





Neutron Detectors for the Initial Instrument Suite at the European Spallation Source

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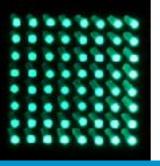
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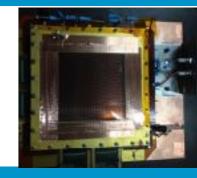
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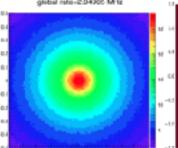


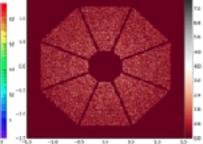


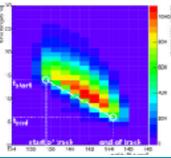


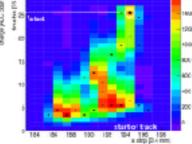


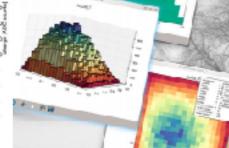


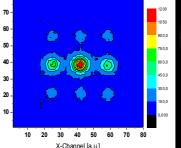


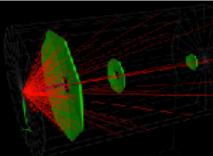








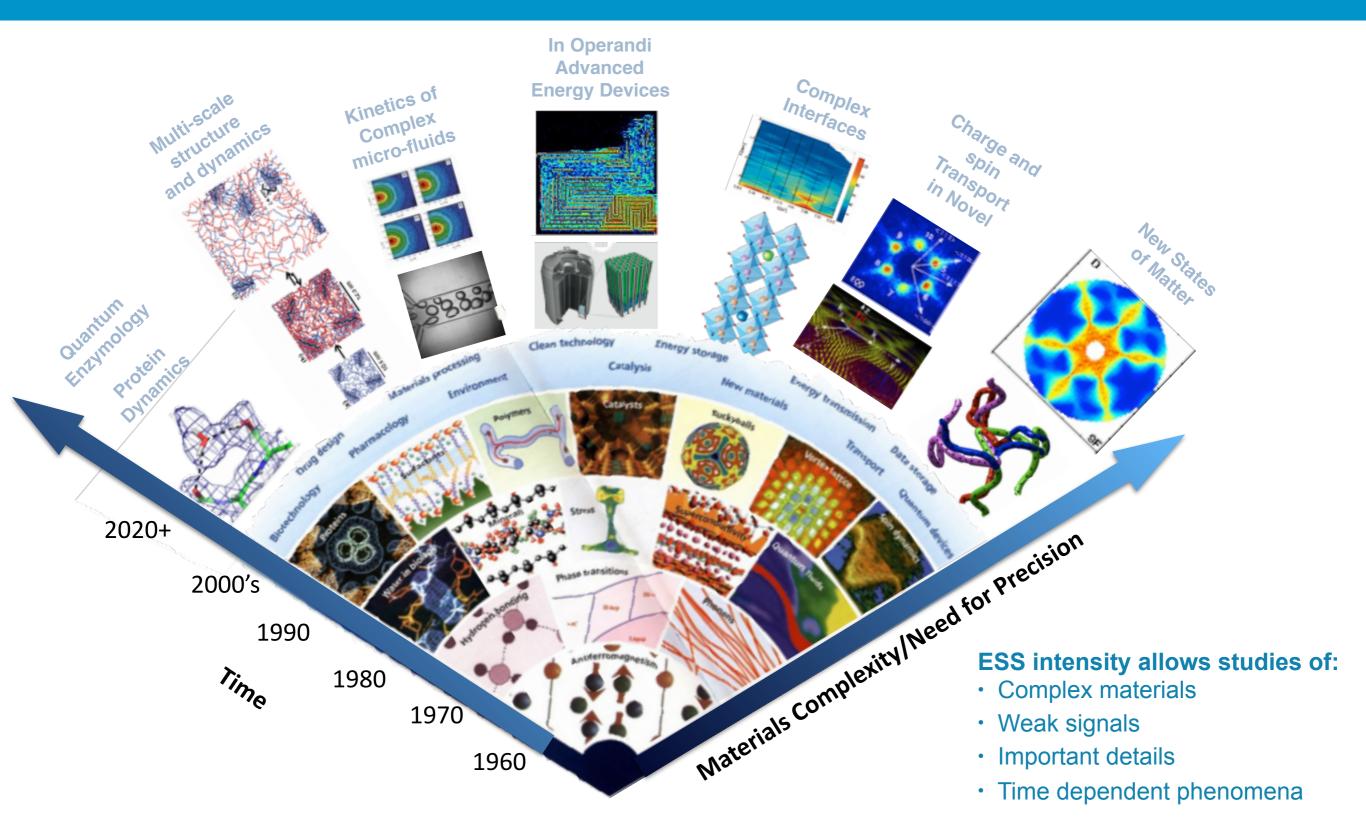






Neutron Science Pushes the Boundaries





Upcoming Research Facilities





New facilities needed to:

- replace capacity from closing research reactors
- enhance capability to enable new science

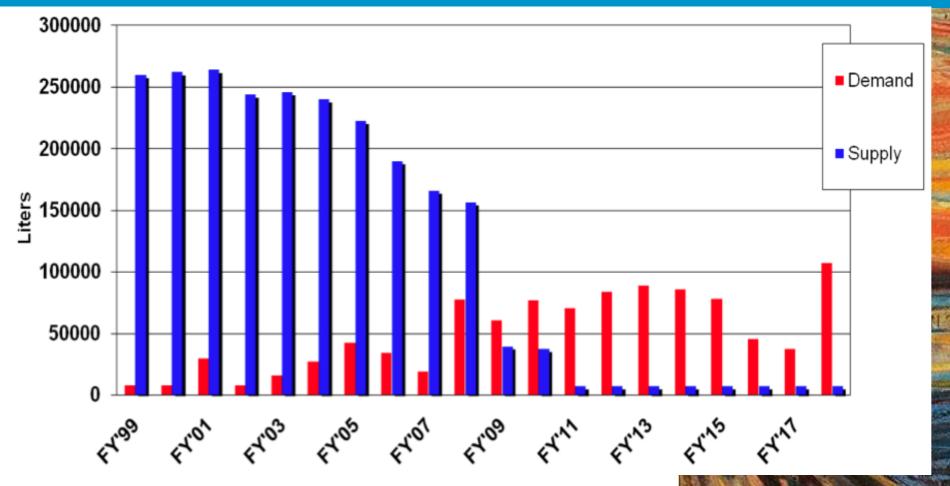






Helium-3 Crisis

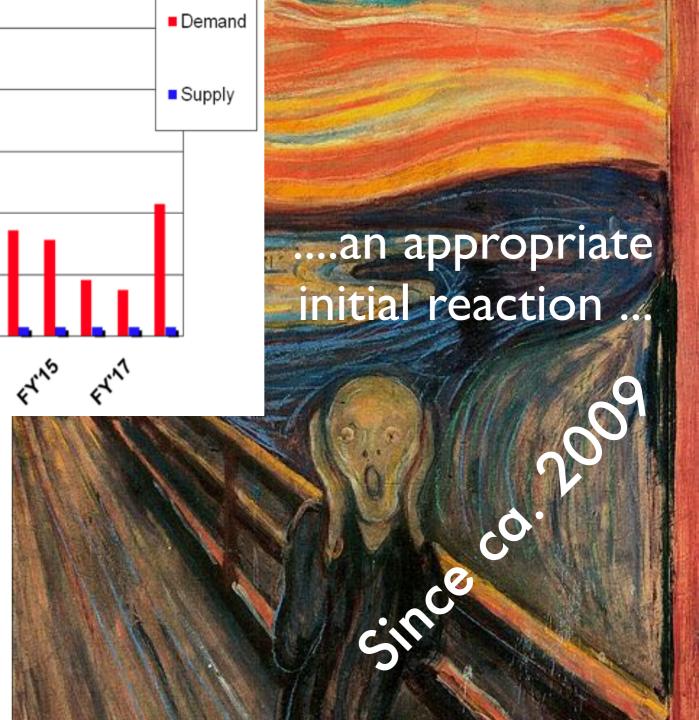




Comment: seems to be some naivety at the moment as stocks are being emptied rapidly

Aside ... maybe He-3 detectors are anyway not what is needed for ESS? eg rate, resolution reaching the limit ...

