**Goals:**

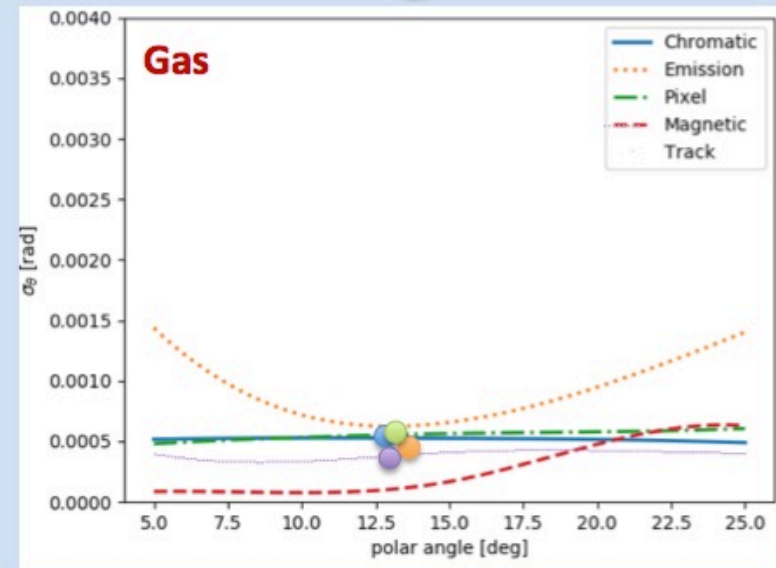
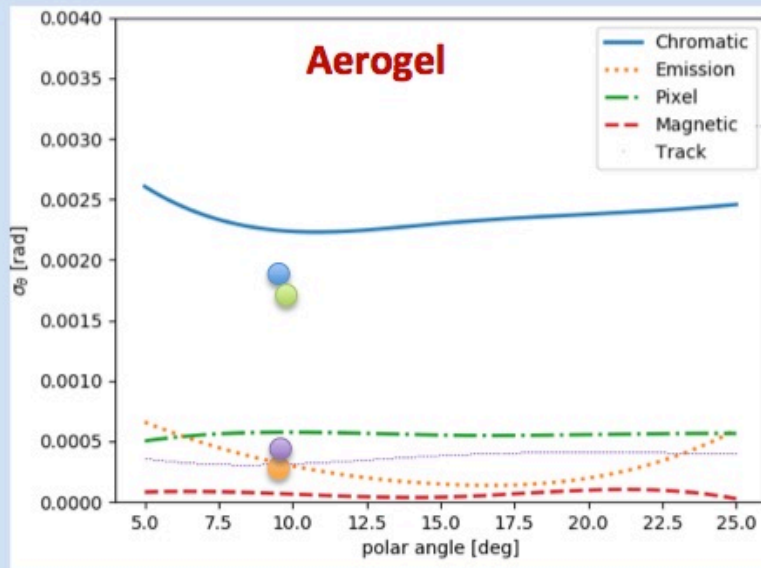
- Study dual radiator performance and interplay
- Study specifications and alternatives for optical components
- Test alternate single-photon detection systems
- Design parameters and optimization

Basic system
commissioned
in 2021 runs

1 p.e. error (mrad)		Aerogel		Gas	
		Demo	dRICH	Demo	dRICH
Pixel	(3mm pixel)	1.9	(0.6)	0.6	(0.5)
Chromatic	(300 nm filter)	1.8	(2.2)	0.6	(0.5)
Emission	(1 cm out of focus)	0.3	(0.3)	0.4	(0.6)
Tracking	(0.5 mrad)	0.4	(0.3)	0.4	(0.4)
Total		3.0	(2.3)	1.1	(1.0)

