

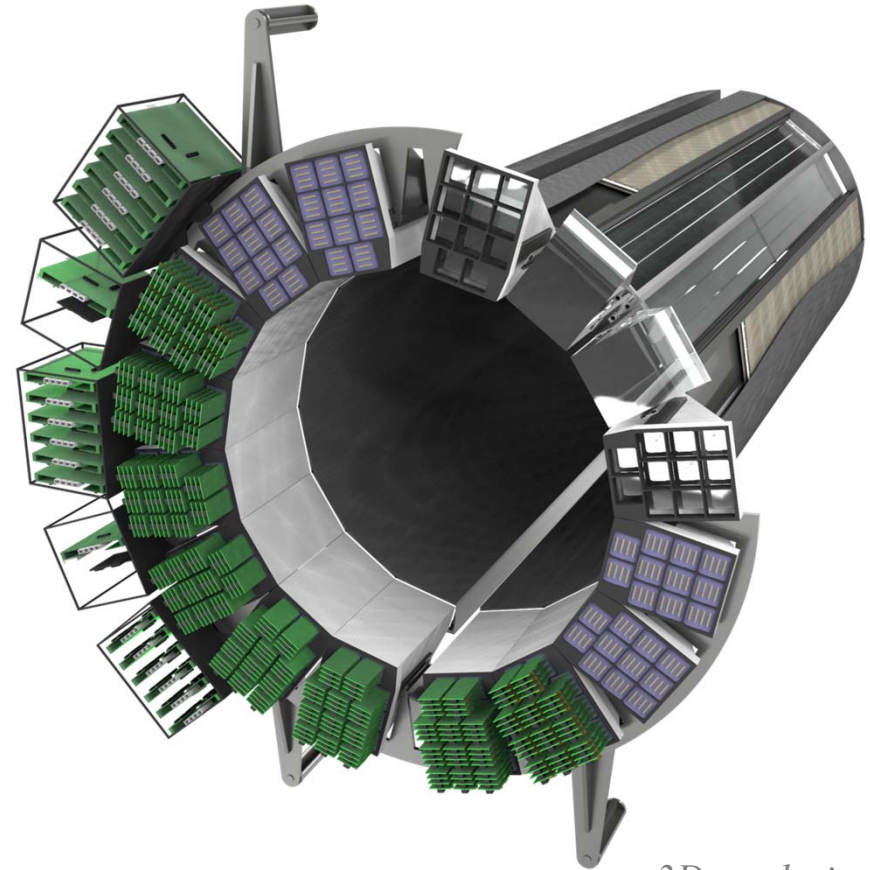
# THE PANDA BARREL DIRC DETECTOR

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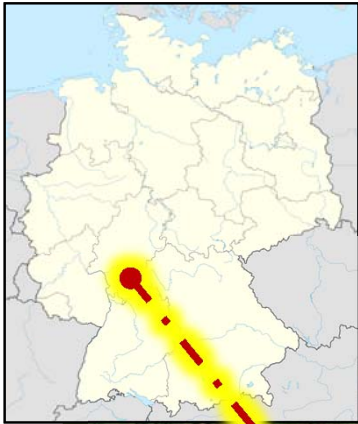
- PANDA at FAIR
- Barrel DIRC Technical Design
- PID Performance Validation
- Outlook



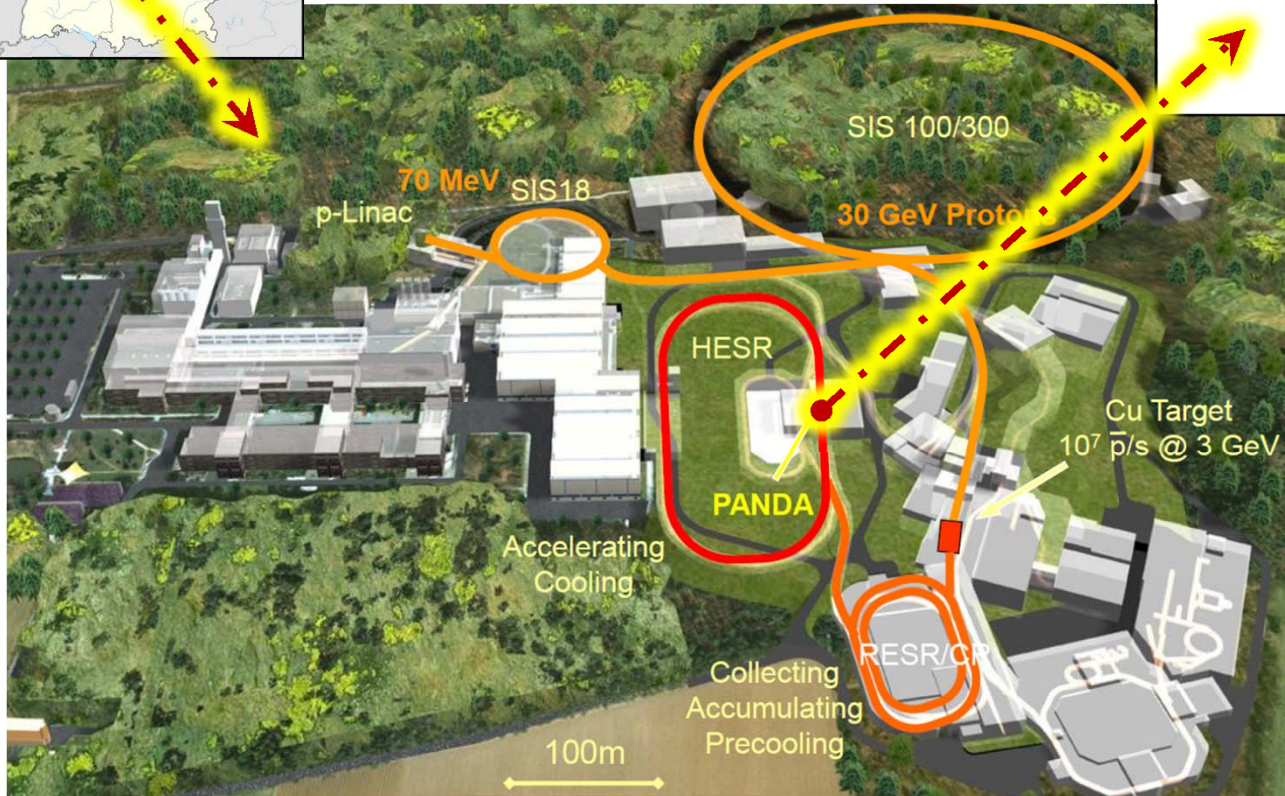
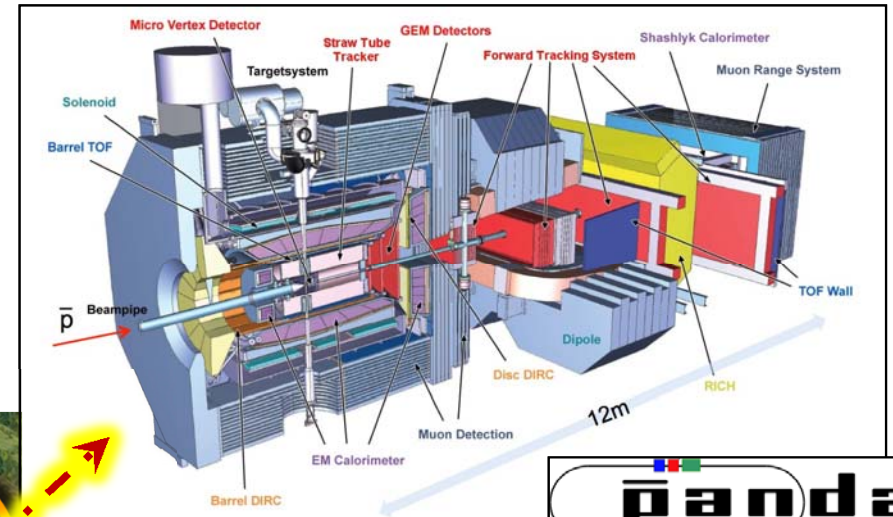
3D rendering of  
PANDA Barrel DIRC  
baseline design

*The PANDA Cherenkov Group:*

## Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research at GSI near Darmstadt, Germany



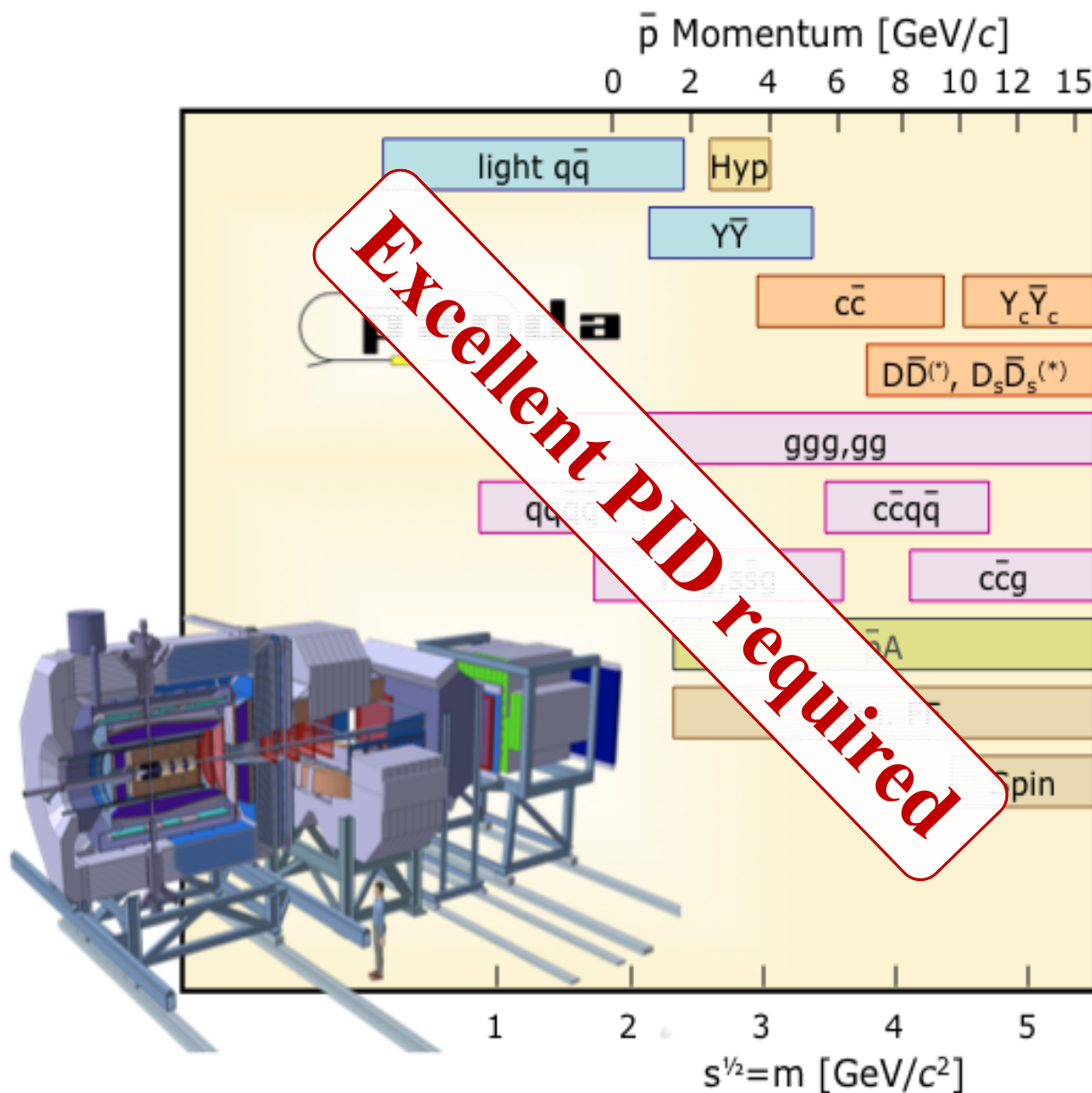
- FAIR Accelerator Complex
- PANDA Experiment
- Barrel DIRC Detector



### High Energy Storage Ring

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

## Study of QCD with Antiprotons



- Non-perturbative QCD**
- Hypernuclei**
- Precision Hadron Spectroscopy**
- Exotic States (Glueballs, Hybrids)**
- In-Medium Modifications**
- Nucleon Structure**

## PANDA: two DIRC detectors for hadronic PID

- Barrel DIRC

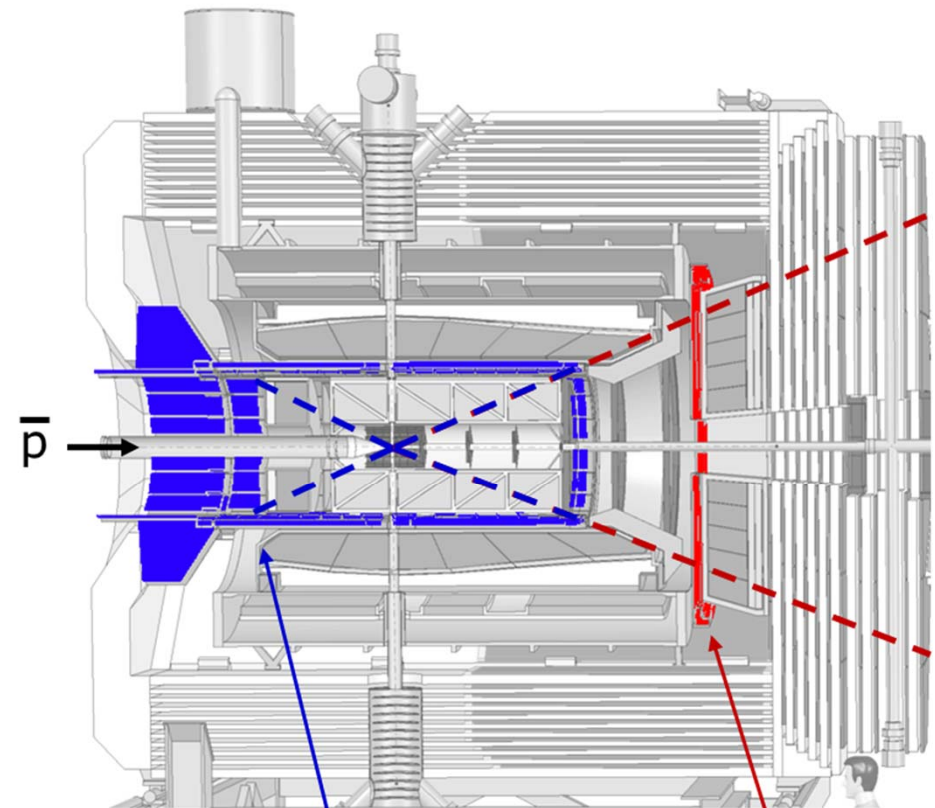
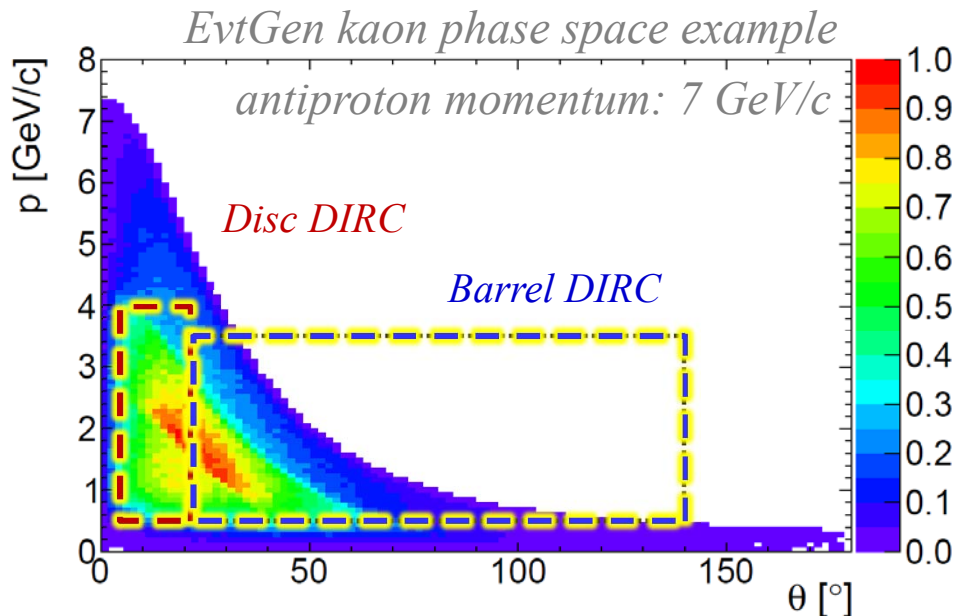
German in-kind contribution to PANDA

Goal: 3 s.d.  $\pi/K$  separation up to 3.5 GeV/c

- Endcap Disc DIRC

➤ K. Foehl, next talk

Goal: 3 s.d.  $\pi/K$  separation up to 4 GeV/c



Barrel DIRC  
(22° - 140°)

Endcap Disc DIRC  
(5° - 22°)

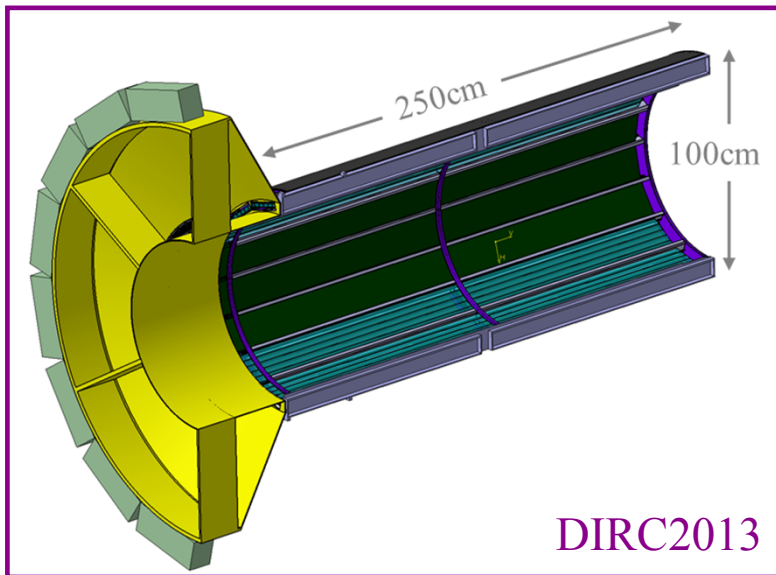
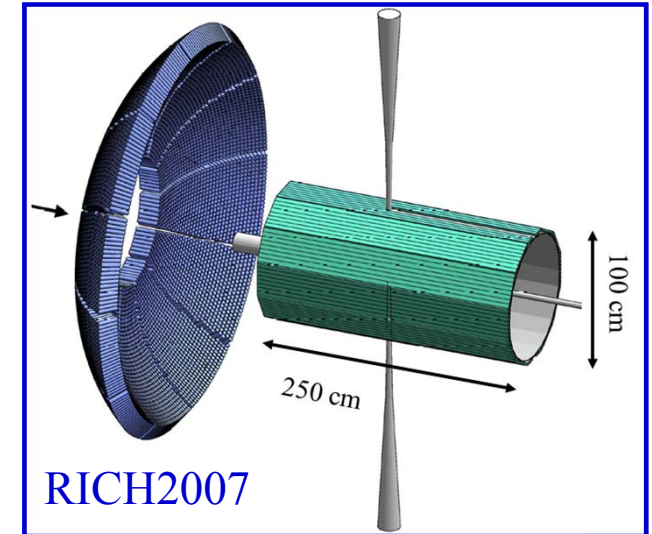
PANDA is back on track;  
 installation to start in 2021.

