



Jets at ePIC, Status & Prospects

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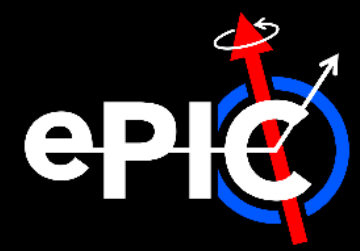
For the ePIC Collaboration

The background of the slide is a photograph of a forest of bare trees, likely in late autumn or winter. The trees are silhouetted against a sky that transitions from a pale blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The branches of the trees are intricate and spread across the frame.

Outline

- 1) **Introduction**, EIC Physics Goals
- 2) **Jets in DIS**
- 3) **ePIC**, a summary
- 4) **Ongoing Jet Efforts**
- 5) **Conclusion**

Introduction | The EIC



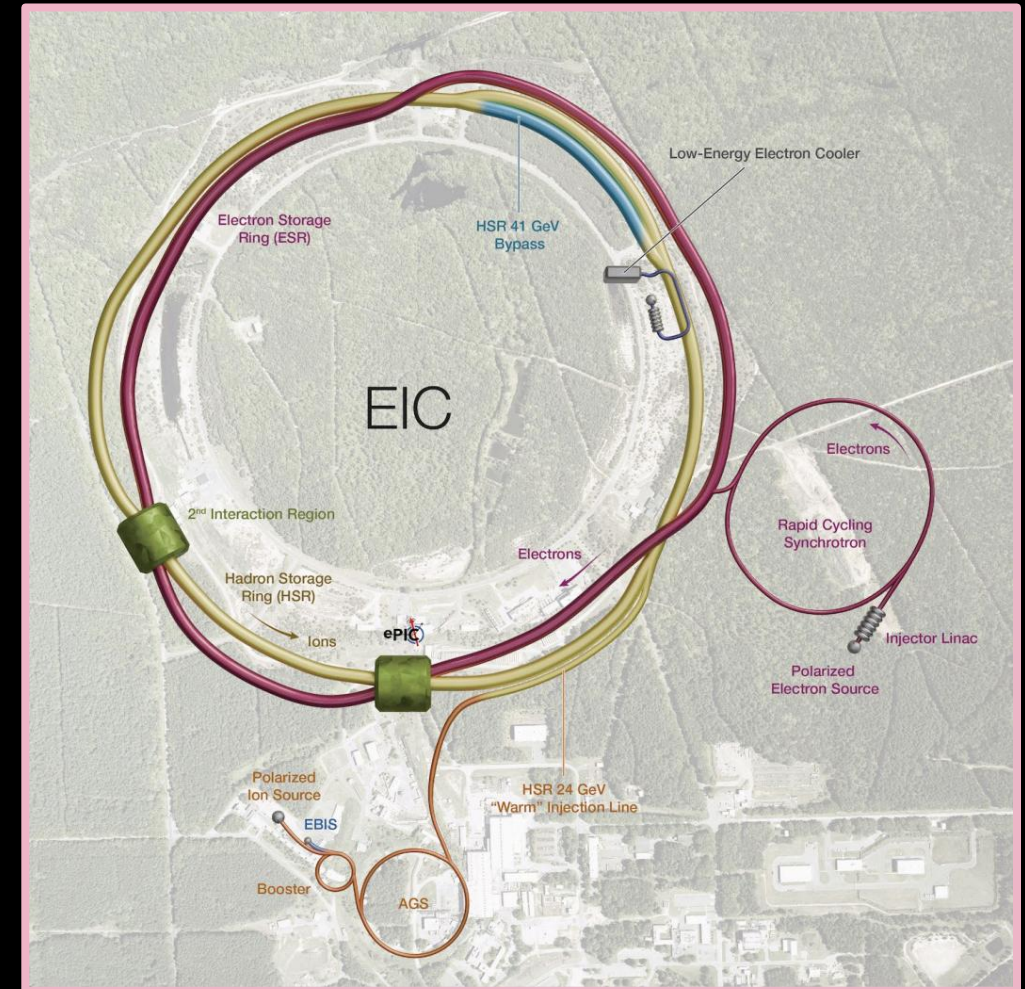
- **The Electron-Ion Collider (EIC):** add electron storage ring alongside existing RHIC yellow ring, new electron acceleration ring
 - Hosted jointly by BNL & JLab

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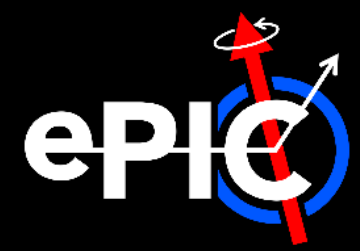
- › [EIC/ePIC Session \[05.20\]](#)
- › [HF at ePIC \[D. Dongwi, 05.20\]](#)
- › [ePIC: status & plans \[D. Brandenburg, 05.23\]](#)

- **A few details:**

- e^- energies = 5 – 18 GeV
- Ion energies = 40 – 275 GeV
⇒ $\sqrt{s} = 29 - 141$ GeV/u
- Ion species from proton – Uranium
 - 👉 Up to 70% polarization for light ions (p – He)

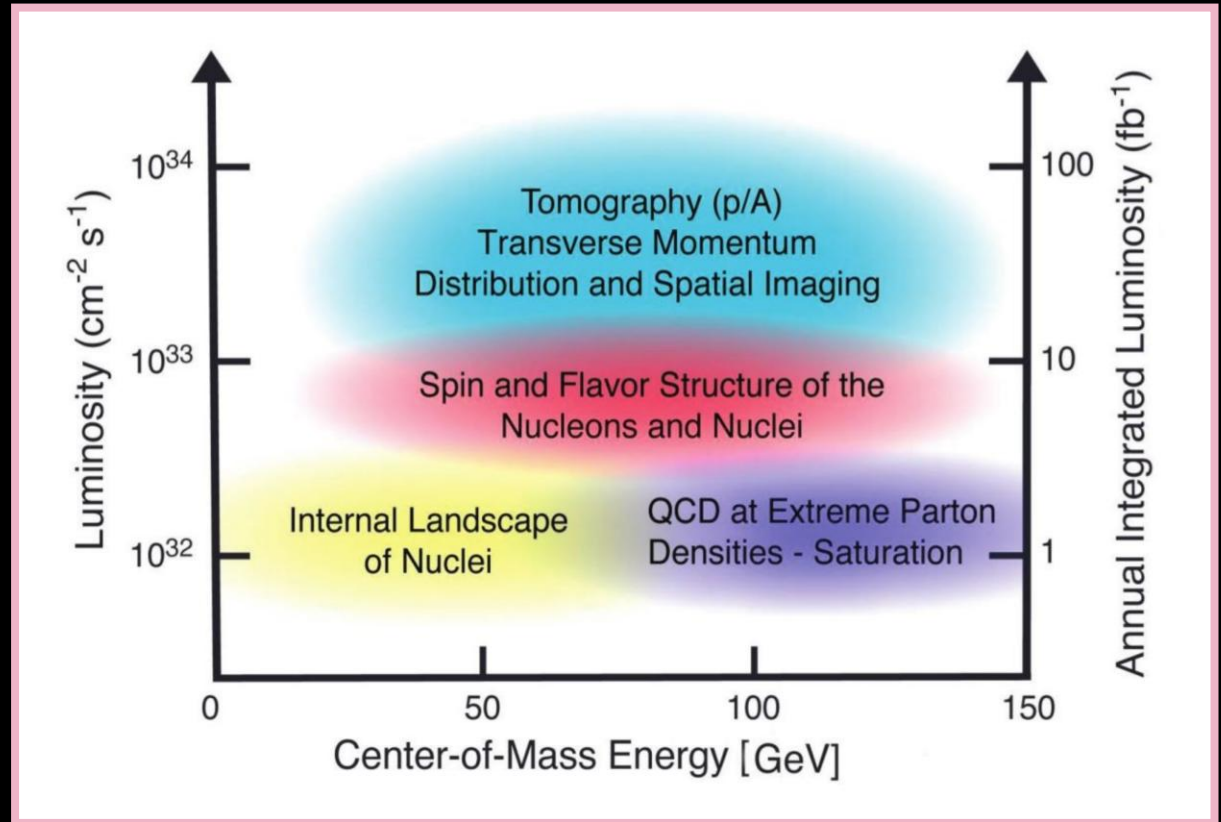


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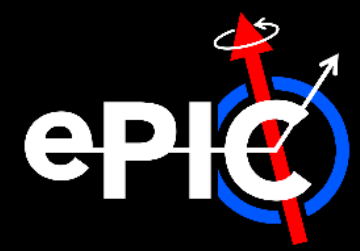


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 - (n)PDFs
 - Spin/flip structure of nuclei
 - Saturation/extreme parton density
 - TMDs/GPDs
- Accessed via wide variety of channels:
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 - CC DIS
 - SIDIS
 - Exclusive

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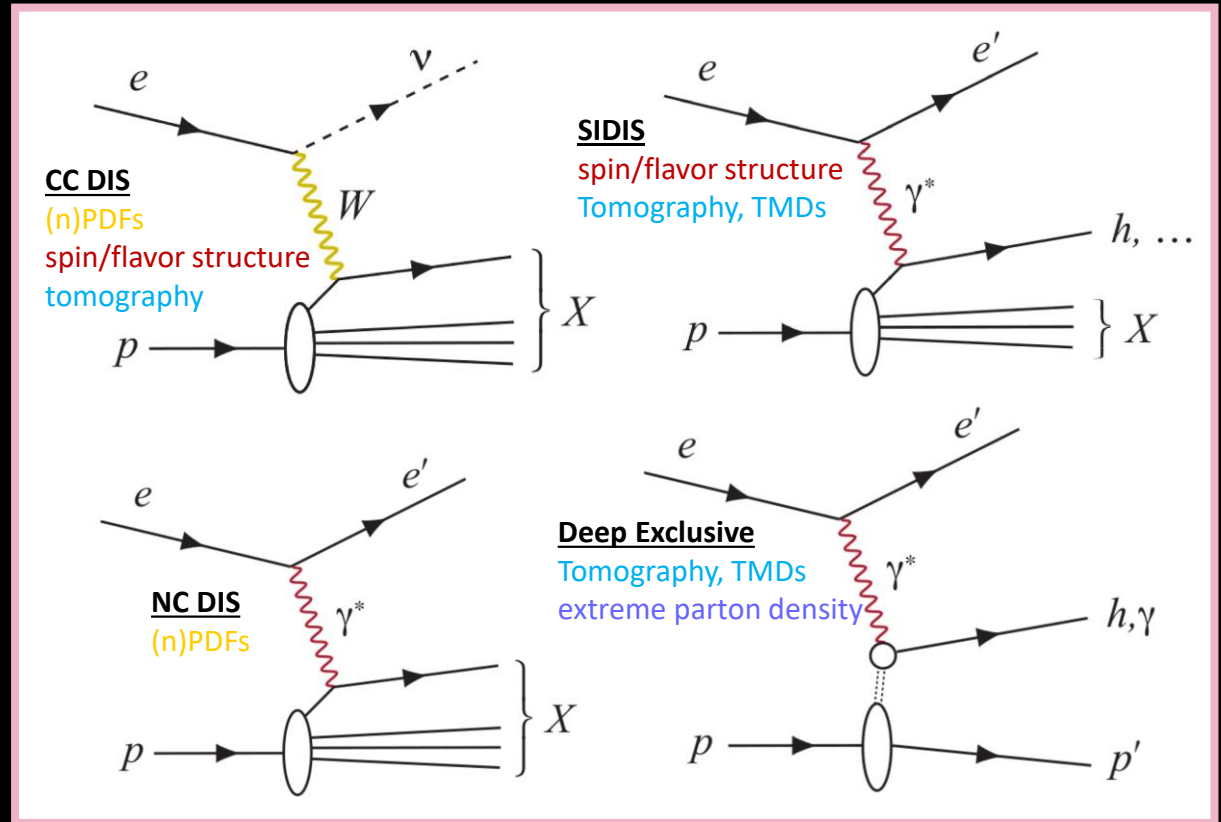


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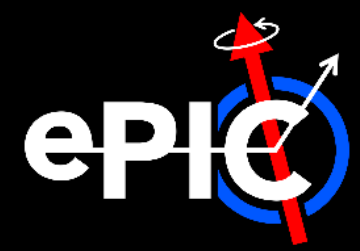


