

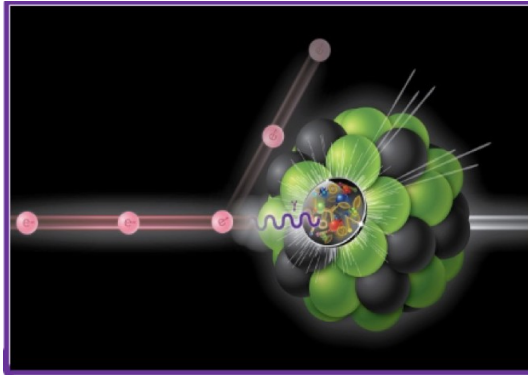
## Physics Perspectives with the ePIC Tracker Performances

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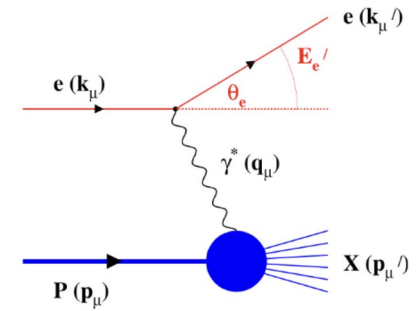


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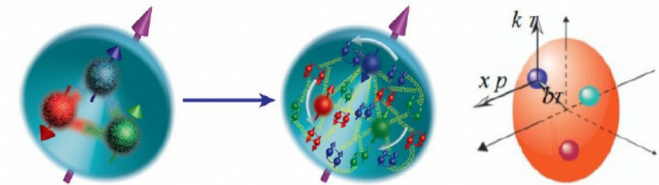
# Physics Goals of the ePIC Experiment



Polarized ep and e-A collisions with a variable center-of-mass energies and high luminosities



## Nucleon Structure



## A selection on few topics:

Look into nucleons with high precision → 3D structure

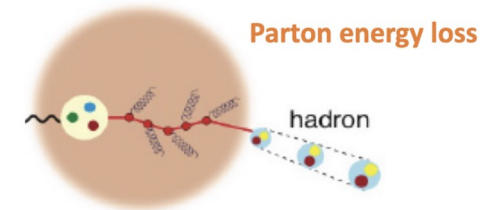
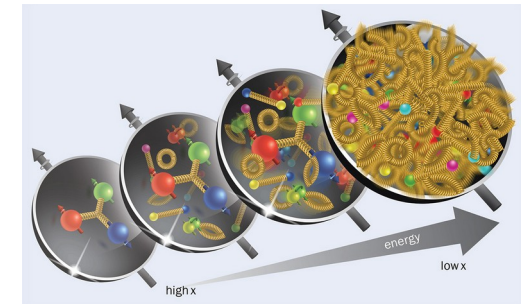
- ◆ Investigate parton distributions of nucleons and nuclei
- ◆ Spin and flavour structure of nucleons and nuclei

QCD at high parton density - gluon saturation

- ◆ nPDF in a wide range of Bjorken-x

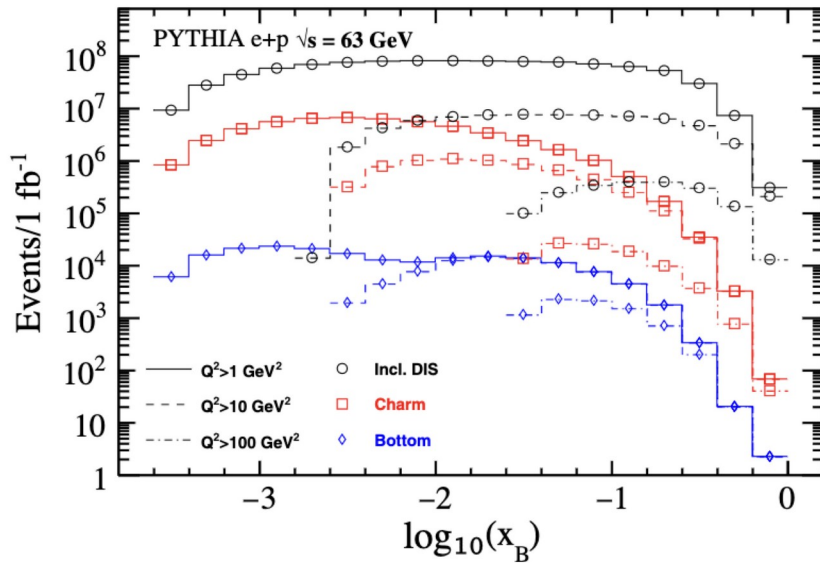
Explore hadronization inside the vacuum/medium

Explore energy loss in CNM (Cold Nuclear Matter) effects



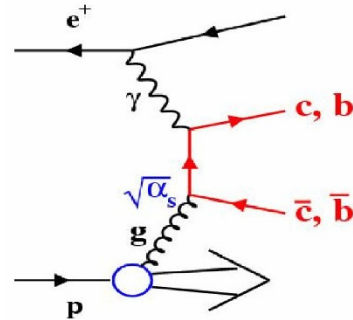
# Why Heavy Flavour: Production and nPDF

M. Kelsey et al. [PRD104,054002\(2021\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.05400)



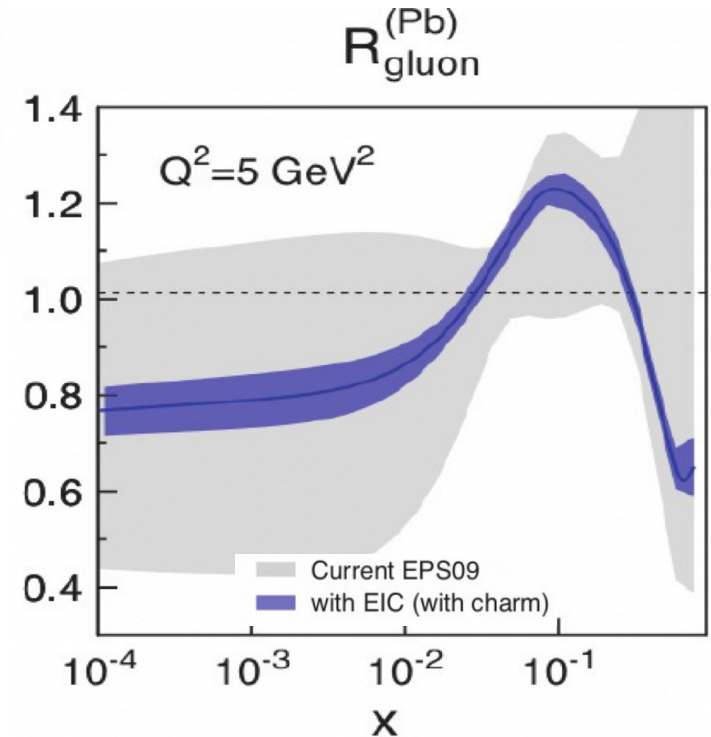
High c/b production over a wide range  $x_B$

## Photon gluon fusion



$$R_i^A(x, Q^2) = \frac{f_i^A(x, Q^2)}{f_i^p(x, Q^2)}$$

$f_i^p(x, Q^2)$ : pdf of proton  
 $f_i^A(x, Q^2)$ : pdf of nucleus



Heavy quark production in DIS: help to study gluon dynamics inside nucleon/nucleus

- ◆ gluon nPDF, gluon helicity, gluon TMD etc...

**significant impact on the reduction of the gluon uncertainty band from high to low-x**

Ref: A. Deshpande, Electron Ion Collider: The next QCD frontier Understanding the Glue that Binds Us All, COOL'15, Jefferson Lab, USA, 2015.

Emmanuel Sauvan, CPPM Marseille. H1 Report, DESY PRC 26/05/05  
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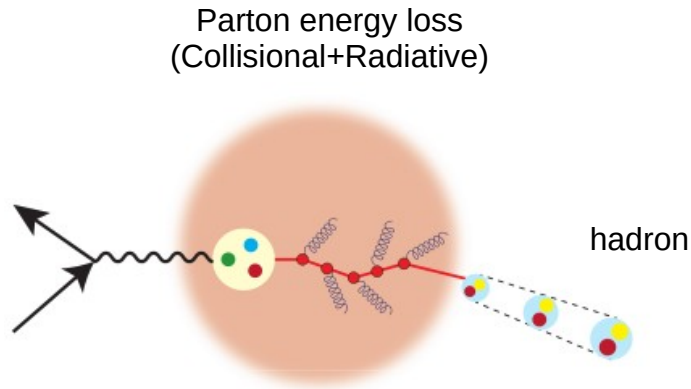
**Precise heavy-flavour measurement at ePIC can further constrain nPDFs**

# Energy loss and Hadronization with charm/beauty

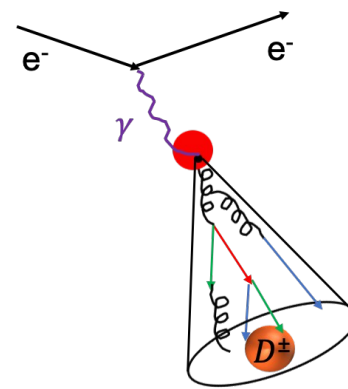
Study hadronization scale and transport inside the nuclear medium

- ◆  $R_{eA}$ : open charm hadrons (D mesons,  $\Lambda_c$ , etc...)

