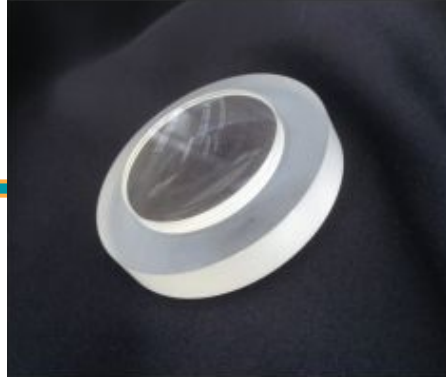


Studies of prototype 3-component lens in CERN test beam and on a test bench at ODU



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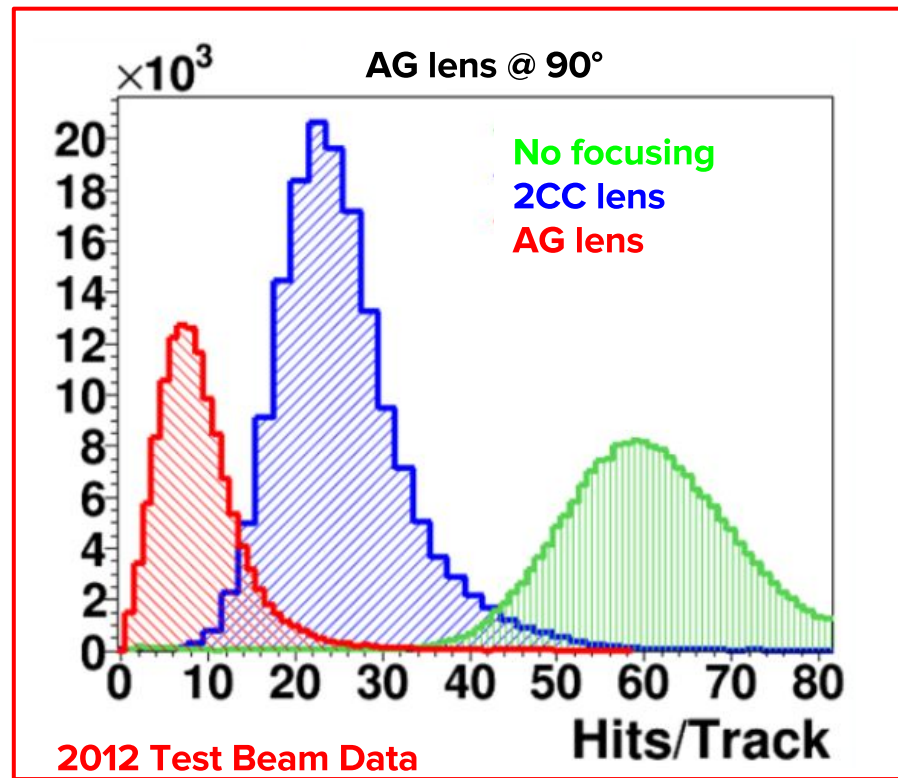
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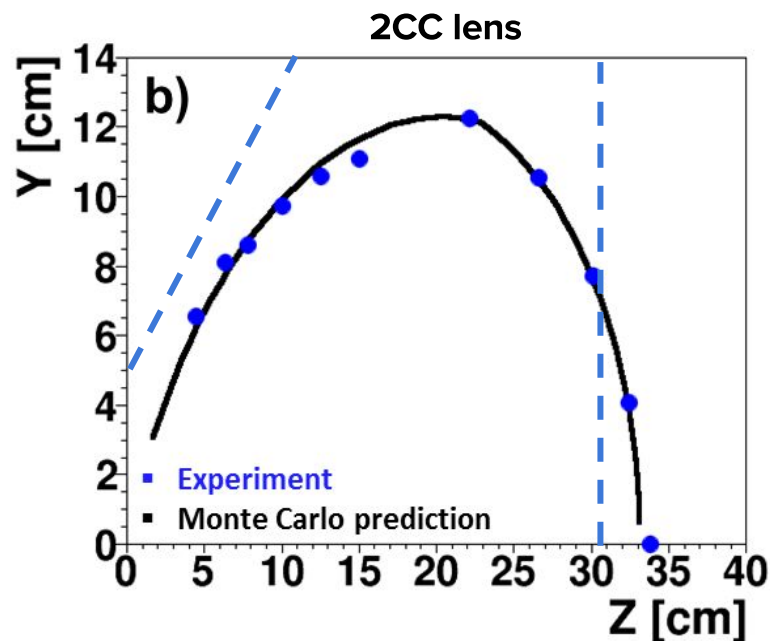
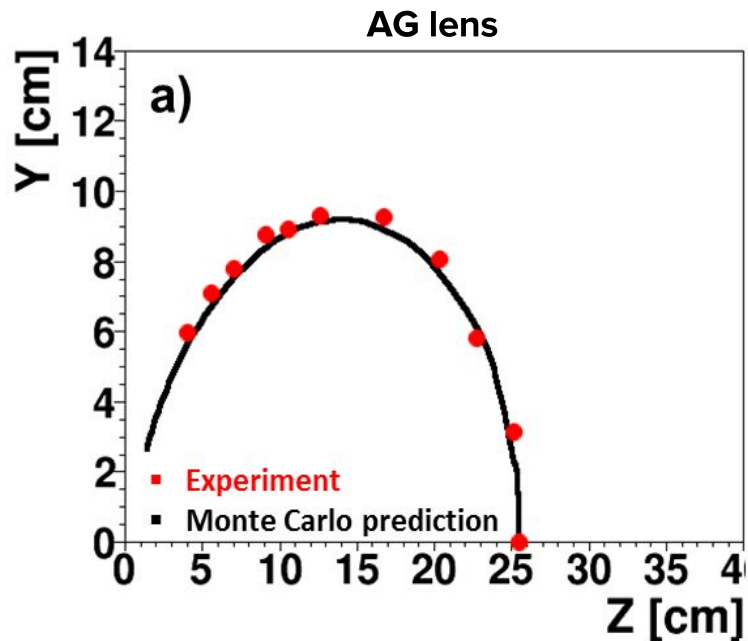
Challenges of standard focusing lenses

- The standard air gap (**AG**) lens has very low photon yield at angles close to perpendicular
- A 2-component cylindrical (**2CC**) lens that was coupled directly to the expansion volume solved this photon loss problem



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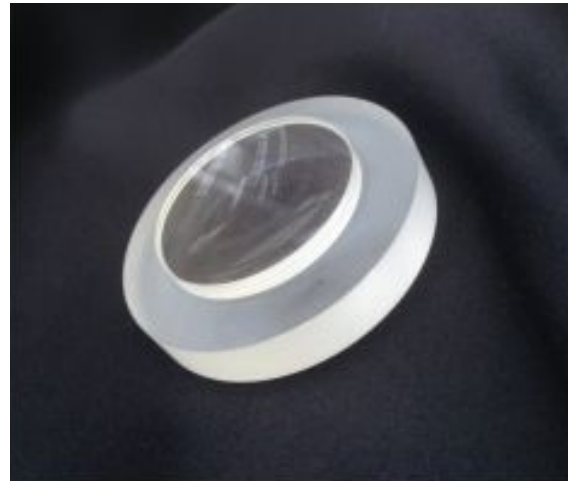
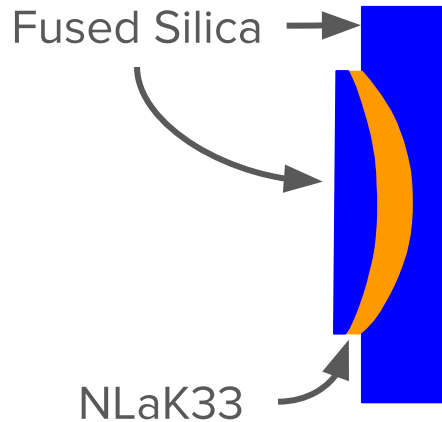
Both AG lens and 2CC lens fail to focus steeply angled photons onto the photo-detector plane



