



# Brief History of the EIC Project

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Grateful for many plots, pictures & comments I received from a large number of people.  
Special thanks to Rolf Ent, Richard Milner, Berndt Mueller, Mark Strikman, Raju Venugopalan, Rik Yoshida.  
This talk is an updated version of Richard Milner's 2016 talk at the EICUG that we prepared together

# Outline of this talk based on the time line...

- Before the beginning ~1995/96
- The early ideas in the US ~2000/**02**
- US EIC takes shape 2005/**07**: ideas gel, community is formed
- Hectic and frenzy of activity (2013/**15** → **2018**) → EIC: verge of reality

# Before the beginning: mid-1990's

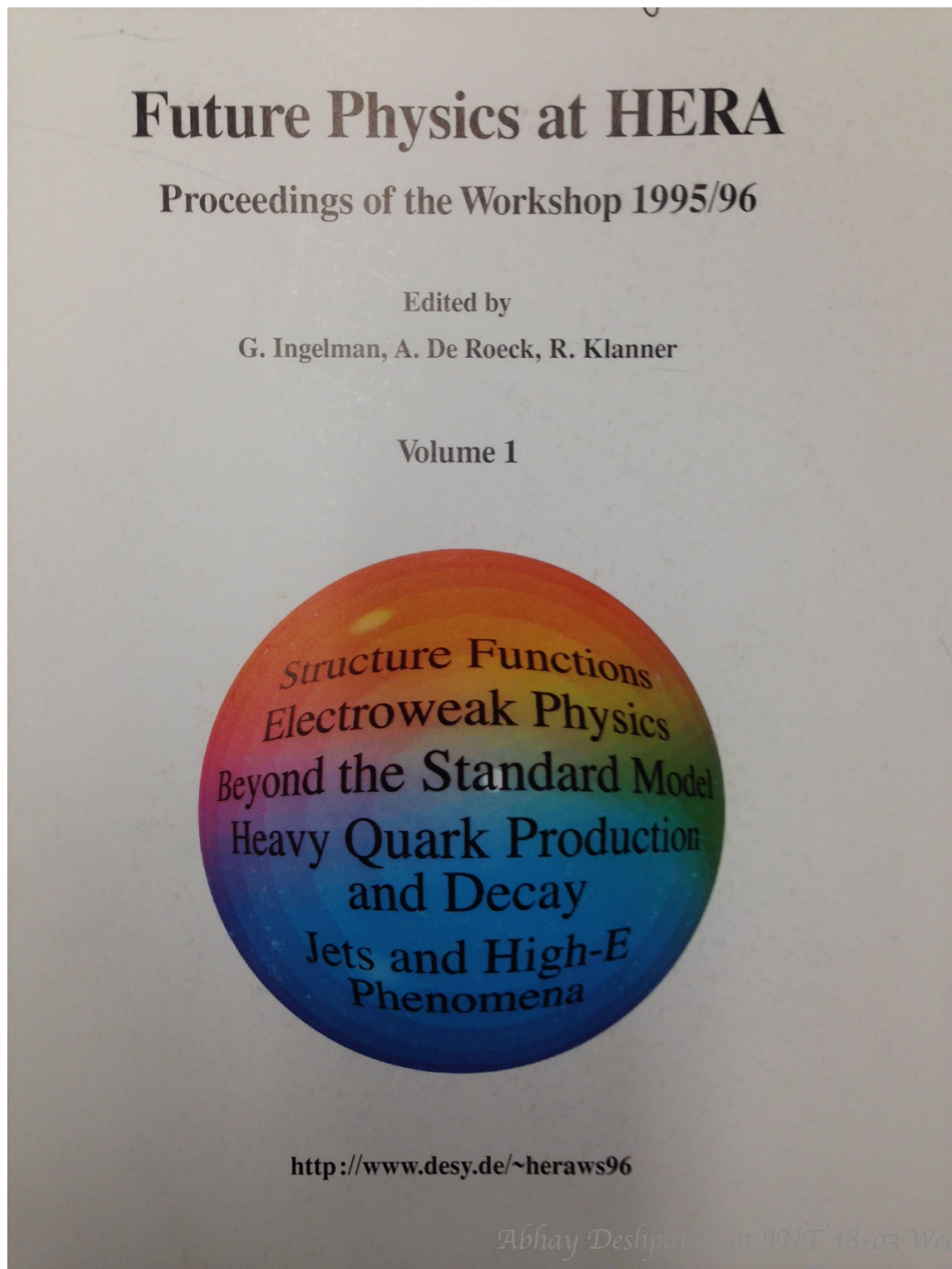
Its mainly a European idea....

Ideas for a polarized electron-proton and electron-nucleus collider  
were first discussed in the mid 1990s....

Motivated by the results from the 2nd generation fixed target  
experiments (@SLAC, @CERN)

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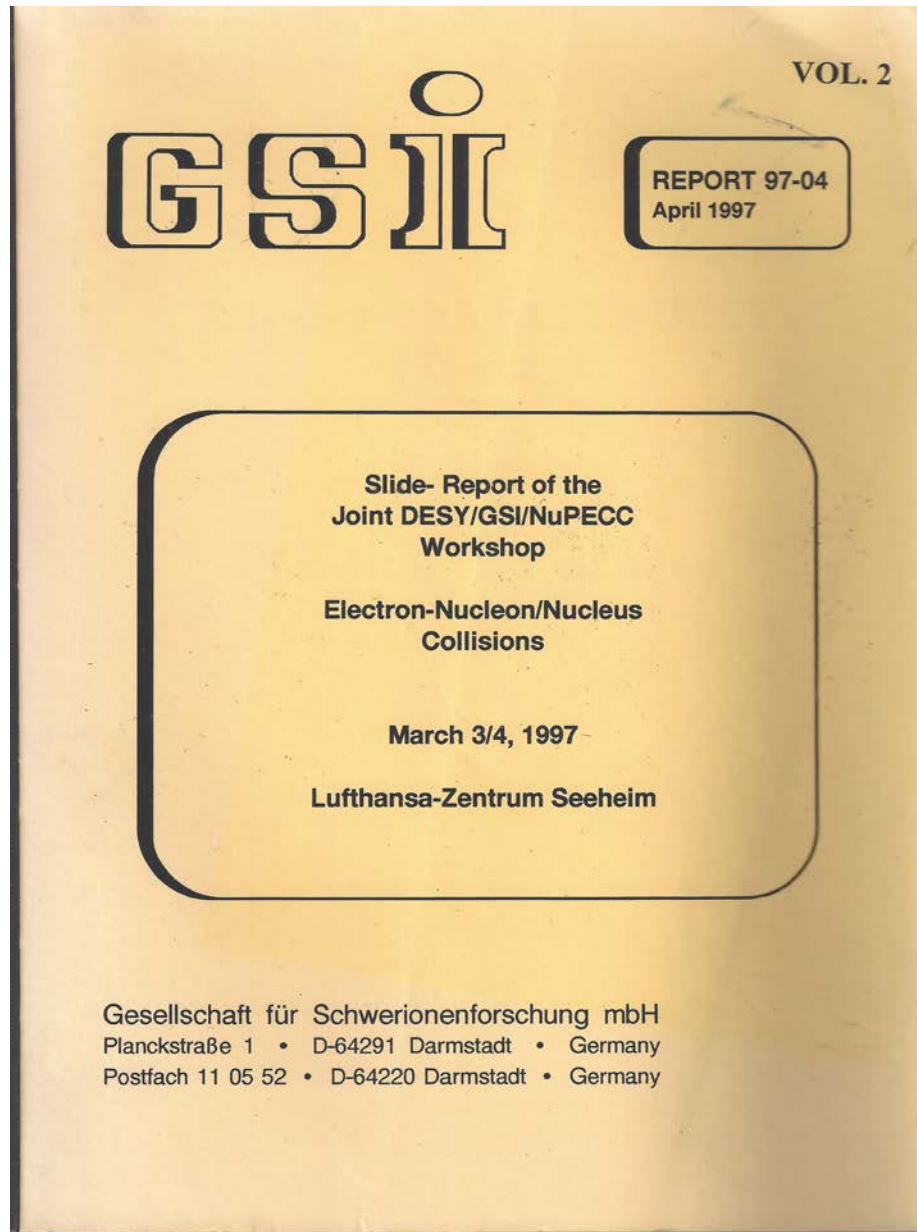
the successful start of HERA the first DIS collider....



Polarized and nuclear  
beams considered in the  
HERA proton ring

First exploratory workshops  
conducted 1995-1996.

$$X < 0.005$$



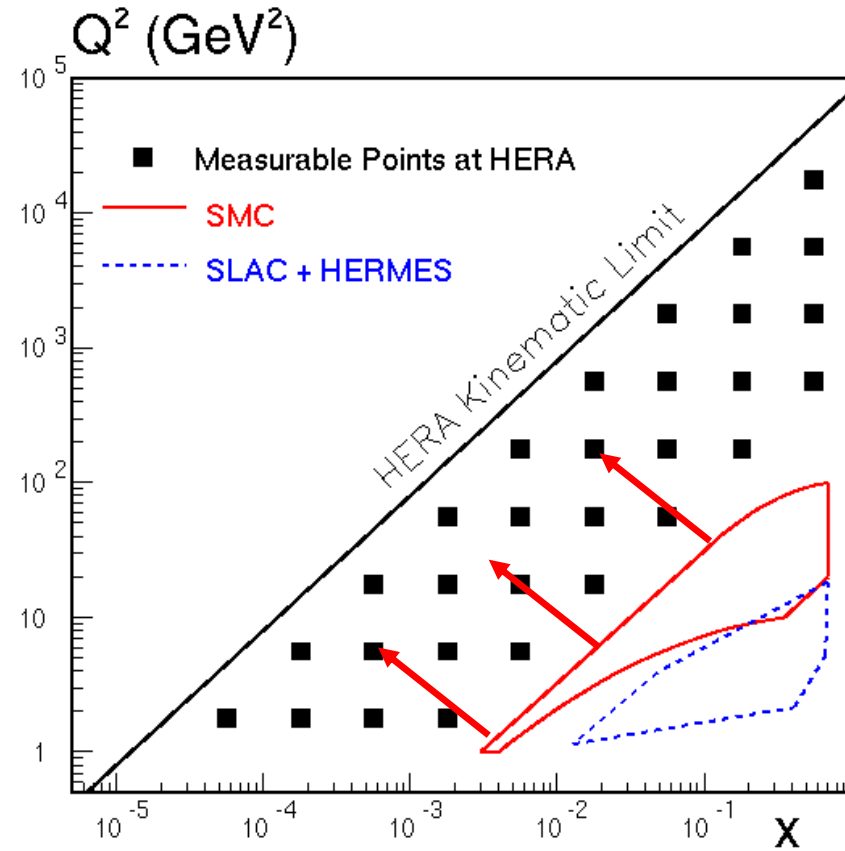
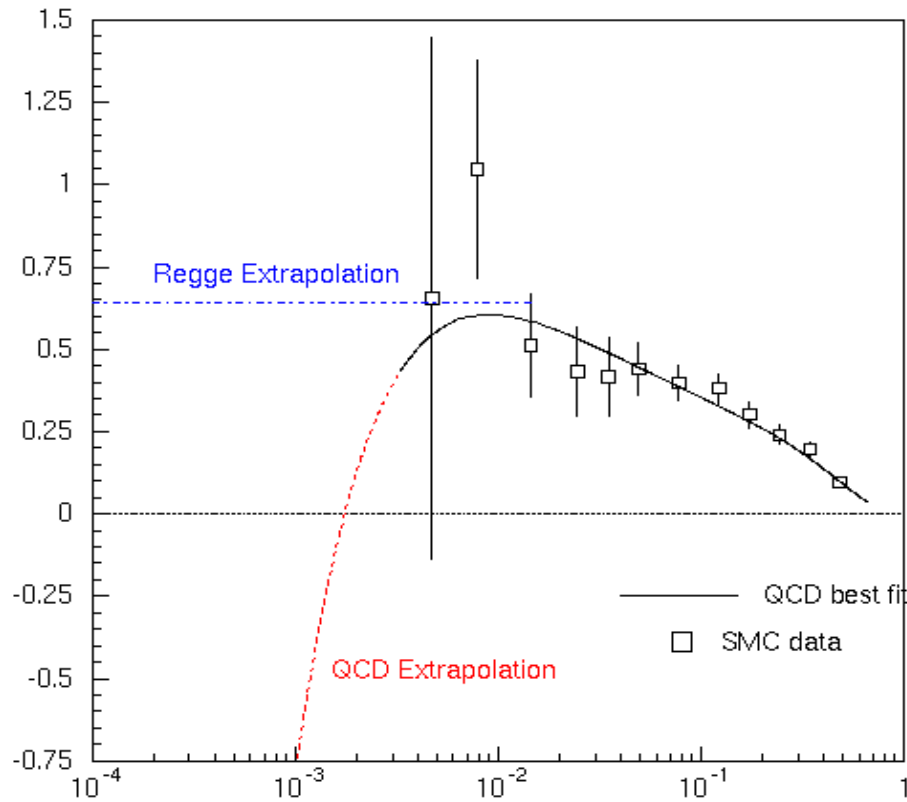
# Early study of great value focused on GSI upgrade possibilities

$X > 0.005$

Dietrich Von Harrach – At least the one who used to communicate with us as we worked on the COMPASS proposal.

# Low x behavior of $g_1(p)$ !

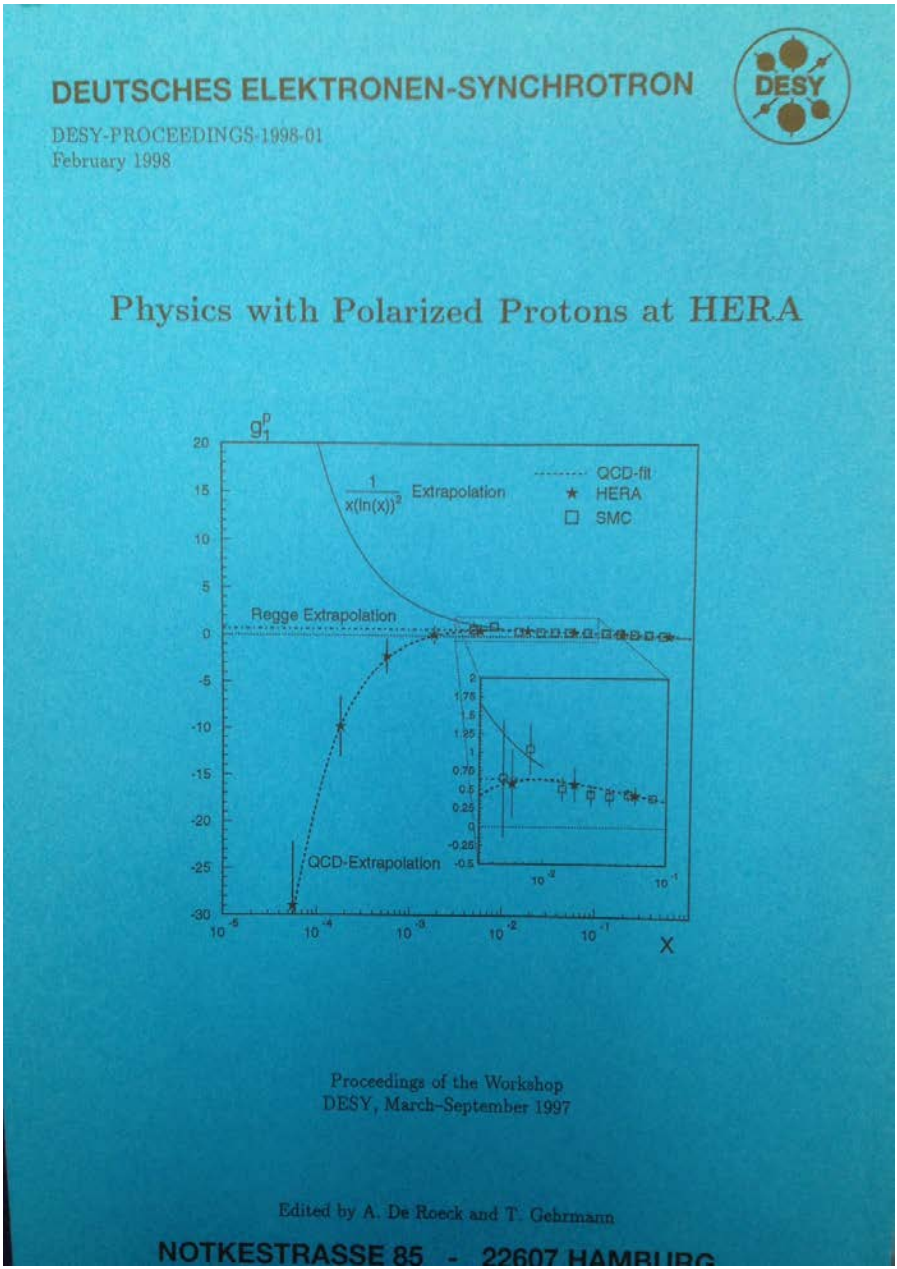
A. Deshpande & V. W. Hughes  
~1995 SMC (internal) analysis meeting



Regge :  $g_1(x \rightarrow 0) \sim x^{-\alpha}$ ;  $0 < \alpha < 0.5$

Clear need for  
low x measurements!



