

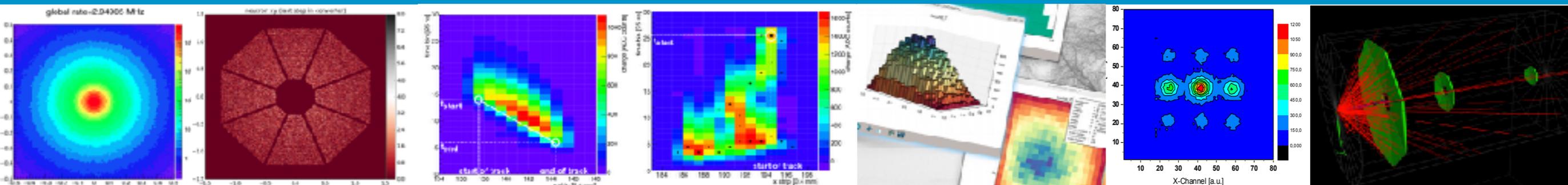
# Realising the Detector Baseline for the ESS Instrument Suite

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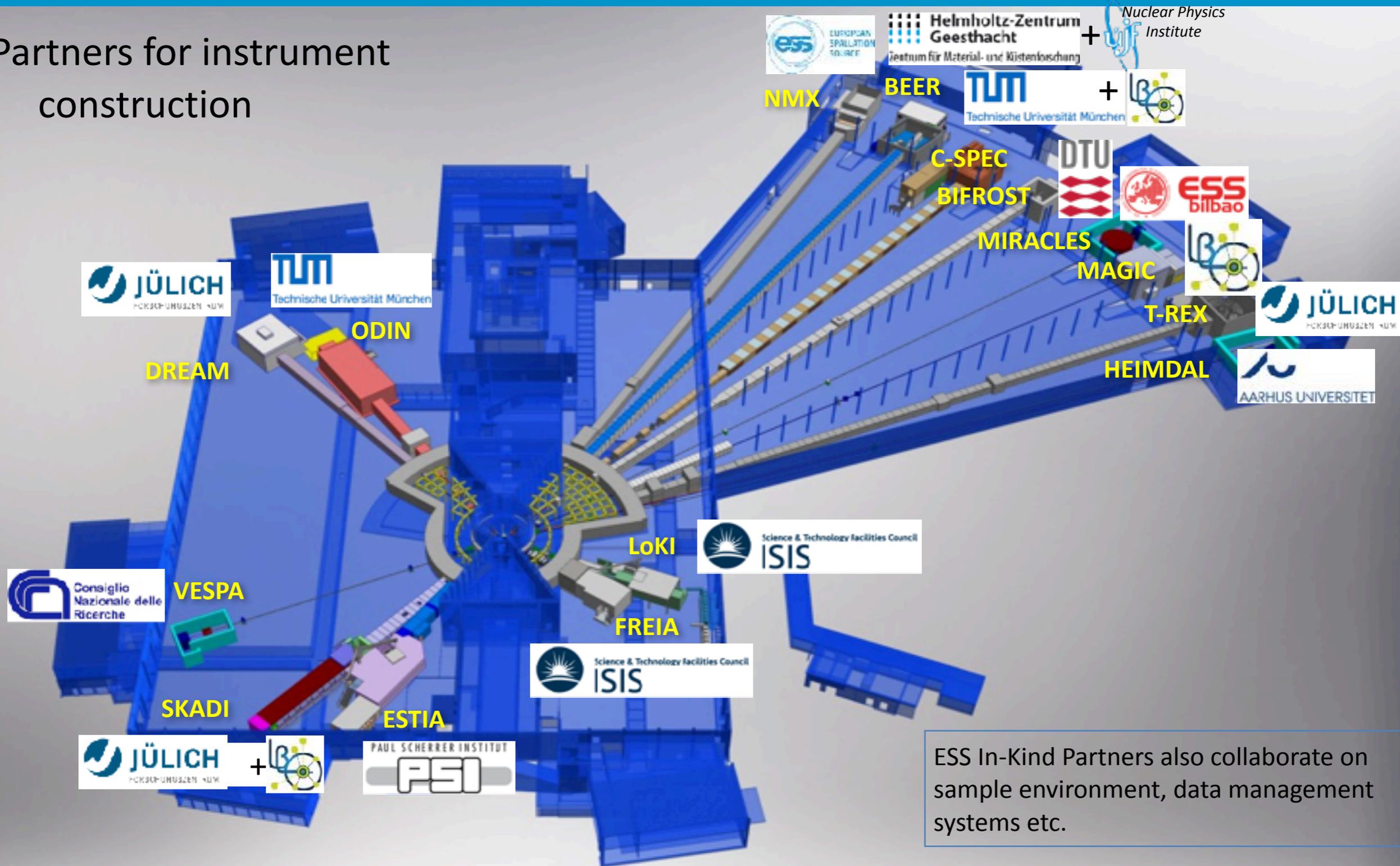
*On Behalf of the ESS Detector Group and Partners*



# ESS Neutron Instrument positions: December 2016



Lead Partners for instrument construction

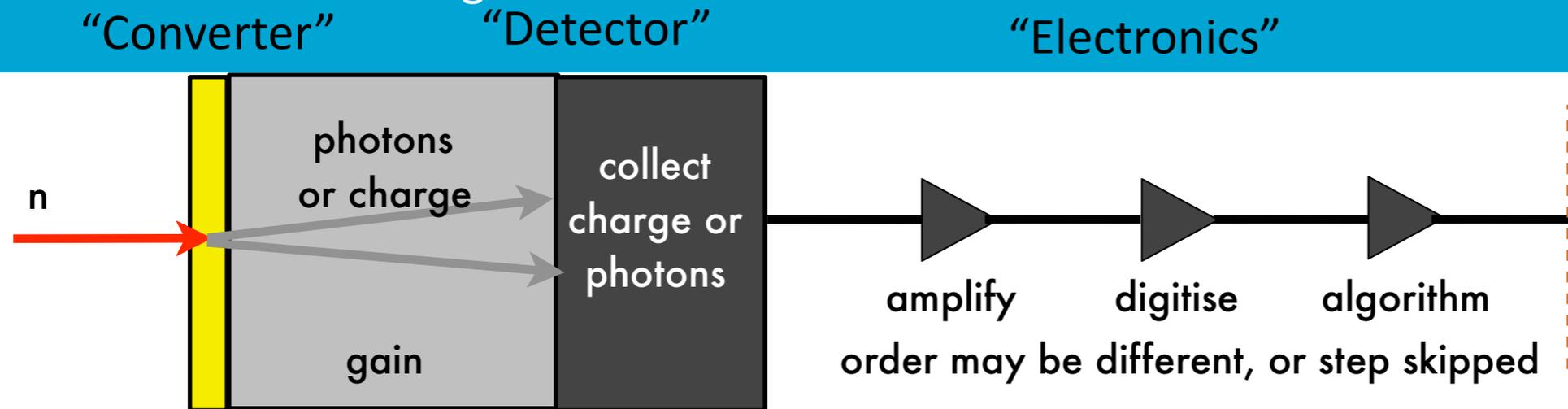


ESS In-Kind Partners also collaborate on sample environment, data management systems etc.

# Schedule: Where are we for detectors?



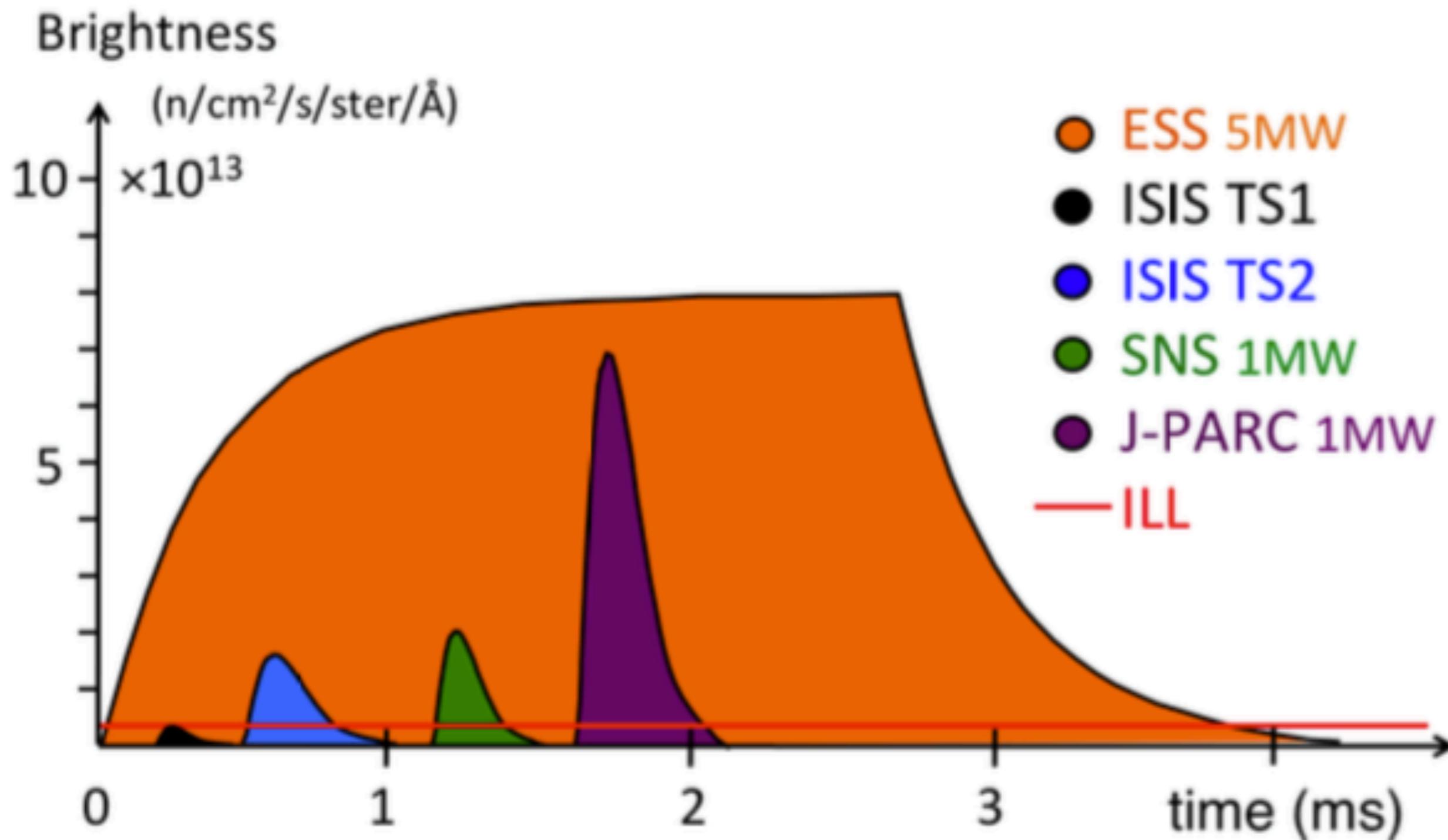
Detector schedule is longer than the instrument build schedule



**“DMSC-land”**  
See Tobias Richter’s and Thomas Gahl’s talks

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Coatings	Detector Conceptual Designs	Detector Prototype Designs	Strategy for Instruments, Instrument Designs	People, workshops and facilities, Instrument Designs	Electronics	Instrument Detector Design	
					ICS/DMSC interface	Electronics	
					Instrument conceptual design	ICS/DMSC interface Construction	
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Electronics /ICS/DMSC	Design	Construction	Construction	Construction	Installation	Installation	Installation
Design	Construction	Installation	Installation	Installation	Commissioning	Commissioning	Commissioning
Construction	Installation	Commissioning	Commissioning	Commissioning	Operation	Operation	Operation

# Challenge for Rate



## Instrument Design

## Implications for Detectors

Smaller samples

Better Resolution  
(position and time)  
Channel count

Higher flux, shorter experiments

Rate capability and data volume

More detailed studies

Lower background, lower S:B  
Larger dynamic range

Multiple methods on 1 instrument  
Larger solid angle coverage

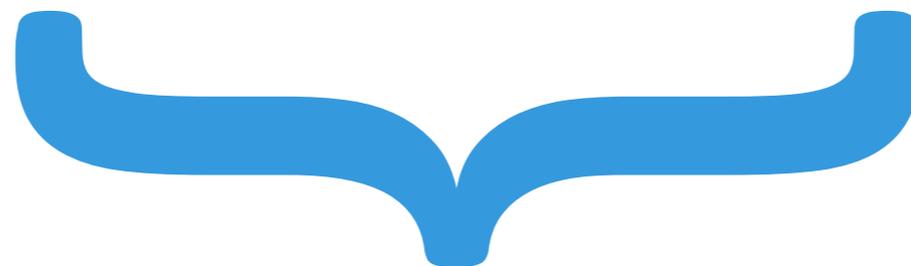
Larger area coverage  
Lower cost of detectors

Also: scarcity of Helium-3 ...

