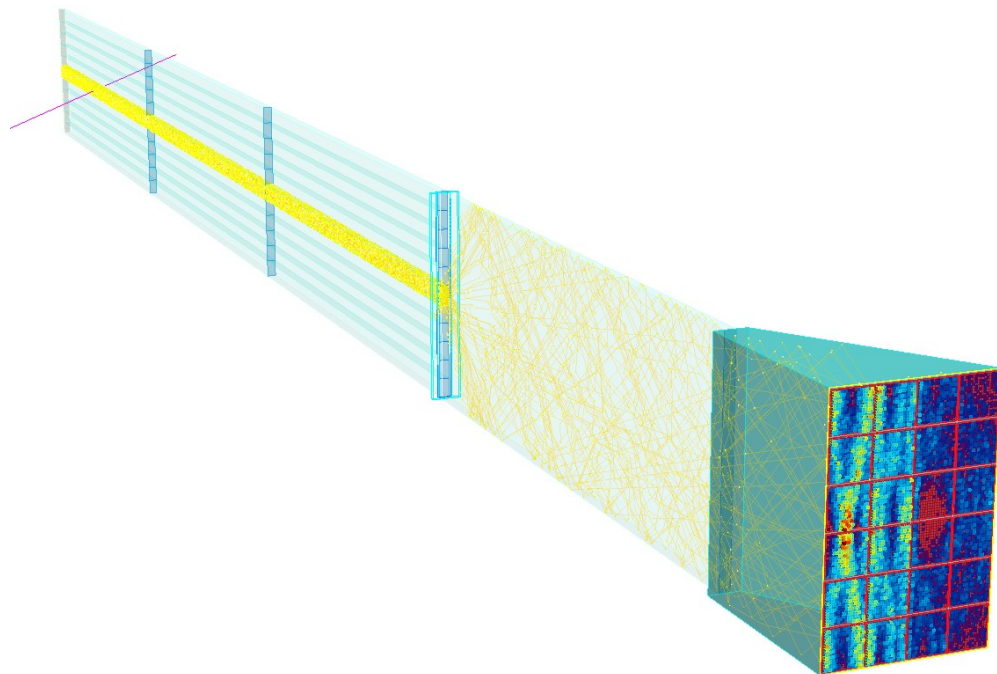


DIRC – Future Opportunities for EIC Detector-2

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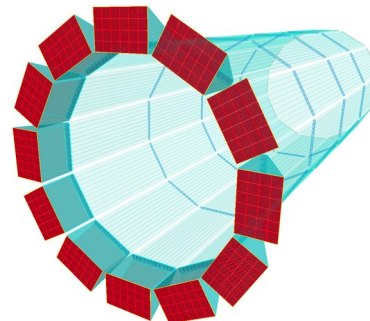
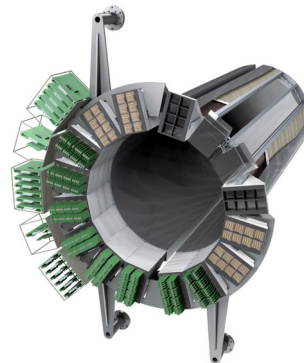
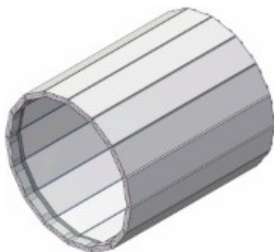


- Overview
- DIRC concept / design
- Reconstruction methods
- Expected performance
- Generic R&D program



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- Radially compact (few cm)
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3.5 GeV/c

Belle II TOP
4 GeV/c

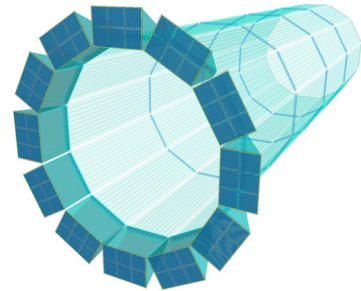
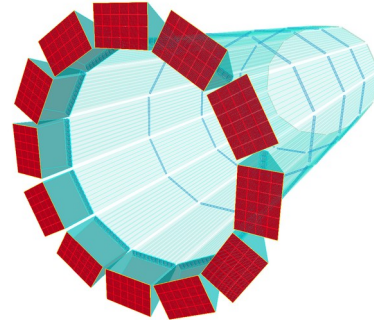
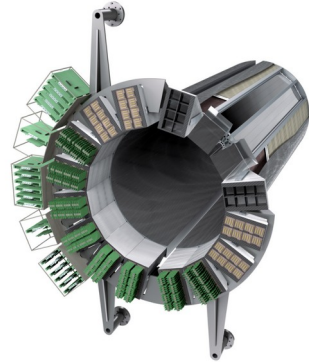
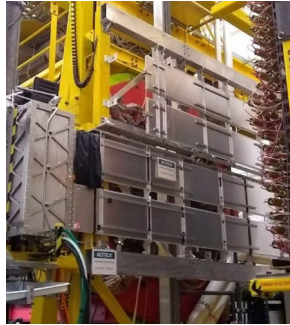
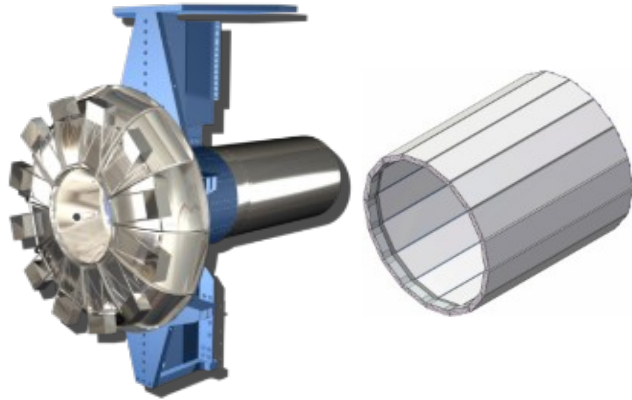
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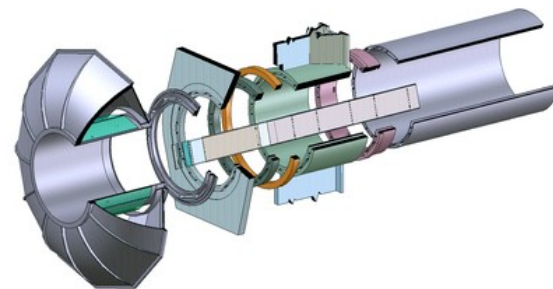
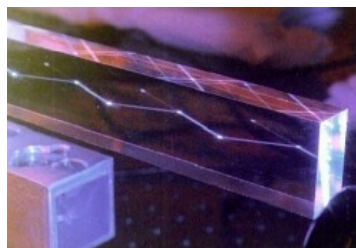
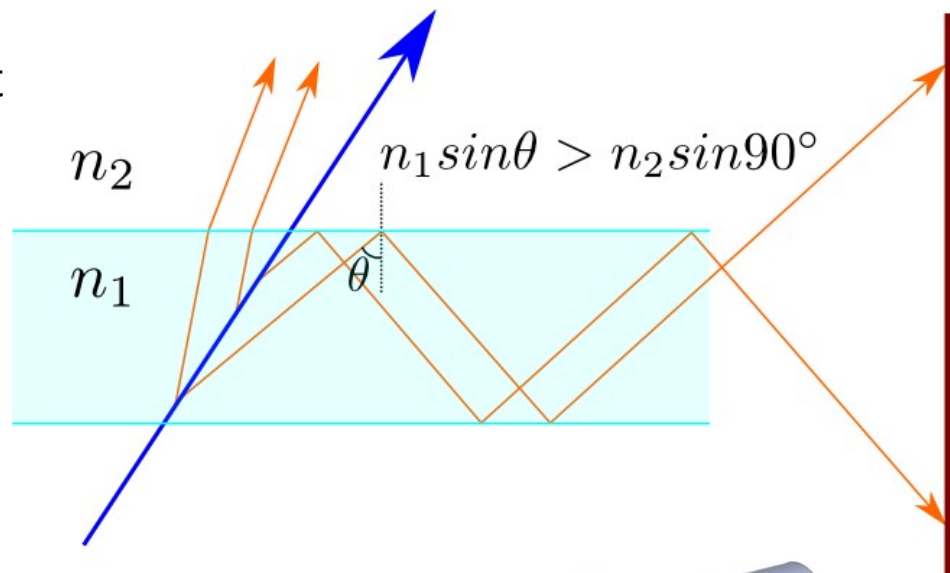
ePIC hpDIRC
6 GeV/c

Det-2 xpDIRC
? GeV/c

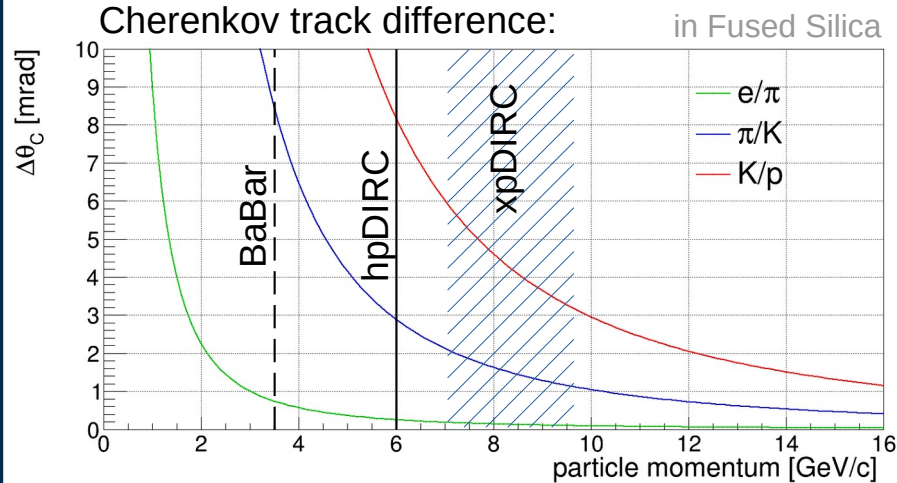
DIRC Concept

Detection of Internally Reflected Cherenkov Light

- **Charged particle** traversing radiator with refractive index ($n_1 \approx 1.47$) and $\beta = v/c > 1/n$ emits **Cherenkov photons** on cone with half opening angle $\cos \theta_c = 1/\beta n(\lambda)$
- Some photons are always totally internally reflected for $\beta \approx 1$ tracks
- Radiator and light guide: polished, long rectangular bar made from **Synthetic Fused Silica** (“Quartz”)
- Proven to work (BaBar-DIRC: 3 s.d. for π/K at 3.5 GeV/c)



Cherenkov Angle Resolution



Cherenkov track resolution:

$$\sigma_{\theta_c}(\text{particle}) \approx \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{\theta_c}(\text{photon})}{\sqrt{N_\gamma}}\right)^2 + \sigma_{\text{correlated}}^2}$$

improve angular resolution of tracking system, mitigate multiple scattering impact, use photon detectors better PDE, improve Cherenkov angle resolution per photon

$$\sigma_{\theta_c}(\text{photon}) \approx \sqrt{\sigma_{\text{bar}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{pix}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{chrom}}^2}$$

BABAR DIRC $\sigma_{\theta_c}(\text{photon}) = 9.6 \text{ mrad}$

Limited in BABAR by:

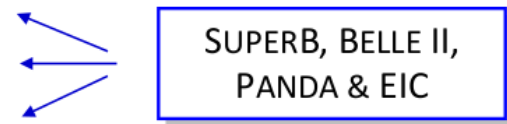
- size of bar image ~4.1 mrad
- size of PMT pixel ~5.5 mrad
- chromaticity ($n=n(\lambda)$) ~5.4 mrad

9.6 mrad

Improve for future DIRCs via:

- focusing optics
- smaller pixel size
- better time resolution

5-6 mrad per photon →

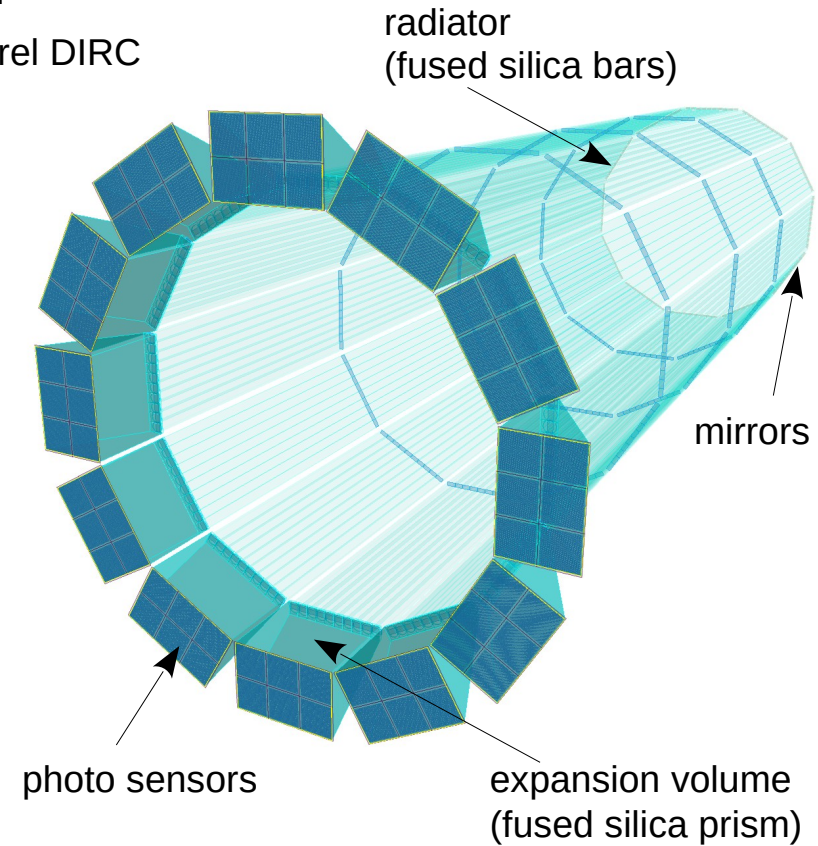
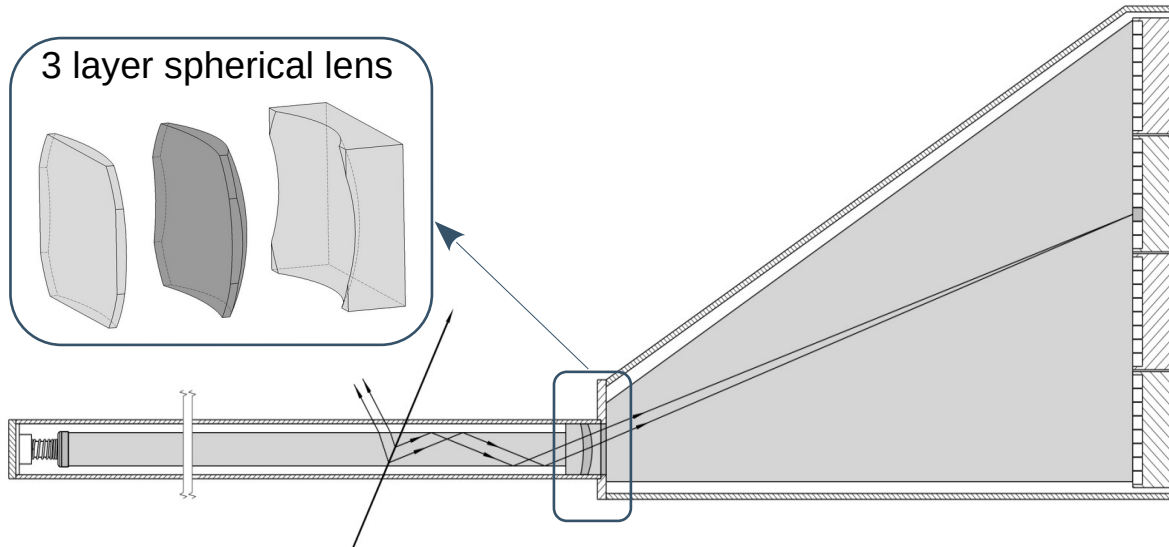


