



# Report of the technical coordinator

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SPD Collaboration Meeting  
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## Ongoing activity for this year

- First meeting with the Detector Advisory Committee (DAC) was held on May 25
  - The most of questions/comments will require the MC study
  - Critical points were the SC magnetic system and ECal
- 1-st Technical Board meeting was held on May 26
  - Reviewing the status of the SPD hardware: hall, experimental setup, electronics
- SPD collaboration meeting on June 8-10
  - Thursday is fully dedicated to hardware. 20 min talk for every subsystems
- Presentation of DAC at the Program Advisory Committee (PAC) of JINR will be at the end of June
- 2-nd Technical Board meeting is planned for October
- Preparation for the beam tests at Nuclotron in Nov-Dec
  - LMC (MARUSYA) and HMC are under major upgrade now
- First version/draft of TDR by the end of this year



## View of the SPD experimental area on May 26



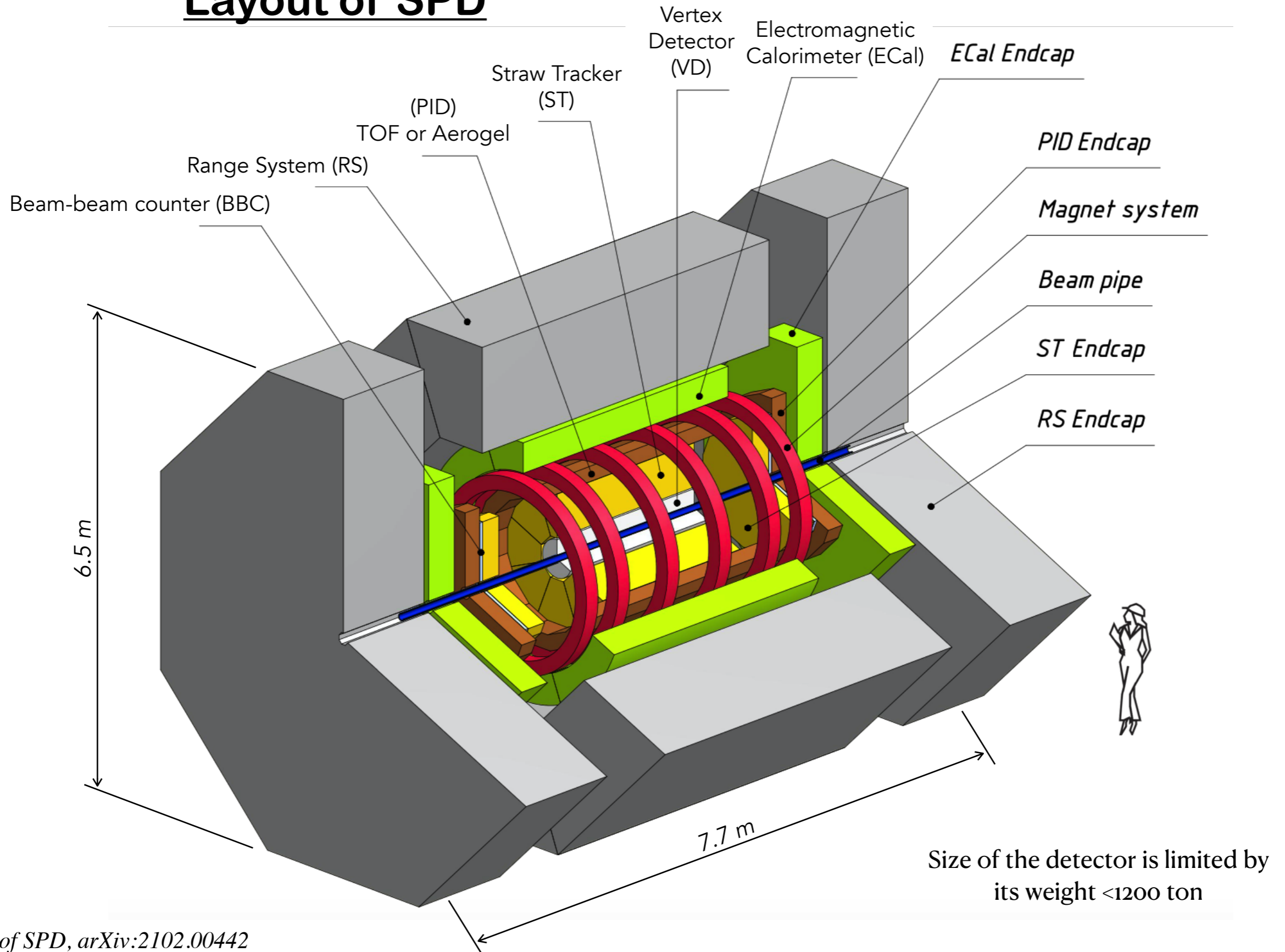
- The installation of the formwork in the hall is being completed.
- Pouring of concrete has started on June 2. The filling will take place in 3 stages.
- The floor will be filled with epoxy resin this summer.
- Purchase and installation of sub-rail plates is required. The procedure should start this year.



**Unloading zone of the SPD hall is used to store collider parts**

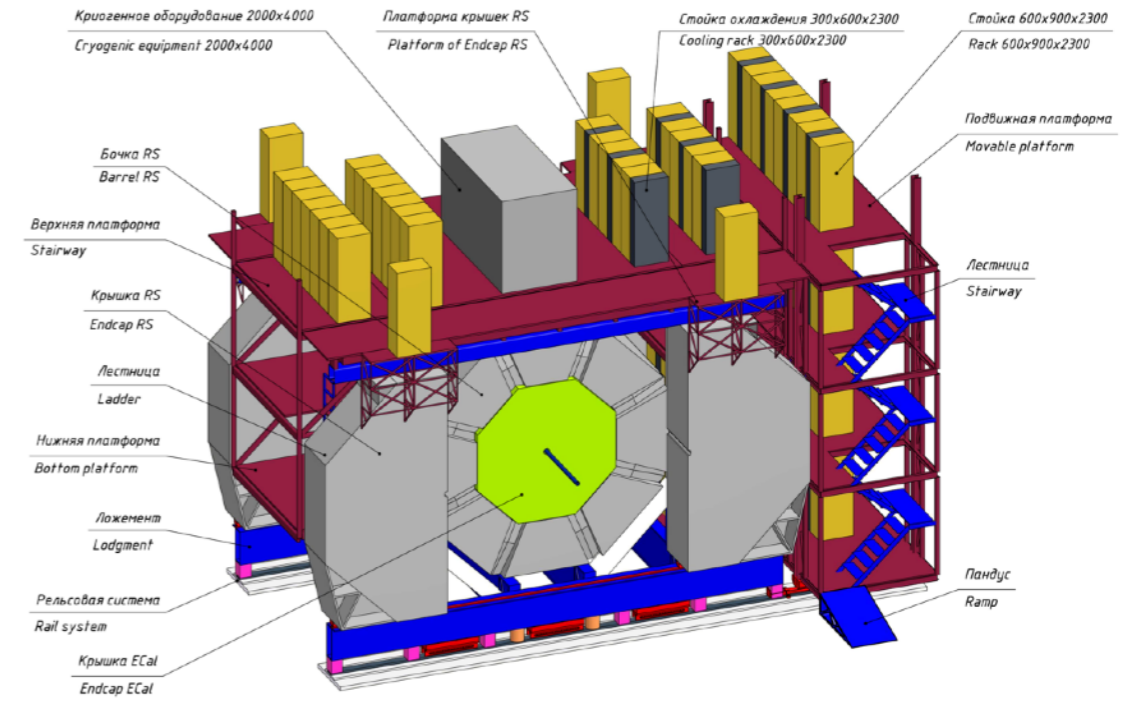
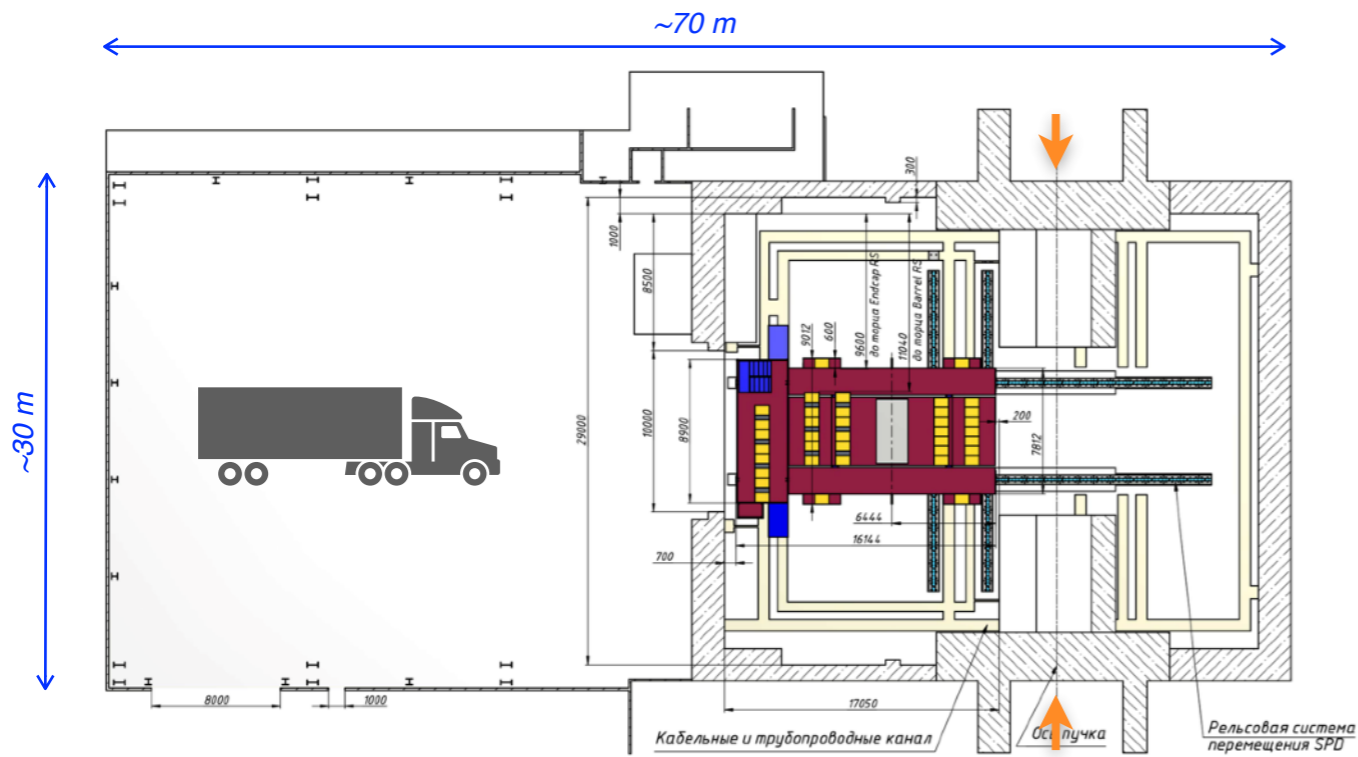


# Layout of SPD

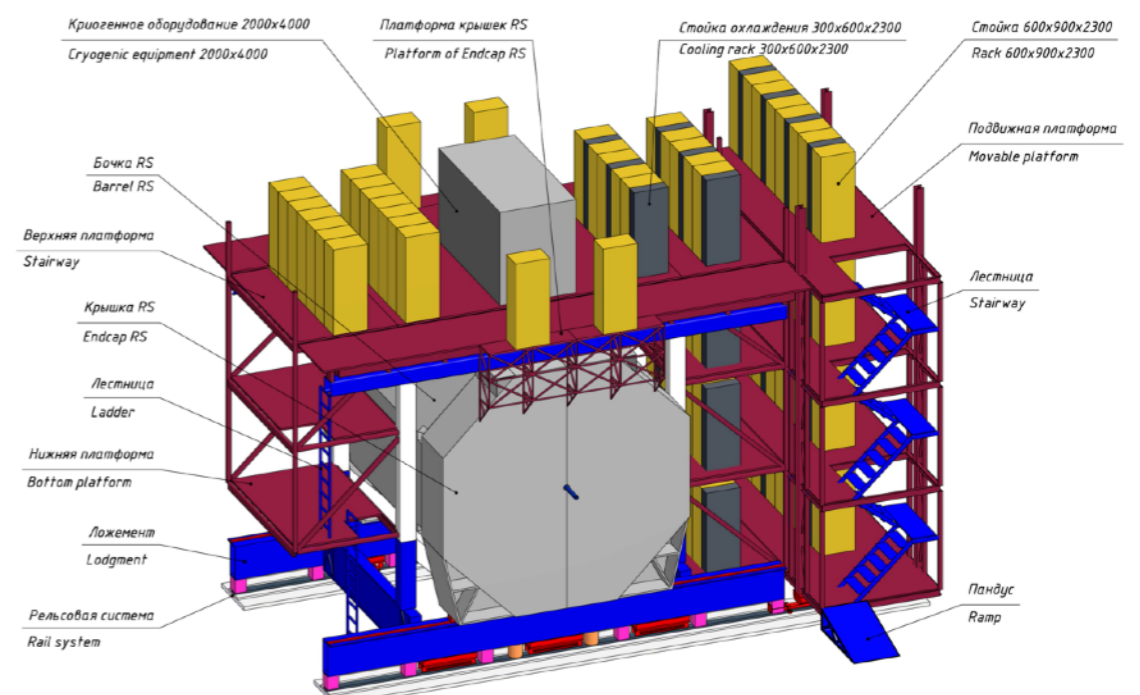
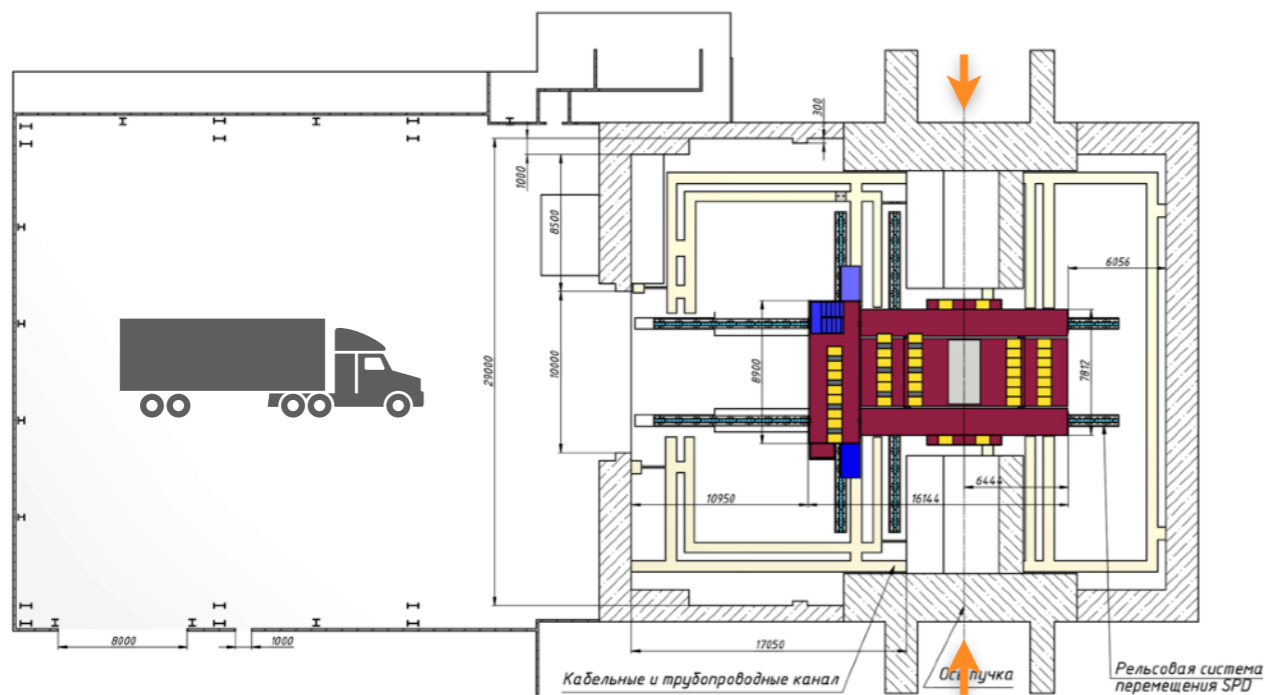




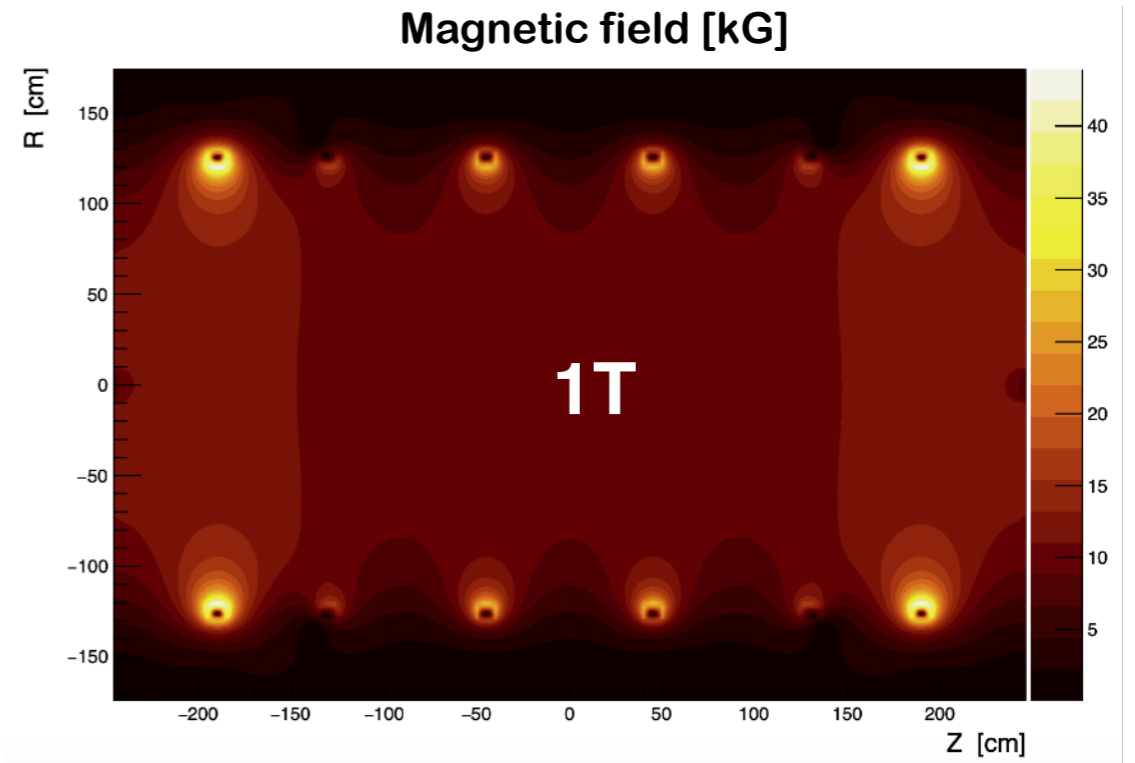
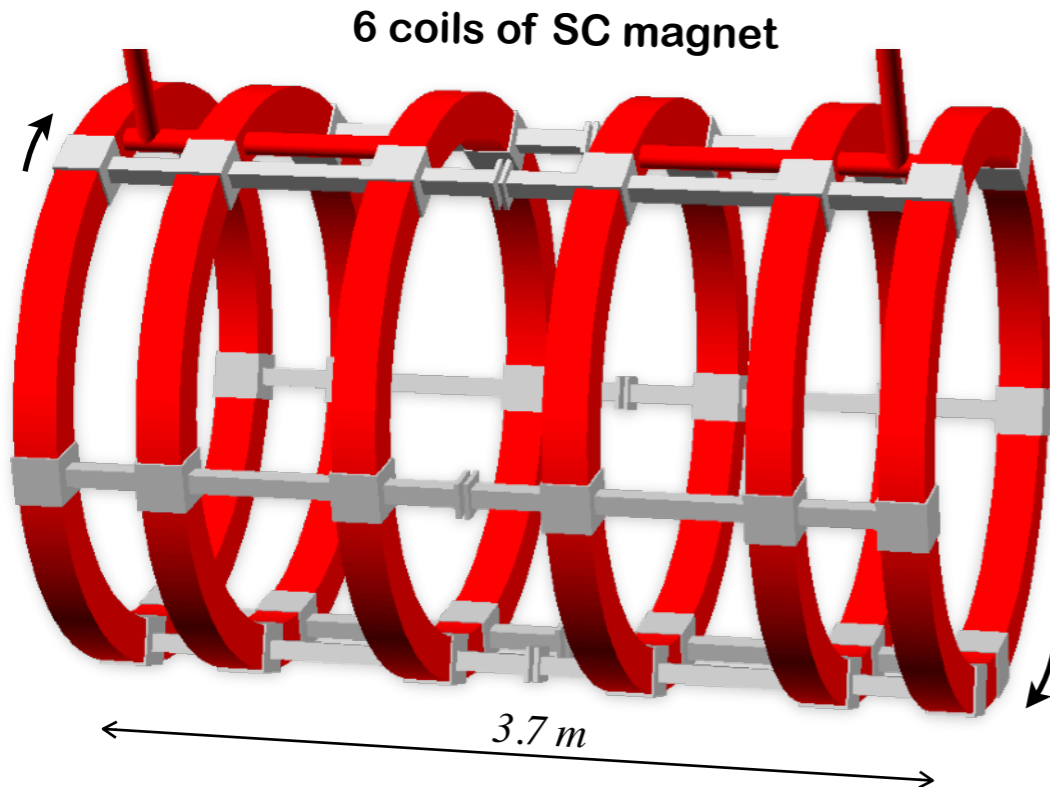
## Assembling position



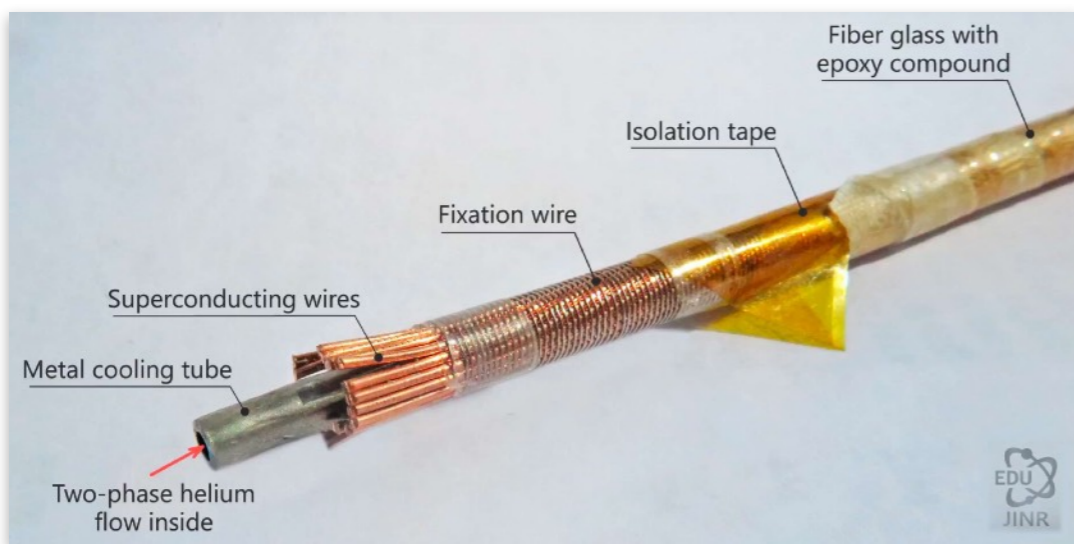
## Beam position



# Superconductive magnetic system of SPD



## SC cable used for magnets of Nuclotron

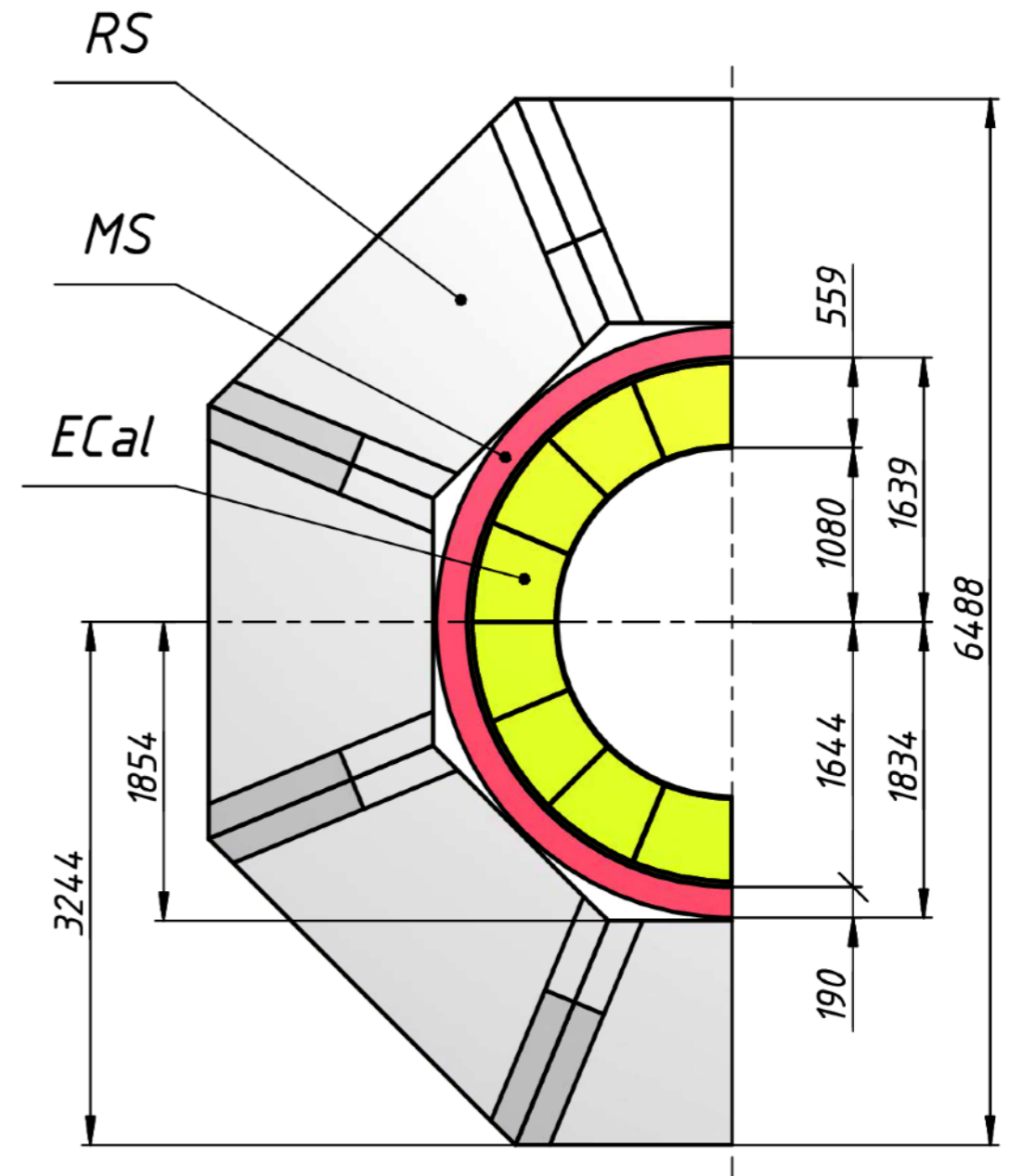
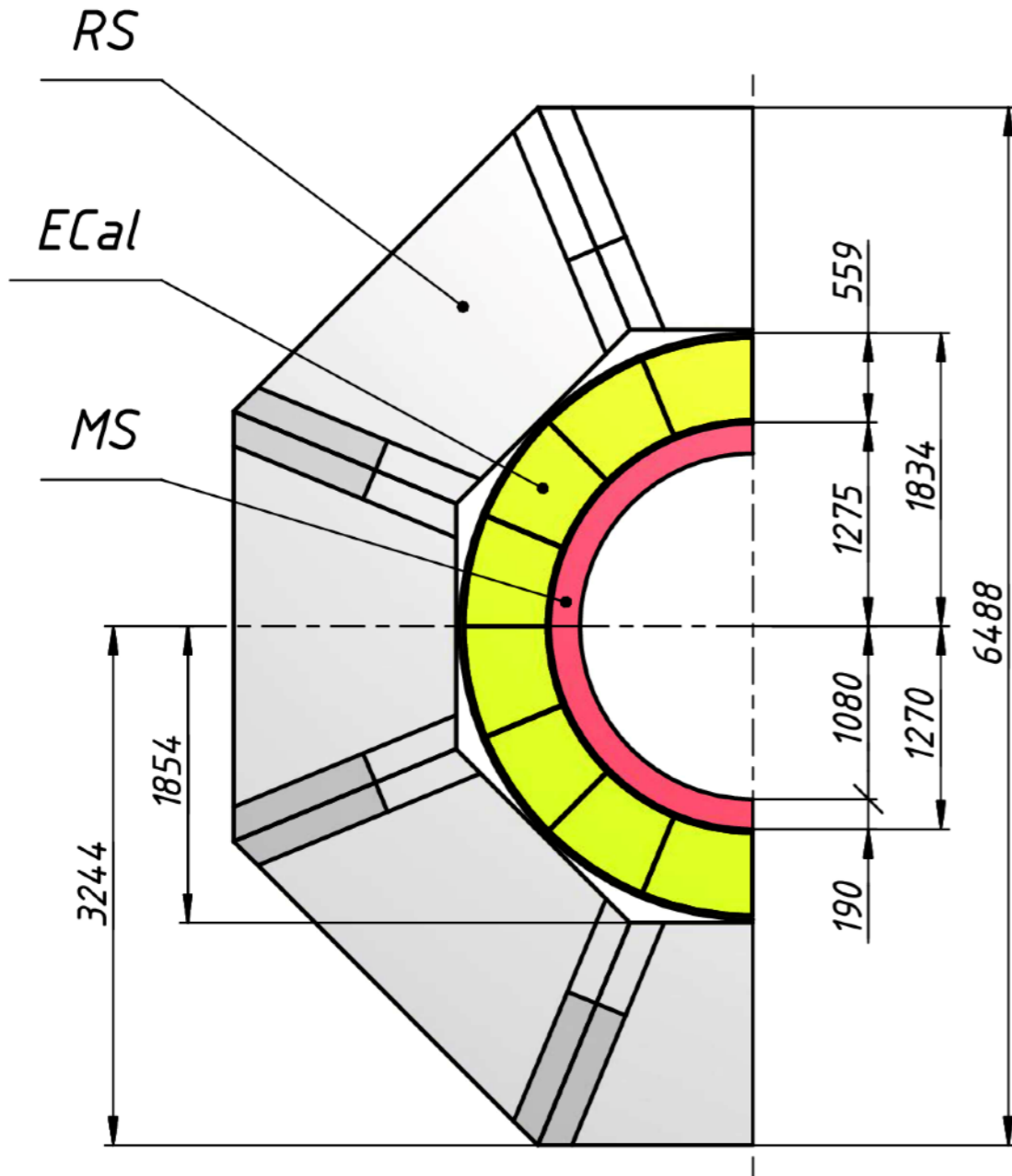


- 6 isolated superconductive coils
  - Minimization of total amount of material
- Every coil consists of 60 turns of NbTi/CuNi cable with the 10 kA current
  - Total current:  $60 \times 10 \text{ kA} = 600 \text{ kA} \cdot \text{turn}$
- The same cable as used in Nuclotron magnets: hollow superconductor with the helium flows inside ( $\sim 4 \text{ K}$ )
- Similar cryogenic system as the one of Nuclotron

# SC coil location with respect to ECal

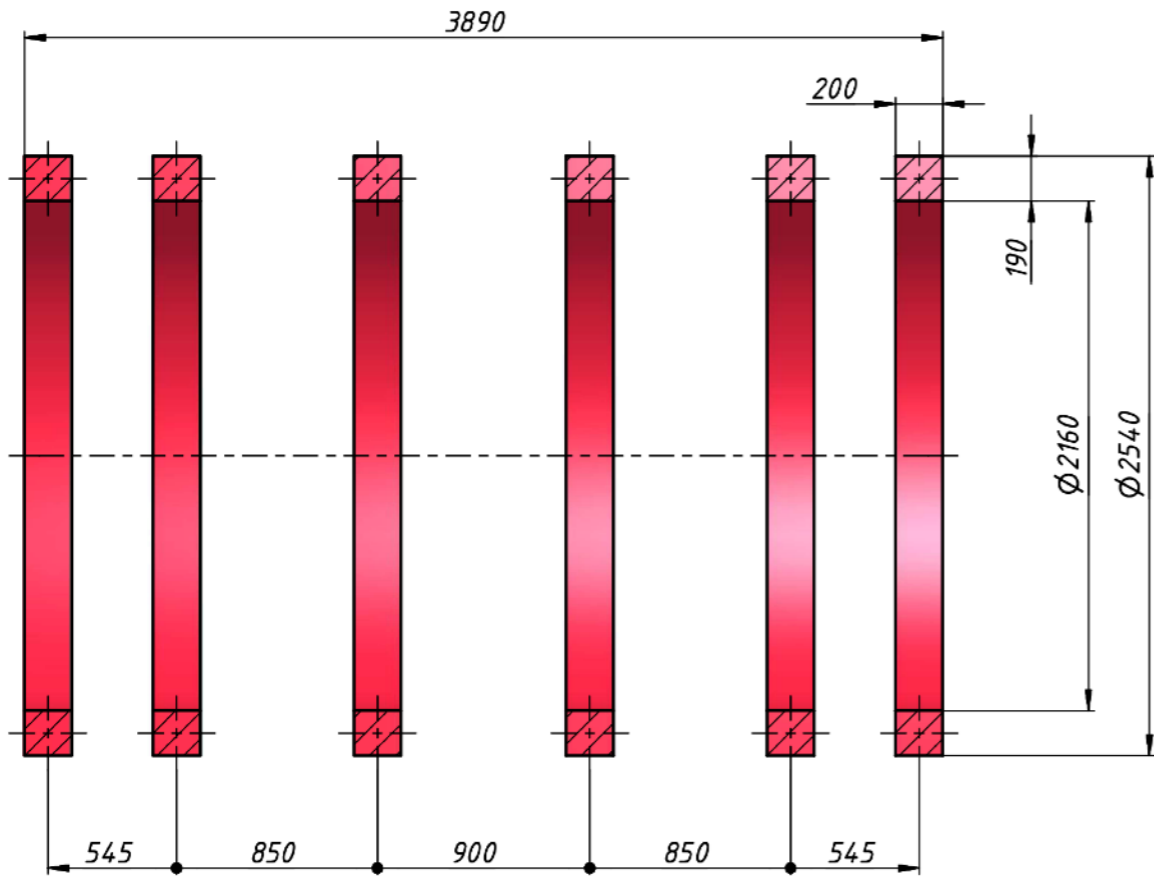
CDR version / A.Kovalenko  
Coil cross-section is 20 cm x 20 cm