Prototype 3-component spherical (3CS) lens

Radii can be changed to modify the shape and position of the focal plane

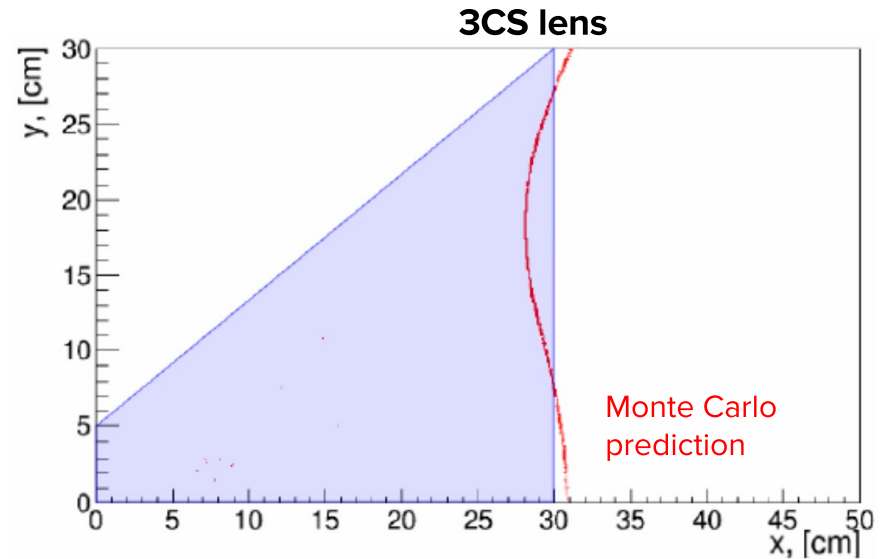
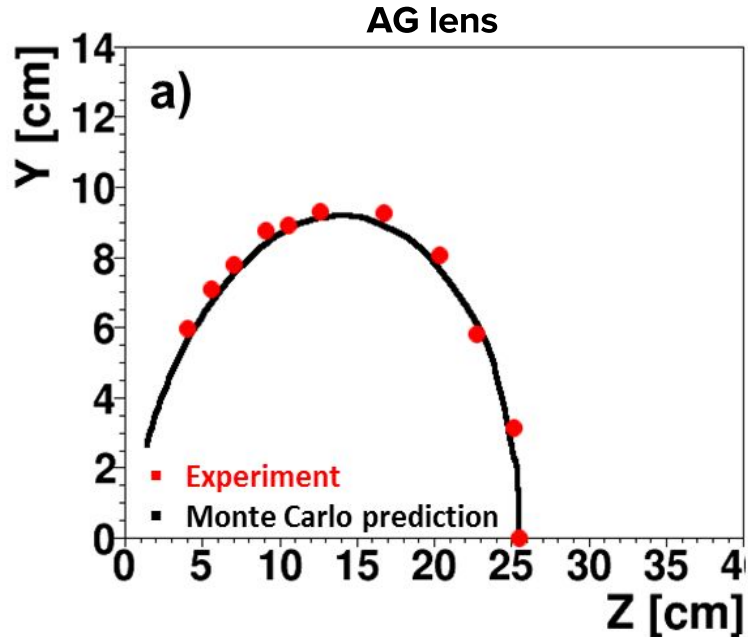
Prototype built with radii of 47mm and 29mm



14 mm

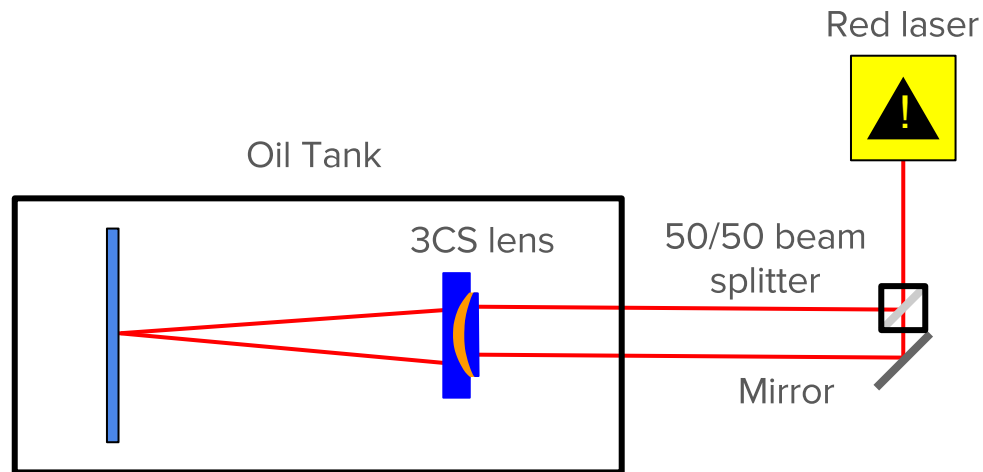
Advantages of a 3CS lens

Simulation shows that the focal plane of a 3-component spherical (**3CS**) lens can contour more closely to the detector plane



Testing 3CS lens

- Measurements on test benches
 - Mapping focal plane at ODU
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 - Evaluating performance with PANDA barrel DIRC prototype at CERN

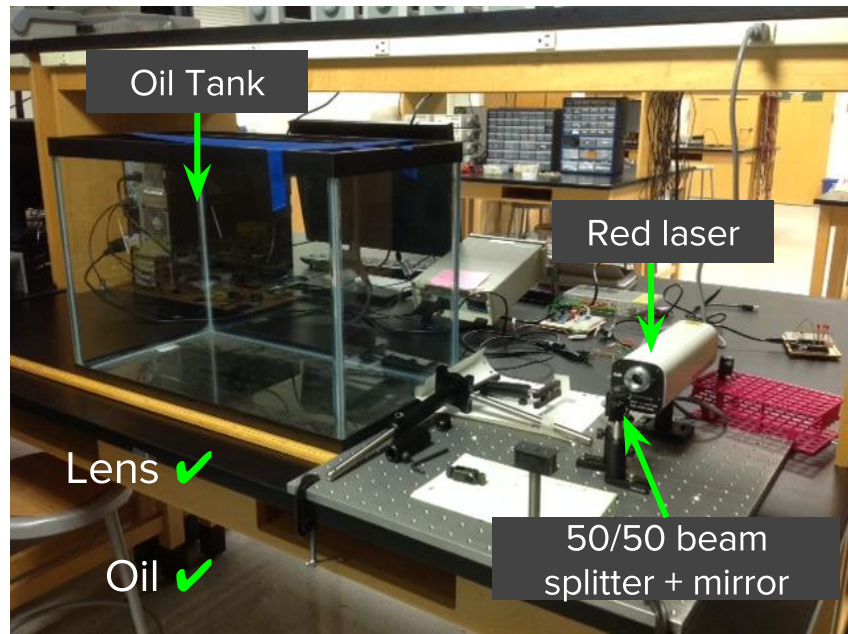


Using mineral oil that matches refractive index of lens

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Laser setup at ODU



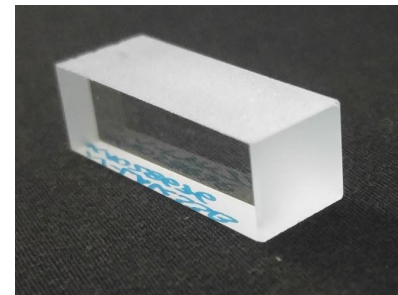
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3CS lens



