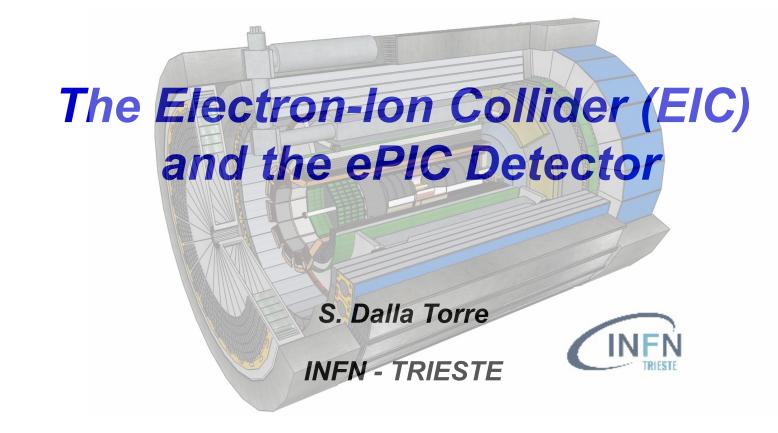


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INFN Trieste in the European Strategy







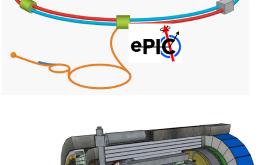
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The EIC Project in a nutshell

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





ePIC

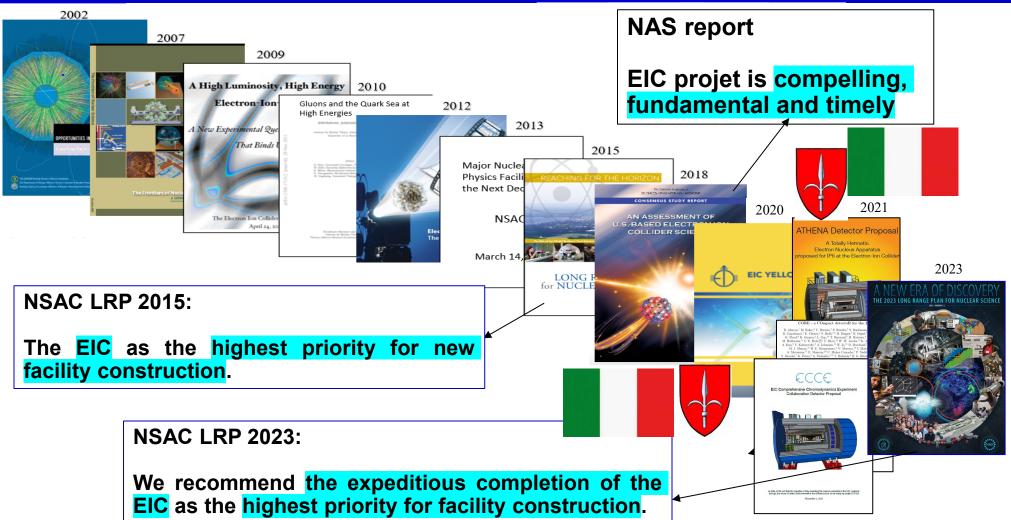
The EIC







THE PATH TO THE EIC PROJECT



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In short words:

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

In terms of major open questions:



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



How do quarks and gluons interact with a nuclear medium?

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



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

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



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

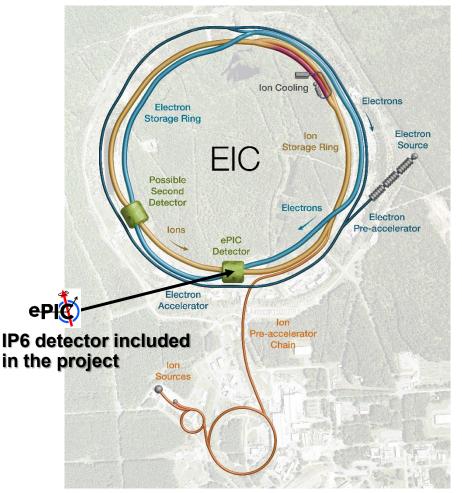


What are the emergent properties of **dense system of gluons**?

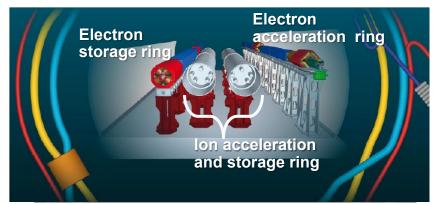




The EIC Collider



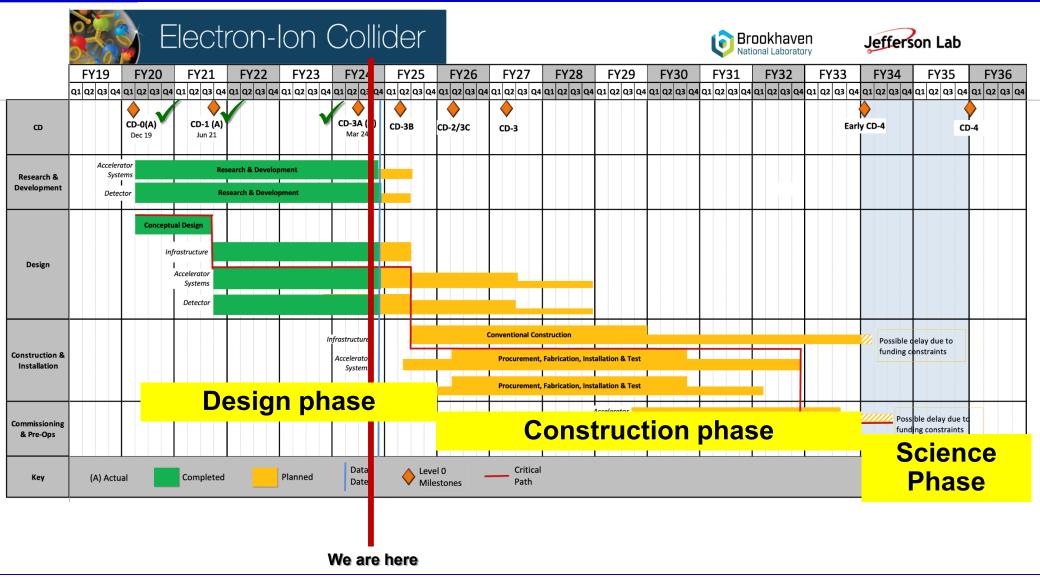
Usage of RHIC tunnel and RHIC p/ion complex



- spanning a wide kinematical range
 - ECM: 20 141 GeV
- High luminosity
 - up to 10³⁴ cm⁻² 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



The EIC schedule



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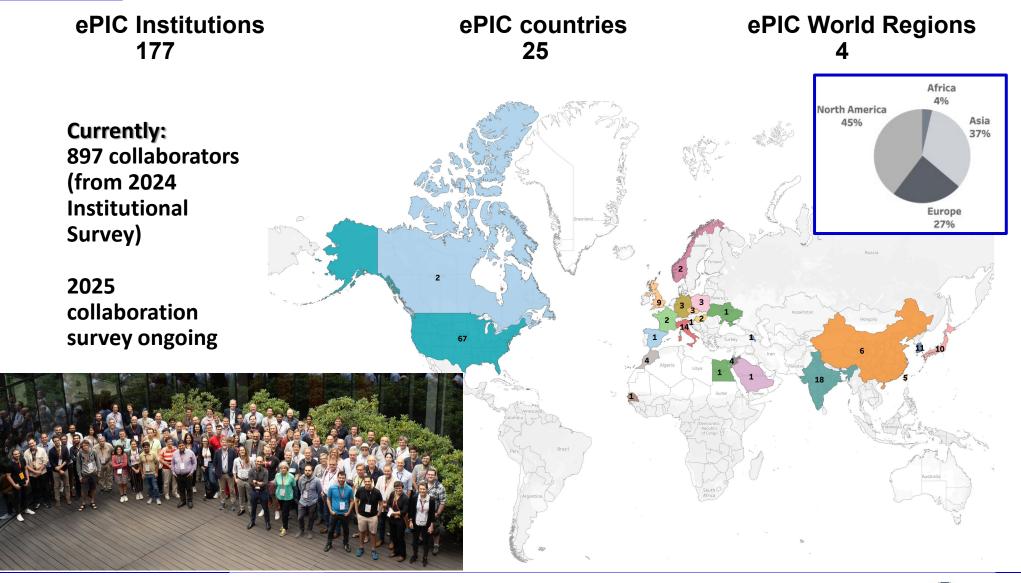
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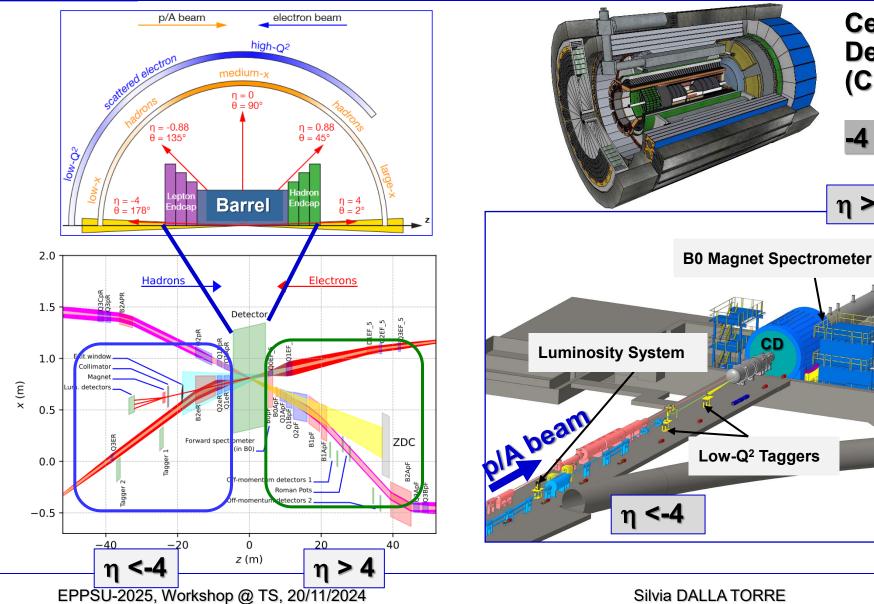
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THE COMPLETE ePIC DETECTOR



