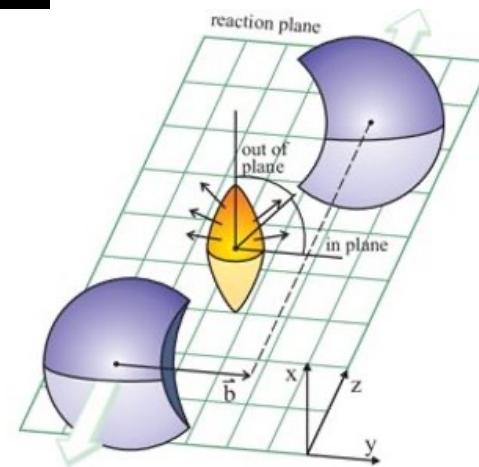
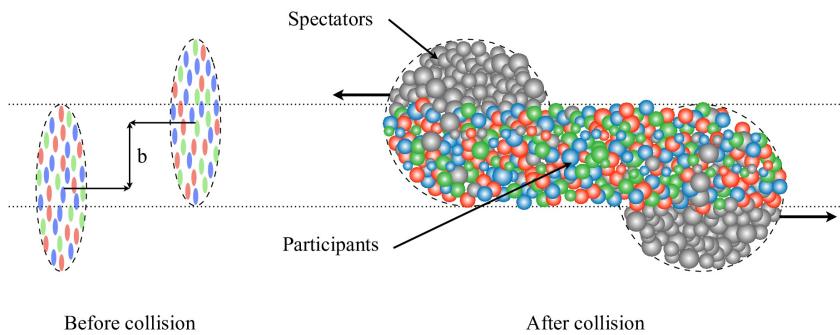
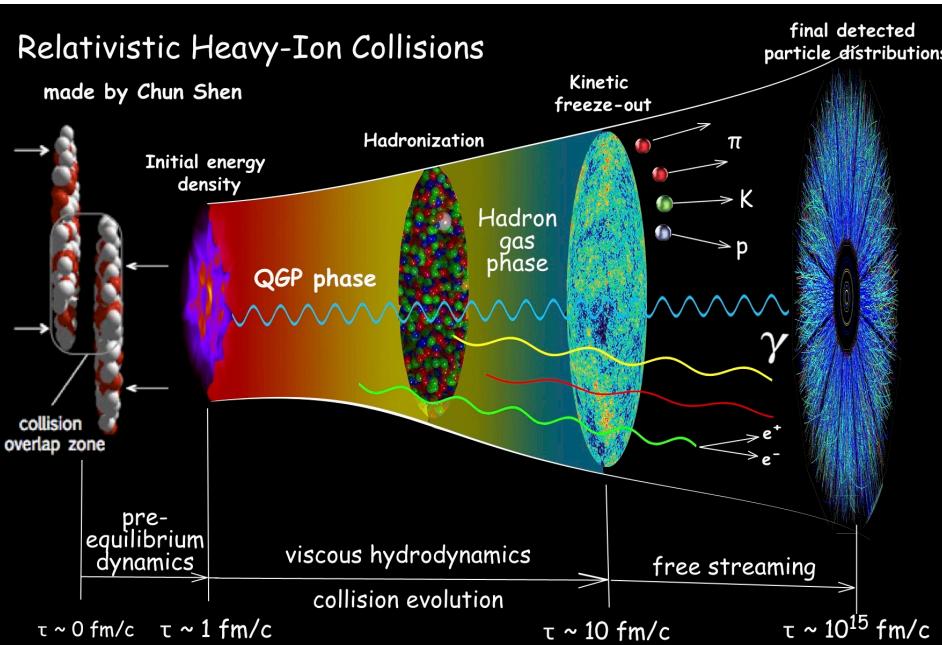


# Beam-Beam Counter (BBC) design proposal for relativistic ion-ion physics program at SPD

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# Picture of Heavy Ion Collisions



