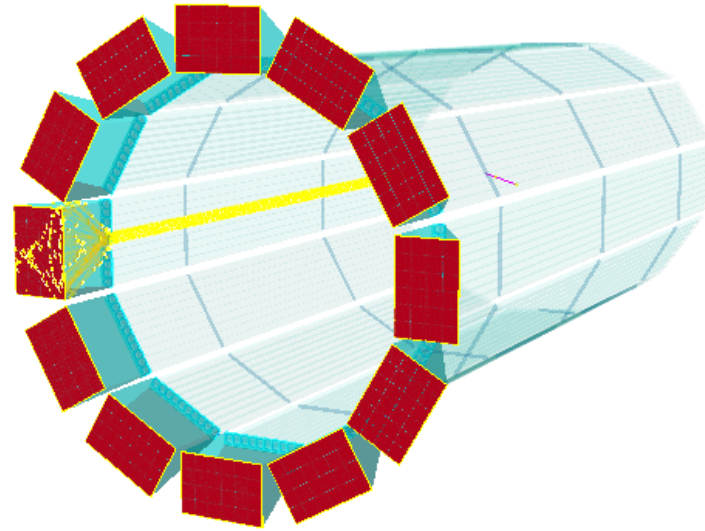
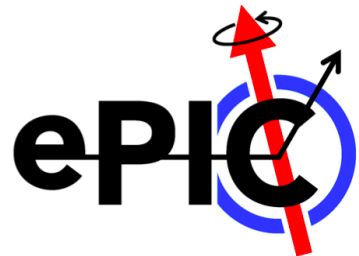


# STATUS OF THE HIGH-PERFORMANCE DIRC



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on behalf of the EIC DIRC group

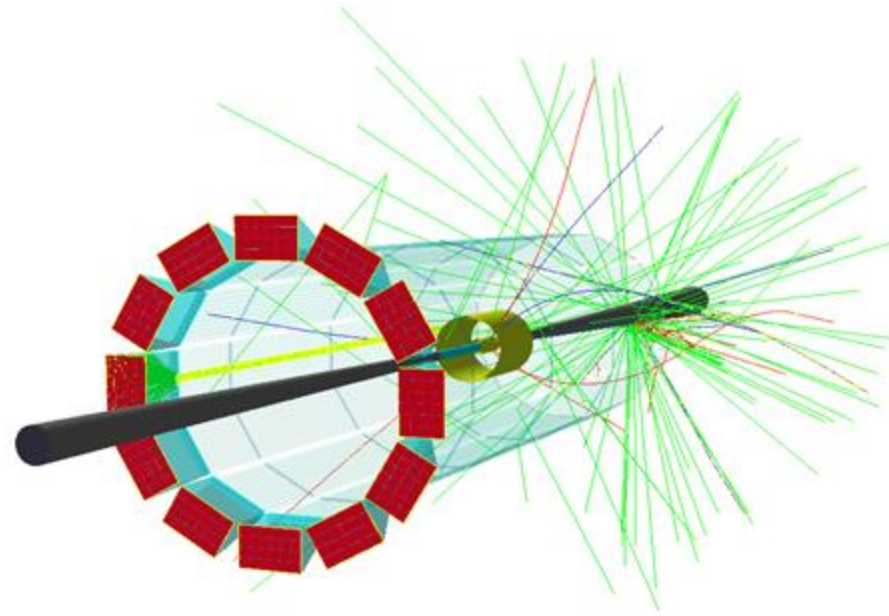


Collaboration Meeting

01/10/2023

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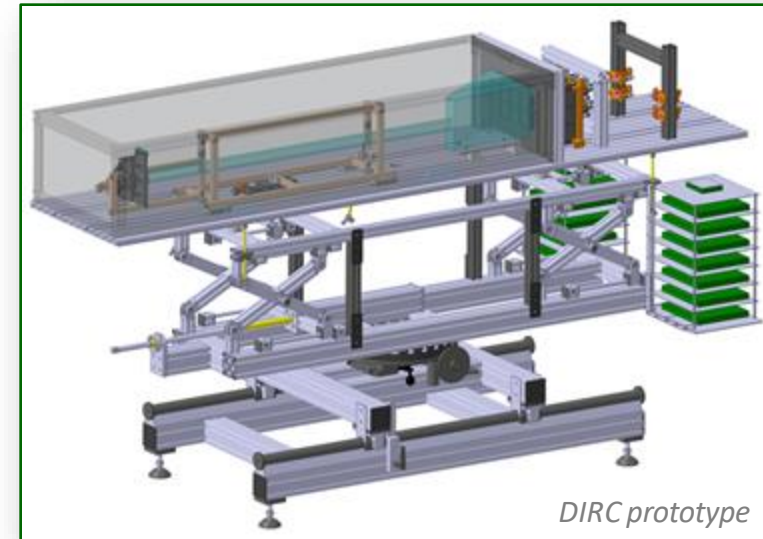
- hpDIRC overview
- Roadmap towards TDR readiness
- Recent highlights
- Future plans



*hpDIRC in Fun4All simulation*



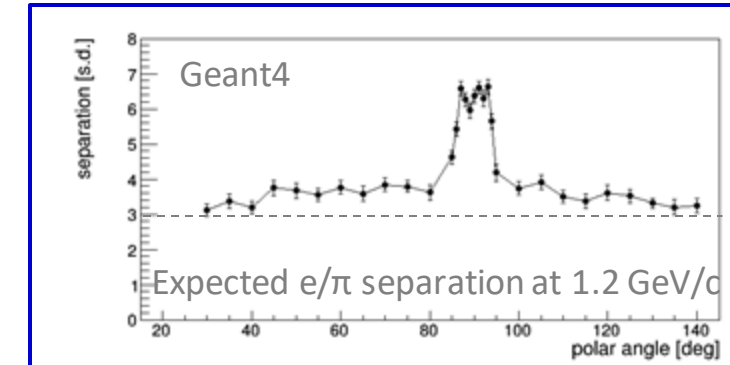
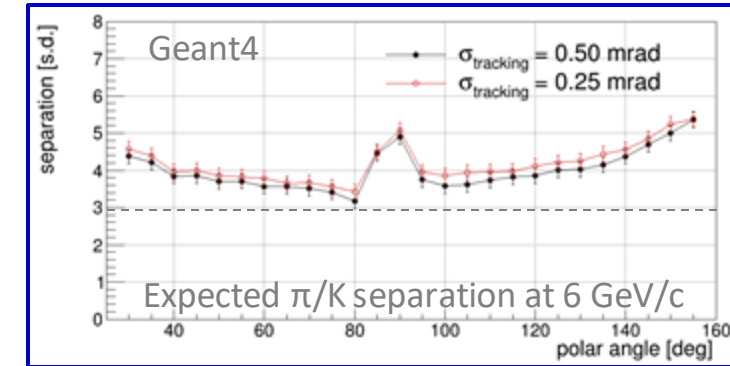
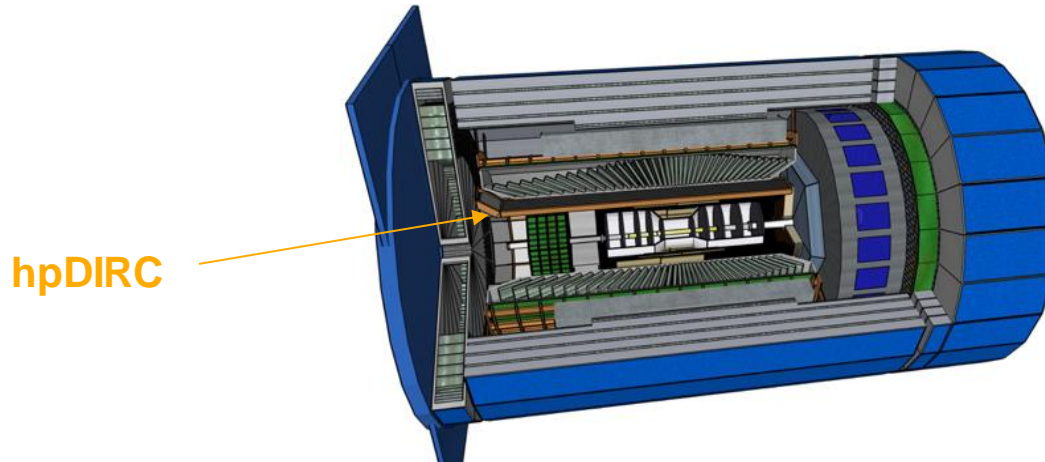
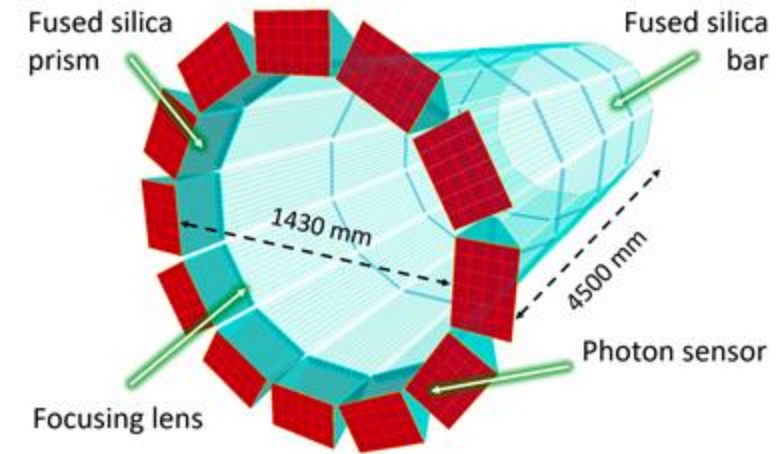
*BaBar DIRC radiator bars in SLAC*



