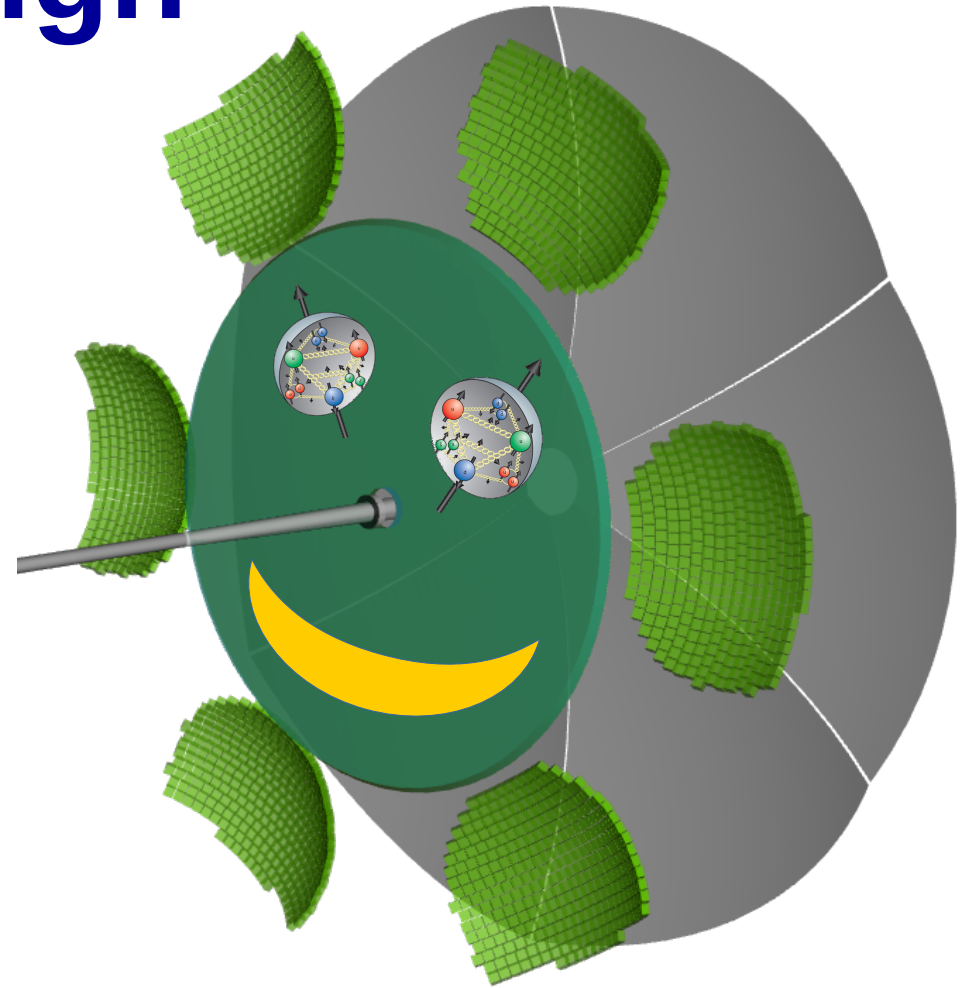


AI-inspired methods for experimental equipment design

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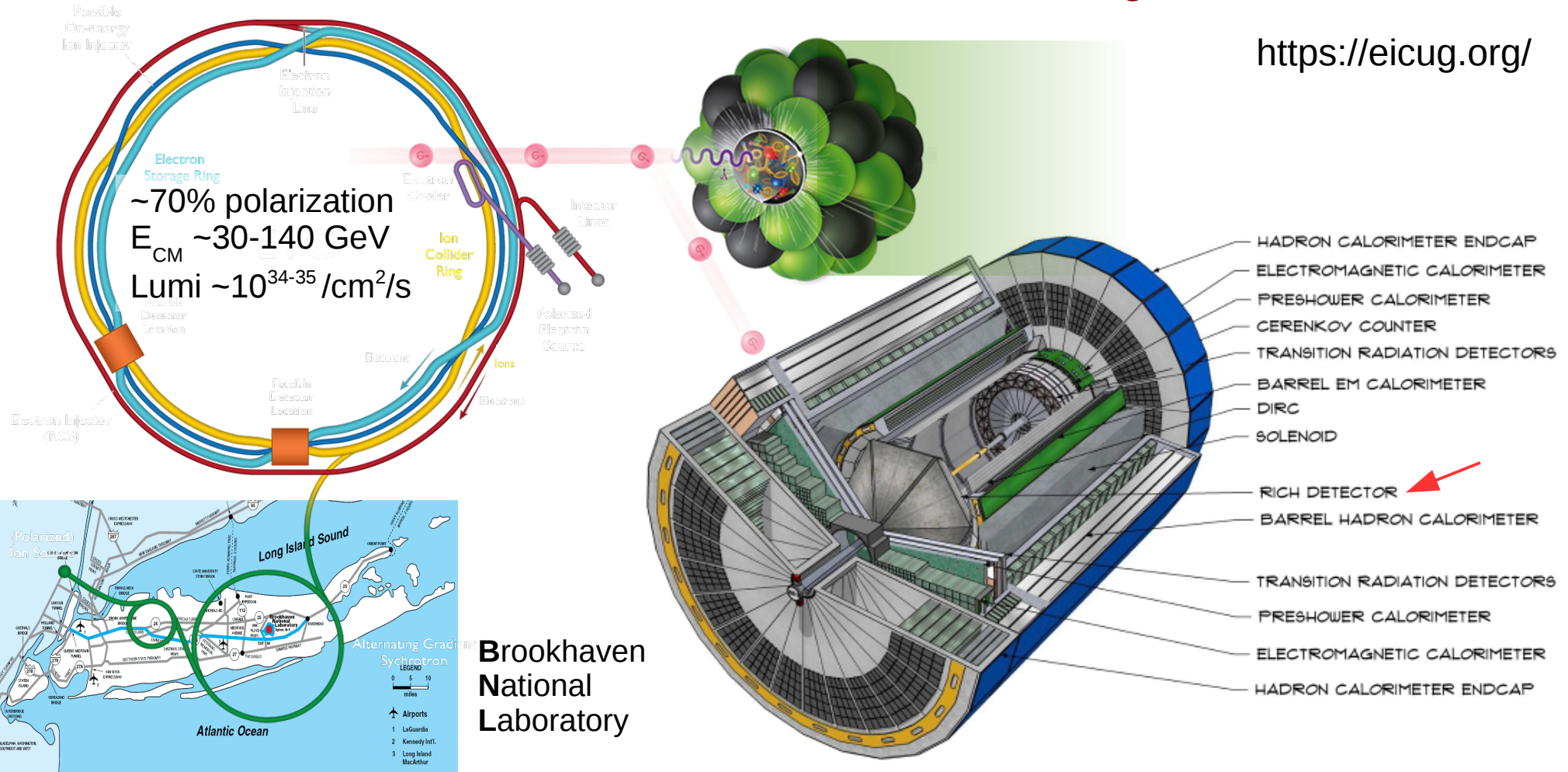