## Comparison between ep and eA collisions



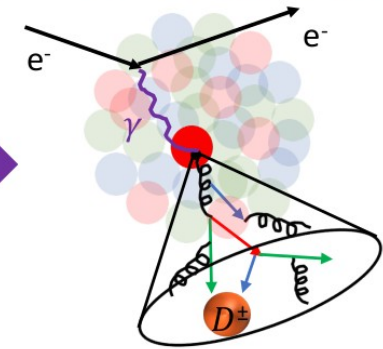
$$e^- + p \rightarrow e^- + jet(D^\pm) + X$$



Compare



$$e^- + Au \rightarrow e^- + jet(D^\pm) + X$$



- ◆ Heavy-quark: propagation inside the “cold” nuclear matter
- ◆ Heavy-flavour hadrochemistry and collectivity:
  - ➔ **hadronization modification in cold-nuclear matter**

$$\text{Nuclear modification factor: } R_{eA} = \frac{\sigma_{eA}}{A \times \sigma_{ep}}$$

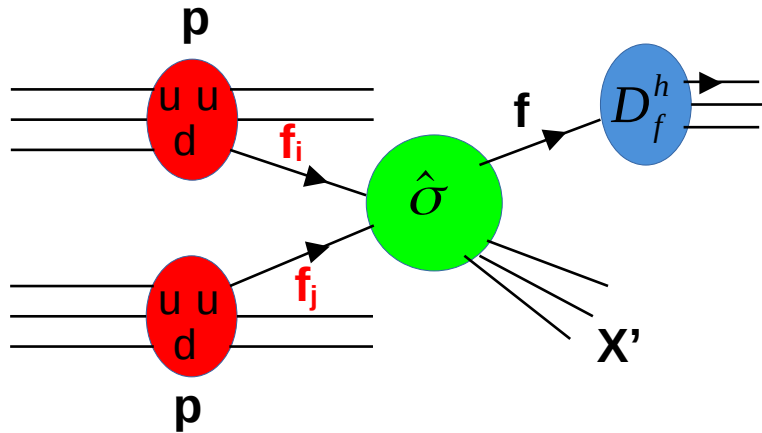
# Fragmentation and Heavy-flavour jets

- Production of heavy-quark (charm, beauty) hadron can be calculated using factorization approach:

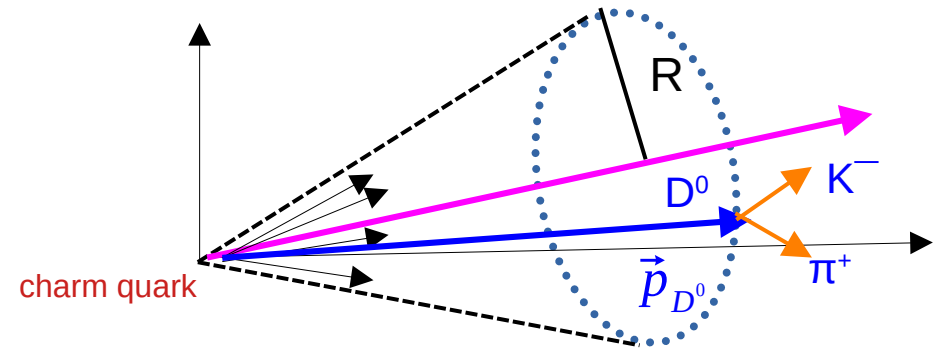
$$\frac{d\sigma^{NN \rightarrow H_Q X}}{dp_T^{H_Q}}(\sqrt{s_{NN}}, M_Q, \mu_F^2, \mu_R^2) = \sum_{i,j=q,\bar{q},g} f_i(x_1, \mu_F^2) \otimes f_j(x_2, \mu_F^2) \otimes d\hat{\sigma}^{ij \rightarrow Q\bar{Q}}(\alpha_s(\mu_R^2), \mu_F^2, M_Q, x_1, x_2, s_{NN}) \otimes D_Q^{H_Q}(z, \mu_F^2)$$

$z = p_{H_Q}/p_Q$

Parton distribution functions   
 Hard Scattering Cross-section   
 Fragmentation function



$z = pD^0/p_{ch,jet} =$  proxy for  $pD^0/p_{charm\ quark} =$  fraction of parton momentum carried by a hadron



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<https://doi.org/10.22323/1.449.0261>

Jets containing charged particles and prompt  $D^0$  mesons ( $p_{ch,jet}$ )

Important to study heavy-flavour jets

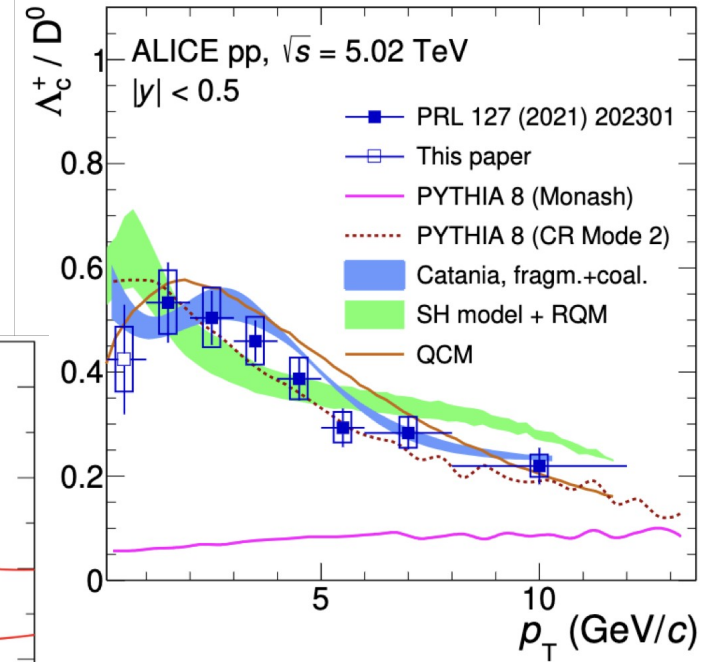
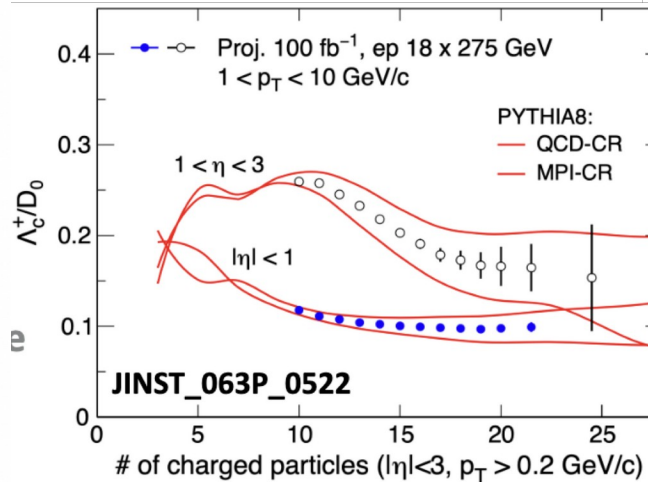
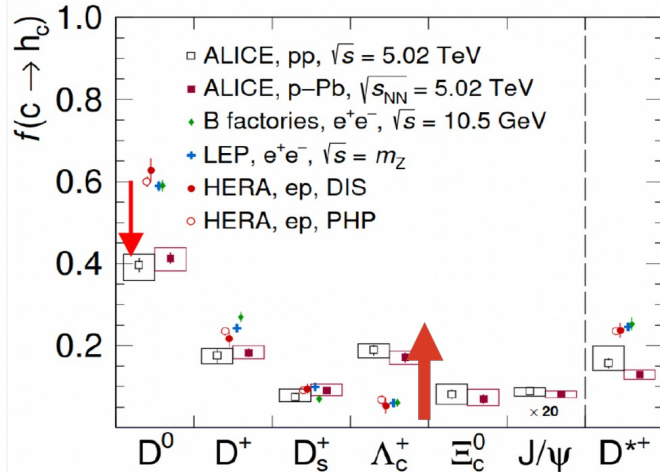
# More hints on Hadronization: heavy-flavour baryon over meson ratios

- ◆ charm/beauty baryon-to-meson ratios: higher than measurements at ee, ep collisions for  $p_T < 10$  GeV/c

➔ Predictions that include baryon enhancement mechanisms describe data

$0.113 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.006$   
(LEP average, EPJC 75, 19 (2015))

<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.107.064901>



$\Lambda_c^+ / D^0$  ratio to study hadron chemistry: impact at low- $p_T$  range and forward rapidity

PRD 105, L011103 (2022) arXiv:2105.06335 [nucl-ex]

Violation of universality of fragmentation fractions (FF) already in pp collisions

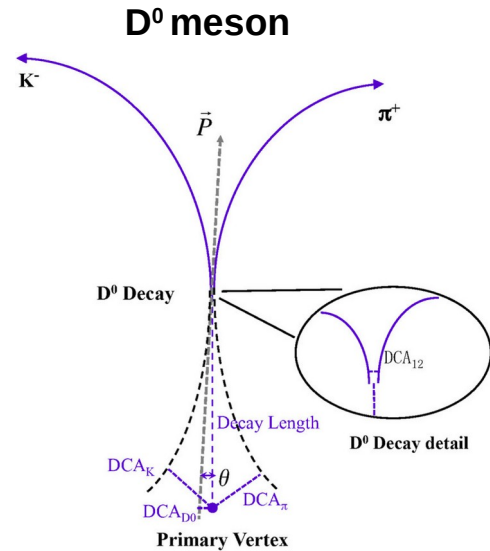
➔ Cannot rely on  $e^+e^-$  FF to get charm cross section

Measure fragmentation fractions at ePIC with different nuclei systems for more understanding!!

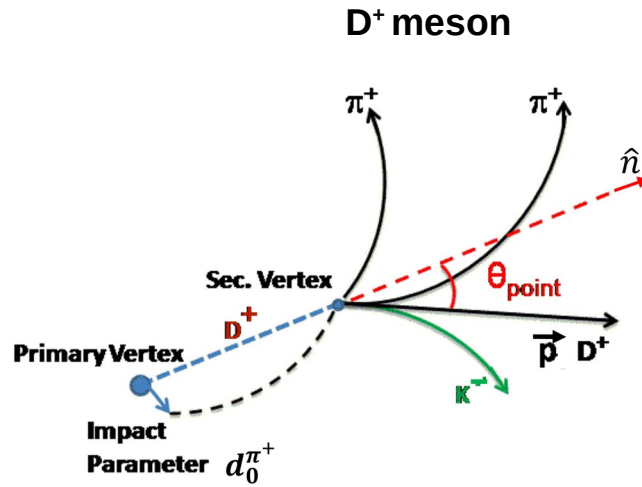


# Open charm and beauty measurement

Reconstruction of B, D-meson, and  $\Lambda_c^+$ -baryon using **primary and secondary vertexing**



2-prong decay



3-prong decay

Particle	Mass (GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	cτ (μm)
D <sup>±</sup>	1.869	312
D <sup>0</sup>	1.864	123
B <sup>±</sup>	5.279	491
B <sup>0</sup>	5.280	456
$\Lambda_c^+$	2.286	60

[arXiv:1911.12168](https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.12168) [nucl-ex]

Invariant mass: 
$$m_{D^0} = \sqrt{(E_{K^-} + E_{\pi^+})^2 - (\vec{p}_{K^-} + \vec{p}_{\pi^+})^2}$$

**Main requirements:**

- ◆ High luminosity + good detector acceptance
- ◆ Good pointing and momentum resolution. And vertex separations?

