

Experimental Overview of ePIC for BSM

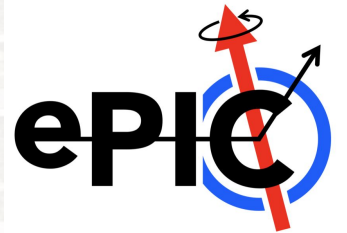
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Uncovering New Laws of Nature at the EIC

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Electron Beam: 5-18 GeV
Ion: 40, 100-275 GeV

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Introductory Remarks

- What this talk won't be: an exhaustive list of the BSM possibilities at the future EIC with ePIC
- Will hope to give a (broad) overview and capabilities of the ePIC detector that may be helpful in future studies

My apologies if I missed something critical or overlooked a topic you had hoped to see

The Electron-Ion Collider Physics

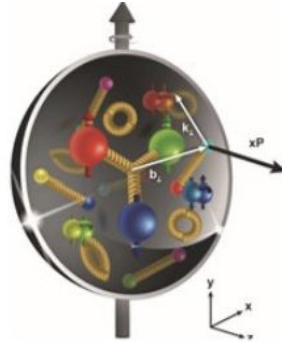
“The Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) will address some of the most fundamental questions in science regarding the visible world, including”



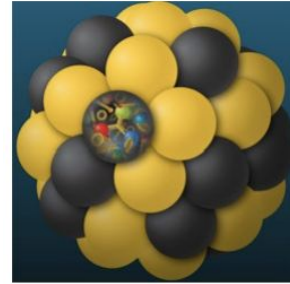
Origin of nucleon spin



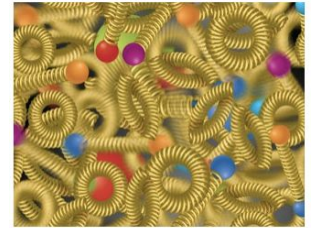
Origin of nucleon mass



How are quark & gluons distributed in momentum and space



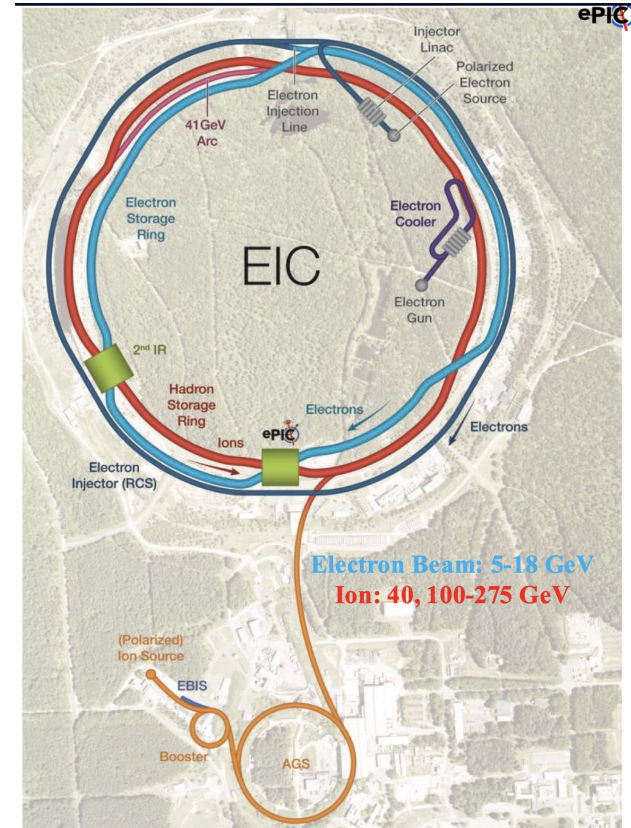
How do quarks and gluons interact with nuclear medium



What are the emergent properties of dense system of gluons

The Electron-Ion Collider

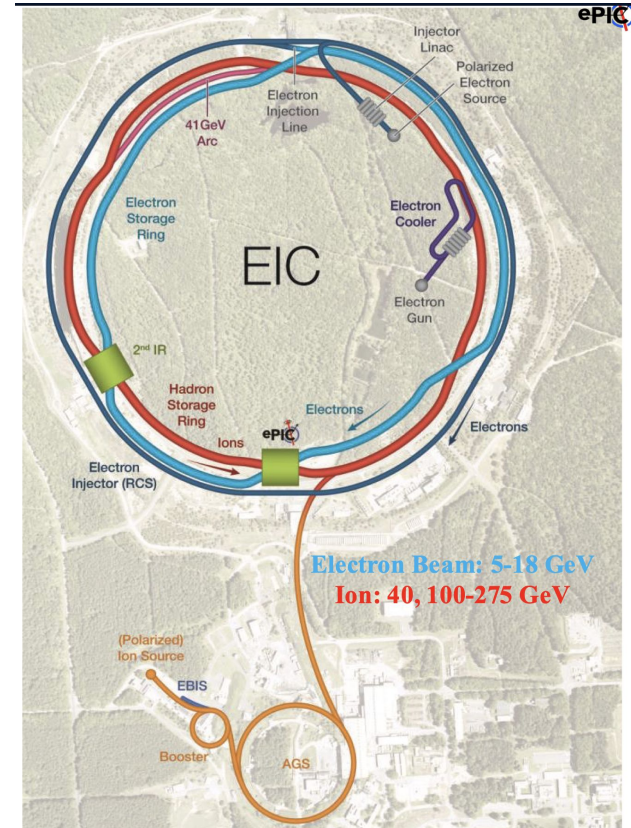
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- ❖ Large center-of-mass energy range
 - $\sqrt{21-140} \text{ GeV}$
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 - $\geq 70\%$
- ❖ Ions beam from deuteron to heavier nuclei
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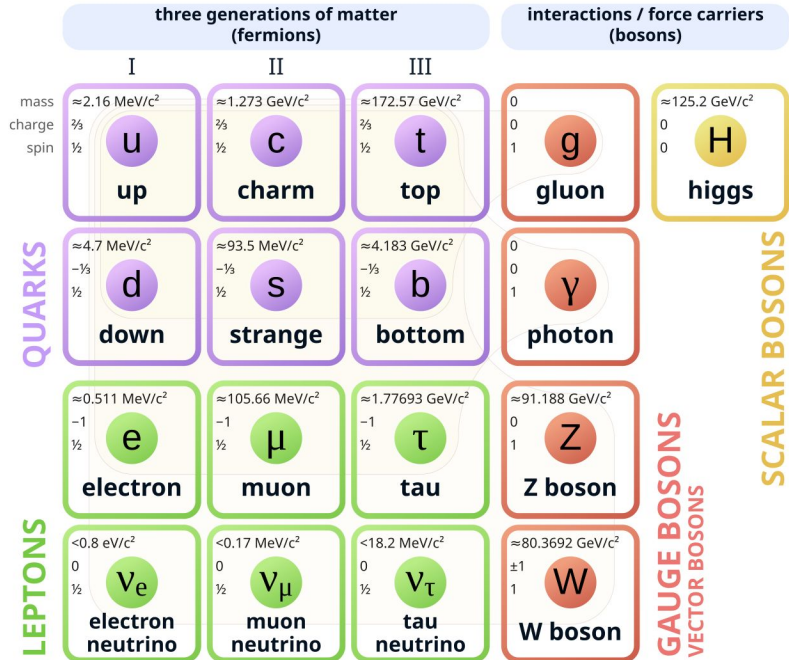
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Complement a BSM (and Electroweak) physics program