~ 1 mrad for hpDIRC

< 1 mrad for xpDIRC

Generic Design

- Fast focusing DIRC, utilizing high-resolution 3D (x,y,t) reconstruction
- Design based on BaBar DIRC, R&D for SuperB FDIRC, PANDA Barrel DIRC
- Radiator/light guide: narrow fused silica bars (radius/length flexible)
- Innovative 3-layer spherical lenses
- Compact fused silica prisms as expansion volumes
- Fast photon detection



hpDIRC Preliminary Baseline Design

Greg Kalicy: "DSC-hpDIRC" EICUG23 Fri 28/07

Radiator bars:

- Barrel radius: 720 mm, 12 sectors
- 10 long bars per sector, 4880 mm x 35 mm x 17 mm (L x W x T)
- Long bar: 4 bars, glued end-to-end
- Short bars made from highly polished synthetic fused silica
- Flat mirror on far end

Focusing optics:

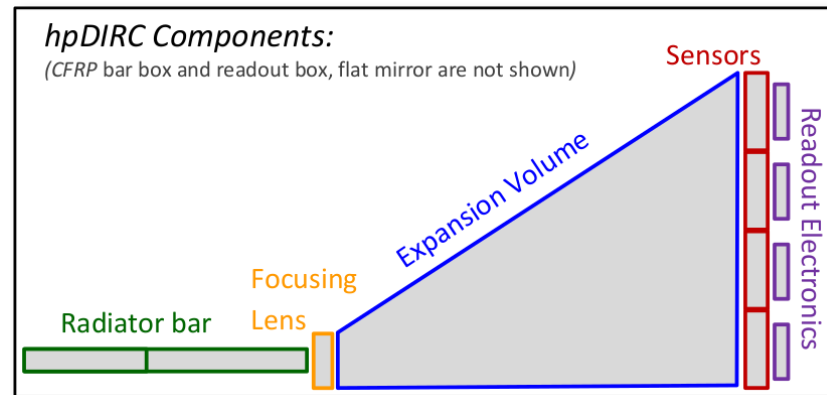
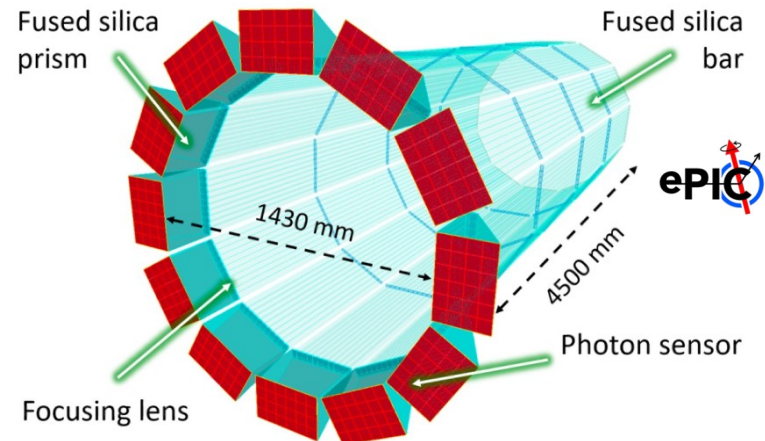
- Radiation-hard 3-layer spherical lens (sapphire or PbF₂)

Expansion volume:

- Solid fused silica prism: 24 x 36 x 30 cm³ (H x W x L)

Readout system:

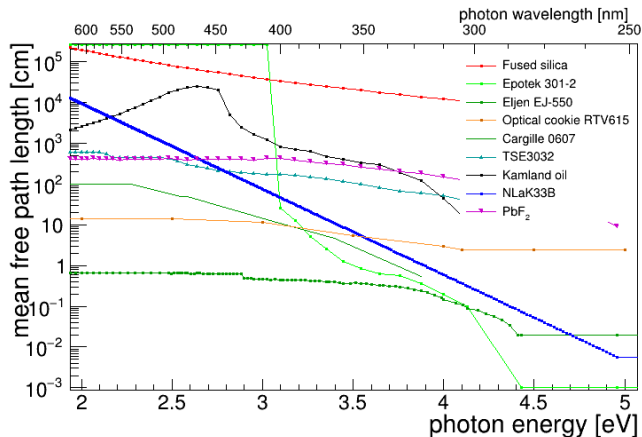
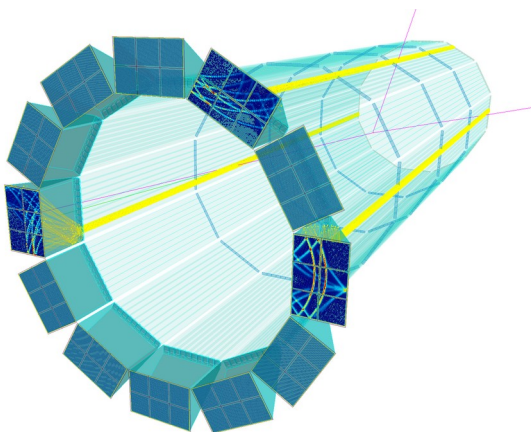
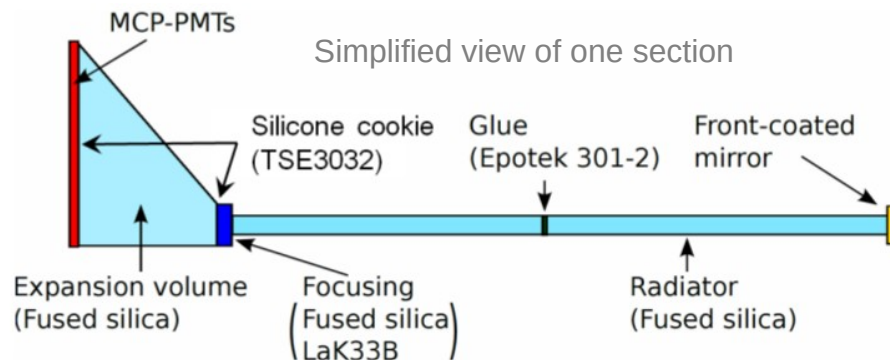
- MCP-PMT Sensors (e.g. Photek/Photonis/Incom)
- ASIC-based Electronics (e.g. EICROC)



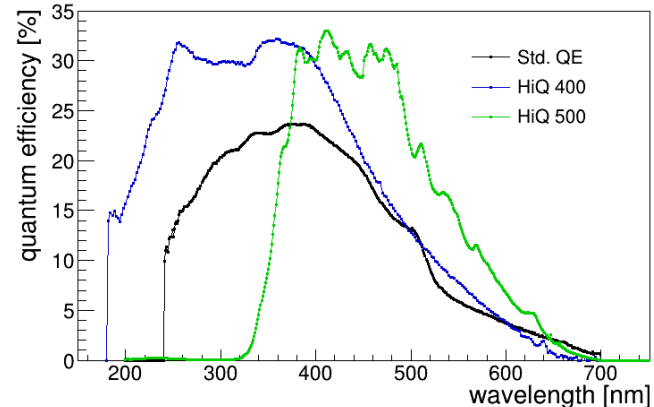
Performance Evaluation with Simulations

Geant4 simulations includes:

- realistic material
- wavelength dependent refraction and absorption
- mirror reflectivity
- photon transport efficiency
- wavelength dependent photon detection efficiency
- detection time precision
- tracking resolution



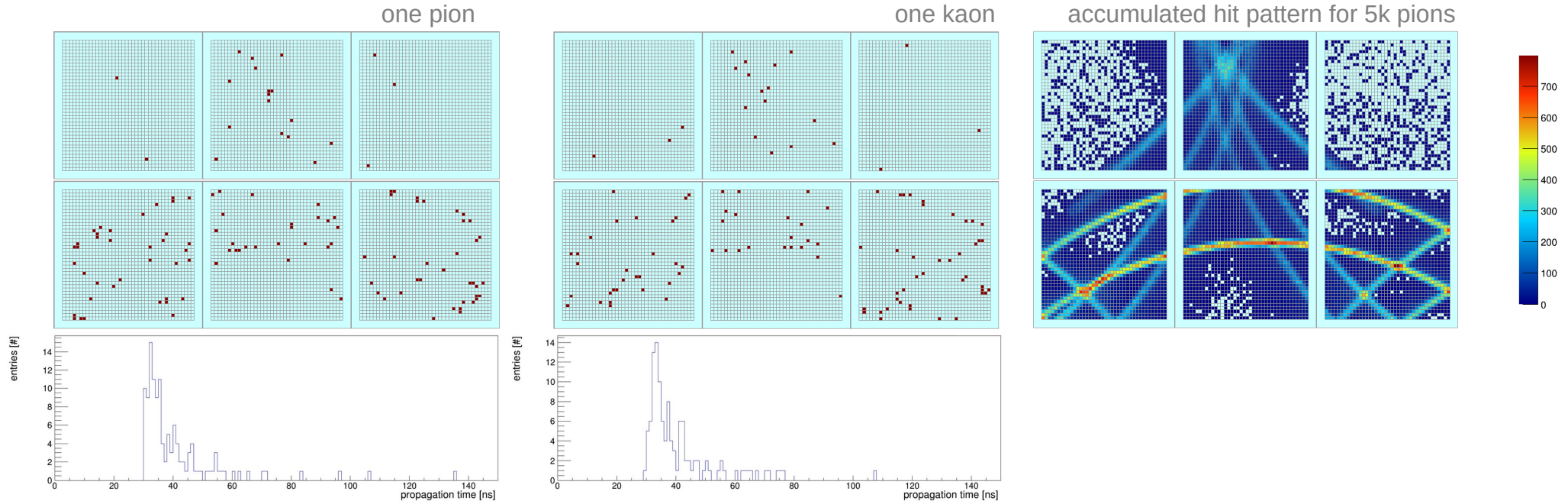
Quantum efficiency of different MCP-PMTs



Observables

- Photon yield
- Photon hit position
- Photon propagation time (~ 100 ps precision)

Examples for $p = 6$ GeV/c and $\theta = 30^\circ$



Reconstruction Methods

Geometrical

- BaBar-like
- uses Look-Up Tables
- delivers Cherenkov angle per particle and Single Photon Resolution (useful for calibration)
- does not depend on precise time measurement

Time Imaging

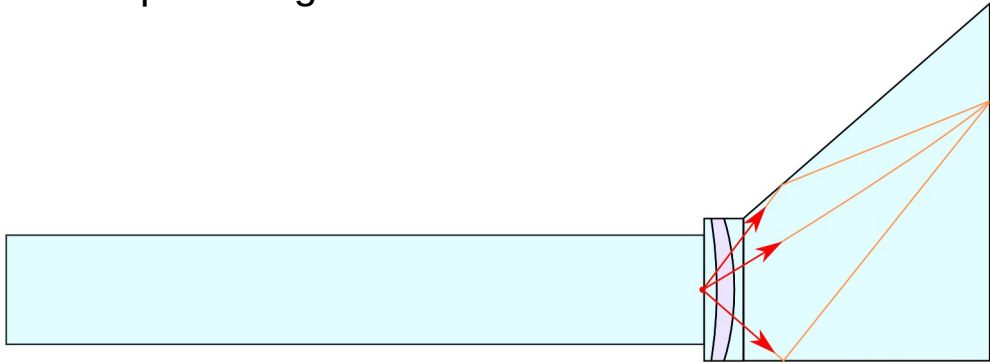
- Belle II TOP-like
- uses Probability Density Functions
- optimal use of position and time information

Neural Networks

- Under development

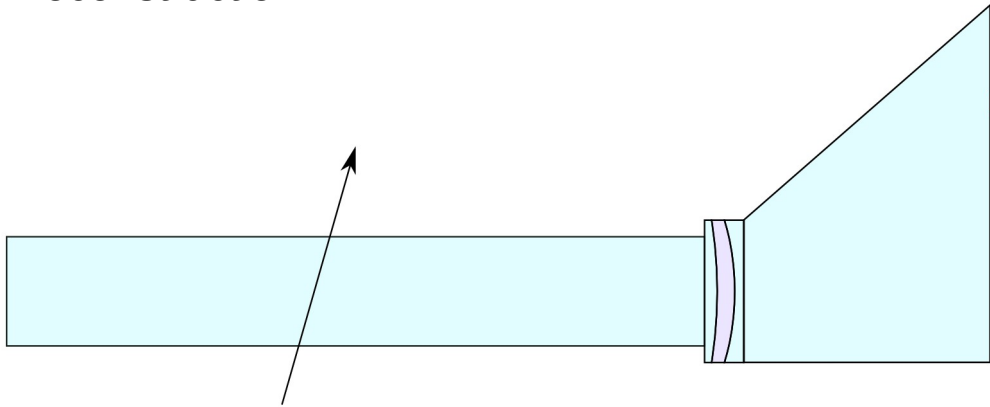
Geometrical Reconstruction

Look Up Table generation:



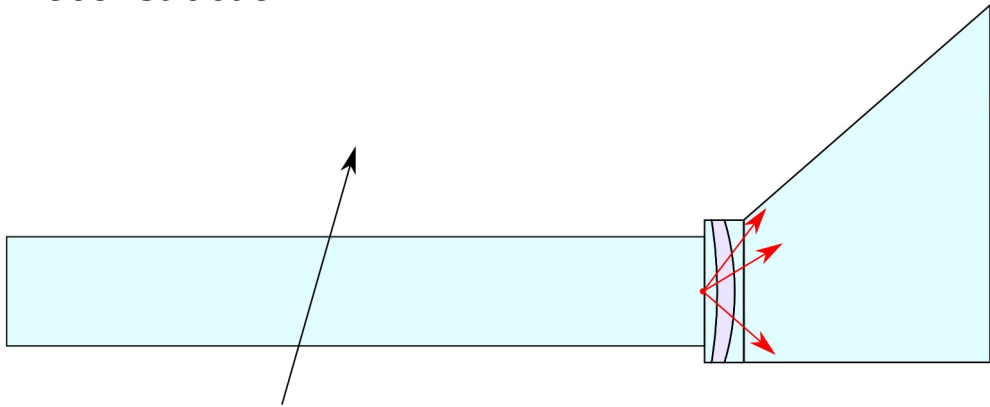
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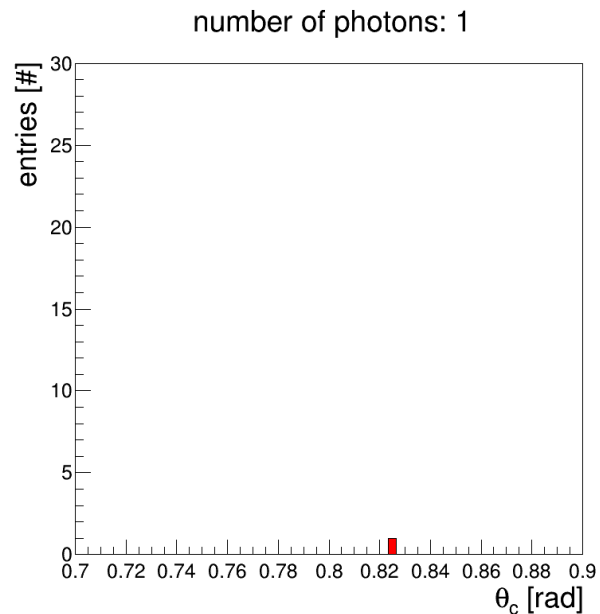
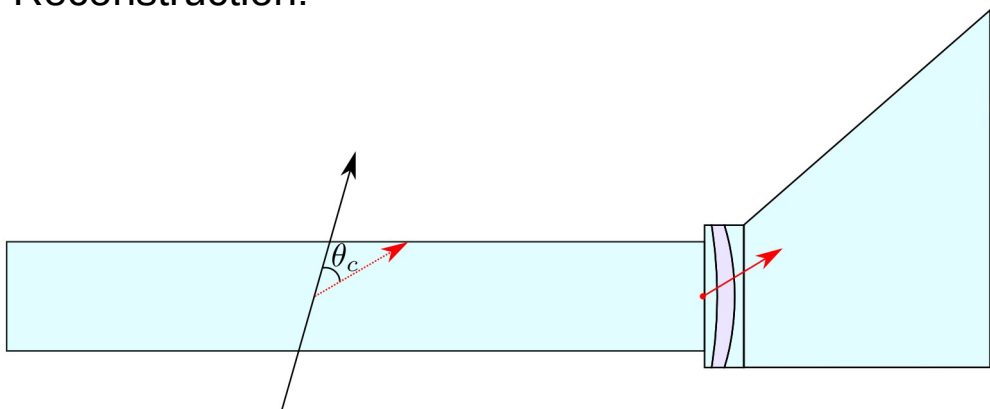
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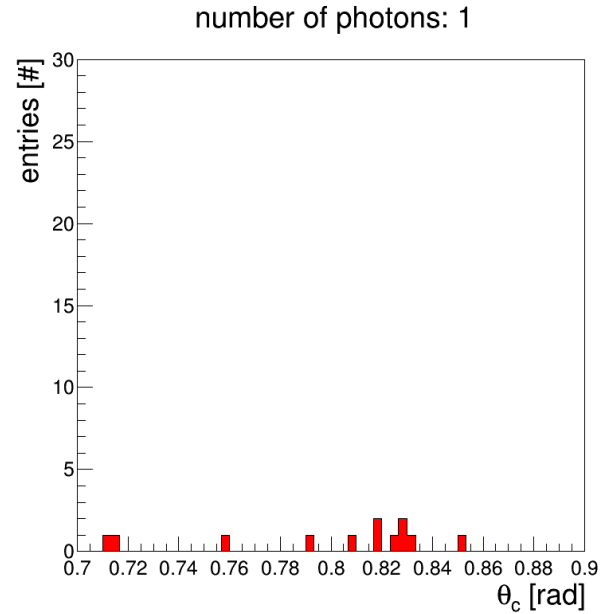
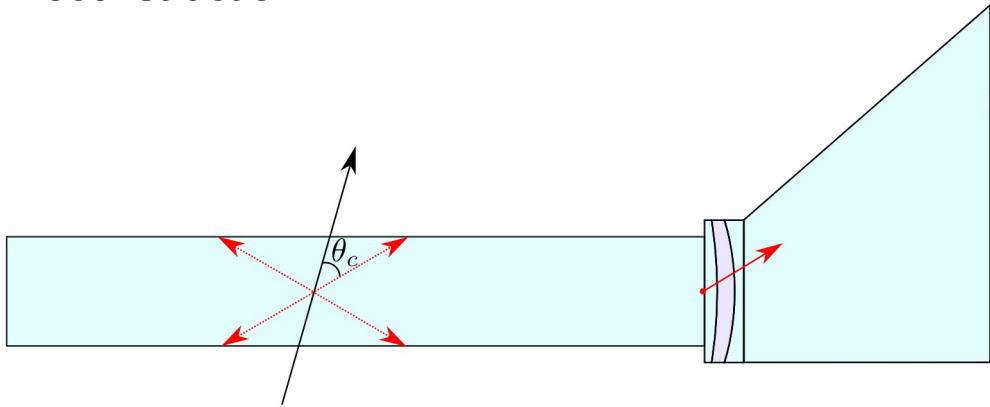
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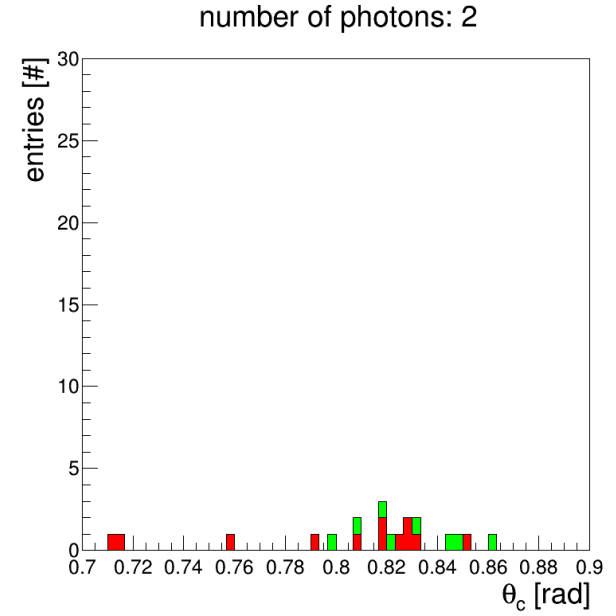
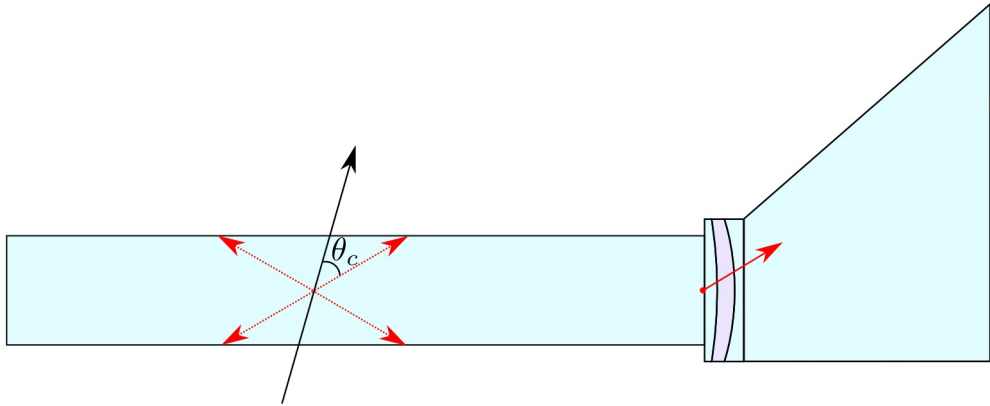
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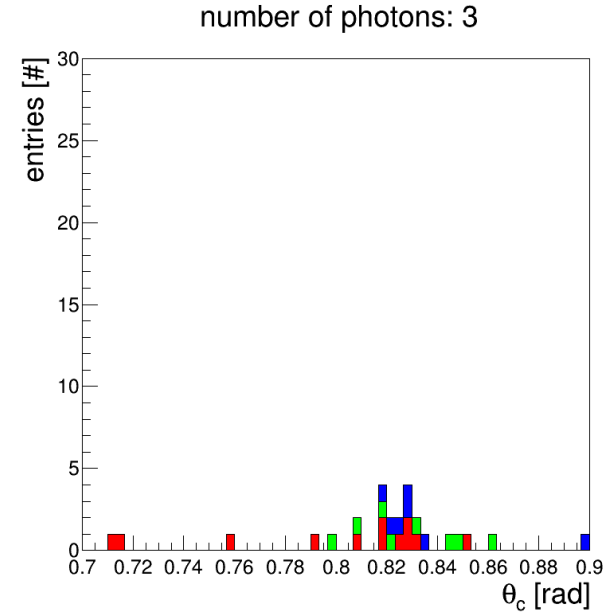
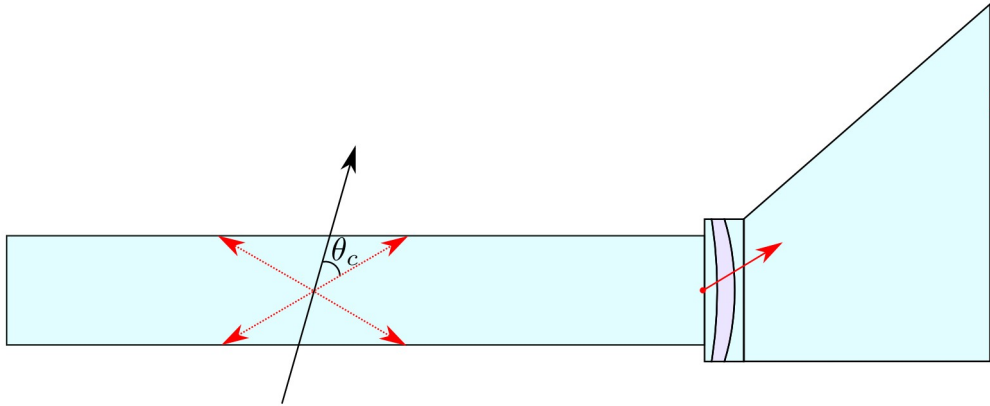
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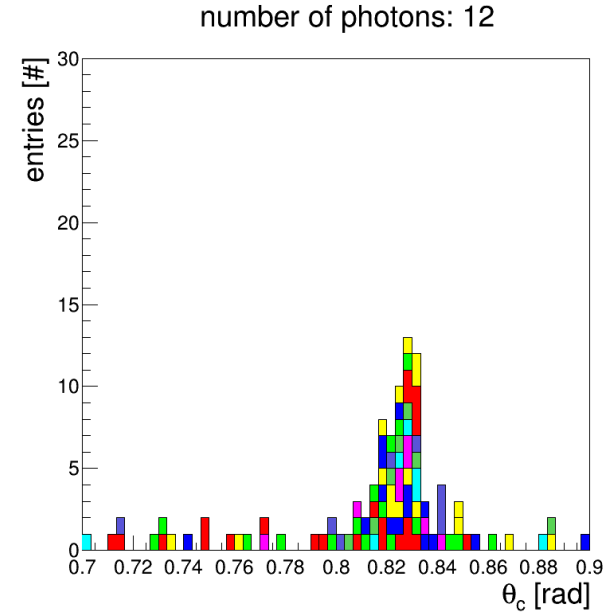
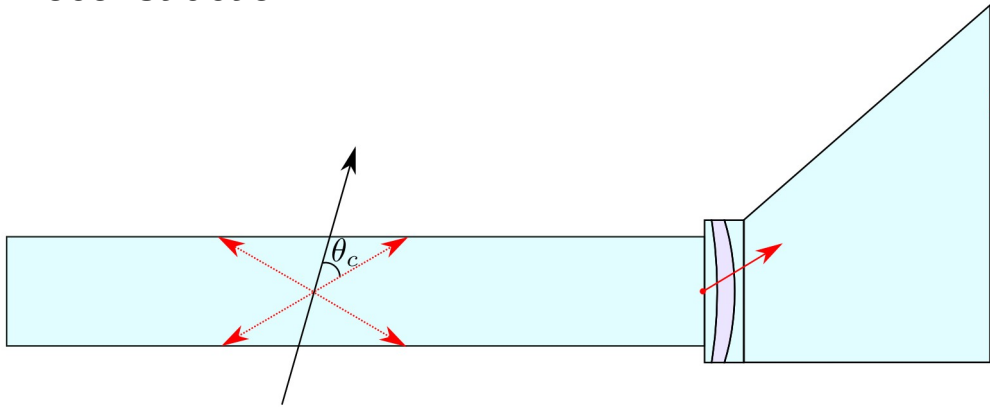
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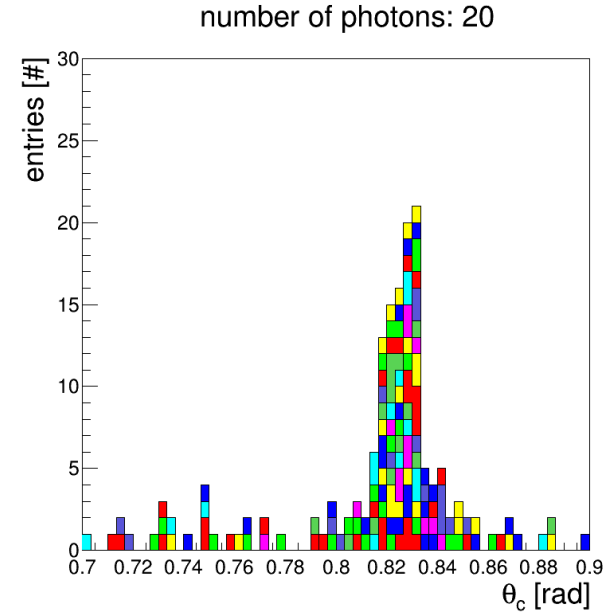
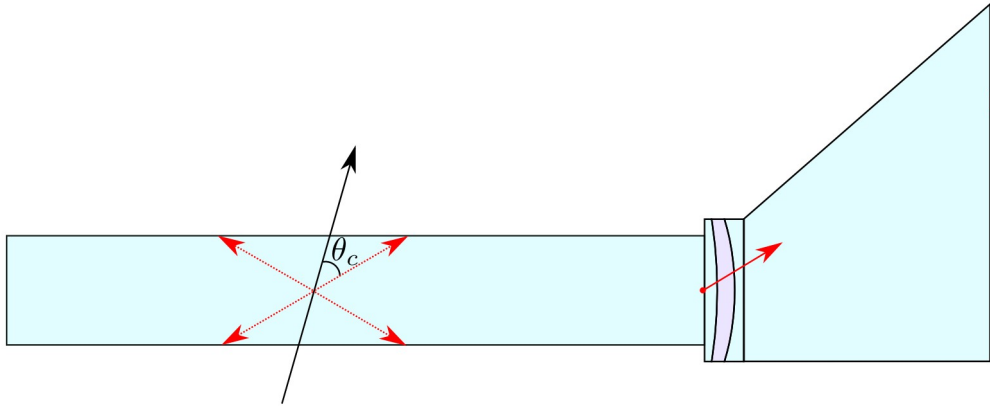
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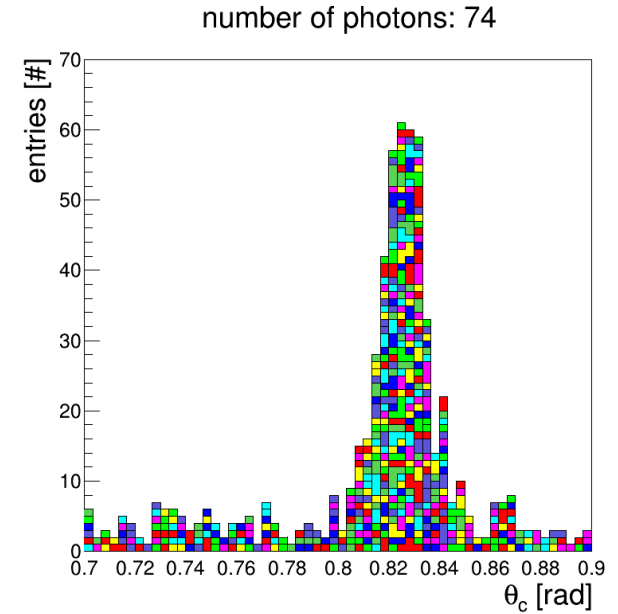
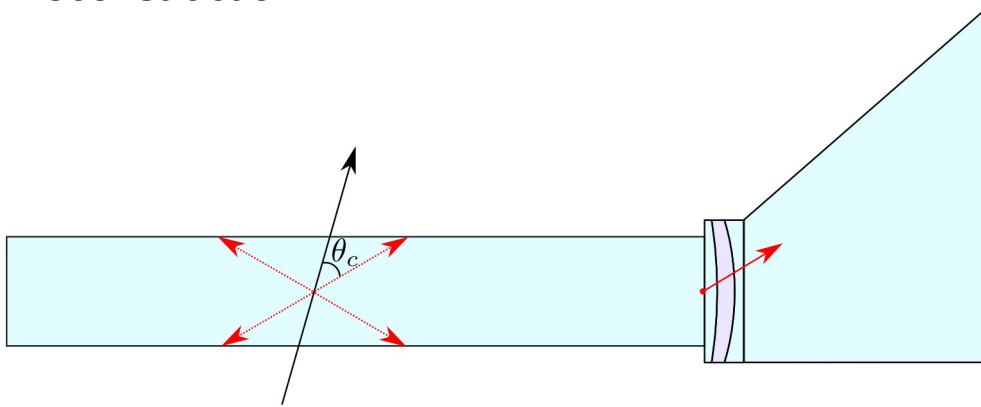
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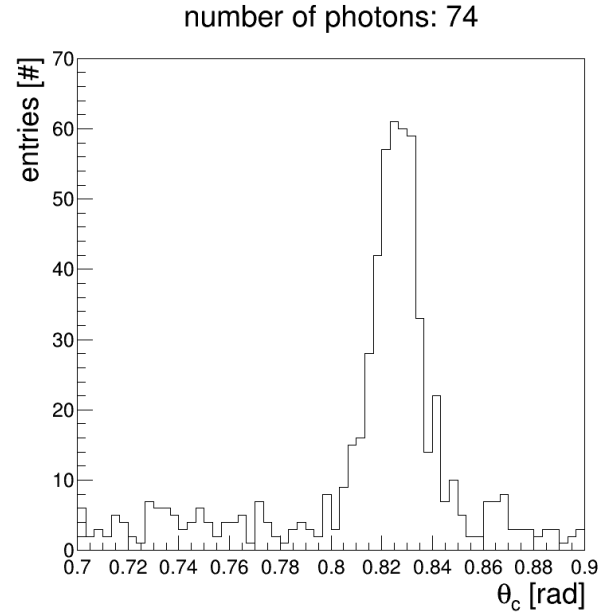
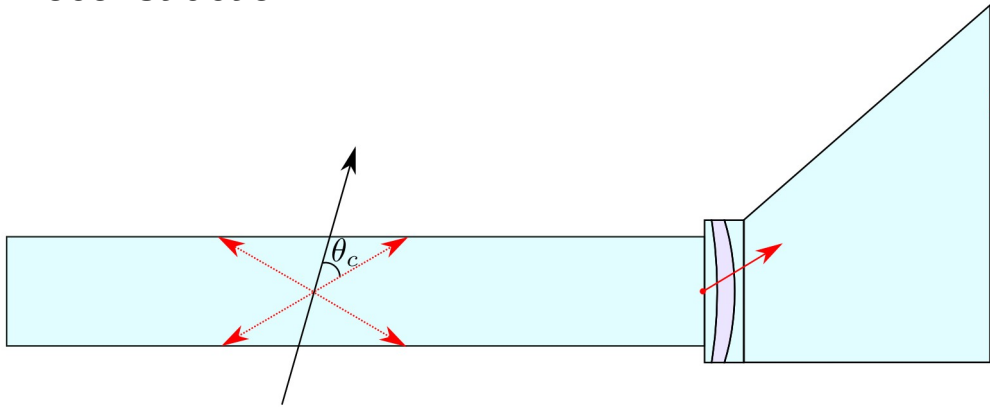
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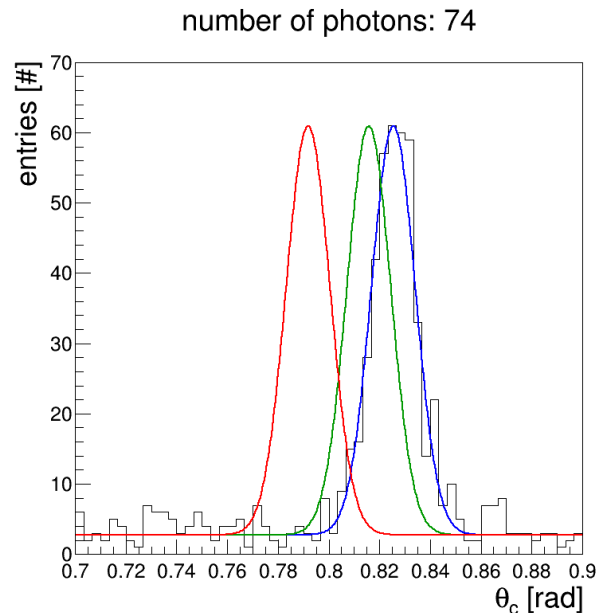
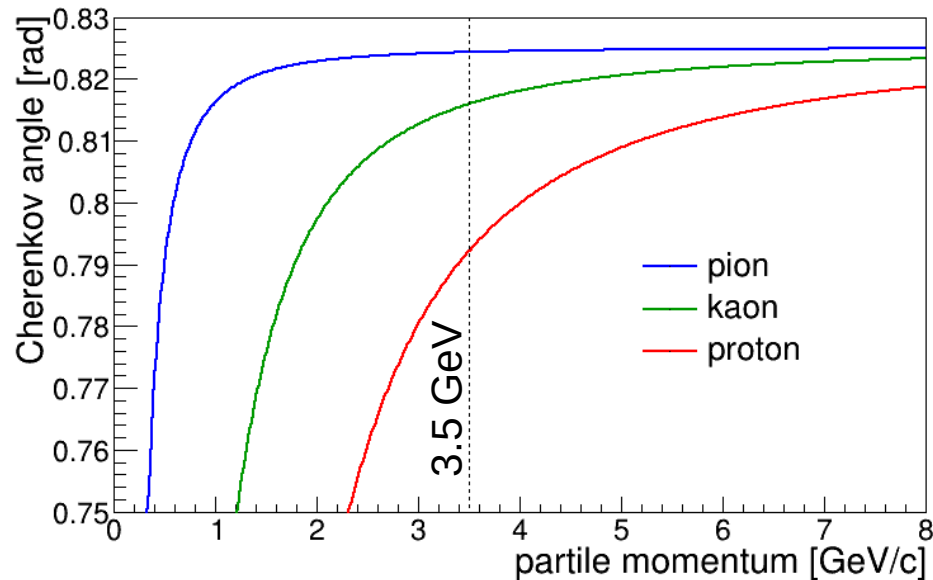


