



# ECFA

European Committee for Future Accelerators



## Discussion about European Strategy for INFN

November 6<sup>th</sup> 2024

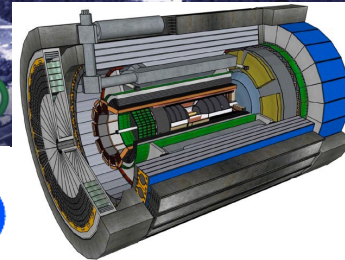
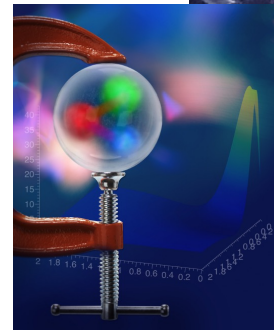
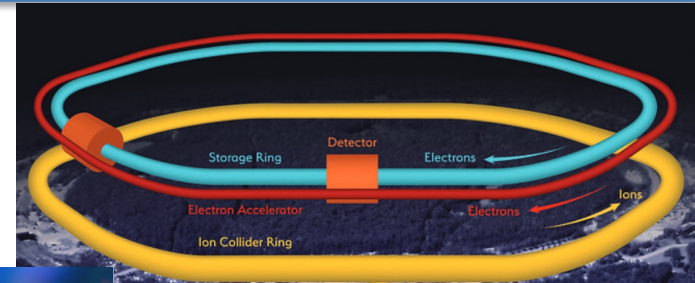
### The EIC project

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#### Outline:

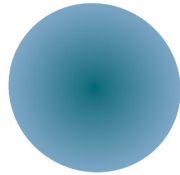
- Physics case: color confinement and strong QCD
- TMD and DVCS – N spin structure and 3D image and the role of the glue
- The ePIC detector
- The Timeline
- The ePIC collaboration



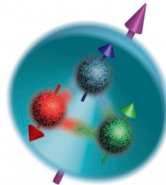
# Back to the basics of Hadron Physics

## Where we are:

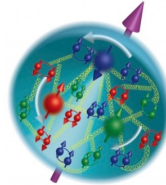
- Elastic lepton scattering determined the **nucleon's charge & magnetism distributions in sphere** with  $\langle r_{ch} \rangle \approx 0.84$  fm
- Largest fraction of energy in proton ( $x$ ) carried by **3 valence quarks (2u,d)**, but very small fraction of proton spin
- Nucleons show additional **dynamically generated quark-antiquark pairs & gluons** carrying low fraction of energy
- Quark & gluon longitudinal momentum fractions have been well mapped out - **Nucleon spin & mass have large contributions from quark-gluon dynamics**, described by QCD



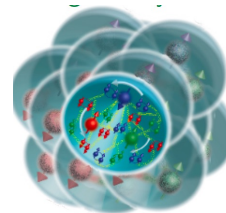
Proton  
early 1900s



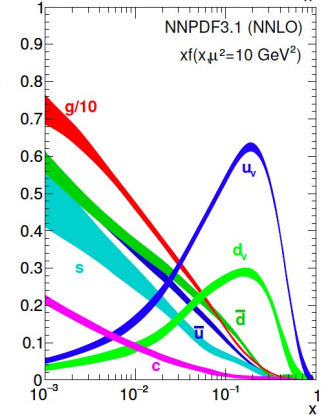
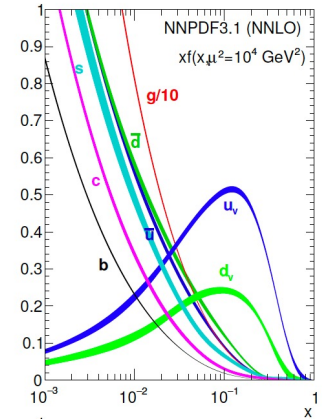
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Proton  
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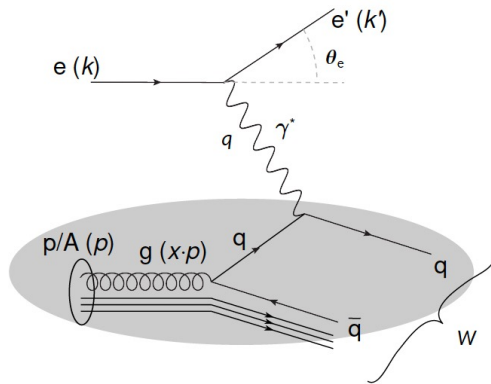


Proton  
in a nucleus



# How did we learn this?

## Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS)



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

- $s$  center-of-mass energy squared
- $Q^2$  resolution power
- $x$  the fraction of the nucleon's momentum carried by the struck quark ( $0 < x < 1$ )
- $y$  inelasticity

- As a probe, electron beams provide unmatched precision of the electromagnetic interaction
- Direct, model independent determination of parton kinematics and spin of physics processes at the leading order
- Additional information obtained indirectly from hadron-collider measurements

# History of Nucleon Structure Studies

**1950-1960:** Does the proton have finite size and structure?

- Elastic electron-proton scattering
  - ✦ the proton is not a point-like particle but has finite size – seen through charge and current distribution in the proton  $G_E/G_M$



Nobel prize 1961- R. Hofstadter

**1960-1990:** What are the internal constituents of the nucleon?

- Deeply inelastic scattering
  - ✦ discover quarks in ‘scaling’ of structure function - measure their momentum and spin distributions



Nobel prize 1990 - J. Friedman, H. Kendall, R. Taylor

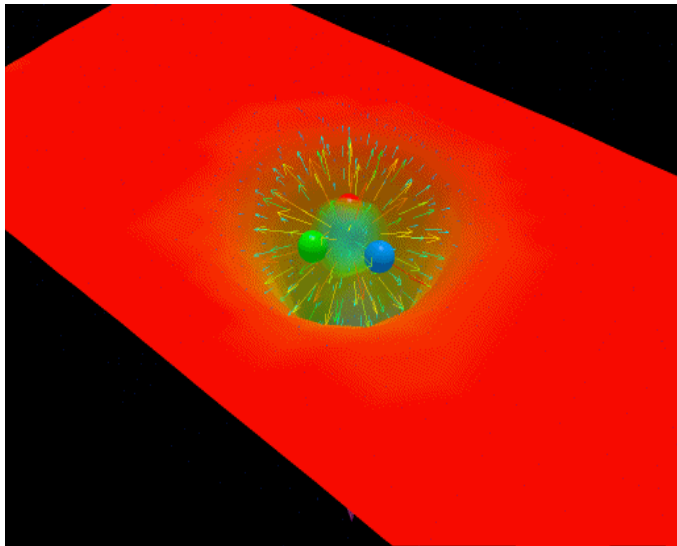
**Today:** Unraveling a 3-D image of the quark and gluon distributions, including mass, spin, and pressure distributions

# Critical QCD Questions Addressed

- How do properties of colorless hadrons emerge from the confined dynamics of colored quarks and gluons?

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \sum_q \bar{\psi}_q (i\cancel{D} - g\cancel{A} + m) \psi_q - \frac{1}{4} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu}$$

QCD is the most complex part of the Standard Model



Derek B. Leinweber – University of Adelaide

At Nucleon mass scale (1 GeV), dynamics is highly nonlinear and leads to **confinement** of partons. How do N mass / size / spin emerge from these dynamics?

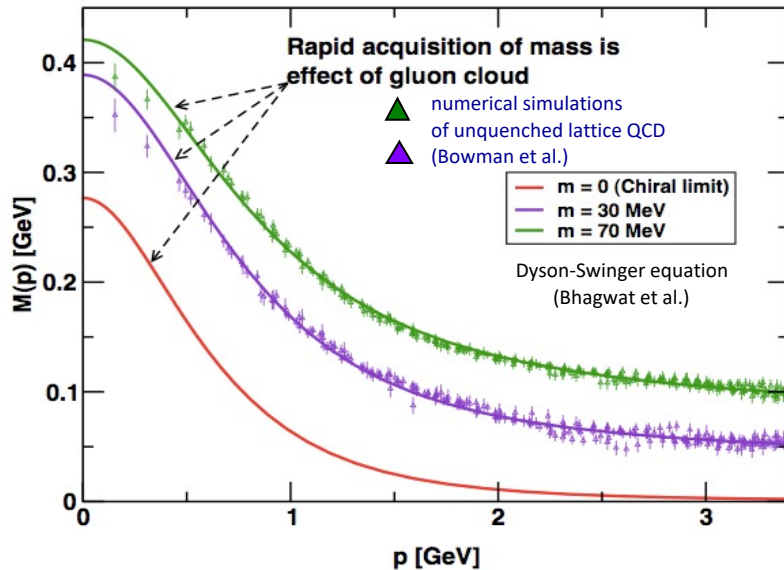
*“Nucleons are the stuff of which our world is made.*

*As such they must be **at the center of any discussion of why the world we actually experience has the character it does.**”*

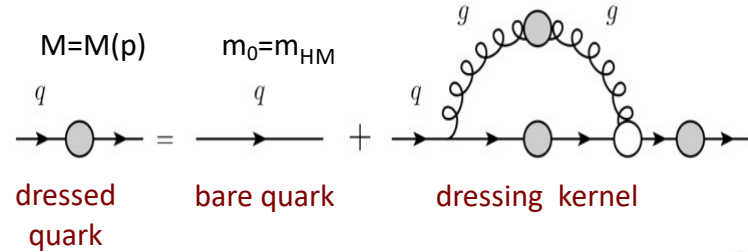
Nathan Isgur, 2000

# Critical QCD Questions Addressed

- How do massless quarks acquire mass?

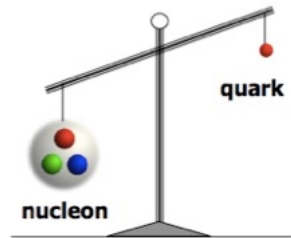


Effective quark mass depends on its momentum



## mass composition

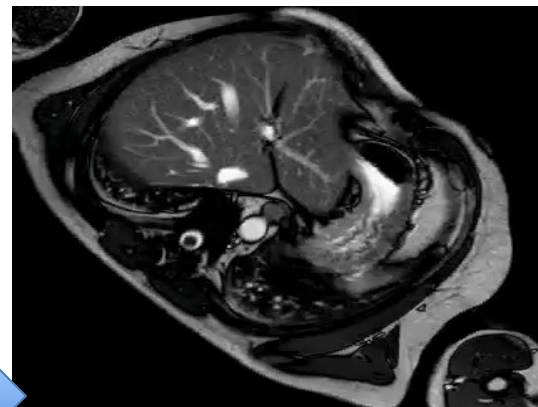
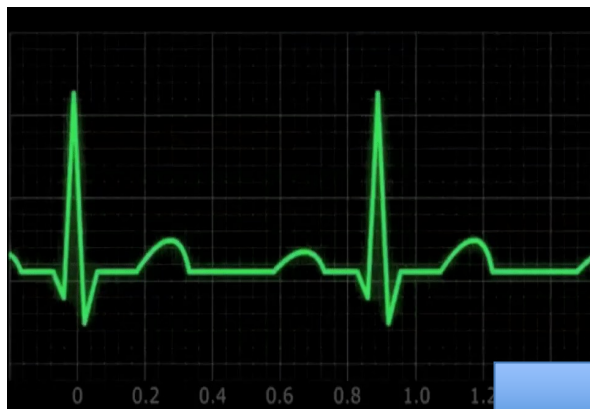
- <2% Higgs mechanism
- >98% non-perturbative strong interaction



Almost all the nucleon mass comes from the energy spent to bind the quarks inside it!

# Critical QCD Questions Addressed

- How are the quarks and gluons, and their intrinsic spins distributed in space & momentum inside the nucleon? What is the role of the angular momentum ?



