

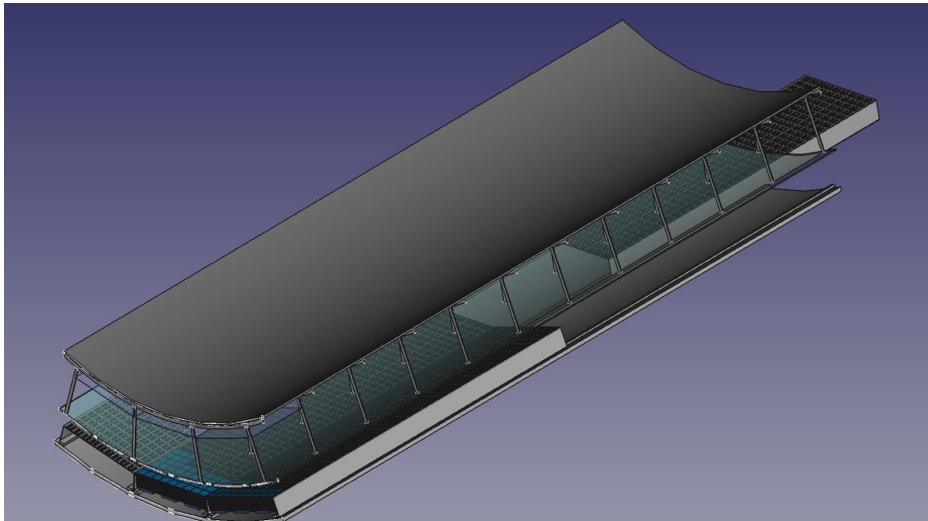
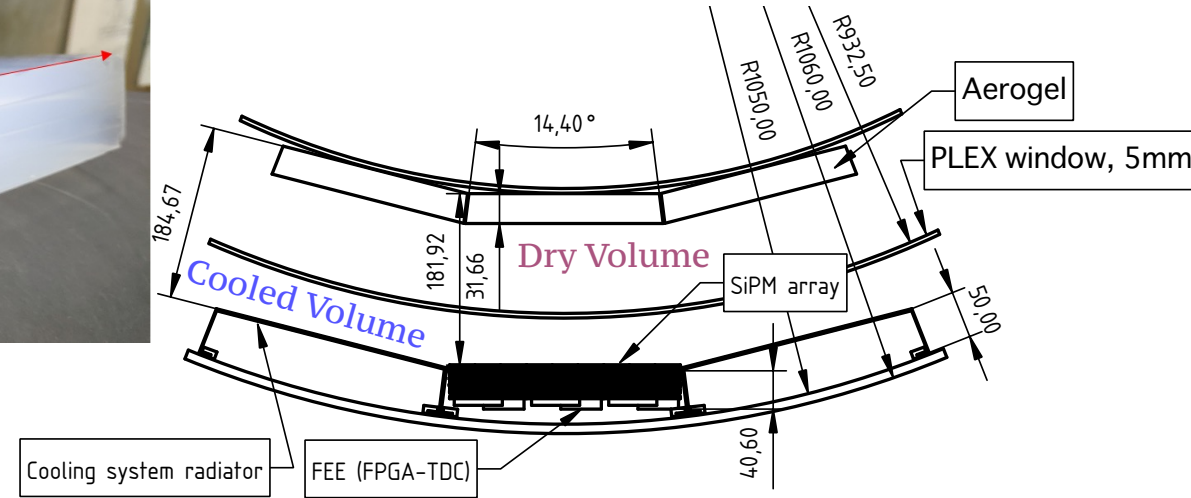
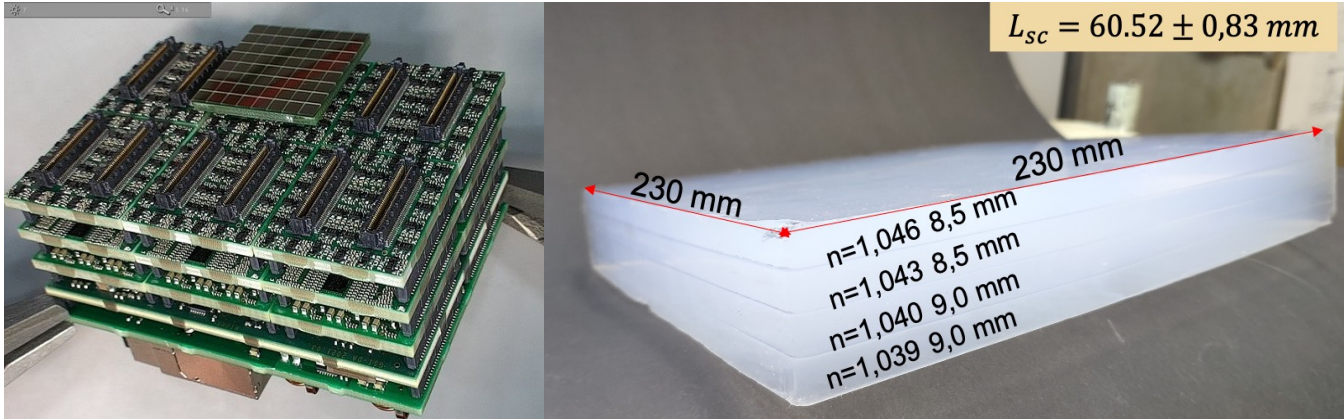
# FARICH construction optimization for the Super C-Tau factory

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# Barrel part of the FARICH system for the SCTF



- We have to separate **dry volume** with aerogel and **cooled down** volume with SiPM+FEE by transparent window (i.e. plexiglass)
- Position and thickness of the window is an option for optimisation

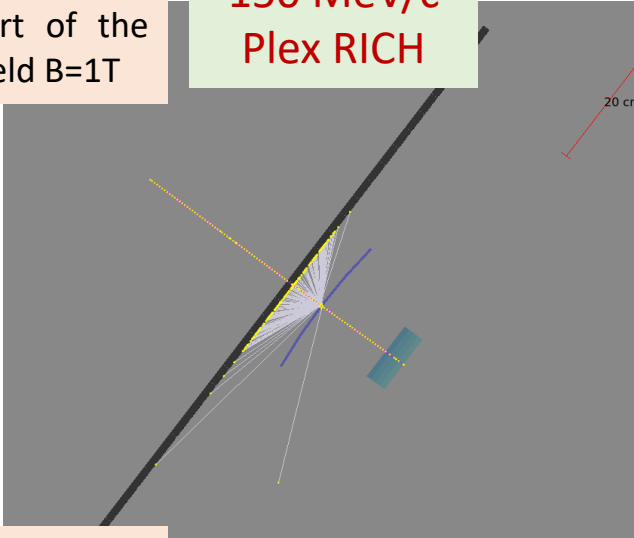
- 275 aerogel tiles 200x202x35 in barrel part
- only SiPM will operate in magnetic field
- effective cooling system is required

# Cherenkov Rings from Plex and Aerogel

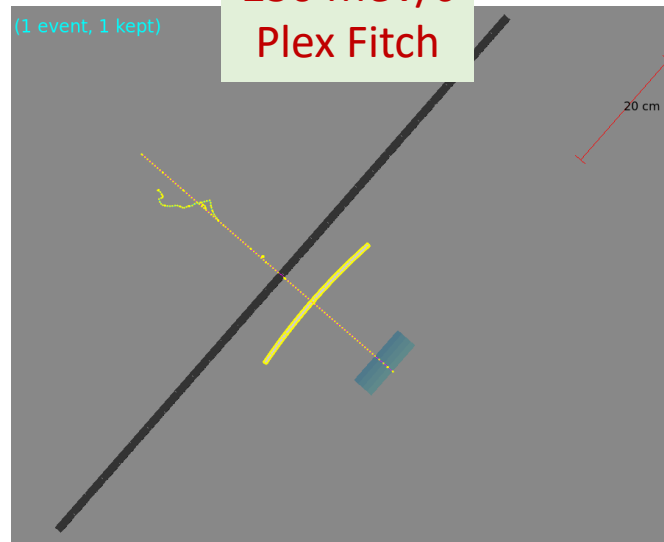
- Only particles with  $P_t \geq 150$  MeV/c will reach the barrel part of the system due to magnetic field  $B=1T$

