

Modular Ring Imaging CHerenkov Detector (mRICH)

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mRICH R&D project: eRD101 eRD14: PID consortium



 Compact PID device with momentum coverage up to 10 GeV/c for π/K and e/π up to 2 GeV/c or more.

mRICH Concept

Overview:

- Modular and compact RICH detector (~11x11x25 cm)
- Radiator: Aerogel, L~3 cm and n=1.03
- Focusing: 6" Fresnel lens







3.3cm thick aerogel

foam holder of aerogel

 π/K separation up to 10 GeV/c and e/ π separation up to 2 GeV/c.

Systematic effects

- Emission point error: minimized at the lens focal plane
- Chromatic dispersion error: reduced by UV filtering (acrylic).
- Pixel size error: the uncertainty raised by pixel size, *a*, error



Prototyping & Beam Tests

• Two beam tests: 2016 and 2018.

Fermilab Beam Test Facility



1st and 2nd Beam Test Comparison (120 GeV Proton Beam)

verified mRICH working principle and validated simulation



1st mRICH prototype was tested at Fermilab Test Beam Facility in April 2016

New features: a) separation of optical and electronic components; b) longer focal length (6"); c) 3mm x 3mm photosensors.



2nd mRICH prototype was tested at Fermilab Test Beam Facility in June/July 2018



C.P. Wong et. al. NIM A871, 13-19 (2017)



500

400

300

200

100

JLab Beam Test (1-6 GeV/c Secondary Electron Beam)





• Determine the single photon angular resolutions

Second LAPPD@Fermilab

Wish list for mRICH?

- ➤ Mirror
- Sensor location
- Aerogel thickness
- ≻7" lens?

mRICH R&D: Mirror Study



- 0.5 mm Mirror thickness
- ✤ 0.5 mm carbon fiber frame



mRICH R&D: Sensor Position



mRICH R&D: Aerogel Thickness



Additional Slides



Reconstruction/ PID

Focusing on a single module for performance studies!

Ring radius without considering the sensor pixelization!



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Ring centering of lens-based optics reduces sensor area (main cost driver)