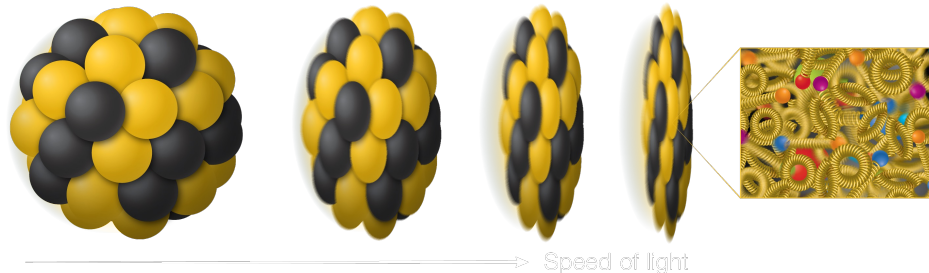
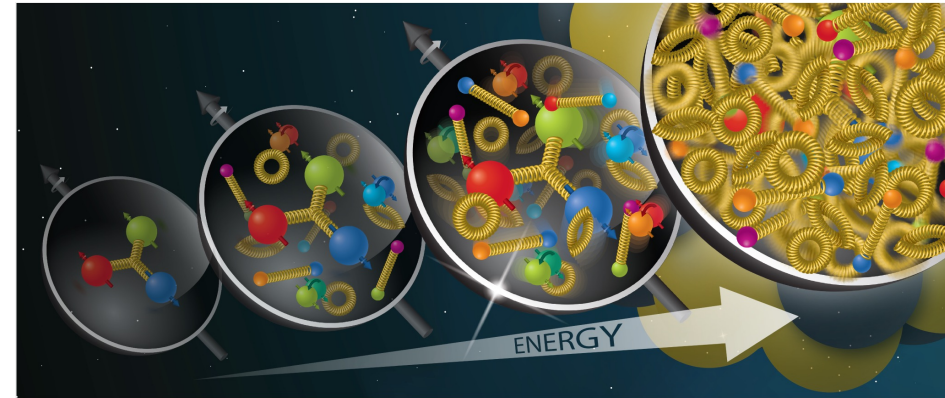
**SIDIS and TMDs measurements toward a 3D imaging of the proton**

**Transverse Momentum Distributions** contain information about longitudinal and transverse motion of partons

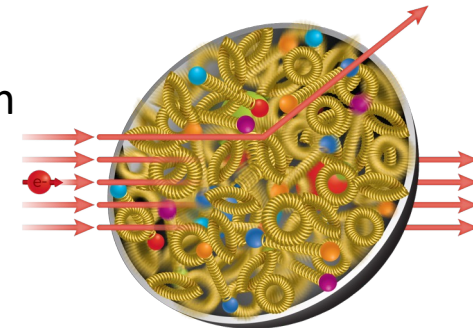
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- **Where does gluon saturation set in ? Universal gluonic matter at high density ? quark-gluon interactions in nuclear matter ?**

There are hints and theory predictions that protons, neutrons, and nuclei accelerated close to the speed of light will appear (when observed with a high energy probe) as **dense “walls” of gluons**.



A high intensity electron beams to search for evidence of gluon saturation.





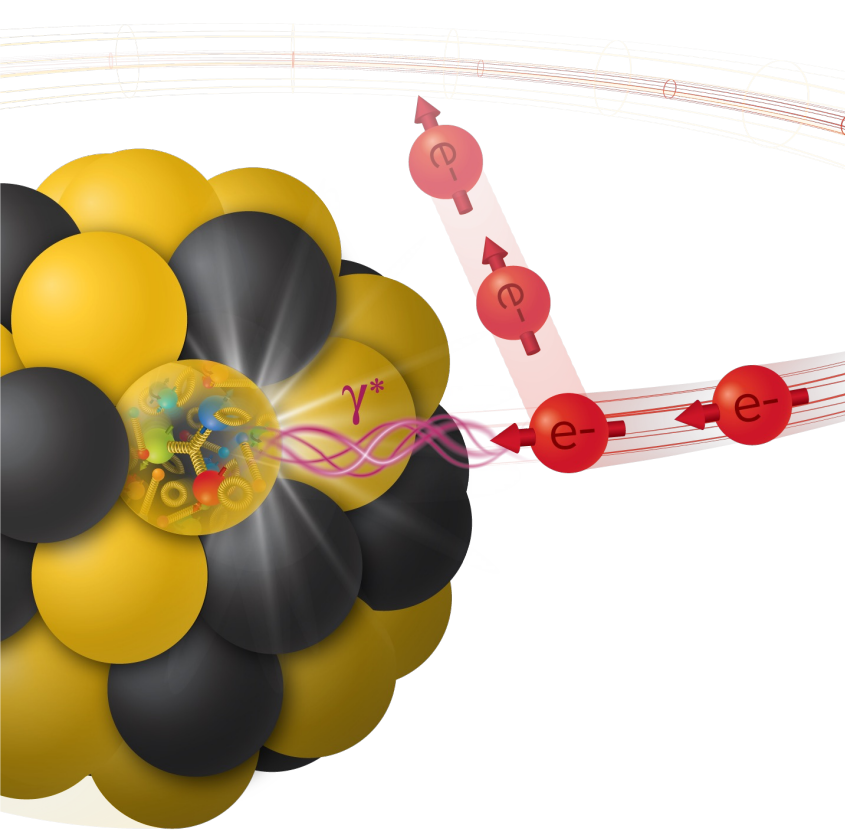
# Critical QCD Questions Addressed



- How do properties of colorless hadrons emerge from the confined dynamics of colored quarks and gluons?  
    **→ Measure the  $Q^2$  dependence of hadrons electrocouplings and form factors**
- How do massless quarks acquire mass?  
    **→ Access the Energy - Momentum Tensor and the Gravitational Form Factors**
- How are the quarks and gluons, and their intrinsic spins distributed in space & momentum inside the nucleon? What is the role of the angular momentum ?  
    **→ SIDIS and TMDs measurements toward a 3D imaging of the proton**
- How is color confinement realized in the force and pressure distributions and stabilize nucleons?  
    **→ Study GPDs and their moments from DVCS**
- Where does gluon saturation set in?  
    **→ Study deep processes on Nuclei**

**The EIC scientific program addresses all these questions**

# QCD Exploration at EIC



At the Electron-Ion Collider (EIC), we'll study how the smallest building blocks of matter — the quarks and gluons that make up protons and neutrons — build up the structure and properties of all visible matter

## REQUIREMENTS

- Access to gluon dominated region and wide kinematic range in  $x$  and  $Q^2$
- Access to spin structure and 3D spatial and momentum structure
- Accessing the highest gluon densities
- Studying observables as a function of  $x$ ,  $Q^2$ , hadronic flavour, ...

## THE EIC COLLIDER PROVIDES

- Large center-of-mass energy range:  
 $\sqrt{s} = 21 - 140 \text{ GeV}$
- Polarized electron, proton and light nuclear beams  
 $\geq 70\%$
- Nuclear beams, the heavier the better (from H to U)
- High luminosity (100 x HERA):  $10^{33-34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

# The Path to the EIC Project



2010 “Gluons and the quark sea at high energies: distributions, polarization, tomography”,  
INT - Seattle, Sept 13 - Nov 19 2010, arXiv:1108.1713



2012 - White Paper

Electron Ion Collider: the Next QCD Frontier”, E.P.J. A52 (16) 268,  
arXiv:1212.1701 - 1200 citations on Inspire

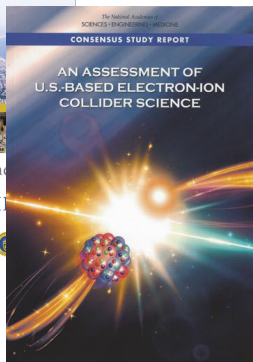


2015 Long Range Plan recommendations



2018

Assessment by the US National Academy of Science  
“The Committee finds that the science that can be  
addressed by an EIC is **compelling, fundamental** and  
**timely**”



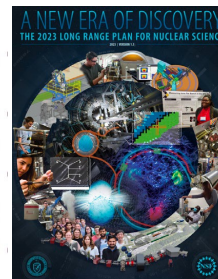
2022 Yellow Report Nucl. Phys. A 1026 (2022) 122447



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2023 NSAC - Long Range Plan

We recommend the  
expeditious completion of the  
EIC as the **highest priority** for  
facility construction

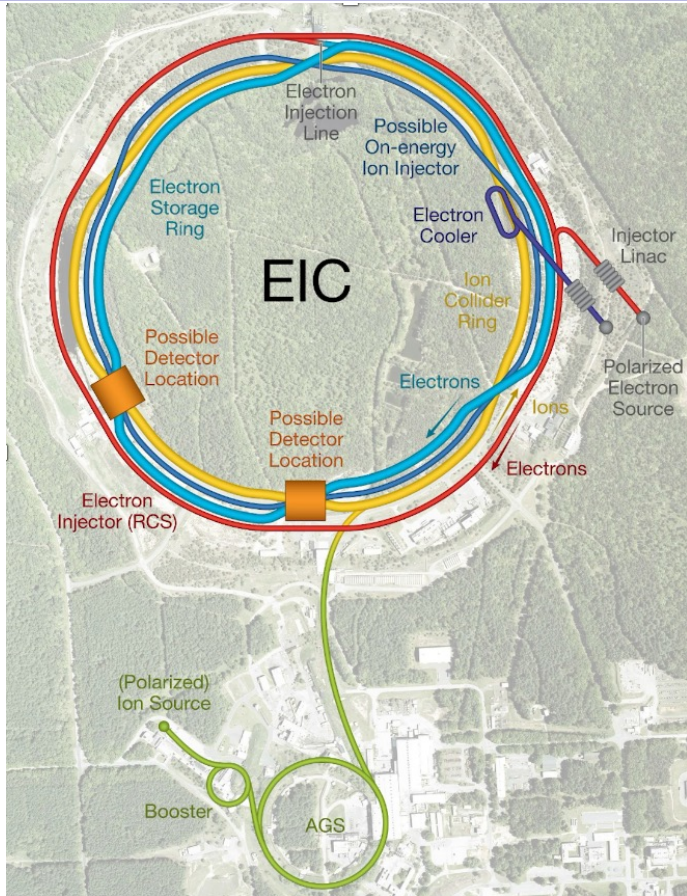


# EIC @ BNL



The ~\$1.7-2.8 billion Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) will be funded primarily by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science, with contributions from New York State and other science agencies in the U.S. and around the world.





The Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) will make use of existing components of Brookhaven's **Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC)**, including:

- Its ion sources
- Pre-accelerator chain
- Superconducting magnet ion storage ring.

In addition:

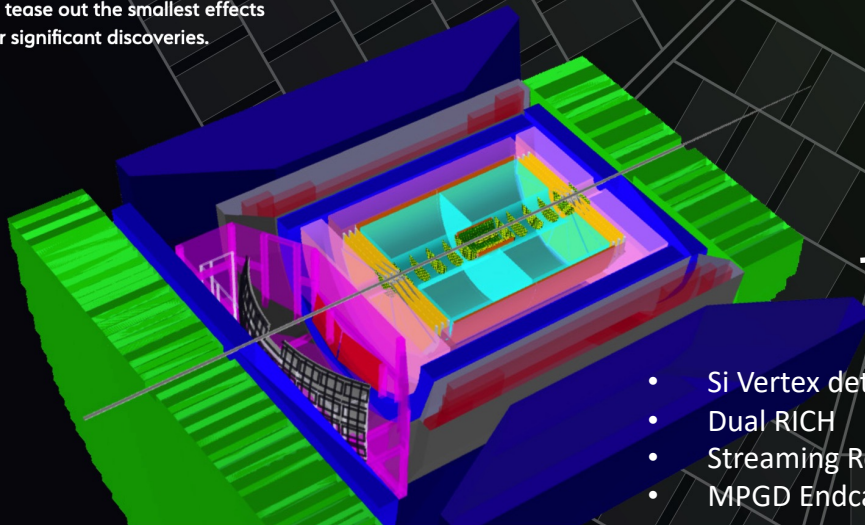
- **New electron accelerator ring**
- **Electron storage ring inside the existing collider tunnel**

Collisions can take place at points where the stored ion and electron beams cross.