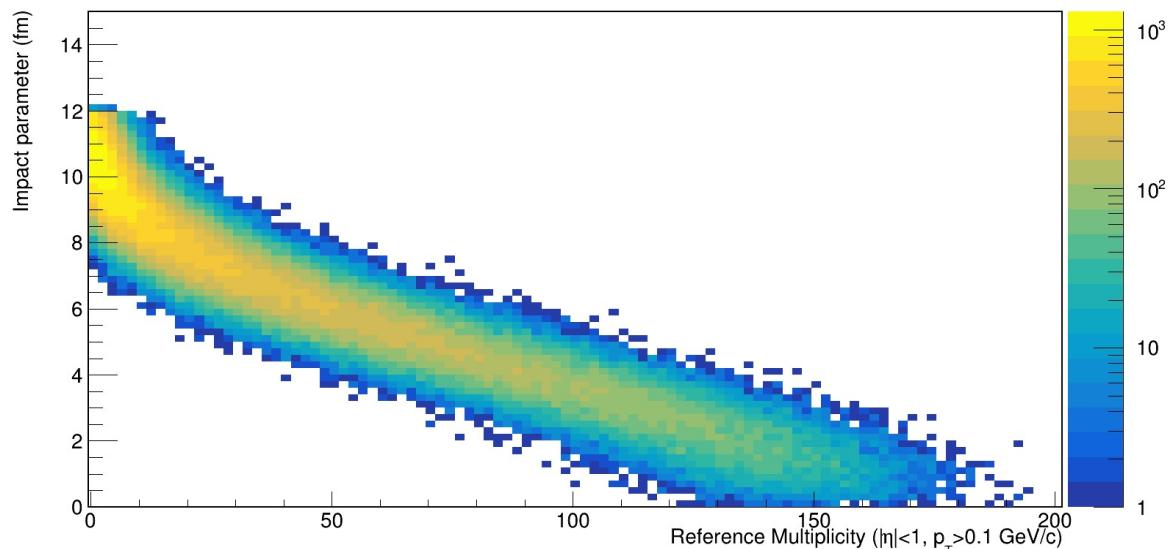
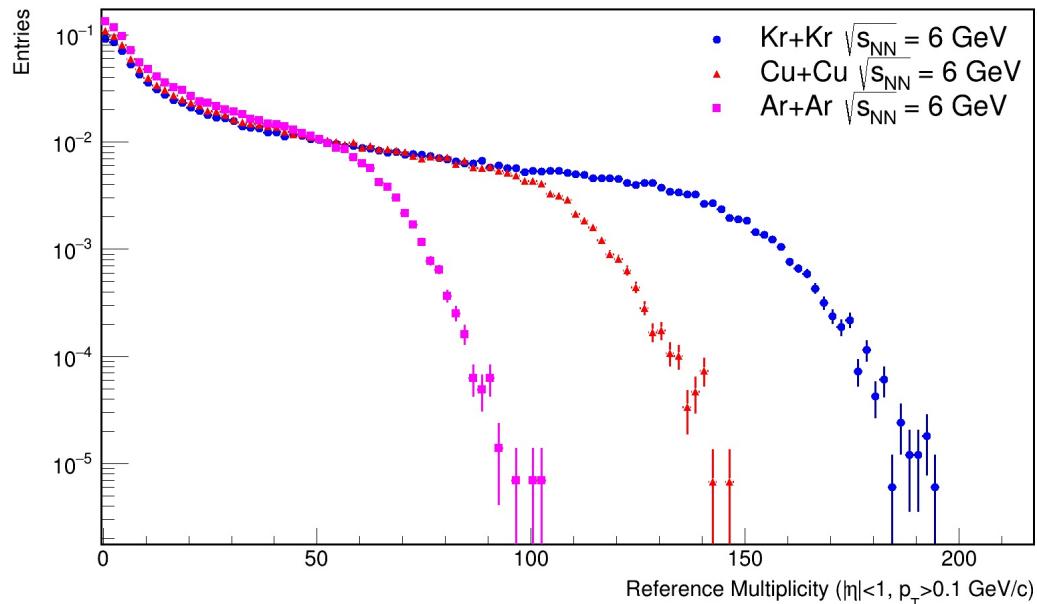
- Non-equilibrium evolution at early times
  - initial state at from QCD? Color Glass Condensate? ...
  - thermalization via strong interactions, plasma instabilities, particle production, ...
- Local thermal and chemical equilibrium
  - strong interactions lead to short thermalization times
  - evolution from relativistic fluid dynamics
  - expansion, dilution, cool-down
- Chemical freeze-out
  - for small temperatures one has mesons and baryons
  - inelastic collision rates become small
  - particle species do not change any more
- Thermal freeze-out
  - elastic collision rates become small
  - particles stop interacting
  - particle momenta do not change any more

System properties can be probed via:

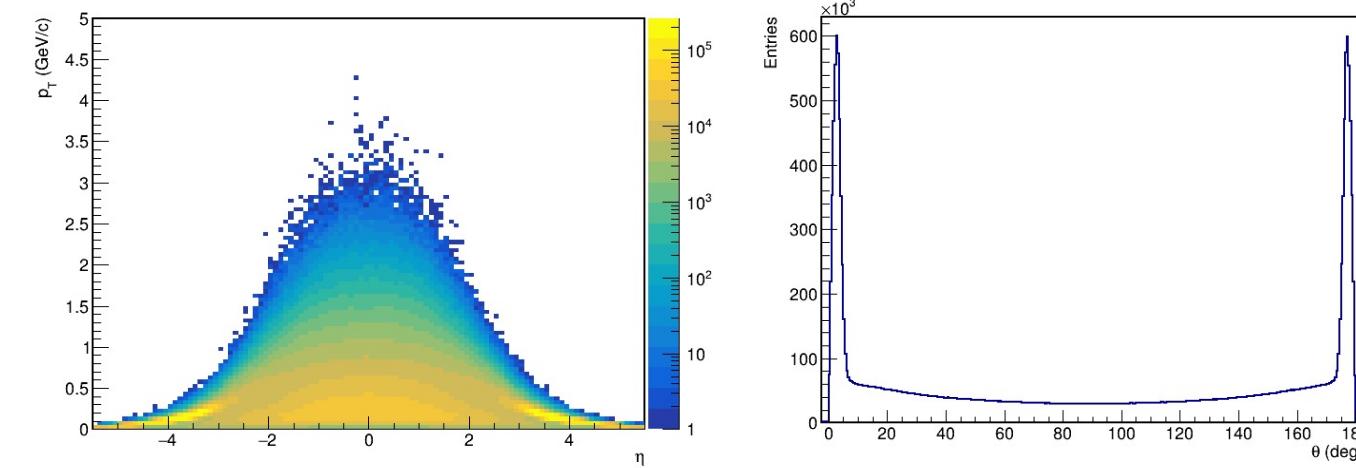
- Transverse momentum particle spectra
- Momentum and angular correlations
- Azimuthal anisotropies
- Global and local polarization of particles
- Etc...

# Toy Simulations of Ion-Ion Collisions

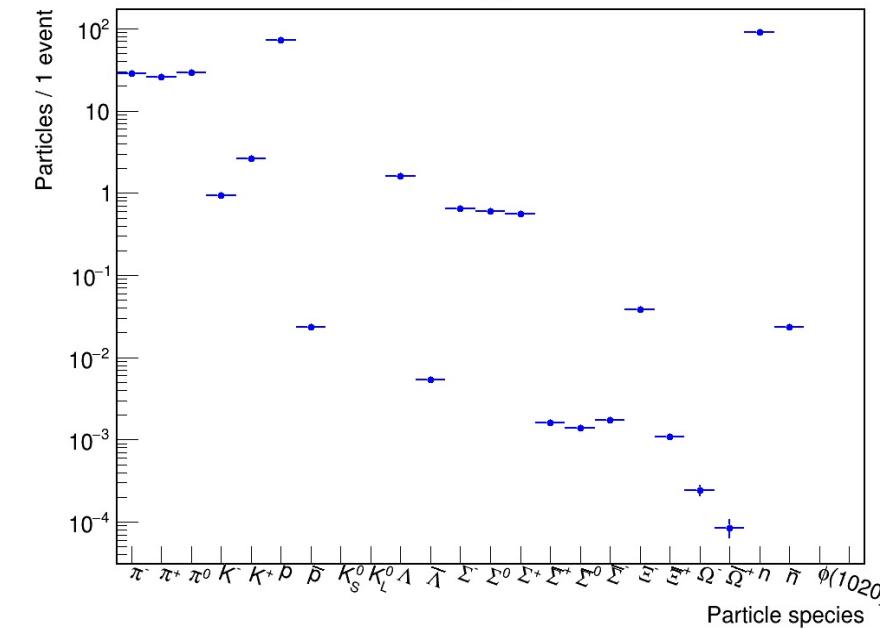
- Use UrQMD model to simulate  $^{40}\text{Ar}+^{40}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{63}\text{Cu}+^{63}\text{Cu}$ ,  $^{84}\text{Kr}+^{84}\text{Kr}$  collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{\text{NN}}}=6$  and 12 GeV
- No detector response
- Idea: look at the expected occupancy of BBC and charged particle multiplicities in midrapidity
- Work in progress...