## Initial approach: scaled version of BABAR DIRC

- Radiators: 96 narrow fused silica bars, 2.5m length
- Expansion volume: large water tank
- Sensors: ~ 7,000 conventional PMTs

Fast simulation: design meets PANDA PID goals.

But: increasingly complex PANDA detector design  
required **compact imaging region** inside magnet yoke



## Improved design: compact photon camera

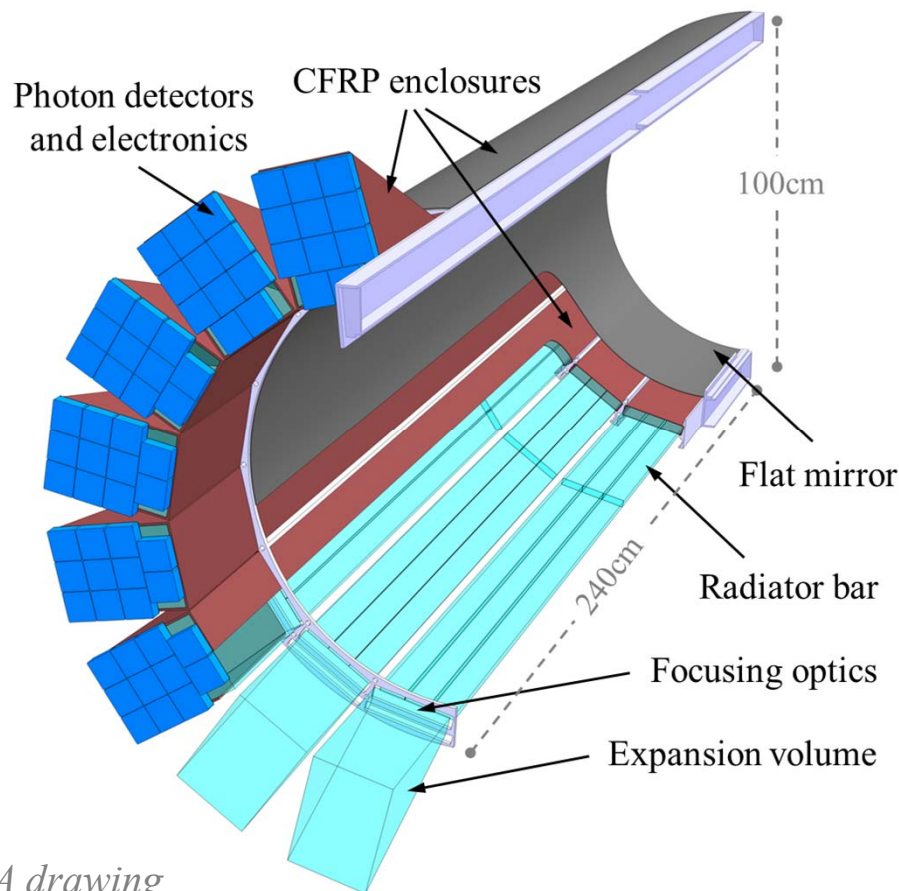
- Radiators: 80 narrow fused silica bars, 2.5m length
- Expansion volume: 30 cm-deep tank (mineral oil)
- Sensors: ~15,000 channels of MCP-PMTs
- Focusing: spherical lenses

Detailed simulation: design meets PANDA PID goals.

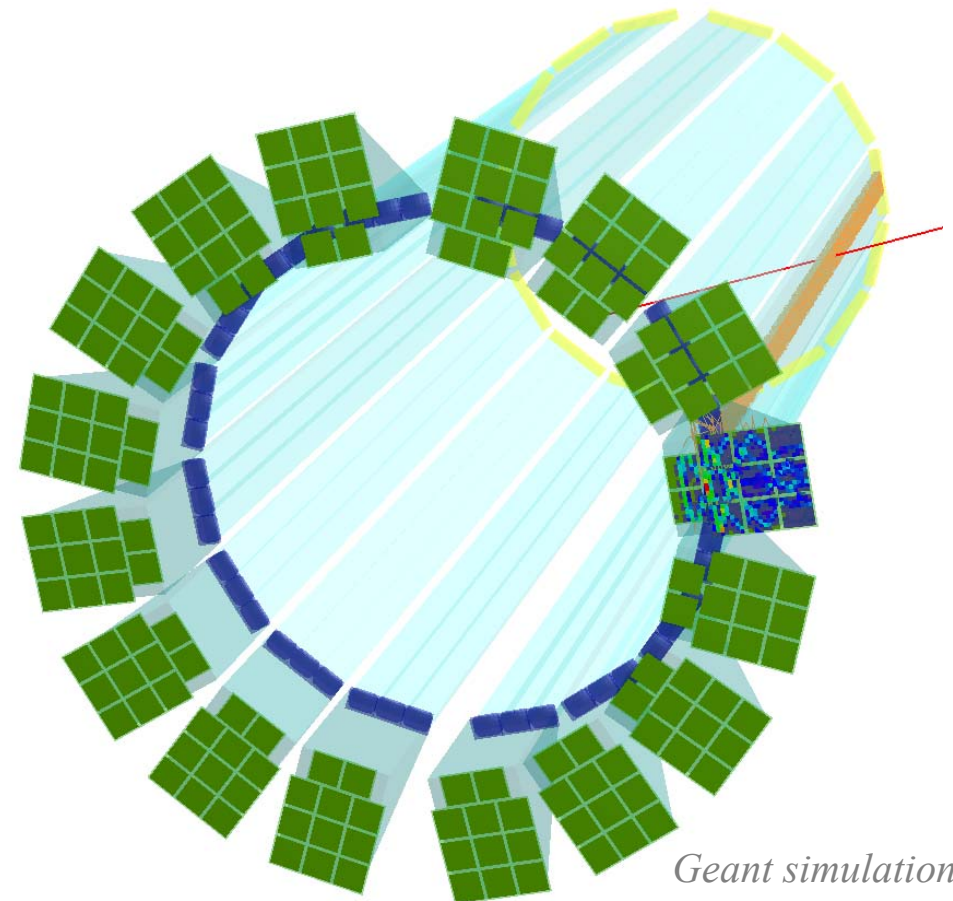
But: **production cost ~50% over budget.**

**Needed cost/performance optimization – cost driver: fabrication of bars and MCP-PMTs.**

**Main results of a comprehensive cost performance optimization in simulation:**  
 use wider bars (3 per bar box instead of 5) and compact fused silica prisms;  
 40% fewer bars, 37% fewer MCP-PMTs, lower cost at no performance loss.



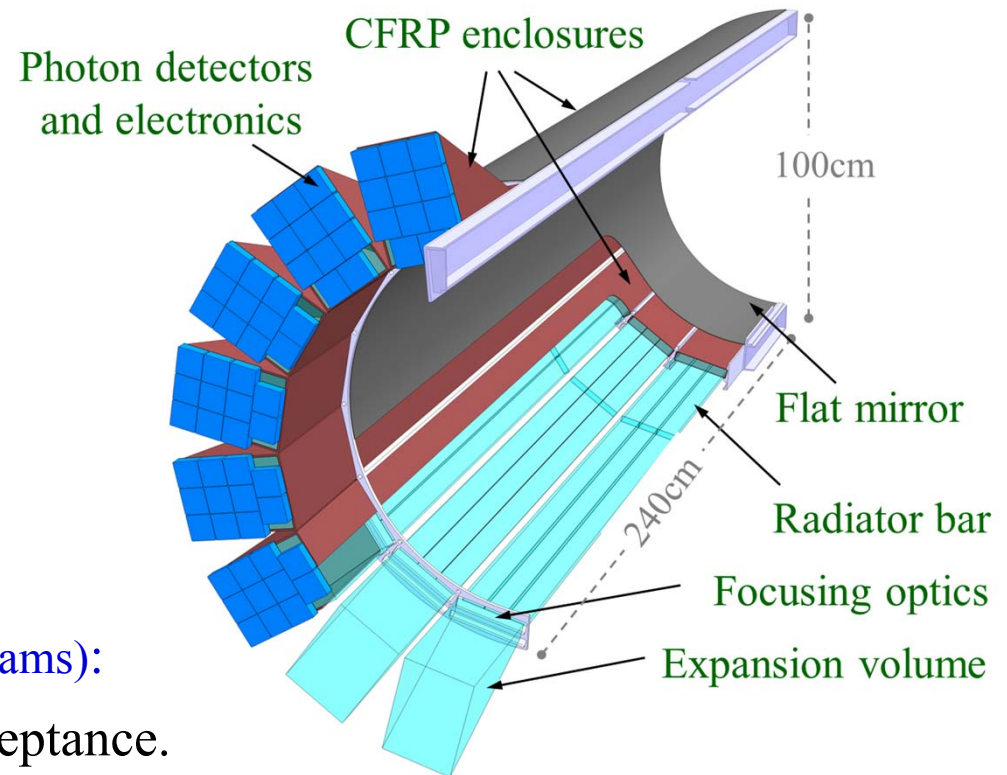
*CATIA drawing*



*Geant simulation*

## Baseline design – compact fused silica prisms, 3 bars per bar box, spherical lenses.

- 48 radiator bars (16 sectors), synthetic fused silica, (*instead of 80 bars in DIRC2015 design*)  
17mm (T) × 53mm (W) × 2400mm (L).
- Focusing optics: 3-layer spherical lens
- Compact expansion volume:  
30cm-deep solid fused silica prisms  
~11,000 channels of MCP-PMTs
- Fast FPGA-based photon detection.  
~100ps per photon timing resolution
- Expected performance (simulation and particle beams):  
better than 3 s.d.  $\pi/K$  separation for entire acceptance.



## Conservative design – similar to proven BABAR DIRC, baseline design for TDR.

Excellent performance, robust, little sensitivity to backgrounds and timing deterioration.

Caveat: still ~20% over budget. (*USD/€ exchange rate recently not our friend...*)

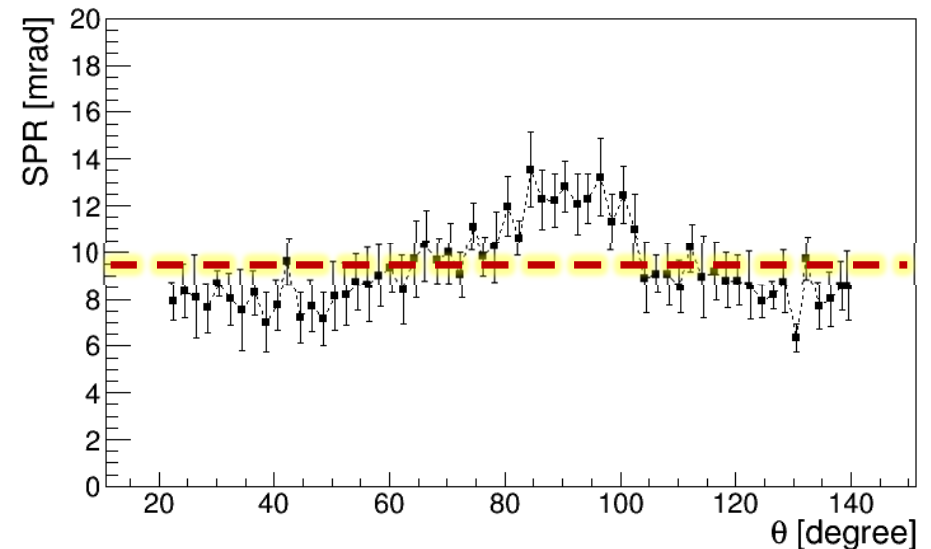
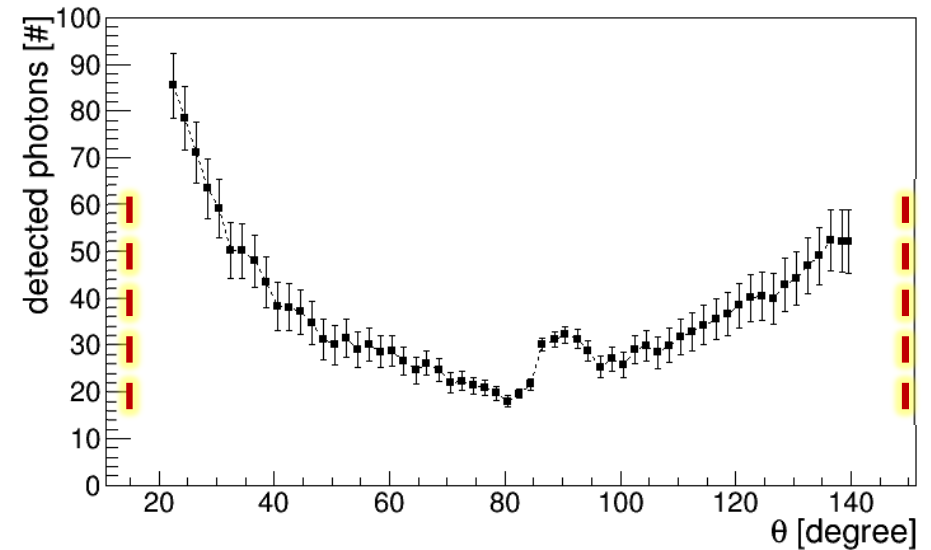
Baseline design, 3 bar per bar box, 3-layer spherical lens, prism

Used geometrical reconstruction (BABAR-like)  
to determine photon yield and  
single photon Cherenkov angle resolution (SPR)

**Yield and SPR reach performance goal.**

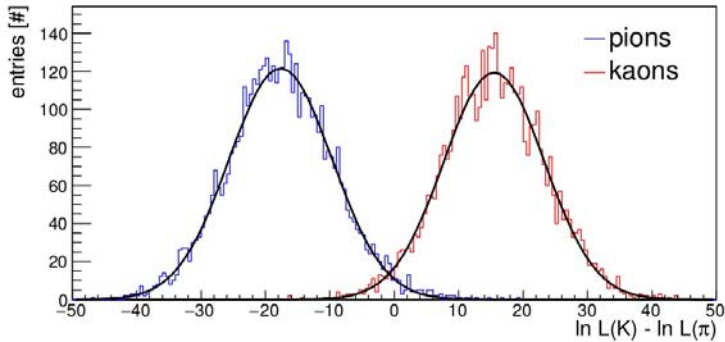
BABAR DIRC FOMs reached or even exceeded,  
in particular for most demanding  
high-momentum forward region.

*Geant simulation*



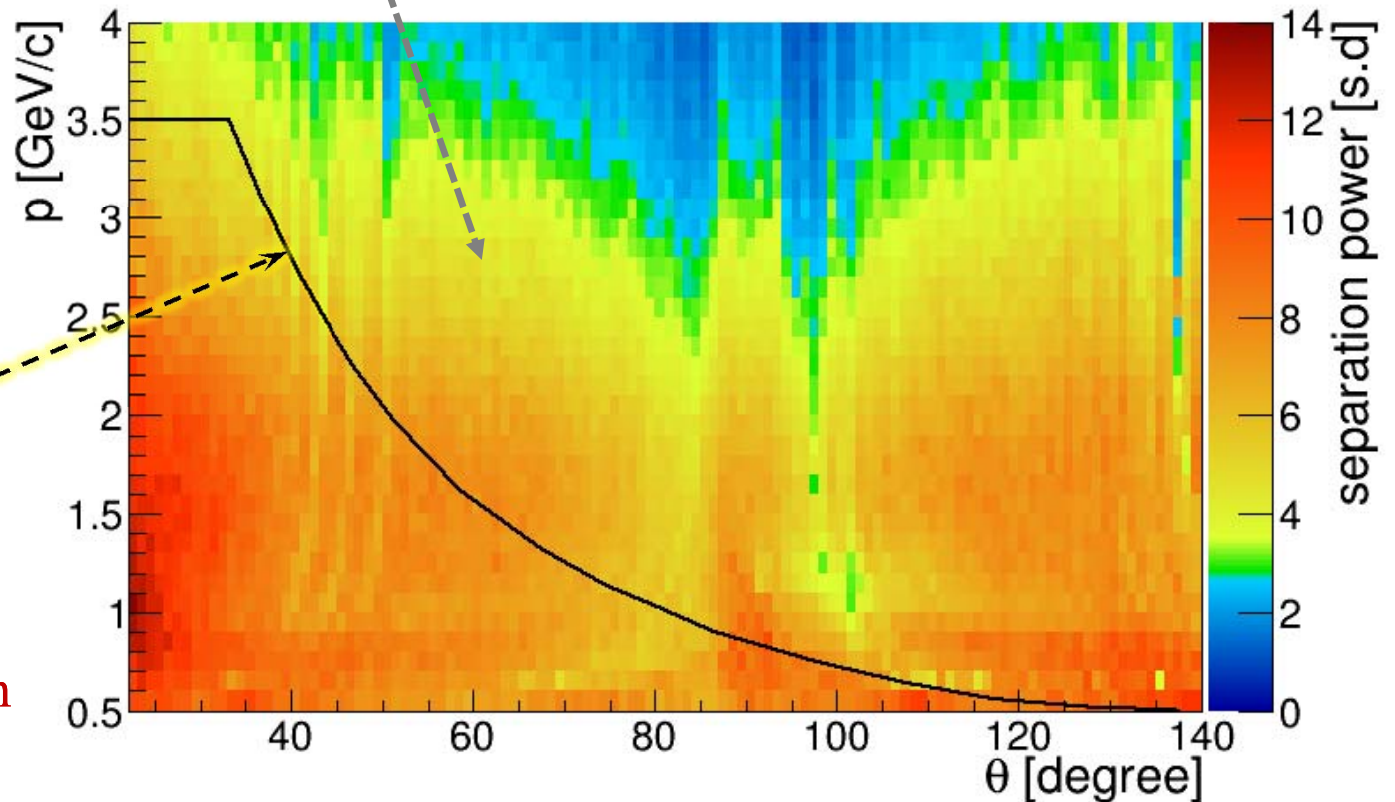


## Baseline design, 3 bar per bar box, 3-layer spherical lens, prism



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

*Geant simulation, geometric reconstruction*



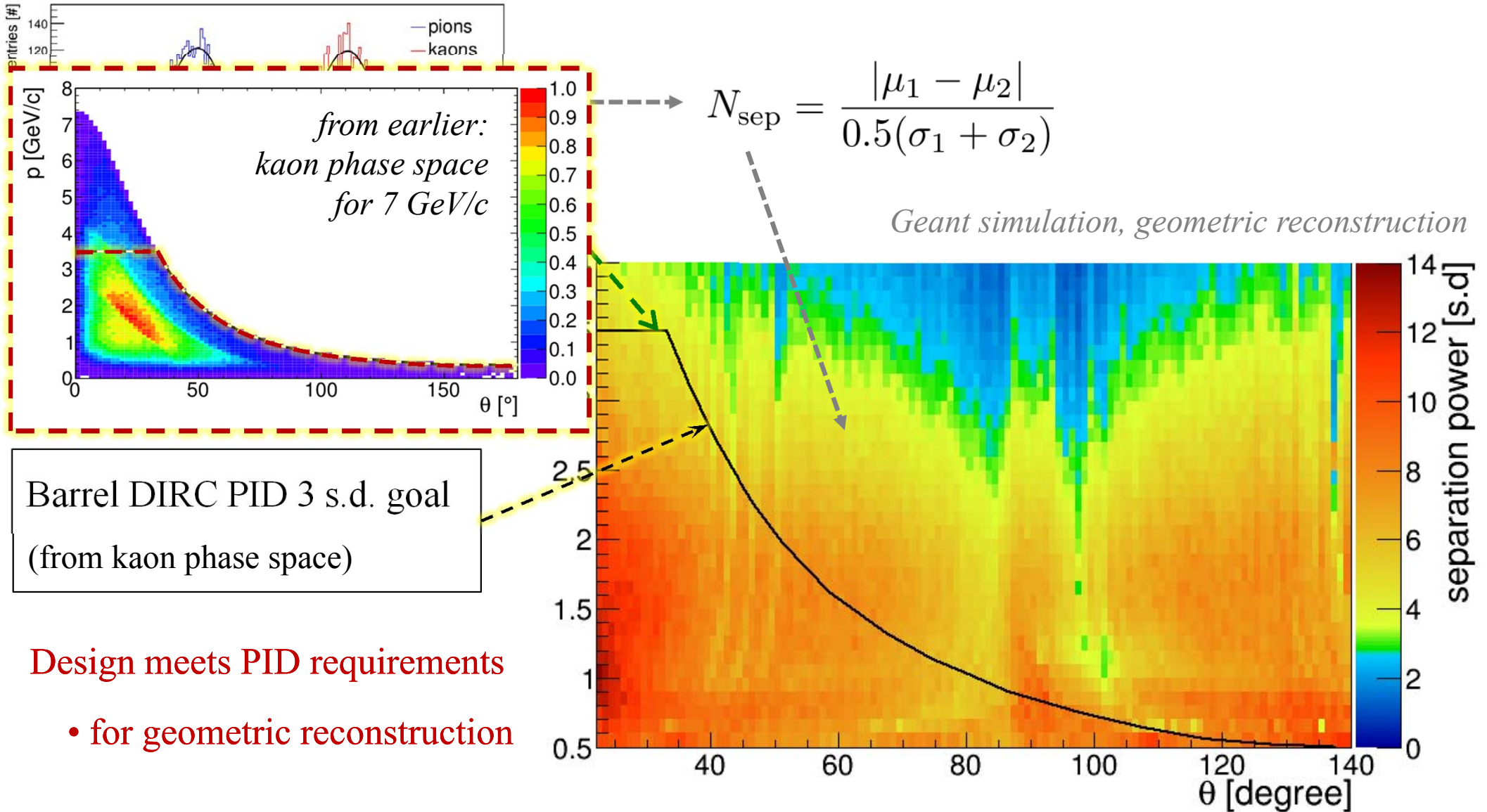
Barrel DIRC PID 3 s.d. goal  
(from kaon phase space)