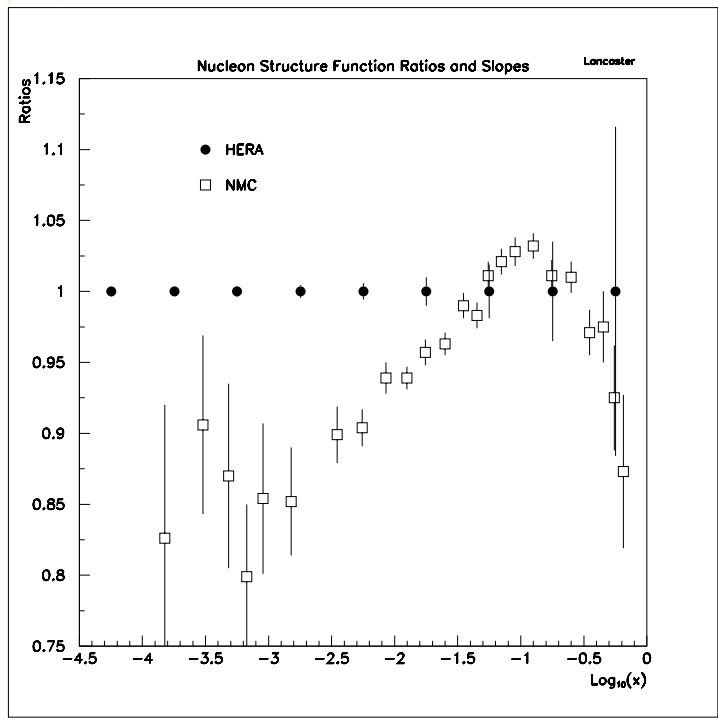


Encouraged by  
**B. Wiik**, R. Klanner (DESY),  
&  
A. Caldwell, F. Sciulli (Columbia)

The Yale group (A.D., V. Hughes & S. Dhawan) joined ZEUS and together with **A. De Roeck & J. Feltesse** (H1) and theorist **T. Gehrmann** ran the 1999 workshop on Physics with Polarized Proton Beams at HERA.

Accelerator Experts: D. Barber, G. Hoffstaedter & M. Vogt  
External advisors: Mei Bai & Thomas Roser



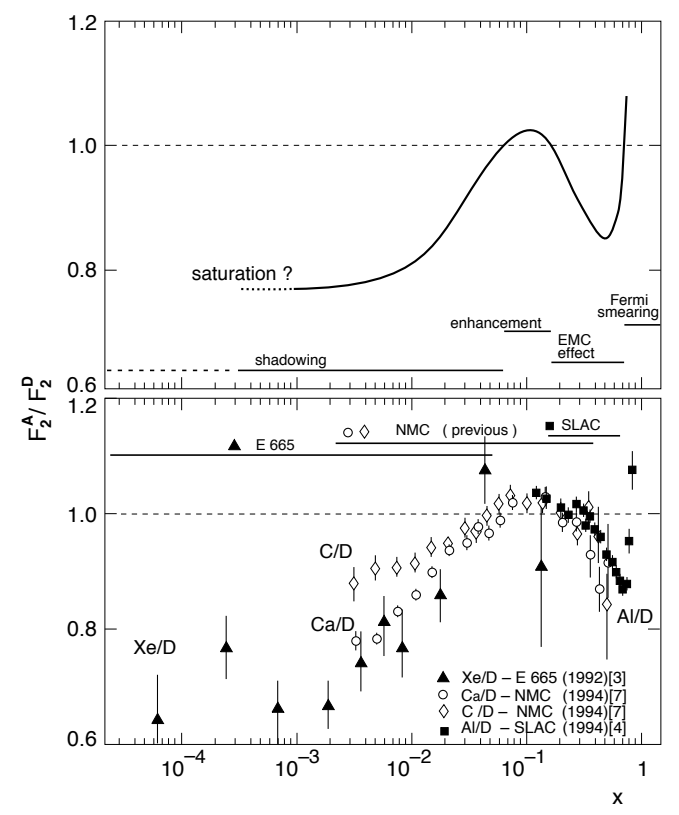


## Nuclear beams in HERA

M.Arneodo<sup>a</sup>, A.Bialas<sup>b</sup>, M.W.Krasny<sup>c</sup>, T.Sloan<sup>d</sup> and M. Strikman<sup>e</sup>

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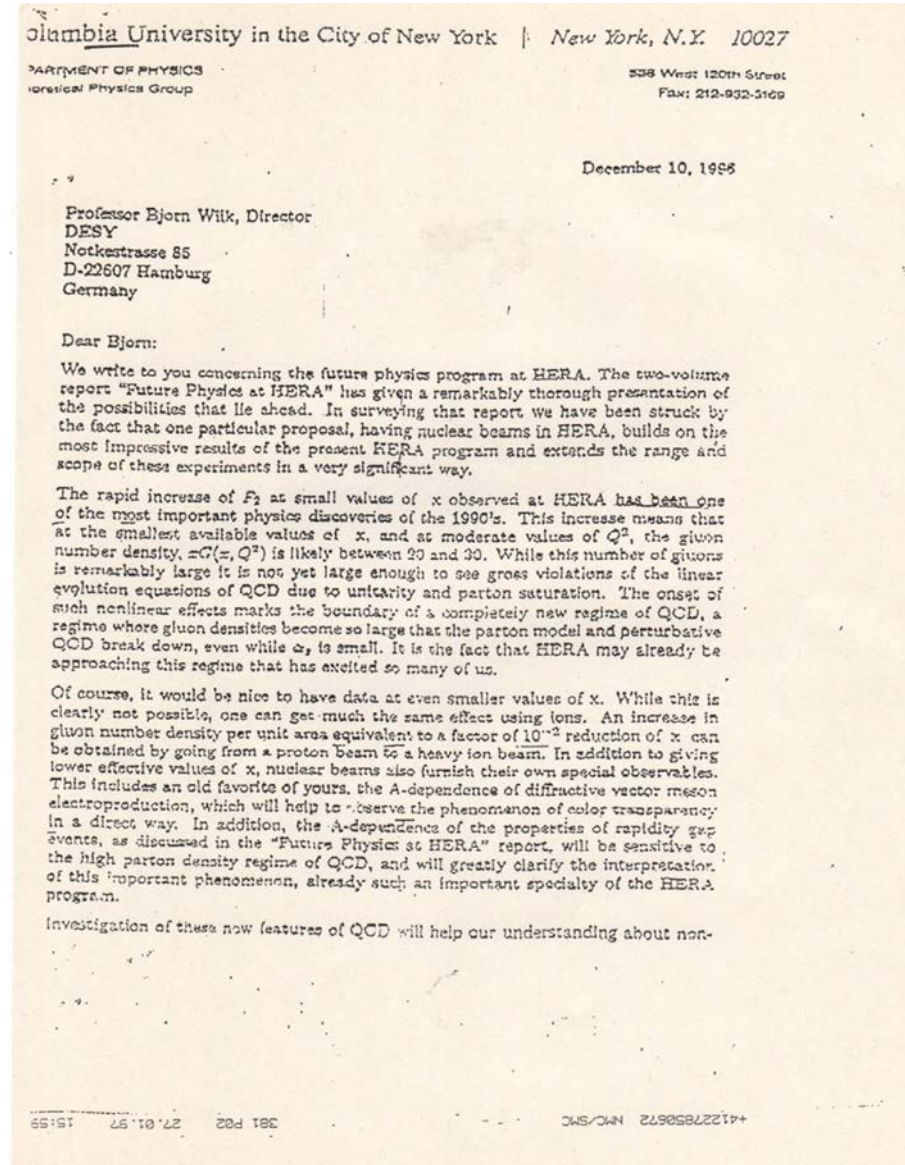
**Abstract:** A study has been made of the physics interest and feasibility of experiments with nuclear beams in HERA. It is shown that such experiments widen considerably the horizon for probing QCD compared to that from free nucleon targets. In addition there is some sensitivity to physics beyond the standard model. Hence the option to include circulating nuclear beams in HERA allows a wide range of physics processes to be studied and understood.



# Nuclear Beams in HERA

Letter to Director Wiik  
From  
Bjorken, McLerran and Mueller  
Page 2 with their signatures  
could not be found

Courtesy: Mark Strikman

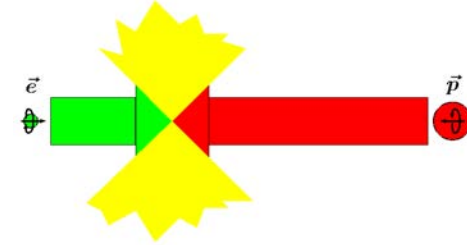


Viewed as nuclei @HERA's  
competition with polarized  
HERA

Vernon Hughes then got a letter  
from Bjorken suggesting  
polarized HERA was at least as  
important and interesting.

Not sure that letter exists in  
Hughes' collection of  
correspondences

Bjorken later indicated to  
Vernon that *he was unaware  
that only one of the programs  
could be done.*



## AT DESY:

A strong physics motivation to go to low  $x$  and high  $Q^2$  with spin variables was developed

- HERA Existed..... Polarized electrons existed.... Accelerator Physicists working on  $e$  and  $p$  beams existed...
- Nuclear beams (with limited number of species) could be accelerated..
- H1 and ZEUS detector existed along with collaborators...
- HERMES polarized DIS community existed...

Polarized Proton Beam was the **ONLY** missing item...!

The preliminary cost as I remember was ~\$30M DM...

We  $e$ - $p$ / $e$ - $A$  communities were **divided**: were told only ONE (either polarized protons or nuclei) would be possible before 2007

*Deep physics/intellectual connection between  $e$ - $p$  and  $e$ - $A$  did not exist*

**DESY directorate has other things on its mind....**

In search of new  
possibilities immigrants  
sailed flew to India... US

One indigenous effort, and  
two migrants:

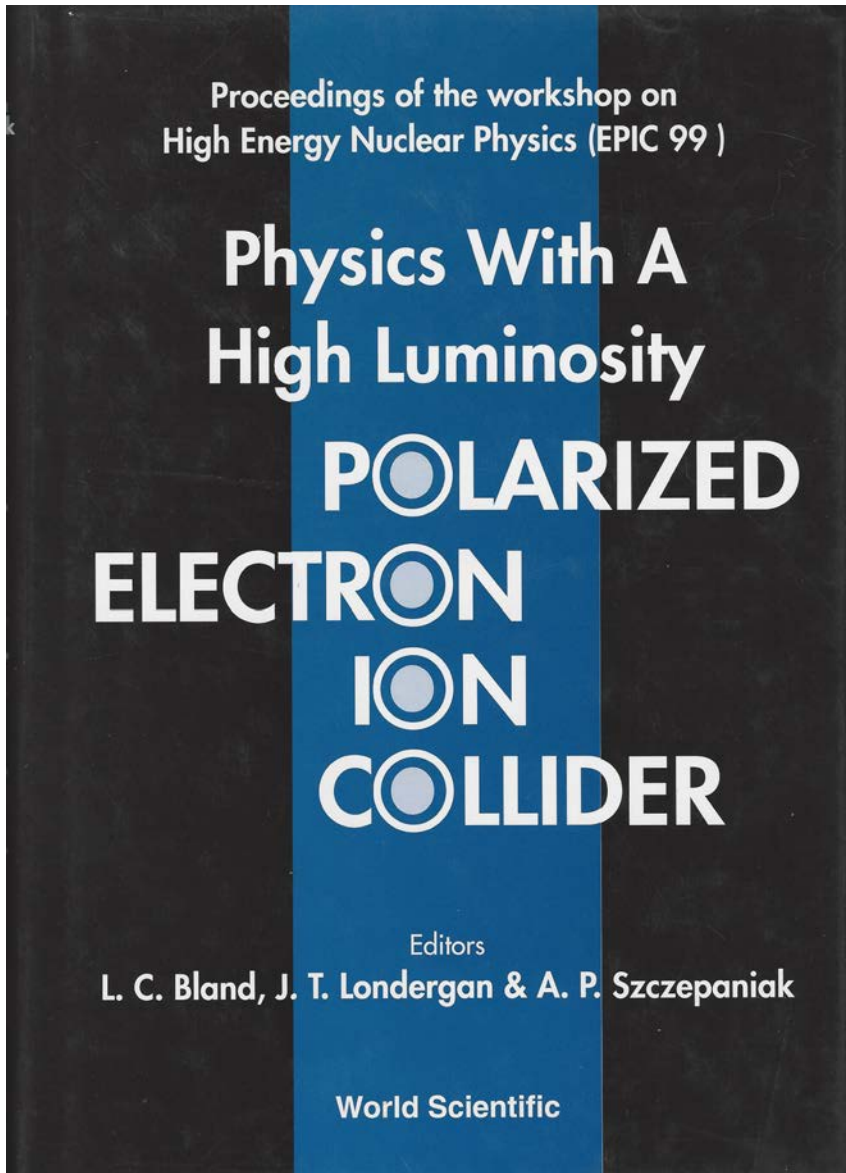
- IUCF
- MIT Bates
- eRHIC

Development of polarized  
proton beams at RHIC

Late 1990s and early 2000



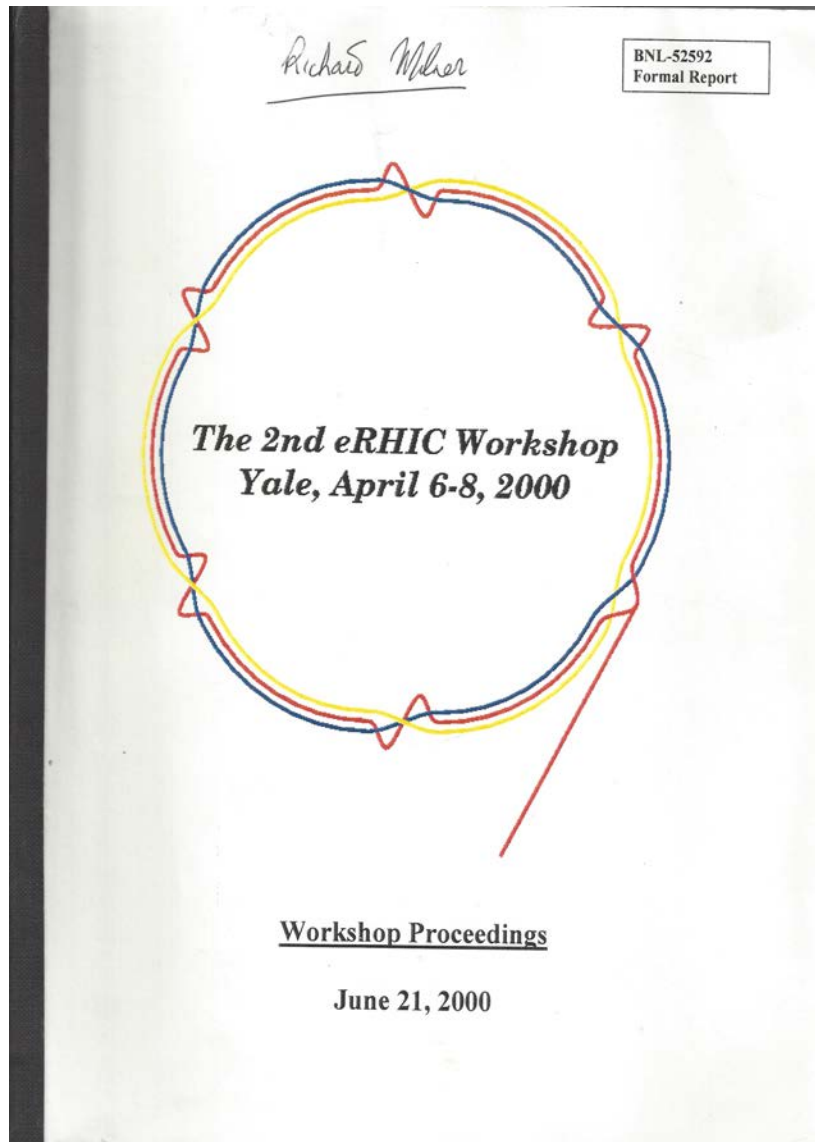




## EPIC 99

At end of the 1990's some medium energy nuclear physics labs in U.S. were coming to a close. They identified a low energy **Electron Polarized Ion Collider** as a promising future avenue.