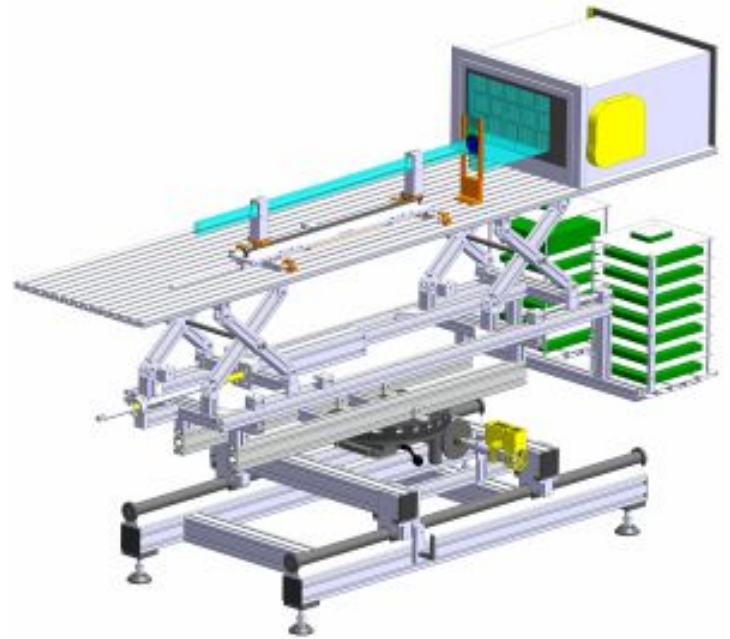
pure NLaK33



Irradiating pure NLaK33 material and 3CS lens with anti-reflective coating with Co-60 in steps, measuring radiation damage with monochromator

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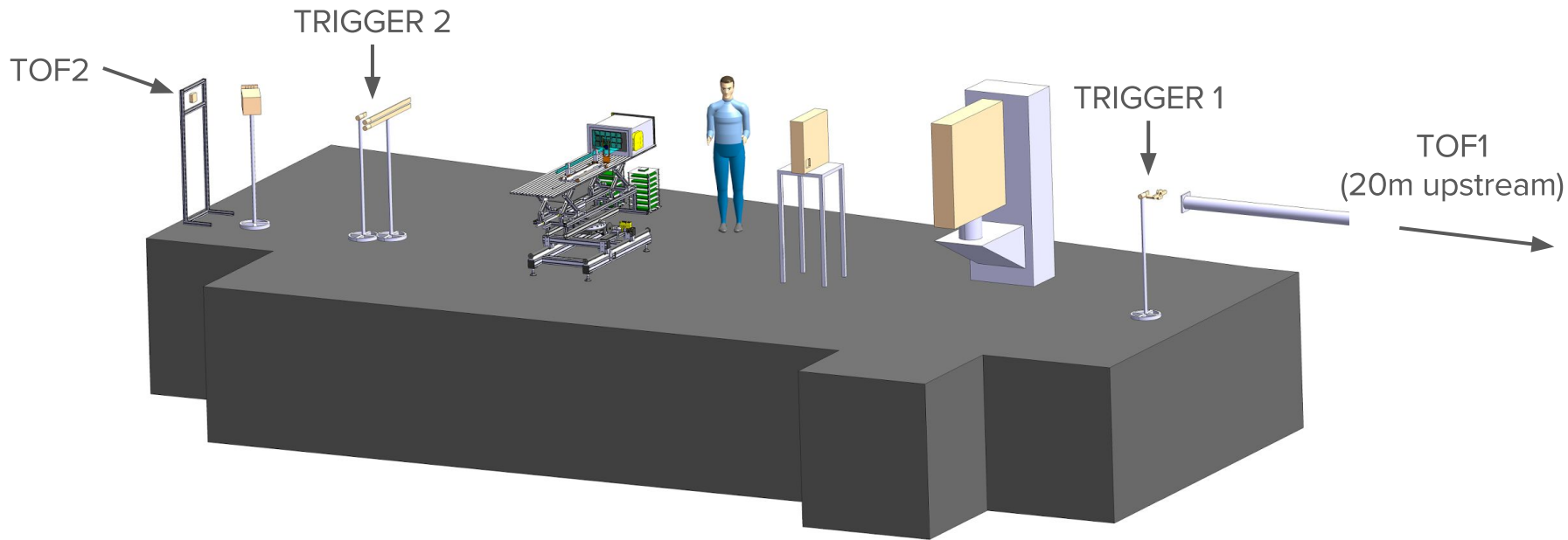
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Setup can be rotated and translated with respect to the beam

Event Selection

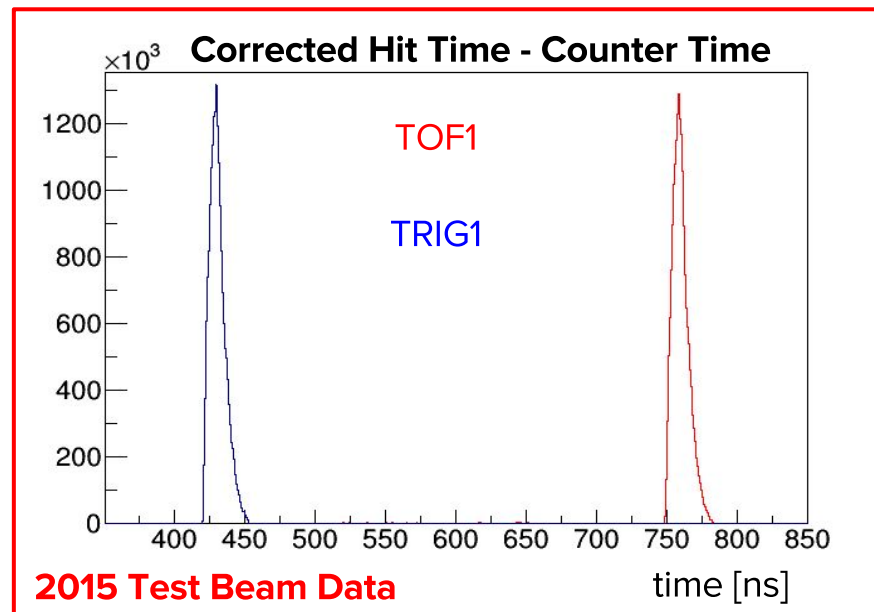
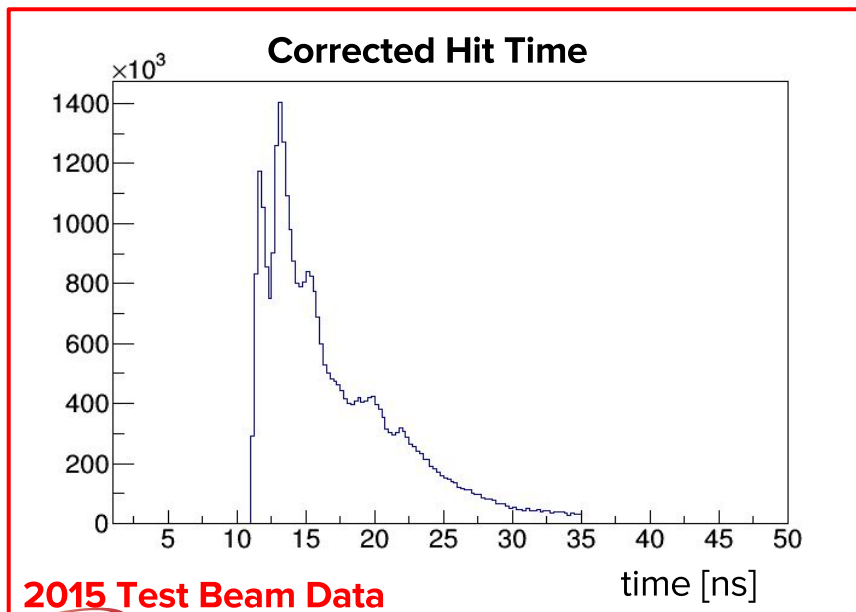
Coincidence required between TOF1, TRIGGER1, TOF2, and TRIGGER2



