eRD103: The High-Performance DIRC

Directed R&D Program to Mitigate Key Risks for the ePIC DIRC Detector

- hpDIRC overview
- FY24 progress
- hpDIRC Prototype in CRT
- BaBar DIRC bars reuse



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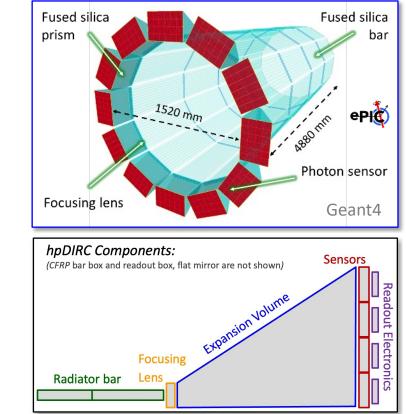
HPDIRC OVERVIEW

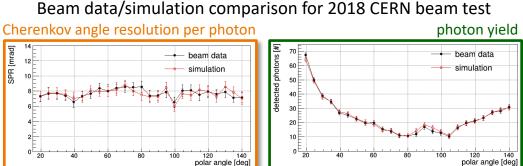
Compact fused silica prisms, narrow bars, 3-layer spherical lenses

- > Barrel radius: 762 mm, 12 sectors, 10 long bars per sector
- > Reuse bars from decommissioned BABAR DIRC, supplemented by new bars/plates
- Focusing optics: innovative radiation-hard 3-layer spherical lens
- Compact expansion volume: 30 cm-deep solid fused silica prism
- Readout system:
 - > Small-pixel MCP-PMT sensors (~3 mm pixel pitch, e.g. Photek or Incom)
 - Fast ASIC-based readout (e.g. EICROC or FCFD)
- Full Geant4 simulation based on validated PANDA Barrel DIRC code is base for all hpDIRC simulation studies
 Beam data

(joint EIC/PANDA CERN beam tests 2015-2018)

- Preparation towards TDR readiness
 - Several key decisions to be made this summer/fall







HPDIRC R&D HIGHLIGHTS

hpDIRC prototype in Cosmic Ray Telescope (CRT):

- CRT to become test bench for incremental upgrades of new components (bars, sensors, readout electronics, eventually full hpDIRC modules)
- Setting up of CRT at SBU is progressing with initial DIRC prototype to be commissioned in the summer of 2024

Validation of the BaBar DIRC bar reuse:

- > Bar boxes transfer from SLAC to JLab starts next week
- Disassembly and QA at JLab (Q3/Q4 2024)
- Decision on reuse of bars expected by Q4/2024

hpDIRC studies in simulation:

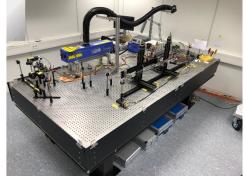
- Study of the hpDIRC performance with physical events and magnetic field
- > CRT optimization and preparation for running done with hpDIRC simulation package
- Impact of measured BaBar bars optical quality on hpDIRC performance after disassembly

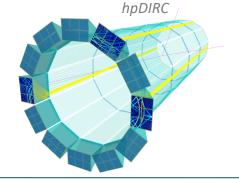




Laser lab at GSI







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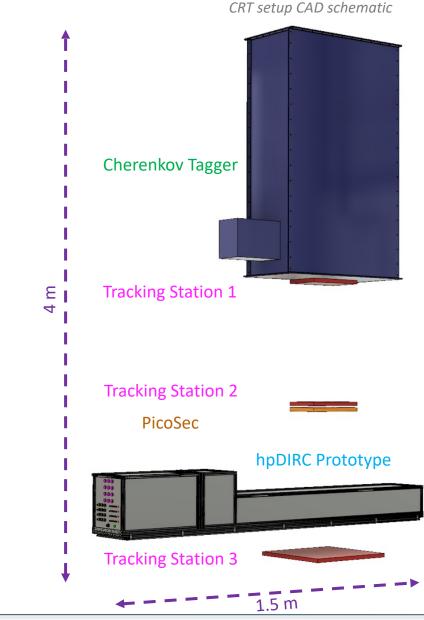
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 (Q4->Q4/2024-FY25)
- FY24 activities towards CRT commissioning:
 - Modular hpDIRC prototype ready for installation
 - Cherenkov Tagger being finished at ODU with updated photosensor
 - DAQ for tracking stations and hpDIRC prototype being integrated at SBU
 - Preparation for PicoSec operation in April at CERN

