Forward, Far Backward detectors, and Streaming Readout

Central Detector

- Tracking and vertexing detectors
- Particle identification detectors (time-of-flight, DIRC, dRICH), and calorimeters (Electromagnetic and Hadron)
- Solenoid magnetic field of 1.7 T (~ 2.8 m)

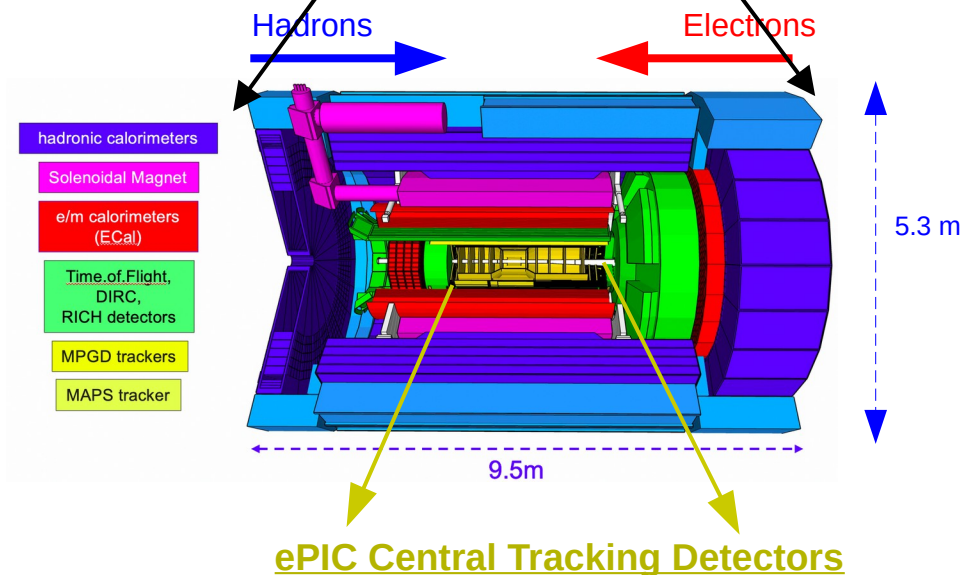
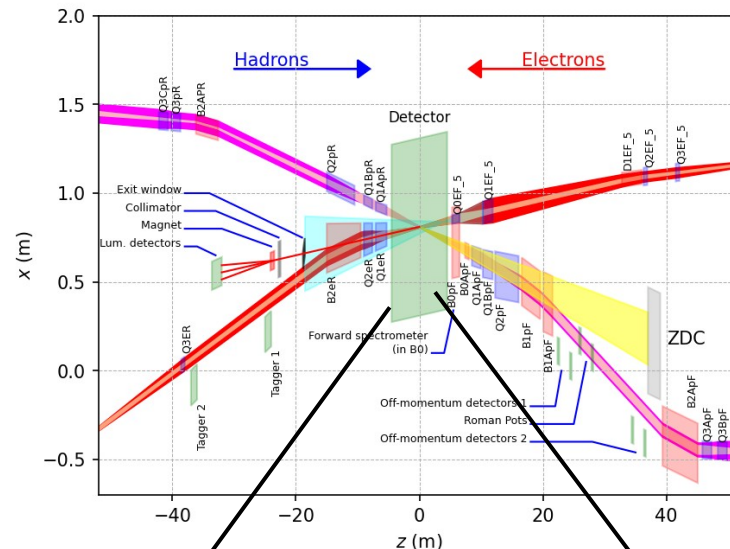
Far Forward detectors

- To measure the neutral and charged particles at very large forward η close to the beamline

Far Backward detectors

- To measure the luminosity and low- Q^2 events

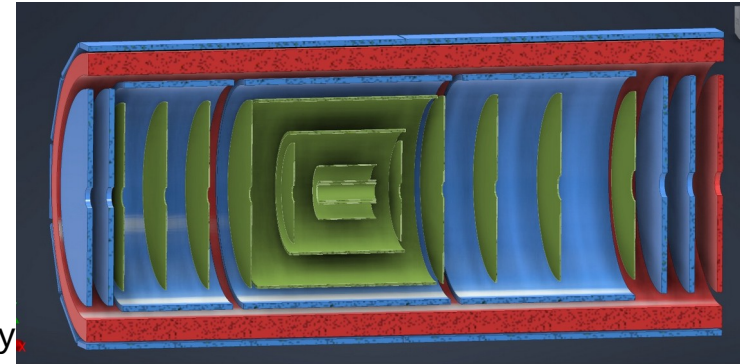
Streaming Readout



The ePIC Central Tracking Detector Layout

The ePIC tracking system is a hybrid detector based on both silicon and gaseous technologies

$$|\eta| < 3.5$$



■ SVT IB, OB and Disks (MAPS) ■ MPGD Barrels and Disks ■ AC-LGAD TOF and Disks

SVT achieve a precise tracking and vertexing capability

(pitch ~ 20 μm)

IB: Inner Barrel

OB: Outer Barrel

Barrel Region:

• Silicon Vertex Tracker(SVT):

- SVT Inner Barrel (IB) L₀, L₁, L₂ and Outer Barrel (OB) L₃, L₄
- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS) based on 65 nm CMOS technology
- High granularity and low material budget are the key features to achieve a good momentum and pointing resolution

• MPGD (Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors)

- Gaseous detectors to cover a large outer tracking volume
- Provides a good timing performance (Provide ~ 10 – 30 ns timing resolution) for pattern recognition

• AC-LGAD Sensors

- Excellent time resolution for the particle identification by time-of-flight method
- Provide an extra hit for pattern recognition and tracking

Forward region: Five MAPS silicon disks followed by two MPGD (Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors) layers and a TOF layer

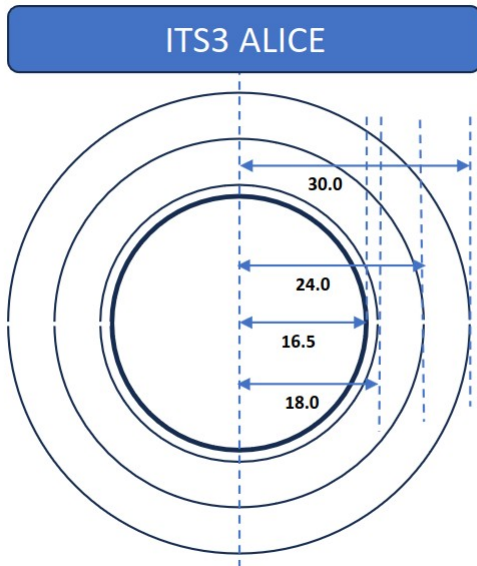
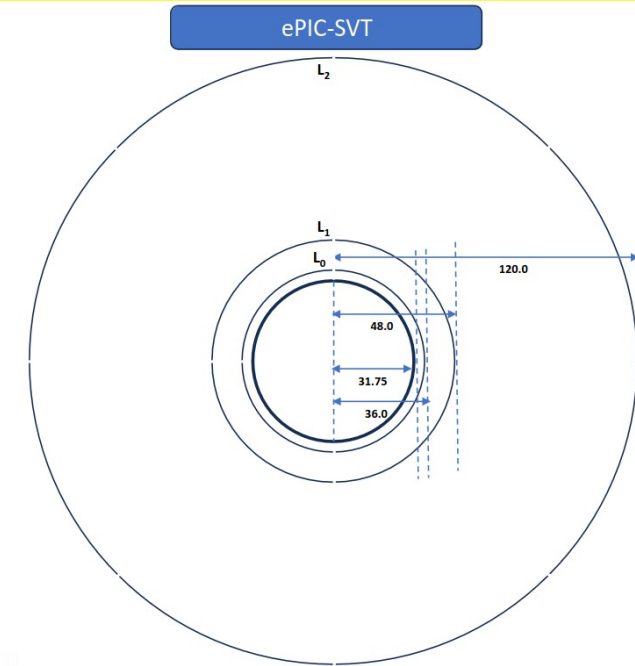
Backward region: Five MAPS silicon disks followed by two MPGD layers

ePIC SVT Inner Barrel (IB)

