Focusing studies at Cincinnati

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Outline:

- Three issues: space, spherical aberrations, astigmatism
- *Mathematica method:* SLAC fDIRC prototype geometry
- Cincinnati fDIRC geometry (A. Drutskoy)
- (Older) results on performance
- Astigmatic effect
- Finding optimal focusing surface for a single track direction (fixed DIP angle and track azimuthal angle)
- Future directions



 Space: very little for focusing optics, i.e., parabolic mirror and photodetectors at focal surface



• **Spherical aberration:** when photons strike spherical mirror away from optical (central) axis

CT < CX + XT CT < 2CX 2CF < 2CXCF < CX $C \bullet \phi$ $F \bullet X$ T

• Astigmatism: when object position is off central axis, i.e., light rays incident on mirror are not paraxial, make larger angles w/r/t optical axis

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Focusing DIRC Prototype Optics

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- Radiator:
 - 1.7 cm thick, 3.5 cm wide, 3.7 m long fused silica bar (spares from BABAR DIRC).
- Optical expansion region:
 - filled with a mineral oil to match the fused silica refraction index (KamLand oil).
 - include optical fiber for the electronics calibration (PiLas laser diode).
- Focusing optics:
 - a spherical mirror with 49cm focal length focuses photons onto a detector plane.

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Use Mathematica to simulate focusing optics of SLAC focusing DIRC prototype. Spherical mirror parameterized as:

 $a11^{*}x^{2} + a22^{*}y^{2} + a33^{*}z^{2} + 2^{*}a12^{*}x^{*}y + 2^{*}a13^{*}x^{*}z + 2^{*}a23^{*}y^{*}z + 2^{*}a14^{*}x + 2^{*}a24^{*}y + 2^{*}a34^{*}z + a44 = 0$ a11=1, a22=1, a33=1, a12=0, a13=0, a23=0, a14=0, a24=-23, a34=86.6, a44=23^{2}+86.6^{2}-(2^{*}49.5)^{2}

simulation does not include reflections off back of bar nor photons incident to bar surface at angles < Critical Angle.</p>

photons originate from x0=0, y0= Random[Real, {-BarH/2, BarH/2}], z0 = -35

• photons random in Cerenkov azimuthal angle, produced by a track with $\beta = 0.95$



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V Periodic Pattern Due to Bar

- Pattern is exaggerated by not simulating bar rear reflection.
- Clearly due to bar dimensions, but affected by mirror (see next slide)
- Smaller bar width reduces effect.
- Smaller width → more bars



- blue: produced by Babar quartz bar (35 mm wide)
- green: produced by radiator of width = 8 mm
- red: produced by radiator of width = 0.7 mm

Periodic Pattern Due to Bar

- *in the absence of a mirror, effect is still visible*
- these photons are produced by a "vertical" track (as per slide 2) and are colored by bar end x-coordinate.
- several Azimuthal Cerenkov Angles (ACAs) produce photons that exit the bar at the same x coordinate. Each set of photons with same unique ACA that exit bar at the same bar-end x-position reside in a specific level of the pattern.



V Periodic Pattern Due to Bar

spherical mirror brings parallel (same color within pattern level) photons to focus.

the different ACAs are not brought to focus.

better focusing along A (parallel photons)

spread along B (non-parallel photons) associated with astigmatic effect (reduces for narrower bar)





- width of each color along (A) due to spherical aberration (rays are not paraxial), non-ideal focal plane
- our goal is to find a better focal plane and understand how significant aberrations are



Spherical mirror used in slide 2

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A. Drutskoy: A 2-mirror design

- synthetic quartz bars (n=1.46), 17.2 x 35 mm² (Babar-like) 12 per box
- spherical mirror, 10 x 42 cm², one per box
- flat mirror to halve depth of box, one per box (located at z=-7 cm)
- flat mirror to redirect -y component of photon directions (replaces Babar wedge)
- box, 16 x 34 x 42 cm², filled with purified water (n=1.33). 12 boxes in j
- wall of PMTs, pixel size 6 x 6 mm², 3000 per box



A 2-mirror design: performance

For a track (fixed p and θ_{dip}):

- **run 1000** π tracks, obtain pdf for PMTs
- **run 1000** *K* tracks, obtain pdf for PMTs
- **run** a π or *K* track, calculate $\pi \& K$ likelihoods

calculate likelihood ratio $L_K/(L_{\pi}+L_K)$ and N_{σ}



• Focusing DIRC give $\geq 3\sigma$ separation up to 4 GeV/c

• 1-2σ performance difference between 6x6 mm² and 8x8 mm²





1000 photons

-0.5

0.0

0.5

z (cm)

1.0

- Photons originate from
- x0=0, y0= Random[Real, {-BarH/2, BarH/2}], z0 = -35
 Including points where photons intersect bottom flat mirror



0

x (cm)

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-2

2

Ring Images in Bar Coordinate Sys.

0

0

20

20



Image of rings produced by tracks (β = 0.95) with various trajectories through bar.

Tracks enter bar at x=0. y=0, z=-35 cm.

The blue image is produced on a screen in the bar x-y plane located at z=-25 cm (our mirror's paraxial focus). The red image is produced on a screen at z=-20 cm.

An x-y plane at the paraxial focus may not be the best focal plane.

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Analytical Approach difficult, possibly intractable (considering spherical aberration, astigmatism, location of COLC for oblique rays)

Use a "brute-force" method of finding ideal focal surfaces for slices of constant $\phi_{cerenkov}$ for specific track trajectories (defined by a forward and a lateral dip angle)

Image of arbitrary track producing rays at constant $\phi_{cerenkov}$.

red line indicates track (β = 0.95) trajectory.





Finding a Better Focal Surface (cont'd)

Method:

1) Find a plane normal to average direction of a group of photons with constant ϕ_{cerenkov}

2) Find position of plane with above normal that minimizes photon image separations in the plane

3) Change fcerenkov and repeat. This yields a slice of an ideal focal surface for a particular trajectory



Rays passing through a spherical optical system at oblique angles form sharply focused orthogonal bands corresponding to separate focusing of rays in Sagittal and Tangential planes.

 Good focusing occurs between the bands in the "Circle of Least Confusion" (COC)



Astigmatism in Focal Planes



These are images formed on a focal plane that is moved out along the average photon direction (for fixed $\phi_{cerenkov}$). Frames 3 & 4 show the S and T bands of astigmatic focusing (see e.g. Jenkins & White (p. 112)

Optimum focusing is in COLC between frames 3 & 4.

0.2

0.4

0.6

1.0

1.2

1.4

0.8

14

13

11 10 0,0

A Preliminary Focal Surface



The envelope of focusing planes for 27 $\phi_{cerenkov}$ angles for a track of $\pi/2$ forward dip angle and $\pi/2$ lateral dip angle (a vertical track)

This process would nominally be repeated for many track angles.

A weighted average of ideal focal planes can then be constructed.



Mathematica simulation code relatively well developed, provides a useful tool.

For SLAC focusing DIRC prototype geometry, have obtained results consistent with SLAC beam-test results

• Are trying to better understand and minimize the astigmatism

There is no focal surface that eliminates the astigmatism for all azimuthal angles. However, some azimuthal angles are more important (have greater acceptance) than others; the mirror can be optimized for such an azimuthal range.

An 'optimized' focal surface for different track angles will require some sort of weighted averaging. We are starting to study this now.