

Aerogel RICH

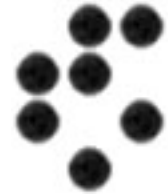
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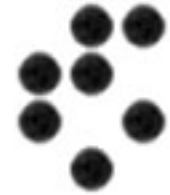
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PID upgrade in the forward direction



improve π/K separation in the forward (high momentum) region for few-body decays of B's

good π/K separation for $b \rightarrow d \gamma$, $b \rightarrow s \gamma$

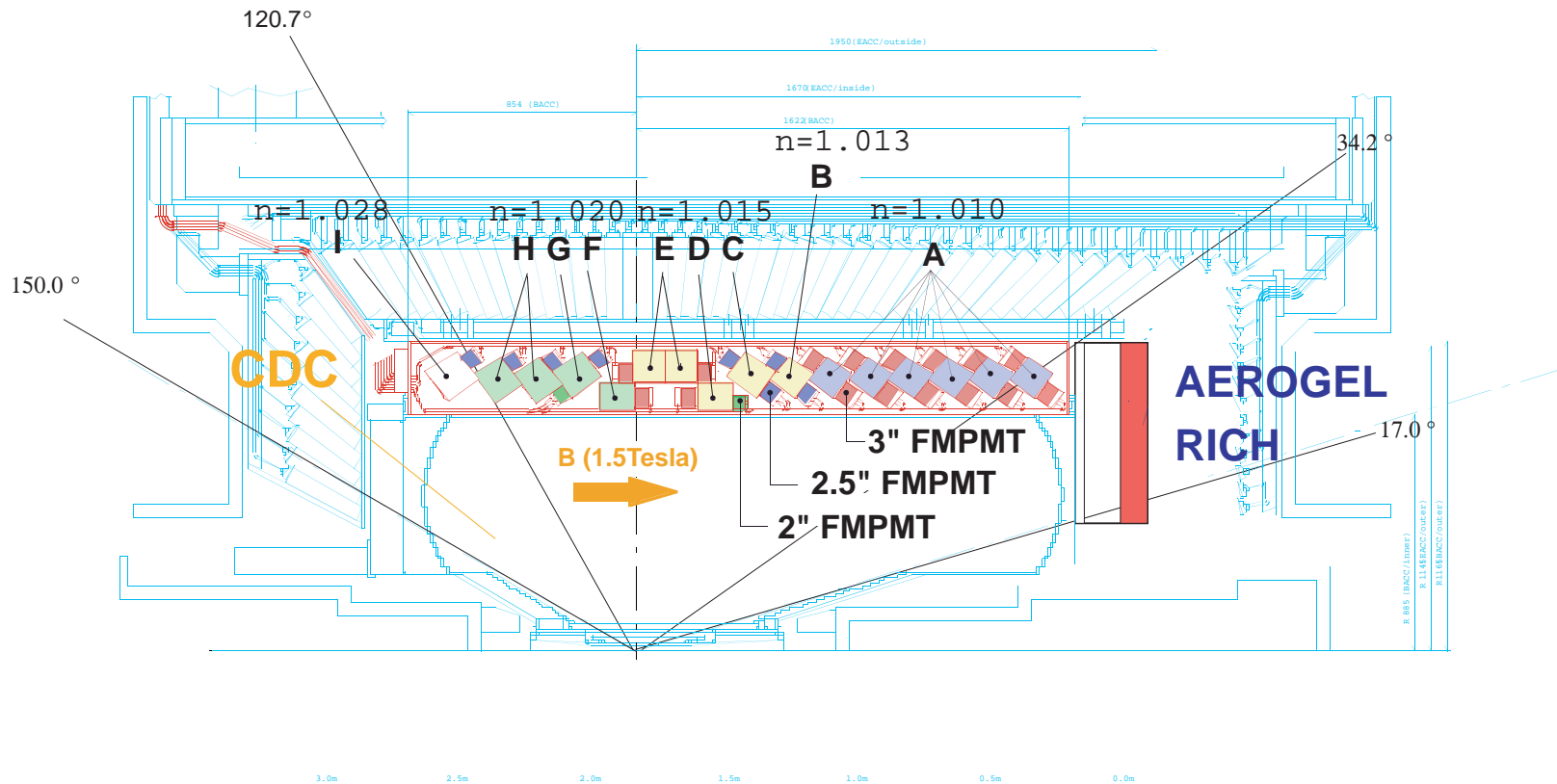
improve purity in fully reconstructed B decays ('full recon. tag')

low momentum ($<1 \text{ GeV}/c$) $e/\mu/\pi$ separation (B \rightarrow K11)

keep high the efficiency for tagging kaons

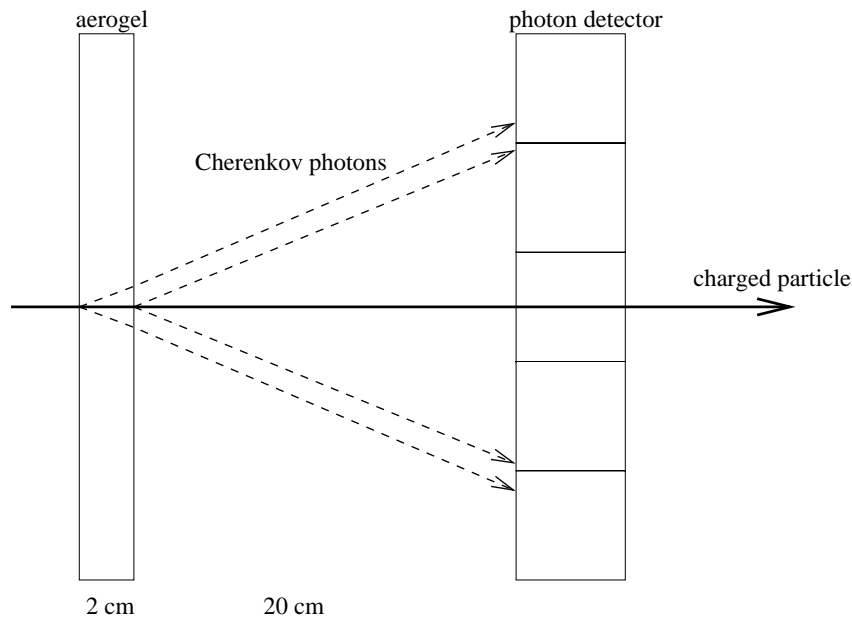
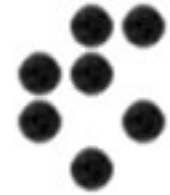


PID upgrade in the forward direction





Proximity focusing RICH in the forward region



K/π separation at 4 GeV/c

$$\theta_c(\pi) \sim 308 \text{ mrad} \quad (n = 1.05)$$

$$\theta_c(\pi) - \theta_c(K) \sim 23 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\delta\theta_c(\text{meas.}) = \sigma_0 \sim 12 \text{ mrad}$$