(Original) Physics Context

Activity triggered by the **Electron-Ion Collider eR&D14**

QCD

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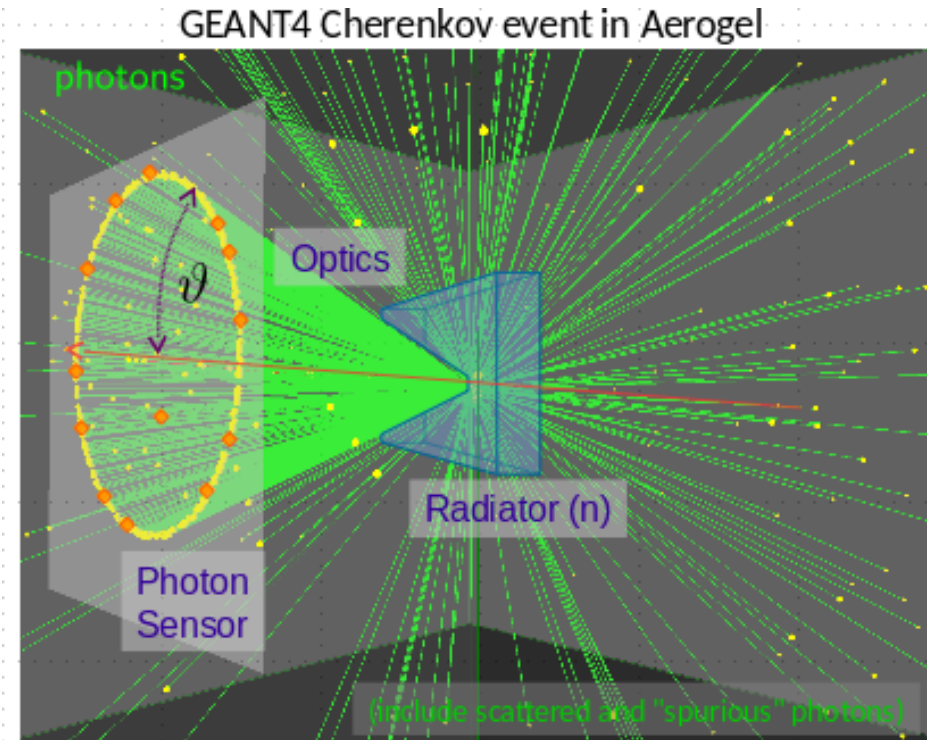


