

# DIRC TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

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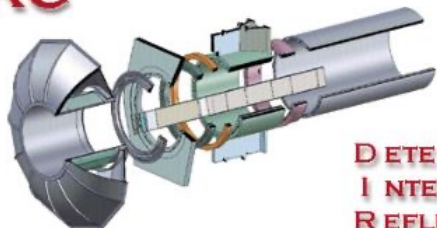
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## DIRC



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R E F L E C T E D  
C H E R E N K O V L I G H T

- DIRC Concept
- DIRCs at Past and Current Facilities
- R&D for DIRCs at Future Facilities

*A lot of activities with many interesting results,  
too much for a 25-minute talk – for more details see:*

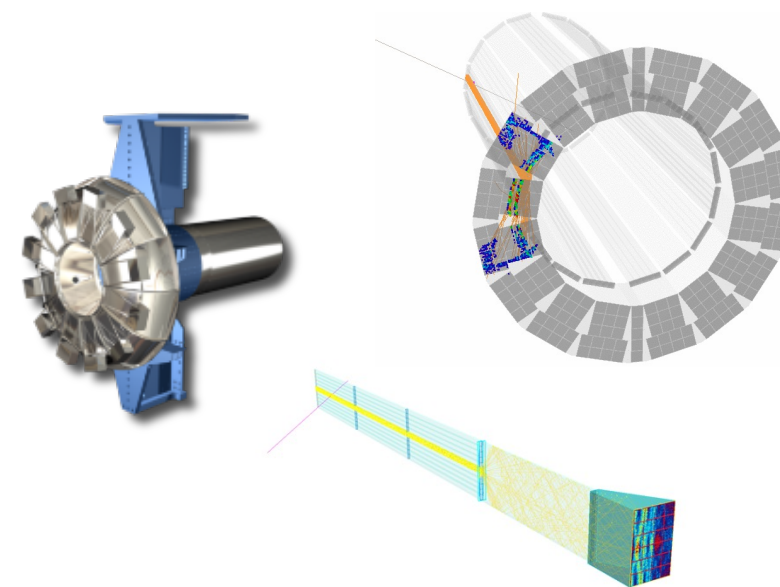
- *Recent review: B. Ratcliff and J. Va'vra, Nucl.Instrum.Meth. A 970 (2020) 163442*
- *RICH workshop series (most recent: RICH2018, Moscow)*
- *DIRC workshop series (most recent: DIRC2019, Rauschholzhausen)*

*Not covered in this talk: DIRC-based time-of-flight counters → see Roger's TOF talk*

*More about sensor development → session this afternoon*

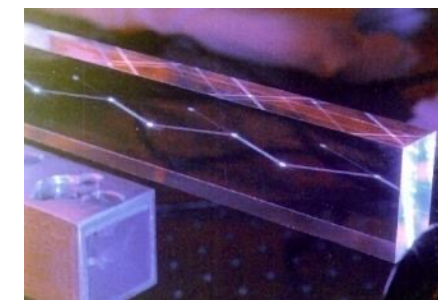
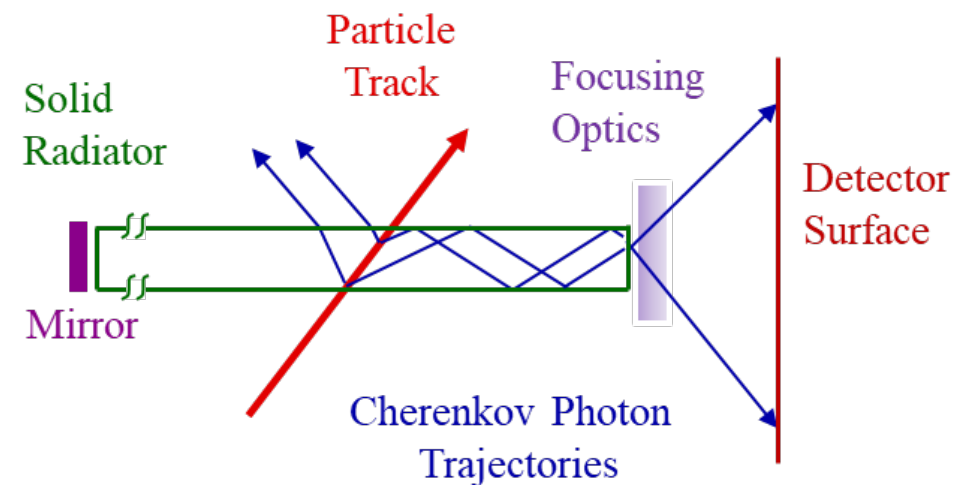
*More about fast readout electronics development → TF7 symposium, March 25*

*Thanks to my colleagues in the DIRC community who provided information and material.*



## Detection of Internally Reflected Cherenkov Light

- DIRC: Compact subtype of RICH (Ring Imaging Cherenkov) detector utilizing total internal reflection of Cherenkov photons in a solid radiator medium
- **Charged particle** traversing radiator with refractive index  $n$  with  $\beta = v/c > 1/n$  emits **Cherenkov photons** on cone with half opening angle  $\cos \theta_c = 1/\beta n(\lambda)$ .
- For  $n > \sqrt{2}$  some photons are always **totally internally reflected** for  $\beta \approx 1$  tracks.
- **Radiator and light guide**: bar, plate, or disk, typically made from **Synthetic Fused Silica** (“Quartz”)
- Magnitude of Cherenkov angle conserved during many internal reflections (provided optical surfaces are square, parallel, highly polished)

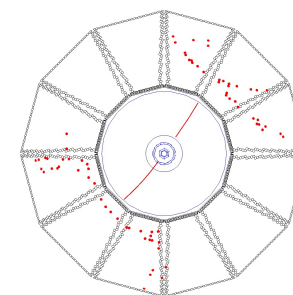
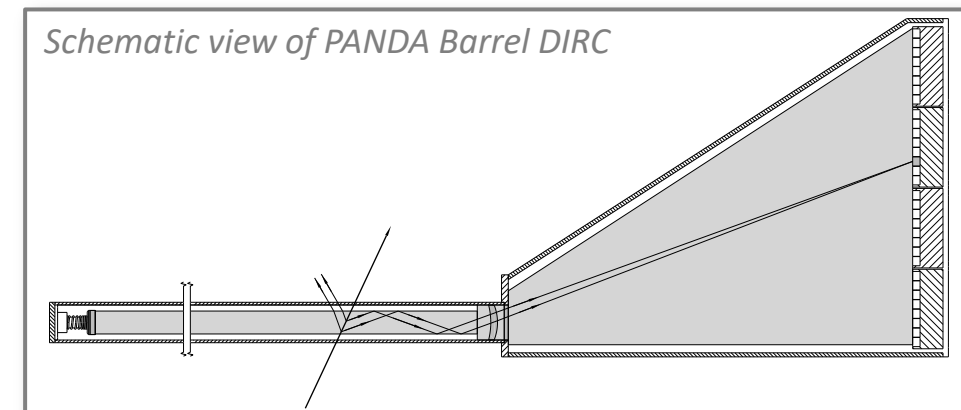


- **Mirror** attached to one bar end, reflects photon back to readout end.
- Photons exit radiator via optional **focusing optics** into **expansion region**, detected on **photon detector array**.
- DIRC is intrinsically a **3-D device**, measuring: **x, y, and time** of Cherenkov photons, defining  $\theta_c$ ,  $\phi_c$ ,  $t_{\text{propagation}}$ .
- **Ultimate deliverable for DIRC: PID likelihoods.**

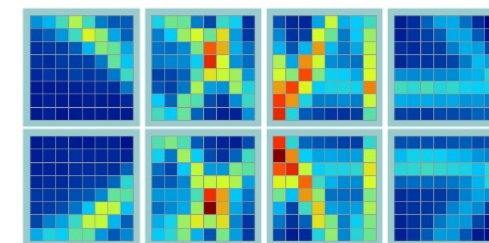
DIRC hit patterns are not typical Cherenkov rings.

Different DIRCs use different reconstruction approaches to provide likelihood for observed hit pattern (in detector space or in Cherenkov space) to be produced by  $e/\mu/\pi/K/p$  plus event/track background.

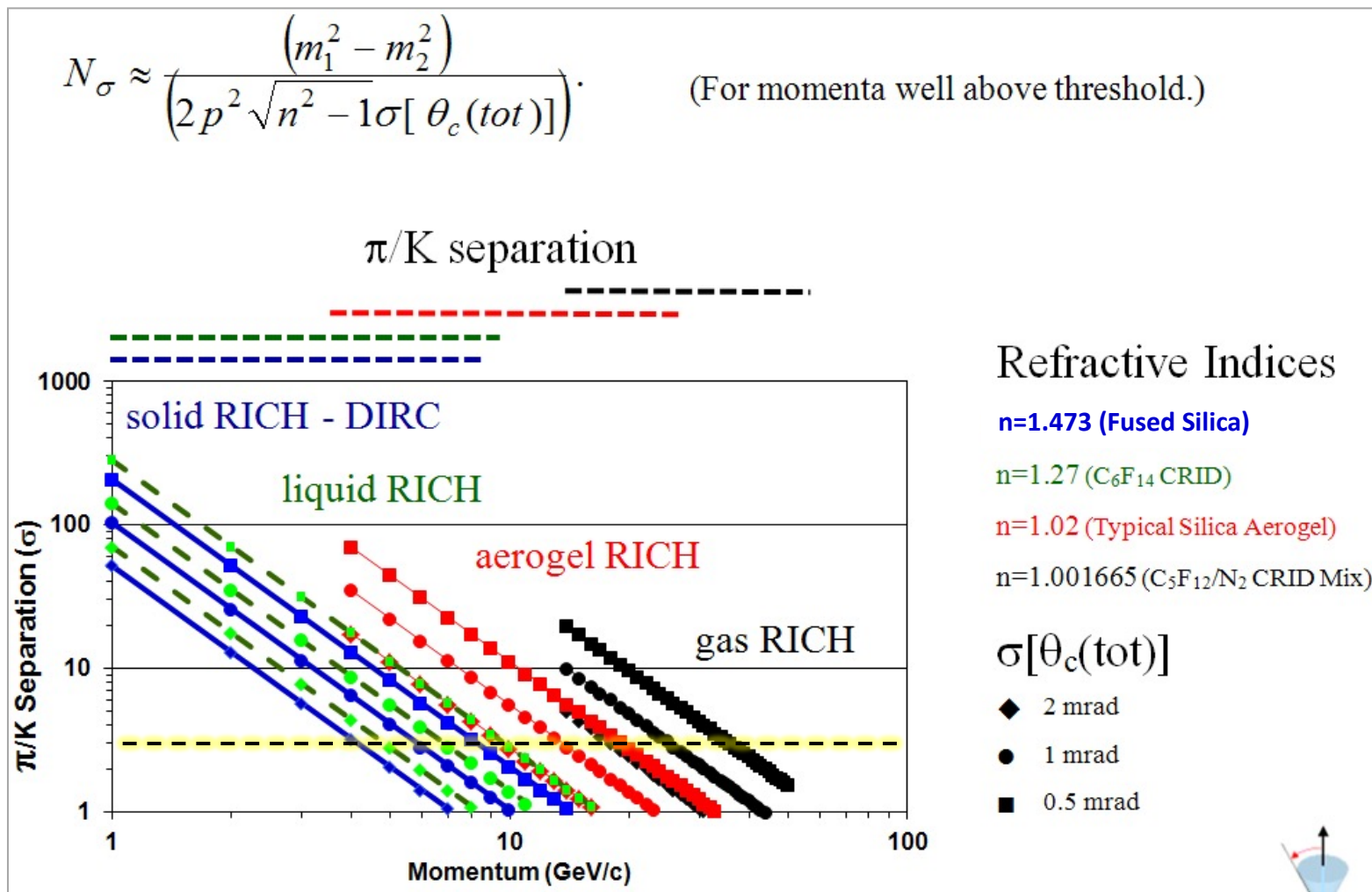
DIRC requires momentum and position of particle measured by tracking system.



Hit pattern  
BABAR DIRC



Accumulated hit pattern  
PANDA Barrel DIRC

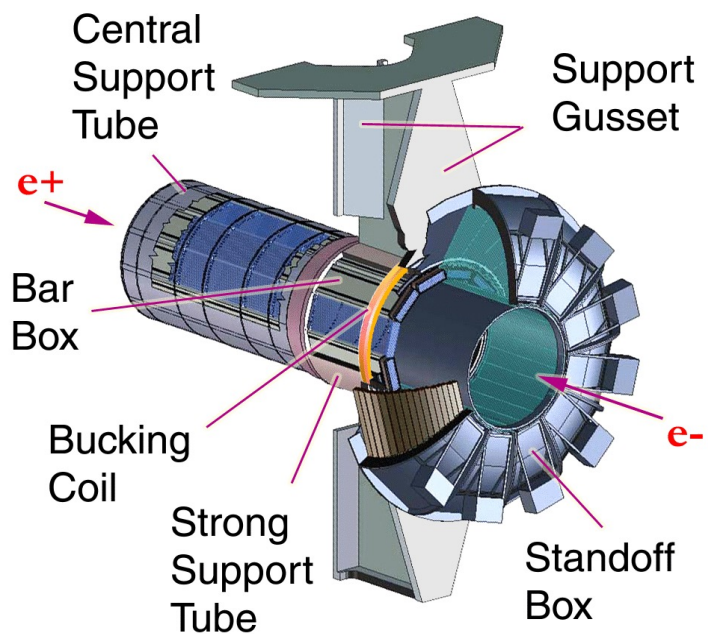


← colors:  
radiator materials

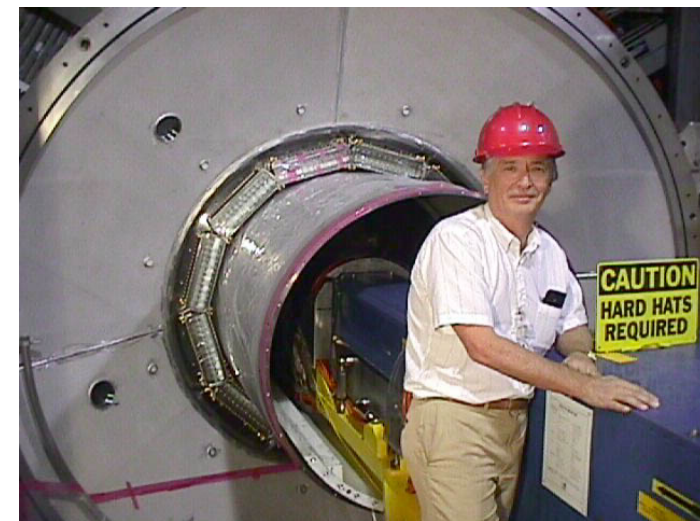
← symbols:  
total Cherenkov angle  
error per particle

DIRCs can provide good  $\pi/K$  separation potential significantly beyond 3-4 GeV/c,  
though large refractive index limits practical DIRC momentum range to below 10 GeV/c.

based on  
B. Ratcliff,  
RICH2002

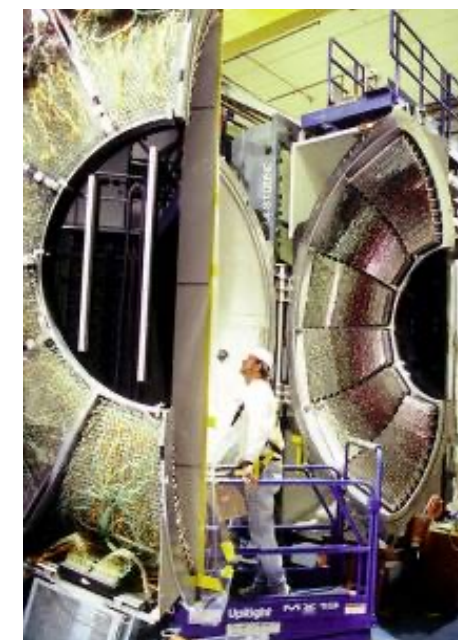
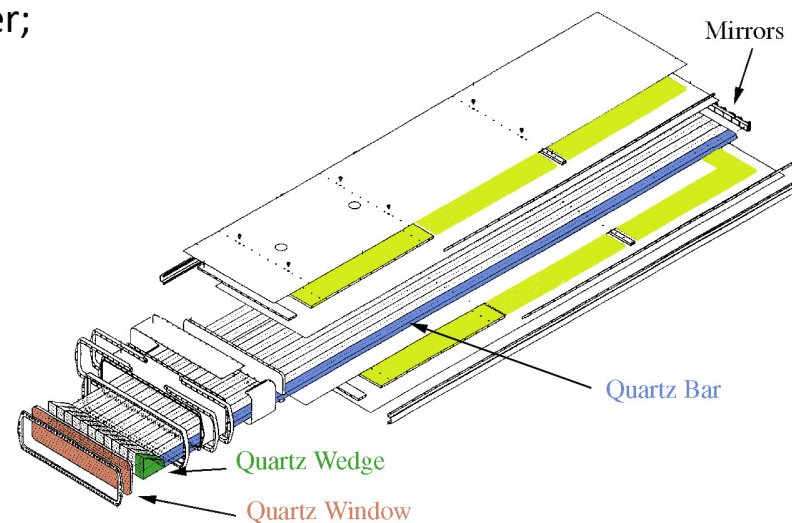
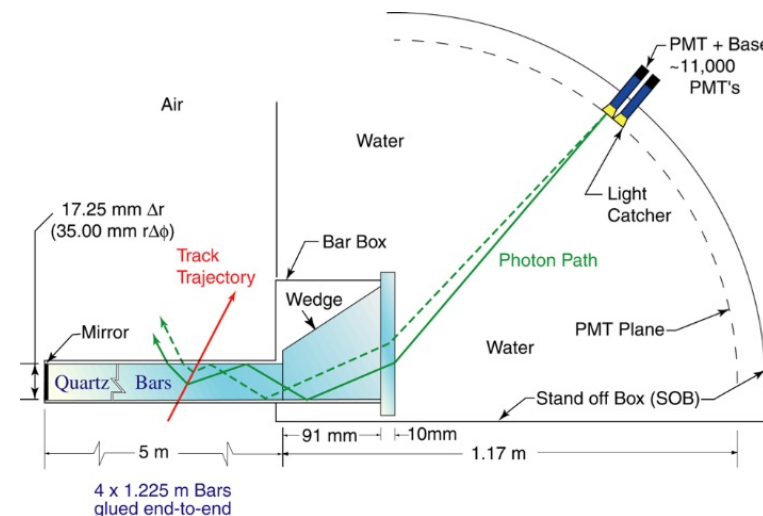


# BABAR DIRC

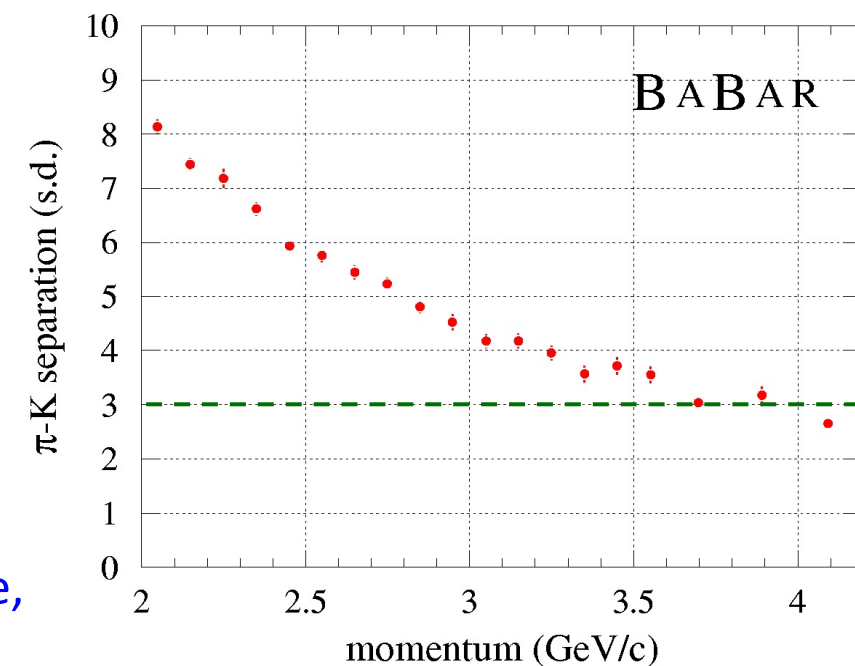
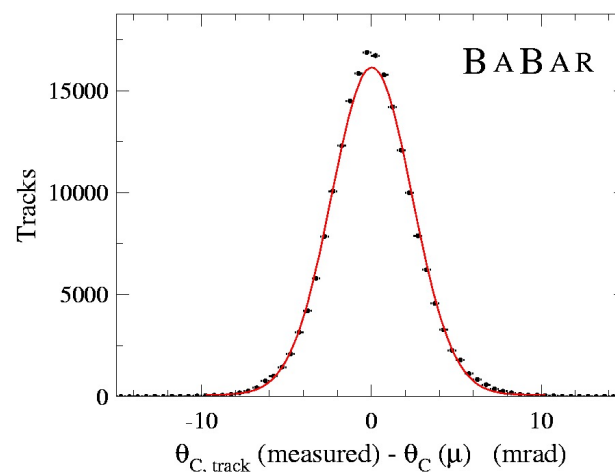
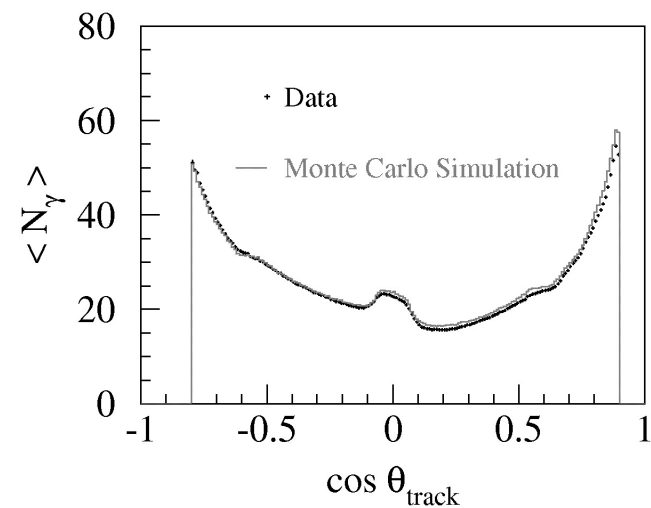


## BABAR DIRC

- **first DIRC counter**, primary hadronic PID in BABAR barrel;
- design goal  $3\sigma$   $\pi/K$  separation up to 4 GeV/c;
- **compact**, 8 cm radial thickness incl. supports;
- **pinhole focusing** (size of bar small compared to size of expansion volume);
- **long narrow synthetic fused silica bars** (17mm x 35mm x 4900mm);
- bar boxes penetrate iron of the flux return, sensors outside magnetic field;
- 1.2m-deep expansion volume: tank of 6000 l ultra-pure water;
- sensors: ~11,000 standard 1" PMTs with light concentrators;
- installation in 1998/1999, physics run 1999-2008;
- **robust operation, excellent performance.**



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| Single photon timing resolution          | 1.7 ns   |
| Single photon Cherenkov angle resolution | ~10 mrad   |
| Photon yield                             | 20-60 photons per track                          |
| Track Cherenkov angle resolution         | 2.4 mrad (di-muons)                              |
| $\pi/K$ separation power                 | 4.3 $\sigma$ @ 3 GeV/c, $\sim 3\sigma$ @ 4 GeV/c |



Excellent performance: very reliable, robust, easy to operate, significant contribution to almost all BABAR physics results.



# DIRC RECONSTRUCTION

Time information provides powerful tool to reject accelerator and event related background.

