

# Physics program and detector technologies of ePIC at EIC

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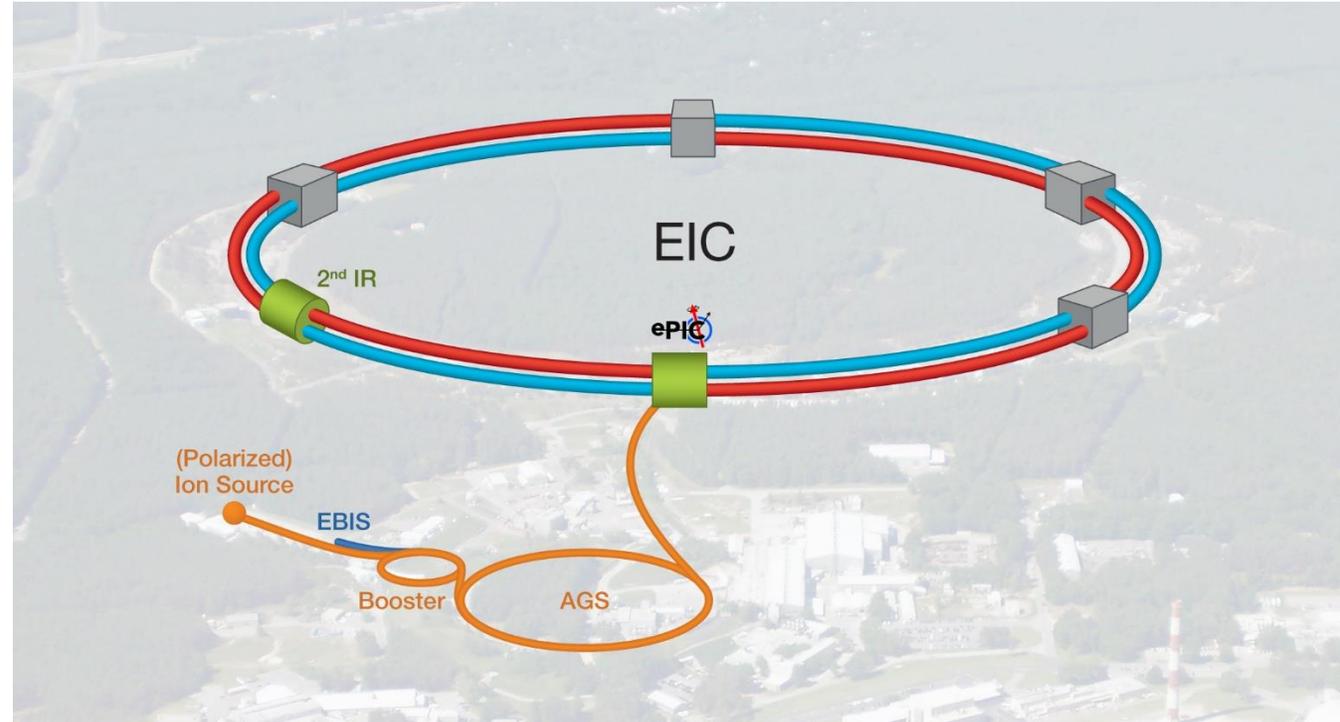
## SQM 2024

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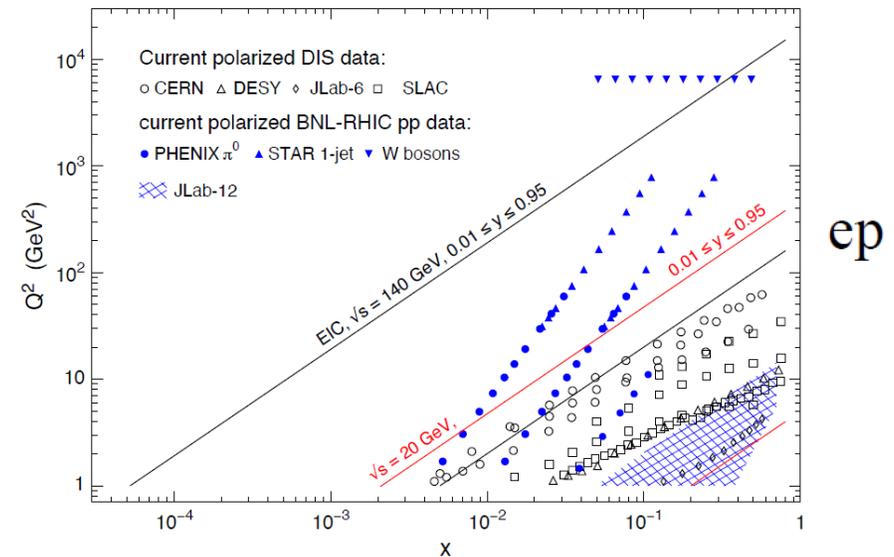
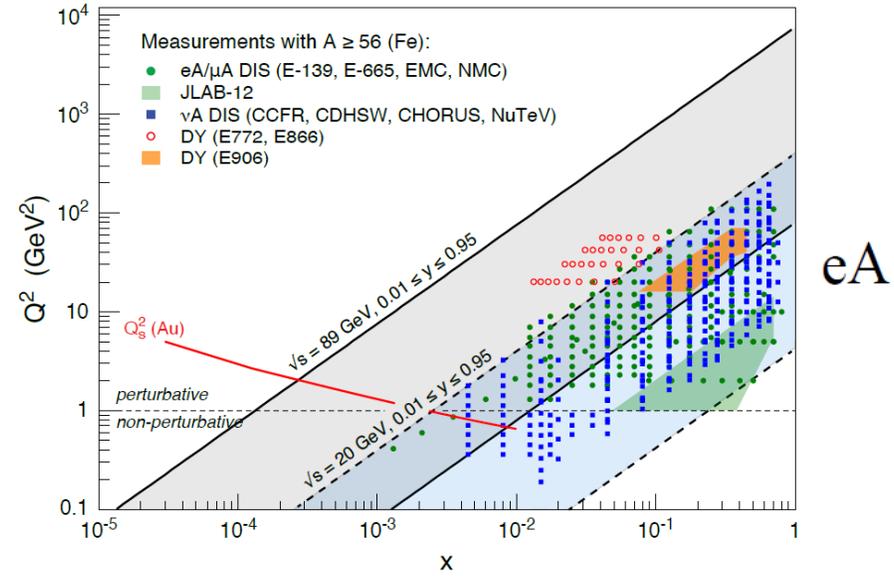
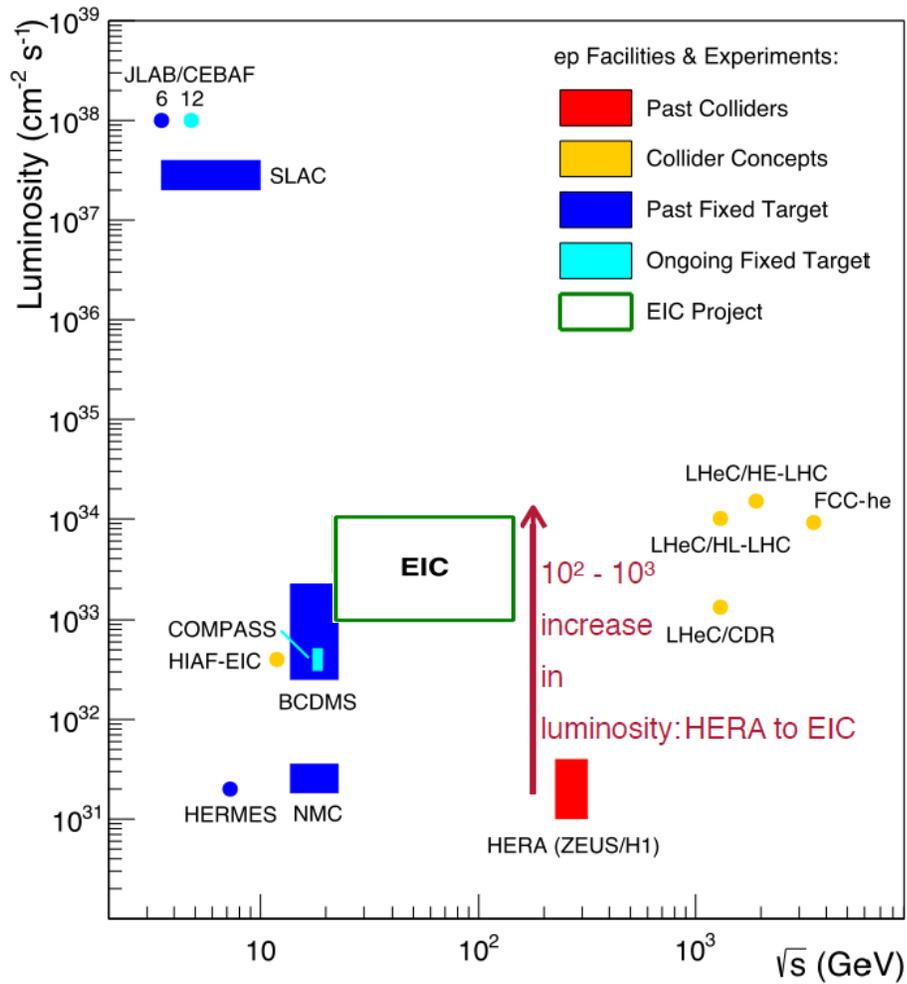
# The EIC facility

- Highly polarized electron / Highly polarized proton and light ions / Unpolarized heavy ions
- CME:  $\sim 20\text{--}140\text{ GeV}$
- Luminosity:  $\sim 10^{33\text{--}34}\text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$



- ❑ Polarized electron source and 400 MeV injector linac to feed a rapid cycling synchrotron design to avoid depolarizing resonances up to the maximum e-beam energy of 18 GeV
- ❑ Polarized proton beams and ion beams based on existing RHIC facility
- ❑ 2 detector interaction points capability in the design

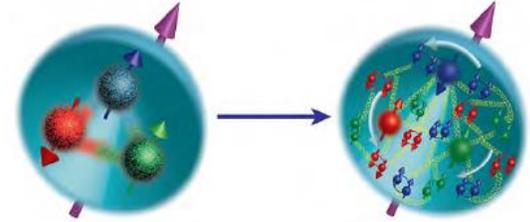
# Luminosity and kinematic coverage



# Motivation – the EIC science program

## Origin of spin:

How does the spin-1/2 of the nucleon arise from the spin of quarks, gluons and their orbital angular momenta?



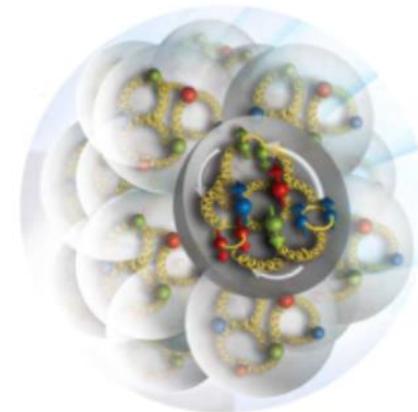
## Origin of mass:

How do massless gluons make up for most of the nucleon mass?



## Gluons in nuclei:

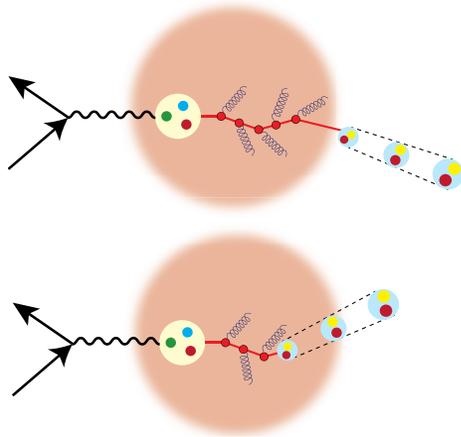
Does gluon density saturate at high energy giving rise to a new regime of matter?



