

# Particle Physics/Simulation and Analysis Project for Sr. Design Class

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**Project 1: Analysis & Dark Matter Physics Simulation for the Dark Photon**

**Project 2: Mapping for a Cylindrical Micro-Resistive Well Detector used  
for Dark Matter Searches at the EIC**



## 2.Motivation and Questions

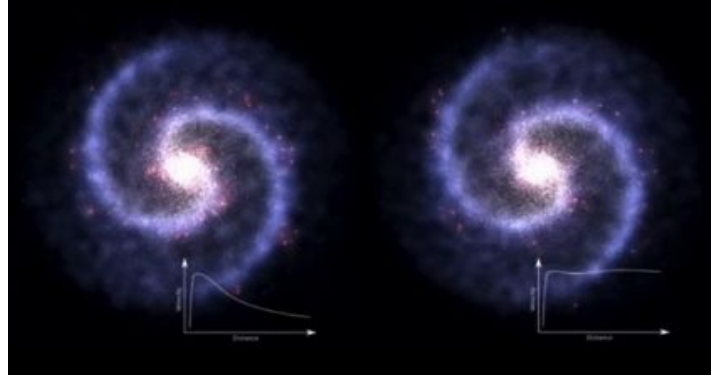
What is Dark Matter? Why Is it important to solve ?

How do we create the tools to test our models and hypothesis?

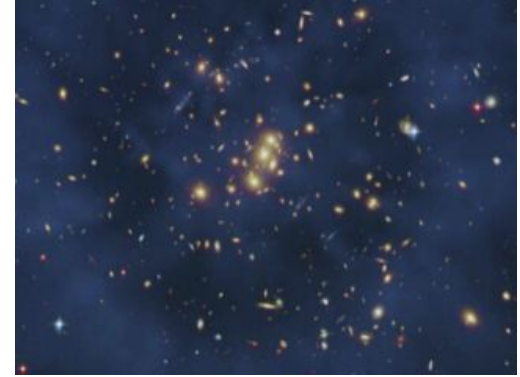
# Dark matter is an invisible and hypothetical form of matter that does not interact with light



Gravitational Lensing



Galaxy Rotations

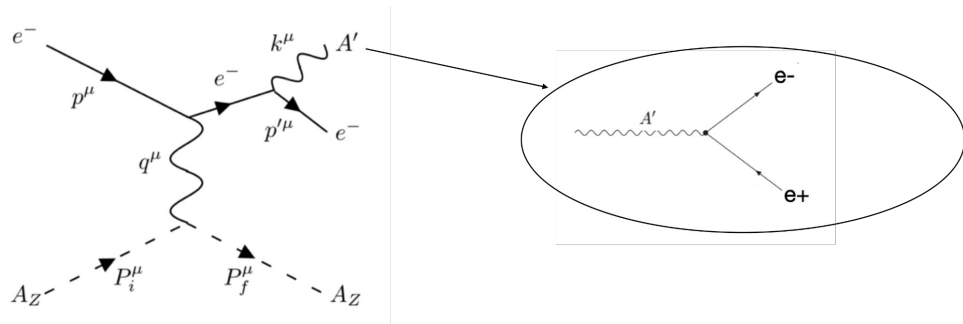
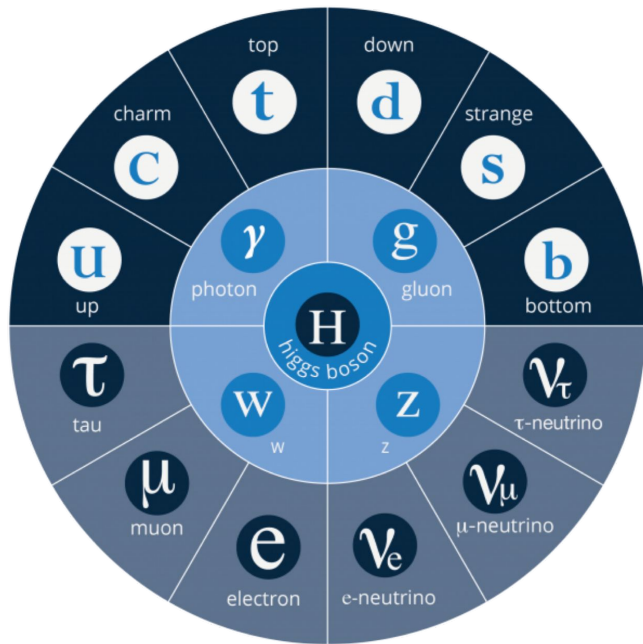