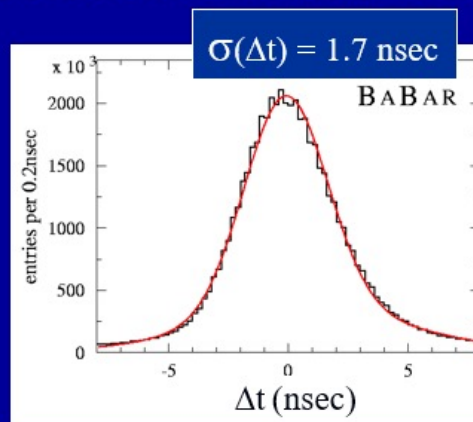
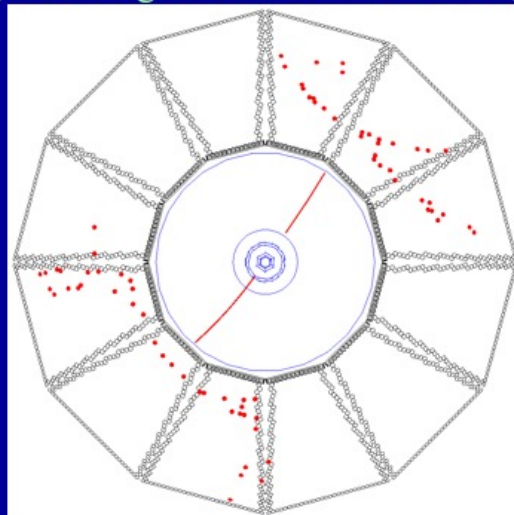
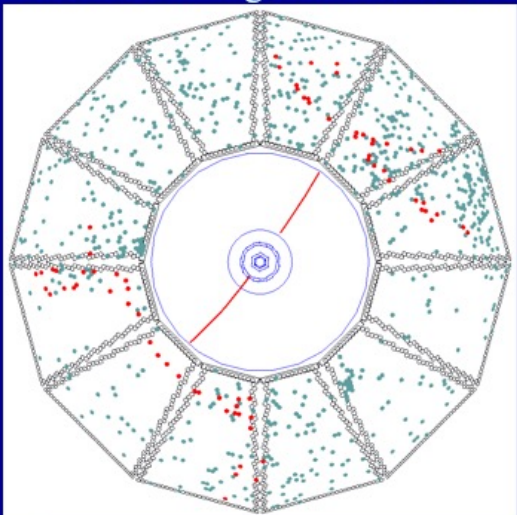
Calculate expected arrival time of Cherenkov photon based on

- track TOF
- photon propagation in radiator bar and in water

$\Delta t$ : difference between measured and expected arrival time

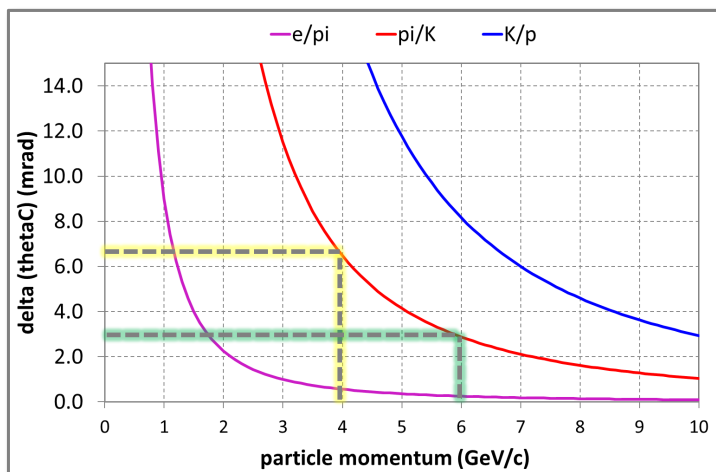
$\pm 300$  nsec trigger window  
(~500-1300 background hits/event)

→  $\pm 8$  nsec  $\Delta t$  window  
(1-2 background hits/sector/event)



- Timing information not used for PID but crucial in dealing with accelerator-induced background
- Powerful DIRC timing variable: difference between measured and calculated photon arrival time (can provide “DIRC  $t_0$  event time”)

DIRC Cherenkov angle difference vs. momentum



- Make DIRC less sensitive to background (main challenge for BABAR and SuperB)
  - decrease size of expansion volume, replace water as medium, add focusing optics;
  - find a way to place photon detector inside magnetic field.
- Investigate alternative radiator shapes (plates, disks), develop endcap device
- Push DIRC  $\pi/K$  separation to higher momentum

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

- 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

SUPERB, BELLE II,  
PANDA & EIC

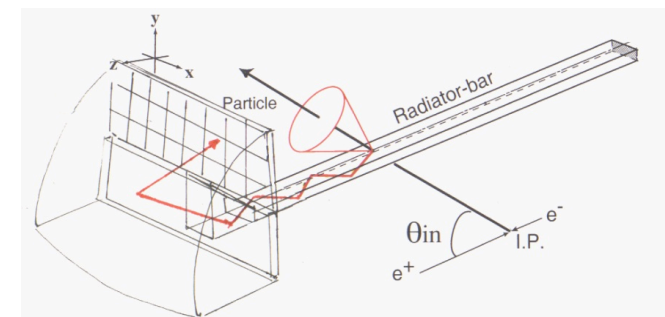
-----> **5-6 mrad** per photon → **1 mrad** per particle (EIC goal) in reach

Initial next-generation DIRC R&D directions can be roughly divided into three **imaging approaches** using different focusing optics

- moderate timing, (very) **good spatial resolution**

examples: SuperB **fDIRC**, GlueX DIRC, early PANDA Barrel DIRC

200-500 ps photon timing, array of ( $\sim 6$  mm) 2D pixels  $\rightarrow$  PID primarily based on **spatial imaging**

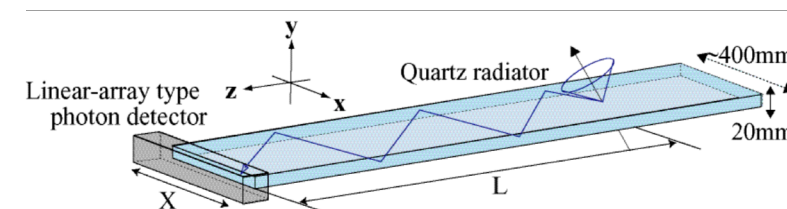


Early SuperB fDIRC design

- very **fast timing**, moderate/poor spatial resolution

examples: early Belle II TOP design, early PANDA Disc DIRC design

$\sim 50$  ps photon timing, ( $\sim 5$  mm) 1D pixels  $\rightarrow$  PID emphasizes **time imaging**



Early Belle II TOP design

- very **fast timing**, very **good spatial resolution**

examples: “ultimate fDIRC”, EIC High-Performance DIRC

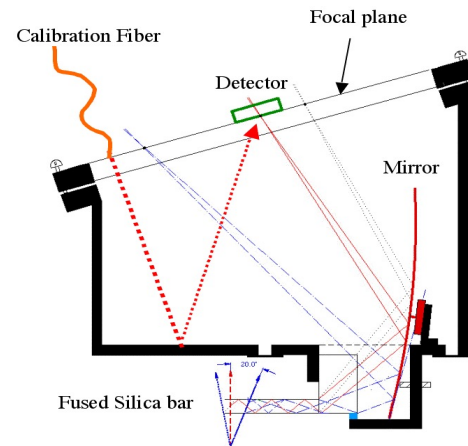
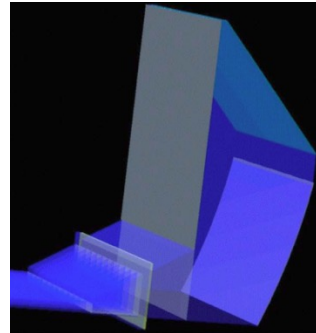
$< 100$  ps photon timing, large array of ( $\sim 3$  mm) 2D pixels  $\rightarrow$  PID uses **full 3D imaging**

Final designs for Belle II TOP and PANDA DIRCs are hybrids derived from these initial approaches.



# SuperB fDIRC

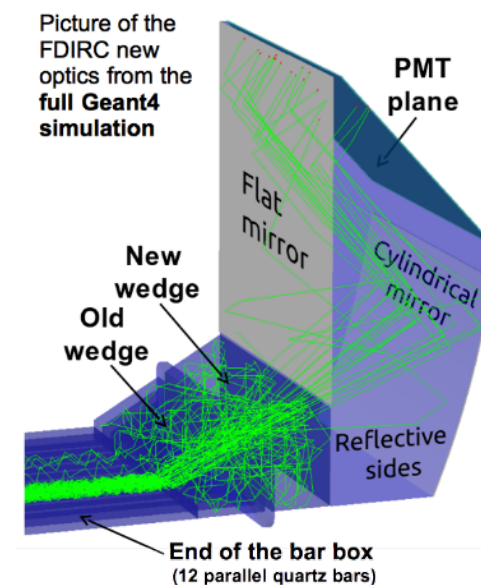
- compact photon camera
- cylindrical mirror focusing
- small pixels (MAPMT)
- fast photon timing
- dispersion mitigation
- legacy components



## SuperB Focusing DIRC (fDIRC):

- Intended as barrel PID system for SuperB experiment in Italy (cancelled)
- design goal  $3\sigma \pi/K$  separation up to 4 GeV/c
- Important constraint: reuse BABAR DIRC bar boxes, readout outside magnetic field
- Maintain BABAR DIRC PID performance for much higher backgrounds at 100x luminosity
- Two complex prototypes during 10+ years of R&D (tests with particle beams and cosmic muons)
- Complete redesign of the photon camera (replace water tank with 12 “cameras”)
- New sensors and electronics
- True 3D imaging using (compared to BABAR):
  - 25x smaller volume for expansion region
  - 10x better timing resolution to detect single photons
  - 4x smaller pixels
- Optical design based entirely on solid fused silica to avoid water or oil as optical medium.

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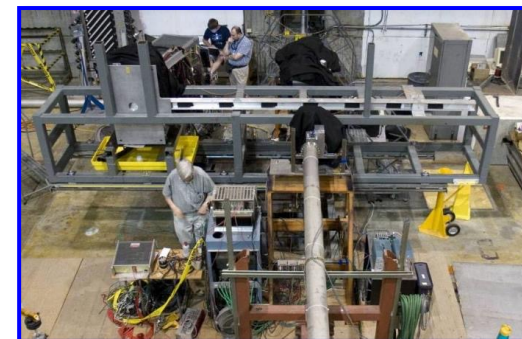
D.A. Roberts et al., RICH 2016  
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## First fDIRC prototype:

Oil tank expansion volume (KamLand mineral oil), spherical mirror (SLD CRID)

Mix of multi-anode sensors (MaPMTs, MCP-PMTs) and readout electronics

Performance evaluation with electron beam at SLAC



## Significant upgrade of optics and electronics for second prototype:

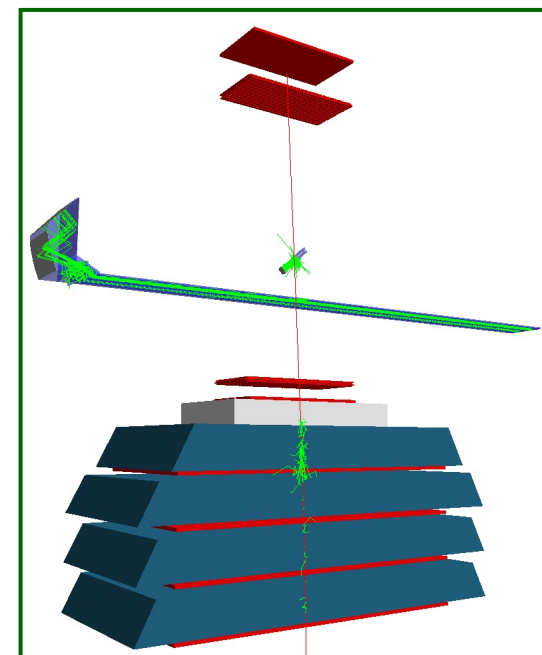
New **solid fused silica expansion volume** (FBLOCK) with **cylindrical mirror focusing**.

Additional wedge to couple BABAR DIRC bar box to FBLOCK.

**Waveform sampling readout** electronics (IRS2, early version of Belle II TOP readout).

Array of 12 Hamamatsu **H8500 MaPMTs** (8\*8 pixels, 6mm pitch, 140ps TTS).

Detailed study of SuperB fDIRC phase space using hardened cosmic rays at SLAC.



**Achieved required resolution for SuperB fDIRC.**

**Clearly demonstrated resolution improvement**

**from chromatic dispersion correction with fast timing.**

*For more details on fDIRC R&D see: J. Va'vra, "Lessons learned from DIRC & fDIRC developments at SLAC", DIRC 2019 workshop, Sep. 2019.*

## Technical challenge: properties of synthetic fused silica (FS)

- Pros:**
- Optically **transparent** over wide wavelength range
  - Shown to be **radiation hard** at Mrad+ levels
  - Can be polished to **excellent surface finish** (few Å *rms* roughness)
- Cons:**
- Production process can produce **inclusions** (bubbles) in bulk material or layers with optical index variations (**striae**)
  - Dispersion** of refractive index impacts angular resolution

## Impact of chromatic dispersion on Cherenkov angle resolution

For  $\beta=1$ :  $\theta_C=813\dots834\text{mrad}$  (for  $300 \leq \lambda \leq 700\text{nm}$  photons produced in FS)

→ significant contribution to Cherenkov angle resolution per photon

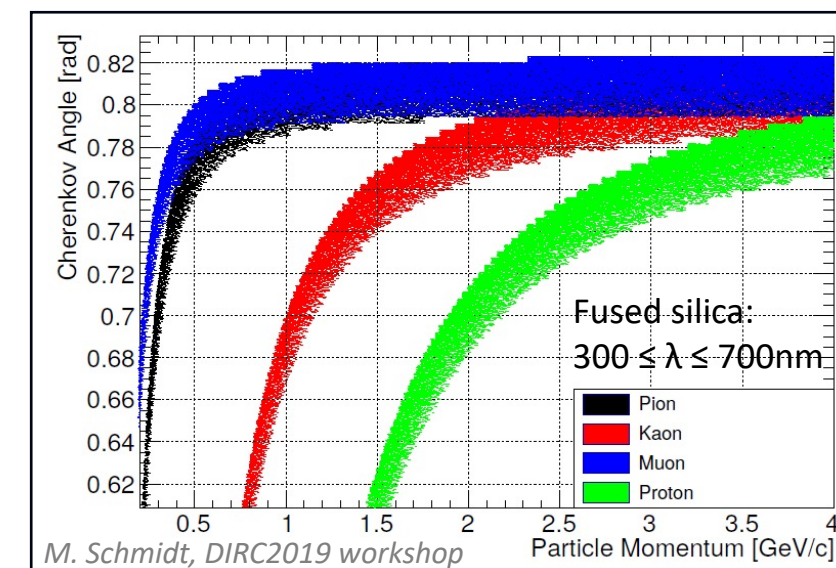
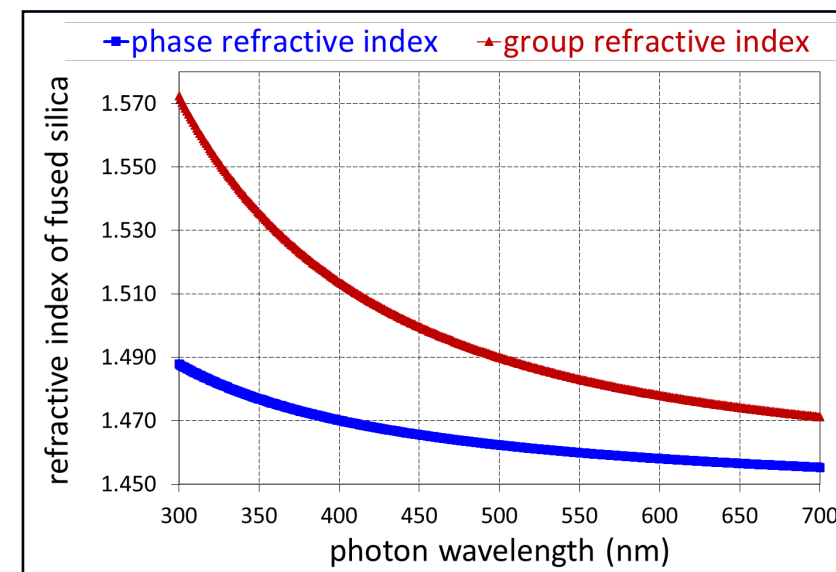
Several approaches to **dispersion mitigation** are being investigated:

Limit wavelength range (custom photocathode or band filter)

Use transition to different refractive index (LiF prism)

Use fast photon timing to tag photon wavelength using time dispersion

→ SuperB and PANDA have demonstrated feasibility of this method

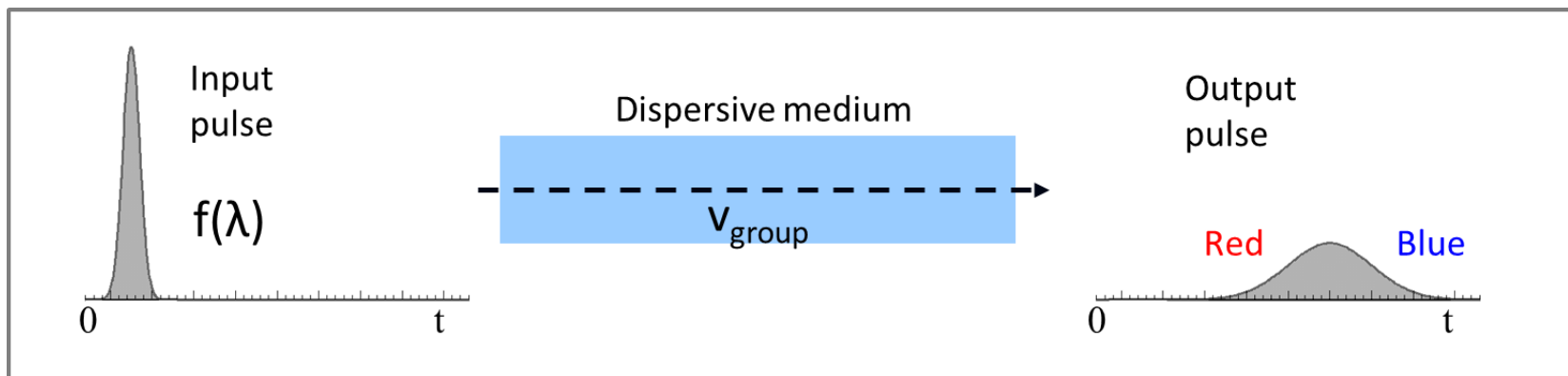


Cherenkov angle production controlled by  $n_{\text{phase}}$  ( $\cos \theta_c = 1/(n_{\text{phase}}\beta)$ ):

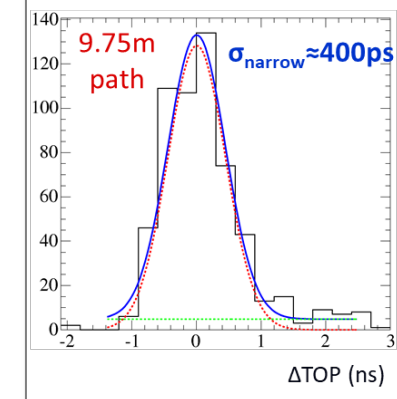
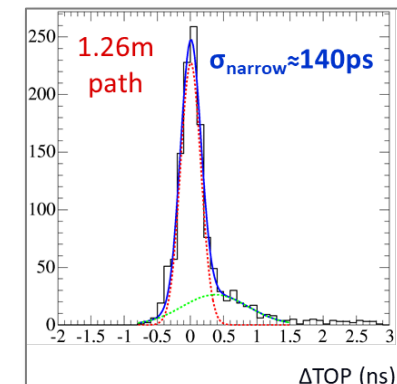
$$\theta_c(\text{red}) < \theta_c(\text{blue})$$

Propagation of photons controlled by  $n_{\text{group}}$  ( $v_{\text{group}} = c_0/n_{\text{group}} = c_0/[n_{\text{phase}} - \lambda \cdot dn_{\text{phase}} \cdot d\lambda]$ ):

$$v_{\text{group}}(\text{red}) > v_{\text{group}}(\text{blue})$$



SuperB fDIRC, 1<sup>st</sup> prototype



Fused silica:  $n_{\text{phase}}(\text{red}) < n_{\text{phase}}(\text{blue}) \rightarrow v_{\text{group}}(\text{red}) > v_{\text{group}}(\text{blue})$

$\rightarrow$  red photons arrive before blue photons

**Photon color tag dTOP:** time difference between the measured propagation time of a photon and the expected propagation time (calculated for photon with the average wavelength)

$\rightarrow$  negative dTOP: red photons, positive dTOP: blue photons

Use this information to correct the measured Cherenkov angle per photon.

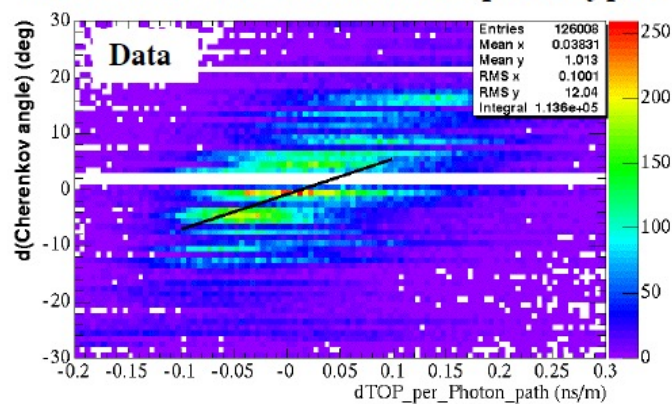
$$dt/L = d\text{TOP}/L = \lambda \cdot d\lambda \cdot | -d^2n_{\text{phase}}/d\lambda^2 | / c_0 \quad \text{Correlation between propagation time and emission angle}$$

$dt$  is pulse dispersion in time, pathlength  $L$ , wavelength bandwidth  $d\lambda$ , refraction index  $n(\lambda)$



10 GeV e<sup>-</sup> beam:

Data from the 1-st FDIRC prototype:

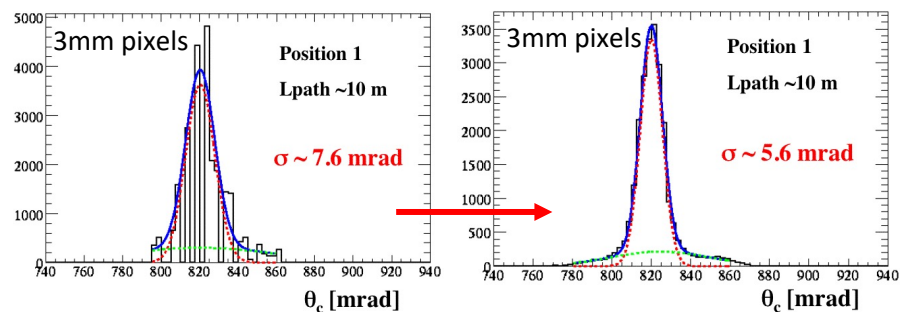


*J. Va'vra,*  
*DIRC2019 workshop*

- fDIRC prototype in electron beam
- observed photon timing  $\sigma_t \approx 200\text{ps}$
- correction improves resolution for photon paths > 2-3m
- first experimental demonstration of chromatic dispersion mitigation using fast photon timing

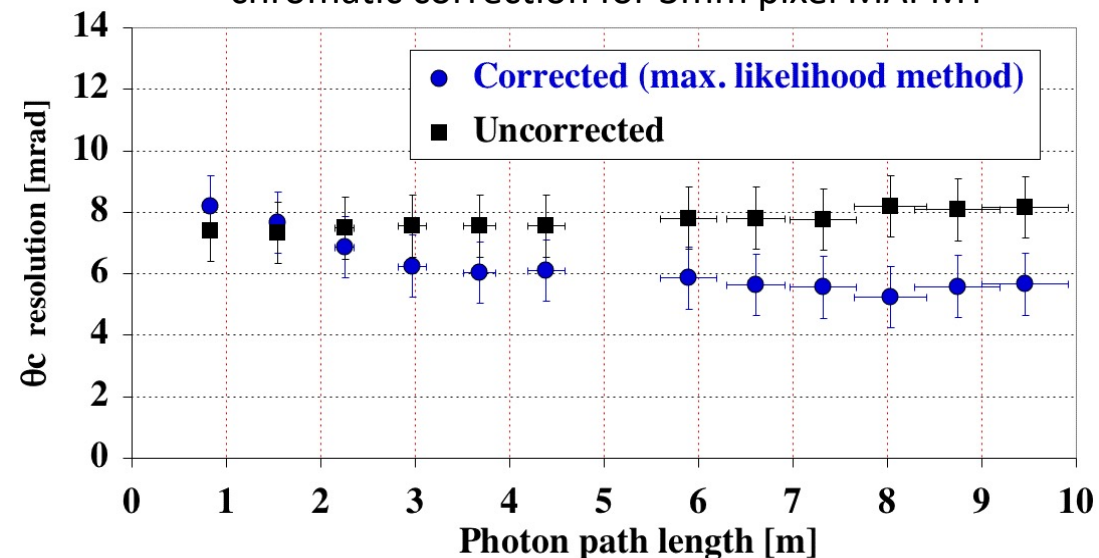
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*J.S., RICH 2007*