Developments required for detectors for new Instruments

## What does a factor 10 improvement imply for the detectors?

Implications for Detectors	Implications for Detectors
Better Resolution (position and time)	$\sqrt{10}$
Channel count	pixelated: factor 10 x-y coincidence: $\sqrt{10}$
Rate capability and data volume	factor 10
Lower background, lower S:B Larger dynamic range	Keep constant implies: factor 10 smaller B per neutron
Larger area coverage Lower cost of detectors	Factor of a few

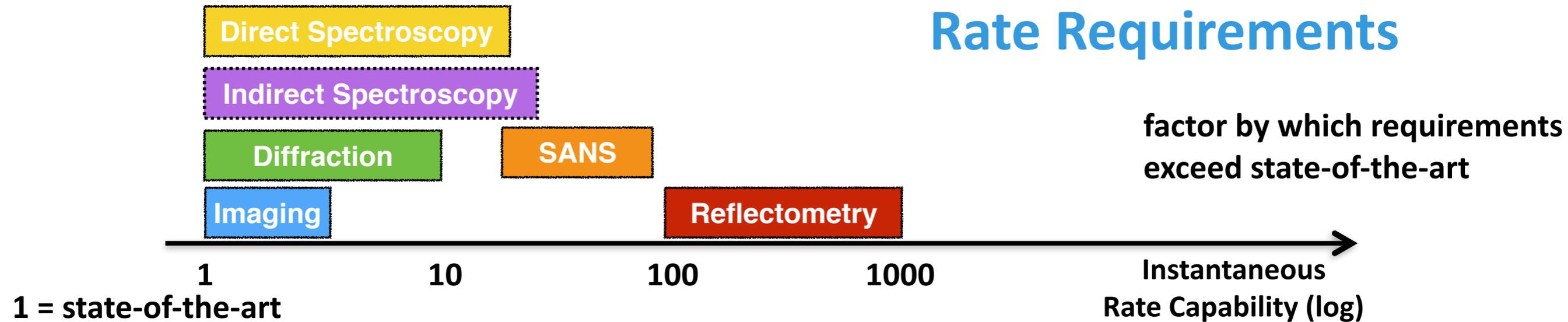


**Developments required for detectors for new Instruments**

# Requirements Challenge for Detectors for ESS: *beyond detector present state-of-the-art*

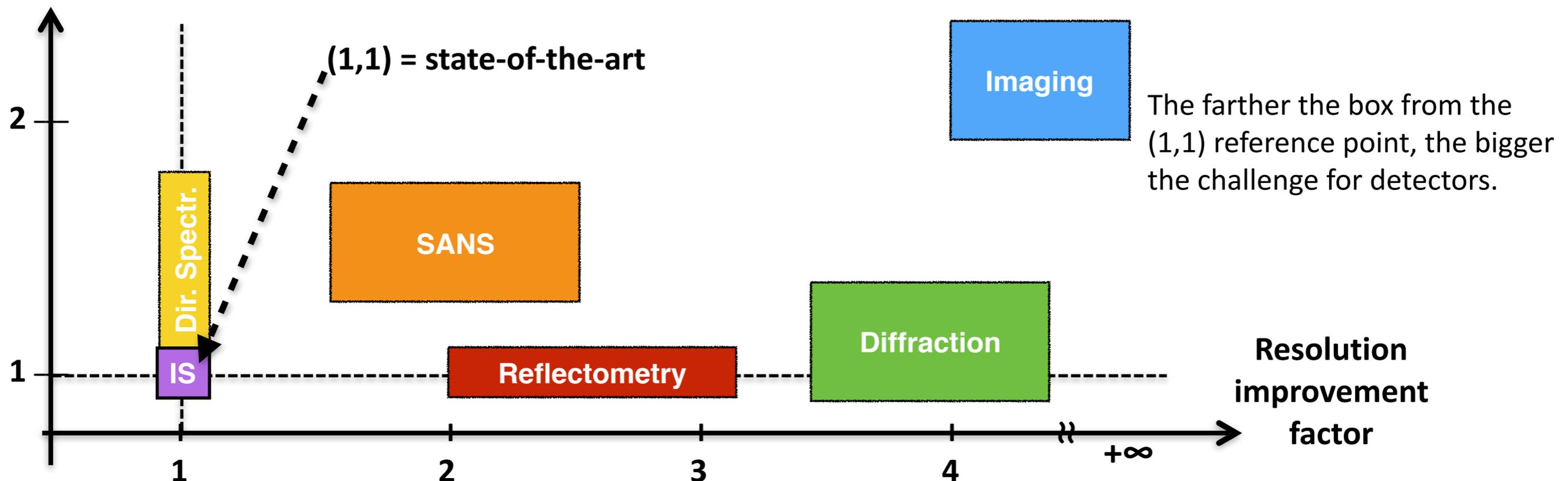


## Rate Requirements



## Resolution and Area Requirements

Increase factor detector area



## Instrument Class

## Challenge which dominates detector design on instrument

Reflectometry

Rate, Resolution

*See Francesco Piscitelli this afternoon*

SANS

Rate, Resolution, Area (cost)

Imaging

Resolution, Rate

Diffraction

Resolution

*I. Stefanescu et al, JINST 12 (2017) P01019*

Direct Spectroscopy

Area (Cost), Rate

*See Anton Khaplanov this morning*

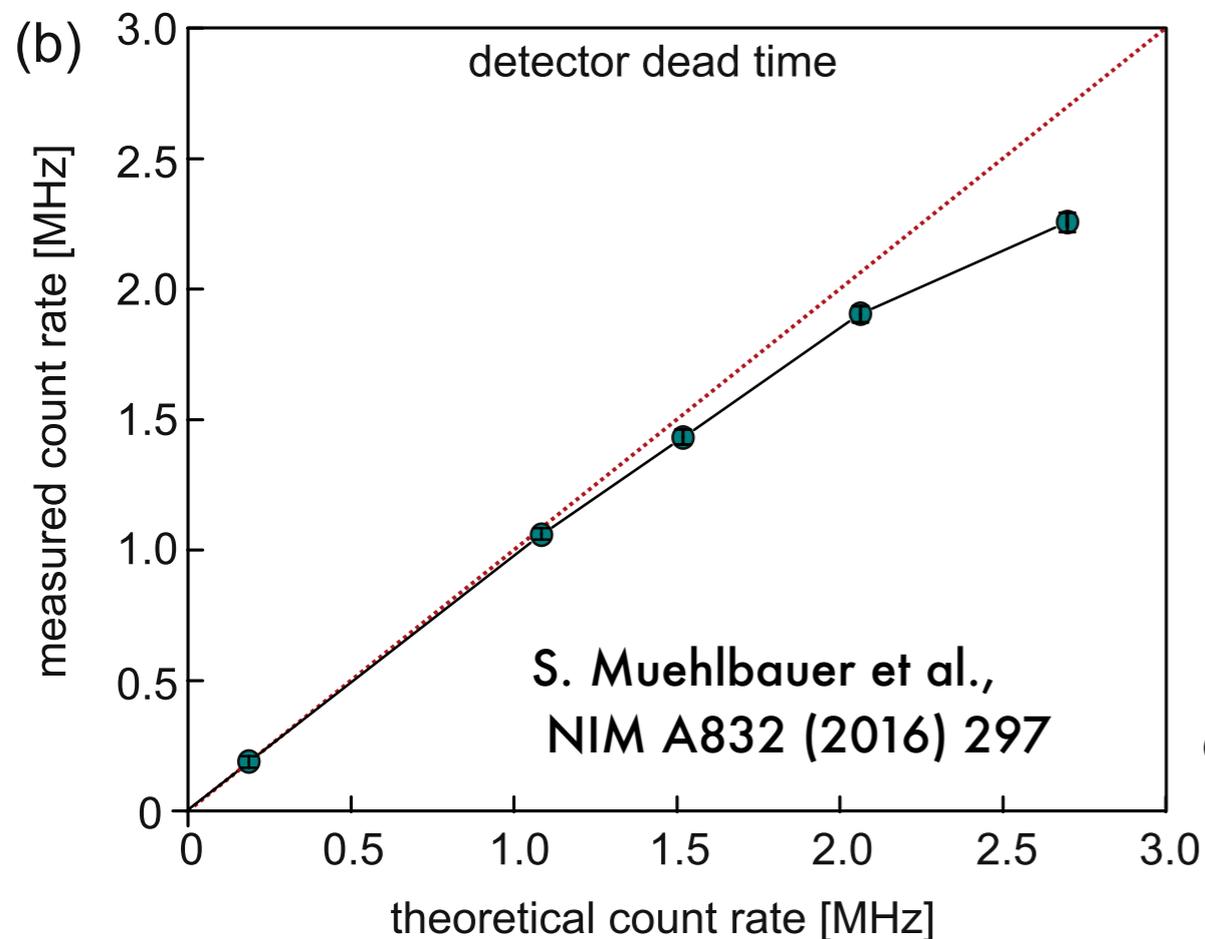
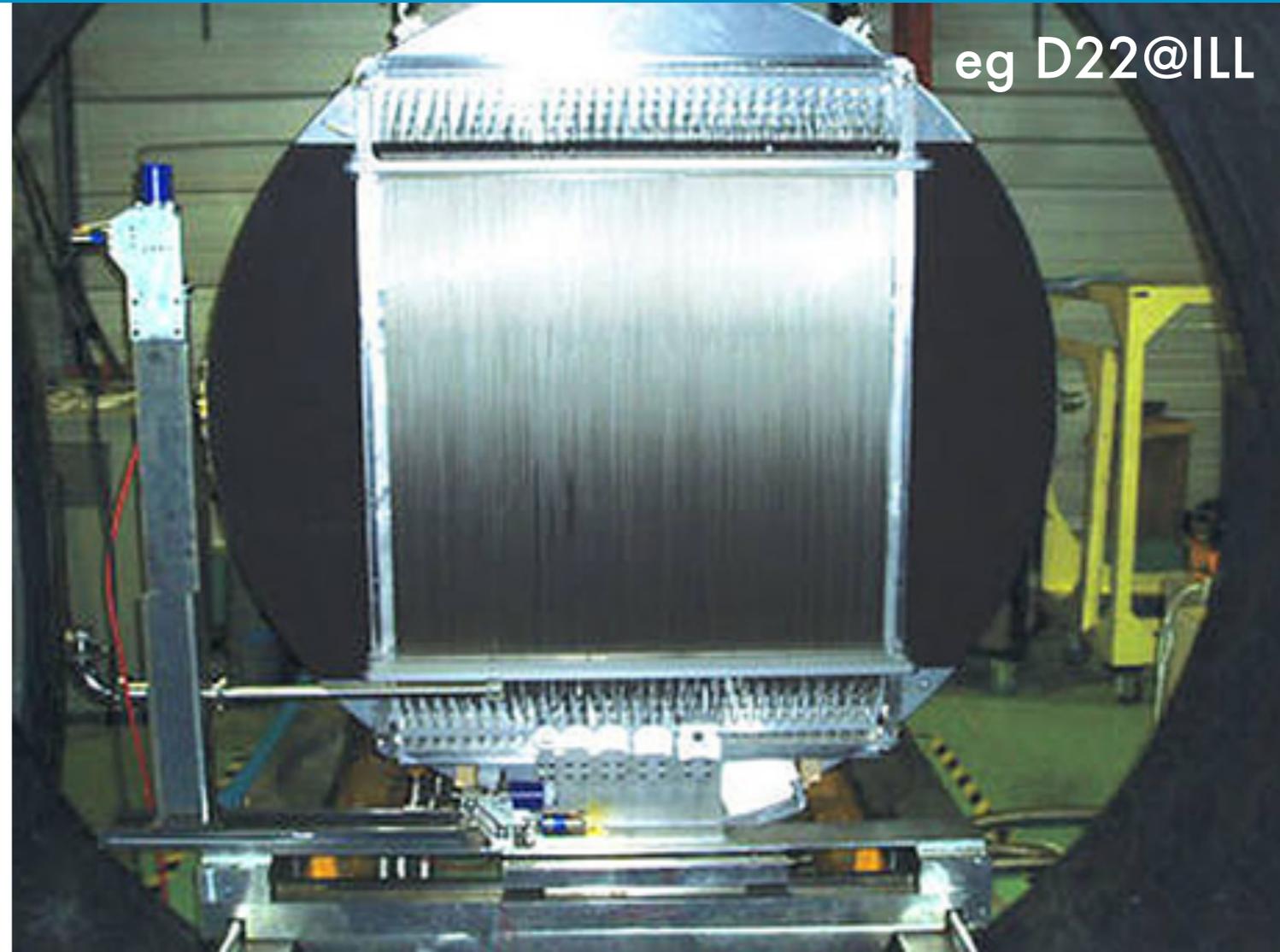
Indirect Spectroscopy