*DIRC prototype*

# HPDIRC CONCEPT

- Fast focusing DIRC, utilizing high-resolution 3D (x,y,t) reconstruction
- Design based on BaBar DIRC, R&D for SuperB FDIRC, PANDA Barrel DIRC
- Radiator/light guide: narrow fused silica bars
- Innovative 3-layer spherical lenses
- Compact fused silica prisms as expansion volumes
- Fast photon detection using small-pixel MCP-PMTs and high-density readout electronics
- Detailed Geant4 simulation:  $\geq 3$  s.d.  $\pi/K$  separation at 6 GeV/c

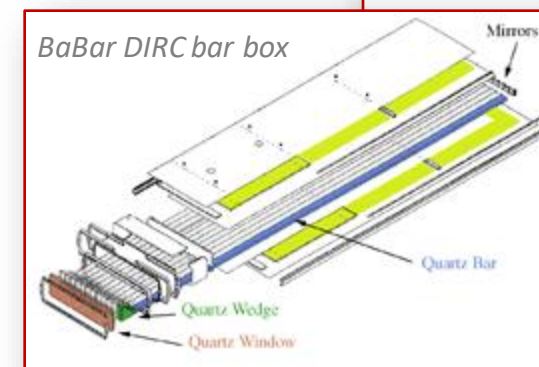
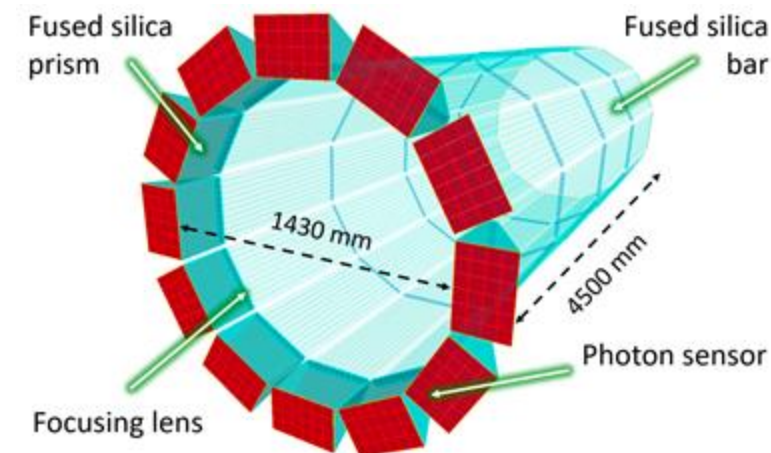




# R&D PRIORITIES

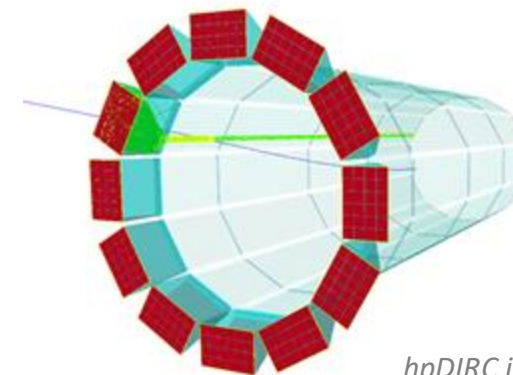
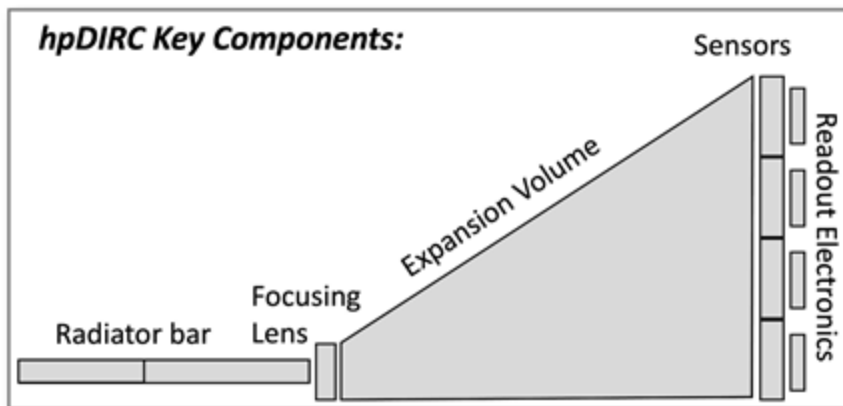
## hpDIRC is the baseline hadronic barrel PID system for ePIC

- Design advanced, key elements validated with particle beams
- Important R&D remains
  - Reuse of BaBar DIRC bars (transport, disassembly and validation)
  - Simulation studies
    - hpDIRC PID baseline design validation
    - Cost/performance optimization
  - Prototype program (integration and validation of components)
- Demanding project schedule: CD-3A (1/2024), CD-2 (1/2025), CD-3 (4/2025)
- Synergies with PANDA barrel DIRC and EIC R&D programs



PANDA Barrel DIRC prototype

# HPDIRC ROADMAP TOWARDS TDR READINESS



hpDIRC in Fun4All

Category	Subject	Comments	Program
Design in simulation	Lightguide section	Narrow bar vs. wide plate	Generic R&D program
	Cost/performance optimization	Sensor coverage	eRD103
	Expansion volume	Geometry details	eRD103
Optics	Radiator bars	Reuse of BaBar bars	JLab DSG and CUA
	Focusing optics	Radiation-hard 3-layer lens	eRD14, eRD103
Readout	Sensors	Baseline identified, alternatives being studied	eRD14, eRD110, Incom SBIR, eRD103
	Readout electronics	UH/Nalu solution based on Belle II TOP	Nalu and Incom SBIRs, eRD109, eRD103
Construction	Mechanical design	Materials and integration	Synergy with PANDA Barrel DIRC