**IUCF – One of them @ Indiana U.**



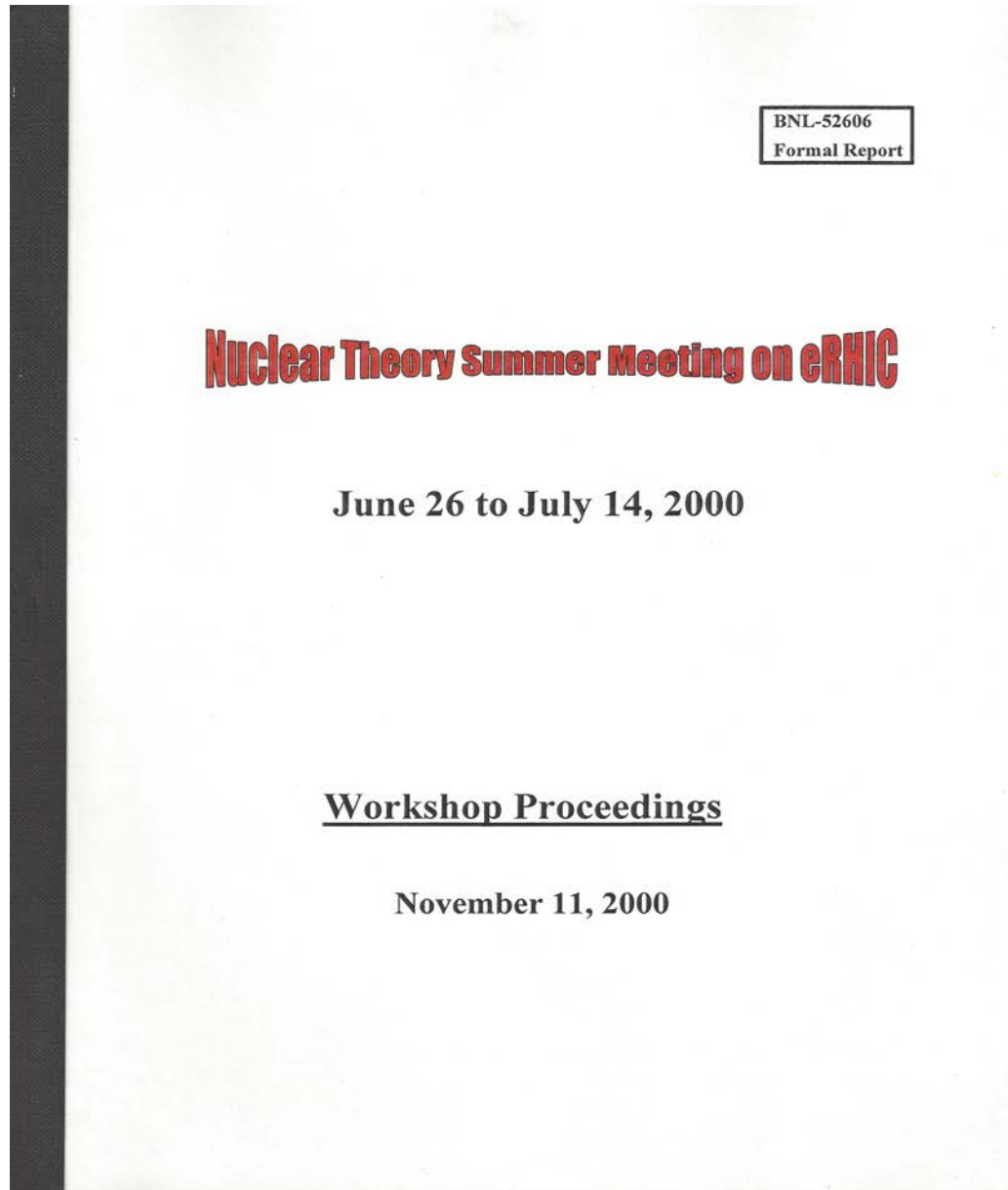
The Yale group organized a first workshop  
fully focused on polarized eRHIC:

A.D., Vernon Hughes,  
+ George Igo (UCLA)  
+ A. De Roeck (DESY/CERN)

Encouraged by G. Garvey, P. Paul and others,  
identify eRHIC as a particularly promising  
avenue

(Roser et al. showed polarization at RHIC  
was possible)

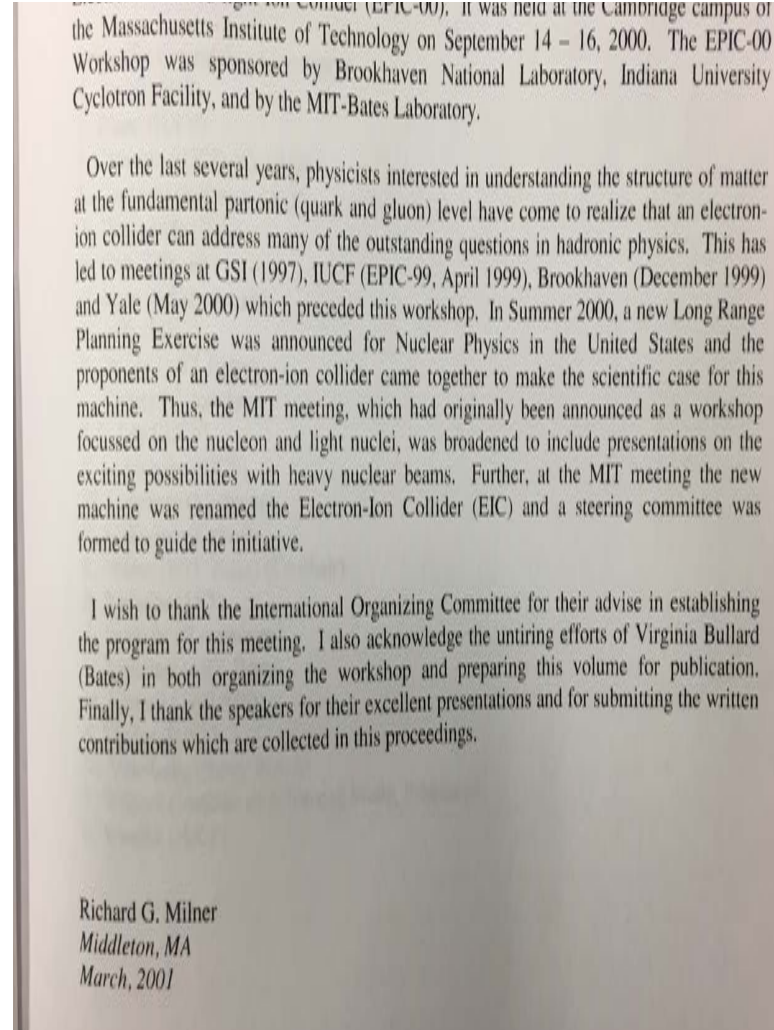
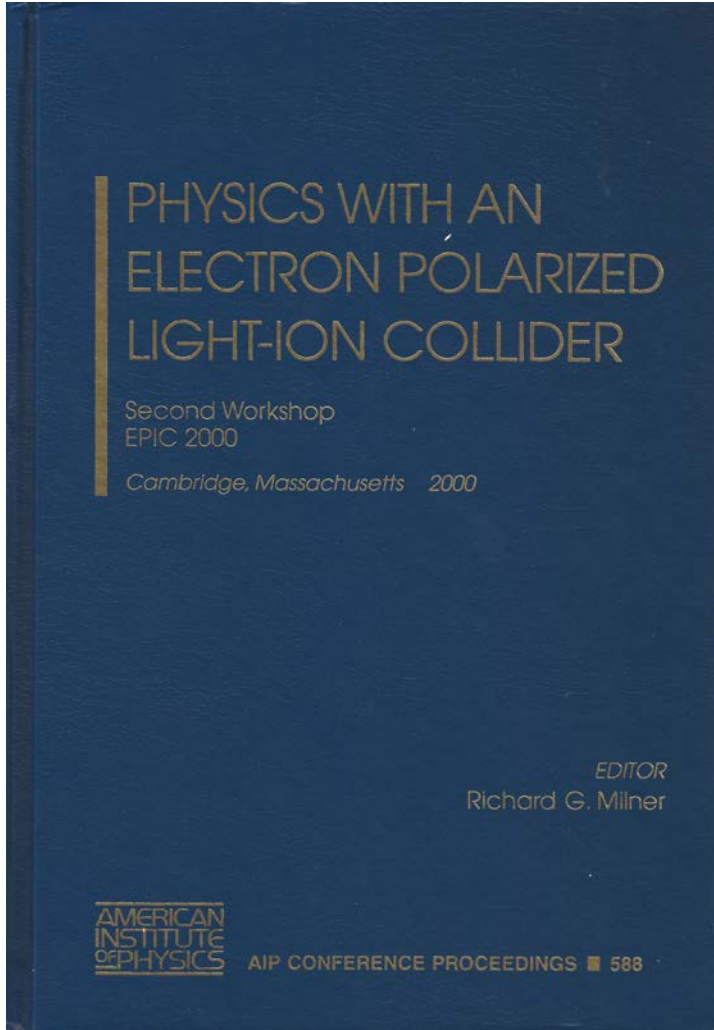




Larry McLerran, Raju Venugopalan et al. at BNL led the workshop on Nuclei in eRHIC with some discussion of polarized protons by A. D. & Richard Milner

While not the highest of energies hoped for (in comparison with HERA), it was the first time, that polarized proton, and nuclear beam proponents worked together.

## At MIT-Bates



## Scientific Organizing Committee:

- A. Bruell (MIT)
- L. Bland (IUCF)
- J. Cameron (IUCF, Co-Chair)**
- A. Deshpande (Yale)
- R. Holt (ANL)
- N. Isgur (Jefferson Lab)
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- T. Londergan (IUCF)
- W. Lorenzon (Michigan)
- R. McKeown (Caltech)
- R. Milner (MIT, Co-Chair)**
- R. Redwine (MIT)
- A. Schaefer (Regensburg)
- C. Tschalaer (MIT-Bates)
- M. Vetterli (IUCF)
- S. Vigdor (IUCF)
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- W. Wissink (IUCF)

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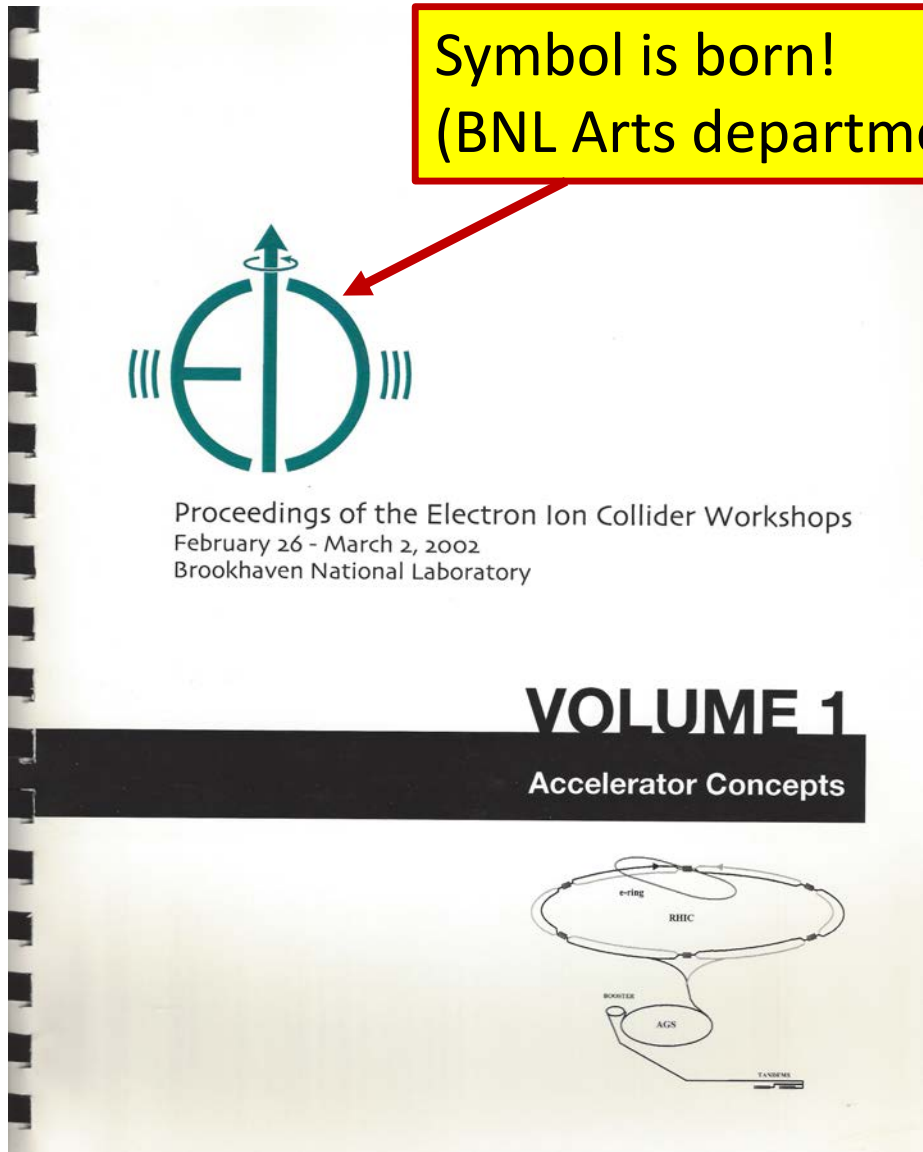
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... the proponents of the electron-ion collider came together and agreed to make a scientific case for the machine. The MIT meeting originally planned to focus only on polarized protons and was expanded to include exciting possibilities with heavy nuclear beams. At the MIT meeting, the new machine was named the **Electron Ion Collider (EIC)** and a steering committee was formed. ....

--Richard Milner (Co-Chair)

The facility was named!

