

DIRC DETECTORS

FROM BABAR TO PANDA AND BEYOND

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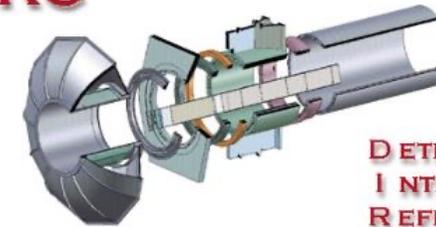
- RICH and DIRC Concept
- DIRCs at Past and Current Facilities
- R&D for DIRCs at Future Facilities

*30 years of detector research with many interesting results,
too much even for a 45-minute seminar – for more details see:*

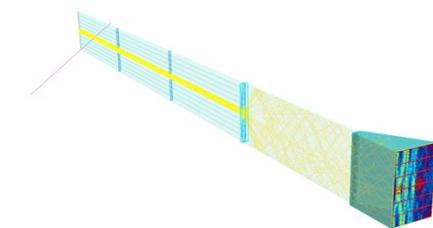
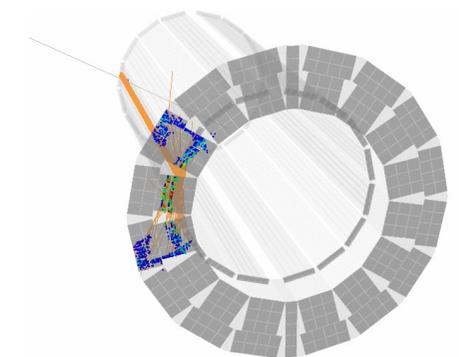
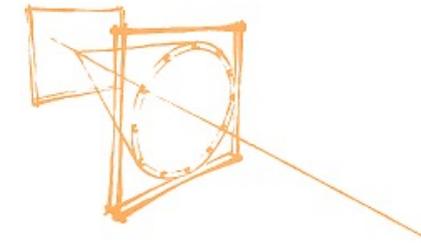
- *Recent review: B. Ratcliff and J. Va'vra, Nucl.Instrum.Meth. A 970 (2020) 163442*
- *RICH workshop series (most recent: RICH2018, Moscow)*
- *DIRC workshop series (most recent: DIRC2019, Rauschholzhausen)*

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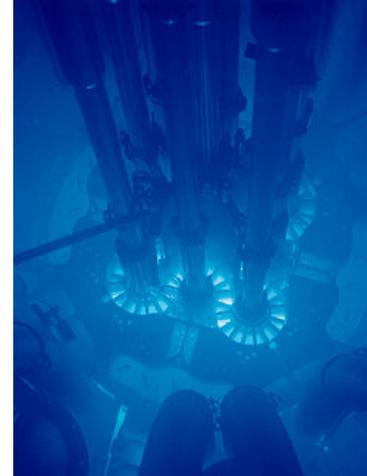
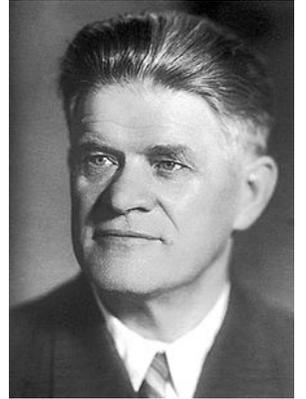
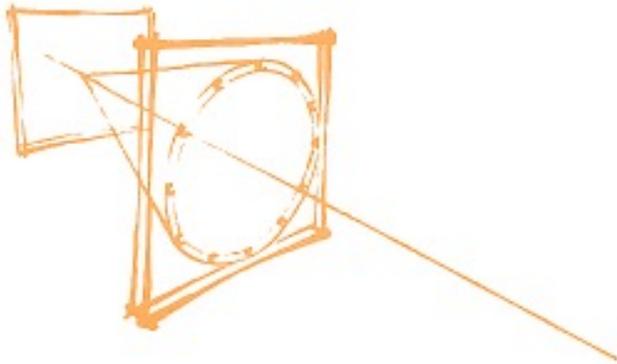
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DETECTION OF
INTERNALLY
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CHERENKOV LIGHT



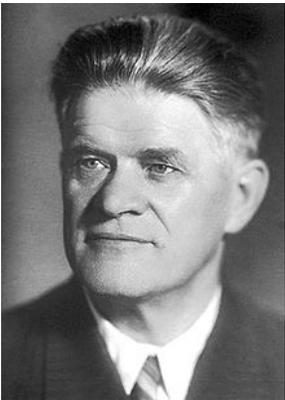
CHERENKOV FUNDAMENTALS



CHERENKOV EFFECT

A charged particle passing through an optically transparent medium with a velocity greater than the phase velocity of light in that medium emits prompt photons, called Cherenkov radiation

- Named after the Russian scientist **Pavel Cherenkov** who was the first to study the effect in depth in the 1930s (Nobel Prize in 1958).
- Theory of Relativity: nothing can go faster than the speed of light c (in vacuum).
- However, due to the refractive index n_p of a material, a particle *can* go faster than the *local* speed of light in the medium $c_p = c/n_p$.
- Analogous to the bow wave of a boat travelling over water or the sonic boom of an airplane travelling faster than the speed of sound.

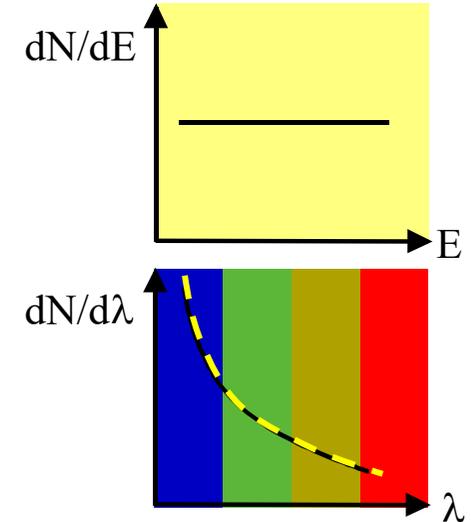
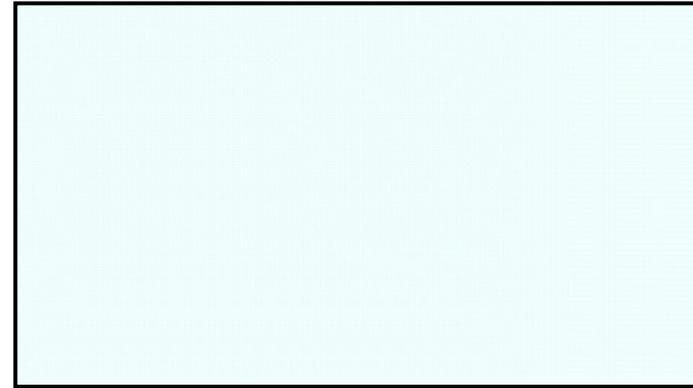
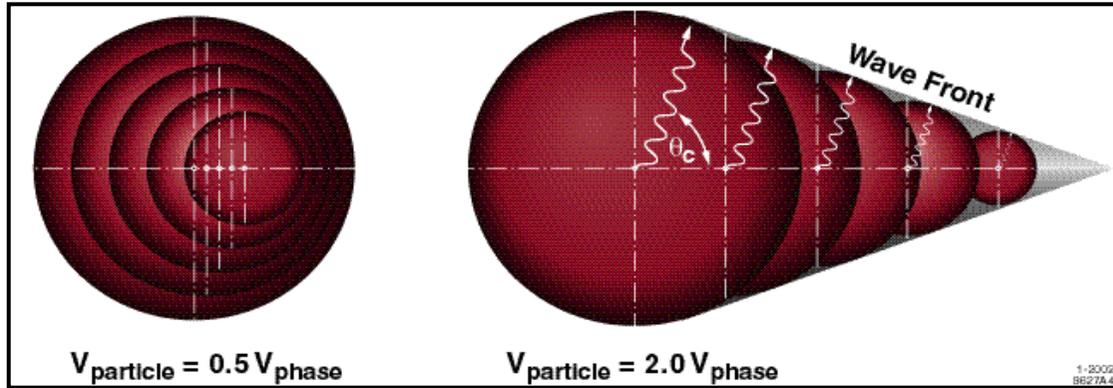


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This and some of the following slides thanks to Roger Forty's lectures at 2010 ICFA Instrumentation School, Bariloche
http://particulas.cnea.gov.ar/workshops/icfa/wiki/index.php/Particle_Identification

CHERENKOV RADIATION



Threshold:

$$\beta_{\text{thresh}} = \frac{v_{\text{thresh}}}{c} = \frac{1}{n(\lambda)}$$

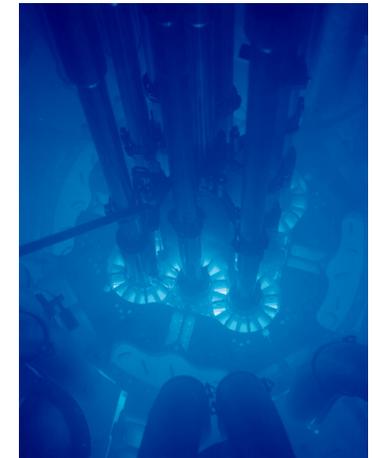
Production angle:

$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{1}{\beta n(\lambda)}$$

Number of photons:

$$N_{\text{photons}} = L \frac{\alpha^2 z^2}{r_e m_e c^2} \int \sin^2 \theta_c(E) dE$$

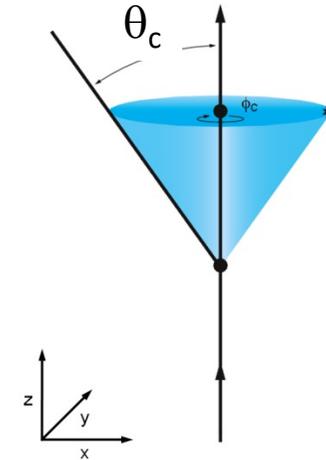
Light produced equally distributed over photon energies, **proportional $1/\lambda^2$**
 → *ery blue light seen in nuclear reactors*



Advanced Test Reactor at ANL

Cherenkov radiation: attractive properties for particle detectors

- Existence of a **threshold velocity**;
- **Number of photons** related to particle velocity;
- **Emission angle** related to particle velocity;
- Angle and photon yield depend on **particle charge Z** .



Main Cherenkov detector concepts in particle physics:

Threshold Counter

Select material with refractive index n_1 : **particle type A produces Cherenkov light, particle type B does not**

Ring Imaging Cherenkov Counter (RICH)

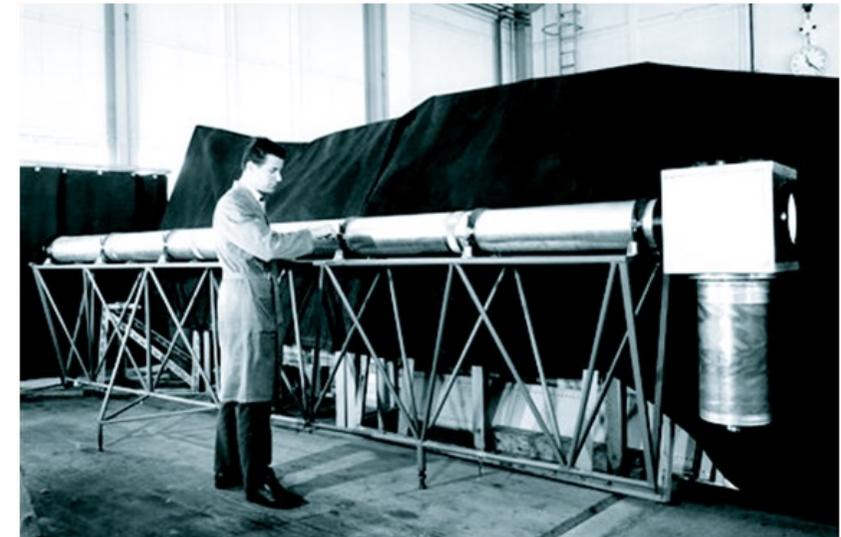
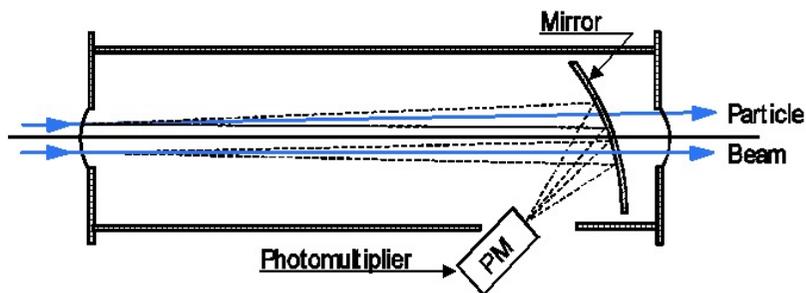
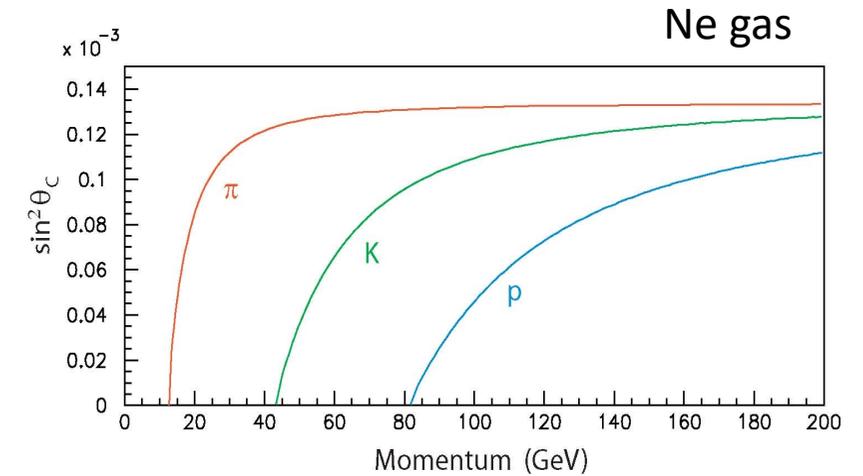
Select material with refractive index n_2 : **multiple Cherenkov photons are detected for most particle species, image Cherenkov rings**, precisely measure Cherenkov angles

PID: Compare ring image with expected image for $e/\mu/\pi/K/p$ (likelihood test) or calculate mass from track β

Reconstruction uses independent momentum measurement (B field, tracking).

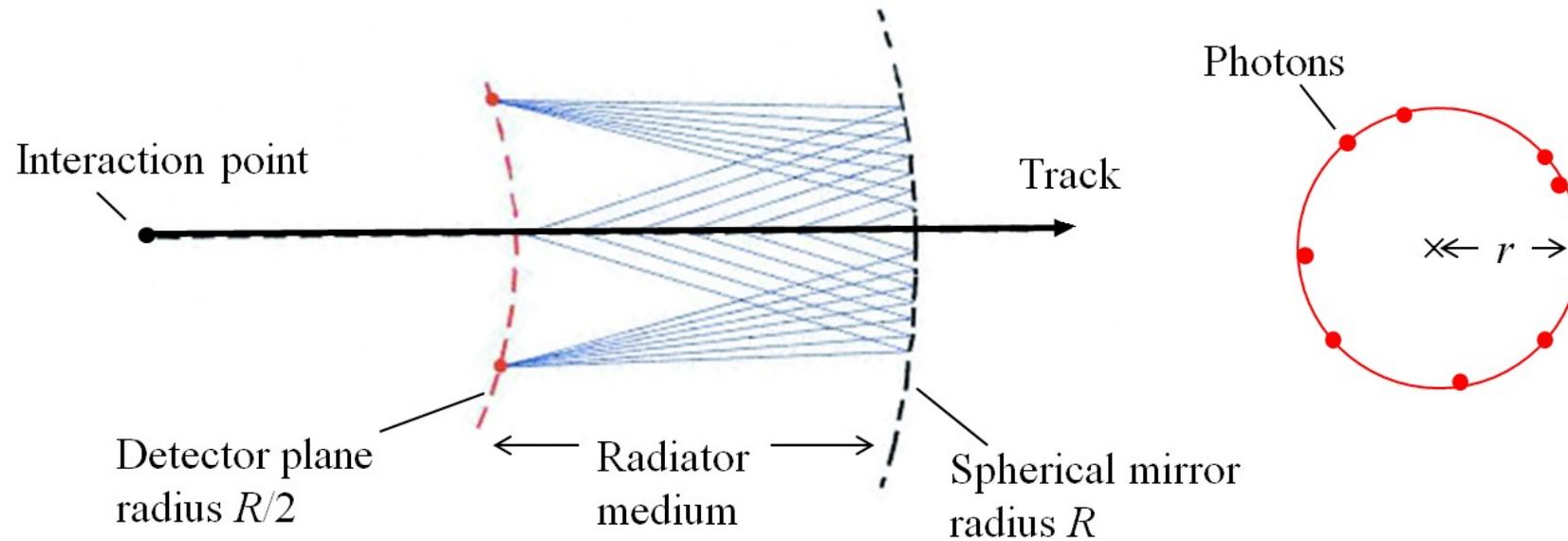
THRESHOLD CHERENKOV DETECTORS

- Well-defined, tunable value of $\beta_{\text{thr}} = 1/n$ in **threshold Cherenkov detectors**.
- Select n based on application.
Example: identify particles in a beam line with a 50 GeV π^+ beam with some proton contamination
- **By choosing a medium with a suitable refractive index (in this case Neon), it can be arranged that the π will produce light, but the protons will not.**



RING IMAGING CHERENKOV DETECTORS

- Threshold counters mostly give a yes/no answer, less useful when the tracks have a wide momentum range even though some are used in modern experiments (for example Belle ACC).
- However, more information can be extracted from the Cherenkov angle (*“threshold mode” still in play as well*)
→ the Cherenkov cone can be imaged into a ring with multiple photons.



- Measuring the “ring radius” r allows the Cherenkov angle θ_c to be determined directly
each photon provides measurement of θ_c , combining N photons
→ θ_c error proportional to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$ → powerful principle behind Ring Imaging Cherenkov (RICH) detectors

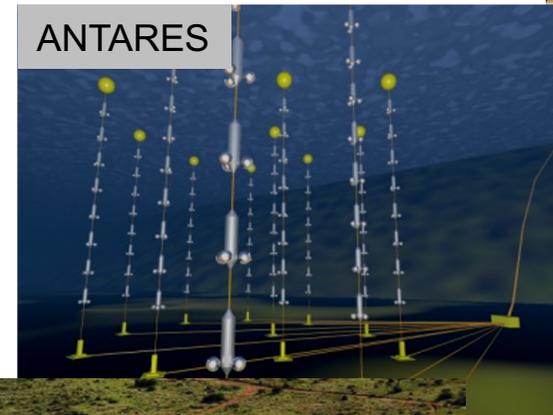
RING IMAGING CHERENKOV DETECTORS

RICH detectors come in many shapes and sizes in particle physics, nuclear physics, and particle astrophysics.

- Large neutrino observatories underground or in ice/deep sea (SuperK, KM3net, IceCube, etc)
- Imaging Air Cherenkov Telescopes (HESS, etc)
- Space experiments (AMS, CREAM, etc)
- High-energy physics (BABAR, Belle II, LHCb, PANDA, CBM, etc)



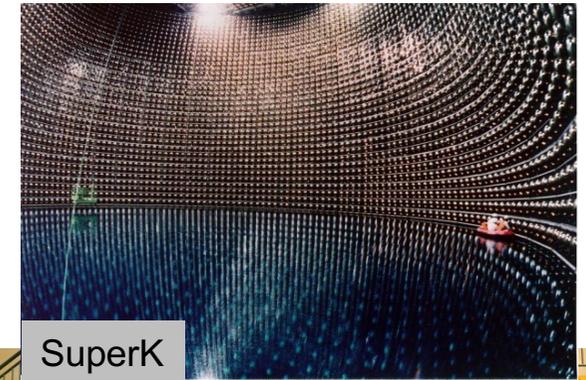
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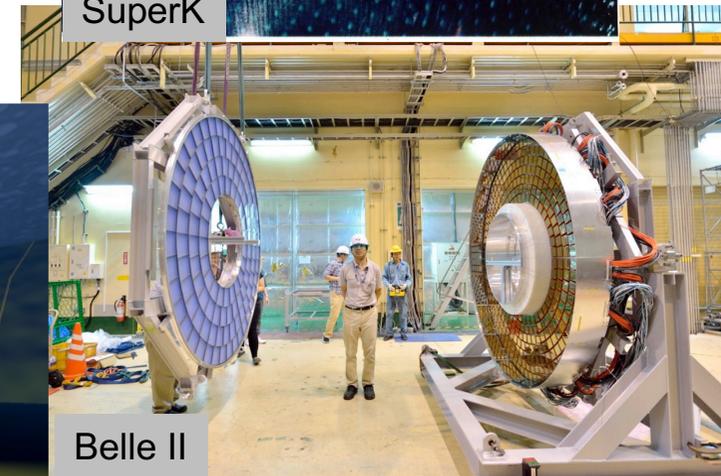
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HESS



SuperK



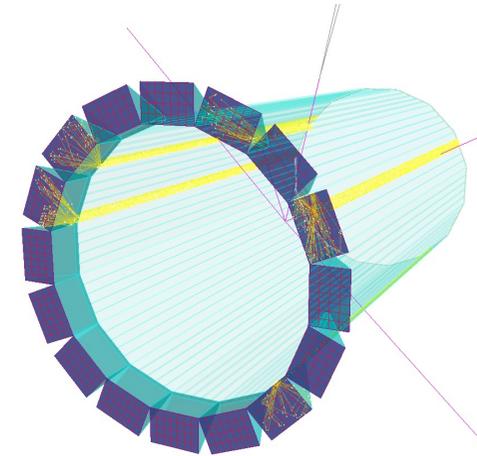
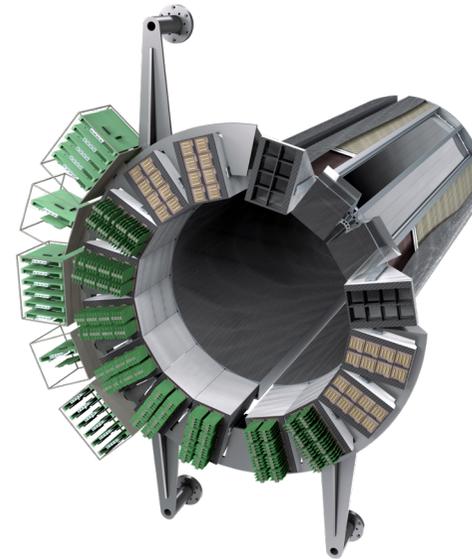
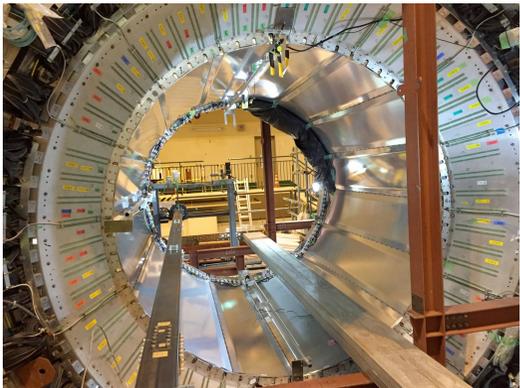
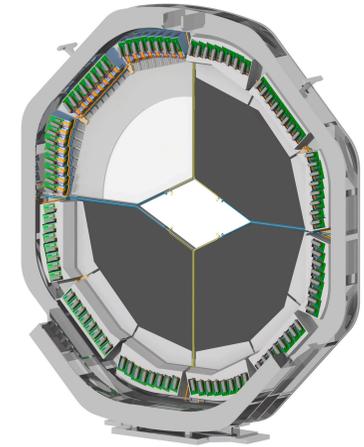
Belle II



AMS-02

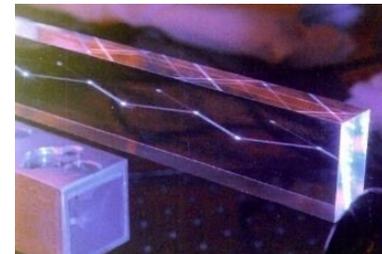
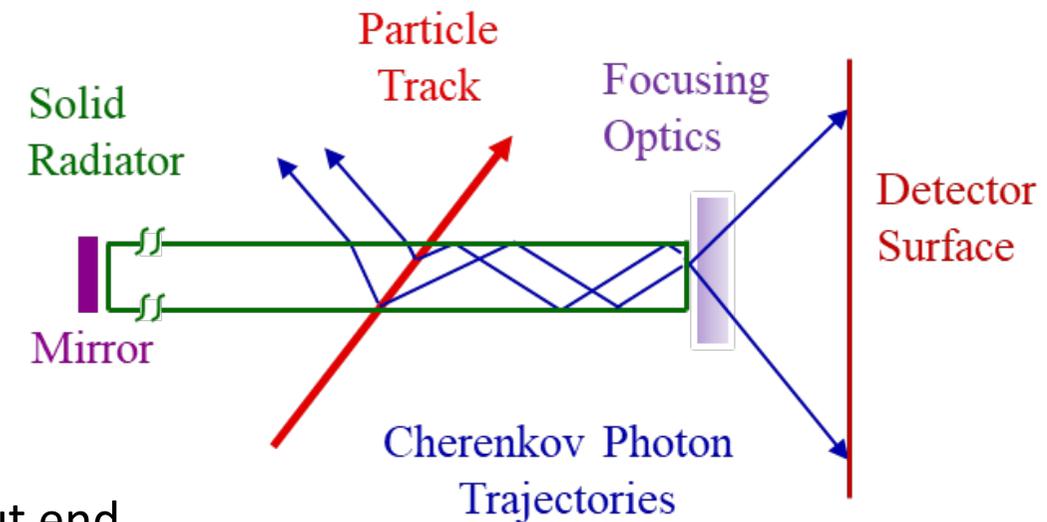


DIRC DETECTORS



Detection of Internally Reflected Cherenkov Light

- DIRC: Compact subtype of RICH detector utilizing total internal reflection of Cherenkov photons in a solid radiator medium
- **Charged particle** traversing solid radiator, refractive index n
- For $n > \sqrt{2}$ some photons are always **totally internally reflected** for $\beta \approx 1$ tracks
- **Radiator**: bar, plate, or disk, typically made from **Synthetic Fused Silica** (“Quartz”)
- **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**.

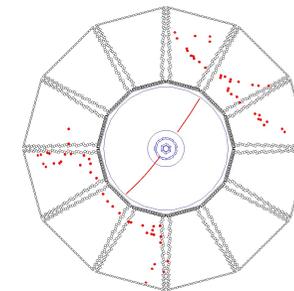
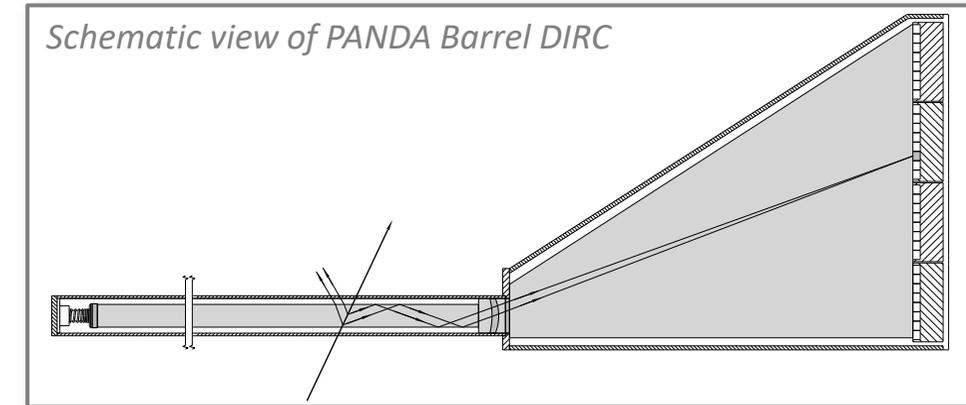


- Magnitude of Cherenkov angle conserved during many internal reflections (provided optical surfaces are square, parallel, highly polished)
- Quartz bar/plate/disk both **radiator and light guide**, transporting photons away from crowded central detector to suitable sensor location
- DIRC is intrinsically a **3-D device**, measuring: **x , y , and time** of Cherenkov photons, defining θ_c , ϕ_c , $t_{\text{propagation}}$.
- **Ultimate deliverable for DIRC: PID likelihoods.**

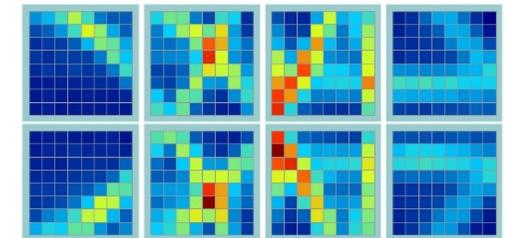
DIRC hit patterns are not typical Cherenkov rings.

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.



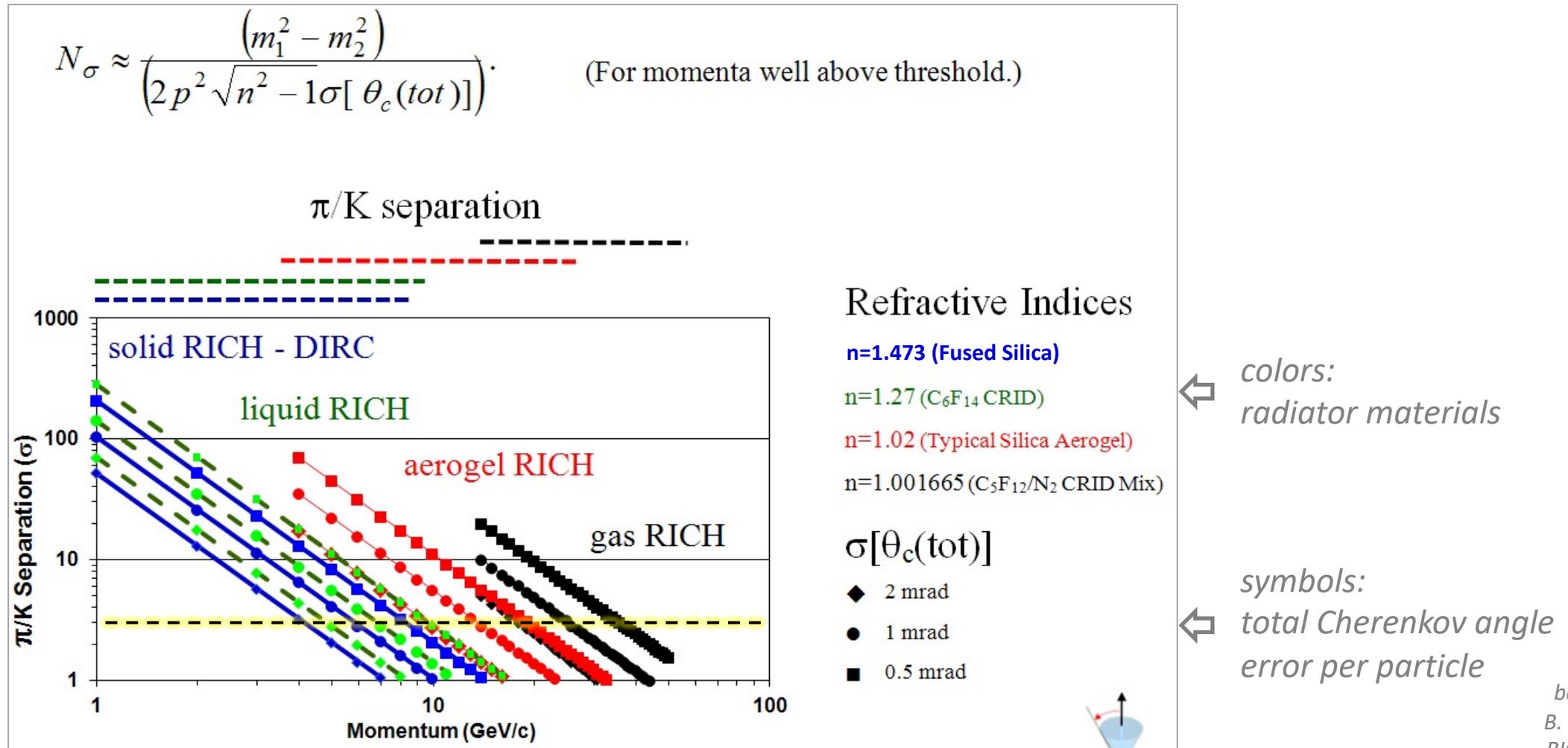
Hit pattern
BABAR DIRC



Accumulated hit pattern
PANDA Barrel DIRC

DIRC PERFORMANCE LIMITS

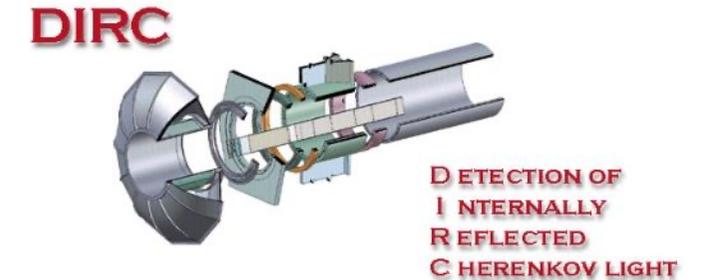
DIRCs provide good π/K separation potential significantly beyond the 3-4 GeV/c range, but large refractive index limits practical DIRC momentum range to below 10 GeV/c.