# Hadronization: emergence of hadrons from partons

Unprecedented  $\nu$ , the virtual photon energy range @ EIC : precision & control

$$\nu = \frac{Q^2}{2mx}$$

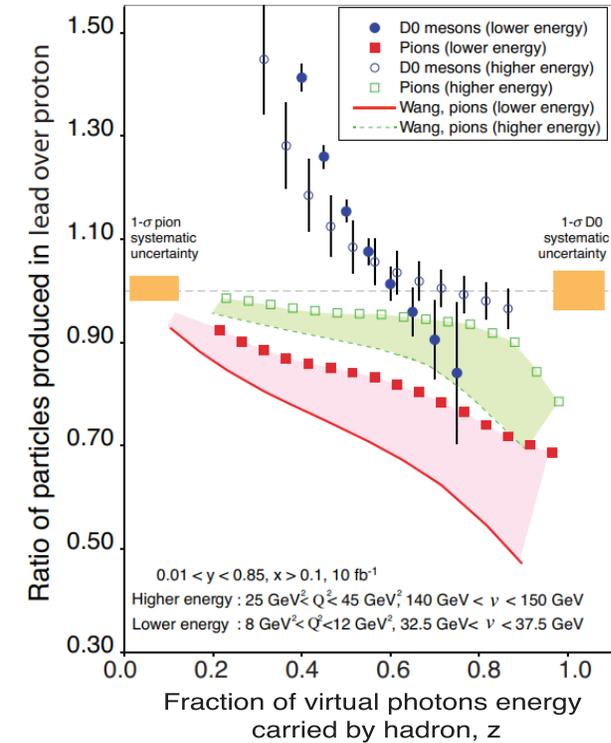


Control of  $n$  by selecting kinematics;  
Also under control the nuclear size.

*Colored quark emerges as color neutral hadron*

*What is the impact of colored media on confinement?*

Energy loss by light vs. heavy quarks:



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Identify light vs. charm hadrons in e-A:

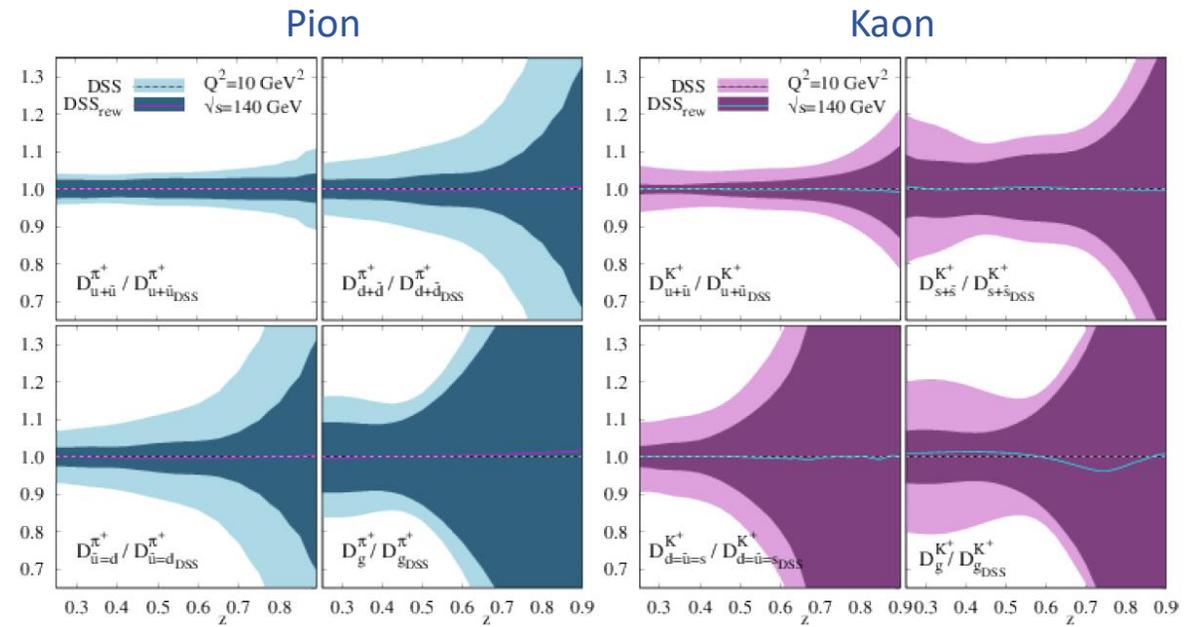
Understand energy loss of light vs. heavy quarks  
in cold nuclear matter.

*Provides insight into energy loss in the Quark-Gluon Plasma*

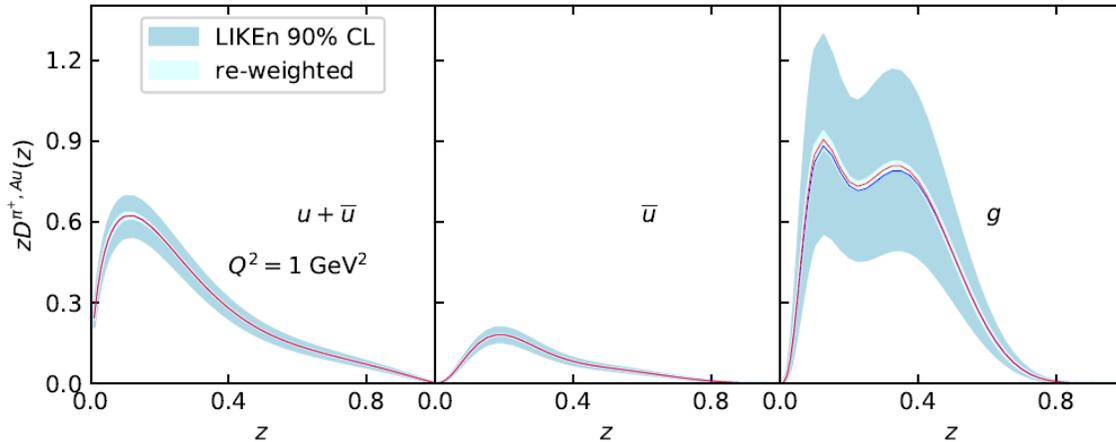
DIS at collider energies enables control of parton/event kinematics

# Fragmentation functions

- Describe the formation of final-state hadrons off free partons
- Directly connect to the confinement of the strong interaction
- $pp$  primarily constrain gluon FFs
- Light meson SIDIS constraints FFs from light quarks and anti-quarks (+ flavor separation)



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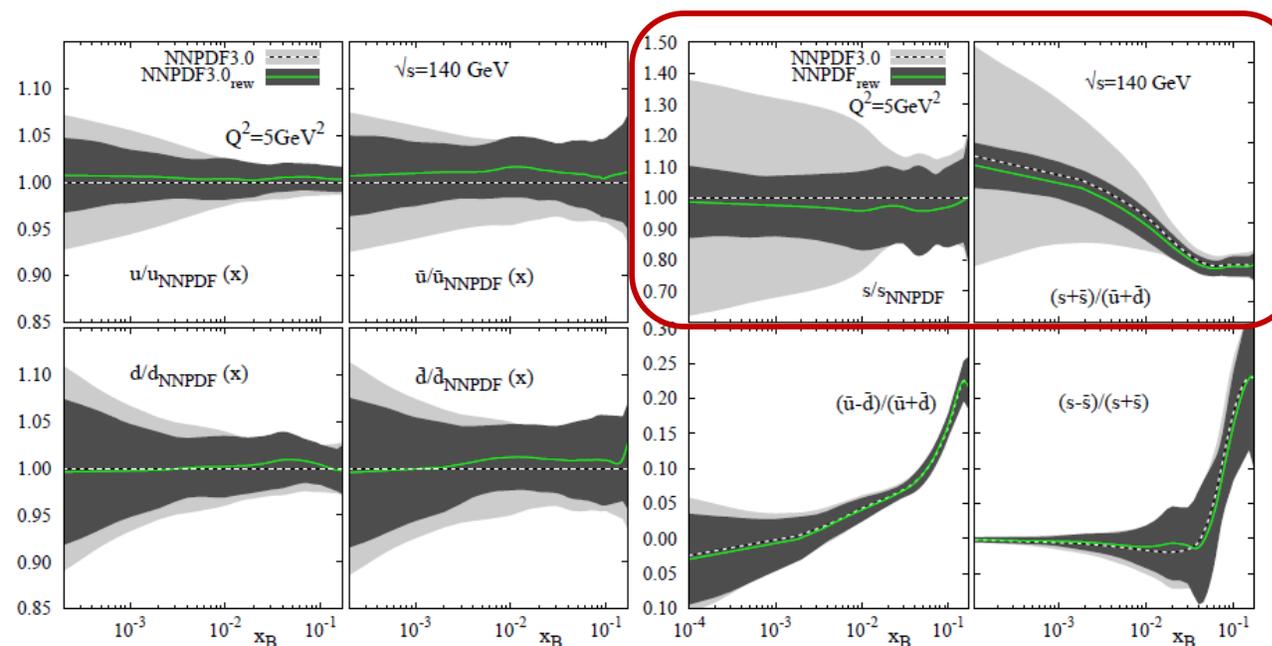
Impact of EIC data in nFFs

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- In hadron-hadron collisions observables depend on both nPDF and nFF
- SIDIS is the cleanest way to study in-medium modifications of FF (multiplicity studies pioneered by HERMES)
- The much superior precision of EIC (with respect to HERMES) will allow us to fully characterize the nFFs

# Quark PDFs from SIDIS

- Kaons sensitive to strange quarks
- Negative/positive pions sensitive to d/u quarks
- Combination of data on pions, kaons (and other hadrons) allow one to disentangle valence, sea and gluon (unpolarized) PDFs



Poorly known strange PDFs  
will be well constrained  
(in particular at low x)

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Expected impact on the unpolarized (sea) quark PDFs when adding  
SIDIS information from pions and kaons in ep collisions.

# Nuclear PDFs from inclusive DIS

$$\sigma \propto F_2(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2} F_L(x, Q^2)$$



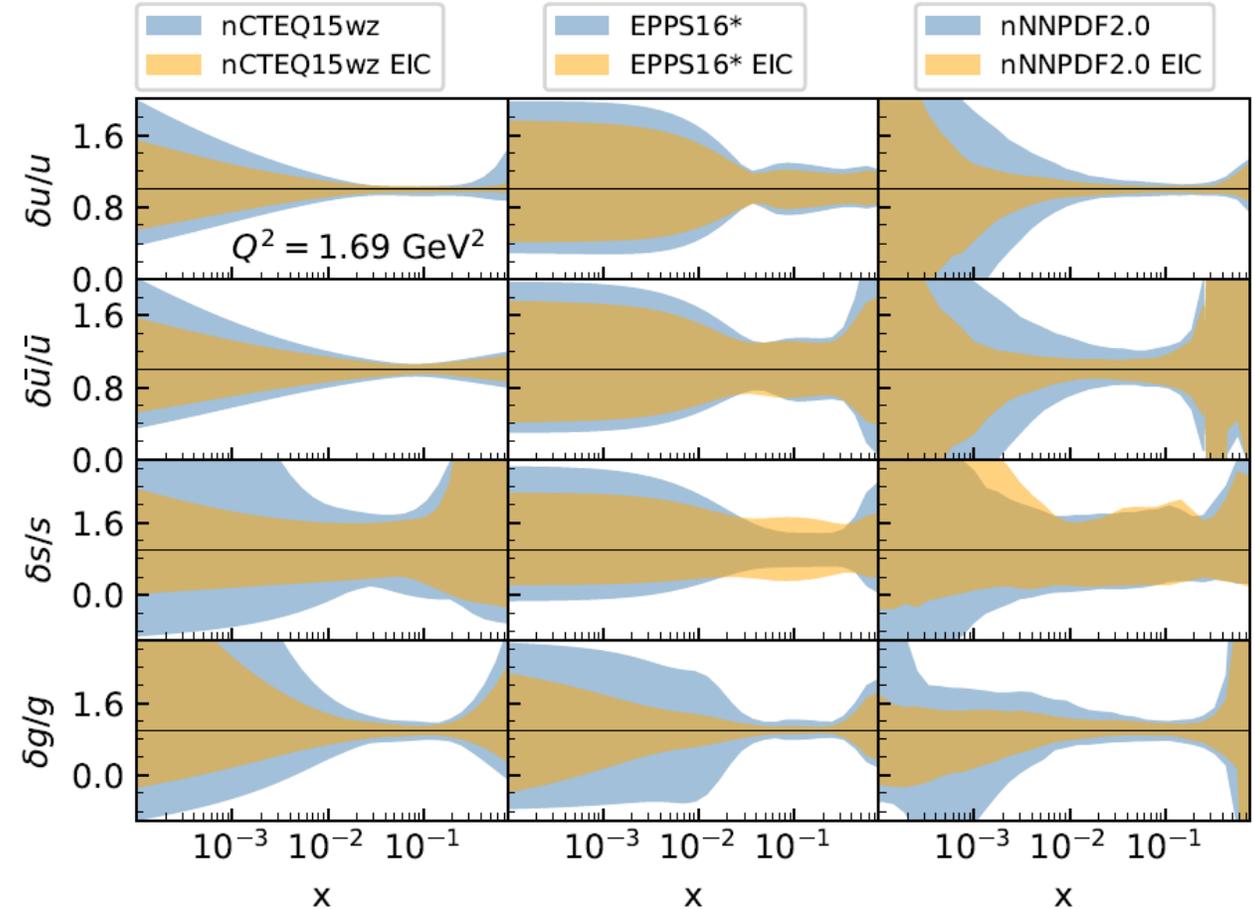
Sensitive to (anti-)quark content of nucleon  
**Dominant at high x**



