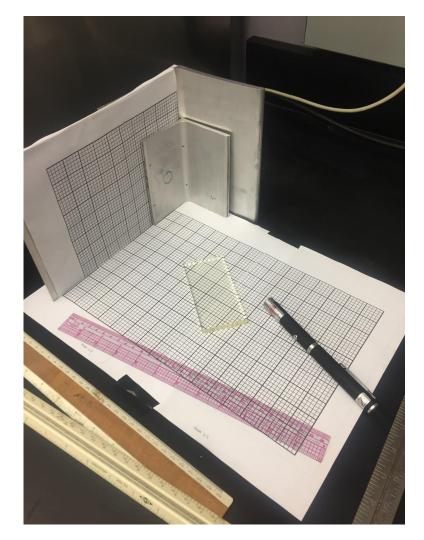
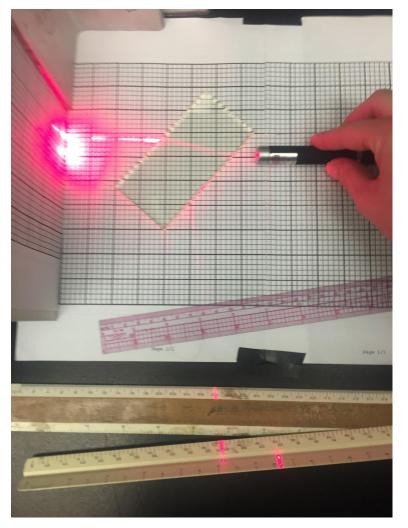
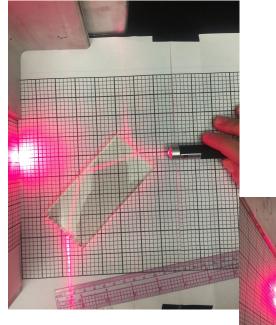
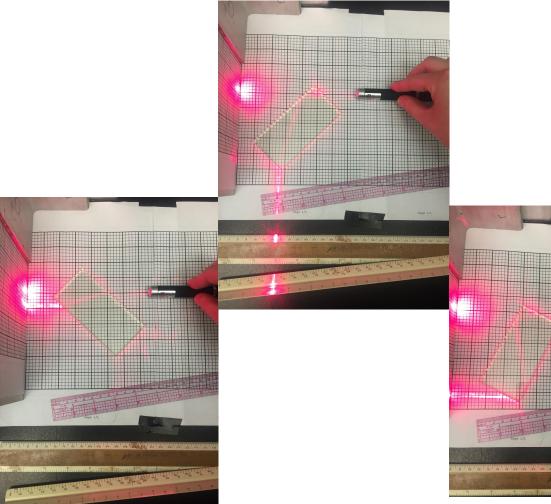
# Aerogel Index of Refraction

