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# **Update of the SoLID Cerenkov detector for PVDIS: CSI coated GEM option**

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# **Outline**

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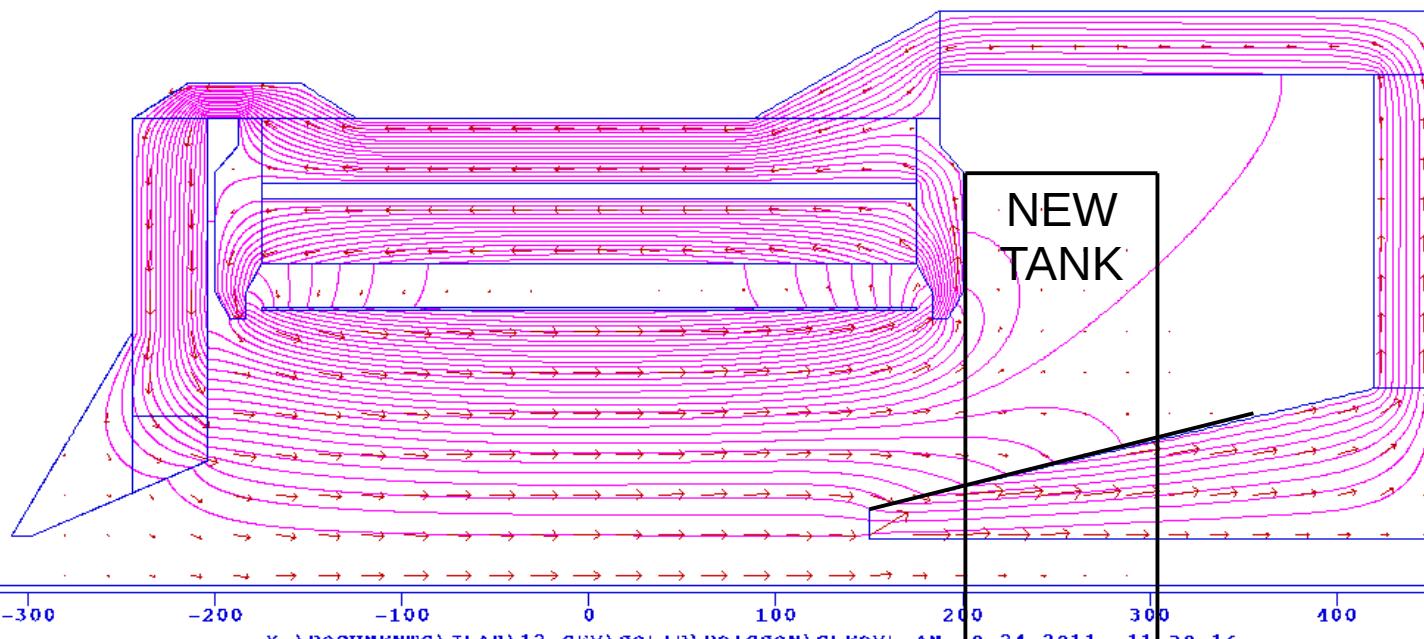
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# Update of the detector layout

New Magnet

We have moved to the CLEO solenoid => new constraints and degrees of freedom for the tank:

- can be extended forward in the outer part of the tank;
- can be shorter **if we use the GEMs** (since the GEMs are closer to the beam line: not true for PMTs)