Design meets PID requirements

- for geometric reconstruction

*(green color: ~ 3 s.d. separation)*

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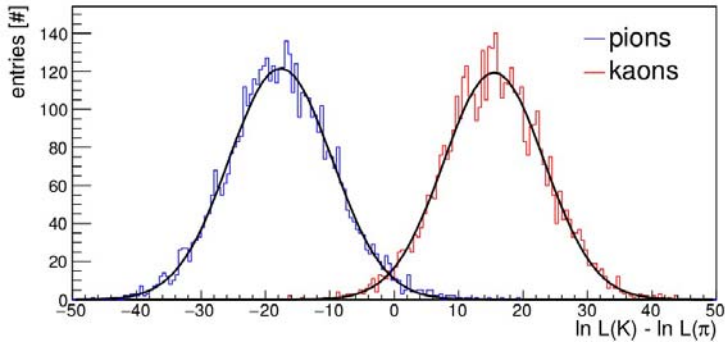


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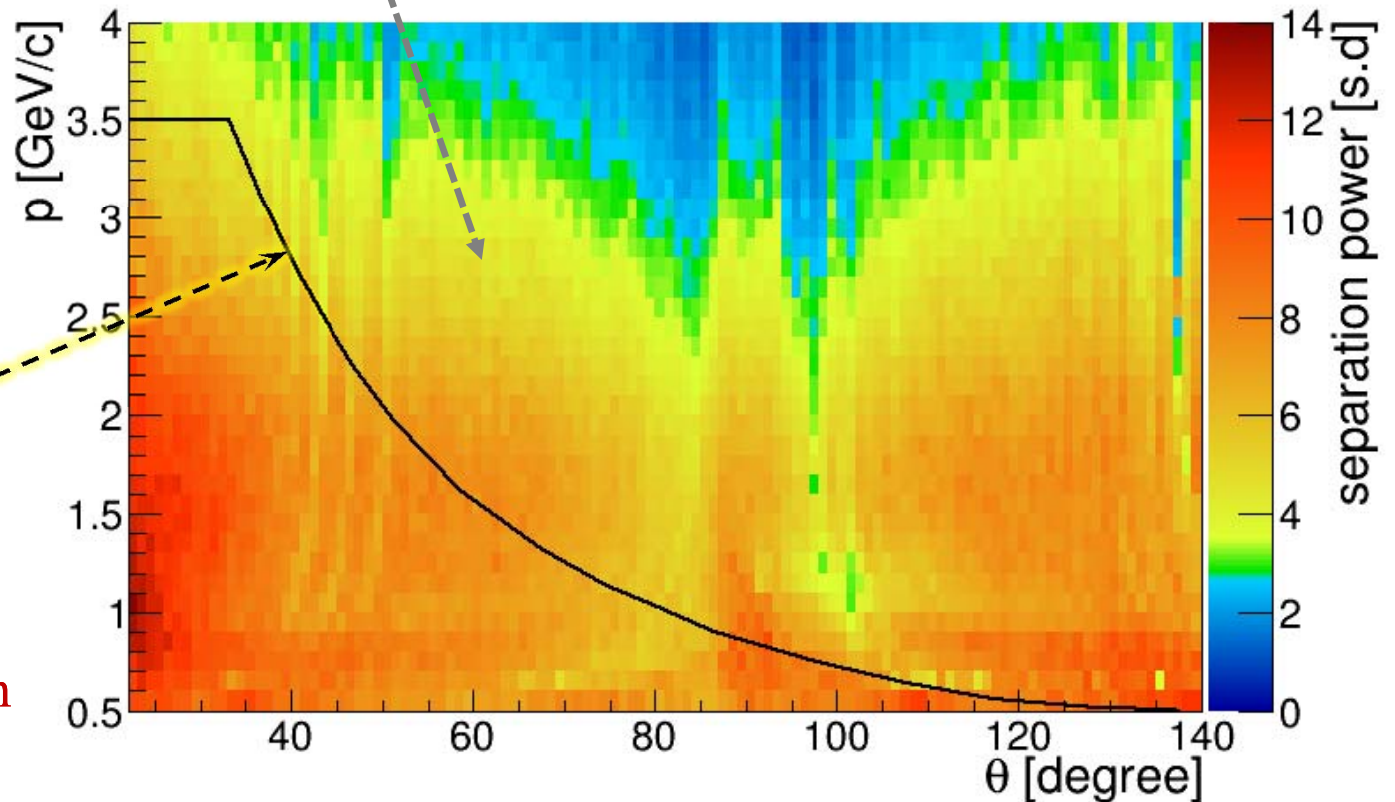
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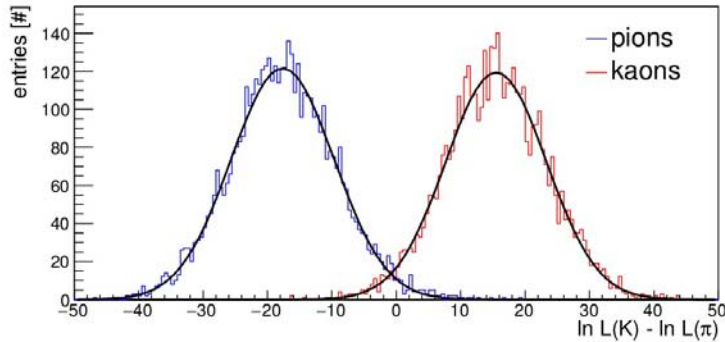
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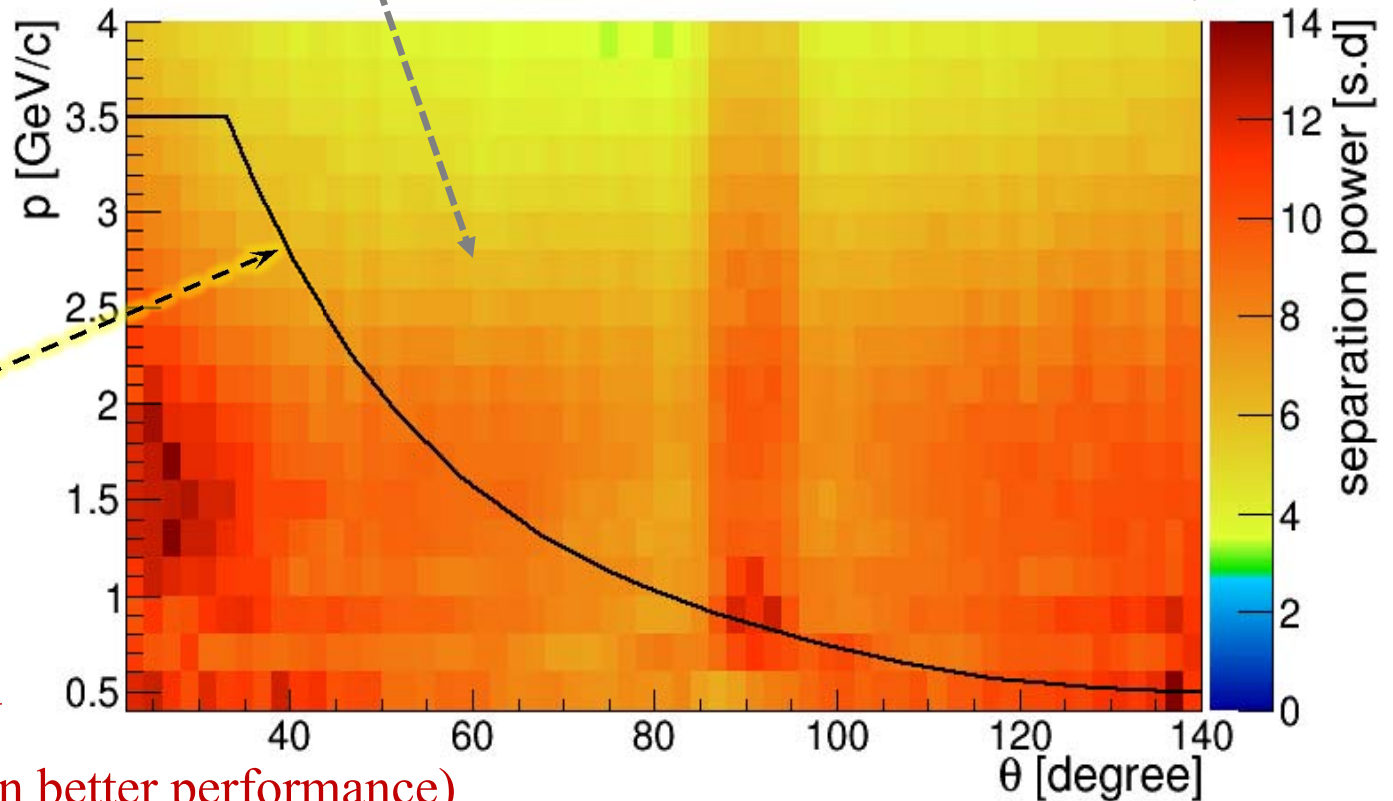
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*Geant simulation, time-based imaging,  $\sigma_t = 100\text{ps}$*



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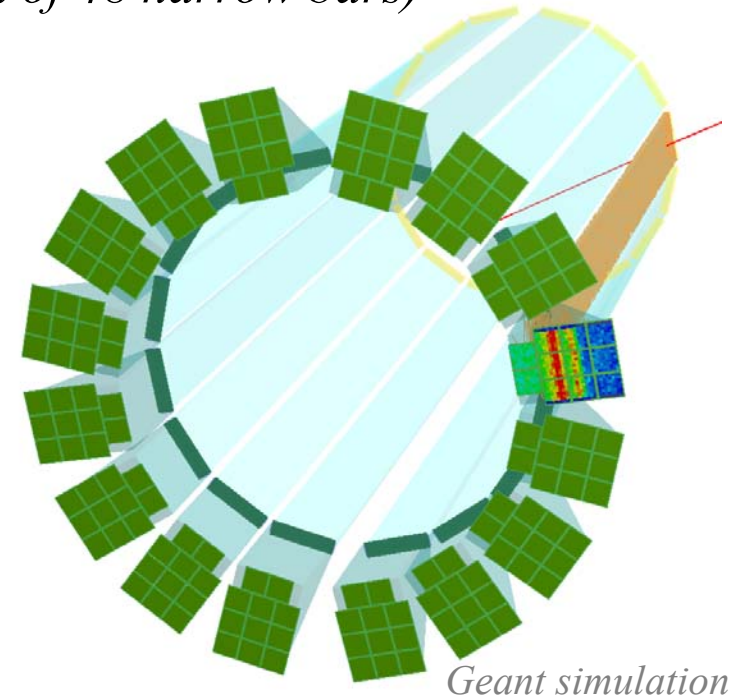
- for geometric reconstruction
- for time-based imaging (even better performance)

*(green color: ~ 3 s.d. separation)*

Second cost optimization result: geometry based on wide plates.

Replacing 3 bars/bar box with 1 wide plate saves significant fabrication costs.

- 16 radiator plates (16 sectors), synthetic fused silica (*instead of 48 narrow bars*)  
17mm (T) × 160mm (W) × 2400mm (L).
- **Focusing optics:** triplet cylindrical lens system  
(or no lens – to be determined)
- **Expansion volume and readout same as baseline.**
- **Expected performance (according to simulation):**  
better than 3 s.d.  $\pi/K$  separation for entire acceptance.
- Included in TDR as design option.



Wide plate design would fit our budget – but it is no longer a “BABAR-like” DIRC.

Geometric reconstruction approach unavailable, have to rely on time-based imaging PDFs.

Design is more sensitive to timing precision and backgrounds than narrow bars.

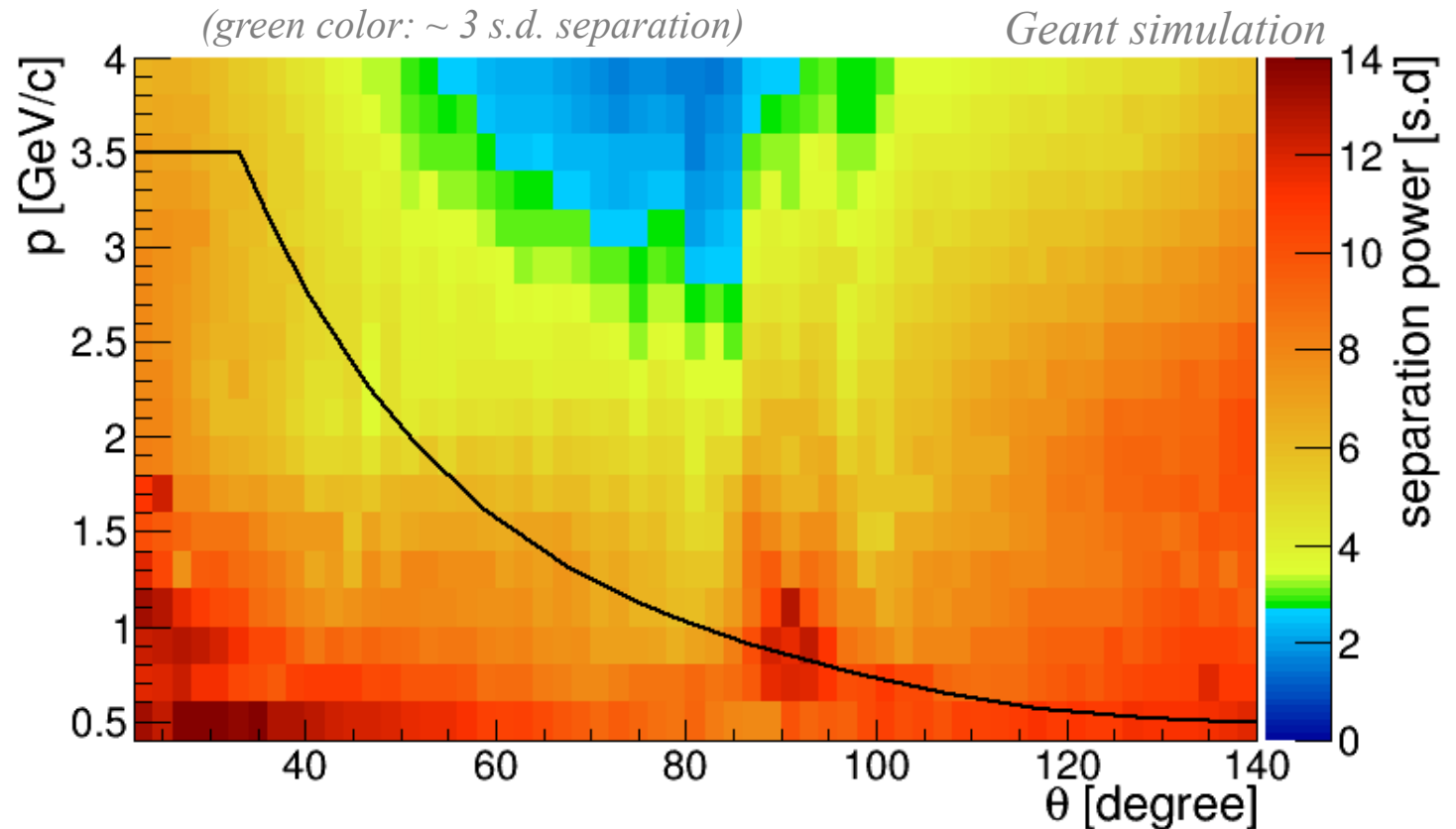
Needed to be validated with particle beams.