Direct contribution from the gluon density

- EIC will scrutinize the A-dependence of nPDFs (from p to Pb)
- Heavy flavor production at EIC will also constrain nuclear modifications of gluon PDFs
- EIC will allow a combined determination of proton, deuteron and nuclear PDFs within a global QCD analysis

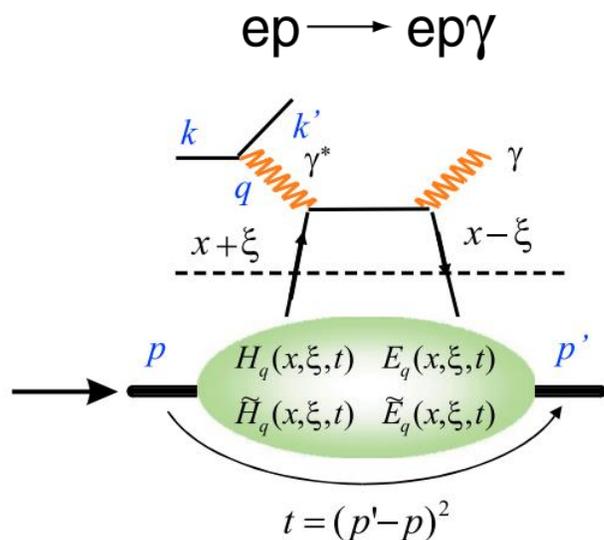
Expected impact of EIC on nPDFs  
(significant reduction of uncertainties at low x)



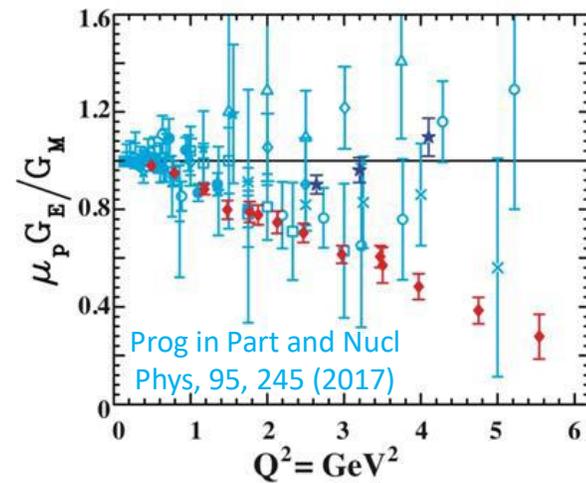
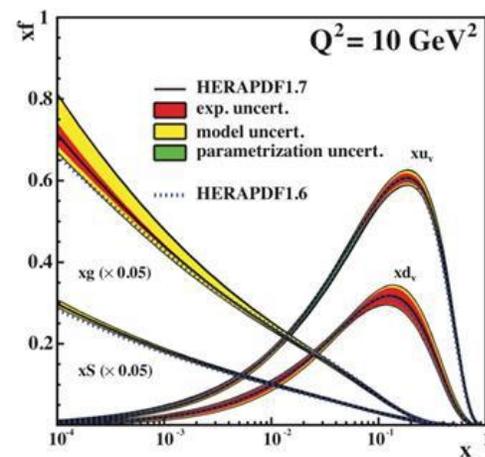
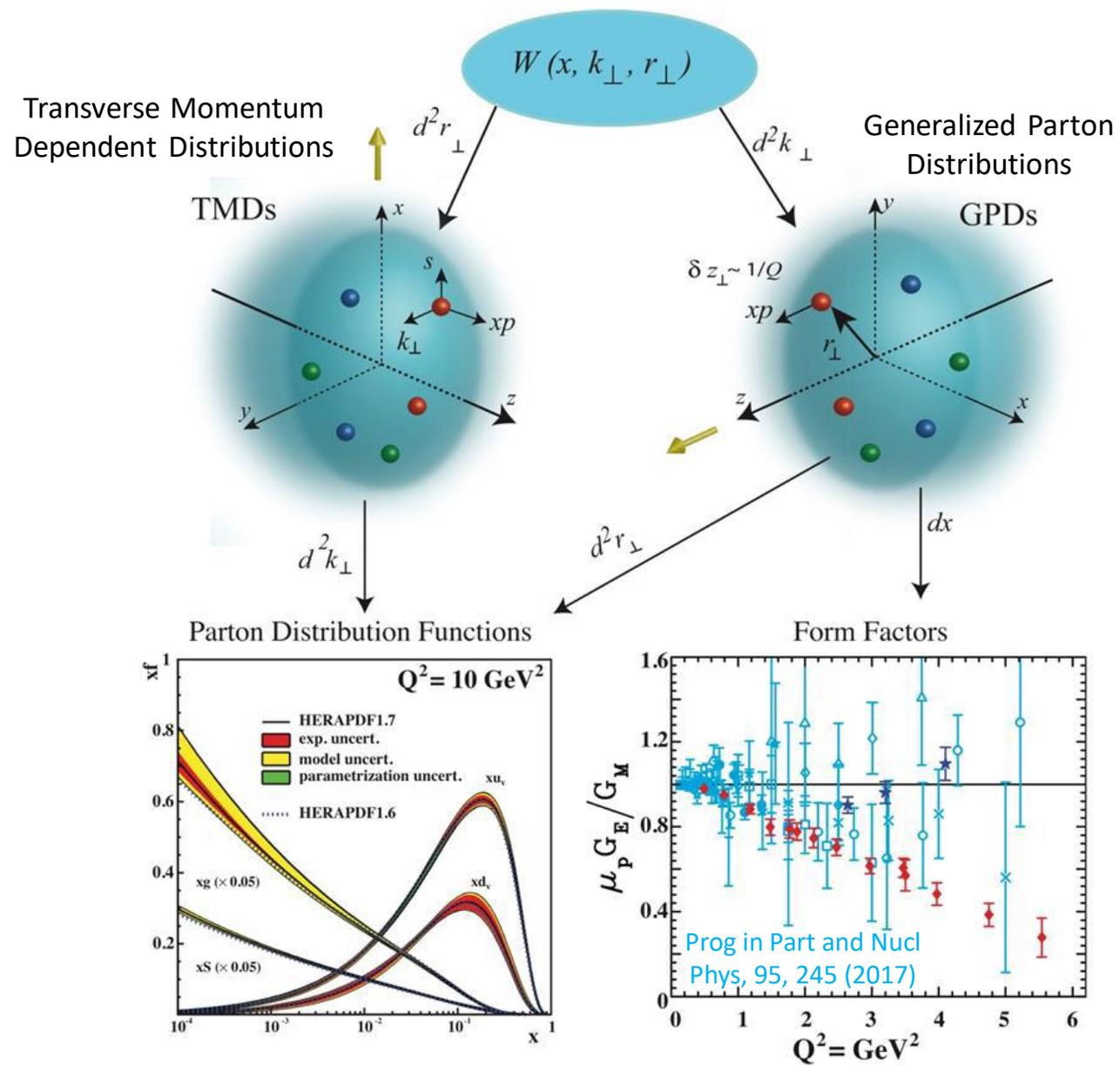
Relative uncertainty bands for Au at  $Q^2=1.69 \text{ GeV}^2$

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# 3D imaging of the nucleon



- Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)
- Deeply Virtual Meson Production (DVMP)
- Semi-inclusive pions, kaons... production



# TMDs and GPDs at EIC

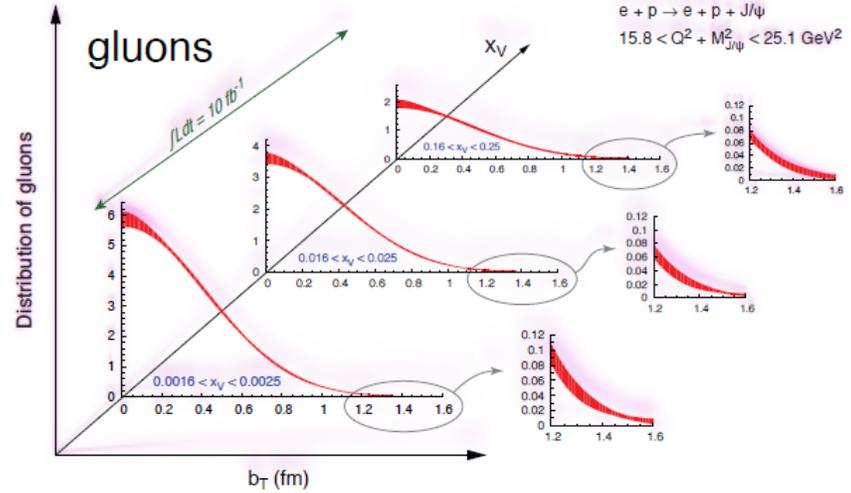
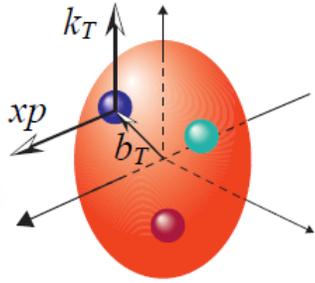
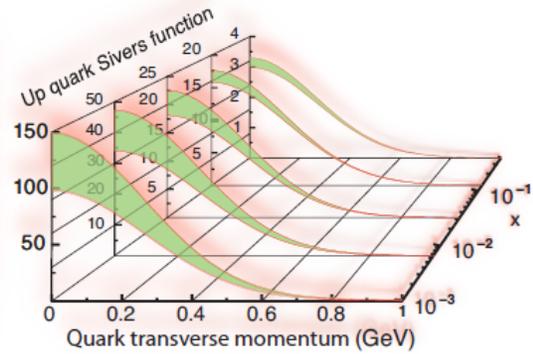
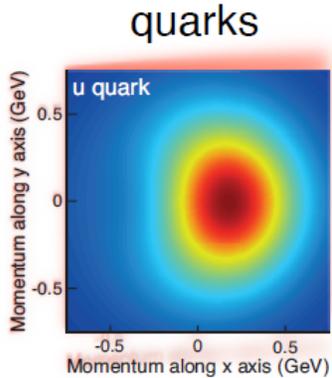
## □ Transverse Momentum Distribution and Spatial Imaging

$$f(x, k_T) \quad 1+2D \quad \int d^2 b_T \quad W(x, b_T, k_T) \quad \int d^2 k_T \quad f(x, b_T) \quad 1+2D$$

Transverse Momentum Distribution (TMD)

Wigner Distribution

Impact Parameter Distribution



- Spin-dependent 1+2D momentum space (transverse) images from semi-inclusive scattering

- Spin-dependent 1+2D impact parameter (transverse) images from exclusive scattering