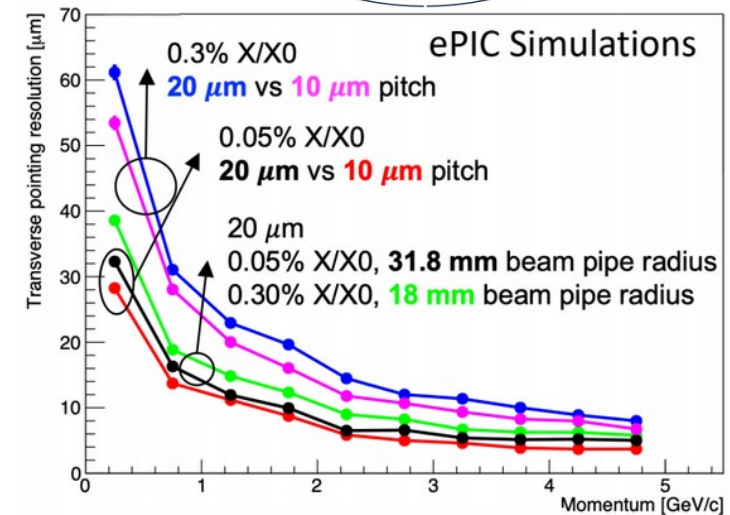
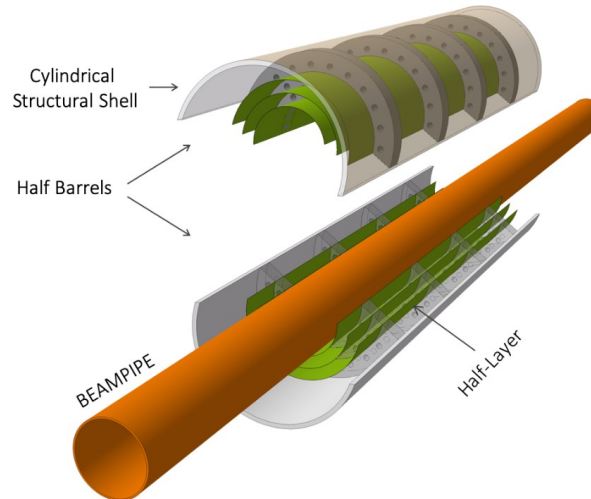
ePIC SVT is based on MAPS 65 nm CMOS Imaging Technology

SVT IB:

- Transverse pointing resolution can be improved by reducing X/X_0
- Three innermost layers (IB) are bent wafer-size sensors with ultra-low material budget (0.05 % X/X_0 per layer) similar to ALICE ITS3
- Radius: Two times larger for the L_0 , L_1 and four times for L_2 than ITS3
- Relying on air cooling (~ 8 m/s air speed) but challenging due to the presence of the disks
- Minimal mechanical support and no services in active area



<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2703140/>
Layout of ALICE ITS3 detector

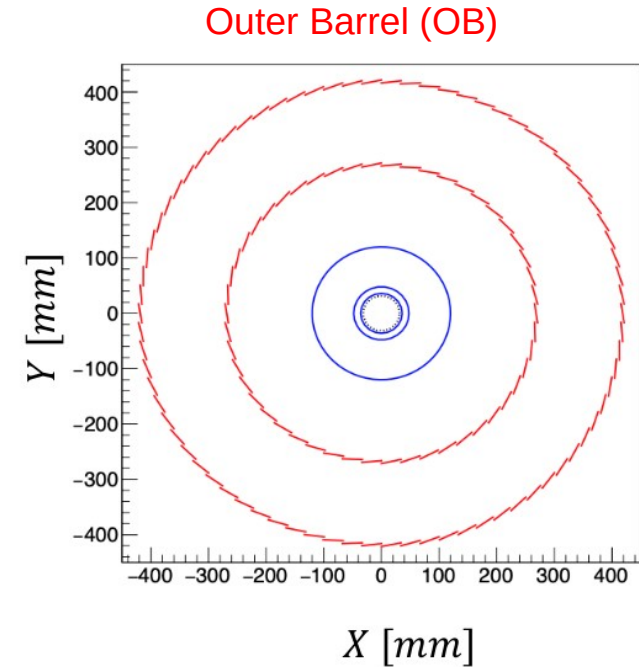


ePIC SVT Outer Barrel (OB) and Disks

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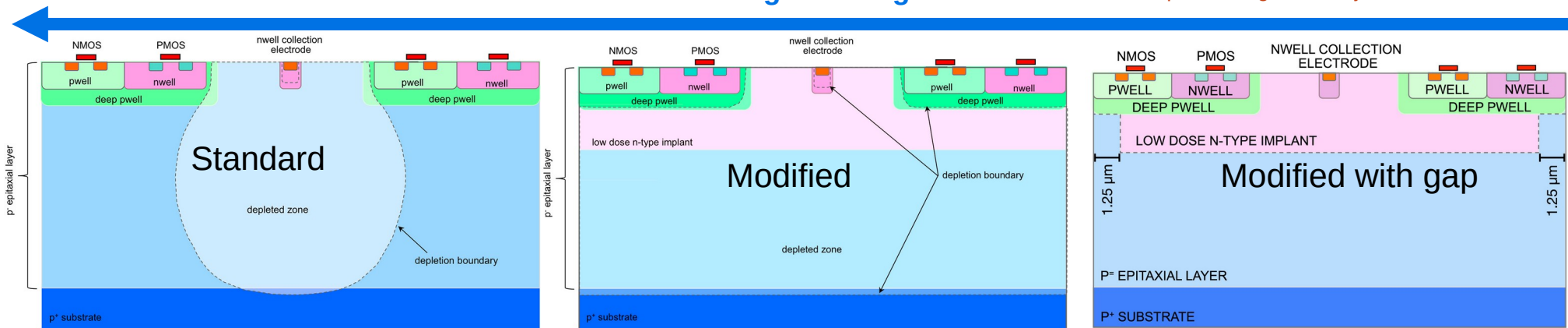
SVT OB and Disks:

- Increase the acceptance in η
- “FLAT” Large Area Sensors (LASs) derived from ITS3 optimized for high yield, low cost, large area coverage
- Stitched sensors based on the modification of ITS3 sensors but not wafer scale
- Staved structure, Carbon fiber support, and integrated cooling liquid or air
- Large lever-arm together with a good spatial resolution improves momentum resolution
- Disks inner radius are constraint by the beam-pipe



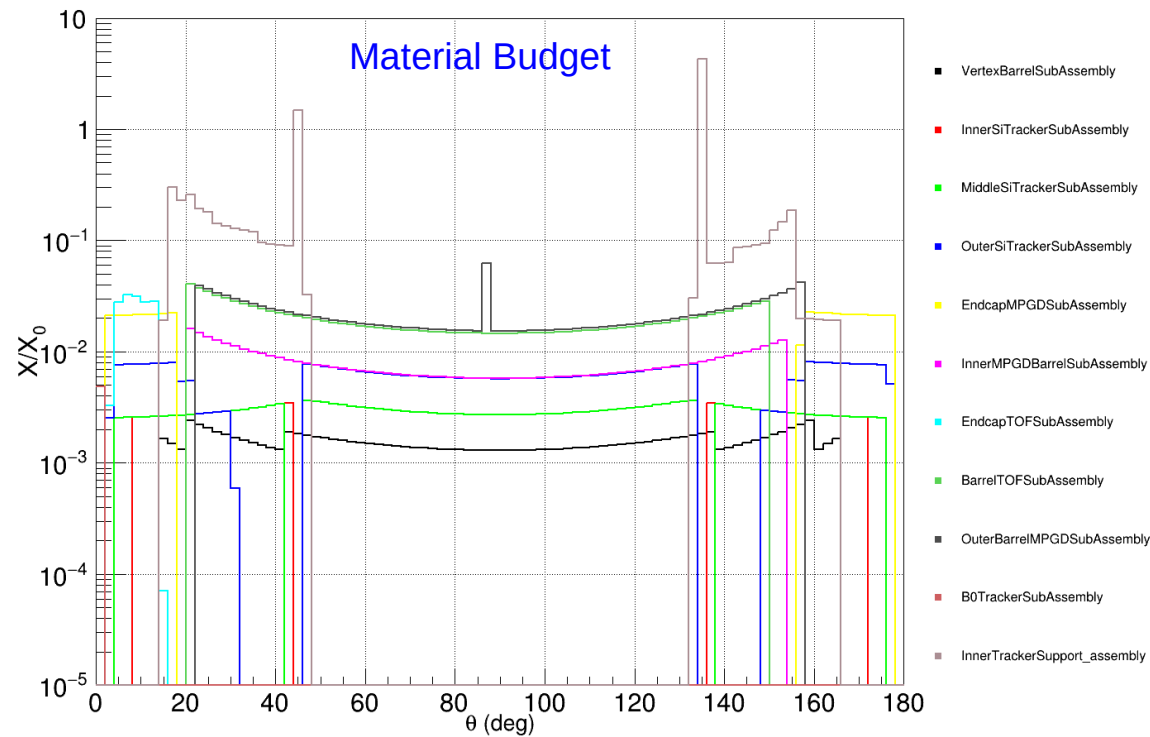
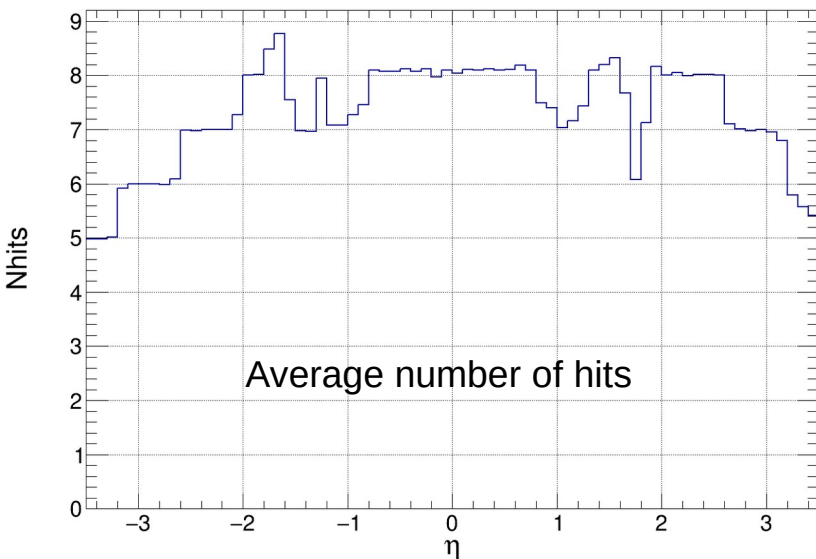
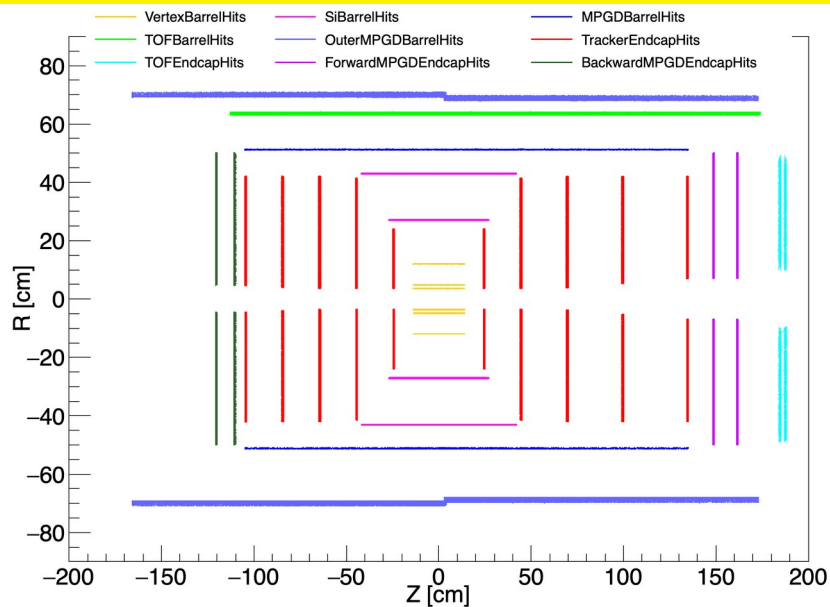
Stronger requirements for ePIC in terms of integration time!

