

Status of EIC experiment

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ePIC - First EIC detector collaboration



International

ePIC Initiated in July 2022

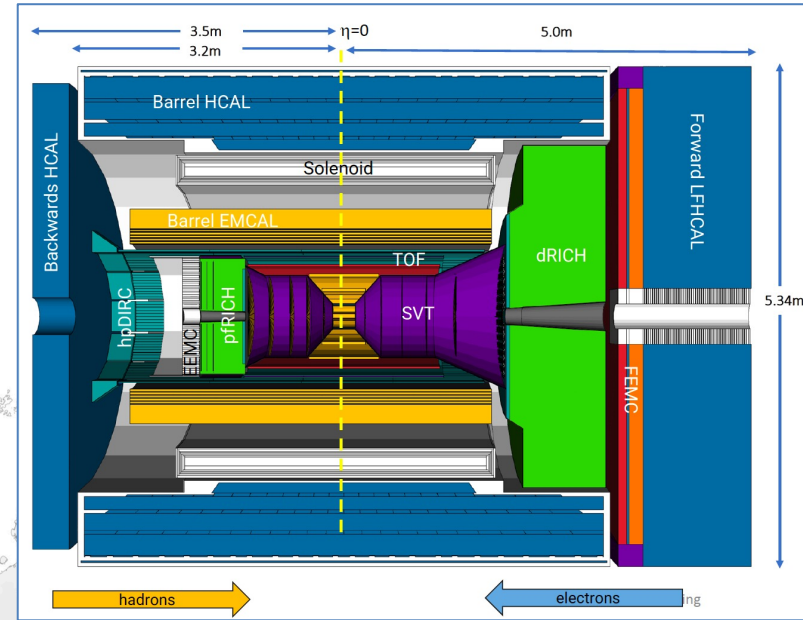
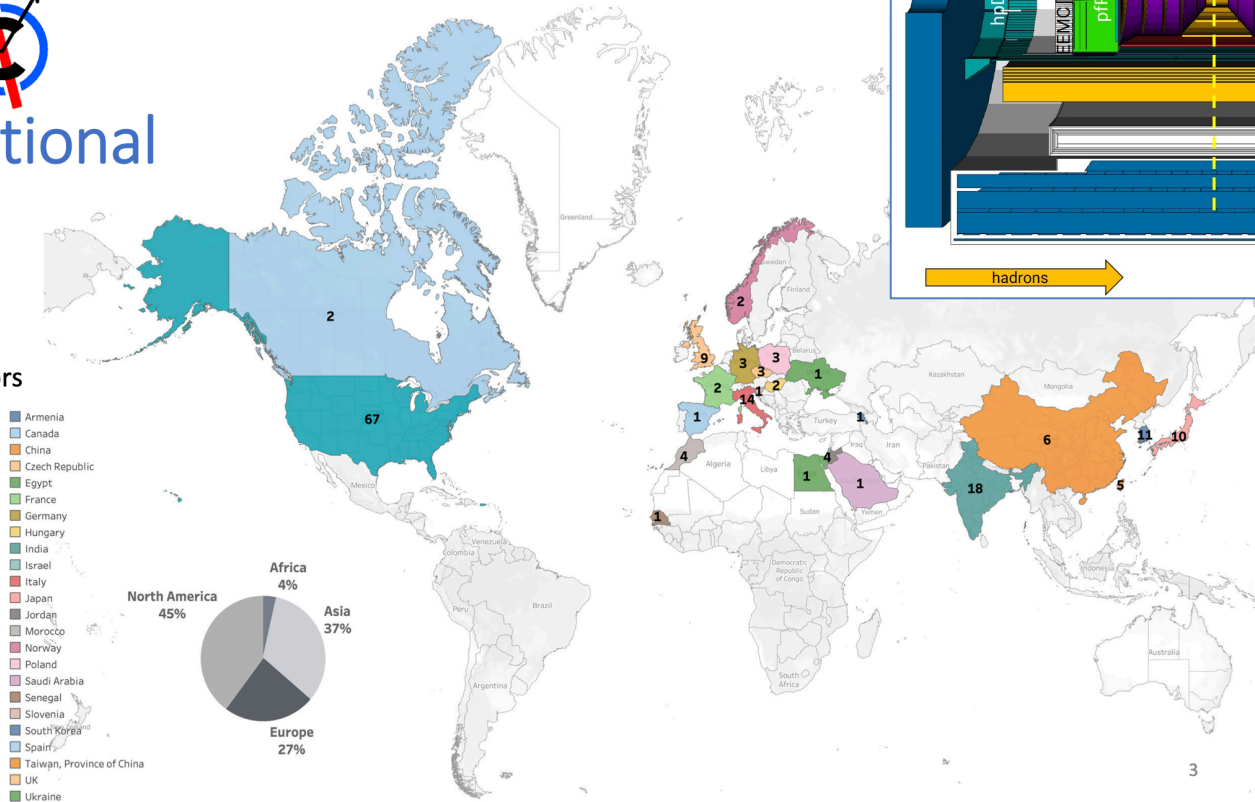
Currently: >850 collaborators (from 2024 Institutional Survey)

>650 members active in ePIC activities

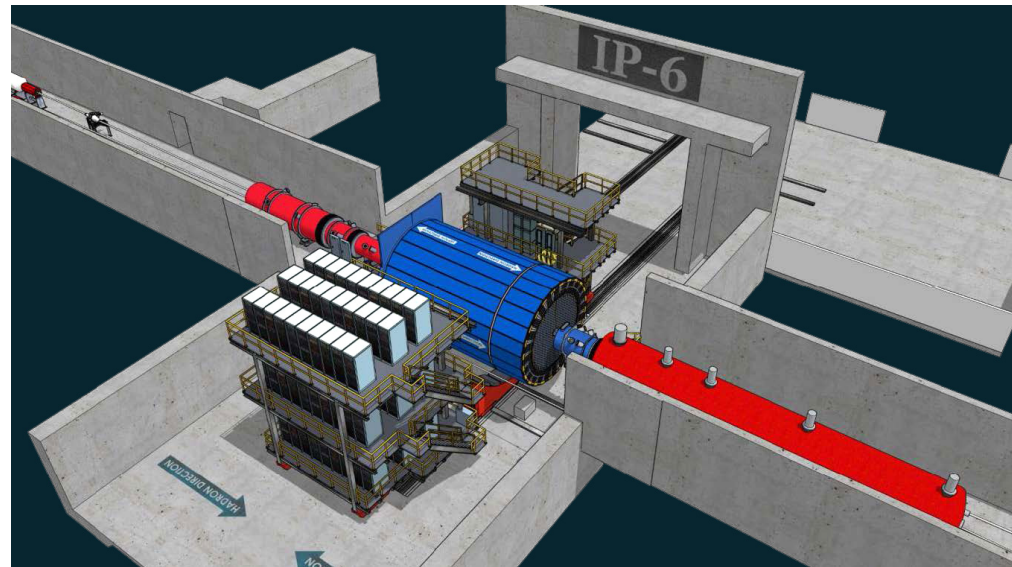
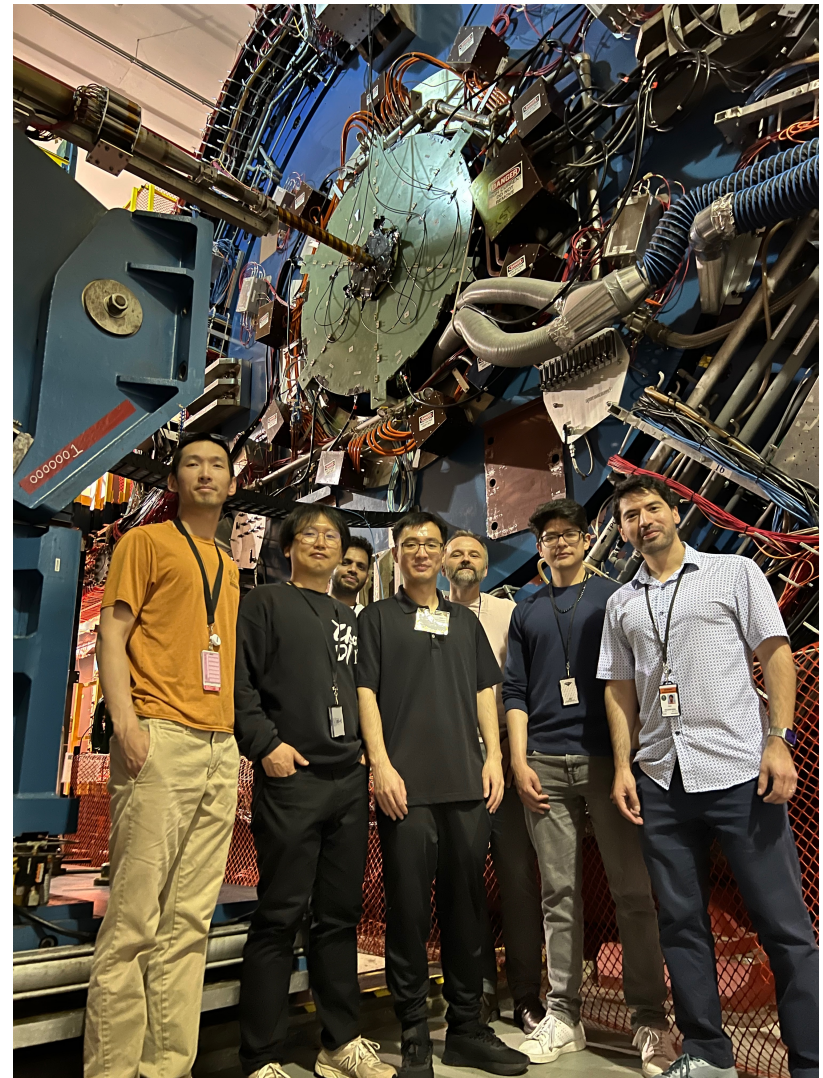
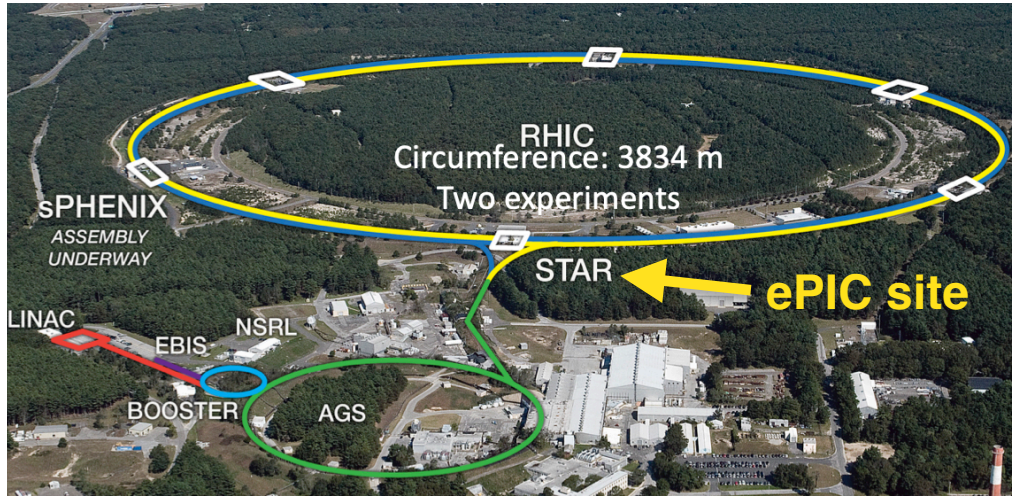
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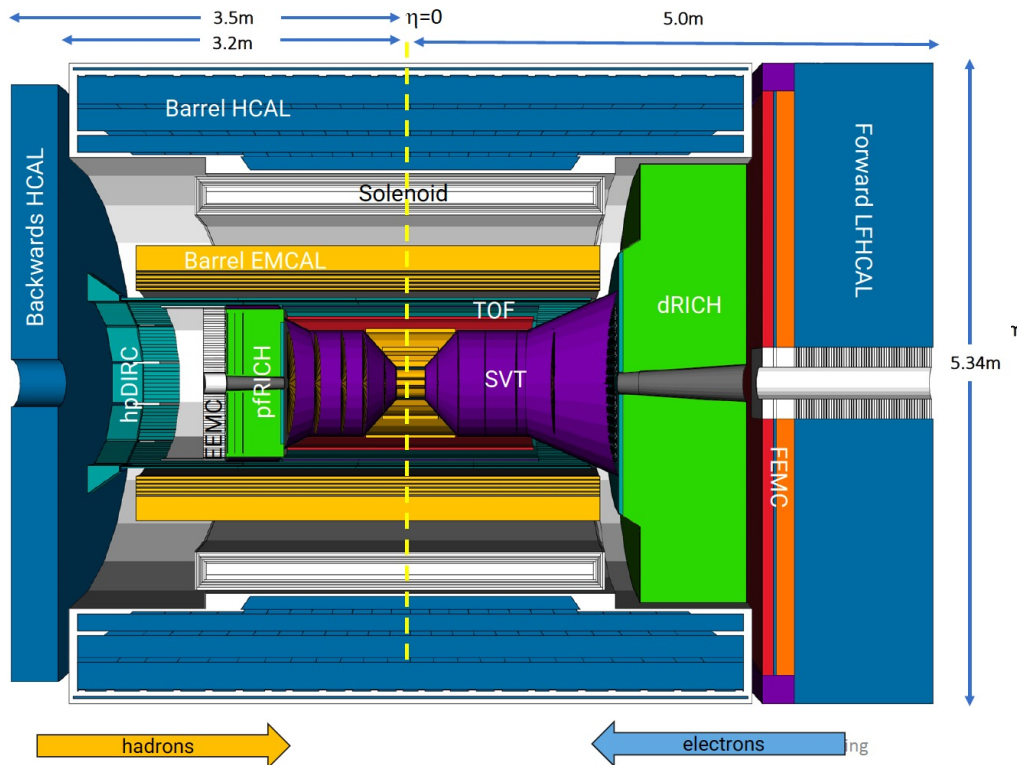
ePIC Countries 25






ePIC detector








ePIC Detectors: Central Barrel





Tracking:

- New 1.7T solenoid
- Si MAPS Tracker  
- MPGDs (μ RWELL/ μ Megas) 

PID:

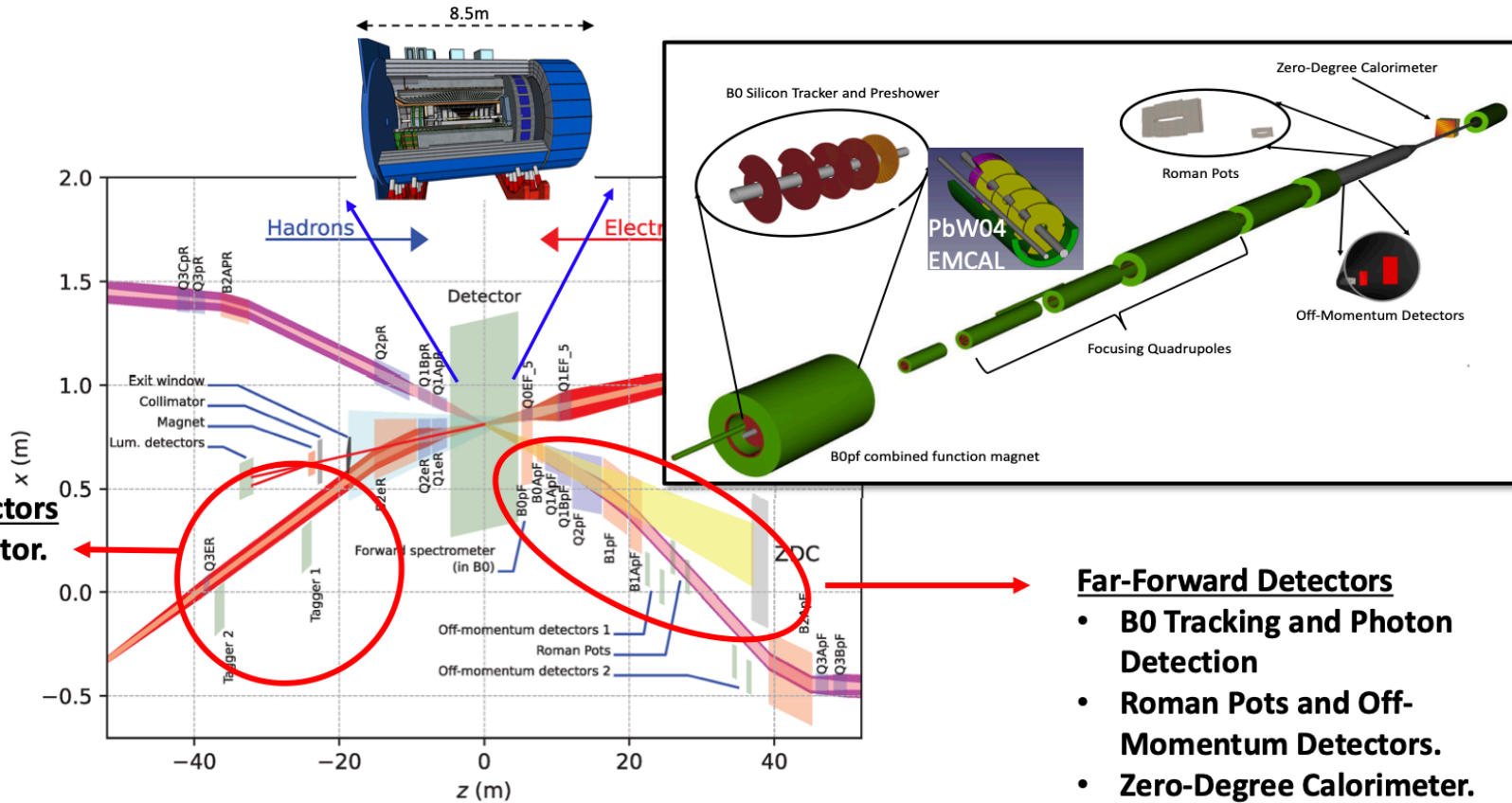
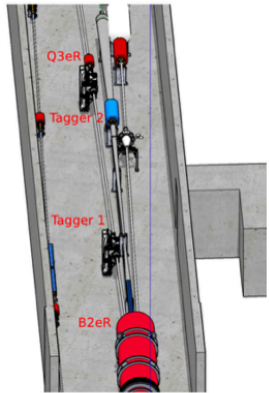
- hpDIRC
- pFRICH  
- dRICH
- AC-LGAD (~ 30 ps TOF)   

Calorimetry:

- Imaging Barrel EMCAL 
- PbWO₄ EMCAL in backward direction
- Finely segmented EMCAL + HCal  in forward direction
- Outer HCal (sPHENIX re-use)
- Backwards HCal (tail-catcher)

from T. Gunji

Far-forward system



Far-Backward Detectors

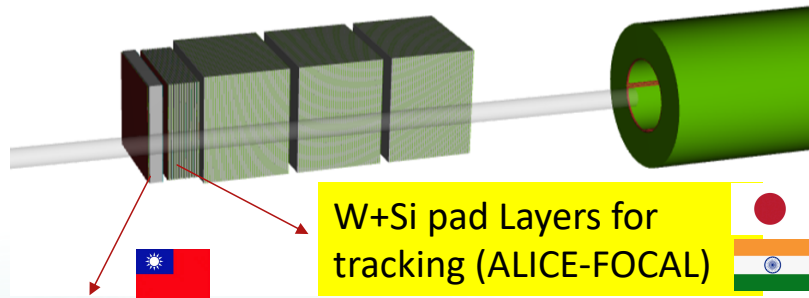
- Luminosity monitor.
- Low- Q^2 Tagging Detectors

Far-Forward Detectors

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

ZDC for neutral particle diffraction measurement

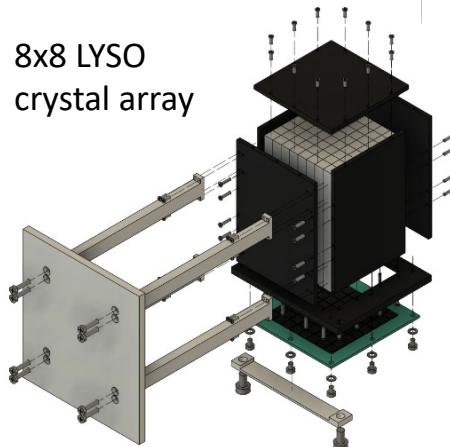
ZeroDegree Calorimeter



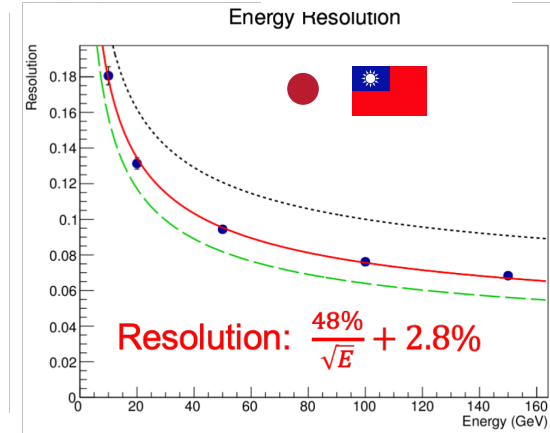
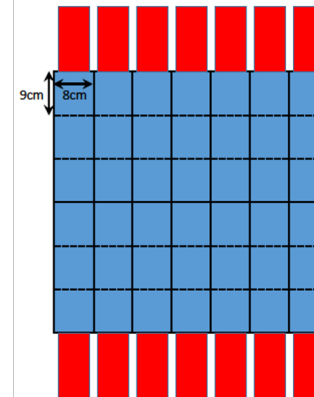
LYSO Crystals



8x8 LYSO crystal array

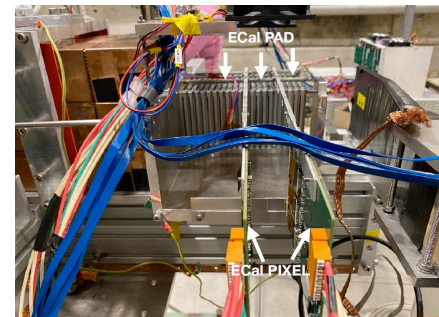


beam test at ELPH in February 2024

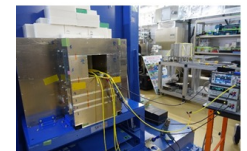
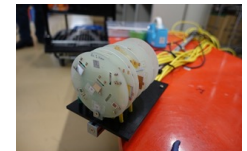


W+Si pad Layers for tracking (ALICE-FOCAL)

ALICE-FoCAL beam test@CERN



Neutron irradiation at RIKEN RANS



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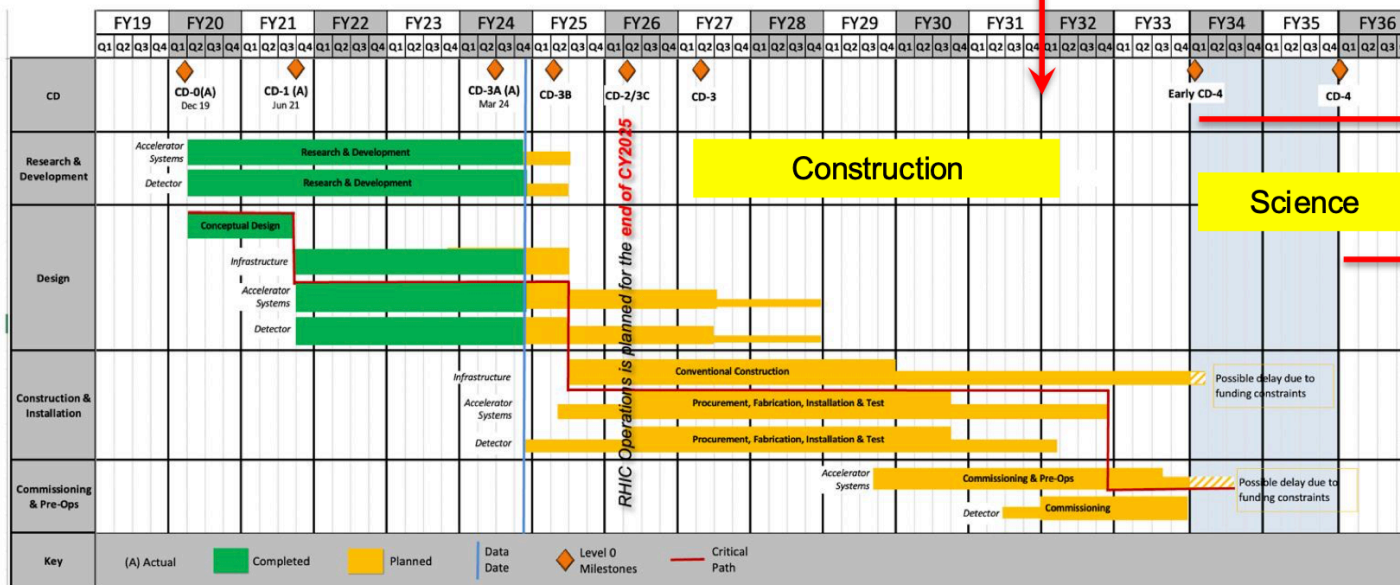
Updates from EIC RRB

Reference Schedule

Deadline for "our" detectors in: ~second half of 2031



CD-2 plans will be revised to address actual funding and the Director's Review.



