

# **Focusing DIRC R&D**

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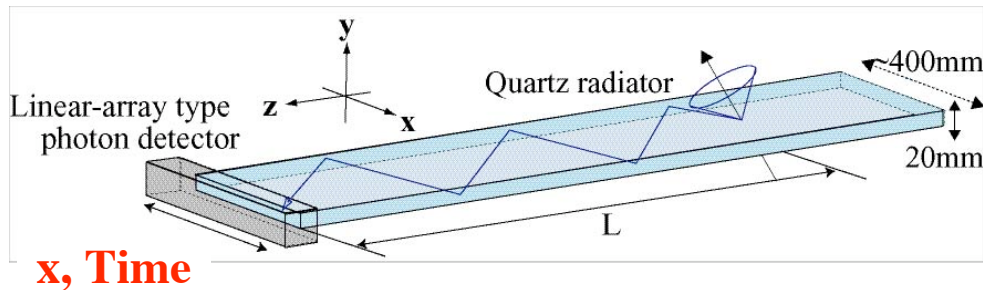
- Prototype design
- Test beam results
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# Improvements compared to BaBar DIRC

- Timing resolution improved from  $\sigma \sim 1.7\text{ns}$   $\rightarrow$   $\sigma \leq 150\text{ps}$
- Time resolution at this level can help the Cherenkov angle determination for photon path lengths  $L_{\text{path}} \geq 2\text{-}3\text{m}$
- Time can be used to correct the chromatic broadening
- Better timing improves the background rejection
- Smaller pixel sizes allow smaller detector design, which also reduces sensitivity to the background
- Mirror eliminates effect of the bar thickness

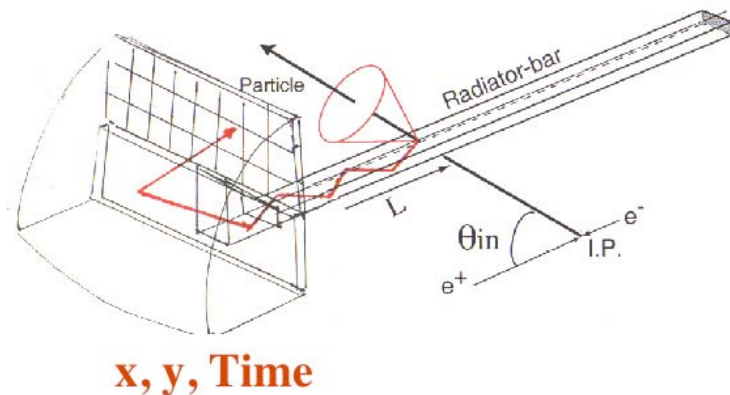
# Examples of two “DIRC-like” detectors

## TOP counter (Nagoya):



- **2D imaging:**
  - a) x-coordinate
  - b) TOP ( $\sigma \leq 70\text{ps}$ ).

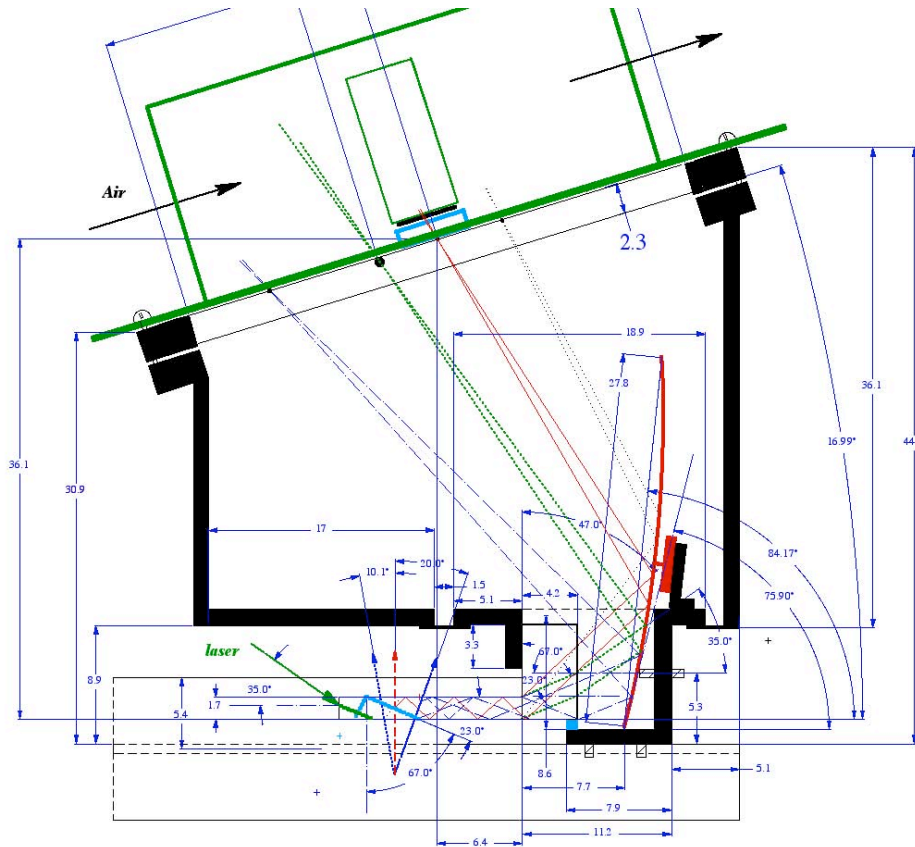
## Focusing DIRC prototype (SLAC):



- **3D imaging:**
  - a) x-coordinate
  - b) y-coordinate
  - c) TOP ( $\sigma \leq 150\text{ps}$ ).

# Focusing DIRC prototype design

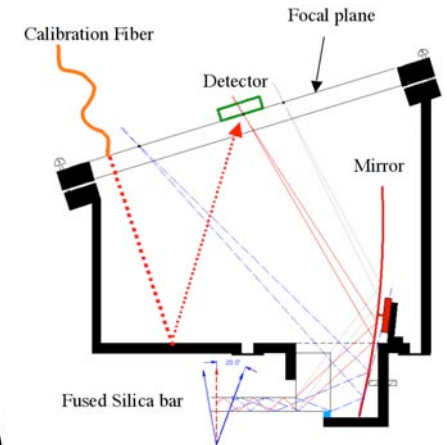
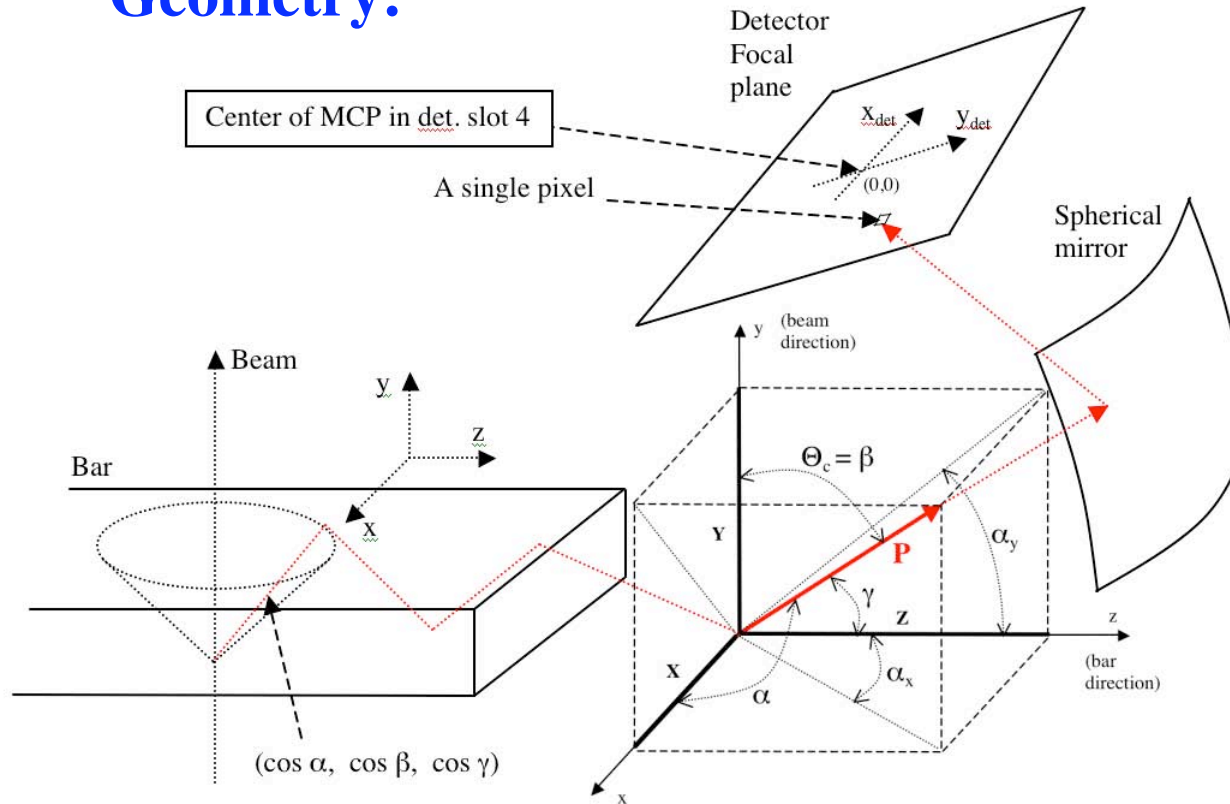
## Design by ray tracing:



- The Focusing DIRC prototype optics was designed using the ray tracing method with a help of the mechanical design program (no Monte Carlo available in early stages !!).
- The focal plane adjusted to an angle convenient for easy work
- Space filled with oil.
- **Red line** (with oil ) - running in the beam
- **Green line** (no oil) - laser check in the clean room
- Spherical mirror  $R = 49.1$  cm

# Photon path reconstruction

## Geometry:

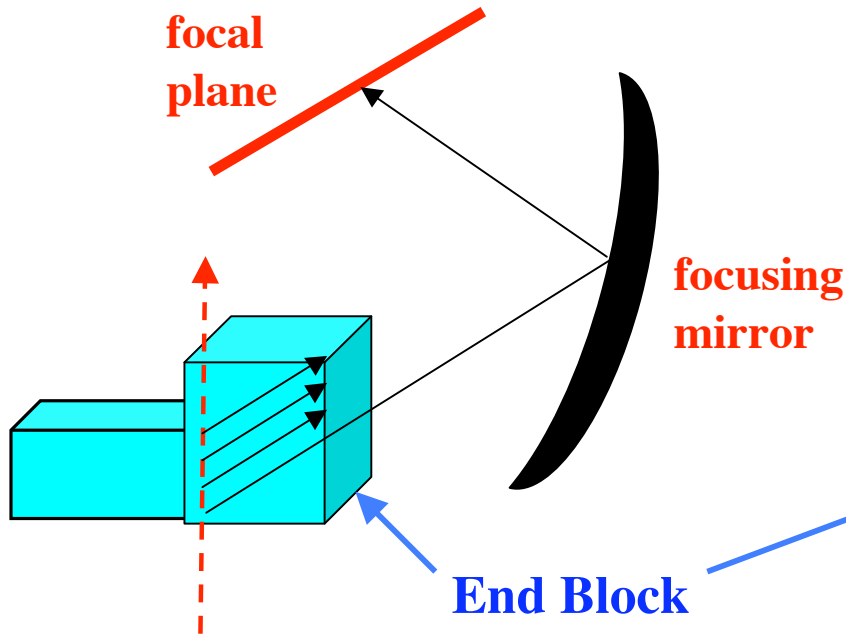


- Each detector pixel determines these photon parameters:  
 $\theta_c$ ,  $\alpha_x$ ,  $\alpha_y$ ,  $\cos \alpha$ ,  $\cos \beta$ ,  $\cos \gamma$ ,  $L_{path}$ ,  $t_{propagation}$ ,  $n_{bounces}$  – for average  $\lambda$

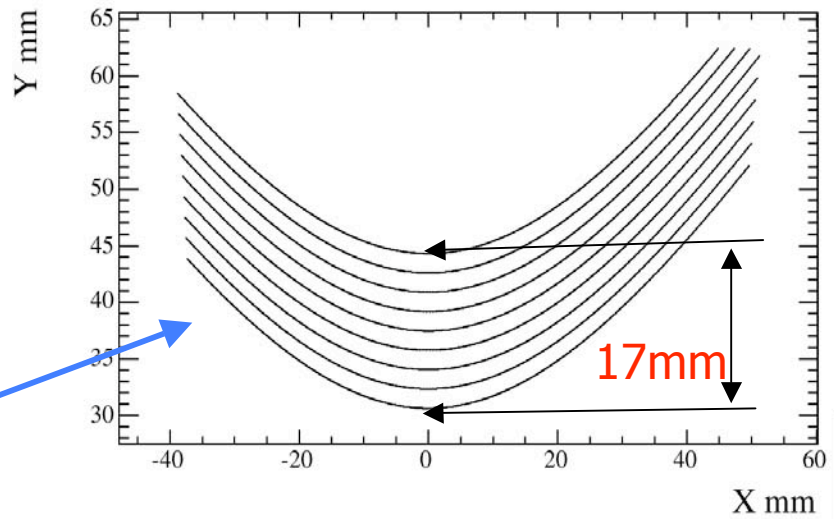


# Rings from outside bar are well focused

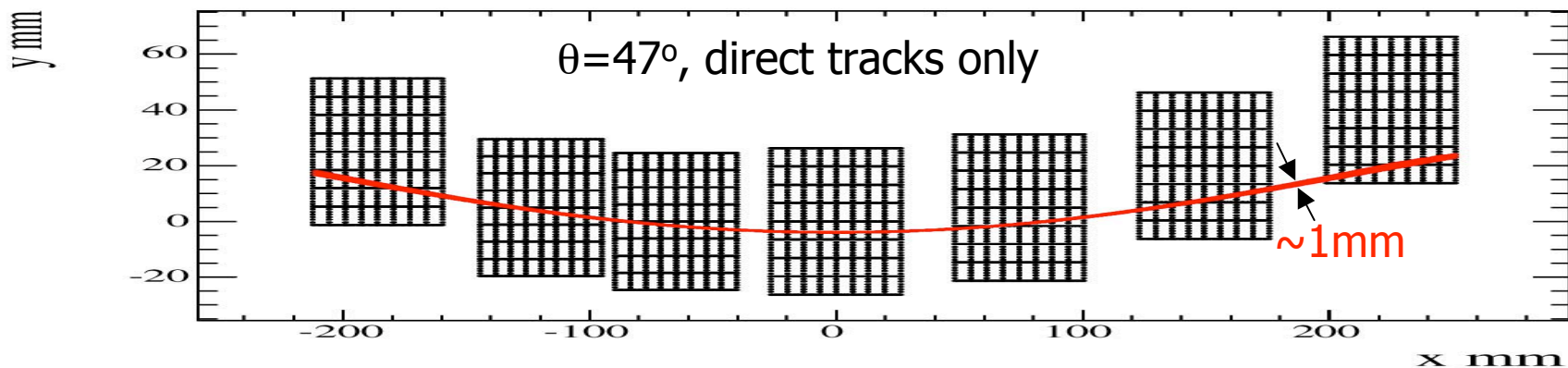
(Jose Benitez independent check of the focusing design)



## Ring images at the End Block:



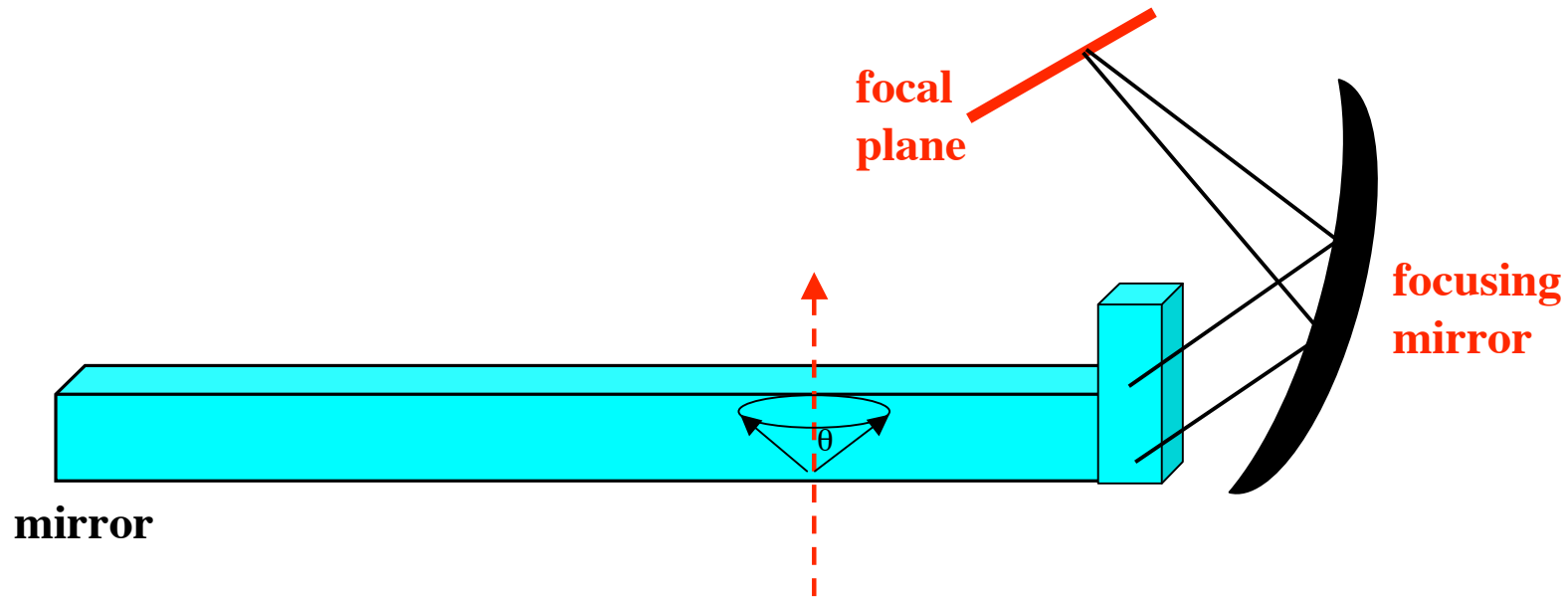
## Cherenkov rings in the detector focal plane:



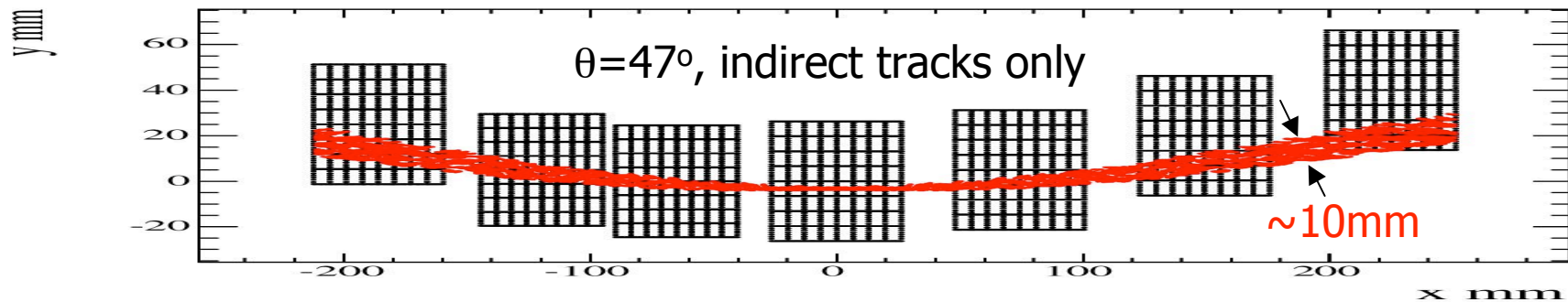


# Rings from bar are blurred in outer slots

(Jose Benitez)

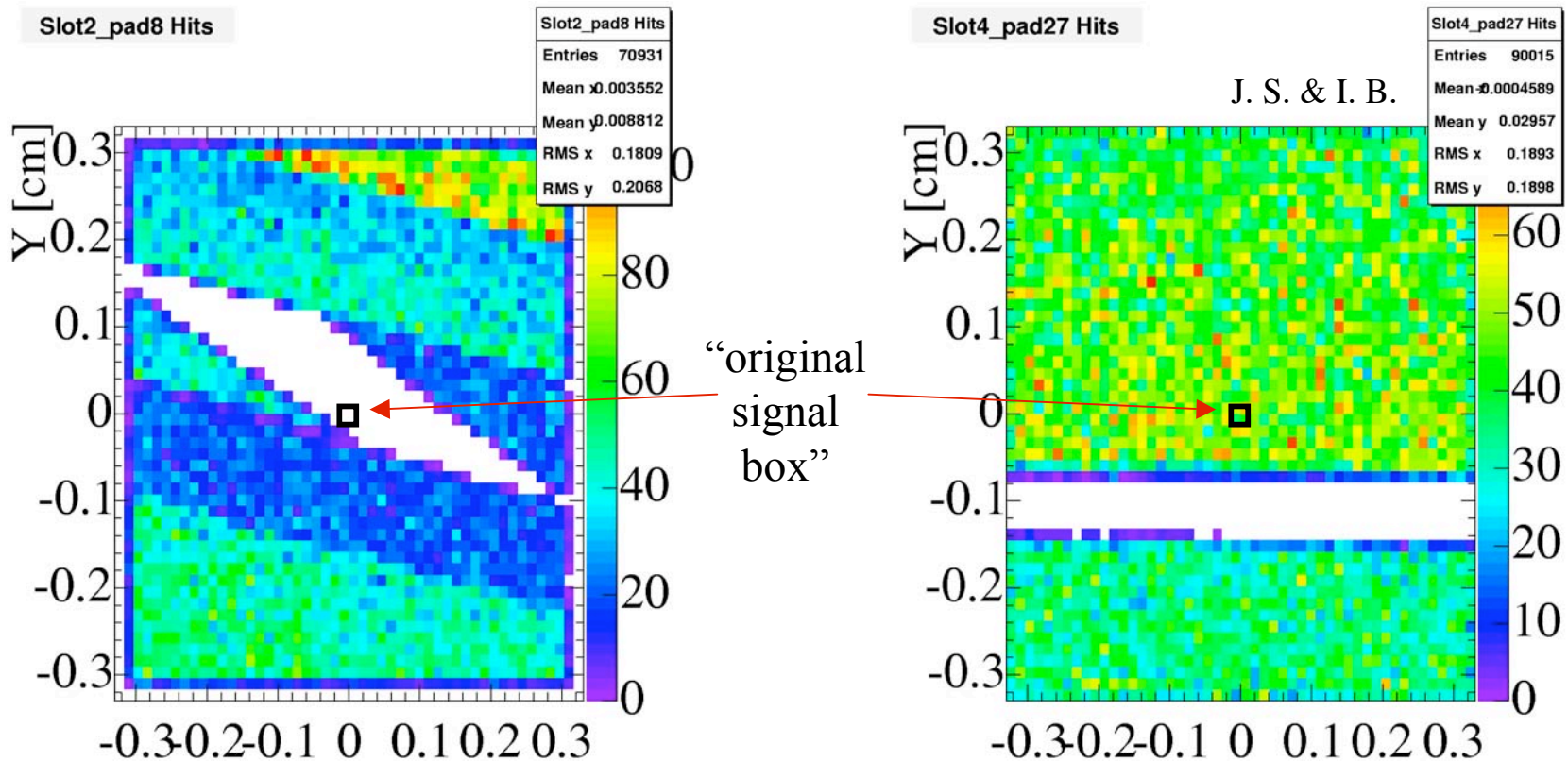


Cherenkov ring image ray traced from inside the bar is blurred in the outer slots - this is a bar effect.



# When assigning the parameters, such as $\theta_c$ & direction cosines, to each pad, **it is necessary to average over entire pad**

- Bar introduces kaleidoscopic images on the pads
- This effect shows up only in the test beam (in BaBar, one would integrate it out)
- One needs a MC to understand effects like this.

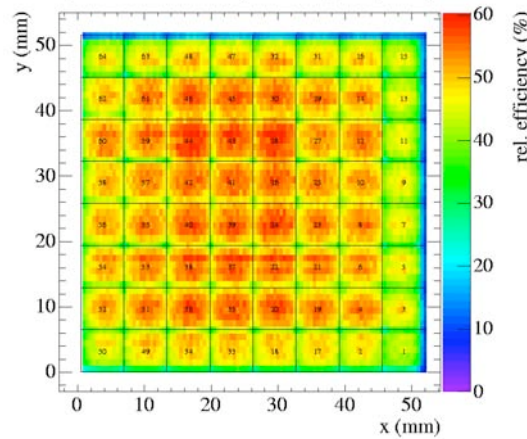


# Photon detectors in the prototype ( $\sigma \sim 70\text{-}150\text{ps}$ )

Burle MCP PMT (64 pixels):

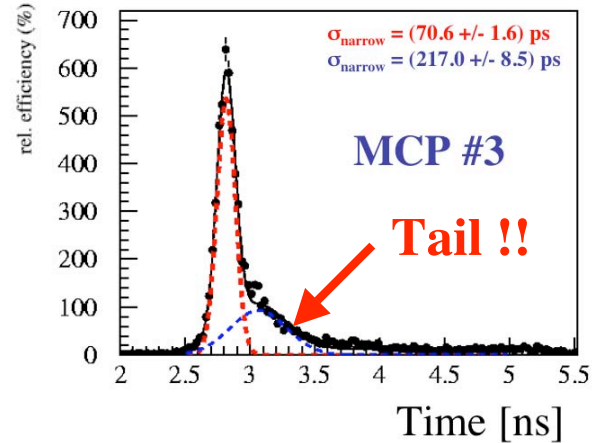


Efficiency w.r.t. Photonis PMT, MCP #15, blue, 2.4kV, 20040607



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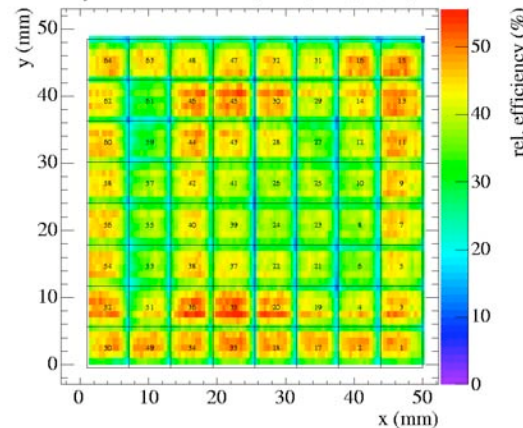
Burle 85011-501 MCP-PMT:



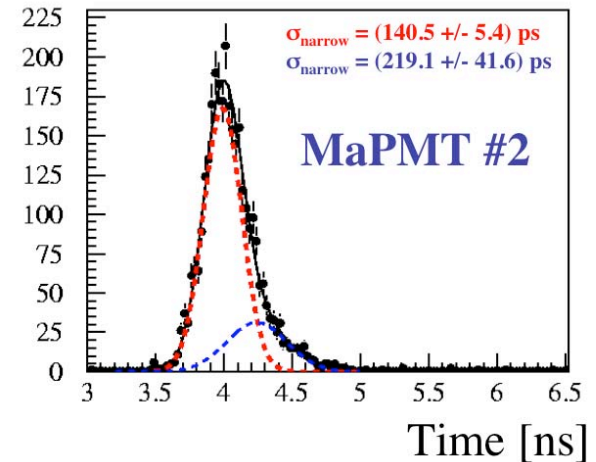
Hamamatsu MaPMT (64 pixels):



Efficiency w.r.t. Photonis PMT, FP #2, blue, 0.9kV, 20040708



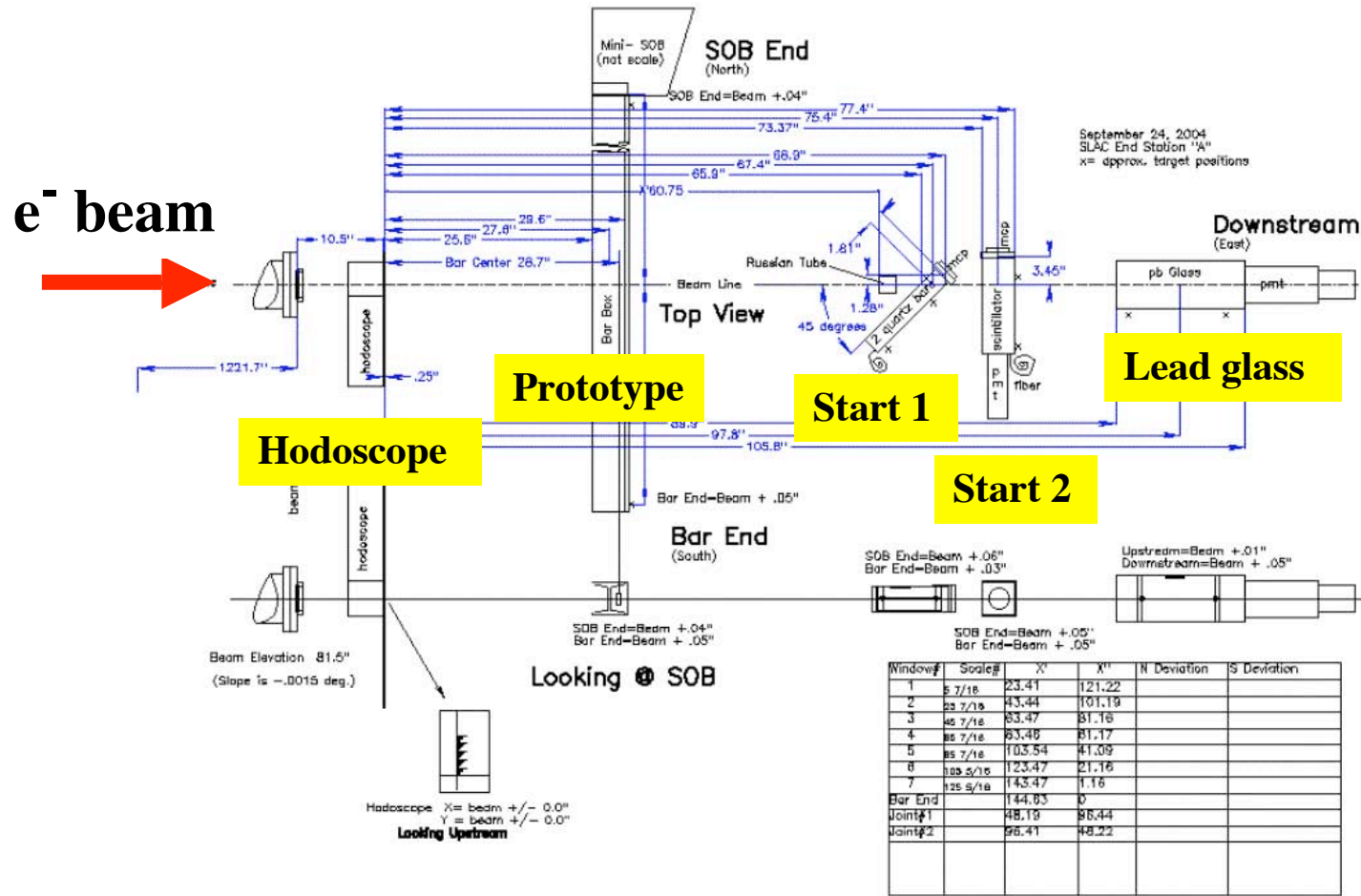
Hamamatsu Flat Panel H8500 PMT:



# Need a good start signal

- **We start TDCs with a pulse from the LINAC RF.** However, this pulse travels on a cable several hundred feet long, and therefore it is a subject to possible thermal effects.
- To protect against thermal effects, we have several local Start time counters providing an average timing resolution of  $\sigma \sim 35\text{ps}$  per beam crossing. In addition, averaging over 100 consecutive events, we can correct slow drifts to 10-20ps level.
- **However, in practice, the analysis of the prototype data shows that the LINAC RF pulse is the best start, i.e., no local correction is needed.**

# Test beam setup

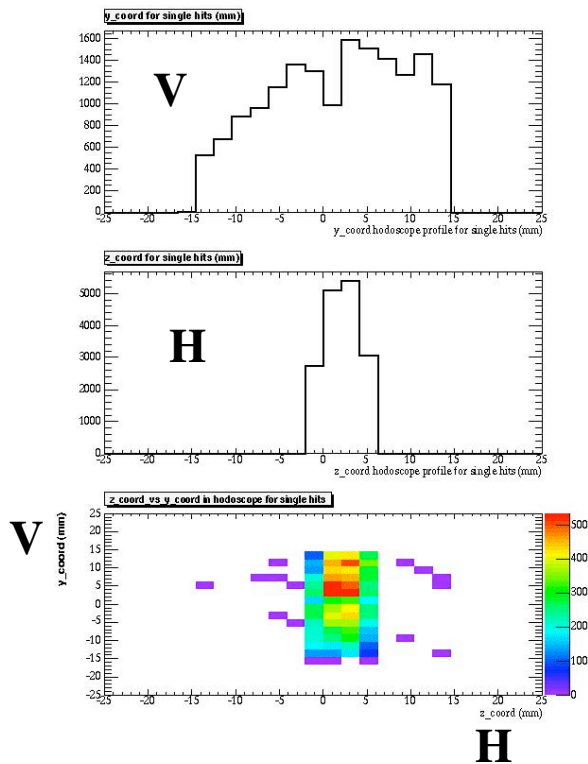


- Beam enters bar at 90 degrees.
- Bar can be moved along the bar axis
- Trigger and time ref: accelerator pulse
- Hodoscope measures beam's 2D profile

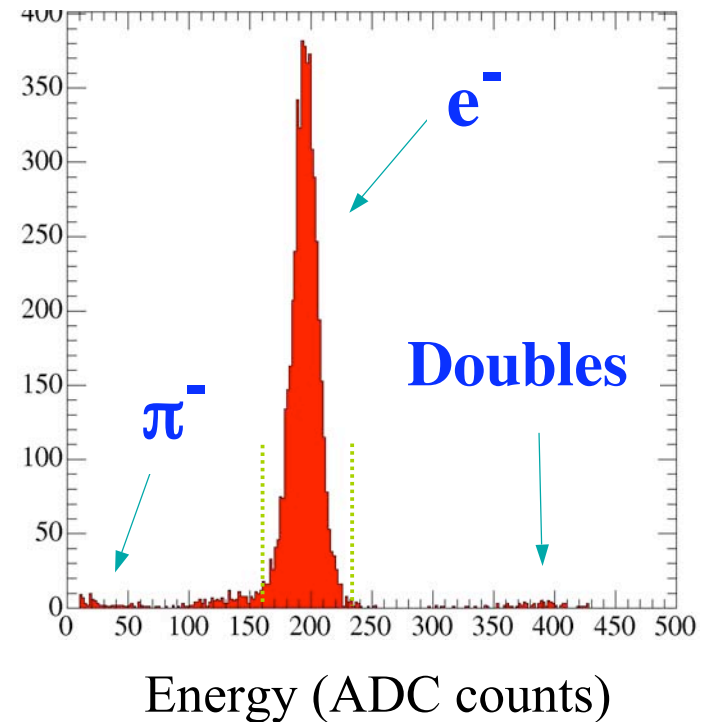
# Definition of a good beam trigger

Run 2

Single hodoscope hits only:



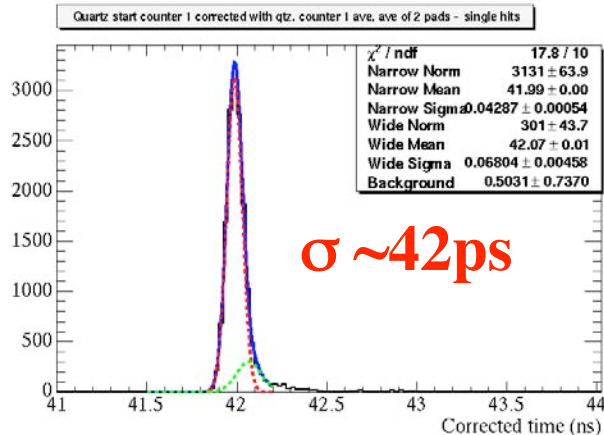
Lead glass:



- **Good beam trigger definition: single hit in the hodoscope, good energy deposition in the lead glass, and good quality local start time hit.**

# 1. Start counter 1 - Double-quartz counter

Average of 2 pads:



4-pad Burle MCP-PMT:

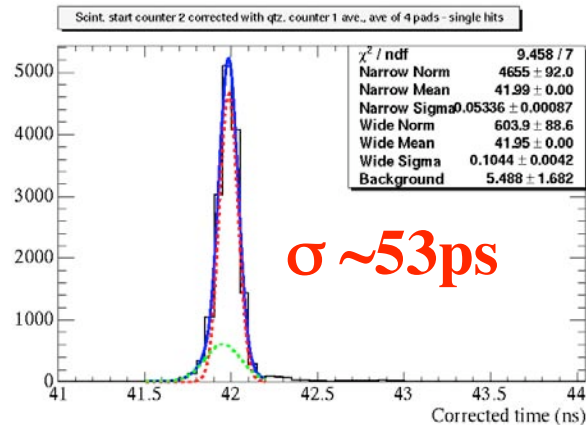


**Local START  
Counters:**

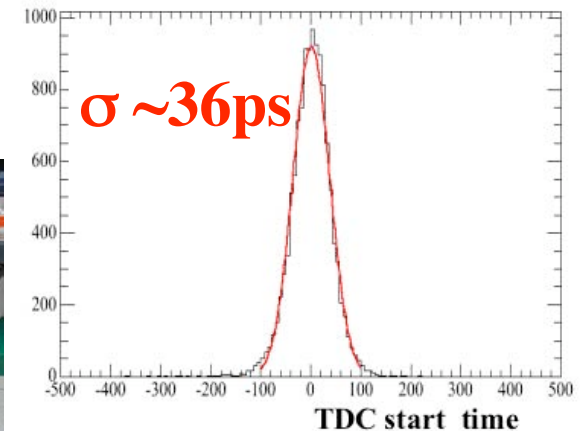
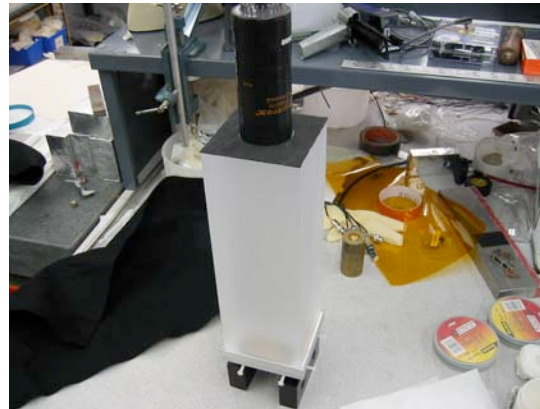
3. Overall average  
of Start 1, Start 2  
and Quantacon  
counters:

# 2. Start counter 2 - Scintillator counter

Average of 4 pads:



4-pad Burle MCP-PMT :



- **Corrections: ADC, hodoscope position and timing drifts.**

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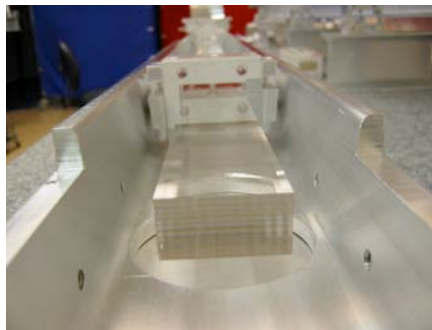
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# Focusing DIRC prototype

Setup in End Station A: movable bar support and hodoscope



Radiator bar



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Mirror

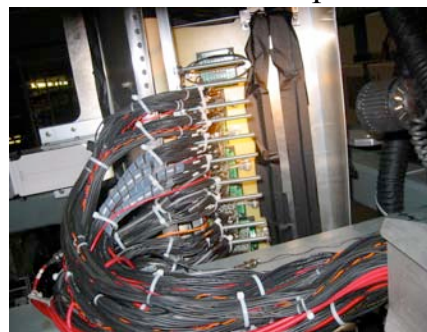


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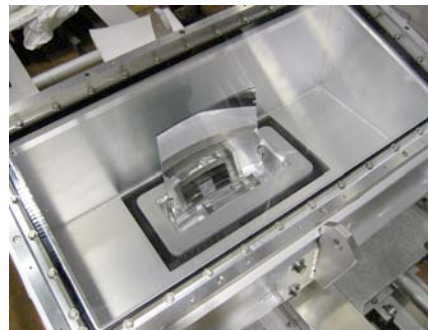
Setup in End Station A



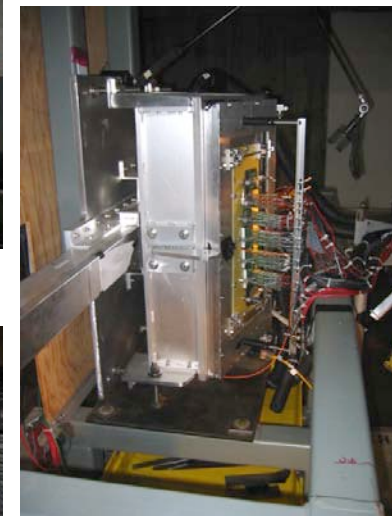
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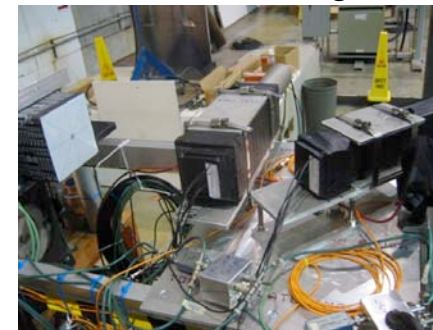
Oil-filled detector box:



Electronics and cables



Start counters, lead glass

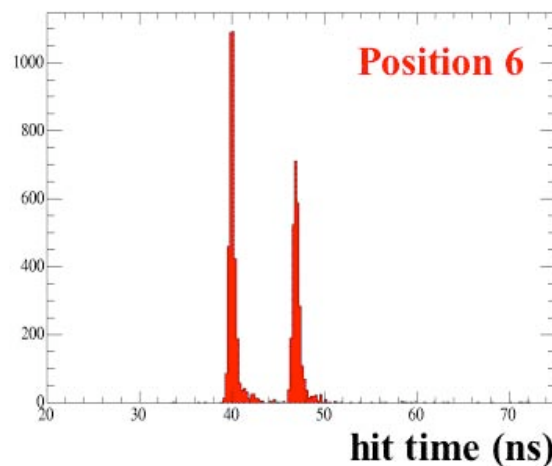
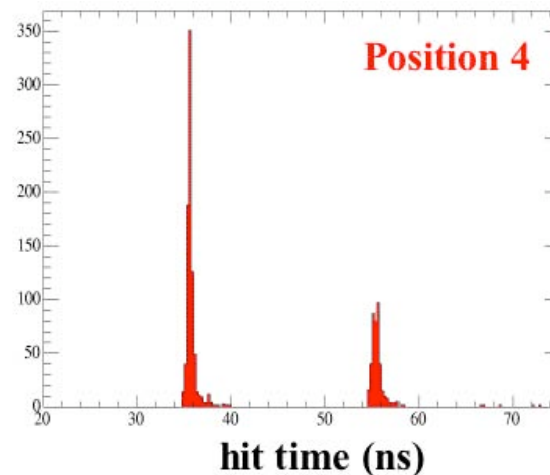
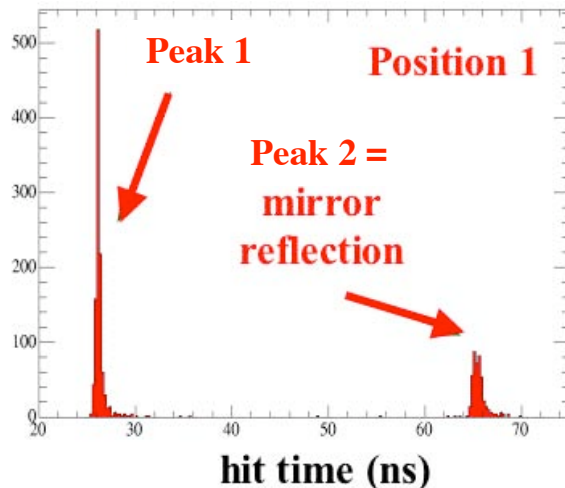
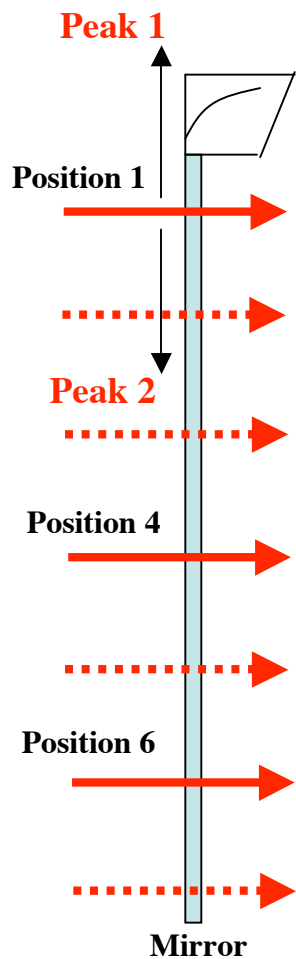


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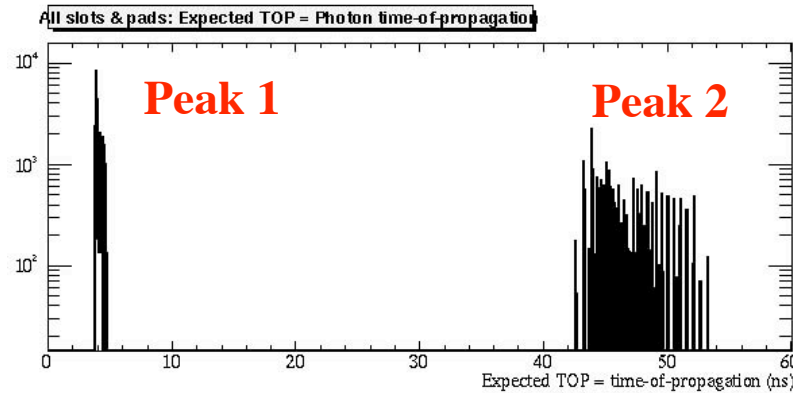
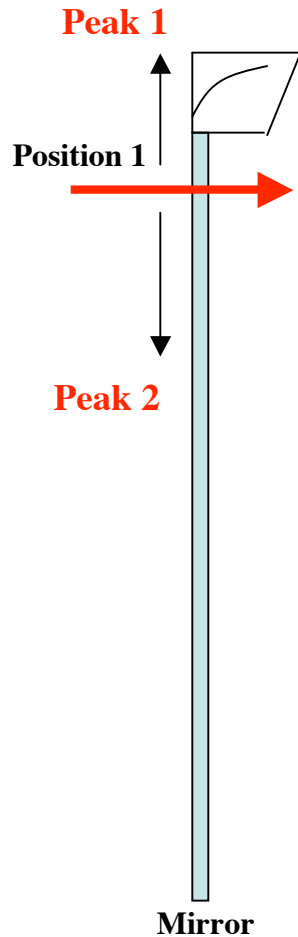
# Cherenkov ring in the **time domain**

**Pixel #25, Slot #4**

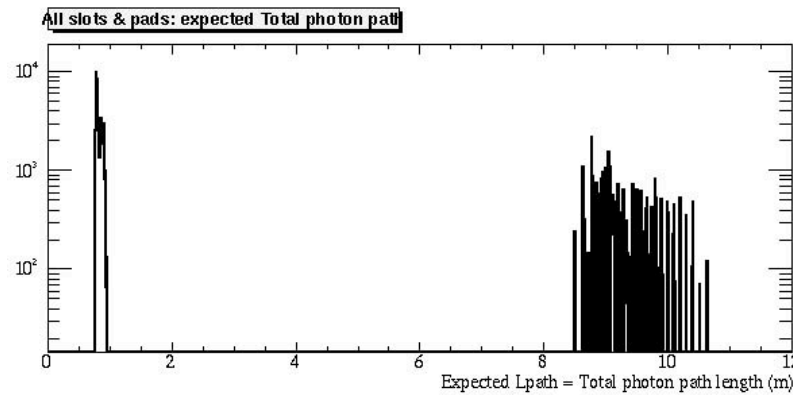


- Two peaks correspond to forward and backward part of the Cherenkov ring.

# Typical distribution of TOP and Lpath



TOP [ns]

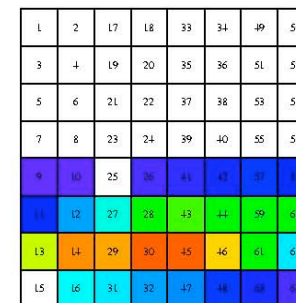
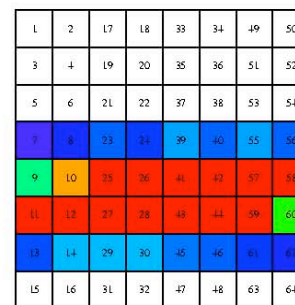
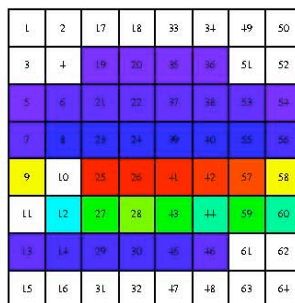
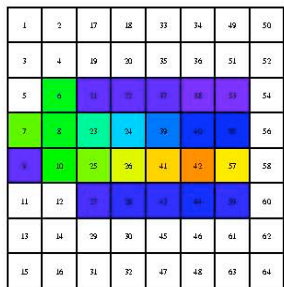
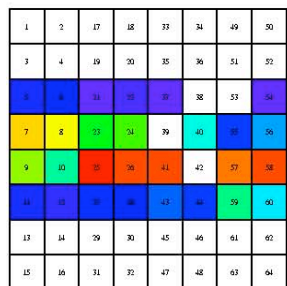


Lpath [m]

- Measured TOP and calculated photon path length Lpath
- Integrate over all slots & pixels

# Cherenkov Angle resolution in the **pixel domain**

*Occupancy for accepted events in one run, 400k triggers, 28k events*

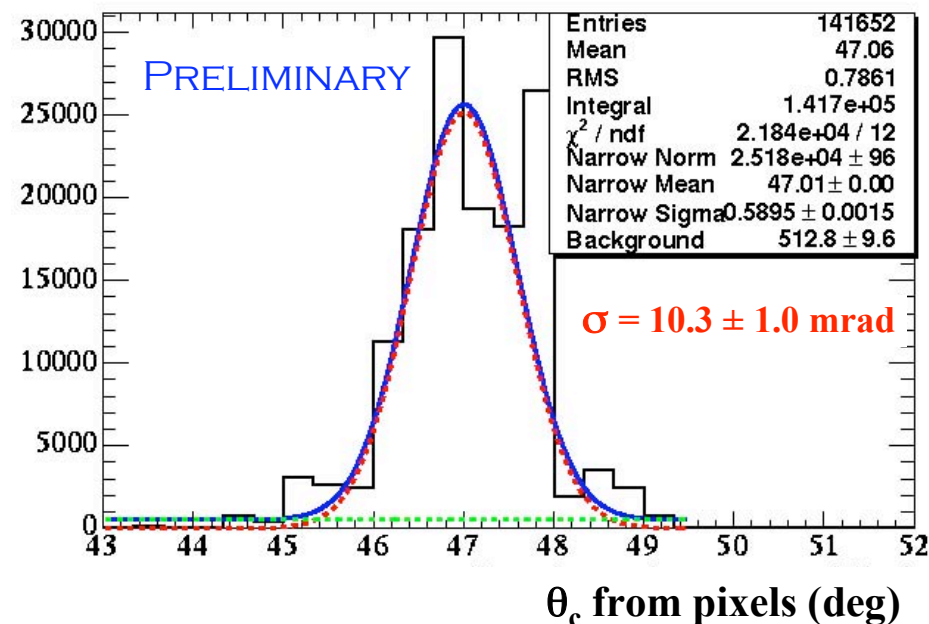


## Cherenkov angle from pixels:

- $\theta_c$  resolution  $\approx 10$ -12mrad
- Assign angles to each pads averaging over the entire pad for  $\lambda = 410$  nm.
- Clear pixelization effect visible; this would go away if we integrate over variable incident angles or use smaller pixel size
- $\theta_c$  resolution should still improve with better alignment & better MC simulation

All slots & pads, both peaks: Chromatic correction off

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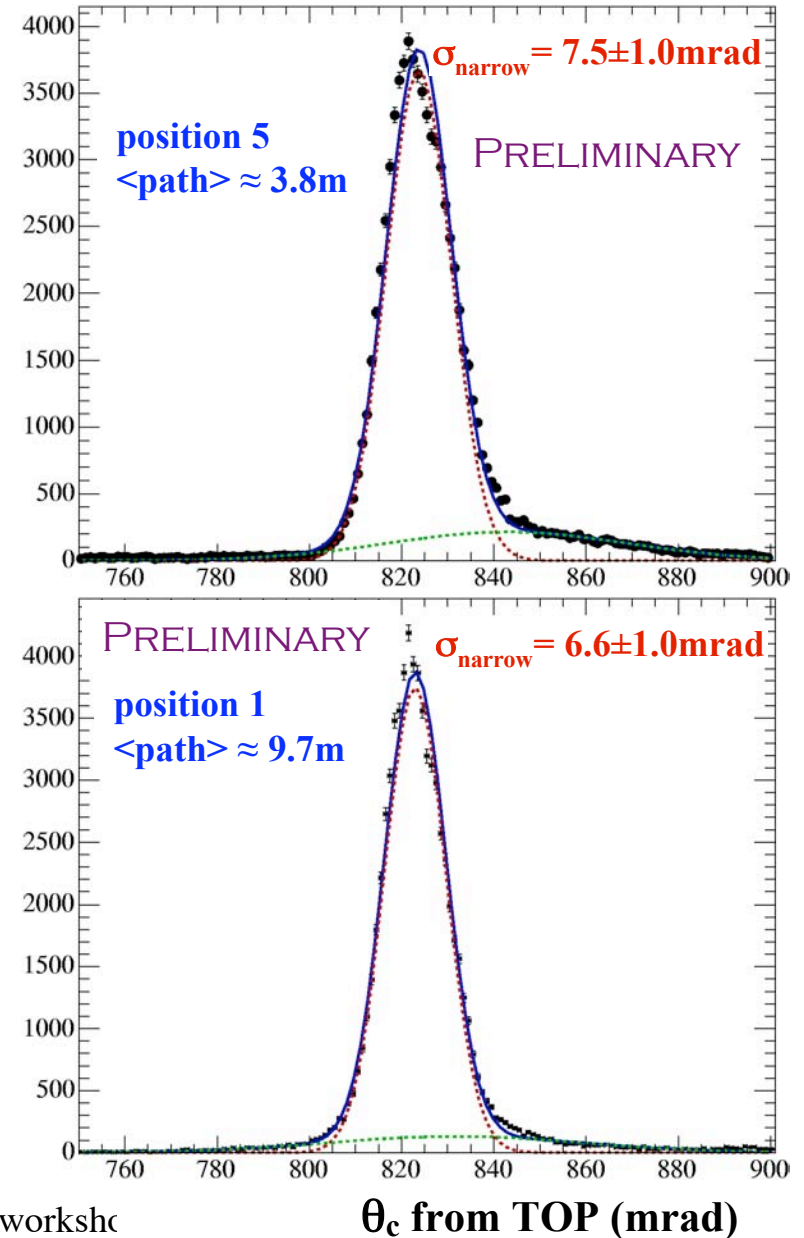


# Cherenkov Angle resolution in the **time domain**

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## Method:

- Use measured **TOP** for each pixel
- Combine with calculated photon path in radiator bar - **Lpath**
- Calculate group index:  
 $n_G(\lambda) = c_0 \cdot \text{TOP} / \text{Lpath}$
- Calculate phase refractive index  $n_F(\lambda)$  from group index  $n_G(\lambda)$
- Calculate photon Cherenkov angle  $\Theta_c$  (assuming  $\beta = 1$ ):  $\theta_c(\lambda) = \cos^{-1}(1/n_F(\lambda))$
- **Resolution of  $\Theta_c$  from TOP is 6-7mrad for photon path length above 3 m.**
- Expected to improve with better calibration.