The Standard Model

Standard Model of Elementary Particles

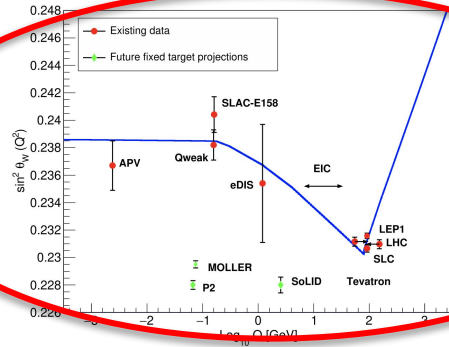


Puzzles

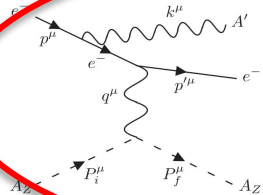
- ❖ Neutrino Flavor Oscillations
 - $m_\nu \neq 0$
- ❖ Baryon Asymmetry
- ❖ Dark Energy
- ❖ Dark Matter
- ❖ Higgs Mass Hierarchy Problem

Testing The Standard Model

Precision measurements (*PVES* / muon g-2)



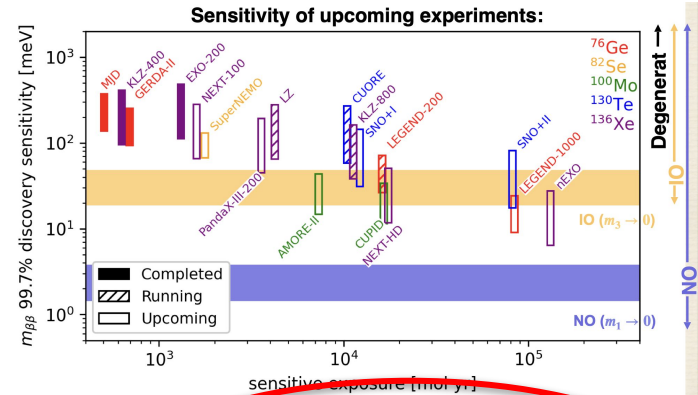
Searches of light & weakly coupled particles



Rare / forbidden processes

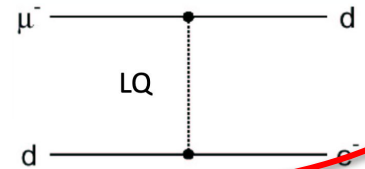
Neutrinoless Double-Beta decay

Sensitivity of upcoming experiments:



Leptoquarks

CLFV



The ePIC Detector

hadronic calorimeters

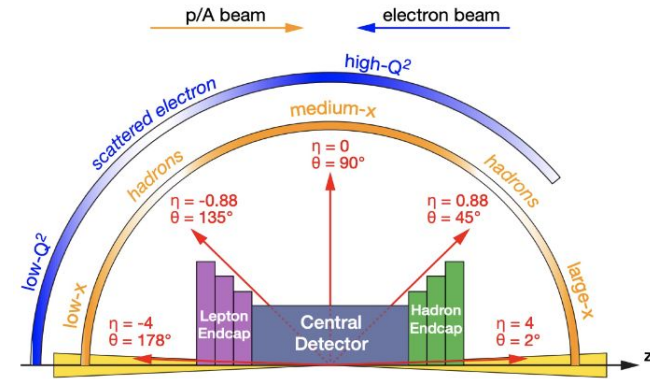
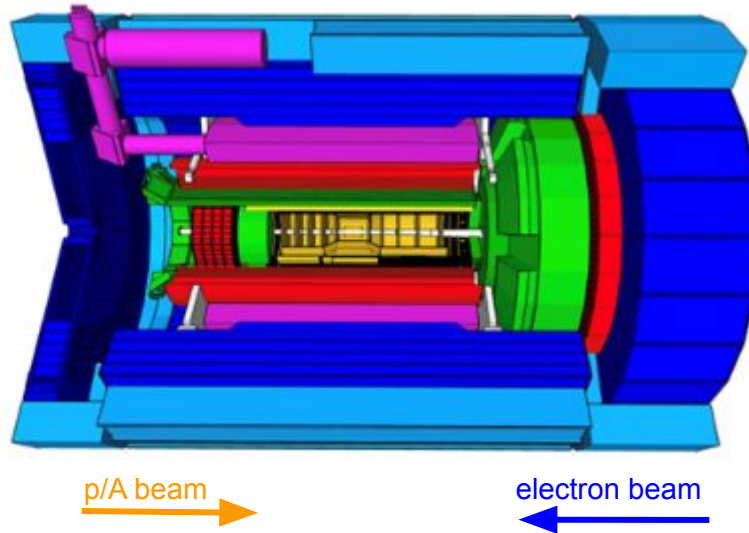
Solenoid Magnet

e/m calorimeters
(Ecal)