Cost-saving option, 1 plate per bar box, cylindrical lens

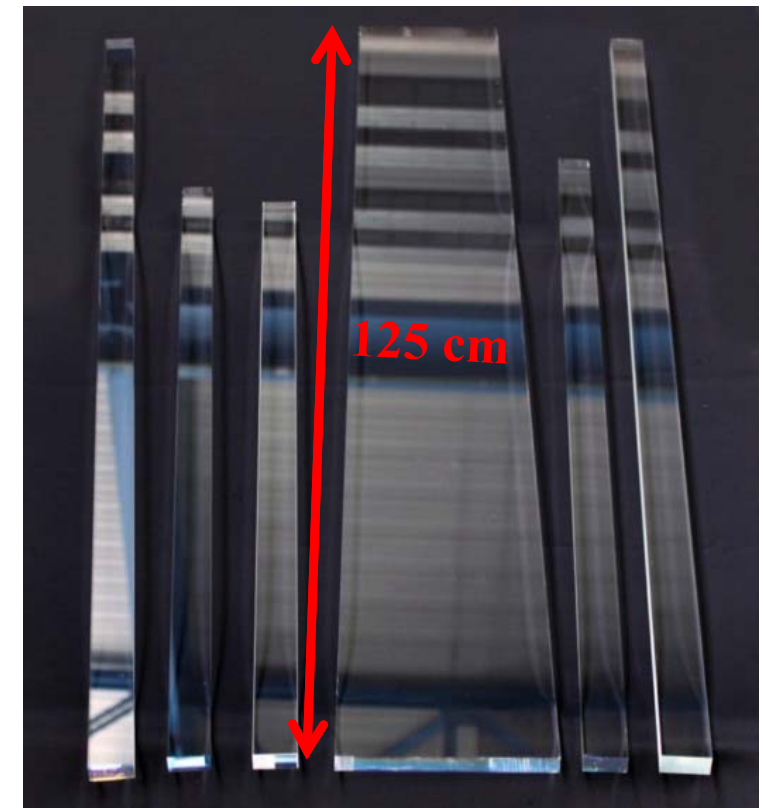
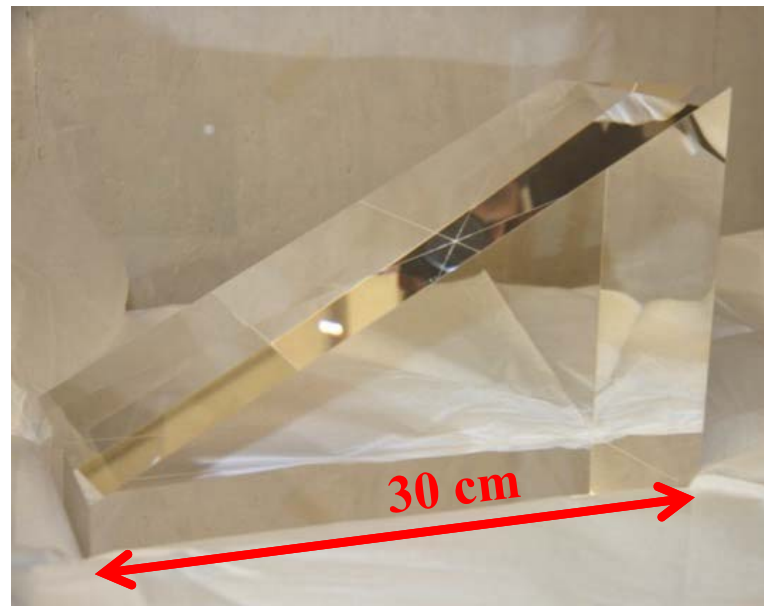
$\pi/K$  separation power from time-based imaging (Belle II-like algorithm, PDFs from simulation).

Wide plate with focusing exceeds PID requirements for entire acceptance range.

(Performance somewhat worse than narrow bar design.)

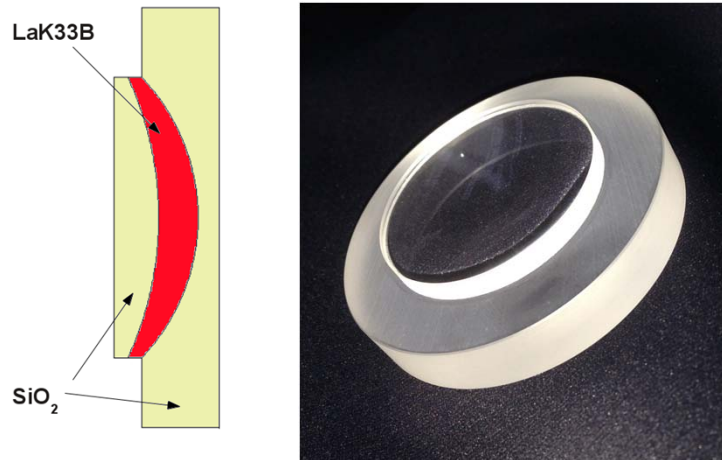


- **Radiator prototype program** with industry partners in Europe, USA, Japan;  
~30 bars/plates produced by 8 companies using different materials and techniques (pitch polishing, abrasive polishing, even new idea: extrusion and flame polishing).  
→ AOS/Okamoto, InSync, Nikon, Zeiss, Zygo; Heraeus, Lytkarino LZOS, Schott Lithotec.
- Three solid **fused silica prism** prototypes ( $30^\circ$ ,  $33^\circ$ ,  $45^\circ$  top angle) built by industry (AGI).
- Designed several **spherical and cylindrical lenses**, with and without air gap, 2-layer and 3-layer prototypes built by industry.



2-layer and 3-layer lenses → minimize photon loss at bar/lens/expansion volume transition.

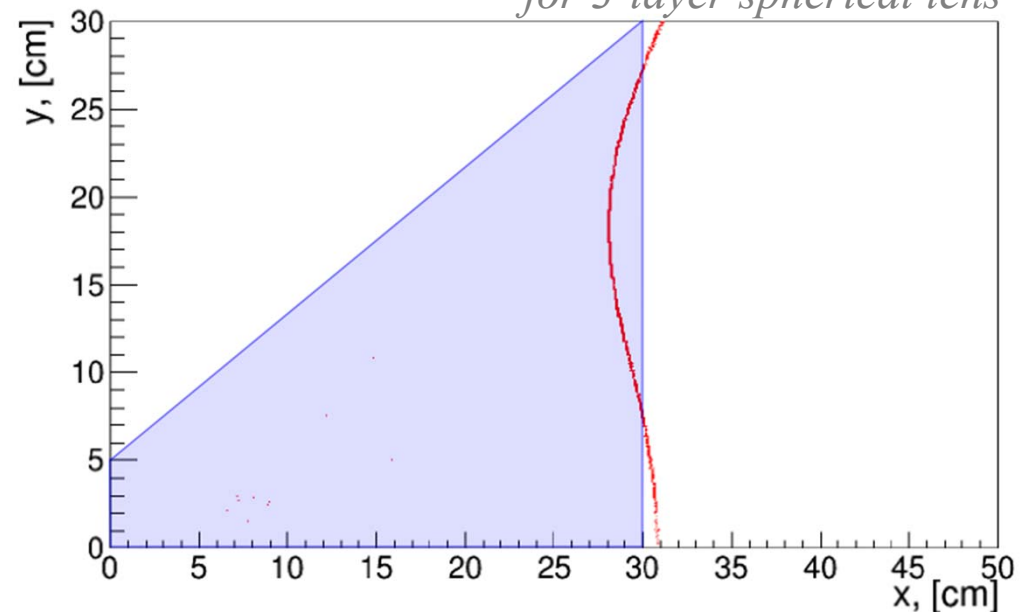
Prototypes built by industry and tested in lab and with particle beams.



*3-layer spherical lens prototype*

➤ G. Kalicy, talk this afternoon

*shape of focal plane in Geant simulation for 3-layer spherical lens*



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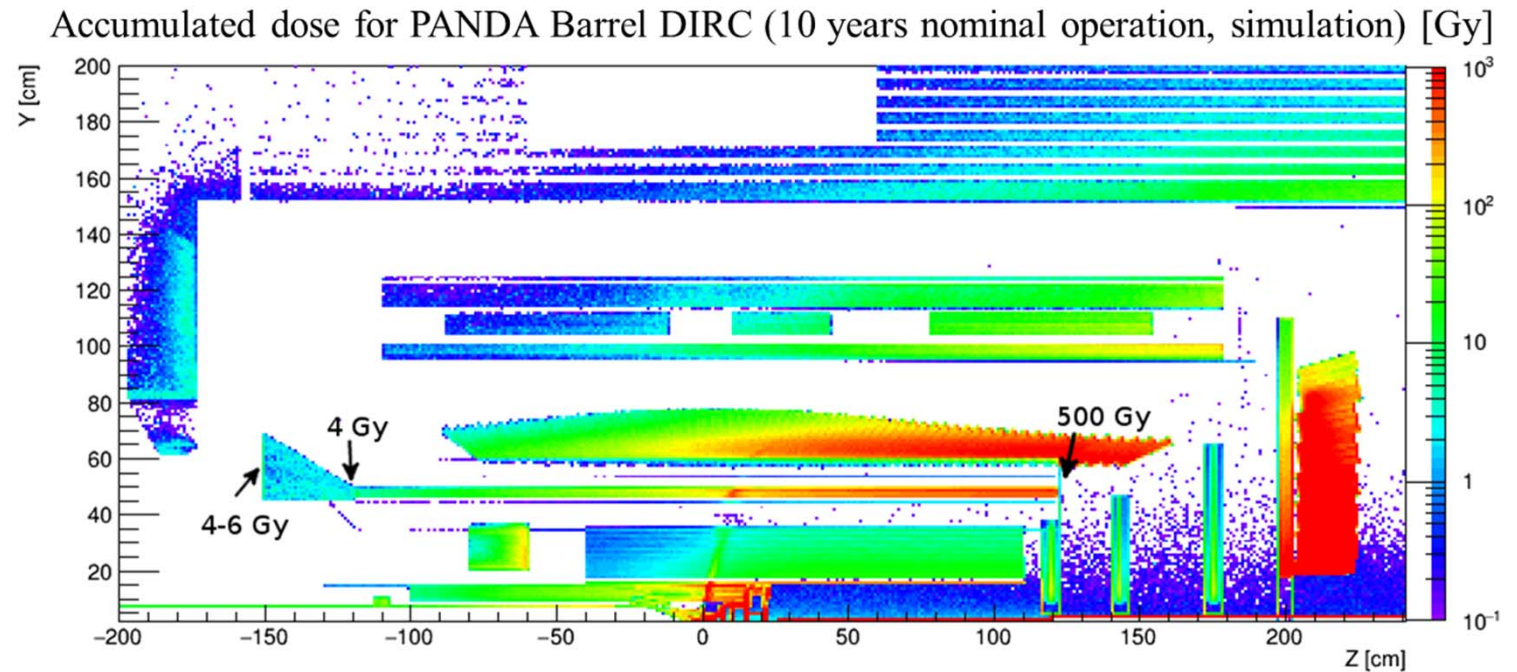
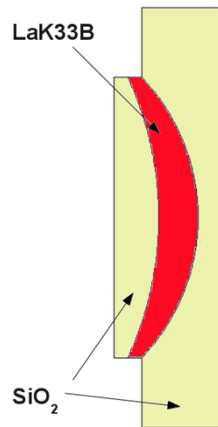
Irradiation test with X-rays ongoing (*DIRC@EIC R&D, eRD14 PID consortium*);

Initial result: LaK33 is sufficiently **radiation hard** for PANDA (*10 year dose @ lens: <5Gy*).



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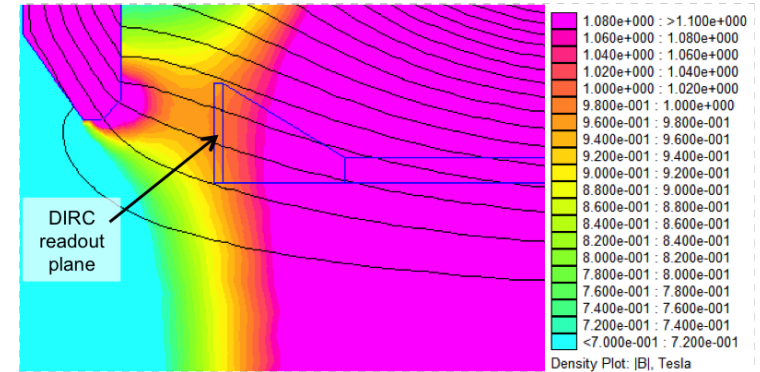
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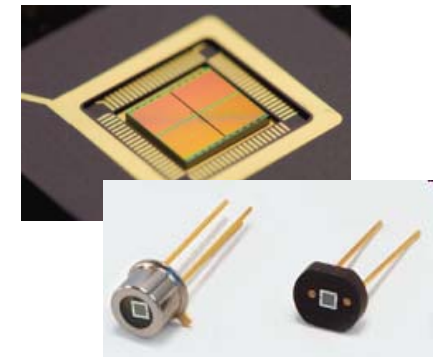
- **Multi-anode Photomultipliers (MaPMTs)**

used successfully in DIRC prototypes,  
sensors of choice for SuperB FDIRC, GlueX DIRC  
ruled out by  $\sim 1\text{T}$  magnetic field



- **Geiger-mode Avalanche Photo Diodes (SiPMs)**

high dark count rate problematic for reconstruction (trigger-less DAQ)  
radiation hardness an issue in PANDA environment

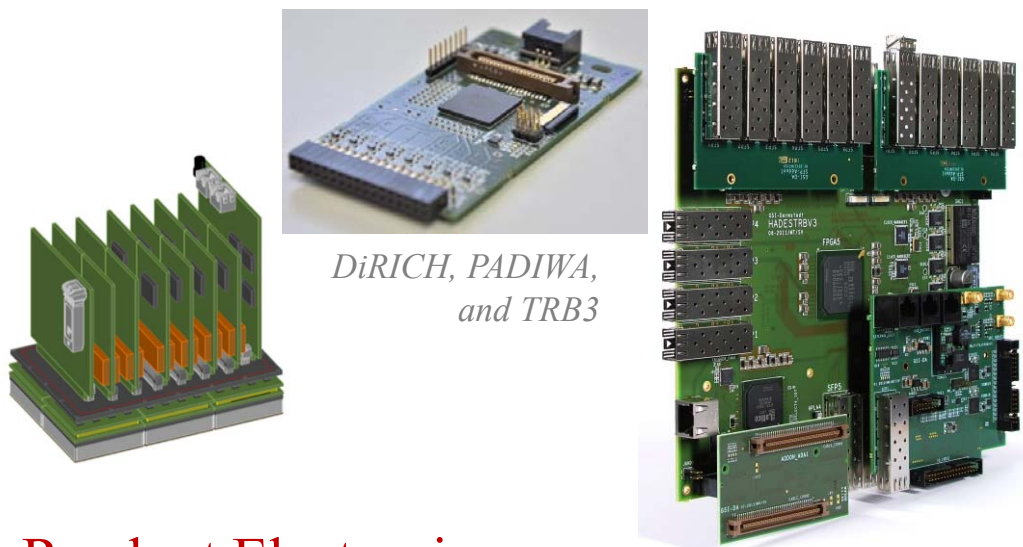


- **Micro-channel Plate Photomultipliers (MCP-PMTs)**

good PDE, excellent timing and magnetic field performance  
used to have issues with rate capability and aging, now solved;  
sensors of choice for Belle II TOP and both PANDA DIRCs.

➤ A. Lehmann, talk yesterday





## Readout Electronics

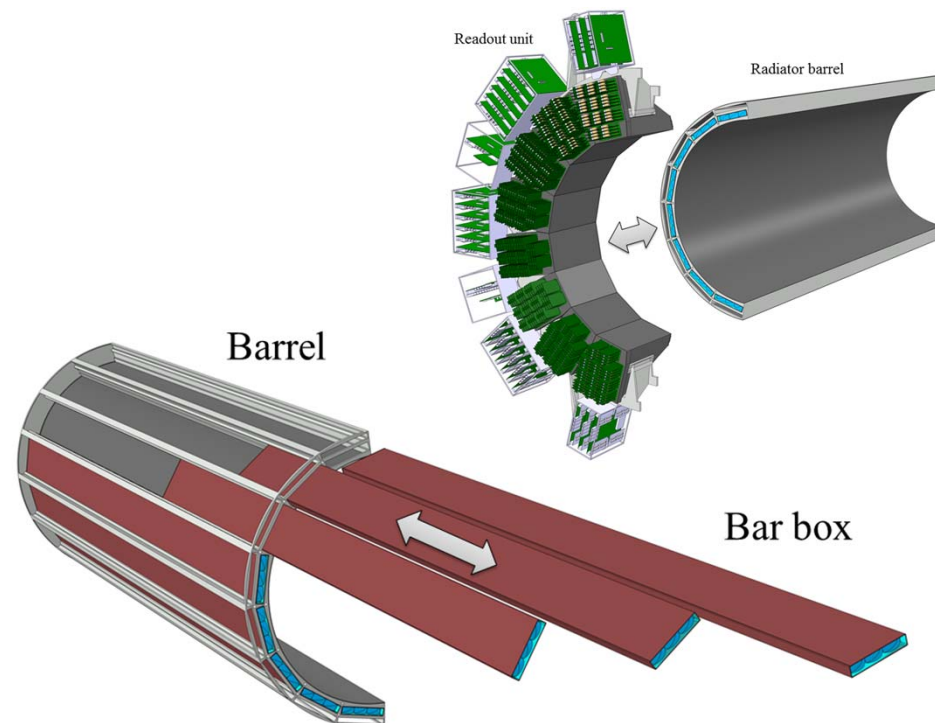
~100ps timing per photon for small MCP-PMT pulses – amplification and bandwidth optimization

20MHz average interaction, trigger-less DAQ

Current approach: HADES TRBv3 board with PADIWA amplifier/discriminator.

For PANDA: DiRICH, integrated backplane, joint development with HADES/CBM RICH.

➤ M. Traxler, talk tomorrow morning



## Mechanical Design

Light-weight and modular, allows **staged bar box installation, access to inner detectors.**

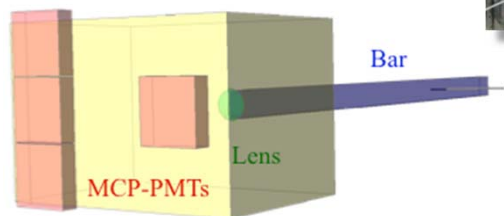
Mechanical support elements made from aluminum alloy or carbon fiber (CFRP).

Boil-off nitrogen flush for optical surfaces.