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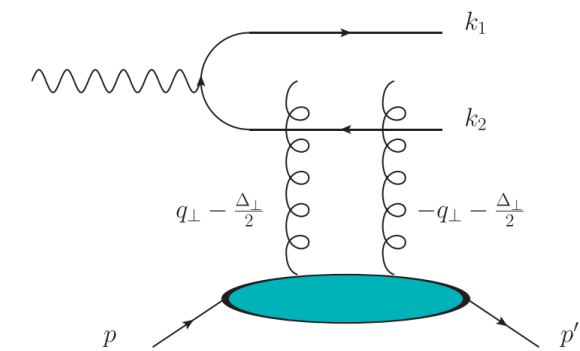
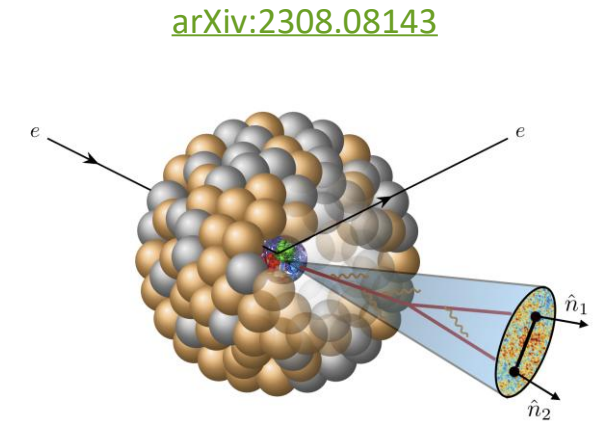
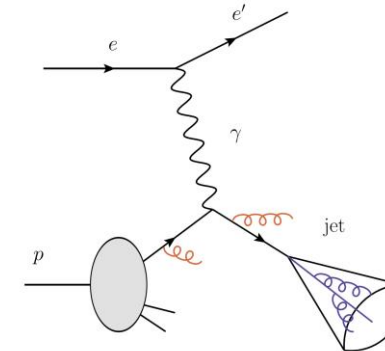
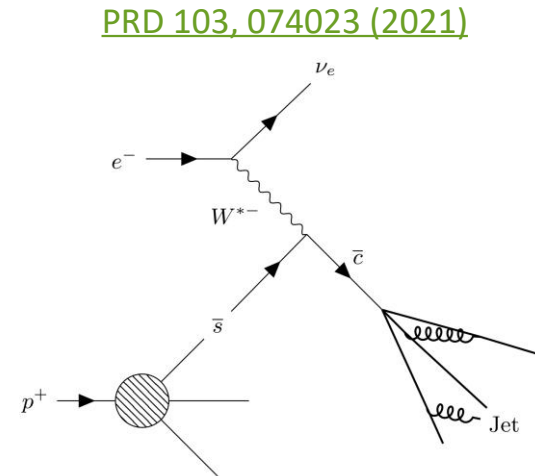
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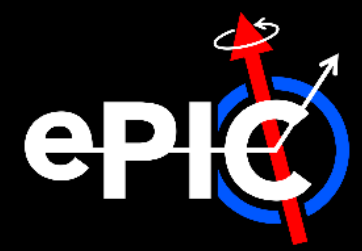
Introduction | Jets vs. EIC Physics Goals



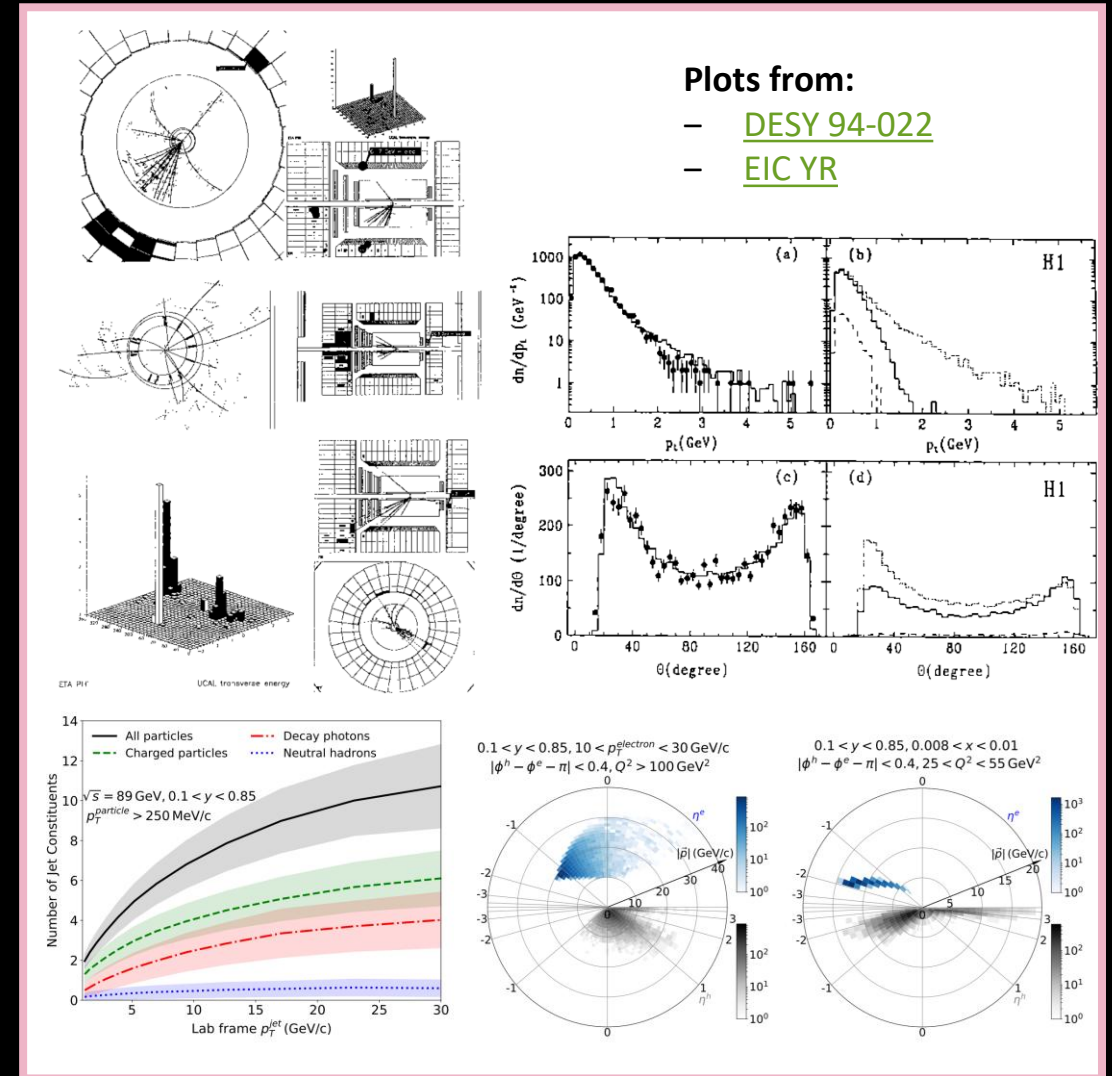
- **Jets are extremely powerful probes!**
 - Dynamically generated, sensitive to **many** scales
 - Good proxy for parton kinematics
 - Like SIDIS (multiple particles in FS), but also encode correlations b/n particles
 - ☞ **Via both jet clustering & substructure**
- Can provide input on all areas of EIC physics program
 - **(n)PDFs,**
 - › e.g. [PRD 102, 074015 \(2020\)](#)
 - **Spin/flavor structure of nuclei,**
 - › e.g. [PRD 103, 074023 \(2021\)](#)
 - **Saturation/extreme parton density,**
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 - **Cold nuclear matter effects,**
 - › e.g. [arXiv:2308.08143](#)



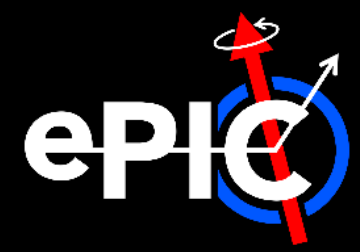
Jets in DIS | Differences Between EIC & RHIC



- Jet-finding very similar between e+h, h+h collisions, but there are key differences:
 - **Kinematics**
 - › In DIS, scattered lepton completely determines event kinematics
 - › *Strong* correlations b/n kinematic variables
 - **Asymmetric collisions**
 - › Other frames than lab (e.g. Breit Frame) useful
 - › Algorithms other than anti- k_T also useful (next slide)
 - **Much lower multiplicities**
 - › $e+p \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}(< 10)$ charged particles
 - › $e+Au \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}(10)$ charged particles
 - Wide variety of production mechanisms (previous slide)
 - Much smaller σ_{int} ,
 - › e.g. DIS $\sigma_{\text{int}} \mathcal{O}(100) \times$ smaller than σ_{int} at RHIC/LHC...



Jets in DIS | Clustering Algorithms (1/3)



- Standard in h+h collisions are (anti-) k_T algorithms

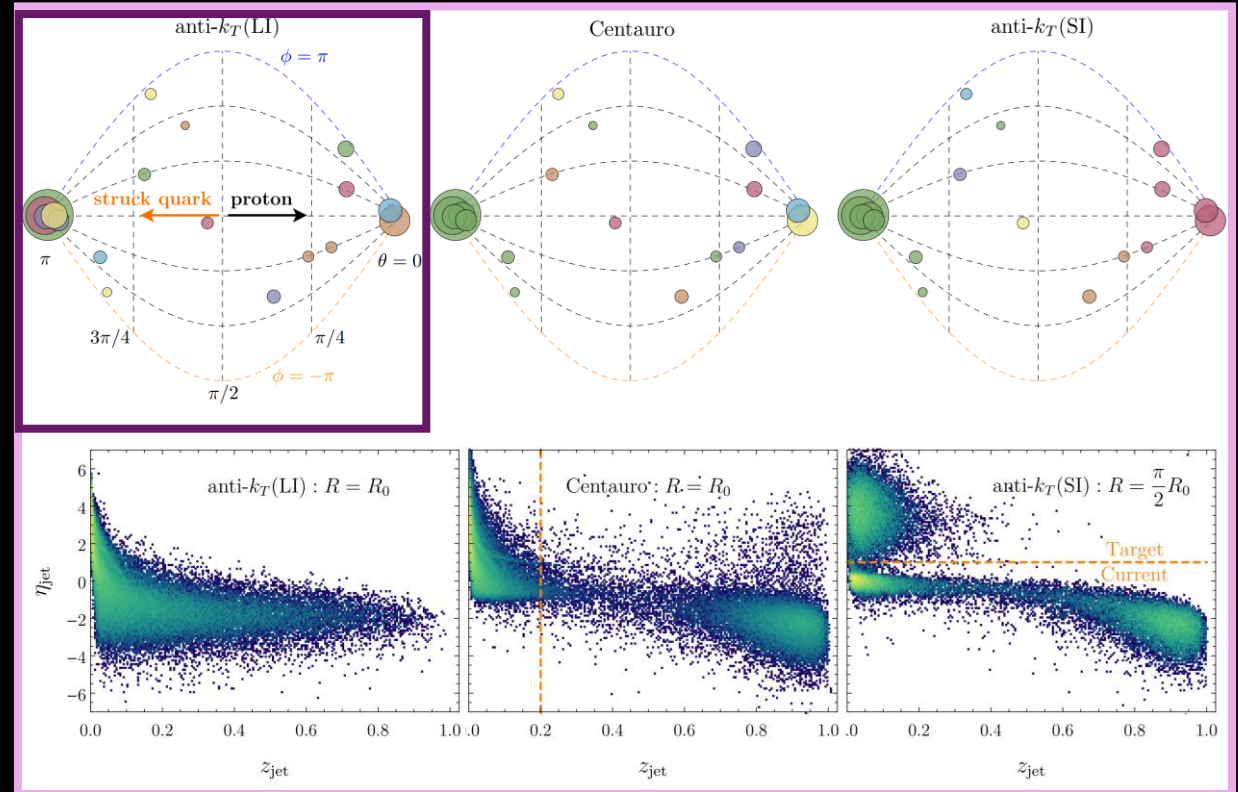
$$d_{ij} = \min(p_{T,i}^{2p}, p_{T,j}^{2p}) \Delta R_{ij}^2 / R^2,$$

$$d_{iB} = p_{Ti}^{2p}$$

☞ Longitudinally invariant! But not necessarily appropriate for Breit frame...

- › $p_T \sim 0$ despite large E
- › η diverges as you approach beamline

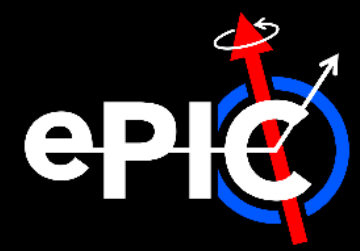
- Right:** illustration of clustering in DIS for different algorithms



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$$z_{jet} = P \cdot p_{jet} / P \cdot q$$

Jets in DIS | Clustering Algorithms (2/3)



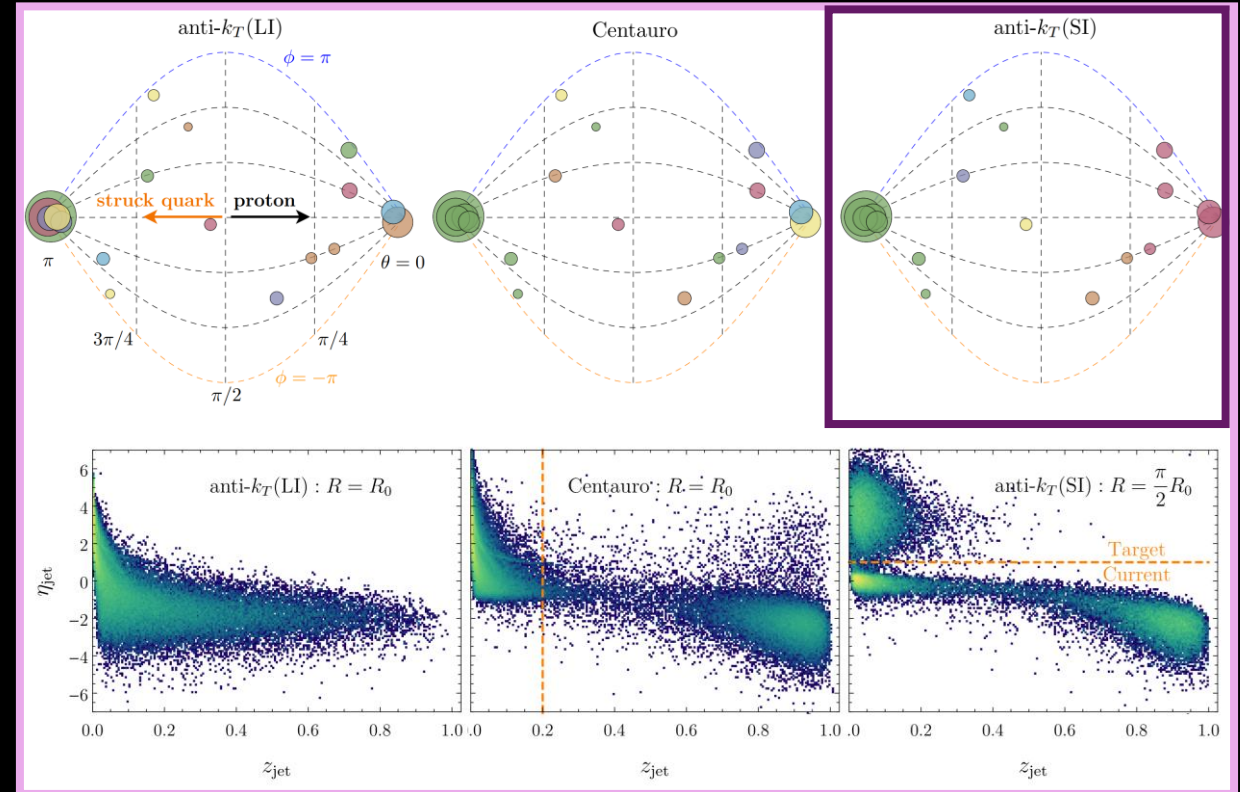
- **One option:** spherically-symmetric (anti-) k_T algorithms

$$d_{ij} = \min(E_i^{2p}, E_j^{2p}) (1 - \cos \theta_{ij}) / (1 - \cos R),$$

$$d_{iB} = E_i^{2p}$$

- ☞ Nicely separates target & current regions! But not longitudinally invariant...
 - › LI useful for multijet events,
 - › Or separating forward jets from beam