Time of Flight
DIRC
Rich Detectors

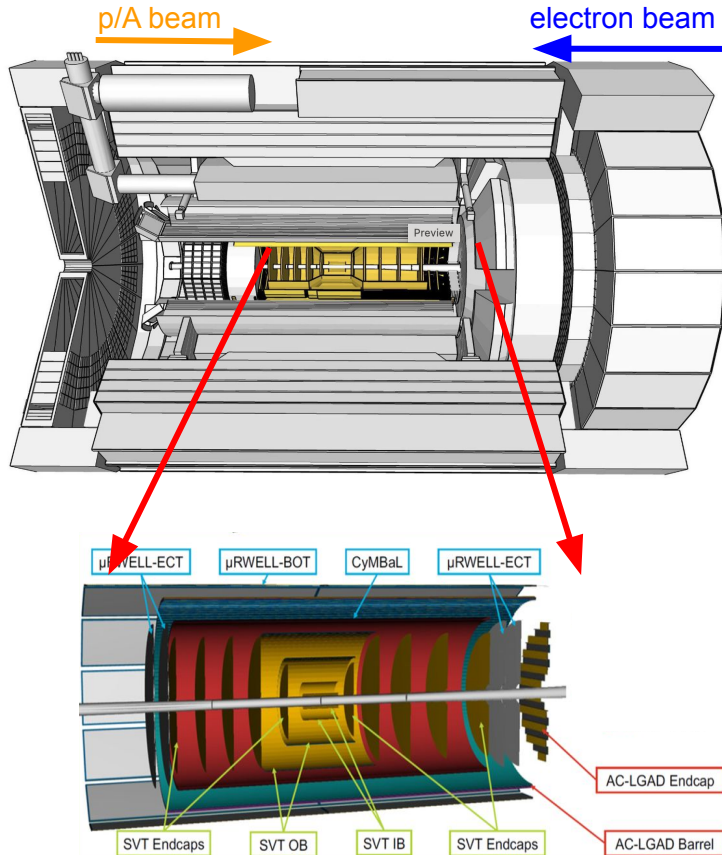
MPGD trackers

MAPS tracker



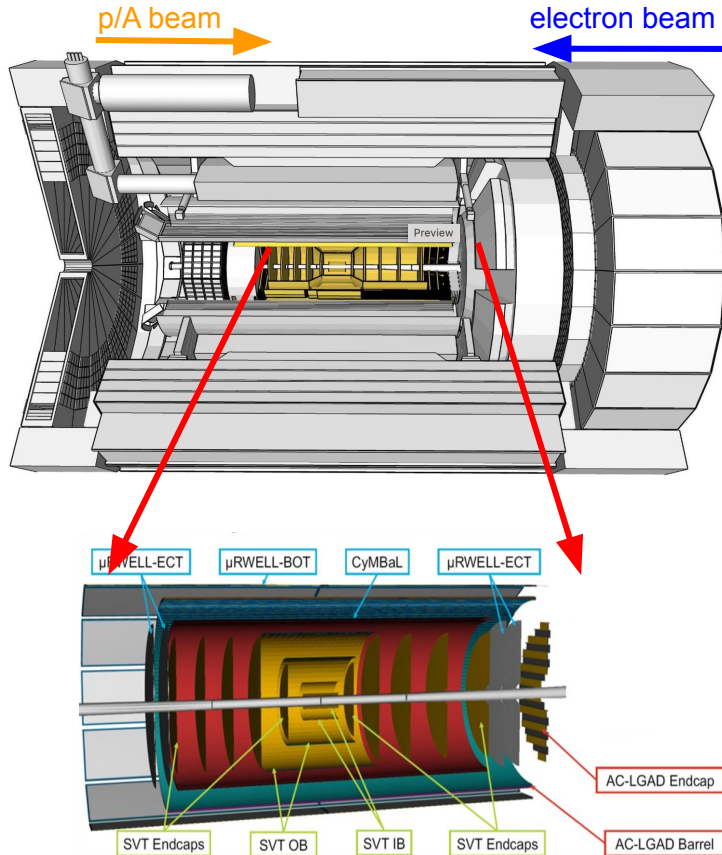
- Large η coverage ($-3.5 < \eta < 3.5$)
- High precision silicon detectors for tracking
- Excellent calorimeters for measuring energy of EM particle showers
- Extended PID for hadron ID

The ePIC Detector: Tracking



- High precision low mass tracking
- High spatial-resolution & efficiency and large-area coverage
- High pixel granularity
- Low material budget at large η

The ePIC Detector: Tracking



Silicon Vertex Tracker (SVT)

- $\sim 6 \mu\text{m}$ point resolution
- 3 Inner Barrels: ITS3-curved wafer-scale sensor, 0.05% X/X0
- 2 Outer Barrels: ITS3-based sensors (EIC-LAS), 0.25/0.55% X/X0
- 5 disks (forward/backward), EIC-LAS, 0.25% X/X0

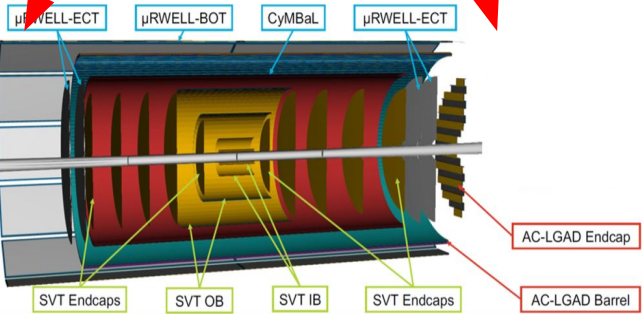
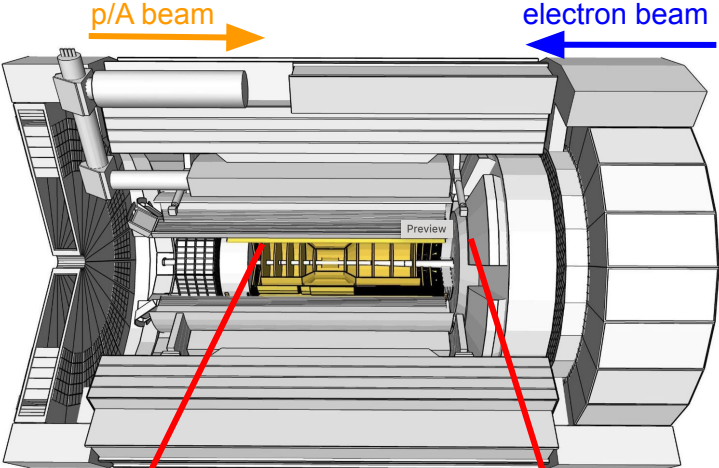
AC-coupled Low Gain Avalanche Diode (AC-LGAD)

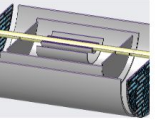
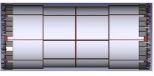
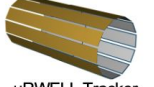
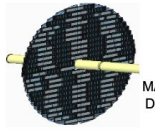
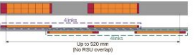
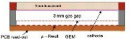
- $30 \mu\text{m} + 30 \text{ps}$ resolutions
- Barrel TOF $0.05 \times 1 \text{ cm}$ strip, 1% X/X0
- Forward TOF: $0.05 \times 0.05 \text{ cm}$ pixel, 5% X/X0

Micro Pattern Gas Detectors (MPGD)

- 10 ns & $150 \mu\text{m}$ resolutions
- 2 GEM- μRWELL (hybrid) - Endcaps
- 1 Cylindrical Micromegas - Inner Barrel
- 1 Thin-gap GEM- μRWELL (hybrid) - Outer Barrel

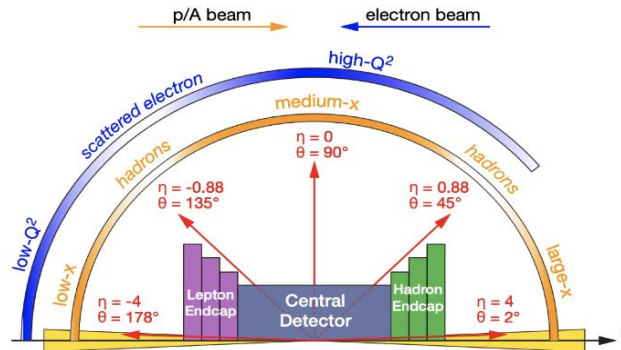
The ePIC Detector: Tracking



μVertex Tracker	Barrel Tracker	Outer Barrel MPPG Tracker	EndcapTracker
 <p>Excellent momentum $0.05\% p_T \oplus 0.5\%$ and spatial resolution $20\mu\text{m}/p_T \oplus 5\mu\text{m}$</p>	 <p>MicroMegas Tracker</p>	 <p>μRWELL Tracker</p>	 <p>MAPS Disks</p>
	<p>Main Function</p> <p>Provide redundancy and pattern recognition for tracking</p>	<p>Main Function</p> <p>Tracking close to hpDIRC detector to improve angular and space point resolution. Redundancy and pattern recognition for tracking</p>	<p>Main Function</p> <p>Excellent momentum $0.05 (0.10)\% p_T \oplus 1.0 (2.0)\%$ and spatial resolution $30\mu\text{m}/p_T \oplus (20 - 40)\mu\text{m}$</p> <p>Provide redundancy and pattern recognition for tracking</p>
<p>Displaced vertex reconstruction</p>		<p>Proven Technology</p> <p>Cylindrical resistive Micromegas technology Used: ATLAS NSW, CLAS12, SPHENIX, MINOS& T2K TPC</p>	
<p>Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor → ALICE ITS3 MOSAIX sensor (65 nm) small pixels (~18 nm) and power consumption (<20 mW/cm²)</p>	<p>EIC Large Area Sensor (LAS), modification of ITS3 sensor with 5 or 6 RSU forming staves as the basic building elements for the Barrel</p> 	<p>world's first at ePIC</p> <p>24 planar Thin-gap & double amplification (GEM & μRWELL) modules & 2D-strip readout</p>	<p>EIC Large Area Sensor (LAS), staves as the basic building elements for the MAPS disks</p> 