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1.2

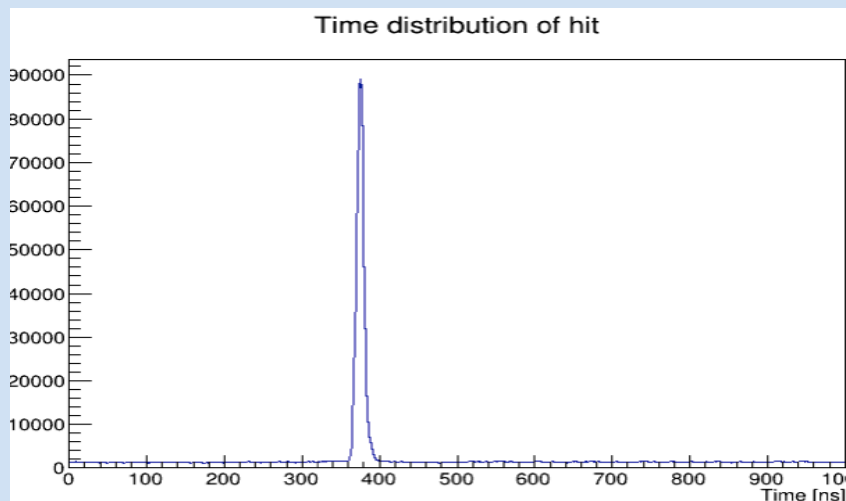


Preparing the prototype for the next test beam campaign (fall 2022)

2021 beam time:

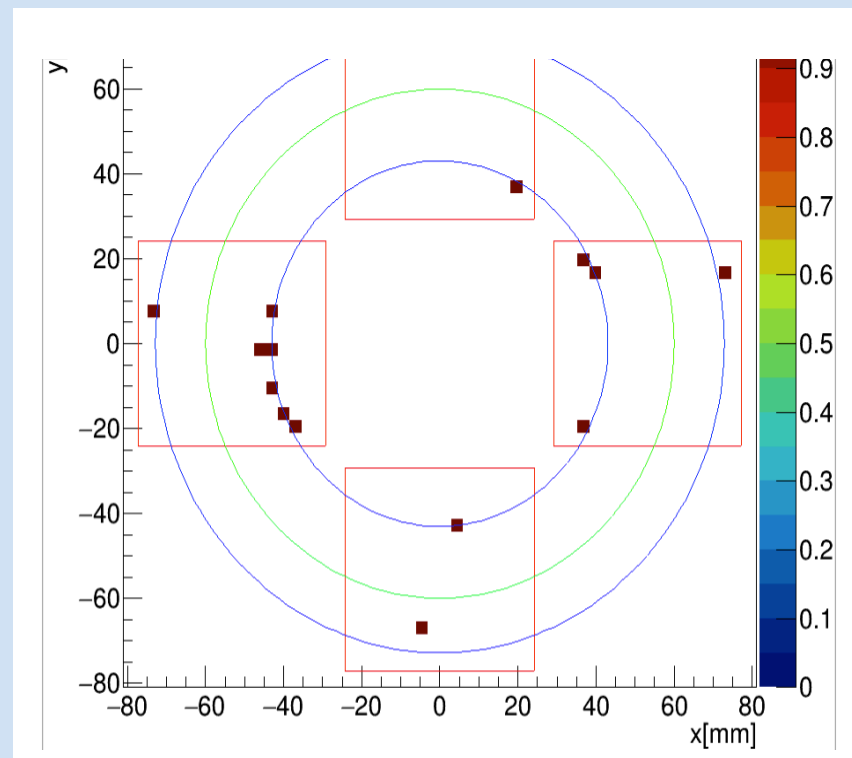
- Most of the time was parasitic
- Sensors + readout shared with eRD101
- Beam line still under commissioning

Prevented a detailed systematic study
Nevertheless preliminary performance
study was possible

