



## Aerogel RICH

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improve K/ $\pi$  separation in the forward (high mom.) region for few-body decays of B's good K/ $\pi$  separation for b -> d $\gamma$ , b -> s $\gamma$ improve purity in fully reconstructed B decays low momentum (<1GeV/c) e/ $\mu/\pi$  separation (B ->KII) keep high the efficiency for tagging kaons

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# Proximity focusing RICH in the forward region





K/π separation at 4 GeV/c  $\theta_c(\pi) \sim 308 \text{ mrad} (n = 1.05)$  $\theta_c(\pi) - \theta_c(K) \sim 23 \text{ mrad}$ 

 $d\theta_c$ (meas.) =  $\sigma_0 \sim 13$  mrad With 20mm thick aerogel and 6mm PMT pad size

 $\rightarrow$  6 $\sigma$  separation with N<sub>pe</sub>~10



# Beam test: Cherenkov angle resolution and number of photons



## Beam test results with 2cm thick aerogel tiles: >4 $\sigma$ K/ $\pi$ separation





# How to increase the number of photons?



What is the optimal radiator thickness?



Optimum is close to 2 cm

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# Radiator with multiple refractive indices

How to increase the number of photons without degrading the resolution?

measure two separate rings
 "defocusing" configuration







 $n_2$ 

n<sub>1</sub>

 $n_1 = n_2$ 

normal

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## Beam tests



## Photon detector: array of 16 H8500 PMTs

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#### Clear rings, little background







#### FOCUSING CONFIGURATION - low momentum



• overlapping of rings for low momentum tracks



Good overlapping down to 0.6 GeV/c



#### FOCUSING CONFIGURATION – momentum scan





 single photon resolution: dual radiator ~same as single (of half the thickness) for the full momentum range

 number of detected hits: dual radiator has a clear advantage







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## Aerogel production R&D





Reported last year: better optical quality for n~1.05 hydrophobic aerogel

a new solvent (Di-Methyl-Formamide instead of Methyl-alcohol)

precursor (Methyl-silicate-51) from a different supplier

#### -> considerable improvement

100x100x20mm<sup>3</sup> n=1.050





## Aerogel production R&D



Further optimization for n = 1.050 samples





## Aerogel production: multilayer samples





- 2 (or more) layers with different n
- layers attached directly at molecular level
- easy to handle
- Insensitive to possible surface effect





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## Tiling of the radiator



Minimize photon yield losses at the aerogel tile boundary: hexagonal tiling scheme





- Cut into hexagonal shape from a square block
- Machining device: use "water-jet" thanks to hydrophobic nature



# Development and testing of photon detectors for 1.5 T



- Baseline: large area HPD of the proximity focusing type
- Backup: MCP-PMT





## HPD development



## 59mm x 59mm active area (65%), 12x12 channels





#### Ceramic HPD box

First tests carried out. Problems with sealing the tube at the windowceramic box interface.

#### Waiting for the next batch in September.



## Photon detector R&D – backup option: Burle MCP-PMT



#### BURLE 85011 MCP-PMT:

.multi-anode PMT with 2 MCPs
.25 μm pores
.bialkali photocathode
.gain ~ 0.6 x 10<sup>6</sup>
.collection efficiency ~ 60%
.box dimensions ~ 71mm square
.64(8x8) anode pads
.pitch ~ 6.45mm, gap ~ 0.5mm
.active area fraction ~ 52%





### Photon detector R&D – Burle MCP-PMT bench tests



Study uniformity of the sensitivity over the surface

count rates - all channels: charge sharing at pad boundaries

single channel response:uniform over pad areaextends beyond pad area (charge

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#### • BURLE MCP-PMT mounted together with an array of 12(6x2) Hamamatsu R5900-M16 PMTs at 30mm pitch (reference counter)







**Resolution and number of photons (clusters)** 

- $\sigma_9 \sim 13 \text{ mrad}$  (single cluster)
- number of clusters per track N ~ 4.5
- $\sigma_9 \sim 6 \text{ mrad (per track)}$
- -> ~ 4  $\sigma \pi/K$  separation at 4 GeV/c

#### **Open questions**

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Operation in high magnetic field:
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.the present tube with  $25\mu m$  pores only works up to 0.8T, for 1.5T need ~10 $\mu m$ Number of photons per ring: too small. Possible improvements:

- .increase active area fraction (bare tube 63%->85%)
- .increase the photo-electron collection efficiency

(from 60% at present up to 70%)

-> Extrapolation from the present data 4.5 ->8.5 hits per ring

 $\sigma_{g}$ : 6 mrad -> 4.5 mrad (per track)

-> >5  $\sigma \pi/K$  separation at 4 GeV/c

Aging of MCP-PMTs ?