# The ePIC Central Tracking Detector

The ePIC tracking system ( $|\eta| < 3.5$ ) is a hybrid detector based on both silicon and gaseous technologies

## Barrel Region:

### • Silicon Vertex Tracker (SVT):

- SVT Inner Barrel (IB) L<sub>0</sub>, L<sub>1</sub>, L<sub>2</sub> and Outer Barrel (OB) L<sub>3</sub>, L<sub>4</sub>
- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS) based on 65 nm CMOS technology being developed by ALICE
- High granularity and low material budget are the key features to achieve a good momentum and pointing resolution

### • MPGD (Micro-Pattern Gas Detectors)

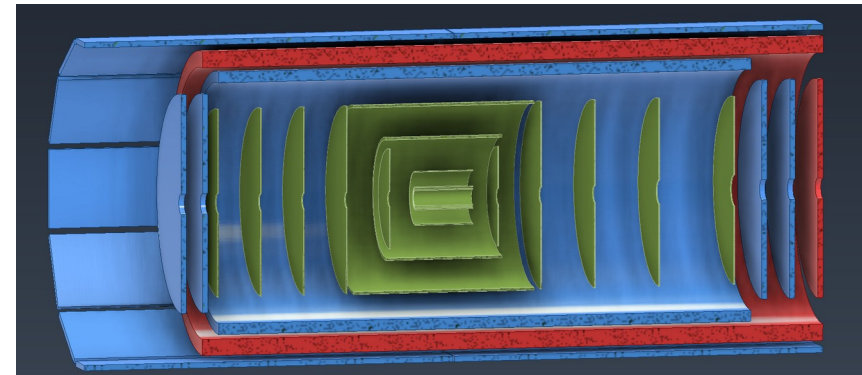
- Gaseous detectors to cover a large outer tracking volume
- Provides a good timing performance (Provide ~ 10 – 30 ns timing resolution) for pattern recognition

### • AC-LGAD Sensors

- Excellent time resolution for the particle identification by time-of-flight method
- Provides 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



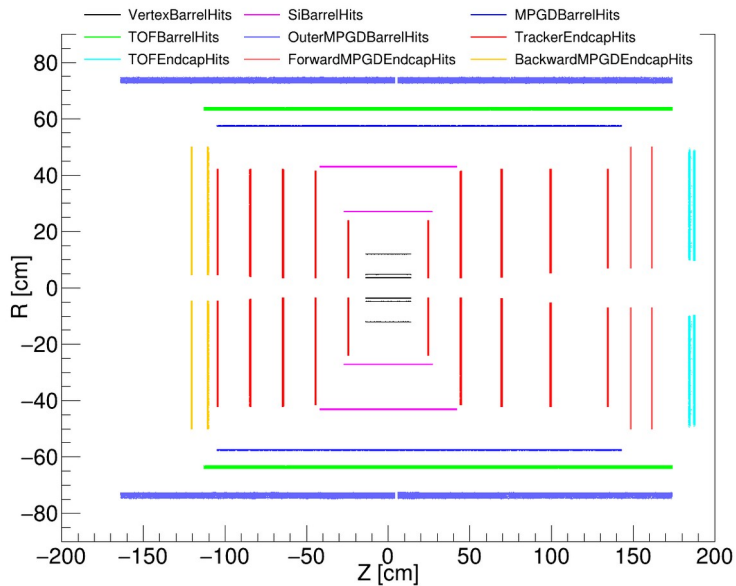
- SVT IB, OB and Disks (MAPS)
- MPGD Barrels and Disks
- AC-LGAD TOF

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

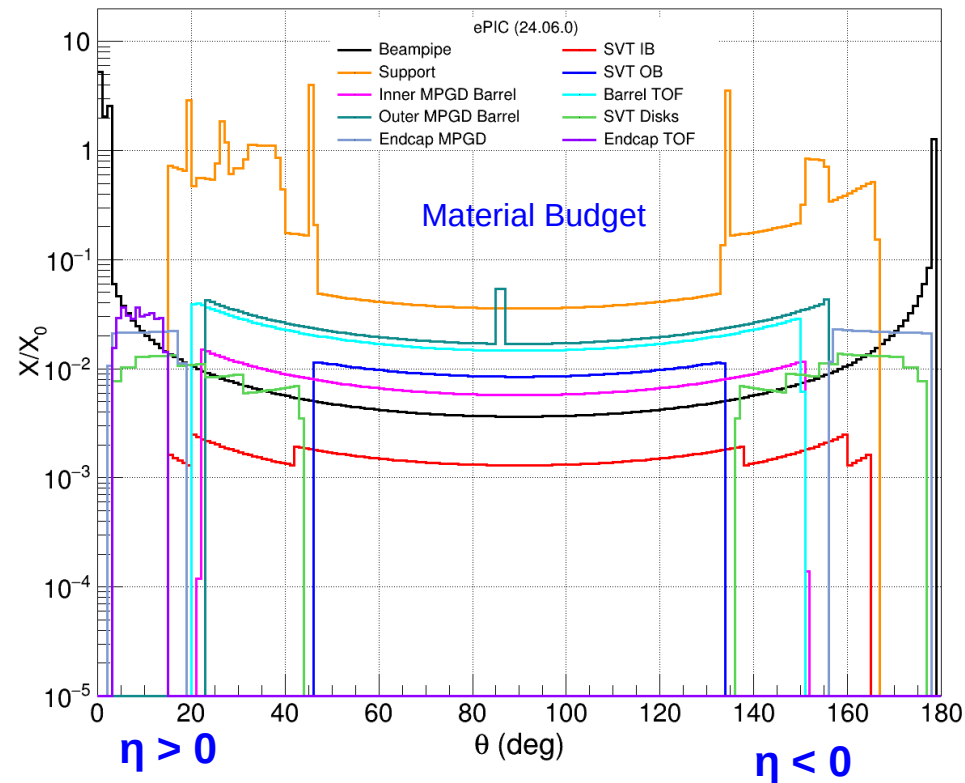
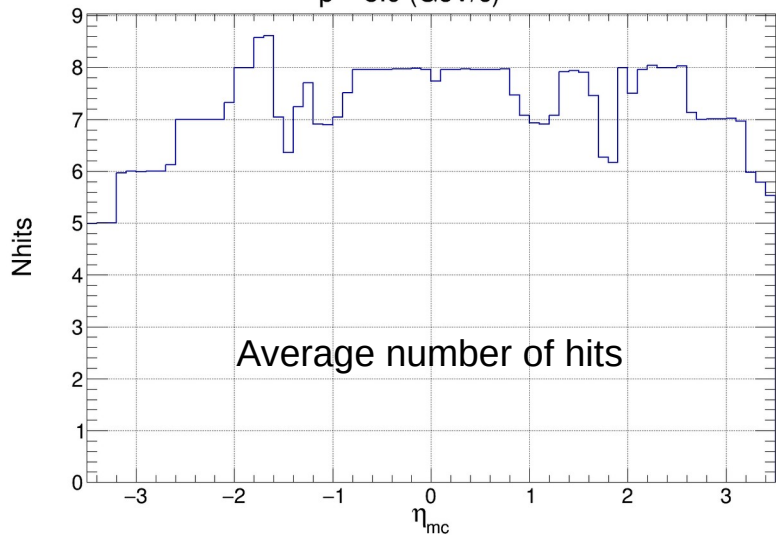
(pitch ~ 20  $\mu\text{m}$ )



# The ePIC Tracker Hit Map and Material Budget



$p = 5.0$  (GeV/c)



**Minimal amount of material in the SVT IB and OB**

→ support material for services in conical shape

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

# Tracking in the ePIC Experiment

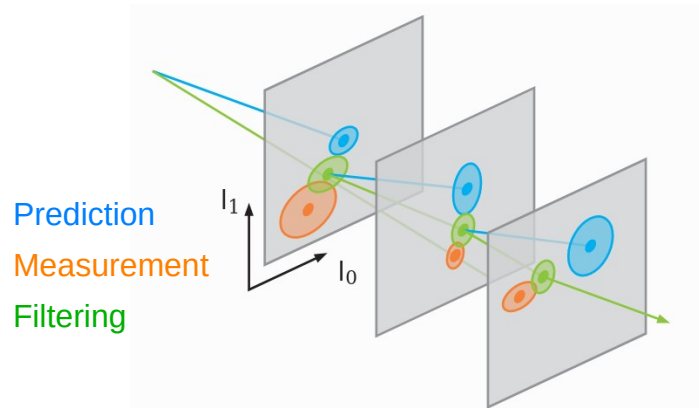
Reconstruction of particle trajectory (in presence of non-uniform magnetic field, material effect, background hits )-**4D tracking**

**Tracking:** Track finding and fitting using combinatorial Kalman Filter (CKF): **ACTs (A Common Tracking Software)**

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

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

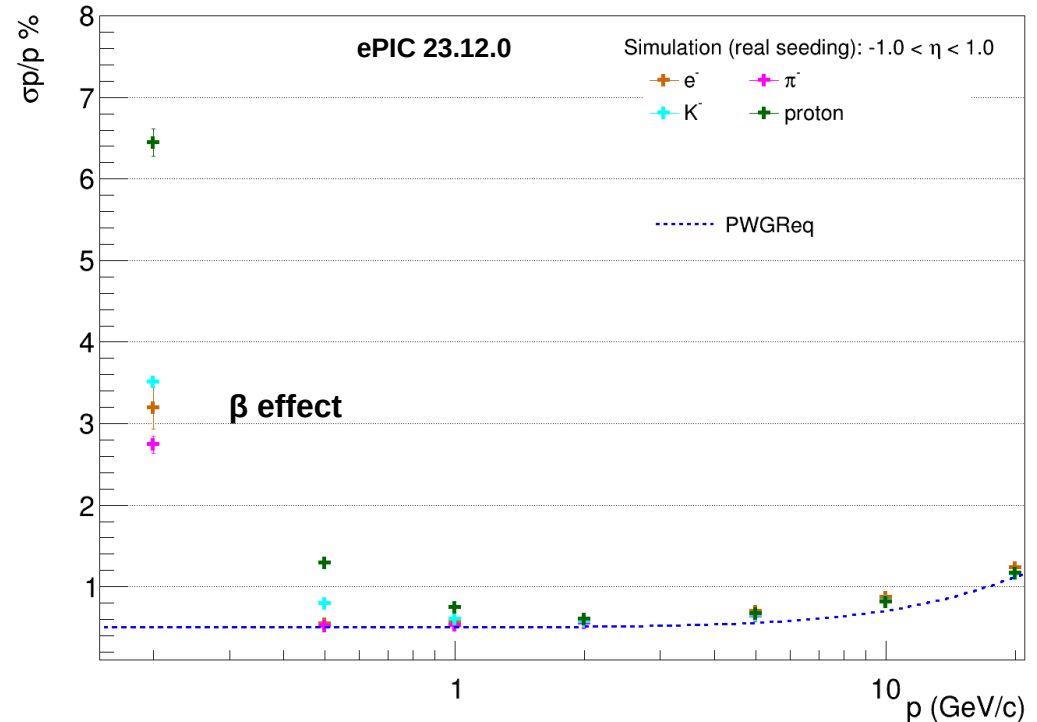
Inward--> Outward fitting  
Outward-->Inward fitting