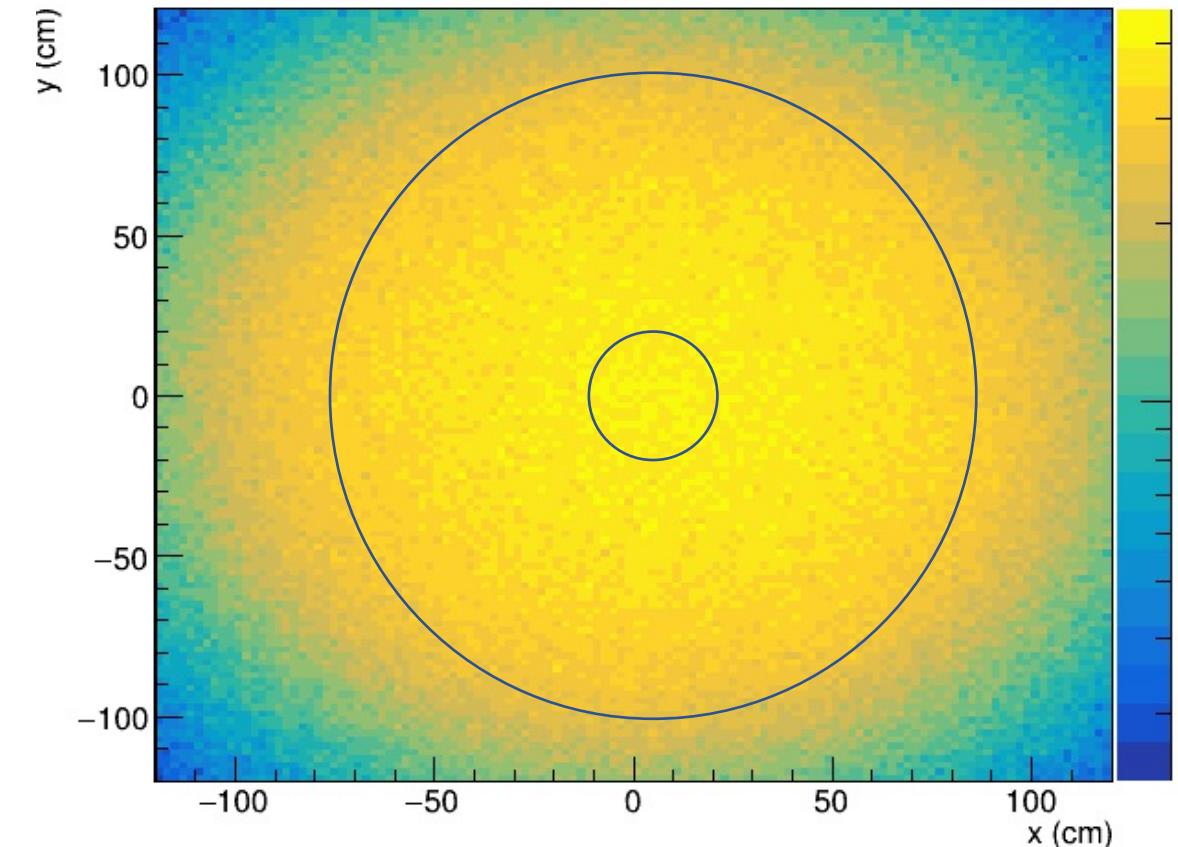
# Toy Simulations of Ion-Ion Collisions ( $^{84}\text{Kr} + ^{84}\text{Kr}$ at 6 GeV)



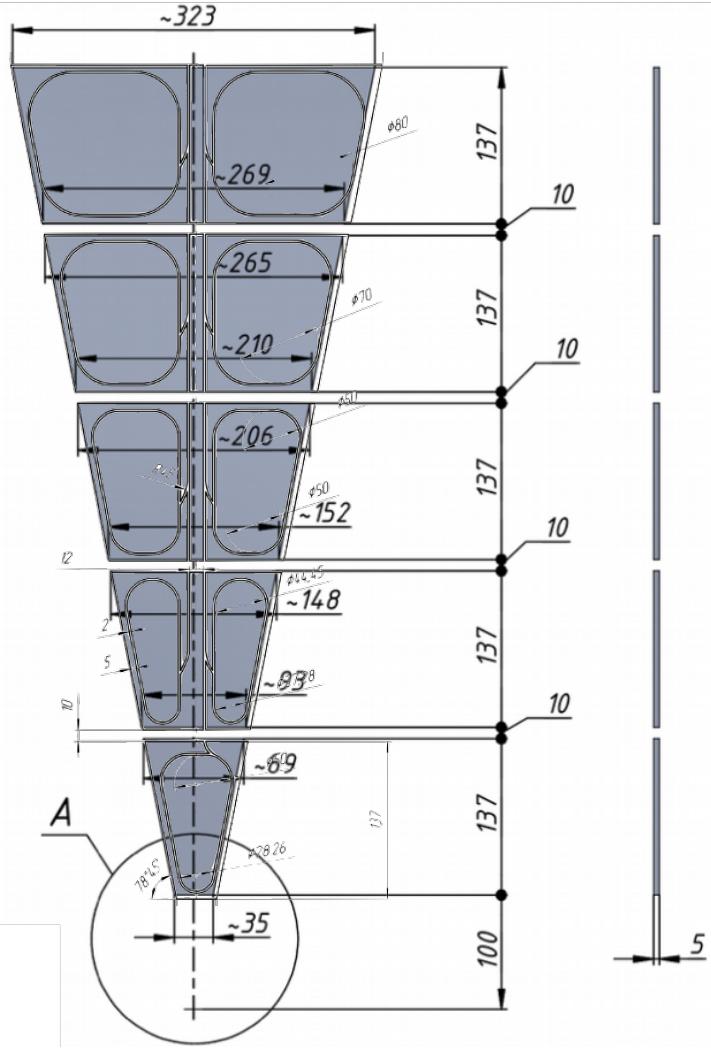
Kr+Kr at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 6 \text{ GeV}$



