

# ARC - a novel RICH detector for a future $e^+e^-$ collider

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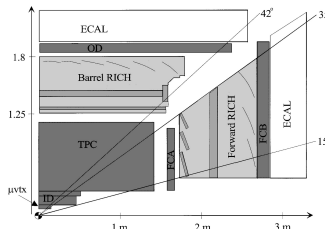
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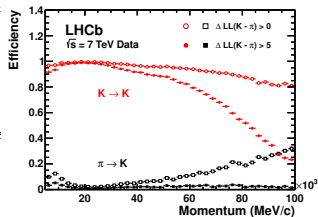


# Introduction RICH detectors

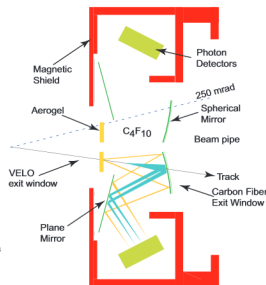
- Excellent hadron PID is crucial in flavour physics
  - Resolve combinatorics and separate decay modes
- RICH detectors are very powerful for particle ID at high momentum
- At LHCb,  $\pi$ - $K$  separation is excellent up to 100 GeV
- A  $4\pi$  collider RICH layout was previously used at DELPHI and SLD
  - Challenging because of the space required



(a) DELPHI RICH layout



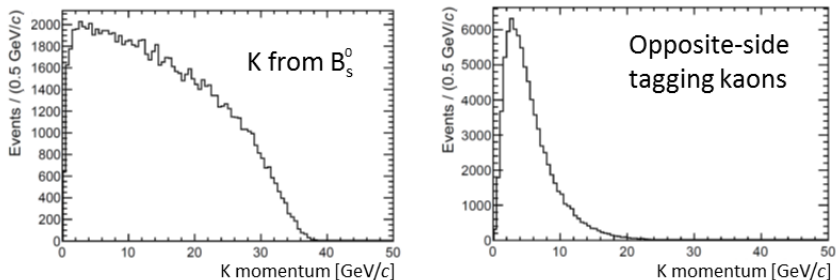
(b) LHCb RICH performance



(c) LHCb RICH layout

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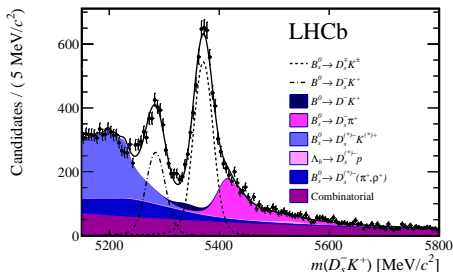


**Figure 2:**  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\pm K^\mp$

$B$  physics requires pion-kaon separation from low momentum up to 40 GeV

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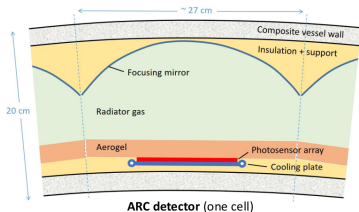


**Figure 3:**  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\pm K^\mp$

The  $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\pm \pi^\mp$  background would be 10 times larger without PID capabilities!

# Array of RICH Cells

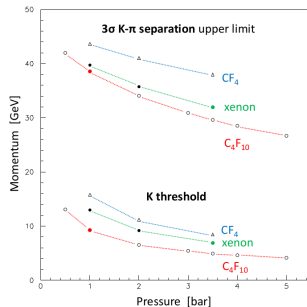
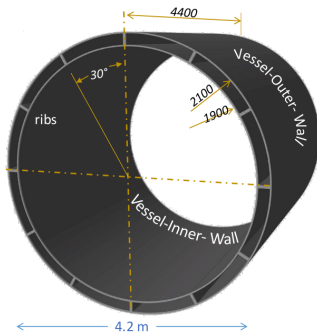
- **Array of RICH Cells (ARC):** A novel RICH detector concept
  - First presented by R. Forty at [FCC week 2021](#)
  - Compact, low-mass solution for particle ID for future  $e^+e^-$  colliders
  - Concept inspired by the compound eyes of an insect
- Adapted to fit into the [CLD experiment](#) concept, taking 10% from the tracker volume
  - Radial depth of 20 cm, radius of 2.1 m and a length of 4.4 m
  - Aim to keep material budget below  $0.1X_0$
- Aerogel and gas radiators with a spherical mirror
  - Aerogel also acts as thermal insulation between gas and detector