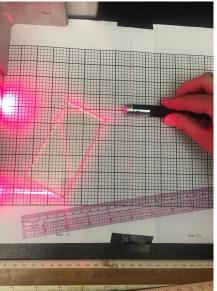
**Meeting Updates** 



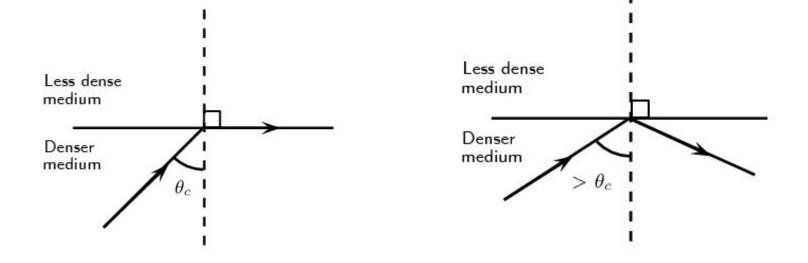








#### The Critical Angle

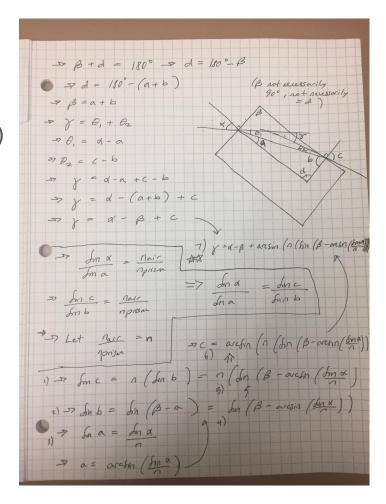


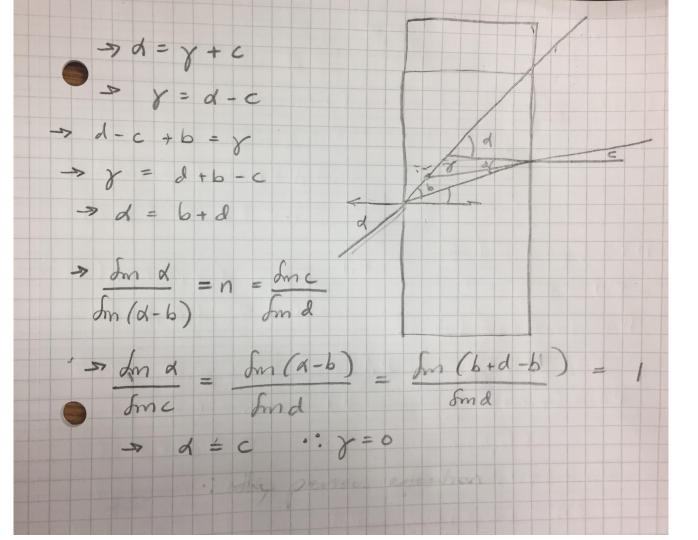
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# Index of Refraction (1)

 $\gamma = \alpha - \beta + \arcsin(n(\sin(\beta - \arcsin((\sin\alpha)/n))))$ 

 $n = \sqrt{(\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2(\gamma + \alpha))}$ 

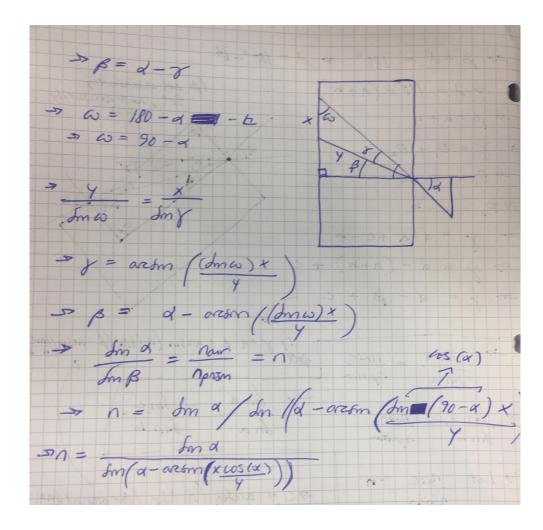




The index cannot be calculated using the first equation when the laser is shone through the body of the prism rather than across the angle

#### Index of Refraction (2)

- $n = (\sin \alpha)/(\sin(\alpha \arcsin(x(\cos \alpha)/y)))$
- $n = (\sin \alpha)/(\sin \beta)$



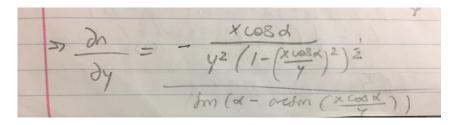
#### Measurements and Equations (2)

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- $n = (\sin \alpha)/(\sin(\alpha \arcsin(x(\cos \alpha)/y)))$
- $n = (\sin \alpha)/(\sin \beta)$
- $\delta n(\alpha, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sqrt{((\partial n/\partial \alpha)\delta \alpha)^2 + ((\partial n/\partial \mathbf{x})\delta \mathbf{x})^2 + ((\partial n/\partial \mathbf{y})\delta \mathbf{y})^2}$

 $\partial n/\partial \alpha =$ 

 $= \log d \left( \ln \left( d - \operatorname{archm} \left( \frac{x \cos \alpha}{y} \right) \right) \right) \left( 1 - \frac{x \sin \alpha}{y \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{x \cos \alpha}{y} \right)^2}} \right)$ (Im (d-oresm (Xcosd)))<sup>2</sup>