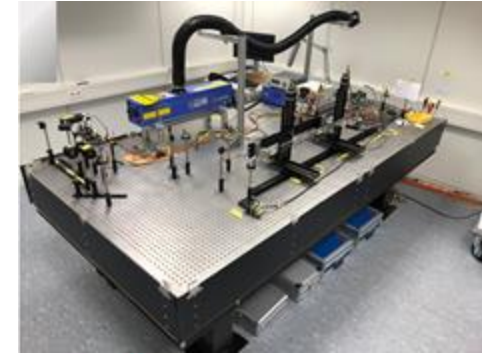
# RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

## ➤ Validation of the BaBar DIRC bar reuse (JLab support):

- Build and commission QA laser setup to measure mechanical and optical quality of the bars

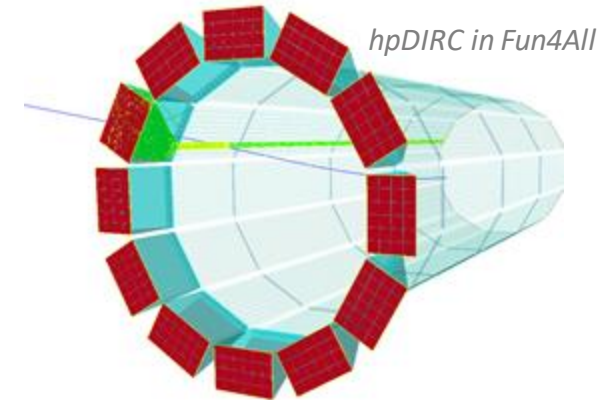


Laser lab in GSI



## ➤ hpDIRC studies in simulation:

- Implementation and validation of the hpDIRC in the full ePIC simulation
- Initial study of the hpDIRC performance with background and magnetic field
- Set up study of post hpDIRC tracking layer impact on performance



## ➤ hpDIRC prototype:

- Start of simulation studies of hpDIRC prototype with cosmic rays

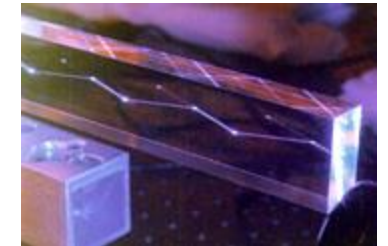
CRT space at SBU



# REUSE OF BABAR DIRC BARS

- BaBar DIRC decommissioned in 2010, SLAC/DOE made DIRC bars available for reuse, 4 bar boxes awarded to JLab GlueX DIRC, remaining 8 boxes awarded for potential use in EIC
- Potentially saves up to \$5M-10M in cost, reduces technical and schedule risk
- Full-size bar boxes are too long, do not fit into EIC central detector, wedges deteriorate resolution: need to disassemble bar boxes for reuse
- Eight bar boxes located at SLAC  
Four additional unmodified bar boxes already at JLab for GlueX DIRC since 2018, potentially available

BaBar DIRC bar boxes in SLAC

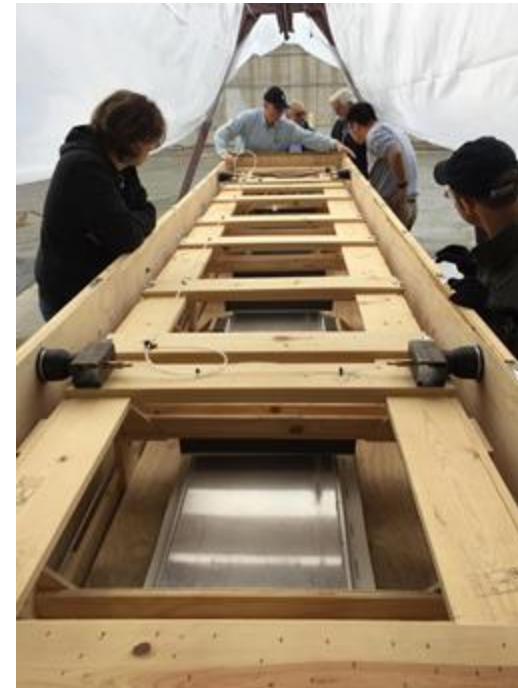




# BABAR DIRC BAR BOX TRANSPORT

- Preparing transport of eight intact bar boxes from SLAC to JLab for disassembly at JLab, will likely use a similar method (wooden crates and shock absorption trays) as for the successful GlueX bar box transport (support from M. Shepherd)
- Once transported to JLab, the bar boxes will be disassembled into individual bars

*BaBar DIRC bar box transportation for GlueX*





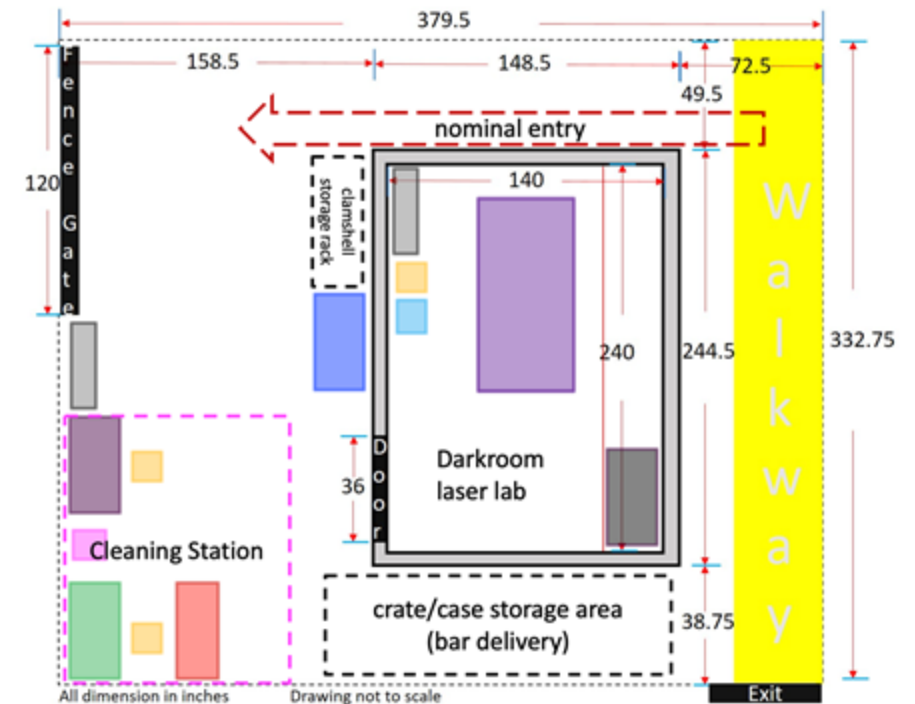
# QA DIRC LAB: BABAR DIRC BARS

- Optical quality of bars will be evaluated in QA DIRC lab at JLab
- Construction of the QA Lab in advanced stage
- Sponsored by JLab and active help from Detector Support Group
- Most components already purchased and received
- Reference bars (never used in BaBar) from SLAC received for lab commissioning
- QA Lab will consist of three parts:
  - Storage (long and short-term)
  - Cleaning/inspection station
  - Darkroom with laser setup
- Reflection coefficient measurement to evaluate surface quality

