

The PANDA Barrel DIRC



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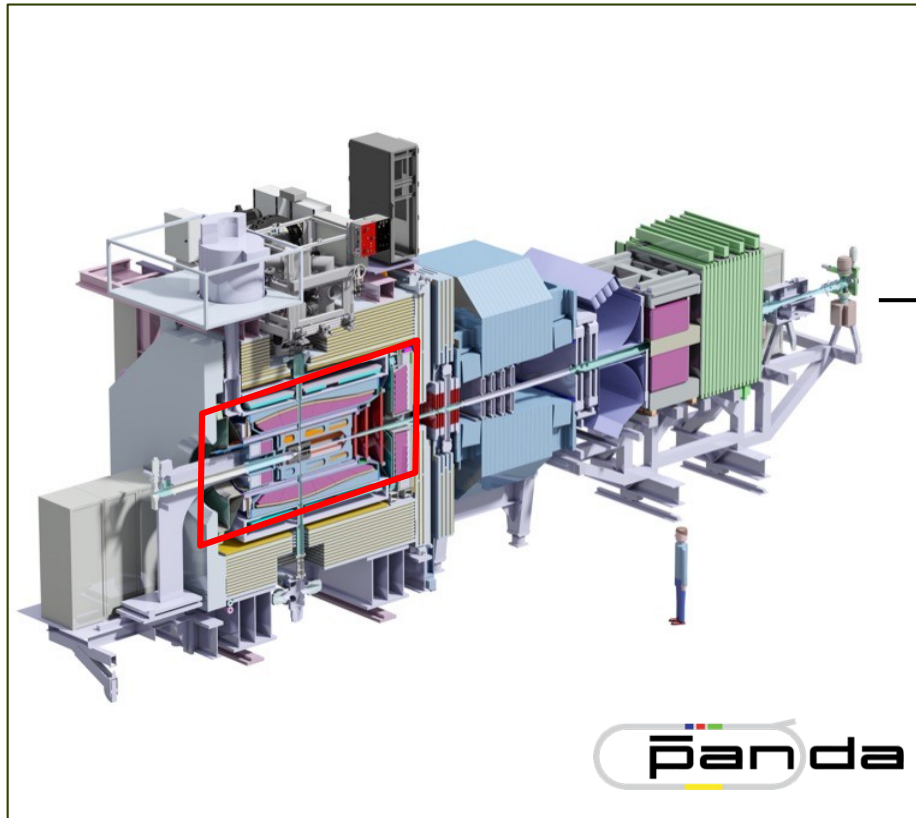
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- PANDA experiment
- Barrel DIRC design
- Expected performance
- Validation in beam tests
- Component production

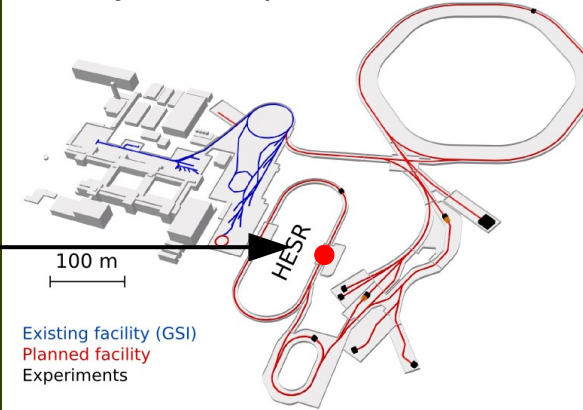
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Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research



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High Energy Storage Ring

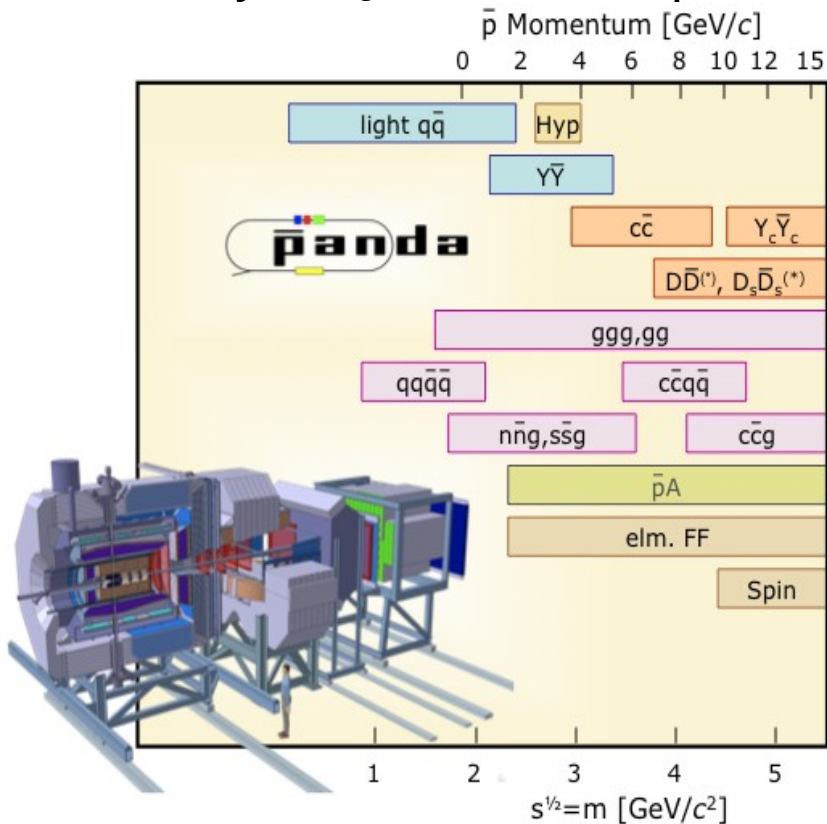
- 5×10^{10} stored cooled antiprotons
- 1.5 to 15 GeV/c momentum
- Cluster jet / pellet target
- **High luminosity mode** $\Delta p/p \approx 10^{-4}$ $L = 1.6 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- **High resolution mode** $\Delta p/p \approx 5 \times 10^{-5}$ $L = 1.6 \times 10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

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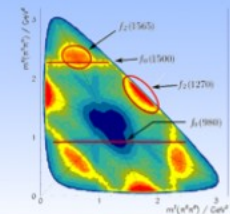
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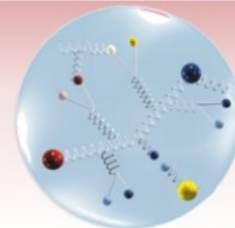
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- Time-like Nucleon Form Factors
- Generalized Parton Distributions
- Drell-Yan Process



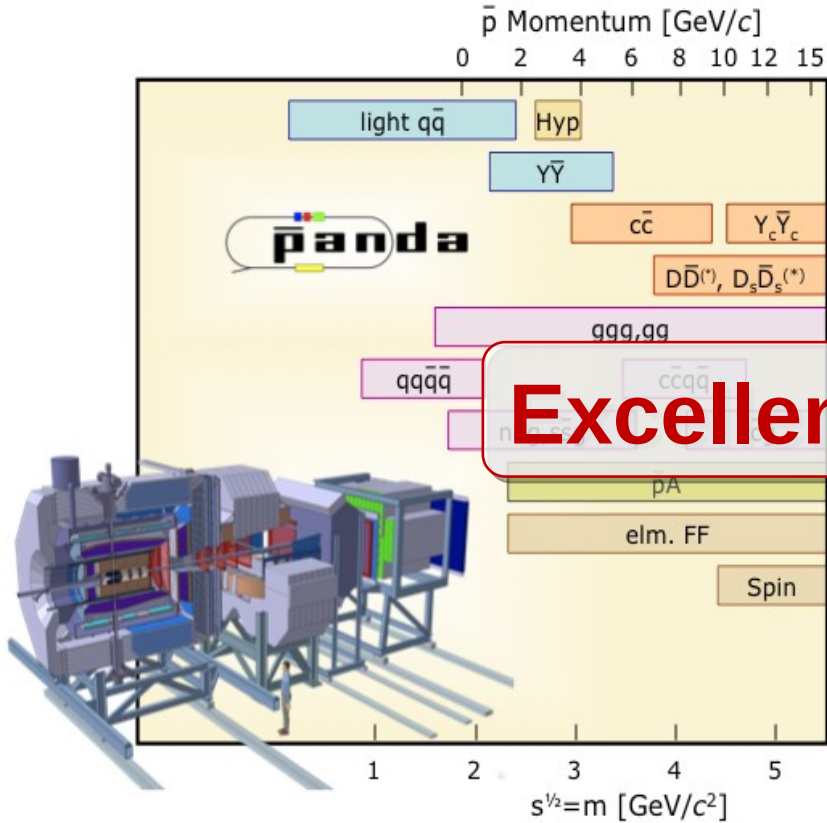
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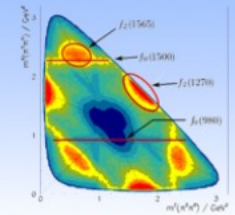
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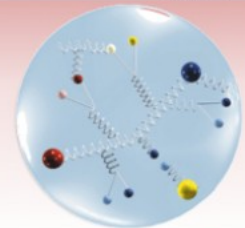
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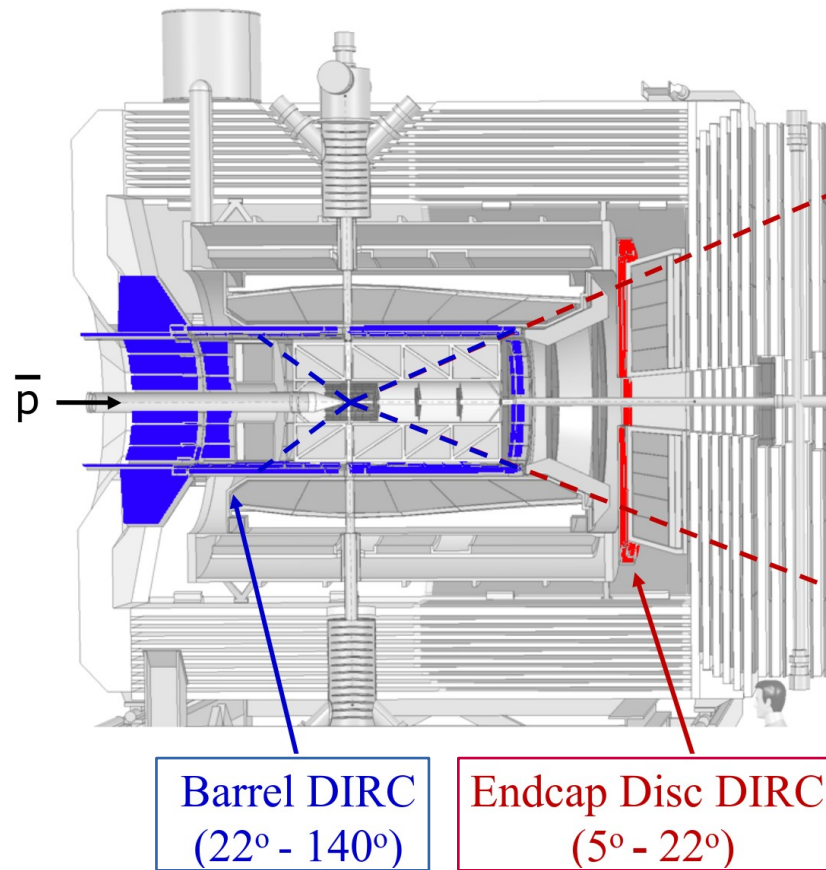
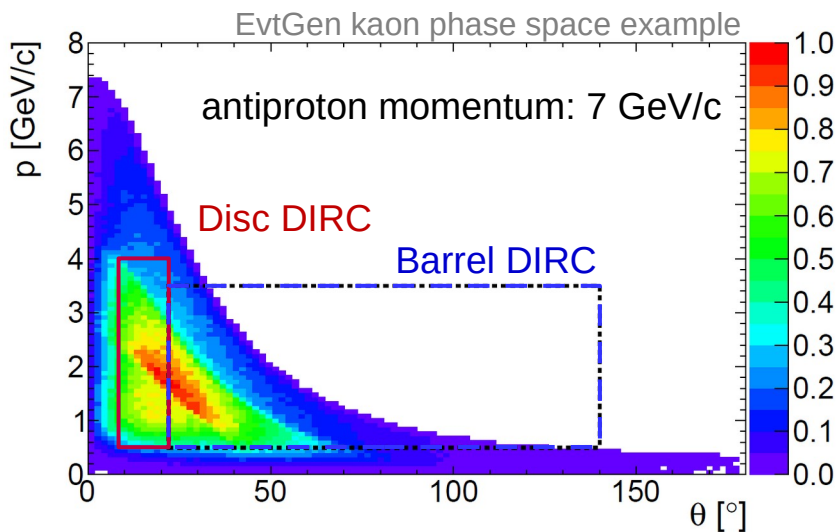
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DIRCs in PANDA

