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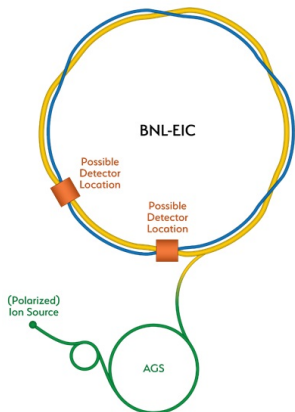
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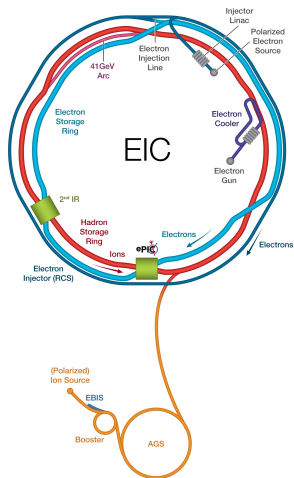
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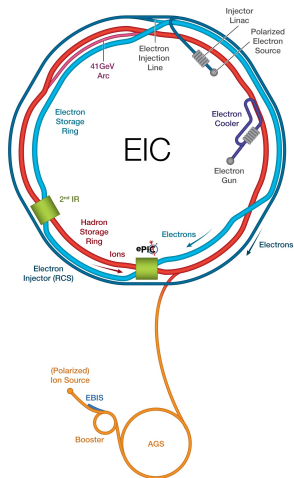
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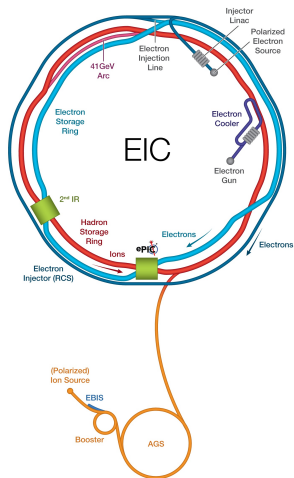
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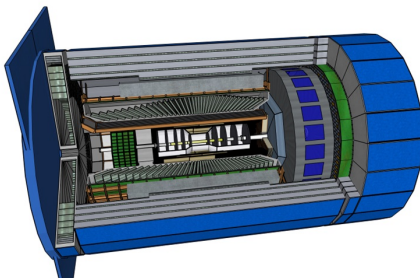
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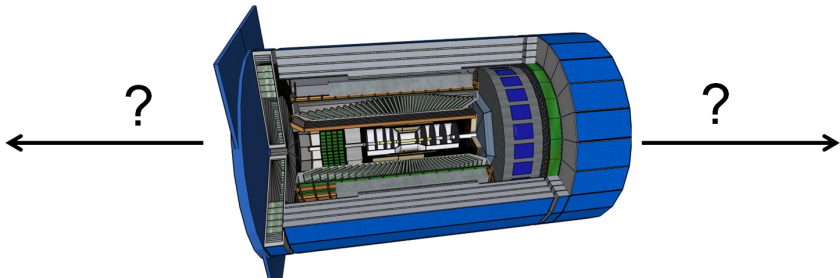
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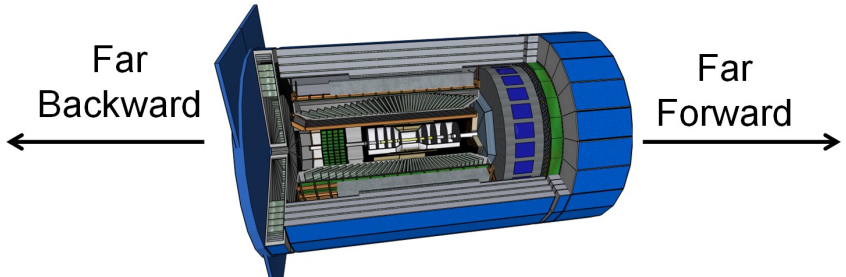
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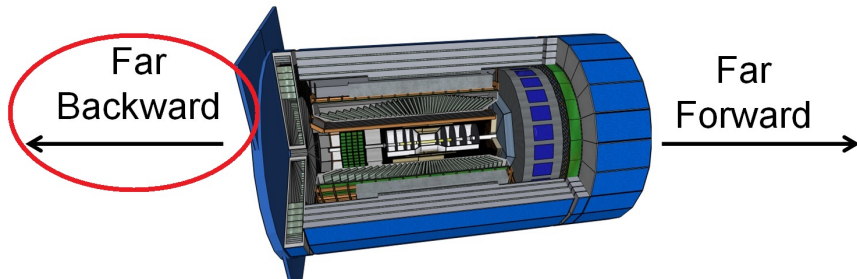
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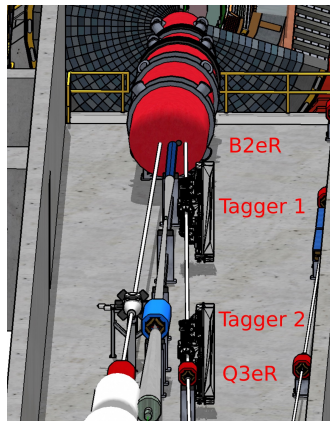
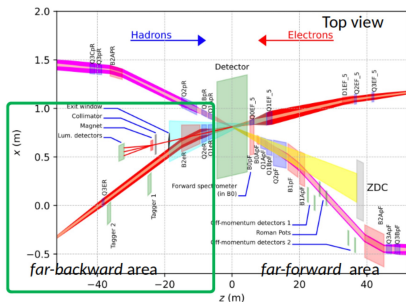
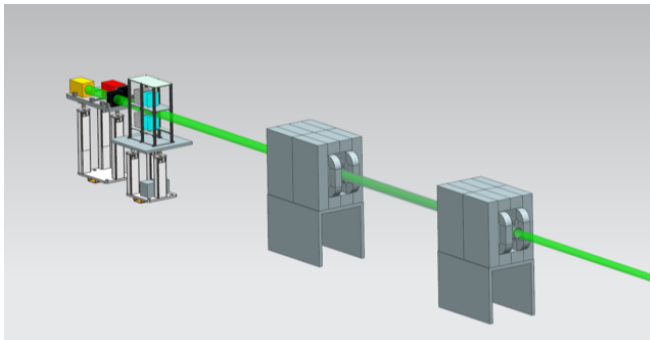


