The performance of a beam-beam monitoring detector (BeBe) for the MPD-NICA experiment

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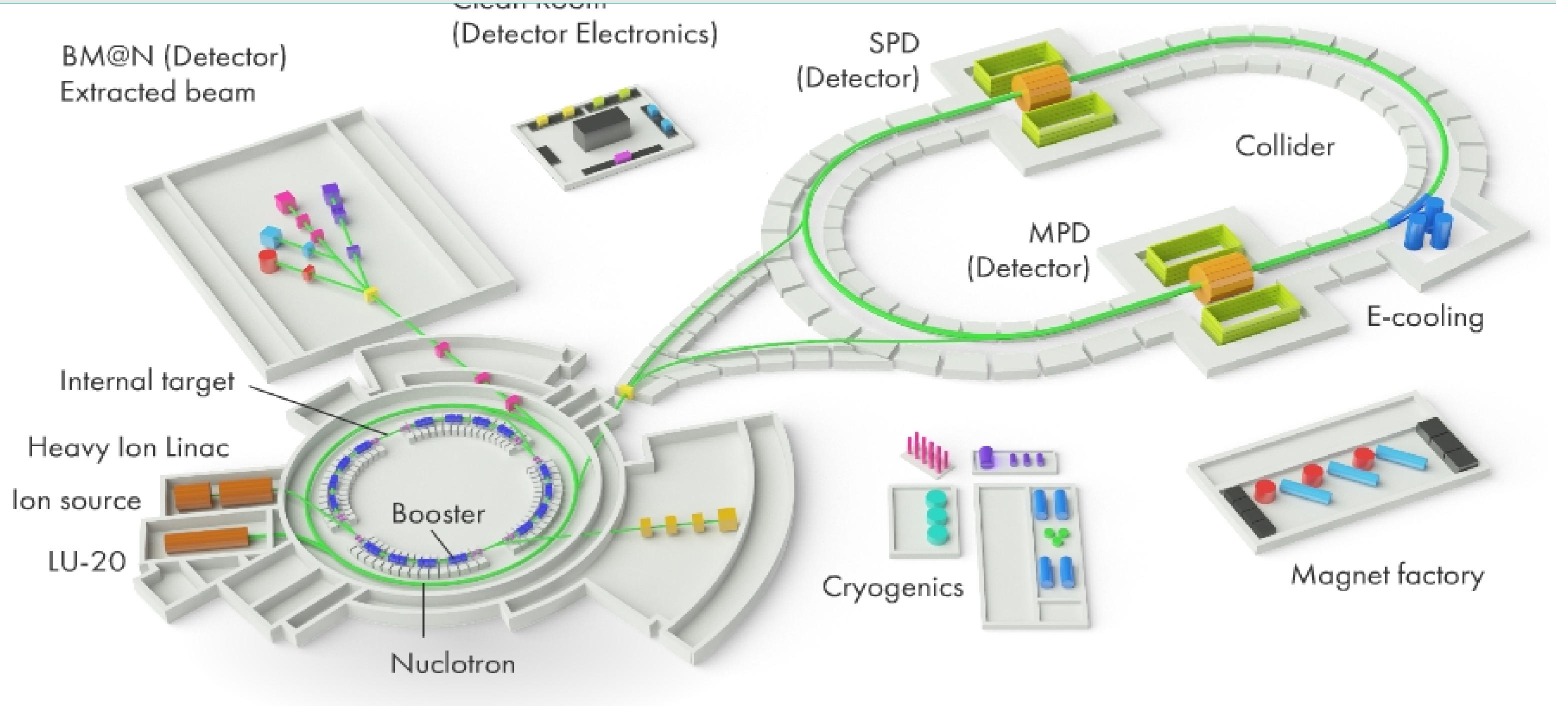
1 MPD experiment and BeBe

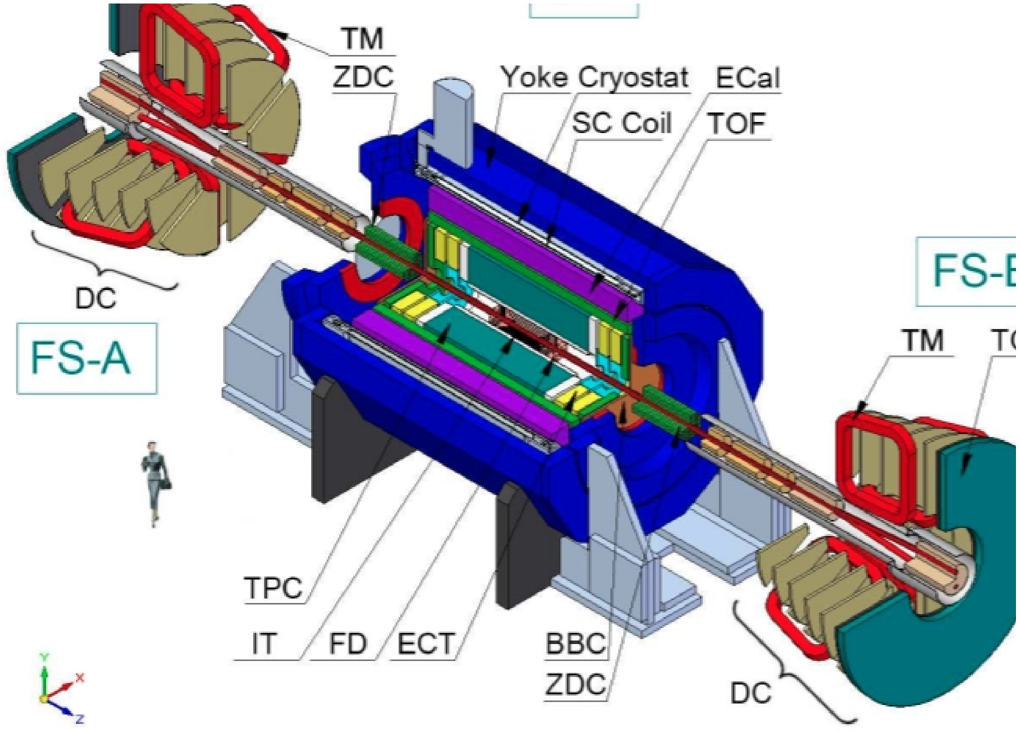
Nuclotron-based Ion Collider fAcility (NICA) at Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR)

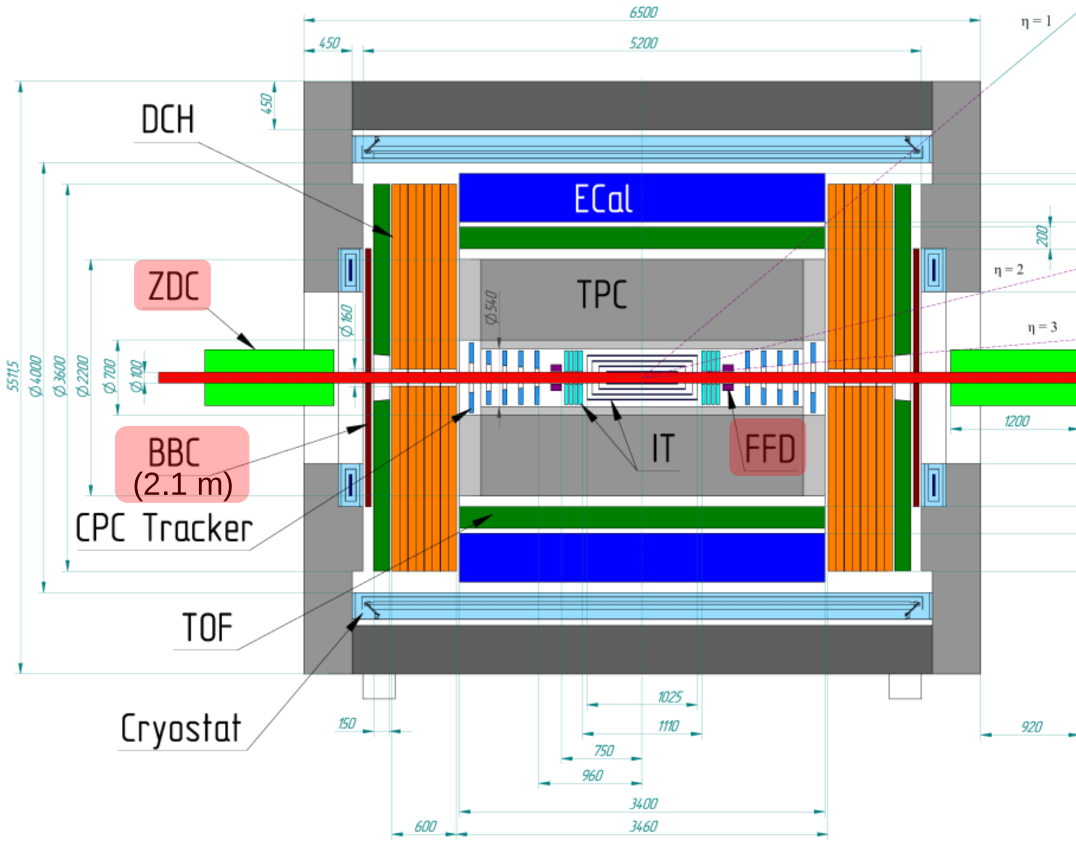


- BM@N 1-6 GeV/n
  - (2016) Deuteron
  - (2017-2018) C/Ar/Kr
  - (2019-2020) Au, p
  - (2021) Fe/Kr/Xe
- MPD (4-11GeV/n)
  - (2023) Bi+Bi 9.2 GeV/n
  - (2024) Au+Au: 11 GeV/n

- Protons
  - LINACs: LU-20 5MeV
  - Booster: 600 MeV/n
  - Nuclotron: 13 GeV
  - Collider: 27 GeV
- SPD Upgrade [2028] with polarized beams: Protones, deuterio, He.

Multi-Purpose Detector (MPD)



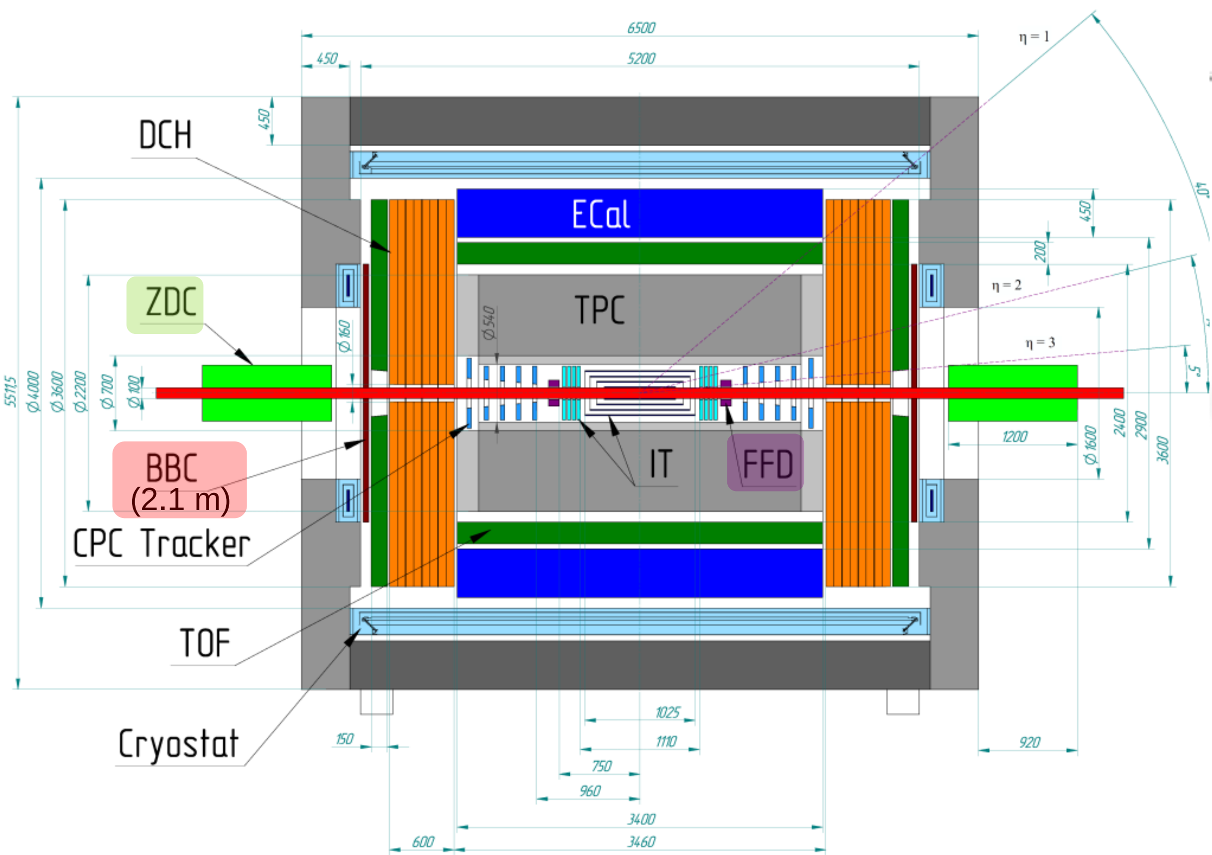


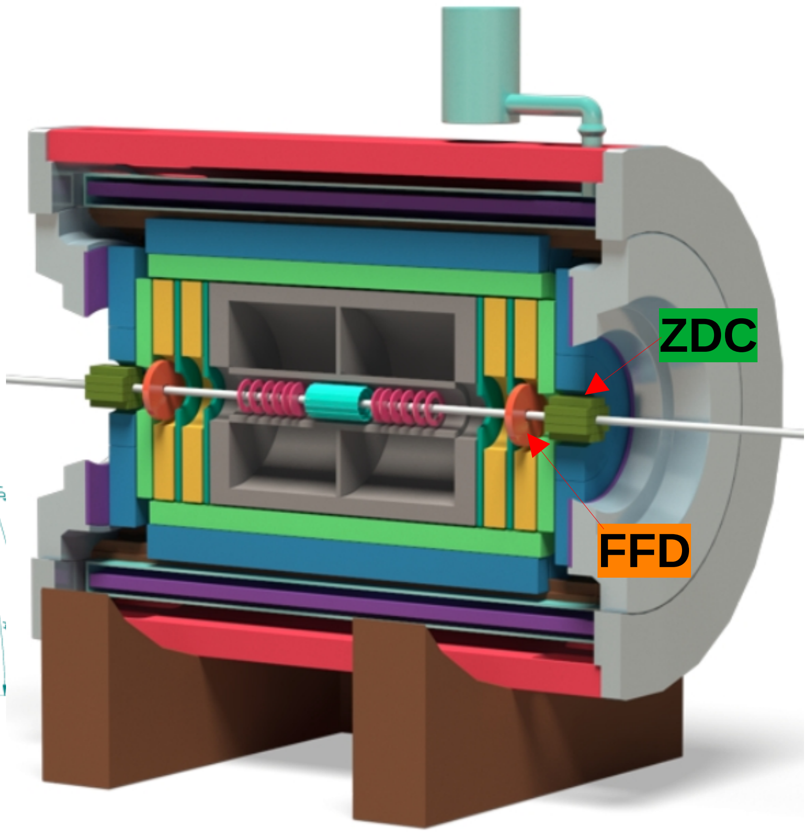
- **Stage 1:**
  TPC, TOF, Ecal, FHCal(ZDC) and FFD(FD)
- **Stage 2: ITS + forward spectrometers (heavy-flavor measurements)**

MPD CDR (2016):
http://mpd.jinr.ru/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/MPD_CDR_en.pdf

Multi-Purpose Detector (MPD)

The original proposal contemplated that the FFD, ZDC and BBC systems would provide the L0-trigger for MPD.