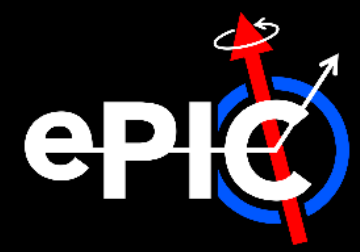
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Jets in DIS | Clustering Algorithms (3/3)



- **Another option:** asymmetric algorithms, e.g. Centauro

$$d_{ij} = \left[(\Delta f_{ij})^2 + 2f_i f_j (1 - \cos \Delta \phi_{ij}) \right] / R^2,$$

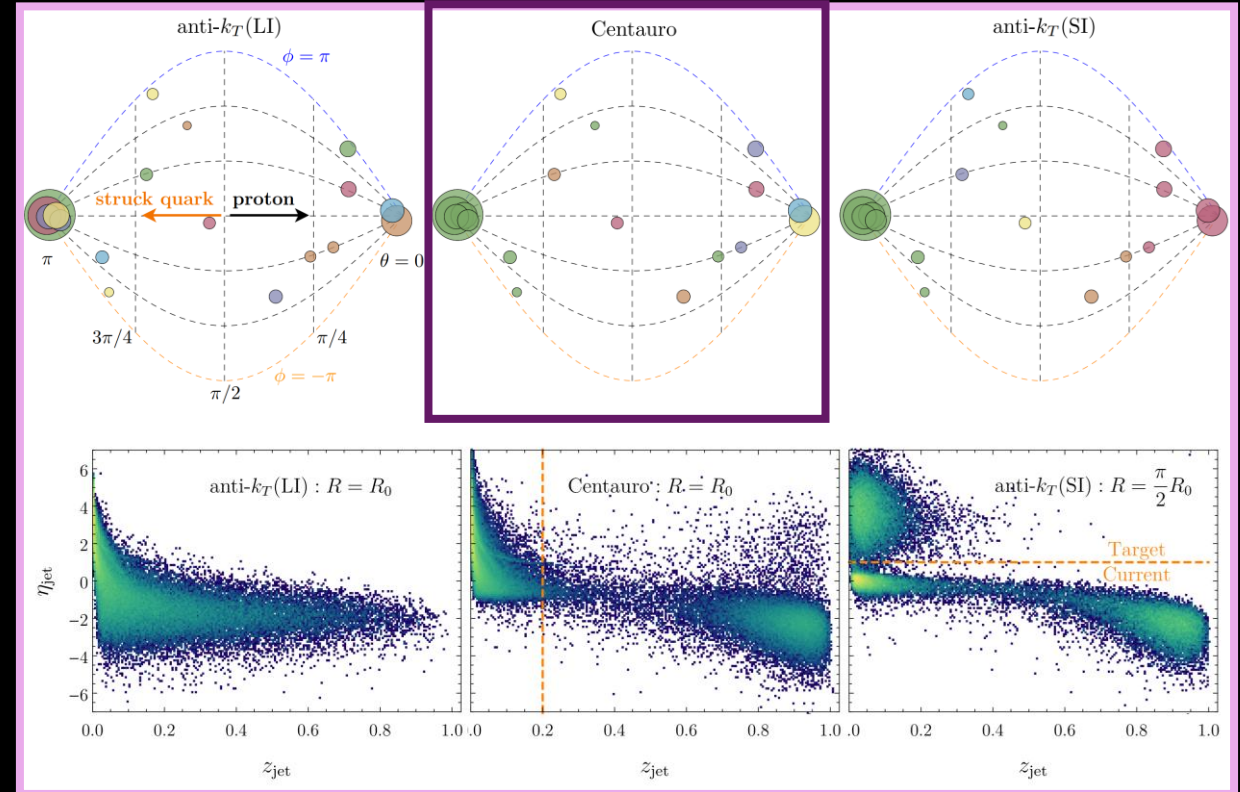
$$d_{iB} = 1,$$

$$f_i = f(\bar{n}_i) = \bar{n}_i + \sigma(\bar{n}_i),$$

$$\bar{n}_i = 2p_i^\perp / (E_i - p_{z,i})$$

- ☞ Behaves like a k_T algorithm in forward region, like a spherically-symmetric algorithm in backward
 - › f_i can be tuned to match other algorithms in other regions

- **Right:** illustration of clustering in DIS for different algorithms



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ePIC | The ePIC Detector

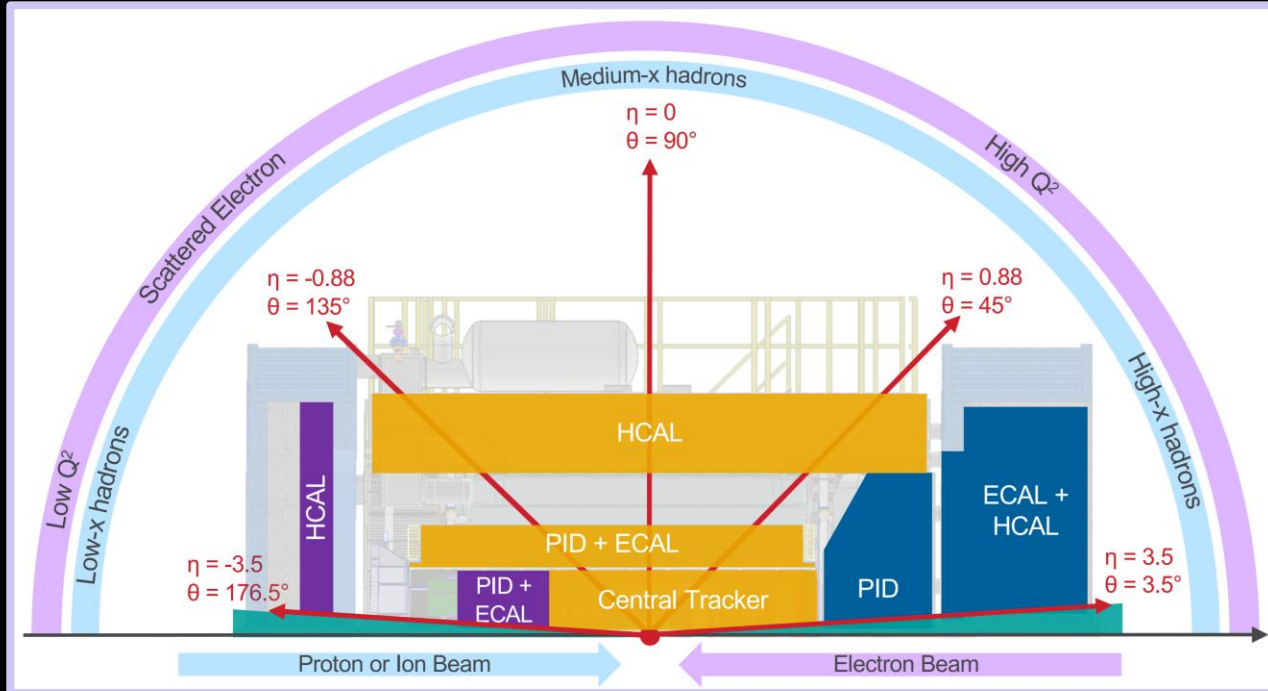
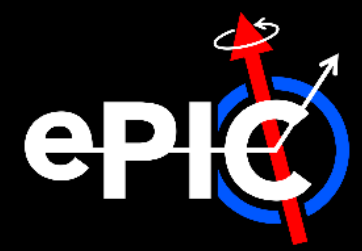
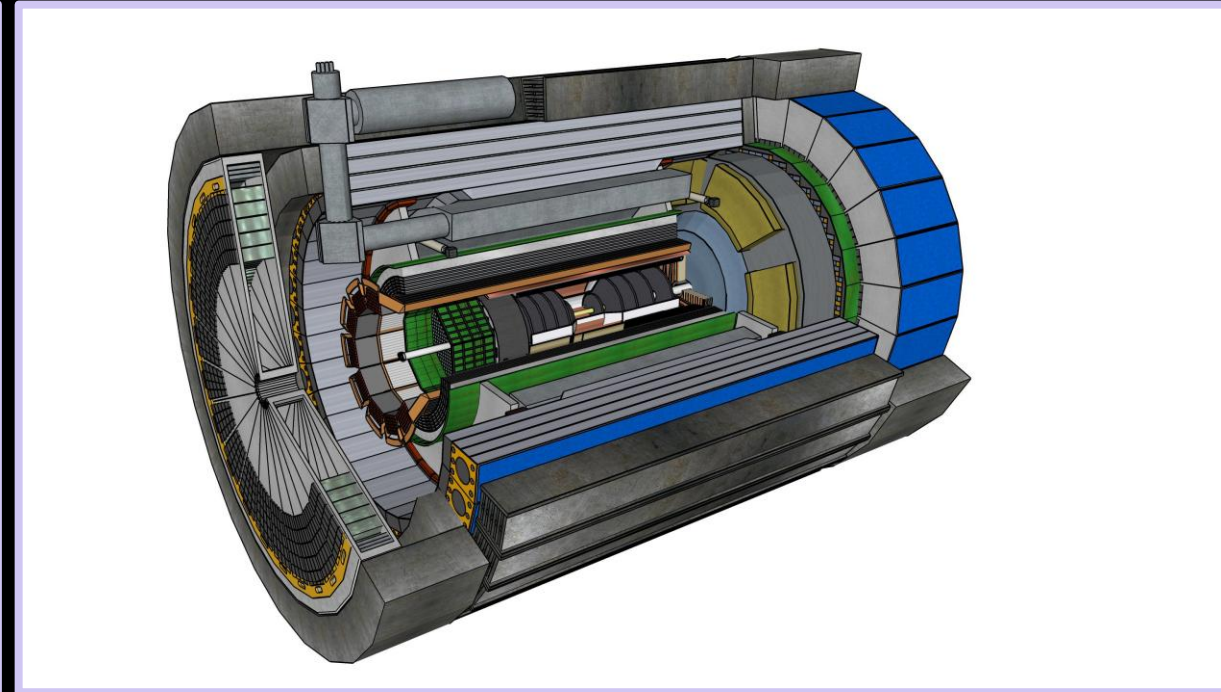


Figure by Sylvester Joosten



- **ePIC:** EIC project detector to be built at IP6
 - Fulfills EIC science mission & detector requirements
 - › c.f. [Yellow](#) & [NAS](#) Reports
 - Collaboration formed in late 2022 – early 2023
- (Almost) fully hermetic central detector with extensive coverage in forward, backward
 - ☞ **See:**
 - [HF at ePIC \[D. Dongwi, 05.20\]](#)
 - [ePIC: status & plans \[D. Brandenburg, 05.23\]](#)

Central Detector Subsystems:

1) Tracking

- › Inner layers: MAPS detectors
- › Outer layers: MPGDs (μ RWELL, MMS)

