

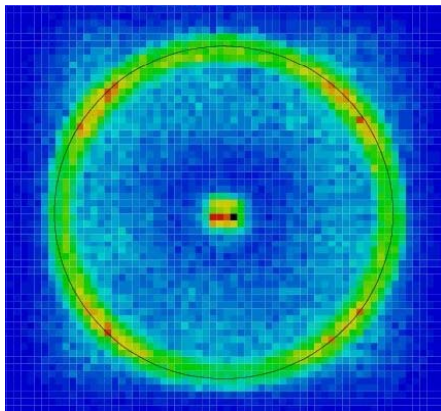
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Novel sensors for Cherenkov counters

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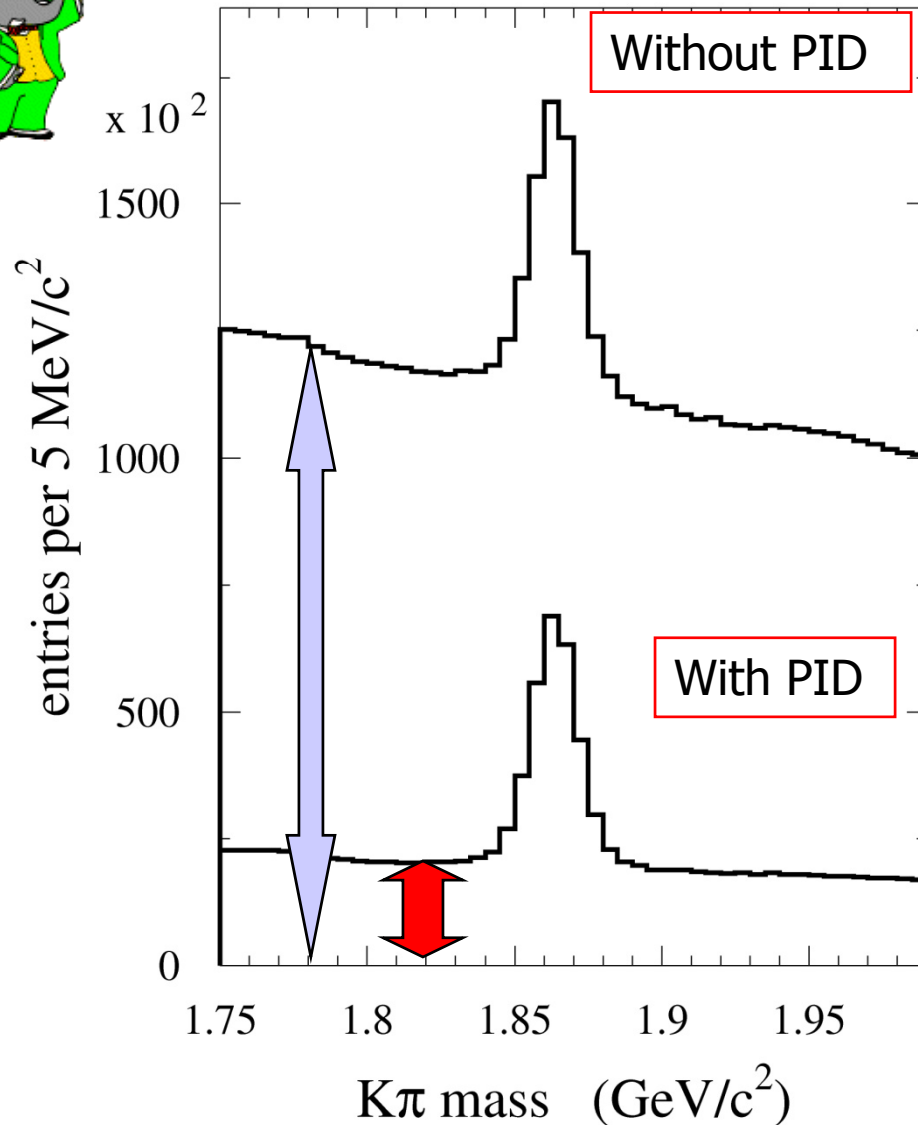
Ring Imaging Cherenkov counters

Novel photon sensors: HAPD, MCP PMT, G-APD

Summary and outlook



Why particle ID?

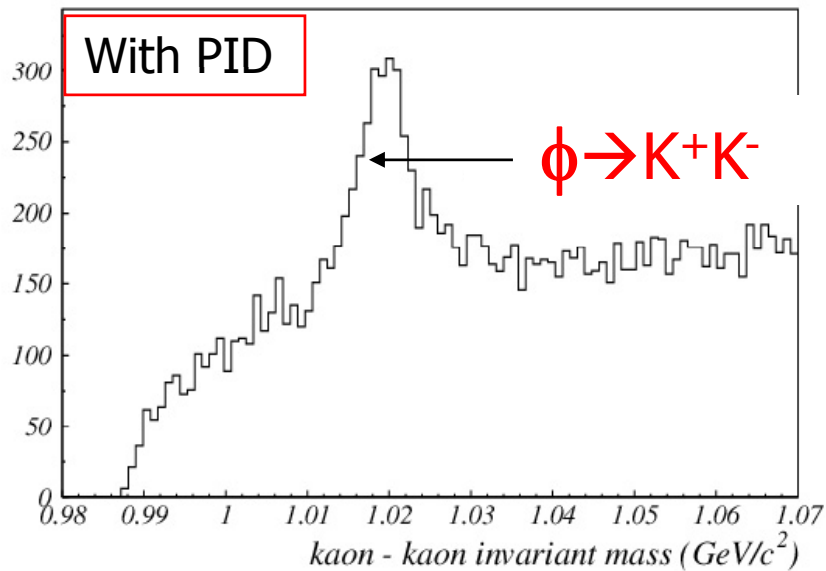
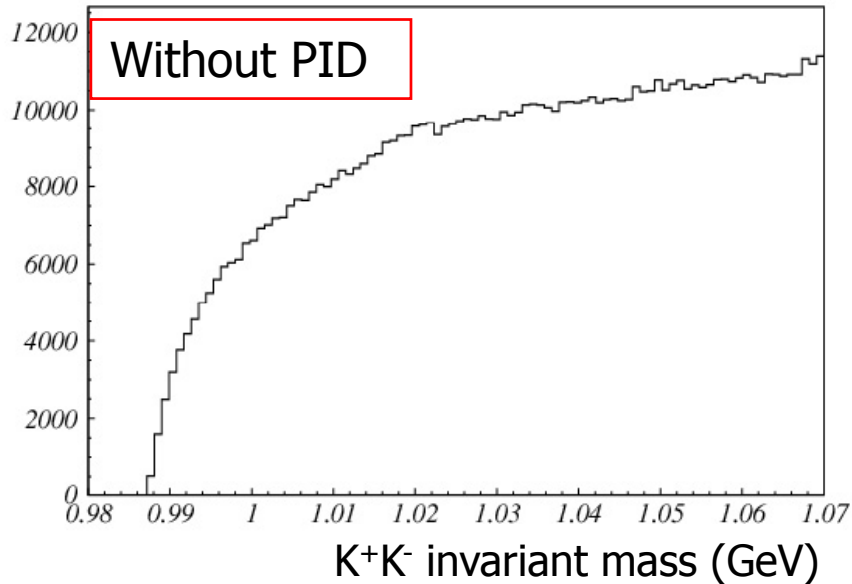


Example 1: B factory

Particle identification reduces the fraction of wrong $K\pi$ combinations (combinatorial background) by $\sim 6x$



Why particle ID?



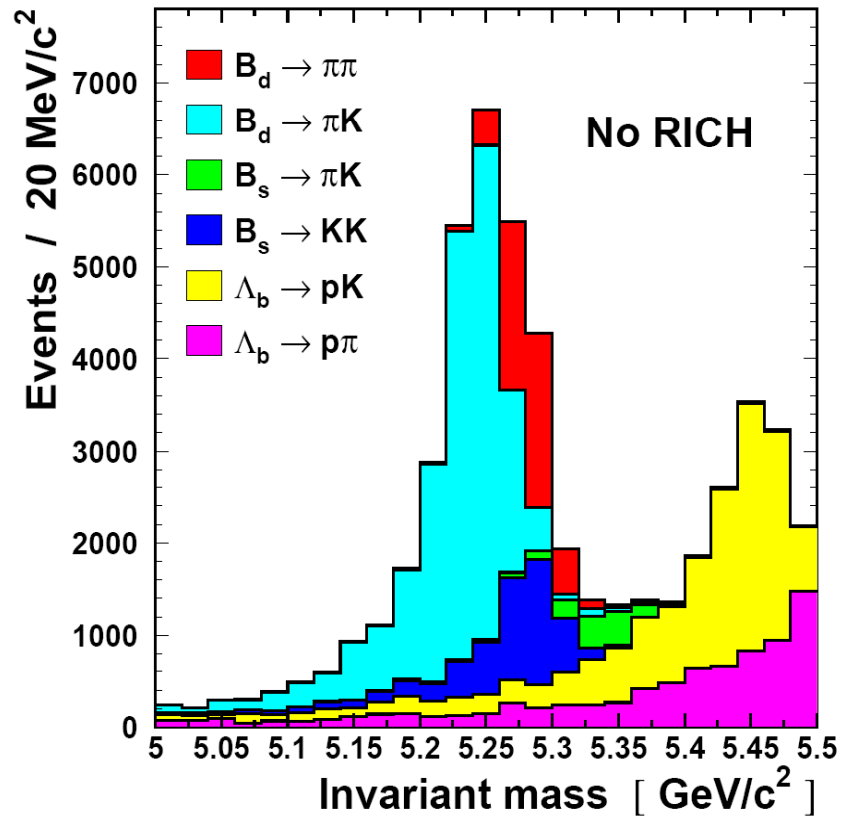
Example 2: HERA-B

K⁺K⁻ invariant mass.

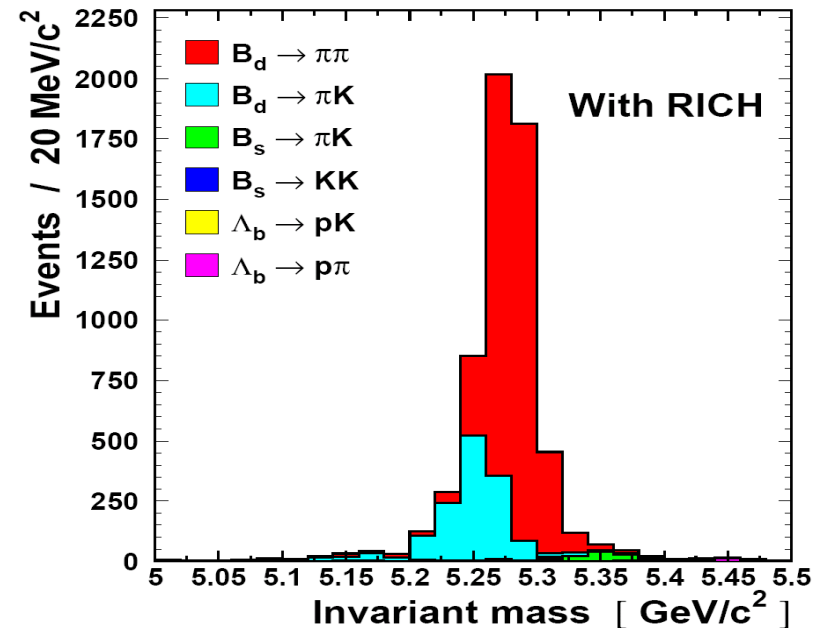
The inclusive $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$ decay only becomes visible after particle identification is taken into account.



Why particle ID?



Example 3: LHCb (MC prediction)



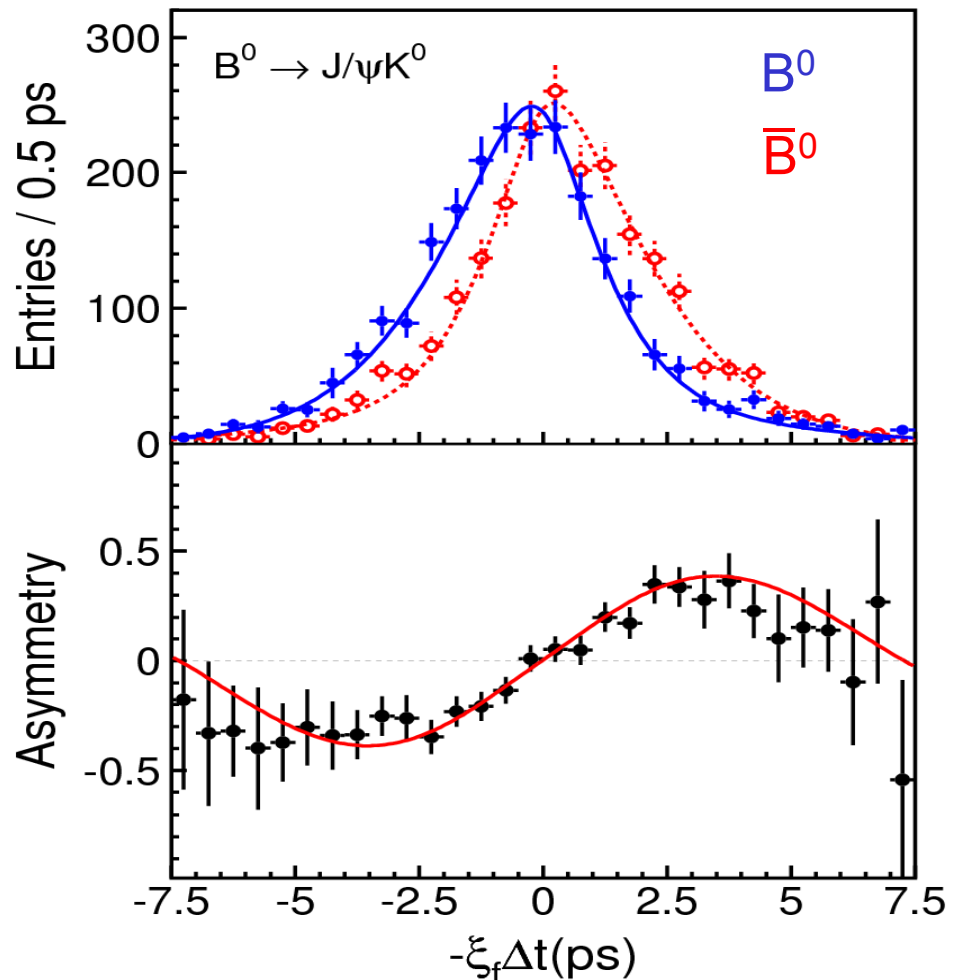
Need to distinguish $B_d \rightarrow \pi\pi$ from other similar topology
2-body decays



Why particle ID?



Particle identification at B factories (Belle and BaBar):
was essential for the observation of **CP violation in the B meson system**.



B^0 and its **anti-particle**
decay differently to the
same final state $J/\psi K^0$

Flavour of the B: from decay
products of the other B:
charge of the kaon, electron,
muon

→ particle ID is compulsory



Why particle ID?

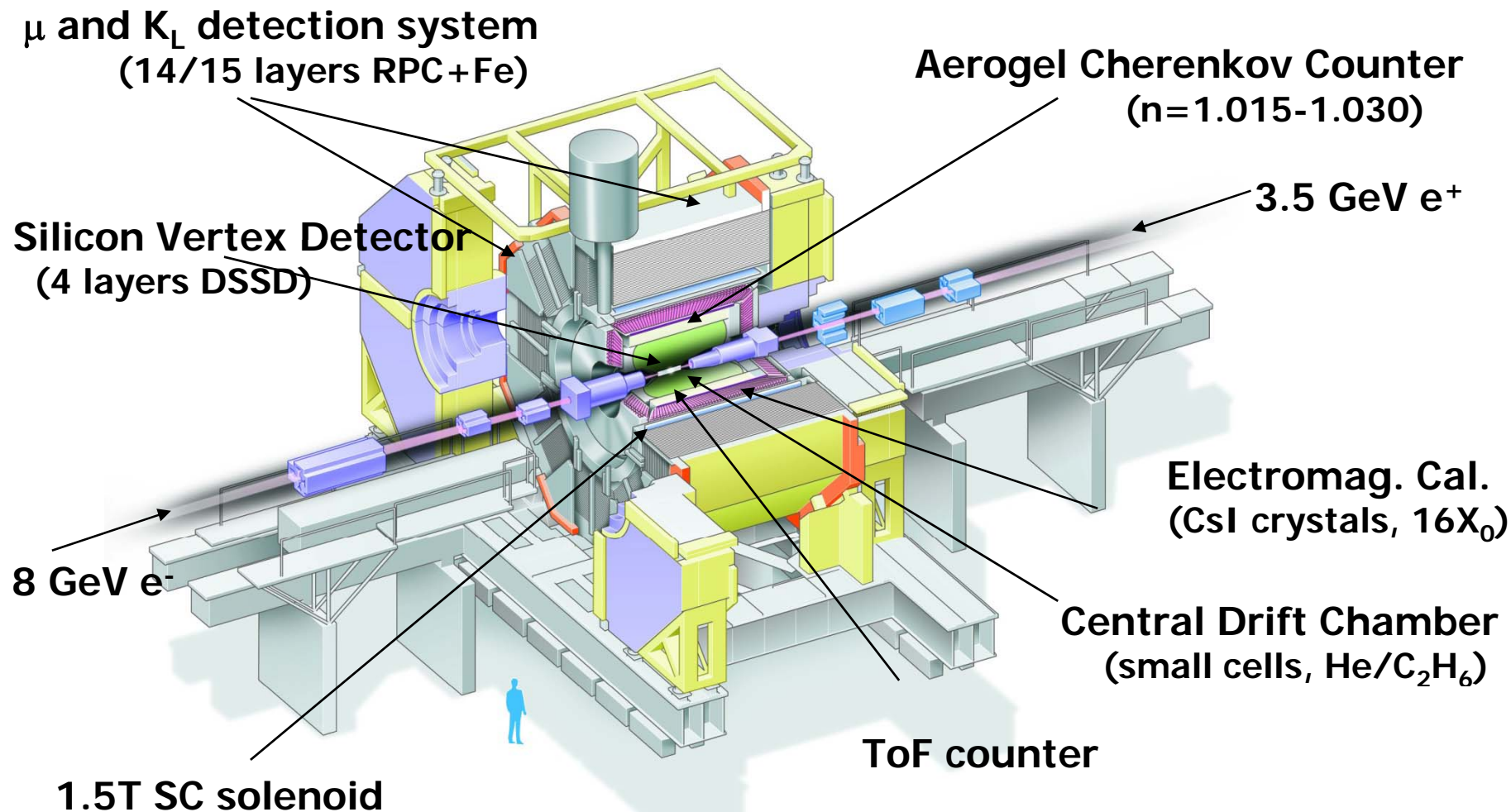


PID is also needed in:

- Spectroscopy of charmonium and charmonium like states
- Spectroscopy of charmed hadrons
- Searches for exotic hadronic states
- Searches for exotic states of matter (quark-gluon plasma)

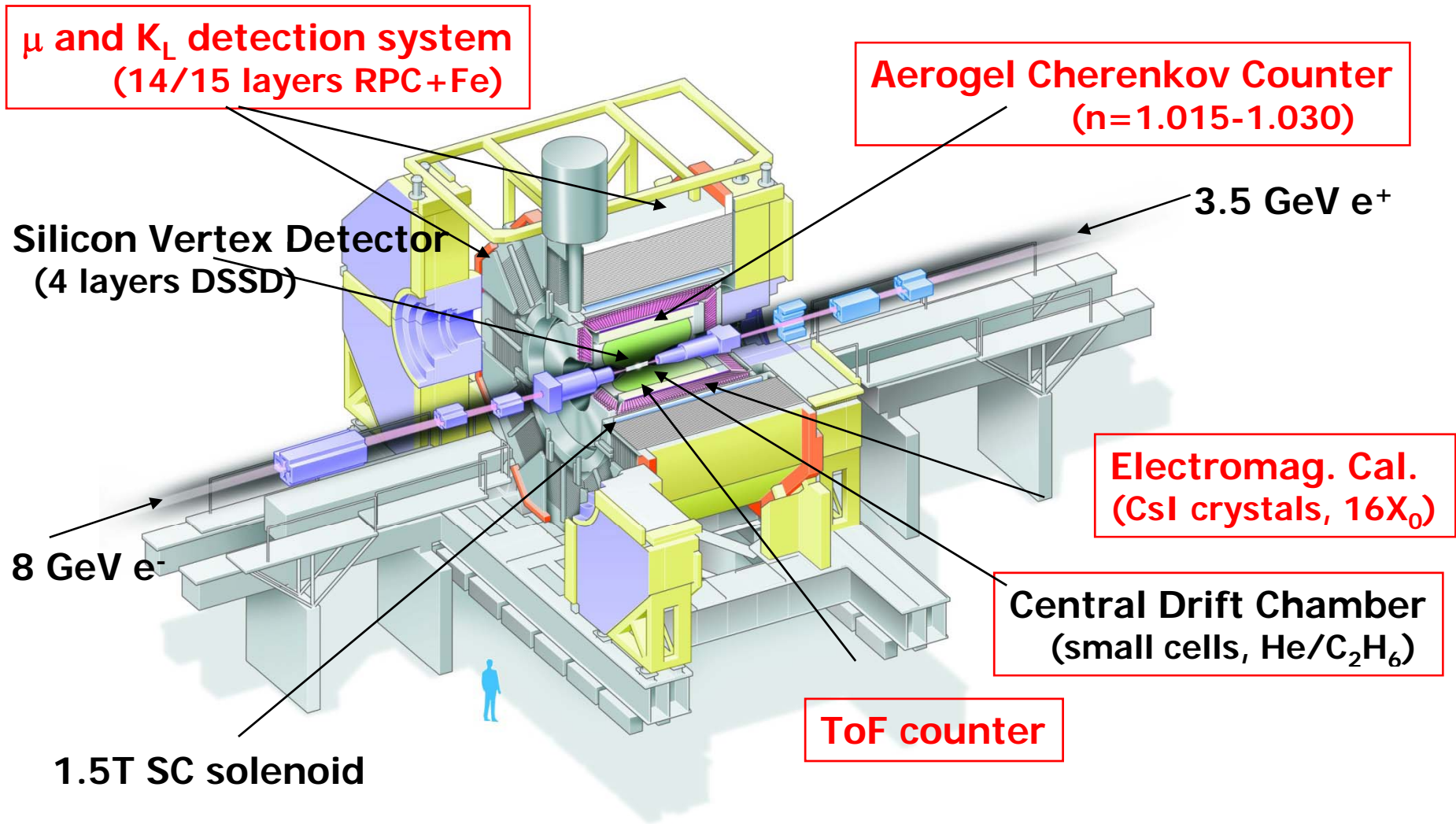


Example: Belle





Particle identification systems in Belle





Identification of charged particles



Particles are identified by their **mass** or by the **way they interact**.

Determination of **mass**: from the relation between momentum and velocity, $p = \gamma m v$. Momentum known (radius of curvature in magnetic field)

→ Measure velocity:

time of flight

ionisation losses dE/dx

Cherenkov photon angle (and/or rate)

transition radiation

Mainly used for the identification of hadrons.

Identification through **interaction**: electrons and muons



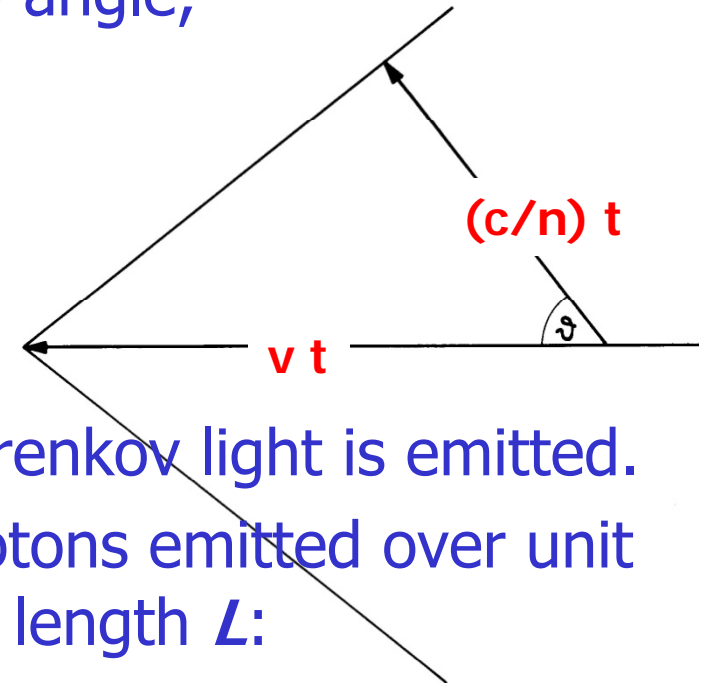
Cherenkov radiation



A charged track with velocity $v = \beta c$ exceeding the speed of light c/n in a medium with refractive index n emits **polarized light** at a characteristic (Cherenkov) angle,
 $\cos\theta = c/nv = 1/\beta n$

Two cases:

- $\beta < \beta_t = 1/n$: below threshold **no** Cherenkov light is emitted.
- $\beta > \beta_t$: the number of Cherenkov photons emitted over unit photon energy $E = h\nu$ in a radiator of length L :

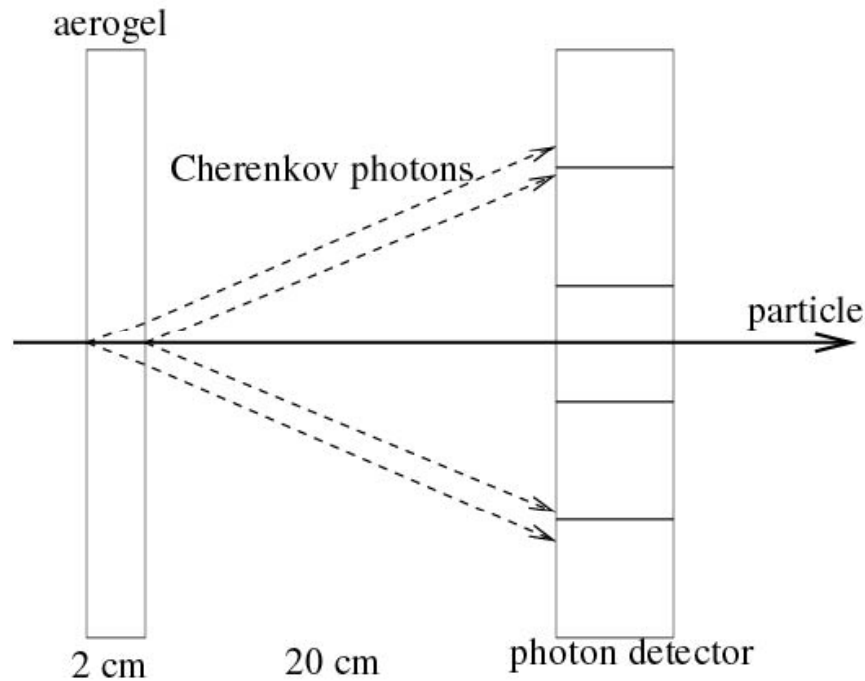


$$\frac{dN}{dE} = \frac{\alpha}{\hbar c} L \sin^2 \theta = 370 (cm)^{-1} (eV)^{-1} L \sin^2 \theta$$

→ Few detected photons

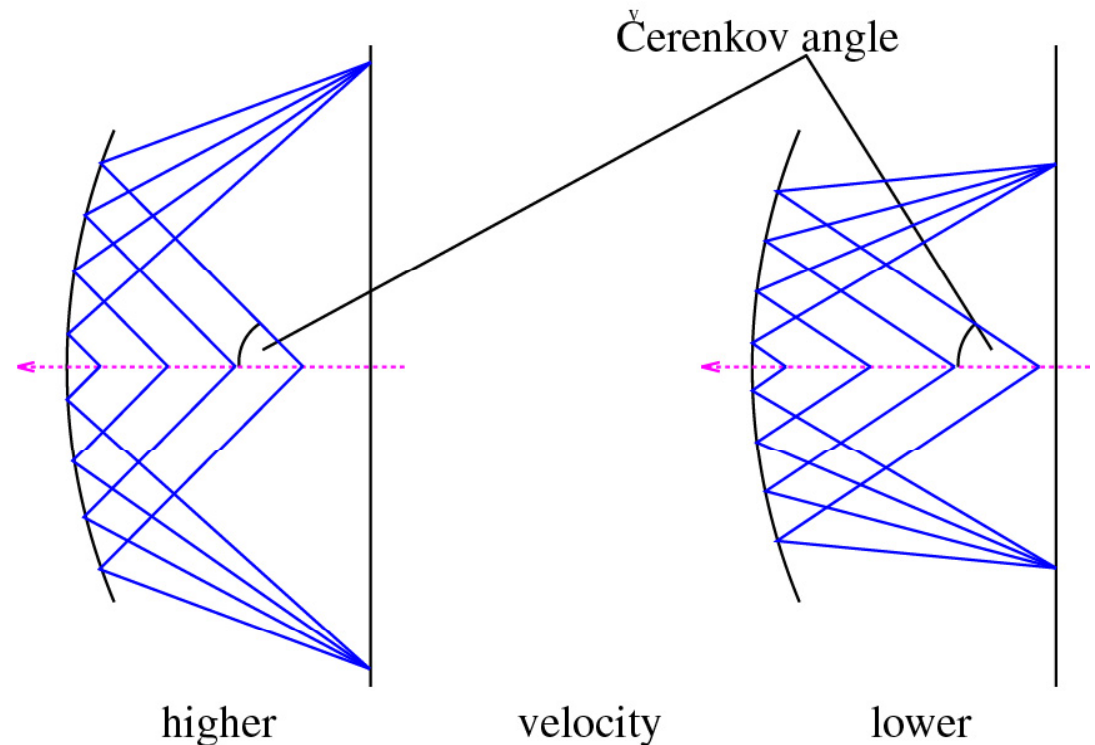


Measuring Cherenkov angle



Proximity focusing RICH

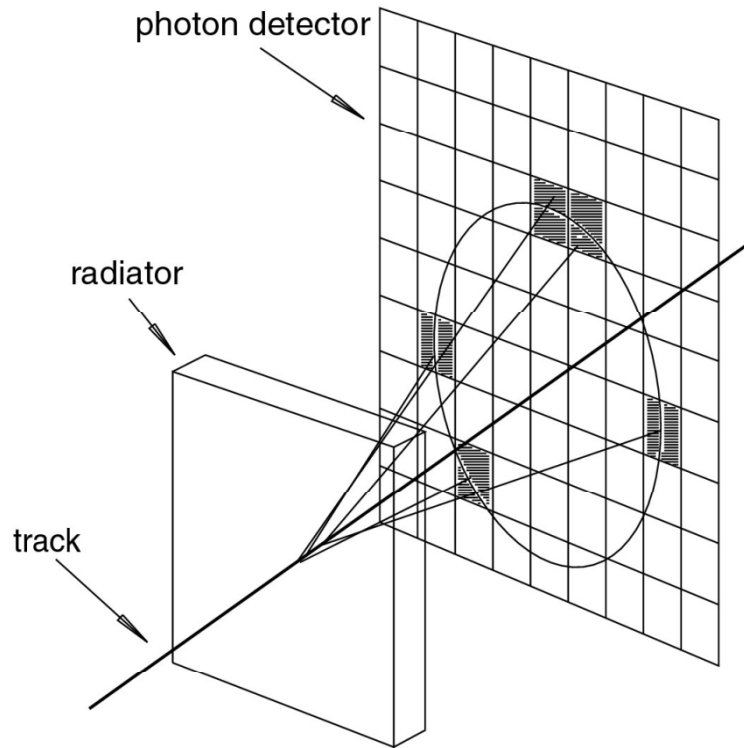
Idea: transform the **direction** into a **coordinate** →
 ring on the detection plane
 → **Ring Imaging Cherenkov**



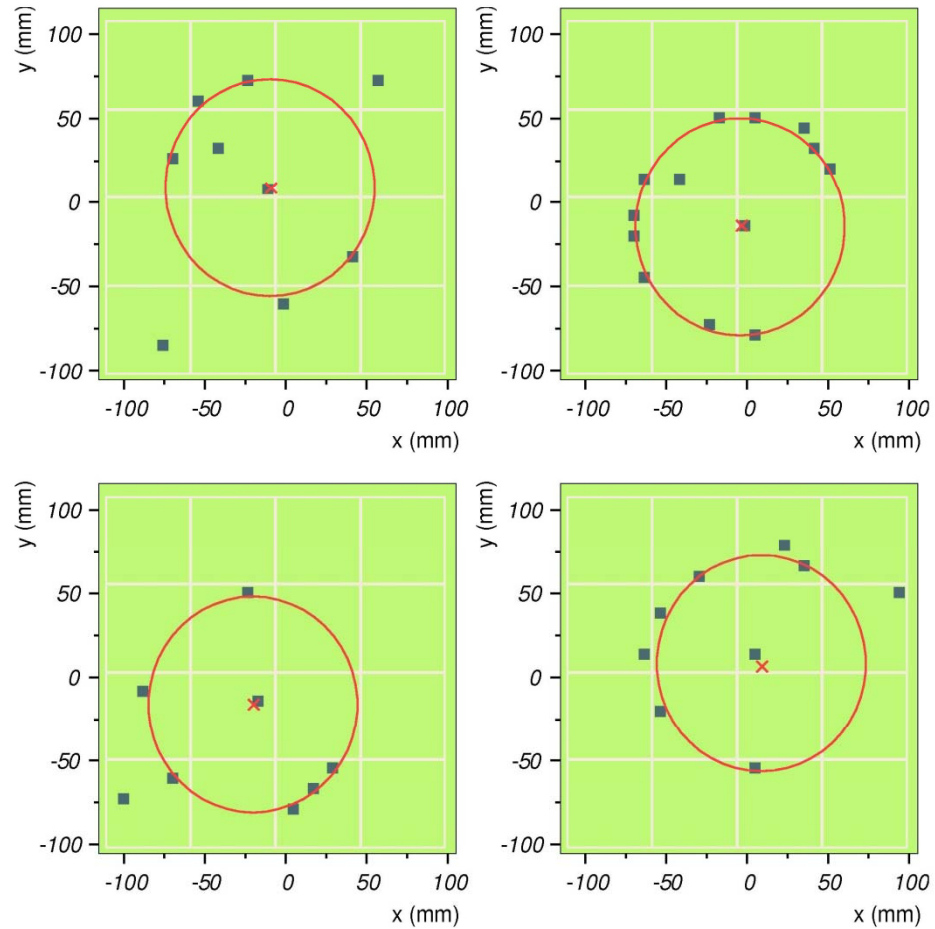
RICH with a focusing mirror



Measuring Cherenkov angle



ring radius on the
detection plane
→ Cherenkov angle





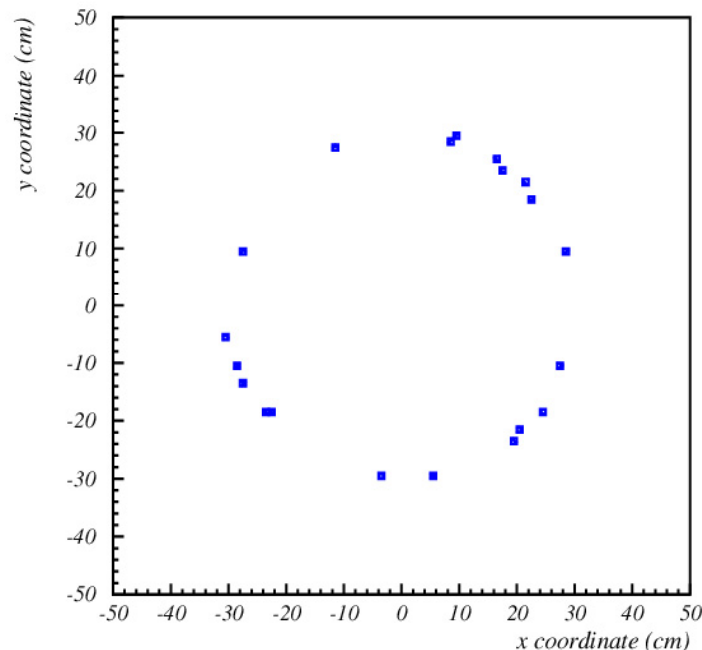
Photon detection in RICH counters



RICH counter: measure photon impact point on the photon detector surface

→ detection of **single** photons with

- sufficient **spatial resolution**
- **high efficiency** and **good signal-to-noise ratio**
- over a **large area** (square meters)