Crisis or opportunity ... ?









What is Neutron Scattering Science?



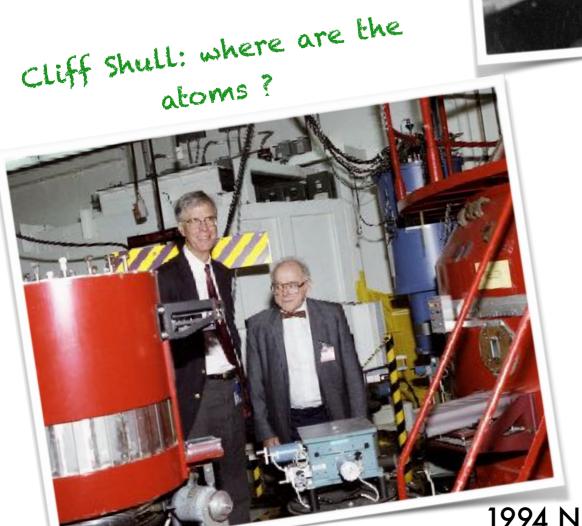
Neutrons





1932: Chadwick discovers "a radiation with the more peculiar properties", the neutron.

Bert Brockhouse: what do



1994 Nobel Prize in Physics

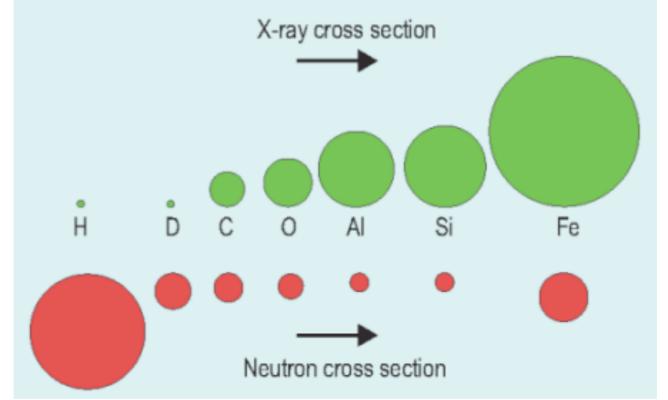


Why Neutrons?



Neutrons are:

- low energy
- non-damaging
- penetrating
- broad wavelength range

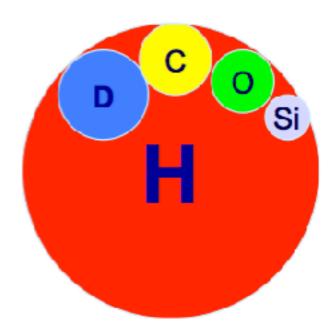


thermal and cold neutrons meV

"with a small m"

wavelength ca. Å

- 1) Ability to measure both energy and momentum transfer Geometry of motion
- 2) Neutrons scatter by a nuclear interaction => different isotopes scatter differently H and D scatter very differently
- 3) Simplicity of the interaction allows easy interpretation of intensities Easy to compare with theory and models
- 4) Neutrons have a magnetic moment

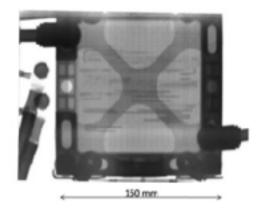




Applications of Neutron Science



Charge neutral Deeply penetrating



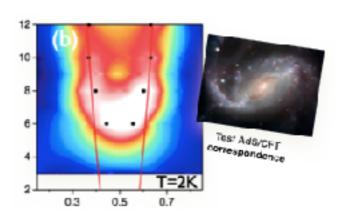
Li motion in fuel cells



Help build electric cars

S=1/2 spin

Directly probe magnetism



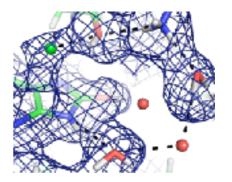
Solve the puzzle of High-Tc superconductivity