Rate

**Varied Challenges**

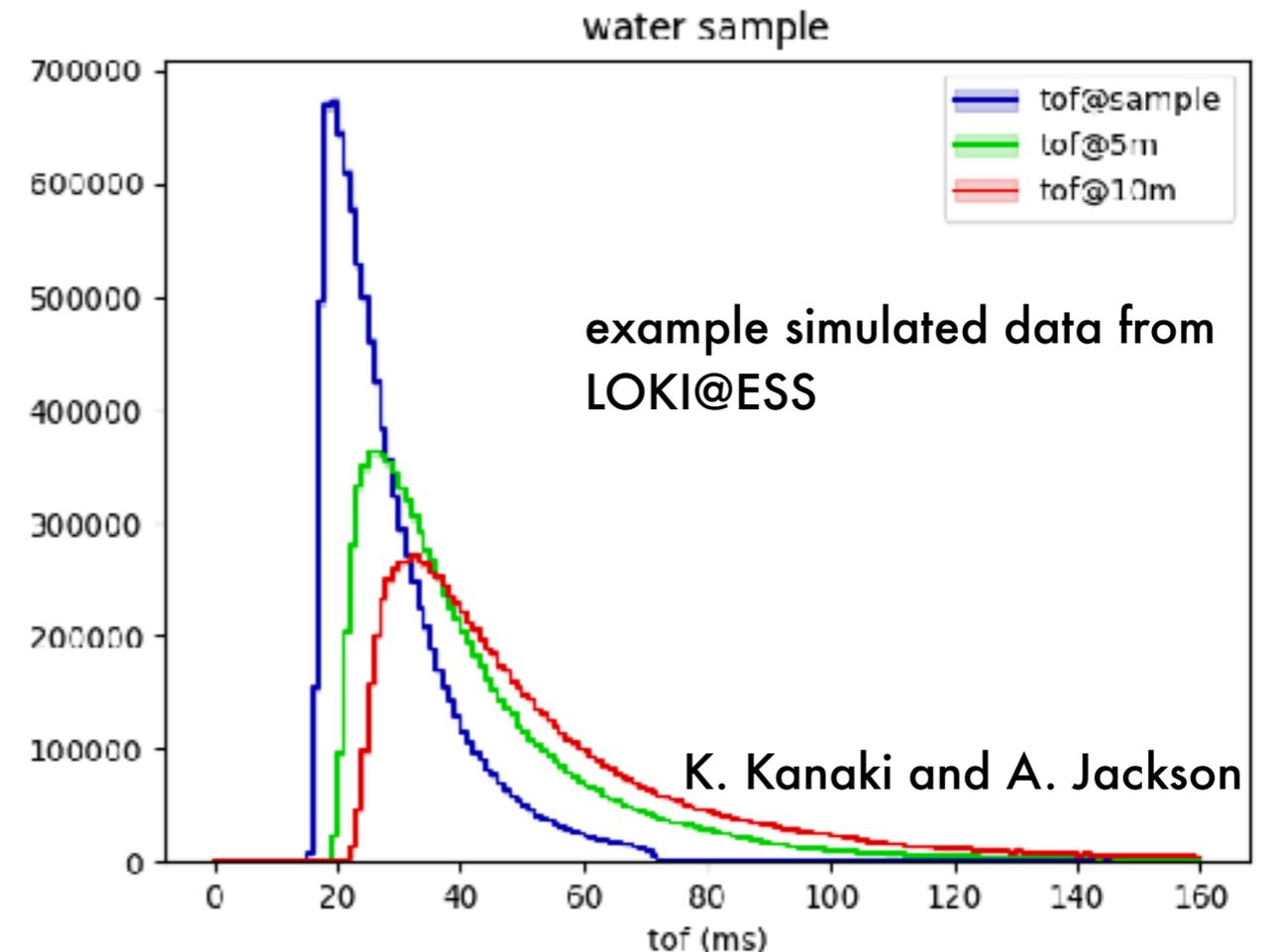
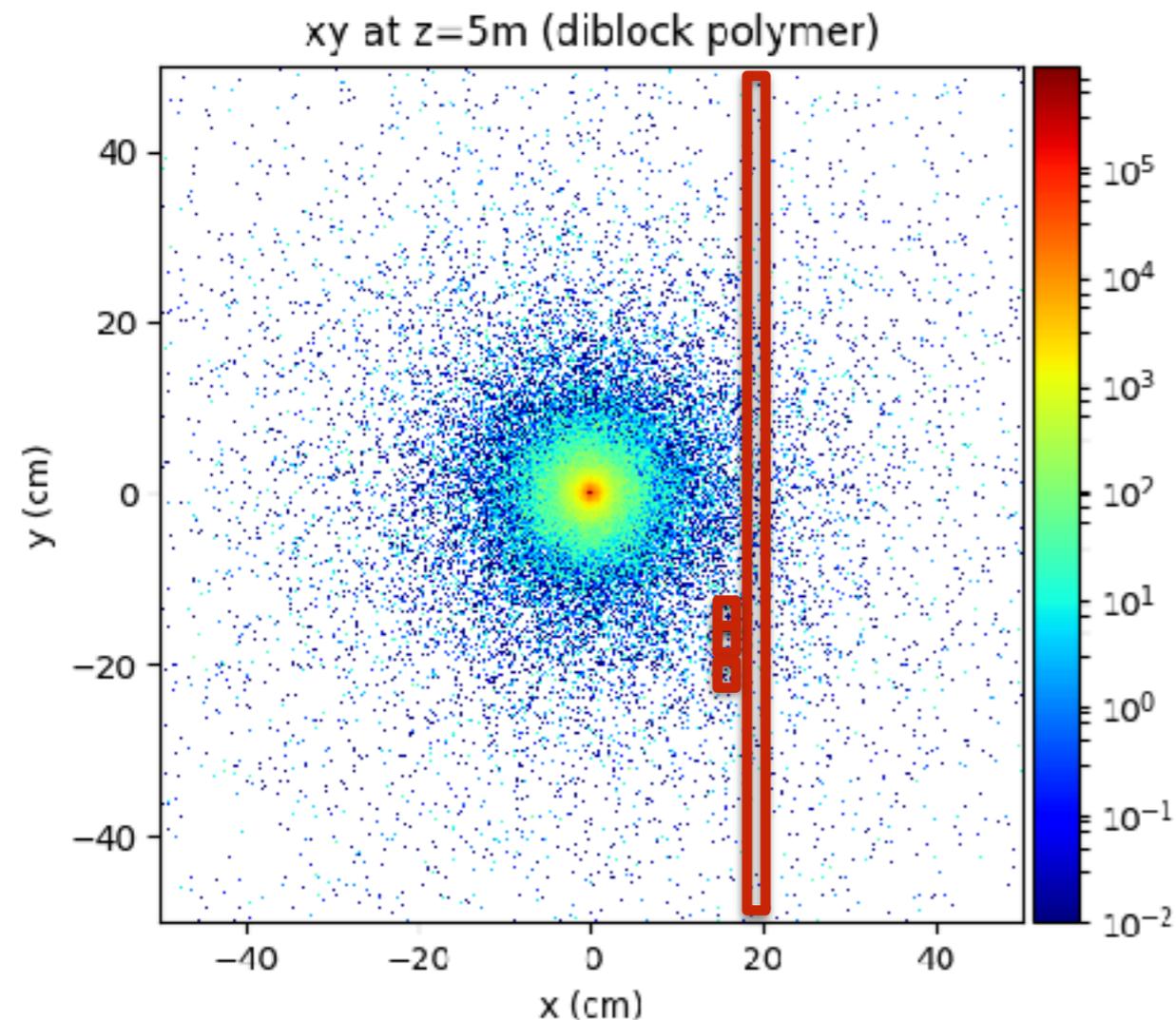
**use SANS as example, as complicated with parameters improved at the same time**

- Typically stacks of 1m long 8mm He-3 tubes
- Rate limitation few MHz for 10% dead time
- Resolution defined by tube dimensions



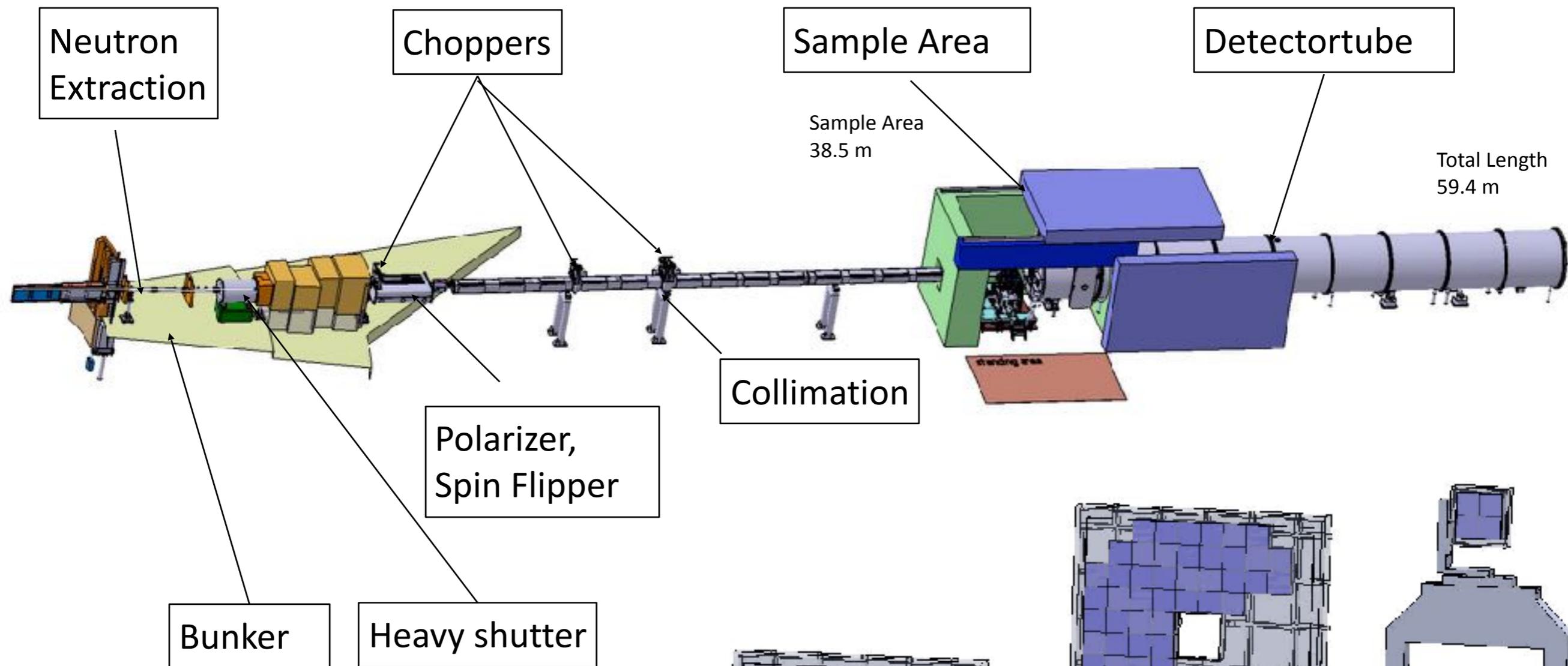
eg SANS-1 at FRM-II

- At spallation sources, data is highly peaked in time
- Additional challenge for the detector rate requirements



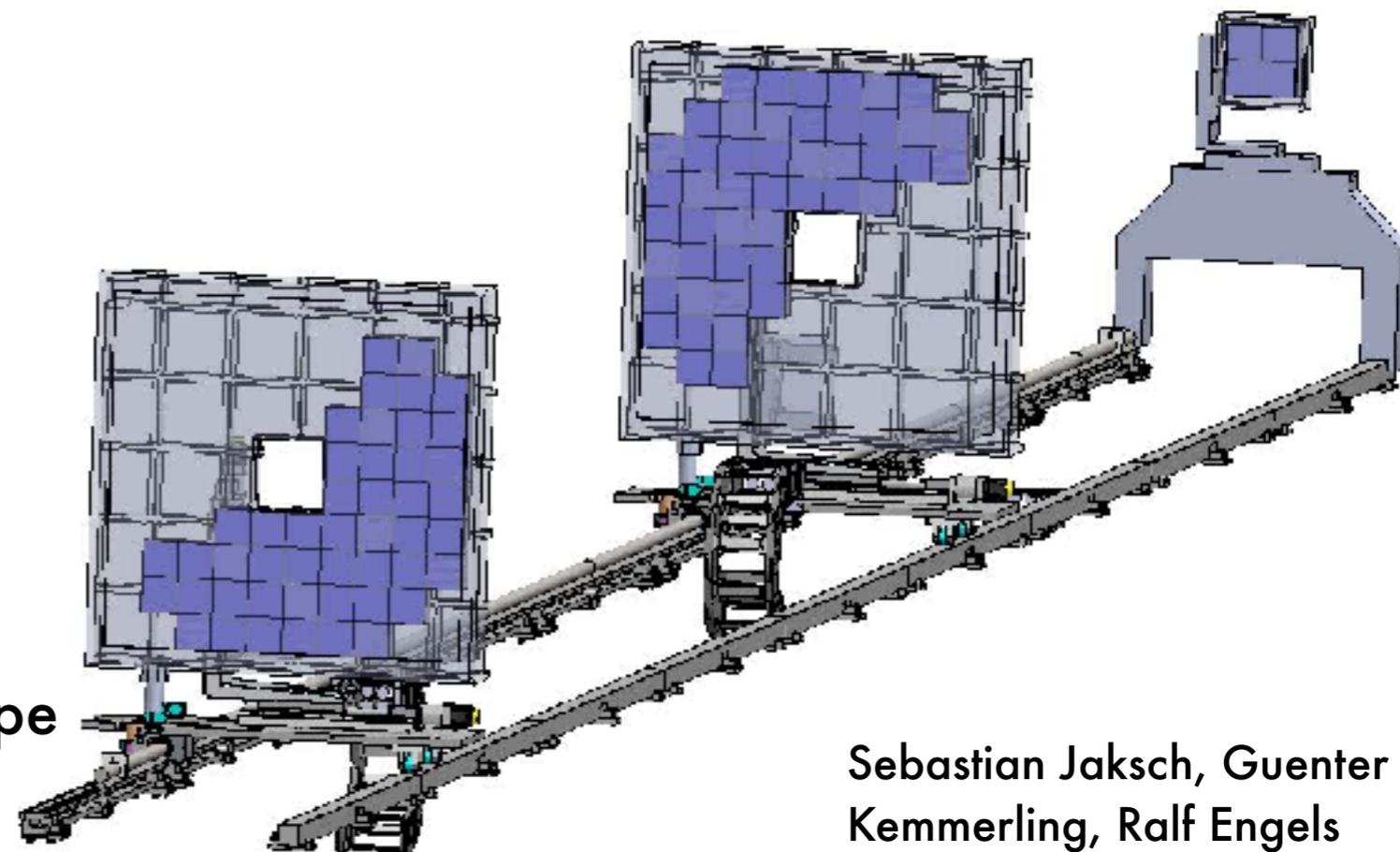
- A 1m 8mm psd He-3 tube detects across ca. 80cm<sup>2</sup>
- To improve rate capability need to reduce this area:
  - Pixelate
  - Multiple layers in depth (see Davide Raspino, next talk)

# SKADI layout



- 2 moving detectors  
1m<sup>2</sup> – pixel 6 mm  
400 modules / detector
- 1 fixed detector @20 m  
20x20 cm<sup>2</sup> – pixel 3 mm

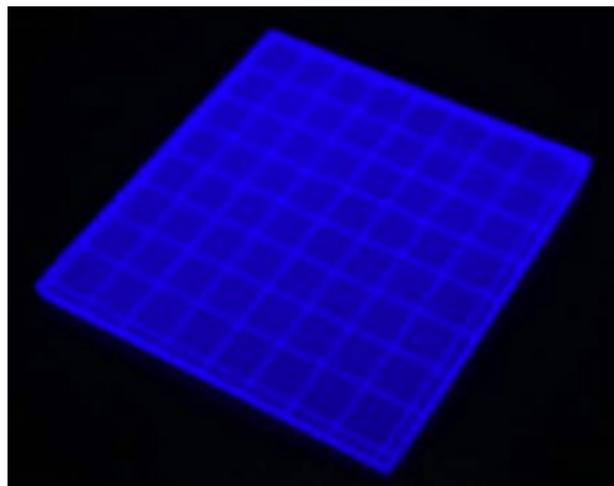
- about half detector area in initial scope
- half in later upgrade



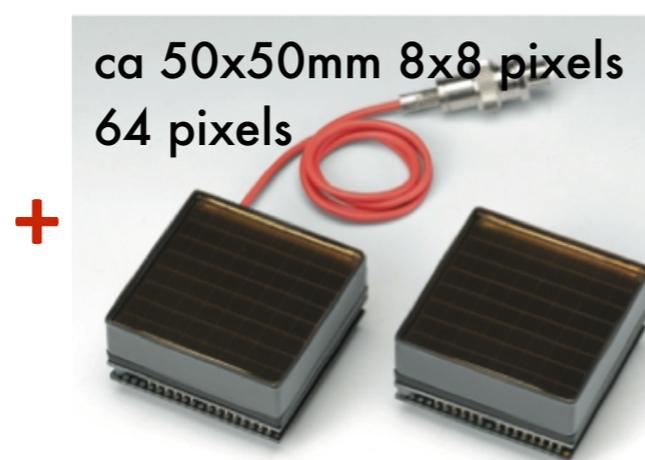
Sebastian Jaksch, Guenter Kemmerling, Ralf Engels

Develop a high-resolution neutron detector technique for enabling the construction of position-sensitive neutron detectors for high flux sources.