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- W. Vogelsang (Stony Brook)
- F. Wilczek (IAS, Princeton)
- W. Wissink (IUCF)



Symbol is born!  
(BNL Arts department)

By 2001-2003  
BNL & RIKEN-BNL Research  
Center became the focus of EIC  
activities

AD, R. Venugopalan, W.  
Vogelsang et al. locally  
supported by L. McLerran, T.D.  
Lee, P. Paul (Acting D. Director  
for Science & Technology), and  
G. Garvey (on Sabbatical)





## The Electron Ion Collider

A high luminosity probe of the partonic substructure of nucleons and nuclei

A white paper summarizing the scientific opportunities and the preliminary detector and accelerator design options

February 2002

## Preparation for the 2002 Long Range Plan

White Paper prepared/edited by:

A. Deshpande, R. Milner & R. Venugopalan

### **Institutions:**

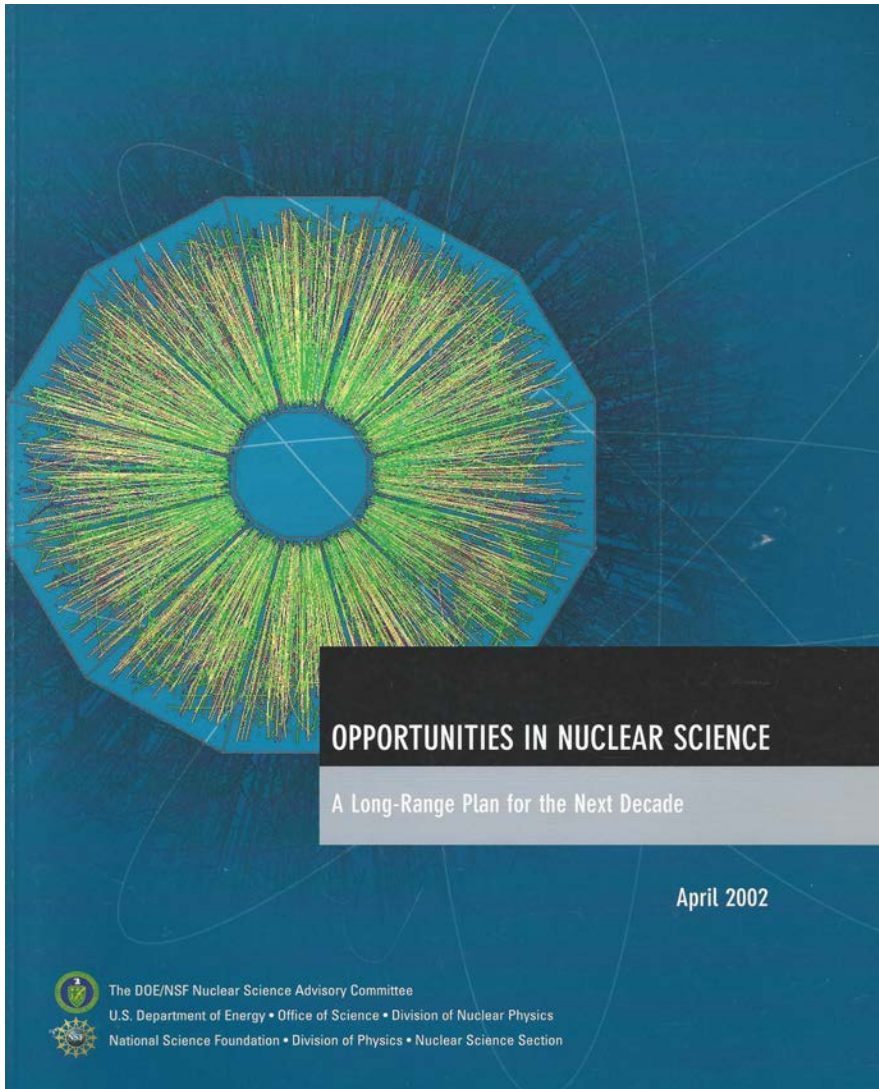
BNL, Budker Institute, CERN, U. of Colorado (Boulder), FNAL, UIUC, Indiana U., LBNL, Los Alamos, MIT, INP Poland, U. of Paris VI, Penn State, Regensburg, RIKEN-BNL, Saclay, Triumf, Yale

### **Actively Supported by:**

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(Acting Director BNL Dep. Director) & T. D. Lee (RBRC/Columbia)

# NSAC 2002 Long Range Plan: First Recognition

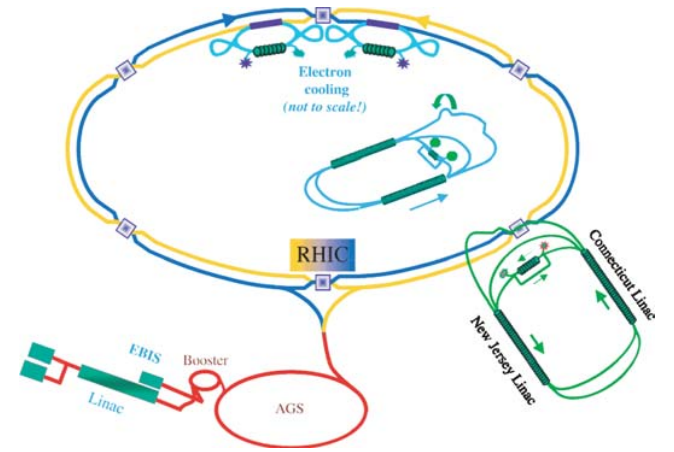
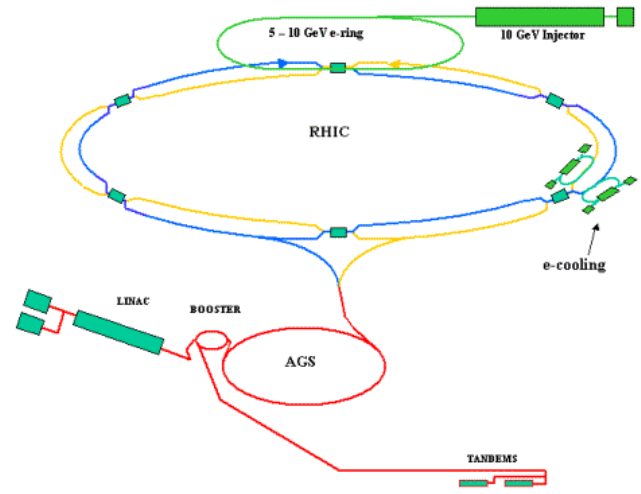
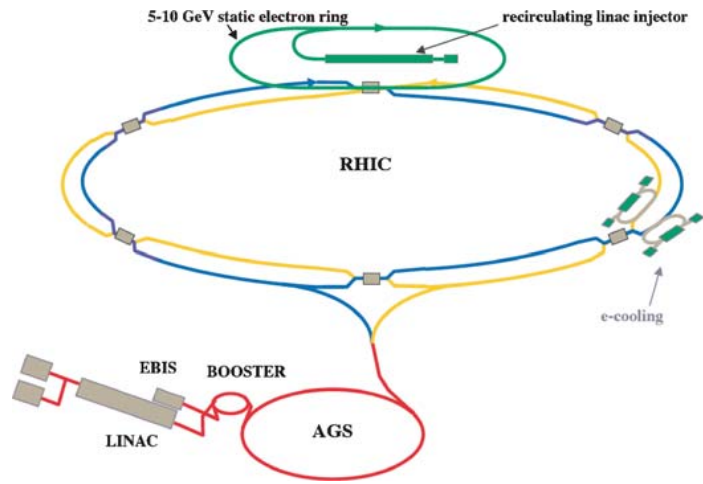


The Electron-Ion Collider is a new accelerator concept that has been proposed to extend our understanding of the structure of matter in terms of its quark and gluon constituents.

Two classes of machine design for the EIC have been considered: a ring-ring option where both electron and ion beams circulate in storage rings, and a ring-linac option where a linear electron beam incident on a stored ion beam.

There is a strong consensus among nuclear scientists to pursue R&D over the next three years to address a number of EIC design issues. In parallel, the scientific case for the EIC will be significantly refined.





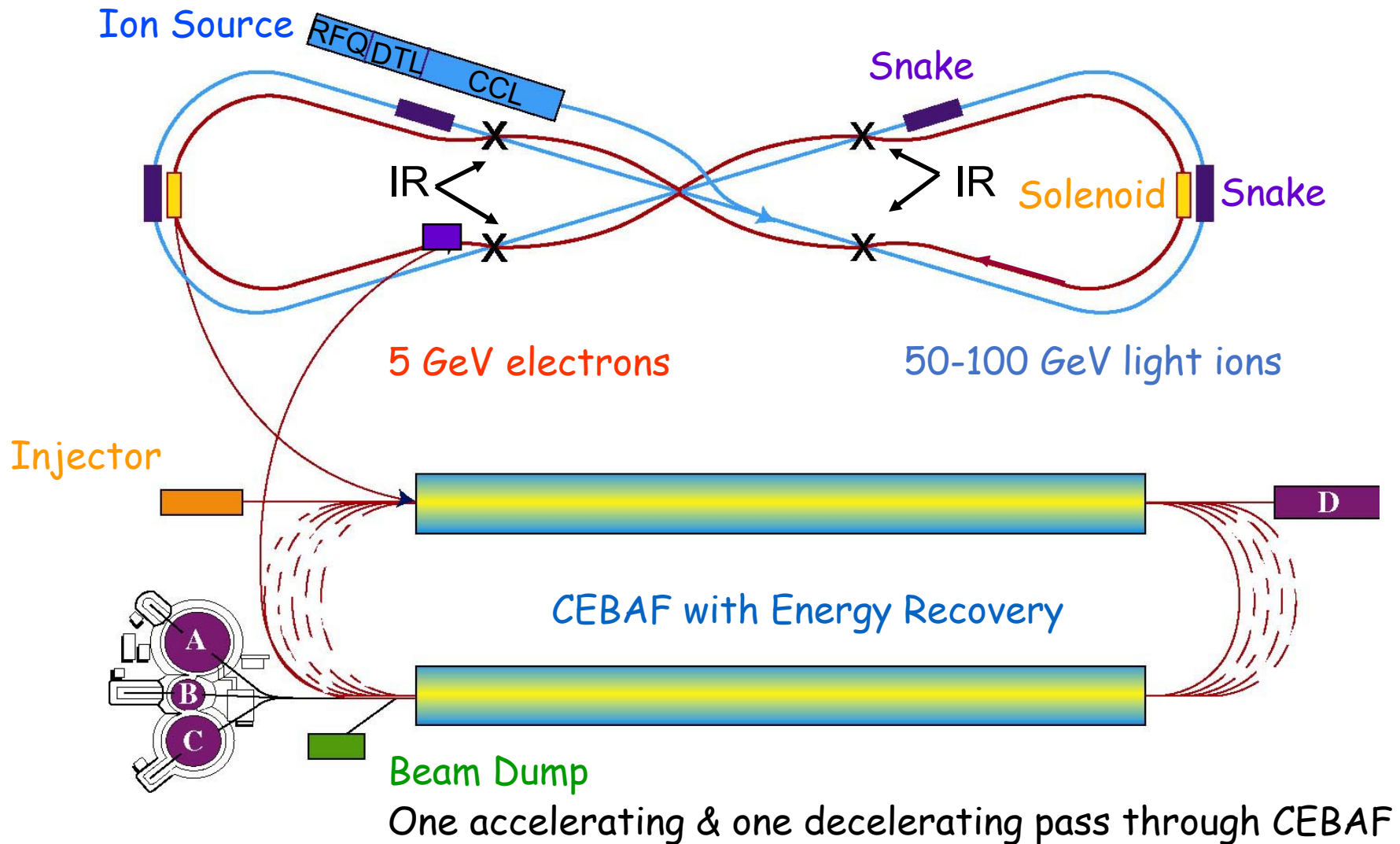
EIC = eRHIC Then....

# I think I witnessed the birth of JLEIC...

Pre-Resolution, in the town meetings, 2001/2002

- BNL presented eRHIC and Jlab presented a 24 GeV upgrade of the 12 GeV. The resulting discussion centered round the “collider”, not the 24 GeV fixed target experiment.
- Swapan Chattopaddhyay turned to Lia Merminga and asked why don't we think of a collider too...?

# JLAB/ELIC Layout Superfast development : March 2003!



**NSAC Subcommittee Evaluation March 03: 1 Science, 3 for Readiness**

From this time onwards EIC in the US context meant  
either eRHIC or MEIC (now JLEIC)

A single project!

What was the science program at the time?

# Scientific Frontiers for the EIC (eRHIC & ELIC)

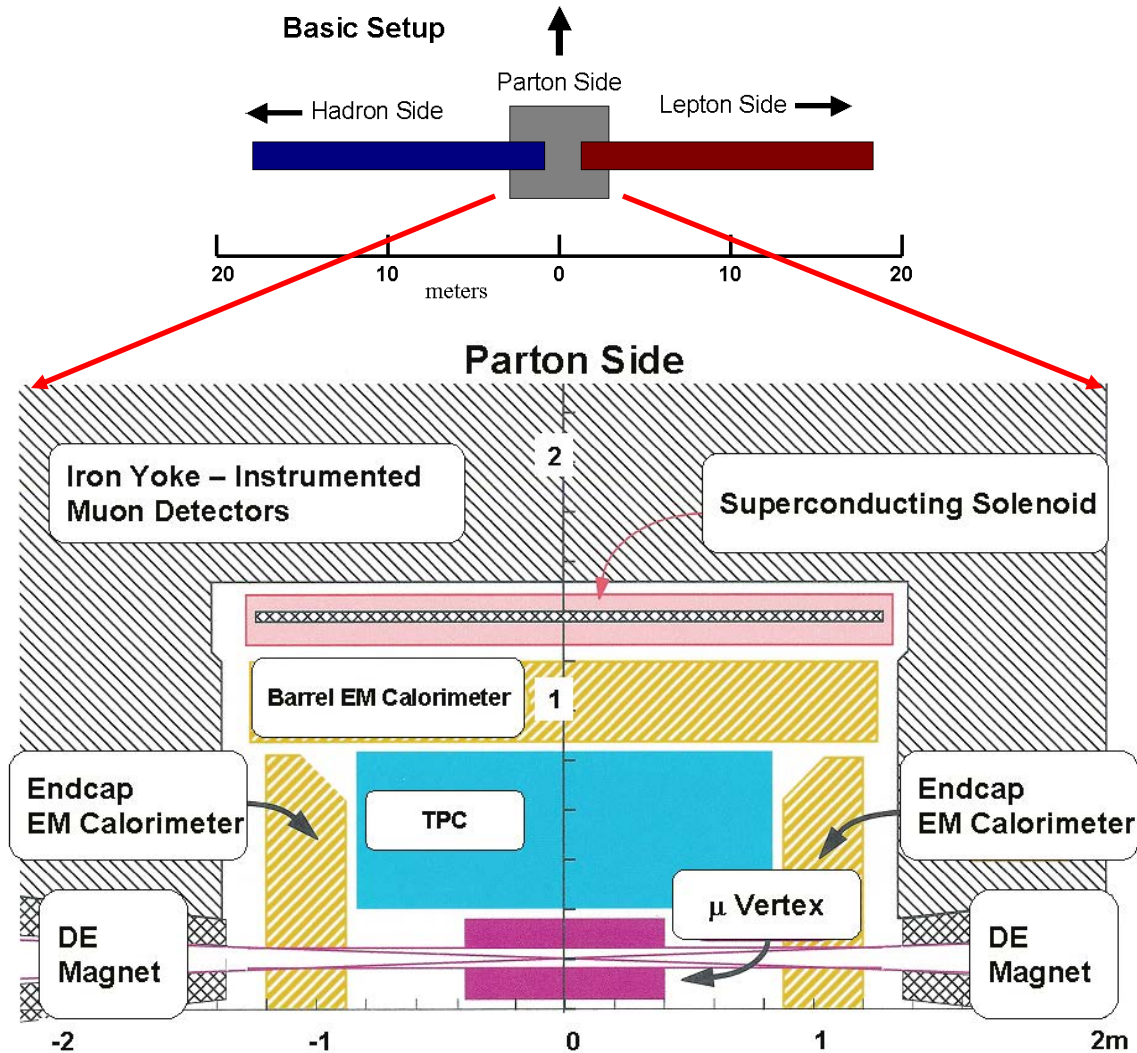
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- **Nucleon Structure:** polarized & unpolarized e-p/n scattering
  - Role of quarks and gluons in the nucleon: unpolarized quark & gluon distributions
  - Spin structure: polarized quark & gluon distributions
  - Correlation between partons → hard exclusive processes leading to Generalized Parton Distributions (GPD's)
- **Nuclear structure:** unpolarized e-A scattering
  - Role of quarks and gluons in nuclei
  - e-p vs. e-A physics in comparison
- **Hadronization in nucleons and nuclei & effect of nuclear media**
  - How do partons knocked out of nucleon in DIS evolve in to colorless hadrons?
- **Partonic matter under extreme conditions**
  - e-A vs. e-p scattering; study as a function of A

Note: Science case surprisingly close to what we talk about these days.