DIRC QA Lab in construction at JLab



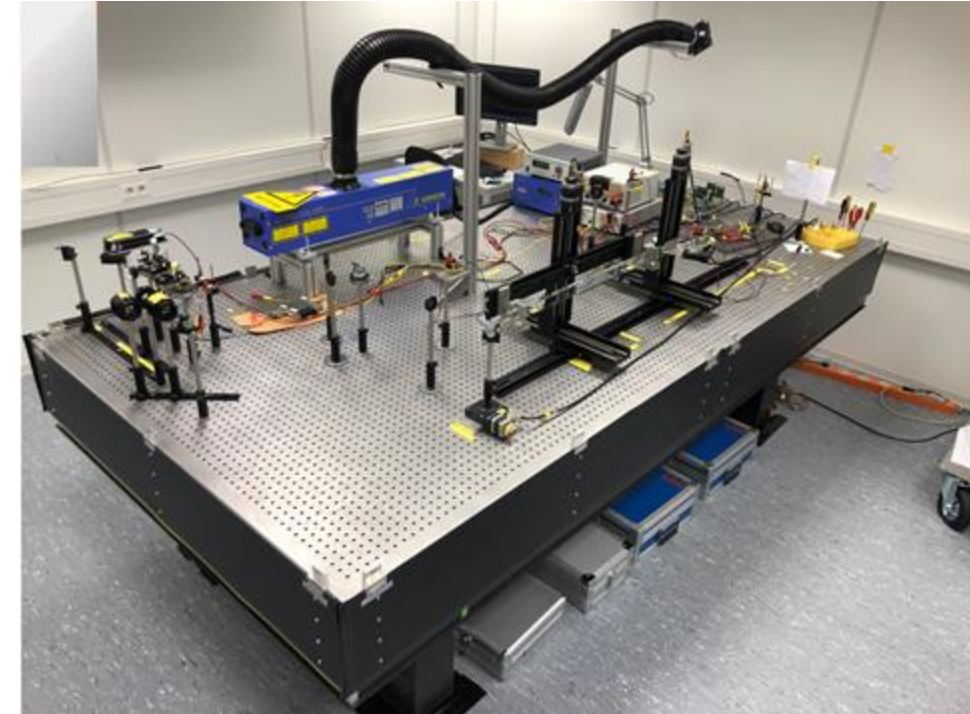
Plan of DIRC QA Lab at JLab



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*Laser lab in GSI*



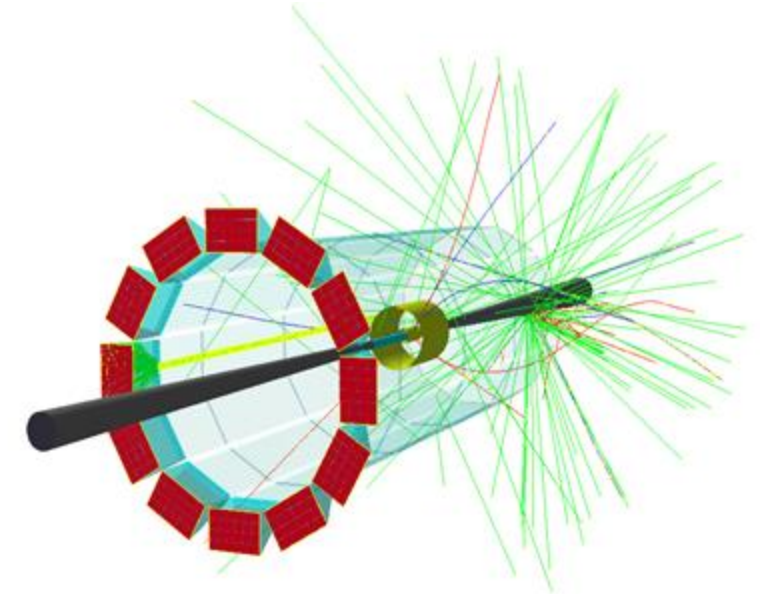
*DIRC bar in laser lab*



# HPDIRC SIMULATION

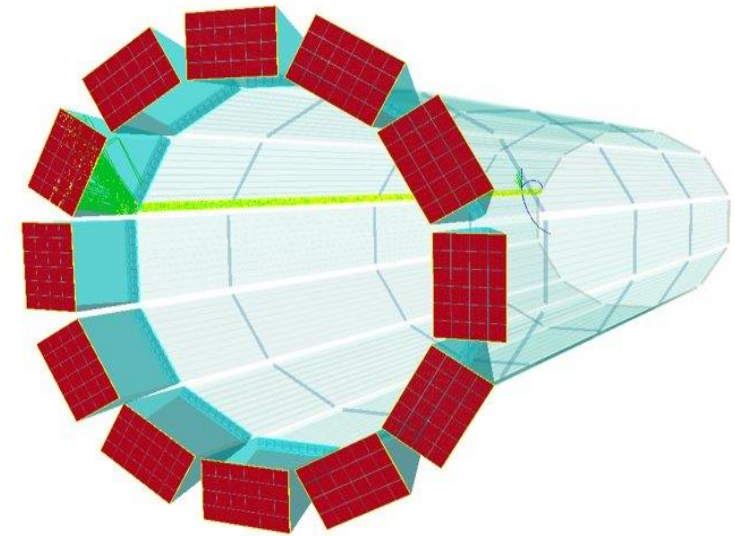
- Integration of **well-established standalone G4 hpDIRC implementation** into full ePIC simulation in Fun4All to enable studies of the impact of the magnetic field, multiple particles hitting one bar box or bar, and of beam background
- Realistic geometry and material properties based on prototypes, with wavelength-dependent material properties and processes with all relevant resolution terms
- **Started studies with Pythia events** to tackle more realistic performance
- Geometry implemented in ePIC DD4hep simulation framework (by Dmitry and Wouter), need additional workforce to help with further development (reconstruction etc.)

*hpDIRC with Pythia event in Fun4All*



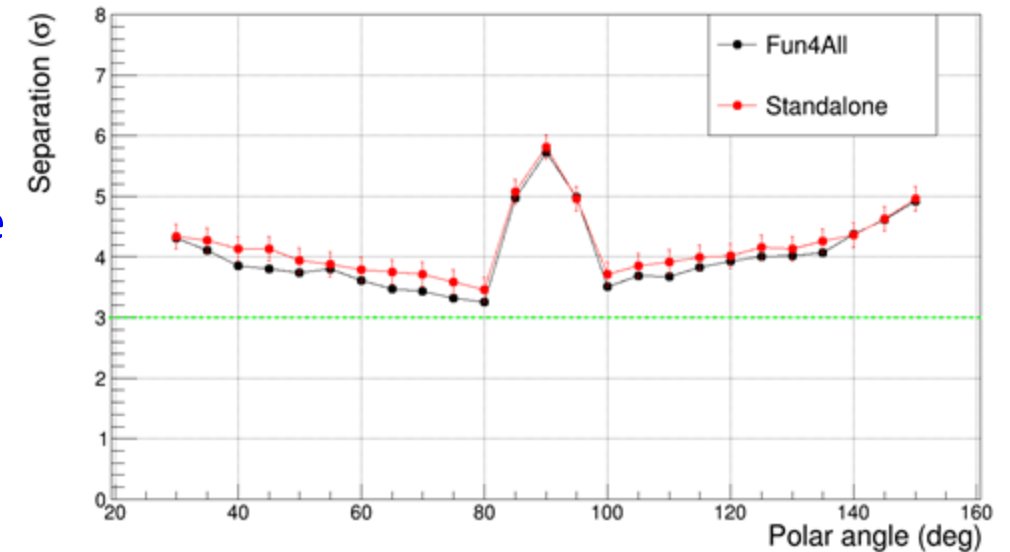
# HPDIRC SIMULATION

*hpDIRC single track simulation in Fun4All*



- Standalone simulation validated with test beam data results (joint PANDA/EIC beam test at CERN PS in 2018)
- Performance in Fun4All ePIC detector simulation matches standalone simulation results (small differences are due to hadronic processes in Fun4All)
- Preliminary studies on impact of magnetic field on performance