With 20mm thick aerogel and
6mm PMT pad size

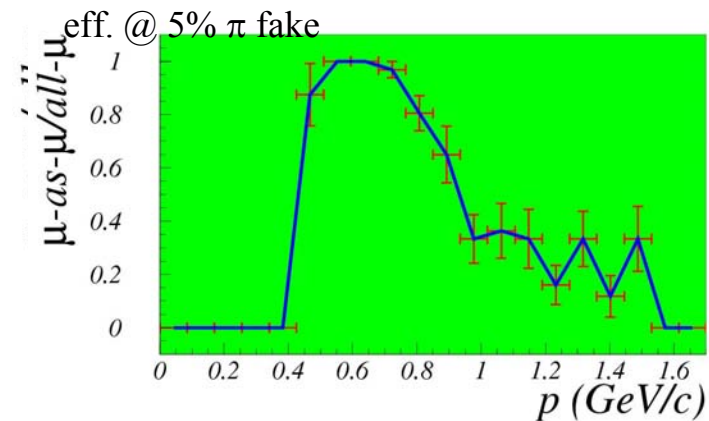
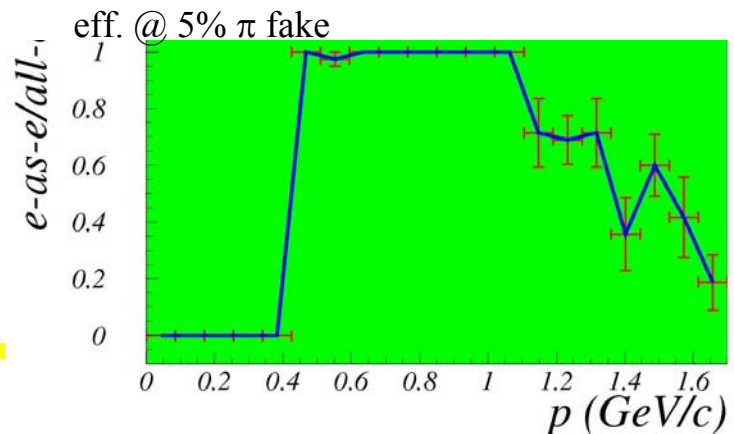
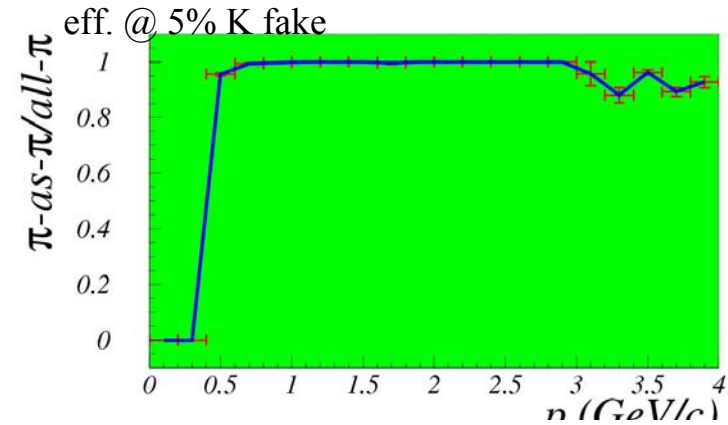
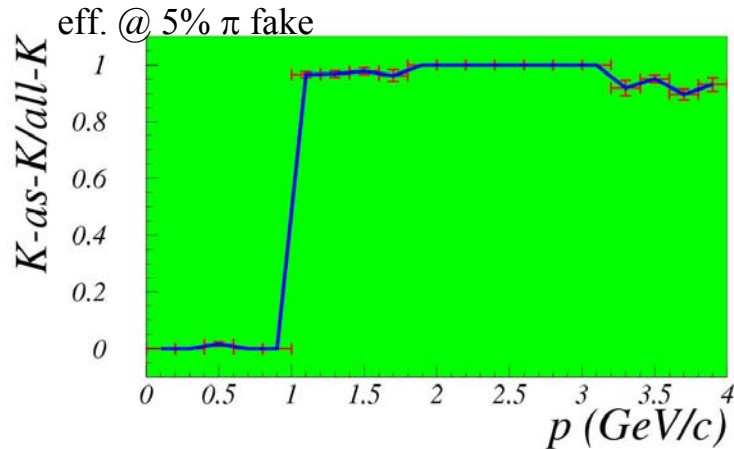
$\rightarrow 6\sigma$ separation with $N_{pe} \sim 10$



Expected PID performance

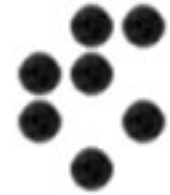


With counter performance as deduced from the test beam data (including background), the PID performance can be estimated in MC





Beam tests



Beam Test Nov. 2001

36 MAPMTs (R5900-M16) @ 30mm pitch, 36% eff. area, 192 readout channels

single photon Cherenkov angle resolution better than 10mrad

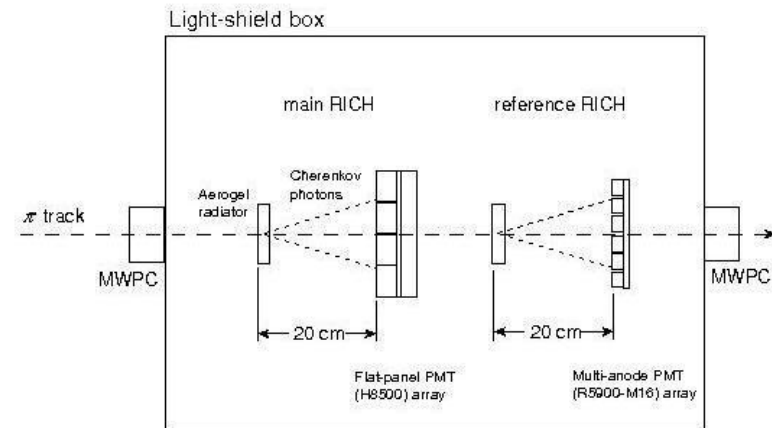
number of photons consistent with expectations, but clearly too low

Beam test Nov. 2002

new aerogel samples

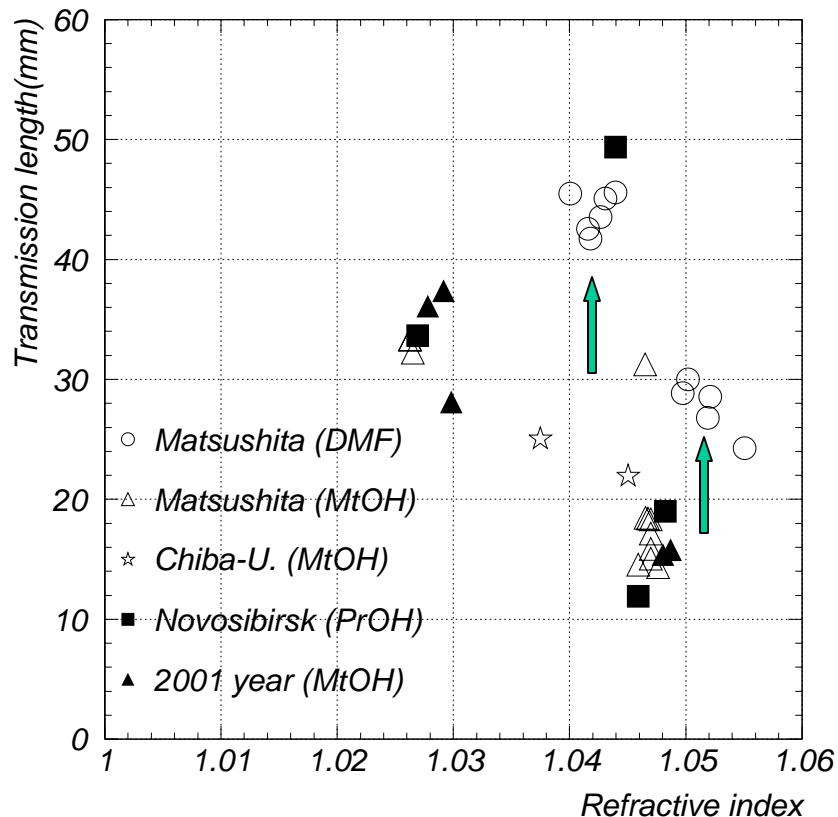
new photon detector Hamamatsu H8500
(flat panel PMT)

new readout electronics (1024 channels)





Aerogel production improvement



R&D in cooperation with Matsushita

aim: better optical quality for $n \sim 1.05$ hydrophobic aerogel

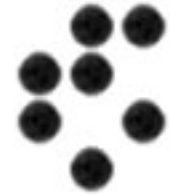
a new solvent (Di-Methyl-Formamide instead of Methyl-alcohol)

