Barrel DIRC

Endcap Disc DIRC

THE PANDA DIRC DETECTORS

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Detection of Internally Reflected Cherenkov Light

Both PANDA DIRC counters have made excellent progress since RICH2016:

Technical designs have been completed, moving from design to construction stage. Installation scheduled for 2023, commissioning for 2024.

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THE PANDA EXPERIMENT AT FAIR



- > FAIR Accelerator Complex
- > PANDA Experiment
- ➤ Barrel DIRC and Endcap Disc DIRC



High Energy Storage Ring

- 5×10^{10} stored cooled antiprotons
- 1.5 to 15 GeV/c momentum
- Interaction rate up to 20MHz
- Cluster jet / pellet target
- High luminosity mode $\Delta p/p \approx 10^{-4}$ (stochastic cooling) $L = 1.6 \times 10^{32}$ cm⁻²s⁻¹
- High resolution mode $\Delta p/p \approx 5 \times 10^{-5}$ (electron cooling) $L = 1.6 \times 10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$





THE PANDA EXPERIMENT AT FAIR



(snapshots from recent drone video
 https://youtu.be/NN_1t2mrgUI)



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PANDA PHYSICS PROGRAM

Antiprotons – Unique Probes for Discoveries and Precision Physics



Excellent particle identification required for PANDA physics program

High interaction rate *plus* π/K separation for momenta up to 3-4 GeV/c

plus very compact detector design \rightarrow excellent case for DIRC counters

0.5 0.4 0.3

0.2 0.1

0.0

Barrel region

100

150

θ [°]

50



DIRCs IN PANDA

PANDA: two innovative DIRC detectors for hadronic PID

• Barrel DIRC

First DIRC with lens focusing. Goal: 3 s.d. π/K separation up to 3.5 GeV/c

• Endcap Disc DIRC

First DIRC for detector endcap region. Goal: 3 s.d. π/K separation up to 4 GeV/c





Required PID performance great match to DIRC technology \rightarrow BaBar DIRC achieved 3 s.d. π/K sep. up to 4 GeV/c

Combination of Barrel and Endcap Disc DIRC: full coverage

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DIRC CONCEPT



DIRC counters have been part of every RICH workshop since inaugural meeting in Bari 1993§. Four DIRC talks this year – still, a brief reminder of the DIRC basics never hurts.

- 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 made from Synthetic Fused Silica ("Quartz") or fused quartz or acrylic glass or ...
- Magnitude of Cherenkov angle conserved during internal reflections (provided optical surfaces are square, parallel, highly polished)



DIRC CONCEPT

- 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 θ_c, φ_c, t_{propagation}.
- Ultimate deliverable for DIRC: PID likelihoods.

DIRC hit patterns are not your 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. DIRCs require momentum and position of particle measured by tracking system.

Typical d-muon event BaBar DIRC

Accumulated hit pattern PANDA Barrel DIRC (Geant)

BARREL DIRC: EARLY DESIGNS

RICH 2007: 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

RICH 2013: 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 \sim 50% over budget.

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

BARREL DIRC: FINAL DESIGN

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.

BARREL DIRC: FINAL DESIGN

For more detail, see

PANDA Barrel DIRC TDR, 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: 3-layer spherical lens
- Compact expansion volume:
 - 30cm-deep solid fused silica prisms
 - ~11,000 channels of lifetime-enhanced MCP-PMTs
- Fast FPGA-based readout electronics.
 - ~100ps per photon timing resolution
- Expected performance (simulation and particle beams): better than 3 s.d. π/K separation for entire acceptance.

Conservative design – similar to proven BABAR DIRC, validated in particle beams in 2015. Excellent performance, robust, little sensitivity to backgrounds and timing deterioration. Modular design for easy access and optional staged installation of bar boxes.

BARREL DIRC: KEY TECHNOLOGY

Multi-layer spherical lens

Standard fused silica lens with air gap would create large hole in DIRC acceptance for track polar angles for 75-105° (photon captured in lens by internal reflection).

Innovative design: refraction between higher-refractive index material and fused silica.

Solution for PANDA Barrel DIRC:

lanthanum crown glass (LaK33B) as middle layer in 3-layer lens, focusing/defocusing radii inside lens designed to match prism surface. $(\lambda = 380nm: fused silica: n \approx 1.473, LaK33B: n \approx 1.786)$

Prototype built by industry, tested with lasers in lab and with PANDA Barrel DIRC prototype using particle beams at CERN.

