

Challenges to design compact gaseous RICH with π/K PID at 50 GeV/c

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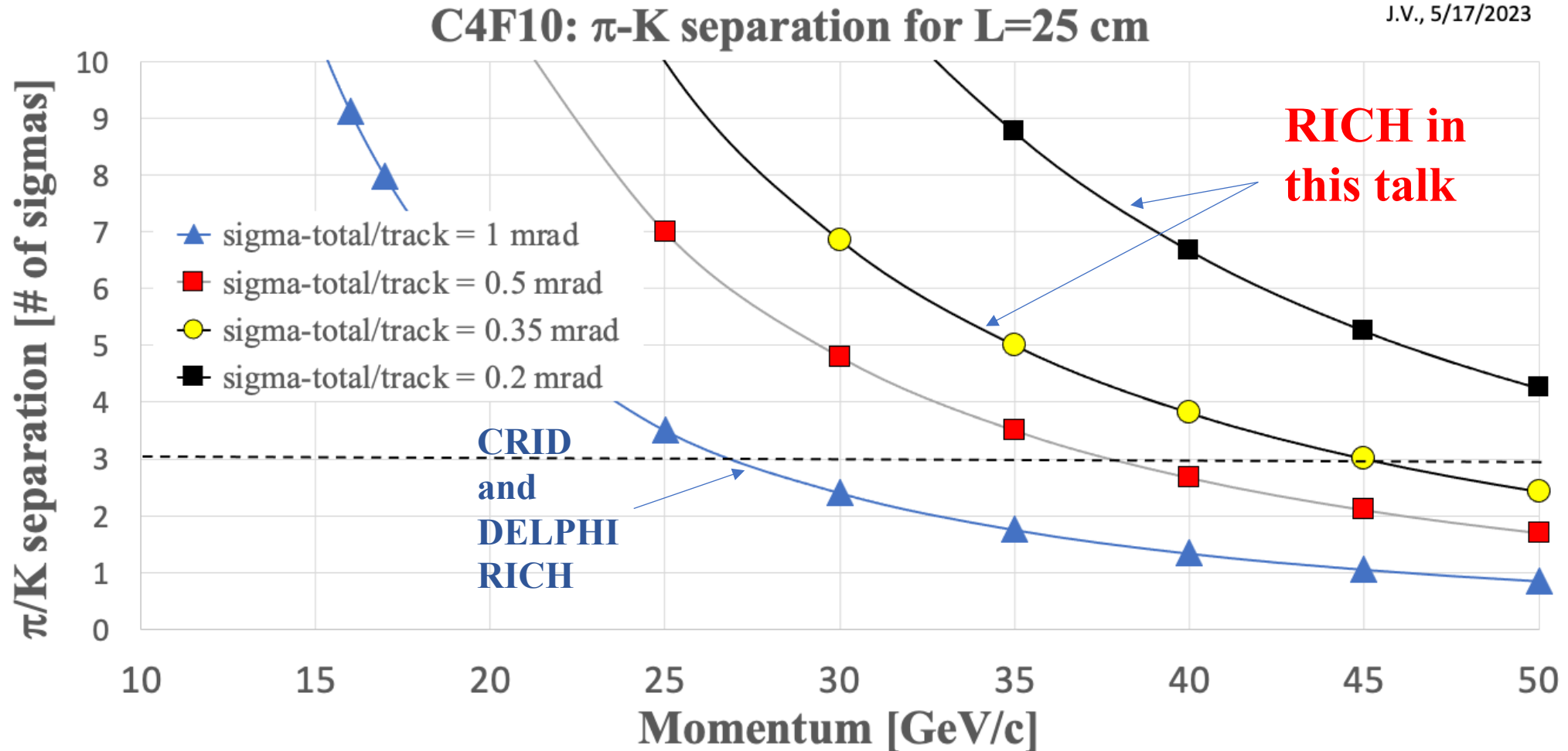
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Motivation for this work can be found in:

A. Albert, M.J. Bass, S.K. Bright-Thonney, V.M. M. Cairo, Ch. Damerell, D. Egan-Ugrinovic, U. Einhaus, U. Heintz, S. Homiller, S. Kawada, J. Luoh, C. Mantel, P. Meade, J. Monroy, M. Narain, R. S. Orr, J. Reichert, A. Ryd, J. Strube, Dong Su, A. G. Schwartzman, T. Tanabe, J. Tian, E. Usai, J. Va'vra, C. Vernieri, C. C. Young, and R. Zou, ArXiv:2203.07535v2 [hep-ex] 14 Mar 2022 (note: there will be a version v3 soon describing recent RICH updates).

Can we achieve π/K PID at 50 GeV/c ?

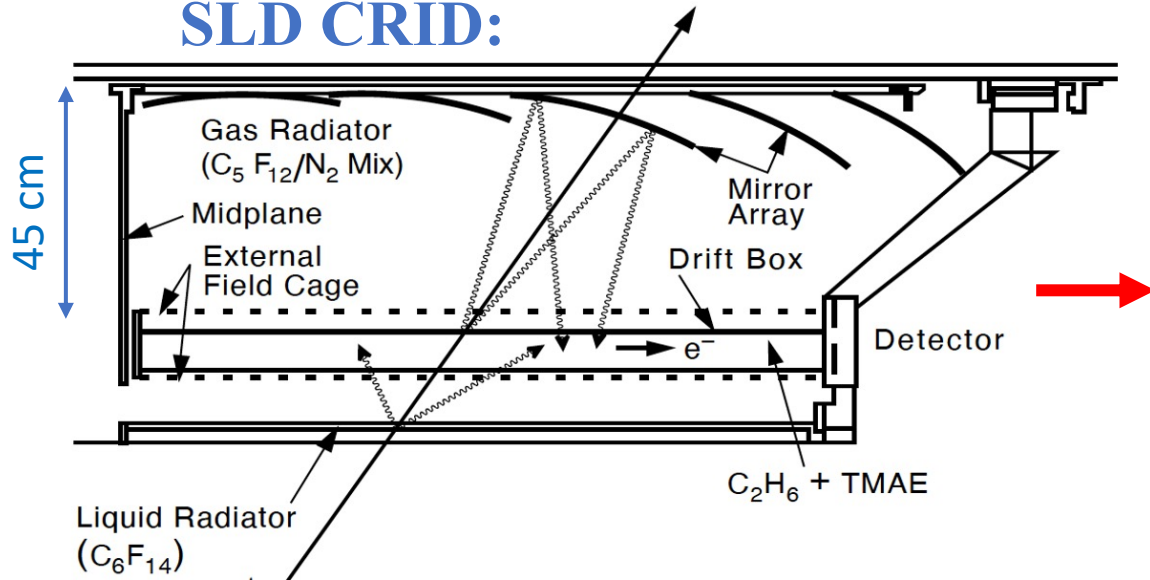
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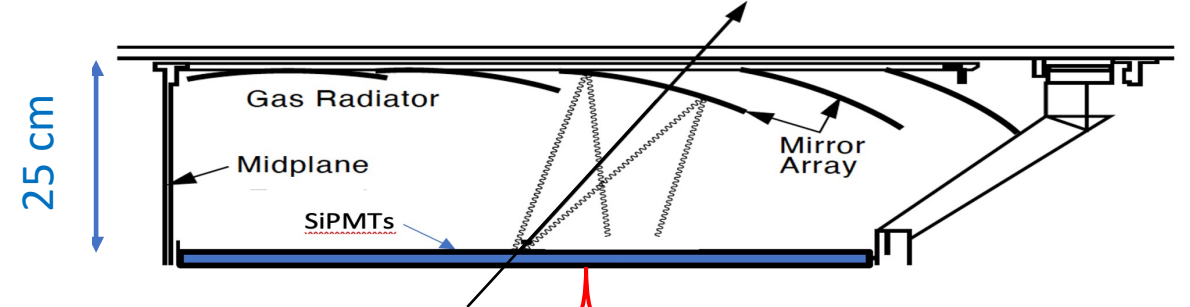
- Goal of my talk is to convince you that it is possible.

Our RICH design concept is derived from CRID/Delphi RICH

SLD CRID:



Our proposed RICH:



C₄F₁₀ at 1 bar (boiling point -1.9 C at 1 bar)

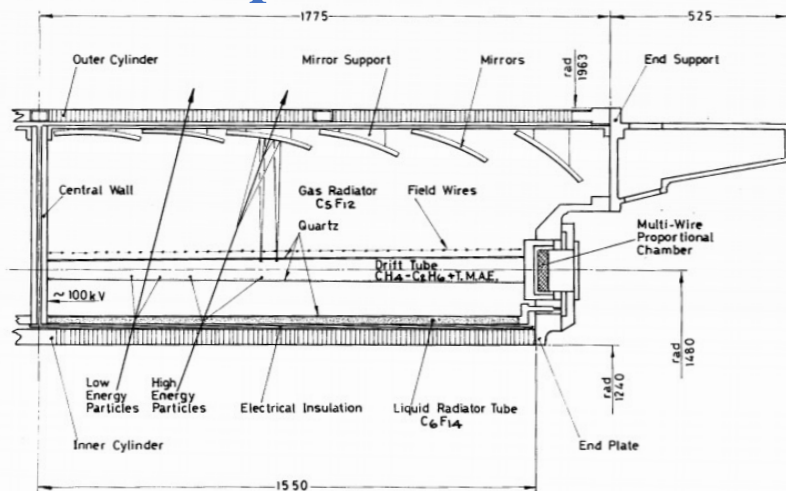
Beryllium mirrors with reflective coating

Low mass carbon-composite structure

Timing will be used to cut SiPM noise

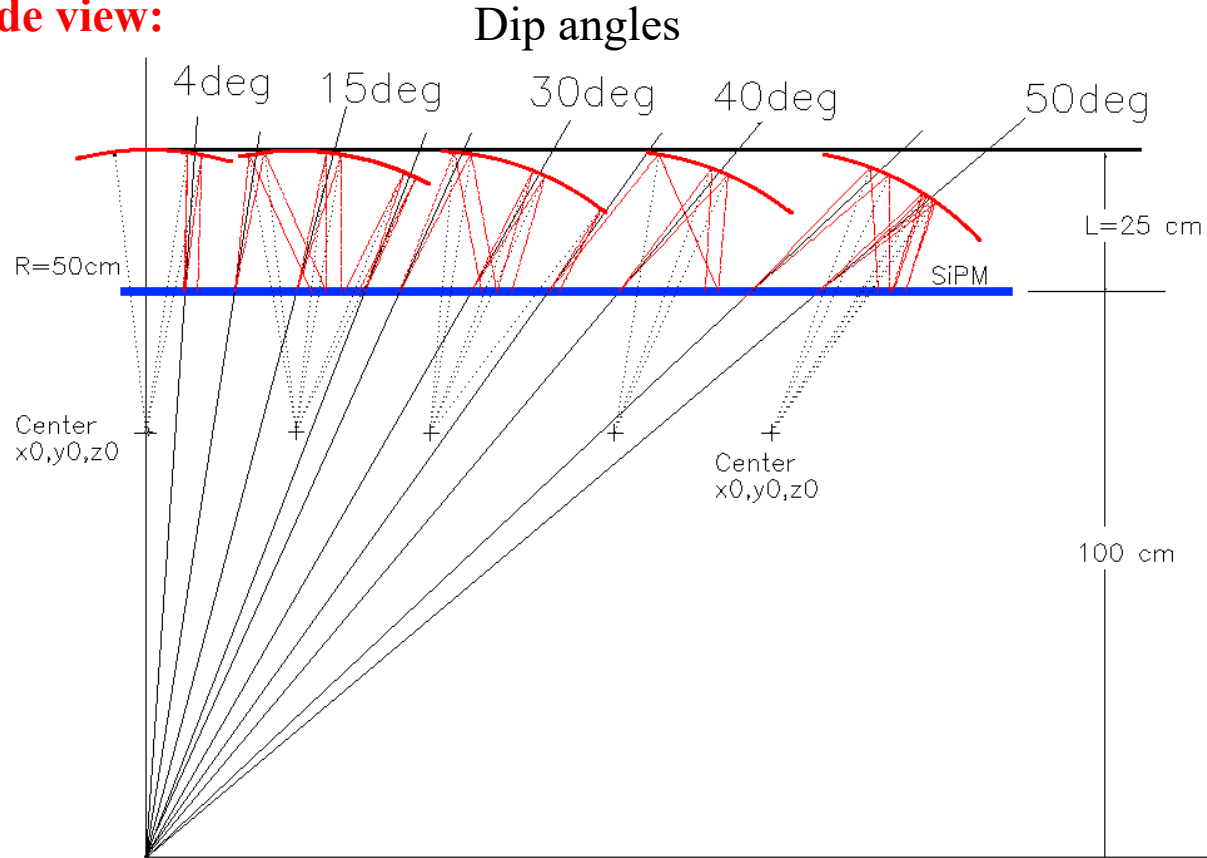
SiPM detector will run at +2-3°C

Delphi RICH:

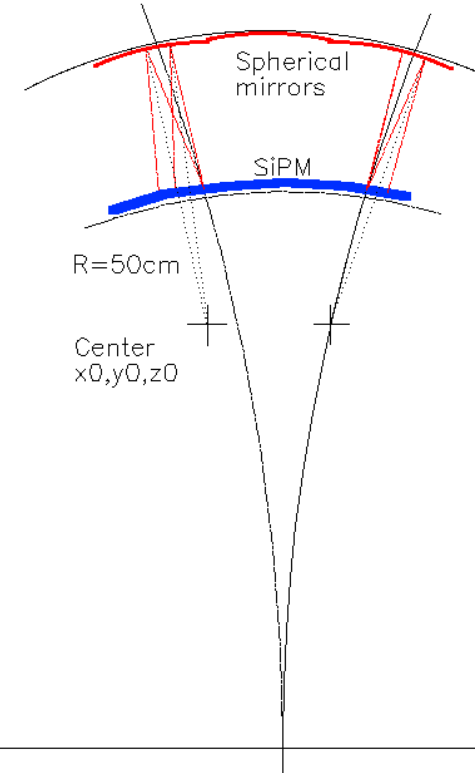


To help Mathematica with mirror parameters choices, it is necessary to do ray tracing first.

Side view:

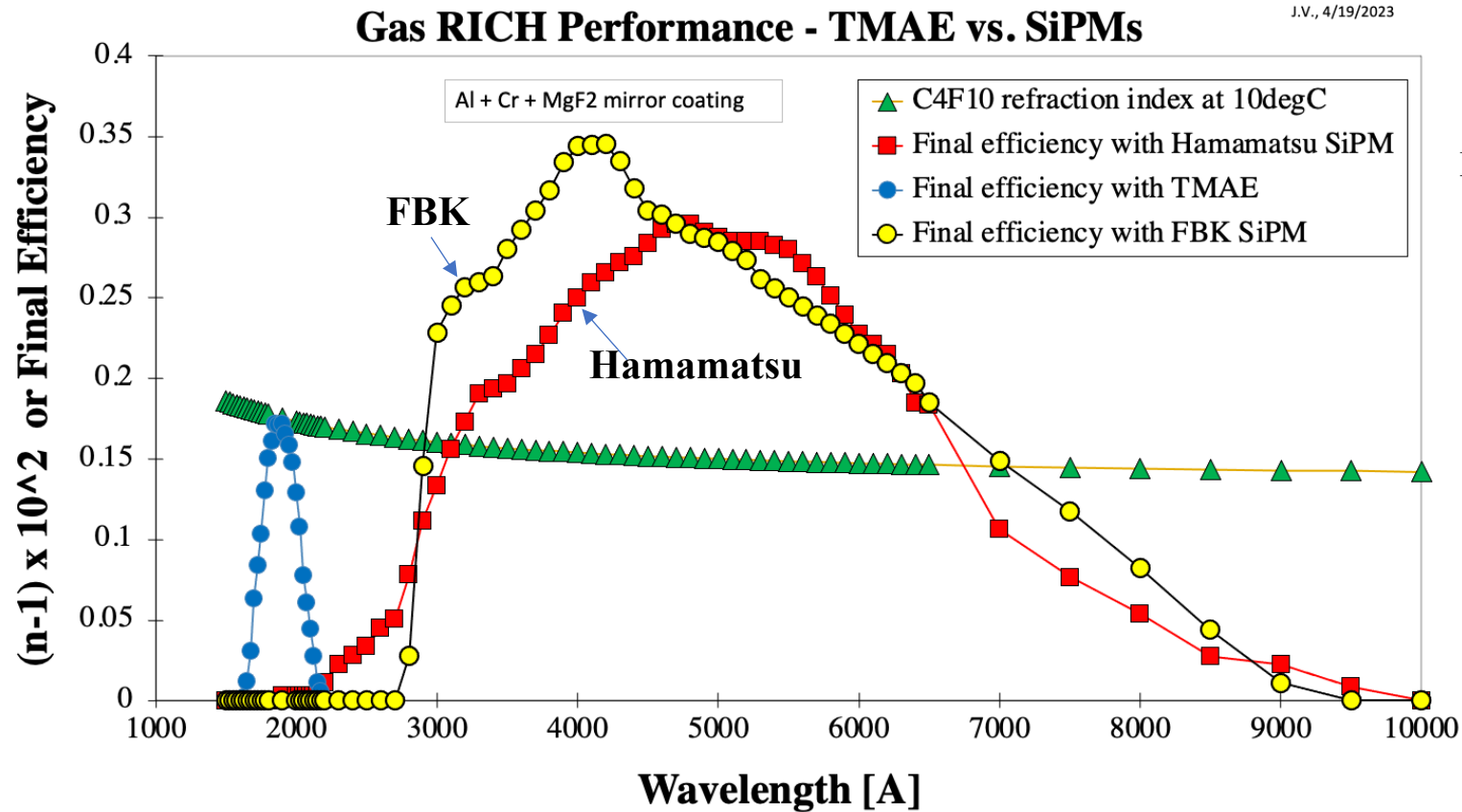


Front view:



- Spherical mirrors have radius $R = 50\text{ cm}$, focal length $f = 25\text{ cm}$ nominally, except mirrors at large θ_{dip} .