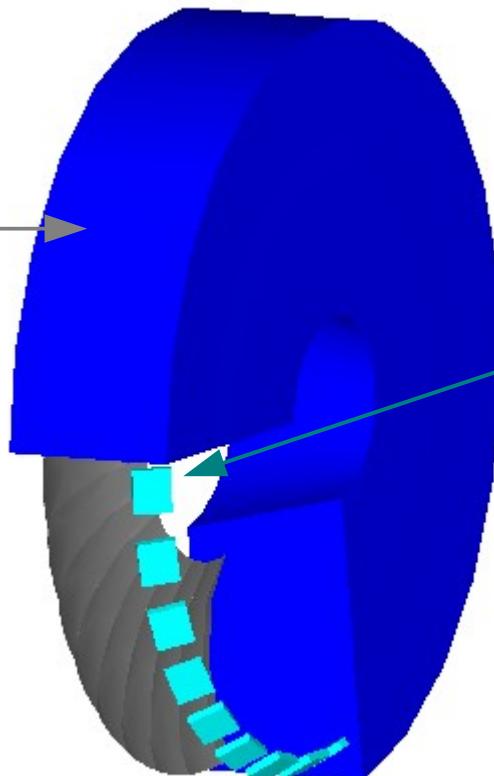


# Update of the detector layout

Mirrors:

“Coverage” from  
19 to **38** degrees  
(relative to the  
center of the hall)

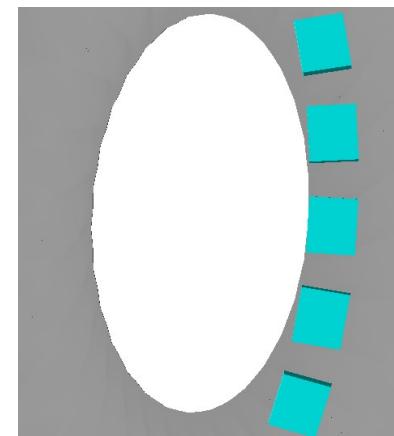
Note: there  
curvature radius is  
different from the  
mirrors in the PMT  
option



No Winston cones

Observer position:  
210 cm away from beamline  
**220** cm downstream the  
center of the hall

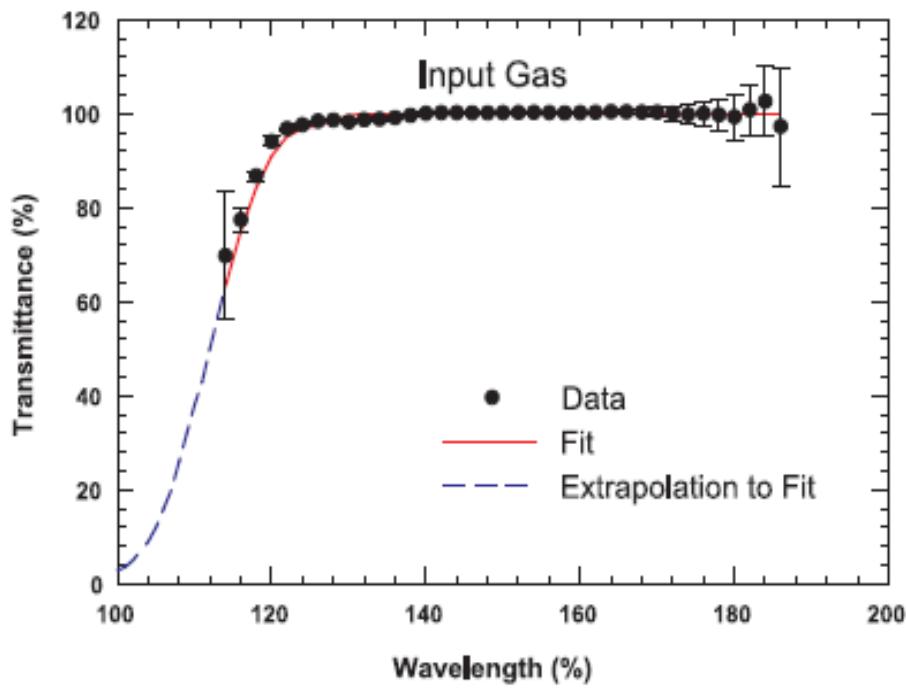
CSI coated GEM from  
PHENIX:  
 $23 \times 27 \text{ cm}^2$   
“long” dimension along **phi**  
“short” along **z**