Hit Selection

Cut on lead time of MCP pixel based on bar angle

Cut around peaks in (MCP lead time) - (counter time) to ensure good relative timing

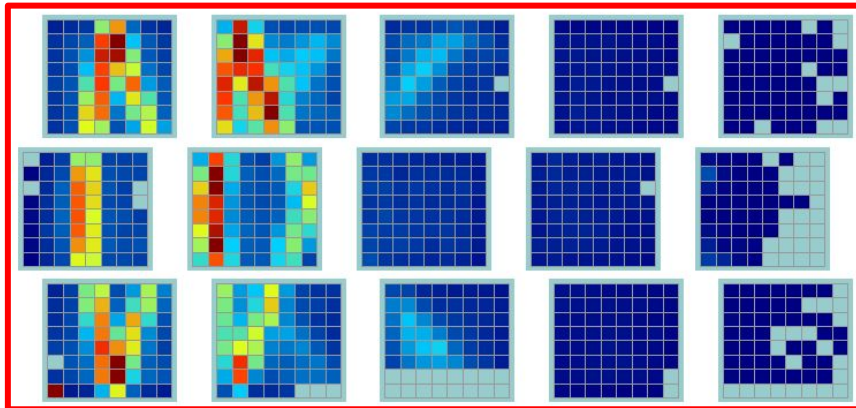


Test Beam Sample Occupancy

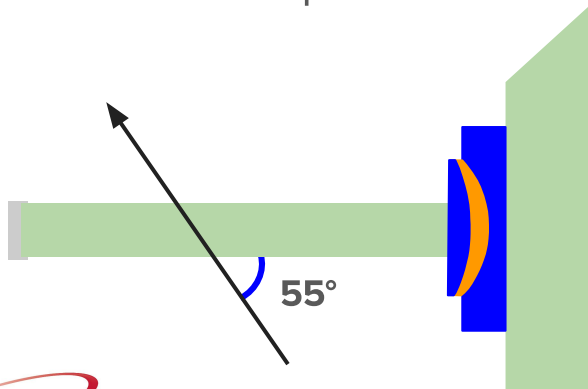
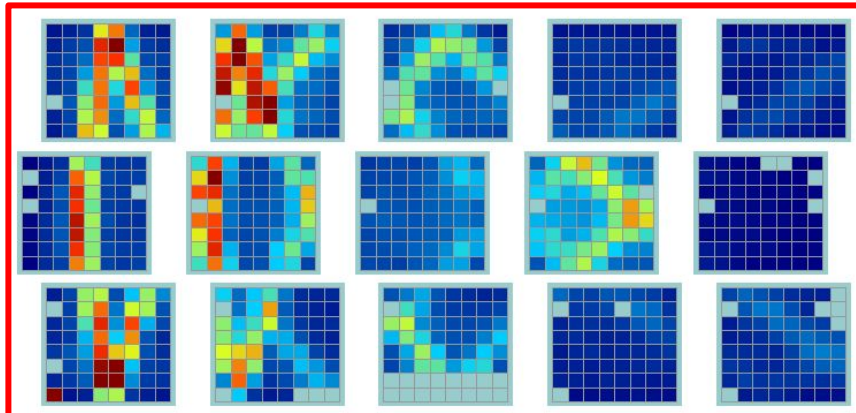
Beam/bar conditions:

- 55° bar rotation
- 7 GeV/c beam momentum
- Selected protons

AG lens

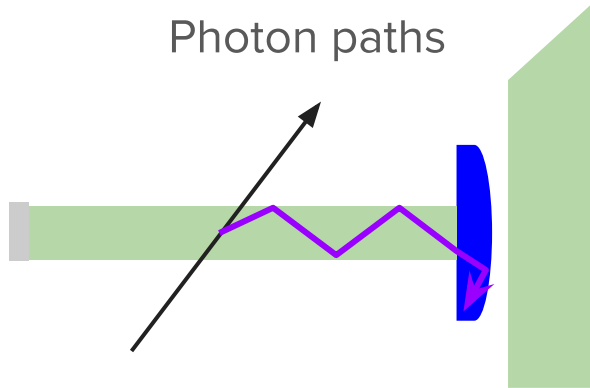


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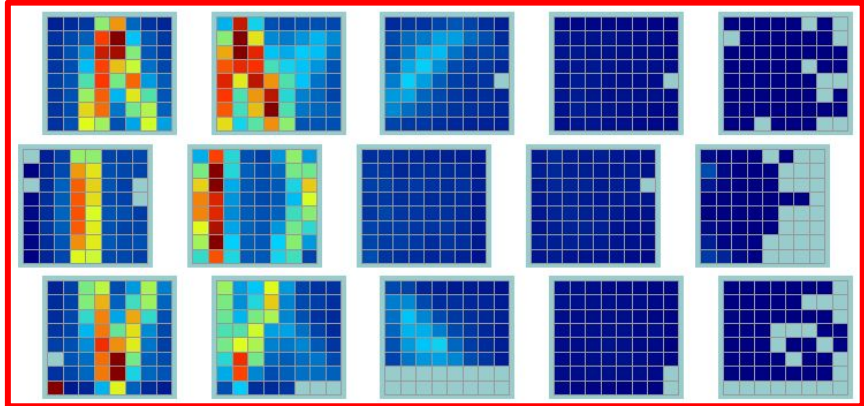


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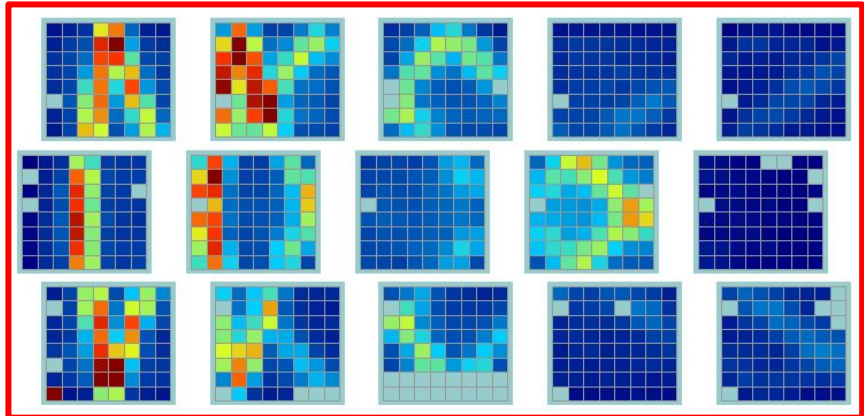
Photon paths