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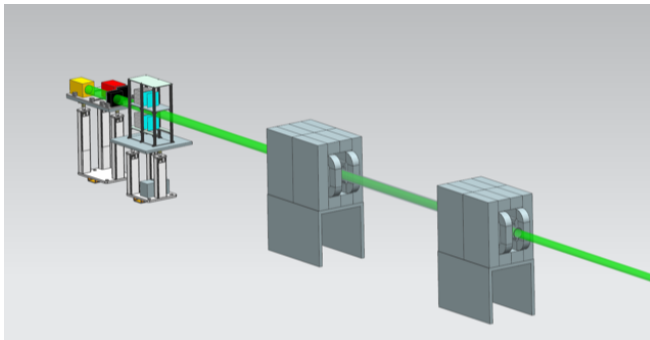
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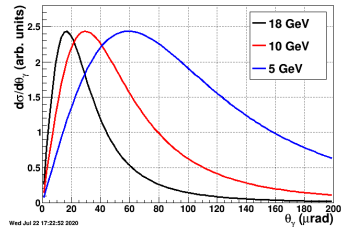
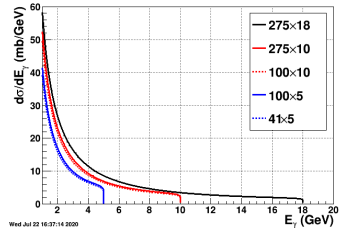
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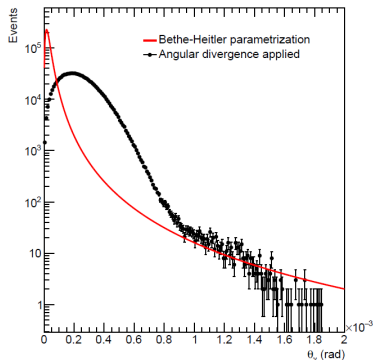
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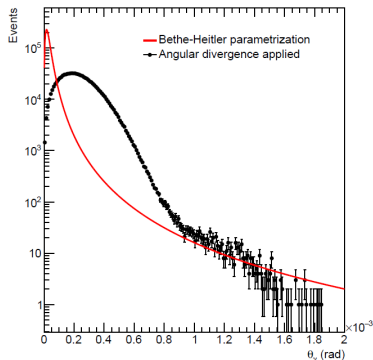
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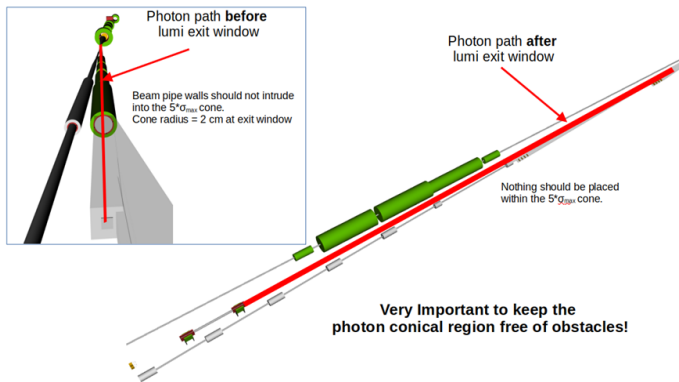
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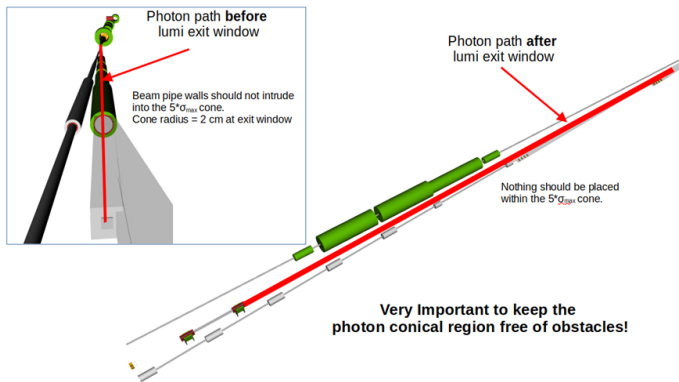