The ePIC Detector: Tracking Requirements

η range	Momentum Resolution	Spatial Resolution
Backward (-3.5 to 2.5)	$\sim 0.10\% \times p \oplus 2.0\%$	$\sim 30/pT \mu m \oplus 40 \mu m$
Backward (-2.5 to -1.0)	$\sim 0.05\% \times p \oplus 1.0\%$	$\sim 30/pT \mu m \oplus 20 \mu m$
Barrel (-1.0 to 1.0)	$\sim 0.05\% \times p \oplus 0.5\%$	$\sim 20/pT \mu m \oplus 5 \mu m$
Forward (1.0 to 2.5)	$\sim 0.05\% \times p \oplus 1.0\%$	$\sim 30/pT \mu m \oplus 20 \mu m$
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The ePIC Detector: PID

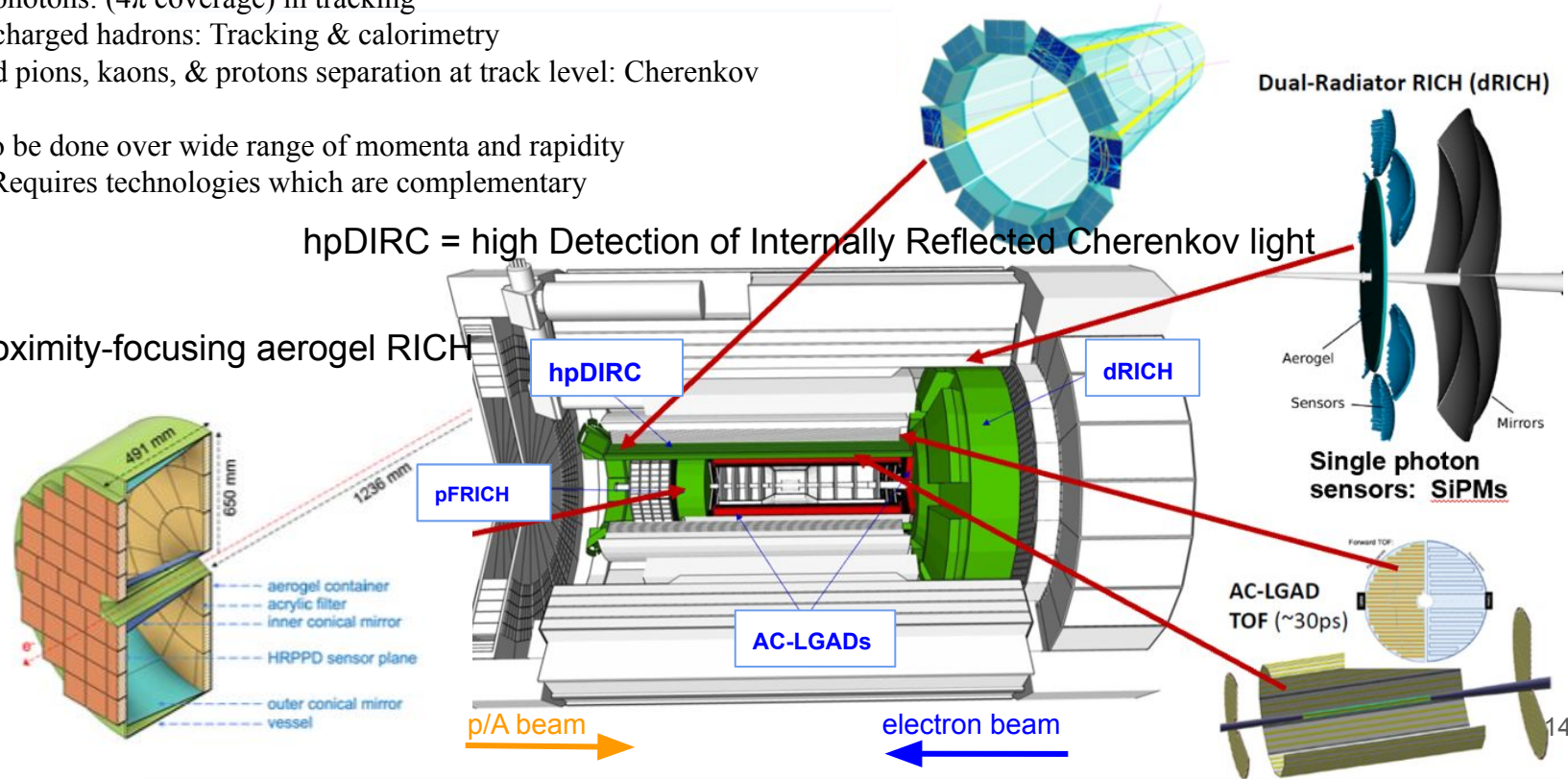
PID Requirements

- e^- from photons: (4π coverage) in tracking
- e^- from charged hadrons: Tracking & calorimetry
- Charged pions, kaons, & protons separation at track level: Cherenkov

- ❖ Needs to be done over wide range of momenta and rapidity
 - Requires technologies which are complementary

hpDIRC = high Detection of Internally Reflected Cherenkov light

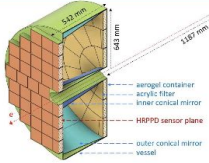
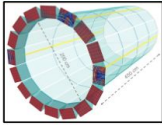
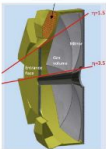
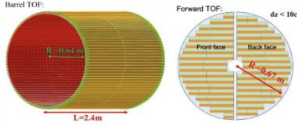

