



Hadron PID in the EIC ePIC detector backward endcap

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Electron-Ion Collider at Brookhaven





Electron & proton beams with >70% polarization

- ➢ Ion beams, up to U
- > Center-of-mass energy range $\sqrt{s} \sim 20 140$ GeV
- ➤ Luminosity 100 … 1000 times compared to HERA
 - > up to 100 fb⁻¹ / year

Start of construction in ~2 years from now

- ➢ Re-use one of the RHIC hadron rings
- Add electron storage ring
- Build a new general purpose detector in IP6



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Assessment of US-based Electron-Ion Collider: (National Academy of Science Report, 2018)

"An EIC can uniquely address three profound questions about nucleons - neutrons and protons - and how they are assembled to form the nuclei of atoms:

- How does the mass of the nucleon arise?
- How does the spin of the nucleon arise?
- What are the emergent properties of dense systems of gluons?"

EIC science case

A plenary talk by Silvia Dalla Torre tomorrow



ePIC: EIC general purpose detector @ IP6





- Outer HCal (sPHENIX re-use)
- Backwards HCal (tail-catcher)

- > A compact central detector with several subsystems
 - > (Almost) hermetic coverage in tracking, calorimetry & PID $-3.5 < \eta < +3.5$

ePIC PID: previous talk by Chandradoy Chatterjee

Particle distributions in the ePIC e-endcap





Proximity focusing RICH with HRPPD sensors for EIC

e-endcap RICH for ePIC detector





EIC Yellow Report requirement: better than $3\sigma \pi/K$ separation up to 7 GeV/c

Aerogel by Chiba University



A relatively moderate momentum reach is required for this RICH detector
HRPPD PDE is expected to be substantially smaller than of the SiPMs
And peak value shifted to the UV range, where it cannot be used for ring imaging

 \succ Consider using a high n ~ 1.040 ... 1.050 efficiency Ring imaging > 300 nm acrylic filter cutoff for imaging > <N_{pe}> ~ 11-12 untum 0.6 For ToF still make use of the UV range for abundant Cherenkov light produced in the window d - LAPPD QE A typical SiPM PDE 0.4 > Natural choice for simulations: Belle II ($n \sim 1.045$) 0.2 > Natural hardware reference: Chiba University aerogel recently produced for J-PARC (n = 1.040) 700 800 200 300 400 500 900 600 Wave length, [nm] Test samples will be produced by the end of 2023

Angular acceptance optimization





> Use side wall mirrors to increase η acceptance

- > Achieve -3.5 < η < -1.5 coverage (hence overlap with the DIRC)
- > Make mirrors *conical* to avoid inefficiency on the sensor plane



HRPPD photosensors by Incom Inc.









> An affordable large area vacuum photosensor

- Up to ~3 times more cost efficient in \$\$ per mm² than other commercially available MCP-PMTs
- > 10x10 cm² active area
- DC-coupled square pads
- ➢ Quantum efficiency above 30%
- ➢ SPE timing resolution ~50 ps level or higher

Adaptation to EIC needs is ongoing



1024 ~3.2mm pads

Custom pixellation and ASIC board interface





HRPPD anode plate with a non-trivial internal trace routing

- First prototypes look promising
- Once all this is confirmed to work, pixellation of the DC-coupled HRPPDs becomes *almost* as much configurable as AC-coupled ones



Photosensor lab measurements and beam test data

HRPPD test stand at BNL







Pogo pin interface board side

Light tight enclosure

Pixellation, charge sharing, spatial resolution





Amplitude spectrum on a scope

~60 mV

- Moderate charge sharing (even without a B field)
- Expect ~3.2mm/ $\sqrt{12}$ spatial resolution or better

amplitude scan across three neighbor pads

SPE timing performance with a 420nm laser





- > Intensity tuned down to ~95% empty events
- $\blacktriangleright \Delta t$ data taken with a V1742 DRS4 module
 - Channel #0 HRPPD pulse
 - Channel #1 laser synchro pulse
- Neither laser pulse width nor other instrumental effects unfolded





400 ps



A hint of timing resolution in a multi-photon mode

Std Dev

 χ^2 / ndf

-100

-50

DRS4 chip#1: time(ch#15) - time(ch#13)

50

00 150 20 Time diference, [ps]

20.67

64.9/77

LAPPD quartz window as a Cherenkov radiator



Due to the TIR, photons only hit the PC in a radial band ~[5.5 .. 12.0] mm

Fermilab test beam [AC-coupled sensors, no t₀ reference]