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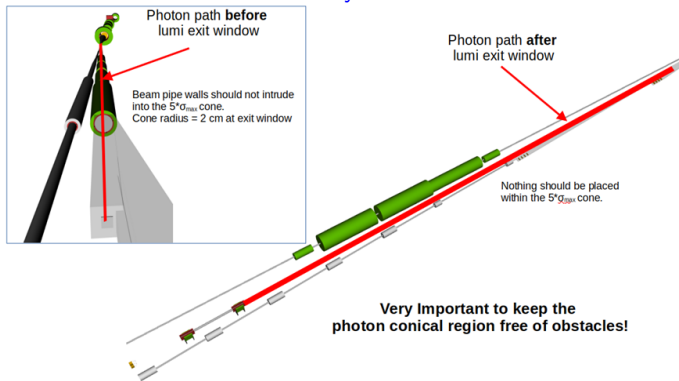
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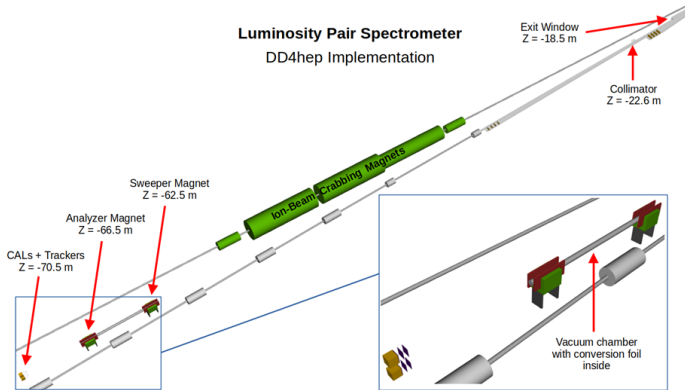
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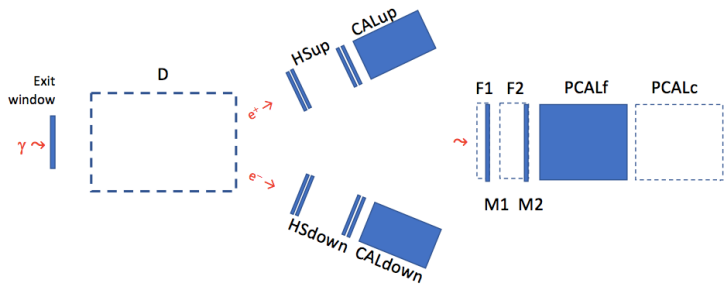


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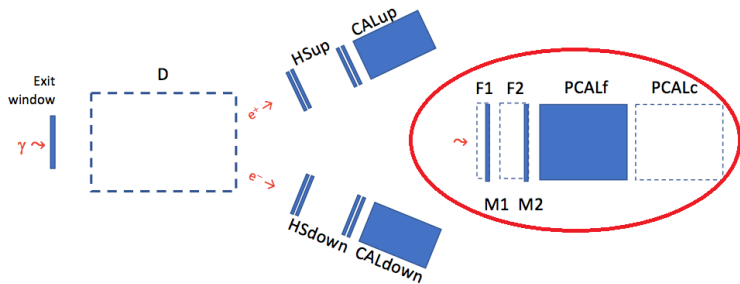
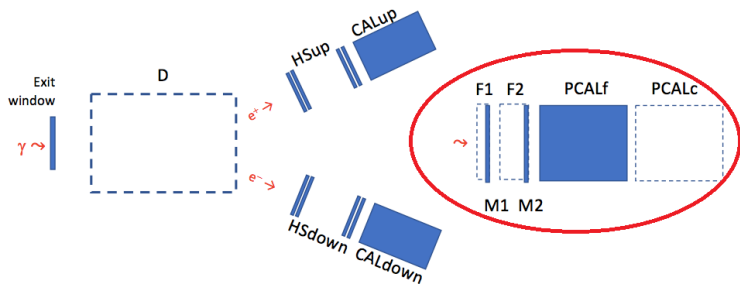