## Read-out electronics: ASIC under development



Need high density front-end electronics. Need high gain with very low noise amplifiers. Deadtimeless readout scheme-> Pipeline.

#### Develop an ASIC for the front-end electronics

- Gain : 5 [V/pC]
- Shaping time : 0.15 [  $\mu$  s]
- S/N : 8 (@2000[e])
- Readout : pipeline with shift register
- Package : 18 channels/chip

Shaper



Preamp

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## **Read-out electronics**



ASIC controled and read-out by a control board (for tests: can also be done with standard VME modules+level adapters)

- Detailed evaluation of the system is under way.
- Preparation of the read-out of an array of 3x3 HAPDs in a beam test.



Backup options use chips from Ideas: a VA/TA based system developed by the K2K group at KEK and VA64TAP+LS64



## Summary



- Proof of principle shown already last time.
- More photons: employ radiators with multiple refractive indices. Idea successfully tested in beam tests.
- Aerogel production: transmission length improved, new cutting methods tested, multiple layer samples.
- R&D issues: development and testing of a multichannel photon detector for high mag. fields
- mass production of large aerogel tiles
- readout electronics











- Total number of readout channels for the full detector amounts to 86k.
- Detector characteristics
  - Leakage current: 10 or 25 [nA]
  - Detector capacitance: 10 or 70 [pF/pixel]
  - signal: 2000 or 20000 [electron/photon]
- Need high density front-end electronics.
- Need high gain with very low noise amplifiers.
- Deadtimeless readout scheme-> Pipeline.

#### Develop an ASIC for the front-end electronics



## Read-out electronics: ASIC under development



- Basic parameters for the ASIC (Rohm CMOS 0.35  $\mu$  m)
  - Gain : 5 [V/pC]
  - Shaping time : 0.15 [  $\mu$  s]
  - VGA : 1-16
  - S/N : 8 (@2000[e])
  - Readout : pipeline with shift register
  - Package : 18 channels/chip
  - Control : LVDS
  - Power consumption : 5 m W/channel
- Detailed evaluation is under way.

Shaper





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#### VA64TAP: backup read-out electronics



VA64TAP is a low-power, low-noise ASIC with 64 channels, each with:

- preamplifier (ENC  $\sim$  500 @ 10 pF)
- amplifier (can be switched off)
- fast CR-RC shaper (75 ns)
- discriminator with 4-bit trim-DAC
- threshold uniformity: +-200e-
- . threshold nominal value: 3000e-
- power: 2.3 mW/ch.
- parallel output
- die size: 5.5mm x 5.4mm



Auxiliary chip LS64: logic level adapter, converts current logic (from VA64TAP) into CMOS logic (0V, 2.5V - 5V).

Same lateral dimensions, direct channel to channel bonding to VA64TAP













Gain of the HAPD is higher than for the HPD, but the noise level is also higher due to its large detector capacitance.

The HPD shows a better single photon response.

- Diode : □5 [mm/ch]
- Gain : 26000 [electron/photon]
- C<sub>d</sub> : 73 [pF]
- I<sub>L</sub> : 14 [nA] (average/ch)
- Condition: V<sub>HV</sub>=8[KV], V<sub>BIAS</sub>=320[V]







#### FOCUSING CONFIGURATION -

different incidence angles

- overlapping of rings for inclined tracks
- expected range ~  $17^{\circ}-34^{\circ}$



#### Good overlapping up to 30°





In agreement with expectations (+ 6-8 mrad) Typically around 13 mrad (for 2cm thick aerogel) Shown as a function of thickness, momentum





## Number of photons



Shown as a function of momentum, thickness



Again: in reasonable agreement with expectations

Photon detector: array of 16 H8500 PMTs







From typical values (single photon resolution 13mrad and 6 detected photons) we can estimate the Cherenkov resolution per track: 5.3mrad;

-> 4.3sigma p/K separation a 4GeV/c.

