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Aerogel RICH Counter for the Belle II forward endcap PID

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Belle II & SuperKEKB

New facility on the intensity frontier: Virtual production of new particles

to probe energies beyond the energy frontier (prime examples: GIM, $M_{\rm c}$, 3 gen., $M_{\rm t}$)

Successor of the very successful KEKB/Belle @ KEK, Tsukuba, Japan.

KEK / Belle

In operation: 1999-2010 Accumulated data: **1 ab**⁻¹ Peak luminosity: **2 x 10**³⁴ cm⁻² s⁻¹

High precision confirmation of the SM flavor structure (KM mechanism is the main source of CPV,...).

KEKSuperB / Belle II

Planned: 2015-2022 Accumulated data: **50 ab**⁻¹ Luminosity: **8 x 10**³⁵ cm⁻² s⁻¹ (Belle x 40)

Are there new CPV phases? Are there right handed currents from NP? Does nature have multiple Higgs bosons? ...





Aerogel RICH

Good particle identification (mainly π / K separation) is a key issue for Belle II:

- background reduction (e.g. $B
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 m vs.} \ B
 ightarrow K^* \gamma$)
- efficient flavor tagging (determination of B meson flavor)

Goal:

 $4\sigma \ \pi \ /K$ separation, at 1.0 - 3.5 GeV

In the forward endcap \rightarrow **Aerogel RICH**.



Constraints:

- in 1.5 T magnetic field.
- limited available space ~28 cm.
- radiation hardness (n,γ).



Radiator - Silica Aerogel



Two aerogel layers in focusing configuration: $n_1 = 1.045, n_2 = 1.055$ Overlapping rings from 1st and 2nd layer!

Doubling the number of photons with no resolution degradation (due to unknown photon emission point).

$$\sigma_{gel} = \frac{d \sin \theta_C \cos \theta_C}{l \sqrt{12}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{p.e.}}} \qquad N_{p.e.} \propto d$$

High transmission length is required (>30 mm).

Minimize photon loss on tile edges \rightarrow large tiles (~ 18 x 18 cm)



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Mass production already finished, with relatively stable tr. length and ref. index



ARICH for the Belle II PID

See poster by M. Tabata (#151)

Photon detector - HAPD

Talk by S. Iwata (Friday @ Photon)

HAPD – Hybrid Avalanche Photo-Detector

Satisfies basic requirements: - 1.5 T - n,γ tolerance

- large coverage







- Developed with Hamamatsu photonics

Size	73x73 mm
# of channels	144 (36-ch APD x 4)
Total gain	>45000
Peak QE	~30%
Active area	64%
Weight	220g



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Design of ARICH

420 HAPD modules arranged in 7 rings. (inner radius 56 cm, outer radius 114 cm)

2 x 124 aerogel tiles, wedge shape, 4 types (radius dependent)

Planar mirrors on the outer edge, to prevent photon loss.



Electronics

- 60000 channels (1 bit ON/OFF).
- limited space of 5 cm behind HAPDs.
- ASIC SA03 (36ch/chip \rightarrow 4 ASICS / HAPD).
- Variable gain (3.1-12.5 V/pC) and shaping time (100-200 ns).



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Front-end Board



Xilinx FPGA (Spartan6): - Hit detection. - ASIC settings.



Collect hit data from 5-6
F.E. Boards.
Send to DAQ system.

Simulation Studies

Detailed Geant4 simulation of ARICH was developed. Used for:

- performance studies (design optimization).
- integrated into the full Belle II detector simulation (for MC production).
- simulation studies of beam induced backgrounds.





Performance in the full momentum range



ARICH Standalone - Track information from MC (smeared for **1 mm** and **1 mrad**). Full Belle II - Track information from Belle II tracking system.



Performance in the test beam

Prototype ARICH in electron test beam @ DESY (2013)

- Part of the actual ARICH layout:
 6 HAPD modules
 2 aerogel layers
- Front-end board with ASIC (close to final)
- studied performance with close to final electronics, different aerogels, performance with irradiated HAPDs.





Perpendicular track incidence



0.5 0.4

0.3

0.2

0.1

0

-0.1

-0.2

-0.3

-0.4

Non-perpendicular track incidence

Run with track incidence angle of 30°, and installed planar mirror.

Reconstructing Cherenkov angle with and without assuming photon reflection from the mirror.

Width of the reflected part of the ring ~ 12 mrad



0.36

Non-reflected



Schedule

- HAPD production is to be finished in September 2014 (420 + spare modules).
- Aerogel production already finished (248 + spare tiles).
- Counter assembly in the end of 2014.
- Installation in early 2015.



Summary

- At the **Belle II** experiment the **Aerogel RICH** will be used for particle identification in the forward endcap region:

- 2 aerogel layers in focusing configuration.
- 240 hybrid avalanche photo-detectors.

- ARICH simulation was developed (based on Geant4) and integrated into full Belle II detector simulation:

- excellent performance in the full kinematic region of experiment.
- Prototype of ARICH was tested in the beamtests:
 - performance was confirmed (consistent with expectations from simulation)
 - no significant degradation of performance with irradiated HAPDs.
- Components are in mass production. Assembly in 2014, installation in 2015.
- Stay tuned for a lot of interesting physics from the Belle II experiment!