Fourier transf.  
 $b_T \leftrightarrow \Delta: t = -\Delta^2$

$$H(x, 0, t)$$

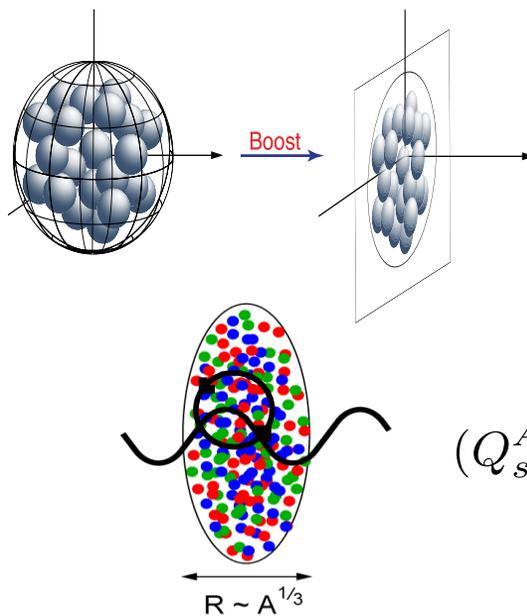
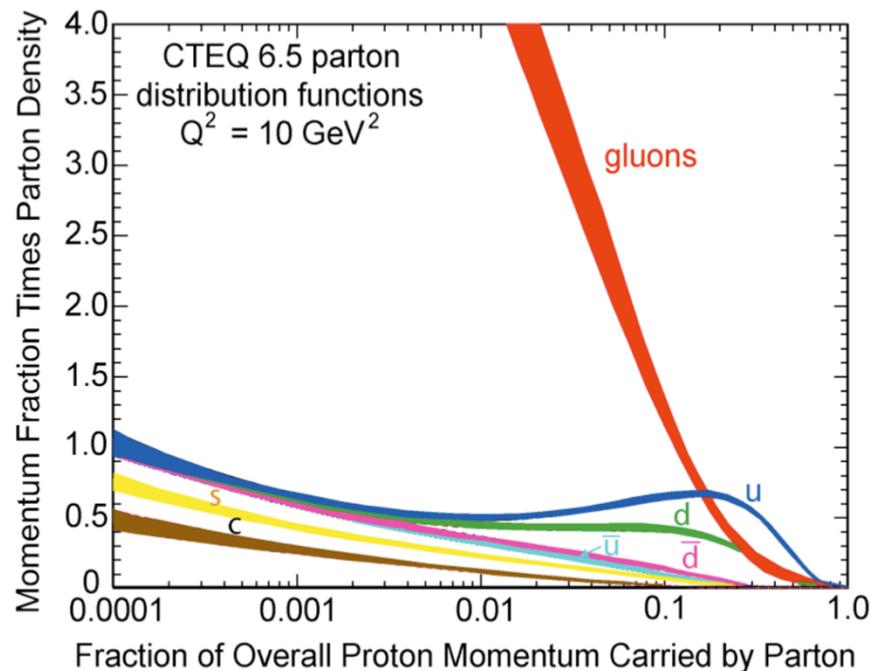
$$\xi = 0$$

$$H(x, \xi, t)$$

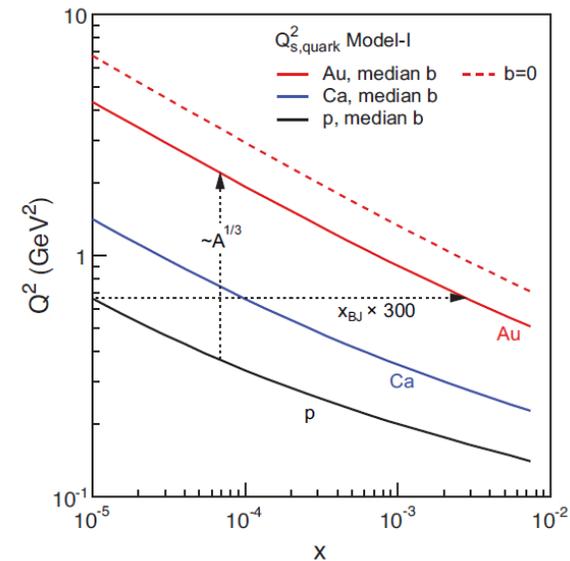
Generalized Parton Distribution (GPD)

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# Gluon saturation



**Advantage of nucleus**

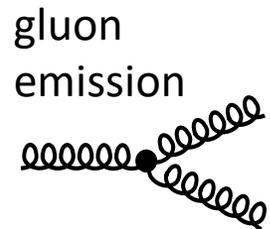


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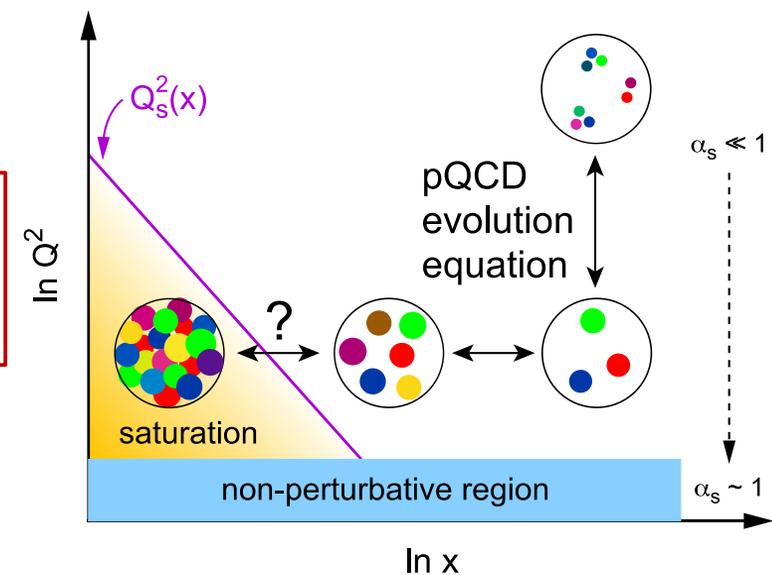
$$(Q_s^A)^2 \approx c Q_0^2 \left[ \frac{A}{x} \right]^{1/3}$$

$$L \sim (2m_N x)^{-1} > 2 R_A \sim A^{1/3}$$

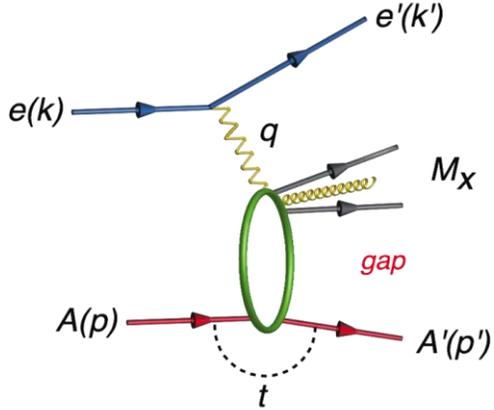
**Enhancement of  $Q_s$  with  $A$ :**  
Saturation regime reached at significantly lower energy in nuclei



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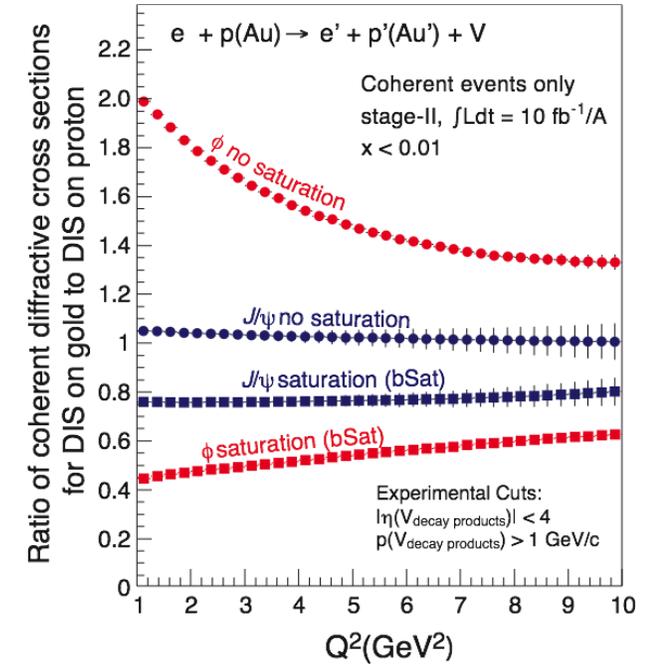
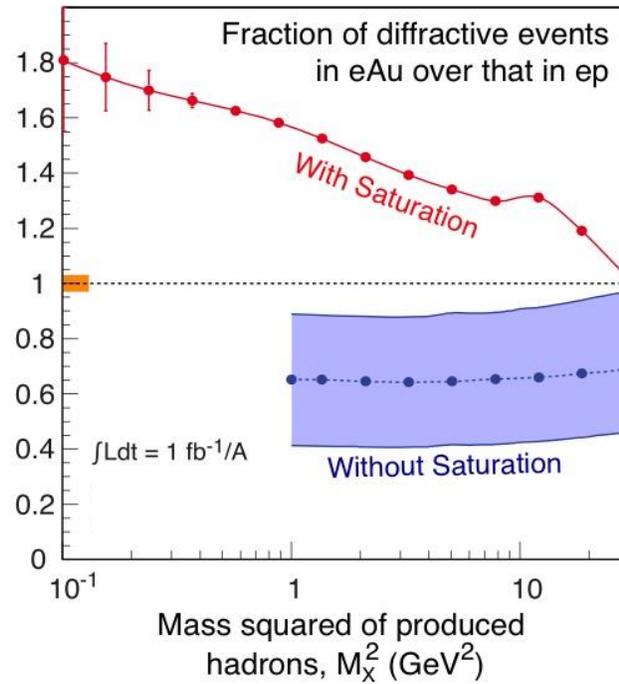
# Diffractive events and gluon densities



Diffraction cross-sections have strong discovery potential:

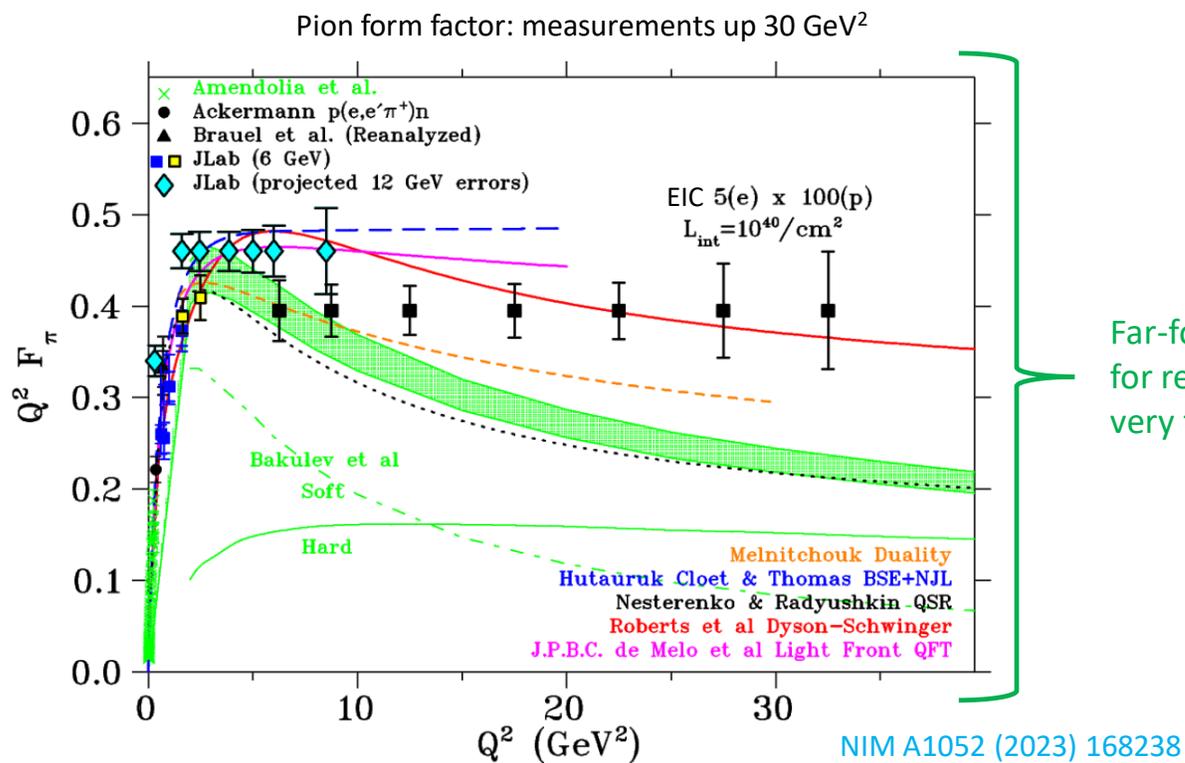
High sensitivity to gluon density in linear regime:  $\sigma \sim [g(x, Q^2)]^2$