precursor (Methyl-silicate-51) from a different supplier

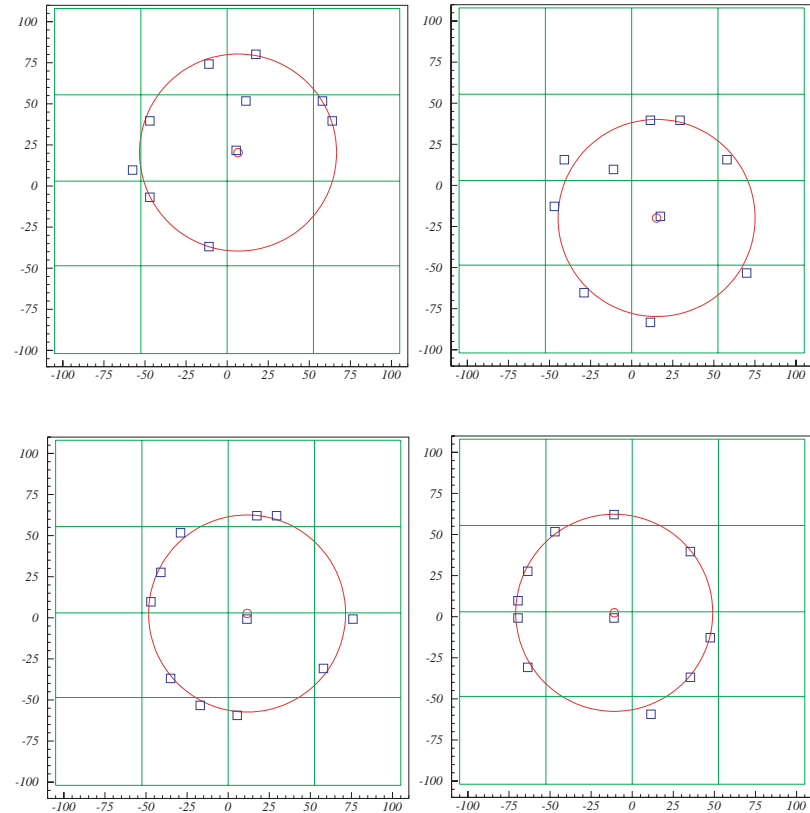
-> considerable improvement



Beam test results



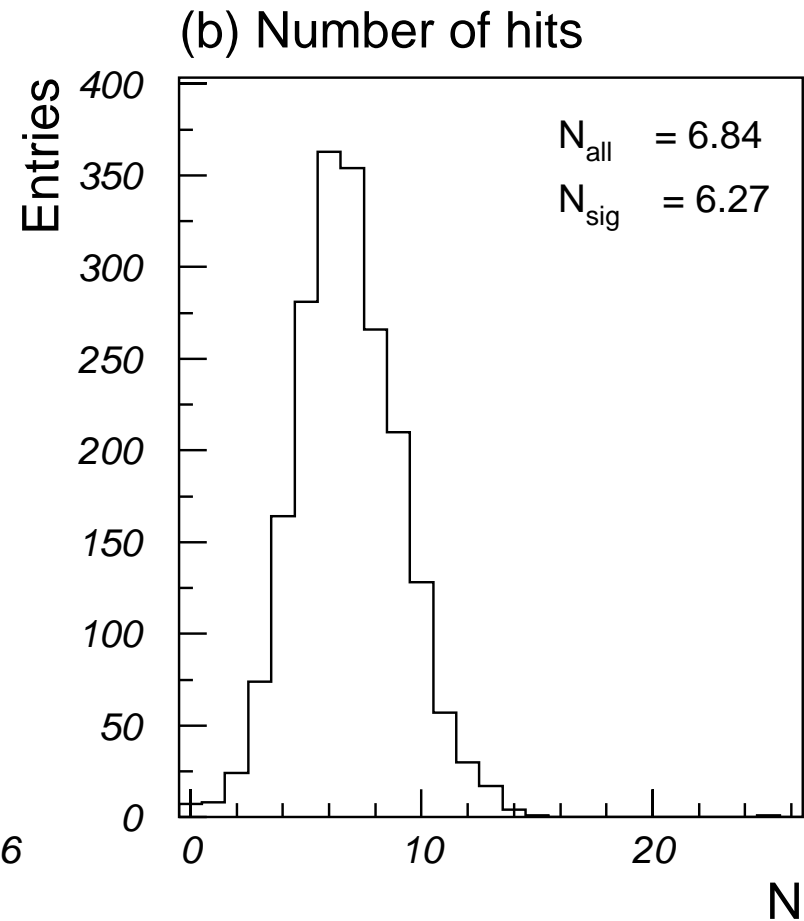
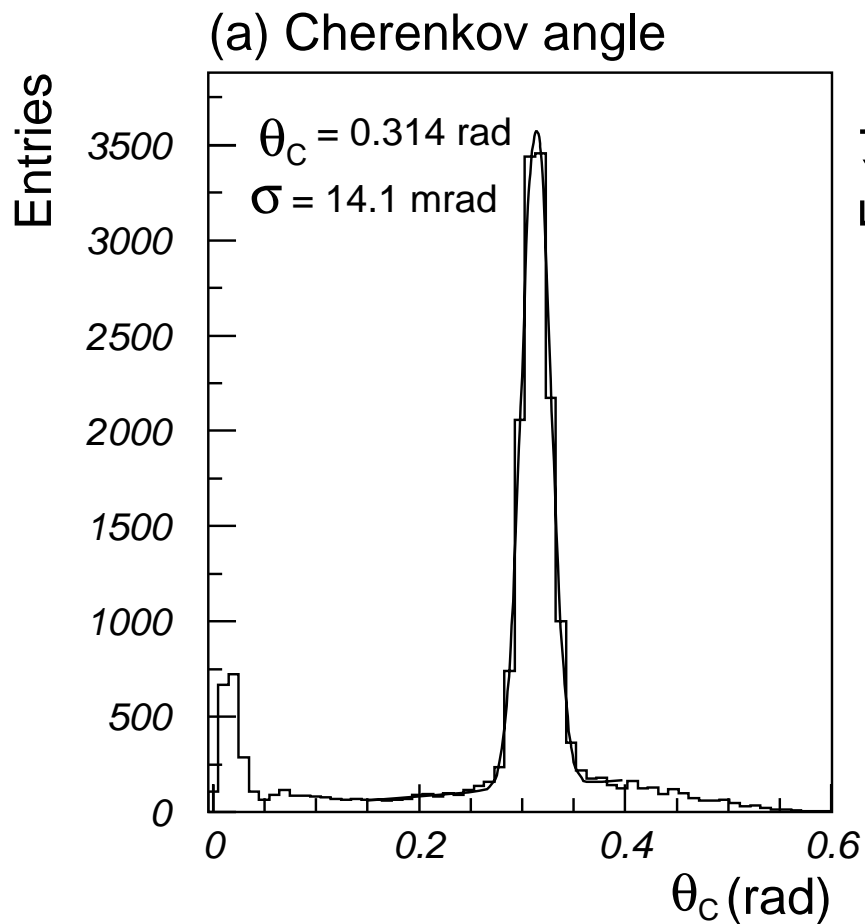
Photon detector: array of
16 H8500 PMTs



Clear rings, little background

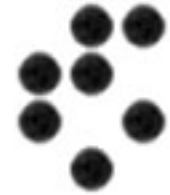


Cherenkov angle resolution and number of photons





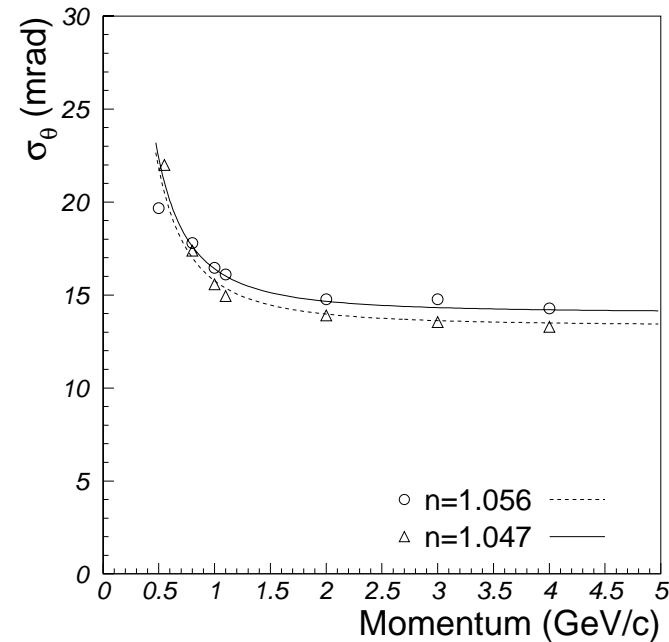
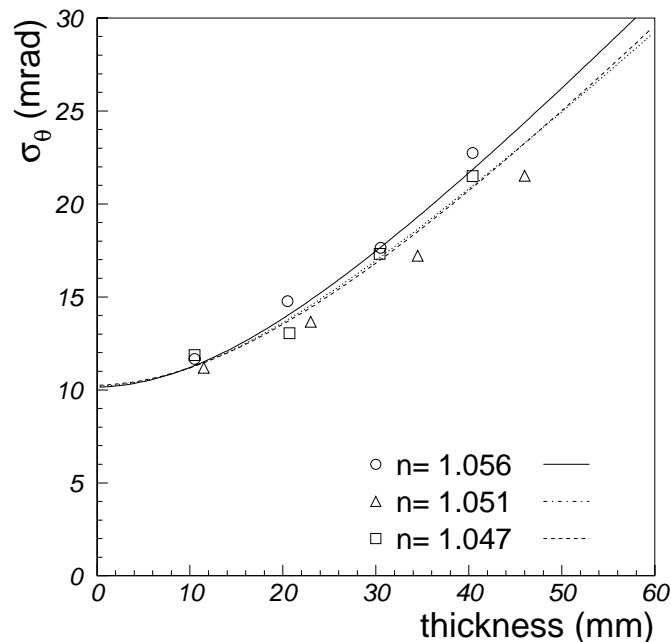
Resolution for single photons



In agreement with expectations

Typically around 13 mrad (for 2cm thick aerogel)