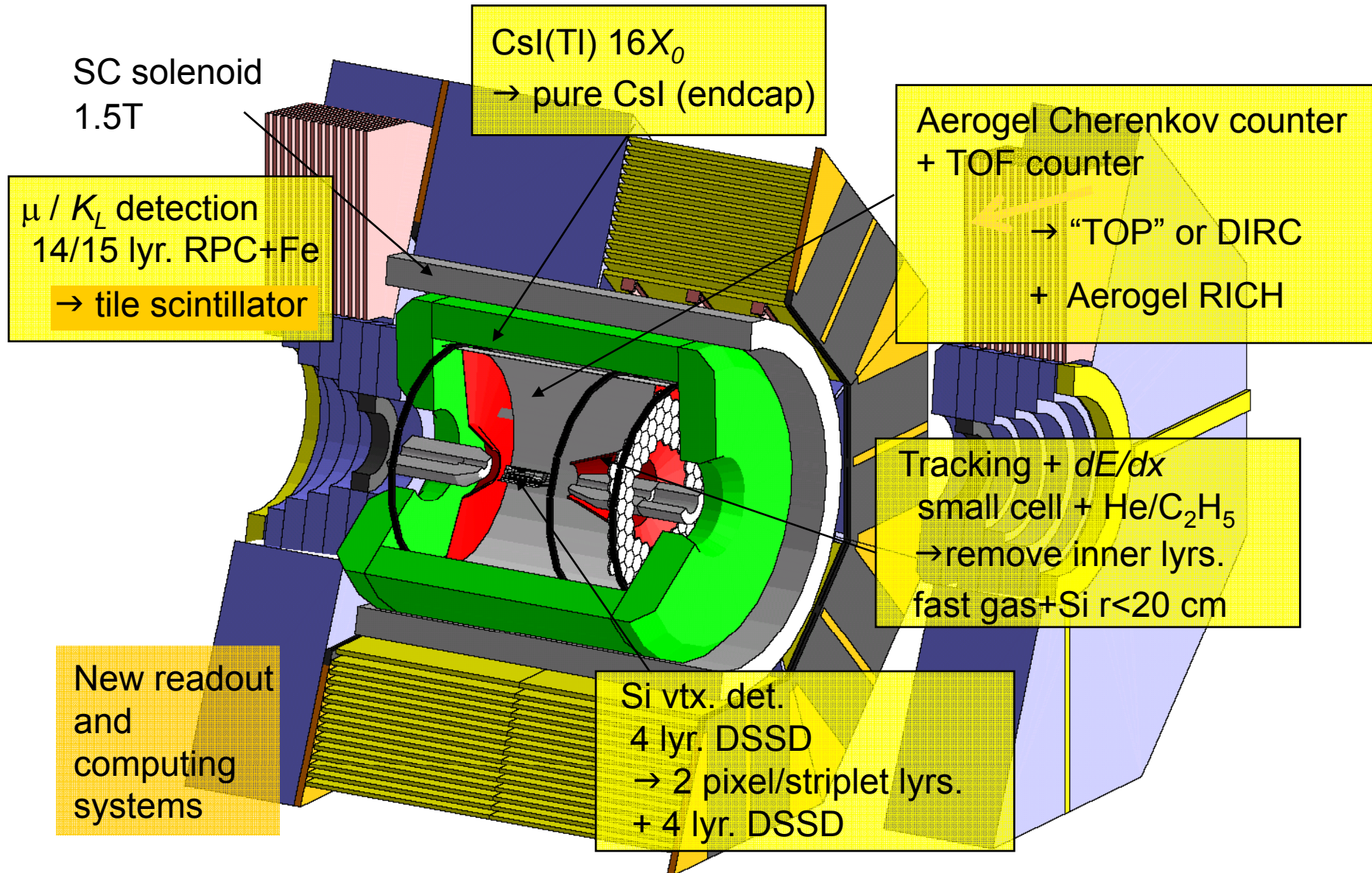


Special requirements:

- **Operation in magnetic field**
- **High rate capability**
- **Excellent timing (time-of-arrival information)**



Belle upgrade → Belle-II



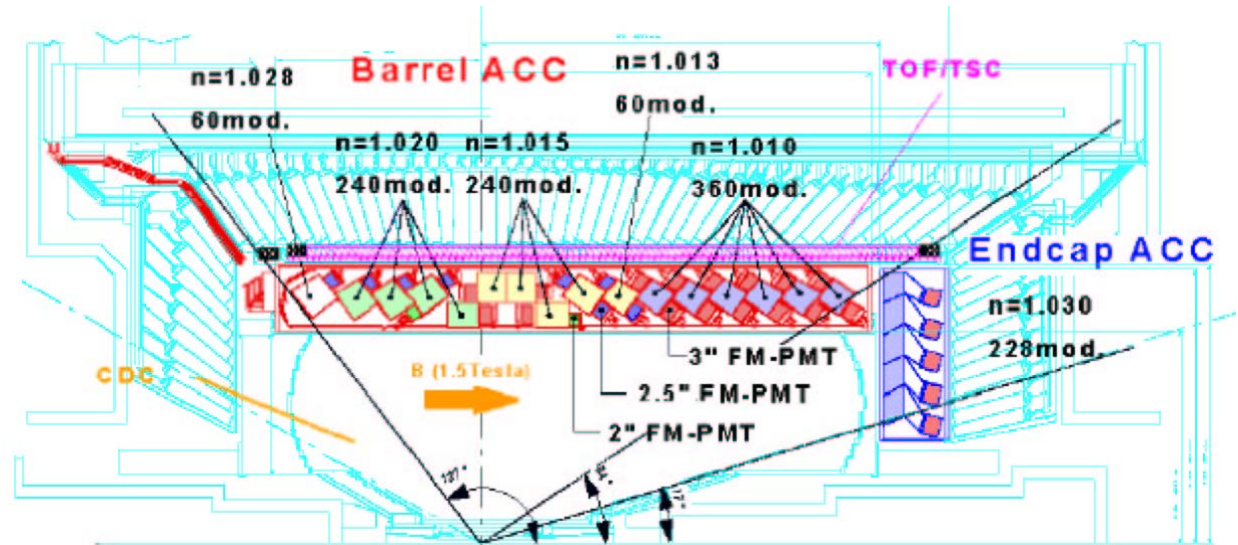
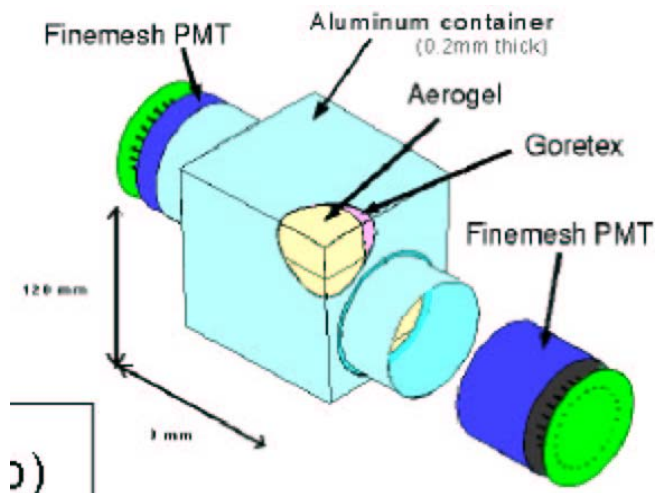


Present Belle: threshold Cherenkov counter ACC (aerogel Cherenkov counter)



K (below threshold) vs. π (above) by properly choosing n for a given kinematic region (more energetic particles fly in the 'forward region')

Detector unit: a block of aerogel and two fine-mesh PMTs



Fine-mesh PMT: works in high B fields

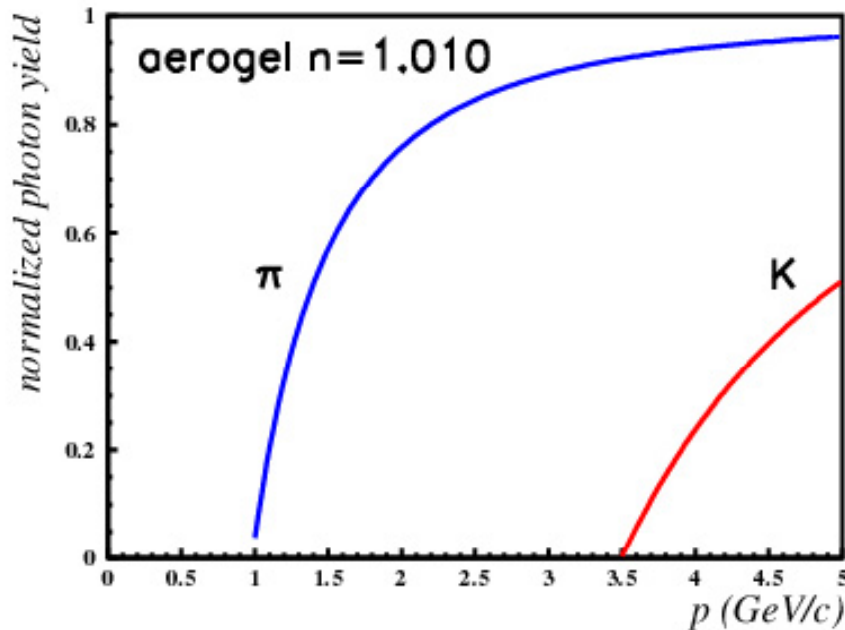


Belle ACC : threshold Cherenkov counter

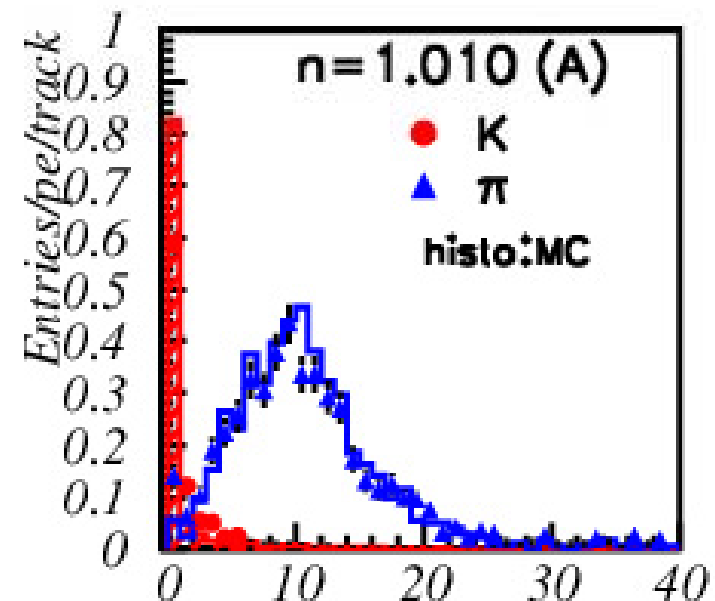


expected yield vs p

NIM A453 (2000) 321

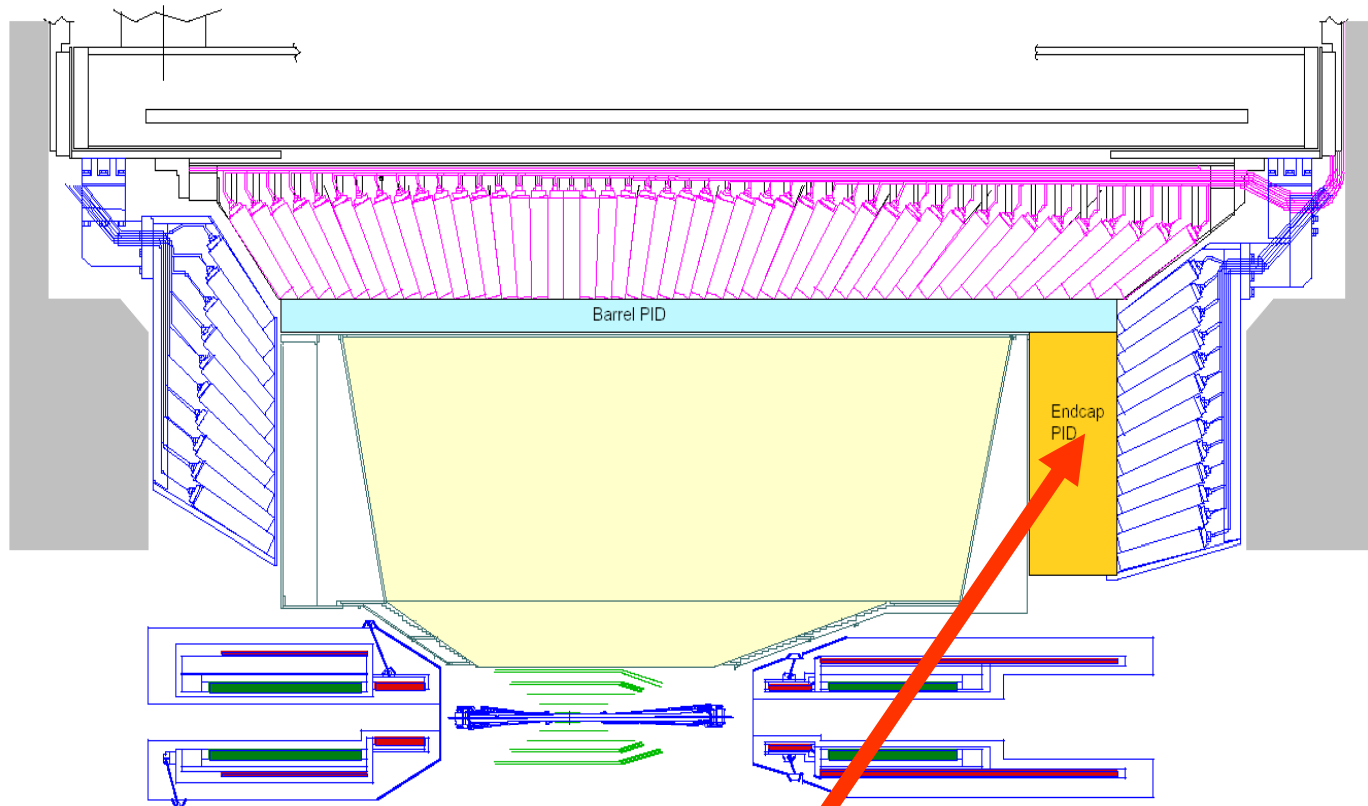


yield for $2\text{GeV} < p < 3.5\text{GeV}$:
expected and measured
number of hits





Belle upgrade – side view



Two new particle ID devices, both RICHes:

Barrel: **TOP** or **focusing DIRC**

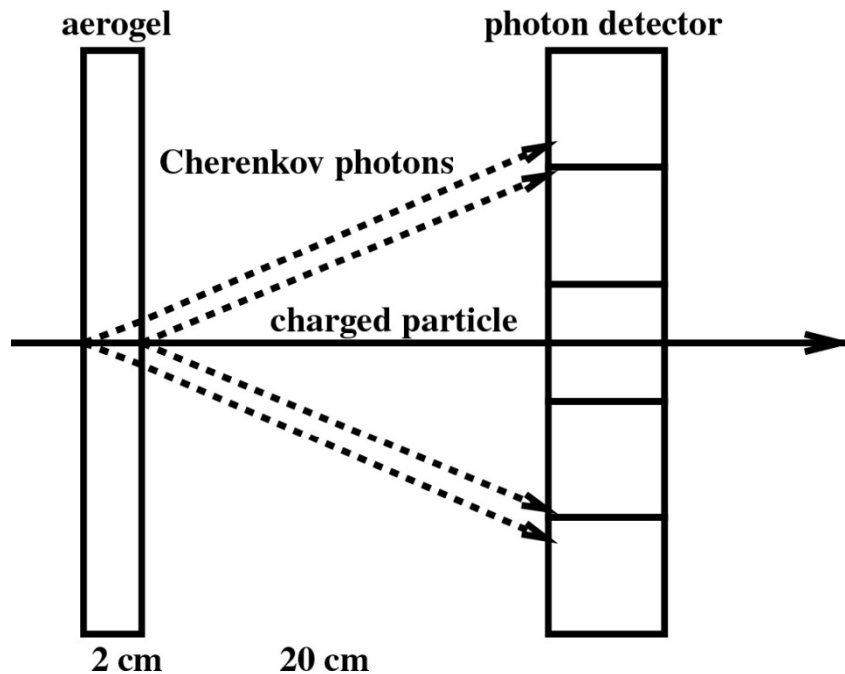
Endcap: **proximity focusing RICH**



Endcap: Proximity focusing RICH



K/ π separation at 4 GeV/c:
 $\theta_c(\pi) \sim 308$ mrad ($n = 1.05$)
 $\theta_c(\pi) - \theta_c(K) \sim 23$ mrad



For single photons:
 $\delta\theta_c(\text{meas.}) = \sigma_0 \sim 14$ mrad,
 typical value for a 20mm thick
 radiator and 6mm PMT pad size

Per track:
$$\sigma_{\text{track}} = \frac{\sigma_0}{\sqrt{N_{pe}}}$$

Separation: $[\theta_c(\pi) - \theta_c(K)] / \sigma_{\text{track}}$

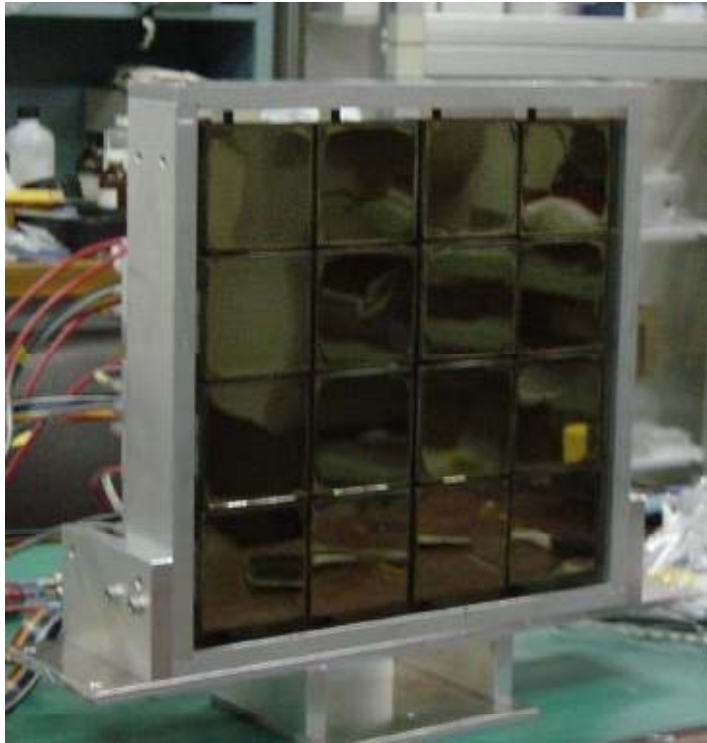
$\rightarrow 5\sigma$ separation with $N_{pe} \sim 10$



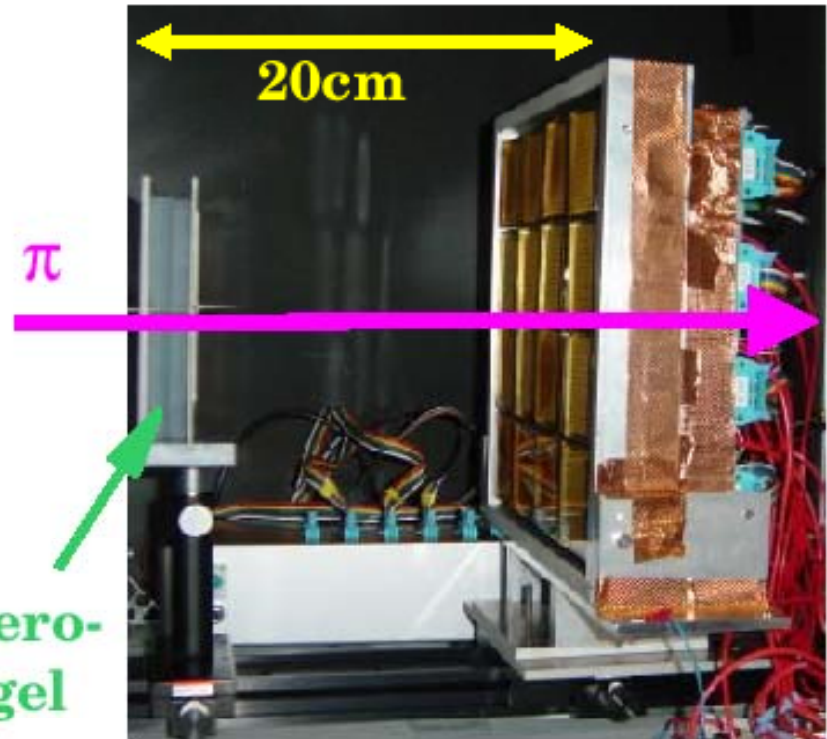
Beam tests

pion beam (π^2) at KEK

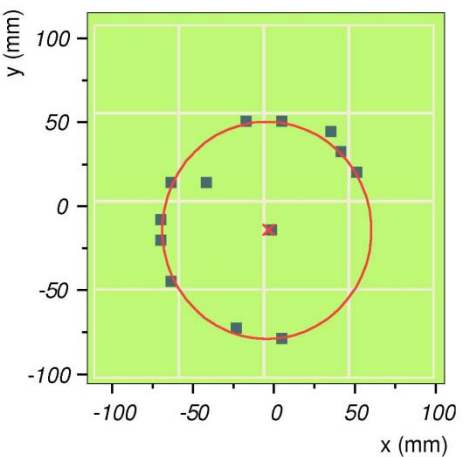
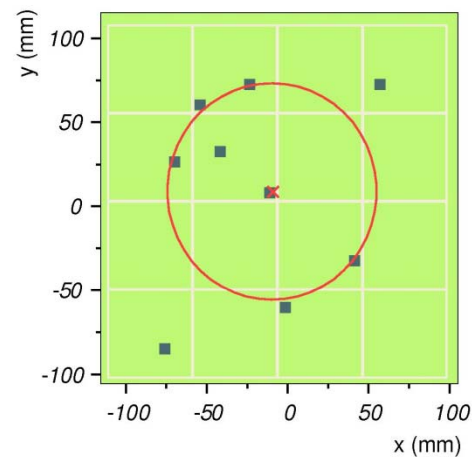
π



Photon detector: array of 16 H8500 PMTs

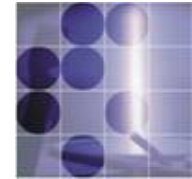


Clear rings, little background





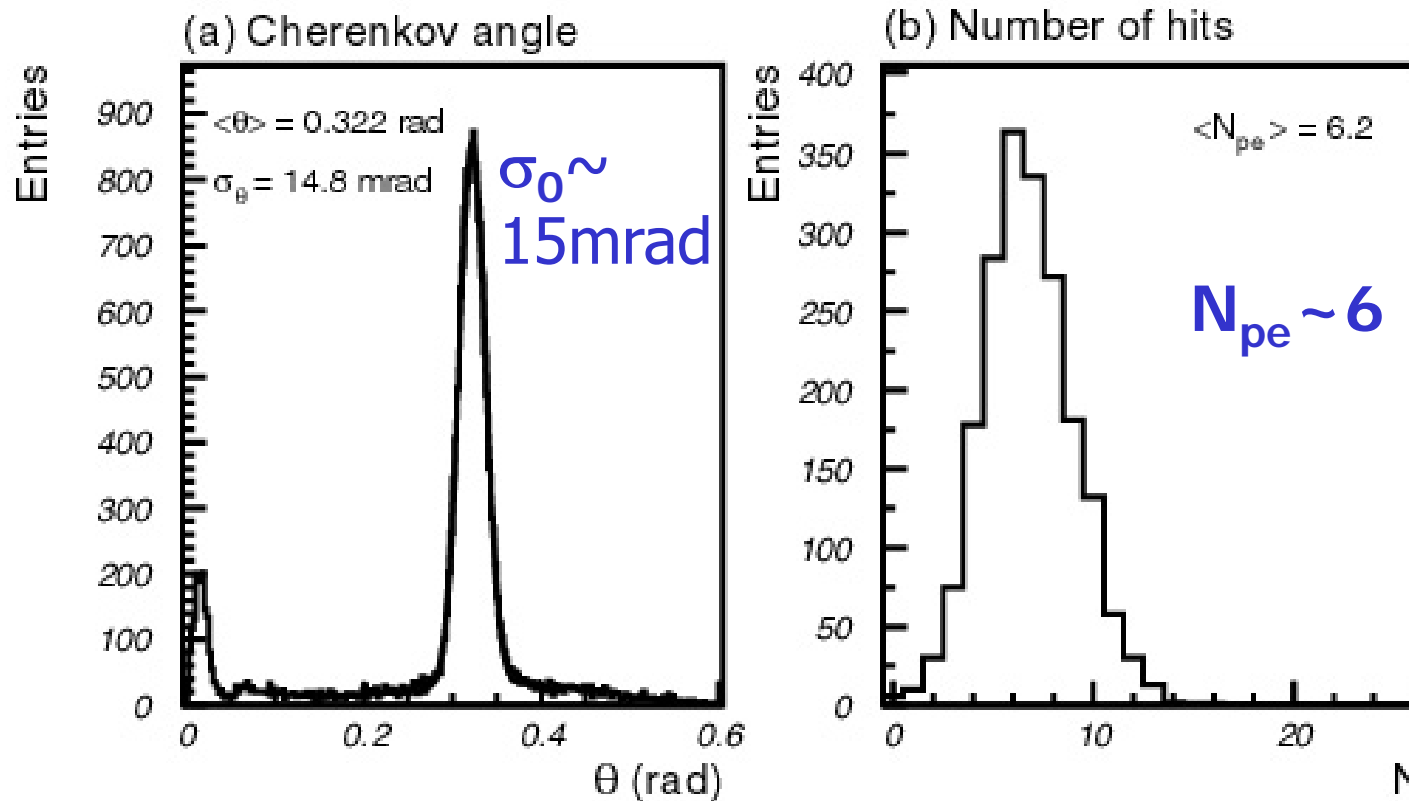
Beam test: Cherenkov angle resolution and number of photons



NIM A521(2004)367; NIM A553(2005)58

Beam test results with 2cm thick aerogel tiles:

>4 σ K/ π separation



→ Number of photons has to be increased.

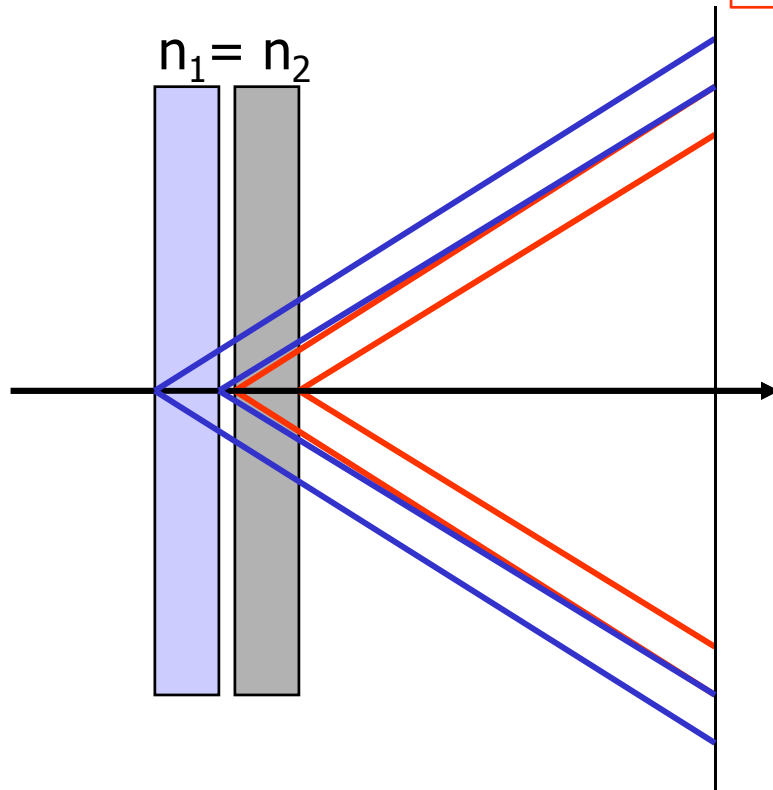


Radiator with multiple refractive indices

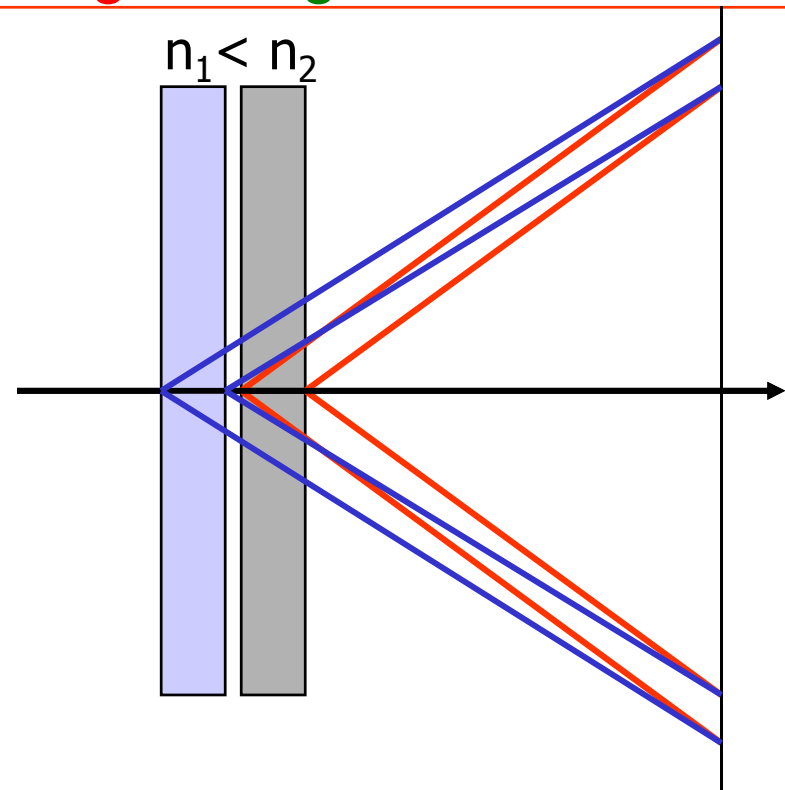
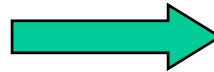


How to increase the number of photons without degrading the resolution?

normal



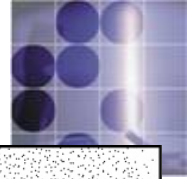
→ stack two tiles with different refractive indices: “focusing” configuration



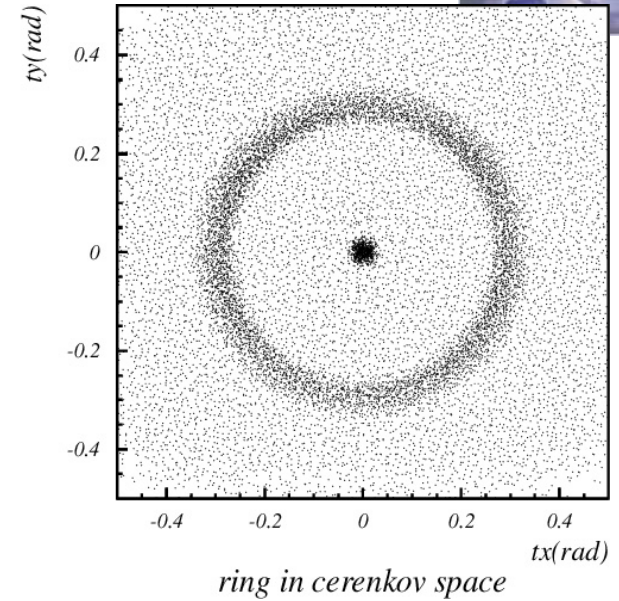
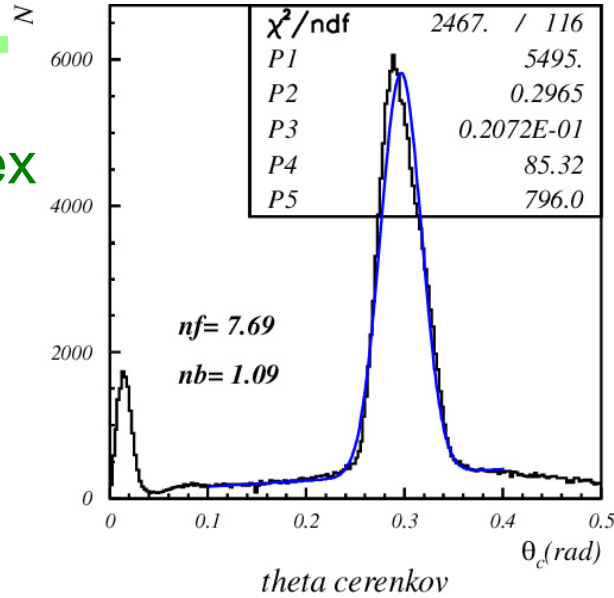
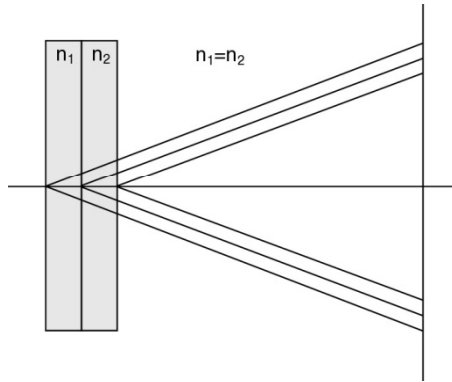
→ focusing radiator



