# Highlights of the PID session at the ePIC meeting in Frascati

Alexander Kiselev (a personal view)

ePIC pfRICH DSC weekly meeting, 01/30/2025

## Agenda

#### Synergies as seen by ePIC PID DSCs 9:00 AM → 9:15 AM RICH - Developments of common interest: General Speaker: Alexander Kiselev (BNL) avk-2025-01-24-fras... RICH - Developments of common interest: Mirror QA **9:15 AM** → 9:25 AM Mirror QA setup @ Duke, aerogel testing facilities at INFN (?), etc Speakers: Anselm Vossen (member@duke.edu;faculty@duke.edu), Marco Contalbrigo (INFN Ferrara) RICH\_250124.pdf RICH - Developments of common interest: Mirror coating 9:25 AM Stony Brook evaporator setup Speakers: Preet Mann (Stony Brook), Zhoudunming Tu (BNL) Mirror coating **RICH - Developments of common interest: Aerogel** 9:35 AM Temple aerogel test setup Speakers: Bernd Surrow (Temple University), Matt Posik (Temple University) 2025\_01\_24\_posik\_... 9:45 AM → 9:55 AM hpDIRC - Developments of common interest: Topics and Needs Speaker: Grzegorz Kalicy (CUA) **10:00 AM** → 10:10 AM Status and Challenges of R&D (Project & Generic) Speaker: Thomas Ullrich (BNL) PID\_RD\_Rome.pdf

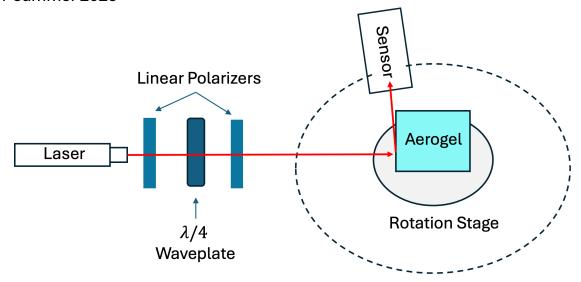


## Activities / developments of common interest [for us]

- > Aerogel: QA and characterization
  - Refractive index, forward scattering, transparency, etc.
- ➤ Mirrors: coating (?) and QA; procedures & equipment
- Laser monitoring system
- Everything related to HRPPDs (and other MCP-PMTs)
  - Readout interface(s), QA & characterization; B-field & aging studied, timing, etc
- Reconstruction software

## Aerogel: ellipsometry

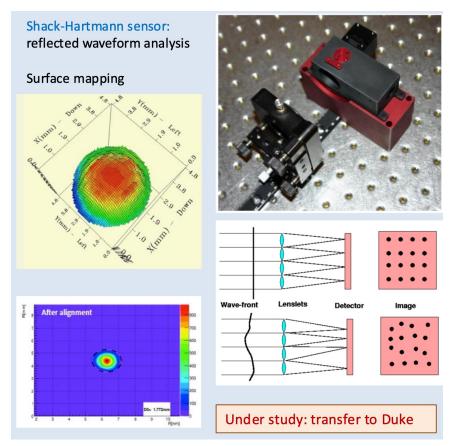
- ☐ Local refractive index measurements
  - Measure change in light polarization to extract refractive index (via Brewster's angle or ellipsometry)
  - Equipment in hand as part of pfRICH PED
  - o Main effort to start in summer 2025



A new technique for a refractive index measurement (allows XY surface scans)

## Mirrors & aerogel QA technique ideas

by Marco Contalbrigo (INFN)



Camera Aerogel Screen Laser laser screen CCD camera motor x-y axis movable table CCD camera [ThorLabs DCU 224c] - sensitive area [5.95-4.76 mm] - resolution [1280-1024 pixels] - pixel size 4.65 μm

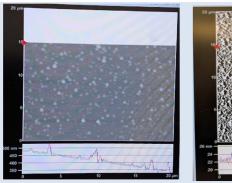
mirror surface quality control

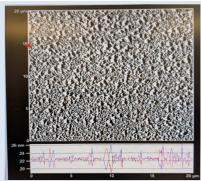
aerogel 2D surface mapping

## Other mirror-related topics



- Access to a variety of instruments for precision characterization of materials
- Vossen's group members trained on Atomic Force Microscope, Spectrophotometer
- Variety of workshops and engineering facilities at Triangle
  Universities Nuclear Laboratory (TUNL) e.g. for 3D printing etc...





