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# Development of FARICH technique for the Super Charm-Tau Factory project.

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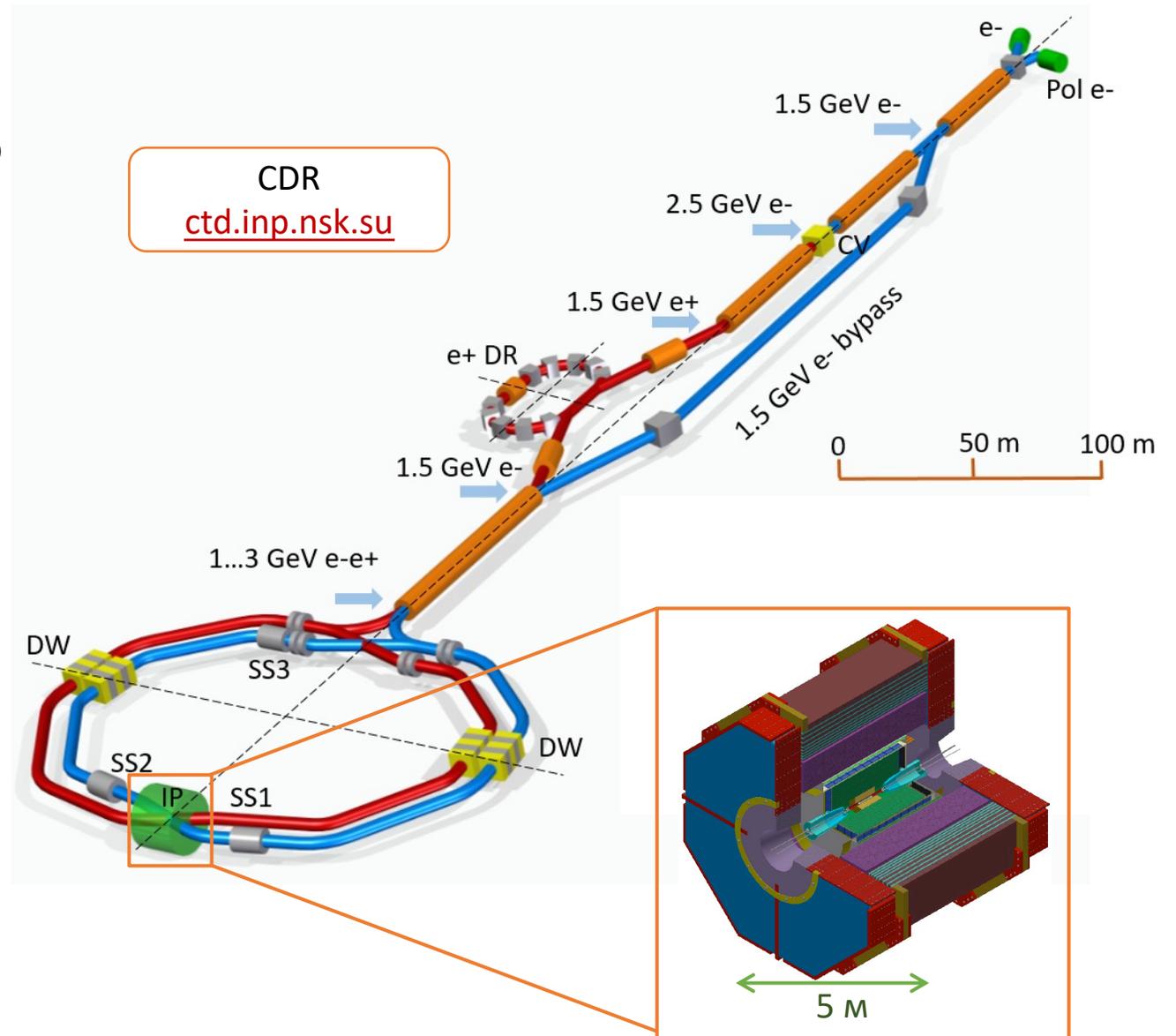
# The SCT experiment

➤ Super charm-tau factory is  $e^+e^-$  collider, dedicated to precision study of properties of charm-quark,  $\tau$ -lepton, study of strong interactions, search of BSM physics

- Beam energy from 1.5 (1.0) to 3.5 GeV
- Luminosity  $\mathcal{L} = 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  @ 2 GeV
- Longitudinal polarization of the  $e^-$  beams

➤ Experiments will be conducted using state-of-the-art general purpose detector

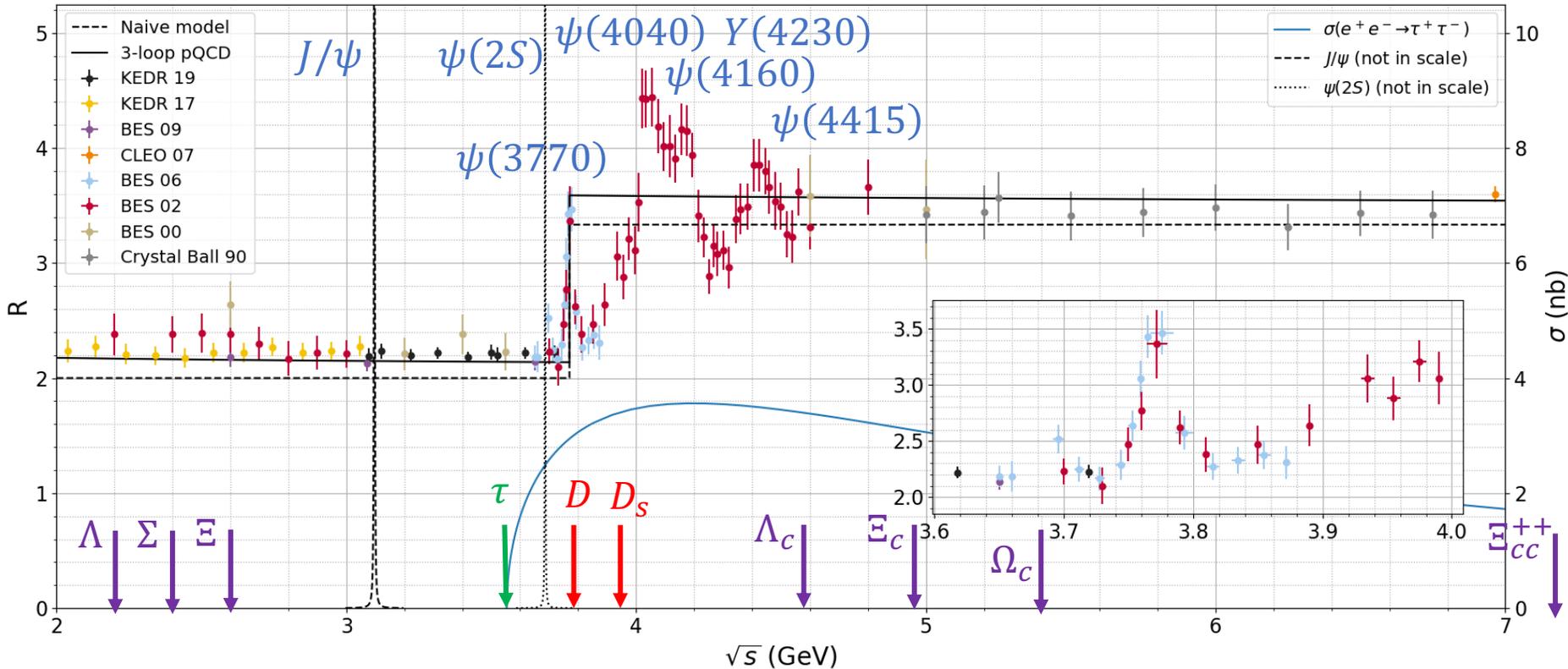
- Tracking (including low  $p_t$ )
- Calorimetry (high resolution, fast,  $\pi^0/\gamma$  sep. )
- **PID system:**
  - $\pi/K$  – separation up to 3.5 GeV/c
  - $\mu/\pi$  – separation up to 1.5 GeV/c



# The SCT energy range

$$R \equiv \frac{\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons})}{\sigma_0(e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-)}$$

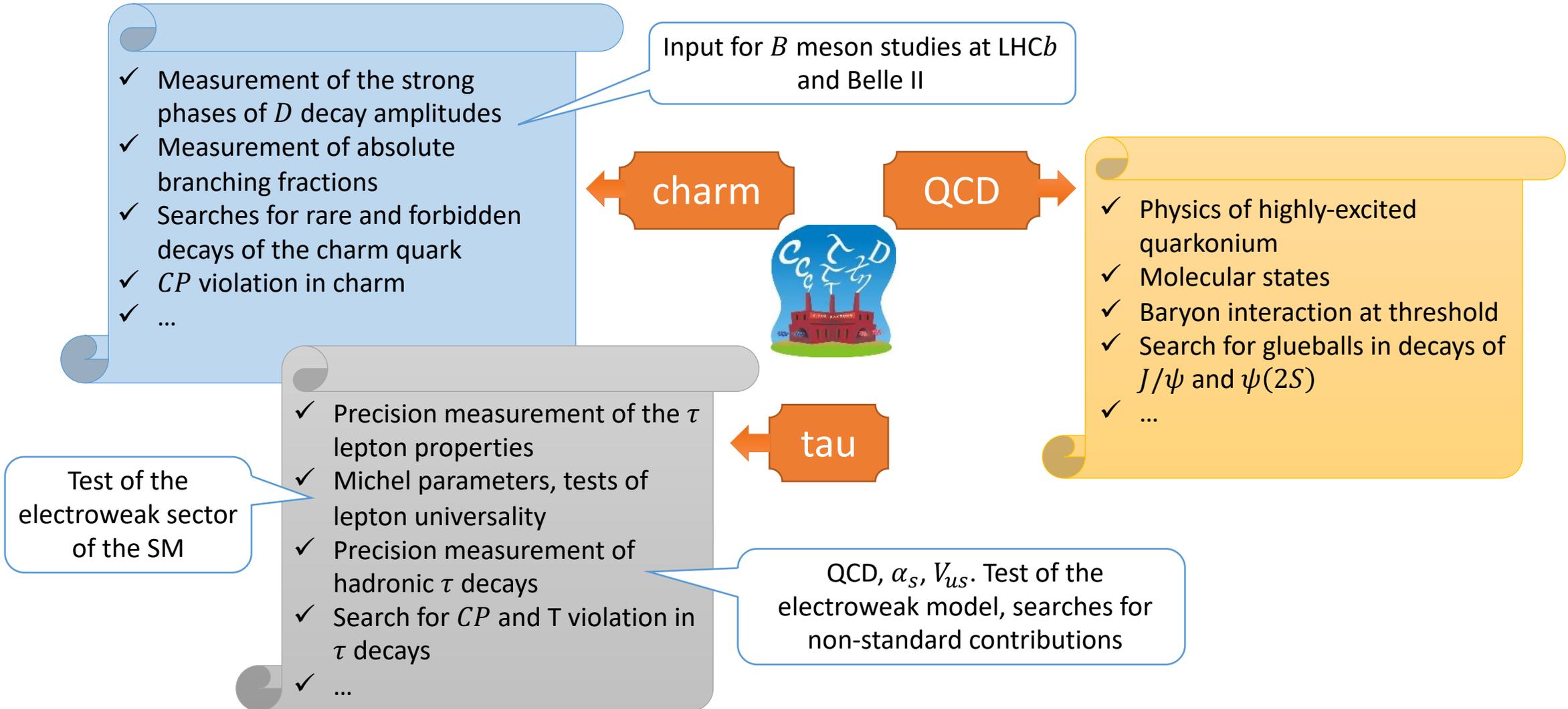
Threshold production of nonrelativistic particles provides best conditions for their comprehensive study

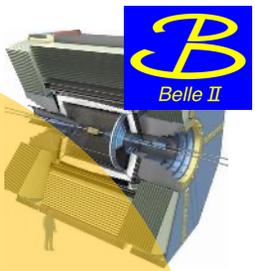
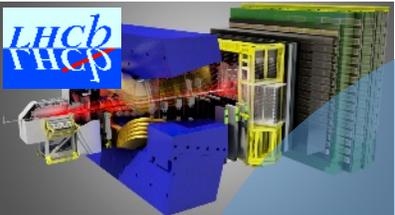


$\mathcal{L} = 10^{35} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$   
A one-year dataset

| $2E, \text{ GeV}$ | Events recorded               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 3.1               | $10^{12} J/\psi$              |
| 3.69              | $10^{11} \psi(2S)$            |
| 3.77              | $10^9 D\bar{D}$               |
| 4.17              | $10^8 D_s\bar{D}_s$           |
| $3.55 \div 4.3$   | $10^{10} \tau\tau$            |
| 4.65              | $10^8 \Lambda_c^+\Lambda_c^-$ |

# SCT Physics in a nutshell





$$B^0 \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+ \pi^- \quad B^+ \rightarrow h_1^+ h_2^+ h_3^-$$

Only charged particles in the final state  
 $B^0$  mixing and lifetime

$B_s$   $\Lambda_b$   
 $\Omega_b$   $\text{CKM } \gamma$   
 $\Sigma_b$

$B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$   
 $B^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$   
 $D^0 \rightarrow \mu\mu$

$D^0 \rightarrow e\mu$   
 $B_s^0$  mixing and lifetime  
 $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$

$\varphi_s$

CPV in  $D^0 \rightarrow h^+ h^-$

$B \rightarrow K^* ll$   
 $B \rightarrow D^* \tau\nu$

CKM  $\alpha, \beta$

$b \rightarrow s/d \gamma$   $b \rightarrow ul\nu$

$V_{ub}$   $V_{cb}$

$\tau$  lifetime  $B \rightarrow D^0 \tau\nu$   $\Upsilon(6S)$

$B \rightarrow K_s^0 K_s^0 K_s^0$   $\Upsilon(5S)$

$B \rightarrow K_s^0 \pi^0 \gamma$

$B \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^0$

$B \rightarrow hv\nu, \tau\nu$

Charm spectroscopy

$X(3872) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi\pi$

$\alpha_s$

$D \rightarrow l\nu$

Charm mixing

$\tau \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$

Neutral particles in the final state

$\tau \rightarrow lv\nu$

$D \rightarrow \text{invisible}$

$\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$

$\sin\theta_W$

Model-independent  $D^0 \rightarrow K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^-$

