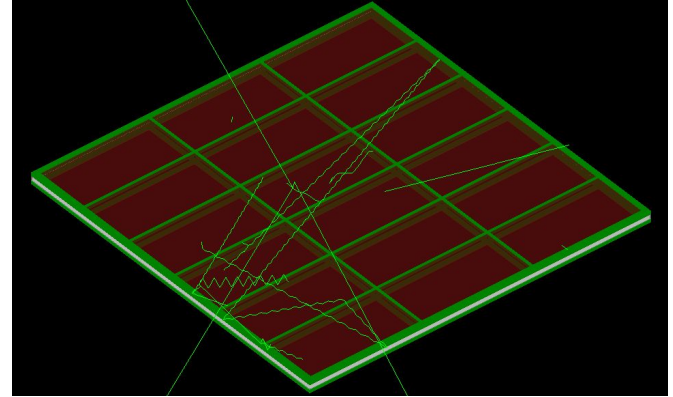


# Megacell frame optimization via G4-based optical simulation

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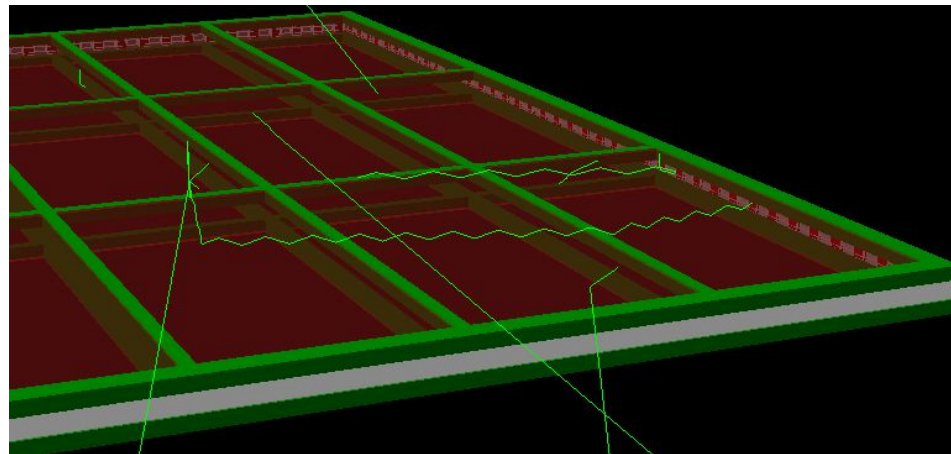
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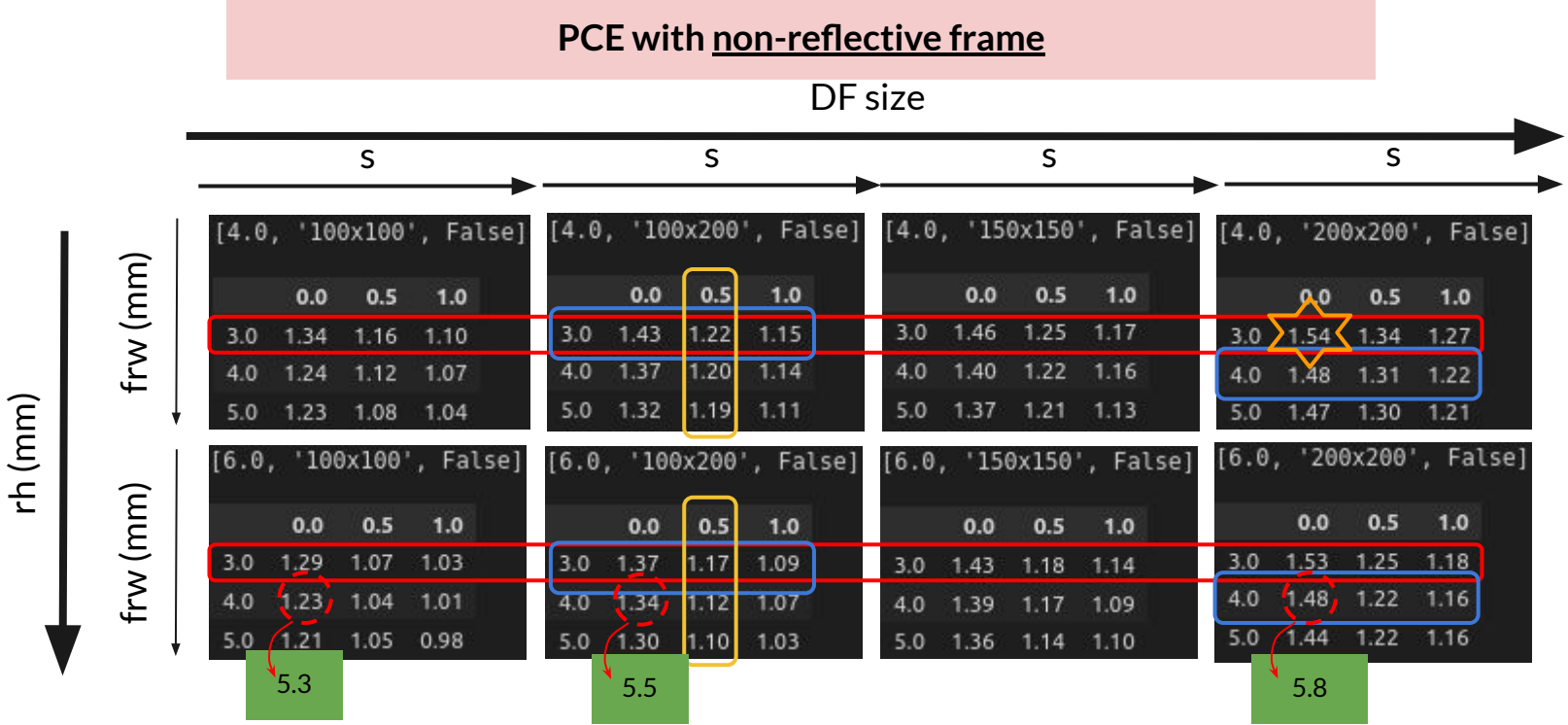




We have developed our own G4-based simulation to **optimize the photon collection efficiency (PCE)**. Among its features, such simulation takes into account:

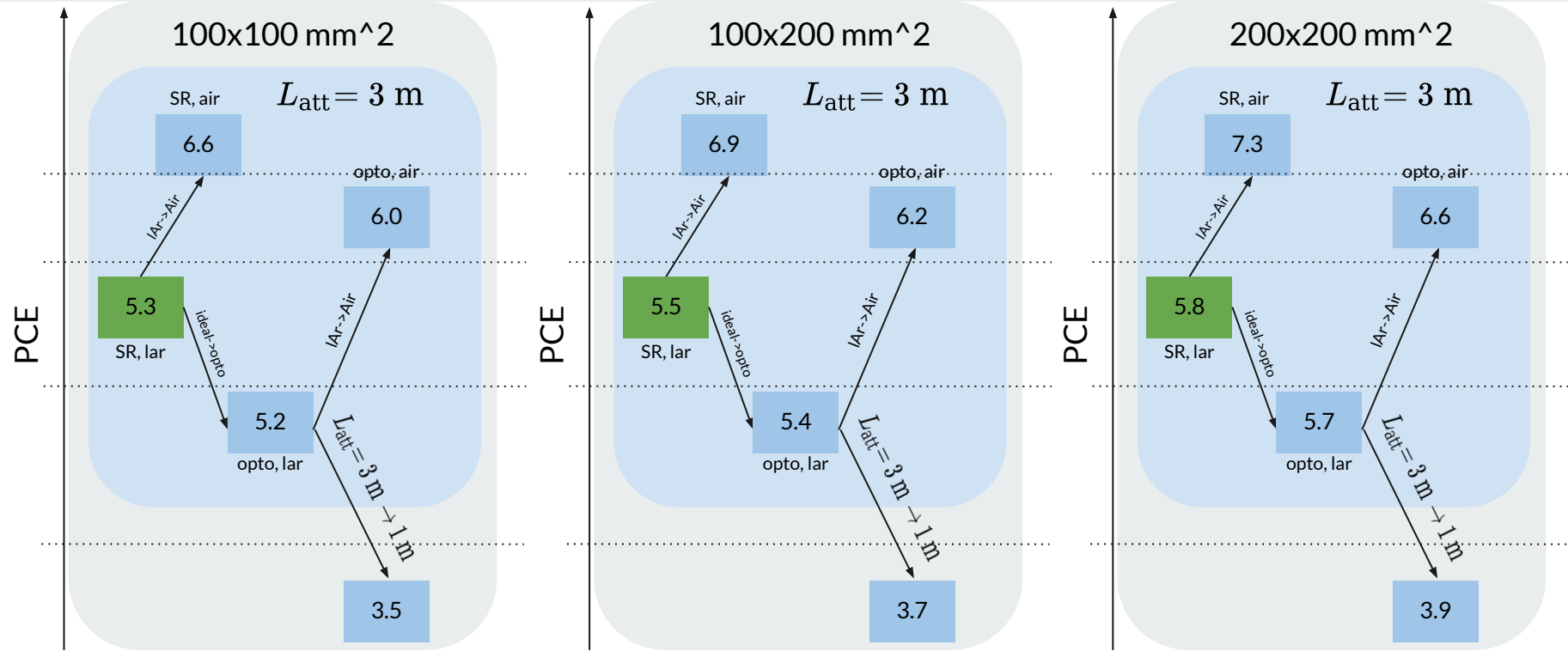
- the emission spectrum of PTP coatings (wavelength and angle-wise),
- the transmission curve of the simulated DF (wavelength and angle-wise),
- the optical properties of the WLS plate, such as WLS-absorption and the emission spectra,
- the optical properties of other materials which the photons might interact with, such as FR4 or reflective coatings,
- attenuation length and wl-dependent refractive index of every media and
- detection efficiency of SiPMs.