Final efficiency: TMAE vs. SiPMs



- Although CRID operated in a region where refractive index changed more rapidly, its wavelength acceptance was very narrow and therefore the chromatic error was smaller: $\sigma_{\theta_c}|_{\text{single photon}} \sim \mathbf{0.4 \text{ mrad (TMAE) vs. } \sim 0.62 \text{ mrad (SiPM)}$.
- FBK SiPM QE enhances lower wavelengths.

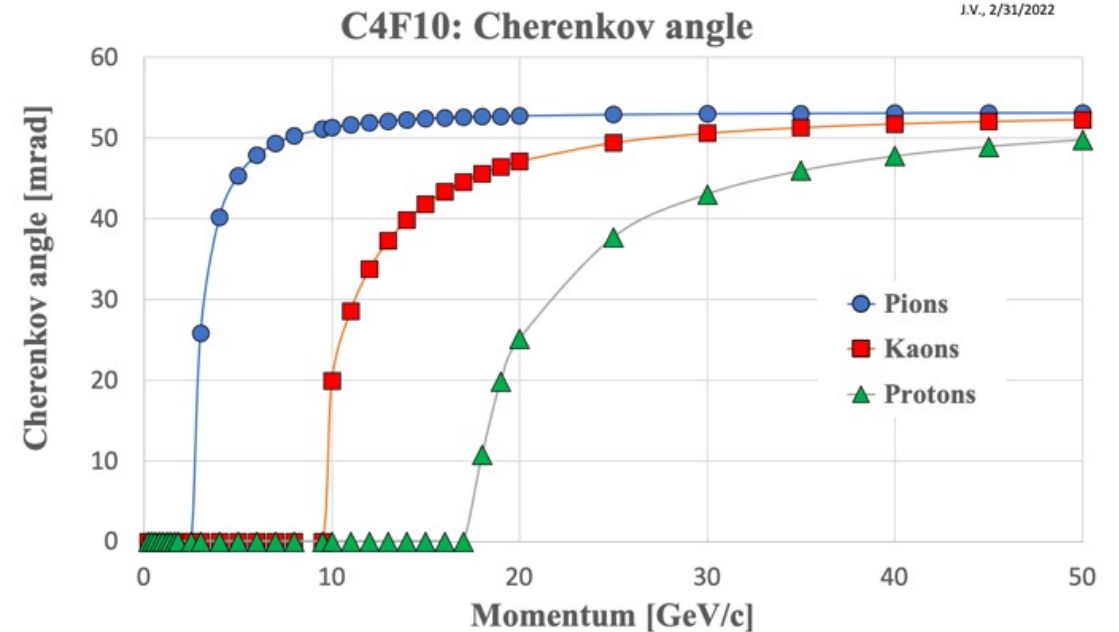
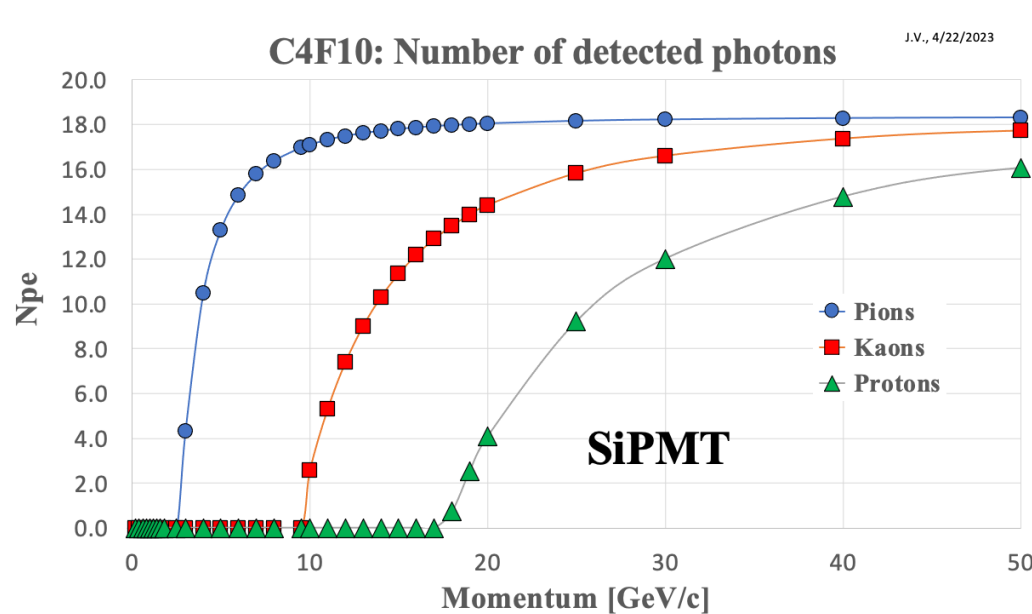
N_{pe} and θ_c in our present design for FBK SiPM

$$N_o = \frac{\left(\frac{\alpha}{hc}\right) \int \text{Eff}(E) [\sin(\theta_c)]^2 dE}{[\sin(\langle \theta_c \rangle)]^2} = 260 \text{ for FBK SiPM}$$

$$N_{pe} = N_o L [\sin \langle \theta_c \rangle]^2 = 19 \text{ for } \beta = 1 \text{ particle}$$

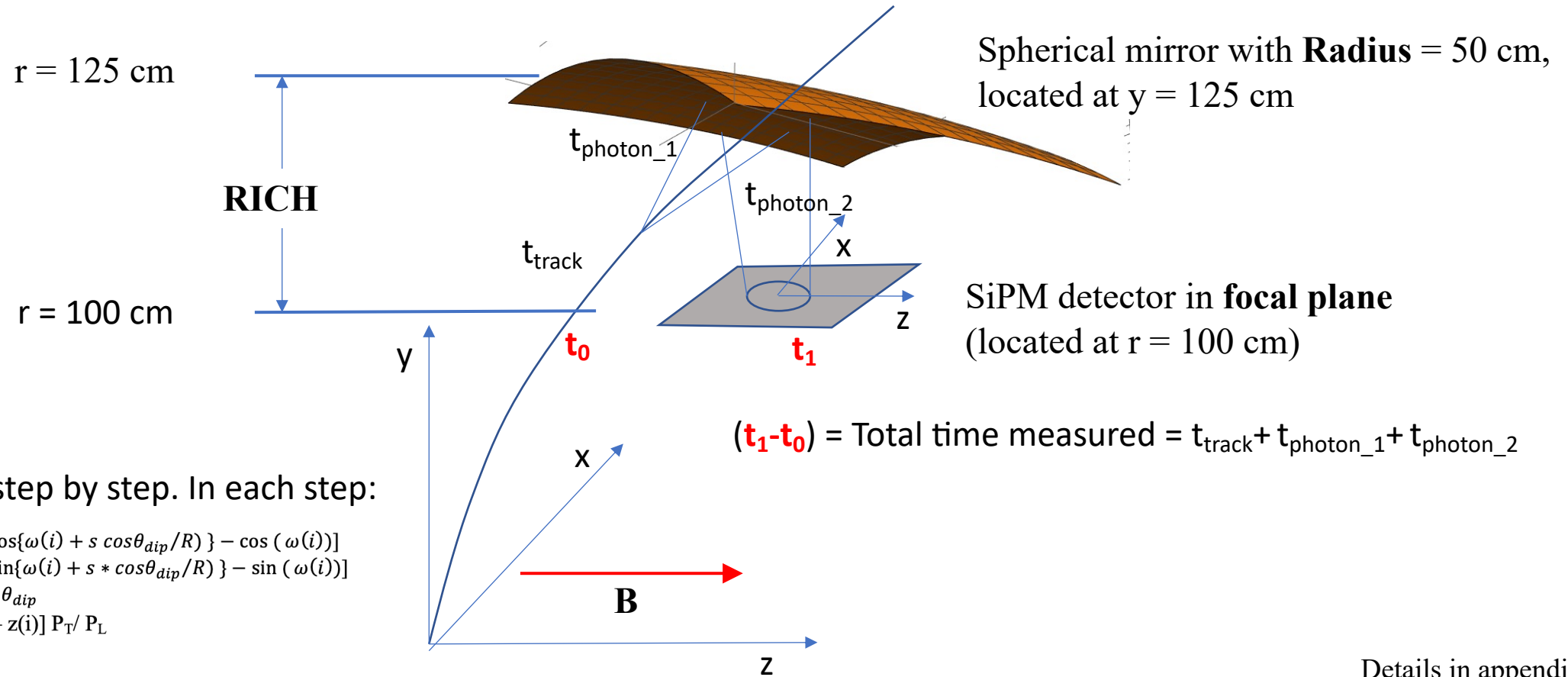
$\langle \theta_c \rangle$ is mean Cherenkov angle

$$\cos \theta_c = 1/(\langle n \rangle \beta)$$



- **L = 25 cm & 1 bar.**

Created tracking program in Mathematica



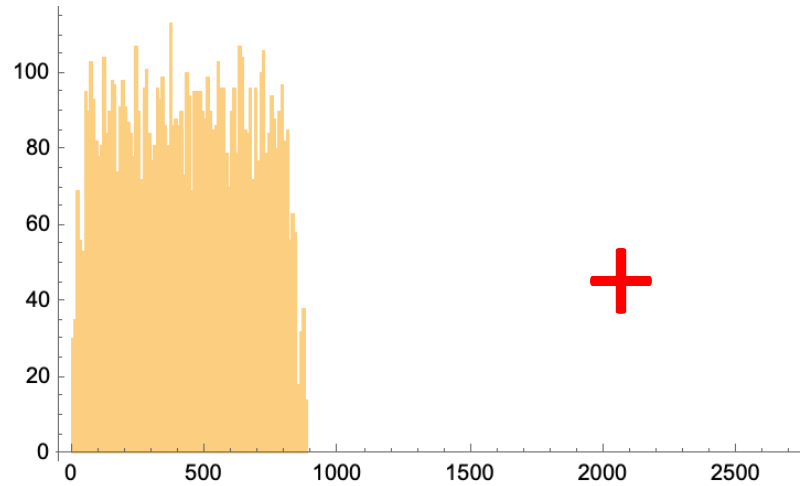
Follow helix step by step. In each step:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(i+1) &= x(i) - R[\cos\{\omega(i) + s \cos\theta_{\text{dip}}/R\} - \cos(\omega(i))] \\
 y(i+1) &= y(i) + R[\sin\{\omega(i) + s \cos\theta_{\text{dip}}/R\} - \sin(\omega(i))] \\
 z(i+1) &= z(i) + \sin\theta_{\text{dip}} \\
 s \cos\theta_{\text{dip}} &= [z(i+1) - z(i)] P_T / P_L
 \end{aligned}$$

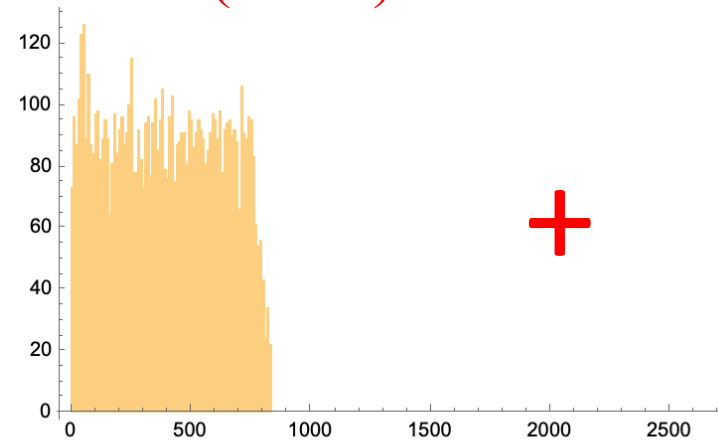
Details in appendix

- **Time t_0 could be a special timing layer ($\sigma_{\text{start}} = 10\text{ps}$), t_1 is FBK SiPM time ($\sigma_{\text{stop}} = 25\text{ps}$).**

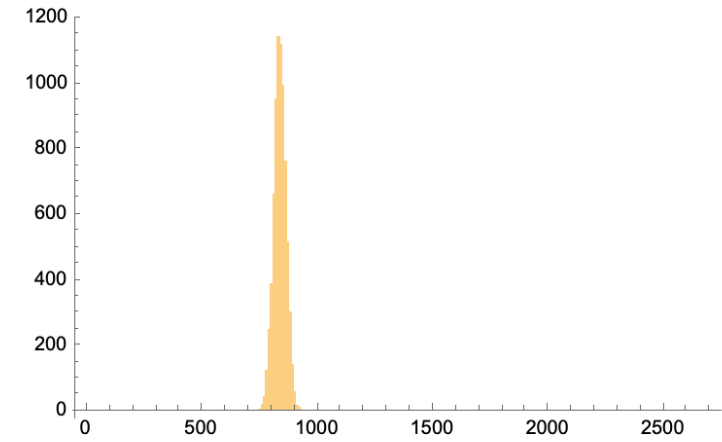
Time information for $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 4^\circ$ & $20 \text{ GeV}/c$ & $B = 5 \text{ Tesla}$ (Pions)



Track time only (psec)

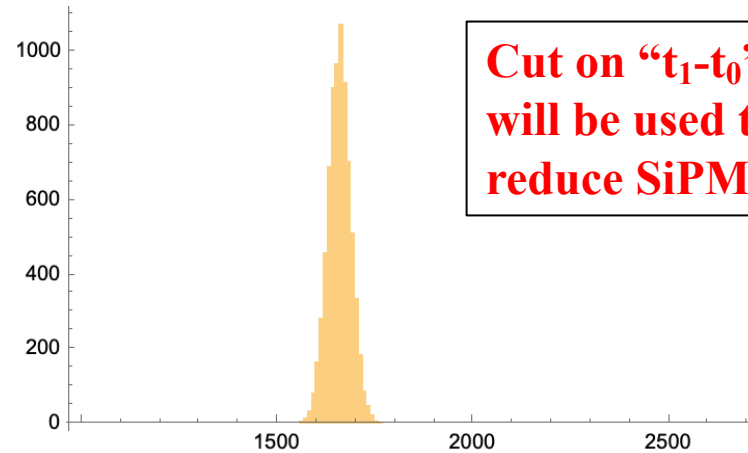


Photon segment time 1 (psec)



Photon segment time 2 (psec)

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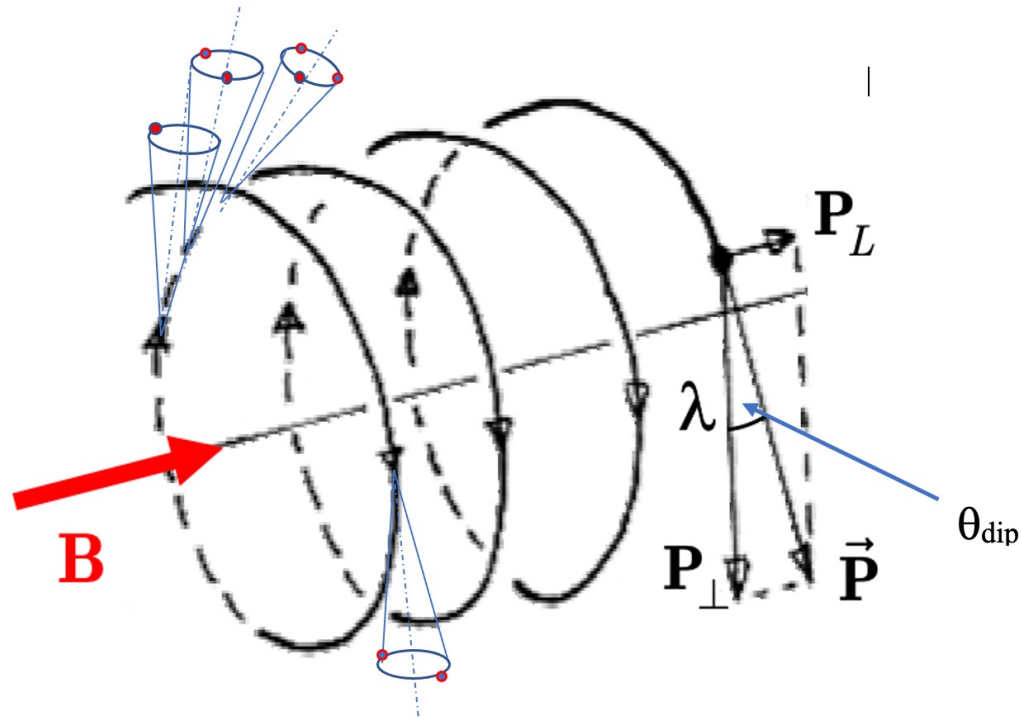
**Cut on " t_1-t_0 " time
will be used to
reduce SiPM noise**

**$\sigma_{\text{start}} = 10 \text{ ps}$
 $\sigma_{\text{stop}} = 25 \text{ ps}$**

$(t_1-t_0) = \text{Total time} = \text{Track time} + \text{Photon time 1} + \text{Photon time 2 (psec)}$

Smearing and focusing errors - **which one dominates ?**

Smearing effect in large magnetic field:



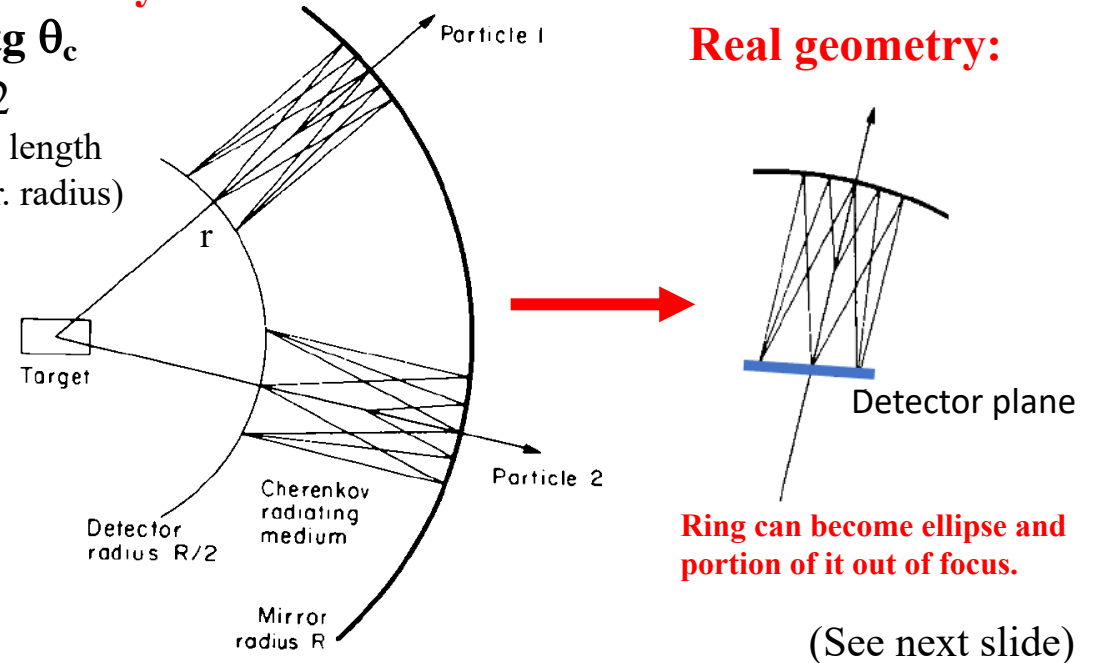
Portion of circle/ellipse can be out of focus:

Ideal geometry:

$$r = f \tan \theta_c$$

$$f = R/2$$

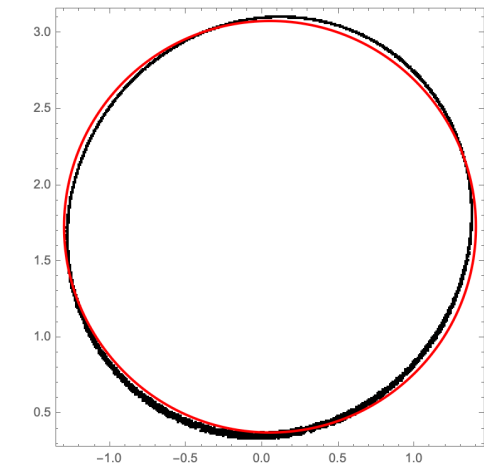
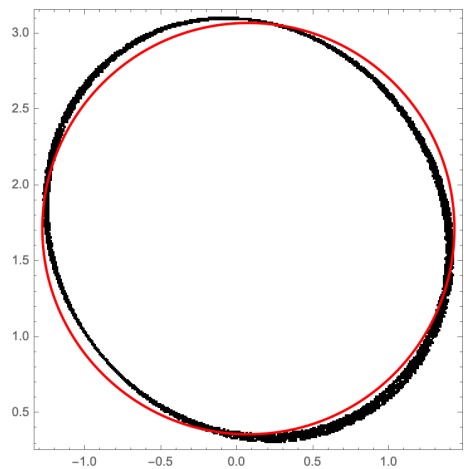
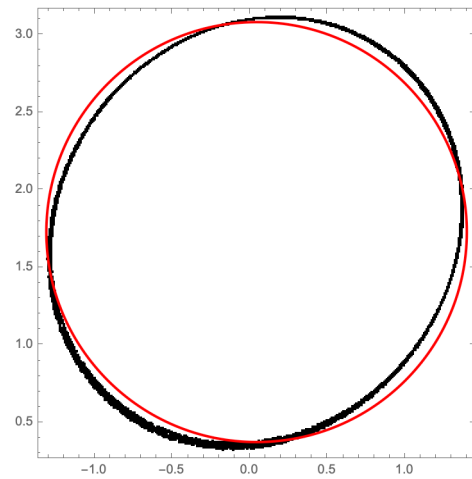
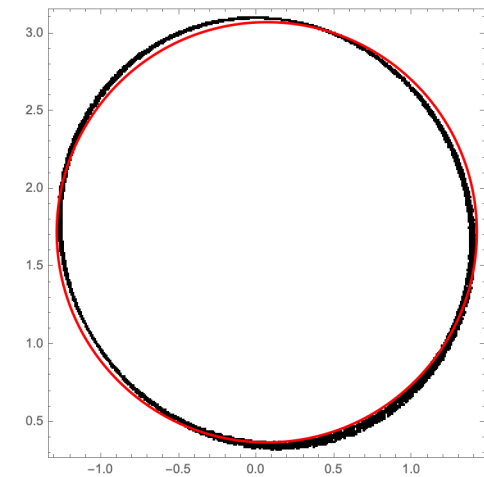
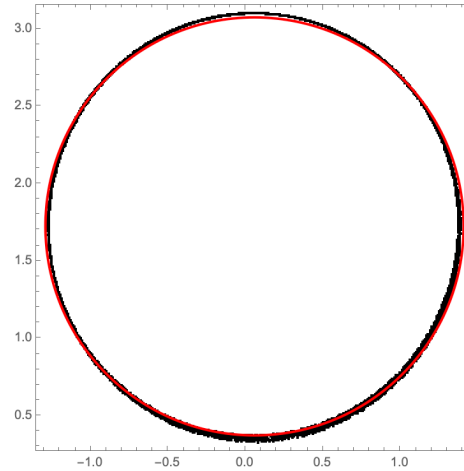
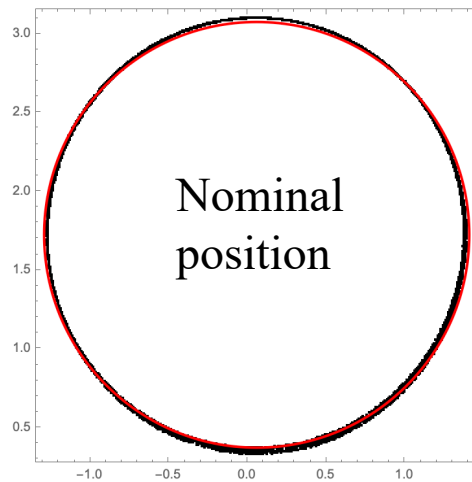
(f - focal length
r - Cher. radius)



Ring radius measures Cherenkov angle, independently of track direction.

- Both effects make rings slightly fuzzy at certain Cherenkov angle azimuths ϕ_c .
- **The focusing error is larger than the smearing error for $p > 20\text{GeV}/c$ – see appendix.**

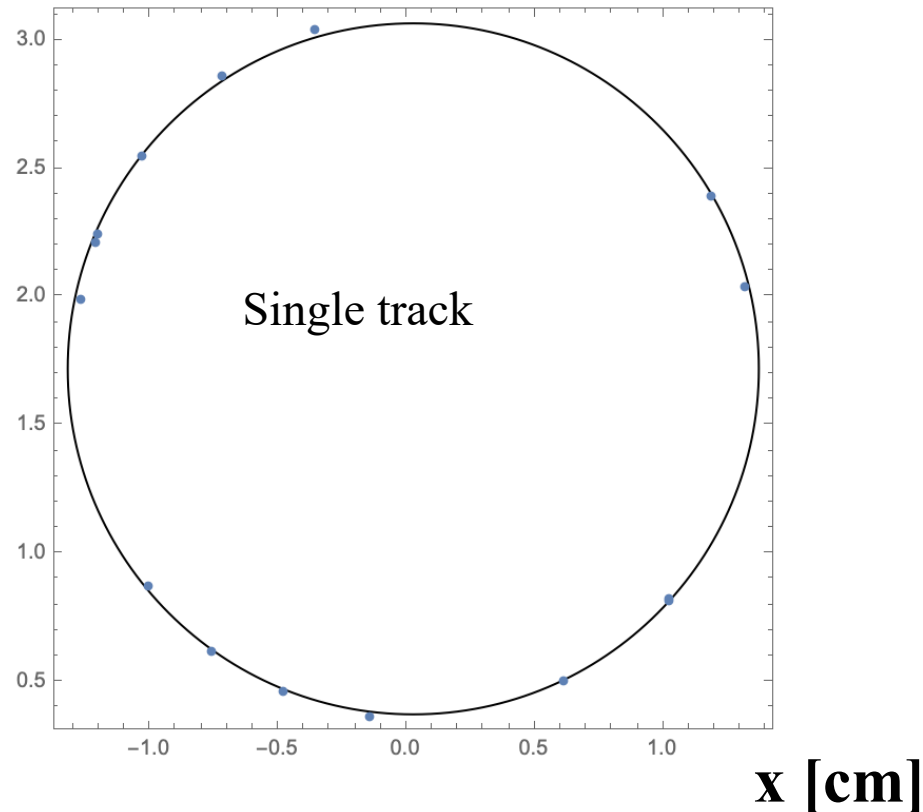
Illustration of ring distortions at $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 4^\circ$ & 20 GeV/c & B = 5 Tesla



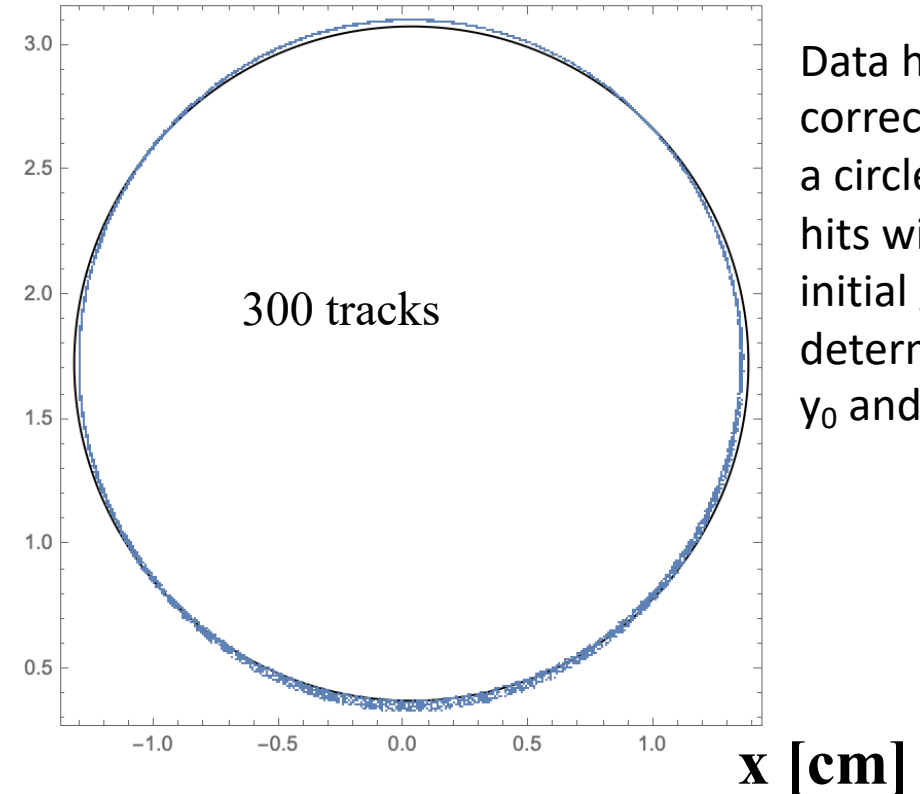
- I rotated detector plane arbitrarily. Images are ellipses with fuzzy edges.

Cherenkov rings for $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 4^\circ$ & $20 \text{ GeV}/c$ & $B = 5 \text{ Tesla}$ (Nominal geometry)

z [cm]



z [cm]

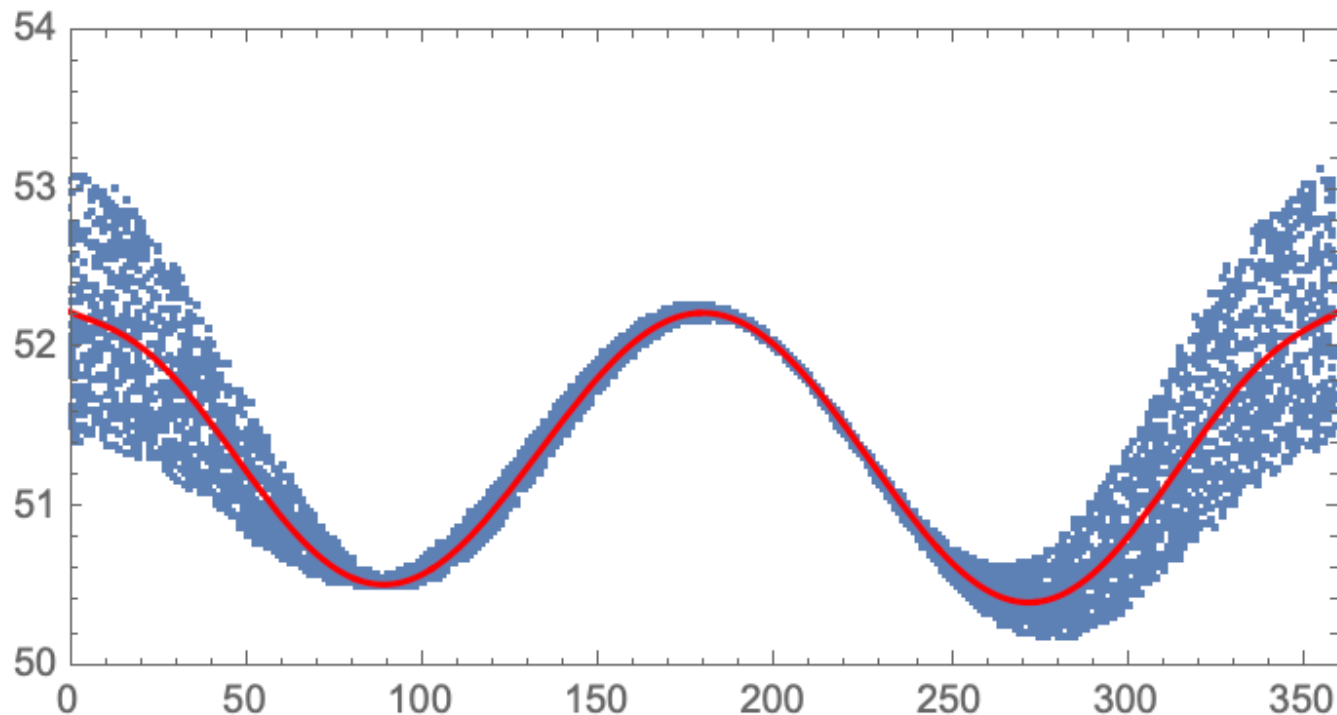


Data have no corrections. Fit a circle to raw hits without any initial guess. Fit determines x_0 , y_0 and radius.

- Based on one event, one does not recognize any distortion. However, it is clear in a sample of 300 tracks. **The final image is an ellipse.**

Correction for ellipse distortion at $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 4^\circ$ at 50 GeV/c with B = 5 Tesla (Nominal geometry)

Raw Cherenkov angle [mrad]



Cherenkov azimuth angle [deg]

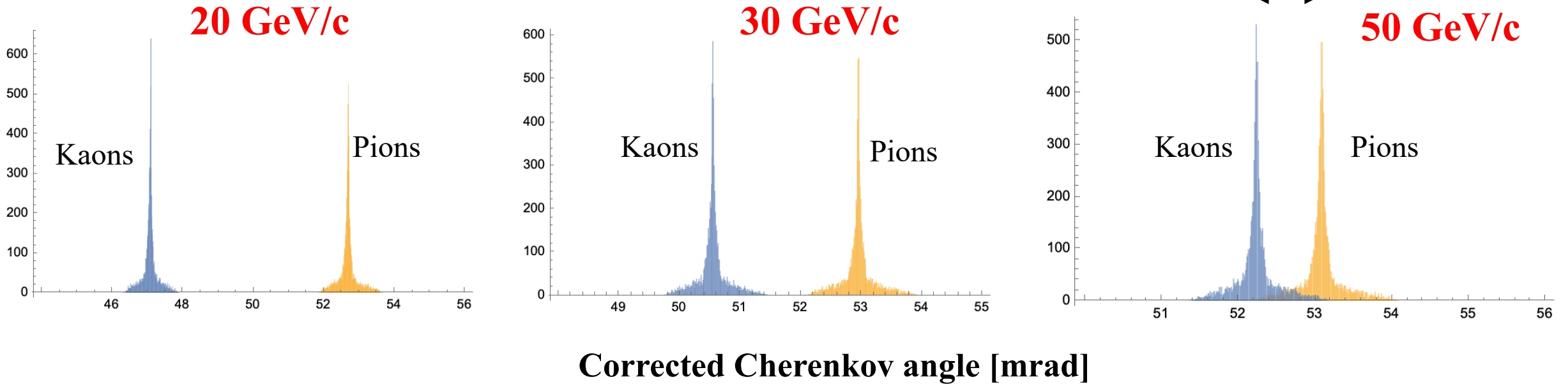
- This fit is used to correct raw Cherenkov angle.