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Central

(CD)

n >

Detector

4 < n < **+4**

e beam

Zero Degree

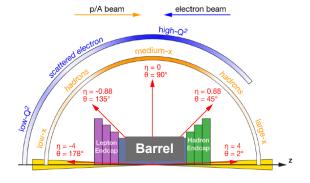
Calorimeter

Roman Pots and Off-Momentum

Detectors



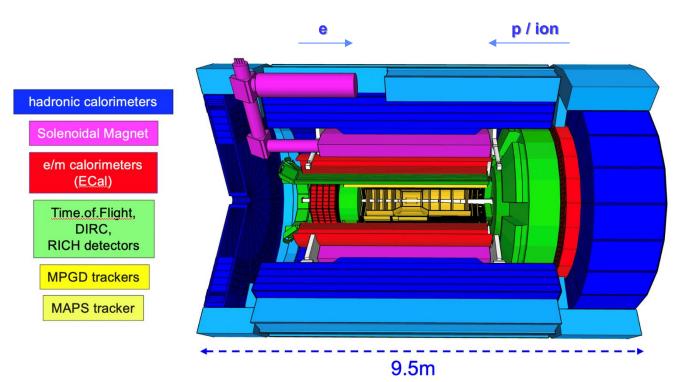
ePIC Central Detector (CD)



Very naturally organized in:

- Backward endcap
- Barrel
- Forward endcap

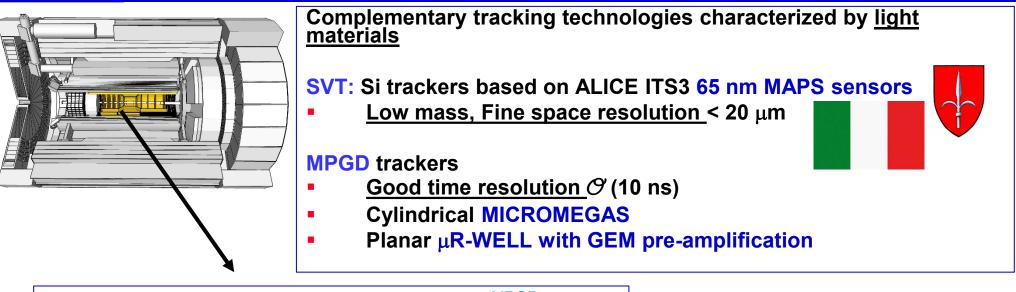
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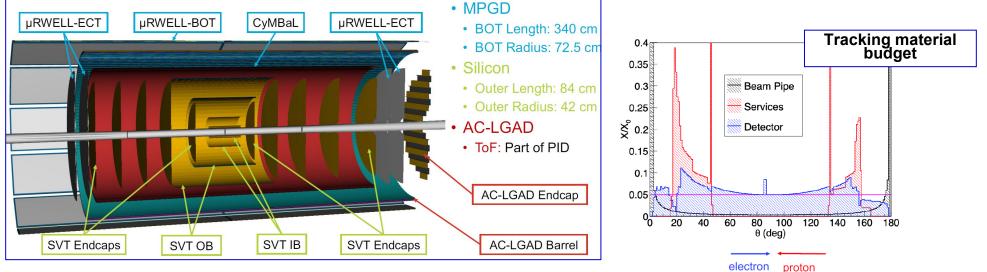






TRACKING IN ePIC CD



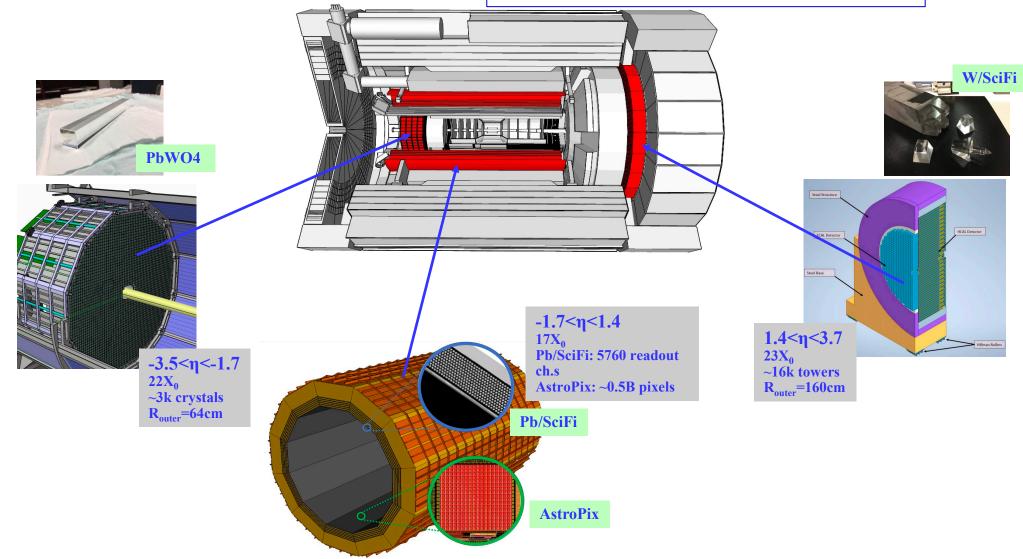


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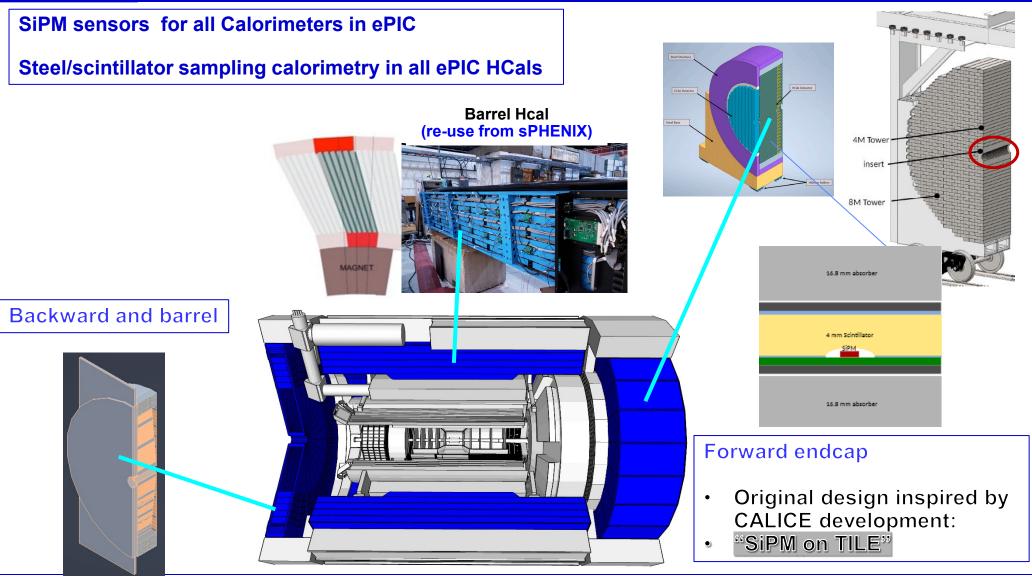
SiPM sensors for all Calorimeters in ePIC





