

Development of an Aerogel Cherenkov Counter for the J-PARC E16 Upgrade

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Motivation

- J-PARC E16 experiment
→ measures in-medium ϕ -meson modification in di-electron spectrum

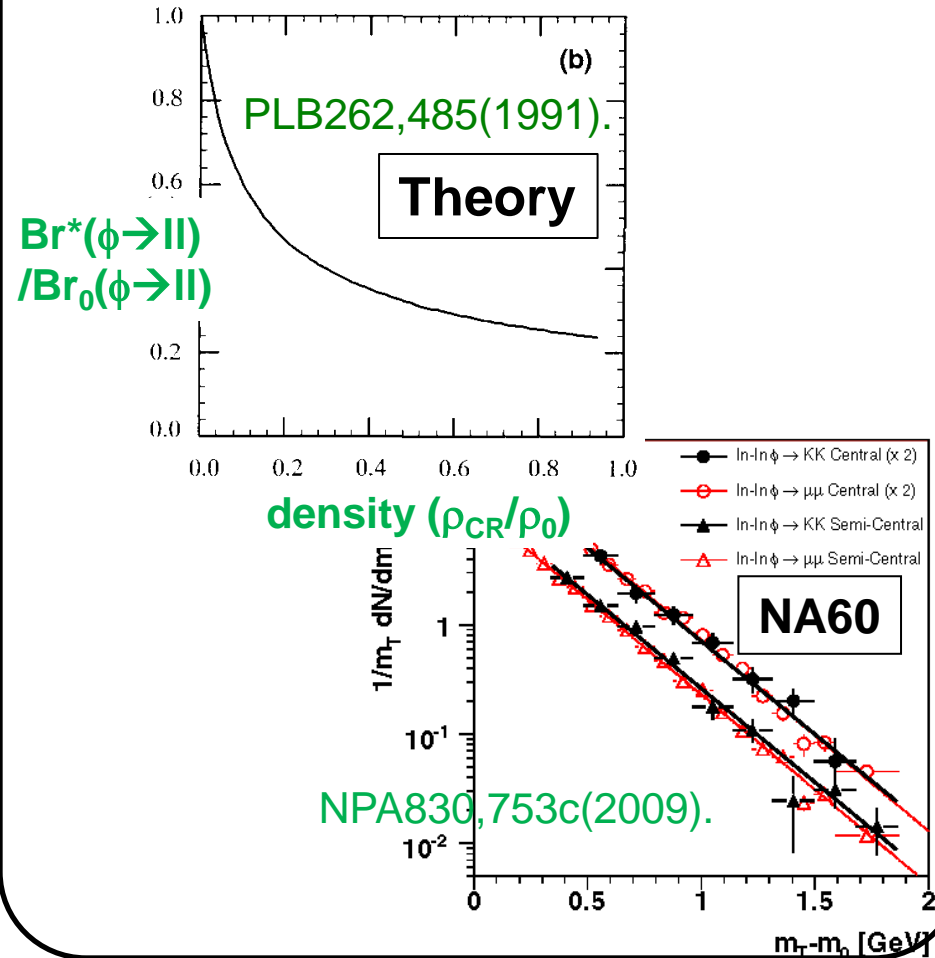
topics of the ϕ -meson

- ✓ di-lepton spectrum
- ✓ $\Gamma_{\ell\ell}$ vs Γ_{KK} (ϕ -puzzle)

- K^+K^- measurement in the E16 experiment is very important

installation of Kaon detectors in the E16 spectrometer is desired

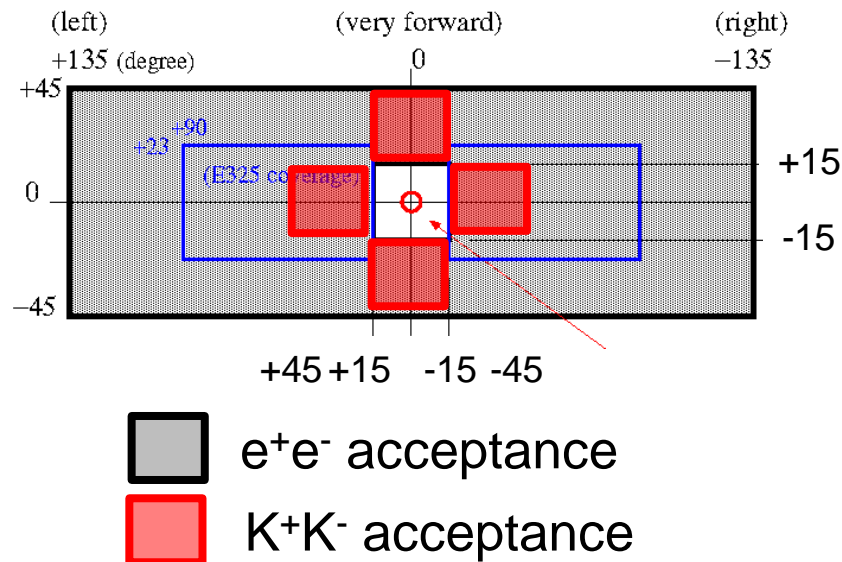
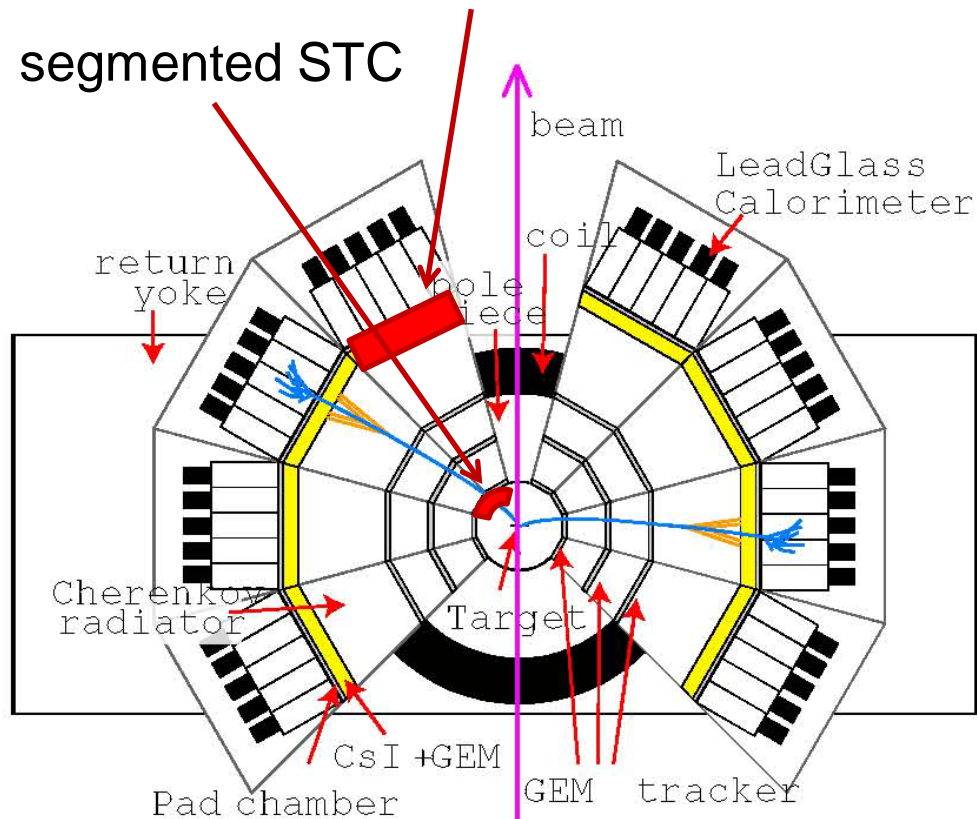
Do decay widths of $\phi \rightarrow \ell\ell$ / KK change in nuclear matter caused by ϕ / K spectral modification?



Forward Kaon Spectrometer

AC(n=1.034) + TOF counter

segmented STC

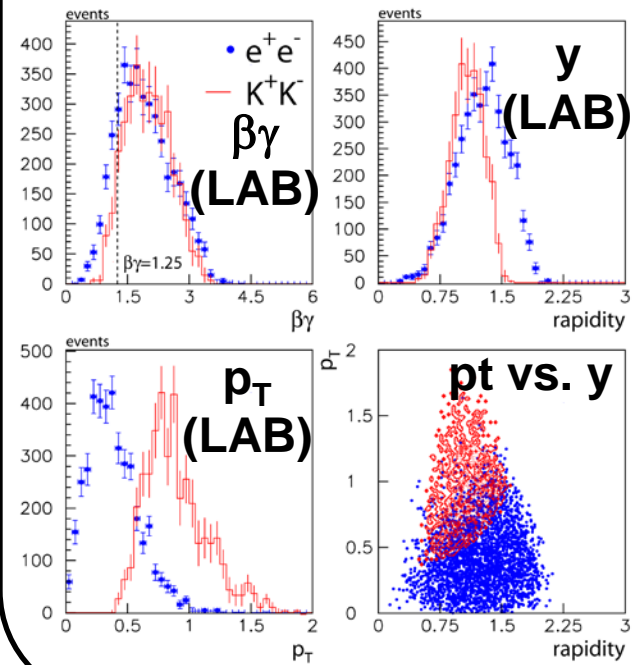


--- Requirements ---

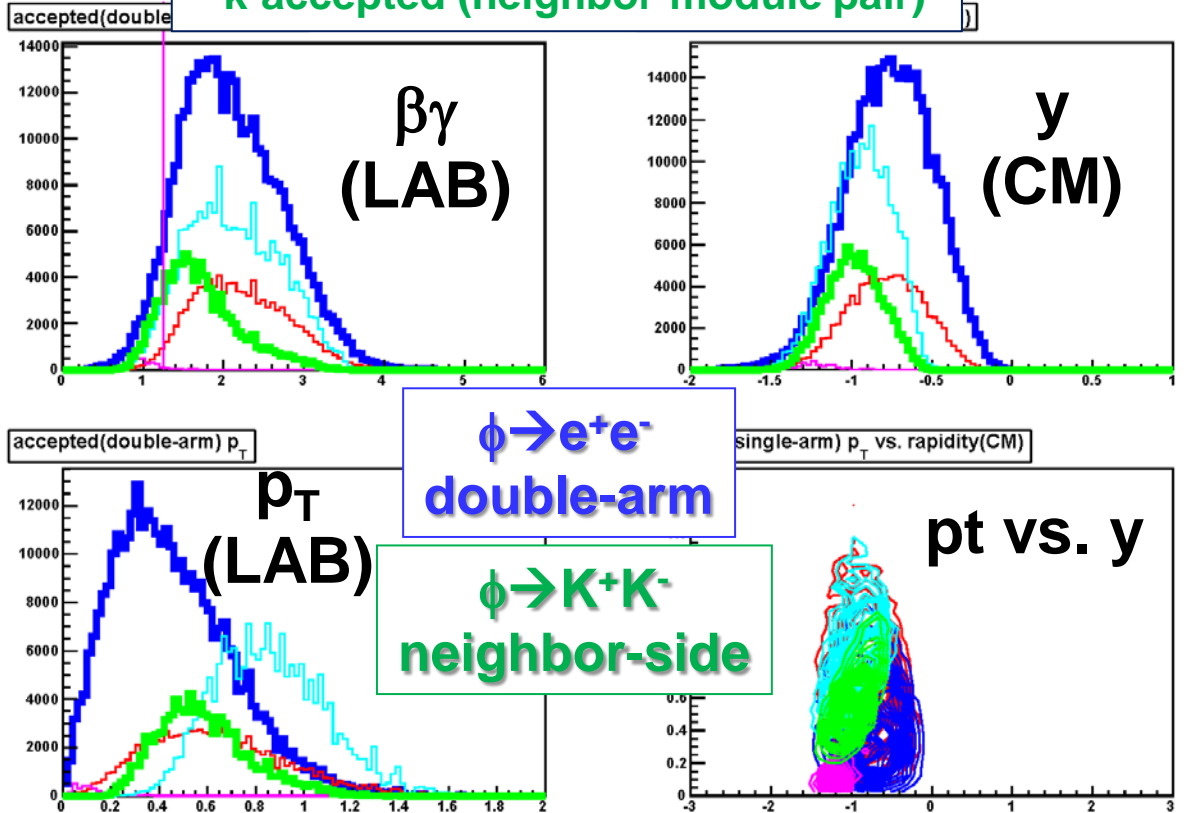
1. threshold type AC for kaon trigger (veto counter)
2. work in magnetic field
3. small & compact