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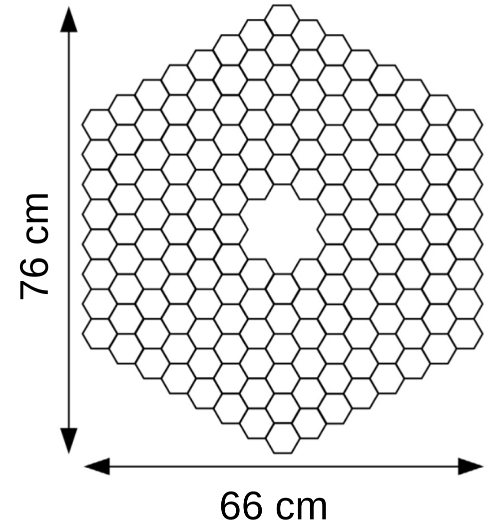
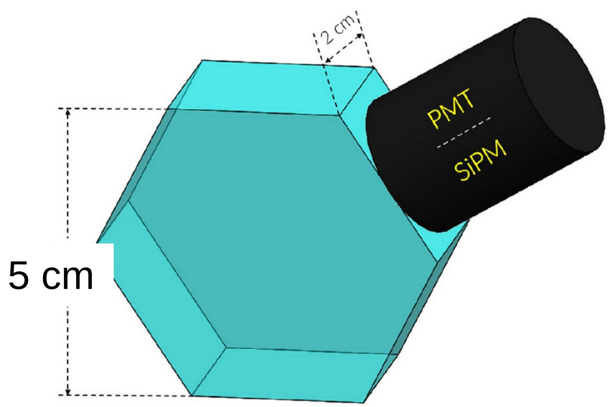
Beam-Beam monitoring detector (Be-Be)
2 hodoscope detectors, 2m away from the I.P.



162 cells (BC404)
distributed in 6 rings



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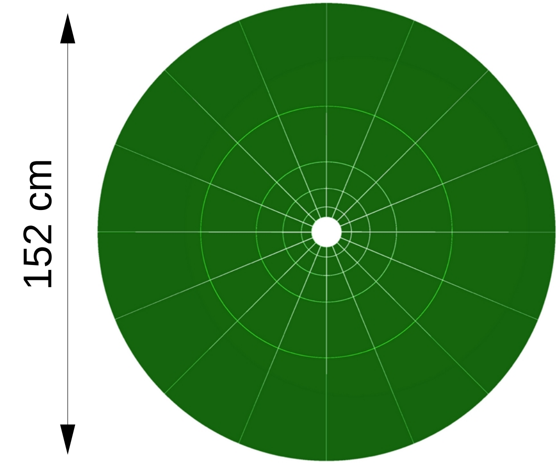
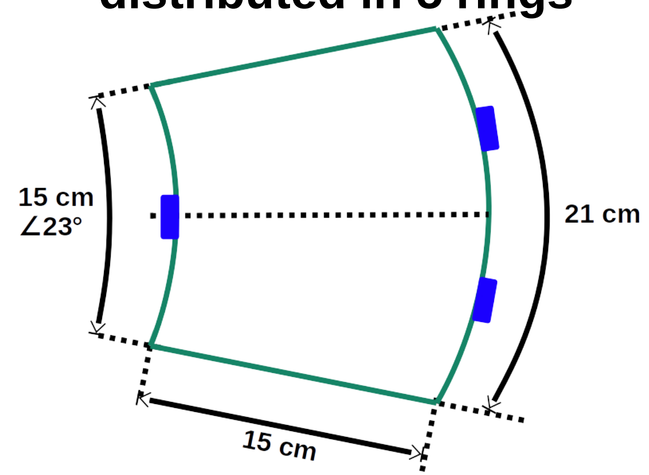


80 cells (BC404, 22.5°)
distributed in 5 rings



MAAT, L. Espinoza et al, "**Performance of BeBe, a proposed dedicated beam-beam monitoring detector for the MPD-NICA experiment at JINR**" (2022),arXiv2110.02506

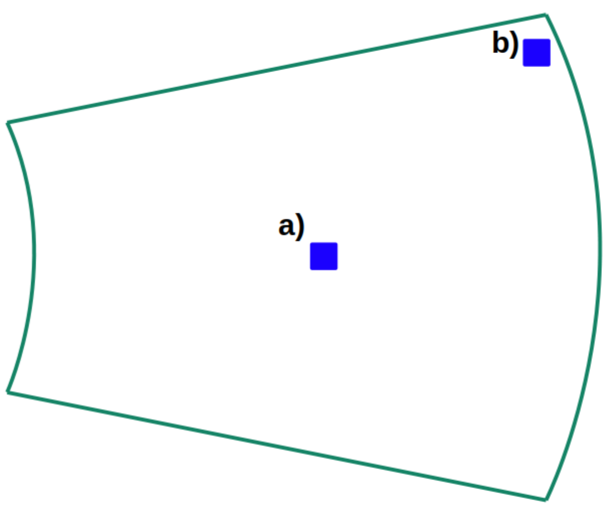
2 BeBe cell prototypes

Intrinsic time resolution (ITR)

We considered three different cell sizes with **1 GeV muons** striking the BeBe cell.

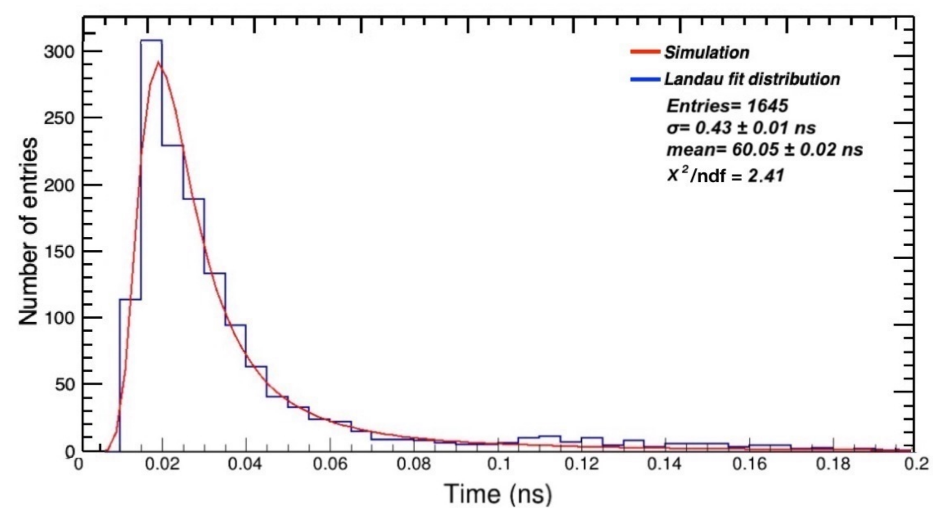
• Scintillator-environment surface was simulated **95%** reflective.

• Scintillator-**photosensor** surface: It was simulated with **100% absorption,** in order to avoid double counting of optical photons arriving at the photosensor



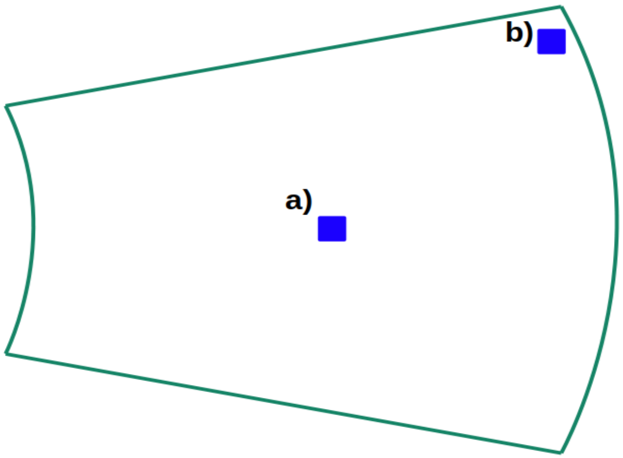
Event by event we plotted the optical photon arrival time (OPAT) to the EA. Fitting the OPAT distributions with a Landau function, we estimated numerically the mean value.

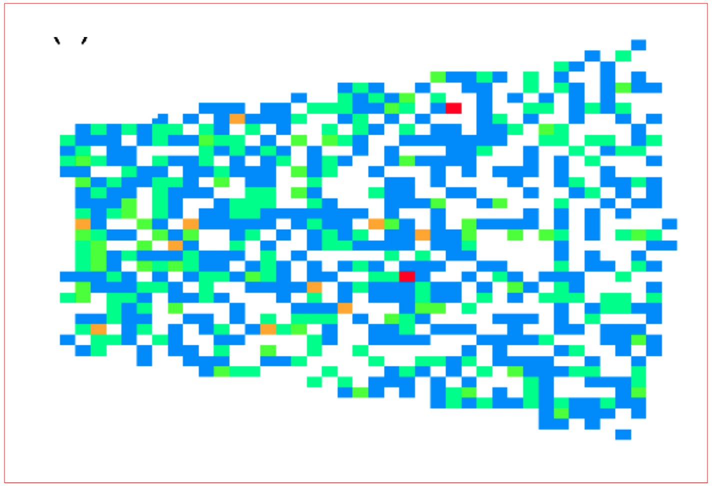
The gaussian distribution constructed with all the MPV extracted from the Landau fits to the OPAT distributions, we estimated the intrinsic time resolution (ITR).

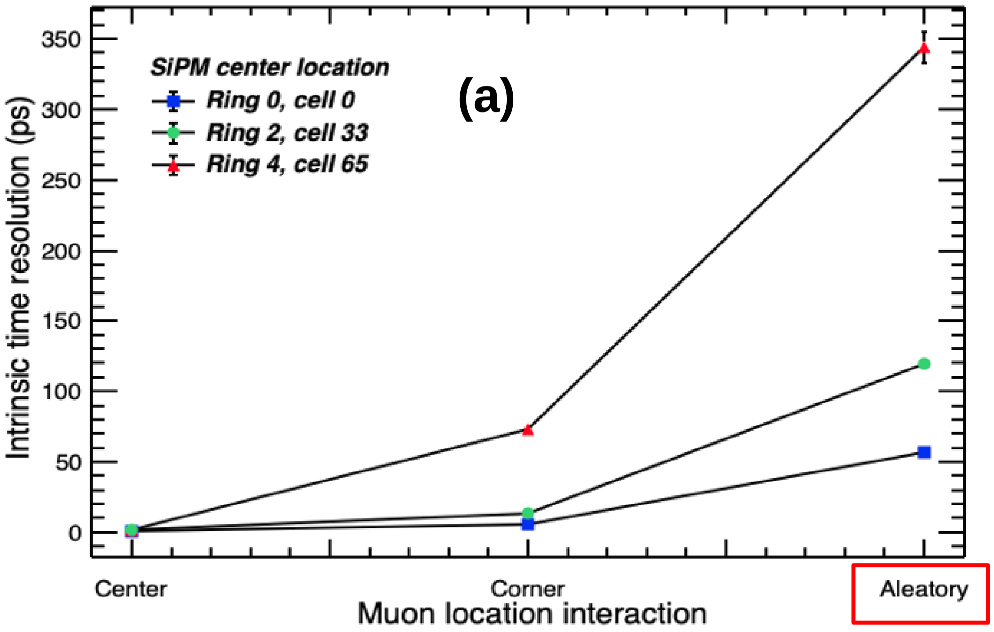


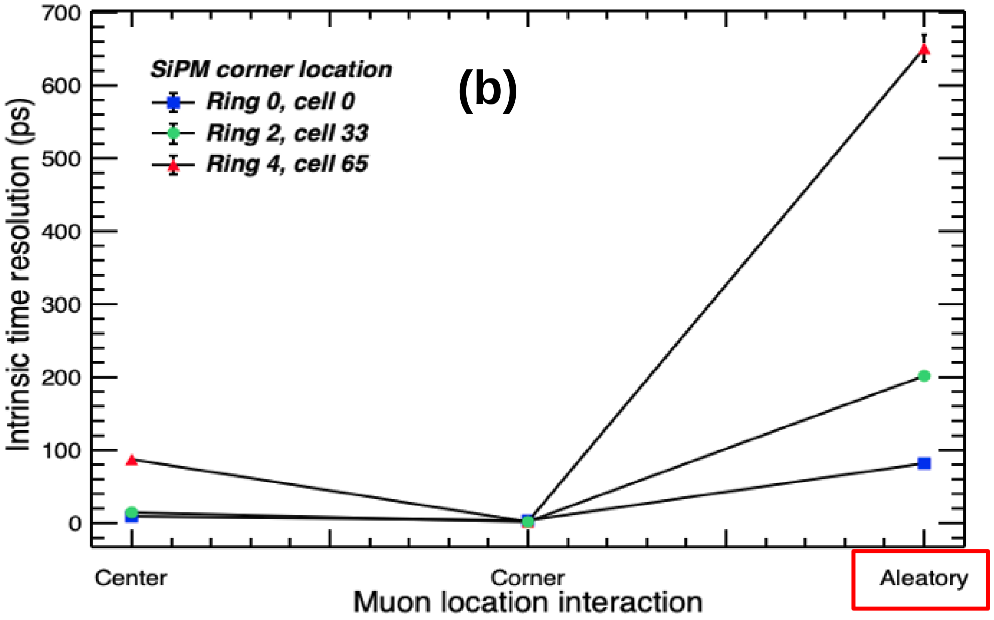
Intrinsic time resolution (ITR)

The ITR is not constant and it depends on the hit location of the generated particle into the BeBe cell and the location of the SiPM.