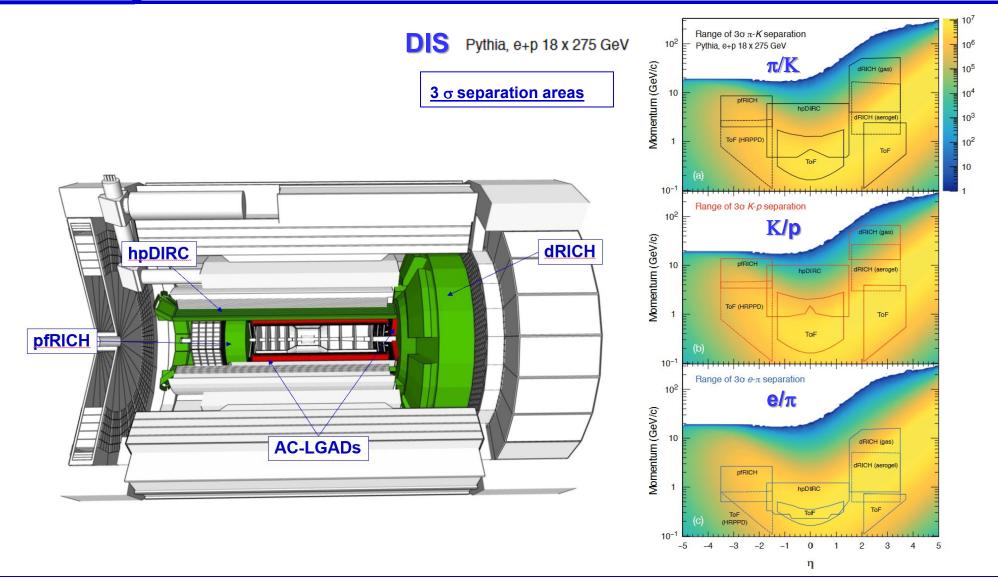


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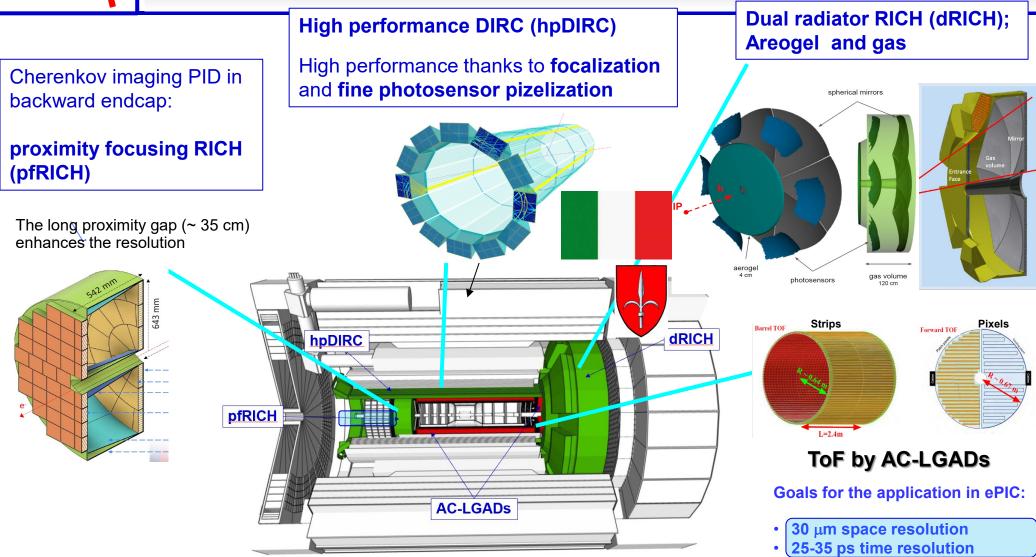


PID IN ePIC CD





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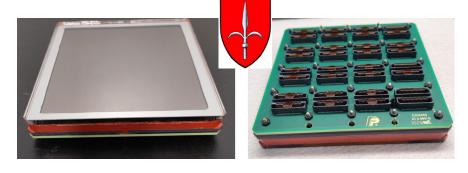


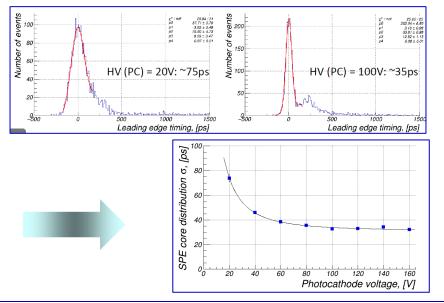


PHOTOSENSORS for CHERENKOV PID IN ePIC

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

 \rightarrow large-size (12 x 12 cm²) MCP-PMTs, pixelized

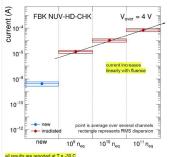




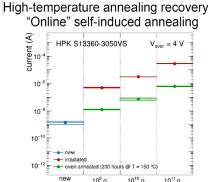
For dRICH : SiPMs at -30°C

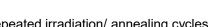
 \rightarrow Robust R&D for the validation

Studies of radiation damage on SiPM

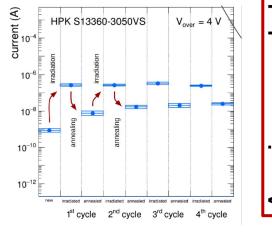


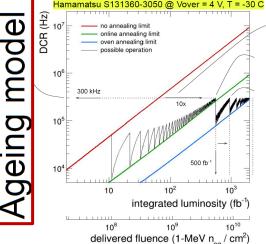












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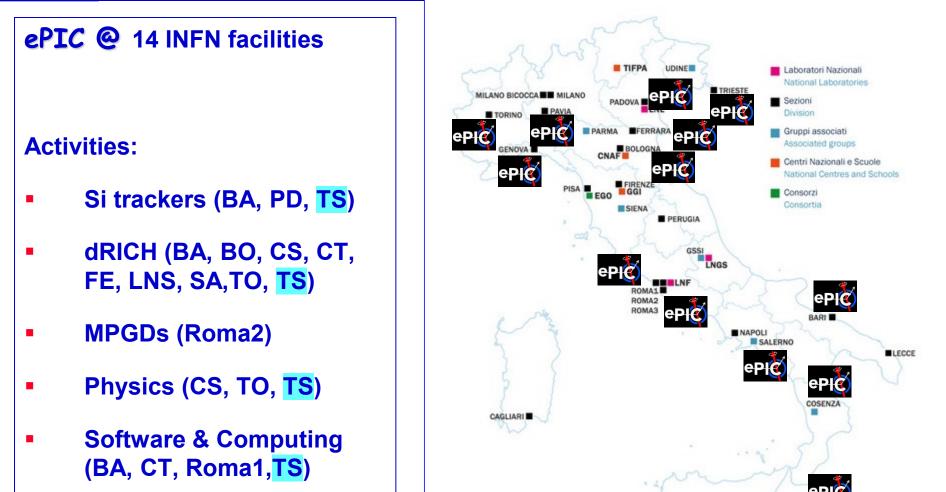


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EIC/ePIC and EUROPE

ePIC is now (October 2024) a CERN Recognized Experiment

EPPSU 2020:

EIC recognized as "other essential activities for particle physics"