$Z_c(3900) \rightarrow J/\psi \pi$

Quantum correlated  $D^0 \bar{D}^0$

Absolute branching fractions

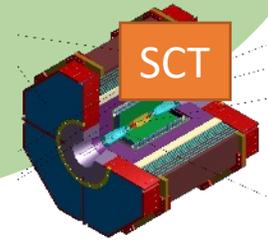
CPV in charm

$\delta_{K\pi}$

$V_{cd}$

Polarized beam

$J/\psi(cc\bar{c}) \rightarrow W^+ s$   $J/\psi \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$



Charged Higgs

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LFU

LFU

SUSY, Charged Higgs

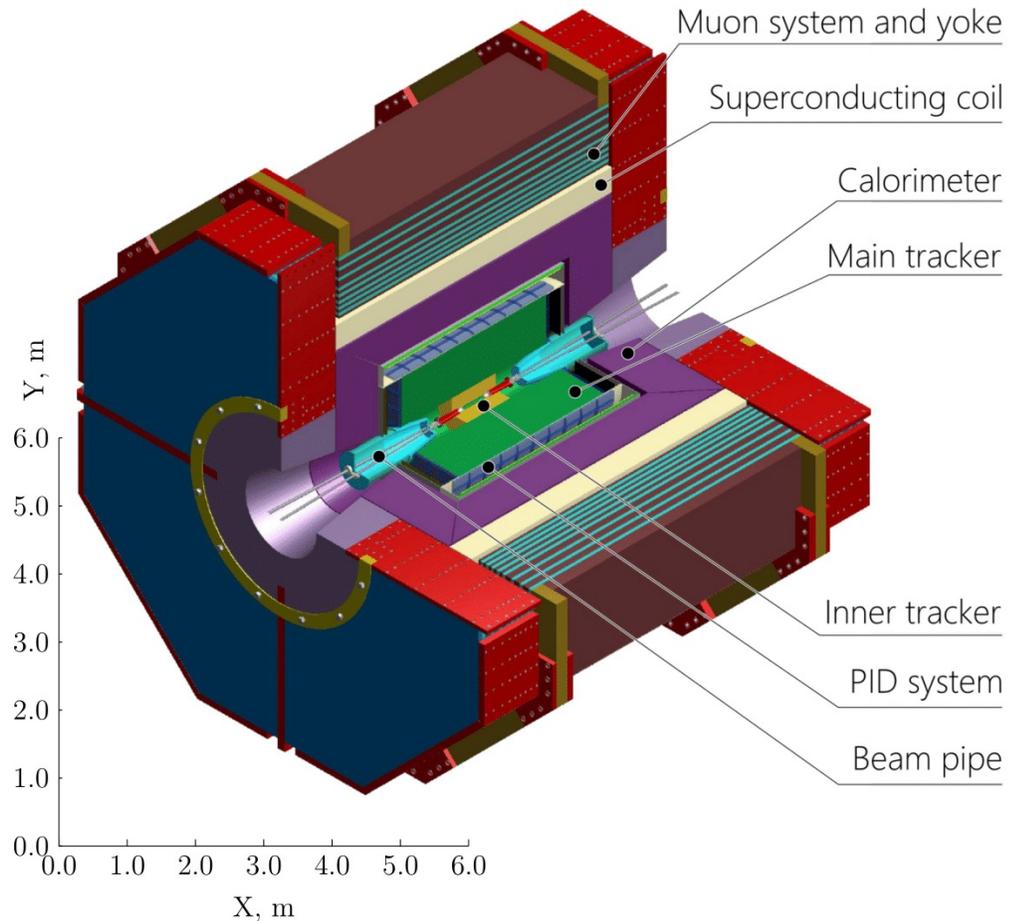
Clear BSM

Clear BSM

Dark matter

New CPV

# Detector concept



Momentum resolution  $\sigma_p \leq 0.4\%$  at  $1\text{ GeV}/c$

Very symmetric and hermetic

Able to detect soft tracks ( $p_t \geq 50\text{ MeV}/c$ )

- Inner tracker should be able to handle  $104\text{ tracks}/\text{cm}^2\text{s}$

Very good PID:  $\mu/\pi/K$

- $\pi/K$  up to  $3.5\text{ GeV}/c$ , e.g. for  $D\bar{D}$  mixing
- $\mu/\pi$  up to  $1.5\text{ GeV}/c$ , e.g. for  $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$  search
- $dE/dx$  better than 7% for PID below  $0.6\text{ GeV}/c$

Able to detect  $\gamma$  from  $10\text{ MeV}$  to  $3.5\text{ GeV}$ , good  $\pi^0/\gamma$  separation

- Calorimeter energy resolution  $\sigma_E \leq 1.8\%$  at  $1\text{ GeV}$
- Calorimeter time resolution  $\sigma_t \leq 1\text{ ns}$

Efficient “soft” trigger

Ability to operate at high luminosity, up to  $300\text{ kHz}$  at  $J/\psi$

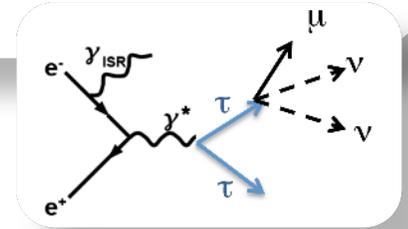
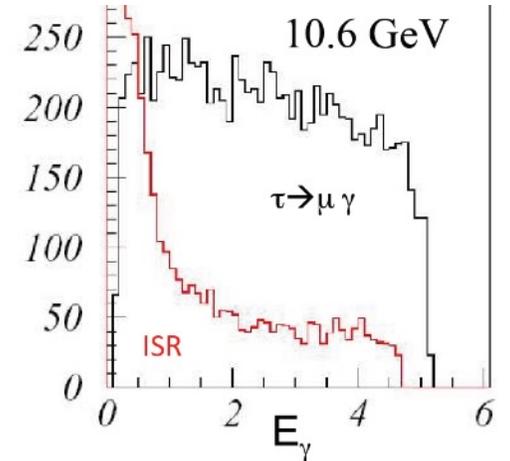
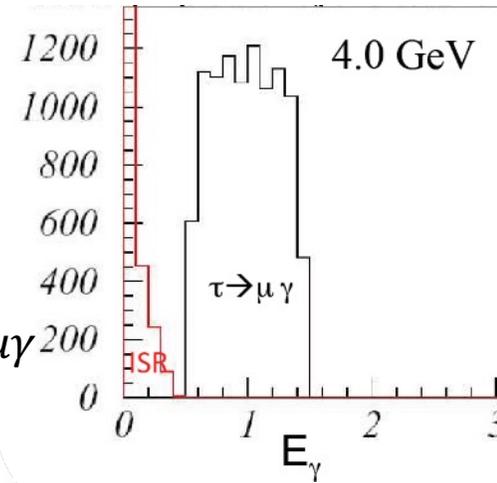
# Requirements for $\mu/\pi$ -separation from physics program

## LFV with tau

$$\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$$

- Allowed in several BSM scenario, including SUSY, leptoquarks, technicolor, and extended Higgs models
- $\mathcal{O}(10^{-9})$  – reachable upper limit at SCT for the branching of  $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$
- Requires excellent  $\pi/\mu$  separation from 0.5 to 1.5 GeV/c to suppress background  $\tau \rightarrow \pi \pi^0 \nu$

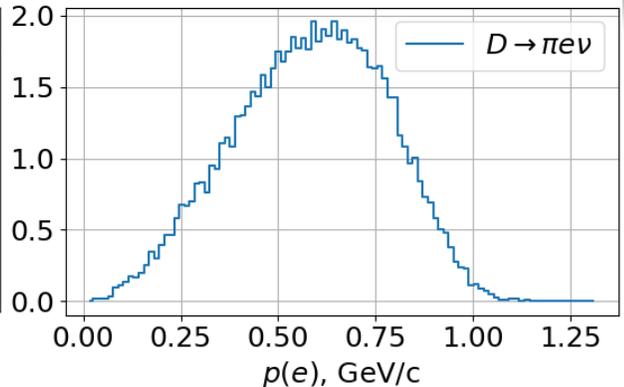
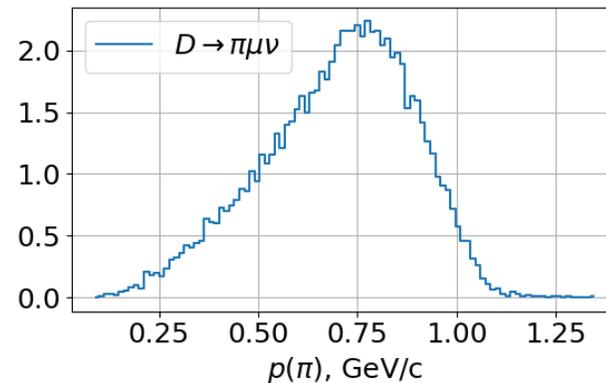
ISR photon background [arXiv:1206.1909 [hep-ex]]



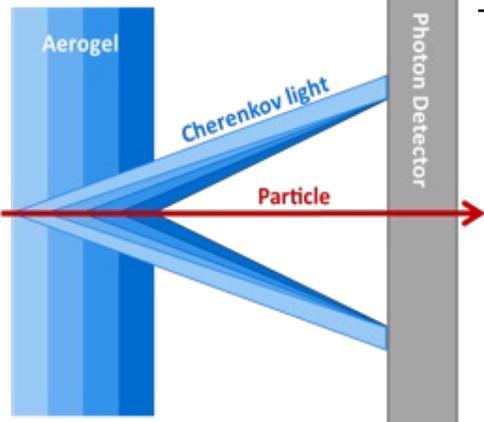
## LU precise tests with D-mesons

$$D \rightarrow \mu \pi \nu, D \rightarrow e \pi \nu \dots$$

- Requires excellent  $\pi/\mu$  separation from 0.2 to 1.0 GeV/c to suppress background  $D \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$  and so on.



# FARICH technique



The first 4-layer monolithic sample

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| $n=1.030$ | 6.0mm |
| $n=1.027$ | 6.3mm |
| $n=1.024$ | 6.7mm |
| $n=1.022$ | 7.0mm |

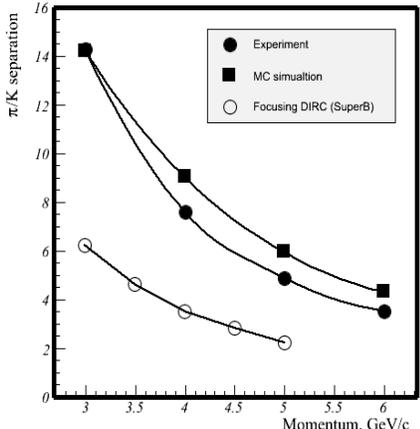
Increase  $N_{pe}$  due thickness increase without  $\sigma_{oc}$  degradation

T.Iijima et al., NIM A548 (2005) 383 and A.Yu.Barnyakov et al., NIM A553 (2005) 70

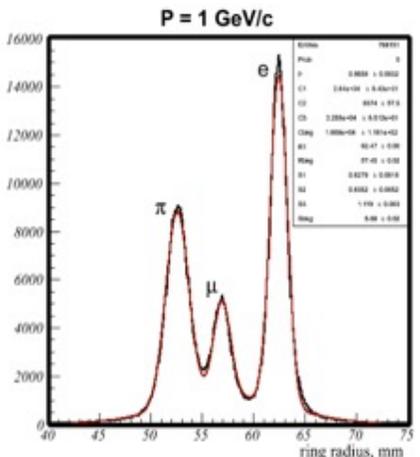
2004÷2005



Excellent PID capability were shown at CERN beam test in 2012



| Momentum (GeV/c) | Experiment | MC simulation | Focusing DIRC (SuperB) |
|------------------|------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 3.0              | 14.5       | 14.5          | 6.5                    |
| 4.0              | 8.0        | 9.0           | 4.5                    |
| 5.0              | 5.0        | 6.0           | 3.5                    |
| 6.0              | 3.5        | 4.5           | 2.5                    |



