## dRICH acceptance issue update

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## Outline

Recap the problem
The principles of Optics tuning
Newly tuned situation

- Acceptance
- performance
- Packup and TBD

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### Motivation

- We have observed and reported on several occasions that the dRICH acceptance has shrunk both for the gas and aerogel.
- The optics were well tuned in August 2022 and after the November 2022 campaign the acceptance went wrong.
- The cause has been identified, and reported in the last GD/I and dRICH software meeting









#### Optics has been recovered

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- The petals of the mirror are slices of a sphere of a given radius.
- Each sensor sector too is a section of a sensor sphere with a certain radius.
- The parameters to select these objects inside the dRICH volume take into account the geometric constraints.
- The idea is to tune these parameters to have 'best' optics possible

## Couple of words on Optics tuning contd...

### Slides from C.Dilks



#### The sensor positioning depends on the placement of the aerogel

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## dRICH Geometry: Aerogel and the snout in particular

#### **Geometry - Details**



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## dRICH Geometry: Aerogel and the snout in particular



- The dRICH geometry has essentially three radii defining the envelope.
- At the start of the dRICH (195 cm) *rmax*0, at the end of the snout (215 cm) *rmax*1 and the cylindrical one extended up to the end (315 cm) *rmax*2.
- This *rmax*0 is also the starting size of the aerogel. Previously used as 95 cm. Later it was set to 110 cm.
- Reduces the available place for sensor placement.

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## Setting back to previous aerogel size and optics retuning

We placed back the aerogel to the previous size and the optics retuning was made. Reported in **GD/I** meeting.



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## Acceptance after tuning



- The Number of photons detected over different  $\eta$  values are restored.
- The aerogel is providing around 7-8 photons and 18 photons are coming from the gas for saturated particles.

#### But...

# Performance of the gaseous photons at different pseudorapidity

NOT UNIFORM. We don't have optics able to provide good resolution at small, mid and large pseudorapidity.



# Performance of the gaseous photons at different pseudorapidity



Figure: SPE and Ring Resolutions as a function of Pseudorapidity for 50 GeV  $\pi$ 

## Performance of the Aerogel photons at pseudorapidity 3.5



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## Status and Open questions?

Where we stand now:

- Geometrical acceptance restored.
- The aerogel is set back to 95 cm, not to block available place for sensors.
- In Performance checked and expected results observed.

What should we do next and how to do?

- Dual or multi-mirror configuration? Associated difficulty in geometry description and implementation in the DD4Hep. Porting from ATHENA?
- Mirror near beam pipe to pick-up high eta photons, like pfRICH? Reconstruction will be non-trivial. AYK has standalone reconstruction in improvised IRT. Porting already that into Jana?
- Low number of photons from aerogel rings over a large perimeter. How to perform PID in real life? Increase (n-1)? Which values? What are the physics requirements?
- A well-documented database for geometrical constraints on dRICH?