**Figure 4:** ARC has a cellular structure, similar to an insect's compound eyes

# Original pressurised ARC

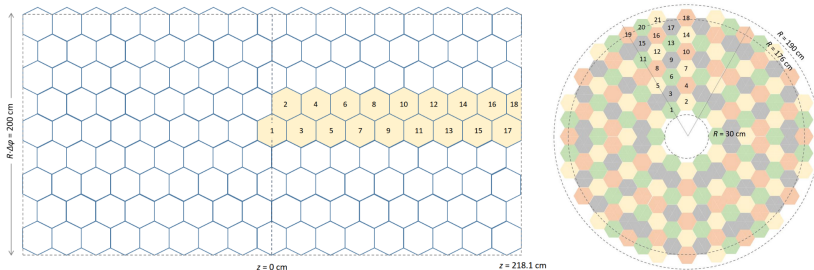
- Original idea was for a vessel with pressurised gas
  - Higher photon yield in smaller radial space
- However, a non-pressurised gas was found to have better performance, and also simplify the vessel design



**Figure 5:** Layout of original carbon fiber vessel (left) and the performance at different pressures (right)

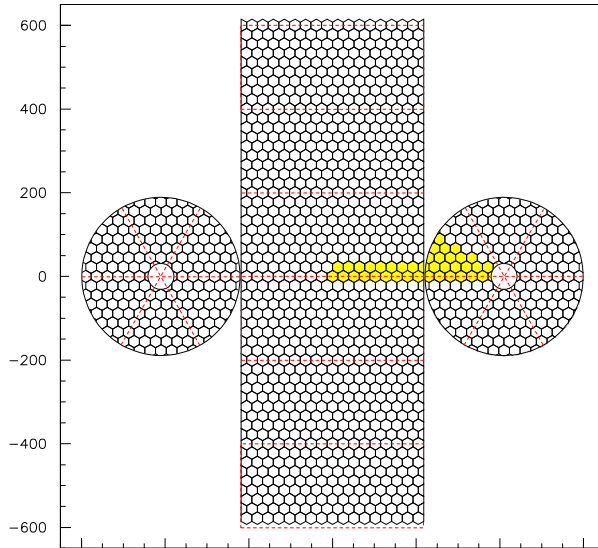
# Array of RICH Cells

- Cell layout has evolved to profit from a simplified unpressurised vessel
- All cells are the same size, organised on a hexagonal grid
  - Barrel (endcap) has 945 (384) cells in total, where 18 (21) are unique
  - Hexagonal shape avoids the corners, where performance is worse



**Figure 6:** Barrel (left) and endcap (right) cells

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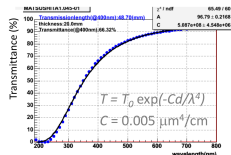
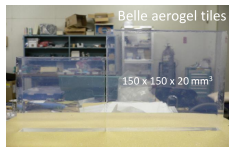