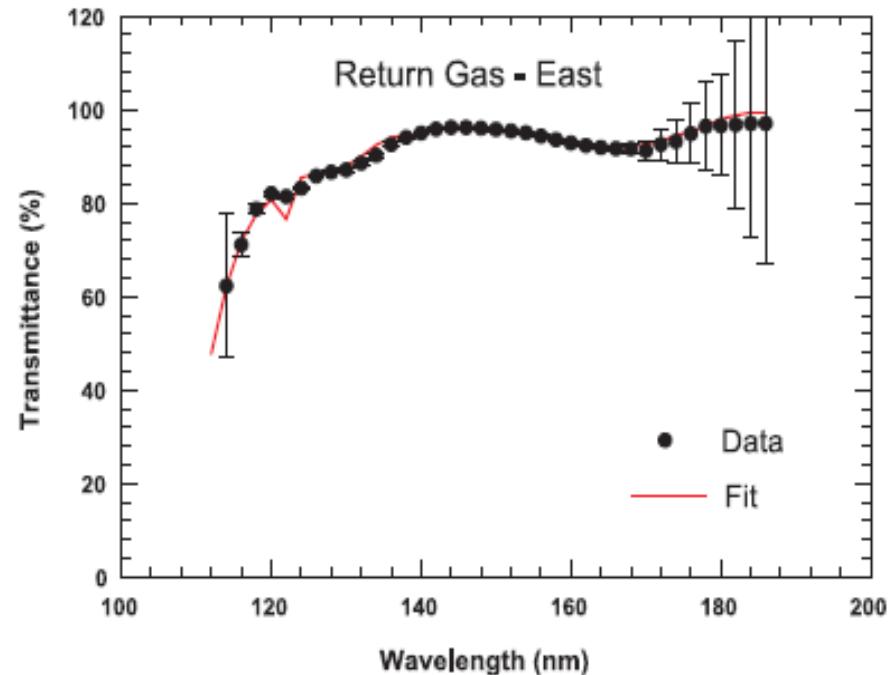
Note: use of  $\text{CF}_4$  is mandatory  
( $\text{C}_4\text{F}_{10}$  is a quencher for GEMs)

# Update of the simulation details

Absorption length set for CF<sub>4</sub>:



$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{O}_2 < 2\text{ppm}$   
("pure" gas)