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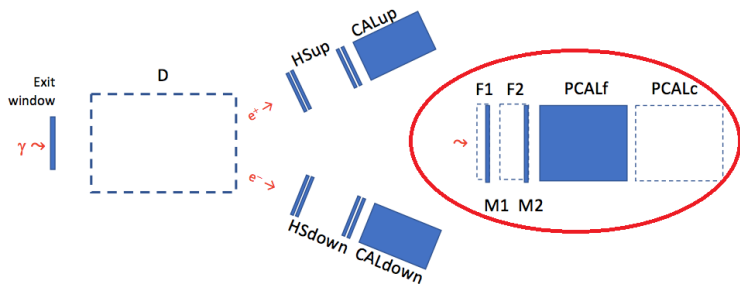
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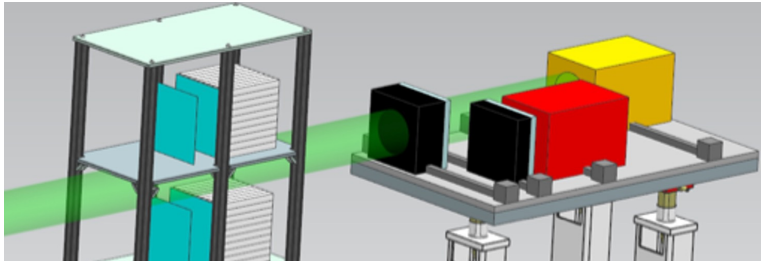
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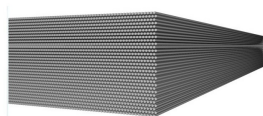
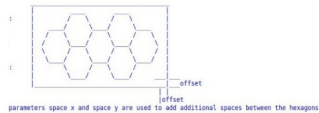
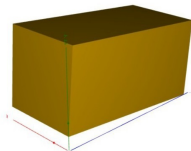
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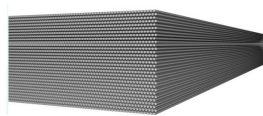
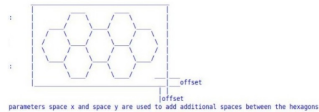
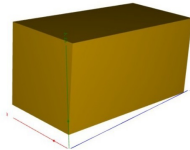


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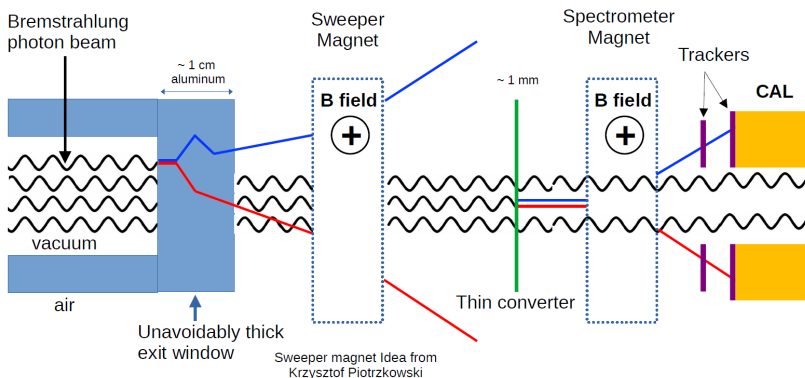


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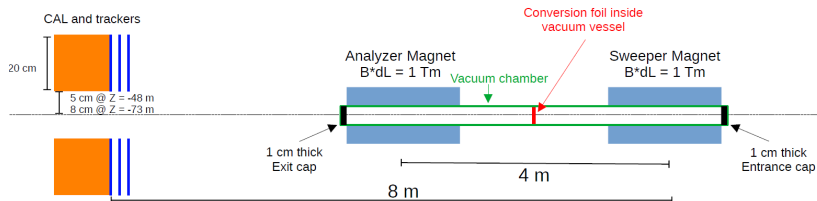
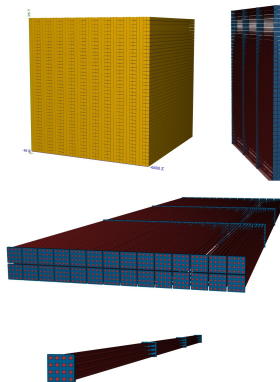


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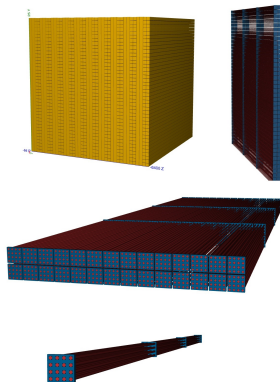
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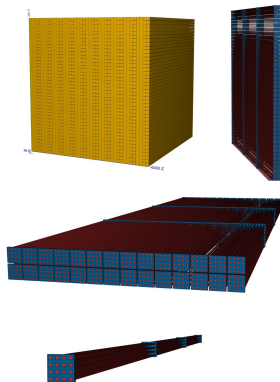
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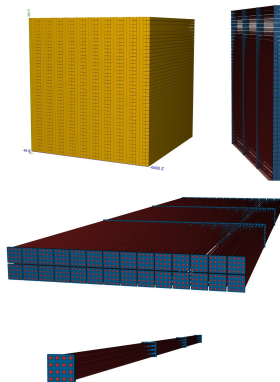
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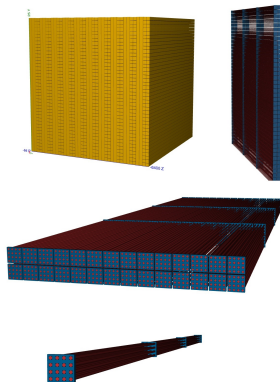
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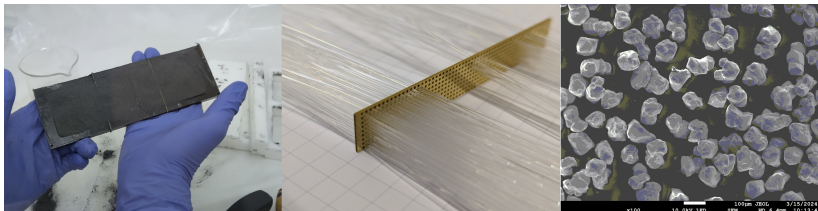
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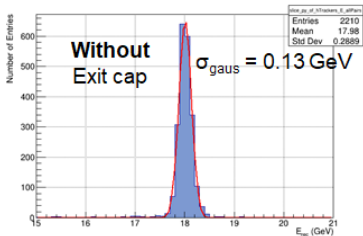
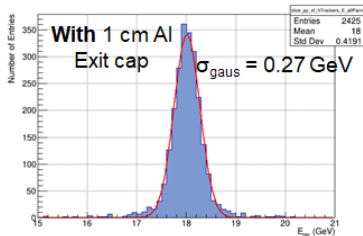