## Three Steps (Kalman Filter)

1. Extrapolation
2. Filtering
3. Smoothing

## Momentum Resolution



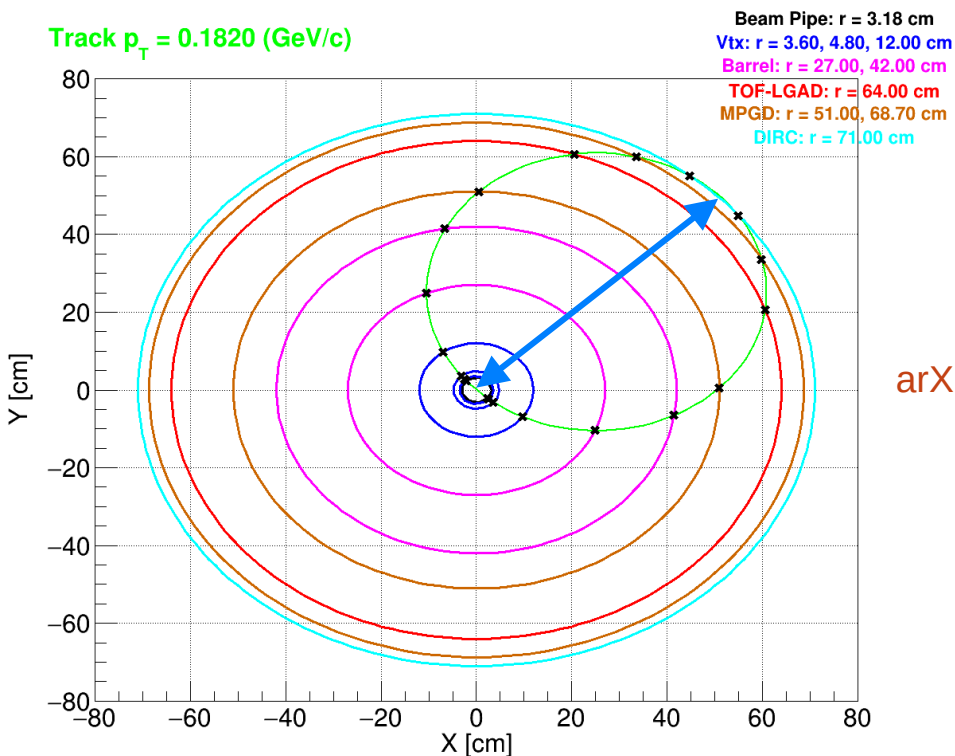
# Tracking Performances

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

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

At  $\eta = 0$   $R_{\text{track}} = \frac{R_{\text{OutMPGD}}}{2} = 0.3435 \text{ m}$

Track  $p_T = 0.1820 \text{ (GeV}/c)$



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

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

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

Constant term (at  $\beta < 1$  increase)

arXiv:1805.12014

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

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

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

$$\sigma_{d_0} = \sqrt{\sigma_{d_0_{SR}}^2 + \sigma_{d_0_{MS}}^2}$$

# Tracking Performances (Fast Simulation)

arXiv:1805.12014 [physics.ins-det]

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

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

Curvature

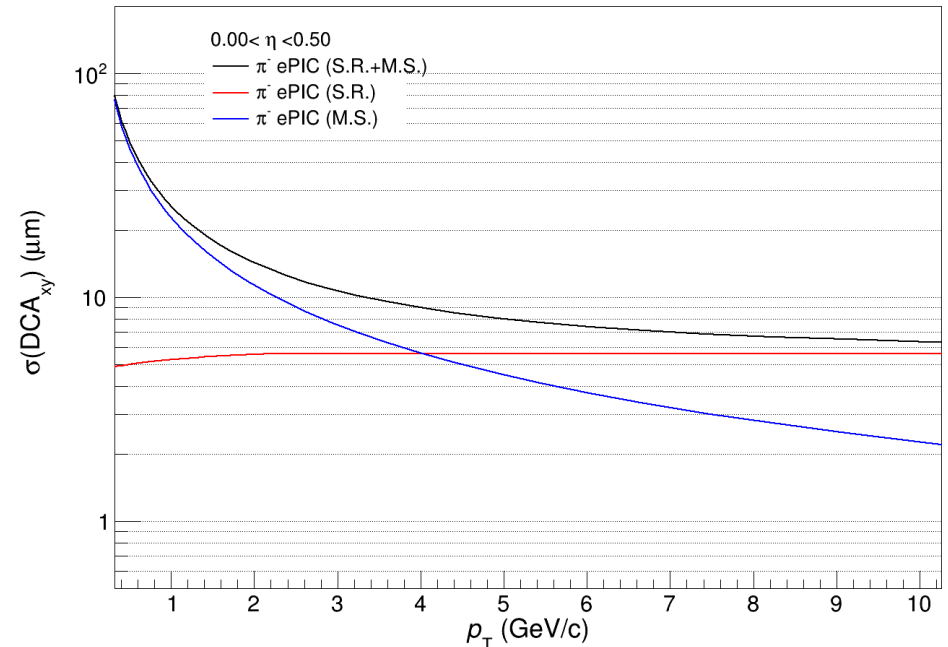
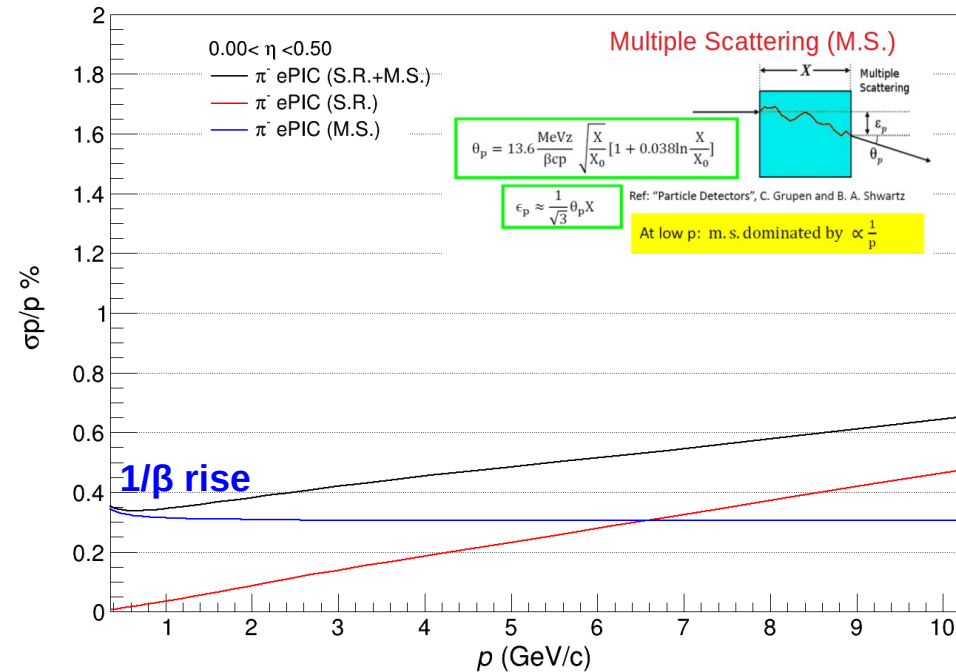
$$\frac{\sigma_{p_T}}{p_T} (SR) \propto \sigma_{r\phi} p$$

