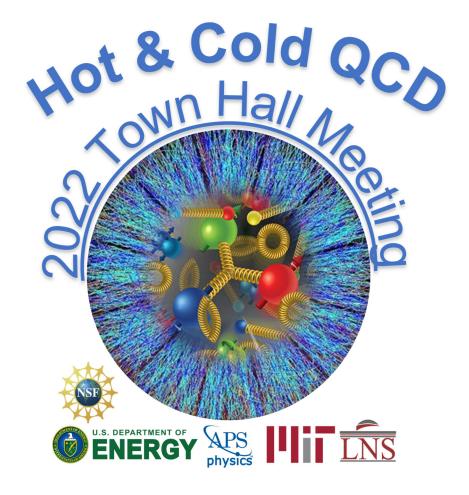
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ePIC Collaboration





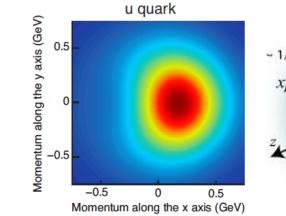
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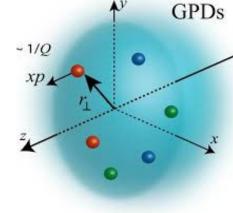
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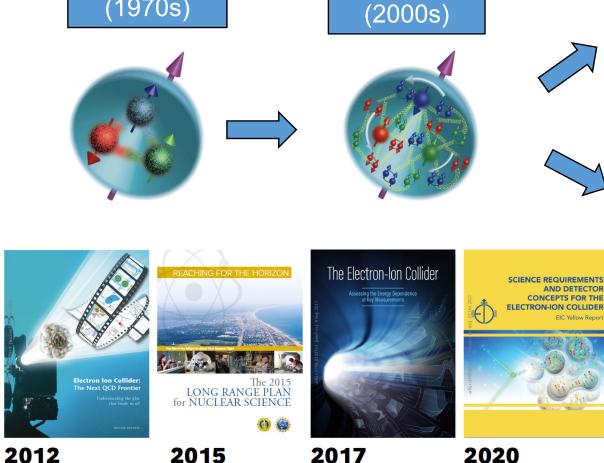
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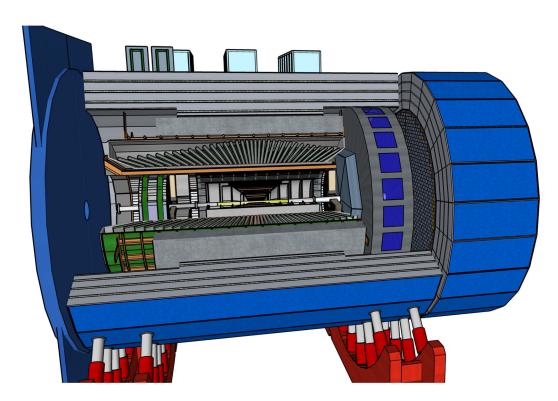




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# A Brief Timeline

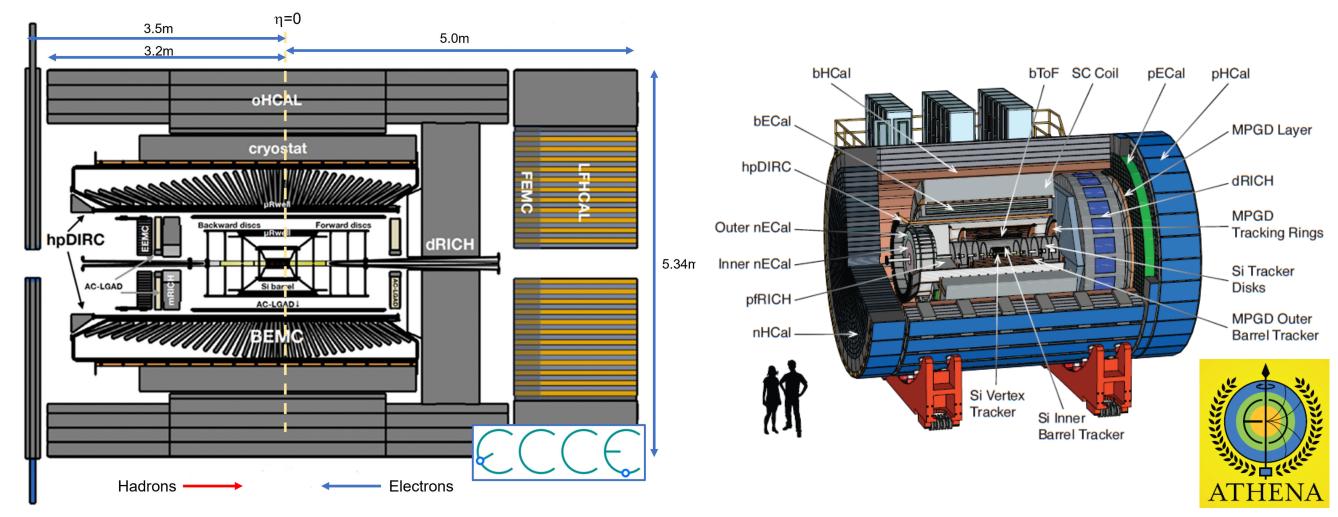
- EICUG Yellow Report (2020-21)
- Call for proposals issued jointly by BNL and JLab in March 2021
  - Proposals due Dec. 1, 2021
  - ATHENA, CORE and ECCE proposals submitted
- Public DPAP meetings Dec. 13-15, 2021
  - Presentations from proto-collaborations
  - Panel-assigned homework questions
- Second DPAP session Jan. 19-21, 2022
- DPAP closeout March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - Final report available March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022
  - ECCE proposal chosen as basis for Detector-1 reference design
- Spring/Summer 2022 ATHENA and ECCE form joint leadership team
  - Joint WG's formed and consolidation process undertaken
  - Coordination with EIC project on development of technical design
- Collaboration formation process started July, 2022
  - First IB Meeting July 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Charter writing committee formed and active DE&I built in from start!
- First "Detector-1"/ePIC Collaboration meeting July 26-29, 2022



#### **EIC Project Detector**

- To be sited at IP6 (25mr crossing angle)
- Addresses EIC science program as outlined in the EIC white paper and NAS report
- Must be ready for Day-1 EIC operations
- Working towards pre-TDR and CD-2/3A