2) Particle ID

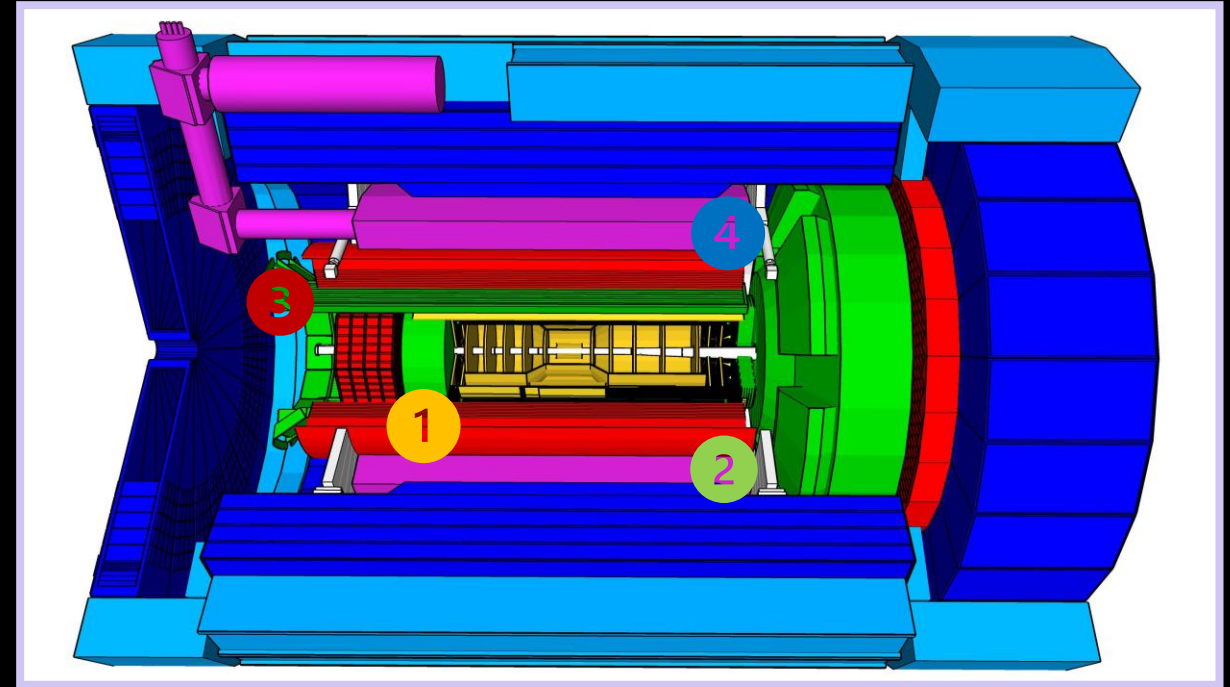
- › Barrel: high-performance DIRC
- › Forward: dual-radiator RICH
- › Backward: proximity-focusing RICH
- › TOF (using AC-LGADs)

3) EM Calorimetry

- › Barrel: Imaging (Si + Pb/SciFi* matrix)
- › Forward: W-powder + SciFi*
- › Backward: PbWO4 crystals

4) Hadronic calorimetry

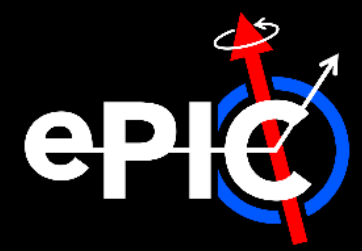
- Barrel: Fe + scintillating tiles
- Endcaps: Fe/W + scintillating tiles



- **Note:** flux return steel (light blue) no longer part of design

* Scintillating-fibers

ePIC | Detector Subsystems (2/2)



Far Forward/Backward Subsystems:

1) ZDC

- › EMCal: PbWO4 crystals
- › HCal: Fe + scintillating tiles

2) Roman Pots, Off-Momentum Detectors

- › Tracking: AC-LGAD, 2 stations x 2 layers

3) B0 Spectrometer

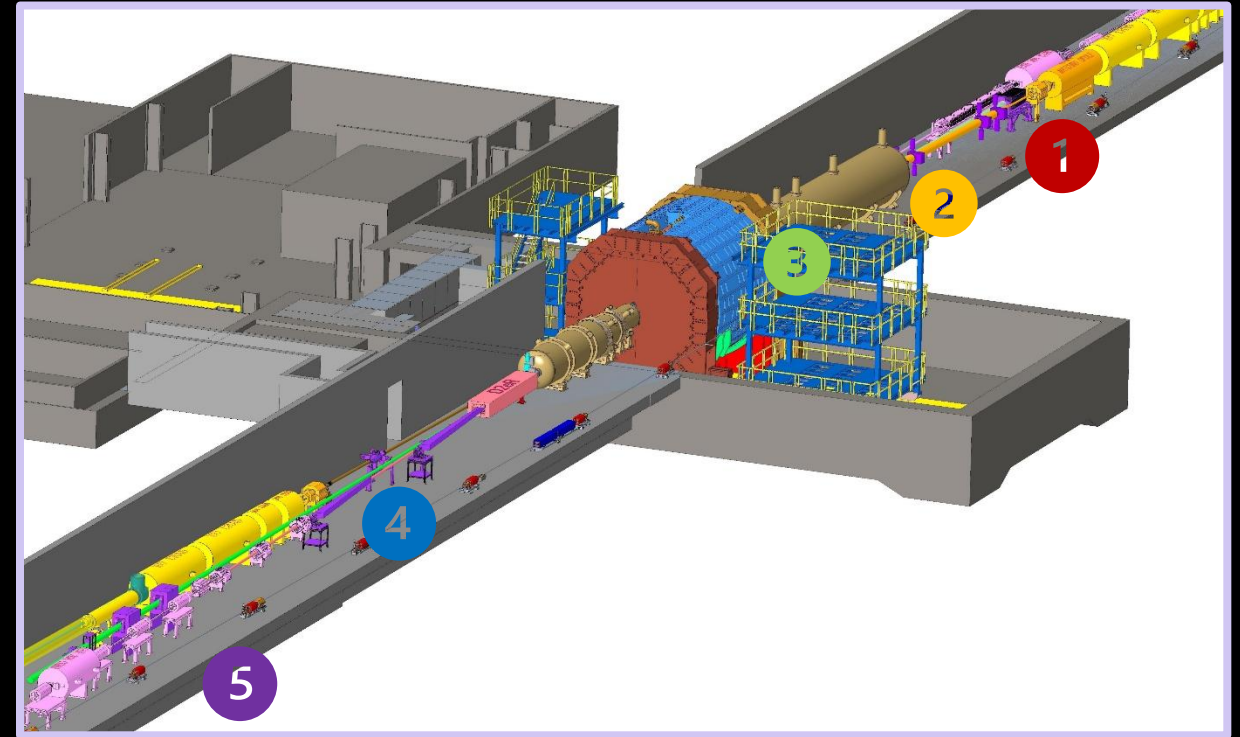
- › Tracking: AC-LGAD, 4 layers
- › EMCal: PbWO4 crystals

4) Low-Q2 Taggers

- › Tracking: Si, 4 layers
- › EMCal: W-powder + ScFi*

5) Luminosity Monitor

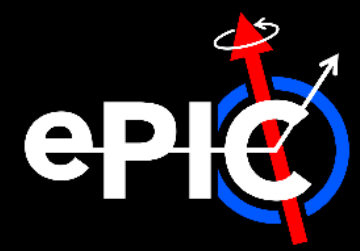
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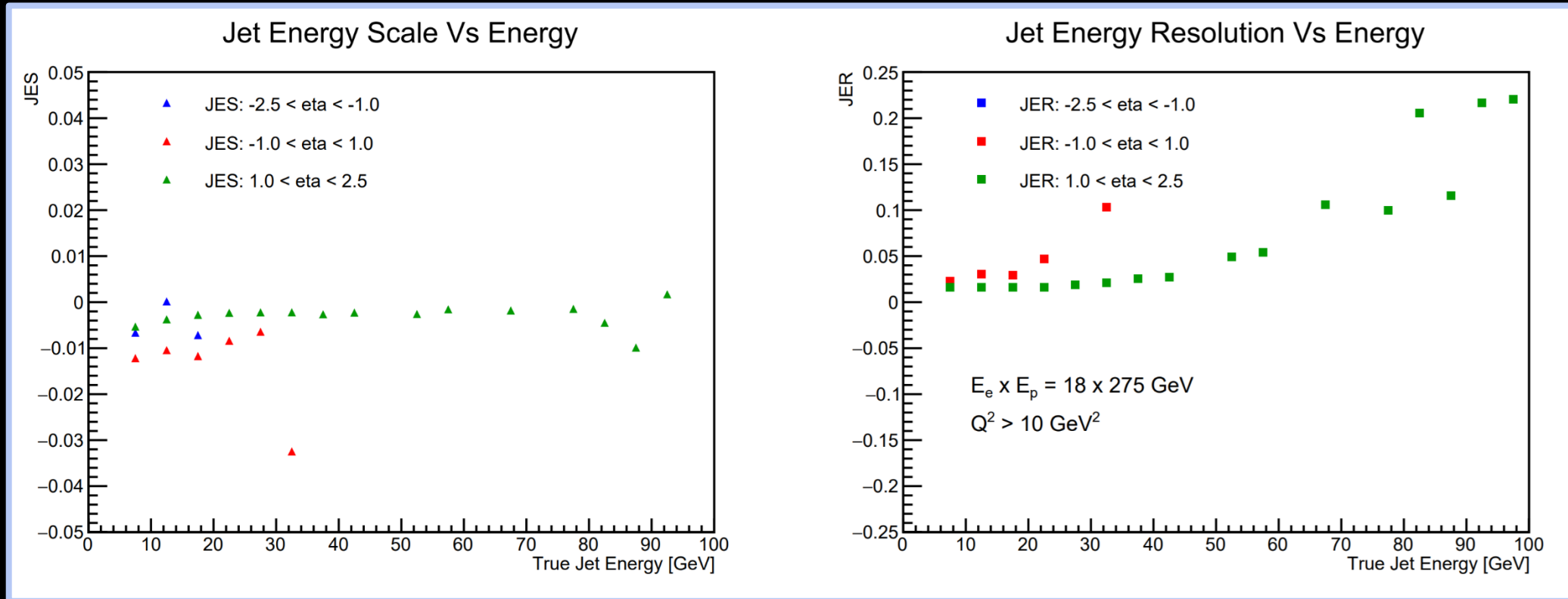
☞ Full detector is 90 meters long!

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Ongoing Efforts | Jet Energy Scale/Resolution

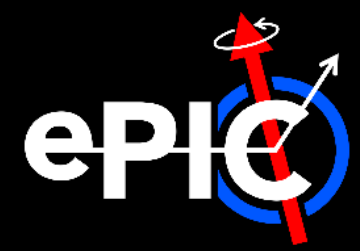


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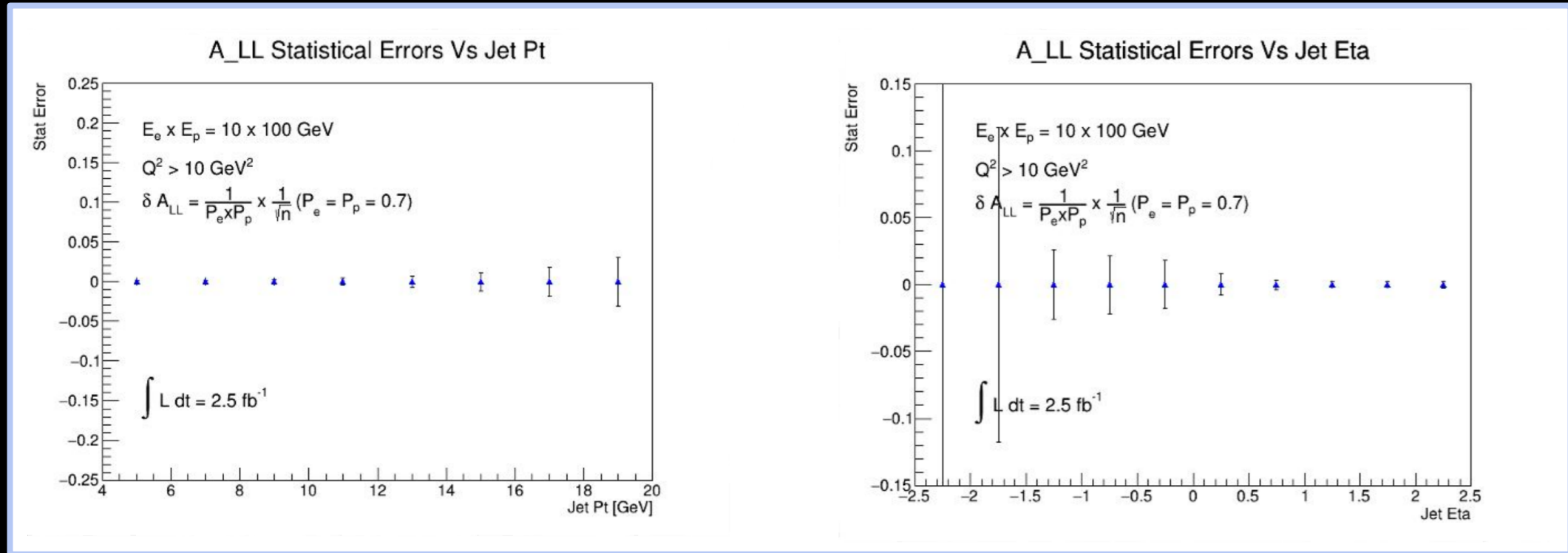


- **Above:** JES (left) & JER (right) for **charged jets**
 - Reco jets from tracks, truth jets from stable final particles
 - Jets matched via $\Delta r = \Delta\phi \oplus \Delta\eta < 0.1$
- Only charged particles used due to lack of adequate PF algorithm, and **to assess tracking performance**
 - ☞ **Note:** baseline particle flow algorithm a development priority for 2025