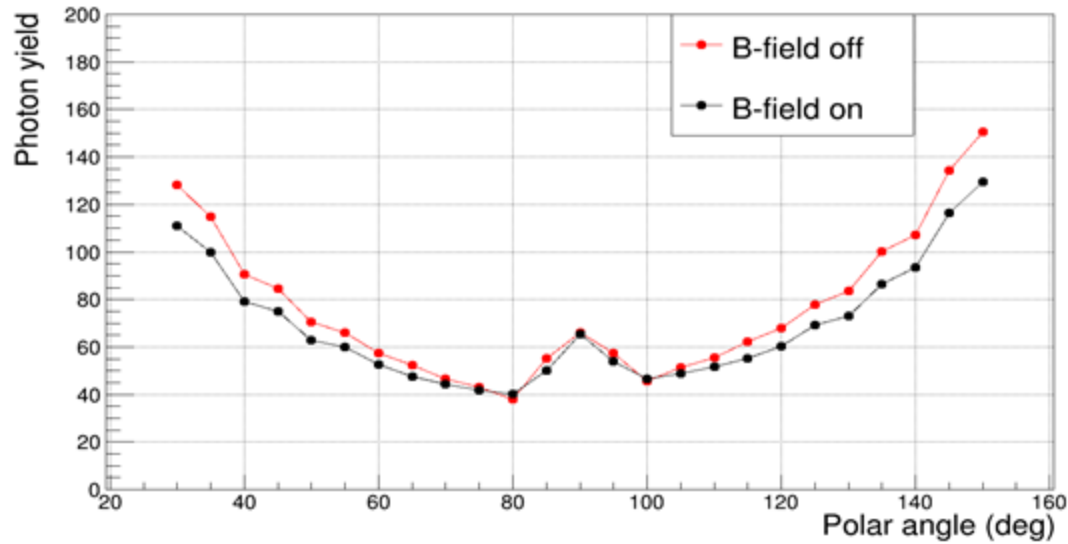
$\pi/K$  separation power at 6 GeV/c - B field off



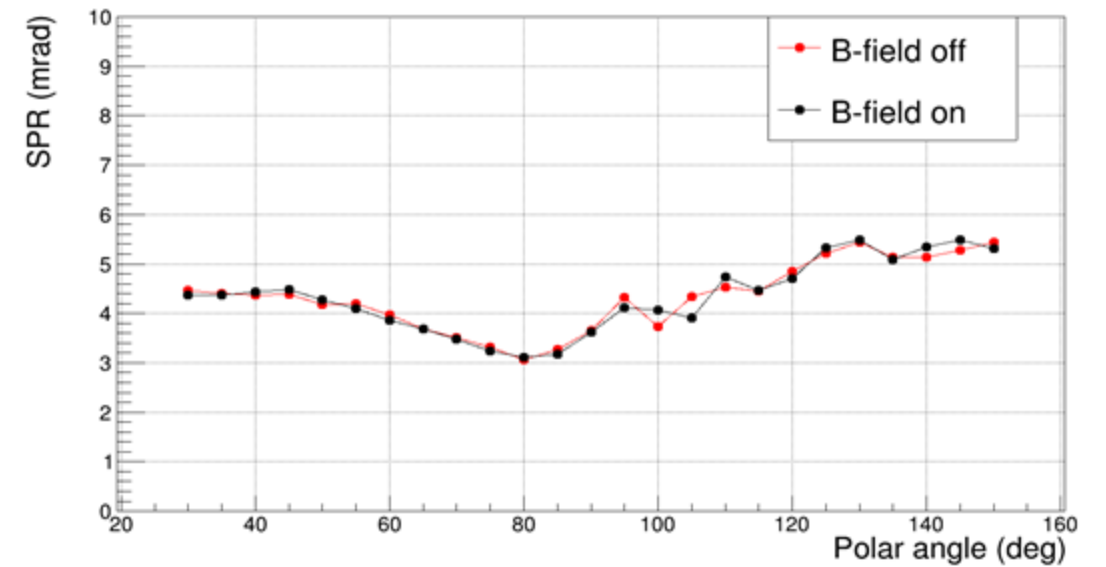


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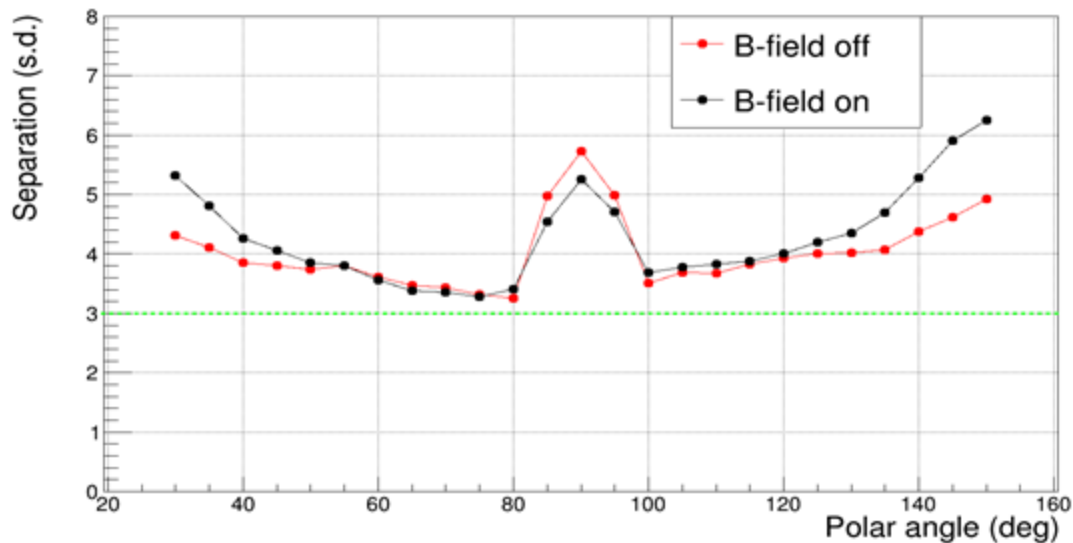
Photon yield



Cherenkov angle resolution per photon



$\pi/K$  separation power



- $\pi^+/K^+$  at 6.0 GeV/c
- 0.5 mrad track smearing
- B-field in Fun4All scaled by 1.7/1.5