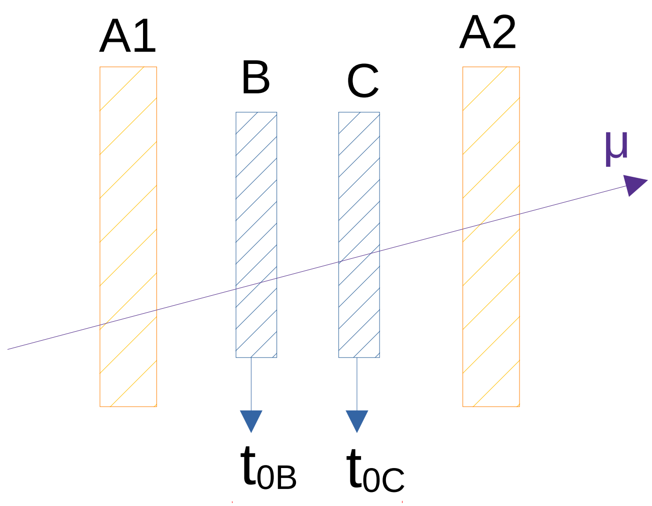






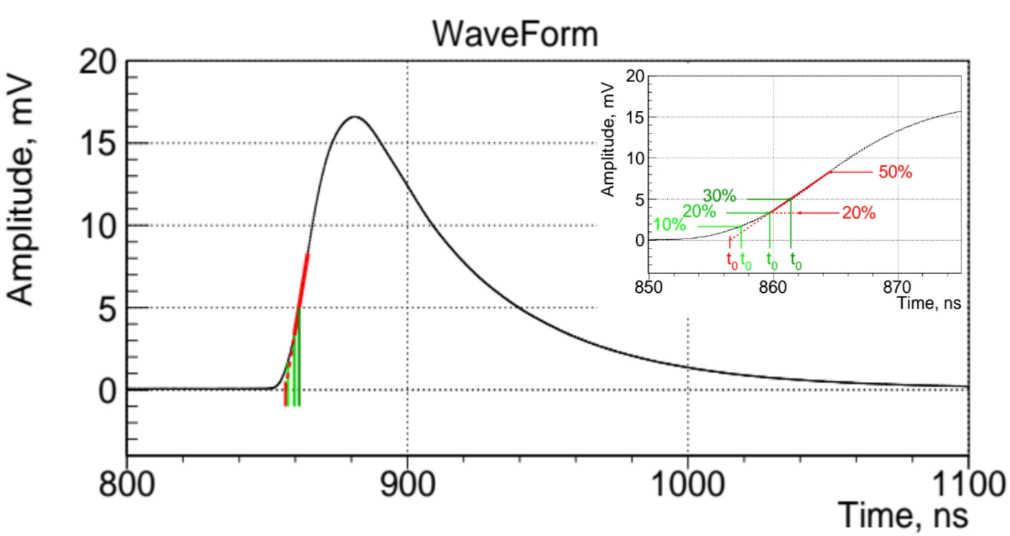


Time resolution measurements



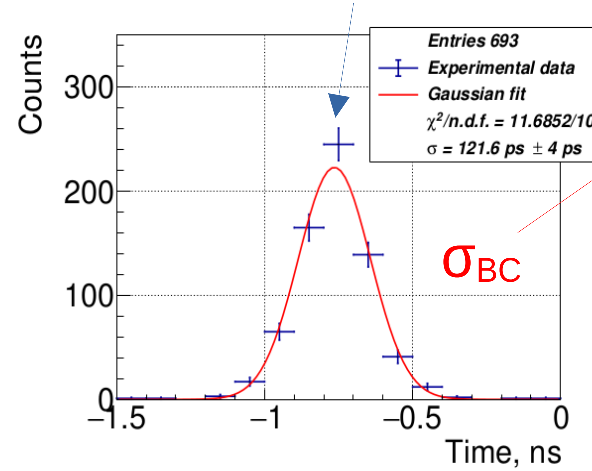
The time resolution can be affected by different factors:

- **Plastic Scintillator**: Atenuation length, decay constant and rise time
- **Photosensors**: Geometry and photodetection efficiency
- **Electronics**: Noise level and signal processing



Arrival time of the signal (t_0)

$$\Delta t = t_{0B} - t_{0C} \pm \sigma_{BC}$$

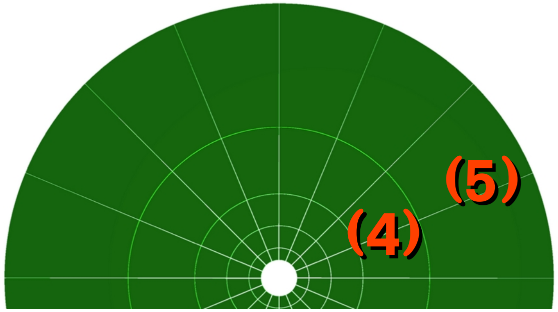


$$\sigma^2_{BC} = \sigma^2_B + \sigma^2_C$$

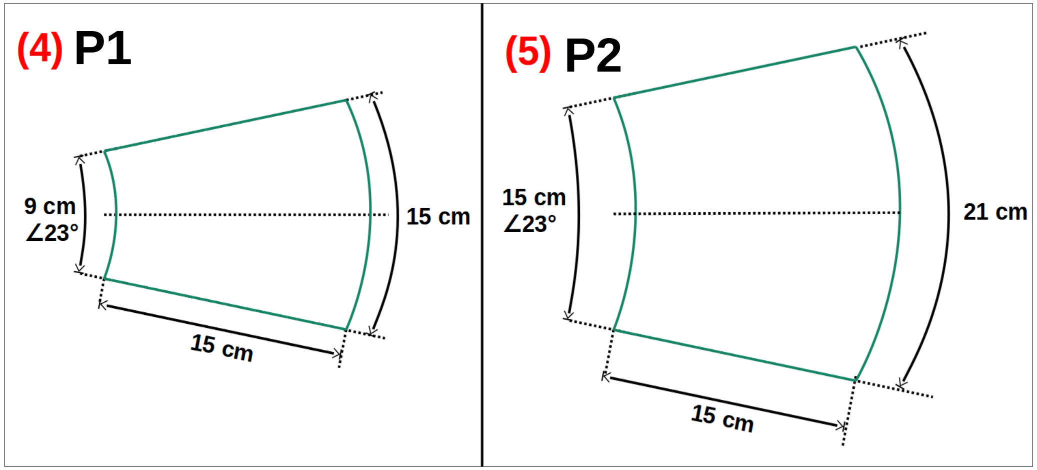
$$\text{if}(\sigma_B == \sigma_C)$$

$$\sigma_B = \sigma_{BC}/\sqrt{2}$$

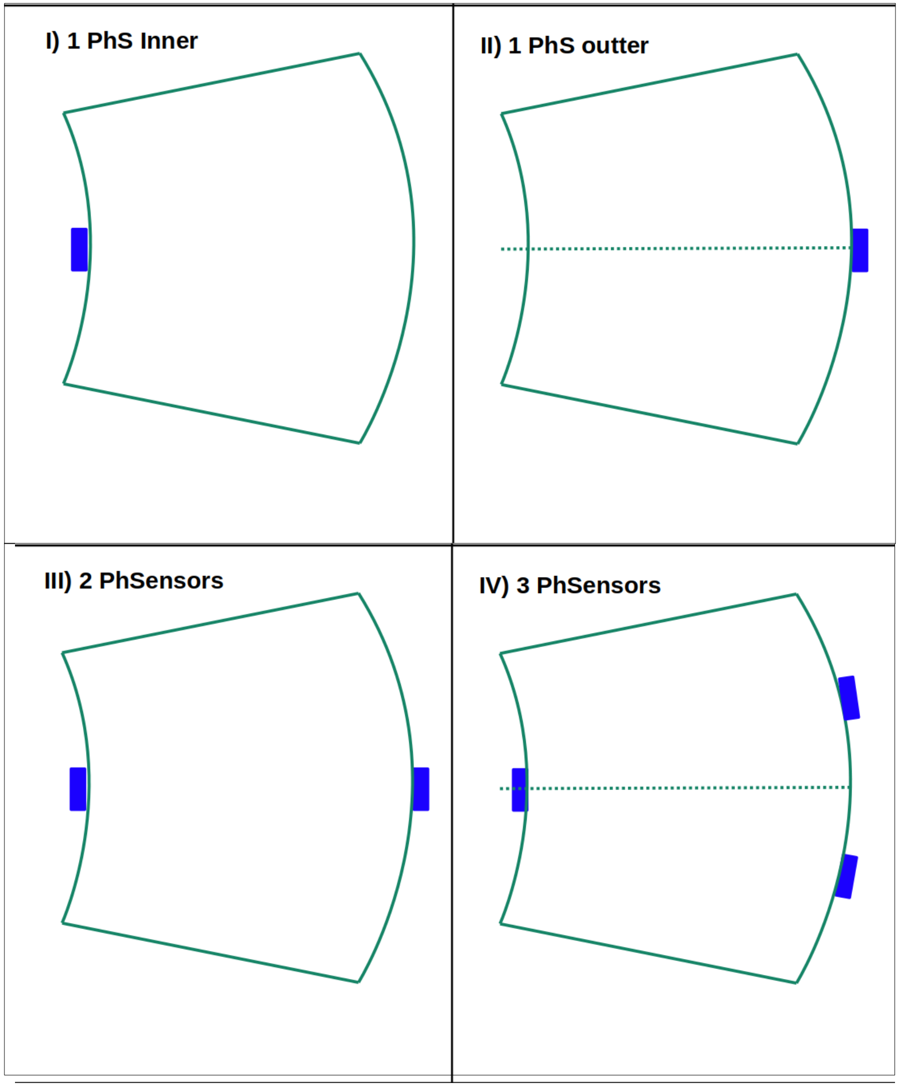
BeBe cell prototypes



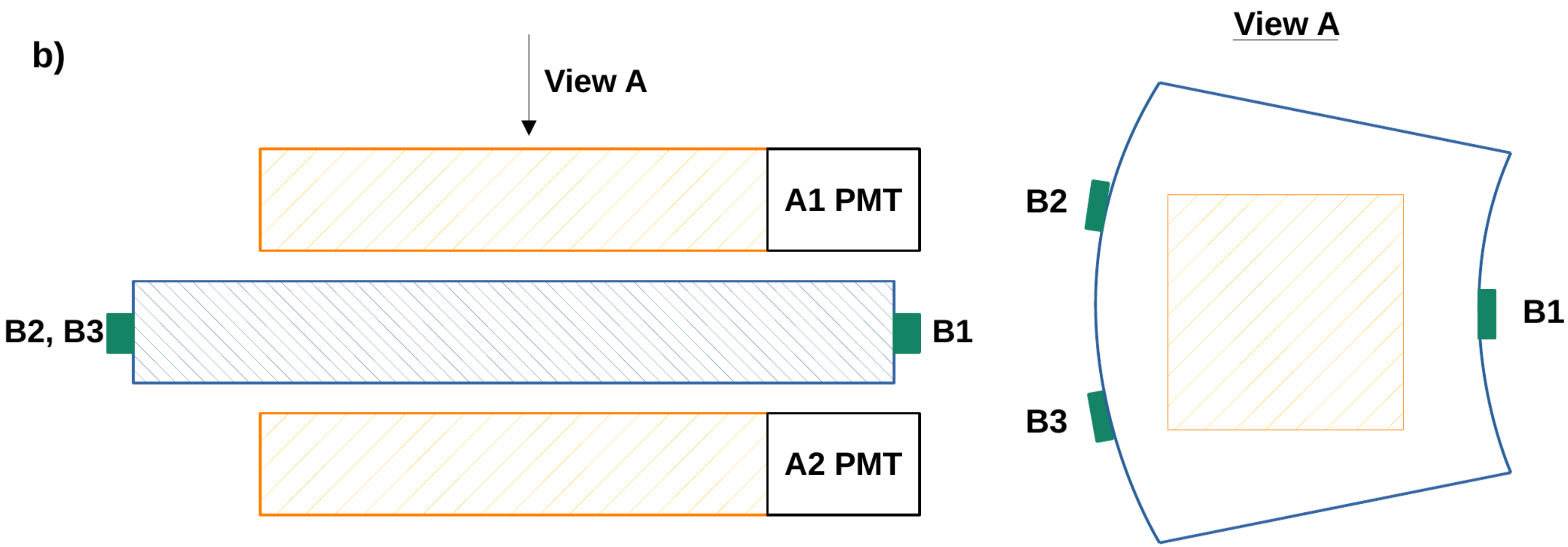
Two prototypes of the were studied using **secondary particles of cosmic rays as a radiation source.** The time resolution of each prototype depends on the volume (P2 is bigger than P1) due to internal light losses due to multiple reflections and the reduced amount of light arriving in every photodetector.



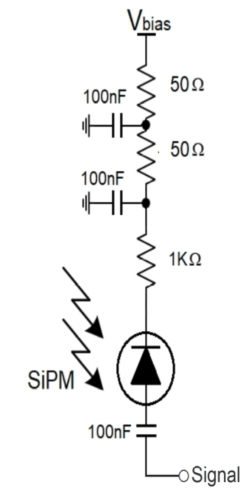
The photosensors were coupled to the cells in 4 different ways:



Setup experimental



Polarization Circuit



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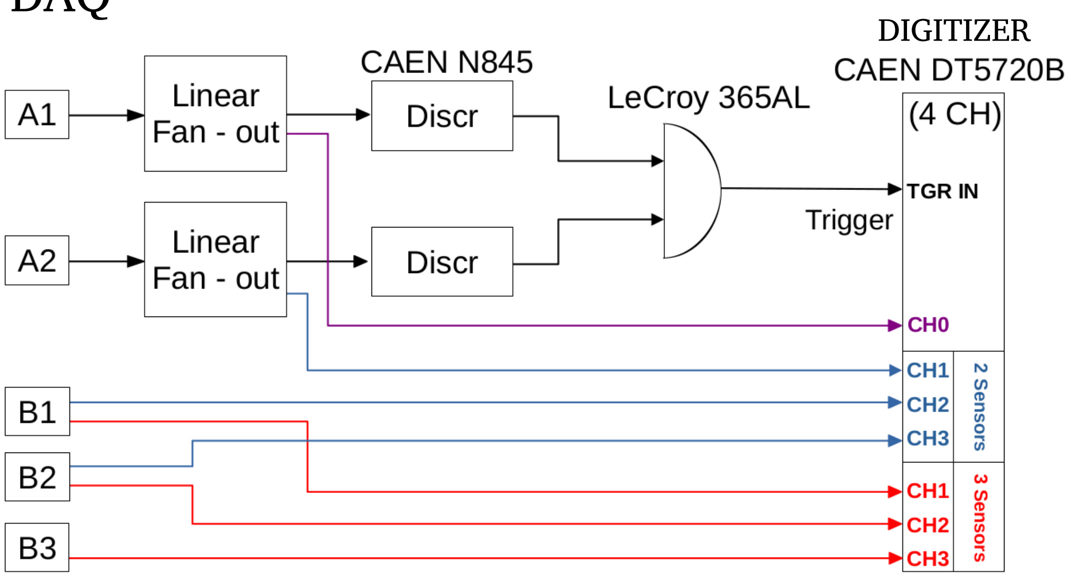
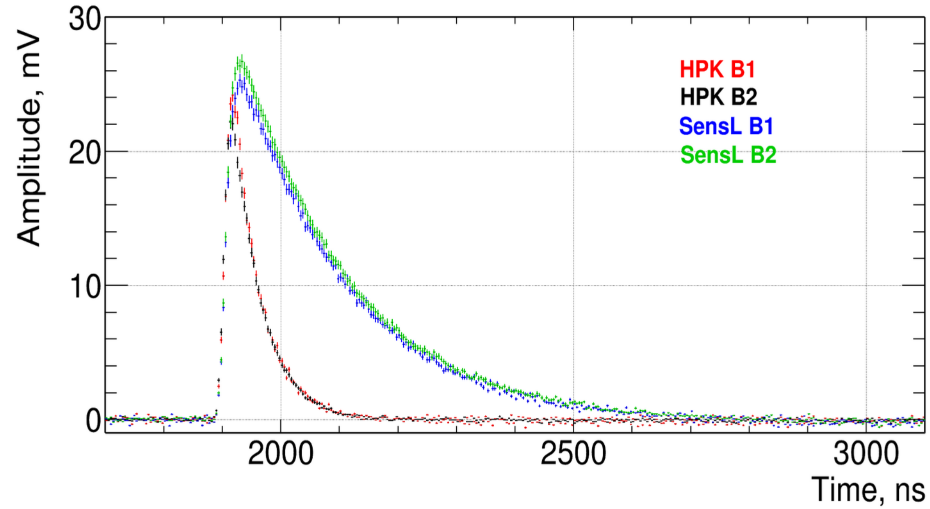
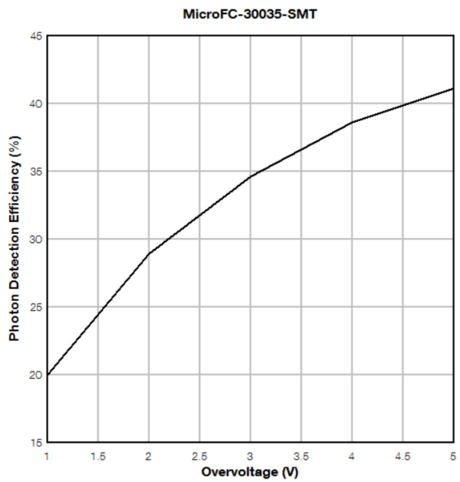


SiPM signals

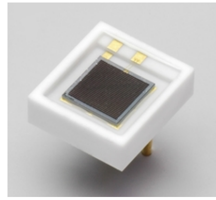


SiPM SensL MICROFC-60035-SMT-TR1

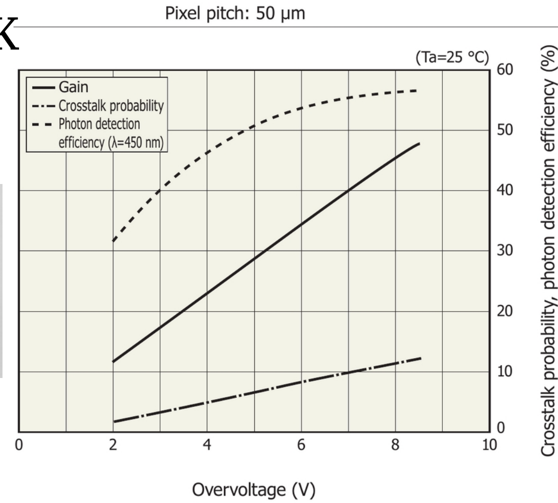
6x6 mm^2



SiPM HPK S13360-3050CS



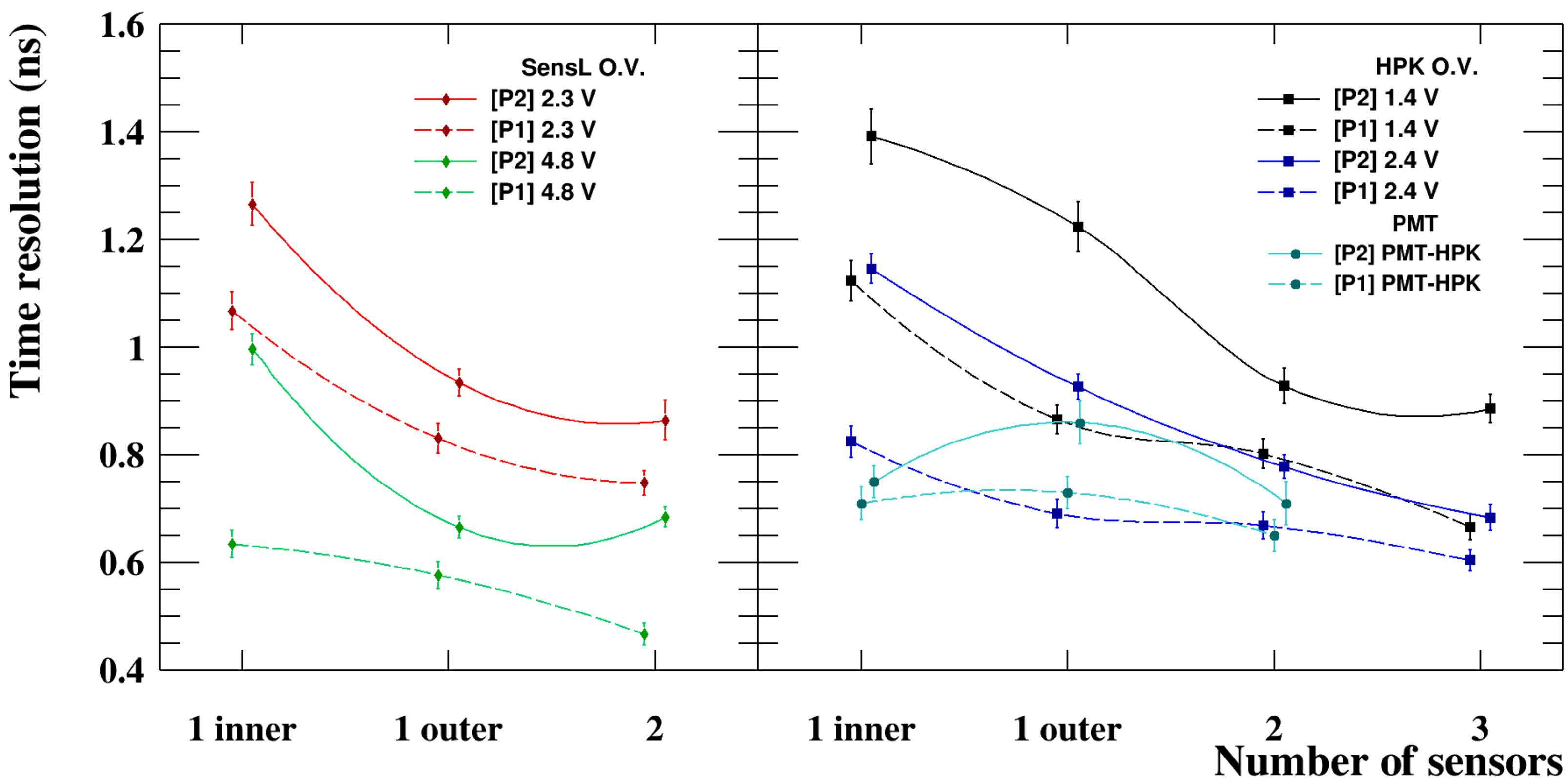
3x3 mm^2



PMT HPK H5783

ϕ= 8mm

The **photodetection efficiency** (PDE) of the SiPM **increases** as a function of the **overvoltage.** We considered two O.V. values for each SiPM and we observed that by increasing the overvoltage the **time resolution reaches lower values.**

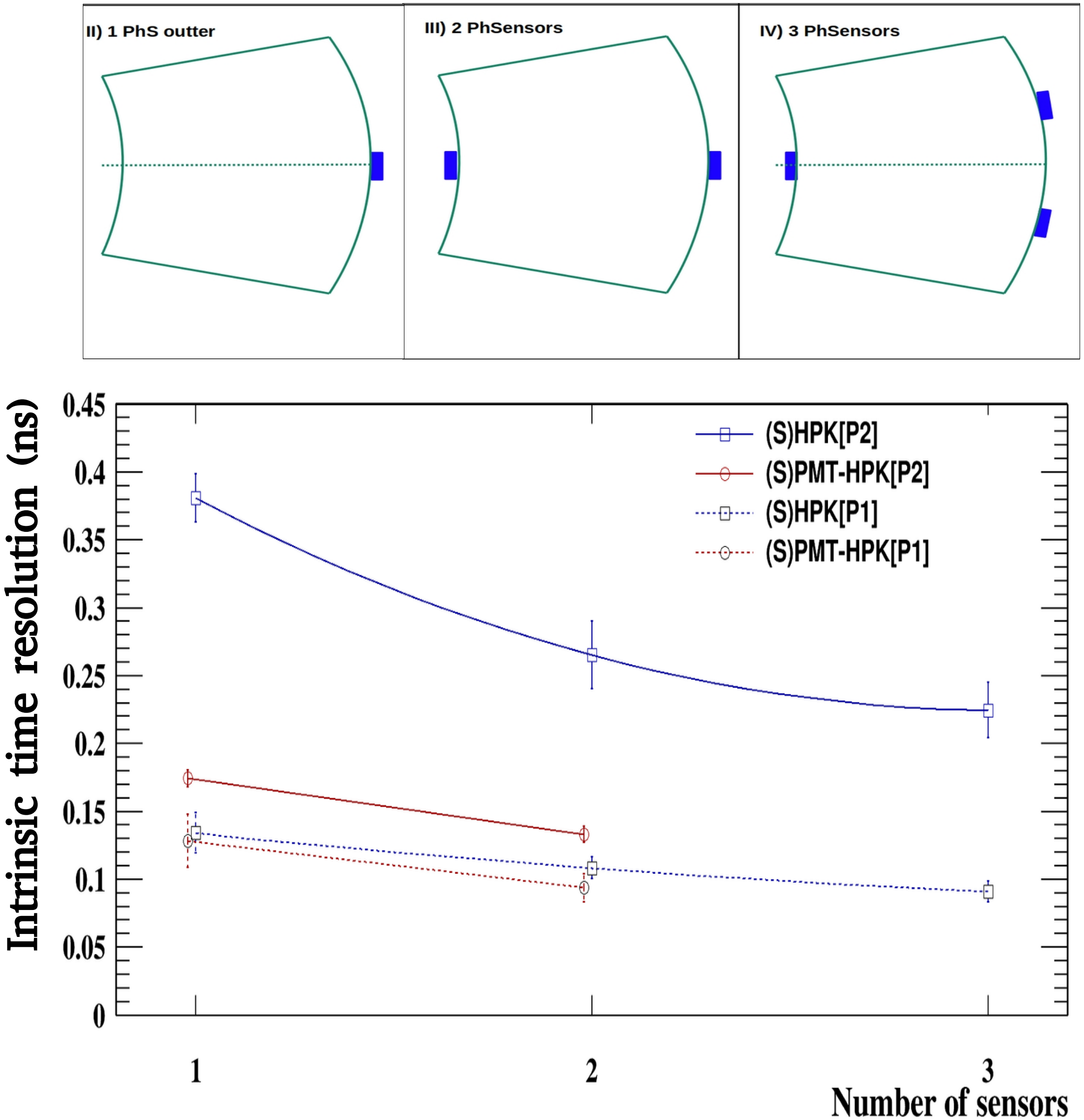


Intrinsic time resolution

Muons were considered as **incident particles to the scintillators' frontal surface** area and following the energy spectrum distribution of the cosmic rays on Earth's surface[1]

Comparing the laboratory results against the simulation we can observe an evident difference due to particular features not taken into account in the simulation.

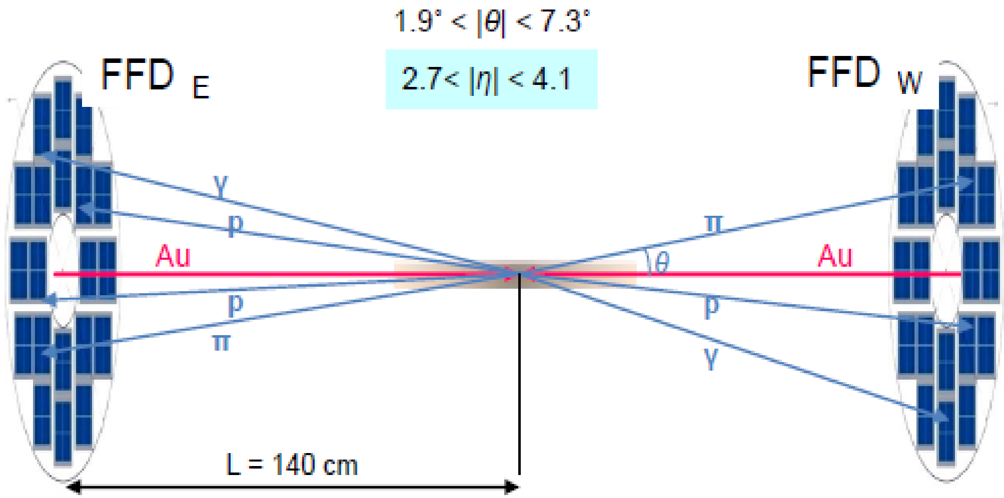
The ITR is **independent of the electronics and data acquisition system** and **it only depends on the geometry of the scintillator, number of photosensors, specie and energy of incident particles.**

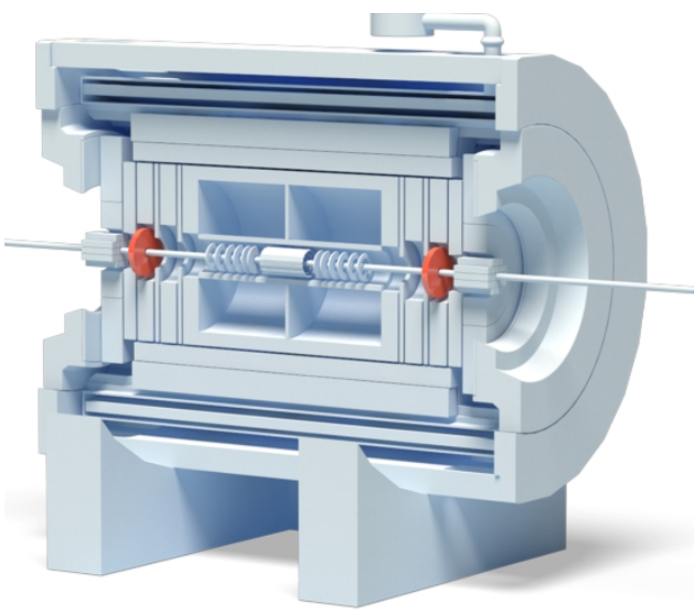


[1]W. Adam et al., "Performance studies of the CMS Strip Tracker before installation," JINST, vol. 4, p. P06009, 2009.