Galaxy Clusters

All Indicates the presence of unseen mass!

- The bending of light by massive objects reveals the presence of unseen mass that's warping spacetime.
- Stars in galaxies orbit the center much faster than they should based on the visible matter alone.
- The movement of galaxies within clusters also indicate unseen mass.

# Dark Sector Standard Model



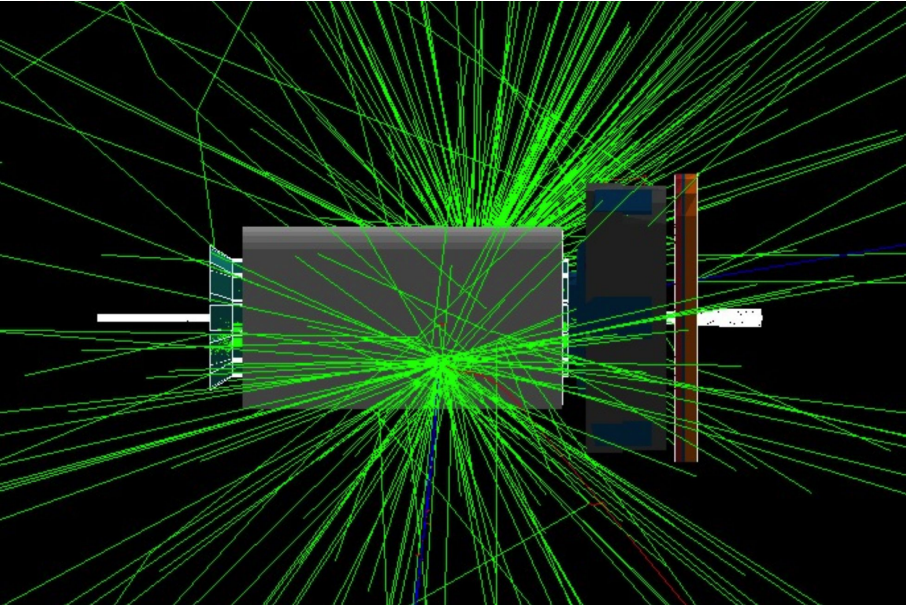
## Beyond The Standard Model Questions:

Could dark matter have a hidden dark sector with interactions similar to the Standard Model, and if so, how might it manifest at high energies?