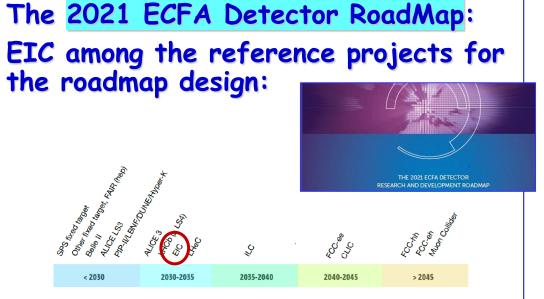
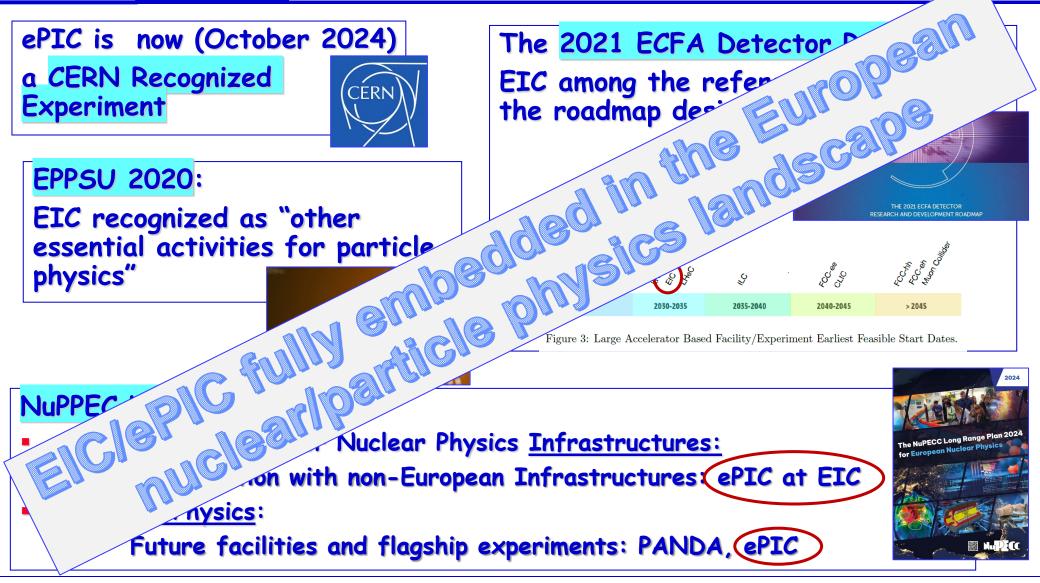


Figure 3: Large Accelerator Based Facility/Experiment Earliest Feasible Start Dates.





EIC/ePIC and EUROPE





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

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

- The EIC project is approved and progressing towards construction
- The ePIC Collaboration for the project detector ePIC is working and highly committed
 - The ePIC detector design is dictated by the physics scope
 - A number of established and novel technologies needed to match this scope
- INFN is deeply engaged in ePIC, Trieste is deeply engaged in ePIC
 - Trieste promoted the INFN engagement in EIC \rightarrow ePIC
- EIC & ePIC are integral elements of the European nuclear/particle physics landscape





THANK YOU



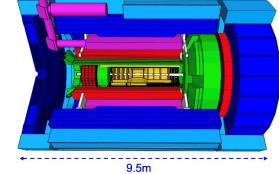


ePIC DETECTOR CHALLENGES

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

1.5 Detector	Q2pR RR F_5
1.0 - Ext window Collimator	Q1BPR Q1BPR Q1APR Q1APR
	μ
0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	B26R B26R Q26R Q16AF Q16AF Q26F Q26F C20F
-0.540 -20 0 20 40 z (m)	

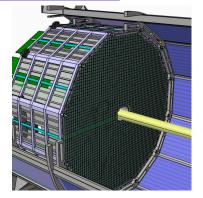
Detector



rates in kHz	5x41 GeV	5x100 GeV	10x100 GeV	10x275 GeV	18x275 GeV	Vacuum
Total ep	12.5 kHz	129 kHz	184 kHz	500 kHz	83 kHz	
hadron beam gas	12.2kHz	22.0kHz	31.9kHz	32.6kHz	22.5kHz	10000Ahr
	131.1kHz	236.4kHz	342.8kHz	350.3kHz	241.8kHz	100Ahr
electron beam gas	2181.97 kHz	2826.38 kHz	3177.25 kHz	3177.25 kHz	316.94 kHz	10000Ahr
DIS eA	kHz	kHz	kHz	1	1	
hadron beam (Au) gas	7.36kHz	10.3kHz	10.3kHz	1	1	10000Ahr
	79.1kHz	110.7kHz	110.7kHz	1	1	100Ahr

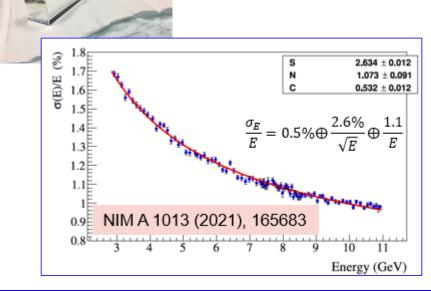




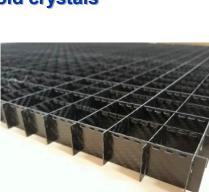


ECal in backward endcap: PbWO₄

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

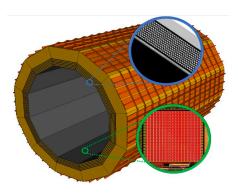


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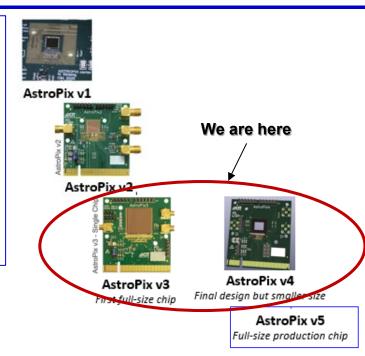




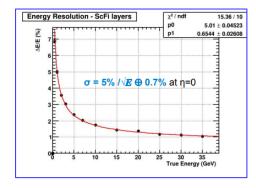


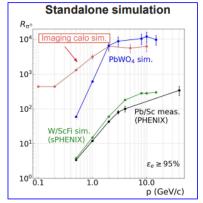
ECal in the barrel: hybrid architecture

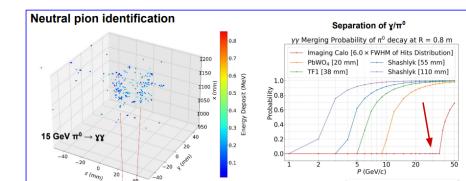
- Internal layers: imaging
 - SENSOR : Astropix (derived from ATLASpix3, design for NASA AMEGO-X mission)
 - New: active interposing layers
- External and interposing layers:
 - **Pb/Sci** (validated: KLOE, GlueX, ...)



Performance based on simulations



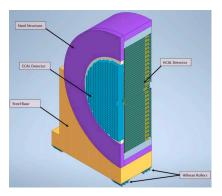


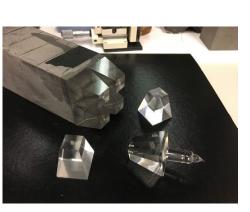


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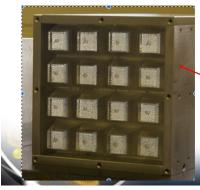




ECal in forward endcap: W/SciFi

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

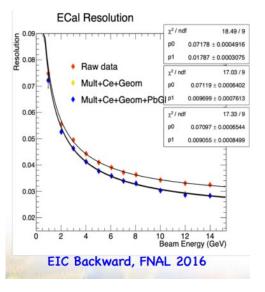




Optimization of light collection: BEMC Super

BEMC Superblocks, UV LED Map

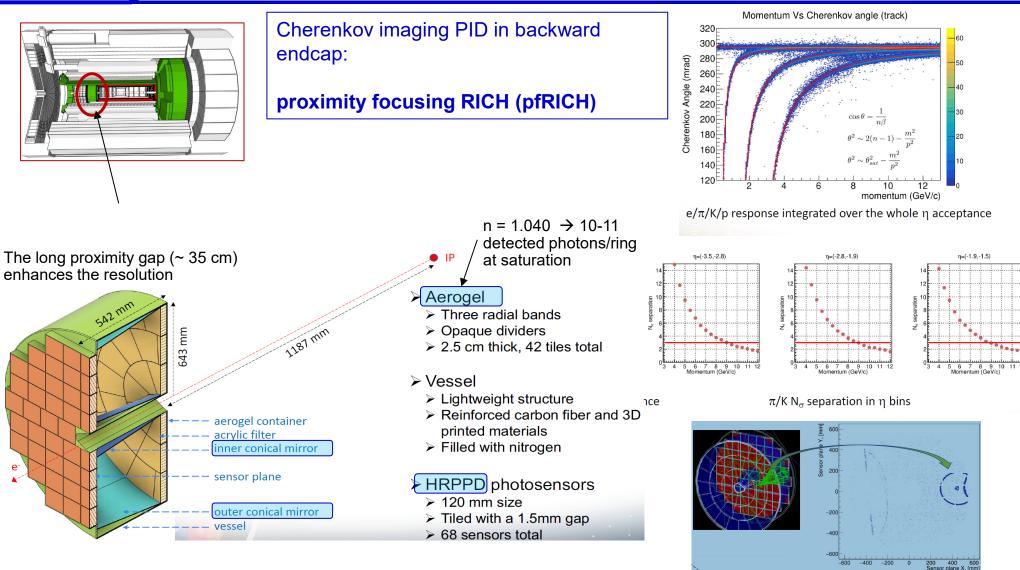








CHERENKOV PID IN ePIC CD



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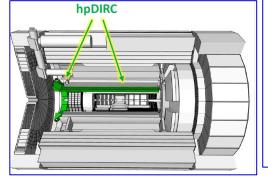
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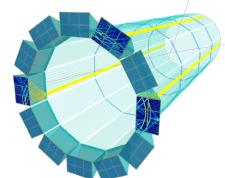
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Cherenkov imaging PID in the barrel:

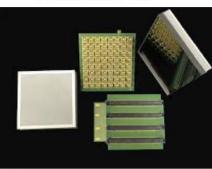


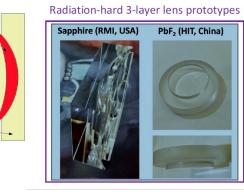
High performance DIRC (hpDIRC)

High performance thanks to focalization and fine photosensor pizelization



Photek MAPMT 253

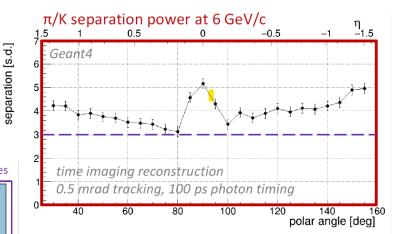


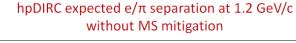


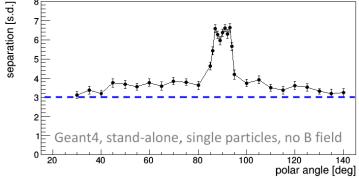
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LaK33B







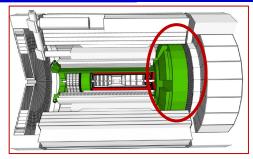


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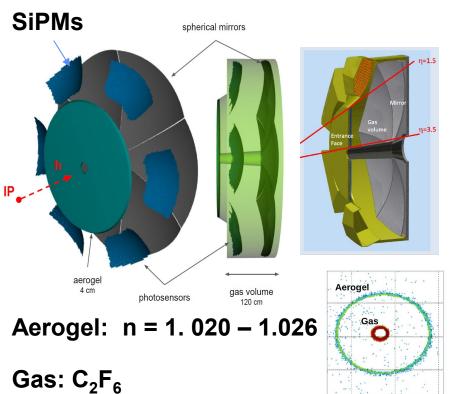


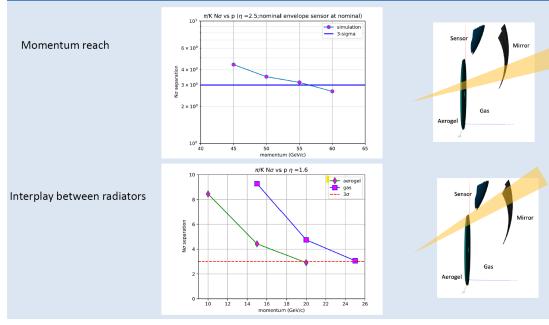
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Cherenkov imaging PID in the forward endcap:

Dual radiator RICH (dRICH)

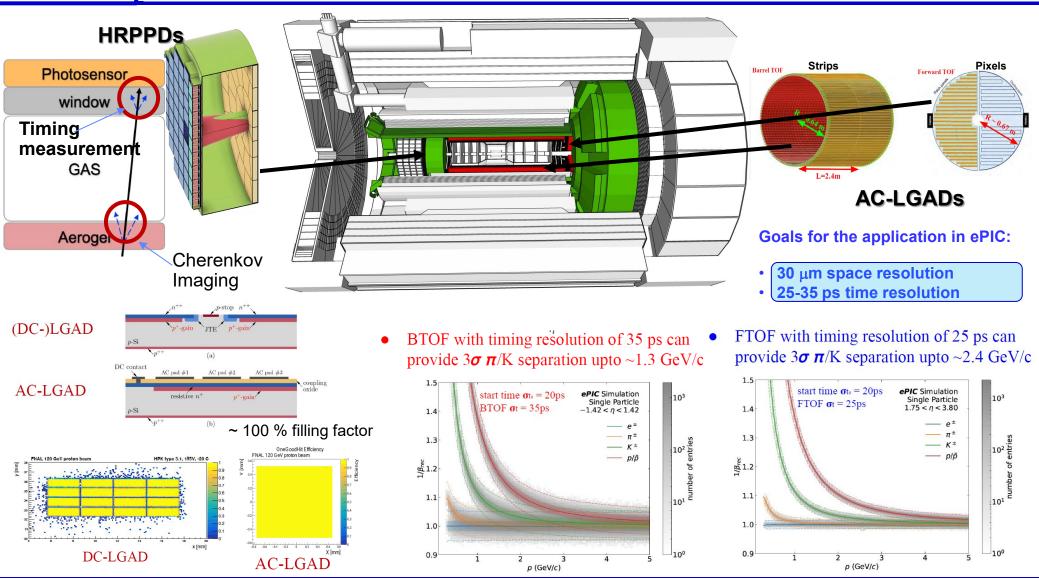




dRICH Simulation: Momentum reach



ToF PID IN ePIC CD



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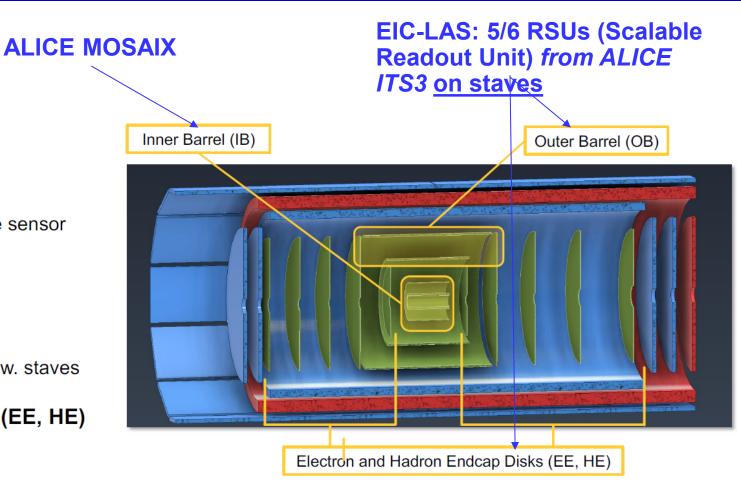
Si TRACKING IN ePIC CD

• Inner Barrel (IB)

- Three layers, L0, L1, L2,
- Radii of 36, 41, 120 mm
- Length of 27 cm
- X/X₀ ~ 0.05% per layer
- Curved, thinned, wafer-scale sensor

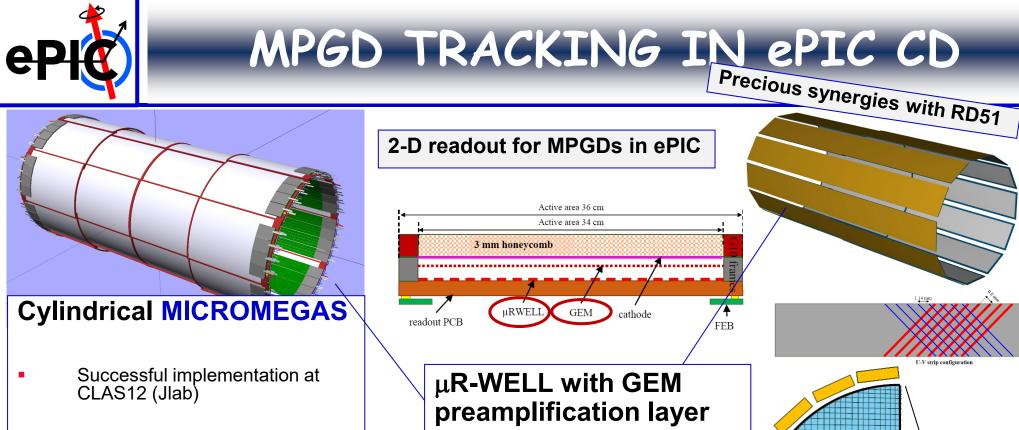
• Outer Barrel (OB)

- Two layers, L3, L4
- Radii of 27 and 42 cm
- X/X $_0$ ~0.25% and ~0.55%
- · More conventional structure w. staves
- Electron/Hadron Endcaps (EE, HE)
 - Two arrays with five disks
 - X/X₀ ~0.25% per disk
 - More conventional structure