PANDA MVD & DIRC Groups at CERN, Aug/Sep 2012

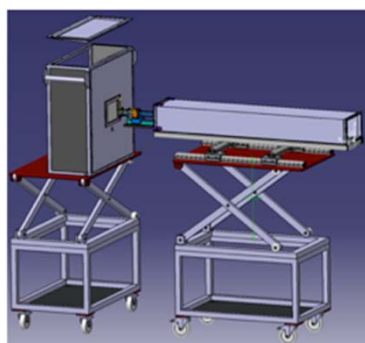
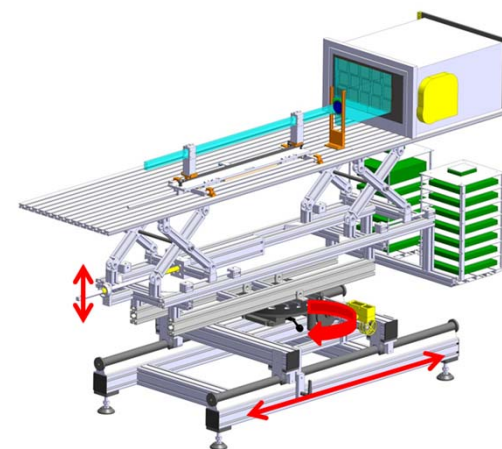
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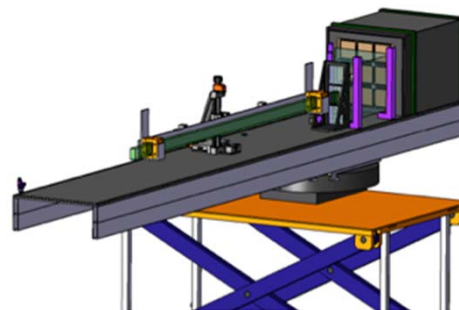
2008, 2009: GSI



DIRC team during 2014 GSI beam test



2011: GSI, CERN

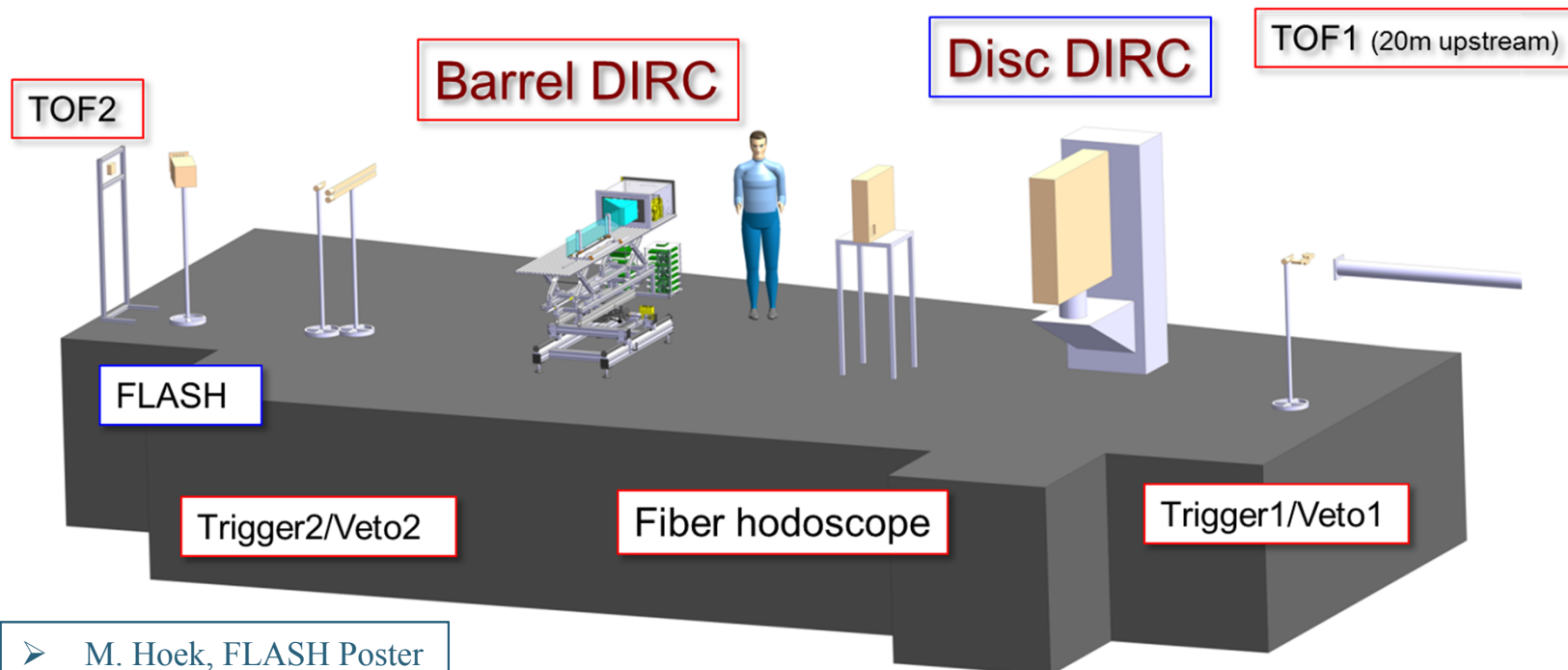
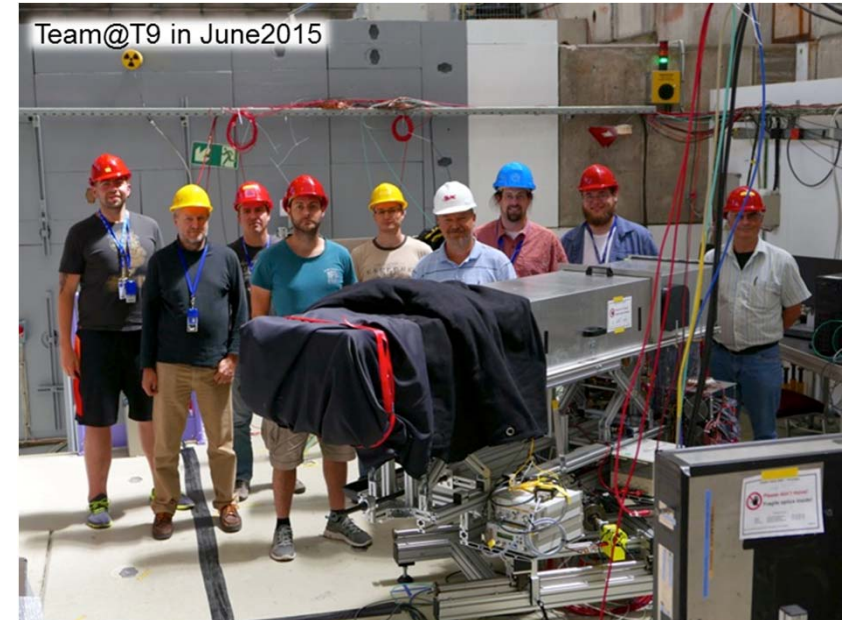


2012: CERN



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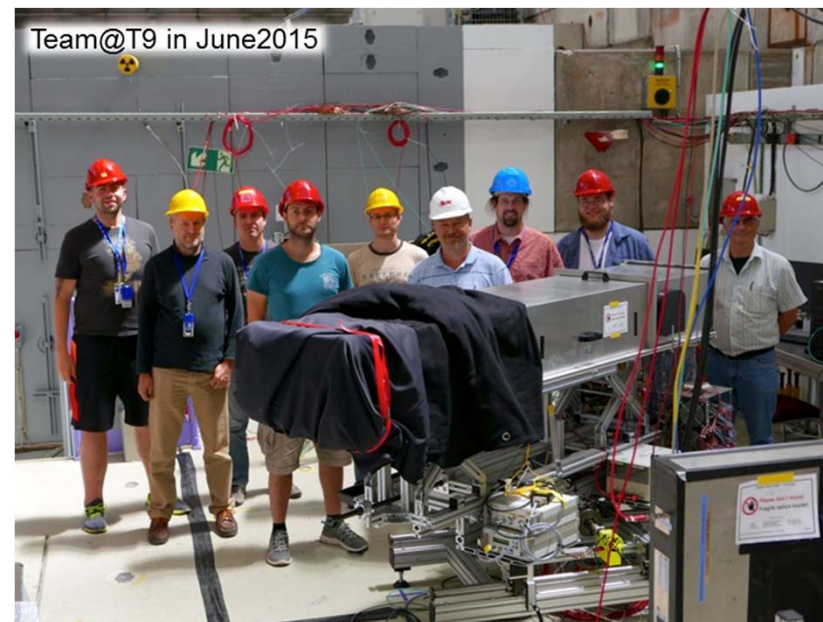
- Fused silica prism as expansion volume.
- 5 x 3 array of Planacon MCP-PMTs.
- Narrow bar and wide plate as radiator.
- Many different imaging/lens configurations.
- Momentum and angle scans.
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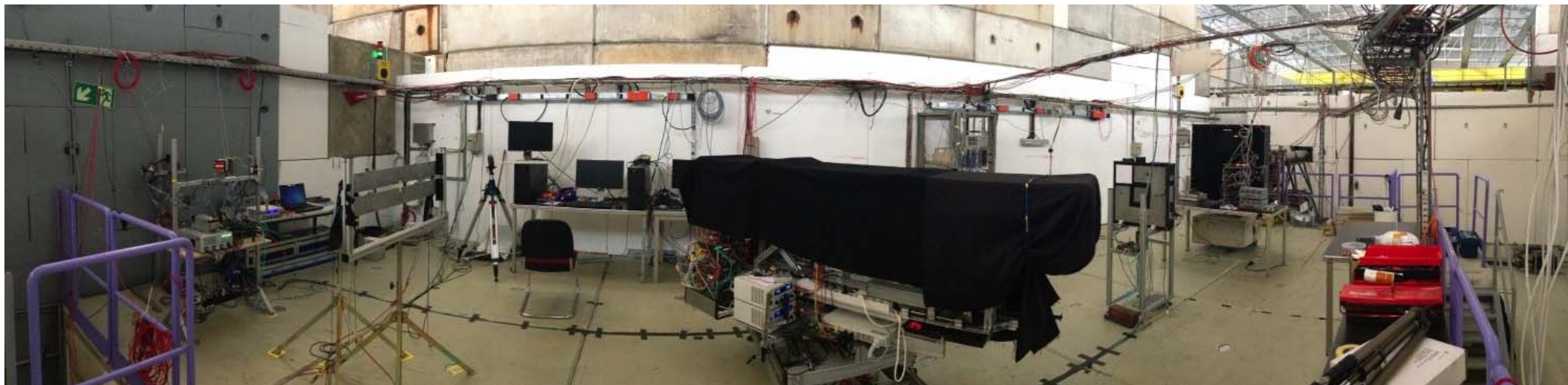
➤ M. Hoek, FLASH Poster

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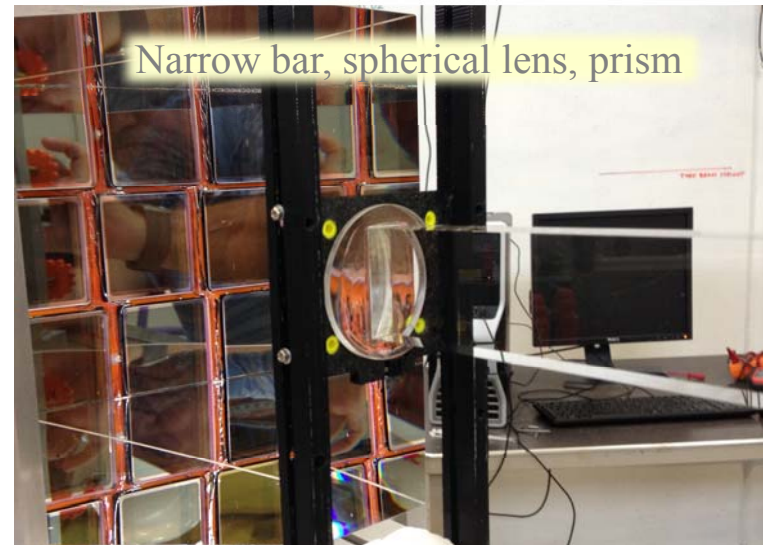
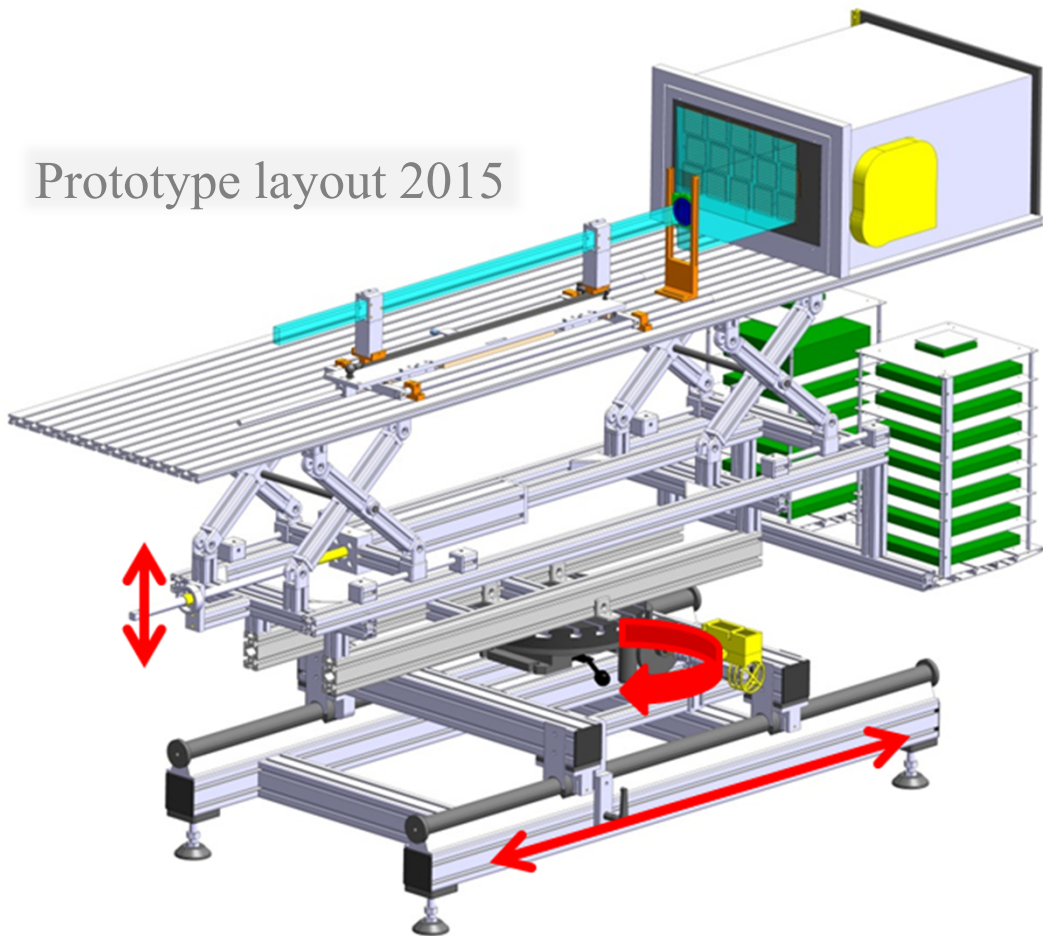
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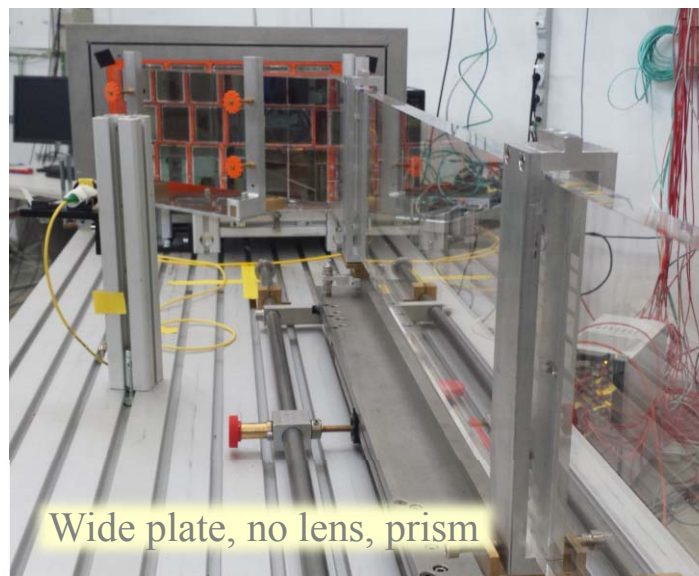
Goal: validation of PID performance of narrow bar and of wide plates.



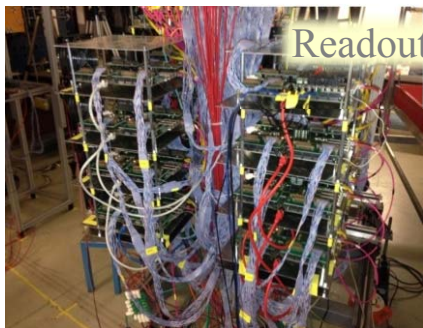
Prototype layout 2015



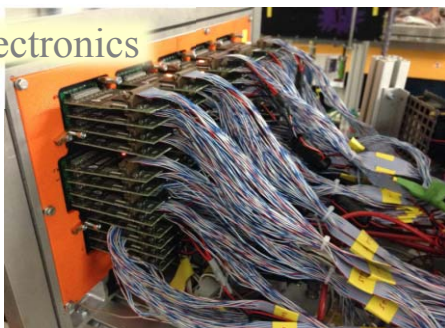
Narrow bar, spherical lens, prism



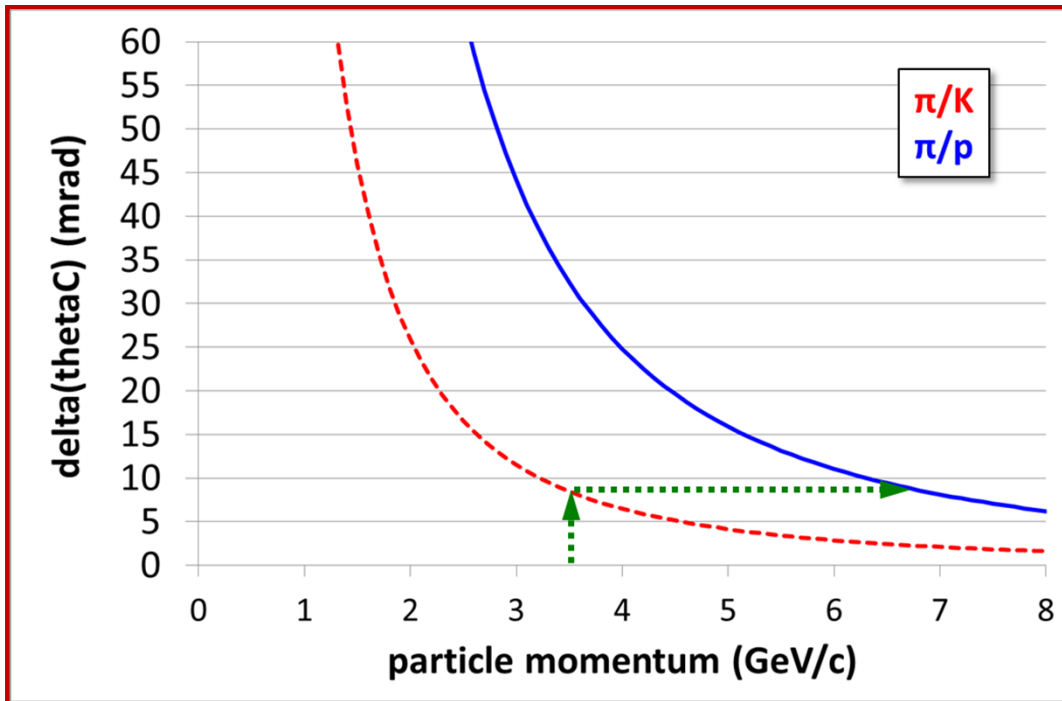
Wide plate, no lens, prism



Readout electronics



PID performance evaluated for  $\pi/p$  at 7 GeV/c.  
 (Close match to  $\pi/K$  at 3.5 GeV/c.)

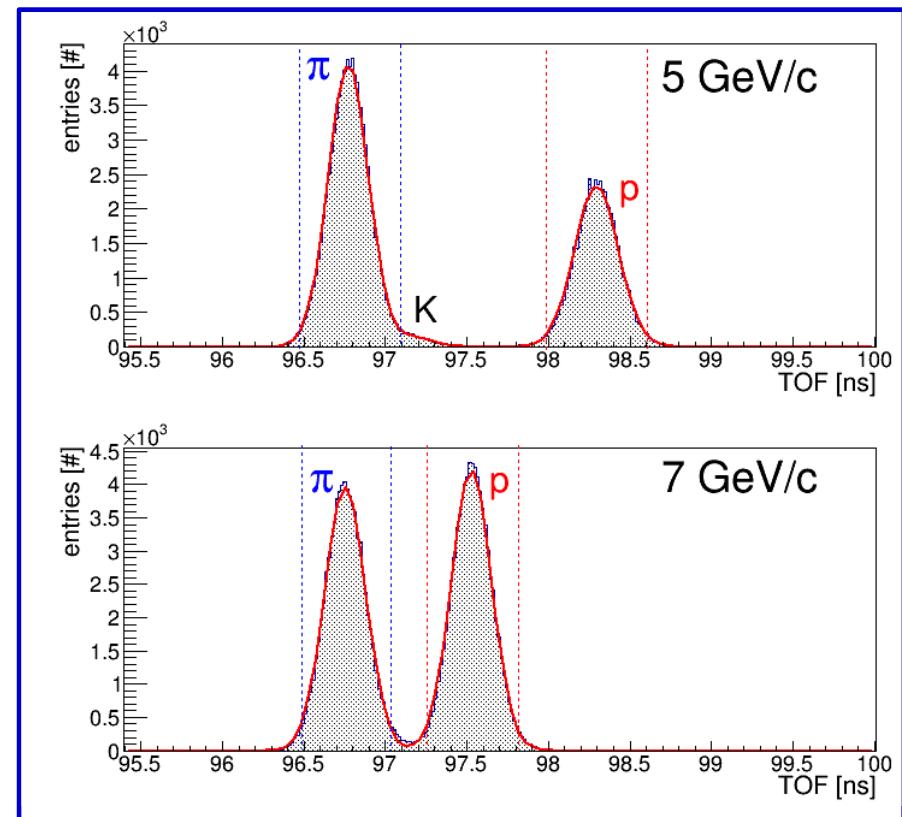


Cherenkov angle difference:

$$\Delta\theta_C (\pi-p) = 8.1 \text{ mrad @ } 7 \text{ GeV/c}$$

$$\Delta\theta_C (\pi-K) = 8.5 \text{ mrad @ } 3.5 \text{ GeV/c}$$

TOF system cleanly tags  $\pi/p$  at 7 GeV/c.