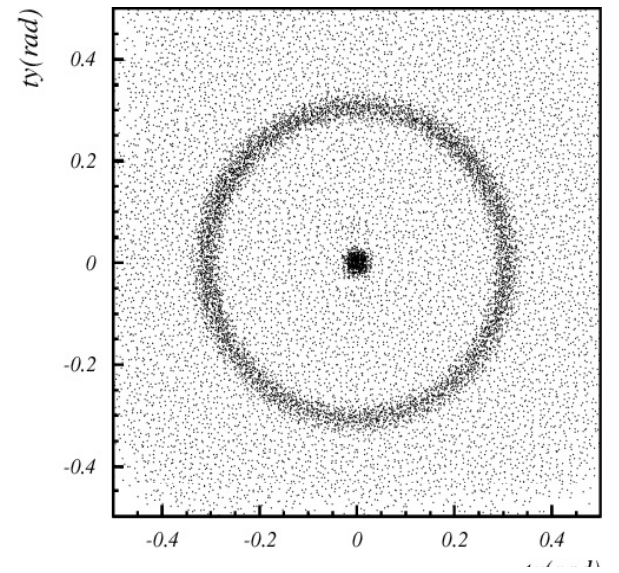
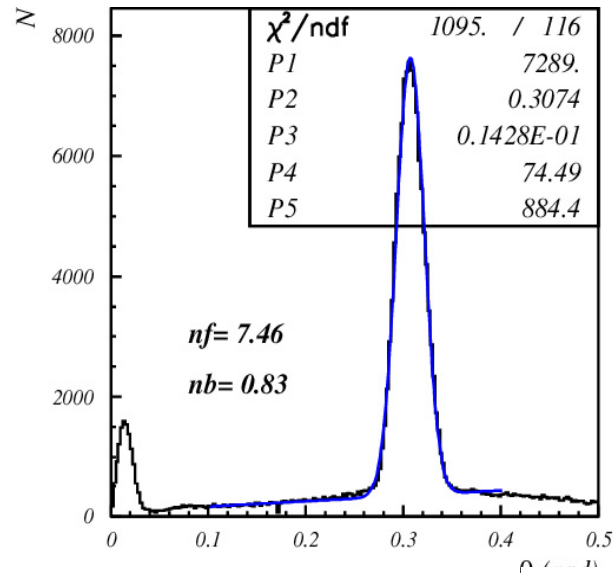
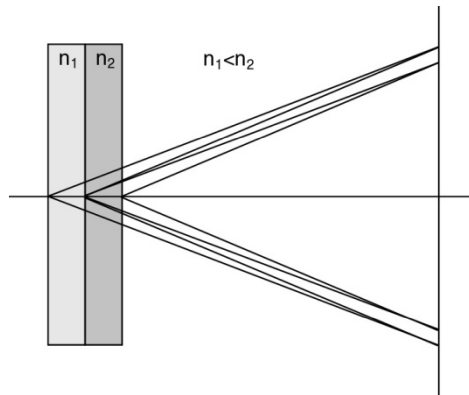
Focusing configuration – data



4cm aerogel single index



2+2cm aerogel

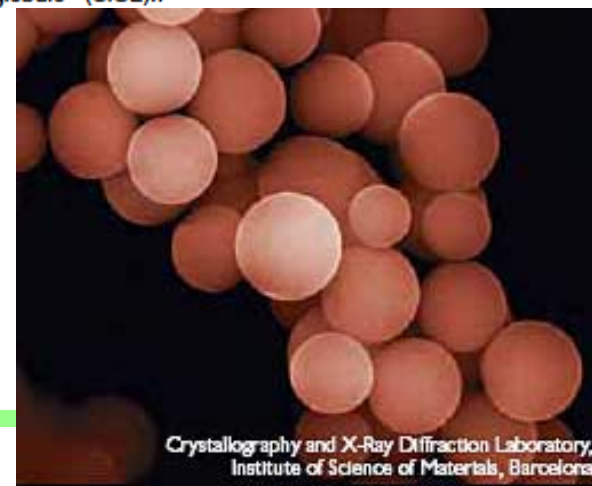
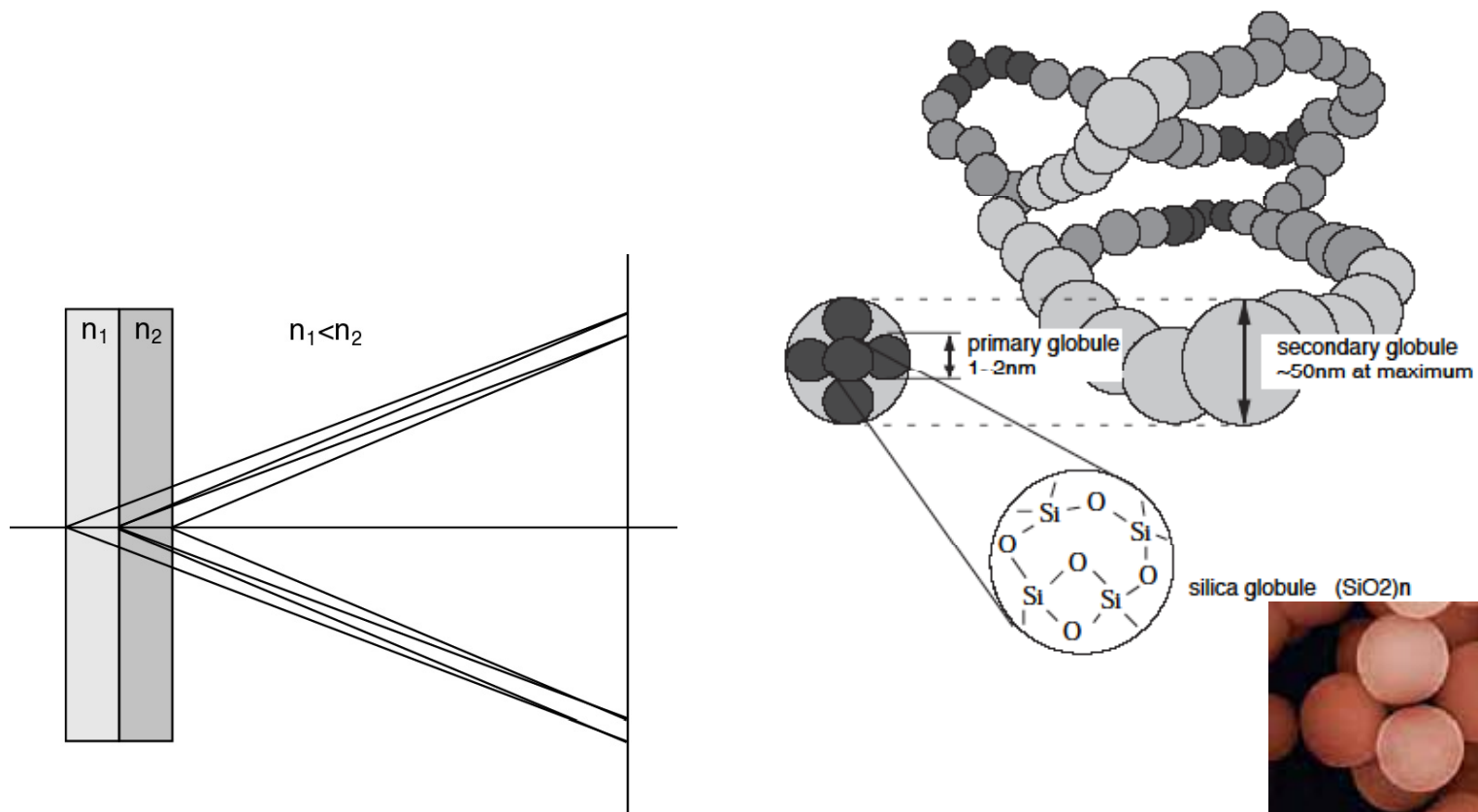




Radiator with multiple refractive indices



Such a configuration is only possible with aerogel (a form of Si_xO_y)
– material with a **tunable** refractive index between **1.01** and **1.13**.



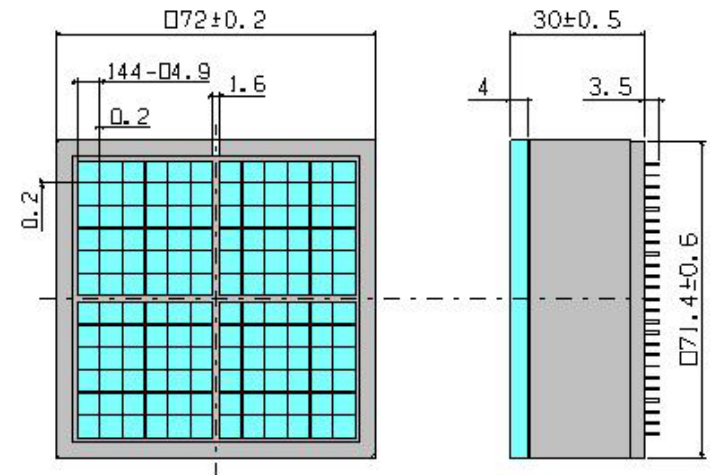
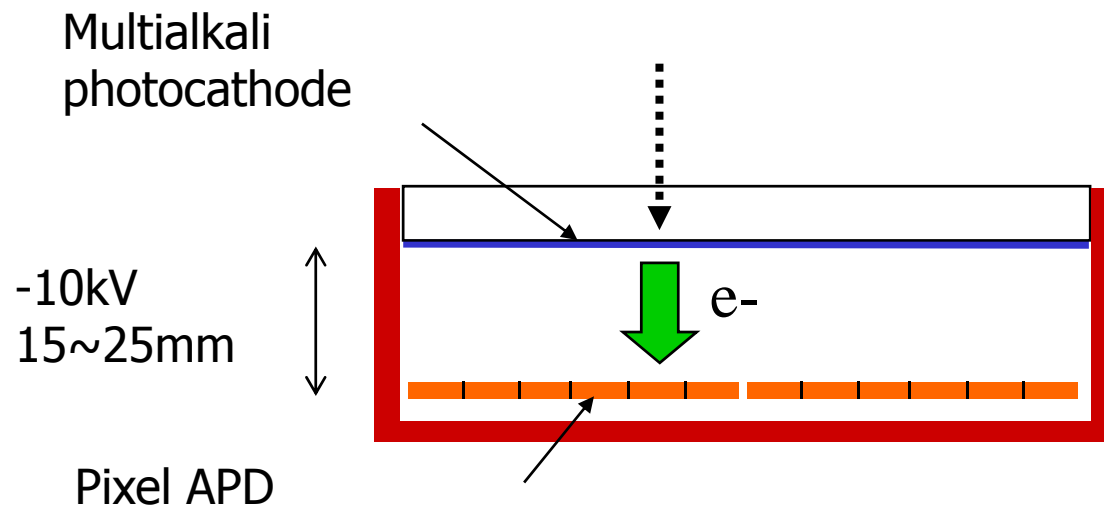


Photon detectors for the aerogel RICH requirements and candidates



Need: Operation in a high magnetic field (1.5 T)
Pad size ~5-6mm

One of the candidates: large active area HAPD of the proximity focusing type



HAPD R&D project in collaboration with HPK.

Long development time

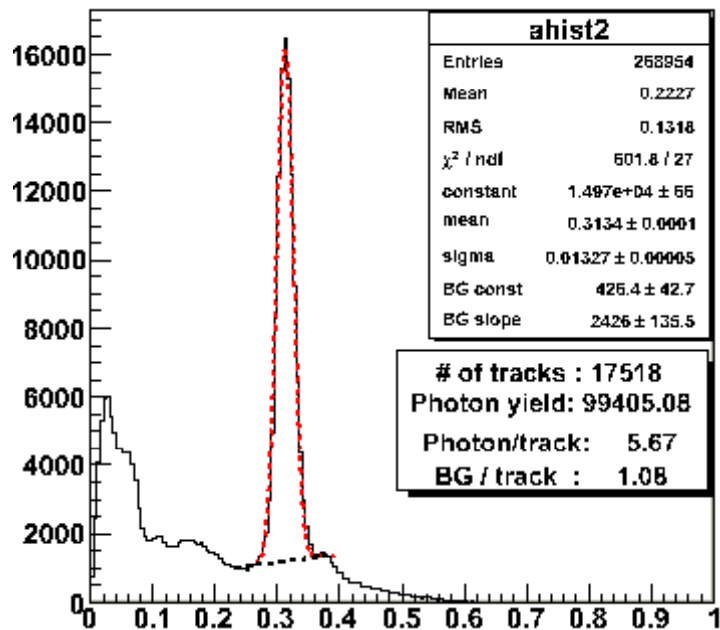
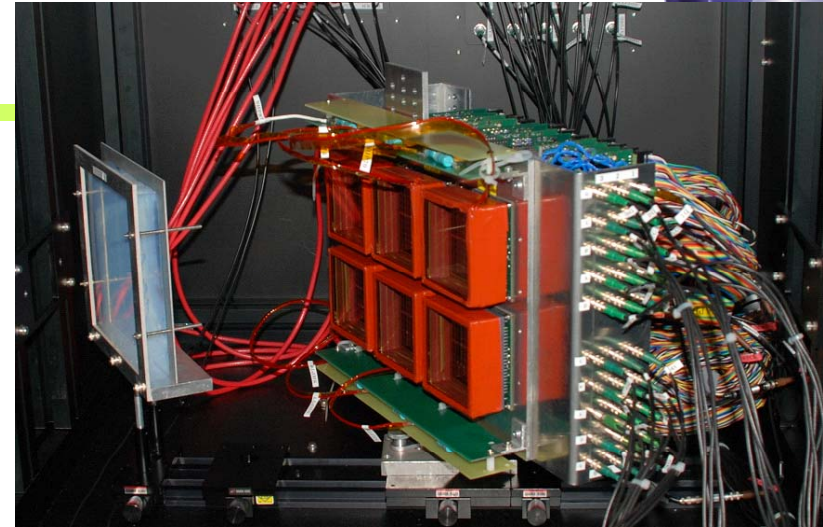
→ Finally enough working samples for a beam test at KEK last spring



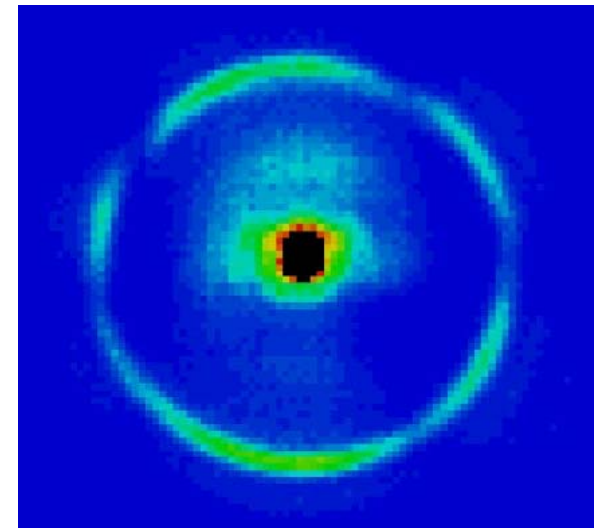
Photon detector candidate: HAPD beam test



- test with 2 GeV/c electrons @ KEK
- detected number of photons: ~ 6
- Cherenkov angle resolution: $\sim 13\text{mrad}$
- large background due to the Cherenkov photons produced in the HAPD window
- second ring due to reflection on APD



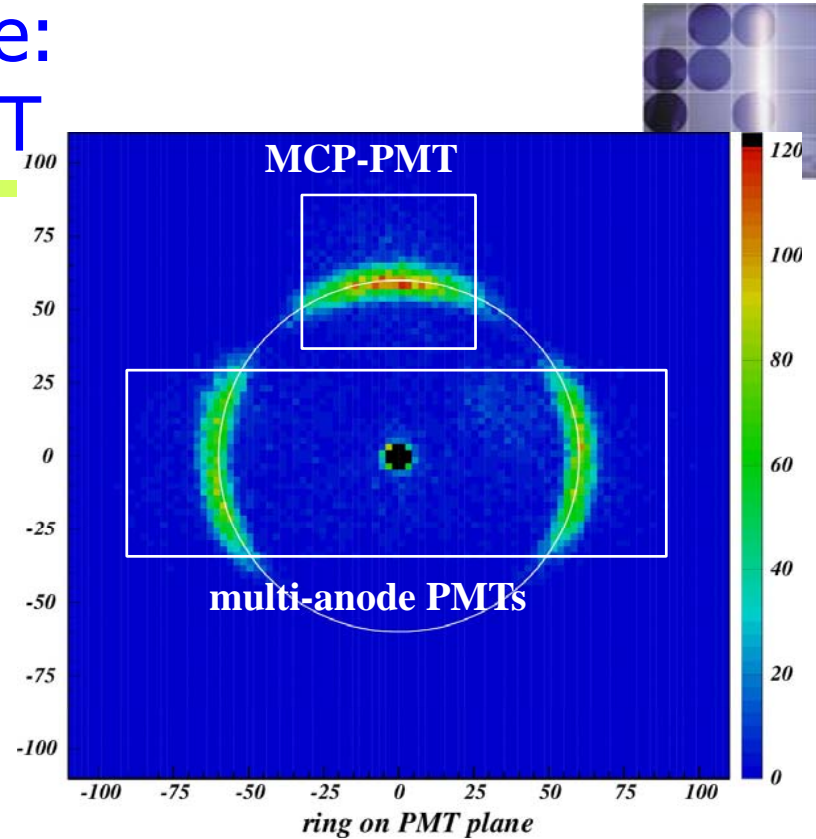
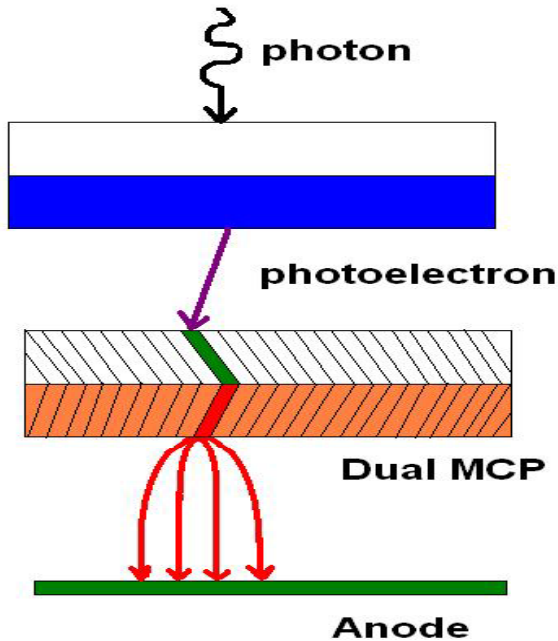
Better than 4σ π/K
separation @ 4GeV/c



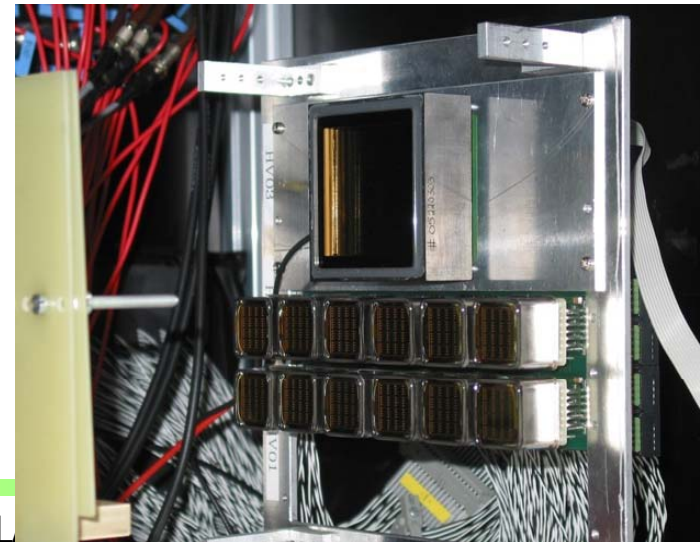


Photon detector candidate: BURLE/Photonis MCP-PMT

BURLE 85011 microchannel plate (MCP) PMT: multi-anode PMT with two MCP steps

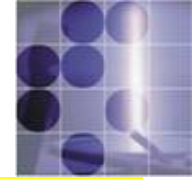


- good performance in beam and bench tests, NIMA567 (2006) 124
- very fast
- open issue: ageing

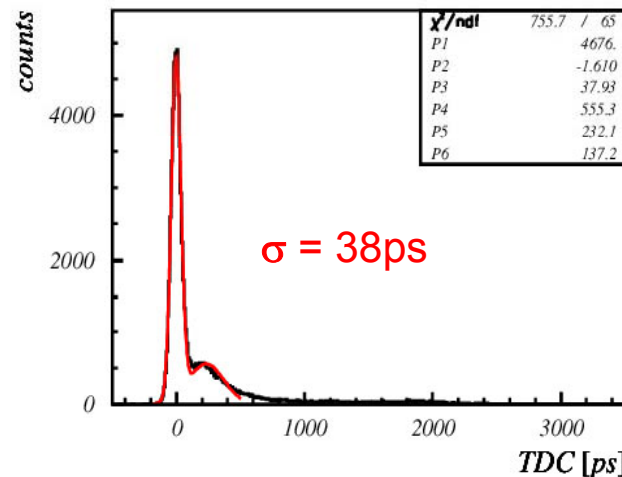
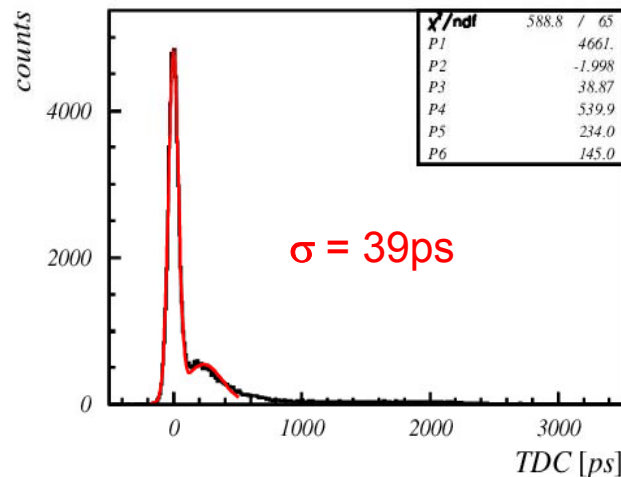
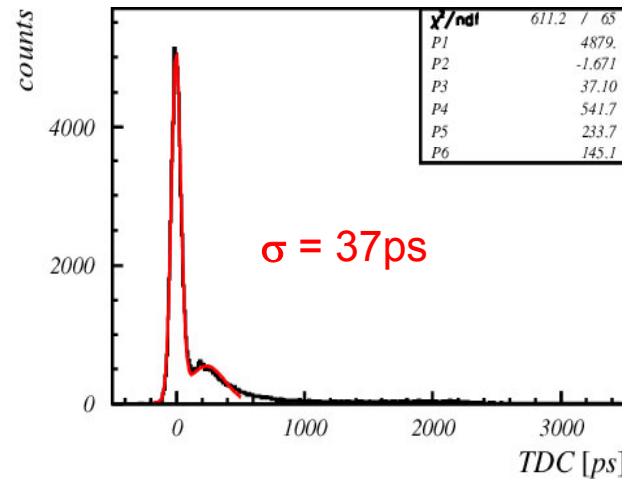
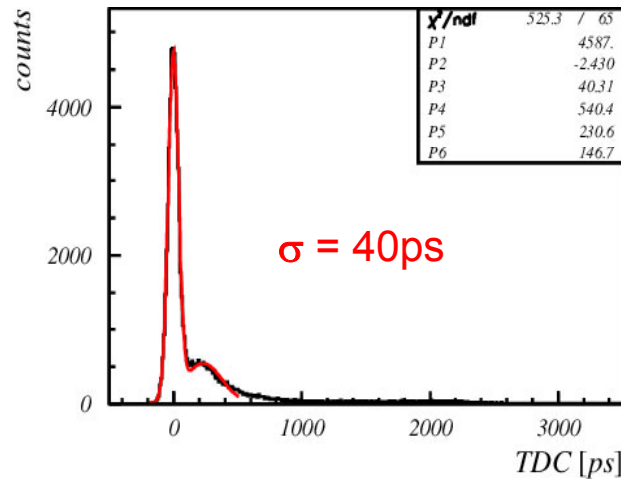




BURLE/Photonis MCP-PMT



BURLE 85011 microchannel plate (MCP) PMT: excellent time resolution after time walk correction



Tails can be significantly reduced by:

- increased cathode-MCP voltage difference
- decreased photocathode-MCP distance



Geiger-APDs as photon detector?



Can we use SiPMs (Geiger mode APDs) as the photon detector in a RICH counter?

- +immune to magnetic field
- +high photon detection efficiency, single photon sensitivity
- +easy to handle (thin, can be mounted on a PCB)
- +potentially cheap (not yet...) silicon technology
- +no high voltage

-very high dark count rate (100kHz – 1MHz) with single photon pulse height

-radiation hardness



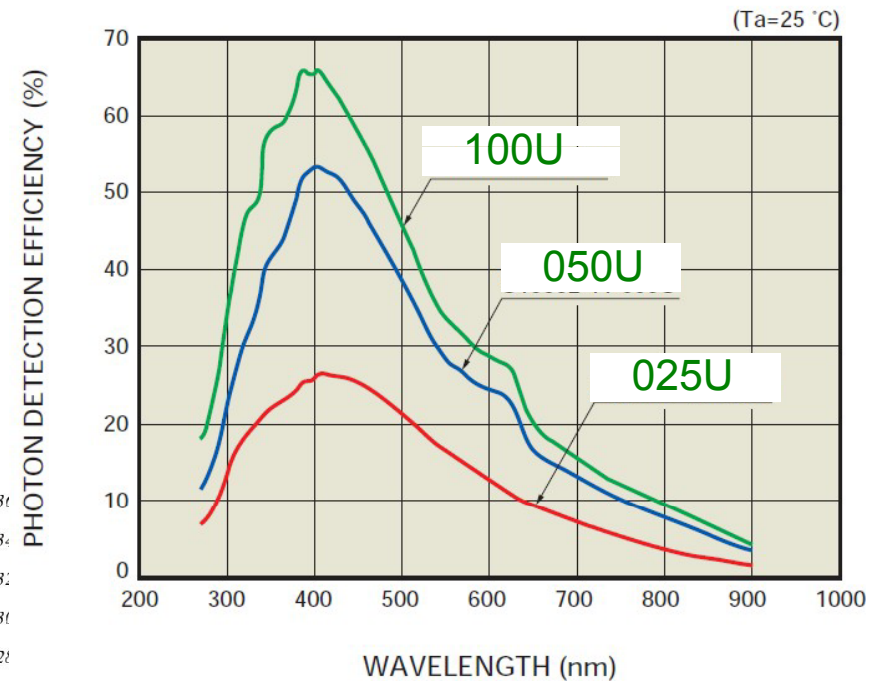
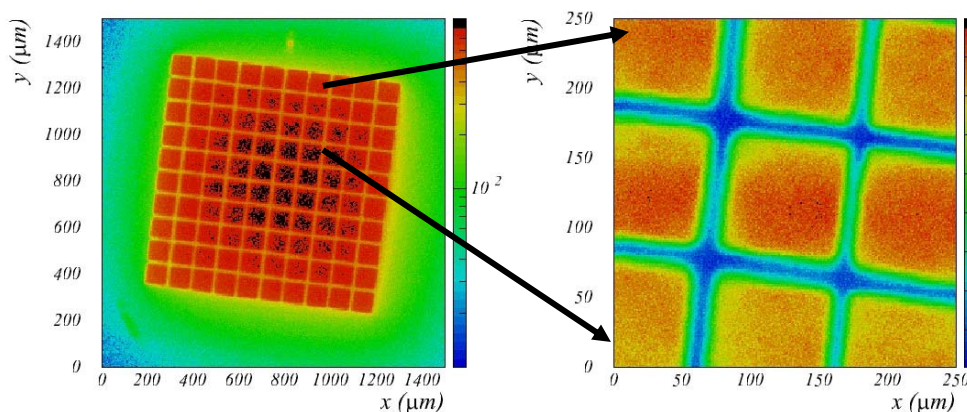
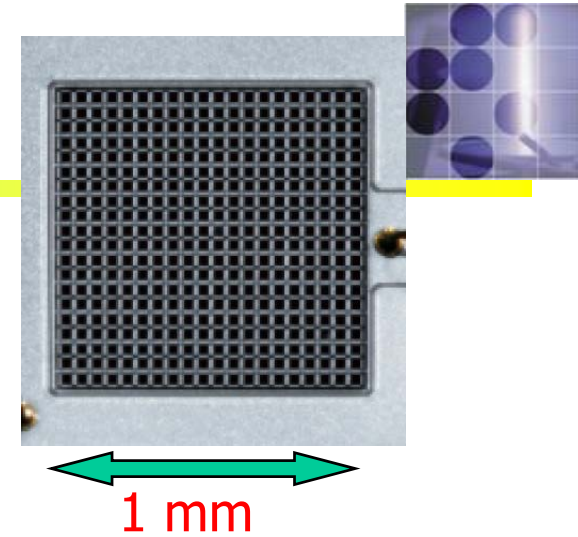
SiPMs as photon detectors?

SiPM is an array of individual APDs operating in Geiger mode; a resistor is used to quench the pulse. Characteristics:

- low operation voltage $\sim 10\text{-}100\text{ V}$
- gain $\sim 10^6$
- peak PDE up to 65%(@400nm)

$$\text{PDE} = \text{QE} \times \epsilon_{\text{geiger}} \times \epsilon_{\text{geo}}$$

- ϵ_{geo} – dead space between the cells
- time resolution $\sim 100\text{ ps}$
- work in high magnetic field
- dark counts $\sim \text{few } 100\text{ kHz/mm}^2$
- radiation damage (p,n)



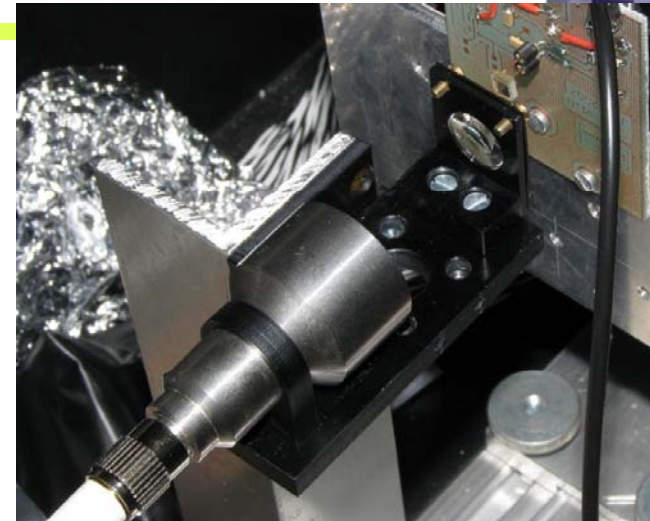
Hamamatsu MPPC: S10362-11



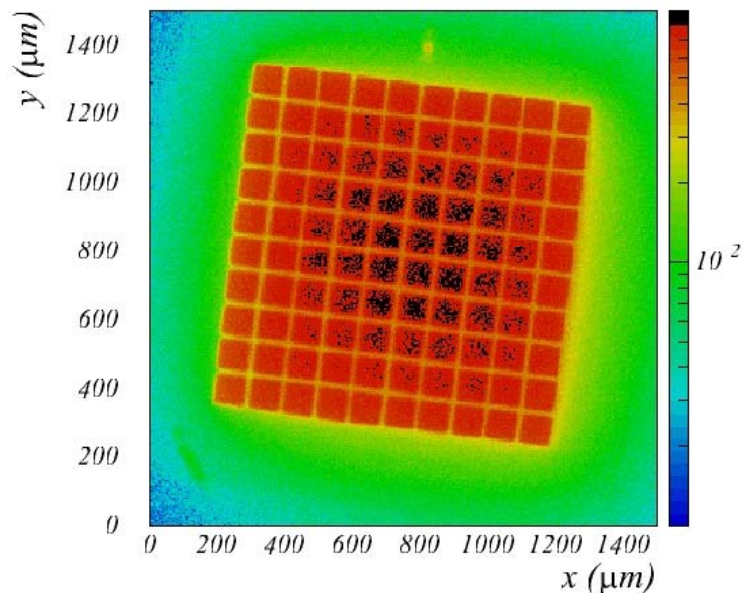
Surface sensitivity for **single** photons



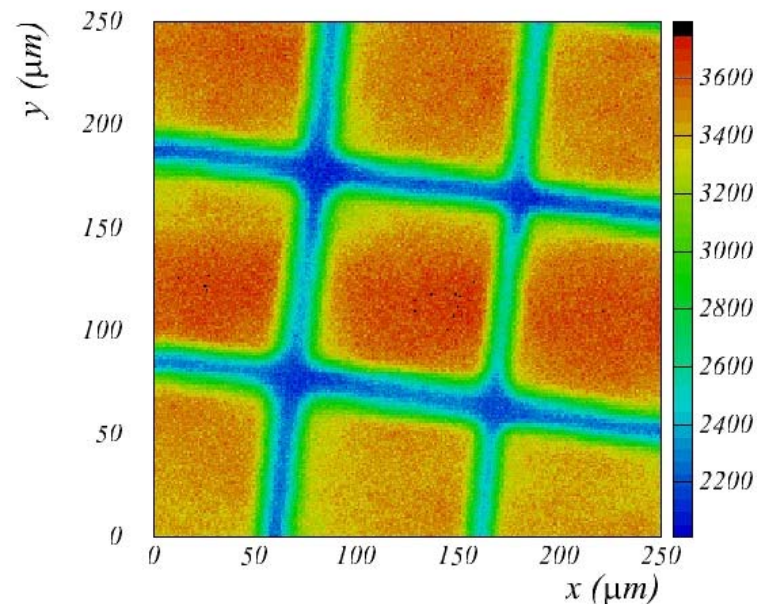
- 2d scan in the focal plane of the laser beam ($\sigma \approx 5 \mu\text{m}$)
- intensity: on average $\ll 1$ photon
- Selection: single pixel pulse height, in a 10 ns window



5 μm step size

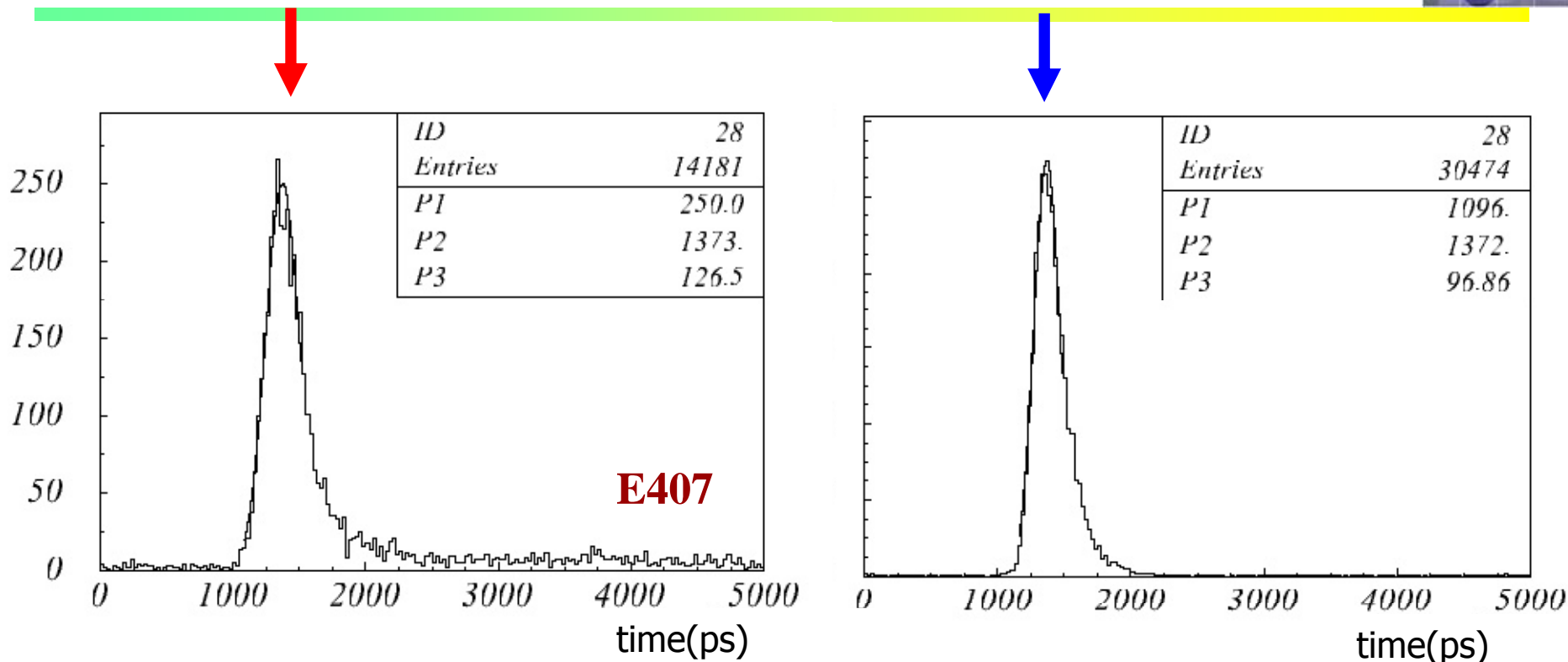


Close-up: 1 μm step size





Time resolution after time walk correction



	E407	S137	H100C	H050C	H025C
σ_{red} (ps)	127	182	145	212	154
σ_{blue} (ps)	97	151	136	358	135

• $\sigma \approx 100\text{-}200$ ps

• $\sigma_{\text{red}} > \sigma_{\text{blue}}$



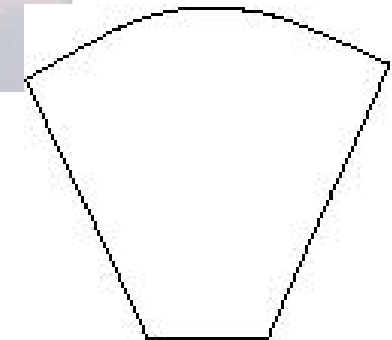
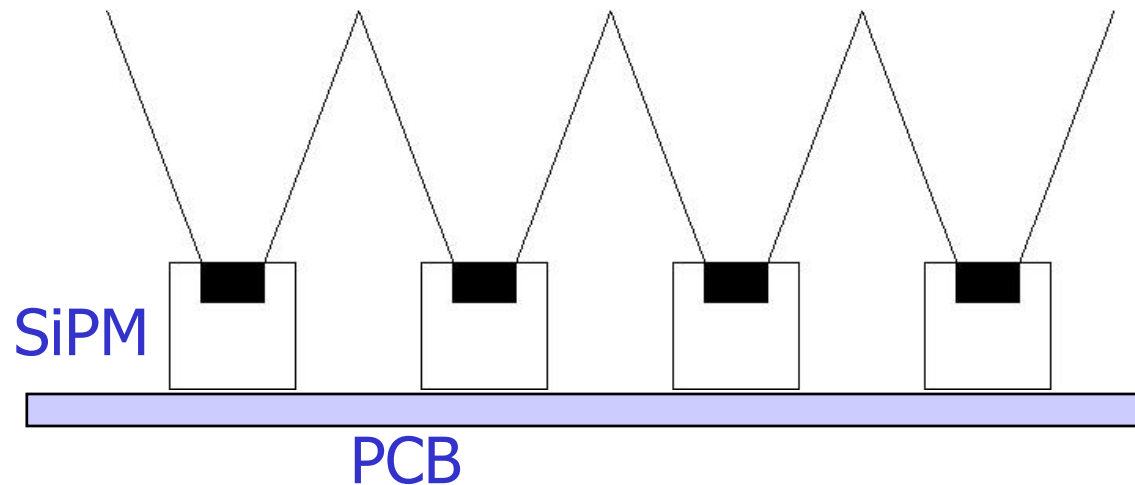
Can such a detector work?