Two DIRC detectors for hadronic PID:

- **Barrel DIRC**
Goal: 3 s.d. π/K separation up to 3.5 GeV/c
- **Endcap Disc DIRC**
Goal: 3 s.d. π/K separation up to 4 GeV/c



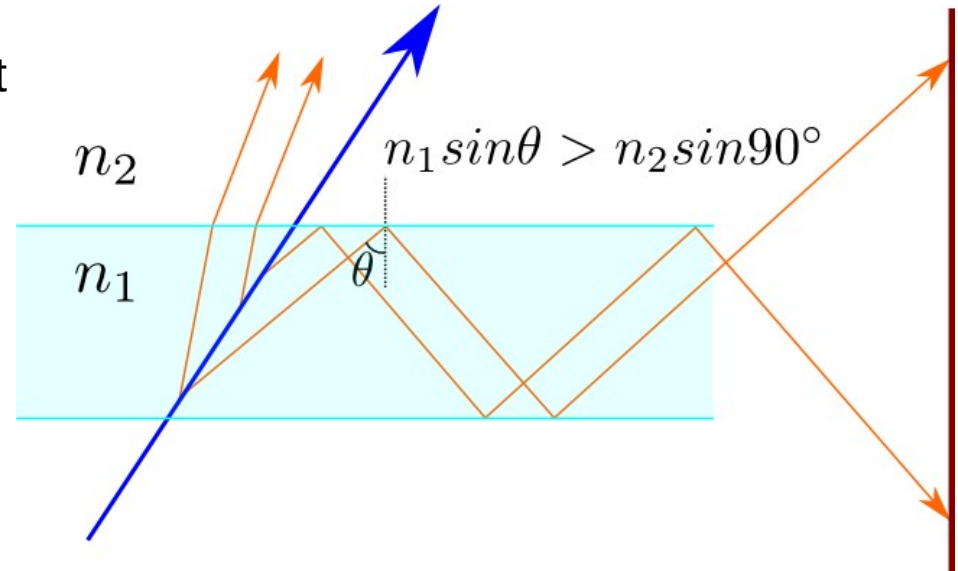
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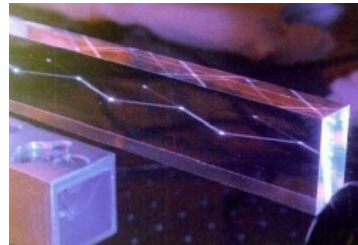
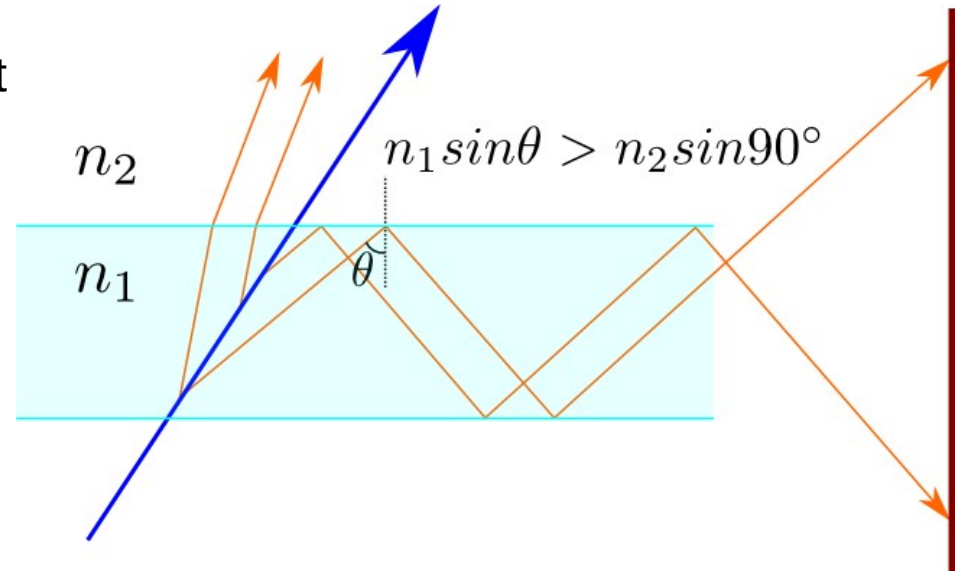
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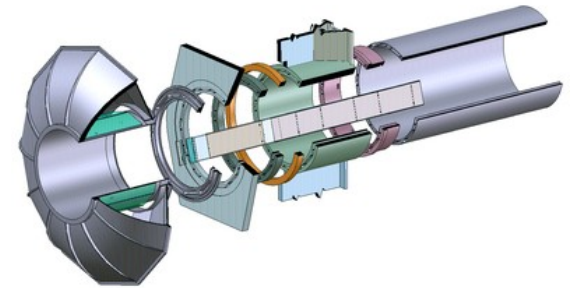
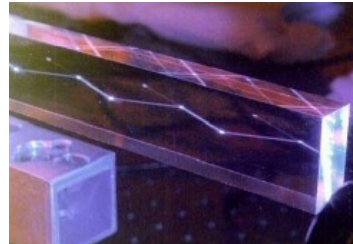
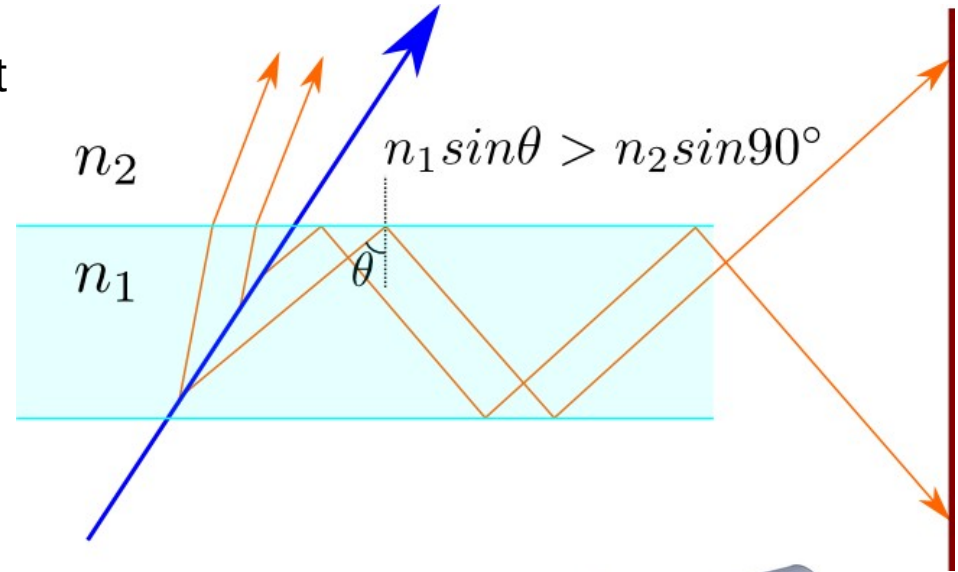
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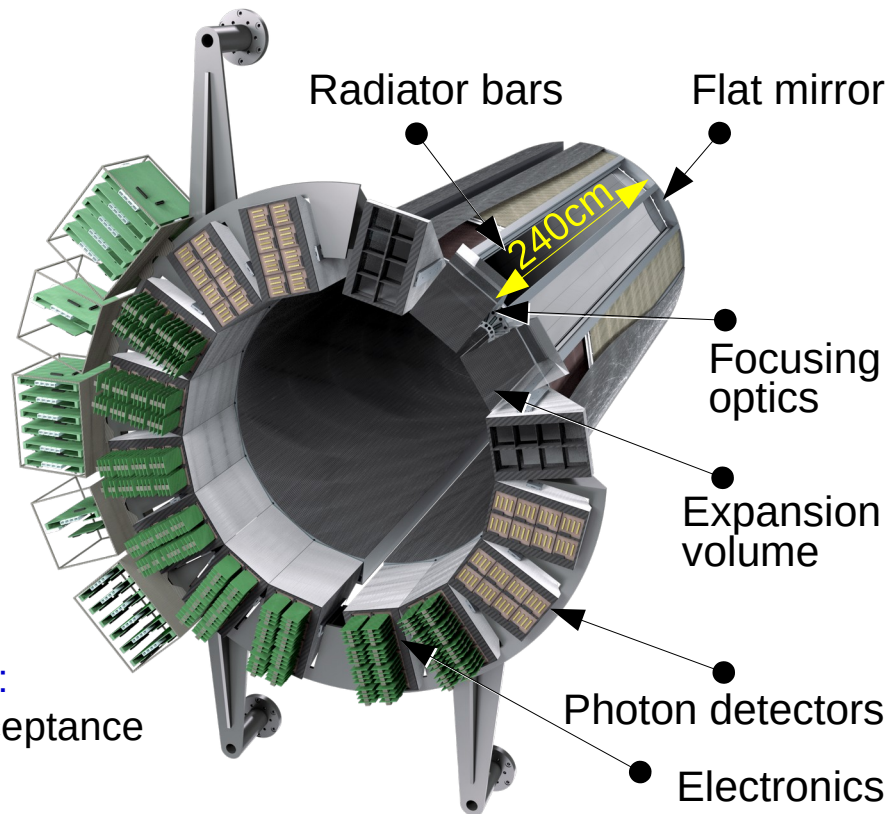
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- Proven to work (BABAR-DIRC)



Barrel DIRC Design

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(compact fused silica prisms, spherical lenses)