- **Raw ring radius:** $\text{CherRadius} = \text{Sqrt}[(z_{\text{final}}[i] - z_0)^2 + (x_{\text{final}}[i] - x_0)^2]$ (x_0, z_0 - see previous page).
- **Raw Cherenkov angle:** $\theta_{\text{c-raw}} = \text{CherRadius}/(\text{Focallength})$; (have to supply $x_0, z_0, \text{Focallength}$)

Results of the correction for $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 4^\circ$ & $B = 5$ Tesla (Focusing/smearing errors only)

Typical rms error = 0.25 mrad per single hit (includes tails)

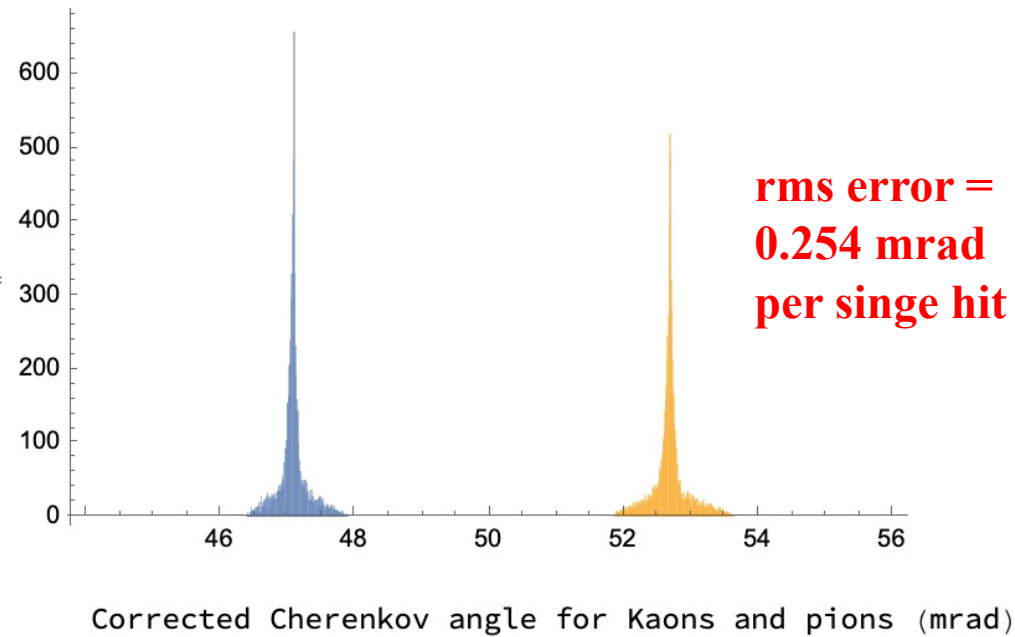
$$\Delta\theta_c = \theta_c(\text{pion}) - \theta_c(\text{Kaon}) = 0.85 \text{ mrad}$$



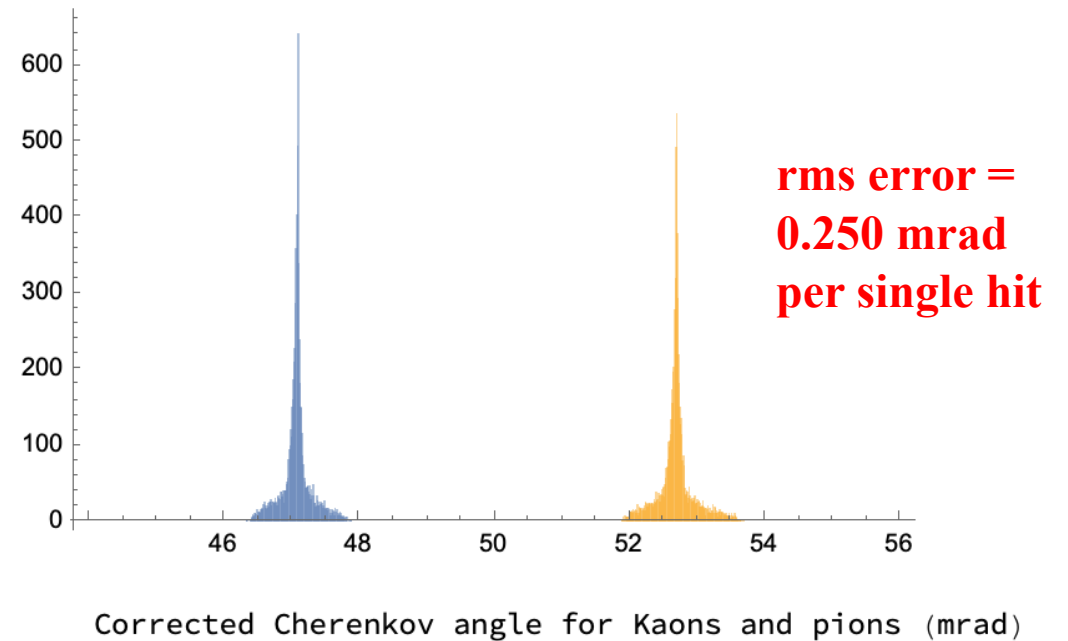
- Cherenkov angle distribution dramatically improves after the correction for ring distortion. At this point we consider focusing & smearing error only.

PID for $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 4^\circ$ & 20 GeV/c

2 Tesla



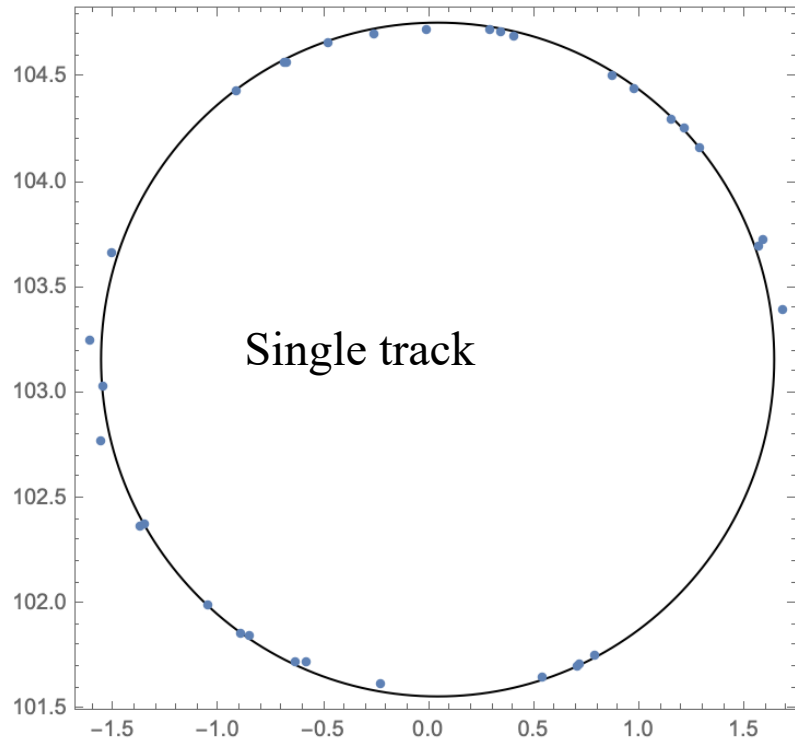
5 Tesla



- **Do not see much difference in the corrected Cherenkov angle distribution.**

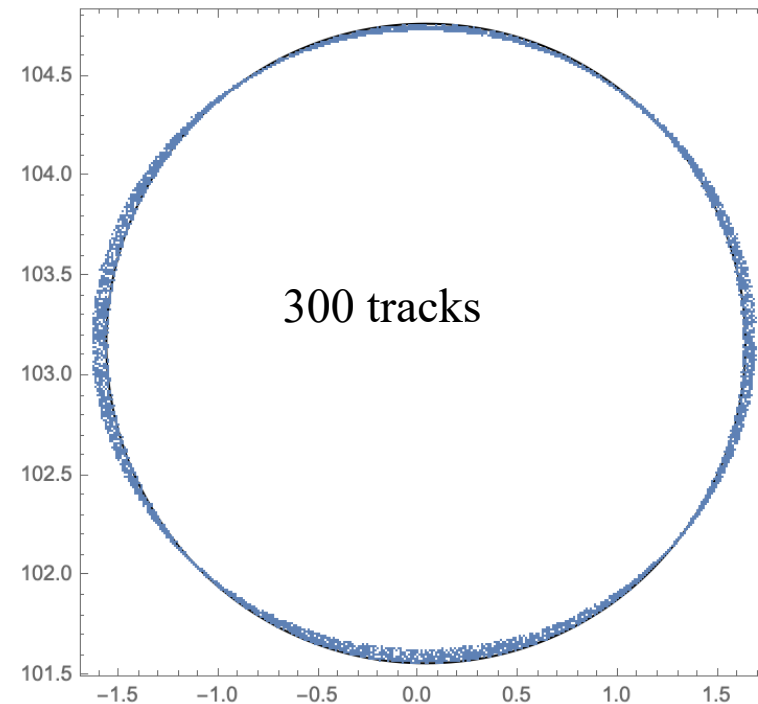
Cherenkov rings for $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 40^\circ$ & $50 \text{ GeV}/c$ & $B = 5 \text{ Tesla}$

z [cm]



x [cm]

z [cm]



x [cm]

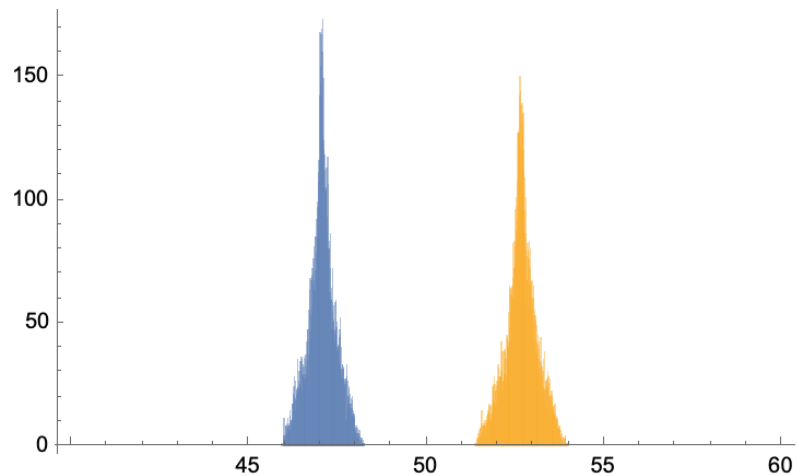
Data have no corrections. Fit a circle to a bunch of points without any initial guess. Fit determines x_0 , y_0 and radius.

- Image is a bit fuzzy in four spots around the azimuth and ellipse.

PID for $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 40^\circ$

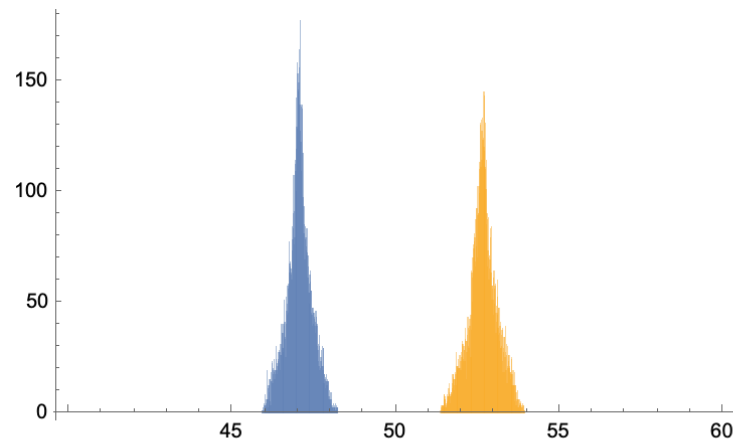
Typical rms error (pion) ~ 0.43 mrad per single hit

20 GeV/c, 2 Tesla



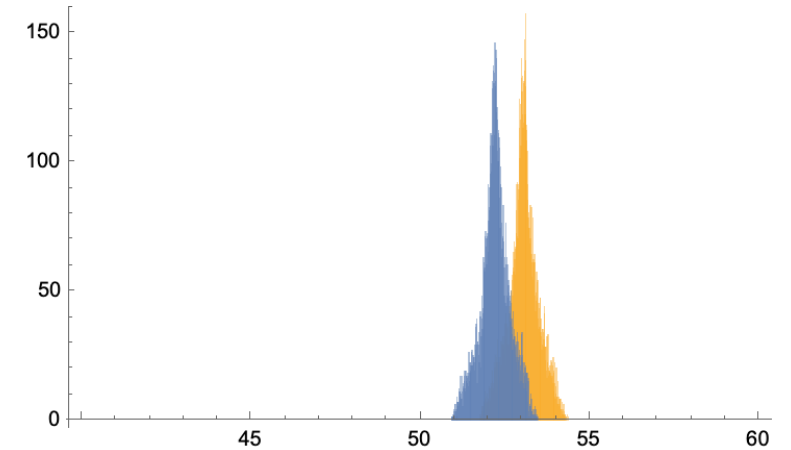
Corrected Cherenkov angle for Kaons and pions (mrad)

20 GeV/c, 5 Tesla



Corrected Cherenkov angle for Kaons and pions (mrad)

50 GeV/c, 5 Tesla



Corrected Cherenkov angle for Kaons and pions (mrad)

- **Focusing & smearing errors and ring distortion correction only.**
- **Larger dip angles have larger rms error.**

L=25 cm

Total error in our RICH design

N_{pe} ~18 for $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 4^\circ$, and **24** for $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 40^\circ$, both at 50 GeV/c

Errors per single photon: $\sigma_{\text{single photon}} = \sqrt{(\sigma_{\text{chromatic}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{pixel}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{smearing/focusing}}^2)}|_{\text{single photon}}$

$\sigma_{\text{smearing/focusing}} \sim \mathbf{0.25-0.4}$ mrad; depends on momentum and dip angle

$\sigma_{\text{chromatic}} = 0.0009 * (4.3-1.9) / \sqrt{12} \sim \mathbf{0.62}$ mrad – see appendix

$\sigma_{\text{pixel}} \sim [\text{pixel size} / \sqrt{12}] / \langle L_{\text{photon}} \rangle \sim \mathbf{0.3-0.4}$ mrad; $\langle L_{\text{photon}} \rangle$ is average photon path length
(for 0.5 mm pixels size)

Common error: $\sigma_{\text{tracking}} \sim \mathbf{0.3}$ mrad or **0.1** mrad in case of SiD

Total error: $\sigma_{\theta} / \text{track} = \sigma_{\text{single photon}} / \sqrt{N_{\text{pe}}} \otimes \sigma_{\text{tracking}} \sim \mathbf{0.35}$ mrad or $\sim \mathbf{0.2}$ mrad (SiD)

- **PID performance: 2.5 σ limit or 4.0 σ limit (SiD) at ~50 GeV/c.**

L=25 cm

Error contribution for final error with FBK SiPMs

(Use the overall standard deviation errors for each distribution, i.e., do not use fitted results)

P [GeV/c]	θ_{dip} [deg]	Npe per track for pions	Chromatic error per photon hit [mrad]	Chromatic error per track [mrad]	0.5mm pixel error per photon hit [mrad]	0.5mm pixel error per track [mrad]	Focusing/ smearing error per photon hit [mrad]	Focusing/ smearing error per track after correction [mrad]	Track error [mrad]	Total θ_c error per track [mrad]	PID pi/K separation in number of sigma
20	4	18	0.62	0.143	0.38	0.09	0.25	0.058	0.3	0.35	16.0
30	4	18	0.62	0.143	0.38	0.09	0.25	0.057	0.3	0.35	6.9
50	4	18	0.62	0.143	0.38	0.09	0.25	0.057	0.3	0.35	2.4
50	40	24	0.62	0.125	0.29	0.06	0.44	0.089	0.3	0.34	2.5

- After tracking error, chromatic error is the largest at present.
- In blue are parameters we can tune to influence RICH design.