Option under discussion / D.Nikiforov  
Coil cross-section is 40 cm x 20 cm

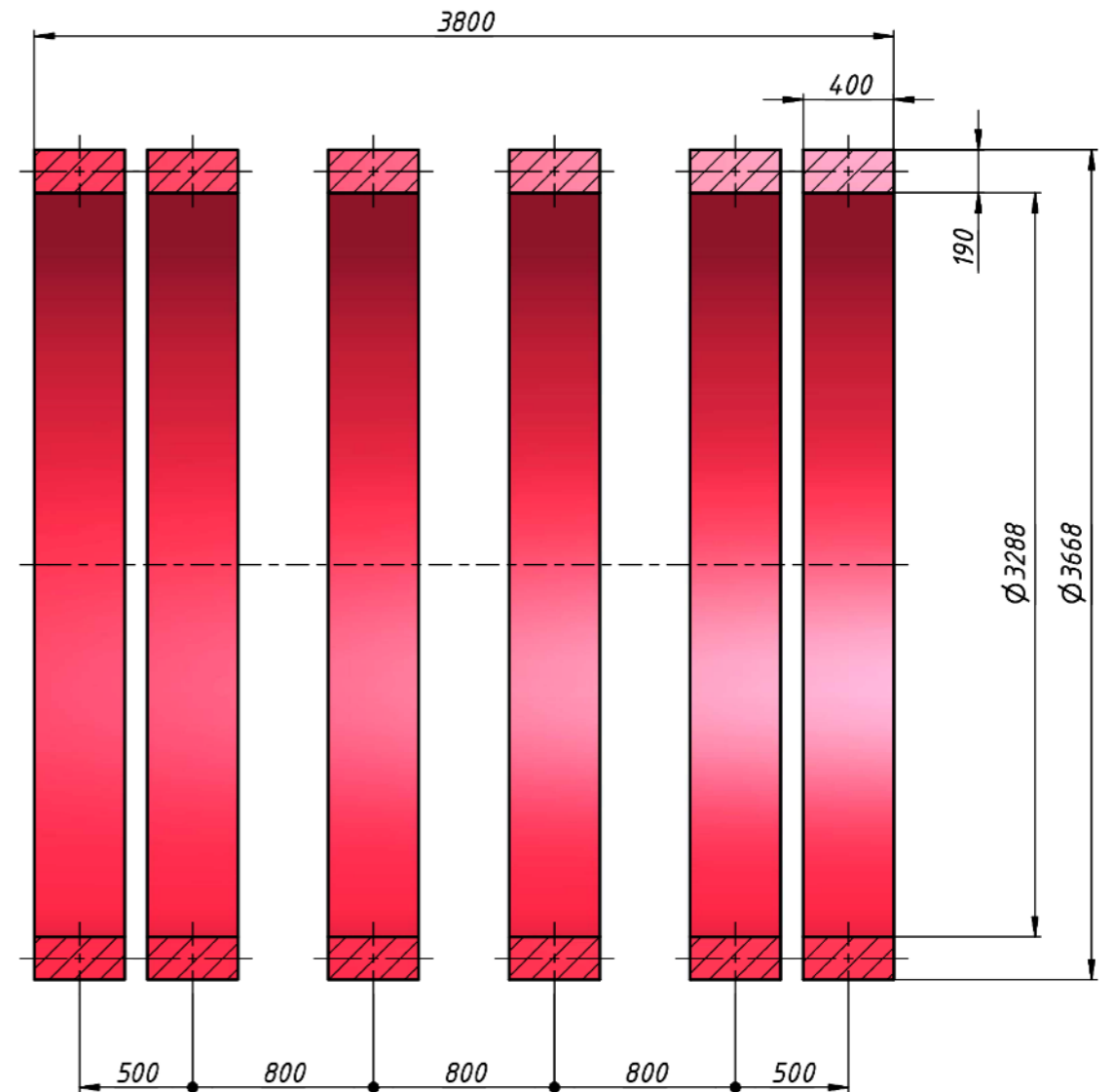


# Two options for SC coils

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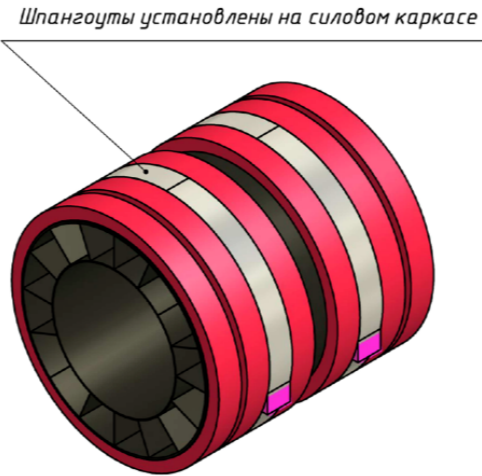
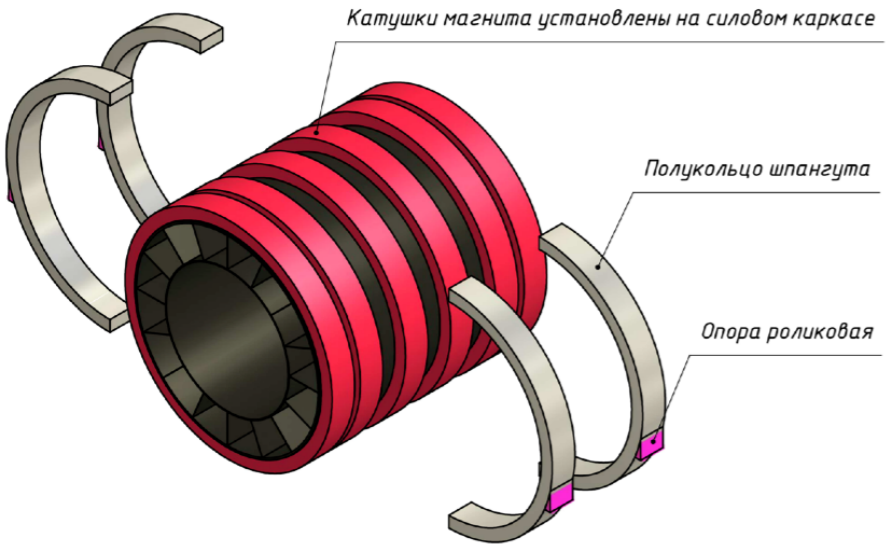


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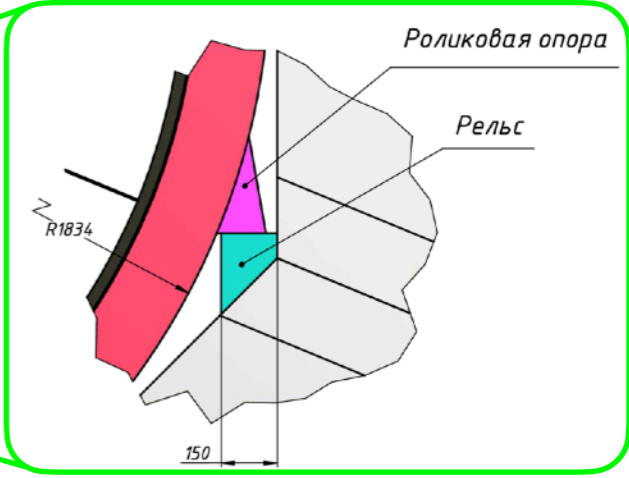
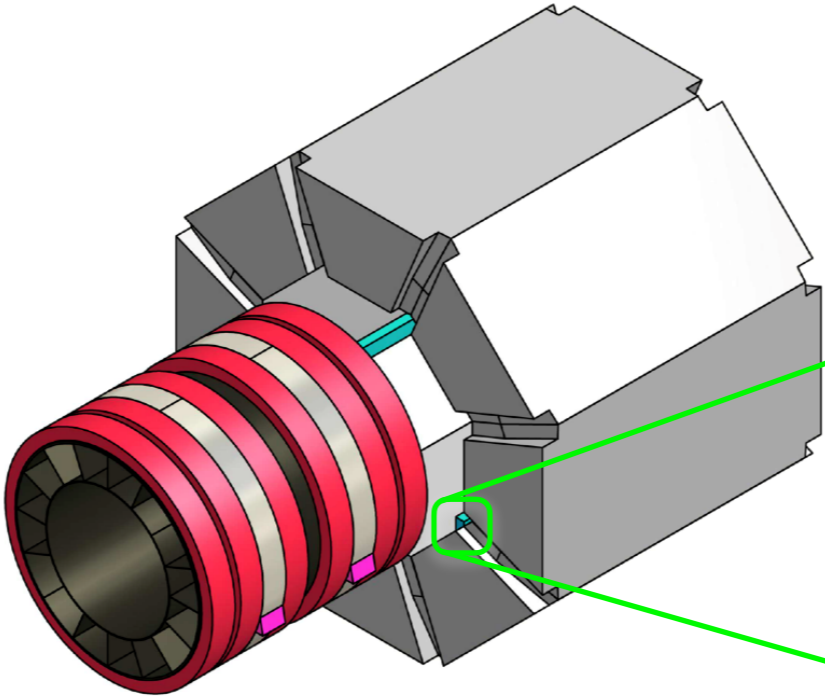
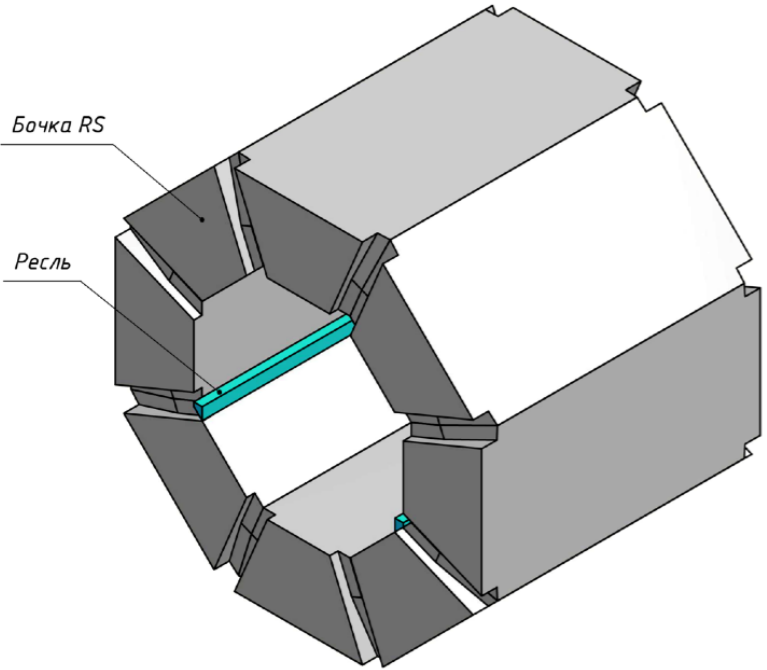




# Option with the SC coils outside ECal



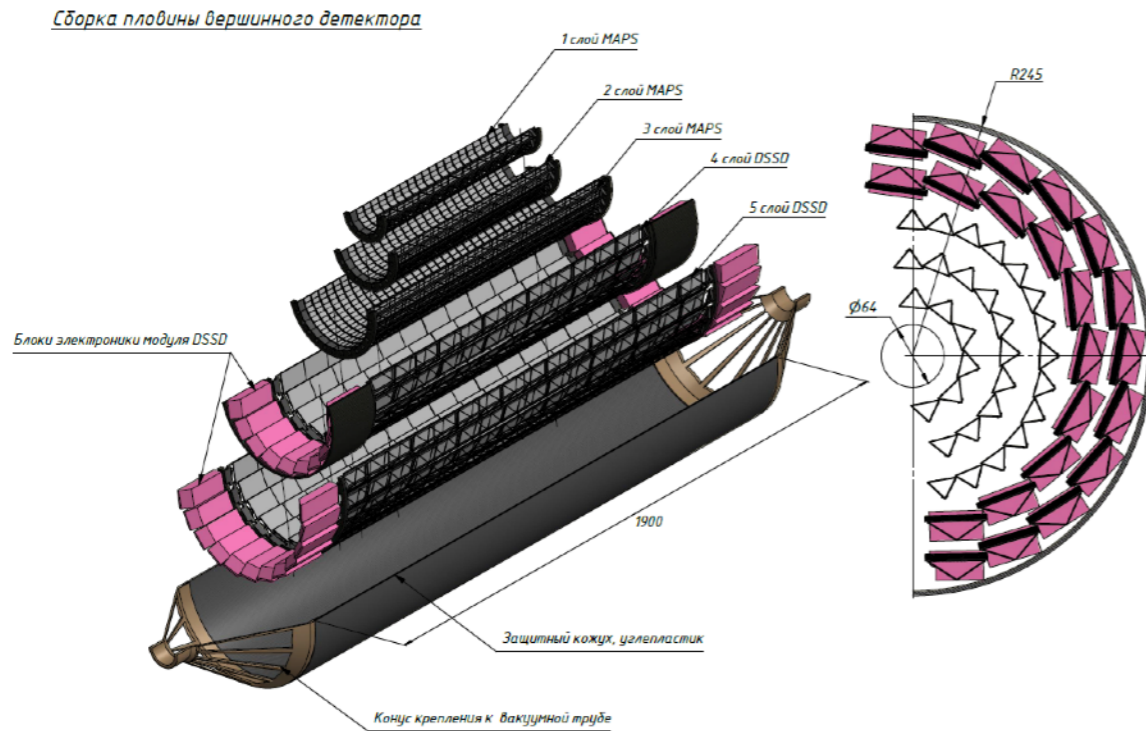
Монтаж силового каркаса в бочку RS



- Advantages:
  - No problem with amount of materials  $\Rightarrow$  safer for coils
  - Magnetic field is more uniform for tracking detectors
- Weak points:
  - Diameter is larger by 1.1m  $\Rightarrow$  challenge to build
  - Coils can be taken out only with the power frame of ECal

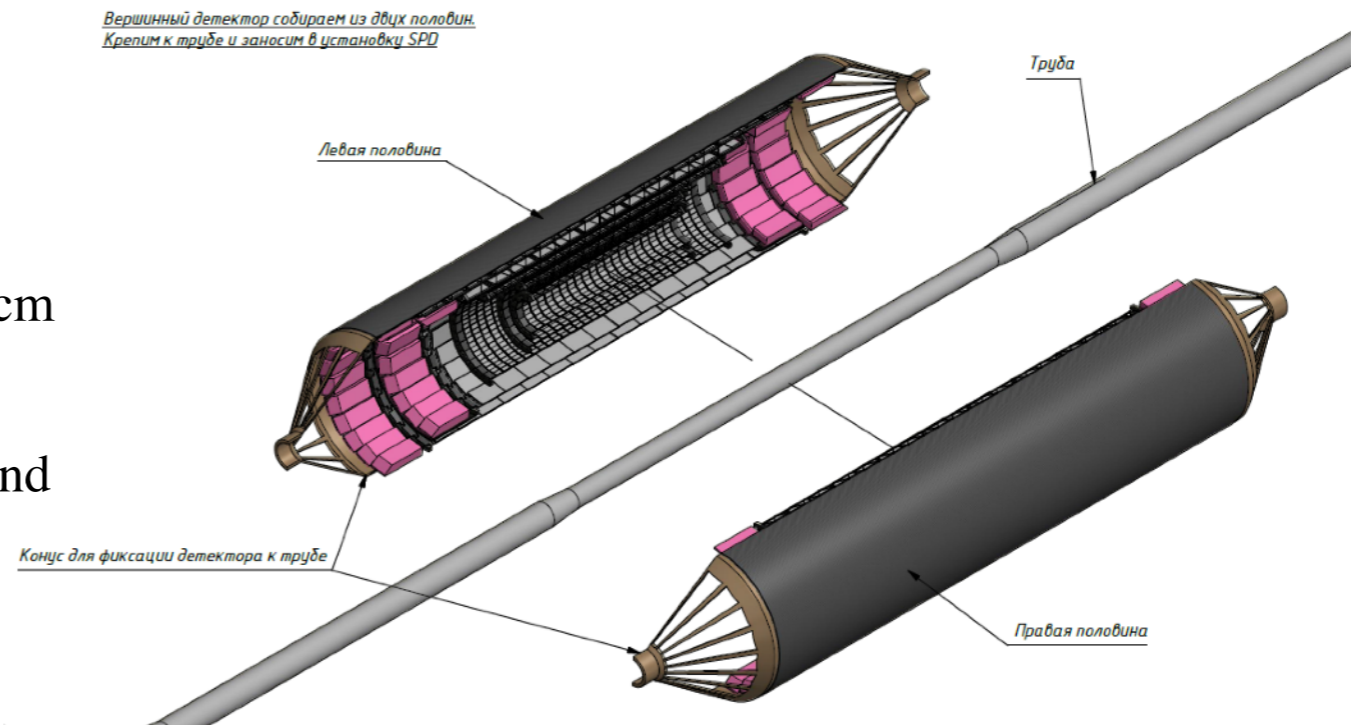


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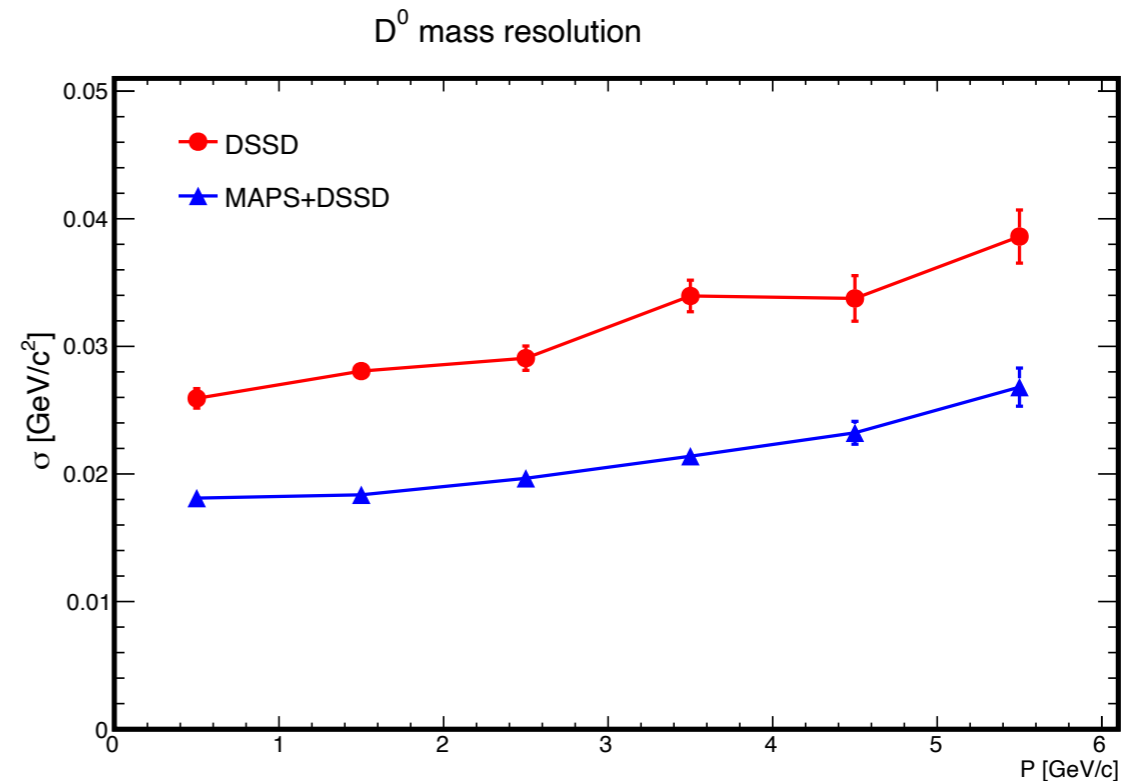
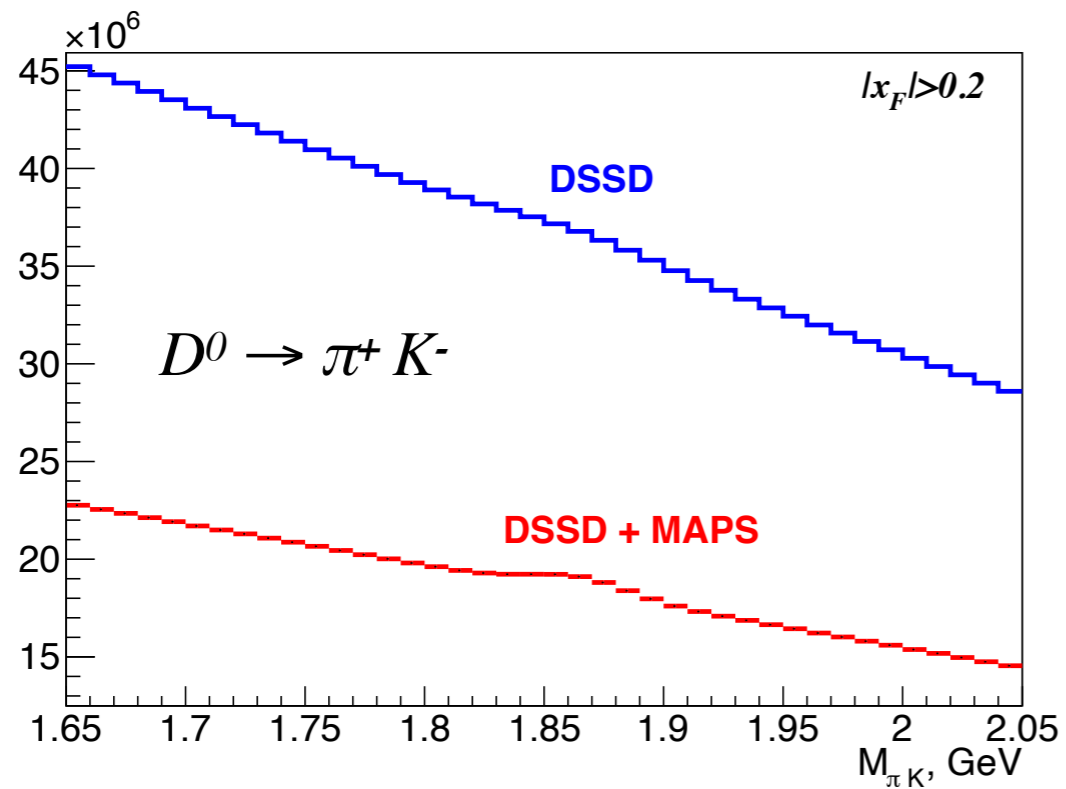
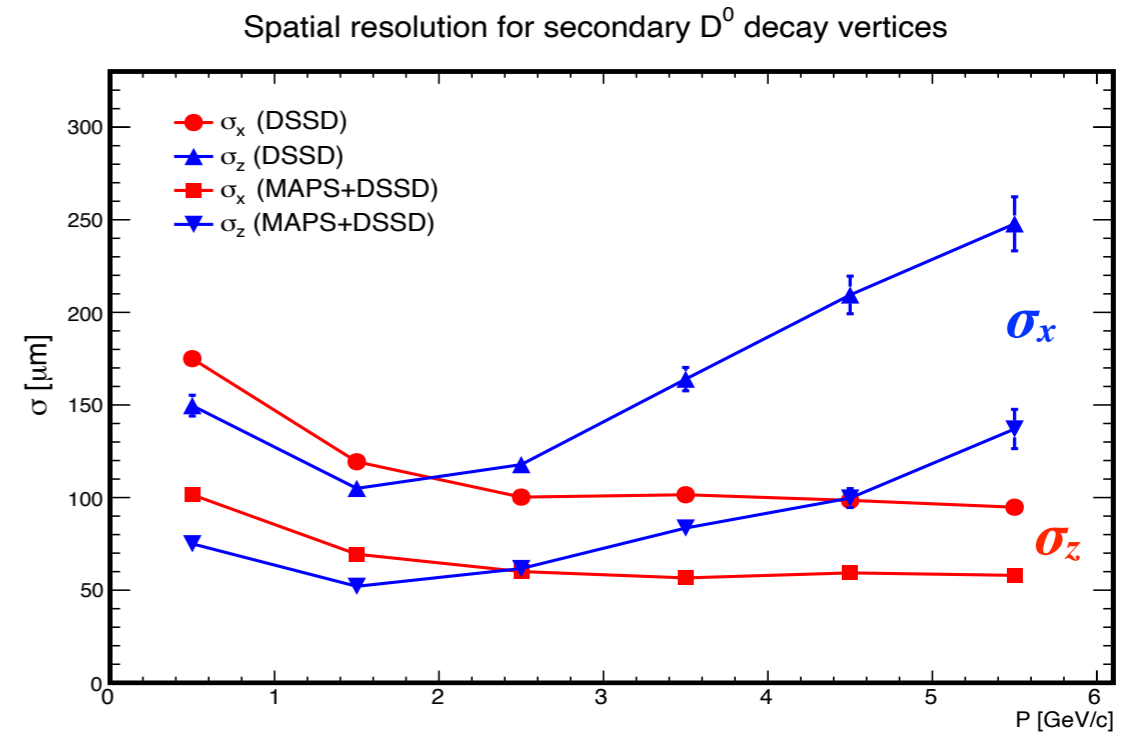
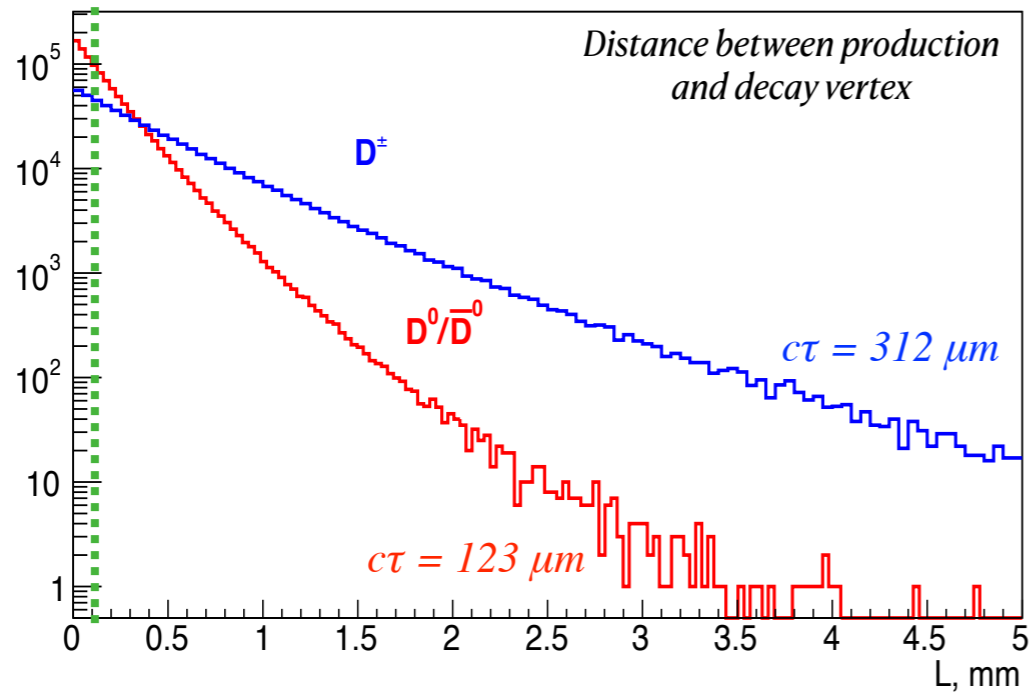


- Inner tracking system of SPD: barrel + endcaps
- Reconstruction of D meson decay vertices
- 5 layers = 2 DSSD + 3 MAPS
  - Double Side Silicone Strip (DSSD), 300  $\mu\text{m}$  thickness, strip pitch 95  $\mu\text{m}$  - 281  $\mu\text{m}$
  - Monolithic Active Pixel Sensors (MAPS) designed and produced for ALICE, pixel size 29  $\mu\text{m}$   $\times$  27  $\mu\text{m}$

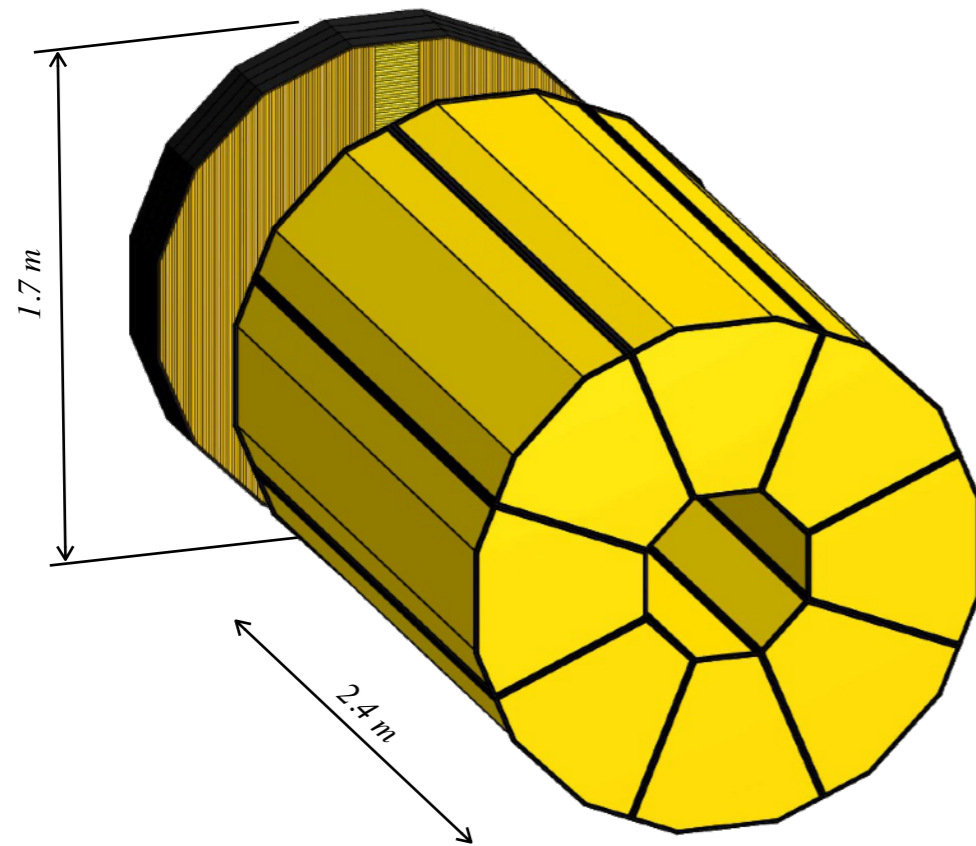
- Low material budget
- As close as possible to the beam pipe  $5 < R < 25$  cm
- Spatial resolution  $< 100$   $\mu\text{m}$
- Use of MAPS improves the signal-to-background ratio of D meson peak by a factor of 3



# MC study: DSSD compared to MAPS+DSSD



## Straw Tracker (ST)



- Main tracker system of SPD
- Barrel is made of 8 modules with up to 30 double-layers, with the *ZUV* orientation
- Endcaps are made of 12 double-layers with the *XYUV* orientation
- Vast experience in straw production in JINR for several experiments: NA58, NA62, NA64; prototypes for: COZY-TOF, CREAM, SHiP, COMET, DUNE.