Ring Imaging Cherenkov = Particle Identification detector

RICH principle

Charged particle traversing a material (with $n(\lambda)$ refractive index) at speed $v > c/n$ emits photons on a cone surface with specific angle ϑ depending on v and n : $\cos\vartheta = c/[n(\lambda)v]$

Measuring $\vartheta \rightarrow v \rightarrow$ **mass** (particle type) when momentum is known from other detectors



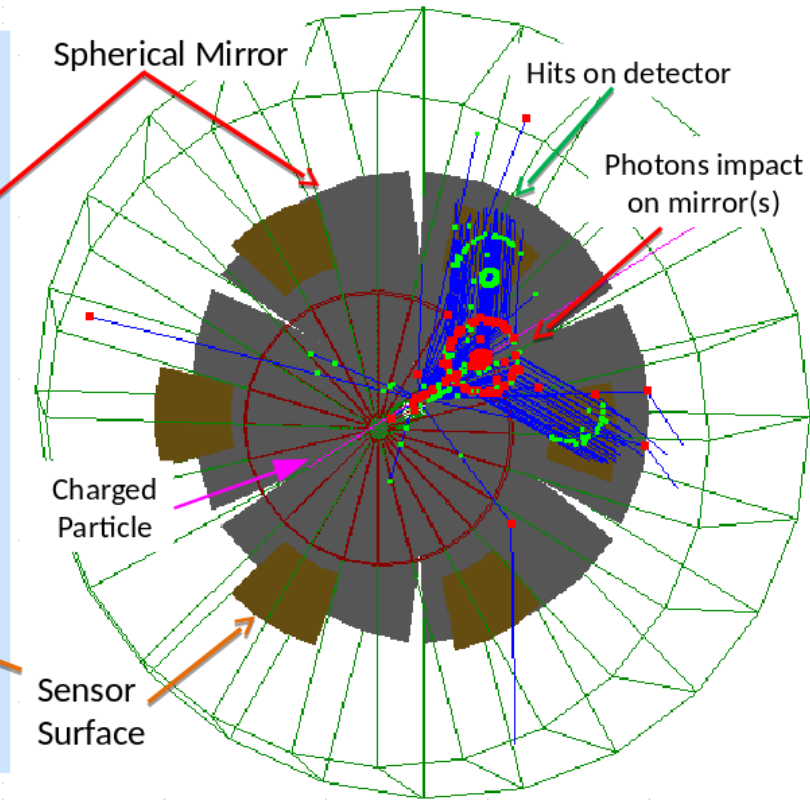
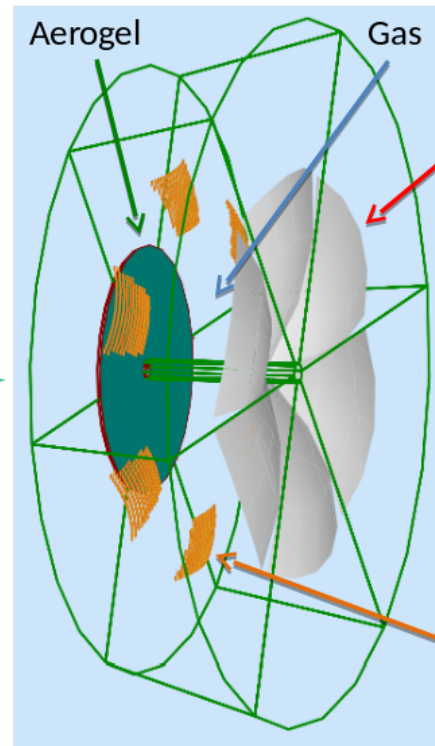
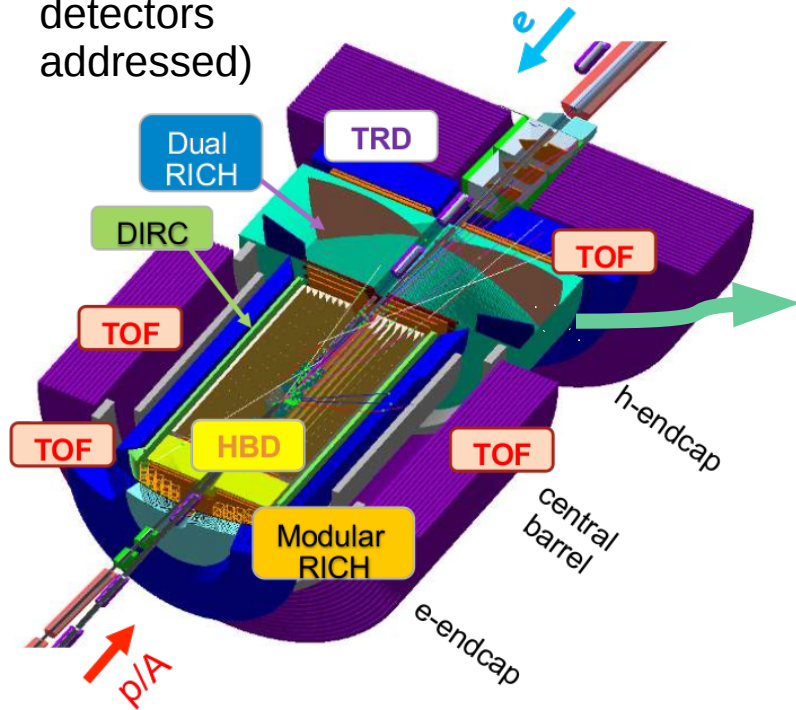
RICH design - rules of thumb:

- Select **radiator(s)** to cover the desired particle range of momenta
- Choose and tune the proper **optics**: focus parallel photons, minimize wavelength dependence, ...
- Identify the **photon position detector**, e.g. high Quantum Efficiency matching the relevant Cherenkov spectrum

Require intensive simulation and prototyping, and many parameters involved

EIC-eRD14/PID dual radiator RICH

EIC spectrometer concept (only PID detectors addressed)



dRICH applicable momenta:

- hadrons ($\pi/K/p$) from 3 to 50 GeV/c
- (byprod.) electron up to ~ 15 GeV/c

Radiators: **Aerogel:** $n \sim 1.02$ + **Gas:** $n \sim 1.0008$

6 Identical Open Sectors (Petals):

- Large Focusing Mirrors with $R \sim 2$ m
- Optical sensors: ~ 3500 cm²/sector, 3 mm pixel size

A. Del Dotto et al., "Design and R&D of RICH detectors for EIC experiment", NIM A876 (2017) 237-240

MO-Optimizer Framework

System (dRICH) defined by a set of (decision) variables $\mathbf{X}=\{x_i\}$, $i=1,\dots,n$ (design space)

The set \mathbf{X} may have bounds and constraints $g_j(\mathbf{X})=b_j$, with $j=1,\dots,m$

parameter	description	range [units]
R	mirror radius	[290.0,300.0] [cm]
pos r	radial position of mirror center	[125.,140.] [cm]
pos l	longitudinal position of mirror center	[-305.,-295.] [cm]
tiles y	shift along y of tiles center	[-5,5] [cm]
tiles z	shift along z of tiles center	[-105,-95] [cm]
tiles x	shift along x of tiles center	[-5,5] [cm]
$n_{aer.}$	refraction index of aerogel	[1.015,1.03]
$t_{aer.}$	aerogel thickness	[3.0,6.0] cm

optimal system
minimize (or maximize)
a set of objective functions $f_k(\mathbf{X})$, $k=1,\dots,p$

$$N\sigma = \frac{\| \langle \theta_K \rangle - \langle \theta_\pi \rangle \|}{\sigma_\theta} N_{pe}$$