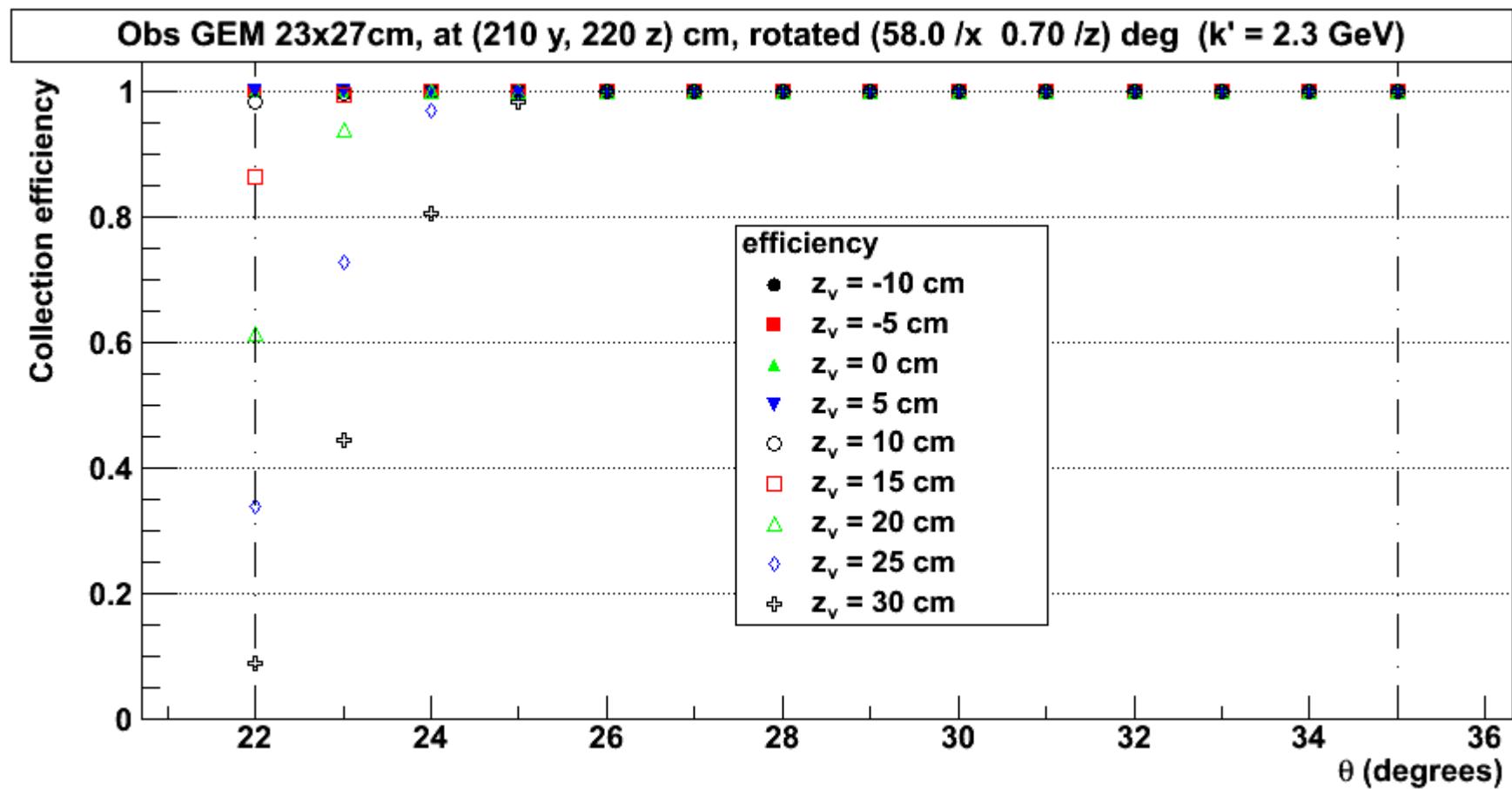


$\text{H}_2\text{O} \sim 20\text{-}30 \text{ ppm}$   
 $\text{O}_2 \sim 2\text{-}3 \text{ ppm}$

[W. Anderson et al, arXiv 1103.4277v1 physics.ins-det]