- Maximum drift time of 120 ns for  $\varnothing=10\text{mm}$  straw
- Spatial resolution of 150  $\mu\text{m}$
- Expected DAQ rate up to half MHz (electronics is limiting factor)
- Number of readout channels  $\sim 50\text{k}$
- Can be used for PID if energy deposition is detected

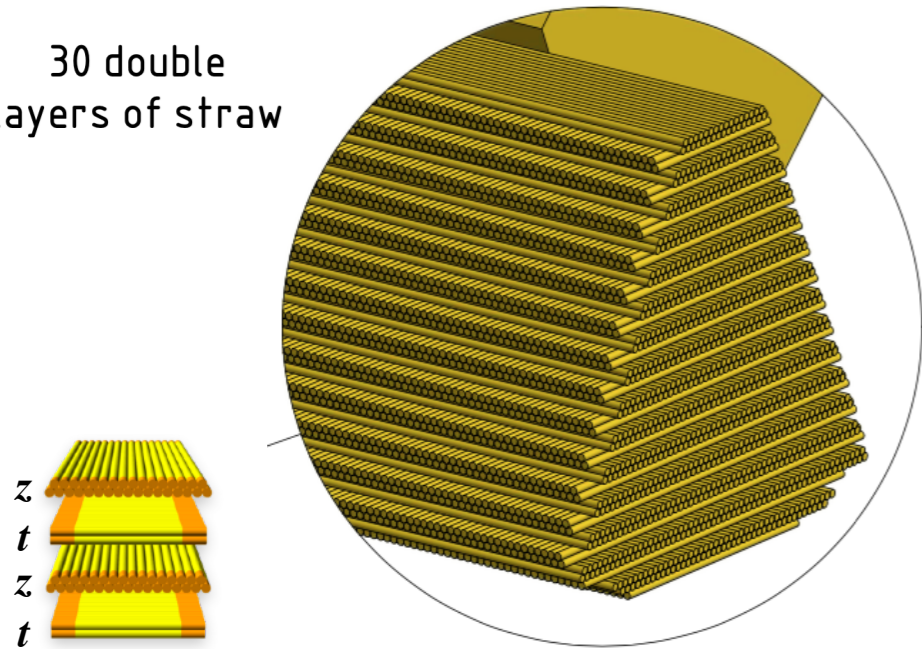




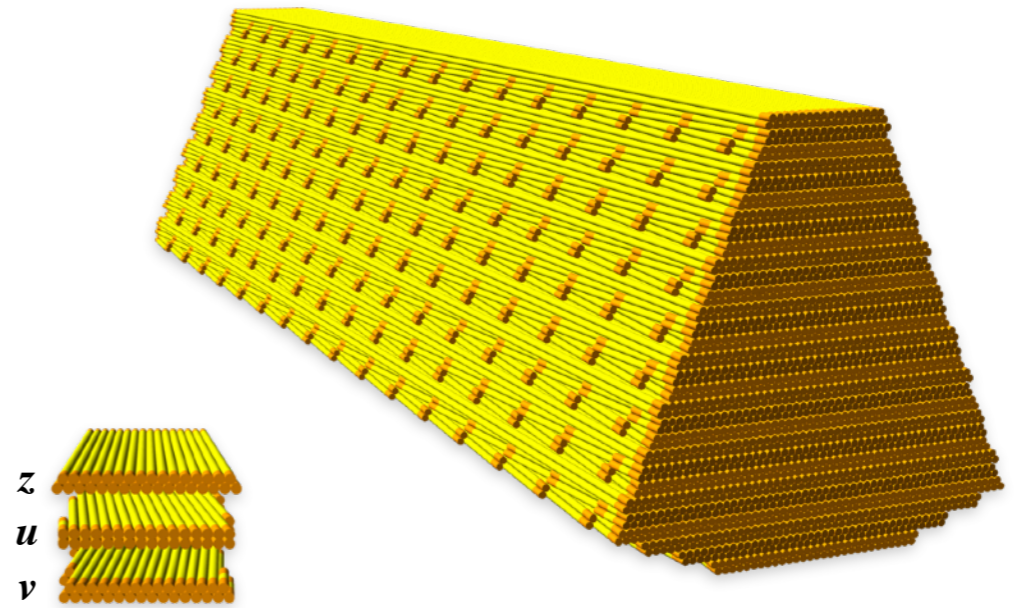
# Straw Tracker (ST)

CDR version (end of 2020)

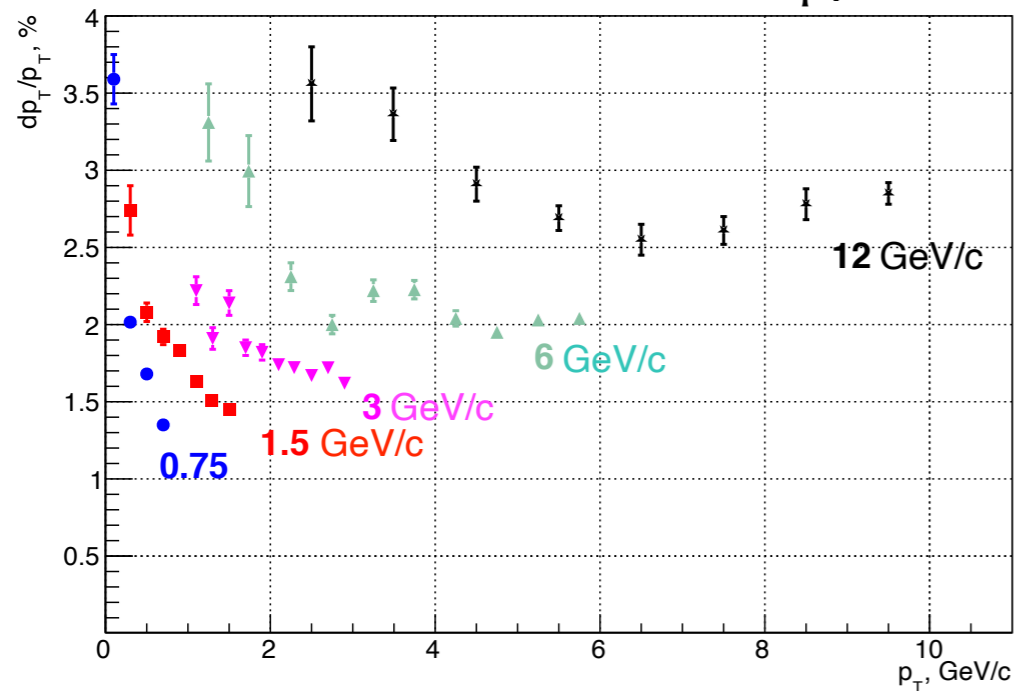
30 double layers of straw



Layers 10x(ZUV)



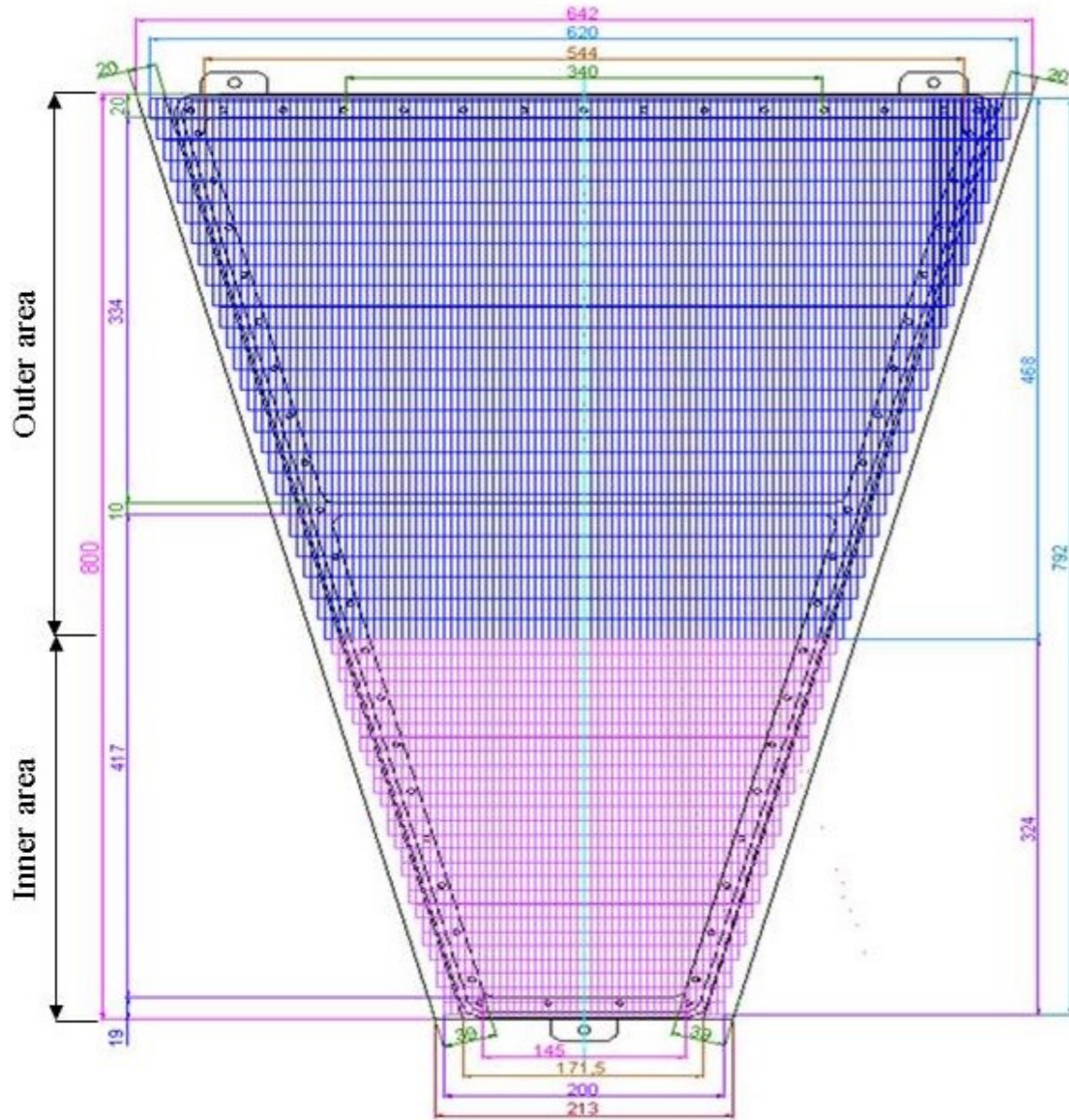
Momentum resolution vs  $p_T$



- Majority of tubes should be oriented  $\perp$  to the bending plane
- Number of channels can be reduced by a factor of 3
- Less dead space due to covers & electronics

# PID: TPC compared to Straw in respect of the dE/dx analysis

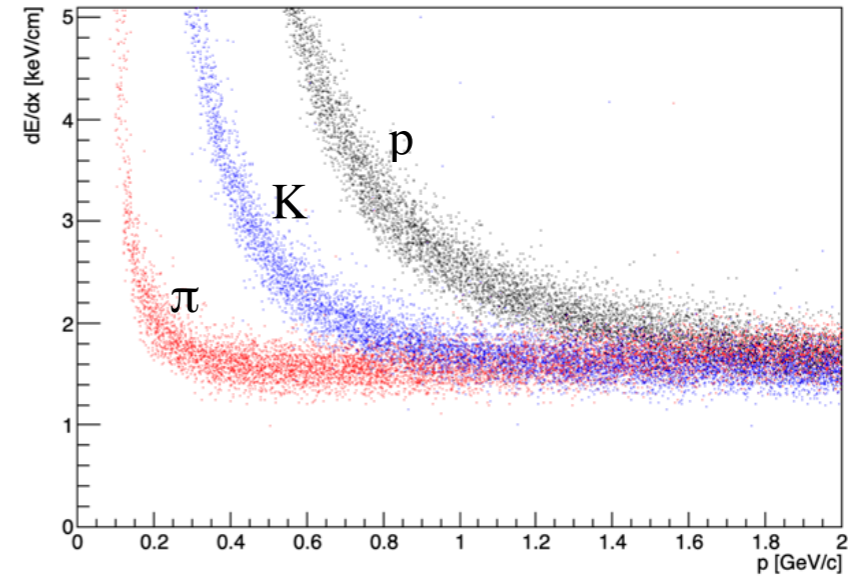
## TPC of MPD



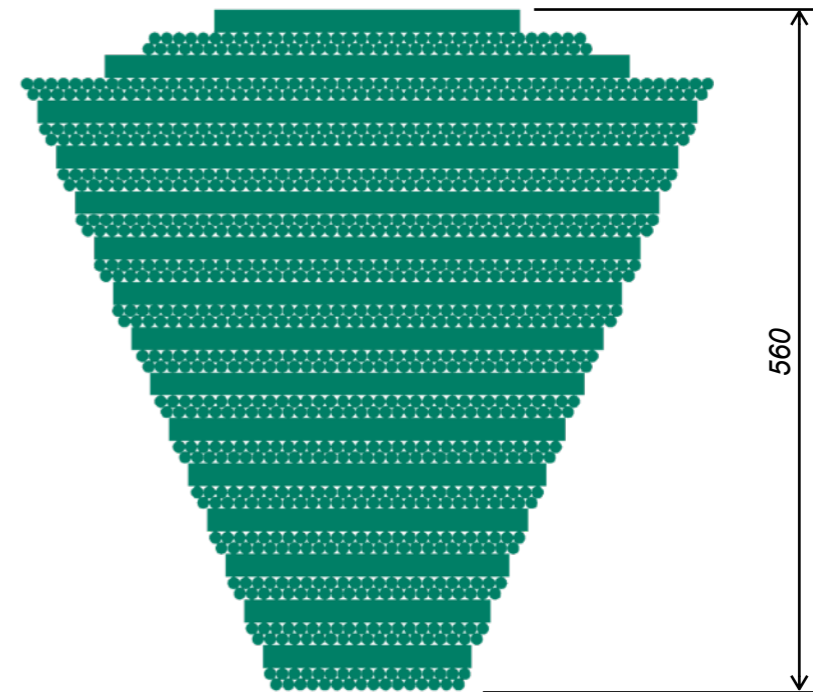
Inner pads:  $S = 5\text{mm} \times 12\text{mm} = 60\text{mm}^2$   
 Outer pads:  $S = 5\text{mm} \times 18\text{mm} = 90\text{mm}^2$

Maximum drift time  $30 \mu\text{s}$

MC simulation for Straw



## Straw of SPD



$\varnothing=10\text{mm}$  straw:  $S = 78\text{mm}^2$   
 $\varnothing=5\text{mm}$  straw:  $S = 20\text{mm}^2$

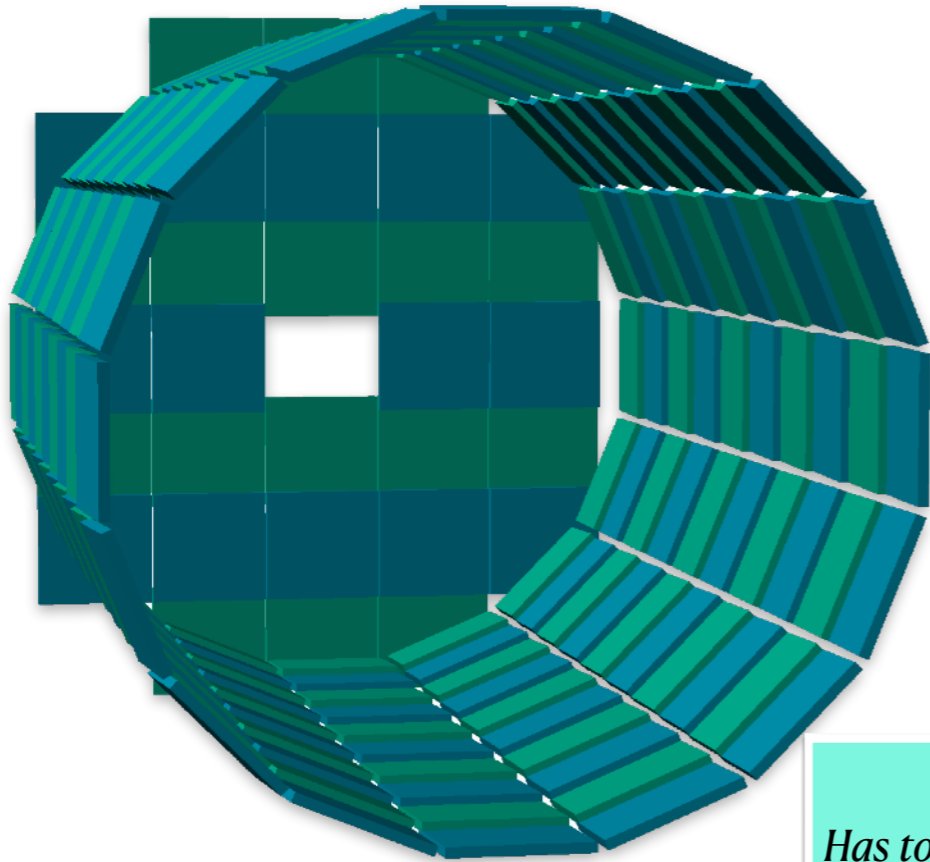
Maximum drift time  $120 \text{ ns}$



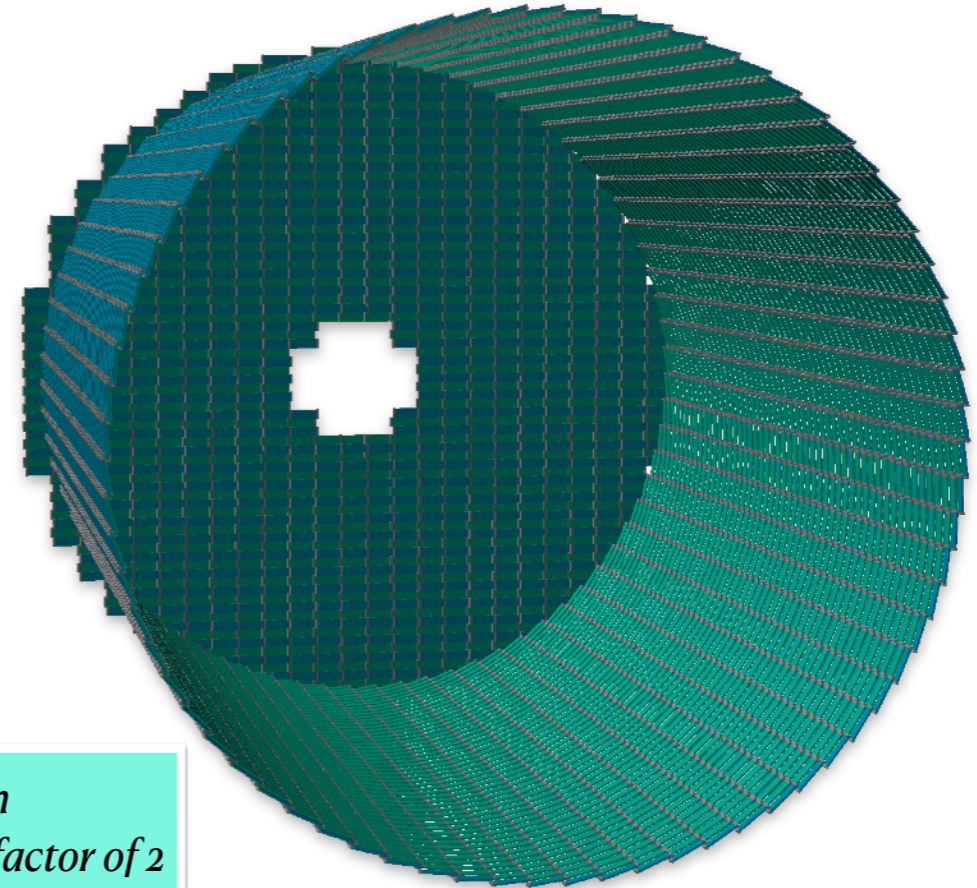
A.Semak, E.Ladyguine  
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# PID: Time-of-Flight (TOF)

mRPC option

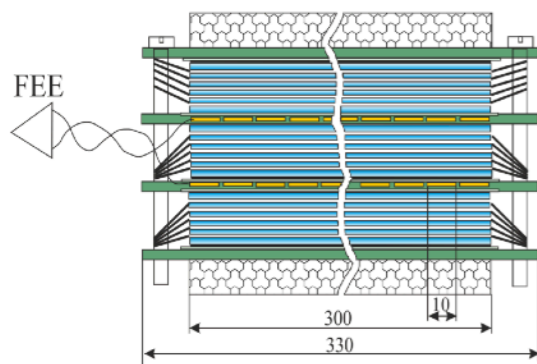


Plastic scintillator option

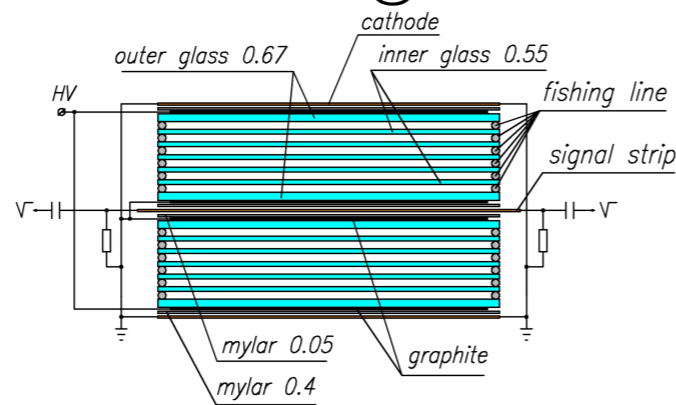


*~60 ps resolution  
Has to be improved by a factor of 2*

TOF MPD

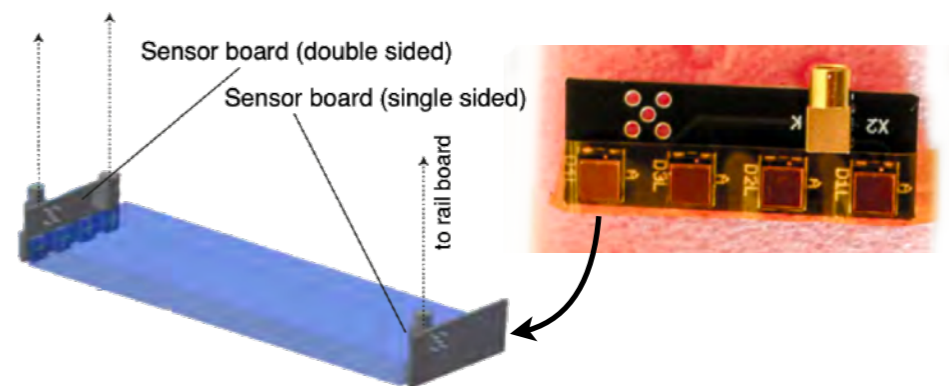


TOF BM@N



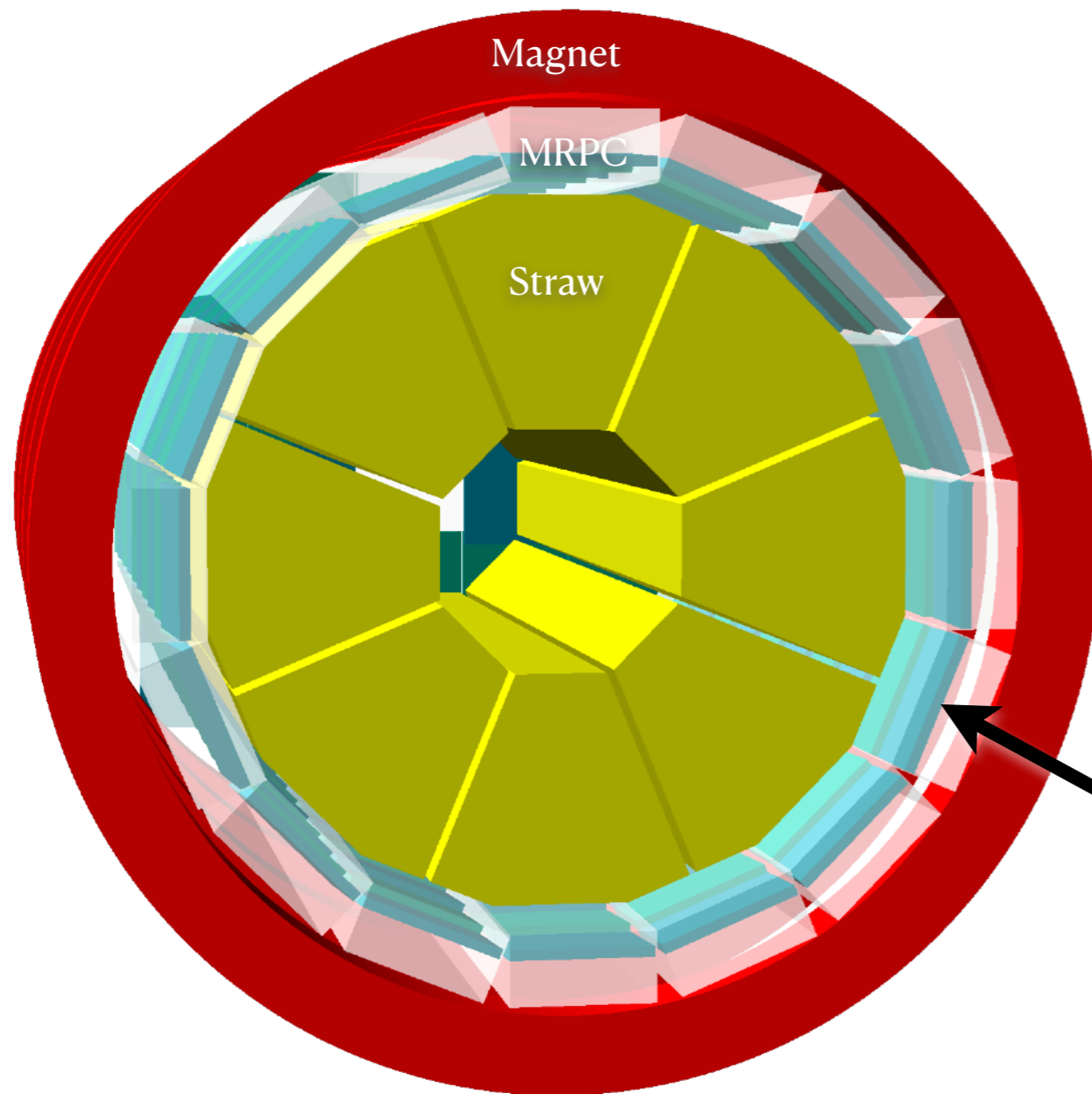
MPD NICA TDR TOF, Nov 2018, Rev 3.0

Inspired by the TOF of PANDA

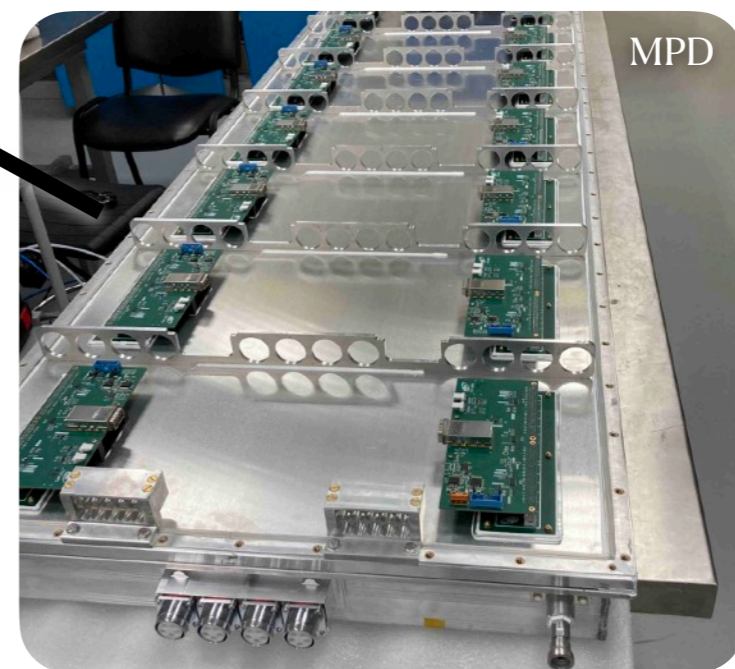


TDR for the PANDA Barrel TOF, July 4, 2018

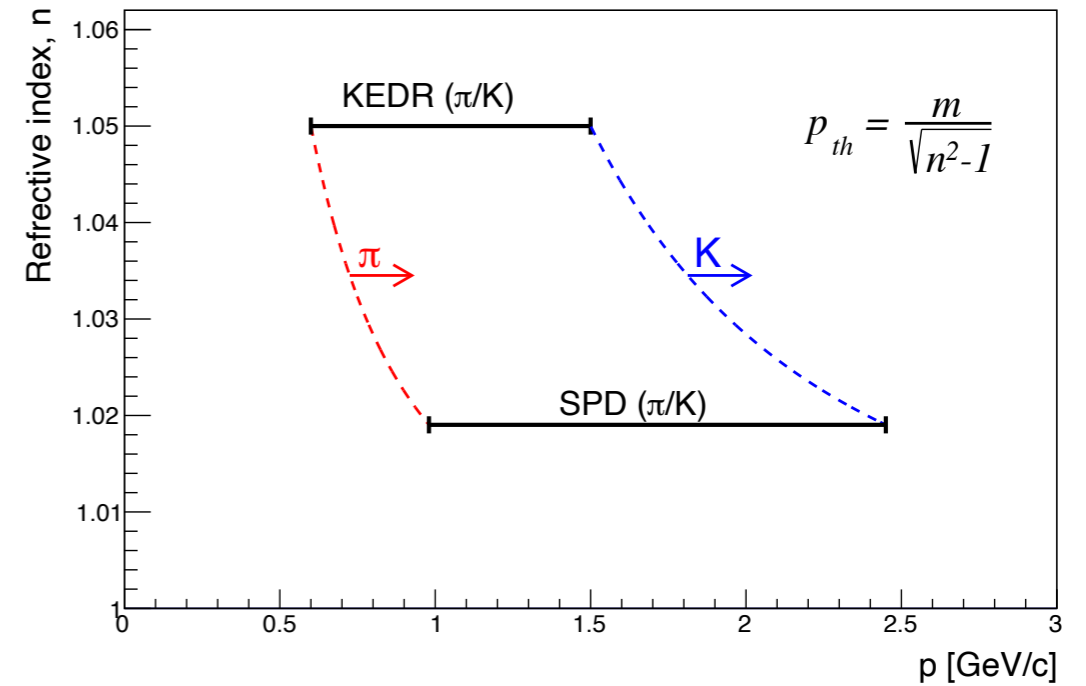
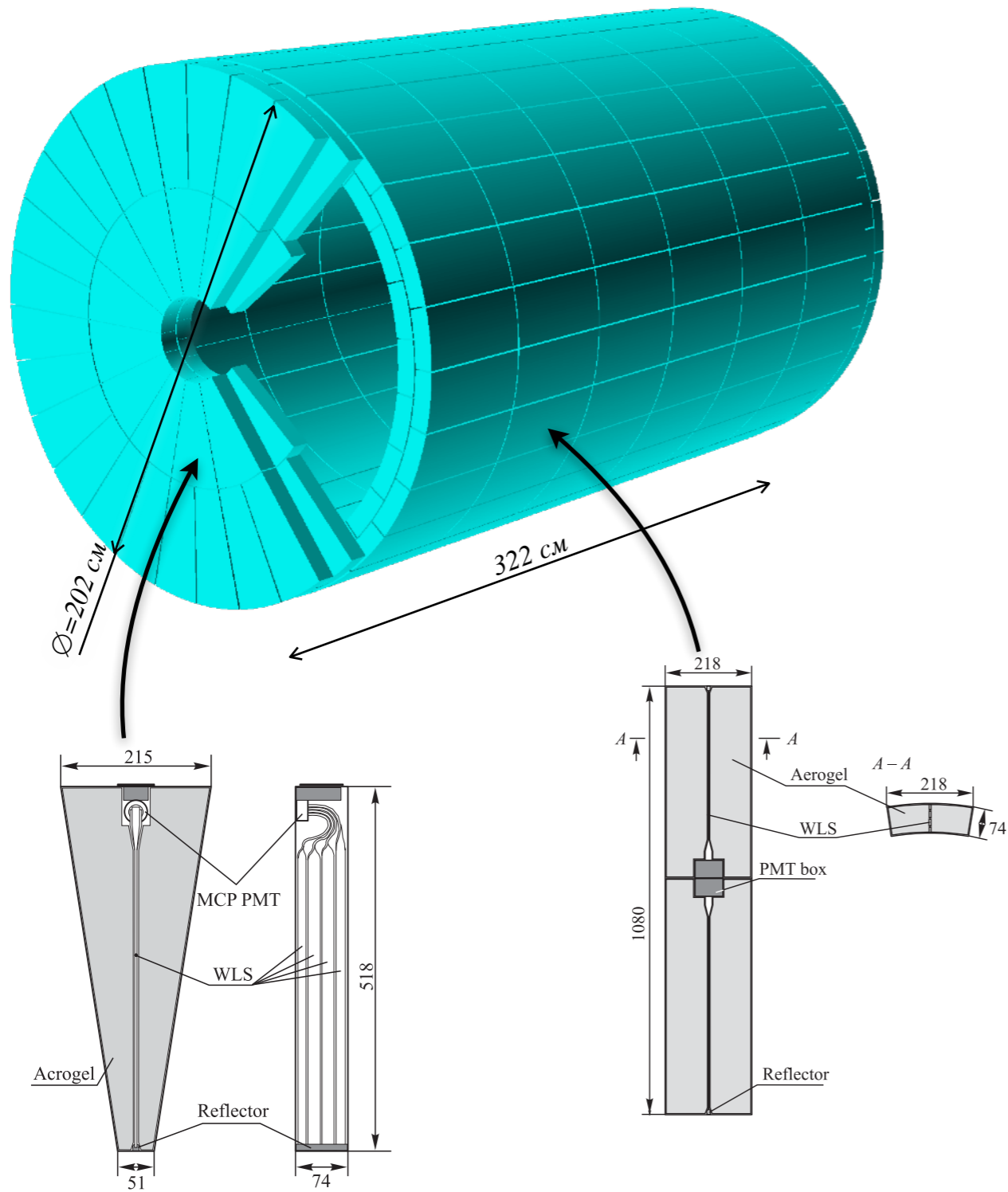
## MRPC option for TOF/SPD



- TOF module of MPD is 17cm thick radially, no space for another PID detector
  - We should consider our own housing
- To be removable, the diameter of the TOF endcap must be smaller than the one of the magnet coil
  - Either large dead regions or conflict with coils
- 3 MRPC chambers were ordered in IHEP Protvino
  - 40 cm × 34 cm in size
  - New customised FEE based on discrete circuit CFD approach (8ch)
  - NINO based FEE 'a la BM@N' ~80ch