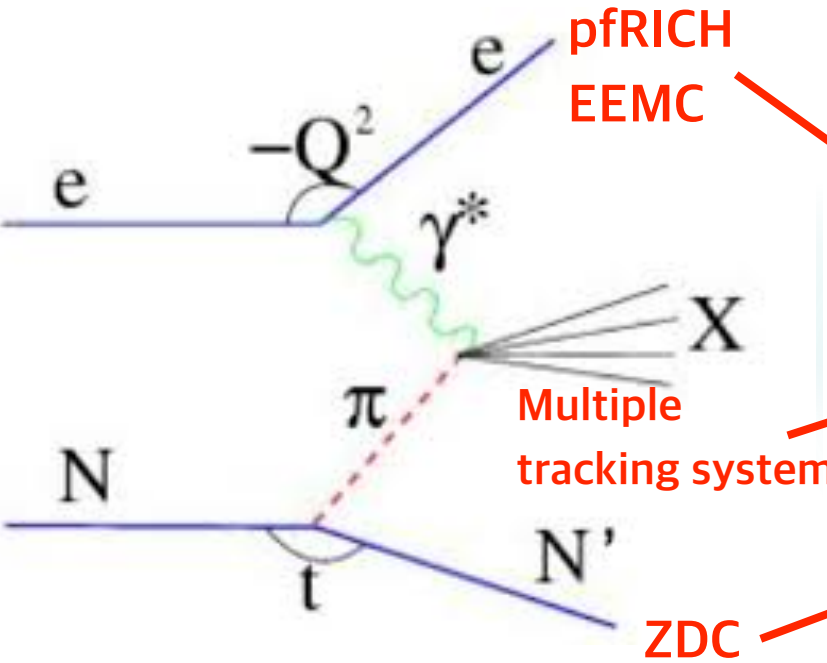
First beams & physics: ~2034

Full EIC science: ~2036

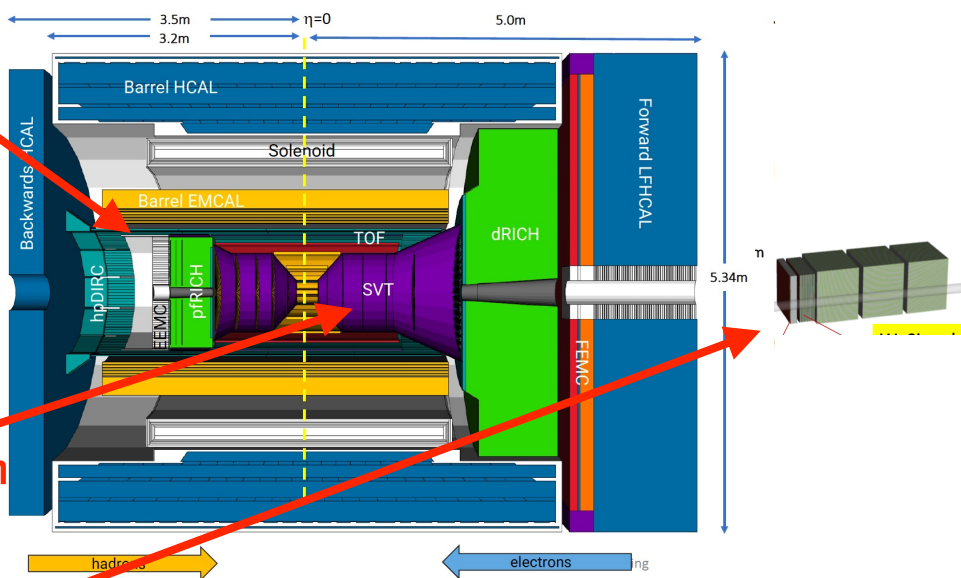
Critical Path is Accelerator Systems

Physics topic and hardware development

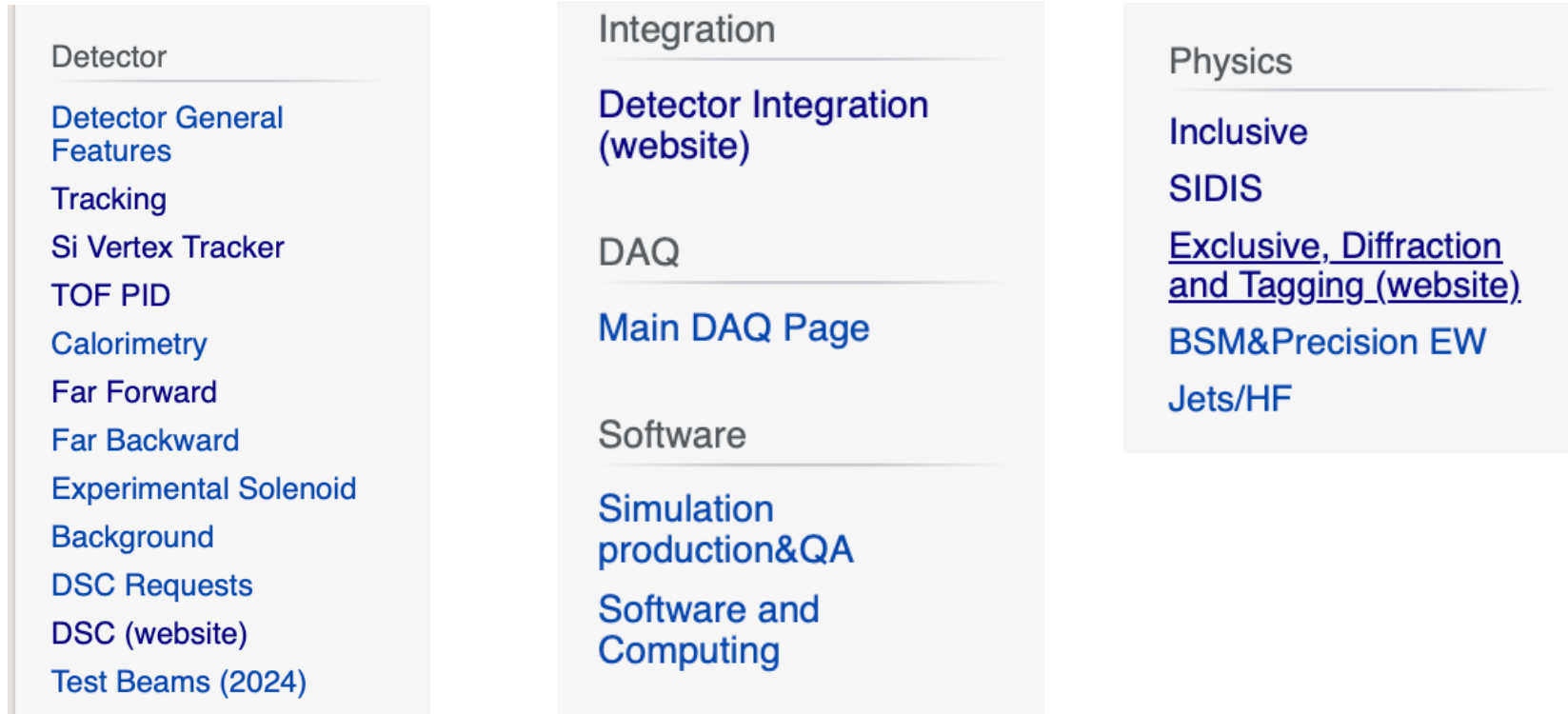
- In the detector building phase, physics topic and hardware developments are not correlated



ePIC Detectors: Central Barrel



Organization of ePIC collaboration



- In the early phase, most of funding and efforts go toward engineering aspects
- A well-balanced investment in hardware development, physical simulation, and theoretical research is crucial. -> 정책과제 초기 제안

Korean institutes interested in ePIC (2023)

Calorimeter (barrel)

Yonsei U, SKK U, KNU, PNU
(Dual readout + Si teams)

Calorimeter (ZDC)

Sejong U, Korea U
*ALICE Focal + LAMPS**

μ RWELL

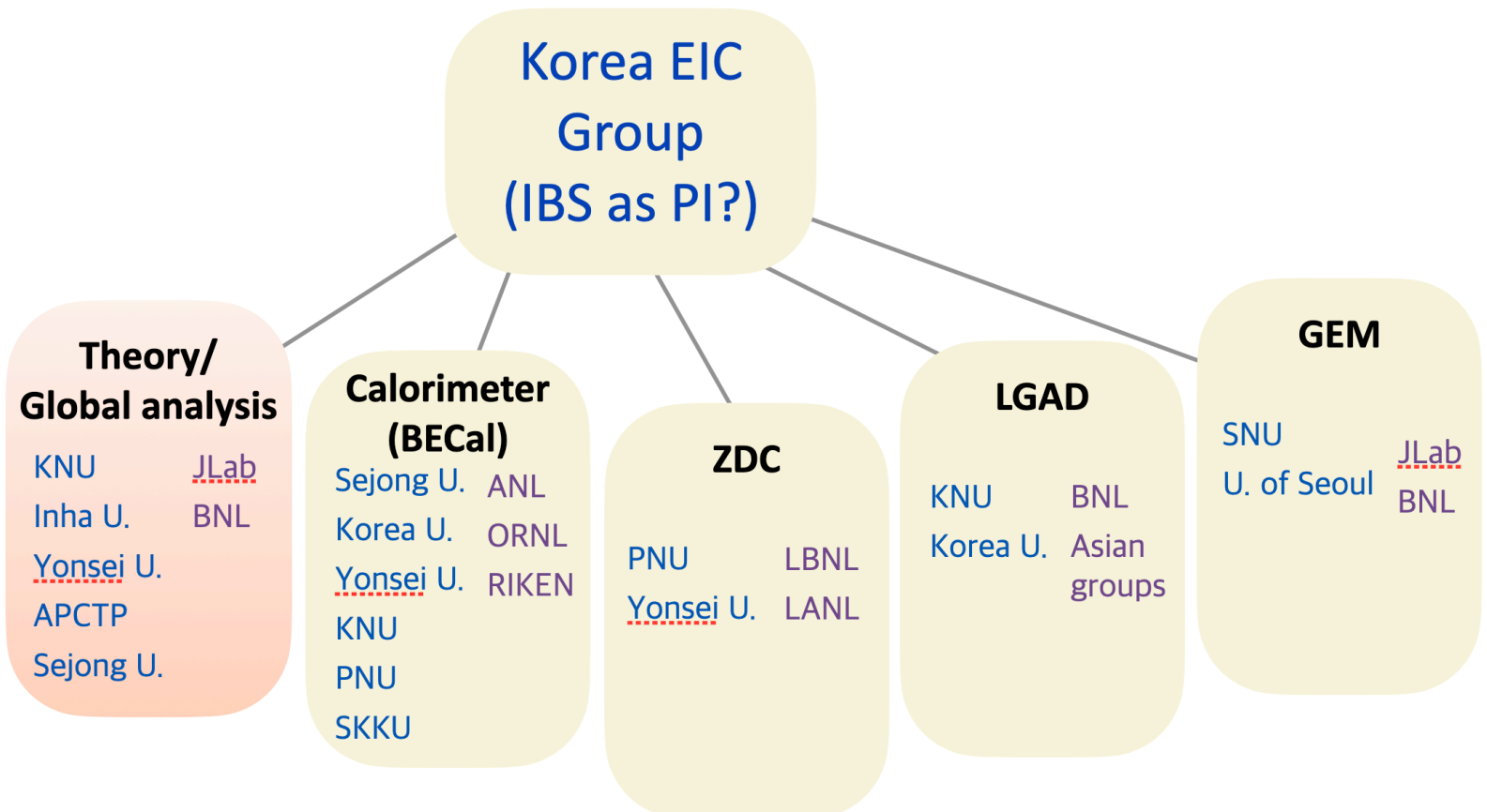
SNU, U of Seoul
Korean CMS group

LGAD

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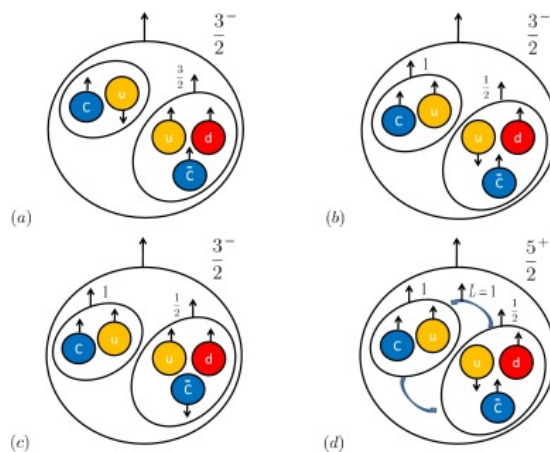
정책과제 (2024)



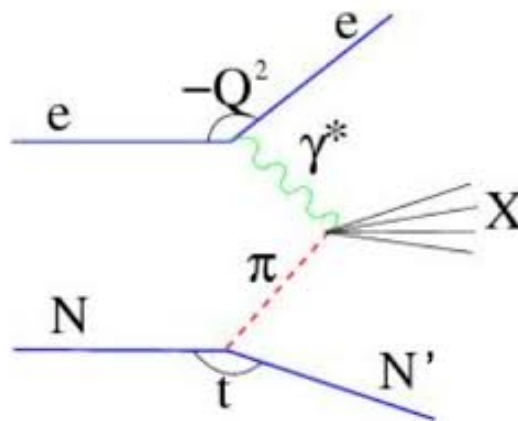
- 2024년 정책과제 시절에 남승일, 최호명 교수님을 PI로 하는 이론 그룹을 만들것을 제안하였고, advisory committee가 모두 동의하였으나, 현재 과기부가 진행하는 EIC-Korea 프로젝트에서 이론 연구가 빠지고, hardware에만 집중이 된 상태.
- 이론그룹은 새로운 펀딩 모색이 필요함. ([브레인 링크 사업](#)? BRL?)

(Personally) Interesting topics for both theory and experiment

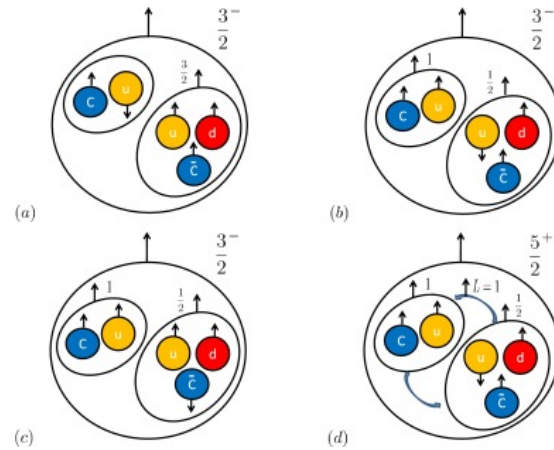
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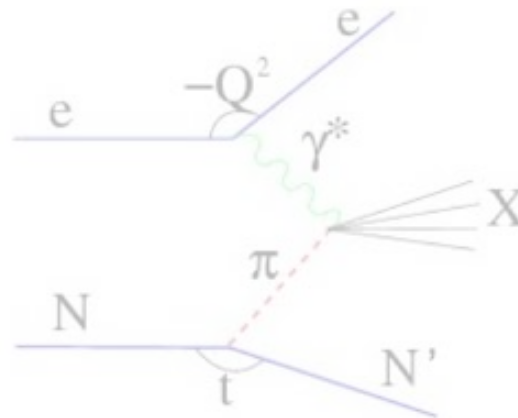
2. Meson PDF



1. Penta-quark production



2. Meson PDF



Papers on P_c and P_s

High Energy Physics – Phenomenology

[Submitted on 23 Feb 2022]

Production of $P_c(4312)$ state in electron–proton collisions

In Woo Park, Su Hong Lee, Sungtae Cho, Yongsun Kim

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High Energy Physics – Phenomenology

[Submitted on 12 Feb 2024]

Study on the ϕ –meson photoproduction off the proton target with the pentaquark–like $K^* \Sigma$ bound state P_s

Sang in Shim, Yongsun Kim, Seung–il Nam

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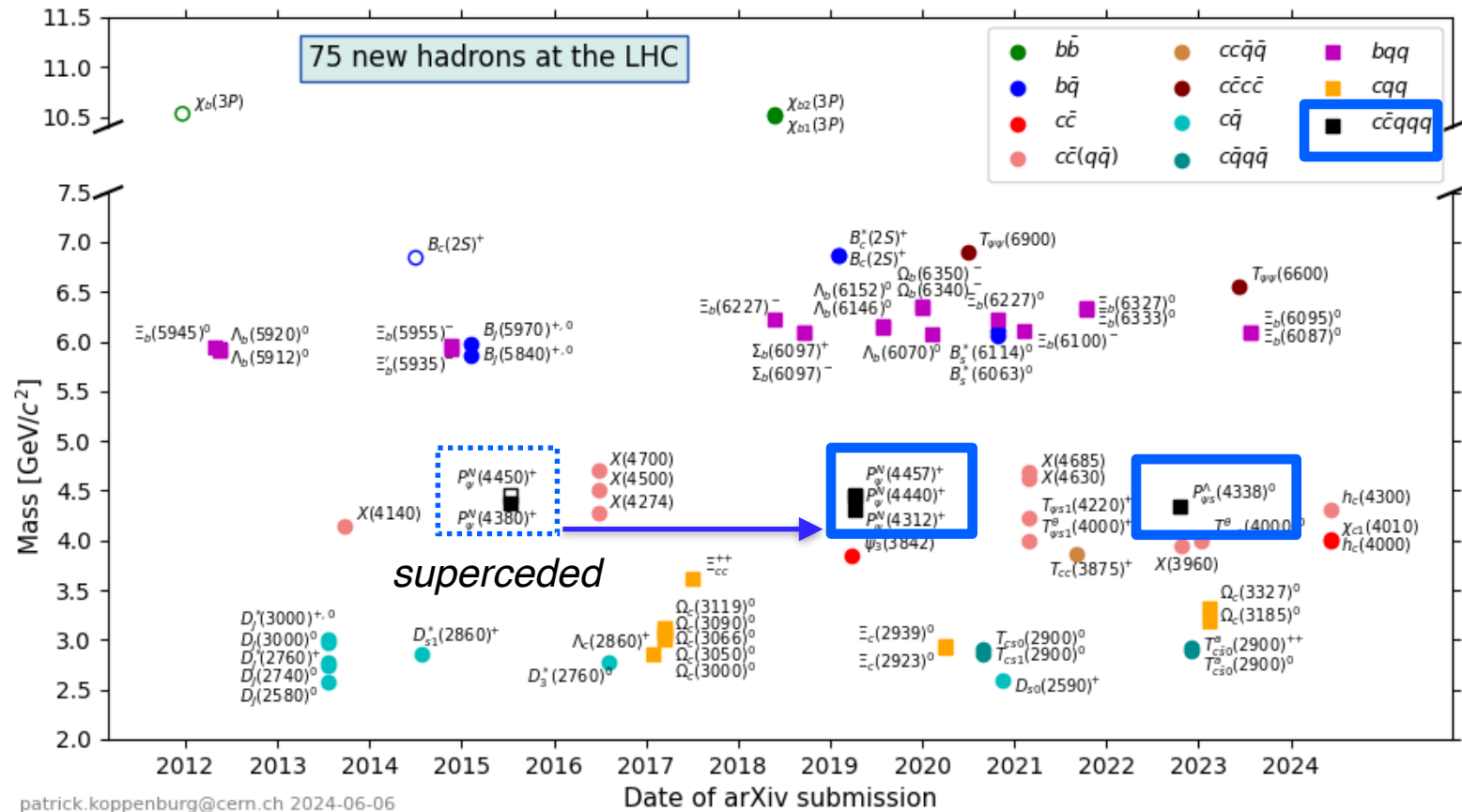
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The Electron–Ion Collider as A Prospective Facility for Pentaquark Measurements