$\phi \rightarrow e^+e^- / K^+K^-$ acceptance

E325 acceptance



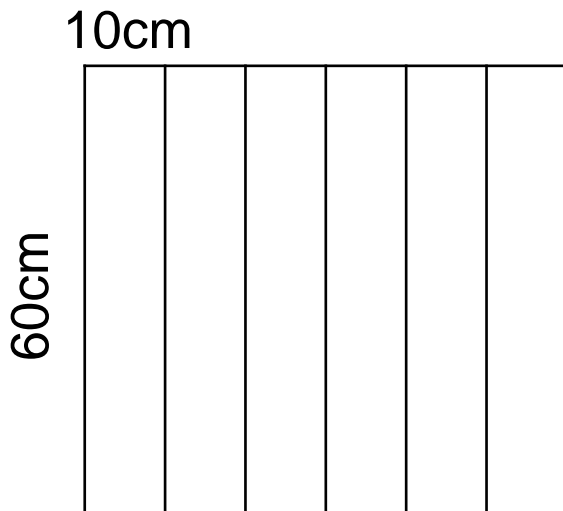
- e^- -accepted (double-arm)
- e^- -accepted (single-arm)
- k^- -accepted (opposite-module pair)
- k^- -accepted (same-module pair)
- k^- -accepted (neighbor-module pair)



Improvement of the acceptance overlap between e^+e^- and K^+K^-

AC design

- use $n=1.034$, as same as KEK-PS E325
- $60 \times 60 \text{cm}^2$ divided by 6 (or 10) sectors

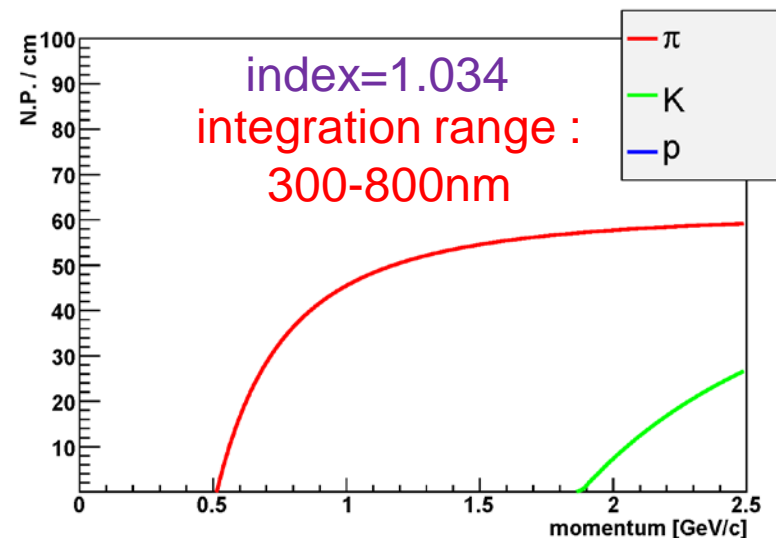
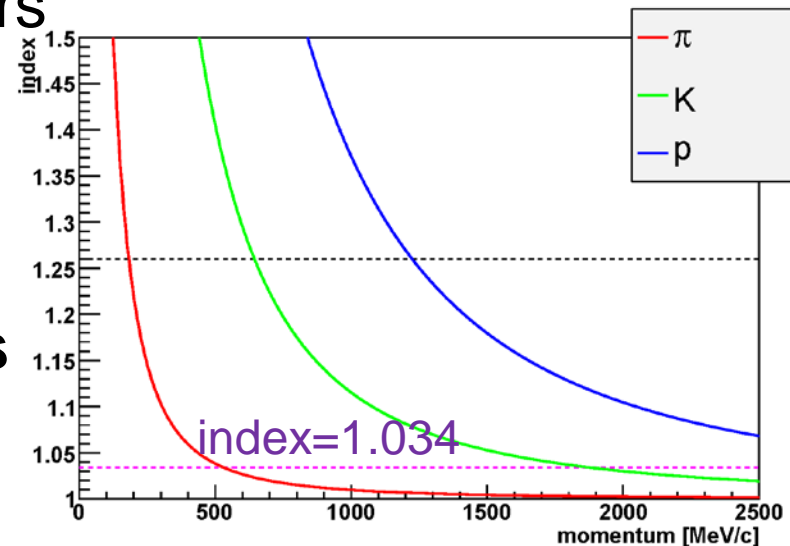


X 4 modules

readout

WLS + fiber + (FM)PMT

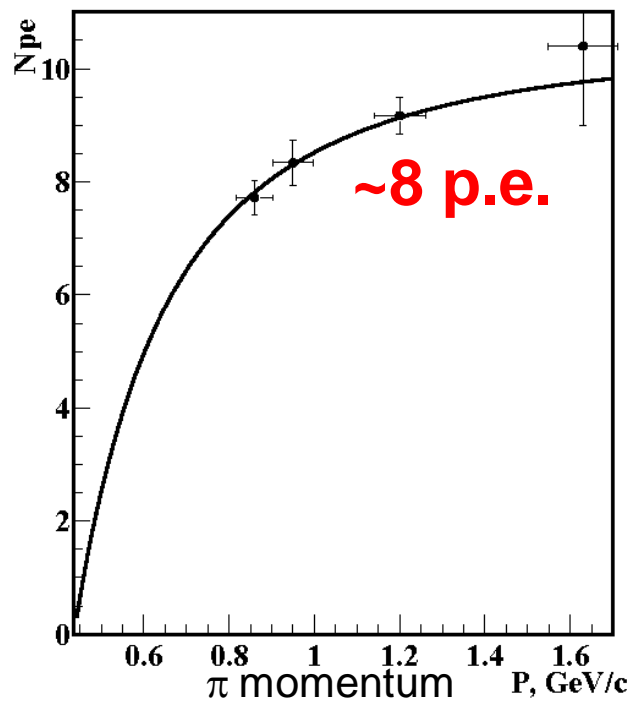
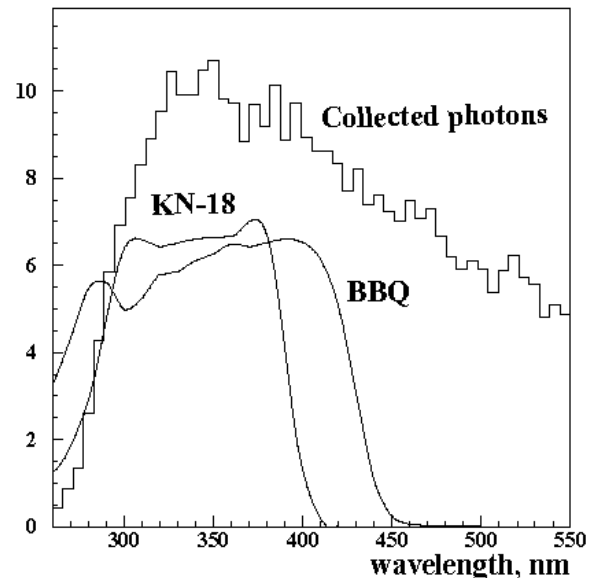
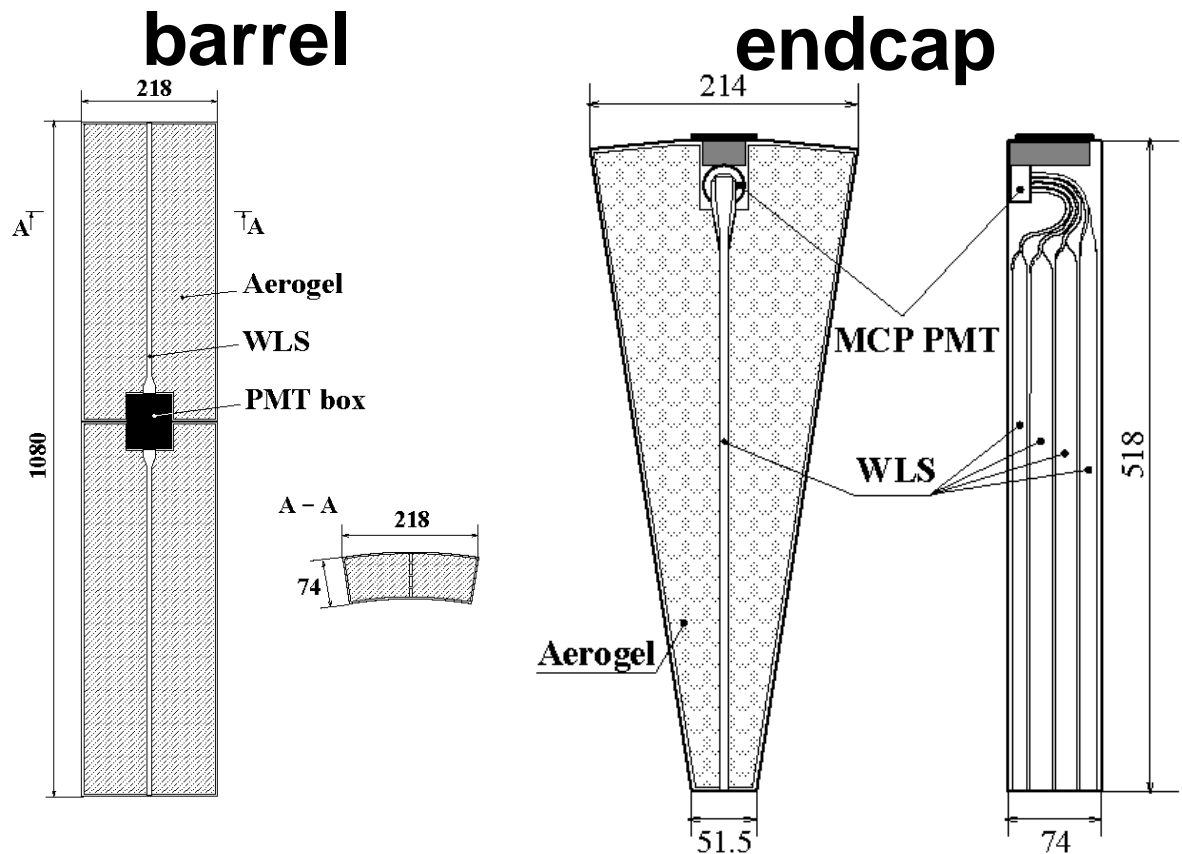
Goal : construct a prototype of $\frac{1}{4}$ size module



Some Hints in detector development in Russia?