Dramatic changes in cross-sections with onset of non-linear strong color fields

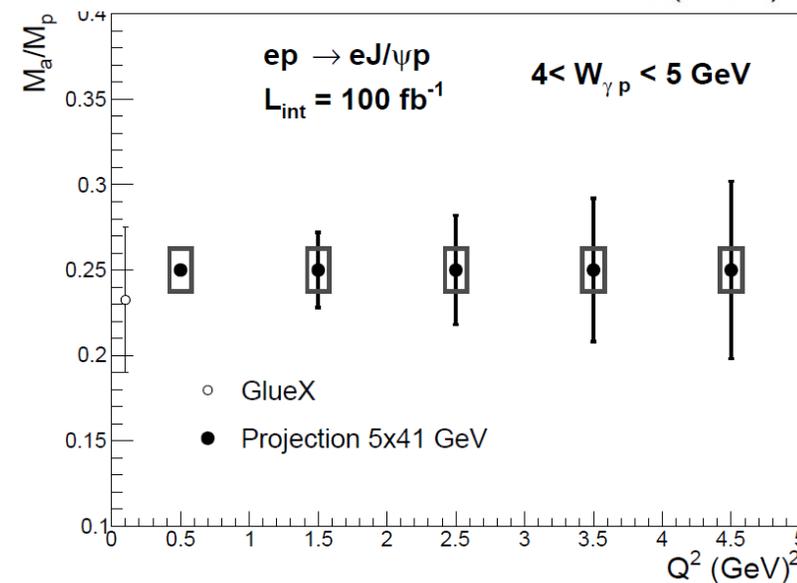
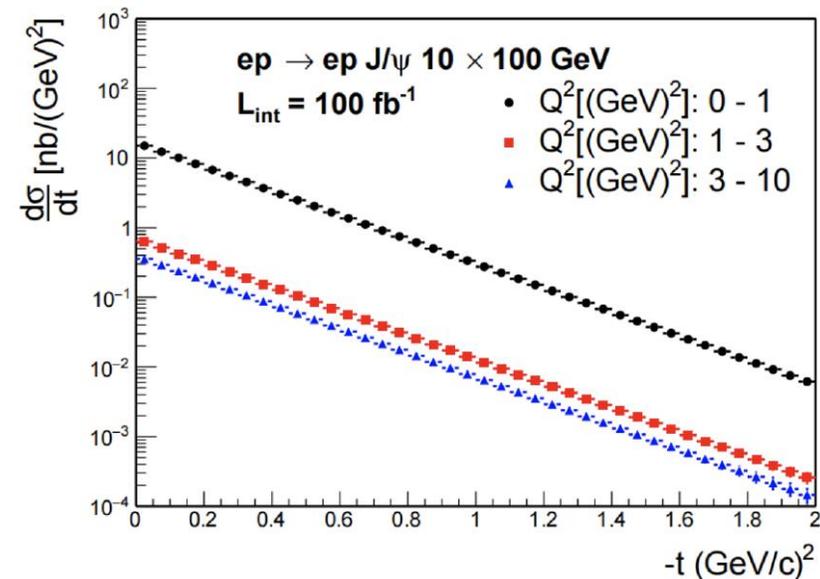


# Origin of mass

- Threshold  $J/\Psi$  production as a function of  $Q^2$  is sensitive to the trace anomaly contribution to the proton mass
- Meson structure measurements (structure function & form factor) probe the hadron mass generation through chiral symmetry breaking



Far-forward detectors are key for reconstructing mesons at very forward  $\eta$



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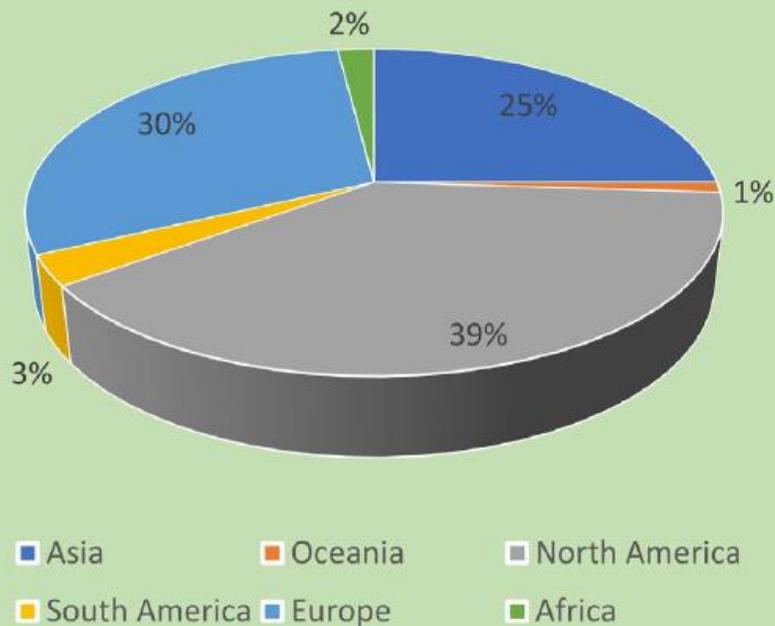
# The EIC Users Group

Formed in 2016, currently:

- 1487 collaborators,
- 40 countries,
- 292 institutions as of today



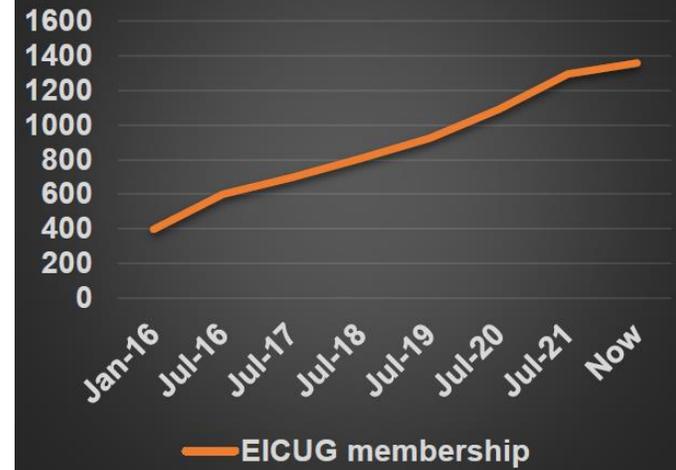
### EIC Institutions



### 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 Bethlehem, PA

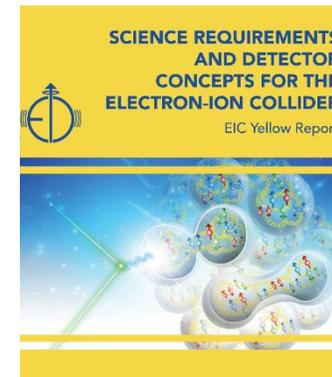
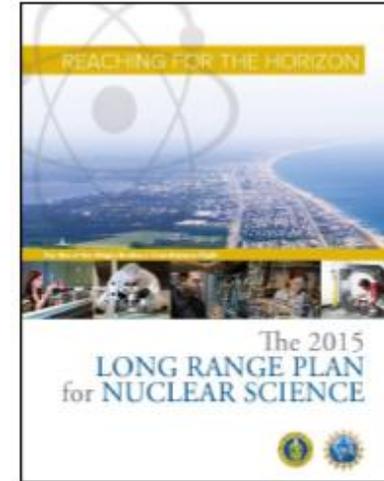
### EICUG membership @ time of EICUG Meetings



International participation growing

# EIC development: some critical steps

- INT workshop series (2010) and white paper (2012, updated in 2014 for LRP)
- 2015: US Long-range plan (LRP)  
*Recommendation 3:* construct a high-luminosity polarized electron-ion collider (EIC) as the **highest priority for new construction** following the completion of FRIB
- 2016: Formation of the **EIC Users Group**
- 2018: Review of the EIC science case by the National Academy of Sciences  
“The committee finds that the science that can be addressed by an EIC is **compelling, fundamental and timely.**”
- 2020: DoE announcement of CD-0 (“mission need”) and site selection (Brookhaven National Lab)
- 2020: Yellow report initiative  
**Goal:** advance the state and detail of the documented **physics studies** (White Paper, INT program proceedings) and **detector concepts** in preparation for the realization of the EIC.
- 2021: EIC Conceptual Design Report (CDR)
- 2021: Call for detector proposals  
Choice of baseline detector concept
- 2022: Formation of the **ePIC Collaboration** in order to build the EIC project detector (ePIC)
- 2023: US Long-range plan (LRP) *Recommendation 3:* expeditious completion of the EIC



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Nucl. Phys. A 1026 (2022)

# The ePIC Collaboration



Warsaw, July 2023

JLab, Jan. 2023



ANL,  
Jan. 2024



- More than 850 collaborators (650+ active members)
- 177 Institutions
- 26 Countries

# The EIC project detector: ePIC

## Tracking:

- New 1.7T solenoid
- Si MAPS Tracker
- MPGDs ( $\mu$ RWELL/ $\mu$ Megas)

## PID:

- Backward pFRICH
- Barrel hpDIRC
- Forward dRICH
- Barrel & Forward TOF (AC-LGAD)

## Calorimetry:

- Backward HCal (Steel+scint)
- $\text{PbWO}_4$  EMCal in backward direction
- Sampling & Imaging Barrel EMCal
- Outer HCal (sPHENIX re-use)
- Finely segmented EMCal +HCal in forward direction

