THE HIGH-PERFORMANCE DIRC FOR THE EIC





HPDIRC IN CORE PROPOSAL

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HPDIRC

High-Performance DIRC Goal:

- To develop a very compact barrel EIC PID detector with momentum coverage reaching 6 GeV/c for π/K, pushing the performance well beyond the state-of-the-art for DIRC counters.
- Key Features:
 - Excellent performance over wide angular range
 (≥ 3 s.d. π/K up to 6 GeV/c, contribution to low momentum e/π)
 - Radially compact (<8cm; impact on cost of post-DIRC systems)
 - Flexible design (to deal with sensor in B-field and detector integration)
 - Low demand on detector infrastructure (no cryogenic cooling, no flammable gases)
 - Advanced stage (PID performance estimate based on test beam results, excellent agreement between simulation and prototype data)







HPDIRC OVERVIEW

Concept:

- Fast focusing DIRC, utilizing high-resolution 3D (x,y,t) reconstruction
- Initial generic design (based on BaBar DIRC, R&D for SuperB FDIRC, PANDA Barrel DIRC): narrow fused silica bars, 1m barrel radius, 4.5m barrel length (barrel length and radius to be optimized for detector integration - no impact on DIRC PID)
- > Innovative 3-layer spherical lenses, compact fused silica expansion volumes
- Fast photon detection using small-pixel MCP-PMTs (eRD14) and high-density readout electronics (eRD14)
- > Detailed Geant4 simulation:

40-120 detected photons per particle, \geq 3 s.d. π/K separation at 6 GeV/c













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HPDIRC FOCUSING

> 3-layer compound lens (without air gap) is key element of hpDIRC design:

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
- Successfully produced prototype lenses and validated performance in PANDA Barrel DIRC prototype with particle beams at CERN and GSI





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HPDIRC SENSORS

- Commercially available MCP-PMTs (Photonis Planacon or Photek MAPMT) and HRPPD LAPPD are the leading candidates
- Some of the detector proposals plan to use a new 3 T magnet, other proposals favor magnets with 1.5—2 Tesla fields
- Waiting for field maps for to determine local field strength and direction at location of DIRC sensors
- > Ongoing effort within eRD14, studying LAPPD/commercial MCP-PMT in high B-fields
- > Small-pore MCP-PMTs shown to be OK for fields up to 2 Tesla

(see recent result from A. Lehmann et al. for 6µm-pore 2" Photek AuraTek MCP-PMT)

 If expected fields are much higher or as an upgrate: investigate SiPM as alternative (dark noise, radiation damage, cooling, annealing, integration issues)







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- Used this simulation to predict PID performance of upgraded prototype (new MCP-PMTs and electronics, 3mm pixels, improved PDE, 100ps timing)
- > Expected π/K separation at 6 GeV/c at 20°: 3.1 s.d.
- Upgraded PANDA Barrel DIRC prototype (new sensors, new electronics)
 capable of hpDIRC PID performance validation in particle beams







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Performance opportunity: improve 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(10⁴) suppression of large pionic background
- > Detail simulation in progress
- Recent result, without special measures: > 3 s.d. e/π separation at 1.2 GeV/c (caveat: long non-Gaussian tails)
- > Even "out-of-the-box" hpDIRC capable of very useful background suppression
- Better performance possible, study use of post-DIRC tracking, "ring center fit", optimized DIRC geometry (bar width/thickness, bar/plate hybrid), etc.
- > Post-DIRC tracking expected to further improve π/K separation at high momentum



EIC HPDIRC DESIGN FACTS

EIC High-Performance DIRC (hpDIRC)

Expected performance: \geq 3 s.d. π/K separation up to 6 GeV/c

> Generic reference design:

16 sectors, one bar box and one expansion volume per sector

Focusing optics:

Radiation-hard 3-layer spherical lens

Expansion volume:

Solid fused silica prism: 24 x 36 x 30 cm³ (H x W x L) Additional longitudinal space for MCP-PMTs, readout cards, cables: ~20cm

- Number of sectors, barrel radius and bar length can be optimized for integration, PID performance largely independent of barrel radius and bar length
- Expansion volume shape can be optimized for MCP-PMT magnetic field performance (tilted backplane) but length is directly related to performance





DIRC INTEGRATION EXAMPLE



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