Charge sharing



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The ePIC Tracker Hit map and Material Budget



Two main features of Material Budget:

- Minimal material in the active areas of the SVT IB and OB
- ~10% service material

Average number of hits ≥ 5 for $|\eta| < 3.5$

Background Modelling

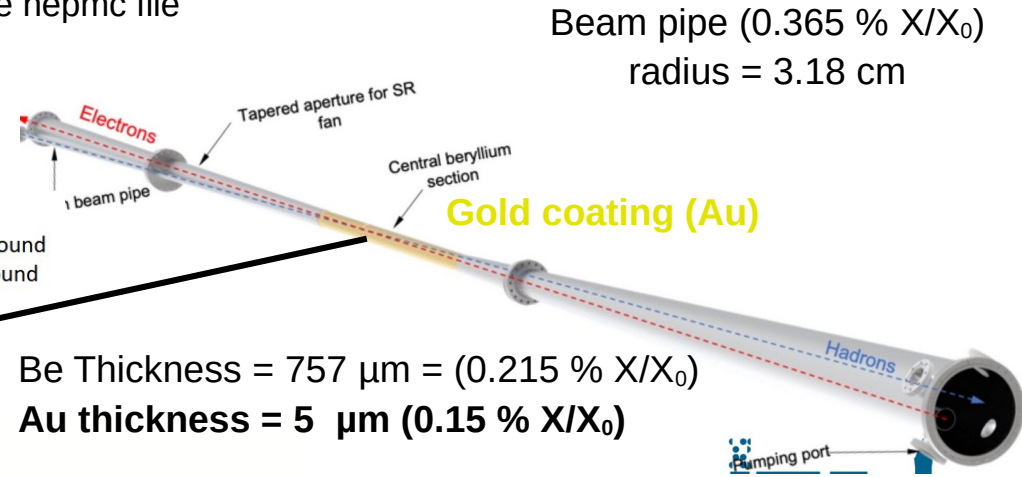
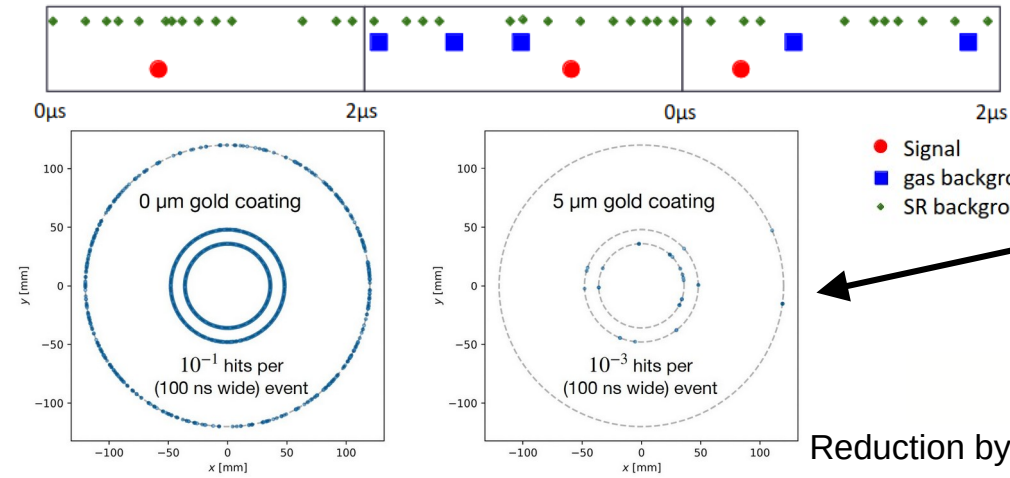
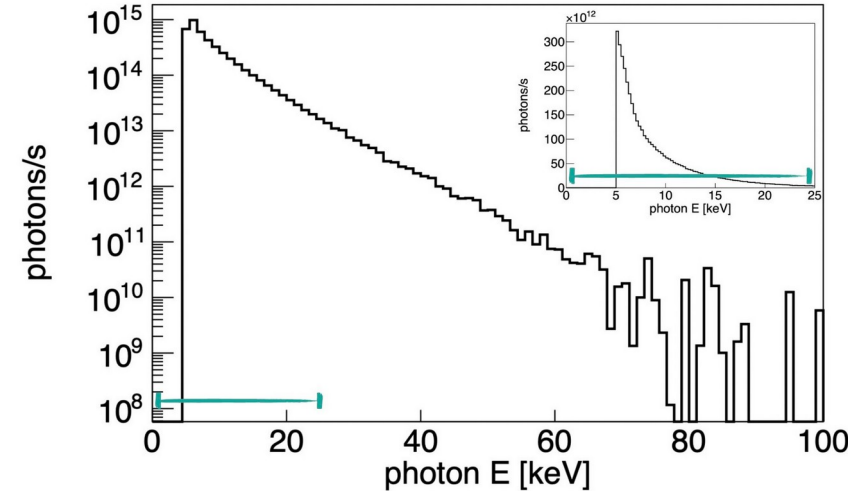
Background Sources:

- Synchrotron Radiation: 1.8M photons (5-100 KeV) from Synrad Software
- electron+gas, hadron+gas modelled as "Fixed target" events
- NB: No "MB events" background for now

<https://wiki.bnl.gov/EPIC/index.php?title=Background>

Merge with signal events (DIS, particle gun):

1. Considering a time slice of $2 \mu\text{s}$ as the MAPS integration time
2. Select how many background events to add from Poisson distribution
3. Draw random events and SR photons from weighted distribution and place uniformly at random times
4. Put the signal event(s) at random point(s) in the slice and create hepmc file