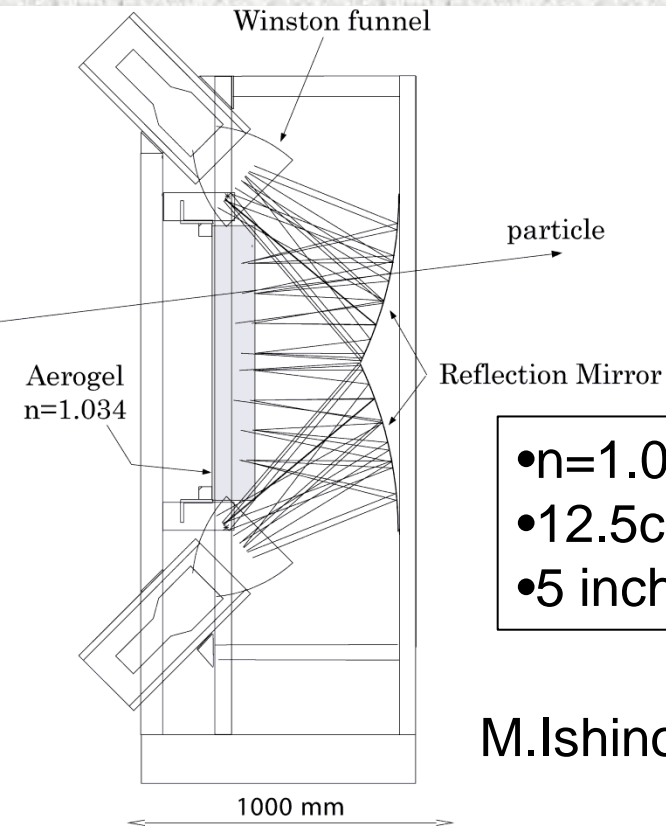
arXiv:hep-ex/0106016

candidate for PEP-N detector @ SLAC



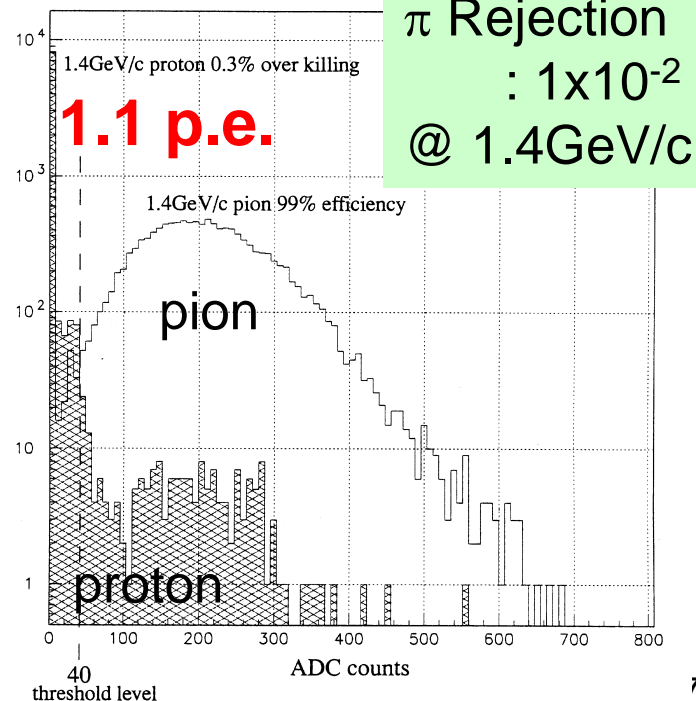
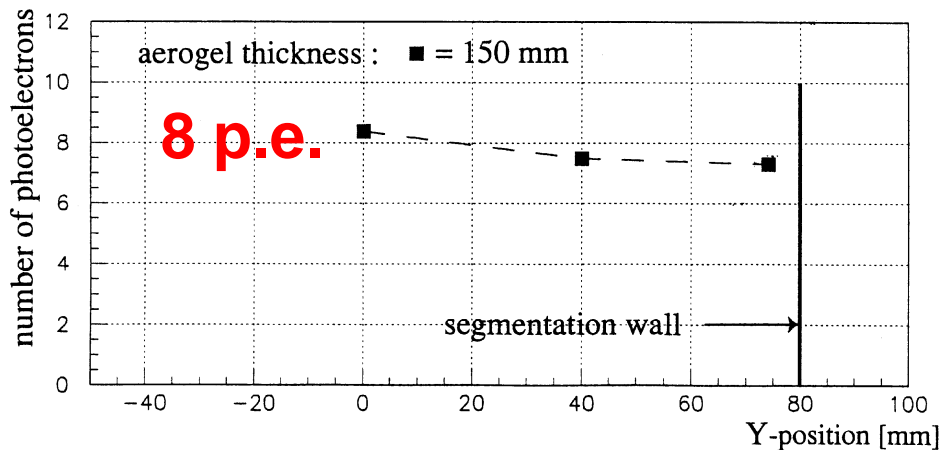
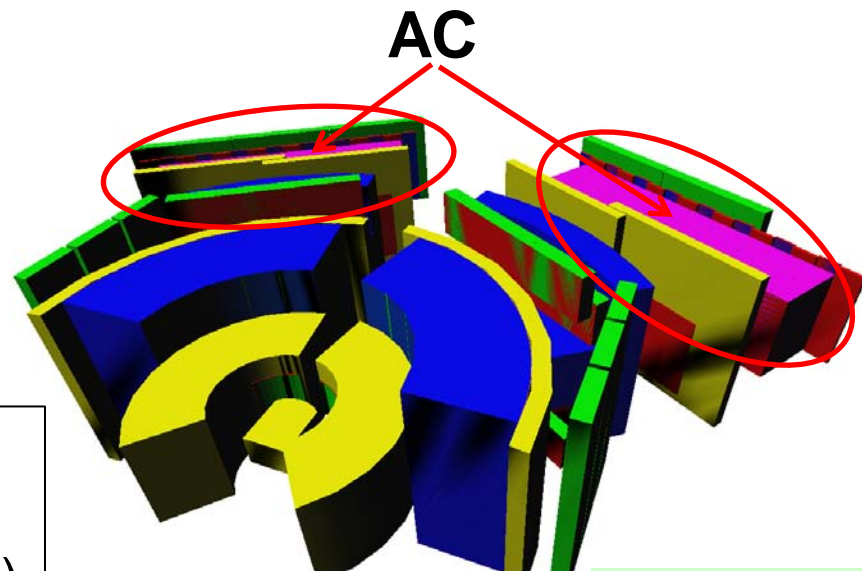
Aerogel : t74mm, n=1.05
WLS : BBQ

Minimum Goal : KEK-PS E325 AC



- $n=1.034$
- 12.5cm Aerogel
- 5 inch PMT (H6527)

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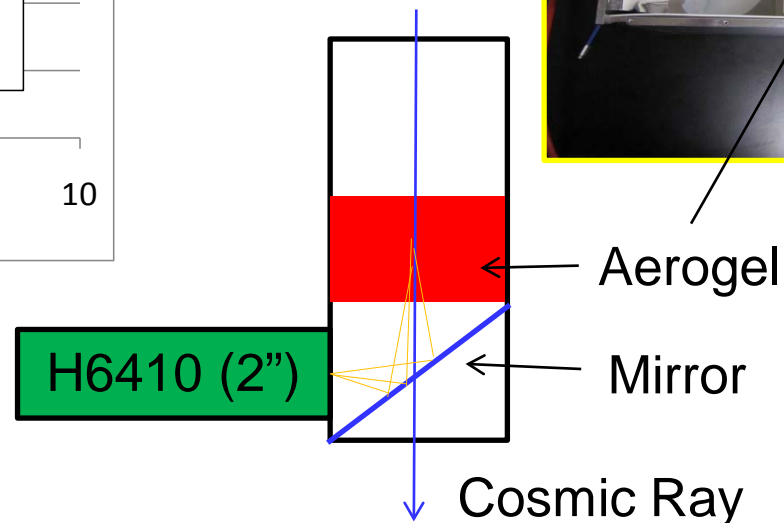
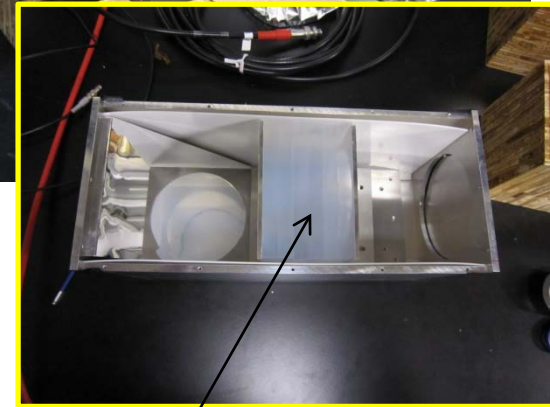
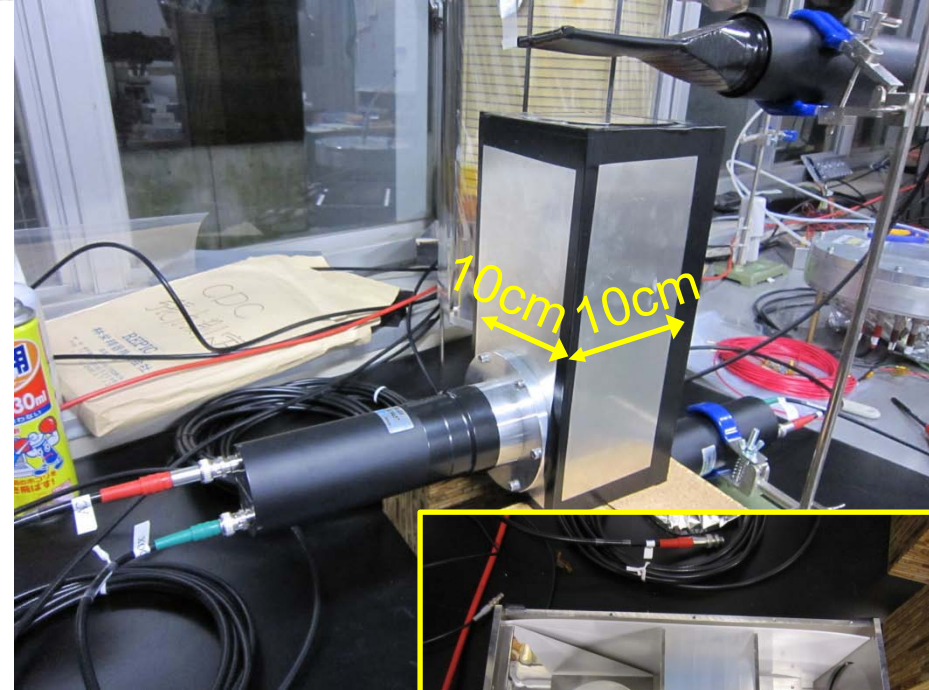
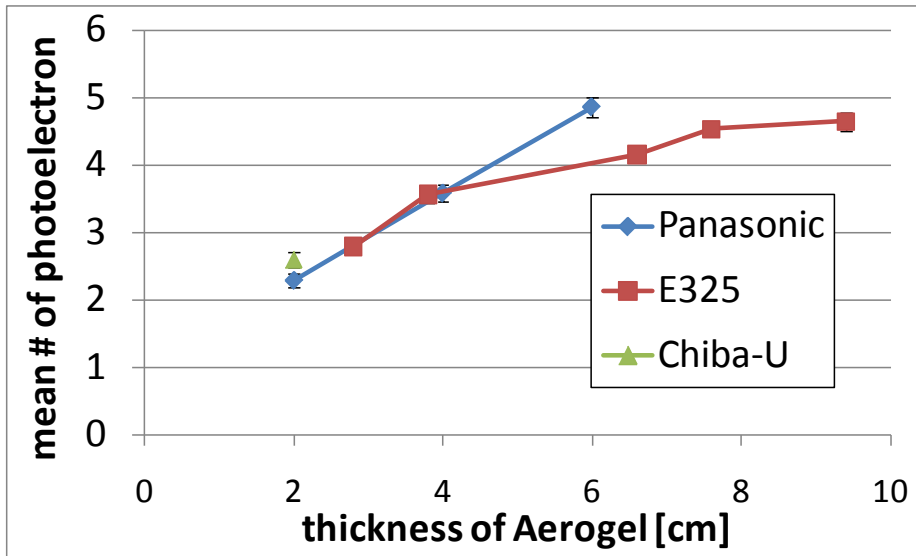
Aerogel

We have checked 3-types of the aerogel ($n \sim 1.034$):