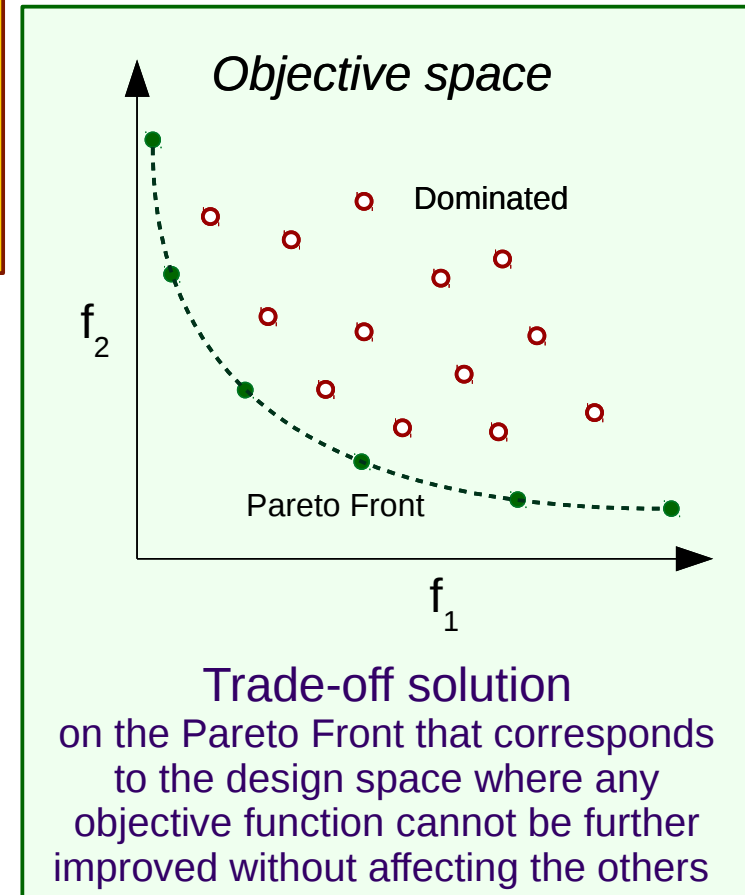
Realistic model (e.g. Monte Carlo validated by literature and prototype tests) **time consuming computation**

Multi-Objective Optimizer

Some optimization approaches:

- Bayesian Optimization → **dRICH**
- Evolutionary Algorithms → Tracker
- AI-driven model/Digital Twin + ML → Calorimeter