L=25 cm

Error contribution for final error with FBK SiPMs

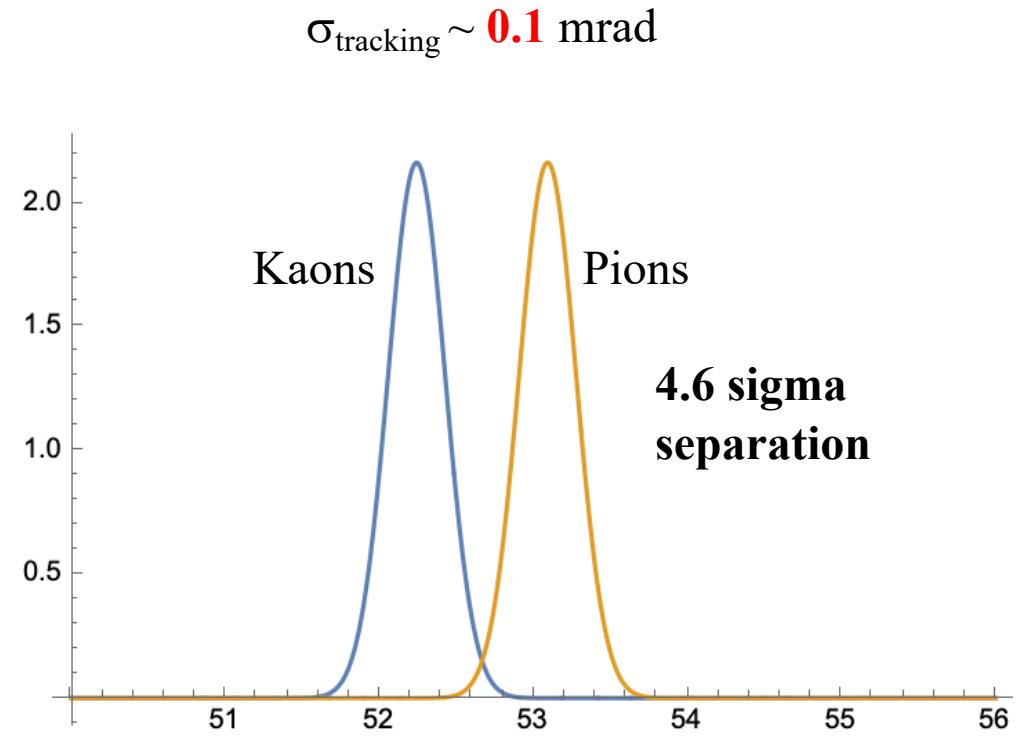
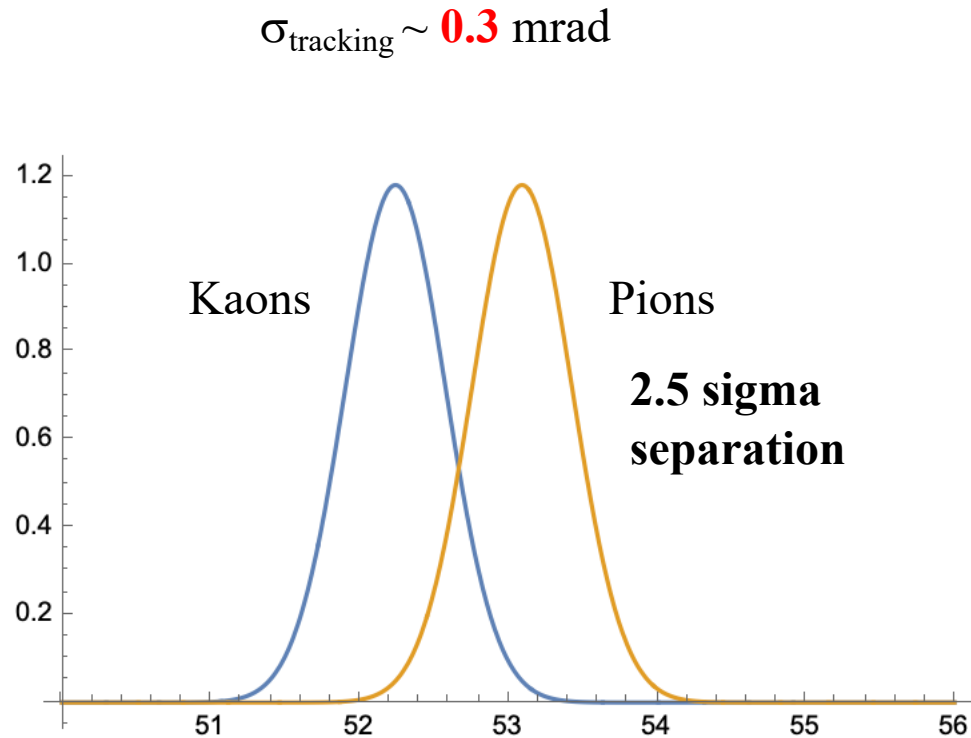
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50	40	24	0.62	0.125	0.29	0.06	0.44	0.089	0.1	0.18	4.6

- After tracking error, chromatic error is the largest at present.
- Now it really makes sense to reduce chromatic & pixel errors.

 **SiD ?**

Expected PID for $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 40^\circ$ at $50 \text{ GeV}/c$ & $B = 5 \text{ Tesla}$



Corrected Cherenkov angle [mrad]

- Tracking error really makes a difference.
- In this plot we consider all contributions to the final error.

Conclusion

- **We have demonstrated that π/K separation of 4.6σ is possible at 50 GeV/c & 5 T, if tracking direction error will be ~ 0.1 mrad.**
- **We find that the focusing effect error is larger than the magnetic smearing error for momenta larger than 20 GeV/c.**

Next:

- **Introduce a realistic SiPM noise to verify that timing cuts work.**

Down the road challenges:

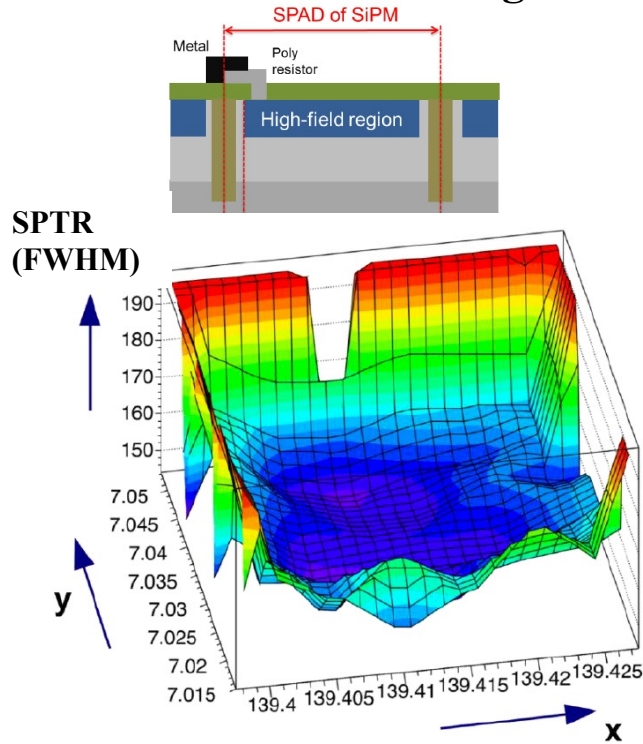
- **Optimize optical design of the entire system considering all tracks.**
- **MC simulation of the entire system**

Appendix

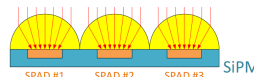
FBK SiPM single photon timing resolution

Gundacker et al. "High-frequency SiPM readout advances measured coincidence time resolution limits in TOF-PET." *Physics in Medicine & Biology* 64.5 (2019): 055012
 A. Gola, FBK Foundation Co., Italy, "Status and Perspectives of SiPM", RICH 2022, Edinburgh

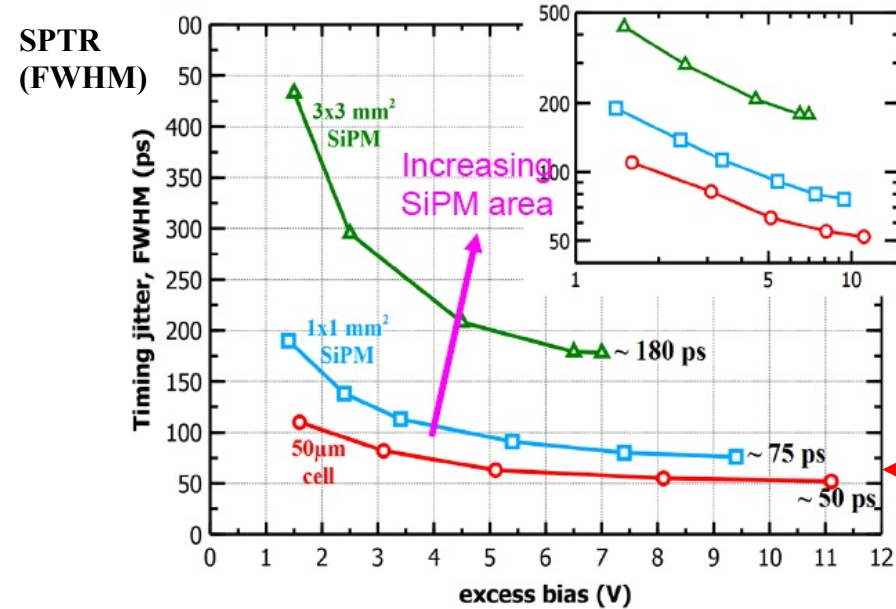
Each SPAD element has edge effects:



Gola's suggestion:
 Use micro-lenses to remove edge effect:



Large arrays have slightly worse timing resolution:



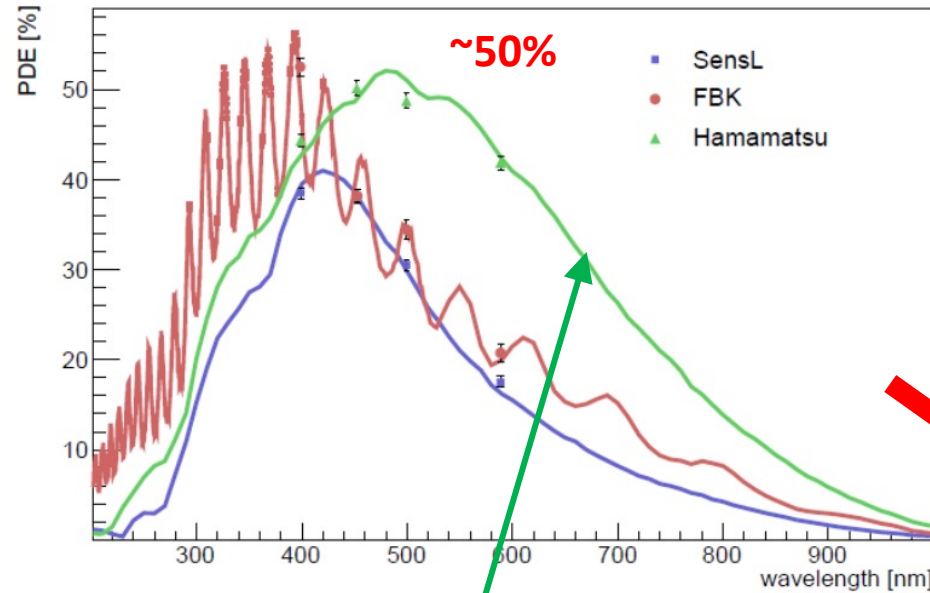
$\sigma \sim 25$ ps

Gola's suggestion:
 Organize array differently to improve timing

- **0.5mm pixel SiPM can reach single photon timing resolution/pixel of $\sigma \sim 25$ ps.**
- SPTR = single photon timing resolution, SPAD = Single photon avalanche diode, an element of SiPM

Photon Detection Efficiency (PDE) of a single SiPM

A.N. Otte et al., NIM A 864(2017)106, Gola et al. (2019). *Sensors*, 19(2), 308.



Photon detection efficiency of single SiPM:

$$PDE = FF \times QE(\lambda) \times P_T(V_{bias}, \lambda)$$

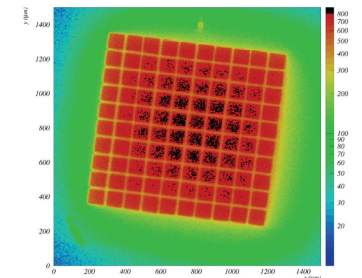
$QE(\lambda)$ – QE of Si

FF – Fill factor within one SiPM

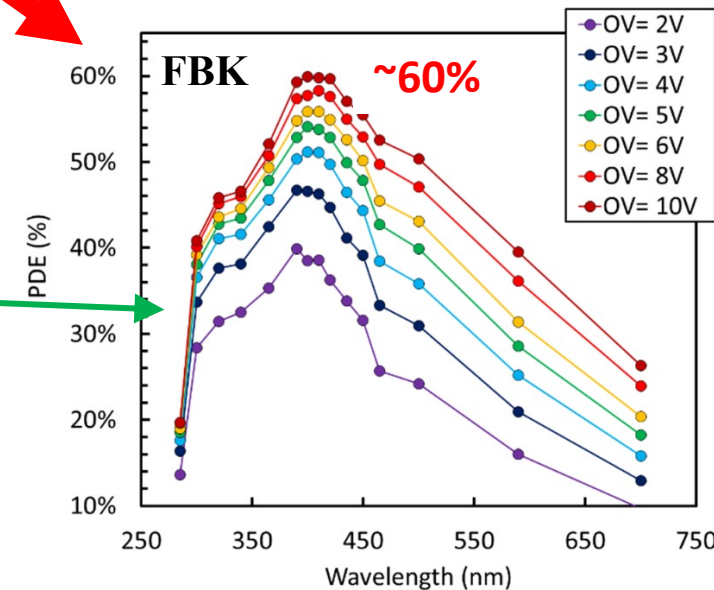
$P_T(V_{bias}, \lambda)$ – Trigger efficiency

SiPM array has additional losses due to gaps between pixel elements !

I assume 65%:



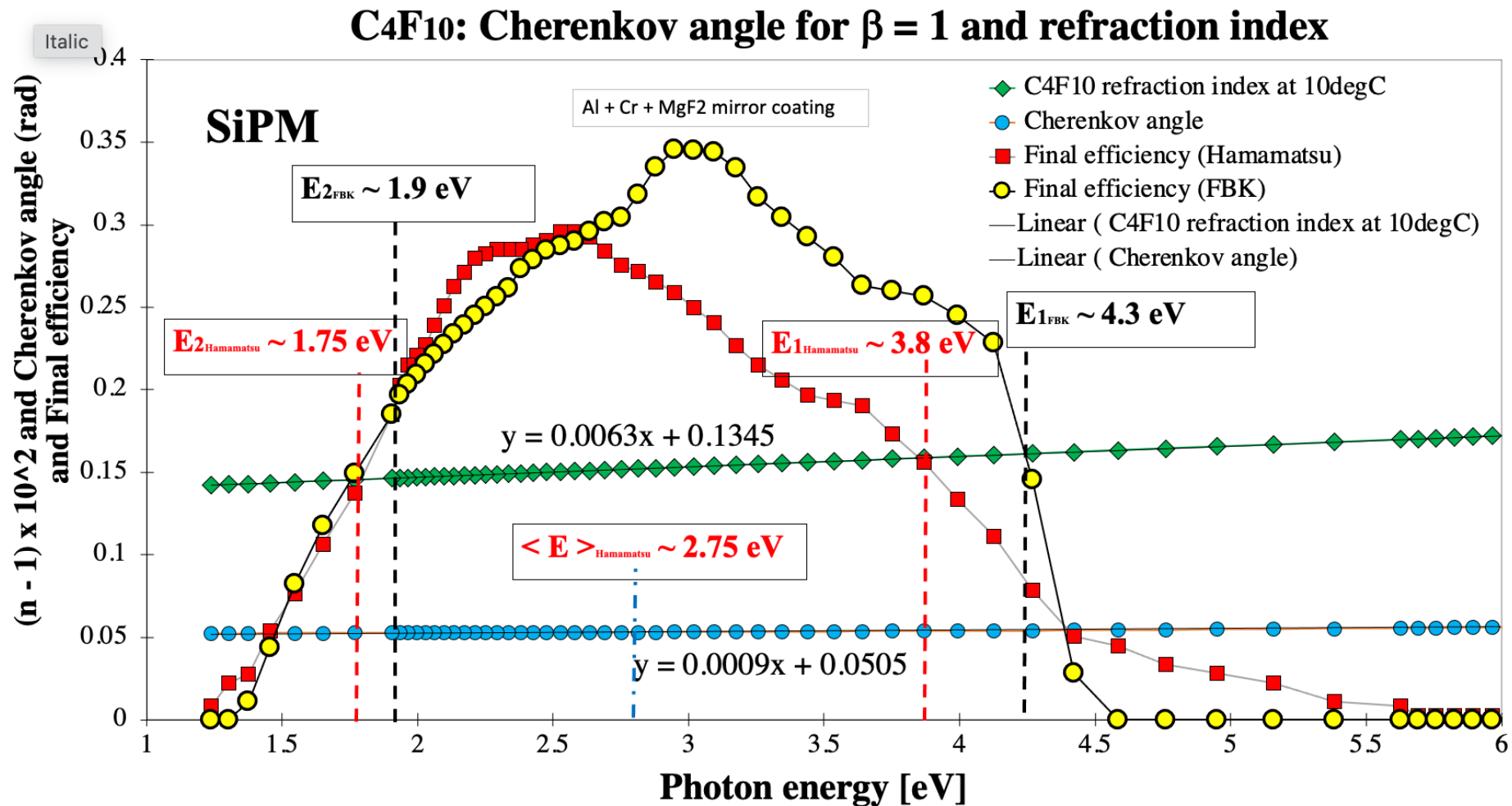
- **We switched from Hamamatsu SiPM PDE in the calculation to FBK SiPM PDE.**



This gives us a few photoelectrons extra !