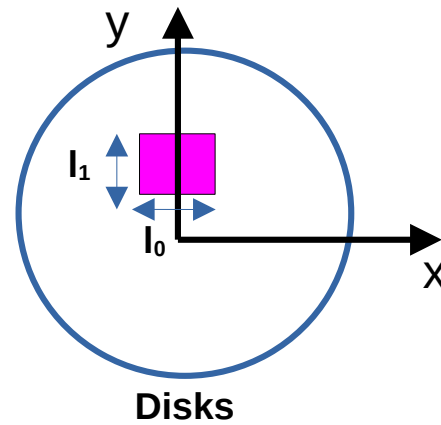
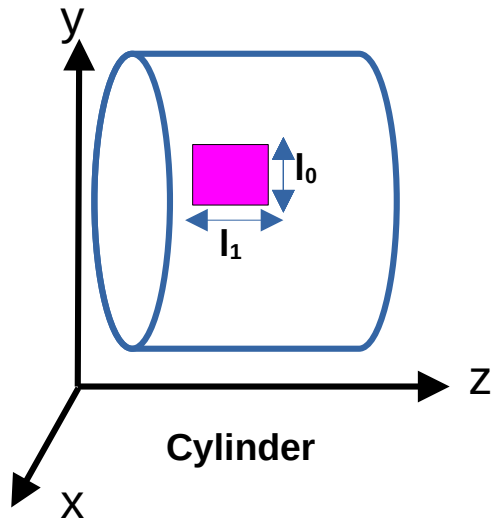


Be Thickness = $757 \mu\text{m} = (0.215 \% X/X_0)$
Au thickness = $5 \mu\text{m} (0.15 \% X/X_0)$

Reduction by about 2 orders of magnitude in Synchrotron Radiation

Tracking in the ePIC Experiment

Reconstruction of particle trajectory (in presence of magnetic field, material effect, background hits)-**4D tracking**



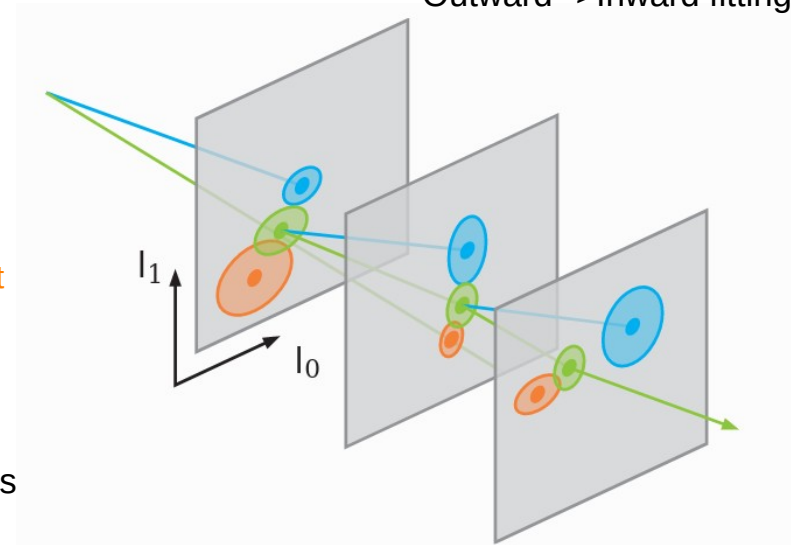
Tracking is done in EICRecon framework based on **ACTs (A Common Tracking Software)**

Tracking: Track finding and fitting using combinatorial Kalman Filter (CKF)

Three Steps (Kalman Filter):

1. Extrapolation
2. Filtering
3. Smoothing

Inward--> Outward fitting
Outward-->Inward fitting



Prediction
Filtering
Measurement

Track Parameters $(l_0, l_1, \phi, \theta, 1/p, t)$

- l_0, l_1 : local parameters describing the sensor surface
- ϕ : Azimuthal angle in global coordinates
- θ : angle w.r.t. z axis in global coordinates
- p : Momentum of the track
- **t: time of hit (important due to background)**

Parameter Covariance (Symmetric Matrix) = $6(6+1)/2 = 18$ independent entries

Tracking Performances (Fast Simulation)

Spatial Resolution (SR): Uncertainty associated with pixel size ($\sigma_{r\phi}$)

Multiple Scattering (MS): Uncertainty associated with material thickness (x/X_0)

$$\sigma_{d_0} = \sqrt{\sigma_{d_0SR}^2 + \sigma_{d_0MS}^2}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T}\right)_{SR}^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T}\right)_{MS}^2}$$

arXiv:1805.12014 [physics.ins-det]

$$\Delta d_0|_{res} \approx \frac{3\sigma_{r\phi}}{\sqrt{N+5}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{8r_0}{L_0} + \frac{28r_0^2}{L_0^2} + \frac{40r_0^3}{L_0^3} + \frac{20r_0^4}{L_0^4}}$$

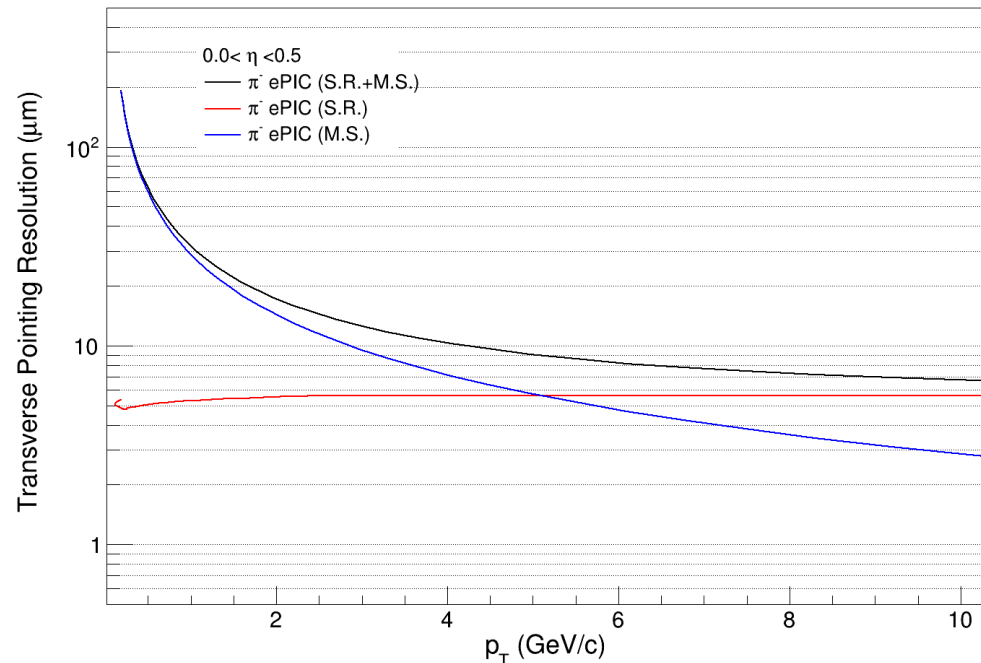
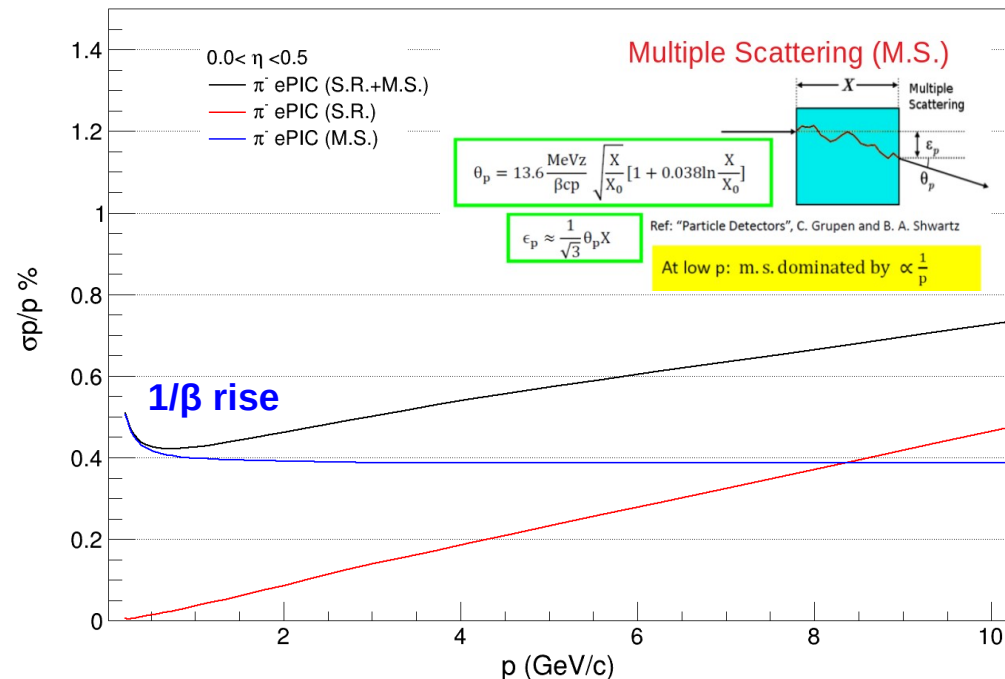
$$\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T} (SR) \propto \sigma_{r\phi} p$$