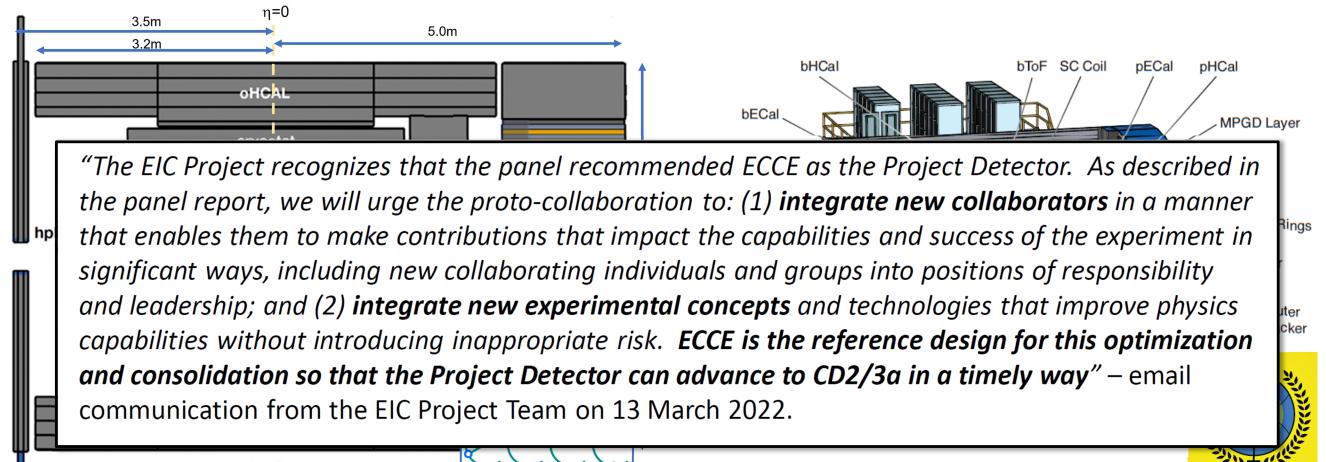
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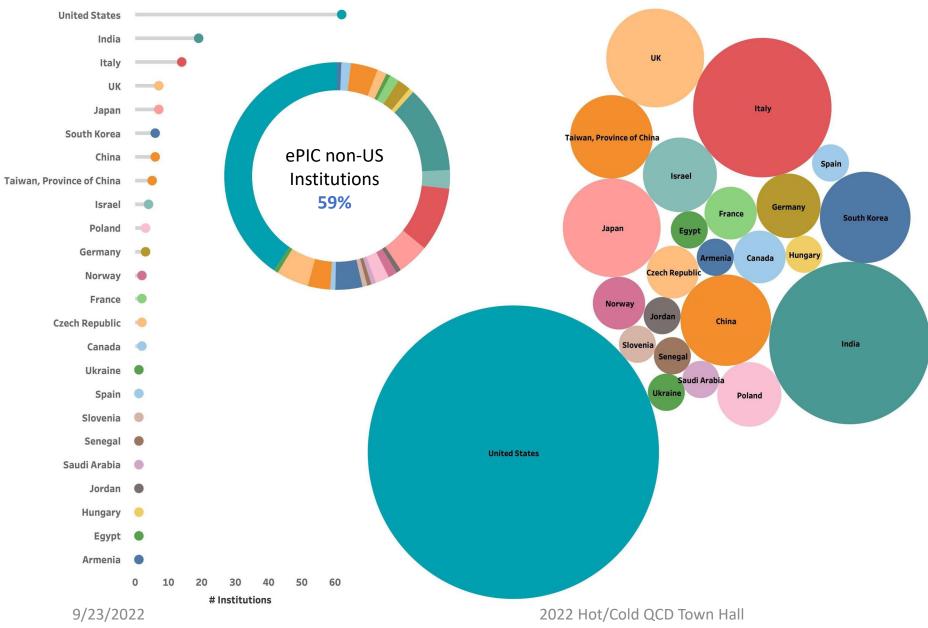
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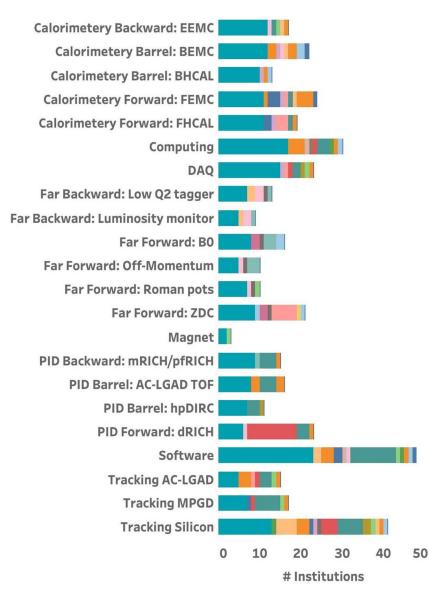


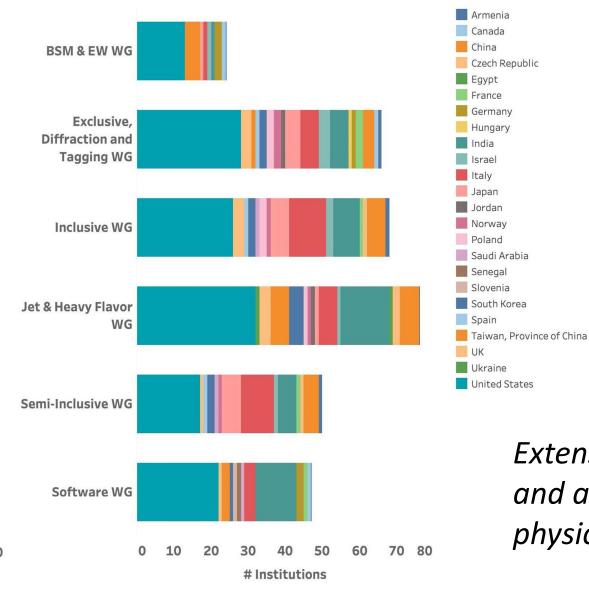
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500+ participants

