UK meeting on detector R&D towards a future e⁺e⁻ collider

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Opportunities in Particle ID

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- 1. Brief review of the various options discussed for particle ID at e⁺e⁻ colliders
- 2. More detailed discussion of a specific detector concept for a compact RICH

1. Options for Particle ID

- Dedicated detectors for particle ID—in particular charged hadron (π, K, p) separation—have not traditionally featured strongly in design of experiments for an e⁺e⁻ Higgs Factory: focus has been more on precision tracking + particle-flow calorimetry
- Emphasis is changing with the study of circular machines like FCC-ee due to enormous statistics of Z decays foreseen (few x 10¹²)
 Opens the possibility of a world-class **flavour** physics programme, where PID will be essential, e.g. to separate the different signal processes:
- At the Z, momentum range to be covered for b-hadron decay products: 1– 35 GeV
- Studying charm and tau decays, separating H → bb, cc, ss, reinforcing the e-π separation of calo, provide additional physics cases







Ionization in tracker

- Comes "for free" from measuring particle energy loss in tracker—but requires careful attention to design/calibration of readout electronics
- Traditional approach using dE/dx: limited separation at high momentum
- Cluster counting (dN/dx) gives improved resolution: e.g. IDEA concept • for extremely transparent drift chamber (He drift gas, no endplates...)
- Needs alternative technique to cover overlap region, e.g. time-of-flight (TOF) with modest resolution ~100 ps





20.0



Momentum [GeV/c²]

ILD Interim Design Report 2020

Fast timing

- Widely implemented in the LHC experiments for their Phase II upgrades: 4D tracking, 5D calorimetry (*x*,*y*,*z*,*t*,*E*)
- However, this is mainly driven by *pileup suppression*, not an issue at e⁺e⁻ Target resolution ~ 50 ps, provides K- π separation by TOF up to few GeV
- Ongoing debate about the appropriate level of timing information for e⁺e⁻ collider environment: trade-off against power/material budget



BTL construction



Dedicated TOF detectors

- ALICE TOF detector covers very large area with multi-gap RPC chambers Timing resolution 56 ps achieved
- R&D for gaseous detectors targets faster timing, e.g. by increasing number of gaps, or hybrid detection of Cherenkov signal (PICOSEC)
- For future upgrade (ALICE3) propose 20 ps resolution large-area silicon barrel radius 85 cm: fully depleted CMOS sensors, Low-Gain Avalanche Diodes (LGAD) or Single Photon Avalanche Diodes (SPAD)—R&D ongoing

ALICE TOF





https://cds.cern.ch/record/2803563/files/LHCC-I-038.pdf

3.7 m from IP

 150 m^2 total area! 1638 modules



Need O(10 ps) to reach 10 GeV



Cherenkov detectors

- Currently operating e⁺e⁻ collider experiment: Belle II at SuperKEKB Has strong Particle ID, as expected for a flavour factory
- Uses two solid-radiator Cherenkov detectors: Time Of Propagation (TOP) detector for barrel—development of DIRC with addition of timing—and forward Aerogel RICH (ARICH), proximity focused
- PID performance good, but at low momenta—as required for Υ (4S)









TORCH

- Evolution of DIRC/TOP concepts, developed for future LHCb upgrade to complement the RICH detectors (on LS4 timescale)—R&D ongoing
- Uses the measured Cherenkov angle to correct for dispersion in the quartz, to push for the highest possible TOF resolution: target of 10-15 ps per track (from combination of ~30 photons)
- Considered possible application at e^+e^- collider, but the limited flight length (*cf* 10 m in LHCb) \rightarrow challenging to achieve resolution





Conceptual layout for an e⁺e⁻ experiment



Gaseous RICH detectors

- To push particle ID performance to higher momentum, detector of choice is a RICH with gaseous radiator
- LHCb RICH1 had dual radiator in original design: aerogel + C_4F_{10} gas Aerogel photons focused by same mirror as those from gas onto same sensor plane \rightarrow concentric rings if track above both thresholds Aerogel later removed, due to high track density at the LHC
- The rest of this presentation explores the adaptation of such a detector to the geometry of an experiment at an e⁺e⁻ collider
- Previous examples at DELPHI and the CRID of SLD: highly challenging, delicate systems; significant issue was the space they occupied
- However, sensor technology has meanwhile evolved



LHCb RICH performance



Compact Gaseous RICH with SiPMTs

• Past → Future:

ECAL

- Much smaller RICH radial length (CRID ~ 1m), SiPMTs rather than TPCs for photon detection
- Many parameters to look into!