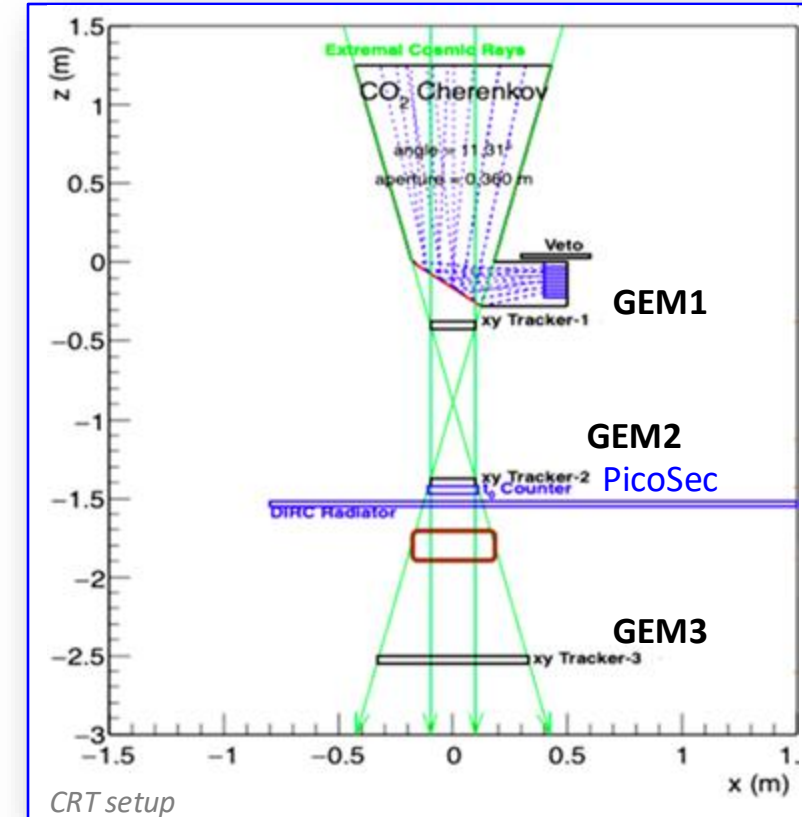
# HPDIRC PROTOTYPE: DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION

## Opportunity: Preparation of Tests of DIRC Prototype with Cosmic Rays

- Crowded beam test schedules – validate hpDIRC with cosmic muons
- Collaboration of CUA – GSI – ODU – SBU to develop cosmic ray telescope (CRT) design and measurement plan
- Work on mechanical and readout aspects of hpDIRC

## Current design:

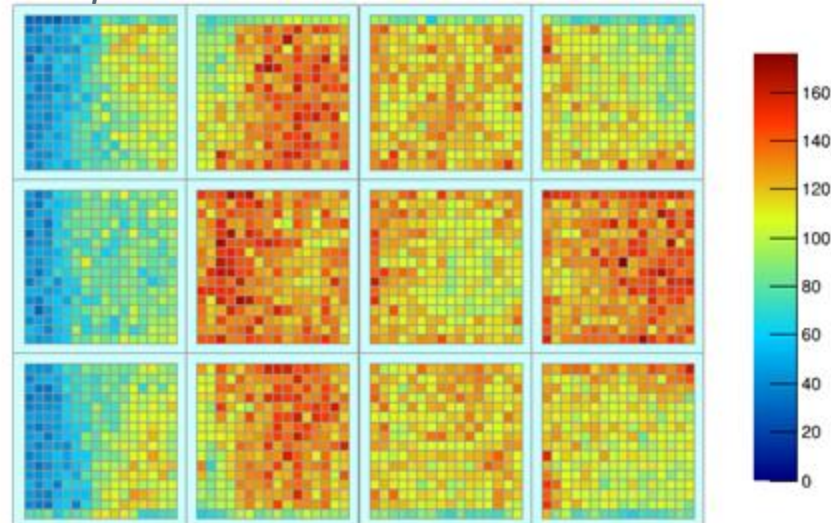
- Initial optics, sensors, electronics reused from PANDA barrel DIRC prototype (component transfer from GSI to SBU scheduled for Jan/Feb 2023)
- Momentum selection: new CO<sub>2</sub> Cherenkov threshold tagger ( $p \geq 3.5$  GeV/c)
- 3D tracking: 3 GEM tracker stations (from sPHENIX) above and below DIRC bar
- Shower rejection: scintillator plates as veto counters
- T<sub>0</sub> start counter: PicoSec-Micromegas counter
- Mechanical design progressing, includes polar angle rotation and X/Y movement of bar
- Geant simulation package developed



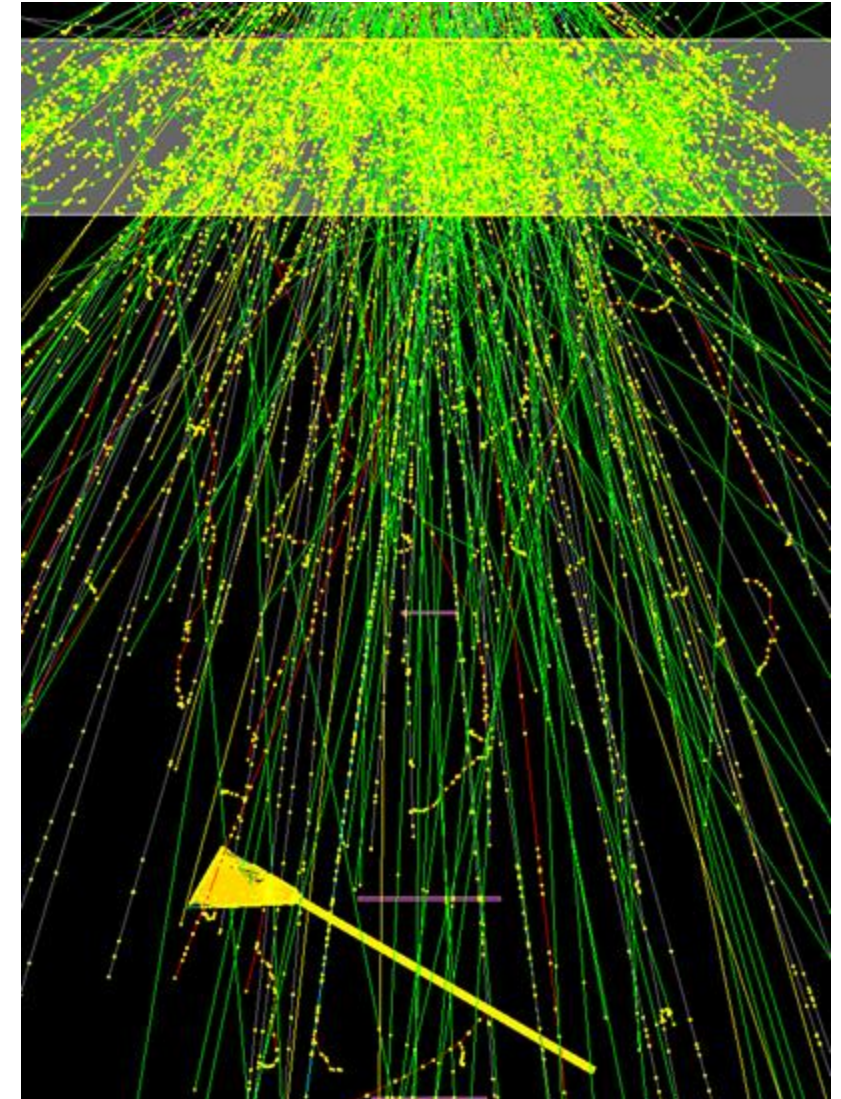
# HPDIRC PROTOTYPE: SIMULATION STUDIES

- hpDIRC prototype implemented in Geant4 (CRT generator)
- Implemented **tracking detectors** and **material budget** above CRT
- The prototype is in  $60^\circ$  position relative to vertical axis.
- Only tracks with **momenta above 3.5 GeV/c** selected.
- Desired performance reached after **150 hours of collecting data**.