Chromatic error: FBK vs. Hamamatsu

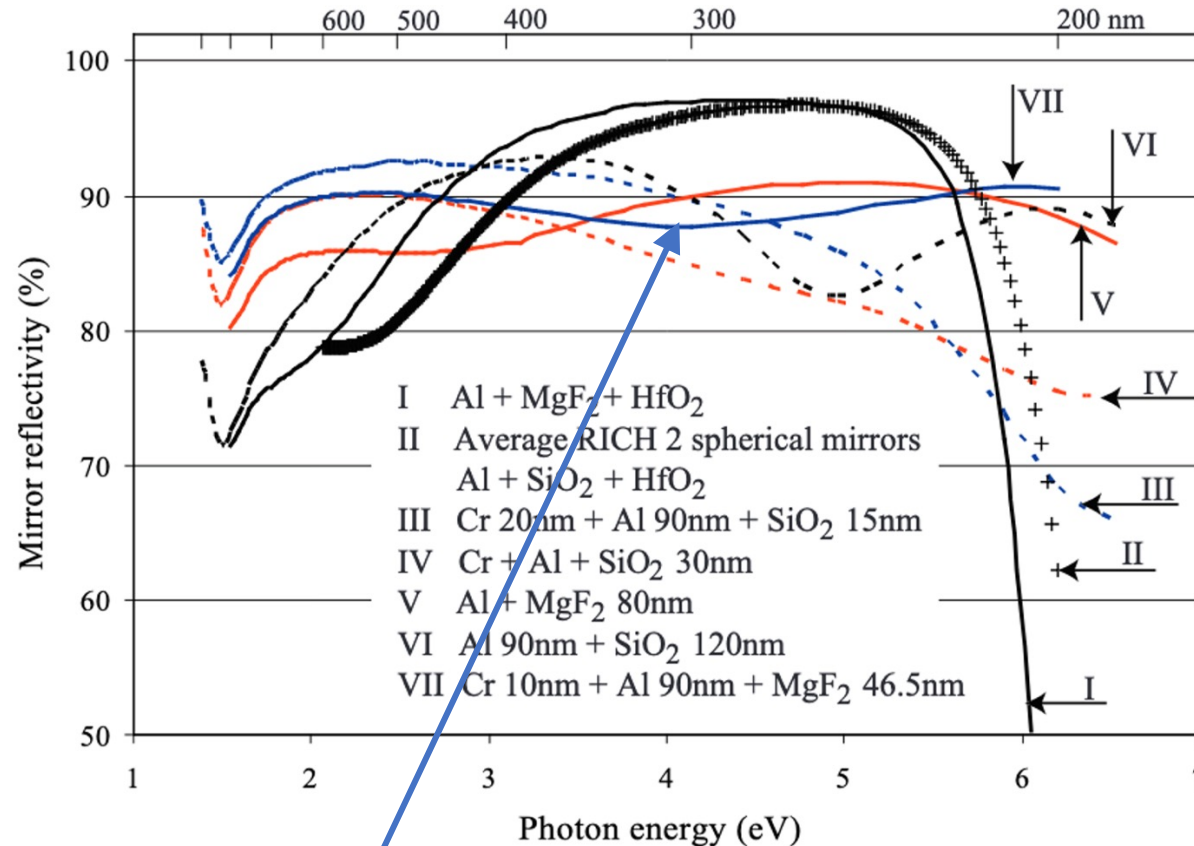
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• **FBK SiPM:** $\sigma_{\theta_c} |_{\text{single photon}} \sim \frac{d\theta_c}{dE} (E_2 - E_1) \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} = 0.0009 * (4.3 - 1.9) \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} = 0.62 \text{ mrad} \Rightarrow \sigma_{\theta_c} |_{18 \text{ photons}} \sim 0.14 \text{ mrad}$

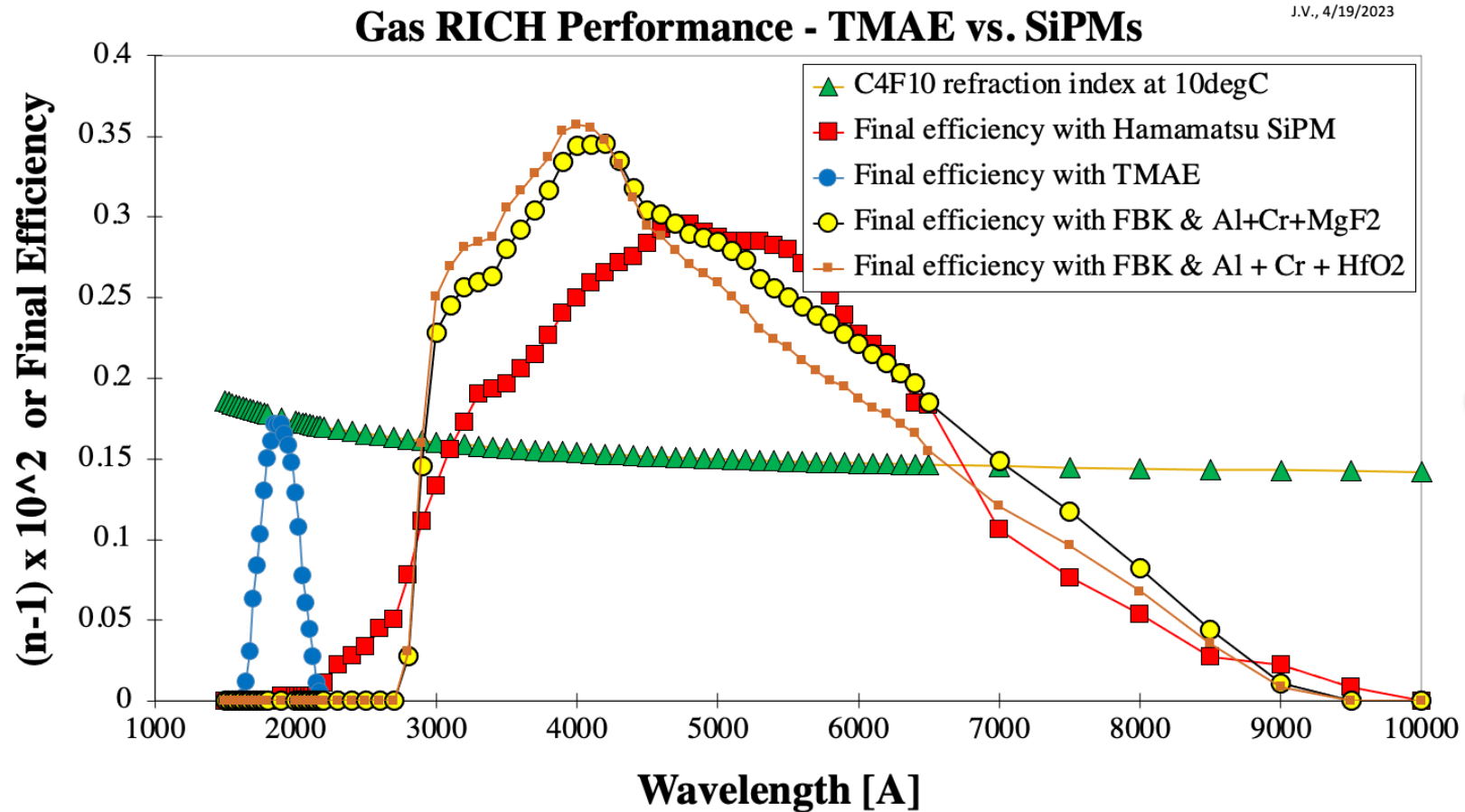
Mirror choice for FBK SiPM

The LHCb Collaboration, J. Instrum. 3, S08005 (2008).



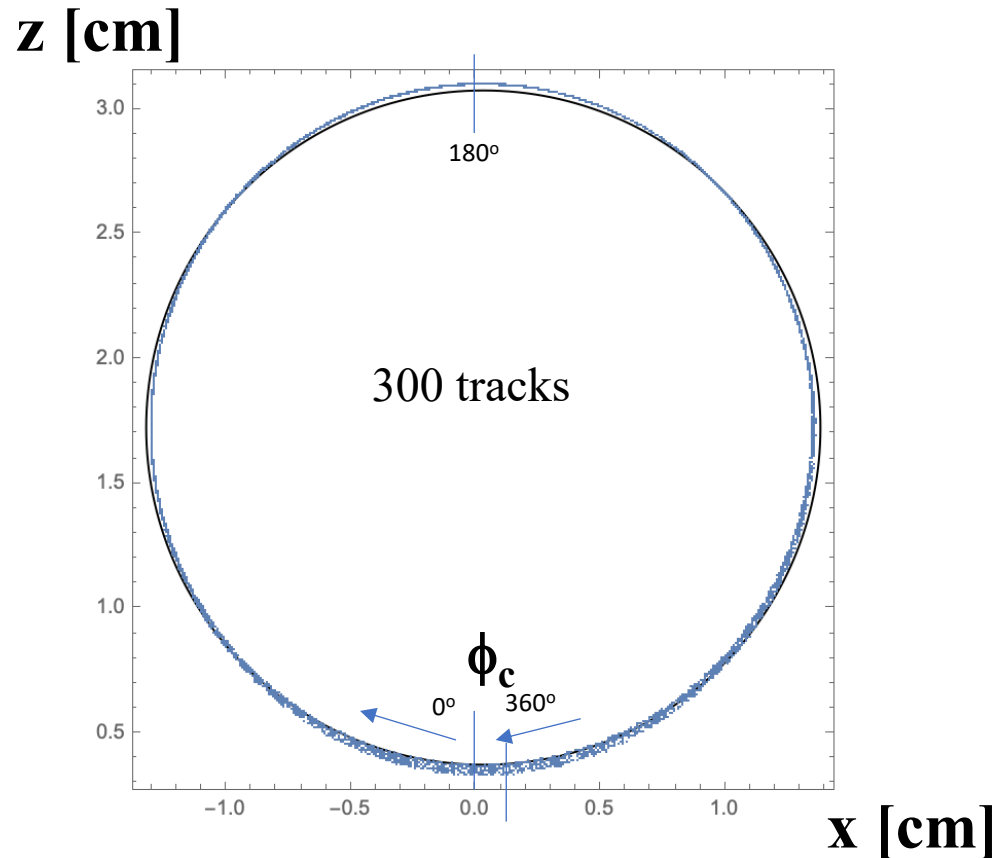
- So far, I kept a classical Al + MgF₂ + Cr coating. This coating was used by CRID.
- N_{pe} is about the same for Cr + Al + HfO₂ coating; perhaps tiny reduction of chromatic error.

Final efficiency: FBK vs. Hamamatsu

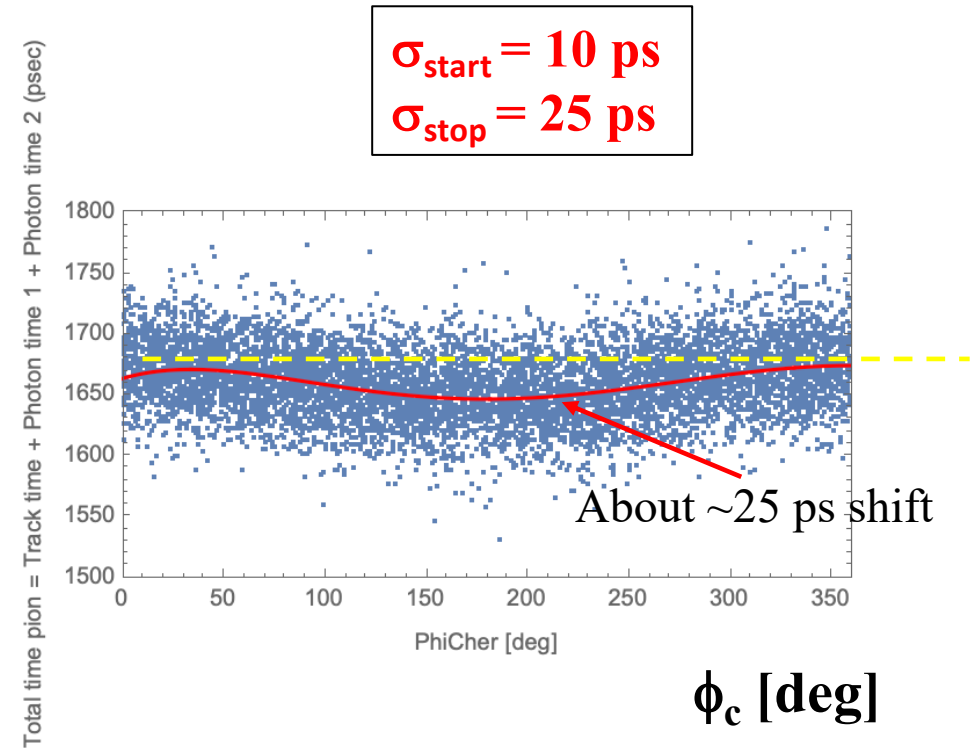


- Al+Cr+HfO₂ coating helps in UV region, but it makes it worse in red region.
- It reduces chromatic error from 0.62 to 0.60 per photon hit. May consider it in future.

Timing for $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 4^\circ$ & $20 \text{ GeV}/c$ & $B = 5 \text{ Tesla}$



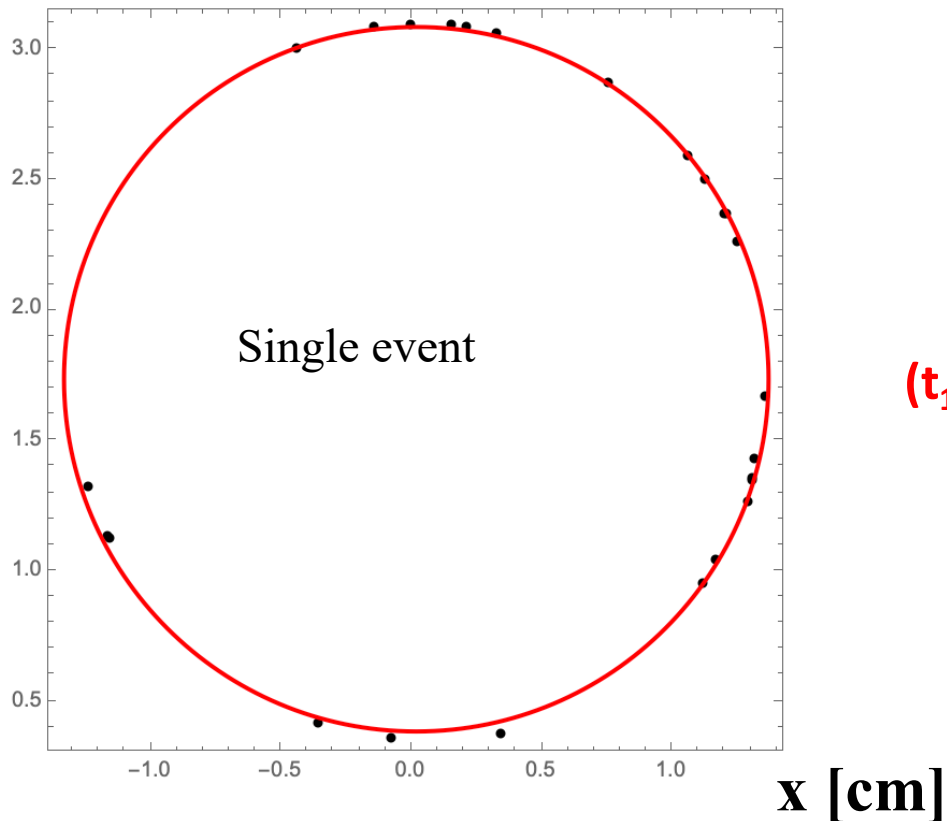
$$(t_1 - t_0) =$$



- Points near $\phi_c = 180^\circ$ have small **time shift** of $\sim 25 \text{ ps}$.
- Note: This time correction was not used in this analysis.

Cherenkov rings for $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 4^\circ$ at 20 GeV/c with B = 5 Tesla

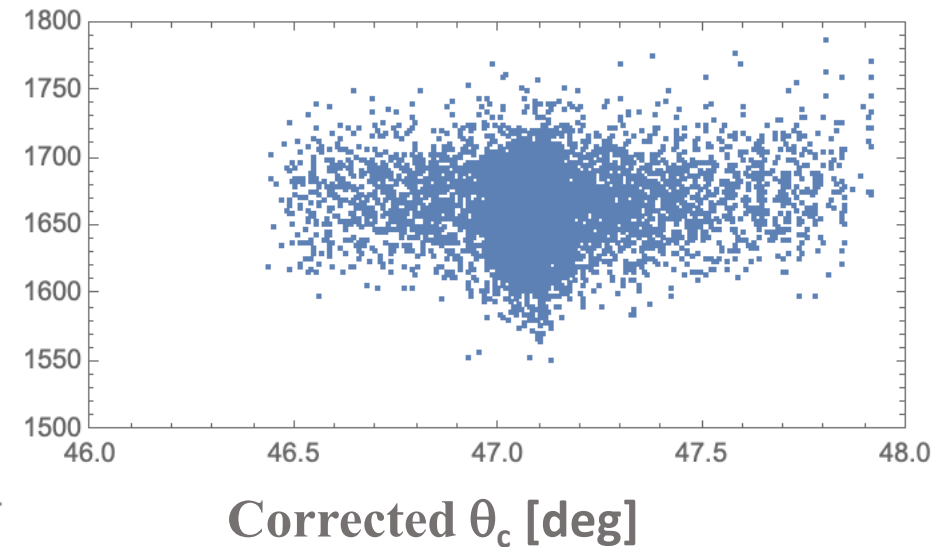
z [cm]



$(t_1 - t_0) =$

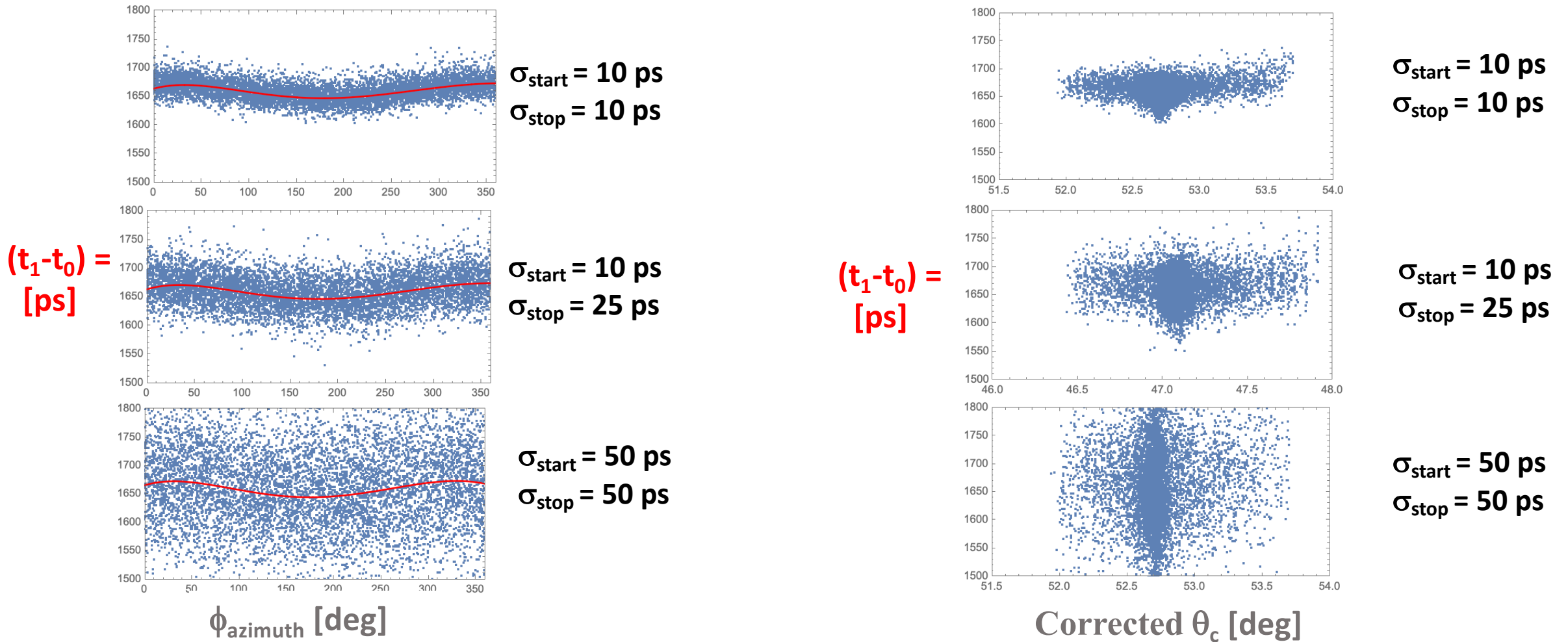
Total time pion = Track time + Photon time 1 + Photon time 2 (psec)