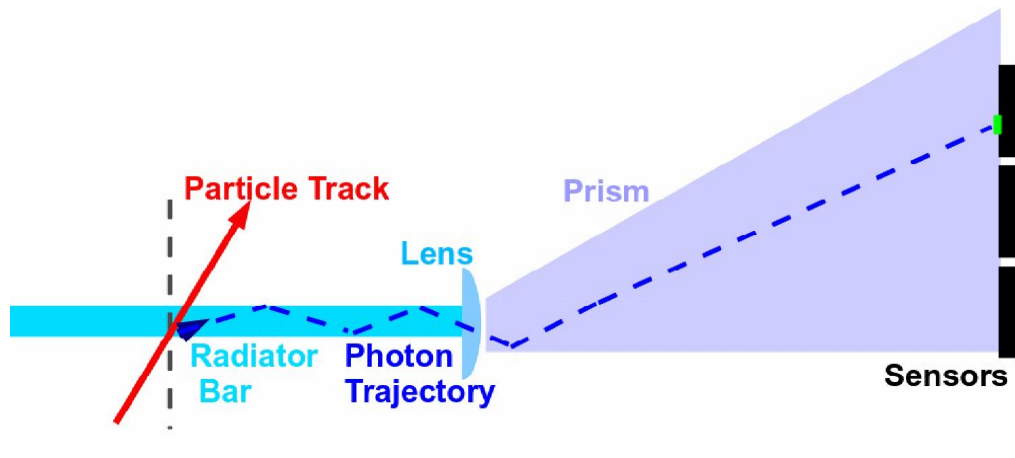
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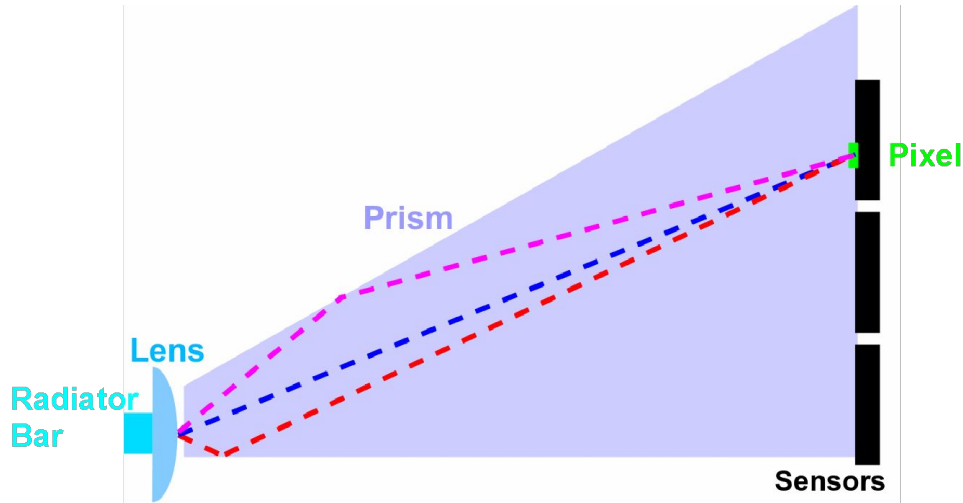


Geometric Reconstruction Method



- Pixel position + bar location define photon direction at the bar end
 - Stored in look-up table
 - Used with particle track to reconstruct angle
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 - Generates combinatorial background in Θ_c
- Cut on difference between measured and expected time

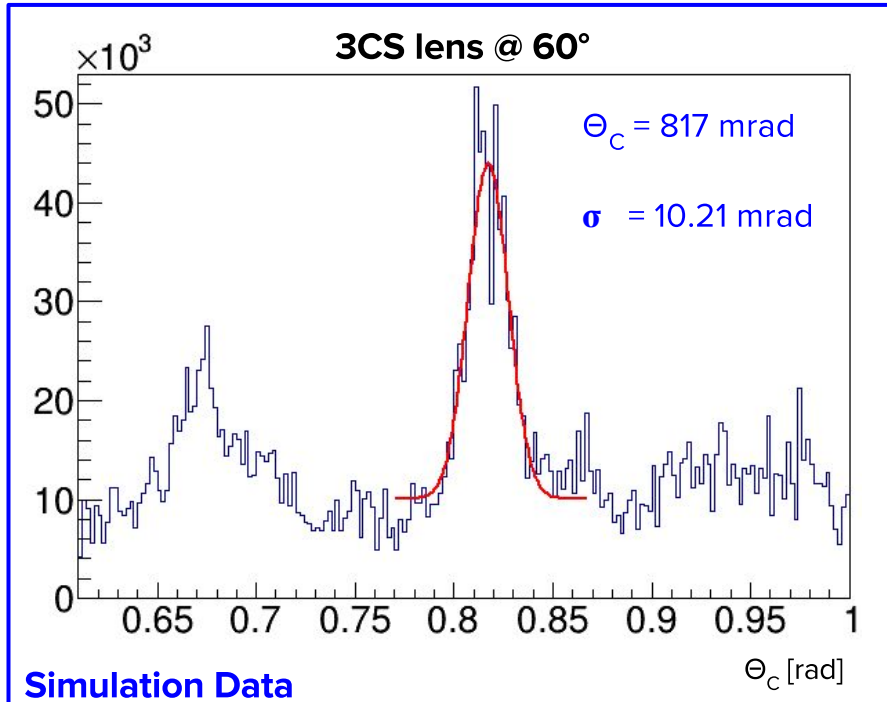
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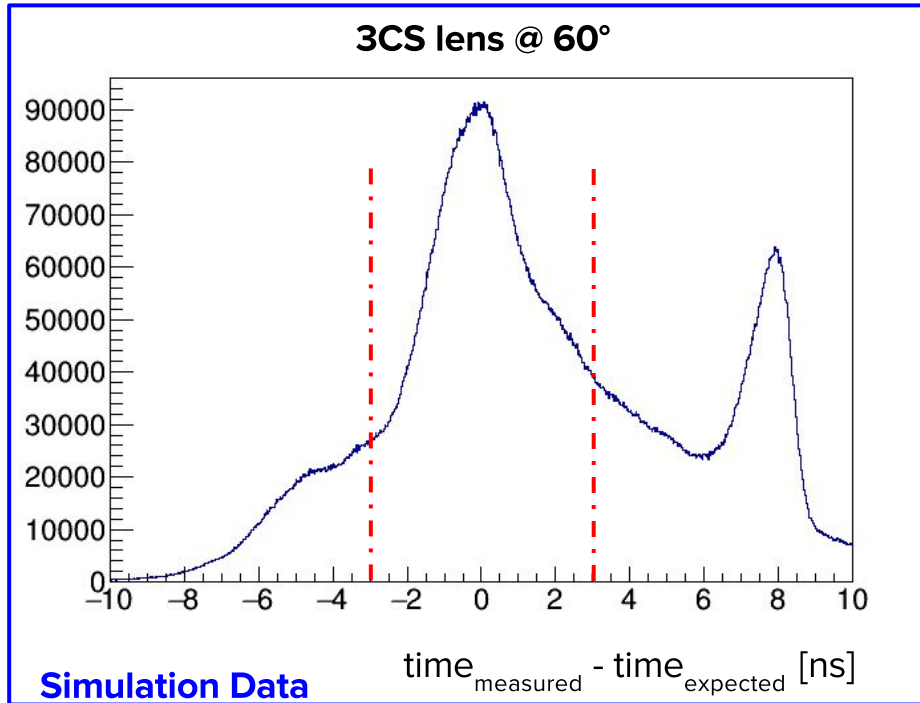
Geometric Reconstruction Method