## Hit pattern for data and simulation

36 mm-wide bar with 3-layer spherical lens,  
5 GeV/c beam momentum.

Observe sharp image with expected structures,  
described well by simulation.

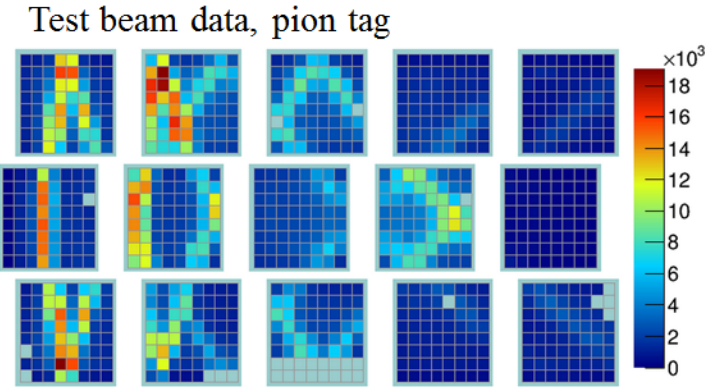
Proton image shifted by one column compared  
to pion image (Cherenkov angle difference).

*Event selection uses fiber hodoscope,  
scintillator triggers and time-of-flight.*

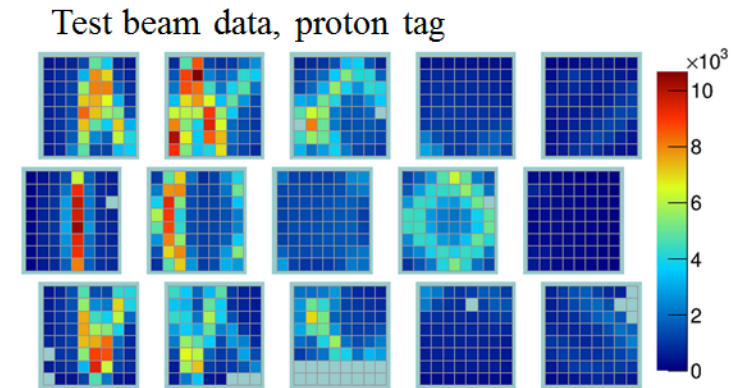
*Data calibrated using picosecond laser pulser.*

*Specific prototype simulation, tuned to beam  
parameters, includes quantum efficiencyes  
from 2D scan data for each MCP-PMT.*

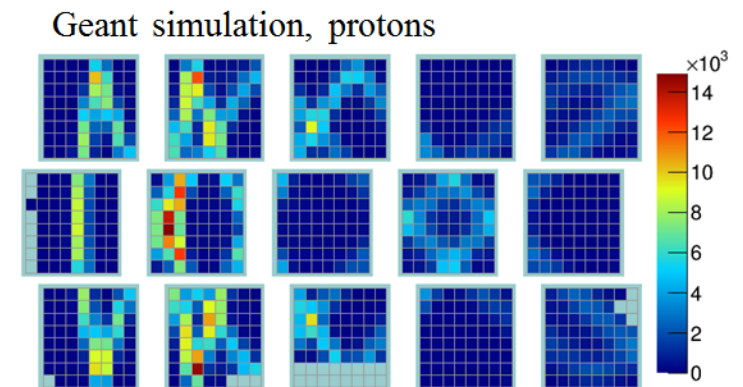
beam  
pion tag

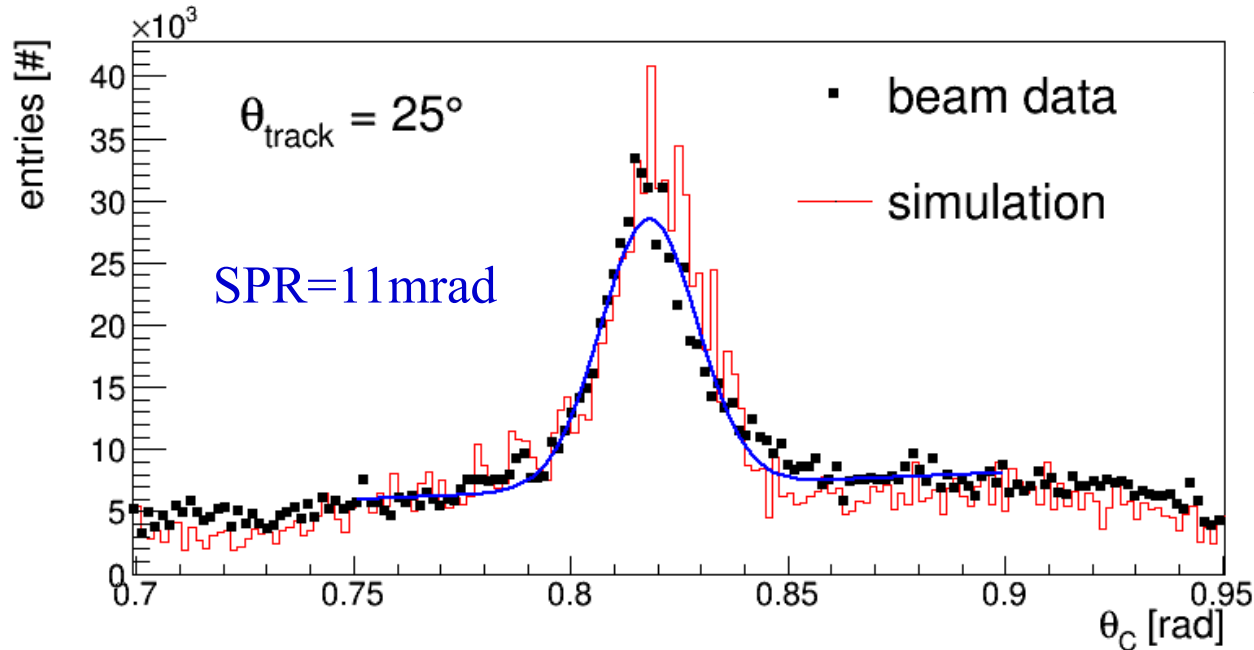


beam  
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simulation  
protons





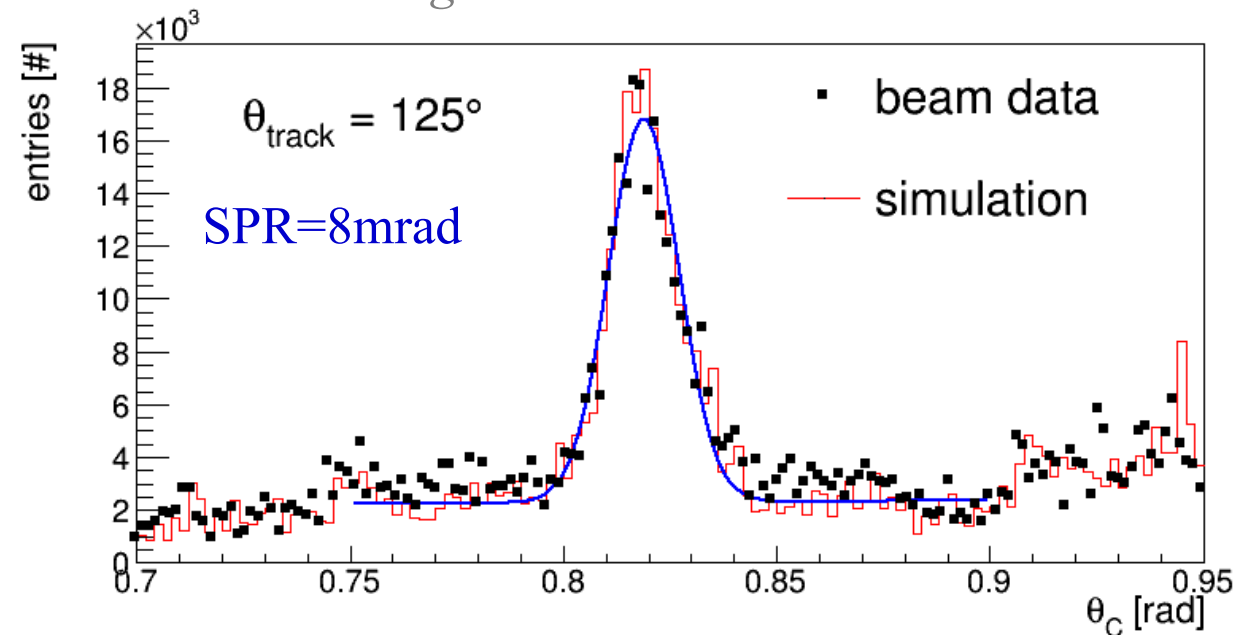
narrow bar with 3-layer spherical lens

7 GeV/c proton tag

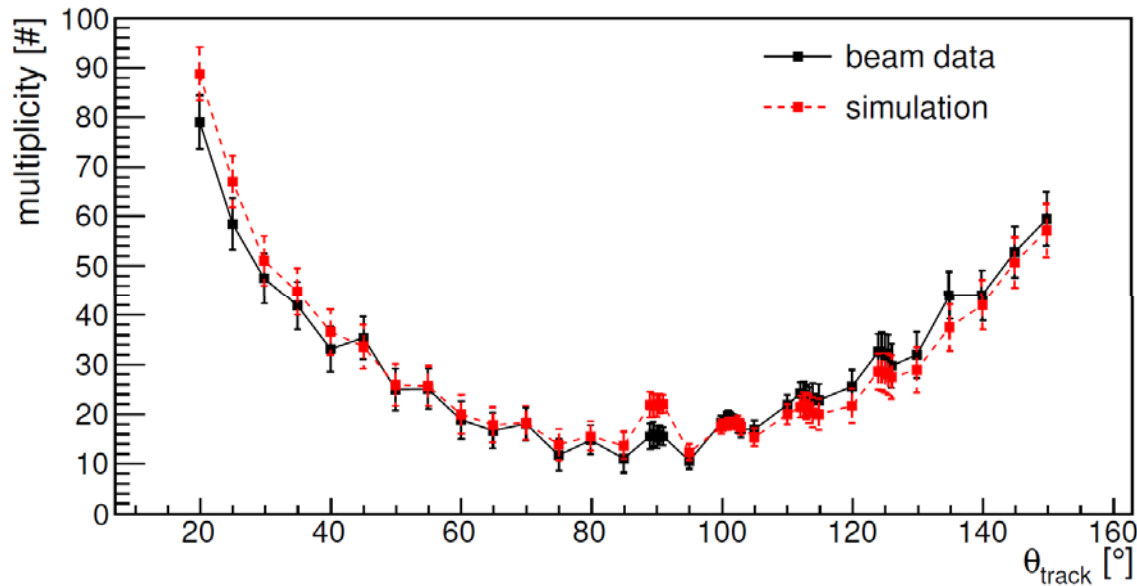
Single photon Cherenkov

angle resolution (SPR)

*geometric reconstruction*



Simulation describes data quite well.



narrow bar, 3-layer spherical lens

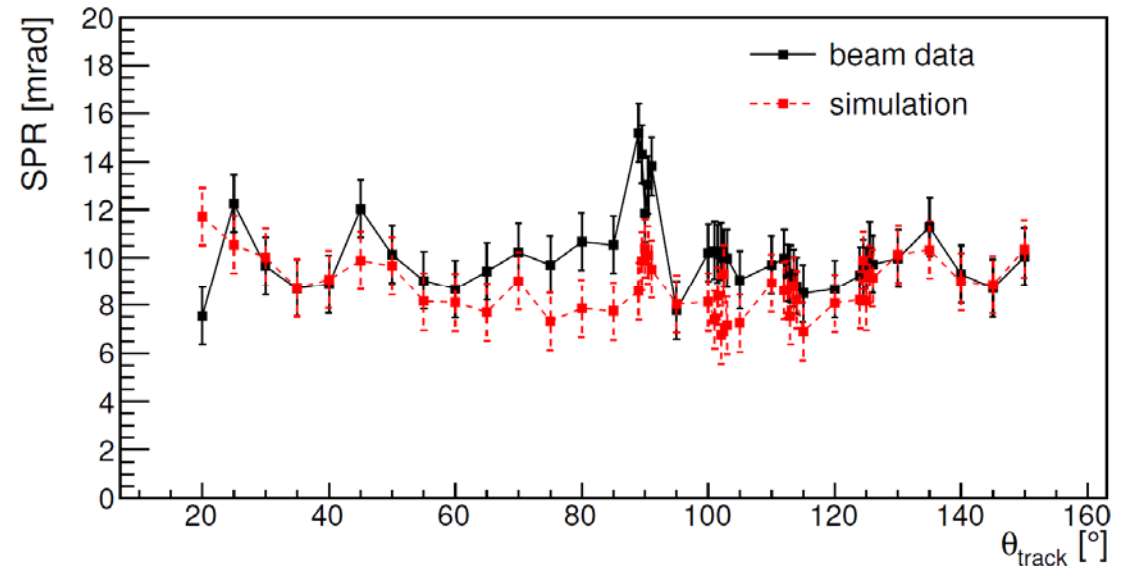
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Figures of merit meet PANDA requirements

Simulation describes data reasonably well.

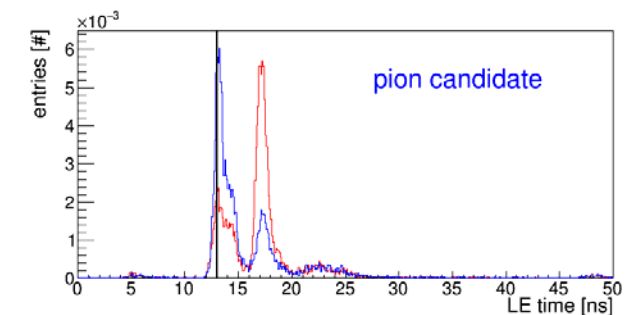
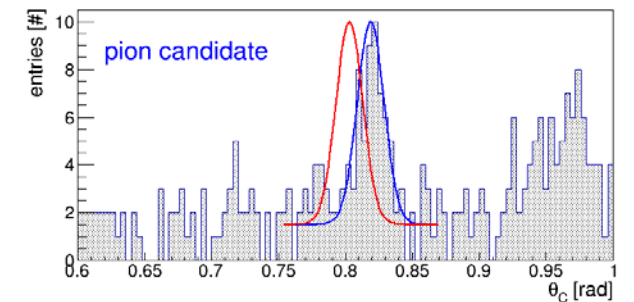
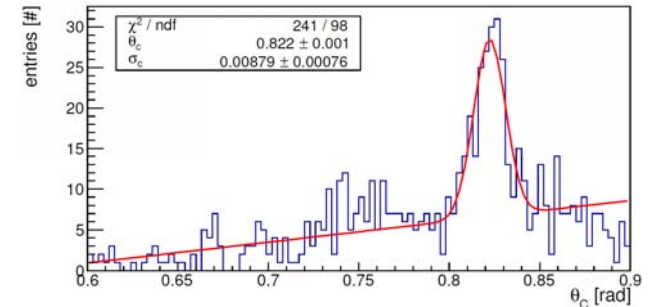
*Some differences due to group of older, less efficient MCP-PMTs, issues with thresholds and noise in data (see hit pattern).*

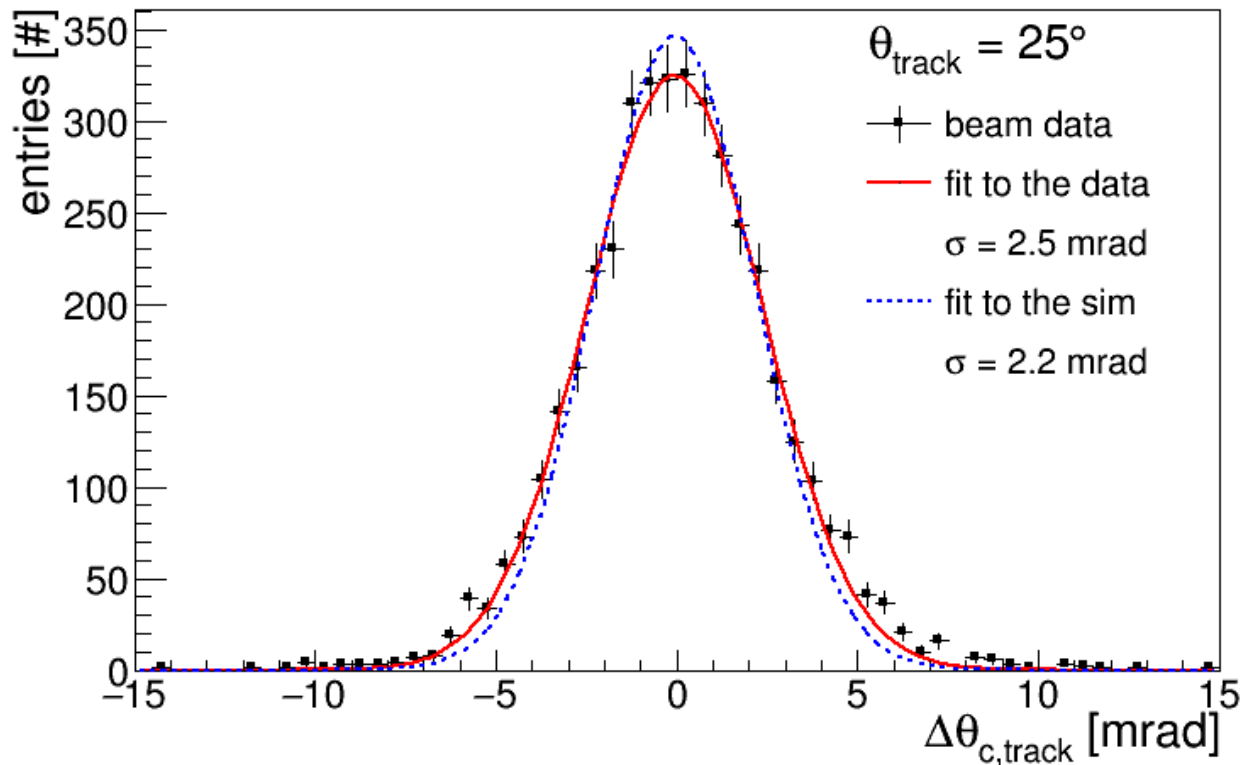
*geometric reconstruction*



Used three methods to evaluate PID performance of geometry with the narrow bar

- track-by-track fit of single photon Cherenkov angle distribution to extract track Cherenkov angle (geom. reco)
- track-by-track unbinned likelihood hypothesis test to extract log-likelihood differences (geom. reco)
- time-based imaging to extract log-likelihood differences (PDFs were generated from beam data directly using time-of-flight tag, statistically independent data sets)