There's a PCE improvement when tuning the G2P WLS absorption length according to *C. Brizzolari et al 2021 JINST 16 P09027*. There's still a need for attenuation length tuning and considering realistic DFs. These considerations should reduce this PCE to a realistic one. See next slide.

# Transition towards more realistic conditions

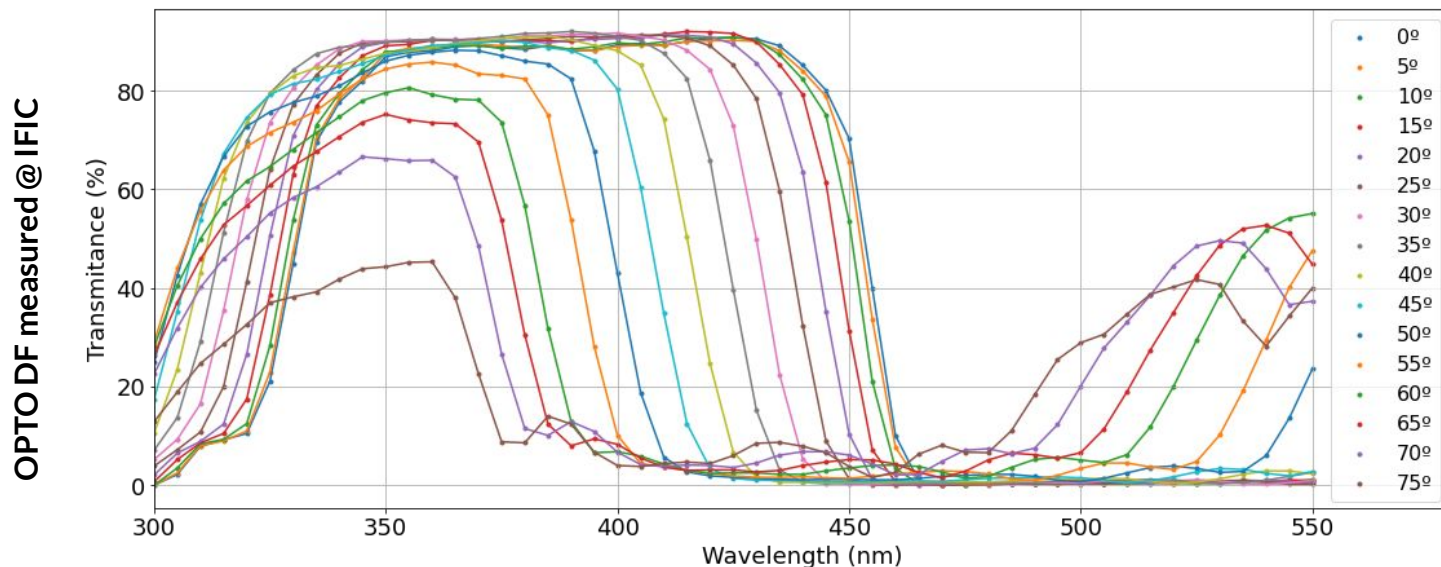


SR stands for Standard Requirements for a DF - In this case, we have considered  $T_{bc} = 0.9, T_{ac} = 0.01, \lambda_c = 400 \text{ nm}$  and  $\Delta\lambda_c = 10 \text{ nm}$   
 See our 07/07 talk - [indico.fnal.gov/event/55302/contributions/245698/attachments/160453/211409/07\\_07\\_2022.pdf](https://indico.fnal.gov/event/55302/contributions/245698/attachments/160453/211409/07_07_2022.pdf)



- G2P WLS bar with 1m attenuation length - See C. Brizzolari et al 2021 JINST 16 P09027
- OPTO DF with transmittance curves measured at different angles in air, but shifted for LAr
- 6 mm rib height, 4 mm rib width and shallowness  $s=0$
- Light is generated over the whole Dichroic Filters Assembly (DFA) (frame+DF)
- Flat dimples with dimensions as given in Carla's 07/07 talk - See

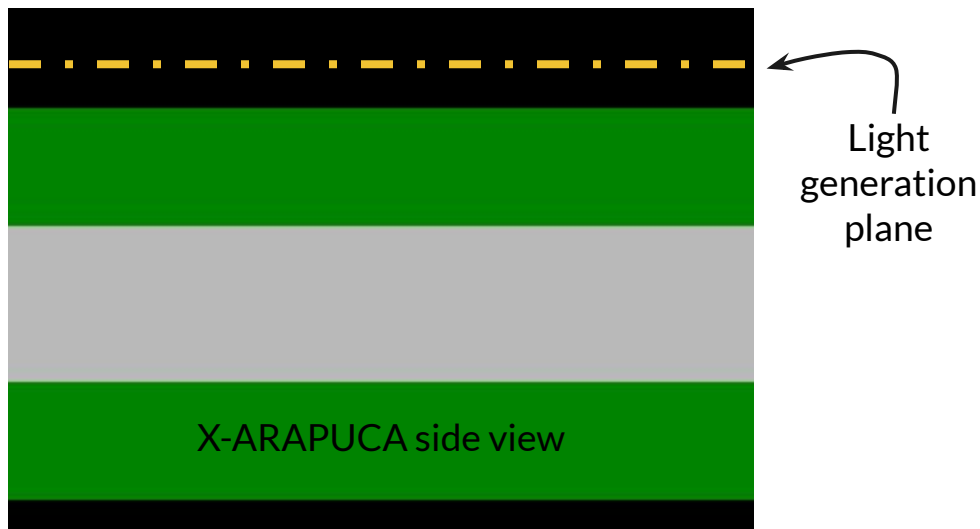
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According to the results we presented in our 27/09 talk,

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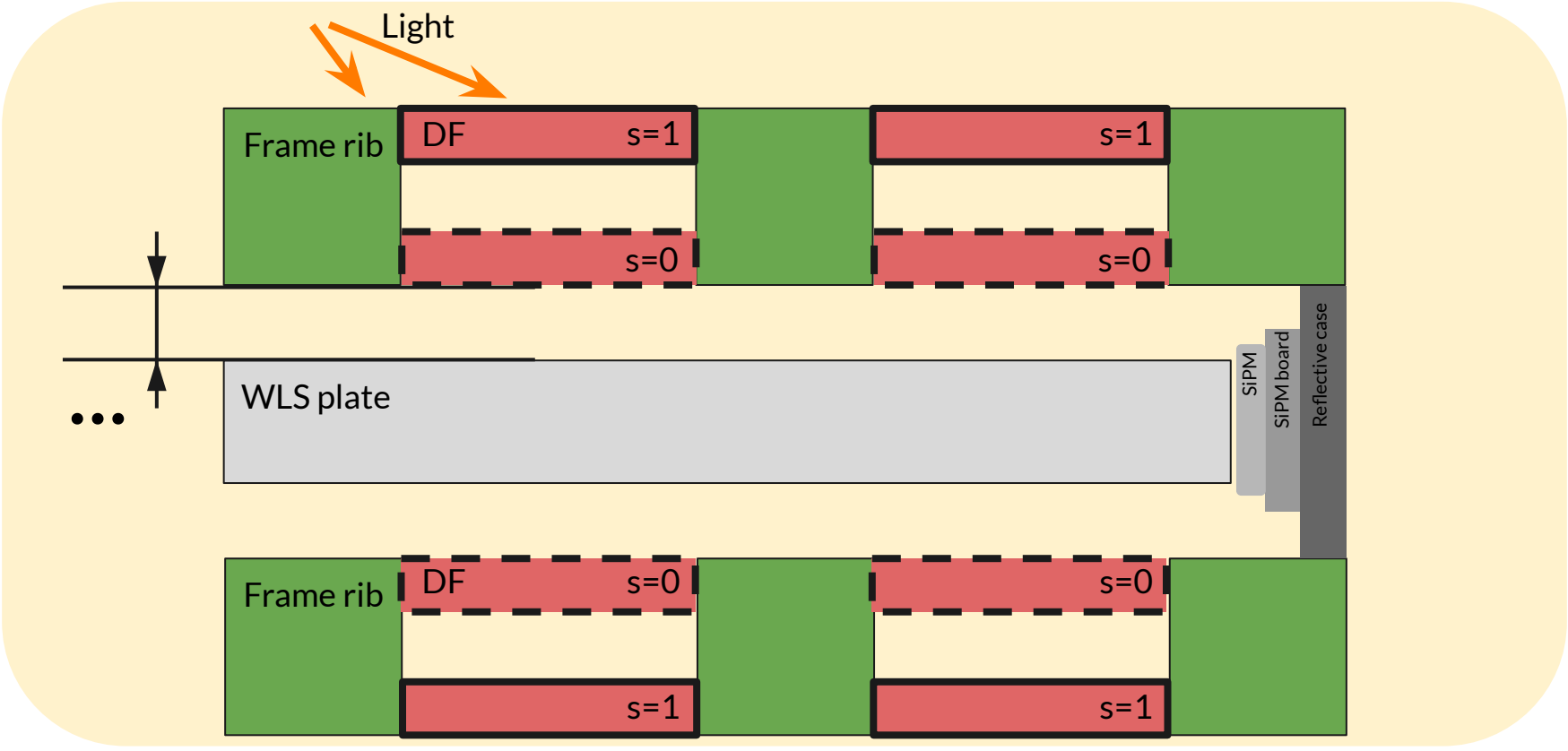
considering an specular-reflective frame caused a 1.3% absolute rise of the PCE. After implementing more realistic conditions, we have studied again the effects of considering a reflective frame, also considering the case of a diffusive-reflective coating.