$\sigma_{\text{start}} = 10 \text{ ps}$
 $\sigma_{\text{stop}} = 25 \text{ ps}$



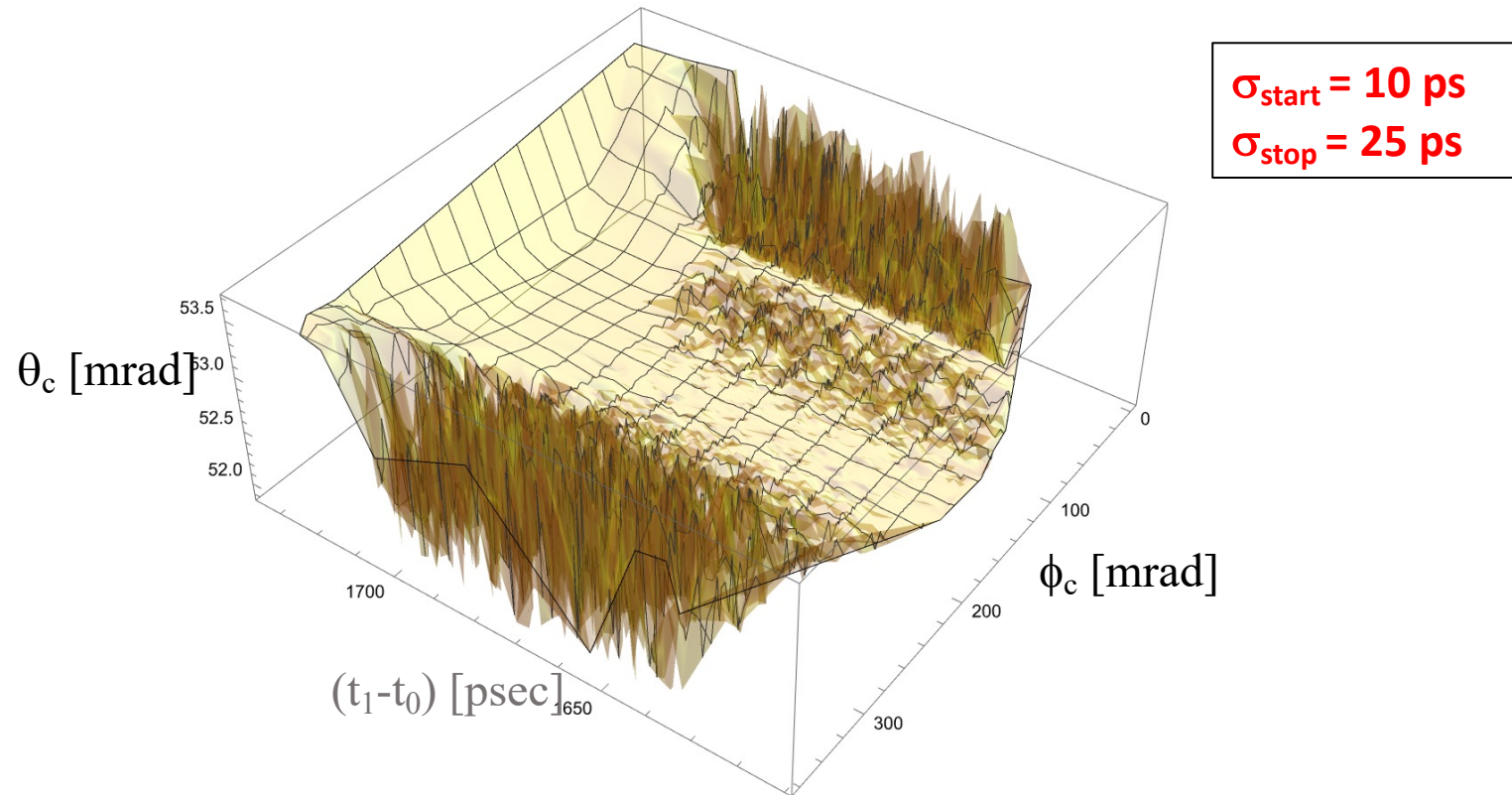
- " $t_1 - t_0$ " timing has almost no effect on the corrected Cherenkov angle.

Cherenkov rings for $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 4^\circ$ at 20 GeV/c with B = 5 Tesla



- ϕ_c depends on time " $t_1 - t_0$ ", but corrected θ_c does not.

Cherenkov rings for $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 4^\circ$ & 20 GeV/c with B = 5 Tesla

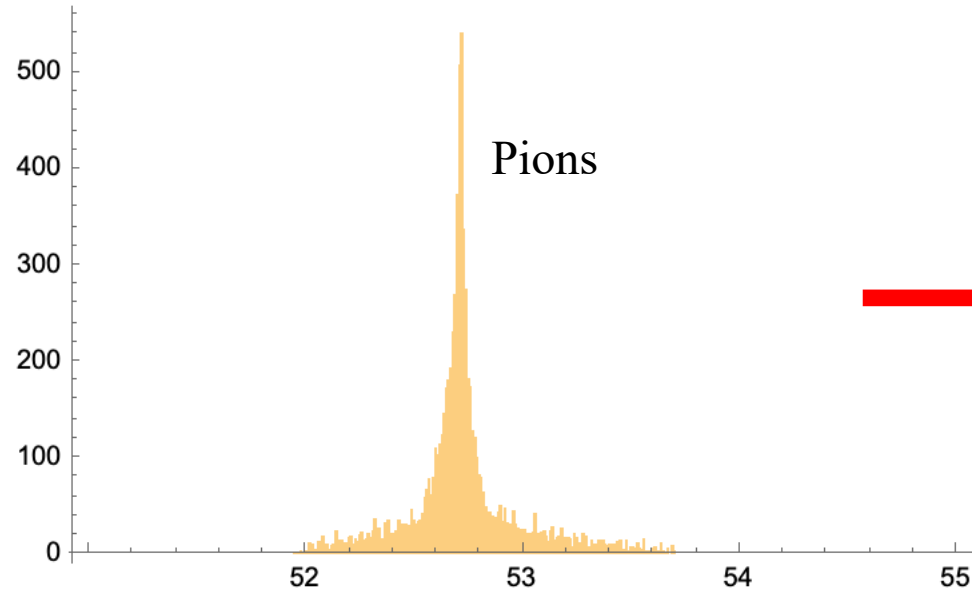


- 3D views of Cherenkov angle including " $t_1 - t_0$ " timing.

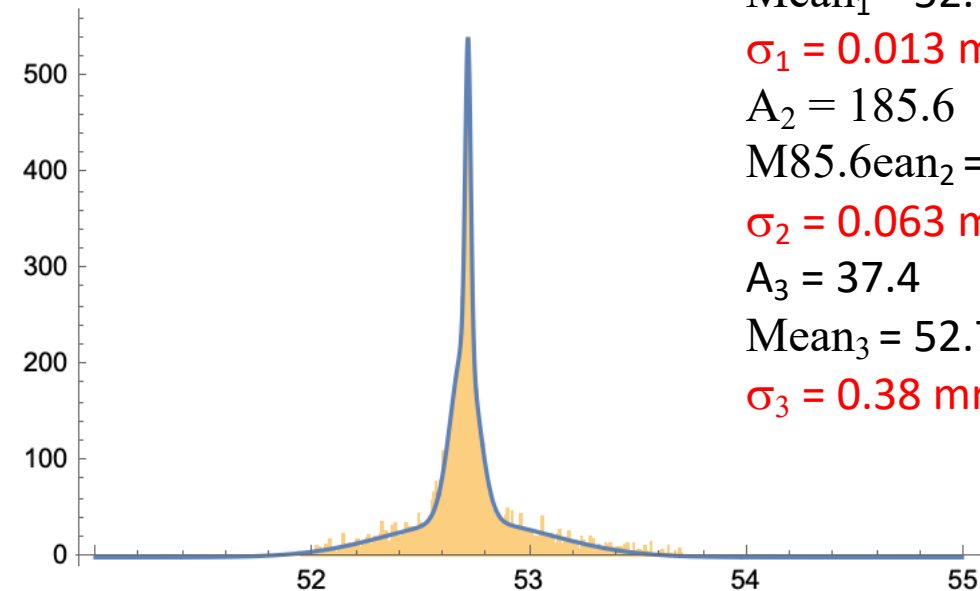
Cherenkov angle distribution for $20 \text{ GeV}/c$ & $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 4^\circ$ & $B = 5 \text{ Tesla}$

Note: I started to get “help” from AI computer (<https://chat.openai.com/auth/login>); he knows more about Mathematica than any person I know.

rms error = 0.25 mrad per single hit



Corrected Cherenkov angle pion [mrad]



Corrected Cherenkov angle pion [mrad]

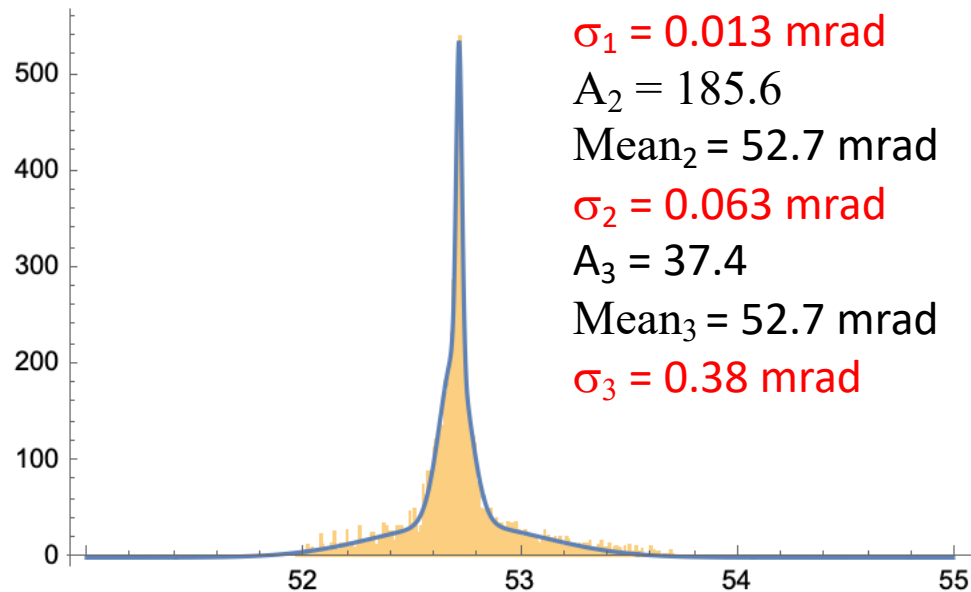
$A_1 = 323.7$
 $\text{Mean}_1 = 52.7 \text{ mrad}$
 $\sigma_1 = 0.013 \text{ mrad}$
 $A_2 = 185.6$
 $\text{Mean}_2 = 52.7 \text{ mrad}$
 $\sigma_2 = 0.063 \text{ mrad}$
 $A_3 = 37.4$
 $\text{Mean}_3 = 52.7 \text{ mrad}$
 $\sigma_3 = 0.38 \text{ mrad}$

- **Fit histogram with 3 Gaussian distributions.**
- **σ_3 error dominates; σ_1 and σ_2 errors are smaller than rms error.**

Magnetic field on & off for 20 GeV/c & $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 4^\circ$

rms error = 0.25 mrad per single hit

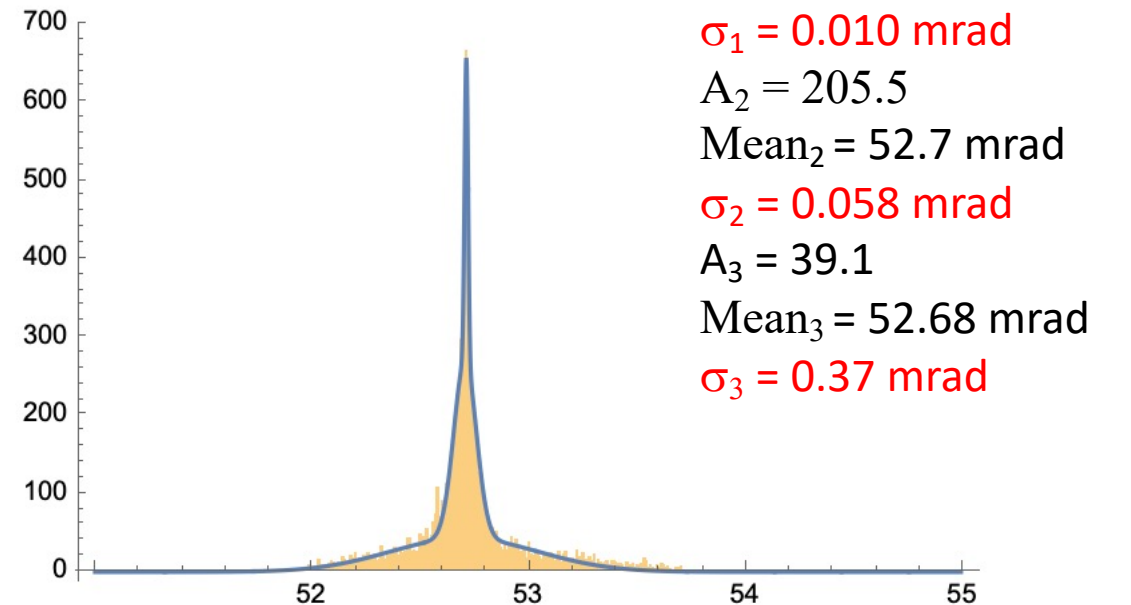
B = 5 Tesla



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Corrected Cherenkov angle pion [mrad]

B = 0.001 Tesla



$A_1 = 323.9$
 $\text{Mean}_1 = 52.7 \text{ mrad}$
 $\sigma_1 = 0.010 \text{ mrad}$
 $A_2 = 205.5$
 $\text{Mean}_2 = 52.7 \text{ mrad}$
 $\sigma_2 = 0.058 \text{ mrad}$
 $A_3 = 39.1$
 $\text{Mean}_3 = 52.68 \text{ mrad}$
 $\sigma_3 = 0.37 \text{ mrad}$

Corrected Cherenkov angle pion with timing cut [mrad]

- “Magnetic field off” errors are smaller.