Curvature

$$\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T} (MS) \propto \frac{1}{\beta p} p = \frac{Const}{\beta}$$

Momentum and mass Hypothesis

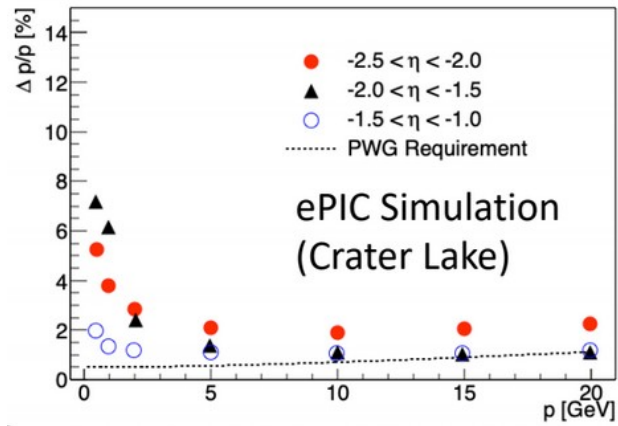
$$\Delta d_0|_{m.s.} \approx \frac{0.0136 \text{ GeV}/c}{\beta p_T} r_0 \sqrt{\frac{d}{X_0 \sin \theta}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r_0}{L_0}\right) + \frac{N}{4} \left(\frac{r_0}{L_0}\right)^2}$$



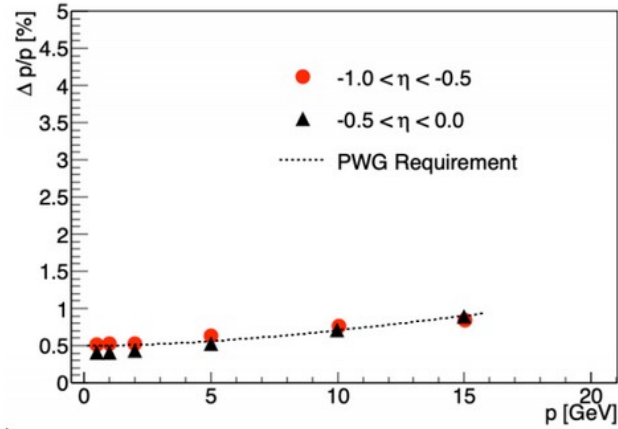
Tracking Performances: Momentum Resolution

Simulated performance: Truth Seeding (ePICSimulation, Crater Lake)-Pions

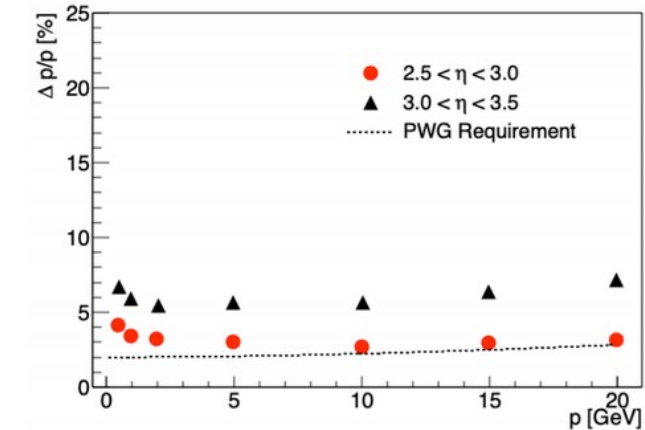
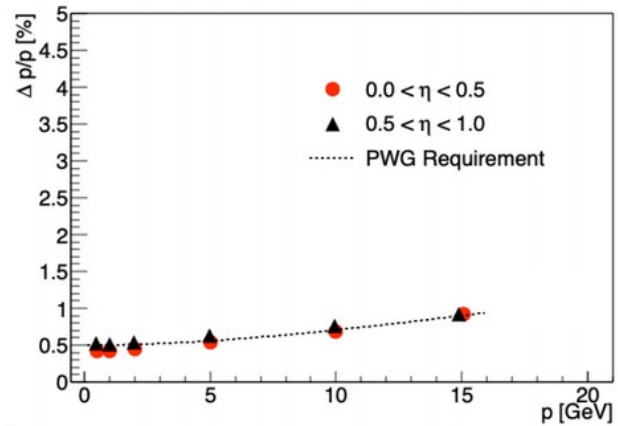
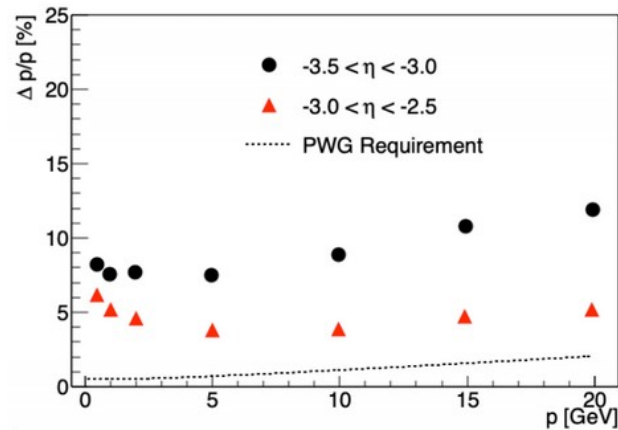
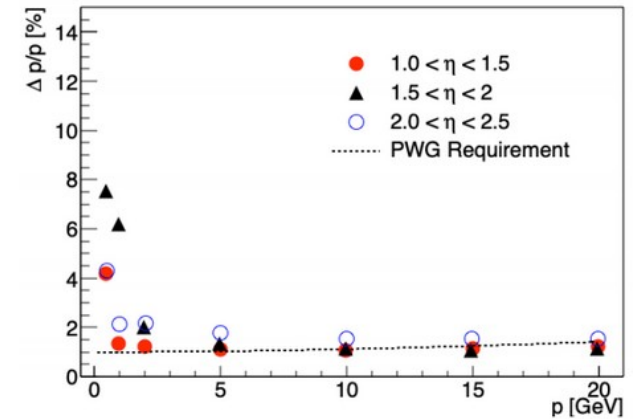
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Central