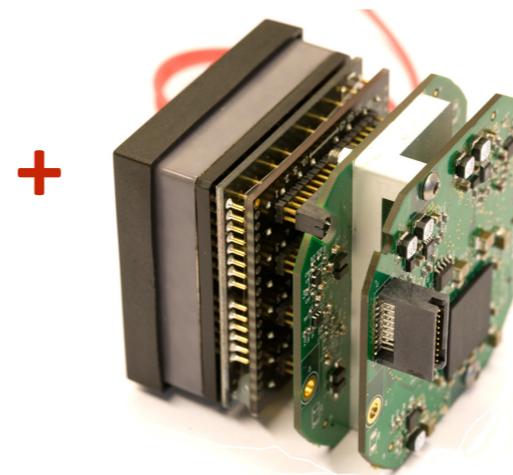
- high-flux capability for handling the peak-flux of up-to-date spallation sources (x 20 over current detectors)
- high-resolution of 6 or 3 mm by single-pixel technique
- high detection efficiency of up to 80 %



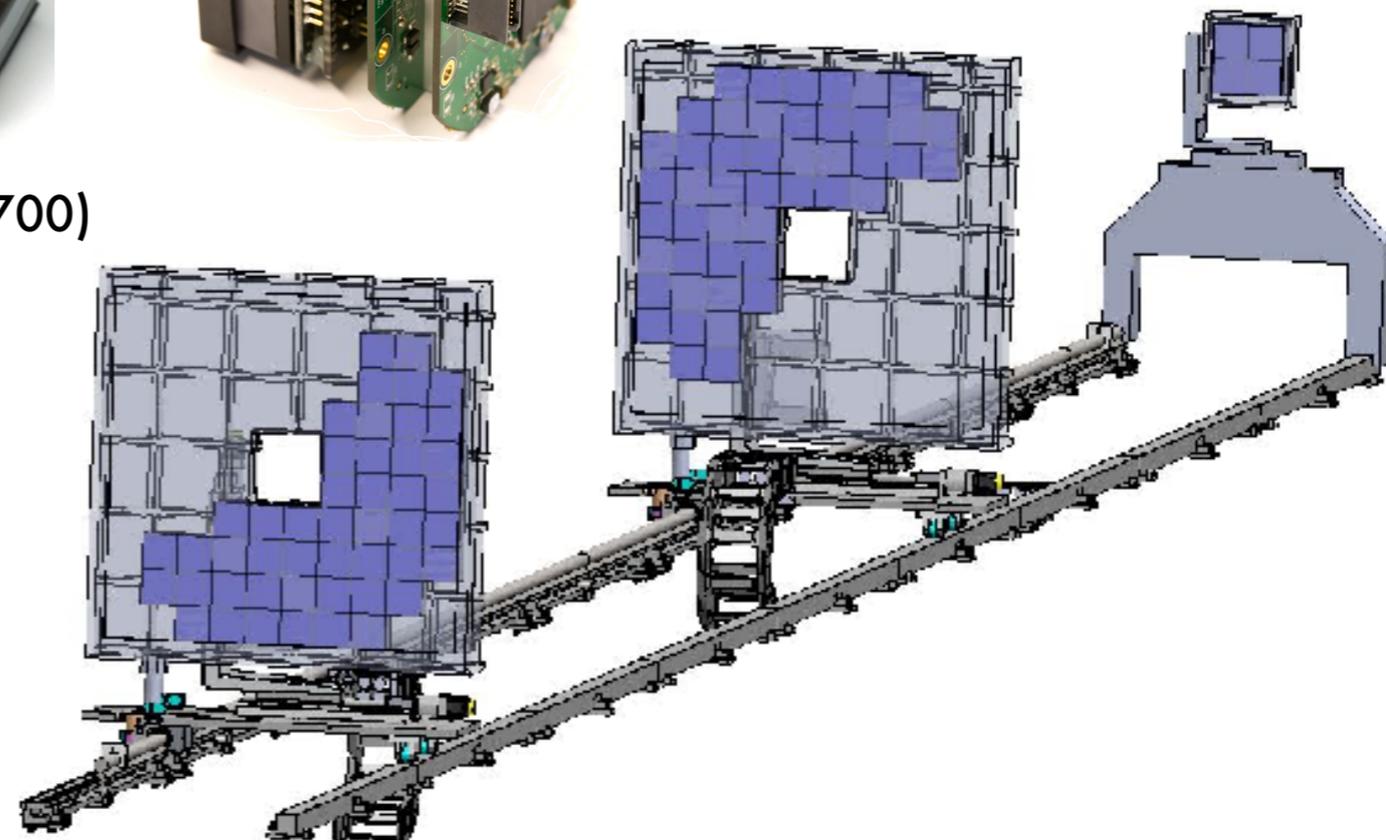
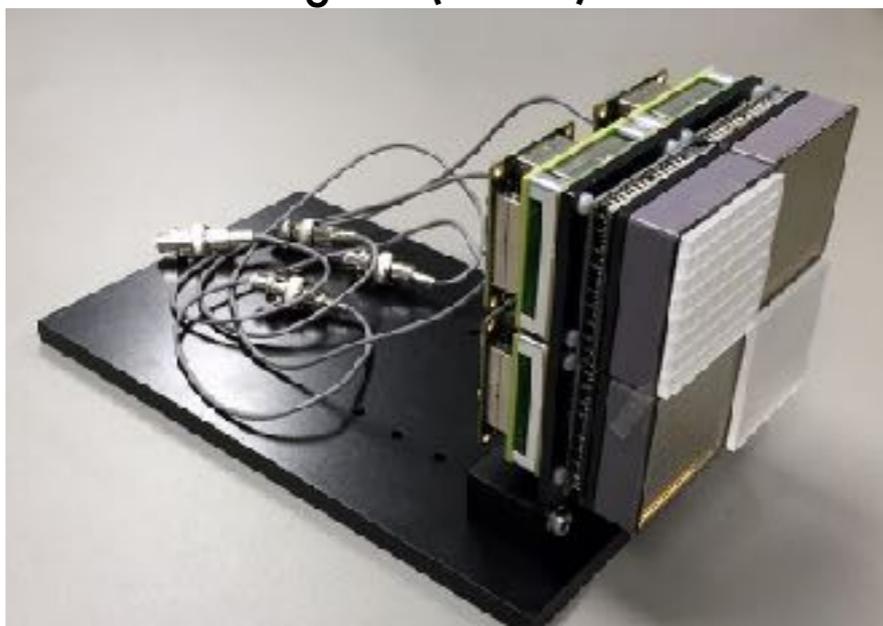
Grooved Li glass (GS20)

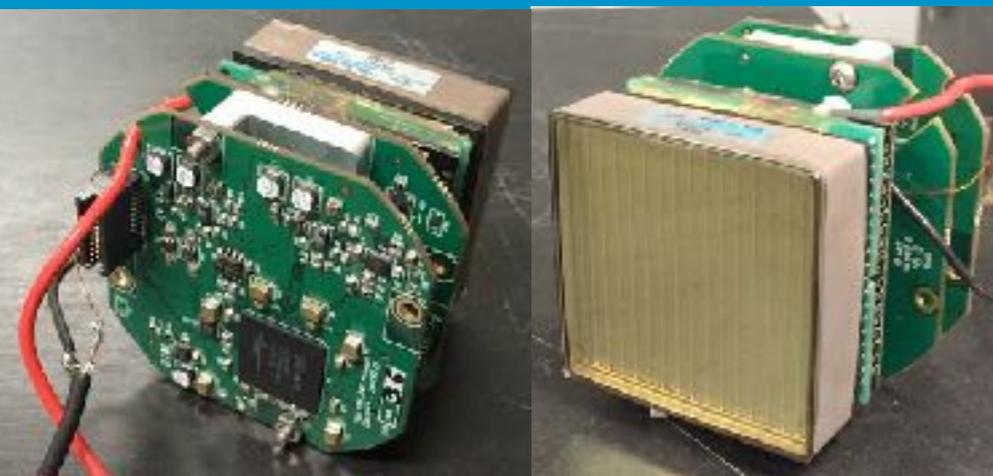


MA-PMT (H9500 or H12700)

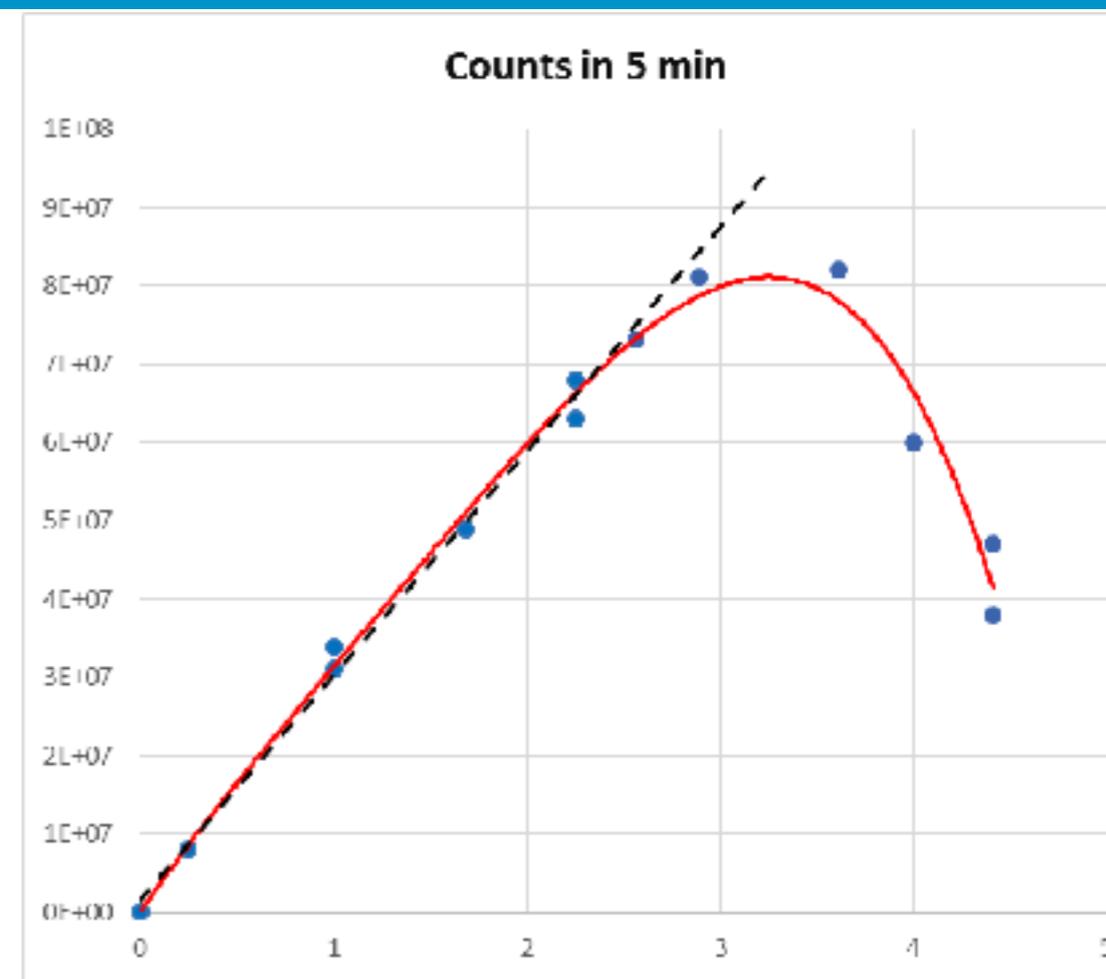
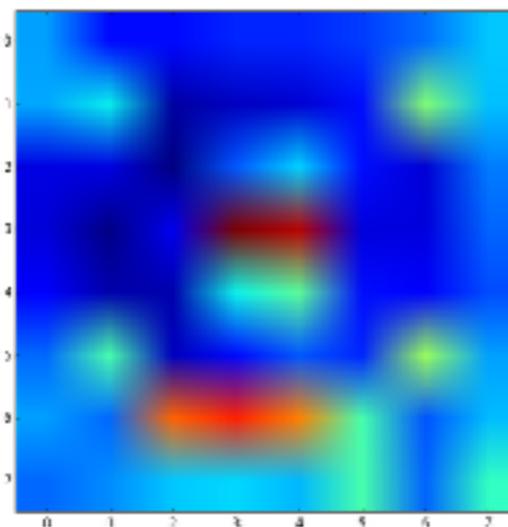