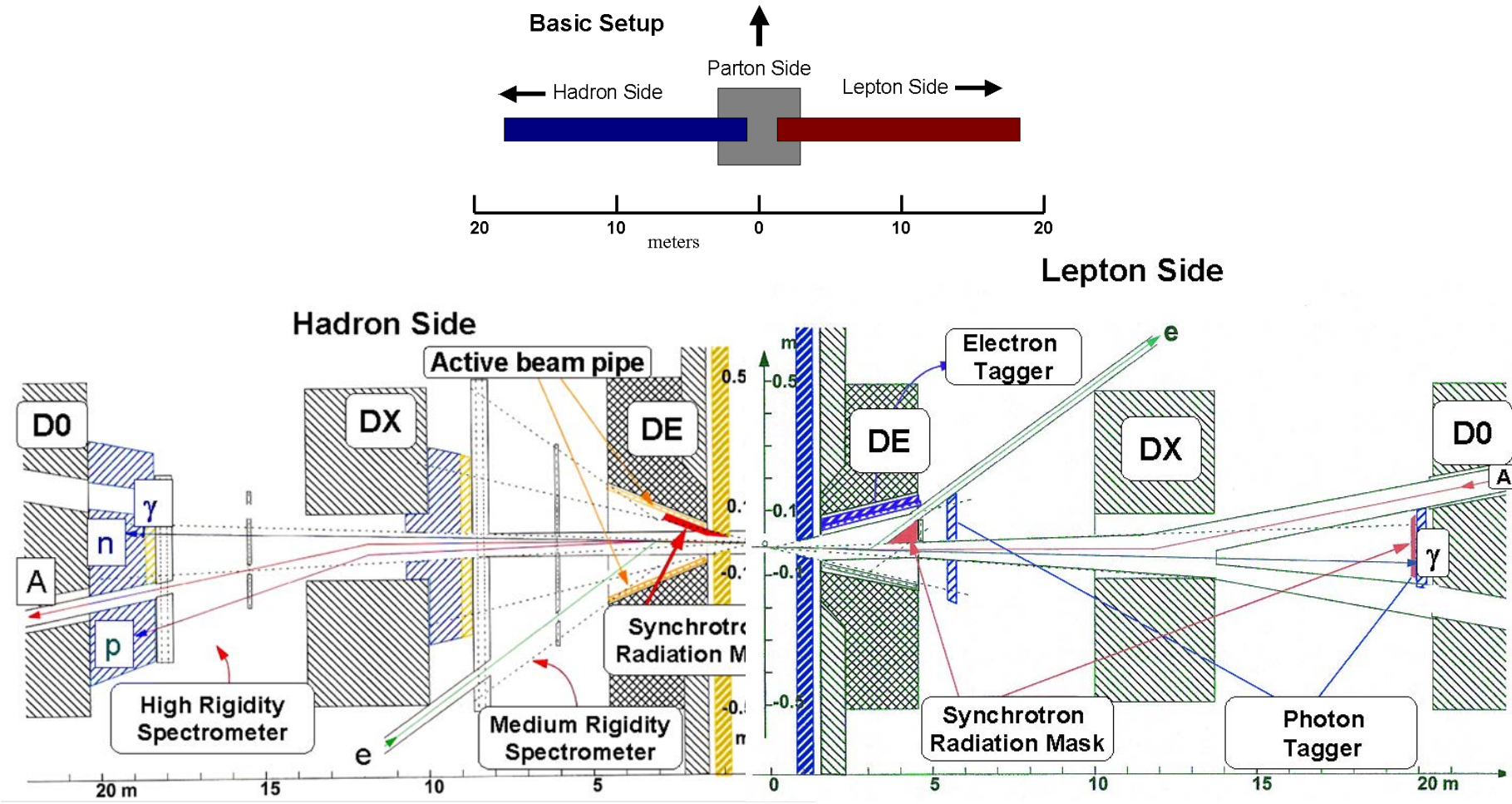
But no mention of “imaging”, although implicit in it.

# Detector Design (I)... others expected





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# A New Experiment for the HERA Collider

## Expression of Interest

April 16, 2003

ZEUS, H1 and Hermes  
collaborators make a final  
last push for polarized  
protons and/or nuclei

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L. Zawiejski<sup>8</sup>, N. Zotov<sup>12</sup>

- Nuclear beams up to **calcium** technically feasible
- **Polarized nucleon technically very challenging**
- **HERA stopped in June 2007**



## STUDY OF THE FUNDAMENTAL STRUCTURE OF MATTER WITH AN ELECTRON-ION COLLIDER

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*This review is dedicated to the memory of Professor Vernon W. Hughes.*

**Key Words** Quantum Chromodynamics, DIS structure functions, Polarized ep  
Scattering, Nucleon Spin, DIS off Nuclei, Saturation, Color Glass Condensate, EIC,  
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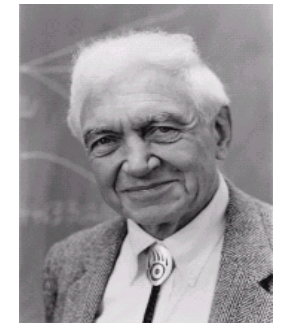
■ **Abstract** We present an overview of the scientific opportunities that would be  
offered by a high-energy electron-ion collider. We discuss the relevant physics of  
polarized and unpolarized electron-proton collisions and of electron-nucleus collisions.  
We also describe the current accelerator and detector plans for a future electron-ion

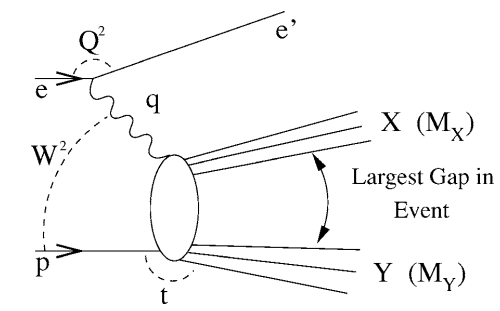
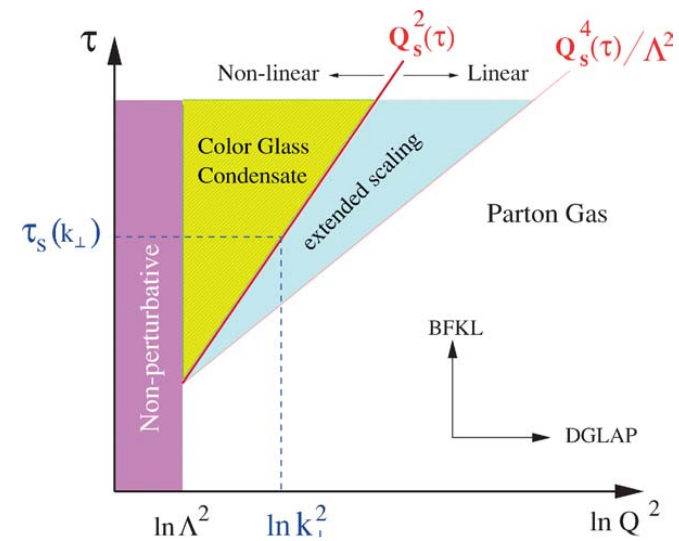
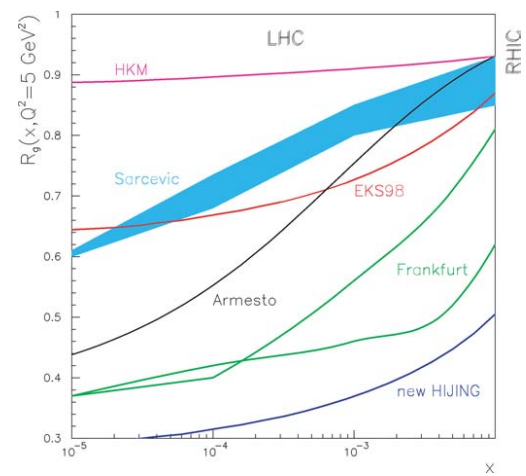
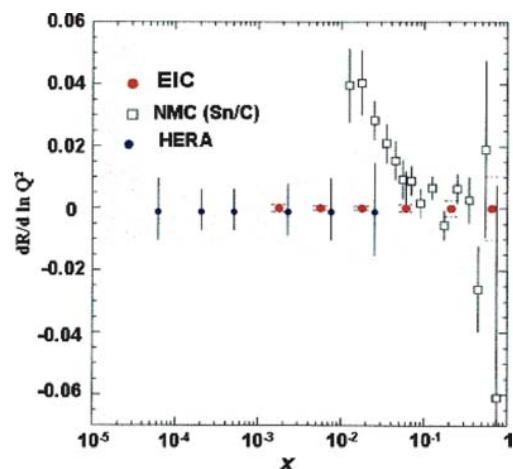
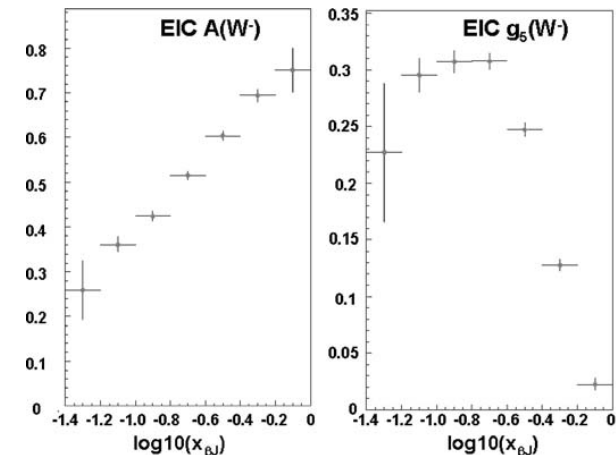
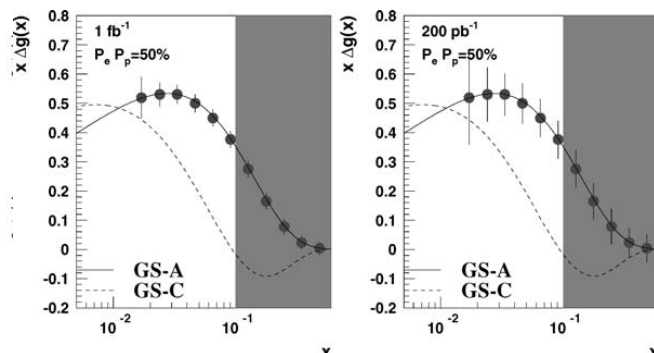
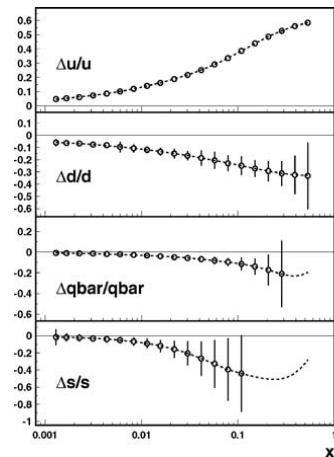
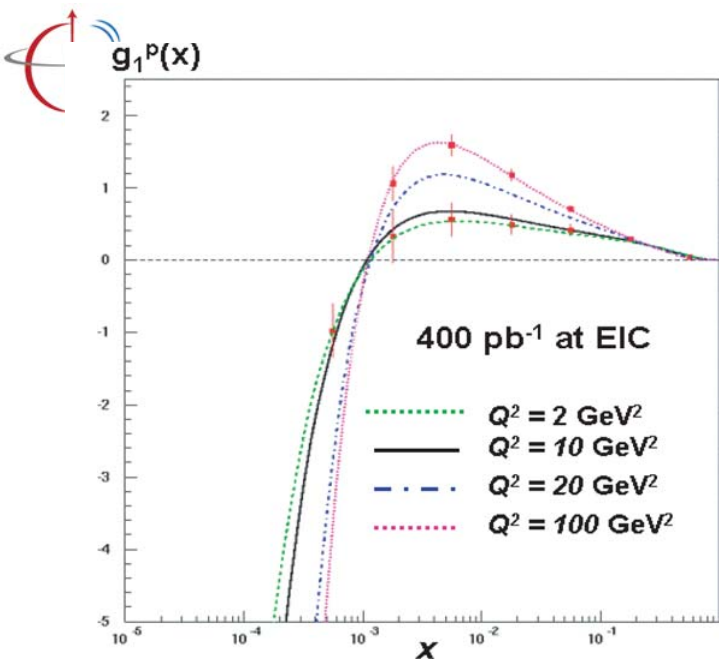
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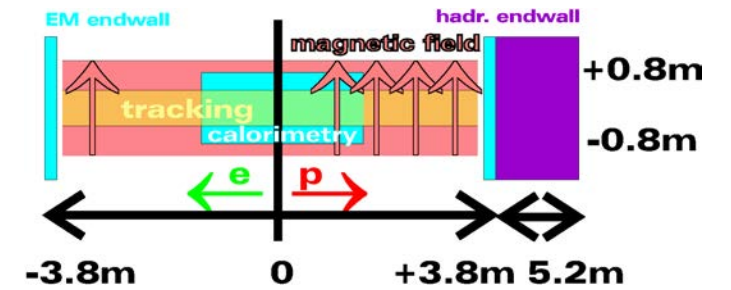
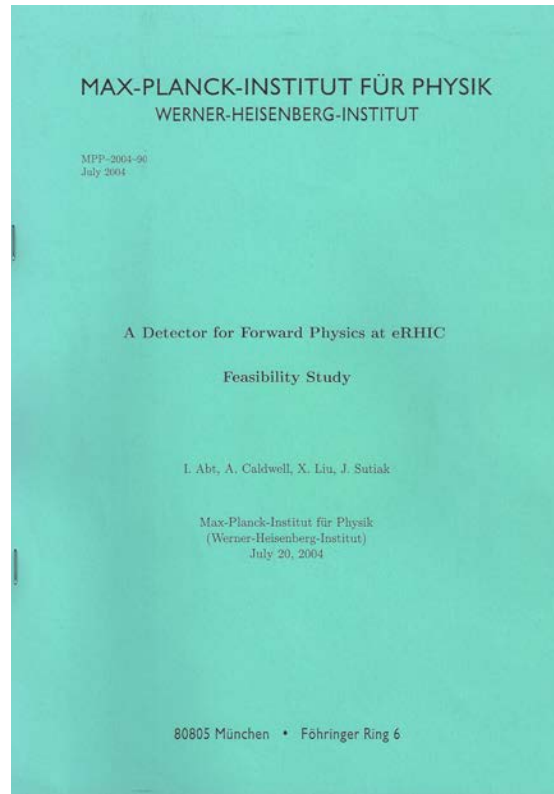
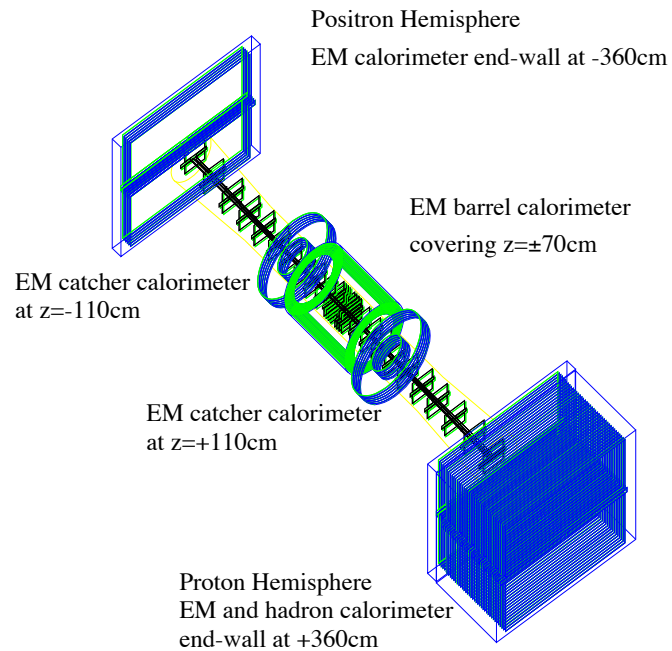
Paper originally planned:  
AD, V. Hughes, J. Kuti & W.  
Vogelsang on Nucleon Spin.

Delayed and then we sadly  
lost Vernon Hughes.