Shown as a function of thickness, momentum

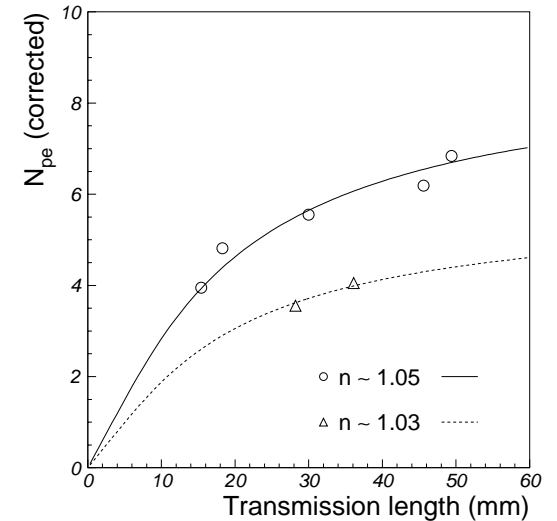
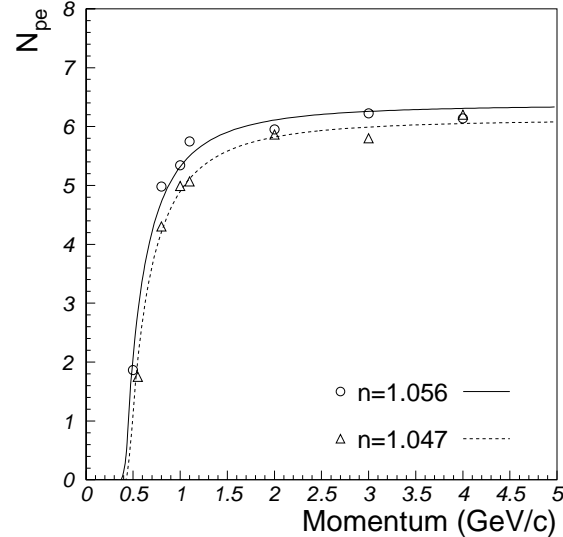
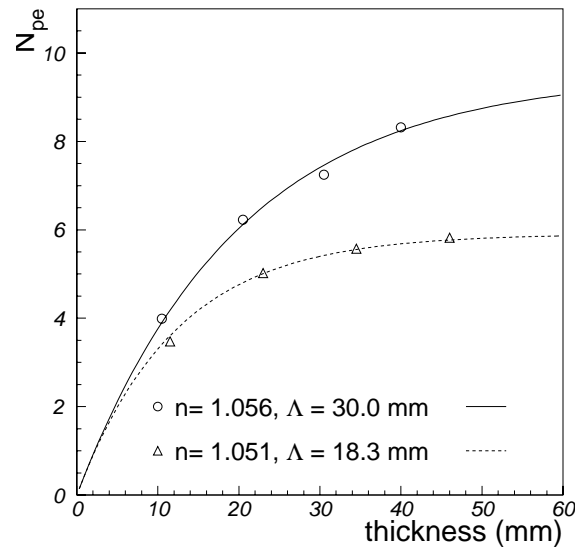




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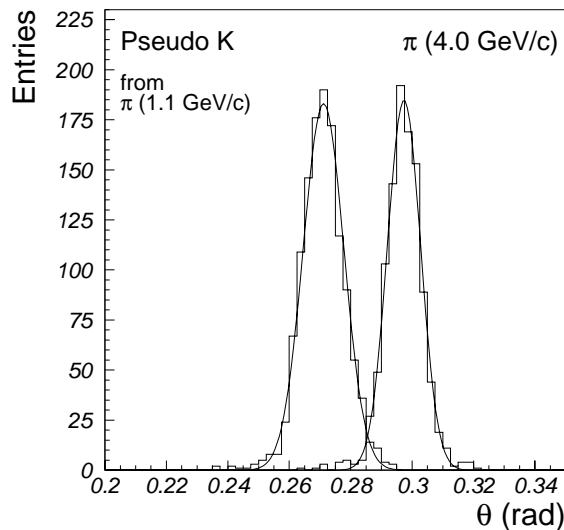
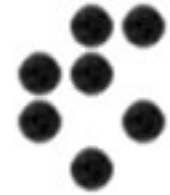
Shown as a function of momentum, thickness, transmission length



Again: in good agreement with expectations



PID capability on test beam data



From typical values (single photon resolution 13mrad and 6 detected photons) we can estimate the Cherenkov resolution per track: 5.3mrad;
-> 4.3sigma π /K separation at 4GeV/c.

Illustration of PID performance: Cherenkov angle distribution for pions at 4GeV/c and 'kaons' (pions at 1.1GeV/c with the same Cherenkov angle as kaons at 4GeV/c).

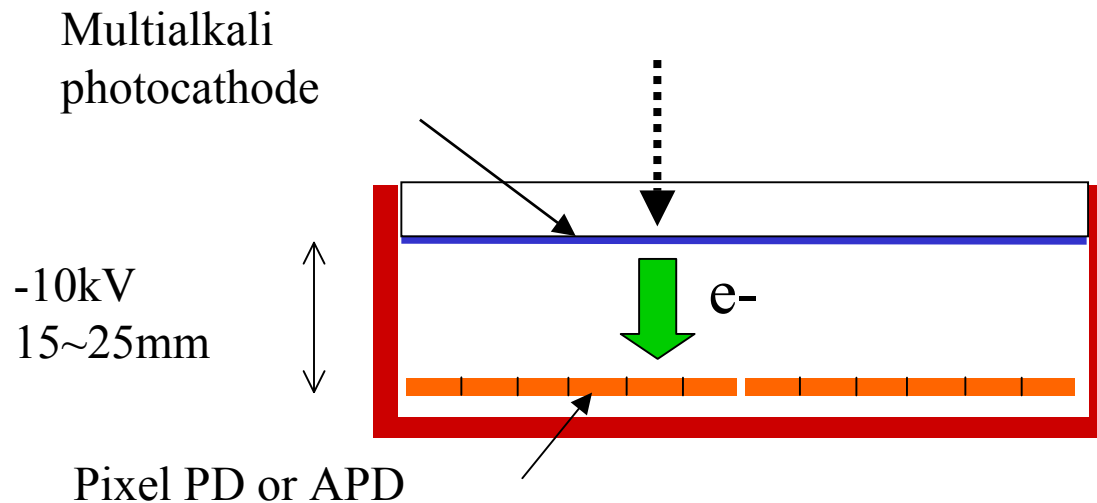
Details on the beam test: physics/0309032 preprint, accepted NIMA paper



Development and testing of photon detectors for 1.5 T



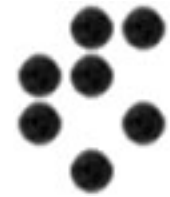
- Baseline: large area HPD of the proximity focusing type
- Backup: MCP-PMT (considered with TOP)



R&D project in collaboration with HPK

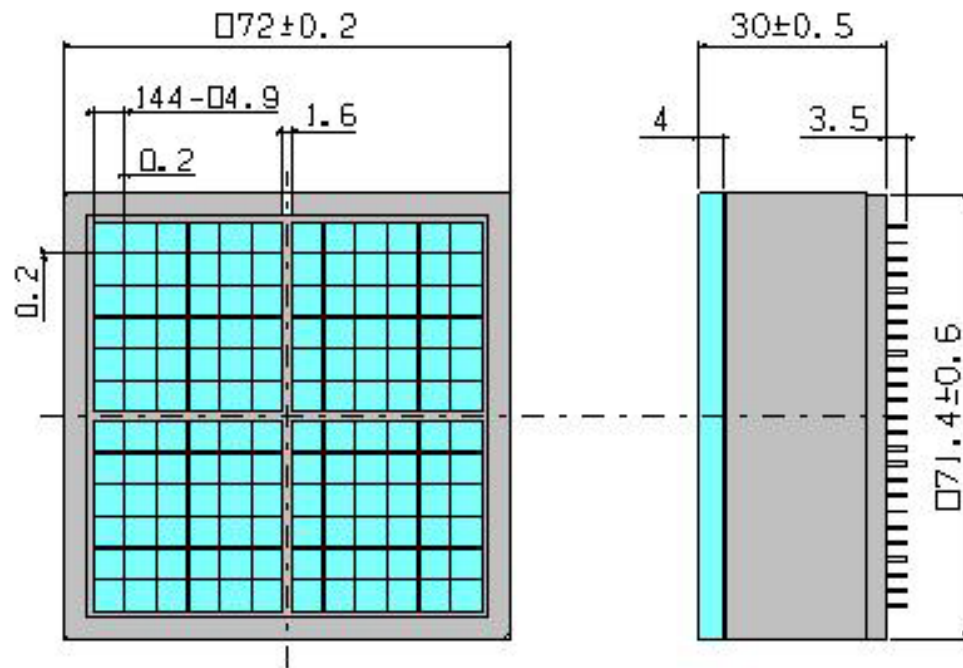


HPD development



59mm x 59mm active area (65%)