Z (BBC) = 1790 cm  
Rinner = 10 cm  
Router = 83 cm  
Raw estimation of particle density in BBC



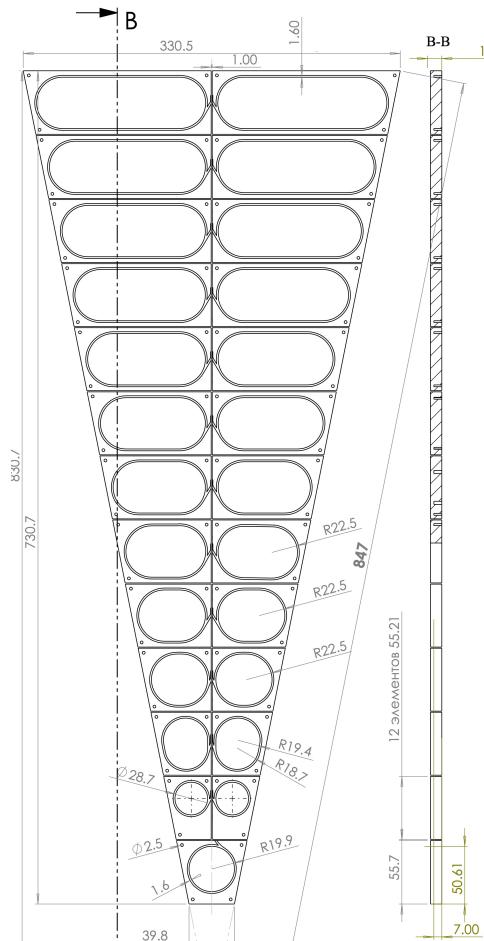
# Detector Design Concepts



**1<sup>st</sup> (current) option**

Proposed by V.Ladygin

<https://indico.jinr.ru/event/3189/contributions/17389/>



**Out proposal**

Grooves depth 7 mm

Grigory Nigmatkulov. SPD Collaboration Meeting. Apr. 25, 2023.