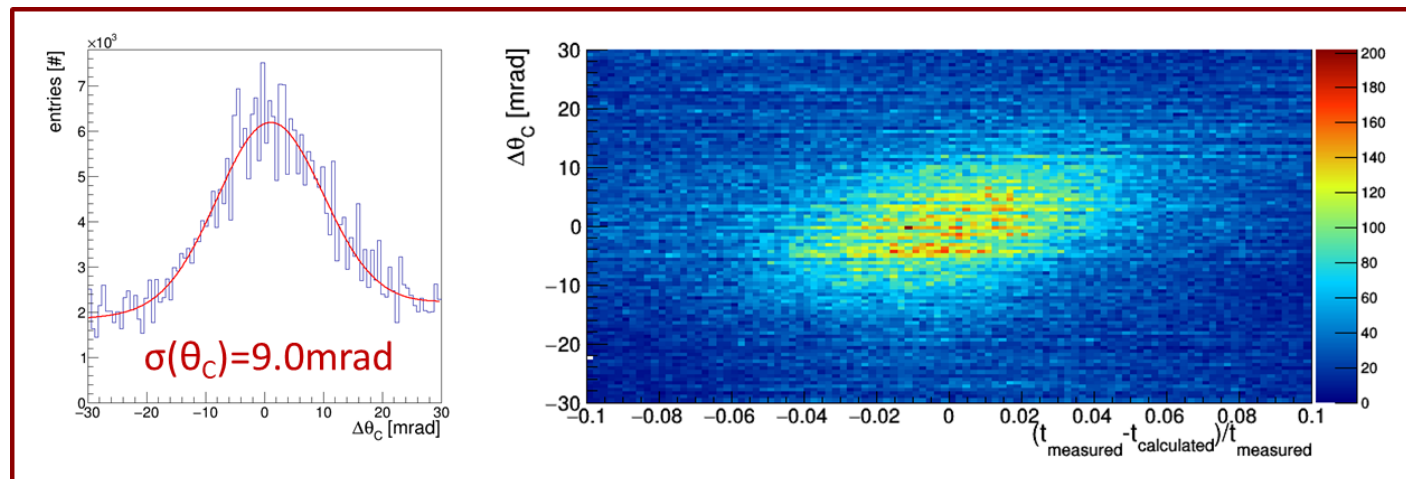
chromatic correction for 3mm pixel MAPMT



## Example from PANDA Barrel DIRC prototype beam test at CERN:

before correction

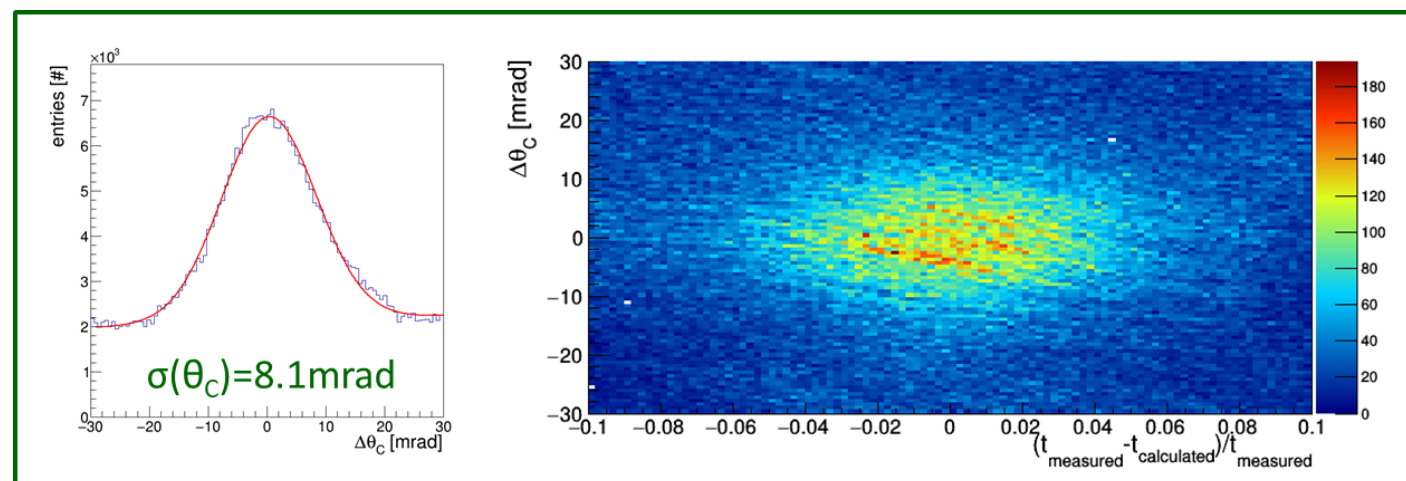
PANDA Barrel DIRC prototype at CERN PS,  
 7 GeV/c, mixed hadron beam, 90° polar angle  
 Cherenkov angle corrected by normalized photon  
 propagation time difference  
 (calculated using average wavelength of 390nm)

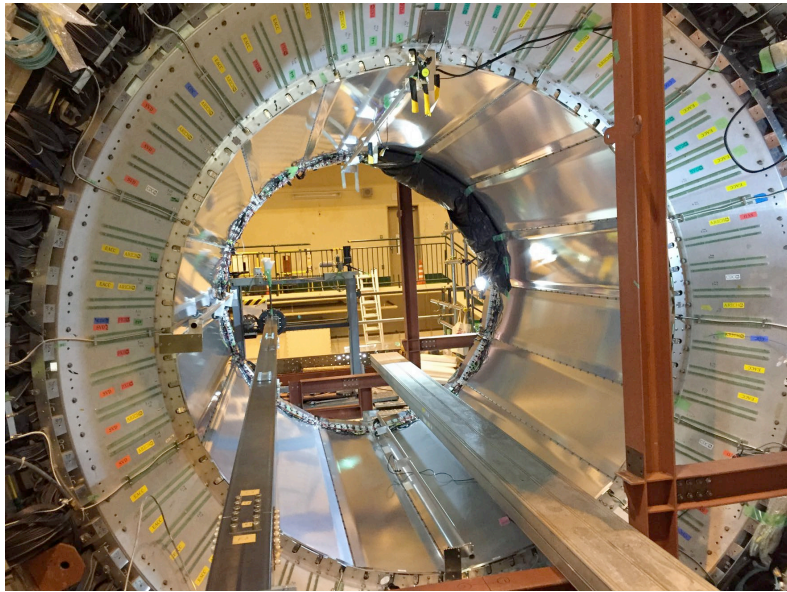


## Clear improvement of Cherenkov angle resolution per photon after correction

(with modest timing precision (~200ps)  
 and moderate photon path (1m-3.3m);  
 better timing, longer paths in PANDA)

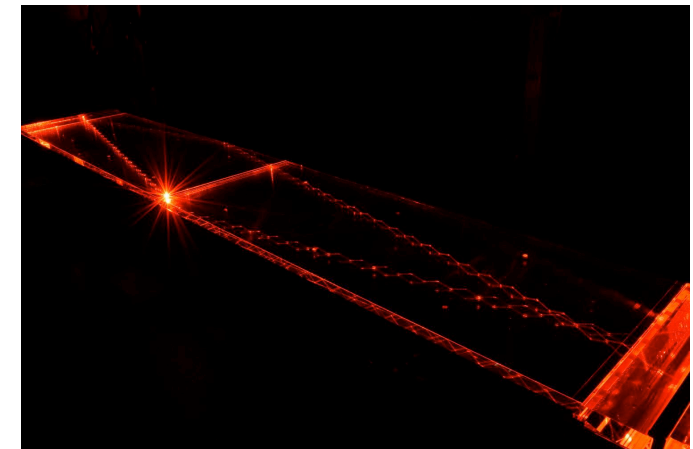
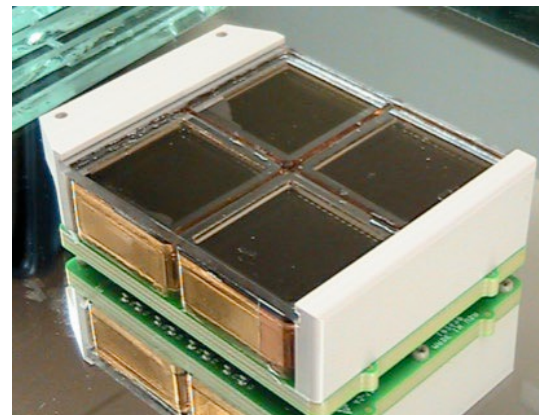
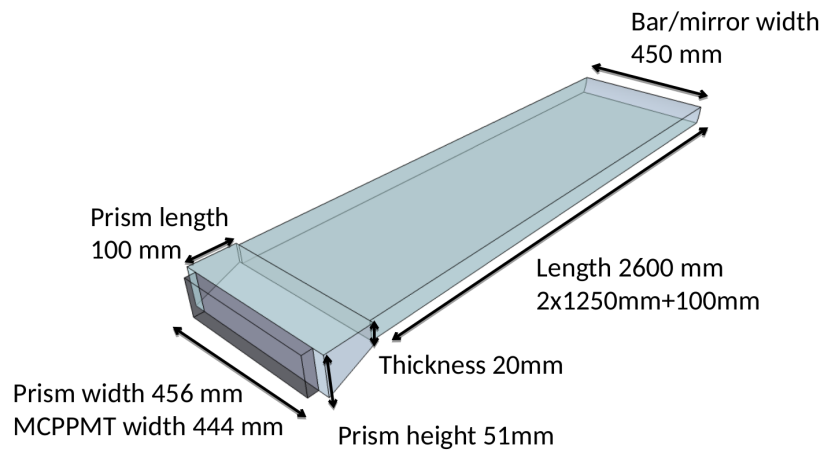
after chromatic correction by photon timing





# Belle II TOP

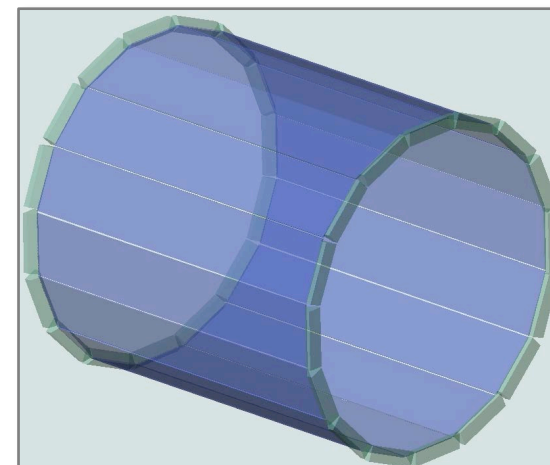
- compact photon camera
- spherical mirror focusing\*
- small pixels (MCP-PMT)\*
- fast photon timing
- plate geometry



## Upgrade of Belle detector for high-luminosity Belle II experiment

- Time-of-Propagation (TOP) DIRC counter, emphasizing high-precision timing;
- design goal  $4\sigma$   $\pi/K$  separation up to 4 GeV/c;
- first DIRC using **wide plates** ( $\sim 2\text{cm} \times 45\text{ cm} \times 250\text{ cm}$ ), synthetic fused silica;
- **spherical focusing mirror**, only for “forward-going” photons;
- MCP-PMTs for fast photon detection in high magnetic field, small expansion prism;
- pioneered innovative **time imaging** reconstruction/PID method.

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TOP PID based on photon time-of-propagation, combined with time-of-flight of particle.

### Major technological challenge for Belle II:

Entire TOP system had to fit inside the EM calorimeter space, no room for larger expansion volume, tight fit, no easy access.

### Initial design was pure 2D TOP detector:

High precision timing ( $\sim 50\text{ps}$  per photon) + one space coordinate ( $\sim 5\text{mm}$  pitch, linear array)  
 – ultimately rejected due to chromatic dispersion issues and sensitivity to backgrounds.

**Final “imaging TOP” design: hybrid of pure TOP and conventional DIRC:**

small expansion volume (10cm depth), **spherical focusing mirror on forward end**,  
**moderate pixel segmentation** in x & y (6mm pitch) to mitigate chromatic dispersion,  
**fast photon timing** (~100ps per photon)

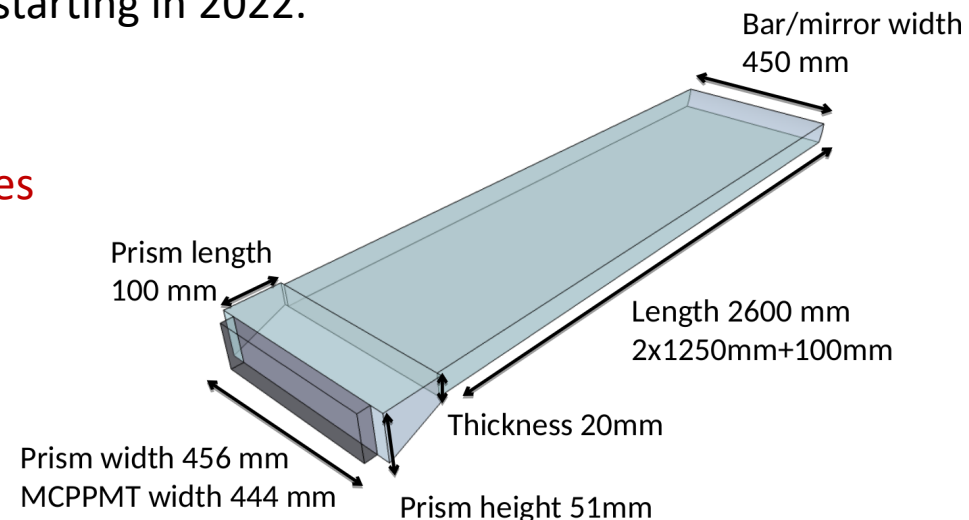
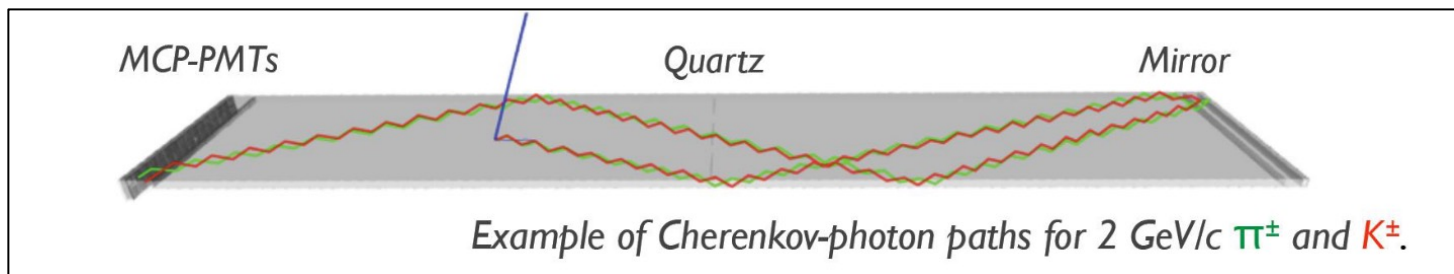
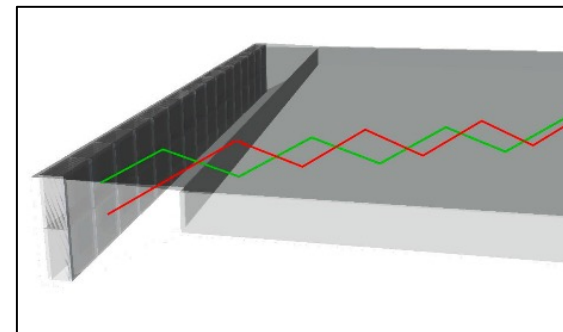
Choice of 45cm-wide plates instead of narrower bars significantly lowers fabrication cost

Photon detector: array of 2x16 Hamamatsu SL-10 MCP-PMTs per sector (4x4 pixels each);

**MCP-PMT lifetime issues** will require replacement of (most) MCP-PMTs, starting in 2022.

Readout: IRSx waveform sampling ASIC, <100ps timing precision.

**Imaging design with 2D sensor array and small expansion has many advantages**  
**(redundancy, robustness, sensor lifetime).**



G. Varner, DIRC2019

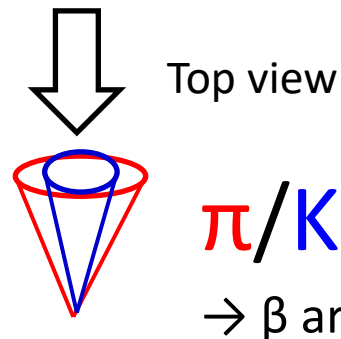
Early TOP concept: 2-D readout,  
x-position (5mm pixels) and time ( $\sigma_t \approx 40\text{ps}$ )

Hit pattern: position vs. time

Ring image animation

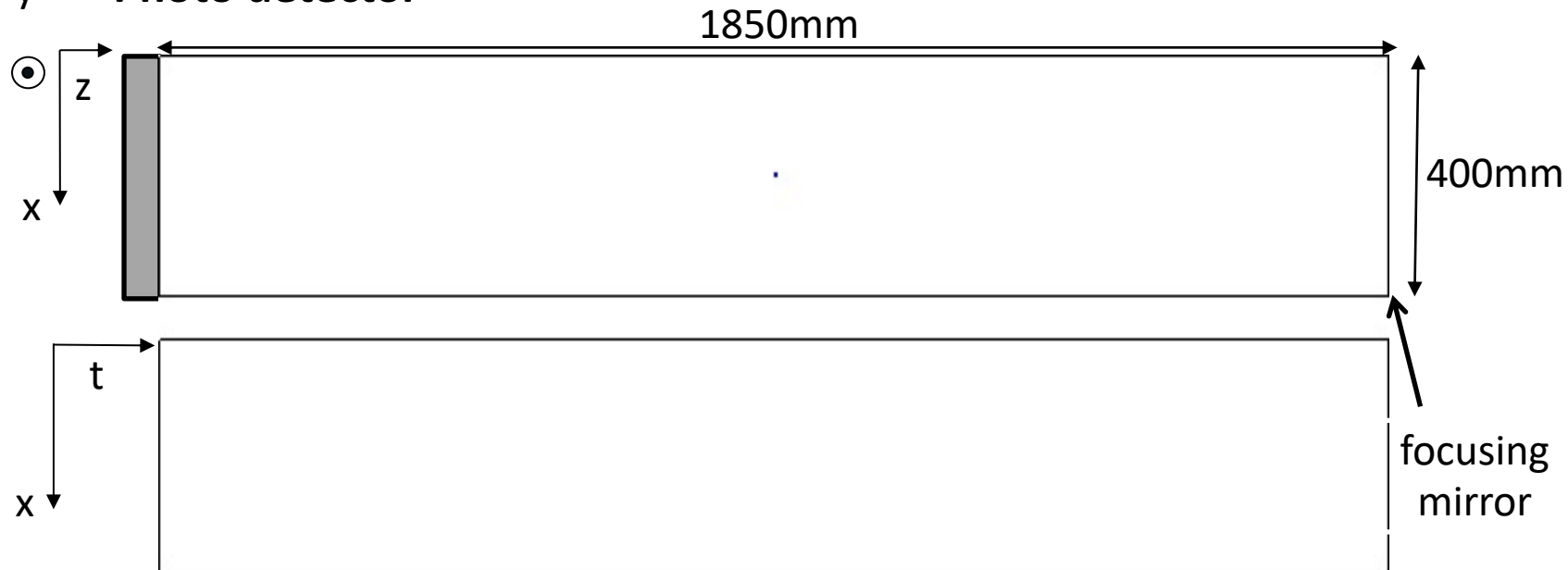
Ring image has high sensitivity to incident position and angles of particles.

Ring image of TOP counter



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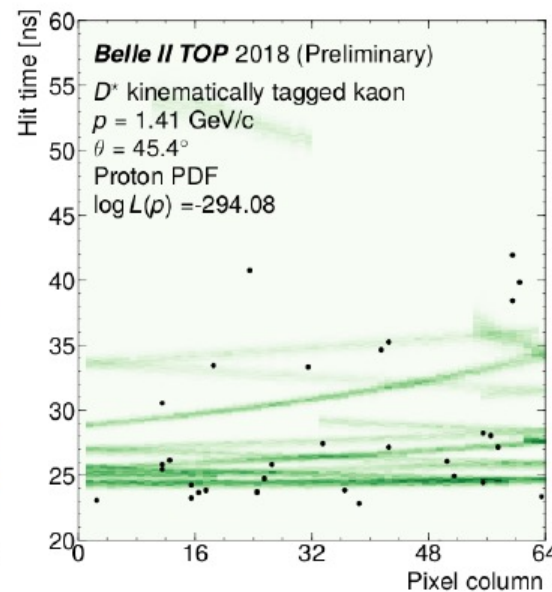
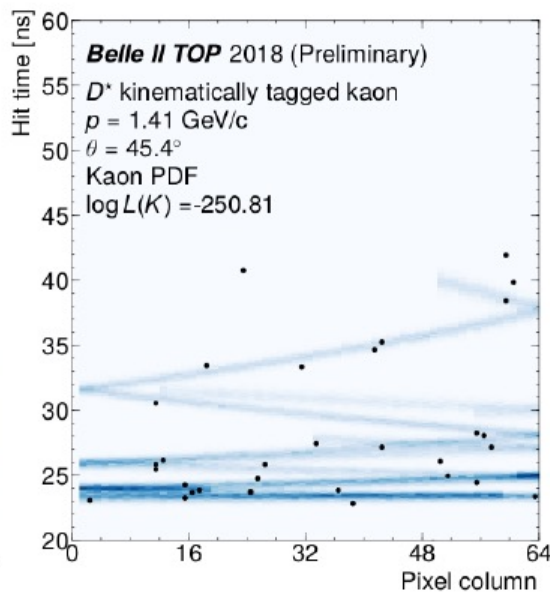
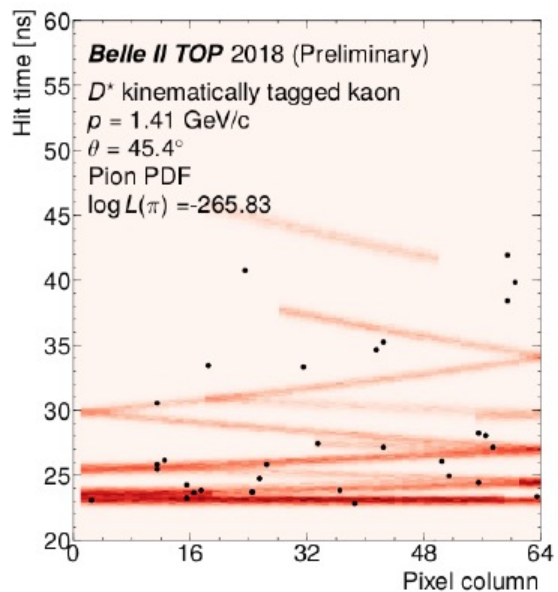
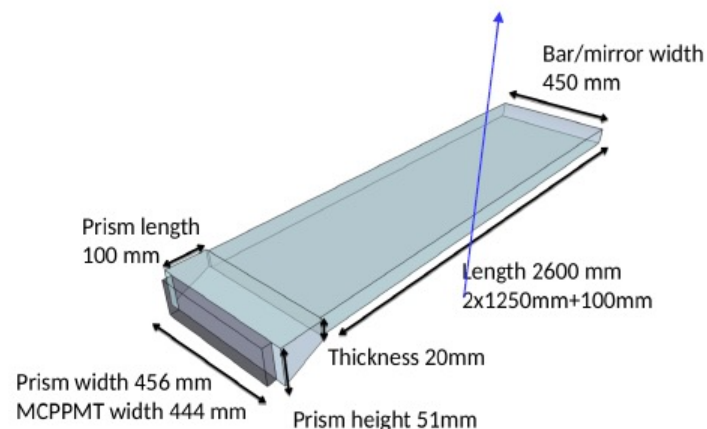
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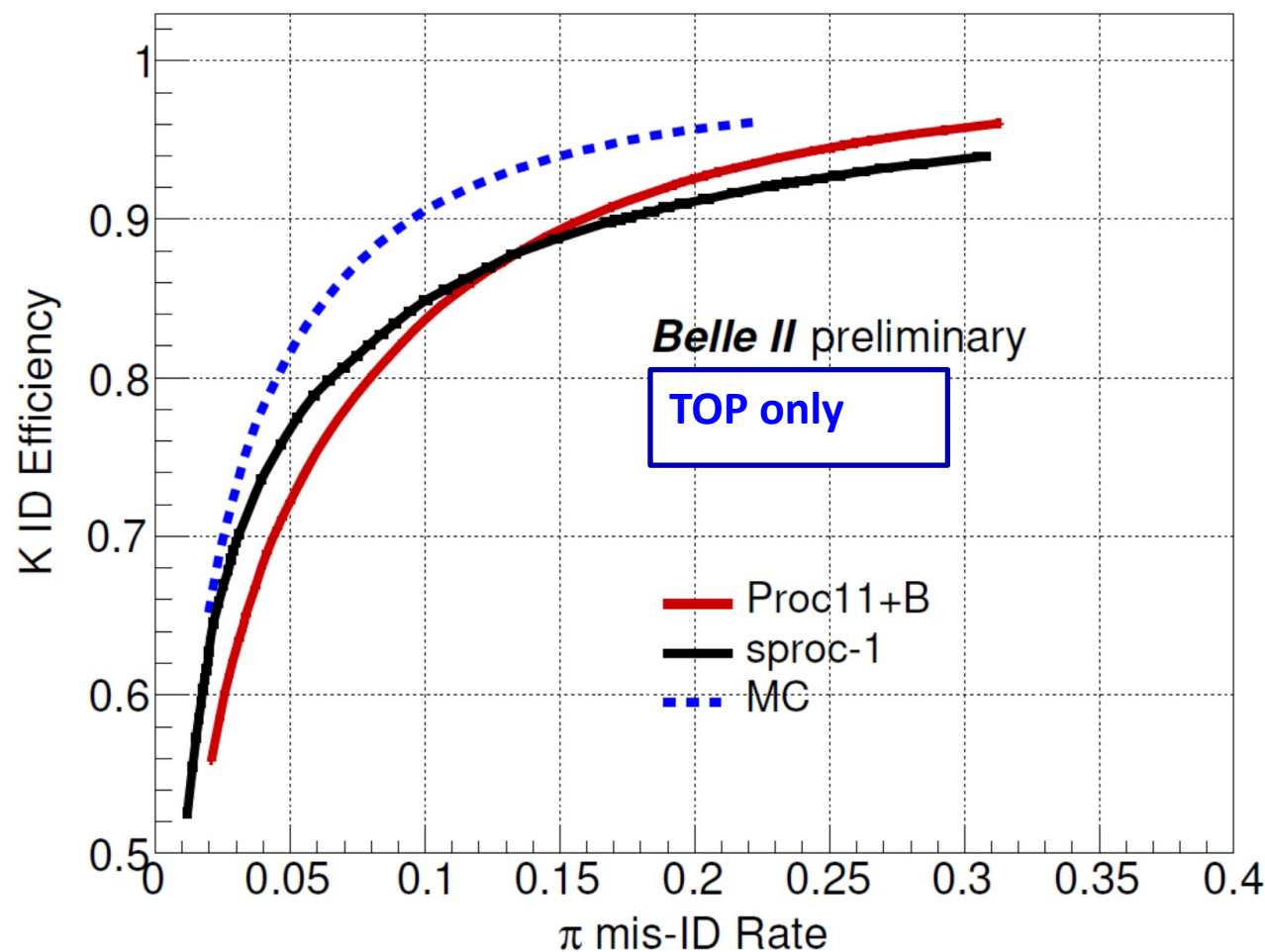