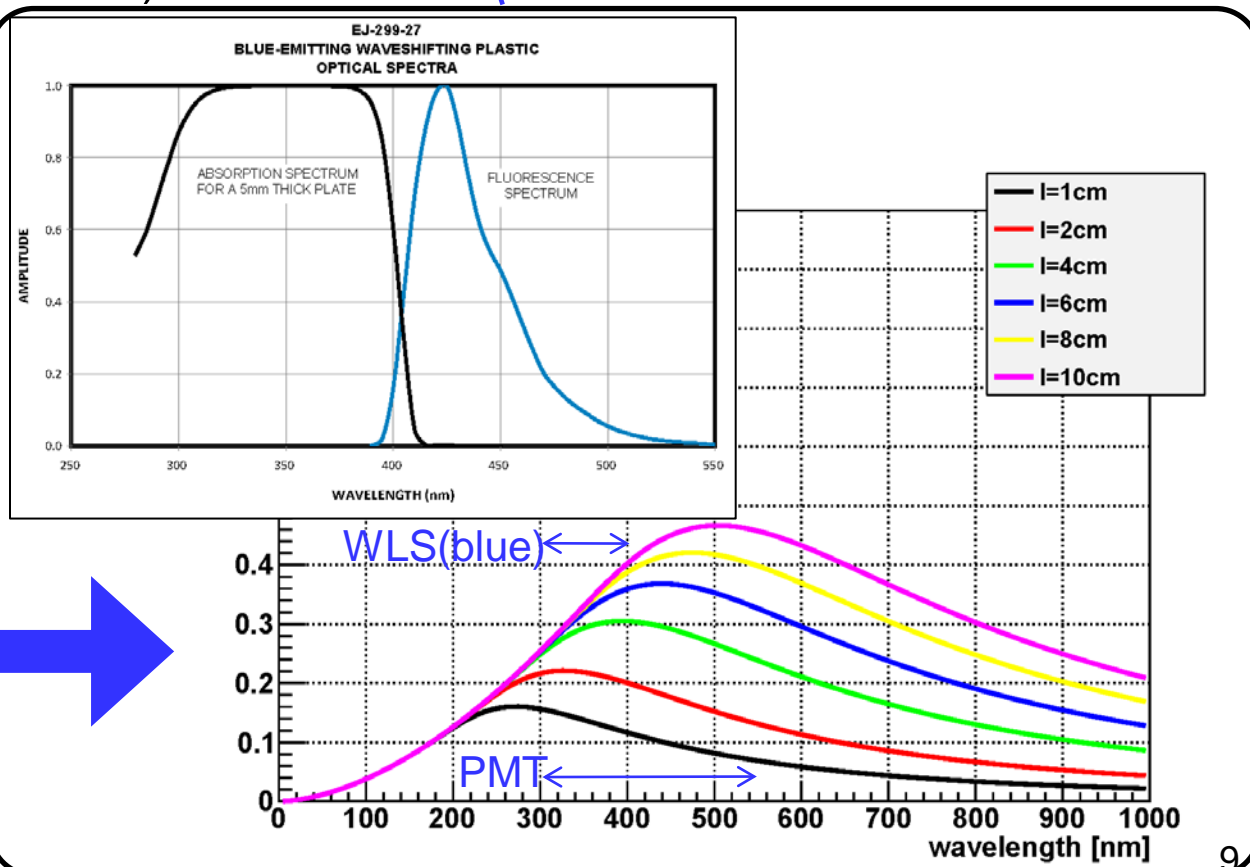
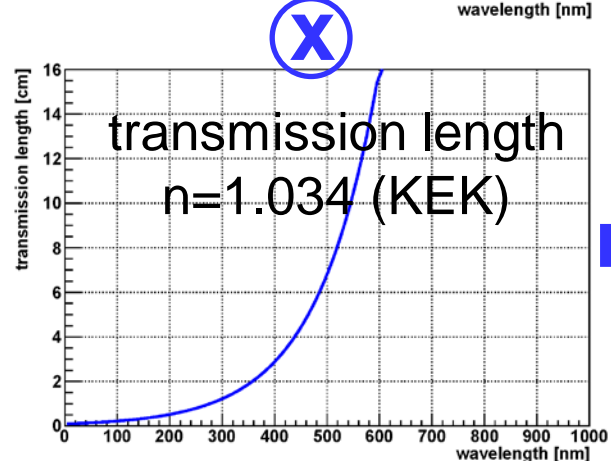
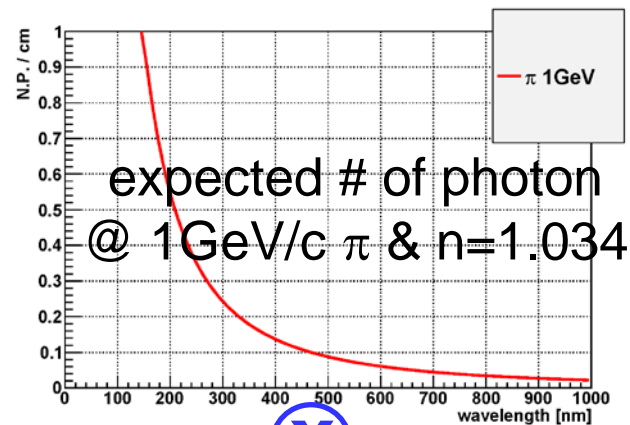
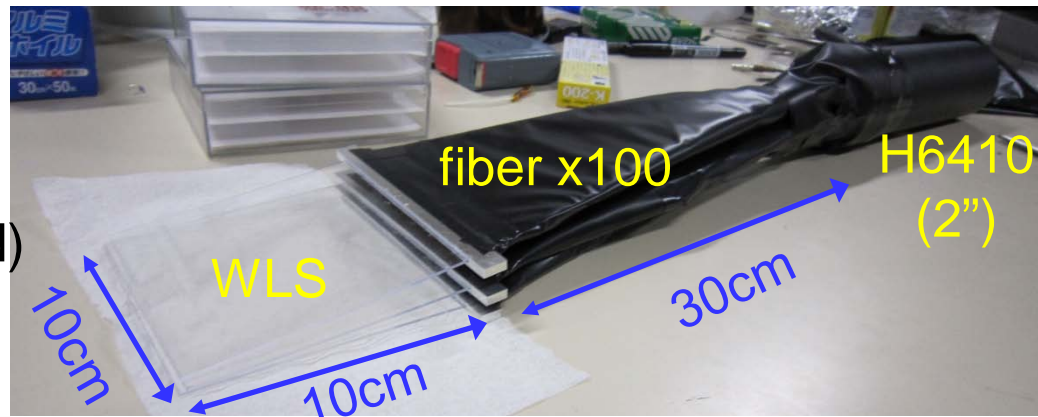
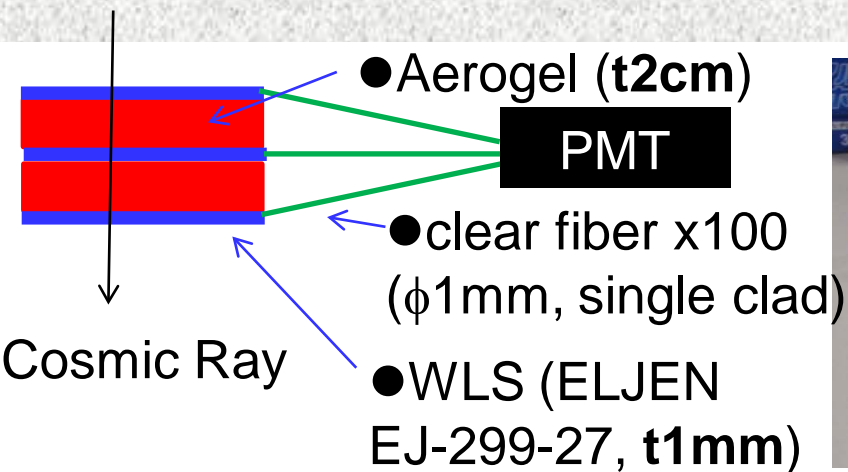
● Panasonic-denko

● KEK-PS E325

● Chiba-U

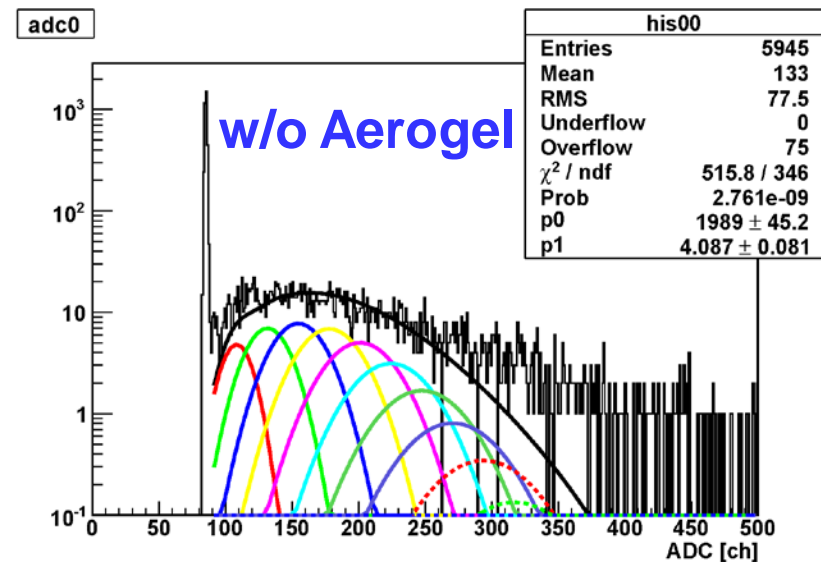
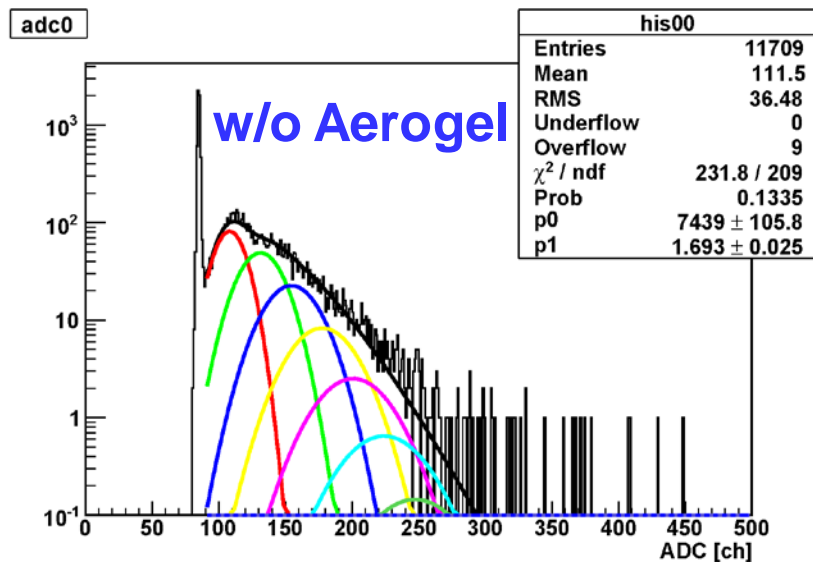
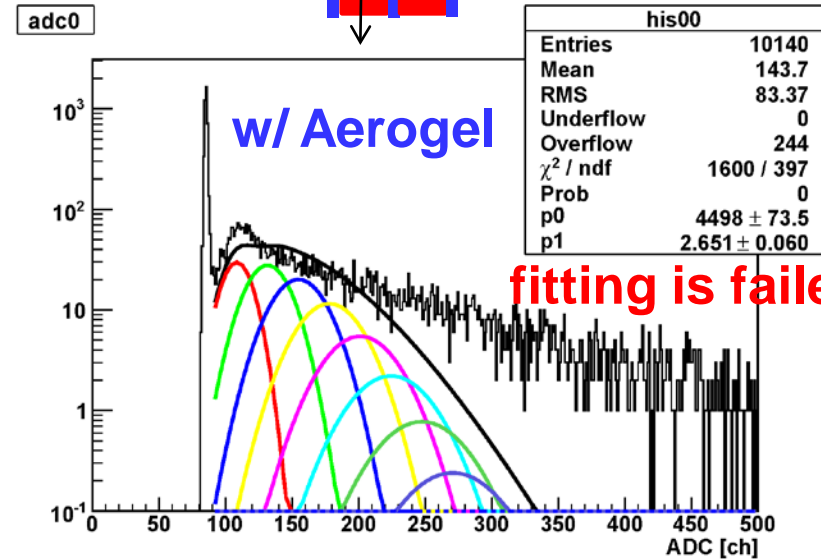
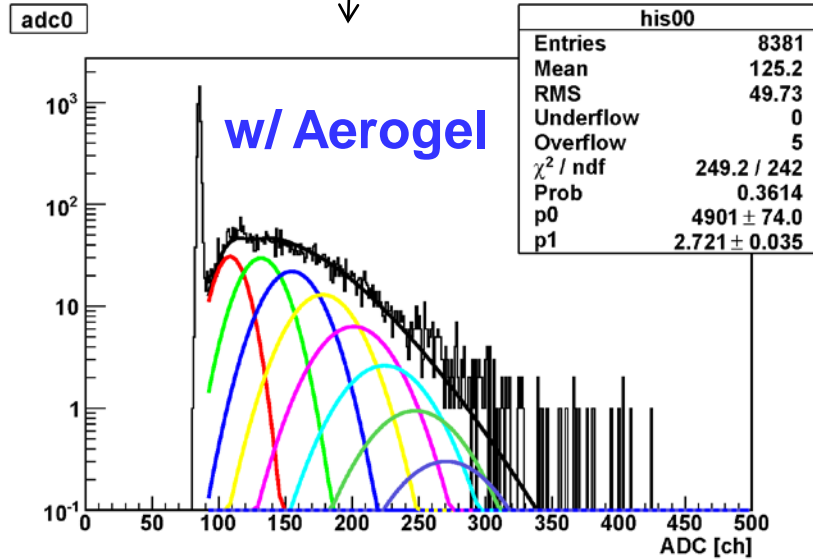
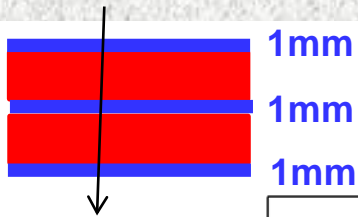