Ongoing Efforts | Jet A_{LL}

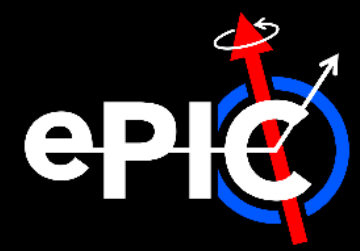


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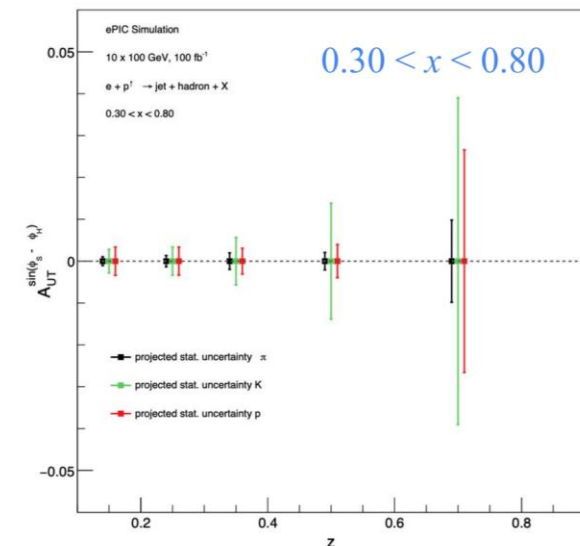
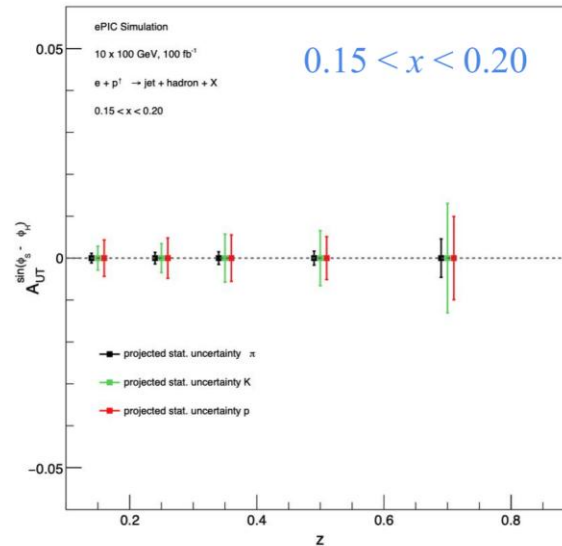
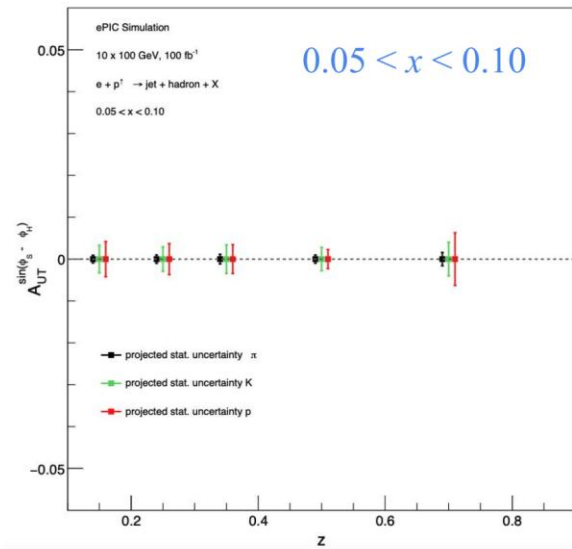
- **Above:** projected statistical precision for jet A_{LL}
 - CoM energy & luminosity approximate anticipated $e+p$ conditions in years 2, 3 of EIC
- **Double-spin asymmetry (A_{LL}):** $(\sigma_{\rightarrow} - \sigma_{\leftarrow})/(\sigma_{\rightarrow} + \sigma_{\leftarrow})$
 - Measured $A_{LL} \propto$ sum of convolutions of parton helicity distributions
 - \therefore Provides crucial constraints on polarized PDFs

Ongoing Efforts | Collins Asymmetry



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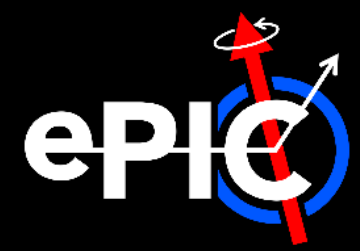
ep @ 10x100, $L = 100 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



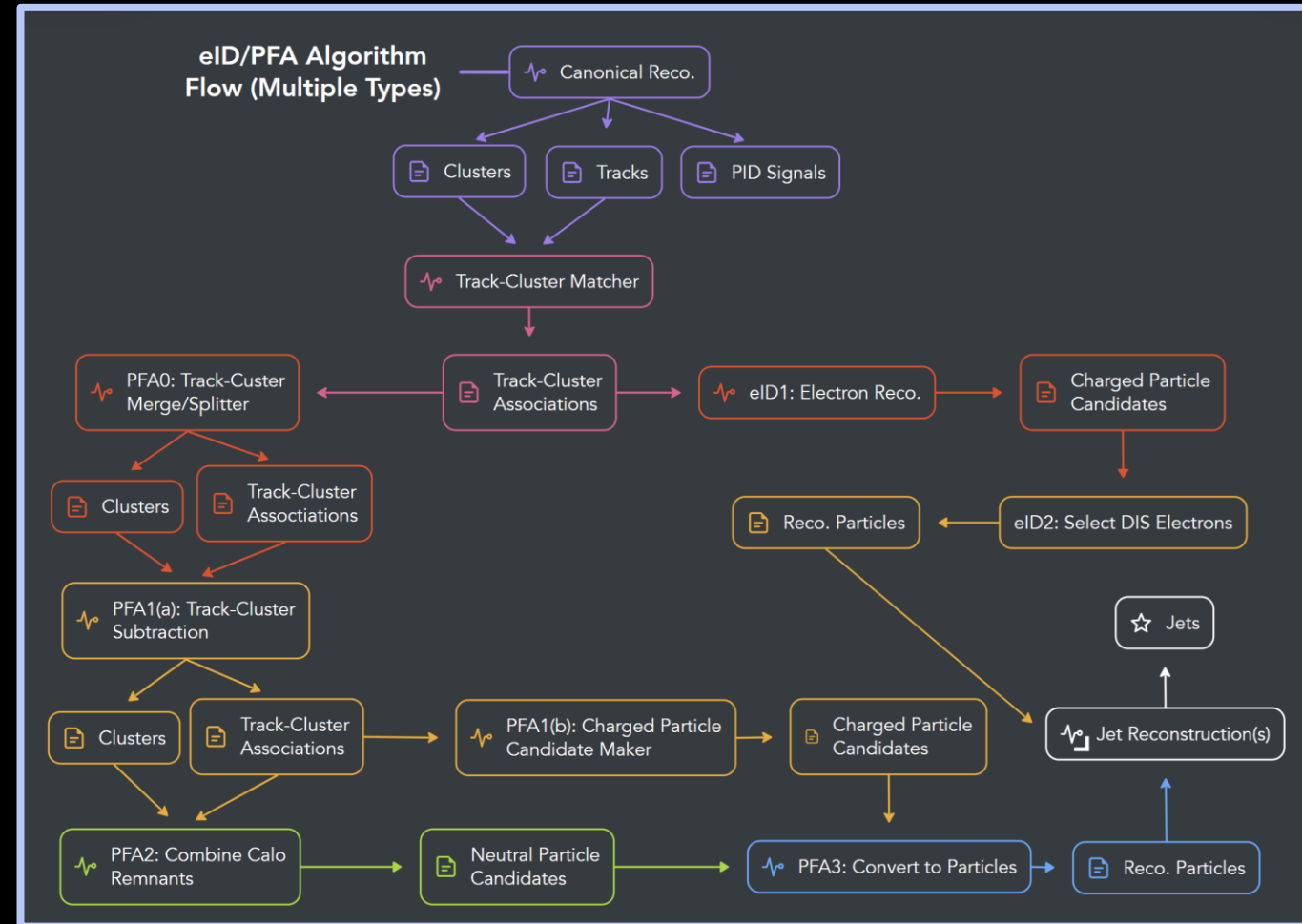
- **Above:** projected statistical precision for π , K , p Collins Asymmetry
 - CoM energy approximates anticipated $e+p$ conditions in years 2, 3 of EIC

- **Collins Asymmetry:** effect due to convolution of quark transversity (h_1^q) and Collins FF ($H_{1\pi/q}^\perp$)
 - Advantage of jet+hadron Collins over single hadron SIDIS: jets provide proxy for fragmenting parton

Ongoing Efforts | Particle Flow

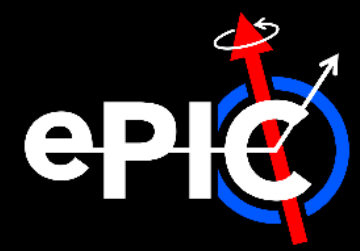


- **Note:** previous studies done for *charged* jets
 - Currently lacking mature particle flow algorithms (PFAs) to synthesize tracking, calorimetry, & PID information
 - ∴ **Implementing baseline PFA a critical development goal for this year**
- **Left:** proposed baseline, *PFA α* , currently under development
 - Flow chart illustrates the flow of component algorithms & datatypes
 - ☞ **Goal:** keep algorithm modular & support multiple PFAs concurrently!
 - Also illustrates interface between electron ID & jet finding
 - **Joint-work between Jet/HF PWG & Reconstruction WG**

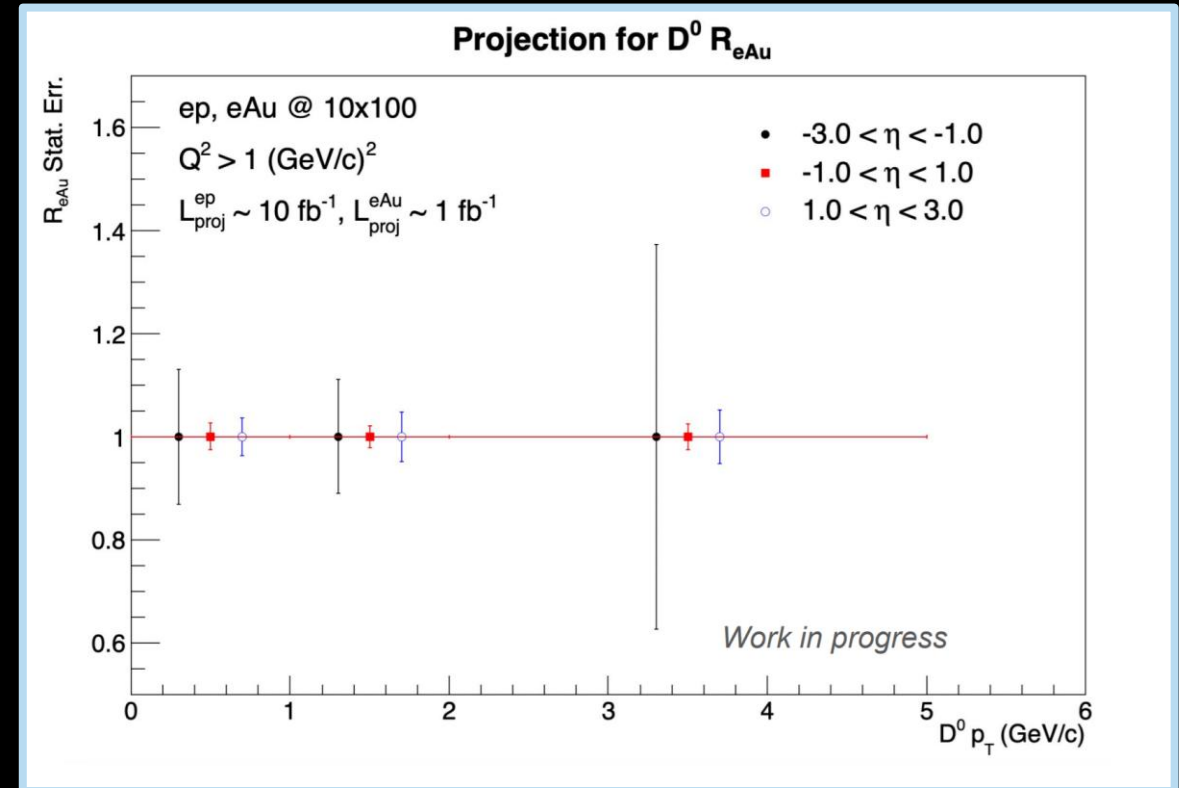


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Conclusion | Ongoing Jef/HF PWG Efforts

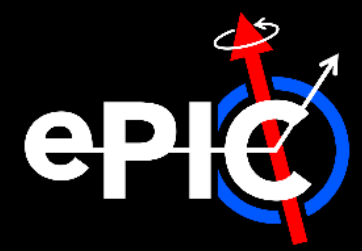


- Current Jet/HF PWG work mostly organized around
 - a) Preparation for the EIC TDR,
 - b) Early science
 - ☞ See [Report on Early Science Workshop \[R. Ma, 05.20\]](#)
- **Example:** some other ongoing efforts in PWG
 - › Open D0 reconstruction
 - › **Right:** projected statistical precision for $D^0 R_{eAu}$
 - ☞ See [HF at ePIC \[D. Dongwi, 05.20\]](#)
 - › Assessing tracking performance
- ☞ **PWG meetings are every 1st, 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am BNL time!**



Work by Rongrong Ma

Conclusion | Summary & Outlook



Conclusions

- Jets are crucial to the EIC science program
 - › Valuable complement to other SIDIS observables!
 - › Differences between RHIC & EIC
 - ePIC is well-posed to make precision jet measurements
 - › Close to hermetic central detector
 - › Equipped with precision tracking & full (EM + hadronic) calorimetry
- 👉 **Lots of room to make contributions, so please join us!**