**Figure 7: Barrel and endcap cells**



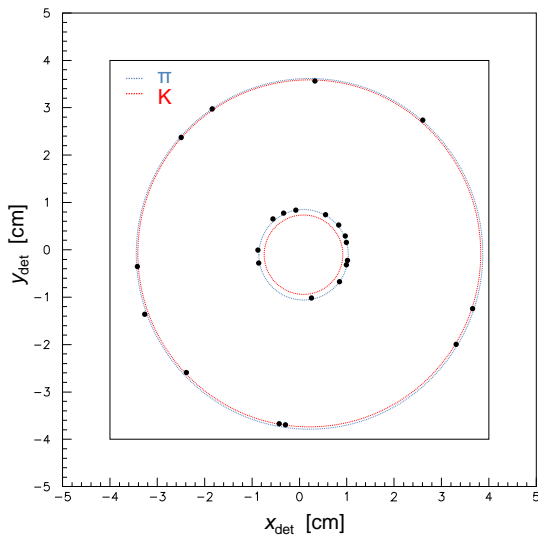
# ARC radiators

- $C_4F_{10}$ :
  - Baseline assumption, well known from LHCb RICH1
  - $n = 1.0014 \implies \theta_c = 53 \text{ mrad}$ , suitable for high momentum particles
  - $C_4F_{10}$  is a greenhouse gas, plan to replace with suitable Novec gas, such as  $C_5F_{10}O$
- Aerogel:
  - Well known as a RICH radiator, e.g. from ARICH at Belle II
  - $n = 1.01\text{-}1.10 \implies \theta_c = 141\text{-}430 \text{ mrad}$ , suitable at low momentum
  - Very low thermal conductivity
    - Suitable to separate gas from detector, which must be cooled
    - Cherenkov photons come for “free” and are focused by the same mirror
  - Drawback: Some loss of photons from scattering



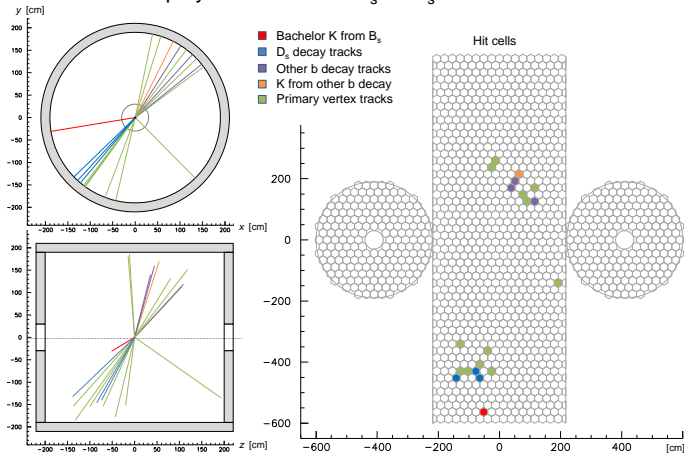
**Figure 8:** Belle aerogel tiles (left) and aerogel transmission function (right).

# Photon hits



**Figure 9:** Photon hits on photodetector

Display of a simulated  $B_s \rightarrow D_s K$  event in ARC



**Figure 10:**  $B_s \rightarrow D_s K$  (no magnetic field yet)

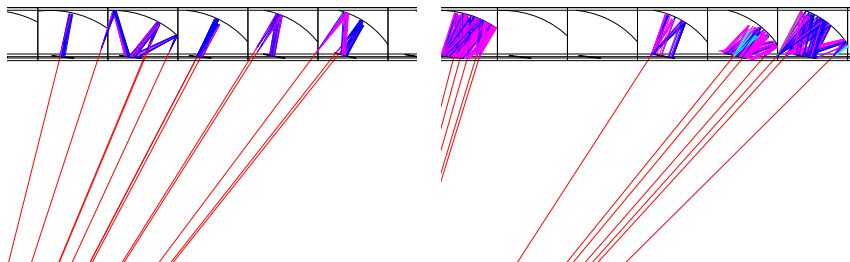
# Optimisation of ARC layout

- The following procedure is used to evaluate the ARC performance:
  - ① Generate straight particle track from IP and trace it through ARC
  - ② Generate Cherenkov photons from gas radiator
  - ③ Track photons through the optics and to detector
  - ④ Reconstruct Cherenkov angles and calculate standard deviation
- Three sources of uncertainty are considered:
  - ① Emission point uncertainty: Emission point is assumed to be the mid-point of the track inside the gaseous radiator
  - ② Chromatic dispersion uncertainty: Spread in Cherenkov angle due to wavelength dependence on refractive index
  - ③ Pixel size: Will be chosen so that it does not limit the performance