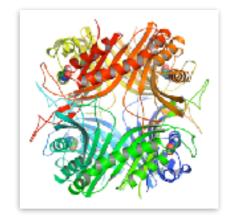
Efficient high speed trains

Nuclear scattering

Sensitive to light elements and isotopes



Active sites in proteins



Better drugs











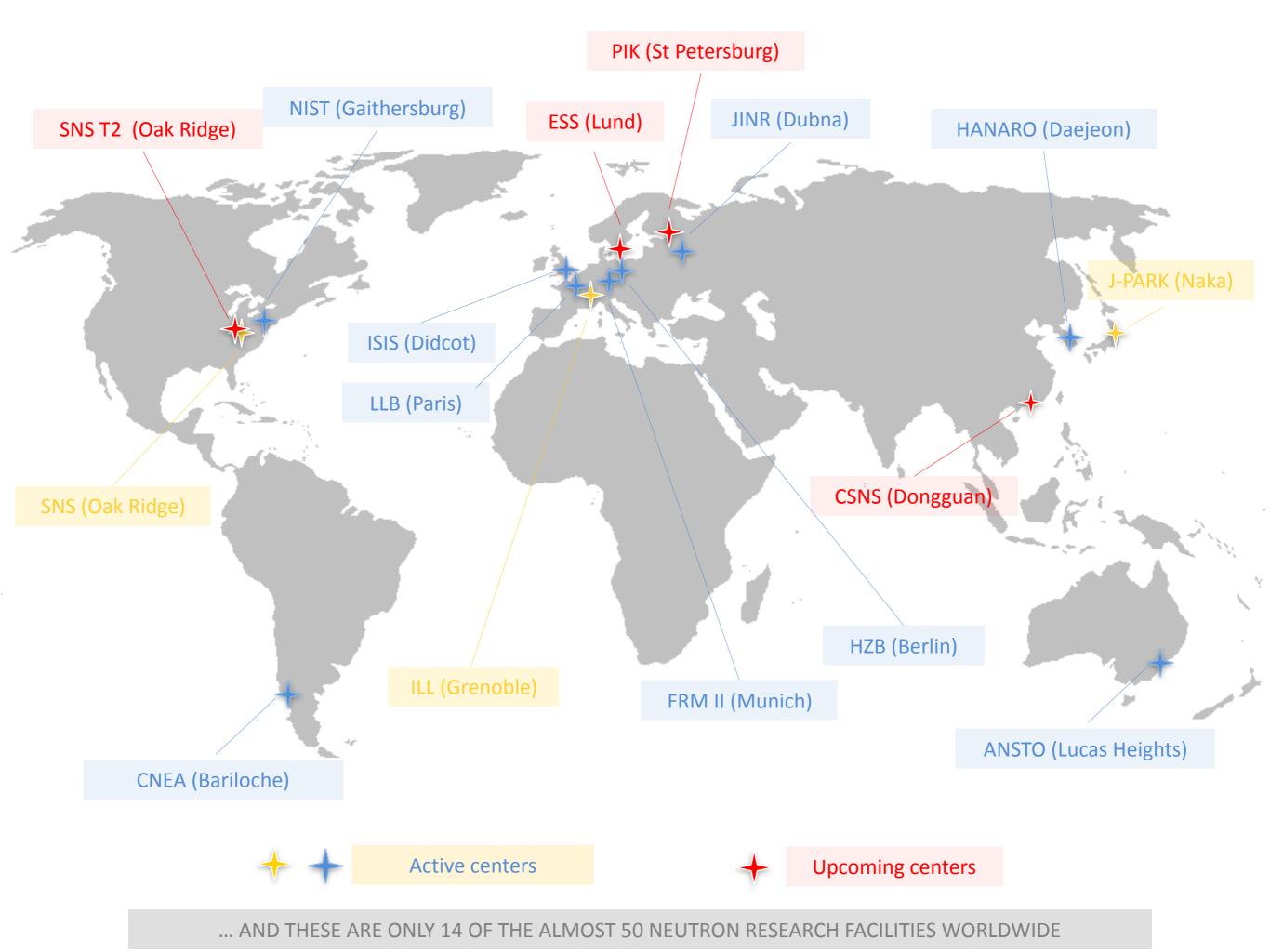