In Woo Park, Sungtae Cho, Yongsun Kim, Su Hong Lee

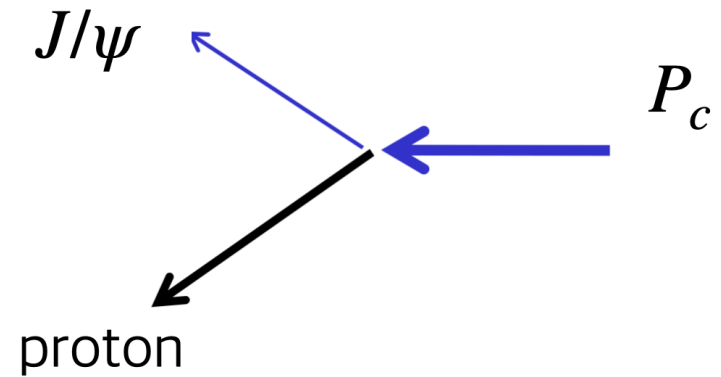
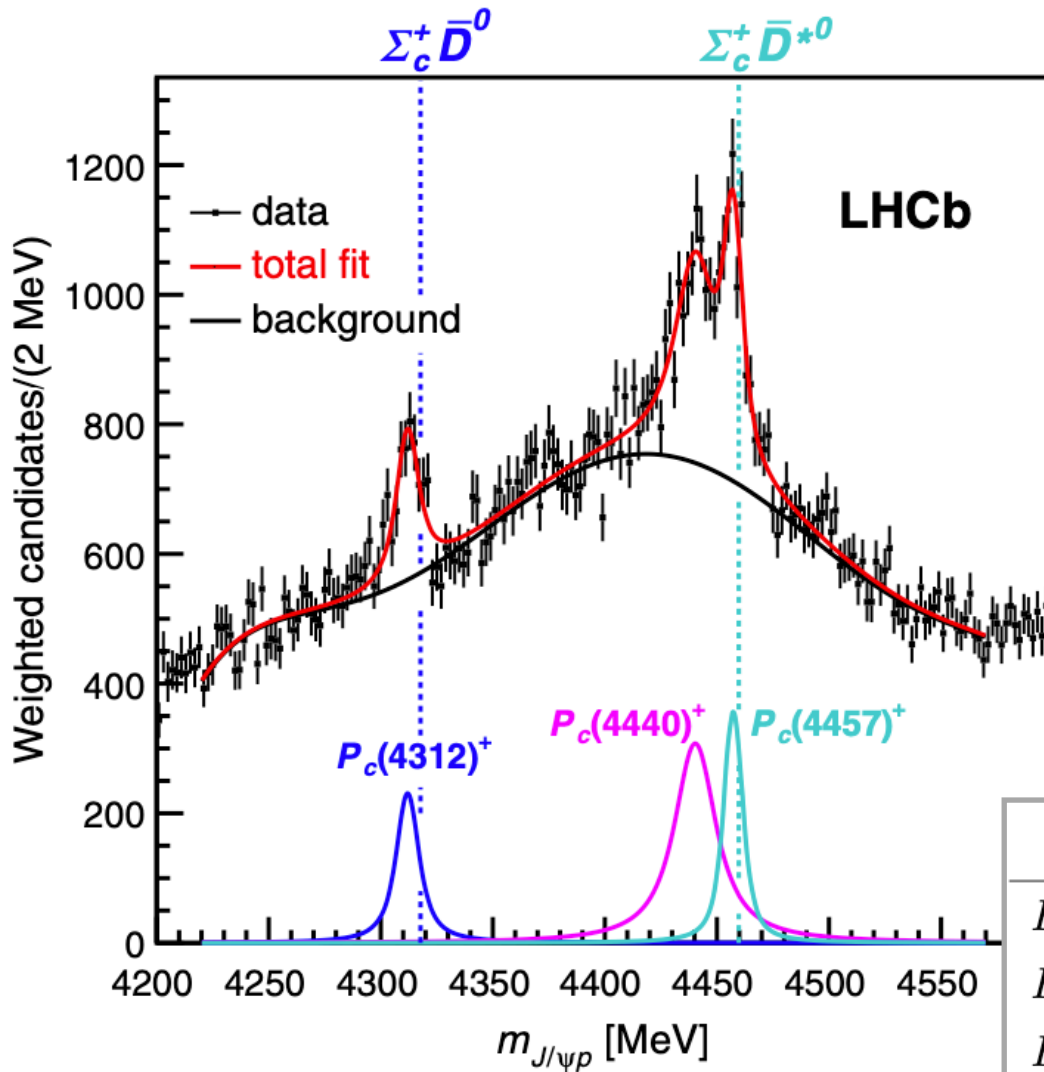
The Electron–Ion Collider provides a groundbreaking opportunity to study heavy pentaquarks with unprecedented precision, leveraging its high collision energy and beam spin polarization capabilities. As a representative case, we analyze electroproduction cross sections of $P_c(4312)$ under different spin–parity hypotheses using the vector meson dominance model. To ensure a parameter–free approach and minimize ambiguity, we incorporate results from the LHCb and GlueX experiments. To characterize the spin and the parity of $P_c(4312)$, we propose measuring the beam spin asymmetry and decay kinematic polarization, quantities that can be accurately determined by the ePIC detector. Our approach can be extended to investigate other heavy pentaquarks produced in electron–proton and electron–deuteron collisions, as well as to study their interactions with nuclear matter in electron–heavy ion collisions. We strongly encourage the EIC community to explore this potential and integrate pentaquark studies as a critical element of the scientific mission.

New exotic particles at LHCb



- $P_c(uudc\bar{c}) \rightarrow J/\psi + p$
- $P_{cs}(uus\bar{c}) \rightarrow J/\psi + \Lambda$

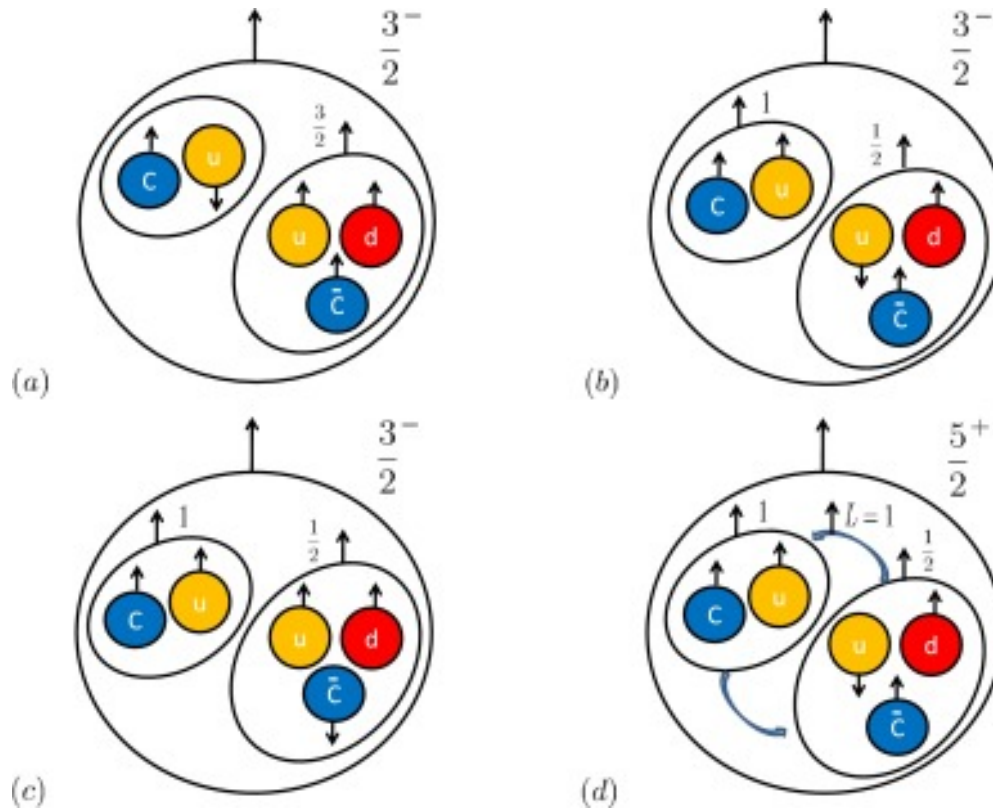
P_c brothers discovered by LHCb



- Decay width of P_c 's

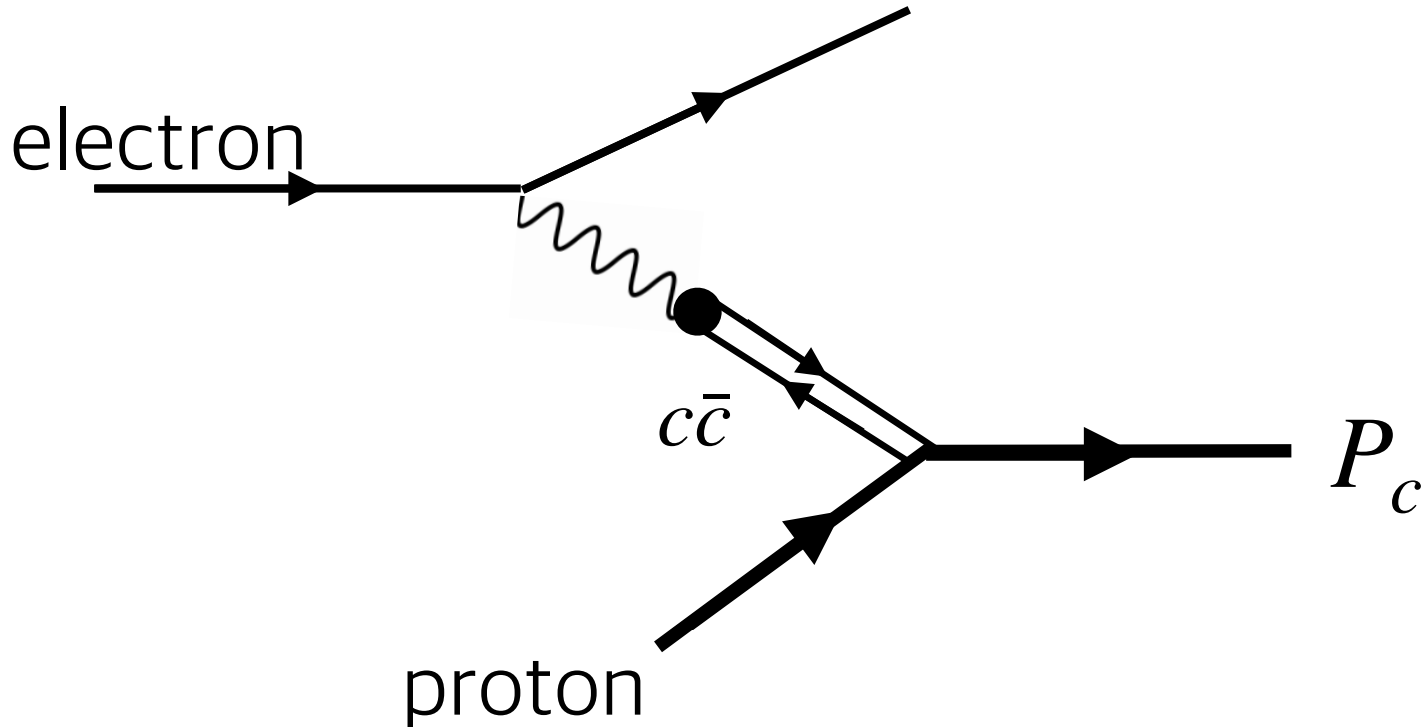
| State | M [MeV] | Γ [MeV] |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| $P_c(4312)^+$ | $4311.9 \pm 0.7^{+6.8}_{-0.6}$ | $9.8 \pm 2.7^{+3.7}_{-4.5}$ |
| $P_c(4440)^+$ | $4440.3 \pm 1.3^{+4.1}_{-4.7}$ | $20.6 \pm 4.9^{+8.7}_{-10.1}$ |
| $P_c(4457)^+$ | $4457.3 \pm 0.6^{+4.1}_{-1.7}$ | $6.4 \pm 2.0^{+5.7}_{-1.9}$ |

Characterization of P_c



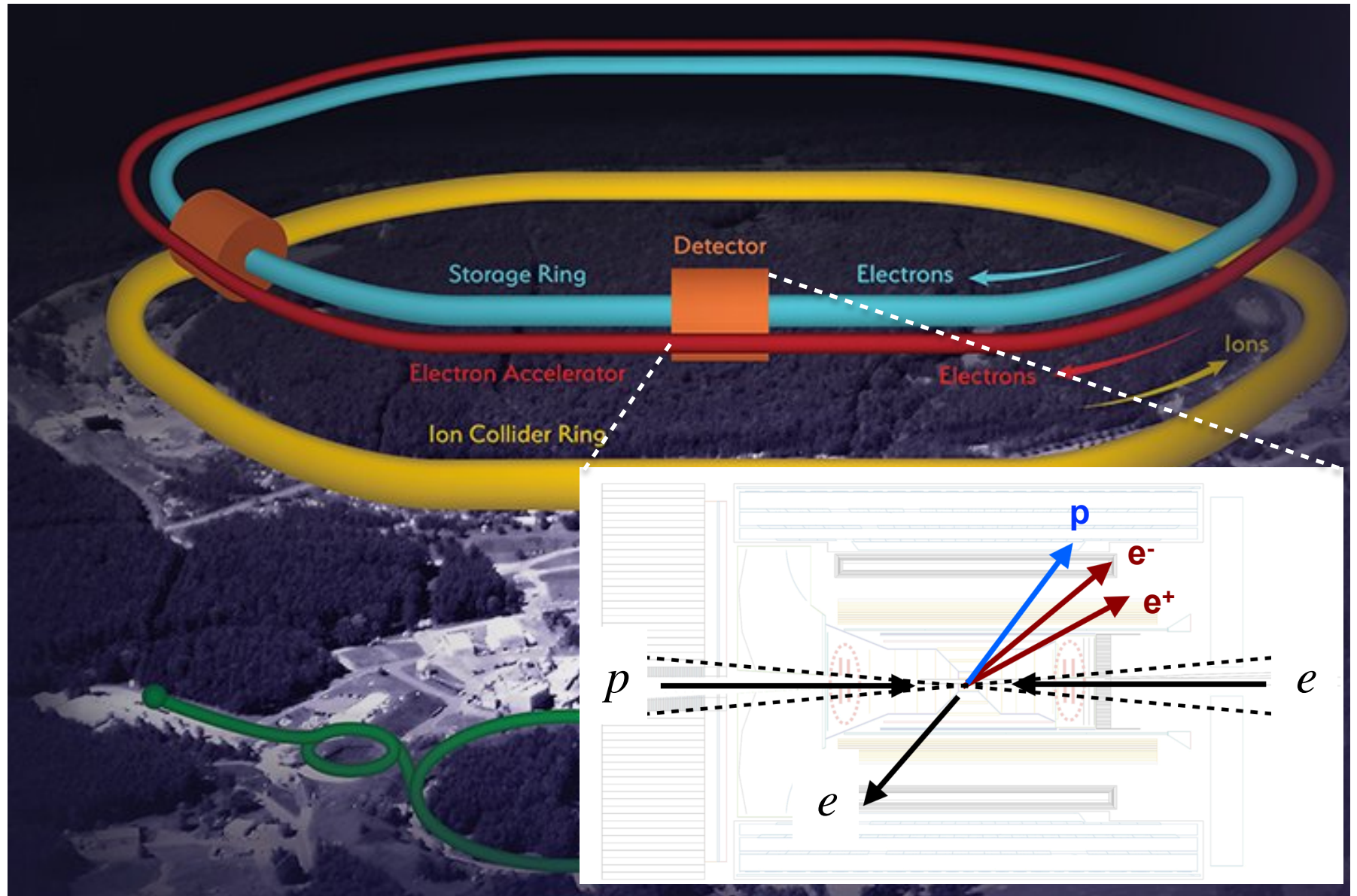
- Discovered, yet the internal structure and quantum numbers remains in question
 - Spin $1/2$? $3/2$? $5/2$?
- What **the best machine** to shed light on it?