DIRC lab and Cosmic Ray setup at SBU



HPDIRC PROTOTYPE IN CRT

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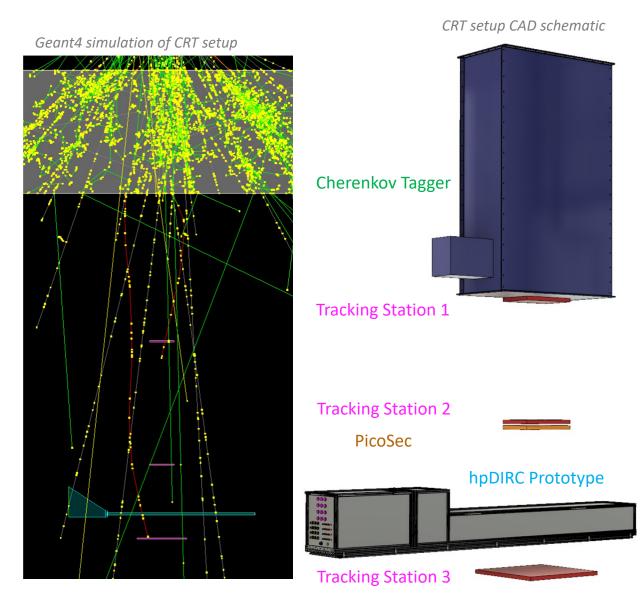


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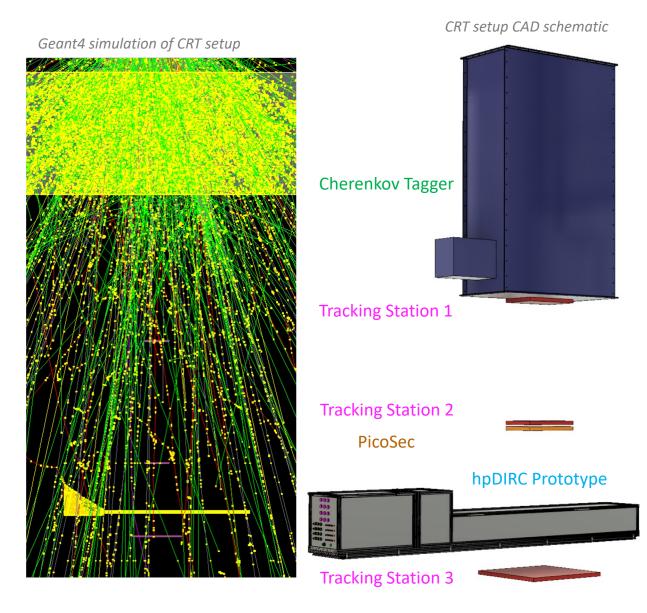


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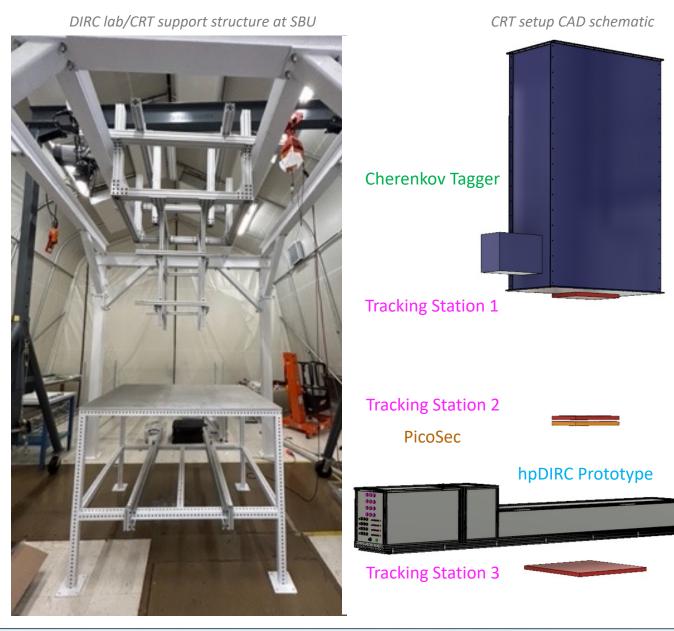