We consider **two granularity concepts**

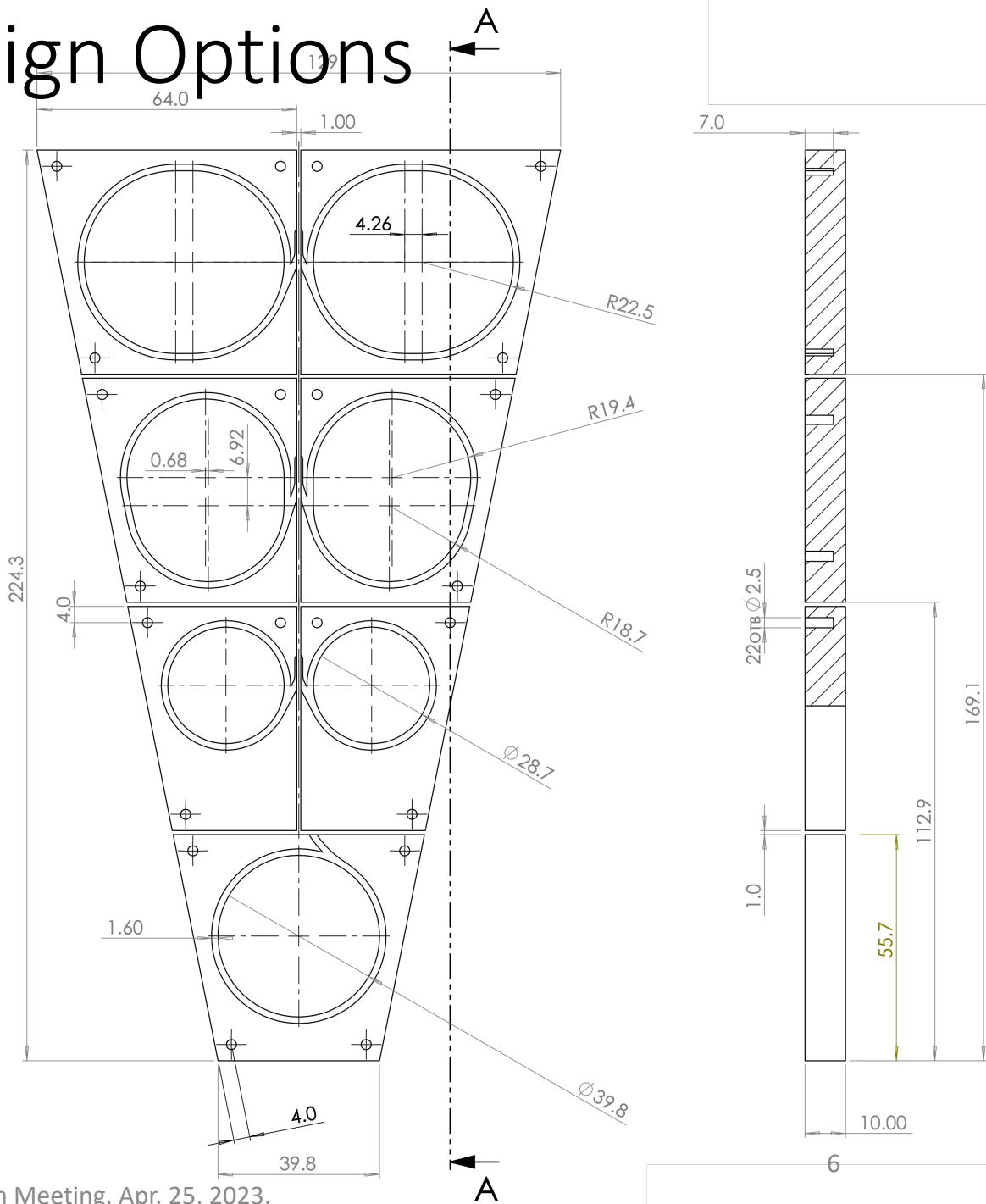
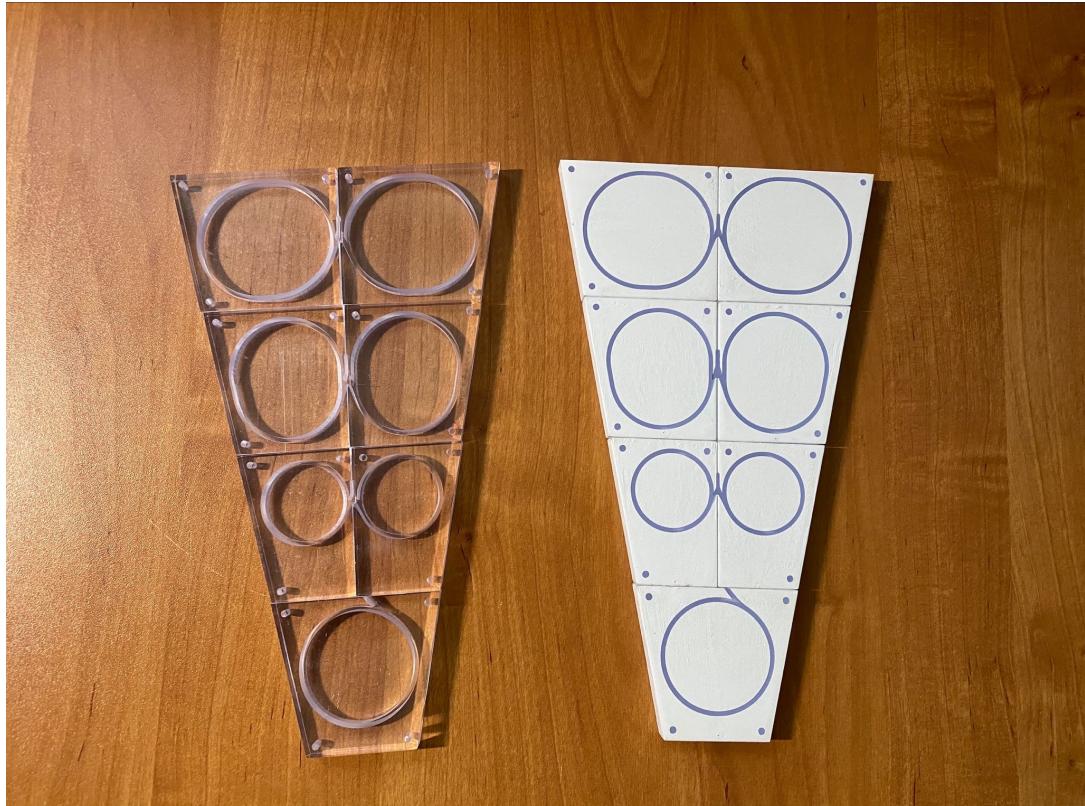
- Tile height 137 mm – 9 tiles in sector
- Tile height 55.7 mm – 25 tiles in sector (similar to STAR EPD)

**Thickness options**

- 12.5 mm
- 10 mm
- 5 mm (less desirable)