$E_e = 5-18 \text{ GeV}$

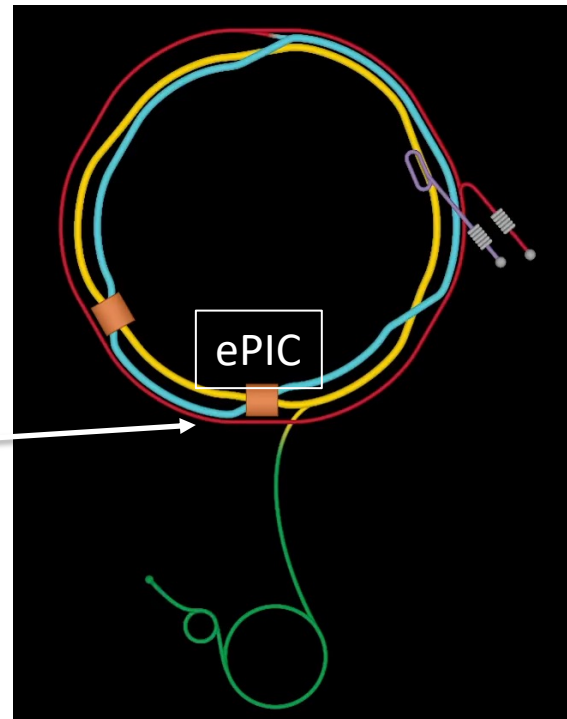
Electrons will be able to **probe particles from protons to the heaviest stable nuclei** at a very wide range of energies, starting from 20–100 billion electron volts (GeV), upgradable to approximately 140 GeV, to produce images of the particles' interiors at higher and higher resolution. At least one detector and possibly more would analyze thousands of particle collisions per second, amassing the data required to tease out the smallest effects required for significant discoveries.

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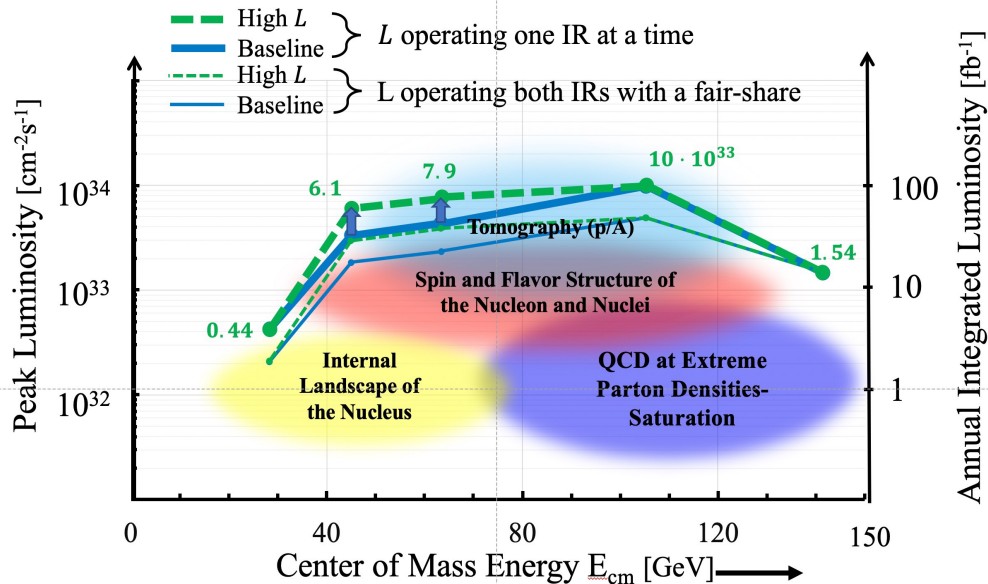
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- MPGD Endcap trackers

## Electron-Ion Collider

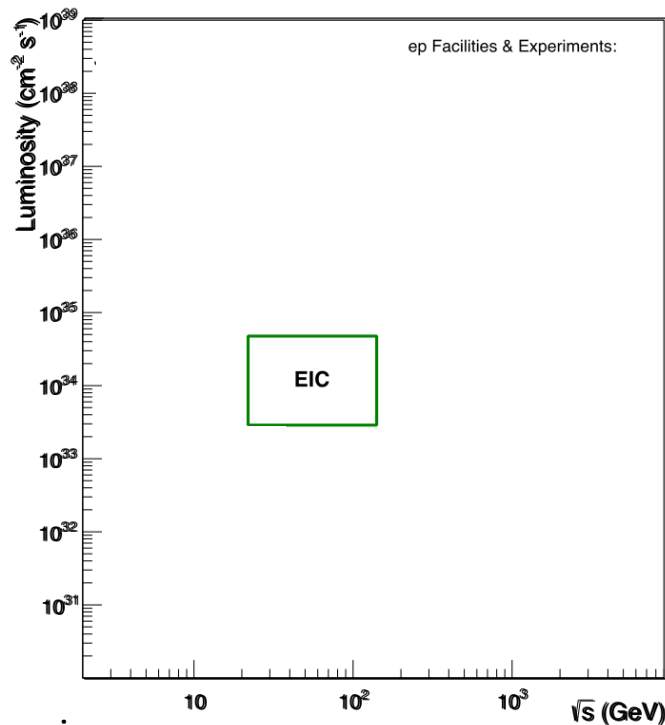


$E_e = 5-18 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\sqrt{s} = 28 - 140 \text{ GeV}$

## Electron-Ion Collider



Annual Integrated Luminosity [fb<sup>-1</sup>]

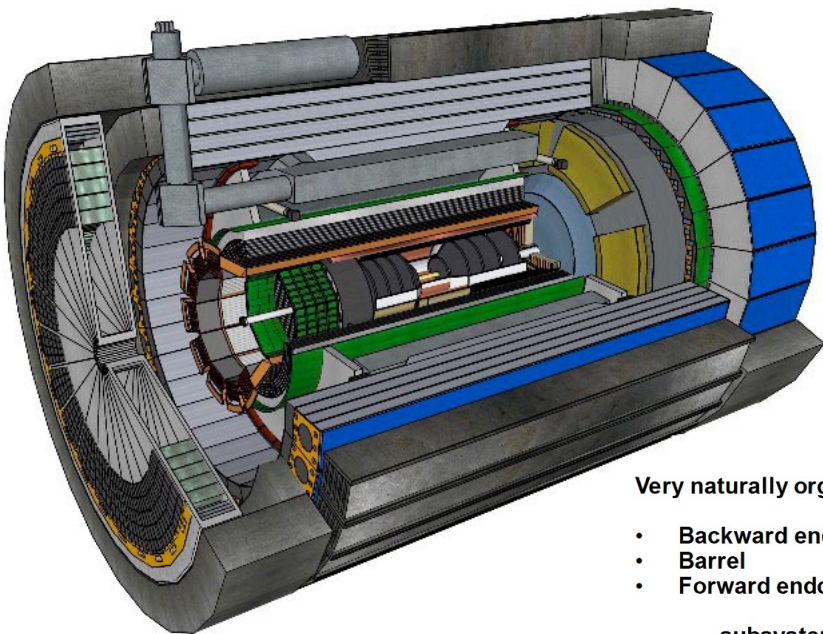


- If we ask for:
- high luminosity ( $10^{33}-10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and wide range in  $s$
  - polarized electron & light-ion beams
  - large variety of ion beams

**EIC stands out as unique facility**



# The ePIC detector



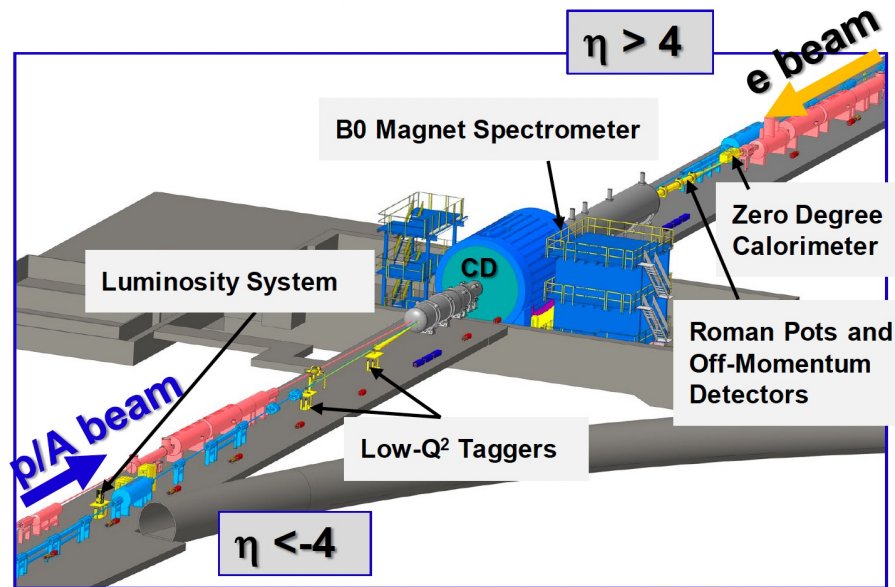
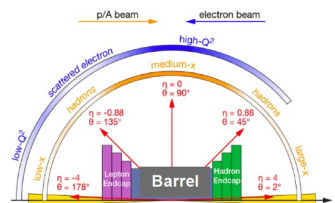
Very naturally organized in:

- Backward endcap
- Barrel
- Forward endcap

subsystems

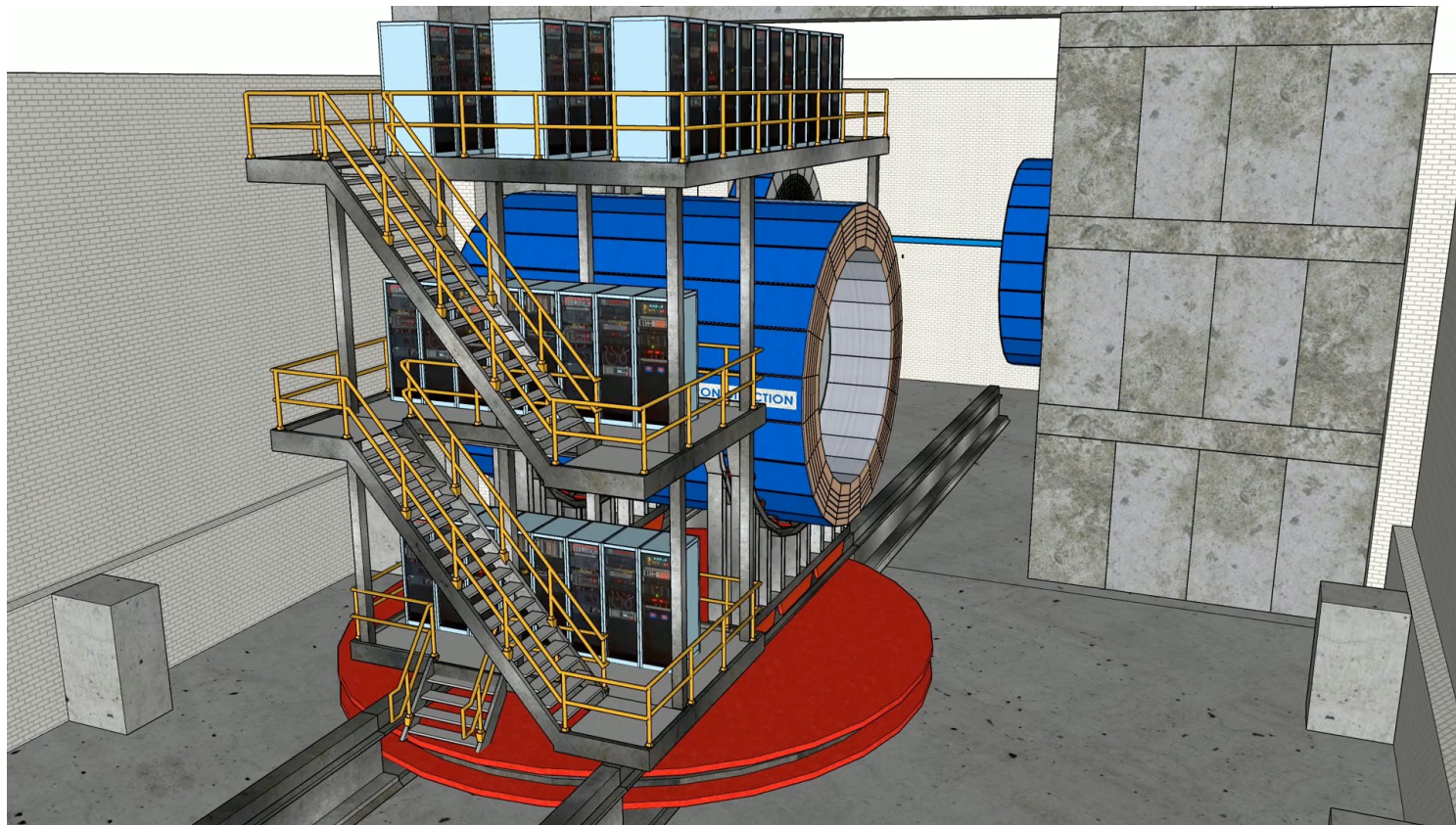
$$-4 < \eta < 4$$

The Central Detector

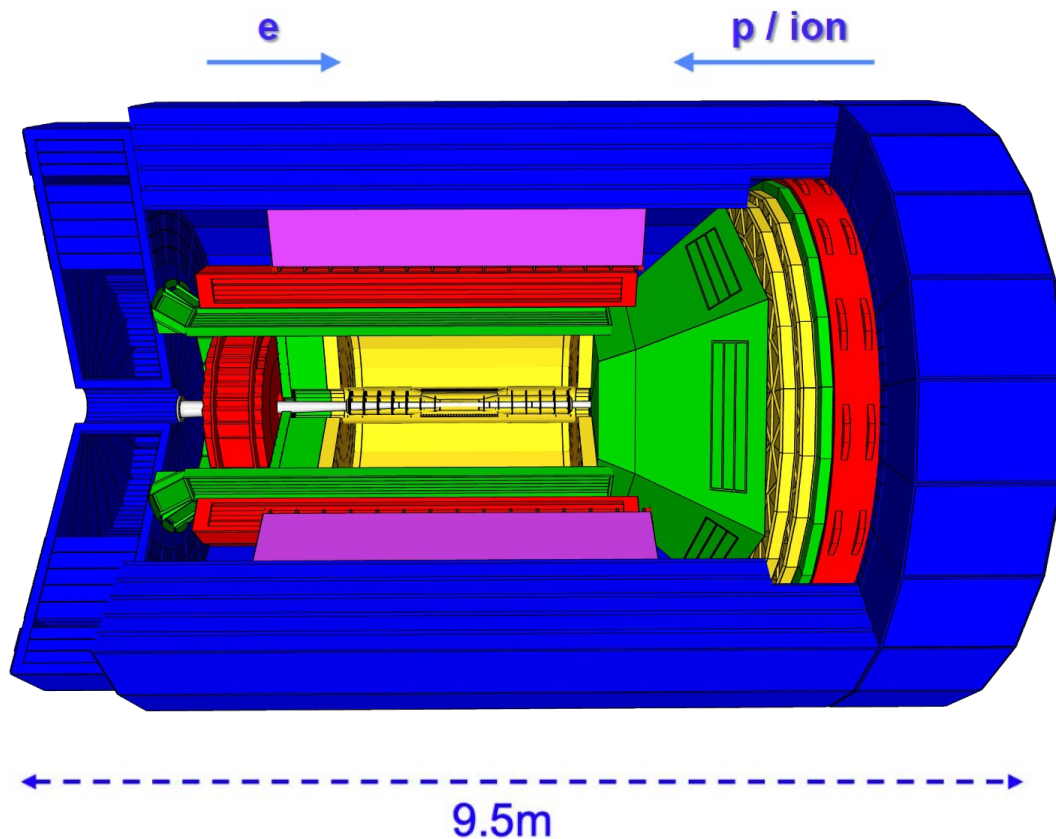


The Far Forward and Far Backward Detector

# The ePIC detector



# The ePIC detector



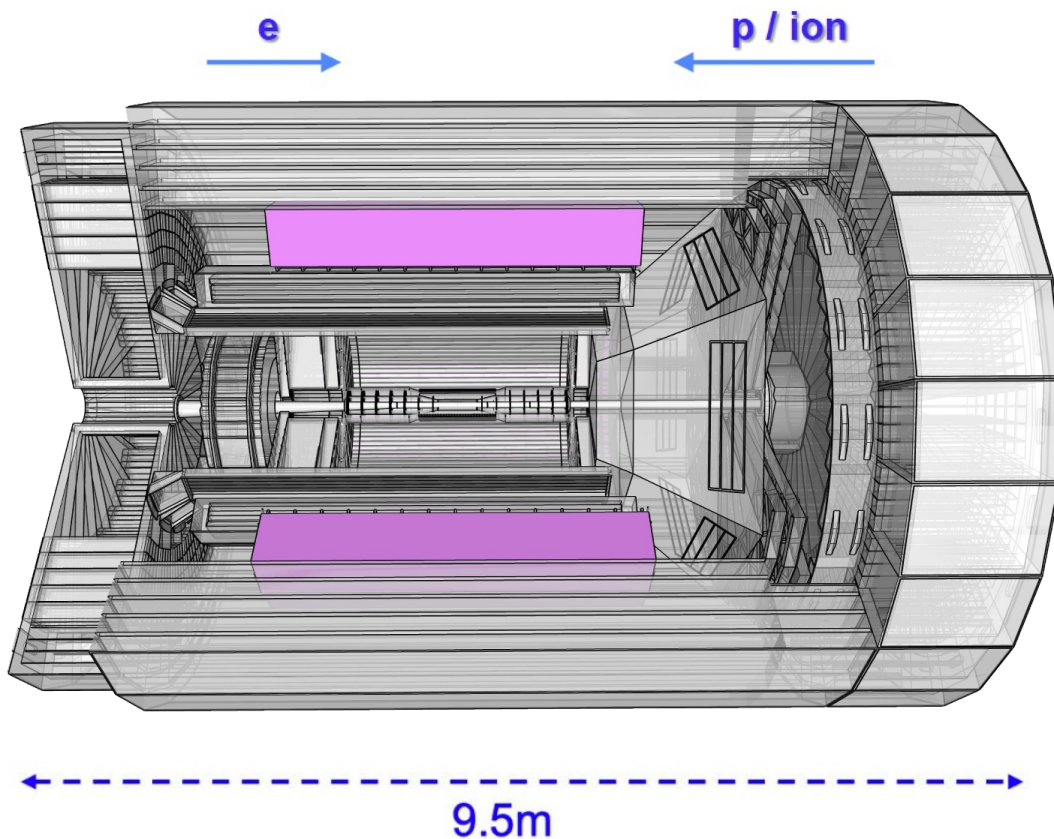
The Central  
Detector

# The ePIC detector: Detector Magnet



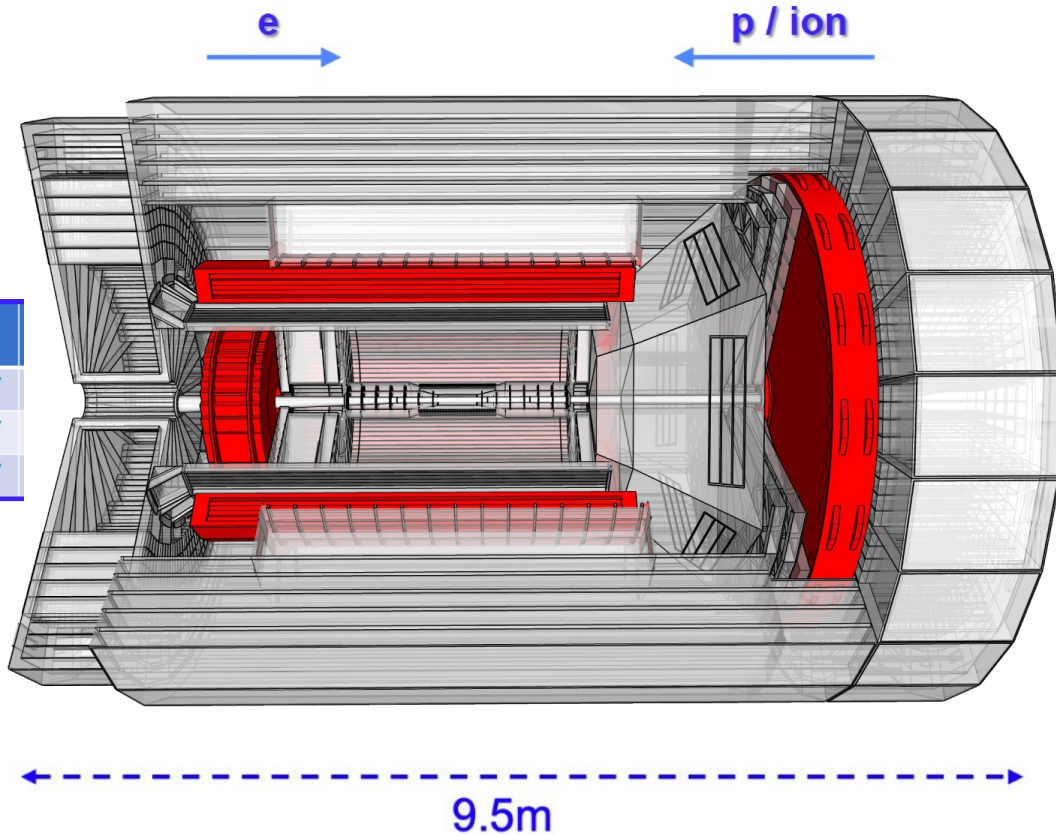
## Superconducting Solenoid Magnet

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



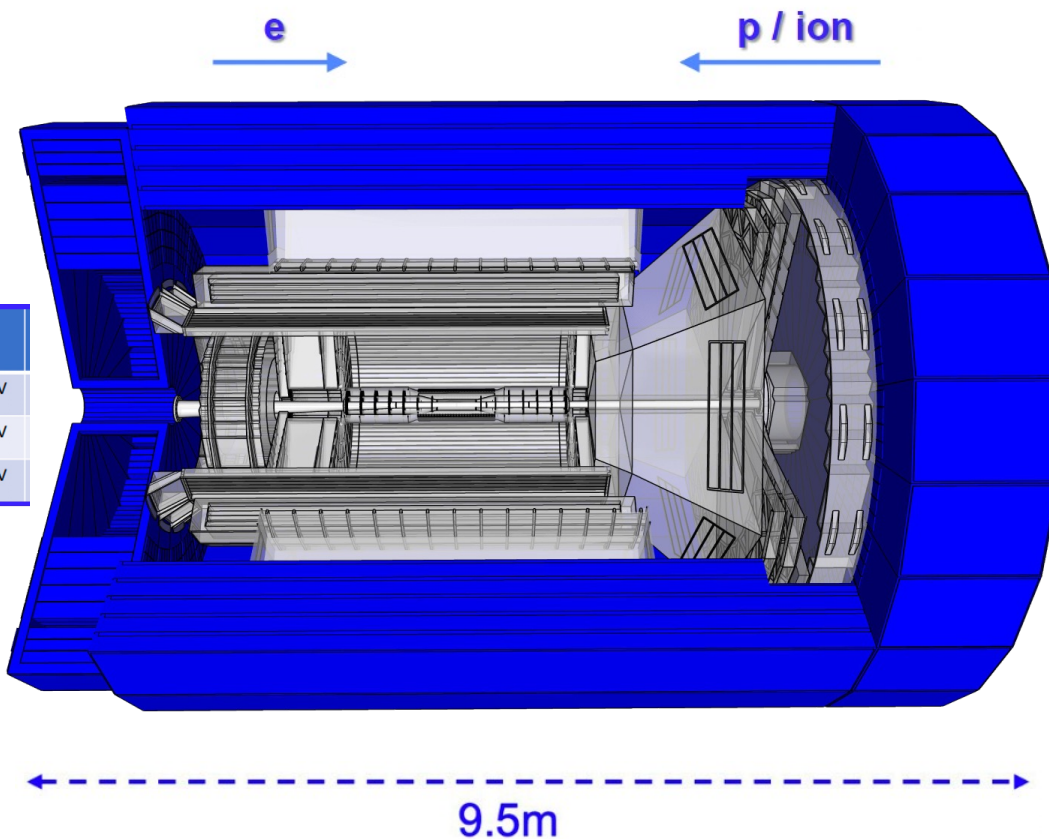
Parameter	Value	Comment
Central Field $B_0$	2.0 T	Reference field value: 1.7 T
Lowest operating field	0.5 T	
Field Uniformity in FFA	12.5 % $\pm 100$ cm around center 80 cm radius	Magnetic Field Properties
Projectivity in RICH Area	< 0.1 (mrad@30GeV/c) < 10 T/A/mm <sup>2</sup> From Z = 180 cm to 280 cm	