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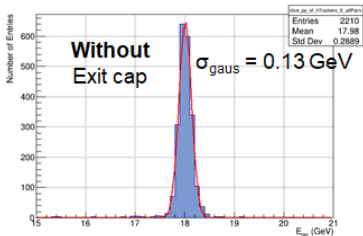
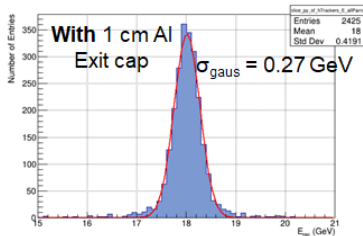
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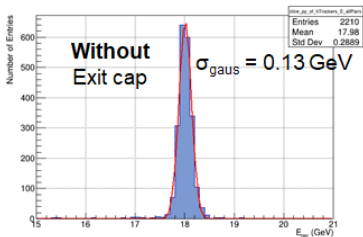
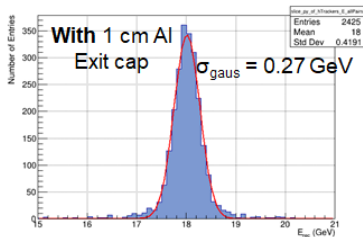
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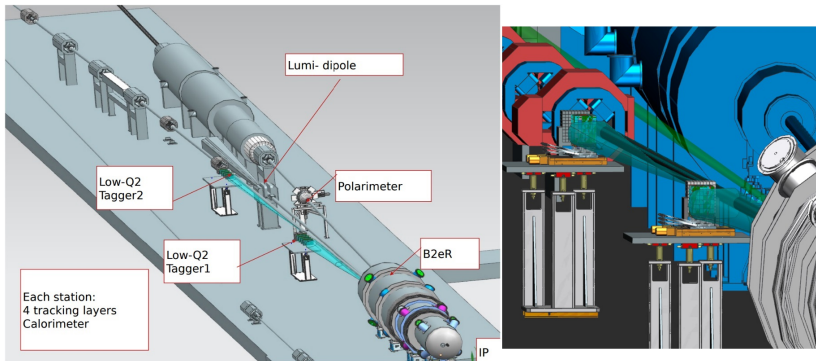
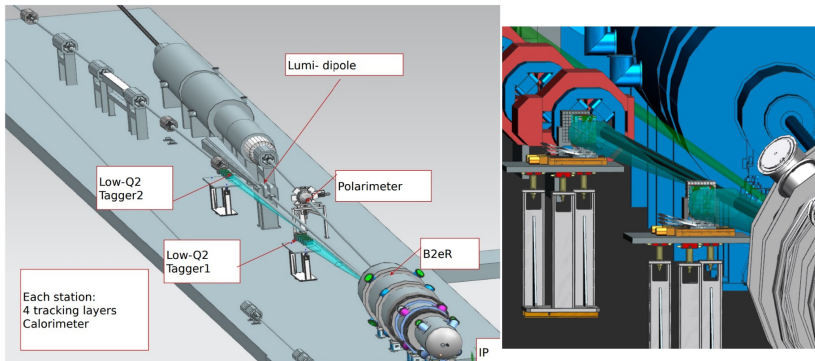