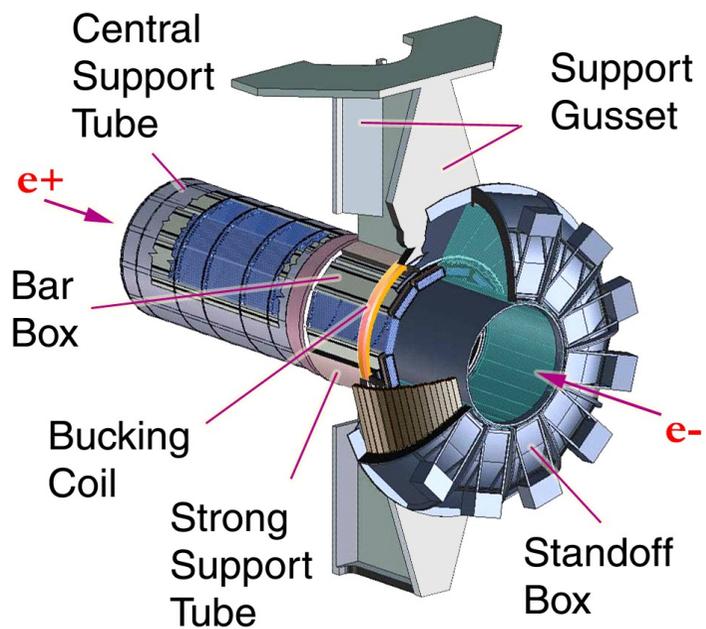
based on
B. Ratcliff,
RICH2002

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

- 1991: first description of DIRC concept; 1992: first DIRC publication[§]
- 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: growing 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)
- 2016: installation of TOP counter into **Belle II**
- 2018: installation of DIRC counter into **GlueX**, reusing four decommissioned BABAR DIRC bar boxes

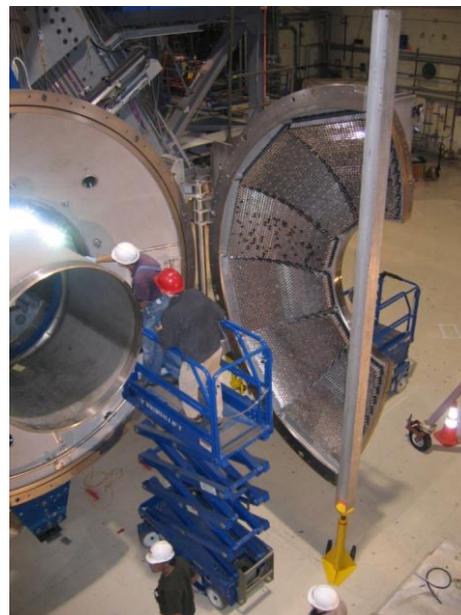


[§]B. Ratcliff, SLAC-PUB-5946 (1992) and Conf.Proc.C 921117 (1992) 331



BABAR DIRC

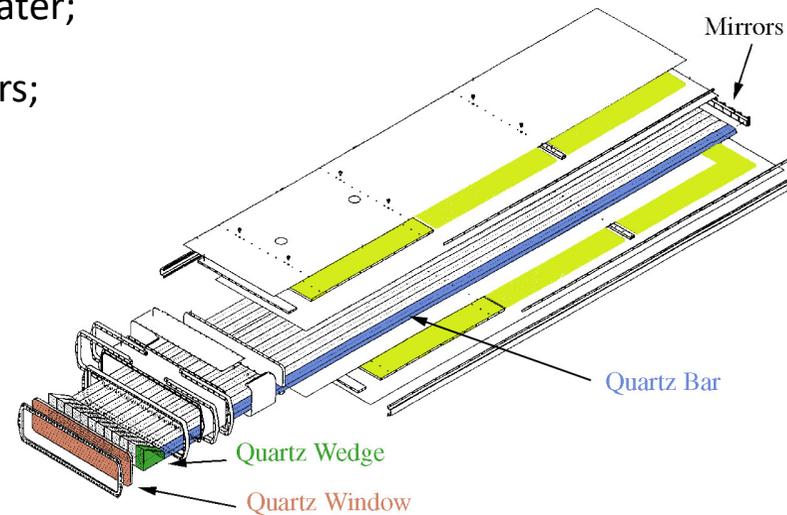
-  large expansion volume
-  pinhole focusing
-  1" PMTs
-  moderate photon timing
-  first DIRC



BABAR DIRC

- **first DIRC counter**, primary hadronic PID in BABAR barrel;
- design goal 3σ π/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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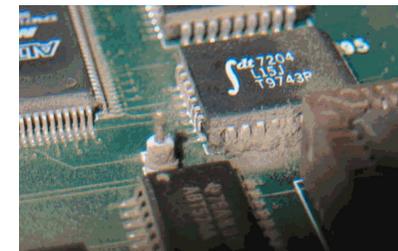
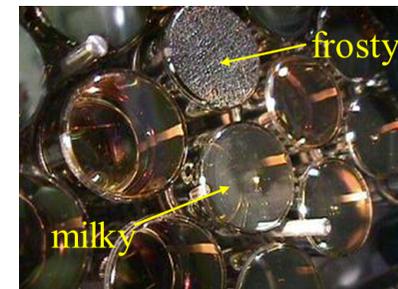
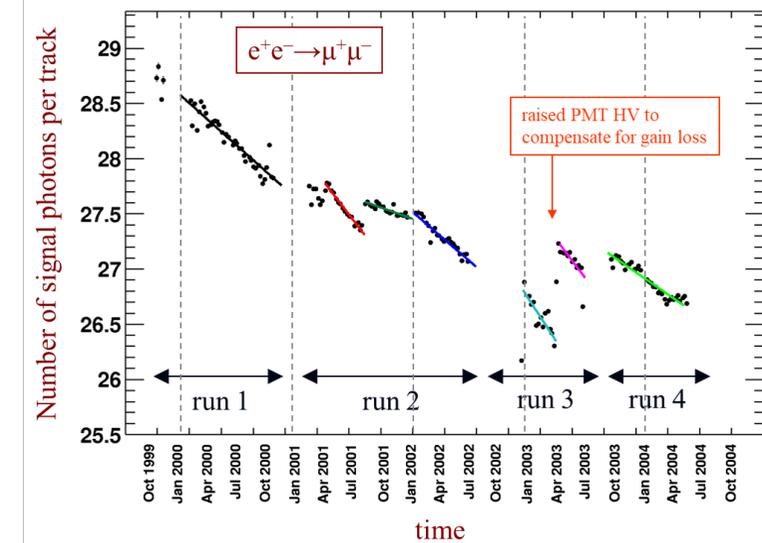
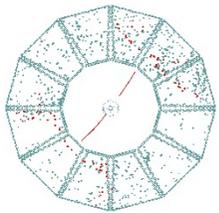


DIRC Operations were Stable and Robust

- Calibration constants stable to typically $rms < 0.1ns$ per year.
- No problems with water or gas systems.
- No evidence for deterioration of bar surfaces or glue joints.

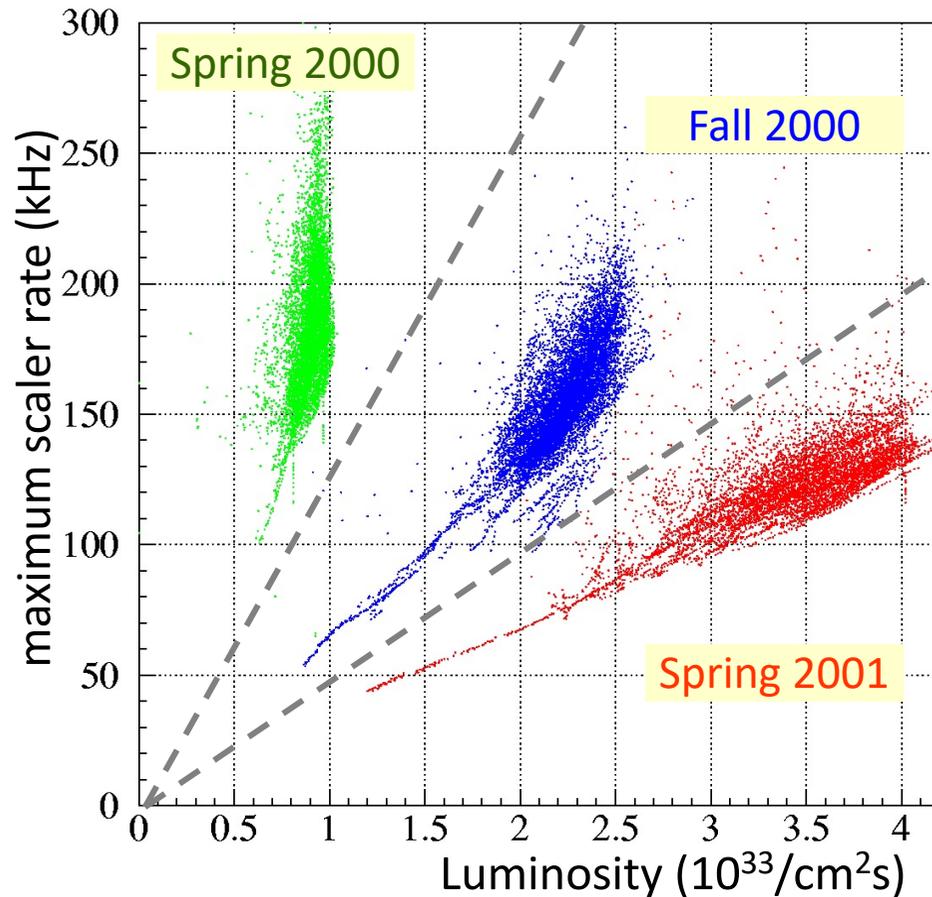
The three most significant operational issues:

- Concerns about **PMT longevity** due to PMT window degradation;
 - photon loss a few % level, no problem for PID performance.
- Some **damage to electronics** due to dust/dirt from civil engineering near experiment;
 - solved by cleaning and application of conformal coating.
- Sensitivity of the DIRC to **machine background** interacting in the water of the expansion region (primarily DAQ issue);
 - solved by adding lead shielding between beam line and DIRC inner radius and by upgrading TDCs.



Succession of lead shielding installed in 2000 and 2001.

Thanks to shielding, PMT rates acceptable even at $4 \times$ design luminosity.



DIRC TDC1: $\sim 5\%$ inefficiency at 250 kHz

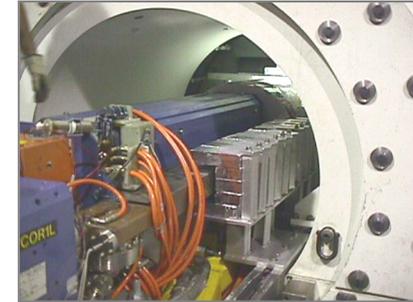
PMT Rate vs. Luminosity shows that lead shielding essential in protecting DIRC from few MeV photon accelerator induced background (radiative Bhabhas etc).

New TDC chips were installed during shutdown Fall 2002.

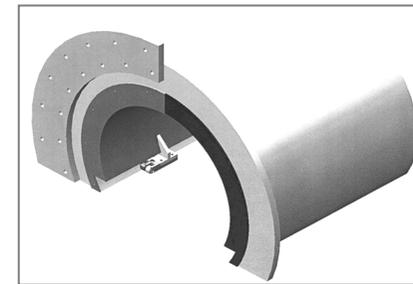
DIRC TDC2: $< 5\%$ deadtime at 2.5MHz

Final TDC and shielding configuration were “background safe” at highest lumi.

2000: lead brick shielding



2001: engineered lead shield



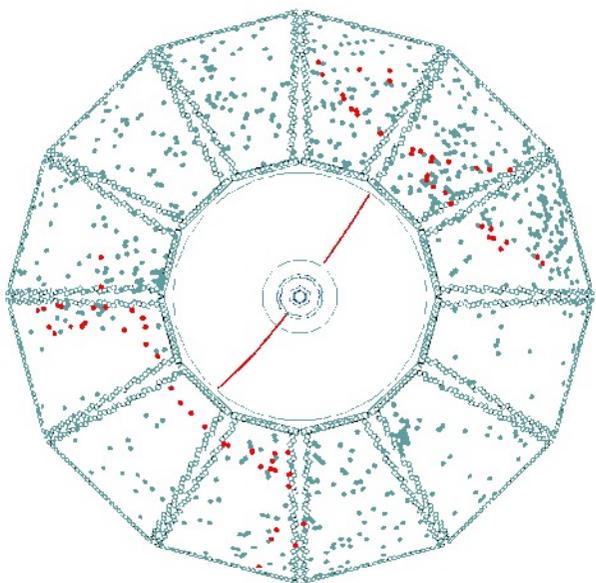
Timing information not used for PID but crucial in dealing with accelerator-induced background

Calculate expected arrival time of Cherenkov photon based on

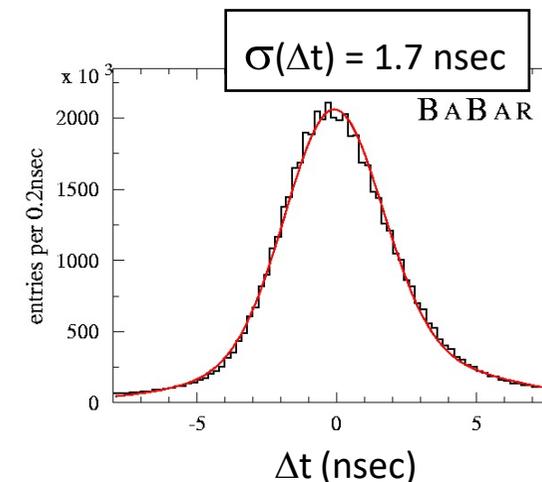
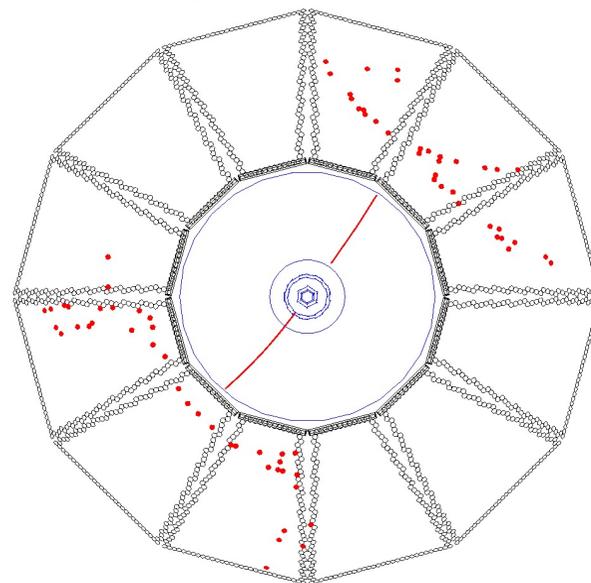
- track TOF
- photon propagation in radiator bar and in water

Δt : difference between measured and expected arrival time

± 300 nsec trigger window
(~500-1300 background hits/event)

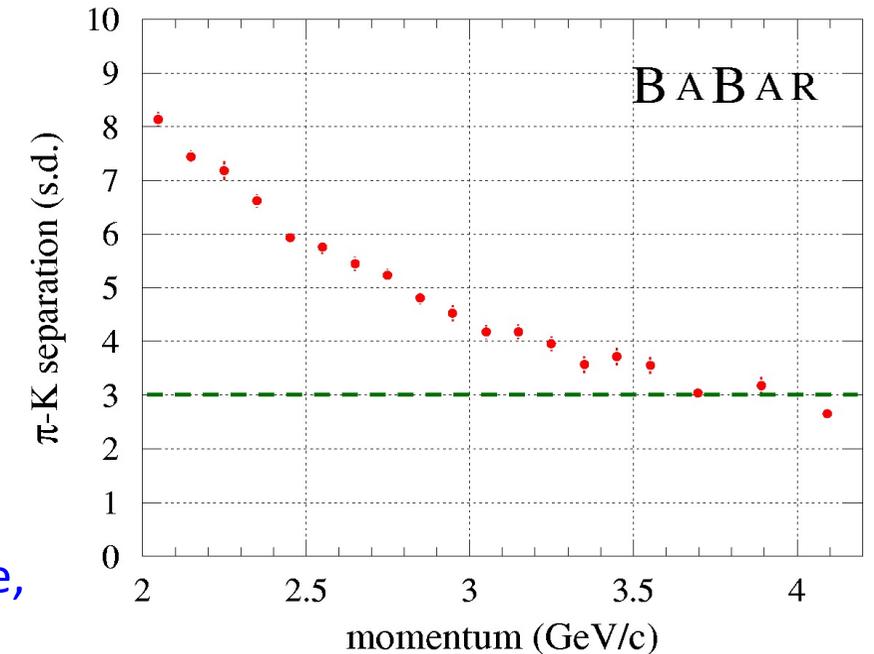
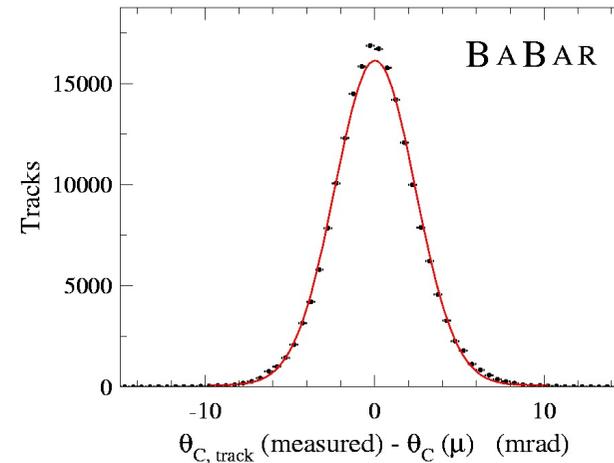
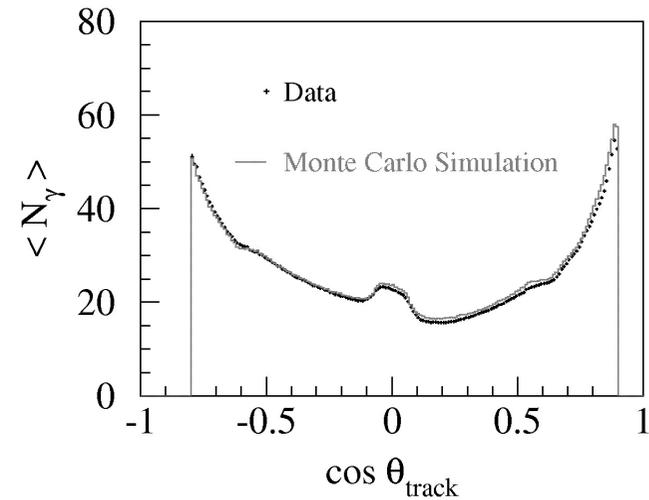


± 8 nsec Δt window
(1-2 background hits/sector/event)



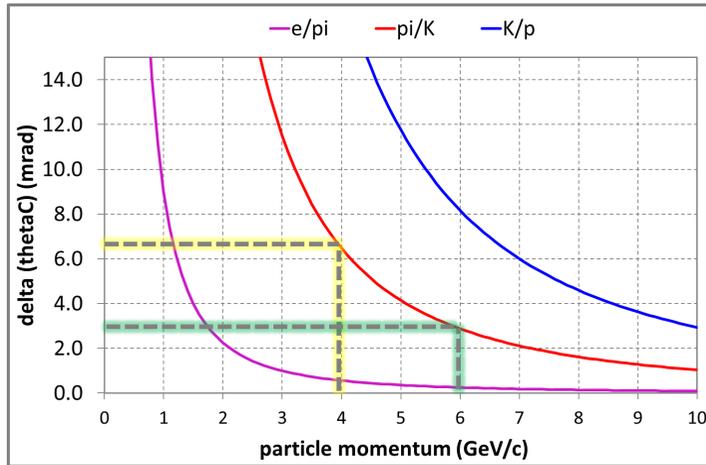
(Δt can provide
"DIRC t_0 event time")

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)
π/K separation power	4.3 σ @ 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 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 π/K separation to higher momentum

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

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

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

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

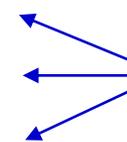
Limited in BABAR by:

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

9.6 mrad

Improve for future DIRCs via:

- ▪ focusing optics
- ▪ smaller pixel size
- ▪ better time resolution



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 (~ 6 mm) 2D pixels \rightarrow PID primarily based on **spatial imaging**

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

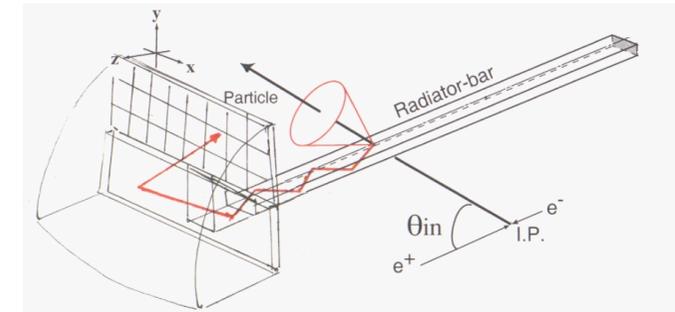
examples: early **Belle II** TOP design, early **PANDA** Disc DIRC design

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

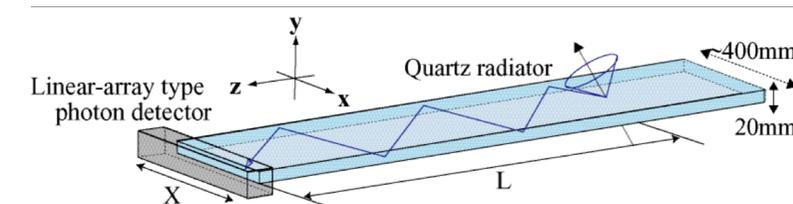
- very **fast timing**, very **good spatial resolution**

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

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



Early SuperB fDIRC design



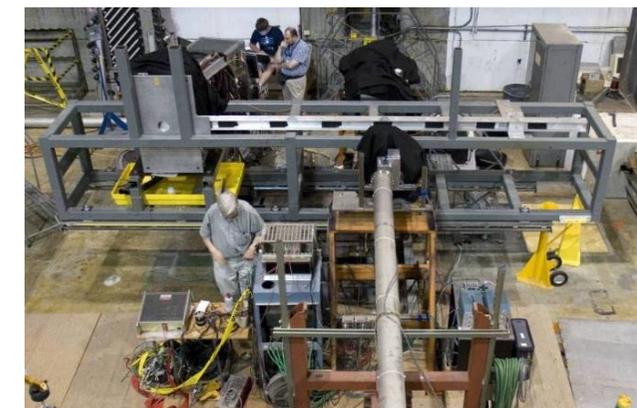
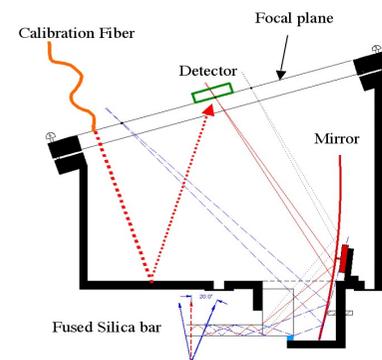
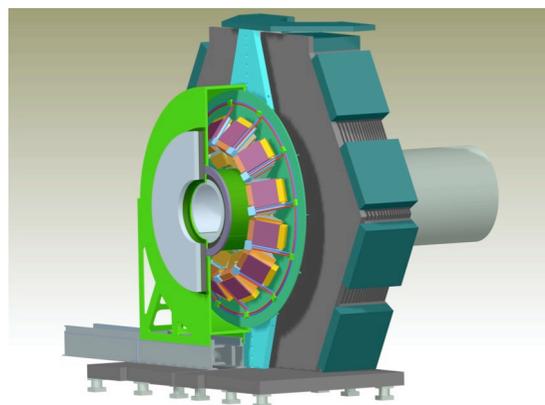
Early Belle II TOP design

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



SUPERB FDIRC

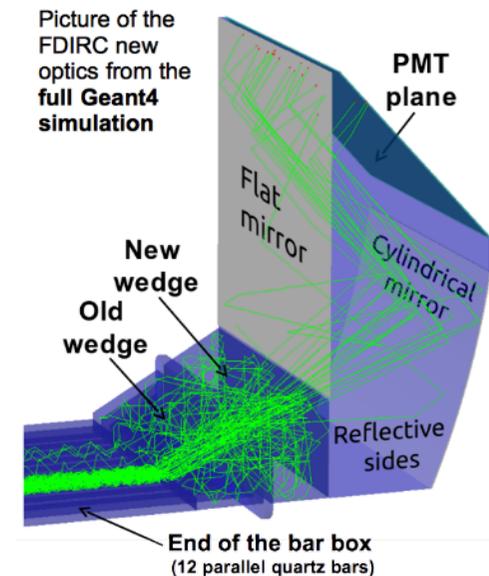
-  compact photon camera
-  cylindrical mirror focusing
-  small pixels (MAPMT)
-  fast photon timing
-  dispersion mitigation
-  legacy components



SuperB Focusing DIRC (fDIRC):

- Intended as barrel PID system for the (cancelled) SuperB experiment in Italy
- 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

	compact photon camera
	cylindrical mirror focusing
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	dispersion mitigation
	legacy components



*D.A. Roberts et al., RICH 2016
Nucl.Instrum.Meth. A 766 (2014) 114*

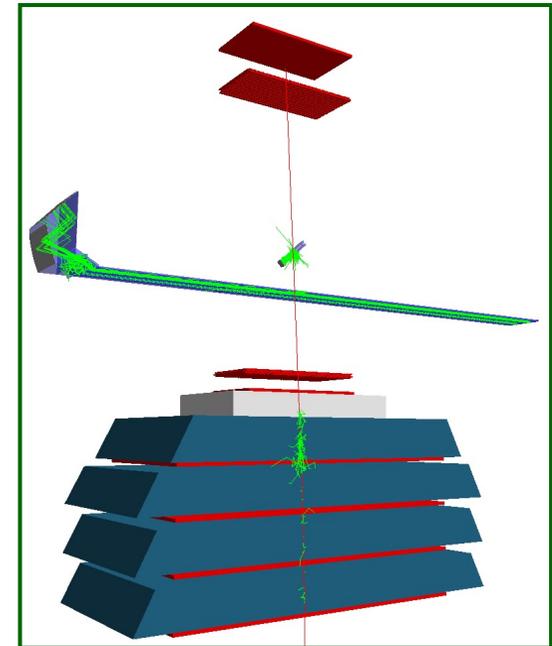
First fDIRC prototype:

- 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.



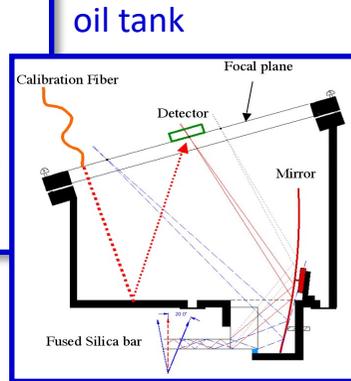
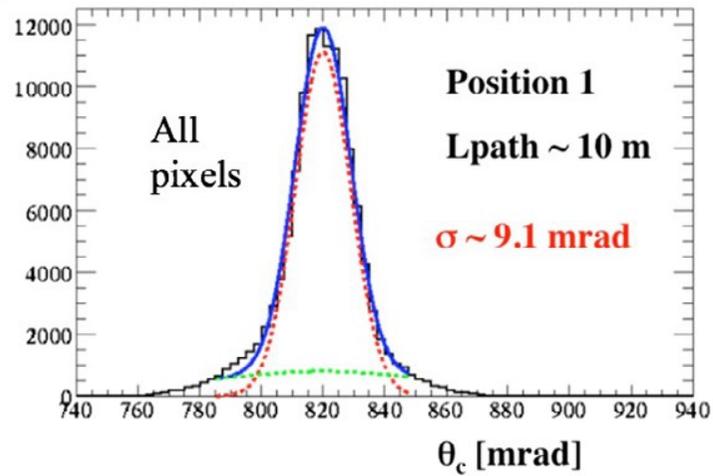
Achieved required resolution for SuperB fDIRC.

Clearly demonstrated resolution improvement

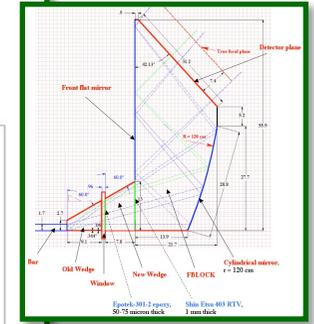
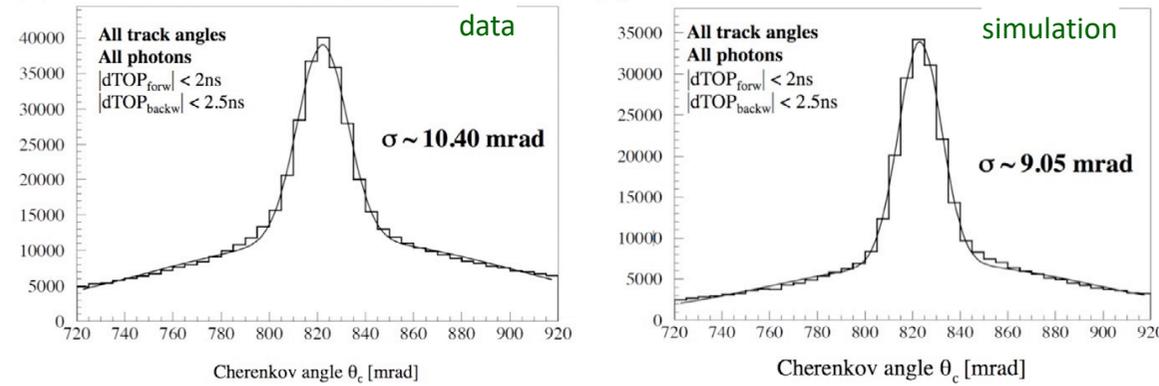
from chromatic dispersion correction with fast timing.