- 48 radiator bars (16 sectors), synthetic fused silica 17mm (T) x 53mm (W) x 2400mm (L)
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- **Compact expansion volume:** 30cm-deep solid fused silical prisms
- **Photon detectors:** Micro-Channel Photo Multipliers, 8192 channels
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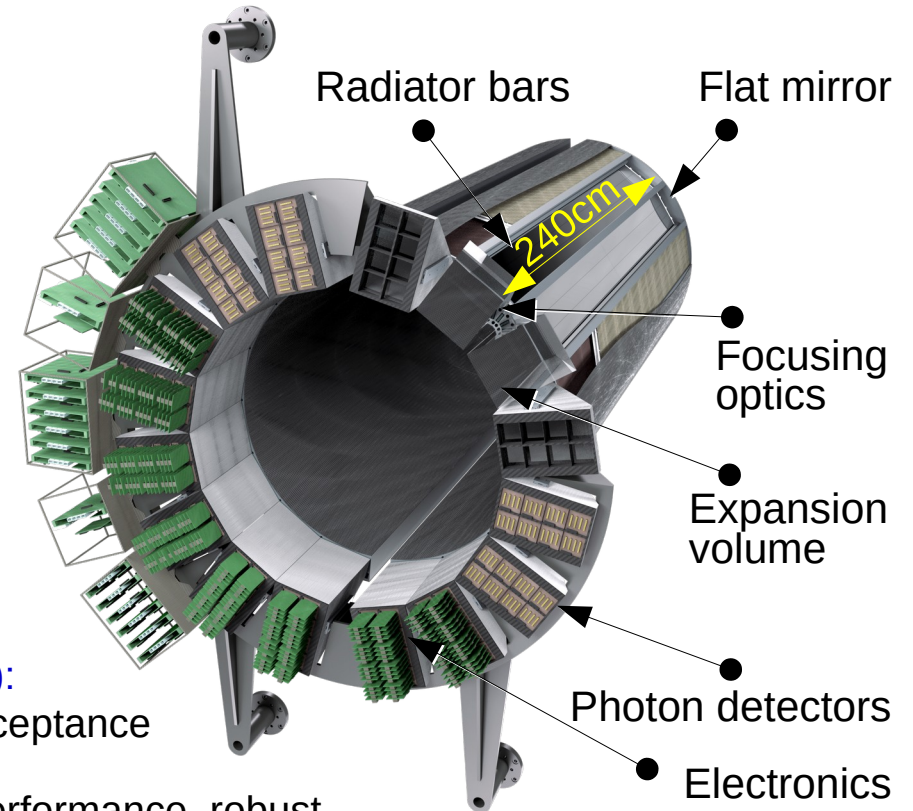
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Conservative design: similar to BABAR DIRC, excellent performance, robust,

little sensitivity to backgrounds and timing deterioration

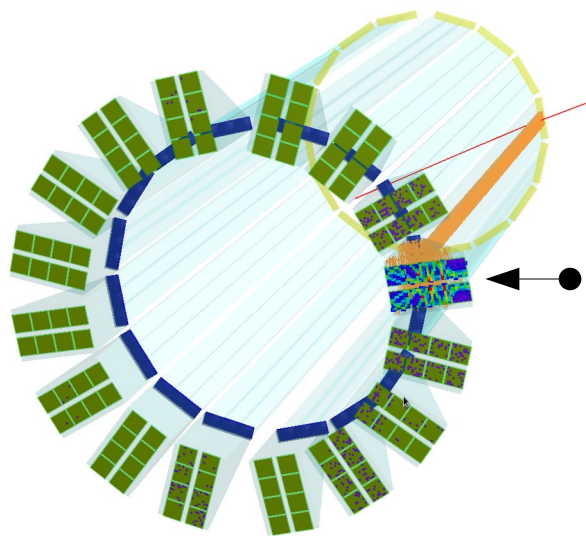
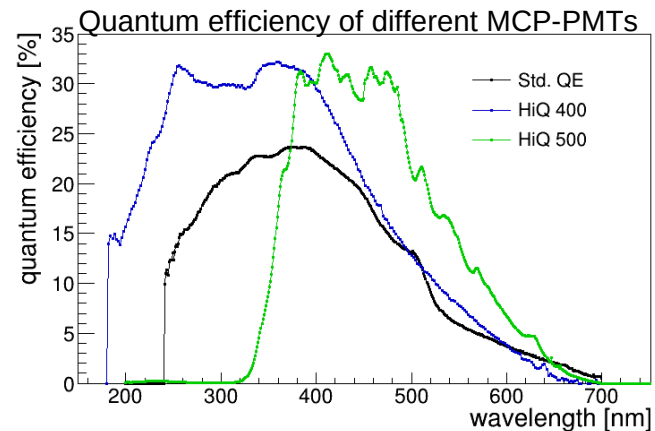
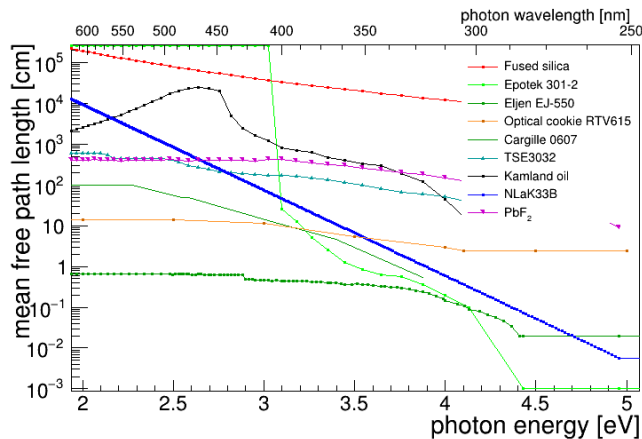
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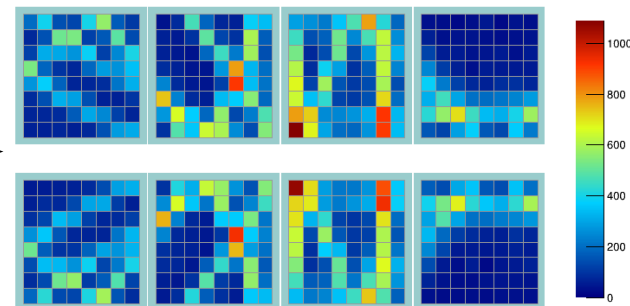
Simulation

Geant4 simulations includes:

- Realistic materials properties
- Photons transport efficiency
- Single photon time resolution
- Quantum and collection efficiency
- Dark counts



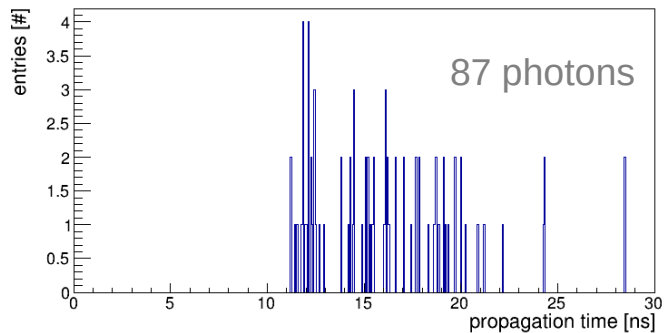
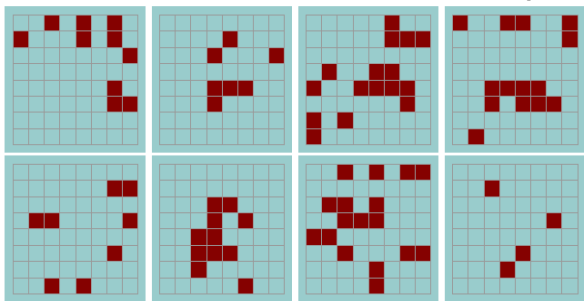
Accumulated hit pattern from 1000 K⁺ at 3.5 GeV/c and 25° polar angle



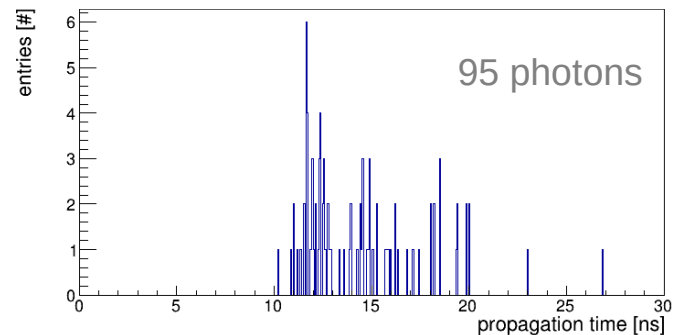
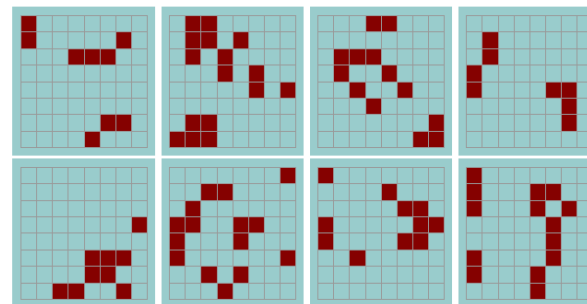
Observables

- Number of detected photons
- Photons hit position (6x6 mm² pixels)
- Photons propagation time (~100 ps precision)

Examples for $p = 3.5$ GeV and $\theta = 22^\circ$: one pion



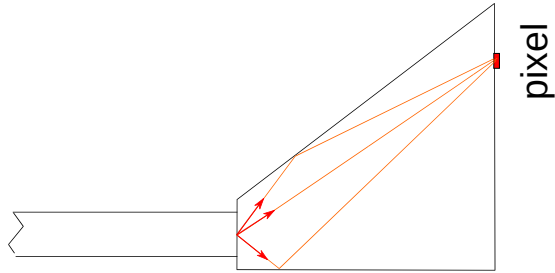
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Reconstruction Methods

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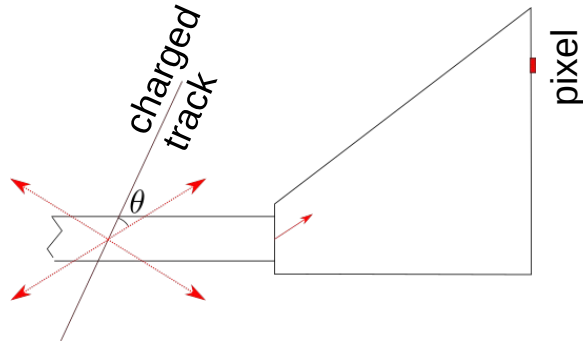
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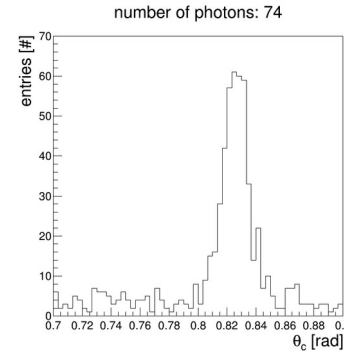
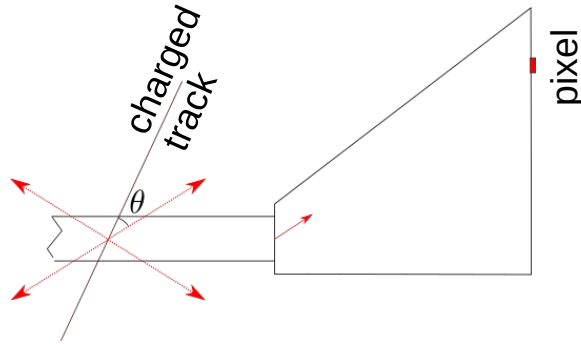
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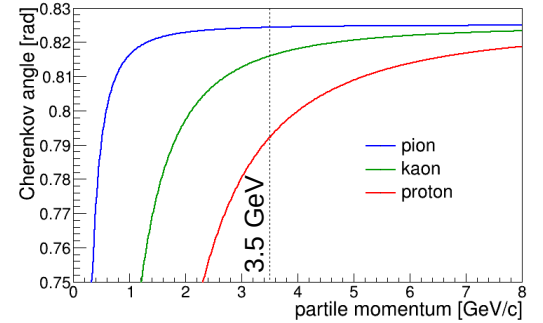
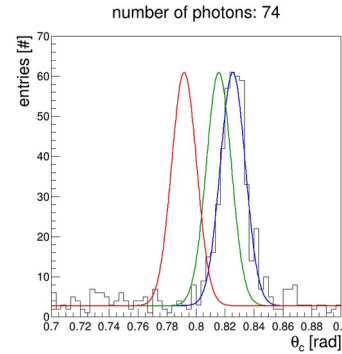
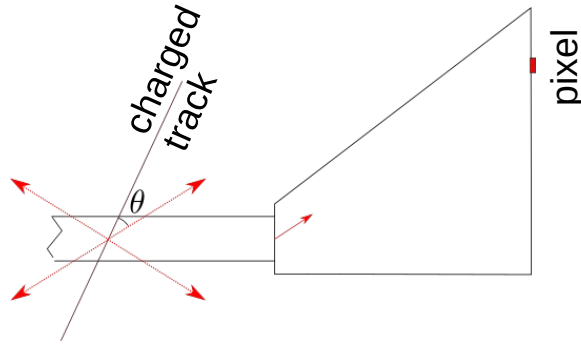
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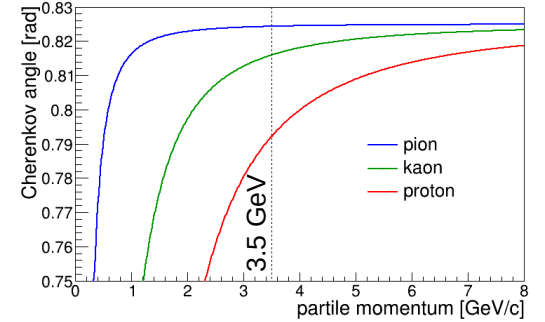
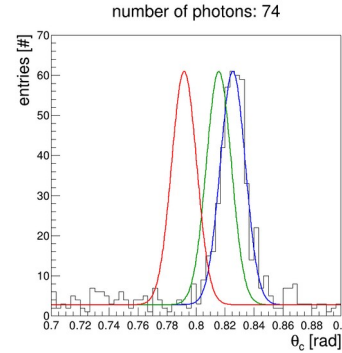
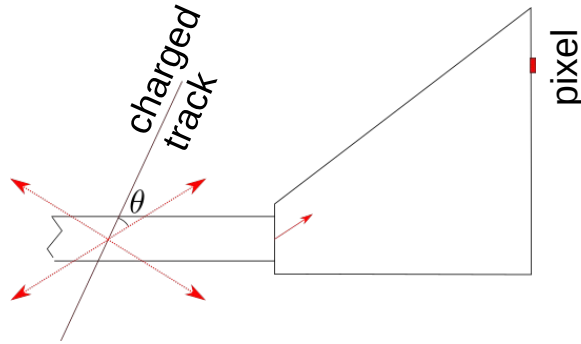