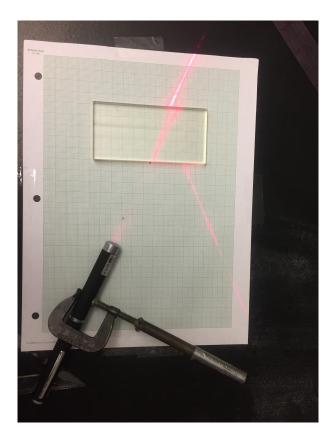


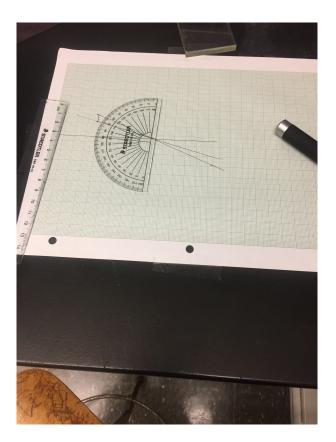
 $\frac{\neg}{\neg} \frac{\partial n}{\partial x} = \frac{- \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{(1 - (\frac{x \cos \alpha}{y})^2)^2} \left( \frac{\partial m}{\partial m} \left( \frac{x \cos \alpha}{y} \right) \right)$ 

#### **Original Measurement Approach**

- Measuring while the laser was on
- Using original graph paper as reference
- Taking whole laser width as systematic error with additional random error
- Taking each measurement of 4 values as a set
- Problems:
  - Beam lifted up and put down to be able to see angles eventually propped it up instead
  - Laser wouldn't stay on
  - Prism and laser easily inadvertently moved
  - Protractor placed on top of prism additional error from perspective
  - Small protractor, beam covers multiple degrees
  - Beam refracted through transparent ruler and protractor
  - Estimated error of +/- .2 for n

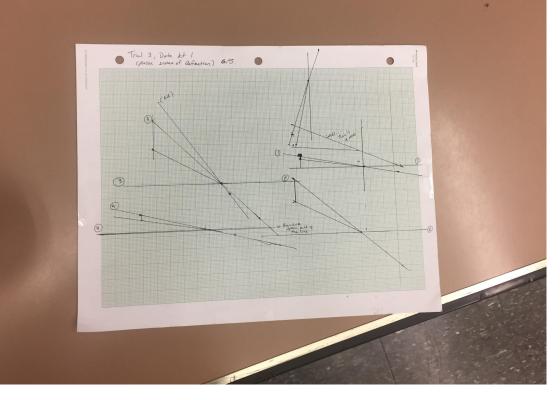
# New Approach





# New Approach

- Marking the location of the beam and measuring afterwards
- Using more precise graph paper
- Estimating the position of the edge of the laser beam (set 1) and then the center of the laser beam (set 2) as the point of measurement
- Taking each measured value independently
- Problems:
  - Protractor
  - Lines and points contribute to possible systematic error
  - Still error of .06+ for n
  - Data doesn't agree -> error underestimated



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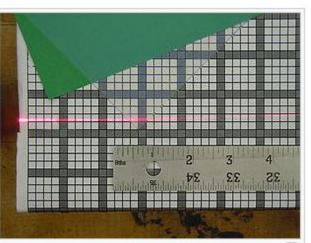
#### Possible Image Analysis Software

- ImageJ Free Image Analysis Software <u>https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/features.html</u>
- "Measure area, mean, standard deviation. Measure lengths and angles. Use real world measurement units such as millimeters. Generate histograms and profile plots"
- Fiji ImageJ Package <u>http://fiji.sc/</u>
- Same measurement features as ImageJ -Tested this week
- Digimizer not free <u>https://www.digimizer.com/features.php</u>
- 'Define unit of measurement, measure distances and lengths of line segments or path, measure angles, locate middle of line segment, measurements on perpendicular lines, fit line'
- Adobe Photoshop -

#### https://helpx.adobe.com/photoshop/using/measurement.html

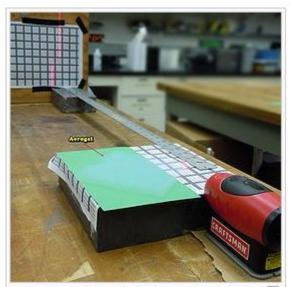
• "Using the Photoshop Measurement feature you can measure any area defined with the Ruler tool or with a selection tool, including irregular areas selected with the Lasso, Quick Select, or Magic Wand tools. You can also compute the height, width, area, and perimeter, or track measurements of one image or multiple images"

# 2013 Project

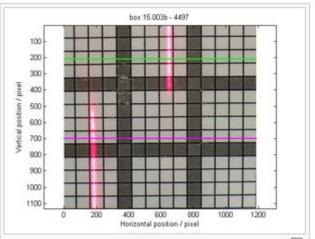


2) Part of the laser sheet pass through the aerogel tile, being deflected by its refractive index. The other part pass on the top of the tile, going direct to the reference paper target.