Gaussian fit with constant background



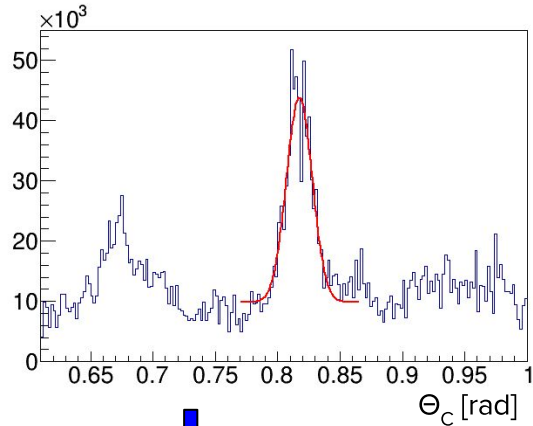
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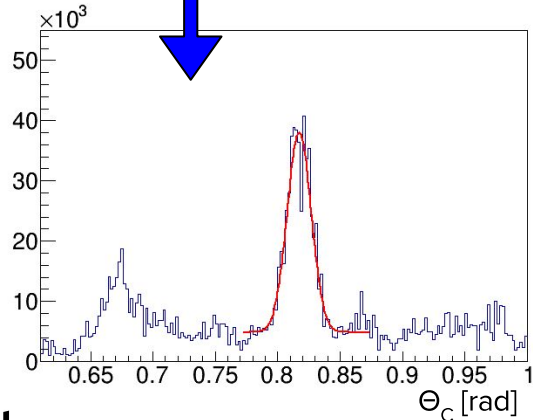
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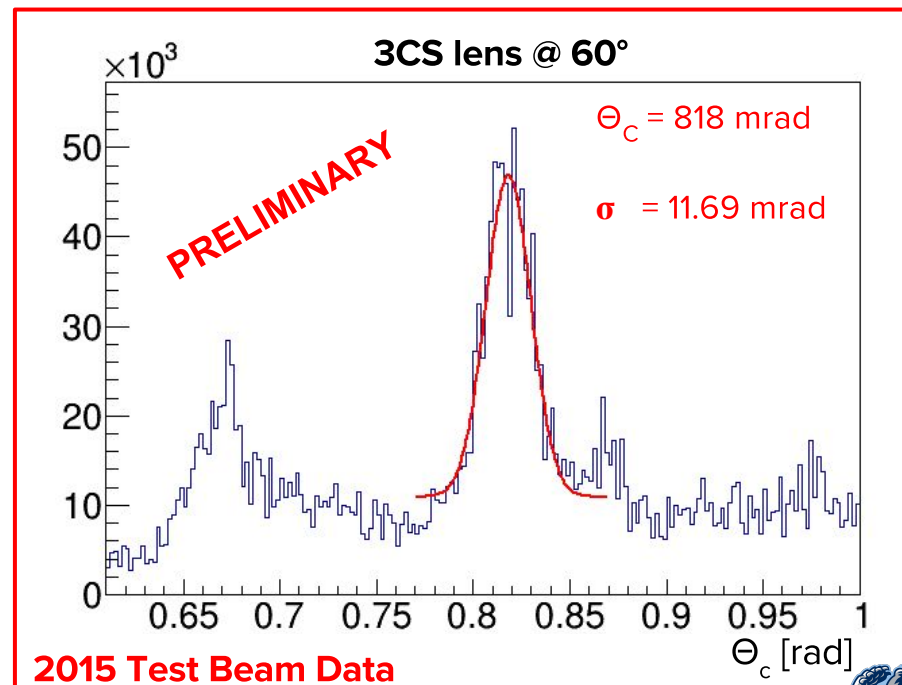
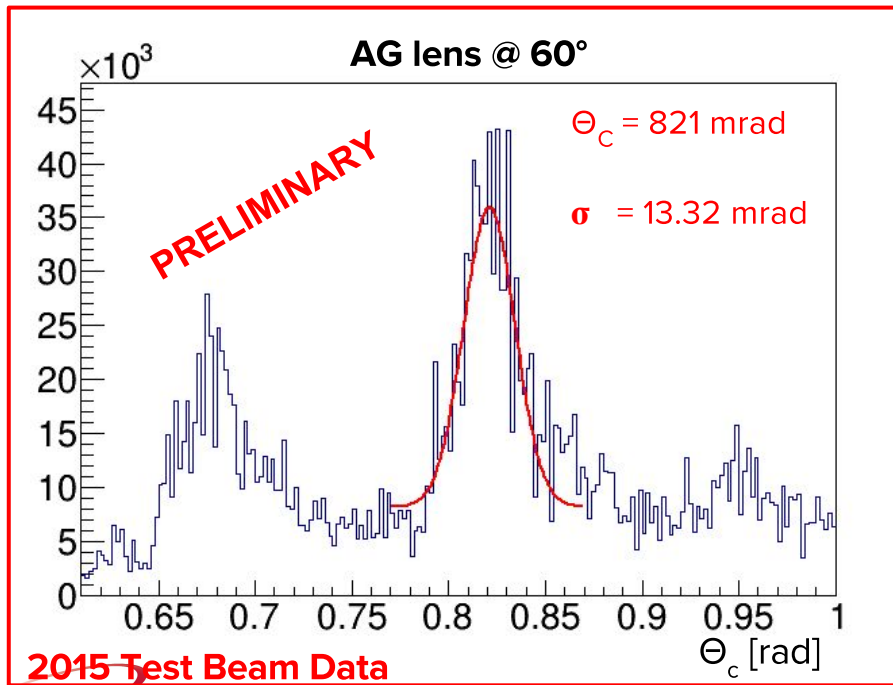
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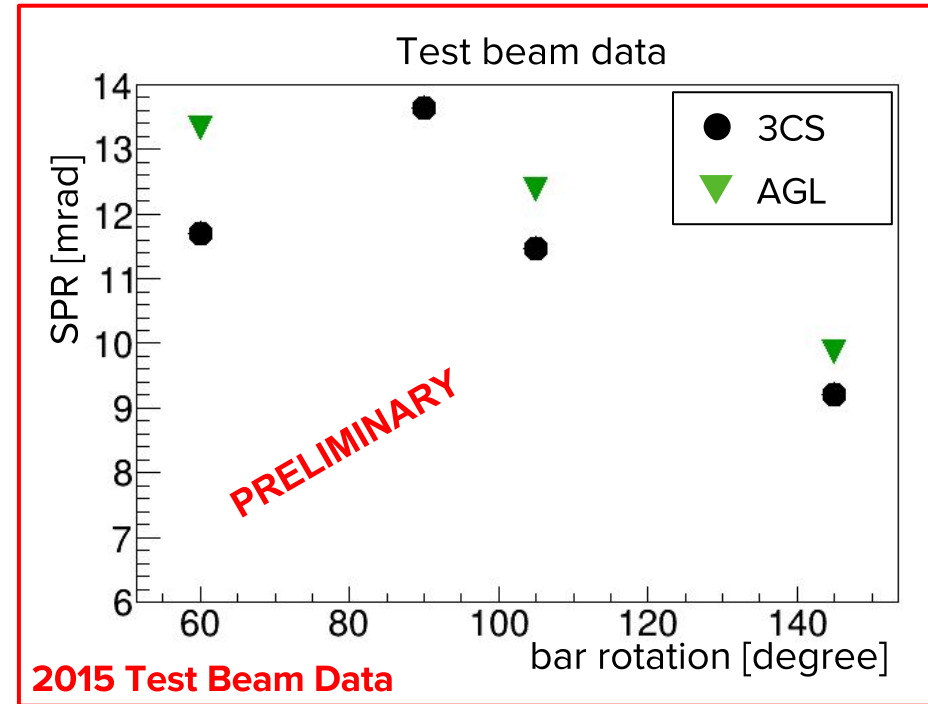
Reconstructed Θ_c Resolution