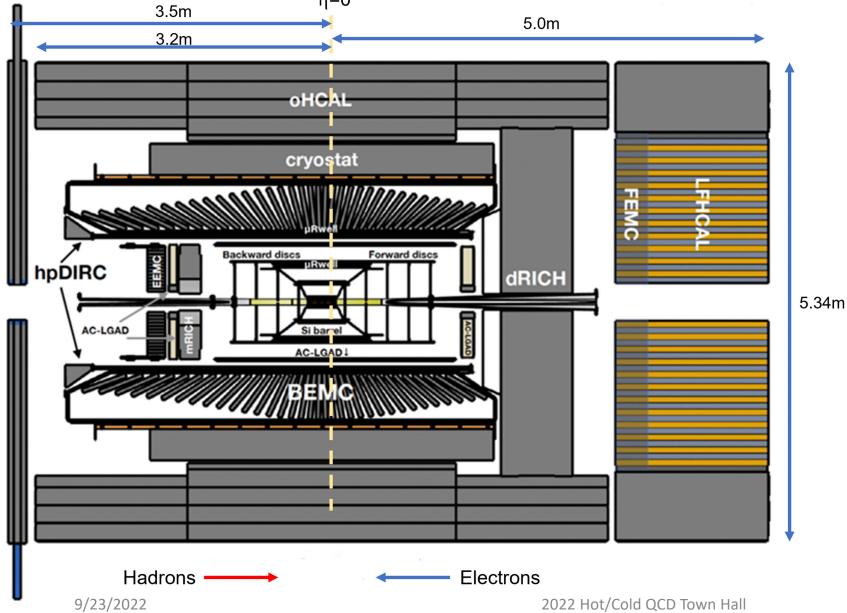
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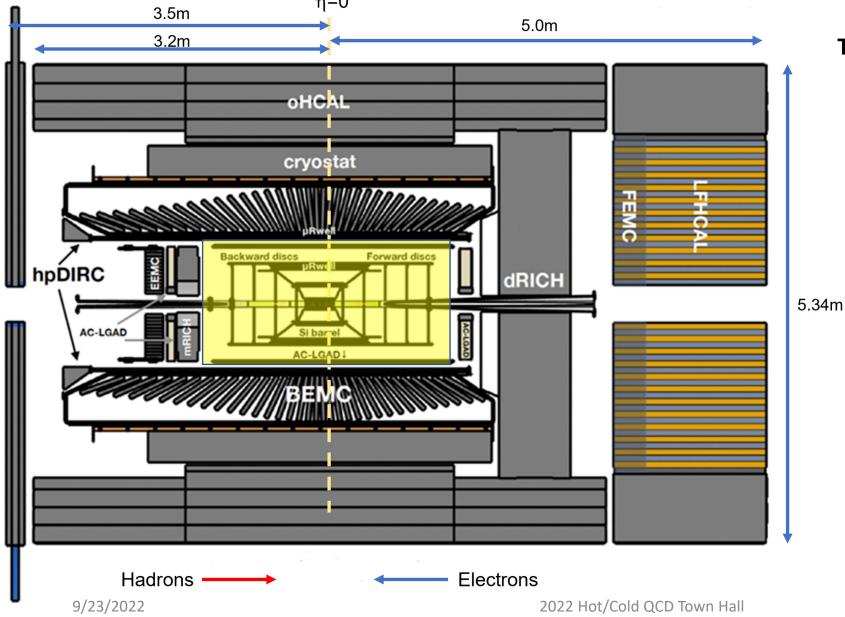
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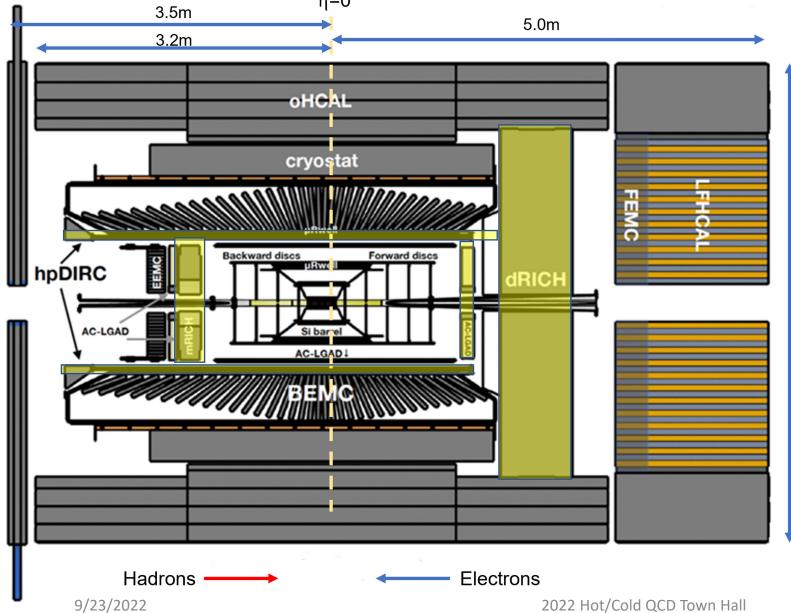