Geometrical Reconstruction

Reconstruction:



Geometrical Reconstruction



Likelihood calculation:

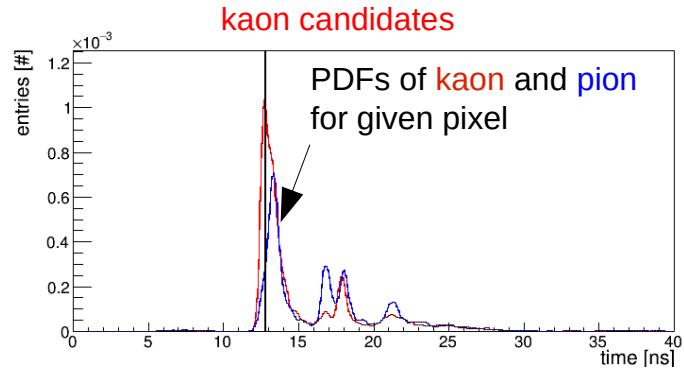
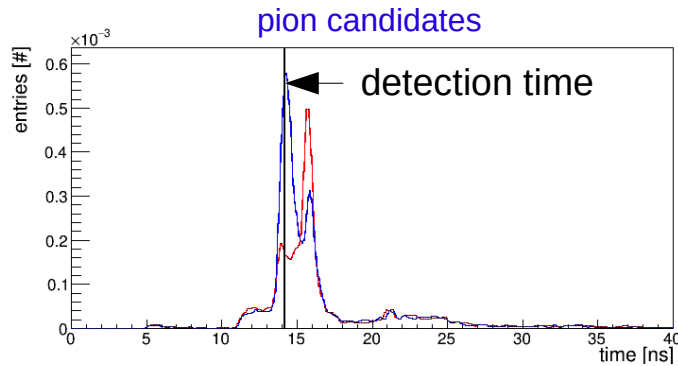
$$\log \mathcal{L}_h = \sum_{i=1}^N \log(S_h(c_i) + B_h(c_i)) + \log P_h(N)$$

signal

combinatorial background

Time Imaging

TI likelihood:
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Probability density functions

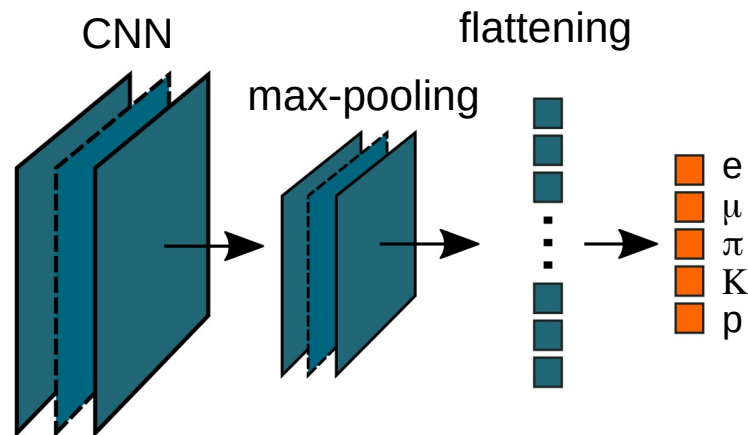
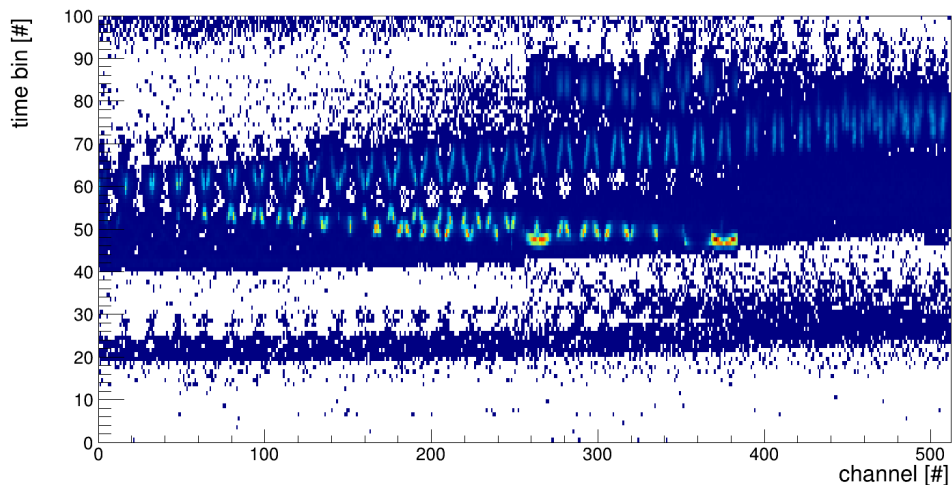
- from data: best PID, requires a large amount of data in whole angular and momentum acceptance
- simulated: full Geant4 simulation of every possible particle type direction and momentum
- analytical: fast, low memory footprint
 - initially developed for Belle II TOP (M. Staric, et al., Nucl. Inst. and Meth. A 595 (2008) 252)
 - modified to account for spherical lens focusing (PDFs using LUT)

(R. Dzhygadlo et al. 2020 JINST 15 C09050, arXiv:2009.09927)