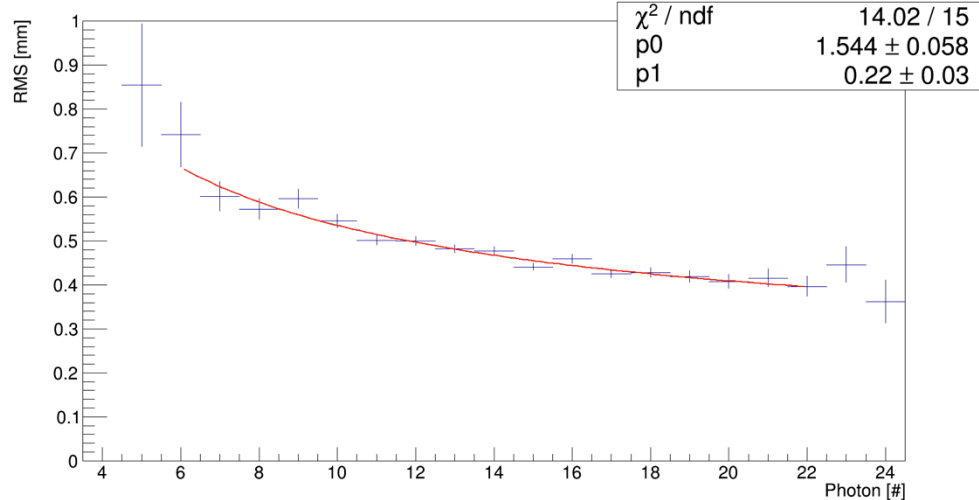


Example of event display

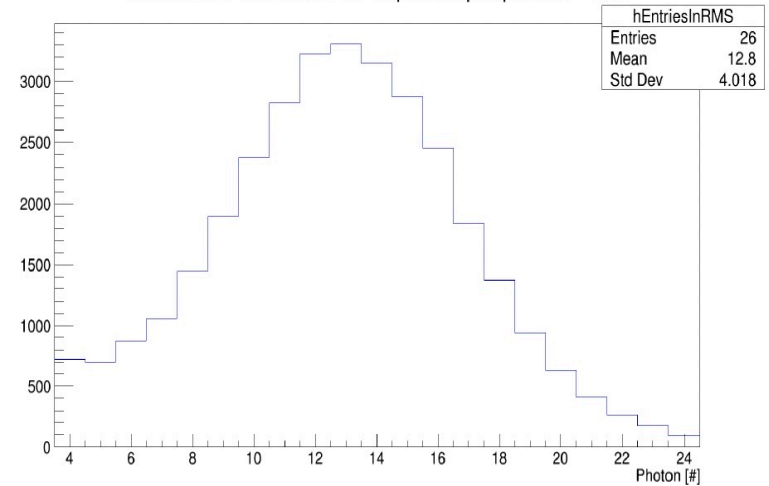
- Recorded hit
- Sensor
- Geometrical selection
- Gas and aerogel reconstructed rings



RMS of radius as function of photon number - Gas



Distribution of the number of photon per particle - Gas



Fitting function: $y = \sqrt{p_0^2 / x + p_1^2}$

p_1 = single particle resolution constant term

p_0 = single photon resolution

1.5 mm in radius

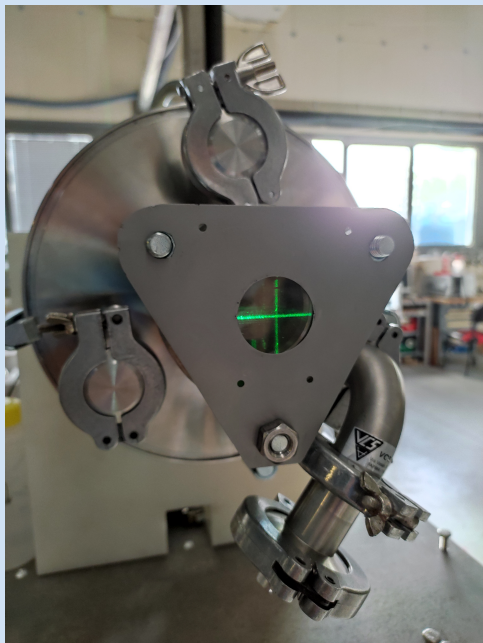
~ 1.2 mrad in angle (1.1 expected)

$\sigma_{20} \sim 0.45$ mrad

Gas	Data	Simulation
p_0 [mm]	1.5	1.1
p_1 [mm]	0.22	0.07
Avg photon	12.8	11.3

Prepare for the next test-beam campaign (fall 2022)