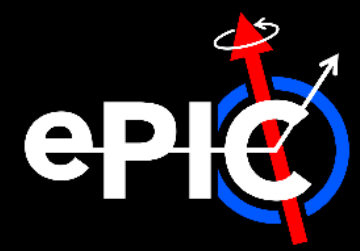


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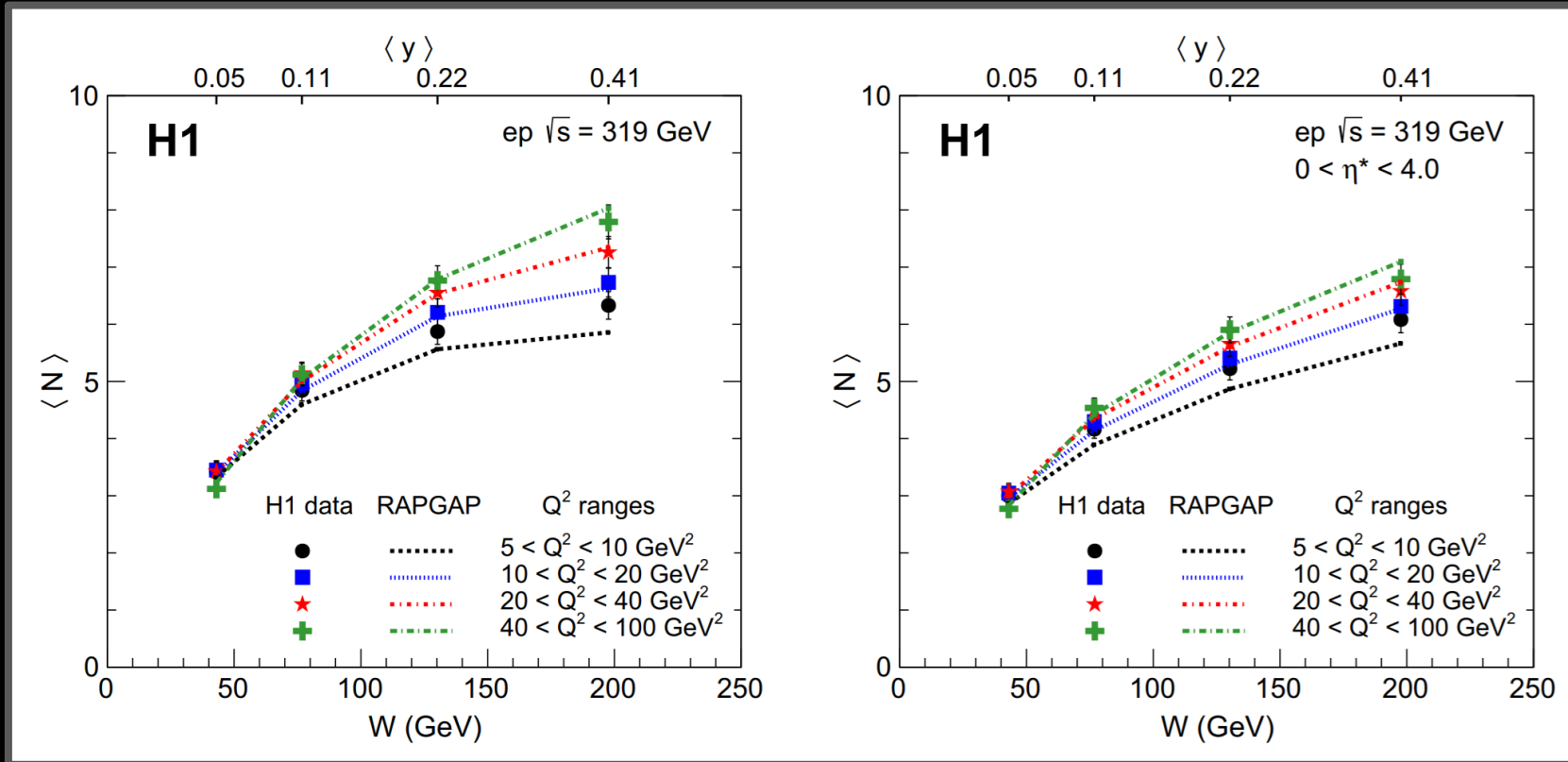


	Species	Energy (GeV)	Luminosity/year (fb ⁻¹)	Electron polarization	p/A polarization
YEAR 1	e+Ru or e+Cu	10 x 115	0.9	NO (Commissioning)	N/A
YEAR 2	e+D e+p	10 x 130	11.4 4.95 - 5.33	LONG	NO TRANS
YEAR 3	e+p	10 x 130	4.95 - 5.33	LONG	TRANS and/or LONG
YEAR 4	e+Au e+p	10 x 100 10 x 250	0.84 6.19 - 9.18	LONG	N/A TRANS and/or LONG
YEAR 5	e+Au e+3He	10 x 100 10 x 166	0.84 8.65	LONG	N/A TRANS and/or LONG

Note: the eA luminosity is per nucleon

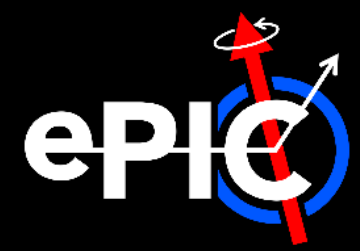
- Possible running scenarios for years 1 - 5 of EIC
 - ☞ Under discussion to maximize science & commissioning of machine

- From [2025 EIC Early Science Workshop](#)
 - ☞ See [Report on Early Science Workshop \[R. Ma, 05.20\]](#)



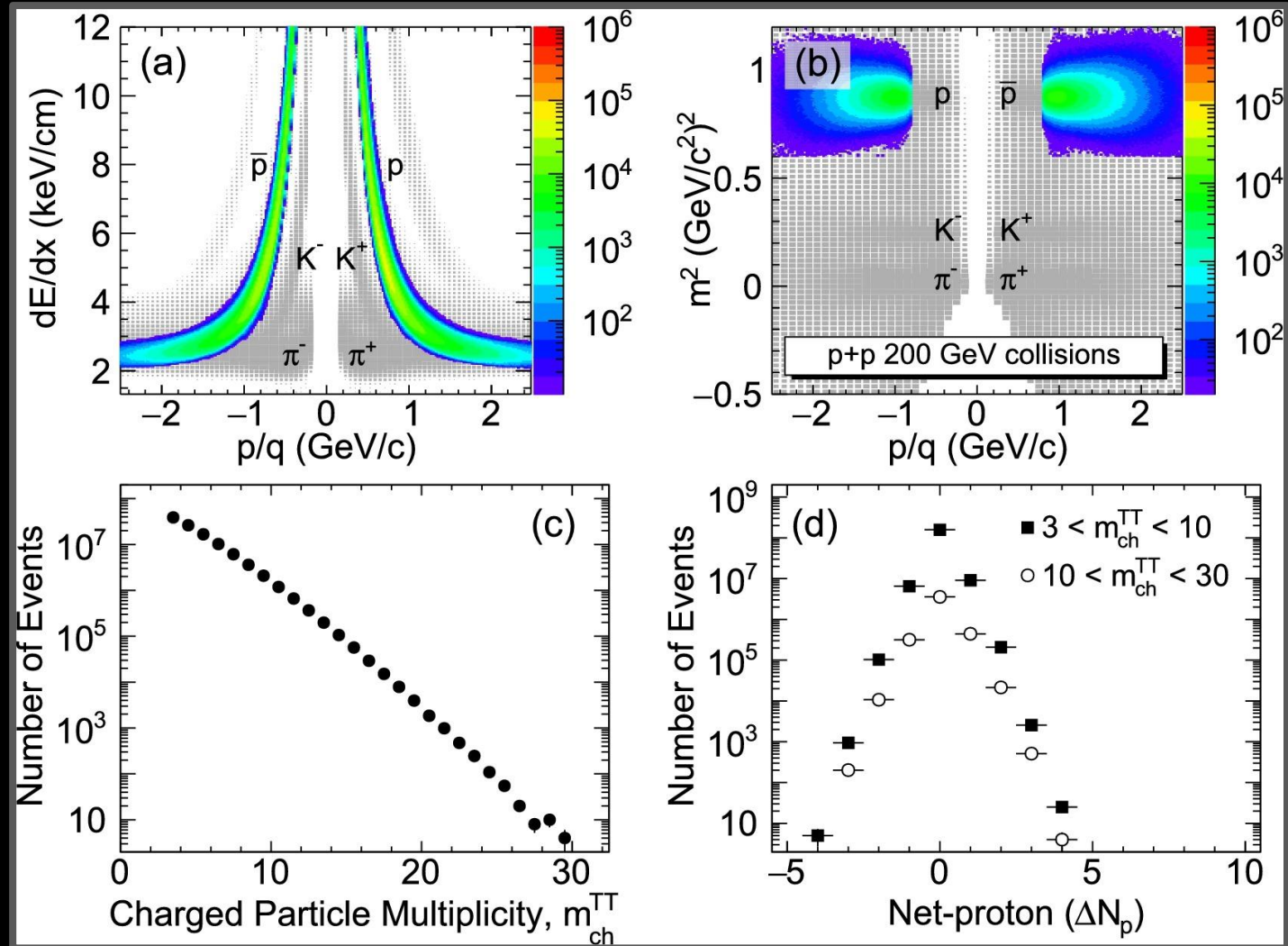
- Average charged particle multiplicity at H1 vs hadronic CoM energy, W , in 319 GeV e+p
 ☞ From [EPJC 81, 212 \(2021\)](#)
- $W = \sqrt{sy - Q^2 - M_p^2}$
 - $y = 2E_e \Sigma / [\Sigma + E'_e(1 - \cos\theta_e)]^2$
 - $\Sigma = \sum (E_i - p_{z,i})$

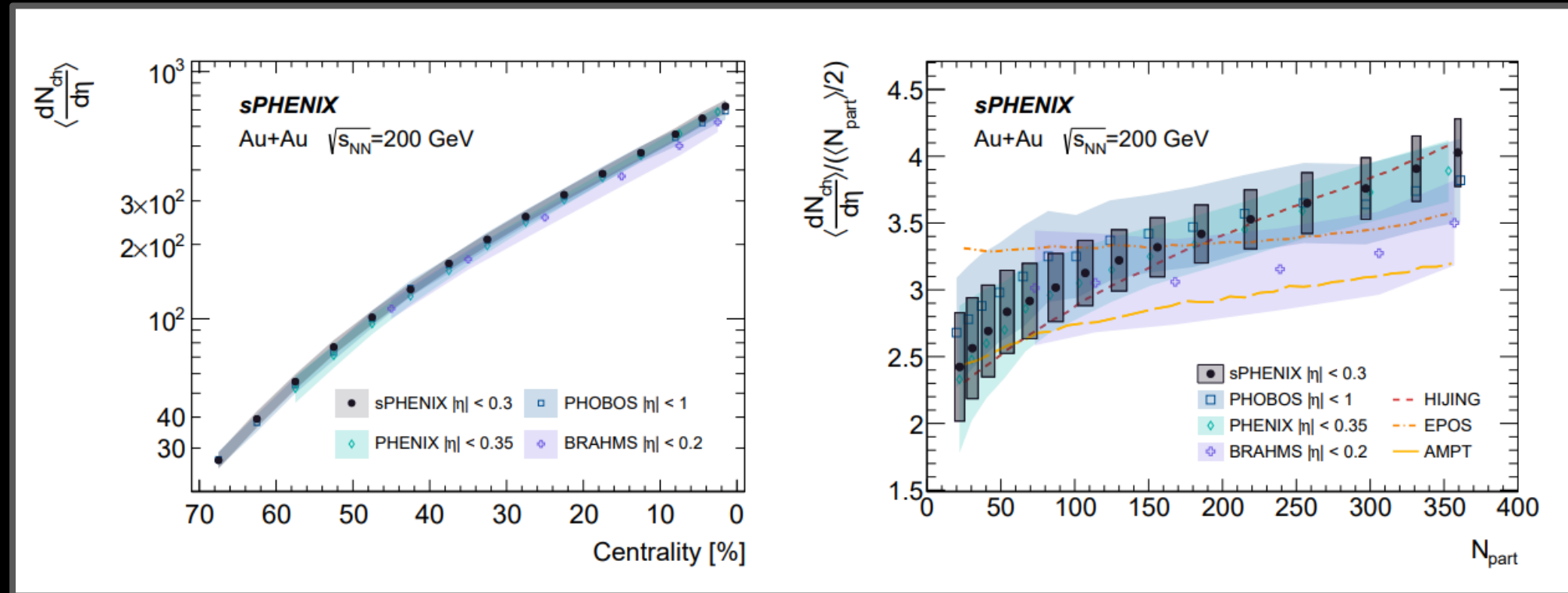
Backup | Multiplicity in p+p



- Charged particle multiplicity in the STAR TOF (lower left) in 200 GeV p+p

☞ From [PLB 857, 138966 \(2024\)](#)