**$\mu$ -meson**

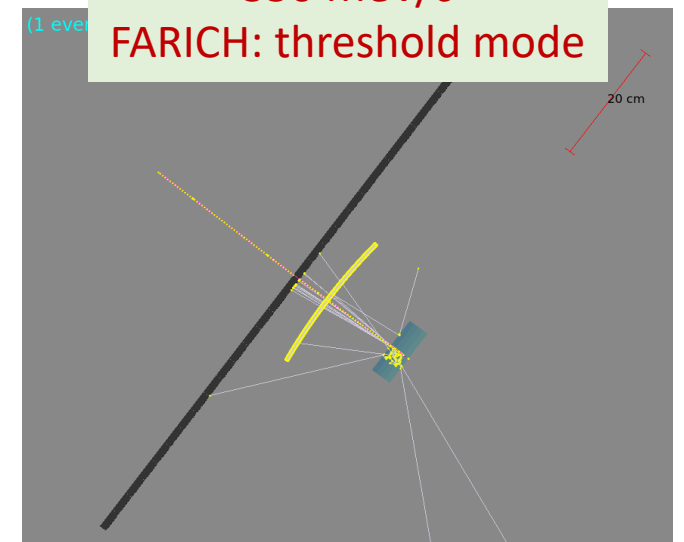
150 MeV/c  
Plex RICH



250 MeV/c  
Plex Fitch

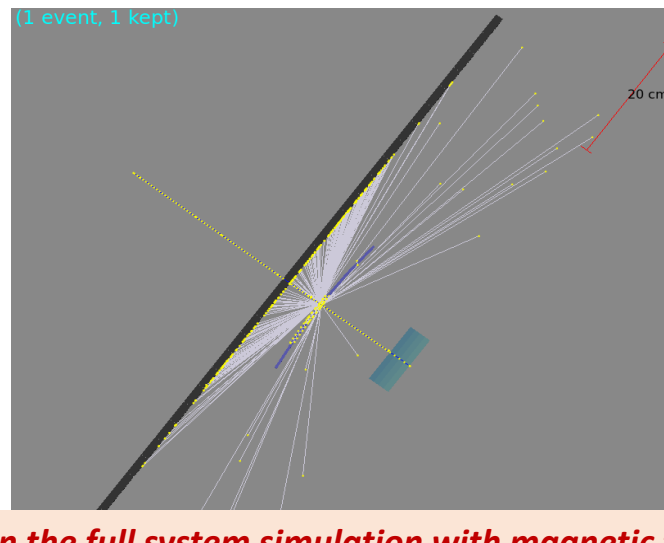
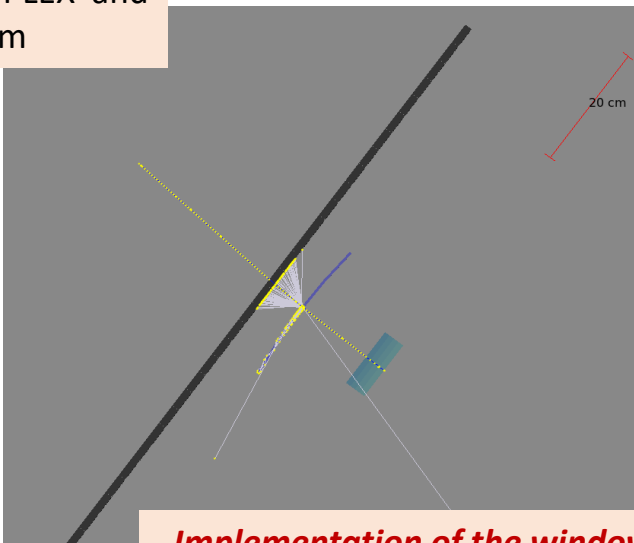


350 MeV/c  
FARICH: threshold mode



- Optimal distance from PLEX and PD foreseen is about 50 mm

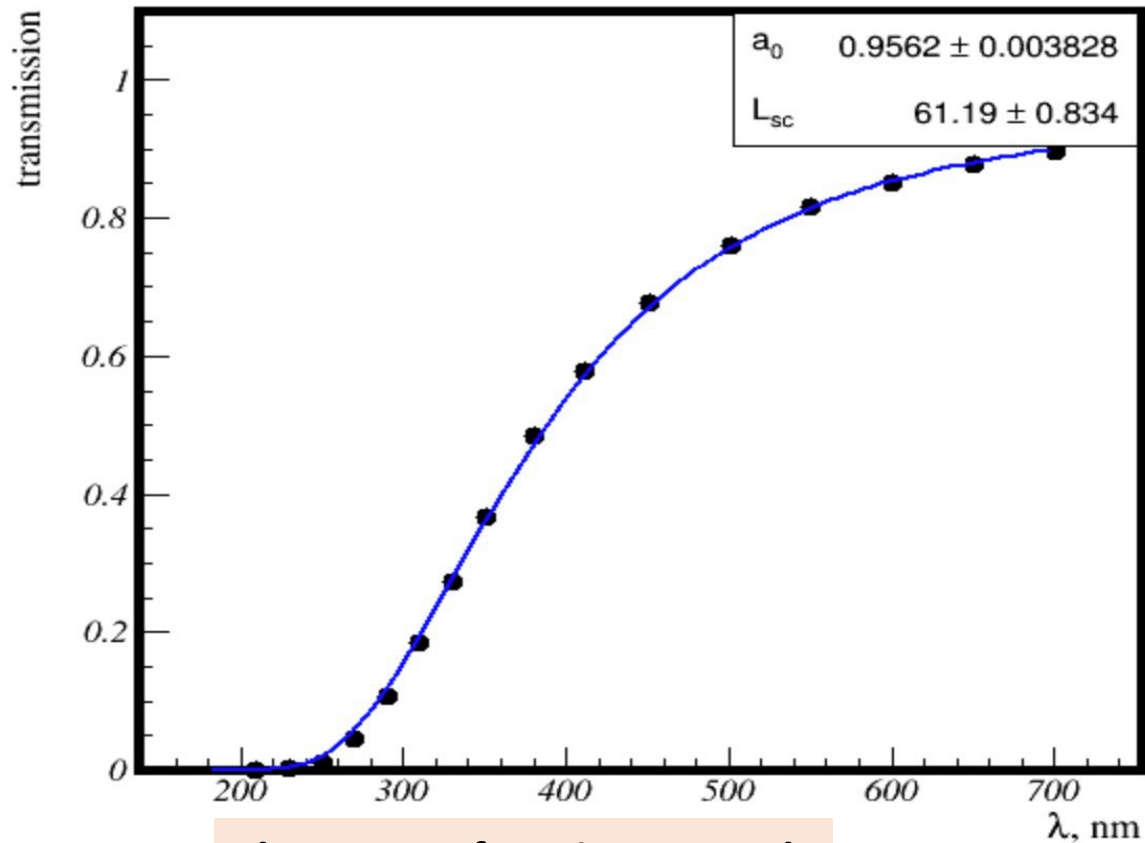
**$\pi$ -meson**



**Implementation of the window in the full system simulation with magnetic field as well as modification of PID reconstruction algorithms are required to estimate pros and cons!**