For 7 GeV/c protons, expected $\Theta_c \cong 816$ mrad

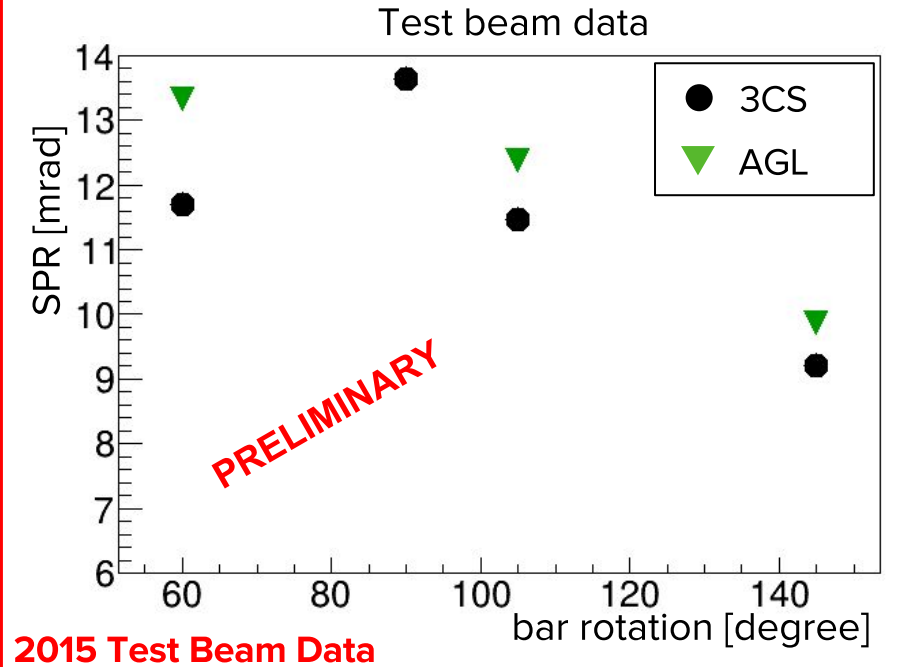
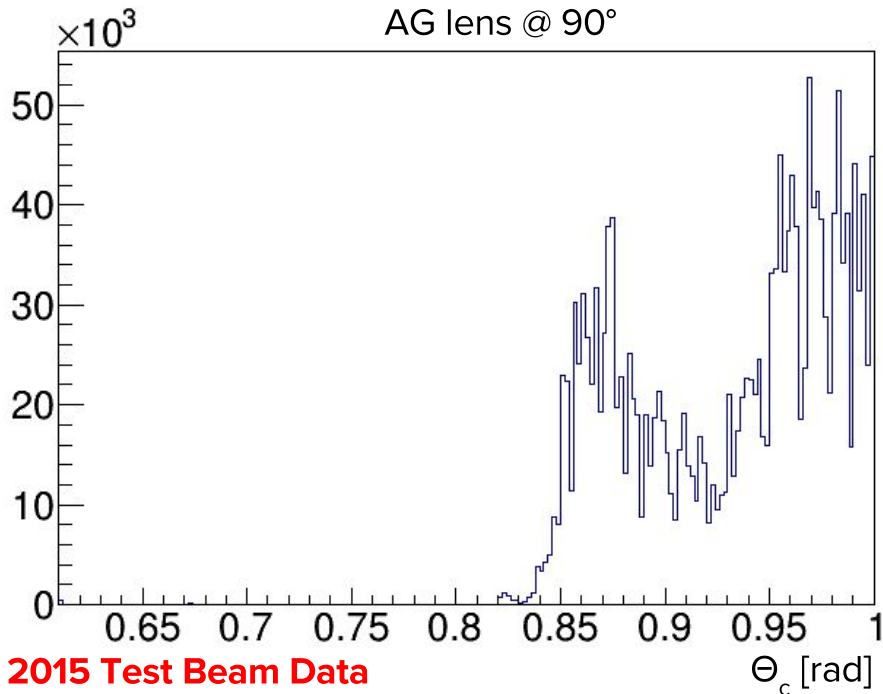