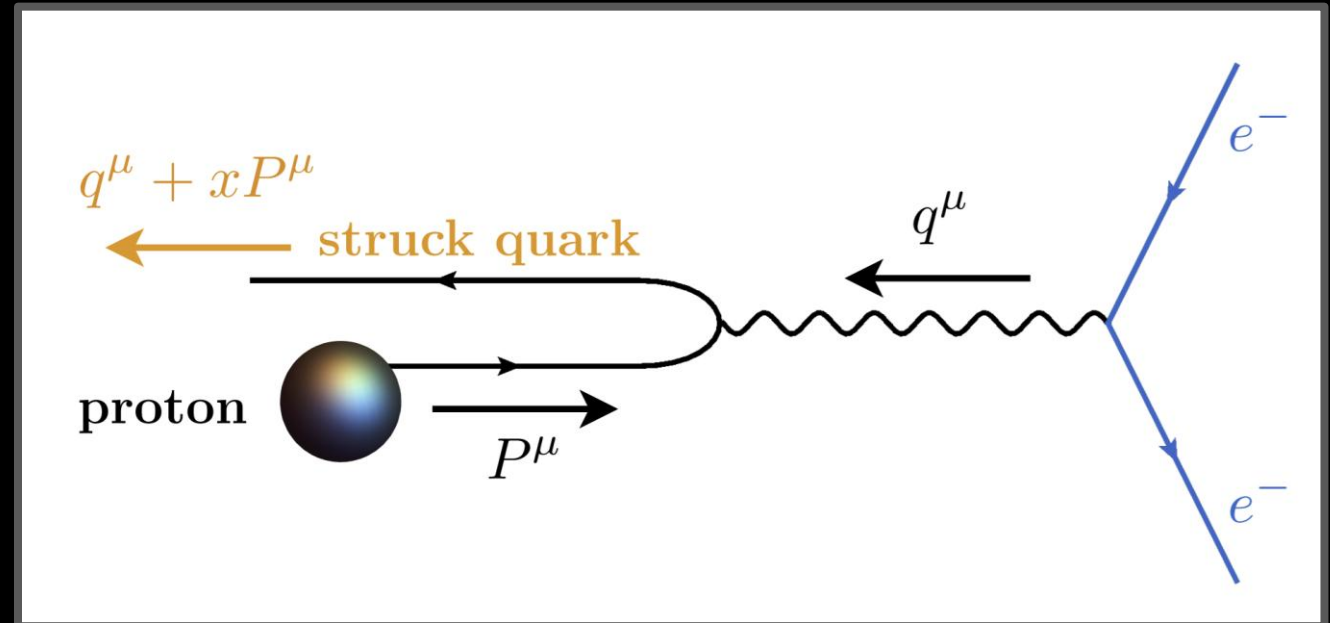




- Average charged particle multiplicity per unit eta in the sPHENIX INTT in 200 GeV Au+Au

👉 From [arXiv:2504.02240](https://arxiv.org/abs/2504.02240)

- **Breit Frame:** struck quark has equal & opposite momentum to incoming quark
 - ☞ Allows for factorized TMD x-section in DIS like in Drell-Yan/ $e^+e^- \rightarrow hh(jj)$
- **Kinematics:**
 - $q^\mu = \frac{Q}{2}(\bar{n}^\mu - n^\mu) = Q(0,0,0,-1)$
 - $P^\mu \approx \frac{Q}{2x_B}n^\mu = \frac{Q}{2x_B}(+1,0,0,-1)$
 - $p_q^\mu = xP^\mu + q^\mu \approx \frac{Q}{2}\bar{n}^\mu$
 - ☞ (At Born level)
- **Reminder:**
 - ☞ $x_B = Q^2/(2q \cdot p)$



[PRD 104, 034005 \(2021\)](#)

Backup | ENC in p+p

N-Point Energy Correlators (ENC)

$$\text{ENC}(R_L) = \left(\prod_{k=1}^N \int d\Omega_{\vec{n}_k} \right) \delta(R_L - \Delta R_L) \frac{\langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \dots \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_N) \rangle}{E_{\text{jet}}^N}$$

- $\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_i)$ = i^{th} asymptotic energy operator
- R_L = longest distance out of N directions

- Cleanly image structure as a function of angular scale

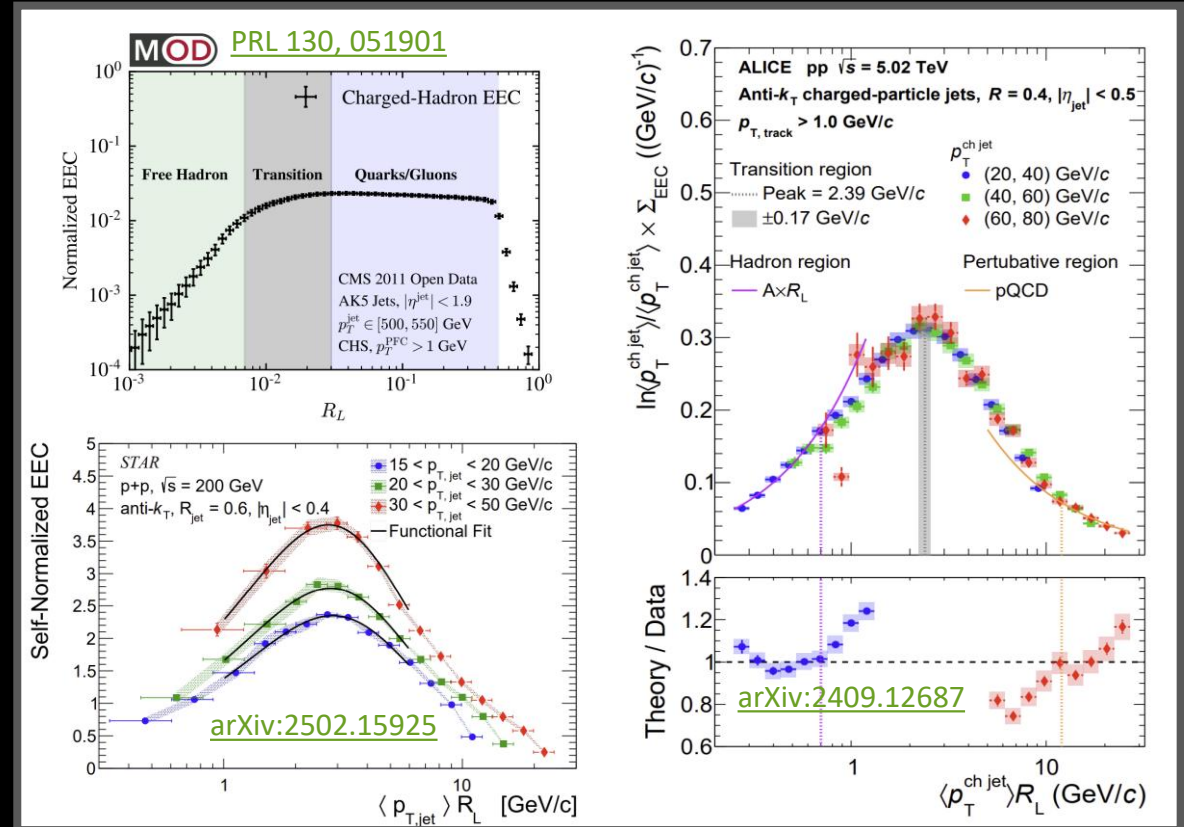
- In vacuum: allow for clear distinction b/n **perturbative** and **nonperturbative** regimes

☞ [PRL 130, 051901](#)

- Recent studies demonstrate transition happens at

$$R_L p_T^{\text{jet}} \sim 2.5 \text{ GeV/c at RHIC and LHC}$$

☞ See recent [STAR](#) & [ALICE](#) results



Backup | ENC in e+Au

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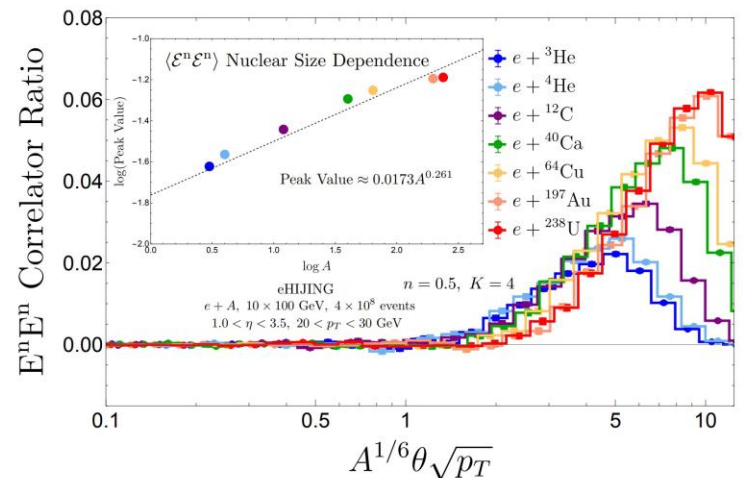
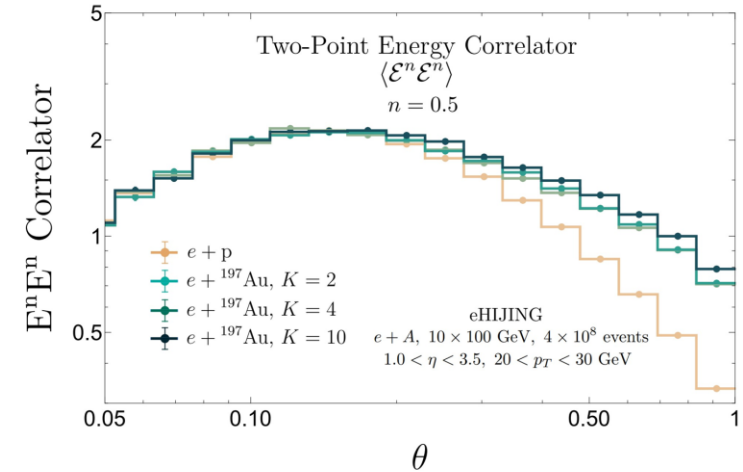
$$\text{ENC}(R_L) = \left(\prod_{k=1}^N \int d\Omega_{\vec{n}_k} \right) \delta(R_L - \Delta R_L) \frac{\langle \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_1) \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_2) \dots \mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_N) \rangle}{E_{\text{jet}}^N}$$

- $\mathcal{E}(\vec{n}_i)$ = ith asymptotic energy operator
- R_L = longest distance out of N directions

- Devereaux et al studied potential of ENC at EIC to analyze CNM effects
 - Considered simulated e+p/e+A collisions w/ eHIJING
 - Study suggests that ENC can:
 - a) Clearly identify characteristic scale of onset of nuclear medium modification (**upper plot**)
 - b) Identify characteristic scale of modification associated with nuclear size (**lower plot**)
 - Ref: [arXiv:2303.08143](https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.08143)

∴ ENC provide a strong observable to study CNM effects!

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Backup | Nucleon EECs

Nucleon Energy-Energy Correlators (NEEC)

$$\text{NEEC} = \sum_i \int d\sigma(x_B, Q^2, p_i) x_B^{N-1} \frac{E_i}{E_p} \delta(\theta - \theta_i)$$

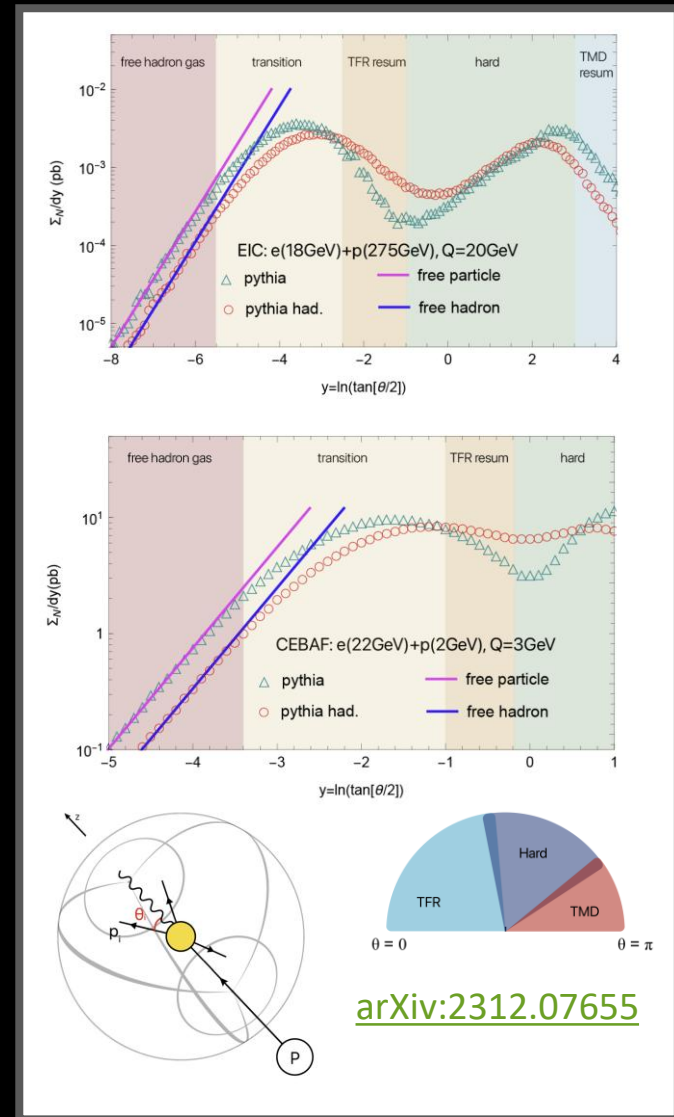
- E_i, θ_i = energy, Breit frame angle of i^{th} particle
- E_p = energy of scattered proton

- *Nucleon EECs* (NEECs) provide a variation of EECs applicable to both collider & fixed target kinematics!