Photon yield, resolution, and shape of focal plane agree with simulation, hole in acceptance closed.

(Note that NLaK33B is "radiation hard enough" for PANDA [expected 10 year dose <5Gy] but not for EIC DIRC. Currently investigating alternatives: PbF₂, sapphire, ...)

Sensor of choice for PANDA DIRCs: MCP-PMTs (due to 1T magnetic field, high rate, low noise, timing precision)

Lifetime of MCP-PMTs was potential showstopper for Belle II and PANDA until a few years ago.

Recent MCP-PMTs with atomic layer deposition technique exceed requirements for the PANDA DIRC counters.

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

Used geometrical reconstruction (BABAR-like method) to determine photon yield and single photon Cherenkov angle resolution (SPR).
Latest generation of MCP-PMTs expected to further increase photon yield by up to 50%.

Yield and SPR reach performance goal.

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

BARREL DIRC: EXPECTED PERFORMANCE

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BARREL DIRC BEAM TESTS

Bar

MCP-PMTs

2008, 2009: GSI

2017 TESTBEAM AT CERN PS

Beam test at CERN PS/T9

- \succ Fused silica prism as expansion volume.
- ➤ 4 x 3 array of PHOTONIS Planacon XP85012 MCP-PMTs.
- > Narrow bar or wide plate as radiator.
- > 3-layer spherical or cylindrical lenses.
- > Momentum and angle scans similar to PANDA phase space.
- Goal: PID validation of near-final design (also: test of EIC DIRC lens)

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2017 TESTBEAM AT CERN PS

T9 beamline: mixed hadrons (mostly π and p), available momentum range 1.5-10 GeV/c

Most measurements at 7 GeV/c – π/p Cherenkov angle difference (8.1 mrad) approx. same as π/K at 3.5 GeV/c (8.5 mrad).

Scintillators for trigger (T1-3) and beam spot selection in combination with fiber hodoscope.

Time-of-flight system Two TOF stations, ~28m distance Clean tag for pions and protons up to 10 GeV/c.

2017 PROTOTYPE PHOTO

Examples of the Hit Pattern

SELECTED 2017 BARREL DIRC PROTOTYPE RESULTS

Photon yield and single photon Cherenkov angle resolution (SPR)

at 7 GeV/c (equivalent to 3.5 GeV/c π/K).

Geometric ("BaBar-like") reconstruction method.

Very good agreement with detailed prototype Geant simulation.

Calibration of data still ongoing All results still preliminary

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SELECTED 2017 BARREL DIRC PROTOTYPE RESULTS

Separation power (N_{sep}) for TOF-tagged pions and protons

at 7 GeV/c (equivalent to 3.5 GeV/c π/K).

Calibration of data still ongoing All results still preliminary

Time-based imaging reconstruction method, PDFs from beam data (250ps average timing precision).

PID performance exceeds PANDA requirements, validates narrow bar/spherical lens design.

Result extrapolates to 6.6 s.d. π/K at 3.5 GeV/c, 22° for

fully equipped PANDA Barrel DIRC (simulation with 100 ps timing).

PANDA BARREL DIRC: OUTLOOK

Cost-optimized design completed, performance validated in particle beams

TDR available at arXiv:1710.00684, accepted for publication by Journal of Physics G

Optimizing simulation and reconstruction code with experimental data at GlueX DIRC ("FAIR Phase 0") \rightarrow see talk by M. Patsyuk today.

Starting construction phase, first round of call for tenders this summer.

2018-2023: Component Fabrication, Assembly, Installation

- 2018/2019: Finalize specifications, MoUs, call for tenders and contracts
- 2019-2021: Industrial fabrication of main components (sensors, bars, lenses, prisms)
- 2019-2020: Production and QA of readout electronics
- 2019-2022: Industrial fabrication of bar boxes and mechanical support frame;
 QA of all components; gluing of long bars, assembly of complete sectors
- 2023/2024: Installation in PANDA, commissioning

DIRC bar with blue laser

ENDCAP DISC DIRC: EARLY DESIGNS

RICH 2007: two design options

- Time-of-Propagation design linear array of pixels, very fast photon timing dichroic mirrors for dispersion mitigation
- Focusing Lightguide design

2D pixels plus fast photon timing and focusing LiF block for dispersion mitigation

• Radiator: single large plate

Both designs showed potential to reach required performance.