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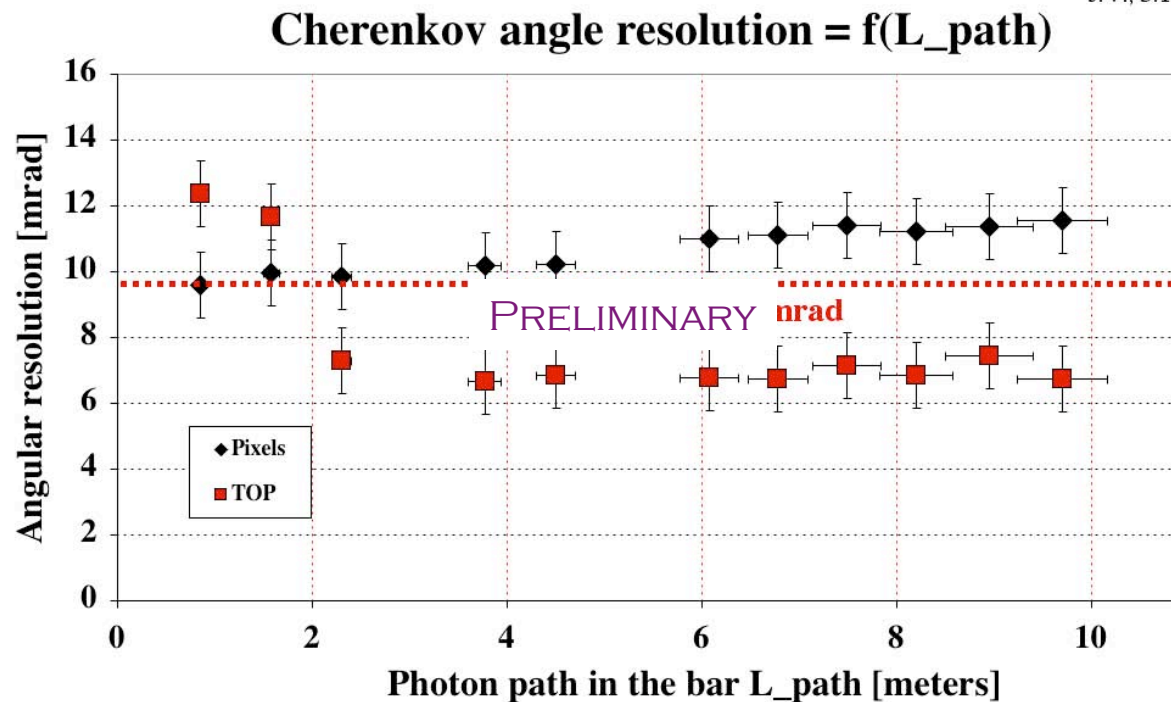
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## Summary of preliminary results:

$\Theta_c$  resolution from pixels is 10-12 mrad.

$\Theta_c$  resolution from time of propagation (TOP) improves rapidly with path length, reaches plateau at  $\sim 7$  mrad after 3-4 meters photon path in bar.

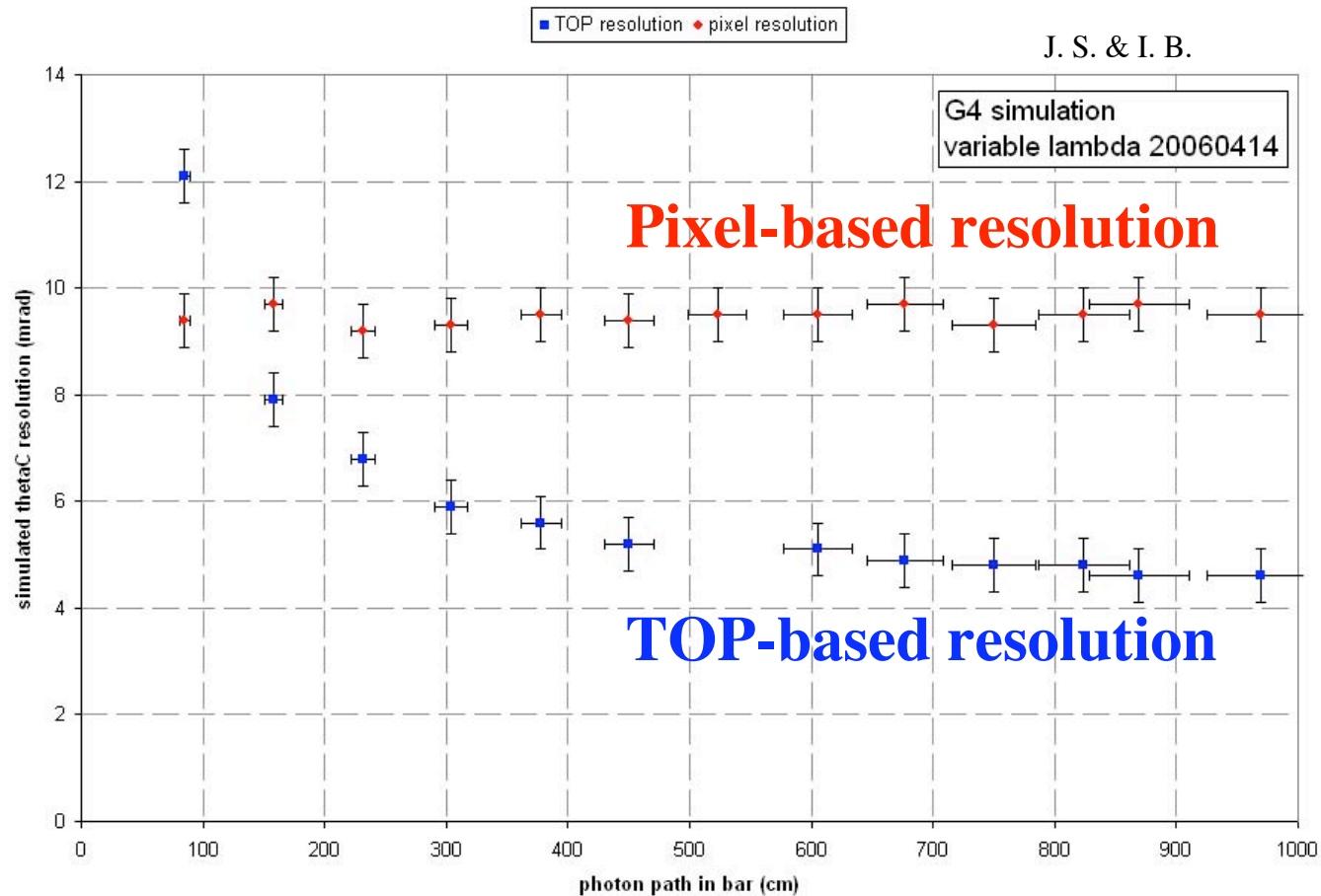
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Comments: a) The present TOP-based analysis assumes  $\beta = 1$ ,

b) In the final analysis we will combine pixels & time into a maximum likelihood analysis.

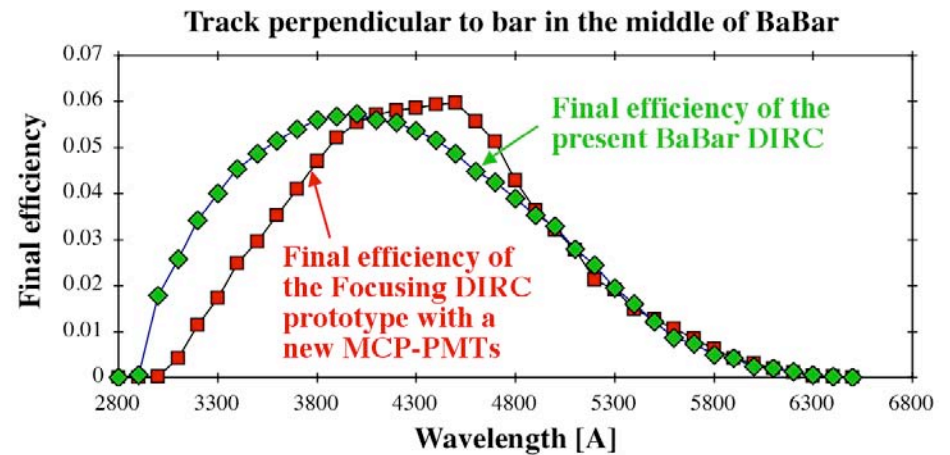
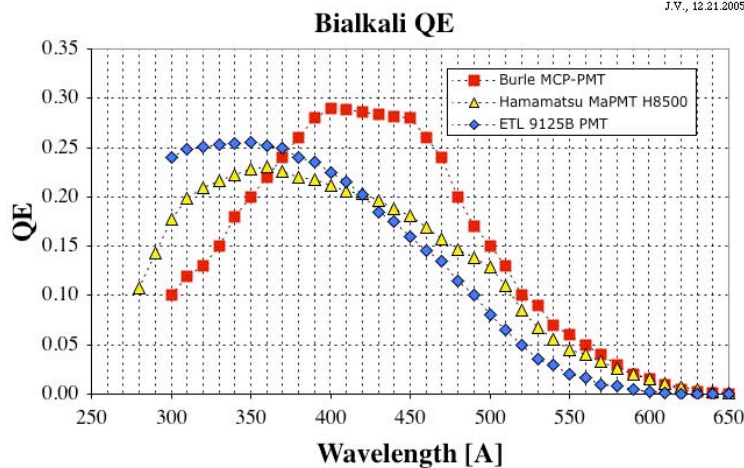
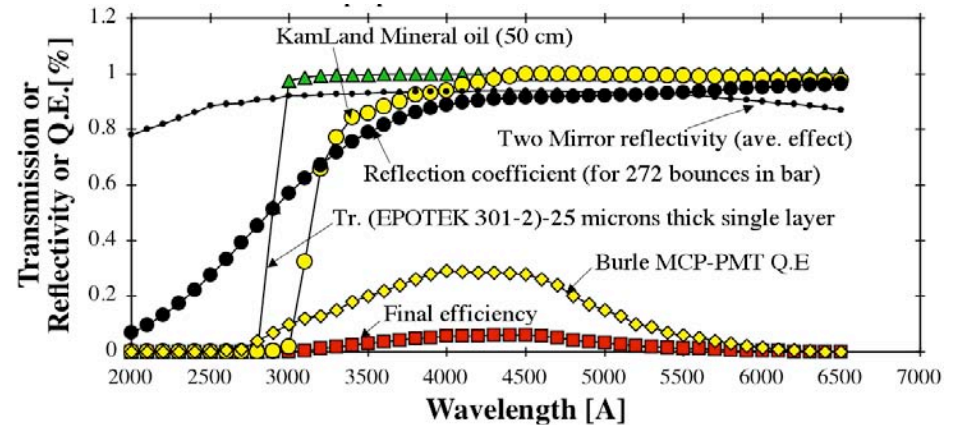
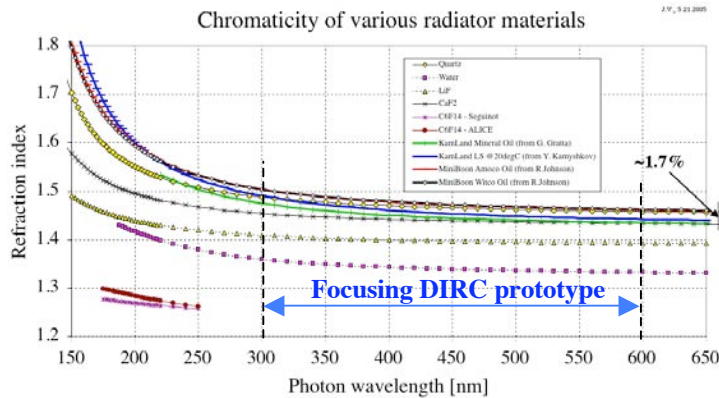
# Geant 4 MC simulation of the prototype



- **Data and MC almost agree; still some work needed for pixel-based data analysis**

# Chromatic behavior of the prototype

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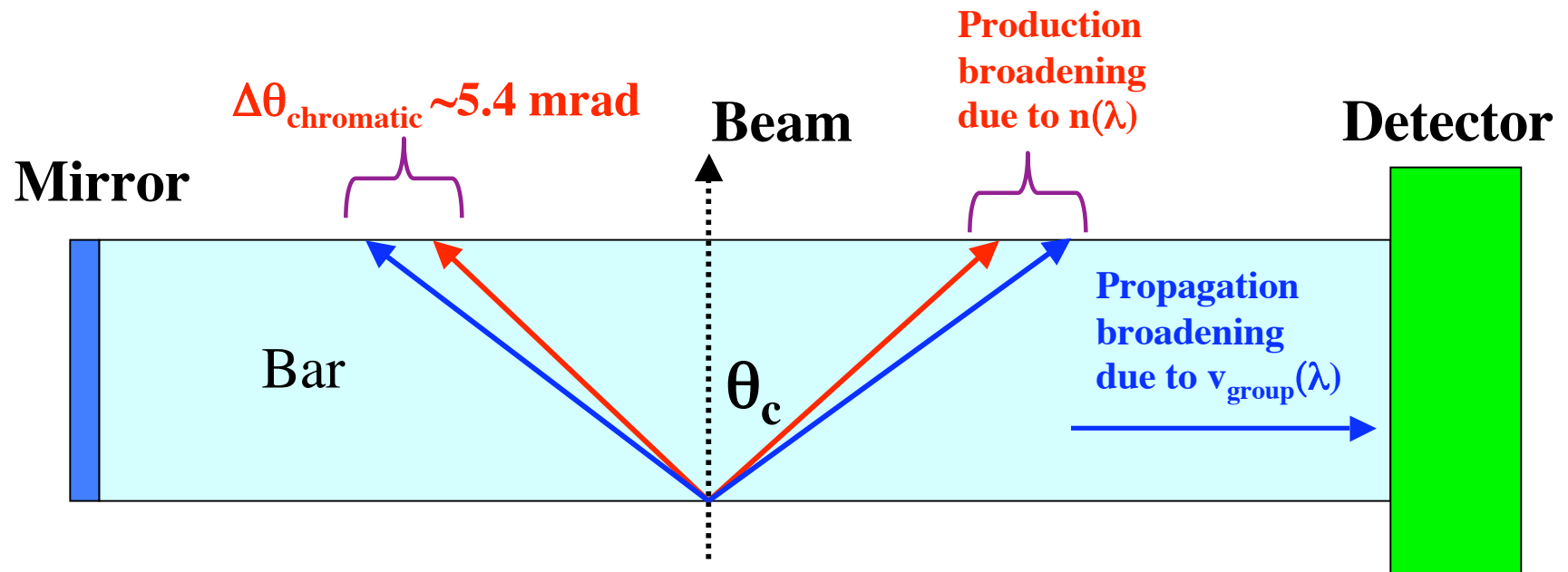
- The prototype has a better response towards the red wavelengths, which reduces the Cherenkov angle chromatic contribution to 3-4 mrad (BaBar DIRC has 5.4mrad).