WLS



WLS (Cont'd)

2cm
2cm



WLS (Cont'd)

--- What we have learned ---

- WLS (blue, t1mm) emits several photons with charged particles

- ➔ **We cannot install a large amount of WLS in detector acceptance**

- present method of WLS+fiber readout cannot collect Cherenkov light from the Aerogel

--- What we have to do ---

- reconsider the configuration of the Aerogel and WLS

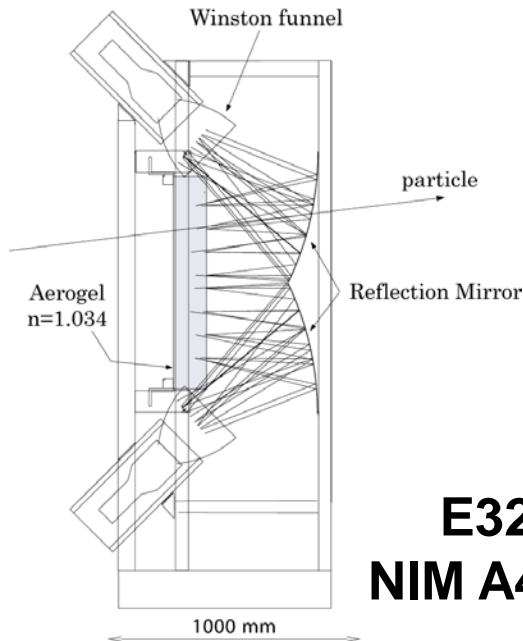
- increase the fibers?

- usage of blue and green WLS?

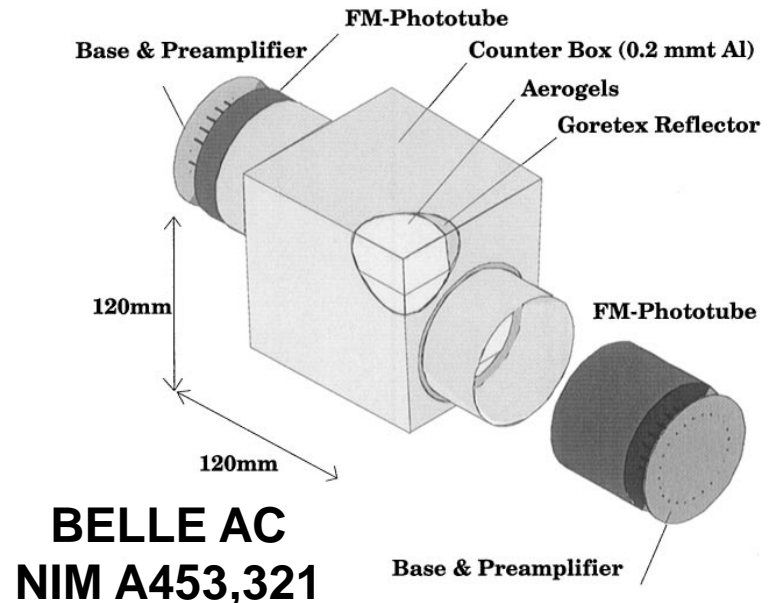
Other Ways ...

- development of a “normal type” Aerogel Cherenkov Counter with finemesh-PMTs such as BELLE AC.

- development of a “reflection type” Aerogel Cherenkov Counter with optical mirrors such as E325 AC.



E325 AC
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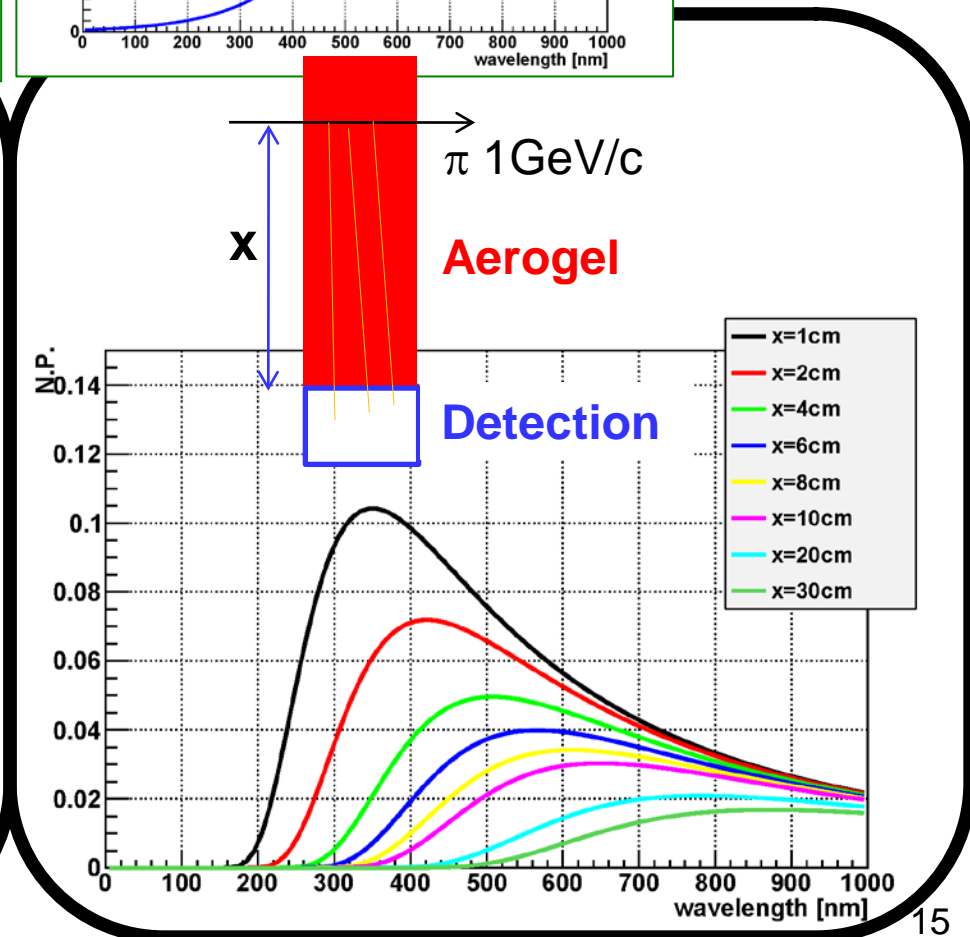
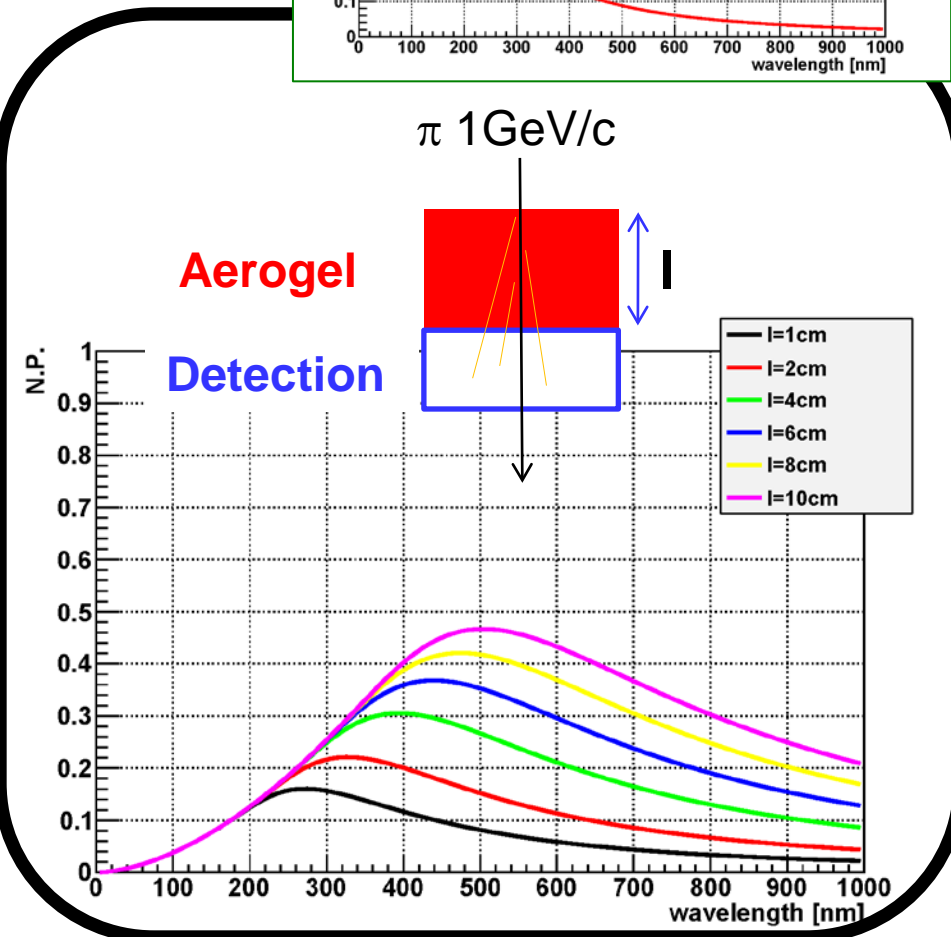
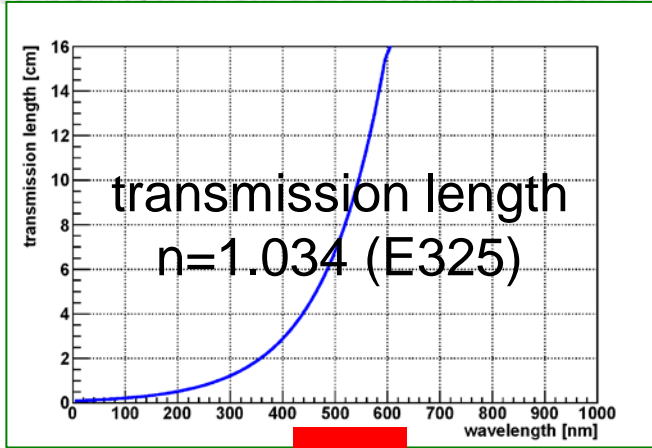
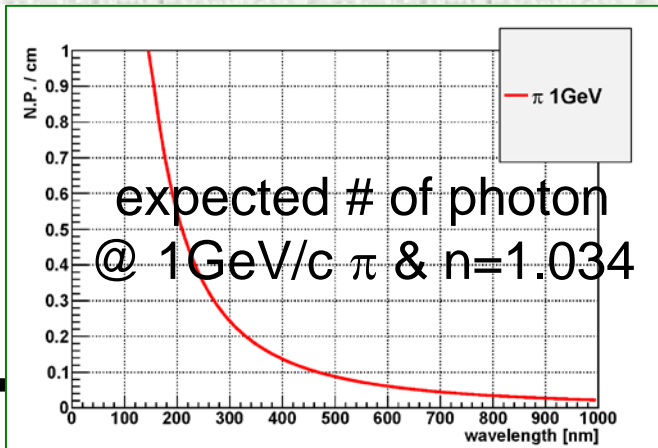