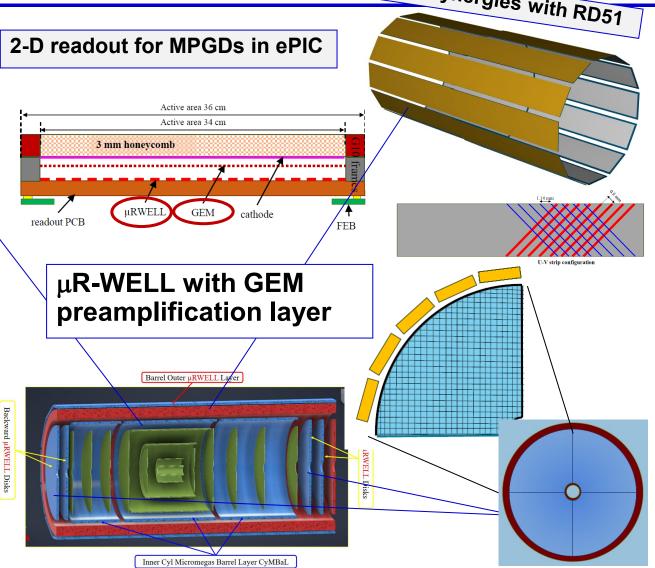


• Lengths for L2—L4 increase so as to project back to z = 0; disk radii adjust accordingly





- A single module PCB readout design, with two curvature radii (55 cm and 57.5 cm)
- Overlaps in phi and z allow for hermeticity
- Front end boards (FEBs) on system edges to reduce material budget



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REQUIREMENTS

- Access to gluon dominated region and wide kinematic range in x and Q²
- Access to spin structure and 3D spatial and momentum structure
- Accessing the highest gluon densities $(Q_s^A)^2 \sim cQ_o^2 \left(\frac{A}{x}\right)^{1/3}$
- Studying observables as a function of x, Q², A, hadronic flavour, ...

THE EIC COLLIDER PROVIDES

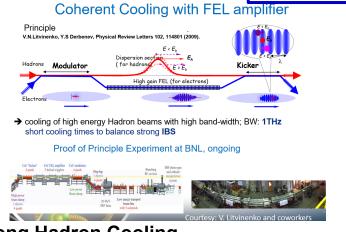
- Large center-of-mass energy range: √s = 21 -140 GeV
- Polarized electron, proton and light nuclear beams ≥ 70%
- Nuclear beams, the heavier the better (from H to U)
- High luminosity (100 x HERA): 10³³⁻³⁴ cm⁻² s⁻¹





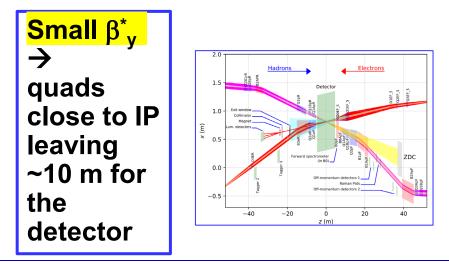
The EIC Collider

4 critical ingredients for HIGH LUMINOSITY



Strong Hadron Cooling

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

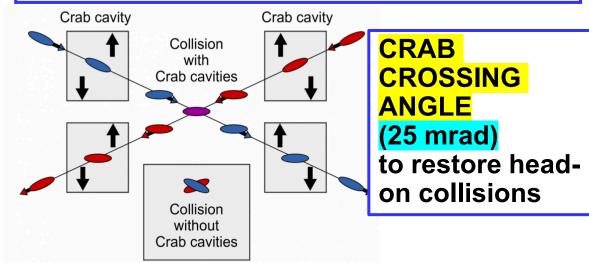


Bunches and beam crossing rates

Species	р	е	р	е	p	е	р	е	р	е
Beam energy [GeV]	275	18	275	10	100	10	100	5	41	5
\sqrt{s} [GeV]	140).7	10	4.9	63	.2	44	.7	28	.6
No. of bunches	29	0	11	160	11	60	11	60	11	60
Species	Au	е	Au	е	Au	е	Au	е		
Beam energy [GeV]	110	18	110	10	110	5	41	5		
\sqrt{s} [GeV]	89	.0	66	.3	46	.9	28	.6		
No. of bunches	29	0	11	60	110	60	110	60		

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

a challenge for the collider and the experiment !





The EIC Collider

MORE unique aspects

BEAM POLARIZATION

ABOUT e POLARIZATION

ION SPECIES

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

	Ion Pairs			
	<u>in the RHI0</u> Zr-Zr, Ru-Ru Au-Au			
Enormous	d-Au	(2016)		
versatility! is a unique	p-Al h-Au	(2015) (2015)		
capability!	p-Au Cu-Au	(2015) (2012)		
	U-U	(2012)		
Concession and the second second	Cu-Cu	(2012)		
A MULTING	D-Au Cu-Cu	(2008) (2005)		
	Contraction and the second sec			

Physical section Ph

on average, every bunch refilled in 2.2 min

ABOUT p/ light ion POLARIZATION

presently	 Measured RHIC Results: Proton Source Polarization 83 % Polarization at extraction from AGS 70% Polarization at RHIC collision energy 60% 		
 Polarization at RHIC conston energy 80% empowerment Planned near term improvements: AGS: Stronger snake, skew quadrupoles, increased injection energy → expect 80% at extraction of AGS RHIC: Add 2 snakes to 4 existing no polarization loss → expect 80% in Polarization in RHIC and eRHIC 			
Hi	igh polarization ³ He and D beams also possible		

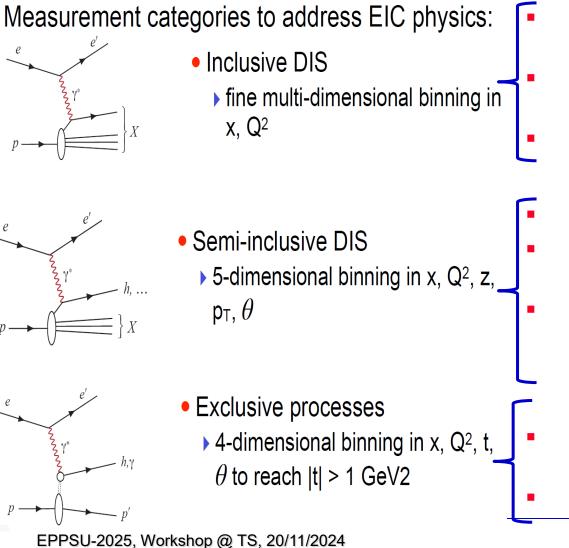
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Ultimate QCD exploration

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REQUIREMENTS



ePIC detector

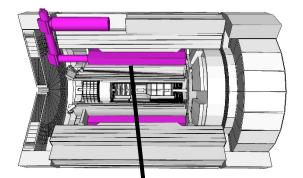
- Large coverage (-3.5 < η < 3.5) for wide phase-space reach
- Excellent EM-calorimetry with PID support for e/π separation
- Fine resolution tracking by low mass detectors

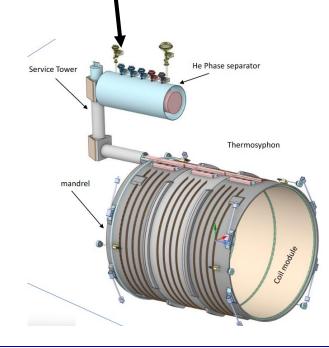
Fine p_T resolution

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



The ePIC solenoid

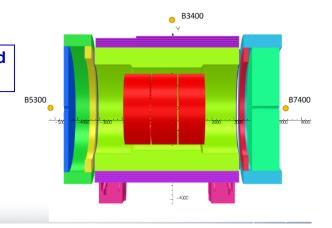




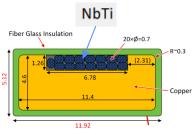
Parameter	Value		
Coil length	3512 mm		
Warm bore diameter	2840 mm		
Cryostat length	< 3850 mm		
Cryostat outer diameter	< 3540 mm		