Improved tools
for alignment



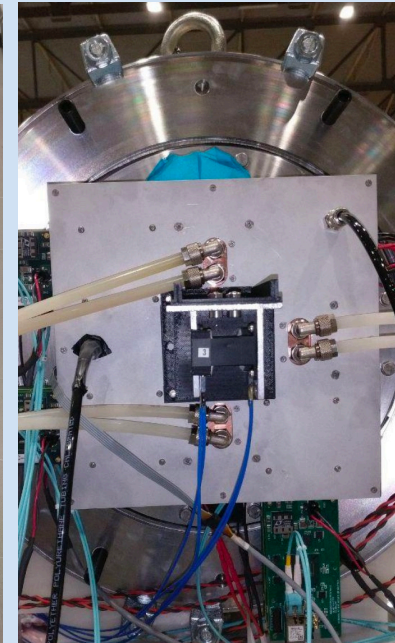
Upgrade support
structure



Time and gain
calibration



Improved trigger



Study alignment and focusing

Study radiator interplay: Distinguish gas and aerogel photons by space and time

Direct comparison between reference (MA-PMTs) and EIC-driven (SiPM)

Tagging time and PID of the beam particle

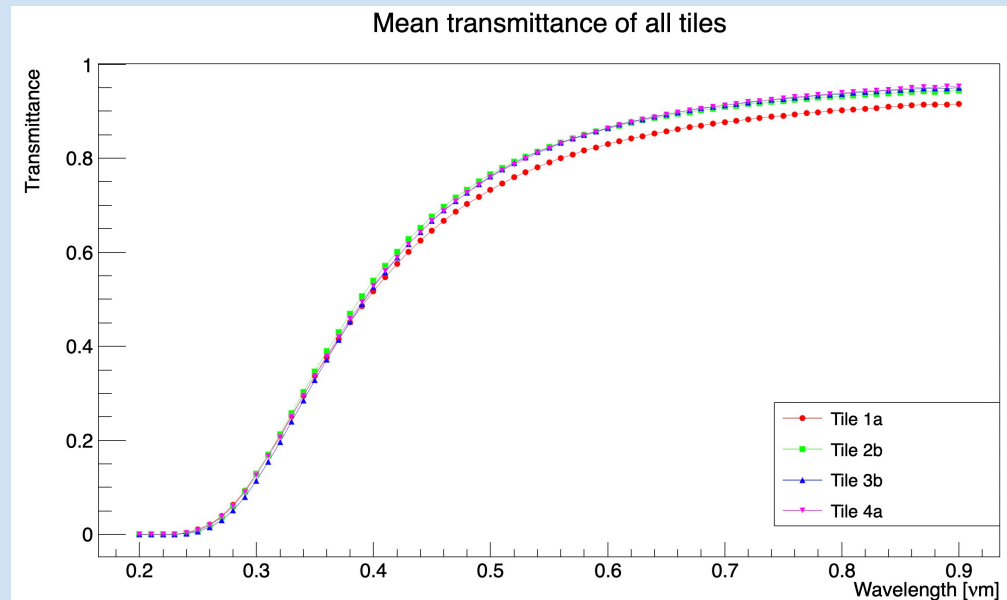
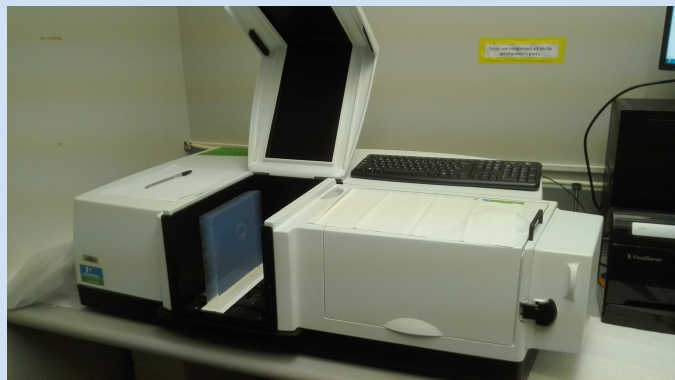
Aerogel: Budker Institute - Russia: not accessible