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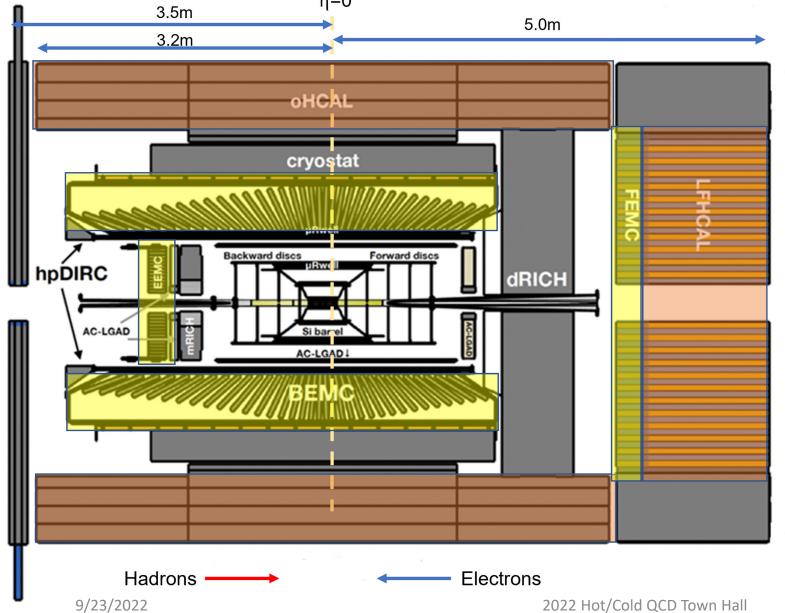
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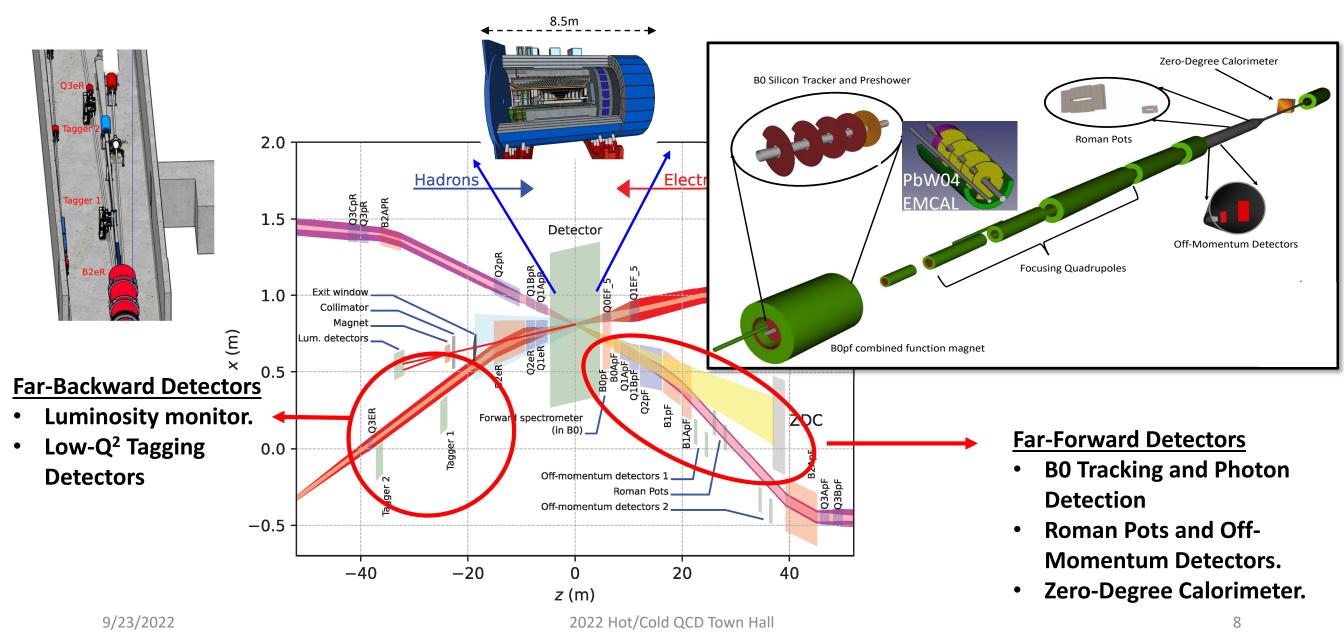
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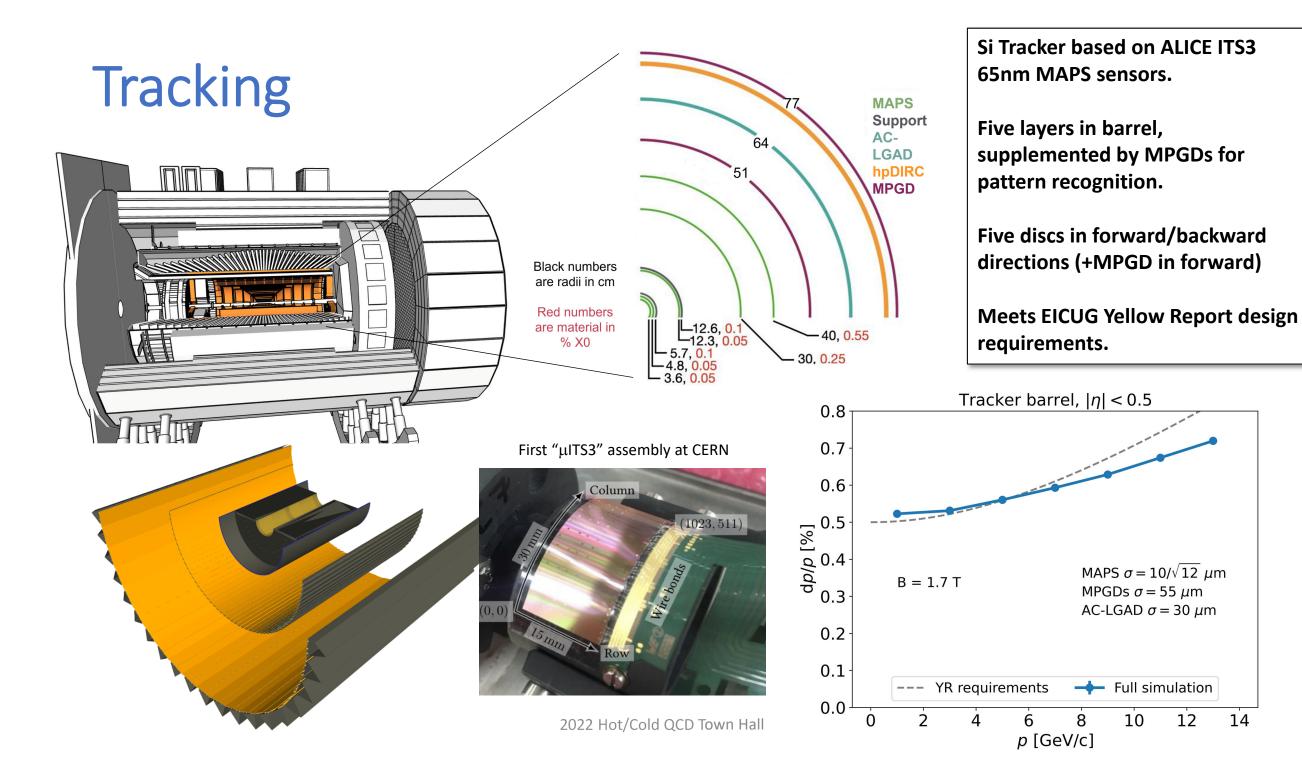