Photo-production of P_c

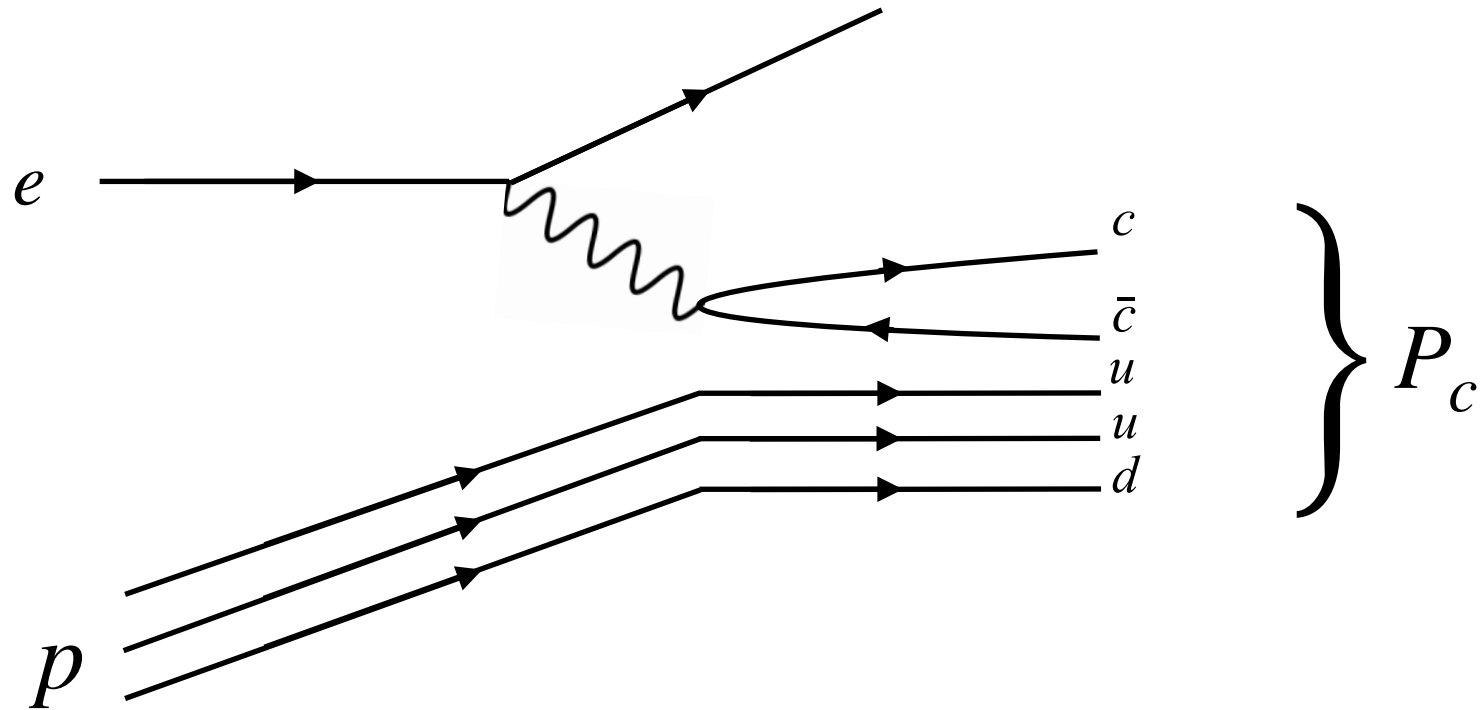


Perhaps we can create P_c by $e + p \rightarrow e + p_c$
in the e+p collision *in near future!*

Electron Ion Collider

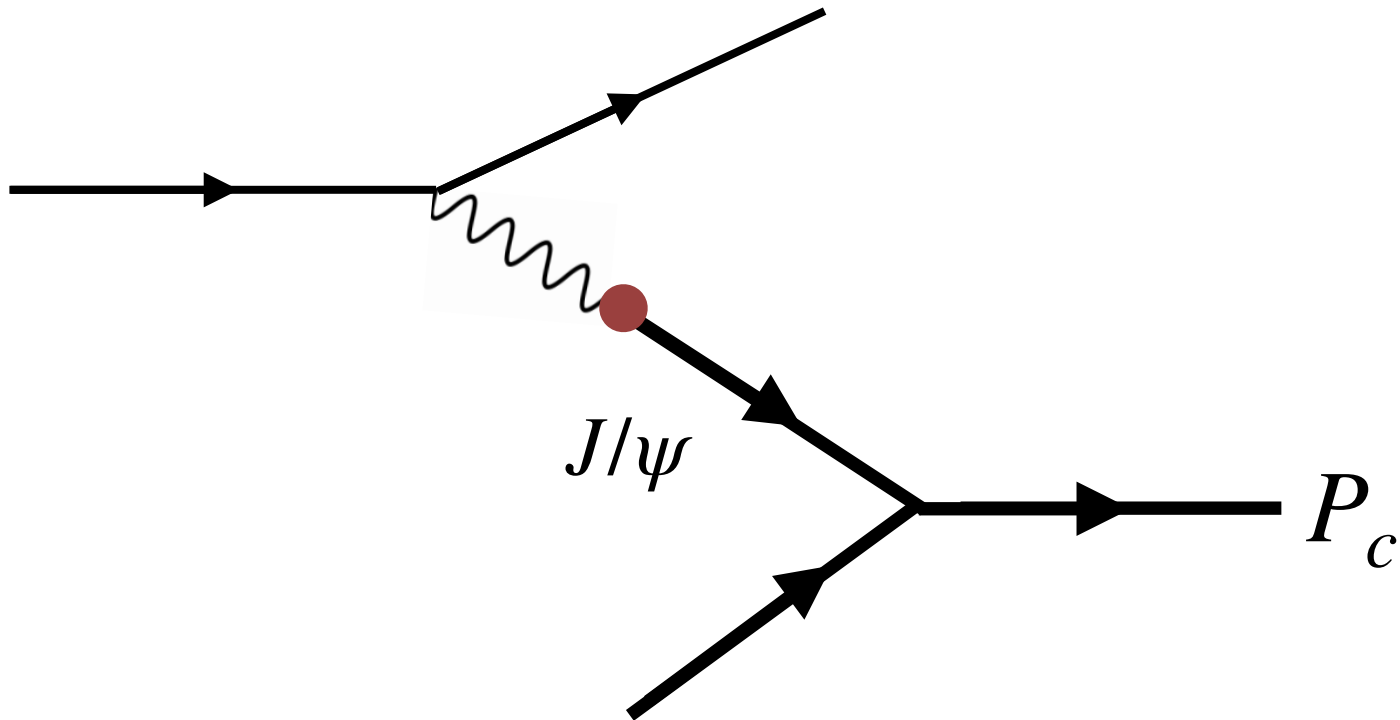


P_c production in e+p system



Cross section?

P_c production in $e+p$ system

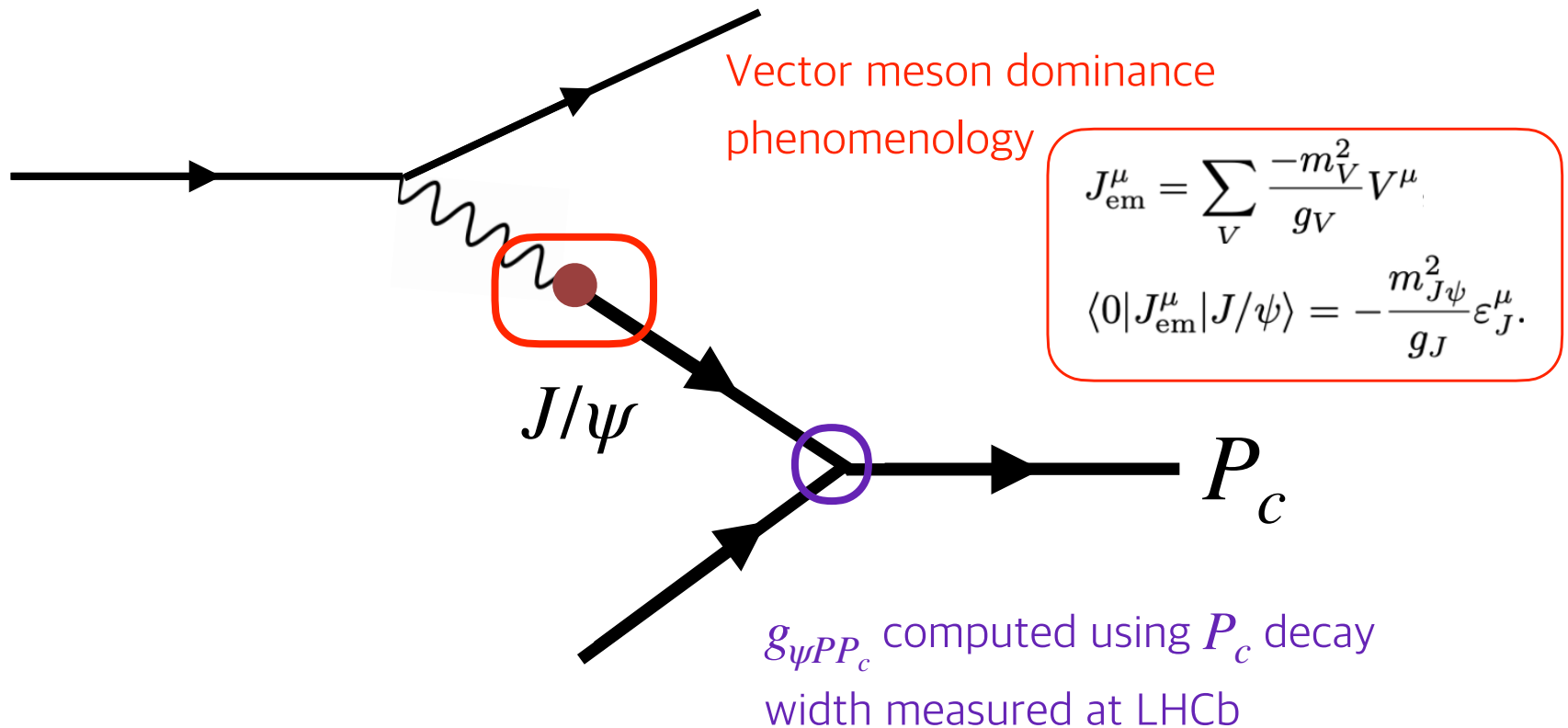


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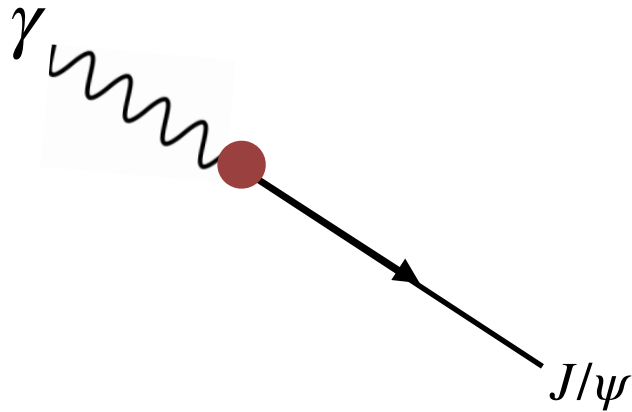
Computation of P_c cross section at EIC



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Formalism for VMD



- Vector meson dominance model

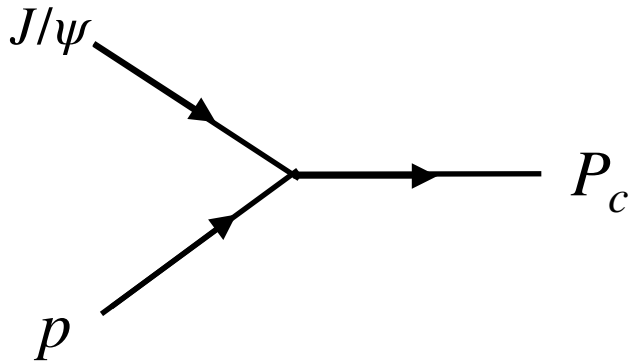
$$\mathcal{L}_{J/\psi\gamma} = -\frac{e}{2g_J} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}^J,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma e^-e^+} = -e\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu A_\mu\psi,$$

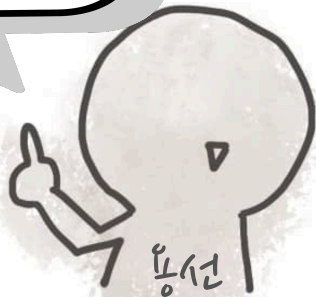
- Coupling constant g_J is computed from $J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$ decay width

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma &= \frac{4\pi\alpha^2}{3g_J^2} \sqrt{m_{J/\psi}^2 - 4m_l^2} \left(1 + \frac{2m_l^2}{m_{J/\psi}^2}\right) \\ &= 92.9 \text{ keV} \times 0.05971,\end{aligned}$$

Formalism for P_c production



Interaction strength J/ψ ,
proton and P_c is computed
from the decay width
measured by LHCb



- Lagrangian (tensor potential & R-S eq.)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \begin{cases} \frac{g_{JpP_c}}{m_{J/\psi}} \bar{\psi}_p \sigma^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}^J \psi_{P_c} & J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+, \\ \frac{g_{JpP_c}}{m_{J/\psi}} \bar{\psi}_p \gamma_5 \sigma^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}^J \psi_{P_c} & J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-, \\ \frac{g_{JpP_c}}{m_{J/\psi}} \bar{\psi}_p \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu F_{\mu\nu}^J \psi_{P_c}^\nu & J^P = \frac{3}{2}^+, \\ \frac{g_{JpP_c}}{m_{J/\psi}} \bar{\psi}_p \gamma^\mu F_{\mu\nu}^J \psi_{P_c}^\nu & J^P = \frac{3}{2}^-. \end{cases}$$