Neural Network Reconstruction

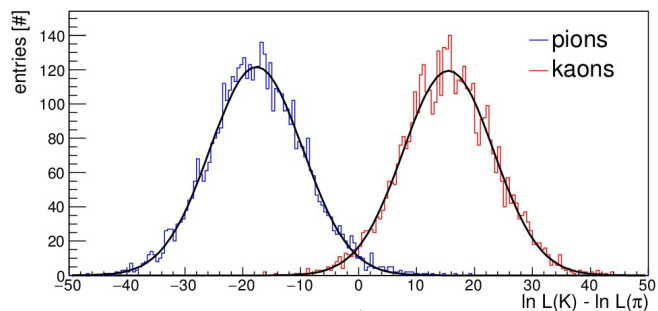
- directly using binned time and channel id to provide PID
- training relatively fast (for specific angles)
- performance comparable with Time Imaging (for specific angles)

input to the neural network



Expected Performance for hpDIRC design

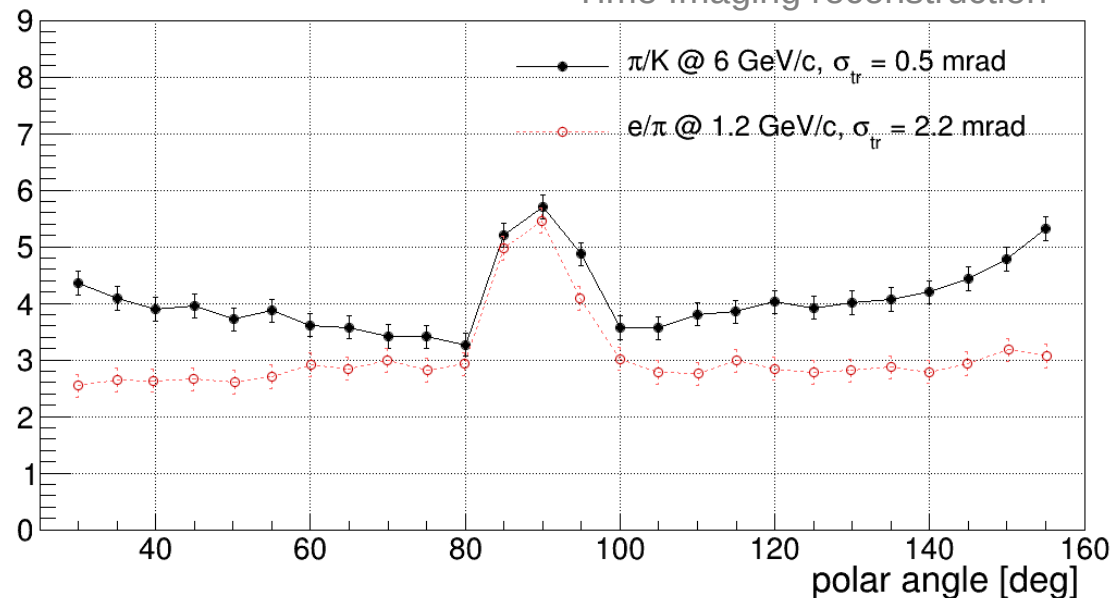
track-by-track max. likelihood fit



$$N_{\text{sep}} = \frac{|\mu_1 - \mu_2|}{0.5(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)}$$

separation [s.d.]

Time Imaging reconstruction

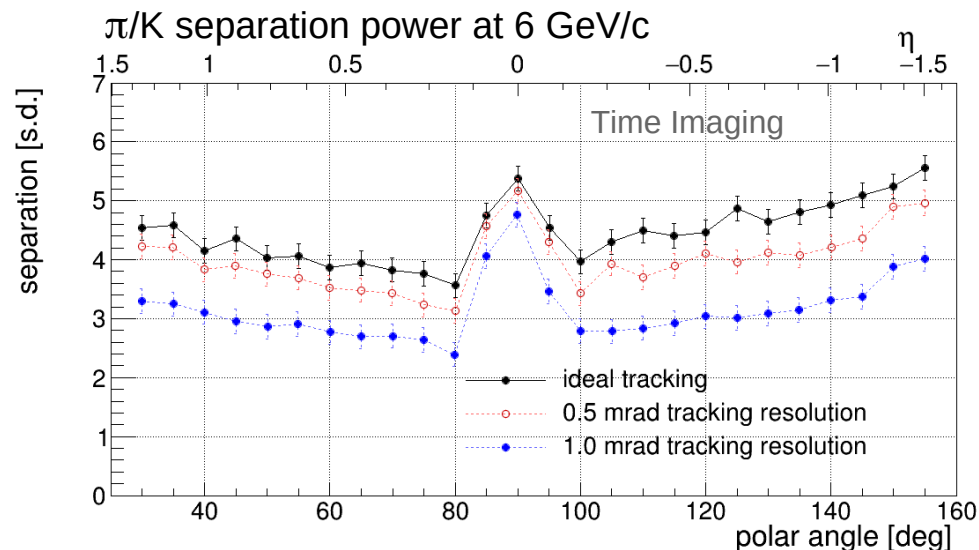
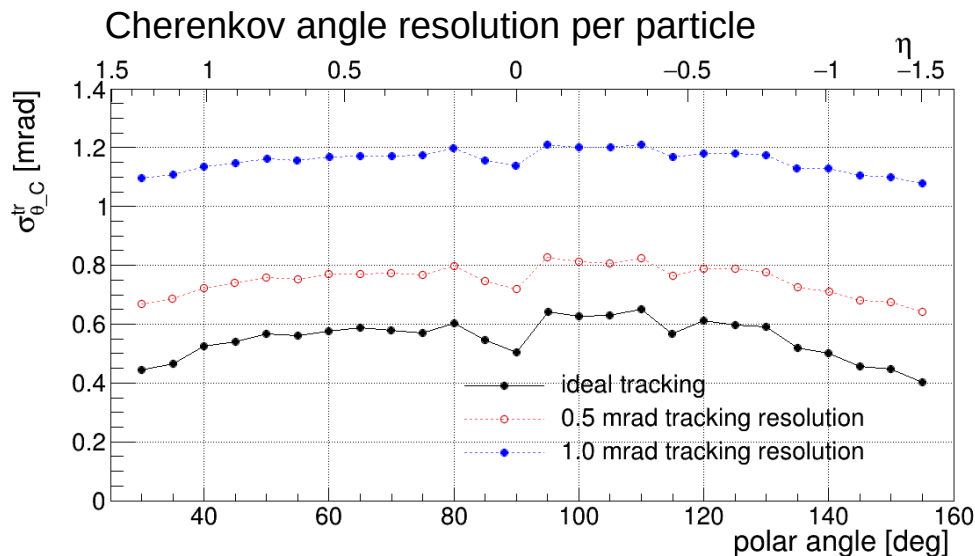


Performance vs Tracking Resolution

$$\sigma_{\theta_c}^{\text{track}} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{\theta_c}^{\text{photon}}}{\sqrt{N_{\text{photons}}}}\right)^2 + (\sigma_{\text{correlated}})^2}$$

what we need from the tracking:

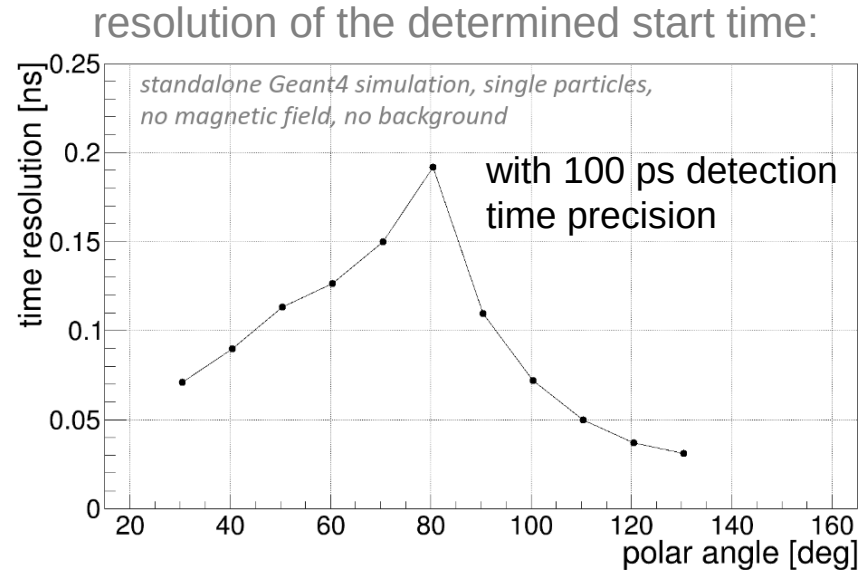
- magnitude
- direction (~0.5 mrad)
- impact position in the radiator (~mm)



➔ high-precision tracking resolution is crucial for reaching best performance

Start Time

- average time of Cherenkov light emission per particle can be obtained from difference between measured and calculated arrival time for each detected photon



- good precision for large number of photoelectrons and steep angles
- can be useful as TOF “stop time” if event T_0 is known

Generic R&D for EIC Detector-2

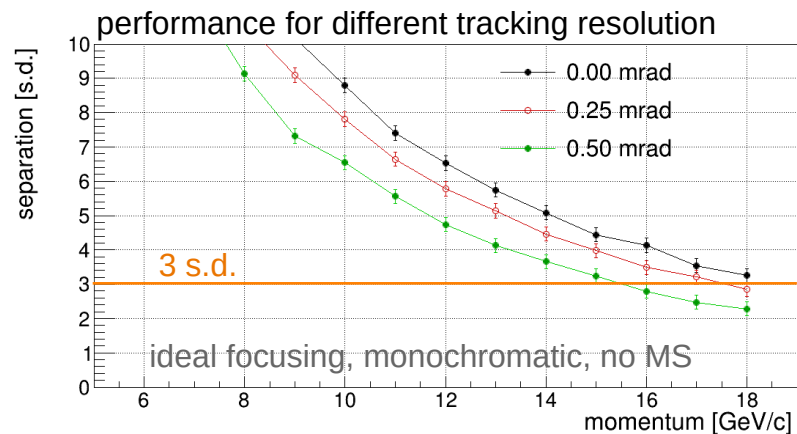
EICGENRandD22

- Performance of hpDIRC baseline design good match to ePIC PID requirements but planned reuse of BaBar DIRC bars limits some design options
- xpDIRC for Detector-2 has no such constrains
- EICGENRandD22 is aimed to investigate ways to improve on the ePIC hpDIRC design for Det-2
 - extending the π/K limit to higher momenta
 - reducing the material budget

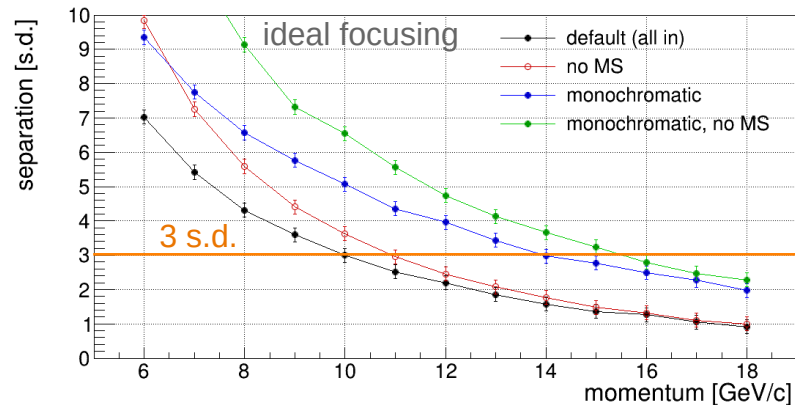
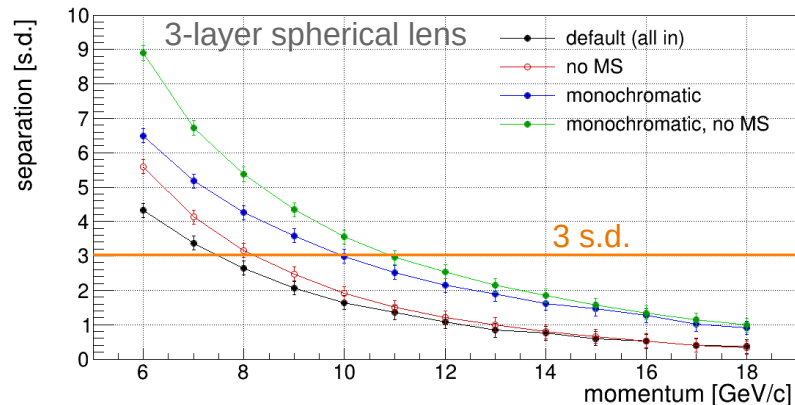
Generic R&D for EIC Detector-2

Factors constraining performance:

- multiple scattering (MS) inside the bar (dominates at lower momentum)
- chromatic dispersion of angle and time
- aberrations of focusing system
- time precision
- photo-sensor's pixel dimensions

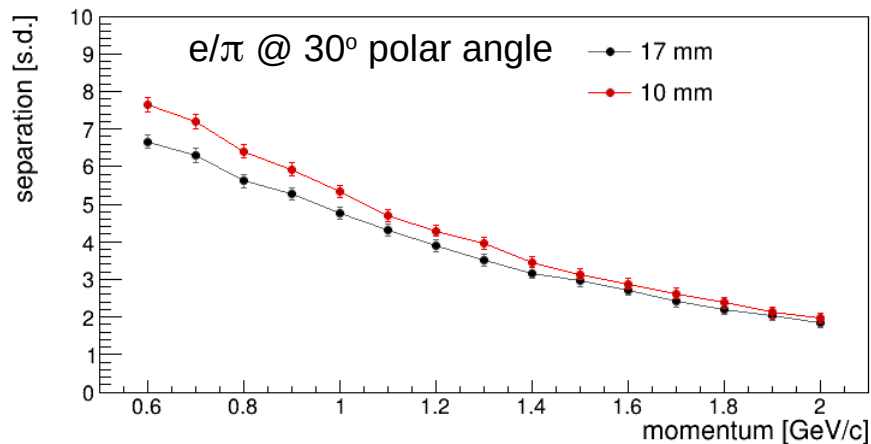
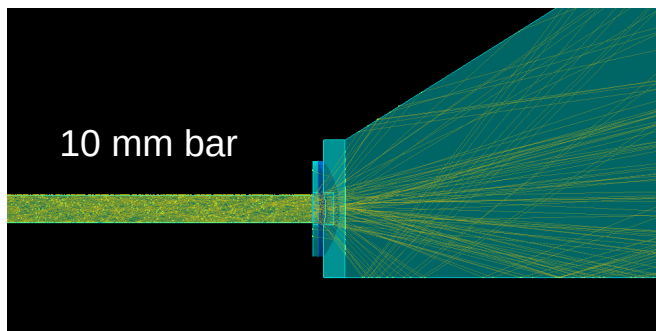
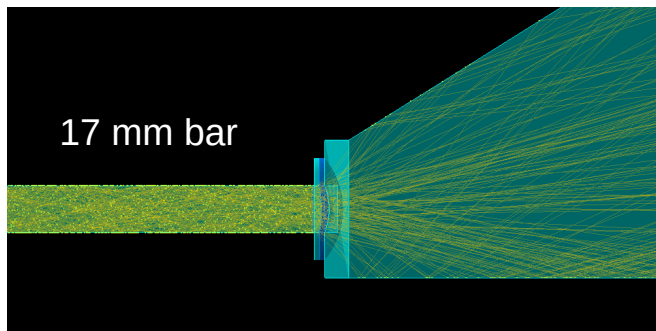