Improve the signal to noise ratio:

- Reduce the noise by a narrow ($<10\text{ns}$) time window
- Increase the number of signal hits per single sensor by using light collectors and by adjusting the pad size to the ring thickness

E.g. light collector with reflective walls



or combine a lens
and mirror walls



Expected number of photons for aerogel RICH

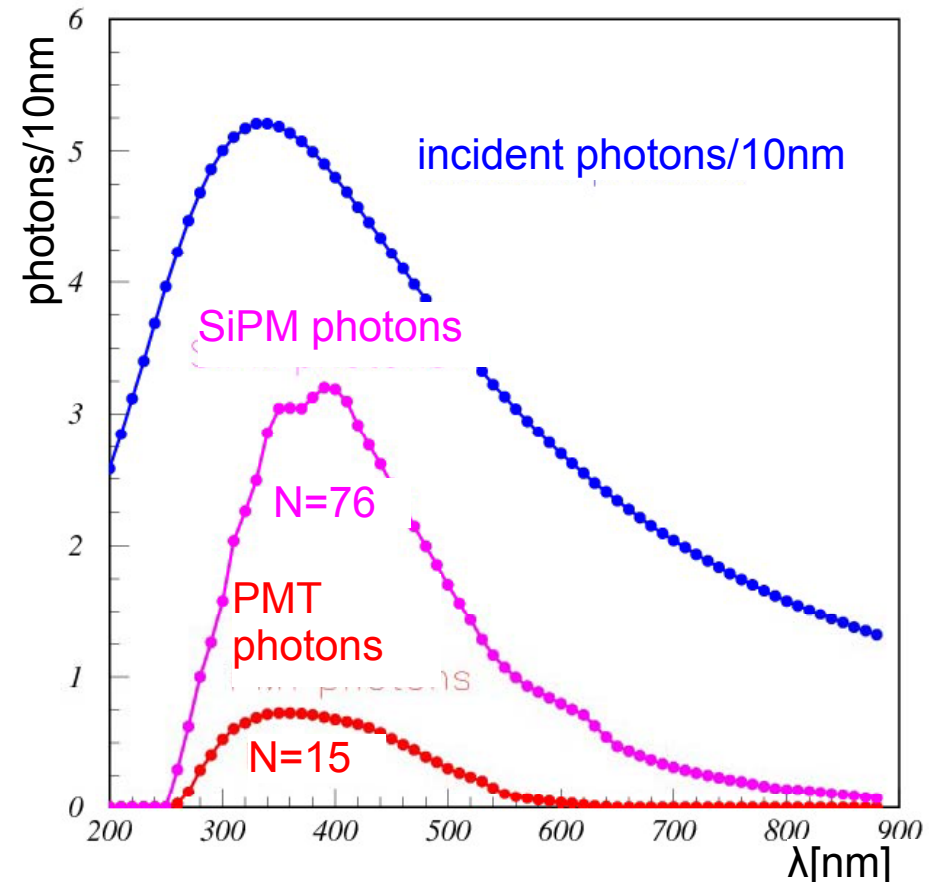


with multianode PMTs or SiPMs(100U), and
aerogel radiator: thickness 2.5 cm, $n = 1.045$
and transmission length (@400nm) 4 cm.

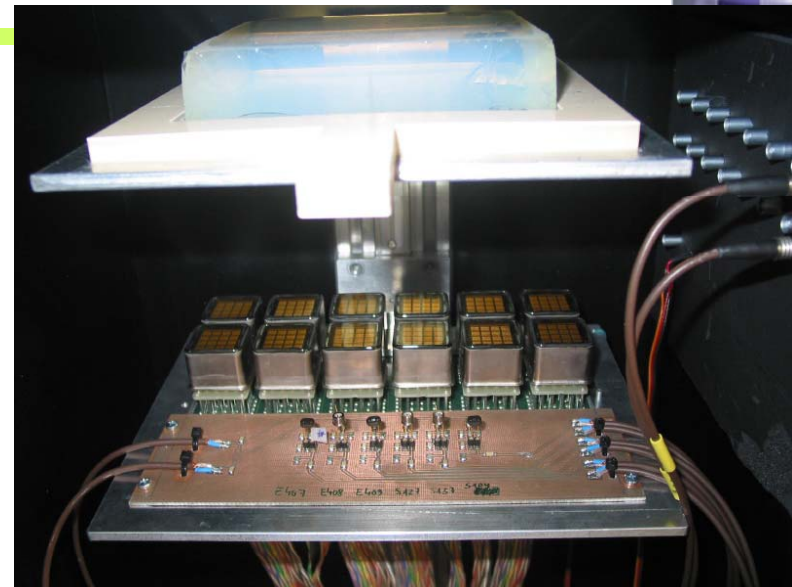
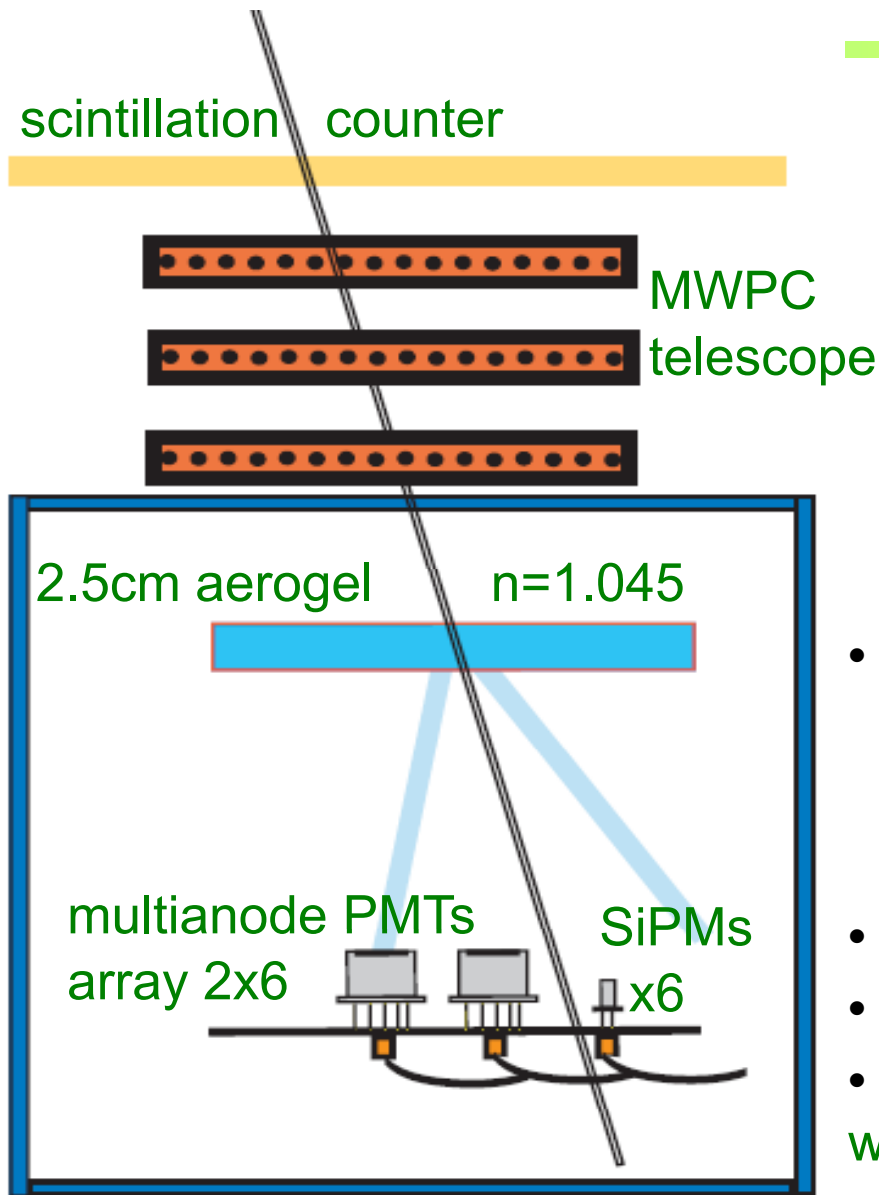
$$N_{\text{SiPM}}/N_{\text{PMT}} \sim 5$$

Assuming 100% detector
active area

Never before tested in a RICH where
we have to detect single photons. ←
Dark counts have single photon pulse
heights (rate 0.1-1 MHz)



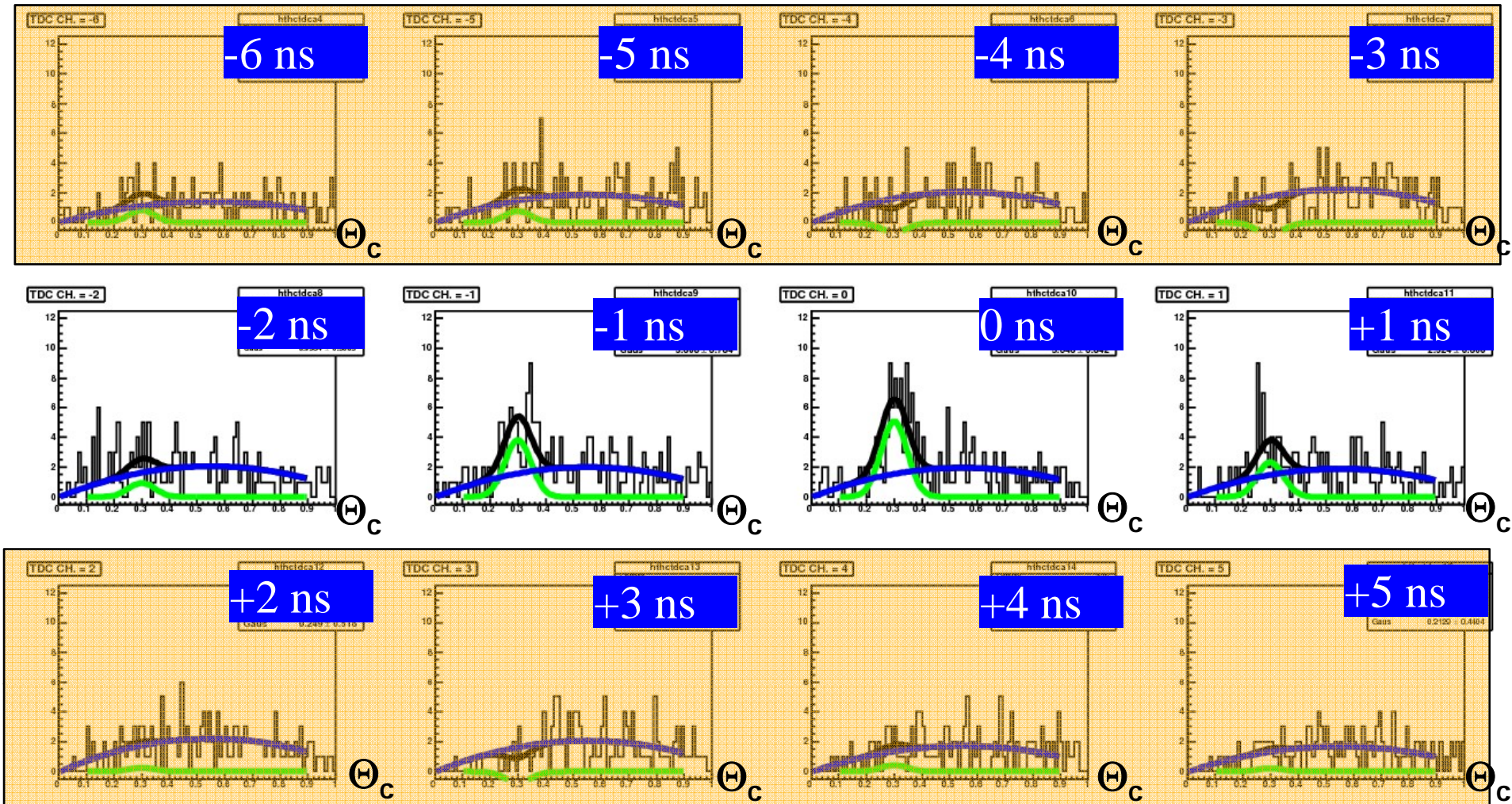
Cosmic test setup



- 6 Hamamatsu SiPMs used:
 - 2x 100U; background $\sim 400\text{kHz}$
 - 2x 050U; background $\sim 200\text{kHz}$
 - 2x 025U; background $\sim 100\text{kHz}$
- signals amplified (ORTEC FTA820),
- discriminated (EG&G CF8000) and
- read by multihit TDC (CAEN V673A) with 1 ns / channel



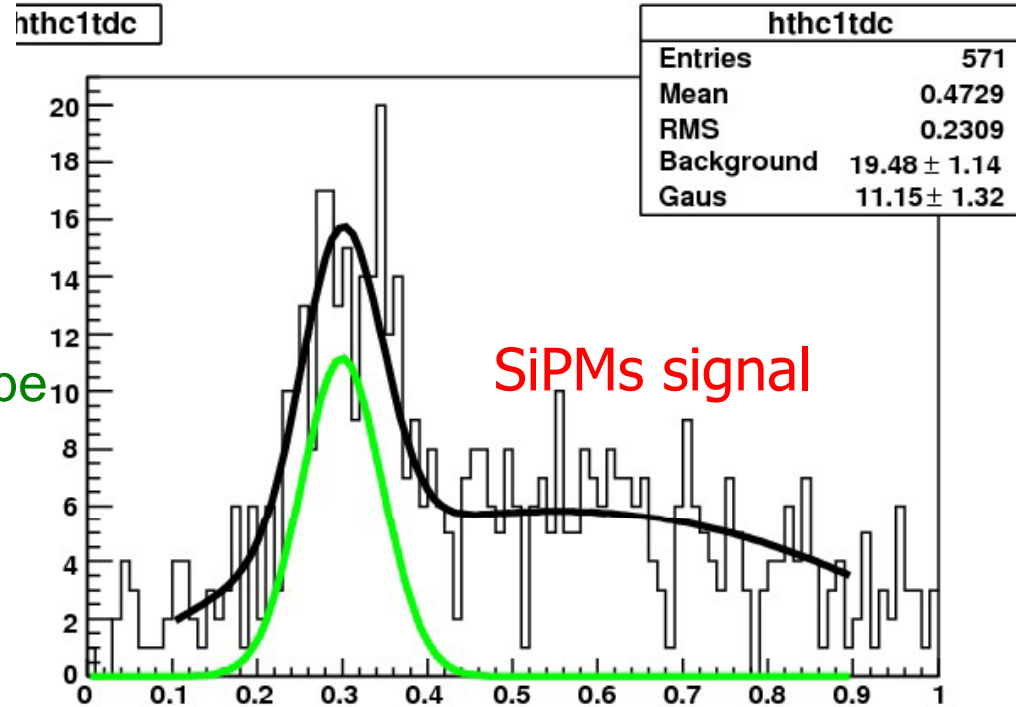
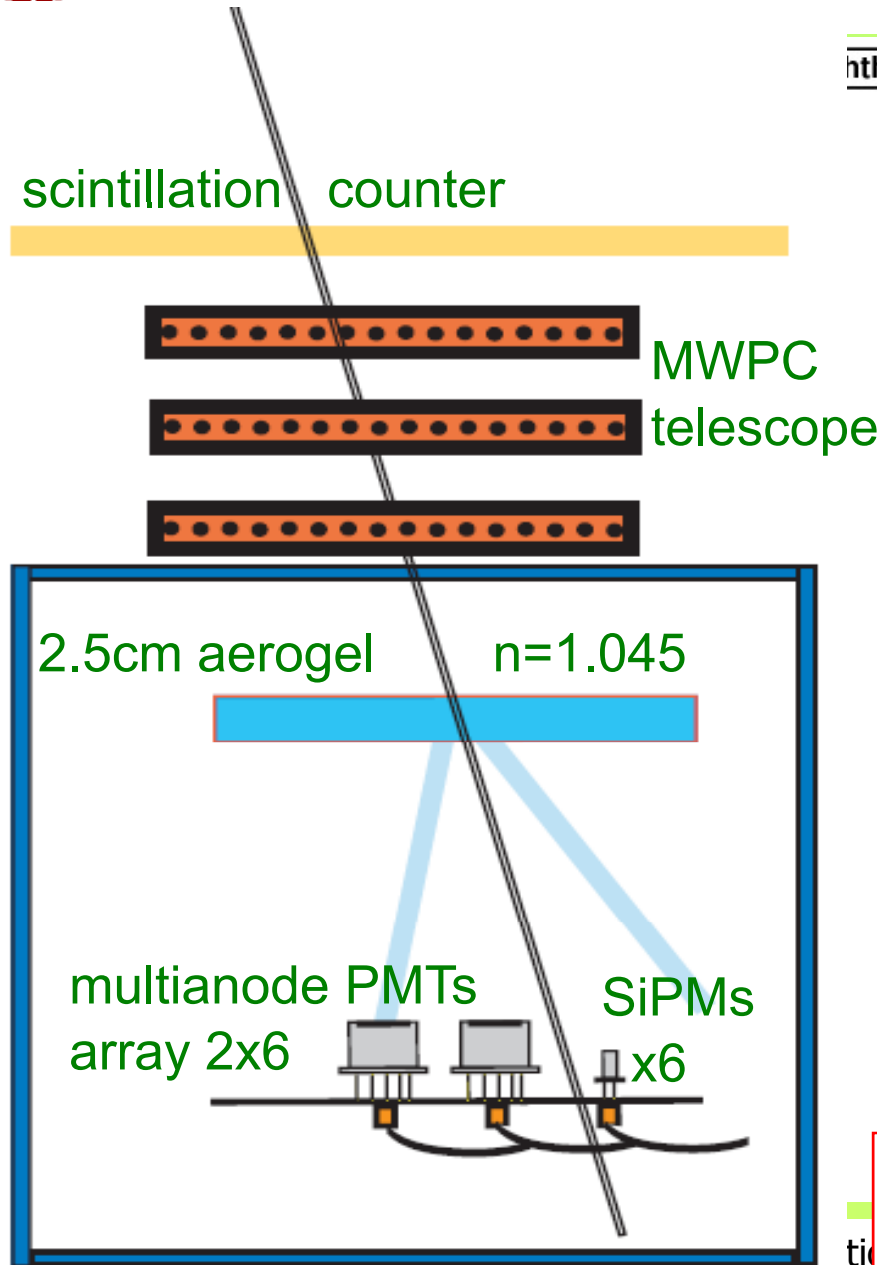
SiPM: Cherenkov angle distributions for 1ns time windows



Cherenkov photons appear in the expected time windows →
First Cherenkov photons observed with SiPMs!



SiPM Cherenkov angle distribution



→ SiPMs give 4 x more photons than PMTs per photon detector area – in \sim agreement with expectations $\text{\textcircled{H}}_c$

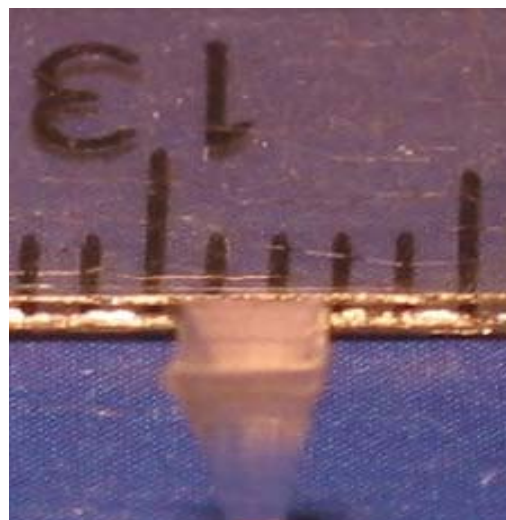
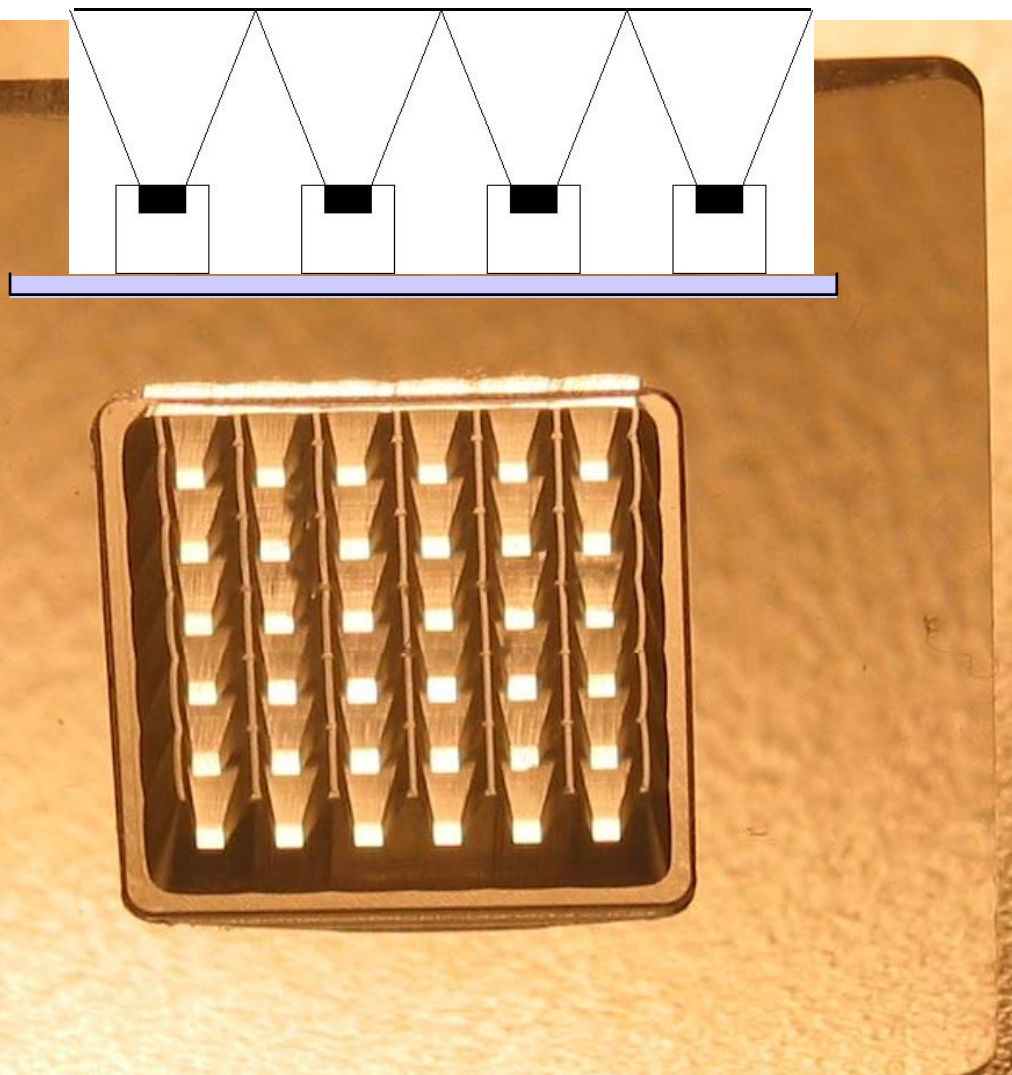
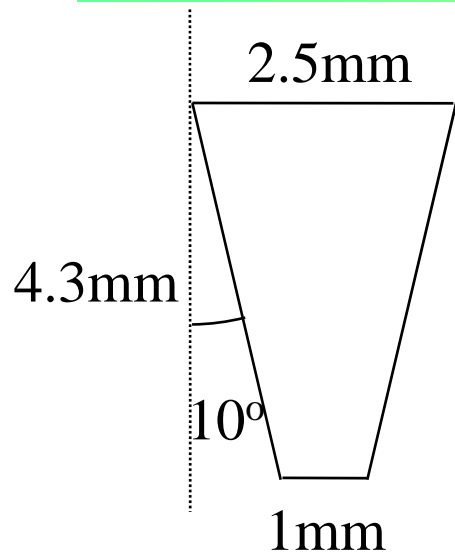
N.B. Signal/noise should improve by x3 with better tracking!



Detector module design



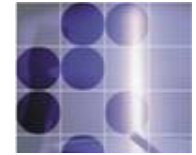
SiPM array with light guides



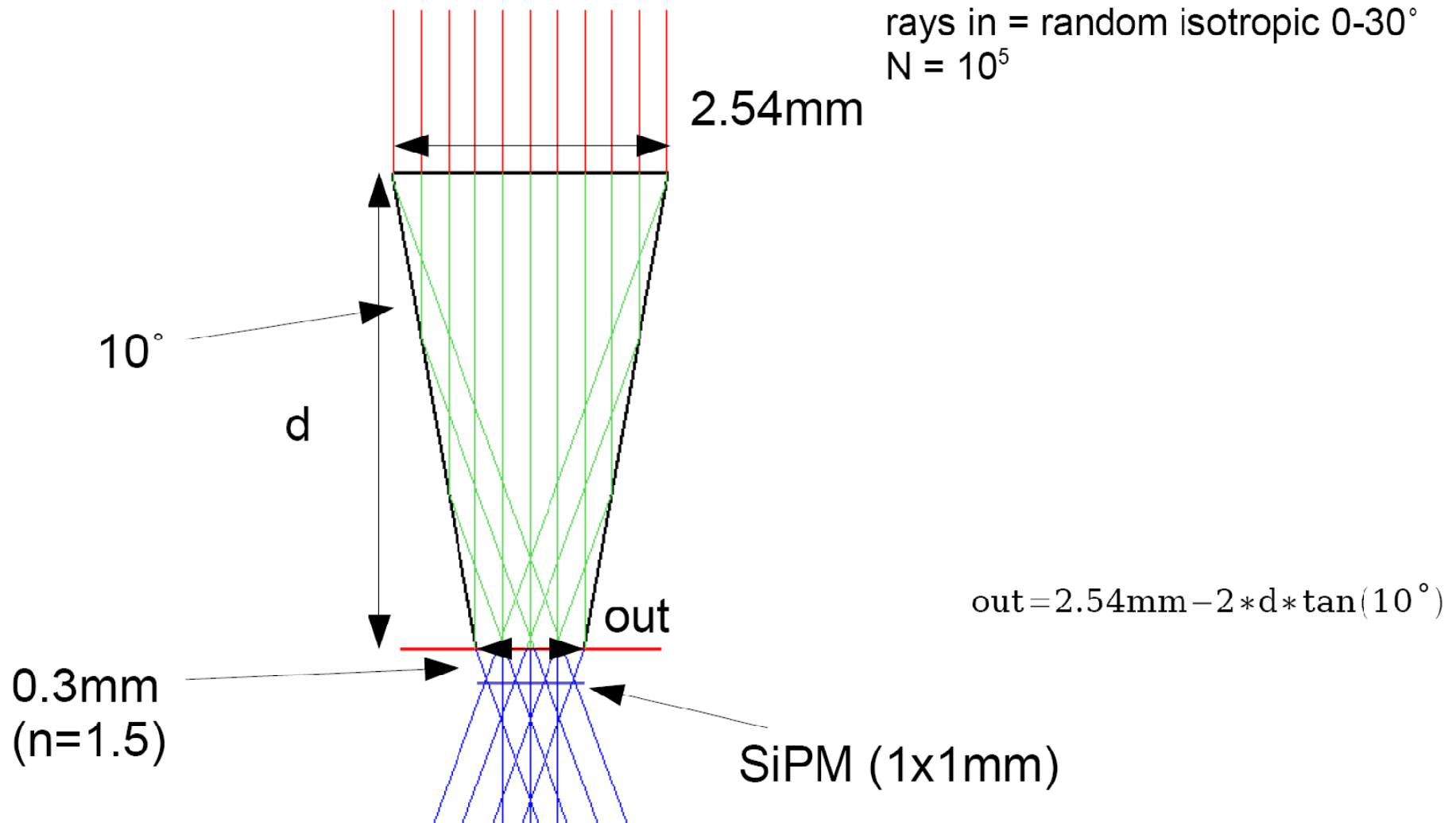
A multi-channel module prepared for a beam test at CERN



Light guide geometry optimisation

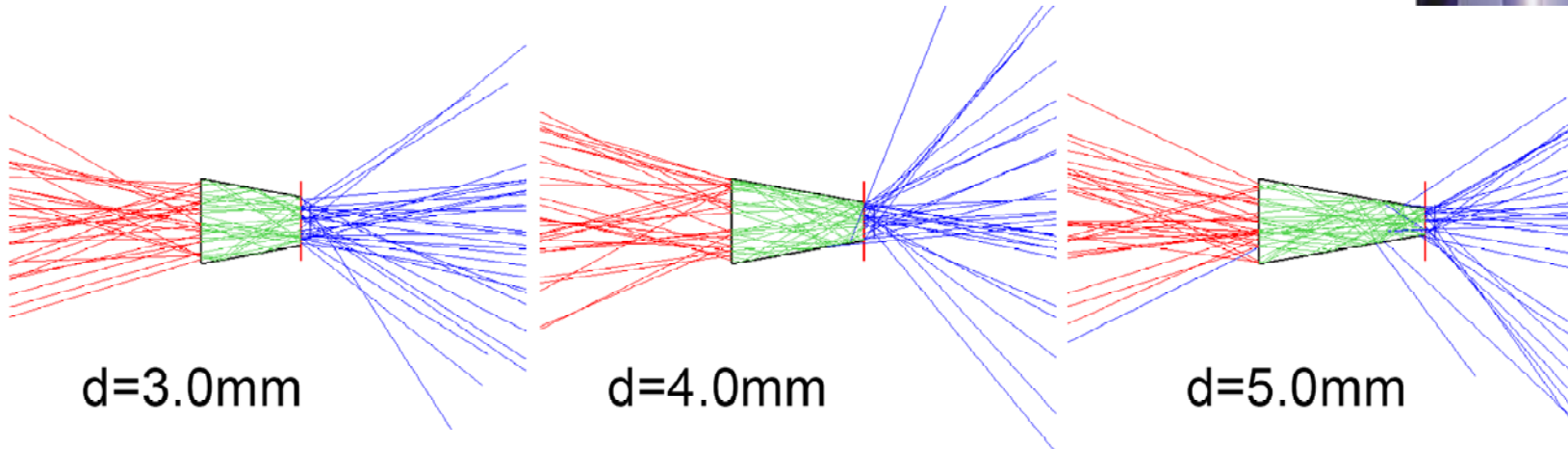


Light Guide Acceptance / (d and out)