# Chromatic effects on the Cherenkov light

1) Production part:  $\cos \theta_c = 1 / (n_{\text{phase}} \beta)$ ,  $n_{\text{phase}} = f(\lambda)$

2) Propagation part:  $v_{\text{group}} = c_0 / n_{\text{group}} = c_0 / [n_{\text{phase}} - \lambda * dn_{\text{phase}}/d\lambda]$

$$n_{\text{phase}}(\text{red}) < n_{\text{phase}}(\text{blue}) \Rightarrow v_{\text{group}}(\text{red}) > v_{\text{group}}(\text{blue})$$



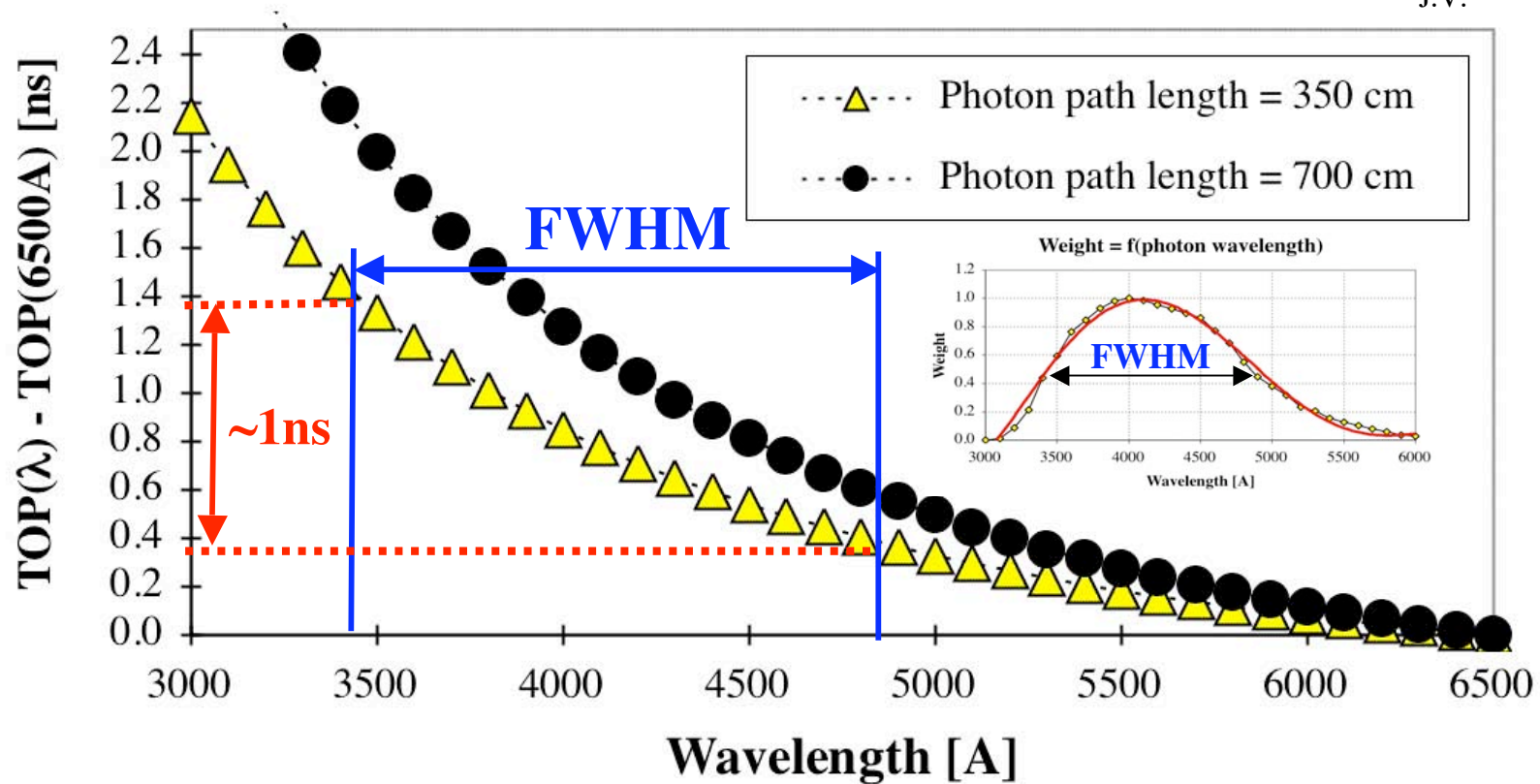
- Two parts of the chromatic effects:

- **Production part** (due to  $n_{\text{phase}} = f(\lambda)$ ) - Red photons “handicapped” by  $\sim 200 \text{ fsec}$  initially.
- **Propagation part** - Red photons go faster than blue photons; color can be tagged by time.



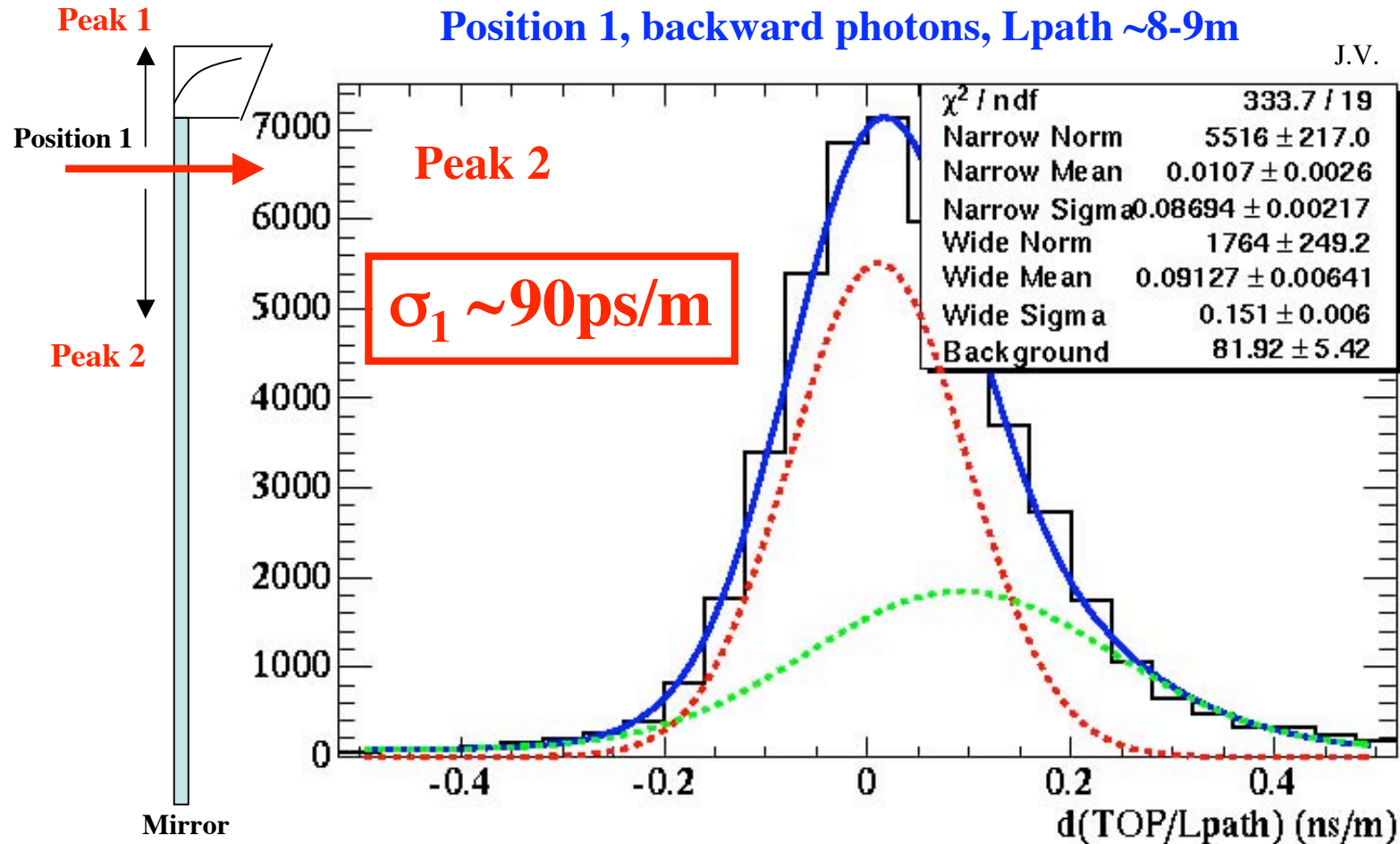
# Expected size of the chromatic effect in time domain

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- $\Theta_{\text{track}} = 90^\circ$  (perpendicular to bar); photons propagate in y-z plane only.
- ~1 ns overall total range typically.
- Need a timing resolution of 150-200ps to parameterize it.

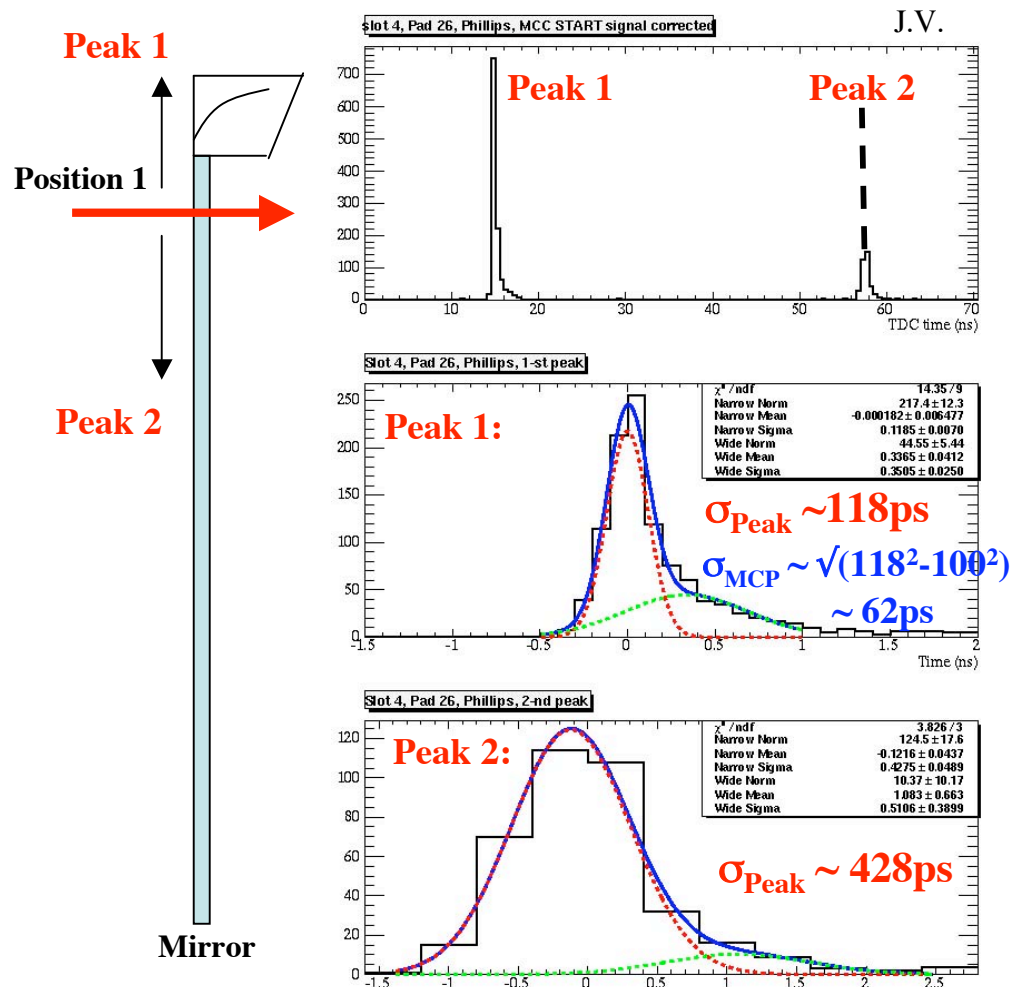
# Time spread growth due to chromaticity



- The width increases at a rate of  $\sigma \sim 90$  ps/meter of photon path length; the growth is “fueled” by different group velocity of various colors.

# Chromatic broadening of a single pixel

Slot 4, single pixel #26,



- Total photon path lengths:

Peak 1:

- Lpath  $\sim 1.25$  m in bar

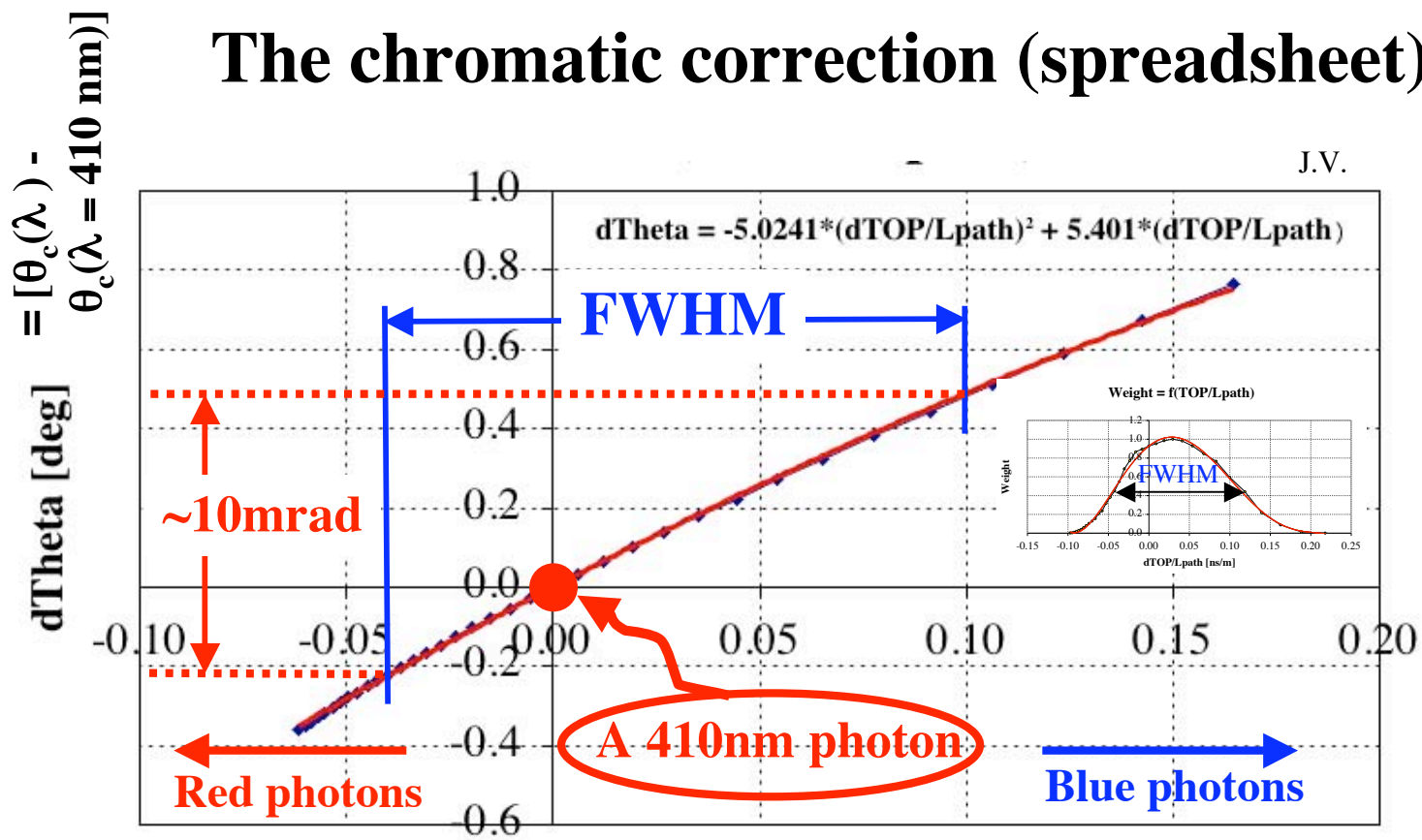
Peak 2:

- Lpath  $\sim 9.70$  m in bar

- When one subtracts the chromatic broadening from peak 1, one gets expected MCP-PMT resolution

$$\Delta\text{TOP} = \text{TOP}_{\text{measured}}(\lambda) - \text{TOP}_{\text{expected}}(\lambda = 410 \text{ nm}) [\text{ns}]$$

# The chromatic correction (spreadsheet)

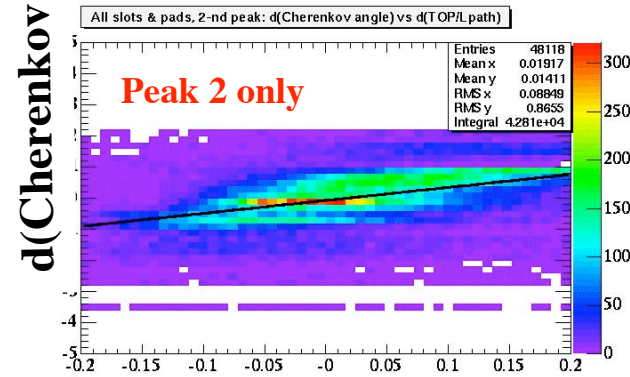
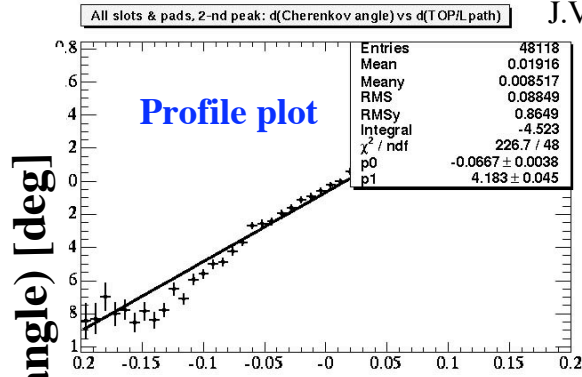
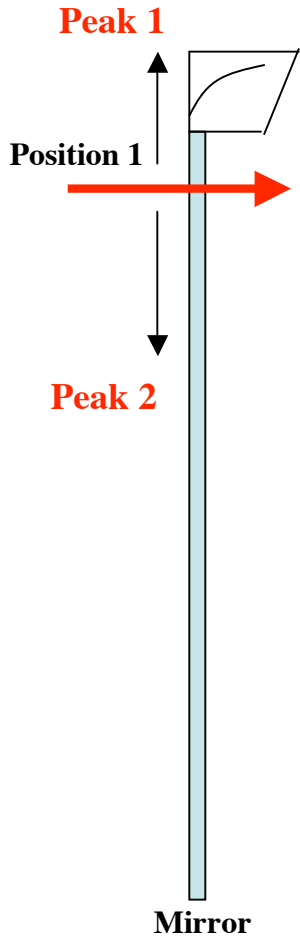


$$d\text{TOP}/L\text{path} [\text{ns}/\text{m}] = [\text{TOP}/L\text{path} (\lambda) - \text{TOP}/L\text{path} (\lambda = 410 \text{ nm})]$$

- An average photon with a color of  $\lambda \sim 410 \text{ nm}$  arrives at “0 ns offset” in  $d\text{TOP}/L\text{path}$  space. A photon of different color, arrives either early or late.
- The overall expected effect is small, only FWHM  $\sim 10 \text{ mrad}$ , or  $\sigma \sim 4 \text{ mrad}$ .