# Results

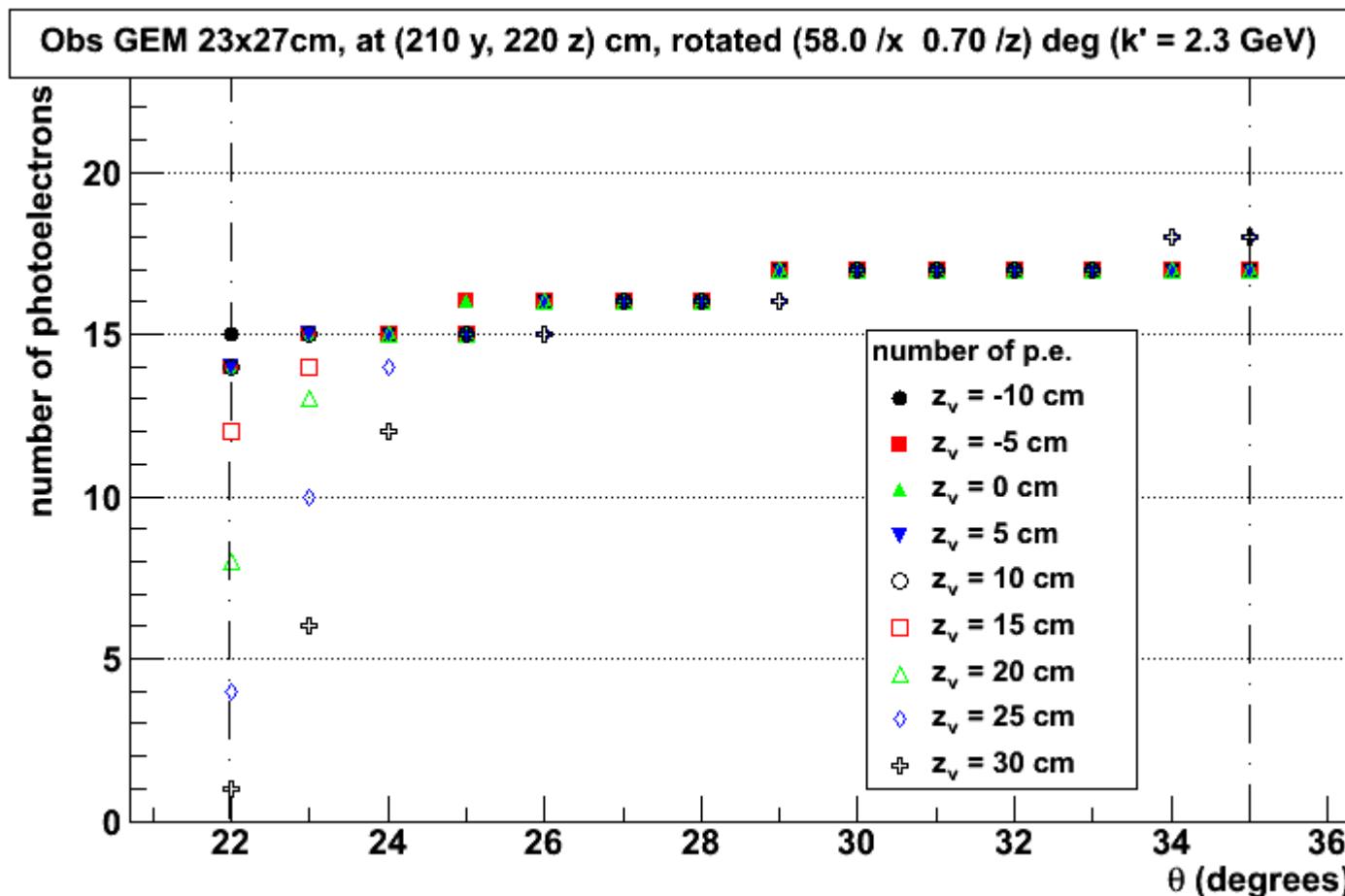
Efficiency (with perfect surfaces at 100 % reflectivity for mirrors, and 100% efficiency for GEMs). Optimized at  $k' = 2.3$  GeV.



