

Simulation and Reconstruction for the PANDA Barrel DIRC

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PANDA DIRC requirements

 PANDA particle identification requirement: ≥ 3 standard deviations π/K separation in the momentum range 0.5 GeV/c – 3.5 GeV/c (PID)

• $3 \sigma \pi/K$ separation at 3.5 GeV/c requires ≤ 2.5 mrad Cherenkov angle resolution



The development of a more detailed description of the resolution requirement is ongoing.

Design goal:

 $\sigma_{\theta_c} = 2.5 mrad$ (for 3.5 GeV/c)

Tracking, multiple scattering ... $\sigma_{correlated} \simeq 1 \, mrad$

$$\sigma_{\theta_{c}}^{2} = \sigma_{correlated}^{2} + \frac{\sigma_{\theta_{c}^{photon}}^{2}}{N_{photons}}$$

To reach PID design goal:

For photon yield $(N) \ge 20$ photons per track Required single photon Cherenkov angle resolution ~11 mrad

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Reconstruction method

To evaluate the performance of different designs a proven BABAR-type reconstruction was used. The Cherenkov angle is determined for each detected photon by comparing the direction of the particle track (taken from other detector systems) and the direction of the detected photon, approximated using the pixel and the bar positions (taken from the look-up table) → single photon resolution of the detector.



Apply this procedure to all photons from the same track \rightarrow peak at the right $\Delta \theta_C$ value + combinatorial background

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Reconstruction method

Simplified design: no focusing (fused silica bars are directly attached to the expansion volume (EV))

Simple estimation of single photon Cherenkov angle resolution - 18-19 mrad

map of single photon resolution for one bar box, 3 GeV muons









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Performance of the 17 mm thick bars



Expected average single photon Cherenkov angle resolution – 18 mrad

> Single photon Cherenkov angle resolution agrees with expectation, the resulting track resolution does not fulfill PANDA requirement → either thinner bars or focusing is needed!



Single photon Cherenkov angle resolution

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40

20

60

80

100

 $\substack{120\\ \Theta_{track}} [degrees]$

Performance of the 10 mm thick bars



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Performance of the 5 mm thick bars



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¢_{track} [degrees]

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Performance of the 5 mm thick bars



Performance of the 7 bars in the bar box

2.3 cm width



Single photon Cherenkov angle resolution

0.03



For narrower bars the single photon Cherenkov angle resolution is about the same as for the default ones.

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5 bars in the bar box (3.2 cm wide)

7 bars in the bar box (2.3 cm wide)



Performance of the 3 bars in the bar box

Single photon Cherenkov angle resolution Single photon resolution [rad] ϕ_{track} [degrees] 22 듣 20 -18 16 14 12 10 0.015 8 6 0.01 4 2 0.005 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 Θ_{track} [degrees]

5 bars in the bar box

Bar width impacts to single photon Cherenkov angle resolution a lot compared to the case with 5 bars in the bar box.

With wide bars the width of the bars can not be ignored anymore





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Performance of the 7 bars in the bar box





5 x 5 mm² bars



Wider bars →larger amplitude of the mean value for the difference btw the reconstructed and the expected Cherenkov angles. Study is needed!

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Implementation of a new lens

Problem with lenses in simulation – no detected photons at steep angles due to the air gap (which provides the change in the refractive indices)

New thin cylindrical lens without

airgap (bending power due to the high refractive index material between two fused silica blocks) in geometry files:



Photons getting out of the lens with air gap for a 90 degrees track

N photons as a function of track polar angle for the prototype geometry

dirc_I3_p0.root (lens3) dirc_l3_p1.root



Number of photons as a function of initial track theta



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No lens

New lens



No lens

New lens



The design with a high refractive index lens is a promising candidate

A more detailed study is needed.

Conclusions

1. A method to evaluate and map the performance of the detector design in terms of single photon Cherenkov angle resolution and photon yield was developed and tested on the simplified DIRC designs with different bar dimensions without focusing optics.

2. The required PANDA Barrel DIRC resolution is being studied in detail.

3. The obtained Cherenkov resolution per track does not satisfy the PANDA requirement, therefore thinner bars or focusing system is required.

4. More advanced design options are currently being evaluated.

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