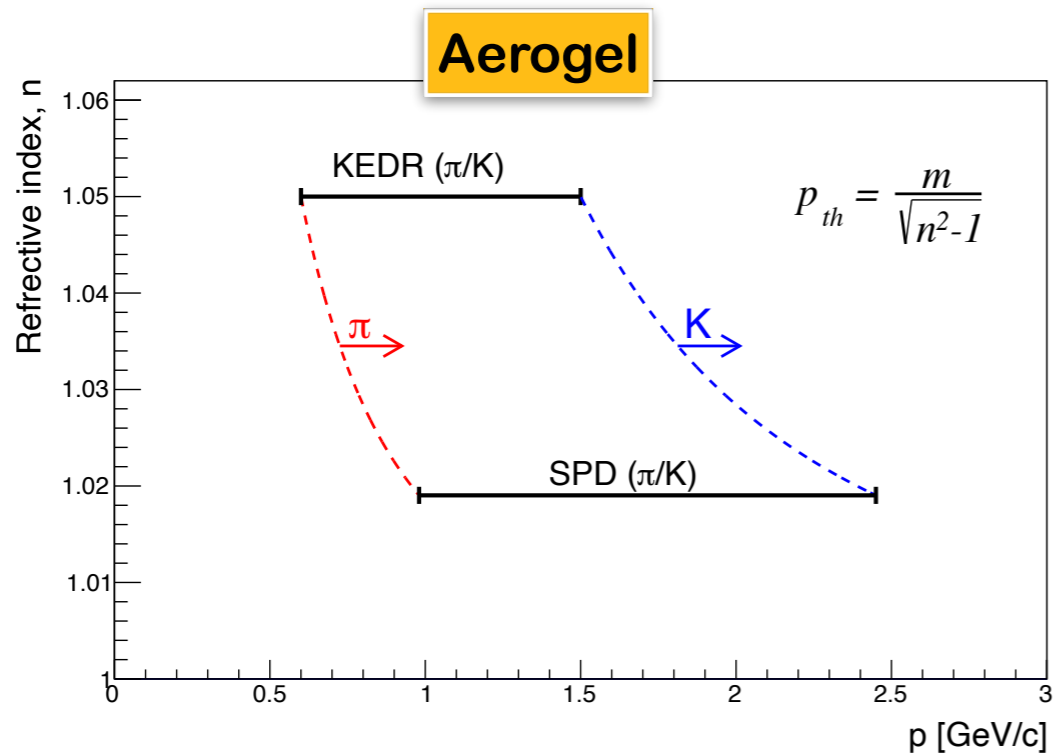
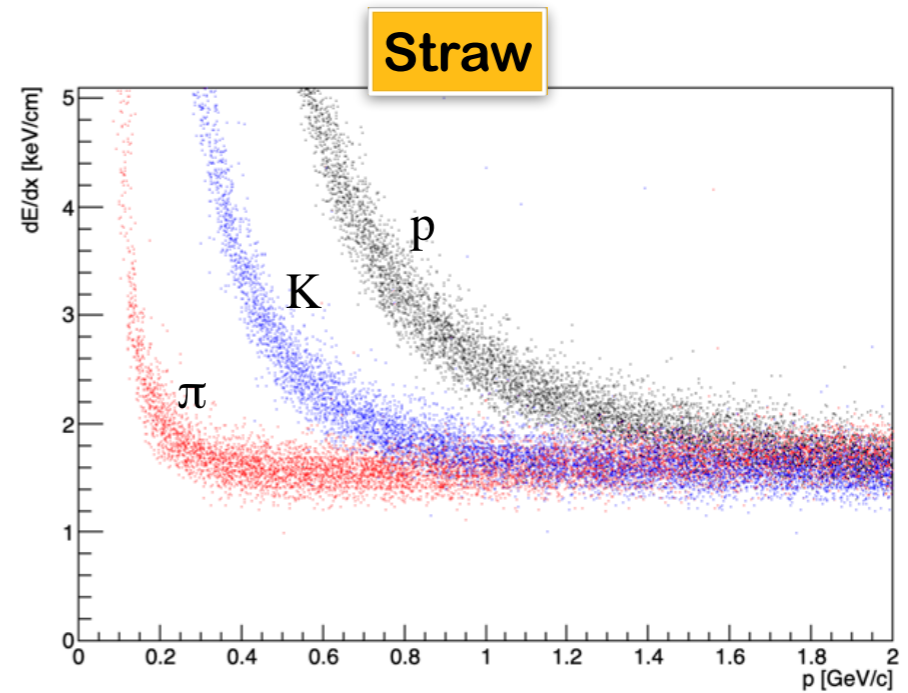
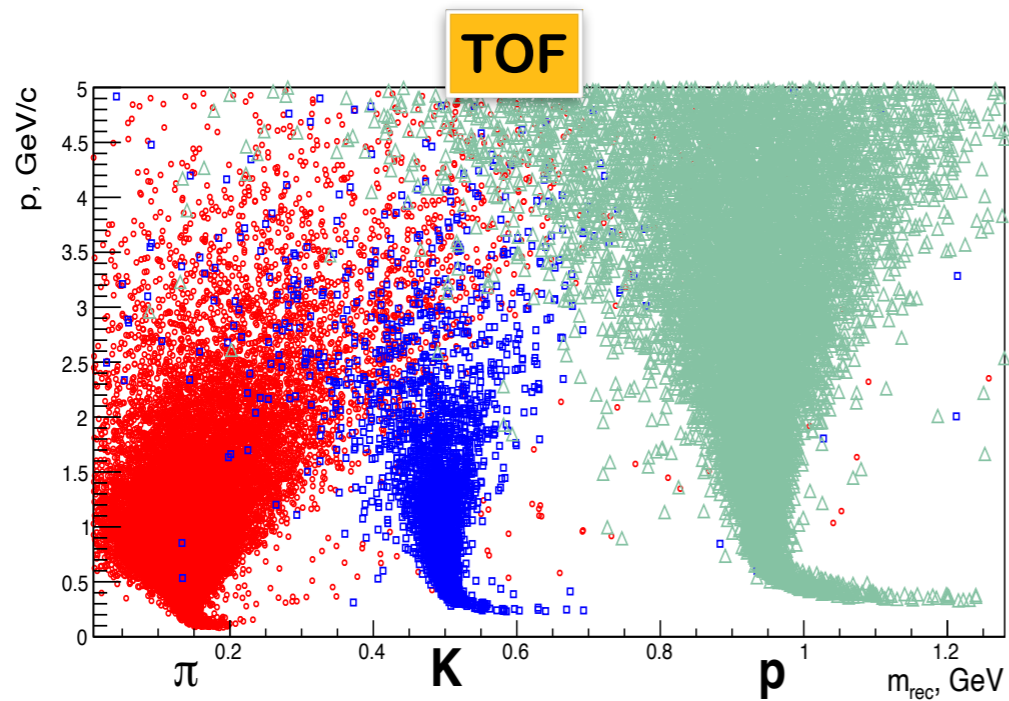
# Aerogel counters for PID



- Identification based on Cherenkov light radiation
- Range of  $\pi/K$  separation is a function of refractive index  $n$
- The design follow closely the one of KEDR (Novosibirsk)
- Low light yield  $\sim 6$  p.e.
- Can be used only in endcaps since there is more space and it is a region of higher momentum particles



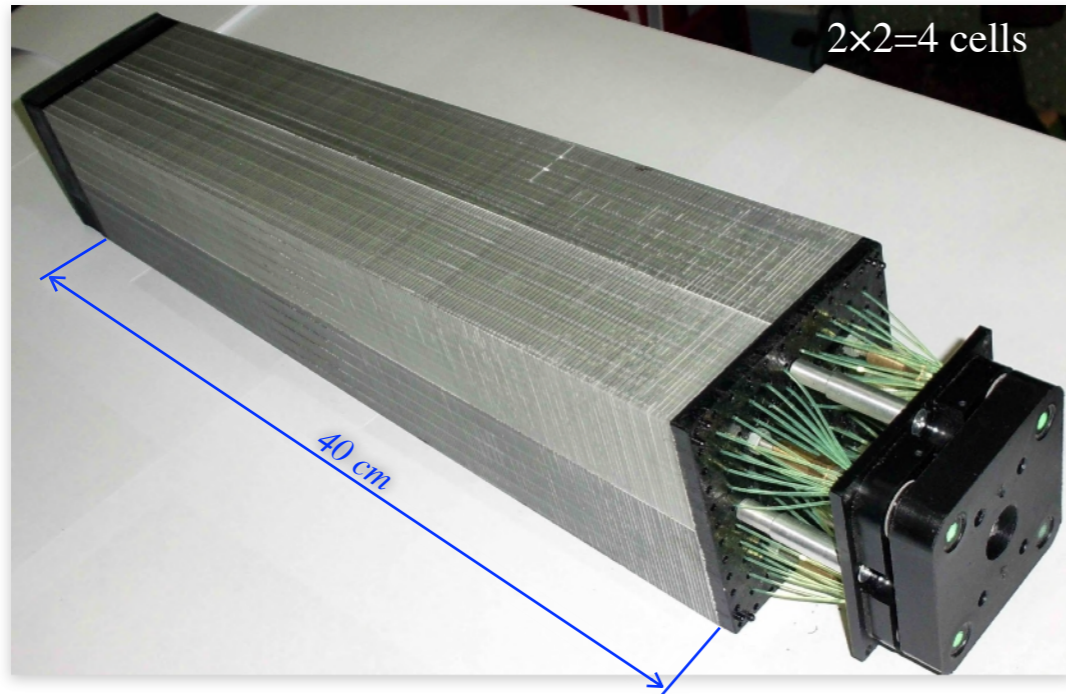
# PID analysis in SPD ( $\pi$ , K, p)



## $\pi$ /K separation

- Short tracks ( $R < 1\text{m}$ ) to be identified by straw up to 0.7 GeV/c
- Long tracks ( $R > 1\text{m}$ ) to be identified by straw+TOF up to 1.5 GeV/c
- tracks with  $p > 1.5$  GeV/c to be identified by aerogel

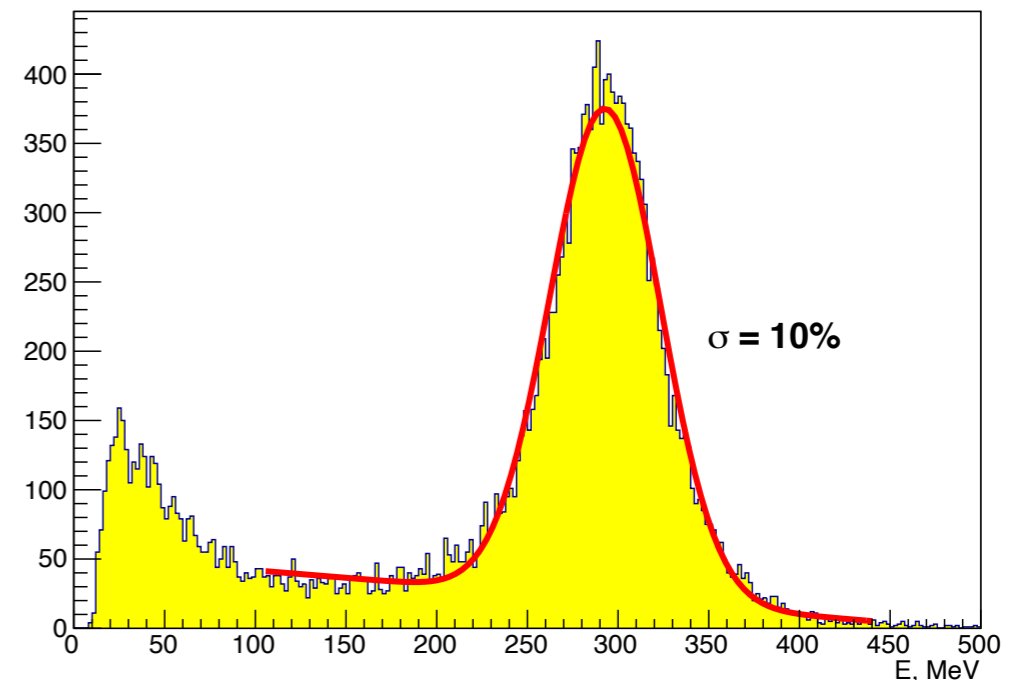
# Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECal)



- Purpose: detection of prompt photons and photons from  $\pi^0$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\chi_c$  decays
- Identification of electrons and positrons
- Number of radiation lengths  $18.6X_0$
- Total weight is  $40\text{t (barrel)} + 2 \times 14\text{t (endcap)} = 68\text{t}$
- Support structure will be made of carbon composite materials
- Total number of channels is  $\sim 30\text{k}$

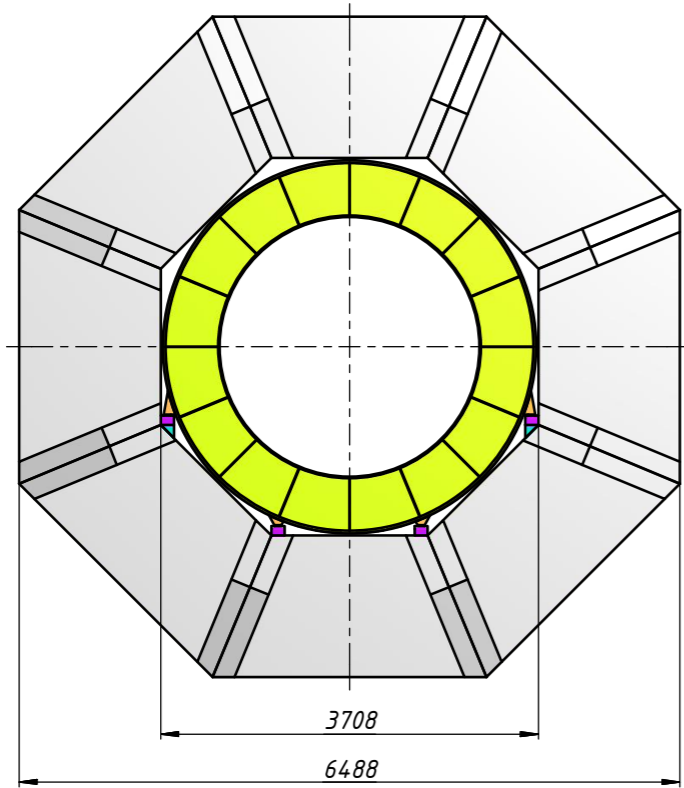
- 200 layers of lead (0.5 mm) and scintillator (1.5mm)
  - Size of one sandwich:  $4 \times 4 \times 40 \text{ cm}^3$
- Moliere radius is  $\sim 2.4 \text{ cm}$
- 36 fibers of one cell transmit light to  $6 \times 6 \text{ mm}^2$  SiPM
- Energy resolution is  $\sim 5\% / \sqrt{E}$
- Low energy threshold is  $\sim 50 \text{ MeV}$
- Time resolution is  $\sim 0.5 \text{ ns}$

Energy deposition of one cell for MIP

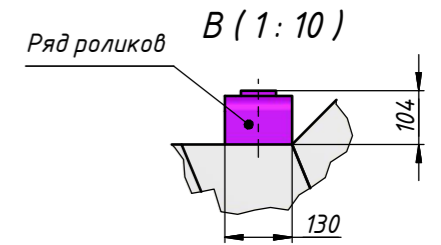
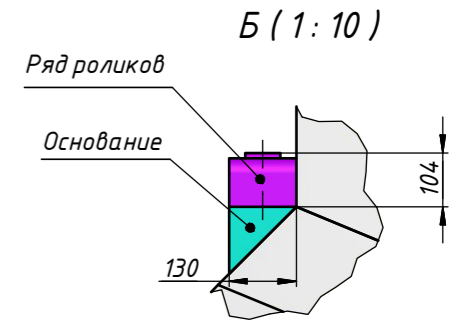
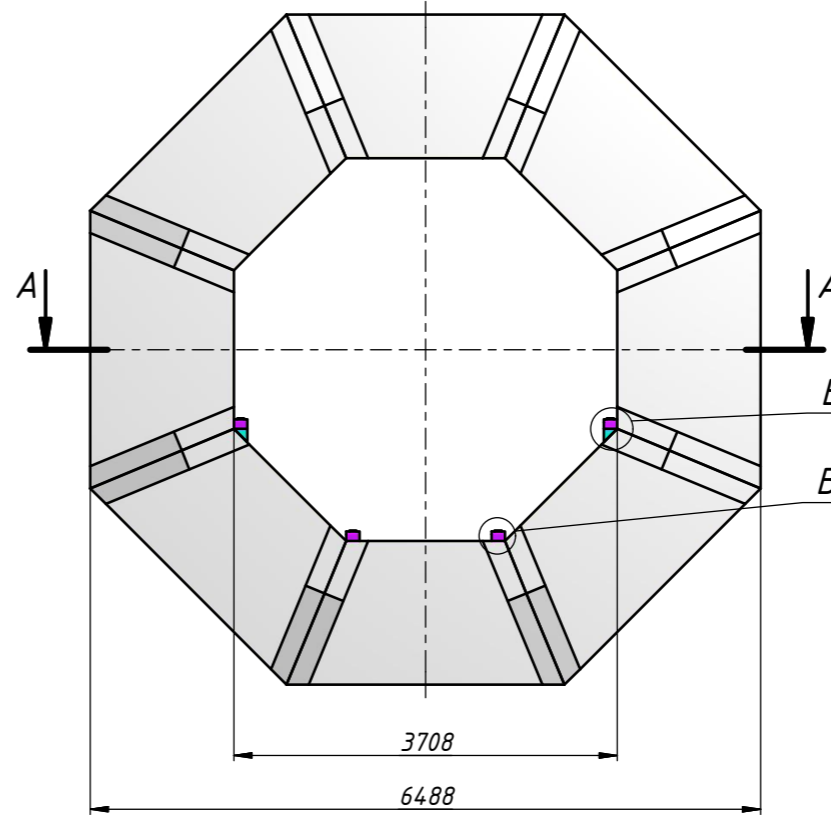


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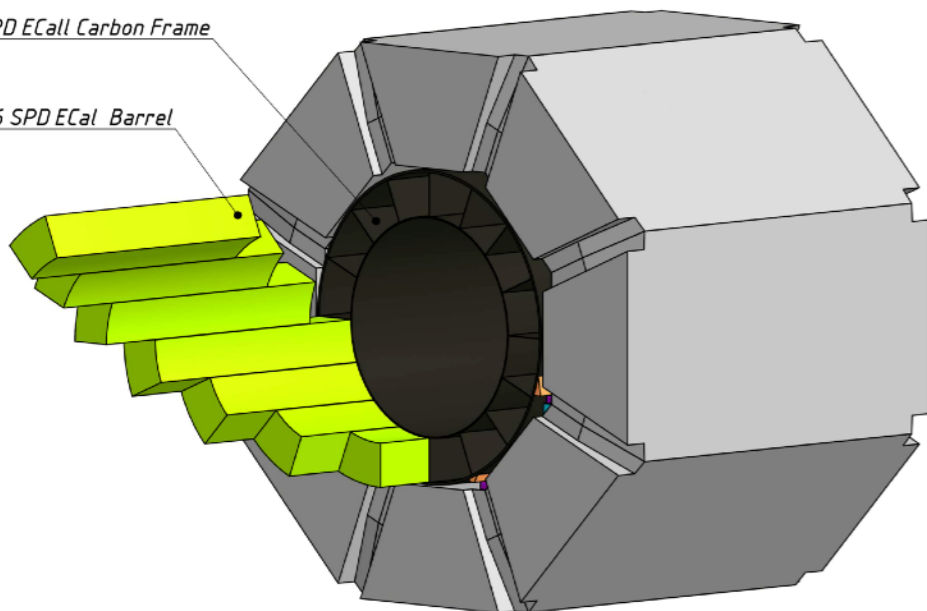


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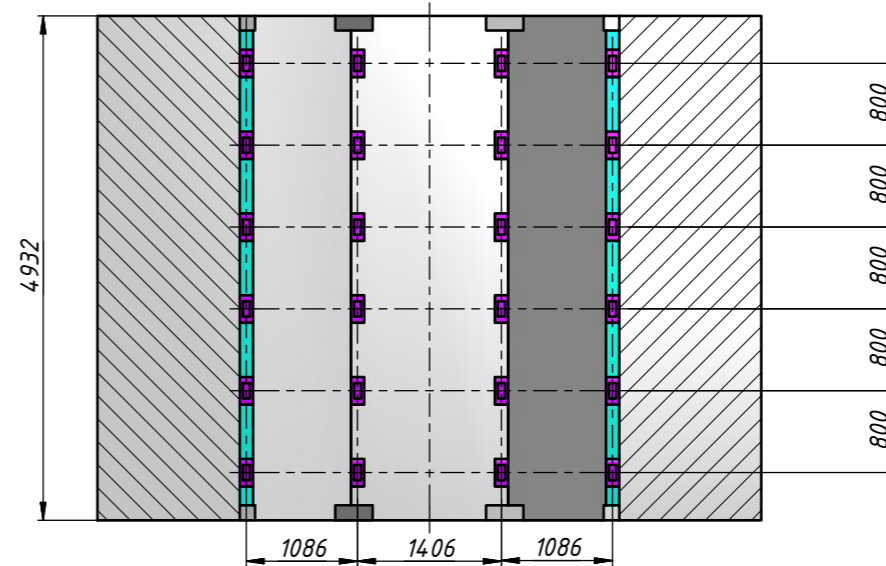


SPD ECal Carbon Frame

1/16 SPD ECal Barrel



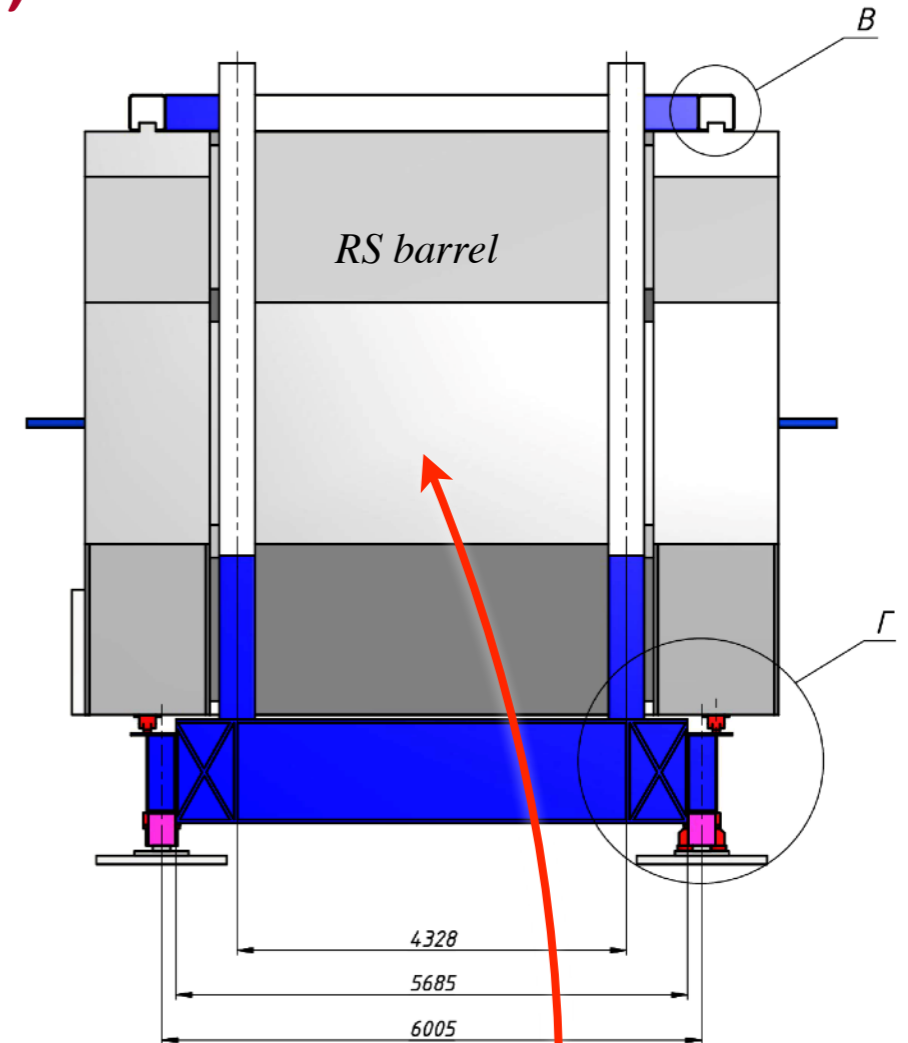
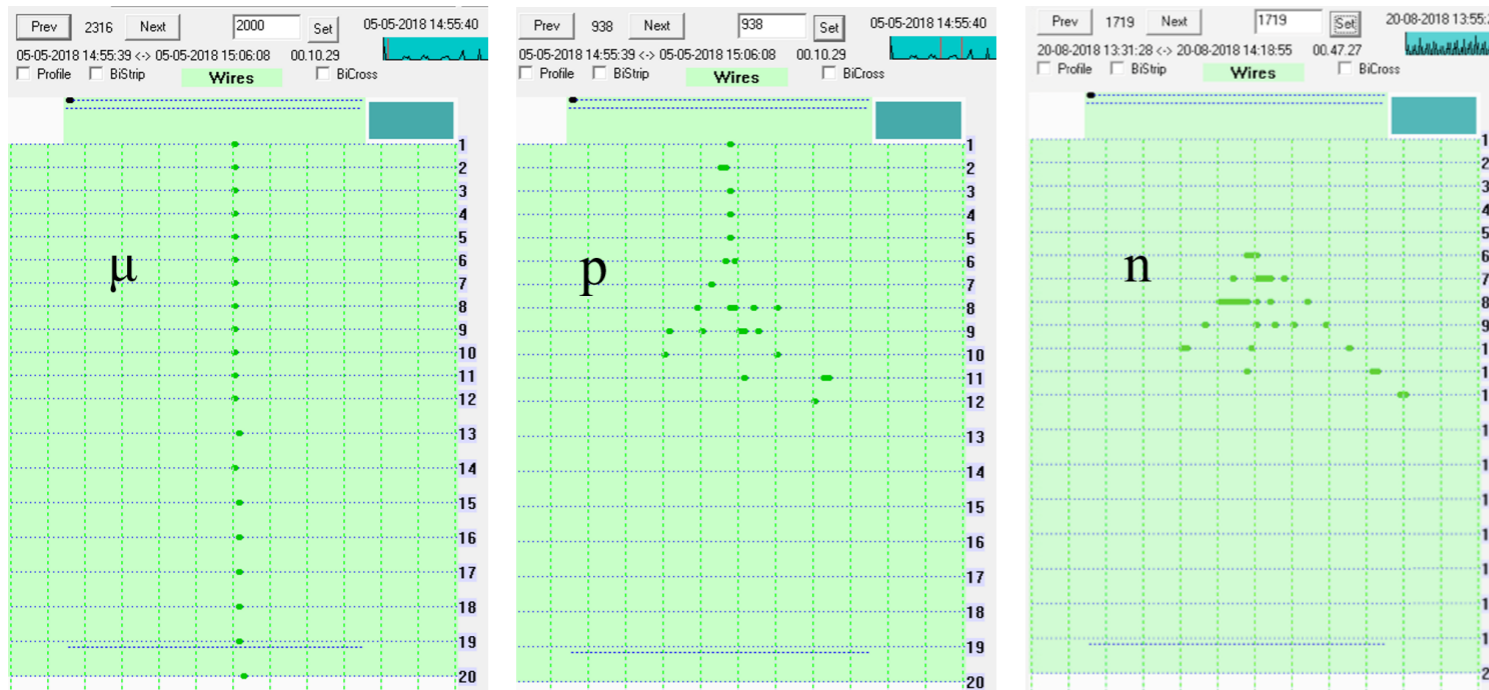
A-A (1:50)



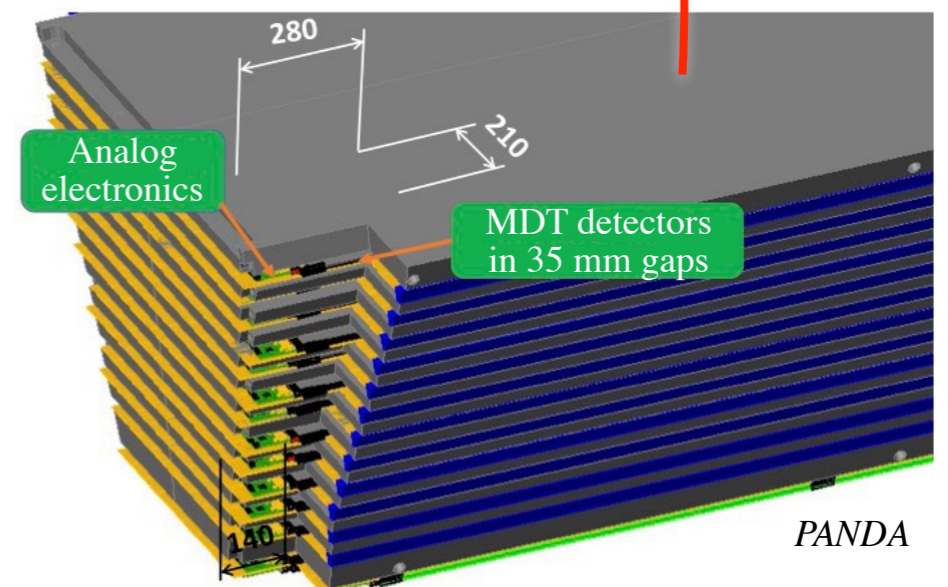


# Range System (RS)

Results of beam tests of RS prototype (10 ton, 4k ch) at CERN

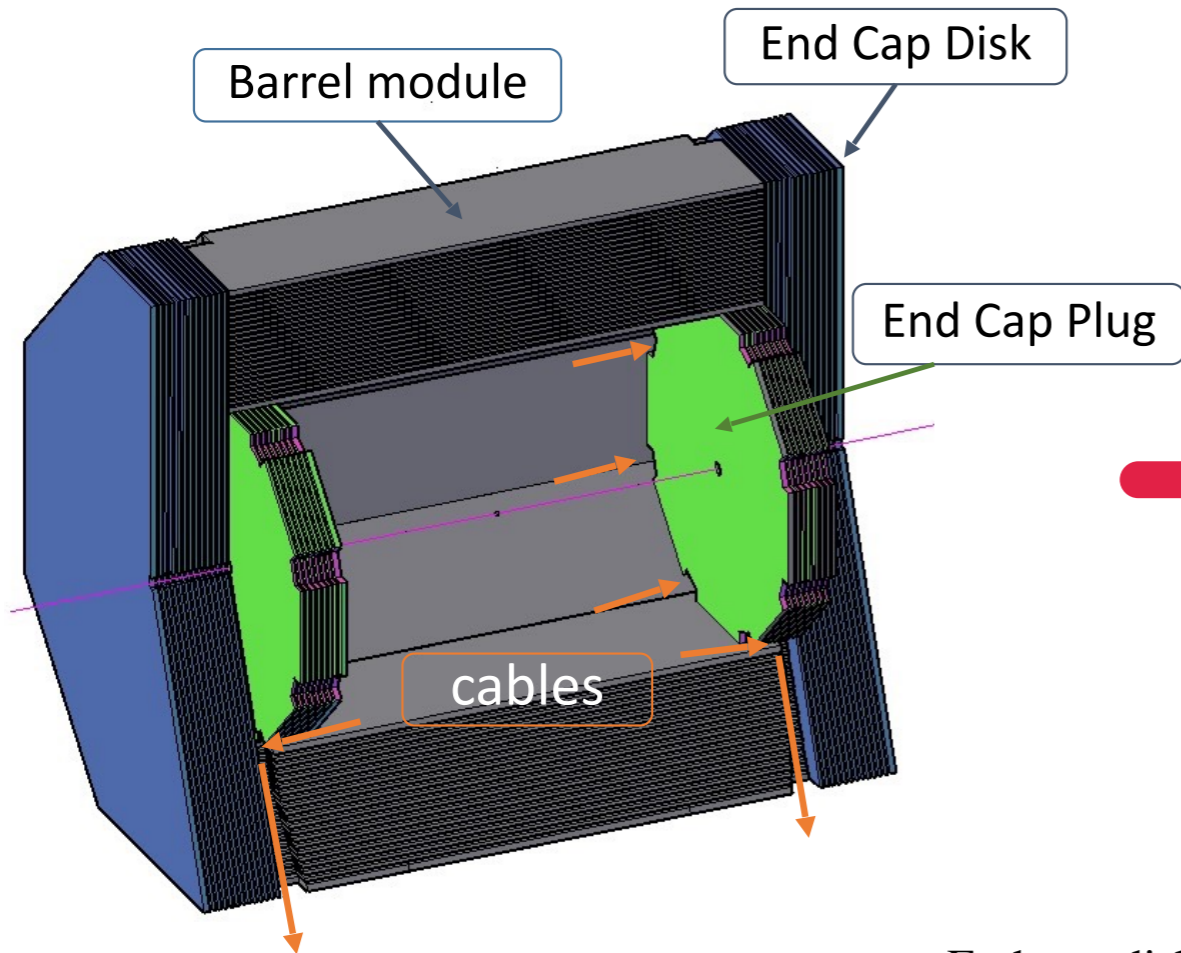


- Purposes:  $\mu$  identification, rough hadron calorimetry
- 20 layers of Fe (3-6 cm) interleaved with gaps for Mini Drift Tube (MDT) detectors
- Total mass  $\sim 800$  t, at least  $4\lambda_I$
- The design will follow closely the one of PANDA
- MDT provide 2 coordinate readout ( $\sim 100$  kch)
  - Al extruded comb-like 8-cell profile with anode wires + external electrodes (strips) perpendicular to the wires