reflectance type\DF size(mm <sup>2</sup> )	100x100	100x200	200x200
Absorbent	3.5	3.7	3.9
Diffuse-reflective	4.2	4.4	4.6
Specular-reflective	4.3	4.5	4.7

20% PCE improvement (on average) when considering a reflective frame (diffusive or specular) with respect to an absorbent frame

# PCE vs. the DFA-WLSP distance

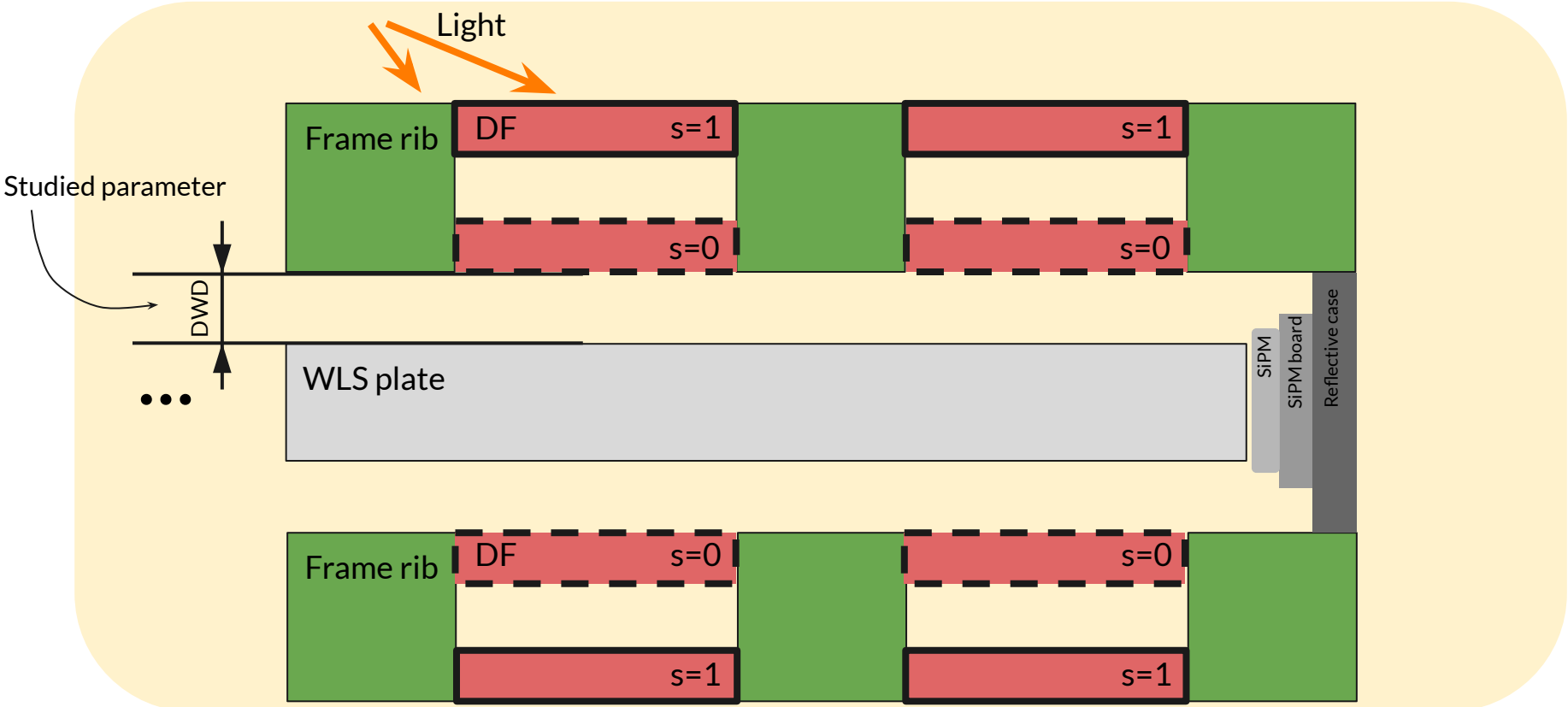
DFA = Dichroic Filters Assembly (DFs+frame)  
WLSP = WaveLength Shifting Plate



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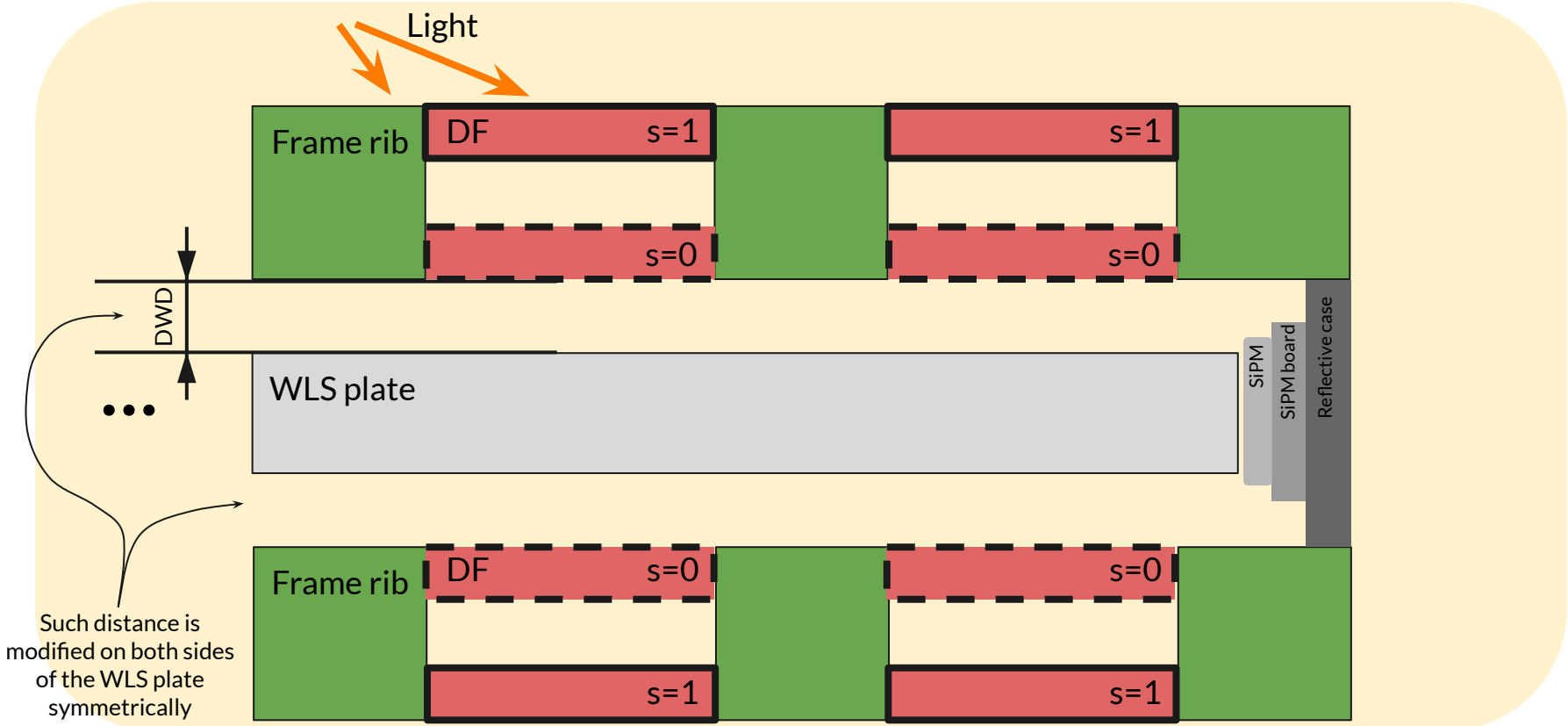