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

Cherenkov angle resolution per photon for the first prototype in electron beam

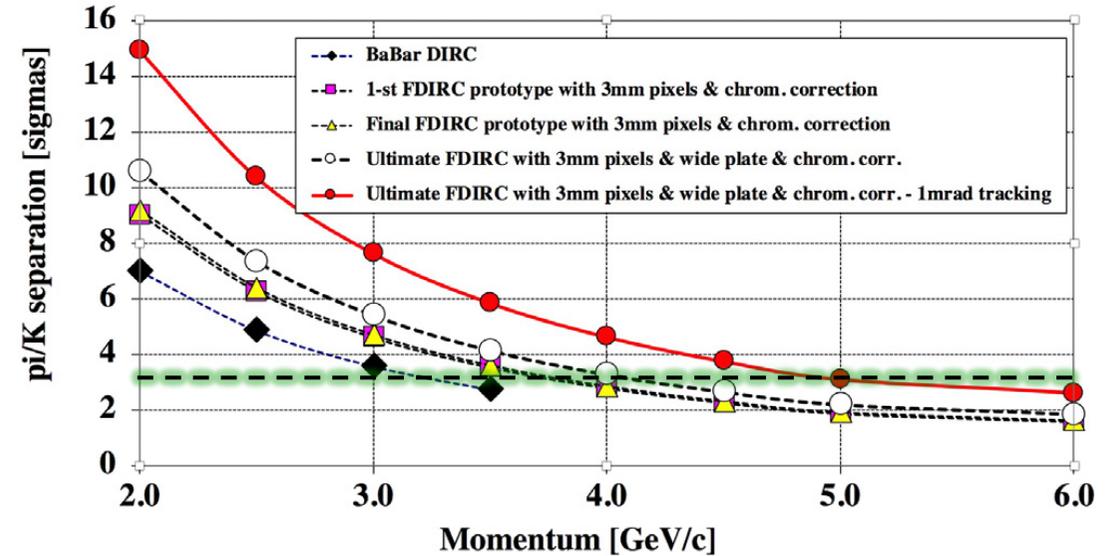


Cherenkov angle resolution per photon for the second prototype in cosmic rays



focusing block

Comparison of BABAR/fDIRC expected performance



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

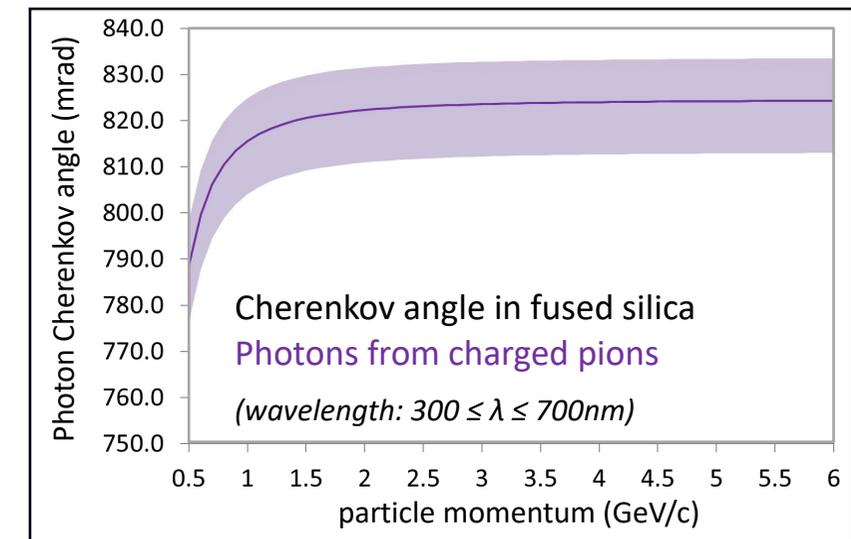
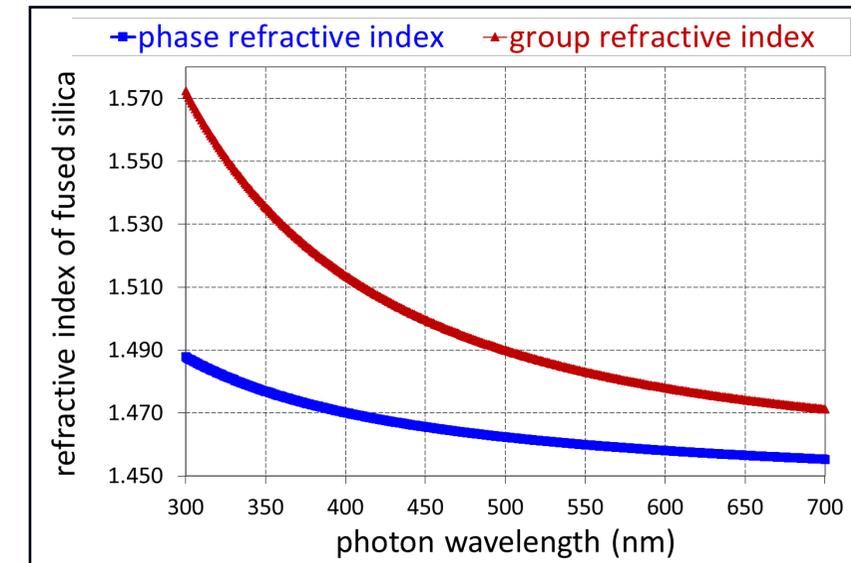
Several approaches to **dispersion mitigation** are being investigated:

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 fDIRC first to demonstrate feasibility of this method



CHROMATIC DISPERSION IN DIRCS

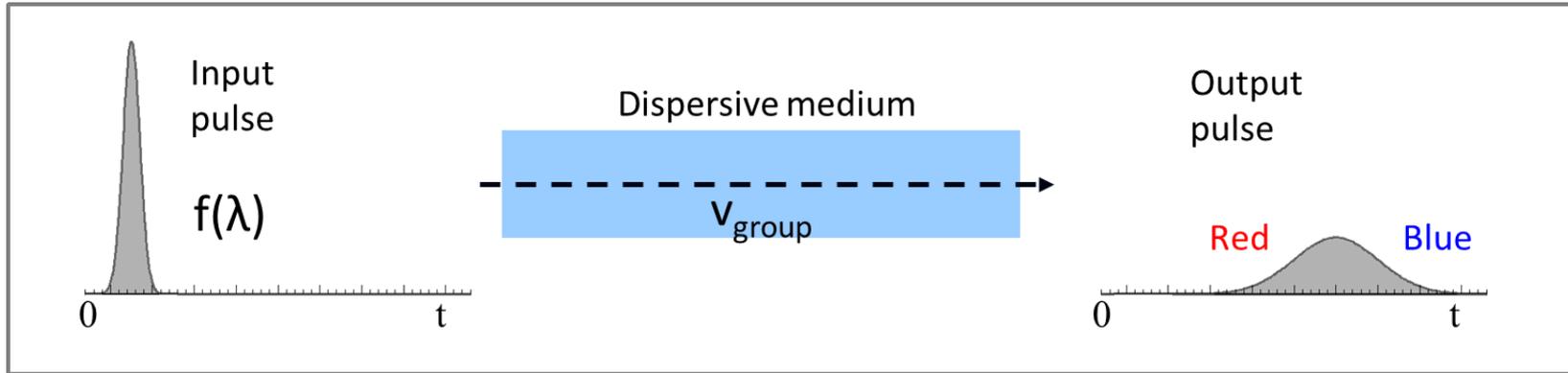
JS, RICH 2007

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

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

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

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



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)

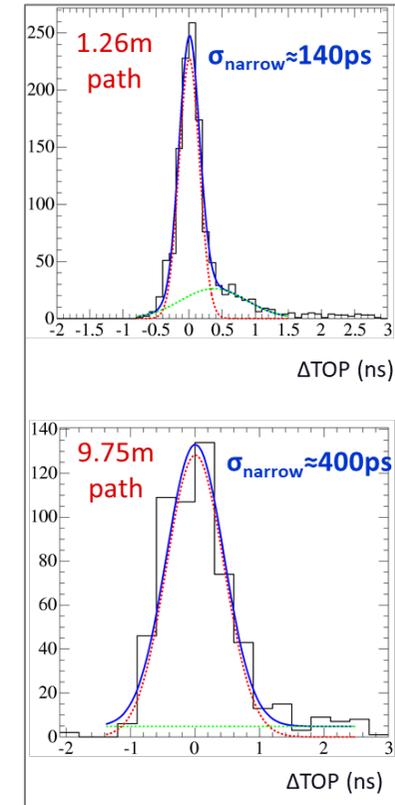
\rightarrow negative dTOP: red photons, positive dTOP: blue photons

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

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

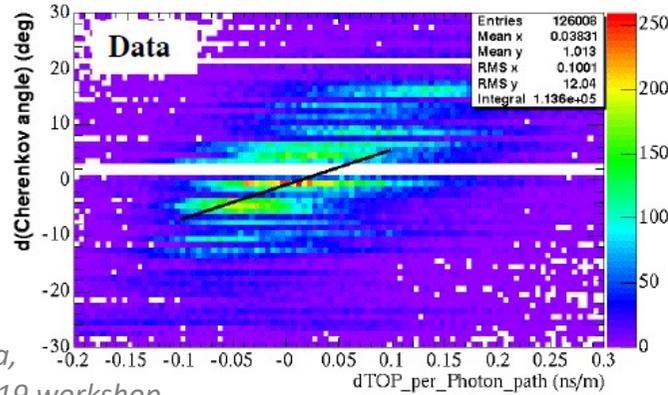
dt is pulse dispersion in time, pathlength L, wavelength bandwidth dλ, refraction index n(λ)

SuperB fDIRC, 1st prototype



10 GeV e⁻ beam:

Data from the 1-st FDIRC prototype:



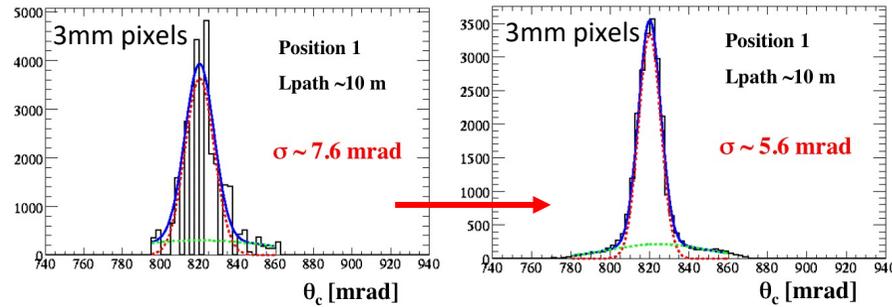
J. Va'vra, DIRC2019 workshop

Example from SuperB fDIRC:

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

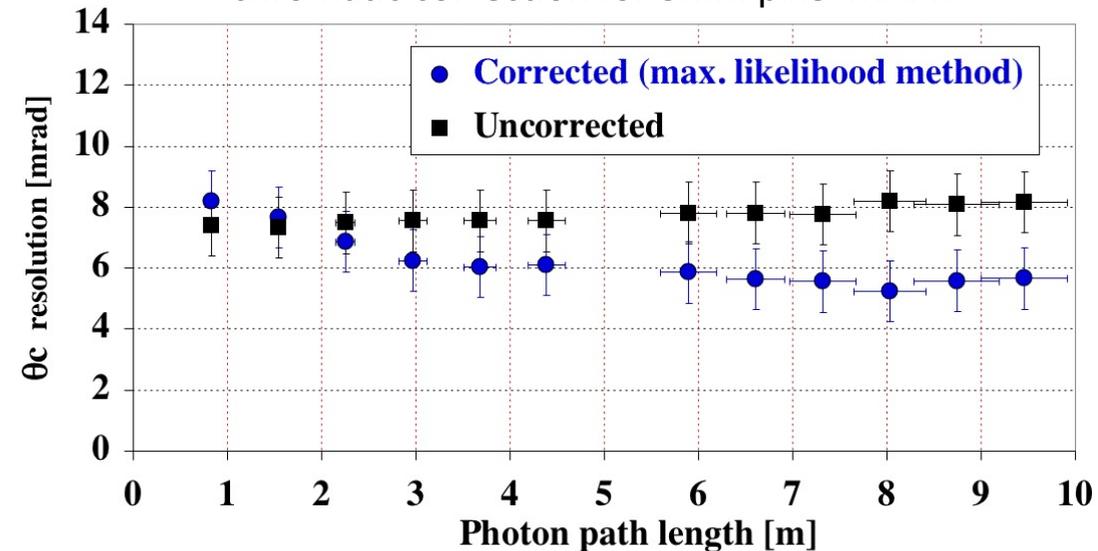
Correction off:

Correction on:



JS, RICH 2007

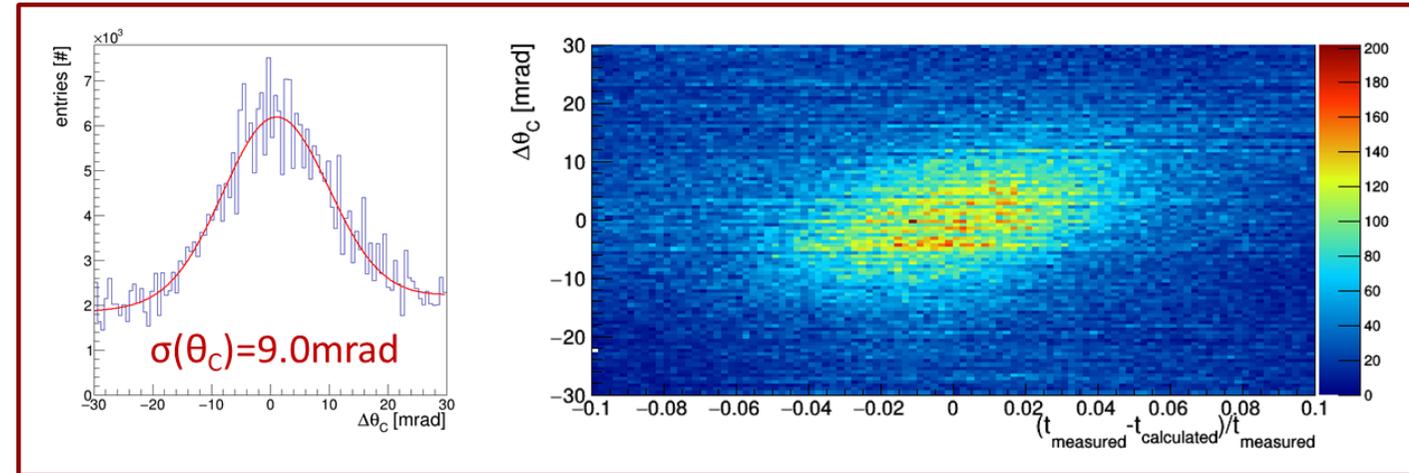
chromatic correction for 3mm pixel MAPMT



Example from PANDA Barrel DIRC prototype beam test at CERN in 2018:

before correction

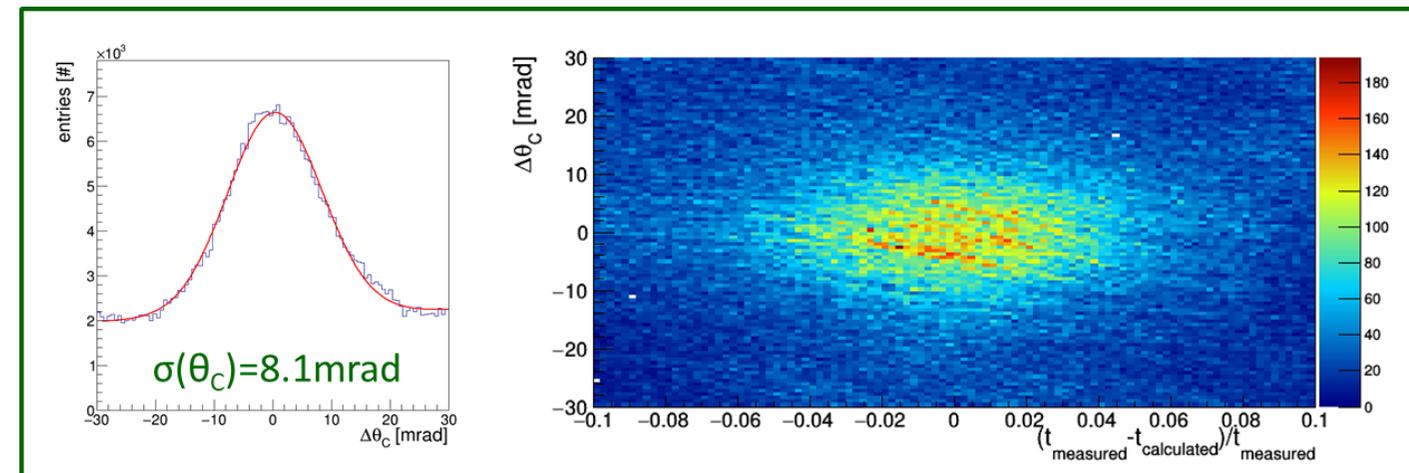
PANDA Barrel DIRC prototype at CERN PS,
 7 GeV/c, mixed hadron beam, 90° polar angle
 Cherenkov angle corrected by normalized photon
 propagation time difference
 (calculated using average wavelength of 370nm,
 196.5mm/ns photon velocity)



Clear improvement of Cherenkov angle resolution per photon after correction

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

after chromatic correction by photon timing



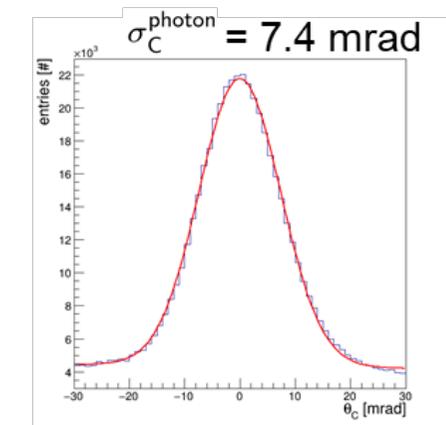
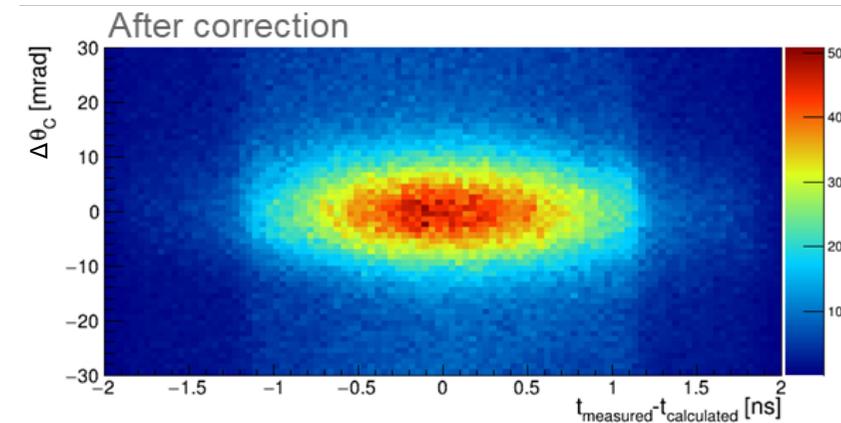
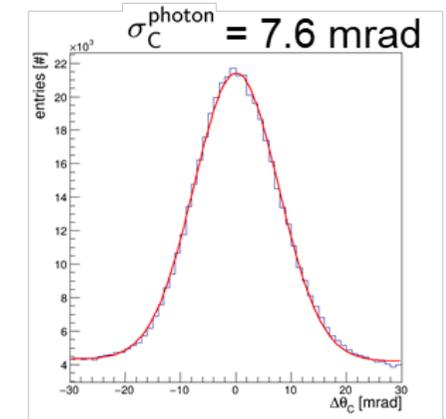
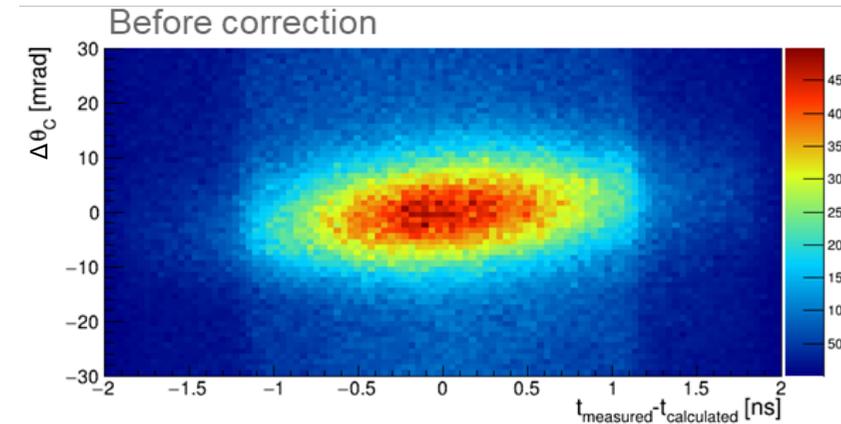
Example from GlueX DIRC:

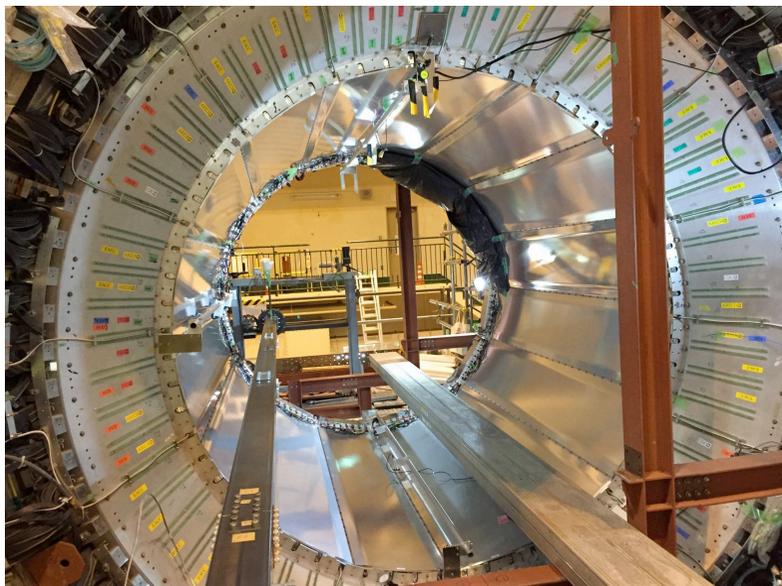
GlueX-II physics run 2020

Cherenkov angle corrected by photon propagation
time difference
(calculated using average wavelength of 370nm)

Modest improvement of Cherenkov angle
resolution per photon after correction

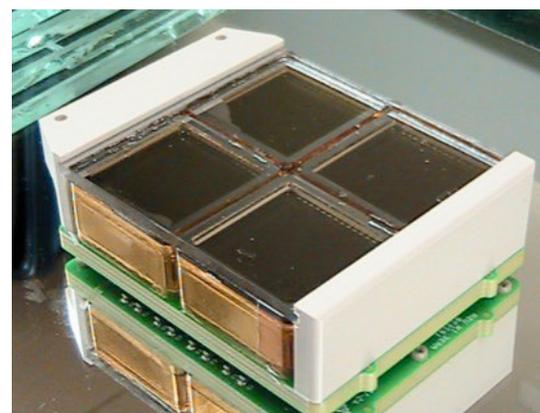
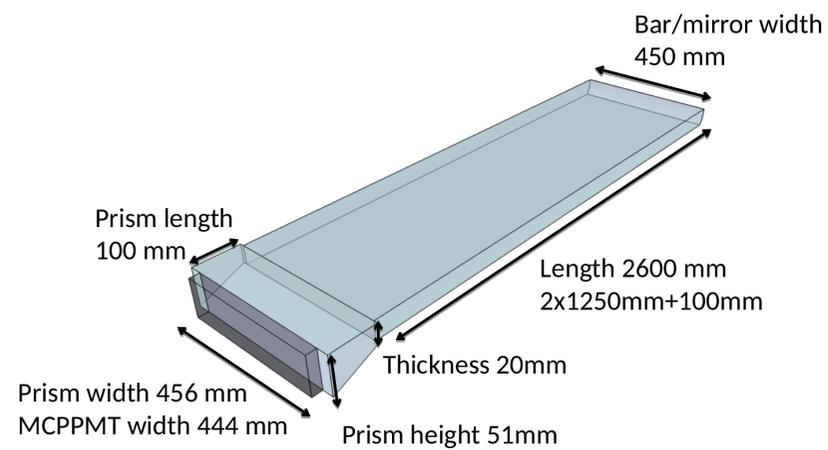
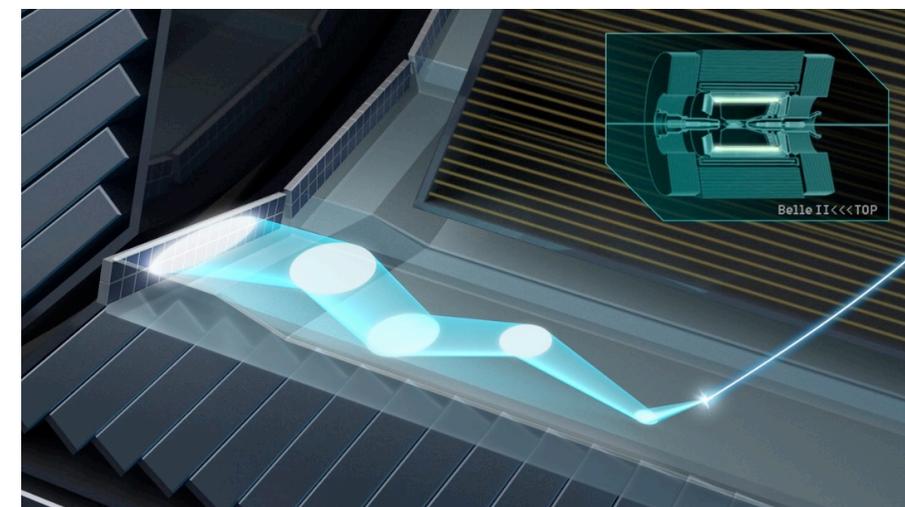
(poor timing precision (0.8-1ns) but long
photon paths (5-10m))





BELLE II TOP

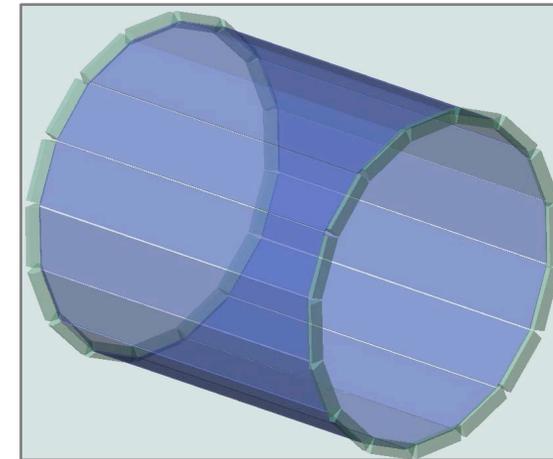
-  compact photon camera
-  spherical mirror focusing*
-  small pixels (MCP-PMT)*
-  fast photon timing
-  plate geometry



Upgrade of Belle detector for high-luminosity Belle II experiment

- Time-of-Propagation (TOP) DIRC counter, emphasizing high-precision timing;
- design goal 4σ π/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.

	compact photon camera
	spherical mirror focusing*
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	plate geometry



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)

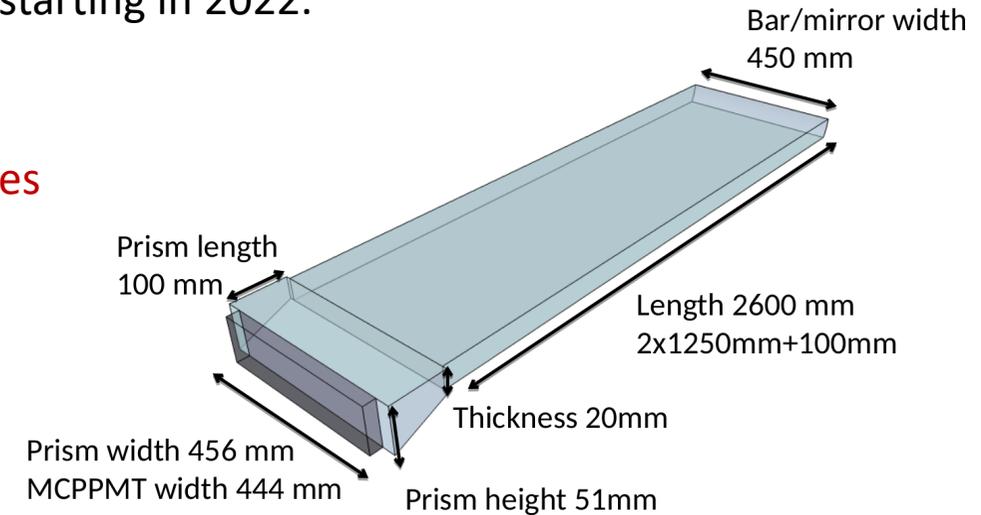
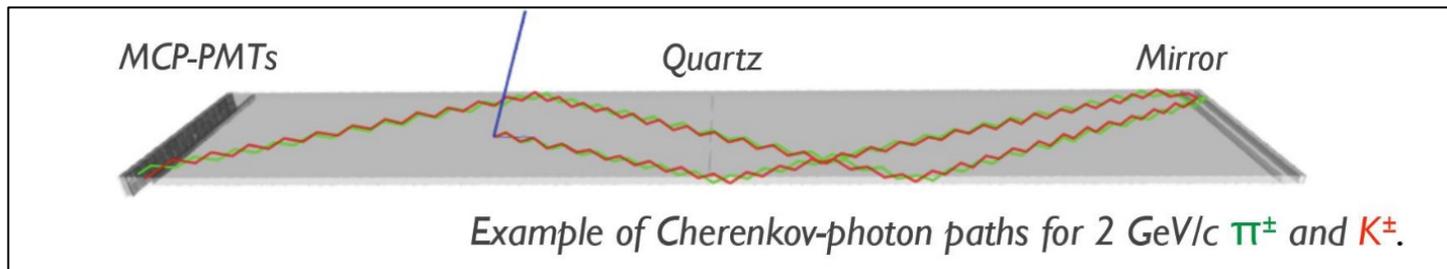
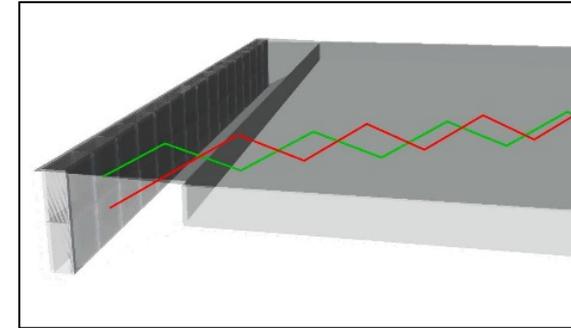
Choice of 45cm-wide plates instead of narrower bars significantly lowers fabrication cost

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).



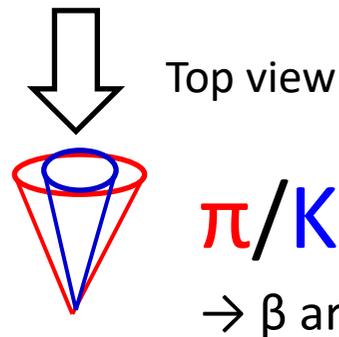
Early TOP concept: 2-D readout,
x-position (5mm pixels) and time ($\sigma_t \approx 40\text{ps}$)

Hit pattern: position vs. time

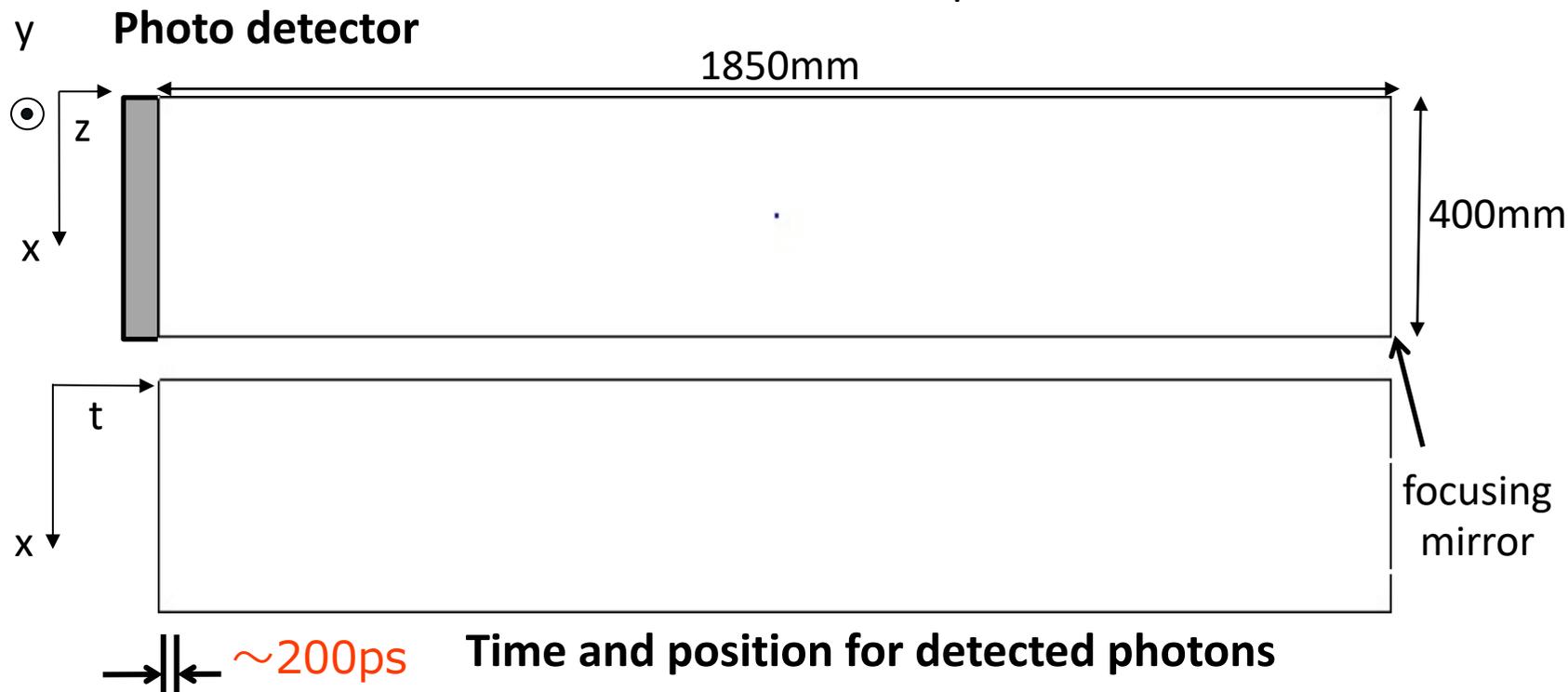
Ring image animation

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

Ring image of TOP counter



$$\cos\theta_c = \frac{1}{n\beta}$$



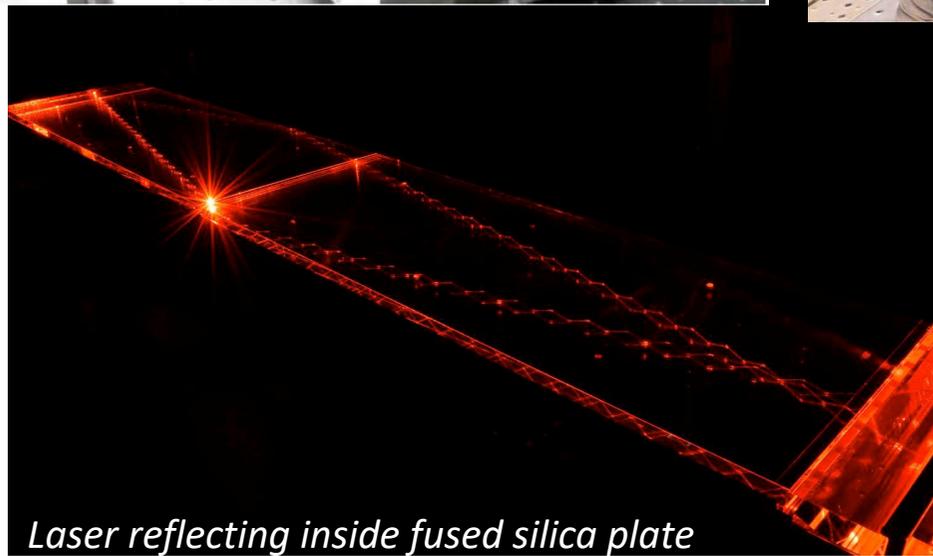
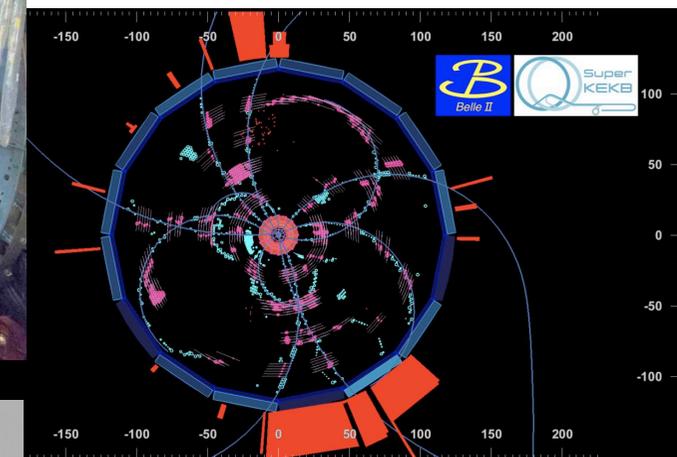
Optics on gluing stage