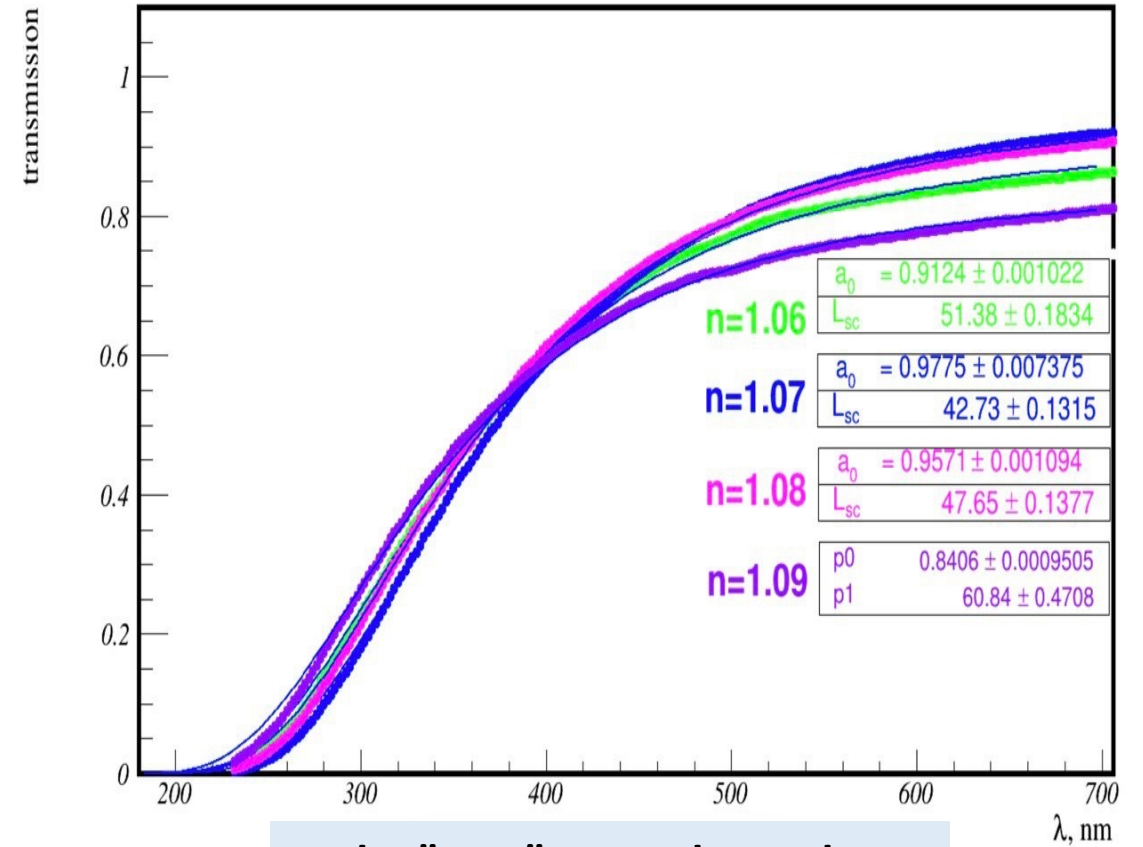
# Highly transparent aerogels with $n > 1.05$

multilayer\_aerogel/op461f10/100323\_461f10\_3.dat: d=35.0mm



## The Largest focusing aerogel:

- $n_{max}=1.05$
- 4 layers
- 230x230x35 mm

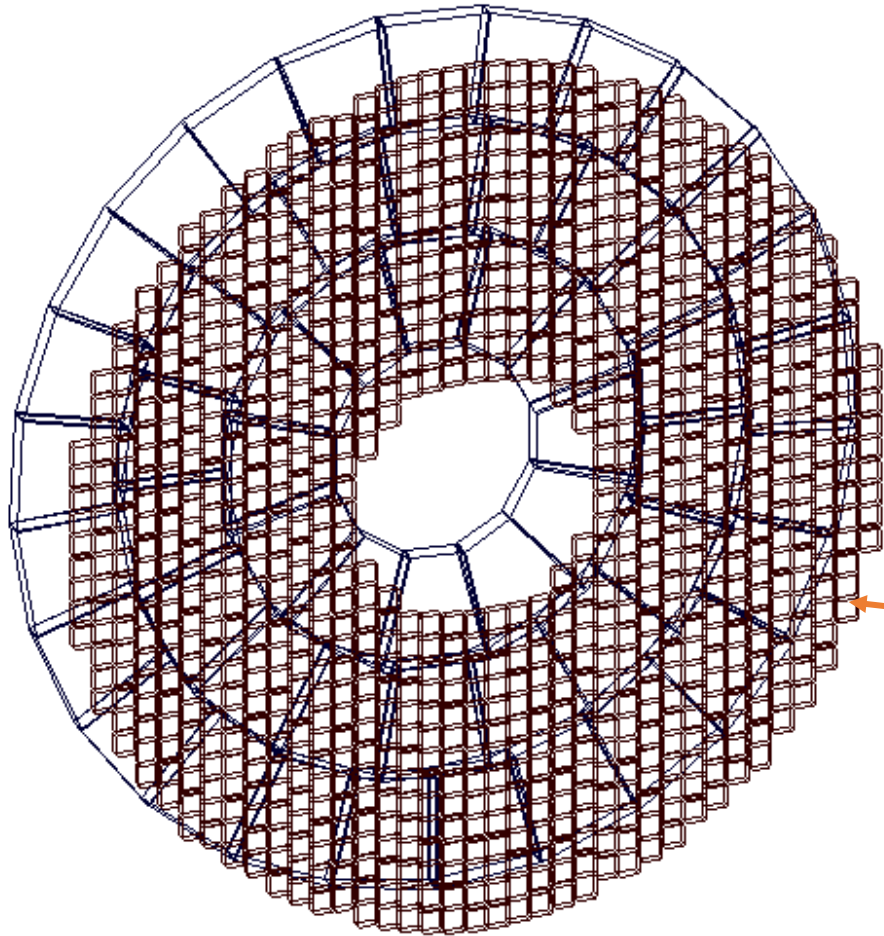


The "new" aerogel samples  
with different refractive indexes:  
from  $n=1.06$  to  $1.09$   
(thickness  $\sim 22$  mm)

FARICH based on 4-layer aerogel with  $n_{max}=1.08$  will provide  $\mu/\pi$ -separation from **250 MeV/c!!!**

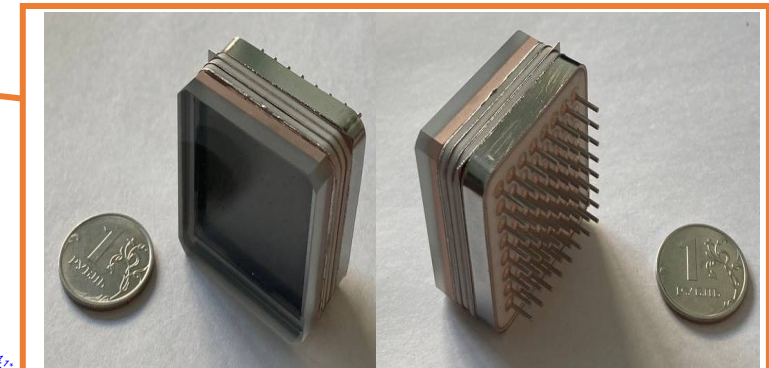
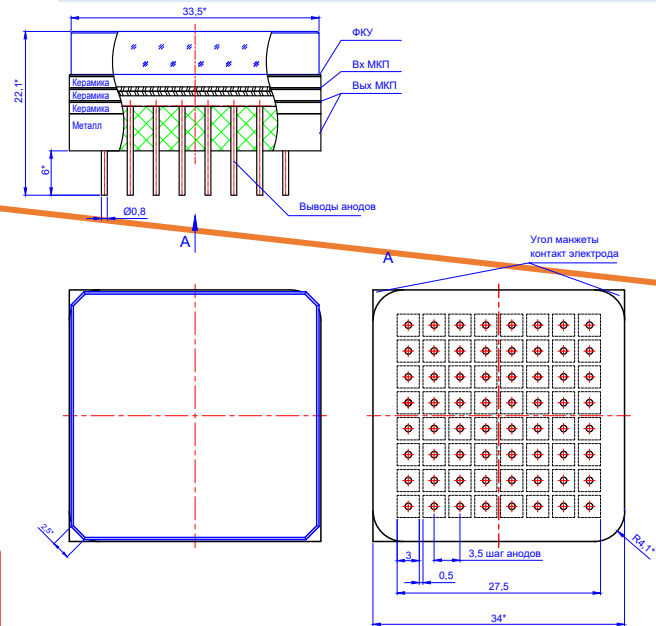