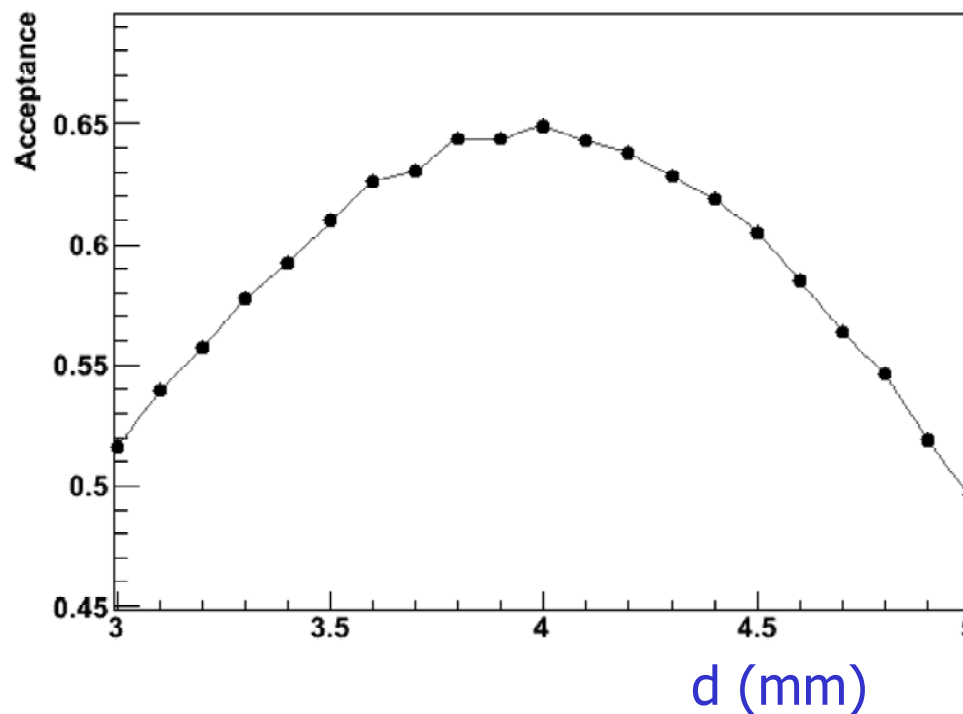
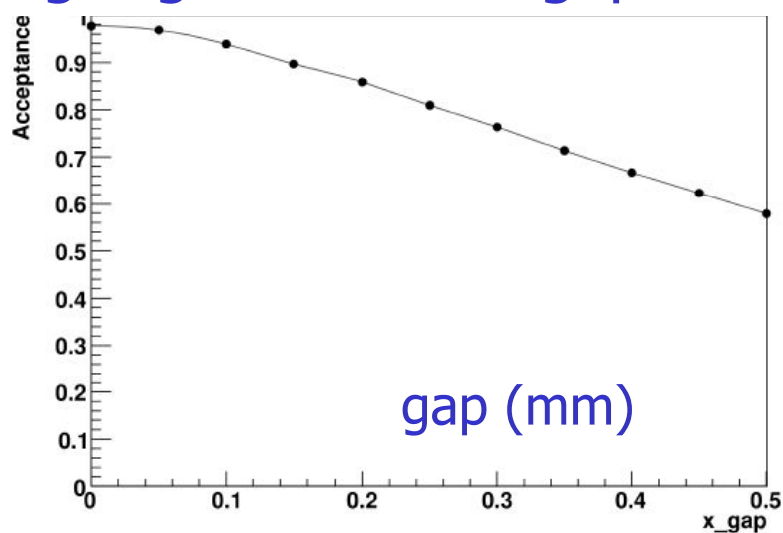


Light guide geometry optimisation



Light guide length optimisation

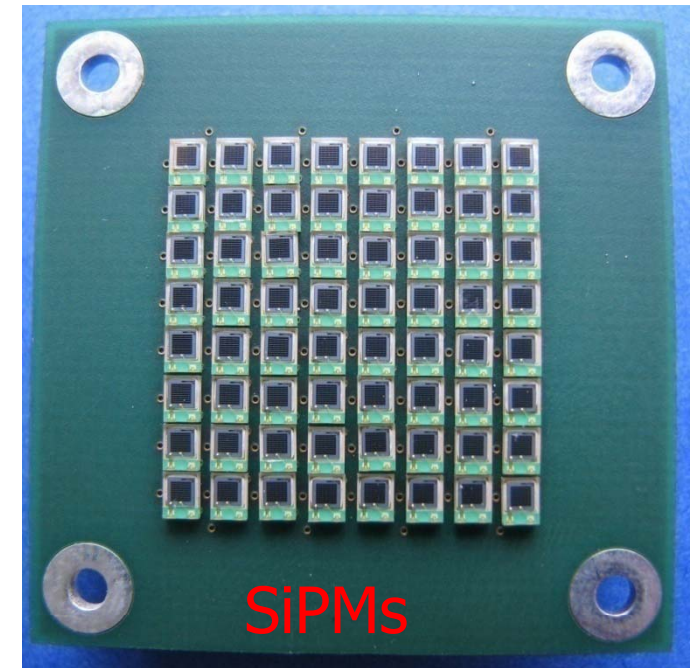
Light guide – SiPM gap



Detector module for beam tests at KEK

SiPMs: array of 8x8 SMD mount
Hamamatsu S10362-11-100P
with 0.3mm protective layer

Light guides



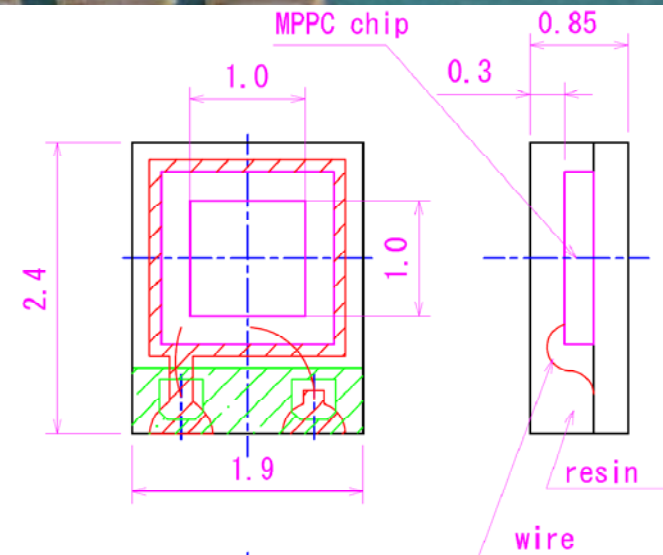
2cm

SiPMs + light guides

Photon detector for the beam test

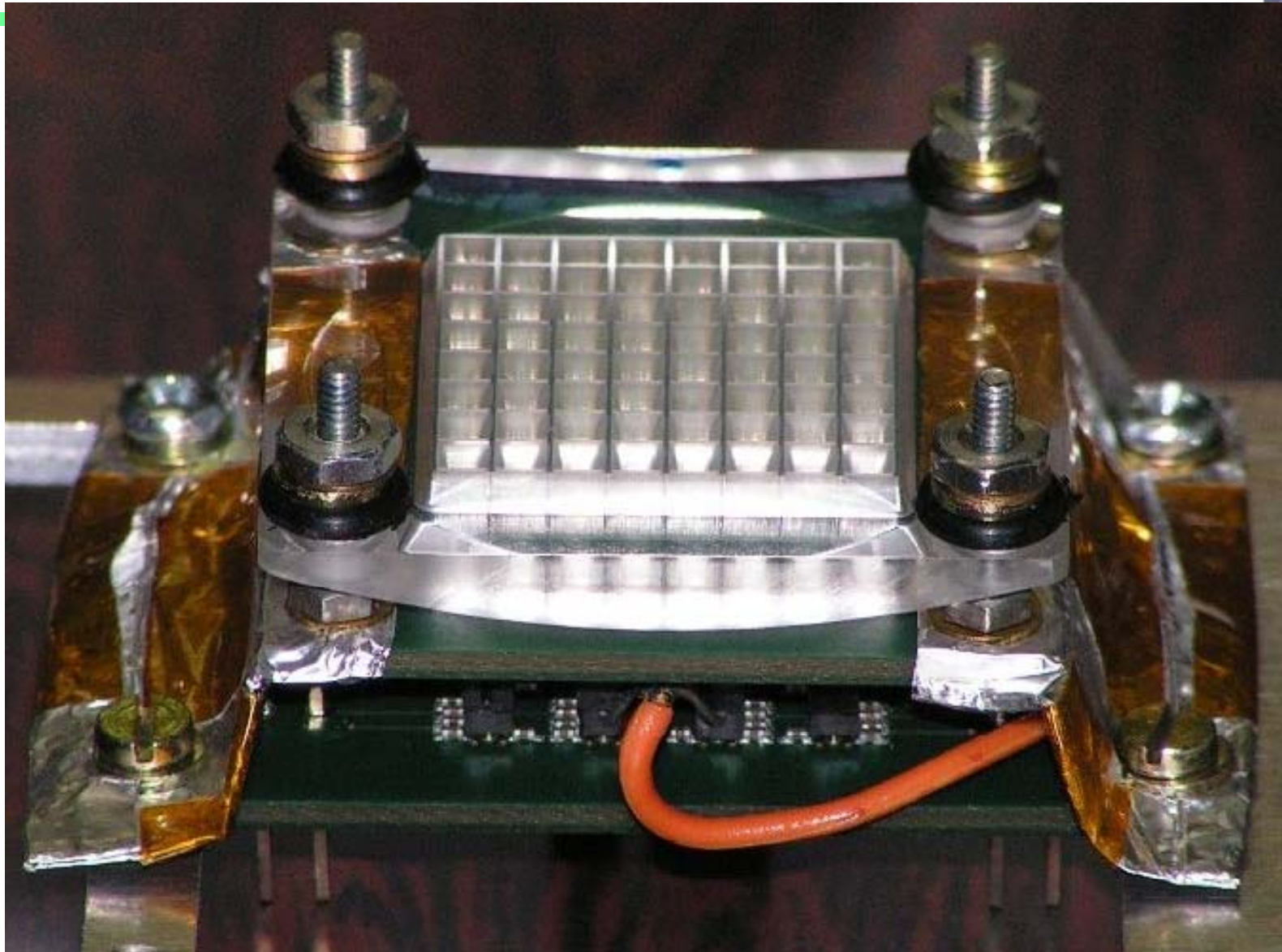
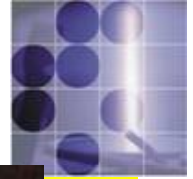
64 SiPMs

20mm



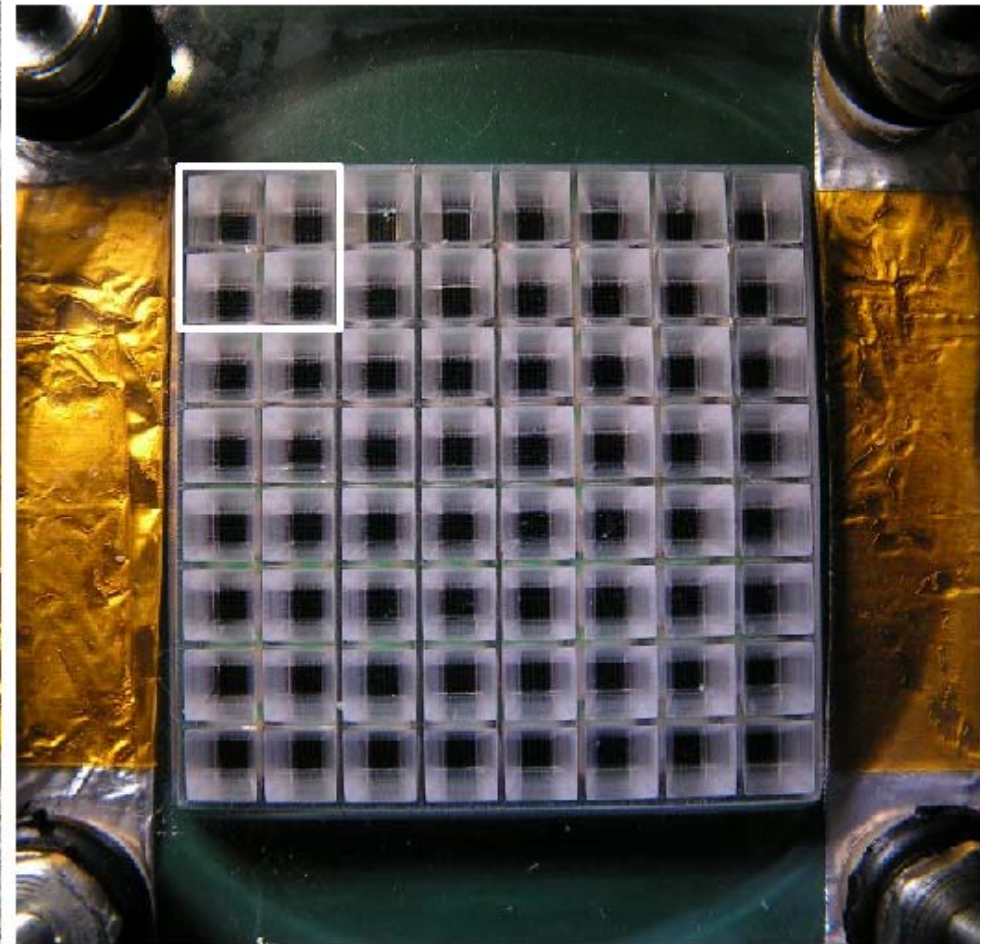
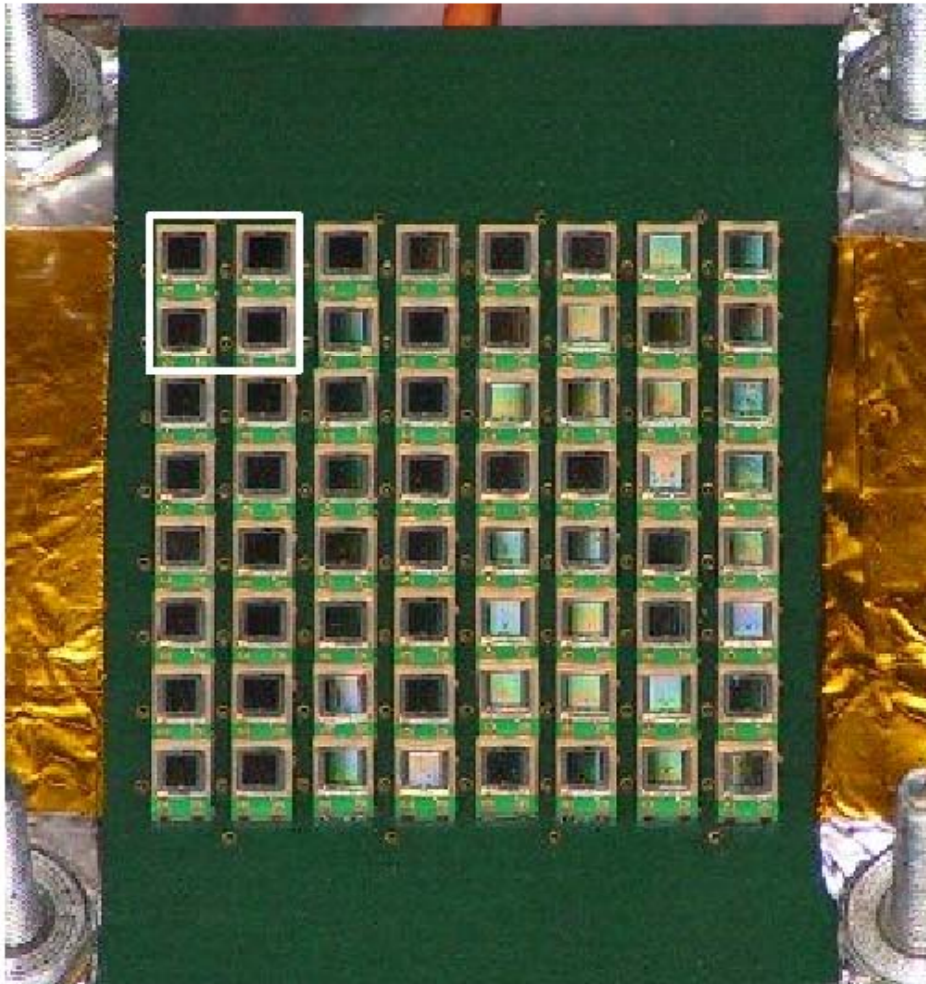


Fully assembled detector module



MPPC module 2

- pad size 5.08 mm, 4 mm² active



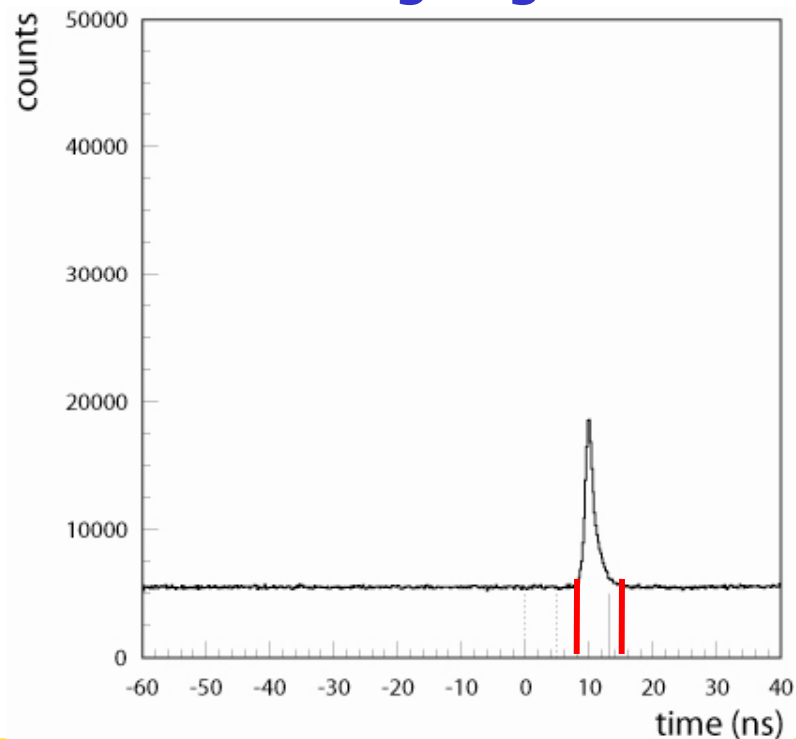


SiPM beam test: TDC distributions

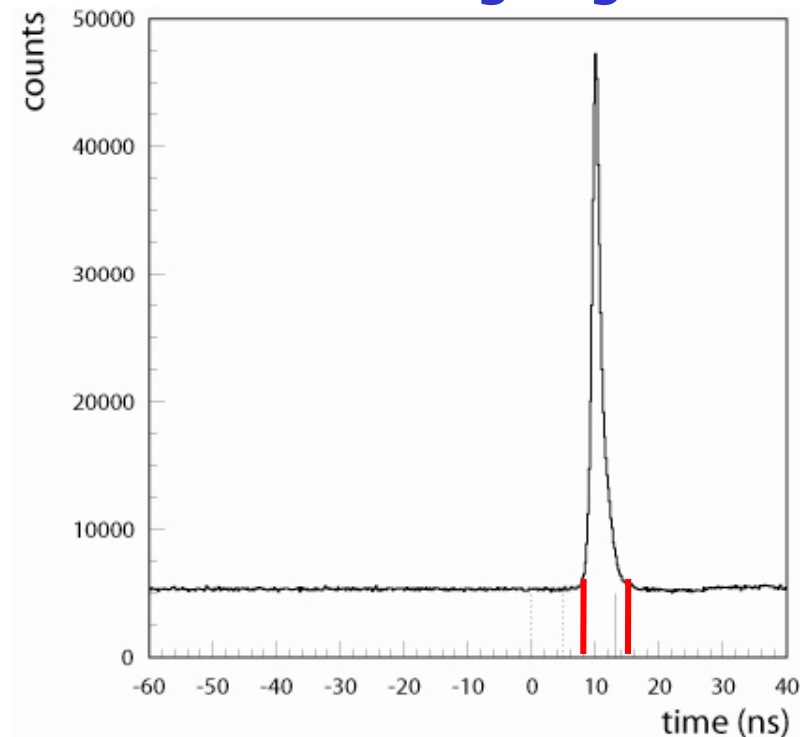


- Total noise rate ~ 35 MHz (~ 600 kHz/MPPC)
- Hits in the time window of **5ns** around the peak are selected for the Cherenkov angle analysis

without light guides

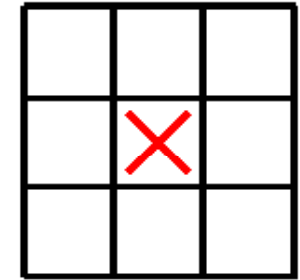


with light guides

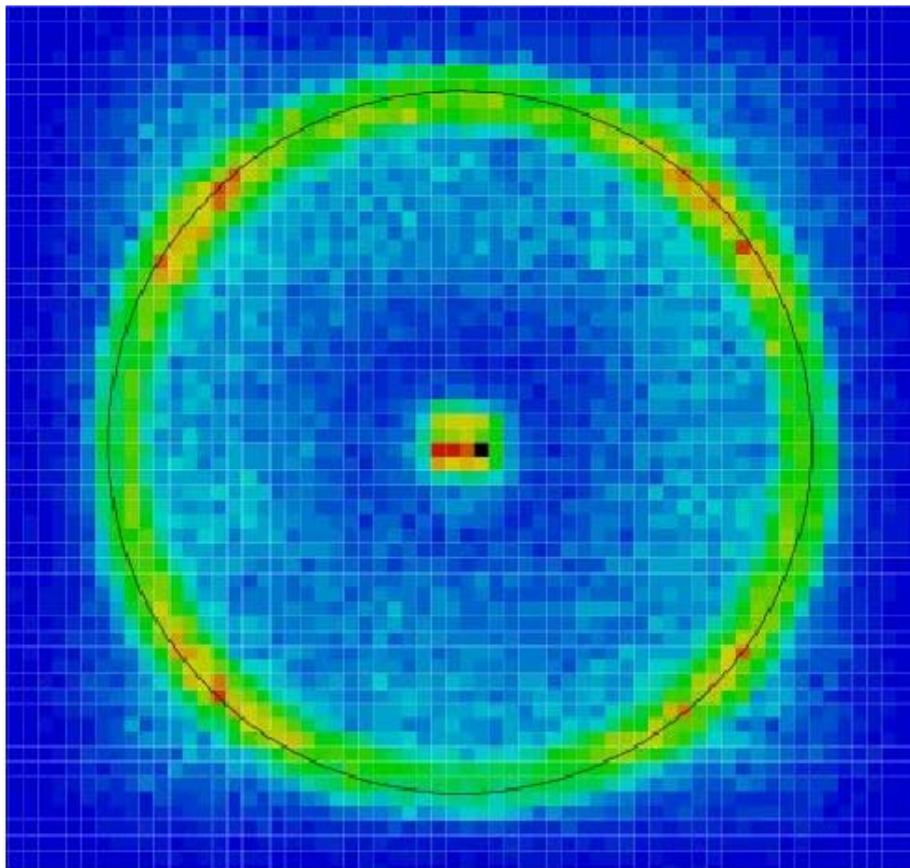


Ring images

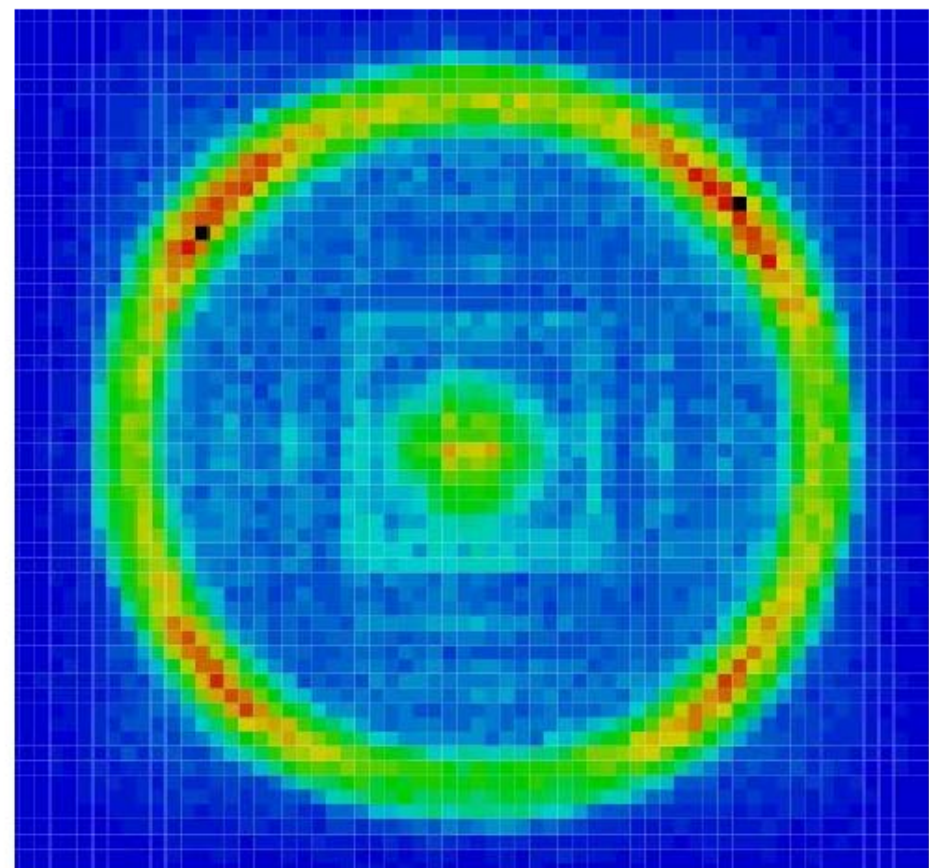
- module was moved to 9 positions to cover the ring area
- these plots show only superposition of 8 positions (central position is not included)



w/o light guides



w/ light guides

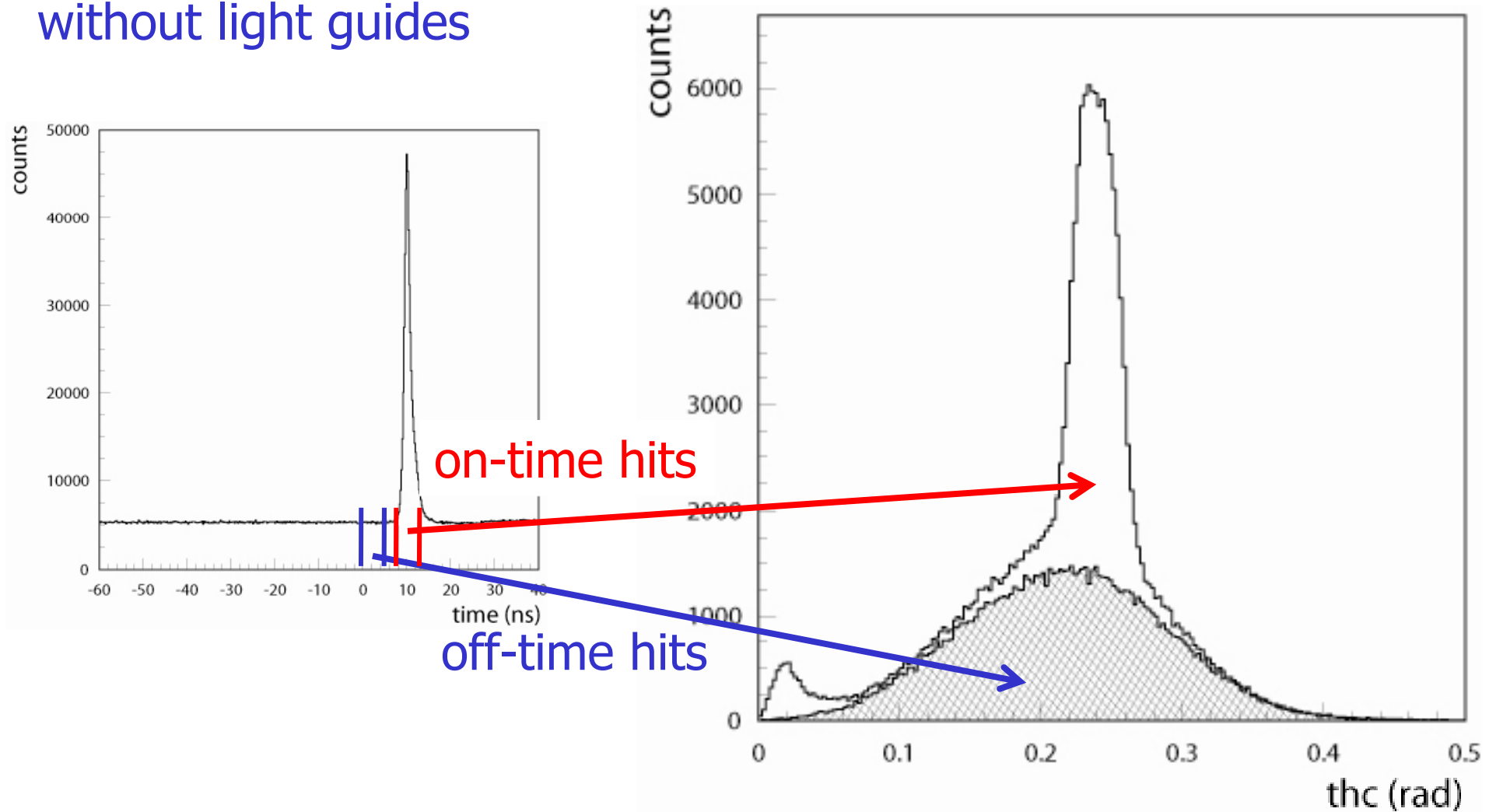




SiPM beam test: Cherenkov angle distributions



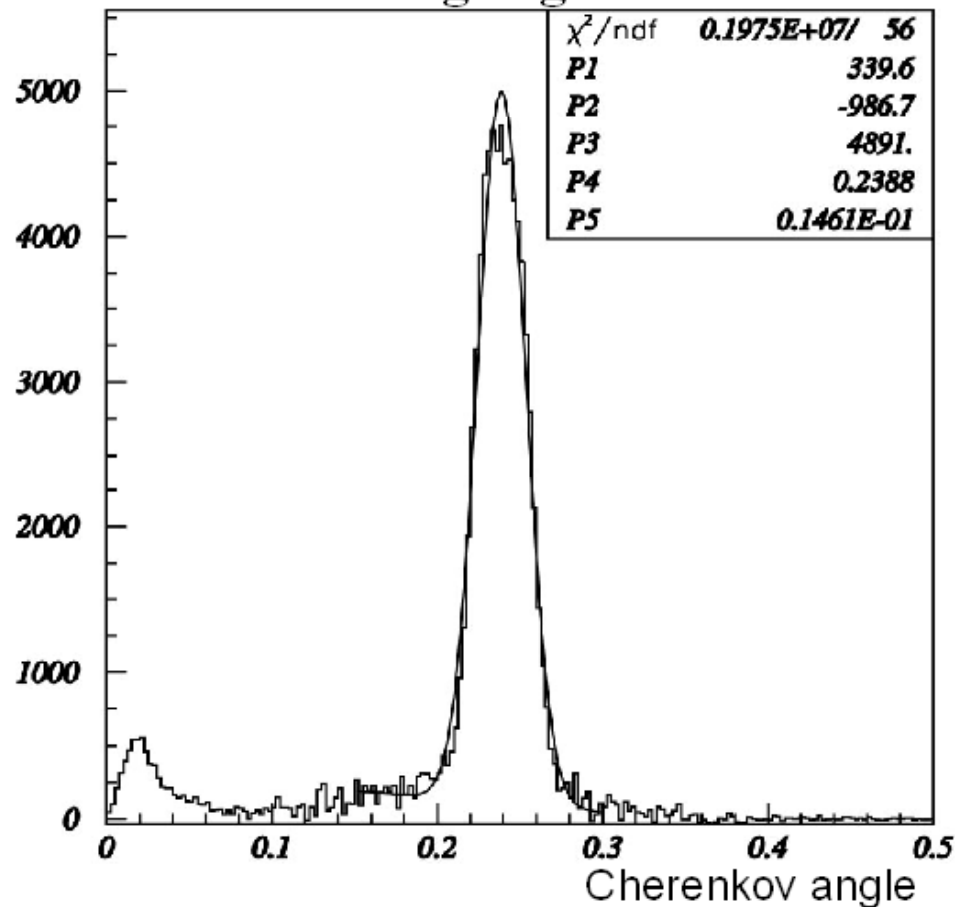
without light guides



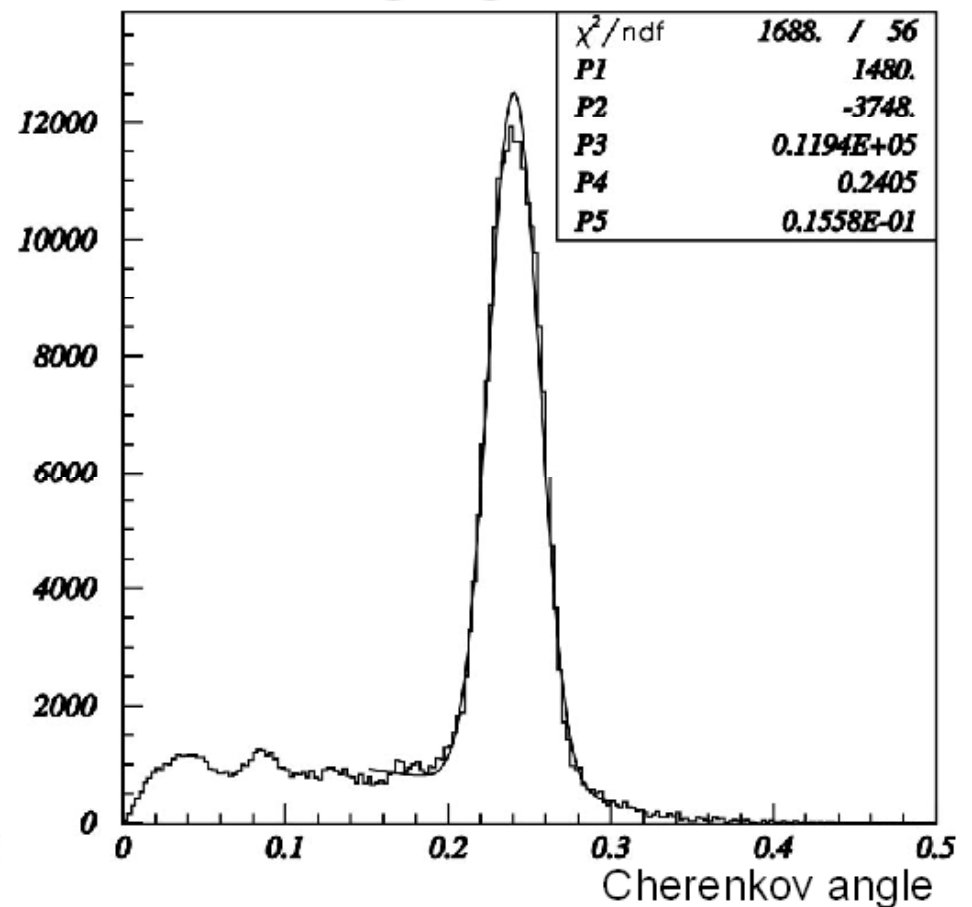
Cherenkov angle distributions

- background subtracted distributions
- ratio of detected photons w/ and w/o: ~ 2.3
- resolution within expectations (14.5mrad)

w/o light guides



w/ light guides



Background-subtracted distributions

Number of photons

Expected number of photons is $\sim 3/\text{full ring}$, this includes:

- Hamamatsu PDE
- aerogel: 1cm thickness, $n=1.03$, 25mm attenuation length
- dead time and double hit loss $\sim 10\%$

Measured (extrapolated to full ring - acceptance corrected):

- w/o LG ~ 1.6
- w/ LG ~ 3.7

→ discrepancy with PDE values as given by the producer, observed also by other groups

Estimated numbers for aerogel with $n=1.05$ and thickness of 4cm ($\sim 5x$) and better quality of light guides (surface polishing: $\sim 2x$) are

- w/o LG ~ 8
- w/ LG ~ 37



Can such a detector work?