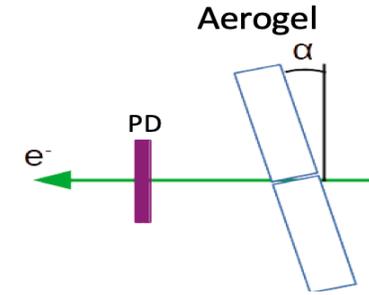
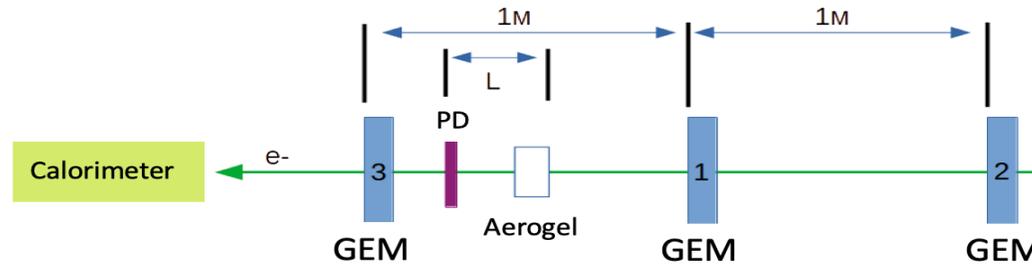
$P = 1 \text{ GeV/c}$

ring radius, mm

A.Yu. Barnyakov, et al., NIM A 732 (2013) 352

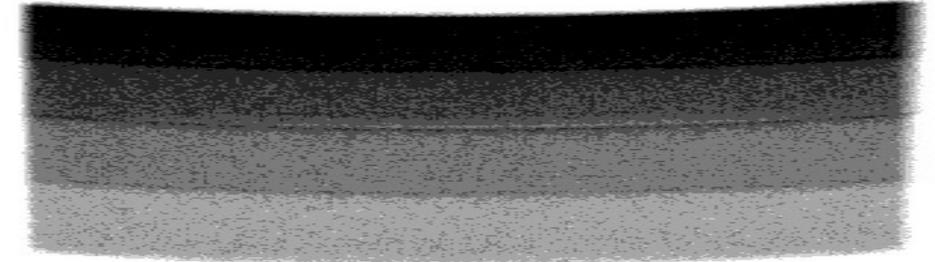
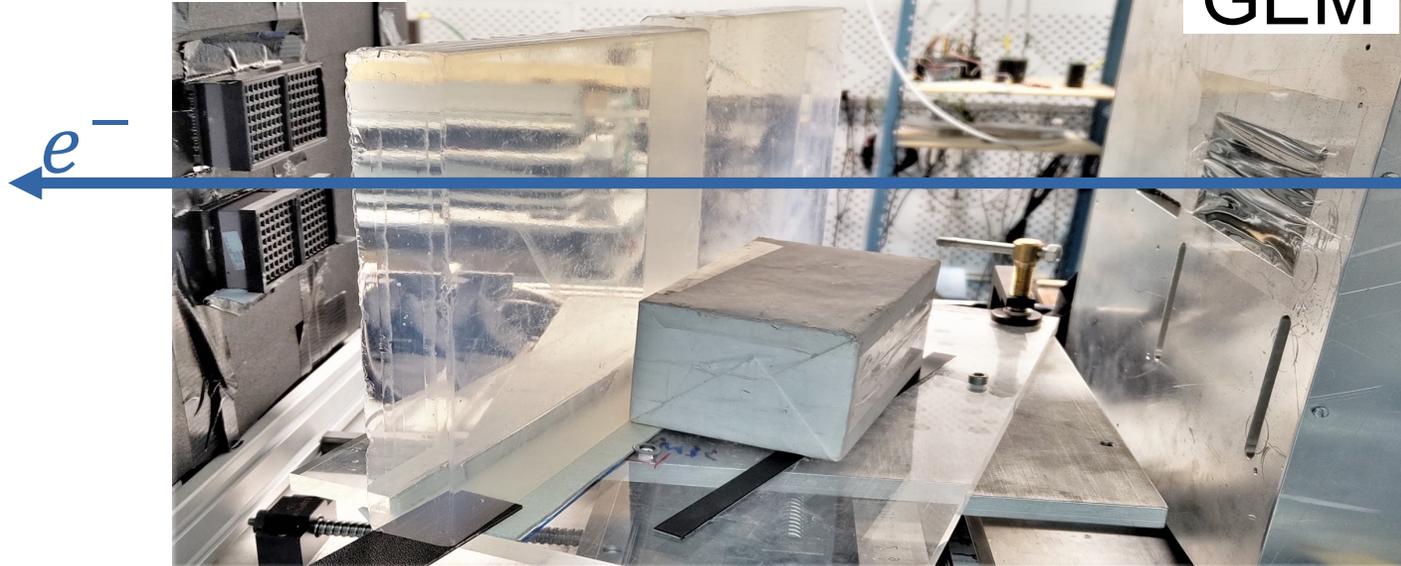
- Two layer ARICH-Belle II ( $n=1.045 | 2 \text{ cm} + n=1.055 | 2 \text{ cm}$ ) provides excellent  $\pi/K$  – separation up to **4 GeV/c**
- Four layer FARICH ( $\text{thick}_{\text{total}} = 3.5 \text{ cm} \ \& \ n_{\text{max}} = 1.05$ ) is able to provide excellent ( $\geq 3\sigma$ )
  - $\pi/K$  – separation up to **6 GeV/c**
  - $\mu/\pi$  – separation up to **1.5 GeV/c**

# The largest focusing aerogel samples produced in 2022

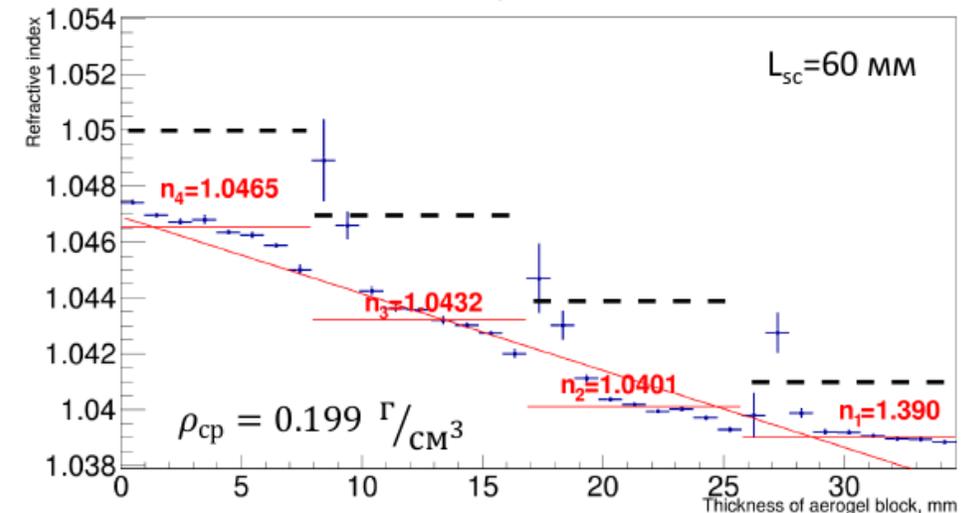


MaPMT H12700  
(Hamamatsu)  
with mask 3x3 mm<sup>2</sup>

2 aerogel pcs  
230x230x35 mm



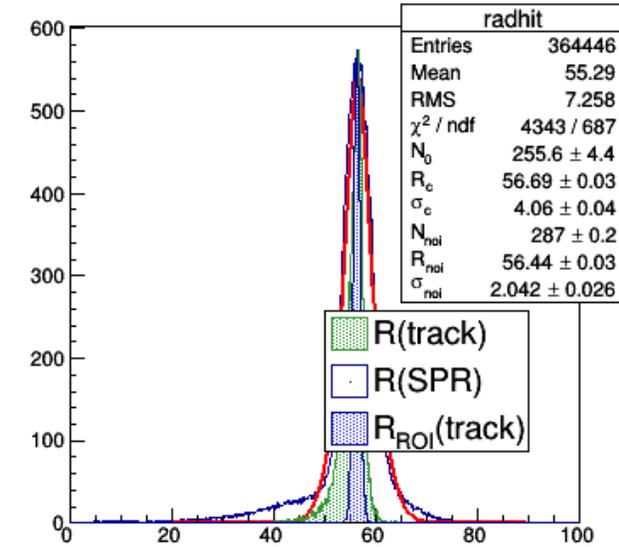
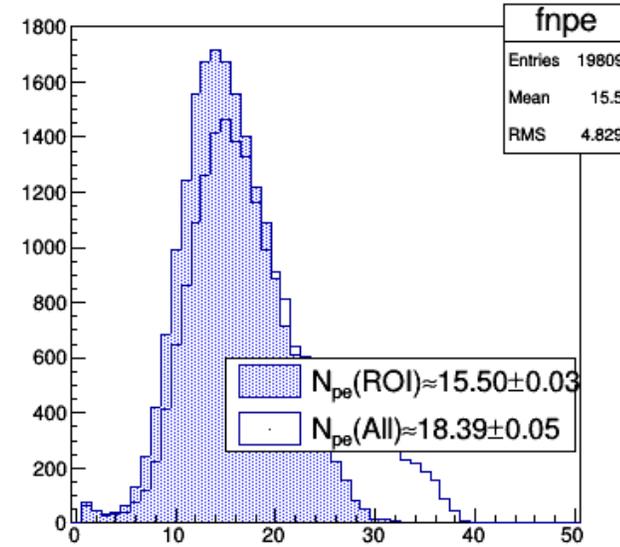
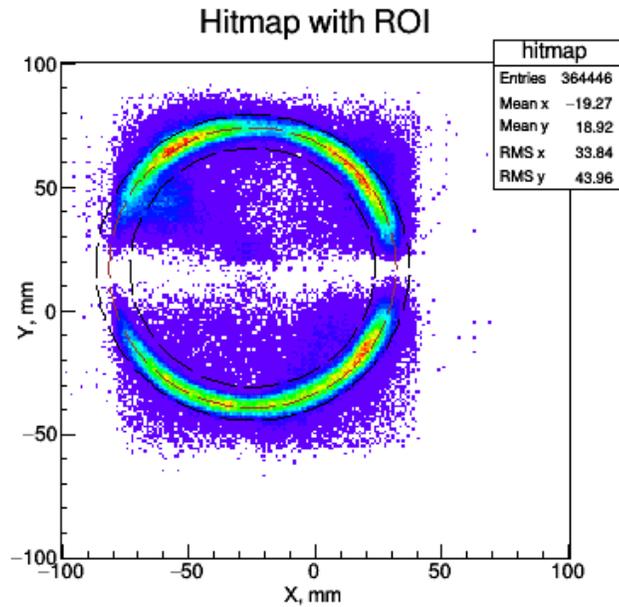
Refractive index profile is measured with help of digital X-ray setup at the BINP.



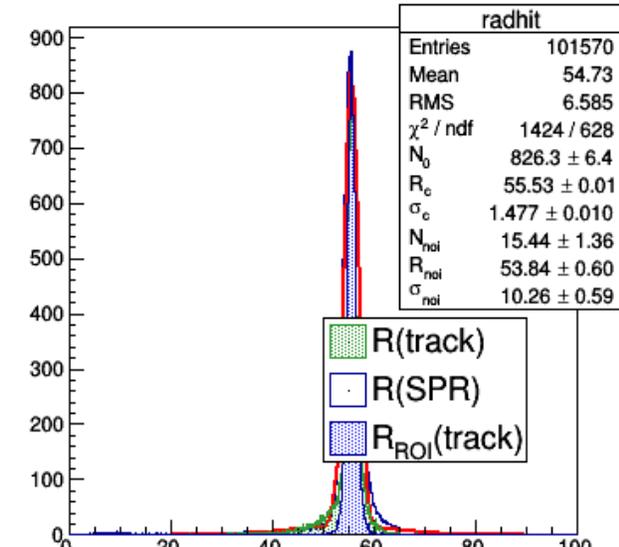
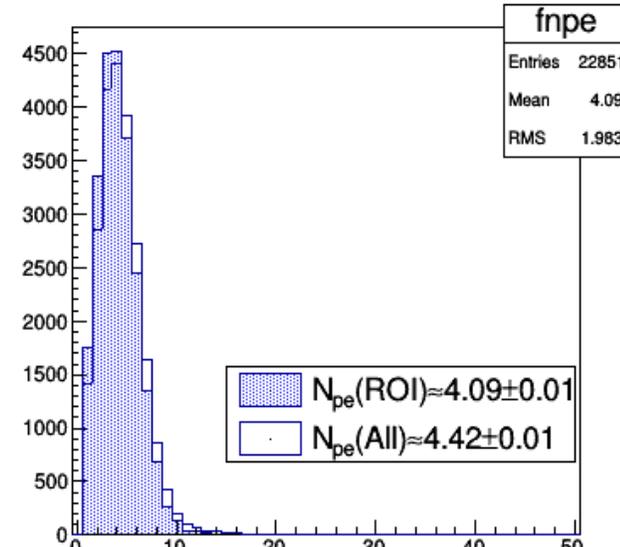
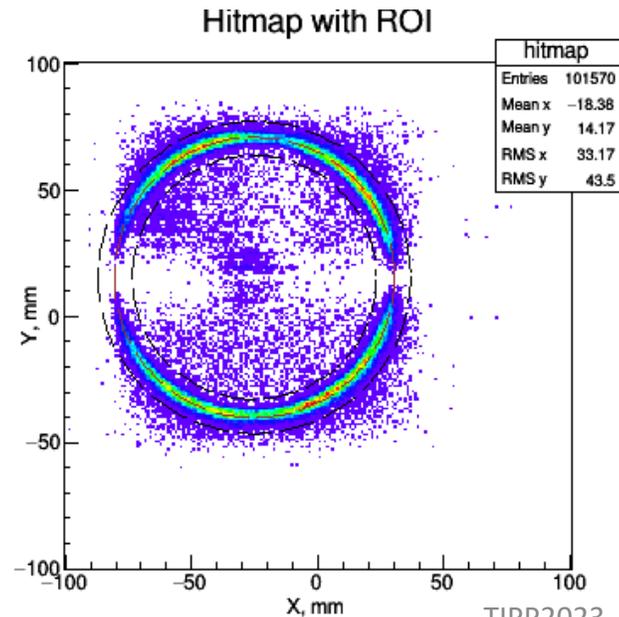
Single photon Cherenkov angle resolution is investigated with relativistic electrons at BINP beam test facilities "Extracted beams of VEPP-4M complex".