hadronic calorimeters

Solenoidal Magnet

e/m calorimeters

ToF, DIRC,  
RICH detectors

MPG trackers

MAPS tracker

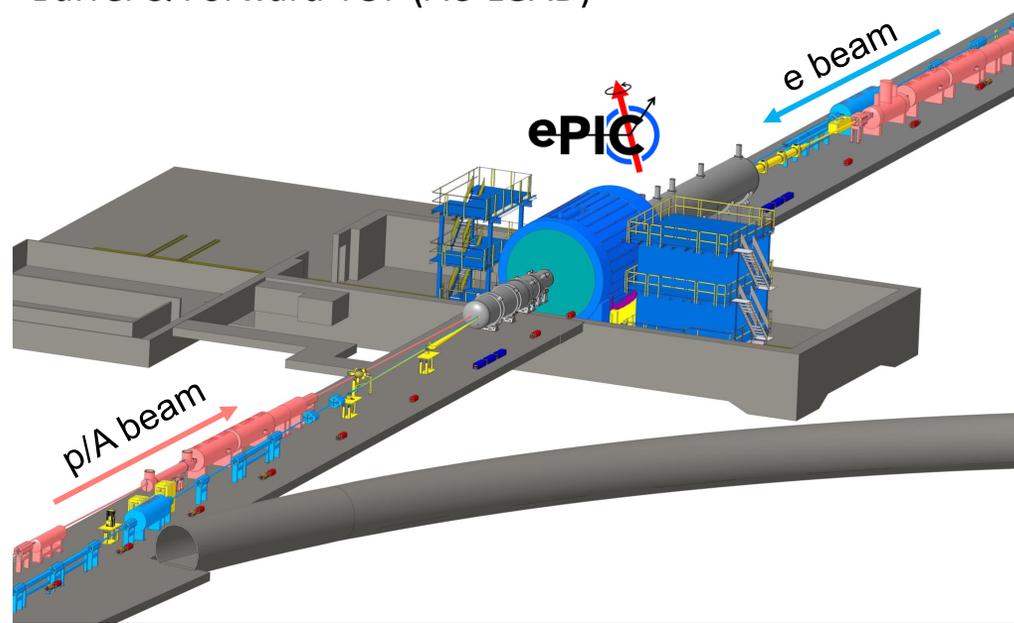
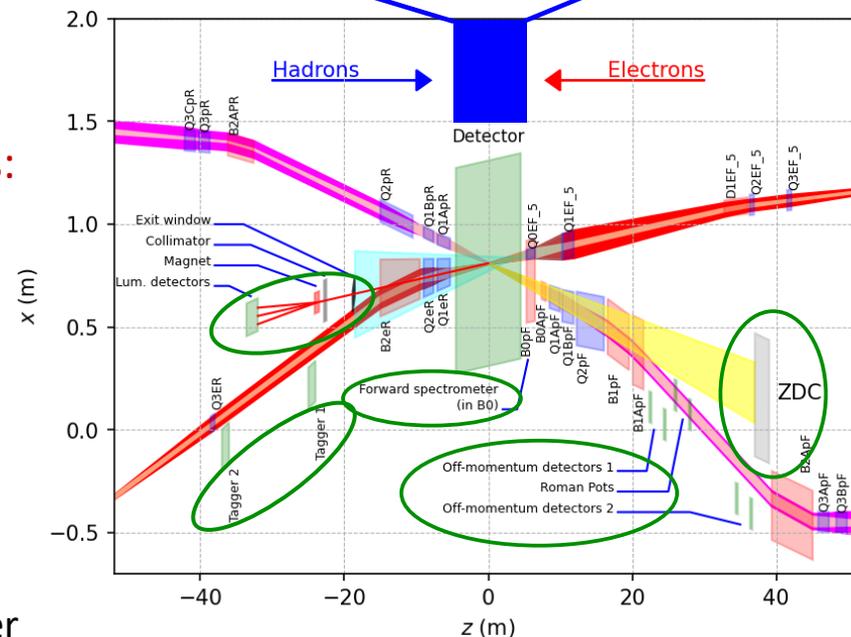
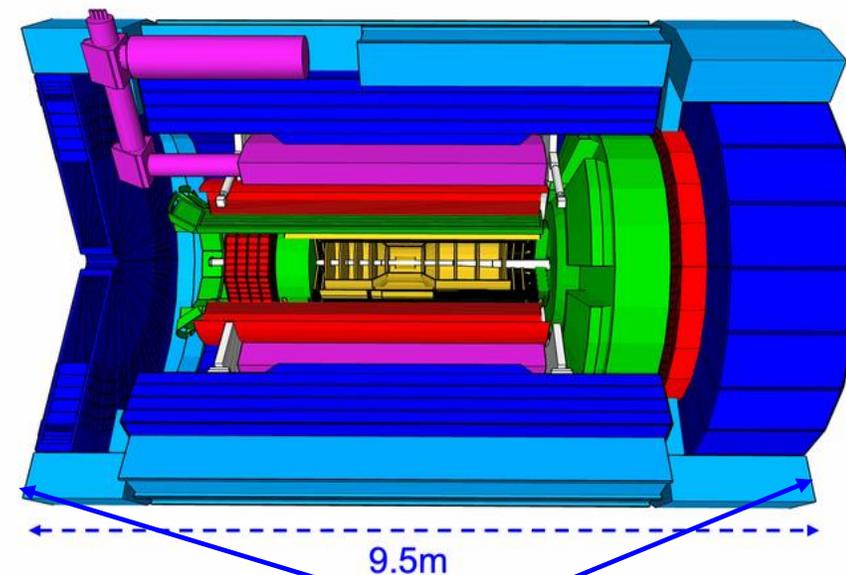
25 subdetectors  
incl. polarimeters

## Far-Backward Detectors:

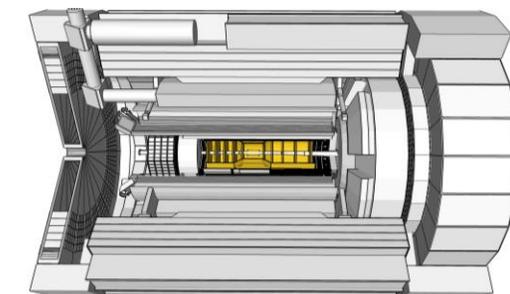
- Luminosity monitor.
- Low- $Q^2$  Tagger

## Far-Forward Detectors:

- B0 Tracking and Photon Detection
- Roman Pots and Off-Momentum Detectors.
- Zero-Degree Calorimeter



# ePIC Tracking Detectors



- Requirements:**
- High pattern recognition efficiency
  - High spatial resolution
  - Low material budget
  - Good time resolution

## Multi Pattern Gas Detectors (MPGD):

- 10 ns time resolution
- 150  $\mu\text{m}$  spatial resolution

### 2 GEM- $\mu\text{Rwell}$ endcaps

- 1-2%  $X/X_0$

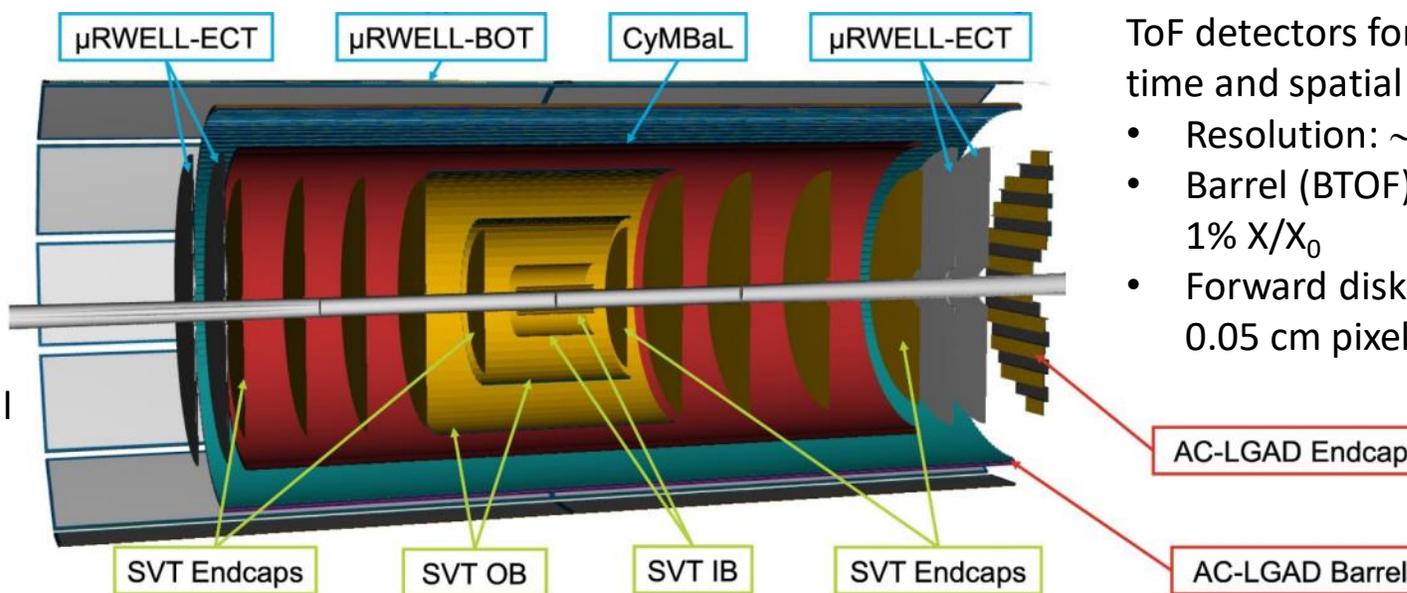
### Inner Micromegas barrel:

- 0.5%  $X/X_0$

### Outer GEM- $\mu\text{Rwell}$ planar layer + Barrel ECal

### AstroPix layer:

- improve angular and space point resolution on hpDIRC



## AC-coupled Low Gain Avalanche Diode (AC-LGAD)

ToF detectors for PID at low  $p_T$  + time and spatial info for tracking

- Resolution:  $\sim 30$  ps,  $30 \mu\text{m}$
- Barrel (BTOF):  $0.05 \times 1$  cm strip, 1%  $X/X_0$
- Forward disk (FTOF) :  $0.05 \times 0.05$  cm pixel, 2.5%  $X/X_0$

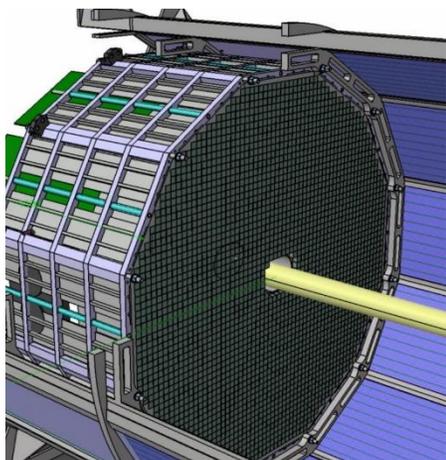
## Silicon Vertex Tracker (SVT):

- Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor (MAPS):  $20 \mu\text{m}$  pitch,  $\sim 6 \mu\text{m}$  point resolution
- 3 vertex barrels: ITS3 curved wafer-scale sensor, 0.05%  $X/X_0$
- 2 outer barrels: ITS3 based Large Area Sensors (EIC-LAS), 0.25 and 0.55%  $X/X_0$
- 5 disks (forward/backward), EIC-LAS, 0.25%  $X/X_0$

# ePIC Calorimetry

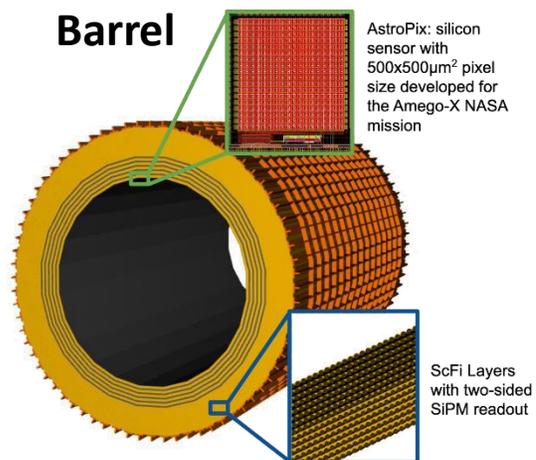
EMCals

## Backward



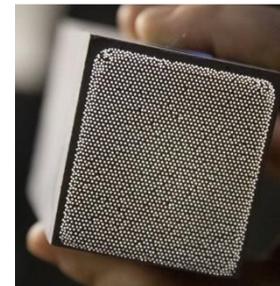
- $\text{PbWO}_4$  crystals + SiPM readout

## Barrel

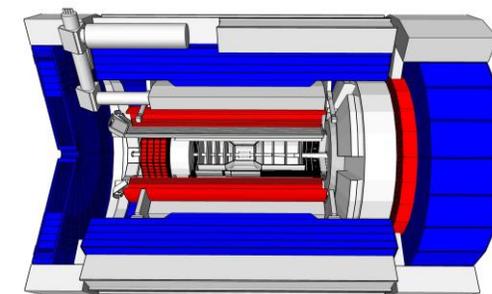


- Pb/SciFi sampling part (SiPMs)
- Imaging section (6 layers) interleaving Pb/SciFi with ASTROPIX

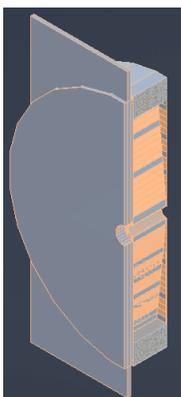
## Forward



- Tungsten-powder SciFi SPACAL design



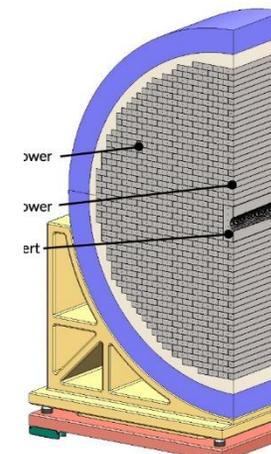
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- Steel + Scintillator
- SiPM-on-tile



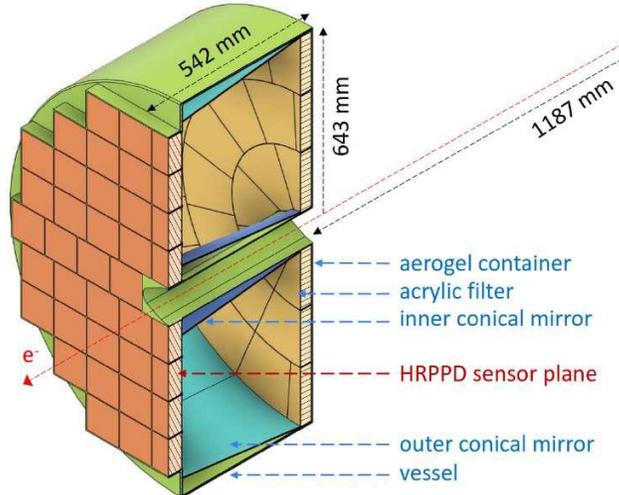
- Steel + Scintillator
- Re-used from sPHENIX