CRT DEVELOPMENT: MECHANICAL STRUCTURE

- Support structure finished and ready for installation of all CRT components
- Design optimized to allow usage of crane in the area to instal Cherenkov Tagger
- Stewart platform adapted to control position of hpDIRC prototype

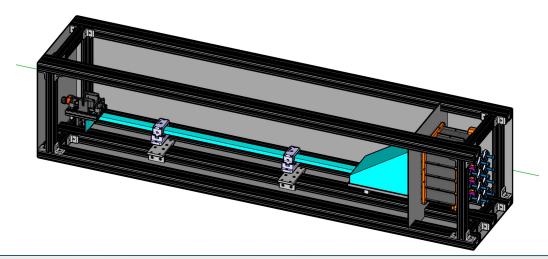
Stewart platform for 3D motion of Protype



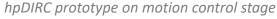


CRT DEVELOPMENT: HPDIRC PROTOTYPE

- Light-tight structure of protype designed and built at SBU
- > Bar installed on linear stage with micrometre adjustment
- Separate access to readout section with MCP-PMTs and readout electronics
- Remote motion-controlled platform adapted to select prototype position in 3D, scan hpDIRC phase space
- DAQ computer from GSI had to be replaced due to damage to multiple disks during transport to SBU



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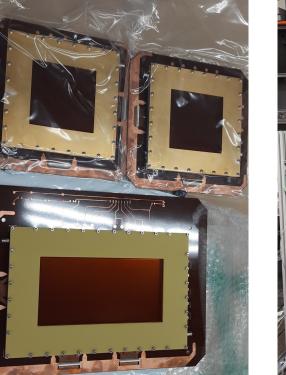


CRT DEVELOPMENT: TRACKING AND TIMING

Tracking

- **Σ** Two μRWELL stations (10 cm x 20 cm)
- One GEM tracker (50 cm x 50 cm)
- > Each layer will measure the position of a cosmic particle with a spatial precision of about $60-70 \mu m$
- Fested in recent test beam in CERN
- DAQ tests and integration with DIRC prototype DAQ are in progress
- Event Timing
 - PicoSec prototype will be obtained from CERN
 - Readout ordered
 - SBU expert will join CERN test beam in April to get familiar with operating procedure

Two μRWELL and GEM tracking stations



DAQ test setup at SBU

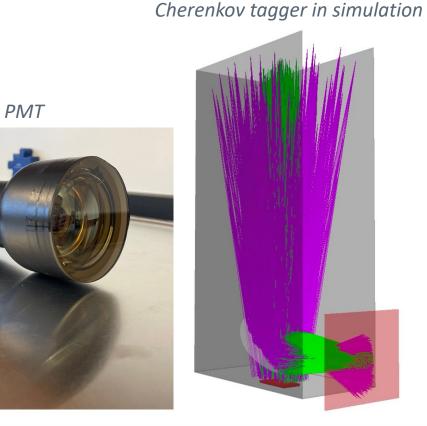


CRT DEVELOPMENT: CHERENKOV TAGGER

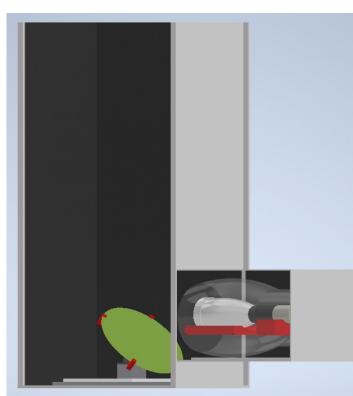
Cherenkov tagger is being developed and constructed at ODU