4 BeBe trigger efficiency, centrality and event plane resolution

Fast Forward Detector (FFD)



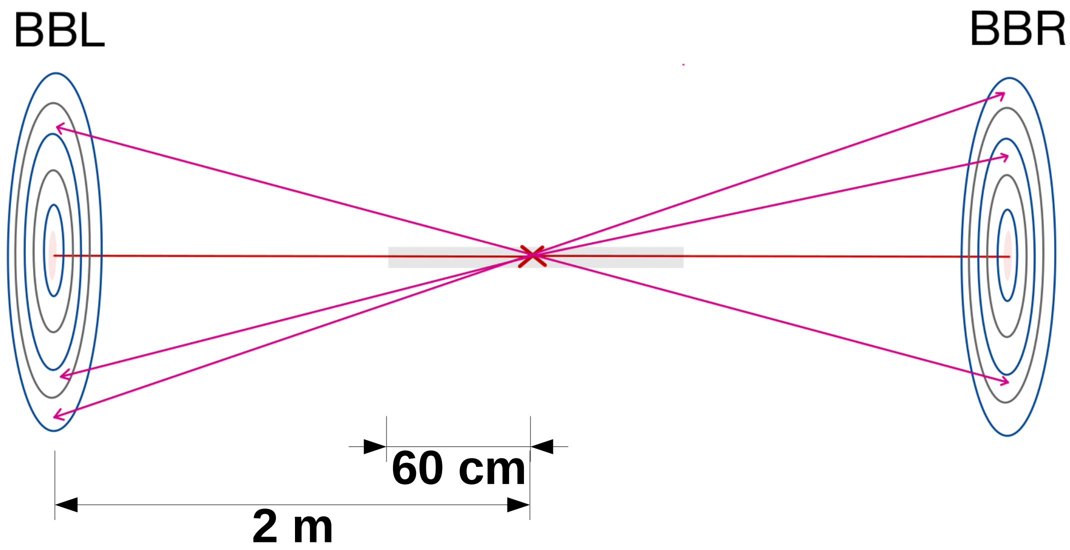


The main requirements for the FFD are:

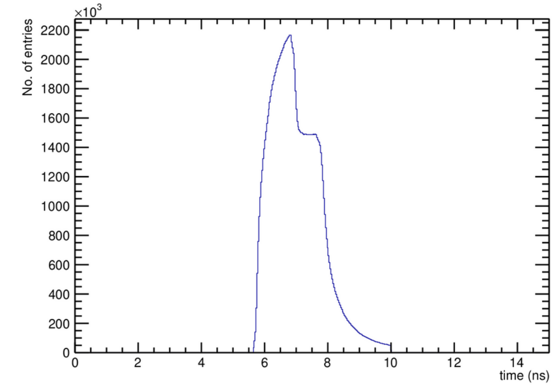
- **Fast and effective triggering events of Au + Au** collisions in the center of the MPD setup.
- The detector must be able to see each beam crossing (the dead time must be less of 75 ns).
- Generation of the **start pulse t0 for the TOF** detector with **time resolution σ_{t0} < 50ps** (it corresponds to time-of-flight resolution of <100 ps).
- The **uncertainty of determination** of **z-position for Au+Au collision** is **<2 cm.**

TDR FFD (2019):
http://mpd.jinr.ru/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/FFD-TDR-Aug-2019.pdf

BeBe: Trigger capabilities



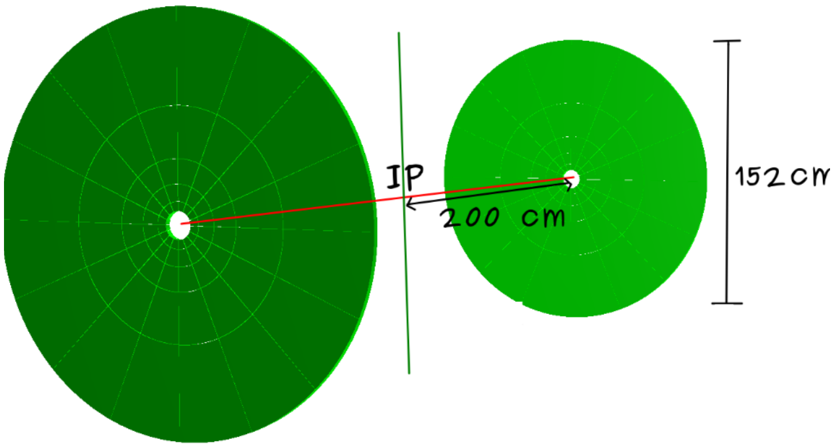
Semaring of 60cm is considered



We defined a time window of
$\Delta\tau = 7 \pm 3$ ns
to the time of flight distribution

Trigger flags

- **BBR/L:** if the Z coordinate of the BeBe hit is positive/negative and the time of flight of the first BeBe hit is within the time window defined by $\Delta\tau$.
- **BBR AND BBL:** logical AND of the coincidence of BBR and BBL.
- **BBR OR BBL:** logical OR of BBR and BBL.



Trigger efficiencies of BeBe

For **p+p collisions the trigger efficiency** given either by **BBR or BBL** is of the order of **58% if a vertex smearing is assumed** (with) in the simulation. Our results suggest that both trigger efficiencies **increase** up to **73% when no smearing** on the vertex simulation is considered.

The **BBR OR BBL** trigger efficiencie is **95.6% for p+p collisions at √*s*=9GeV.**

The estimation of the trigger efficiencies of BeBe detector seems to be independent of the Monte Carlo generator used.

Impact parameter b∈ 0-15.9 fm.

UrQMD, Simulated detectors: Mbb, FFD, and BeBe:

p+p @ √s 9GeV y 11GeV

Bi+Bi @ √sNN=9GeV

Au+Au @ √sNN=11GeV

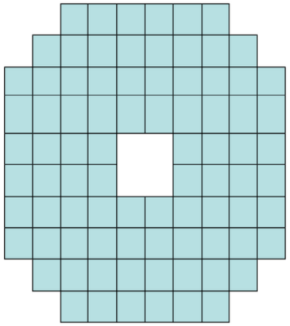
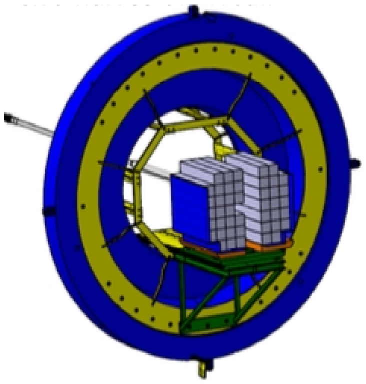
Process	BBR	BBL	BBRandBBL	BBRorBBL	Vertex smearing
p+p, 9 GeV	58.063%	57.86%	20.26%	95.66%	Yes
p+p, 9 GeV	72.85%	72.79%	50.12%	95.52%	No
p+p, 11 GeV	59.84%	59.87%	23.41%	95.52%	Yes
p+p, 11 GeV	74.31%	74.42%	52.7%	96.03%	No
Bi+Bi, 9 GeV	94.07%	94.07%	89.88%	98.26%	Yes
Bi+Bi, 9 GeV	100%	100%	100%	100%	No
Au+Au, 11 GeV	100%	100%	100%	100%	Yes
Au+Au, 11 GeV	100%	100%	100%	100%	No

LAQGSM, Simulated detectors Mbb, BeBe, FHCAl, and FFD:

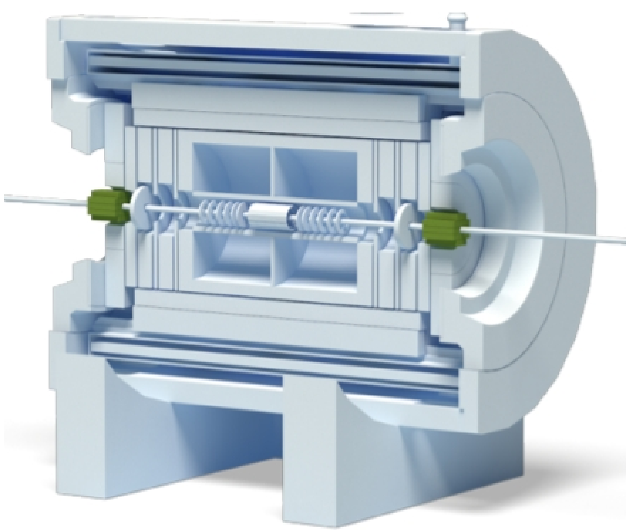
Au+Au @ √sNN=11.5GeV

Process	BBR	BBL	BBRandBBL	BBRorBBL
AuAu@11.5GeV	97.7%	97.6%	95.4%	99.9%

Zero degree calorimeter (ZDC) or FHCal

~1x1 m²
3.1 m (from I.P.)



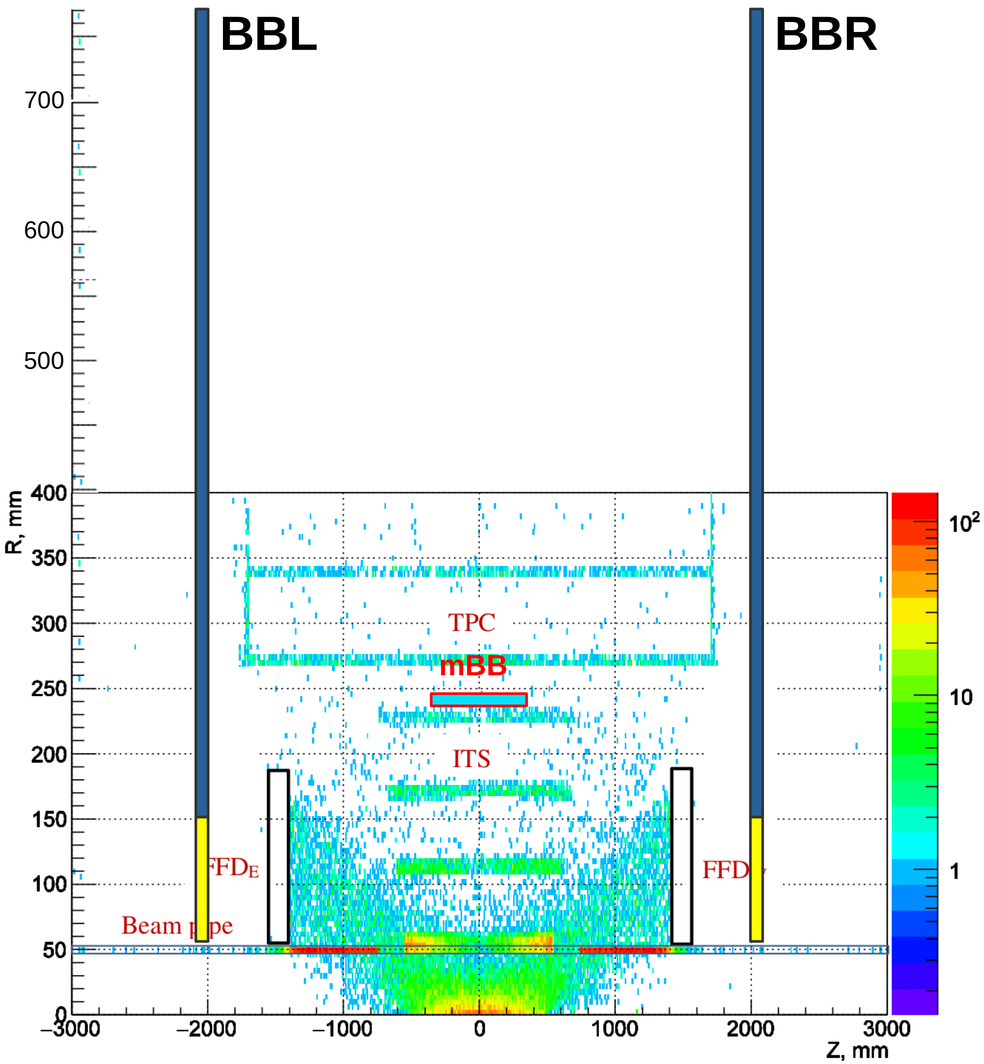
Detector for **event centrality and reaction plane** measurements with **potential for event triggering** $2<|\eta|<5$.

The FHCal must have both appropriate **energy resolution** and modular structure with high enough **transverse granularity** to measure the **event-by-event centroid of the spectator distribution**. The main requirements to the FHCal performance are:

- Spectators detection in the **energy range 1 − 6 GeV.**
- Operation at the trigger rates up to 6 kHz.
- **Reaction plane determination** using particles produced at forward rapidity with accuracy close.
- **Collision centrality determination** using particles produced at forward rapidity with impact parameter **resolution between 5-10% for (mid-)central collisions.**

TDR FHCal (2018):
http://mpd.jinr.ru/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/MPD_TDR_FHCal_28_05_2018.pdf

Centrality and Event plane resolution of BeBe



Au + Au @ √sNN = 11 GeV.