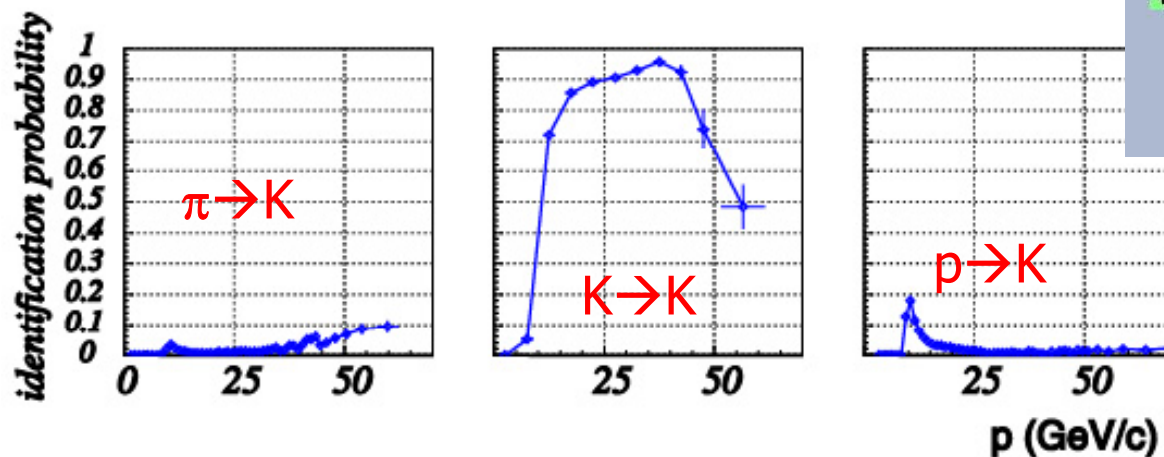
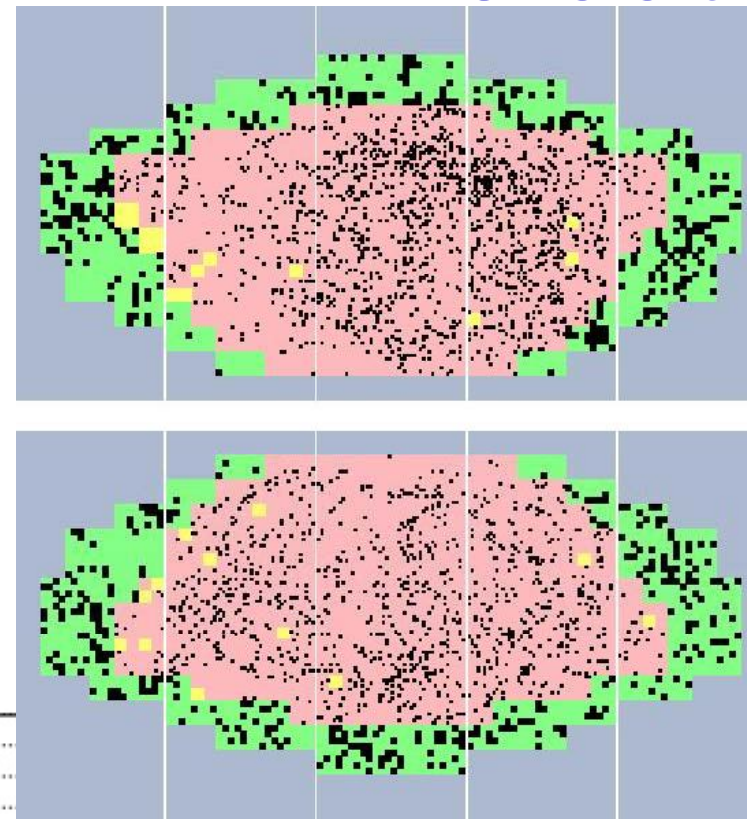


Using all the tricks, the background occupancy will still be high.

Experience from HERA-B RICH:
successfully operated in a high
occupancy environment (up to 10%).

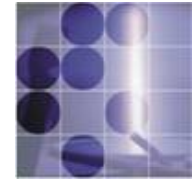
→ Need >20 photons per ring (had
 ~ 30) for a reliable PID.

HERA-B RICH event

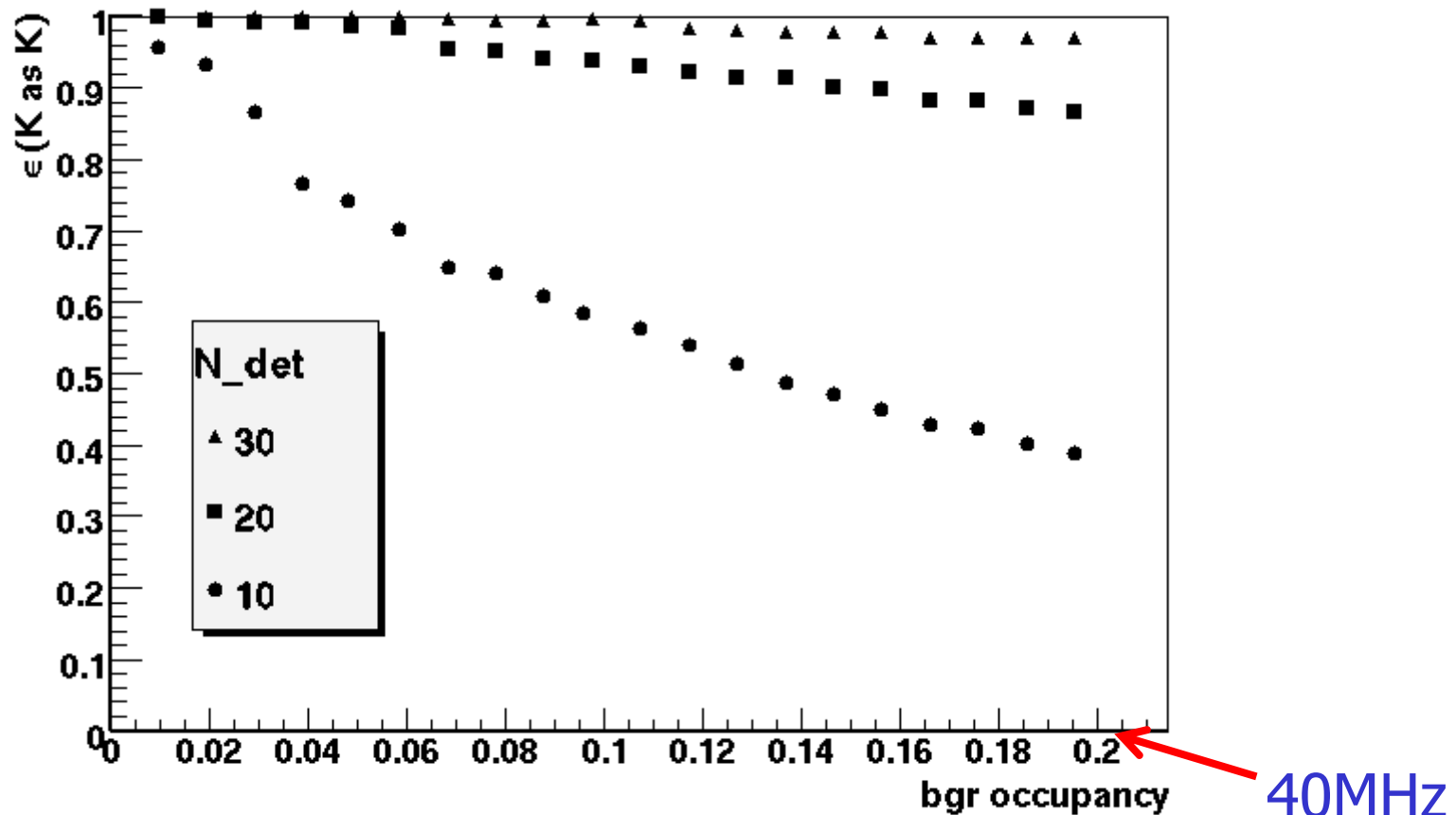




PID efficiency vs occupancy



K identification efficiency at 1% π missid. probability for different number of photons per ring vs background level



→ Again OK if the number of photons >20



Summary of tests



We have proven that SiPMs can be used as single photon sensors in Ring Imaging Cherenkov (RICH) counters.

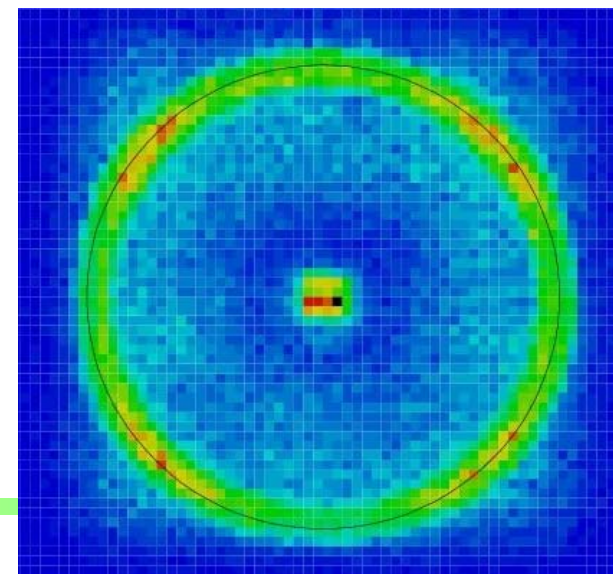
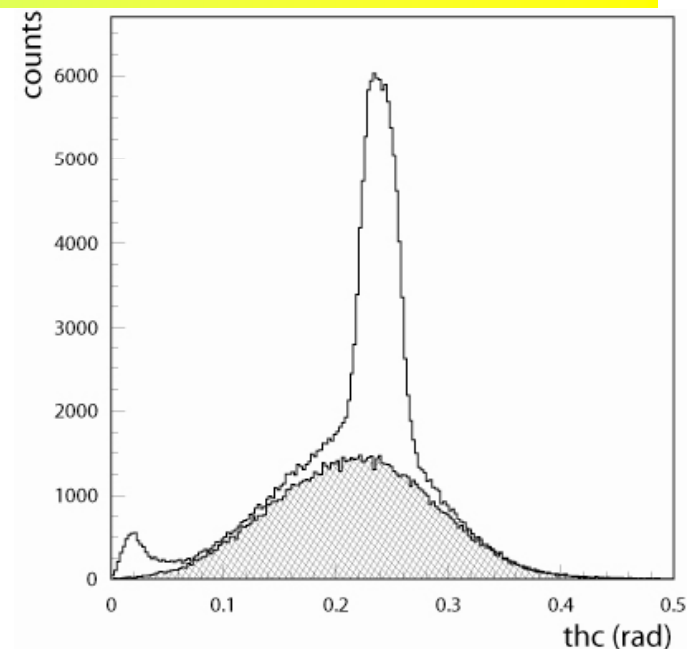
Light guides improved signal/noise.

The sensor is easy to operate, robust.

The number of photons is high enough to allow for sufficient kaon/pion separation even at high dark count rates.

Can we use it in Belle-II?

- Cost
- Radiation damage

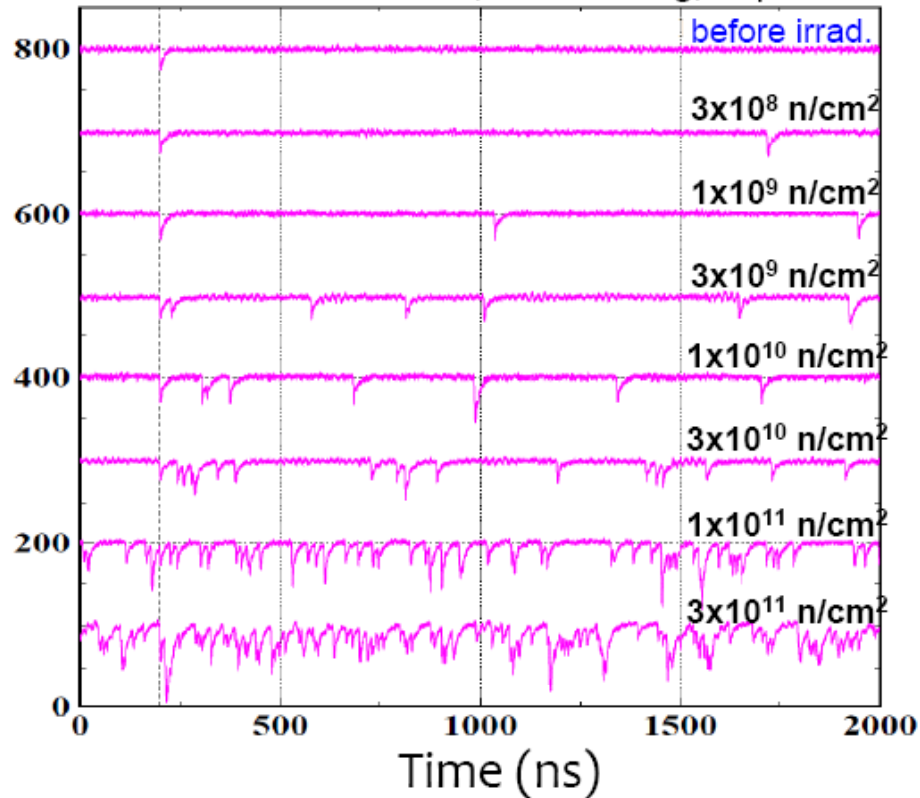




Radiation damage



I.Nakamura, JPS meeting, Sep. 2008



Becomes very hard to operate above the neutron fluence of $10^{11} \text{ n cm}^{-2}$

Expected fluence in at Belle-II at 50/ab: $2-20 \times 10^{11} \text{ n cm}^{-2}$

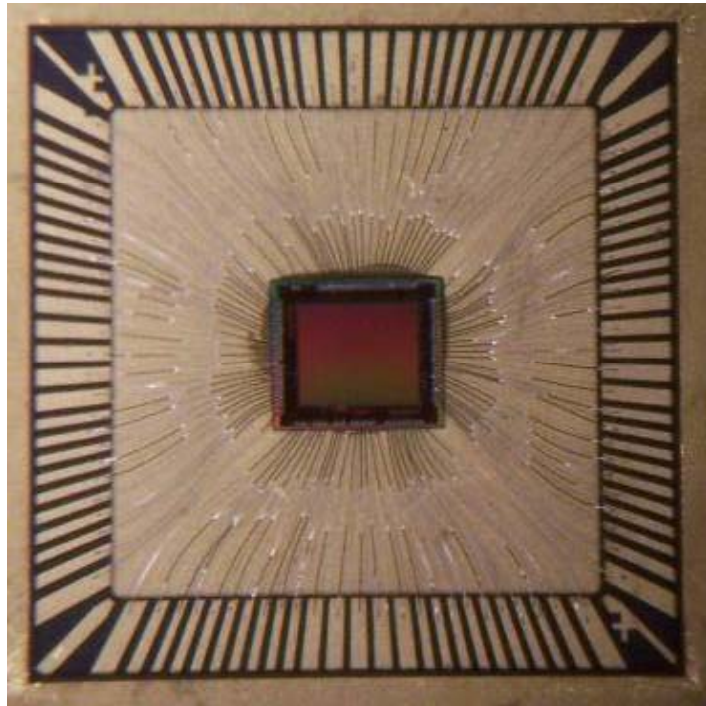
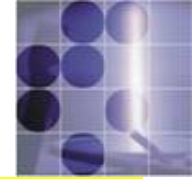
→ Worst than the lowest line

→ Very hard to use the presently available SiPMs as single photon detectors for the whole lifetime of a Super B factories because of radiation damage by neutrons

→ Also: could only be used with a sophisticated electronics – wave-form sampling



Read out: Buffered LABRADOR (BLAB1) ASIC



Gary Varner, Larry Ruckman (Hawaii)

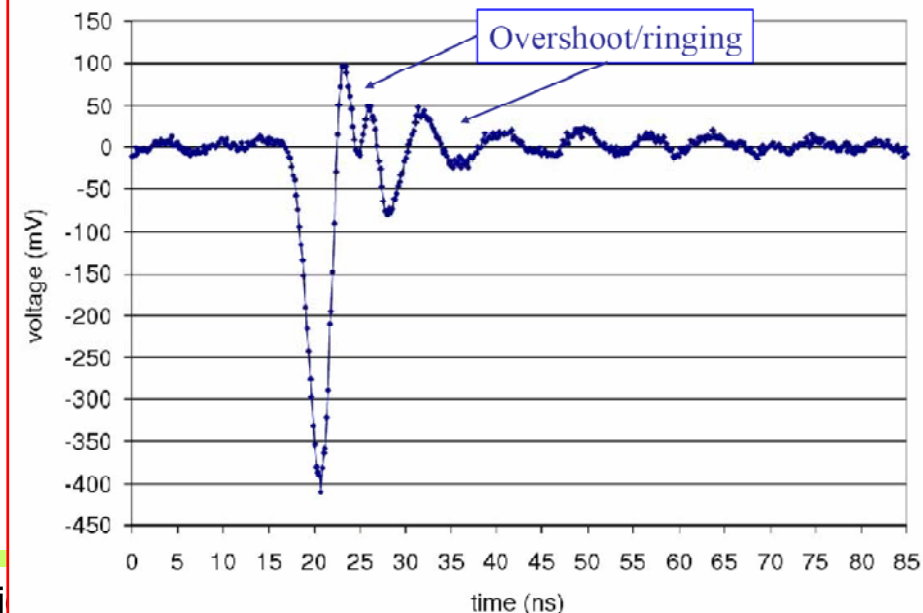
Successfully flew on ANITA in
Dec 06/Jan 07 (≤ 50 ps timing)

Being used in the focusing DIRC tests
at SLAC

3mm x 2.8mm, TSMC 0.25 μ m

- 64k samples deep
- Multi-MSa/s to Multi-GSa/s

Typical single p.e. signal [Burle]





Summary



Particle identification is an essential part of several experiments, and has contributed substantially to our present understanding of elementary particles and their interactions. **Techniques based on Cherenkov radiation have become indispensable for PID.**

Novel photo-detectors are being developed for operation in high magnetic fields. They will play an essential role in the next generation of B physics experiments at Super B factories, as well as at hadron structure experiments.

Geiger mode APDs (SiPMs) have been demonstrated to work well as single photon detectors in spite of the high dark count rates.

Radiation damage of the available devices is at present limiting their use in Super B factories.

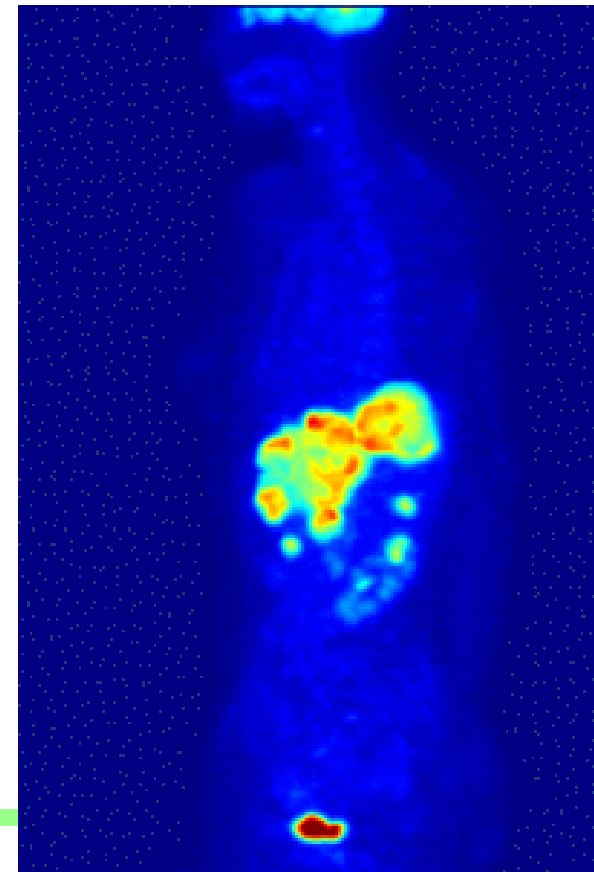
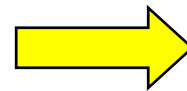
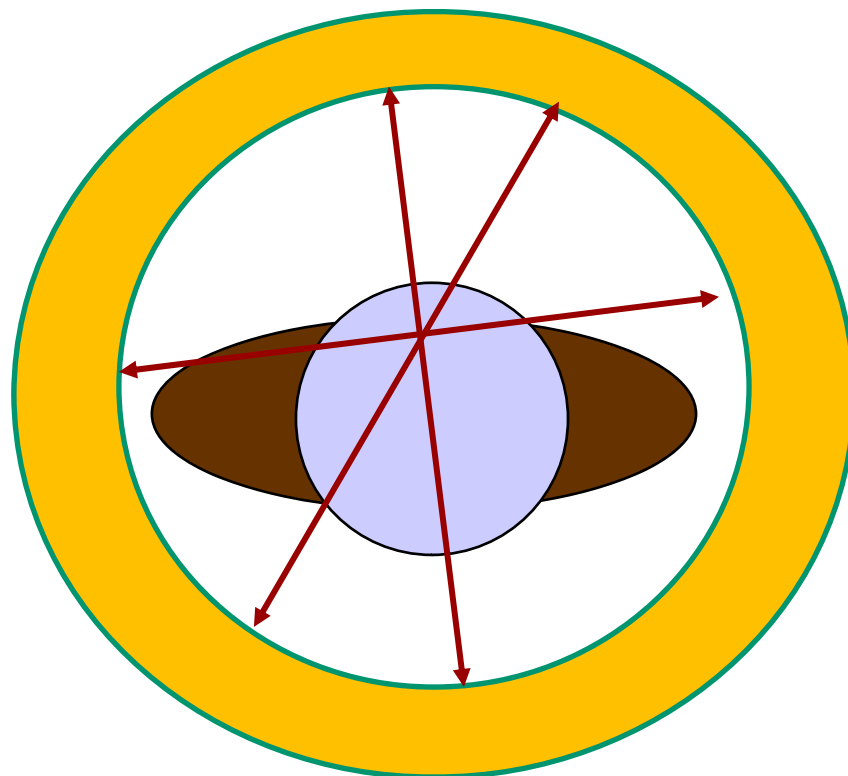
A very interesting application of SiPMs as scintillation light sensors for PET imaging is opening a new field of research.



PET: positron emission tomography



Beta+ emitters (e.g. **radioactive fluor**) produce two collinear gamma rays. These gamma rays are detected by a combination of a scintillation crystal and a photo-sensor. From the lines given by the hit pairs, the source distribution is reconstructed.



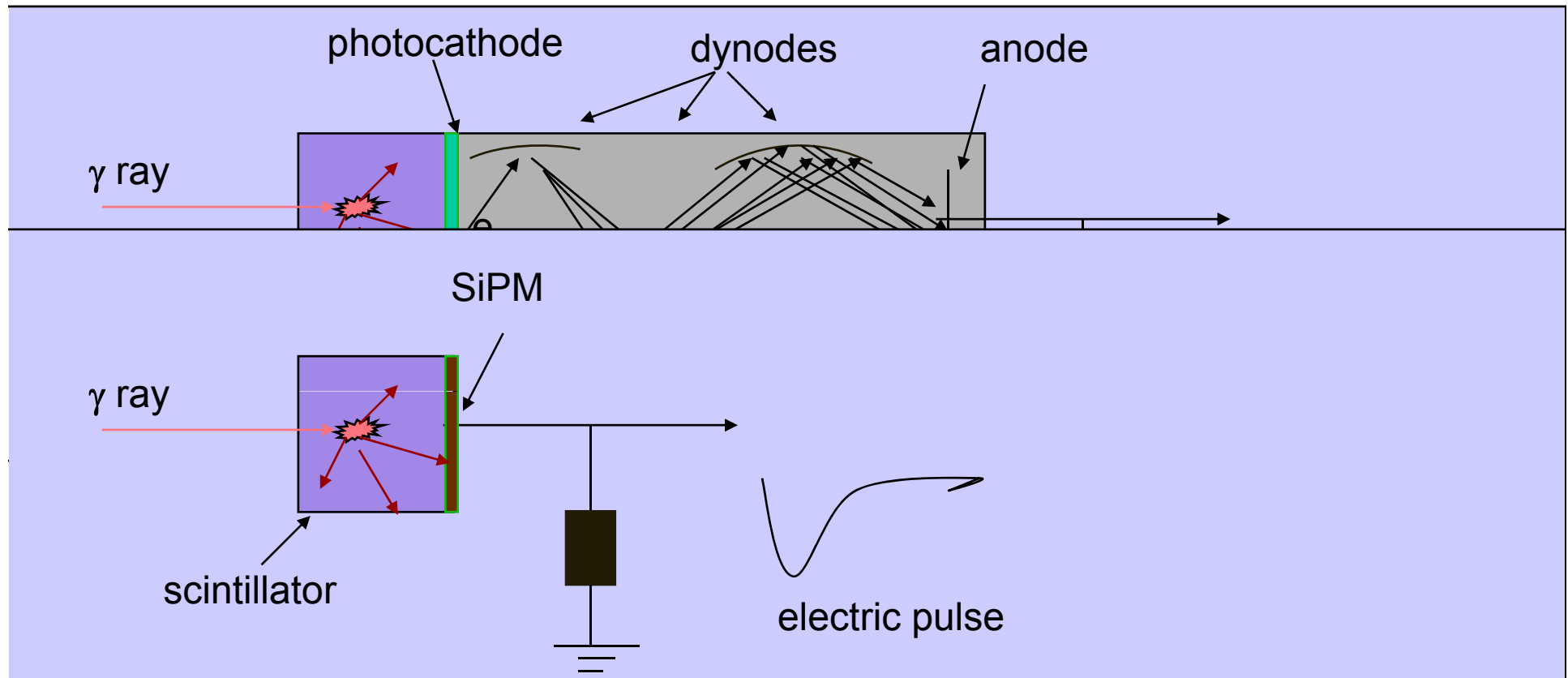


PET with SiPMs



Traditionally, PMTs are used as light sensors for PET scanners.

SiPMs: much smaller, no high voltage needed, works in high magnetic fields (several T).

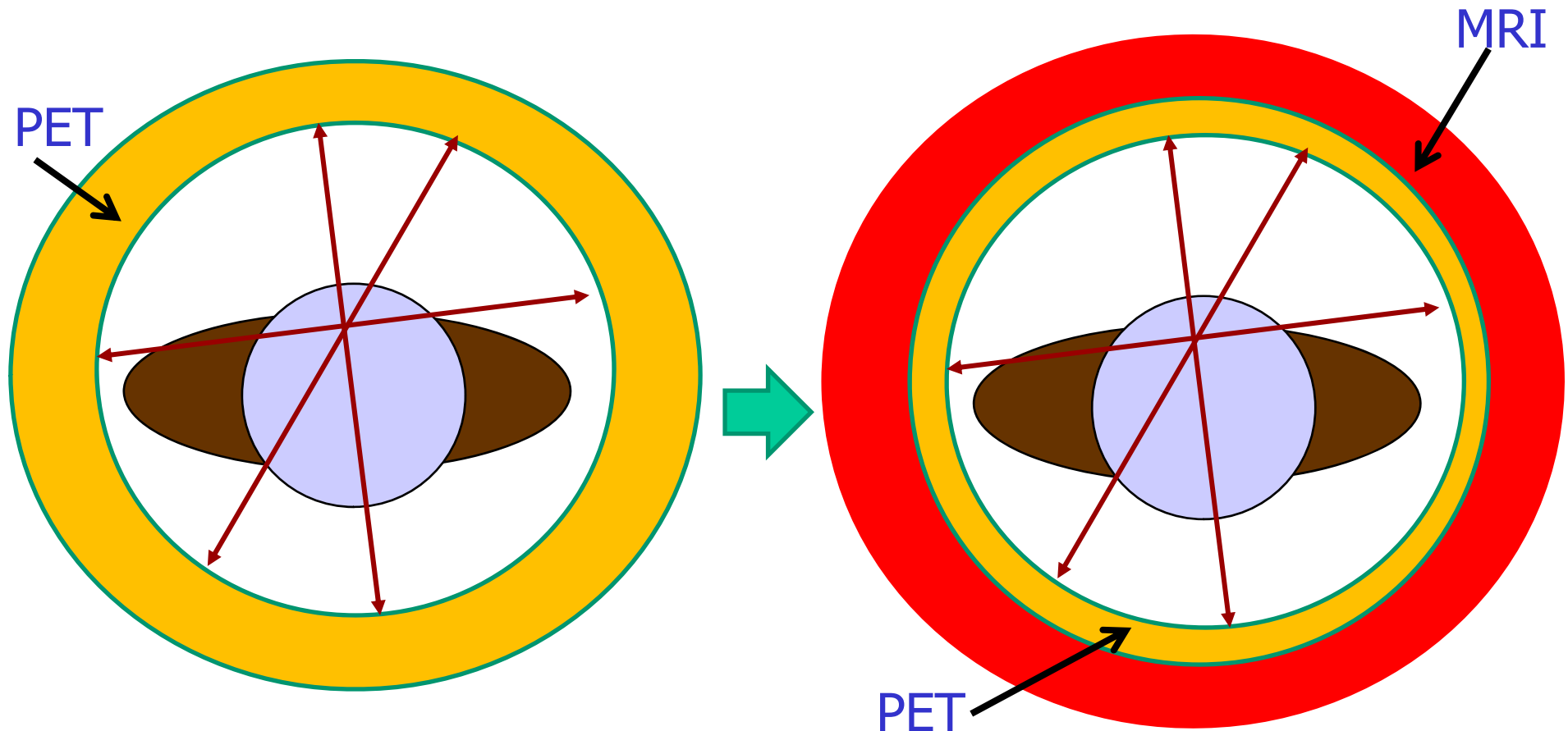




PET with SiPMs



The use SiPMs could allow for a dual modality imaging – at the same time perform **magnetic resonance (MRI)** and **PET** imaging – an important improvement for a faster and better diagnostics!





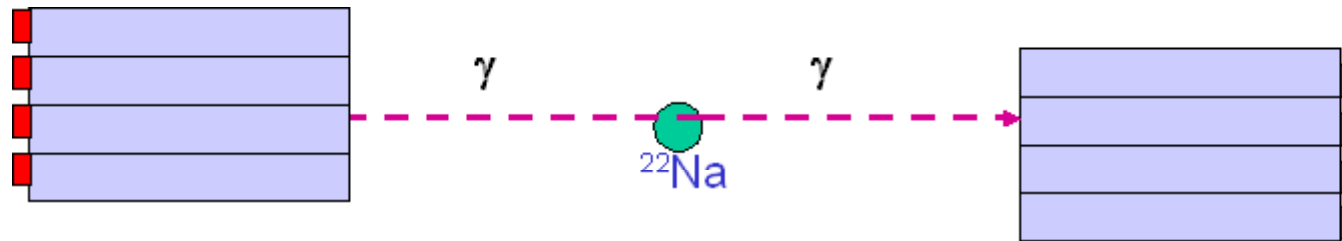
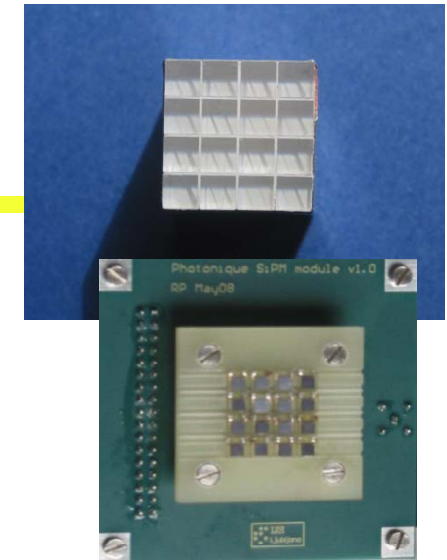
PET with SiPMs: tests

Test PET modules with:

4x4 arrays of LYSO crystals (4.5 x 4.5 x 20(30) mm³)

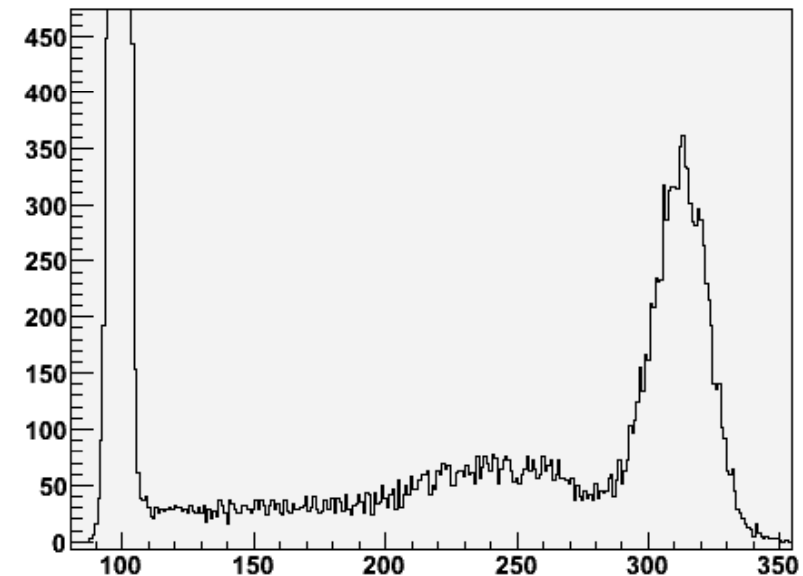
16 SiPMs (Photonique 2.1x2.1 mm²)

16 SiPMs (Hamamatsu 3x3 mm²)



One channel
used as a
trigger

Also interesting: SiPMs have a
fast response (~ 100 ps rms)
→ important for **TOF-PET**





Back-up slides



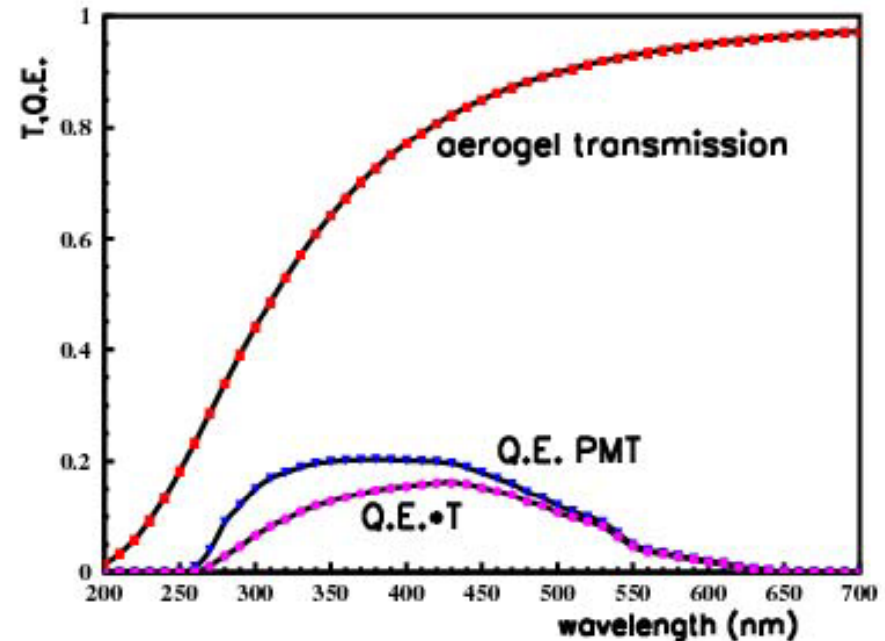


Photon detectors for the aerogel RICH



Needs:

- Operation in high magnetic field (1.5T)
- High efficiency at $\lambda > 350\text{nm}$
- Pad size $\sim 5\text{-}6\text{mm}$