→ || ←  $\sim 200\text{ps}$  **Time and position for detected photons**

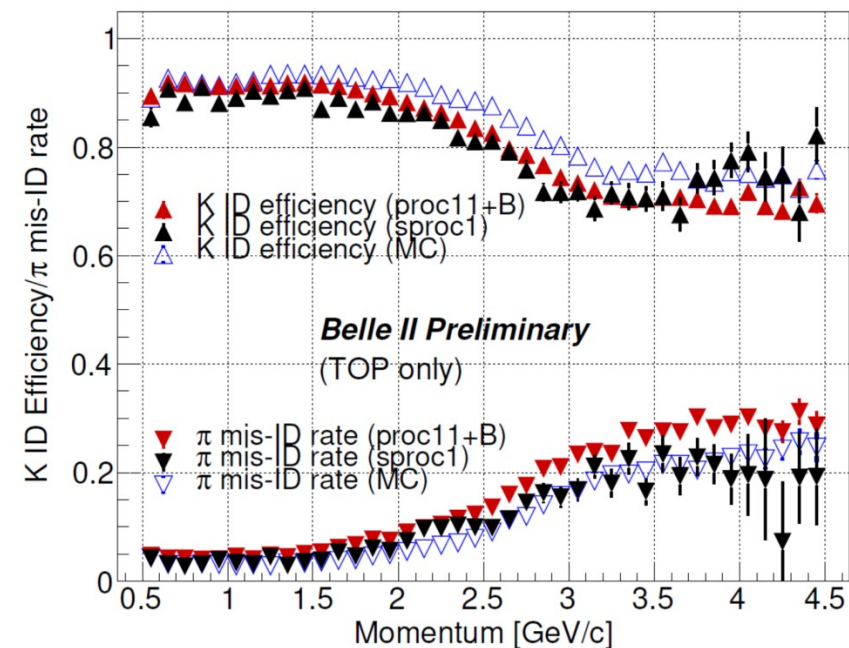
# TOP “Cherenkov Rings” II

- $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi_s^+; D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$
- Kaon facing mirror-side of TOP bar
  - PDF differences dominated by shape
  - Though for proton, also timing





- Efficiencies and mis-ID rates measured for kinematically identified pions and kaons approaching simulation expectation





Belle II TOP developed **innovative time-based imaging concept**.

Extended likelihood probability density functions (PDF):

photon time of propagation in plate, mirror, and prism  
for every pixel

derived either from simulation (for prototype tests)

or analytically (required for experiment).

For each pixel with hit, compare hit time with PDF for each particle type.

Full likelihood:

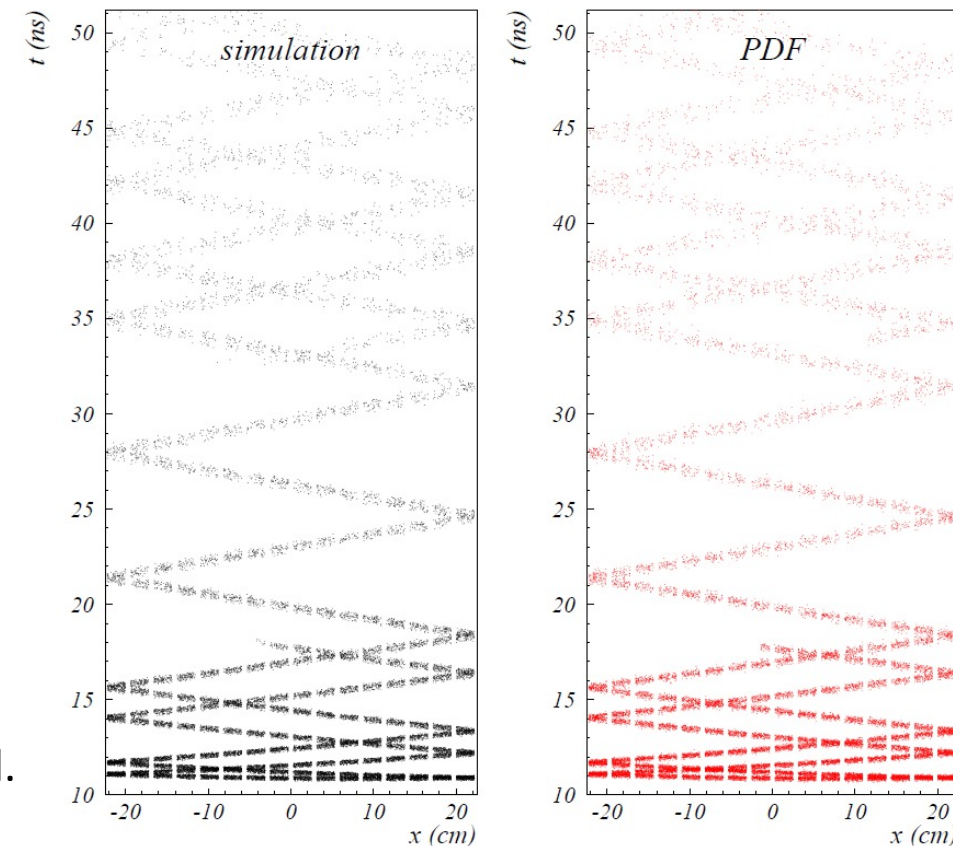
$$L_H = \prod_N \text{pdf}(x_i, y_i, t_i; H) \times P_{N_0}(N)$$

Describes complex features of the hit pattern very well.

Prism and focusing optics add additional complication for analytical method.

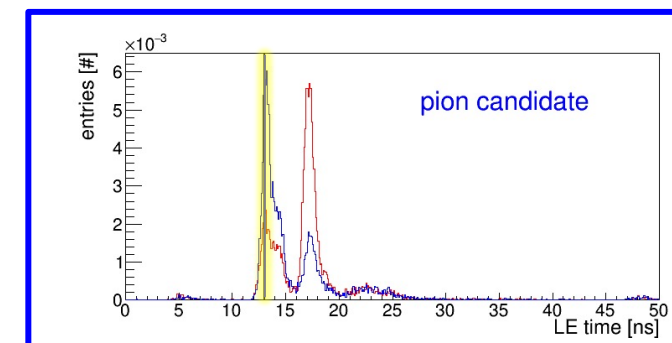
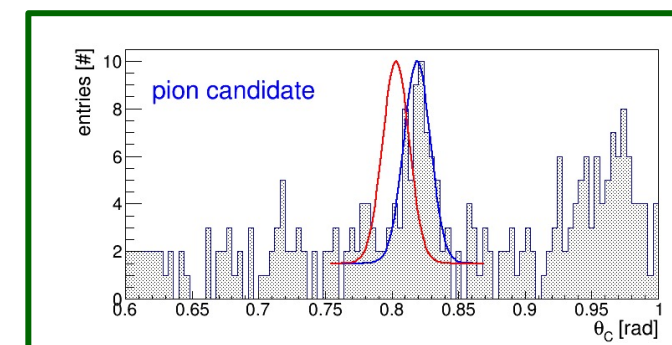
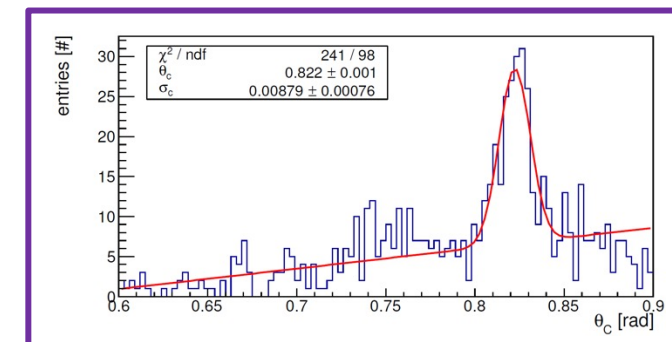
(Detailed performance studies underway for Belle II and PANDA.)

pure TOP counter: comparison of PDFs  
simulation vs. analytical calculation



## Examples of reconstruction/PID methods from PANDA Barrel DIRC

- track-by-track fit of single photon Cherenkov angle distribution based on look-up tables to extract track Cherenkov angle (“BABAR-like”) →
- track-by-track unbinned likelihood hypothesis test to determine log-likelihood differences (“geometrical reconstruction”) →
- “Belle II-like” time imaging to extract log-likelihood differences (PDFs were generated either analytically or from beam data directly using time-of-flight tag, statistically independent data sets) →
- first attempts using advanced AI/ML techniques underway



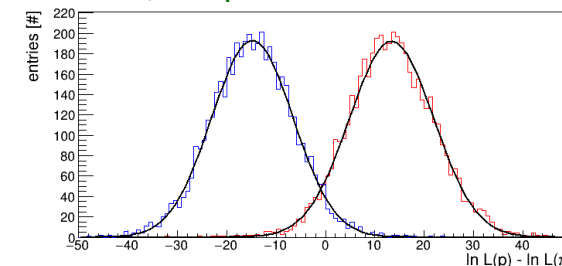
PANDA Barrel DIRC prototype, CERN 2018, 20° polar angle  
7 GeV/c  $\pi/p$  beam, equiv. to 3.5 GeV/c  $\pi/K$

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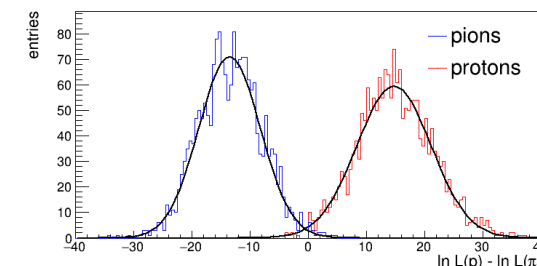
### geometrical reconstruction

$\pi/K$  separation: 3.5 s.d.

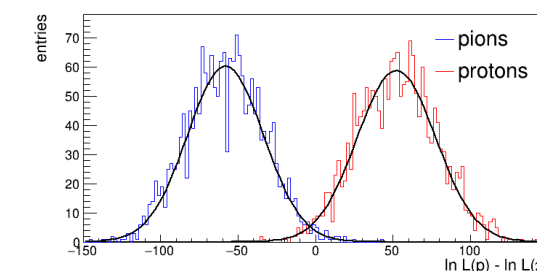


### time imaging

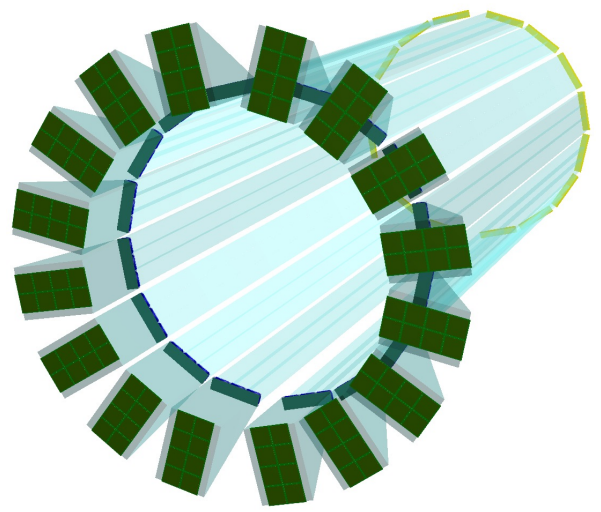
analytical PDF:  $\pi/K$  separation: 4.4 s.d.



beam data PDF:  $\pi/K$  separation: 4.8 s.d.

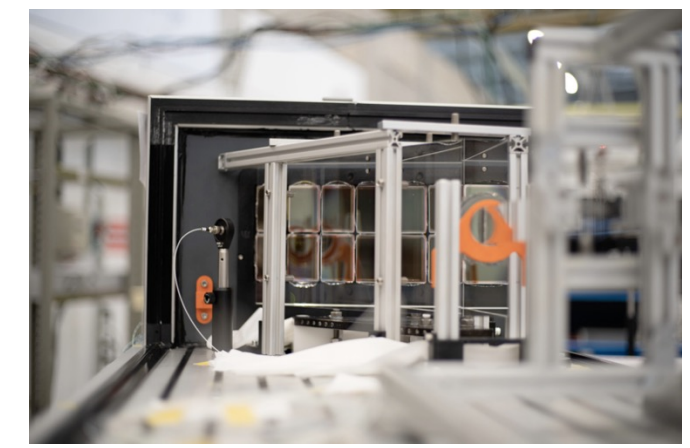
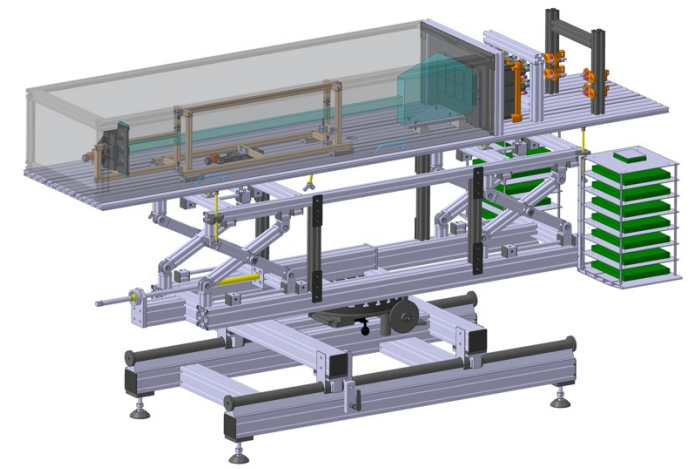
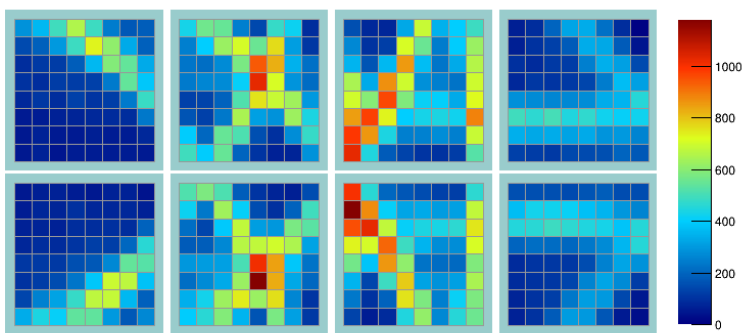


R. Dzhygadlo, CHEP2019



# PANDA Barrel DIRC

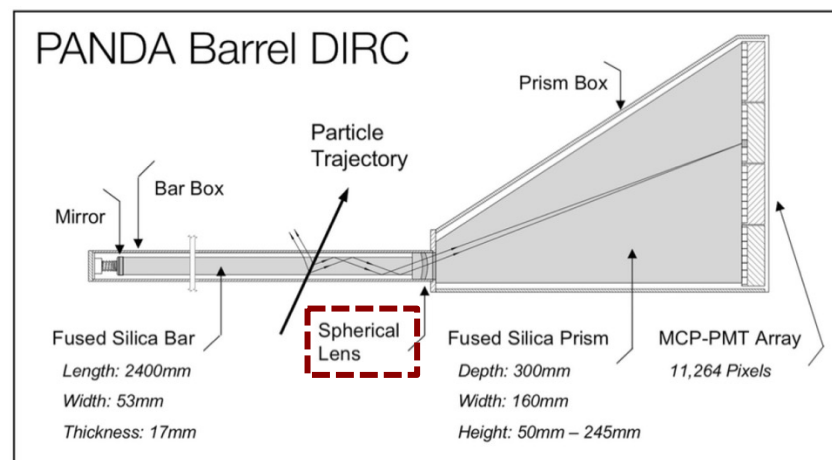
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- spherical lens focusing
- small pixels (MCP-PMT)
- fast photon timing
- dispersion mitigation



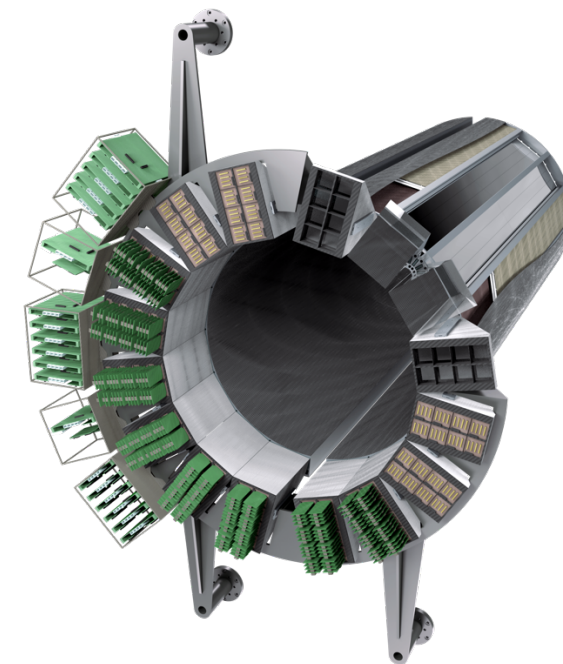
## PANDA Barrel DIRC

- design goal  $3\sigma \pi/K$  separation up to 3.5 GeV/c for polar angle range 22°-140°;
- PID at high interaction rates, up to 20 MHz;
- narrow bars for robust performance in multi-track events, less sensitive to backgrounds;
- innovative 3-layer spherical lens, first DIRC with lens focusing;
- design aims for comparable precision in time and position measurements;
- suitable for “BABAR-like” pixel-based reconstruction as well as “Belle II-like” time-imaging;
- lifetime-enhanced MCP-PMTs for fast photon detection in high magnetic field.

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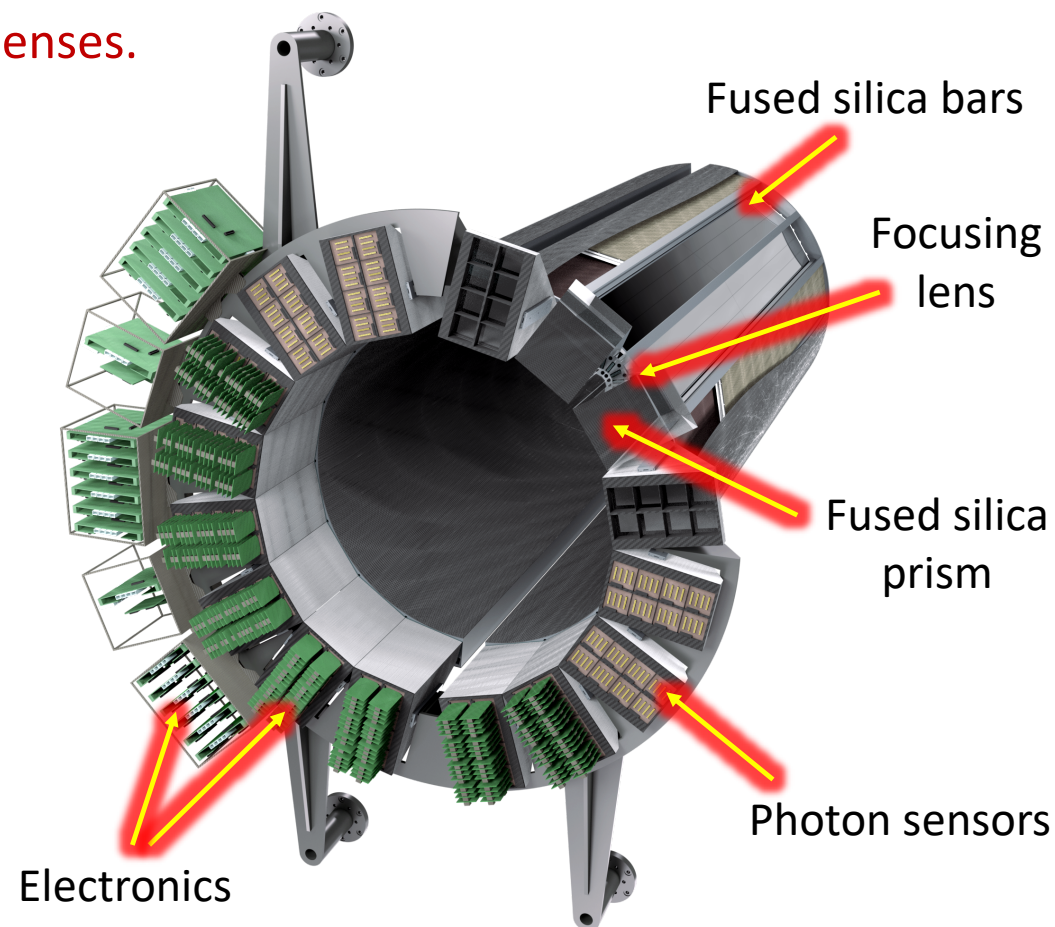
Handbook of Particle Detection and Imaging,  
Springer, Cham., 2020



PANDA Barrel DIRC TDR  
J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 46 045001  
arXiv:1710.00684

## Compact fused silica prisms, 3 bars per bar box, 3-layer spherical lenses.

- 48 radiator bars (16 sectors), synthetic fused silica, 17mm (T) × 53mm (W) × 2400mm (L)
- Focusing optics: innovative 3-layer spherical lens
- Compact expansion volume:
  - 30cm-deep solid fused silica prisms
  - ~8,000 channels of lifetime-enhanced MCP-PMTs
- Fast FPGA-based readout electronics
  - ~100ps per photon timing resolution (DiRICH)



Conservative design – similar to proven BABAR DIRC, performance parameters validated with particle beams since 2015.