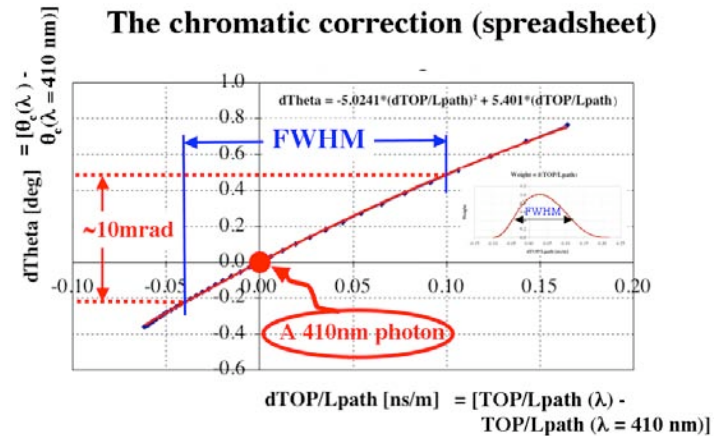
# Do we see this effect in the data ?

## Data (position 1, peak 2):



$$d(\text{TOP/Lpath}) [\text{ns/m}] = [\text{TOP/Lpath} (\lambda) - \text{TOP/Lpath} (\lambda = 410 \text{ nm})]$$

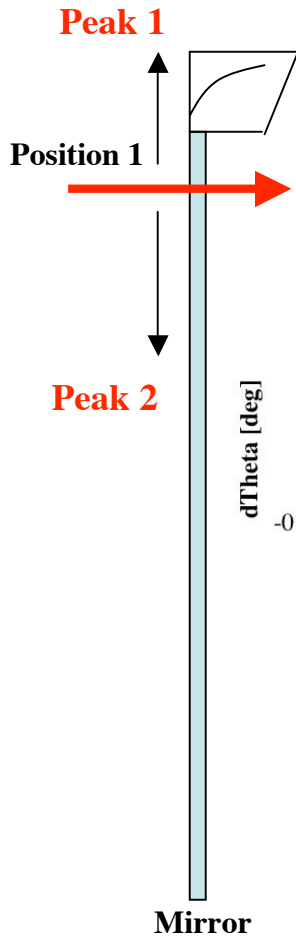
## Spreadsheet calculation:



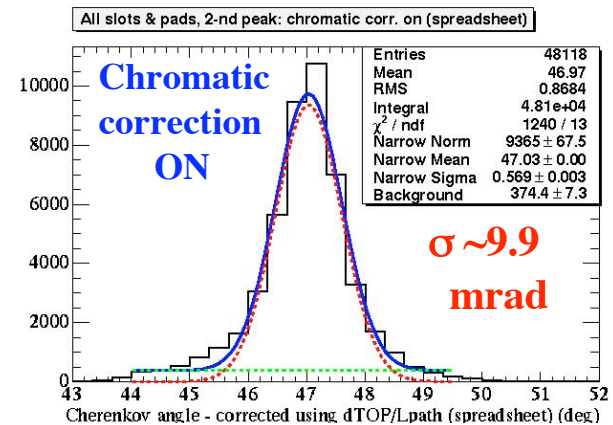
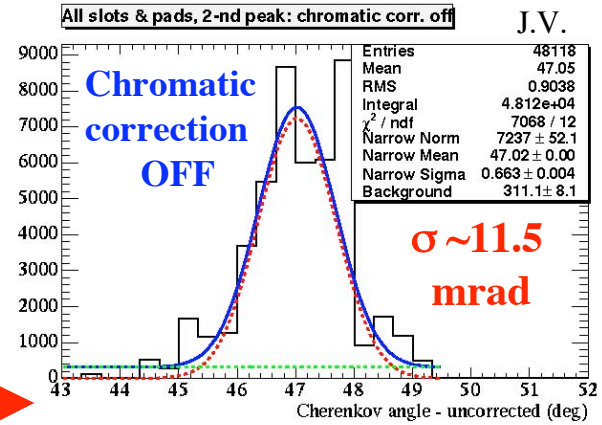
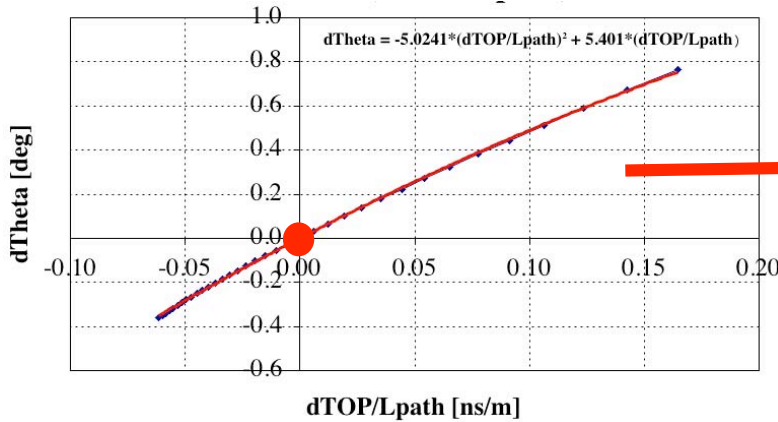
- One can see expected size in the data, approximately.

# Method #1: Spreadsheet calculation of $d\theta_c$ vs $d(TOP/Lpath)$ .

All slots, all pads, position 1, Peak 2 only:



Spreadsheet:

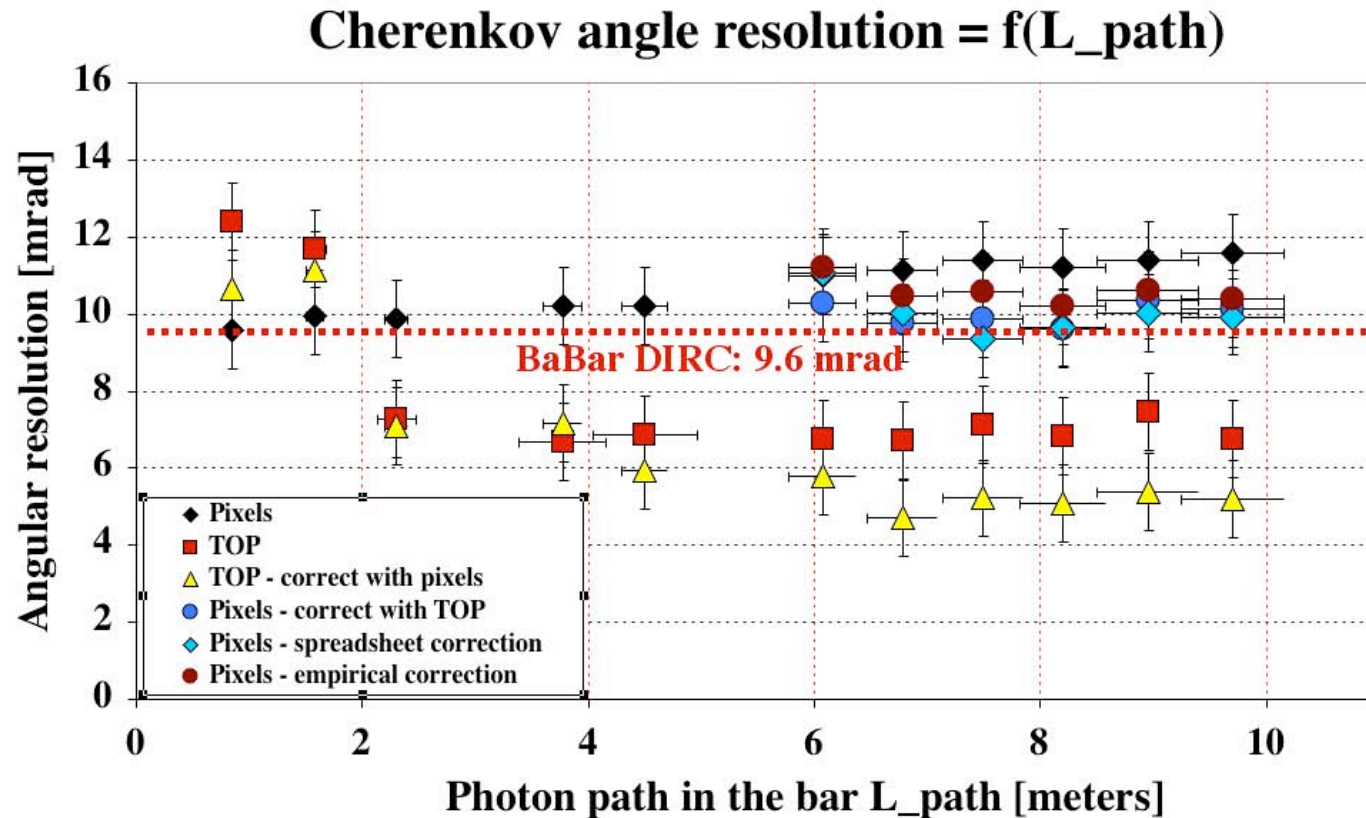


Cher. Angle (pixel) [deg]

- An improvement of  $\sim 1.5$  mrad.

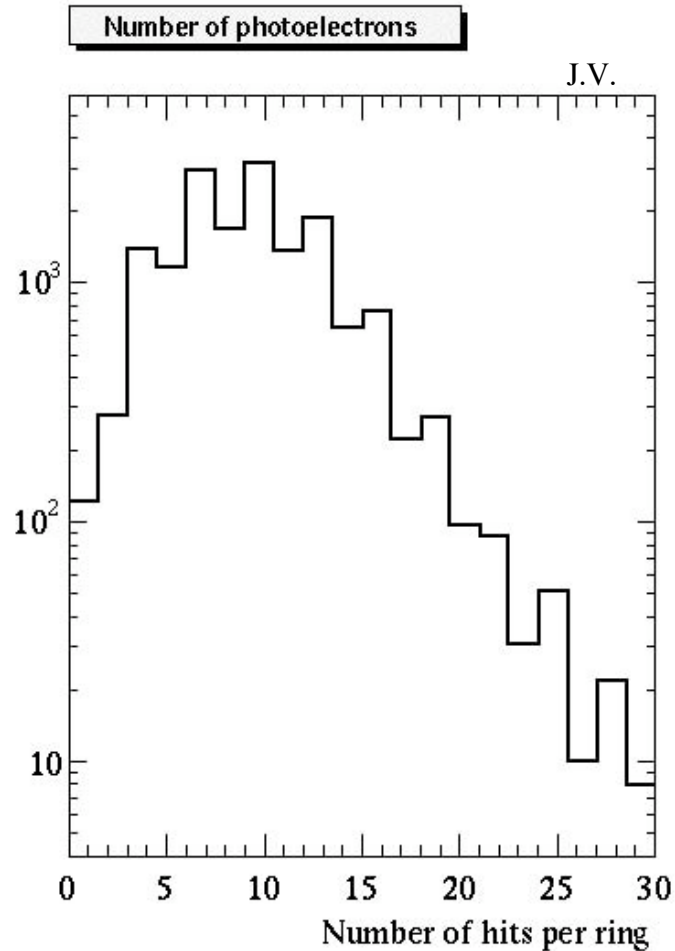
# Status of chromatic corrections - preliminary

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- A slight improvement of  $\sim 1-2$  mrad for long Lpath.
- Apply the chromatic correction to longer photon paths only

# How many photoelectrons per ring ?



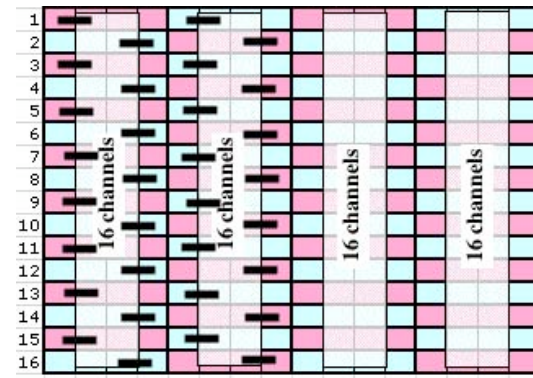
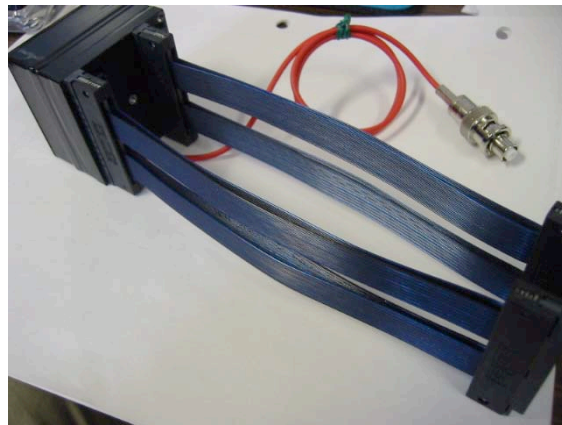
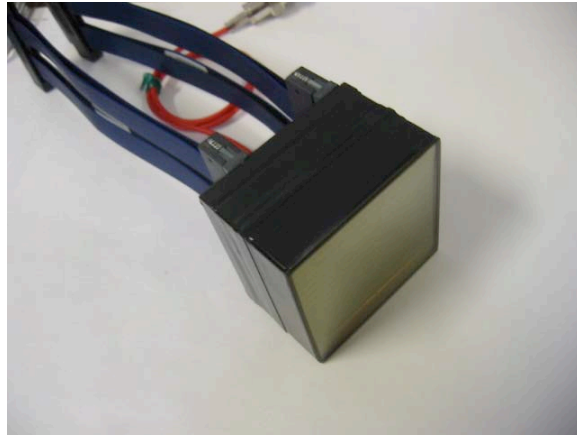
- $\langle N_{pe} \rangle \sim 8-10$  for  $90^\circ$  inc. angle
- With a hermetic configuration and other Burle improvements in the MCP-PMT design, we could achieve a factor of 1.5-2 improvement, perhaps.
- BaBar DIRC has  $N_{pe} \sim 20$  at a track incident angle of  $90^\circ$



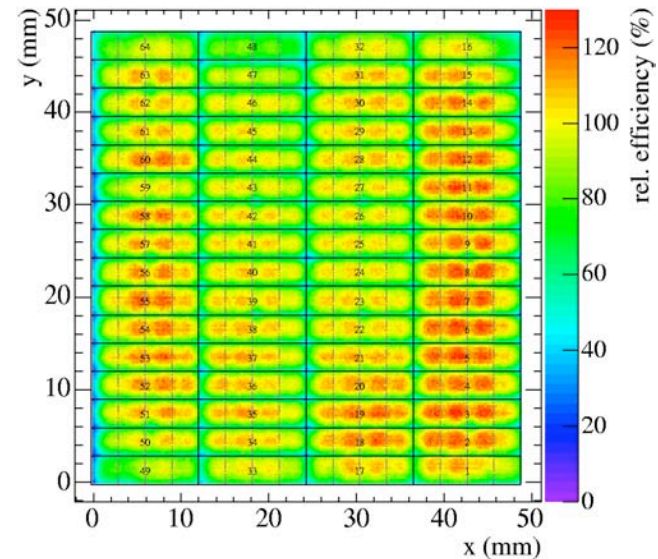
# **Upgrades for the next run in July**

# New 256-pixel Hamamatsu MaPMT H-9500

We made a small adaptor board to connect pads in the following way:

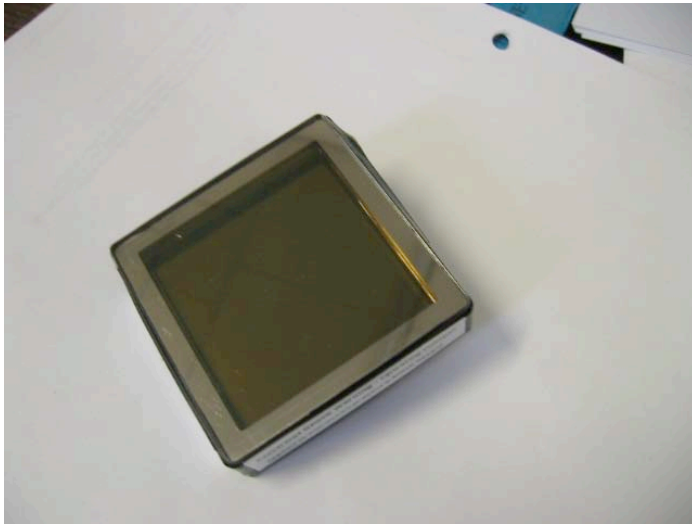


2D scan:

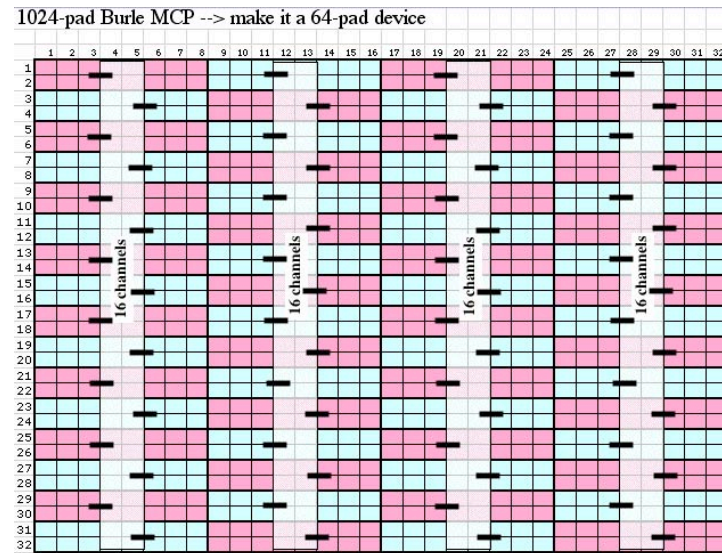


- 256 pixels (16 x 16 pattern).
- Pixel size: 2.8 mmx2.8 mm; pitch 3.04 mm
- 12 stage MaPMT, gain  $\sim 10^6$ , bialkali QE.
- Typical timing resolution  $\sigma \sim 220$  ps.
- Charge sharing important
- **Large rectangular pad: 1x4 little ones**
- **This tube was now installed to slot 3**