Aerogel Factory - Japan: good quality, working on dimensions (in collaboration with ALICE3)

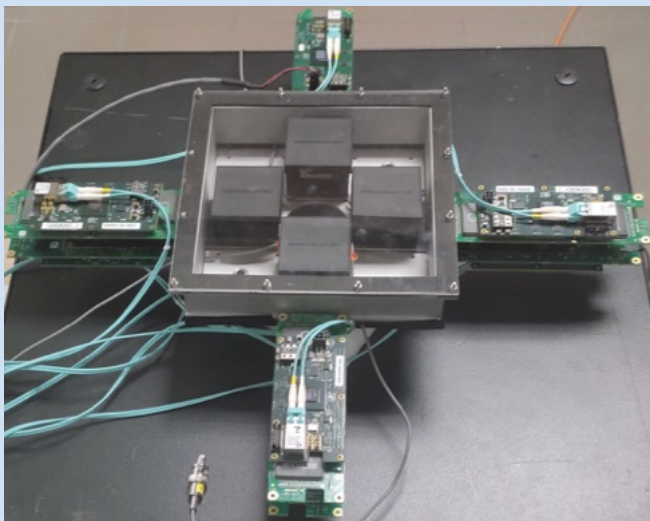
ASPEN – USA: promising quality for $n=1.02$, awaiting validation (in collaboration with CUA)

Lucite: UV filter at 250 nm and 300 nm

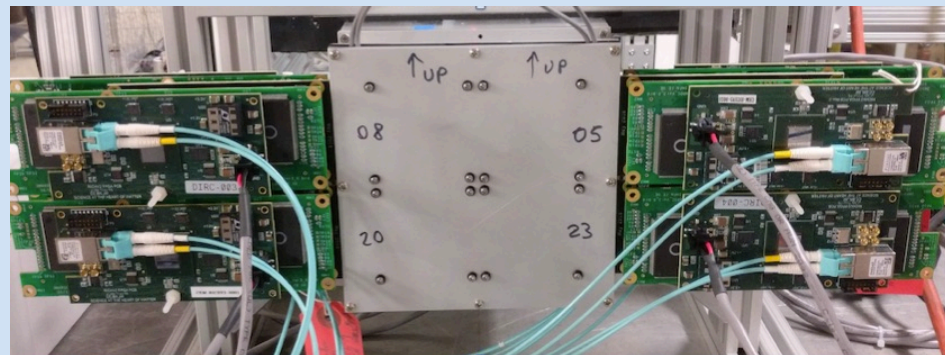
Gas: new C_2F_6 bottle (RD51) to be verified: pressure reducer



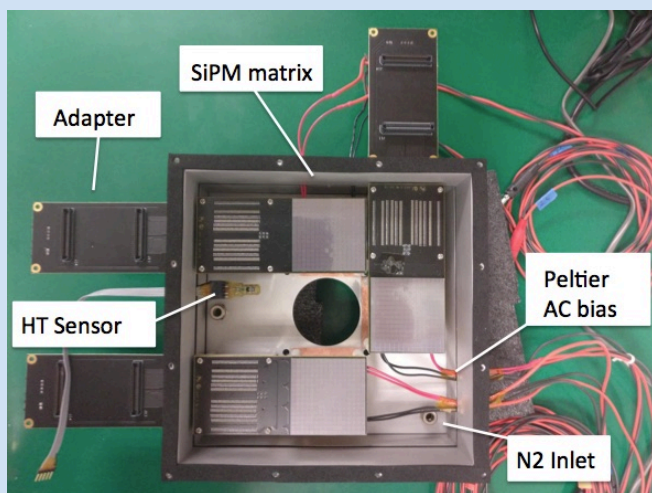
H13700 multi-anode PMTs



CLAS12 reference readout
MAROC3 front-end chip



H12671 SiPM Matrices



SSP/VME DAQ (~1k channels)



Limited availability: not sure to be able to run 24 h

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