Successful installation in 2016

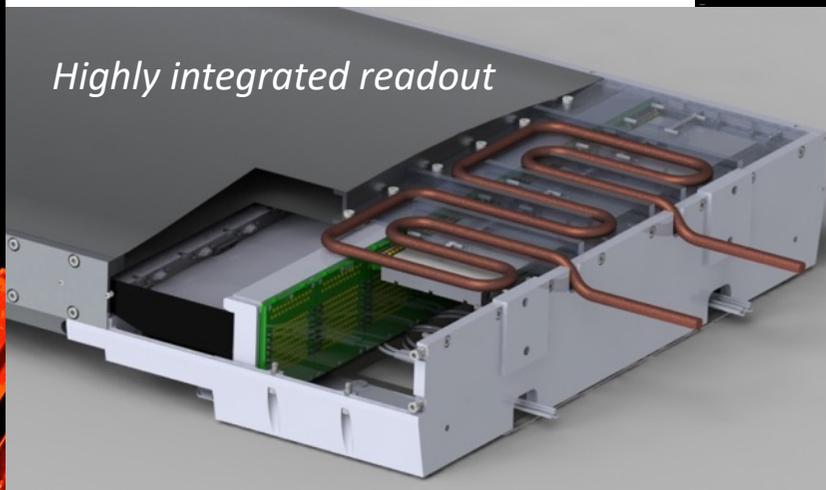


*K. Inami, DIRC2017
G. Varner, DIRC2019*



Laser reflecting inside fused silica plate

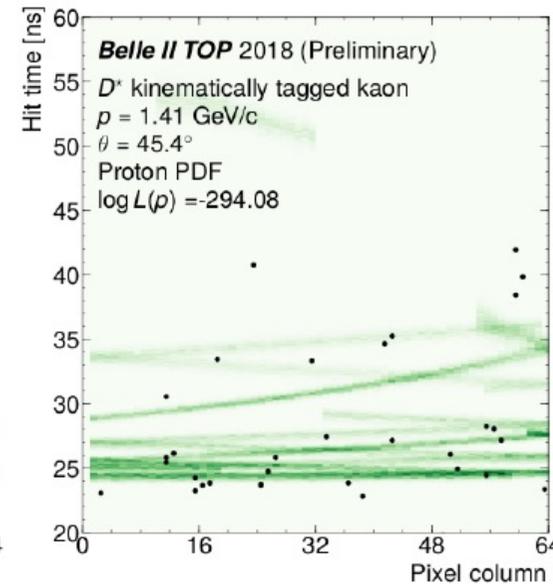
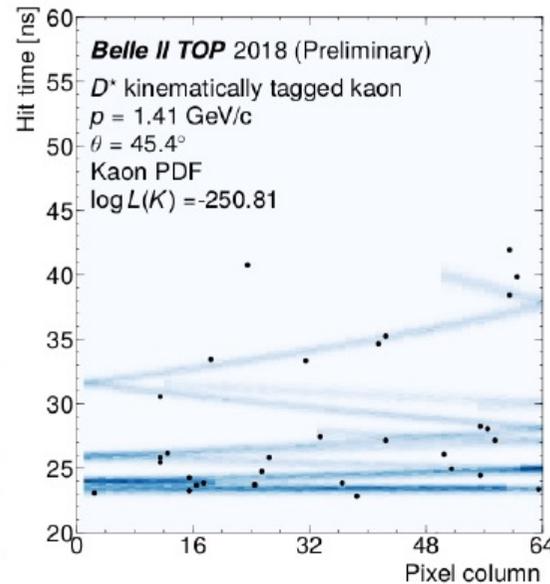
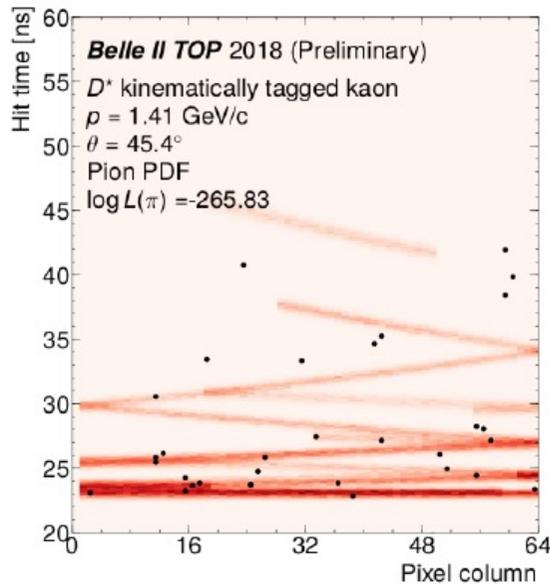
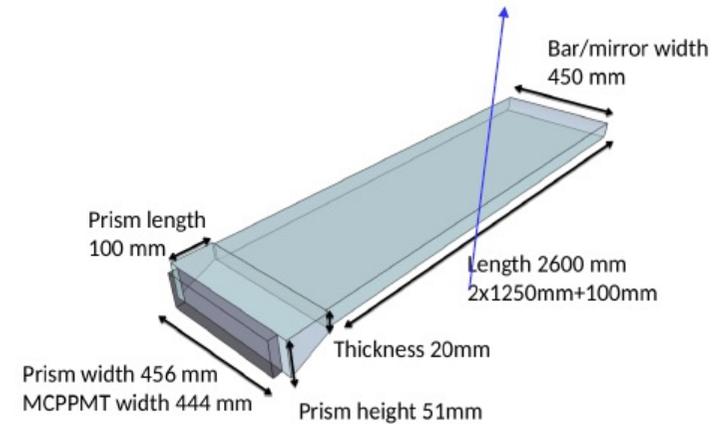
Highly integrated readout



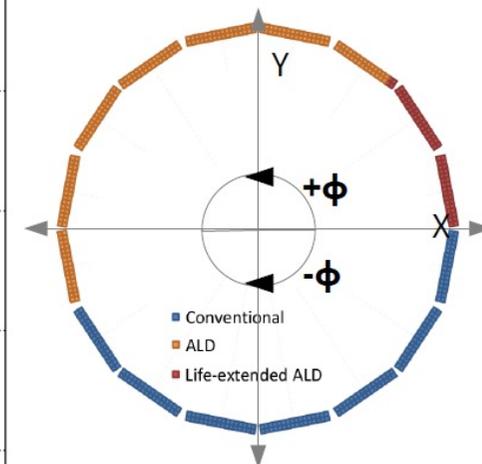
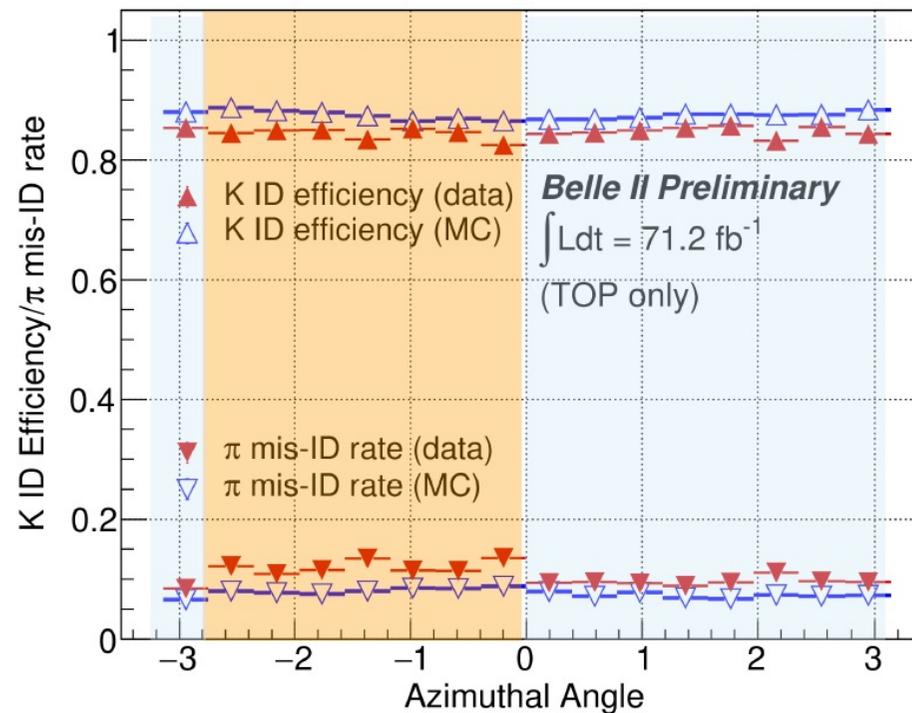
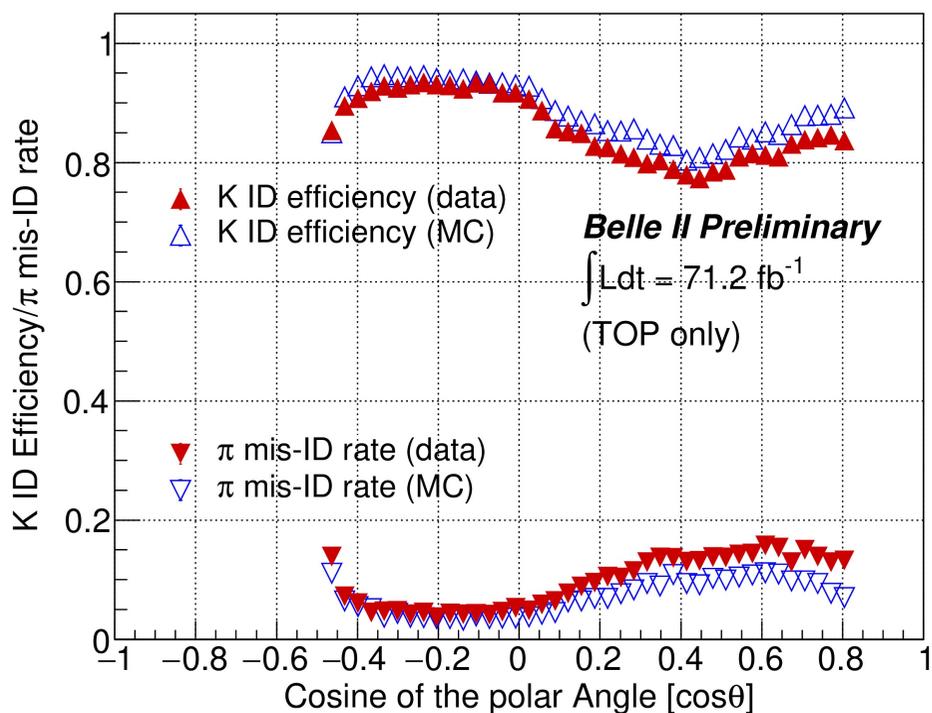
*First collision in physics run,
March 2017*

TOP “Cherenkov Rings” II

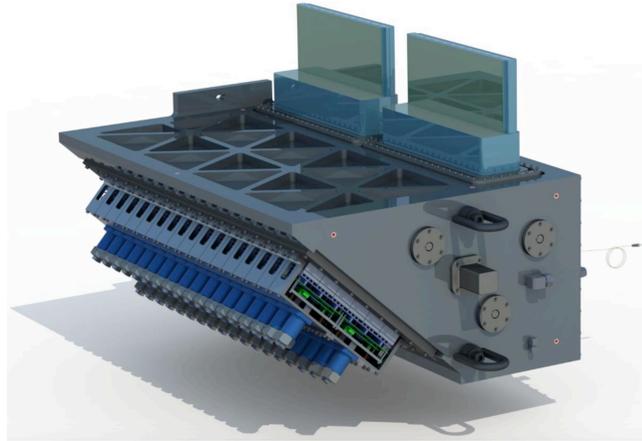
- $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi_s^+; D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$
- Kaon facing mirror-side of TOP bar
 - PDF differences dominated by shape
 - Though for proton, also timing



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

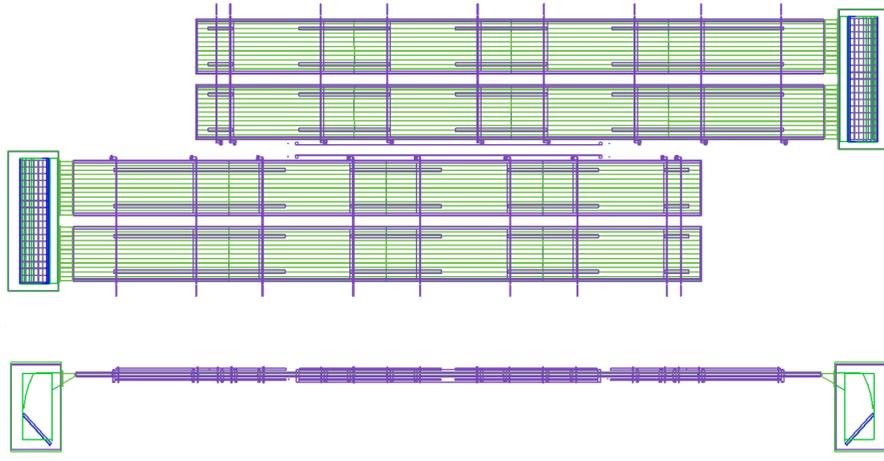


S. Sandilya, TIPP21, May 2021



GLUeX DIRC

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



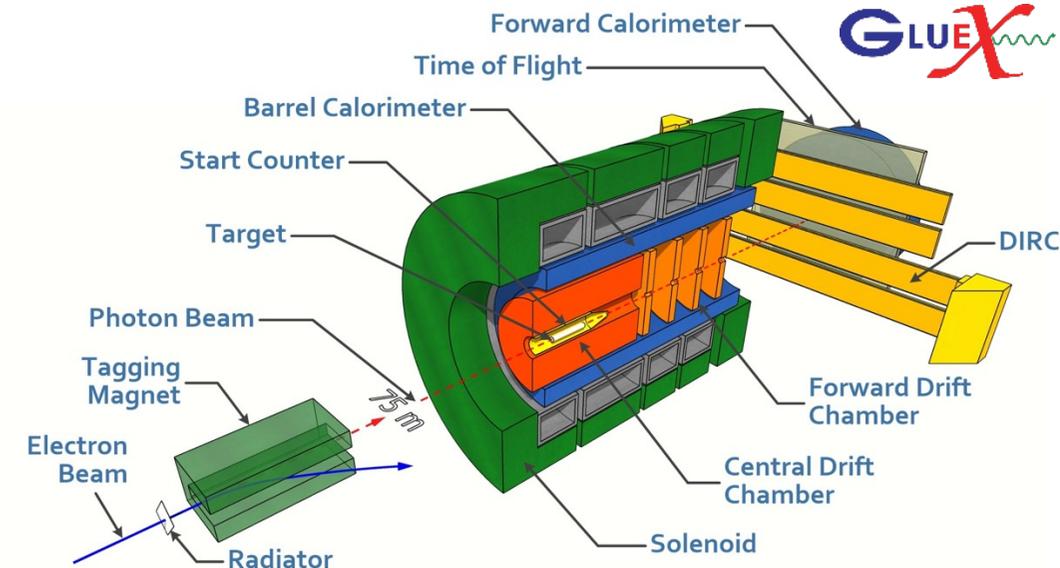
GlueX DIRC

- forward PID upgrade for GlueX-II, first DIRC used as endcap device;
- extend GlueX physics reach by improving π/K separation from 2 GeV/c (TOF) to 3σ π/K separation at 3.7 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;
- opportunity to evaluate PANDA Barrel DIRC simulation and reconstruction/PID algorithms (“FAIR Phase-0”).

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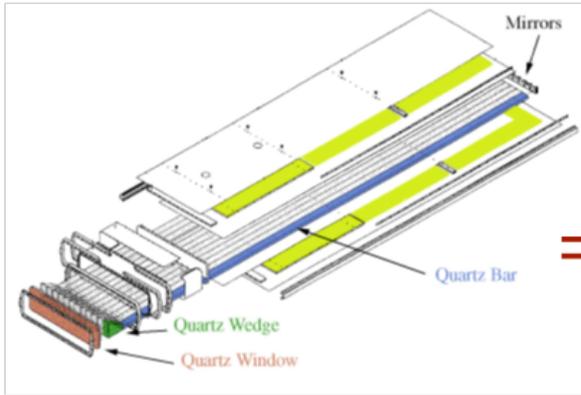


BABAR DIRC bar boxes
 ← in storage at SLAC
 installed at JLab →



- Transportation of the bar boxes from SLAC to JLab in 2017/2018 after thorough planning
- Bar boxes in crate, with oil/air shocks inside another crate, acceleration monitoring, continuous visual monitoring of bars

BaBar DIRC Bar Box



DIRC Bar Box Storage at SLAC



On the Road in New Mexico



DIRC Bar Box in Hall D



3000 miles later at JLab

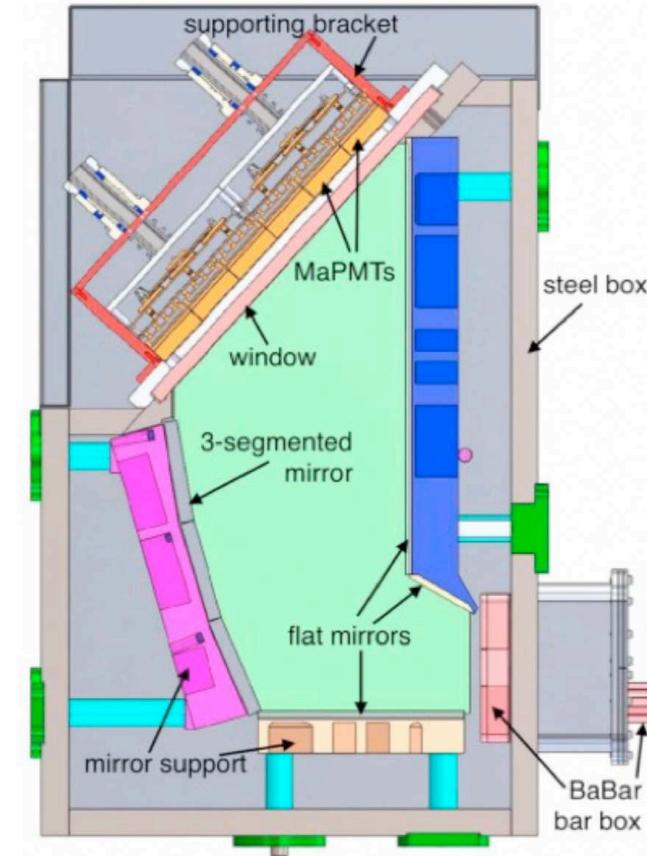


A long and very, very careful drive

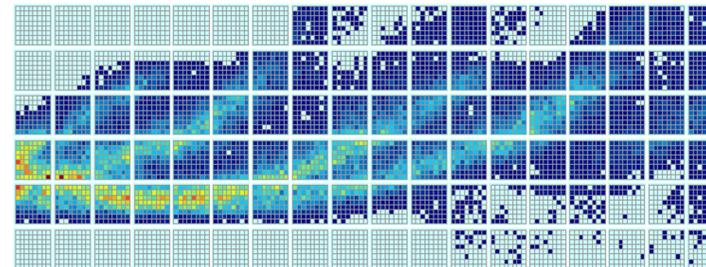
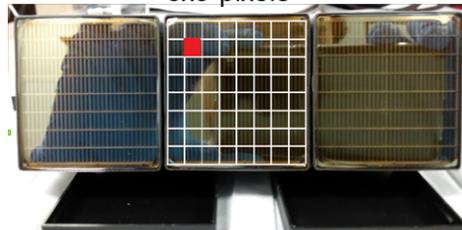
W. Li, JS,
INSTR'20, Feb 2020

- **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

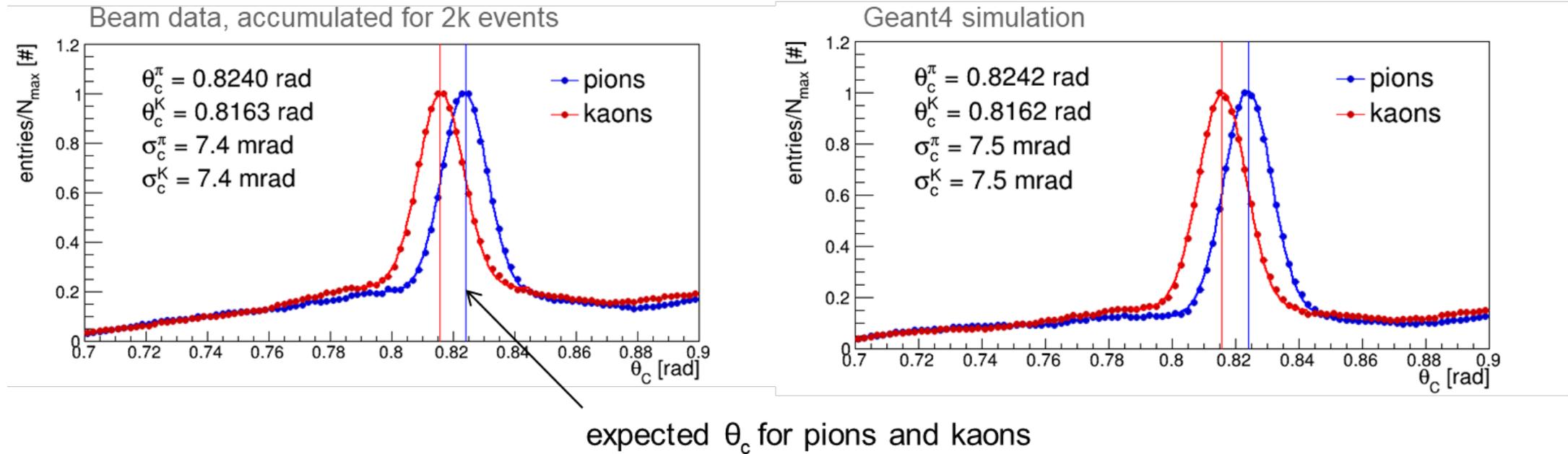


Hamamatsu H12700 MaPMT
8x8 pixels



PID performance study using pure samples of kinematically identified π and K from ρ and ϕ decays

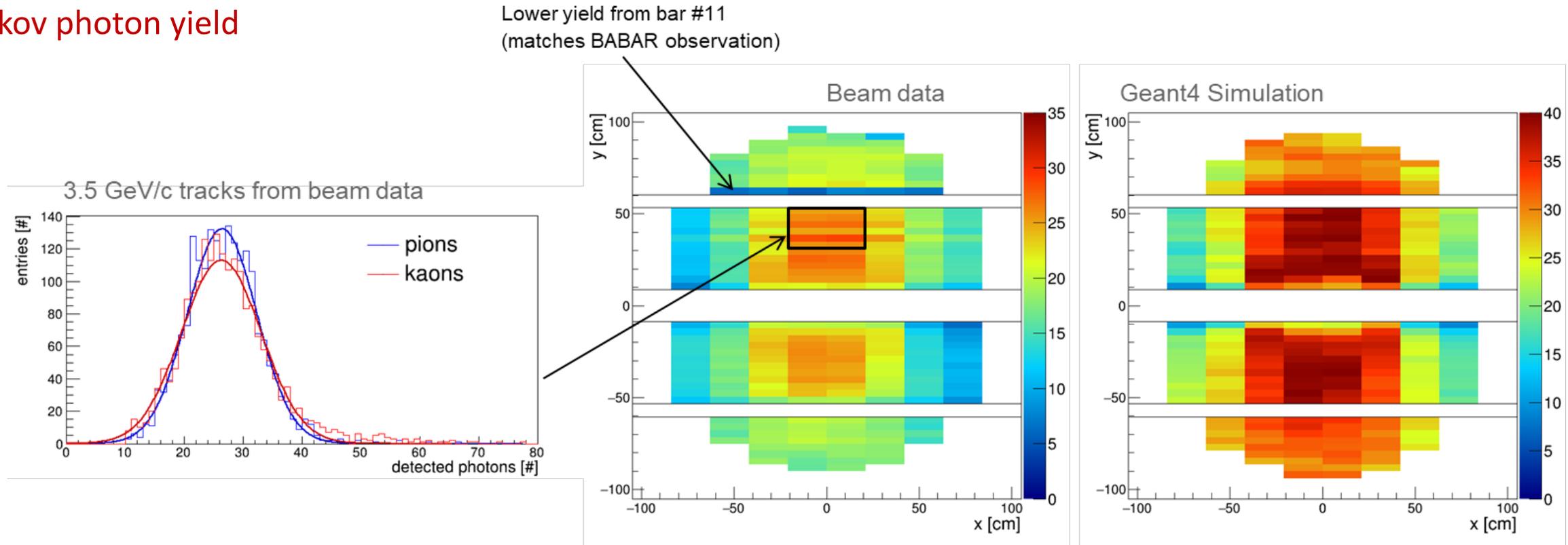
Cherenkov angle resolution per photon (SPR)



- Good Cherenkov angle resolution per photon, 25% improvement compared to BABAR
- Good agreement between beam data and simulation for hit pattern and SPR

PID performance study using pure samples of kinematically identified π and K from ρ and ϕ decays

Cherenkov photon yield



➤ Simulation overestimates photon yield by $\sim 35\%$

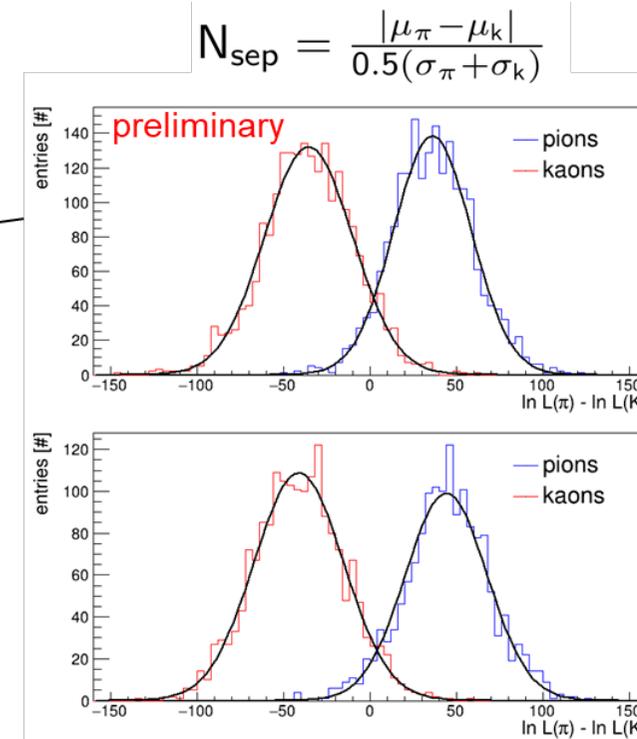
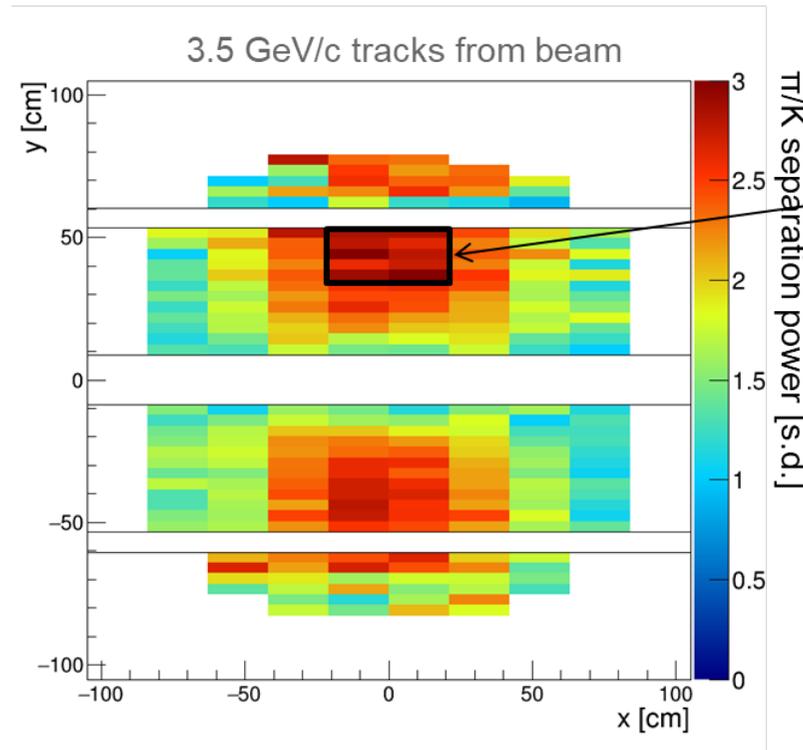
Likely cause: degradation of mirror surfaces due to corrosion in water in 2019/2020

Mirrors will be replaced this summer and protected by window for next GlueX II run

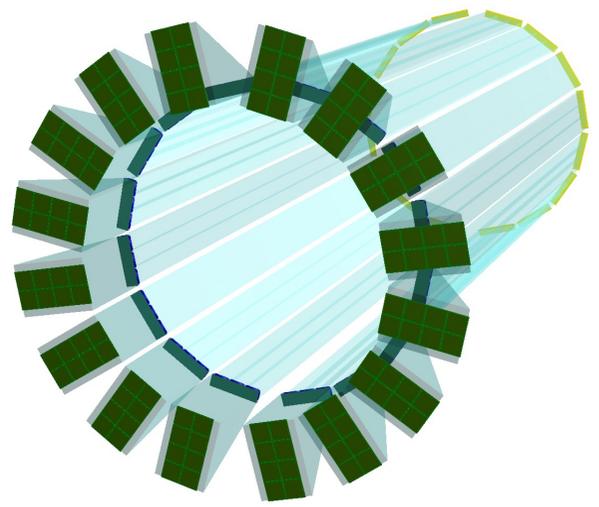
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π /K separation power

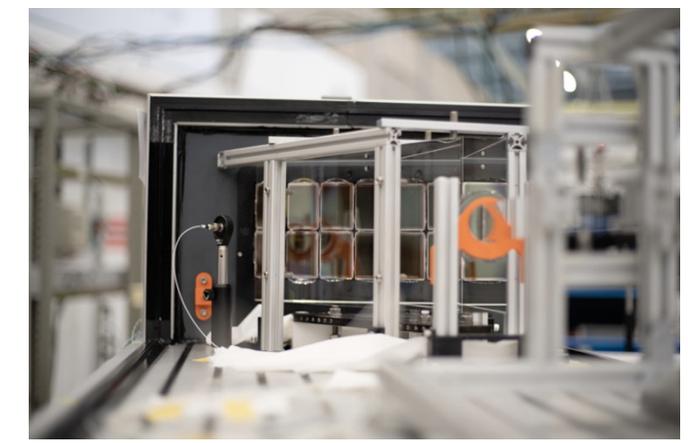
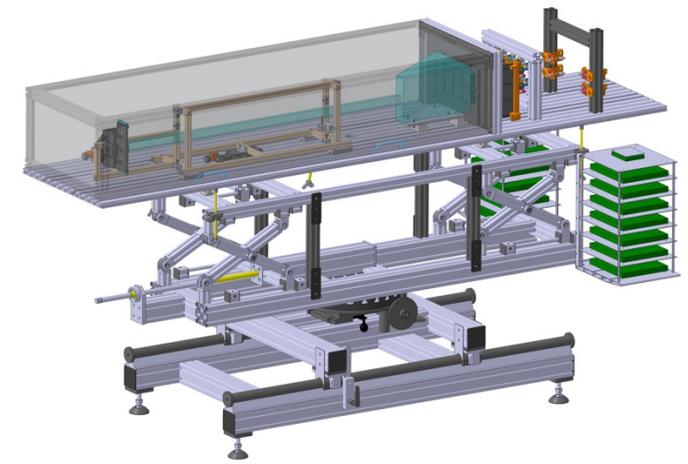
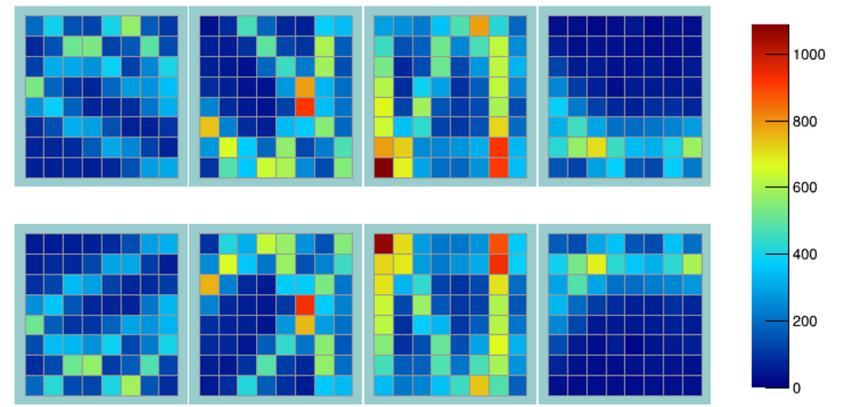


- π /K separation power already close to goal
- Yield-corrected simulation overestimates separation power by 10-15%
- Performance expected to further improve with better understanding of calibration and alignment and more data – current statistics prevent use of time imaging method (*algorithm with best performance*)