# PCE vs. the DFA-WLSP distance (= DWD)

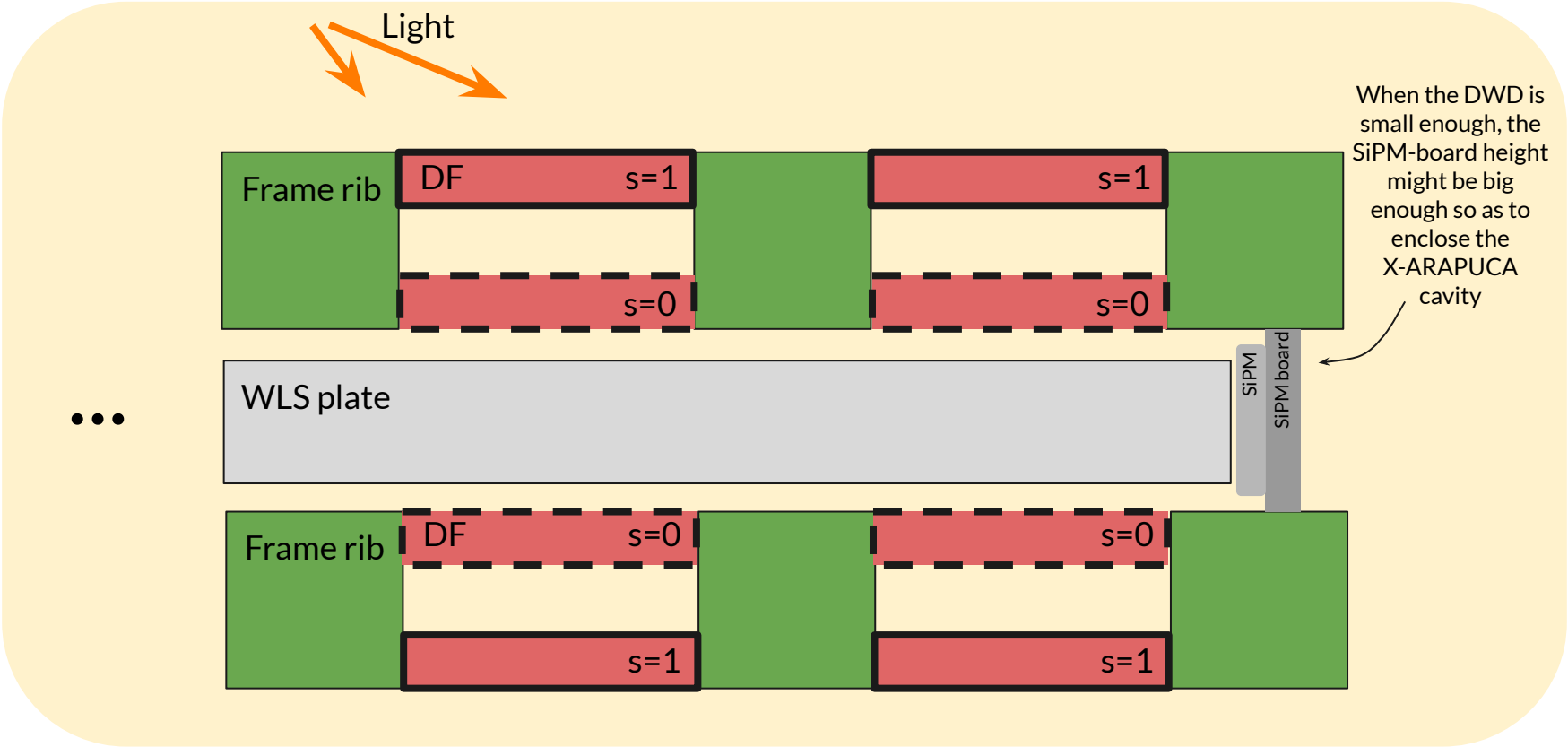


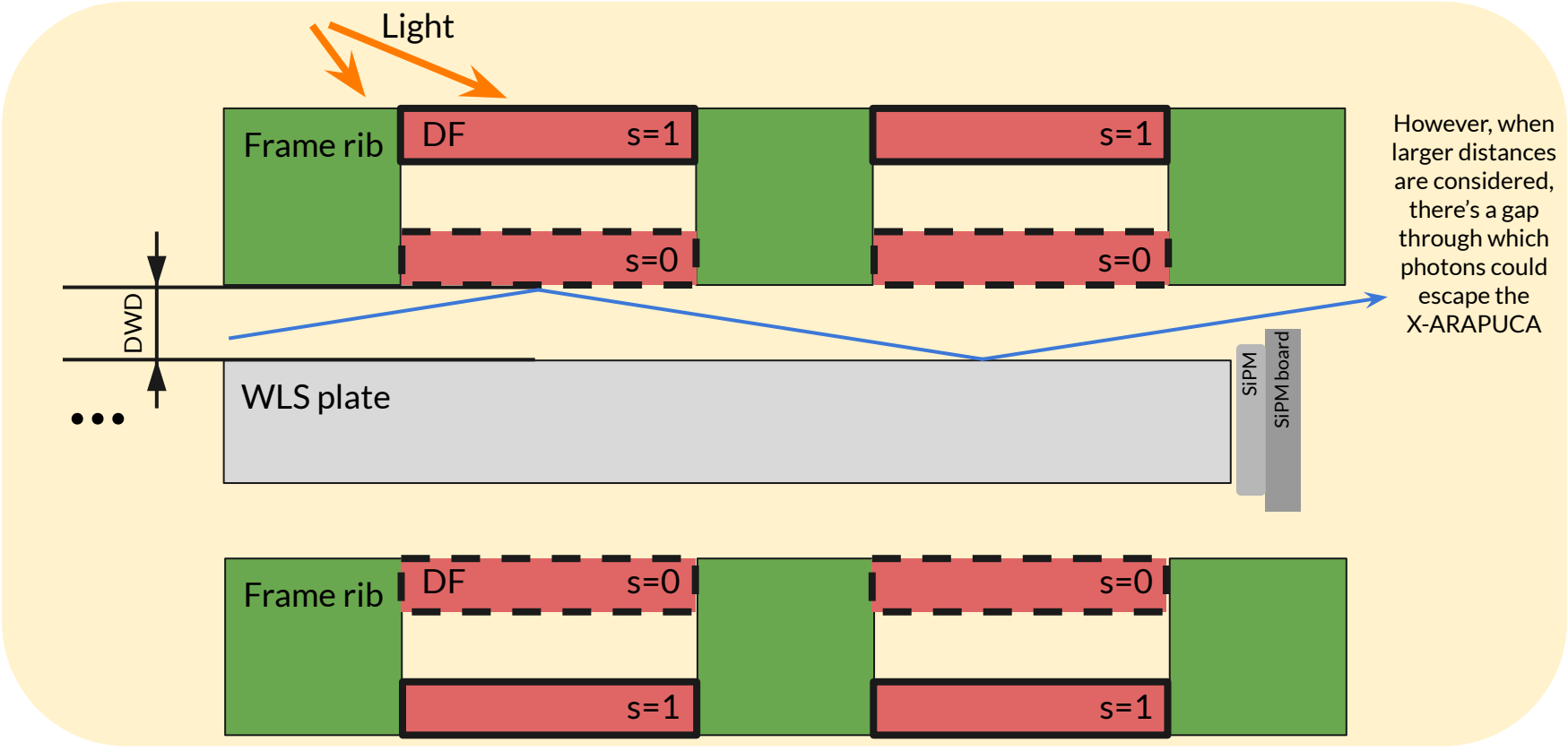
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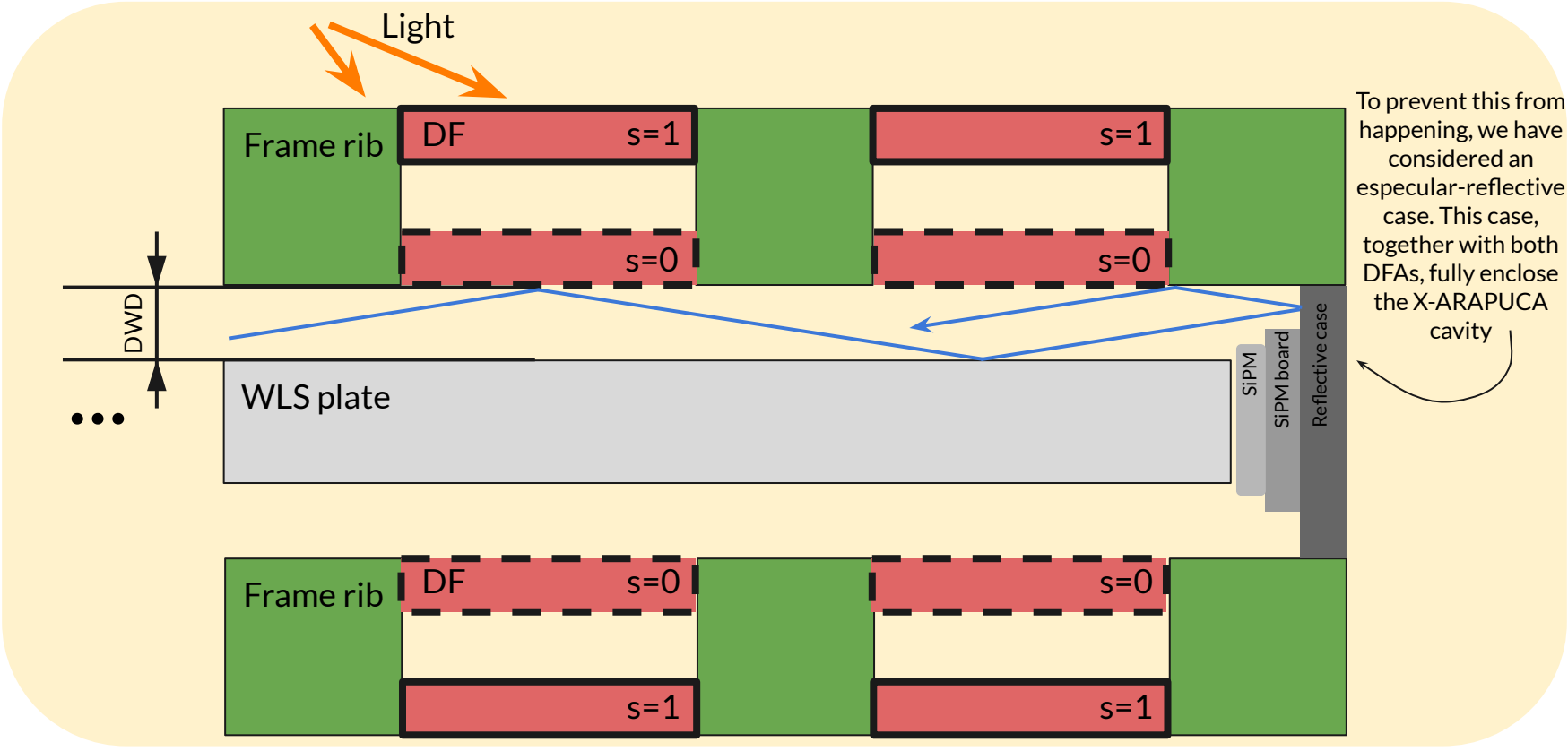
# PCE vs. DWD