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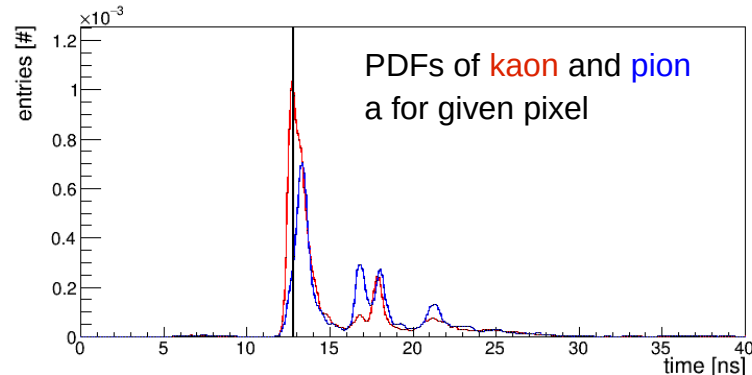
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Time imaging

- Belle II TOP-like
- Needs Probability Density Functions of the propagation time
 - analytical
 - from data

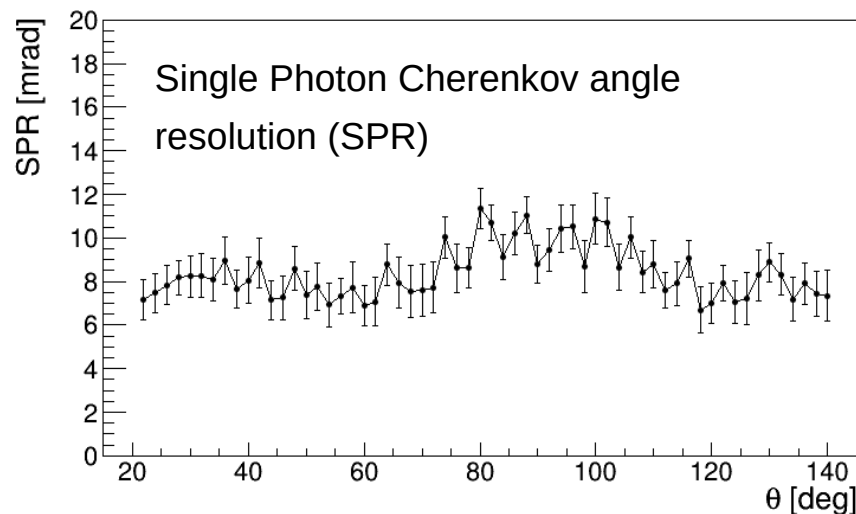
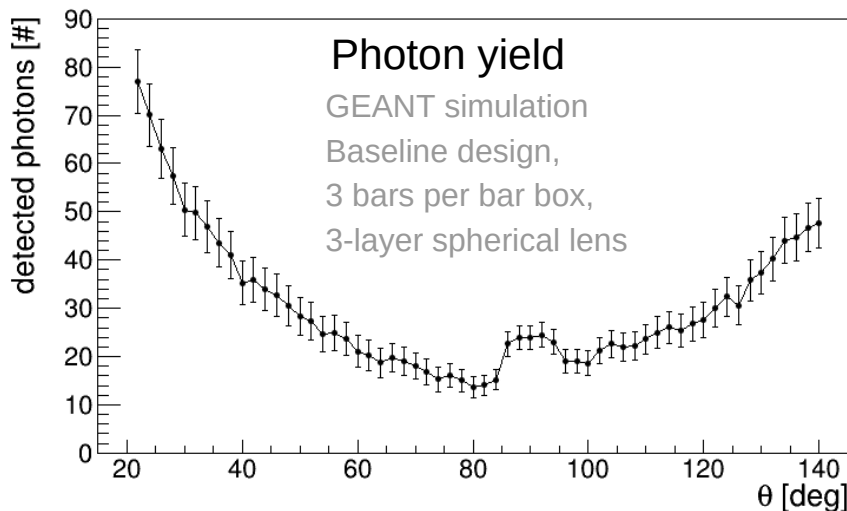


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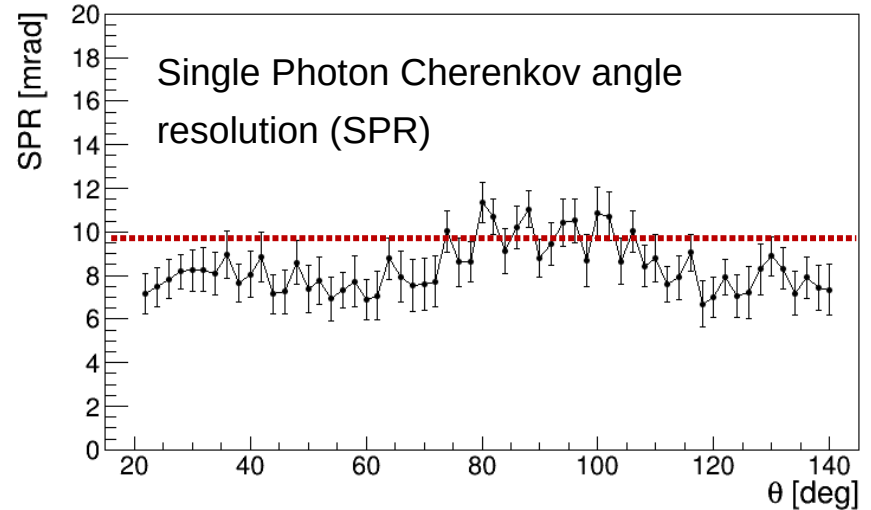
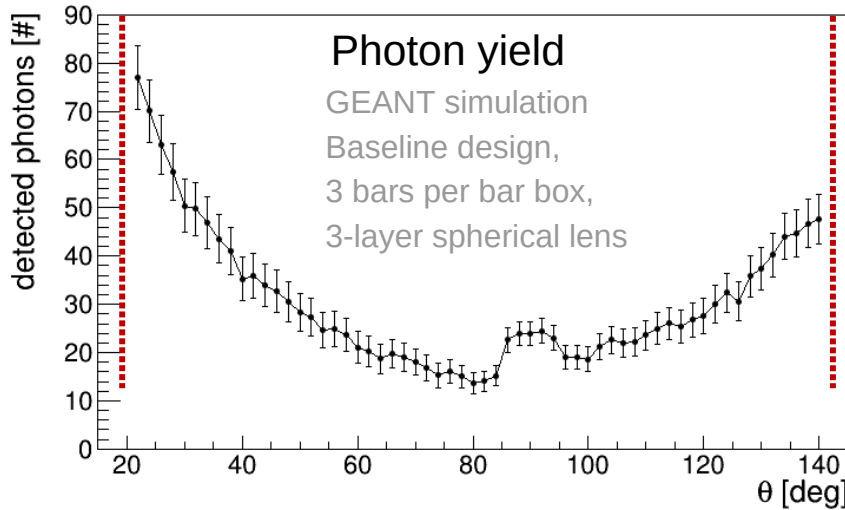


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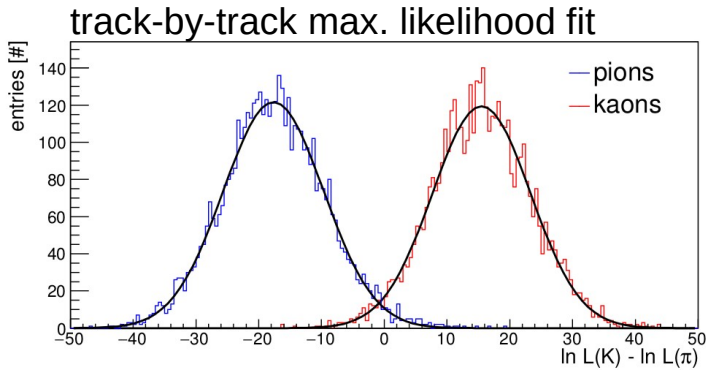
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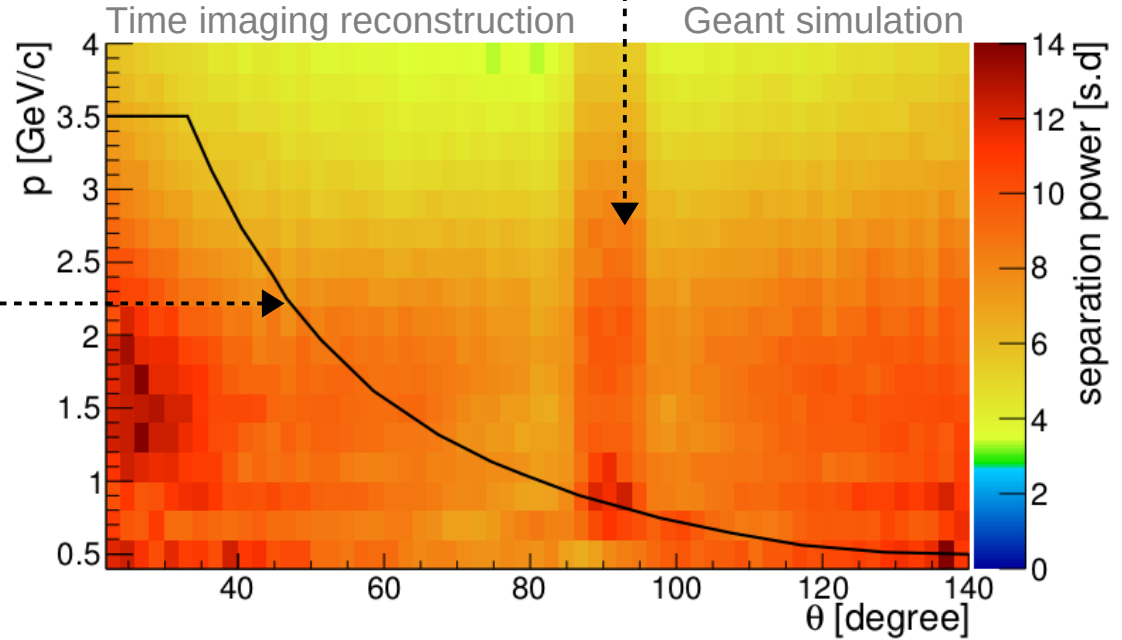
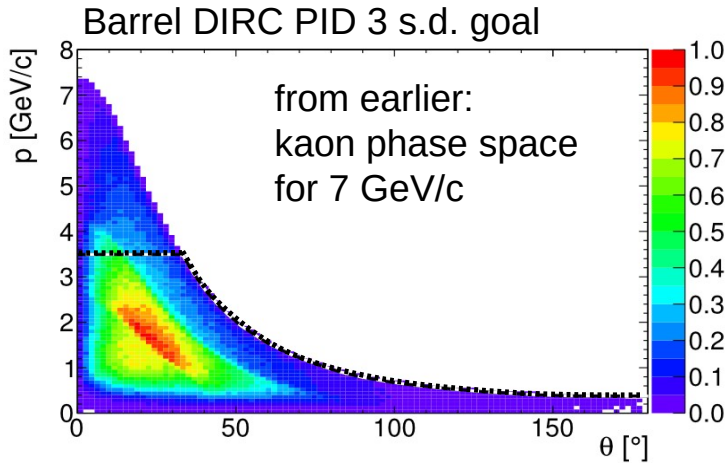


