The Barrel DIRC Detector for the PANDA Experiment at FAIR



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- PANDA experiment
- Barrel DIRC design
- Expected performance
- Validation in beam tests
- Summary & outlook

The PANDA Cherenkov Group:











The PANDA Experiment at FAIR

Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research at GSI near Darmstadt, Germany

- FAIR Accelerator Complex
- PANDA Experiment
- Barrel DIRC Detector





- High Energy Storage Ring
- 5 x 10¹⁰ stored cooled antiprotons
- 1.5 to 15 GeV/c momentum
- Cluster jet / pellet target
- High luminosity mode
 - $\Delta p/p \approx 10^{-4}$ (stochastic cooling)
- $L = 1.6 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
- High resolution mode
 - $\Delta p/p \approx 5 \times 10^{-5}$ (electron cooling)
 - $L = 1.6 \times 10^{31} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$



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DIRCs in PANDA

Two DIRC detectors for hadronic PID:

Barrel DIRC

German in-kind contribution to PANDA Goal: 3 s.d. π/K separation up to 3.5 GeV/c

Endcap Disc DIRC

Goal: 4 s.d. π/K separation up to 4 GeV/c





, Mustafa SCHMIDT, 23.05 R1, Particle identification



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- Proven to work (BABAR-DIRC).







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Based on BABAR DIRC with key improvements

(compact fused silica prisms, spherical lenses)

- 48 radiator bars (16 sectors), synthetic fused silica 17mm (T) x 53mm (W) x 2400mm (L)
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Conservative design: similar to BABAR DIRC, baseline design for TDR Excellent performance, robust, little sensitivity to backgrounds and timing deterioration



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Replacing 3 bars/bar box with 1 wide plate saves significant fabrication costs

- 16 radiator plates (16 sectors), synthetic fused silica (instead of 48 narrow bars) 17mm (T) x 160mm (W) x 2400mm (L)
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Wide plate design would reduce cost – but it is no longer a "BABAR-like" DIRC Belle II TOP counter uses wide plates (450mm), completed installation in May 2016 May expect similar performance (TOP goal: 3 s.d. π/K up to 4 GeV/c)



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Single Photon Cherenkov angle resolution (SPR)

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Baseline design with geometrical reconstruction

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$$N_{\rm sep} = \frac{|\mu_1 - \mu_2|}{0.5(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)}$$









Time imaging reconstruction

Baseline design (narrow bars)



Cost-saving design (wide plates)





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Both designs meet or exceed PID requirements for entire acceptance range



Key components

Radiators

~30 bars/plates produced by 8 companies (AOS/Okamoto, InSync, Nikon, Zeiss, Zygo; Heraeus, Lytkarino LZOS, Schott Lithotec)

- Several solid fused silica prism prototypes (30° - 45° top angle) built by industry
- Focusing system
 Designed several
 spherical and cylindrical lenses,
 with and without air gap,
 several prototypes built by industry







 Micro-channel Plate Photomultipliers (MCP-PMTs) excellent timing and magnetic field performance used to have issues with rate capability and aging, now solved; sensors of choice for Belle II TOP, LHCb TORCH, PANDA DIRCs





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Readout and Mechanical Design







Readout Electronics

~100ps timing per photon for small MCP-PMT pulses – amplification and bandwith optimization 20MHz average interaction, trigger-less DAQ Current approach: HADES TRBv3 board with PADIWA amplifier/discriminator Near future: DiRICH, integrated backplane, joint development with HADES/CBM RICH



Mechanical Design

Light-weight and modular, allows staged bar box installation, access to inner detectors Mechanical support elements made from aluminum alloy or carbon fiber (CFRP) Boil-off nitrogen flush for optical surfaces



Beam Test at CERN 2015

- Fused silica prism as expansion volume
- ➢ 5 x 3 array of Planacon MCP-PMTs
- Narrow bar as radiator
- Many different imaging/lens configurations
- Momentum and angle scans
- ~500M triggers during 34 days of data taking



Goal: validation of PID performance of baseline design (narrow bars)





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Beam Test at CERN 2015: Narrow Bar

- Goal: validate PANDA Barrel DIRC design and test components for DIRC@EIC
- Narrow bar (17x32x1250 mm³)
- Fused silica prism
- Focusing with 3-layer spherical lens
- ~200 ps time resolution

Geometrical reconstruction:



Hit patterns, proton tag:



Time imaging:



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Beam Test at CERN 2016: Wide Plate

- Goal: validate plate as cost saving option for PANDA Barrel DIRC and DIRC@EIC
- Plate (17x175x1225 mm³)
- Fused silica prism
- Focusing with 2-layer cylindrical lens
- ~200 ps time resolution



Hit patterns, proton tag:



Time imaging:



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Summary and Status

- The PANDA Barrel DIRC is a key component of the PANDA PID system
 - Simulations predict 3 s.d. π/K separation up to 3.5 GeV/c
 - Successfully validated PID performance in particle beams
 - Technical Design Report currently in review
- Design with narrow bars and 3-layer spherical lens meets or exceeds the PANDA PID requirements
 - Simulation and PID performance validated with particle beams (CERN 2015)
- Cost-saving design with wide plates and 3-layer cylindrical lens also exceeds PANDA PID performance
 - Simulation and PID performance validated with particle beams (CERN 2016)
- PID performance of narrow bars superior to wide plates
 - More robust in terms of background and timing resolution
 - baseline design for PANDA Barrel DIRC





Outlook

2017-2023: Component Fabrication, Assembly, Installation

- 2017: TDR approval, prepare for tender process
- 2018-2020: Industrial fabrication of fused silica bars and prisms Industrial production of MCP-PMTs
- 2018-2019: Production and QA of readout electronics
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Thank you for the attention



Backup slides



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Simulation and Reconstruction



Geometrical Reconstruction

Reconstruction: direction from LUT for hit pixels are combined with charge track direction

number of photons: 12



Time Likelihood Imaging

Reconstruction: arrival time of each photon from given track is compared with PDF to calculate time-based likelihood for the photon to originate from a given particle





 Clean π/K separation at 3.5 GeV/c even without optics