IDEAS IDE3465  
+FPGA

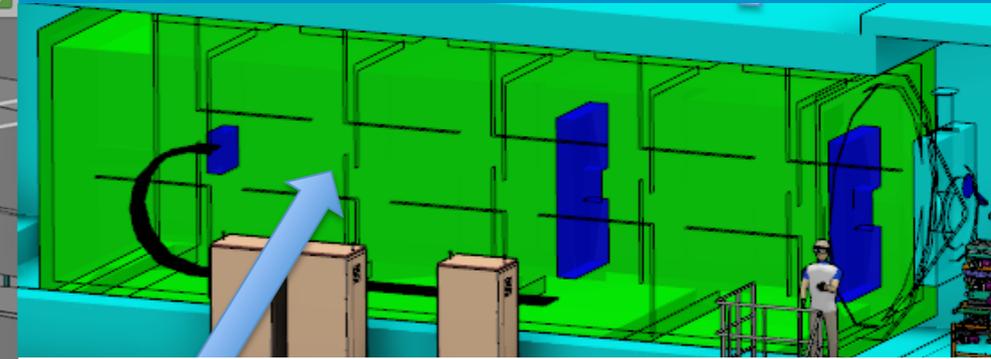
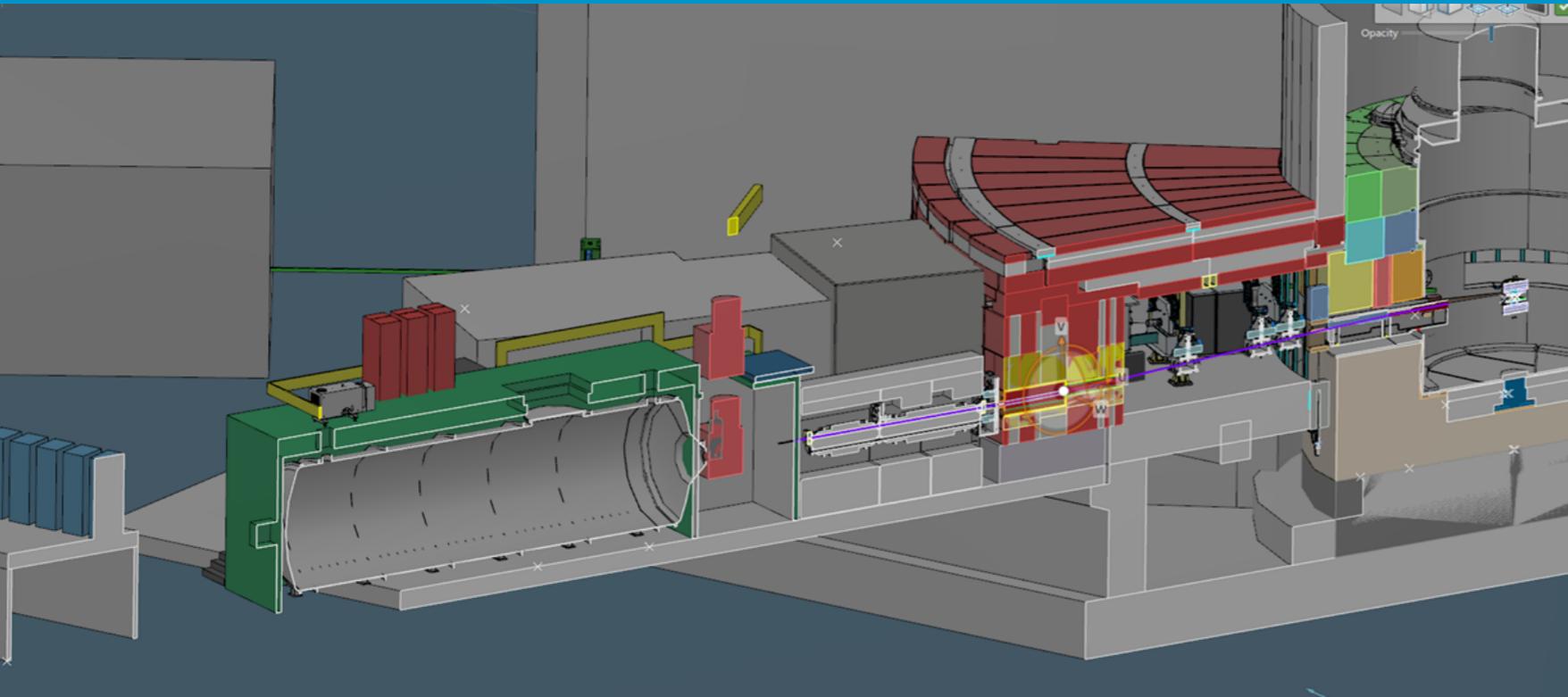




- Results from initial evaluation system



- Count rates on a module up to 250 kHz, linear to 200 kHz
- Corresponds to  $>20$  MHz @10% deadtime for full  $1\text{m}^2$
- No degradation up to  $5\text{E}14$  neutrons integrated flux



- Short instrument
- Wide angle detector coverage up to 45 deg
- Arranged in 3 banks
- total 9m<sup>2</sup>

- Rearmost bank ca. 1x1m, movable
- 6mm resolution
- Other banks 2x2m fixed. Relaxed resolution requirements
  
- about half detector area in initial scope
- half in later upgrade

# Enhancing the efficiency of $^{10}\text{B}$ -based Neutron Detectors

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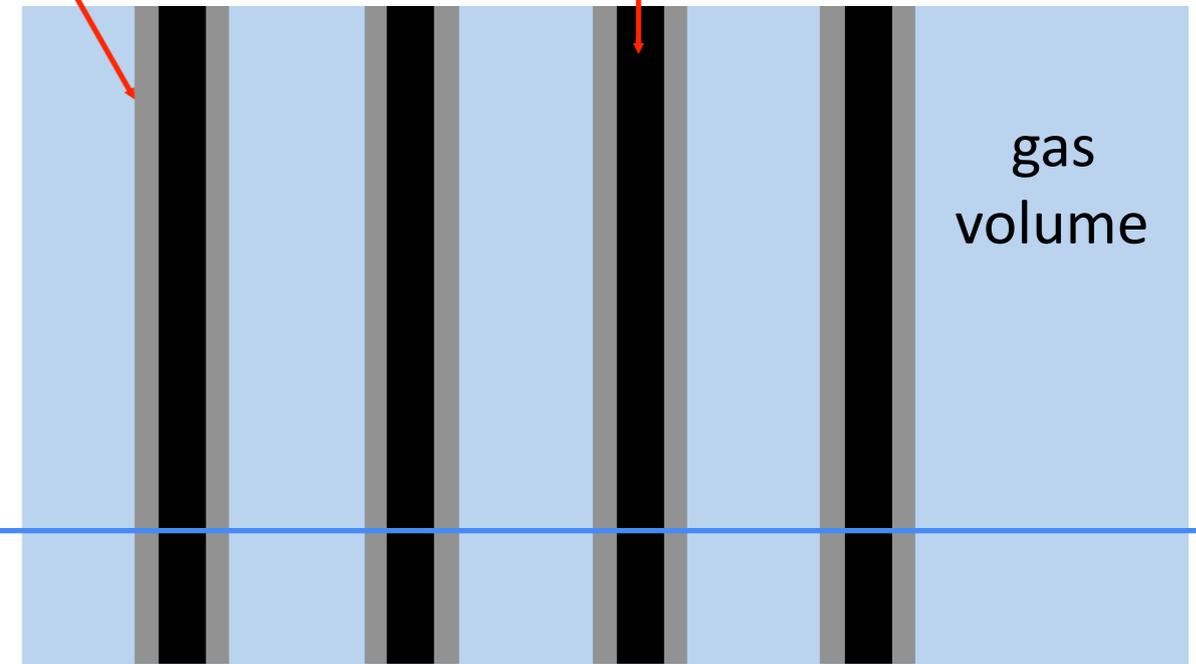
Multi layer

See Anton Khaplanov's talk this morning for an application of this

neutron

$^{10}\text{B}_4\text{C}$  layer

substrate



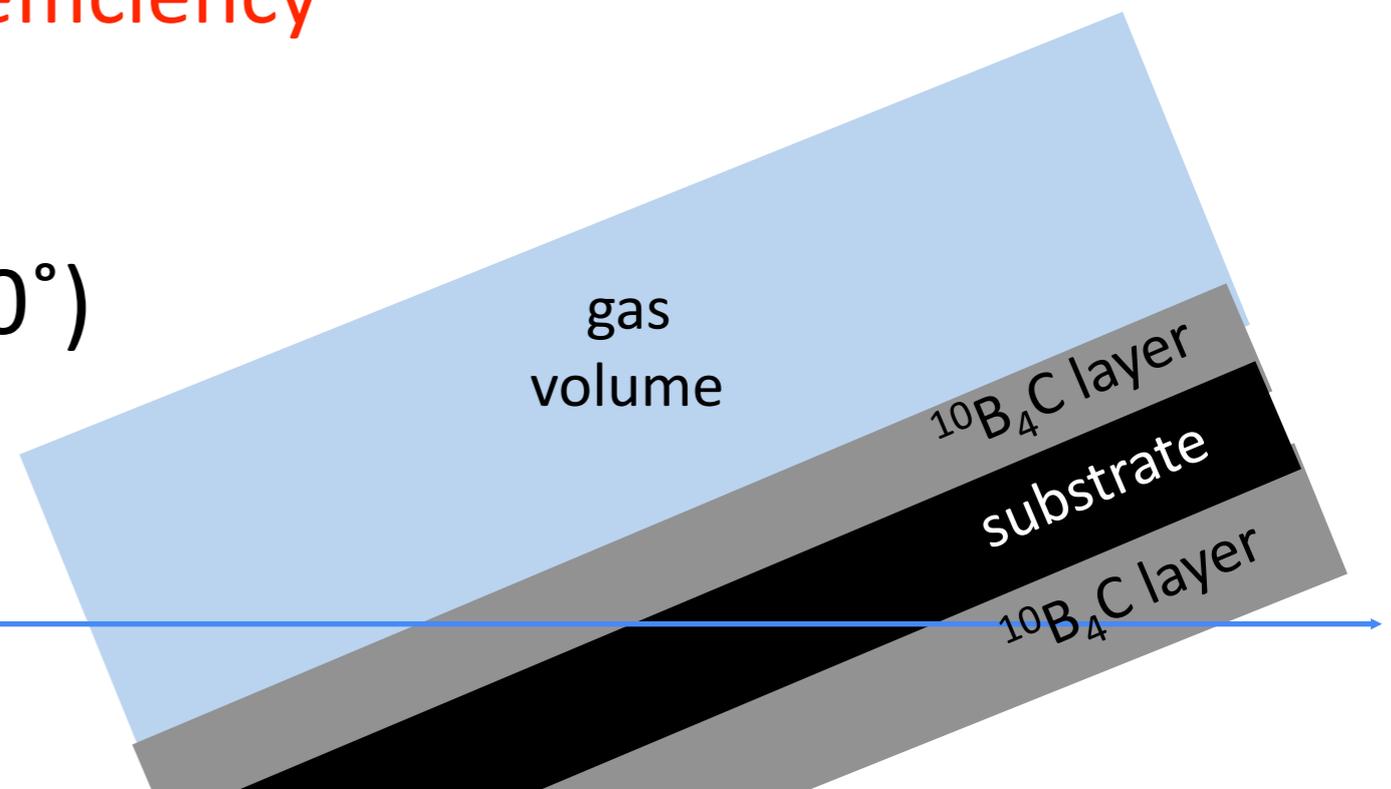
Generic approaches to improve efficiency

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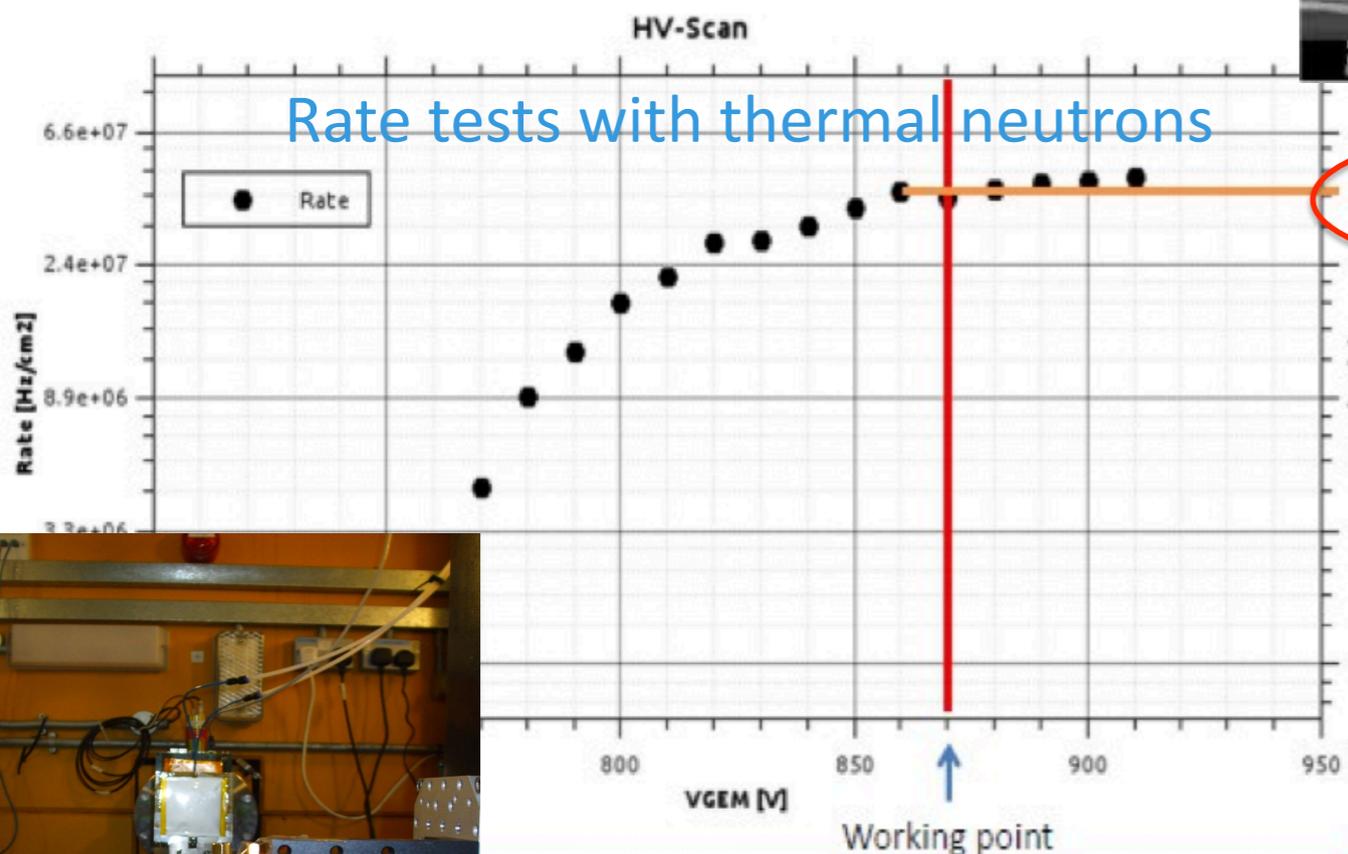
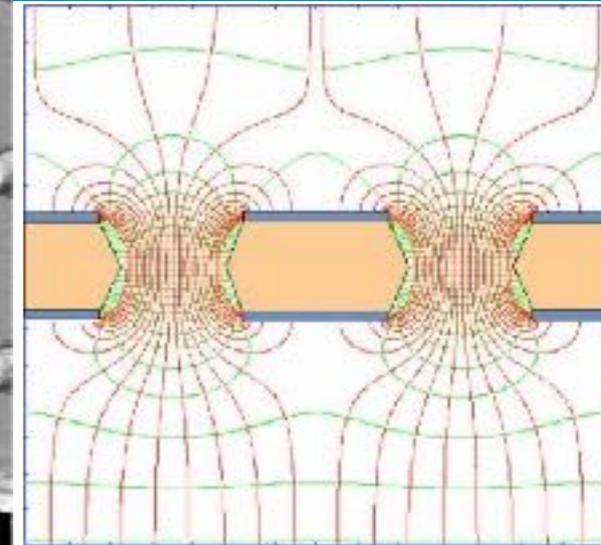
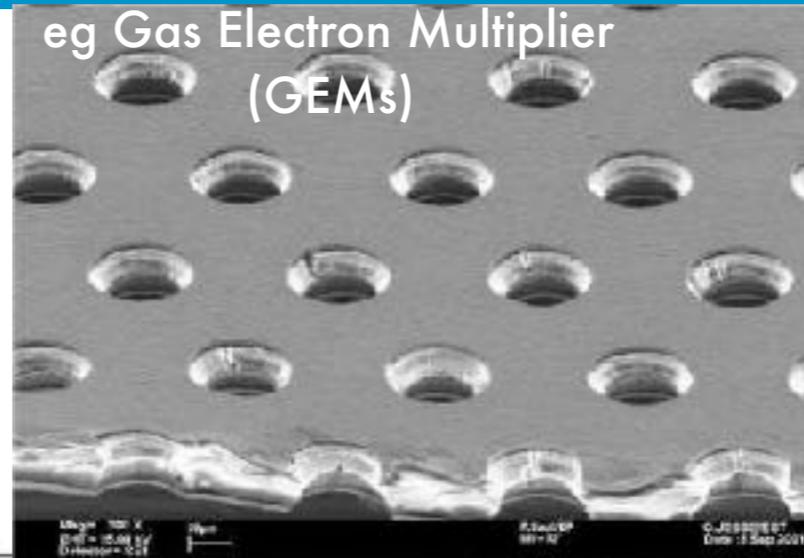
Grazing angle ( $<10^\circ$ )