➔ Yield and SPR reach performance goal

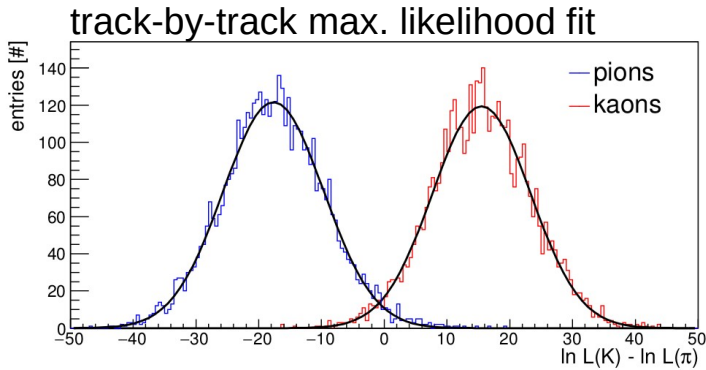
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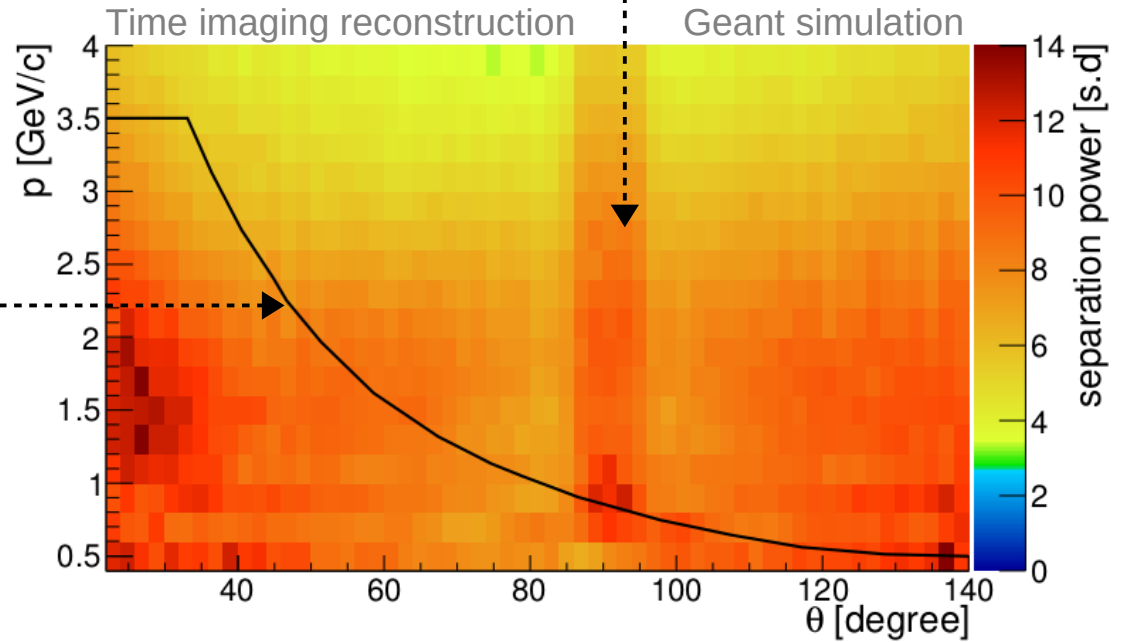
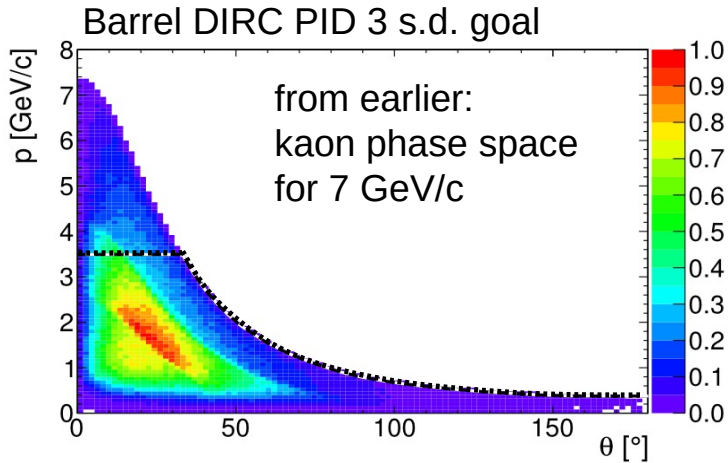
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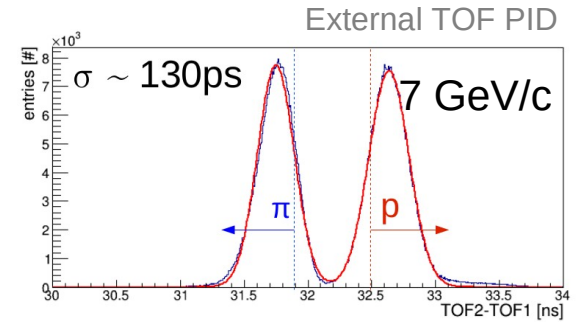
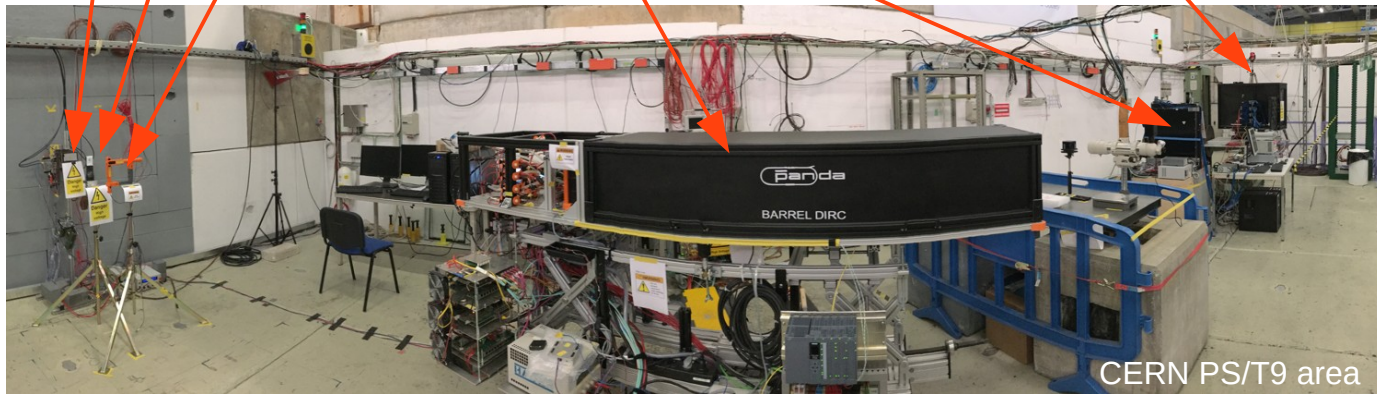
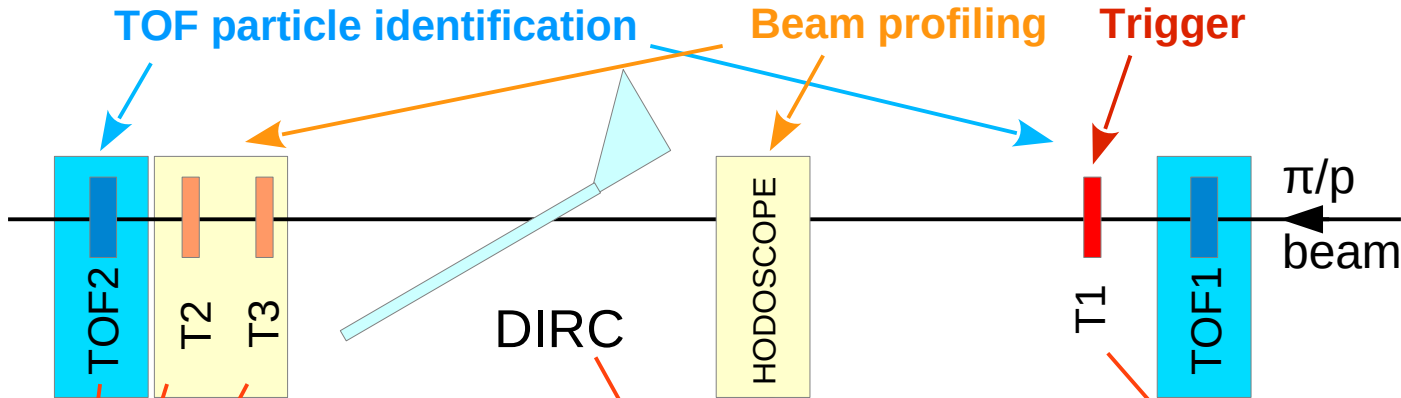


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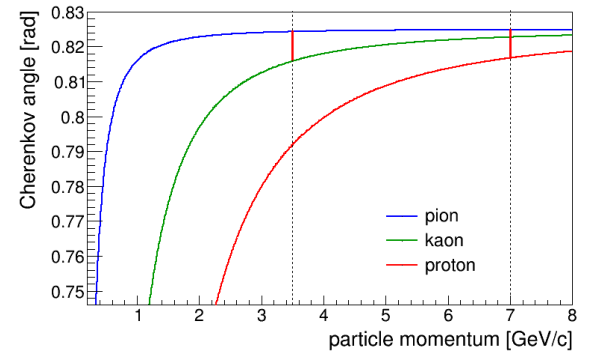