# The ePIC detector: EM Calorimeter



	$\sigma_E/E$	E range, GeV
e-endcap	$\frac{(2-3)\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus (1-2)\%$	0.05–18 GeV
Barrel	$\frac{(7-10)\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus (1-3)\%$	0.05–50 GeV
h-endcap	$\frac{(10-12)\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus (1-3)\%$	0.1–100 GeV

# The ePIC detector: Hadronic Calorimeter



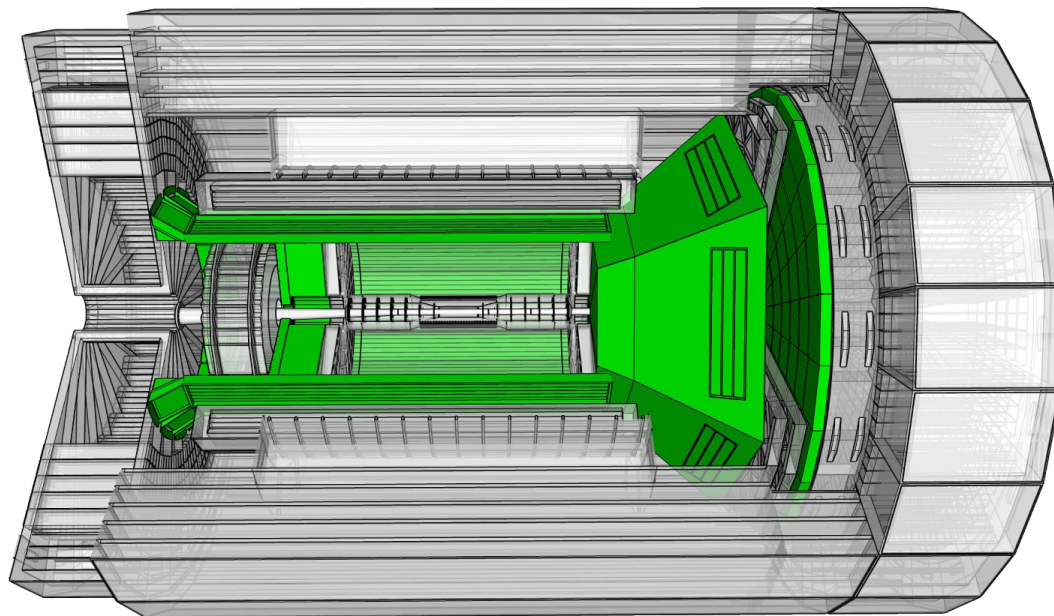
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# The ePIC detector: Particle ID Detector



e →      ← p / ion

Time of Flight,  
DIRC,  
RICH detectors



←-----→

9.5m

# The ePIC detector: Tracking Detectors

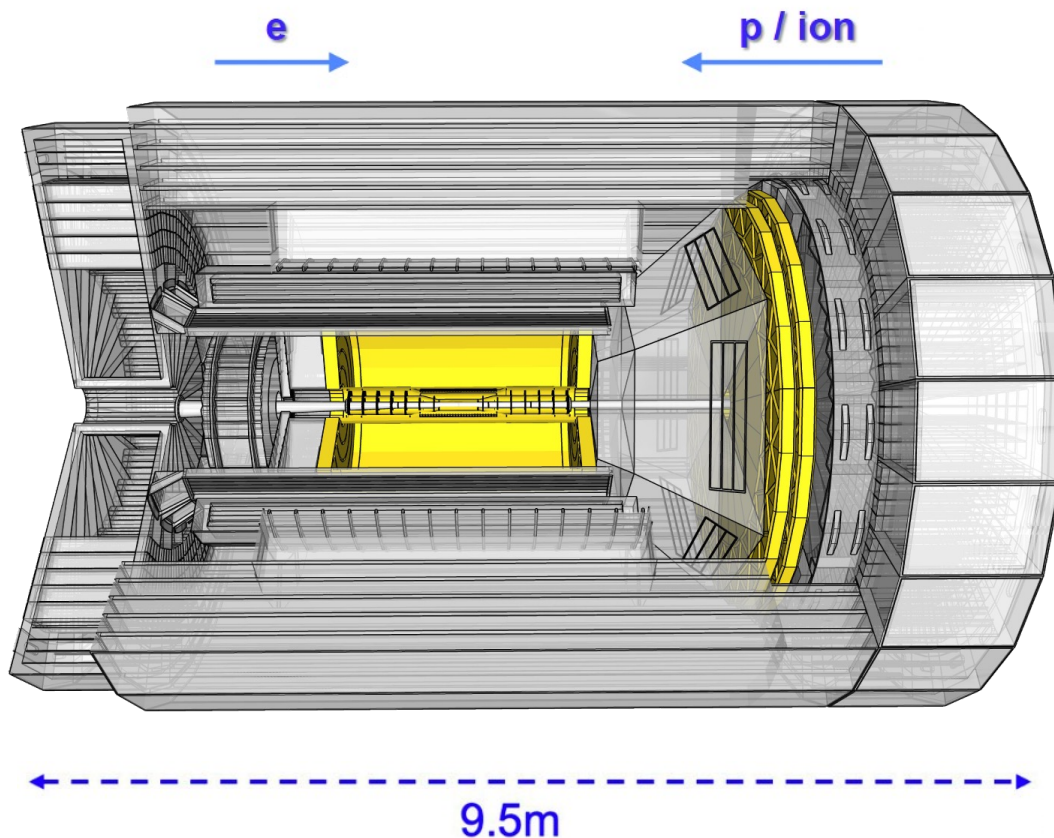


## Components:

- SVT
- MPGD trackers

## SVT:

- Fine space resolution  $< 20 \mu\text{m}$
- Five cylindrical layers in the barrel and five disks in each endcap

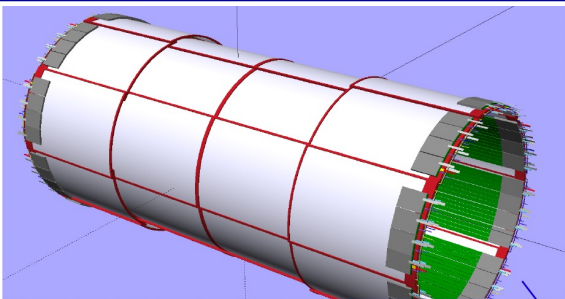


## MPGD trackers:

- Good time resolution (10 ns)
- Cylindrical **MICROMEGAS**
- Planar  $\mu\text{R-WELL}$  with GEM pre-amplification



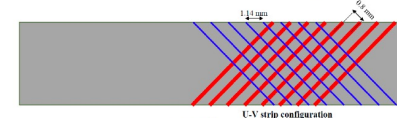
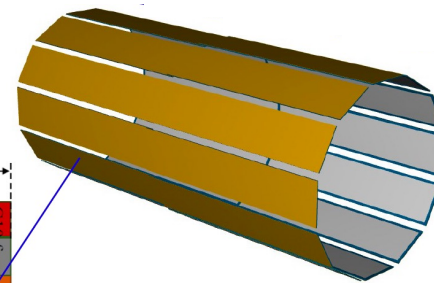
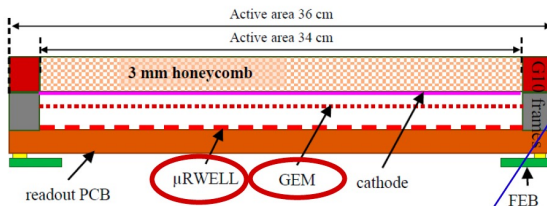
# The ePIC MPGD Tracking



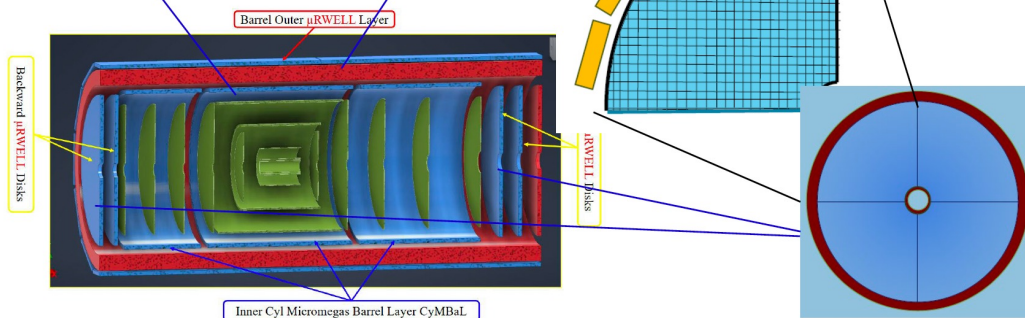
## Cylindrical MICROMEGAS

- Successful implementation at CLAS12 (Jlab)
- 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

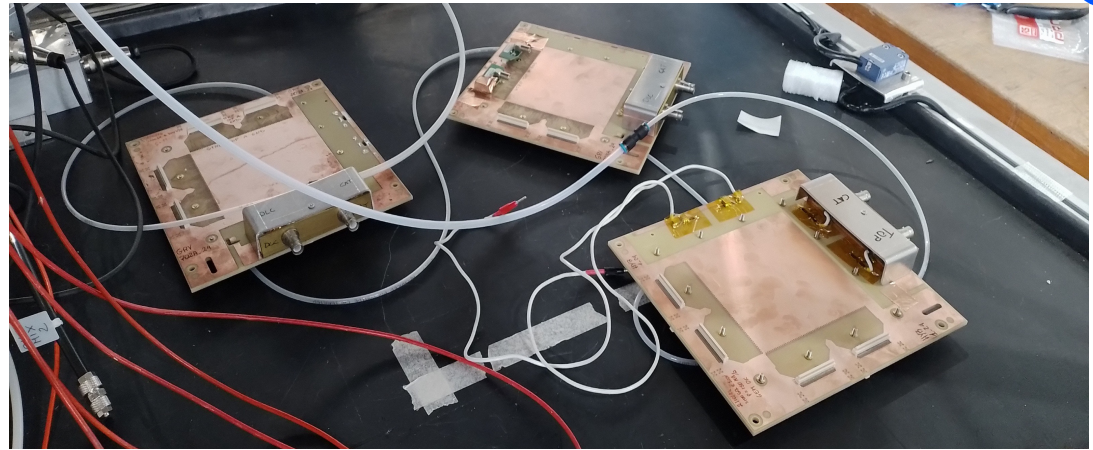
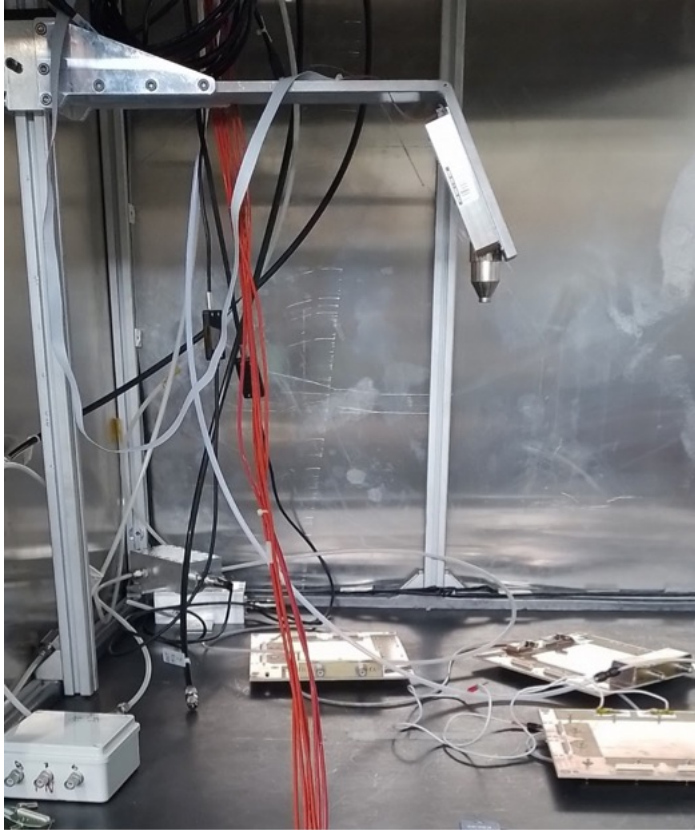
## 2-D readout for MPGDs in ePIC