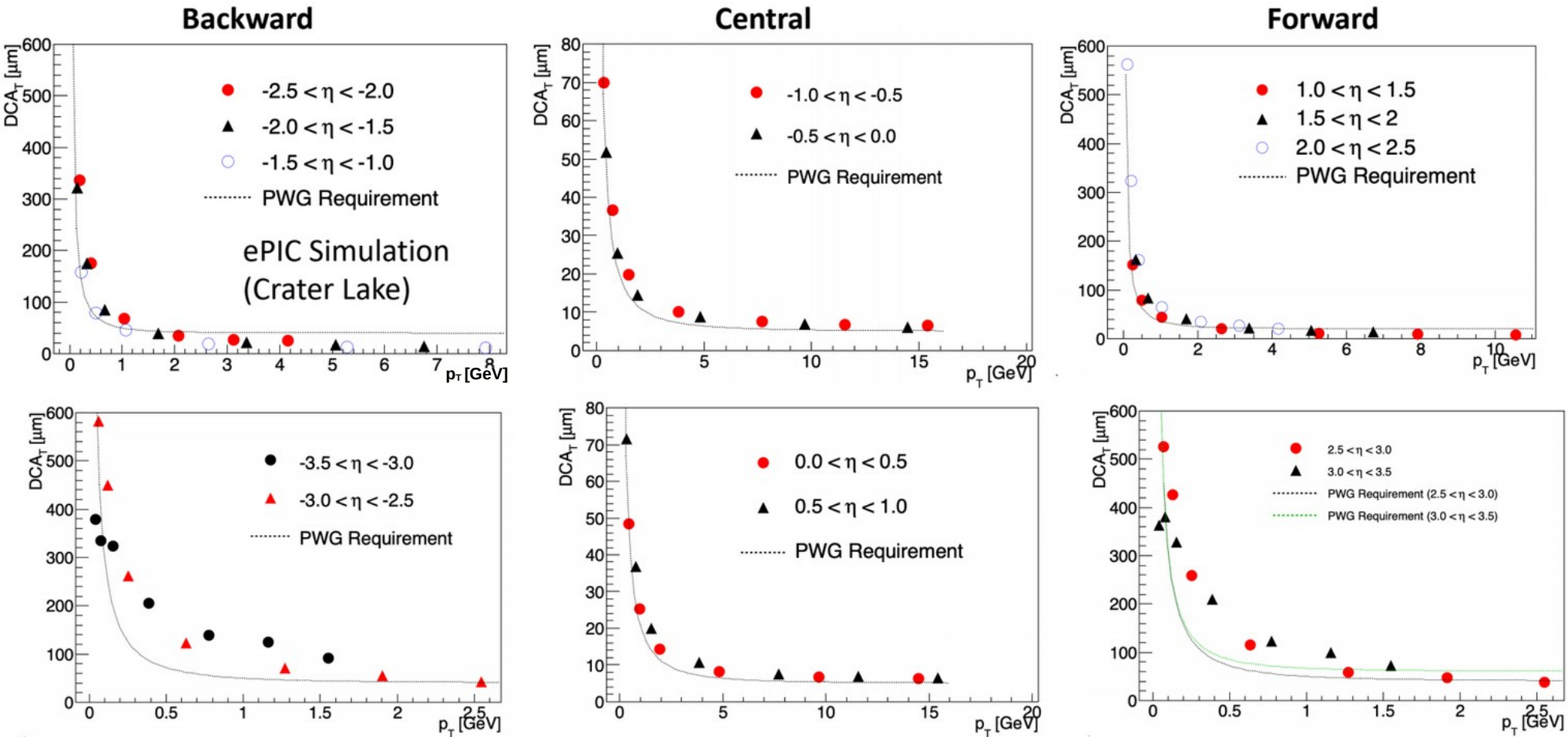


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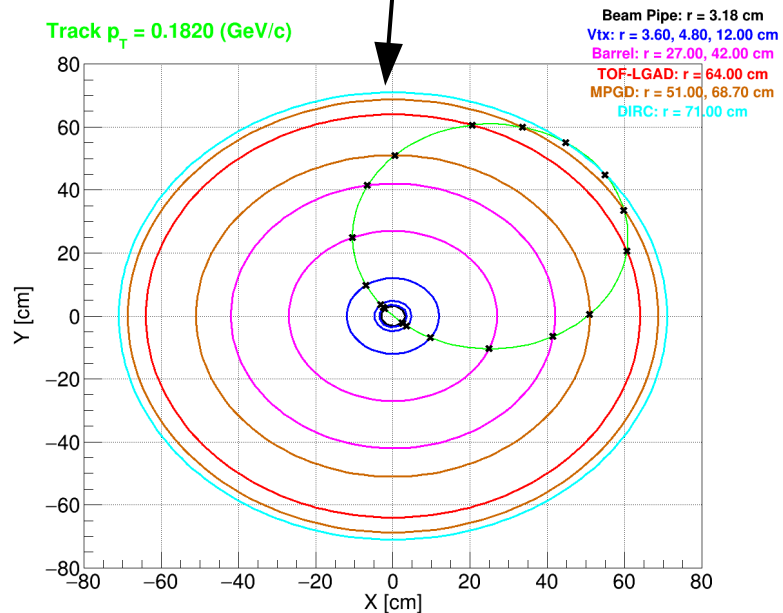
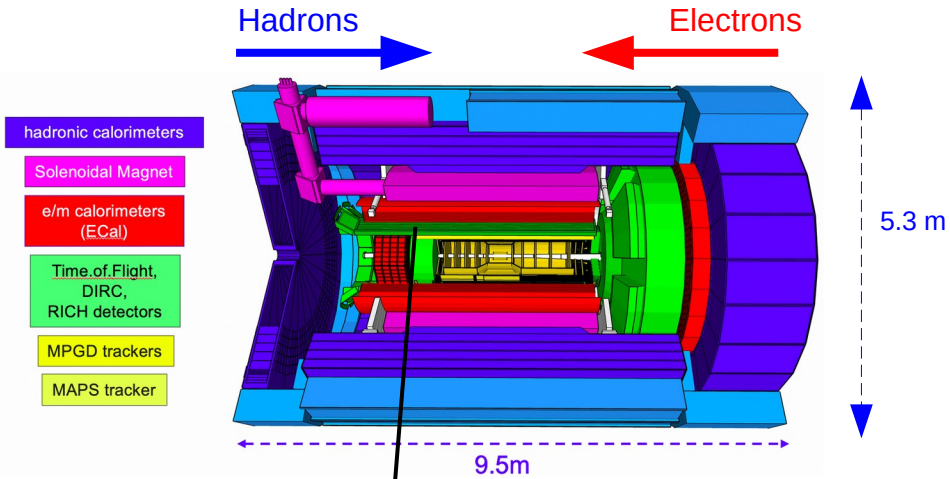


Tracking Performance: DCA_T Resolution

Simulated performance: Truth Seeding (ePICSimulation, Crater Lake)-Pions



Theta/Phi Resolutions at the DIRC Layer



Important for Cherenkov Particle Identification

$$p_T (\text{GeV}/c) = 0.3 B [T] R_{\text{track}} [m]$$

Extrapolation of track at DIRC $R = 71$ cm
 At $\eta = 0$

$$R_{\text{track}} = \frac{R_{\text{OutMPGD}}}{2} = 0.3435 \text{ m}$$

$$p_{T\text{min}} = 0.3 * 1.7 * 0.3435 = 0.1752 \text{ GeV}/c$$

Fast Simulation based on **Global fit** and the **Kalman filter**

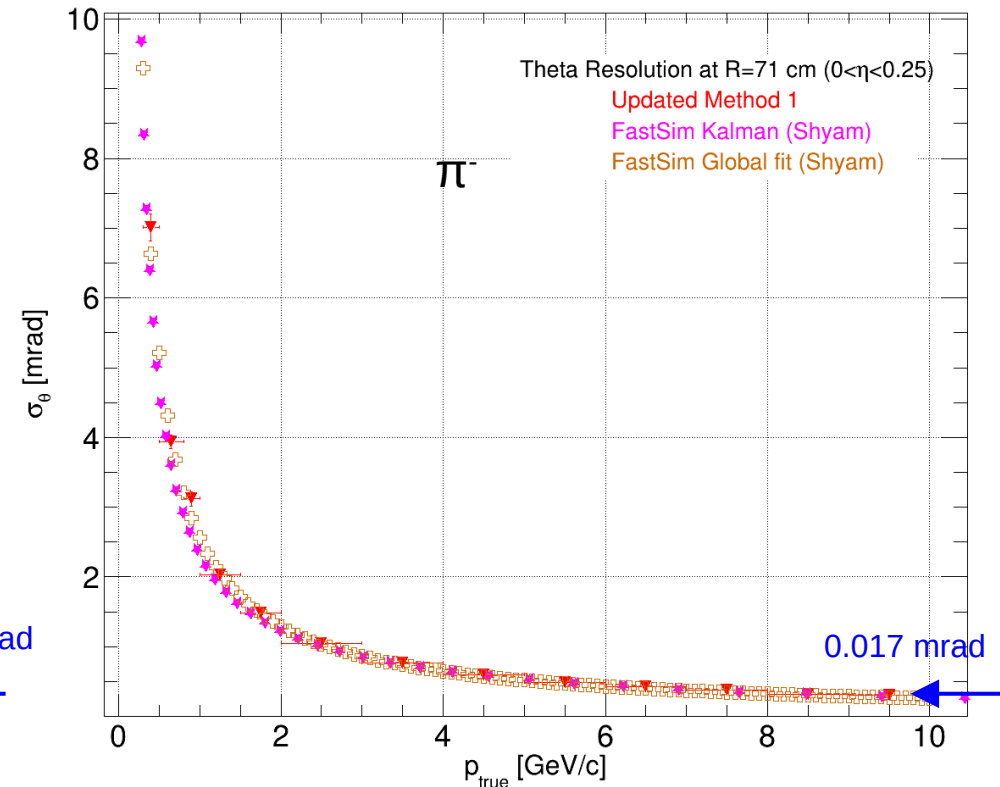
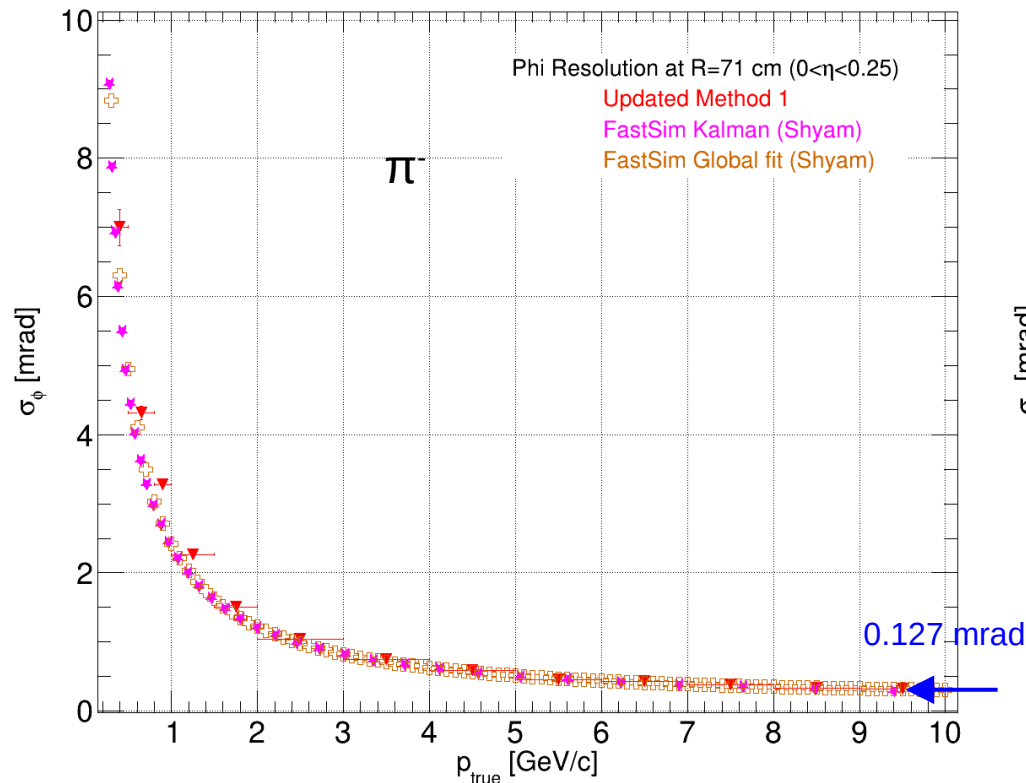
Estimation of Theta/Phi resolutions at DIRC (71 cm)