➔ Design meets and exceeds PID requirements

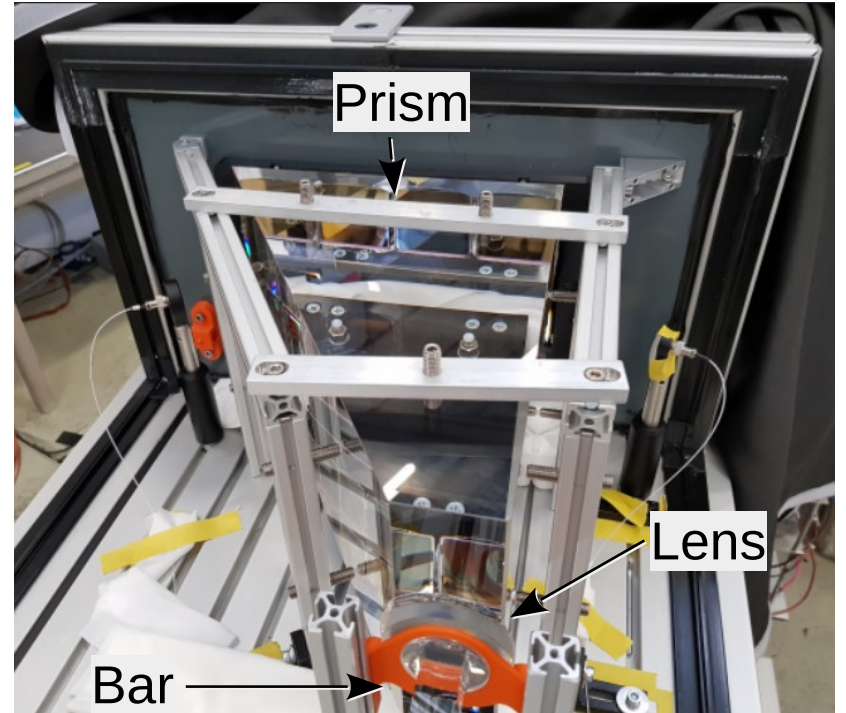
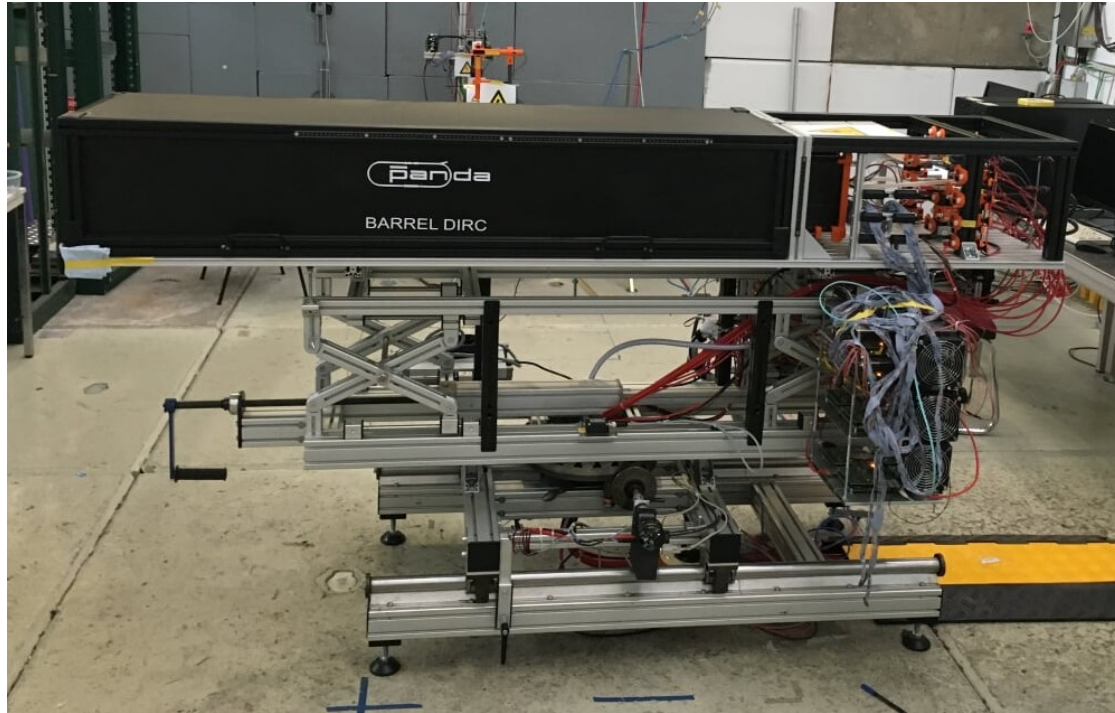
Beam Test at CERN 2018



Most of the data taken at 7 GeV/c
(7 GeV/c π/p sep. ≈ 3.5 GeV/c π/K)



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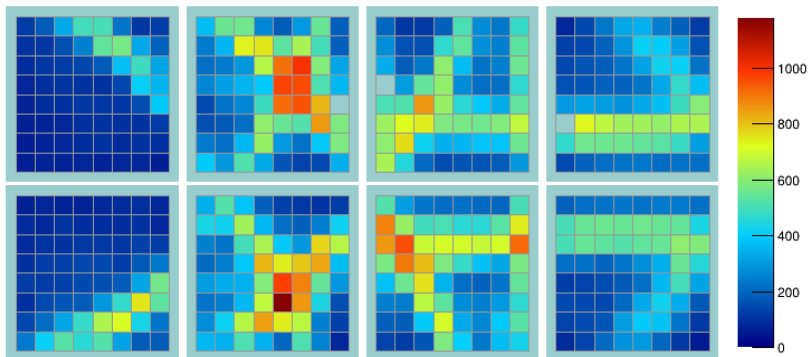


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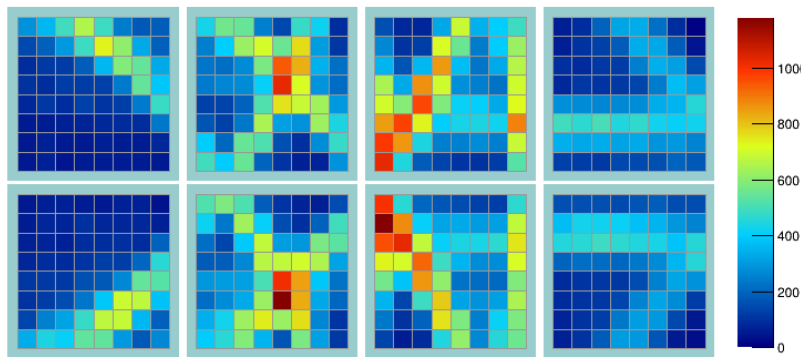
- Goal: validate near final design
- Narrow bar (17x32x1250 mm³)
- Fused silica prism
- 4x2 MCP-PMT array
- Focusing with 3-layer spherical lens
- ~200 ps time precision

Hit patterns, 2k pions @ 20 degree polar angle:

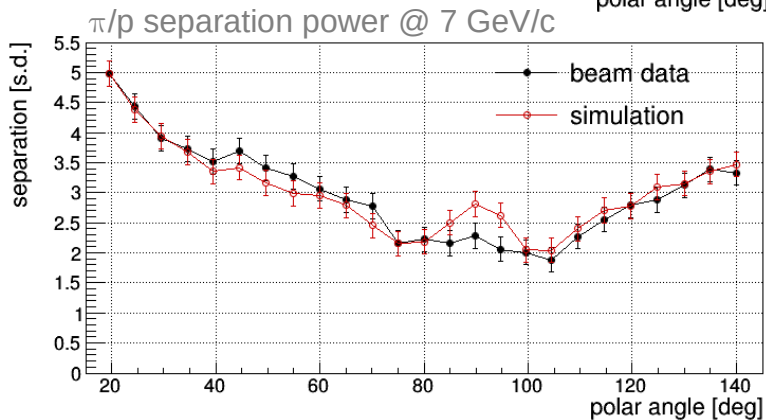
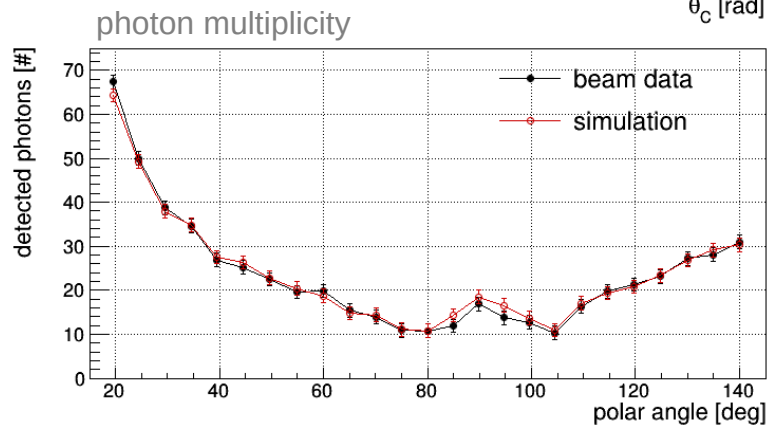
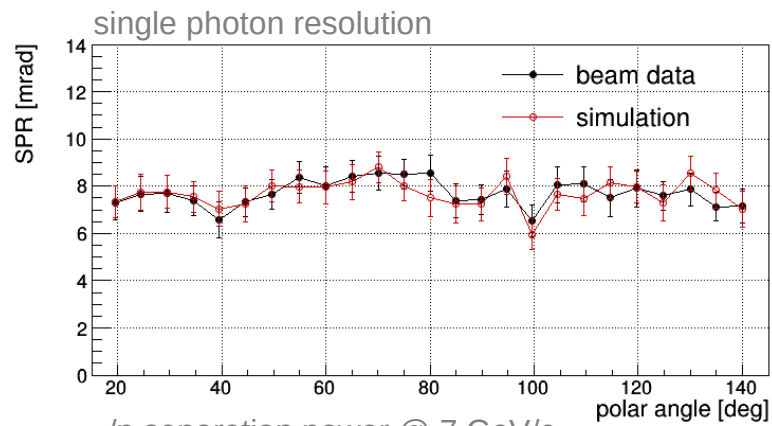
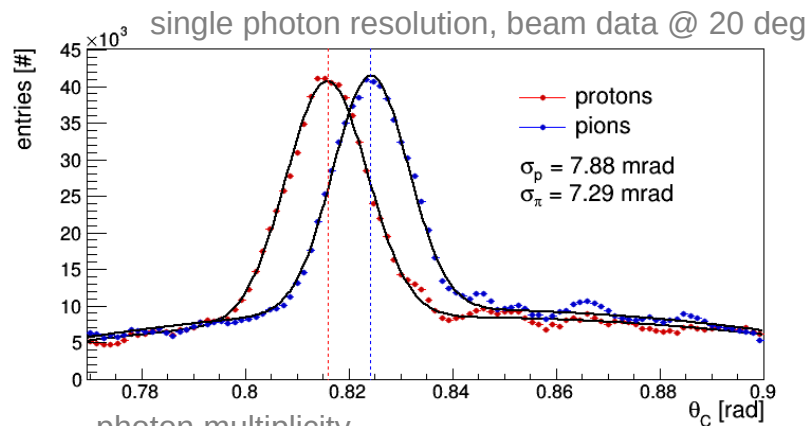
Beam data



Geant4 simulation



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➔ Good performance and agreement with Geant simulations

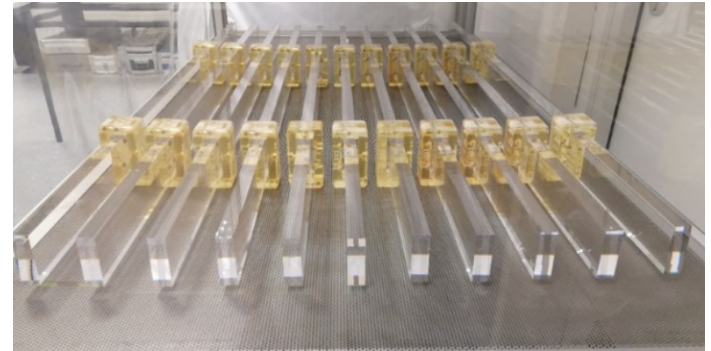
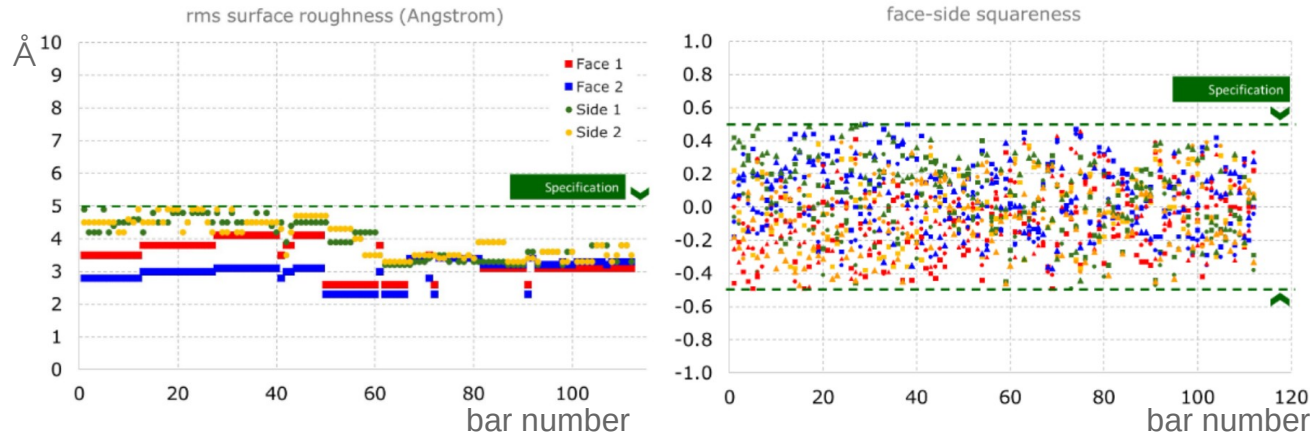
Component Production