# FARICH beam test 2023 results

Pixel 6x6 mm  
Geom.Eff. ~ 80%

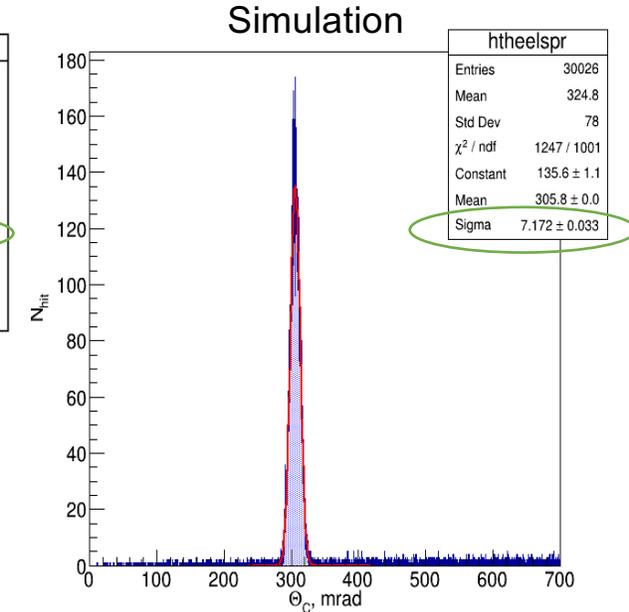
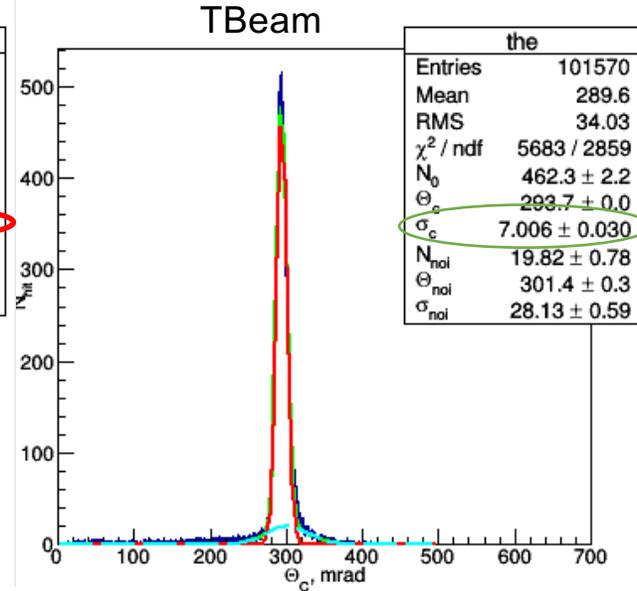
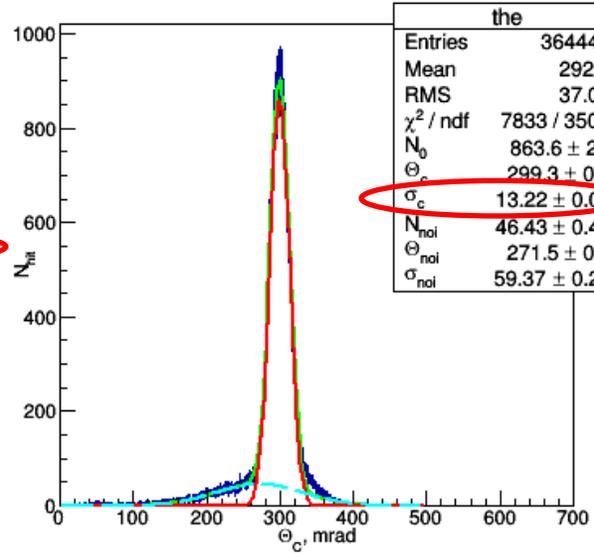
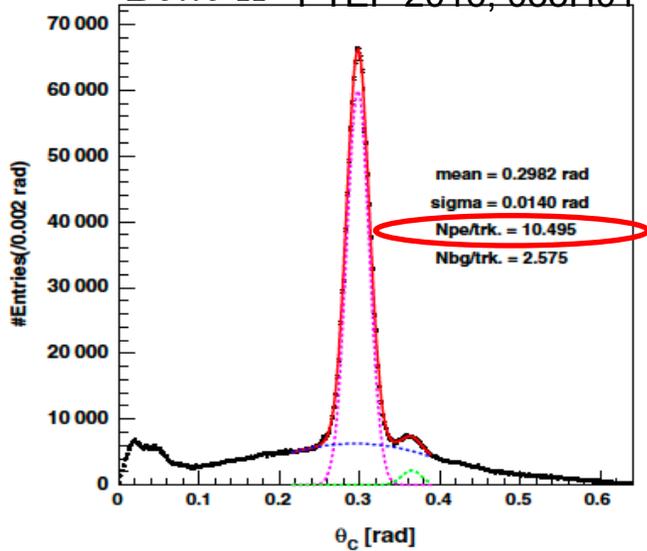


Pixel 3x3 mm  
Geom.Eff. ~ 20%



# TBeam results consideration

*Belle II* PTEP 2016, 033H01



Aerogel: 20+20 mm (Chiba Univ.)  
 $n(400\text{nm}): 1.045 + 1.055$   
 Pixel: 5x5 mm

Geom.Eff.  $\sim 90\%$   
 $N_{pe} \approx 10.5$

4-layers (Novosibirsk)  $\rightarrow$   
 $1.039 \div 1.046$   
 6x6 mm

Geom.Eff.  $\sim 80\%$   
 $N_{pe} \approx 16$

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 —  
 3x3 mm

Geom.Eff.  $\sim 20\%$   
 $N_{pe} \approx 4$

4-layers (ideal profile)  
 $1.041 \div 1.050$   
 3x3 mm

Dimensions of focusing aerogels 23x23x3.5 cm allow us to design the full-scale FARICH systems for the future particle physics experiments.

- SPE resolution  $\sim 7 \div 8 \text{ mrad}$  is able to provide:
- $\pi/K @ 8.0 \text{ GeV}/c > 3\sigma$  if ( $N_{PE} = 16$ ) and  $\pi/K @ 6.0 \text{ GeV}/c > 3\sigma$  if ( $N_{PE} = 8$ )
  - $\mu/\pi @ 1.5 \text{ GeV}/c > 3\sigma$  if ( $N_{PE} = 16$ ) and  $\mu/\pi @ 1.3 \text{ GeV}/c > 3\sigma$  if ( $N_{PE} = 8$ )

# PID options for $\pi/K$ – separation

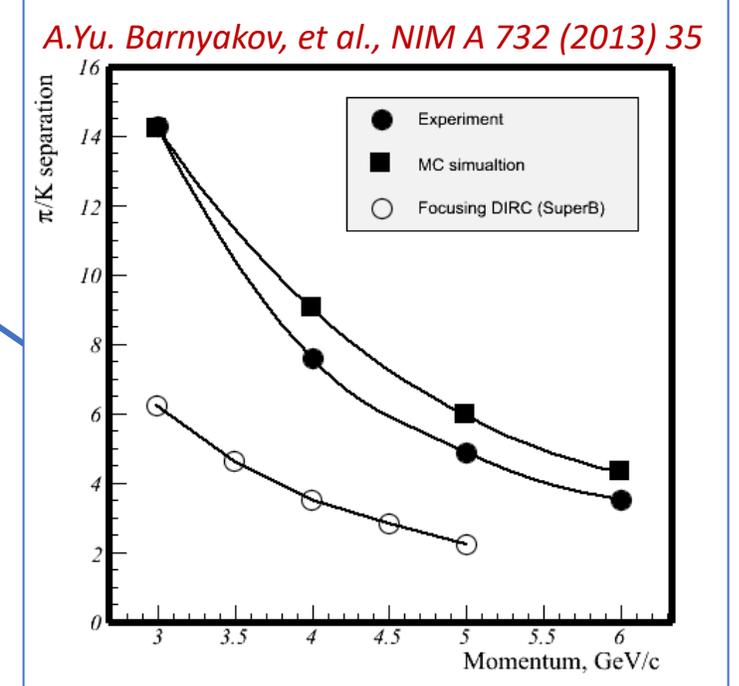
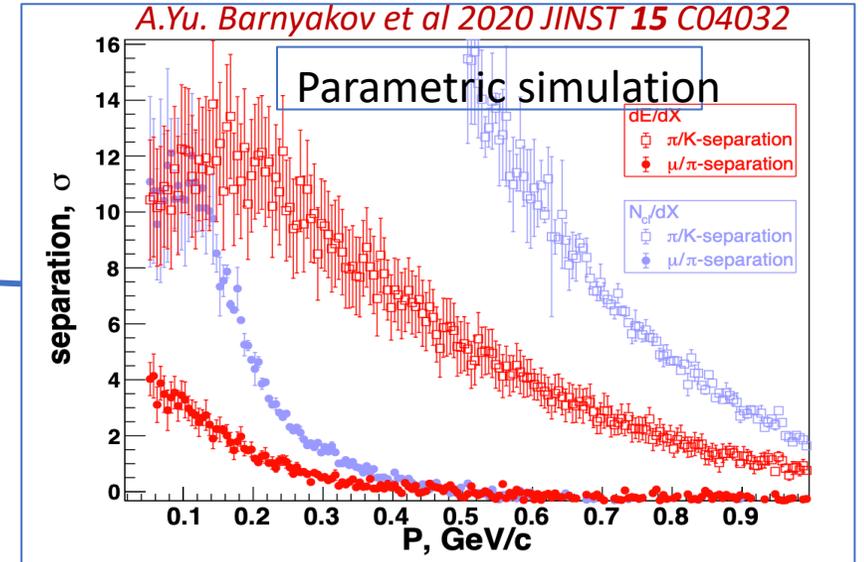
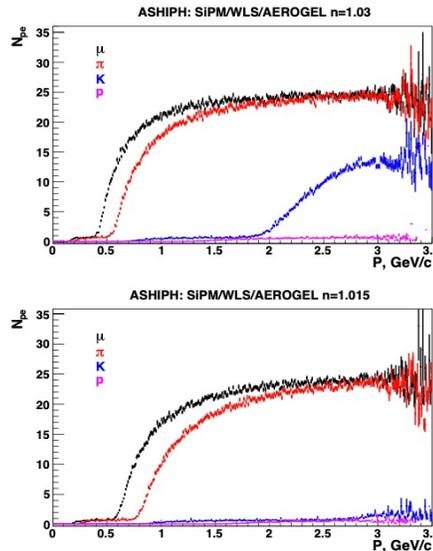
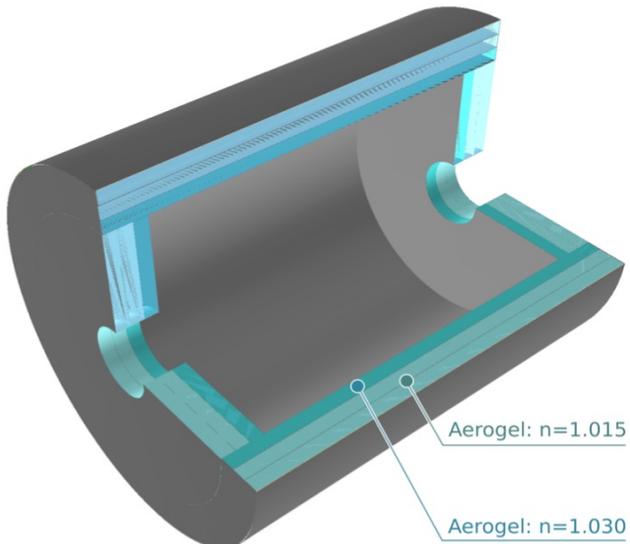
- $dE/dx$ 
  - $\frac{\sigma_{dE/dx}}{\langle dE/dx \rangle} \leq 7\% \rightarrow \geq 3\sigma$  up to 0.6 GeV/c
  - $\frac{\sigma_{N_{cl}/dx}}{\langle N_{cl}/dx \rangle} \leq 4\% \rightarrow \geq 3\sigma$  up to 0.9 GeV/c

- Focusing Aerogel RICH (FARICH)

(4 layer @  $n_{max}=1.05$ )  $\rightarrow \geq 3\sigma$  from 0.5 to 6 GeV/c

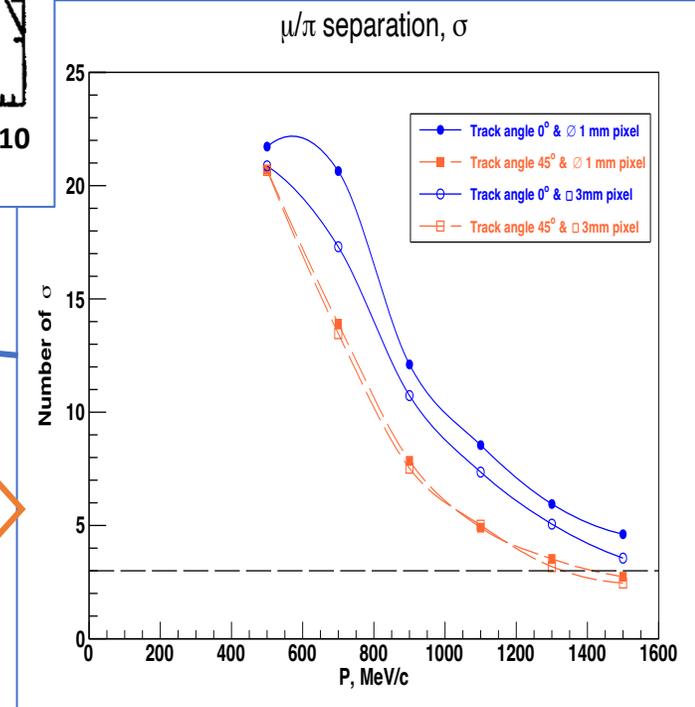
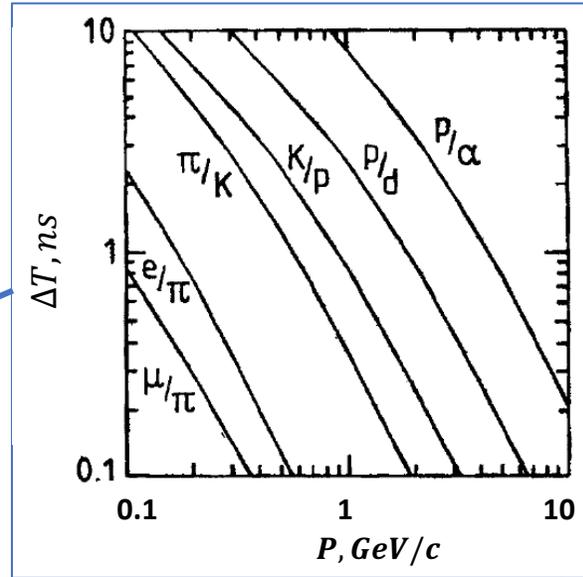
- ASHIPH@SiPM ( $n_1=1.03$  and  $n_2=1.015$ )  $\rightarrow \geq 3\sigma$  from 0.6 to 3.5 GeV/c