DIRC: Disk Imaging Ring Cherenkov

Theta/Phi Resolutions at DIRC Layer

Fast Simulation (Kalman) uses Inward to Outward fitting algorithm considering multiple scattering at the Outer MPGD layer
Global fit also take care of multiple scattering at Outer MPGD layer (parameters are global)

Updated Method 1 (Full Simulation) matches with Fast Simulation method



DIRC: Disk Imaging Ring Cherenkov

https://indico.bnl.gov/event/20473/contributions/85332/attachments/51915/89153/Fast_Simulation_ePIC_Collaboration_Meeting_Shyam_Kumar.pdf

Summary

- ePIC tracker consists of both state-of-the-art silicon and gaseous detector technologies
- ePIC SVT will help to achieve a good momentum resolution as well as pointing resolution because of a good spatial resolution and limited material budget
- MPGD layers provide good space point and timing resolution over a large area and will also help in pattern recognition
- Beam pipe coated with the Gold layer plays an important role in the reduction of synchrotron radiation
- ePIC tracker performance matches the physics requirements set by the EIC Lol

THANK YOU !!!

Ref: Science Requirements and Detector Concepts for the Electron-Ion Collider: EIC Yellow Report arXiv:2103.05419 [physics.ins-det]

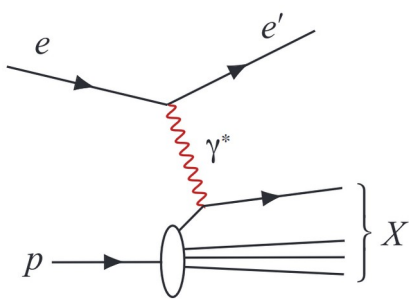
Measurement of the Physics Processes

Understanding hadron physics measurements with electroweak reactions (EIC experiment)

Parton Distributions in nucleons and nuclei

Neutral-current Inclusive DIS

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



Neutral-current DIS:

- Detection of scattered electron (e') with high precision is critical for all processes to determine the event kinematics

Charged-current DIS:

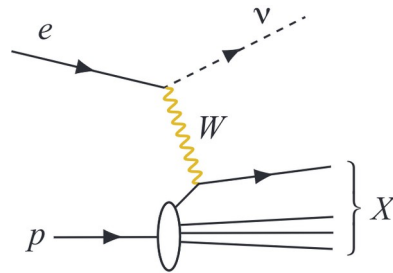
- At high momentum transfer Q^2 , the interaction is mediated by W^\pm gauge boson instead of virtual photon
- Event kinematics need to be reconstructed from final state particles

Spin and Flavor structure of nucleons and nuclei

Tomography Transverse Momentum Dist.

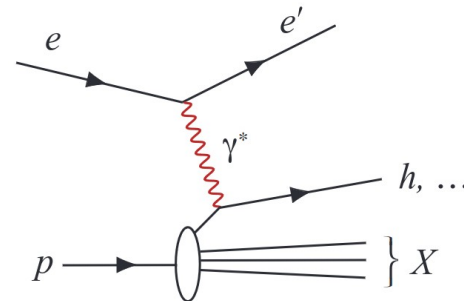
Charged-current Inclusive DIS

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Semi-inclusive DIS

$$e+p/A \rightarrow e'+h(\pi, K, p, \text{jet})+X$$



Semi-inclusive DIS:

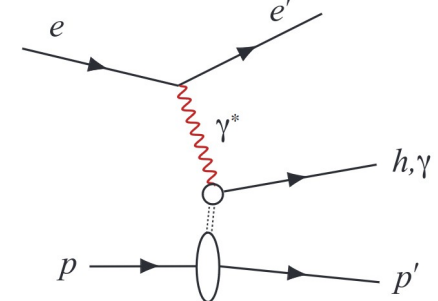
- Measurement of at least one identified hadron in coincidence with the scattered electron
- Tracking and hadronic calorimetry
- Heavy flavor identification via vertexing
- Light flavor identification from PID detectors

QCD at Extreme Parton Densities - Saturation

Tomography Spatial Imaging

Exclusive DIS

$$e+p/A \rightarrow e'+p'/A'+\nu/h(\pi, K, p, \text{jet})$$



Exclusive DIS:

- Measure all particles in a event
- Efficient proton tagging
- Full acceptance coverage

EIC Kinematic Coverage

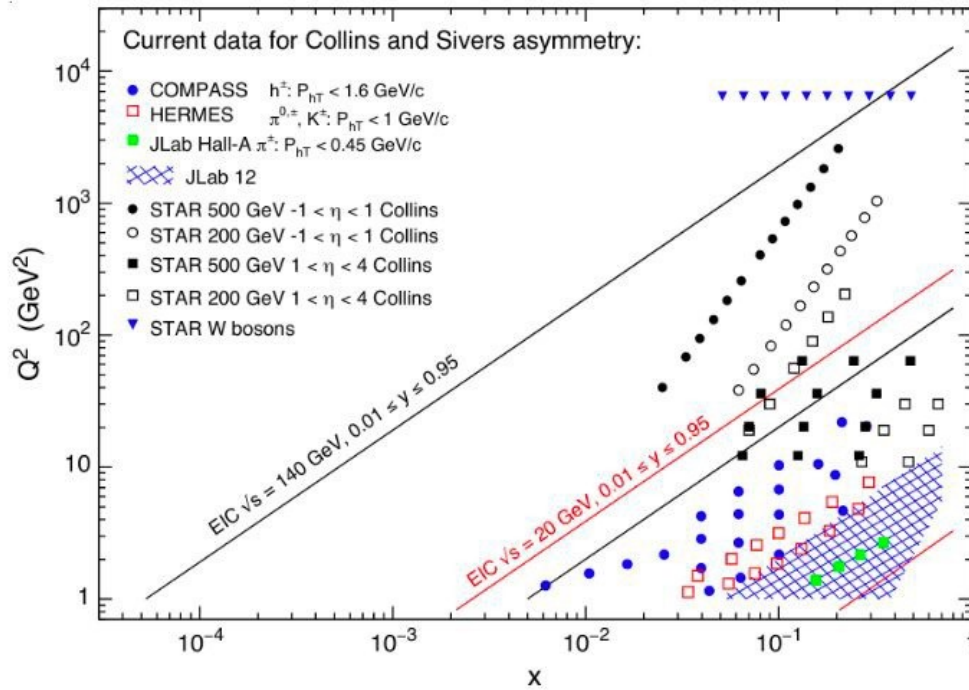
$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2pq} = \frac{Q^2}{sy} \quad \longrightarrow \quad Q^2 = sx y$$

Resolution power (Q^2)

