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The “xpDIRC” Concept for the Next-Generation DIRC Detector

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We present the concept of the next-generation DIRC (xpDIRC), a novel detector geometry under development for next-generation particle Identification systems. Building upon the high-performance DIRC (hpDIRC) designed for the ePIC detector at the Electron-Ion Collider (EIC), the xpDIRC introduces a hybrid optical architecture featuring enhanced focusing optics, a wide-plate light guide, and compatibility with alternative photosensors, including promising SiPM technologies. This contribution summarizes recent, highly encouraging simulation results and outlines the planned R&D program for experimental validation of the concept.

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