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TraPid (Tracking and Particle Identification), the Central Tracker proposed by the Bari and Lecce INFN groups for the detector at a generic flavour factory is an ultra-light drift chamber equipped with cluster counting/timing readout techniques.

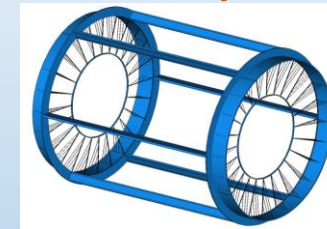
Main peculiarities of this design are the **high transparency** in terms of multiple scattering contributions to the momentum measurement of charged particles and the very promising particle identification capabilities.

HIGH TRANSPARENCY

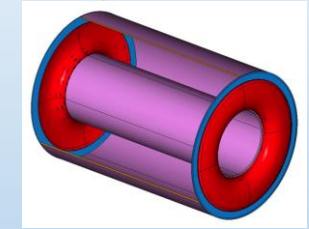
A significant reduction in the amount of material at the end plates is obtained by separating the gas containment function from the wire tension support function.

The wires are anchored to a self-sustaining light structure ("wire-cage") surrounded by a thin skin ("gas vessel") of suitable shape to compensate for the gas differential pressure with respect to the outside.

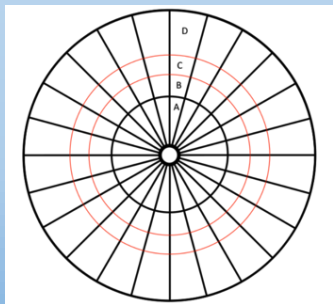
Wire-cage



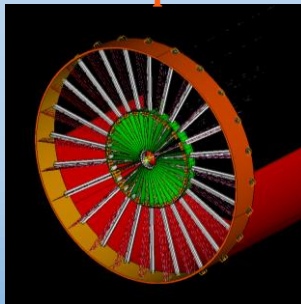
Gas vessel



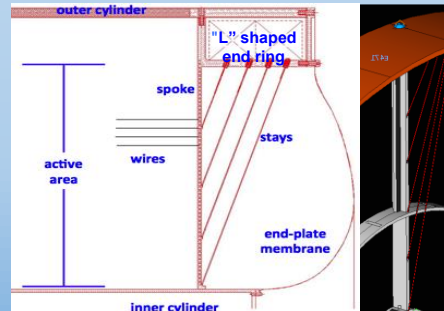
Chamber layout



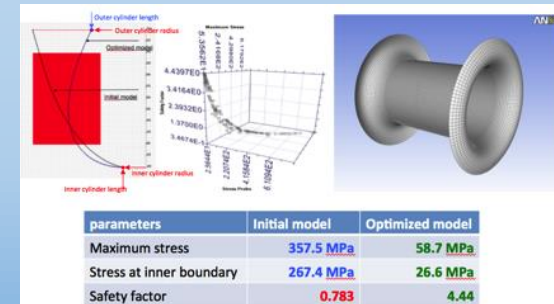
The missing end-plate



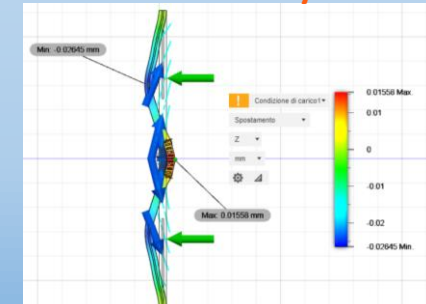
The tension recovery scheme



The gas containment



Preliminary Finite Element Analysis



- An ultra-low mass drift chamber for a generic flavour factory with a material budget $<1.5 \times 10^{-2} X/X_0$ in the radial direction and $<5 \times 10^{-2} X/X_0$ in the forward and backward directions (including HV and FEE services) can be built with the novel technique adopted for the successful construction of the MEG2 drift chamber.
- $\Delta p_t/p_t = 2.0 \times 10^{-3}$, $\Delta \theta = 0.70$ mrad, $\Delta \phi = 0.78$ mrad at $p = 1$ GeV/c.
- Particle identification at the level of 3.6% with cluster counting allowing for π/K separation $\geq 3\sigma$ over a wide range of momenta.