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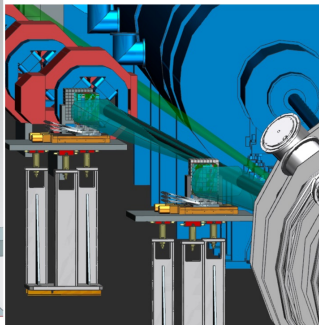
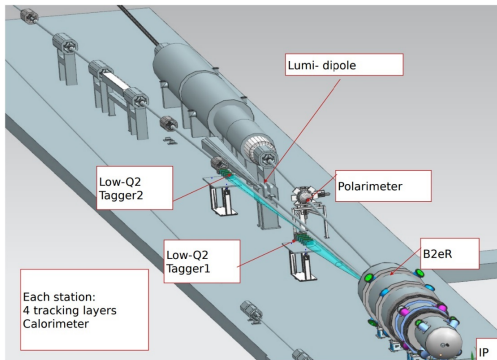
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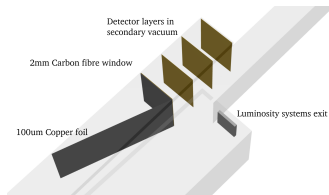
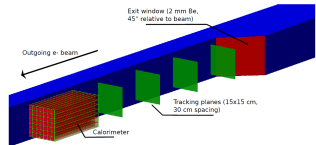
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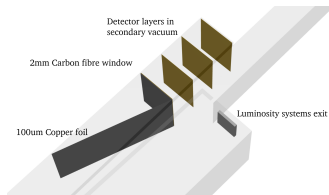
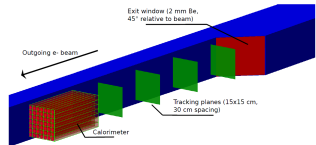
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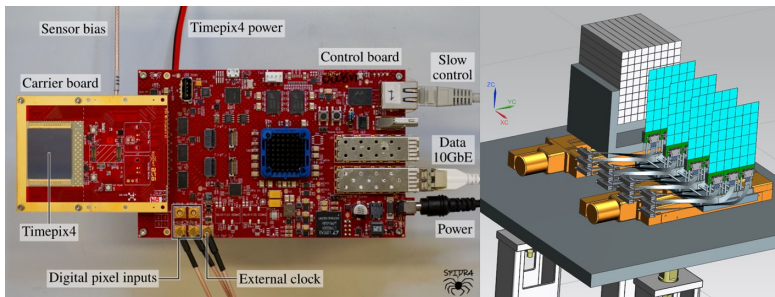
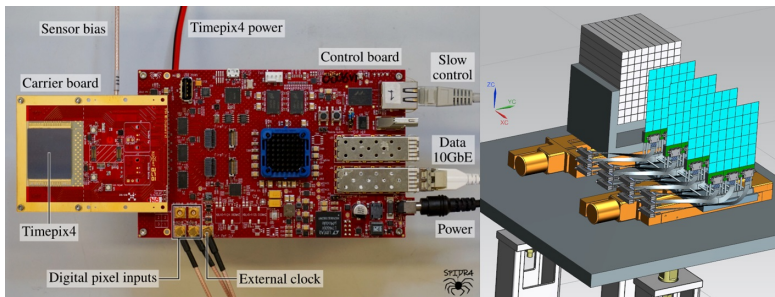


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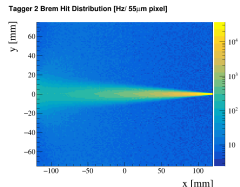
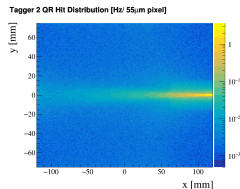
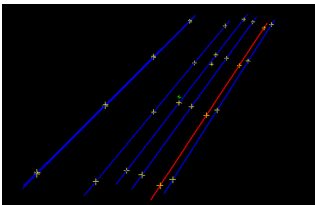
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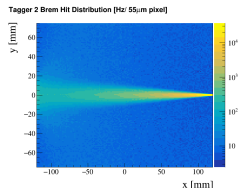
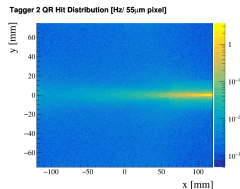
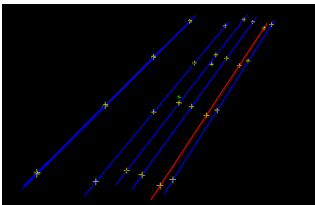
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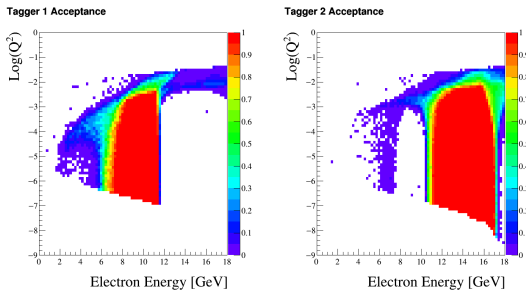
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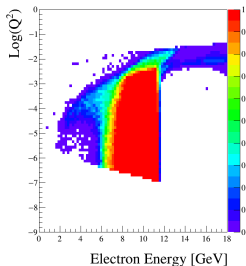