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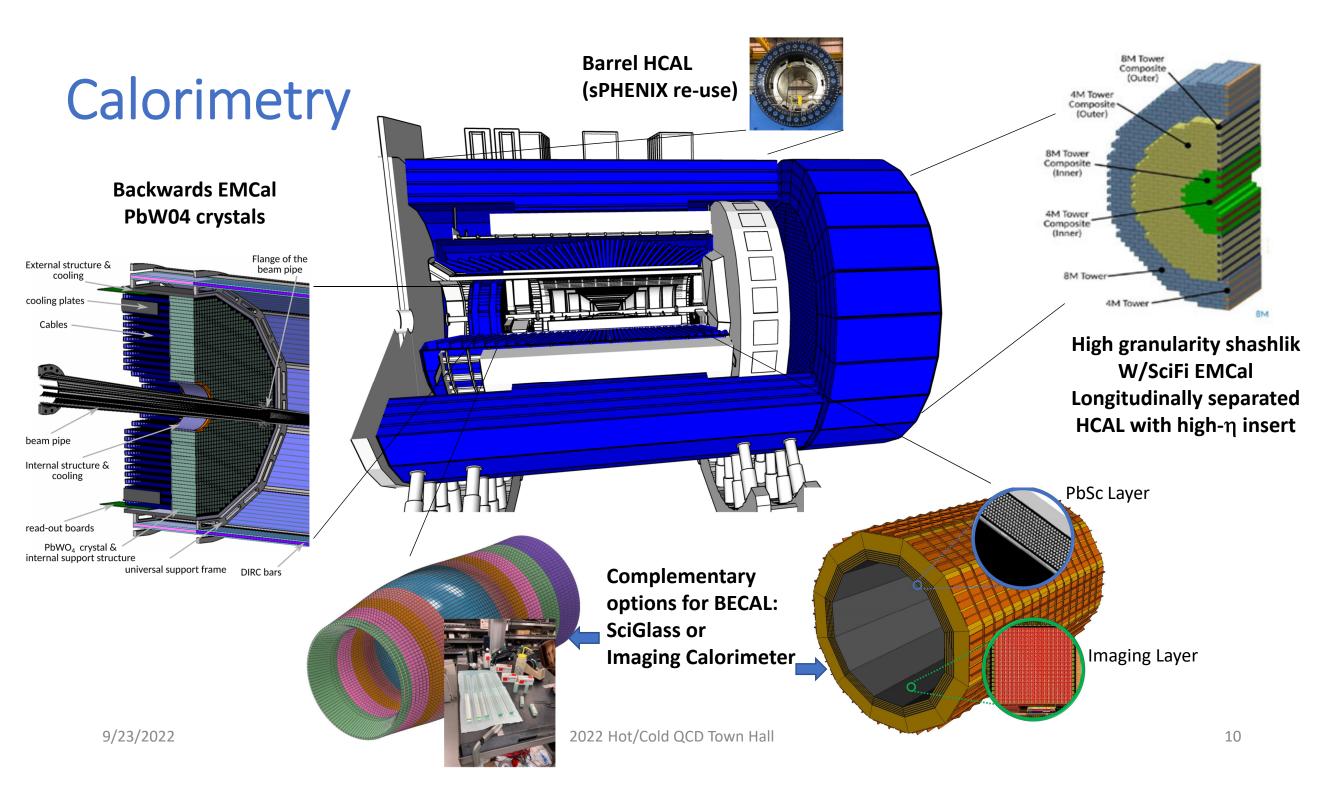
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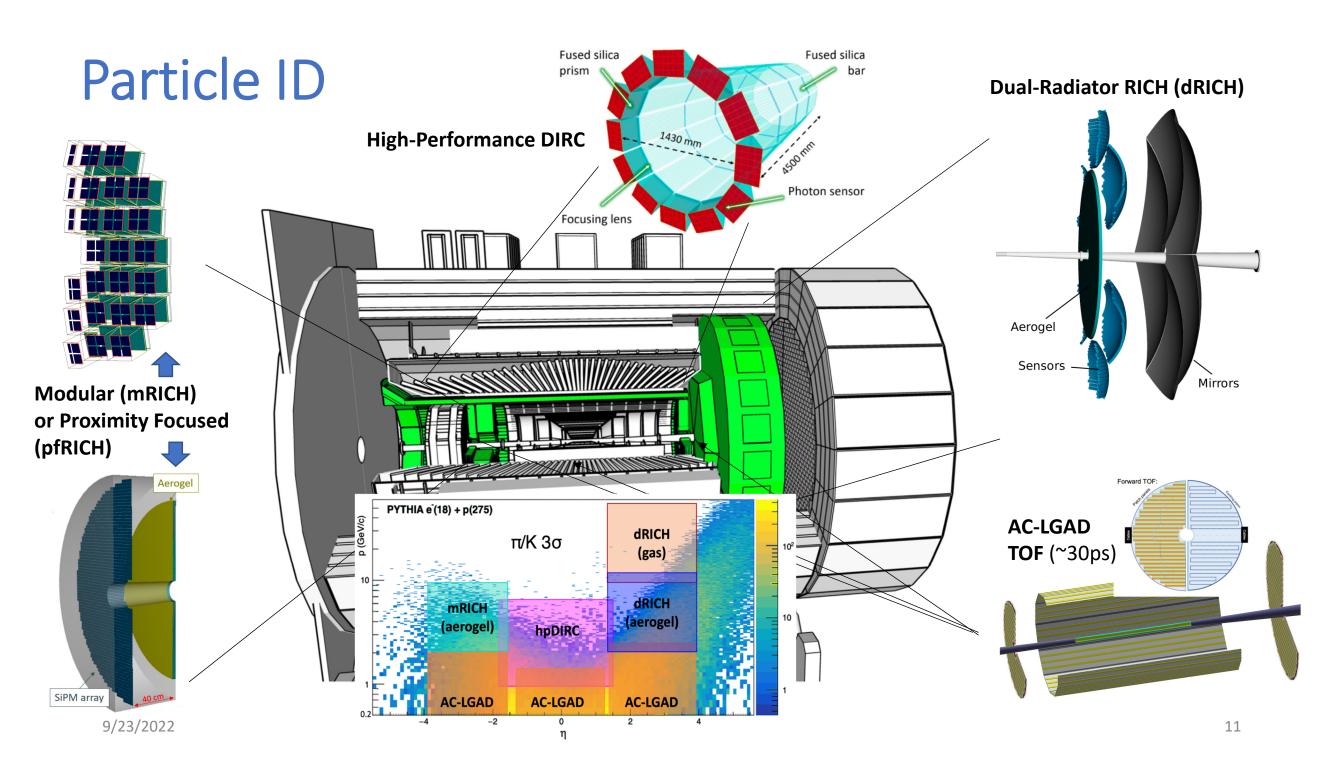
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### Far-Forward and Far-Backward Detectors