## μR-WELL with GEM preamplification layer

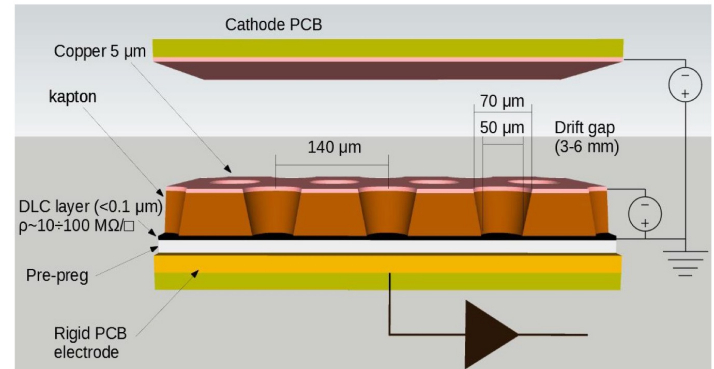


# The ePIC MPGD Tracking

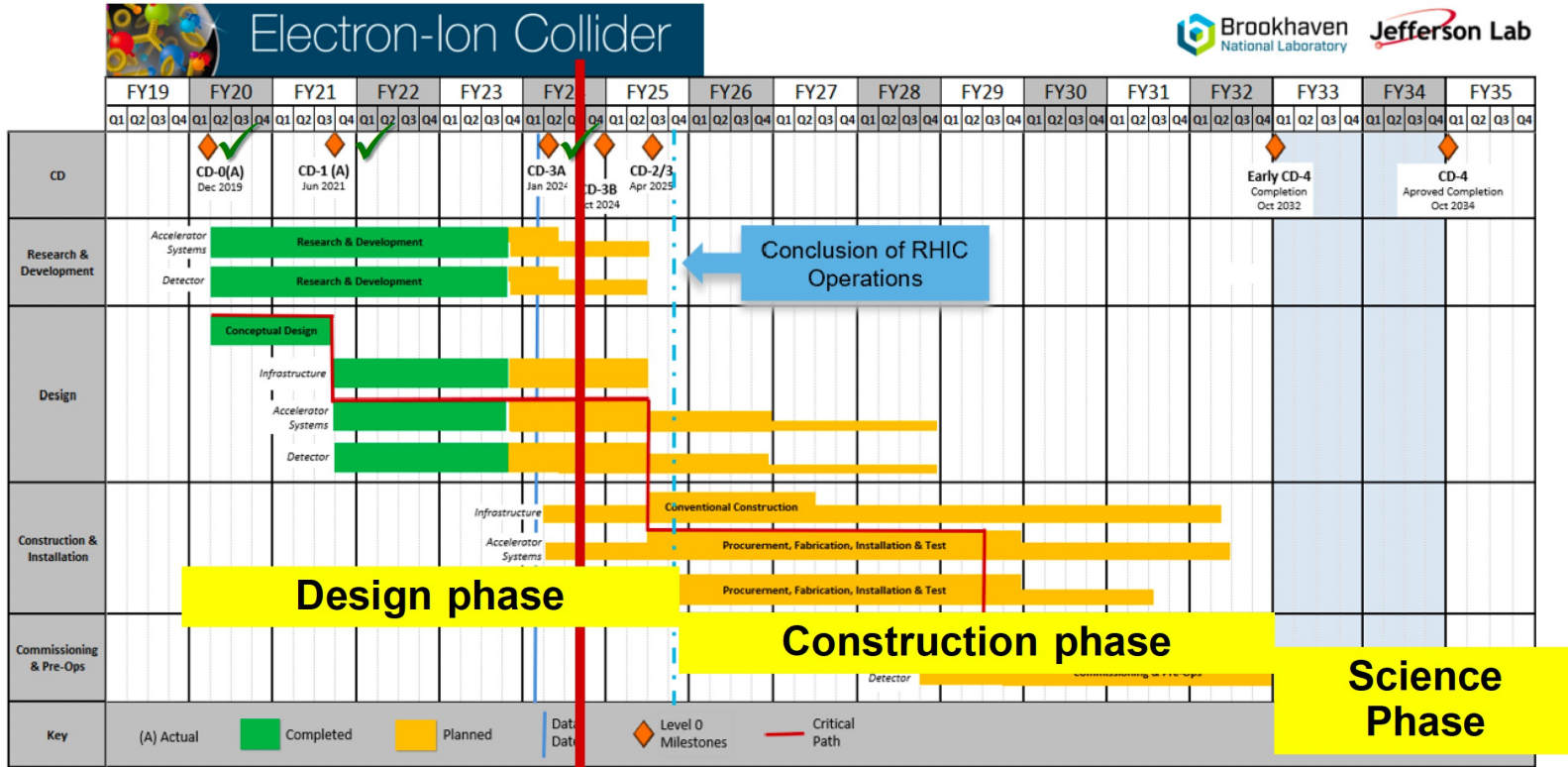


G. Bencivenni et al., *The micro-Resistive WELL detector: a compact spark-protected single amplification-stage MPGD*, 2015 JINST 10 P02008

Test with Cosmic Rays made in November 2024 @ LNF



# The ePIC Schedule



We are here

# The EIC- ePIC International Collaboration



The EIC User Group:  
<https://eicug.github.io/>

Formed in 2016 –

- 1487 members
- 40 countries
- 6 world regions
- 292 institutions

As of May 10, 2024

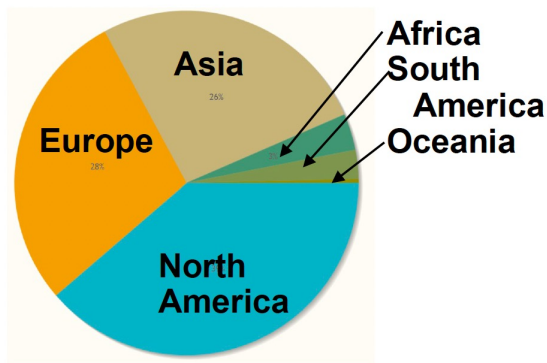


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INFN In-Kind Responsibilities

- Si Vertex detector
- Dual RICH
- Streaming Read-out
- **MPGD Endcap trackers**

## Institutions



## Annual EICUG meeting

- 2016 UC Berkeley, CA
- 2016 Argonne, IL
- 2017 Trieste, Italy
- 2018 CUA, Washington, DC
- 2019 Paris, France
- 2020 Miami, FL
- 2021 VUU, VA & UCR, CA
- 2022 Stony Brook U, NY
- 2023 Warsaw, Poland
- 2024 Lehigh U., PA



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

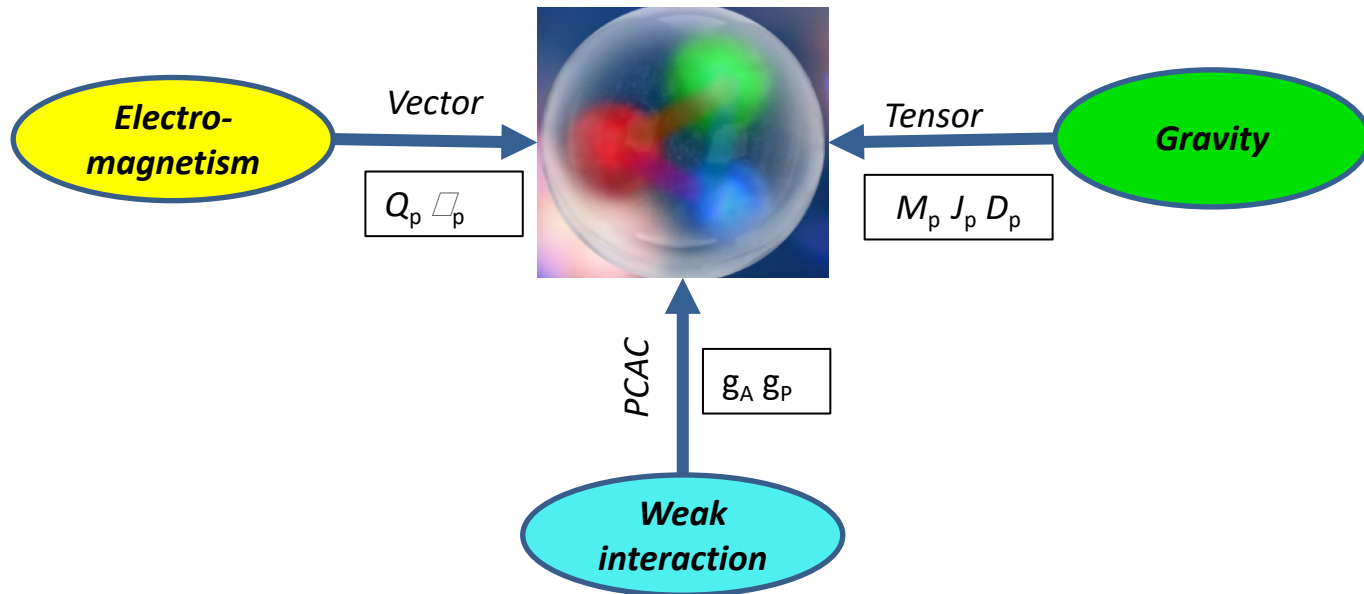
- The EIC project is approved and progressing according to schedule
- The ePIC Collaboration for the project detector ePIC is working and highly committed
  - The ePIC detector design is dictated by the physics scope
  - A number of established and novel technologies needed to match this scope
  - Relevant synergies with CERN in physics (not discussed today) and in detector technologies
- *Exciting perspectives in front of us designing, building, operating ePIC and progressing in physics with our detector*

**Thank you !**

## Back-up slides

# Critical QCD Questions Addressed

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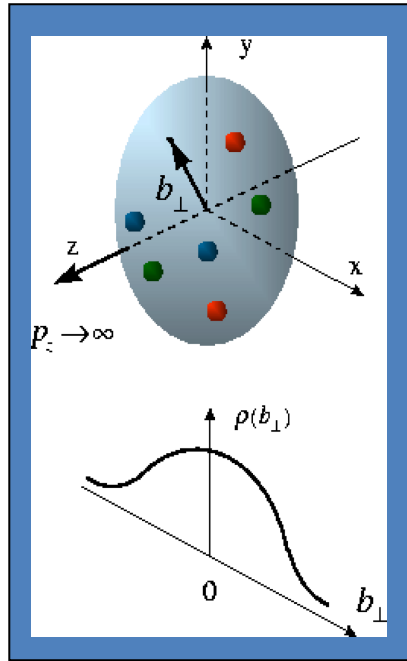