Screenshot of Atomic Force Microscope images of reflective surface coated at SBU showing roughness of  $< 100 \, nm$ 

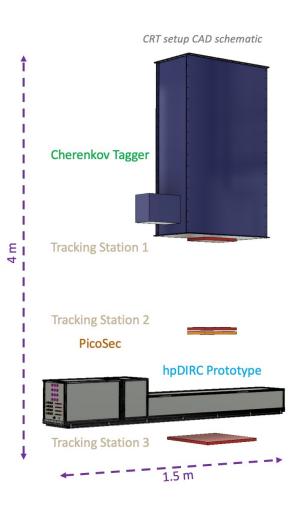
#### SEM and AFM equipment is also available at CFN (BNL)

- Can dRICH mirrors be coated at Stony Brook or they are just too big?
- Otherwise, does the synergy boil down to just sharing experience, technique, etc?

## Synergies with hpDIRC

- Photosensor evaluation
- Front-end electronics

- Cosmic ray test stand usage @ SBU (?!)
  - ➤ Built-in muon ID (p > 3.5 GeV/c)
  - Possibility of using the same HRPPD(s) with the same ASIC electronics
  - Perhaps even try cross-calibration of the two subsystems (event selection)
- ➤ An alternative option: beam test at CERN PS with dRICH in Fall 2025
  - We will know more in mid February



### Laser monitoring: unified across pfRICH/dRICH/hpDIRC?

#### Similar DAQ and Slow Control implementations

#### Same hardware components

- Common spare parts repository for expensive items, such as a PiLas laser system
- Same type of fiber and diffusers

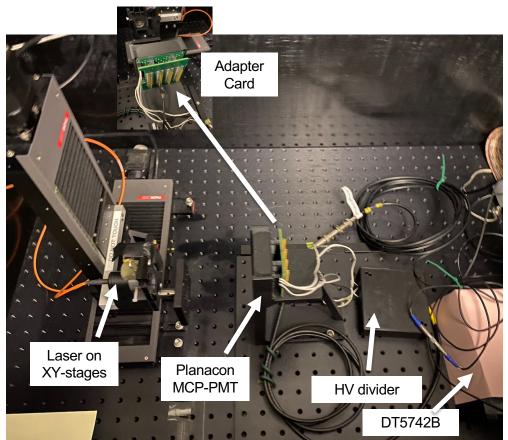
#### Design engineering considerations

- Timing resolution requirement
- Laser signal diffused patterns: coverages and overlaps
- Mounting themes and holders

#### Ongoing PED effort to answer common questions

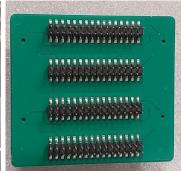
- Small profile diffuser (~0.5mm diameter) with square pattern possible? (Integration)
- Minimum bending radius and signal loss? (Engineering)
- Validate and optimize the envelopes with Ray Trace program

## MCP-PMT test stand @ Glasgow



- Borrowed Planacon XP85112-S-BA MCP-PMT from GSI
  - This is the one which was thoroughly tested at Erlangen by A. Lehmann
- Photek Auratek MCP-PMT is supposed to be shipped to Glasgow by mid February
- Sending one of the EIC HRPPDs to Glasgow does not look hopeless either
  - Source of \$8k TAX payment identified, etc.

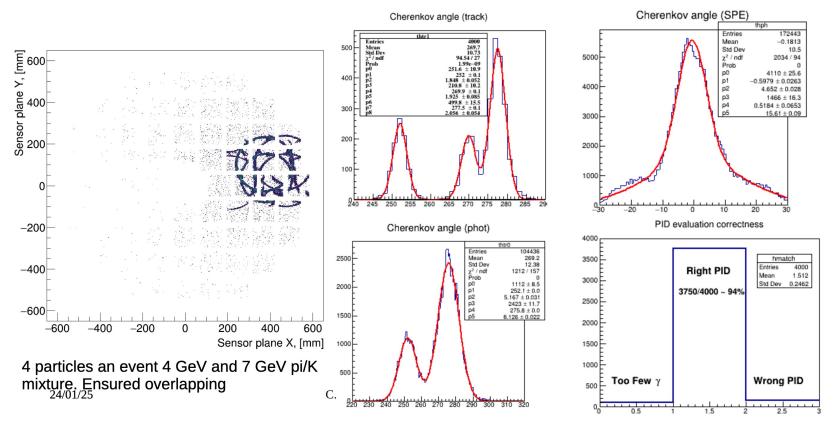






#### Software: IRT 1.0 -> 2.0 transition

#### by Chandradoy Chatterjee (INFN)



Standalone simulation results: IRT 2.0 is a substantial improvement over 1.0 and as such can be used as a new baseline in ElCrecon (once ported there)