TDR published, series production of MCP-PMTs starting, production of bars completed

Optimizing simulation and reconstruction code with experimental data from GlueX DIRC

Expected performance from detailed Geant4 simulation:

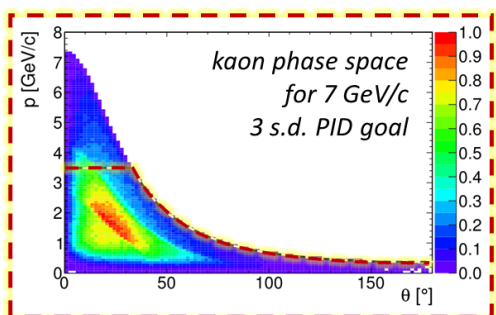
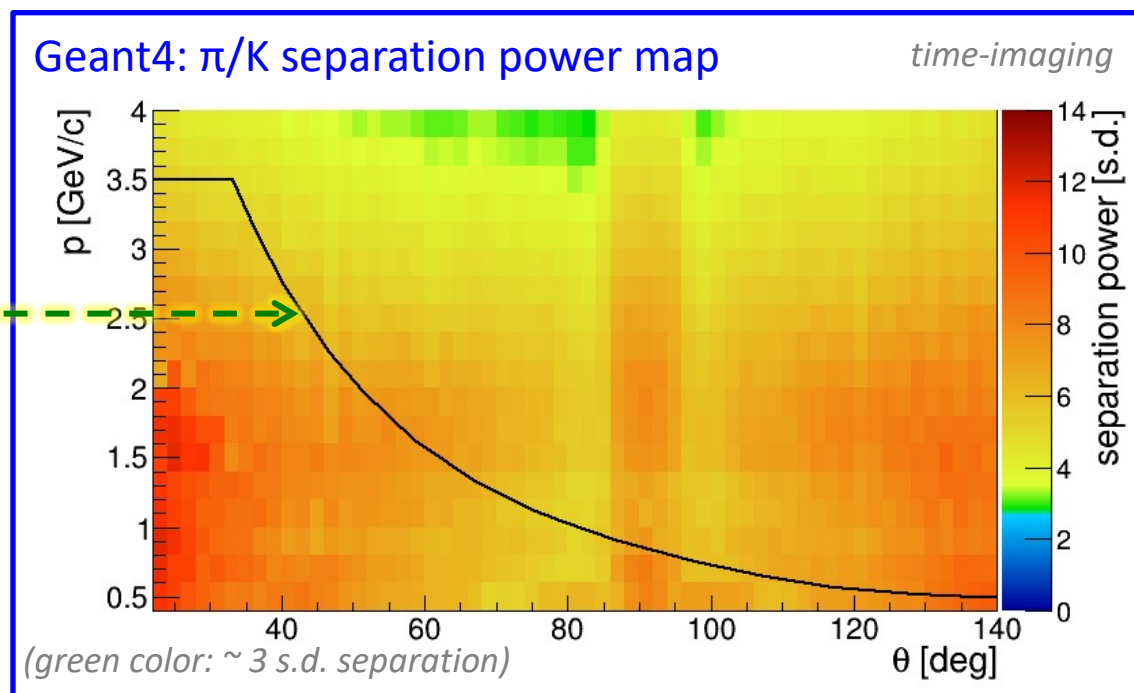
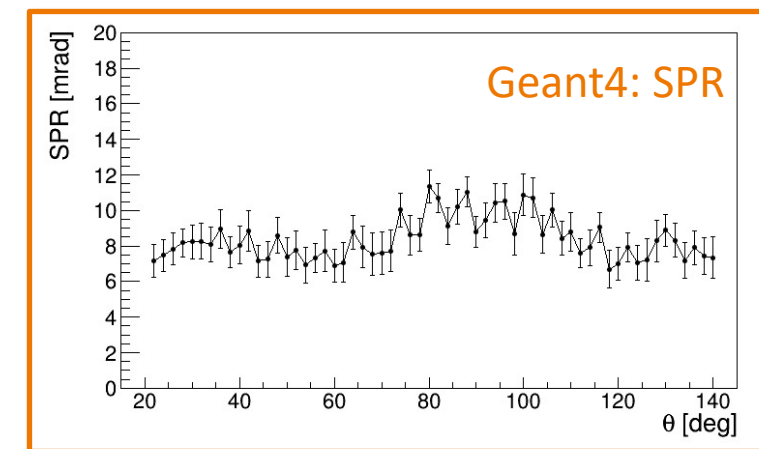
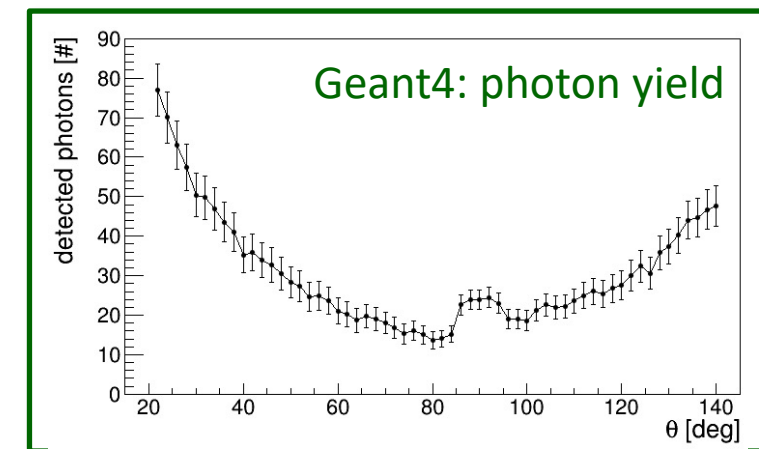
Used geometrical reconstruction (BABAR-like) to determine

photon yield and single photon Cherenkov angle resolution (SPR).

Latest generation of MCP-PMTs will further increase photon yield by up to 50%.

Time-imaging delivers best performance for  $\pi/K$  separation power map,

PANDA PID performance goal exceeded for entire phase space



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## Technical challenge: lens focusing

Barrel DIRC counters require focusing for wide range of photon angles

Conventional plano-convex lens with air gap limits DIRC performance

- Significant photon yield loss for particle polar angles around 90°, gap in DIRC PID
- Distortion of image plane, PID performance deterioration

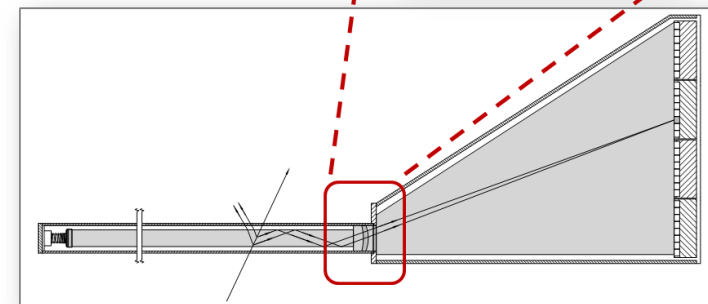
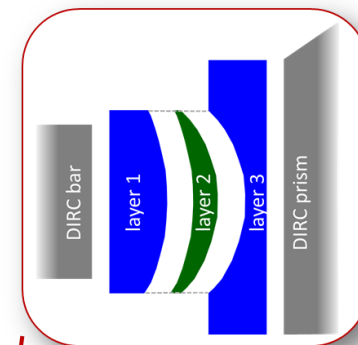
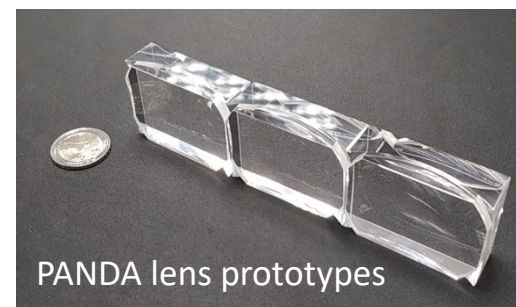
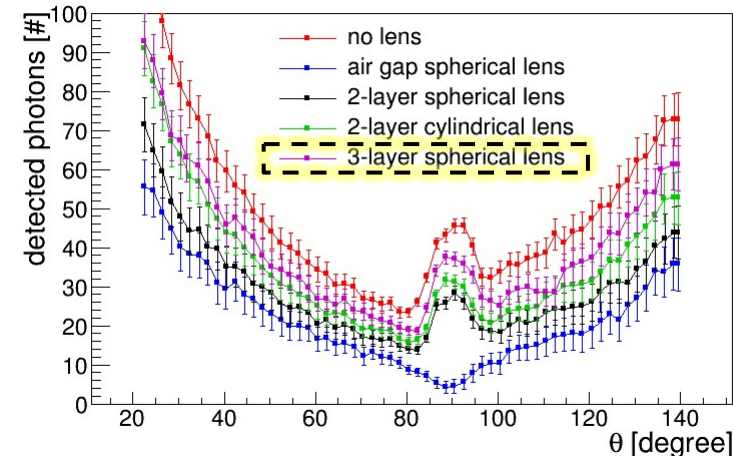
## Innovative solution:

- 3-layer compound lens (without air gap):

layer of high-refractive index material (focusing/defocusing) sandwiched between two layers of fused silica

- Creates flat focal plane – matched to fused silica prism shape
- Avoids photon loss and barrel PID gap
- Lanthanum crown glass (LaK33B) for PANDA, rad-hard sapphire or  $PbF_2$  for EIC
- Currently using standard spherical shapes – study aspherical shapes for future DIRCs to minimize aberrations?

Geant4 simulation: photon yield



see also G. Kalicy, DIRC2019

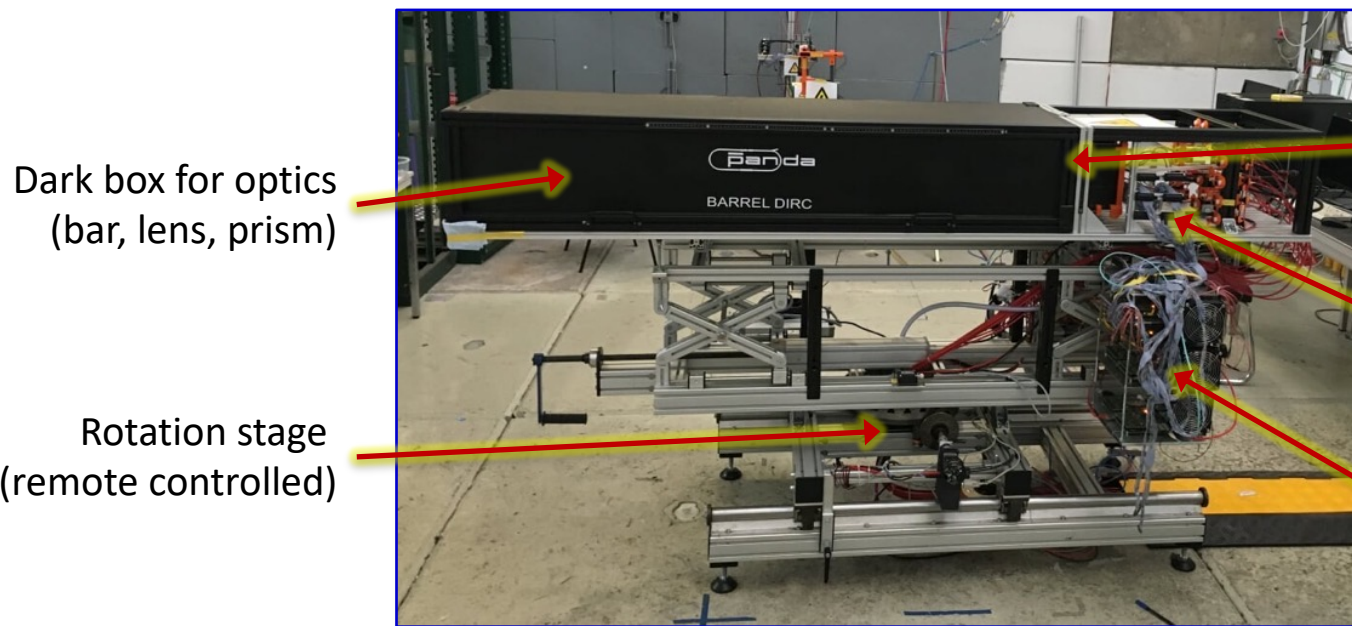
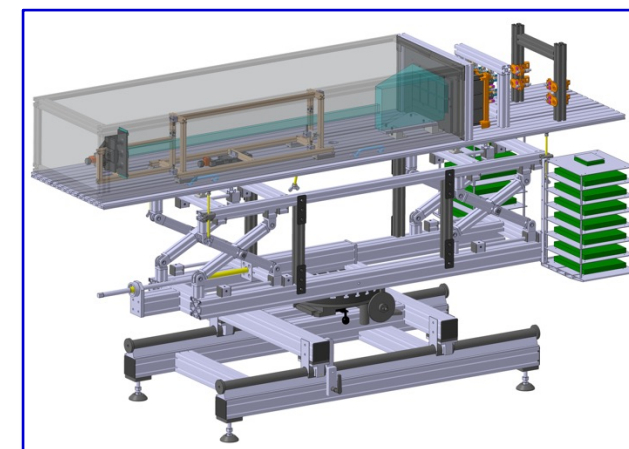


## Performance validation: 2018 prototype at CERN PS

- Narrow fused silica bar, 3-layer spherical lens
- 30 cm-deep fused silica prism
- 2x4 PHOTONIS Planacon MCP-PMT array
- PiLas picosecond laser calibration system
- 7 GeV/c  $\pi/p$  beam equivalent to 3.5 GeV/c  $\pi/K$
- MCP-TOF system to cleanly tag  $\pi$  and  $p$  events



Schematic view of 2018 prototype

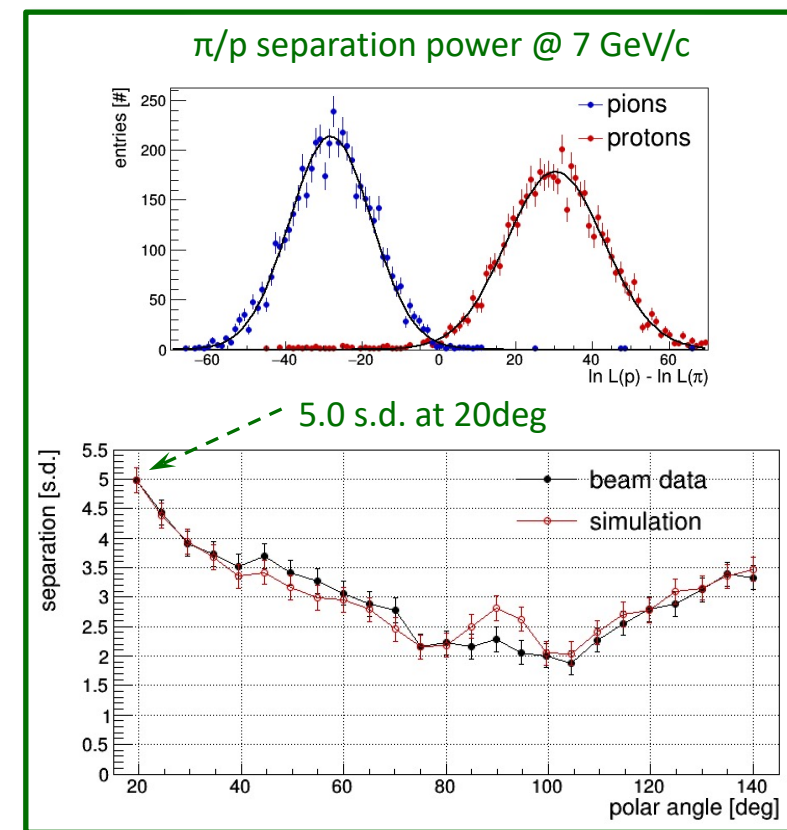
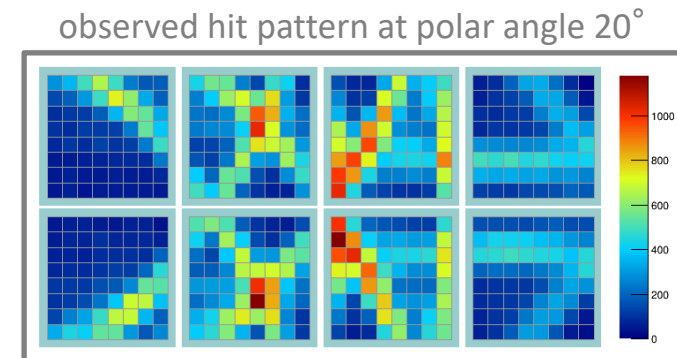
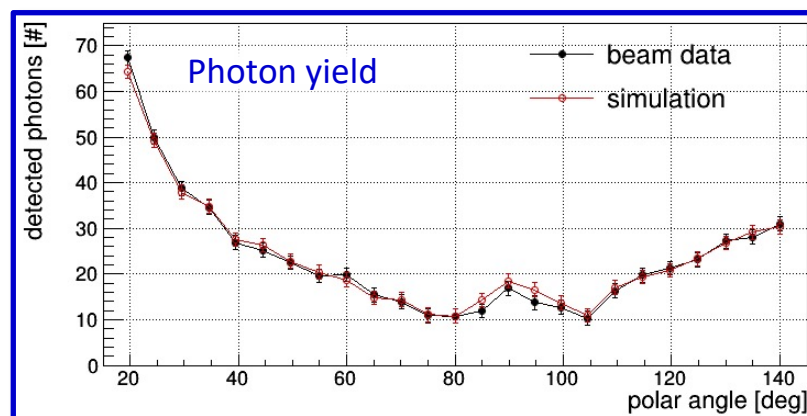
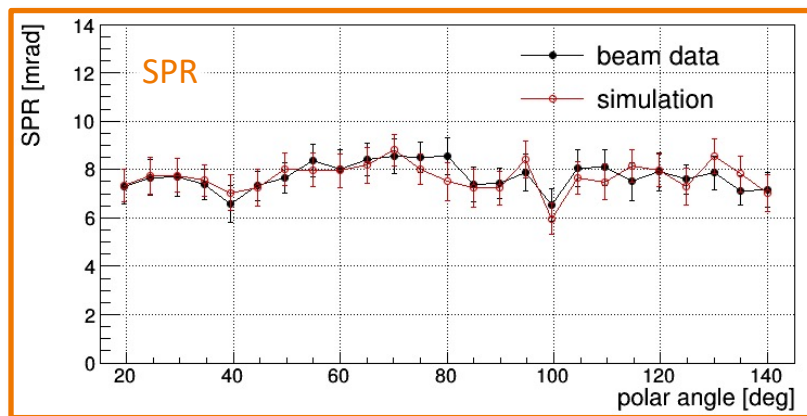


MCP-PMT array

Frontend electronics (PADIWA) (air-cooled)

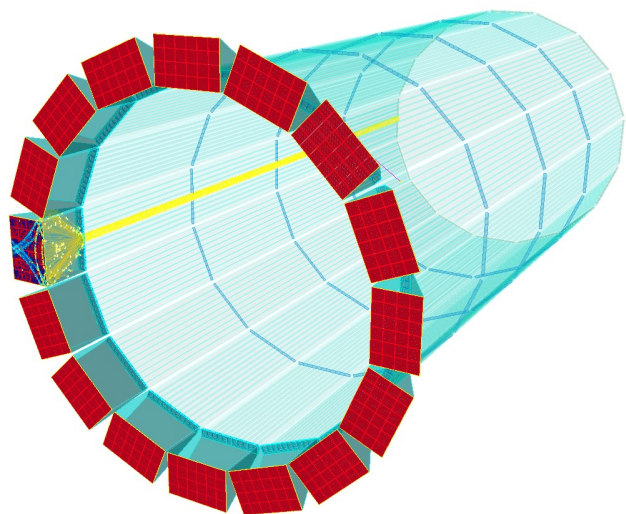
DAQ boards (TRB)

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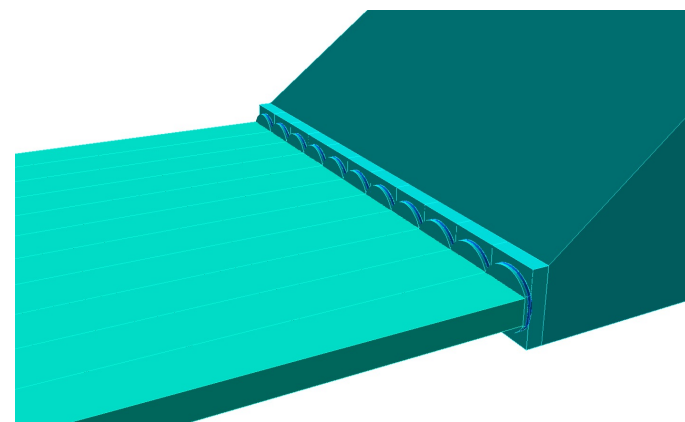
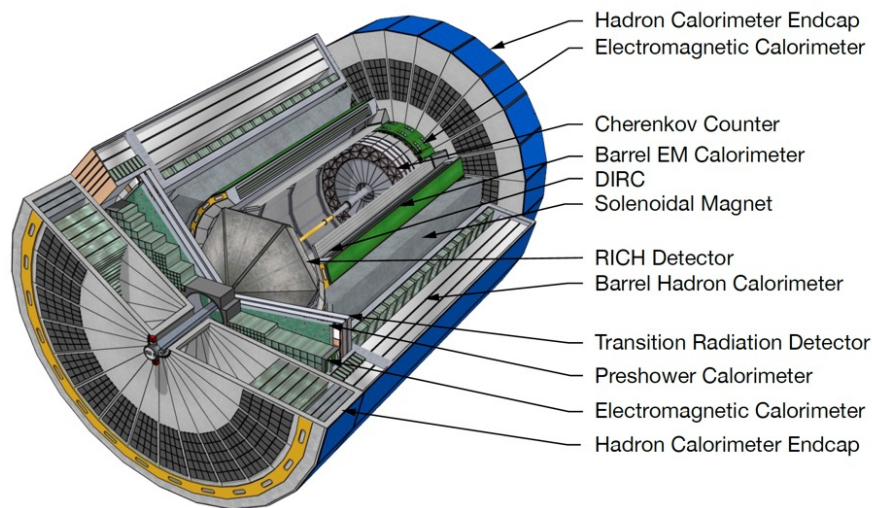
- Scans of beam incident angle and position for different momenta
- Measured Cherenkov angle resolution per photon (SPR), photon yield, and  $\pi/K$  separation in excellent agreement with expectation and Geant4 simulation
- Achieved  $\pi/K$  separation power of  $N_{sep}=5.0$  s.d. with time imaging reconstruction for most challenging phase space region (expect better photon timing in PANDA)
- Design and simulation/reconstruction validated
- Same simulation/reconstruction code used for GlueX DIRC and EIC high-performance DIRC

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# EIC High-Performance DIRC

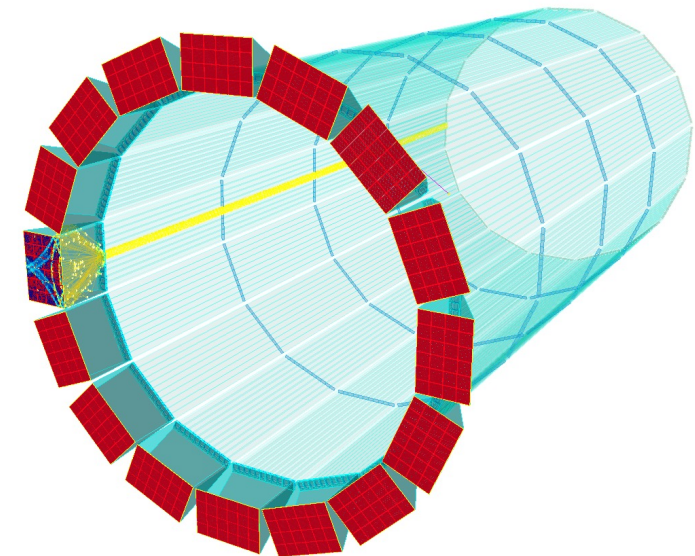
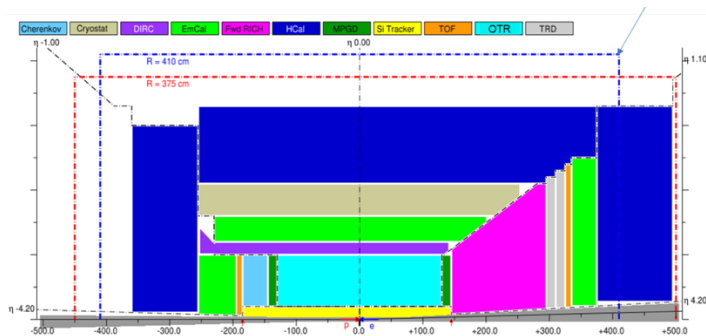
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- dispersion mitigation
- precision tracking
- mult. scattering mitigation



## EIC High-Performance DIRC (hpDIRC)

- being developed by the EIC PID consortium (eRD14), EIC generic detector R&D program;
- push DIRC performance significantly past state-of-the-art, **increase  $\pi/K$  range by 50%**;
- **$3\sigma$   $\pi/K$  separation up to at least 6 GeV/c** for rapidity range  $-1 \leq \eta \leq +1$  (Cherenkov angle resolution  $\leq 1\text{mrad}$ ), add supplemental  **$e/\pi$  separation up to 1.2 GeV/c**;
- narrow bars for robust performance in high-multiplicity jet events;
- radiation-hard **3-layer spherical lens**;
- **high-precision tracking**, expect 0.5mrad polar angle resolution;
- post-DIRC tracking layer (MPGD) for **multiple scattering mitigation**;
- selected as baseline hadron PID system for EIC detector barrel (reference detector).