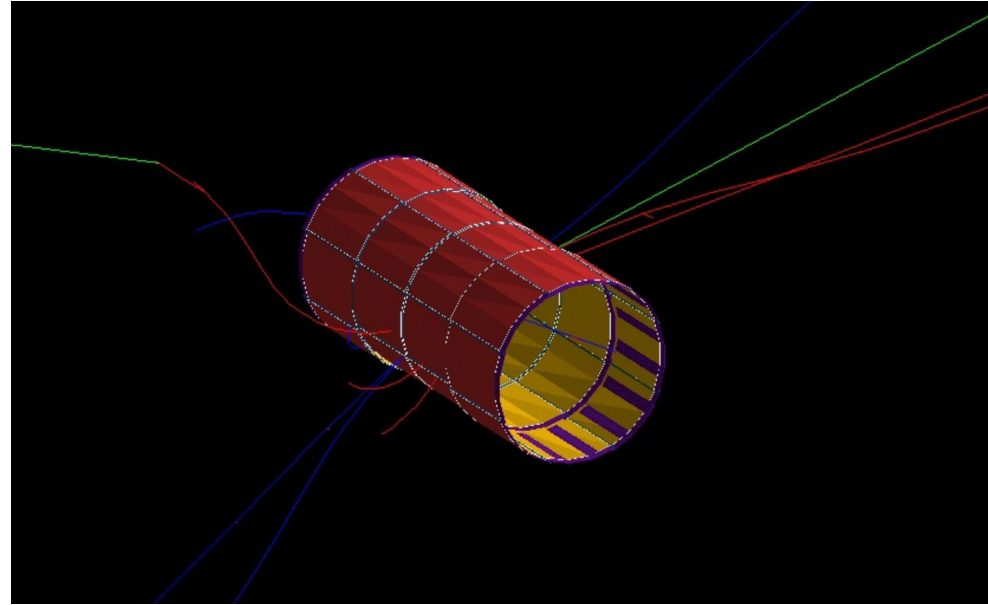
**No in-depth analysis to simulate a dark photon using the current ePIC detector geometry simulation environment has been attempted !**