- CALICE-like longitudinally segmented Steel + Scintillator
- SiPM-on-tile
- High resolution insert close to beampipe

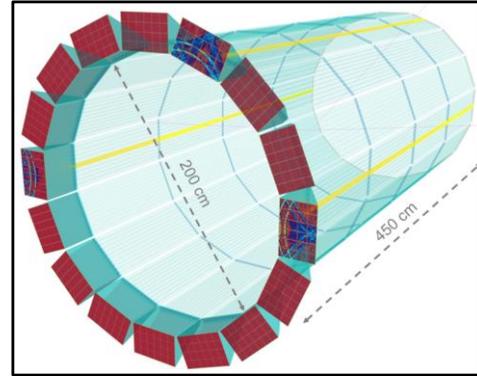
# ePIC Particle Identification

Backward pf-RICH



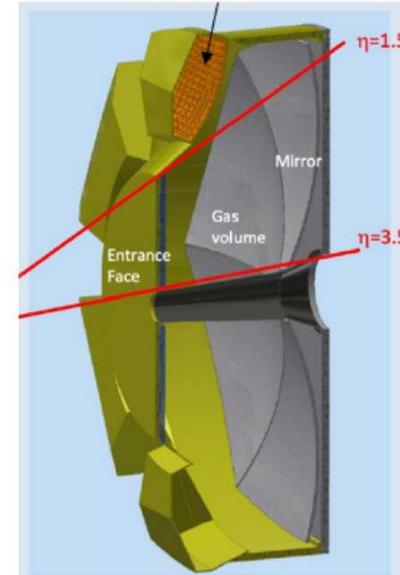
- Single volume proximity focusing aerogel RICH with long proximity gap (~30 cm)

Barrel DIRC

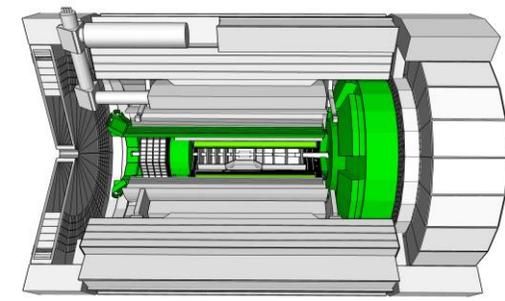


- High Performance DIRC
- Quartz bar radiator (BABAR bars reuse)
- Light detection with MCP-PMTs

Forward mRICH

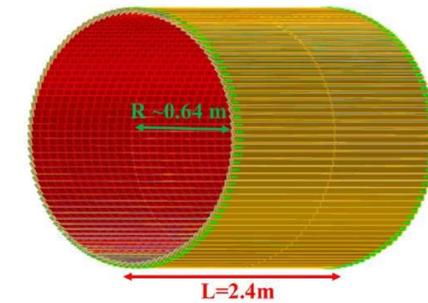


- Dual Radiator RICH
- Aerogel and  $C_2F_6$  gas
- Light detection with MCP-PMTs

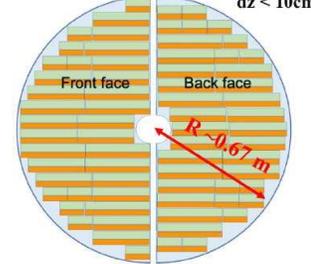


Time-of-Flight (Barrel, Forward)

Barrel TOF:



Forward TOF:

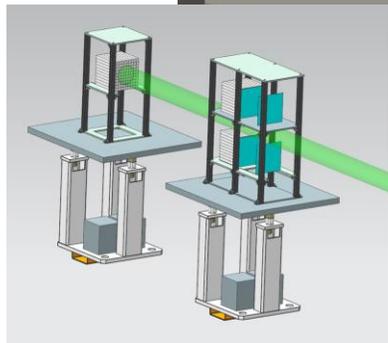


- AC-LGAD technology
- Pixels (forward) and strips (barrel)

# ePIC Far-Forward/Far-Backward detectors

**Main Function:**  
measure bunch-by-bunch luminosity through Bethe-Heitler process

**Technology:**  
Pair-spectrometer: each with 2 tracking layers of AC-LGAD / FCFD  
Calorimeter: Tungsten-powder + SciFi SPACAL



**Luminosity System**

**Main Function:**  
detection of forward scattered neutrons and  $\gamma$

**Technology:**  
EMCAL:  $2 \times 2 \times 20 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ PbWO}_4$  calorimeter  
HCAL: Steel-SiPM-on-Tile

**Zero Degree Calorimeter**

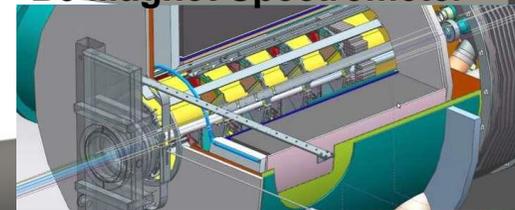


**Roman Pots and Off-Momentum**

**Main Function:**  
detection of forward scattered protons and nuclei

**Technology:**  
2 stations with 2 tracking layers each  
AC-LGAD / EICROC (  $500 \times 500 \mu\text{m}^2$  pixel)

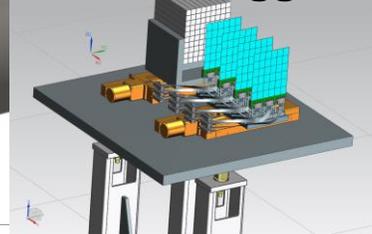
**B0 Magnet Spectrometer**



**Main Function:**  
detection of forward scattered protons and  $\gamma$

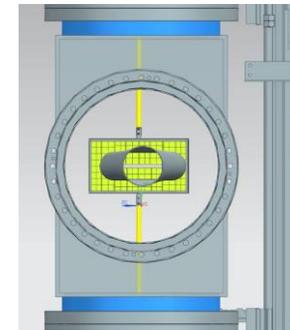
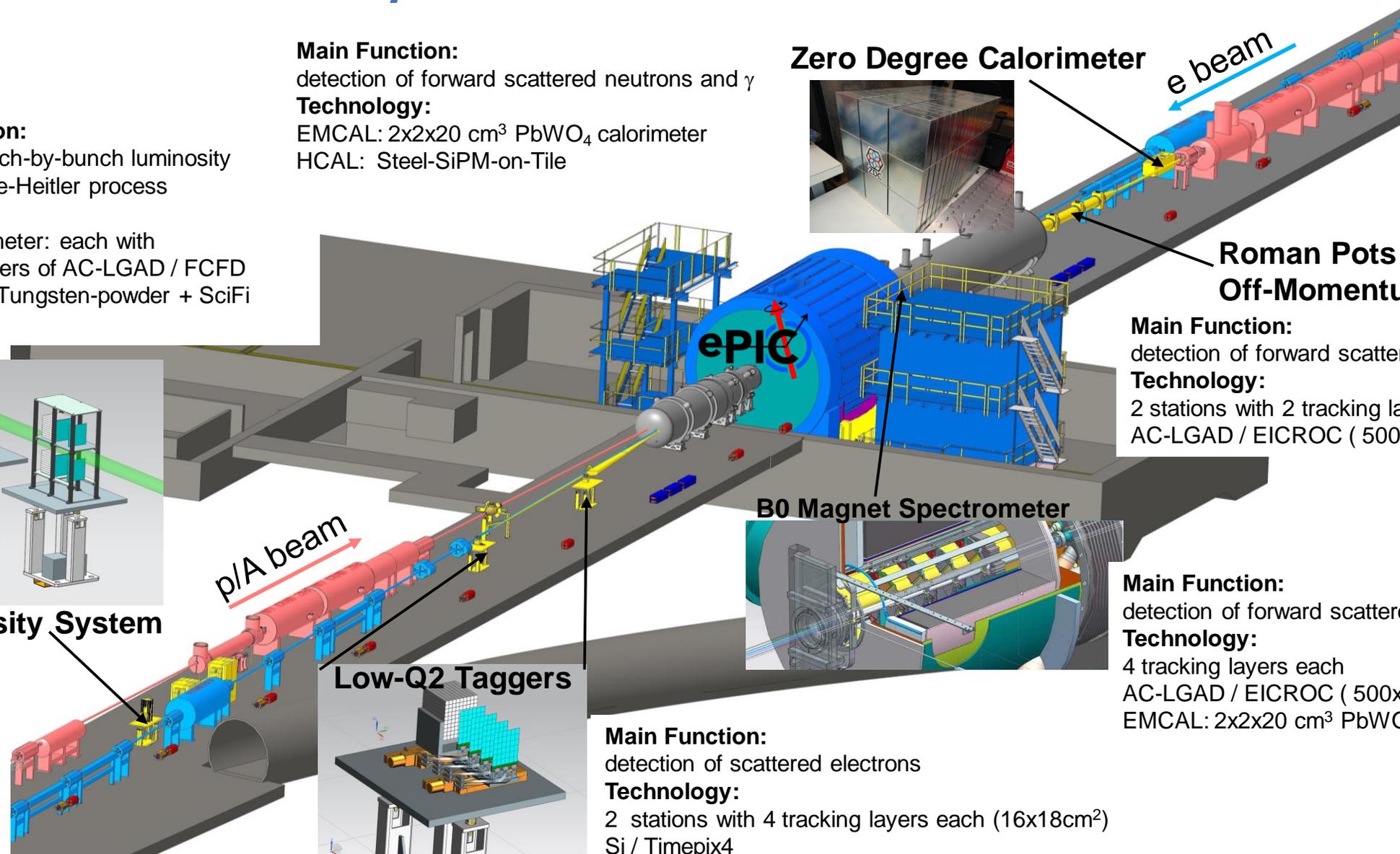
**Technology:**  
4 tracking layers each  
AC-LGAD / EICROC (  $500 \times 500 \mu\text{m}^2$  pixel)  
EMCAL:  $2 \times 2 \times 20 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ PbWO}_4$  calorimeter

**Low-Q2 Taggers**



**Main Function:**  
detection of scattered electrons

**Technology:**  
2 stations with 4 tracking layers each (  $16 \times 18 \text{ cm}^2$  )  
Si / Timepix4  
Calorimeter: Tungsten-powder + SciFi SPACAL

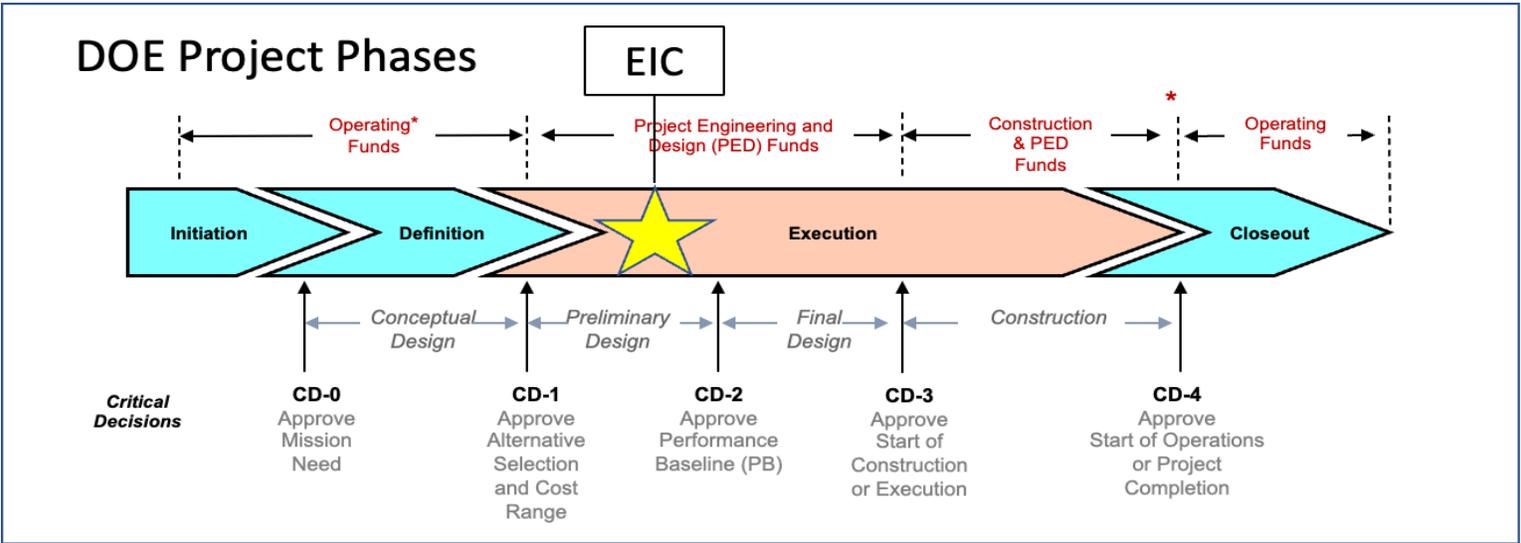


# EIC project timeline

CD-0, Mission Need Approved	December 2019
DOE Site Selection Announced	January 2020
CD-1, Alternative Selection and Cost Range Approved	June 2021
<b>CD-3A, Long-Lead Procurement Approved</b>	<b>March 2024</b>
<b>CD-3B, Long-Lead Procurement Planned Approval</b>	<b>March 2025</b>
<b>CD-2/3, Performance Baseline/Construction Start Plan</b>	<b>End 2025</b>

## Project cost

- EIC detector: \$300M (\$200M DoE; \$100M in-kind)
- EIC accelerator: \$1.3B (\$1.25B DoE; \$50M in-kind)
- Other: management (\$200M), infrastructure (\$250M), pre-ops (\$50M), contingency...