See Francesco Piscitelli's talk this afternoon for an application of this

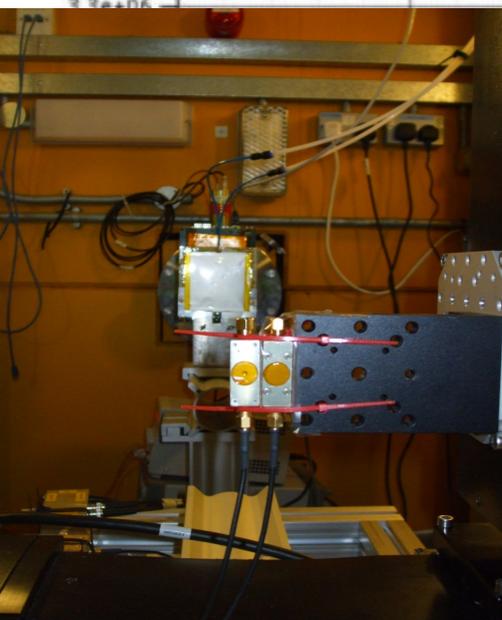
neutron



- Field started by A Oed at the ILL with the micro-strip gas chamber (MSGC) in 1988
- Now widespread: many variants
- Potentially very good resolution and very high rate capability



- Growing interest for applications for neutron detection
- 2 workshops organised by CERN RD51 Collaboration (with HEPTECH) on Neutron Detection using MPGDs



Summary of 1st workshop for MPGDs for neutron detection: arXiv:1410.0107

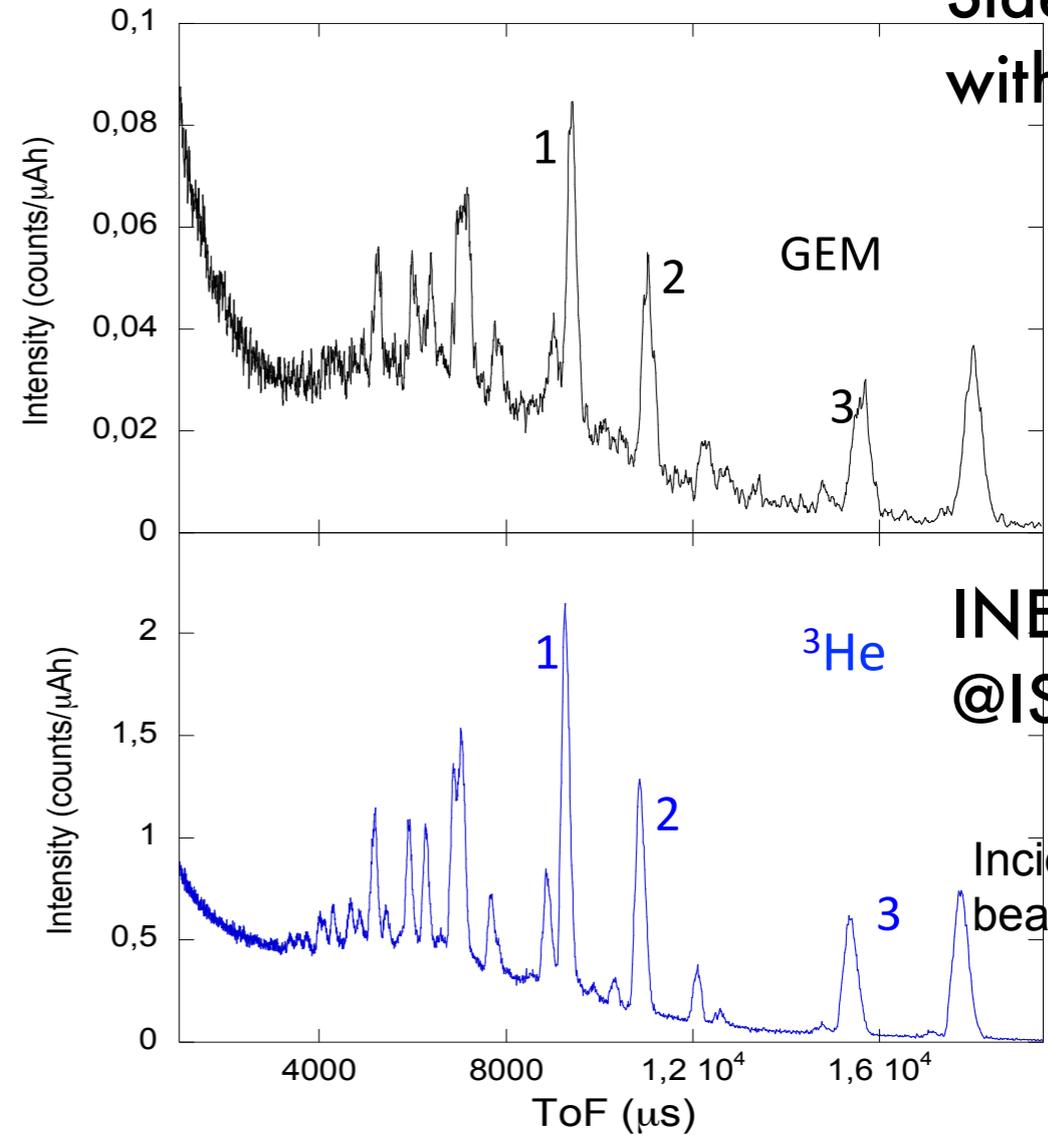
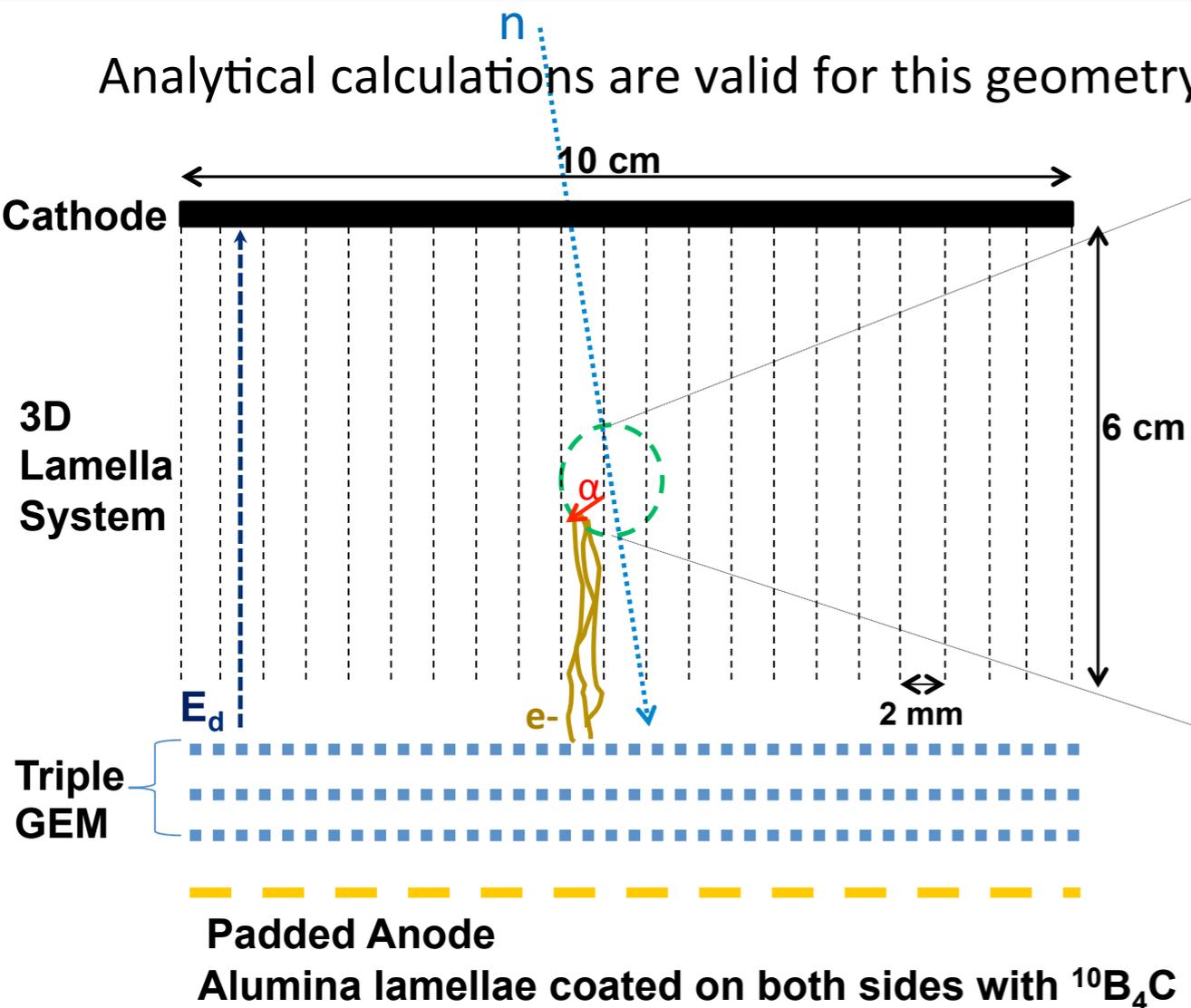
2nd Workshop: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/365380/> arXiv:1601.01534

# BANDGEM Detector



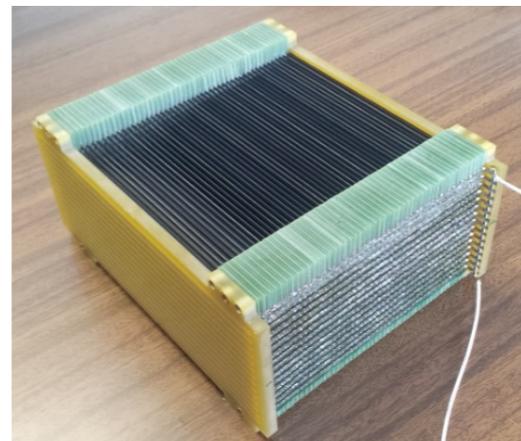
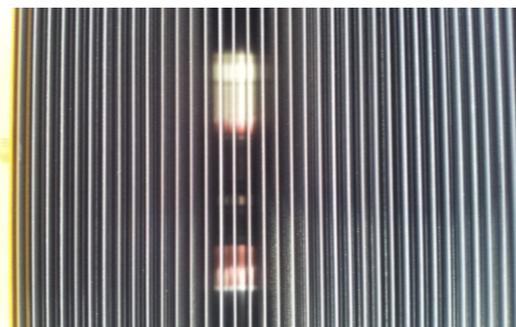
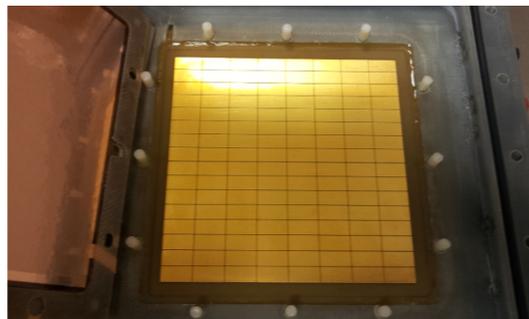
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Analytical calculations are valid for this geometry