Minimise the Cherenkov angle uncertainty:

$$\Delta\theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \times \frac{1}{1-N} \times \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (\theta - \bar{\theta})^2$$

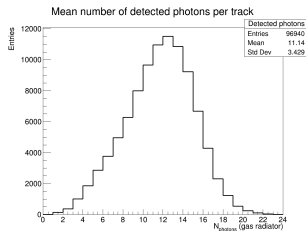
# Examples of photon tracking through optimised layout



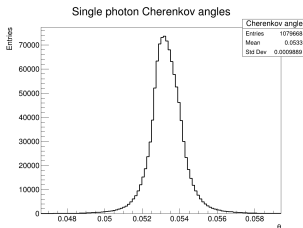
**Figure 11:** Tracking of photons from gas radiator (left) and aerogel radiator (right) through the ARC optics

- Parameters that are optimised:
  - Mirror curvature
  - Mirror vertical and horizontal position
  - Detector horizontal position and tilt

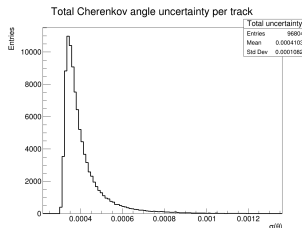
# Cherenkov angle uncertainty for gas radiator



(a) Mean number of photons detected



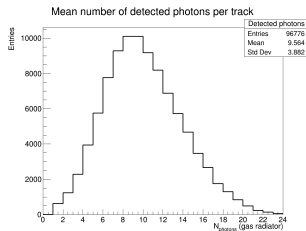
(b) Single photon uncertainty:  
1.0 mrad



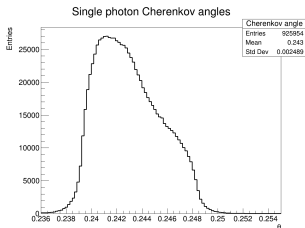
(c) Total uncertainty:  
0.4 mrad

**Figure 12:** Gas radiator performance averaged over all barrel cells

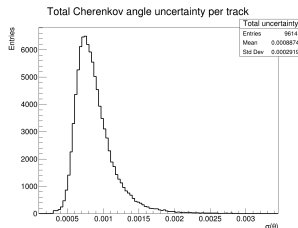
# Cherenkov angle uncertainty for aerogel radiator



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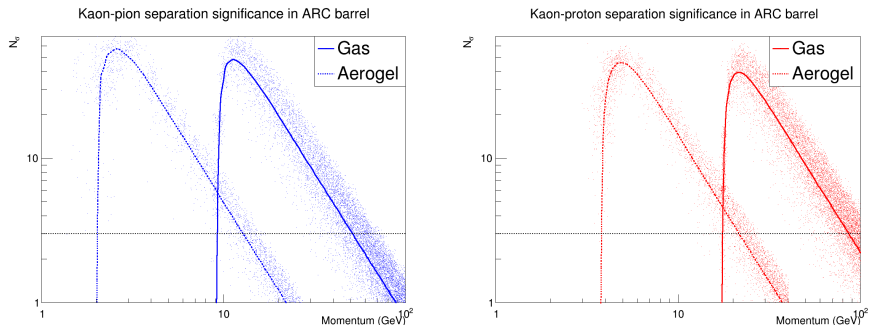
(b) Single photon uncertainty:  
2.5 mrad



(c) Total uncertainty:  
0.9 mrad

**Figure 13:** Aerogel radiator performance averaged over all barrel cells

# Performance of optimised ARC



**Figure 14:** Separation significance per track for  $\pi$ - $K$  (left) and  $p$ - $K$  (right)

- Gas (aerogel) provides over  $3\sigma$  pion-kaon separation in the range 10-50 GeV (2-10 GeV)
  - Improved from earlier studies due to gaining some space for more radiator by no longer pressurising, as well as optimisation of the layout
  - Effect of magnetic field not yet included in these studies
- Combined, the aerogel and gas ensure excellent PID performance over the whole range of interest to flavour physics