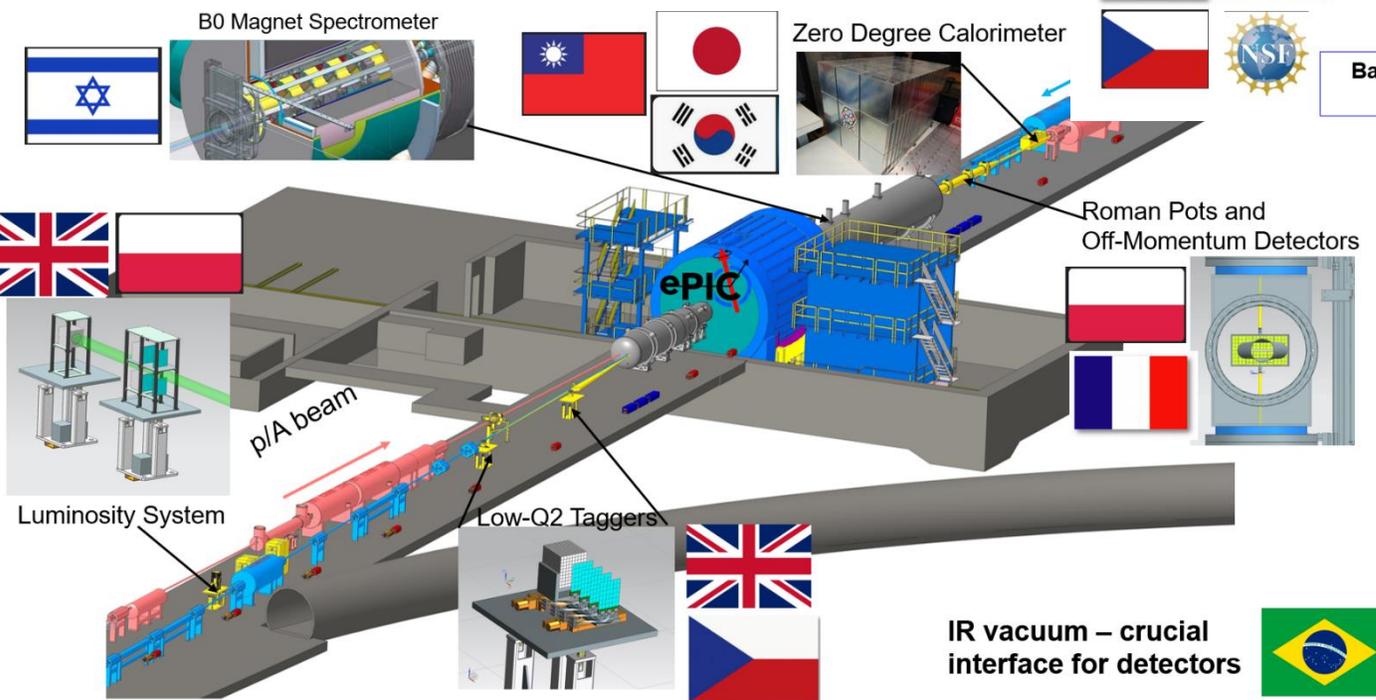
## EIC detector milestones

- **Dec 2021:** Detector design
- *Currently:* Detector R&D
- **End 2025:** TDR completed (CD-3), start of construction
- **2030:** Detector commissioning
- **2031:** Pre-ops
- **2034:** Start of physics program (CD-4)

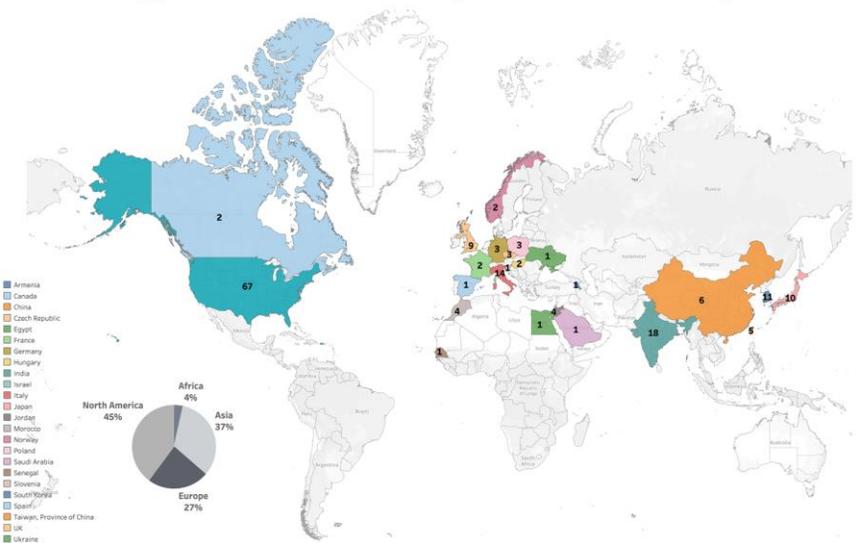
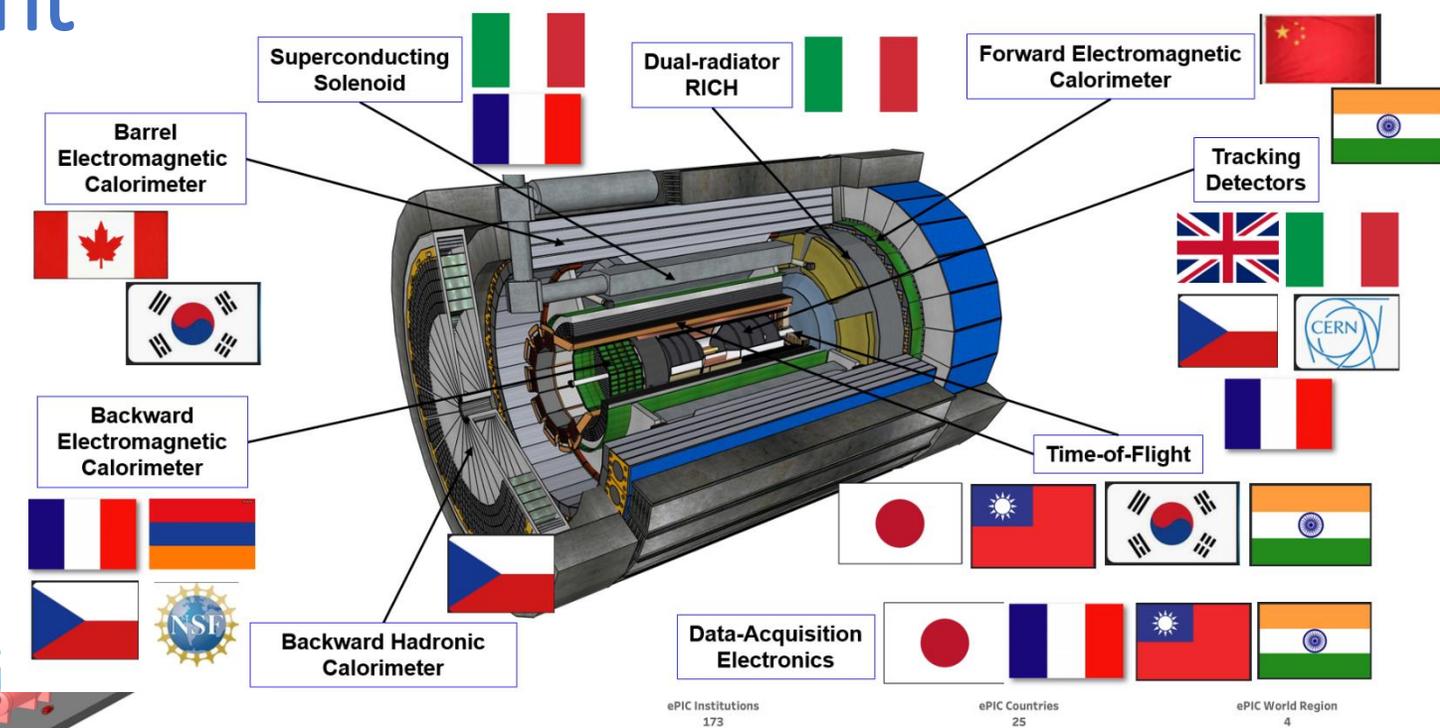
# International engagement

- Large involvement from non-US institutions in ePIC central & far-forward/far-backward detectors
- Also contributions to EIC accelerator (magnets, cryomodules...)

## Far-forward/far-backward detectors



## Central detector



# Strong synergy with LHC physics

- Initial state of QGP
- Small x physics
- Hadronization
- Saturation physics
- PDFs, and nuclear PDFs
- Quarkonia

## Kick-Off Meeting - Synergies between the Electron-Ion Collider and the Large Hadron Collider

20–21 juin 2022  
CERN

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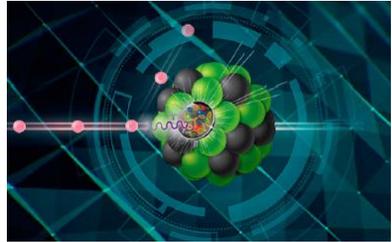
### Kick-Off Meeting - Synergies between the Electron-Ion Collider and the Large Hadron Collider

The goal of this JENAA initiative is to stimulate and strengthen collaboration among the European nuclear, particle and astroparticle physics communities, to mutually benefit from the many synergies between experiments at the planned U.S.-based Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) and the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN.

You can find (and hopefully endorse) the JENAA Expression of Interest at:  
<https://indico.ph.tum.de/event/7004/>

- EIC-LHC synergy Workshop, CERN, 21-22 June 2022
- EIC-LHC synergy Workshop, DESY, 14-15 Dec. 2023
- CERN EP R&D Day 2021, CERN, 11-12 Nov. 2021
  - Session 3 : EIC R&D
- CERN/EIC PID R&D meeting, CERN, 25 April 2023
- ITS3 MAPS adopted in the ePIC detector
  - with contributions to the development

# Summary



- The EIC facility will address fundamental questions on the structure and dynamics of nucleons and nuclei in terms of quarks and gluons, using precision measurements including:

- Parton distributions in nuclei/QCD at extreme parton densities – saturation
- Spin and flavor structure of the nucleon and nuclei
- Tomography (p/A) Transverse Momentum Distributions and Spatial Imaging
- Synergies with pA and AA (PDFs, nPDF, FFs...)
- Many important measurements to understand initial conditions in HIC

- The EIC will be built at BNL by adding an electron storage ring to the existing RHIC facility

- Luminosity:  $\sim 10^{33-34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- Polarized e/p and unpolarized heavy ion beams/ CME  $\sim 20\text{-}140 \text{ GeV}$

- Exciting opportunities for international involvement and contributions towards the realization of the EIC detector ePIC.