Using low  $\theta$  values (few degs) the path of the neutron inside the  $\text{B}_4\text{C}$  is increased  $\rightarrow$  Higher efficiency when detector is inclined

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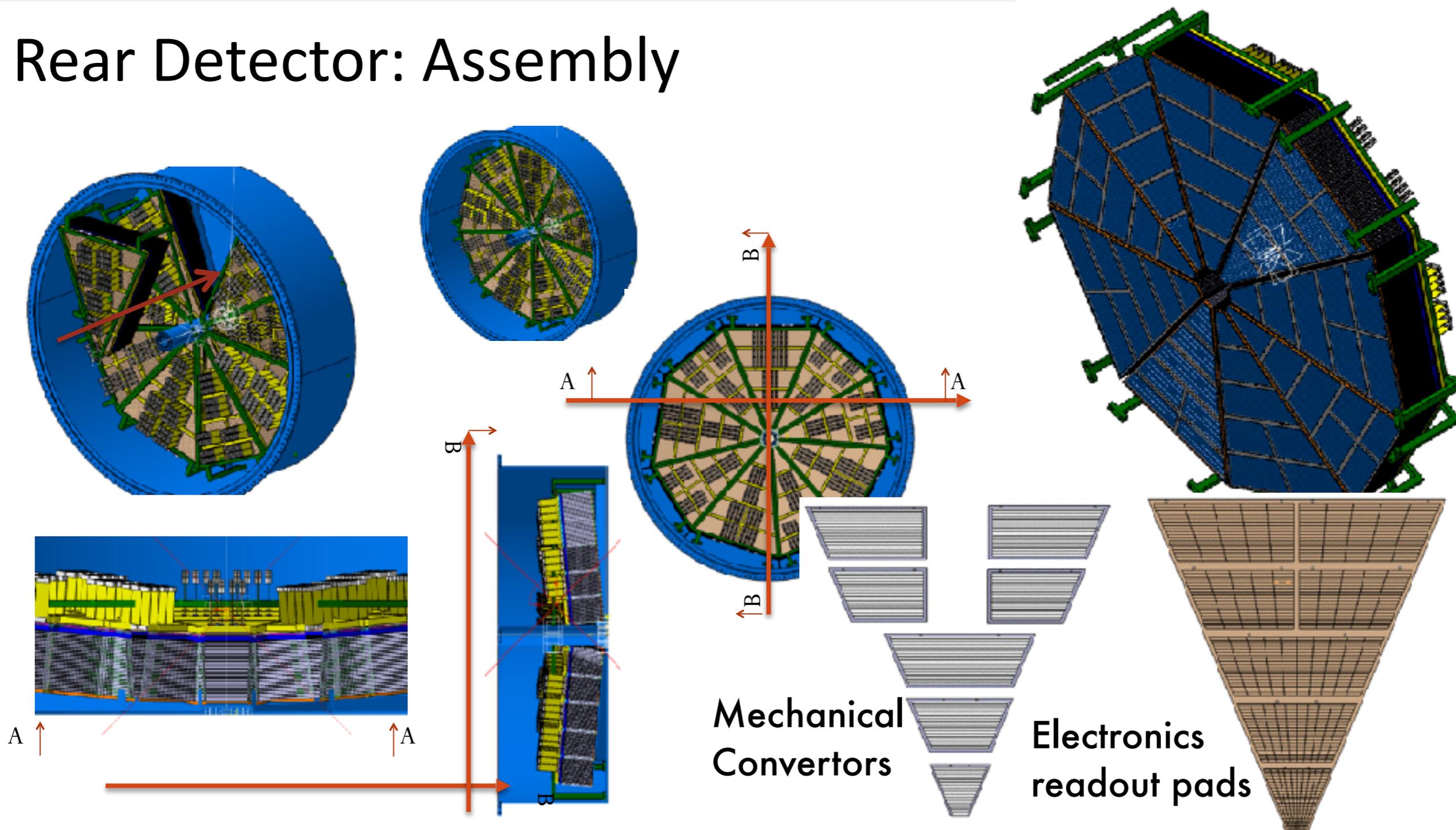


# BANDGEM Detector for LOKI



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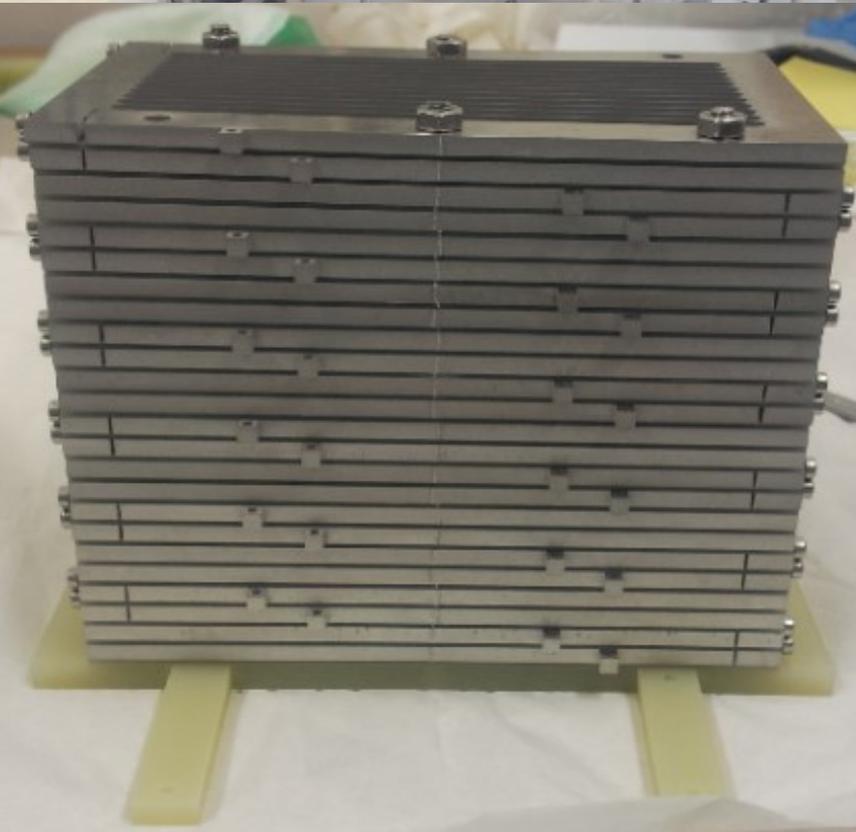
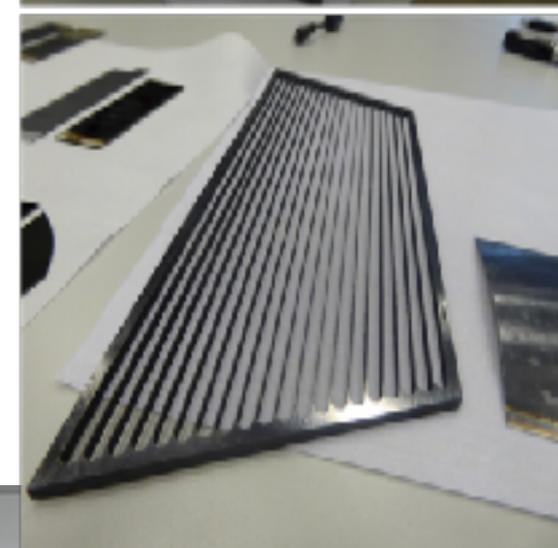
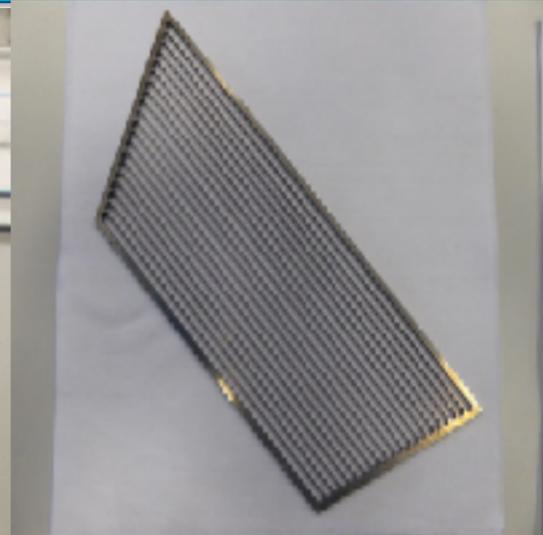
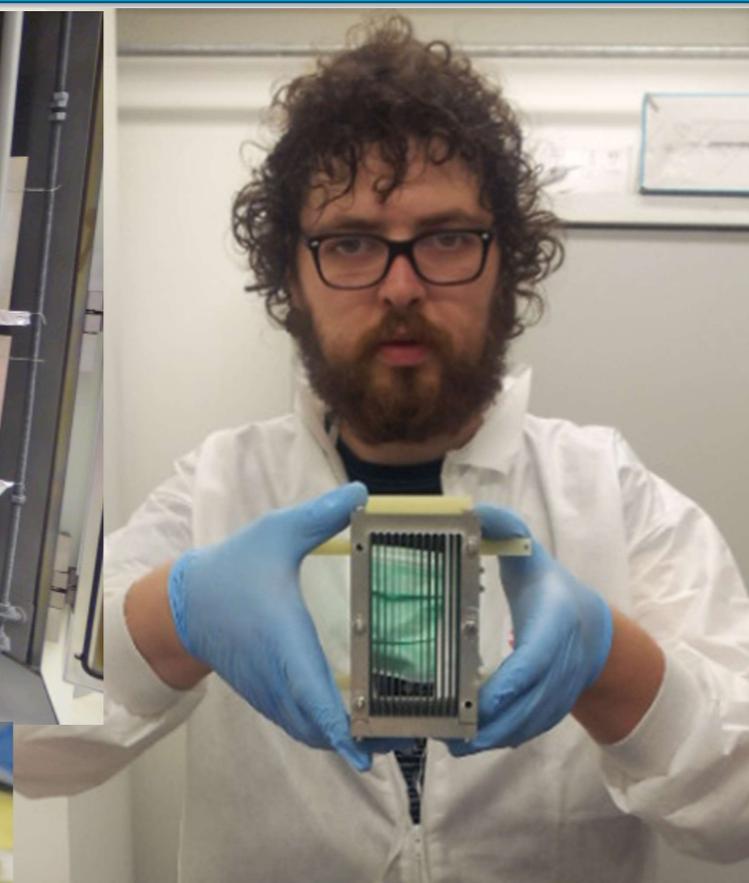
## Rear Detector: Assembly



# BANDGEM Detector for LOKI

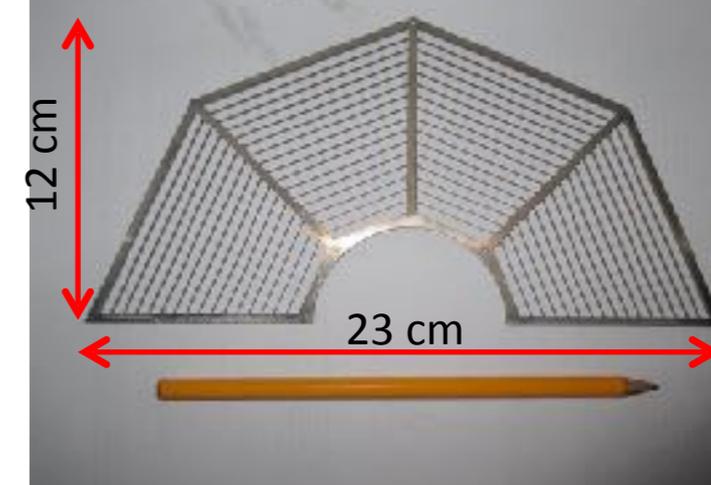


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Stack of Conversion  
elements can be  
produced and coated

Precision waterjet cutting  
(Watajet, Milan)

