# The PANDA Barrel DIRC

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- FAIR and PANDA
- Baseline design
- Design options
- Test experiments





DIRC2015, Rauischholzhausen







## PANDA DIRC counters



# Barrel DIRC

Detection of Internally Reflected Cherenkov light



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### Baseline design: based on BABAR DIRC with key improvements

- Barrel radius ~48 cm; expansion volume depth: 30 cm.
- 80 narrow radiator bars, synthetic fused silica
  17mm (T) x 32mm (W) x 2400mm (L).
- Focusing optics: lens system.
- Compact photon detector:
  - 30 cm oil-filled expansion volume 18000 channels of MCP-PMTs in ~1T B field.
- Fast photon detection:

fast TDC plus TOT electronics,

- $\rightarrow$  100-200 ps timing.
- Expected performance:

Single photon Cherenkov angle resolution: 8-10 mrad. Number of detected photons for  $\beta \approx 1$  track: at least 15.

Design options:

Radiator plates, prism, focusing options.



#### Investigating several design options:

Use of one wide fused silica plate (160 mm) per sector instead of 5 narrow (32 mm) bars.

Belle II iTOP is leading the way with plate fabrication, prototyping, and software development.

Smaller number of pieces would drastically reduce the radiator fabrication cost (1.5M€+ savings possible).



Segmented optical expansion volume: "camera" (like FDIRC, iTOP) one solid fused silica prism per sector instead of oil tank.

- $\rightarrow$  better optical and operational properties, good match to wide plates.
  - But: reflections in prism complicate reconstruction for narrow bars, add background.

Design also reduces the number of required MCP-PMTs.



Optical elements:

### Quality assurance in optical laboratory at GSI and by producer



### Ongoing prototyping of optical elements



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Radiators produced with different technologies and materials

... soon a plate from Nikon

Lens design aimed for a focal plane matching the flat photon detector plane





Radiation level ~ 10 kR

 $PbF_2$  is radiation hard,  $\gamma \sim 100$  kR Other optical radiation resistant glasses?

### **Optical software: Spherical lens**



## Photon detector





5 x 3 Planacon MCP-PMT (XP85012/A1-Q, Photonis) 960 pixels (in total >1200 readout channels)

with pixel size 6.5 x 6.5 mm<sup>2</sup>

Work in **1T magnetic field** 

Survive 10 years of PANDA (ageing)

Wednesday, Albert Lehmann

TOP VIEW

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# Readout chain



PADIWA3 discriminator Keep It Small & Simple = KISS Amplifier + LVDS discriminator

TRB3 TDC board Leading edge  $\rightarrow$  timing (~10ps) Trailing edge  $\rightarrow$  TOT  $\rightarrow$  walk correction

Friday morning, Michael Traxler







#### 29 m TOF



### Experiments, CERN 2015, T9

Joint effort of groups from GSI, Uni Mainz, Uni Giessen, Uni Erlangen, JLab, and Old Dominion University.

Hadron beam with mainly pions and protons with momenta 2-10 GeV/c

Measured:

- Several bars/plates of different vendors
- High-n cylindrical/spherical lenses
- Wide range of beam-bar angles and positions

TOF counters allow to separate pions from protons up to 10 GeV/c







Observed Cherenkov rings are folded

### hit pattern for 3-layer lens, 7 GeV/c, 50 degree



#### Before hit & event selection

- After hit & event selection
- Event: Time cut around triggertime (scintillator in the beam)
- Hit: Masking noisy pixel For each channel timing cuts
  - Time offset calib. with laser data

 $\rightarrow$  Noise reduction

### Don't forget the lens...

hit pattern for 3-layer lens 7 GeV/c, 50 degree





### **Angular scans**

Setup was rotated remotely by a motor, polar angle checked by a scale and a camera



Movie of many angular measurements for bar with 3-layer lens @ 7 GeV/c





Chain: PMT-PADIWA -TRB with Picoquant-laser (80ps)



Largest Contribution:

PADIWA Discriminator



TRB

Timing resolution is important for the plate

# Number of photons



Number of photons described by simulation on a 10% level Details remain to be investigated

# Single photon angular resolution



SPR 30% worse than simulation Details remain to be investigated (eg. charge sharing, beam divergence not taken into account)

Afternoon, Lee Allison

#### @ 3 GeV/c: PID with naked eye possible

(125°, 3 compound lens)



### Plate prototype in beam 2015

Test of wide plate with and without focusing

7 GeV/c, polar angle 55°, cyl. Lens



### **Plate: Simulation**



Probability density functions (**pdf**) can be generated with ~100k Monte Carlo tracks with same parameters and saved in histograms.

Inspired by Belle II TOP

Afternoon, Roman Dzhygadlo





In simulation this method works over the full phase space

Not yet proven on data



P = 7 GeV/c (CERN, 2015) 55° polar angle

Time difference clearly visible

Reconstruction remains to be done

#### Summary

- Baseline design of the Barrel DIRC with narrow bars and high-refractive lens index meets PANDA PID goals.
- Cost optimization identified two design alternatives (wide plate, solid fused silica camera), to be validated with prototype tests.
- Prototype tests show promising results
  - Number of observed photons
  - Single photon angular resolution
- Plate still needs reconstruction

#### Outlook

- Early 2016: Decision about technology (plate vs. bar / prism vs. oil tank).
- Summer 2016: TDR
- Summer 2017 component construction
- 2020 ready for beam

# **Time resolution**

Time spectra (Leading Edge) show modulation which we ignore for **walk correction** 

Understood: TOT + small high frequency noise



Amplitude

Fig. 5. Simulated shape of the output signal of the system lead-glass block – PMT without (solid curve) and with addition of 300  $\mu$ V noise at 40 MHz frequency (dashed curve).