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

Momentum and mass Hypothesis

Curvature

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



# Geometry and Momentum Resolutions (Real Seed)

## Different $\eta$ regions

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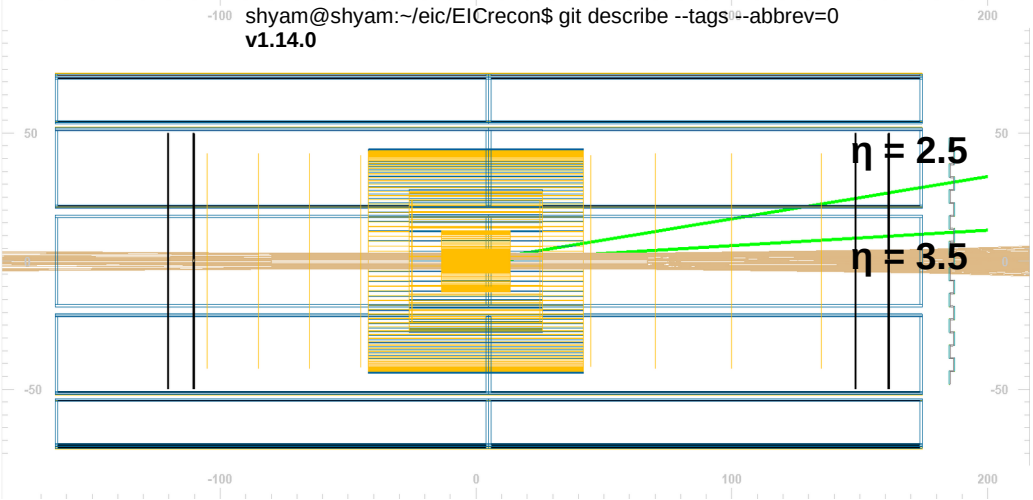
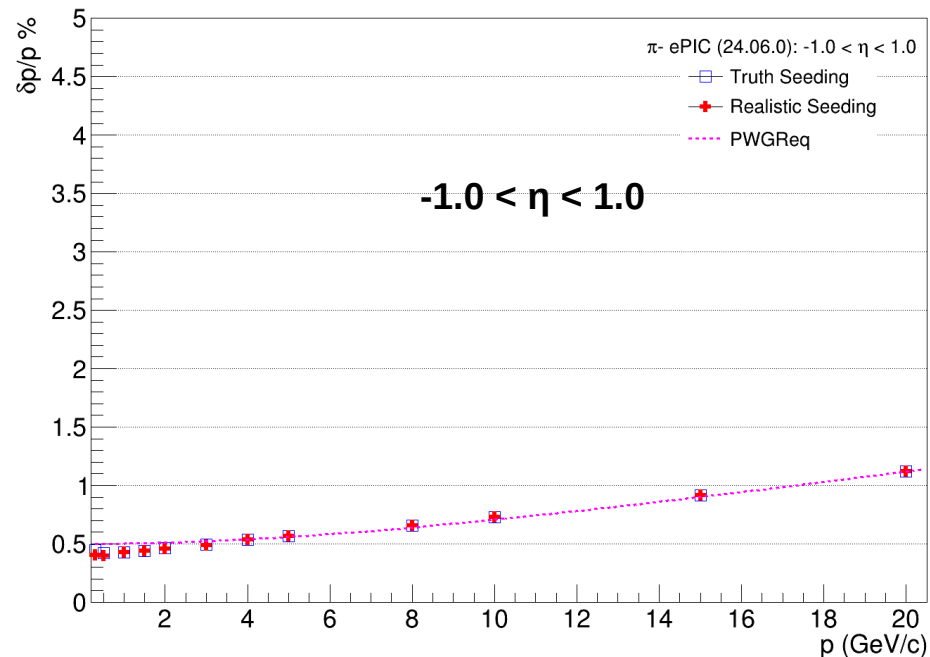
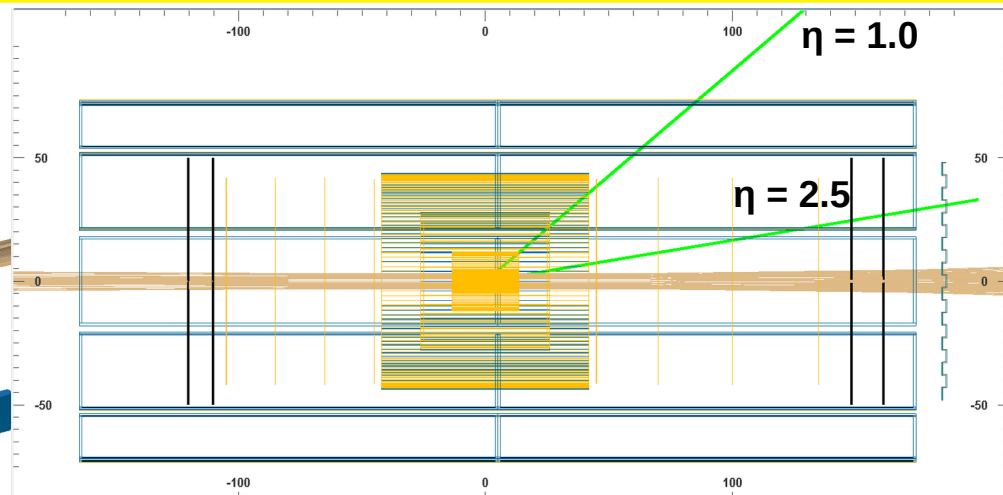
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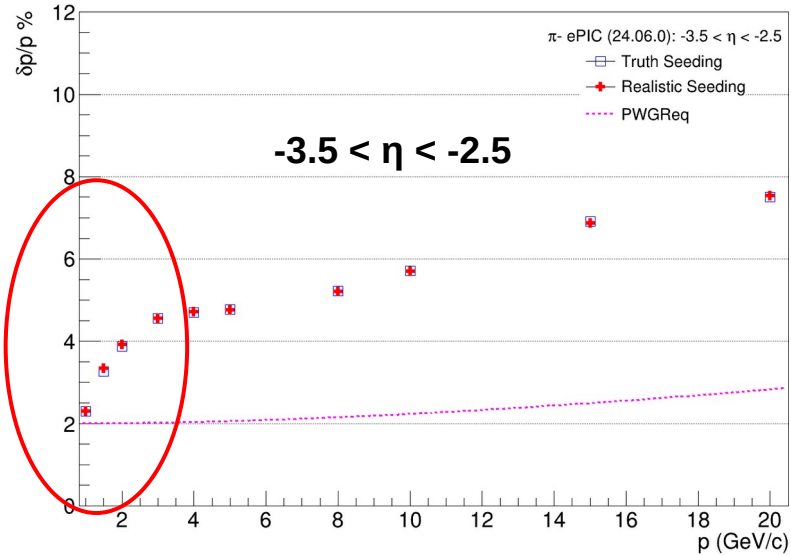
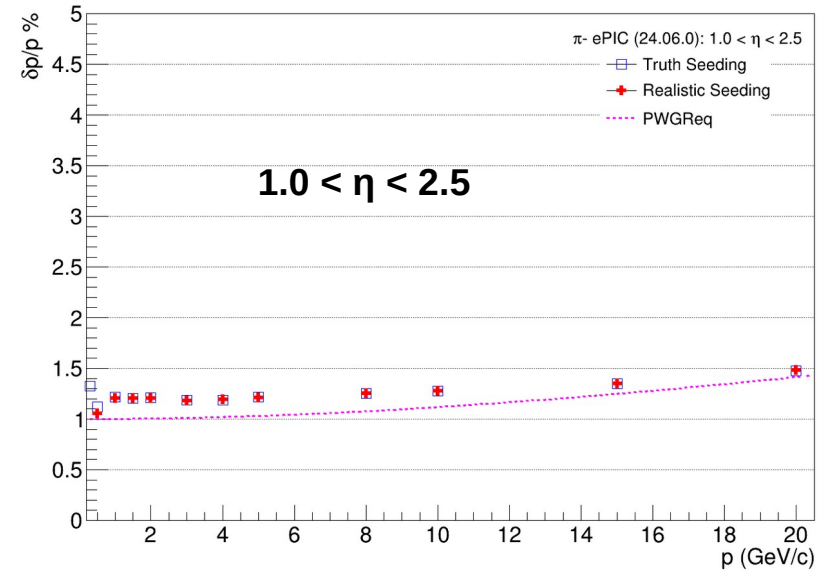
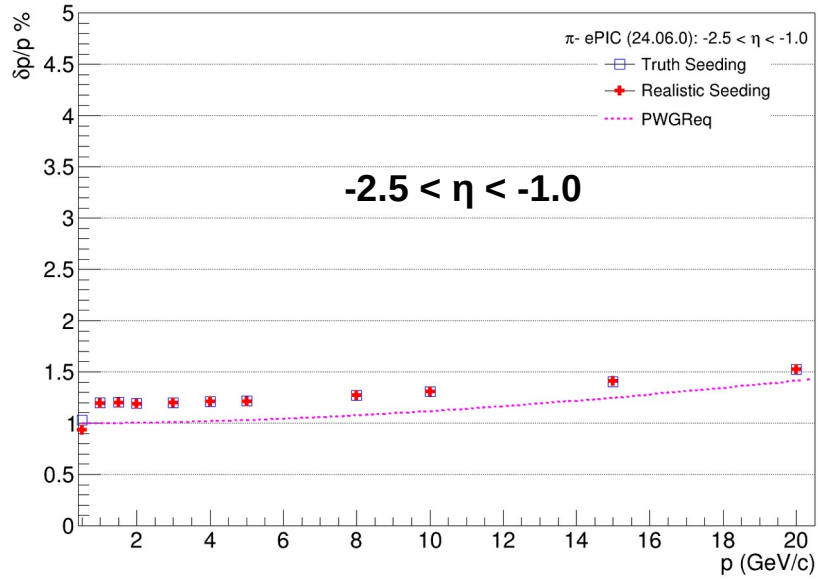
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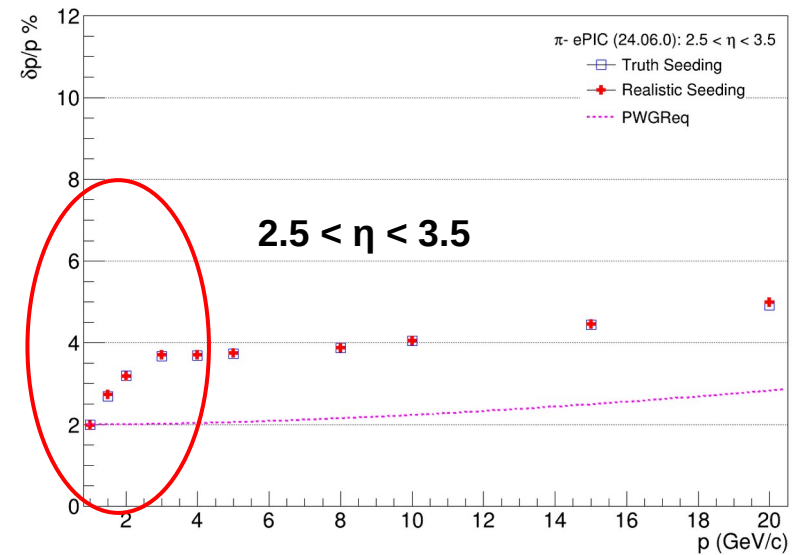
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# Momentum Resolutions (Truth/Real Seed)