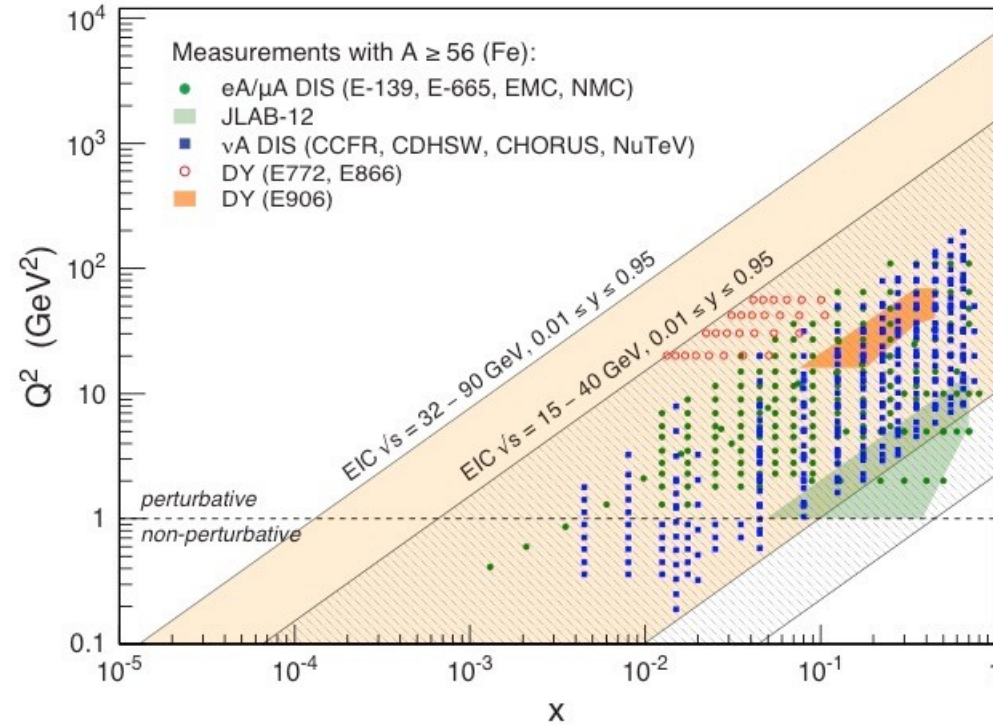
Inelasticity (y)

Momentum fraction of struck quark (x)

EIC Yellow Report: kin. reach for Sivers and Collins (wide x , Q^2 range)



e-N collisions



e-A collisions

Momentum and Transverse Pointing Resolution

Spatial Resolution (SR): Uncertainty associated with pixel size ($\sigma_{r\phi}$)

Multiple Scattering (MS): Uncertainty associated with material thickness (x/X_0)

Extension of Gluckstern formulas

Momentum Resolution:

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$$\frac{\Delta p_T}{p_T} \Big|_{res.} = \frac{\sigma_{r\phi} p_T}{0.3 B_0 L_0^2} \sqrt{\frac{720 N^3}{(N-1)(N+1)(N+2)(N+3)}}$$

$$\approx \frac{12 \sigma_{r\phi} p_T}{0.3 B_0 L_0^2} \sqrt{\frac{5}{N+5}}$$

$$\frac{\Delta p_T}{p_T} \Big|_{m.s.} = \frac{N}{\sqrt{(N+1)(N-1)}} \frac{0.0136 \text{ GeV}/c}{0.3 \beta B_0 L_0} \sqrt{\frac{d_{tot}}{X_0 \sin \theta}} \left(1 + 0.038 \ln \frac{d}{X_0 \sin \theta} \right)$$

SR

$$\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T} \right)_{SR}^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T} \right)_{MS}^2}$$

MS

Transverse Pointing Resolution:

$$\Delta d_0 \Big|_{res} \approx \frac{3 \sigma_{r\phi}}{\sqrt{N+5}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{8r_0}{L_0} + \frac{28r_0^2}{L_0^2} + \frac{40r_0^3}{L_0^3} + \frac{20r_0^4}{L_0^4}}$$

$$\Delta d_0 \Big|_{m.s.} \approx \frac{0.0136 \text{ GeV}/c}{\beta p_T} r_0 \sqrt{\frac{d}{X_0 \sin \theta}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r_0}{L_0} \right) + \frac{N}{4} \left(\frac{r_0}{L_0} \right)^2}$$

SR

$$\sigma_{d_0} = \sqrt{\sigma_{d_0 SR}^2 + \sigma_{d_0 MS}^2}$$

MS

Formulas are valid for equal spacing, equal detector resolutions of each layer, and equal thickness

Radiation Levels in ePIC Experiment

- Bunch Cross frequency 98.5 MHz but Interaction frequency much lower
- DIS events rate for ep collisions up to ~500 kHz, $L = 10 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sec}^{-1}$
- Much lower than those seen at LHC
- Example study: 10x275 GeV DIS ep events + beam gas backgrounds
- Upper bound estimate: top luminosity, 10 run period of six months at 100% run time

Total Ionizing Dose < 1 Mrad

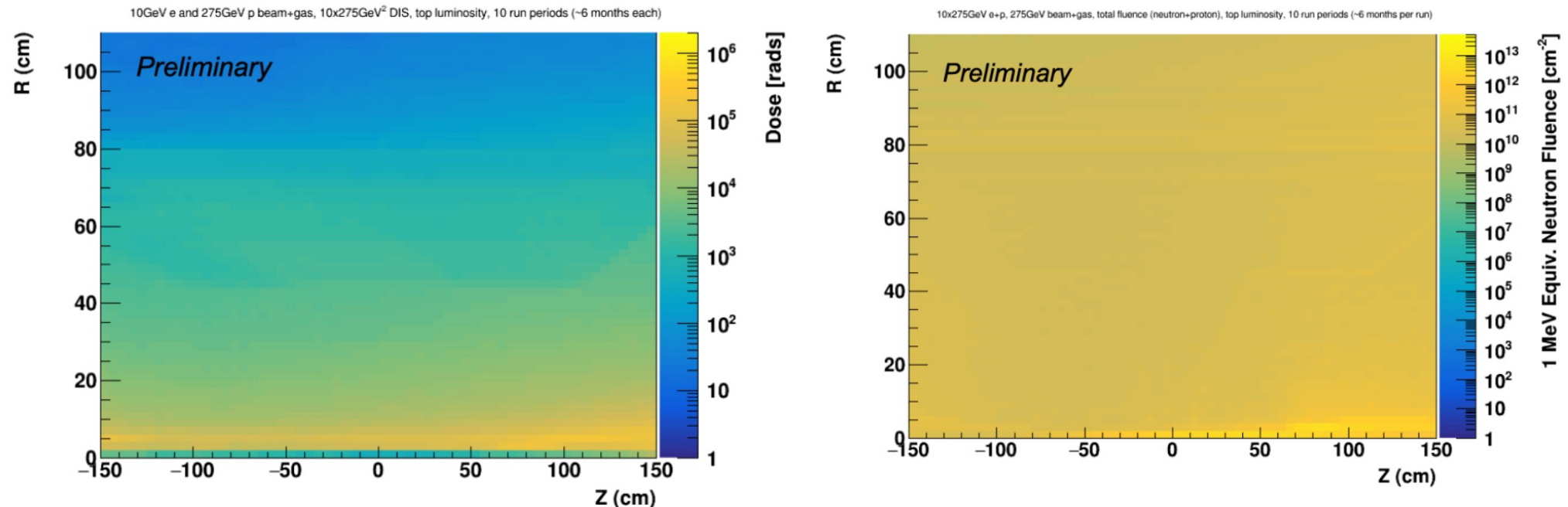
Fluence below $5 \times 10^{13} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$

Wafer-scale sensor ePIC

NIEL radiation tolerance = $10^{14} \text{ n}_{\text{eq}}/\text{cm}^2$

TID radiation tolerance = 10 Mrad

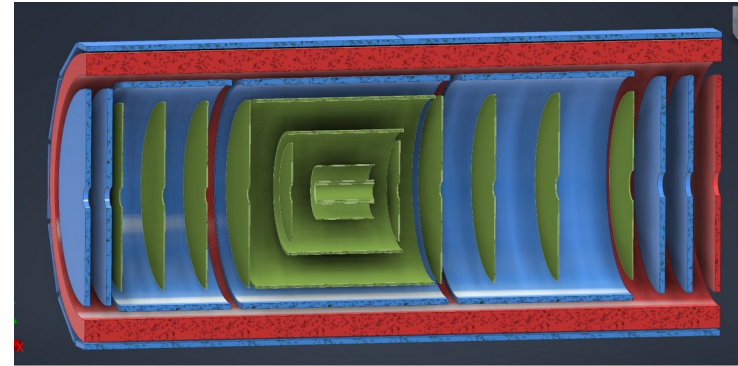
Radiation map over the silicon tracker envelope



The ePIC Central Tracking Detector Layout

ePIC tracking system consist of silicon detector as well as gaseous detectors

$$|\eta| < 3.5$$



Barrel region

Component	Radius (cm)	$\sigma_{r\phi}$ (μm)	σ_z (μm)	X/X ₀ %
Beam pipe	3.18			0.36
SVT IB L ₀	3.6	5.77	5.77	0.05
SVT IB L ₁	4.8	5.77	5.77	0.05
SVT IB L ₂	12.0	5.77	5.77	0.05
SVT OB L ₃	27.0	5.77	5.77	0.25
SVT OB L ₄	42.0	5.77	5.77	0.55
Inner MPGD	51.0	150	150	0.5
TOF	64.0	30	3000	1.0
Outer MPGD	68.7	150	150	1.5



MPGD Barrels AC-LGAD TOF
and Disks



SVT IB, OB
and Disks (MAPS)

**SVT achieve a precise tracking
and vertexing capability**

(pitch ~ 20 μm)

IB: Inner Barrel

OB: Outer Barrel