### 3. Approach : Using the Epic Detector Reconstruction Environment

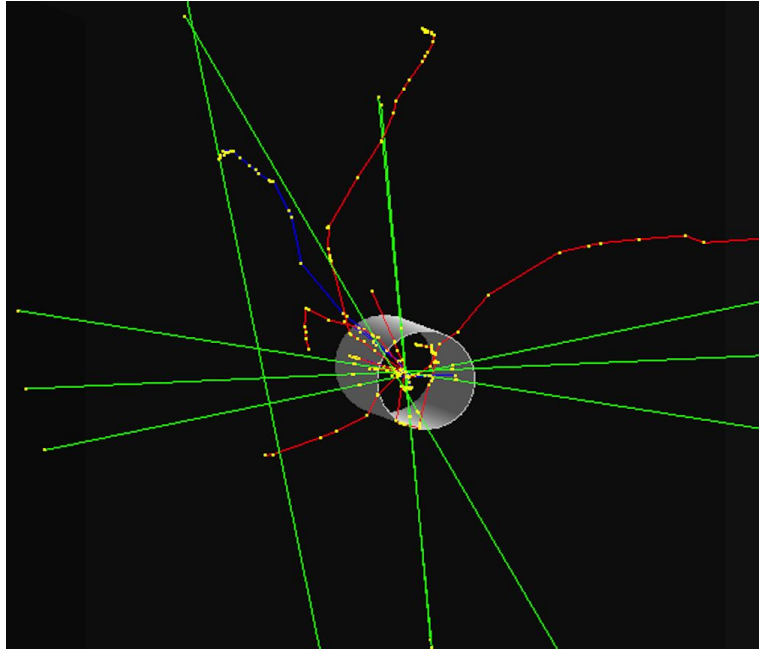


Full Epic Detector Simulation with Neutral Particles



Inner Barrel MPGD with Dark Photon Model

# Goals for Project 1:



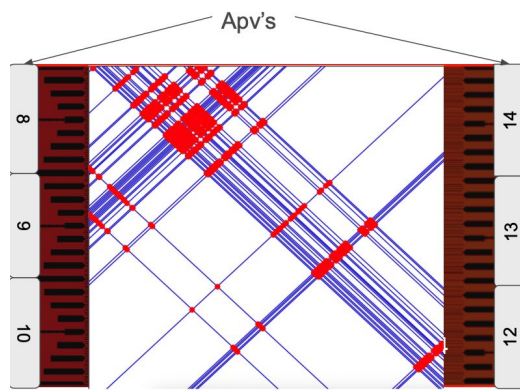
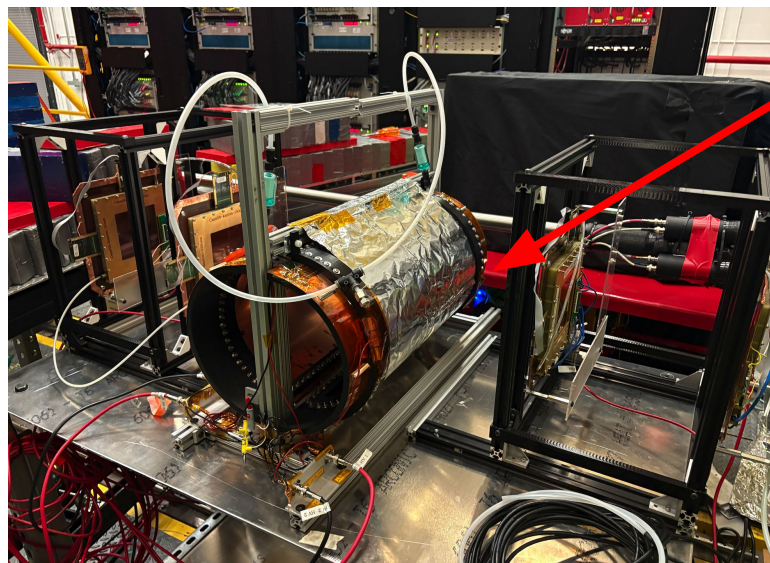
Geant4 Simulation Cylindrical Argon Shell Detector

- Modify the current ePIC detector inner barrel tracker xml file to incorporate a cylindrical argon shell

- Choose a small set of mass and lifetime values to run through simulation to see most probable mass of Dark Photon, and location of displaced vertex.

- Perform Study of Signal (Dark Photon vs Background (other particles))

# Project 2: Mapping for Cylindrical Micro-Resistive Well Detector

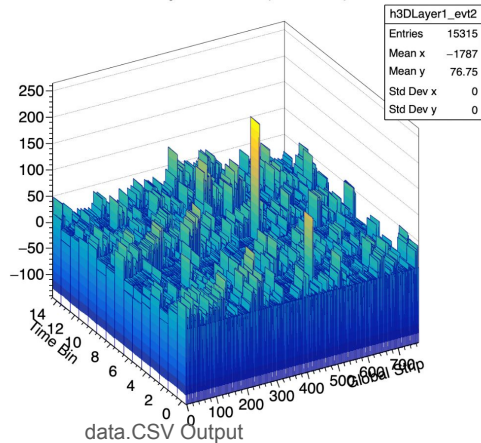


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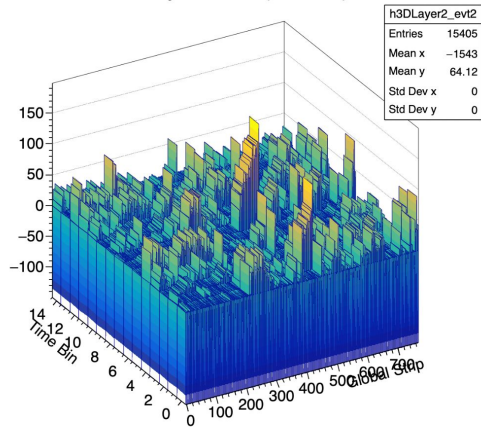
## Goals For Project 2:

- To achieve accurate mapping of pulse hits to strips on the device via C++ script
- Help characterize the efficiency of the detector
- Repeat for 2 different setup and all event data taken.

Layer 1 Hits (Event 2)



Layer 2 Hits (Event 2)



# Needed Knowledge and Skill

**For EIC Dark Matter Simulation Project:** Linux, Bash, Troubleshooting Skills, Software Implementation, Basic, Geant4. Getting EIC software to work.

**Detector Mapping Project :** C++ , Python, Root. -Attend Weekly HEP lab meeting

**Student will learn** skills and abilities used to be in Computational/Software/Simulation physics

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