# Endcap parts of the FARICH system



## The first square MCP PMT produced in Russia:

- Construction and design is developed
- All technological processes are developed and realized
- All details and components are produced in Russia
- First samples for test will be available until the end of 2024



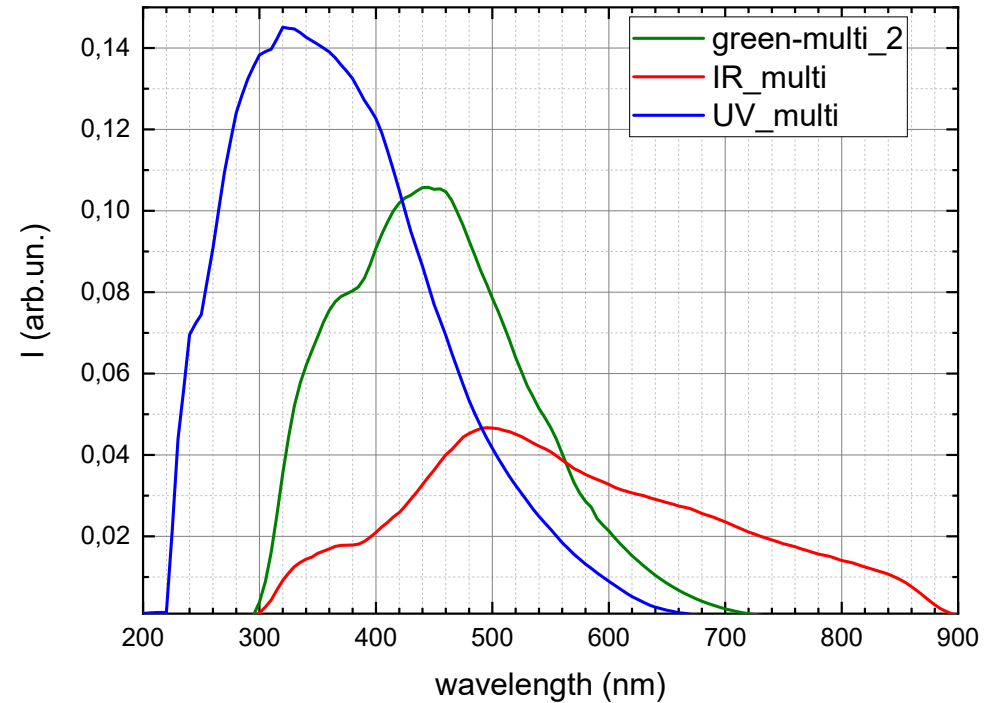
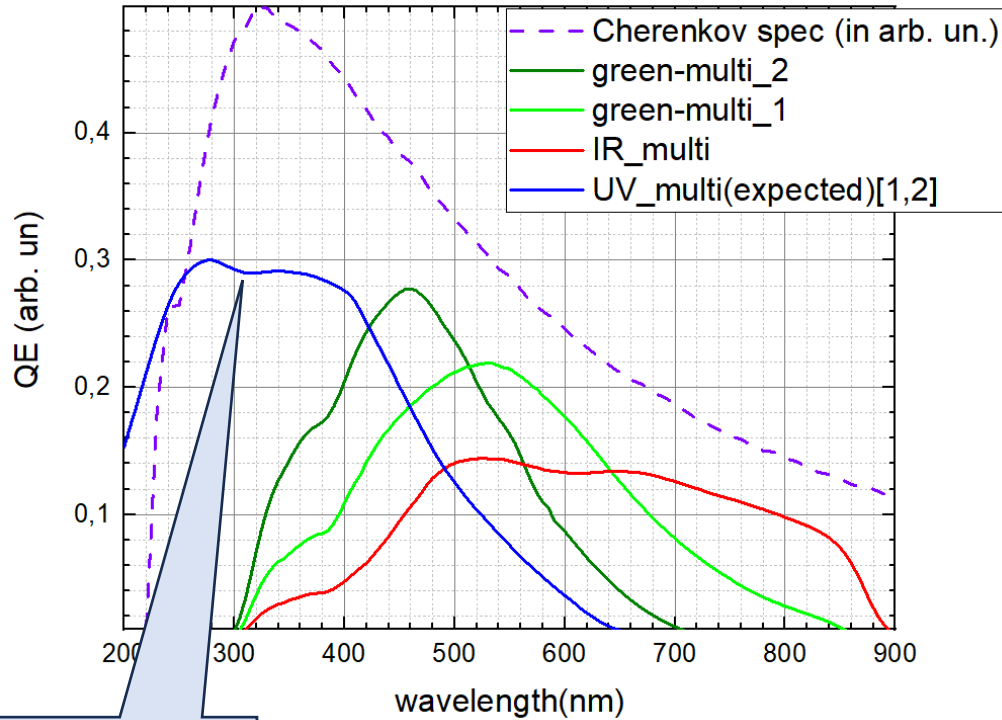
- 2x55 trapezoidal aerogel tiles in end caps:
- 2x1000 MCP PMTs 34x34mm<sup>2</sup> from “Ekran FEP”
- MCP PMTs can operate without cooling

The first fully assembled and vacume sealed prototype

# Photocathode options for “Ekran FEP” MCP PMTs

Multi-alkali PCs options and Cherenkov spectrum

Product of Ch. Sp. by QE of Multi-alkali PCs



It is planned to use Quartz to enhance PDE in UV region

The advantages of use “UV\_multi” PC (Quartz) are expected as following:  
– **factor of 1.5** more detected Cherenkov photons in comparison with standard “green-multi2” PC  
– **factor of 2** in comparison with standard “IR\_multi” PC