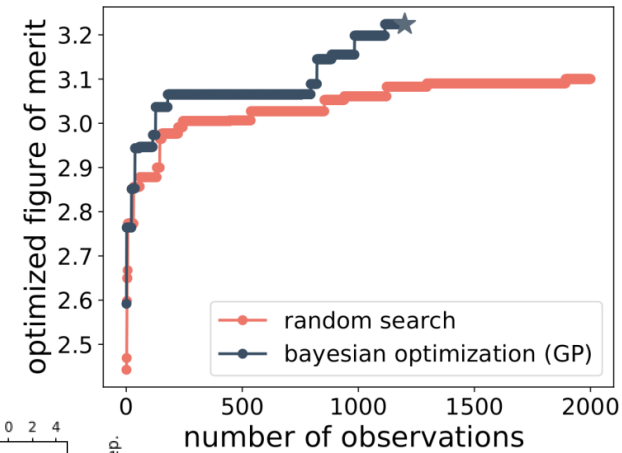
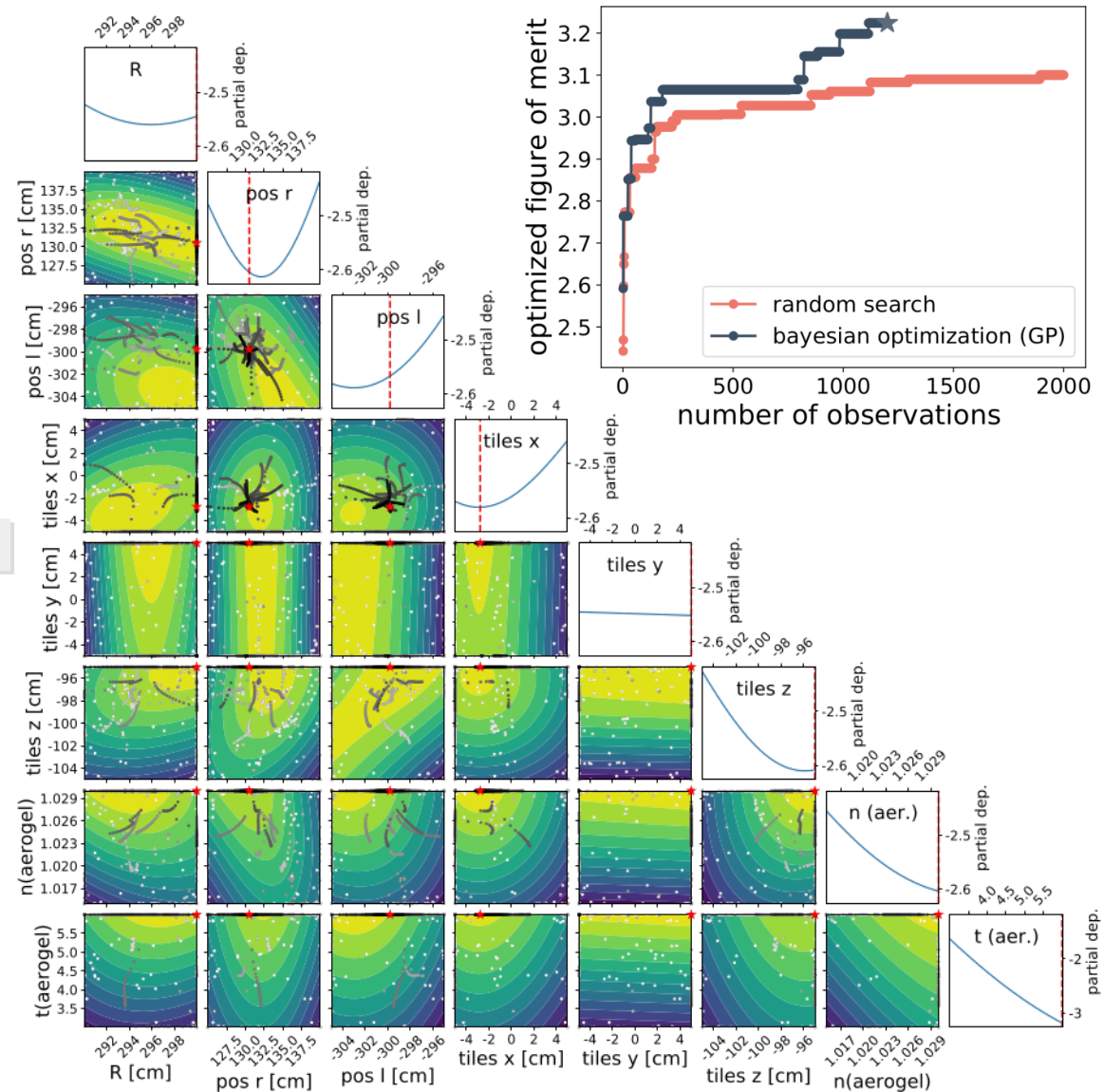
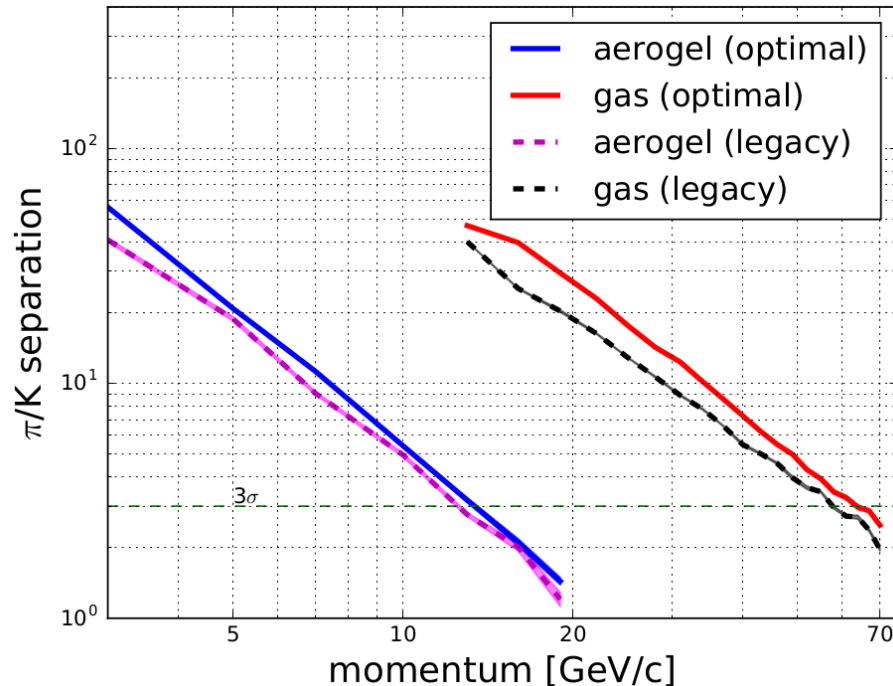
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Bayesian Optimization - dRICH use case