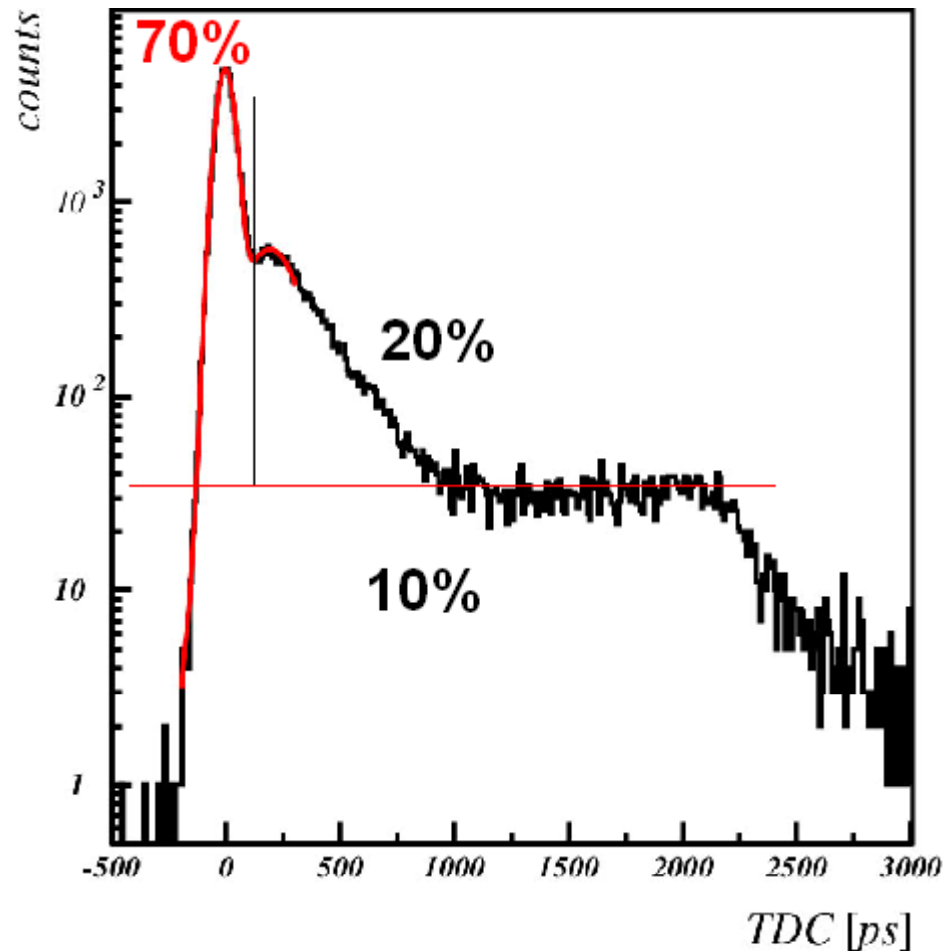
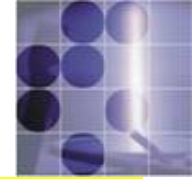


Candidates:

- large area H(A)PD of the proximity focusing type
- MCP PMT (Burle 85011)
- SiPMs



MCP PMT timing



Tails can be significantly reduced by:

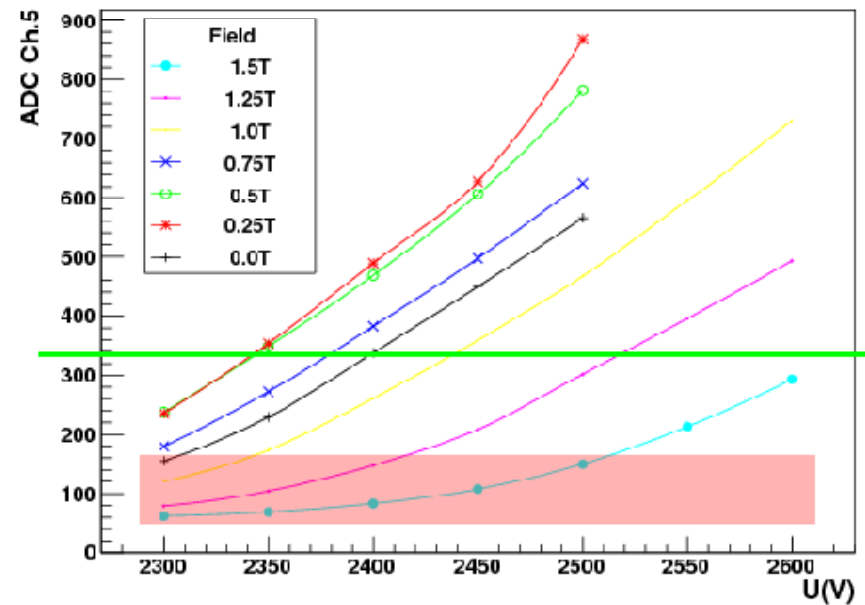
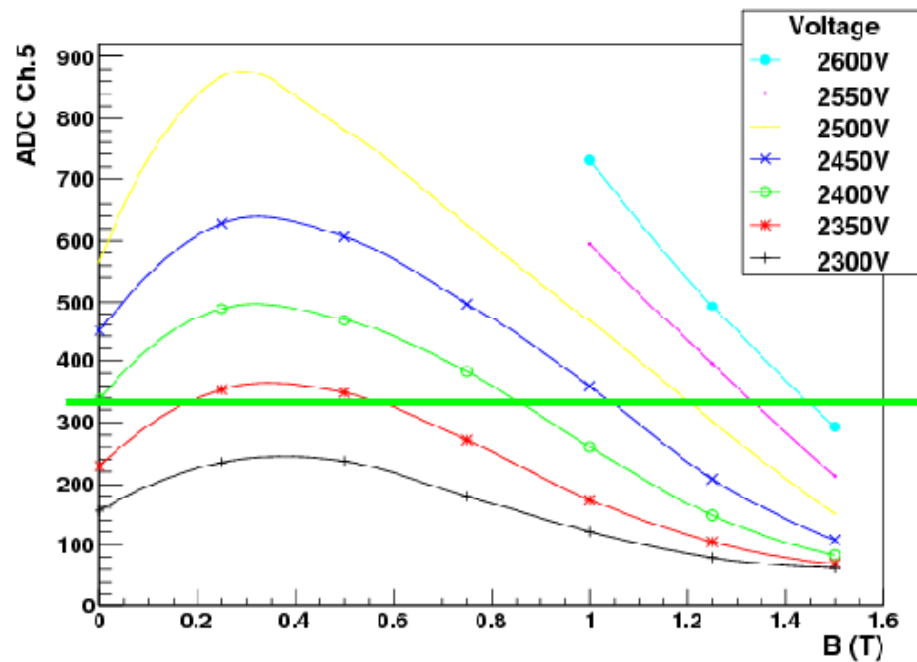
- decreased photocathode-MCP distance and
 - increased voltage difference
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- prompt signal ~ 70%
 - short delay ~ 20%
 - ~ 10% uniform distribution



MCP PMT: Gain in magnetic field

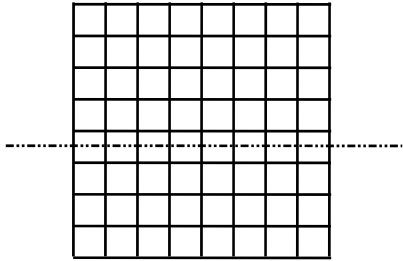


Gain as a function of magnetic field for different operation voltages and as a function of applied voltage for different magnetic fields.

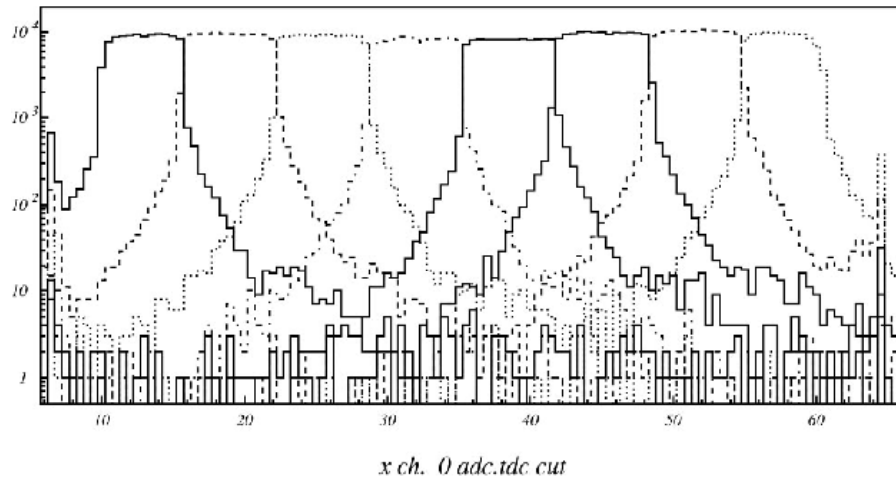
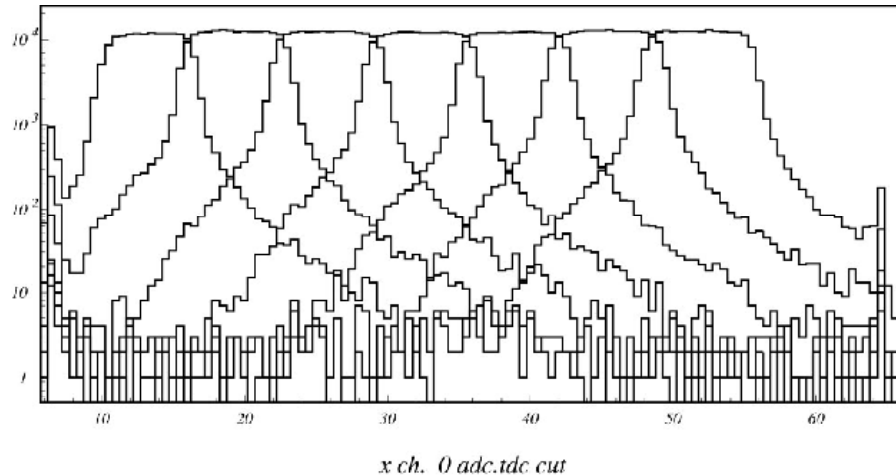


→ More talks on MCP PMTs during this workshop – W. Plass and A. Lehmann

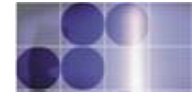
MCP PMT: sensitivity



Number of detected hits on individual channels as a function of light spot position.



In the presence of magnetic field, charge sharing and cross talk due to long range photoelectron back-scattering are considerably reduced.

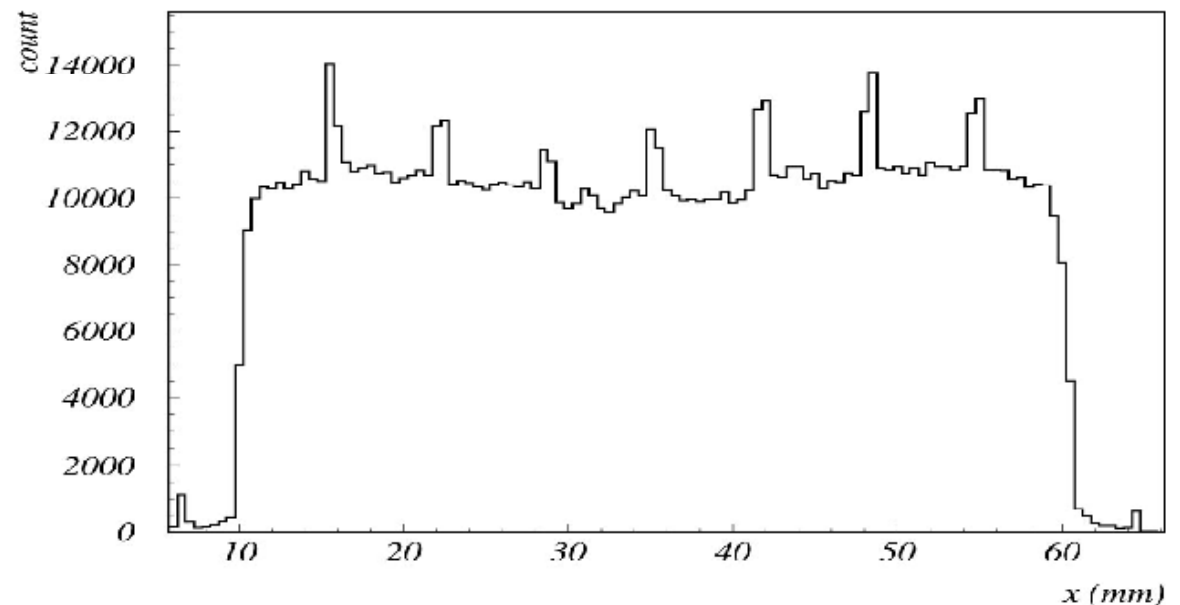
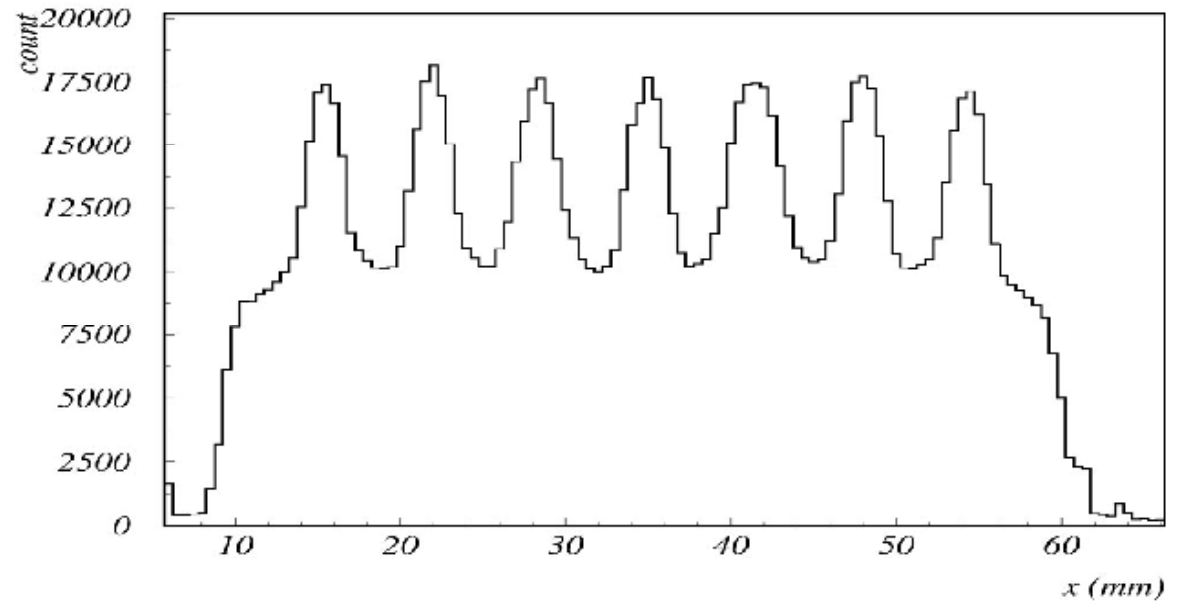


Tests in magnetic field: charge sharing 2

Number of detected hits on all channels as a function of light spot position.

- HV = 2400 V
- B = 0 T

- HV = 2500 V
- B = 1.5 T

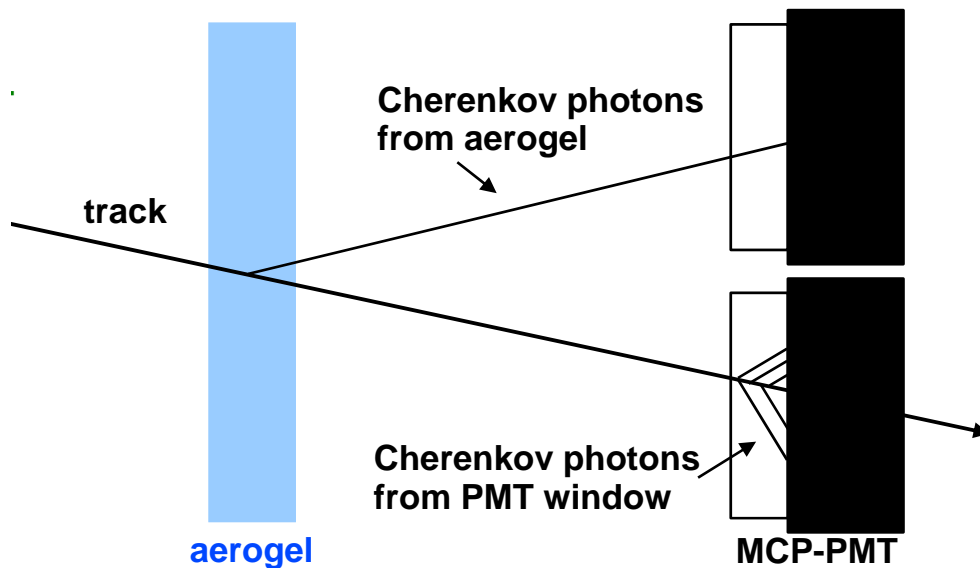
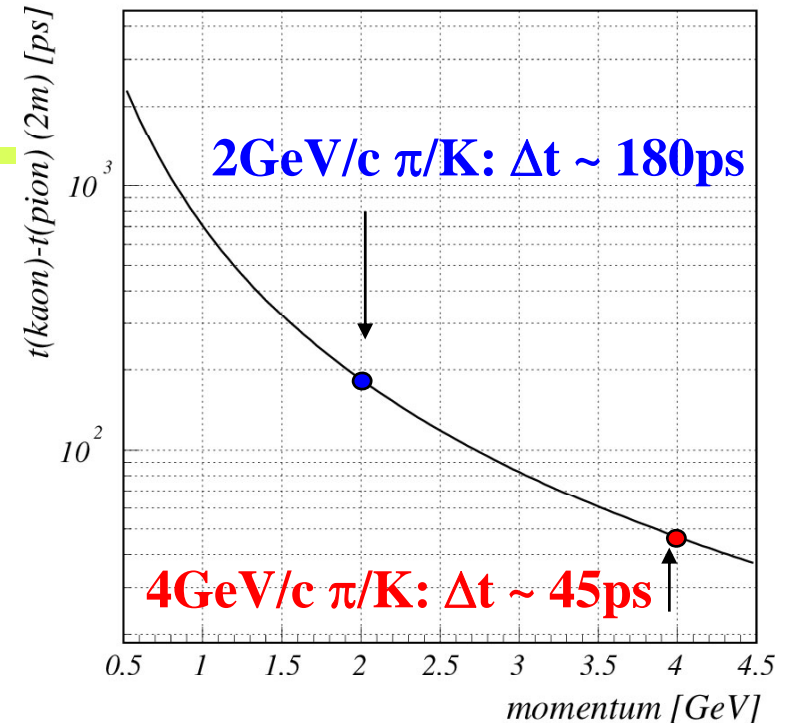




TOF capability of a RICH

With a fast photon detector (MCP PMT), a proximity focusing RICH counter can be used also as a **time-of-flight counter**.

Time difference between π and K \rightarrow



For time of flight: use Cherenkov photons emitted in the **PMT window**

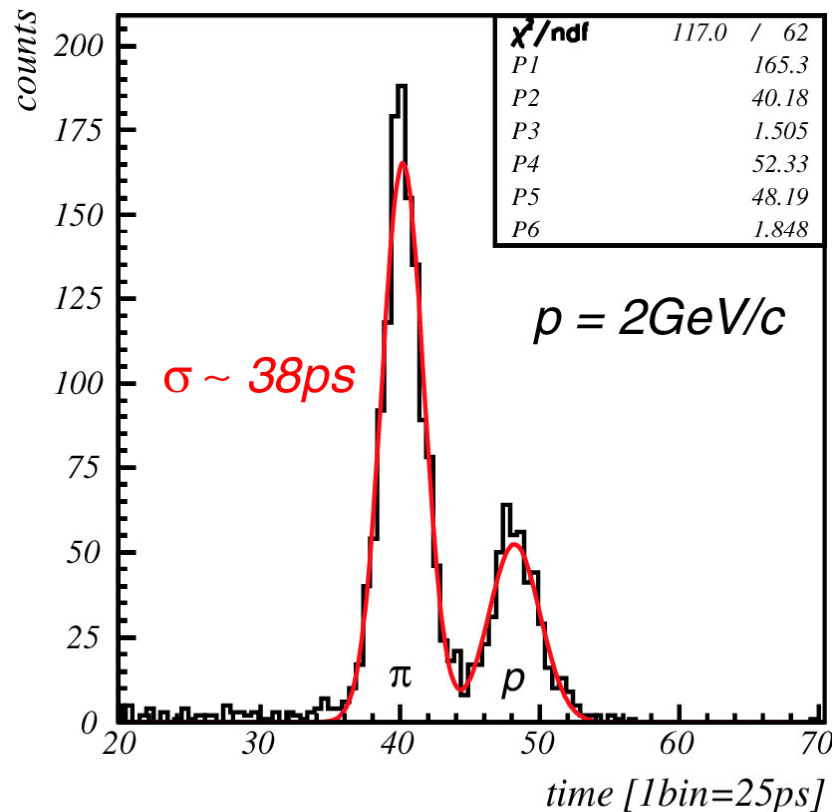


TOF capability: window photons



Expected number of detected Cherenkov photons emitted in the PMT window (2mm) is **~15**

→ Expected resolution **~35 ps**



TOF test with pions and protons at 2 GeV/c.

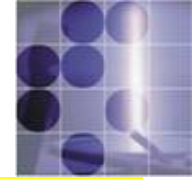
Distance between start counter and MCP-PMT is 65cm

→ In the real detector ~2m

→ 3x better separation

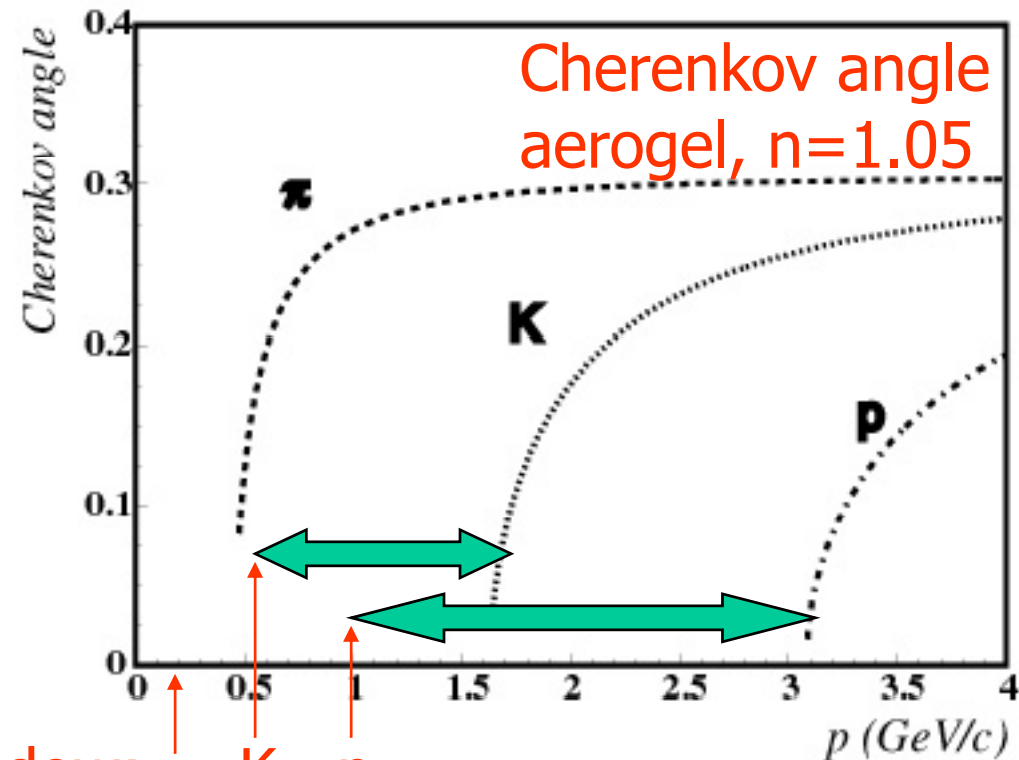


Time-of-flight with photons from the PMT window



Benefits: Čerenkov threshold in glass (or quartz) is much lower than in aerogel.

Aerogel: kaons (protons) have **no** signal below 1.6 GeV (3.1 GeV): identification in the **veto** mode.



Threshold in the **window**: π K p

Window: threshold for kaons (protons) is at ~ 0.5 GeV (~ 0.9 GeV): \rightarrow **positive identification** possible.

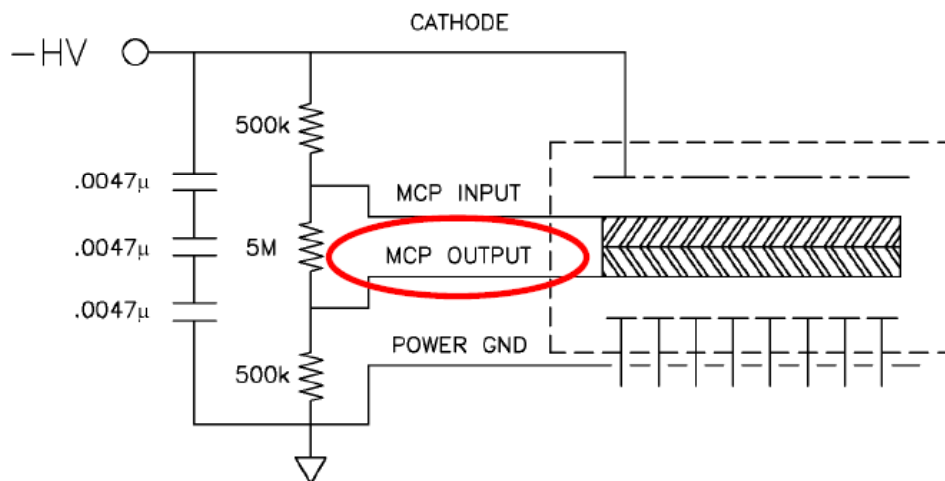


Timing with a signal from the second MCP stage



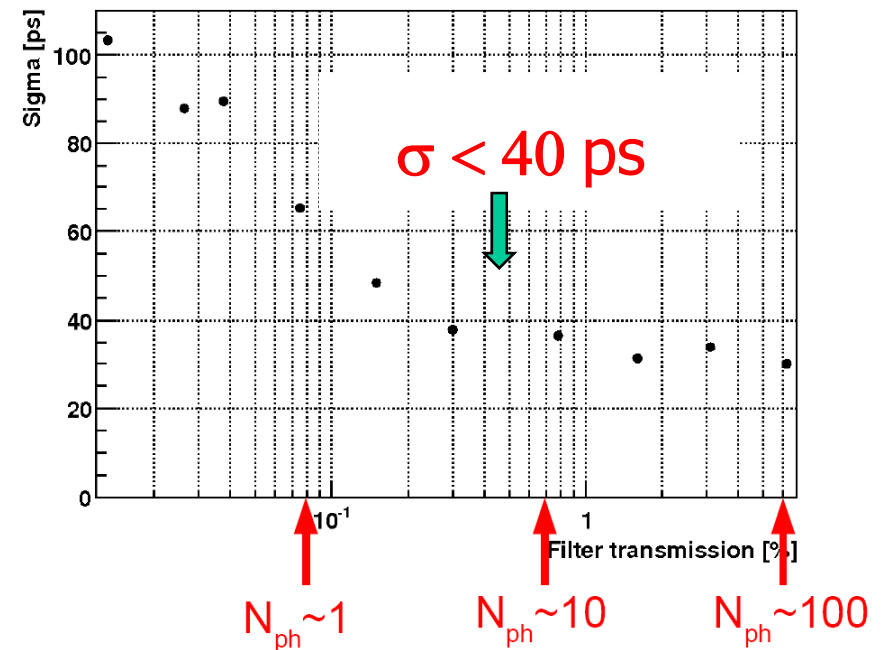
If a charged particle passes the PMT window, ~ 10 Cherenkov photons are detected in the MCP PMT; they are distributed over several anode channels.

Idea: read timing for the whole device from a single channel (second MCP stage), while 64 anode channels are used for position measurement



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MCP second stage output



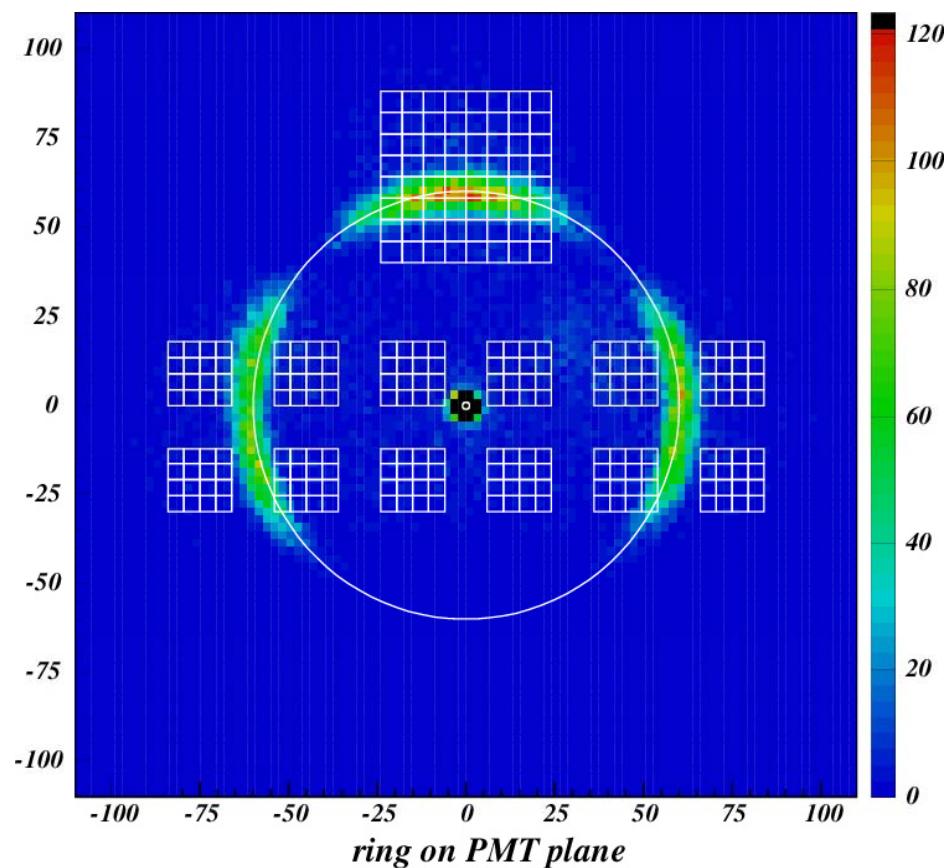
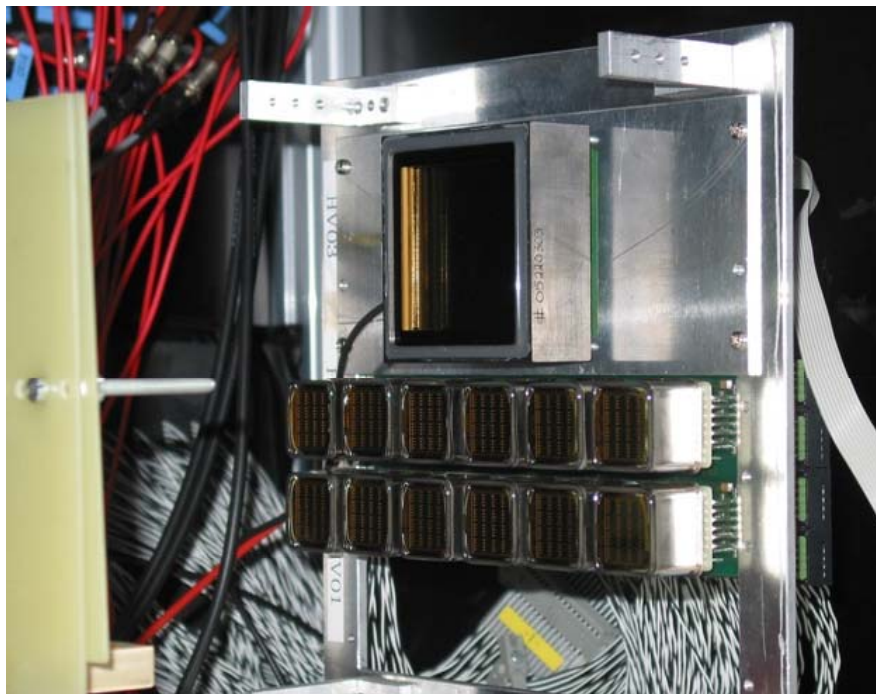
Timing resolution as a function of light intensity



Burle MCP PMT beam test



- **BURLE MCP-PMT** mounted together with an array of 12(6x2) **Hamamatsu R5900-M16 PMTs** at 30mm pitch (reference counter)

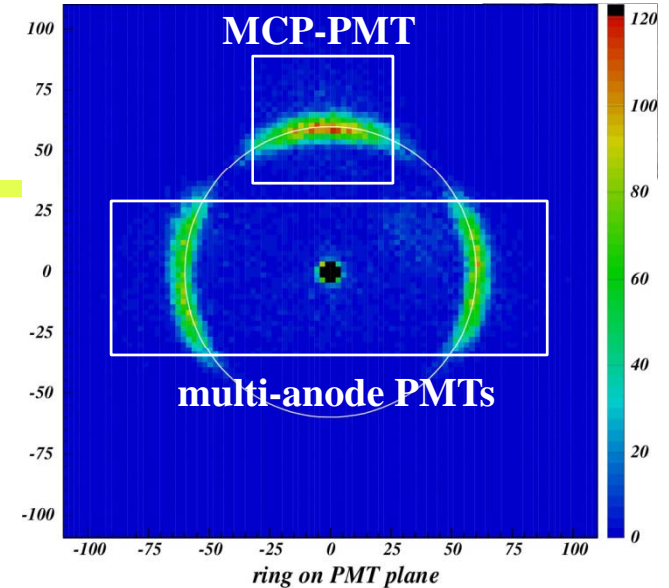
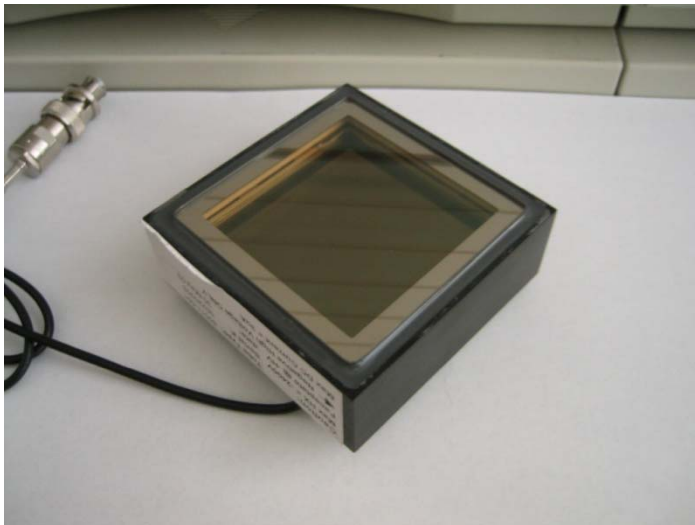




Photon detector candidate: MCP-PMT

BURLE 85011 MCP-PMT:

- multi-anode PMT with two MCP steps
- 25 μm pores
- bialkali photocathode
- gain $\sim 0.6 \times 10^6$
- collection efficiency $\sim 60\%$
- box dimensions $\sim 71\text{mm}$ square
- 64(8x8) anode pads
- pitch $\sim 6.45\text{mm}$, gap $\sim 0.5\text{mm}$
- active area fraction $\sim 52\%$



- Tested in combination with multi-anode PMTs

- $\sigma_g \sim 13 \text{ mrad}$ (single cluster)
- number of clusters per track $N \sim 4.5$
- $\sigma_g \sim 6 \text{ mrad}$ (per track)
- $\rightarrow \sim 4 \sigma \pi/K$ separation at 4 GeV/c