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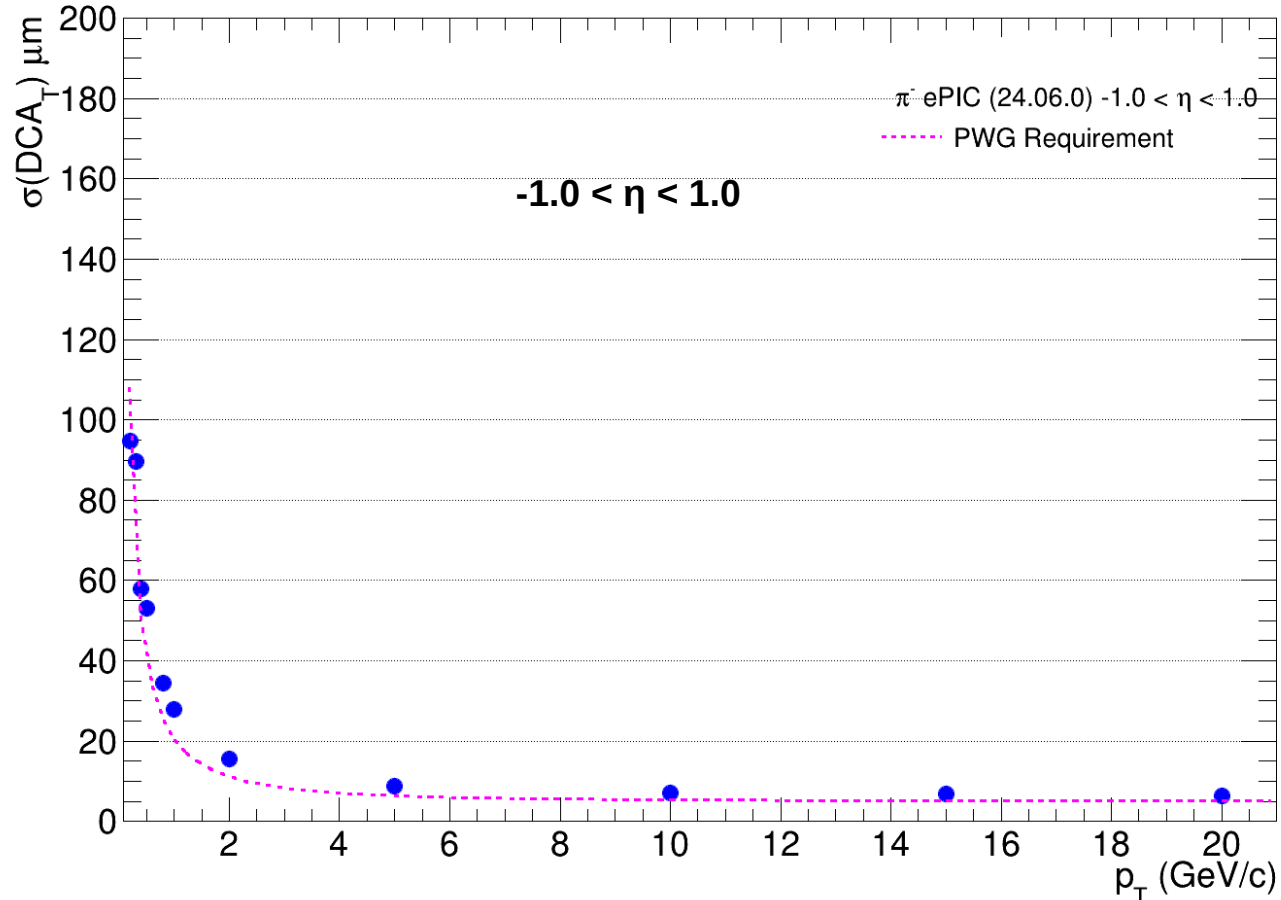




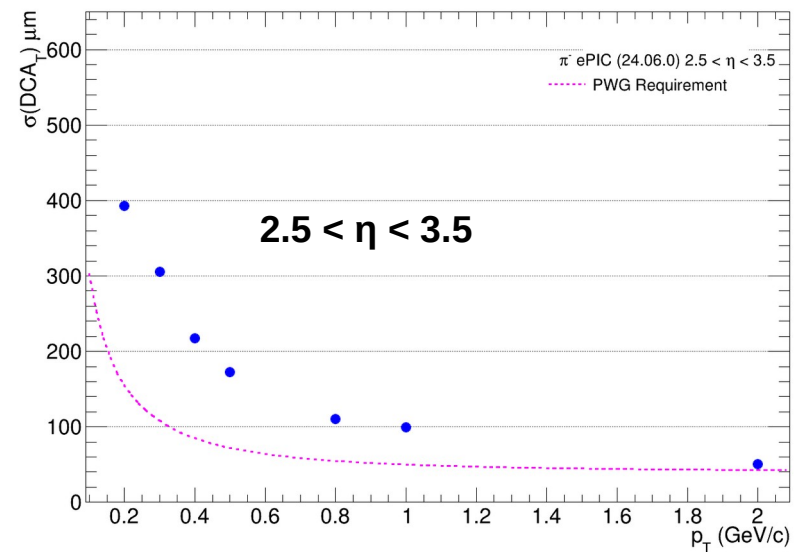
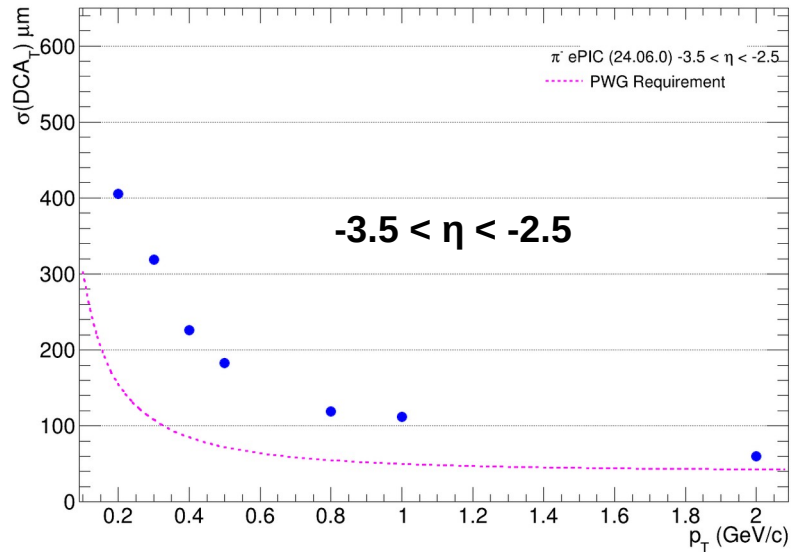
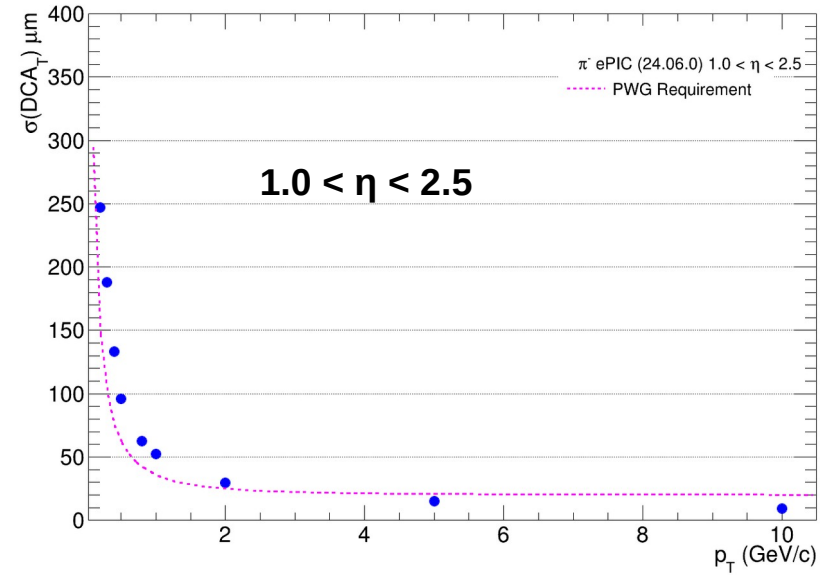
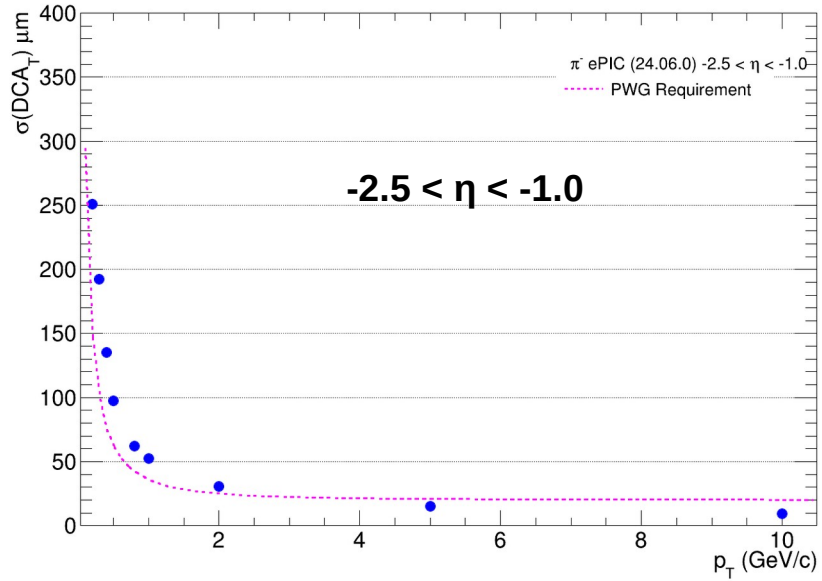
# DCA<sub>T</sub> Resolutions (Real Seed)

Some of the regions momentum resolutions requirements are not met: information from **particle identification detectors (TOF, dRICH, pFRICH, electromagnetic calorimeter)** can help **but need to be studied**

arXiv:hep-ex/0104006



# DCA<sub>T</sub> Resolutions (Real Seed)



# Particle Identification

- Energy loss versus momentum (Bethe-Bloch particle identification)

Separation between particles A and B:

$$n = \frac{\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_A - \left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)_B}{\sigma\left(\frac{dE}{dx}\right)}$$

arXiv:hep-ex/0104006

- Time-of-Flight (TOF) method

Separation between particles A and B:

$$n = \frac{(TOF)_A - (TOF)_B}{\sigma_t}$$

Excellent time resolution AC-LGAD ~30 ps

Small uncertainty in  $\sigma_t$  important to improve separation

- Cherenkov method

Separation between particles A and B:

$$n = \frac{(\theta)_A - (\theta)_B}{\sigma_\theta}$$

Small uncertainty in  $\sigma_\theta$  (several contributing factors) important to improve separation

TOF provides excellent particle identification in low-momentum range: **utilize TOF-PID information** to improve the uncertainty  $\sigma_\theta$ ,  $\sigma_\phi$  in low momentum regime?