Advent of EIC as a concept  
and recognition in the NSAC  
LRP 2002, led to:







Novel detector ideas presented for eRHIC based on the experience at HERA  
by  
I. Abt, A. Caldwell, X. Liu and J. Sutiak (MPI)

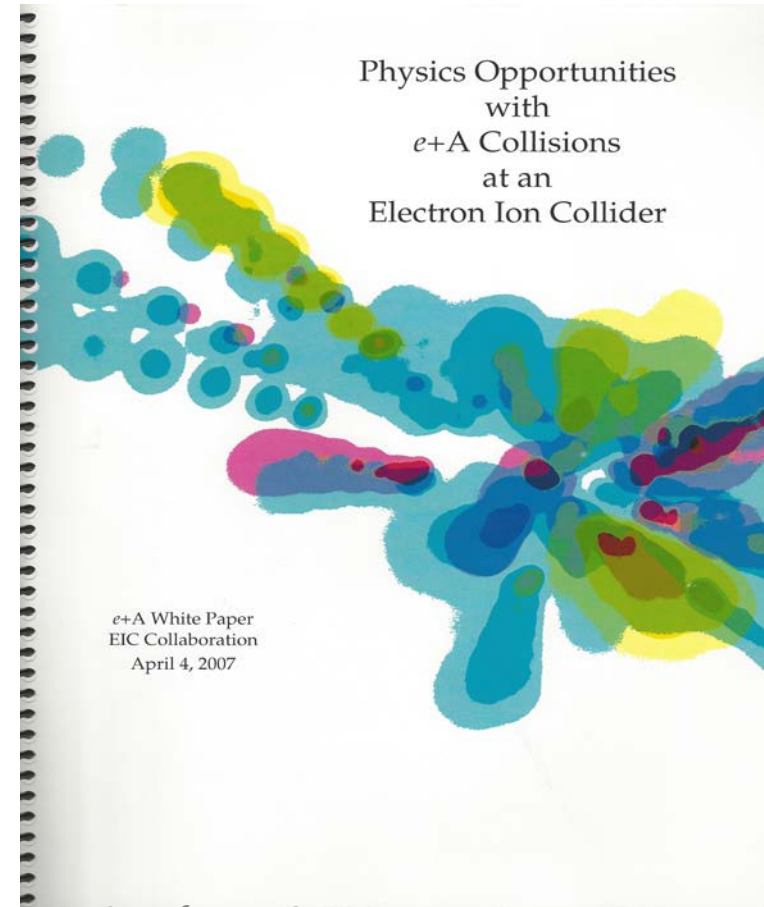
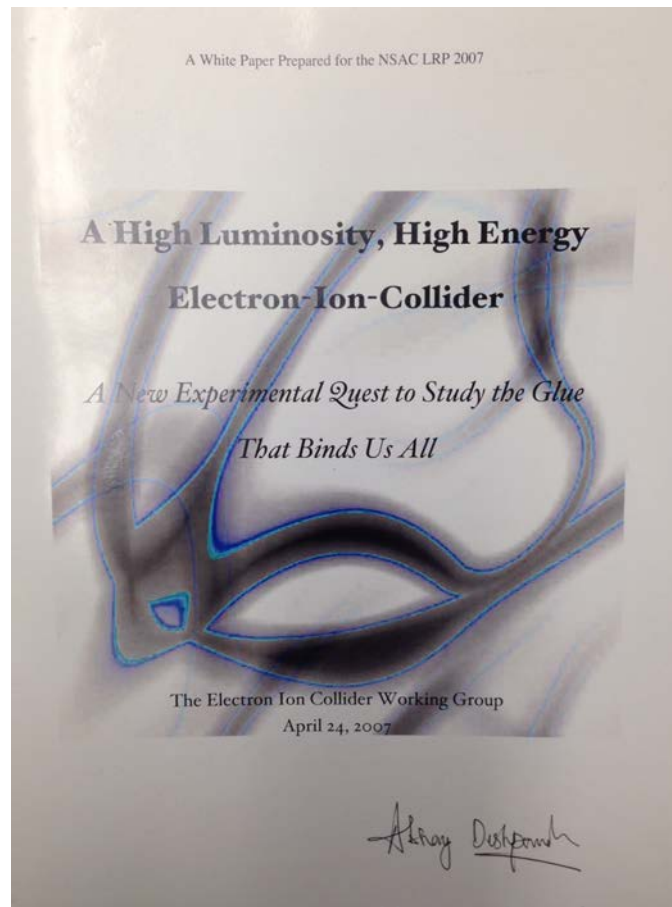
# 2007 Long Range Plan approaches...

Nothing like a Long Range Plan to focus one's mind....



## Institution List for EIC Working Group Institutes 2007 LRP

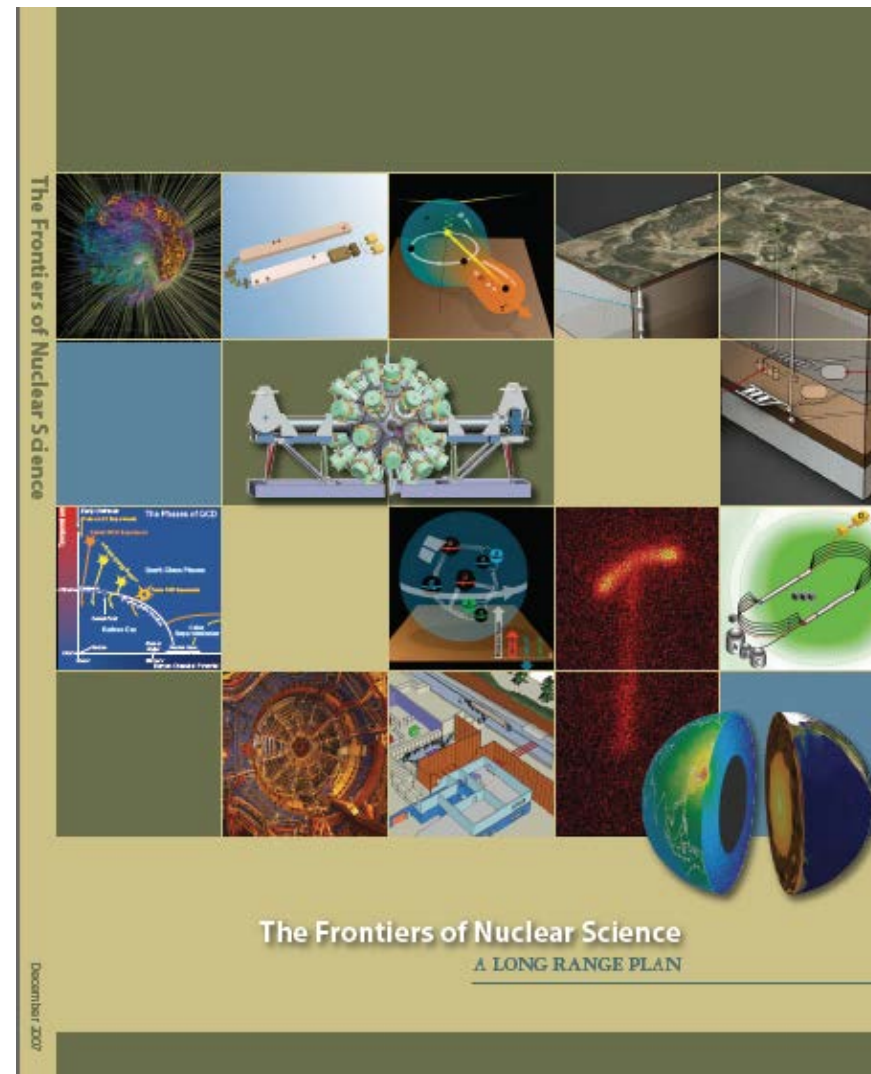
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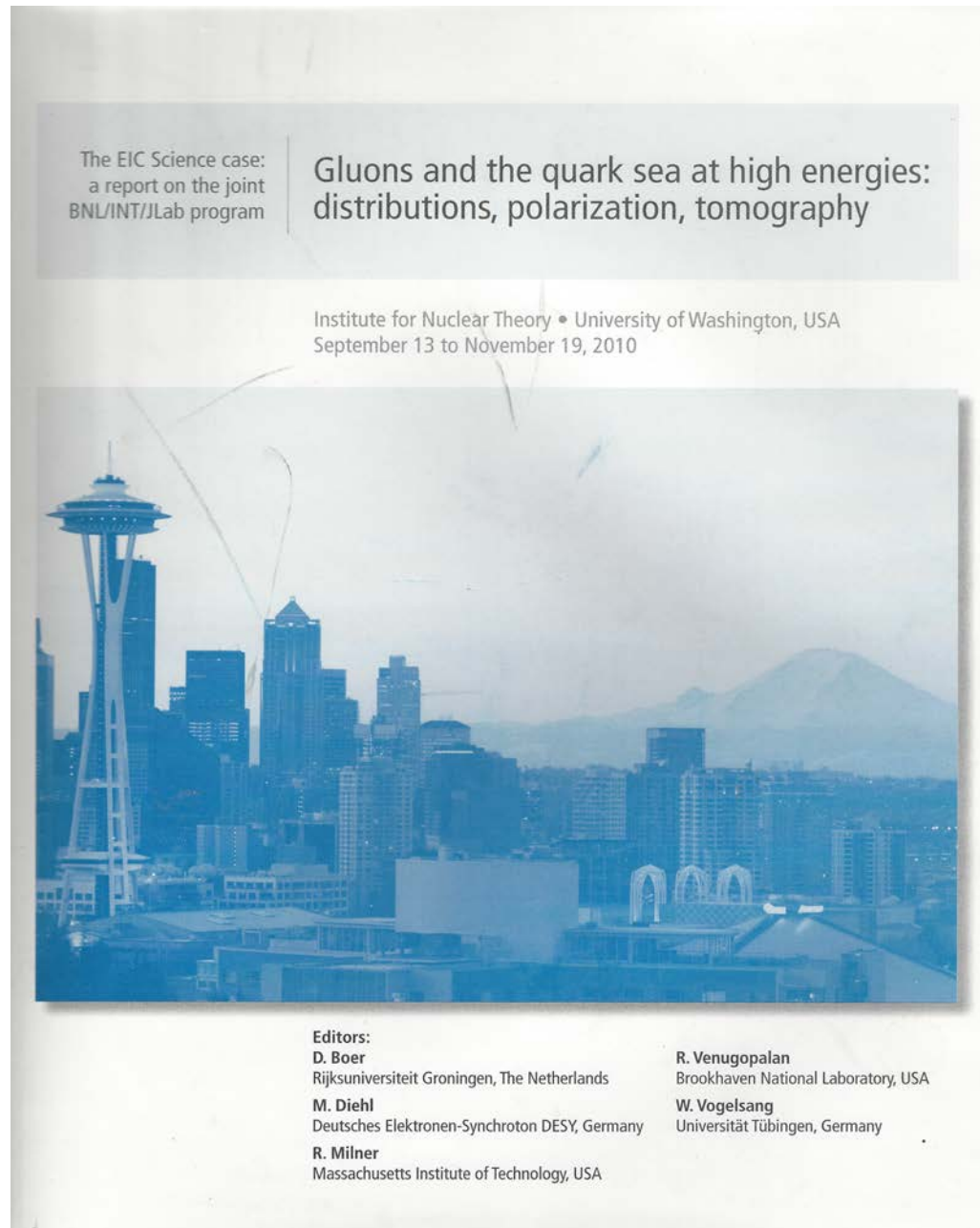


# NSAC 2007 Long Range Plan

“An **Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)** with polarized beams has been **embraced by the U.S. nuclear science community** as embodying the vision for **reaching the next QCD frontier**. EIC would provide unique capabilities for the study of QCD well beyond those available at existing facilities worldwide and complementary to those planned for the next generation of accelerators in Europe and Asia. In support of this new direction:

**We recommend the allocation of resources to develop accelerator and detector technology necessary to lay the foundation for a polarized Electron Ion Collider. The EIC would explore the new QCD frontier of strong color fields in nuclei and precisely image the gluons in the proton.”**





# INT program 2010

Organizers:

D. Boer, M. Diehl, R. Milner, R. Venugopalan, W.  
Vogelsang

Broad community input and participation. A document containing 500+ pages and 160+ writers summarized the entire gamut of EIC physics.

Identified the most compelling measurements to **make the case for the EIC**: Golden, Silver, Bronze. (not appreciated by all but) very convincing to the outsiders, the broader community of our sincere effort. –

*Important understated lesson*

# March 2013 NSAC Subcommittee on Major Nuclear Physics Facilities for the Next Decade

**EIC Science Rating : A or 1**

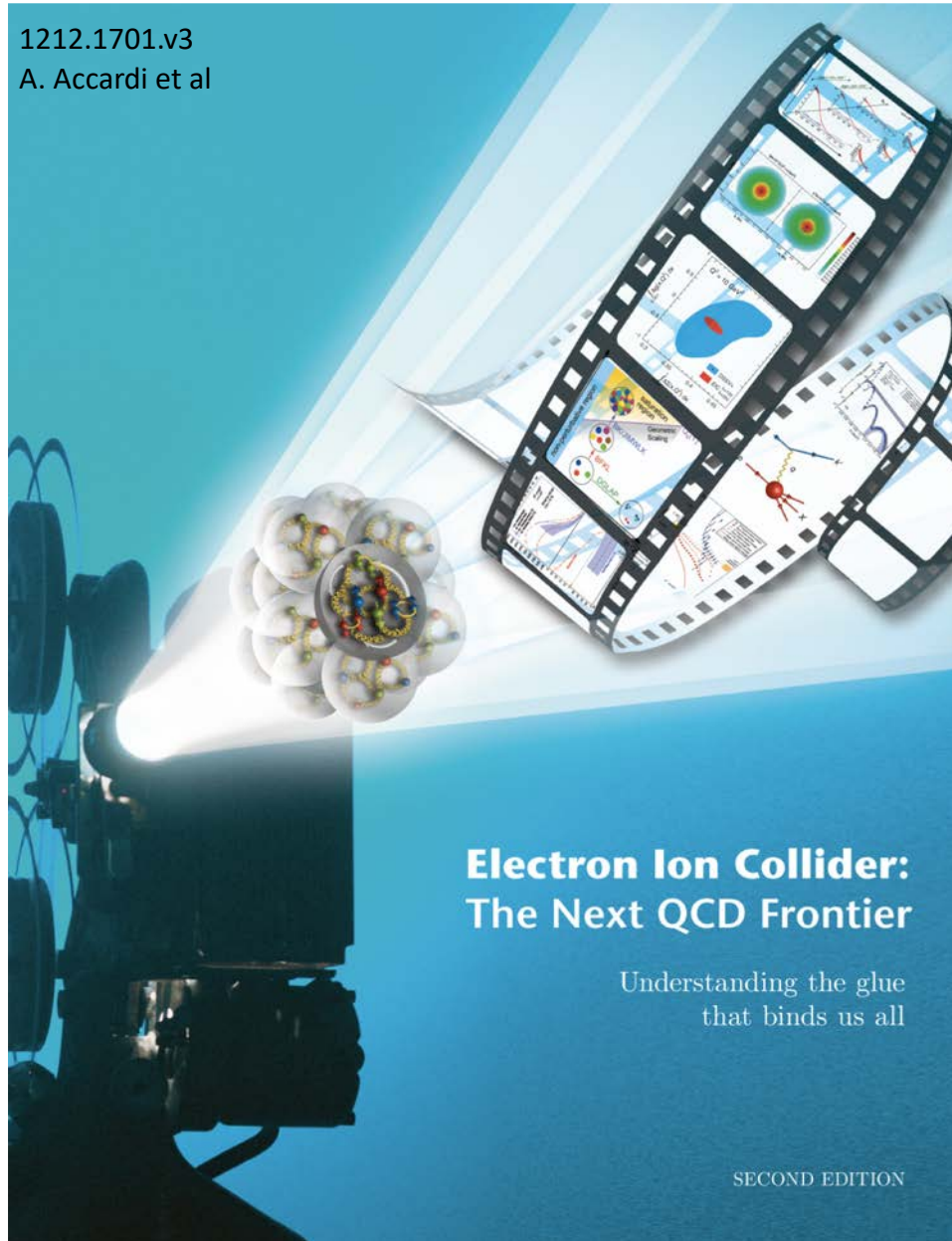
The subcommittee ranked the EIC as “Absolutely Central in its ability to contribute to world-leading science in the next decade”

**EIC Construction Readiness Rating: B or 2 for eRHIC**

“Significant scientific/engineering challenges to resolve before initial construction”



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A. Accardi et al



# EIC White Paper for LRP 2015

In 2012 R. McKeown and S. Vigdor appointed a group:

A. Accardi et al. 1212.1701.v3

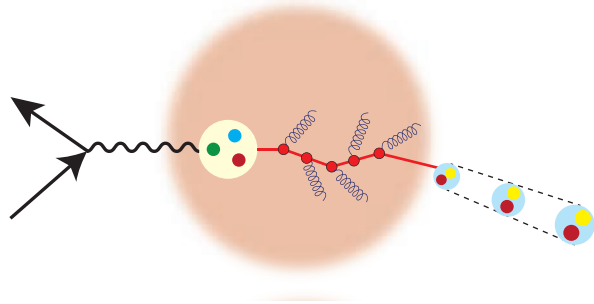
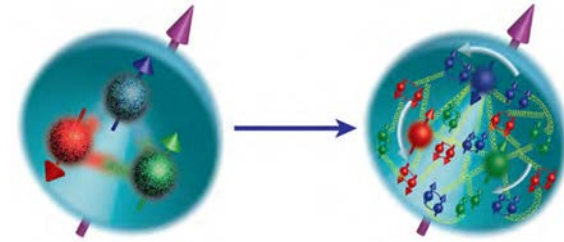
Ed: AD, Jianwei Qiu & Zein-Eddine Meziani

**Pre-LRP QCD Town Meeting  
Temple University:**

Hot & Cold QCD Working Groups  
*unanimously* declared EIC to be the  
most desired future facility for US  
Nuclear Science – September 2014

# A new facility is needed to investigate, with precision, the dynamics of gluons & sea quarks and their role in the structure of visible matter

How are the sea quarks and gluons, and their spins, distributed in space and momentum inside the nucleon?  
 How do the nucleon properties emerge from them and their interactions?