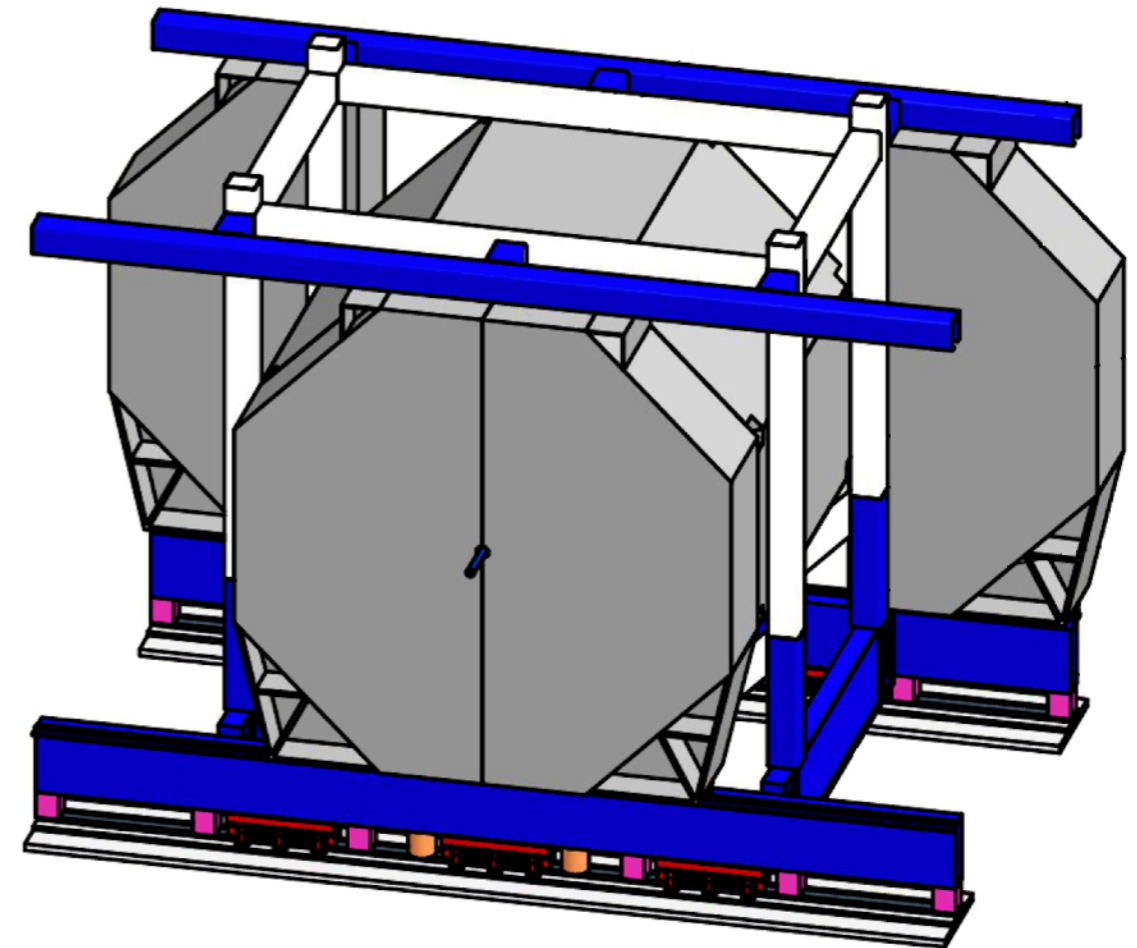


# Range System (RS)

CDR version (end of 2020)

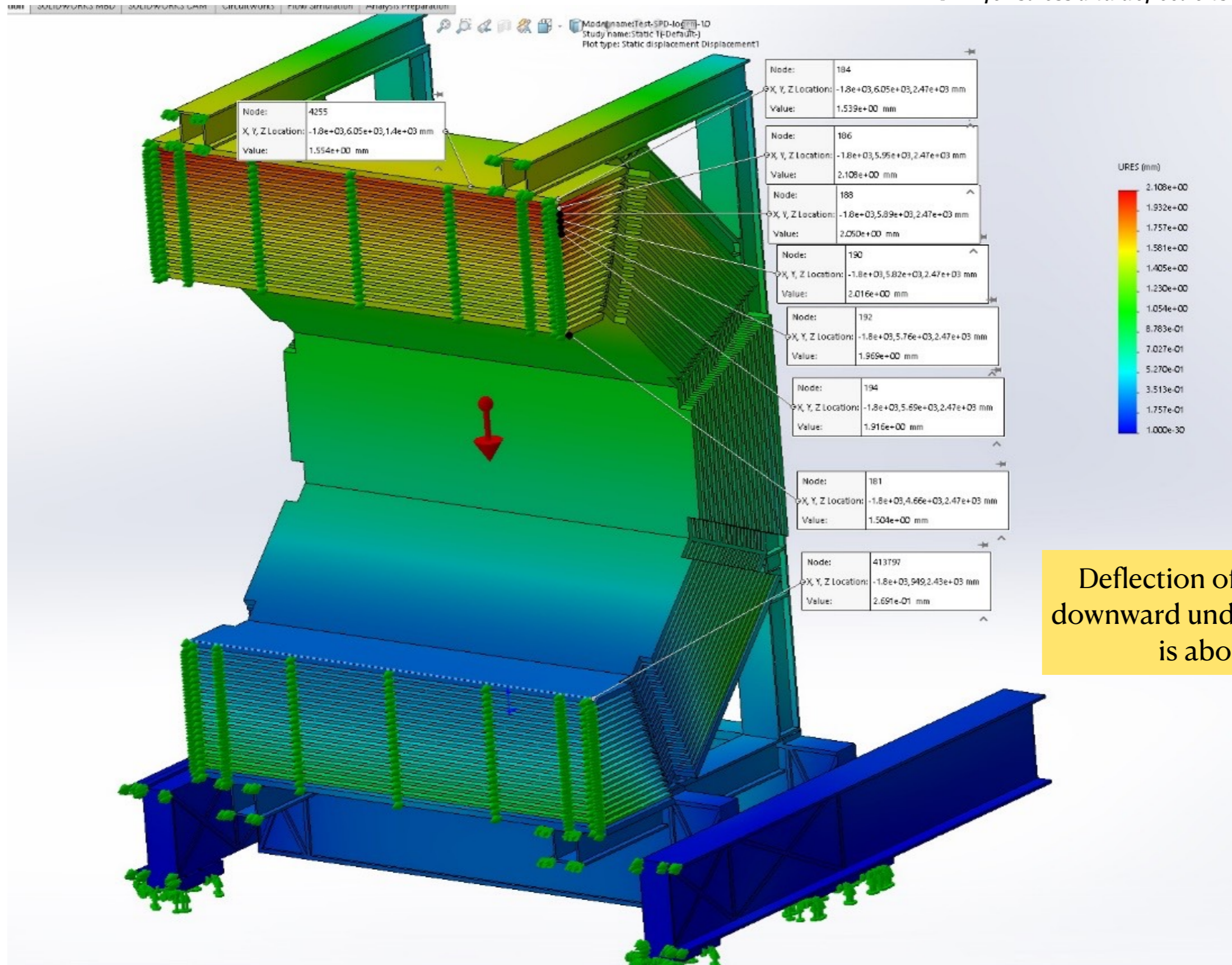


Update (May 2021)



- End-cap disk&plug to be replaced with sliding halves
- Radial size increased by 10 cm





Deflection of upper module downward under its own weight is about **2 mm**



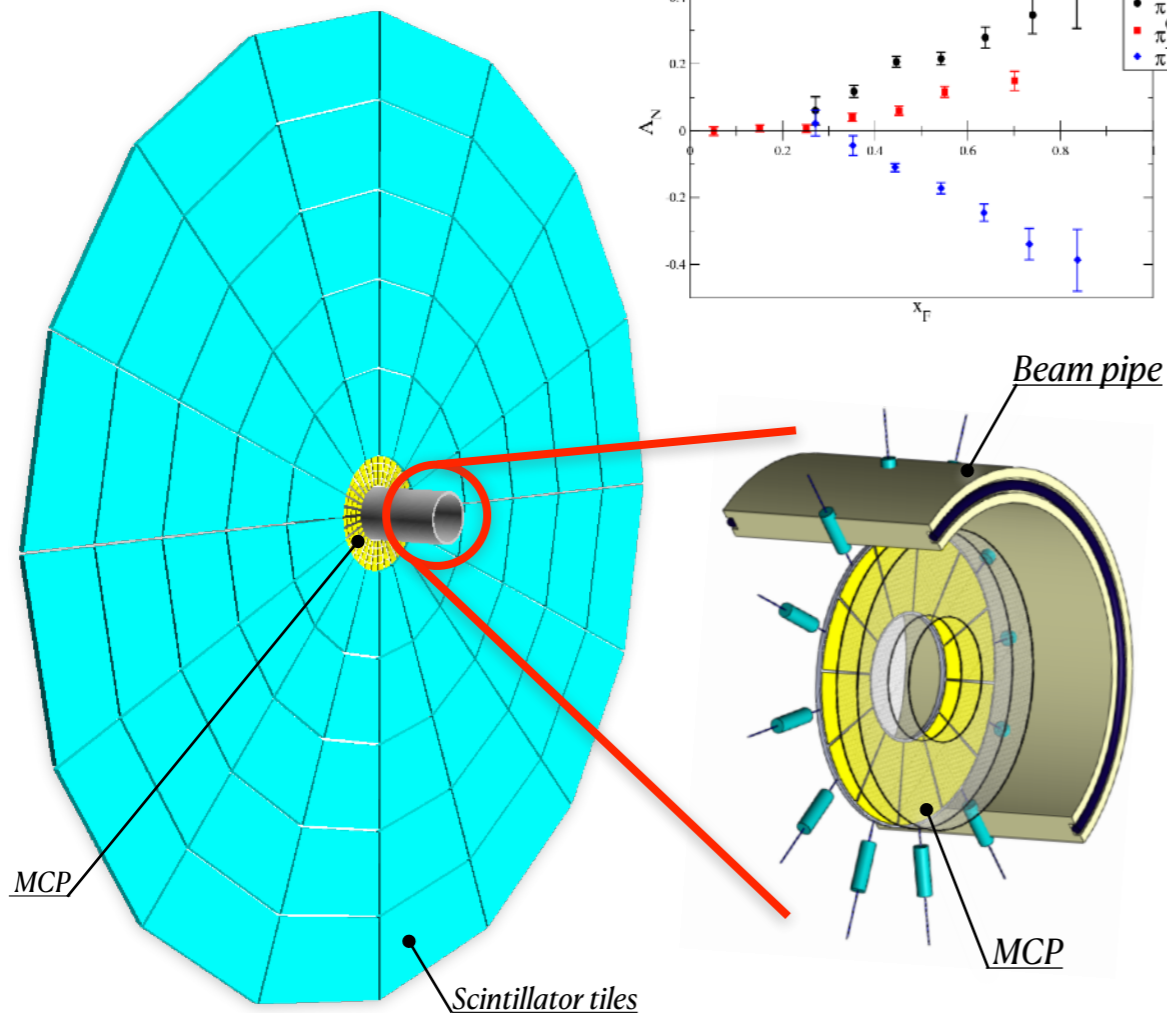
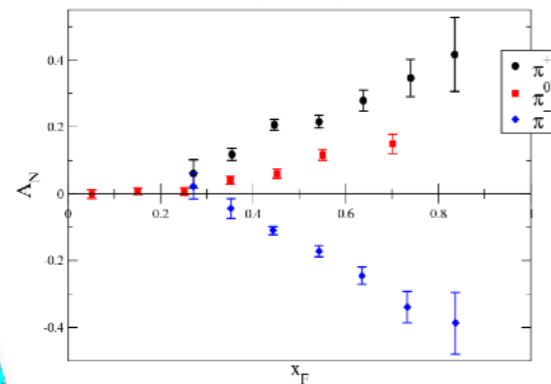


# Local polarimetry and luminosity control

## Beam Beam Counter (BBC)

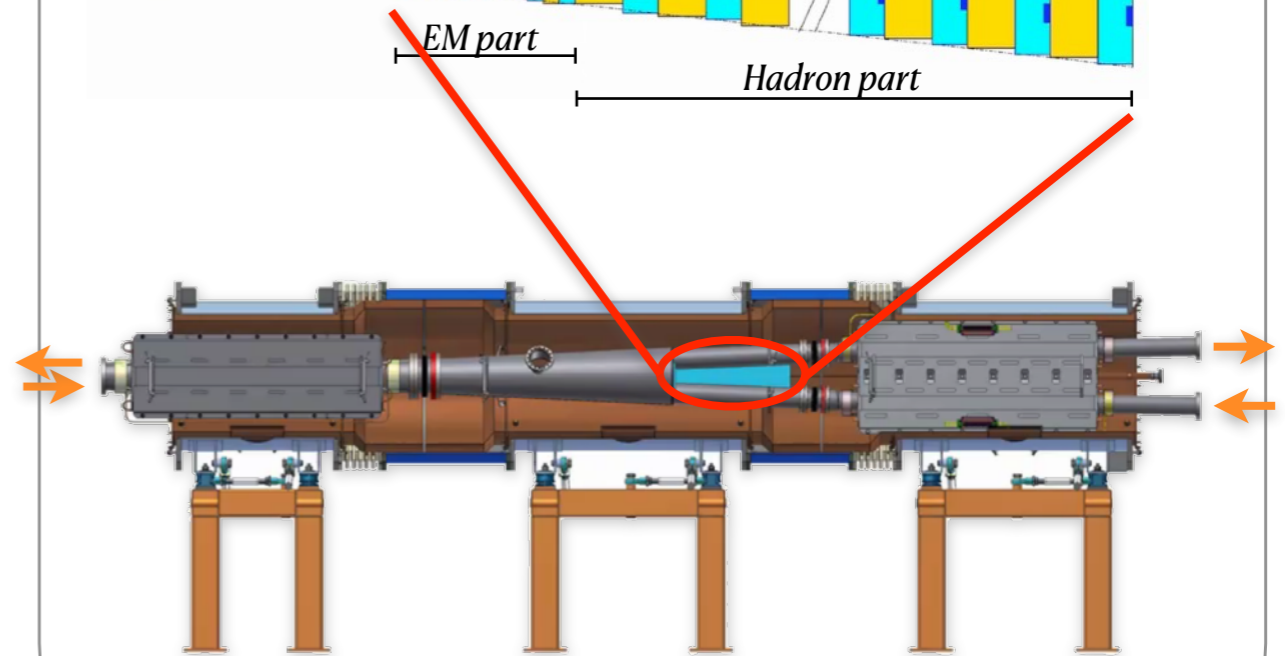
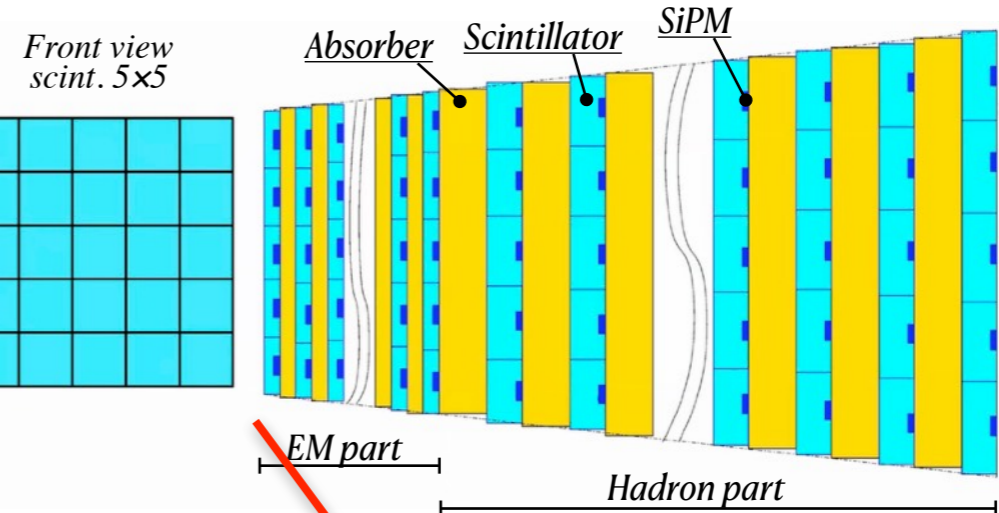
- BBC consists of inner and outer parts
  - Inner part: Micro-Channel Plates (MCP) located in the vacuum of the beam pipe. Excellent  $\sigma_t$
  - Outer part: plastic scintillator tiles with SiPM readout. Time resolution  $\sim 0.5$  ns

$A_N$  vs  $x_F$  in  $\pi$  Production (FNAL 1991)



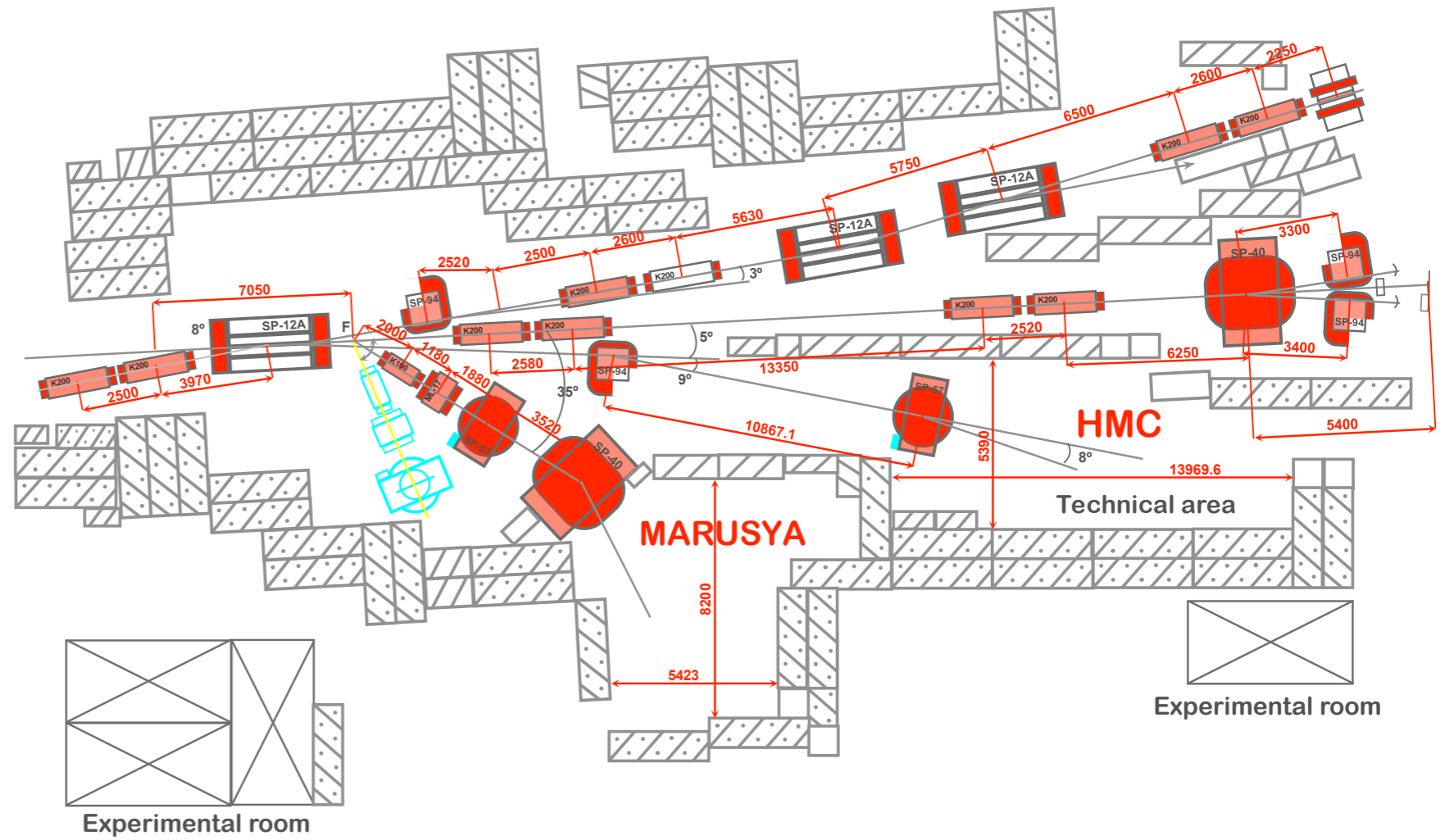
## Zero Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)

- ZDC will be integrated in the cryostat placed between two vertically deflecting magnets, 13m from IP
- Sampling calorimeter with fine segmentation,  $5 \times 5$  matrix
- SiPM light readout, about 1000 channels,  $\sigma_t = 0.15$  ns
- Readout based on electronics designed for the DANSS neutrino experiment at Kaliniskaya NPP

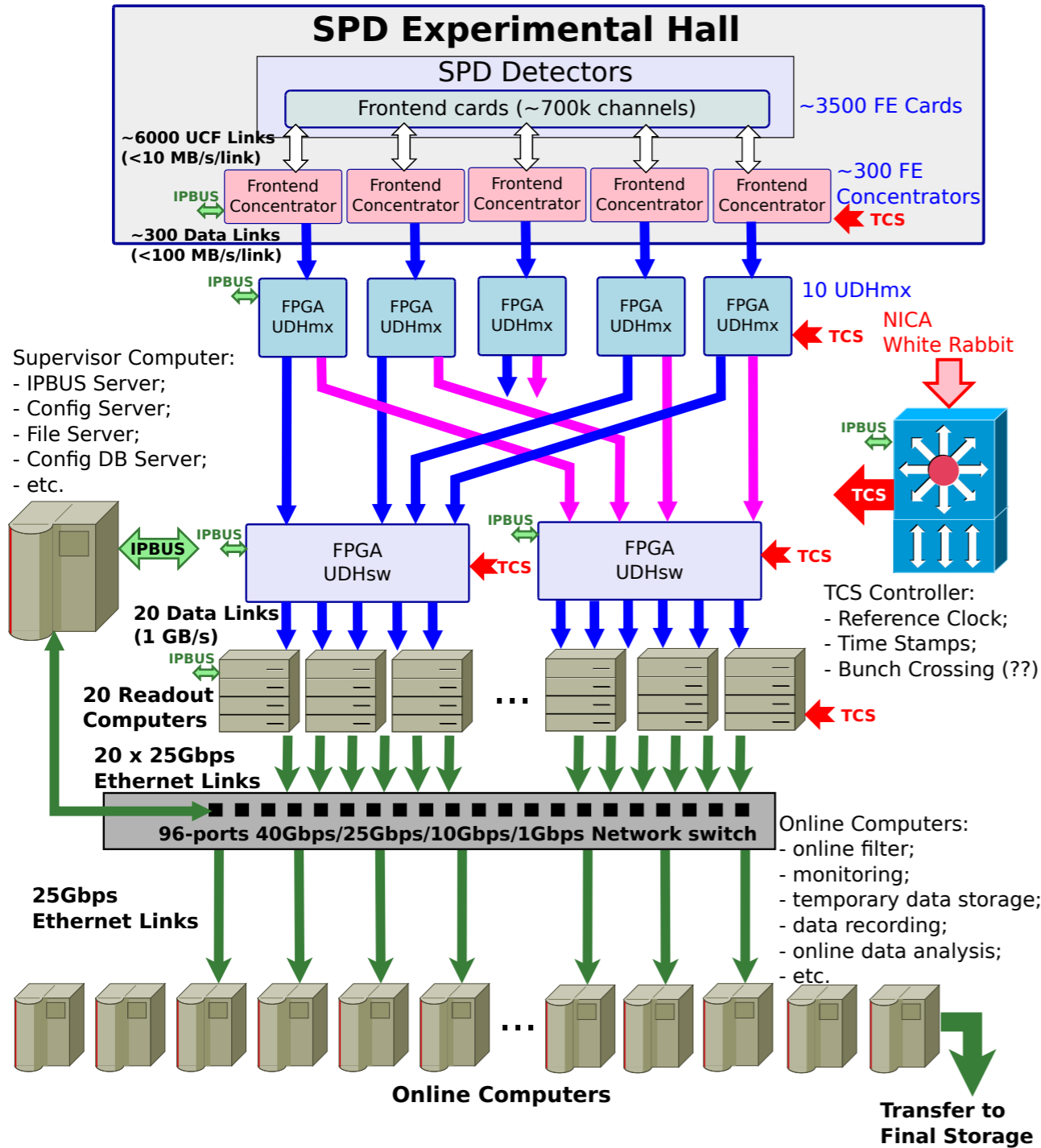




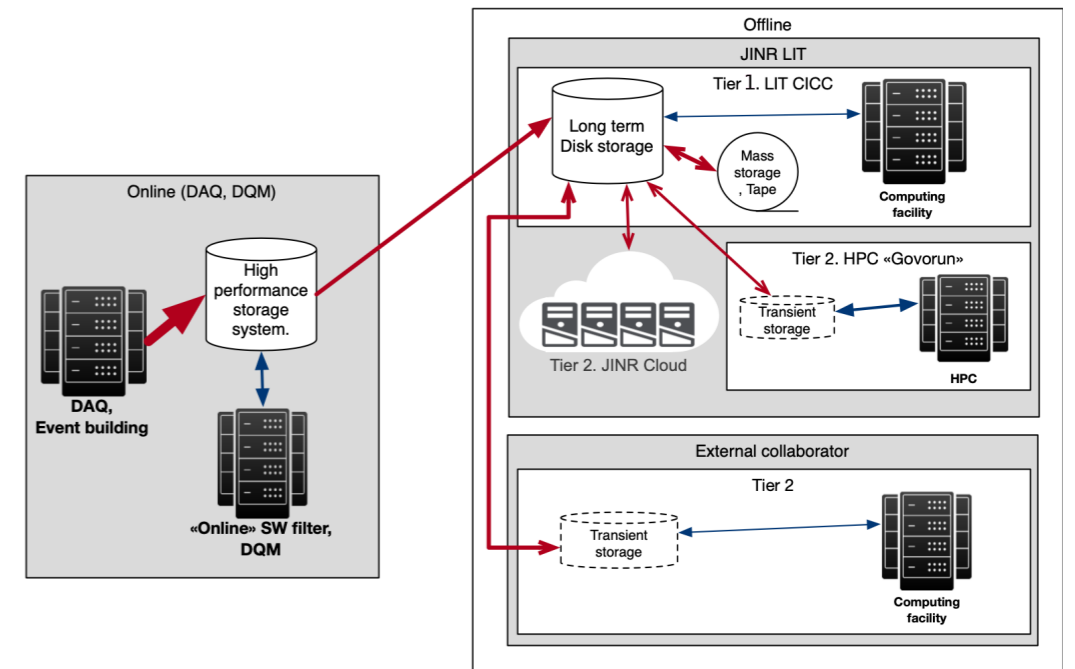
# Beam test area of SPD at Nuclotron



# Data Acquisition System (DAQ)



- Bunch crossing every 76 ns → crossing rate 12.5 MHz
- At maximum luminosity of  $10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  the interaction rate is 4 MHz
- No hardware trigger to avoid possible biases
- Raw data stream 20 GB/s or 200 PB/year
- Online filter to reduce data by order of magnitude ~10 PB/year



	CPU [cores]	Disk [PB]	Tape [PB]
Online filter	6000	2	none
Offline computing	30000	5	9 per year

## Conclusions

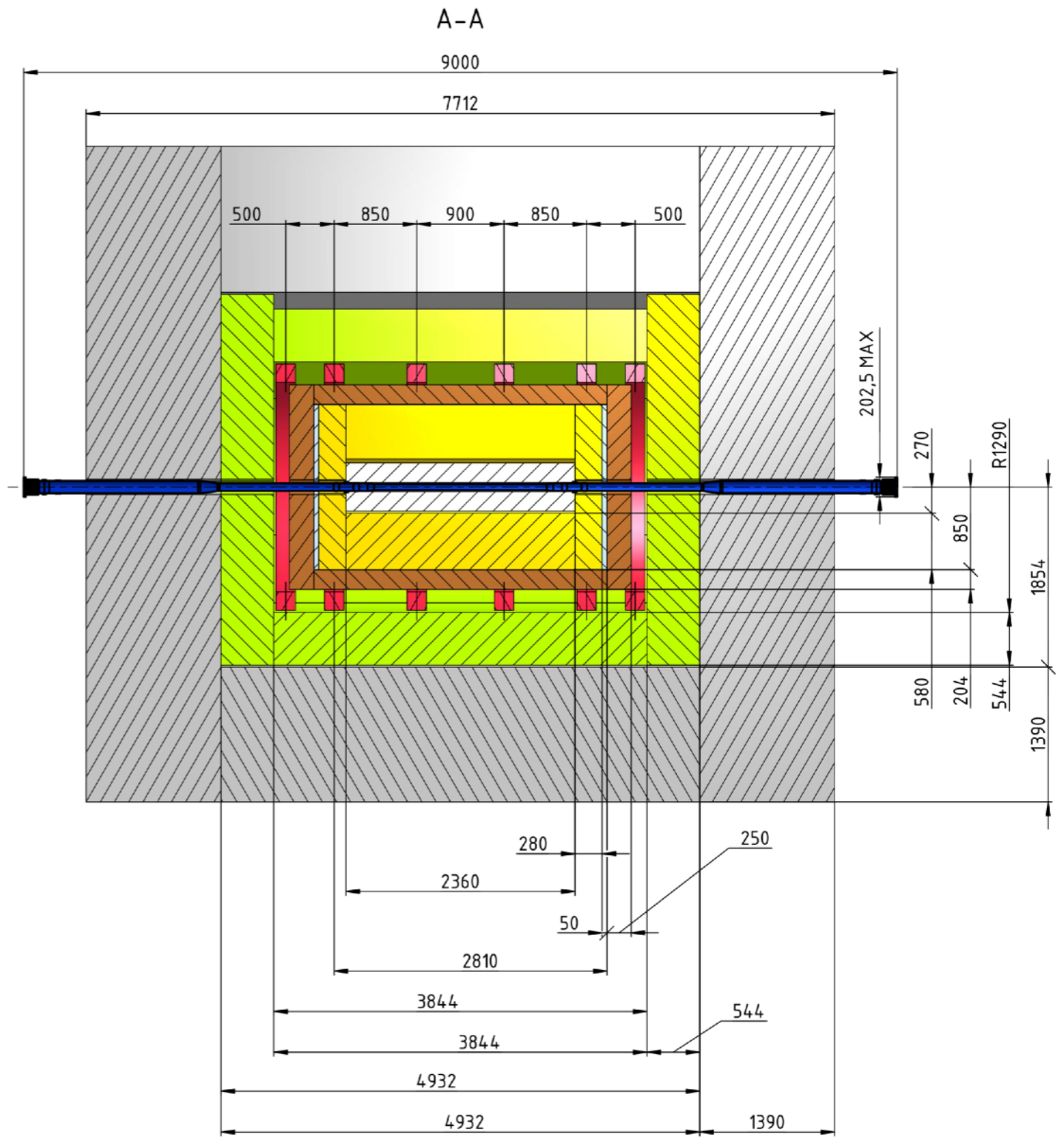
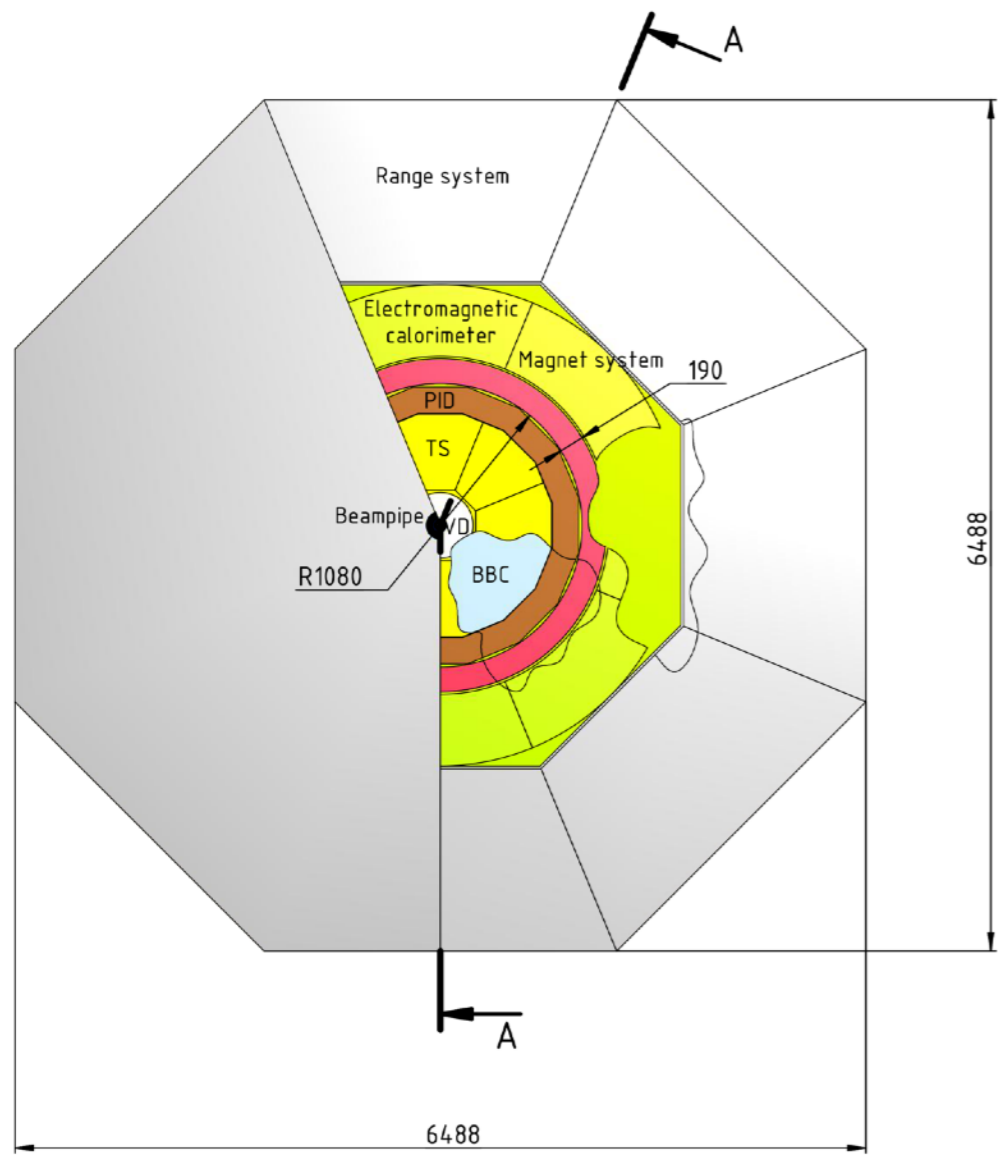
- SPD (Spin Physics Detector) is a universal facility with the primary goal to study unpolarized and polarized gluon content of  $p$  and  $d$ 
  - Almost  $4\pi$  coverage of acceptance
  - Tracking by silicon vertex detector (VD) and straw tracker (ST)
  - PID by TOF, Aerogel counters and  $dE/dx$  in ST
  - EM calorimeter for  $e^\pm$  and  $\gamma$  identification
  - Range system for the muon identification and rough hadron calorimetry
  - Local polarimetry and luminosity control
- SC magnetic system is an open issue for today
  - Either solenoid or isolated coils, inside or outside ECal
- Testing detector prototypes with extracted beams at Nuclotron in Nov-Dec
- Preparation of the first version of TDR by the end of this year

backup slides

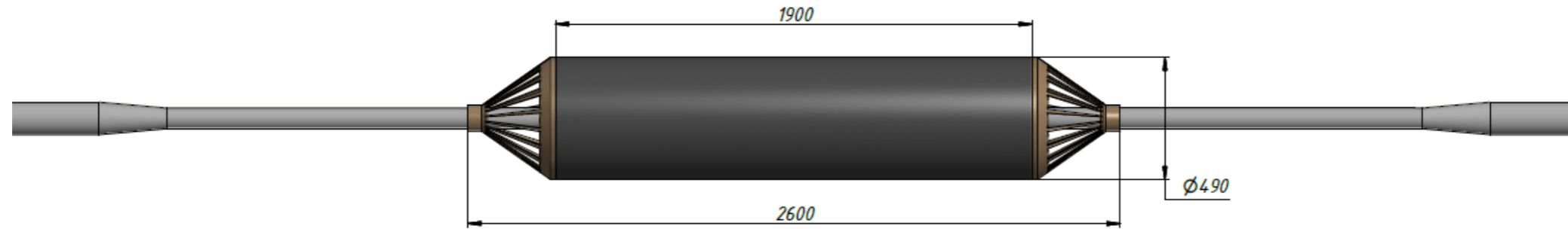
10:00	<b>Polarized beams at NICA (in memory of A. Kovalenko)</b>	<i>Yury Filatov</i>	10:00 - 10:40
	<b>Magnetic system</b>	<i>Dmitrii Nikiforov</i>	10:40 - 11:05
11:00	<b>Vertex Detector (VD)</b>	<i>Bogdan Topko et al.</i>	11:05 - 11:30
	<b>Straw Tracker (ST)</b>	<i>Temur Enik</i>	11:30 - 11:55
12:00	<b>MRPC option for Time-of-Flight (TOF)</b>	<i>Yi Wang</i>	11:55 - 12:20
	<b>MRPC prototype chambers for TOF</b>	<i>Artem Semak et al.</i>	12:20 - 12:45
	<b>Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECal)</b>	<i>Dr Oleg Gavrishchuk</i>	12:45 - 13:10
13:00			
14:00	<b>Range System (RS)</b>	<i>Guennadi Alexeev</i>	14:00 - 14:25
	<b>Beam-Beam Counters (BBC)</b>	<i>Aleksey Tishevskiy</i>	14:25 - 14:50
15:00	<b>MicroChannel Plate (MCP) for BBC</b>		14:50 - 15:05
	<b>Zero Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)</b>	<i>Igor Alekseev</i>	15:05 - 15:30
	<b>DAQ for SPD</b>	<i>Dr Leonid Afanasyev</i>	15:30 - 15:55
16:00	<b>DCS for SPD</b>	<i>Alexander Chepurnov</i>	15:55 - 16:20
	<b>SPD test zone at extracted beams of Nuclotron</b>	<i>Anton Baldin</i>	16:20 - 16:45