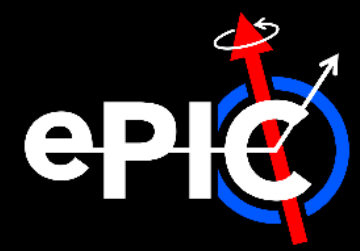
- **In essence:** $R_L \rightarrow \theta_{\text{breit}}$

- › Enables sensitivity to different physics processes by selecting different θ_{breit}

- ☞ See [PRL 130, 091901](#), [arXiv:2312.07655](#)



Backup | EIC Goals and Luminosities (1/2)

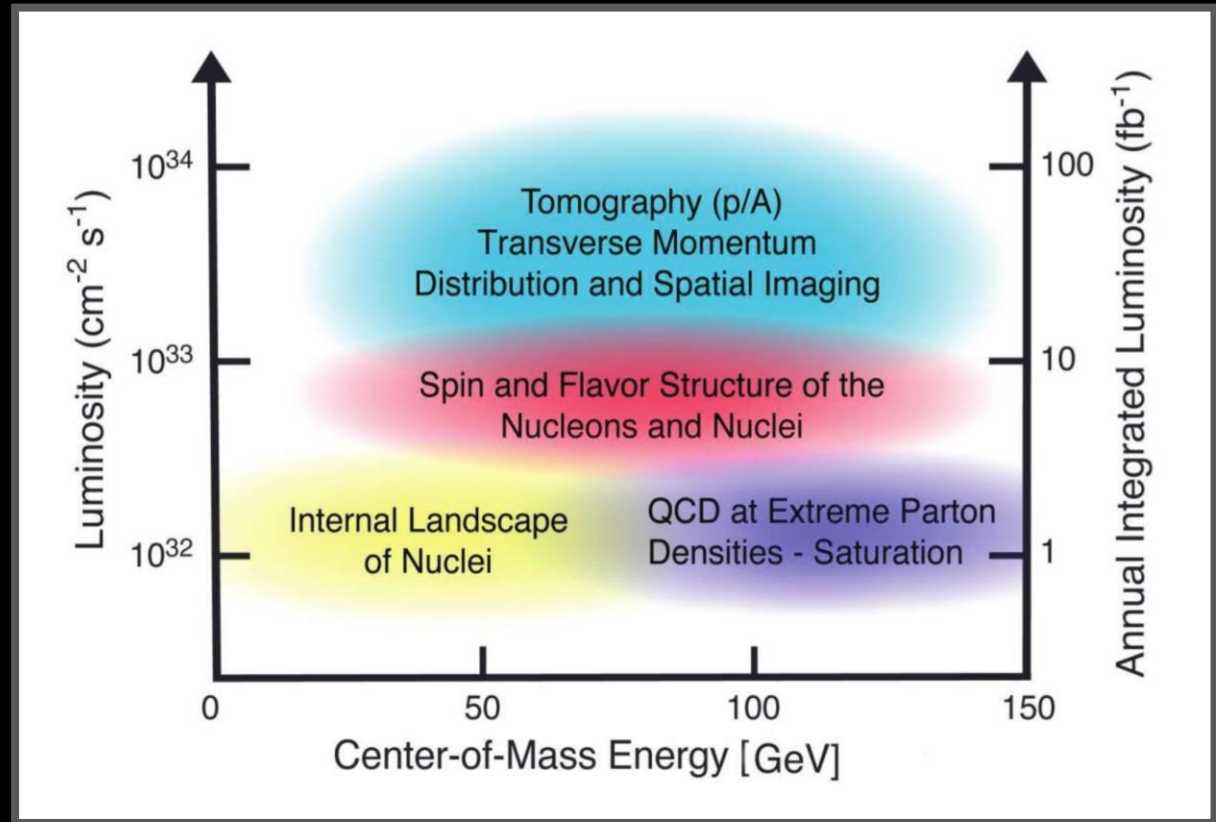


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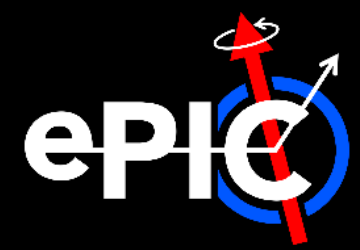
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⇒ **Streaming Readout (SRO)** is a must if we want to fully unlock EIC scientific potential

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Backup | EIC Goals and Luminosities (2/2)



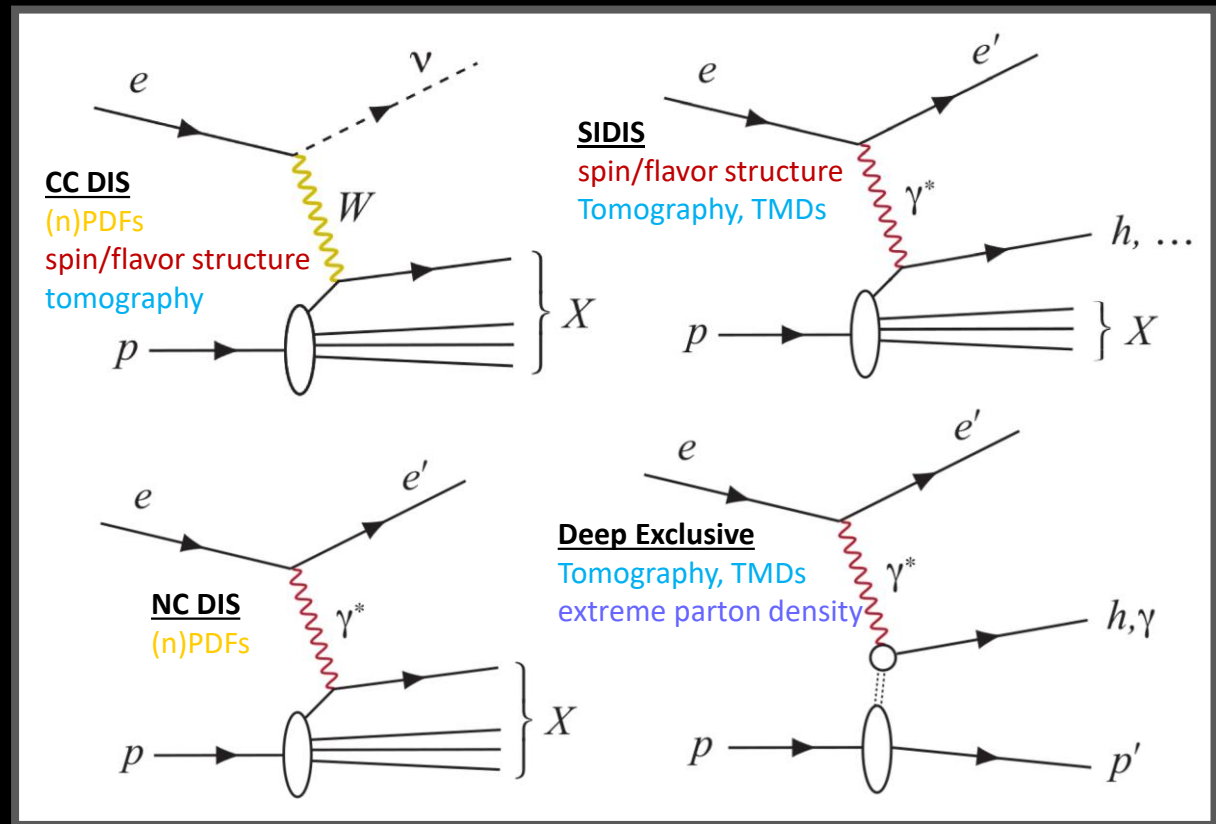
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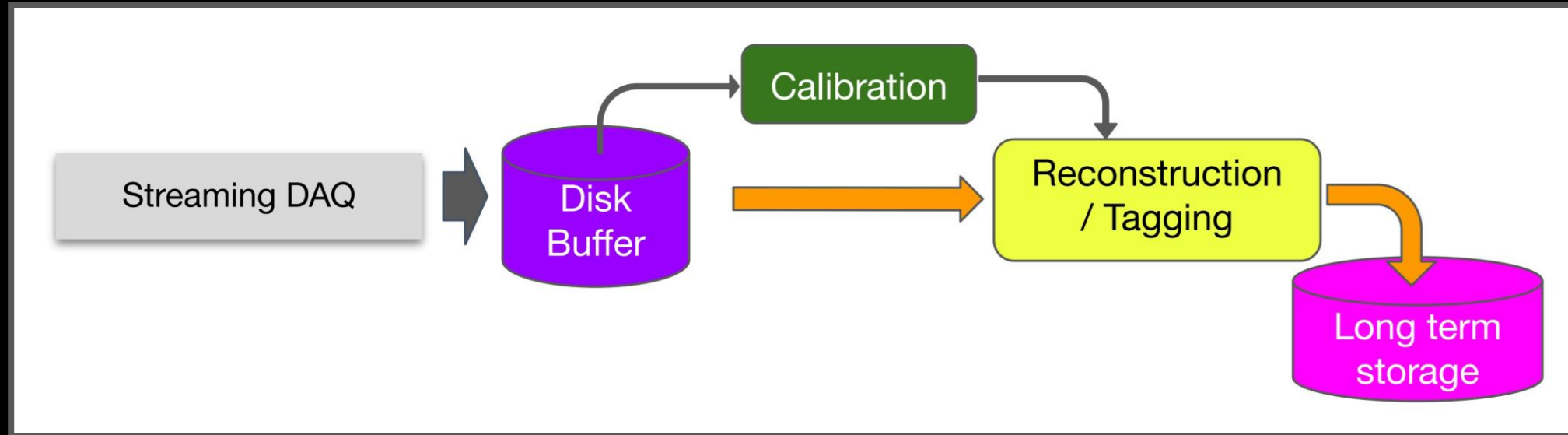
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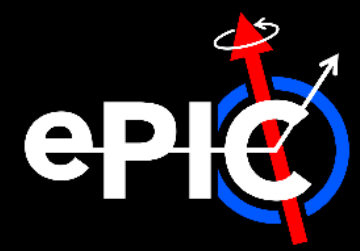


- **Streaming readout (SRO):** data read out in continuous parallel streams
 - Each stream encodes when/where data was recorded
 - Data digitized at fixed rate & thresholds/zero-suppression applied locally
 - Event building, filtering, monitoring, etc. deferred until data in tiered storage

☞ See: [report on ePIC Streaming Computing Model](#)

Current & Future Examples:

- [LHCb](#)
- [Recent test implementation at JLab](#)
- [CLAS12](#)
- sPHENIX
- And ePIC!

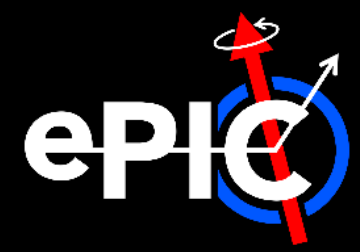


- **Several advantages of SRO over traditional readout (RO)!**
 - a) Enables simplified & more flexible RO hardware
 - › No custom trigger hardware/firmware!
 - b) Provides access to detailed knowledge of background
 - c) Allows workflows to be streamlined & utilize new technologies
 - ☞ e.g. AI/ML!

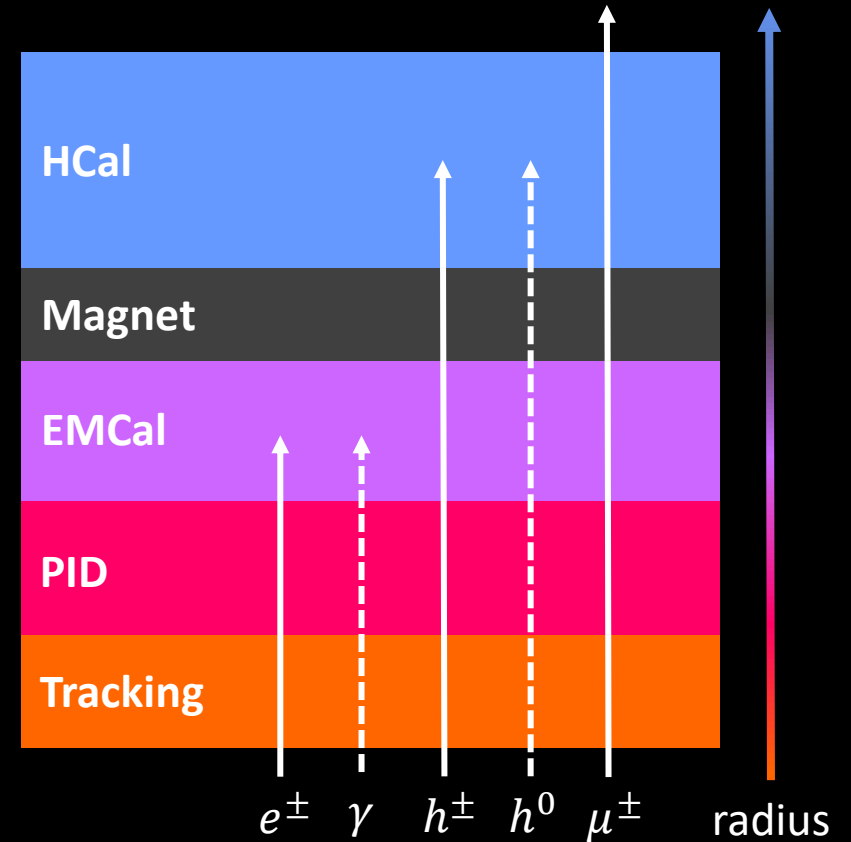
☞ See: [arXiv:2202.03085](#) & [ePIC Streaming Computing Model report](#)

Building on (c):

- Typically $\mathcal{O}(1)$ year between recording data & analyzing data
 - Due to complexity of HEP/NP experiments
 - Alignment, calibration, reconstruction, & validation are costly!
- **Our goal for ePIC:** 2 – 3 weeks between recording & analyzing data!
 - Timeline driven by calibration
- Can be accomplished by integrating computing & detector, esp. using AI/ML for:
 - Autonomous alignment/calibration
 - And rapid reconstruction + validation



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- **Right:** feynman diagram for charged-current DIS
 - Kinematics determined via Jacquet-Blondel method
 - ☞ i.e. From all FS hadrons