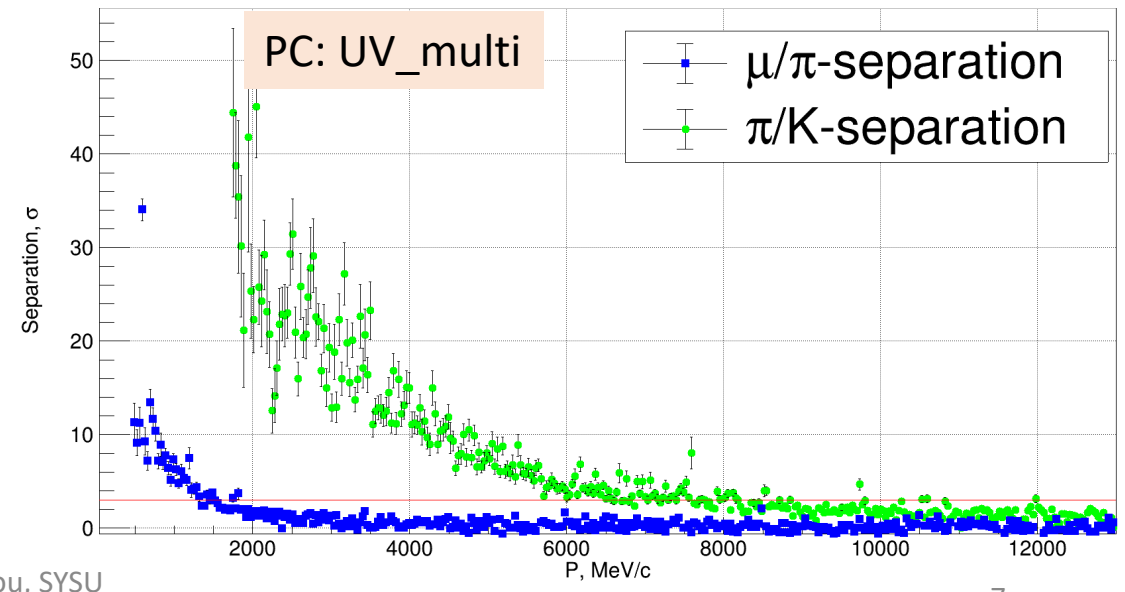
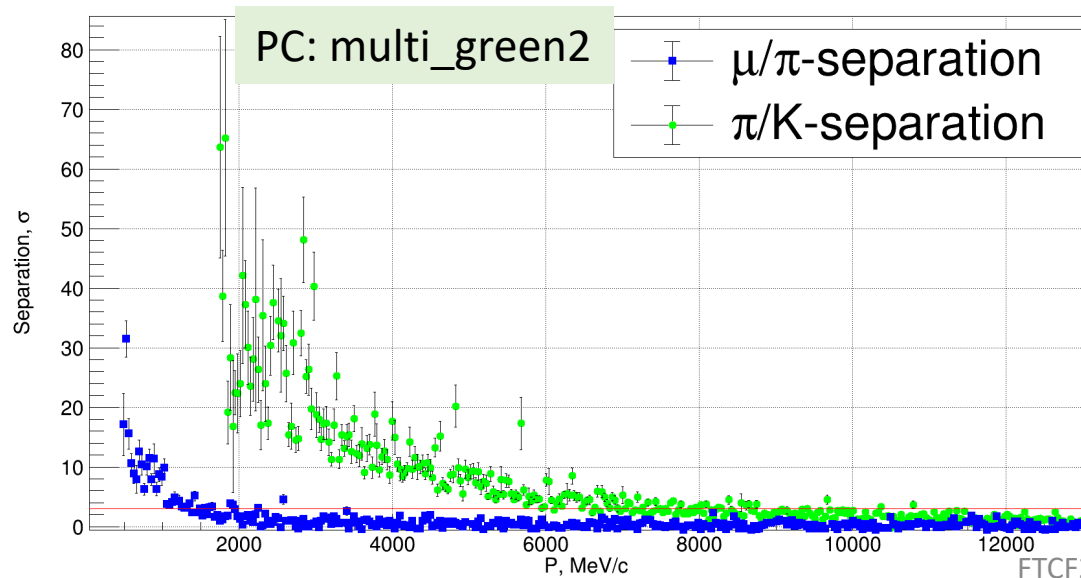
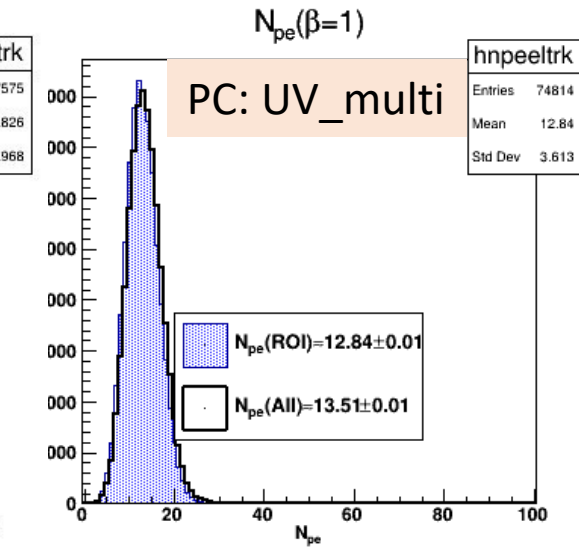
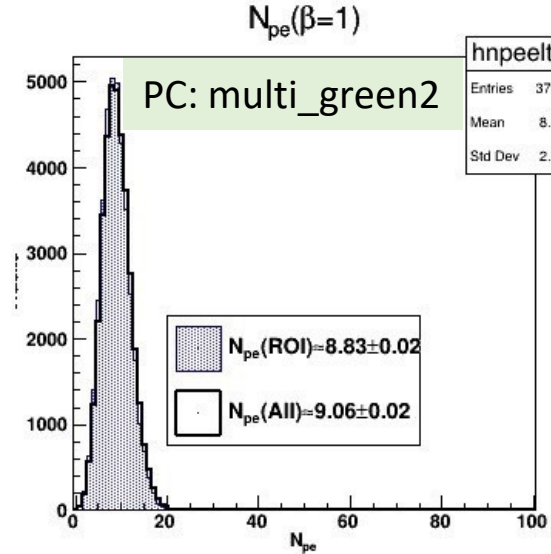
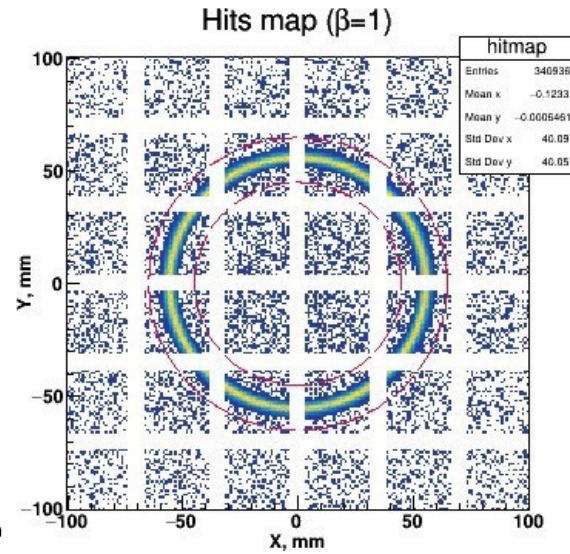
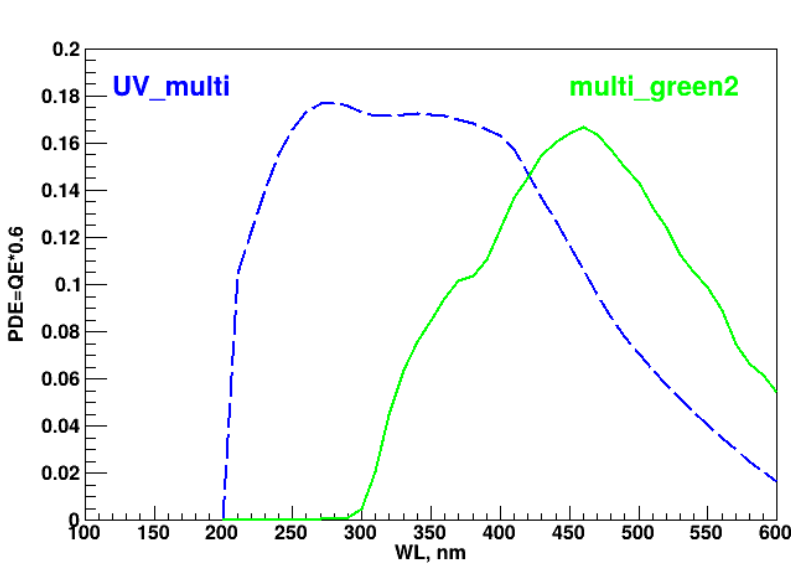
“UV\_multi” QE based on data from papers:

1. Orlov, D. A., et al., High quantum efficiency S-20 photocathodes in photon counting detectors. *Journal of Instrumentation*, 2016 11(04), C04015–C04015

2. Milnes, J., et al., UV photocathodes for space detectors. *Proceedings Volume 12181, Space Telescopes and Instrumentation 2022: Ultraviolet to Gamma Ray*, 121813B (2022).