# “Open area” 1024-pixel Burle MCP 85021-600



**Burle will connect pads as follows:**



- **Large rectangular pad: 2x8 little ones**
- **Small margin around boundary**
- **Nominally 1024 pixels (32 x 32 pattern)**
- **Pixel size: ~1.4mm x 1.4mm**
- **Pitch: 1.6 mm**
- **This tube will be in slot 4 in next run**

**A future if Super B-factory exists**

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## Single-photon timing resolution

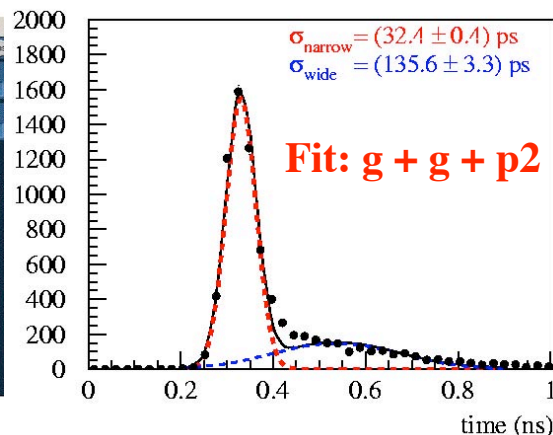
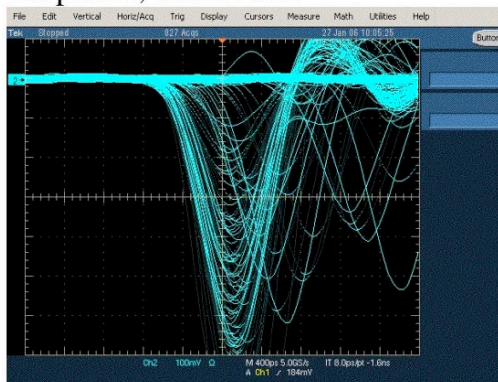


- Burle MCP-PMT 85012-501 (open area)
- **10  $\mu\text{m}$  MCP hole diameter**
- **64 pixel devices, pad size: 6 mm x 6 mm.**
- Small margin around the boundary
- Use Phillips CFD discriminator
- **All tests performed with PiLas red laser diode operating in single photoelectron mode by adding filters.**

### Hamamatsu C5594-44

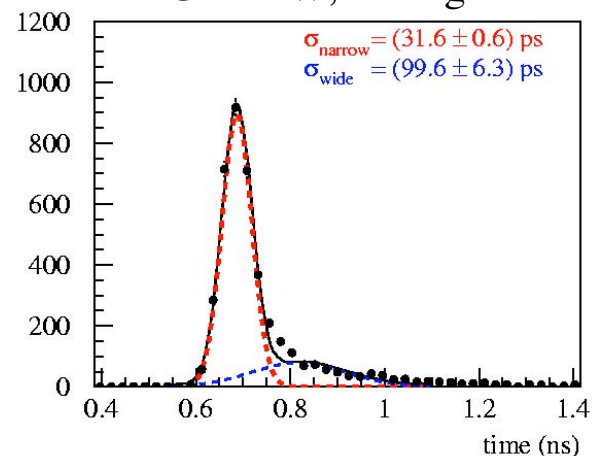
1.5 GHz BW, 63x gain

400ps/div, 100mV/div



### Ortec VT120A with a 6dB att.

~0.4 GHz BW, 200x gain



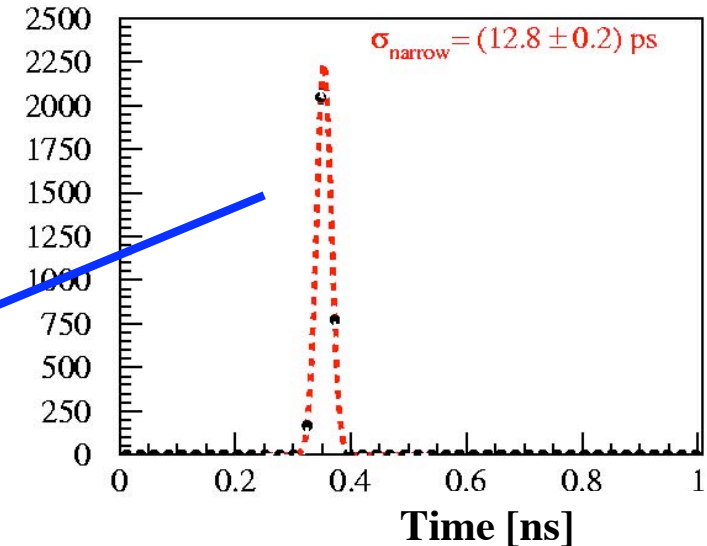
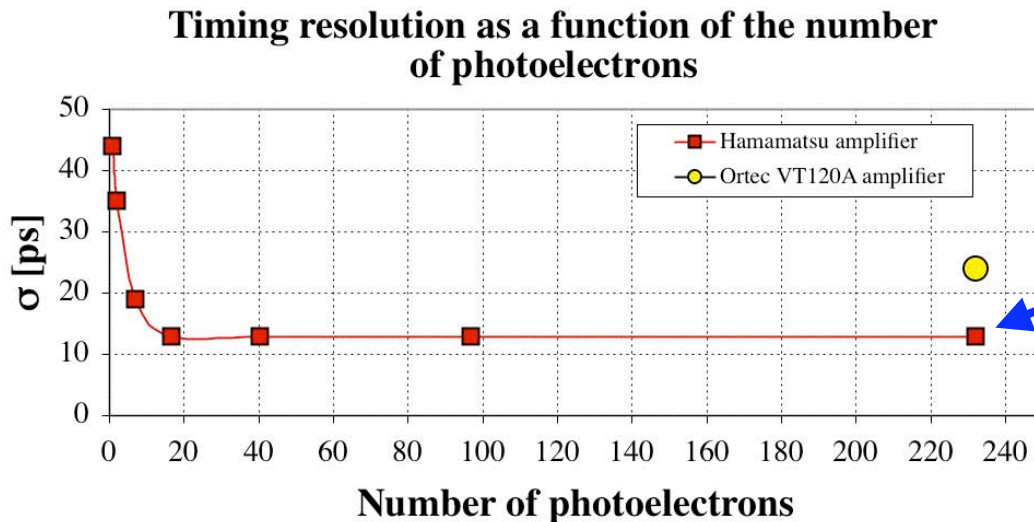
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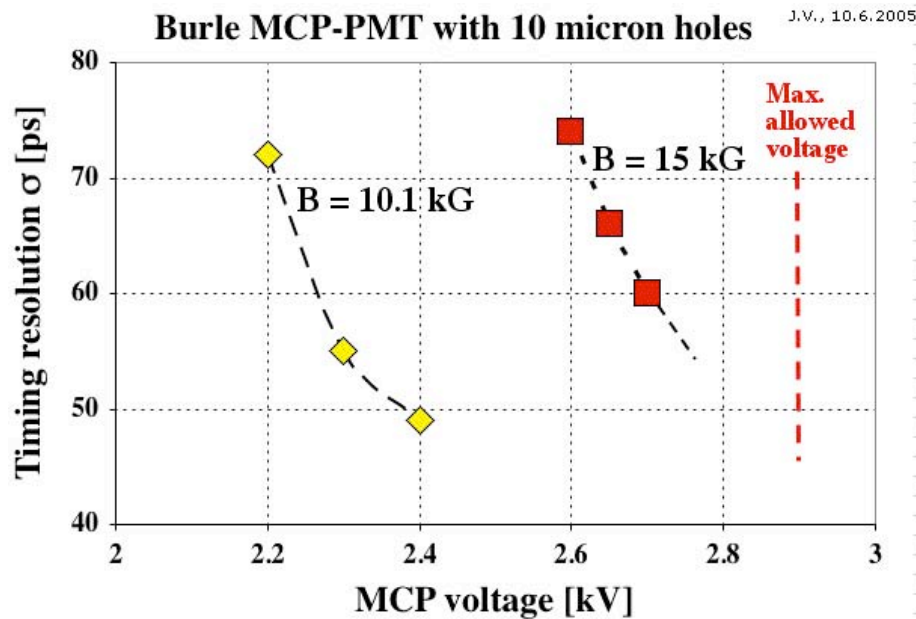
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# Timing resolution = $f(N_{\text{photoelectrons}})$



- Achieved  $\sigma \sim 12 \text{ ps}$  for  $N_{\text{pe}} > 20$  with the **Hamamatsu C5594-44 amplifier**, while the amplifier is operating in a saturated mode. **Very similar results achieved with Ortec 9306 amp**. Did not investigate the linear mode yet (att. before amplifier). Can use the saturated mode only if  $N_{\text{pe}}$  is constant.
- However, with a slower VT120A, get worse result:  $\sigma \sim 23 \text{ ps}$  for  $N_{\text{pe}} > 20$
- Resolution is  $\sigma_t \sim \sigma_A / (ds_o/dt)_{t=0}$ , where  $\sigma_A$  is the noise, and  $(ds_o/dt)_{t=0}$  is the slope at the zero-crossing point of CFD
- In the “10ps timing resolution domain,” the amplifier speed is crucial.

## Timing results at B = 15 kG



- **Single photoelectrons**
- **10 $\mu$ m hole 4-pad MCP-PMT**
- **Ortec VT-120A amp**
  
- **It is possible to reach a resolution of  $\sigma \sim 50$ ps at 15kG.**

# Conclusions

- **New R&D on the Focusing DIRC shows promising results.**
- **I believe, the final results will be better than I presented.**
- **We have a new photon detector solution working at 15kG yielding a very impressive timing resolution.**
  
- **More running in July:**
  - rectangular pixel geometry to minimize the pixilization effects
  - add more pixels
  
- **More running next year:**
  - push QE to red wavelengths via multi-alkali photocathodes.
  - test new electronics schemes (TDC & ADC vs. CFD &TDC)



Backup slides

# Various approaches to imaging methods

## BaBar DIRC: $x$ & $y$ & TOP

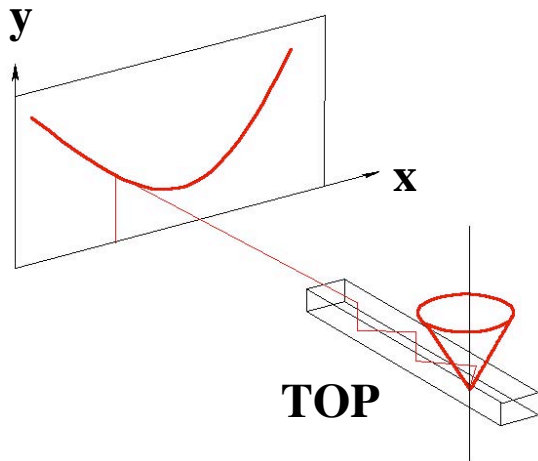
- $x$  &  $y$  is used to determine the Cherenkov angle
- TOP is used to reduce background only

## Focusing DIRC prototype: $x$ & $y$ & TOP

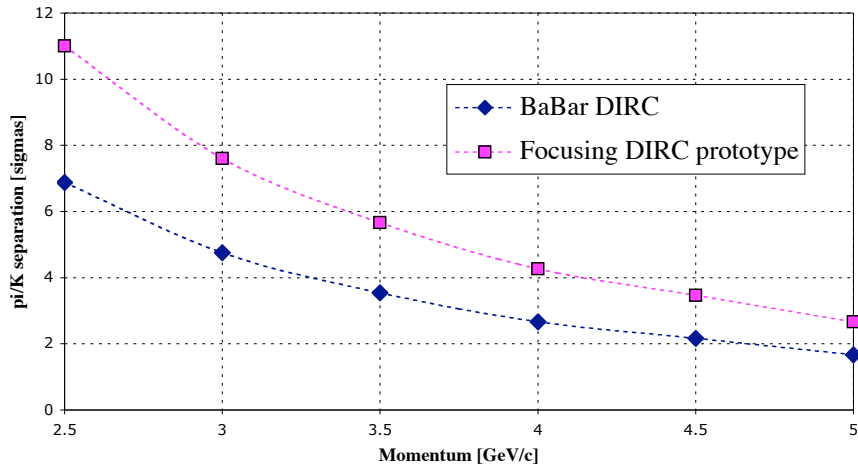
- $x$  &  $y$  is used as in BaBar DIRC
- TOP can be used to determine the Cherenkov angle for longer photon paths (gives a better result)
- Requires large number of pixels

## TOP counter: $x$ & TOP

- $x$  & TOP is used to determine the Cherenkov angle
- TOP could be used for an ordinary TOF
- In principle, more simple, however, one must prove that it will work in a high background environment



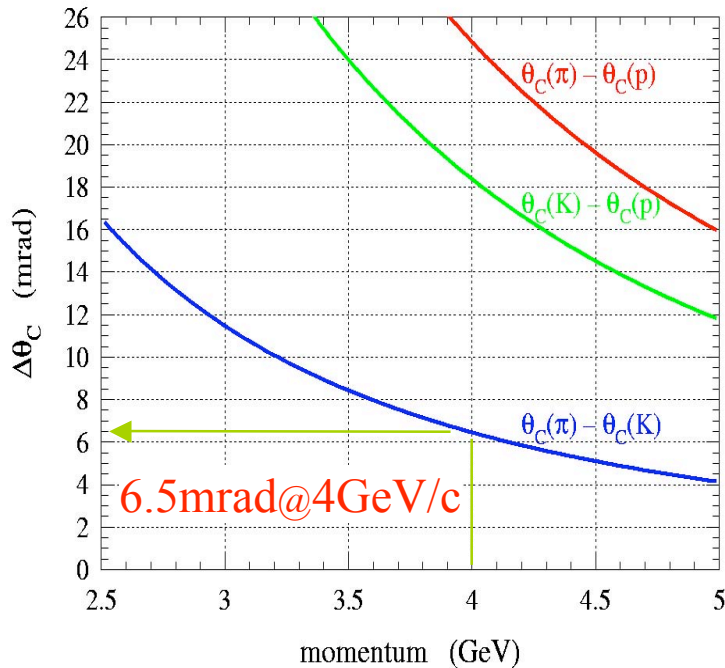
# Expected performance of the prototype



- **Present BaBar DIRC:**
  - **2.7 $\sigma$   $\pi$ /K separation at 4GeV/c**
- **Focusing DIRC prototype:**
  - **2.7 $\sigma$   $\pi$ /K separation at 5GeV/c**
- **Focusing DIRC assumptions:**
  - optics to remove the bar thickness
  - similar efficiency as BaBar DIRC
  - improvements in the tracking accuracy
  - x&y pixels are used for Lpath <3-4 m.
  - TOP is used for Lpath > 3-4m.
  - The chromatic error is not improved by timing -1-2mrads effect.
  - Change a pixel size from the present 6 x 6 mm to 3 x 12 mm

# Present BaBar DIRC : Error in $\theta_c$

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- **Per photon:**

- $\Delta\theta_{\text{track}} \sim 1$  mrad
- $\Delta\theta_{\text{chromatic}} \sim 5.4$  mrad
- $\Delta\theta_{\text{transport along the bar}} \sim 2-3$  mrad
- $\Delta\theta_{\text{bar thickness}} \sim 4.1$  mrad
- $\Delta\theta_{\text{PMT pixel size}} \sim 5.5$  mrad

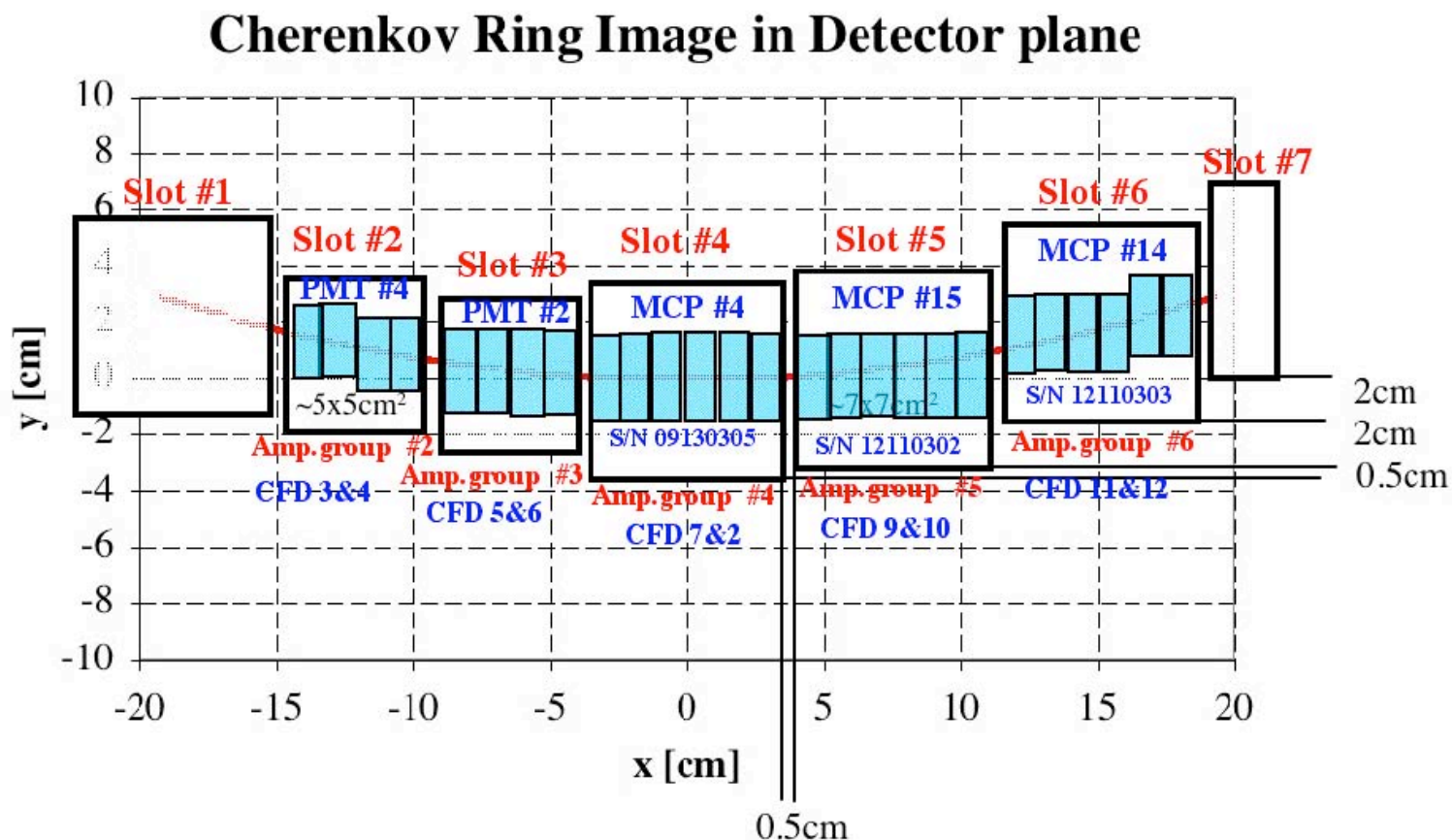
- **Total:  $\Delta\theta_c^{\text{photon}} \sim 9.6$  mrad**