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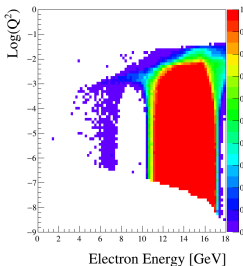
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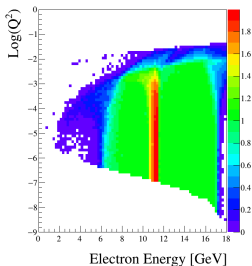
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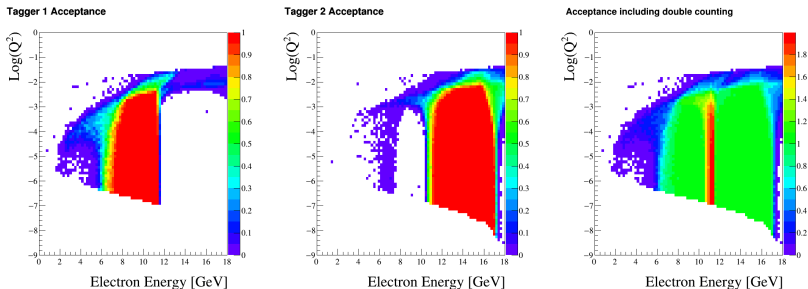


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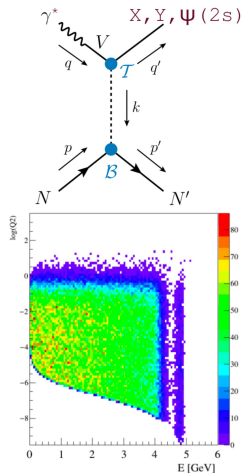
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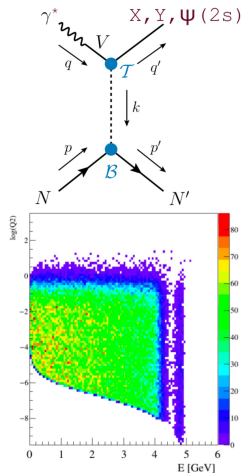
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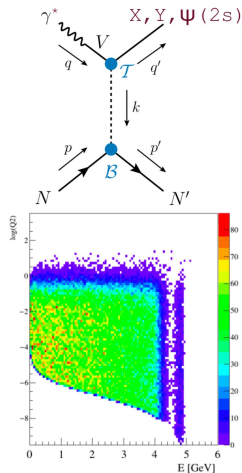
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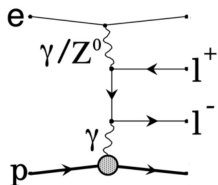


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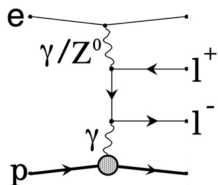


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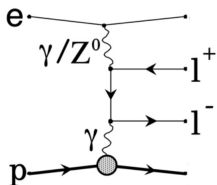
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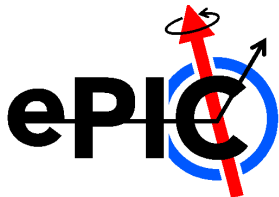
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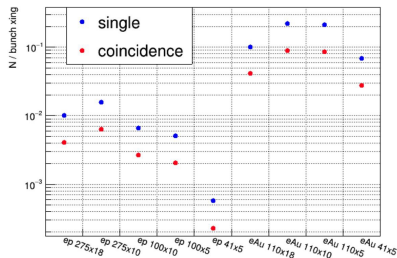
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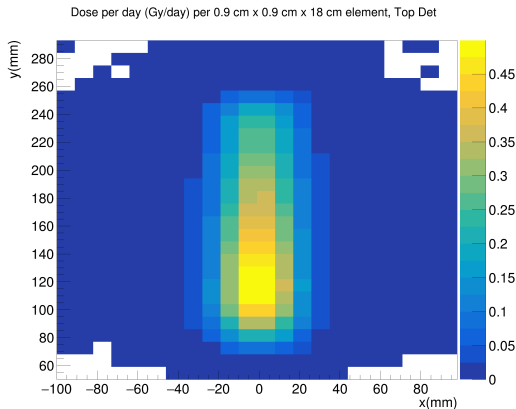
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- 1 cm conversion at exit window, (9% conversion probability, swept away)
- 37 m air, 9% conversion, swept away
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- 1 mm Al conversion foil, 1%, detected in pair spec
 - At most, ~ 0.2 electrons per bunch crossing on average



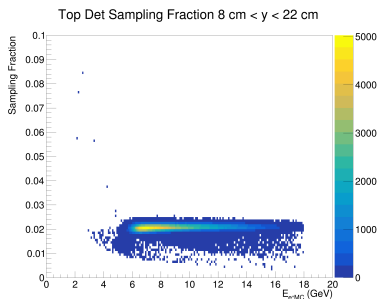
Pair Spectrometer - Radiation Dose

- Using DD4HEP simulation, evaluated dose
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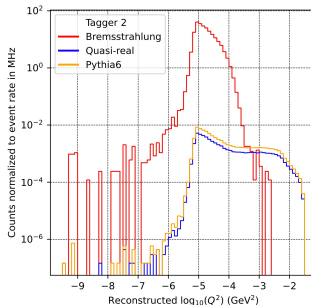
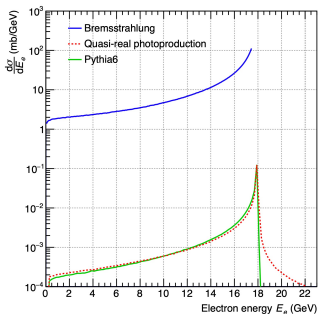
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- Sampling fraction strongly depends upon W:SciFi ratio
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 - $X_0 \sim 8 \text{ mm}$
- Can quickly tweak design and re-evaluate sampling fraction and energy/position resolution with DD4HEP simulation