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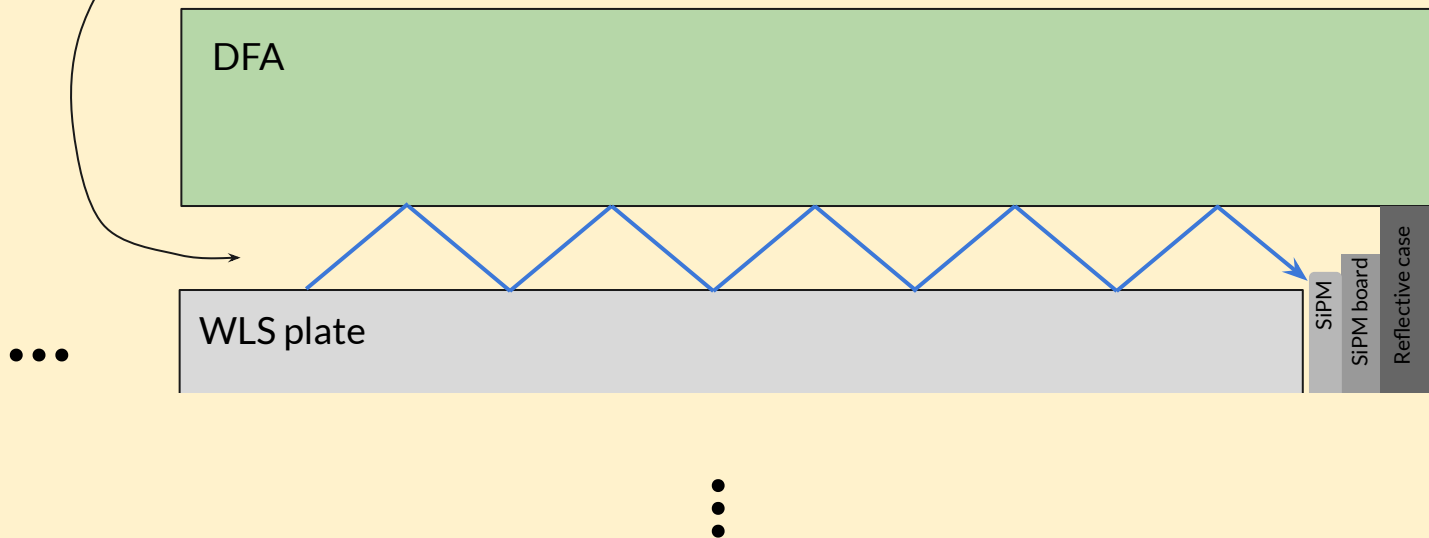


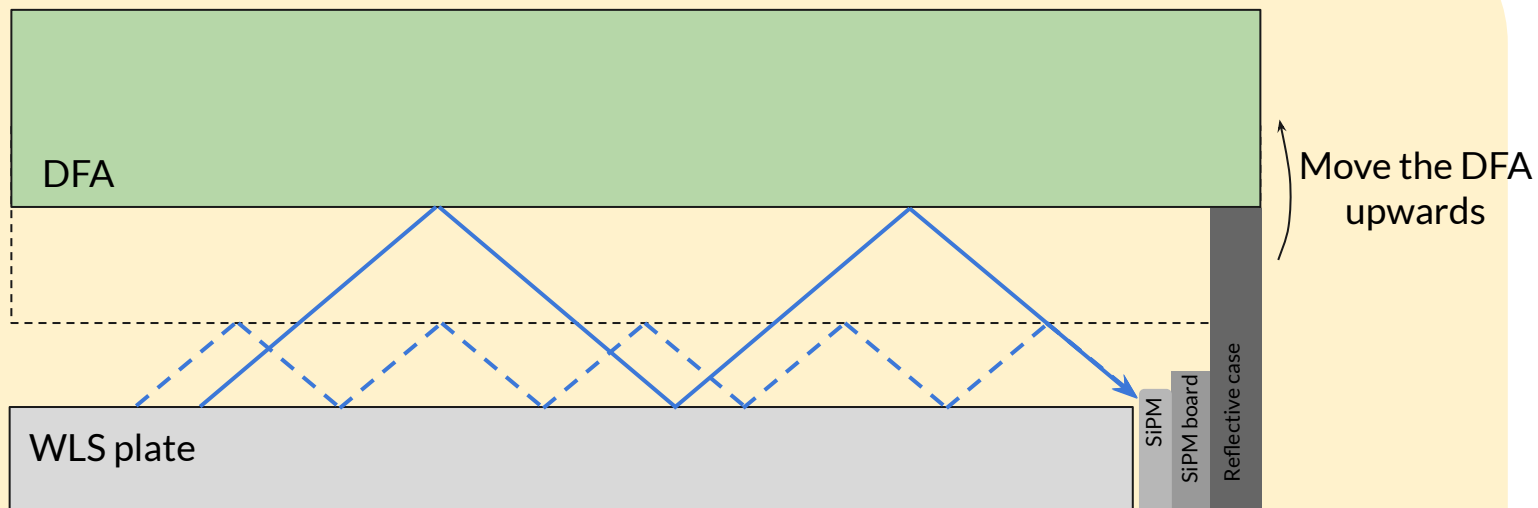
To prevent this from happening, we have considered an especular-reflective case. This case, together with both DFAs, fully enclose the X-ARAPUCA cavity

# Why study the DWD?

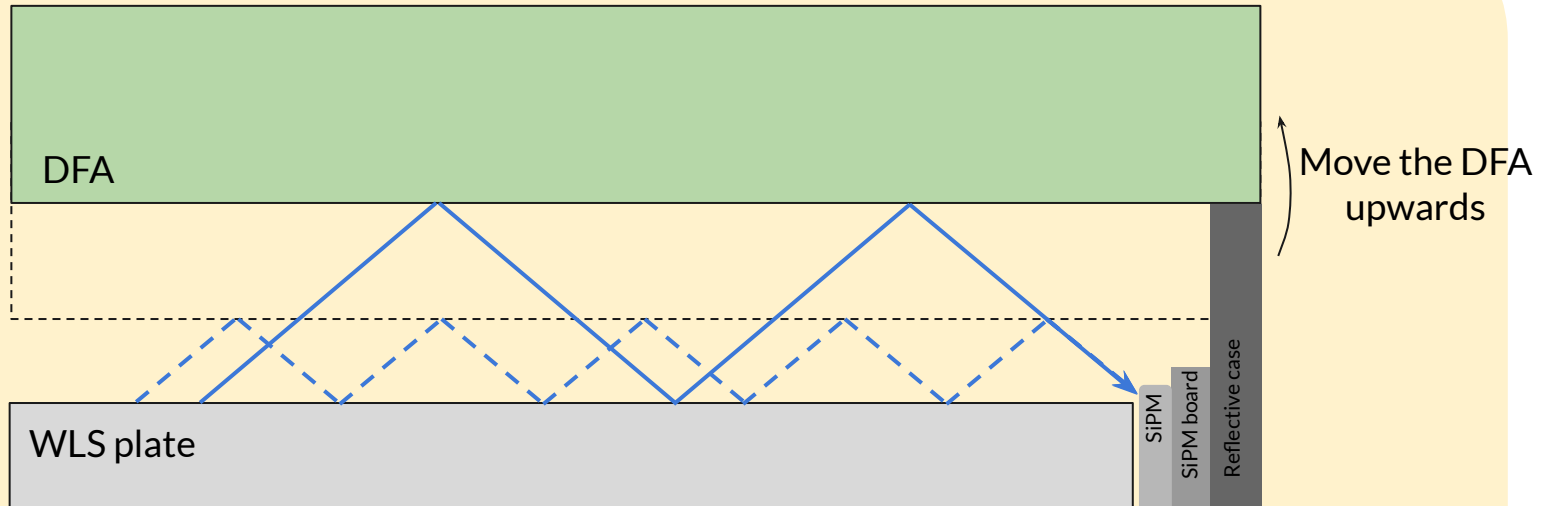


Typical path of a photon that is trapped in between the DFA and the WLSP



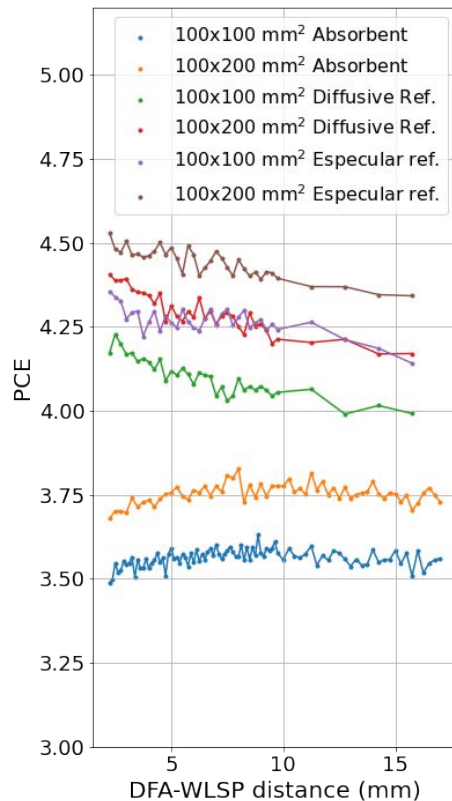


- As a result, photons that are trapped in between the DFA
- and the WLSP, will take, on average, less interactions with
- the DFA to reach a SiPM