EPJ Web of Conferences **212**, 01012 (2019),  
A.Yu. Barnyakov et al 2020 JINST **15** C04032



# PID options for $\mu/\pi$ – separation

- $dE/dx$ 
  - $\frac{\sigma_{dE/dx}}{\langle dE/dx \rangle} \approx 7\% \rightarrow \geq 3\sigma$  up to 0.15 GeV/c
  - $\frac{\sigma_{N_{cl}/dx}}{\langle N_{cl}/dx \rangle} \approx 4\% \rightarrow \geq 3\sigma$  up to 0.25 GeV/c
- **TOF** with  $\sigma_t \approx 100$  ps  $\rightarrow \geq 3\sigma$  up to 0.2 GeV/c, e.g. Cherenkov light from entrance window of MCP-PMT
- **FARICH** (4-layer,  $n_{max}=1.05$ )  $\rightarrow \geq 3\sigma$  from 0.5 to 1.5 GeV/c



Results of parametric simulation tuned with results of beam test :

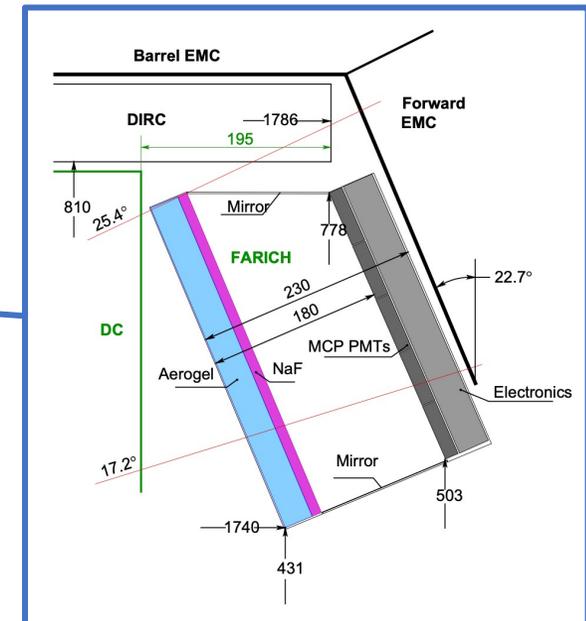
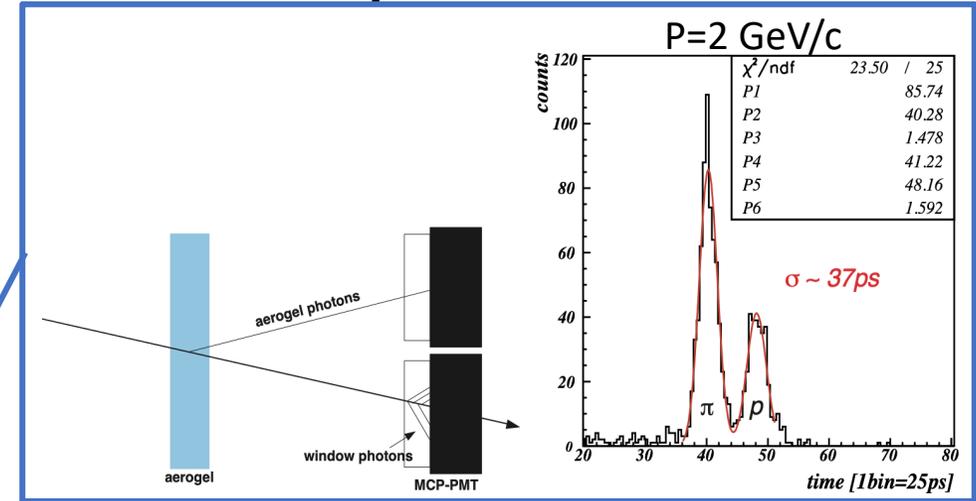
- SPR( $\beta = 1$ ,  $\blacksquare$  3 mm) = 1.63 mm
- SPR( $\beta = 1$ ,  $\emptyset$  1 mm) = 1.36 mm

**FARICH** with dual aerogel radiator is proposed to extend down  $\mu/\pi$  – separation from 0.5 to 0.2 GeV/c

*A.Yu.Barnyakov et al., NIMA 1039 (2022) 167044*

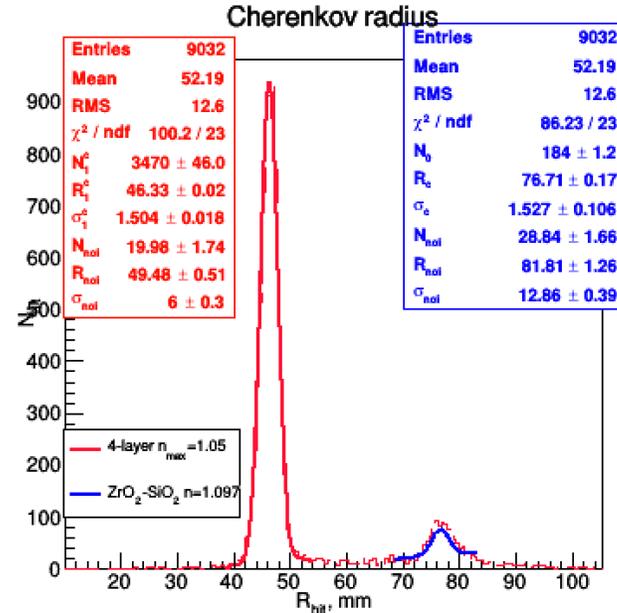
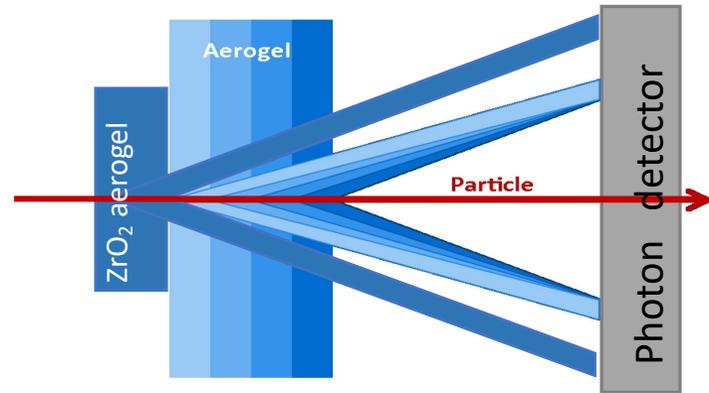
# RICH with dual radiators is not very new idea!

- Liquid + Gas:
  - RICH – DELPHI
  - CRID – SLD
    - $C_6F_{12}(n=1.278@190nm) + C_5F_{10}(n=1.00174@190nm)$
- Aerogel + Gas:
  - HERMES
  - RICH1 – LHCb
    - Aer.( $n=1.03@400nm$ ) +  $C_4F_{10}(n=1.00137@400nm)$
- Aerogel + Crystal:
  - RICH+ToF – SuperB:
    - Aer.( $n=1.05@400nm$ ) + Quartz ( $n=1.47@400nm$ )
  - FARICH – SuperB:
    - 3-layer aer.  $n_{max}=1.07@400nm$  + NaF ( $n=1.33@400nm$ )
- Aerogel + Aerogel:
  - FARICH – SCTF:
    - 4-layer aer.  $n_{max}=1.05@400nm$  + aer ( $n=1.12@400nm$ )



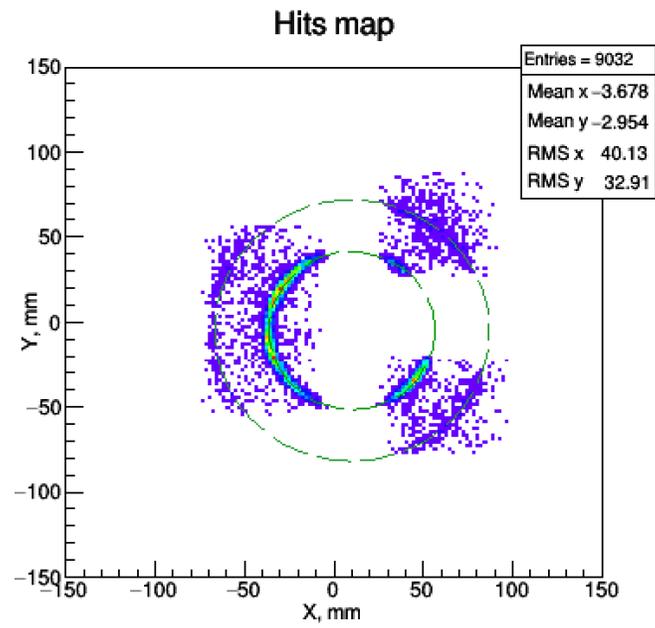
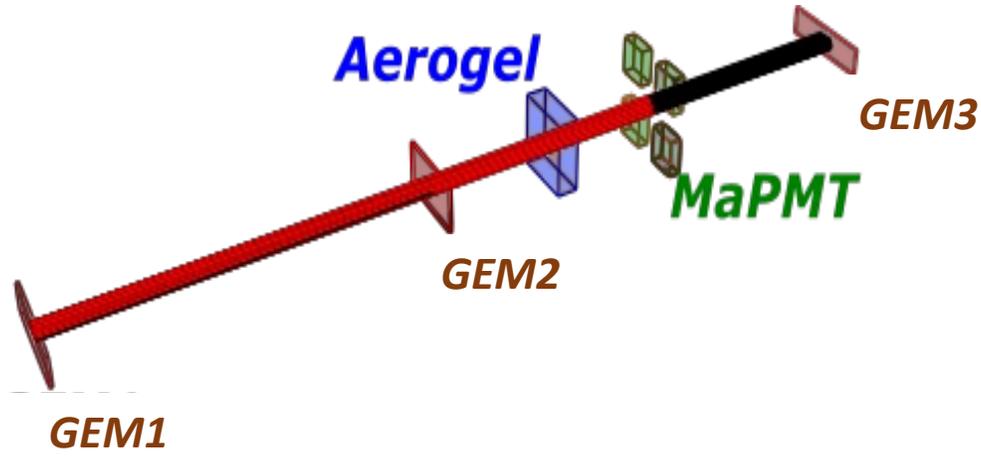
Aerogel is material with easy tunnable refractive index!

# Beam tests results of FARICH with dual radiator



**ZrO<sub>2</sub>-SiO<sub>2</sub> aerogel:**  
 Thickness 12 mm &  $\phi$ 20 mm;  
 $L_{\text{SC}}(400\text{nm})=21\pm 0.5$  mm;

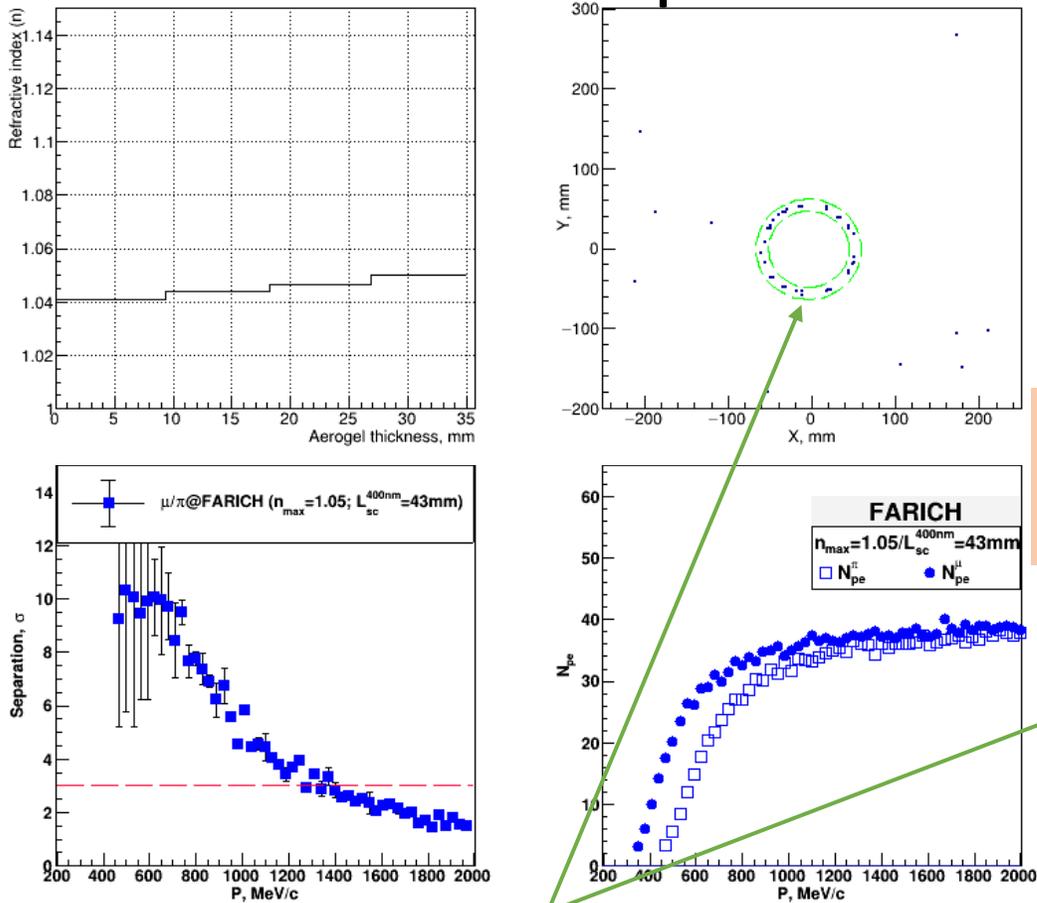
**4-layer SiO<sub>2</sub> aerogel:**  
 100x100x35 mm;  
 $L_{\text{SC}}(400\text{nm})=37\pm 0.3$  mm;