**20 + 5 min talk for every subsystem**



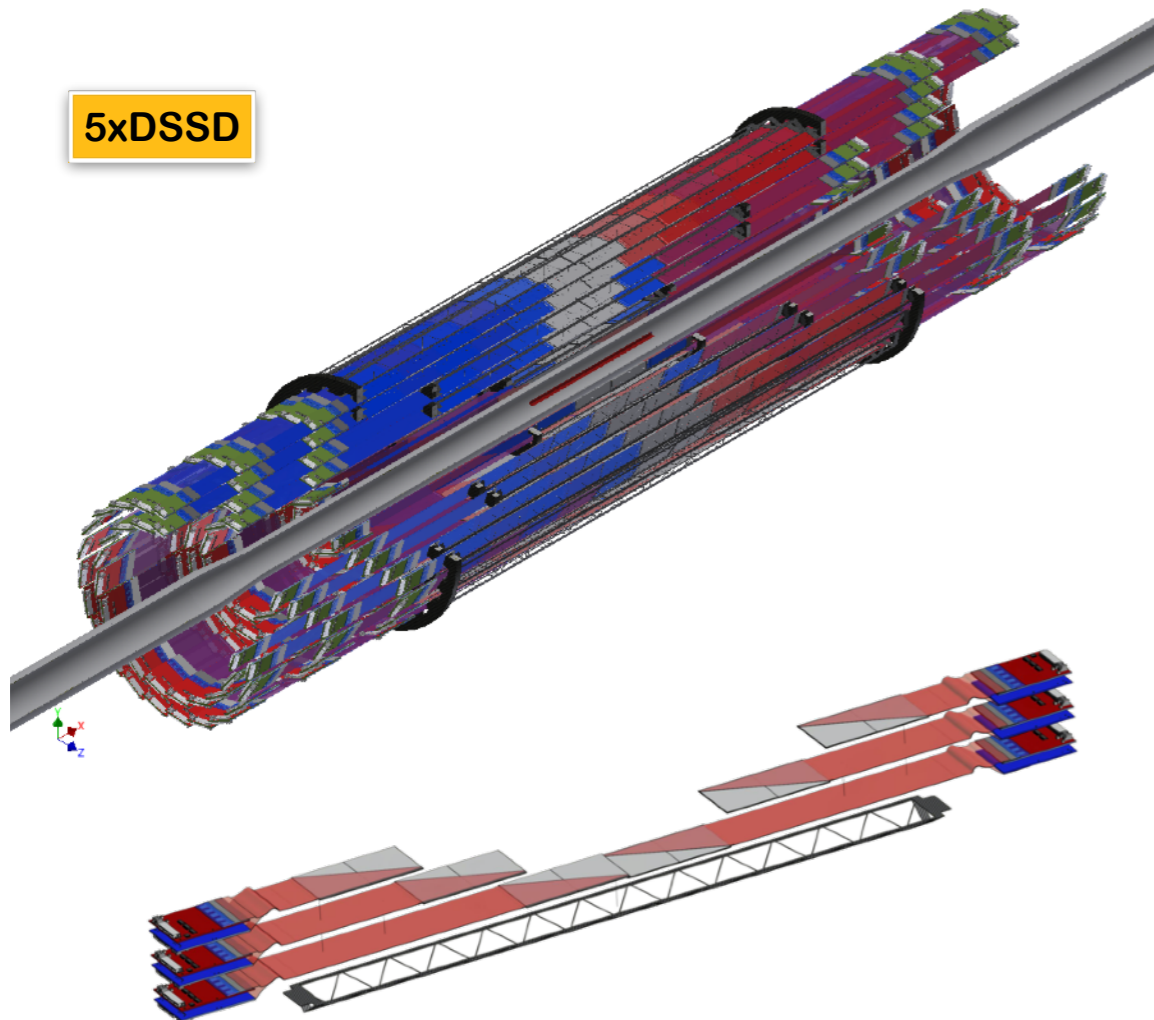


# Vertex Detector (VD)



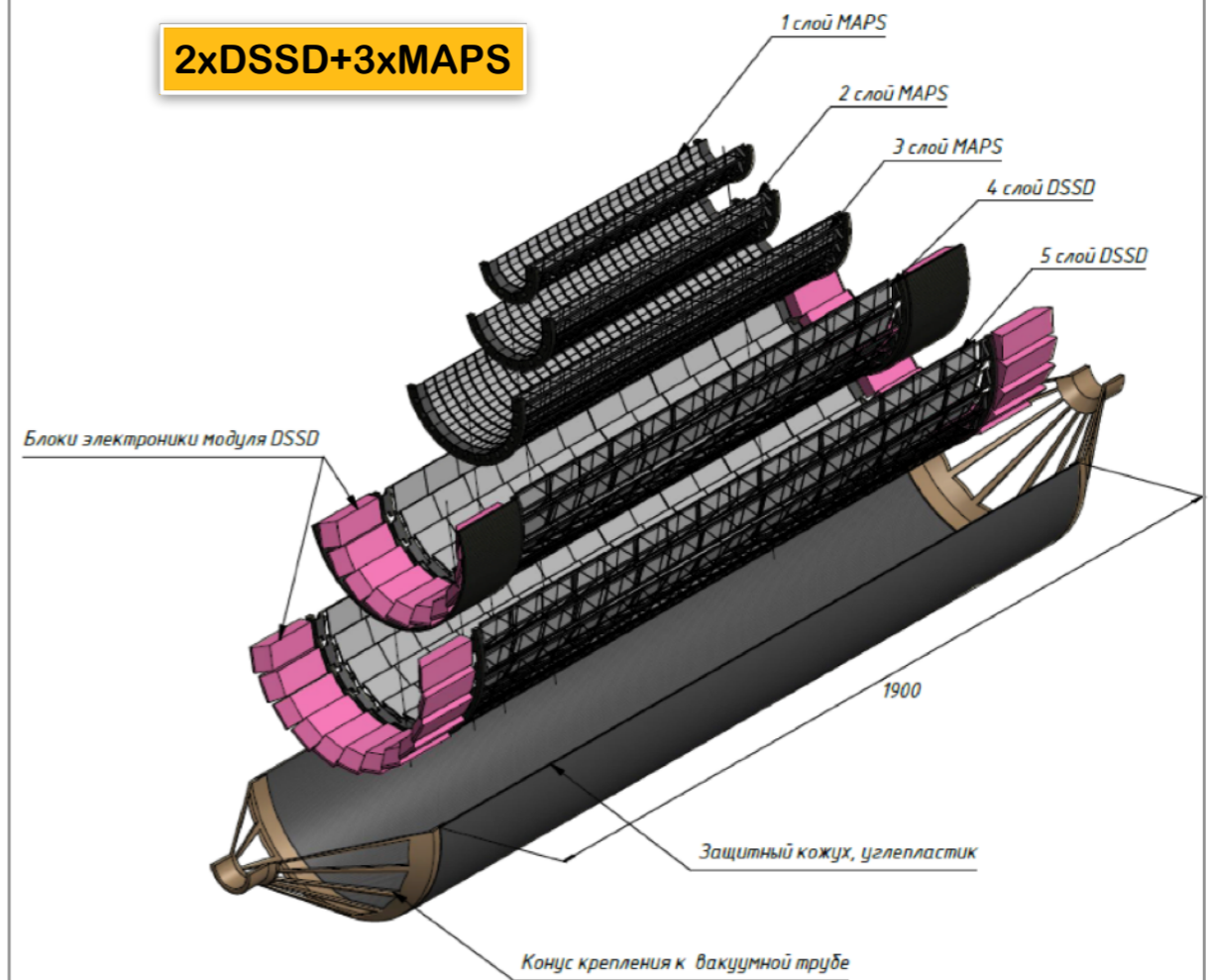
## CDR version (end of 2020)

5xDSSD

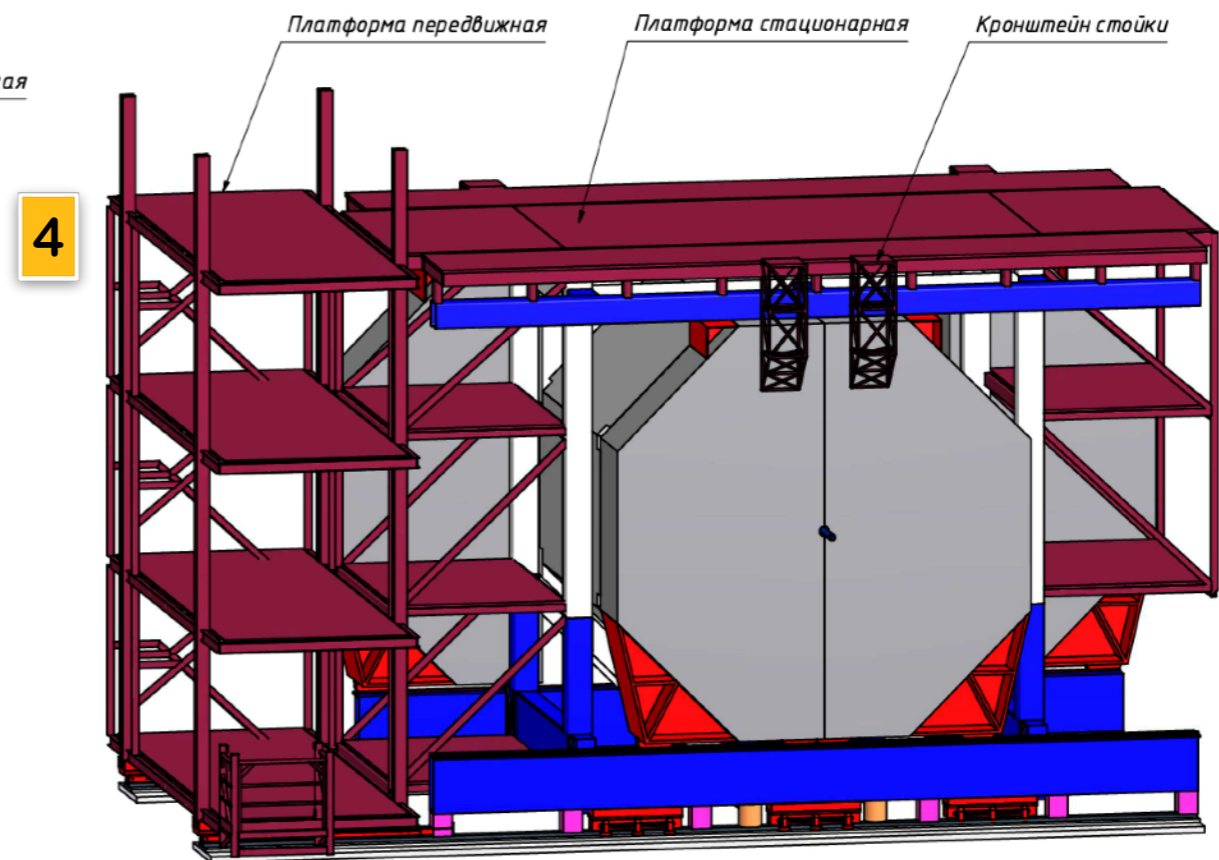
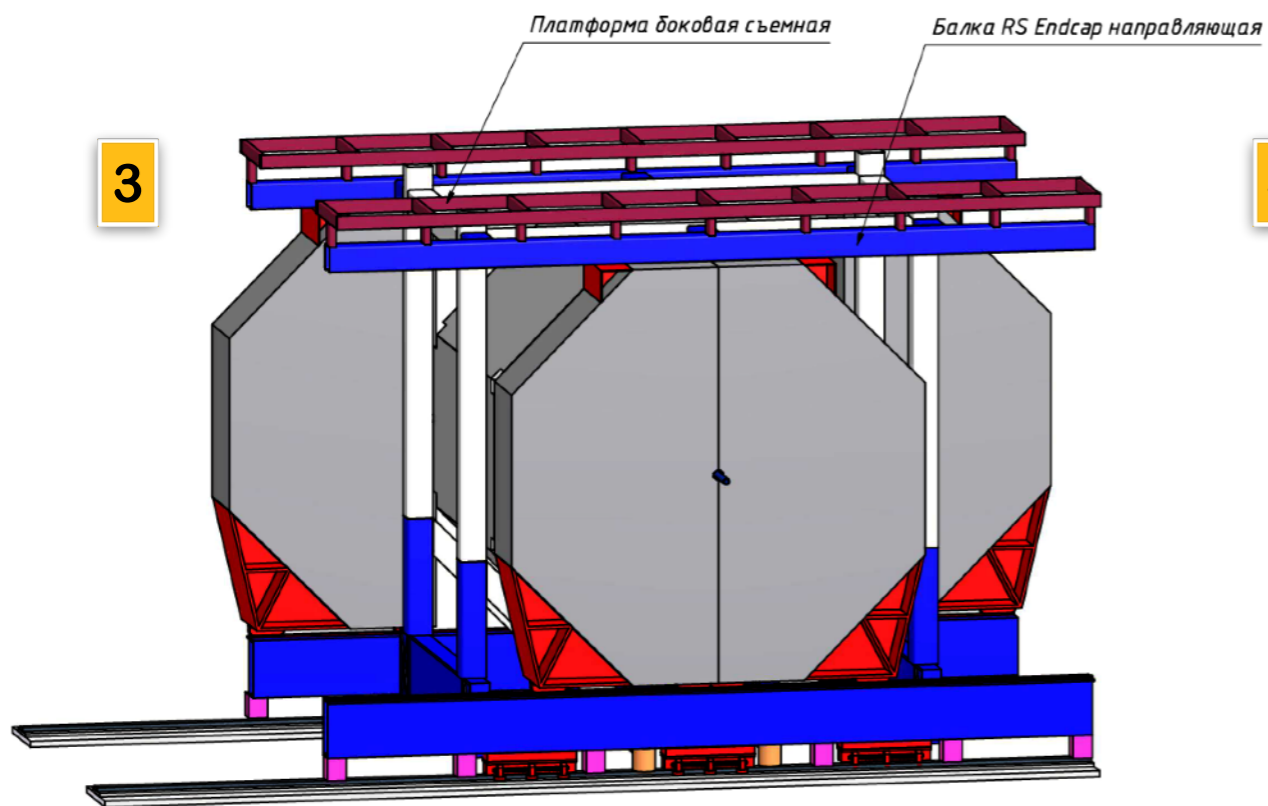
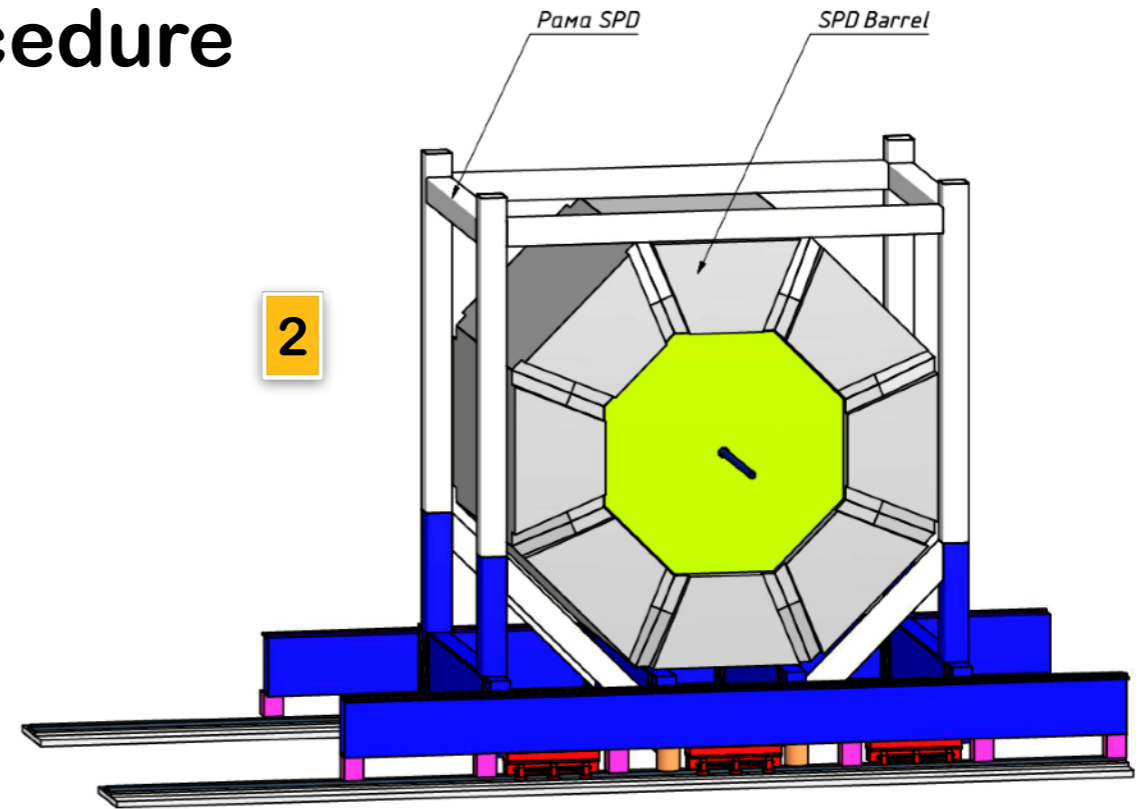
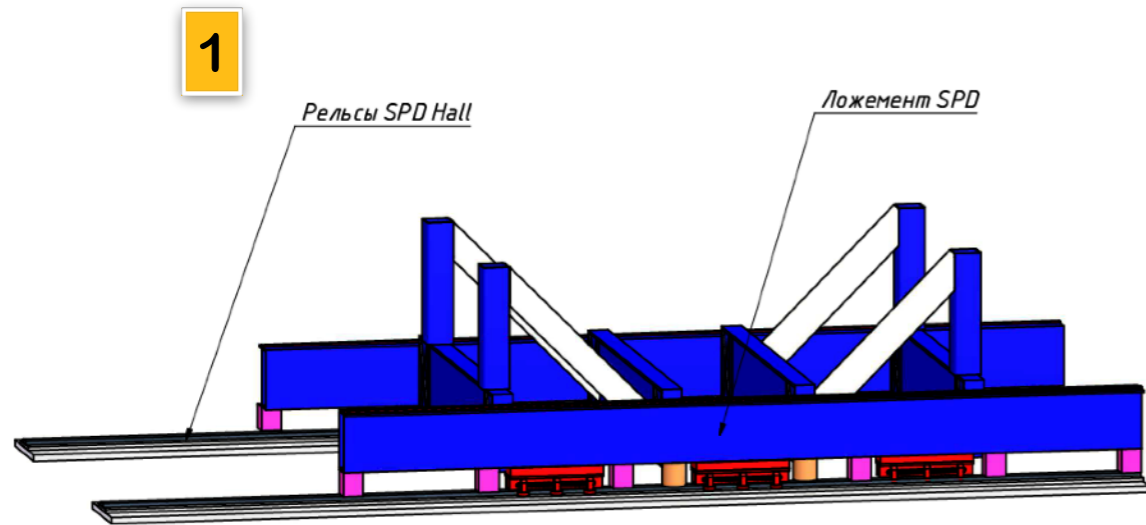


## (May 2021)

2xDSSD+3xMAPS

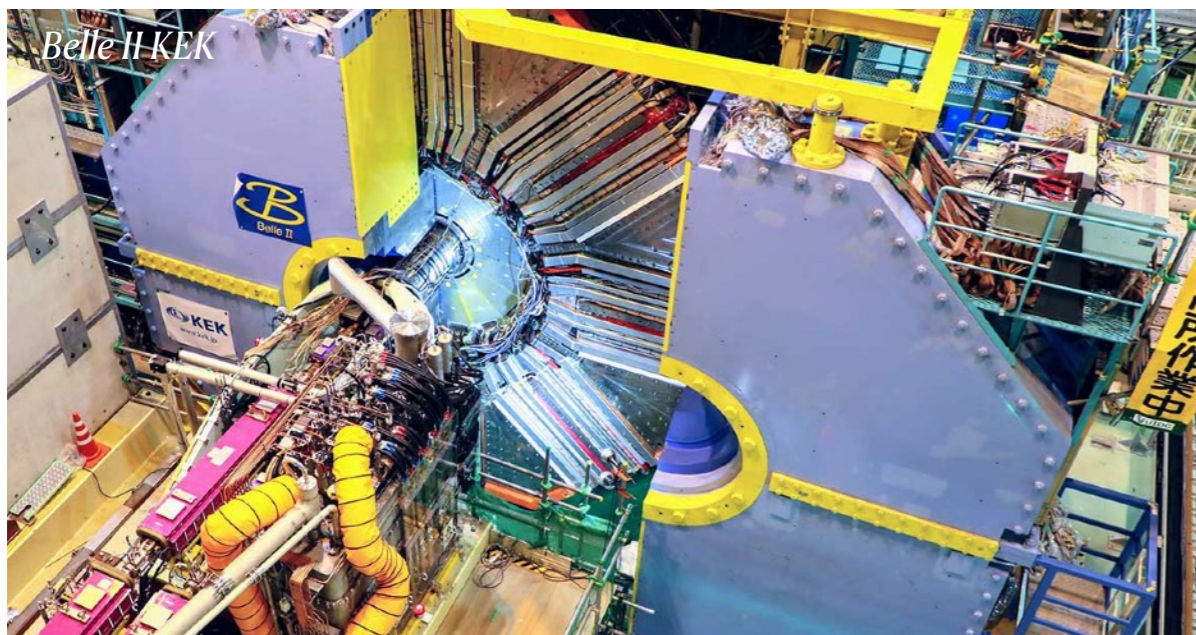
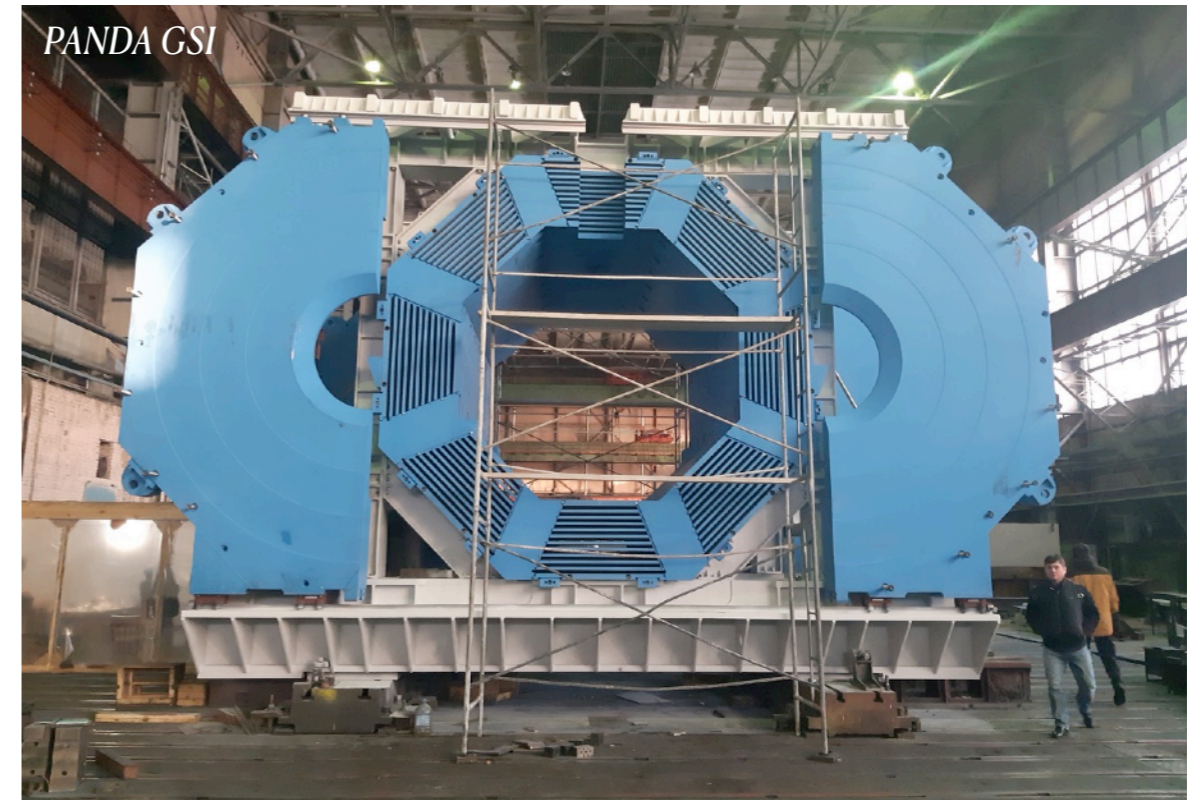
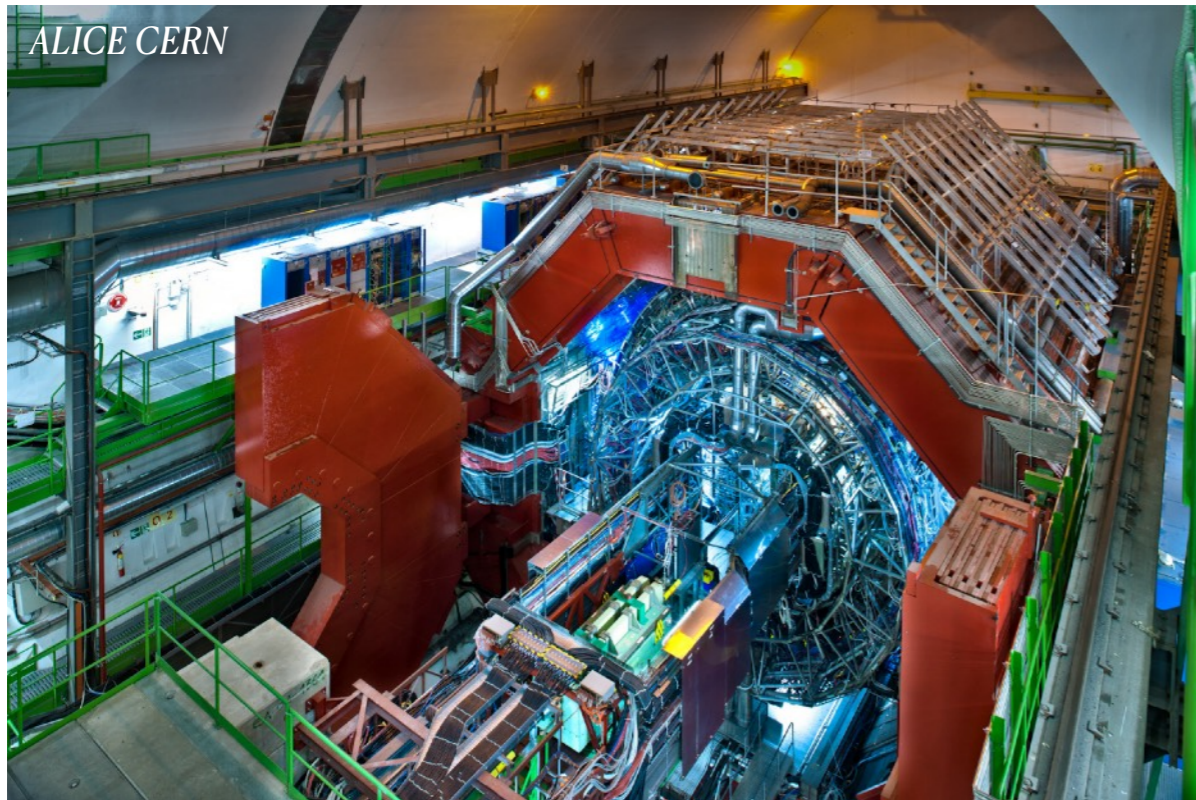


# RS assembling procedure





# Motivation for the RS end-cap update



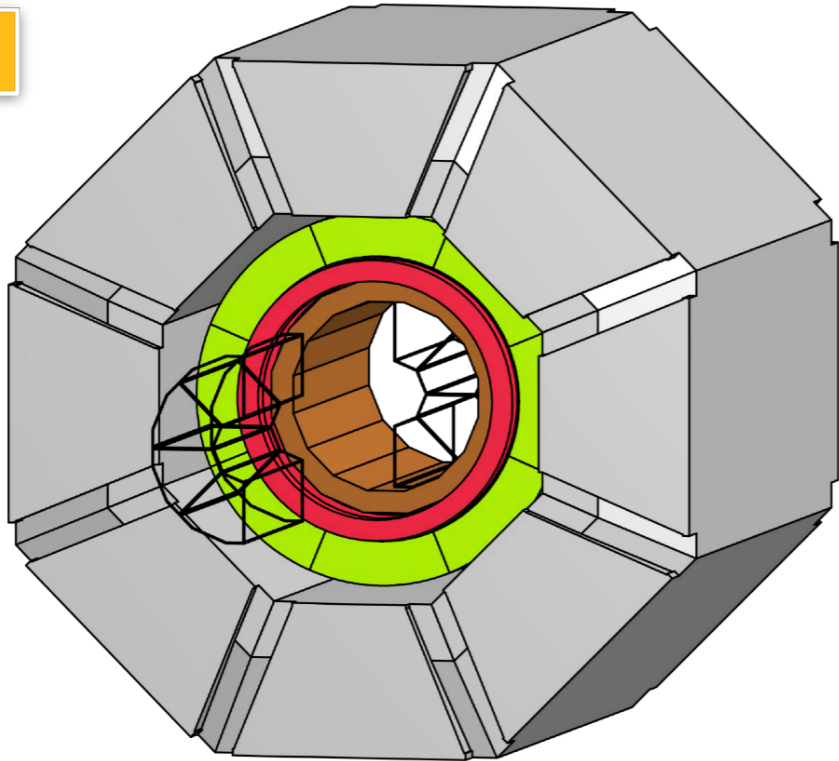
- Sliding end-cap halves are more convenient for long-term use
  - faster and safer to open
  - no need to disconnect cables