# Summary and next steps

- ARC is a low mass and compact cellular PID detector designed to occupy minimum space (20 cm in the radial dimension) in a  $4\pi$  detector at an  $e^+e^-$  collider such as FCC-ee or CEPC
- We have developed an optimised layout that should achieve a  $3\sigma$  kaon-pion separation in the range 2-50 GeV
  - Our studies focus mainly on flavour physics at the Z-pole
- ARC will allow us to fully exploit the full range of flavour physics potential at future  $e^+e^-$  colliders
  - Will enhance the capabilities in Higgs,  $WW$  and top physics
- Next steps will include completing the optimisation, including magnetic field effects, and R&D on photodetectors

Thanks for your attention!

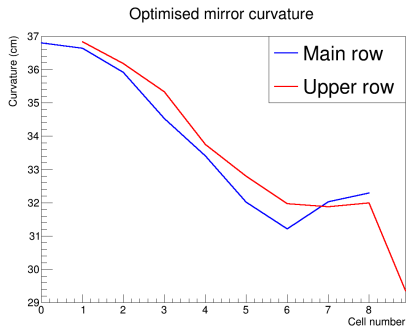
## Backup: Estimated material budget breakdown

Units of radiation length $X/X_0$		
Detector component	Pressurised	Non-pressurised
Vessel walls	5%	1%
Photosensor array/electronics	1%	1%
Cooling plate (3 mm CF)	1%	1%
Aerogel ( $n = 1.03$ )	1%	0.5%
C <sub>4</sub> F <sub>10</sub> gas	1%	0.5%
Focusing mirror	1%	1%
Total	10%	5%

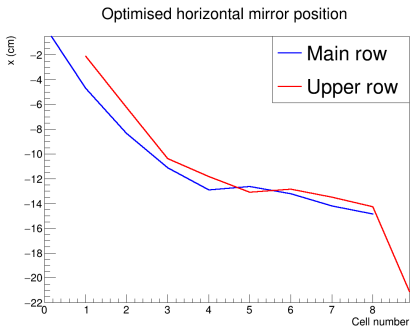
# Backup: Technical details about minimisation

- $f(\vec{x})$  is not easily to calculate analytically
- Approximate by simulating a large number of charged tracks
- Finite number of photons  $\implies f(\vec{x})$  is not differentiable
  - Cannot be minimised using conventional methods (Minuit, etc)
- I have experimented with a new type of minimisation algorithms:  
Stochastic optimisation
  - **Differential evolution**
  - Start with a population of possible solutions, form new solutions by combining (mutating) existing solutions
  - Advantage: Doesn't require initial guess, robust against functions that are not continuous, noisy, change over time, etc
  - Disadvantage: No way to tell if optimal solution has been found, so it requires many iterations

# Backup: Optimised mirror curvature and mirror position



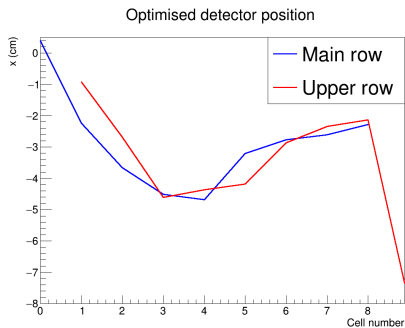
(a) Mirror curvature



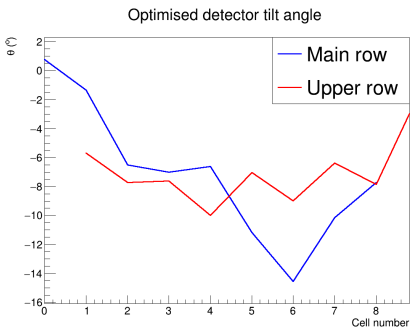
(b) Mirror position

**Figure 15:** Optimised mirror parameters for barrel cells

# Backup: Optimised detector position and detector tilt angle



(a) Detector position



(b) Detector tilt angle

**Figure 16:** Optimised detector parameters for barrel cells