1. Model the “black box” figure of merit (expensive to compute, derivative is unknown) as probability distribution → the prior (cheap to compute, surrogate model)
2. Apply Bayes inference to get the posterior which better approximate the “black box”
3. Use a strategy (acquisition function) to choice next design point to be evaluated
4. Iterate sequential evaluation of design points

<http://krasserm.github.io/2018/03/21/bayesian-optimization/>



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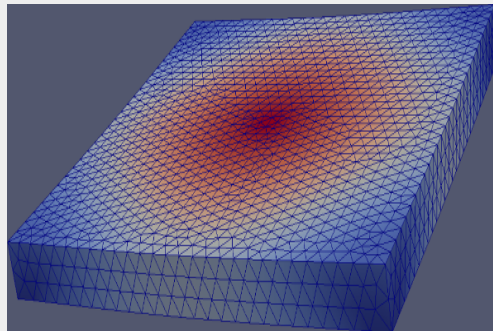
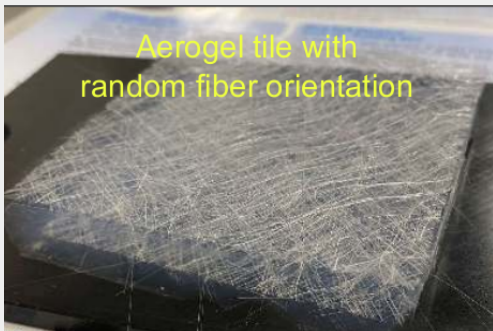
Next applications of MO-Optimization

Development of composite aerogel Cherenkov radiator

- aerogel has exceptional properties (e.g. $n \sim 1.03$, $\rho \sim 0.15 \text{ g/cm}^3$) but poor mechanical characteristics (e.g. brittleness), making it difficult to handle
- Mechanical strength can be improved by introducing fibers into the aerogel (composite aerogel) at the cost of worsening the optical properties

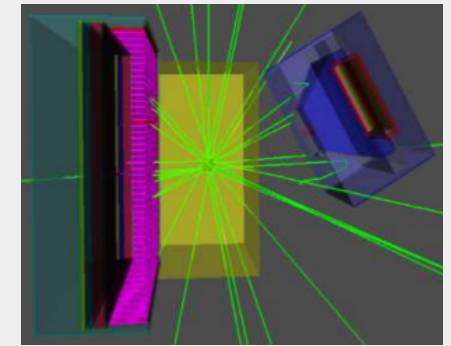
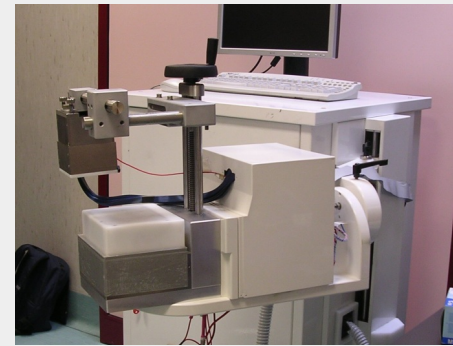
→ Find optimal trade off between number of fibers, size, distribution and optical aerogel performances

- combine FEM (Elmer), Cher. simulation (Geant4) and Bayesian Optimizer



Scintimammography for early breast cancer diagnosis

- asymmetric dual head detectors with limited angle tomographic capability



→ Define and implement a prototype system driven by automated optimization which maximizes detectability and minimizes absorbed dose

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