pFRICH = proximity-focusing aerogel RICH



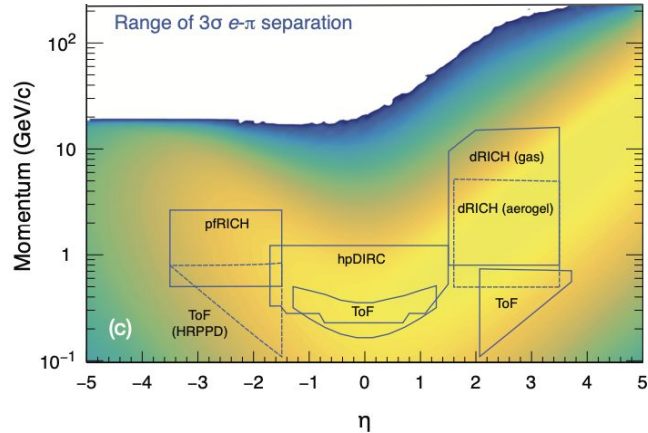
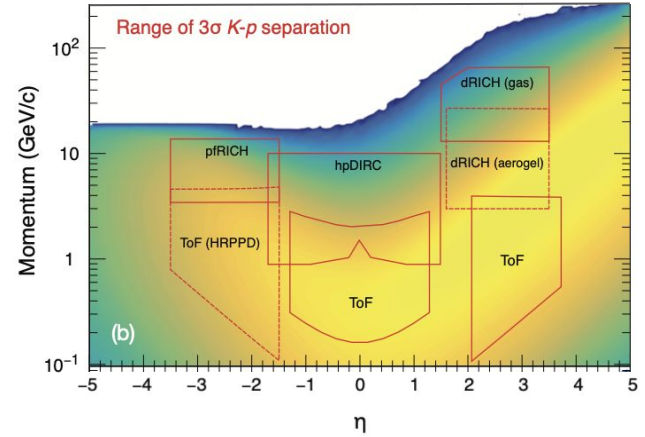
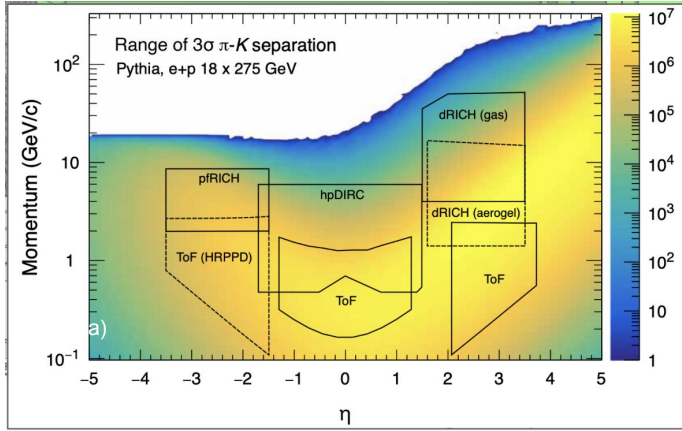
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Backward RICH	Barrel DIRC	Forward RICH	Time-of-Flight (Barrel, Forward)
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ e, π, K, p separation → π/K 3σ sep. up to 9 GeV/c and 10-20 ps timing → ToF 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ e, π, K, p separation → π/K 3σ sep. at 6 GeV/c 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ e, π, K, p separation → π/K 3σ sep. up to 50 GeV/c 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ e, π, K, p separation through 20-35 ps ToF Barrel: $0.15 < p_T < 1.5$ GeV/c Forward: $0.15 < p_T < 2.5$ GeV/c ▪ Accurate space point for tracking
Proven Technology			
<p>Classical single volume proximity focusing aerogel RICH with long proximity gap (~30 cm)</p>	<p>High Performance DIRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quartz bar radiator → Reuse of BaBAR DIRC bars ▪ light detection with MCP-PMTs ▪ Fully focused 	<p>Dual Radiator RICH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aerogel and C_2F_6 gas ▪ Spherical Mirrors (6 Azimuthal Sectors) ▪ Photon-Sensors tiled on spheres 	
<p>Photonsensors: HRPPDs for Time-of-Flight</p> 	<p>world's first at ePIC</p>		<p>First time use of AC-LGAD (Low Gain Avalanche Detector) in collider detector</p>
<p>First use of SiPMs as Photosensors in a RICH</p>			

The ePIC Detector: PID



The ePIC Detector: Calorimetry

Backward Calorimeters

$-3.6 < \eta < -1.7$
Low Q^2 , Low x

Backwards ECal

Backwards HCal

Barrel HCal

Forward Calorimeters

$1.4 < \eta < 4$
High Q^2 , High x

Forward ECal

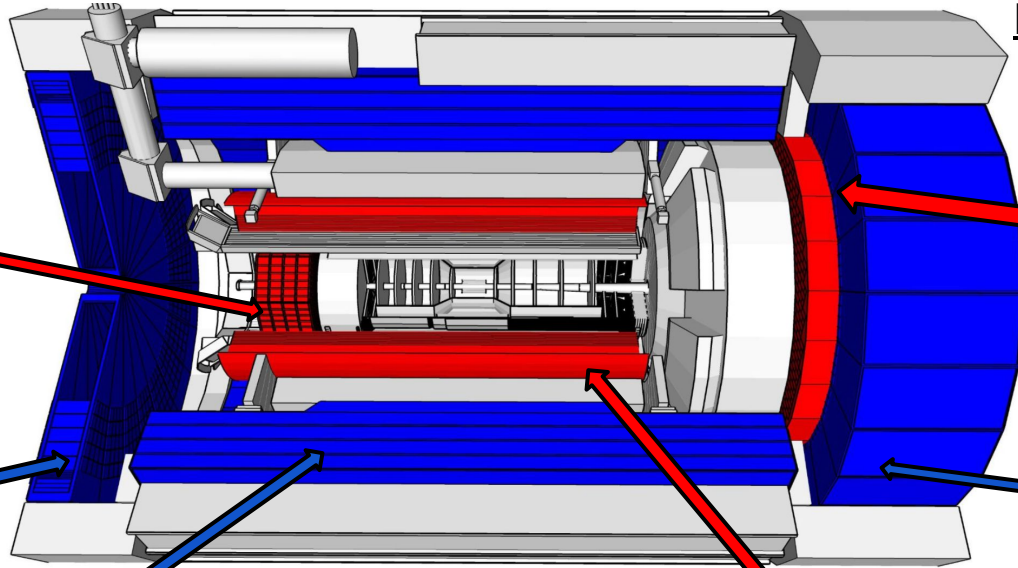
Backwards HCal

Barrel ECal

Barrel: $-1.7 < \eta < 1.4$
High Q^2 , mid x

p/A beam 

electron beam 



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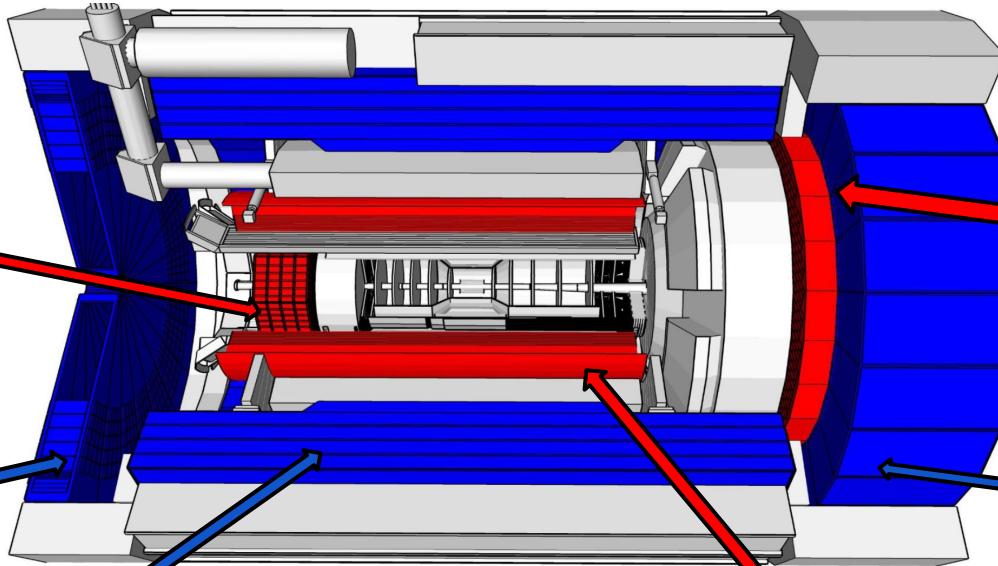
$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \sim \frac{2-3\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 1 - 2\%$$

Backwards HCal

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \sim \frac{100\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 10\%$$

Barrel HCal

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \sim \frac{100\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 10\%$$



Forward Calorimeters

$1.4 < \eta < 4$
High Q^2 , High x

Forward ECal

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \sim \frac{10\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 2 - 3\%$$

Backwards HCal

$$\frac{\sigma_E}{E} \sim \frac{50\%}{\sqrt{E}} \oplus 10\%$$

Barrel ECal

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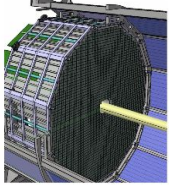
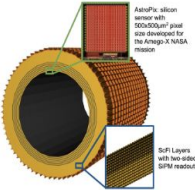