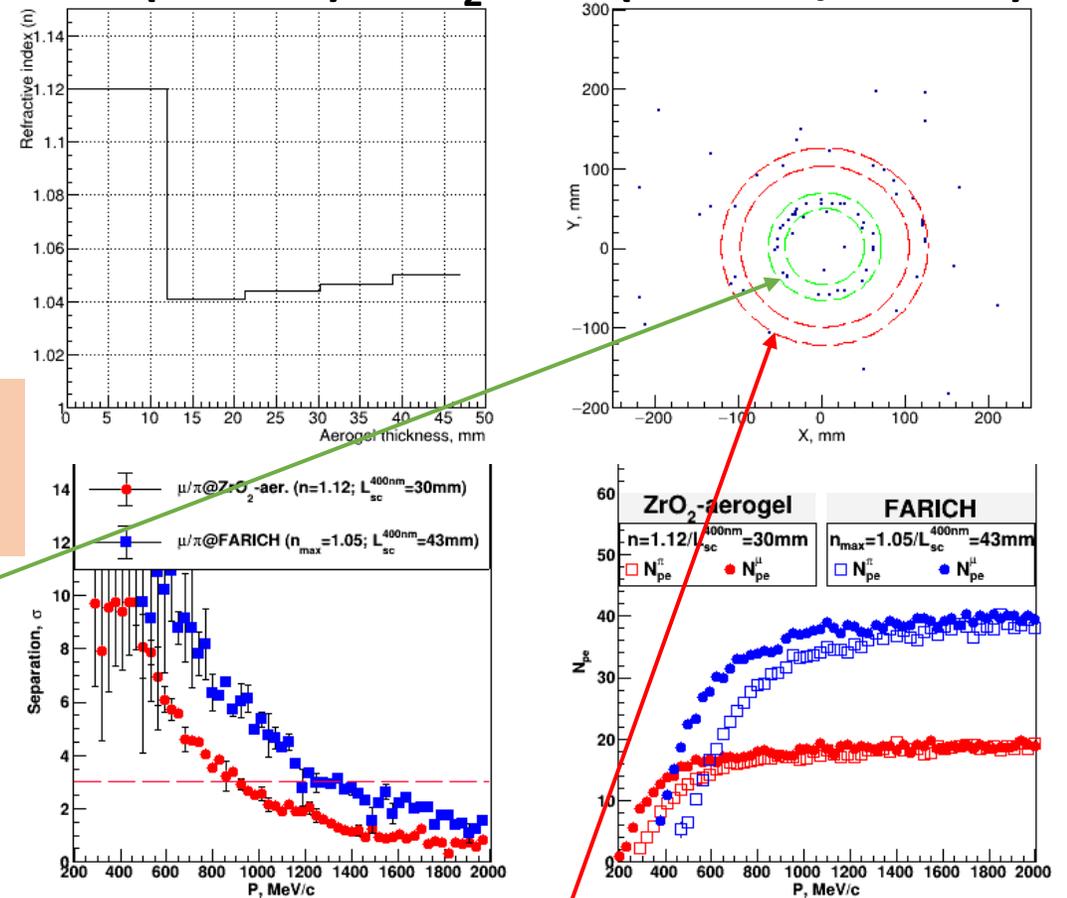
**Photon detector**  
 4 MaPMT H12700 (Hamamatsu);  
 256 pixels with 3x3 mm size;

# $\mu/\pi$ -separation via G4 simulation

FARICH: "ideal"  $n$  profile



FARICH ("ideal")+ZrO<sub>2</sub>-aer. ( $n = 1.12/12$  mm)

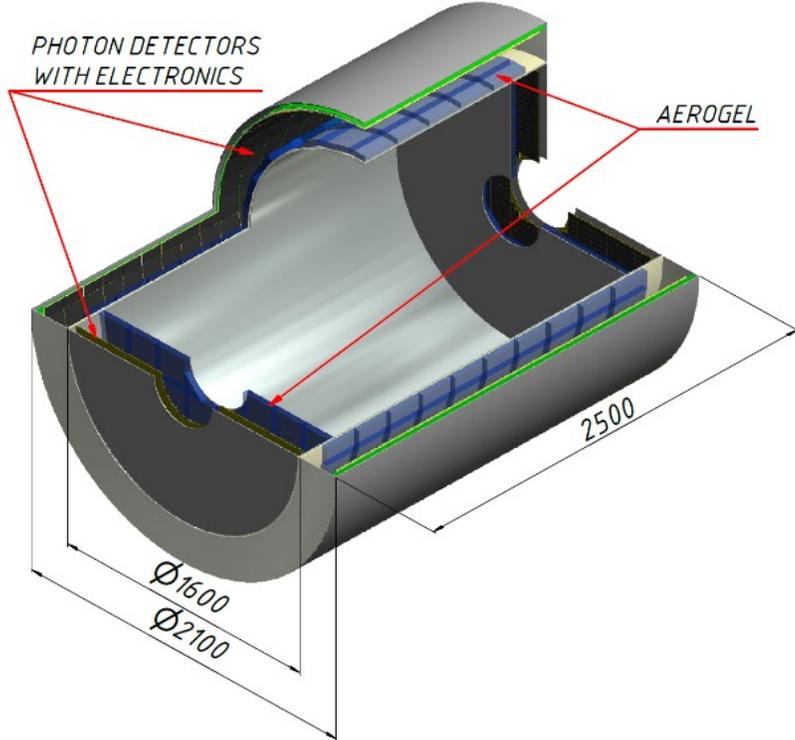


$$N_{\sigma} = \frac{\bar{R}_C^{\mu} - \bar{R}_C^{\pi}}{(\sigma_R^{\pi} + \sigma_R^{\mu})/2}$$

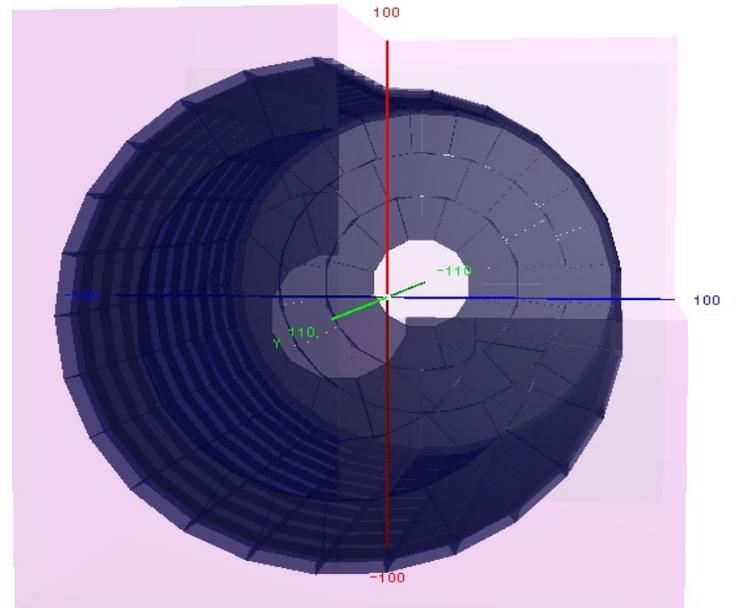
$$(L_f - t_{Zr} - t_{Fa}) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(n_{Fa}^{min2} - 1) - \frac{m^2}{p^2}}}{\sqrt{\frac{m^2}{p^2} + 1}} \leq R_{Fa} \leq (L_f - t_{Zr}) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(n_{Fa}^{max2} - 1) - \frac{m^2}{p^2}}}{\sqrt{(n_{Fa}^{max2} - 2) + \frac{m^2}{p^2}}}$$

$$(L_f - t_{Zr}) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(n_{Zr}^2 - 1) - \frac{m^2}{p^2}}}{\sqrt{\frac{m^2}{p^2} + 1}} \leq R_{Zr} \leq L_f \cdot \frac{\sqrt{(n_{Zr}^2 - 1) - \frac{m^2}{p^2}}}{\sqrt{(n_{Zr}^2 - 2) + \frac{m^2}{p^2}}}$$

# FARICH system concept for the SCTF



- Proximity focusing RICH
- 4-layer focusing aerogel
  - $n_{\max} = 1.05$  (1.07?), total thickness 35 mm
  - $S_{aer} = 15 \text{ m}^2$
- $21 \text{ m}^2$  – total area of photon detectors
  - SiPMs – barrel part ( $16 \text{ m}^2$ )
  - MCP-PMT – endcap parts ( $4 \text{ m}^2$ )
- $\sim 10^6$  pixels  $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$  with pitch 4 mm

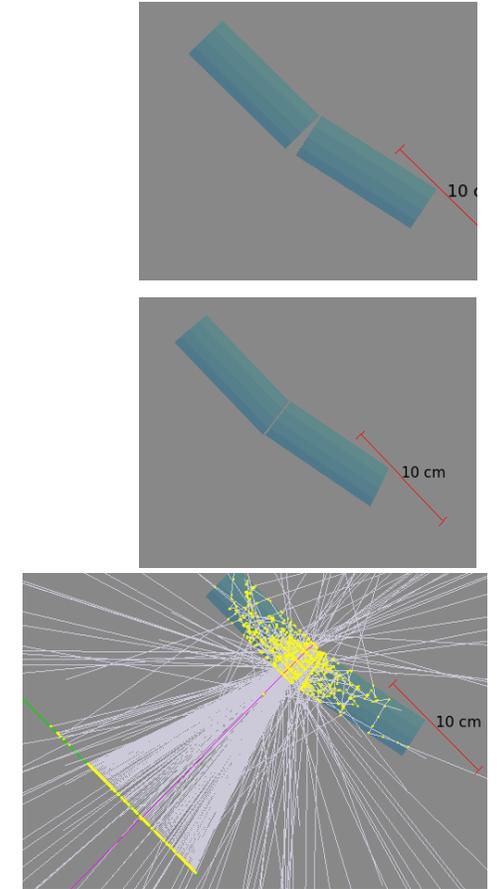


Aerogel layout

275 tiles  $200 \times 202 \times 35$  in barrel part  
 2x55 trapezoidal tiles in end caps:  
 2x12 – inner radius  
 2x18 – medium radius  
 2x25 – outer radius

| SHAPE          | $\Delta, \text{ mm}$ | Aerogel size, mm |      |      |     |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------|------|------|-----|
|                |                      | 200              | 100  | 75   | 50  |
| Parallelepiped | 6                    | 0.86             | 0.74 | 0.62 | 0.5 |
| Trapezoidal    | 1                    | 0.96             | 0.94 | 0.92 | 0.9 |

GEANT4 simulation of edge effects



# Summary

- In 2020-2023 the essential progress in FARICH technique development was achieved in Novosibirsk:
  - The **4-layer focusing aerogel sample with 20x20x3.5** cm size were produced for the first time in the world → the possibility to create full-scale systems based on 4-layer focusing aerogel Cherenkov radiators was demonstrated
  - The measured SPR (**~7 mrad**) of FARICH based on 4-layer focusing aerogel is in good agreement with simulation and expectation
  - Recent progress in high optically dense aerogel production with help of ZrO<sub>2</sub> dope allows us to consider new design of FARICH detector with dual aerogel radiator which able to provide excellent **μ/π – separation from 0.2 up to 1.5 GeV/c**
- For further progress of the FARICH option the development of position-sensitive **photon detectors** and compatible **R/O electronics** are highly required

# Back up slides

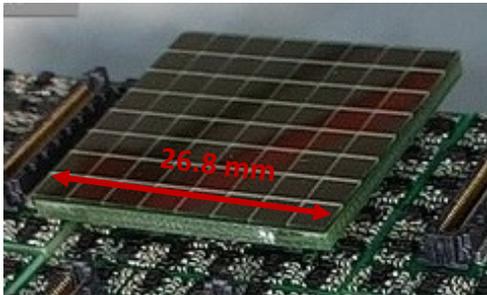
# Photon detector options

Due to axial magnetic field the SiPM is only one possible candidate for the cylindrical part of the FARICH system!!!

For the endcap regions there are three options of photon detectors.

## SiPM arrays

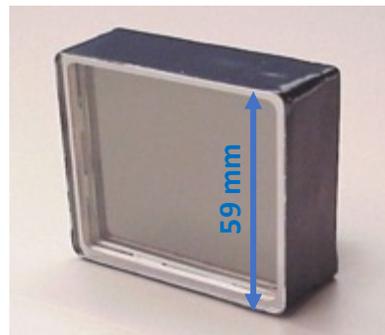
- There are several manufacturer in the world.
- It is required to develop and produce special R/O electronics and cooling system to operate with SiPMs in detector conditions



KETEK PA3325-WB-0808  
(BroadCom, USA)  
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## MCP-PMT

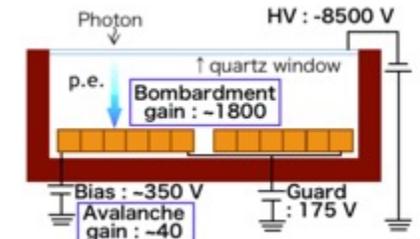
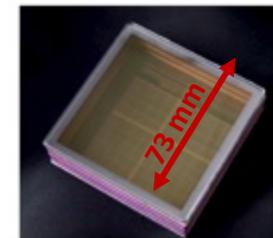
- There are several manufacturers in the world.
- PDE is not so high, it is limited by photoelectron collection efficiency (~60%) and geometrical efficiency is worse than for SiPM option. Several vendors suggest MCP-PMT with CE=90%
- There is no such a big problem with intrinsic noise rejection in comparison with SiPM option
- Specialised R/O electronics is already developed for other experiments and could be adopted for the SPD experiment requirements



Planacon XP85112  
8x8 pixels with 6x6 mm  
Cost: 15 k\$

## HAPD

- Only Hamamtsu produced such devices for the Belle II experiment and now it doesn't produced anymore!
- Expected PDE of such devices will less than for SiPM option but significantly (1.5 times) higher than for MCP-PMT option.
- Expected gain is about  $1 \div 2 \cdot 10^5$
- Development of specialised R/O electronics is needed. It is possible to adopt some Belle II ARICH system experience.
- The S/N-ratio is about 1000, it means that only thermostabilization system to operate at the room temperature will enough for this option.