12x12 channels



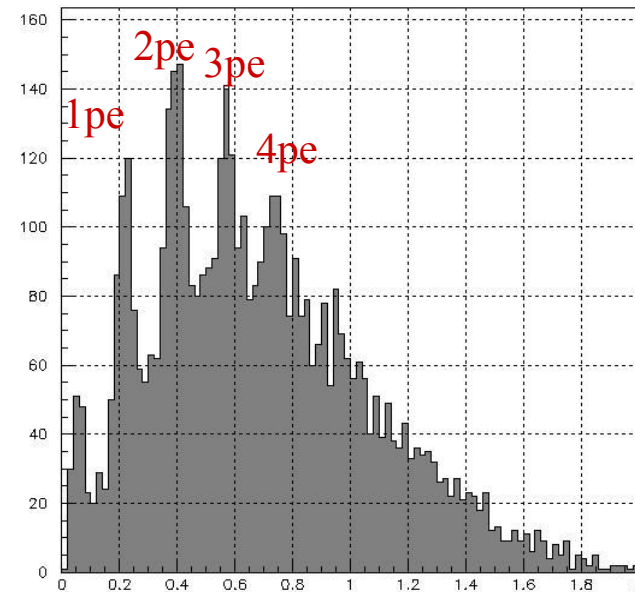
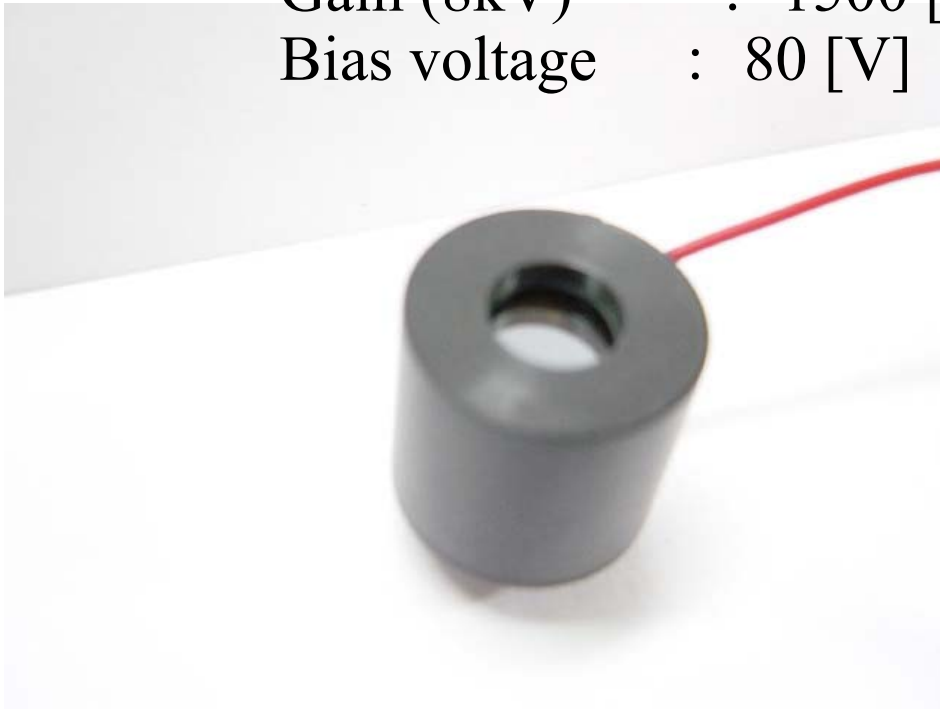
Ceramic HPD box



Prototype Test - single-channel HPD -

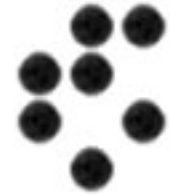


Leak current : 4 [nA]
Detector capacitance : 20 [pF]
Gain (8kV) : 1500 [electron/photon]
Bias voltage : 80 [V]

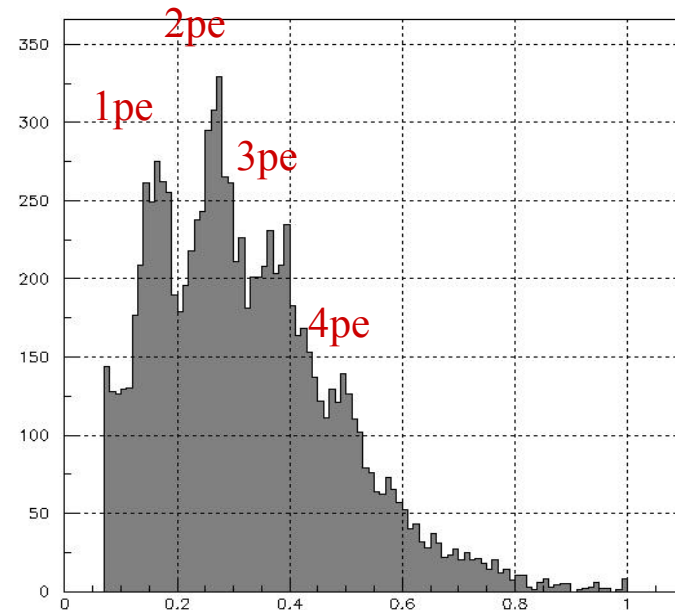




Prototype Test - 3 × 3 multi-channel HAPD -



- Diode : $\square 5$ [mm/ch]
- Gain : 26000 [electron/photon]
- C_d : 73 [pF]
- I_L : 14 [nA] (average/ch)
- Condition: $V_{HV}=8$ [KV], $V_{BIAS}=320$ [V]

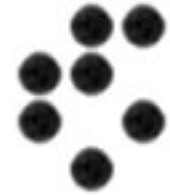


Gain of the HAPD is higher than for the HPD, but the noise level is also higher due to its large detector capacitance.

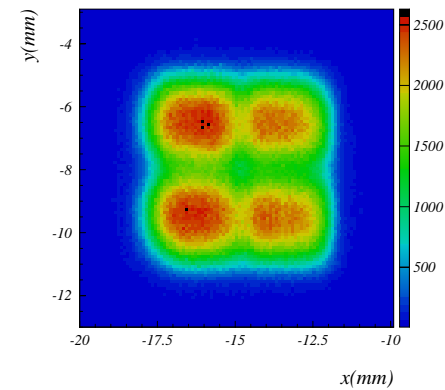
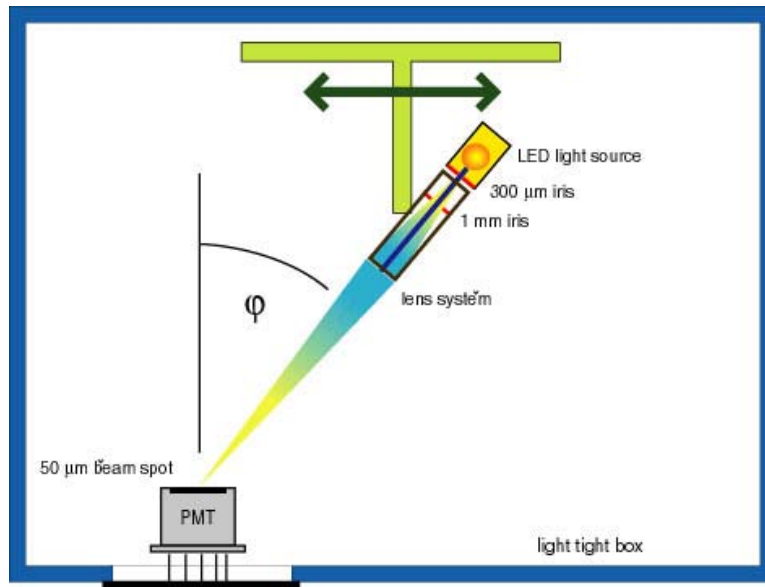
The HPD shows a better single photon response.