- I.e. there's **less reliance** on the proper functioning of the **DFA** for a photon to reach a SiPM, which is **specially convenient** if the DF are not properly optimized or the frame is not reflective



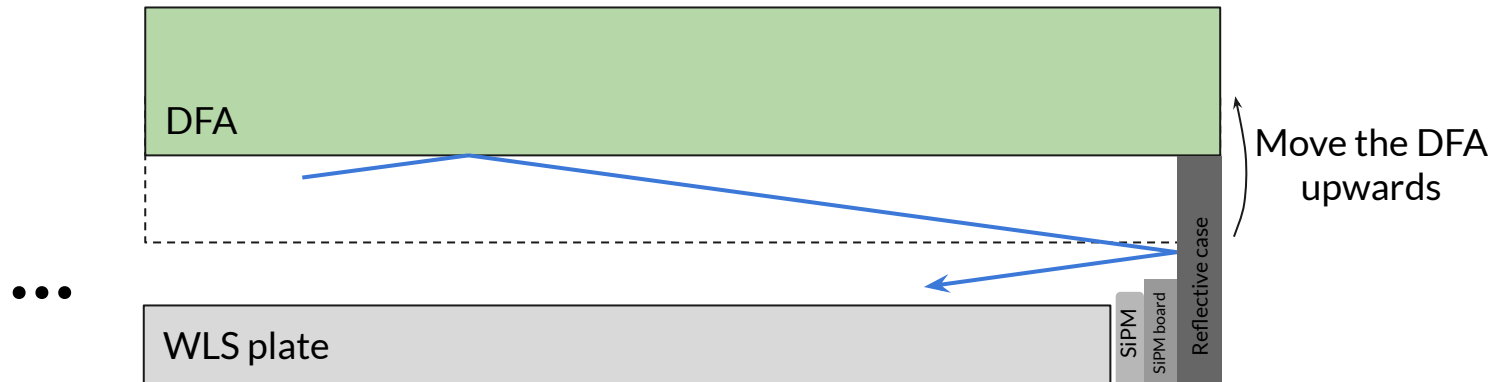


- For non-reflective frame (less reliable DFA), the PCE roughly depends on the DWD.
- For a reflective frame, the PCE seems to slightly worsen with DWD. In this case, the DFA is more efficient than the non-reflective case, so increasing the DWD only introduces an improvement as far as the DFs are concerned, but still introduces the poor-focusing issue.

# Conclusions

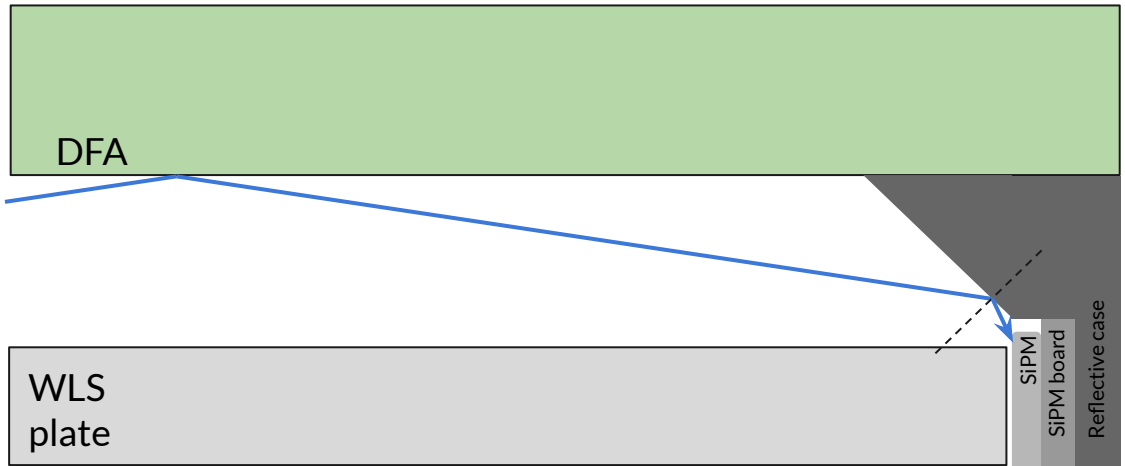


- Considering a reflective coating for the frame seems worthy (20% PCE improvement according to these results)
- PCE tendency with DWD depends on the quality of the DFA (p.e. the frame reflectivity) but has, in general, very little impact on the PCE.
- Our **guess**: In agreement with the reasoning depicted in slides 9 & 10, a bigger DWD might allow more photons to reach one megacell edge, where the SiPMs are placed. However, this might not translate into a considerable improvement of the PCE, since now, for photons that are trapped in between the DFA and the WLSP, they are less likely to actually hit a SiPM rather than the reflective case as the DWD increases. A focusing system might be convenient in this case.



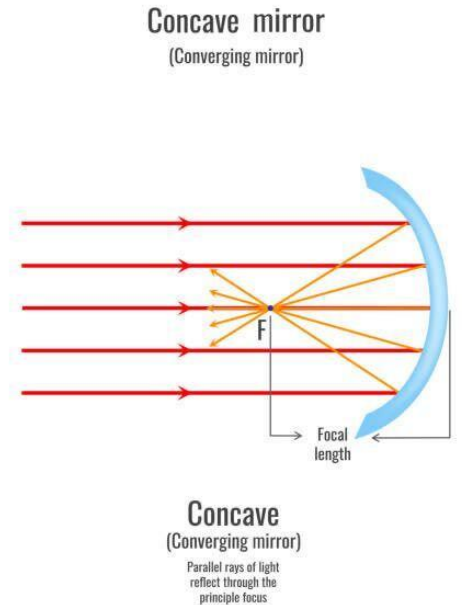
# Brainstorming on possible focusing systems

**WARNING: This is just a conceptual sketch!**



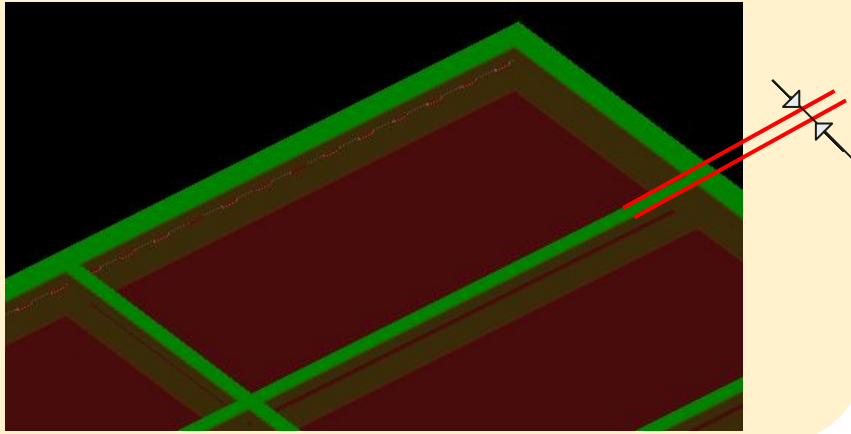
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Since the PCE is not strongly affected by the DWD, even without considering any focusing system, **there might be room for improvement if we combine a big DWD with some focusing system, which might make use of converging mirrors or other shape-optimized reflective surfaces.**



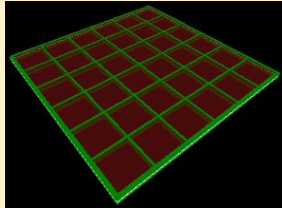
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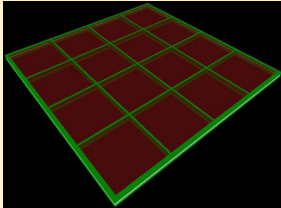


## 2. DF size (mm<sup>2</sup>)

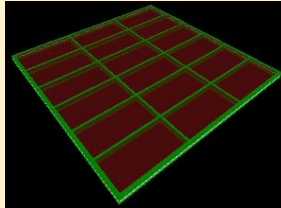
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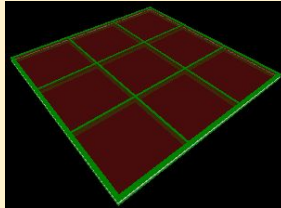
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100x200



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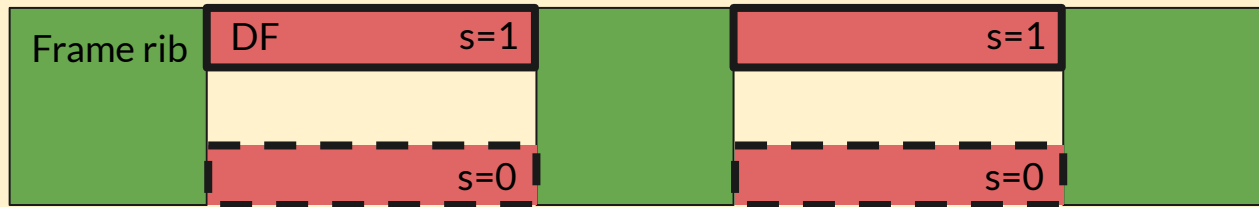
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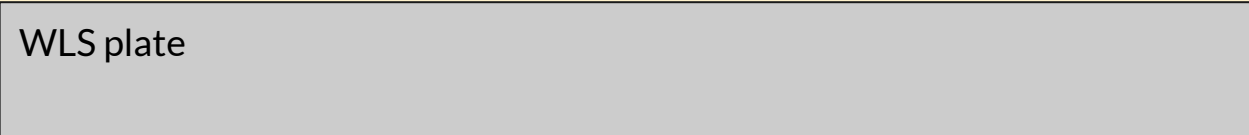