Copying set up from 2013 (Images from <a href="http://www.vsl.cua.edu/cua\_phy/index.php/MainPage">http://www.vsl.cua.edu/cua\_phy/index.php/MainPage</a> :Nuclear:KaonDetector:AerogelCharacteristics)

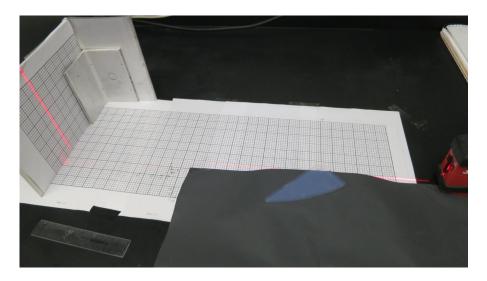


 Experimental setup for the measurement<sup>1</sup>
of the aerogel refractive index. A laser sheet is refracted by the tile and hit a target paper. The deviation of the laser can be measured for the calculation of the refractive index.

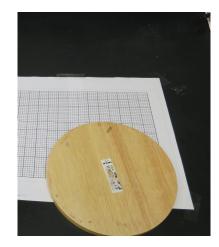


3) Picture of the reference paper with the direct (top) and refracted (bottom) laser beam. Two lines are selected for the pixel intensity analysis, looking for the peaks identification.

#### Aerogel Setup

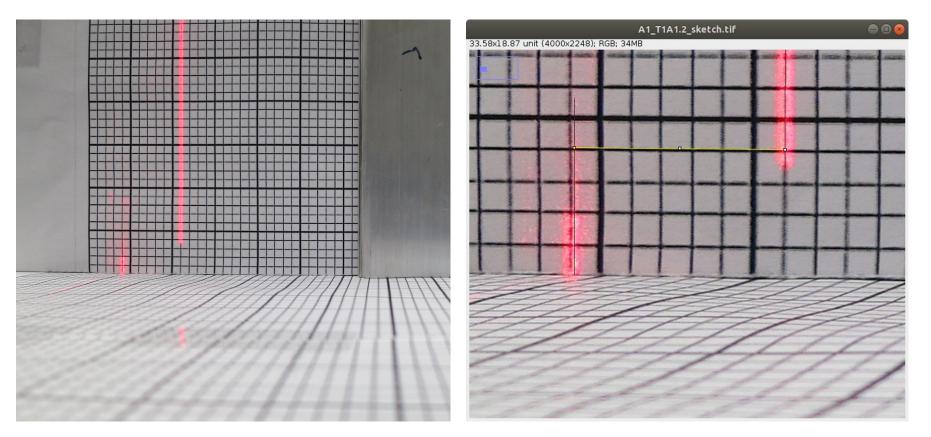


- Removes variables of angle and distance from target
- New variable distance inside aerogel
- Measure distances on the target using pictures and distance from target by hand





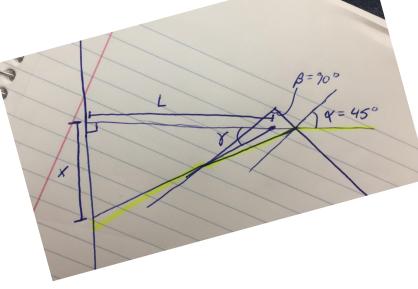
#### Aerogel Set up and Image Analysis



#### Calculations

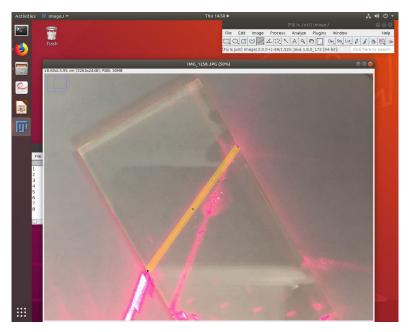
Equations (1): n = 1.029 +/- .001

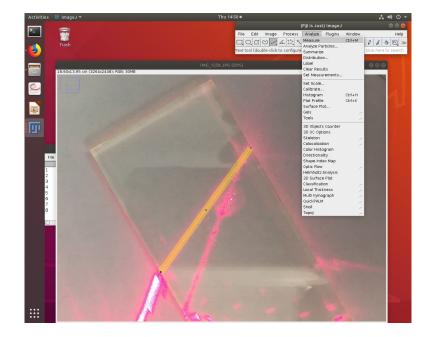
- $\gamma = \alpha \beta + \arcsin(n(\sin(\beta \arcsin((\sin\alpha)/n)))))$ •  $n = \sqrt{(\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2(\gamma + \alpha))}$ 
  - - assumes  $\beta$  is a right angle
- $\delta n(\alpha, \gamma) = \sqrt{((\partial n/\partial \alpha)\delta \alpha)^2 + ((\partial n/\partial \gamma)\delta \gamma)^2}$