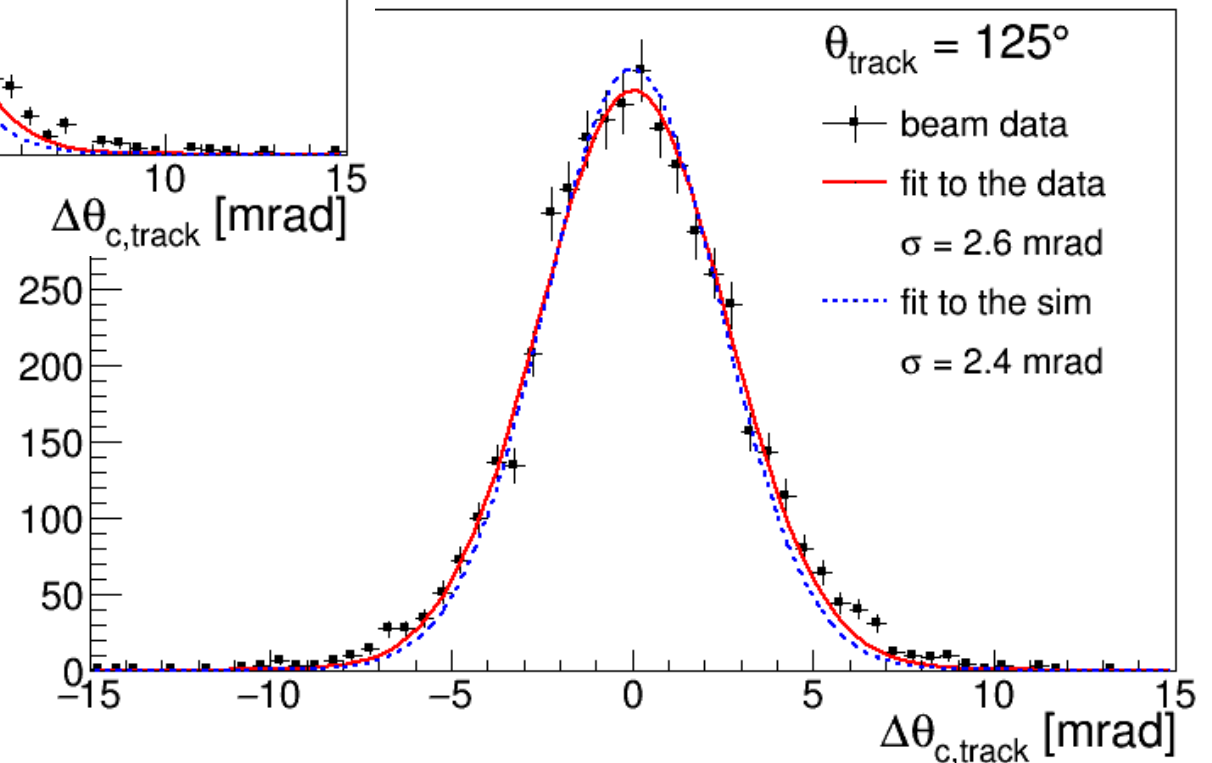


narrow bar, 3-layer spherical lens

7 GeV/c proton tag

track-by-track Cherenkov angle fit

*geometric reconstruction*



Calculate separation power with

$$\Delta\theta_C (\pi\text{-K}) = 8.5 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\Delta\theta_C (\pi\text{-K}) / \sigma = 3.5 \text{ s.d. @ } 25^\circ$$

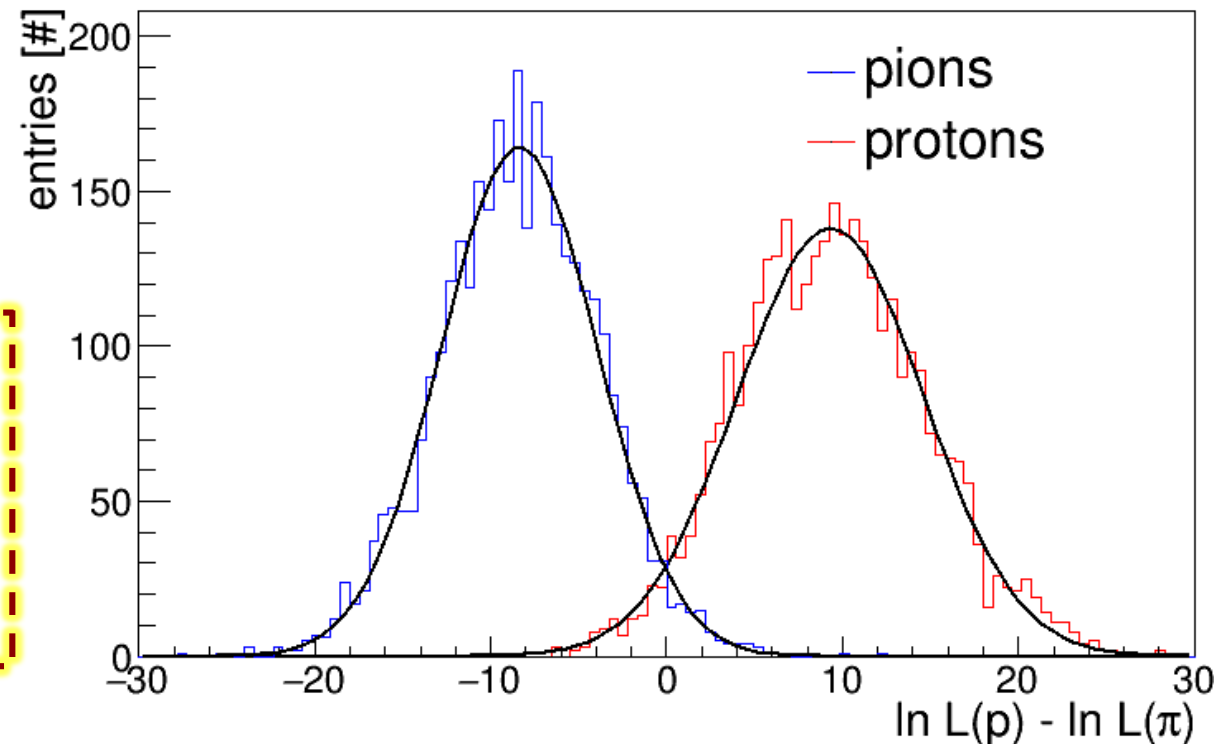
→ meets PANDA requirement

narrow bar, 3-layer spherical lens

7 GeV/c proton tag, 25° polar angle

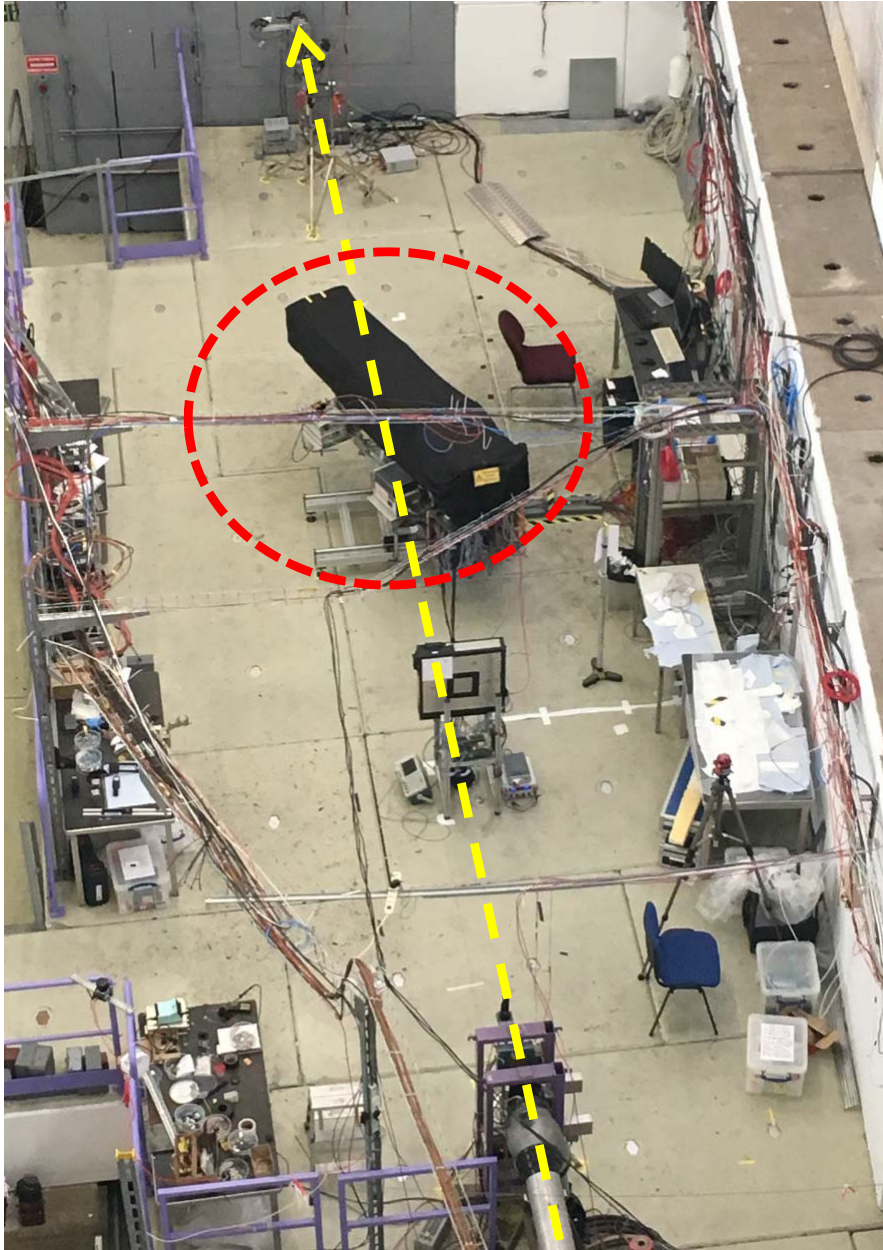
time-based imaging method (PDFs from beam data, timing precision ~150-300 ps)

$\pi/p$  separation power = 3.6 s.d.  
 (equivalent to 3.8 s.d.  $\pi/K$  @ 3.5 GeV/c)  
 → meets PANDA requirement



*Time-based imaging provides best performance for narrow bar.*

Corresponds to 5+ s.d.  $\pi/K$  @ 3.5 GeV/c for the fully equipped PANDA Barrel DIRC.



Barrel DIRC beam test at CERN PS/T9

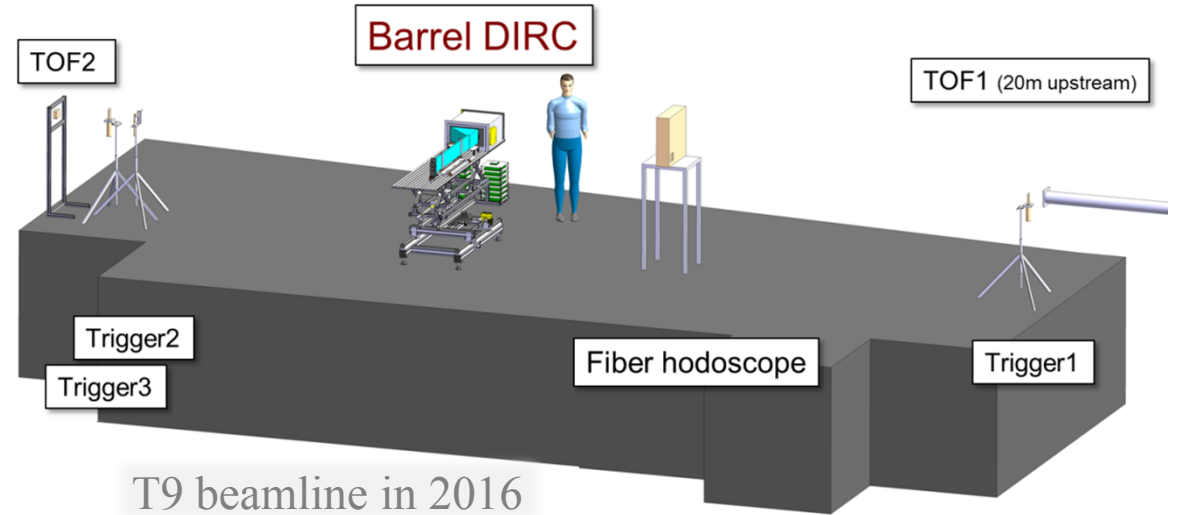
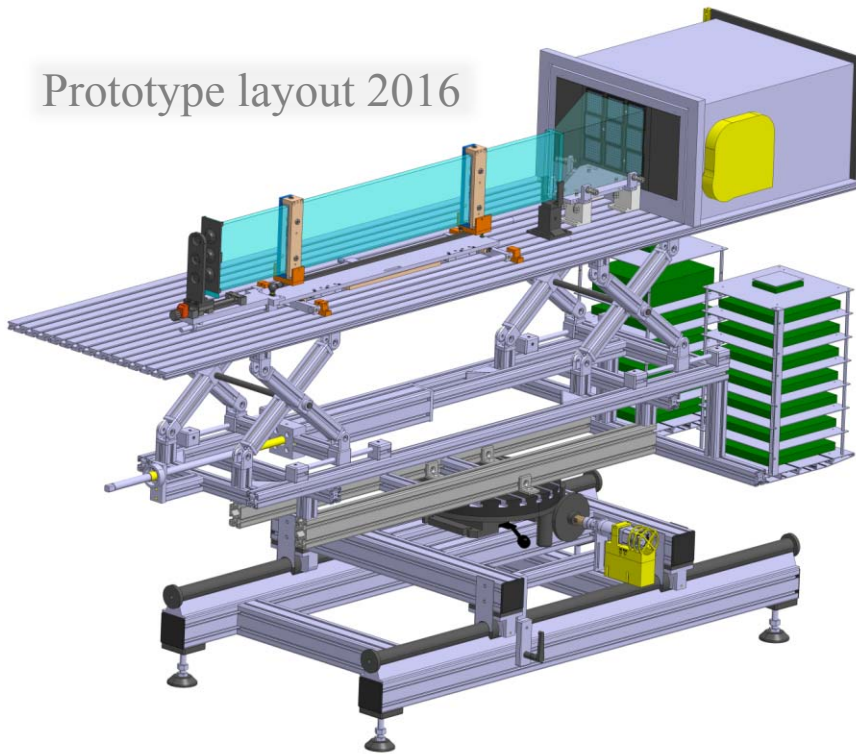
Goal: validate PID performance of  
cost-saving design option (wide plates)

Improved prototype layout and electronics

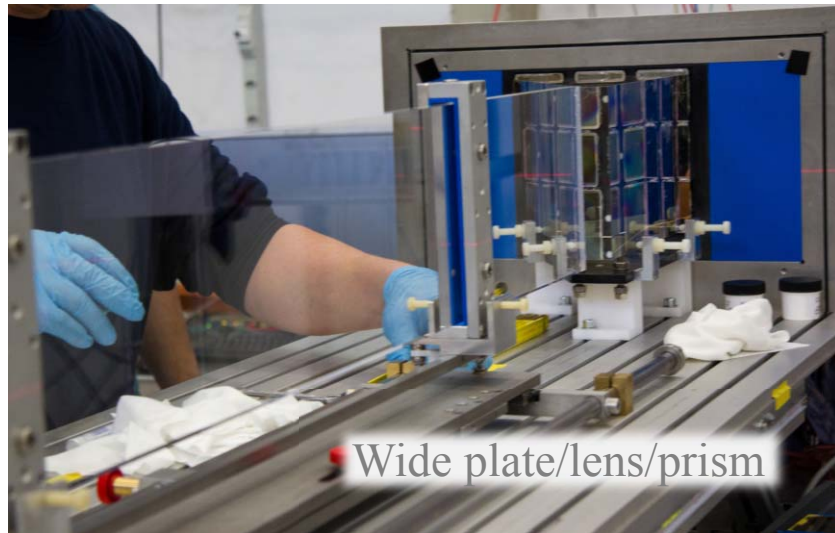
Three weeks of beam (Oct 14-Nov 2), 500M triggers