# R/O electronics cost estimation

There are two modern approaches in development of specialised R/O electronics:

- ASIC (Application Specialised Integrated Circuits)
- FPGA (Field Programable Gate Arrays)

The differences in performance, power consumption and costs are not sufficient today!!!

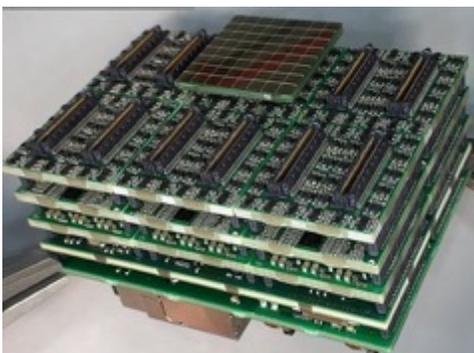
## FPG-TDC (GSI)

| Unit | Article                                   | Price per unit | Total price |
|------|---|----------------|-------------|
| 2    | DiRICH                                    | 4.917,00 €     | 9.834,00 €  |
|      | Additionally the export duty from Germany |                | 150,00 €    |
|      | Total price                               |                | 9.984,00 €  |

$$\frac{9\,834\text{€}}{2 \times 384} \approx 13\text{€/chan} \text{ if } N_{\text{ch}} < 1000 \text{ (2019)}$$

A system with 30kChannel (HADES):  
 170k€/30k  $\approx$  6€/chan (2017)

**Power consumption:**  $\sim$ 55mW/chan



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## TOFPET-II (PetSys)

The price of what you list ( if based on ASIC\_2,c ) is

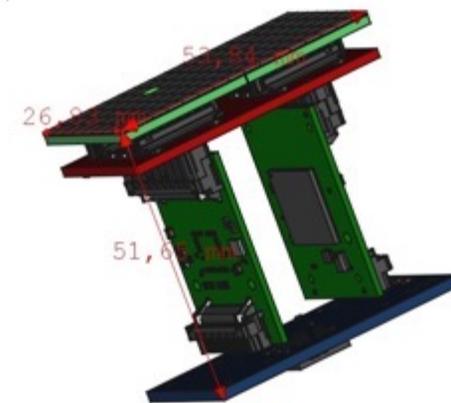
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|-----|---------|-------|--------|
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| 1   | clk&trg |       | 5'000  |
| 1   | FEB/D   |       | 5'376  |
| 8   | FM128   | 1'579 | 12'632 |
| TOT |         |       | 31'008 |

$$\frac{31\,008\text{€}}{8 \times 128} \approx 30\text{€/chan} \text{ if } N_{\text{ch}} \leq 1000$$

A system with 100kChannel:  
 5€/chan (2020)

**Power consumption:**

15mW/chan (ASIC) + DAQ (FPGA)  $\sim$ 60mW/chan



# Advantages of the SCT factory

## 1. Threshold production of $\tau$ leptons and charmed hadrons

- Well-defined initial state
- Low multiplicity of particles
- Kinematic constraints

## 2. Longitudinal polarization of the electron beam

- Boosted sensitivity to  $\mathcal{CP}$  violation in baryons and  $\tau$  leptons
- Measuring the Weinberg angle

## 3. Coherent $D^0\bar{D}^0$ pairs

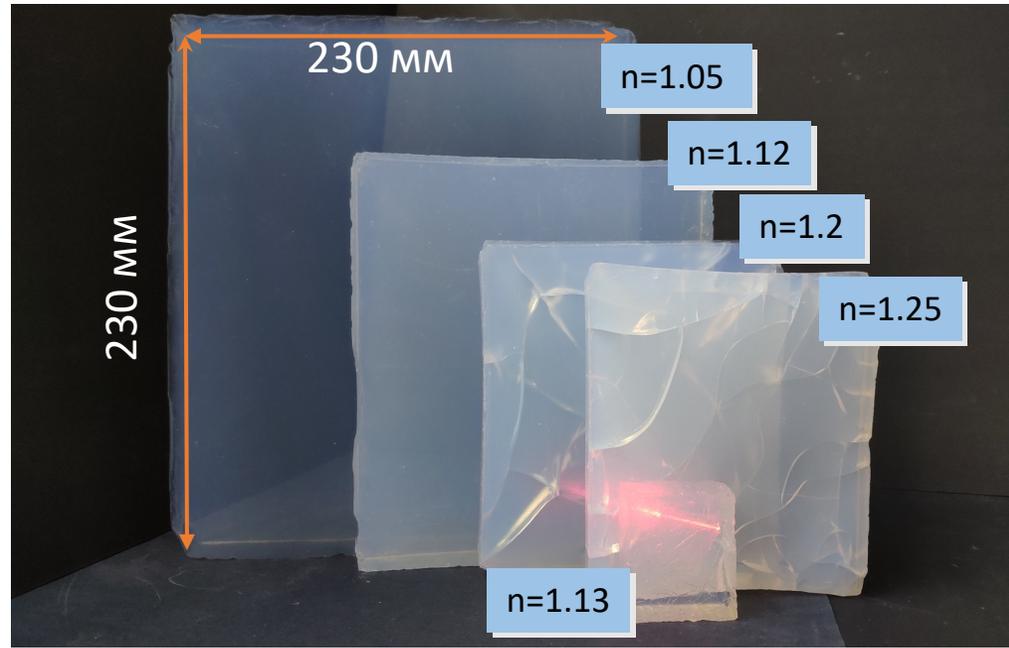
- Measuring charm mixing and  $\mathcal{CP}$  violation with unique techniques
- Measuring phases of the decay amplitudes

## 4. Full event reconstruction

- Superior background suppression
- Measuring absolute branching fraction of charmed hadrons

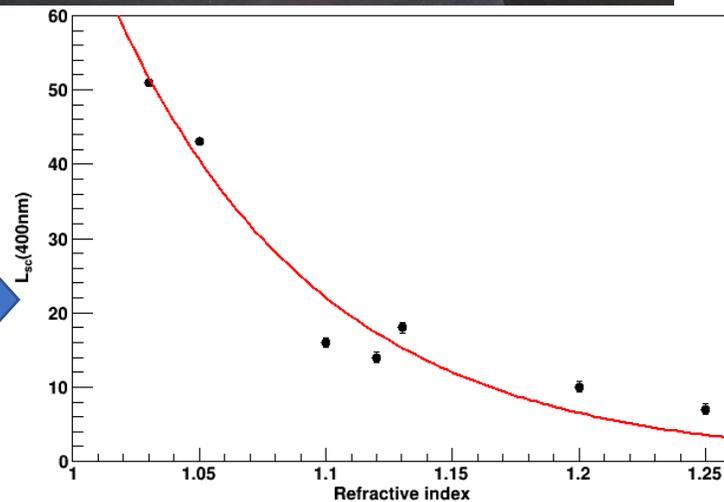
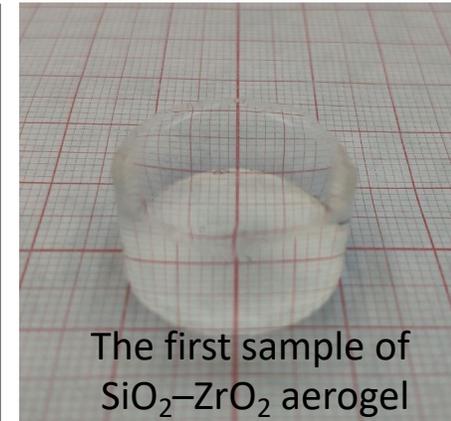
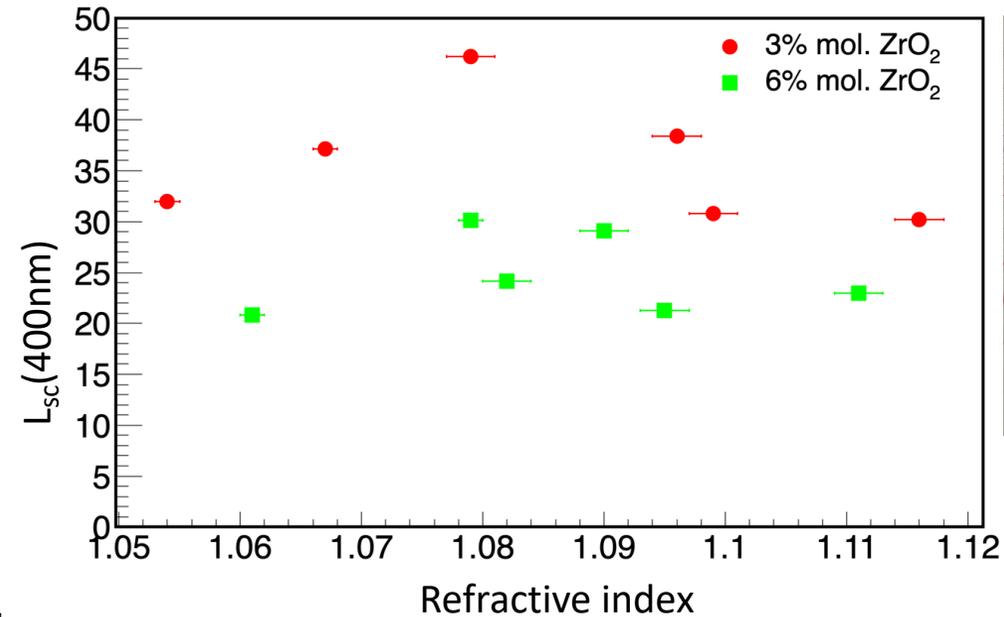
# Aerogels with high optical density

## Sintering approach



## ZrO<sub>2</sub> addition approach

The scattering length of aerogels with zirconium



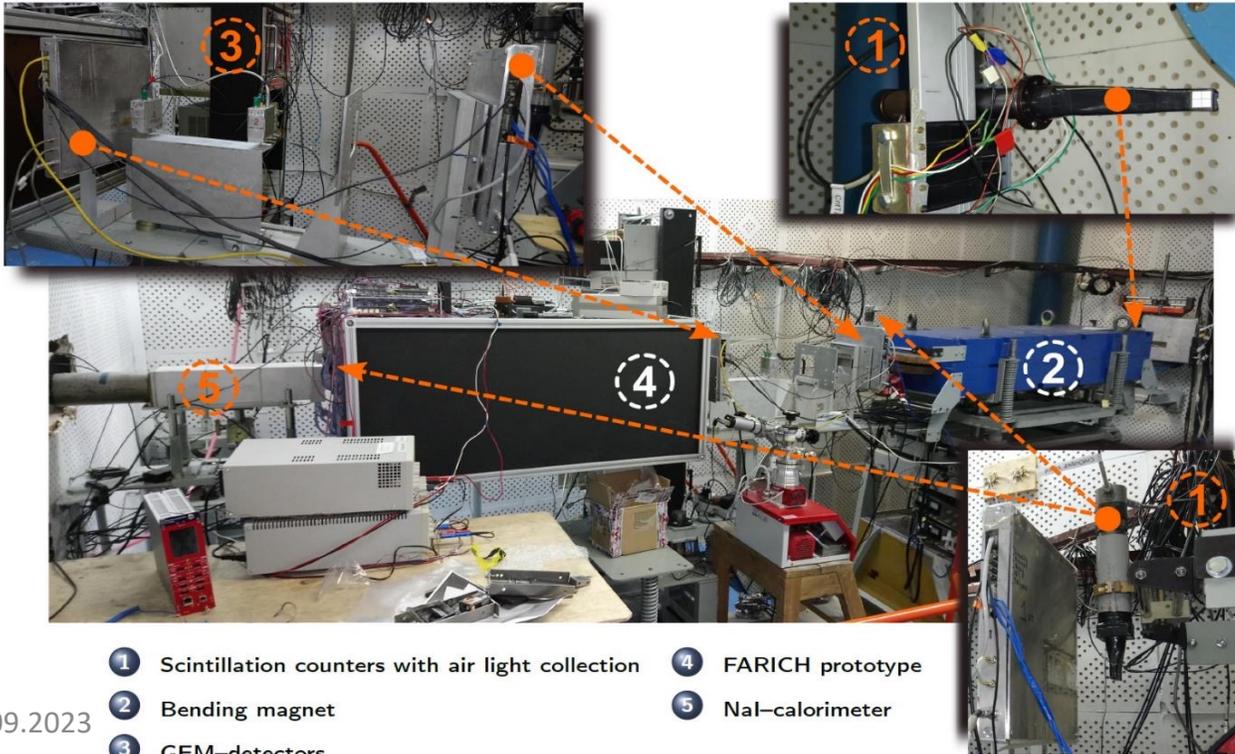
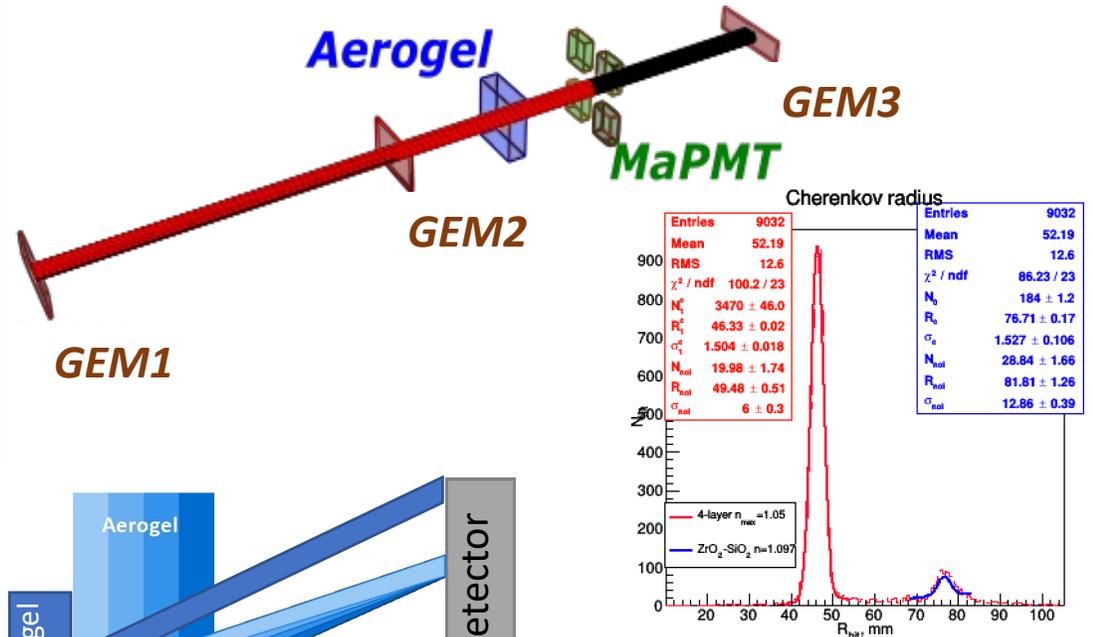
The addition of small amount (0.03÷0.06 mol) of ZrO<sub>2</sub> in SiO<sub>2</sub> based aerogel allow us to produce highly transparent aerogels with high optical density:

- Refractive index up to n=1.12
- Rayleigh light scattering length L<sub>sc</sub>(400nm) up to 30 mm

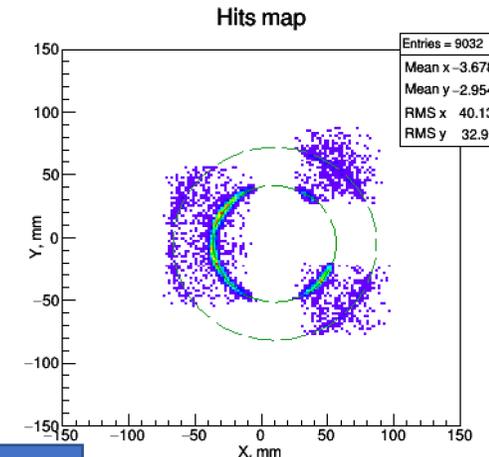
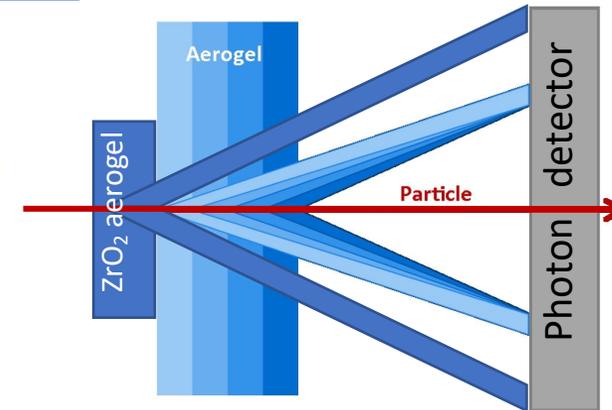
The main flaw of this approach

# Beam tests with FARICH in 2021-2022 at BINP

- Electrons with  $E=2$  GeV are used
- 4 MaPMTs (H12700 from Hamamatsu with pixel  $6 \times 6$  mm) were used with different masks to reduce effective pixel size:
  - $\varnothing 1$  mm to investigate contribution from aerogel itself
  - $3 \times 3$  mm to measure realistic Single Photon Resolution (SPR)
- Three GEMs are used at beamline:
  - ✓ Two before aerogel sample and one behind
  - ✓ It allows us to restore Cherenkov angle for each detected photon and mitigate multiple scattering affects at beam-line.



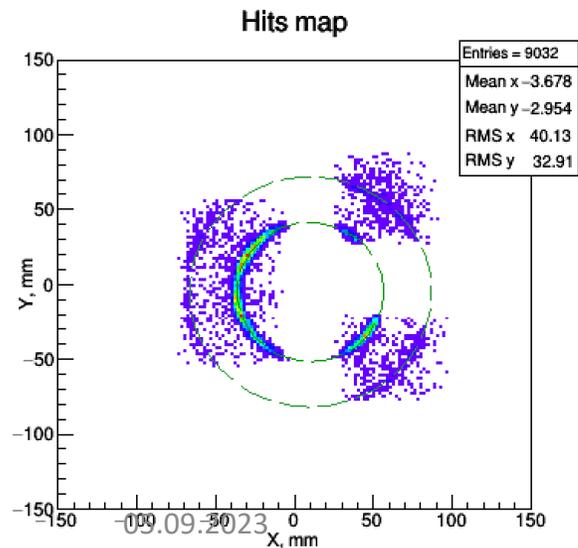
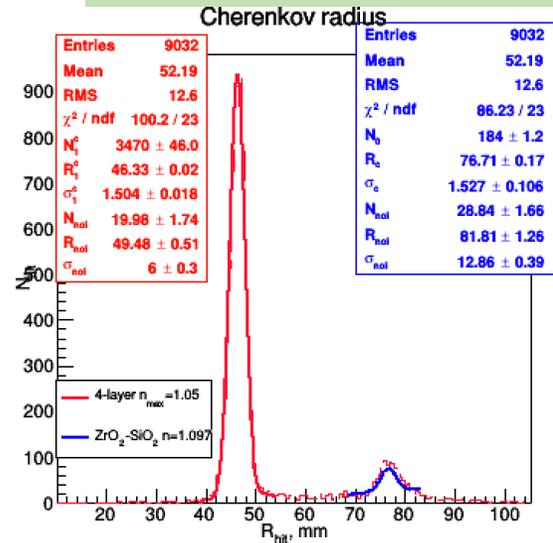
- ① Scintillation counters with air light collection
- ② Bending magnet
- ③ GEM-detectors
- ④ FARICH prototype
- ⑤ NaI-calorimeter



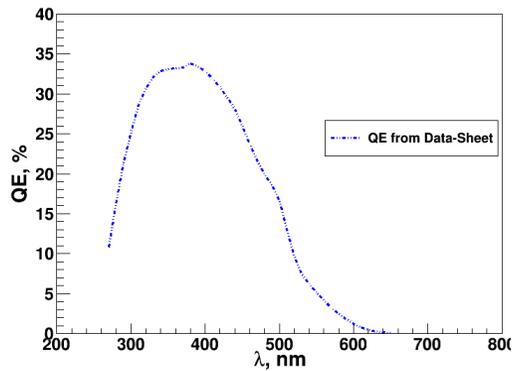
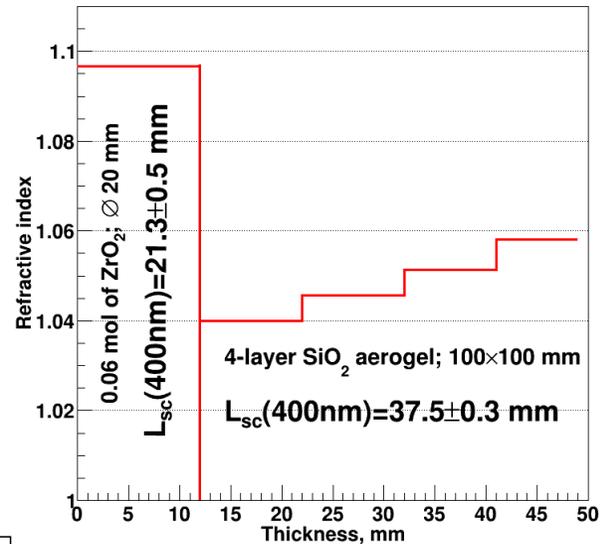
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# G4 simulation vs beam test results

## TBeam results



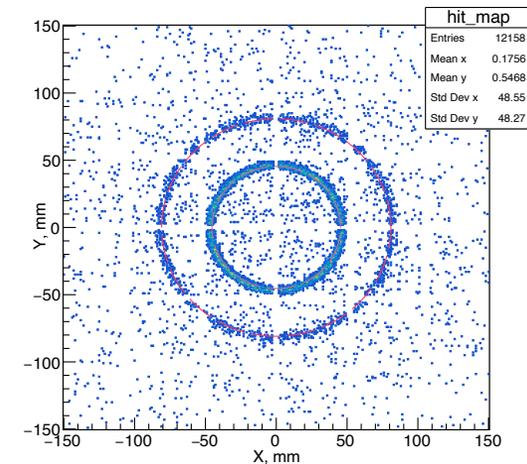
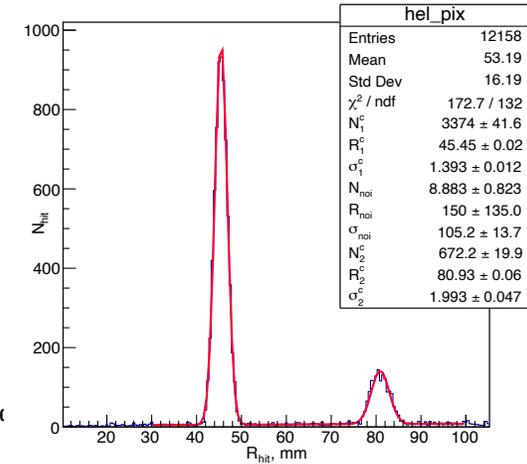
## Optical parameters for G4 simulation



- PDE for H12700 from data-sheet
- Pixel 3x3 mm with pitch 6mm
- Focal distance  $L=172 \text{ mm}$

The main difference between G4sim and TBeam is a photon small angle scattering effect on aerogel surfaces and inside. These effects have not implemented in G4sim yet.

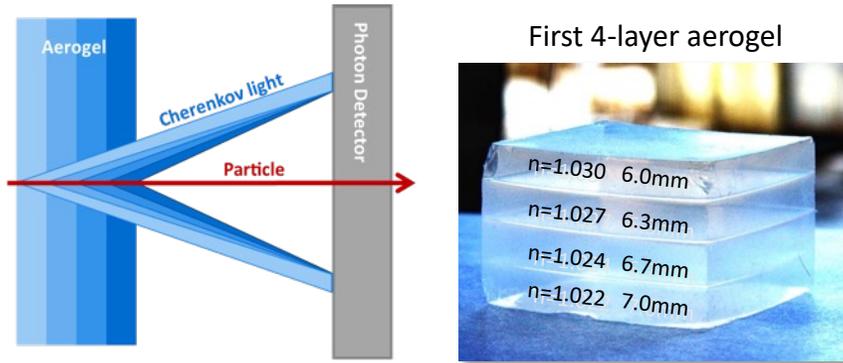
## G4 simulation results



# FARICH system concept for SCTF project

FARICH system for SCTF project

## Focusing Aerogel RICH approach



Variable  $n$  allows to increase  $N_{pe}$  using thicker radiator without compromising  $\sigma_{\theta_c}$

T.Iijima et al., NIM A548 (2005) 383

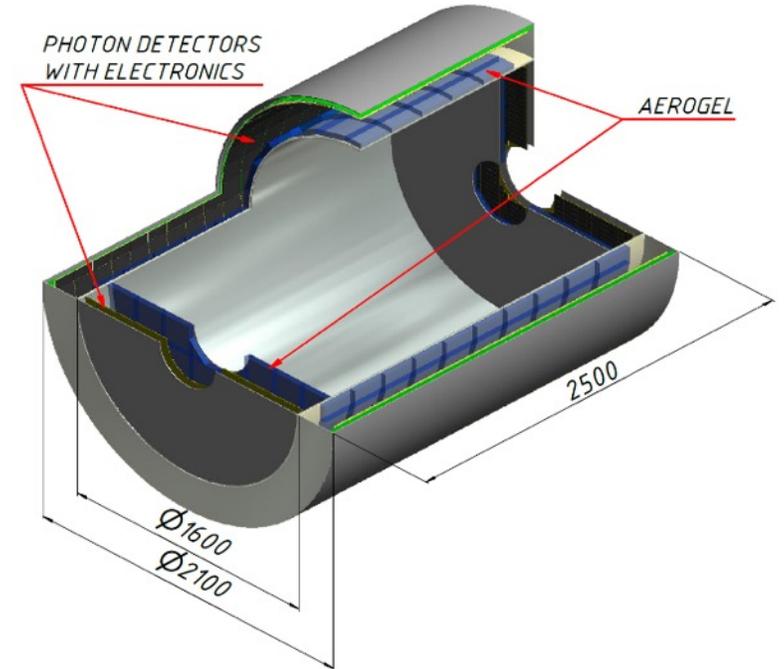
A.Yu.Barnyakov et al., NIM A553 (2005) 70

2012 test beam:  $\mu/\pi$  separation  $>3\sigma$  at  $P=1$  GeV/c was demonstrated

A.Yu. Barnyakov, et al., NIM A 732 (2013) 35

## Main requirements for PID system:

- $\pi/K$  separation  $> 4\sigma$  up to 3.5 GeV/c
- $\mu/\pi$  suppression  $\sim 1/40$  for  $0.5 \div 1.2$  GeV/c
- Below 0.2 GeV/c  $\mu/\pi$  separation could be performed with help of tracking system by means dE/dx technique (cluster counting mode) or with ToF technique using Cherenkov light from entrance window of fast photon detectors ( $TTS \leq 100$  ps)
- FARICH with dual radiator was considered to provide  $\pi/K$  separation in momentum range  $0.2 \div 0.5$  GeV/c



- Proximity focusing RICH
- 4-layer or gradient aerogel radiator  
 $n_{\max} = 1.05$  (1.07?), 35 mm thickness
- $21 \text{ m}^2$  total photon detector area
  - SiPMs in barrel ( $16 \text{ m}^2$ )
  - MCP PMTs in endcaps ( $5 \text{ m}^2$ )
- $\sim 10^6$  pixels with 4 mm pitch &  $3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$  sensitive area