- Radiator bars
- MCP-PMTs
- Lenses, prisms
- Electronics
- Bar boxes



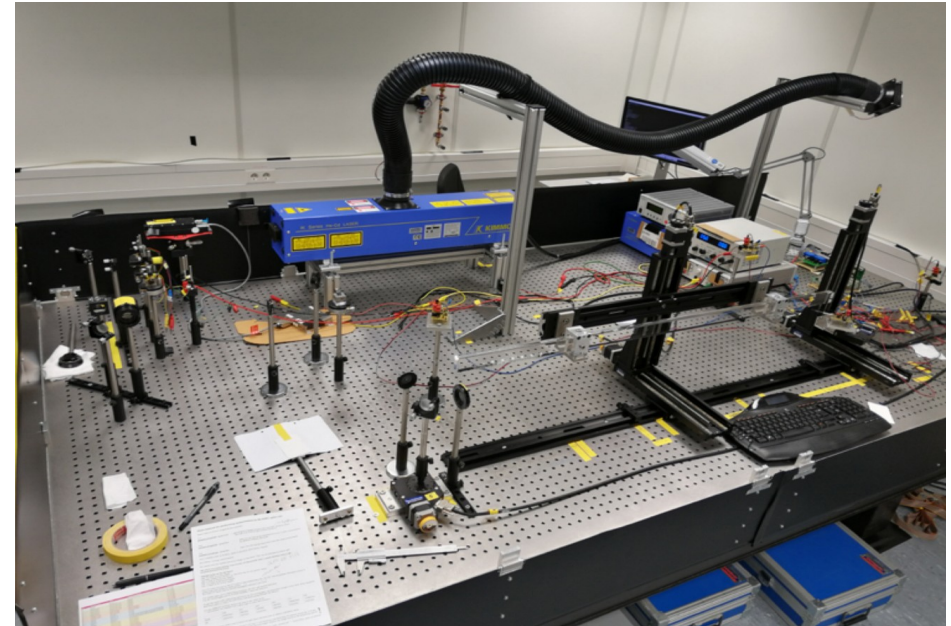
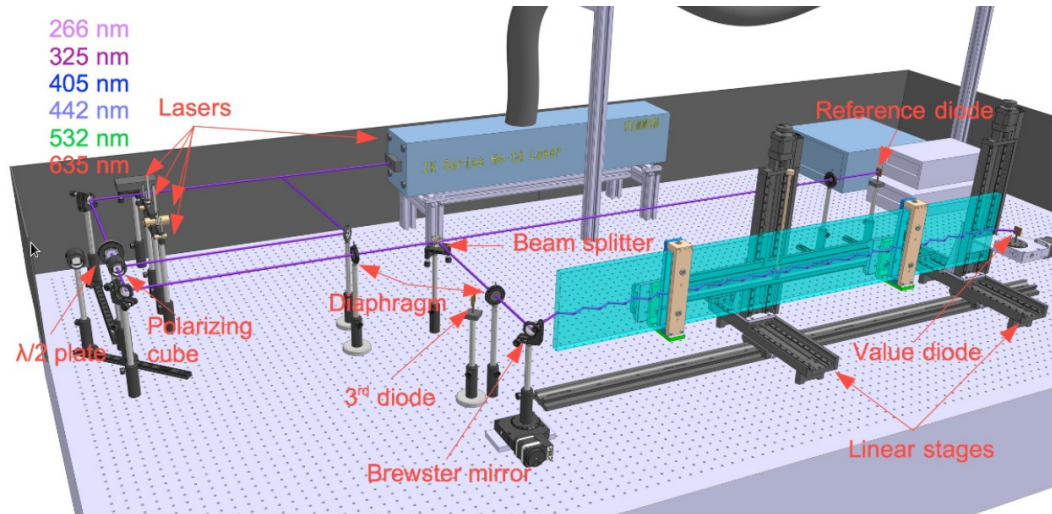
Component Production: Bars

- Contract awarded to Nikon Corp, Japan 09/2019
- Production of 112 DIRC bars successfully completed in Feb 2021 ahead of schedule
- Very good documentation and communication with the producer
- Nikon QA: all bars meet fabrication specifications



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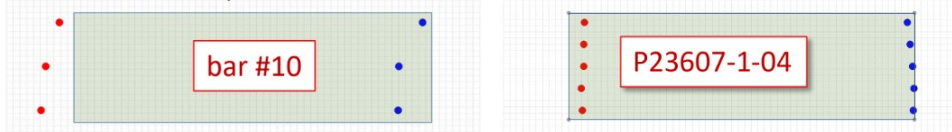
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- Additional QA @ GSI with laser scanning setup
(for subsurface damage study)



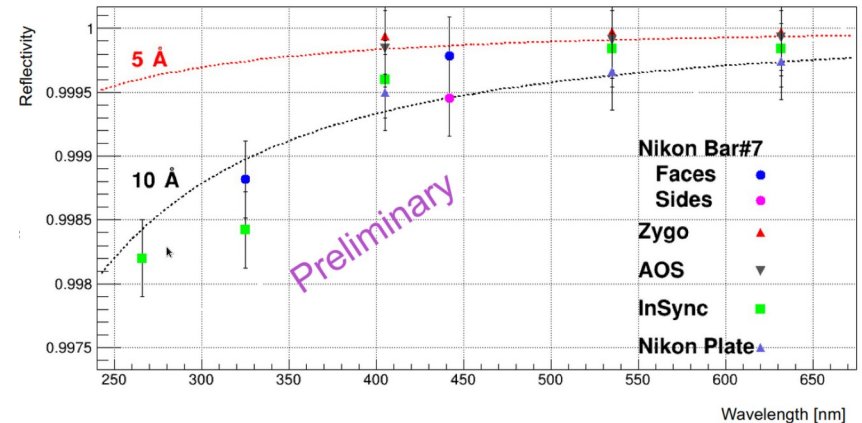
Component Production: Bars

- Shape deviations of bar sides and striae detected
- No significant influence on Barrel DIRC performance
- Preliminary results give no hint for significant subsurface damage
- Gluing tests are started at Helmholtz Institute Mainz

Deviations of $\sim 10 \mu\text{m}$

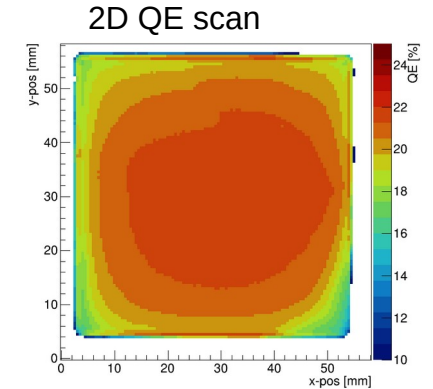
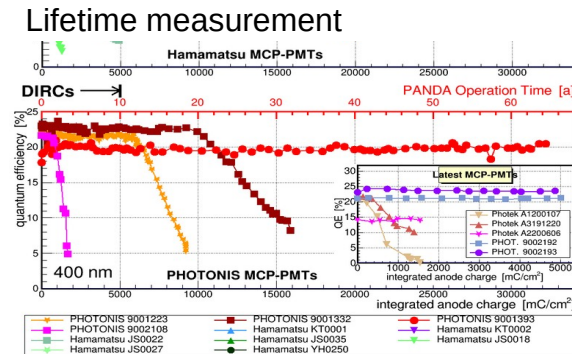


Fast feedback from Nikon with improvements



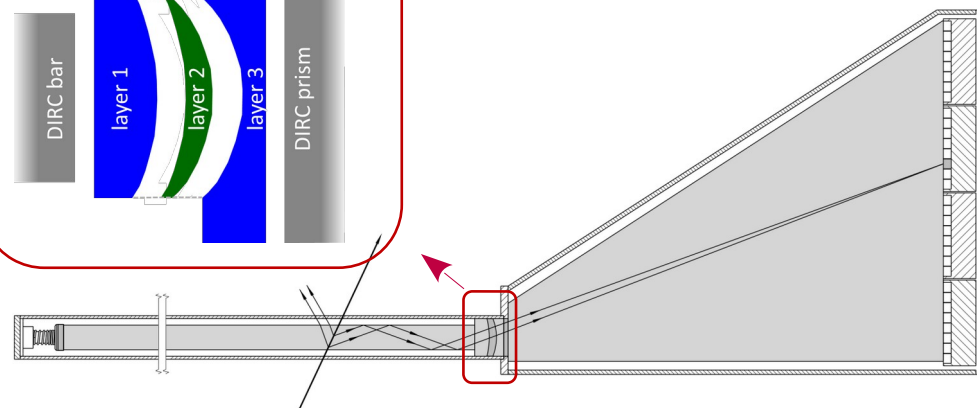
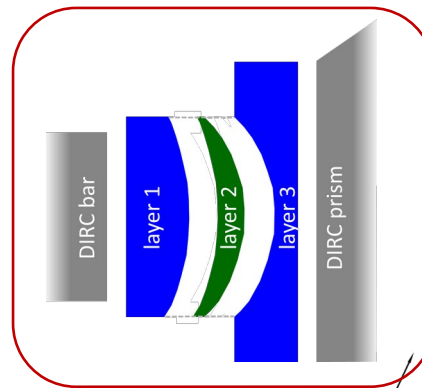
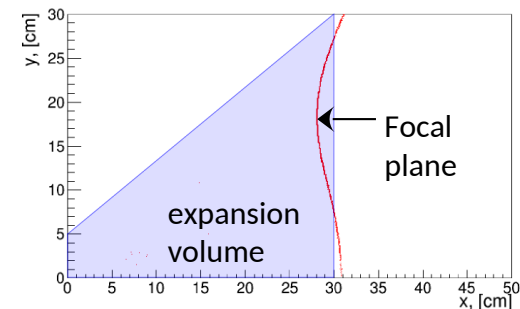
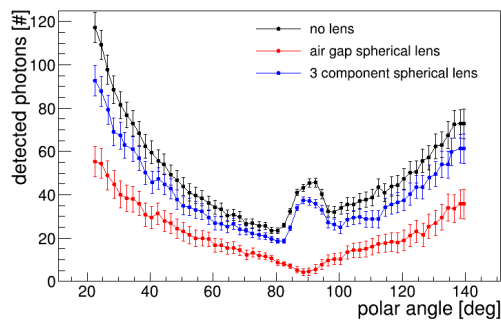
Component Production: Photon Sensors

- Order for 155 MCP-PMTs placed with Photonis on Dec 22, 2020
128 required + 27 spare
- Series production of MCP-PMTs at Photonis ramping up, starting detailed QA on first units
1 year of delay due to Covid plus startup issues with ALD processing station
Photonis adding second station to speed up process
- Partial first-of-series delivery in May 2022
- QA measurements in FAU Erlangen