One approach that is being pursued: update the CRID design to be more compact

Valentina Cairo, FCC physics workshop, 8 Feb 2022 work done with Chris Damerell, Jerry Va'vra *et. al*

• Particular interest in $H \rightarrow s\overline{s}$ tagging



2. Compact RICH concept

- Alternative geometry investigated for a compact RICH concept To be concrete, based around the design of the current CLD experiment proposed for FCC-ee N. Bacchetta et al., arXiv:1911.12230
- Target a radial depth of 20 cm and material budget of < 10% X₀



RICH vessel

(barrel + endcaps)
= solids of revolution
around the beam axis

Tracker would need to be re-optimized using 10% less radial space

(already studied in Appendix B of CLD note: intended to make calorimeter smaller and save money...)





Opportunities in Particle ID

Detector cell

- Challenge to arrange optical elements so that Cherenkov light focused onto a single sensor plane, as the detector radial thickness is reduced
- Concept inspired by the compound-eye of an insect: tile the plane with many separate cells, each with its own mirror and sensor array
- Use spherical focusing mirrors: focal length = radius-of-curvature/2 \rightarrow select radius-of-curvature $R \approx 30$ cm for radiator thickness of 15 cm



Simulate tracks from IP crossing detector uniformly over acceptance and ray trace Cherenkov photons to sensor plane: (here for $\theta \approx 90^{\circ}$)

Ring radii = $R \cdot \theta_c / 2$ = 1.1 cm (3.6 cm) for gas (aerogel)



https://www.findlight.net/blog/2019/01/23/artificial-compound-eyes/



Detector vessel

- Lightweight vessels for cryostats currently under intensive R&D, strong synergy with aerospace (e.g. for composite fuel tanks)
- Working group in CERN-EP strategic detector R&D programme led by Corrado Gargiulo He made a first design for this application: can sustain pressure up to 4 bar
- Carbon-fibre composite sandwich, foam core 12-fold symmetry \rightarrow sectors



• R&D required to develop such a light-weight vessel

External wall hidden to show reinforcing ribs

Barrel



CAD study: deformation at 4 bar (safety factor 2)





Unit: mm Time: 1

6.88 Max

6.12 5.35

4.59 3.83 3.06 2.3

1.53 0.77



Photosensors + aerogel

- Silicon PMs have come of age: widely adopted e.g. in MEG, DarkSide (30 m² area!), LHCb SciFi, CMS Barrel Timing Layer
- Excellent photon detection efficiency > 50% possible, mostly in visible Extremely compact, assume can fit the photosensor (and its readout electronics) in a few mm-thick layer: very active R&D
- Excellent granularity (sub-mm possible, e.g. 250 μm for SciFi) and fast timing resolution; cooling helps to limit noise
- High clarity, large area **aerogel** tiles developed for ARICH of Belle assume 1 cm thick tiles, $n = 1.03 \rightarrow \theta_c \approx 240$ mrad Excellent thermal insulator





A. Kish, CERN Detector Seminar, 28/5/2021





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Gaseous radiator

- **C₄F₁₀** is baseline assumption: well-known, used in LHCb RICH1
- Refractive index increases with pressure (n − 1 ∞ density) n = 1.0014 at room temp, n = 1.0049 at 3.5 bar → θ_c ≈ 100 mrad Chromatic dispersion also increases, but still excellent
- Drawbacks: fluorocarbons are greenhouse gases (GWP ~ 8000);
 → issues of cost and availability, may eventually be banned; at 3.5 bar pressure, boiling point of C₄F₁₀ increases to 33°C
 → would need to maintain gas volume at ~40°C
- Xenon is not a greenhouse gas, and stays in gas phase at room temperature up to over 20 bar Lower refractive index n = 1.0007 so would need higher pressure than C₄F₁₀, and somewhat worse dispersion
- For this (or other) new gas choices, R&D would be needed to study their suitability



ARC detector details

- CAD views from Corrado Gargiulo
- Thermal insulation around the mirror and sensor array would be very low mass (MLI: the shiny stuff that satellites are wrapped in)

Initial material budget estimate

(assuming pressurization here)

Detector component	X/X ₀
2 x vessel wall	5 %
Photosensor array/electronics	1%
Cooling plate (3 mm CF)	1%
Aerogel (2 cm, <i>n</i> = 1.03)	1%
C ₄ F ₁₀ gas (13 cm @ 3.5 bar)	1%
Focusing mirror	1%
Total	10 %