PANDA BARREL DIRC

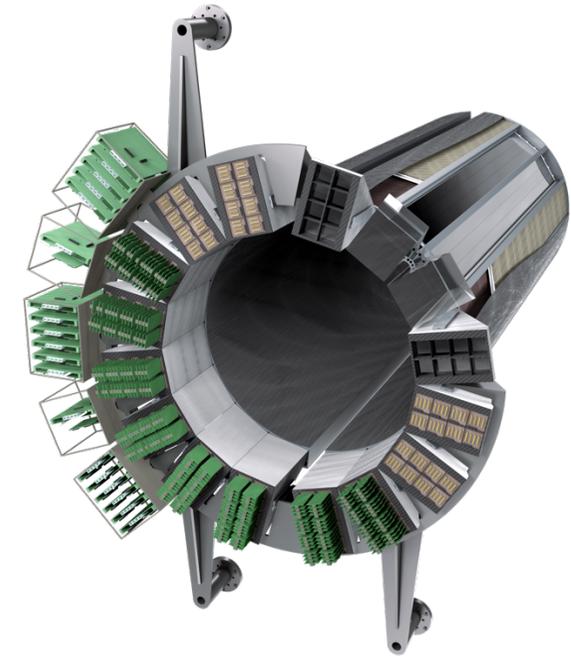
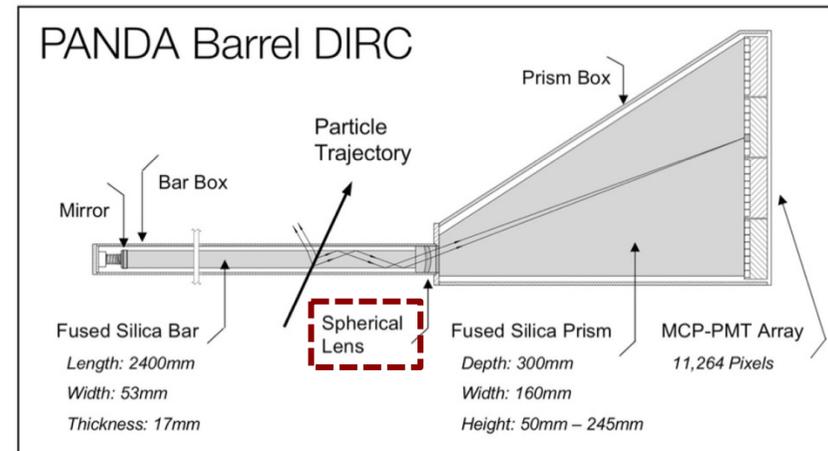
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- design goal $3\sigma \pi/K$ separation up to 3.5 GeV/c for polar angle range 22°-140°;
- PID at high interaction rates, up to 20 MHz;
- narrow bars for robust performance in multi-track events, less sensitive to backgrounds;
- innovative 3-layer 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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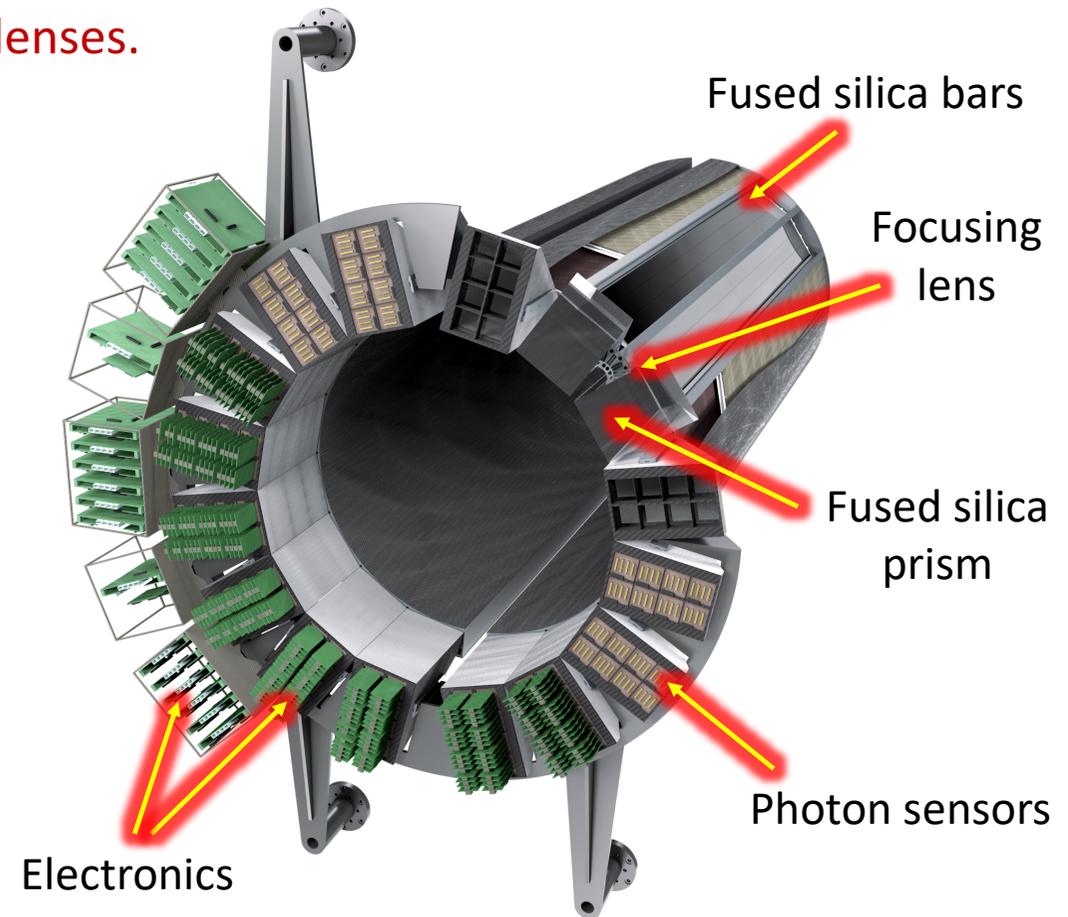


PANDA Barrel DIRC TDR
J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 46 045001
 arXiv:1710.00684

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

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:

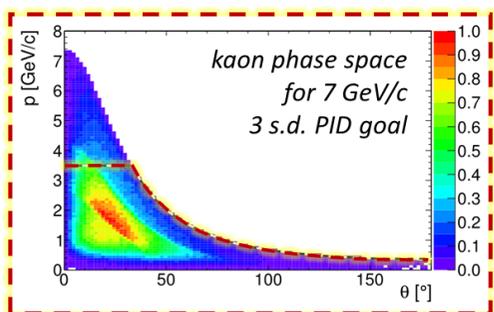
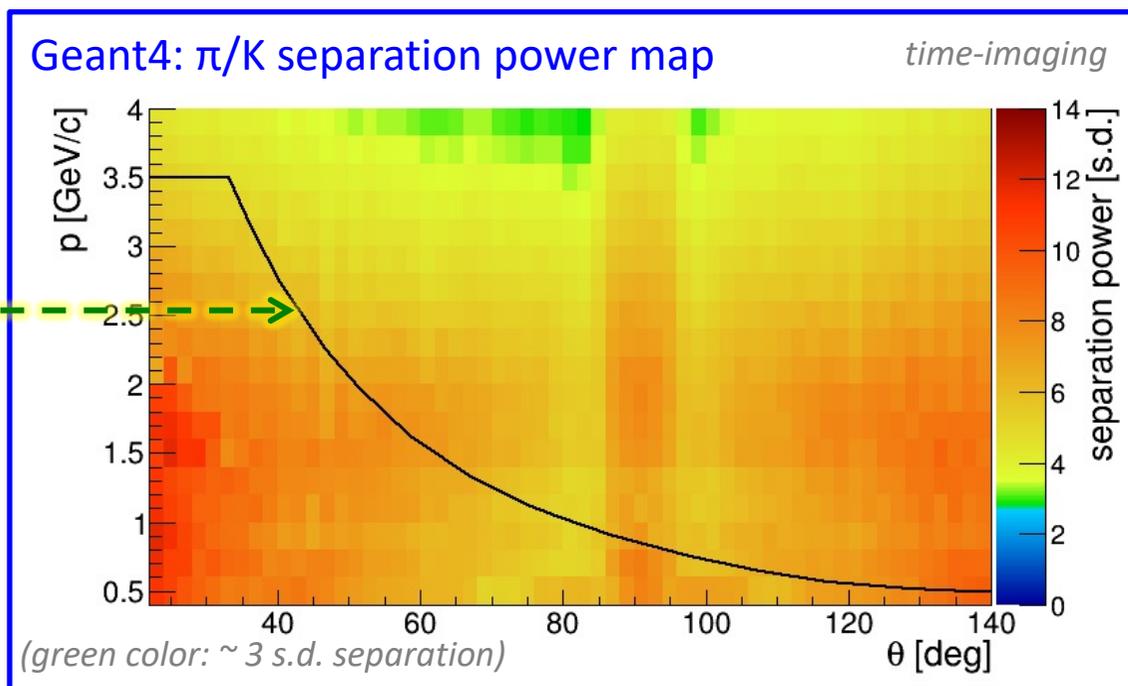
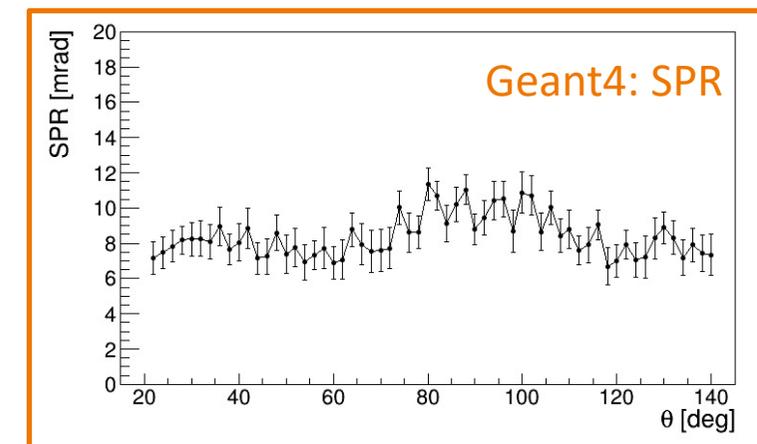
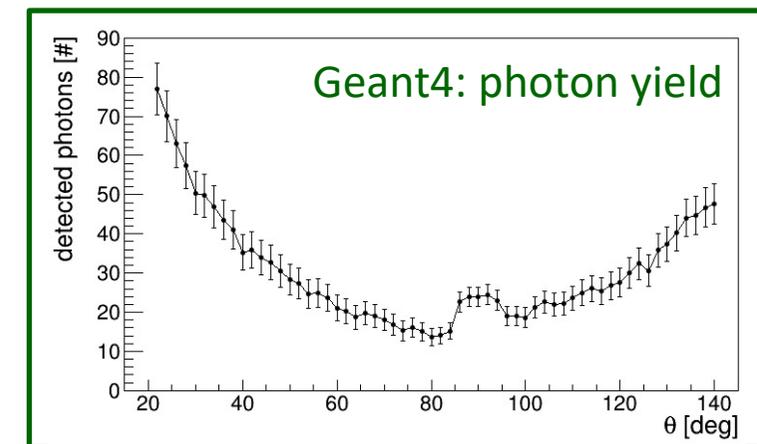
Used geometrical reconstruction (BABAR-like) to determine

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 π/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

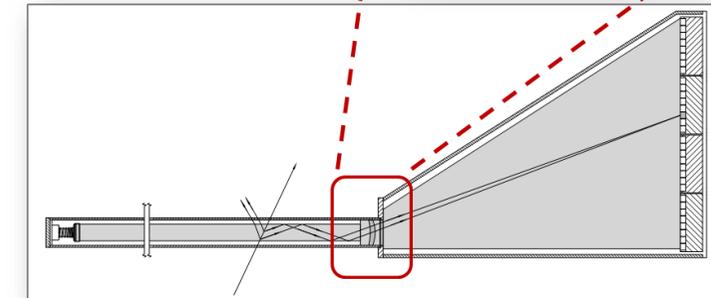
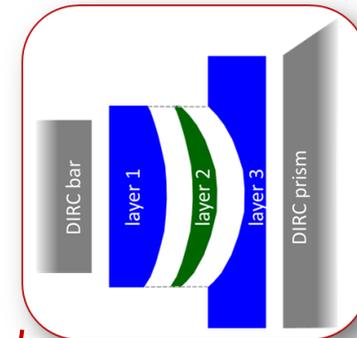
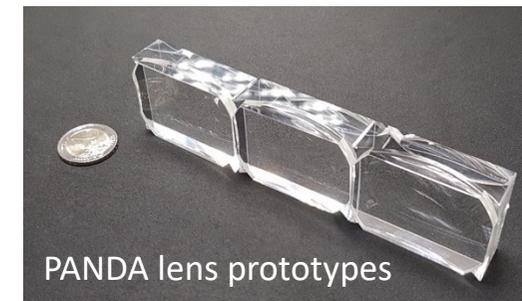
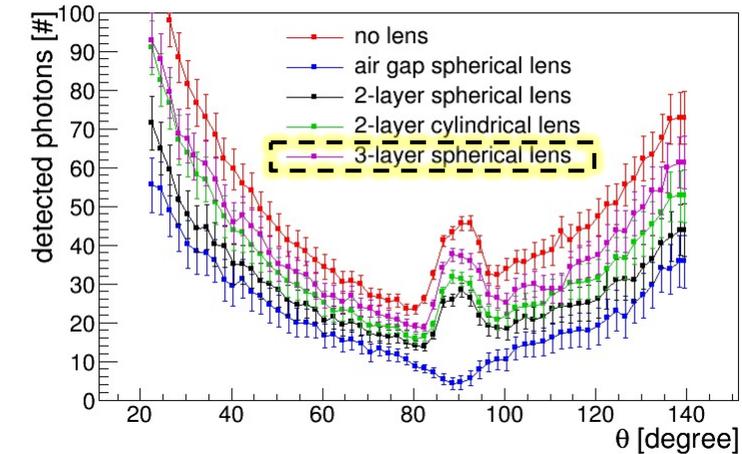
Innovative solution:

- 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 **PbF₂** for EIC
- Currently using standard spherical shapes – study aspherical shapes for future DIRCs to minimize aberrations?

Geant4 simulation: photon yield



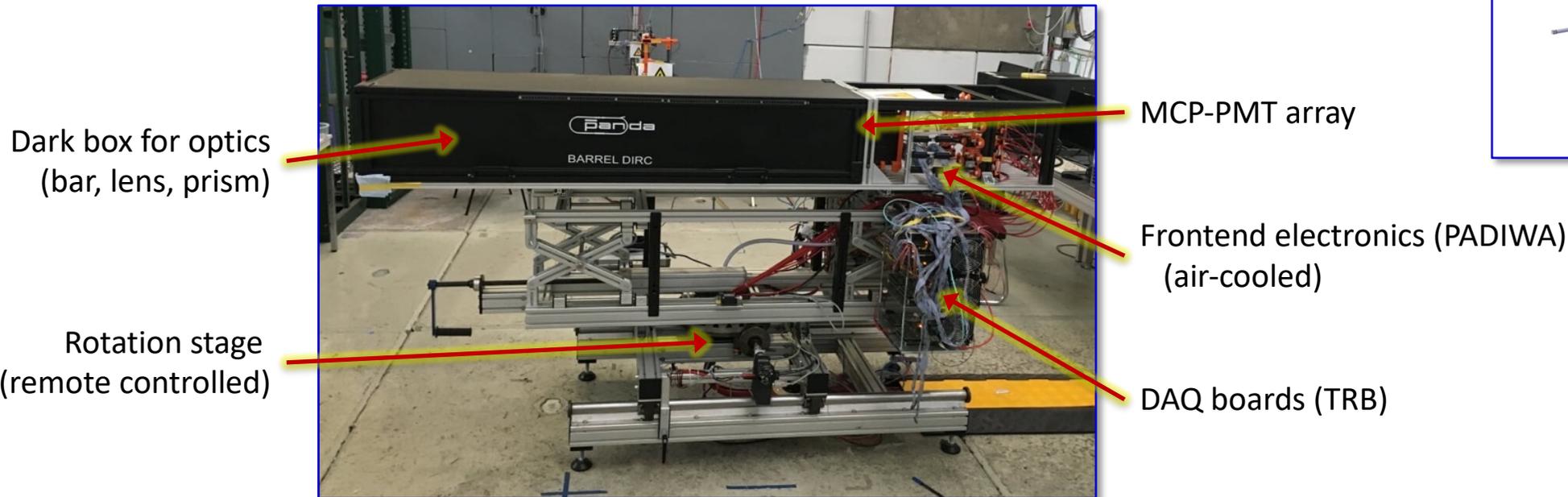
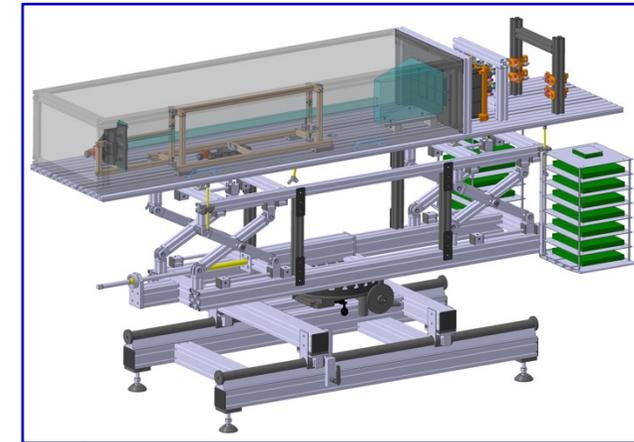
see also G. Kalicy, DIRC2019

Performance validation: 2018 prototype at CERN PS

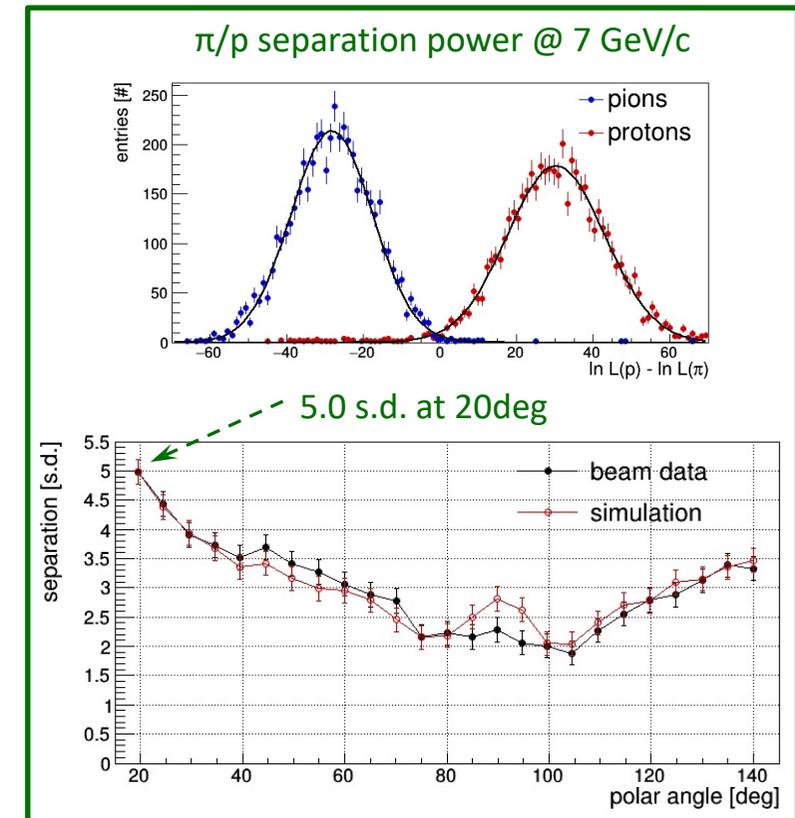
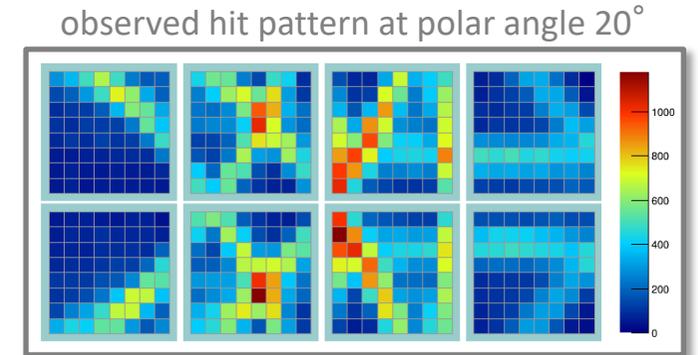
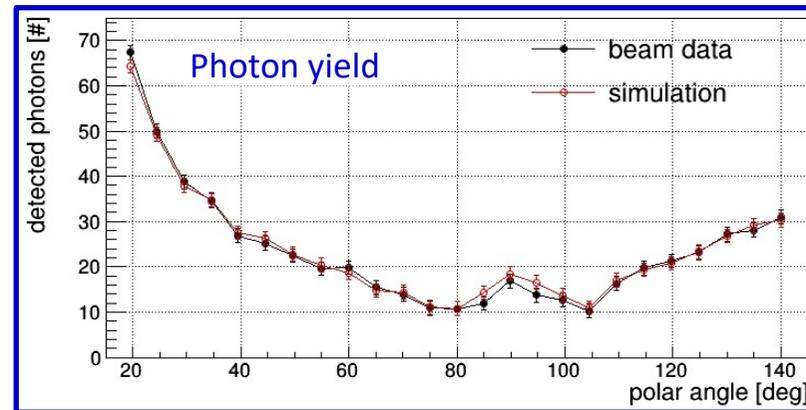
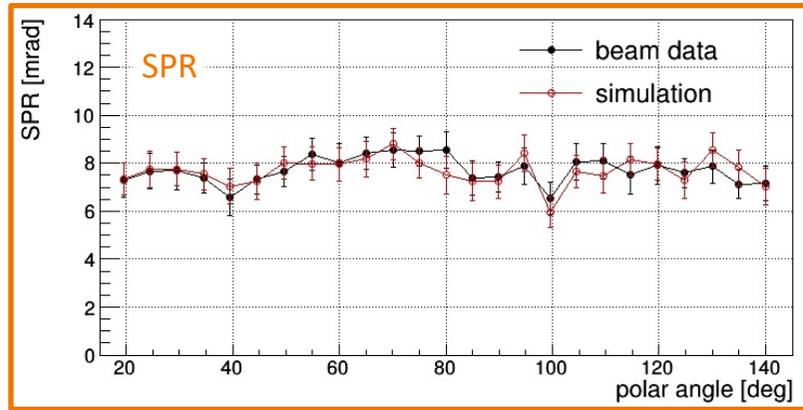
- Narrow fused silica bar, 3-layer spherical lens
- 30 cm-deep fused silica prism
- 2x4 PHOTONIS Planacon MCP-PMT array
- PiLas picosecond laser calibration system
- 7 GeV/c π/p beam equivalent to 3.5 GeV/c π/K
- MCP-TOF system to cleanly tag π and p events



Schematic view of 2018 prototype



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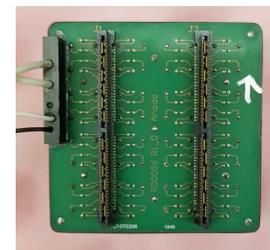
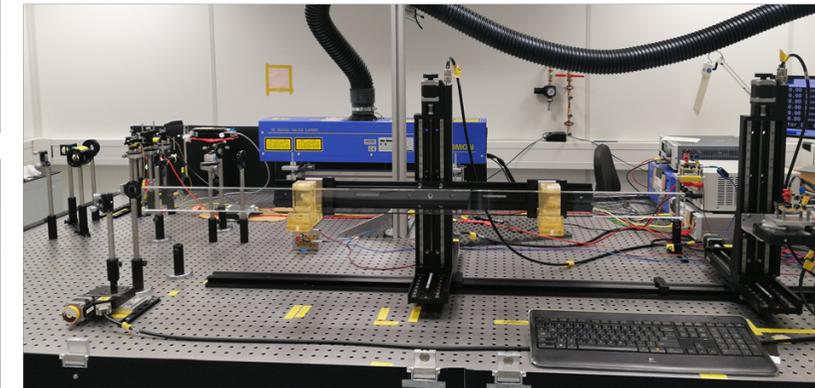
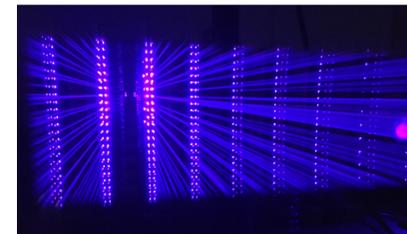
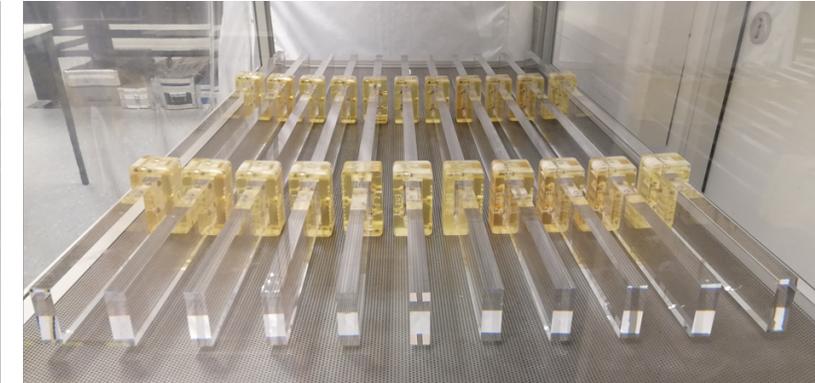
- Scans of beam incident angle and position for different momenta
- Measured Cherenkov angle resolution per photon (SPR), photon yield, and π/K separation in excellent agreement with expectation and Geant4 simulation
- Achieved π/K separation power of $N_{sep}=5.0$ s.d. with time imaging reconstruction 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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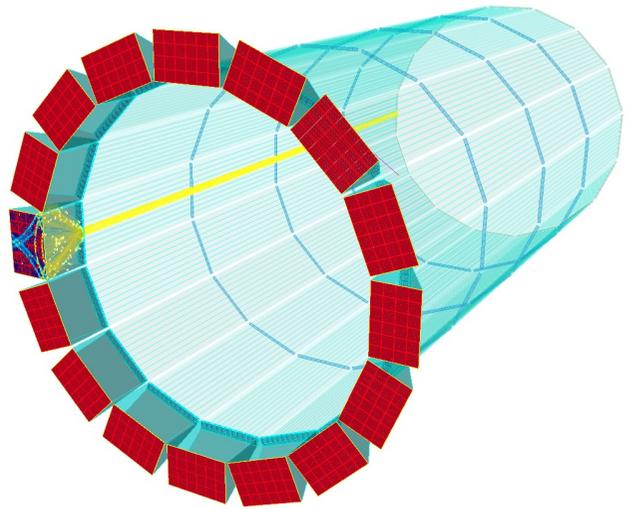
PANDA Barrel DIRC

- series production of components started in 2019
- first call for tenders: **fused silica bars**
contract awarded to **Nikon Corp, Japan** in Sep 2019
- 112 DIRC bars delivered by Feb 2021, ahead of schedule
- all bars meet or exceed specifications
(e.g., 2-5 Å surface roughness)
- measuring quality of internal bar surfaces at GSI
(laser scanning system, internal reflection coefficient)
- second call for tenders: **MCP-PMTs**
contract awarded to **Photonis Netherlands** in Dec 2021
- Planacon XP85112 production ramping up, first units expected in July
- next up: spherical lenses, prisms, bar boxes in 2022/23, electronics in 2023/24
- **installation in PANDA planned for summer 2025**

Nikon bars in DIRC lab at GSI

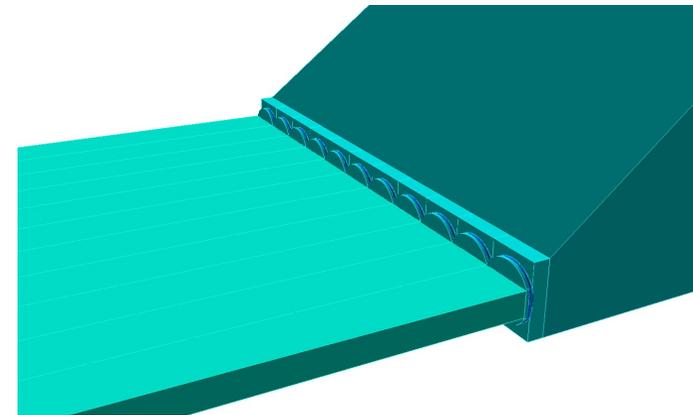
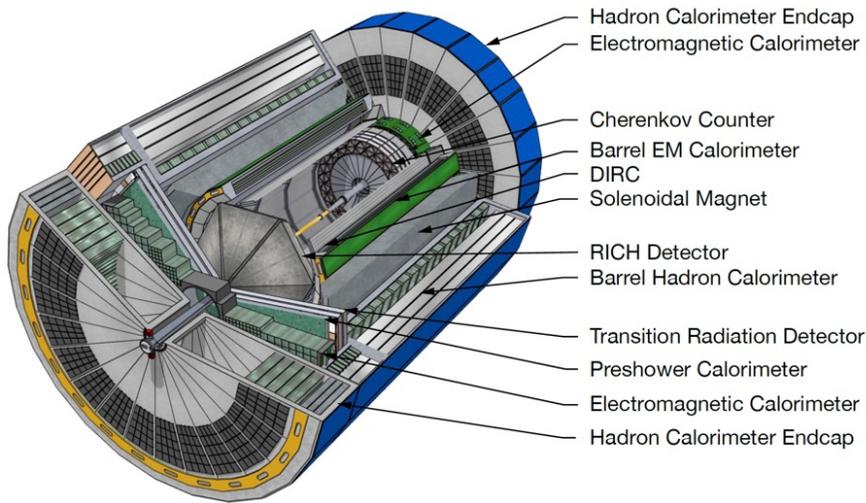


Planacon XP85112 (A. Lehmann, TIPP2021)



EIC HIGH-PERFORMANCE DIRC

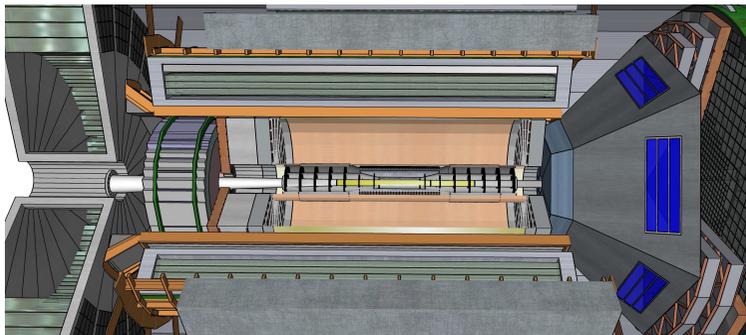
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-  dispersion mitigation
-  precision tracking
-  mult. scattering mitigation
-  legacy components (?)



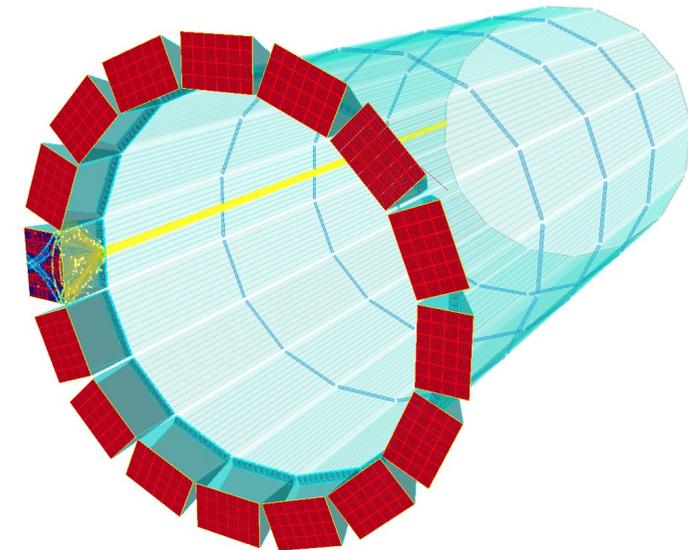
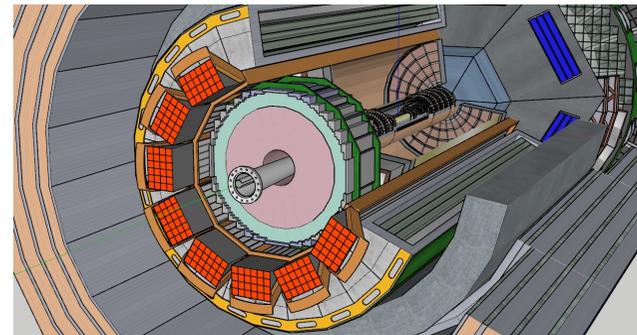
EIC High-Performance DIRC (hpDIRC)

- being developed by the EIC PID consortium (eRD14), EIC generic detector R&D program;
- push DIRC performance significantly past state-of-the-art, **increase π/K range by 50%**;
- **3σ π/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/π 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 (LGAD or MPGD) for **multiple scattering mitigation**;
- selected as baseline hadron PID system for EIC detector barrel (reference detector).