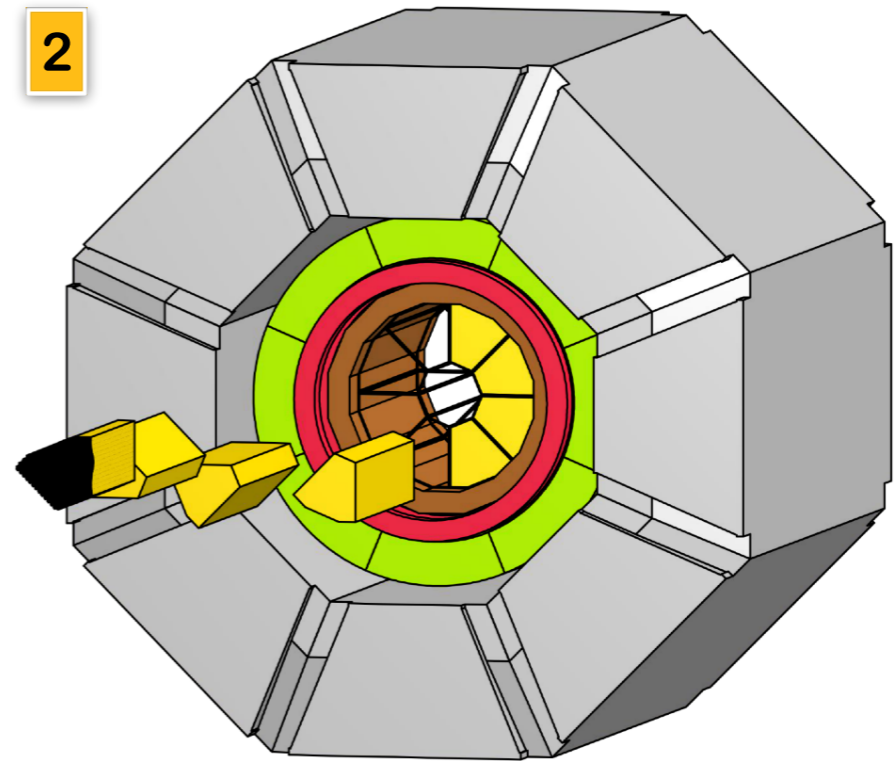
# ST assembling procedure

*all will be done by hand*

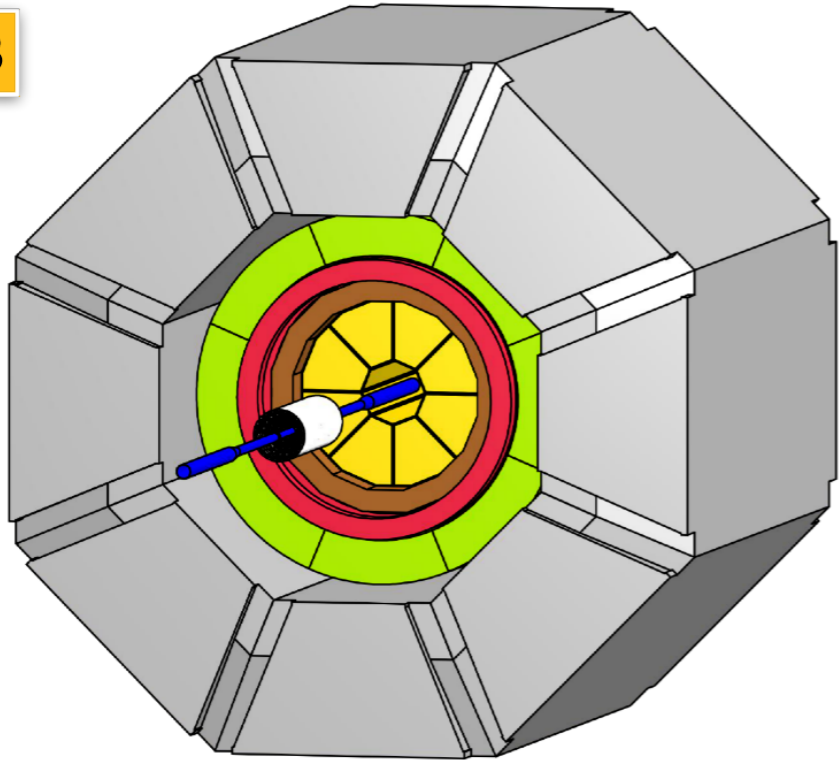
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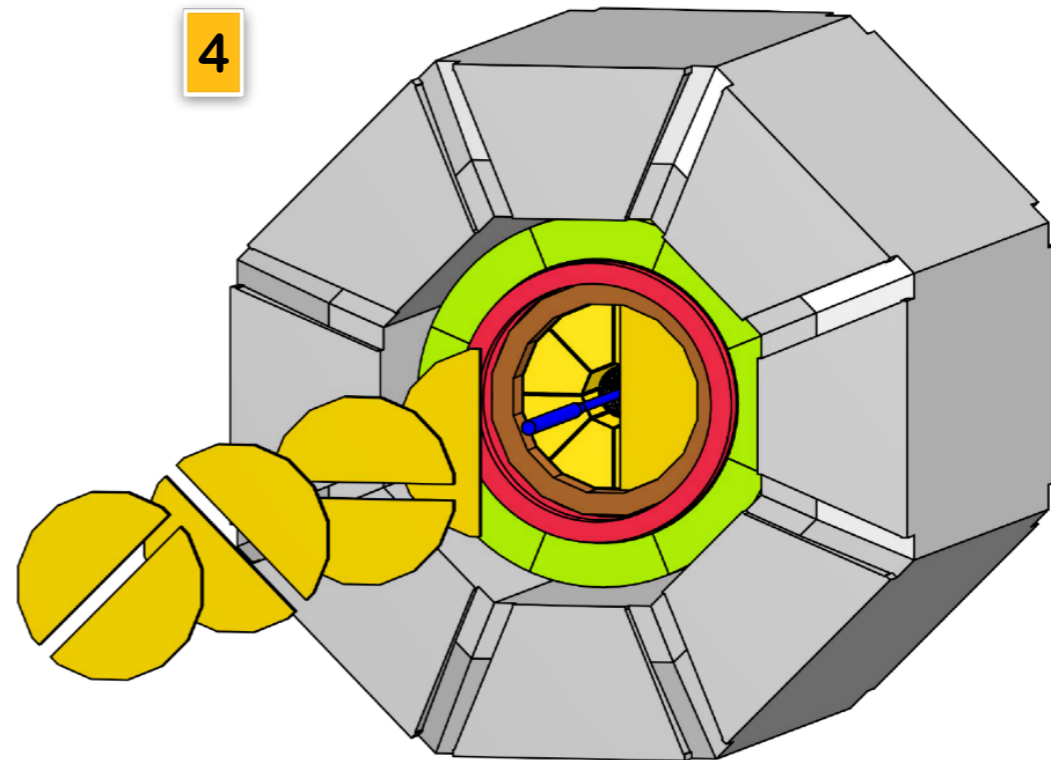
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# Two options for TOF (pros & cons)

MRPC	SciTil
sophisticated production procedure	assembling is fast and easy
requires gas flow, HV (trips)	easier to maintain (no gas, only LV)
takes radially 17cm (MPD), no way for Aerogel	can be squeezed within ~6cm, space for Aerogel
rectangular shape, large size (inconvenient for round end-caps)	small tile $\Rightarrow$ can fit cylindrical shape
rad. length $\approx 0.14X_0$ (MPD)	rad. length $\approx 0.02X_0$
$\sigma_t$ is independent of $l_{strip}$	$\sigma_t$ drops exponentially with $l_{tile}$
S = pitch x length = 1.25cm x 40cm = 50cm <sup>2</sup> N <sub>channel</sub> $\approx$ 10k	S = pitch x length = 2.9cm x 9cm = 26cm <sup>2</sup> N <sub>channel</sub> $\approx$ 20k
not sensitive to radiation	sensitive to radiation
well established technology (MPD, BM@N)	requires R&D

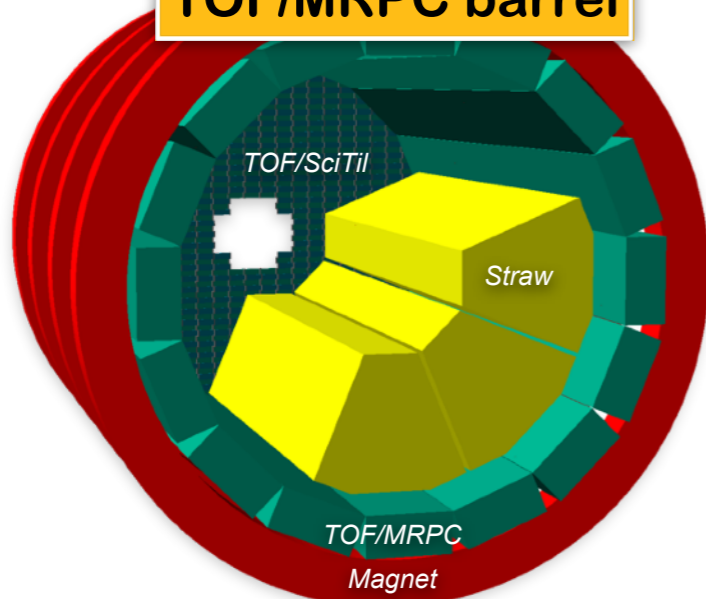


- Both options are able to provide the resolution of  $\sim 60$ ps
- Applying different options for barrel and end-caps will double expenses/efforts for: DAQ, Power supply, Slow control, calibration & analysis



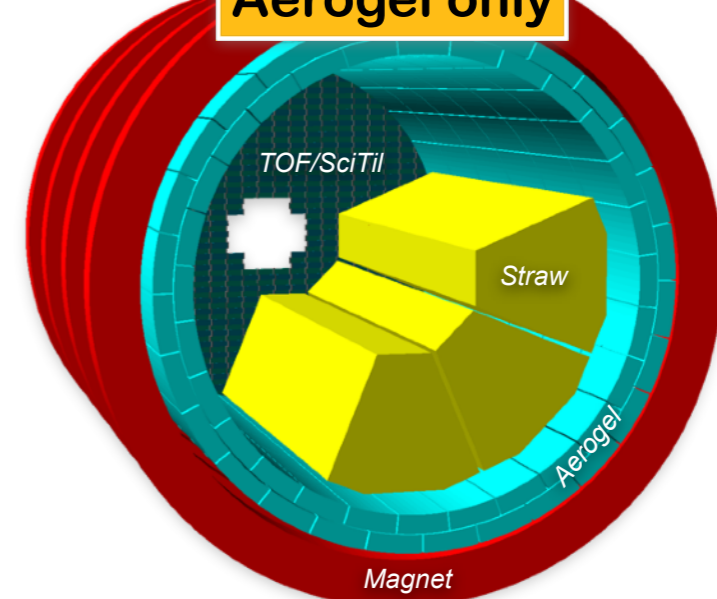
# Summary: options for PID (TOF, Aerogel, Straw)

TOF/MRPC barrel



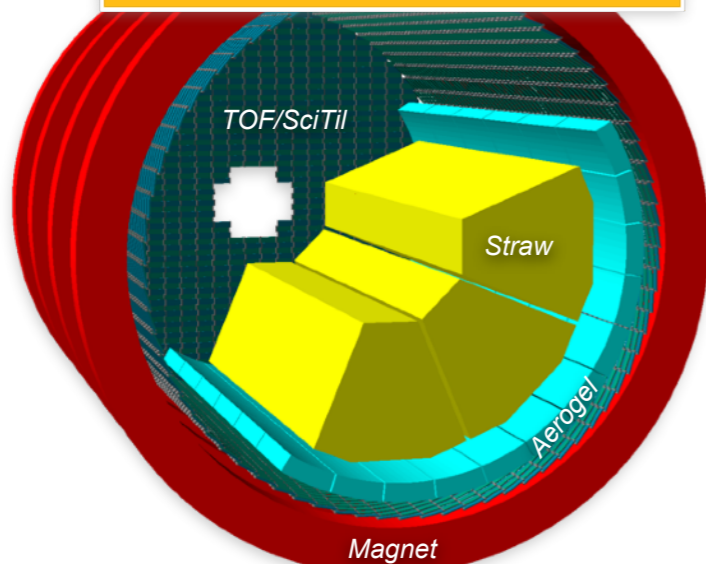
- Module takes 17cm radially (no place for other PID detector)
- Choice for TOF end-caps is still opens

Aerogel only



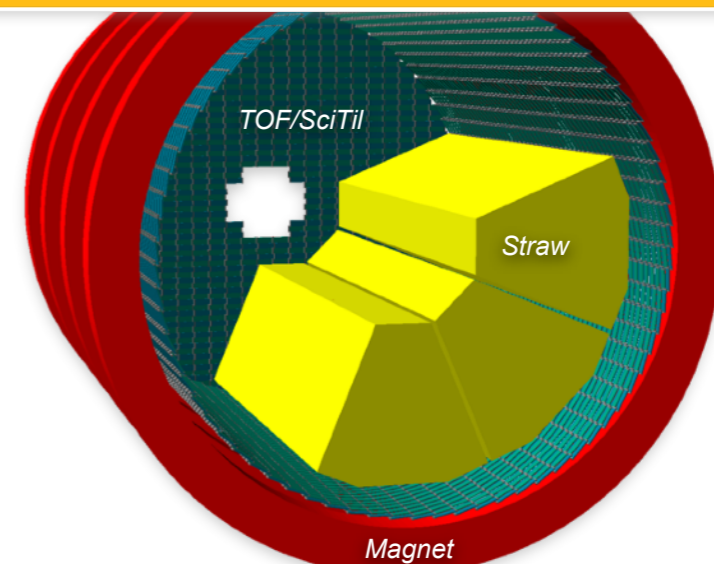
- Module takes 17cm radially (no place for other PID detector)
- Missing timing measurements in barrel

TOF/plastic + Aerogel



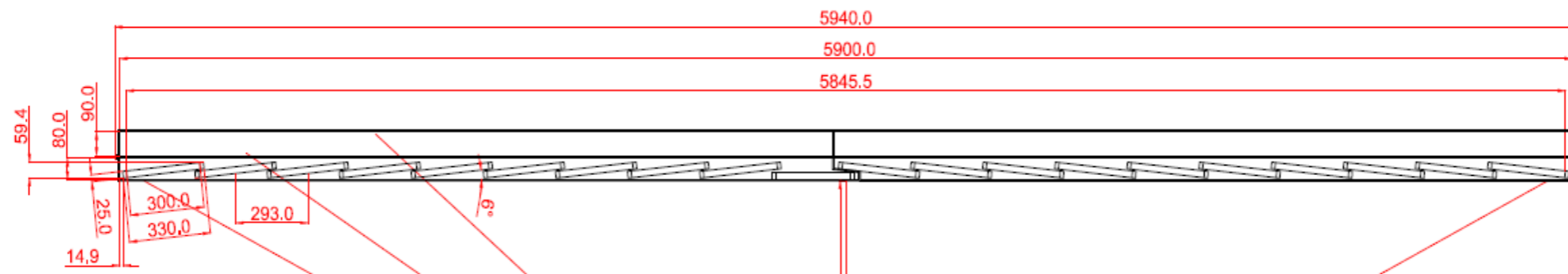
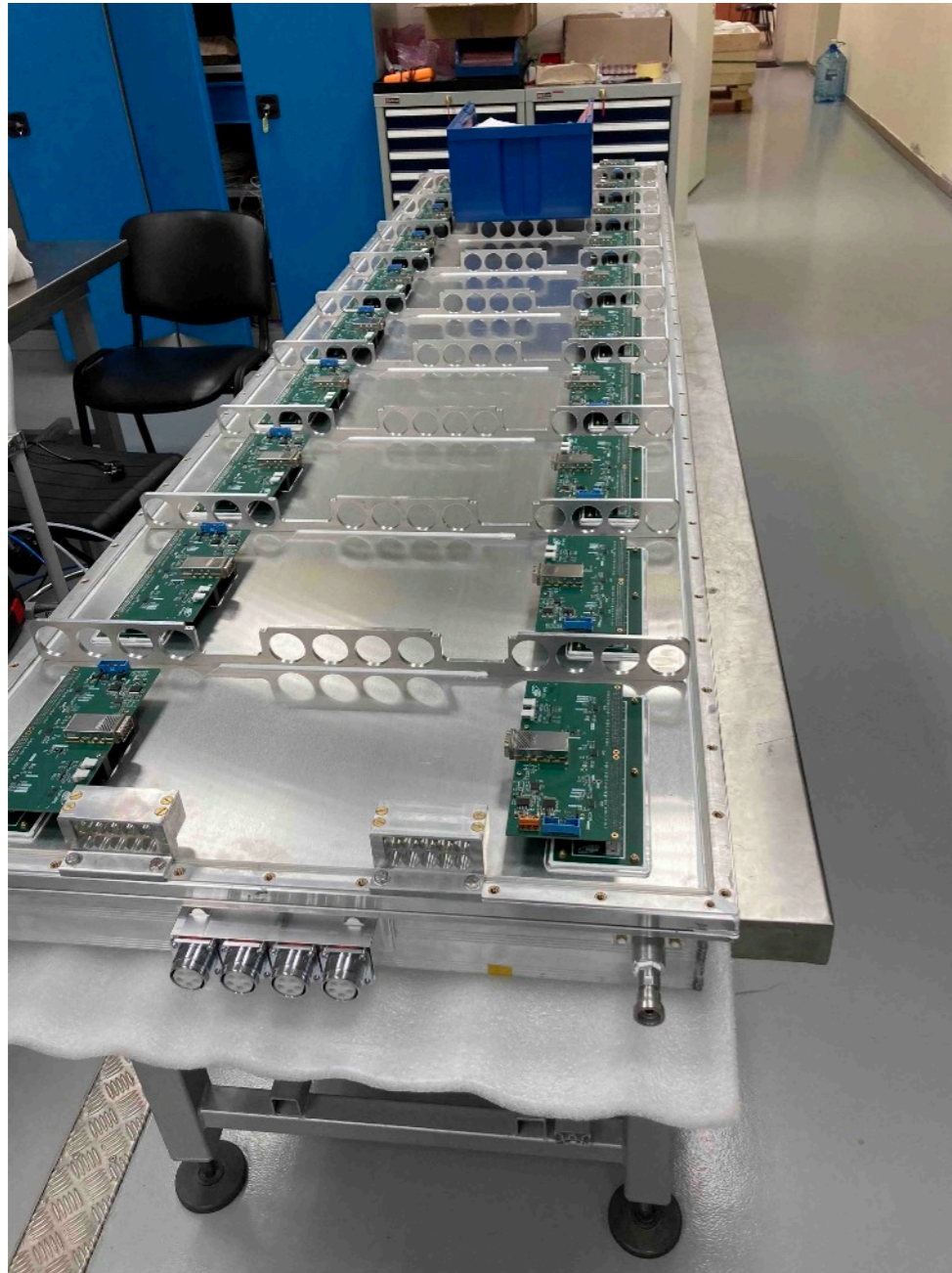
- The same choice of TOF for barrel and end-caps
- Lower thickness → lower efficiency for Aerogel

TOF/plastic + Straw expansion



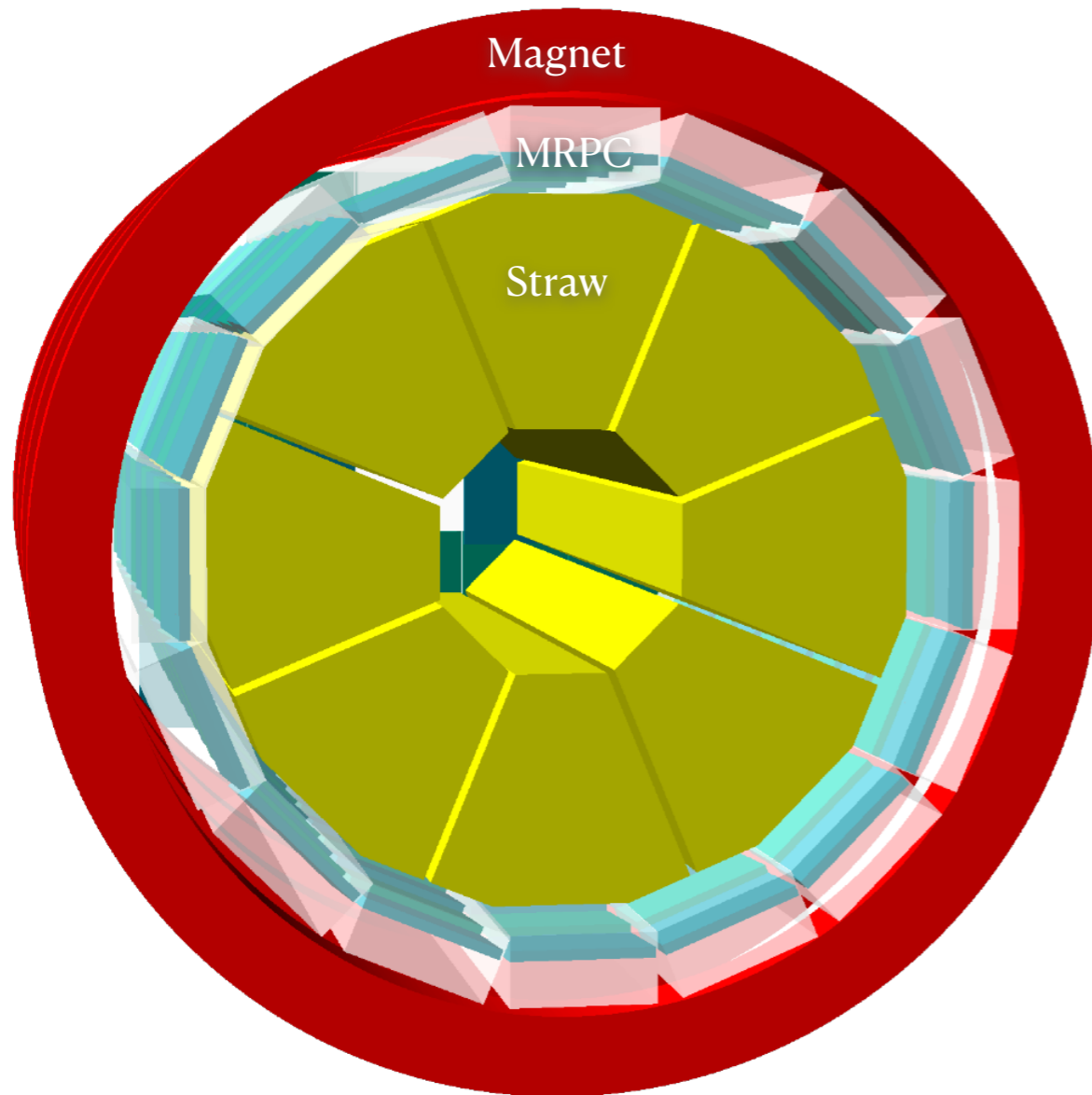
- The same choice of TOF for barrel and end-caps
- Improvement of  $dE/dx$  via increasing straw layers by 10

# Assembling room for the MRPC barrel of MPD in JINR/LHEP

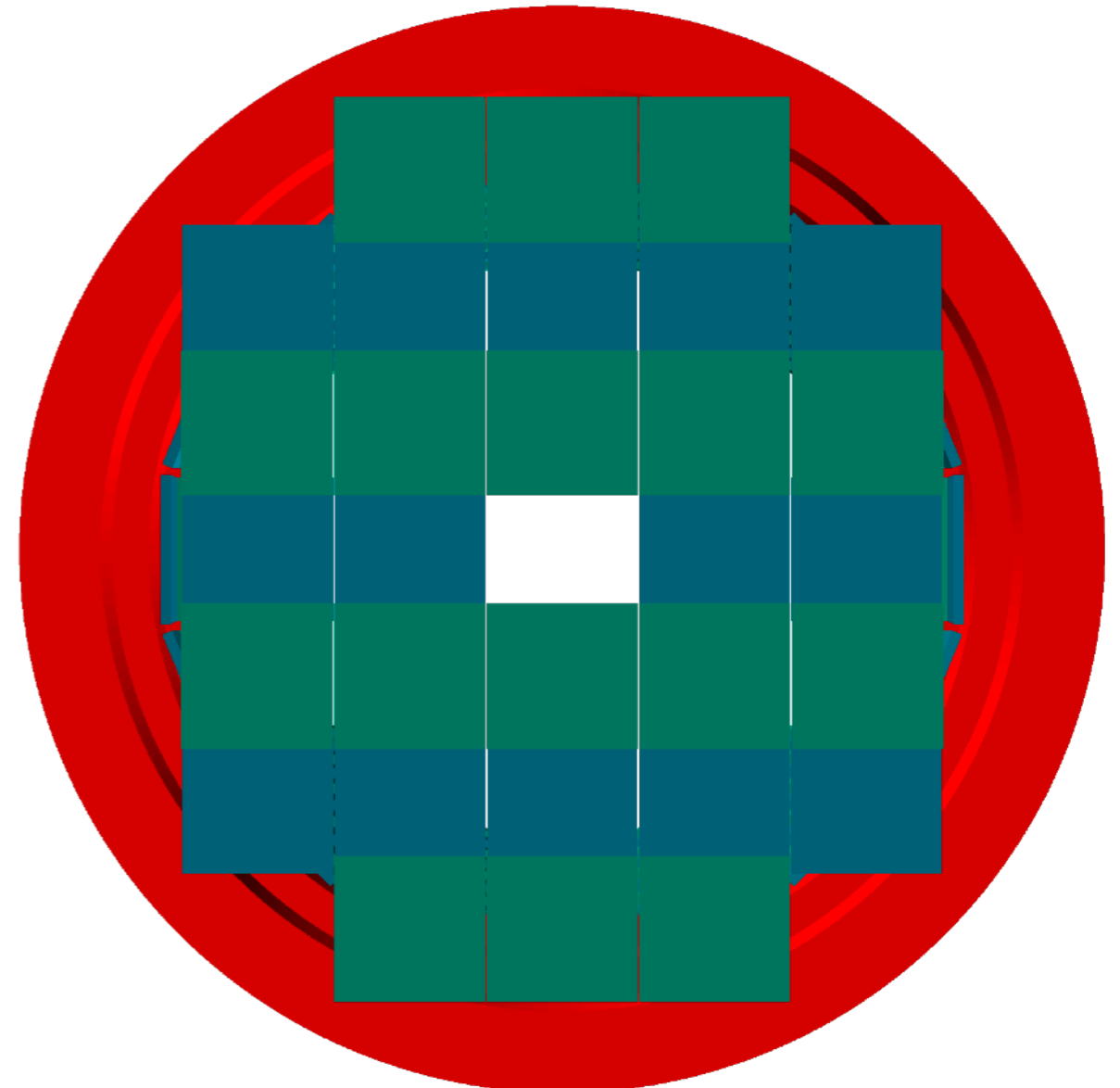




## Mechanics issues of the MRPC option for TOF/SPD



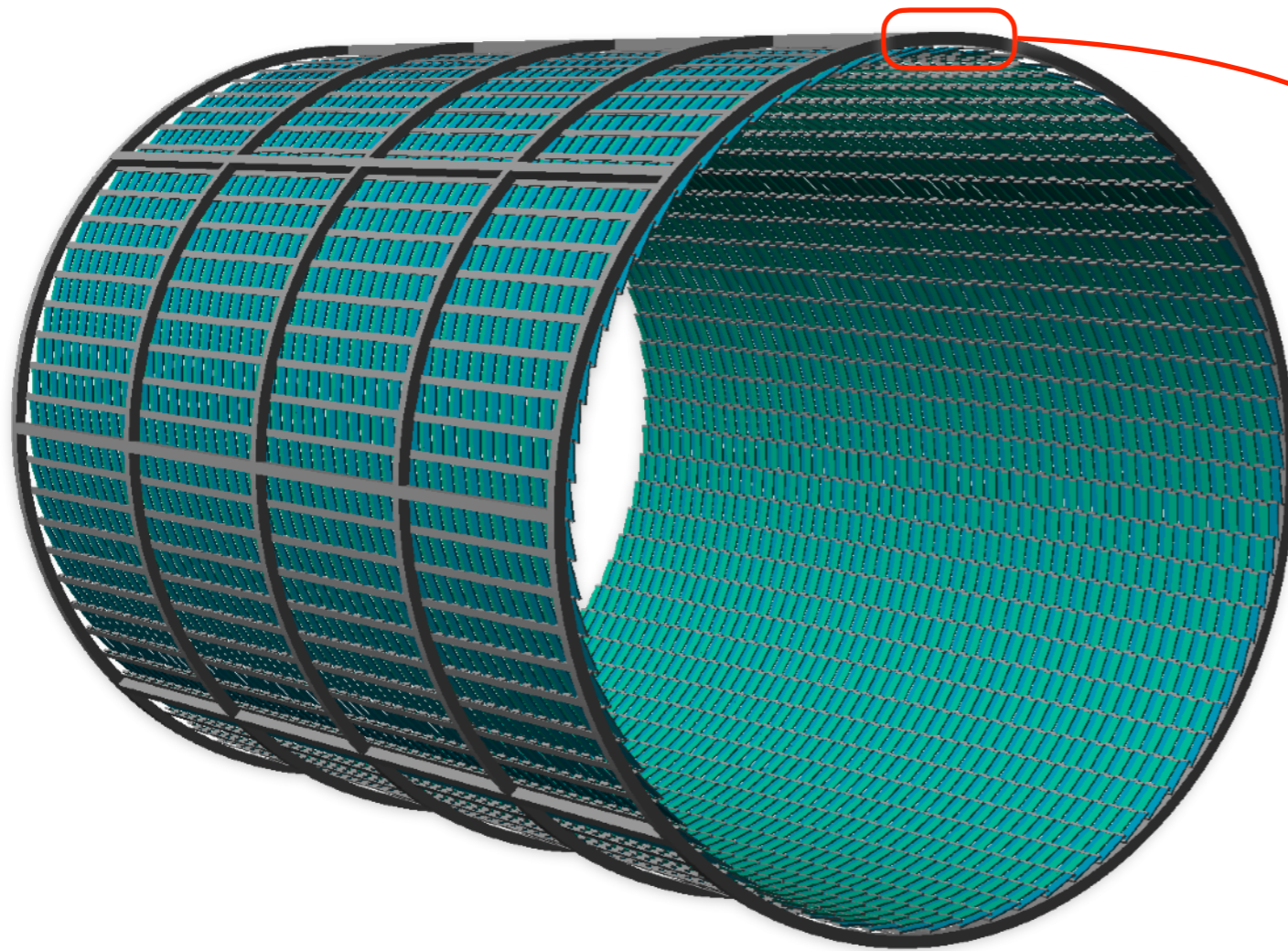
- MPD module has 17cm thickness radially → no space for another PID detector



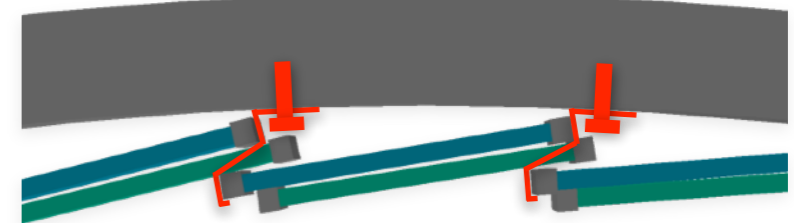
- To be removable, the diameter of the TOF end-cap must be smaller than the one of the magnet coil
- Either large dead regions or conflict with coils



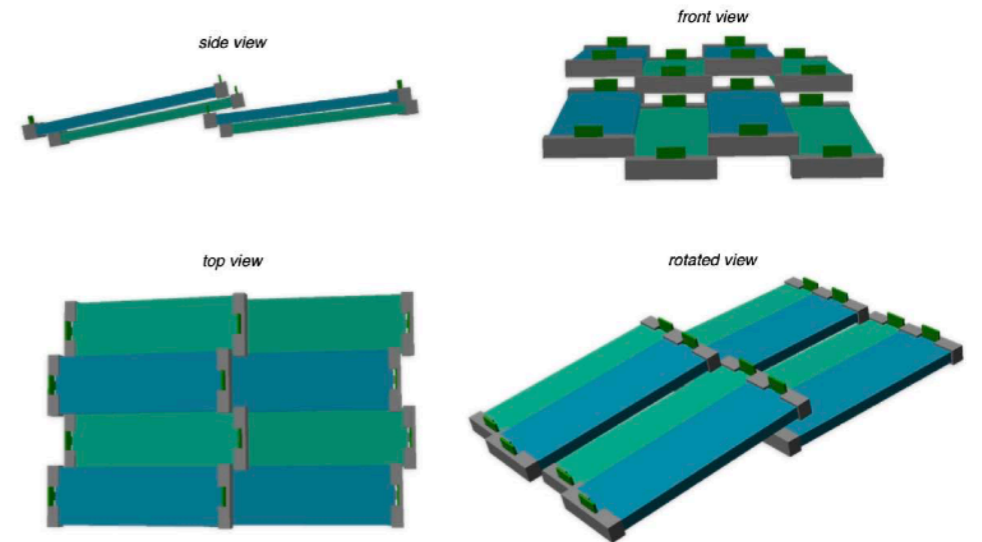
## Plastic scintillator option for TOF/SPD