# Prototypes: Design Options

- 12 sets of 7-tiles scintillator prototypes were produced by Uniplast (Vladimir)
  - 6 sets with chemical mating
  - 6 sets polished
- Tests and works are planned together with the JINR group



# Prototypes: Fibers and Optical Cement Selection

## Fiber candidates

*WLS options:*

- Kuraray Y-11 green WLS, 476nm
- Saint-Gobain BCF-91A - green WLS, 494nm
- Saint-Gobain BCF-92 - green WLS, 492nm

*Clear options:*

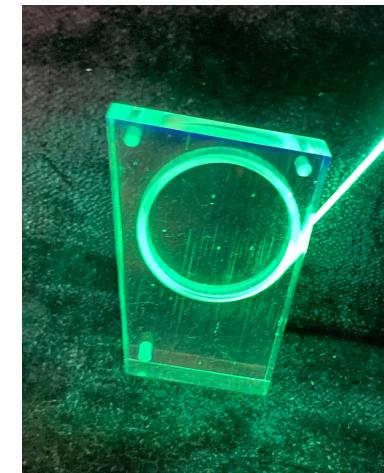
- Kuraray Clean fiber
- Saint-Gobain BCF-98

*3d-printed fiber-to-SiPM connectors for prototypes*



*We have in hands now  
for the prototype*

*Joint efforts of JINR and MEPhI*



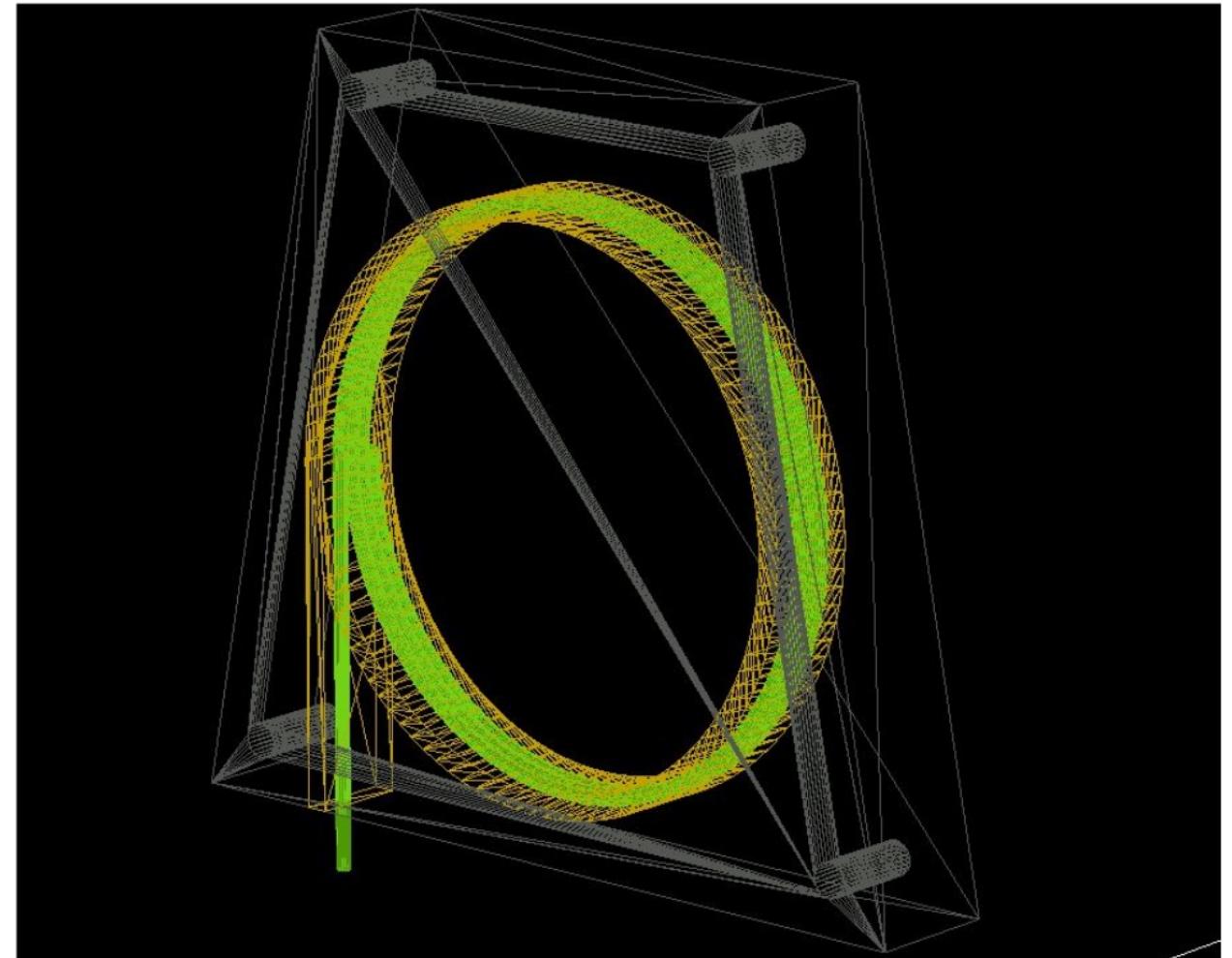
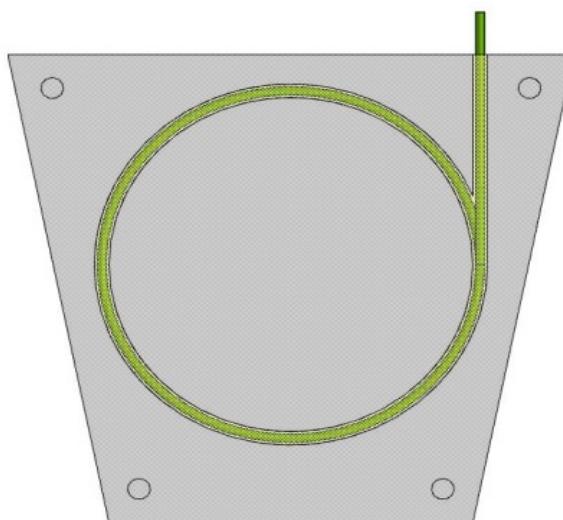
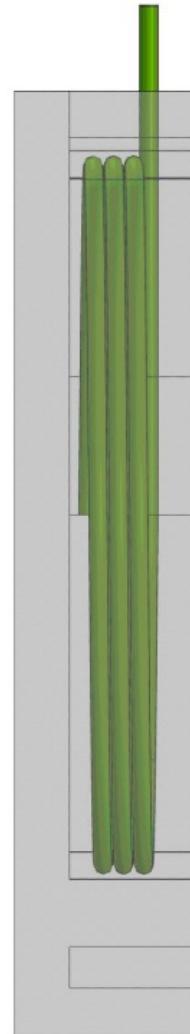
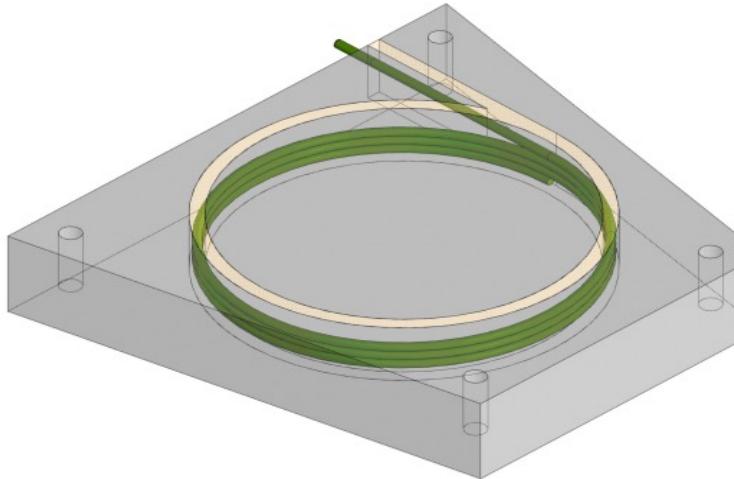
## Optical cement candidates:

Glue	Viscosity	Transparency	Refractive index
<b>Eljen EJ-500</b>	800 sPa*s	60-95% 300-350 nm, 95-100% 350-600 nm  >90% 308-340 nm,	1.574
<b>Saint-Gobain BC-600</b>	800 sPa*s	>95% 340-400 nm, >98% >400 nm	1.560
<b>EPO-TEK 302-3M</b>	800 - 1600 sPa*s	>95% @460-1620 nm	1.5446 @589 nm
<b>СКТН-МЕД Е2</b>	601-1200 sPa*s	>95%	<1.606 [1]

[1] O Mineev *et al* Scintillator detectors with long WLS fibers and multi-pixel photodiodes 2011 *JINST* **6** P12004 10.1088/1748-0221/6/12/P12004

# First Tile and WLS Geometry Description

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# Summary

- MC simulations of detector occupancy and geometry (granularity) requirements for ion-ion collisions
- Adding ion-ion MC generators to SpdRoot (Gaudi-based framework)
- Development of the BBC design
- Materials selection (fibers, optical cement, scintillator, finishing, etc)
- Building of prototype (7 tiles)
- Prototype testing with material combinations
- Tests with SiPMs
- Building and testing of complete sector