BELLE AC
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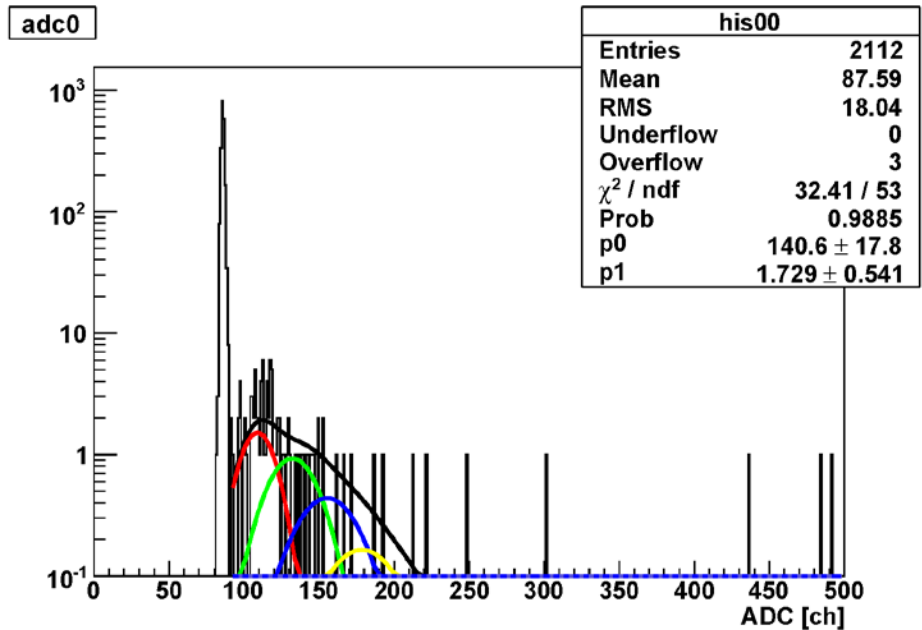
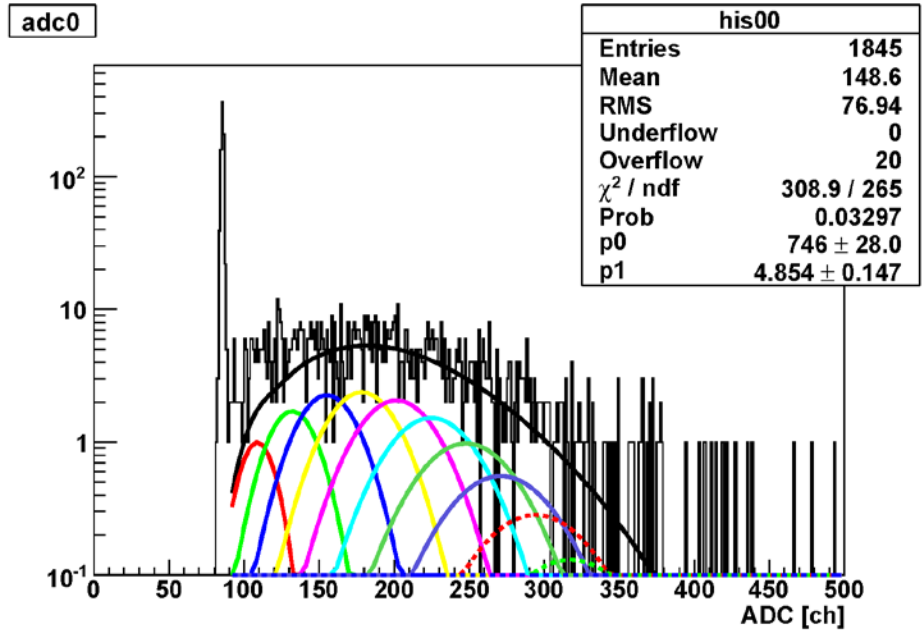
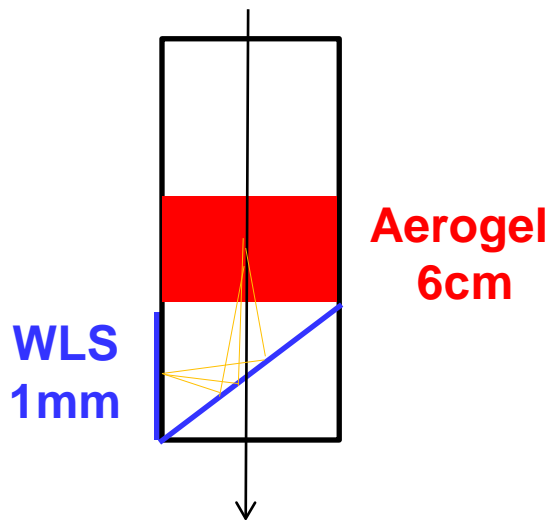
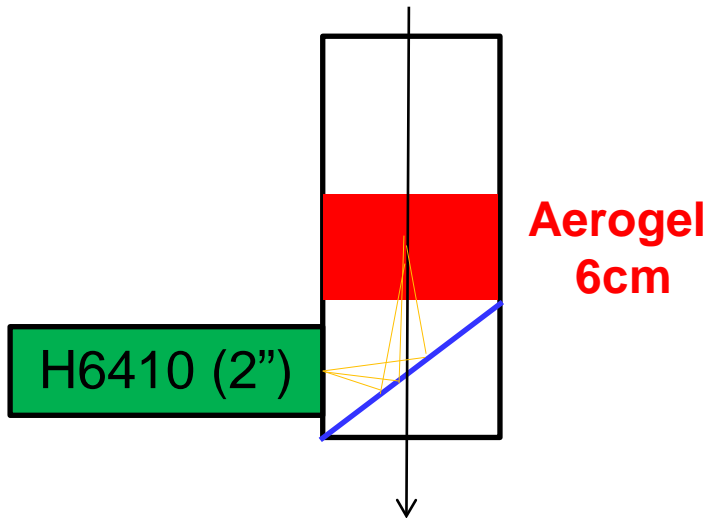
Summary

- We have been developing an Aerogel Cherenkov Counter for the E16 upgrade in order to measure K^+K^- pair.
- Development of WLS+fiber readout has been started, but we have to adjust the configuration of AC+WLS+fiber. Further study is required...

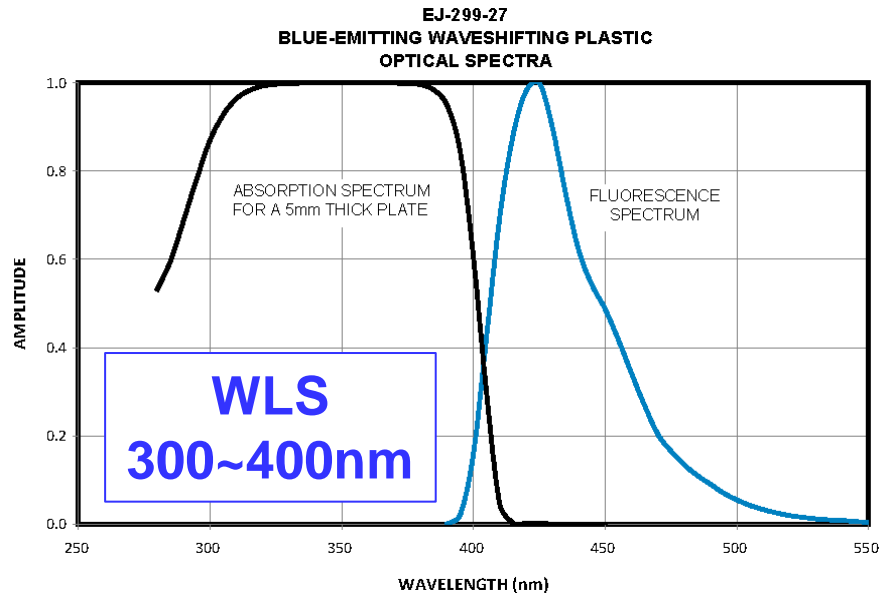
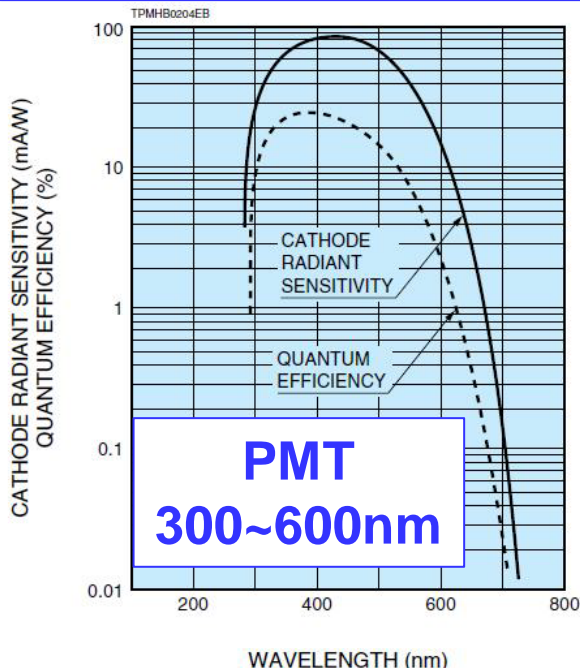
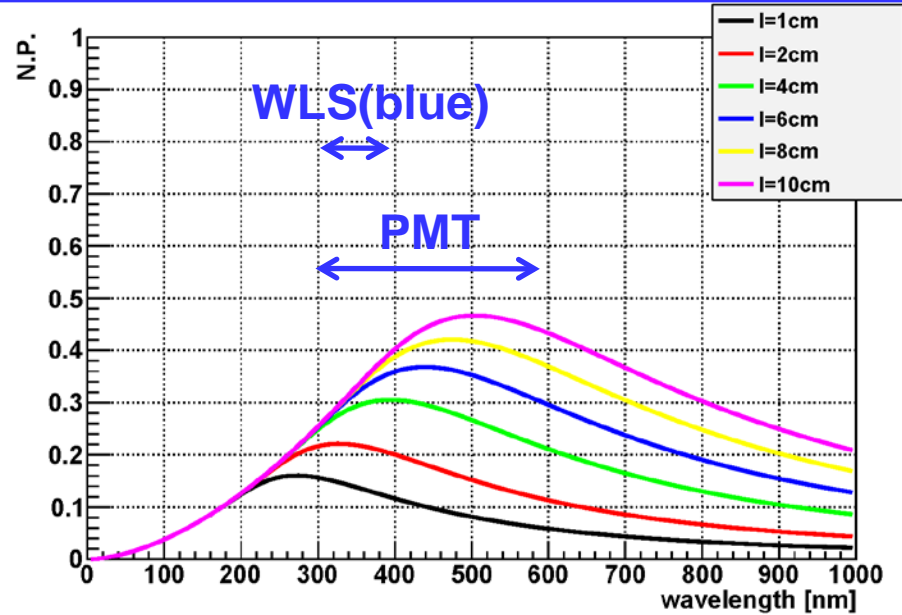
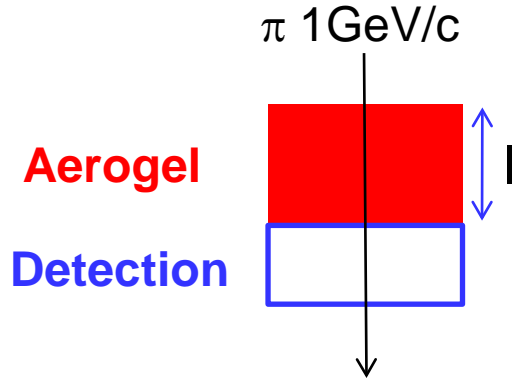
Expected Photon Spectra