Photon detector R&D - plans



Evaluate the first 144 channel prototype in a beam test
Study uniformity of the sensitivity over the surface



Example: single channel response of the H8500 PMT



Read-out electronics: ASIC under development

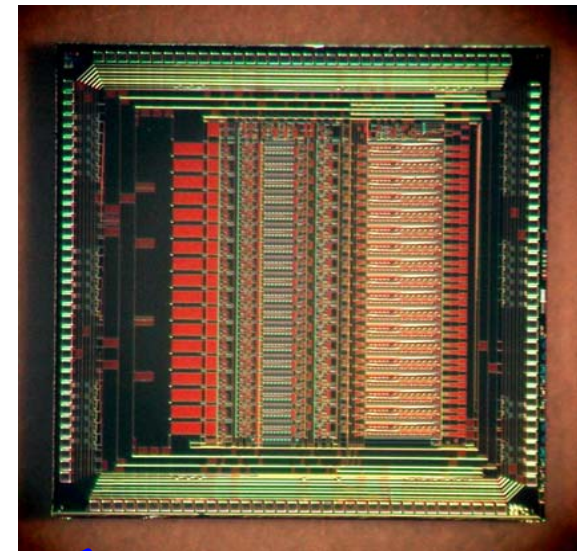


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Need high gain with very low noise amplifiers.
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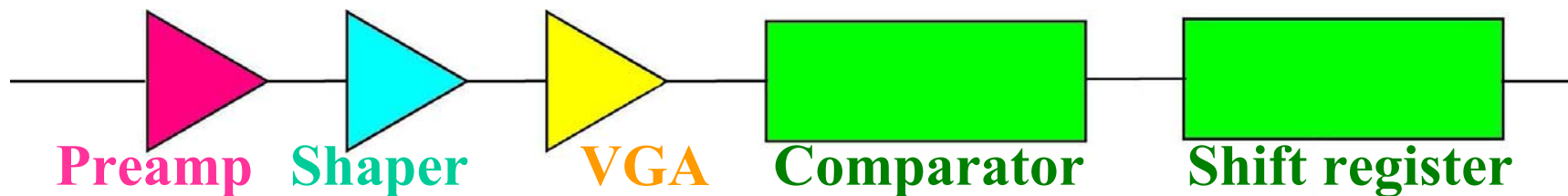
Develop an ASIC for the front-end electronics

- Gain : 5 [V/pC]
- Shaping time : 0.15 [μ s]
- S/N : 8 (@2000[e])
- Readout : pipeline with shift register
- Package : 18 channels/chip

Detailed evaluation is under way.

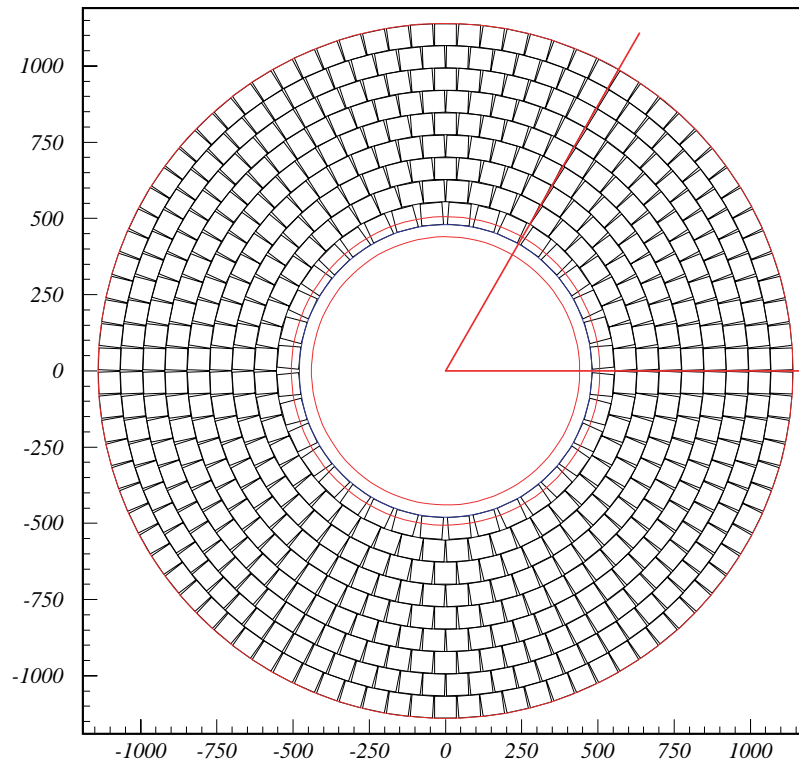


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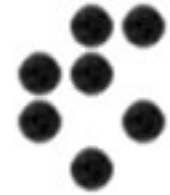
Photon detector tiling



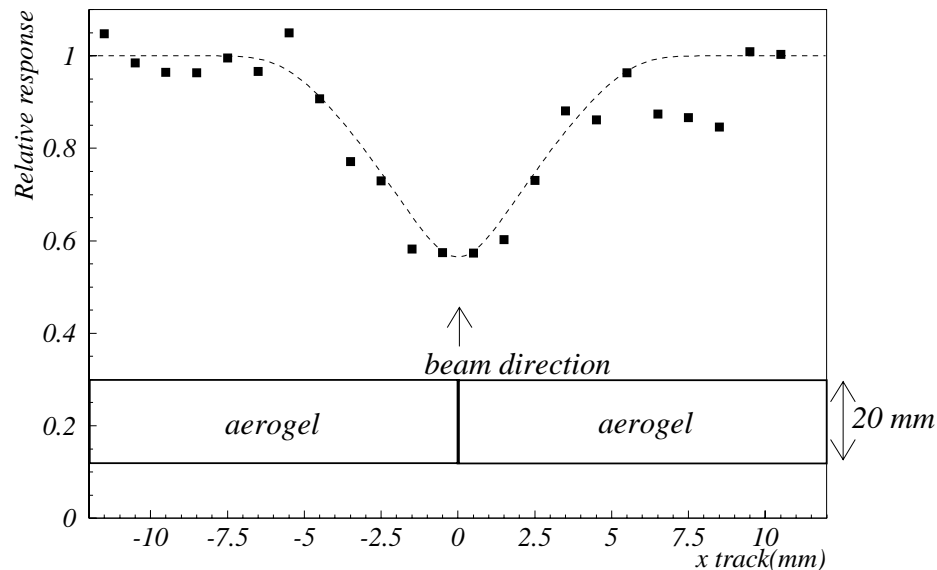
- 92% of the surface covered by HPDs
- minimal distance between modules: 0.5~mm
- max. distance (few mm) allows for feeding in the HV supply cable (has to come to the front side of the HPD)
- six equal sectors



Optimisation of counter parameters 1



How to design radiator tiles: at the tile boundary photons get lost.

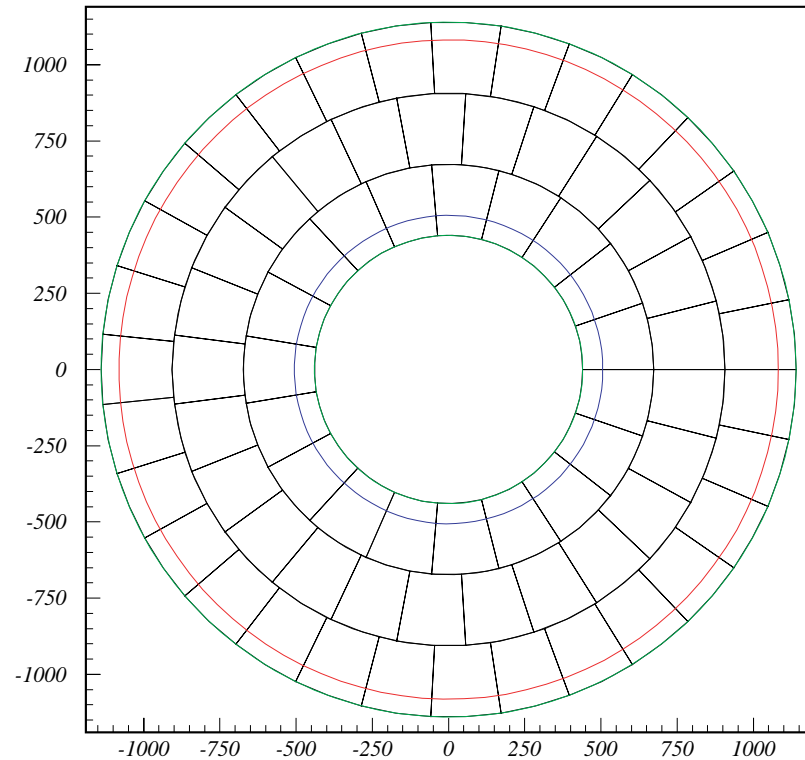
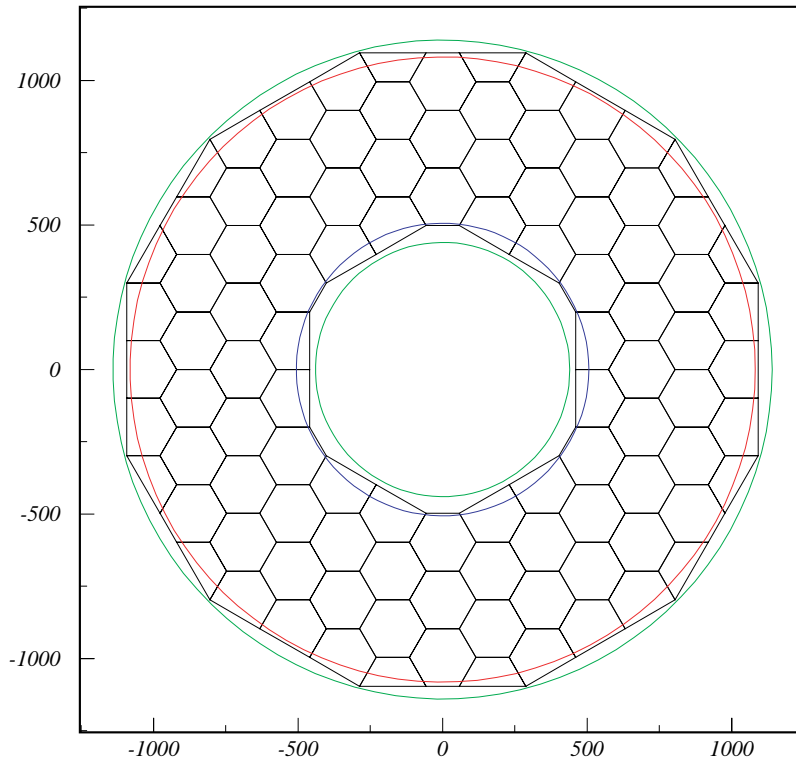