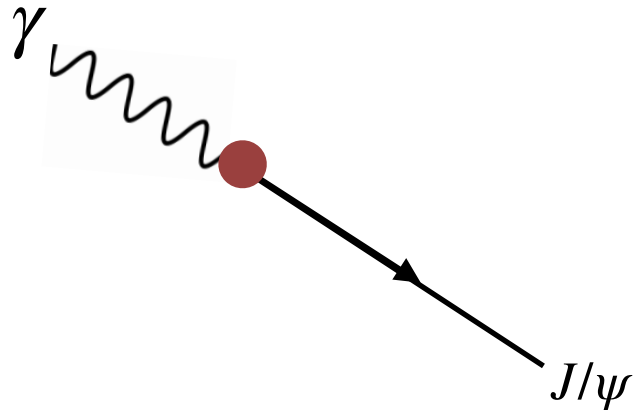
- Fix interaction strength using Γ

$$\Gamma_{P_c \rightarrow p + J/\psi} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{|\vec{p}_f|}{m_{P_c}^2} |\mathcal{M}|^2$$

- Results in 2 spin x 2 parity cases

| J^P | $\frac{1}{2}^+$ | $\frac{1}{2}^-$ | $\frac{3}{2}^+$ | $\frac{3}{2}^-$ |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| g_{JpP_c} | 0.379 | 0.169 | 1.47 | 0.599 |

Formalism for P_c production



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- Photo-production strength

$$g_{\gamma p P_c} = -\frac{e g_{J p P_c} q^2}{g_J} \frac{1}{q^2 - m_{J/\psi}^2}$$

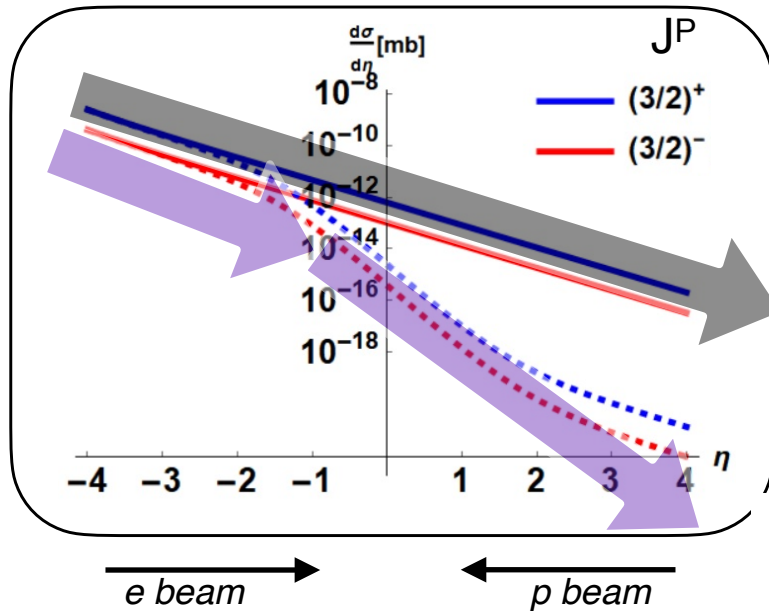
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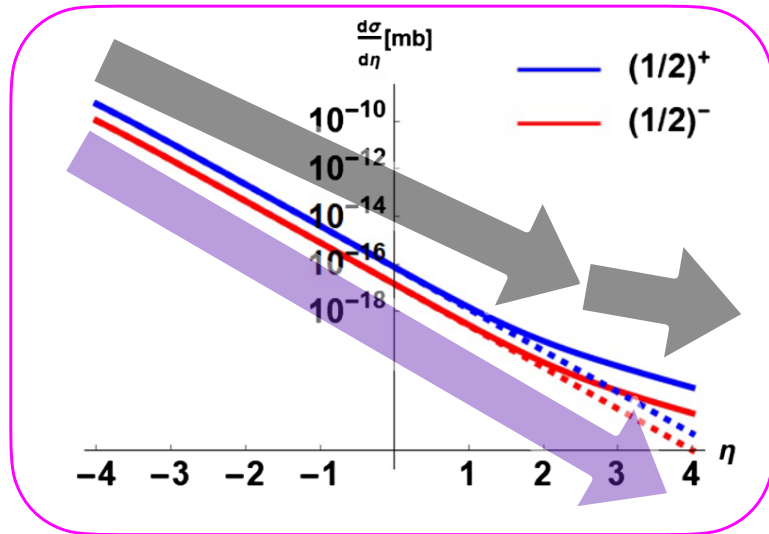
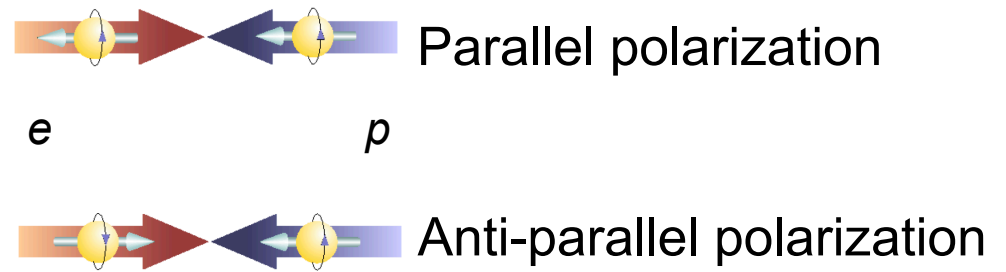
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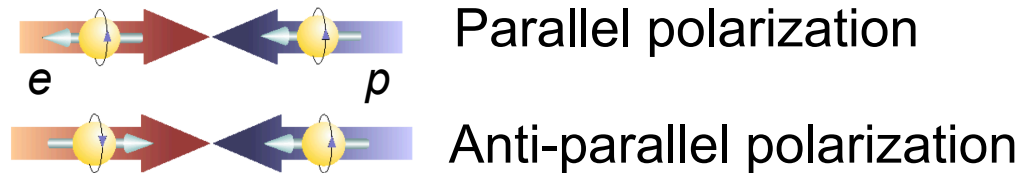
$P_c(4312)$ yields in polarized e+p



Spin 3/2 case

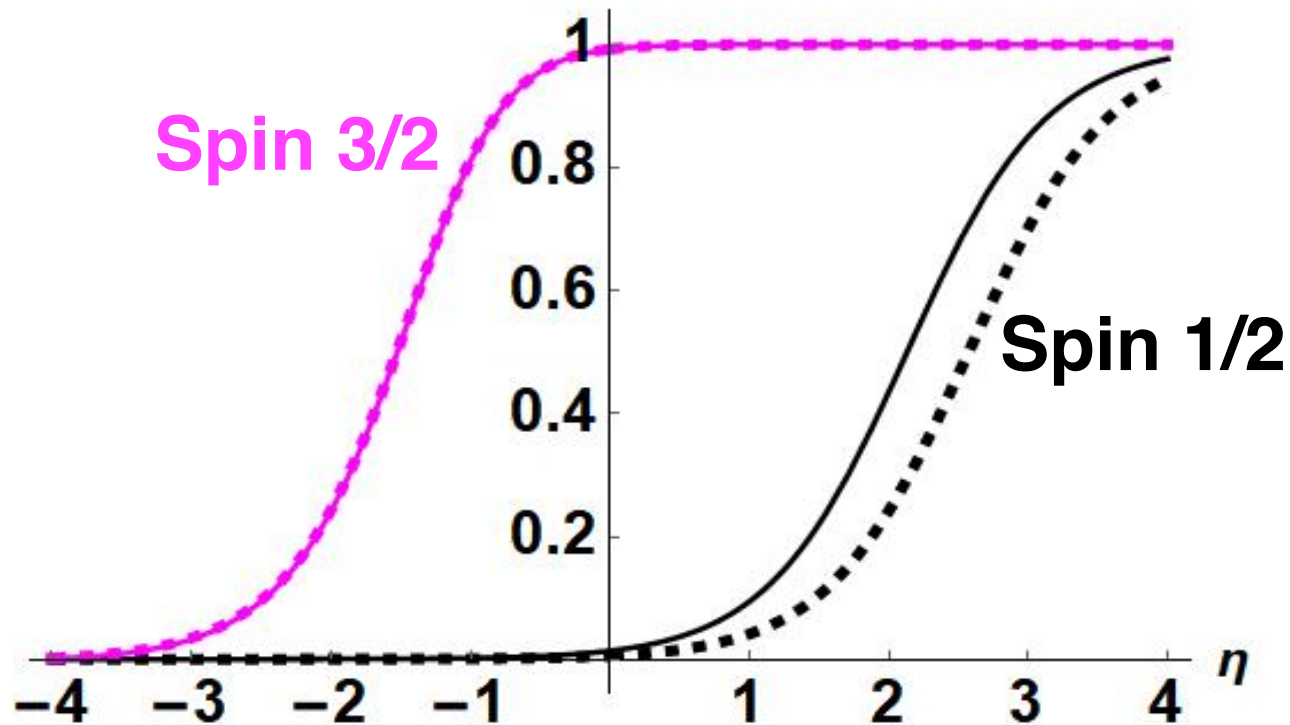


Spin 1/2 case



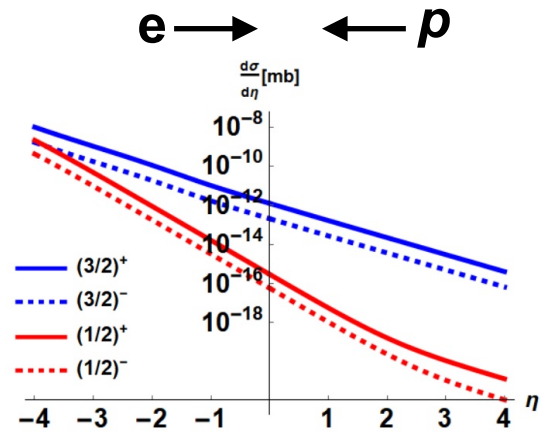
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$$BSA(\eta) = \frac{d\sigma/d\eta [RL] - d\sigma/d\eta [RR]}{d\sigma/d\eta [RL] + d\sigma/d\eta [RR]}$$

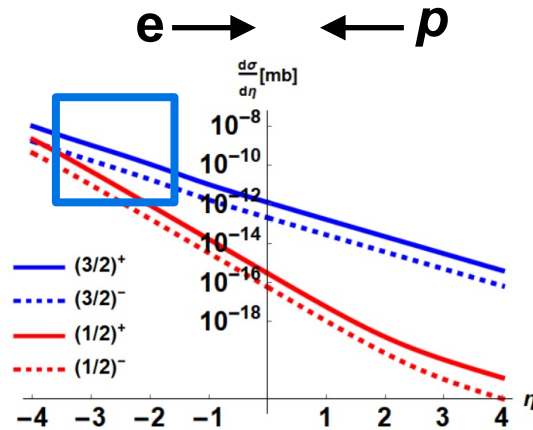


Spin of P_c can be resolved by measuring forward-to-backward ratio!

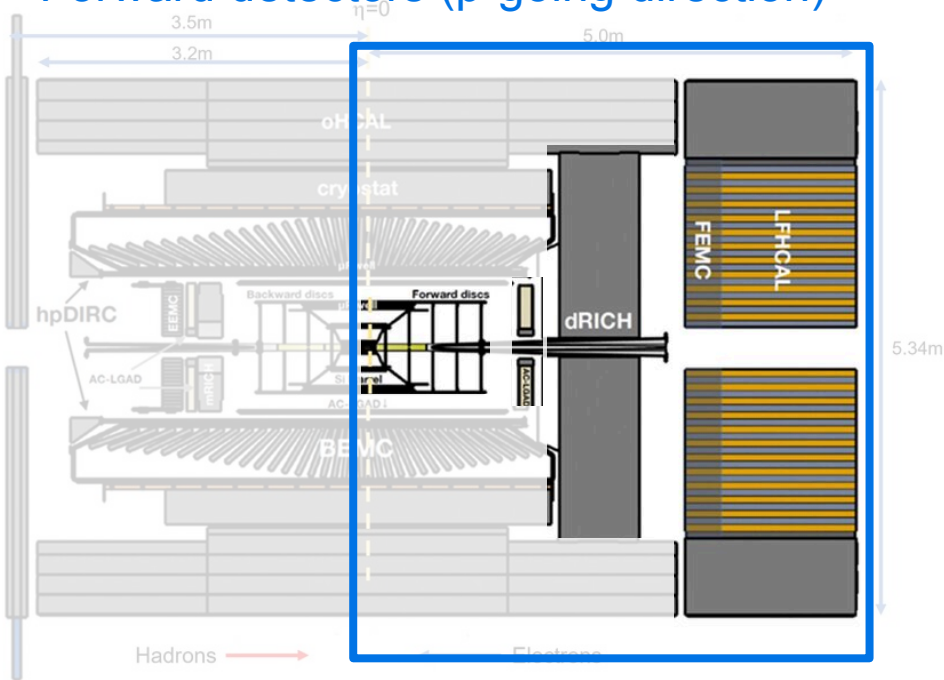
$P_c(4312)$ in ePIC simulation



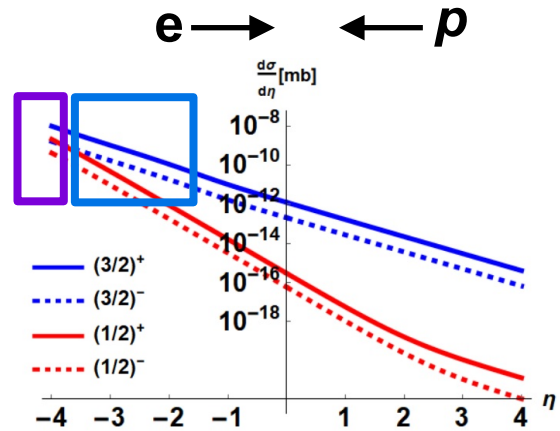
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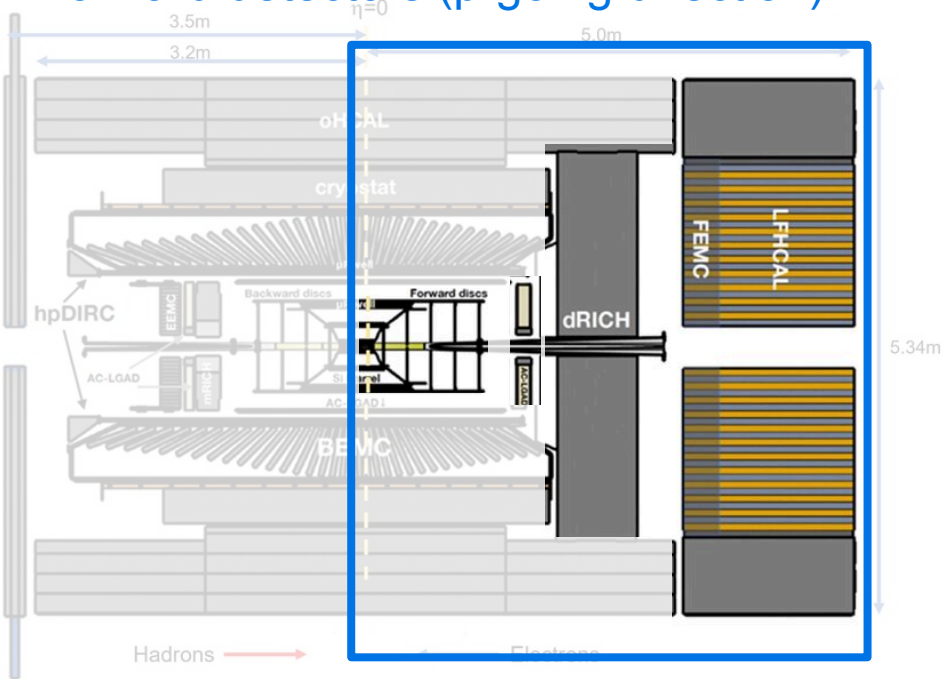
Forward detectors (p-going direction)



