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**ARICH at Belle II** 

Contents:

- Belle II
- ARICH design
- Current operation & performance
- Upgrade plans





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# **ARICH - RICH with an aerogel radiator**



Proximity focusing Aerogel Ring Imaging Cherenkov detector (ARICH) components:

- double layer focusing aerogel radiator (20+20 mm) to increase the number of photons without degrading the resolution
- □ 160 mm expansion gap
- photon detector based on 420 Hybrid Avalanche Photo Detectors (HAPD)
- front-end electronics with dedicated ASICs. and FPGAs







# **Aerogel radiator**

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Two layers of 20 mm thick hydrophobic aerogel:

- − upstream, n≈1.045, TL@ $\lambda_{400nm}$ ≈45mm
- downstream, n=1.055, TL@  $\lambda_{400nm}\approx 35$ mm
- 4 segmented rings, 2×124 tiles
- all but exit surface of each pair covered by a black paper
- each pair fixed by two black strings running radially
- completed in December 2016



















## **Photon detector with HAPD**





constructed from 420 HAPD modules.

HAPD properties:

- size: 73×73×28 mm<sup>3</sup>
- 2×2 APDs with 6×6 channels, 4.9×4.9mm2@ 5.1mm pitch
- avg. QE@400nm  $\approx 32\%$
- combined gain  $\approx 70k$
- channel capacitance 80pF
- operation in B=1.5T
- radiation tolerance  $\approx 10^{12} n.e./cm^2$







420 HAPDs in 7 rings



18 planar mirrors Neutron shield

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#### **Front-end electronics**



Front-end electronics is organized in units of one merger board (MB) controling6 (or 5) front-end boards (FEB)

- FEB is based on 4 36 ch. ASICs each covering one APD, and Spartan-6 FPGA
- MB controls FEB slow control parameters, and collects and transfers data to back-end DAQ





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1400

1200

1000

600

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# Integration and installation



Joining radiator and photon detector parts in 2017.



Back side view of ARICH with FE boards, cooling system, cabling and merger boards on top.





Transfer of the forward end-cap to final position in 2017,

- First beam operation of Belle II April June 2018
- Extracted and reinstalled during 2018 shutdown for cooling system upgrade before the beam operation start in 2019

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Since March 2019 ARICH is fully operational.

Current status:

- 94% of ARICH channels operational
- 1% 1 merger group with 5 HAPD modules, off due to LV cable problem
- 5% off due to HV or bias problems different reasons under study
- Electronics efficiency for single photon signals well above 90% threshold set at 50mV.



Threshold scan for all the channels connected to the merger 18 - LED illumination

Signal hits / channel / event



Average hits per APD per event – white, blue, green are inactive APDs

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### Calibration and alignment ( $e+e-\rightarrow \mu+\mu-$ )

Identify and remove hot and dead channels.

- Align the system by maximizing the agreement between expected and measured photon distributions:
  - Global alignment to a tracking system
  - Internal alignment of positions and rotations of mirrors and aerogel tiles

Very good agreement is achieved between expected and measured Cherenkov angle distributions



Photon distribution components:

- Cherenkov photons from aerogel direct and scattered
- Cherenkov photons produced in HAPD window:
  - by primary particle
  - by delta electrons from aerogel
- Cherenkov photons from air gap All above can undergo further reflections inside HAPD



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HAPD

-0.3 -0.2 -0.1 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0

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delta e-

E~O(MeV) curling along the magnetic field lines

### Likelihood function and PDF construction

Particle identification is based on a maximum likelihood function – comparing measured with expected hit distribution for different particle hypothesis

$$\ln \mathcal{L}_{h} = -N_{h} + \sum_{hit \ i} \left[ n_{h,i} + \ln(1 - e^{-n_{h,i}}) \right]$$

 $n_{h,i...}$  expected number of hits detected by pixel *i* for hypothesis *h* - integral of PDF over pixel area, and  $N_h = \Sigma n_{h,i}$ 

Main PDF components: direct and scattered Ch. photons from aerogel, correlated and uncorrelated background

0.4 mlized expected 0.3 0.4 Std Dev y 0.2358 0.2 -data 0.1 02 -0.1 01 0.06 0.35 Cherenkov angle [rad] PDF parameters calibrated by  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi + \pi$ -decays for low momentum and  $e+e- \rightarrow \mu + \mu$ -for high momentum











ARICH K efficiency vs.  $\pi$  misidentification probability



Momentum dependence of ARICH K efficiency and  $\pi$  misidentification probability







- According to MC ~10% of particles with extrapolated track in the ARICH don't reach the detector
- $\rightarrow$  decay in flight + inelastic hadronic scattering in the material
- significant contribution to the misidentification rates (e.g. scattered pion → strongly id. as kaon) Recognizing decayed/scattered particles improves Belle II global PID
- search for a track associated cluster in the electromagnetic calorimeter (ECL)
- ~75% of decayed/scattered particles are contained in a sub-sample









# Outlook

- Increase of dark current due to a neutron damage:
- neutron fluence (@L<sub>design</sub> =8x 10<sup>35</sup> /cm<sup>2</sup> s) = 2.4x 10<sup>11</sup> neq/cm<sup>2</sup>
  - The expected radiation dose (20Gy) is 25 lower than the maximal value used during sensor R&D.
- Time dependence of measured APD diode currents (in uA) for a module with a typical behavior:







K identification efficiency for different nominal background levels



Mitigation: adjust gain and shaping time in the electronics

Reliable operation expected until the designed luminosity is reached.

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# **Beyond Bellell**



Upgrade of Belle II to increase the luminosity by a factor of 5 HAPD will not be able to operate any more.

Replacement candidates under evaluation:

- Silicon photomultipliers working at low temperatures
- LAPPD by INCOM USA (20x20xm+10x10cm)

Readout based on the novel FastIC chip - configurable multichannel ASIC for fast-timing applications – 65nm CMOS (collaboration of CERN and Uni Barcelona):

- Time: 10 100 ps + Energy: linear (< 3%) for 1000s p.e. range (~10 bit) -> Precise time-walk correction
- 10 mW/ ch
- 1USD/ ch. / volume production







# **Irradiated samples**



Irradiation @ TRIGA nuclear reactor at Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana

Fluence **10<sup>11</sup>n/cm<sup>2</sup> 10<sup>12</sup>n/cm<sup>2</sup>** 

No single photo electron signals observed due to high DCR and baseline shift



How to mitigate the radiation? Lower temperature ->

Hard to design the cooling system in front of the calorimeter.

Change of internal structure of SiPMs – bulk damage in the Silicon – more ore less same effects



Expected number of background hits depends on:

- ring area ~ 2000 mm<sup>2</sup>
- dark count rate ~ 600kHz/mm<sup>2</sup>
- coincidence window ~ 5ns

$$N_{dark} \sim 6 \rightarrow N_{ph}/N_{dark} \sim 3.3$$

**Ratio can be increased by:** 

- smaller ring image area
- narrower time window
- use of light collection system (light guides) to increase effective area of the sensor









- ARICH of Belle II consists of an double layer aerogel plane and photon detector
  - 420 HAPD and 128 aerogel tiles
  - HAPD operate in a 1.5 T magnetic field
- Installed in 2016
- Commisioned until 2019
- Fully operational
- Provides high K identification efficiency
- Reliable operation, almost no loss of efficiency
- With the increase of luminosity, the noise of sensors will increase
- No problems expected by the time the designed luminosity will ber reached