Optimizing the optics

- Scan tracks from the IP across each cell in turn ray-trace photons at constant Cherenkov angle (ϑ, φ) reflect off mirror, find point of minimal spread
- Photon focus points form a cloud, into which the sensor plane is adjusted
- *Parameters:* mirror curvature, offset, tilt, sensor plane offset, tilt; *Constraints:* vessel limits, radiator length
- Image on sensor plane:





Optimized optical layout

- Use only spherical mirrors (simplicity, cost) Best fit radii-of-curvature range: 27–33 cm
- Determine photon yield as a function of track impact point
- Case study made here replacing C₄F₁₀ with xenon

500

400

300 200

100

12.5

All cells (xenon 3.5 bar)

20

25

15

 N_{pe} (gas radiator)

mean = 16



Position in cell [cm]

One cell

20

17.5

15

12.5

7.5

Resolution

- Chromatic dispersion in the radiator is the fundamental limit once the bandwidth of the photosensors has been chosen
 → 1.3 mrad (2.4 mrad) for gas (aerogel), per detected photon
- Emission-point uncertainty: reflects quality of the focusing (i.e. how well photons emitted at different points along the track are brought to the same focus on the sensor)
 1.3 mrad achieved for gas image at high momentum
- Pixel size chosen to avoid limiting the angular resolution for d = 0.5x0.5 mm² (square pixels) → 2d/v12 R ≈ 1 mrad (factor v12 for the RMS of a top-hat distribution) → ~25,000 pixels per SiPM array, total channel count ~35 M*
- **Track** angular resolution error must be good enough not to limit RICH performance: requires $\sigma_{track} << \sigma_{photon} / \sqrt{N_{pe}} \approx 0.5$ mrad (given 4-25 *billion* silicon channels in CLD tracker, should be OK)

* If cost is part of the optimization, probably use 1 mm pixels \rightarrow reduce to 9 M channels

Emission-point error (avg. over full detector)

Performance

- Number of detected photons $N_{pe} = A L \int \varepsilon \sin^2 \theta_C dE$ where *L* is radiator length, $A = \alpha^2 / r_e m_e c^2 = 370 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ eV}^{-1}$ Efficiency $\varepsilon = \text{PDE} \cdot \text{active area} \cdot \text{mirror reflectivity} \cdot \text{aerogel transmission,}$ as a function of photon energy *E*
- Assume SiPM active area = 0.8, mirror reflectivity = 0.9 $\Rightarrow \langle N_{pe} \rangle = 16$ (12) for gas (aerogel)
- Angular resolution per track from combining photons: $\sigma_{\theta} = \sigma_{photon} / \sqrt{N_{pe}} \oplus \sigma_{track} \approx 0.5$ (0.8) mrad for gas (aerogel)

• Significance of K-
$$\pi$$
 separation: $N_{\sigma} = \frac{|m_{K}^{2} - m_{\pi}^{2}|}{2 p^{2} \sigma_{\theta} \sqrt{n^{2} - 1}}$

 Threshold for K, p to give light: 7,13 (2,4) GeV for gas (aerogel) Dual radiator in ARC → performance is combination of both

 \rightarrow Excellent PID performance over the full momentum range required

• *Bonus:* provides e-π separation in the region of a few GeV, where it may be difficult for the calorimeter [Felix Sefkow]

Parameter scan

- For optimized detector layout, study systematically dependence on gas type and pressure
- Two working points for performance shown on previous slide indicated
- C₄F₁₀ at atmospheric pressure gives better upper limit to K-π separation, at cost of higher threshold and lower photon yield
- Optimal point may be expected to change in the presence of background

Further development

- Converging on unpressurized C_4F_{10} as the optimal radiator, if photon yield can be kept high enough and background low \rightarrow can cross-fertilize with the alternative CRID-based concept
- Avoiding need for pressurization will lead to further gains in material budget, can conceive of a detector of only a few % X₀
- Next steps: move to uniform hexagonal cells covering barrel and endcaps, thinner walls, and study in full Geant4 simulation Discussed with Guy Wilkinson, Martin Tat (Oxford), Valentina Cairo + collaborators
 See if this will be adopted as part of one of the detector concepts for a future e⁺e⁻ collider (whether linear or circular)
- Many compelling related R&D topics: SiPM as photosensors (in the single-photon regime) crucial, to define realistic target for PDE and active area coverage, acceptable noise level → operating temperature, use of timing etc.; light-weight composite vessel, alternative gas radiator choices, aerogel compatibility...
- Interest in the development of such a detector is very welcome UK groups have led much of the development of RICH detectors at the LHC

ARC hexagonal cell layout (60° barrel sector)

 \rightarrow ~ 9 m² total area to instrument