Adapted from TDR FFD (2019):
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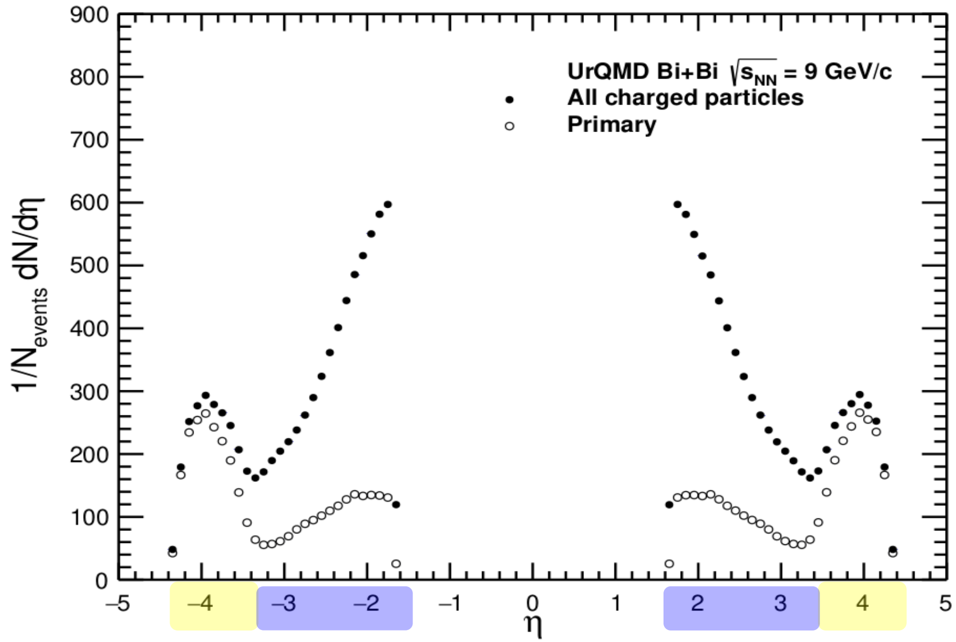
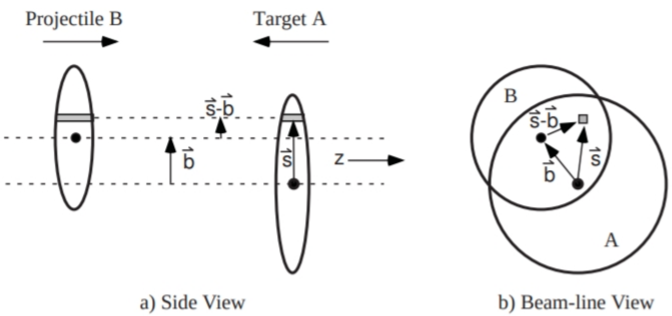


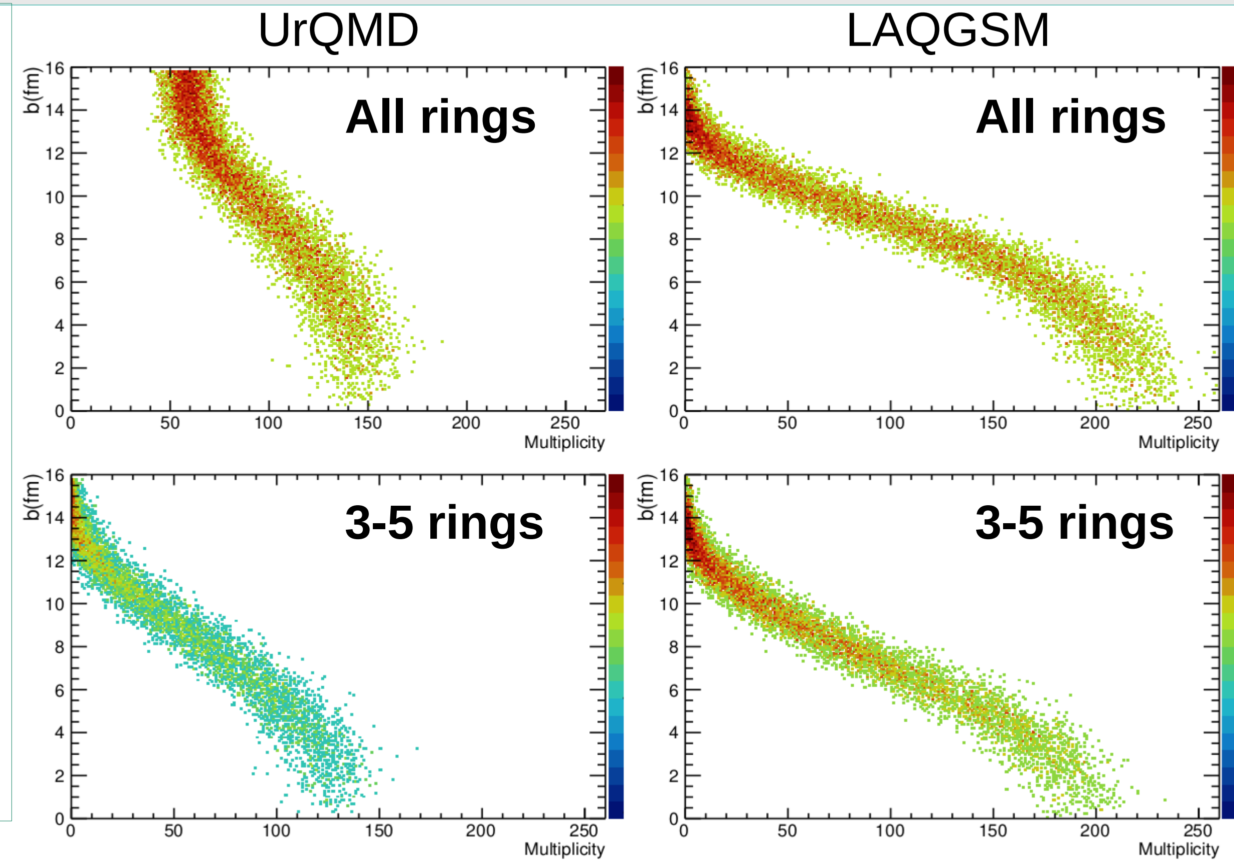
Ring	η	R_{min}	R_{max}
1	3.87 - 4.36	5.1	8.3
2	3.31 - 3.87	8.5	14.5
3	2.84 - 3.31	14.7	23.4
4	2.26 - 2.84	23.6	42
5	1.68 - 2.26	42.2	76.63

We studied several BeBe rings configurations

Centrality resolution of BeBe



Centrality is a key variable for characterizing the geometric properties of the heavy-ion collisions. We correlated **the impact parameter with the hit multiplicity in BeBe** and looked for the best curve behavior, a linear correlation.



The largest hit multiplicity is found in the two most inner BeBe rings. With the proposed geometry for BeBe detector, we observe that it is **not a good option** to employ all the five rings of BeBe detector, **UrQMD prediction.** This behavior is in **contrast** with the prediction given by **LAQGSM model where the BeBe hits distribution exhibits a nice curve that can be adjusted by a Glauber-like function.** For **UrQMD,** this situation **improves if we only take into account the hit multiplicity of the three outer rings of BeBe.**

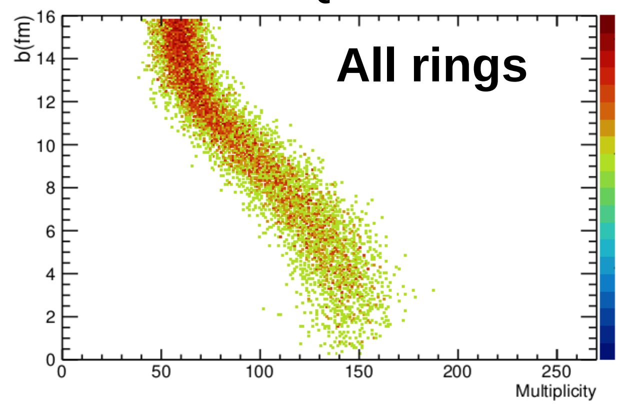
Centrality resolution of BeBe

To **compute the centrality resolution** we computed the difference between the centrality given by the number of hits in the BeBe detector (*cent BeBe*) with respect to the generated centrality (*centMC*):

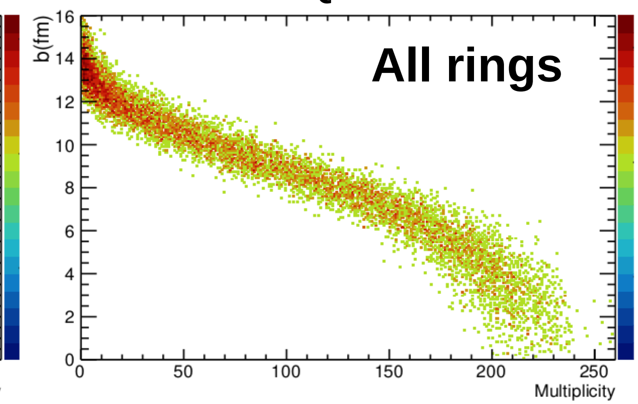
$$cent = cent_{MC} - cent_{BeBe}$$

The width of a Gaussian fit of *cent* distribution will give us the centrality resolution with respect to the centrality of the collision.

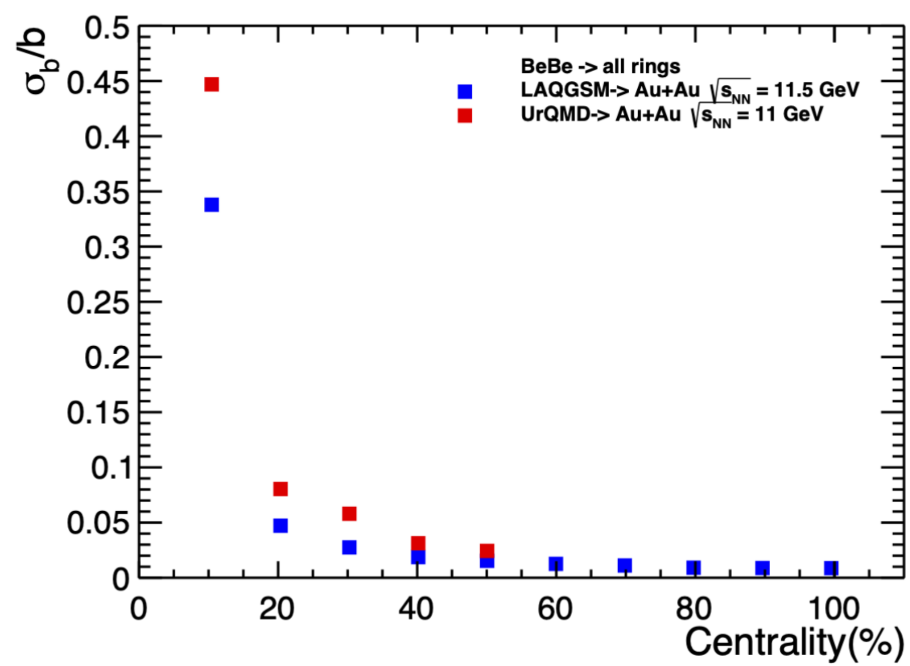
UrQMD



LAQGSM



Using the hit multiplicity of **all the BeBe** detector rings, **UrQMD(LAQGSM)** predicts a **centrality resolution** of **45% (34%) for central collision.**



The centrality determination given by BeBe detector **is fully complementary** to the one that can be reached with the **FHCAL** especially for central collisions where the FHCAL detector may lose resolution.

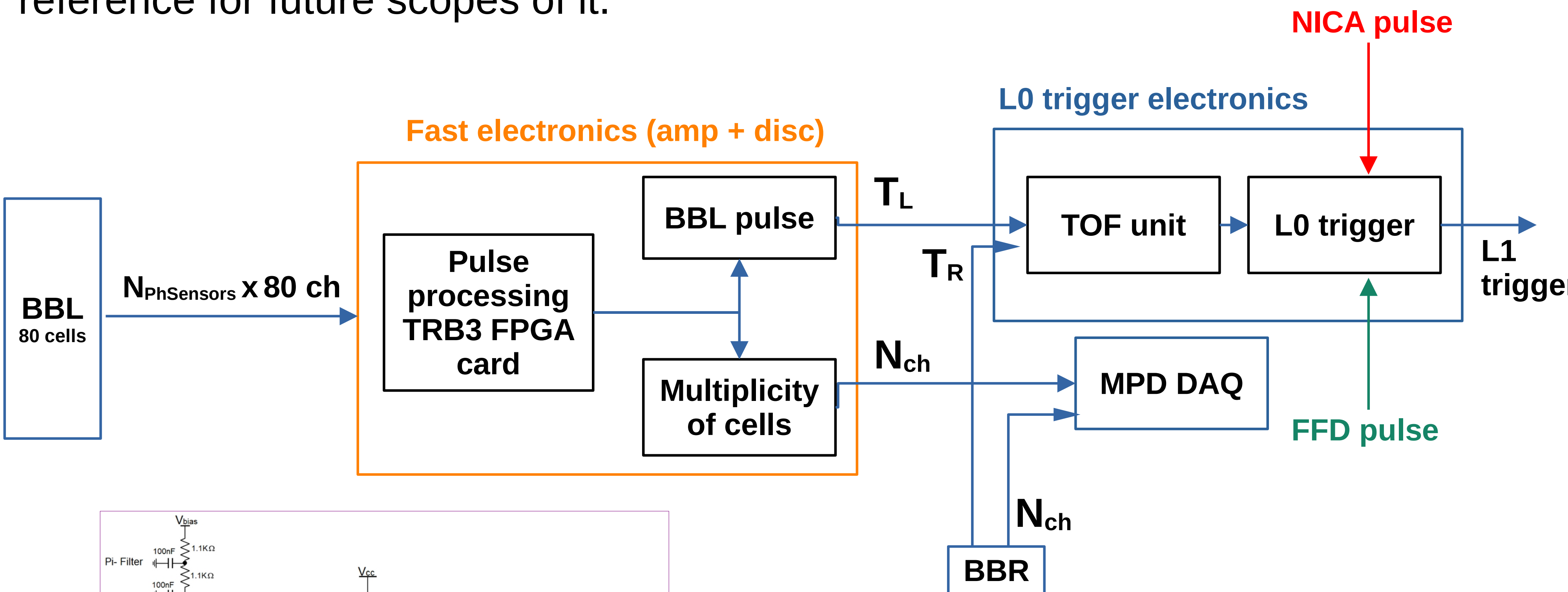
Conclusions and prospects

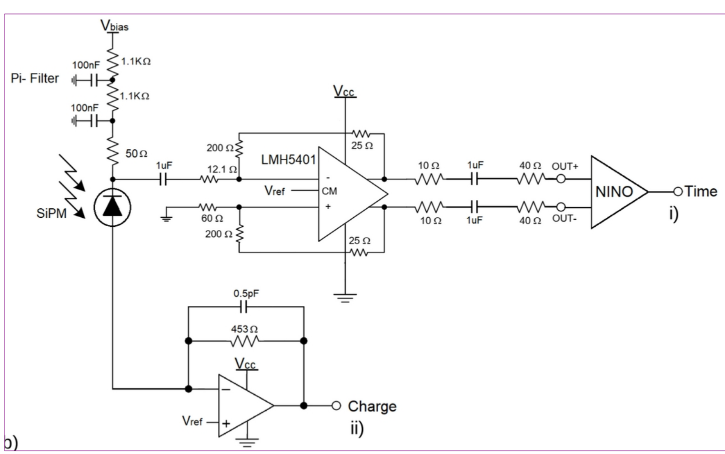
- The proposed BeBe detector is two plastic scintillator array stations located at ±2 meters from the MPD interaction point. The proposed geometry of BeBe detector is a plastic scintillator disk segmented in 80 cells per hodoscope. For BeBe purposes, we wanted to develop this study in order to give a **good trigger signal** for the whole detector system (MPD). As a first approach, **the time resolution of an individual BeBe cell ranges from 0.47 and 1.39 ns** depending on **the number of photosensors attached** to the cell.

- The **simulated geometry** for **BeBe** detector proposal shows a **good performance in triggering, event plane, and centrality determination.** Our results suggest that **at NICA energies** the BeBe detector can be used for NICA **beam monitoring in p+p and heavy-ion collisions** with **excellent trigger efficiencies for both systems (at least 95% using the trigger condition BBR OR BBL.)**. The **maximum event plane resolution** of BeBe **is 43%** for an impact parameter range between **6 and 11 fm.** For **centrality determination, BeBe is a complementary detector to the FHCAL for central collisions**. The BeBe detector could provide valuable information in heavy-ion collisions at NICA energies with the MPD.