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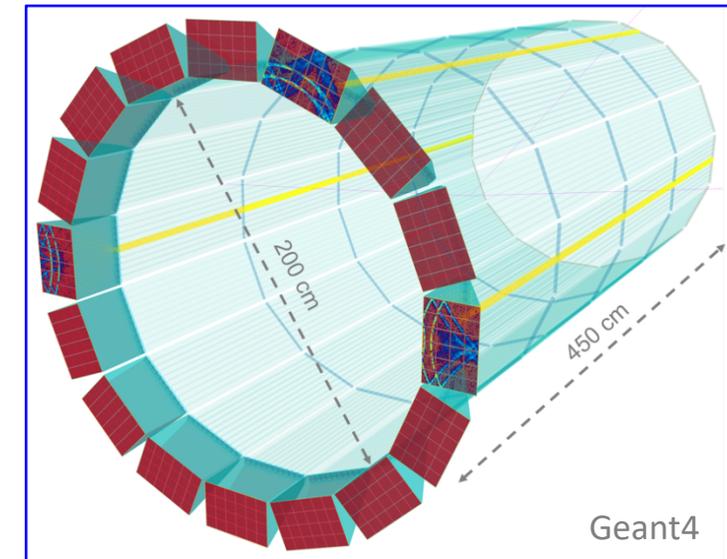

 ECCE proposal
 concept drawings
 ECCE meeting, June 2021



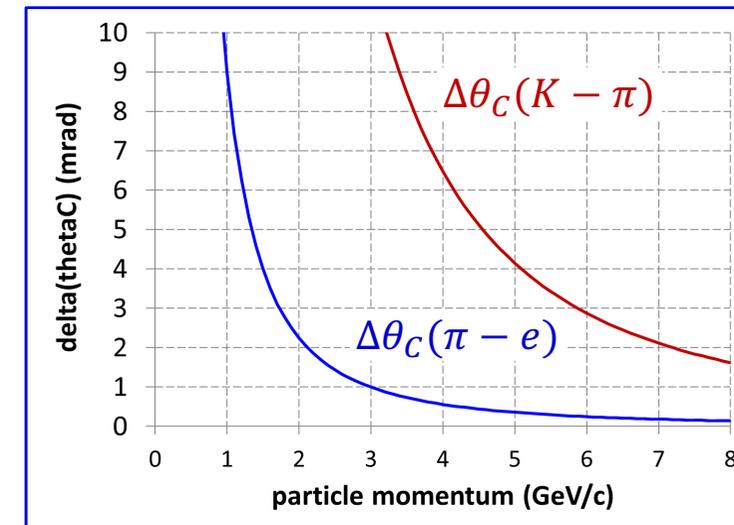
Initial generic design

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

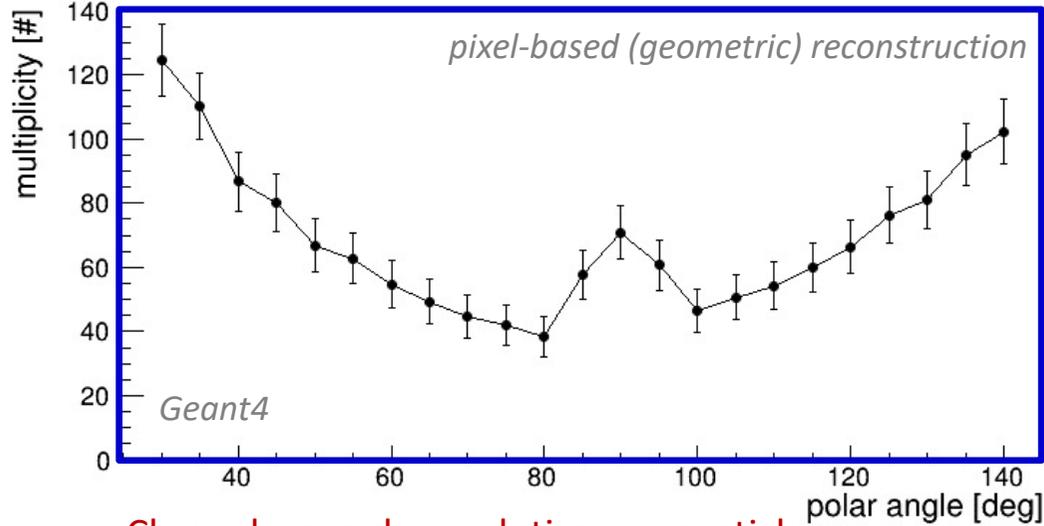
- Details of radius, bar width and length, number of sectors, will depend on specific design of EIC experiment proposal (ATHENA, CORE, ECCE)
- **Focusing optics:** innovative radiation-hard 3-layer spherical lens
- **Compact expansion volume:** 30cm-deep solid fused silica prisms
- **Sensors and fast 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



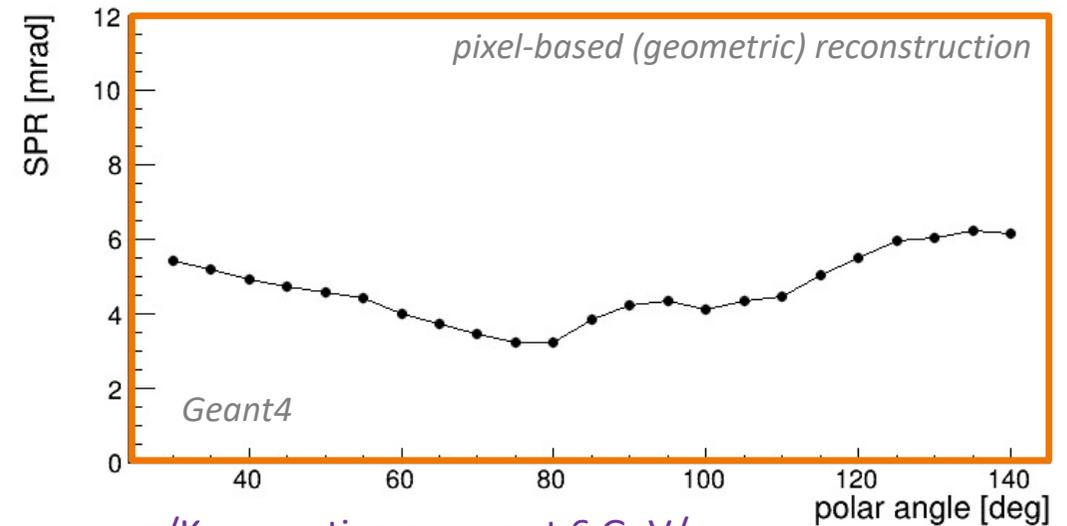
DIRC π/K , e/π Cherenkov angle difference



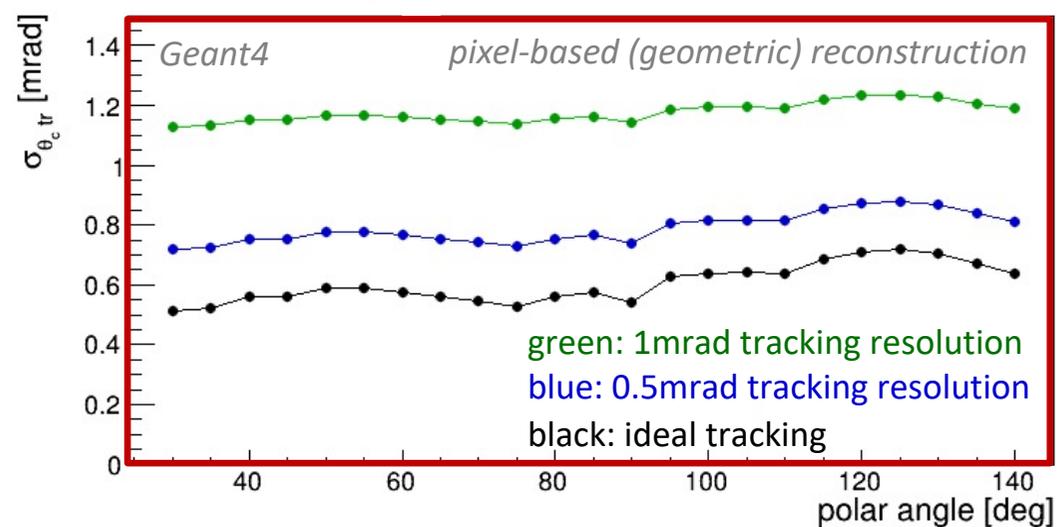
Photon yield per particle



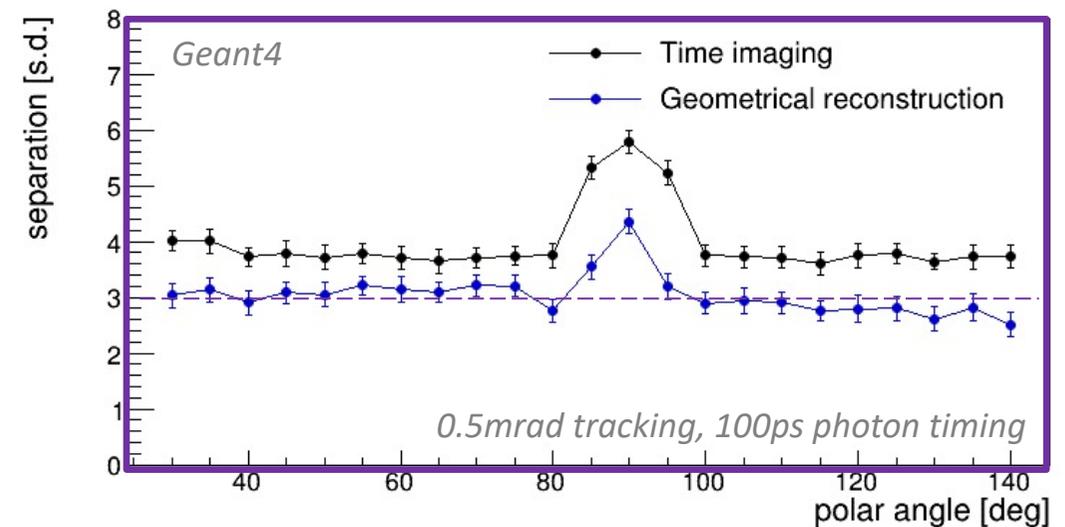
Cherenkov angle resolution per photon (SPR)



Cherenkov angle resolution per particle



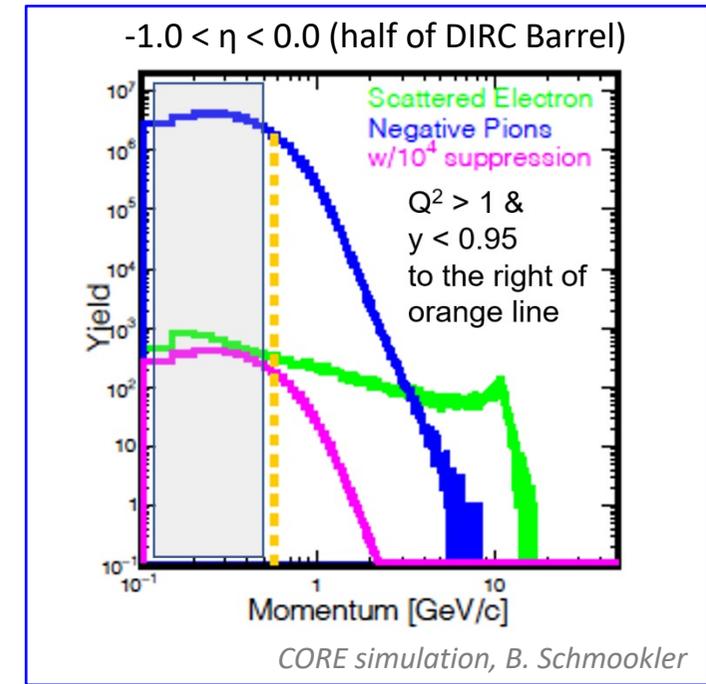
π/K separation power at 6 GeV/c



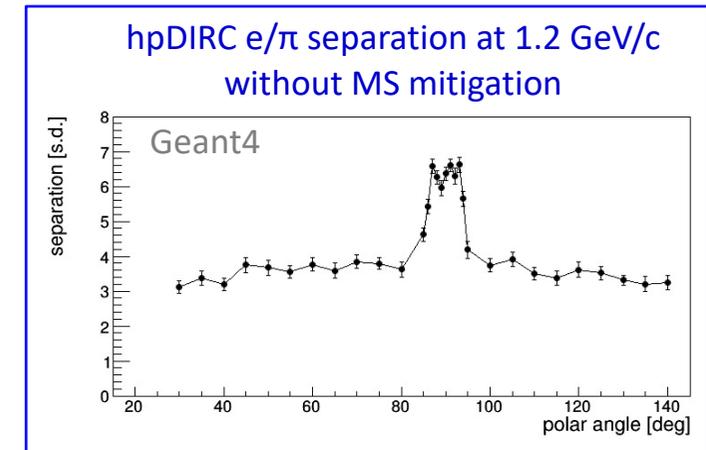
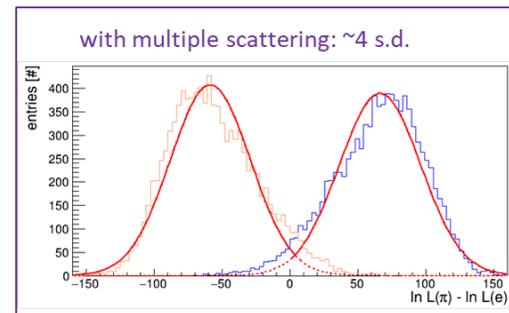
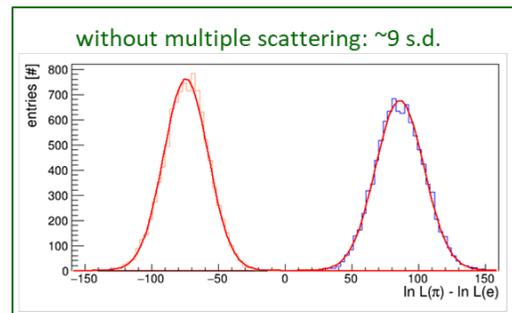
→ 3 s.d. π/K separation at 6 GeV/c and 1 mrad Cherenkov angle resolution seems to be in reach

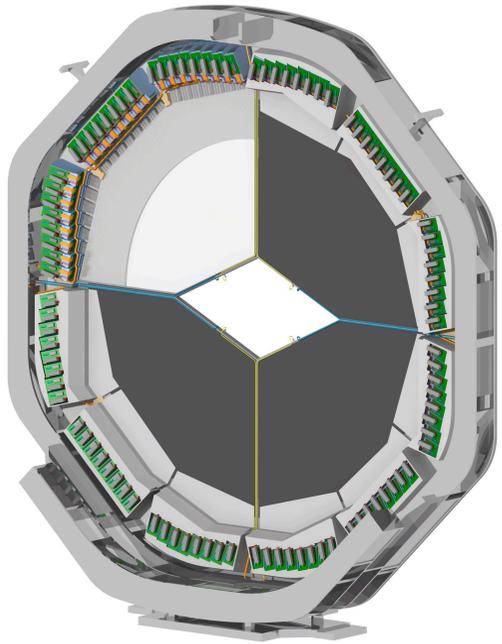
Challenge: e/π separation at low momentum

- Yellow report effort identified need for **supplemental e/π 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/π 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/π 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 π/K separation)



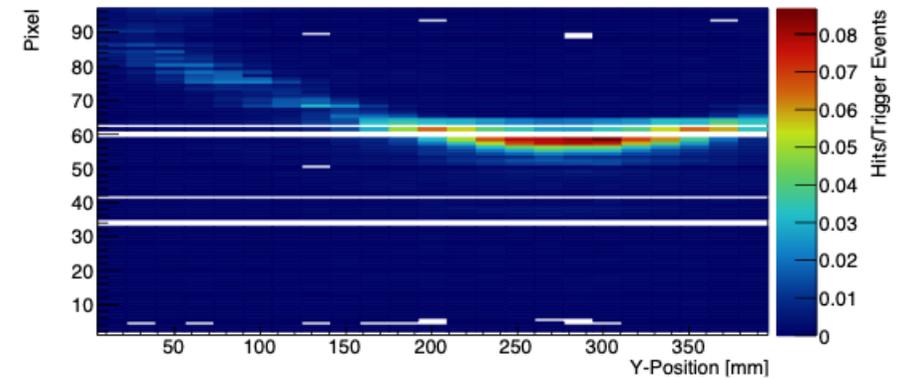
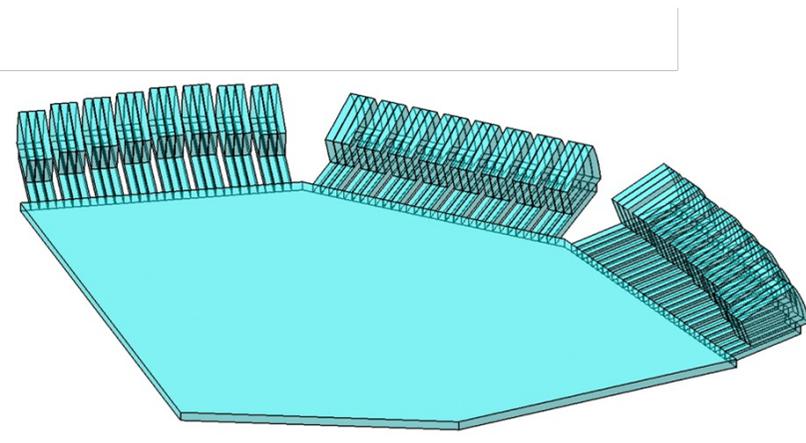
Example from Geant4
 e/π log-likelihood difference
1 GeV/c momentum,
30° polar angle,
0.8mrad tracking resolution





PANDA ENDCAP DISC DIRC

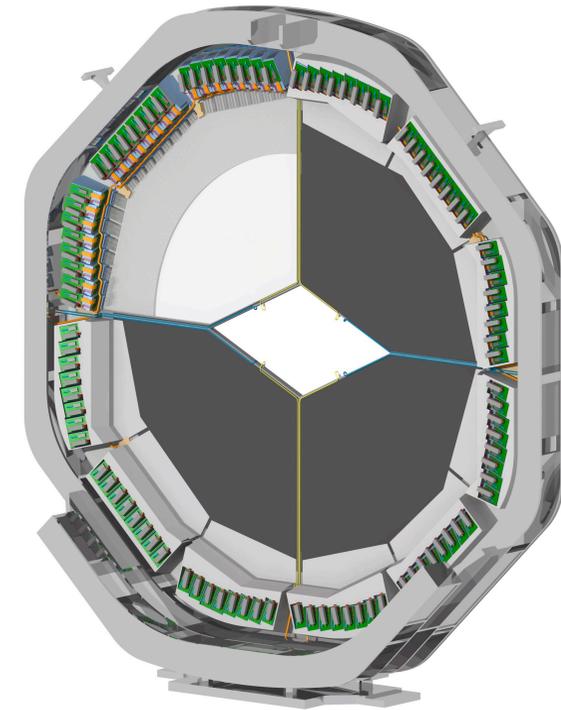
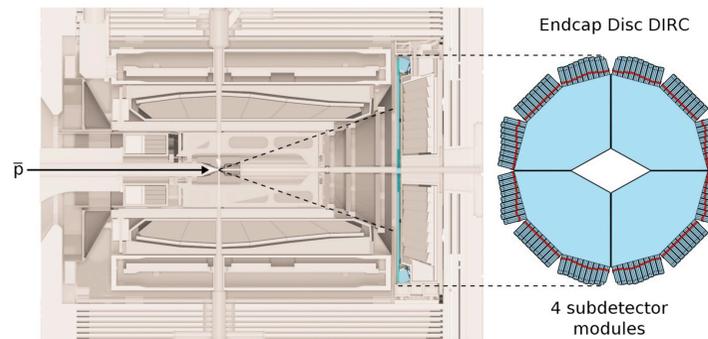
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PANDA Endcap Disc DIRC (EDD)

- 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;
- ~ 2 m 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** ($\sim 3 \times 100$ pixels);
- MCP-PMT placement optimized for B-field line orientation;
- fast **ASIC readout** (TofPET2).

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PANDA EDD TDR
arXiv:1912.12638

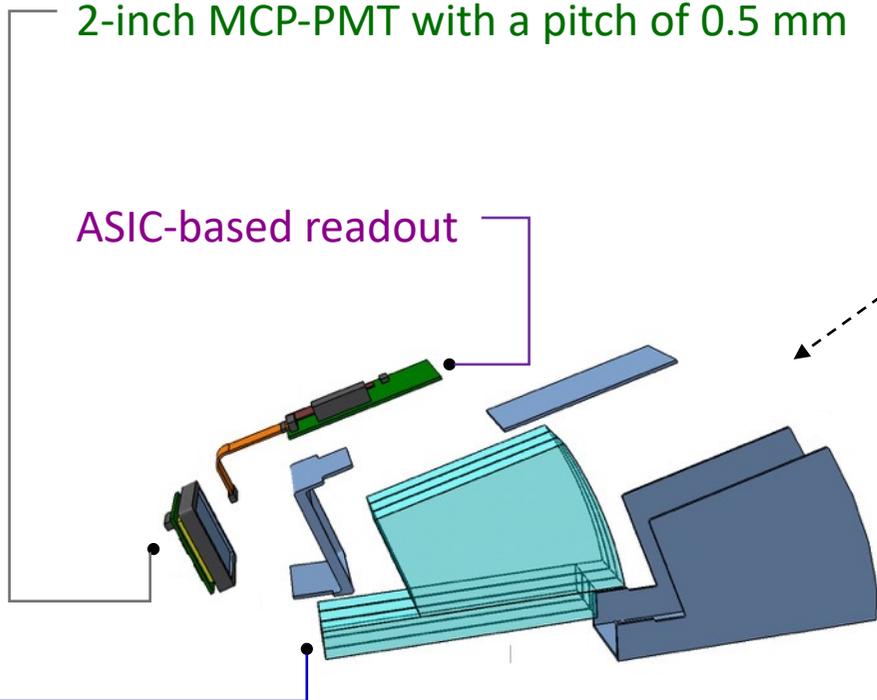
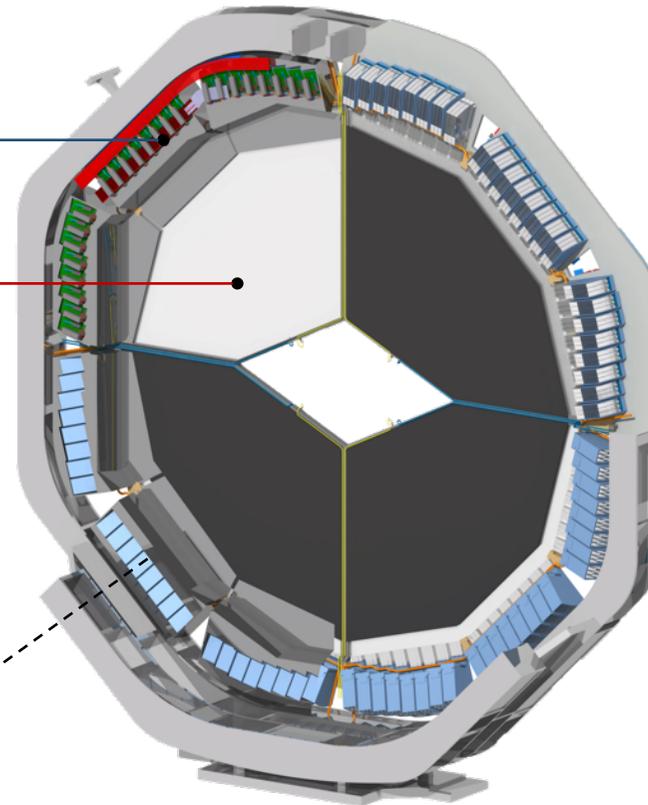
Optics made of synthetic fused silica

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

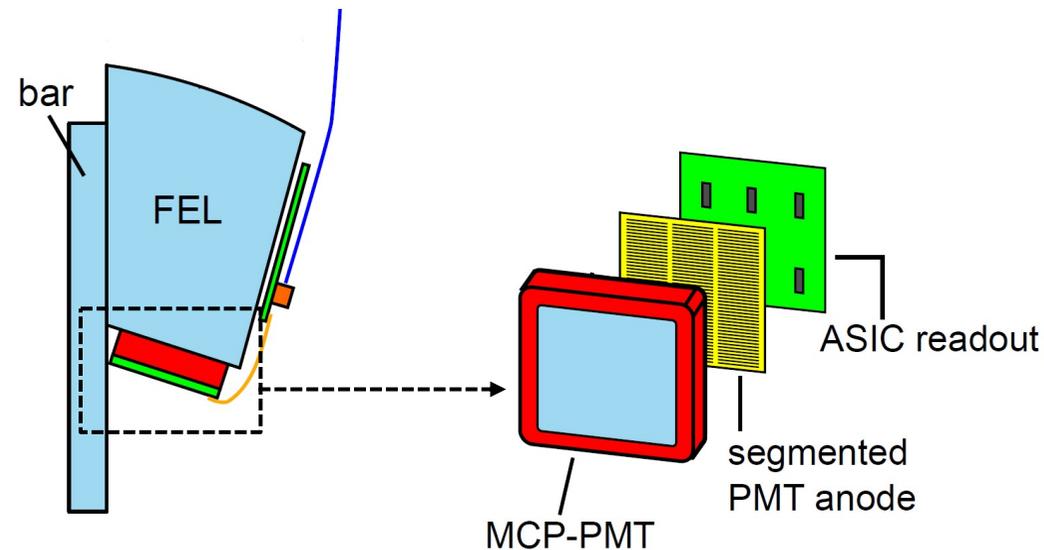
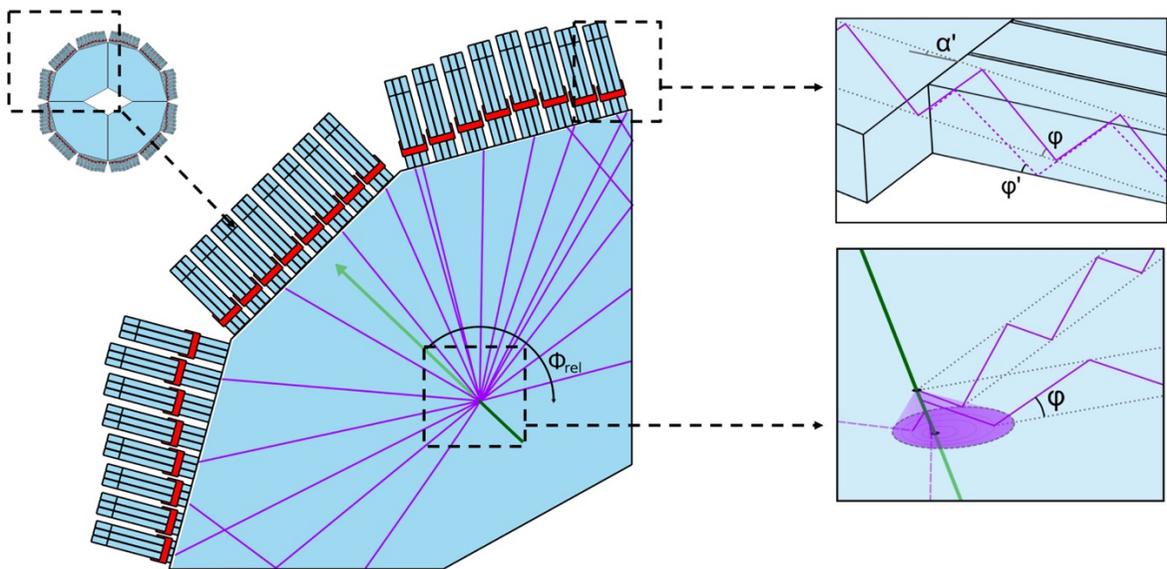
~29k channels

Novel design, validated with particle
beams since 2016.

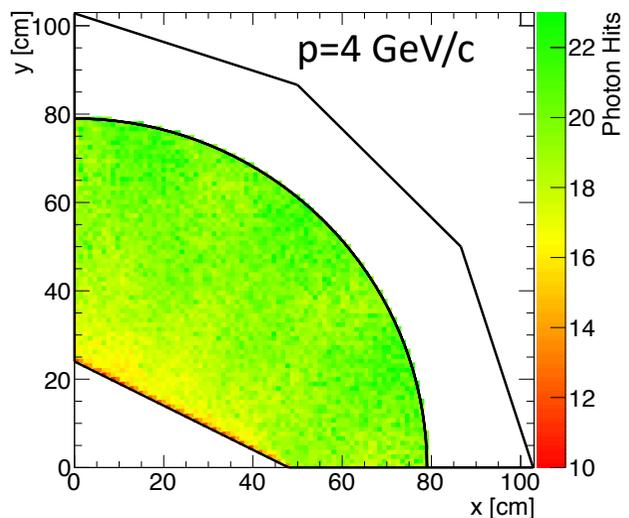
goal: first-of-series quadrant in 2025

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

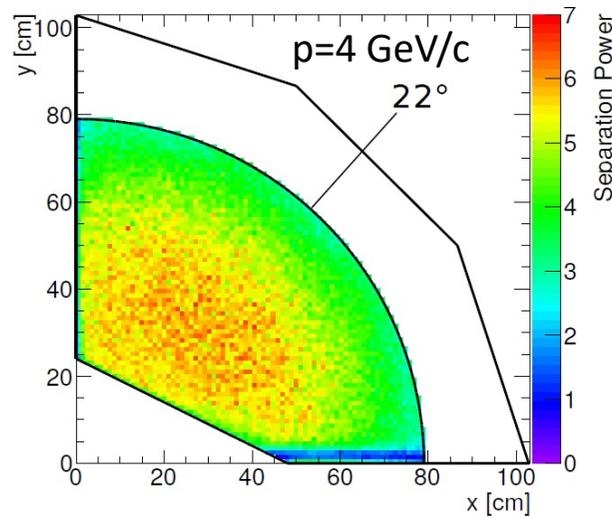




Photon yield (Geant)



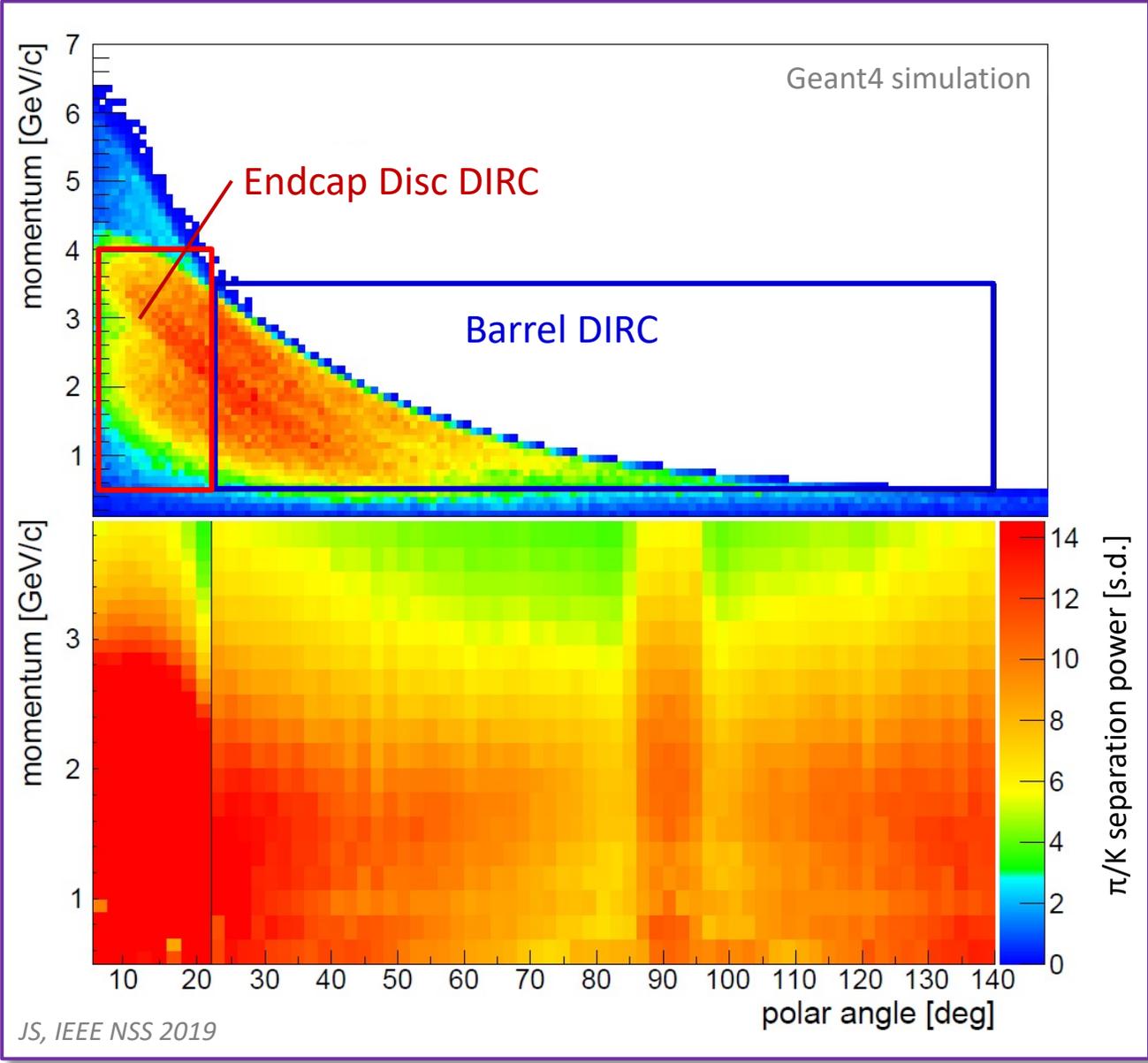
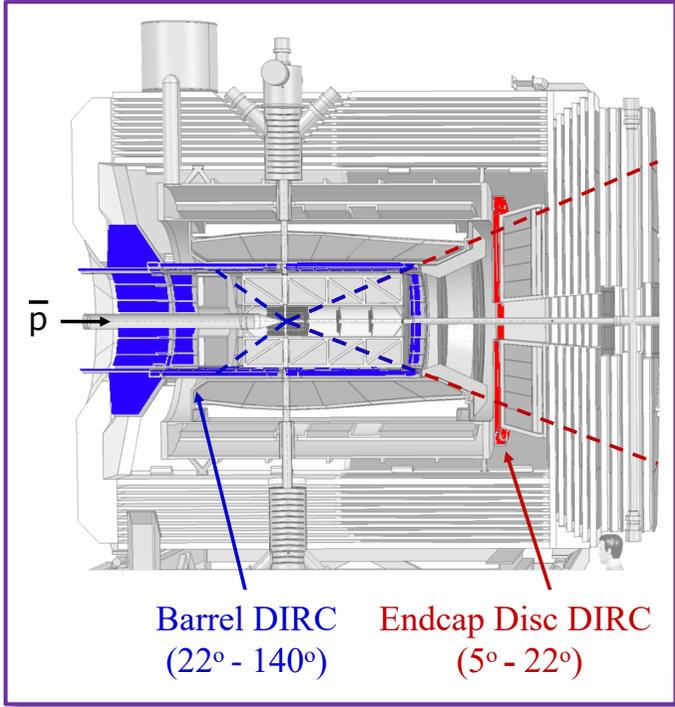
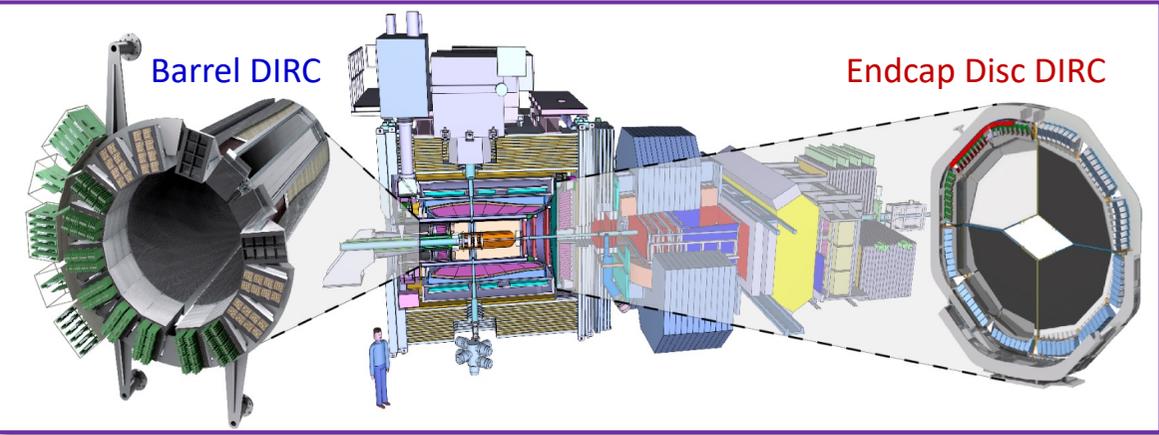
π/K separation power (Geant)