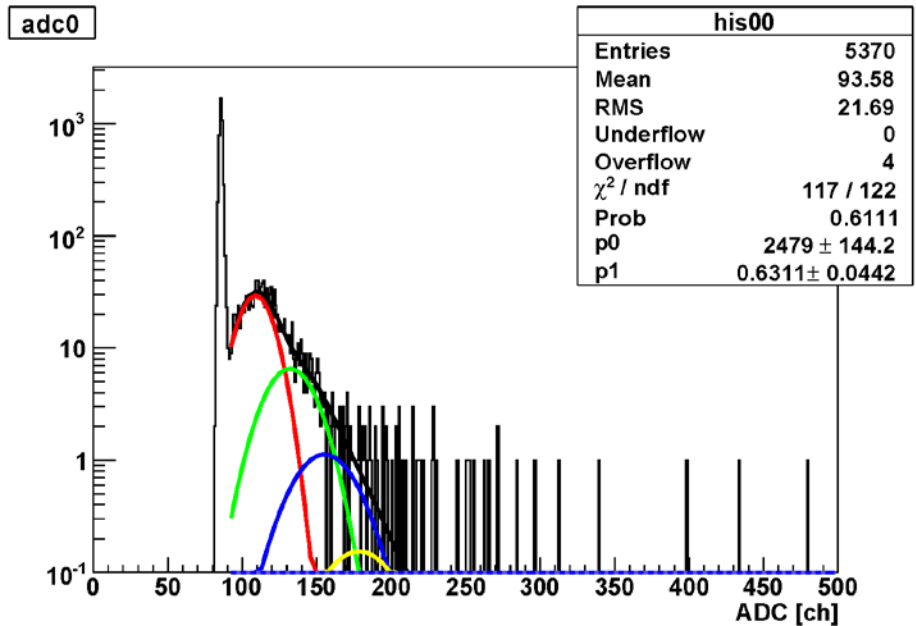
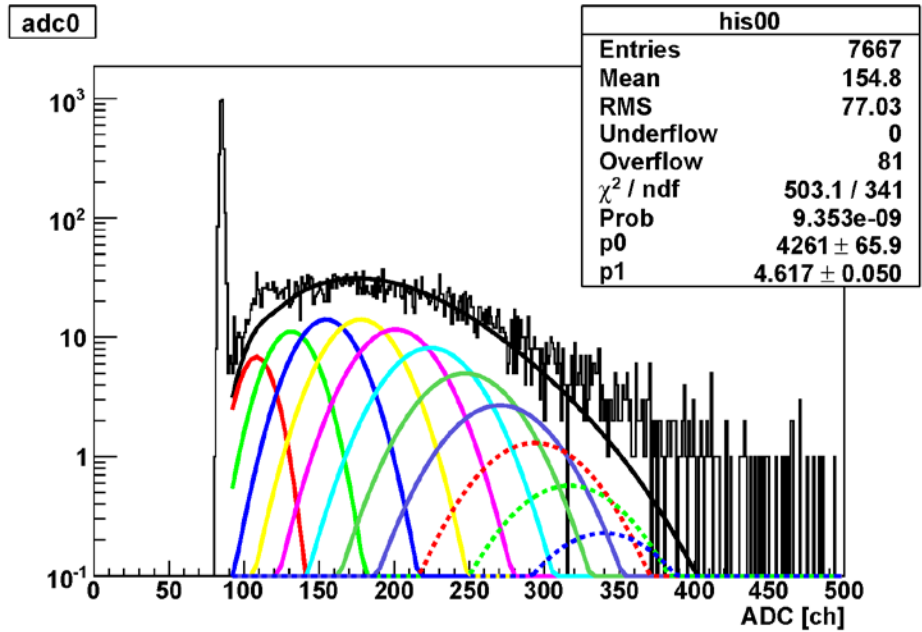
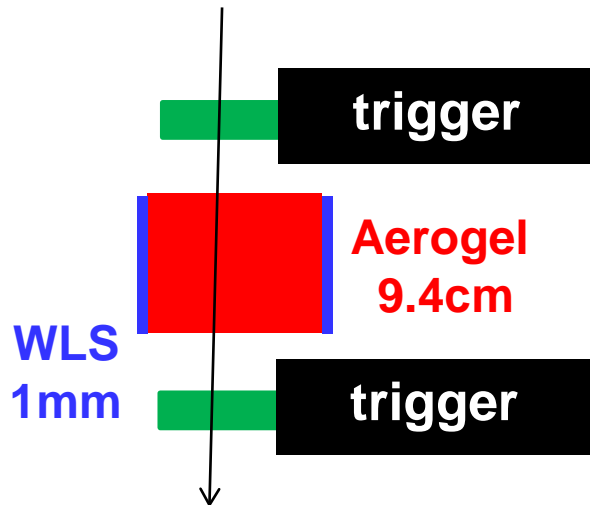
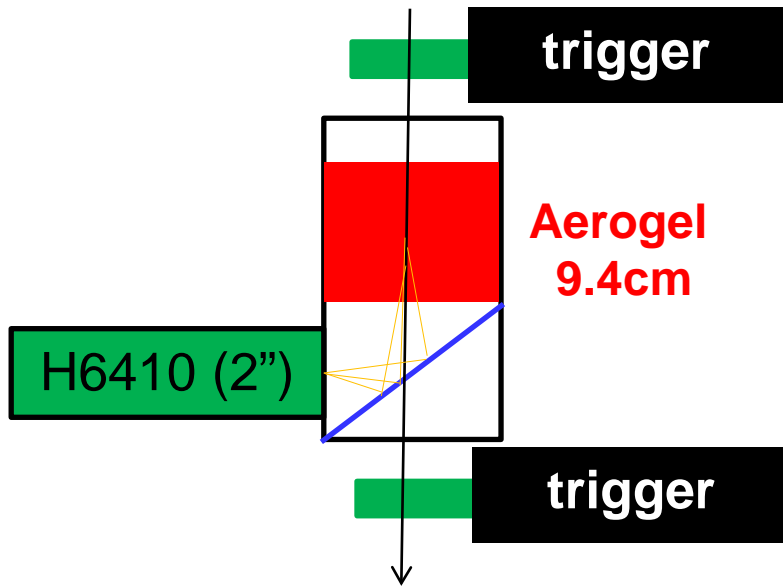
WLS (Cont'd)



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WLS (Cont'd)



Photon Fitting

$$f(x) = C \sum_n \frac{\lambda^n \exp(-\lambda)}{n!} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n\sigma_1}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x - (p_0 + np_1))^2}{2n\sigma_1^2}\right)$$

Poisson

Gaussian

C : normalized factor

← parameter

λ : mean value of photoelectron

← parameter

p_0 : pedestal peak

← constant

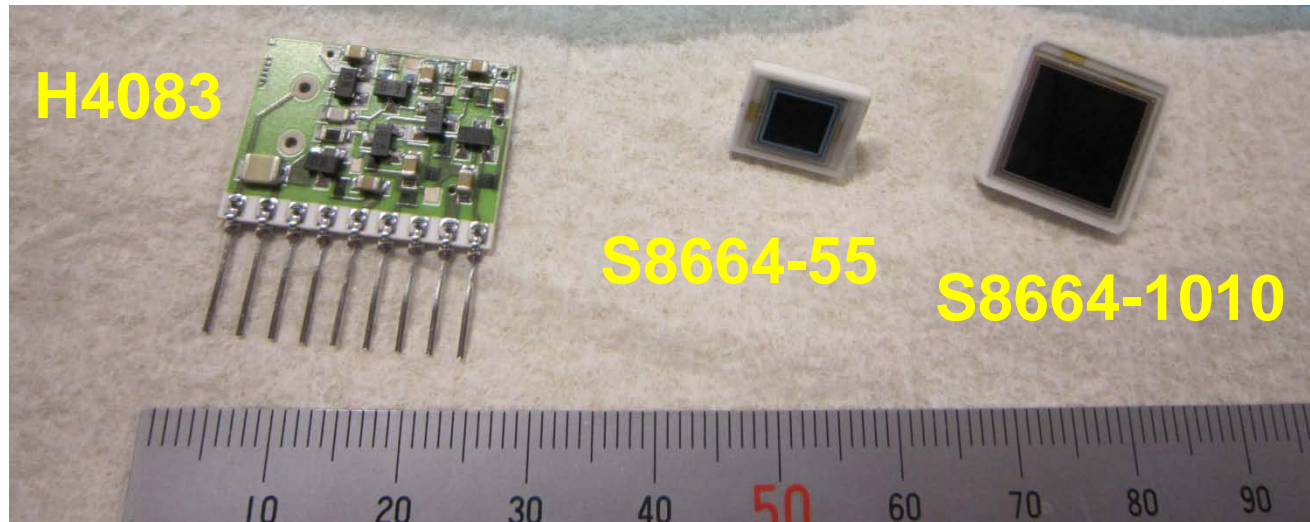
p_1 : distance of pedestal to single-photon

← constant

σ_1 : PMT resolution for single-photon

← constant

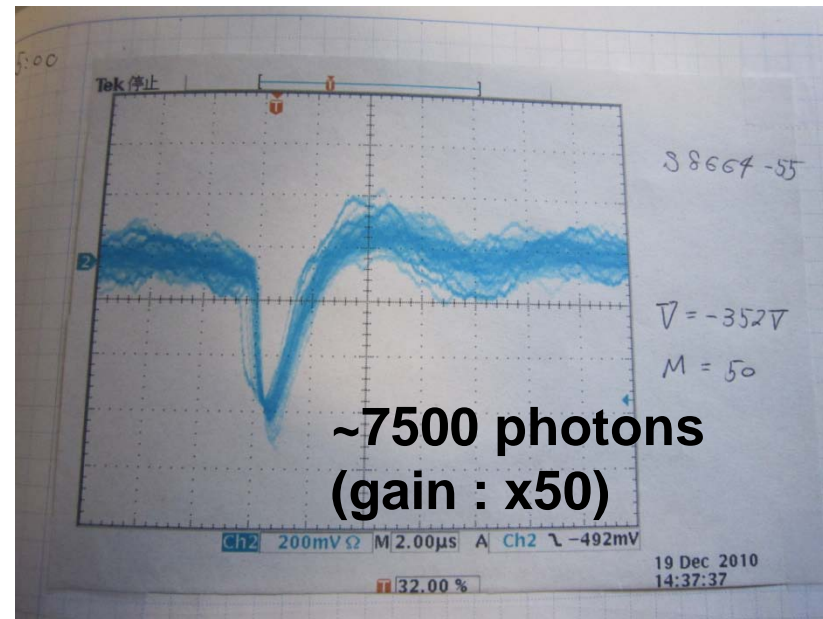
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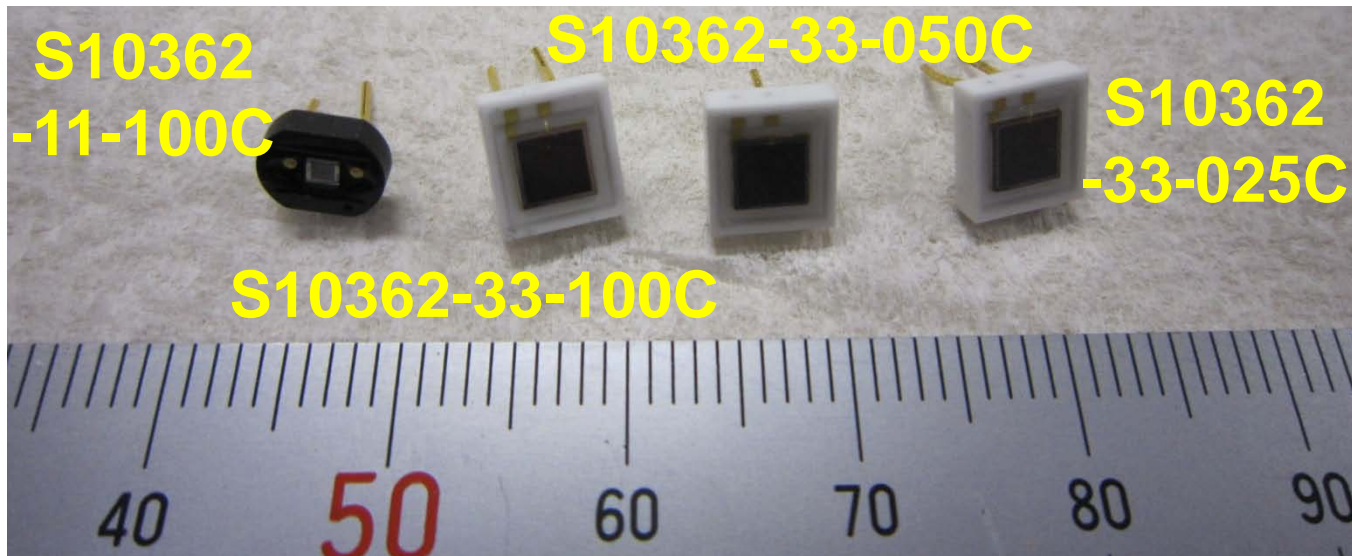
We purchased and tested SiAPDs.