- Scan with the beam across the tile boundary. As expected, the yield is affected over a few mm in the vicinity of the boundary.
- A simple model (all photons hitting the boundary get lost) accounts for most of the dependence

→ Reduce the fraction of tracks close to tile boundaries and corners.



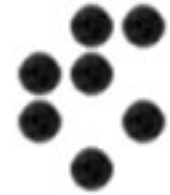
Tiling of the radiator



Two aerogel radiator tiling schemes for two max tile size cases

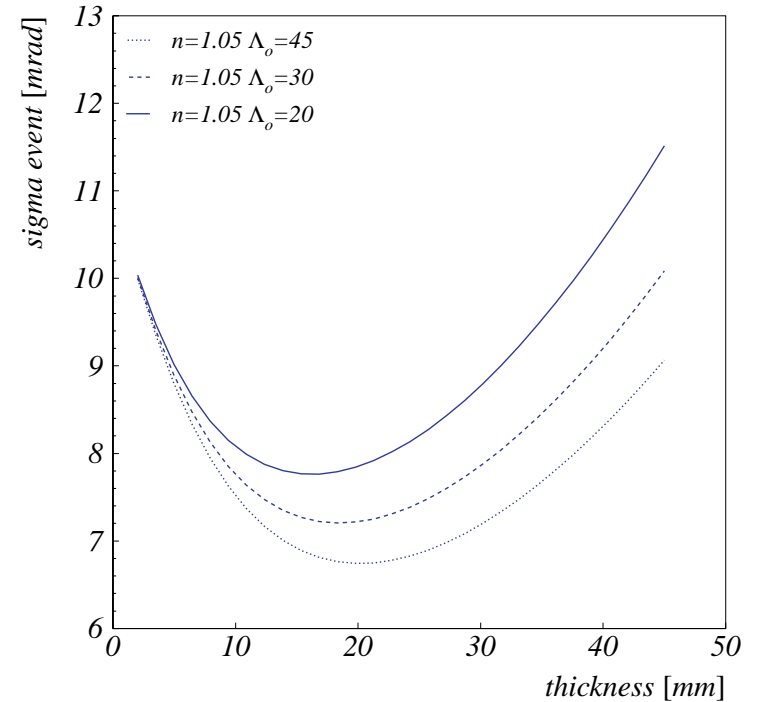
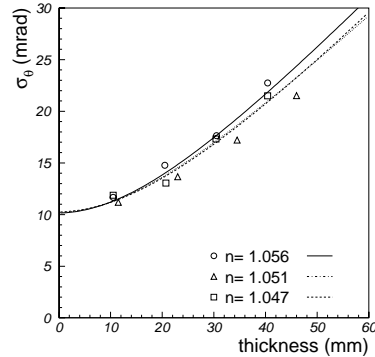
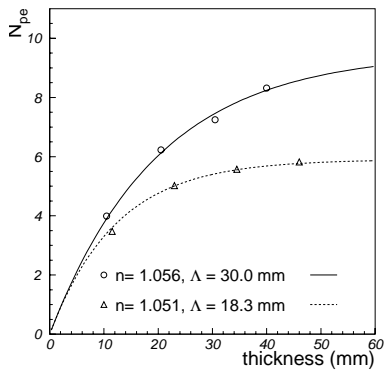


Optimisation of counter parameters 2



What is the optimal radiator thickness?

Use beam test data on σ_0 and N_{pe}



Minimize the error per track:

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 / \sqrt{N_{pe}}$$



Optimum is close to 2 cm



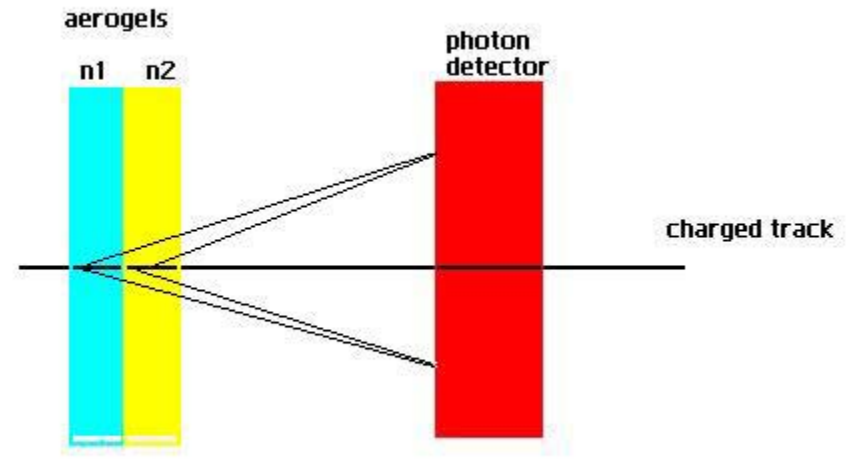
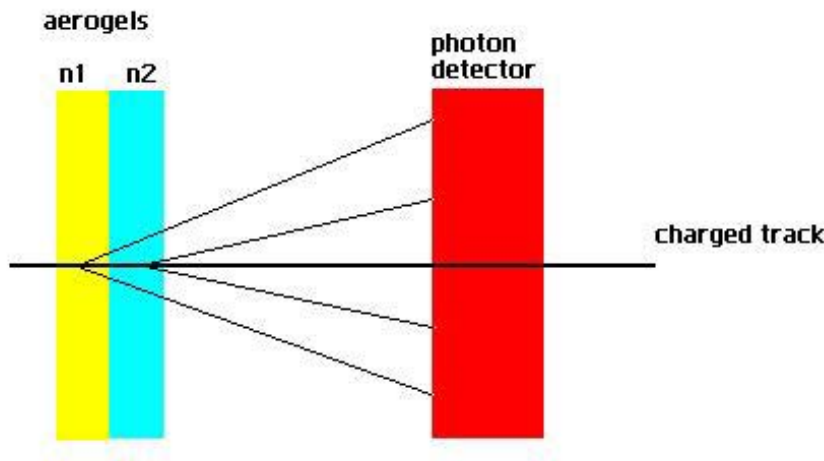
How to increase the number of photons without degrading the resolution?



More photons: need thicker radiator \rightarrow poorer resolution
Way around: use two radiators.

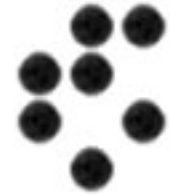
$n_1 > n_2$: two rings

$n_1 < n_2$: rings can be made to overlap





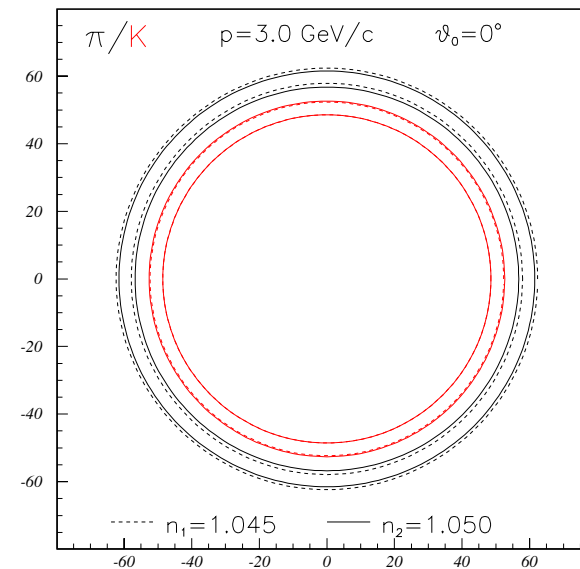
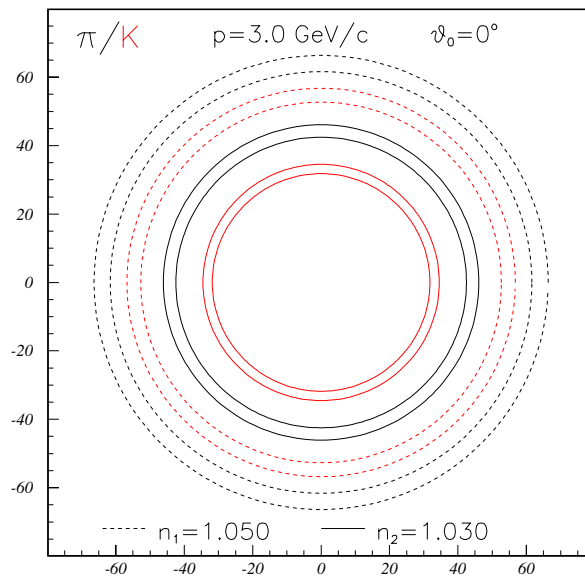
Dual radiator