Reconstructed Θ_c Resolution

- Good resolution with 3CS lens even at 90° where AGL is not reconstructable



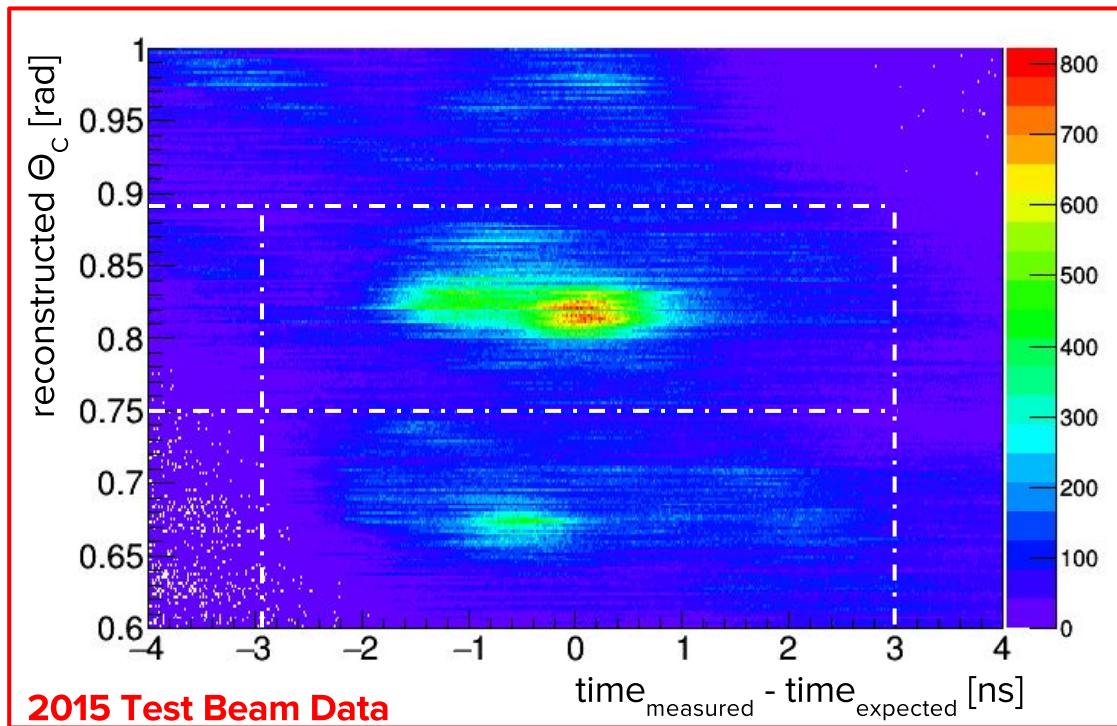
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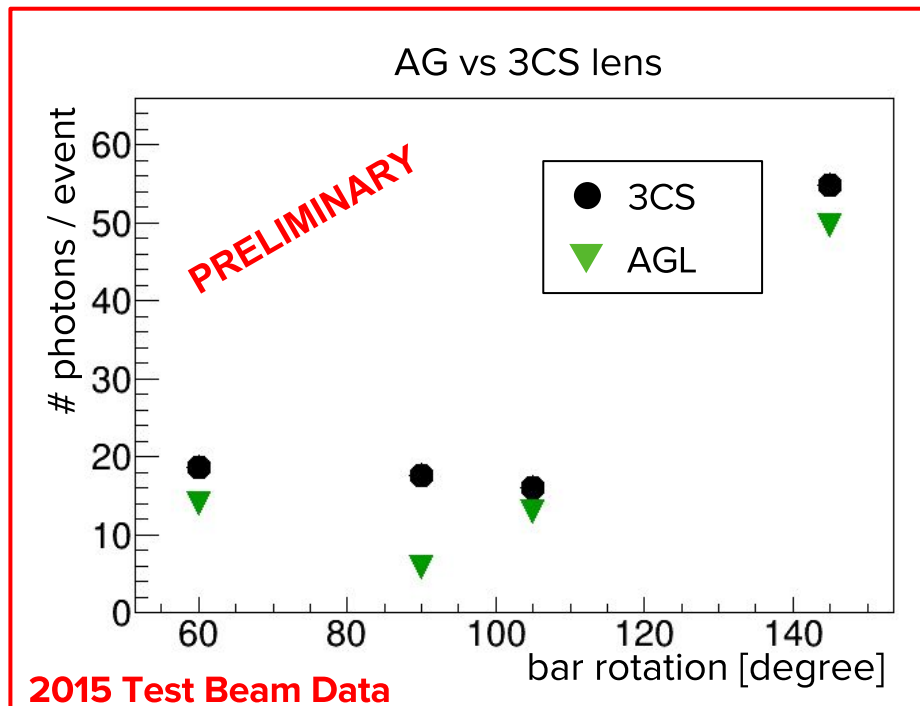
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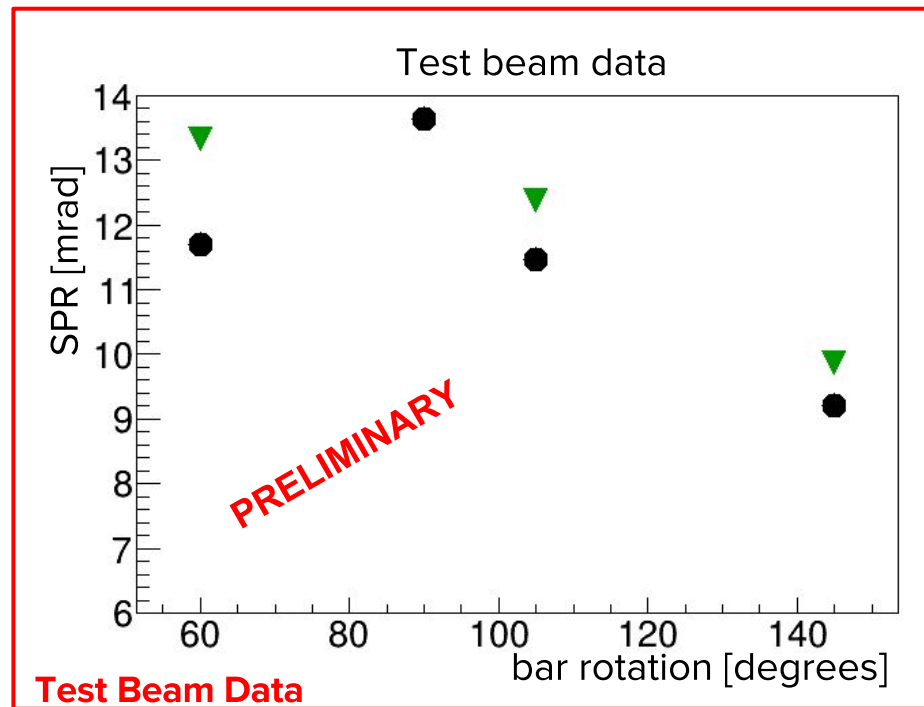
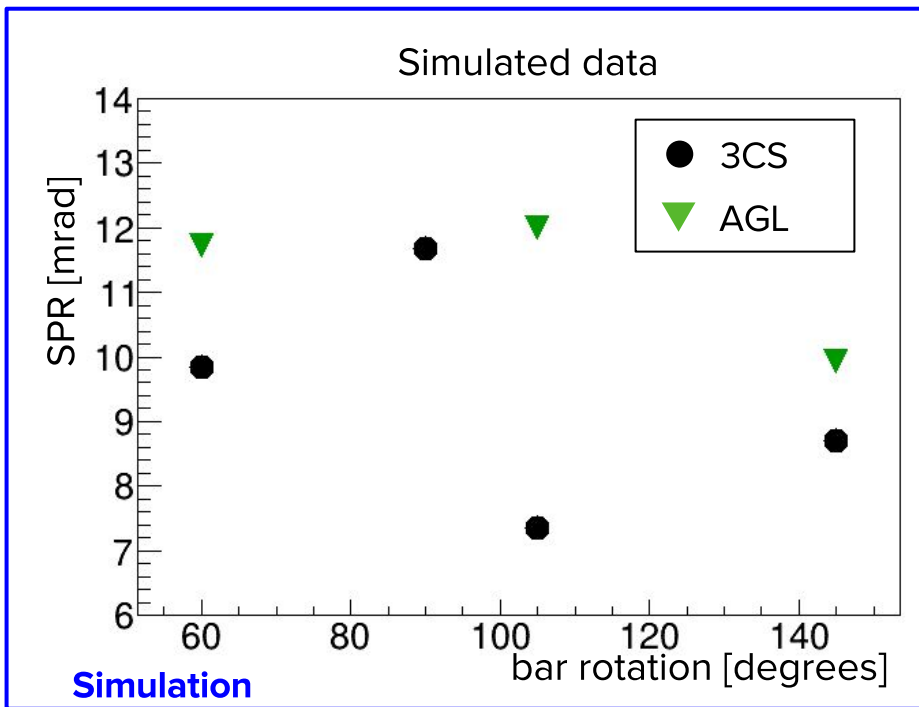


Summary

- Simulation for focal plane of 3CS lens suggests better focusing for steeper angled photons and a more customizable focal plane shape
 - Measurement to confirm shape of prototype's focal plane to be conducted at ODU
- Radiation hardness of NLaK33 material will be measured at JLab
- Preliminary analysis of 2015 test beam data suggests better resolution and photon yield compared to AG lens

Backup Slides

Reconstructed Θ_c Resolution



Photon Yield Comparison