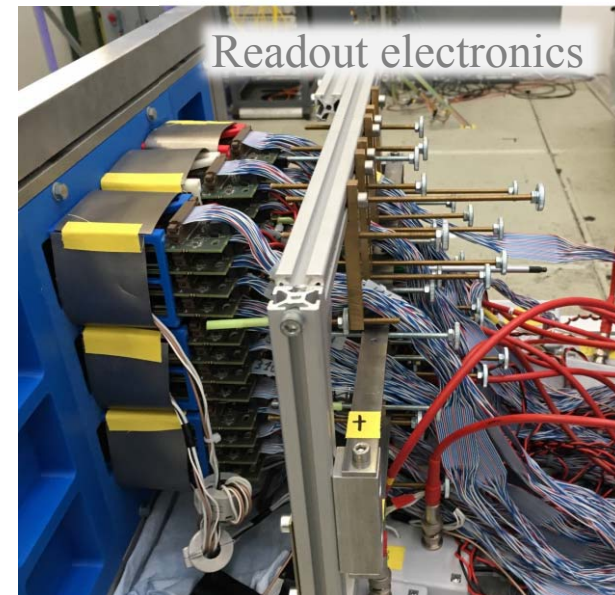
Prototype layout 2016



T9 beamline in 2016



Wide plate/lens/prism



Readout electronics



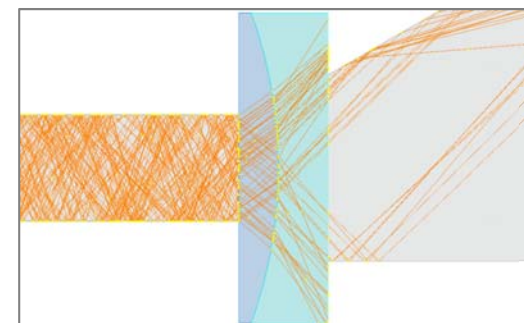
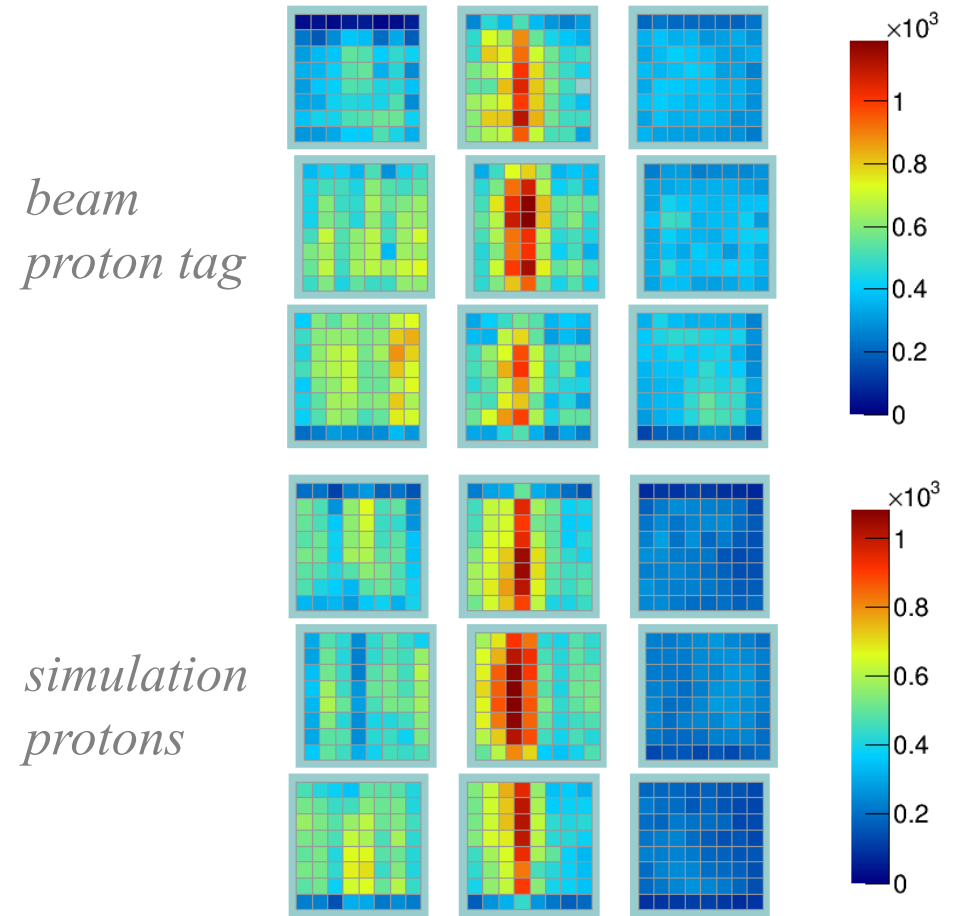
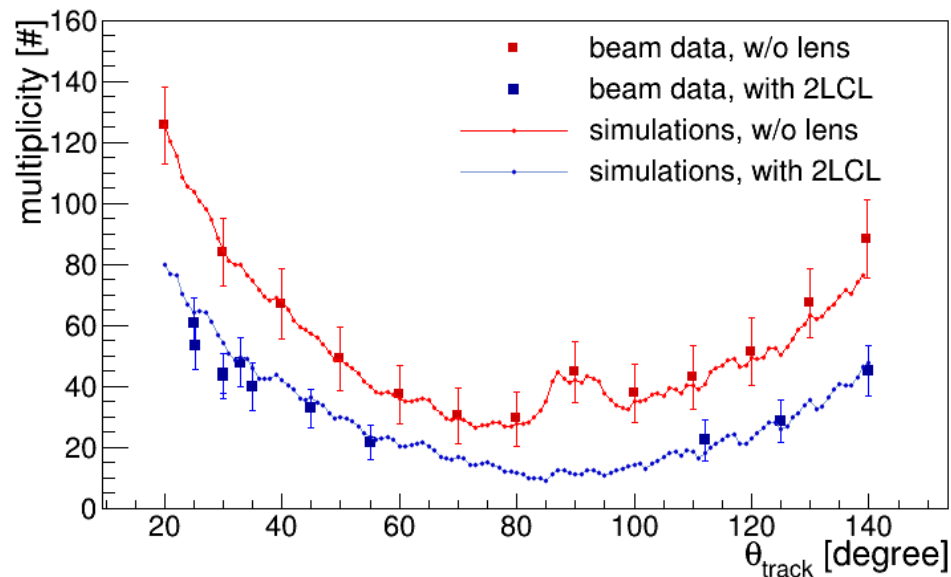
## Results for data and simulation

175mm-wide plate with 2-layer cylindrical lens,  
7 GeV/c beam momentum.

Plate image looks different from bar, less structure.

Pattern and photon yield agree with simulation.

*(lens/prism size mismatch caused some  
photon loss and performance degradation)*



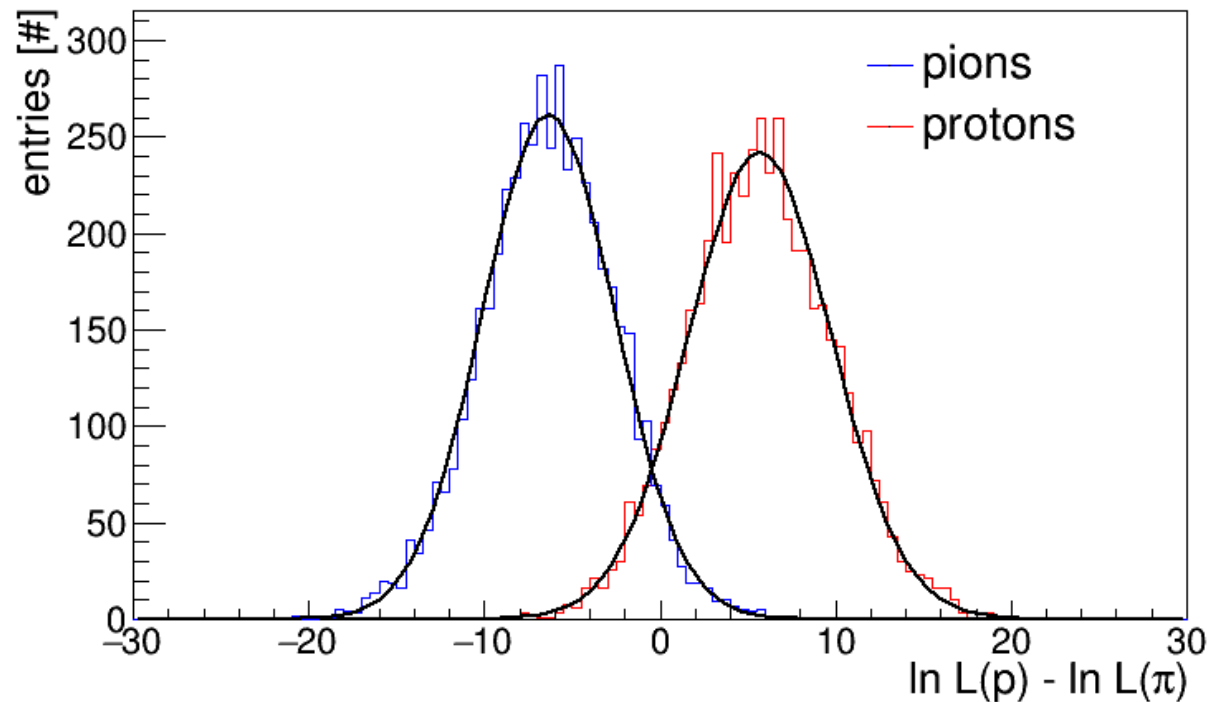
lens/prism  
size mismatch  
in 2016

wide plate, 2-layer cylindrical lens

7 GeV/c proton tag, 25° polar angle

time-based imaging method (PDFs from beam data, timing precision ~150-200 ps)

*time-based imaging*



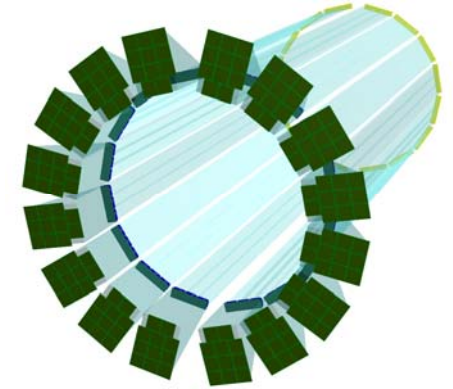
$\pi/p$  separation power = 3.1 s.d.  
 (equivalent to 3.2 s.d.  $\pi/K$  @ 3.5 GeV/c)  
 → meets PANDA requirement

*Wide plate without 2-layer cylindrical lens  
 does not quite meet PID goal (2.8 s.d.  $\pi/p$  separation).*

Design with narrow bars, 3-layer spherical lens, and compact prisms meets or exceeds the PANDA PID requirements.

Performance robust in terms of background and timing resolution.

Simulation and PID performance validated with particle beams in 2015.



Wide plate with 2-layer cylindrical lens also meets PANDA PID requirements.

Performance validated with particle beam in 2016.

- **PID performance** of narrow bars slightly better than for wide plates.
- **System cost** of narrow bar design ~15% higher than for wide plates.
- Wide plate more sensitive to **background**, **multiple tracks** per sector, **pile-up** effects, and **timing precision** degradation.
- **Geometric reconstruction** algorithm only possible for narrow bar geometry.

Decision in favor of narrow bars, baseline design in TDR.

The PANDA Barrel DIRC design has been completed, the performance validated.

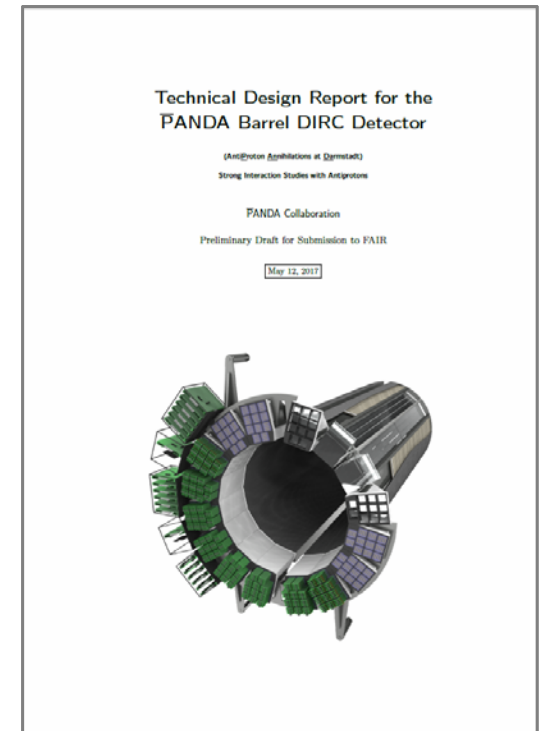
Important milestone: **Technical Design Report** submitted in Sep. 2016,  
received positive FAIR review, approval expected this month.

But: we know that we're not done yet, exciting times are ahead.

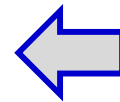
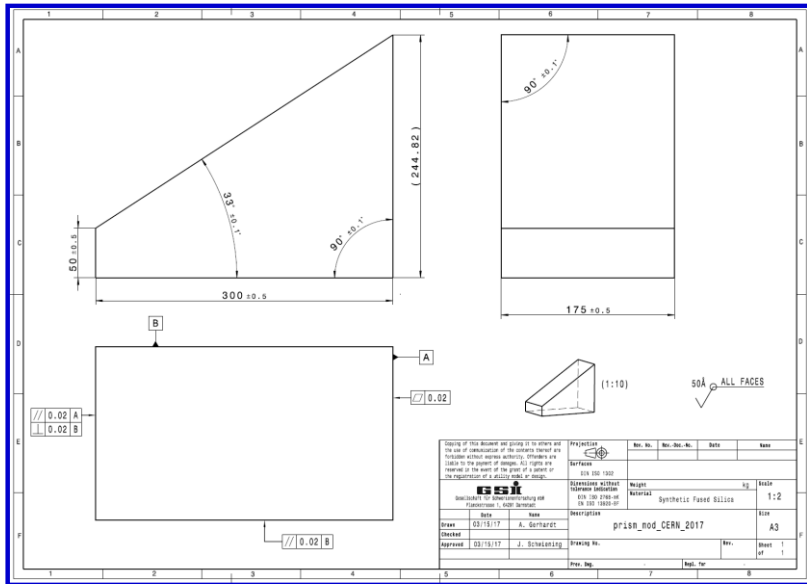
### A lot of technical issues still need to be resolved

(discussions at this DIRC workshop are very helpful):

- gluing of bars, bar box assembly
- detailed design of mechanical support (CFRP bar boxes?)
- mechanical and optical coupling of bar boxes and MCP-PMTs to prism
- readout electronics (DiRICH) validation (HADES RICH) and optimization for MCP-PMTs
- ...and we all know how much fun the mass production and QA of bars and MCP-PMTs can be...



One more (final?) beam test opportunity: Aug 23 – Sep 13, 2017 at the CERN PS/T9.



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silicone sheets/cookies

new MCP-PMT/readout electronics assembly

study time-based imaging PDFs

study impact of azimuthal track angle

study performance of new 3-layer  
cylindrical lens (with bar or plate)

New prism, 33° opening angle

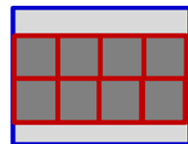
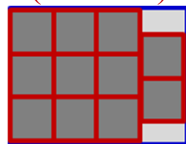
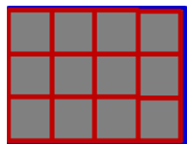
→ hit patterns closer to PANDA reality,  
better MCP-PMT coverage.

Will test different MCP-PMT layouts:  
possible cost-reduction for PANDA.

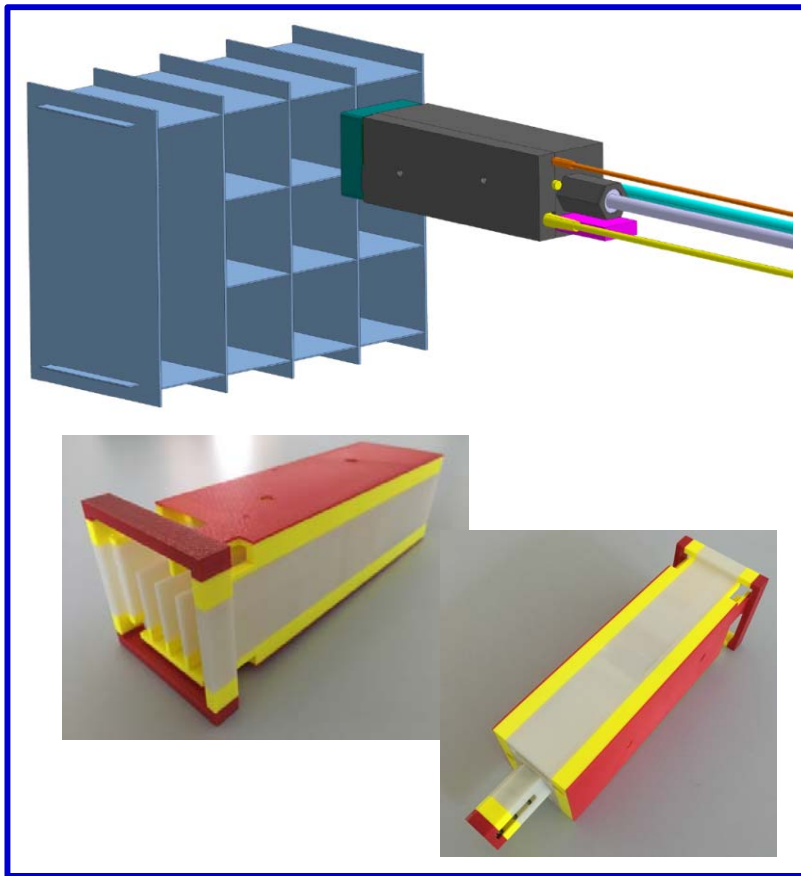
3x4

3x3+2  
(baseline)

4x2



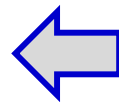
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New 3D-printed readout modules

in new shielded module array holder

→ better sensor coverage, cleaner cable routing, less electronics noise



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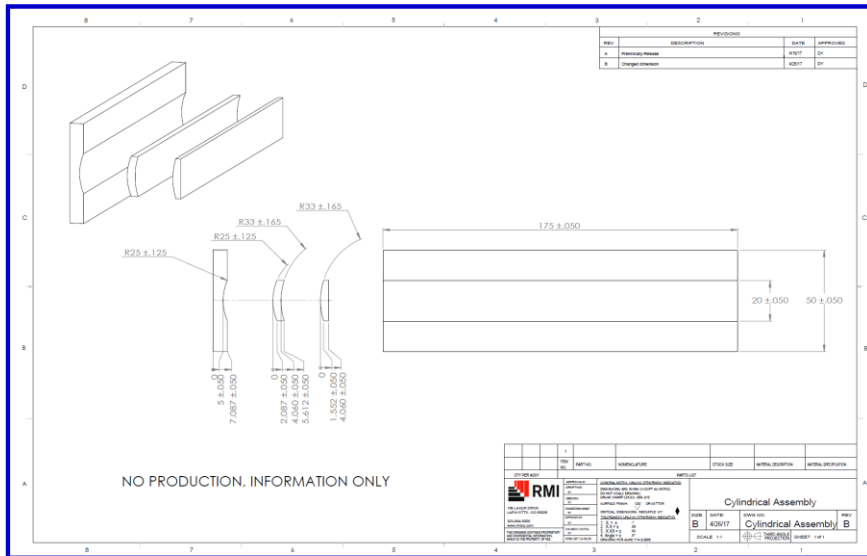
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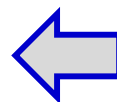
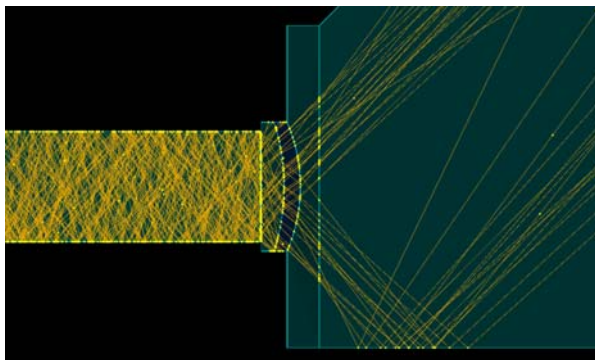
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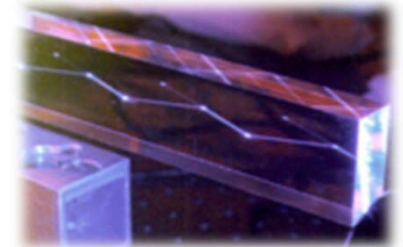
New 3-layer cylindrical lens (*eRD14 funding*),  
important for future DIRC@EIC design.

→ improved flatness of focal plane

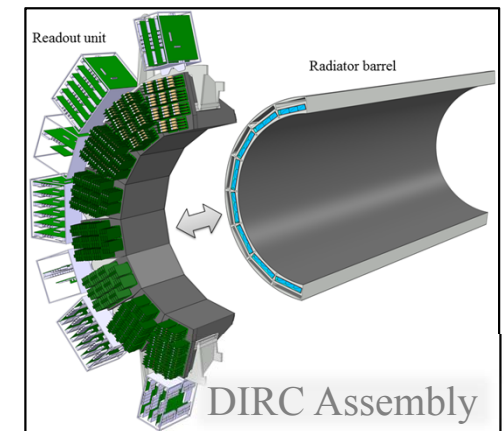


## 2017-2023: Component Fabrication, Assembly, Installation.

- 2017/2018: Finalize specifications, MoUs, tender, contracts.
- 2018-2021: Industrial fabrication of **fused silica bars**, lenses, and prisms.  
Industrial production of **Micro-channel Plate PMTs**.
- 2019-2020: Production and QA of **readout electronics**.
- 2018-2022: Industrial fabrication of bar containers and **mechanical support frame**;  
QA of bars, gluing of long bars, assembly of **complete bar boxes**.  
Detailed QA (scans, aging study) of **MCP-PMTs**.  
**Assembly** of readout units.
- 2022/2023: **Installation** of mechanical support frame in PANDA,  
insert bar boxes, mount readout modules.



DIRC bar with laser



Ready as “Start Setup / Day One” detector in PANDA.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.**