

Merits of linac-ring ep collider:

1) Small e- emittance means luminosity can be increased for reduced β* & final e- quadrupoles far from the collision point. First elements: warm separation dipoles of 0.5-2 T

2)e&p beams can be collided head-on. No crab cavities, since e- are dumped &, with assumed IR layout, residual parasitic collisions uncritical. ed construction is possible. A first stage could use the SPL as recirculator for alternating e- & p operation, bringing the electrons to some 20 GeV, which would probe physics beyond HERA. Such SPL-based recirculator could later serve as injector for e- ring or extended linac. Beam energy could be raised in steps by adding further linac segments.

7)The linac-ring collider would benefit from planned proton infrastructure upgrades, i.e. linac4, SPL and PS2.

8)e- beam can be 80% polarized.

9)Numerous important synergies with CLIC and ILC (beam dynamics, e+ production, tunnel, etc.) may prepare ground for future linear collider. 10) Electron-ion collisions, as well as, via laser Compton backscattering, y-proton and y-nucleus collisions would also be possible.

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⁴⁾As linac not affected by synchrotron radiation, no fundamental limit on electron beam energy

⁵⁾ Energy recovery could ultimately gain another order of magnitude in luminosity.

⁶⁾Except for collision point, linac tunnel fully separate from LHC, minimizing construction downtime