**Study GPDs and their moments from DVCS**



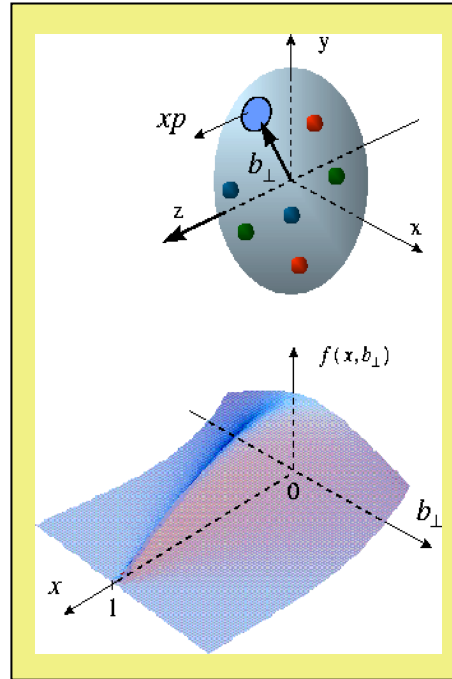
# Nucleon Structure Evolution

elastic scattering



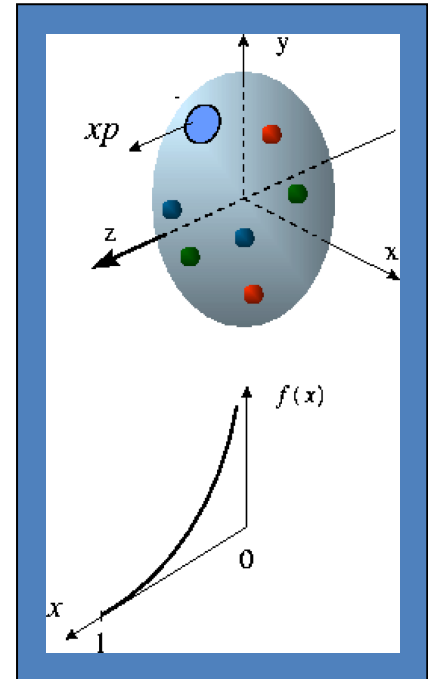
**Transverse** quark distribution in coordinate space

deep-exclusive scattering



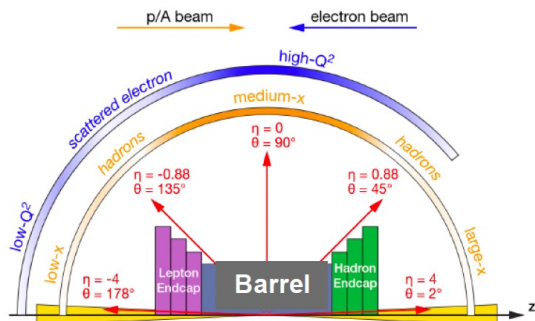
**Correlated** quark space and momentum distributions – GPD

deep-inelastic scattering



**Longitudinal** quark distribution in momentum space

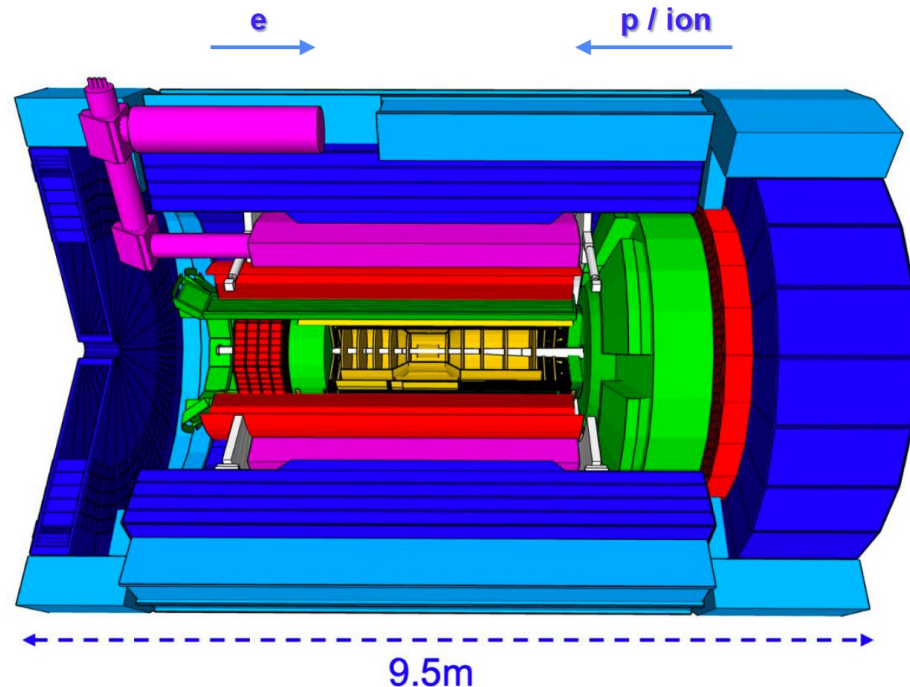
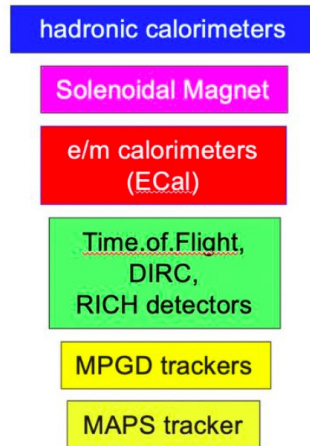
# The ePIC Central Detector



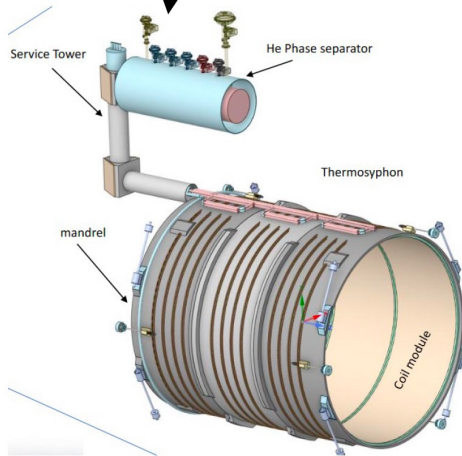
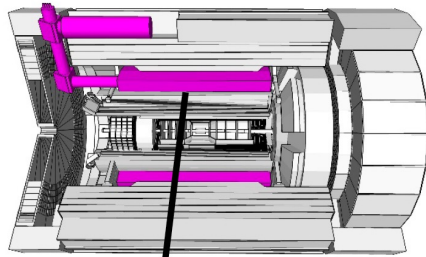
Very naturally organized in:

- Backward endcap
- Barrel
- Forward endcap

subsystems



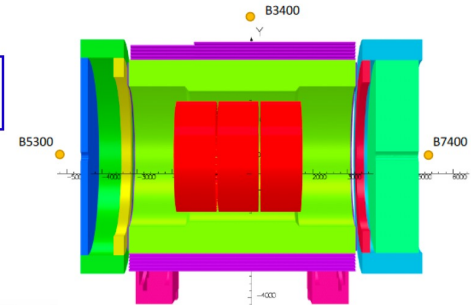
# The ePIC Solenoid



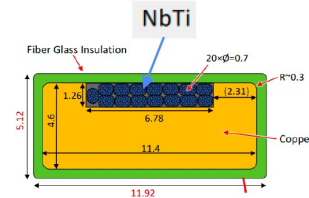
Parameter	Value
Coil length	3512 mm
Warm bore diameter	2840 mm
Cryostat length	< 3850 mm
Cryostat outer diameter	< 3540 mm

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

Parameter	Value	Comment
Central Field $B_0$	2.0 T	Reference field value: 1.7 T
Lowest operating field	0.5 T	
Field Uniformity in FFA	12.5 % $\pm 100$ cm around center 80 cm radius	Magnetic Field Properties
Projectivity in RICH Area	< 0.1 (mrad@30GeV/c) < 10 T/A/mm <sup>2</sup> From Z = 180 cm to 280 cm	

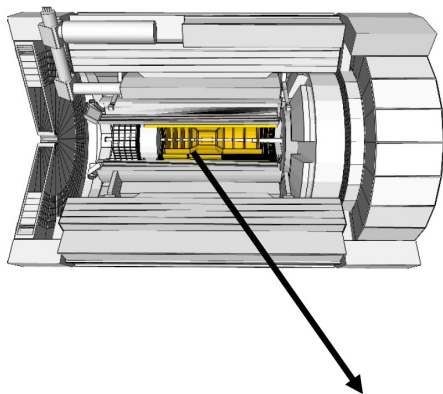


## Conductor Design



90% readiness review successfully passed in Fall 2023; finalization review at the end of May 2024

# The ePIC Tracking



Complementary tracking technologies characterized by light materials

**SVT:** Si trackers based on ALICE ITS3 **65 nm MAPS sensors**

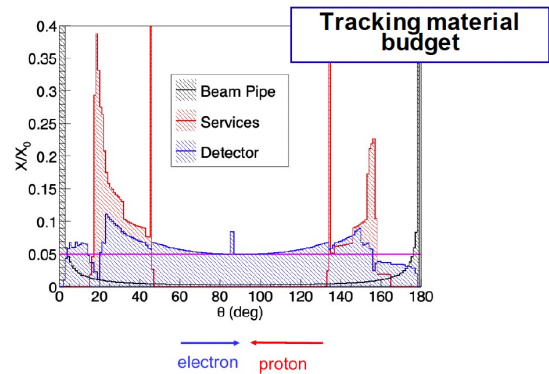
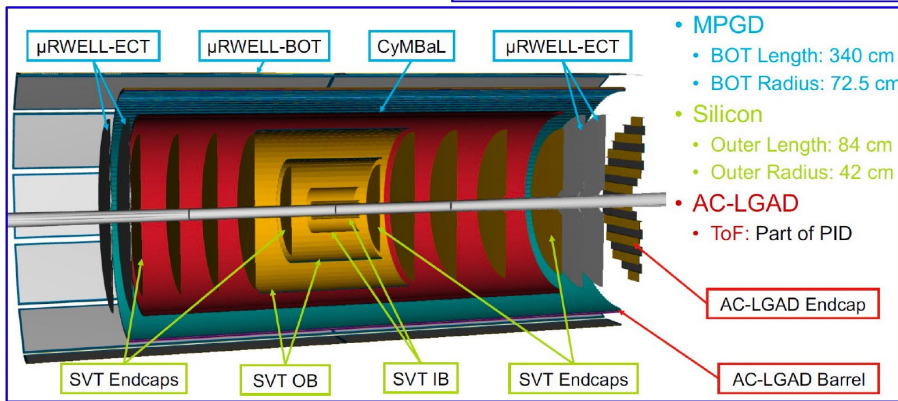
- Fine space resolution < 20  $\mu\text{m}$
- Five cylindrical layers in the barrel and five disks in each endcap

**MPGD trackers**

- Good time resolution  $\mathcal{O}$  (10 ns)
- Cylindrical **MICROME GAS**
- Planar  $\mu\text{R-WELL}$  with **GEM pre-amplification**

Additional information

- **AC-LGADs** for ToF (PID) - very fine time resolution: 20/30 ps
- First layer of the barrel **imaging EM calorimeter** – fine space resolution (150  $\mu\text{m}$ ), good time resolution ( $\sim 2$  ns)