Monte-Carlo simulations

Expected performance highlights

- Standalone GEANT4 code with a particle gun or HEPMC3 import
- Simulation with (almost) all known optical effects included
- Event-level digitization / reconstruction chain
 - > χ^2 based algorithm with a full combinatorial hit-to-track ambiguity resolution



 π and K @ 7.25 GeV/c: >4 σ separation



7 GeV/c π and K @ η = -1.9: <5% misidentification rate (plot accumulated over 1000 two-track events)



(e/) π /K/p separation







 $e/\pi/K/p$ response integrated over the whole η acceptance

 $\pi/K N_{\sigma}$ separation in η bins

> Comfortably reach 7+ GeV/c momentum range with a higher than $3\sigma \pi/K$ separation level

Geometric efficiency for timing purposes





> Timing provided by both aerogel ($\langle N_{pe} \rangle \sim 12$) and HRPPD window photons ($\langle N_{pe} \rangle$ above 80)

Their combined geometric acceptance will be ~100%

SIDIS modeling results

➤ PYTHIA 18 x 275 GeV simulation

Parameterized pfRICH hadron PID response, assuming 100% kaon detection efficiency



High Kaon Purity ~ 95% at 7 GeV/c \rightarrow this **goes beyond** the requirement of SIDIS physics in the YR

Detection efficiency vs rejection factor argument eP



Reconstructed Cherenkov photon emission angle is available on a track-by-track basis
in a real experiment as well

> A cut on this quantity can be used as a trade off between KDE and PRF

Summary & outlook



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- A proximity focusing RICH with HRPPD photosensors is selected for the baseline ePIC configuration
 - Ring imaging and high resolution timing in one detector
- Monte-Carlo modeling shows that it meets EIC Yellow Report requirements
 - > Track-level $\pi/K/p$ identification up to 7 GeV/c (or higher, if efficiency can be somewhat sacrificed)
 - > In particular, will provide high purity kaon samples in the electron-going endcap
- ➢ Work on adapting Incom's HRPPDs for EIC needs is ongoing
 - Pre-final HRPPD design by September 2023
 - ➢ First five tiles production: one by one between September 2023 and March 2024
 - Comprehensive lab and beam test evaluation as of Fall 2023
- pfRICH prototype beam test expected in a year from now
 - > Confirm π/K separation reach (ring imaging) and high resolution timing performance at once

Backup

Spatial resolution with 3mm square pixels



- Gen II LAPPD tile #97 provided by Incom
 - 2mm thick ceramic base

2375 V
2300 V
1375 V
1175 V
250 V



- 8x8 field with 3mm pixels, connected to a pair of V1742s
- Linearity scan along the diagonal direction shown



 "Single-photon" mode







HRPPDs in the Magnetic Field

ePIC solenoid magnetic field (Tesla) in Z direction;





- In ePIC pfRICH HRPPDs will be exposed to a magnetic field of ~1.4 Tesla at an angle up to 12.6 degrees
- Tests of a HRPPD prototype in a high magnetic field were carried out by Argonne and Incom using g-2 calibration solenoid
- ➤ Data analysis by eRD110 members of pfRICH team

Preliminary conclusion: gain in this high magnetic field can be fully restored by increasing HV from 925V to ~1075V



Spatial resolution (capacitively coupled LAPPDs)



2021 setup and Cherenkov ring radius resolution



The same setup as in the lab, but instead of a laser use a thick aspheric lens as a well controlled Cherenkov light source



• Off-the-shelf component

- (Almost) no stray photons
- To first order no need in tracking
- The used model (Edmund Optics #67-265, EFL 20.0mm) produces a crisp ~76mm diameter ring at the focal plane

Pixel pattern & accumulated single photon XY-coordinates





2022 setup

- G1 .. G4 COMPASS GEM reference tracker
- S1 .. S2 trigger scintillator counters





- A new 20 cm Gen II LAPPD tile 136
 - 10 μm pore MCPs
 - Full glass body (implies 5 mm thick anode base plate)
 - Window material -> UV grade quartz
- GEM reference tracker
- New set of the pixelated readout boards
- A pair of Planacon MCP-PMTs as a timing reference

Enough data on tape to quantify **single-photon** timing resolution

Aspheric lens as a source of coherent Cherenkov photons

