ePIC Backward RICH DSC formation

- > Current status: on pause
 - mRICH -> pfRICH transition
 - P ePIC Collaboration decision is taken
 - The ball is now in the EIC project court
 - > A draft CDR is available
 - > A sufficiently detailed detector design exists
 - > A detailed P6-friendly costing sheet is composed
 - A standalone modeling / reconstruction suite exists
 - Consolidation of the participating institutions essentially concluded:
 - Brookhaven
 - Chiba
 - Duke
 - Glasgow

- > INFN Genova
- INFN Trieste
- JLAB
- Ljubljana

- MSU
- > Stony Brook
- > Temple
- Yale
- We should try to maintain a welcoming & flexible environment, with
 - (1) a diverse institutional participation model, at least for the next ~2 years
 - (2) a well-defined group of institutions committed to the construction phase

It seems a gradual change in the decision making process should be anticipated

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Questions:

- Do we want a (Mini-)Charter? -> Charter may be an overkill, but can we live without an MoU at all?
 - Define how we operate and make decisions
- Do we need an IB Board? -> IB is perhaps too much, but then what is a practical way to make decisions?
 - ▶ to select DSCL and DSCTC -> So what is the process, to start with?
 - to admit new members
 - to resolve conflicts
- How are commitments expressed? -> They better be expressed in written, right?
 - Handshake, MOU, or not at all
- Do we want to stay flat or less flat structured?
 - DSCL and DSCTC -> DSCTC may not be needed, but what about deputy / topical deputies?
 - ▶ DSCL and DSCTC + Coordinators (Electronic, Software, Performance, ...)
- Name?
 - suggested to drop pfRICH in favor of <?>RICH -> may want to re-brand, even without GSU joining?

As presented by Thomas in the last pfRICH meeting

Other news

- ➤ EIC Incom contract will hopefully be finalized this week
 - Conclude the "remaining" R&D till September 2023
 - Produce five HRPPD tiles till March 2024
 - Expected to be "interfaceable" to an ASIC PCB
 - > Expected to be used in a pfRICH test beam in late spring 2024
 - Assuming they look fine, proceed with a PED contract extension till CD-3 in April 2025
- This is all good, but we need a fallback strategy as well
 - Chandra cross-checked briefly pfRICH performance with the 2" Planacons
 - ➤ Playing with the mirror configuration (both conical and funneling pyramids) one should be able to achieve a *reasonable* level of performance, paying \$0.5M+ more for the sensors
- ➤ LAPPD Workshop #3 two weeks ago: https://indico.bnl.gov/event/18642/
- > Techtra should be ready with a first 120 mm HRPPD anode base plate next week
 - If this effort fails, Incom is ready to order from Kyocera
 - A matching readout PCB order is in progress