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Proximity focusing RICH with TOF capabilities for the Belle upgrade

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Accumulated data sample ~700 M BB-pairs

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improve K/ π separation in the forward (high p) region for few-body decays of B mesons

good K/ π separation for $\mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{d}\gamma$, $\mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{s}\gamma$

improve purity in fully reconstructed B decays

low momentum (<1GeV/c) e/ μ/π separation (B \rightarrow KII)

keep high the efficiency for tagging kaons



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Introduction, motivation and requirements Radiator with multiple refractive indices Time-of-flight measurement with a RICH Beam tests Photon detector R+D Summary



Proximity focusing RICH in the forward region

Requirements and constraints:

- ~ 5 σ K/ π separation @ 1-4 GeV/c
- operation in magnetic field 1.5T
- limited available space ~250 mm





-n = 1.05

- $\theta_c(\pi) \sim 308 \text{ mrad} @ 4 \text{ GeV/c}$
- $\theta_c(\pi)$ $\theta_c(K) \sim 23 \text{ mrad}$
- pion threshold 44 GeV/c,
- kaon threshold 1.54 GeV/c
- time-of-flight difference (2m): t(K) - t(π) = 180 ps @ 2 GeV/c 45 ps @ 4 GeV/c



Beam tests



Photon detector: array of 16 H8500 PMTs



Clear rings, little background



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Beam test results with 2cm thick aerogel tiles: excellent, >4 σ K/ π separation





Minimize the error per track: Optimum is close to 2 cm









 \rightarrow R+D: ageing

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Photon detector candidate: H(A)PD





Photon detector candidate: SiPM

- •immune to magnetic field
- •high <u>single</u> photon detection efficiency up to 70%
- •good timing properties (~300ps FWHM)
- •no high voltage
- low material budget
- •high noise rate ~ $1MHz/mm^2$
- radiation damage increase of dark noise
 - → Increase signal to noise ratio by using narrow time (<10ns) window and light guides.







Make use of fast photon detectors: measure time-of-flight with Cherenkov photons from aerogel radiator and PMT window





• A proximity focusing RICH with ~ 20 cm radiator to photon detector distance and $\sim 6 x 6 mm^2$ pads is being developed for the upgrade of the Belle forward PID.

 Single refractive index radiator has an optimal radiator thickness of ~ 2 cm; increasing the thickness results in degradation of Cherenkov angle resolution per track.

- Way out: use of multi layer radiator with varying refractive index
- Expected performance of the focusing configuration: excellent π/K separation up to 4 GeV/c

 More studies are needed to decide which photon detector to use for the Belle PID upgrade

- Such a counter can also be used for TOF measurement
 - \rightarrow extend PID capabilities into low momentum region