*Hit pattern accumulated over 240h*



*10s of hpDIRC in CRT simulation*



From R. Dzhygadlo



# HPDIRC PROTOTYPE: DIRC LAB AT SBU

- Space for [hpDIRC Lab at SBU](#) was recently used for construction of sPHENIX TPC detector
- Now empty and [ready for CRT and hpDIRC components](#)
- Cleanroom environment [well-suited for DIRC prototype and future bar box assembly](#)
- SBU group (K. Dehmelt et al.) committed to take the lead on [future bar gluing](#)

*Space for CRT at SBU*





# CRT DEVELOPMENT: CHERENKOV TAGGER

- Cherenkov tagger is being developed and constructed at ODU (C. Hyde et al.)
- Mirror and light catcher will be coated at SBU to improve reflectivity
- Transport to SBU and installation in CRT planned soon

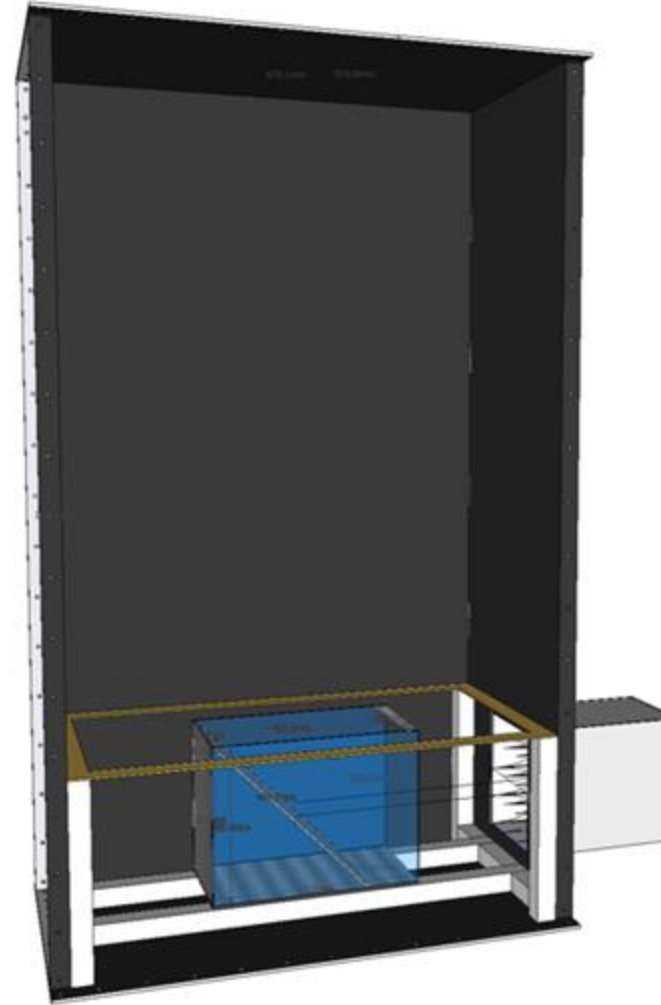
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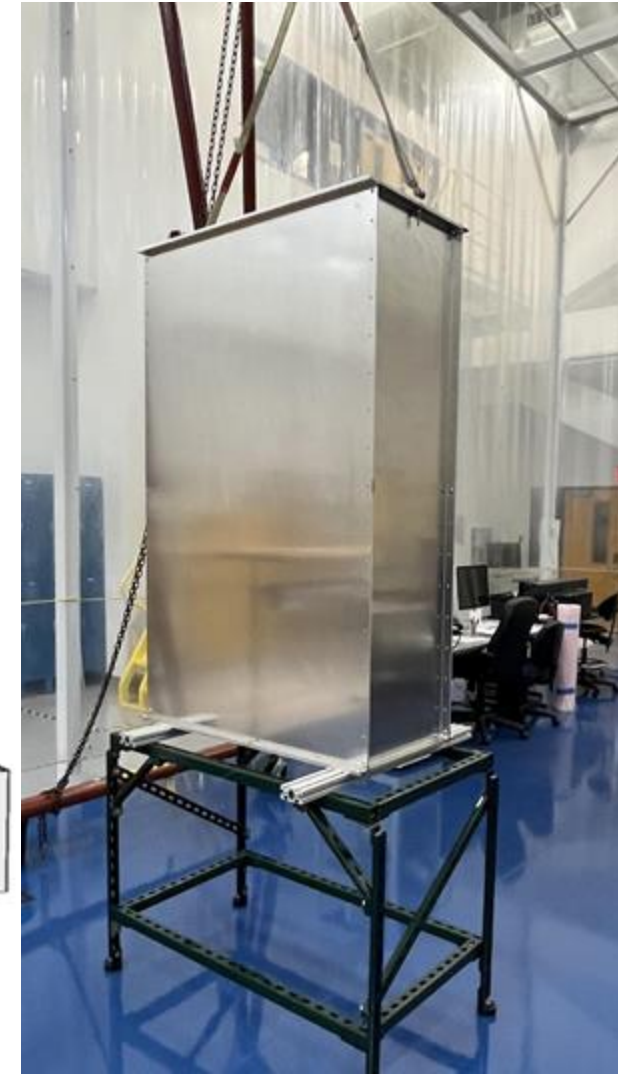
*Light catcher*



*CAD drawing of Cherenkov tagger*

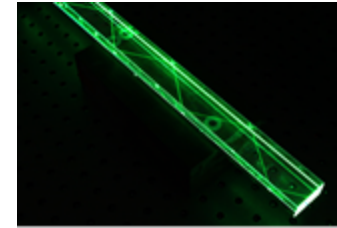


*Cherenkov tagger in construction at ODU*



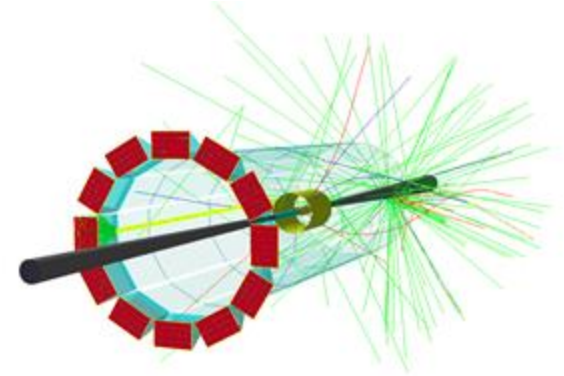
# OUTLOOK

- Complete the **DIRC lab at JLab** and commission with reference bars
- Transport, disassembly and QA of BaBar DIRC bars, **decision** about **reusability** and further **disassembly strategy**
- Complete evaluation of **cost/performance optimized EIC DIRC design** options in simulation
- Complete integration of **hpDIRC prototype into Cosmic Ray Telescope**
- Prepare initial **DAQ and CRT track reconstruction software**
- Commission CRT setup