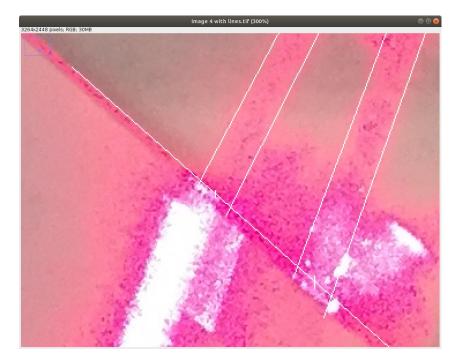
- $\partial n/\partial \alpha = (\cos(\gamma \alpha)\sin(\gamma \alpha) + \sin(\alpha)\cos(\alpha))/(\sqrt{\cos^2(\gamma \alpha)} + \sin^2(\alpha)))$
- $\partial n/\partial \gamma = (-\cos(\gamma \alpha)\sin(\gamma \alpha)/(\sqrt{\cos^2(\gamma \alpha)} + \sin^2(\alpha)))$
- <u>https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RAnGFBmL\_D1iQxKTcW4YfsI09JV</u> <u>-1IP1-hGFo8ZTCdM/edit#gid=0</u>

#### ImageJ



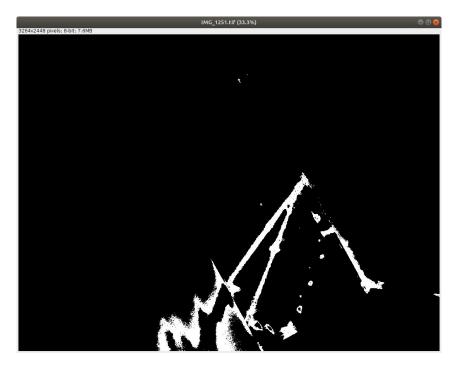


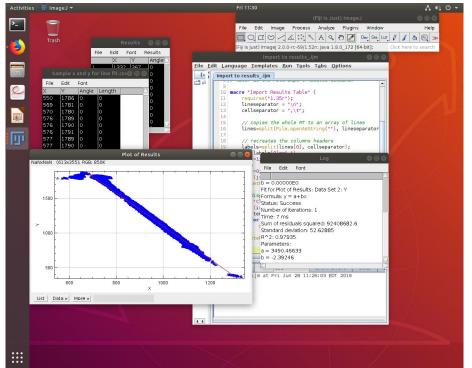
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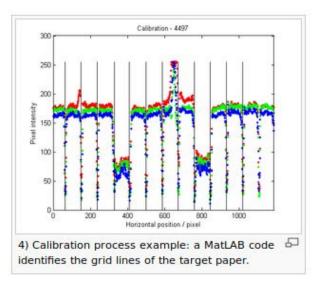
#### Mathematica

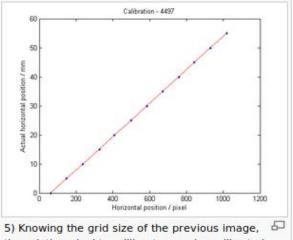
- Working with Nick to come up with image analysis program
- Many of the same tools as imagej
  - Thresholding, edge tracing, Hough and Radon Transform
- Image info (matrix)
- Began with measuring distances of lasers inside plastic prism
  - He suggested a program where someone would select the corners of an image and the laser beams and then the angle and distance would be automatically measured
  - Do we need a streamlined process?

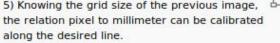
### 2013 Project

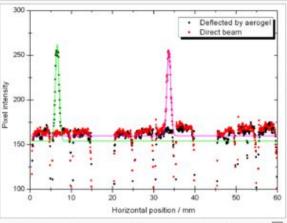
#### (Images from

<u>http://www.vsl.cua.edu/cua\_phy/index.php/MainPage</u> :Nuclear:KaonDetector:AerogelCharacteristics)









6) After the calibration of the two lines (directed and refracted beams), the peaks position can be fitted for the analysis of the refracted beam deflection due to the aerogel.