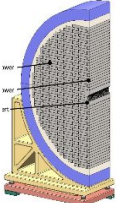
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High Q^2 , mid x

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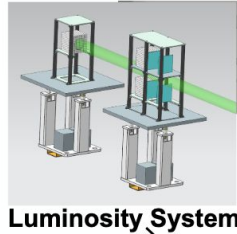
← electron beam

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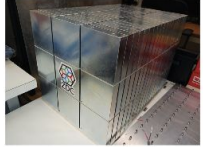
Backward ECal	Barrel ECal	Forward ECal	Backward HCal	Barrel HCal	Forward HCal
					
<p>scattered lepton detection → very high-precision</p>	<p>scattered lepton and γ detection, hadronic final state characterization</p>	<p>lepton and γ detection, hadronic final state characterization → π^0, γ separation</p>	<p>muon and neutral detection → improved jet Energy reconstruction</p>	<p>muon and neutral detection → improved jet Energy reconstruction</p>	<p>particle-flow measurements</p>
<p>PbWO₄ – crystals → long lead procurement</p>	<p>Pb/SciFi sampling part using SiPMs combined with imaging section (6 layers) interleaving Pb/SciFi with ASTROPIX</p>	<p>Tungsten-powder + SciFi SPACAL design Developed through EIC R&D and applied successfully in sPHENIX</p>	<p>Steel + Scintillator SiPM-on-tile</p>	<p>Steel + Scintillator design re-used from sPHENIX</p>	<p>longitudinal segmented Steel + Scintillator SiPM-on-tile Pioneered by CALICE analog HCal High resolution insert next to beam-pipe</p>
<p>SiPM as Photosensors</p>	<p>Use of ASTROPIX in Calorimetry</p>	<p>world's first at ePIC</p>			<p>first-time full-size CALICE like calorimeter in collider experiment</p>

The ePIC Detector: Far Forward and Far Backward

Main Function:
measure bunch-by-bunch luminosity through Bethe-Heitler process
Technology:
Pair-spectrometer: each with 2 tracking layers of AC-LGAD / FCFD



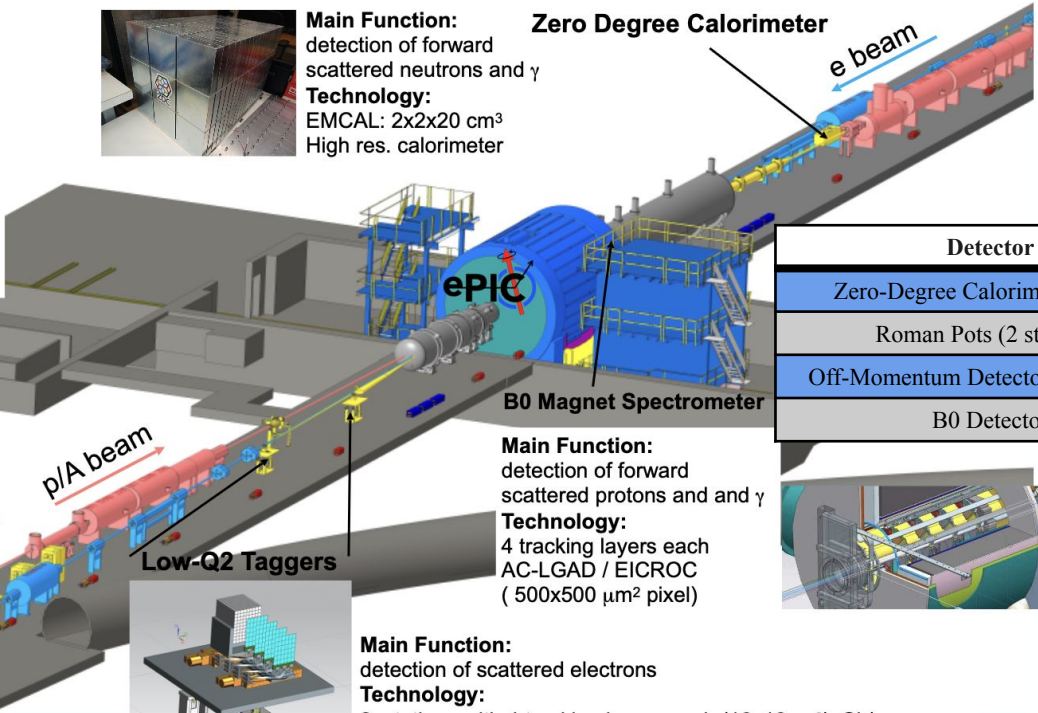
Luminosity System



Main Function:
detection of forward scattered neutrons and γ
Technology:
EMCAL: 2x2x20 cm³
High res. calorimeter

Zero Degree Calorimeter

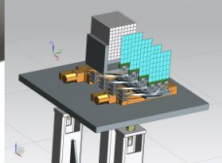
Detector	Acceptance
Zero-Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)	$\theta < 5.5$ mrad ($\eta > 6$)
Roman Pots (2 stations)	$0.0 < \theta < 5.0$ mrad ($\eta > 6$)
Off-Momentum Detectors (2 stations)	$\theta < 5.0$ mrad ($\eta > 6$)
B0 Detector	$5.5 < \theta < 20.0$ mrad ($4.6 < \eta < 5.9$)



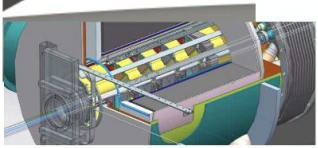
Main Function:
detection of forward scattered protons and γ
Technology:
4 tracking layers each AC-LGAD / EICROC (500x500 μm^2 pixel)

B0 Magnet Spectrometer

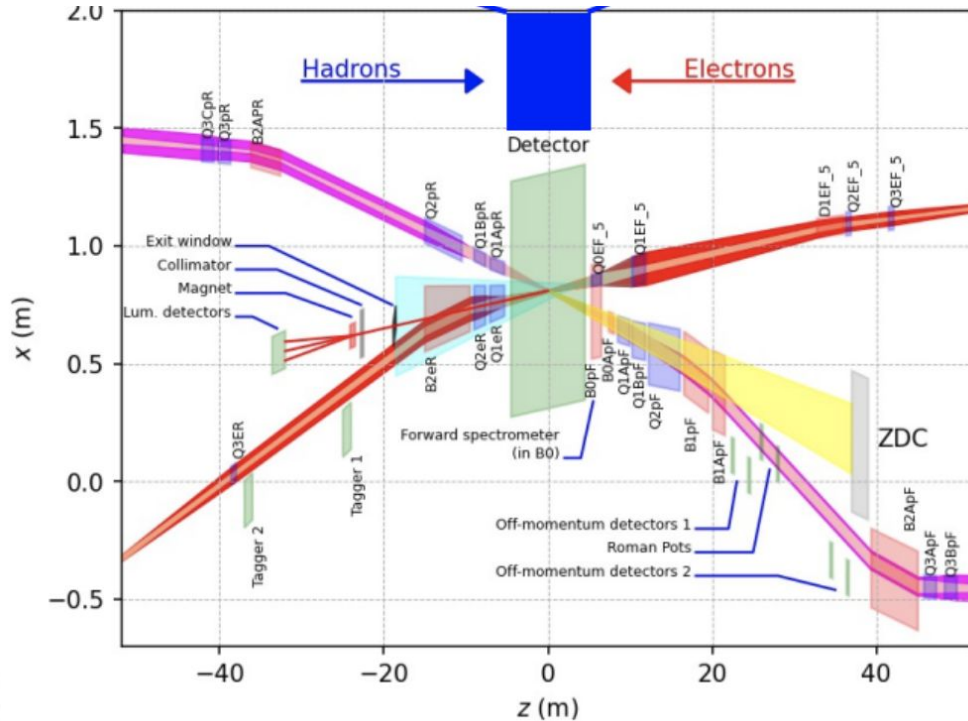
Low-Q2 Taggers



Main Function:
detection of scattered electrons
Technology:
2 stations with 4 tracking layers each (16x18cm²) Si / Timepix4