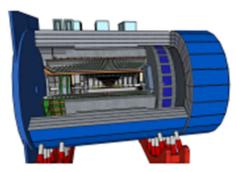


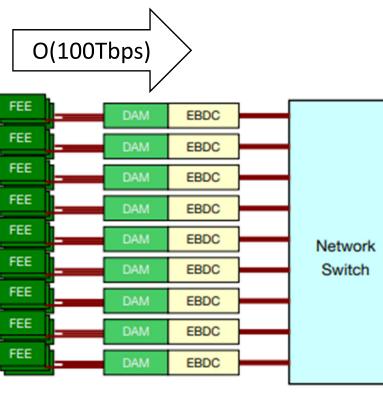






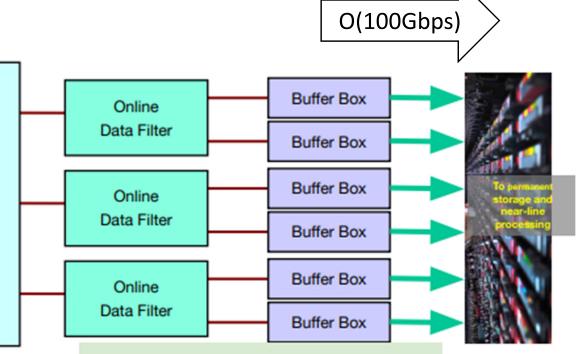
# ePIC Streaming DAQ





- No External trigger
- All collision data digitized but aggressively zero suppressed at FEE
- Low / zero deadtime
- Event selection can be based upon full data from all detectors (in real time, or later)
- Collision data flow is independent and unidirectional-> no global latency requirements
- Avoiding hardware trigger avoids complex custom hardware and firmware
- The "Front End Processing", programmable hardware between the FEEs and the DAQ computers, is deemphasized relative to the yellow report, but should not be precluded.
- Data volume is reduced as much as possible at each stage

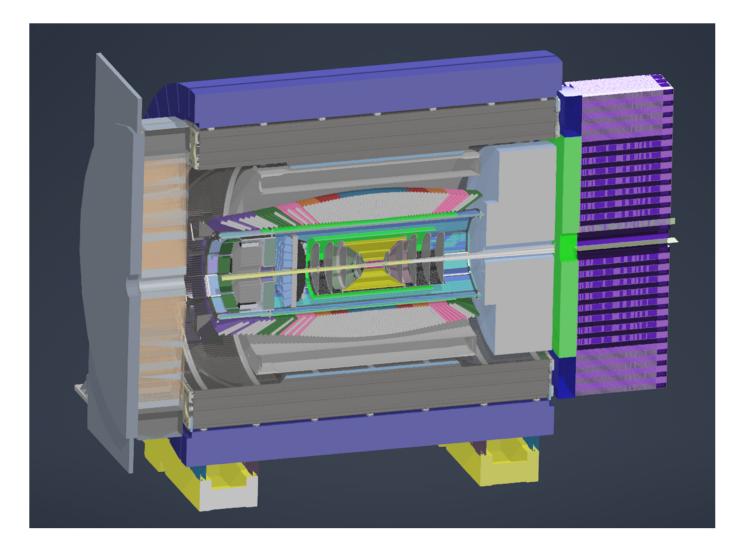




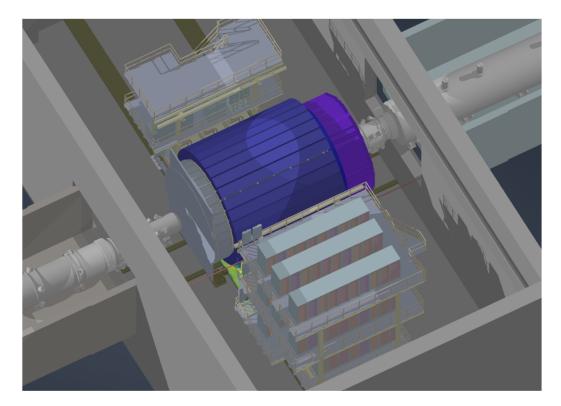
FEE = Front End Electronics DAM = Data Aggregation Module EBDC = Event Buffer / Data Compressor

Stored data volumes ~O(100Pb) per run

### **Engineering Design**



Full CAD design of ePIC ongoing to facilitate *realistic* detector integration.



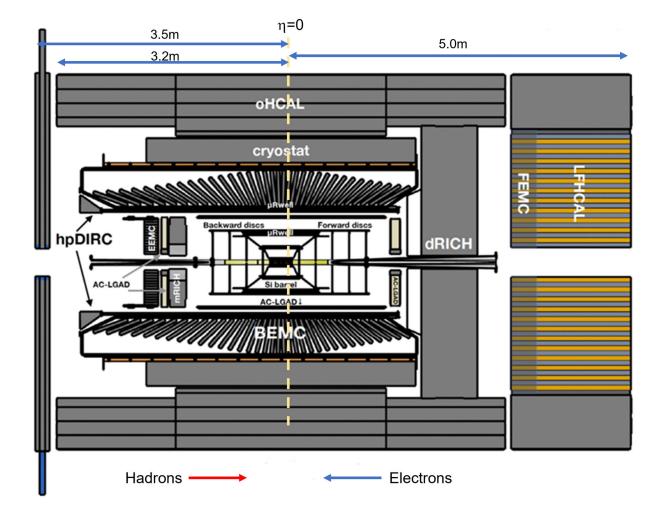
### What does ePIC need in the LRP to be successful?