But we **CANNOT** see the signal of a few photons on SiAPD, because of read-out electronics noise!

what we have learned is ...
“using low-gain devices for Cherenkov detection is awful difficult!”



MPPC

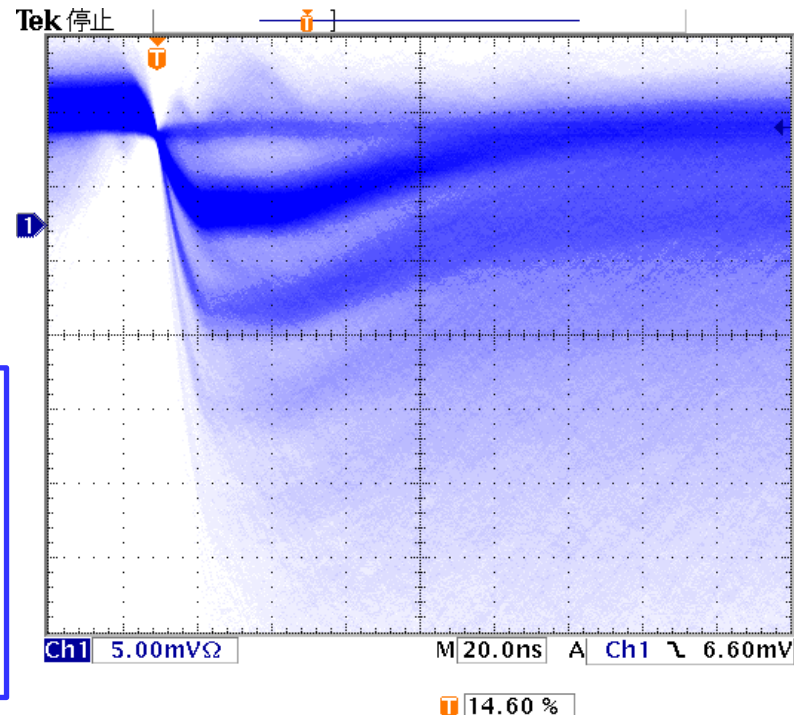


We purchased and tested MPPCs.

The dark count signals of \sim Mcps were confirmed as written in the product specification.

It seems that **usage of the MPPCs for a single-photon detector is too hard!**

Several tens of photons are required.



Vector Meson, ϕ

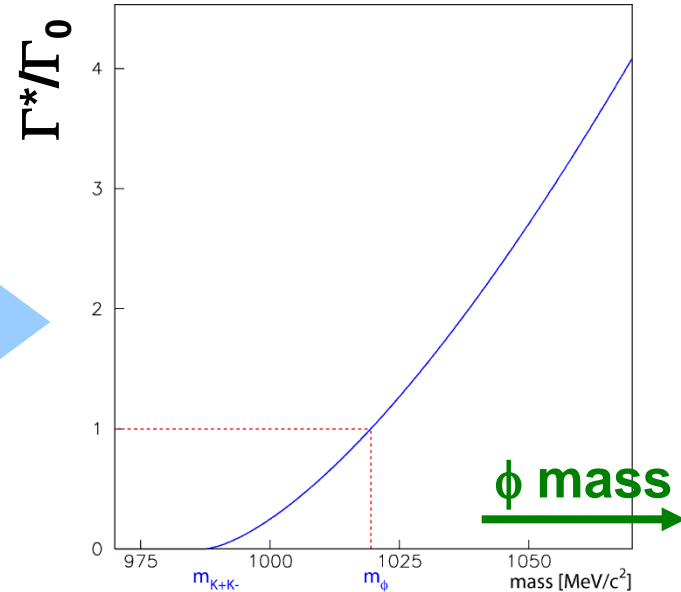
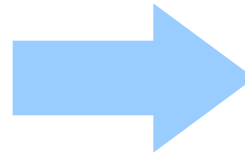
J.D.Jackson, Nuovo Cimento 34, 1644 (1964).

m_ϕ が変化

$$\Gamma^* / \Gamma_0 = (q/q_0)^3 (m_0/m^*)$$

$$q = \sqrt{m^{*2}/4 - m_K^2}$$

$$q_0 = \sqrt{m_0^2/4 - m_K^2}$$

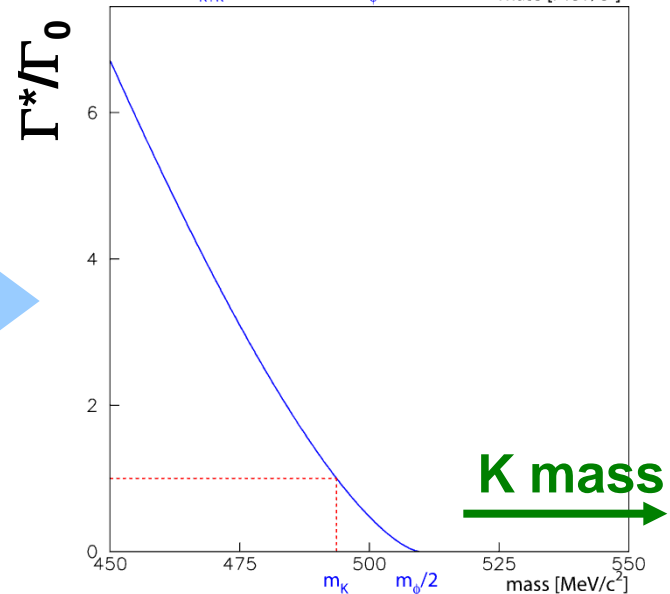
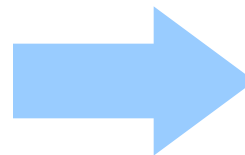


m_K が変化

$$\Gamma^* / \Gamma_0 = (q/q_0)^3$$

$$q = \sqrt{m_0^2/4 - m_K^{*2}}$$

$$q_0 = \sqrt{m_0^2/4 - m_K^2}$$



ϕ Puzzle

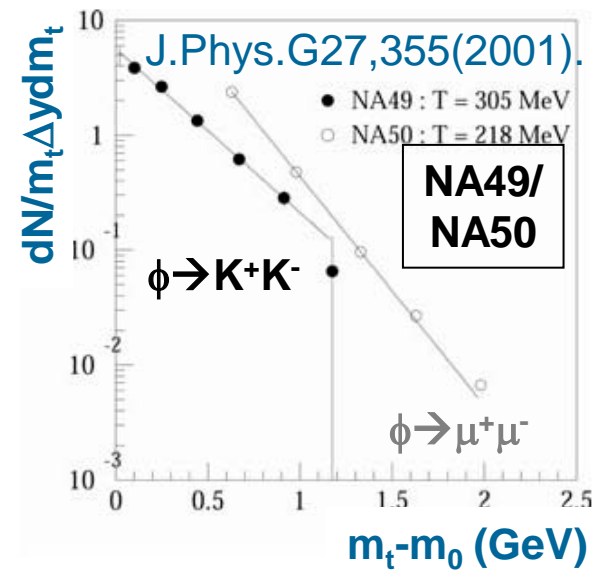
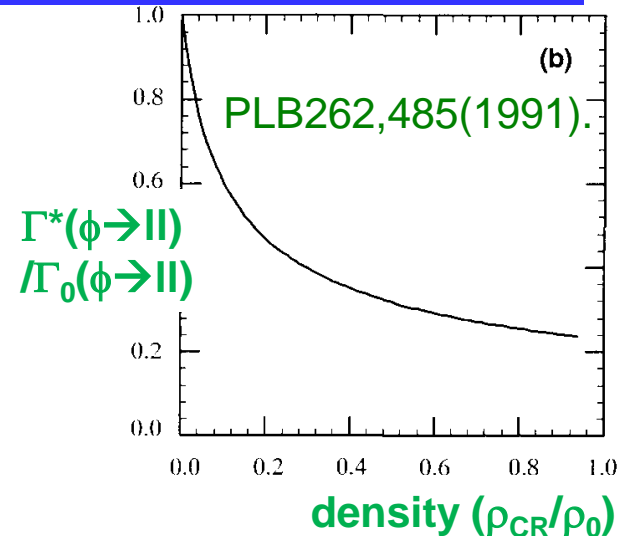
核物質中での ϕ または K のスペクトラル関数の変化によって、 $\phi \rightarrow \Pi/KK$ の崩壊幅が変化するのはではないか？

●theoretical predictions

- D.Lissauer and V.Shuryak, PLB253,15(1991).
 $\Gamma^*(\phi \rightarrow KK)/\Gamma^*(\phi \rightarrow \Pi)$ の増加
- P.-Z. Bi and J.Rafelski, PLB262,485(1991).
 $\Gamma^*(\phi \rightarrow KK)/\Gamma^*(\phi \rightarrow \Pi)$ の増加
- J.P.Blaziot and R.M.Galain, PLB271,32(1991).
 $\Gamma^*(\phi \rightarrow KK)/\Gamma^*(\phi \rightarrow \Pi)$ の減少
- etc.

●NA49/NA50@CERN-SPS

- PLB491,59(2000).; PLB555,147(2003).;
J.Phys,G27,355(2001).
- $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-/\mu^+\mu^-$, 158A GeV Pb+Pb
- production CS's are **inconsistent**



ϕ Meson Measurements

Hot Matter

● CERES(NA45)@CERN-SPS

- PRL96,152301(2006).
- $\phi \rightarrow e^+e^-/K^+K^-$, 158A GeV Pb+Au
- production CS's are consistent

● PHENIX@BNL-RHIC

- EPJ,A31,836(2007).
- $\phi \rightarrow e^+e^-/K^+K^-$, $\sqrt{s_{NN}}=200$ GeV Au+Au
- production CS's are consistent

● NA60@CERN-SPS

- NPA830,753c(2009).
- $\phi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-/K^+K^-$, 158A GeV In+In
- production CS's are consistent

Cold Matter

● E325@KEK-PS

- PRL98, 152302(2007).
- $\phi \rightarrow e^+e^-/K^+K^-$, 12 GeV p+C/Cu