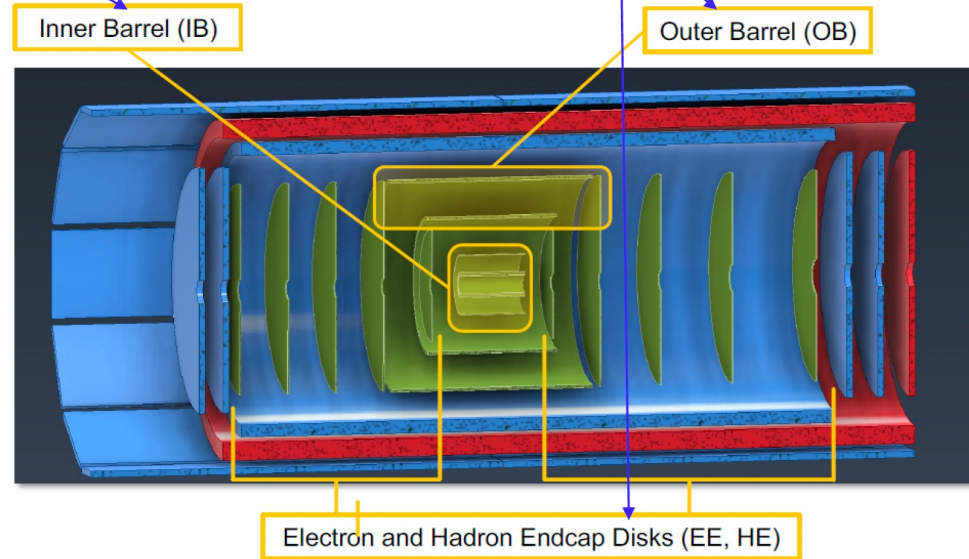


# The ePIC Silicon Tracking

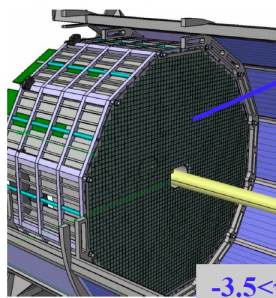
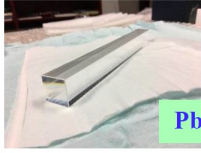
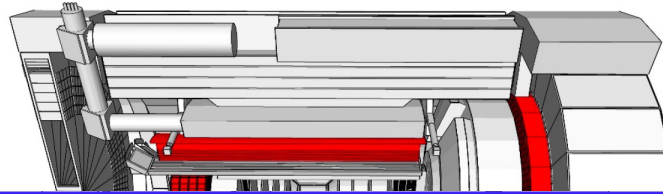
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EIC-LAS: 5/6 RSUs (Scalable Readout Unit) from ALICE ITS3 on staves

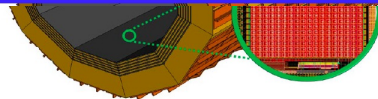
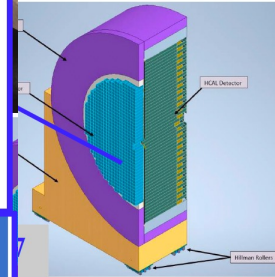
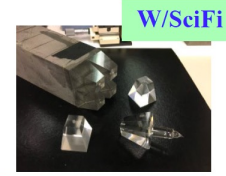
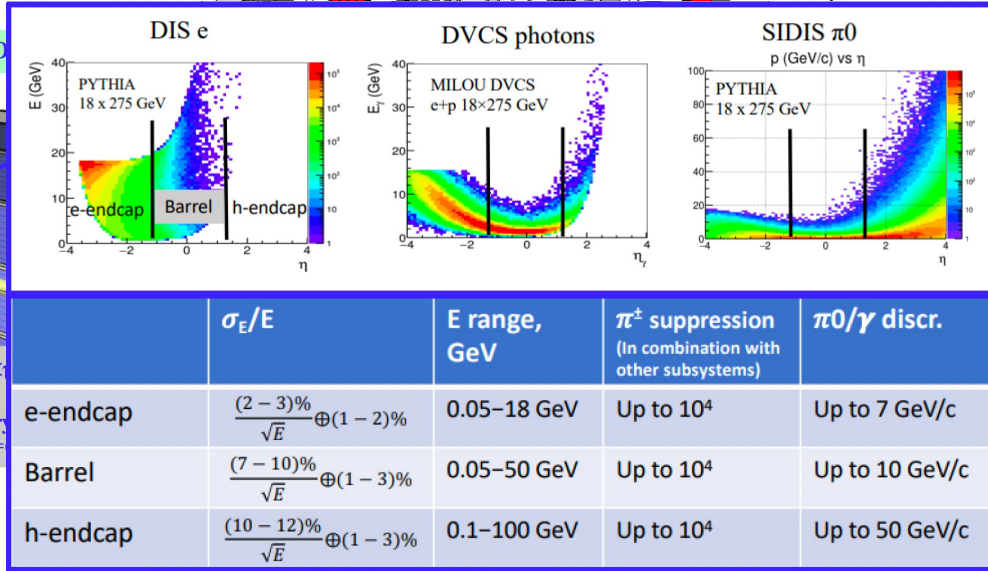
- **Inner Barrel (IB)**
  - Three layers, L0, L1, L2,
  - Radii of 36, 41, 120 mm
  - Length of 27 cm
  - $X/X_0 \sim 0.05\%$  per layer
  - Curved, thinned, wafer-scale sensor
- **Outer Barrel (OB)**
  - Two layers, L3, L4
  - Radii of 27 and 42 cm
  - $X/X_0 \sim 0.25\%$  and  $\sim 0.55\%$
  - More conventional structure w. staves
- **Electron/Hadron Endcaps (EE, HE)**
  - Two arrays with five disks
  - $X/X_0 \sim 0.25\%$  per disk
  - More conventional structure
- **Lengths for L2—L4 increase so as to project back to  $z = 0$ ; disk radii adjust accordingly**



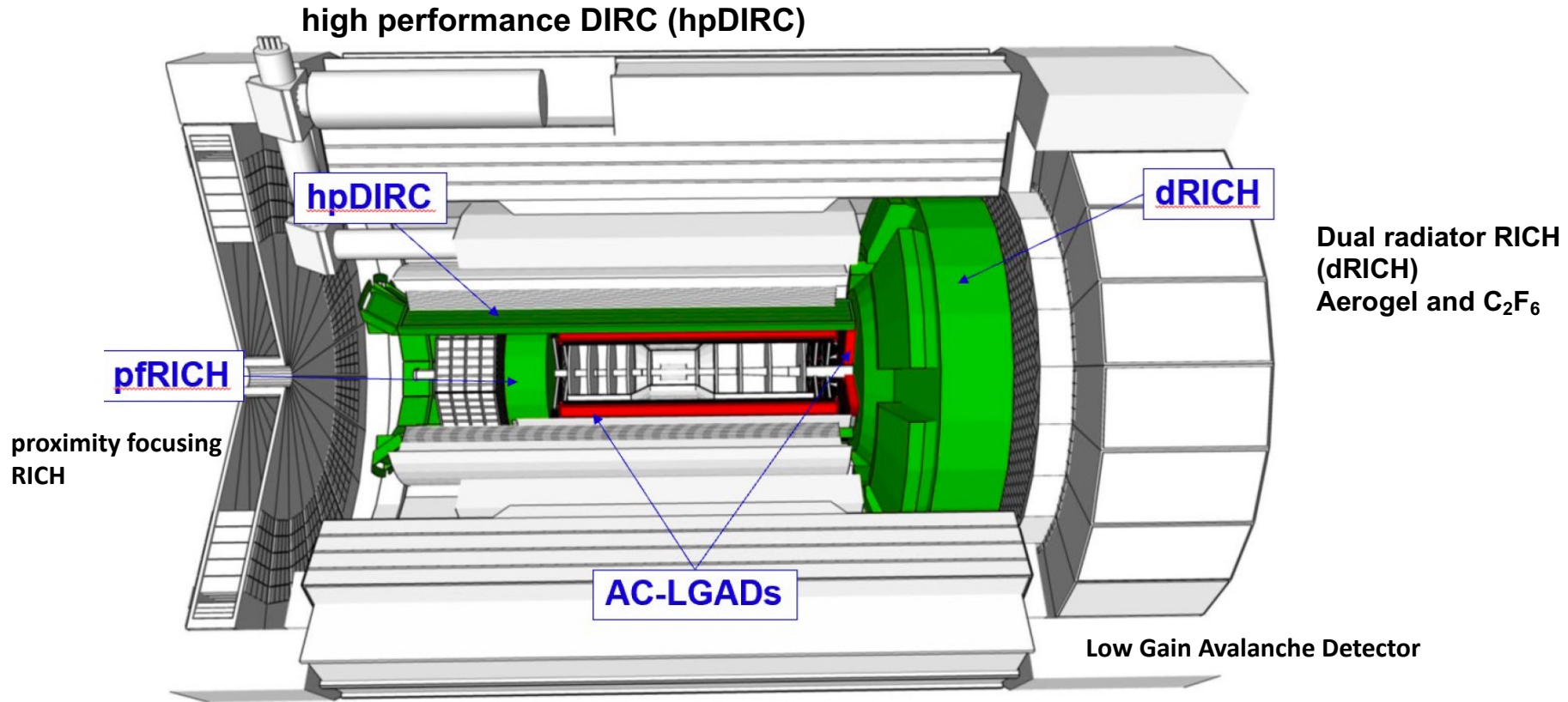
# The ePIC Calorimeters



-3.5 < η < 3.5  
22 X<sub>0</sub>  
~3k cry  
R<sub>outer</sub> =



# The ePIC PID

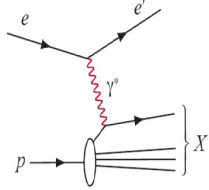


## REQUIREMENTS



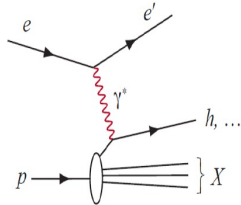
## ePIC detector

Measurement categories to address EIC physics:



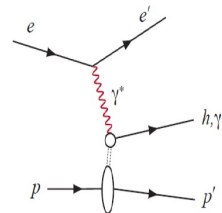
- Inclusive DIS
  - ▶ fine multi-dimensional binning in  $x, Q^2$

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



- Semi-inclusive DIS
  - ▶ 5-dimensional binning in  $x, Q^2, z, p_T, \theta$

- **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  $\mu$  identification**

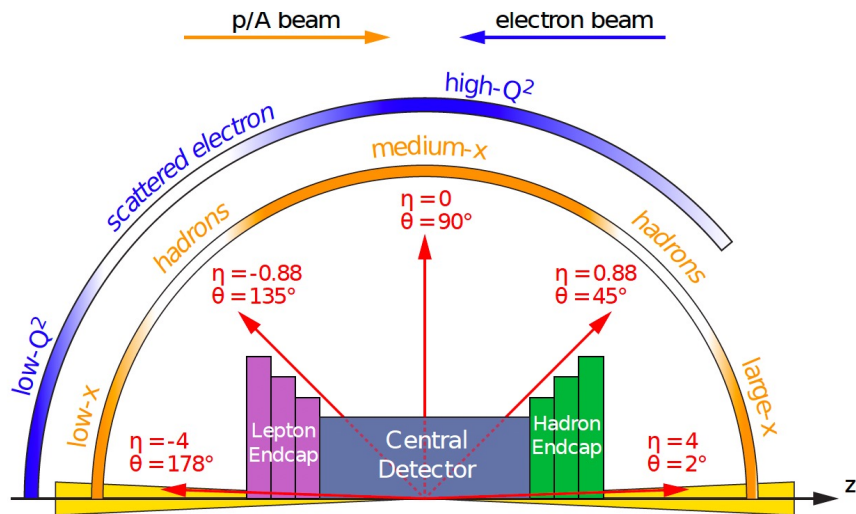


- Exclusive processes
  - ▶ 4-dimensional binning in  $x, Q^2, t, \theta$  to reach  $|t| > 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

- **Extend acceptance at extremely small scattering angles**
- **Fine vertex resolution by tracking**

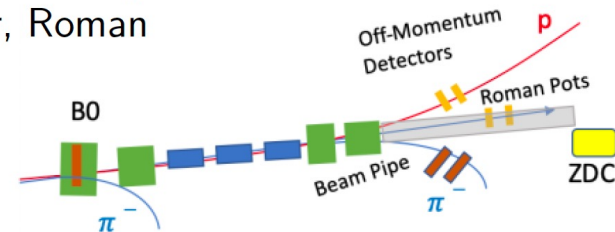


# Generalized detector design considerations



- Large rapidity coverage for central detector
- Specialized far-forward detectors for  $p$  kinematics measurements
- High precision low mass tracking
- Hermetic coverage of tracking, electromagnetic & hadronic calorimetry
- High performance single track PID for  $\pi$ , K,  $p$  separation

- Large acceptance for diffraction, tagging, neutrons from nuclear breakup  
many auxillary detectors integrated in beam line: low- $Q^2$  tagger, Roman pots, ZDCs ...
- High control of systematics  
luminosity monitors, electron & hadron polarimetry



## Highly integrated design between detector and accelerator