Brackets for fixation



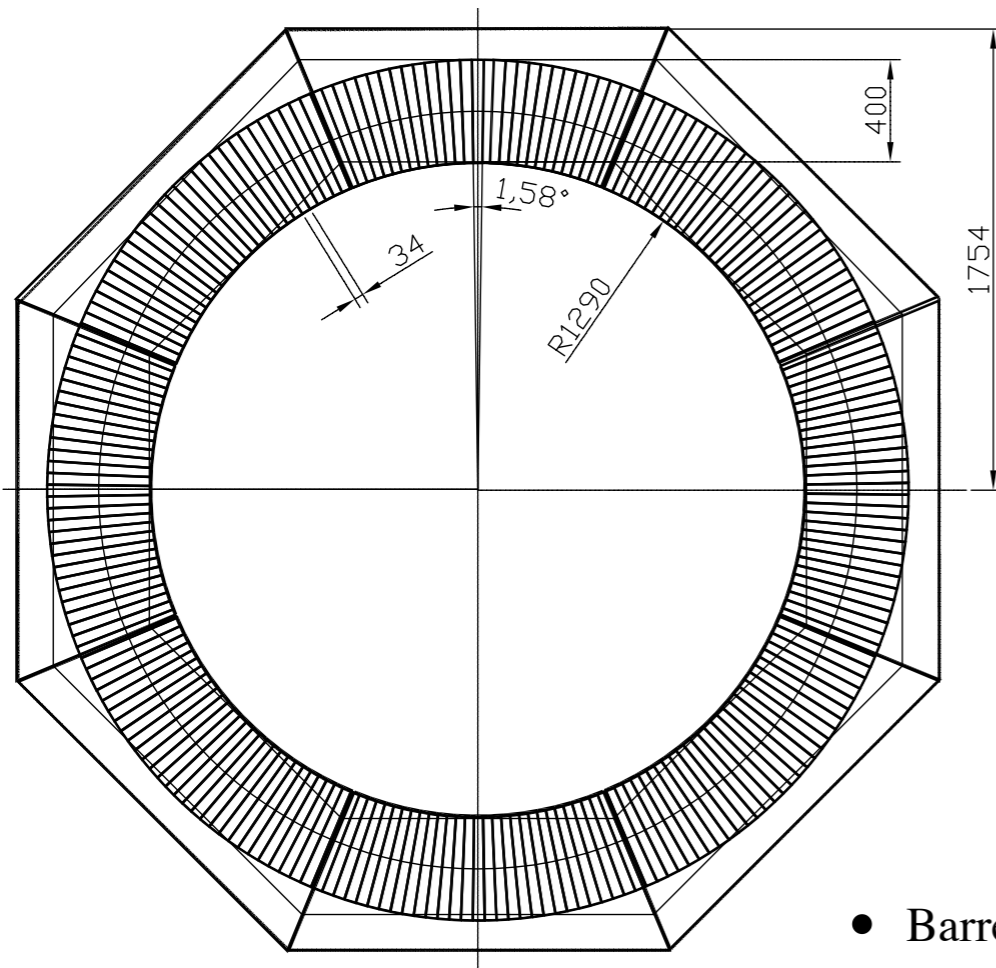
Alignment of tiles without dead zones



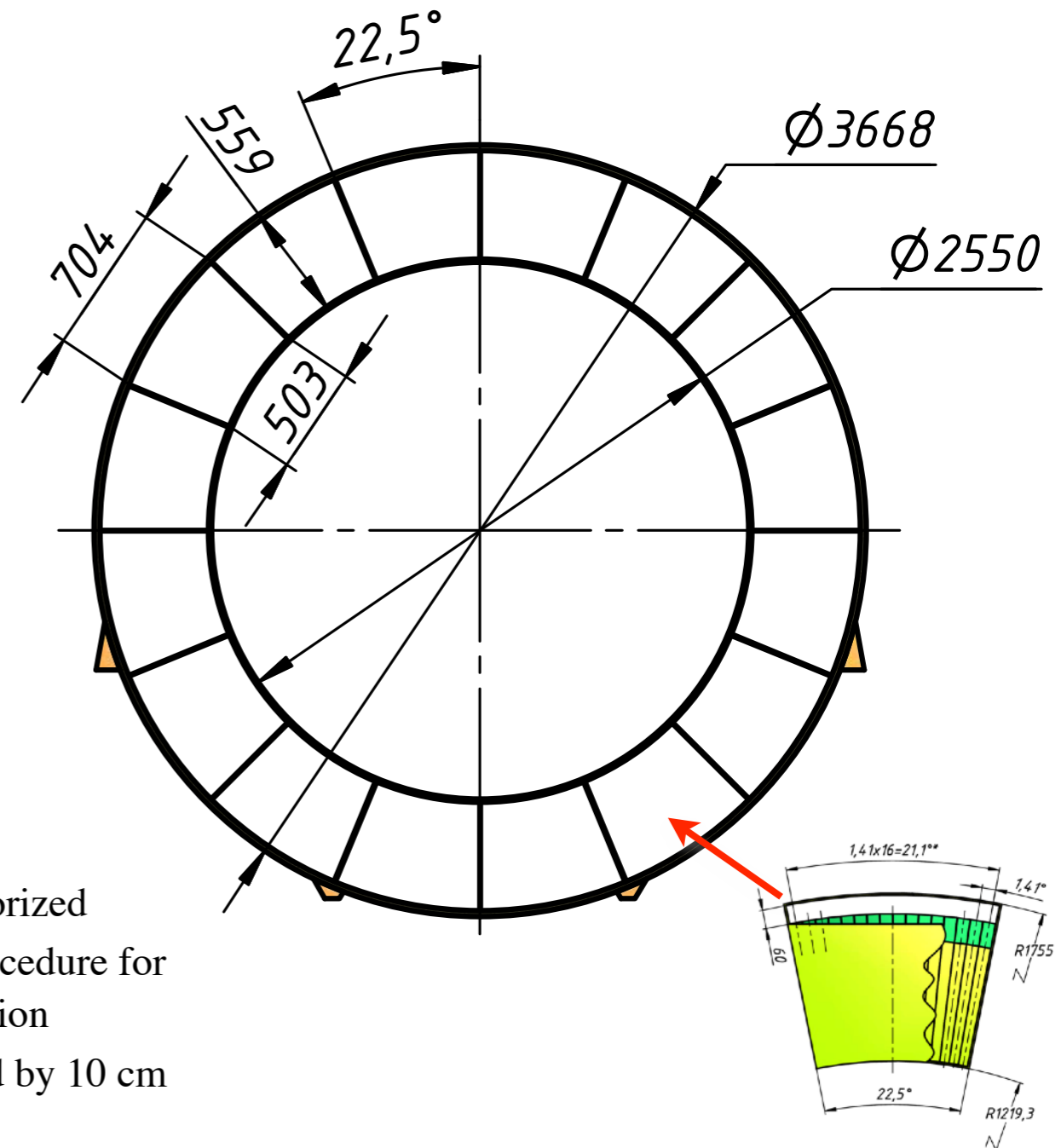
- $V_{\text{tile}} = 9\text{cm} \times 3\text{cm} \times 0.5\text{cm} = 13.5 \text{ cm}^3$
- $\rho_{\text{tile}} = 1.032 \text{ g/cm}^3 \rightarrow m_{\text{tile}} = 13.9\text{g}$
- $m_{\text{barrel}} = 7.3\text{k} \times 13.9\text{g} = 101\text{kg}$

# Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECal)

CDR version (end of 2020)



Update (May 2021)

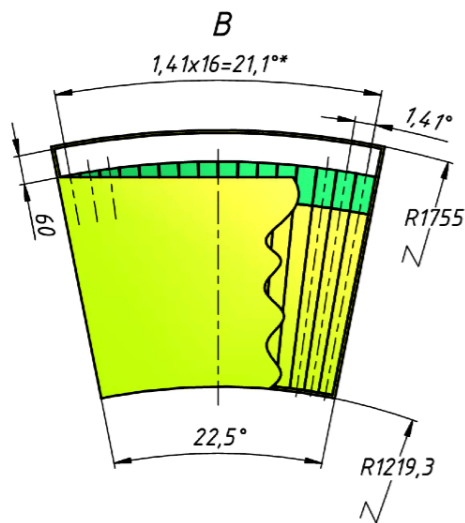
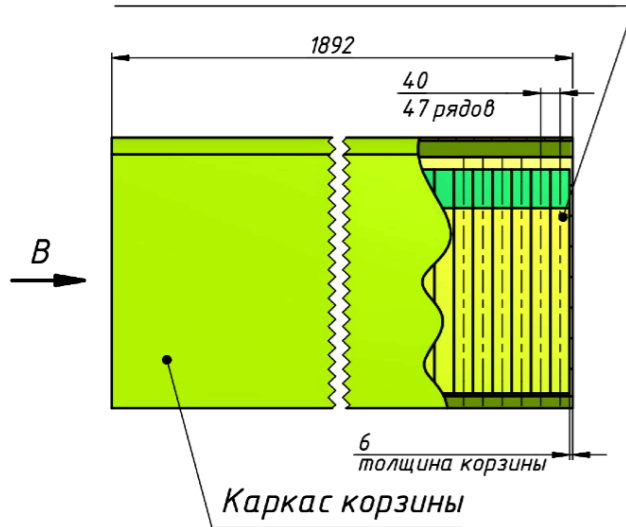


- Barrel layout is sectorized
- Follow the MPD procedure for the frame & installation
- Radial size increased by 10 cm

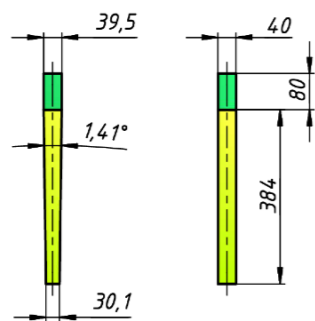
# Electromagnetic Calorimeter (ECal)

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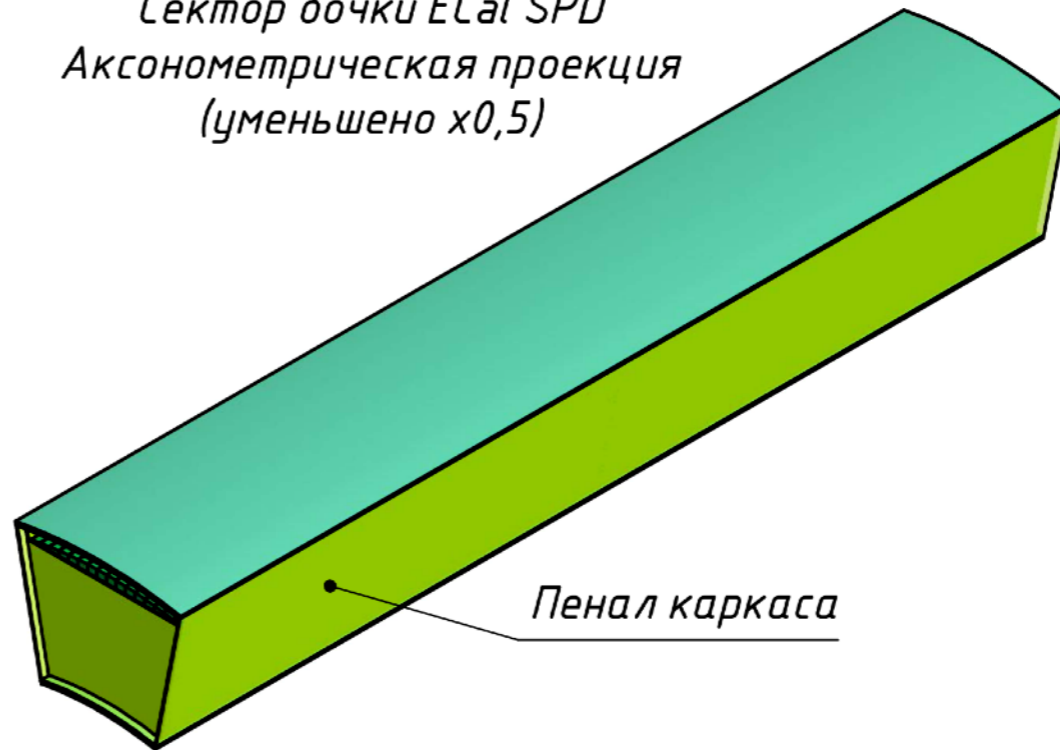
Ячейка бочки ECal SPD x 752 шт.



Ячейка бочки ECal SPD

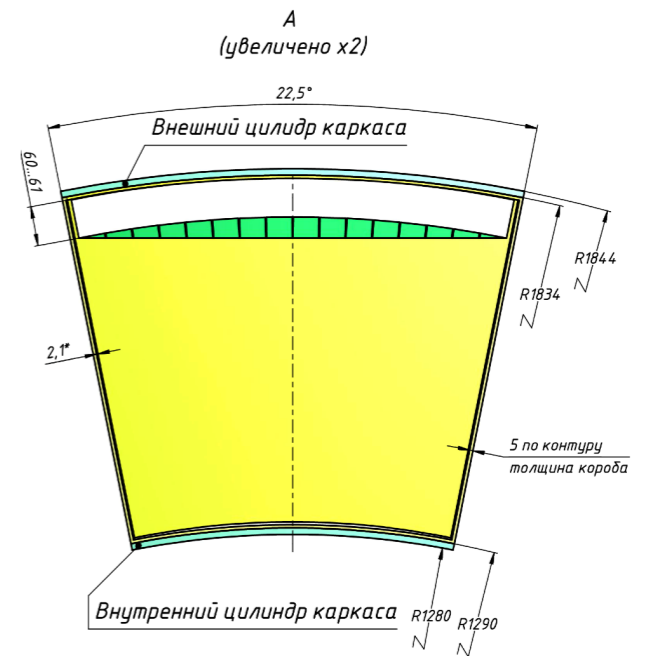
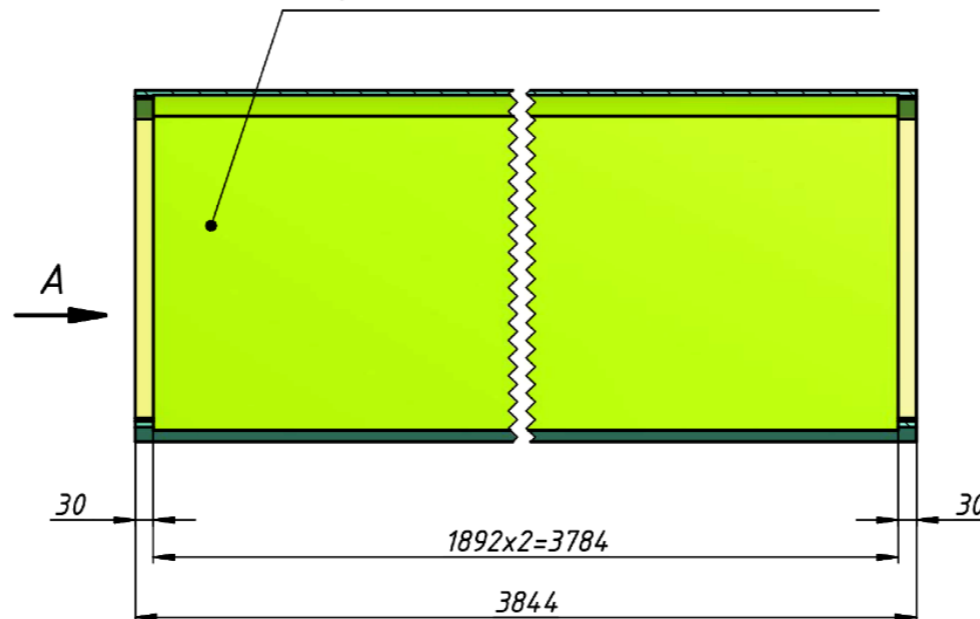


Сектор бочки ECal SPD  
АксонOMETрическая проекция  
(уменьшено x0,5)



Сектор бочки ECal SPD

Корзина бочки ECal SPD x 2 шт.

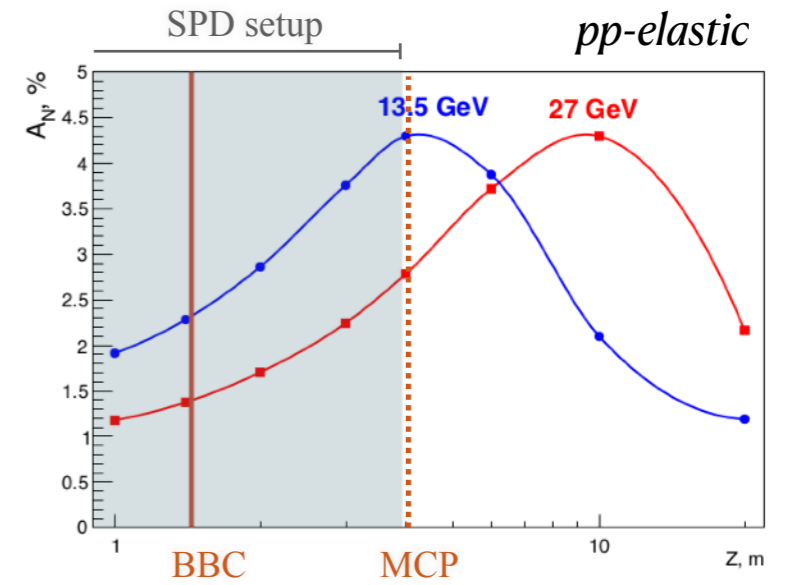
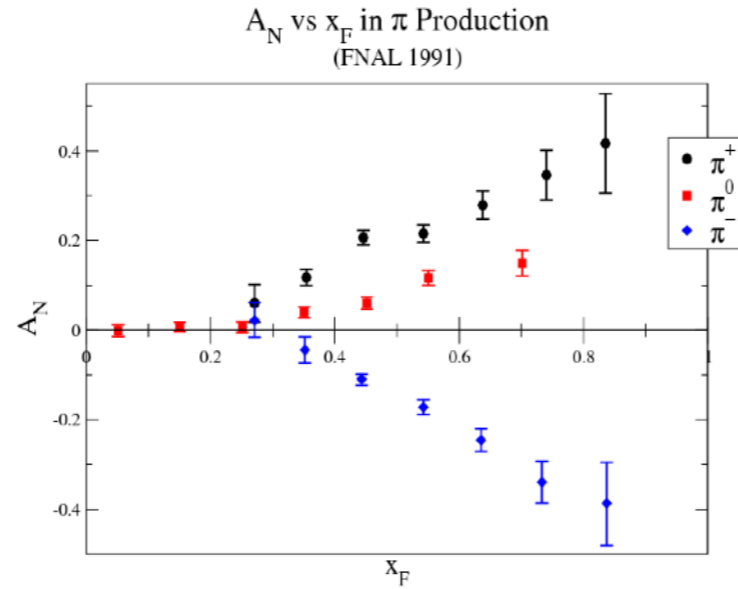
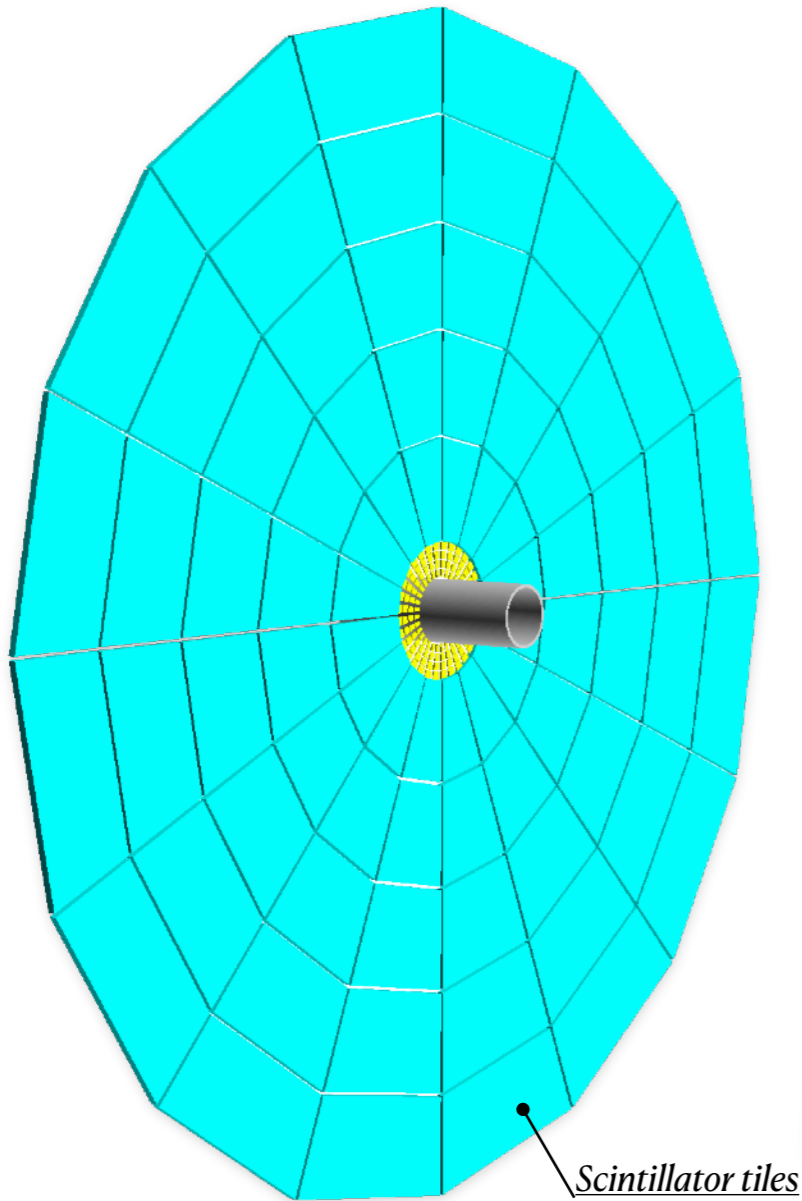


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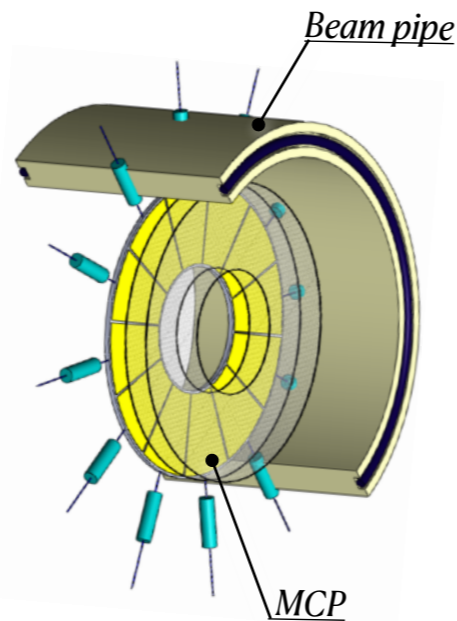


# Beam Beam Counter (BBC)

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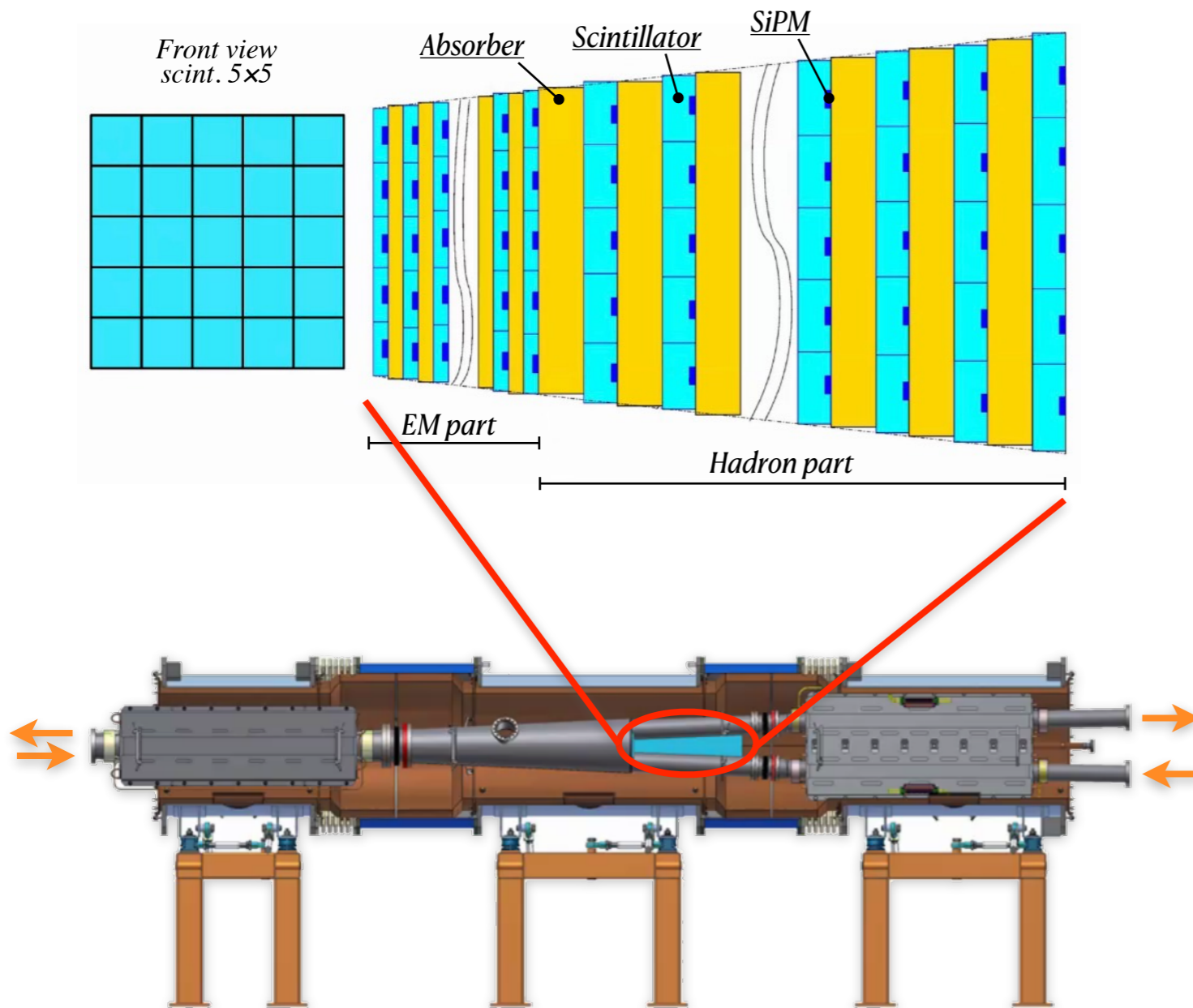


$z = \pm 3.9 \text{ m}$

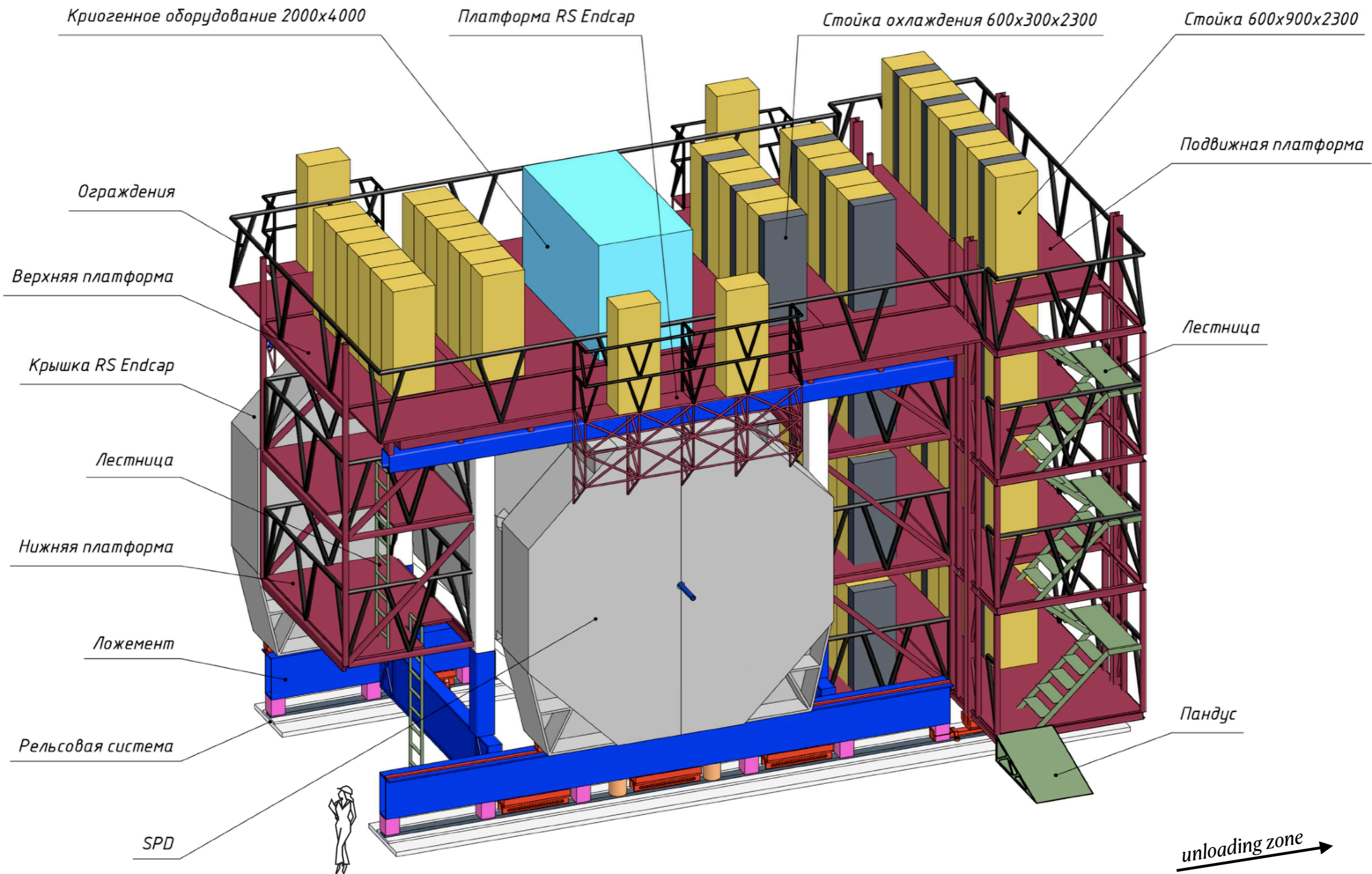


- BBC consists of inner and outer parts
  - *Inner part*: Micro-Channel Plates (MCP) located outside the beam pipe in its own vacuum volume. Excellent time resolution.
  - *Outer part*: plastic scintillator tiles with SiPM readout. Time resolution of 0.5 ns.

## Zero Degree Calorimeter (ZDC)



- ZDC will be integrated in the cryostat placed between two vertically deflecting magnets, 13 m from IP
- Sampling calorimeter with fine segmentation, 5x5 matrix
- SiPM light readout, about 1000 channels
- Readout based on electronics designed for the DANSS neutrino experiment at Kaliniskaya NPP
- Time resolution  $\sim 150$  ps
- Energy resolution for neutrons
  - $50 \div 60\% / \sqrt{E} \oplus 8 \div 10\%$
- Neutron entry point spatial resolution 10 mm
- The main issue to solve: how to place the detector in vacuum cryostat of accelerator





# Unloading zone of MPD





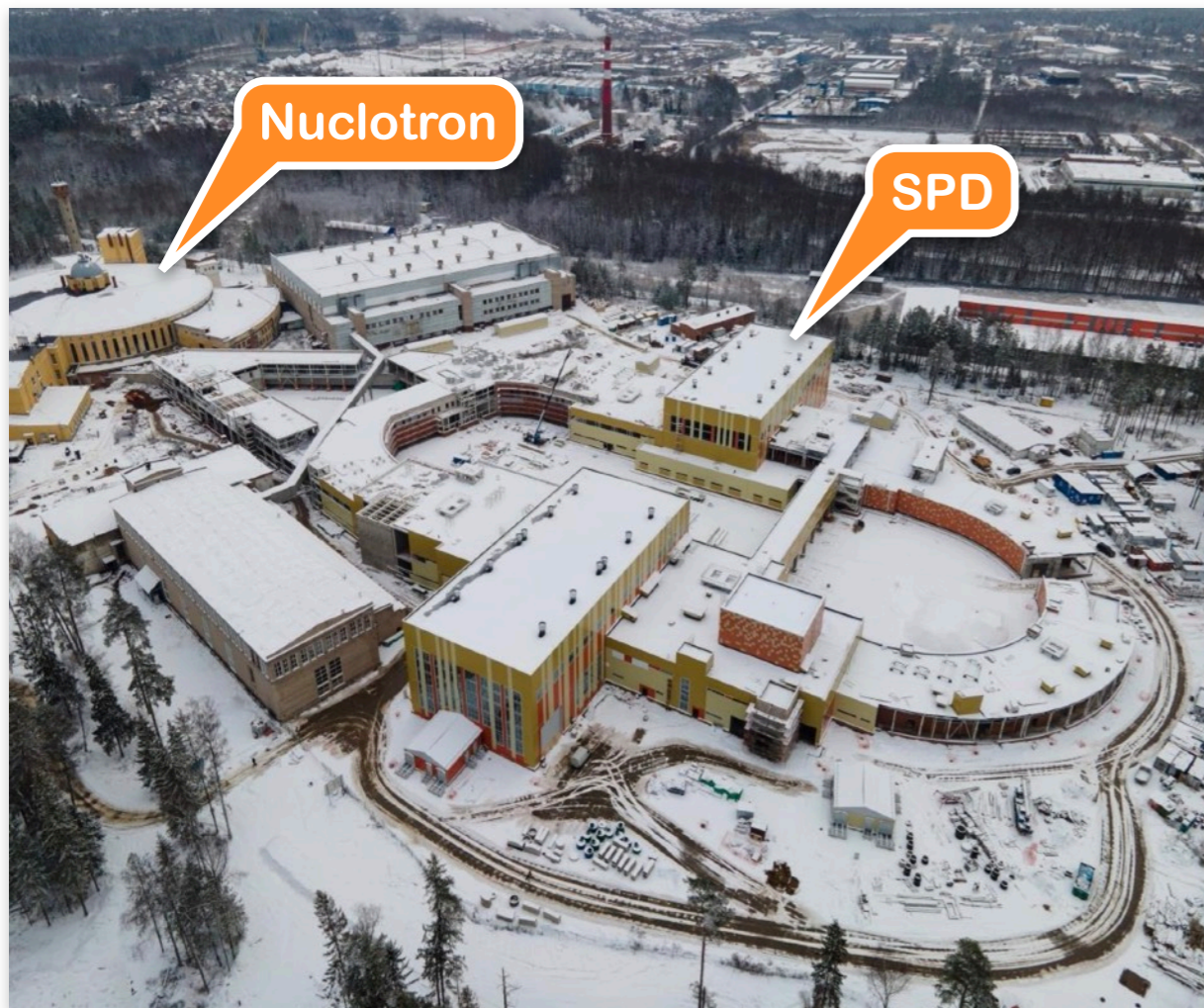
# Production site for superconductive magnets of NICA



- Vast experience in production of SC magnets
  - 460 magnets to produce for NICA (buster + collider). ~75% has been completed.
  - Production of magnets for SIS100
  - Full chain of cryogenic tests
- Prototype production for SPD can start at the end of next year
  - Production for NICA will be finished next summer ⇒ 1/2 of stand is unoccupied
- Option with external companies for magnet production is also considered



## Aerial view to NICA



## SPD experimental hall



- Infrastructure development is ongoing: modernization of power supply system, upgrade of plants for liquid helium and nitrogen production, construction of new buildings
- Plans for the SPD hall for this year: complete work on the interior, make crane in operation