Illustration of PID performance: Cherenkov angle distribution for pions at 4GeV/c and 'kaons' (pions at 1.1GeV/c with the same Cherenkov angle as kaons at 4GeV/c). Details: NIM paper

Photon detector: array of 16 H8500 PMTs





Cherenkov angle distribution



Radiator: thickness 20.5mm

 $\sigma_{\theta} \text{ is obtained by fitting the } \theta \\ \text{distribution Gaussian +} \\ \text{background}$ 

 $\sigma_{\theta}$  (data)=14.3mrad

$\sigma_{\theta}(\text{calc}) = \sqrt{\sigma_{\text{emp}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{pix}}^2}$						
	σ(calc)	11.8 mrad				
	$\sigma_{pix}$	7.8 mrad				
	$\sigma_{emp}$	8.8 mrad				

$$\sigma_{\theta} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\rm emp}^{2} + \sigma_{\rm pix}^{2} + \sigma_{\rm rest}^{2}}$$

#### What is 'rest'?

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Non-uniformity of the radiator? Group tracks according to the impact position in 5mmx5mm regions, plot Cherenkov angle distribution for each of them:

mean 0.3061 rad sigma 11.36 mrad	mean 0.3037yrad sigma 11.83 mrad	mean 0.3048 rad sigma 10.65 mrad	mean 0.3039 rad sigma (11.87 mrad <sup>4</sup> ra o th	mean - 0.3044 rad - sigma 11.88 mrad	mean 0.3089 rad sigma 9.68 mrad
mean 0.3049 rad sigma 10.94 mrad	mean 0.3035 rad sigma 11.63 mrad	mean 10.3045 rad sigma 11.67 mrad	mean 0.3043 rad sigma 11.99 mrad	mean 0.3042 rad sigma 12.51 mrad	- mean - 0.3059 rad - sigma - 10.86 mrad - Marut Marut
mean	mean	mean	mean	mean	- mean
0.3048 rad	0.3040 rad	0.3046 rad	0.3050 rad	0.3049 rad	0.3043 rad
sigma	sigma	sigma	sigma	sigma	sigma
10.99 mrad	11.45 mrad	11.30 mrad	12.08 mrad	11.66 mrad	113.79 mrad
mean	mean	mean	mean	mean	mean
0.3032 rad	10.3040 rad	0.3047 rad	0.3049 rad	-0.3044 rad	0.3052 rad
sigma	sigma	sigma	sigma	sigma	sigma
11.02 mrad	11.82 mrad	11.40 mrad	11.72 mrad	11.91 mrad	10.36 mrad
mean 0.3045 rad sigma \11.27 mrad	mean 0.3033 rad sigma 11.19 mrad	mean 0.3039 rad sigma 12.20 mrad	mean _0.3039 rad sigma _12.42 mrad	mean 0.3045 rad sigma 11.70 mrad	mean 0.3038 rad sigma 12.25 mrad mulat
mean	mean	mean	mean	mean	mean
0.3040 rad	0.3034 rad	0.3048 rad	-0.3043 rad	-0.3042 rad	0.3039 rad
sigma	sigma	sigma	sigma	sigma	sigma
11.14 mrad	11.62 mrad	10.71 mrad	12.15 mrad	12.18 mrad	12.44 mrad



## Cherenkov angle variation due to non-uniformity of aerogel: 1 mrad





#### Does it depend on the orientation of the sample?







#### How to design radiator tiles: check losses at the tile boundary.



- Scan with the beam across the tile boundary. As expected, the yield is affected over a few mm in the vicinity of the boundary.
- A simple model (all photons hitting the boundary get lost) accounts for most of the dependence

## Reduce the fraction of tracks close to tile boundaries and corners.



## Photon detector tiling





92% of the surface covered by HPDs minimal distance between modules: 0.5~mm

max. distance (few mm) allows for feeding in the HV supply cable (has to come to the front side of the HPD) six equal sectors