Conception of the BeBe readout electronics

The development of the proposed data acquisition system for BeBe detector is a work in progress to be reported elsewhere. We hope this study can serve as a reference for future scopes of it.





- Improve of the read out electronics is planed
- The dedicated calibration system with a pulsed laser (ps) is an important part of the structure.

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Event plane resolution of BeBe

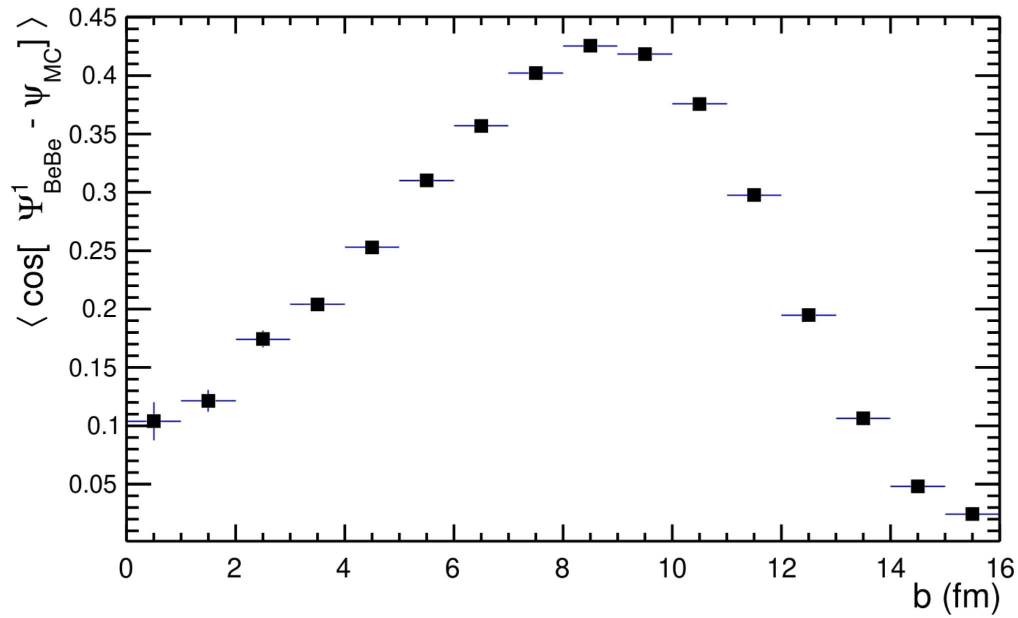
Determination of the **reaction plane** for flow studies provides physics insight into the **early stages of the reaction.**
The information provided by **BeBe** can be used to **study the anisotropic flow of particles produced in heavy-ion collisions** which is typically quantified by the coefficients in the Fourier decomposition of **the azimuthal angular particle distribution.**
Ψn is the reaction plane angle corresponding to the *n*th-order harmonic.
Profiting from **the high granularity of the BeBe, we can resolve the event plane angle.**

$$\Psi_n^{BB} = \frac{1}{n}\tan^{-1}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{m} w_i \sin(n\varphi_i) \Big/ \sum_{i=1}^{m} w_i \cos(n\varphi_i)\right]$$

wi* is the multiplicity measured in the *i*-th cell, *m* is the total number of BeBe cells and *φi is the *i*th-cell's azimuthal angle measured from the center of the **hodoscope to the cell centroid.**

10^6 Bi+Bi collision events at $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$=9 GeV
The **multiplicity per cell,** *wi* , was estimated at hit-level and the **event plane resolution with the BeBe** detector for n = 1 as:

$$\left\langle \cos\left(n \times (\Psi_n^{BB} - \Psi_n^{MC})\right)\right\rangle,$$



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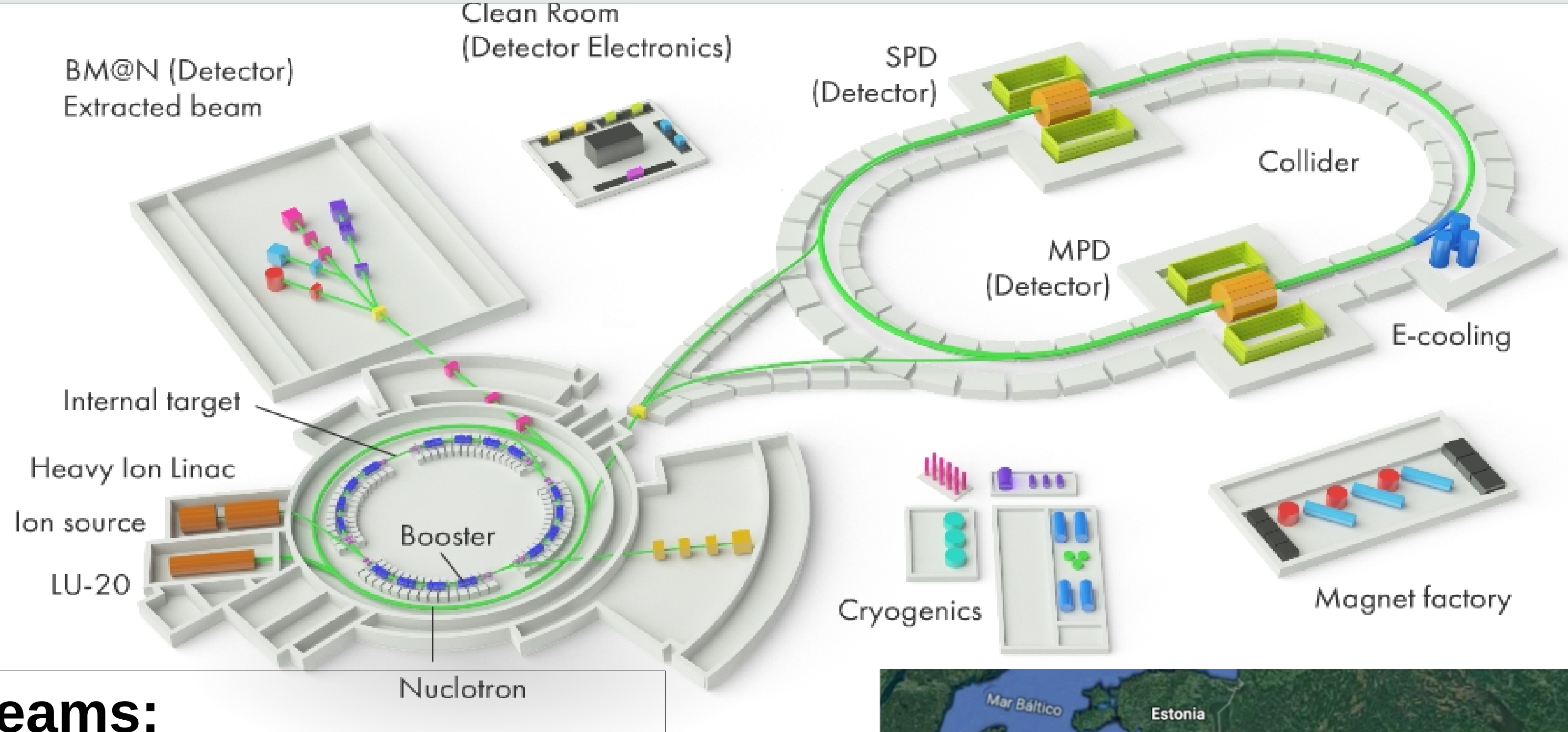
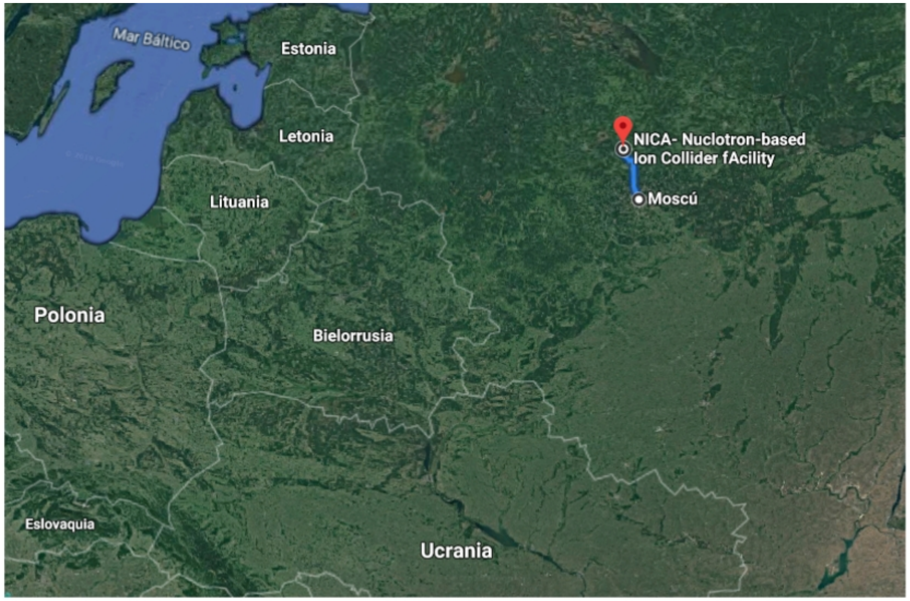
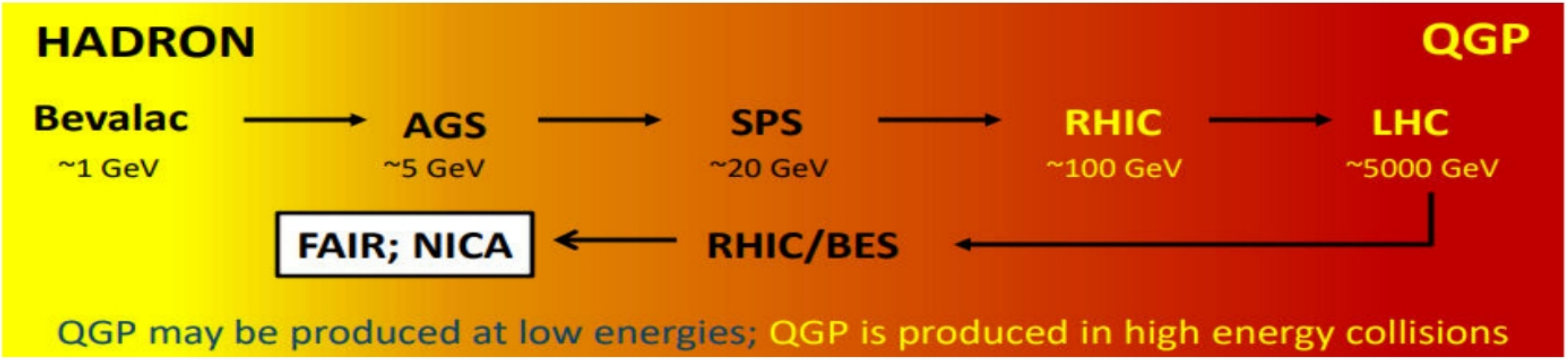


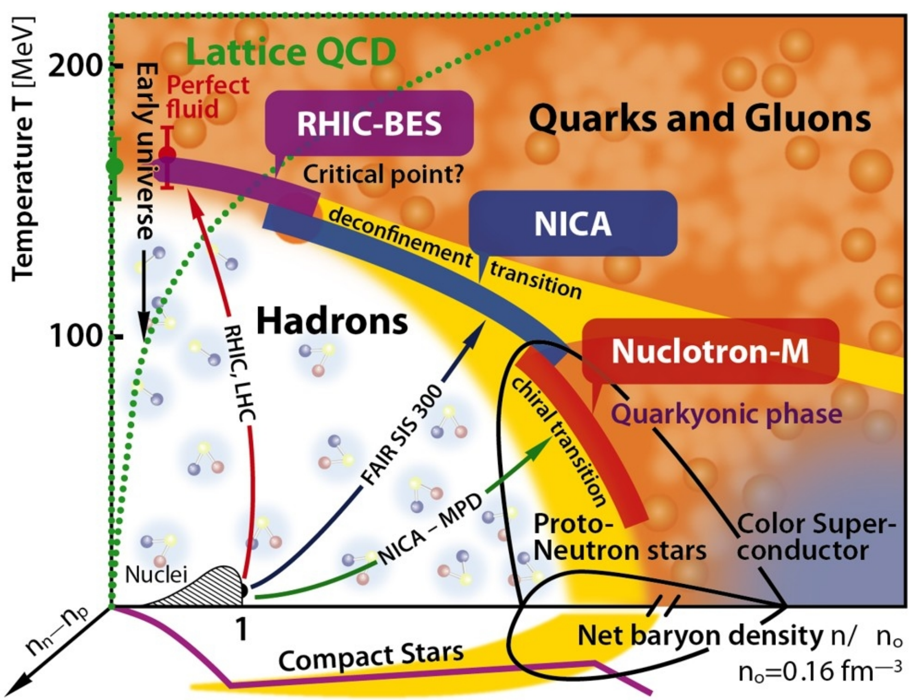
Beams:

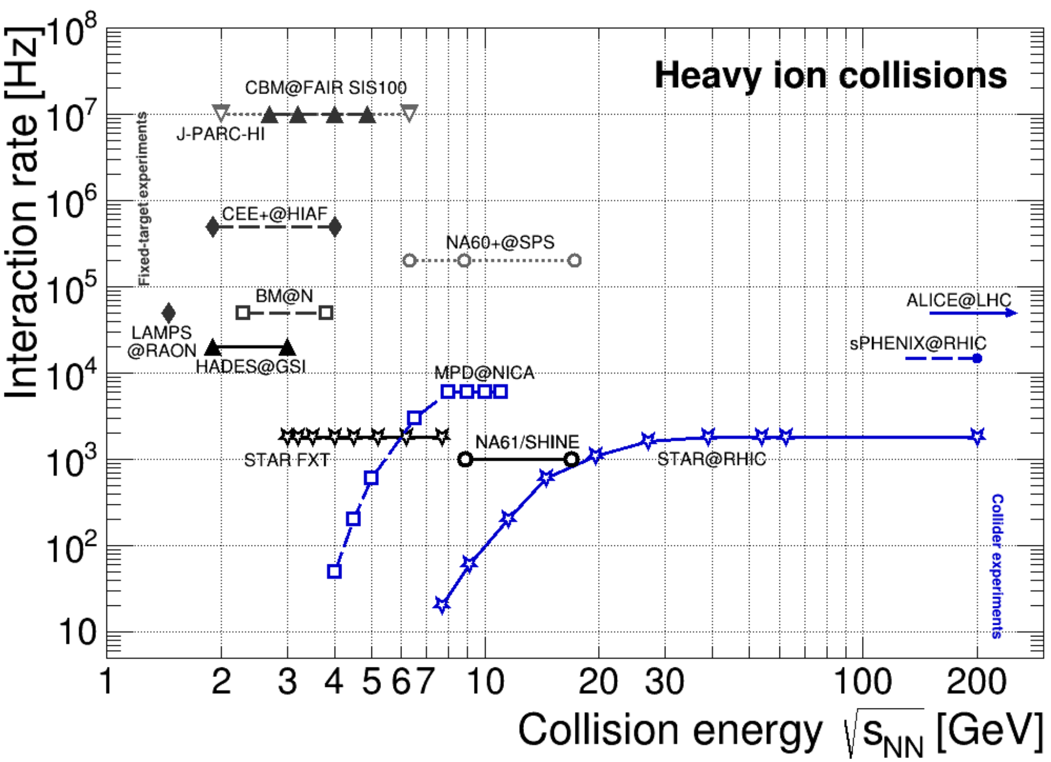
- BM@N 1-6 GeV/n
  - (2016) Deuteron
  - (2017-2018) C/Ar/Kr
  - (2019-2020) Au, p
  - (2021) Fe/Kr/Xe
- BM@N y MPD
  - (2023) Bi+Bi 9.2 GeV/n
  - (2024) Au+Au: 11 GeV/n