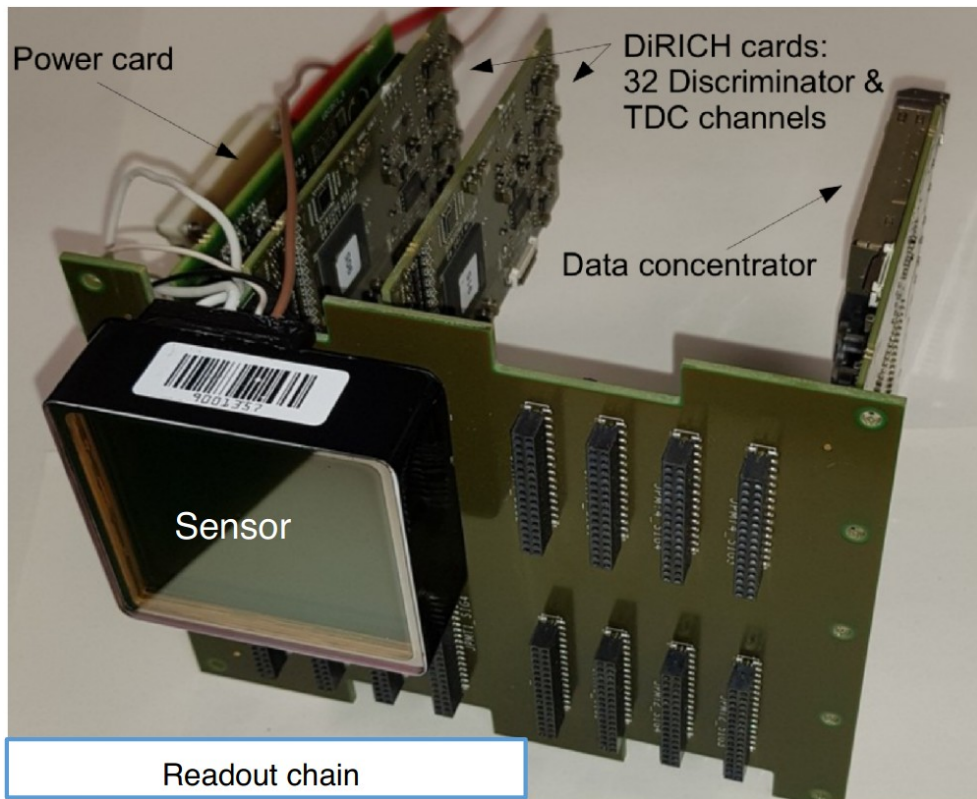
➔ see talk by S. Krauss on Sep 15

Component Production: Lenses



- 3-layer compound spherical lenses
 - Multiple vendors are available (Germany, USA)
 - Focal plane measurement (collaboration with hpDIRC at EIC)
- ➡ see talk by J. Schwiening on Sep 14

Component Production: Electronics

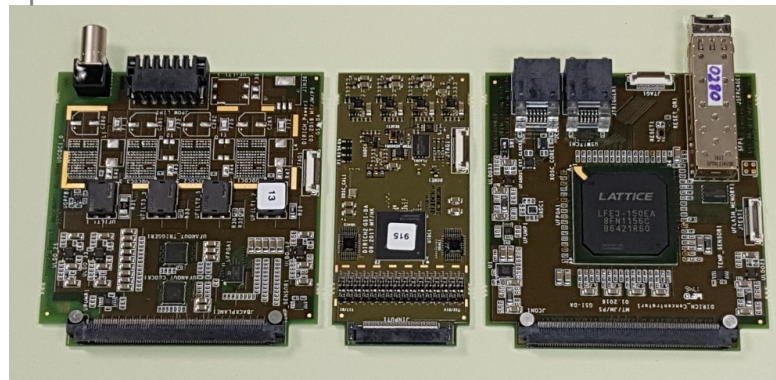


DiRICH readout backplane

(Collaboration with PANDA, CBM, HADES)

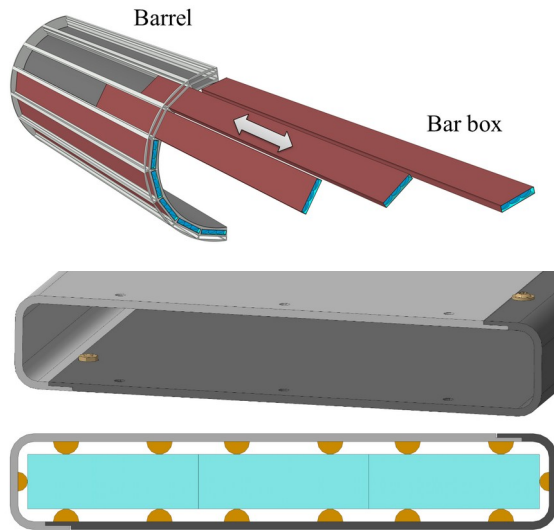
- Highly integrated
- Minimal cabling
- ~10 ps internal time precision (disc. +TDC)
- ~50 mW /channel power consumption

power card DiRICH data concentrator

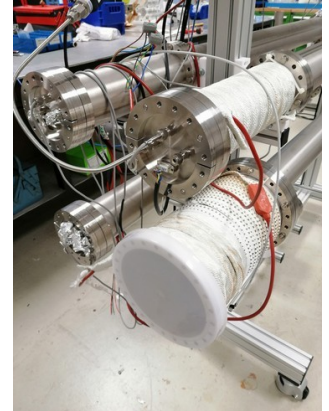
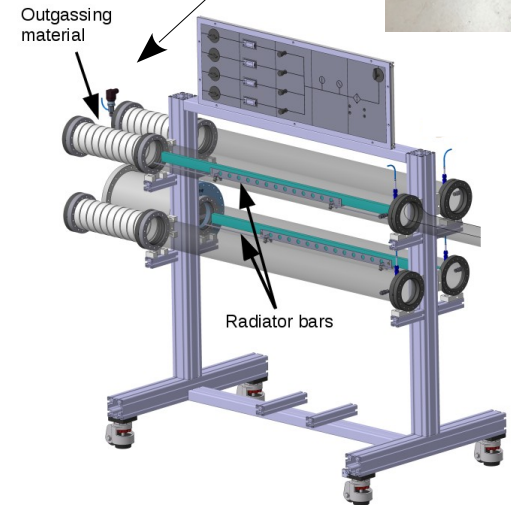
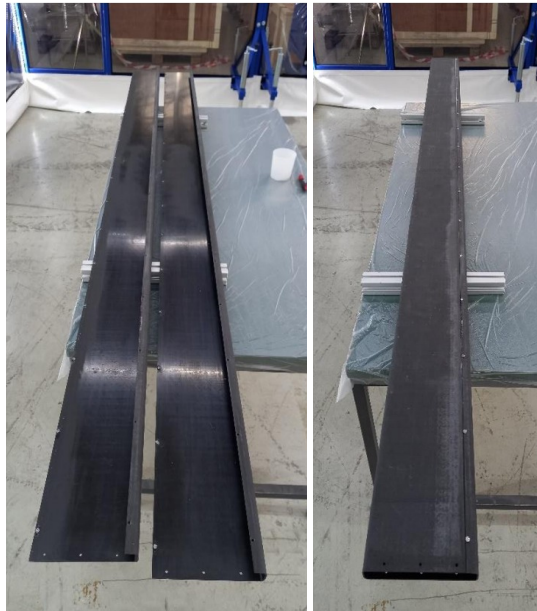


Component Production: Bar Boxes

- Carbon fiber reinforced polymer (CFRP)
- Low material budget
- Study of long-term outgassing behavior

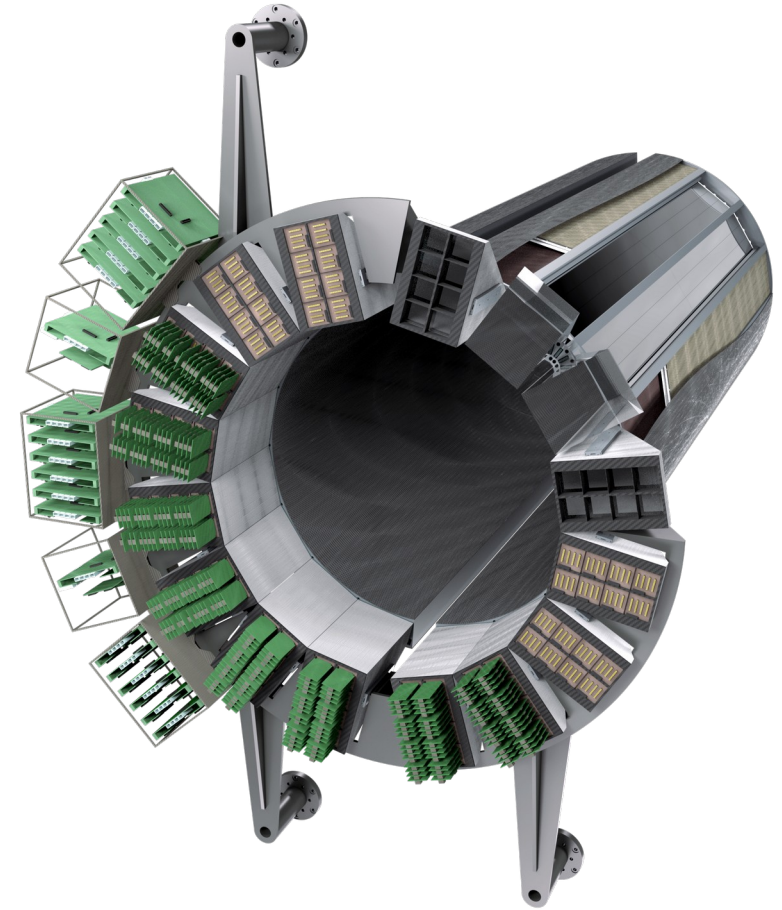


Prototype of L-elements



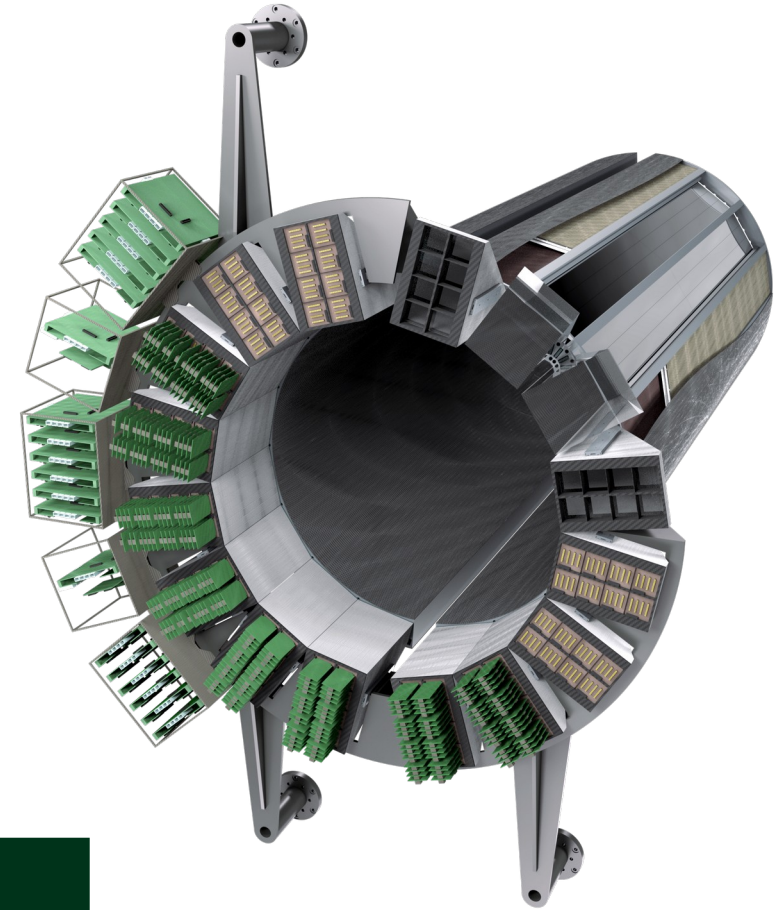
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