PID Subsystems: preTDR Efforts and Progress

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Upfront: PreTDR (Version 0.1) Status

- All Cherenkov PID DSCs received a healthy amount of constructive comments
- All are addressed as reported in the TIC meetings Balance between adding more details and staying in the allocated page
- limits
- Next Steps:
 - Refining text

 - Updating plots (some are still preliminary or place holders) New simulations and hardware improvements/changes flow into the writeup

of March '25

- Overall the PID part of the preTDR is in Good Shape
- N.B.: Preliminary Design Review for Cherenkov PID detectors beginning





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Vessel Fabrication

- Foam form for vessel construction is nearly complete
 - Achieved 0.1 mm circular precision
- New precision milled endring (no. 3) has been produced at Purdue and is currently on its way to SBU
- First two endrings were seen to have significant variation in diameter
 - Endrings nos. 1 and 2 being sent back to Purdue for refurbishment
 - Timeline for vessel completion will be determined once Purdue evaluates first two endrings









Mirror Production

- The mirror coating test/production for pfRICH has started exactly one year ago
- Substrates are low cost high strength carbon fiber co-bonded with a 30 mil Lexan sheet
- After 26 batches of coating tests milestones were achieved:
 - High reflectivity above 90% between 300 and 600 nm in wavelength at 45 degree of incident angle.
 - Successful coating material and layering schemes: Chromium \rightarrow Aluminium \rightarrow SiO₂.
 - These created a strong bond between the metal layers and the substrates.



- Established the co-bonding techniques based on Epoxy and its impact on reflectivity - currently finalizing the details and soon making large full scale conical mirror substrates
- The mirror reflection surface is smooth, after investigating issue that related to the pressure imposed on Lexan during the co-bonding. Optimization in progress.

Recent test batches: Sep - Nov 2024









Mirror Reflectivity

- The reflectivity is consistently and quickly tested at BNL after the mirrors are coated (SBU)
- The uniformity of these mirrors is found to be good, by having different samples located at different position on the fixture (see right picture). This leads to 1.5% variations in reflectivity within the same batch.
- Next step is to finalize the coating thickness and the layering schemes, as well as with full-scale mirrors.







HRPPD Timing: Femtosecond Laser System at BNL

Menlo Systems Elmo 780 Erbium Fiber Femtosecond Laser

ELMO = Primary Laser Oscillator



Make use of a very low intensity 4th harmonic @ 390 nm



Single Photon Timing Resolution Using Elmo Laser

- empty events
- HRPPD signal used for triggering (5 mV effective threshold)
 - increase data taking efficiency



HRPPD 15: bias voltage 775 V, photocathode voltage 100 V (gain ~1.5*10⁶)

Laser beam focused on a single HRPPD pad center; intensity tuned down to ~95%;

 Signal waveform data taken with a Tektronix MSO66B scope (50 GS/s, 8 GHz ABW) Leading edge fits [10% .. 90%] performed offline; $\Delta t = t_{HRPPD} - t_{FastPD}$ is a plotted quantity



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- SPE timing resolution is below 20 ps for nominal HRPPD 15 HV settings (bias 775) V, PC 200 V)
- A scale cross-check: primary electron drift time decreases with PC voltage as expected
- Nominal PC->MCP#1 gap is 1.1 mm per design [compare to a fit value of ~1.2 mm]





Primary electron drift time PC->MCP#1





Directors Review for CD-3B

SC4 – Detector Systems

Comments

- Simulations were added upon request. They provided more confidence regarding the performance of the detector. It
 would be beneficial having an extended report capturing the full (global) performance of the detector available
 before CD-2 (e.g., in the TDR).
- New, very large area silicon detectors carry risks (e.g., Astropix) associated with scalability and availability of technology.
- A plan for bake-out of the beampipe was presented with no obvious show-stopper. Further optimization is being
 pursued and additional testing is beneficial.
- Expertise and personnel in control of specific critical steps (e.g., chip design verification) is critical and often a limiting factor and has to be taken into account in the schedule.
- Dependence on possibly 'oversubscribed' laboratories for board production of the MPGDs (e.g., CERN) is a risk. It may be mitigated with early procurement.
- New avenues to manufacture AC-LGAD may require several iterations and backup options should remain open.
- Given the balance of NRECs versus wafers costs, additional procurement of ASIC wafers and fabrications (iterations) is encouraged.
- Steel for the endcap are based on one estimate. A second estimate was significantly higher. Additional evaluations of the cost, after further estimates come in, may be needed.
- Results of the first engineering test article of HRPPDs are promising. A second engineering run is encouraged to mitigate risk.