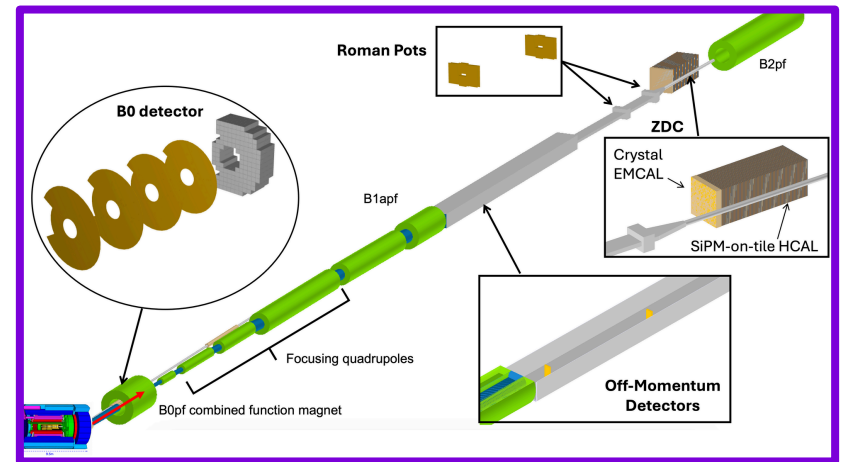
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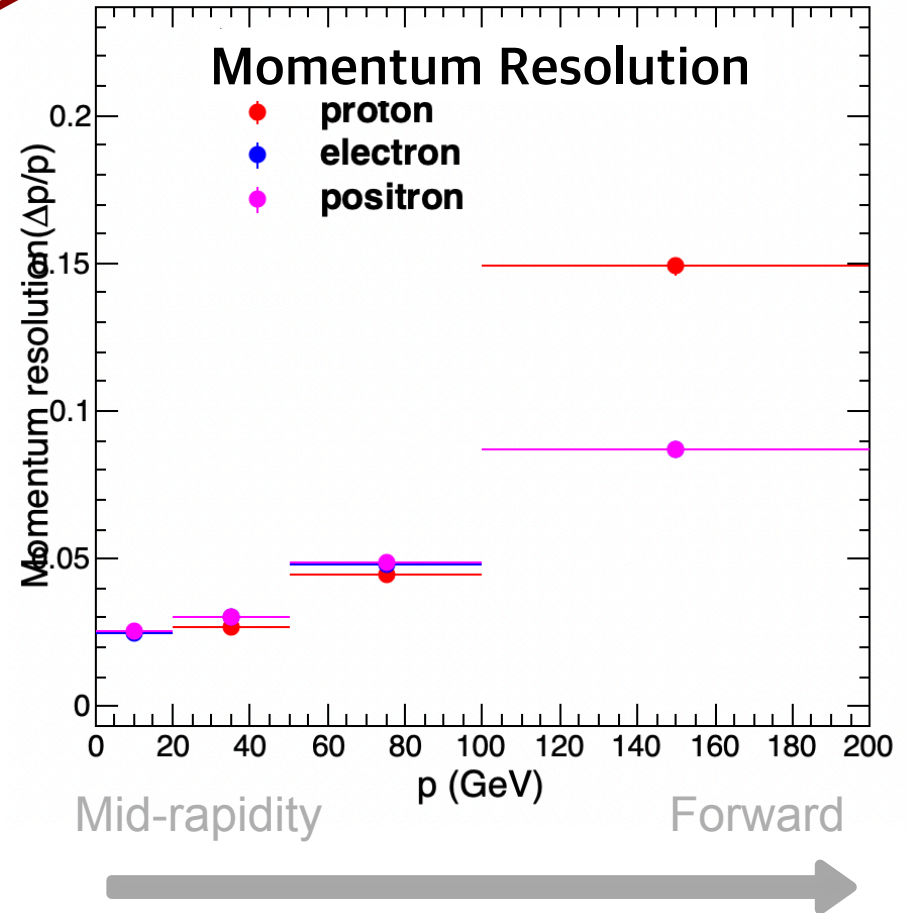
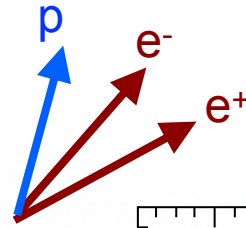
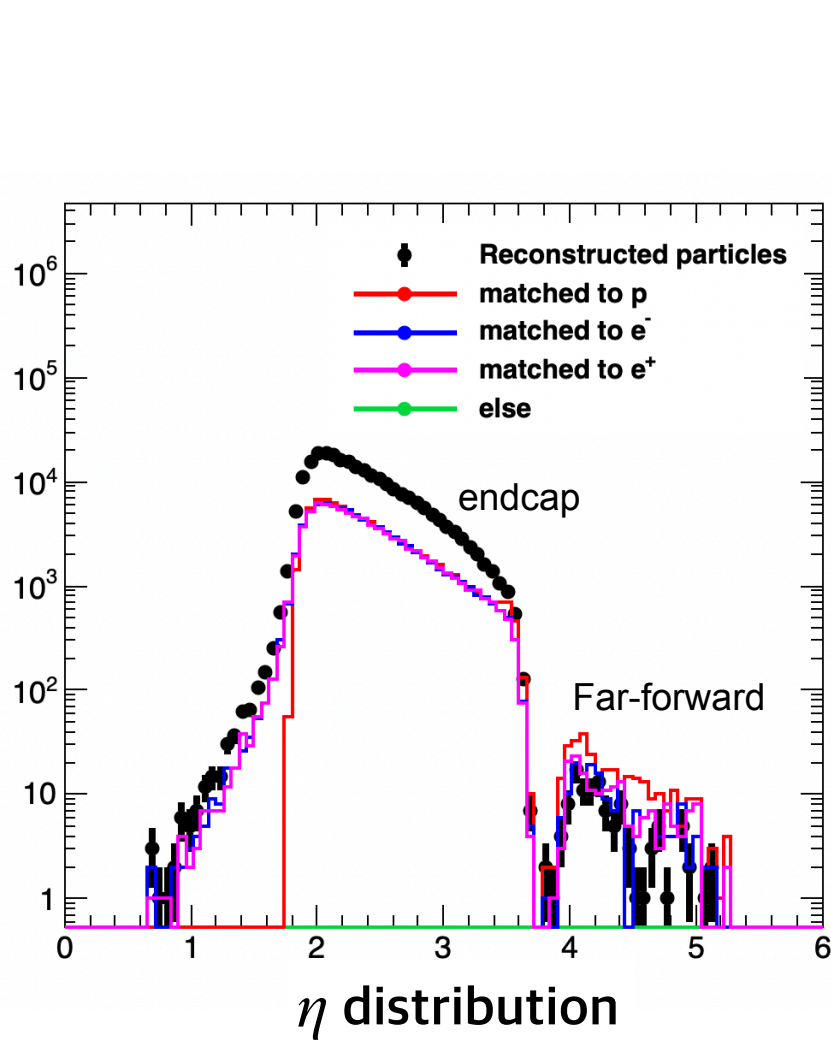
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Far-Forward detectors



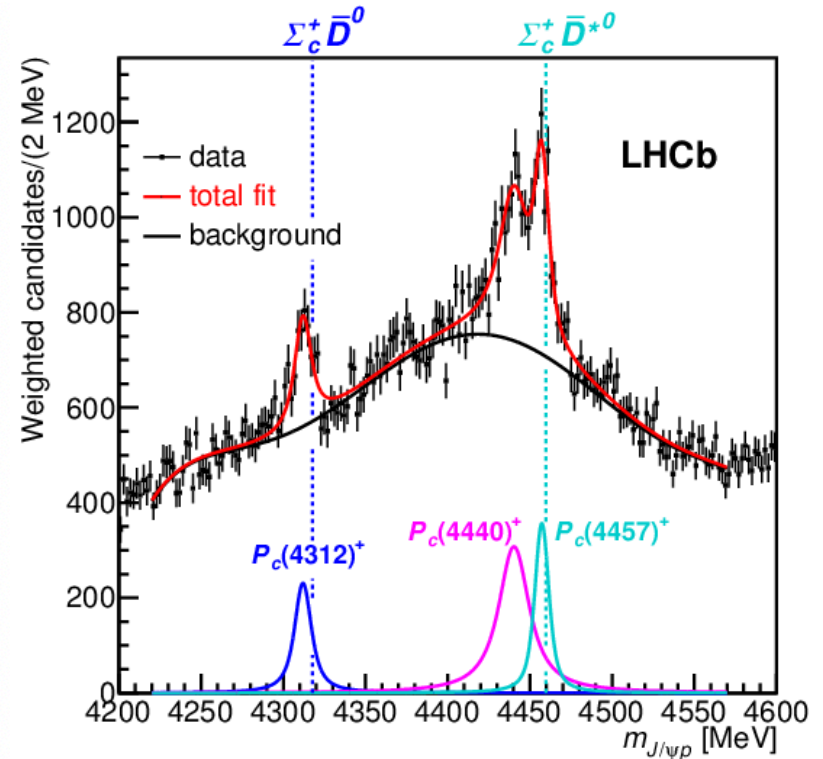
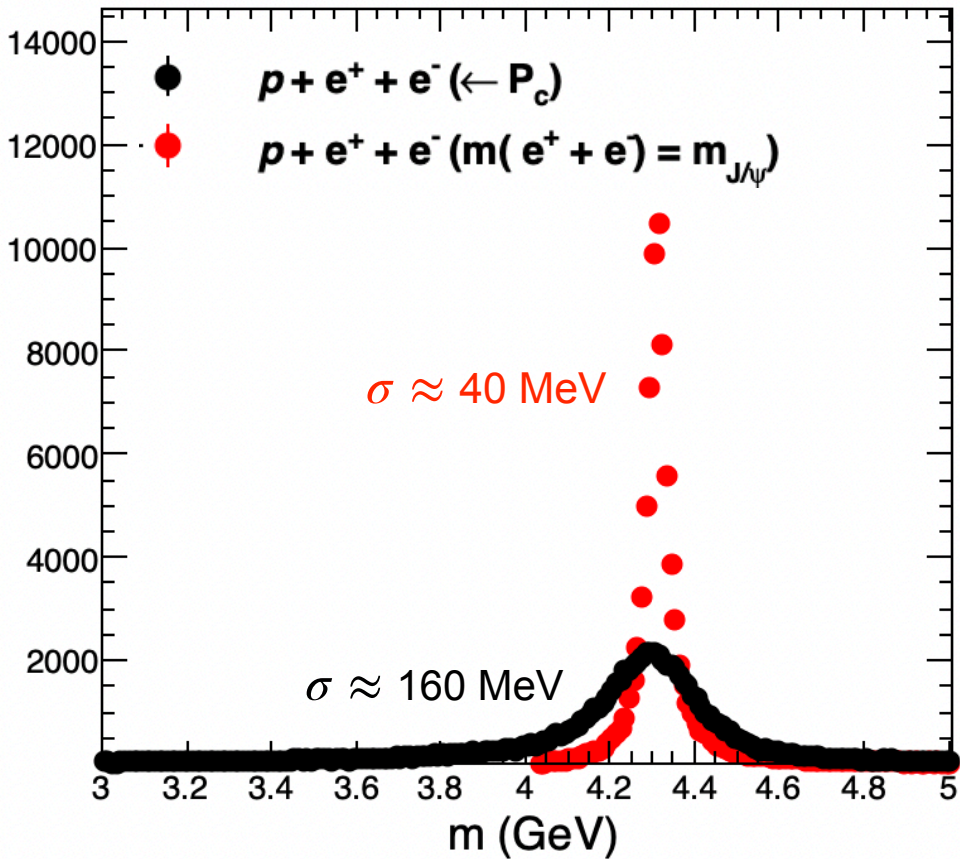
Particle reconstruction performance



(η is one-to-one function of p due to 2-body process)

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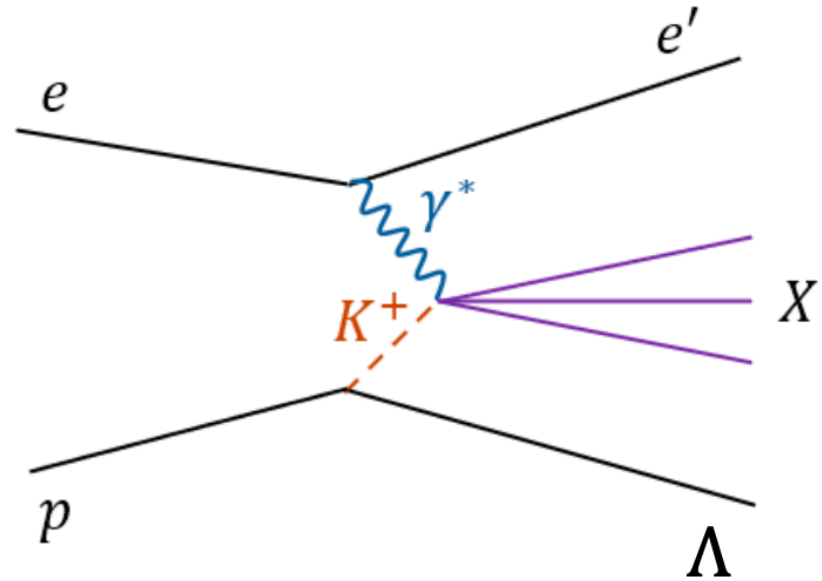
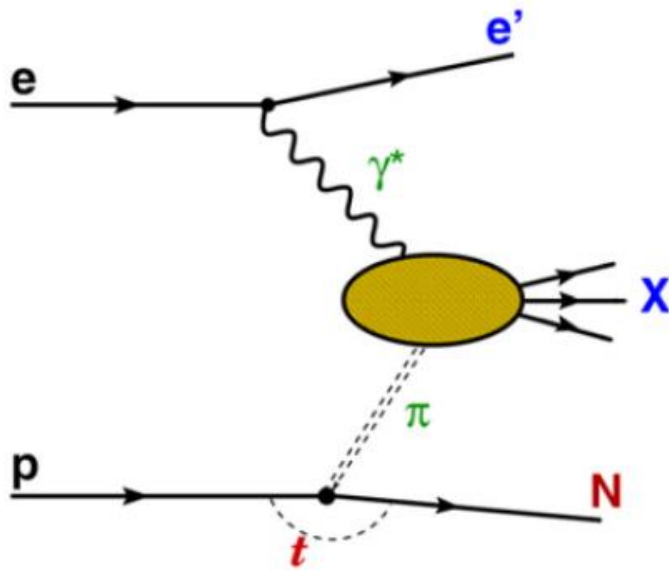
$$\eta(P_c) > 2$$