Pion and kaon rings for the two dual radiator schemes

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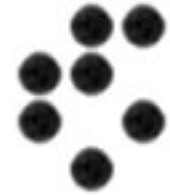
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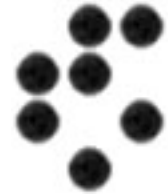
Conclusions



- Proof of principle: first beam test (Nov. 2001)
- Second beam test: improved aerogel, new high active area PMT and a new read-out system. Better understanding of the detector, enhanced number of photons. Varied many parameters for counter optimisation.
- PID algorithms tested on real and MC data, ready
- R&D issues: development and testing of a multichannel photon detector for high mag. fields
- mass production of large aerogel tiles
- readout electronics



Back-up slides





Read-out electronics



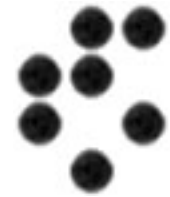
- Total number of readout channels for the full detector amounts to 86k.
- Detector characteristics
 - Leakage current 10 or 25 [nA]
 - Detector capacitance ; 10 or 70 [pF/pixel]
 - signal ; 2000 or 20000 [electron/photon]

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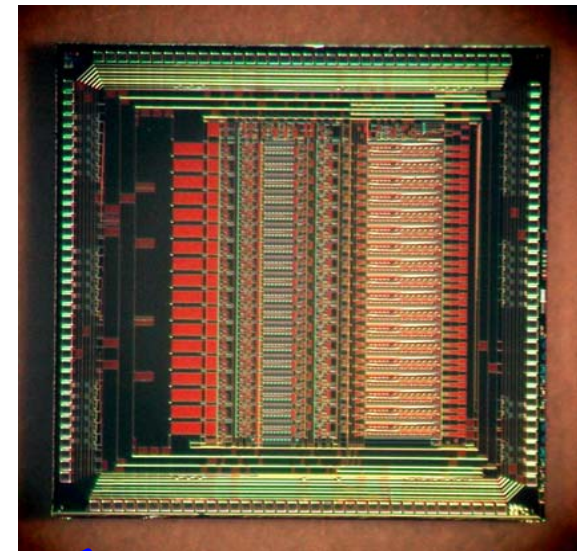
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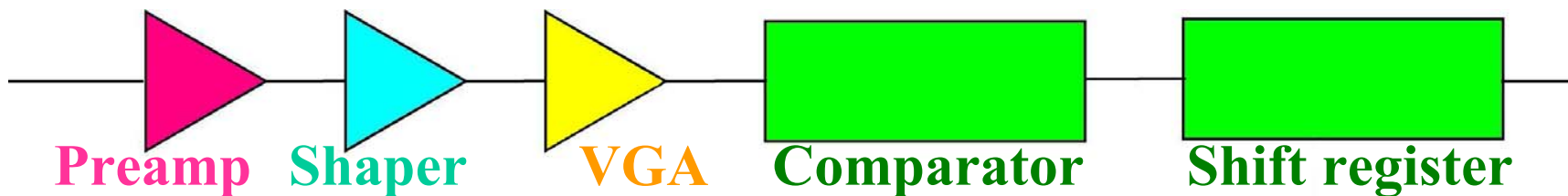
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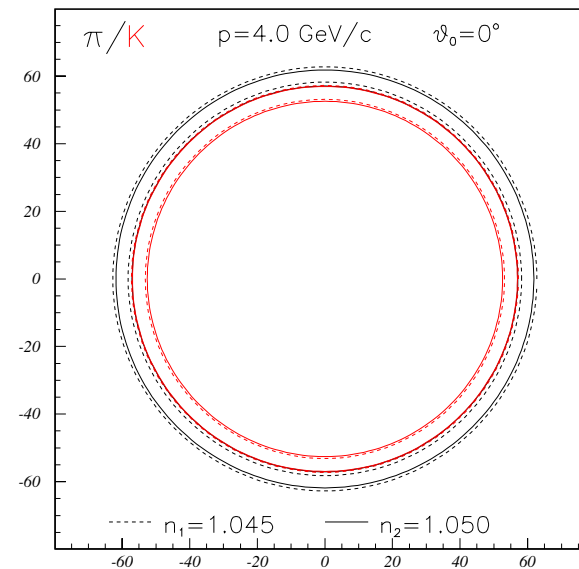
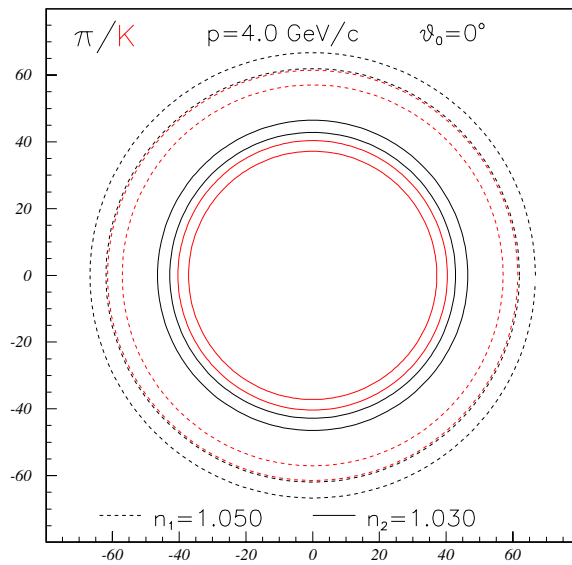
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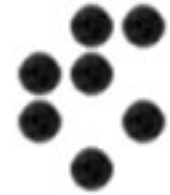
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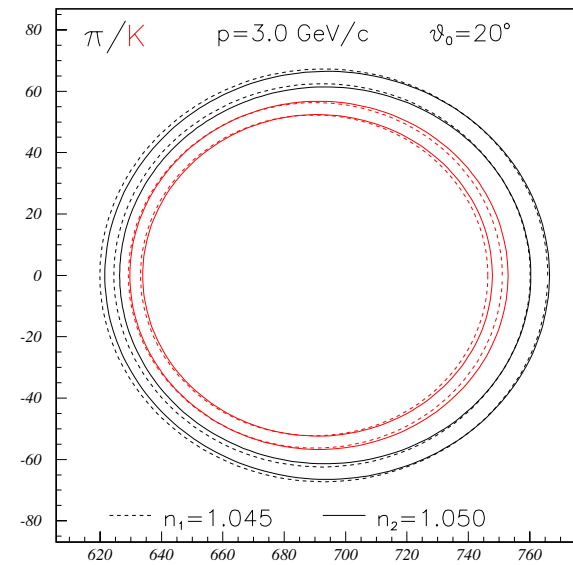
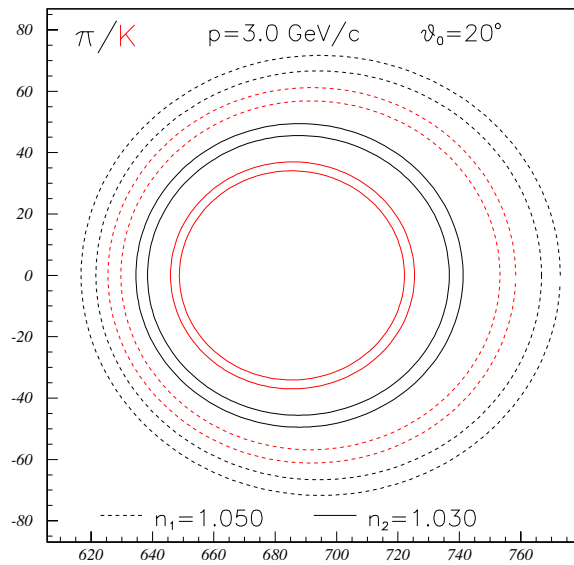
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