## 4. Shallowness parameter (s)

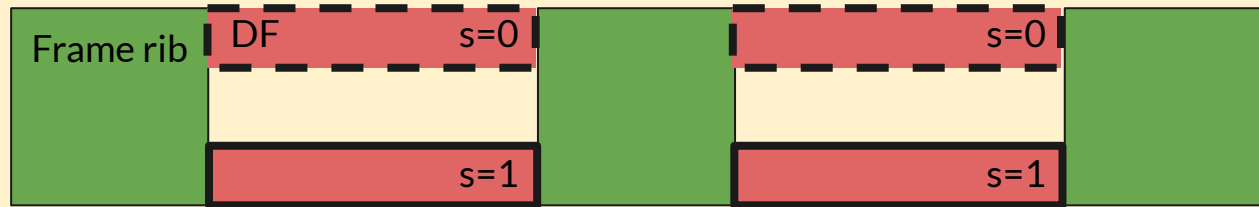
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s=1 -> "Shallow" configuration



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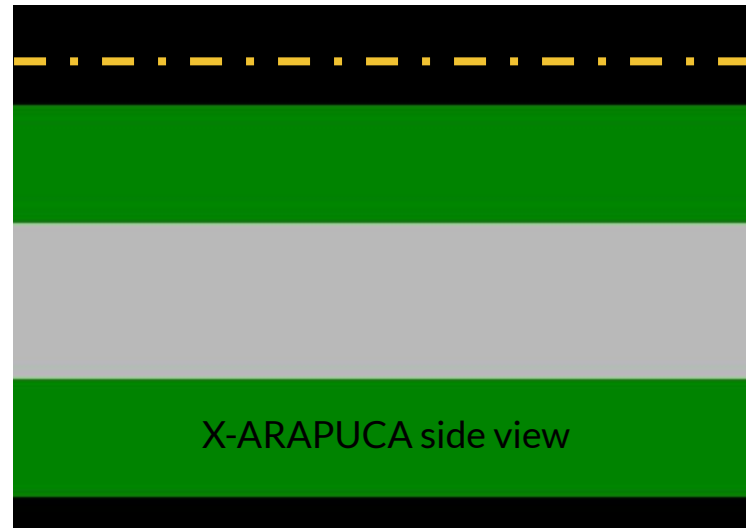
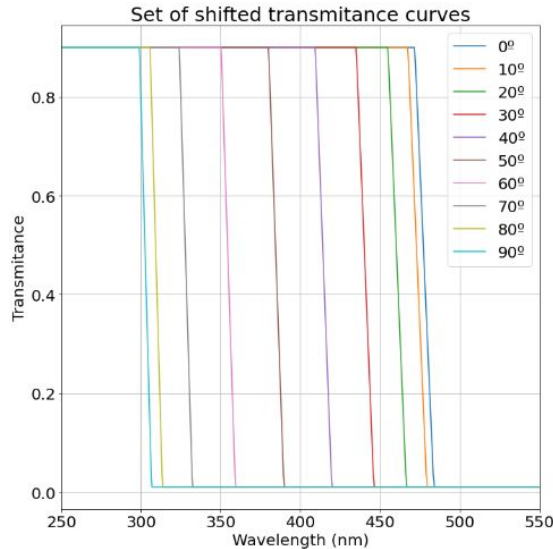


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# 27/07 - Simulation fixed parameters

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- Abstract DF with  $T_{bc} = 0.9$ ,  $T_{ac} = 0.01$ ,  $\lambda_c = 400$  nm and  $\Delta\lambda_c = 10$  nm
- Light is generated over the whole Dichroic Filters Assembly (DFA) (frame+DF)



## 27/07 - Example result table

Rib height (mm)

DF size (mm<sup>2</sup>)

Whether the frame is VIKUITI-coated

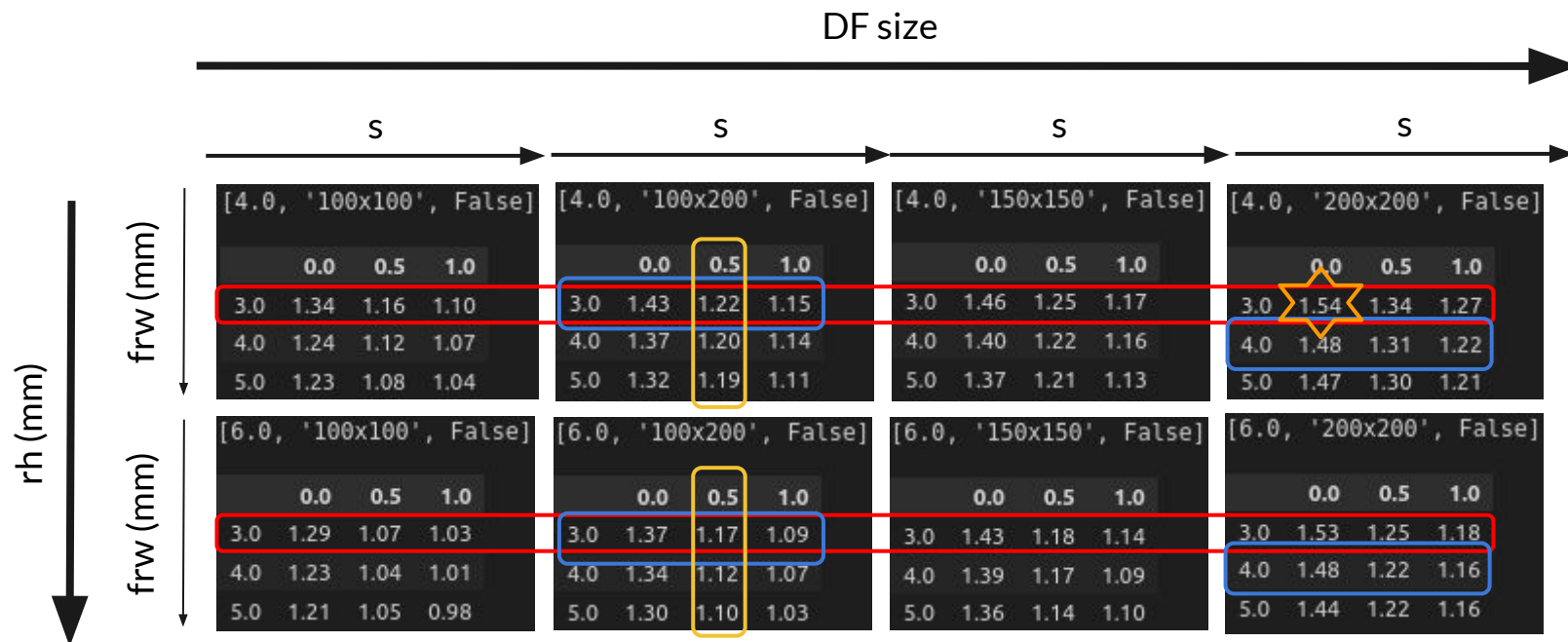
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Shallowness (s)

frw (mm)