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

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









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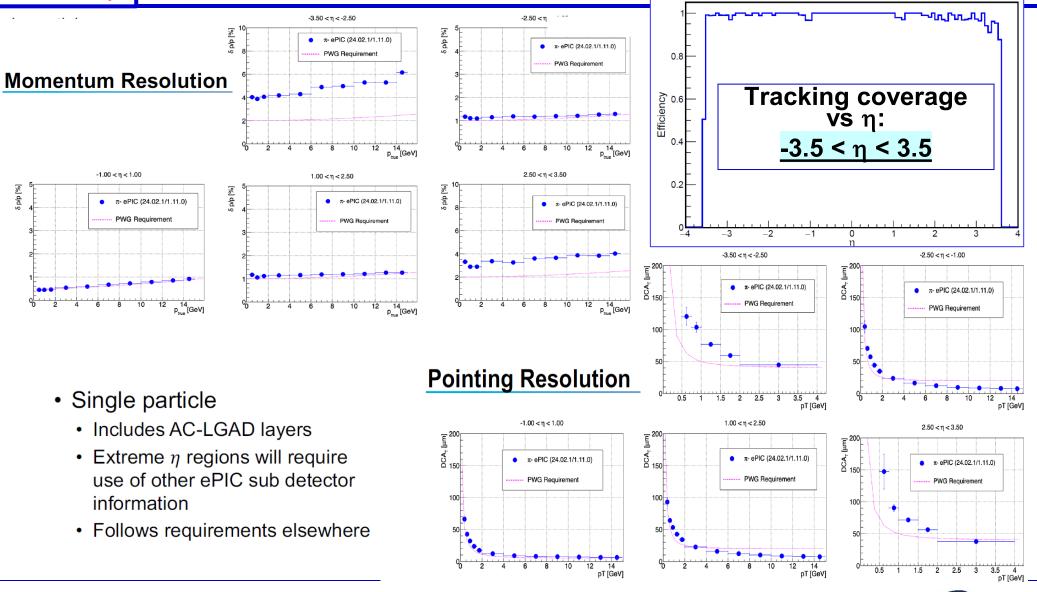


TRACKING IN ePIC CD

Tracker Efficiency vs. generated particle n

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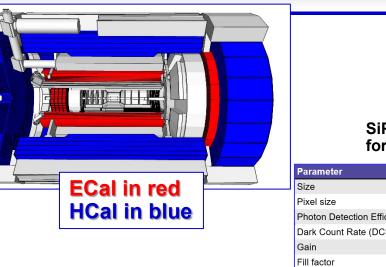
SENSORS FOR CALORIMETRY IN ePIC

SiPM sensors for all Calorimeters in ePIC

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

Relevant SiPM features for ePIC calorimetry

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



SiPM requirements for HCals

10⁹

10⁸

 10^{7}

 10^{6}

10⁵

10⁴

10³

10²

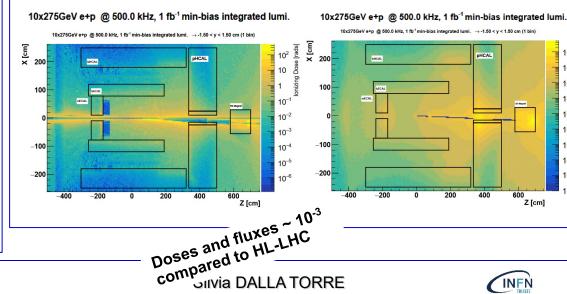
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Z [cm]

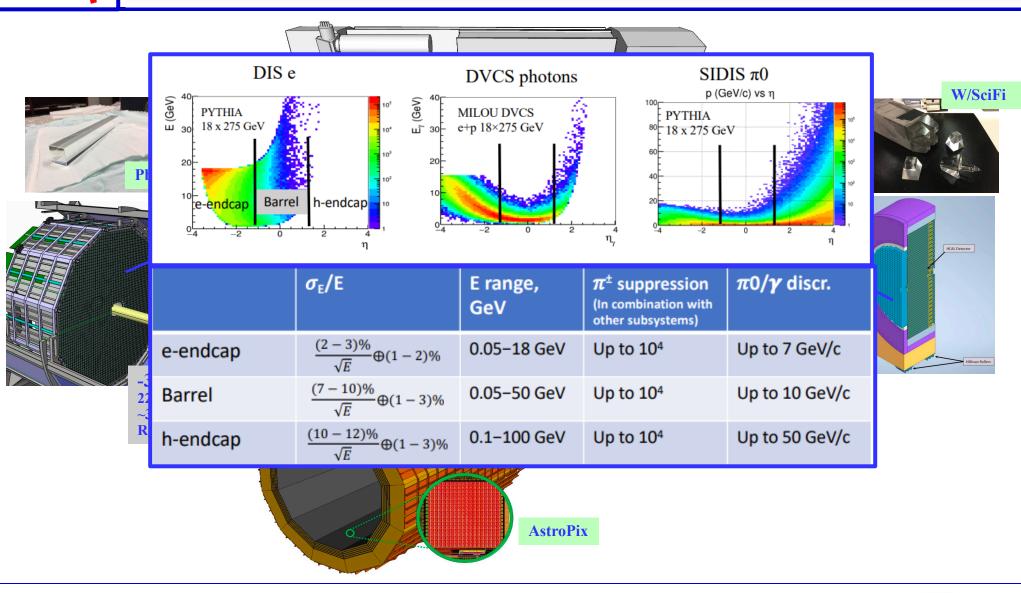
Parameter	Value	
Size	1 3mm x 1.3mm	
Pixel size	15 μm	
Photon Detection Efficiency (PDE)	>25%	
Dark Count Rate (DCR)	<400 kHz	
Gain	> 5*10 ⁵	
Fill factor	>40%	
Peak sensitivity	~450 nm	

Rad Dose and Neutron Flux



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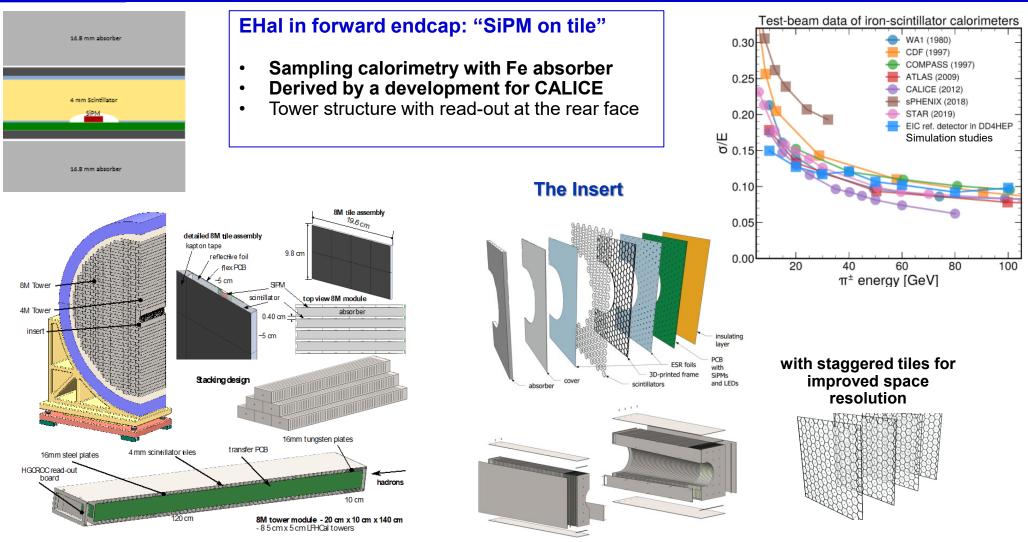
ELECTROMAGNETIC CALORIMETRY IN ePIC CD



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HADRON CALORIMETRY IN ePIC CD



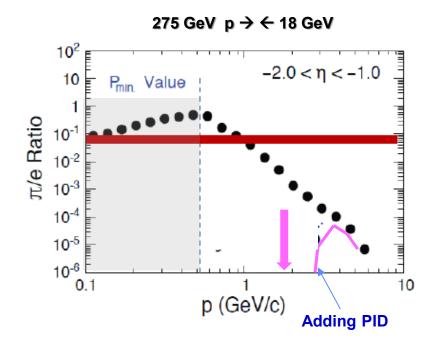
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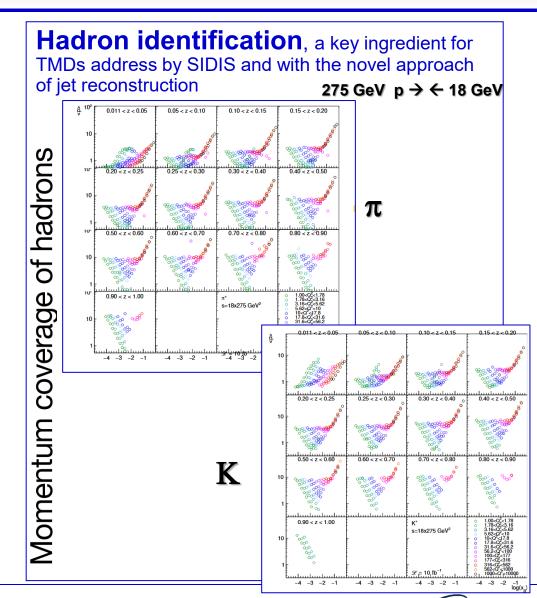