- 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

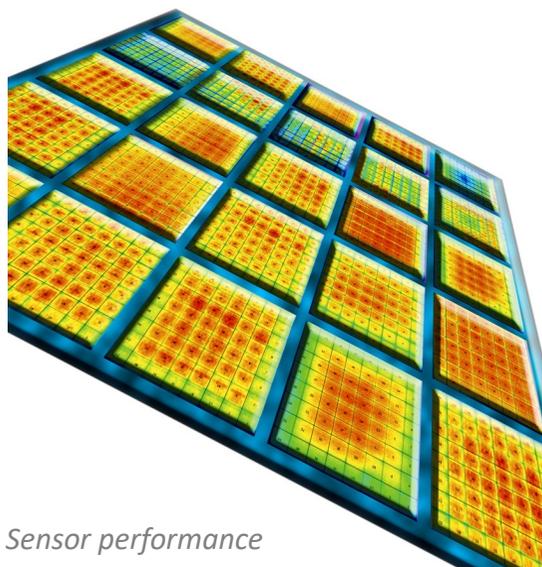
Additional information, including prototype test beam results, see C. Schwarz, INSTR20



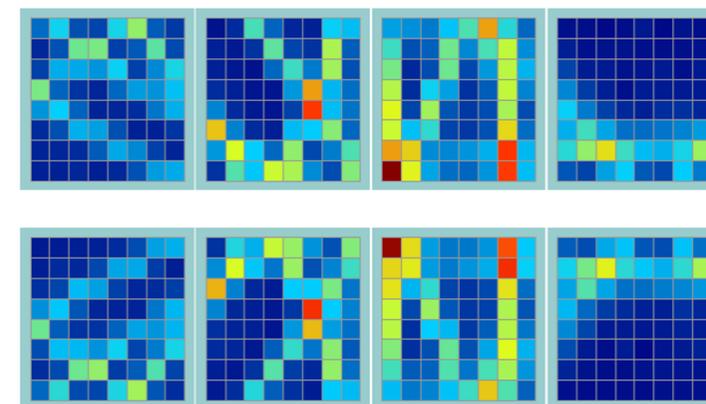
PROGRESS OF KEY TECHNOLOGIES



Bar/plate fabrication



Sensor performance



Reconstruction/PID algorithms

Production of large fused silica pieces (bars, plates) has been challenging

DIRC radiators require **mechanical tolerances** on flatness, squareness, and parallelism, for large objects with **optical finish** and long sharp edges → not a turnkey operation

Excellent surface polish required across entire bar/plate, typical local roughness $< 5 \text{ \AA}$, to ensure high photon transport efficiency (reflection coefficient > 0.999 at 400nm)

Parallel and square bar/plate surfaces required to maintain Cherenkov angle during reflections; non-squareness of cross-section $< 0.1 \text{ mrad}$ for Belle II TOP, $< 0.25 \text{ mrad}$ for BABAR DIRC

Few qualified vendors worldwide → cost and schedule risk

Radiator production source of significant DIRC project delays for BABAR and Belle II

Extensive **PANDA Barrel DIRC R&D prototype program** with eight optical companies

Tested both abrasive and pitch polishing methods (*future: magnetorheological finishing (MRF)?*)

Tested new synthetic fused silica materials (Corning, Heraeus, Nikon), all suitable for PANDA

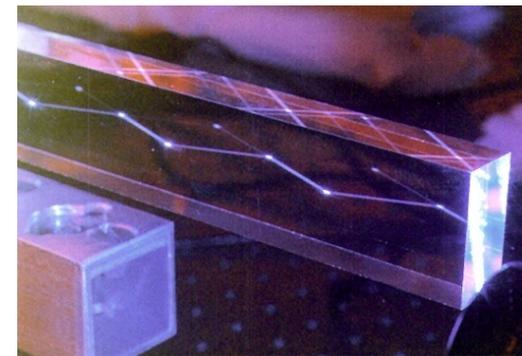
Successful series production with Nikon encouraging for future DIRC projects



4.2m-diameter planetary polisher at InSync Inc (BABAR DIRC)



Cleaning of Belle II TOP plate (Zygo)



BABAR DIRC bar in laser beam

BABAR DIRC BAR PRODUCTION



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JS, DIRC2009 workshop

BABAR DIRC BAR PRODUCTION



14ft (4.3m) diameter planetary polisher



Zygo interferometer



Two-bar planks in storage

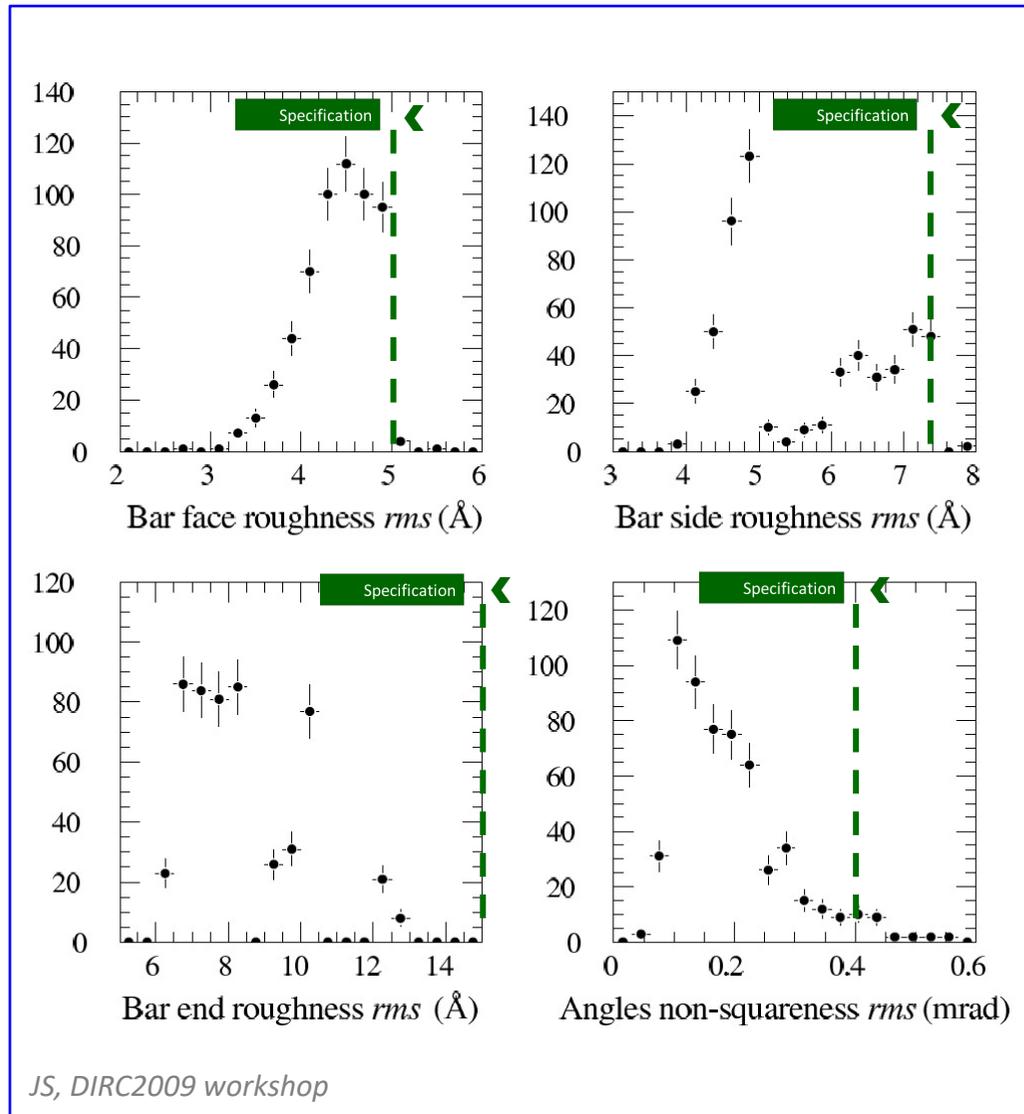
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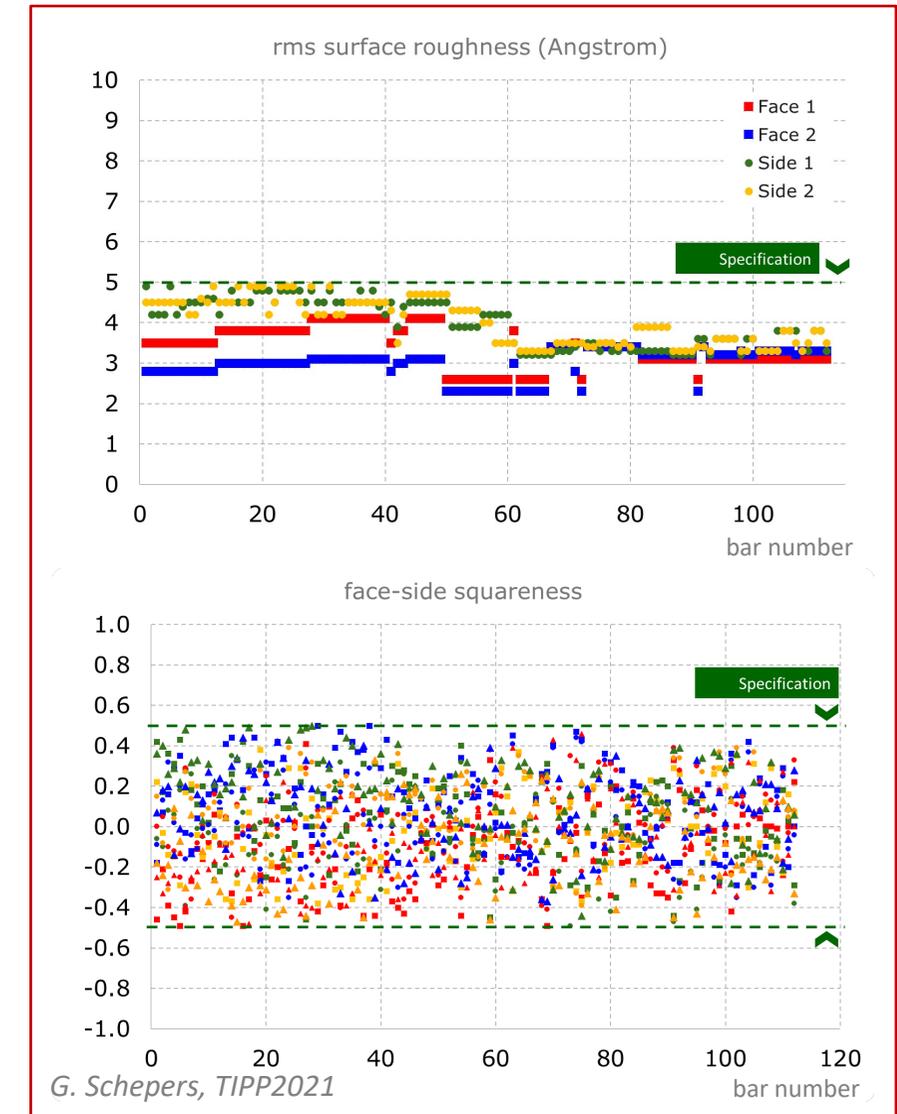
Over-arm lapper/polisher

JS, DIRC2009 workshop

BABAR DIRC QA results for polish and angles



PANDA Barrel DIRC QA results for polish and angles



➤ Multi-anode Photomultipliers (MaPMTs)

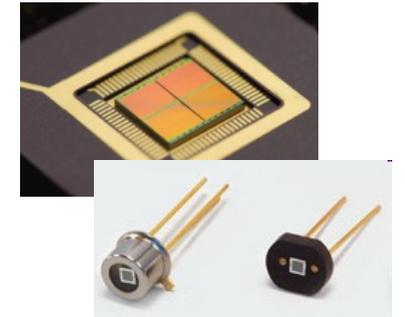
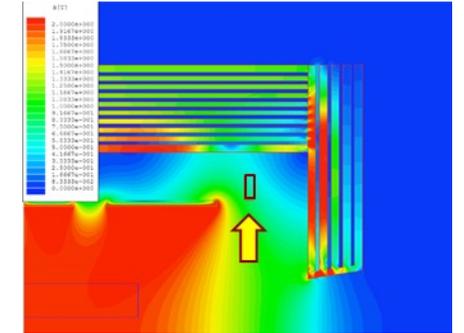
used successfully in DIRC prototypes, sensor of choice for SuperB FDIRC, GlueX DIRC does not work in magnetic fields, serious challenge for DIRC integration

➤ Geiger-mode Avalanche Photo Diodes (SiPMs)

high dark count rate problematic for reconstruction (trigger-less DAQ)
radiation hardness a serious issue → cryogenic operation and annealing?
could be a good candidate in the future, needs further R&D

➤ Micro-channel Plate Photomultipliers (MCP-PMTs)

good gain and PDE, excellent timing and magnetic field performance up to 2T
issues with rate capability and aging resolved in recent years
multiple vendors available Hamamatsu, Photech, Photonis (, and LAPPD)



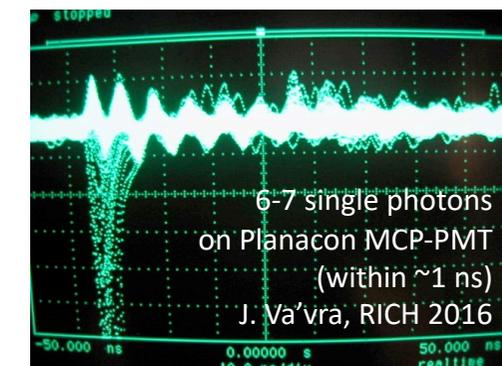
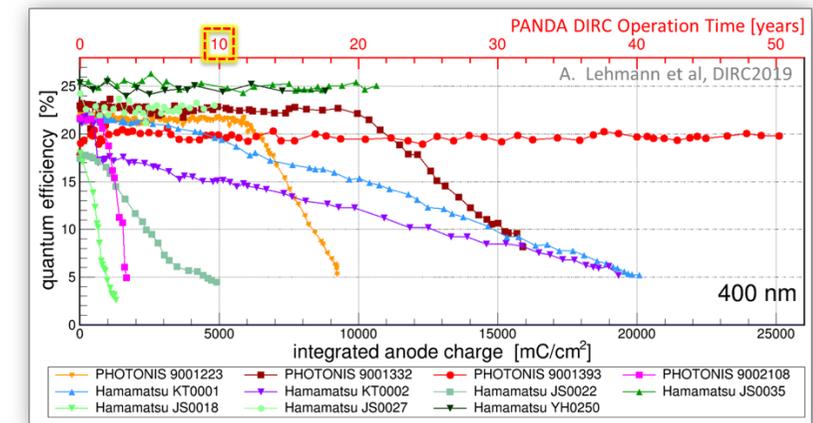
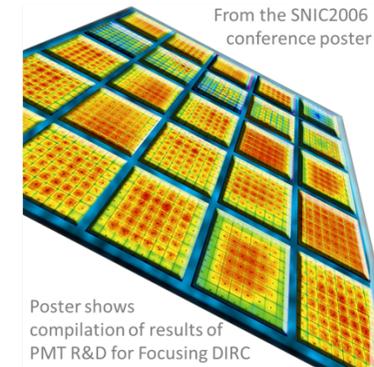
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Main DIRC development directions: Smaller pixels and faster single photon timing

- 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/cm² integrated anode charge)
- during high interaction **rates** and **photon hit rates** (MHz/cm²)
- for high hit **multiplicities** per event (coherent oscillation?)



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Single photon detection

- excellent **rms timing precision**, more important than simple TTS
- reduce tails in timing distribution by increasing PC-MCP voltage

High photon yield (up to 100 photoelectrons per particle)

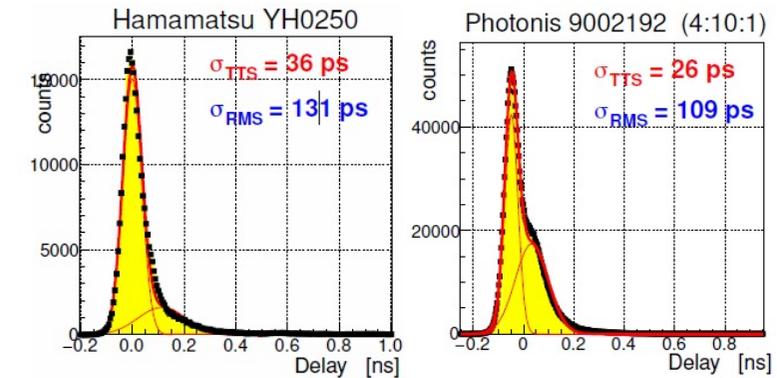
- need **pixelated readout** to determine position without ambiguities
- need tolerance for **high occupancy** per sensor

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

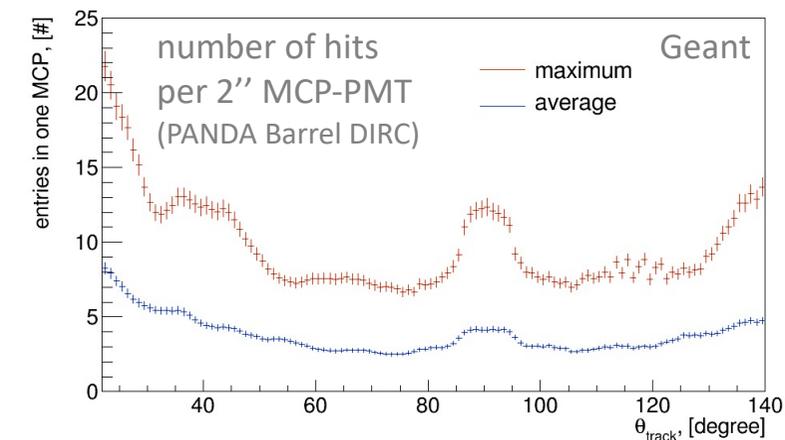
- need **low noise rates** (coincidence timing very difficult/impossible to use)
- High dark count rate and radiation damage currently showstoppers for SiPM

Leading candidate for DIRCs: MCP-PMT

- Commercial MCP-PMTs baseline solution for PANDA DIRCs and LHCb TORCH
- Hoping for significant cost reduction in future due to LAPPD™ effort



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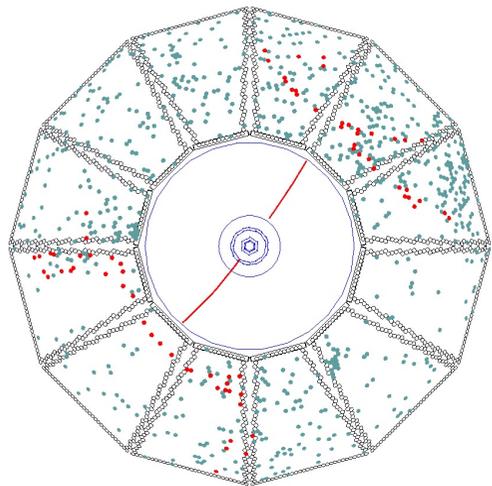
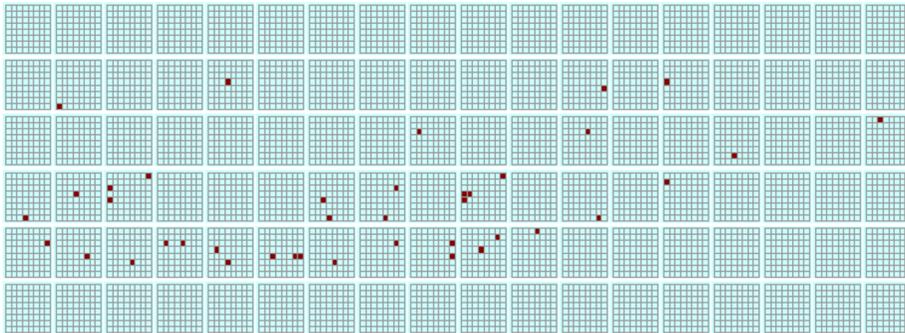


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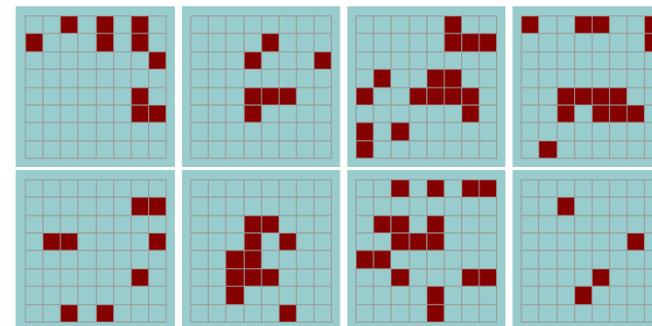
ANL MCP-PMT Workshop 2014

DIRC RECONSTRUCTION/PID

Single 3.5 GeV/c pion event, GlueX DIRC beam data



Single dimuon event, BABAR beam data



Single 3.5 GeV/c pion event,
PANDA Barrel DIRC prototype

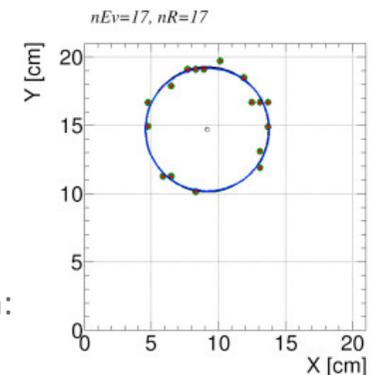
DIRC hit patterns do not look like your typical RICH “rings”

Patterns complicated by internal reflections inside bar/plate, mirror, expansion volume, shape of sensor plane.

Detector space is often not the best space for DIRC reconstruction, no simple ring fits

Performing reconstruction and PID in Cherenkov space instead

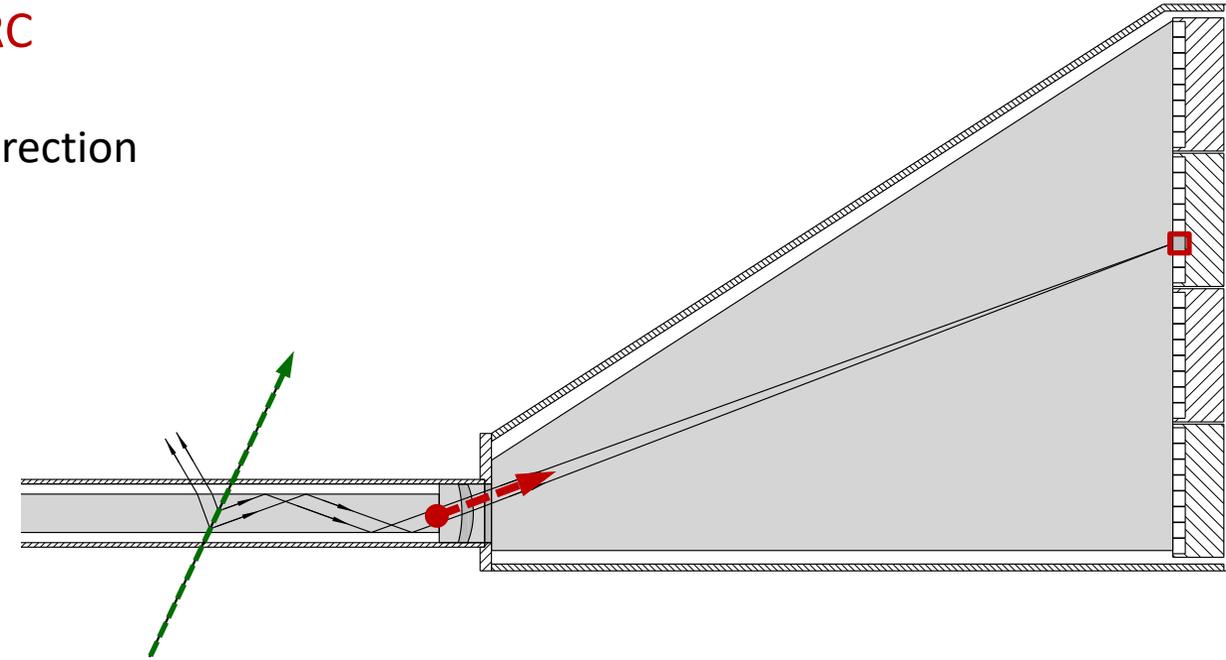
Leading candidates: position-based geometric reconstruction and time-based imaging



For comparison:
Single event in
CMB RICH (CO₂) prototype

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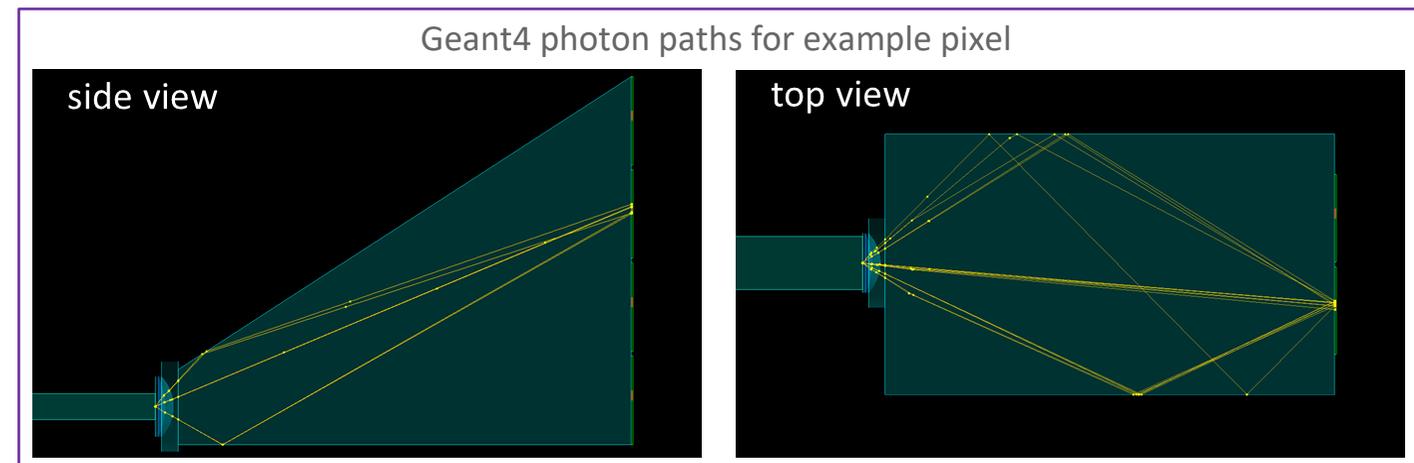
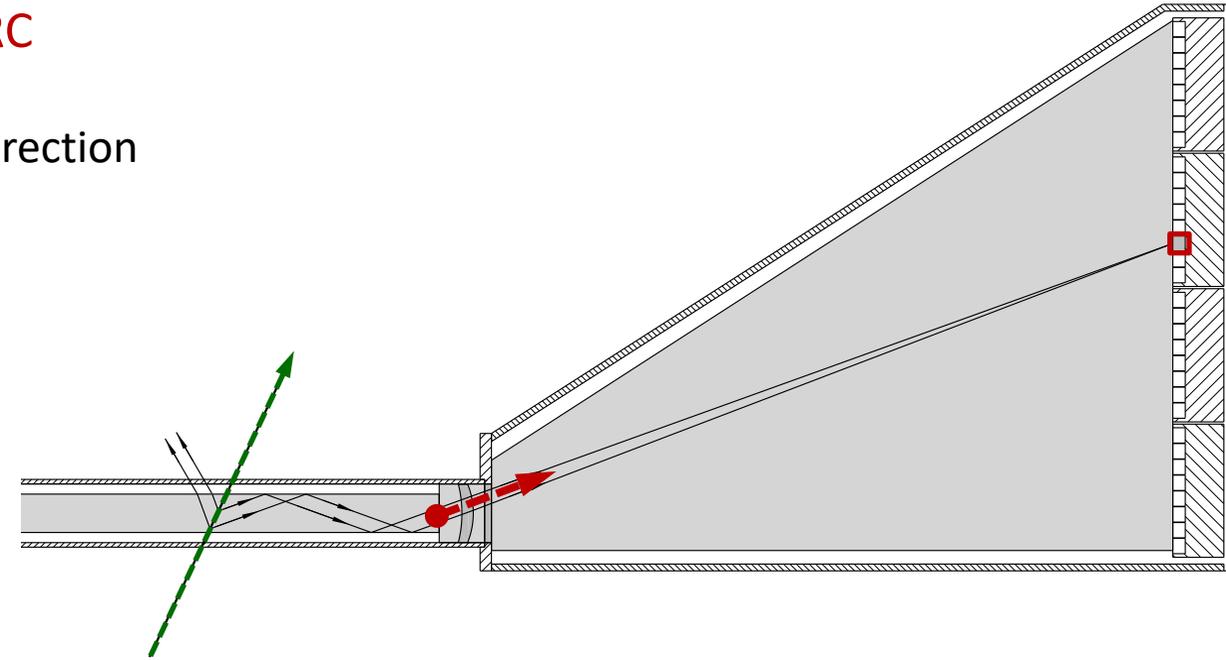


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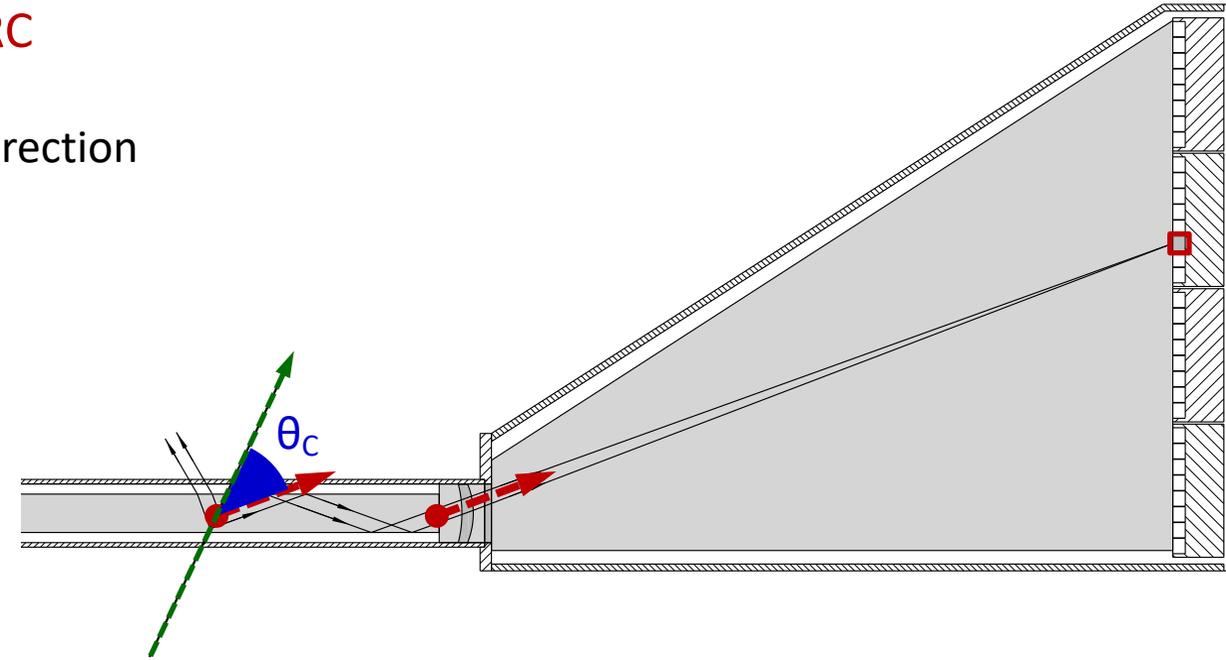


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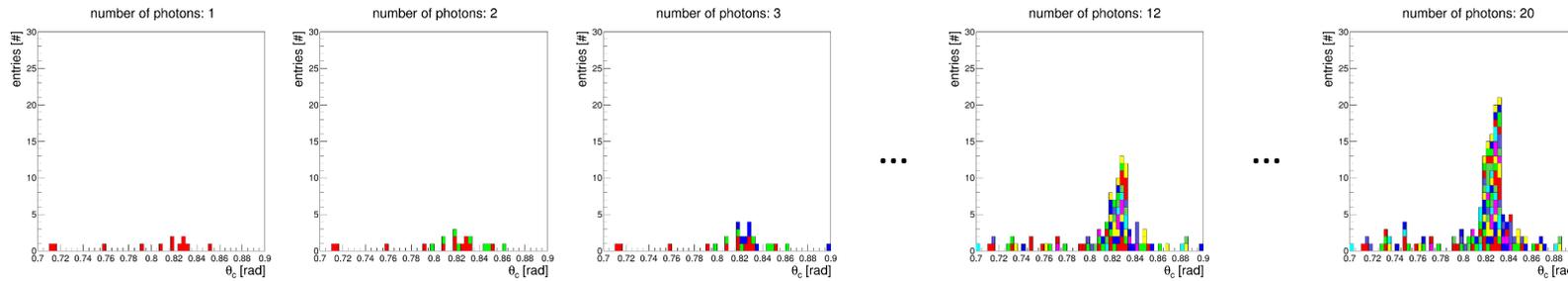
Pixel with hit \rightarrow retrieve 3D direction vector collection from LUT