The ePIC Detector: Far Forward and Far Backward

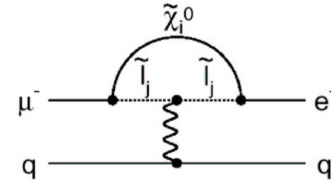


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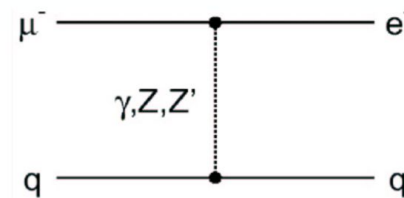
Potential BSM Physics: Charged Lepton Flavor Violation

- ❖ Neutrino oscillations
 - Provided evidence for lepton flavor violation
- ❖ No experimental evidence for flavor violation in charged lepton sector
- ❖ Predicted CLFV branching ratio
 - $\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 10^{-54}$
- ❖ Example: Supersymmetry prediction
 - $\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \sim 10^{-15}$
- ❖ $\text{Br}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 10^{-13}$: Current limit (MEG experiment)
 - [Baldini, A.M., Bao, Y., Baracchini, E. et al. Eur. Phys. J. C 76, 434](#)
- ❖ $e \rightarrow \tau$ transition constraints - much weaker
 - $\text{Br}(e \rightarrow \tau\gamma) \sim 10^{-8}$

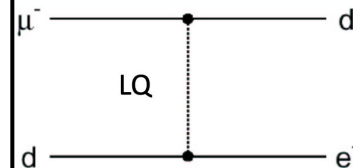
Supersymmetry



Heavy Z



Leptoquarks



BSM models that predict CLFV

Leptoquarks

- Color triplet particles
- Couple to leptons & quarks
- Mediate CLFV processes at tree-level

Charged Lepton Flavor Violation: **Decay Channel(s)**

1 Prong

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3 Prong (from $e \rightarrow \tau$)

$$\tau \rightarrow \pi^{-} \pi^{+} \pi^{-} \nu_{\tau}$$

1. Identification is easier than 1 prong channel

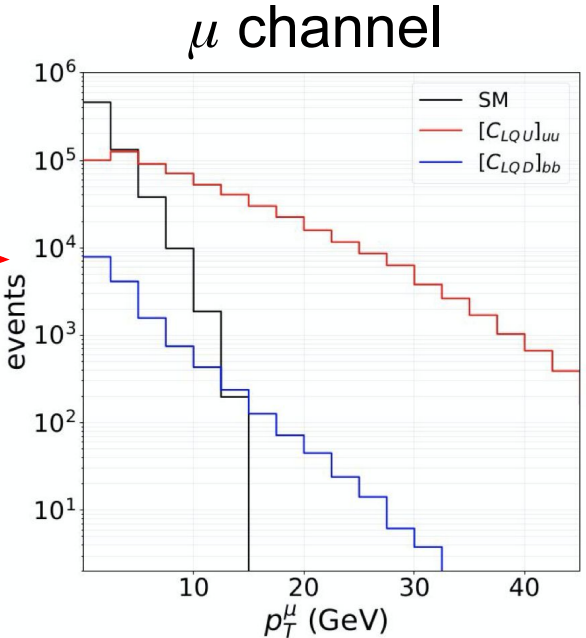
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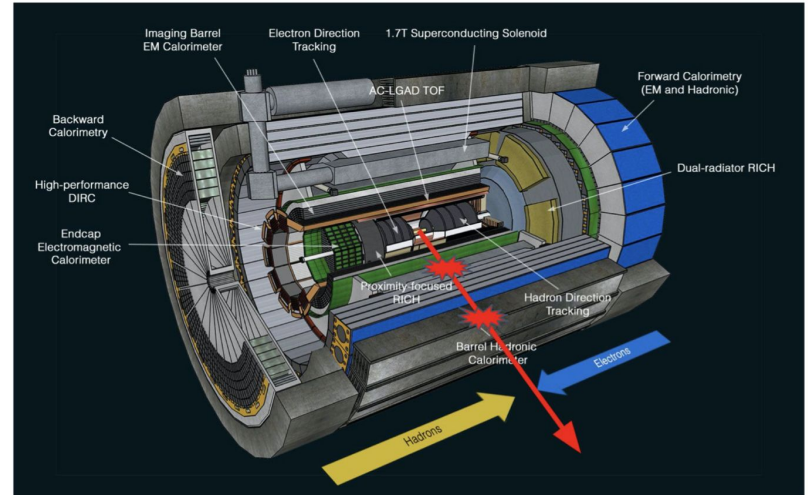
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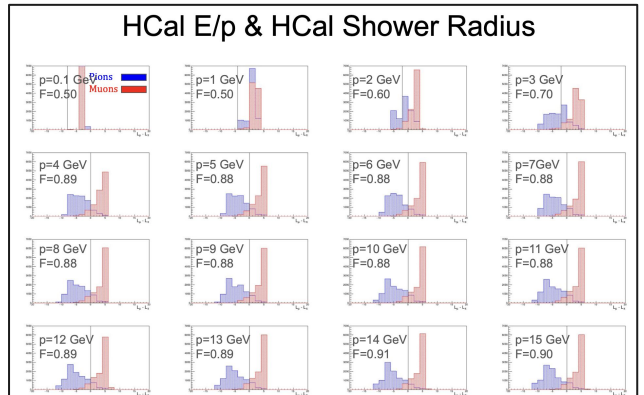
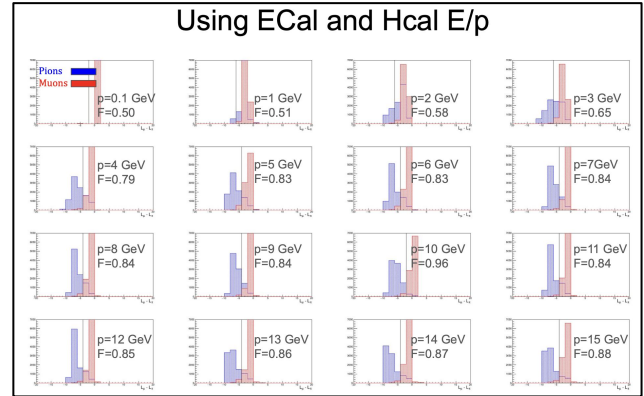
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1. Larger branching ratio $\sim 17\%$ \rightarrow Momentum scan @ $\theta = 90$
2. Suppression of SM background \rightarrow Focus for $e \rightarrow \tau$
 - ◆ $|p| > 10$ GeV
 - \rightarrow Log-likelihood method
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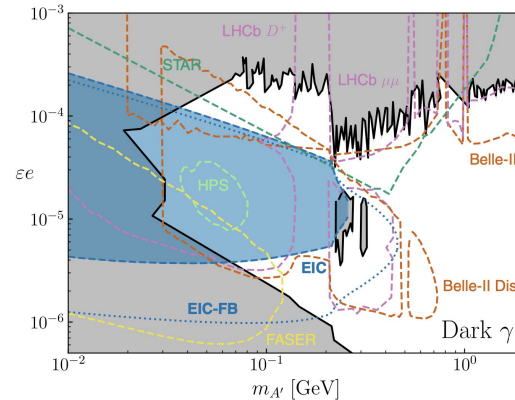
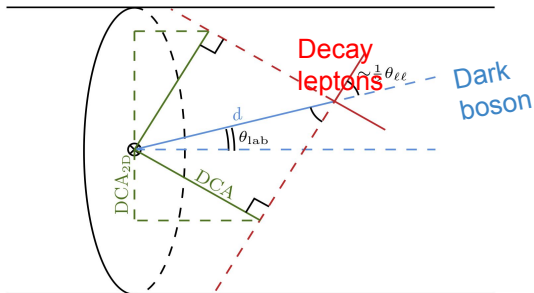
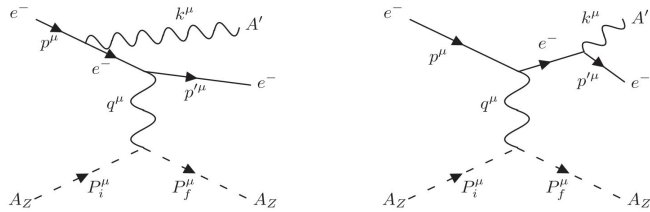
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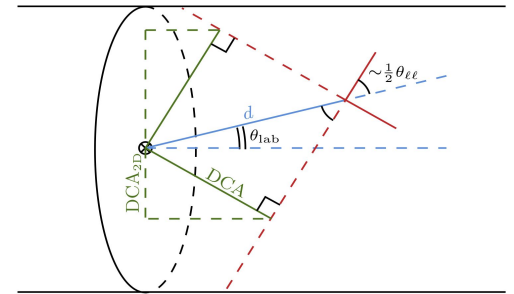
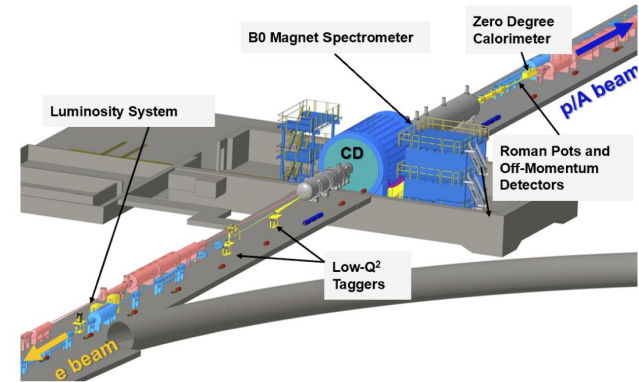
- ❖ Production of massive light vector boson A'
 - $e^- A_Z \rightarrow e^- A_Z A'$
- ❖ Assumed zero background
 - Background in Far Background needs to be estimated