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- Clean photoproduction signal over a limited region
 - $10^{-3} < Q^2 < 10^{-1}$ (GeV/c²)
- Large background from Bethe-Heitler bremsstrahlung
 - High event rates
 - Mitigate with good tracking and Q^2 resolution



Low Q^2 Tagger - Q^2 Reconstruction

- Two different ML algorithms give similar results
- Reconstruct tracks with e' kinematics
- Q^2 from e' energy and θ
- Compare to truth info in taggers and central detector

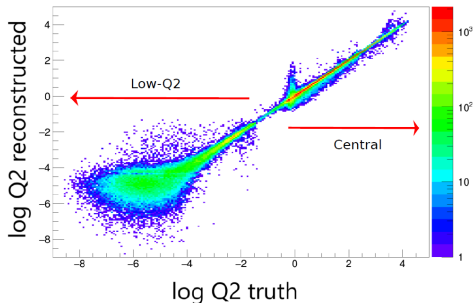
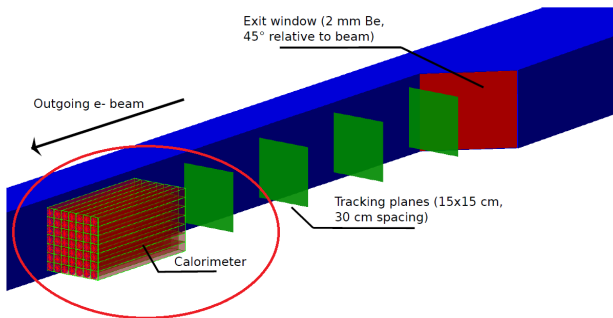


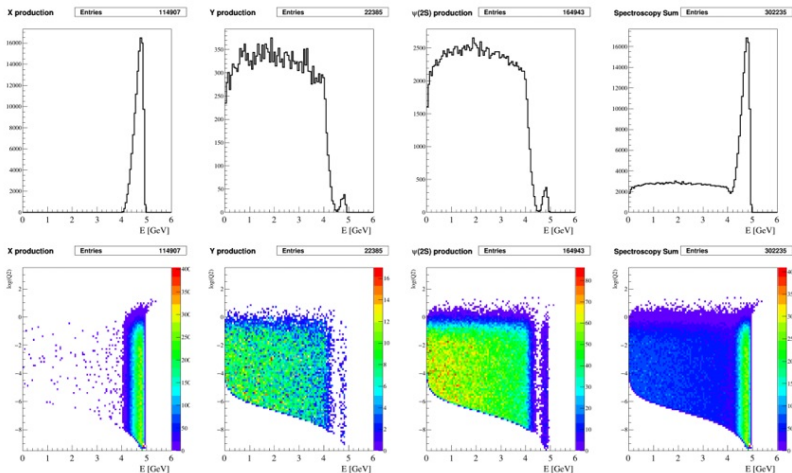
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Low Q^2 Tagger - Calorimeter

- For ePIC, calorimeter still in baseline design
 - Being costed
- Some open questions/challenges
 - Needs to handle very high rates
 - Taggers already provide very high resolution
 - Could degrade if exit windows too thick.



Far Backwards - Physics, Spectroscopy Distributions



Figures - D. Glazier, University of Glasgow

Detector 2 - Low Q^2 Tagger - Ideas/Options

- Include the low Q^2 tagger calorimeter
 - “Distinctive” if ePIC drops the low Q^2 tagger calorimeters
 - Need to decide if this is “worth” doing or not in either case
- Decision between in/out of vacuum is a big one
 - Det2 could deliberately go the other way
- Try to bridge the acceptance gap in e' energy and Q^2 reach between central detector and low Q^2 tagger
 - More on this in the next talk!
- Acceptance gap is consequence of the magnet configuration and arrangement
 - Low energy e^- are bent into the dipoles
 - Low(ish) Q^2 e^- go into the beampipe
- Broad solutions to this include
 - A “B0” equivalent, a detectors inside the magnet
 - A beampipe with a significantly larger radius
 - Neither option is straightforward

Detector 2 - Low Q^2 Tagger - Ideas/Options

- To improve high energy acceptance, get detectors as close to the beam as possible
 - Challenging! Radiation environment, vacuum, detector access concerns...
 - If this is worked in early, more likely
 - Integrated active/passive radiation monitoring critical
- For some physics channels, filling the acceptance gap between Q^2 0.1 and 0.01 is very important
- For others channels, getting lots of events with energies as close to the beam energy is more crucial
 - Lots of events near threshold
 - These events have zero energy γ
 - This would again, likely mean detectors within the beamline vacuum