# Results

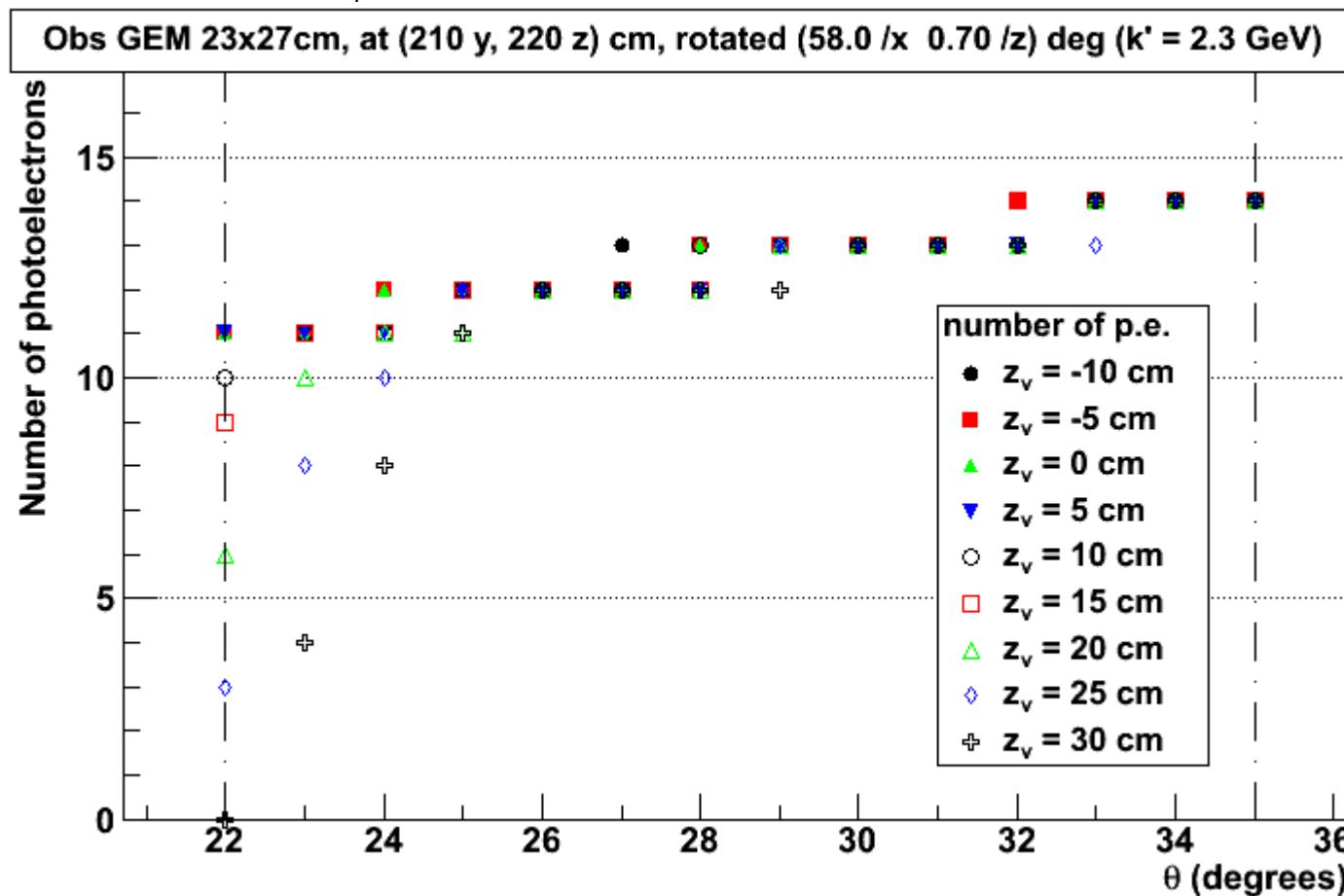
Number of photoelectrons with “pure”  $\text{CF}_4$  at  $k' = 2.3 \text{ GeV}$

(Mesh transparency, dead GEM area, gas transparency, p.e. transport efficiency corrected by a global factor of 0.54)



# Results

Robustness test: Number of photoelectrons with **20-30 ppm H<sub>2</sub>O / 2-3 ppm O<sub>2</sub>** contaminated CF<sub>4</sub> => still functional.



# Summary

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- The cerenkov detector has been reoptimized with the new solenoid, at least for the CsI coated GEM option (optimization for the PMT option is underway);
- the number of photons is sufficient, while the simulation tends to be as realistic as it could be: the cerenkov detector with its new design is functional, and it even seems robust to a reasonable level of contamination.