# FARICH prototype based on MCP-PMT (Ekran FEP)

(expected performances: Geant4 simulation results)



# On ToF based on MCP PMTs for PID at $P \leq 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c$

- Quartz entrance window with 4 mm thick at MCP PMTs from Ekran FEP able to produce about 40 Cherenkov ph.e/track from  $\mu^-$  and  $\pi^-$  mesons with  $P \geq 150 \text{ MeV}/c$
- Achievable  $\sigma_t \approx 30/\sqrt{40} \approx 5 \text{ ps}$
- IF

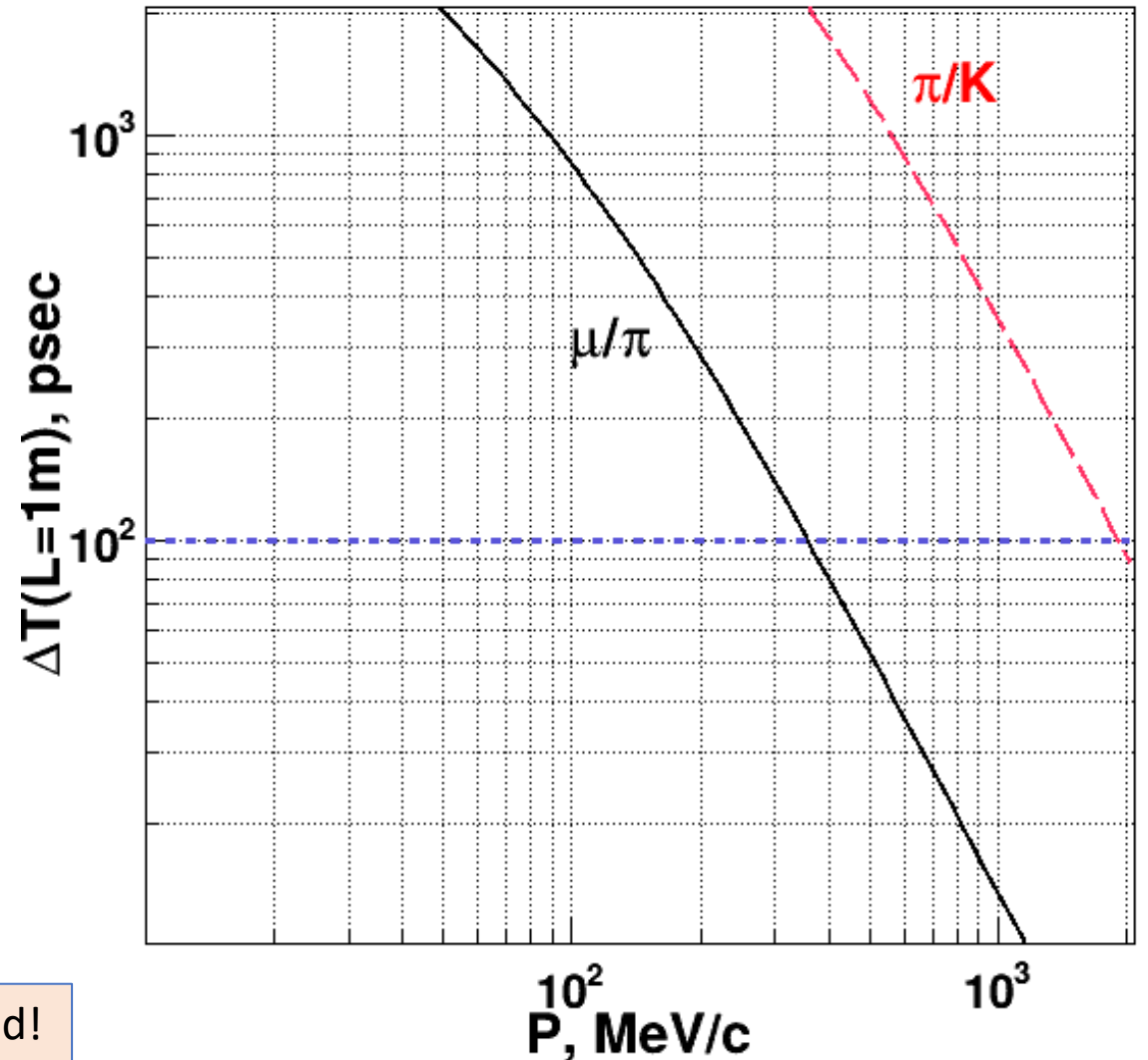
$$\sigma_{ToF} = \sqrt{\sigma_t^2 + \sigma_{elec}^2 + \sigma_{bunch}^2} = 30 \text{ ps}$$

THEN reliable particle separation by means of ToF technique could be achieved at the distance  $L=1\text{m}$

- up to 300  $\text{MeV}/c$  for  $\mu/\pi$
- up to 2000  $\text{MeV}/c$  for  $\pi/K$

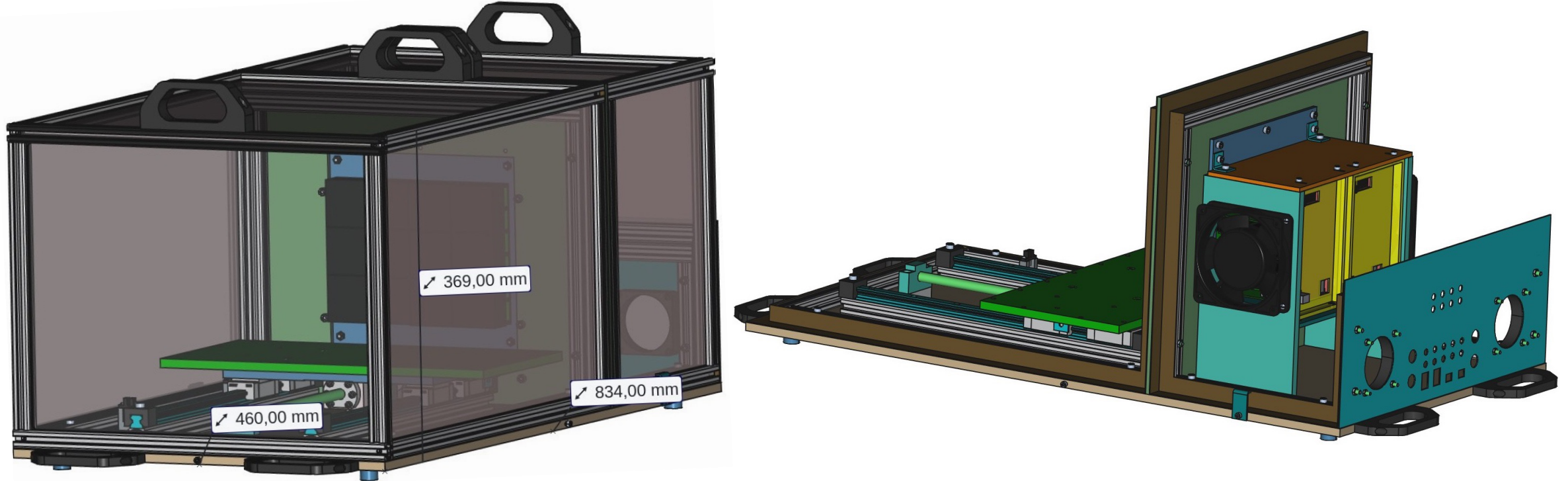
$$\Delta t = \frac{L}{c} \left( \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{m_2 c^2}{pc} \right)^2} - \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{m_1 c^2}{pc} \right)^2} \right)$$

Very specific and dedicated electronics are required!