- The EIC as the top priority for new construction
  - ePIC is part of the EIC project
- Continued support for high-performance computing and software development in NP
  - Open, standard software environment capable of processing simulation and real data at all stages of ePIC
  - Support for laboratory computing infrastructure to enable streaming DAQ and AI integrated workflows
- Support for NP Theory
  - Critical to continuing to evolve the EIC science program
- Support for the EIC workforce
  - The EIC is a great opportunity to build a more diverse and international workforce in US Nuclear Physics
  - Need support for the EIC workforce through the DOE and NSF for operating budgets as groups transition from RHIC/Jlab/LHC

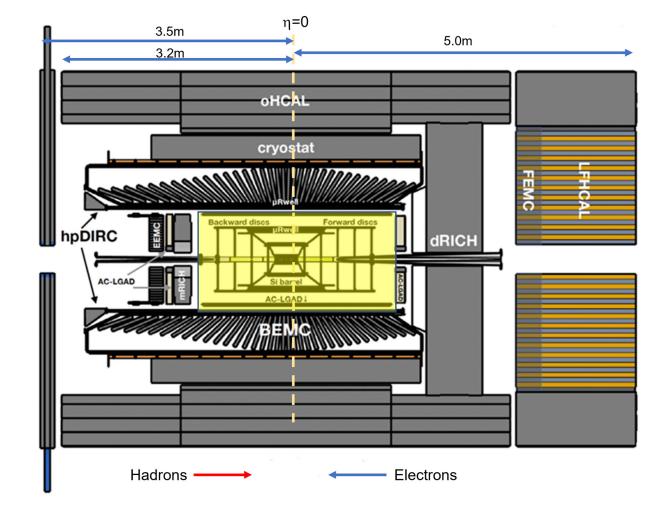
# Conclusions

- The ePIC Collaboration has kicked-off:
  - Ongoing WG meetings focused on consolidation and developing ePIC technical design for CD-2/3A
    - Forum to focus community and R&D consortium expertise
  - Collaboration formed, expect charter and elections soon
  - Next collaboration meeting at JLab, Jan. 9-11<sup>th</sup>
- The ePIC Detector is maturing into a detailed technical design
  - EIC detectors are an enormous undertaking that will require participation and expertise from both the RHIC and JLab communities, as well as key international contributions!
- Key requirements for ePIC to be successful:
  - EIC construction, HP computing, Theory, Workforce