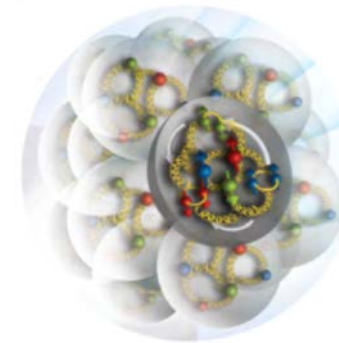
How do color-charged quarks and gluons, and colorless jets, interact with a nuclear medium?

How do the confined hadronic states emerge from these quarks and gluons?

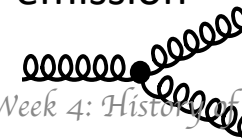
How do the quark-gluon interactions create nuclear binding?

How does a dense nuclear environment affect the quarks and gluons, their correlations, and their interactions?

What happens to the gluon density in nuclei? Does it saturate at high energy, giving rise to a gluonic matter with universal properties in all nuclei, even the proton?

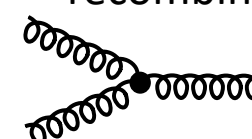


gluon emission



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gluon recombination





# NSAC 2015 Long Range Plan

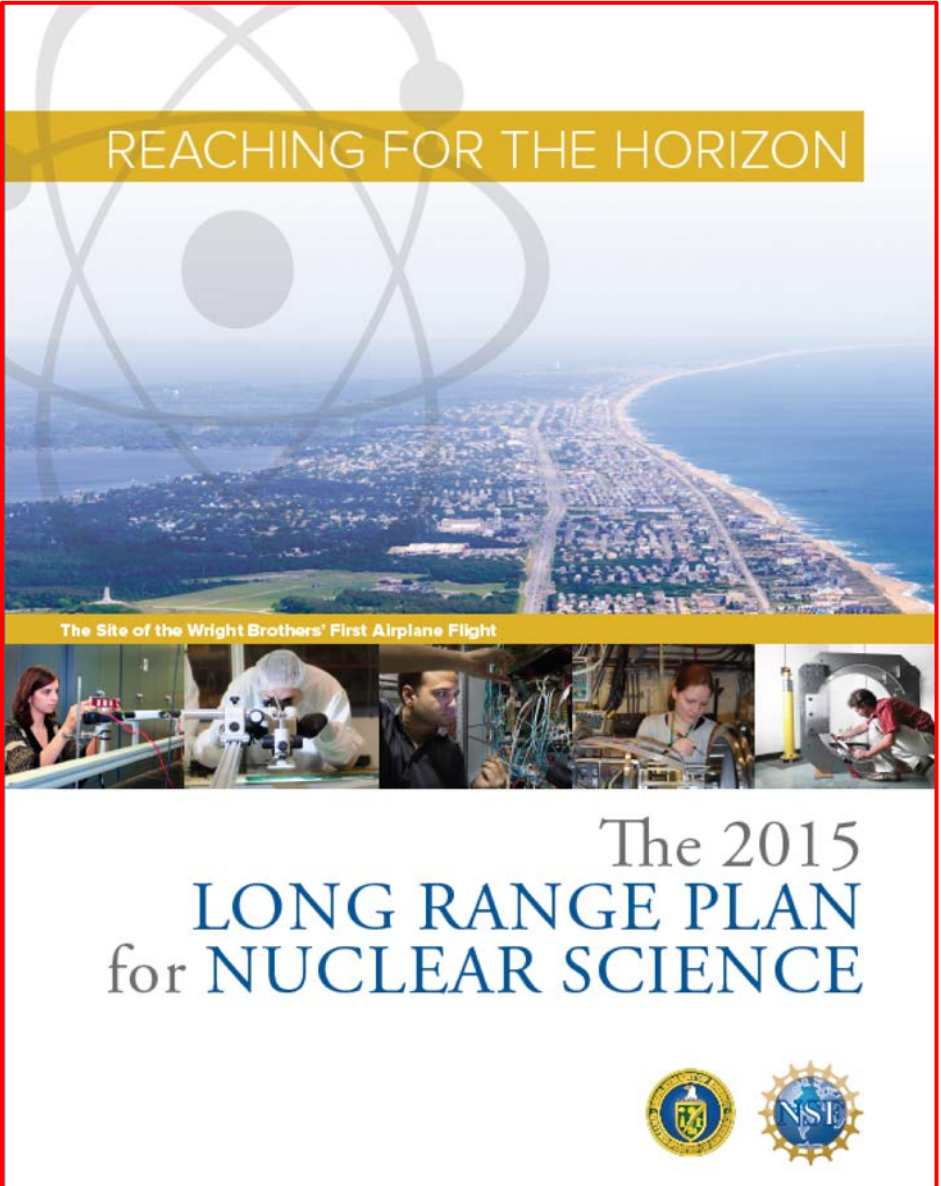
[science.energy.gov/np/nsac/](http://science.energy.gov/np/nsac/)

## RECOMMENDATION III

*Gluons, the carriers of the strong force, bind the quarks together inside nucleons and nuclei and generate nearly all of the visible mass in the universe. Despite their importance, fundamental questions remain about the role of gluons in nucleons and nuclei. These questions can only be answered with a powerful new electron ion collider (EIC), providing unprecedented precision and versatility. The realization of this instrument is enabled by recent advances in accelerator technology.*

**We recommend a high-energy high-luminosity polarized EIC as the highest priority for new facility construction following the completion of FRIB.**



*The EIC will, for the first time, precisely image gluons in nucleons and nuclei. It will definitively reveal the origin of the nucleon spin and will explore a new quantum chromodynamics (QCD) frontier of ultra-dense gluon fields, with the potential to discover a new form of gluon matter predicted to be common to all nuclei. This science will be made possible by the EIC's unique capabilities for collisions of polarized electrons with polarized protons, polarized light ions, and heavy nuclei at high luminosity.*



REACHING FOR THE HORIZON

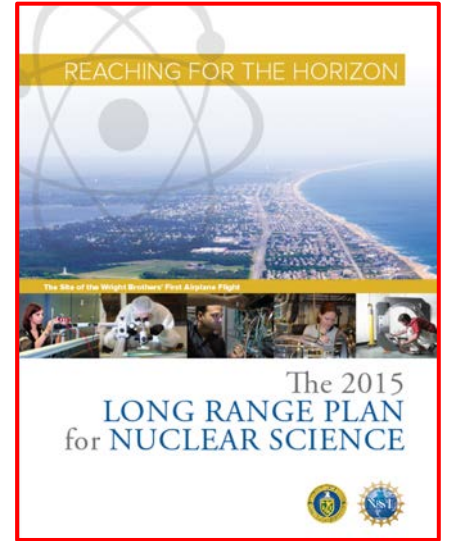
The Site of the Wright Brothers' First Airplane Flight

The 2015  
LONG RANGE PLAN  
for NUCLEAR SCIENCE



# The Vision...

The vision of an EIC was already a powerful one in the 2007 Long Range Plan. The case is made even more compelling by recent discoveries. This facility can lead to the convergence of the present world-leading QCD programs at CEBAF and RHIC in a single facility. This vision for the future was expressed in the 2013 NSAC report on the implementation of the 2007 Long Range Plan with the field growing towards two major facilities, one to study the quarks and gluons in strongly interacting matter and a second, FRIB, primarily to study nuclei in their many forms. Realizing the EIC will keep the U.S. on the cutting edge of nuclear and accelerator science.



# The US Electron Ion Collider

Two options of realization

**For e-N collisions at the EIC:**

- ✓ Polarized beams: e, p, d/<sup>3</sup>He
- ✓ e beam 5-10(20) GeV
- ✓ Luminosity  $L_{ep} \sim 10^{33-34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{sec}^{-1}$   
100-1000 times HERA
- ✓ 20-100 (140) GeV Variable CoM

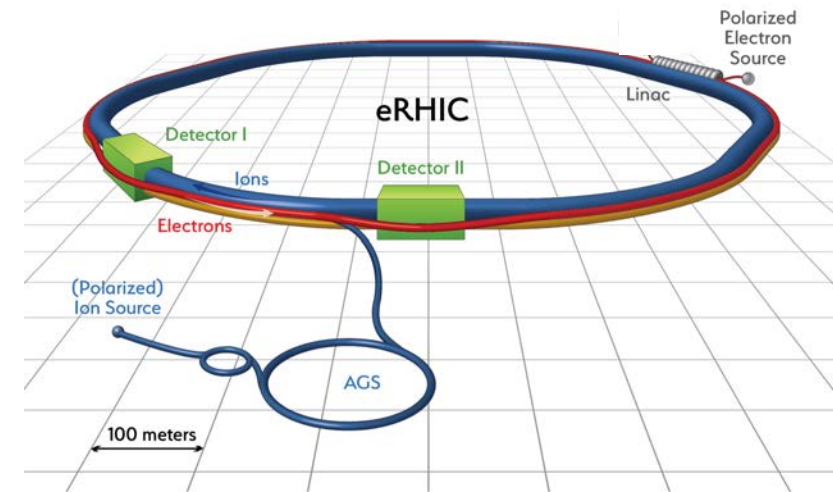
**For e-A collisions at the EIC:**

- ✓ Wide range in nuclei
- ✓ Luminosity per nucleon same as e-p
- ✓ Variable center of mass energy

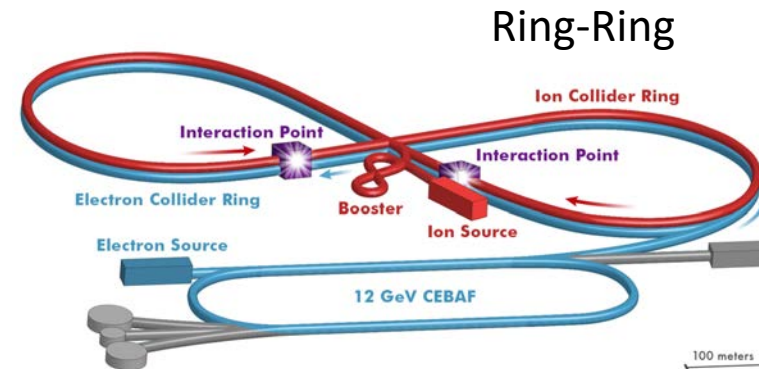
**World's first**

**Polarized electron-proton/light ion  
and electron-Nucleus collider**

**Both designs use DOE's significant  
investments in infrastructure**



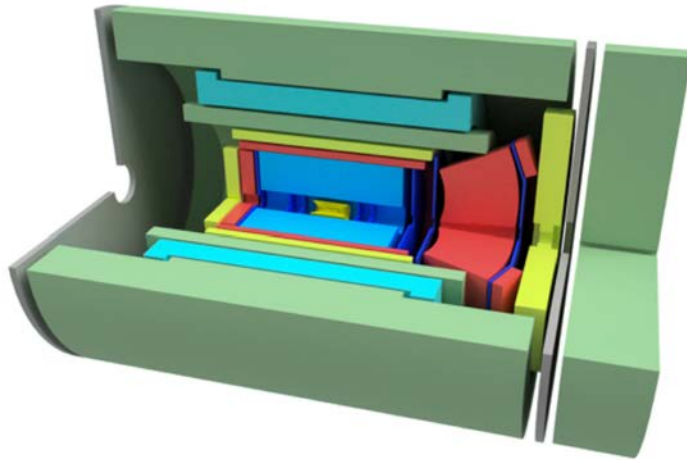
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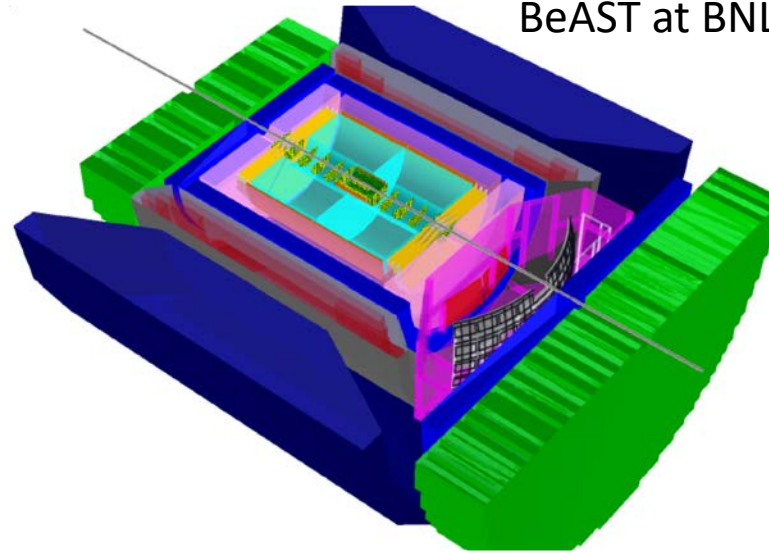


# EIC Detector Concepts

EIC Day 1 detector, with BaBar Solenoid

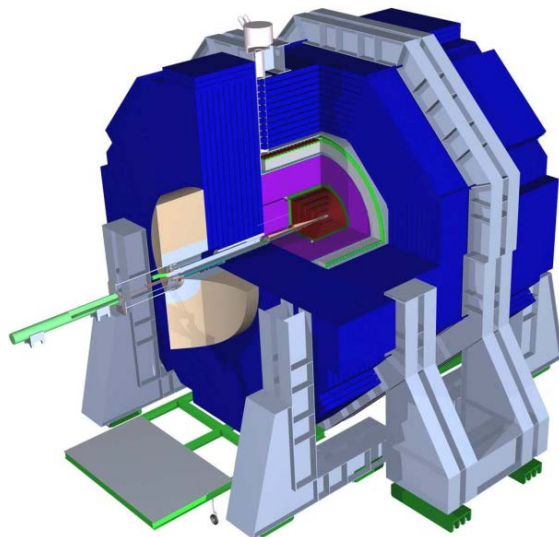


BeAST at BNL

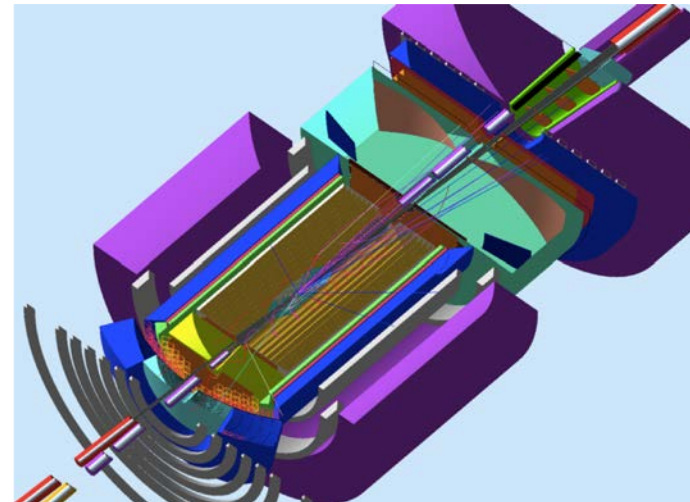


Detector R&D  
Program ( ~1M/yr)  
Managed by BNL  
for the DOE.  
(Thomas Ullrich)

ANL's: "SiEIC Detector" Si-tracker &  
Precision calorimetry: particle flow detector

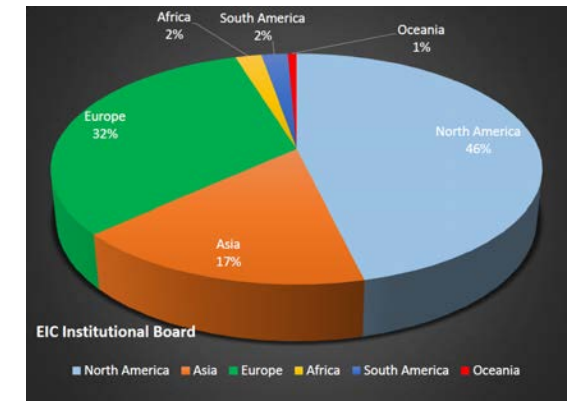


JLEIC Detector Concept, with CLEO Solenoid



# The EIC Users Group: [EICUG.ORG](http://EICUG.ORG)

826 collaborators, 30 countries, 176 institutions... (October 2018)