In the forward region use TOF (low momentum) and d-RICH (high momentum) for the **improvement of momentum resolution?**

# Theta/Phi Resolutions

## Important for Cherenkov Particle Identification ( $\sigma_\theta, \sigma_\phi$ )

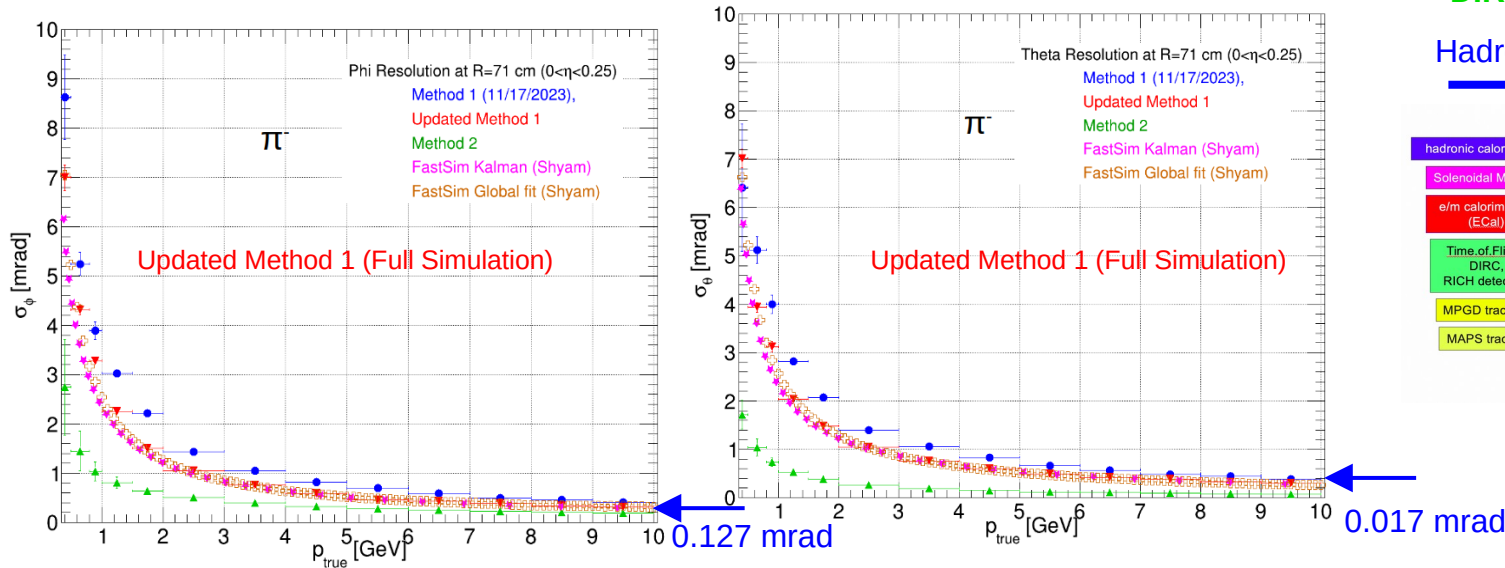
- Track extrapolation uncertainty at **DIRC layer**: Estimation of Theta/Phi resolutions at DIRC (at 71 cm)
- Chromatic uncertainty due to emission of photons of different energy (refractive index  $n = n(E)$ )
- Measurement uncertainty in the position reconstruction of photons due to pixel size

DIRC layer

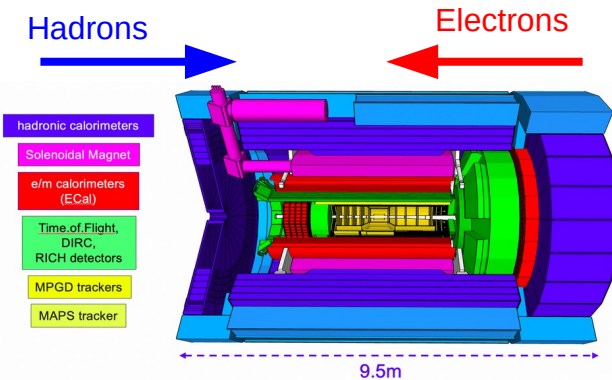
$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{\beta n}$$

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)

### Good compatibility between Updated Method1 and Fast Simulations



### DIRC: Disk Imaging Ring Cherenkov



[https://indico.bnl.gov/event/20473/contributions/85332/attachments/51915/89153/Fast\\_Simulation\\_ePIC\\_Collaboration\\_Meeting\\_Shym\\_Kumar.pdf](https://indico.bnl.gov/event/20473/contributions/85332/attachments/51915/89153/Fast_Simulation_ePIC_Collaboration_Meeting_Shym_Kumar.pdf)

# Theta/Phi Resolutions

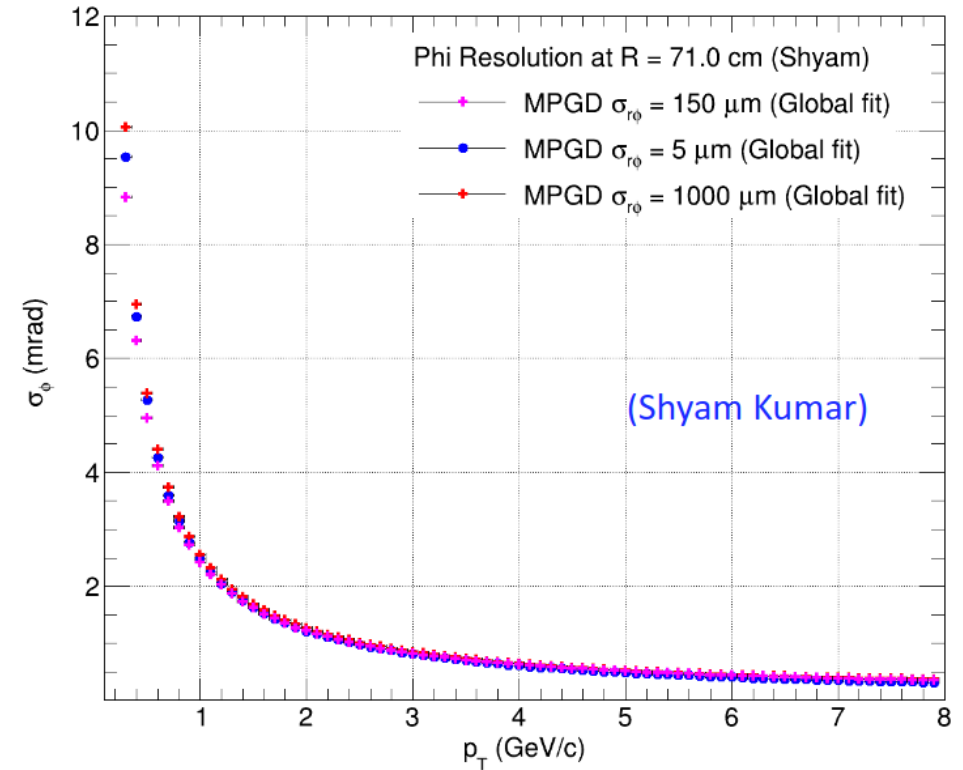
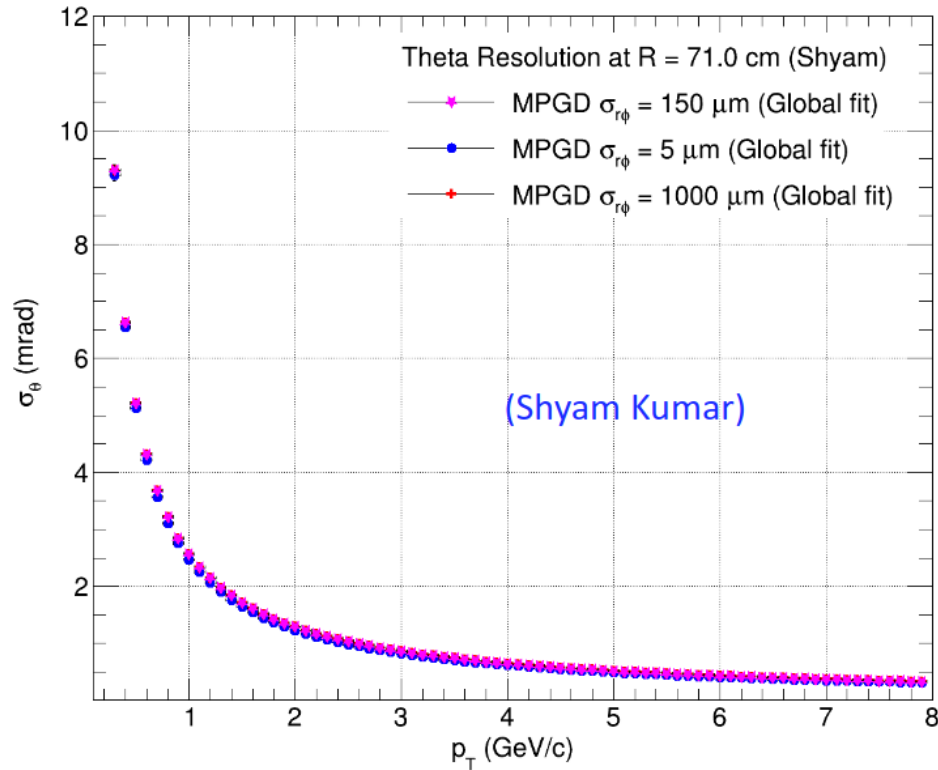
Fast simulations show angular resolutions not very sensitive to MPGD resolution

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DIRC layer

- Agrees with behavior found in ePIC simulations

Dominated by Multiple Scattering



April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Working on improvement of theta/phi resolutions

[https://indico.bnl.gov/event/23351/contributions/91831/attachments/54626/93469/05-20-2024\\_AngularResolution\\_UPDATE.pdf](https://indico.bnl.gov/event/23351/contributions/91831/attachments/54626/93469/05-20-2024_AngularResolution_UPDATE.pdf)

# Theta/Phi Resolutions with different MPGD Resolutions

Recently implemented forward/backward track model to the global fit understand pFRICH performances