# Prospectives

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TO DO:

- Introduce this design in GEMC;
- get the GEM prototype and its DAQ from Stony Brook (during september probably) and test it;

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# Results

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As a cross check to those numbers of photoelectron, we compared the yield of raw number of photons produced on the path length of the electron in the gas given by GEANT 4 to the number of photons given by the integral of Frank-Tamm equation over the path computed by Mathematica (courtesy of Brad Sawatzky):

=> estimation better than 8 %

GEM option (CF4, n = 1.00046, 133 photons/m) :

z = 0

theta(deg)	L_Gas(cm)	N_th	N_G4	N_G4-N_th /N (%)
22.0	90.1	120	128	6.7
35.0	115.0	152	164	7.9

PMT option (C4F10, n = 1.0015, 454 photons/m) :

z = 0

theta(deg)	L_Gas(cm)	N_th	N_G4	N_G4-N_th /N (%)
22.0	65.7	298	307	3.0
35.0	112.3	510	481	5.7

# Update of the simulation details

Started to set up realistic surfaces in the GEANT 4 simulation:  
Mirrors surfaces include reflectivities, various types of reflections,  
and the layer of  $MgF_2$  coating, necessary to preserve reflectivities at  
short wavelengths

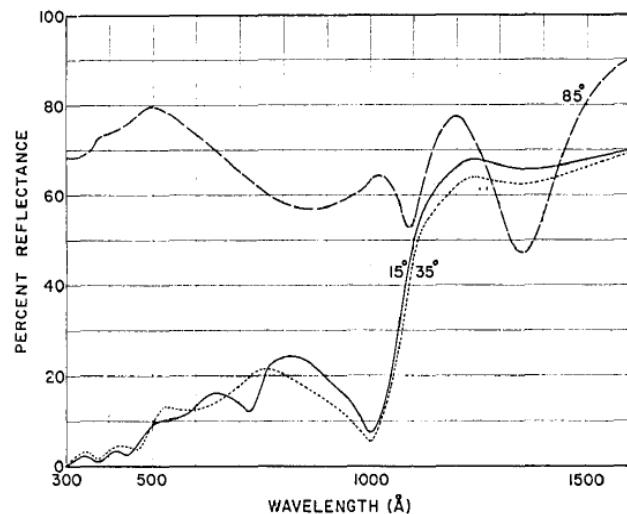
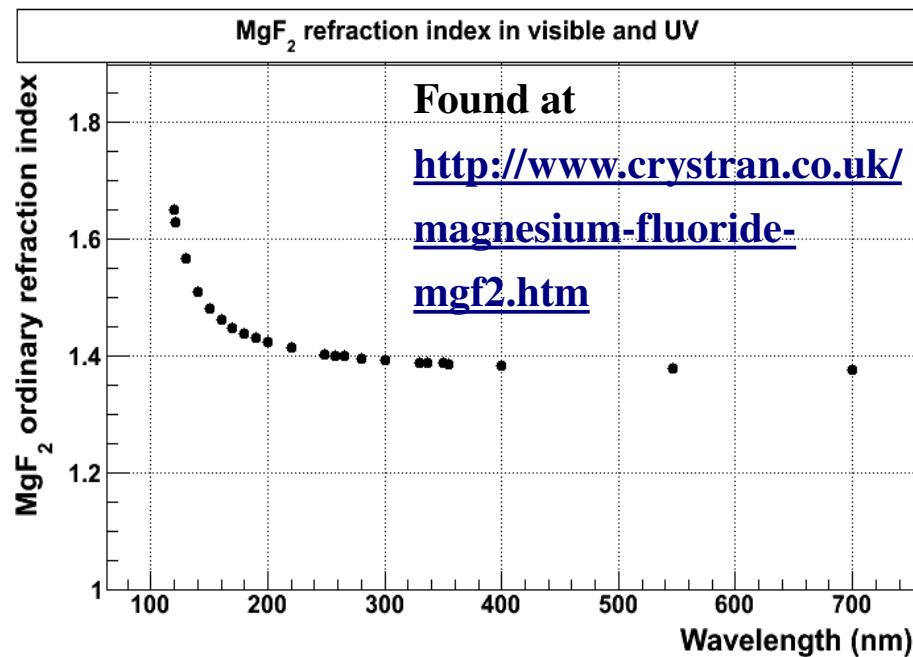
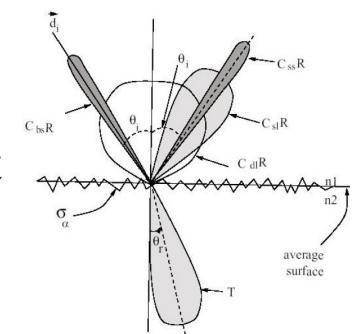