Electron-Ion Collider

EIC CD-3B Director's Review, October 22-24, 2024

Presenter First Initial, Last Name

pfRICH is well on its way to become the first RICH detector deploying LAPPDs/HRPPDs in a collider detector



- Project will fund a second ER for the HRPPDs
- Not incremental but more "final" (preproduction) version that should addresses all issues discovered so far





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dRICH Mechanics



Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer (CFRP) Layer composition



Entering the details of the mechanical model moving towards the executive design of the real-scale prototype







Mirrors

Characterizing the medium-size (~30 cm side) demonstrator CFRP substrate before coating













Aerogel: Simulations \Leftrightarrow Hardware

- T. Boasso suggested aerogel 1.026 performs better than 1.019
 - Large data set studies validated such observations
- Almost 2 GeV improvement. No noise added so far (will be checked).
- n=1.026 has at higher photon count, ~ 50%
- New studies of Photon ratio of pions and protons follows expectations
 - way to cross-check the simulation and beam test results.











Aerogel: Simulations \Longrightarrow Hardware

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- Characterizing n=1.026 and awaiting real-scale demonstrators
- Next step: move to real dimensions & specs
 - ePIC quality specs: clarity, absorption, planarity, dimension tolerance, ...
 - Squared and water-jet cutting shaped
 - 15 x 15 x 3 cm² volume

50

40

Momentum (GeV/c)

- 18 x 18 x 2 cm² volume (BELLE-II) standard)

10



20 30 Momentum (Gev)



Gas System



Studying Purging and online Monitoring

High-pressure vessel for light transmission measurements











Thermodynamics of SiPM Sensors

Performing systematic cooling and annealing tests

instrumental to optimize protocols, study insulation and safety















dRICH Electronics and Readout Chip

these pictures are on scale!

Preparing test production of readout electronics in its "final" ePIC layout



8.2 cm 3.2 inches



• Preparing ALCOR v3 test production - now 64 channels!

ALCORv64 digitizing chip









Irradiation Tests

Pursuing a new irradiation campaign at large

neutron irradiation campaign 2024 (LNL-CN)

- irradiation done on 9-11 October
- several SiPM boards, several fluences
- also irradiated aerogel, quartz and other optical materials
- gamma irradiation campaign 2024 (CERN-GIF)
 - irradiation done on 14-16 October
 - from 10 to 1 000 rad

proton irradiation campaign 2024 (Trento-TIFPA)

- will be done on 12-14 December
- > we will also irradiate several pieces of electronics
- also irradiated aerogel, quartz and other optical materials





Progress on Software and Simulations

- Impressive influx of manpower with groups from India joining
- Simulation team
 - Central University of Karnataka, India (D. Samuel, A. Rajan, N. George) Central University of Haryana, India (R. Kumar, M. Thakur, R. Jangid, Taniya, T.
 - Tanvi, G. Laishram)
 - Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, India (T. Ghosh, R. Sigh)
 - INFN Trieste (J. Agarwala, C. Chatterjee)
 - INFN Cosenza & University of Calabria (L. Occhiuto)
- New group also provided resources to perform many new simulation 12h/ day allocation for ePIC
 - Substantial use of GPUs
- Simulations and Reconstruction in ElCrecon





Progress on Software and Simulations (continued)

Progress on many fronts (too many to discuss here)

- dRICH separation power in gas and aerogel
 - Gas: Newest geometry, mag. Field; pi/K up to 50 GeV 3-sigma for most of highest eta values.
 - Aerogel: n = 1.026 studies
 - New finer LUT and contours are under preparation, <14-16 GeV> for e/π separation in gas
- Study of effect of chromatic distortions in single photon resolution Impact of pixelization on single photon resolution
- New plots fro preTDR in preparation
- Update of IRT reconstruction on its way
- Discussion with pfRICH on joint software efforts















Recent Activities

- hpDIRC prototype in Cosmic Ray Telescope (CRT):
 - Current work is focussed on DAQs integration
- Ongoing hpDIRC studies in simulation:
 - Key studies still in stand-alone software
 - Soon will have expert hpDIRC DSC member taking over simulation in ePIC stack
 - Working on mechanical design details
- Mechanical Design and Integration:
 - Progressing with details of bar boxes and readout boxes
- Validation of the BaBar DIRC bar reuse:
 - Disassembly and QA at JLab in advanced stage
 - Decision on reuse of bars still expected by Q1-Q2/2025

hpDIRC in Geant4





Prototype at SBU's CRT



Disassembly setup at JLab





QA lab at JLab





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- Visual inspection confirms no damages during transport
- Aluminum covers removed except of bottom (next to be removed)
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- Optical quality of bars after disassembly will be evaluated in QA DIRC lab, located next to disassembly tent





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So far things look promising ... we know more on Q1/Q2 2025



Instead of a Summary of the Summary ...