- **Per track ( $N_{\text{photon}} \sim 20-60/\text{track}$ ):**

$$\Delta\theta_c^{\text{track}} = \Delta\theta_c^{\text{photon}} / \sqrt{N_{\text{photon}}} \otimes \Delta\theta_{\text{track}}$$

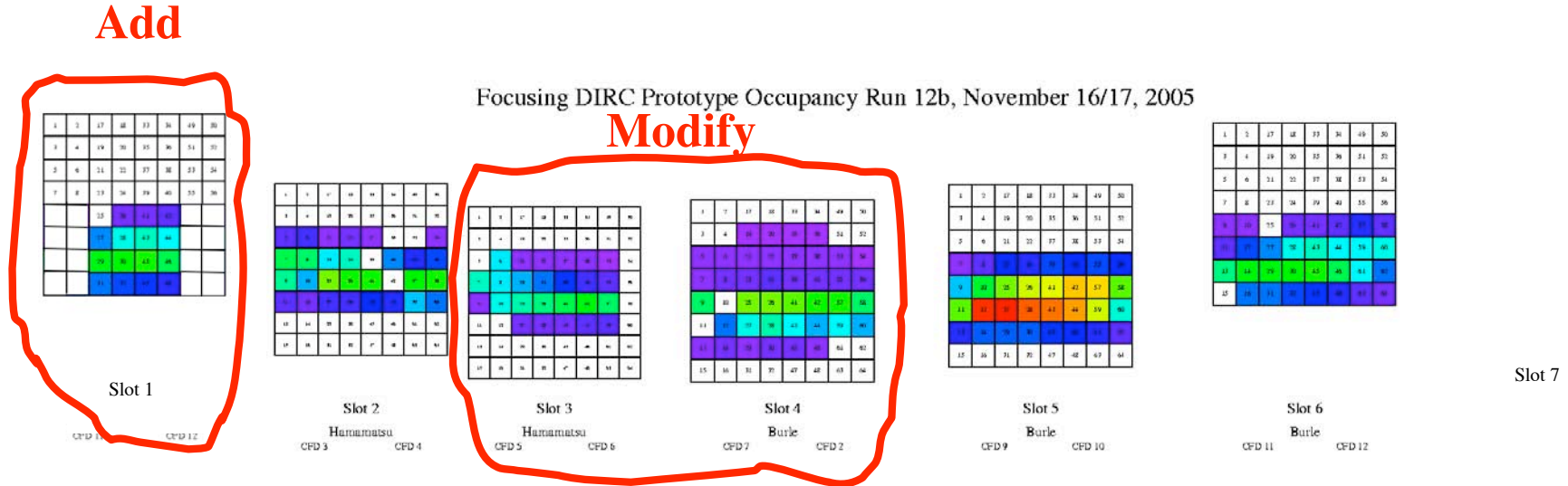
**$\sim 2.4$  mrad on average**

# Distribution of detectors on the prototype



- 3 Burle MCP-PMT and 2 Hamamatsu MaPMT detectors (~320 pixels active).
- Only pads around the Cherenkov ring are instrumented (~200 channels).

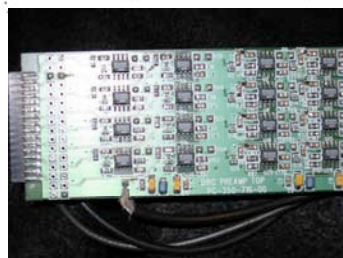
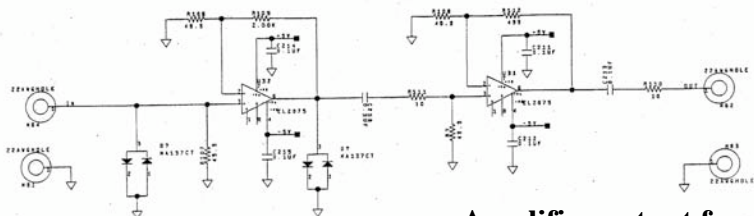
# Modifications for the next run in July



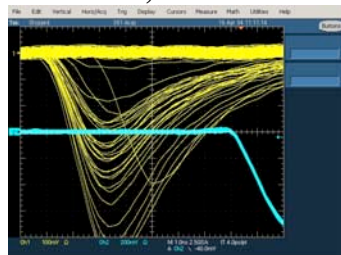
- **Add 32 new channels in slot 1**
- **Slot 1 will have Burle MCP-PMT with 6 mm x 6 mm pads**
- **Slot 3 will have a new Hamamatsu MaPMT with rectangular pads**
- **Slot 4 will have a new Burle MCP-PMT with rectangular pads**
- **Better TDC calibration over larger TDC range**
- **Some improvements in timing of Hamamatsu MaPMTs**

# Focusing DIRC electronics

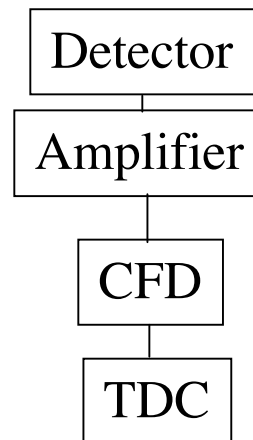
## SLAC Amplifier:



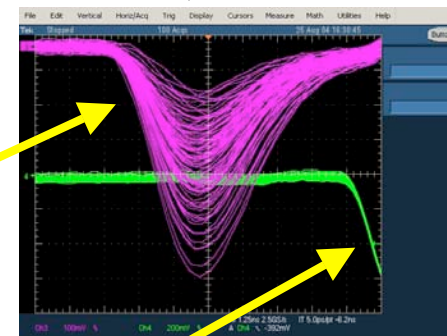
Amplifier output from MCP-PMT (trigger on PiLas), 100mV/div, 1ns/div



## Overall chain:

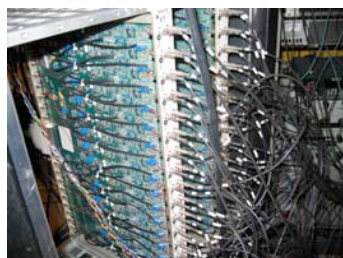
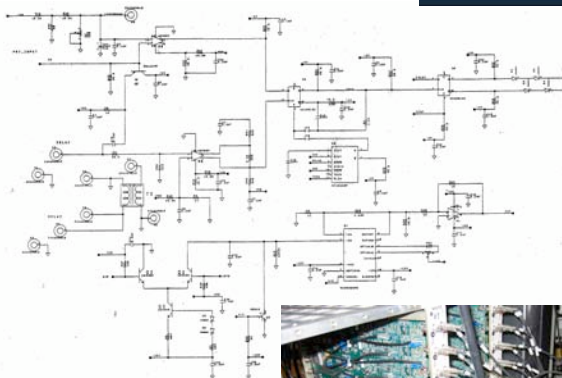


Amplifier outputs from MCP-PMT (trigger scope on CFD analog output), 100mV/div, 1ns/div



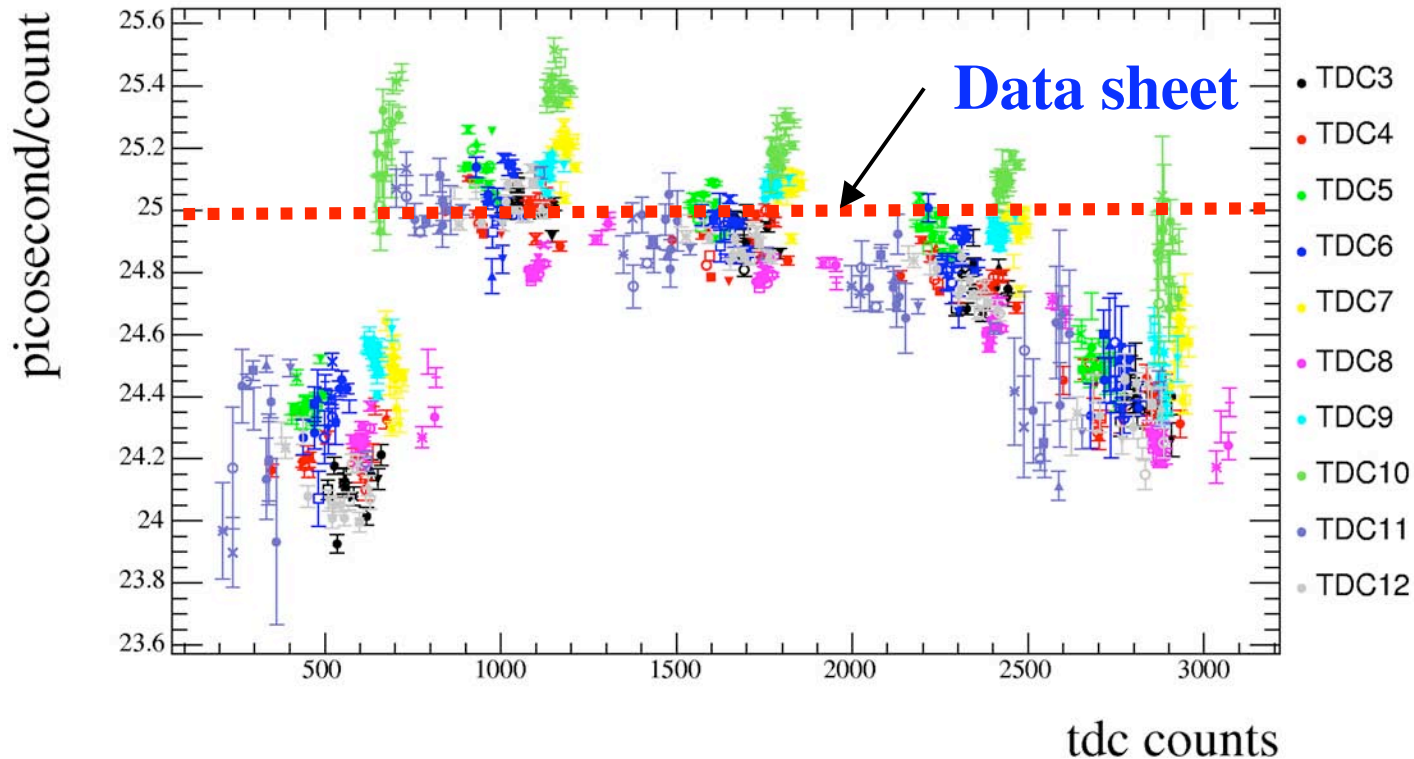
CFD analog pulse out

## SLAC CFD & TAC:



- Signals from Burle MCP-PMT #16, P/N 85011-430. PiLas laser diode is used as a light source, and as a TDC start/stop.
- Amplifier is based on two Elantek 2075EL chips with the overall voltage gain:  $\sim 130x$ , and a rise time of  $\sim 1.5ns$ .
- Constant-fraction-discriminator (CFD) analog output is available for each channel (32 channels/board), and can be used with any TDC for testing purposes (proved to be the essential feature for our R&D effort).
- Phillips TDC 7186, 25ps/count.

# Phillips TDC calibration

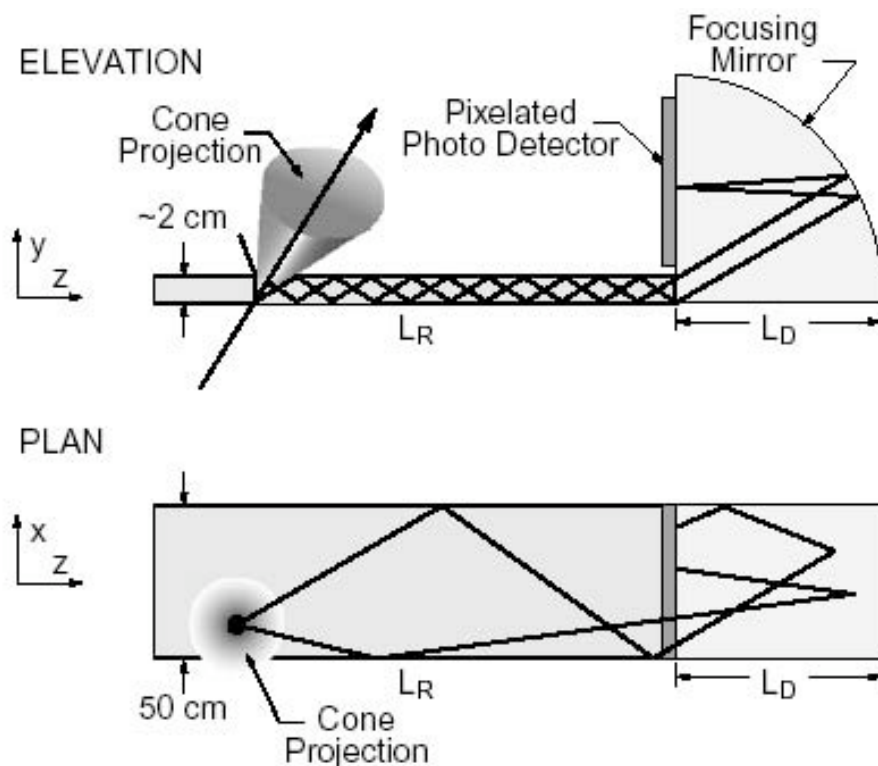


- **Is it stable in time ? How often we have to measure this ?**
- The differential linearity measured with the calibrated cables. May have to automatize process with a precision digital delay generator if we get convinced.



# Focusing DIRC detector - “ultimate” design

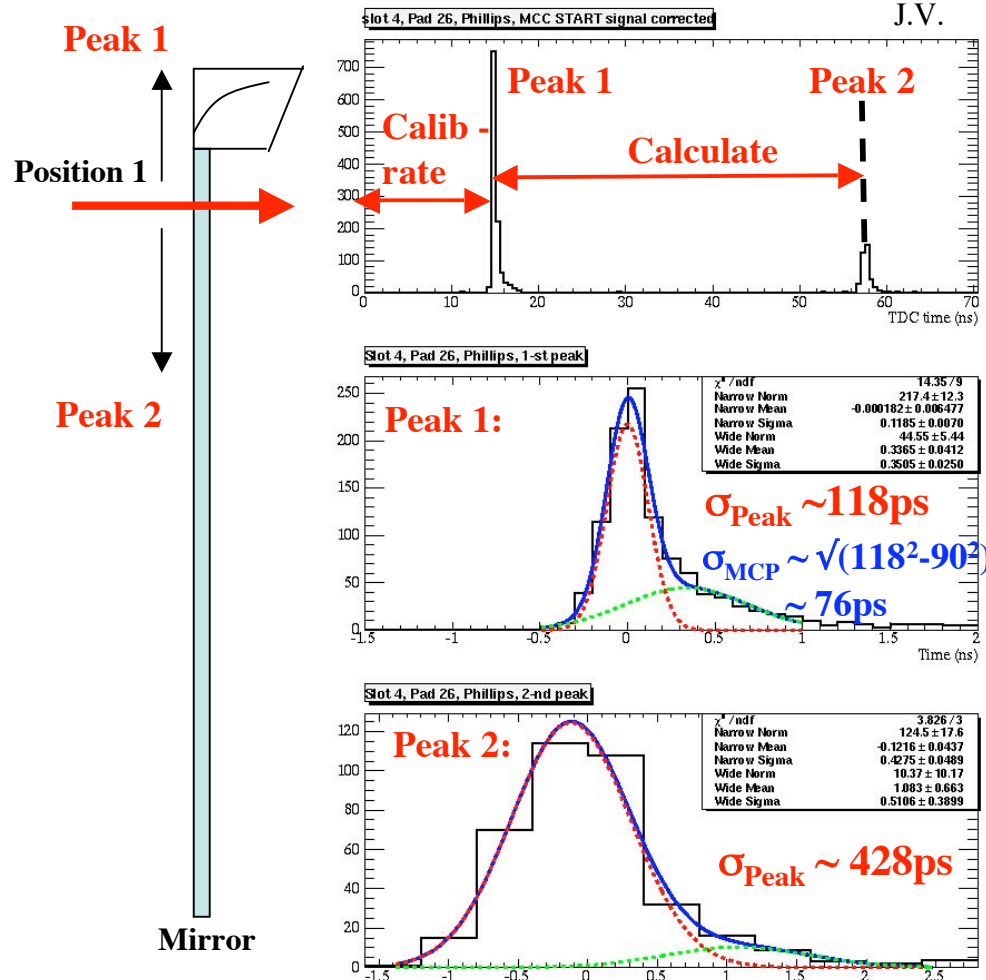
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- **Goal: 3D imaging using x,y and TOP, and wide bars.**
- **The detector is located in the magnetic field of 15 kG.**

# Chromatic broadening on the level of one pixel

Cherenkov photons: Slot 4, single pixel #26,



- The largest chromatic effect is in the position 1
- Peak 1: ~81cm photon path length
- Peak 2: ~930cm photon path length
- Measure time-of-propagation (TOP)
- Calculate expected TOP using average  $\lambda = 410\text{nm}$ .
- Plot  $\Delta\text{TOP} = \text{TOP}_{\text{measured}} - \text{TOP}_{\text{expected}}$
- Many corrections needed:
  - MCP cross-talk
  - thermal time drifts
  - cable offsets (PiLas)
  - TDC calibration(PiLas)
  - geometry tweaks
- Observe a clear chromatic broadening of the Peak 2 photons.

$$\Delta\text{TOP} = \text{TOP}_{\text{measured}}(\lambda) - \text{TOP}_{\text{expected}}(\lambda = 410 \text{ nm}) [\text{ns}]$$