

# Light Guide Design for Wide Field Imaging Cherenkov Telescope

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# Background

 The compound parabolic concentrator (CPC) is one of nonimaging devices which has been explored for various applications since 1960s.





# Background

• Nonimaging light collectors are used in VHE gamma-ray astronomy to concentrate light on the photocathodes of the photomultiplier tubes and to reduce the background light from the night sky.









- optimizing criterion
- •Dead area
- •Photon collection efficiency
- •Background suppression
- •Cross talk
- •Price
- •Homogenous of photon distribution density
- •Cherenkov image reconstruction



### Motivation

- Reflective light concentrators are frequently used at the focal plane of gamma-ray telescopes in order to reduce the size of the dead area caused by the geometries of the photodetectors, as well as to reduce the amount of stray light entering at large field angles.
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- Geiger-mode SiPM
- The price per unit sensitive area of SiPM is still higher than for more conventional photosensors, such as photomultiplier tubes. Therefore, a higher area concentration ratio is desired than in previous experiments. S13360-6025C



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• Optics of LHAASO WFCT

*transmittance* : >90% @ 300 nm – 650 nm *reflectance* : >83% @ 300 nm – 650 nm *spot size* : >65% photons @ Φ25.4mm *difference* : <±10%;</li> *angular resolution* : 0.5°

• *FOV* : 16°×14°







• Mechanical deformation







90  $^{\circ}$  Pitch Observation

o° Pitch Observation







• Spots simulations

 $\begin{aligned} \Delta\theta &= 0\\ \mathbf{Z} &= 2870 \mathrm{mm}\\ \eta &= 0.79 \sim 0.82 \end{aligned}$ 





#### > Spots Optimization





### > Distribution of photon incident angles for light guide





### Light guide design





## Light guide design

2D Compound Parabolic Concentator

Hexagonal Light Cone

















Aluminum with superimposed dichroic layers(R-enhanced coating or Al+R)

J. A. Aguilar et.al. <u>Astroparticle Physics</u> Volume 60, January 2015, Pages 32–40





### Performances

1. Parallel Incidence (Non-Sequential Ray Tracing)



 $\theta_{in} = 0^{\circ}, \alpha = 0^{\circ}$ 























### 2. Light Spot Scan





Modulation of Cherenkov image by Optical system:

$$g(x,y) = \left\{ \int_{\Omega} f(x',y') \cdot h(x,y;x',y') \, dx' dy' \right\} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{1024} \mathscr{H}(x,y;x_i,y_i) \cdot p(x,y;x_i,y_i) + n(x,y)$$
Spatial Variant PSF for whole image plane
In each bin PSF
$$h(x,y;x',y') \approx h_m(x-x',y-y')$$

Combing with Light Concentrator  $h(x, y; x', y') \approx h_m (x - x', y - y')^{-1}$ 











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Square SiPM array







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#### Reflecting rounds comparison





#### Summary

- 1. The mean efficiency of the cones is superior to 0.85 and without significant dependence upon the focal plane position, which implies the characteristics of spatial invariant and will be favorable in subsequent data analysis.
- 2. Comparing to the ideal case that reflectance equals to 1.0, the actual efficiency becomes lower, and spreads more disperse because some incident photons may undergo multiple reflections in 3D light cones.
- 3. Most of the SiPM detectors get uniform mean efficiencies from their associated light cones. However, the fluctuation inter pixels would degraded the accuracy of images calibration.



# Thank you