RICH 2013: merged into compact 3D design

- Radiator: four optically isolated quadrants
- Imaging: 2D spatial plus fast timing
- Sensors: (d)SiPMs or MCP-PMTs
- Focusing: cylindrical focusing elements
- Fits into tight available space in PANDA endcap

Detailed simulation: design meets PANDA PID goals.

ENDCAP DISC DIRC (EDD) DESIGN

ENDCAP DISC DIRC PRINCIPLE

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EDD OPTICAL SYSTEM

- Thin design for very tight forward endcap space in PANDA
- Large plate surfaces parallel with excellent polish (<1.5nm *rms*)
- Tight tolerances on dimensions
- Lightguide bars of different lengths needed to place spherical focusing elements into available locations

- Custom 2" MCP-PMTs, asymmetric pixels
- Optical filter to limit photon wavelength range $\rightarrow n(\lambda)$
- Optical contact bonding for best possible transmission
- Position resolution better than 150 μ m

EDD: KEY TECHNOLOGY

J. Rieke, IEEE 2014, EDD needs sensor with very small pixels (0.5mm pitch) in one direction, coarse pixels (1-2cm pitch) in the other.

Single photon sensitivity in high magnetic field (~1T) with long lifetime (~7C/cm²), fast timing (<100ps)

(d)SiPM initially a promising candidate but rejected due to concerns about radiation hardness.

Obtained prototype 2" MCP-PMTs from Hamamatsu and PHOTONIS Options with custom photocathode available. Excellent gain and timing performance. Charge sharing suppressed in magnetic field. Tubes meet position resolution requirement. Both good candidates for the PANDA EDD.

PHOTONIS (3x100)

- simulation expects about 20 detected photons per charged particle
- the target of 3 s.d. separation power will be achieved for almost the entire active area

EDD PROTOTYPES IN PARTICLE BEAMS

- mixed hadron beam up to 10 GeV/c
- TRBv3 readout

DESY

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2016 testbeam

- 3 GeV/c electron beam
- TOFPET ASIC readout
- fully equipped ROM

Common features:

- fused silica optics
- 50x50x2 cm³ radiator
- MCP-PMTs with high anode granularity

EDD PROTOTYPES IN PARTICLE BEAMS

- single photon resolution of 5.7 mrad was measured
- $5\sigma \pi/p$ -separation at 3 GeV/c with single photons

- Cherenkov pattern observed
- resolution of both testbeam campaigns limited by tracking and chromatic dispersion

2016

2016

Single photon Cherenkov angle resolution

- photon yield for single MCP-PMT column in agreement with MC data
- increase at 12° due to overlapping Cherenkov patterns (side reflection)

- good agreement for single photon resolution for all angles and positions
- fluctuations are caused by different paths inside the FEL

2016

2016

EDD PROTOTYPES IN PARTICLE BEAMS

 "Combined event" data set is constructed by combining events from different vertical positions to overcome limitation of single sensor/FEL.

- Photon yield and single photon resolution in good agreement with MC predictions
- Cherenkov angle resolution "per particle" obtained:
 2.5 mrad for data (2.2 mrad Geant)
- Performance meets PANDA PID requirements

- The main technical challenges have been solved (optics, photon sensors, readout)
- Final detector design has been described in a Technical Design Report
- Readout very compact to meet spatial requirements in PANDA

- Goal is to build a full size prototype quadrant until 2021
- Installation of full detector for phase 2 of PANDA in 2025

CERN JUL/AUG 2018

Both PANDA DIRC prototypes currently in T9 beamline at CERN PS until Aug 15, 2018.

- → direct measurement of PID performance across PANDA phase space
- → test cost-saving design options

CONCLUSION

The PANDA DIRC counters are key components for the PANDA physics program. The designs have matured and both detectors are now moving on to the construction phase. Looking forward to reporting on the component fabrication progress at the next RICH.

On behalf of the PANDA Cherenkov group, especially the team currently taking exciting DIRC data at the CERN PS:

Thank you all for your attention.

PANDA Cherenkov Team at CERN, July 28, 2018