Combine each **direction vector** with **particle direction vector** from tracker \rightarrow obtain Cherenkov angle per photon (θ_c, ϕ_c)

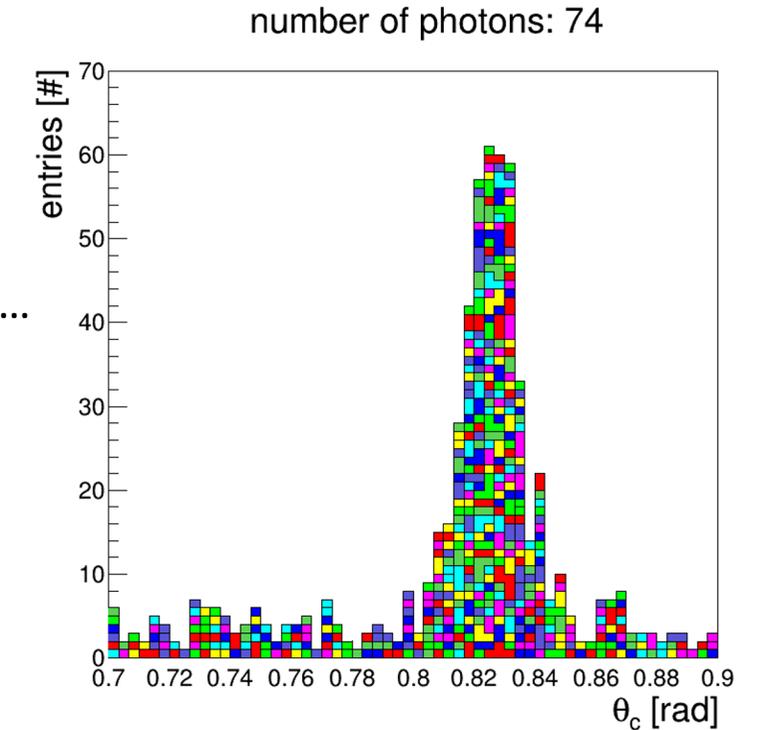
Consider all possible reflections in bar (up/down, left/right, forward/backward) and in prism as ambiguities

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Repeat for all pixels with hit

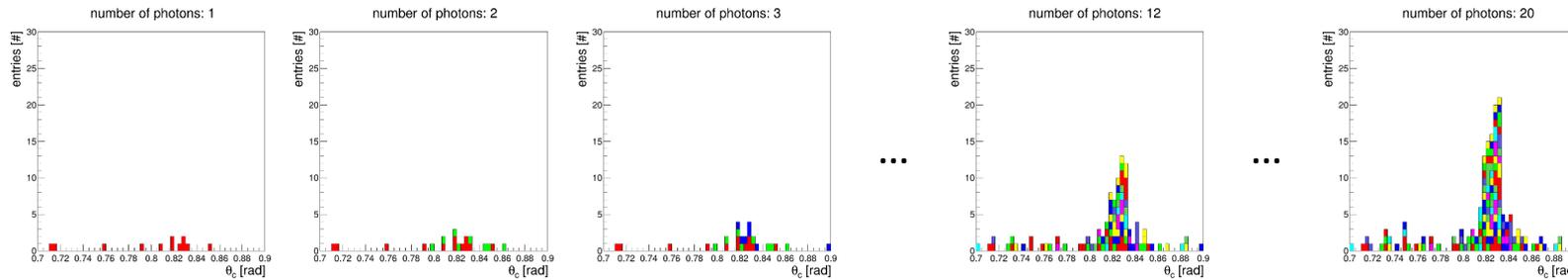


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Use unbinned log-likelihood hypothesis test to extract PID info from distribution

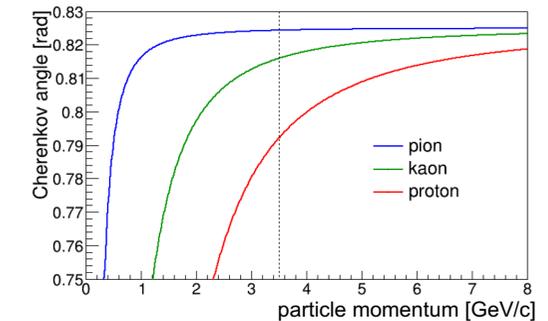
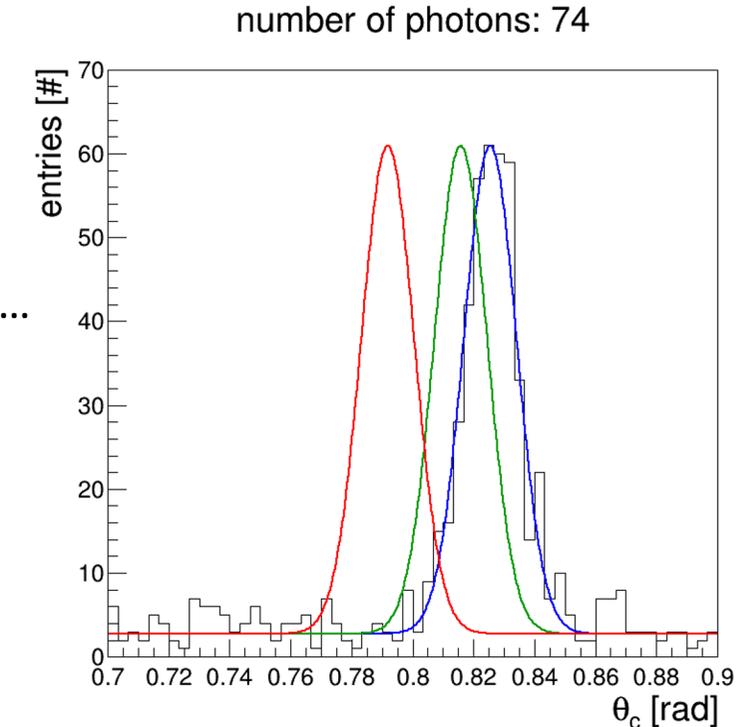
→ extract mean of Gaussian (plus linear background) for each hypothesis

Likelihood calculation:

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

← signal
← combinatorial background

Obtain log-likelihood differences → select particle



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:

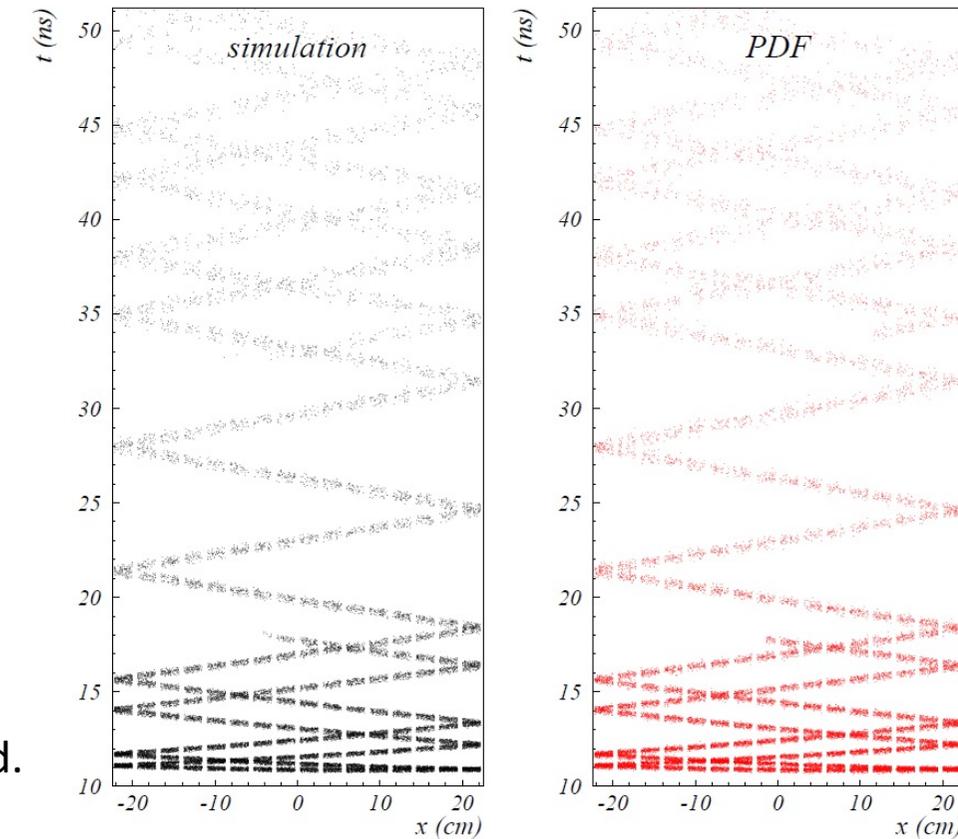
$$L_H = \prod_N \text{pdf}(x_i, y_i, t_i; H) \times P_{N_0}(N)$$

Describes complex features of the hit pattern very well.

Prism and focusing optics add additional complication for analytical method.

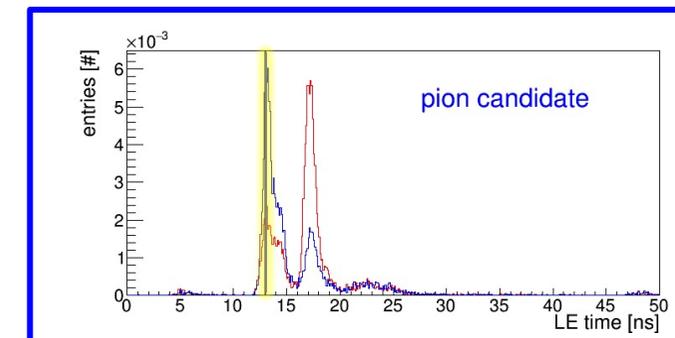
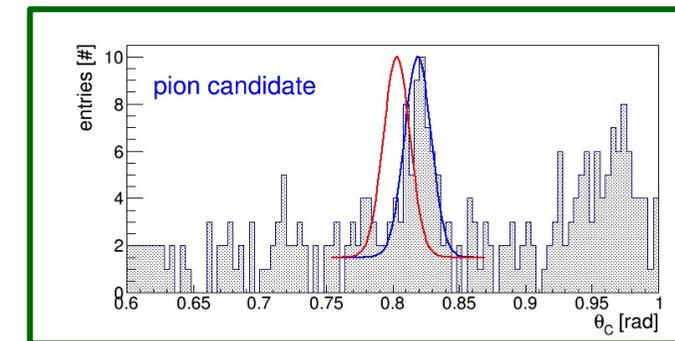
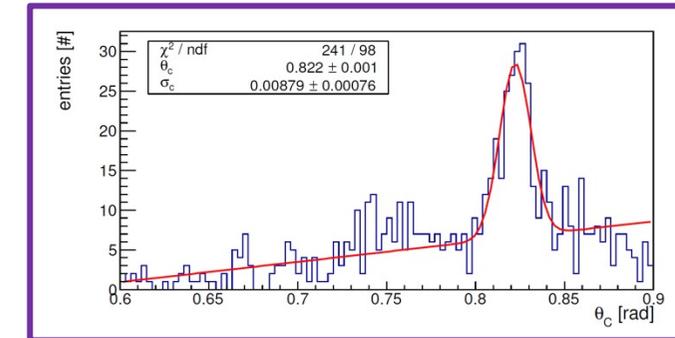
(Detailed performance studies underway for Belle II and PANDA.)

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



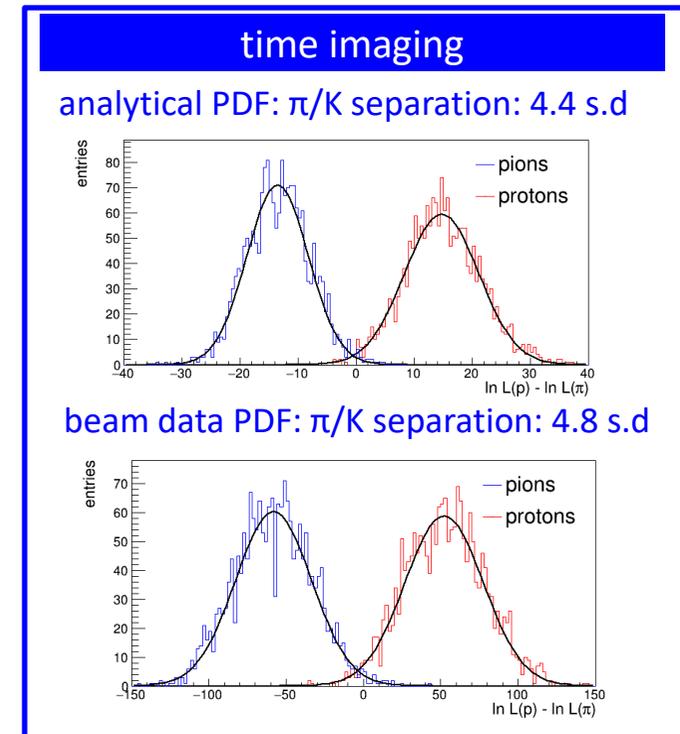
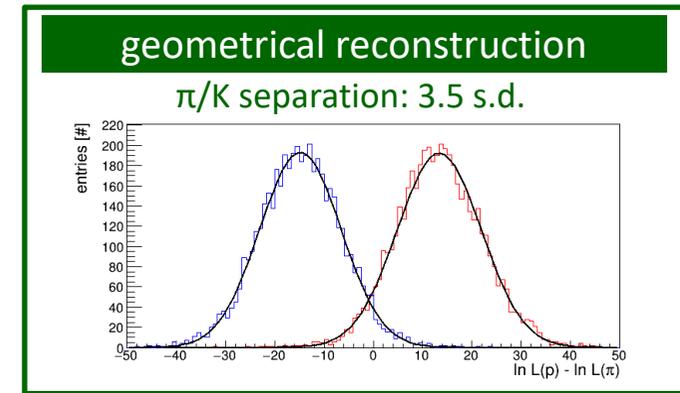
Examples of reconstruction/PID methods from PANDA Barrel DIRC

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- best performance from time imaging
- first applications of advanced AI/ML techniques underway



R. Dzhygado, CHEP2019

What about a design based on the “best of..” of DIRC design R&D in recent years?

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

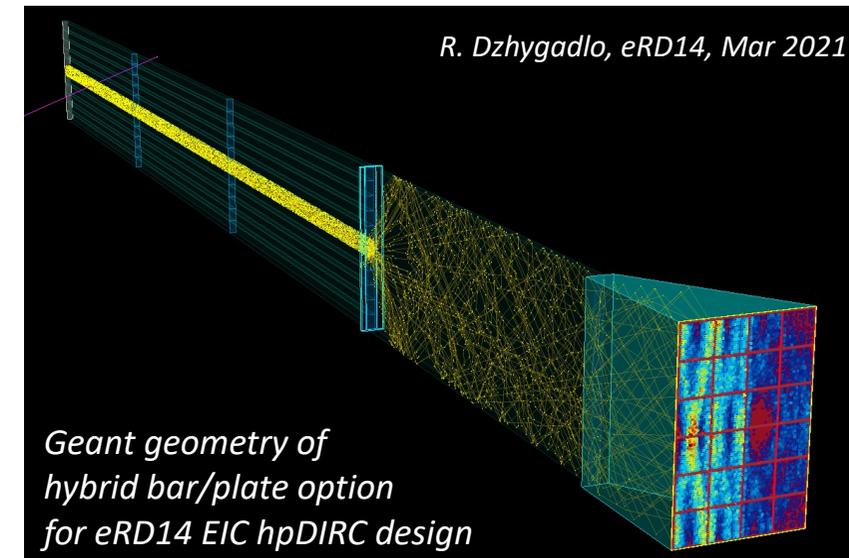
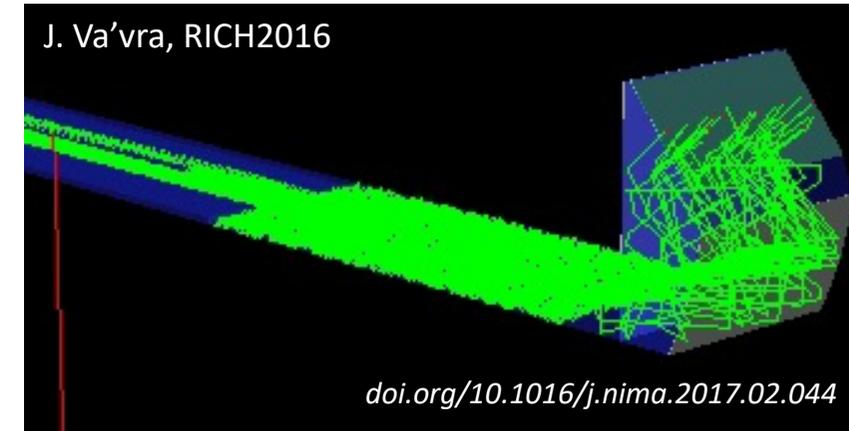
- smaller fused silica block, cylindrical mirror, sensors with 3mm pixel pitch;
- disassemble BABAR DIRC bar boxes, remove wedges;
- **replace last bar with one common plate for all 12 bars in box.**

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).



30 years after Blair Ratcliff's first paper, DIRC counters are still a popular solution for 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, π/K up to ~ 4 GeV/c (1999-2008).

Prompted DIRC interest by several experiments: Belle II, SuperB, PANDA, 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.

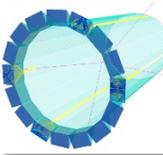
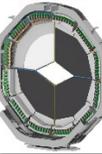
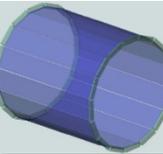
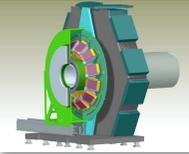
Main R&D directions (*with significant overlap/synergy*):

- (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).

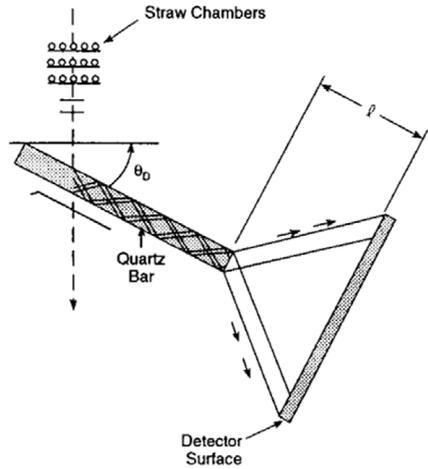
Exploring mitigation of previously irreducible RICH resolution terms: chromatic dispersion, multiple scattering.

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

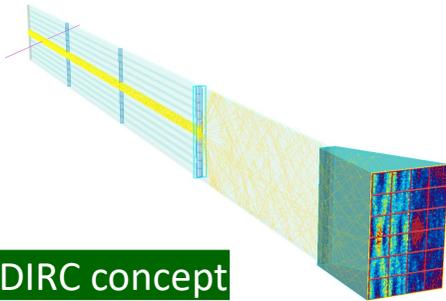
Even after 20 years, R&D still very active, pushing the DIRC performance limits further.



1994: Conceptual BABAR DIRC prototype

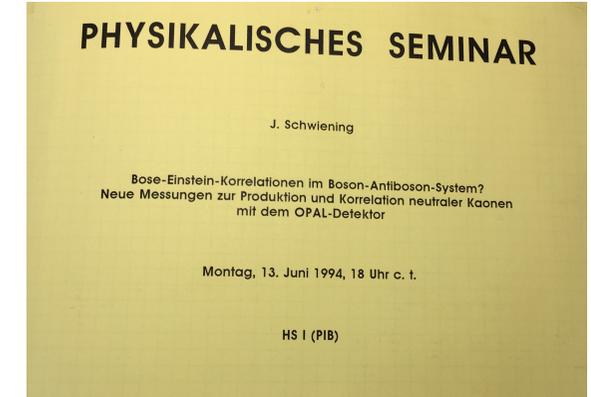


2021: EIC ultimate DIRC concept



TIME FLIES...

1994: Bonn Seminar

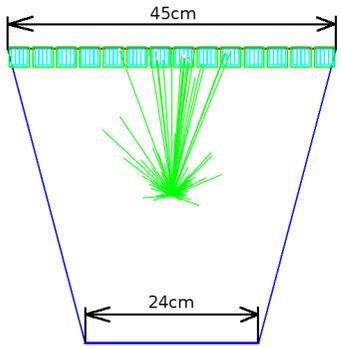


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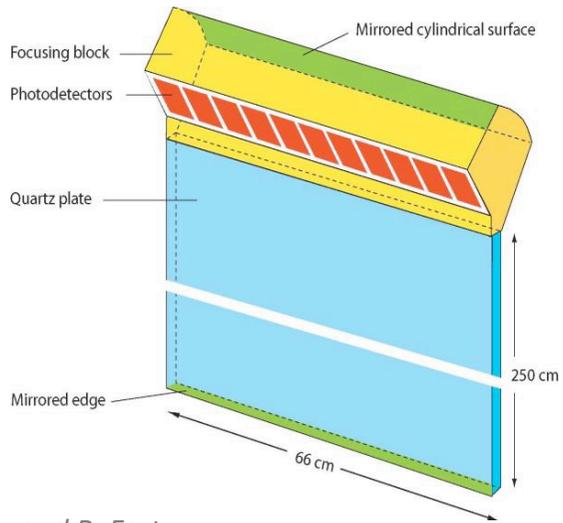
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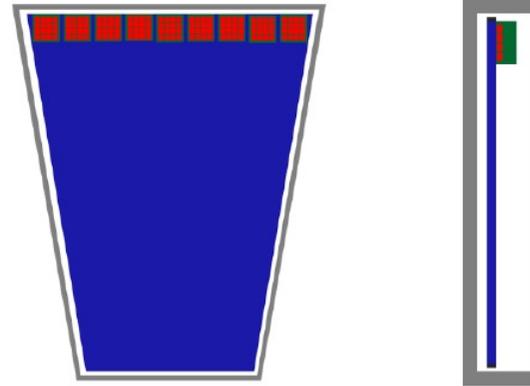


SuperB FTOF concept
N. Arnaud et al, NIMA 718 (2013) 557

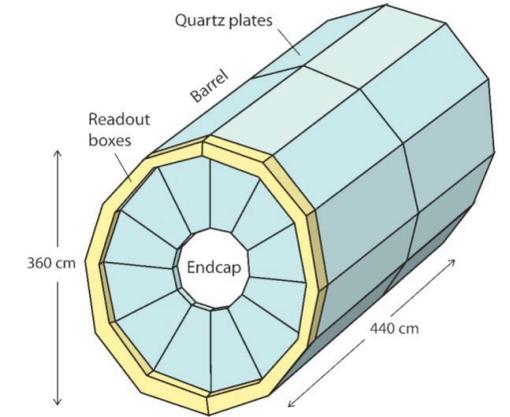
DIRC-Based Time-of-Flight



TORCH
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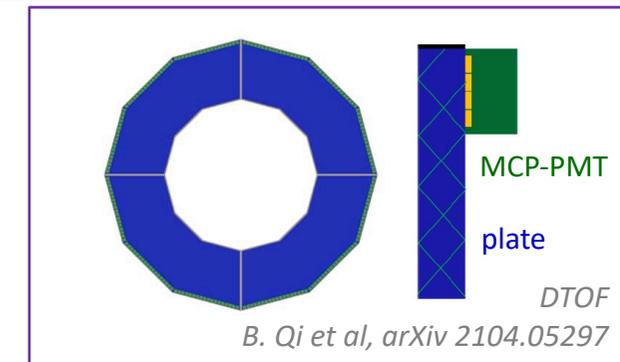
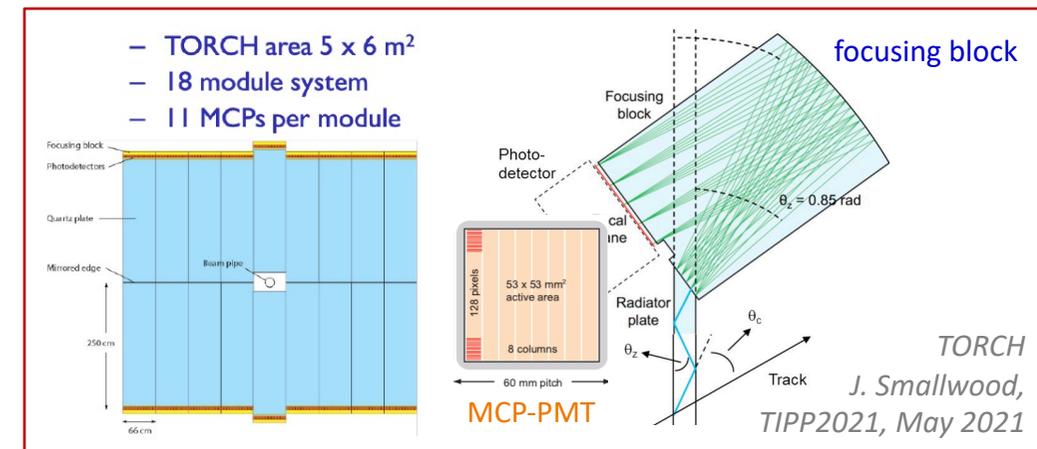
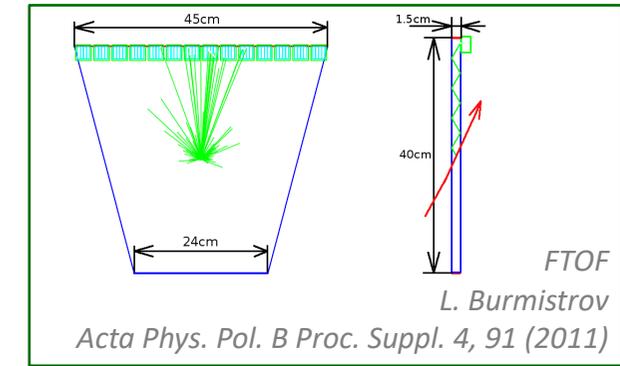
STCF DTOF concept
B. Qi et al, arXiv 2104.05297

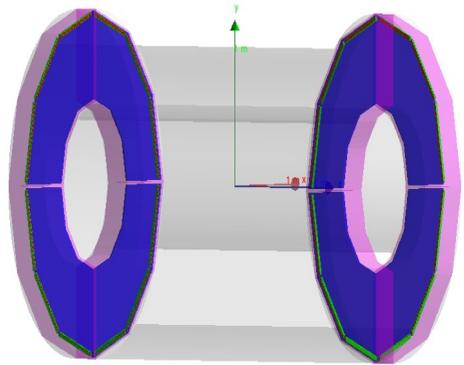


TORCH-like concept
for FCC-ee

DIRCS-BASED TIME-OF-FLIGHT

- Generate Cherenkov light in DIRC bar or plate, image photons, reconstruct 3D photon propagation path, calculate time of particle crossing DIRC
- **FTOF: proposed for endcap of cancelled SuperB experiment**
 - goal 3σ π/K separation up to 3 GeV/c
 - 2m flight path, 30ps time resolution goal
- **TORCH (Timing Of internally Reflected CHerenkov light)**
goal: 3σ π/K separation up to 10 GeV/c
 - proposed for upgrade of LHCb in ~2027
 - use measured Cherenkov angle to correct chromatic dispersion
 - 10m flight path, per-particle resolution of 10-15ps required,
→ 70ps resolution per photon for ~30 detected photons per particle
 - beam test results with complex prototype
(plate from Nikon, small-pixel MCP-PMTs from Photech, NINO ASICs),
per-photon performance approaching design goals
- **DTOF: proposed for endcap of future Super Charm Tau Factory**
 - goal 3σ π/K separation up to 2 GeV/c
 - 1.4m flight path, 50ps time resolution goal

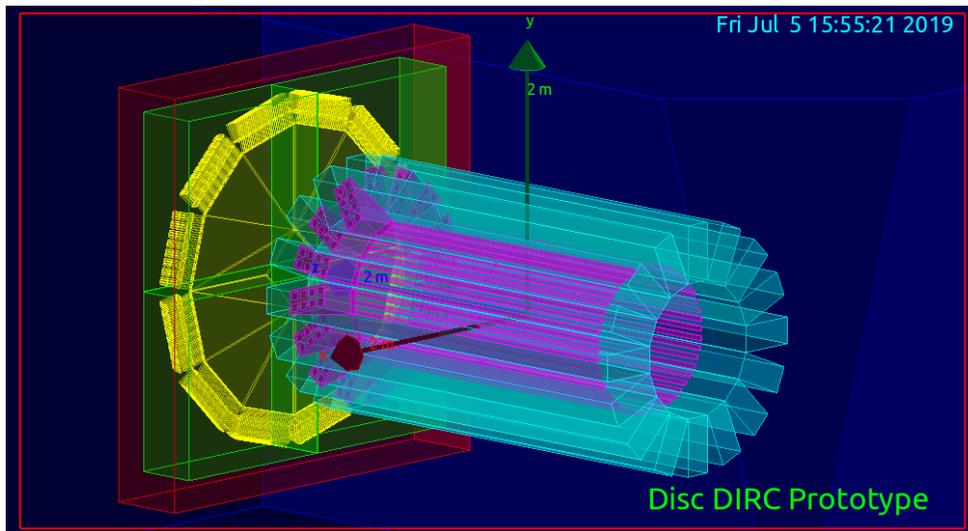




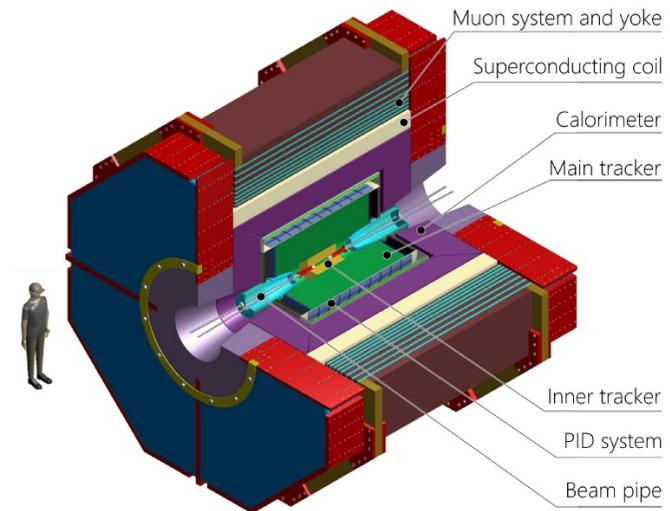
Qian LIU, STCF workshop 2020

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



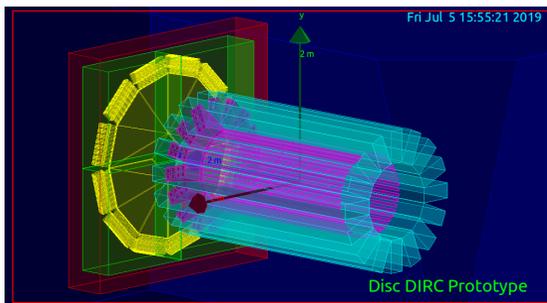
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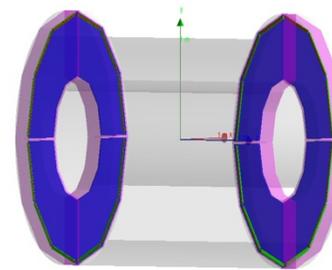
SCTF DIRCs

- barrel and/or endcap PID for the planned Super Charm-Tau/Super Tau-Charm Facility
- **unique and challenging task for DIRCs: 3σ μ/π separation up to 1.2 GeV/c**
- μ/π separation at 1.2 GeV/c close to π/K separation at 6 GeV/c, $\sim 1\text{mrad}$ Cherenkov angle resolution per particle required for 3σ 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).

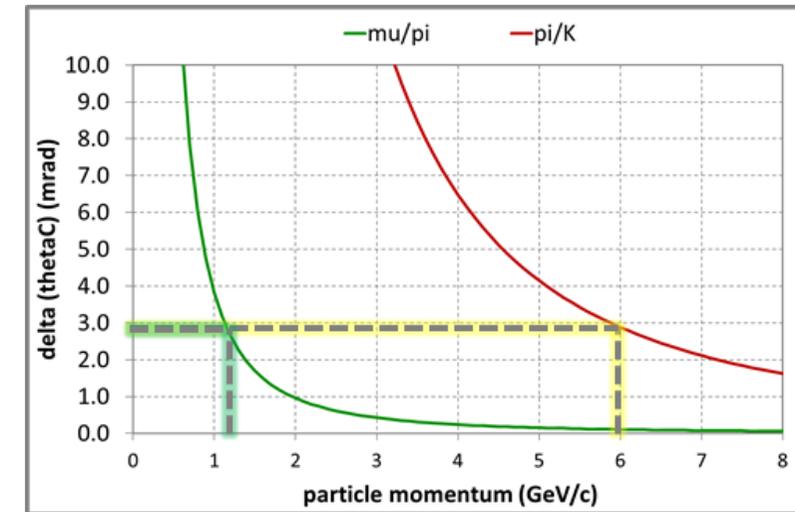
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Barrel/endpoint disc DIRC option, M. Schmidt, DIRC2019



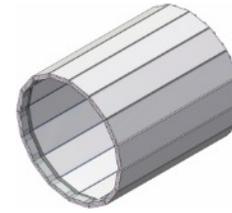
Endcap DIRC/TOF option, Qian LIU
Future charm-tau factory workshop, Nov 2020



BARREL DIRC OVERVIEW



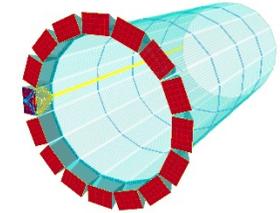
**BABAR
DIRC**



**BELLE II
TOP**



**PANDA
BARREL DIRC**



**EIC
HPDIRC***

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. π/K to 4 GeV/c	3 s.d. π/K to 4 GeV/c	3 s.d. π/K to 3.5 GeV/c	3 s.d. π/K to 6 GeV/c
Timeline	1999 - 2008	Installed 2016	Installation 2024/25	TDR-ready in 2024

**Initial generic design*