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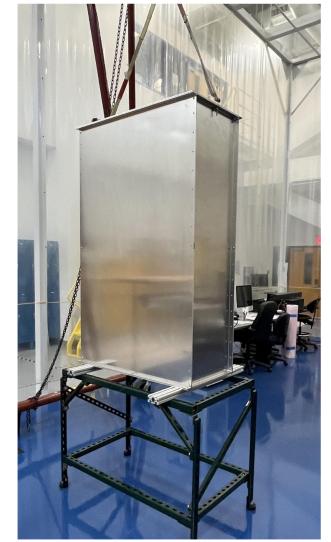
- > Readout section and mirror are being finished and installed
- > 3-inch phototube is being tested



CAD drawing of Cherenkov tagger



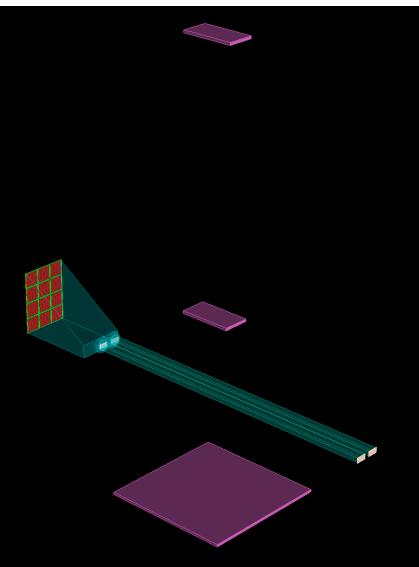
Cherenkov tagger in construction at ODU



HPDIRC PROTOTYPE: PLANS FOR REMAINING FY24 AND BEYOND

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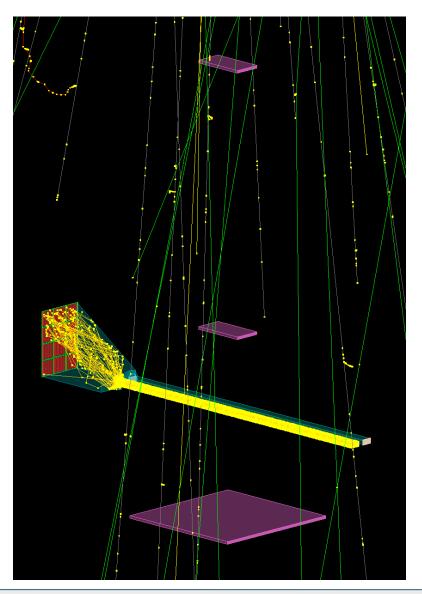
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COMPLIMENTARY HPDIRC HARDWARE EFFORTS

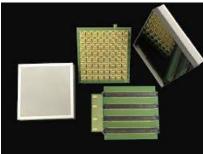
- MCP-PMT sensors: commercial Photek MAPMT253 (baseline) or Incom HRPPD (potential option)
 - > Performance needs to be verified with single photons at high rates and occupancies
 - > eRD110 is coordinating test bench studies of both types of sensors
 - HRPPDs will be evaluated at BNL (pfRICH)
 - Preparations for study of commercial MCP-PMT and HRPPDs in Glasgow underway (Glasgow group, R. Montgomery et al)
- Readout electronics:

eRD109 is testing two options, FCFD ASIC with 128 channels and the EICROC with 1024 channels

Radiator bars:

Disassembled BaBar DIRC bars will be validated on test bench in Jlab.