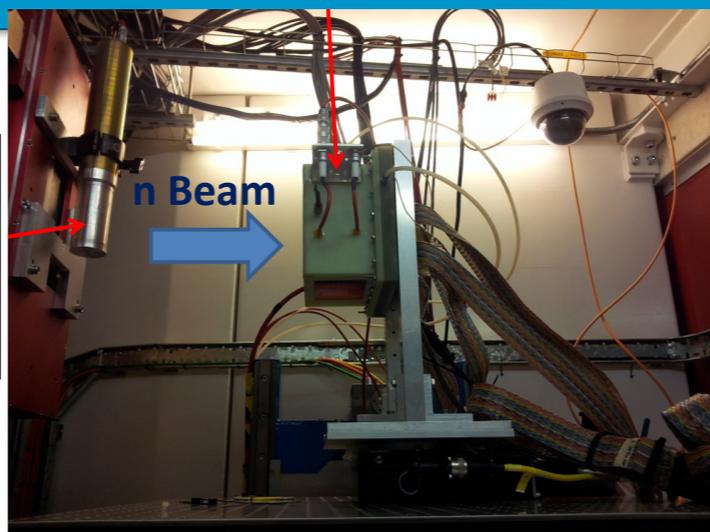


# BANDGEM Detector Results

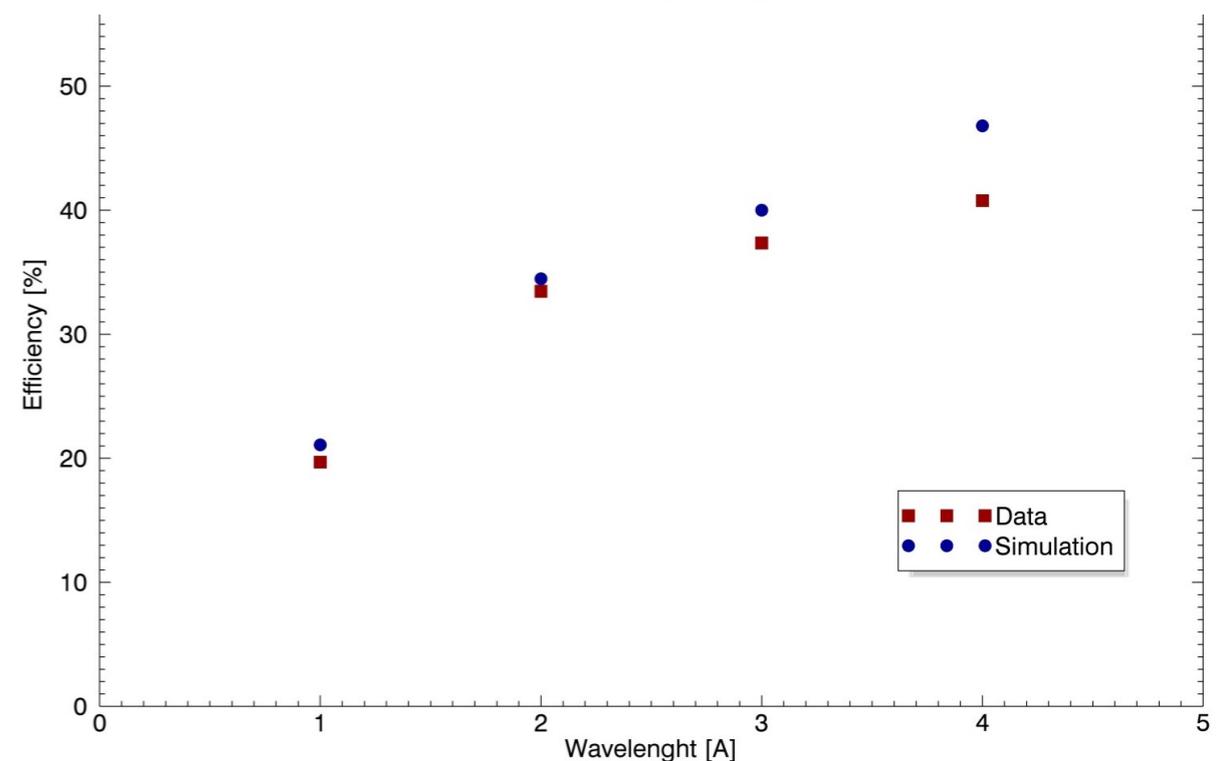
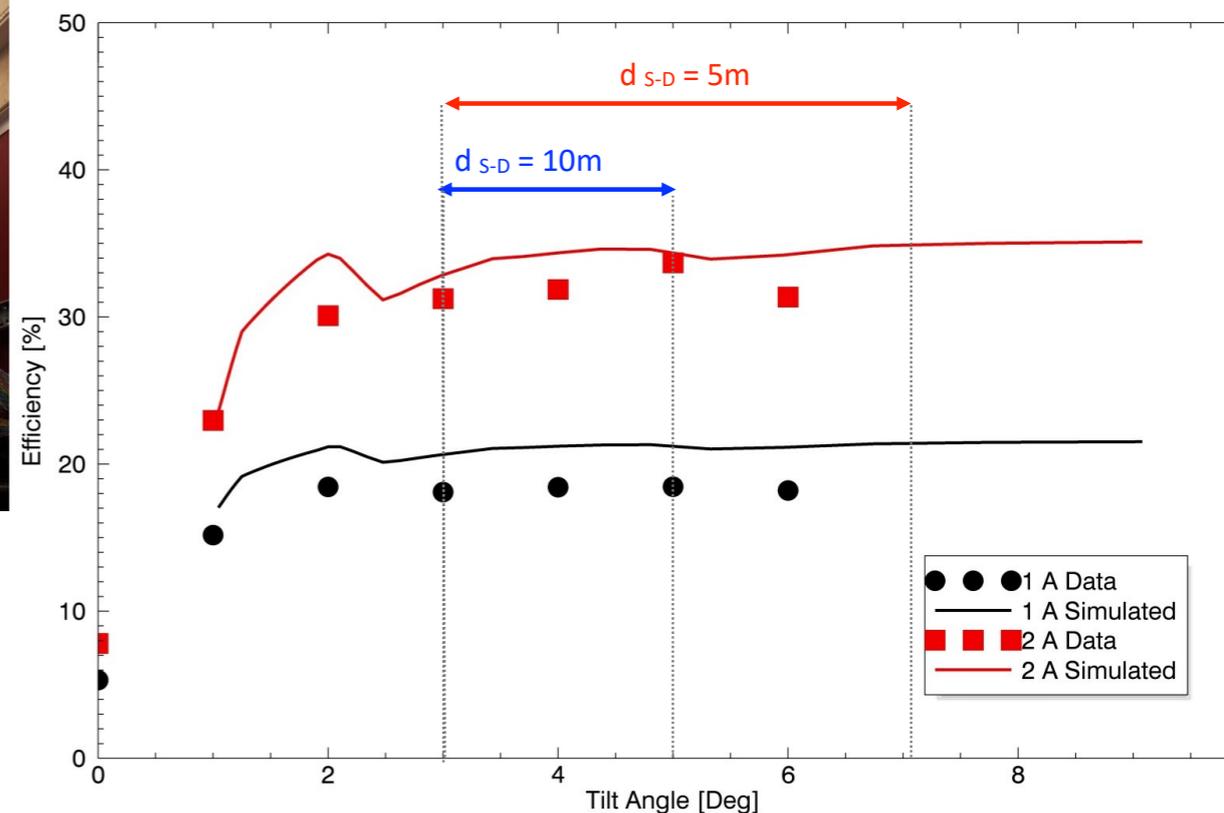
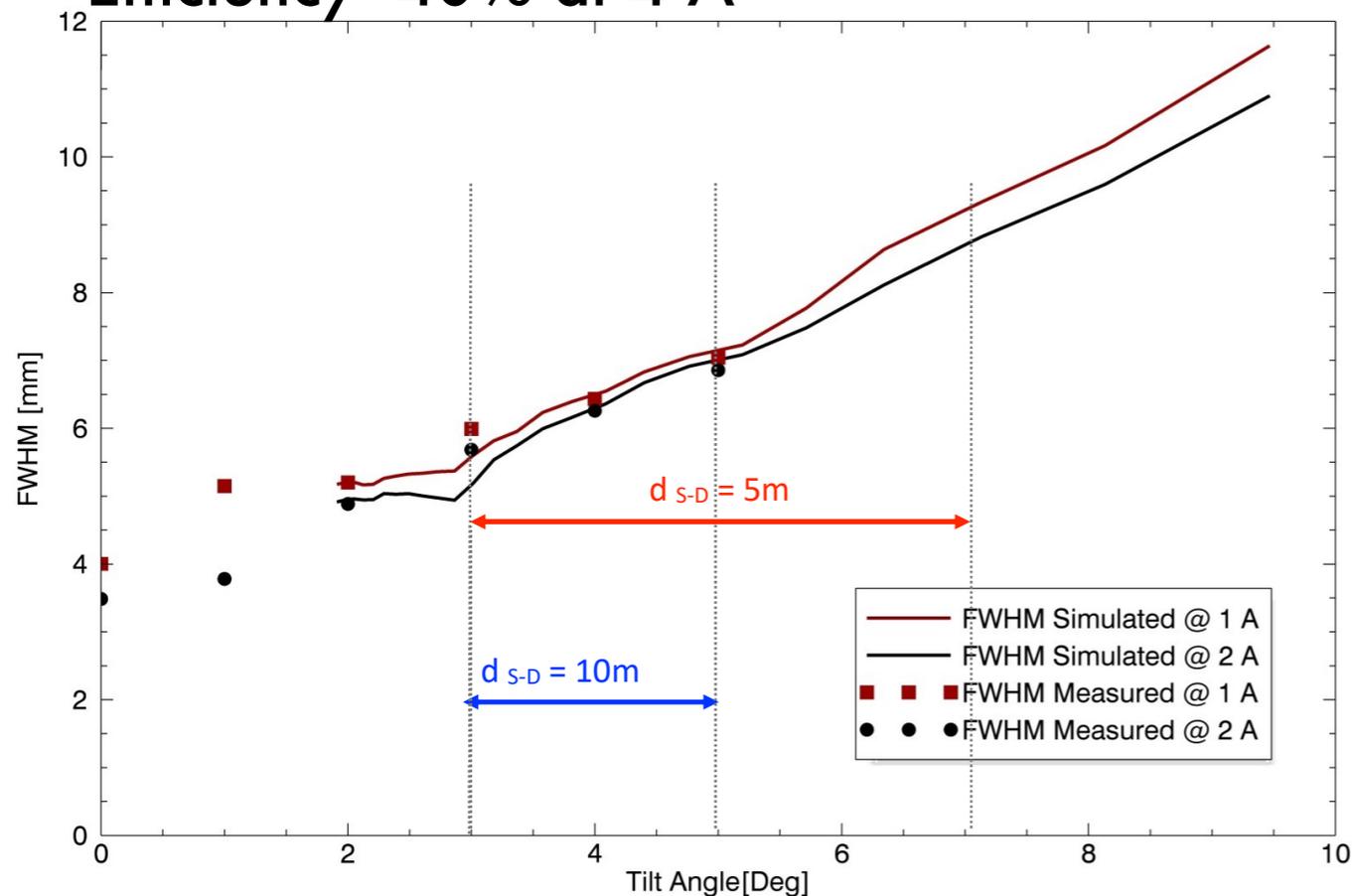


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- Resolution as expected
- Efficiency with tilt angle as expected
- Efficiency > 40% at 4 A



# Detectors for ESS: strategy update for 16 instruments



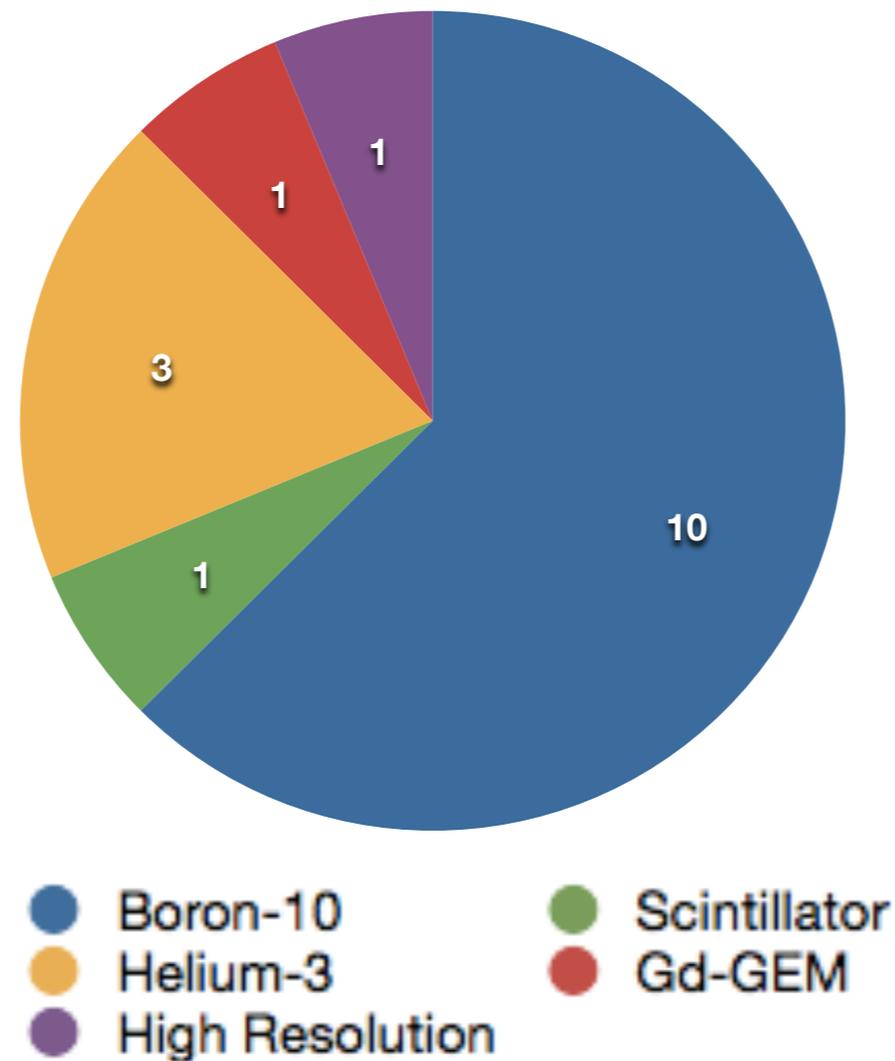
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Large-scale structures	Small Angle Scattering	SKADI	Pixel size, count-rate, area	Scintillators	SonDe (EU SonDe)
		LOKI		10B-based	BandGem
	Reflectometry	FREIA	Pixel size, count-rate	10B-based	MultiBlade (EU BrightnESS)
		ESTIA			
Diffraction	Powder diffraction	DREAM	Pixel size, count-rate	10B-based	Jalousie
		HEIMDAL		10B-based	Jalousie
	Single-crystal diffraction	MAGIC	Pixel size, count-rate	10B-based	Jalousie
		NMX	Pixel size, large area	Gd-based	GdGEM uTPC(EU BrightnESS)
Engineering	Strain scanning	BEER	Pixel size, count-rate	10B-based	AmCLD, A1CLD
	Imaging and tomography	ODIN	Pixel size	Scintillators, MCP, wire chambers	
Spectroscopy	Direct geometry	C-SPEC	Large area ( <sup>3</sup> He-gas unaffordable)	10B-based	MultiGrid (EU BrightnESS)
		T-REX			
		VOR			
	Indirect geometry	BIFROST	Count-rate	3He-based	
MIRACLES					
		VESPA	Count-rate	3He-based	
SPIN-ECHO	Spin-echo	tbd	tbd	3He-based/10B-based	

Good dialogue and close collaboration needed for successful delivery and integration

# Preferred Detector Technologies for Baseline Suite

Detectors for ESS will comprise many different technologies

Best-Guess at Detector Technologies for 16 Instruments:





# Summary

- ESS will provide increased neutron brightness
- Novel instrument designs push requirements for detectors well beyond current day state-of-the-art
- Detector systems project in good shape, and running at full speed
- Baseline detector designs exist
- Set of design and build partners identified and available
- Very much an open collaboration of groups across (mostly) Europe
- Having a capable build group and set of willing expertise is as important as the details of the design
- Detector work now very much design, and not R&D
- Schedule and budget: make the detectors affordable and on time
- Enable partners