σ measured in LHCb: $9.8 (\pm 2.7 +3.7/-4.5) \text{ MeV}$

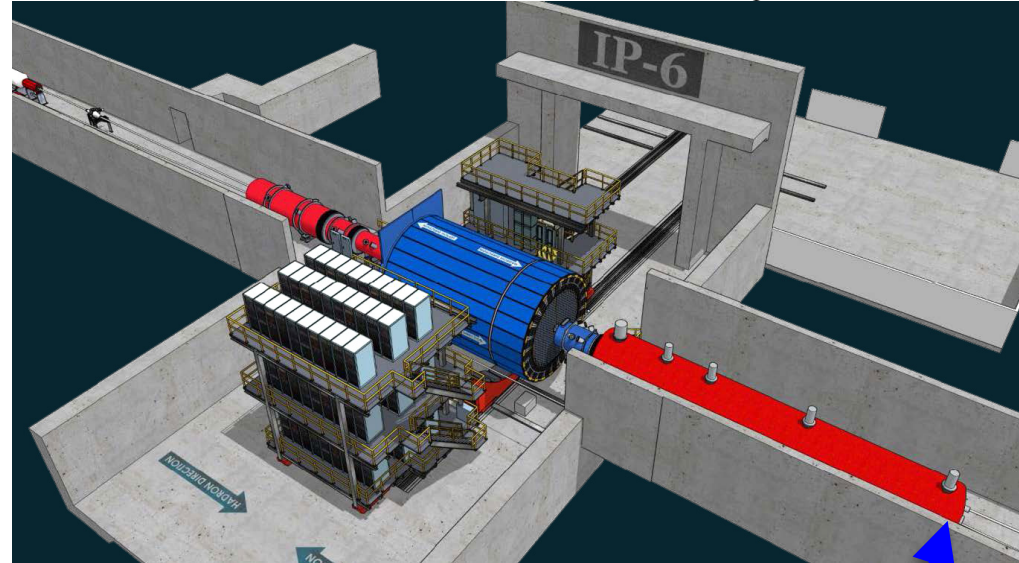
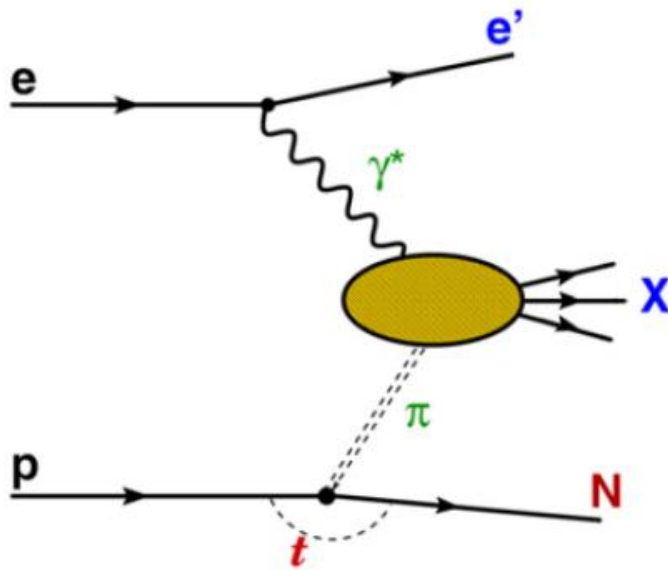
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Sullivan process

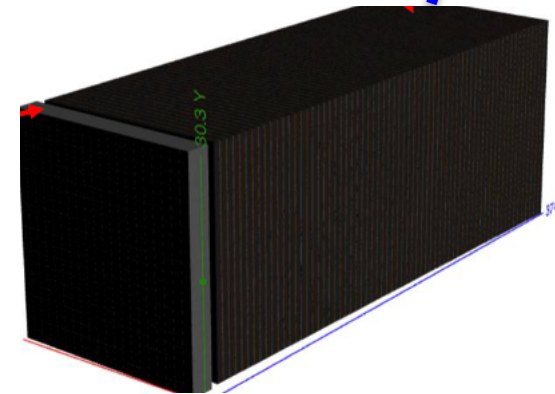


- DIS for pion and Kaon
- EIC can shed light on meson structure function more clearly
 - Tagging X \rightarrow exclusive measurement
 - Measurement of forward π^0 , n and Λ are all possible
 - Polarized beams are huge benefit

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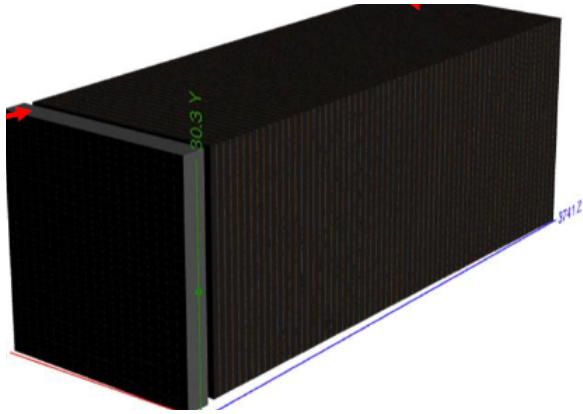


- Tagging this event will rely solely on the ZDC!
- To be made by Korea-Japan collaboration
- EMCal + Hcal (Silicon trackers)

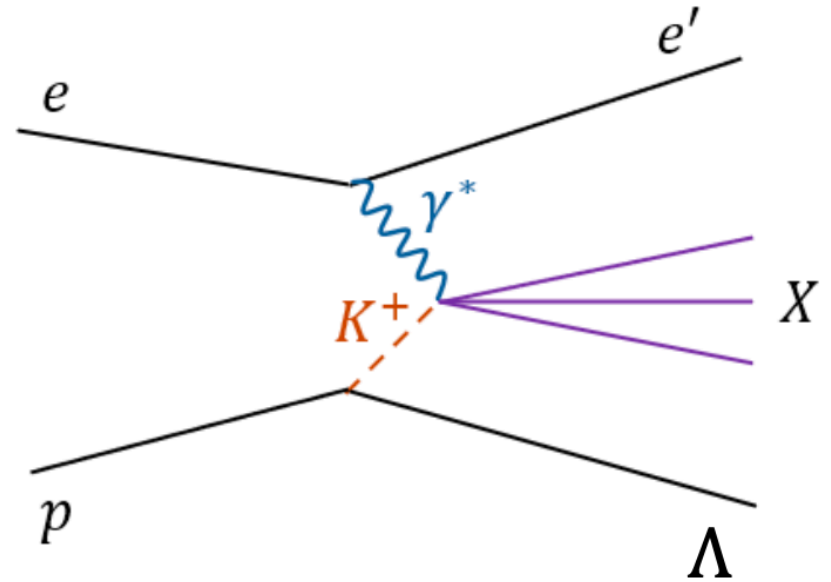


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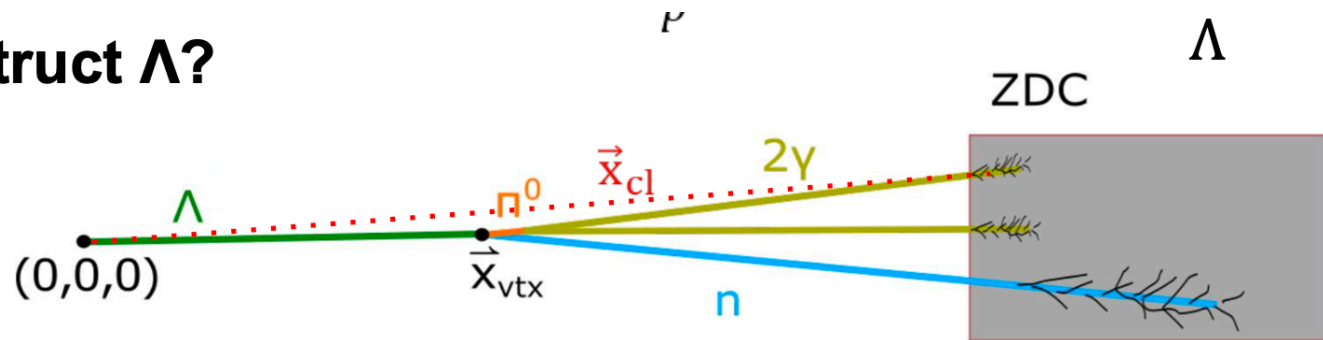


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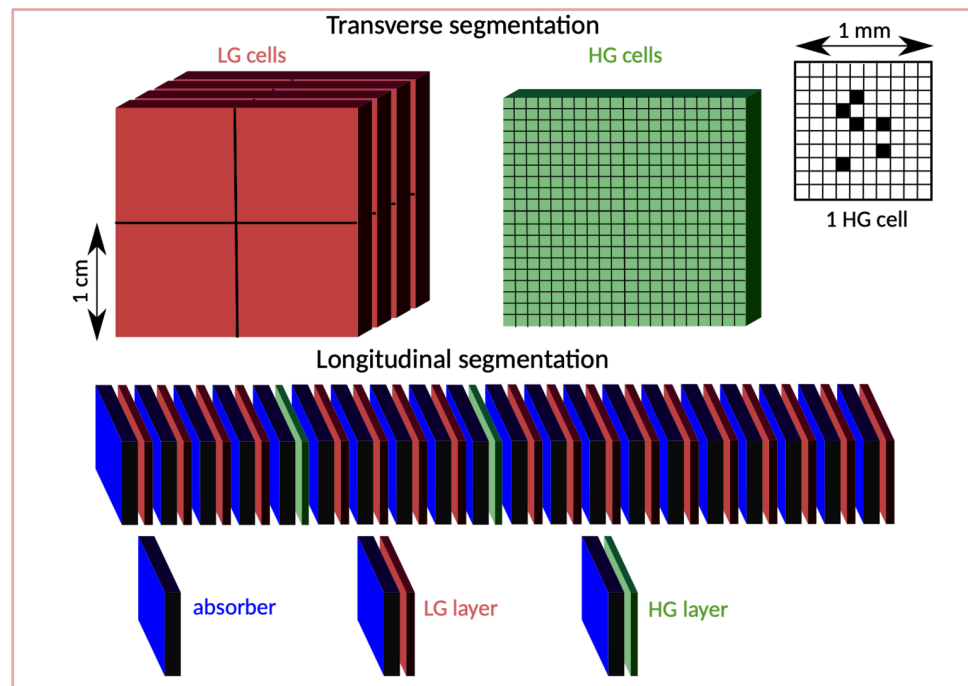
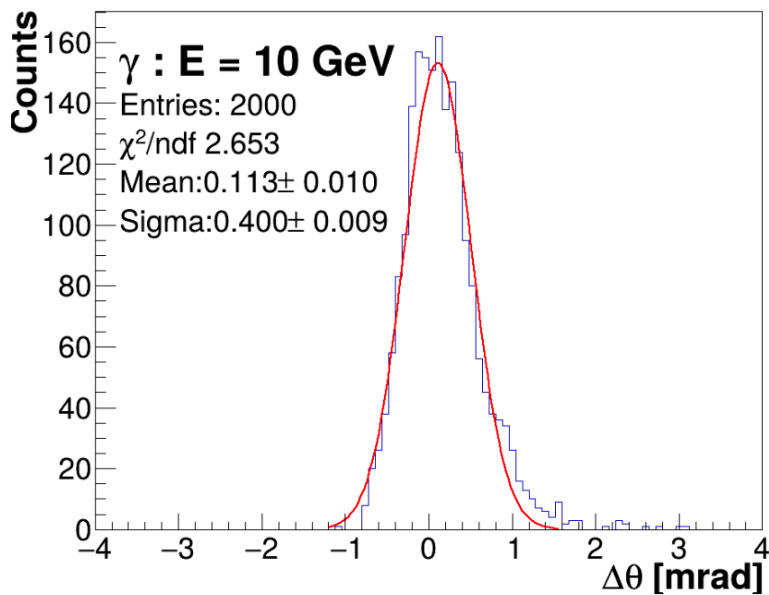


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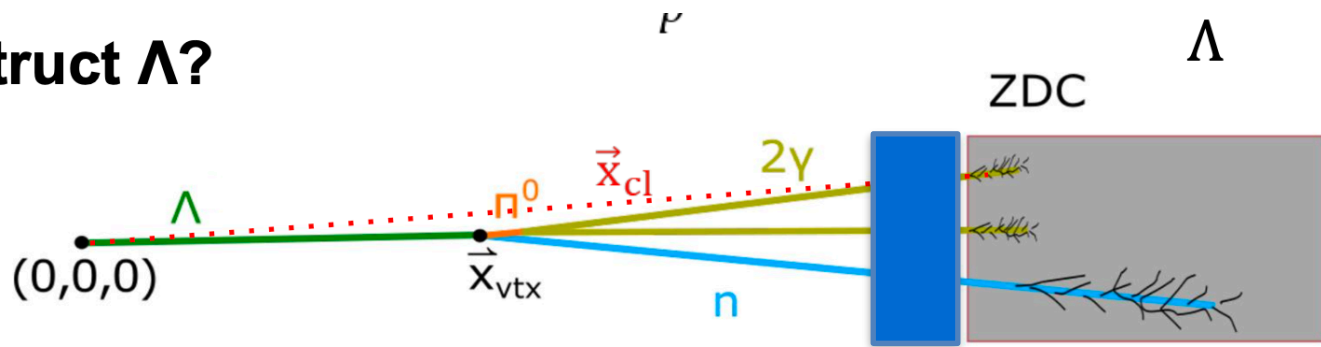
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- Japan and Korea collaboration suggested to upgrade ZDC with Silicon detector (ALICE FoCal-like)

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Summary

- The experimental community is putting most effort into detector R&D and manufacturing, which are not correlated with physical topics
- Yet, there are ongoing efforts to explore novel opportunities on the experimental side.
- From a theoretical perspective, some topics appear to be particularly interesting:
 - Pentaquarks — studies of cross sections, internal structure, quantum numbers, and more
 - Meson form factors — investigations of pion and kaon form factors through analytical methods or lattice QCD
- Of course, we should also not overlook the potential application of quantum computing algorithms in EIC physics, either for data analysis or for simulating scattering processes