EIC Community in the UK

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EIC community building in the UK

Community interest spans: nuclear physics, particle physics, accelerator science, theory

Glasgow (October 2016)

Workshop on Physics and Engineering Opportunities at the Electron-Ion Collider

Birmingham – online (July 2020)

Workshop on Physics, Detector and Accelerator Opportunities at the Electron-Ion Collider

- Cockcroft Institute, Daresbury Laboratory online (October 2020)
 Accelerator workshop Promoting Collaboration on the Electron-Ion Collider
- IPPP, Durham online (September 2021)
 Physics at the Electron-Ion Collider
- York (March 2024)

Early Career Workshop

Birmingham (November 2024)

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Loch Lomond - 2016

UK involvement in the EIC

EIC Generic Detector R&D Programme (Oct 2016 – Sep 2022)

eRD18 – Precision Central Silicon Tracking and Vertexing at the EIC (Oct 2016 – Sep 2020) Birmingham and the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory

eRD25 – Silicon Tracking and Vertexing (Oct 2020 – Sep 2022) Merger with eRD16 (LBNL) working on forward/backward disks

EIC Yellow Report (Dec 2019 – Mar 2021)

Peter Jones – Detector WG co-convenor and editor Daria Sokhan – convenor Exclusive Physics subgroup Paul Newman – convenor of Detector Complementarity subgroup

Detector Proposals (Mar 2021 – Dec 2021)

ATHENA - Peter Jones (Proposal Committee), Paul Newman (Inclusive PWG convenor), Daria Sokhan (Exclusive & Tagging PWG convenor), Laura Gonella (Tracking DWG convenor)

ECCE - Rachel Montgomery (Exclusive PWG convenor), Claire Gwenlan (Inclusive PWG convenor), Nick Zachariou (Far Backward DWG convenor)







International leadership (figures courtesy of John Lajoie)



Nick Zachariou (York) - Conferences and Talks Committee



Detector Subsystem Collaborations

UK research funding for the EIC

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) – founded in 2018



Nuclear Physics, Particle Physics & Astronomy

Introduced a new approach to identifying and funding large infrastructure projects Outline proposal submitted - EIC shortlisted as potential future project - UKRI Infrastructure Opportunity Report

UKRI Infrastructure Fund – new funding process for large infrastructure projects

EIC Detector R&D - Preliminary Activity - £2.9m (Oct 2021 - Mar 2024) EIC Full Infrastructure Project - £58.8m including contingency (Apr 2025 - Mar 2035)

Funded institutes

Birmingham, Brunel, Glasgow, Lancaster, Liverpool, Oxford, York, Daresbury, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory



EIC-UK Full Infrastructure Project



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WP1 – Silicon Tracker

Detector Overview

Proposed ALICE-ITS3 sensor meets EIC needs

65 nm MAPS technology driven by physics requirements and validated with simulations

EIC will use same concept for the inner barrel:

• Wafer-scale, stitched sensors, thinned and bent around the beam pipe

EIC specific development needed for the outer barrel layers and disks:

• Large area stitched sensor (but not wafer scale) mounted on a low-mass support

UK contributions: sensor design, serial powering scheme, ancillary ASIC for power distribution, flexible printed circuit design, stave mechanical support structure for the outer barrel layers



WP2 – Electron Tagger

Tagger design with Timepix4 tracker



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Rates dominated by Bremsstrahlung



Maximum rates

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Pixel (P1)	70 kHz	
2 column (C1)	8 MHz	
Timepix4 (T1)	600 MHz	38 Gb/s
Board (B1)	1500 MHz	96 Gb/s
Layer (L1)	2500 MHz	160 Gb/s

Total integrated rates

Tagger 1	2 GHz	130 Gb/s
Tagger 2	7 GHz	480 Gb/s
Total	9 GHz	600 Gb/s

WP3 – Luminosity Monitor

Physics requirements

Determination of the absolute luminosity to 1% level

Determination of the relative luminosity to 10⁻⁴ level

Rates 10³ higher than previous facilities

Complementarity and redundancy (direct photon detector and pair spectrometer are sensitive to different systematics)

Al/ML-driven design and analysis to achieve the required shower separation, dynamic range and noise rejection



Pair spectrometer

Calorimeter layer detail 3 modules per layer Fibres run vertically or horizontally Technology choice

W-powder and epoxy infused with a bundle of scintillating fibers Meets all requirements Dimensions 18 x 18 x 18 cm³ Radiation length ~ 8 mm 20 layers \rightarrow 23 X₀ Scintillating Fibre 0.5 mm diameter (Kuraray or Luxium samples for tests) W-SciFi ratio = 4:1

Density 10.95 g/cm³

Tracking planes

WP4 - Accelerator

Superconducting radiofrequency systems

Builds on experience from HL-LHC, ESS and PIP-II

Original scope: cavity design and cryomodules for the ERL associated with the hadron beam electron cooler

New scope (under discussion with the US): cavity design and cryomodules for the beam crabbing system

In collaboration with BNL, JLab and TRIUMF







HL-LHC cryomodule at Daresbury Laboratory



- EIC Generic Detector R&D Programme was key to early engagement in the project
- Community building through UK national meetings
- Engagement with UKRI infrastructure strategy to establish the EIC project in the UK
- Large-scale funding opportunity through the UKRI Infrastructure Fund
- UK leadership in the international project was key to successful funding bid
- And the breadth of community interest to justify the level of investment

Backup – WP1 – Silicon Tracker – Outer Barrel Layers





L4 Stave Conceptual Design (length approx. 840 mm)



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Stave Structure

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Quarter-Stave Mechanical Prototype

- WP1 Silicon Tracker: Precision tracking and vertexing in the central detector Deliverable: the two outer barrel layers of the central silicon tracker (~37% of total active area) Institutes: Birmingham, Brunel, Liverpool, Oxford, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Daresbury Laboratory
- WP2 Electron Tagger: Precision tracking of low-Q² scattered electrons Deliverables: the two tracking stations needed in the far backward region Institutes: Glasgow and Lancaster
- WP3 Luminosity Monitor: Precision bunch-by-bunch measurement of collision luminosity Deliverables: the calorimeters needed for the pair spectrometer & low-luminosity direct photon detector Institutes: York
- WP4 Accelerator: Crab cavity design and cryomodule fabrication Deliverables: Crab cavities design and cryomodules for the 396 MHz crab cavities (with TRIUMF) Institutes: Lancaster and Daresbury Laboratory