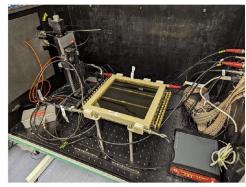




INCOM Gen III HRPPD



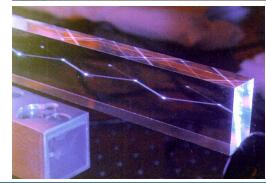
Setup at Glasgow



- BaBar DIRC decommissioned in 2010 SLAC/DOE made DIRC bars available for reuse
- > 4 bar boxes awarded to JLab and installed as GlueX DIRC in 2018
- Remaining 8 boxes awarded to JLab for potential use in EIC DIRC
- > Potentially saves up to \$10-15M 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
- hpDIRC barrel requires total of 480 short bars (1-1.2 m length)
- ► Eight bar boxes currently located at SLAC could yield up to 384 short bars, sufficient to cover rapidity range -1.65 ≤ η ≤ +1.65 (360 bars needed)
- > Quality of bar surfaces, 25 years after initial production and disassembly, to be verified
- Additional 120 ~80cm bars required for the light guide section, η ≤ -1.65, to guide photons from BaBar DIRC bars to the lenses
- In spite of significant delays due to bureaucratic challenges, goal of decision about usability of BaBar DIRC bars for ePIC expected in time for the (pre-)TDR







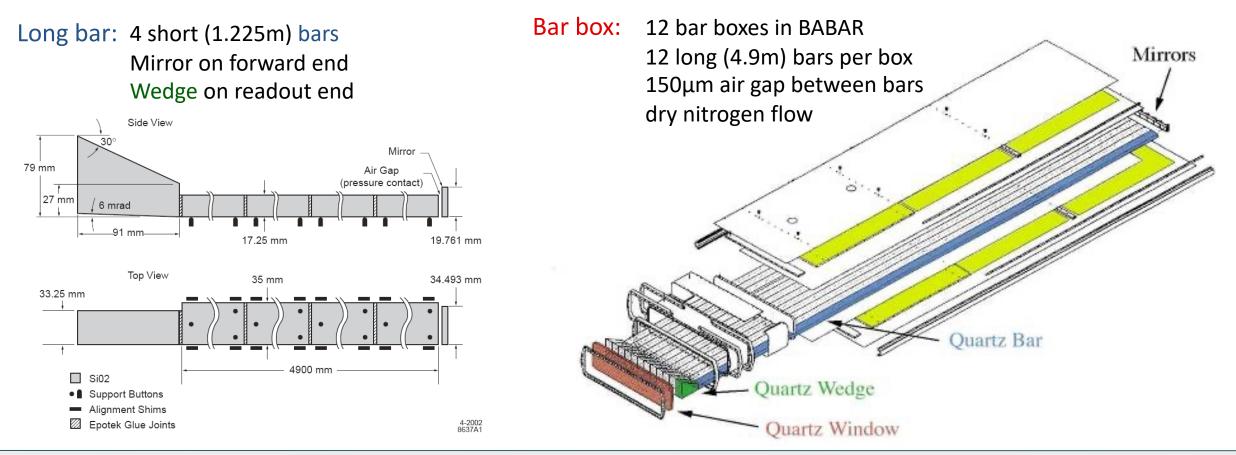
BABAR DIRC BARS

Bars were polished to ~5Å with non-squareness < 0.25-0.4 mrad

- > $1\text{\AA} = 10^{-10} \text{ m}$ (0.5 Å is radius of hydrogen atom)
- \succ 1 mrad \approx 0.06°