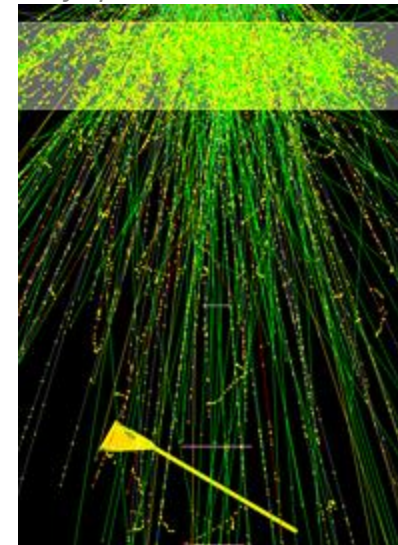


*DIRC bar in laser lab*

*hpDIRC in Fun4All simulation*



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*CRT space at SBU*



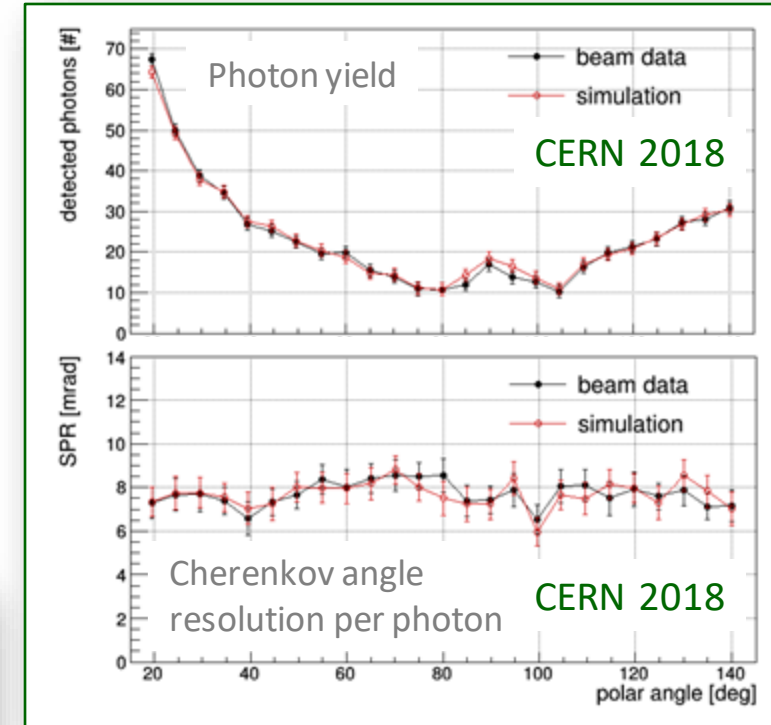
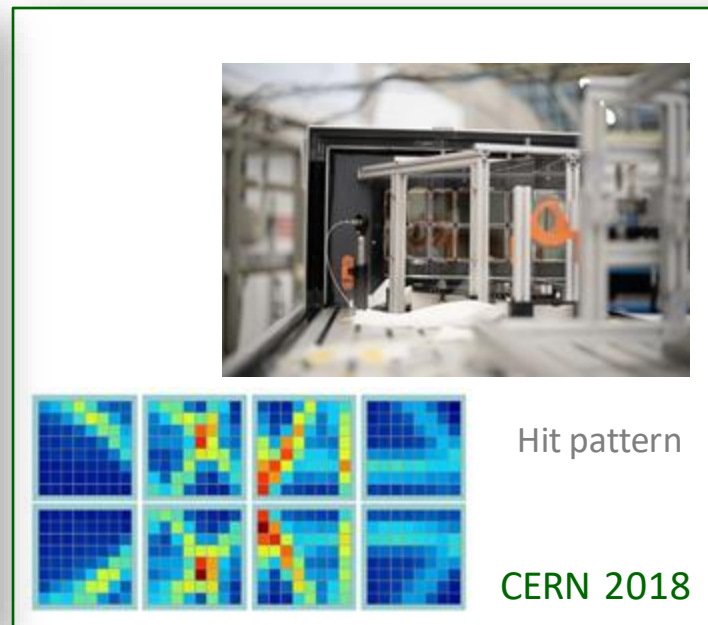
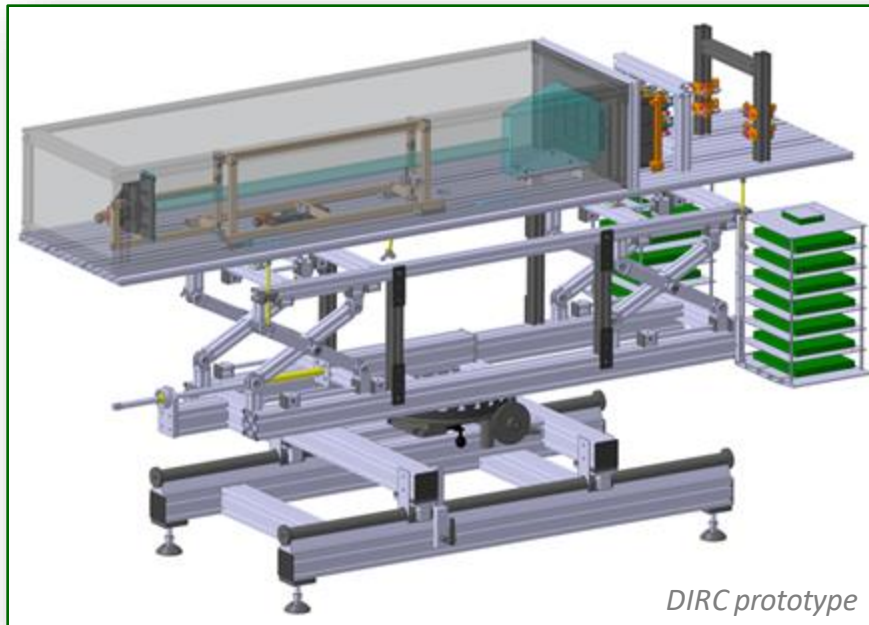


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# HPDIRC PROTOTYPE: DEVELOPMENT

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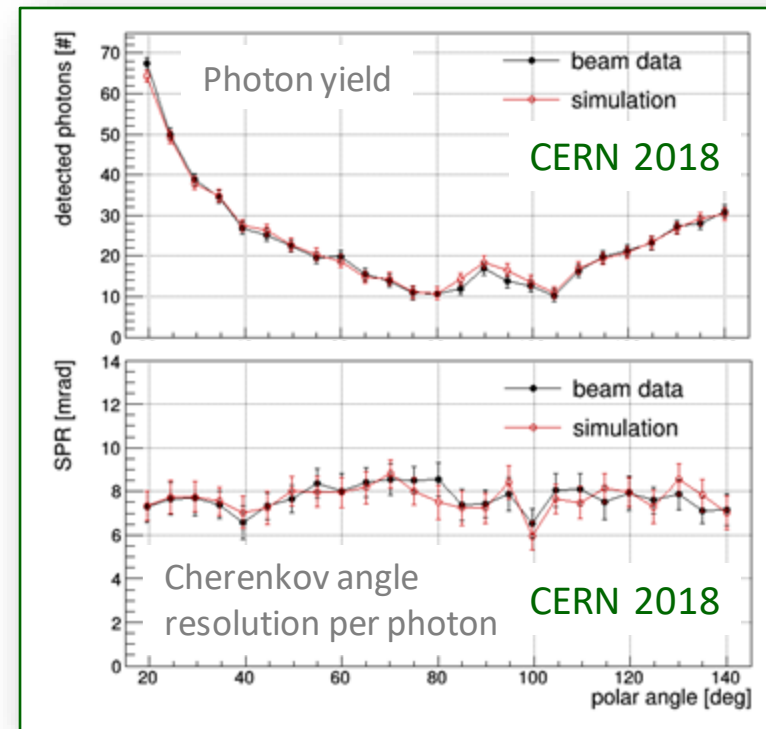




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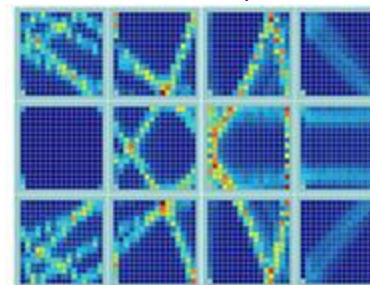
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- Used this simulation to predict PID performance of upgraded hpDIRC prototype (new MCP-PMTs and electronics, 3mm pixels, improved PDE, 100ps timing)
- Expected  $\pi/K$  separation at 6 GeV/c at 20°: 3.1 s.d.
- Upgraded PANDA Barrel DIRC prototype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



## Geant simulation of upgraded prototype

Accumulated hit pattern



$\pi/K$  separation at 6 GeV/c at 20°