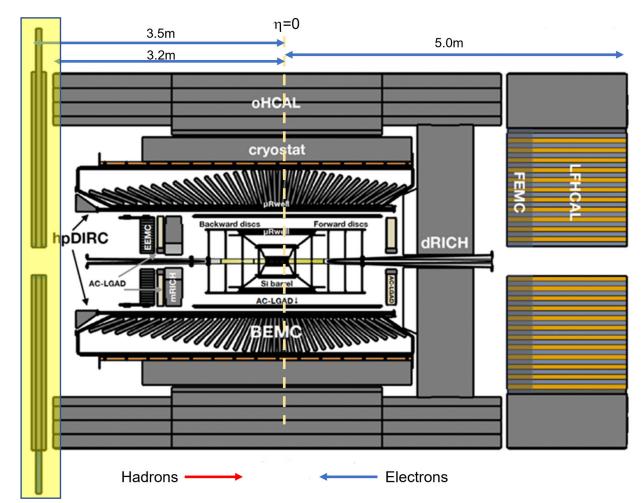




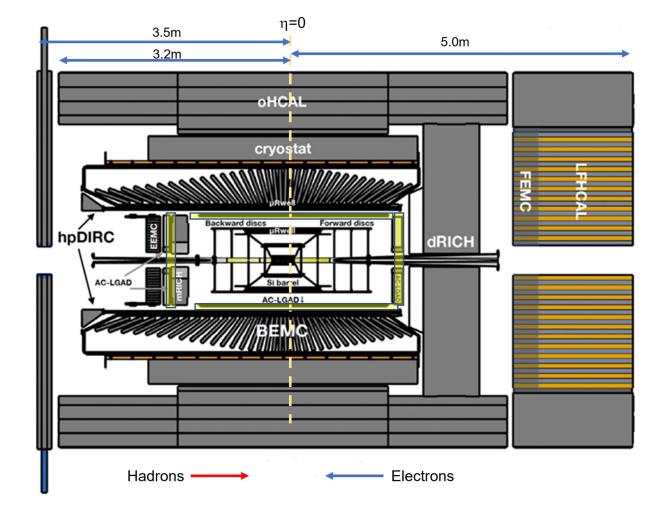
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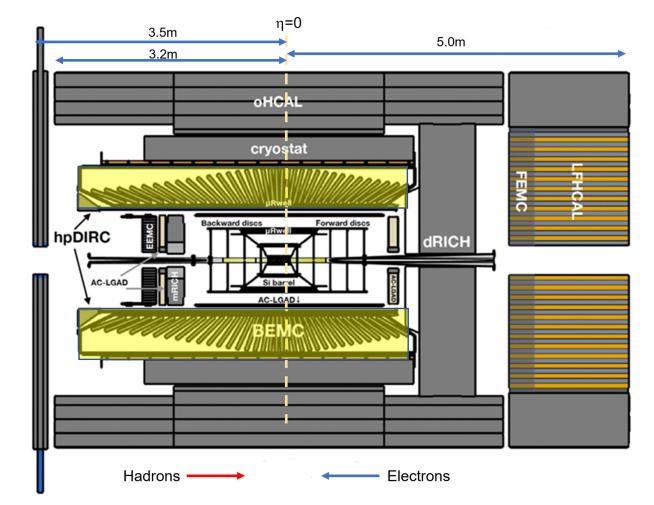
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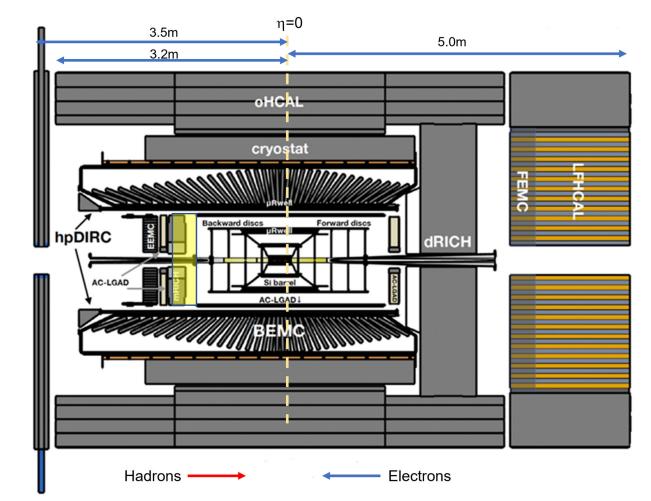
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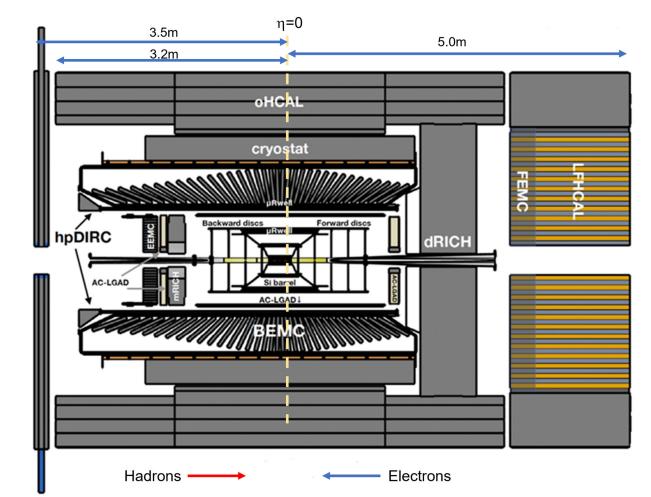
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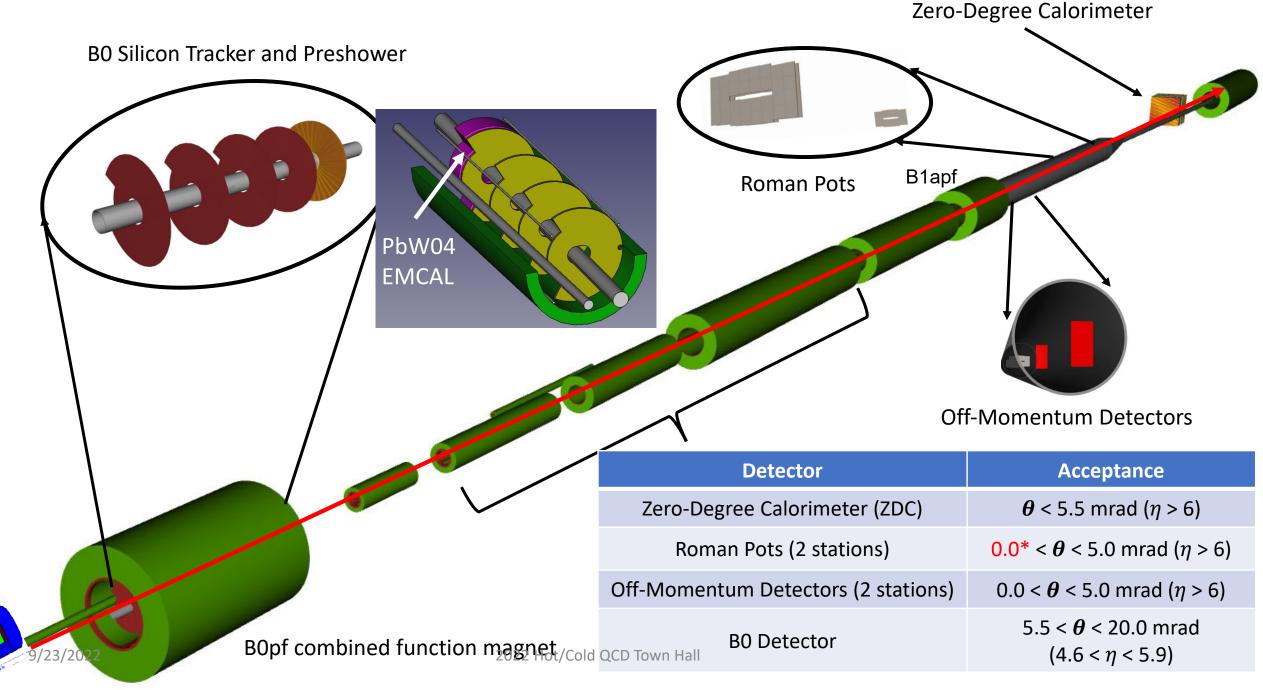


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#### Process is driven by physics performance! Iterative process between ePIC Collaboration and EIC Project

### The Far-Forward Detectors



### EICUG Draft Recommendation

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

The EIC is a powerful and versatile new accelerator facility, capable of colliding high-energy beams ranging from heavy ions to polarized light ions and protons with high-energy polarized electron beams. In the 2015 Long Range Plan the EIC was put forward as the highest priority for new facility construction and the expeditious completion remains a top priority for the nuclear physics community. The EIC, accompanied by a general-purpose large-acceptance detector, ePIC, will be a discovery machine that addresses fundamental questions such as the origin of mass and spin of the proton as well as probing dense gluon systems in nuclei. It will allow for the exploration of new landscapes in QCD, permitting the "tomography", or high-resolution multidimensional mapping of the quark and gluon components inside of nucleons and nuclei. Realizing the EIC will keep the U.S. on the frontiers of nuclear physics and accelerator science and technology.

## **EICUG Draft Initiative**

Initiative: We recommend targeted efforts to enable the timely realization of a second, complementary detector at the Electron-Ion Collider

The EIC is a transformative accelerator that will enable studies of nuclear matter with unprecedented precision. The EIC encapsulates a broad physics program with experimental signatures ranging from exclusive production of single particles in ep scattering to very high multiplicity final states in eA collisions. High statistical precision matched with a similar or better level of systematic precision is vital for the EIC and this can only be achieved with carefully optimized instrumentation. A natural and efficient way to reduce systematic errors is to equip the EIC with two complementary detectors. Two detectors will expand the scientific opportunities, draw a more complete picture of the science, and mitigate the inherent risks that come with exploring uncharted territory by providing independent confirmation of discovery measurements. The second detector effort will rely heavily on the use of generic detector R&D funds and accelerator design effort to integrate the detector into the interaction region. The design and construction of such a complementary detector and interaction region are interwoven and must be synchronized with the current EIC project and developed in the context of a broad and engaged international EIC community.