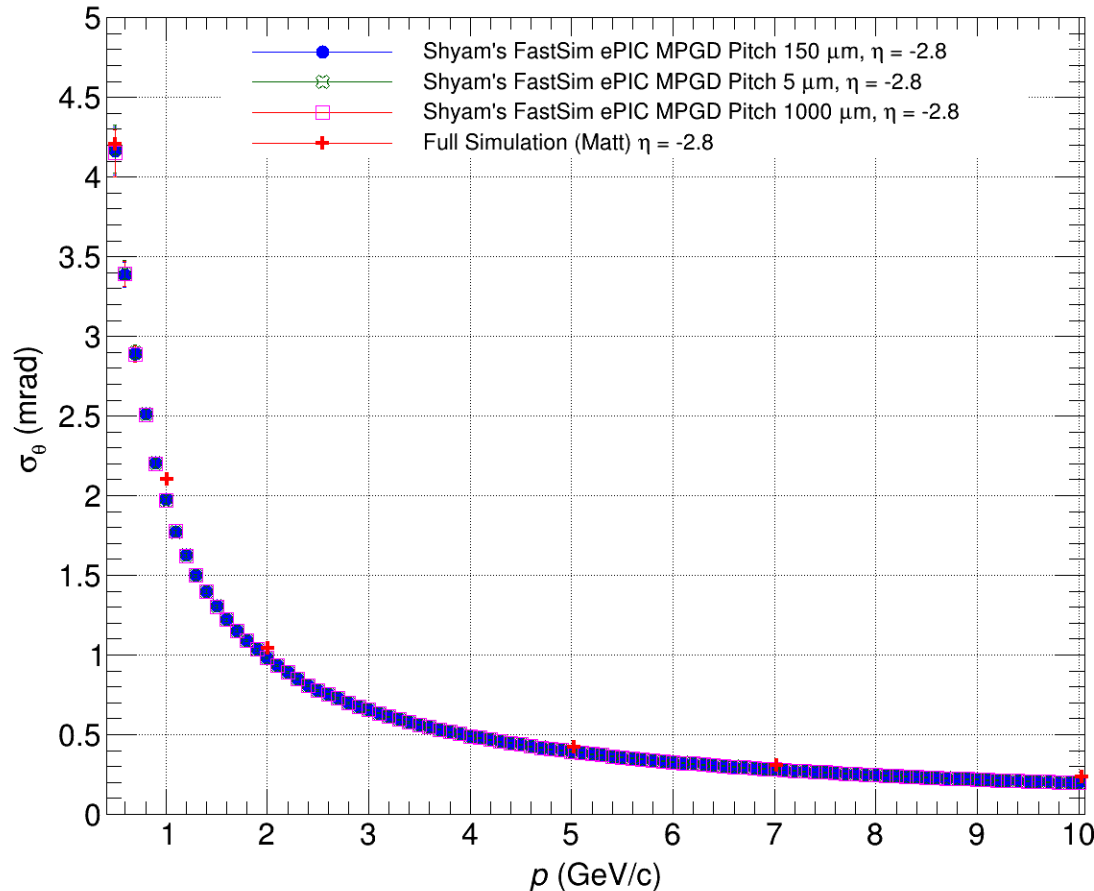
## pfRich: Proximity Focusing RICH

<https://eic.jlab.org/Geometry/Detector/Detector-20240426175116.html>

Minor difference because global fit is based on uniform magnetic field

Further understanding to the major contributor to the uncertainty

PfRICH Z = -123.5



Working on improvement of theta/phi resolutions



# Summary

- ePIC tracker consists of both state-of-the-art silicon and gaseous detector technologies
- ePIC SVT IB and OB will help to achieve required momentum resolution and DCA performance
- MPGD layers will also help in pattern recognition as they provide space point with a good timing information over a large area
- There are some  $\eta$  regions in which performances are not met: particle identification information can help
- The ePIC tracker is optimized in terms of technology and layout to achieve the required physics performance set by the EIC LoI
- **Starting analysis on HF signals and jets (also with ML techniques)** to have a feedback on the physics performances

**THANK YOU !!!**

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

# Kinematics and Detector Requirements

## DIS Kinematics

### Resolution power

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

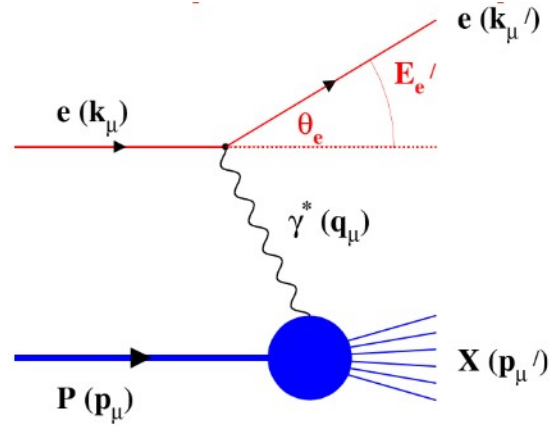
$$Q^2 = 2 E_e E_e' (1 - \cos \theta_e)$$

### Inelasticity

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

### Momentum fraction of struck quark

$$x = \frac{Q^2}{2pq} = \frac{Q^2}{sy}$$

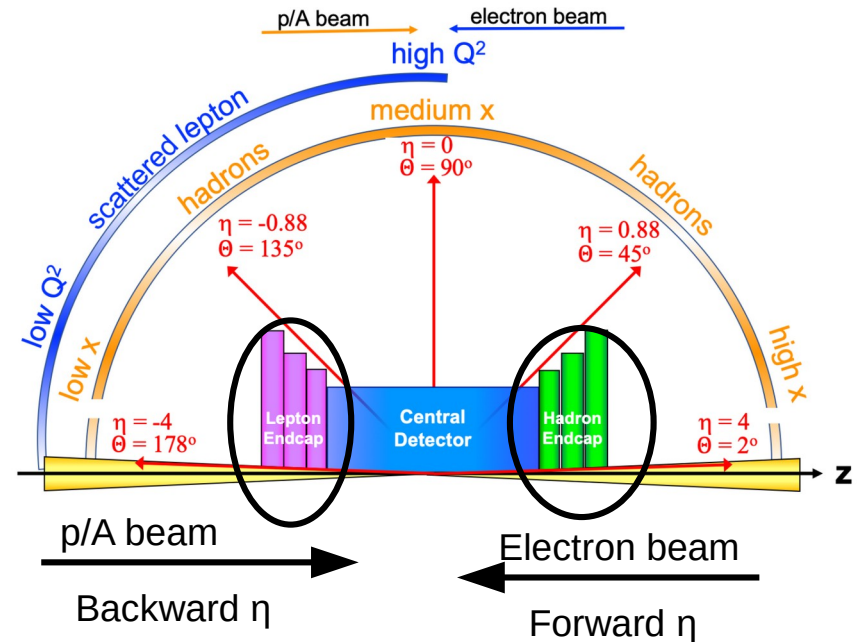


$$s = 4 E_e E_p$$

$$Q^2 = s x y$$

Measurement of a scattered electron with high resolution in the Lepton Endcap ( $-3.5 < \eta < -1.0$ )

Determines electron kinematics  
Particle energy:  $\sim 0.02-18$  GeV



$x$  is the fraction of the proton's momentum carried by the struck quark  
 $y$  is the fraction of the electron's energy lost in the proton rest frame

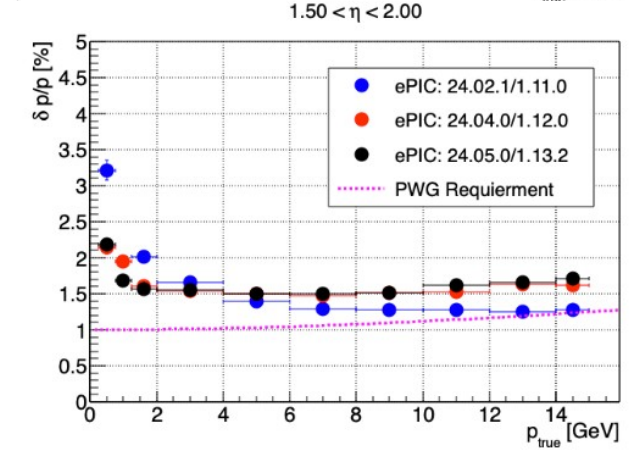
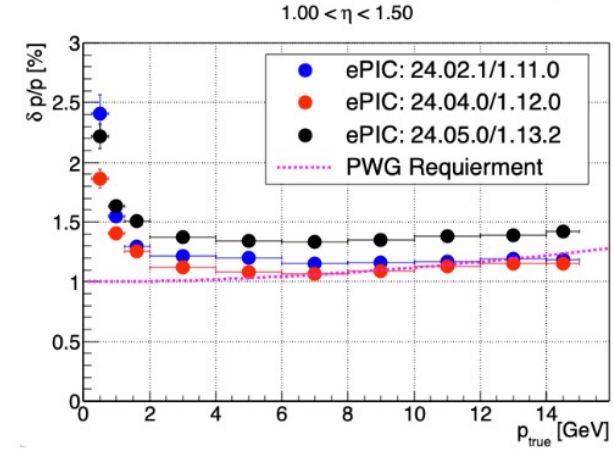
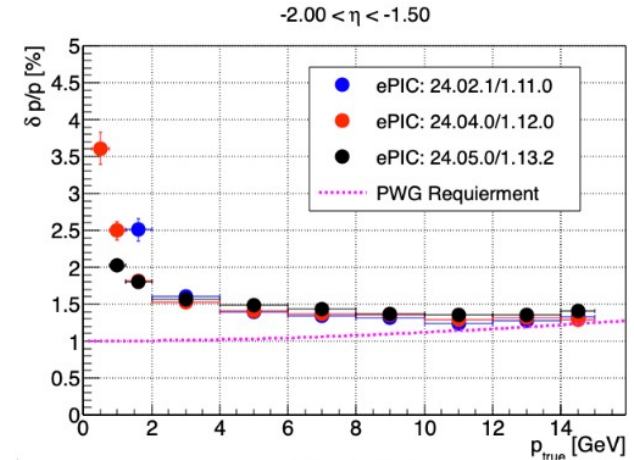
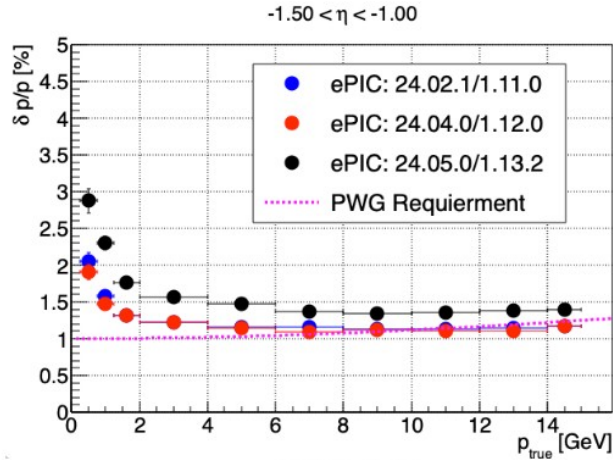
Scattered electron: **low  $Q^2$  to high  $Q^2$  region** at mid and backward  $\eta$

Hadrons: **low  $x$  to high  $x$  region at all  $\eta$**

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

## Momentum Resolution: $1.0 < |\eta| < 2.5$

Single particle:  $\pi^-$   
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## Momentum Resolution: $|\eta| > 2.5$



□ Single particle:  $\pi^-$   
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