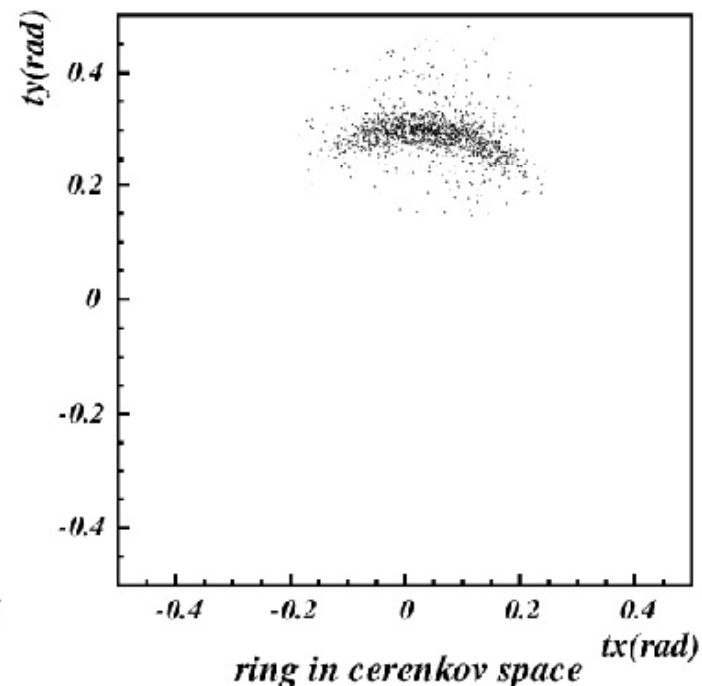
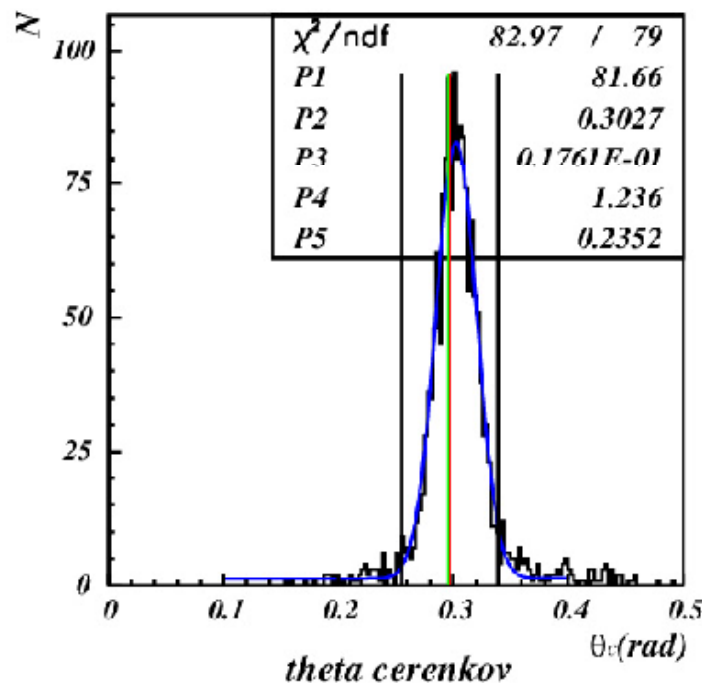
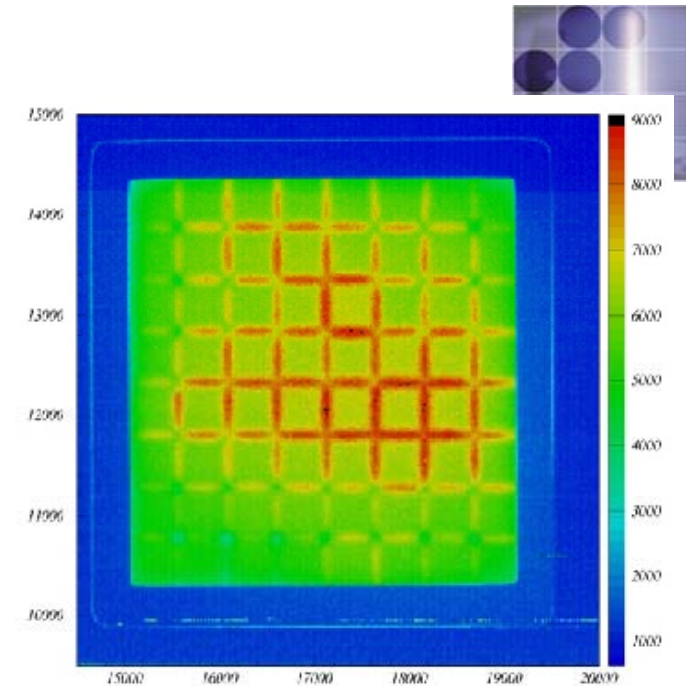
- 10 μm pores required for 1.5T
- collection eff. and active area fraction should be improved
- aging study should be carried out



Cherenkov angle resolution

- charge sharing at the edges of the pads and backscattering affects the resolution
- in magnetic field this effects will be minimized and resolution will improve

$$\sigma_{\theta} : 17.6 \text{ mrad} \rightarrow < 15 \text{ mrad}$$



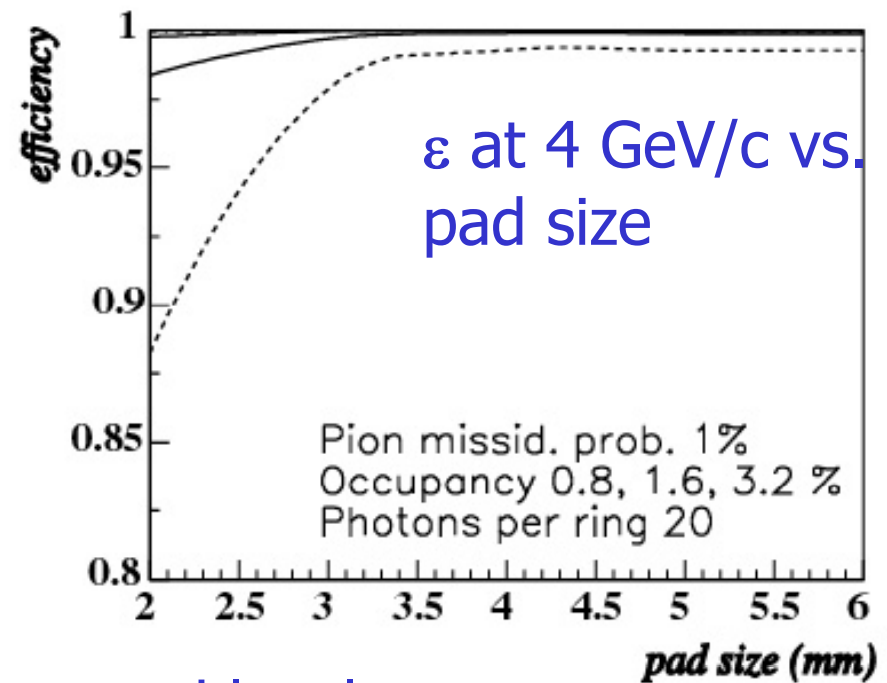
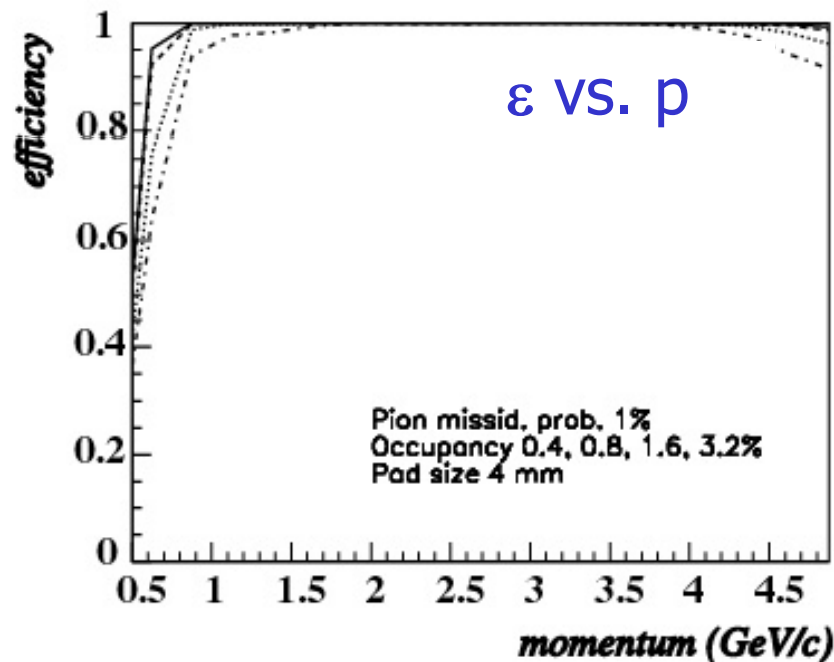


Can such a detector work?



MC simulation of the counter response: assume 1mm^2 active area SiPMs with 0.8 MHz (1.6 MHz, 3.2 MHz) dark count rate, 10ns time window

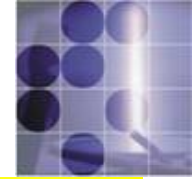
K identification efficiency at 1% π missid. probability



For different background levels



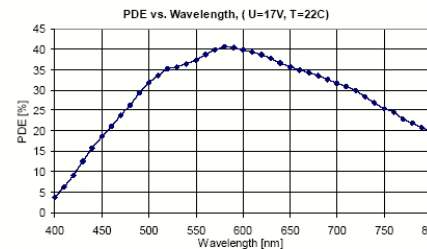
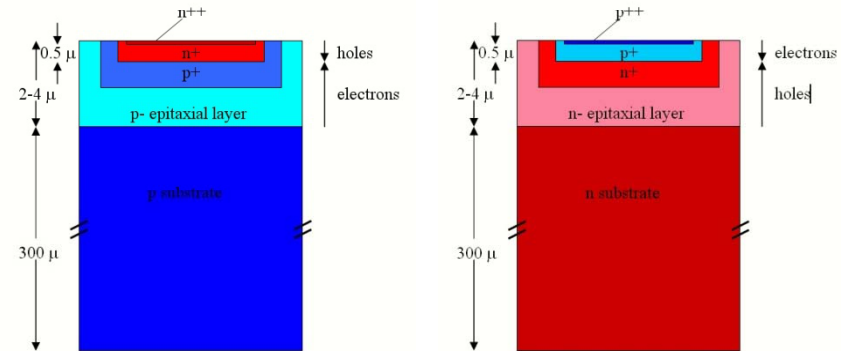
SiPM Photon Detection Efficiency (PDE)



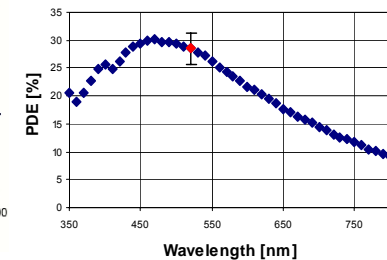
Photons with short wavelengths will be absorbed in the very first layer of Si and create there an electron-hole pair.

In a structure with a n-type substrate (right) the electrons drift towards the high field of the p-n junction and trigger with high probability a breakdown. A G-APD made on a n-type substrate will be preferential sensitive for blue light.

A G-APD made on a p-type substrate (left) needs long wavelengths for the creation of electrons in the p-layer behind the junction and will have the peak sensitivity in the green/red.



Photonique/CPTA
(SSPM_0710G9MM)



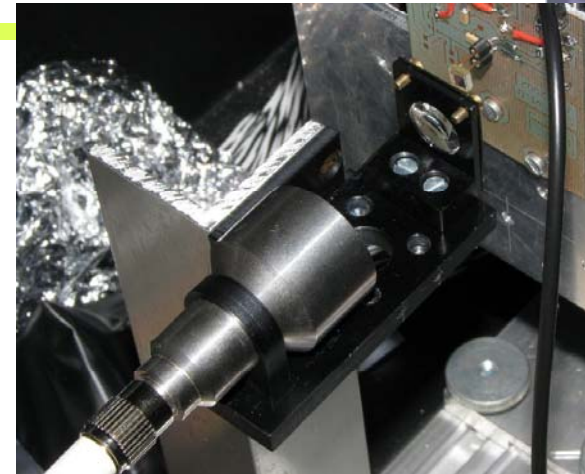
Hamamatsu
(PSI-33-050C)



Surface sensitivity for **single** photons



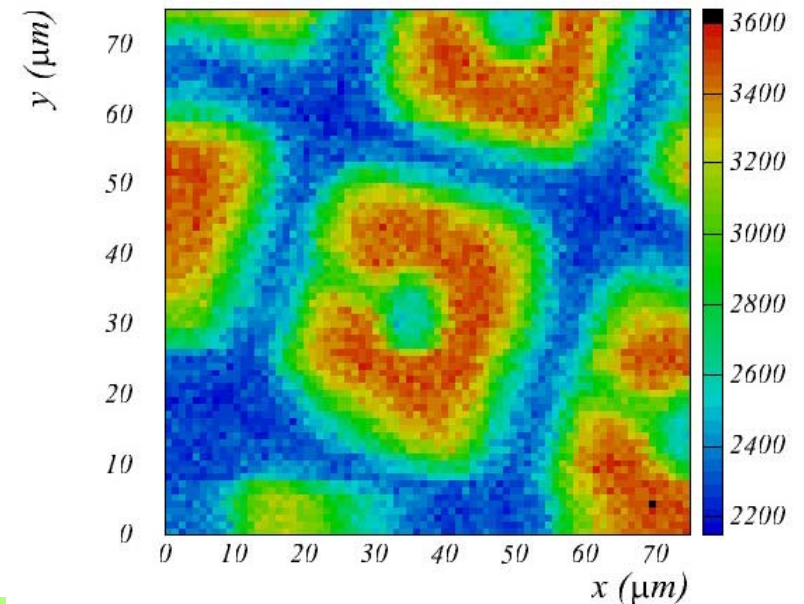
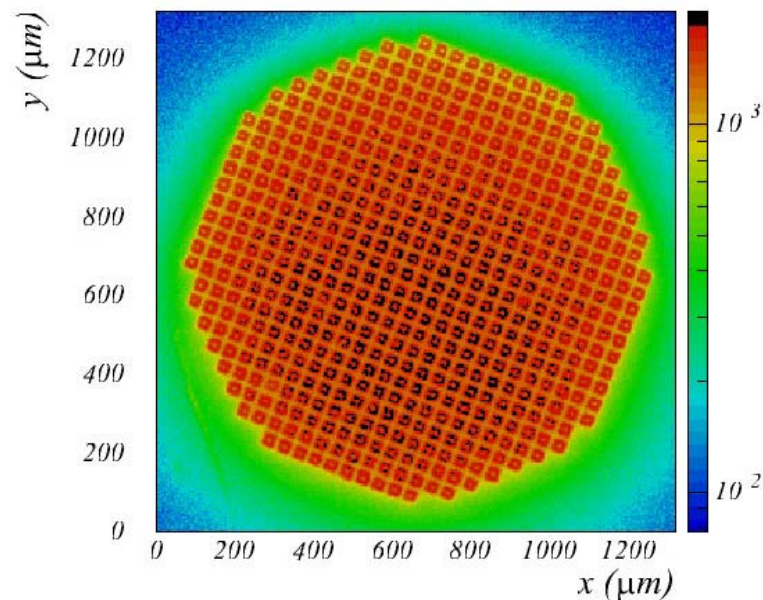
- 2d scan in the focal plane of the laser beam ($\sigma \approx 5 \mu\text{m}$)
- intensity: on average $\ll 1$ photon
- Selection: single pixel pulse height, in TDC 10 ns window



5 μm step size

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Close up: 1 μm step size

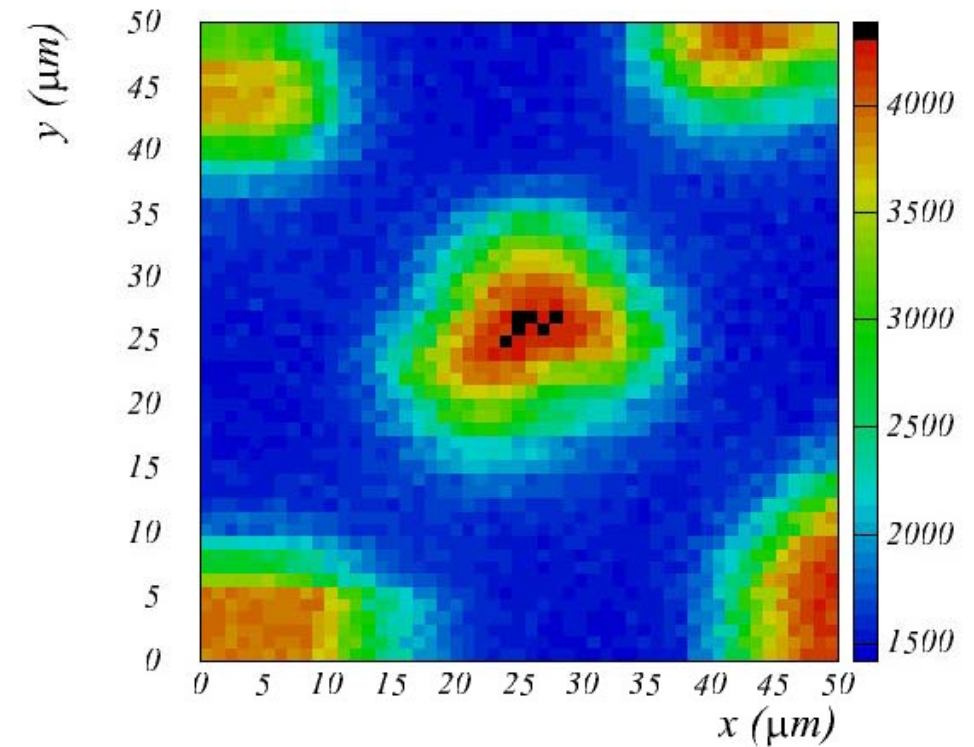
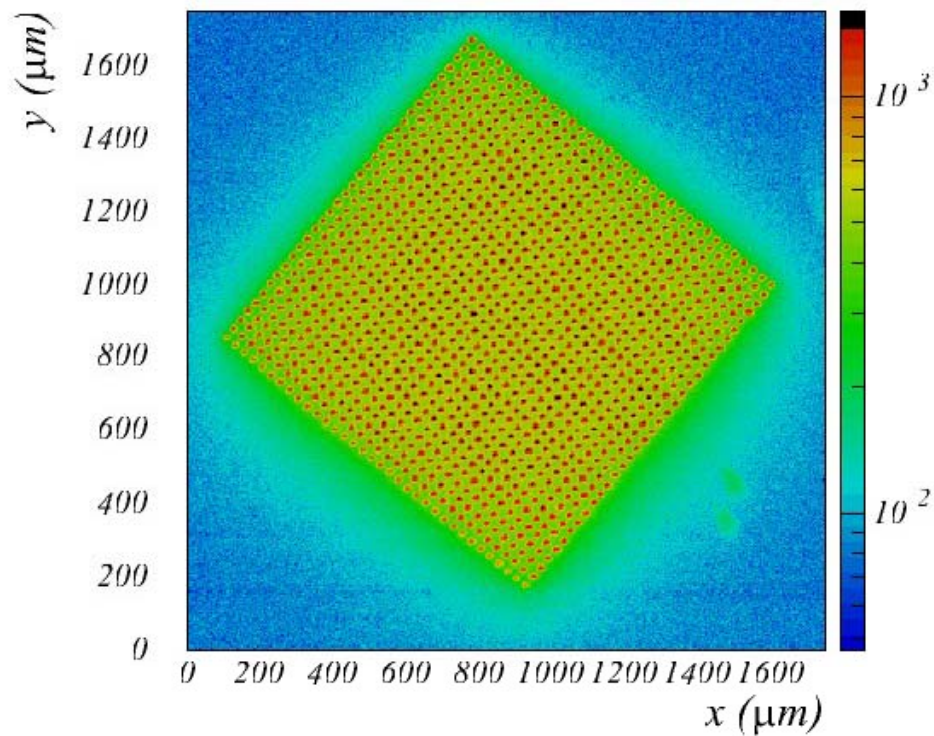




Surface sensitivity for single photons 2



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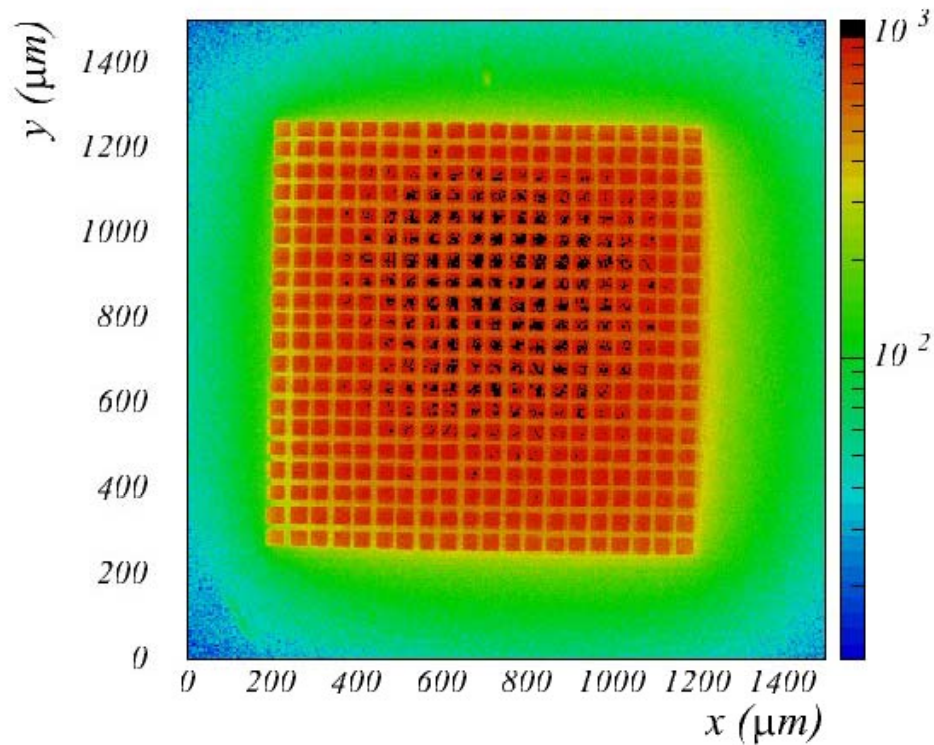




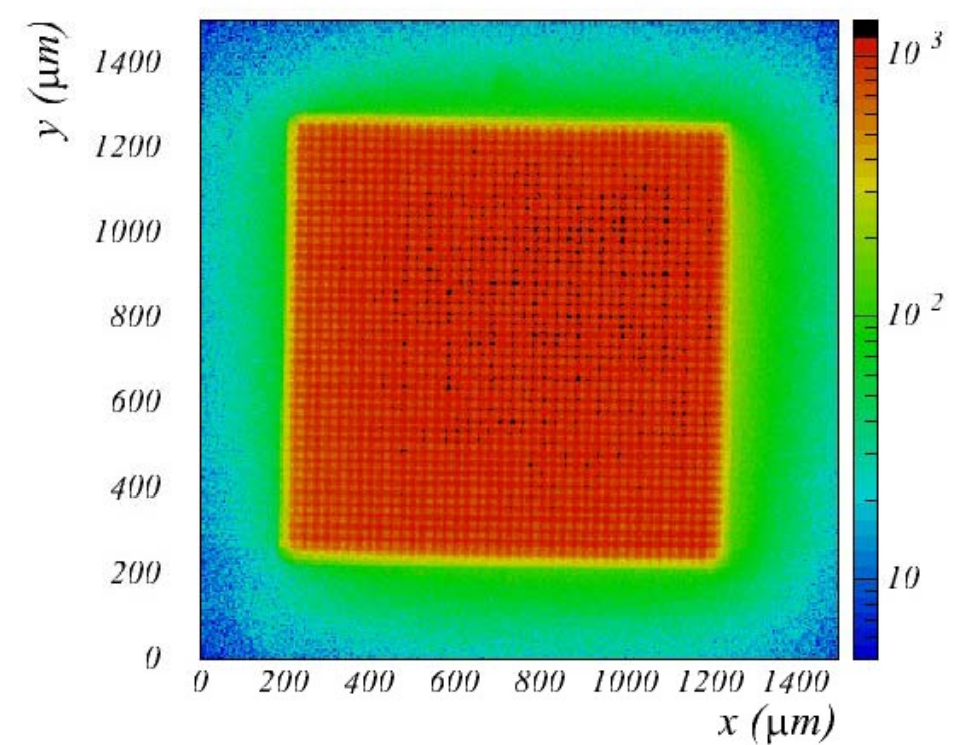
Surface sensitivity for single photons 3



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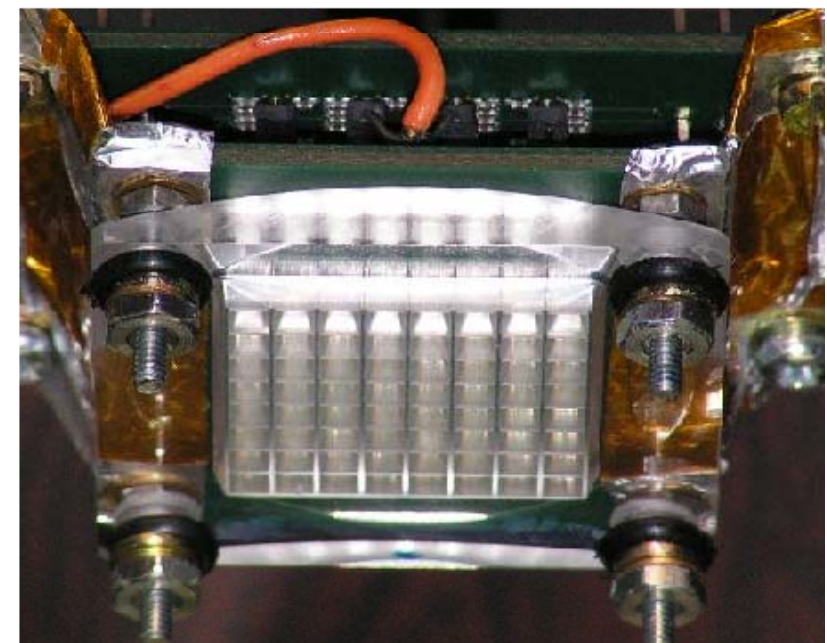
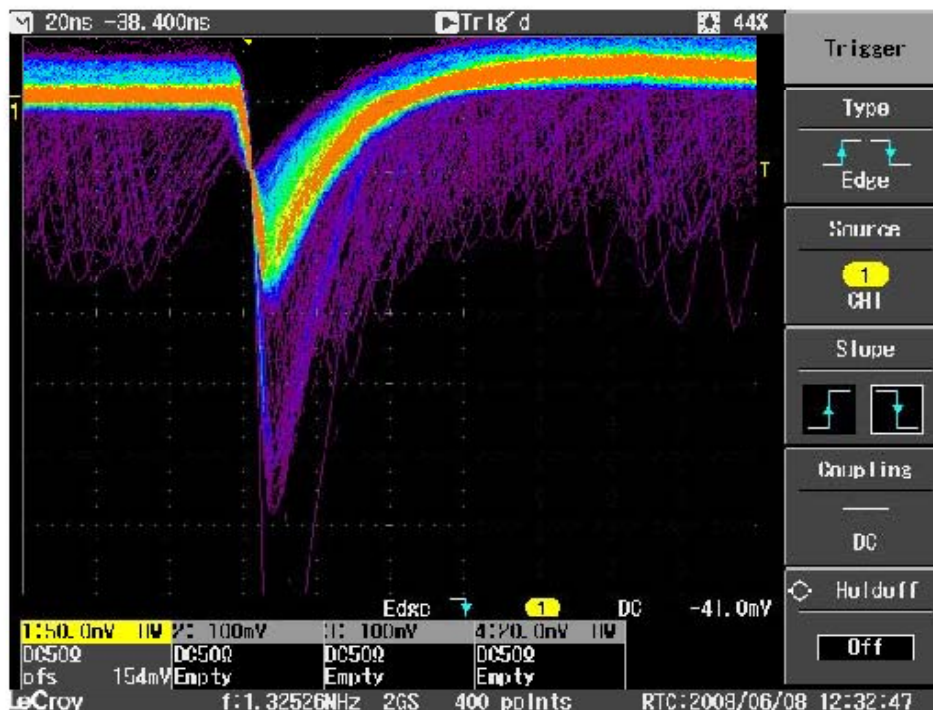
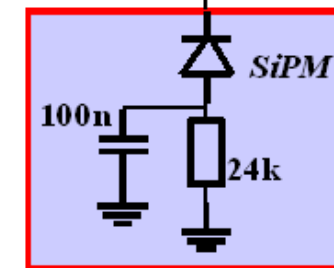
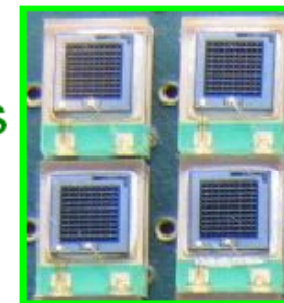
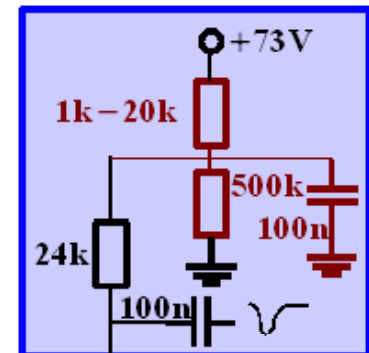


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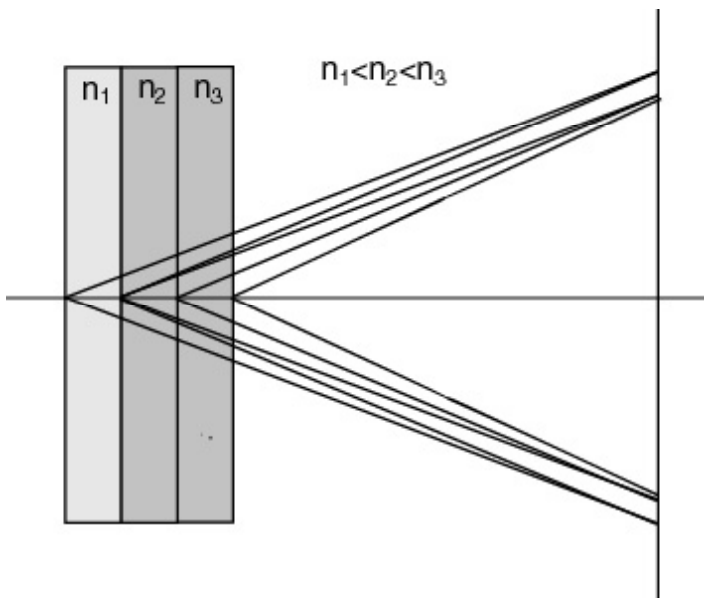
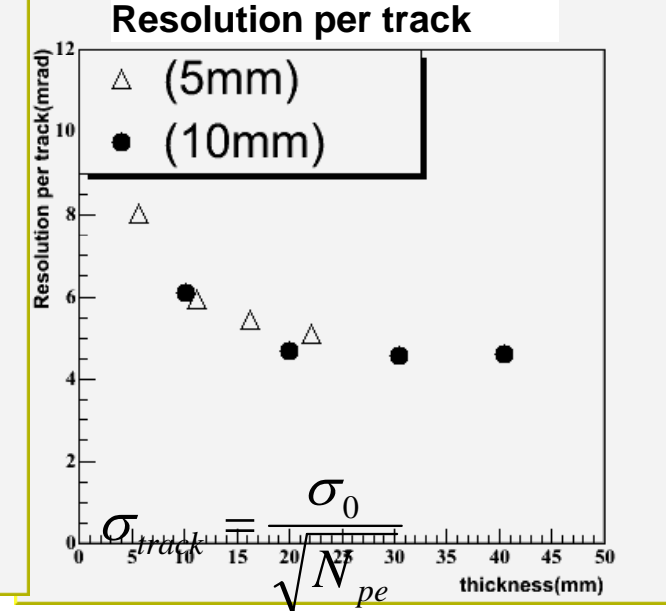
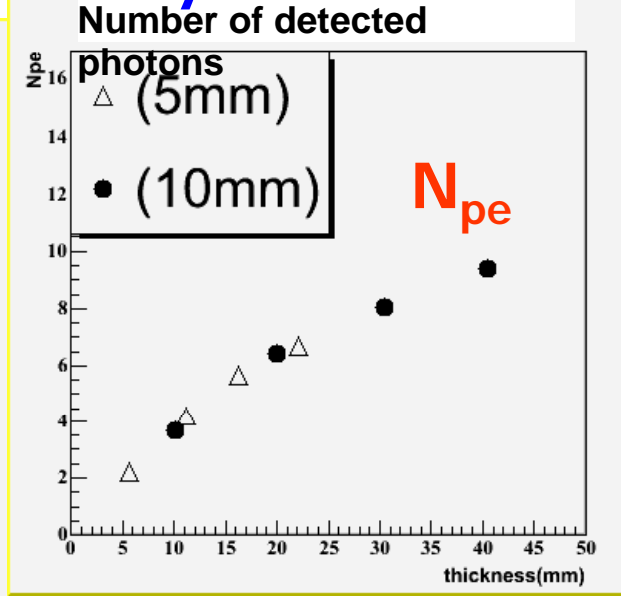
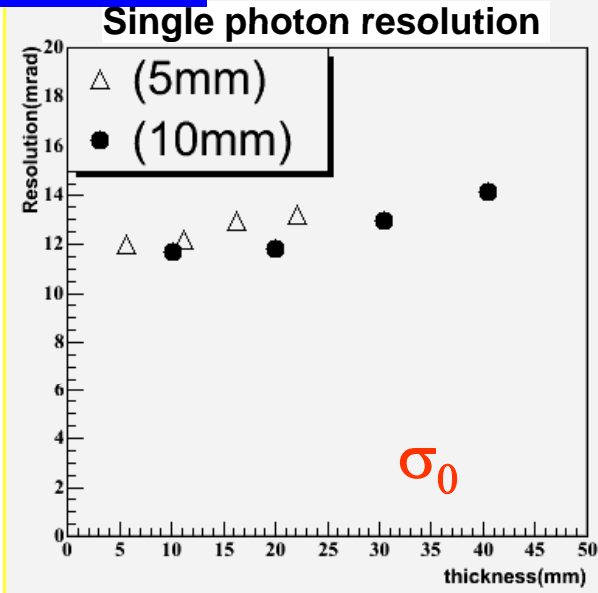
MPPC module

- main board with dividers, bias and signal connectors
- piggy back board with MPPCs (8x8 array of HC100 in SMD package; background $\sim 400\text{kHz/MPPC}$)
- light guides
- 16 electronics channels (4x4) - 4 MPPCs connected to single channel





Multilayer extensions



Cherenkov angle resolution per track:
around 4.3 mrad

→ π/K separation at 4 GeV: $>5\sigma$

Several optimisation studies:

Križan et al NIMA 565 (2006) 457

Barnyakov et al NIMA 553 (2005) 70



Aerogel production



Two production centers: Boreskov Institute of Catalysis, Novosibirsk, and KEK+Matsushita

Considerable improvement in aerogel production methods:

- Better transmission (>4cm for hydrophobic and ~8cm for hydrophylic)
- Larger tiles (LHCb: 20cmx20cmx5cm)
- Tiles with multiple refractive index

$n_1 = 1.046$

$n_2 = 1.041$

$n_3 = 1.037$