π/K @ 30° , 100 ps time precision,
1.7 mm pixel size, 0.5 mrad tracking



Multiple Scattering Mitigation

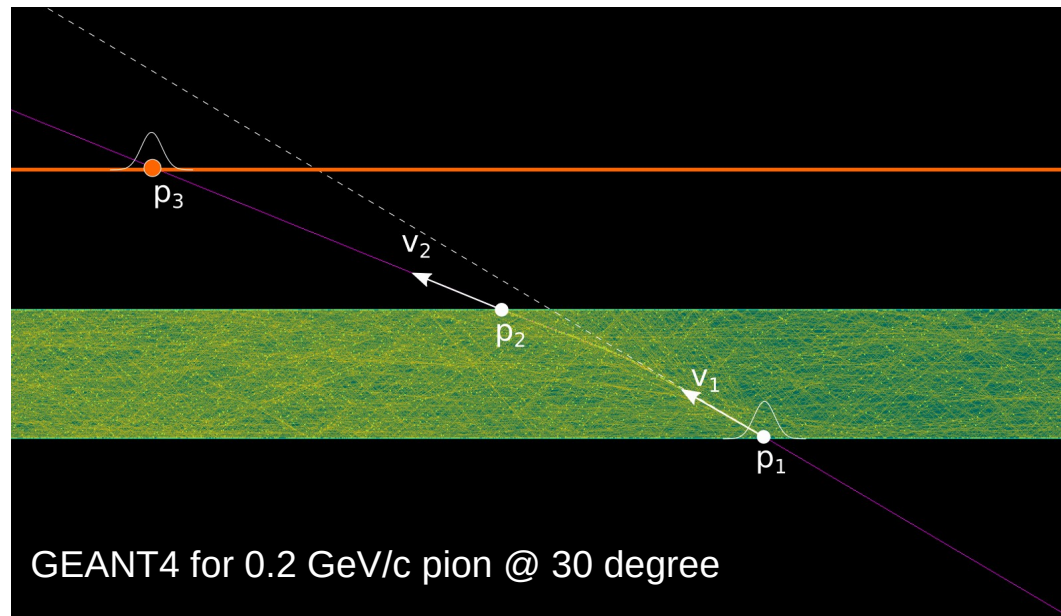
- thinner radiator



- performance gain at low momentum, especially for e/π
- make focusing less demanding
- reduce impact on EMCal performance

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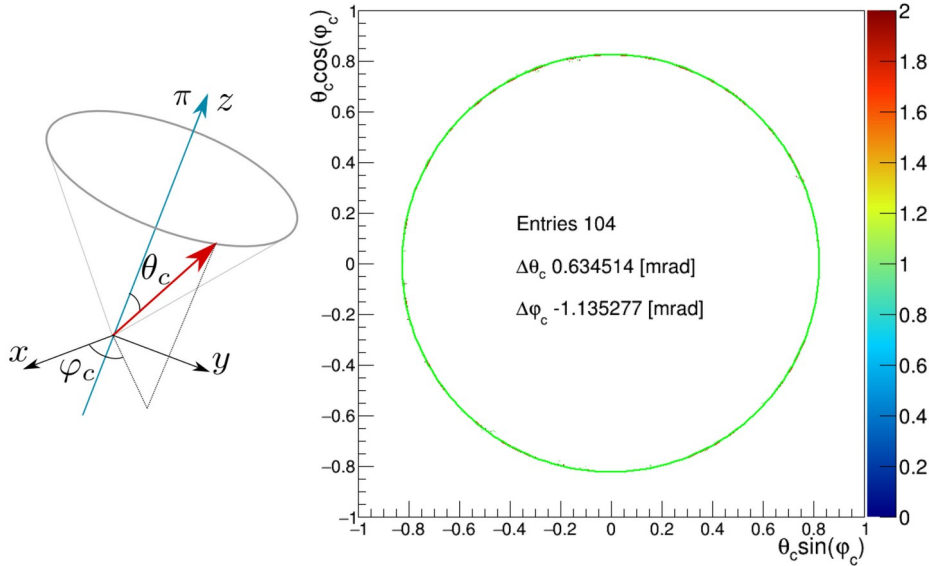
- thinner radiator
- post-DIRC tracking



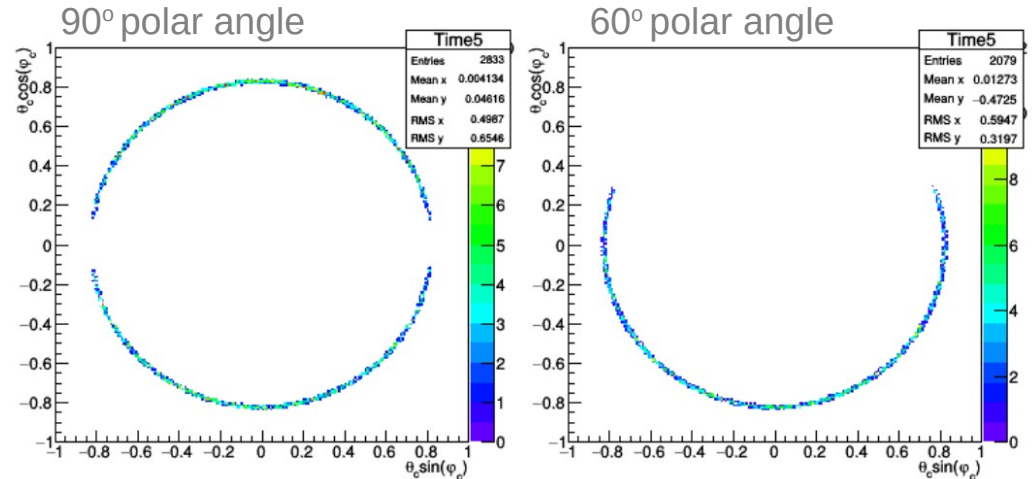
Multiple Scattering Mitigation

- thinner radiator
- post-DIRC tracking
- Cherenkov ring fit (corrects the direction of the charged track)

Cherenkov photons are distributed on a ring:



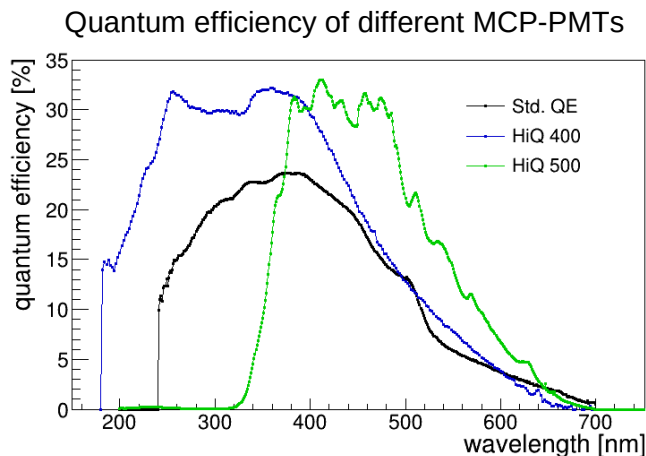
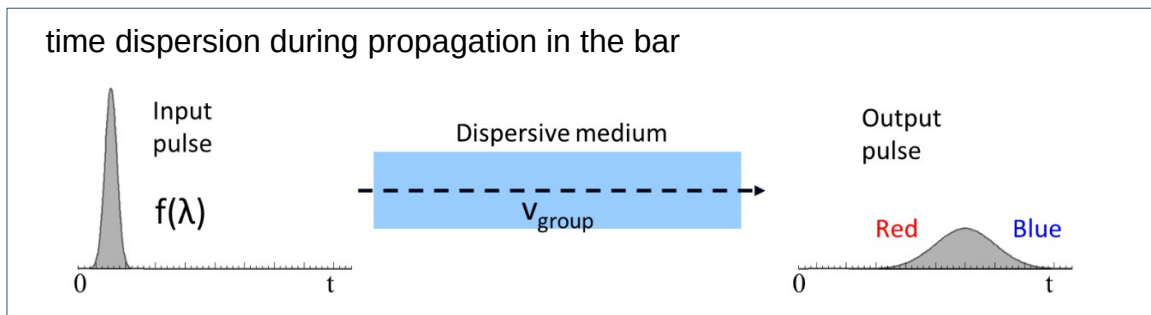
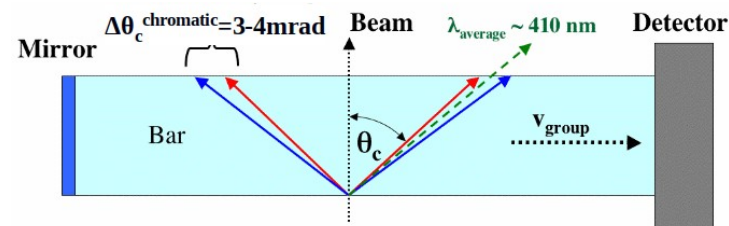
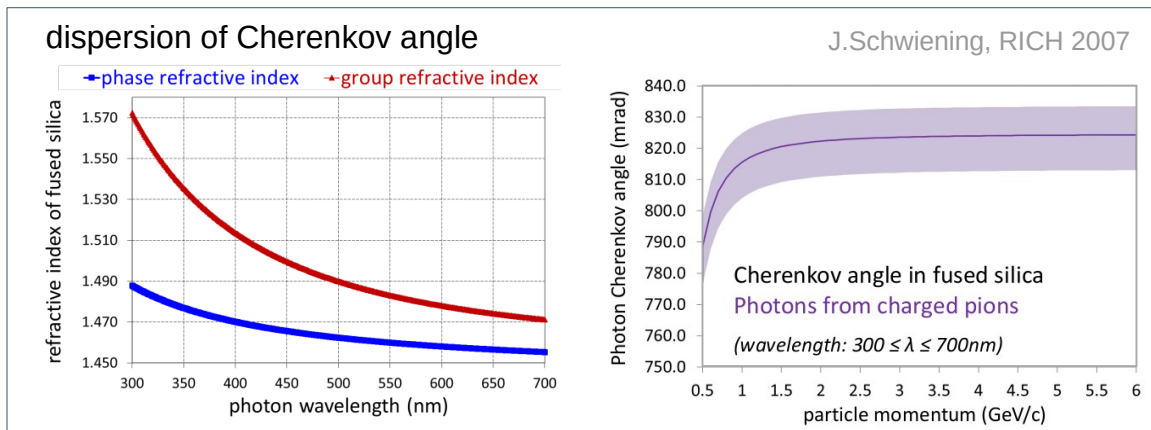
Accumulated pattern for 100 pions @ 6 GeV/c:



works well for polar angles around 90°

Chromatic Dispersion Mitigation

- Applying wavelength cut (choosing PMT photocathode, inserting band filter)



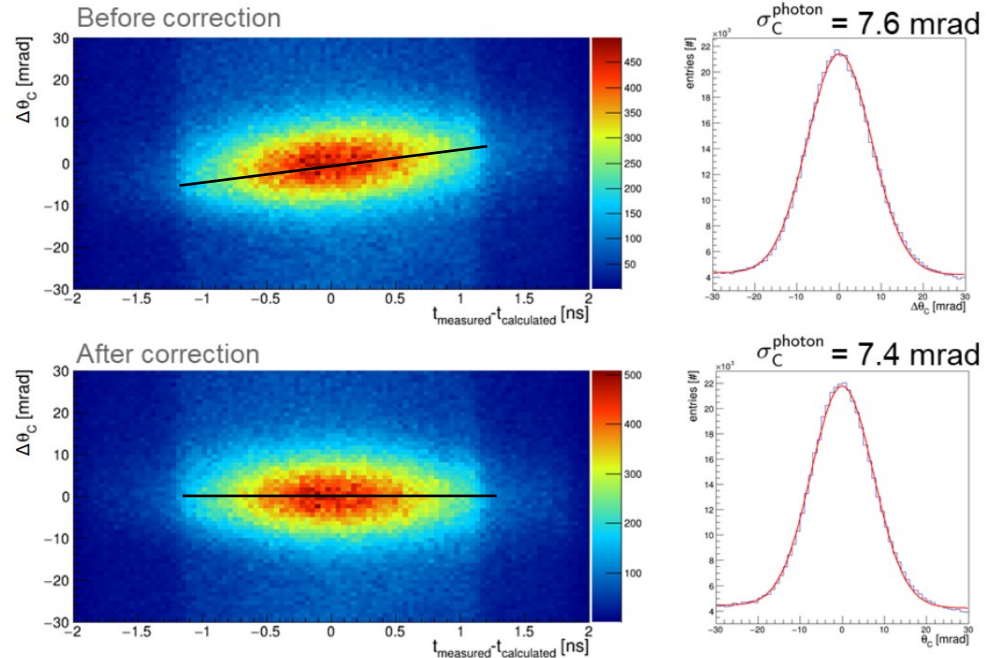
Chromatic Dispersion Mitigation

- Applying wavelength cut (choosing PMT, inserting band filter)
- Chromatic Dispersion Correction (using geometrical reconstruction)

Example from GlueX DIRC data (timing precision ~ 0.8 ns)

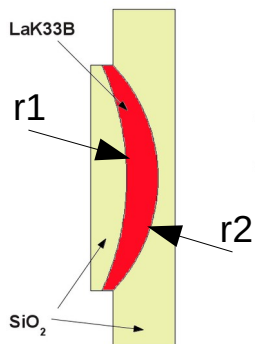
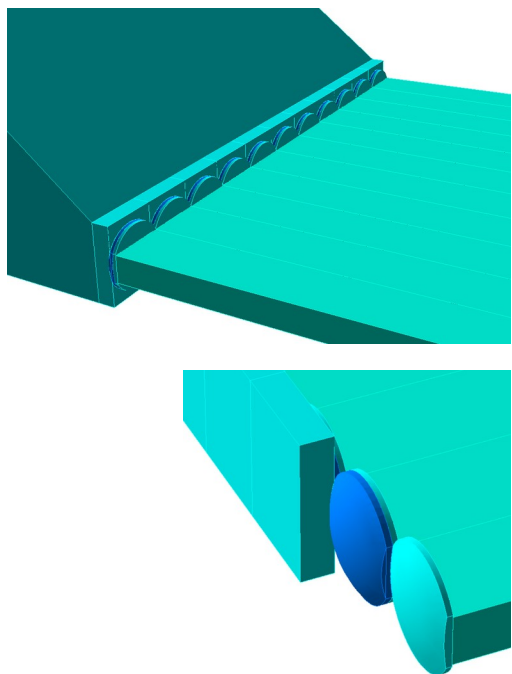
Correlation between emission angle and propagation time:

(calculated using average wavelength of 370 nm)



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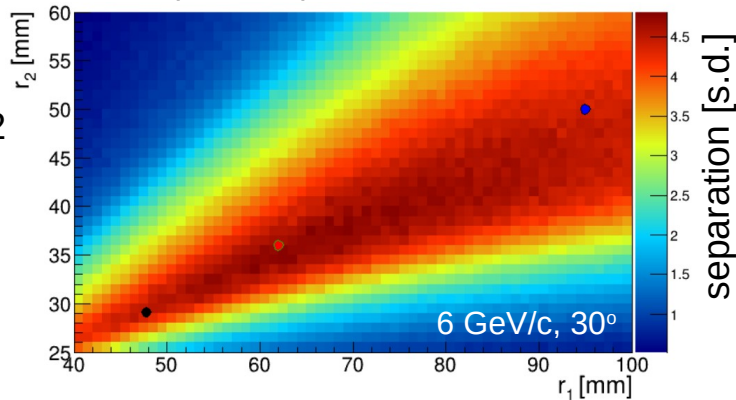
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lens prototype

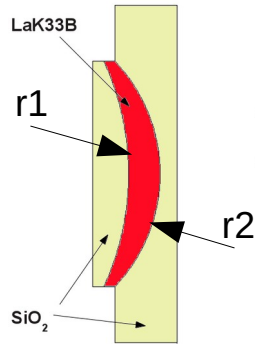
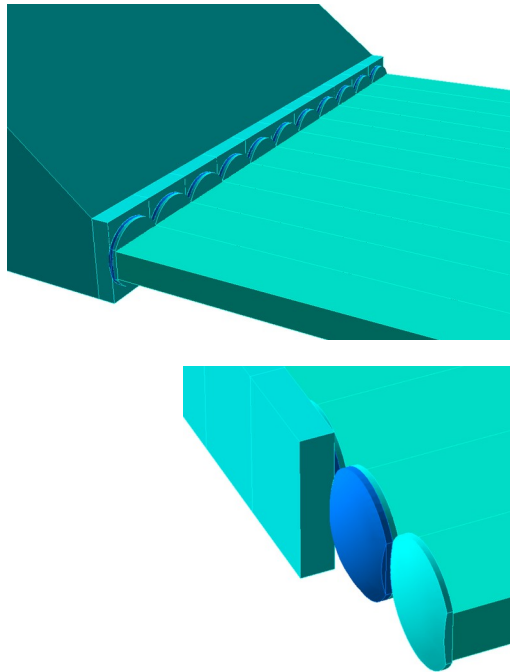


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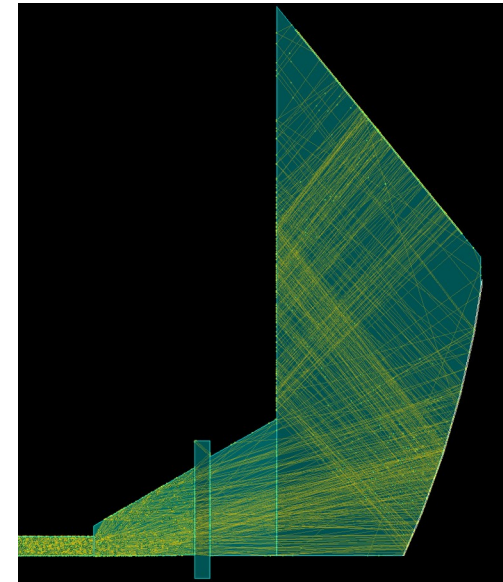
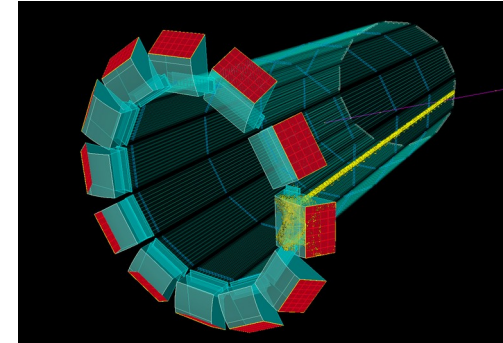
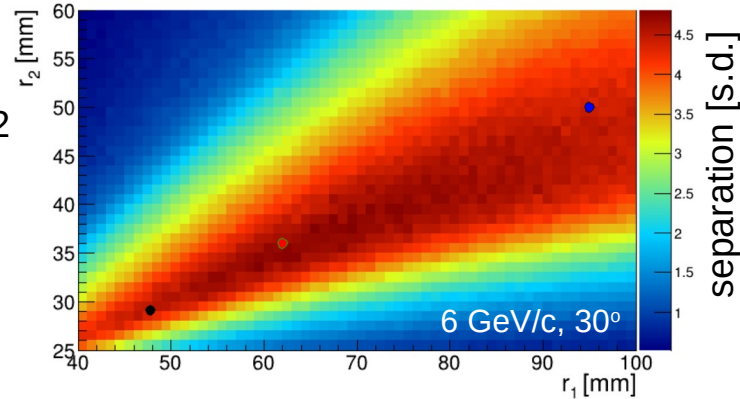
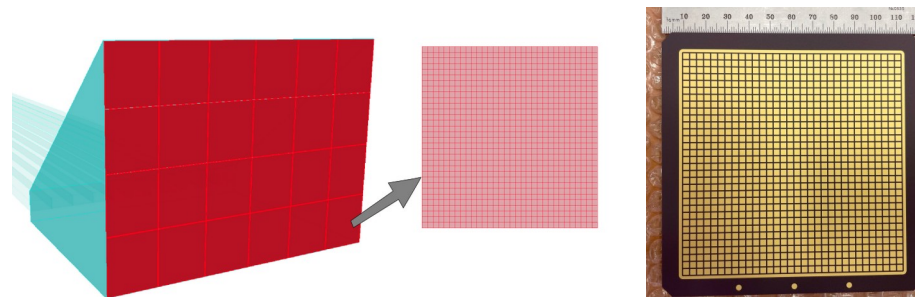


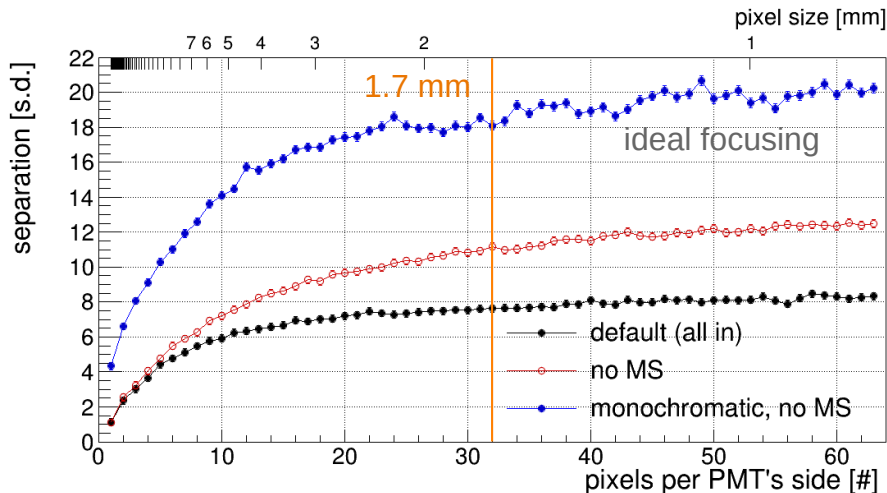
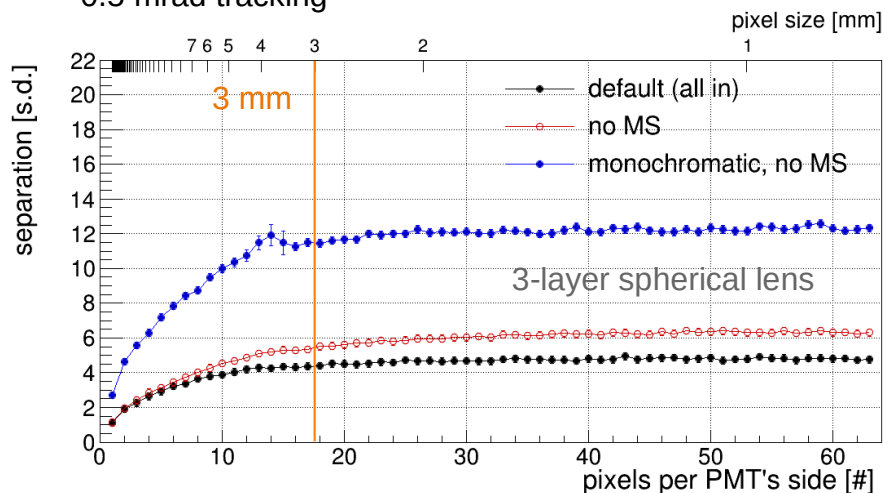
Photo-sensor's Pixel Dimensions

- Limited benefit from smaller pixel size
2-inch MCP-PMTs with 1.6 mm pixel size and small SiPM are already commercially available

INCOM Gen III HRPPD prototype

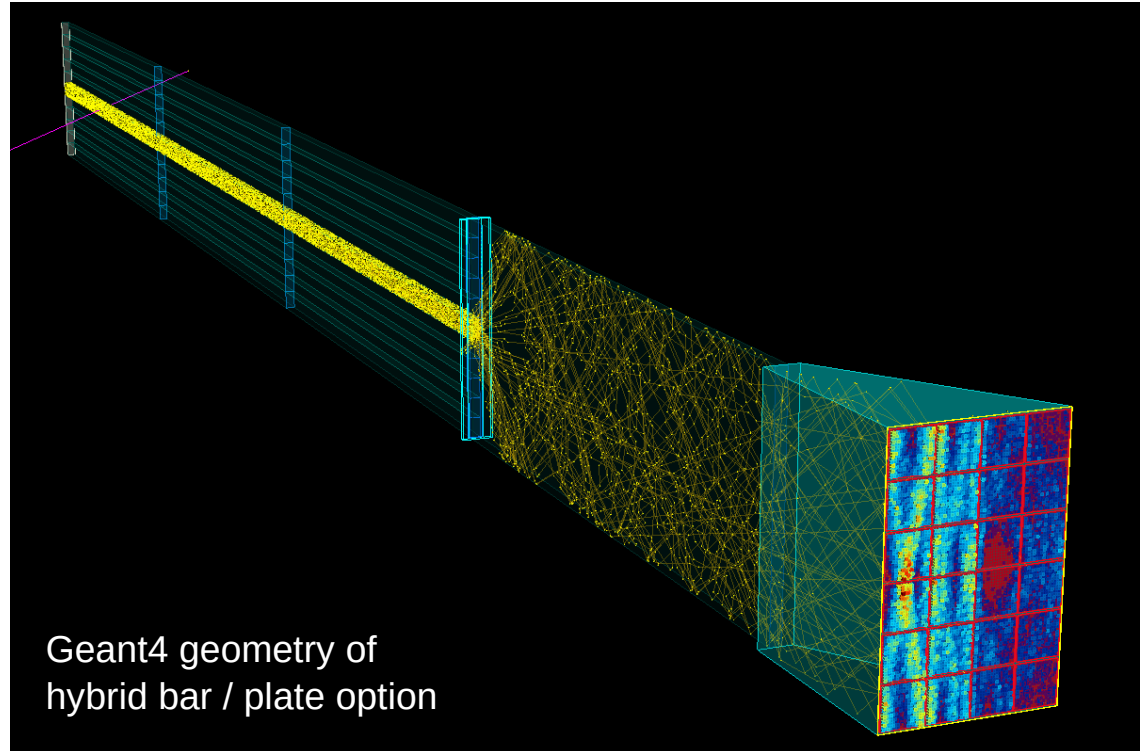
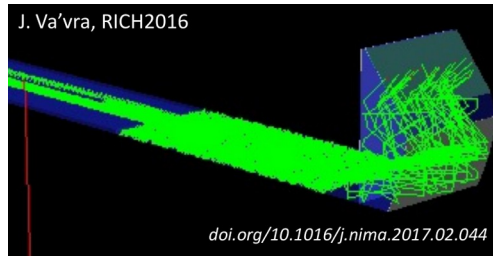


π/K @ 6 GeV/c @ 30°, 100 ps time precision,
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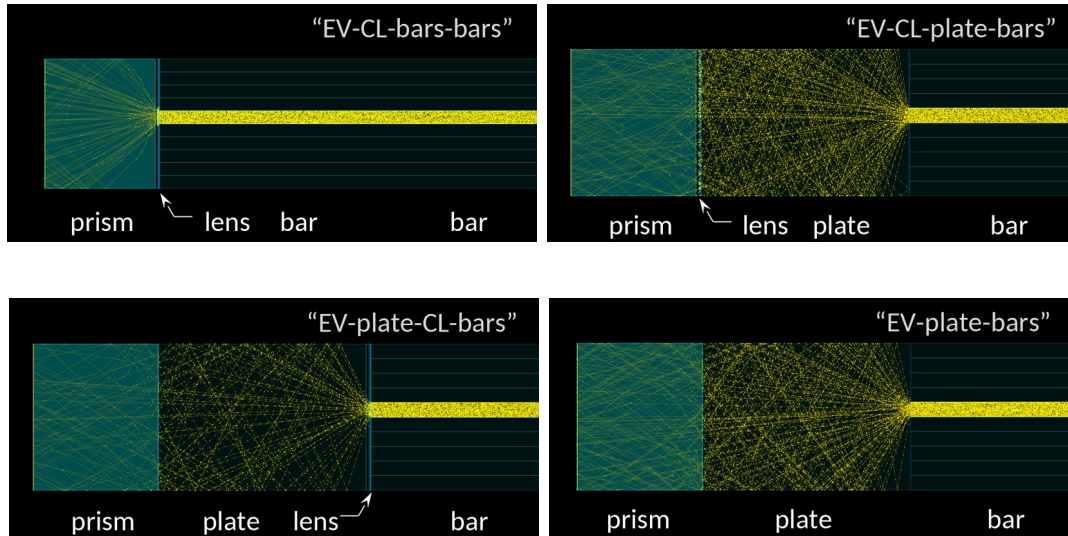
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- At RICH 2016 J. Va'vra showed the “ultimate fDIRC” concept
- narrow bars in “active area” ensure robust performance in multi-track events
- plate as a part of the expansion volume provides better angular resolution