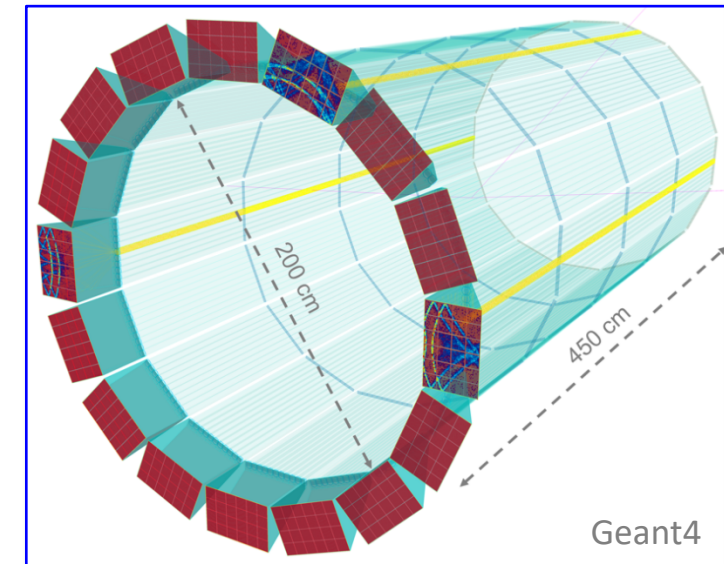
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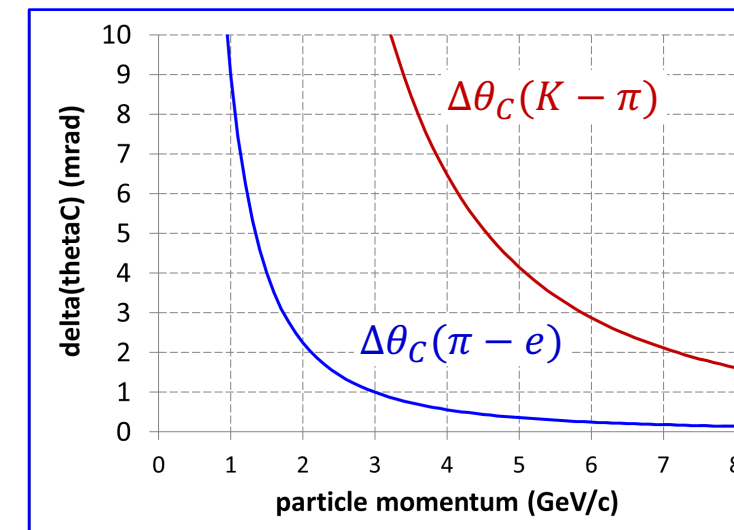
## Initial generic design

### Compact fused silica prisms, narrow bars, 3-layer spherical lenses

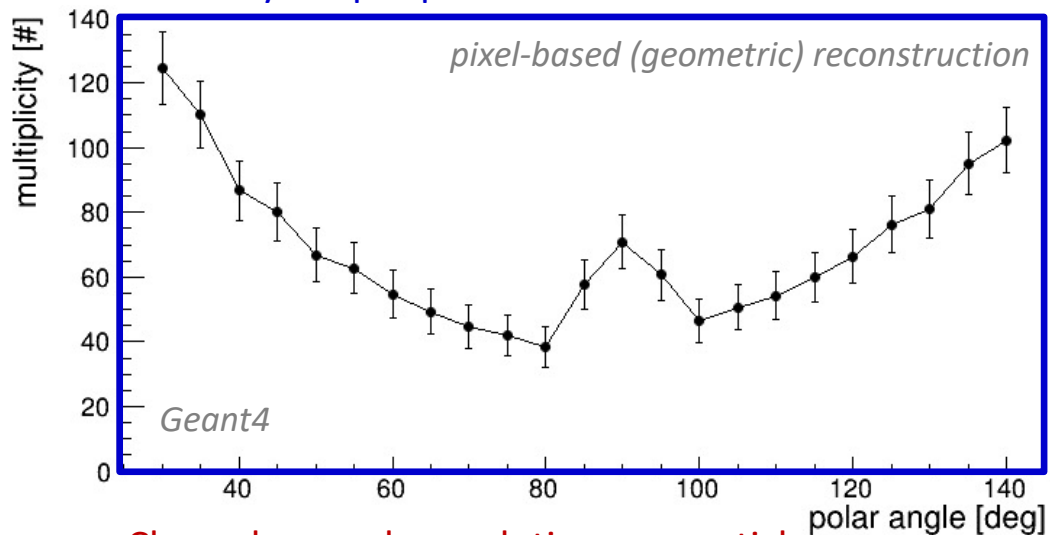
- Details of bar width and length, number of sectors, will depend on specific design of EIC experiment proposal (working with CORE, ECCE, EIC@IP6)
- **Focusing optics:** innovative radiation-hard 3-layer spherical lens
- **Compact expansion volume:** 30cm-deep solid fused silica prisms
- **Sensors and fast high-density electronics** being studied within the same eRD14 EIC PID consortium
- Leading contender for sensor: **lifetime-enhanced MCP-PMTs** with **small pixels** (3mmx3mm), else SiPM if magnetic field is too high
- Leading contender for readout electronics: **waveform-sampling** electronics, next-gen version of Belle II TOP readout
- Full Geant4 simulation based on validated PANDA Barrel DIRC code
- Validation with prototype in cosmic muons and particle in preparation



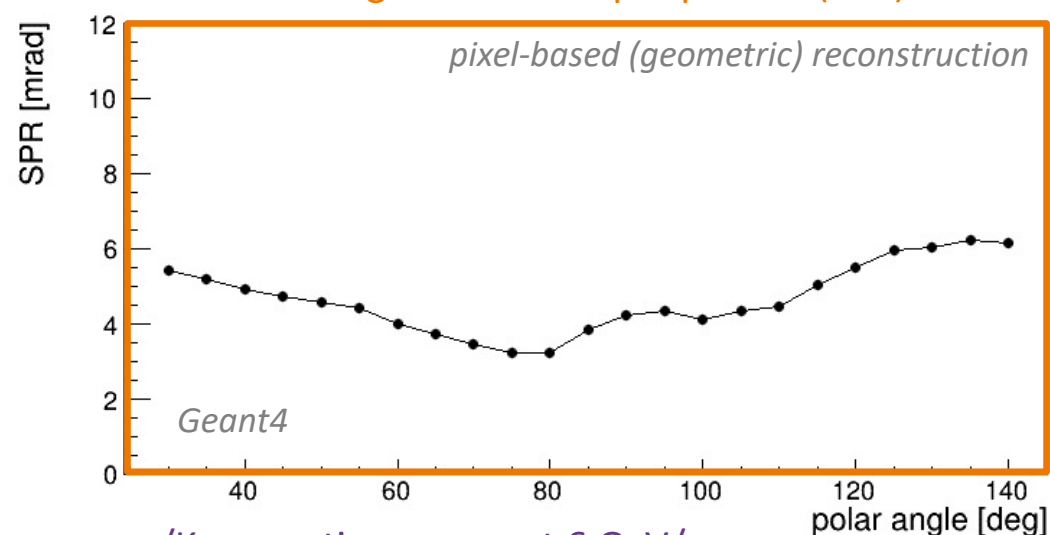
DIRC  $\pi/K$ ,  $e/\pi$  Cherenkov angle difference



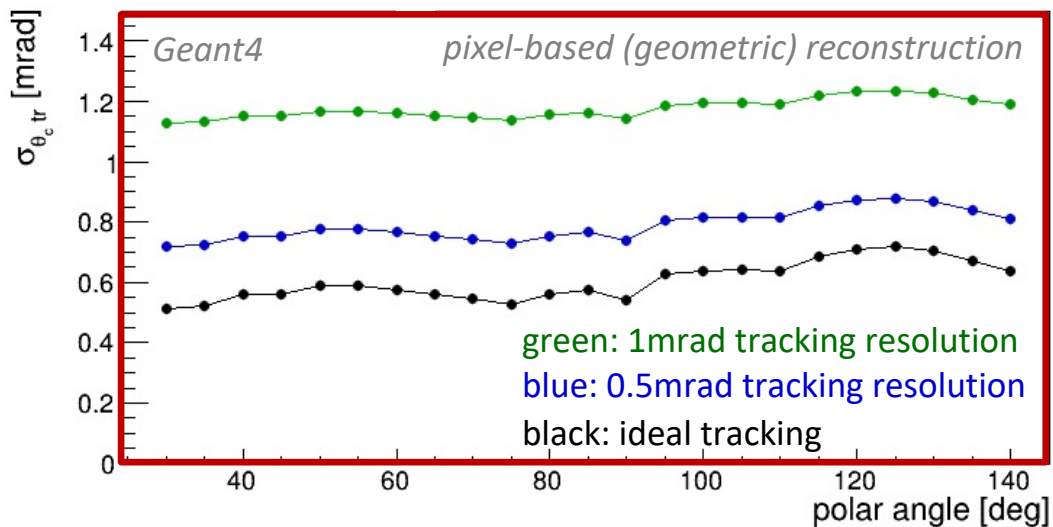
Photon yield per particle



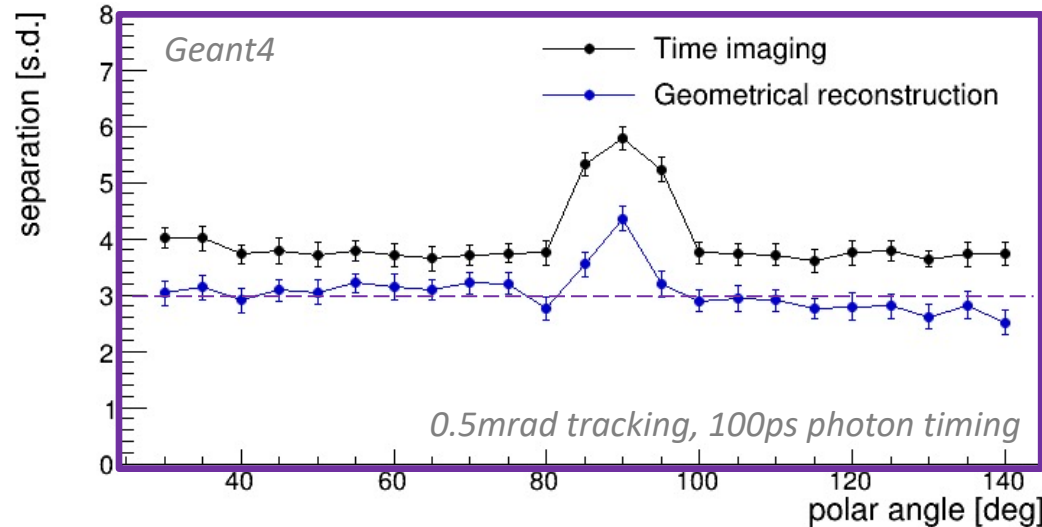
Cherenkov angle resolution per photon (SPR)



Cherenkov angle resolution per particle



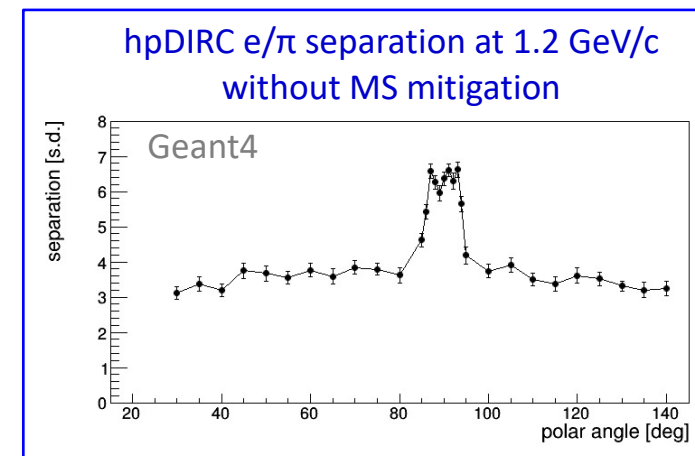
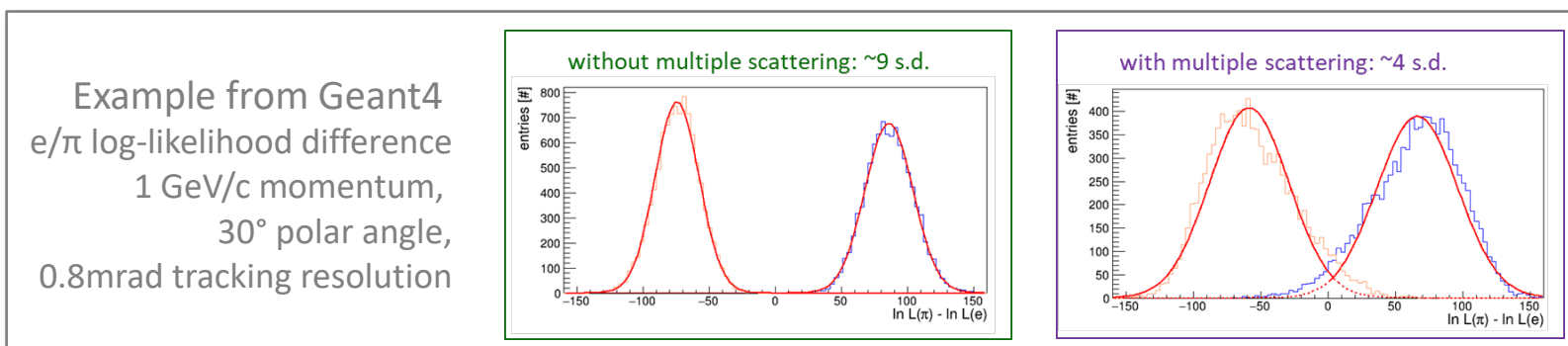
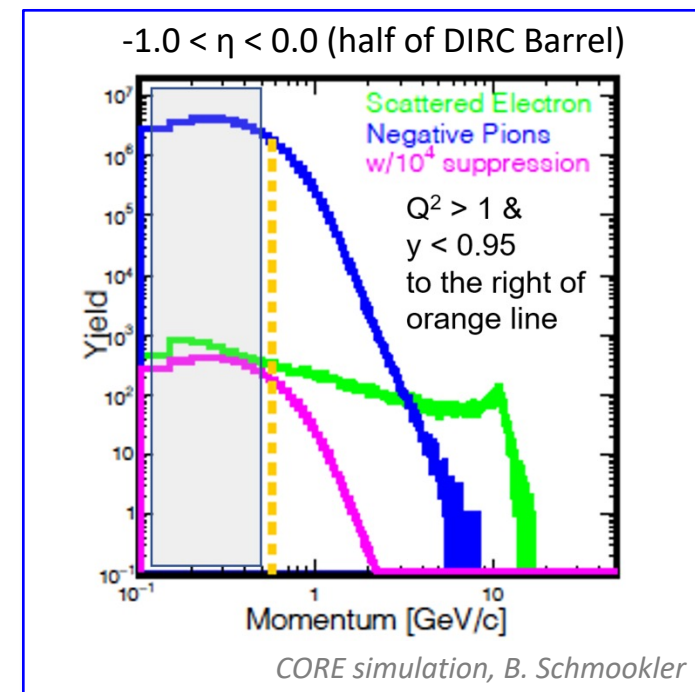
$\pi/K$  separation power at 6 GeV/c

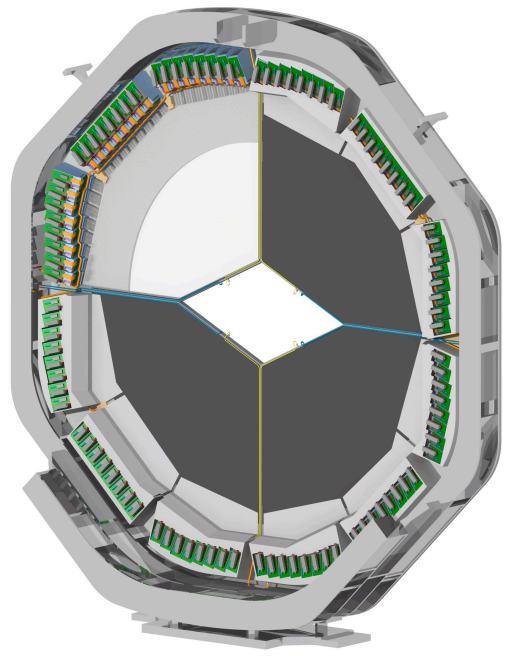


→ 3 s.d.  $\pi/K$  separation at 6 GeV/c and 1 mrad Cherenkov angle resolution seems to be in reach

## Challenge: $e/\pi$ separation at low momentum

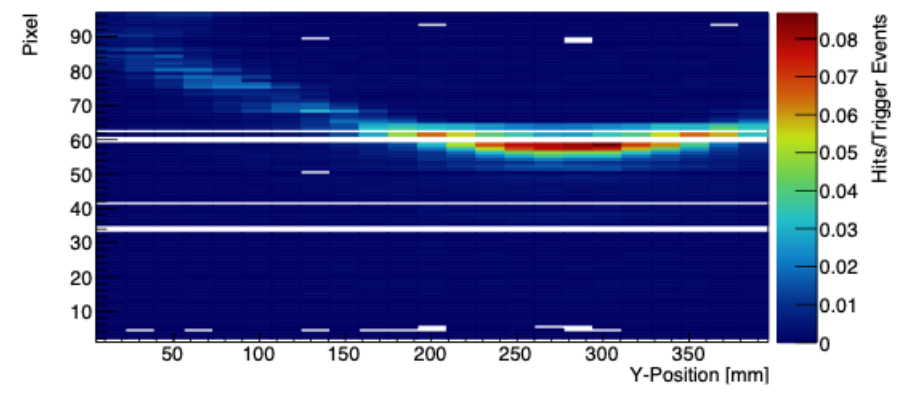
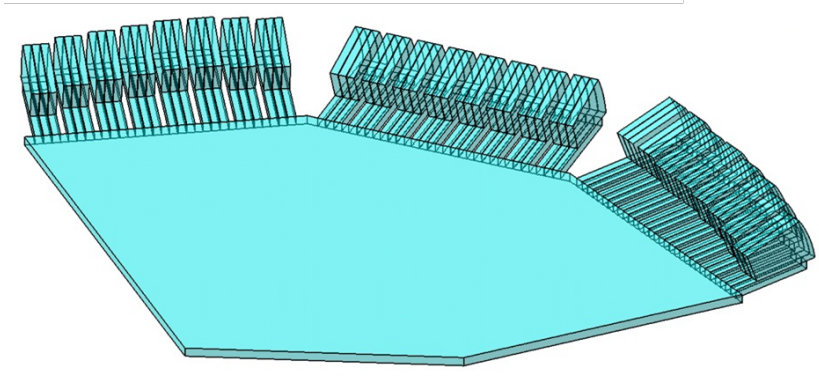
- Yellow report effort identified need for supplemental  $e/\pi$  suppression from PID systems to support EM calorimeter at lower momentum
- Simulation shows that ID of scattered electron requires  $O(10^4)$  suppression of large pionic background
- hpDIRC  $e/\pi$  performance at low momentum very different from high-momentum domain, dominated by multiple scattering (MS) and EM showers in DIRC bars
- Without any MS mitigation:  $> 3$  s.d.  $e/\pi$  separation at 1.2 GeV/c (caveat: tails)
- Study of potential improvements from DIRC “ring center fit” and impact of additional MPGD tracking layer outside DIRC radius starting (also expected to further improve high-momentum  $\pi/K$  separation)





# PANDA Endcap Disc DIRC

- compact photon camera
- cylindrical mirror focusing
- small pixels (MCP-PMT)
- fast photon timing
- endcap geometry

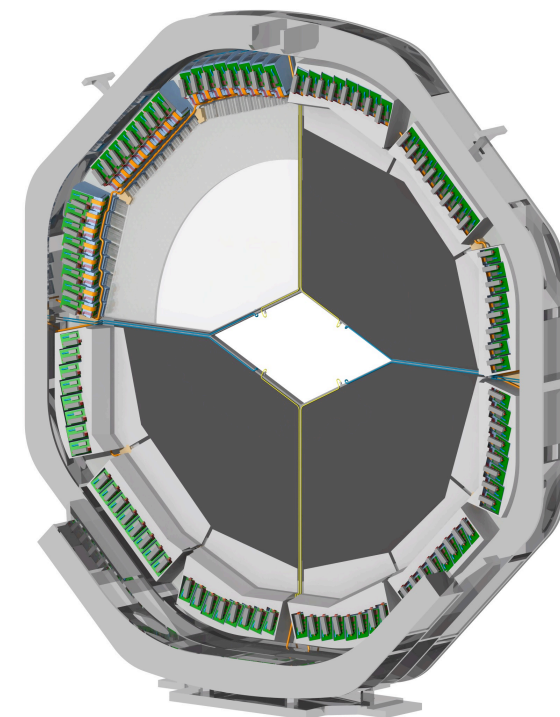
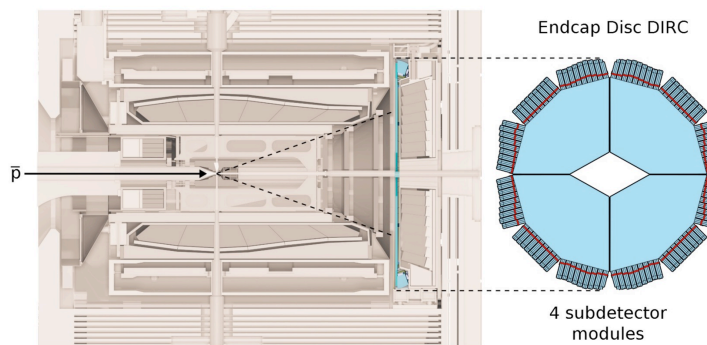




## PANDA Endcap Disc DIRC (EDD)

- design goal  $3\sigma \pi/K$  separation up to 4 GeV/c for polar angle range 5°-22°;
- PID at high interaction rates, up to 20 MHz;
- **first DIRC designed for PID in forward endcap;**
- must fit into tight space between forward GEM and EM Calorimeter;
- ~2m diameter plate, made from 4 **optically independent quadrants;**
- fused silica bars and **cylindrical focusing block** attached to rim of plate;
- lifetime-enhanced **MCP-PMTs with highly-segmented anode** (~3x100 pixels);
- MCP-PMT placement optimized for B-field line orientation;
- fast **ASIC readout** (TofPET2).