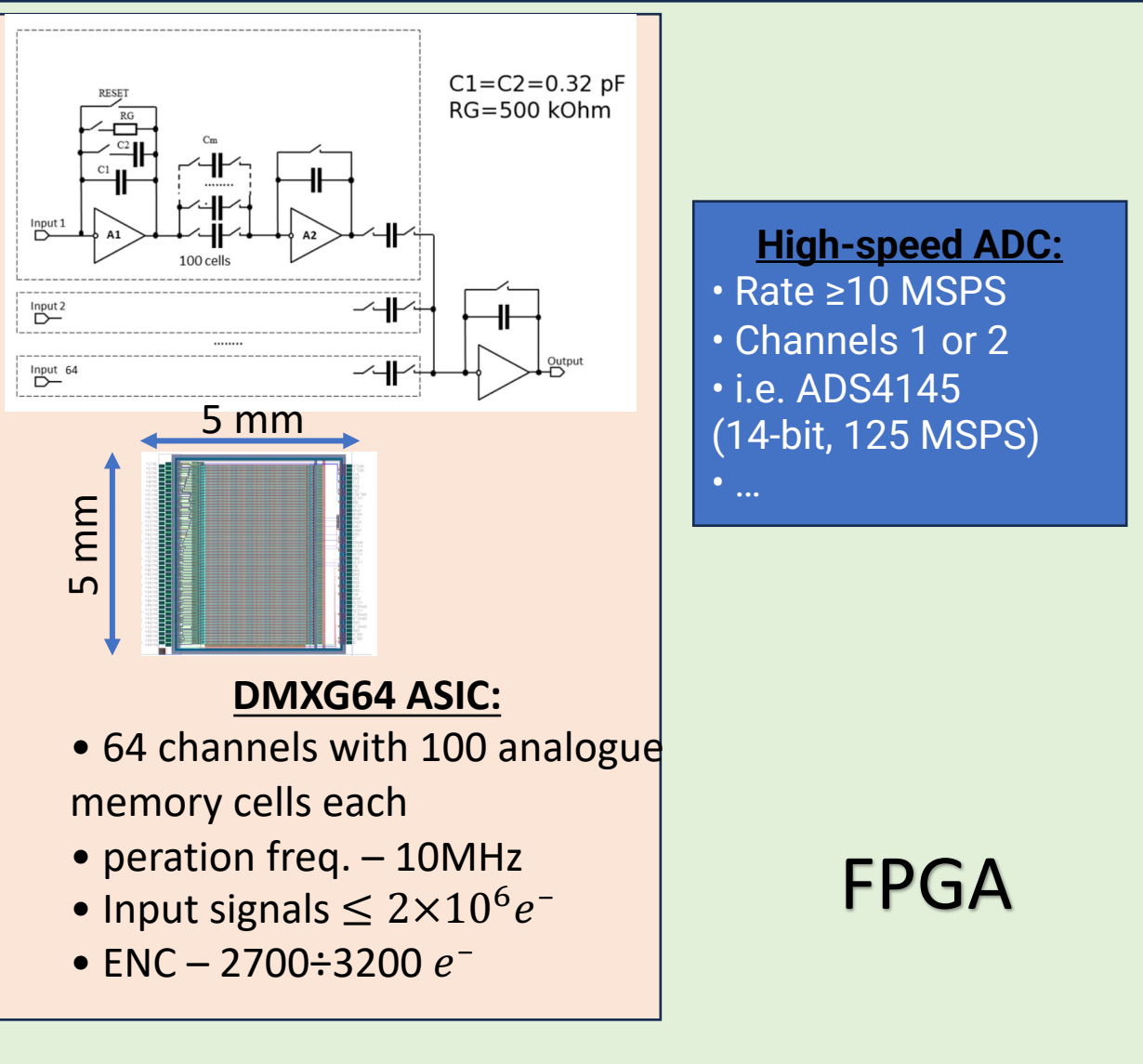
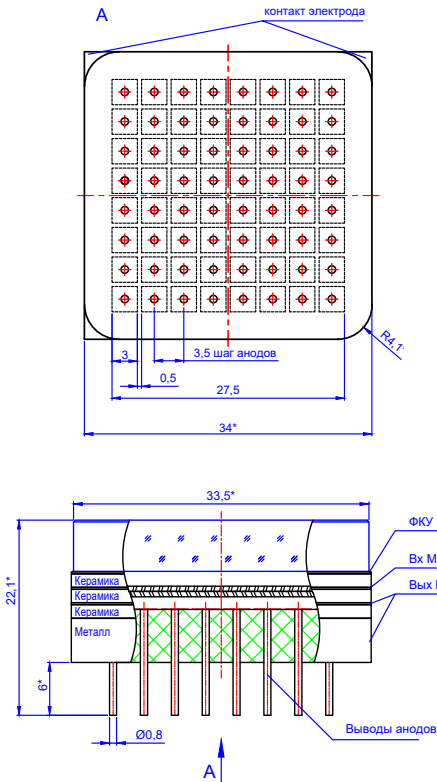
# The compact FARICH prototype with full ring detection



## FARICH compact prototype based on MCP PMT:

- Tech. draws are ready
- Materials, components and equipment are purchased
- Production was started at the BINP
- Readout system (based on DiRICH+TRB3 boards from GSI) is ready
- 4-layer focusing aerogel is ready
- **The prototype will be able operate with N6021 (NNVT) and “Ekran FEP” MCP PMTs**

# FEE concept based on BINP made components



**High-speed ADC:**

- Rate  $\geq 10$  MSPS
- Channels 1 or 2
- i.e. ADS4145 (14-bit, 125 MSPS)
- ...



- ONE ASIC / MCP PMT 8x8 pxs
- ONE ADC / 64 pixels MCP PMT
- $T_{r/o} \leq 6.4 \mu\text{sec}$  to read out 64 pixels