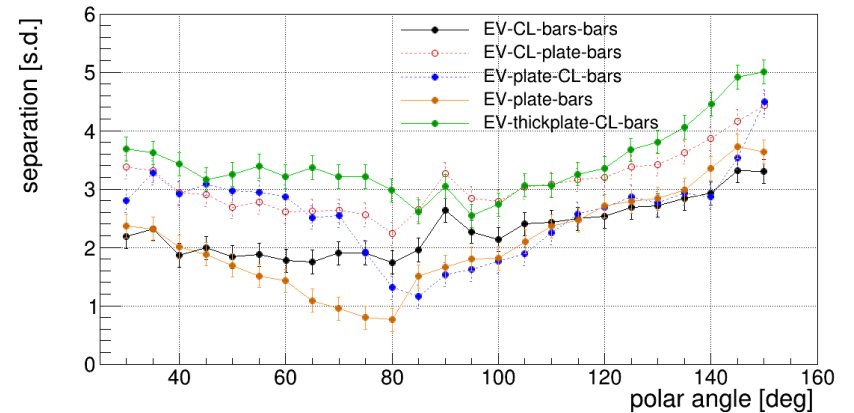
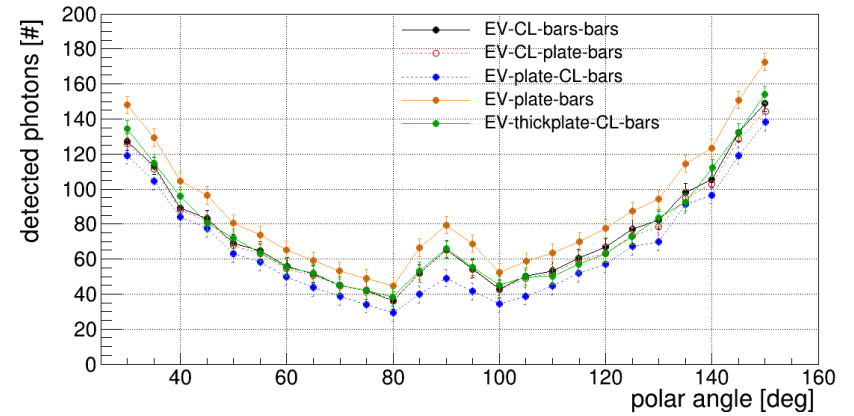


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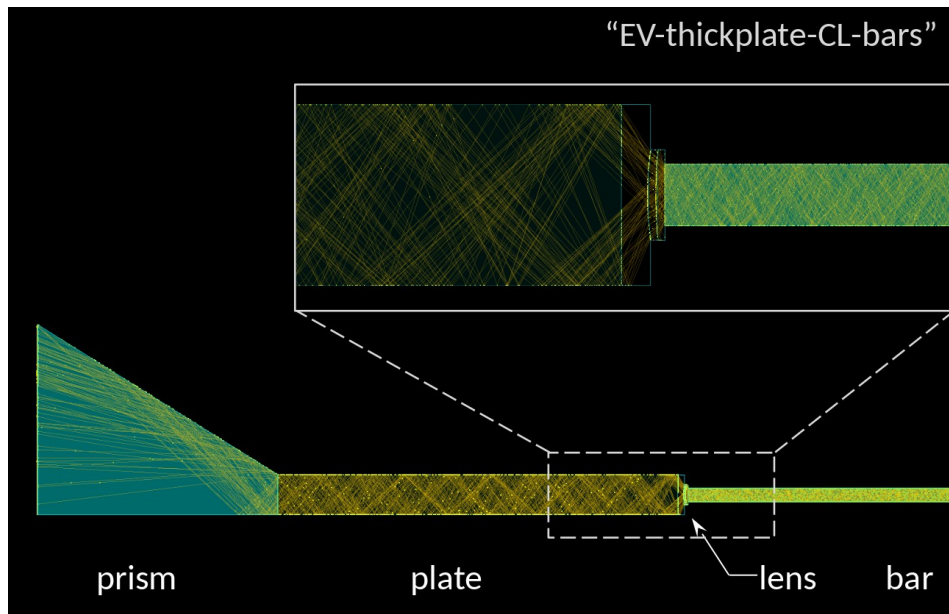


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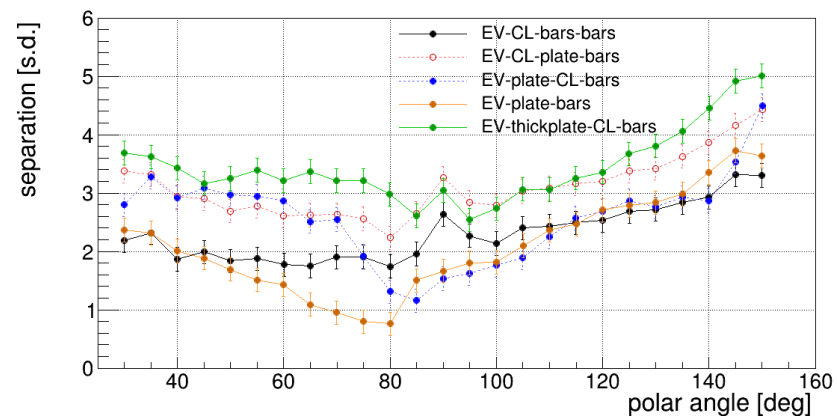
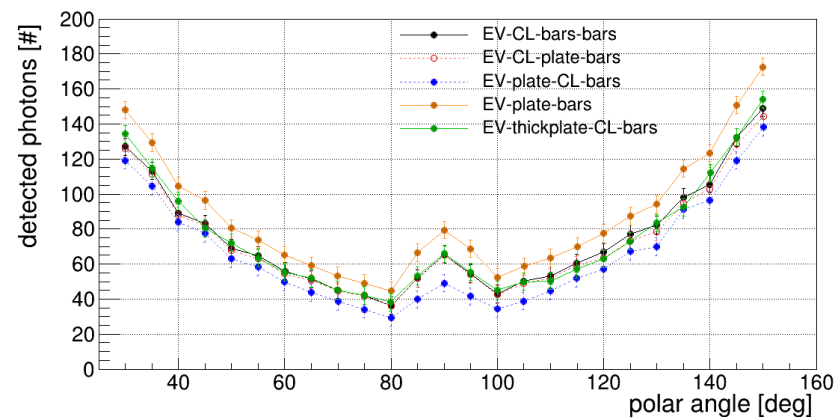
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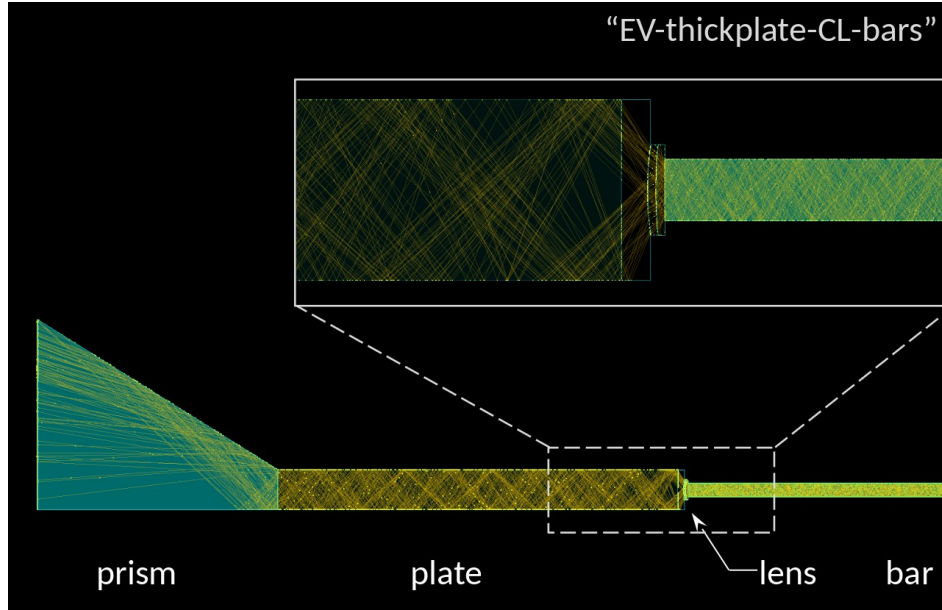
best performance achieved for a hybrid design with the cylindrical lens placed between the narrow bars and a wide plate (50 mm thickness, can be optimized)

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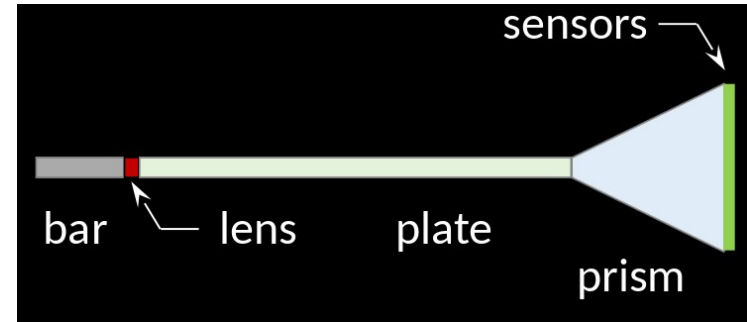


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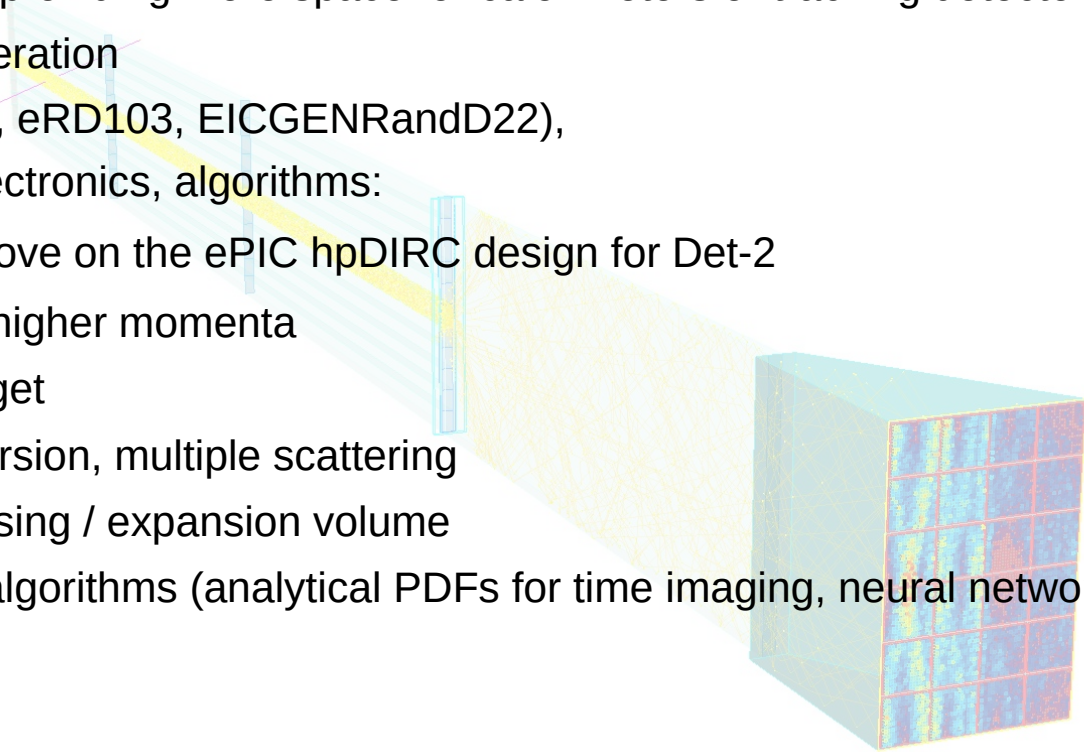


- spherical lenses with a plate as expansion volume and a smaller prism (easier integration, smaller photo detector area → SiPM)



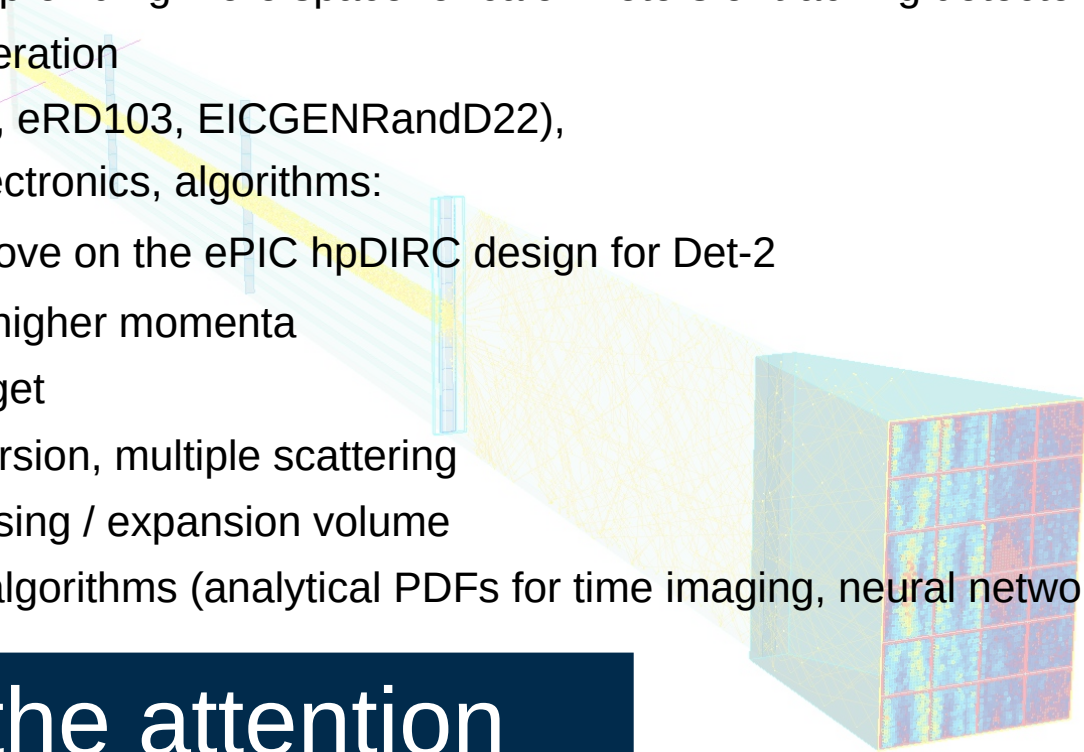
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