

Barrel DIRC: Progress Report

Simulation & Reconstruction



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Motivation

Current PANDA Barrel DIRC version is based on BABAR DIRC with several improvements.

Many parameters are not yet optimized.

Goal: determine the performance of different DIRC designs \rightarrow **single photon resolution** and **number of detected photons.**

Some options of PANDA DIRC design:

Expansion volume: single tank or 16 optically isolated ones?



Number of bars in a bar box (6 or less), bar thickness.



Focusing system: lenses or mirror?

Current Barrel DIRC layout

Baseline Design:





16 bar boxes with 6 bars each



Ring images with eventDisplay



Barrel DIRC reconstruction

- Proven reconstruction method BABAR-type reconstruction using lookup tables
 - Uses association "pixel bar"
 - Fast access to θ_c using lookup tables
 - Continuation of work started by Dipanwita Dutta
- Implementing it in PANDA Root
 - Will become commonly available in reconstruction

Reconstruction approach

Proof of principle: simplest case (no focusing), Fused Silica bar attaches directly to the Expansion Volume (EV), charged particles hit one given bar:



To create a look up table we used "PhotonGun" GEANT4 (*in GEANT3 "PhotonGun" crashes*):

- Cherenkov photons produced at a point close to the bar end covering the whole detector plane

- Store photon direction for each pixel



Lookup table (LUT)

Hit pattern on the PD plane made with Photon Gun – different ambiguities are shown:

Direct photons



Photons reflected from the cylinder part of EV





Photon direction vector k = (kX, kY, kZ) in bar coordinate system



Photons reflected from the cylinder and then from the cone part of EV



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Reconstruction: step-by-step



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Results

Apply described method to all hits:



Single photon resolution is 17 mrad

Expected resolution is **18 mrad** (pixel size, bar size, chromatic dispersion)

Reconstruction result is consistent with expected value

Number of detected photons per track as a function of polar angle:



No focusing \rightarrow at least 24 photons per track

Summary & Outlook

- Goal study the performance of different DIRC designs (Number of photons, single photon resolution)
- First reconstruction attempt using simplified design (no focusing) and look-up table \rightarrow obtained θ_c resolution consistent with expectations
- Next:
 - focusing options: thin lens, thick lens, forward mirror (already implemented in PANDARoot)
 - radiator bar shapes: thickness, width, plate vs bar