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- endcap geometry



PANDA EDD TDR  
arXiv:1912.12638

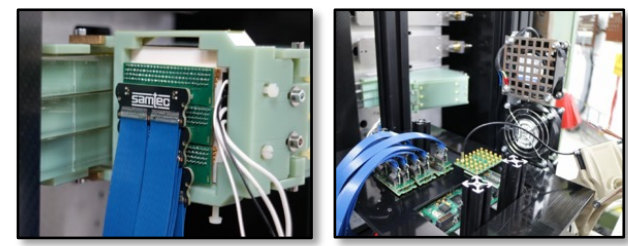
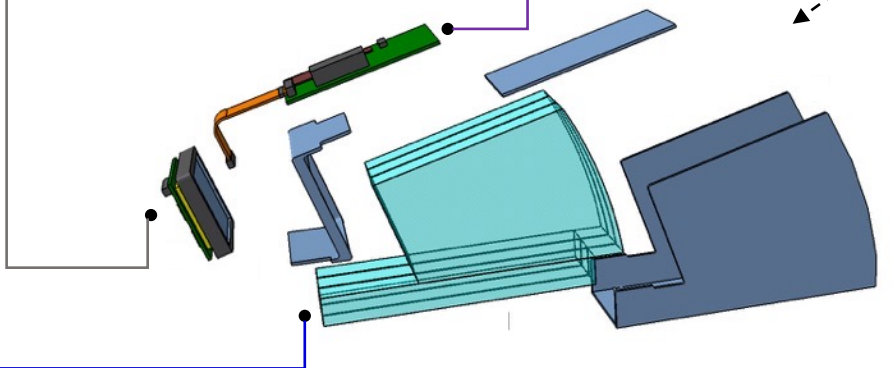
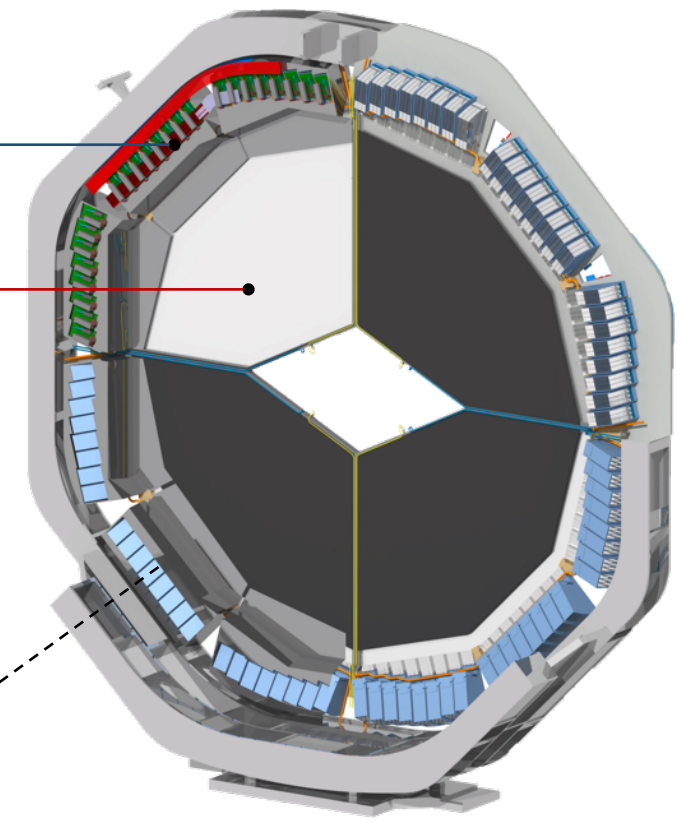
Optics made of synthetic fused silica

4 independent quadrants

Focusing elements convert  
angle to position information

2-inch MCP-PMT with a pitch of 0.5 mm

ASIC-based readout



Quadrant plate dimension:

20mm thickness

1056mm outer radius

Sensors: 96 MCP-PMTs

(lifetime-enhanced, ~3x100 pixels)

Optional: Optical band pass filter  
for chromatic dispersion mitigation

TOFPET ASIC readout

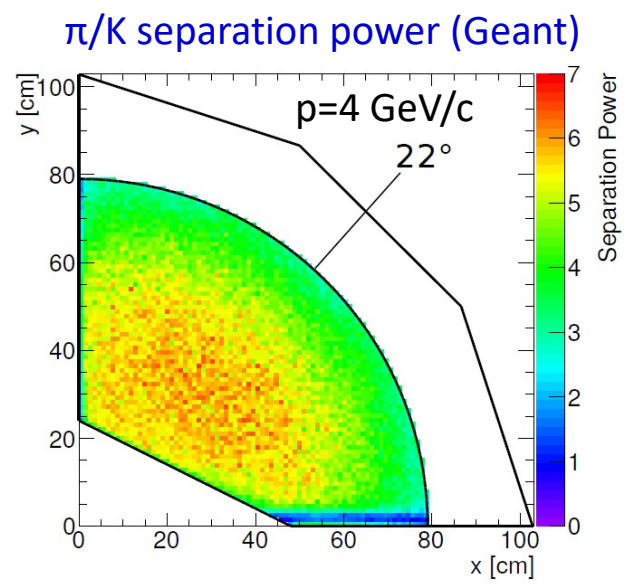
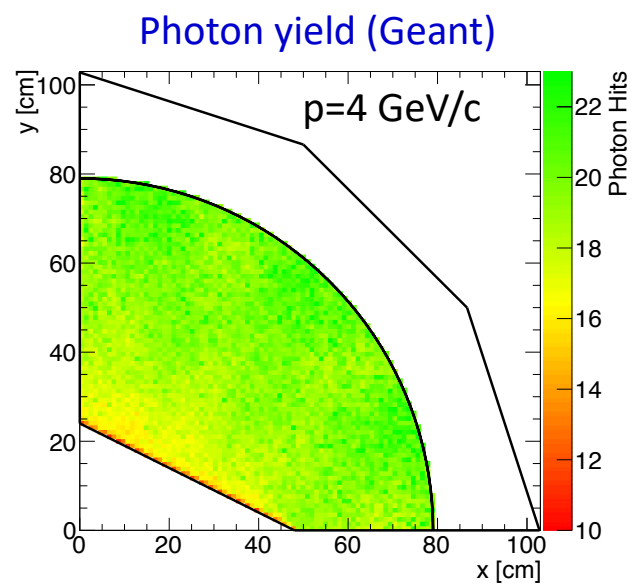
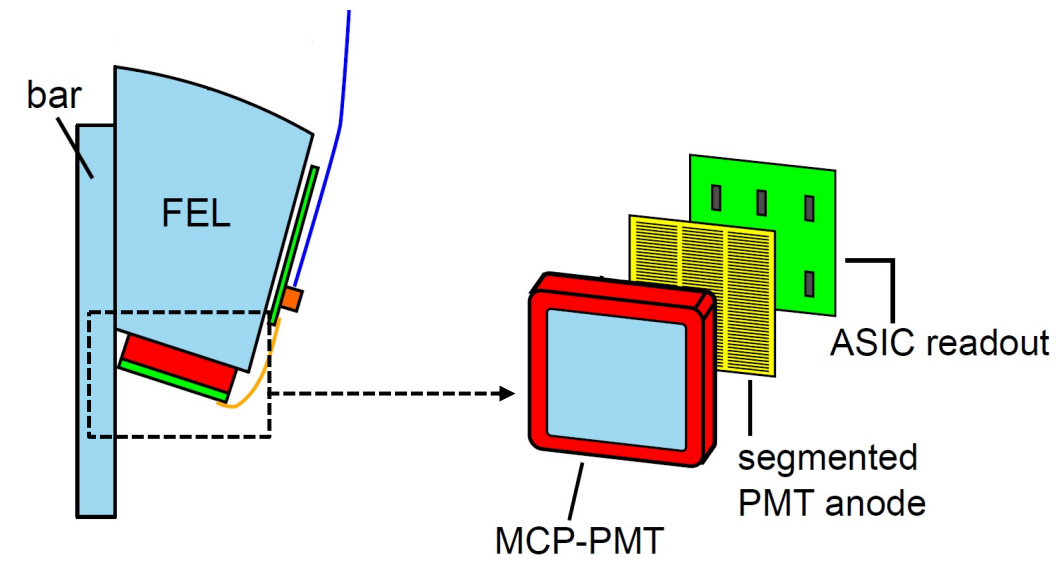
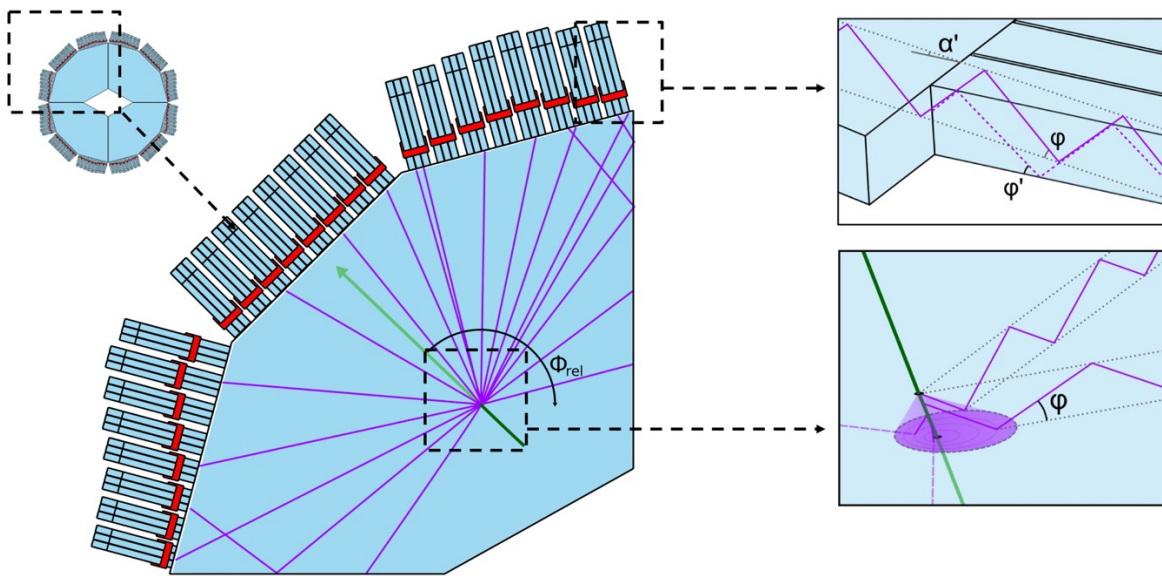
~29k channels

Novel design, validated with particle  
beams since 2016.

goal: first-of-series quadrant in 2025

TDR available at [arXiv:1912.12638](https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.12638)

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- Analytical reconstruction
 
$$\theta_c = \arccos(\sin \theta_p \cos \phi_{rel} \cos \varphi + \cos \theta_p \sin \varphi)$$
- Simulation expects about 20 detected photons per charged particle
- Expect to exceed 3 s.d. separation power goal for almost the entire active area

Additional information, including prototype test beam results, see C. Schwarz, INSTR20

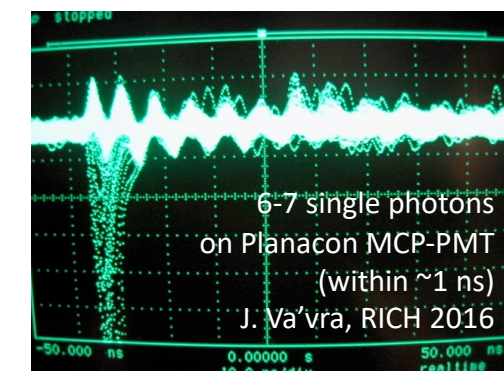
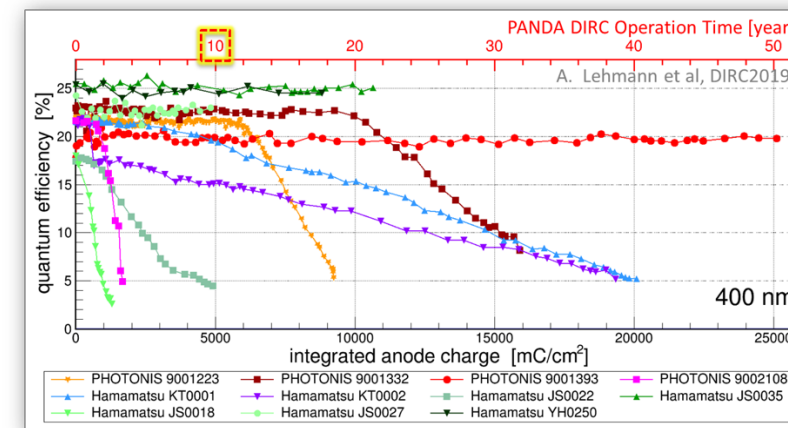
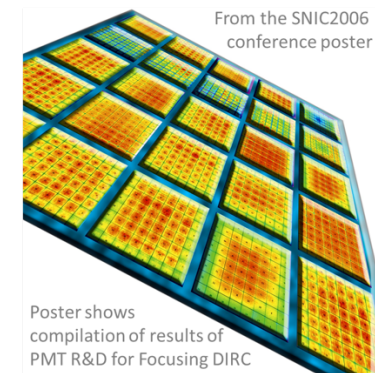
## Sensor development has been crucial to DIRC progress

Main development goals: Smaller pixels and faster single photon timing

- reduces sensitivity to backgrounds
- improves Cherenkov angle resolution per photon
- allows chromatic dispersion mitigation
- anode design needs to match required angular resolution (required pitch may be asymmetric – see PANDA EDD)

Main challenge: Maintain fast timing and single photon sensitivity

- in high magnetic fields for compact camera designs (up to 3 Tesla for EIC?)
- after large ionizing radiation doses and neutron fluxes
- during long lifetime (10-20+ C/cm<sup>2</sup> integrated anode charge)
- during high interaction rates and photon hit rates (MHz/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- for high hit multiplicities per event (coherent oscillation?)



## Sensor development has been crucial to DIRC progress

### Single photon detection

- excellent rms timing precision more important than TTS
- reduce tails in timing distribution

### High photon yield (up to 100 photoelectrons per particle)

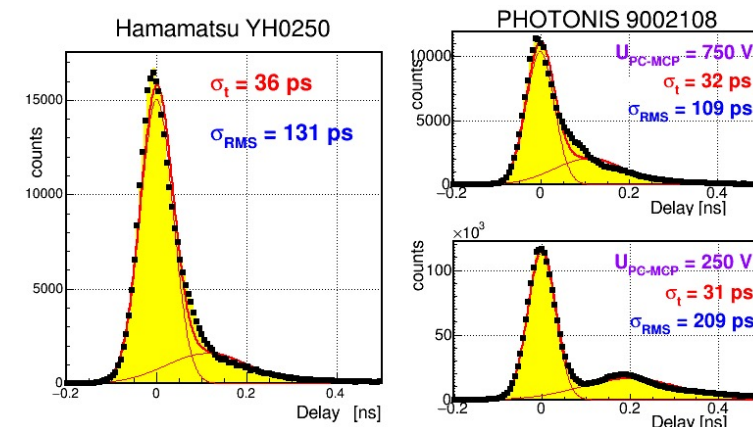
- need pixelated readout to determine position without ambiguities
- need tolerance for high occupancy per sensor

### Long photon propagation paths in bar (arrival time often spread over >30ns)

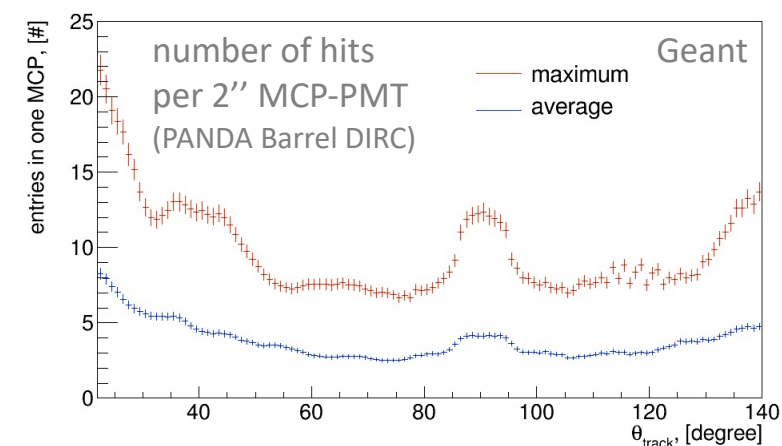
- need low noise rates (coincidence timing very difficult/impossible to use)

### Leading candidates: MCP-PMT and SiPM

- see detailed discussion of both sensors types later today



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What about a design based on the “best of…” of DIRC design in recent years?

At RICH 2016 J. Va’vra showed the “ultimate fDIRC” concept:

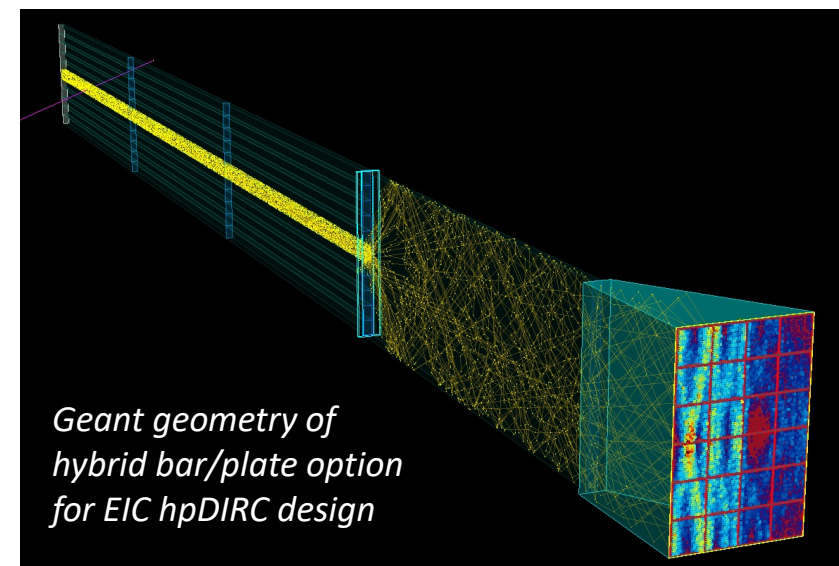
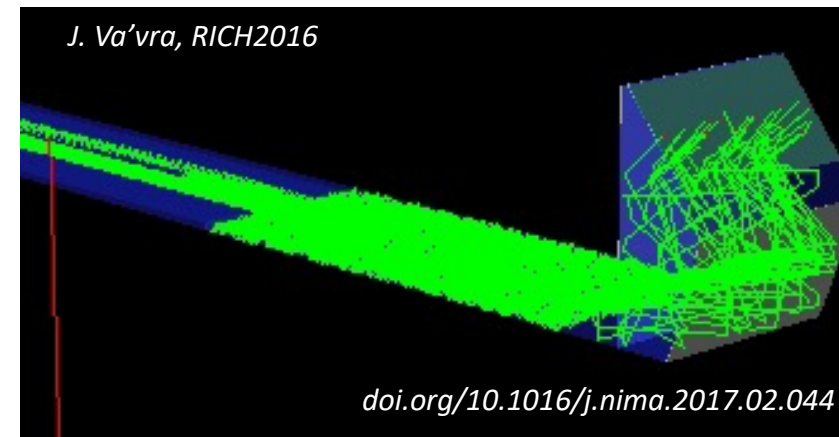
- smaller fused silica block, cylindrical mirror, sensors with 3mm pixel pitch;
- disassemble BABAR DIRC bar boxes, remove wedges;
- replace last bar with one common plate for all 12 bars in box.

Best of both worlds:

- narrow bars in “active area” ensure robust performance in multi-track events
- wide plate effectively part of the expansion volume in horizontal direction, provides better angular precision
- SuperB fDIRC simulation predicts 3-5mrad Cherenkov angle resolution per photon, best-in-class single photon resolution prediction so far

Combining this hybrid design with time-based imaging with faster photon timing and better tracking should lead to further improvement

Simulation study as possible option for EIC hpDIRC is underway (eRD14).



**DIRC counters have become a popular solution for compact hadronic PID.**

DIRCs are radially very compact, providing more space for calorimeters or tracking detectors.

BABAR DIRC was the first DIRC, PID for barrel region, very successful,  $\pi/K$  up to  $\sim 4$  GeV/c (1999-2008).

Prompted DIRC interest by several experiments: Belle II, SuperB, PANDA, GlueX, and others;

**R&D to make DIRC readout more compact, expand momentum reach, use for endcap.**

Very active and complex R&D, applying **advances in sensors, electronics, imaging, algorithms.**

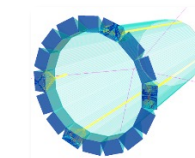
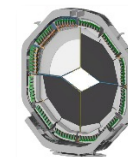
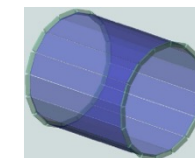
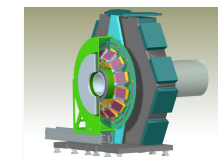
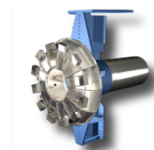
Main R&D directions (*with significant overlap/synergy*):

- (a) focusing design emphasizing **spatial resolution**, x&y pixels (fDIRC, GlueX);
- (b) focusing design emphasizing **high-precision photon timing** (Belle II);
- (c) focusing design with **time and space coordinates with similarly high precision** (PANDA, EIC).

Exploring mitigation of previously irreducible RICH resolution terms: **chromatic dispersion, multiple scattering.**

EIC hpDIRC design extends BABAR  $\pi/K$  range by 50%, adds useful  $e/\pi$  separation at low momentum.

**Even after 20 years, R&D still very active, pushing the DIRC performance limits further.**

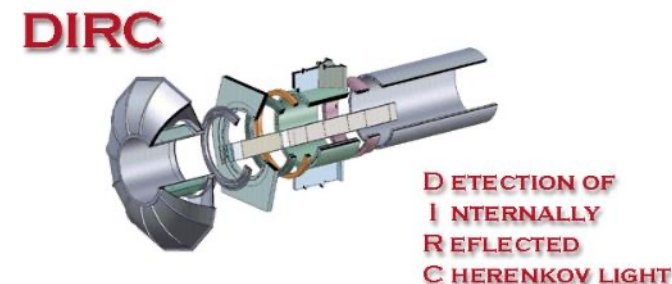


## EXTRA MATERIAL



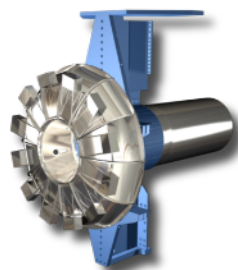
DIRC used for the first time in **BABAR** as primary hadronic particle ID system, flavor tagging, primary goal:  $\pi/K$  ID to 4 GeV/c.

- 1992: first publication of DIRC concept<sup>§</sup>.
- 1993-1996: progression of prototypes and DIRC R&D.
- Nov 1994: decision in favor of DIRC for hadronic PID for **BABAR**.
- Nov 1998: installed part of DIRC; start of cosmic ray run, commissioning run.
- April 1999: **BABAR** moves into beam line, added 4 more bar boxes.
- Nov 1999: all 12 bar boxes installed, start of first physics run.
- early 2000s: interest in DIRCs for future experiments (**SuperB, Belle II, PANDA**) → start of R&D.
- April 2008: last event recorded with **BABAR**.
- 2011: start of R&D for **EIC high-performance DIRC** (eRD14)
- Oct 2013: call for proposals for reuse of BABAR DIRC radiator bars (ultimately awarded to JLab: GlueX, EIC).
- 2016: installation of TOP counter into **Belle II**.
- 2018: installation of DIRC counter into **GlueX**.

