EIC/ePIC mRICH

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- A compact aerogel RICH which can be projective. π/K separation up to ~10 GeV/c *Compact, modular and projective*
- Radiator: Aerogel, L~3 4 cm and n= 1.03
- Focusing: 6" Fresnel lens





- Compact PID device with momentum coverage up to 10 GeV/c for π/K and e/π up to 2 GeV/c or more.
- The emission point error is minimized at the lens focal plane, and chromatic dispersion error is reduced by UV filtering (acrylic).
- R&D is at very advanced stage 3 beam tests already!

3rd mRICH Beam Test at JLab



late September to early October of 2021



Results from JLab Beam Test







1 MinuitFit

v x (mm)



New mRICH Prototype Design

Optimizing

- the sensor location
- Aerogel
 thickness









mRICH Support Frame









eRD101 - mRICH Project R&D in FY2023

• "Most of request funds are awarded to eRD101 for FY23"

Category

Design support from JLab engineer

Postdoc at GSU

Postdoc at University of Glasgow

Machining support (GSU shop)

Aerogel purchase

Readout

Mirrors and Fresnel lens

GEM tracker and readout

Material supplies

- Urge the Glasgow group to participate in eRD110 that is focusing on LAPPD R&D
- The aerogel purchase will be handled through the project

Summary

- JLab beam test data analysis is near completion -> extracting s.p Cerenkov angle resolution
- Support structure reduce material budget and test support integrity (JLab & GSU)
- Beam test: Optimizing the photosensor plane location & Aerogel block size
 - Optimizing the sensor plane location and testing Aerogel blocks with three different thicknesses: 3 cm, 4 cm and 5 cm
 - \circ Testing mRICH PID performance (K/ π and e/ π separation)
 - Potential sites for beam test (Fermi & CERN and may be JLab)
- March review!

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THANK YOU

mRICH – lens-based focusing aerogel detector design

Smaller, but thinner ring improves PID performance and reduces length



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Ring centering of lens-based optics reduces sensor area (main cost driver)



mRICH PID Performance

• 3 cm Aerogel @ n = 1.02

• SiPM Q.E.



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