NICA: Study of the QCD medium at extreme baryon densities







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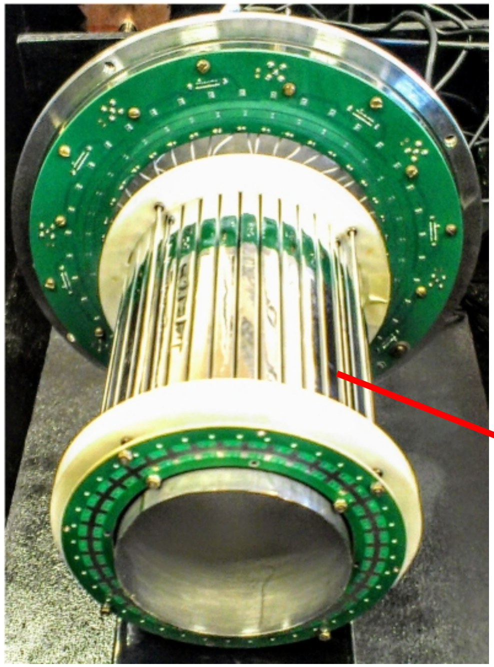
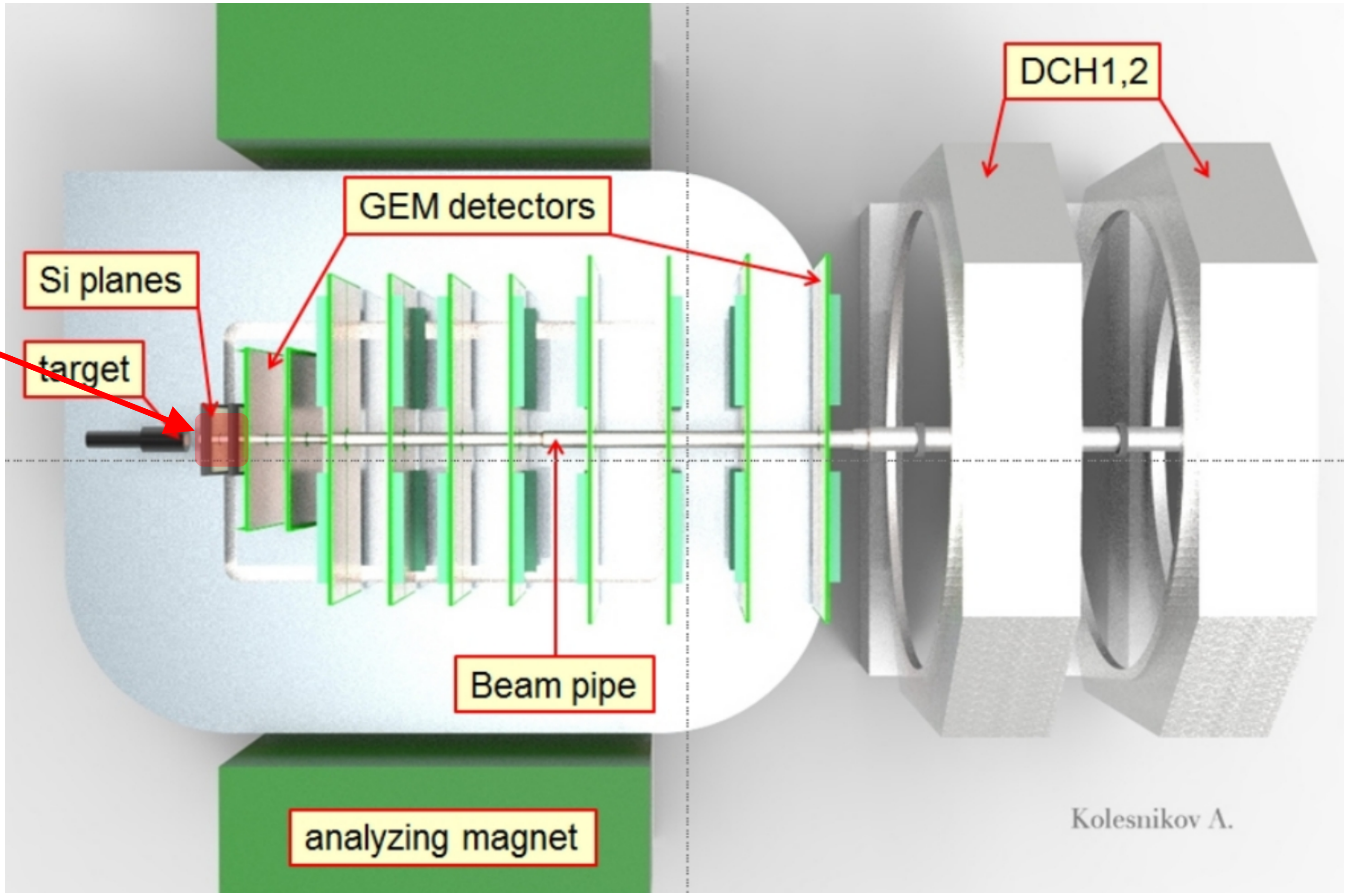
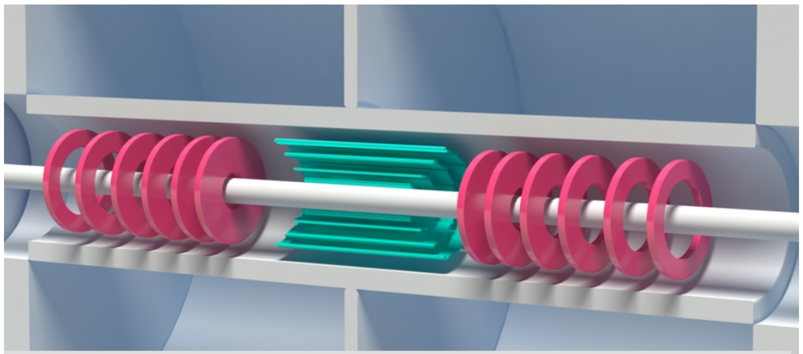




Barrel Detector (BD)

* 40 plastic scintillator strips (BD418)
150 × 7 × 7 mm^3
* SiPM: SensL Micro FC-60035-SMT (active area 6 × 6 mm2)

Inner systems



ø<54cm

IT Tracker

-2 < η < 2

-55 < z < 55 cm

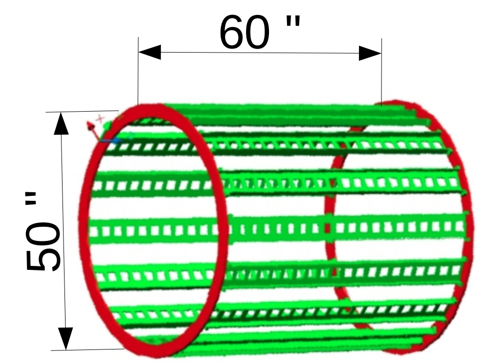
Gem Tracker

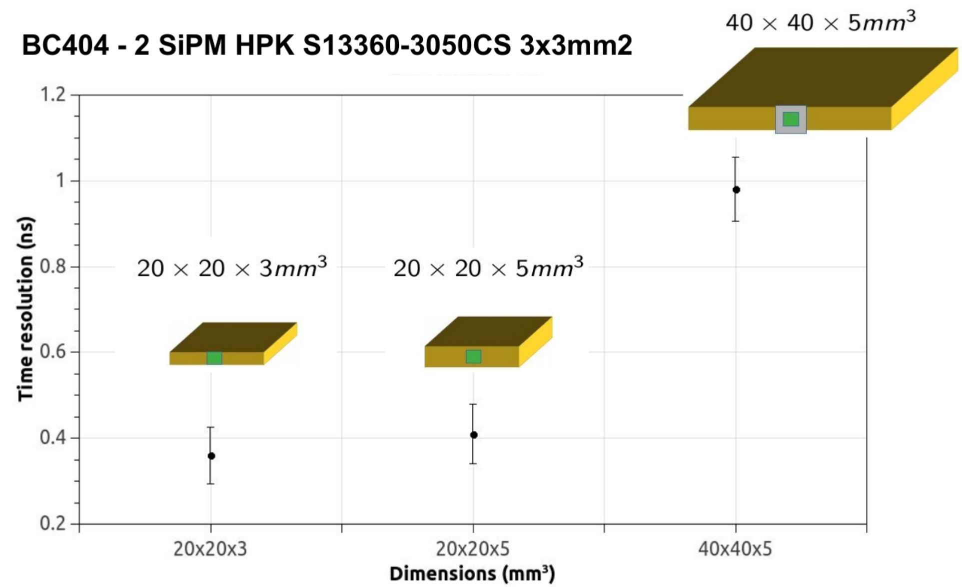
-125 < z < 125 cm

Barrel detector for MPD

16 strips with 20 plastic scintillators (BC400)

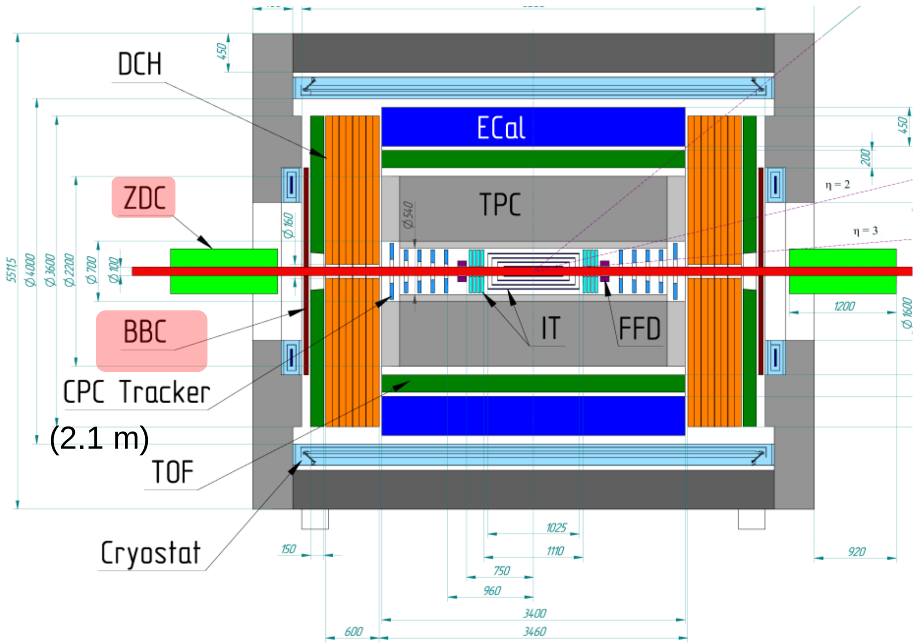
Requirement σ_t< 30 ps (σ_z~1cm)

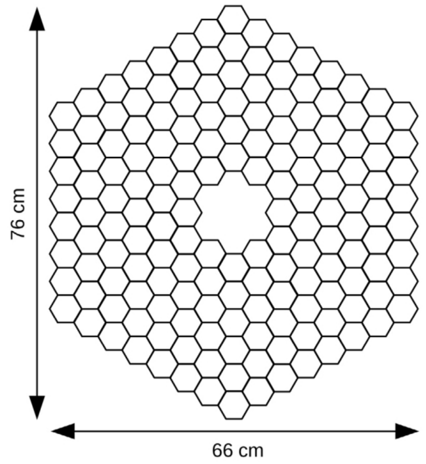




Measured σ_t is one order of magnitud higher

Beam-Beam monitoring detector (Be-Be)





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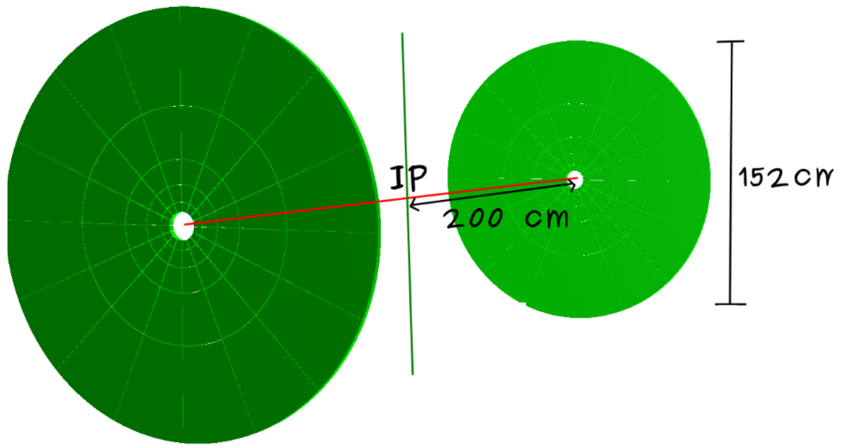
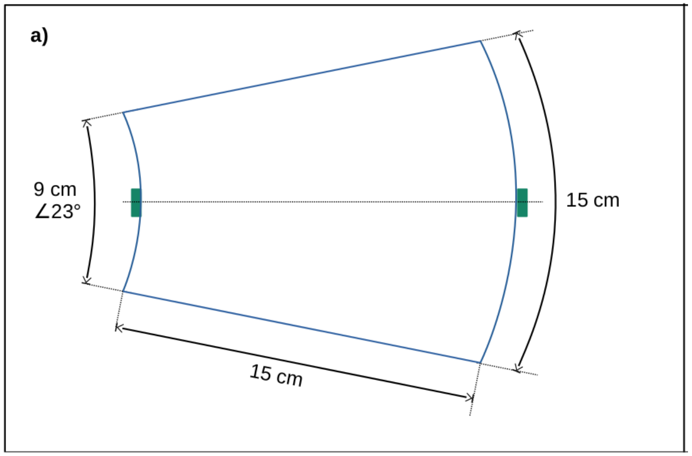


2 Hodoscopes 80 cells (BC404, 22.5°) distributed in 5 rings



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