Smearing vs. focusing error at **20 GeV/c** & $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 4^\circ$ & **B = 5 Tesla**

Smearing error

$$\sigma_1 = 0.008 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\sigma_2 = 0.024 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\sigma_3 = 0.09 \text{ mrad}$$

(Result of subtraction of square of errors)

Focusing error

$$\sigma_1 = 0.010 \text{ mrad}$$

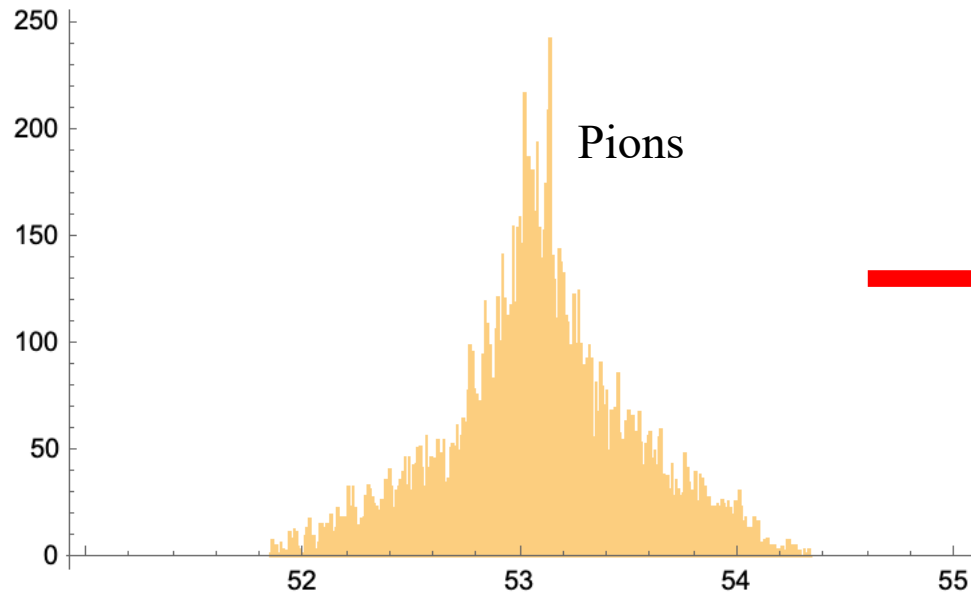
$$\sigma_2 = 0.058 \text{ mrad}$$

$$\sigma_3 = 0.37 \text{ mrad}$$

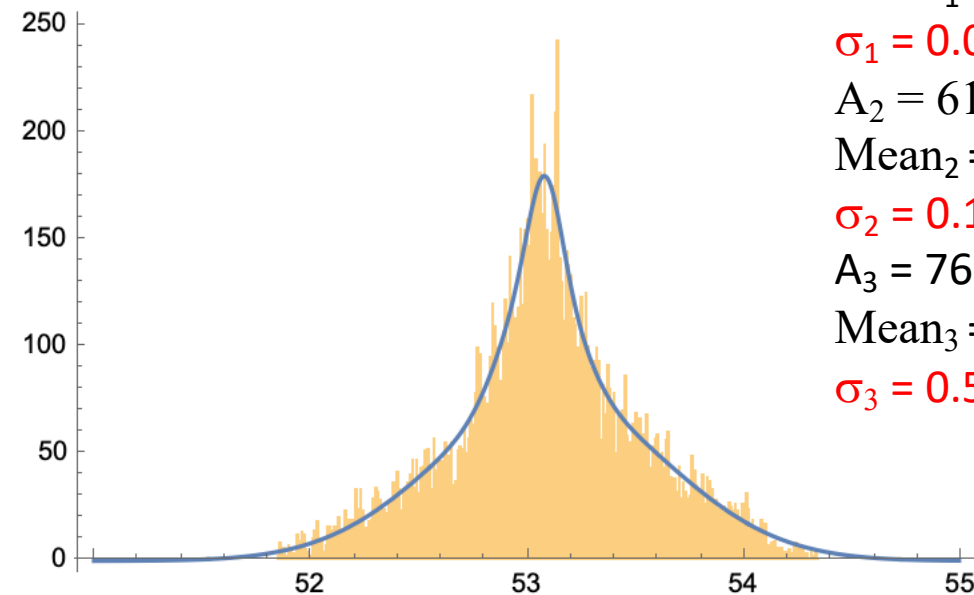
- **We conclude that the focusing error is larger than the smearing error.**

Cherenkov angle distribution for $50 \text{ GeV}/c$ & $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 40^\circ$ & $B = 5 \text{ Tesla}$

rms error (pion) $\sim 0.43 \text{ mrad}$



Corrected Cherenkov angle pion [mrad]

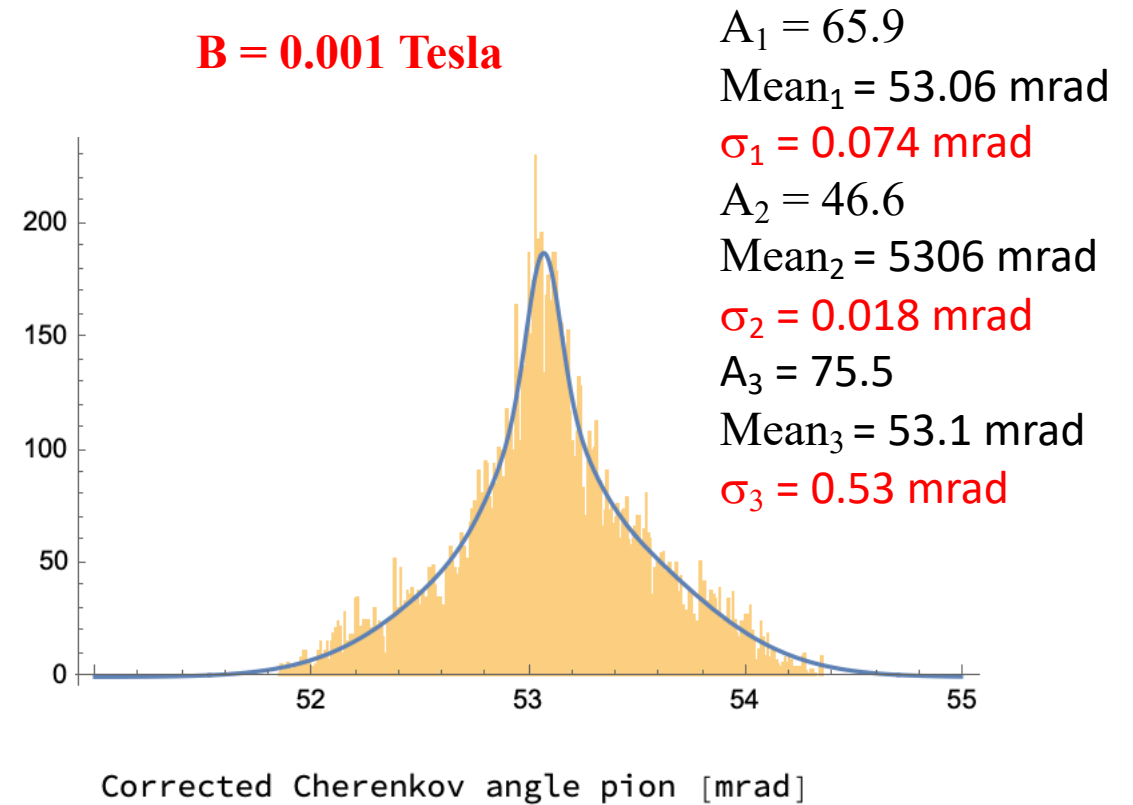
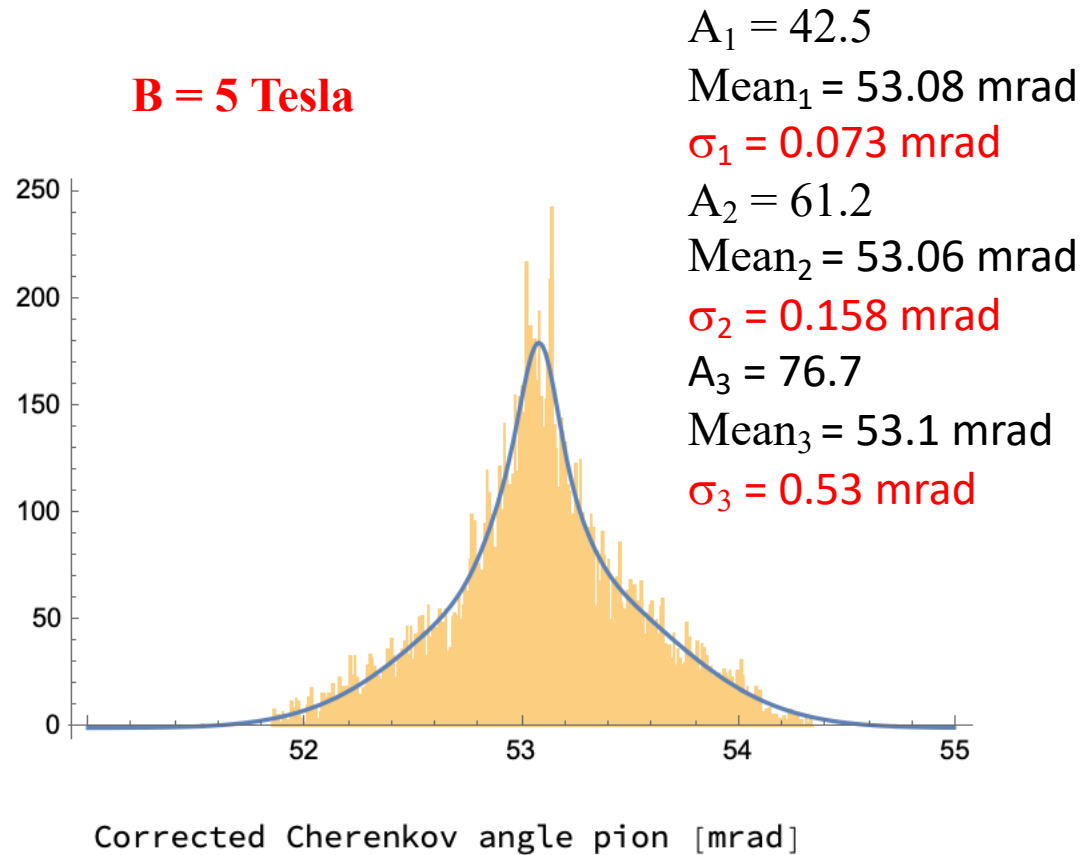


Corrected Cherenkov angle pion [mrad]

$A_1 = 42.5$
 $\text{Mean}_1 = 53.08 \text{ mrad}$
 $\sigma_1 = 0.073 \text{ mrad}$
 $A_2 = 61.2$
 $\text{Mean}_2 = 53.06 \text{ mrad}$
 $\sigma_2 = 0.158 \text{ mrad}$
 $A_3 = 76.7$
 $\text{Mean}_3 = 53.1 \text{ mrad}$
 $\sigma_3 = 0.53 \text{ mrad}$

- σ_3 error dominates; σ_1 and σ_2 errors are smaller than rms error.
- Analyzing magnetic field off data ,we again conclude that the focusing effect error is larger than the smearing effect error.

Magnetic field on & off for $50 \text{ GeV}/c$ & $\theta_{\text{dip}} = 40^\circ$



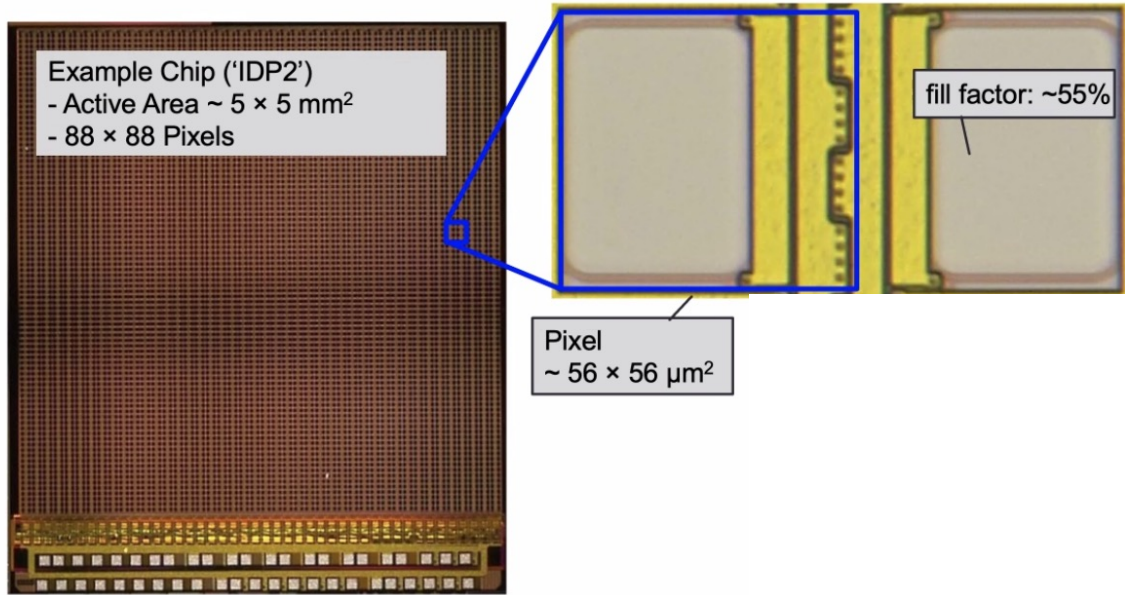
- **Note: Errors are about the same for magnetic field off.**
- **We again conclude that the focusing effect error is larger than the smearing effect error.**

Are digital SiPMs a good choice in future ?

Peter Fisher, Heidelberg

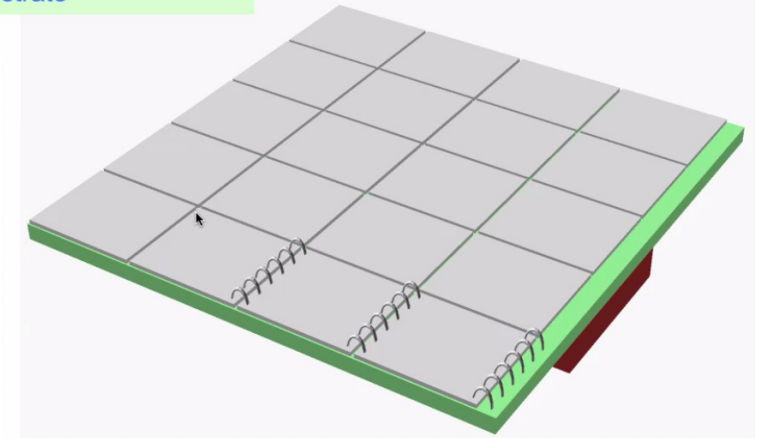
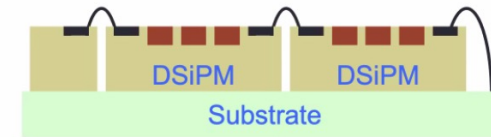
'Digital SiPM' (or 'CMOS SPADs')

- Chip produced in a ('special') CMOS technology which allows to fabricate SPADs AND transistors on one chip



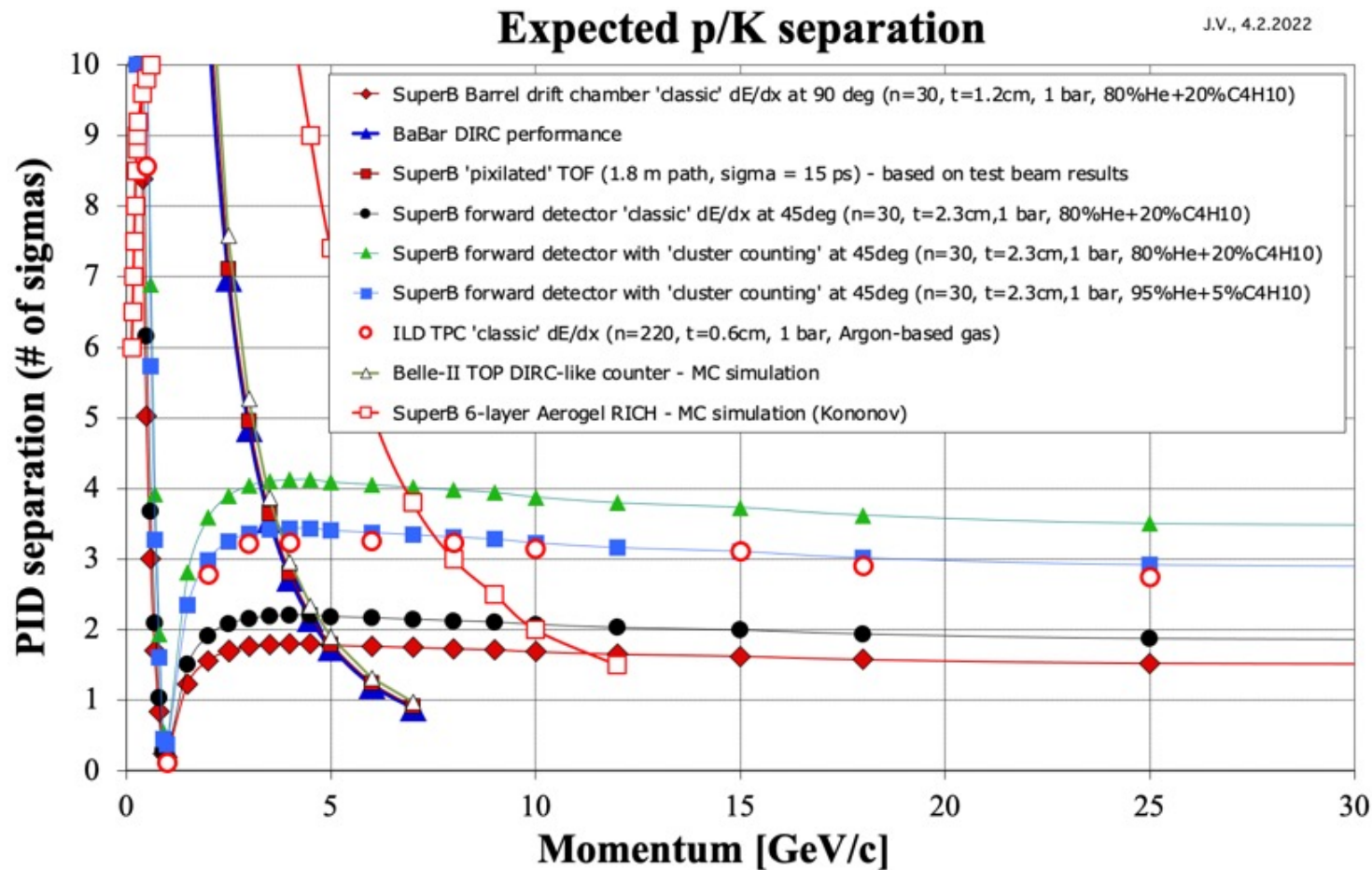
Possible Module Concept

- Several bare chips grouped on large ($\sim 8 \times 8 \text{ cm}^2$) low activity substrate:



- Can have very small pixel sizes.
- Combine electronics and photosensor together on one chip. Fill factor: 55%.
- Can switch off the cell which is too noisy.
- Can daisy chain different segments.

PID using other methods



- Cherenkov imaging with our gaseous RICH is vastly superior.

Physics motivation $\pi/K/p$ particle identification

- **General point:** What is the origin of flavor ? Why we have three families ?
- **Higgs physics:** need to test Higgs coupling to lighter quarks. Use π/K PID to separate strange-initiated jets from u/d ([ArXiv: 2203.07535v2](#), Mar.2022)
- **Flavor physics:** requires excellent hadron particle identification (separation of π , K, p) to resolve combinatorics + separate decay modes
- **SM physics:** Plenty of Z, W, top produced! Measure $Z \rightarrow s\bar{s}$, $Z \rightarrow qq$, $e^+e^- \rightarrow s\bar{s}$, $W \rightarrow cs$, etc.

- **Additional references:**
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 - Su Dong: SLAC Snowmass Higgs WG Mar/2020: [Higgs Yukawa Couplings & Fermion Generation Puzzle](#)