Fig. 1. Measured reflectance of an Al +  $MgF_2$  mirror from 300  $\text{\AA}$  to 1500  $\text{\AA}$ . The  $MgF_2$  thickness is 150  $\text{\AA}$ .

[W. R. Hunter *et al.*,  
Applied Optics Vol. 10, No. 3 (1971),  
pp 540-544]

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# Update of the simulation details

Not really figured out how to treat GEM surfaces properly:  
GEM surfaces still only include efficiencies

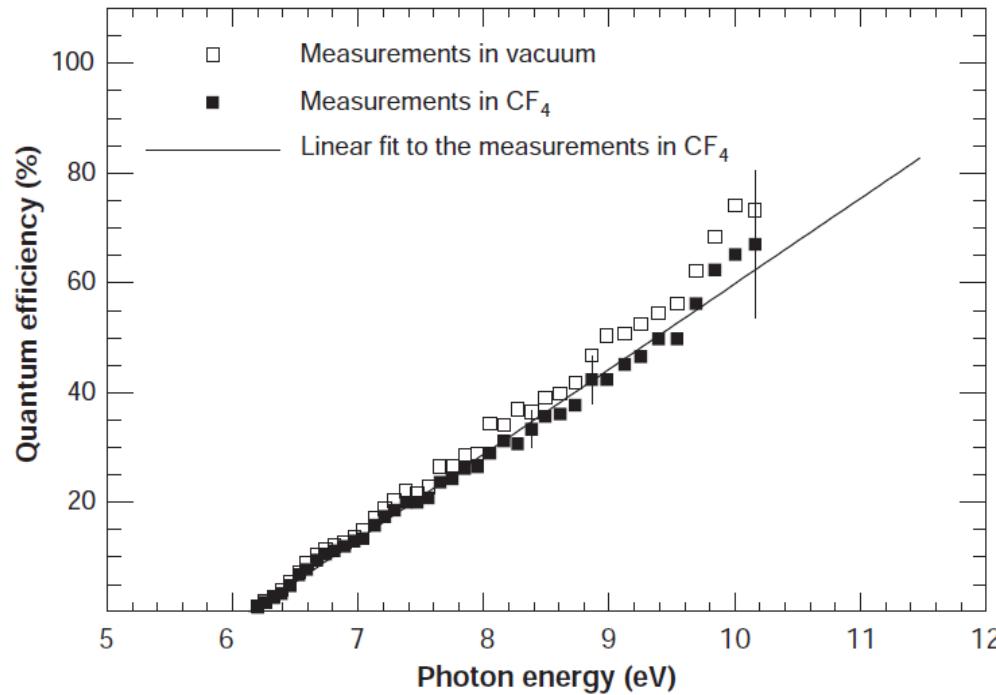


Fig. 9. Absolute quantum efficiency of CsI in vacuum and  $\text{CF}_4$  over the bandwidth 6.2–10.3 eV.

[Z. Fraenkel *et al.*, “A Hadron Blind Detector for PHENIX experiment at RHIC”, NIM A546 (2005), pp 466-480]

# Results

Number of photoelectrons with  $\text{CF}_4$  (dead GEM area - holes - taken into account by a coefficient 0.54) at  $k' = 4.4 \text{ GeV}$  (detection threshold for pions).