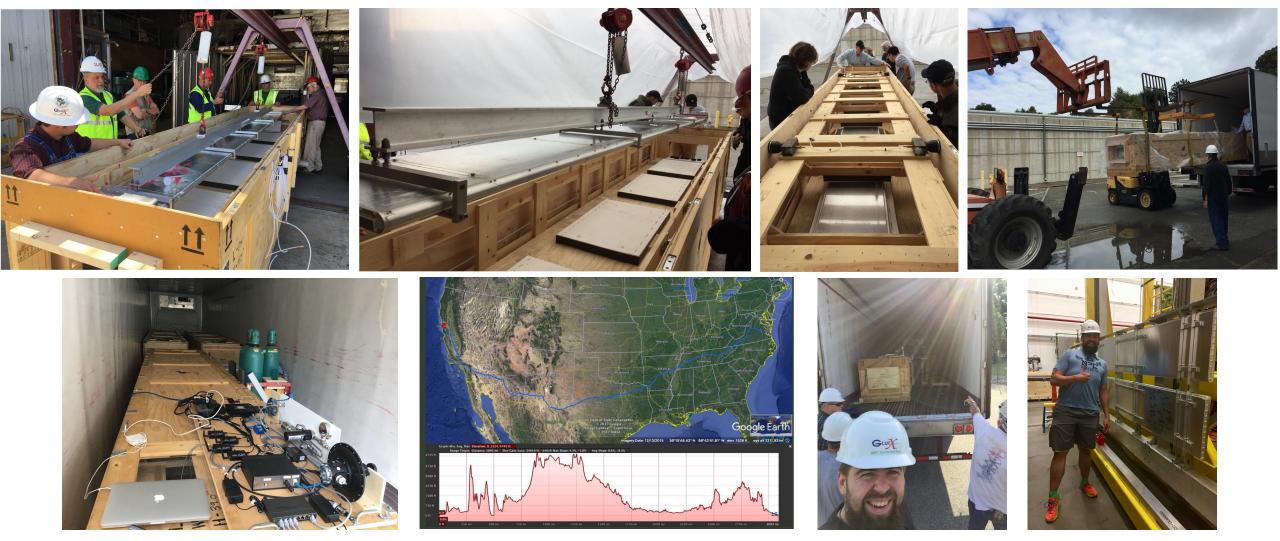




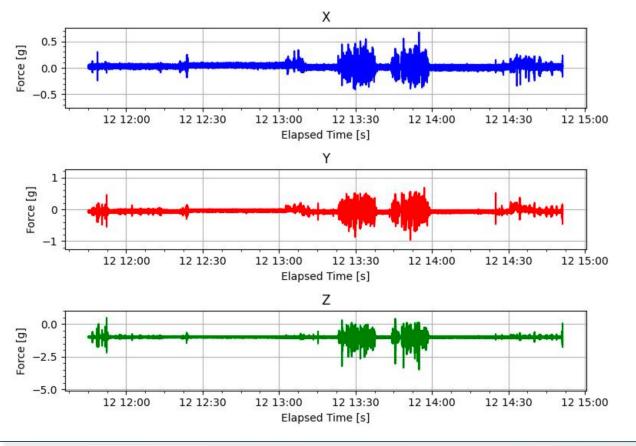


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We will use similar method as for the successful GlueX bar box transport in 2017/2018: wooden crates and shock absorption trays, air-ride and temperature-controlled trailers



- > Transport of eight bar boxes from SLAC to JLab will start on April 2nd
- > 2 older crates built for GlueX will be reused
- 6 new wooden crates are being tested with mock-up bar box (built for GlueX) and accelerometers



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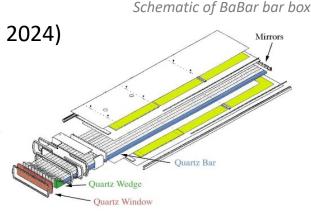




Test of completed new transportation crate with mock-up box



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- > QA DIRC lab almost ready to start test measurements
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DIRC labs under construction at JLab



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Laser Lab at JLab (ready for operation soon)



PANDA DIRC bar in GSI laser lab



Milestones:

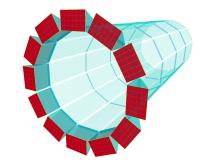
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 - > Testing of replacement PMT and finishing of mechanical details in progress
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 - > Integration of DAQs and commissioning of tracking on test bench in progress
 - Acquiring of PicoSec and training of operation arranged
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SUMMARY/OUTLOOK

- Important eRD103 progress in 2024, on track to meet declared milestones with slight delay
- hpDIRC Prototype at Cosmic ray telescope (CRT):
 - Tracking, event timing, Cherenkov tagger and DAQ are being completed and tested with the goal of installation and commissioning in the summer of 2024
 - Preparing the way for future incremental upgrade of the hpDIRC prototype when bars, sensors, and readout electronics become available
 - The ultimate goal for CRT to test the full hpDIRC module is well-aligned with ePIC schedule
- Validation of BaBar bars reuse option, and completion of cost-optimized hpDIRC design expected by the fall of 2024 (new bars backup solution fits into ePIC schedule)
- eRD103 program fits roadmap towards readiness for the TDR and, ultimately, hpDIRC construction



hpDIRC Prototype at SBU



Transportation crates