Displace Hidden Vectors

Backwards physics - B0 is in the wrong place!

- eA collisions can be leveraged to significantly improve the chances to observe BSM effects (Z^2 scaling)
- Better estimations are needed for DCAs with/without tracking for ePIC
- Evaluation of backgrounds in the backwards region will be critical to ensure we can make this measurement



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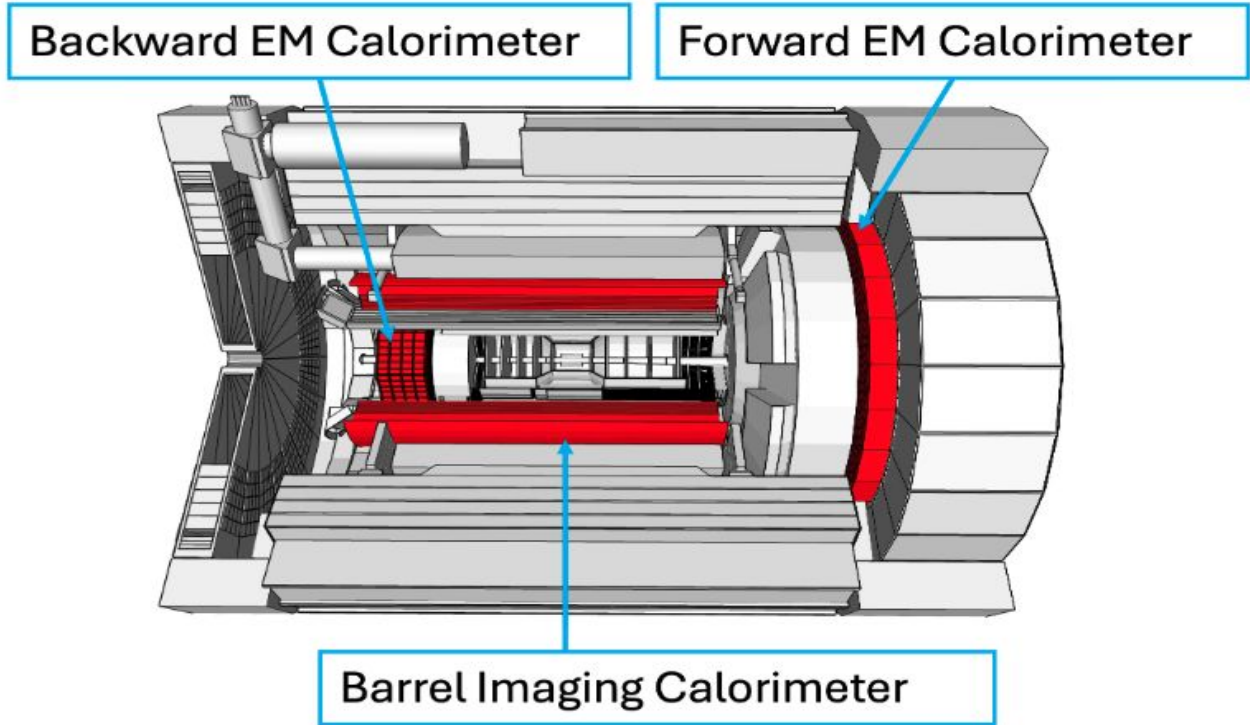
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Displace Hidden Vectors

- There are many interesting BSM physics topics to explore for the future EIC!
- The ePIC detector is designed to maximize its physics reach
- Many completed and ongoing BSM impact studies with ePIC
 - ◆ [R. Boughezal et al., Neutral-current electroweak physics and SMEFT studies at the EIC, Phys. Rev. D](#)
 - ◆ [J. Zhang et. al, Charged Lepton Flavor Violation Study at the EIC, in Electroweak and BSM physics at the EIC](#)
 - ◆ [R. Boughezal, D. de Florian, F. Petriello, and W. Vogelsang, Transverse spin asymmetries at the EIC as a probe of anomalous electric and magnetic dipole moments, Phys. Rev. D 107, 075028 \(2023\)](#)
 - ◆ [Hooman Davoudiasl, Roman Marcarelli, and Ethan T. Neil , Displaced signals of hidden vectors at the Electron-Ion Collider](#)
- Future work
 - ◆
- Interested in Electroweak & BSM physics at the EIC
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Thank You

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