The <u>double</u> role of PID in ePIC CD

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



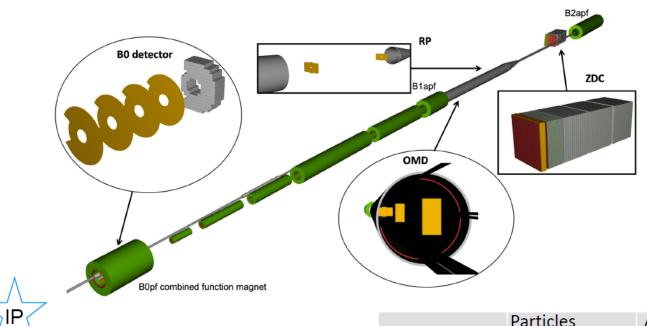
The different physics channels require π contamination in the electron sample down to 10⁻⁴



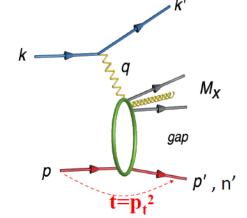
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FAR FORWARD DETECTORS



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



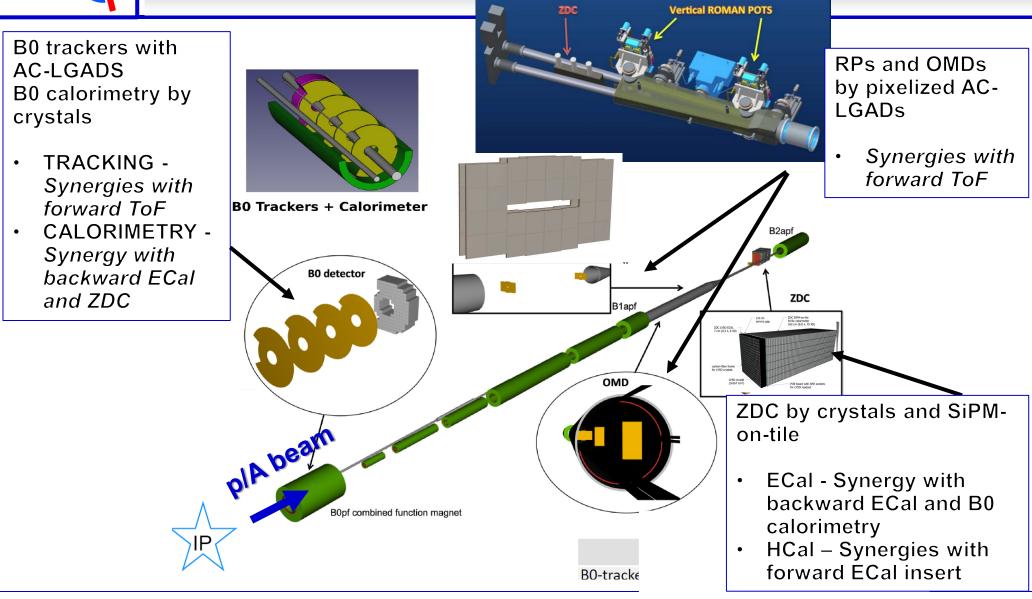
✓ protons at wide range of p_T^2 ✓ protons with different rigidity ✓ neutrons and photons

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





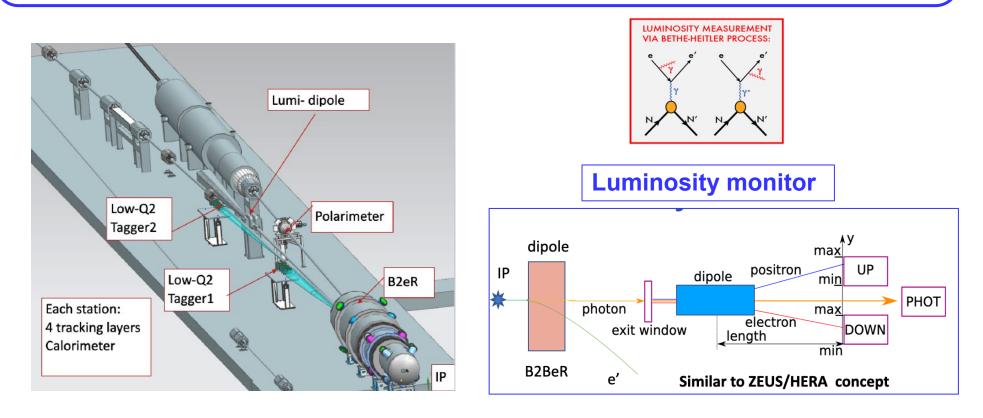
THE ePIC FAR FORFWARD DETECTORS



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- > This area is designed to provide coverage for the low-Q² events (photoproduction, $Q^2 < \sim 1 GeV^2$). Need to measure a scattered electron position/angle and energy
- > And luminosity detector (ep -> e'p γ bremsstrahlung photons)

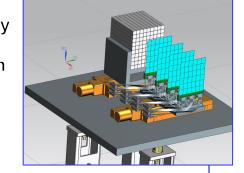




THE ePIC FAR BACKWARD DETECTORS

Low Q2 taggers

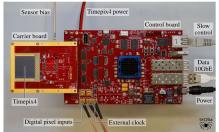
- High rate capability
- Fine tracking pixelization



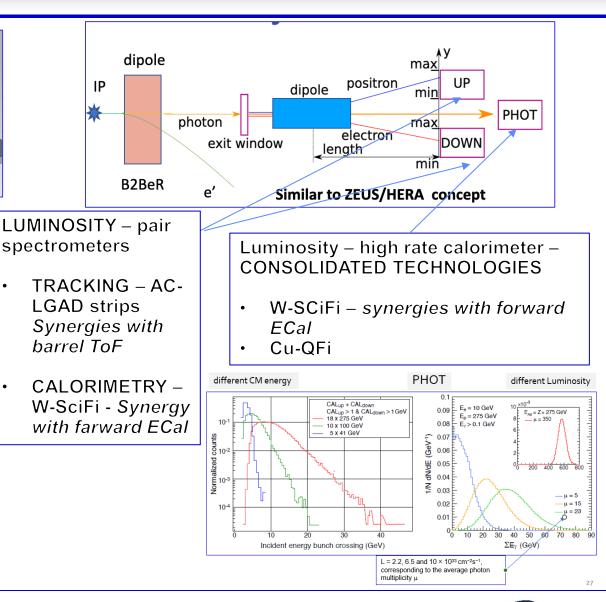
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- Tracking Timepix4 Hybrid (ASIC+Si tracker) - FRONTIER APPLICATION
- Calorimetry SciFi's
- Timepix4 wide experience accumulated with the different timepix versions



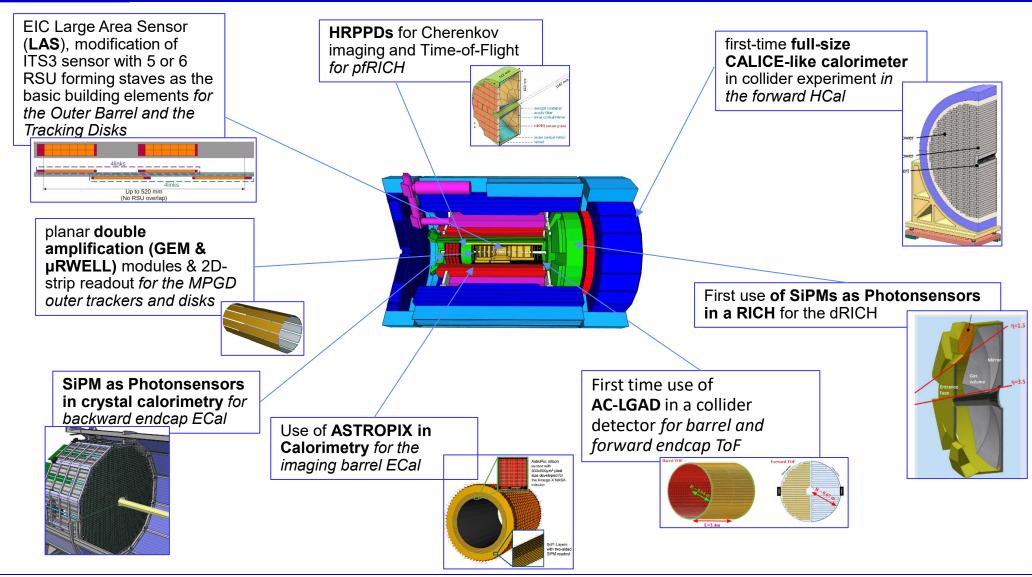
CALORIMETRY - Synergy with forward **ECal**



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TECHNOLOGIES: WORLD FIRST AT ePIC



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