**EICUG Structures in place and active.**

- EIC UG Steering Committee
- EIC UG Institutional Board
- EIC UG Speaker's Committee

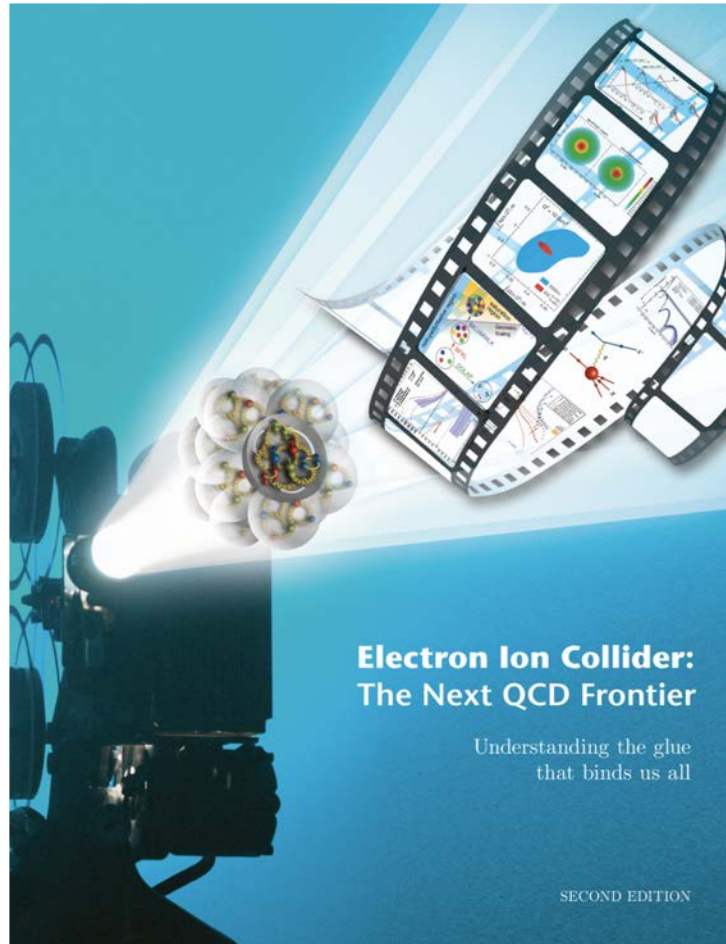
Task forces on:

- Beam polarimetry
- Luminosity measurement
- Background studies
- IR Design

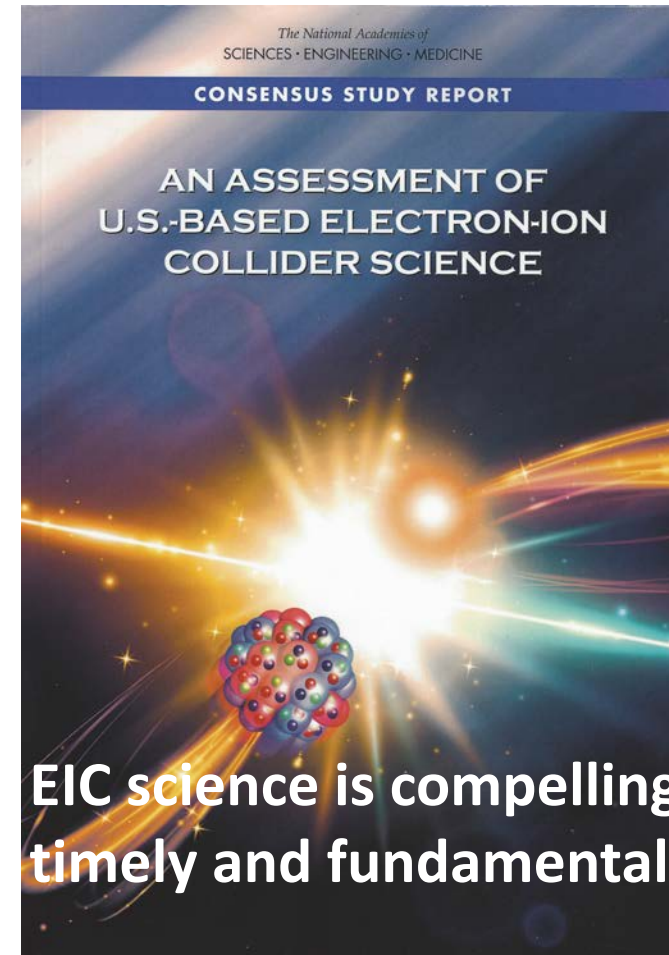
Annual meetings: Stony Brook (2014), Berkeley (2015), ANL (2016), Trieste (2017), CAU (2018), **Paris 2019**



# EIC Physics Case: Strongly Endorsed by the National Academy of Science Subcommittee

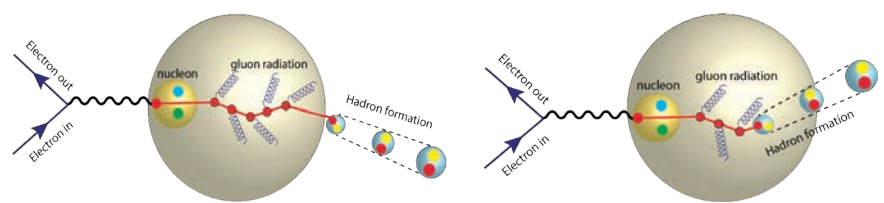
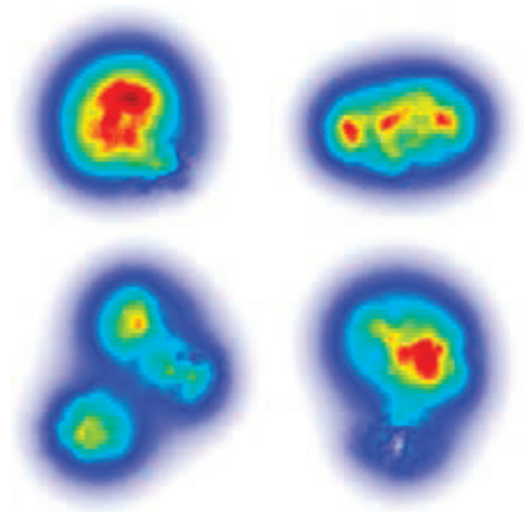
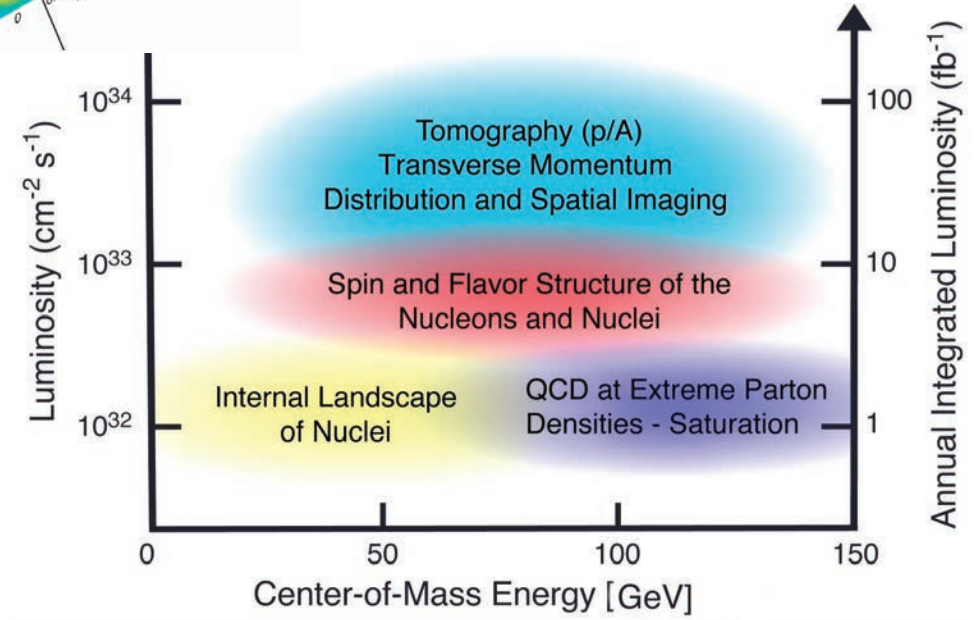
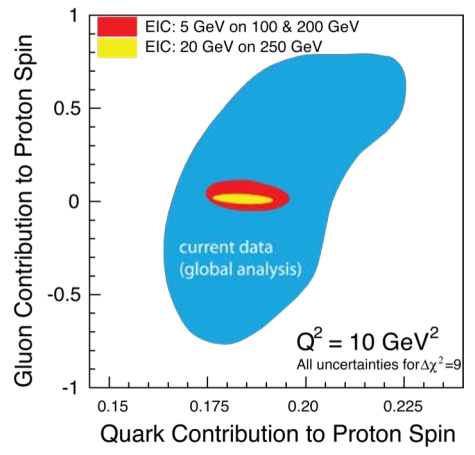
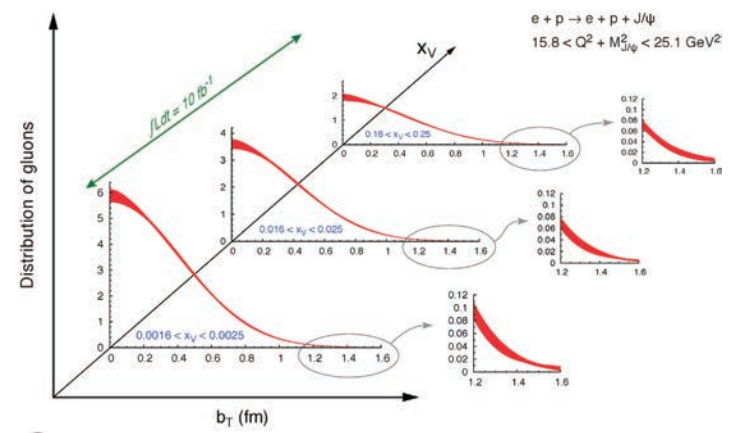
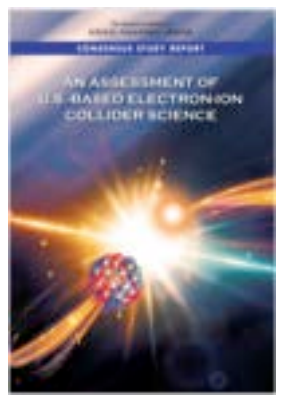
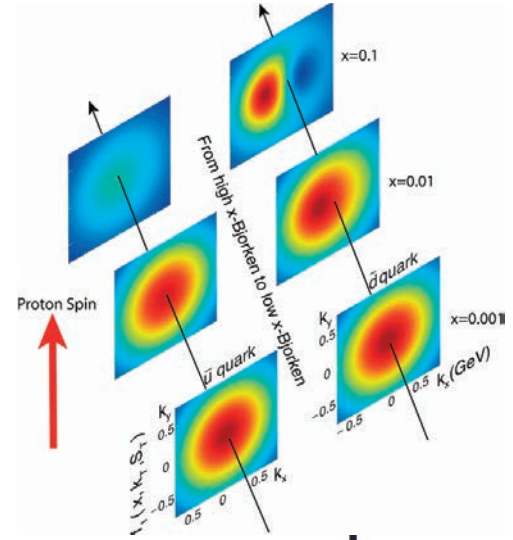


Developed by US QCD community  
over two decades



Developed by NAS committee with  
broad science perspective



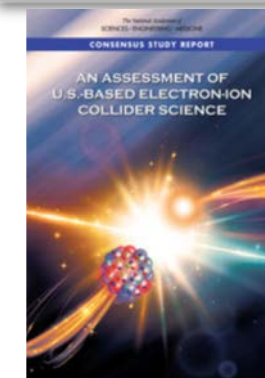
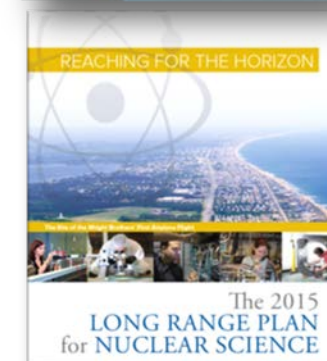
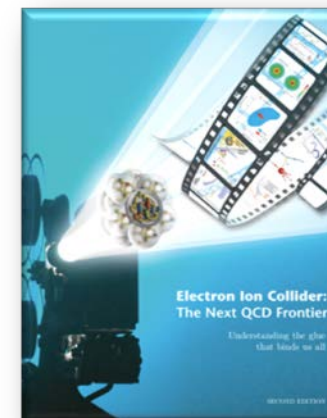


# NAS REPORT ON EIC REQUIREMENTS

In order to definitively answer the compelling scientific questions elaborated in Chapter 2, including the origin of the mass and spin of the nucleon and probing the role of gluons in nuclei, a new accelerator facility is required, an electron-ion collider (EIC) with unprecedented capabilities beyond previous electron scattering programs. An EIC must enable the following:

- Extensive center-of-mass energy range, from  $\sim 20$ - $\sim 100$  GeV, upgradable to  $\sim 140$  GeV, to map the transition in nuclear properties from a dilute gas of quarks and gluons to saturated gluonic matter.
- Ion beams from deuterons to the heaviest stable nuclei.
- Luminosity on the order of 100 to 1,000 times higher than the earlier electron-proton collider Hadron-Electron Ring Accelerator (HERA) at Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY), to allow unprecedented three-dimensional (3D) imaging of the gluon and sea quark distributions in nucleons and nuclei.
- Spin-polarized ( $\sim 70$  percent at a minimum) electron and proton/light-ion beams to explore the correlations of gluon and sea quark distributions with the overall nucleon spin. Polarized colliding beams have been achieved before only at HERA (with electrons and positrons only) and Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC; with protons only).

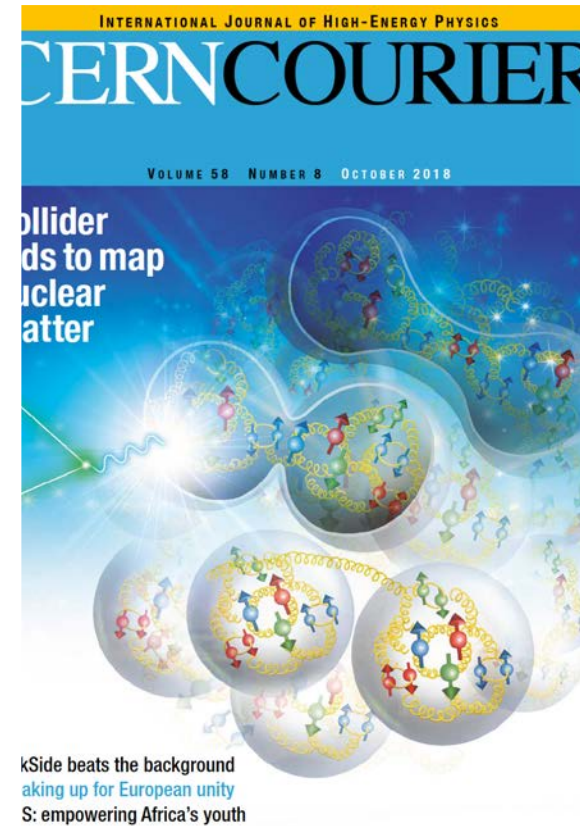
**NAS Study endorses machine parameters suggested by the 2012 White Paper and 2015 NSAC Long Range Plan**







Rolf Ent, Thomas Ullrich, Raju Venugopalan  
Scientific American (2015), **Just before LRP2015**  
Translated and published in 4 different languages



Elke Aschenauer  
Rolf Ent (October 2018)  
**With NAS report**

# The Glue That Binds Us

# History ends and future begins...

- Ideas of EIC have roots in Europe... they have flourished in the US with the involvement of scientists around the world
- Narrowly focused e-h machines, failed. The US EIC is different: it has polarized beams, e-p, e-A, high luminosity and attempting to catch all the collision fragments....- it hence has the highest chance of success.
  - Accelerator challenges : Research Opportunities
  - Detector/IR integration: challenging and innovative
- Theory, experimental ideas and accelerator: all ready together to reap the harvest
- This workshop should explore new physics ideas, and deepen the existing one, for the facility enthusiastically supported by the EIC Users, broader US Nuclear Science Community and the committee setup by the National Academy