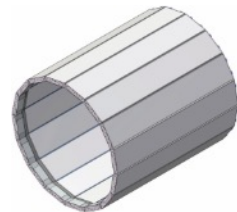


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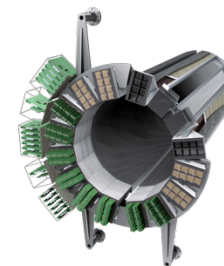
# BARREL DIRC OVERVIEW



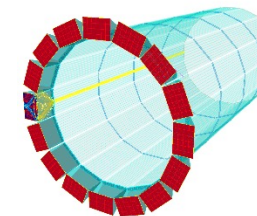
**BABAR  
DIRC**



**BELLE II  
TOP**



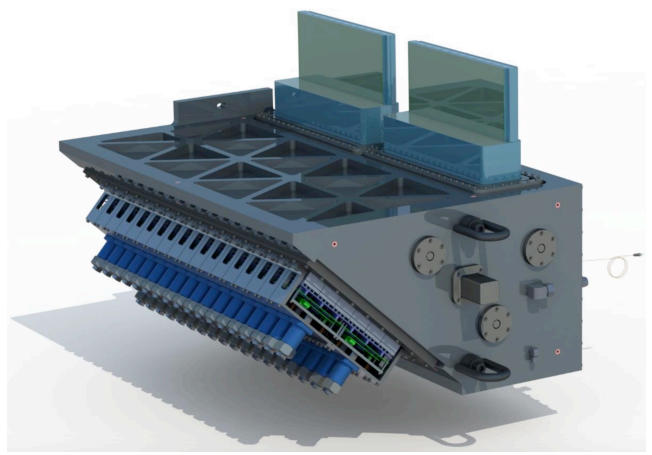
**PANDA  
BARREL DIRC**



**EIC  
HPDIRC\***

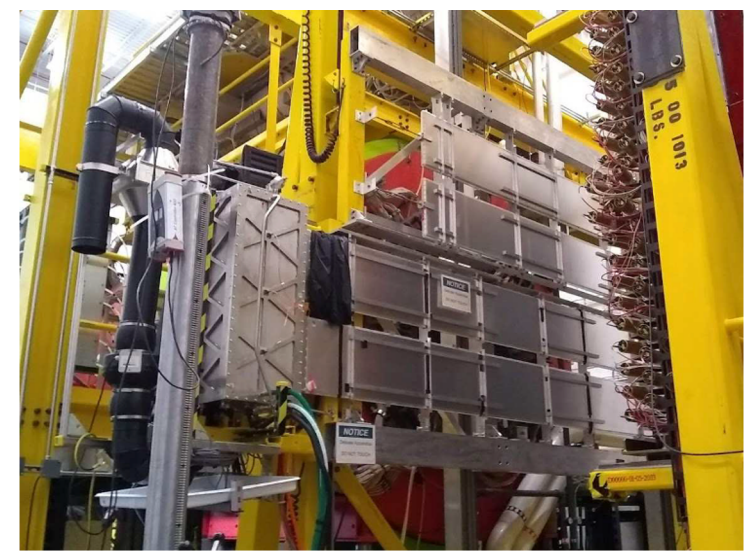
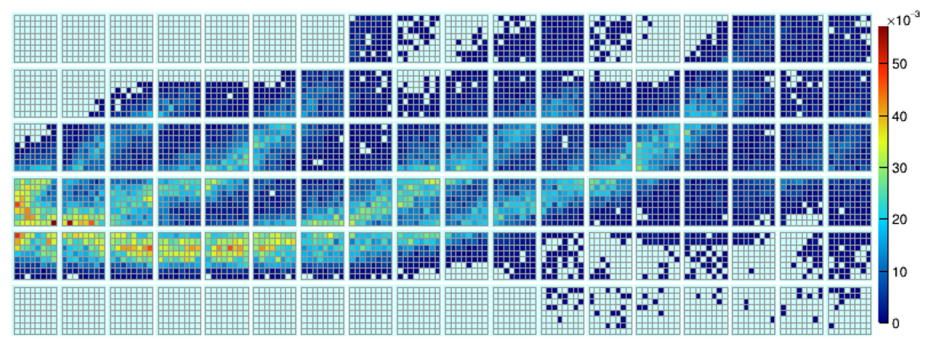
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|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Radiator geometry   | Narrow bars (35mm)        | Wide plates (450mm)       | Narrow bars (53mm)          | Narrow bars (35mm)        |
| Barrel radius       | 85cm                      | 115cm                     | 48cm                        | 100cm                     |
| Bar length          | 490cm (4×122.5cm)         | 250cm (2×125cm)           | 240cm (2×120cm)             | 420cm (4×105cm)           |
| Number of long bars | 144 (12×12 bars)          | 16 (16×1 plates)          | 48 (16×3 bars)              | 176 (16×11 bars)          |
| Expansion volume    | 110cm, ultrapure water    | 10cm, fused silica        | 30cm, fused silica          | 30cm, fused silica        |
| Focusing            | None (pinhole)            | Mirror (for some photons) | Spherical lens system       | Spherical lens system     |
| Photodetector       | ~11k PMTs                 | ~8k MCP-PMT pixels        | ~8k MCP-PMT pixels          | ~100k MCP-PMT pixels      |
| Timing resolution   | ~1.5ns                    | <0.1ns                    | ~0.1ns                      | ~0.1ns                    |
| Pixel size          | 25mm diameter             | 5.6mm×5.6mm               | 6.5mm×6.5mm                 | 3.2mm×3.2mm               |
| PID goal            | 3 s.d. $\pi/K$ to 4 GeV/c | 3 s.d. $\pi/K$ to 4 GeV/c | 3 s.d. $\pi/K$ to 3.5 GeV/c | 3 s.d. $\pi/K$ to 6 GeV/c |
| Timeline            | 1999 - 2008               | Installed 2016            | Installation 2024/25        | TDR-ready in 2024         |

*\*Initial generic design*



# GlueX DIRC

- compact photon camera
- approx. cyl. mirror focusing
- small pixels (MCP-PMT)
- moderate photon timing
- dispersion mitigation\*
- legacy components



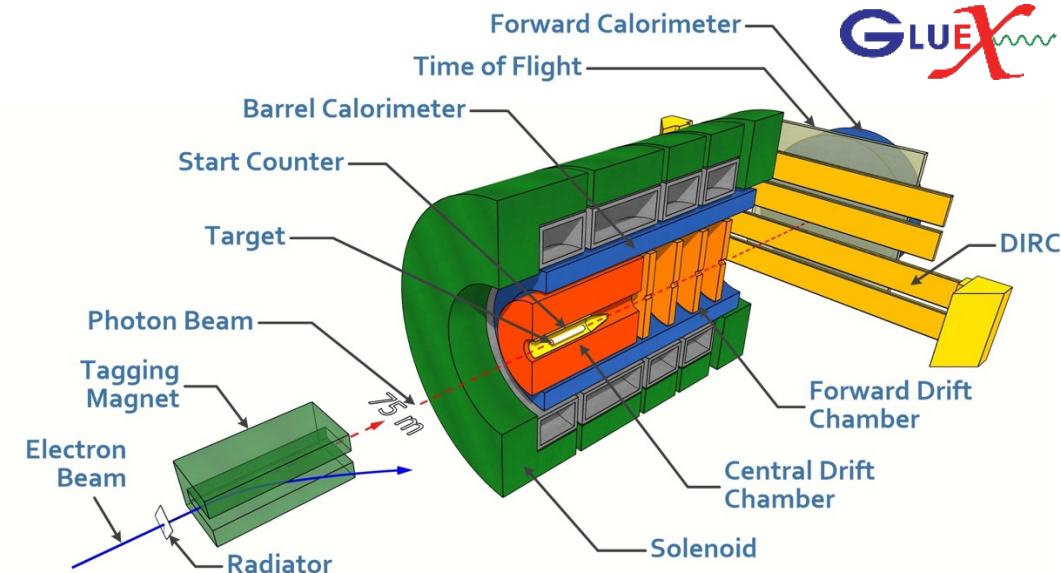
## GlueX DIRC

- forward PID upgrade for GlueX-II;
- extend GlueX physics reach by improving  $\pi/K$  separation from 2 GeV/c (TOF) to  $3\sigma$   $\pi/K$  separation at 3.6 GeV/c ;
- cost savings by reusing legacy BABAR DIRC bar boxes with new optics and readout;
- four bar boxes transported from SLAC to JLab in 2017/2018;
- installation into GlueX in 2018, commissioning in 2019;
- successfully operating in GlueX II run in 2020.

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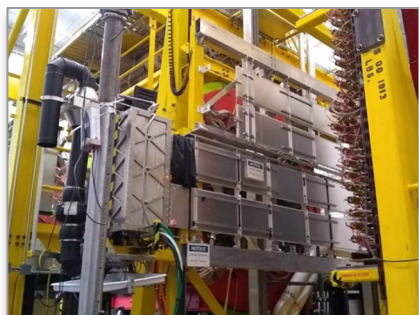
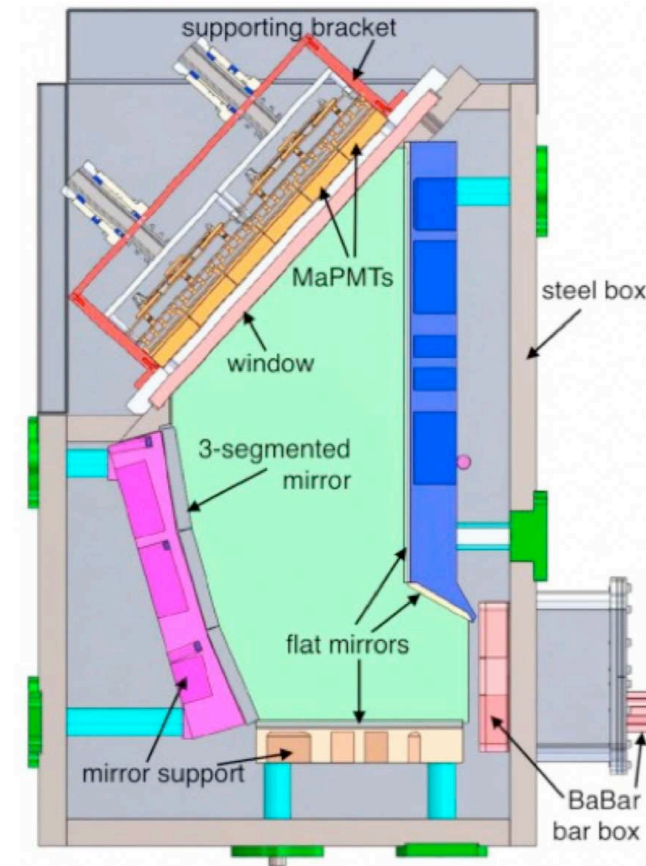


BABAR DIRC bar boxes  
← in storage at SLAC  
installed at JLab →

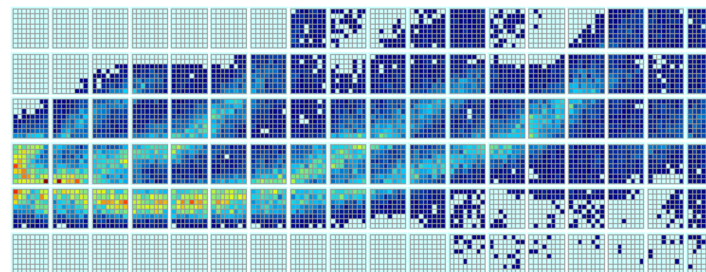
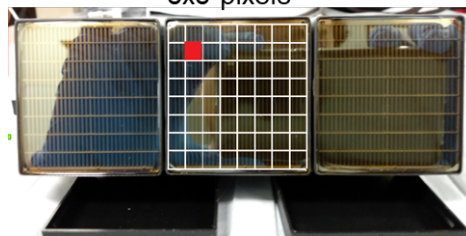


- **Forward DIRC wall**, reusing four BABAR DIRC bar boxes;
- Optics design based on **SuperB fDIRC**;
- Significant **design simplification and cost reduction** by replacing fused silica block with DI water and cylindrical mirror with set of three flat mirrors;
- Two “optical boxes” coupled to two bar boxes each, above and below the beam;
- Array of 90 **H12700 MaPMTs** in each optical box;
- 11520 **MAROC** readout channels for leading edge time and ToT (CLAS 12 RICH design);
- Adopted PANDA Barrel DIRC **geometric reconstruction** algorithm;
- Modest photon timing (0.8-1ns precision) for partial chromatic dispersion mitigation.

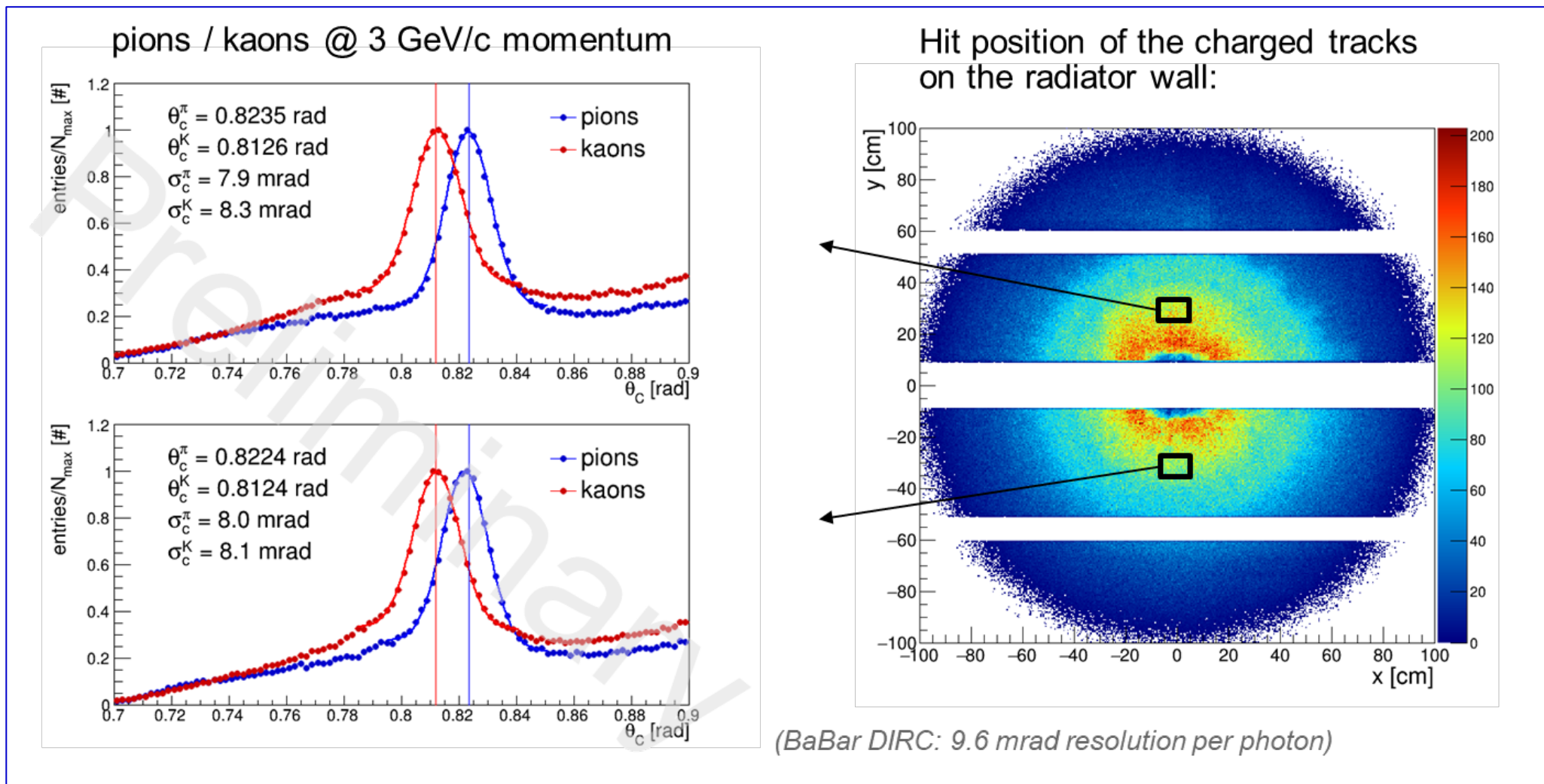
GlueX optical box



Hamamatsu H12700 MaPMT  
8x8 pixels

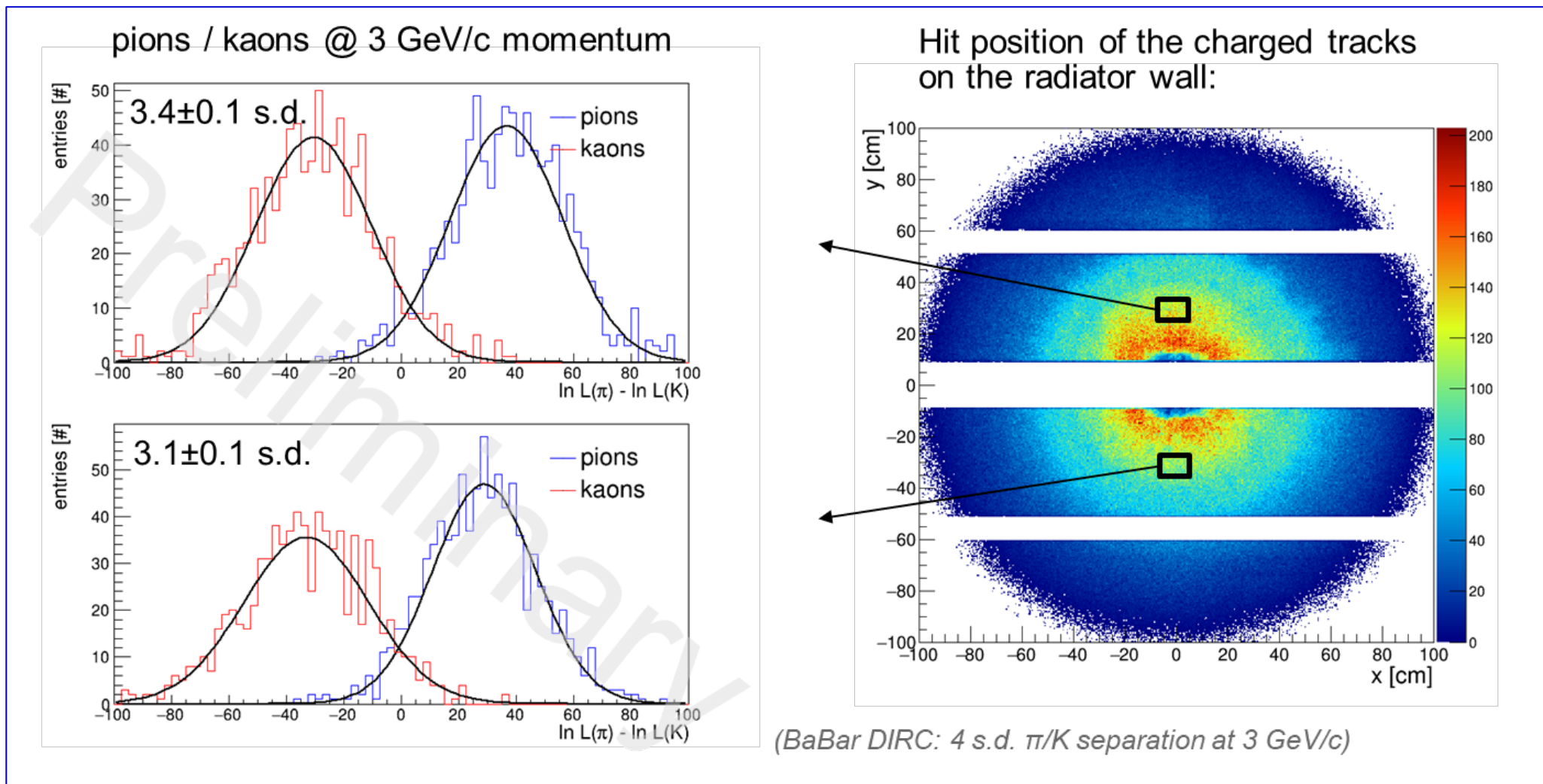


PID performance study using pure samples of kinematically identified  $\pi$  and K from  $\rho$  and  $\phi$  decays



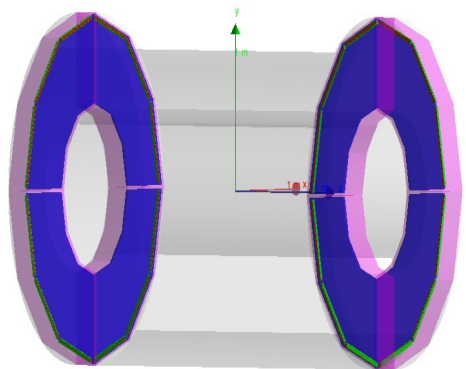
➤ Measured Cherenkov angle resolution per photon agrees with design and simulation

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➤ Initial  $\pi/K$  separation: 3 s.d. at 3 GeV/c (very preliminary, alignment and calibration to be improved)

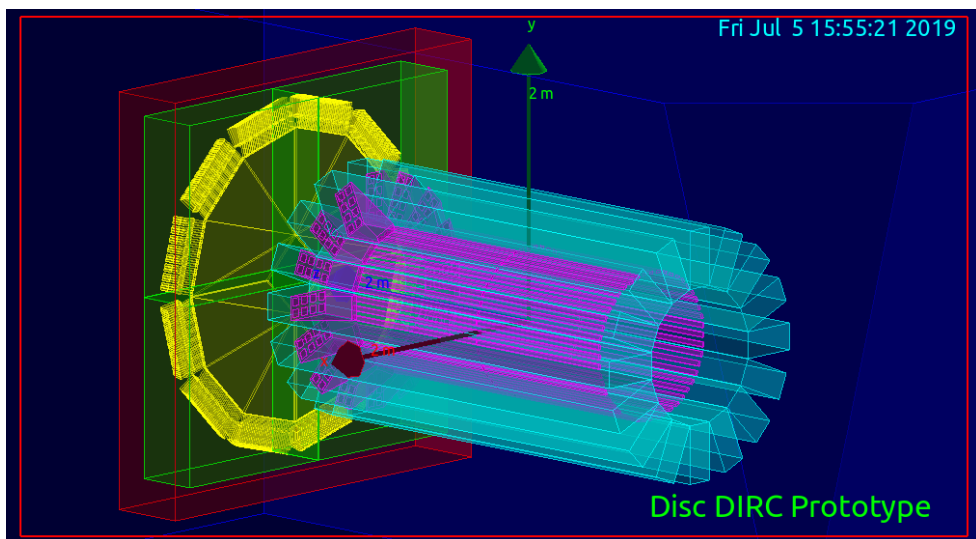
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INSTR'20, Feb 2020



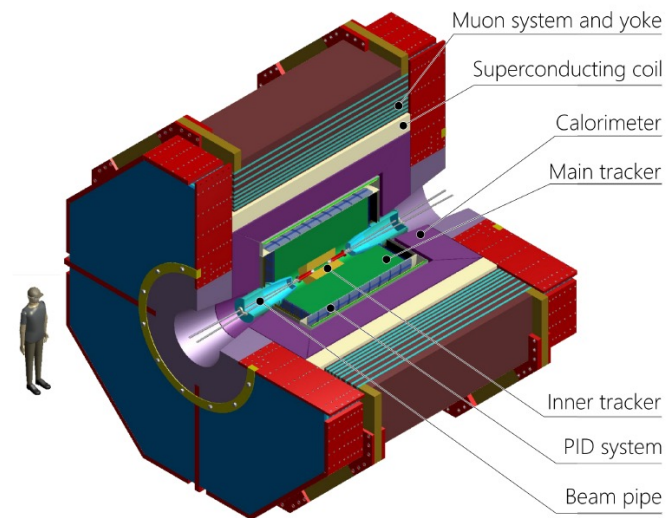
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# Super Charm Tau DIRCs

- compact photon camera
- lens/mirror focusing
- small pixels (MCP-PMT/SiPM)
- fast photon timing
- dispersion mitigation
- barrel and endcap?
- mult. scattering mitigation



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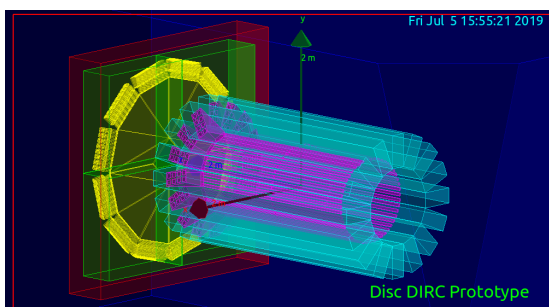




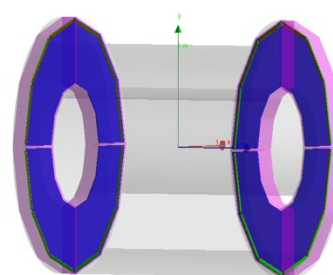
## SCTF DIRCs

- barrel and/or endcap PID for the planned Super Charm-Tau/Super Tau-Charm Facility
- **unique and challenging task for DIRCs:  $3\sigma$   $\mu/\pi$  separation up to 1.2 GeV/c**
- $\mu/\pi$  separation at 1.2 GeV/c close to  $\pi/K$  separation at 6 GeV/c,  $\sim 1$  mrad Cherenkov angle resolution per particle required for  $3\sigma$  separation
- EIC hpDIRC or PANDA Barrel and Endcap Disc DIRC designs may be able to meet requirements but would need significant design optimization, including
  - chromatic dispersion mitigation using hardware or software correction
  - multiple scattering mitigation using post-DIRC track points
- early stage of R&D and detector simulation studies, evaluating technologies (also considering gas RICH, focusing aerogel RICH, and DIRC-based TOF).

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Barrel/encap disc DIRC option, M. Schmidt, DIRC2019



Endcap DIRC/TOF option, Qian LIU  
Future charm-tau factory workshop, Nov 2020