	0.0	0.5	1.0
3.0	1.34	1.16	1.10
4.0	1.24	1.12	1.07
5.0	1.23	1.08	1.04

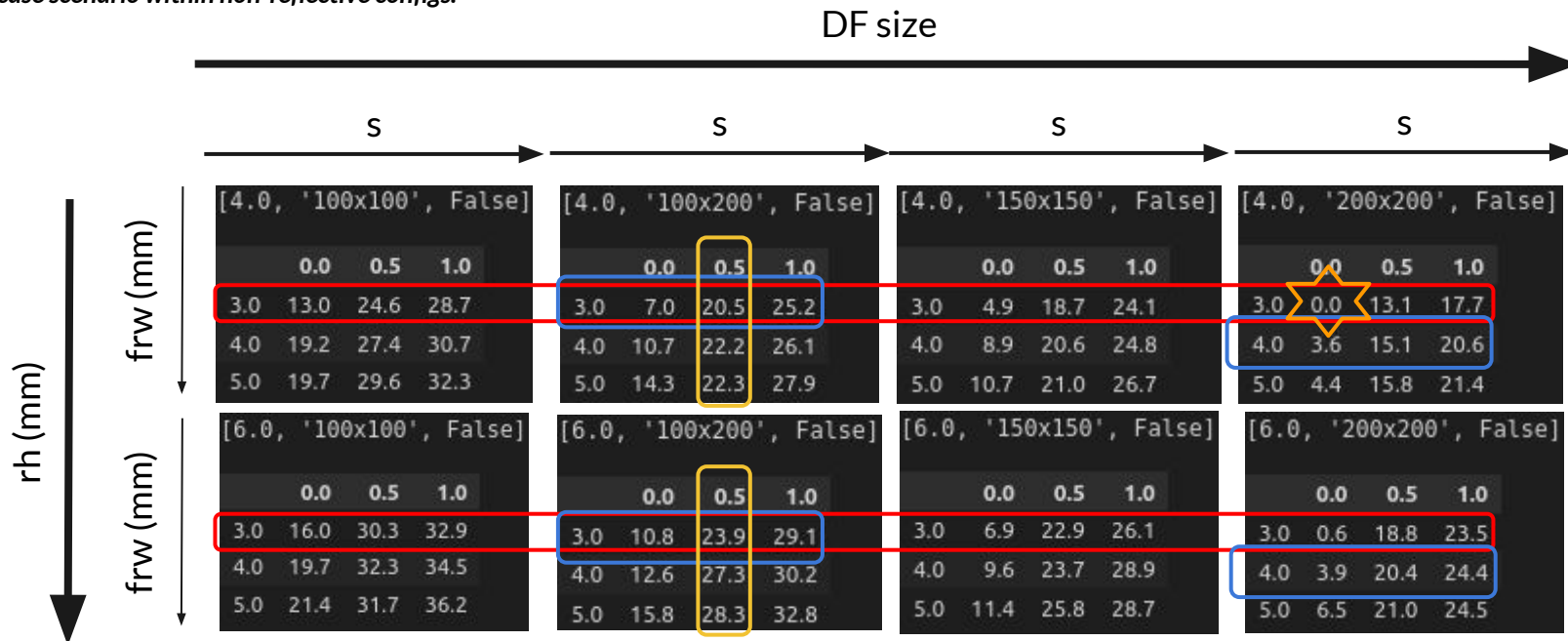


PCE with non-reflective frame

PCE with reflective frame

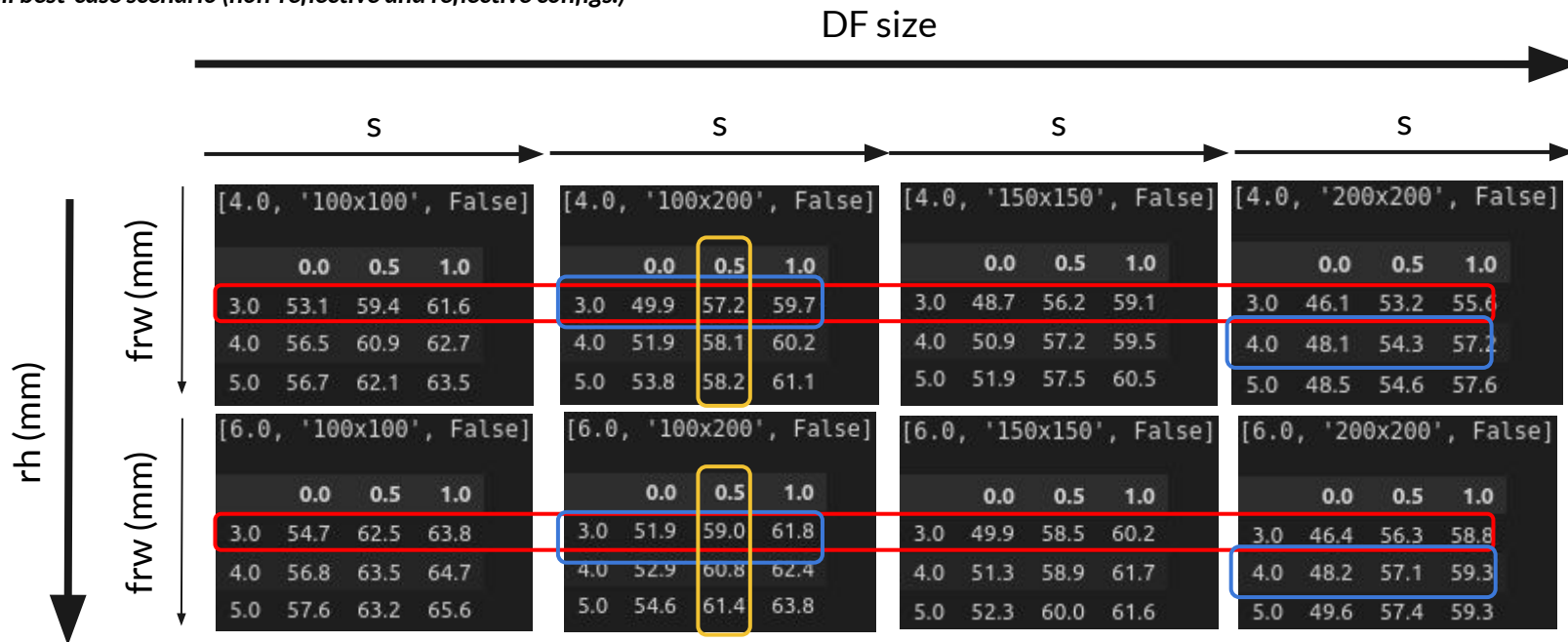
Percent PCE loss wrt best-case scenario with non-reflective frame

\*best-case scenario within non-reflective configs.



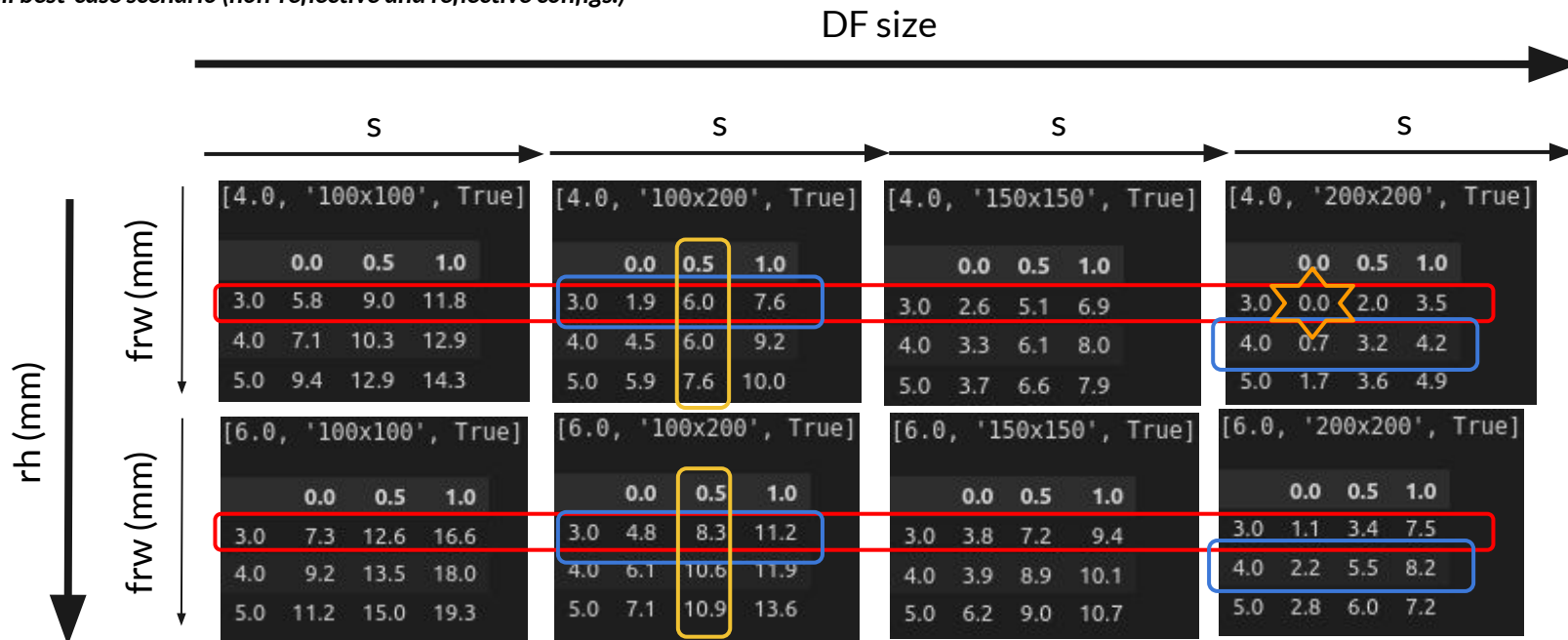
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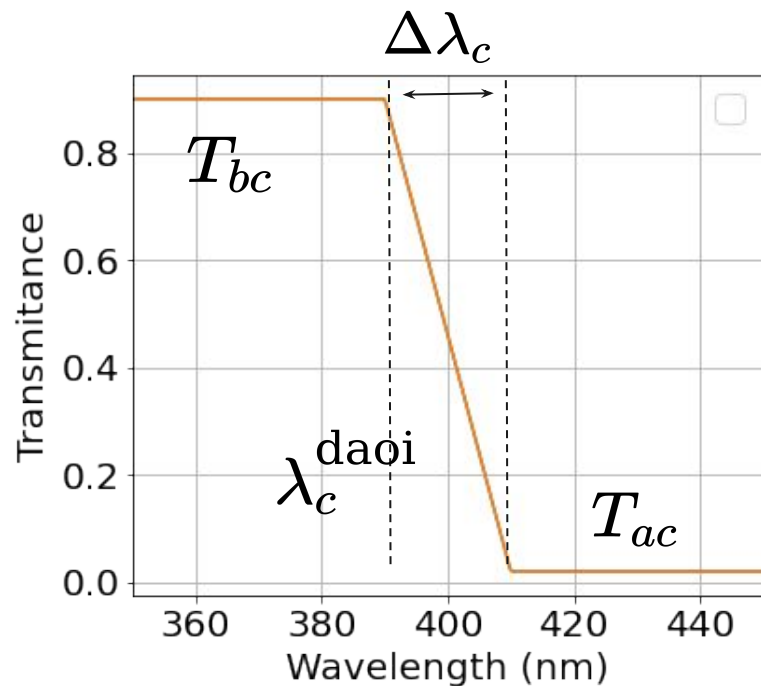
*\*overall best-case scenario (non-reflective and reflective configs.)*



Percent PCE loss wrt best-case scenario with reflective frame

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