**It is good enough for prototype!**  
**For real DAQ optimisation is needed**

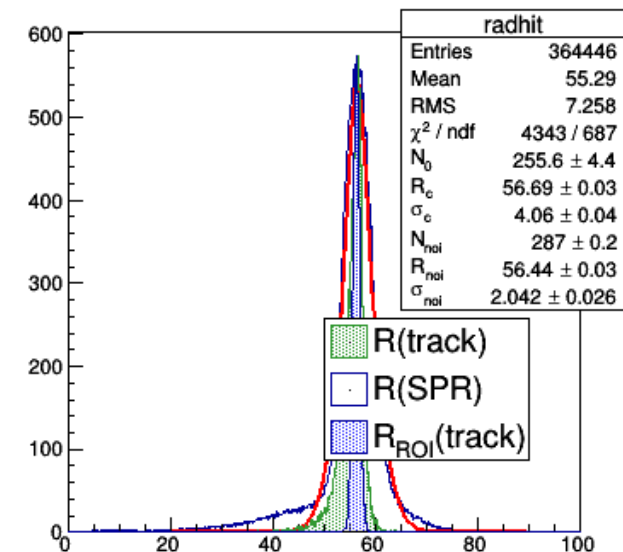
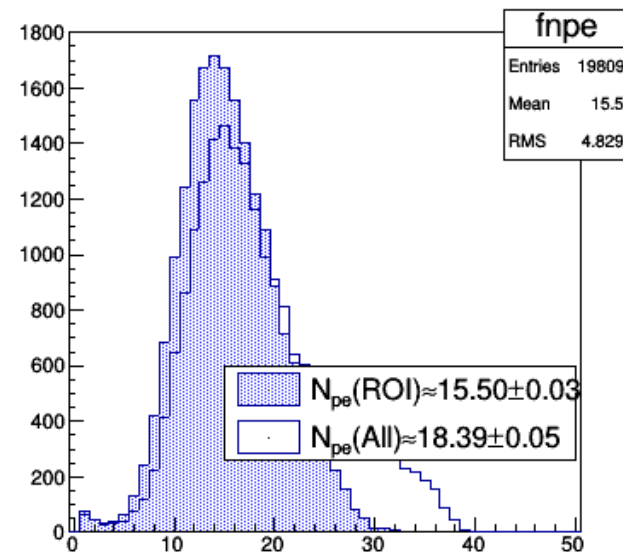
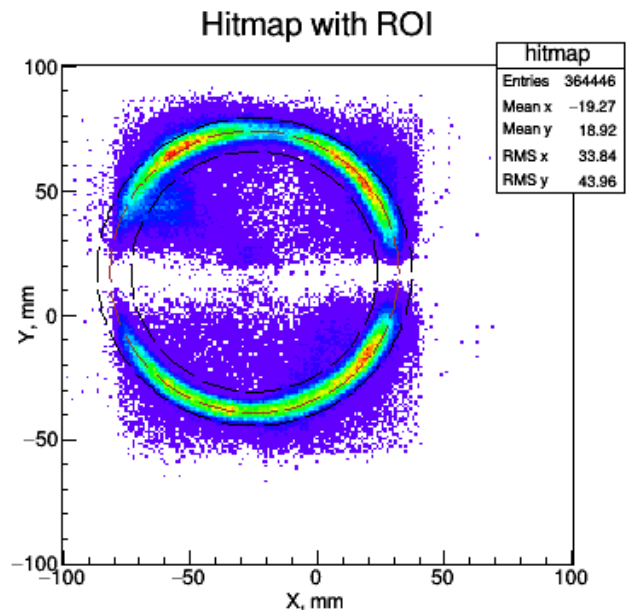
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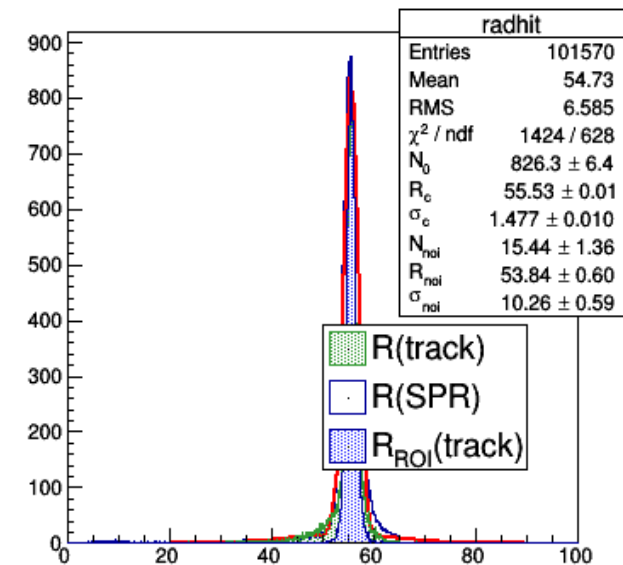
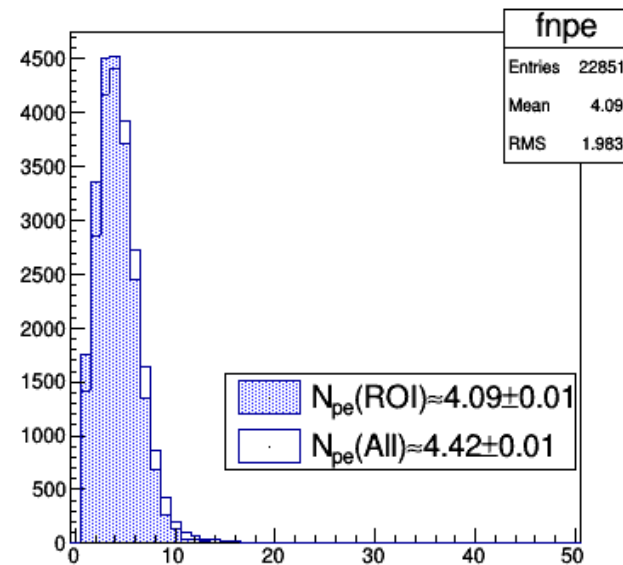
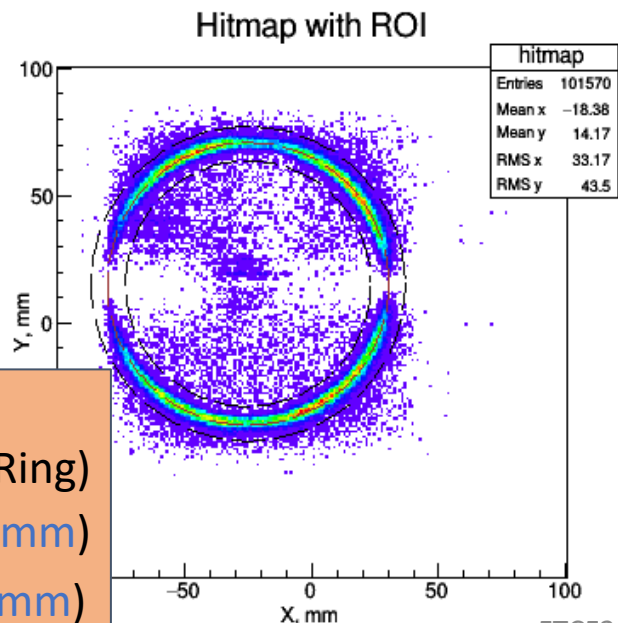
- The optimisation of barrel part of the FARICH system is ongoing with help of GENT4 simulation:
  - **Plexiglass window** is able to provide  $\pi/K$ -separation below the threshold of the FARICH detector based on multilayer aerogel with  $n_{\max}=1.07$
  - Investigation of possibilities to produce highly transparent aerogels ( $L_{sc}(400nm)\geq 40mm$ ) with  $n\geq 1.07$  has been started
- Development of square MCP PMTs with 8x8 pixels and 3x3mm size has been started in Novosibirsk:
  - Optimisation of the Multi-alkali Photocathode options is ongoing
  - The first sample for real tests are expected until the end of 2024
  - It shown with GEANT4 simulation that FARICH based on MCP PMTs designed by Ekran FEP will be able to provide:
    - $\pi/K$ -separation up to 6 GeV/c
    - $\mu/\pi$ -separation up to 1.5 GeV/c
- Optimisation of the FARICH prototype was started:
  - Compact prototype for easy transportation to the mixed hadron beamlines (IHEP, JINR etc.) was designed and now is under production at the BINP's workshop

# Recent beam test results

Pixel 6x6 mm  
Geom.Eff. ~ 80%



Pixel 3x3 mm  
Geom.Eff. ~ 20%



## Main results:

- $N_{pe} \approx 16$  (~ 0.8 of Ring)
- $\sigma_{\theta}^{1pe} \approx 13.5 \text{ mrad}$  (■ 6mm)
- $\sigma_{\theta}^{1pe} \approx 7.5 \text{ mrad}$  (■ 3mm)