Present and Future of Neutron Research Facilities





The European Spallation Source: view to the Southwest in 2025

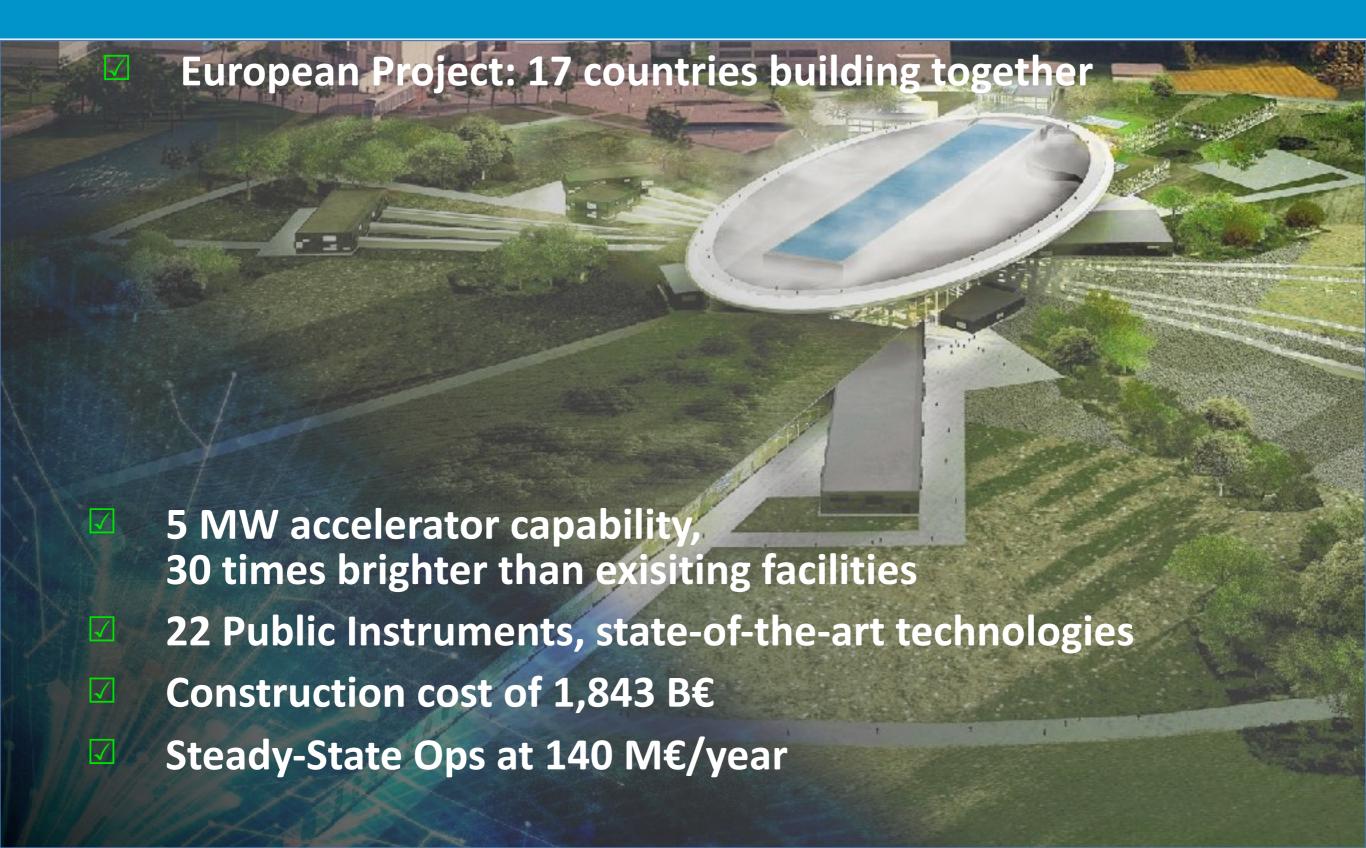






ESS: Project commitments

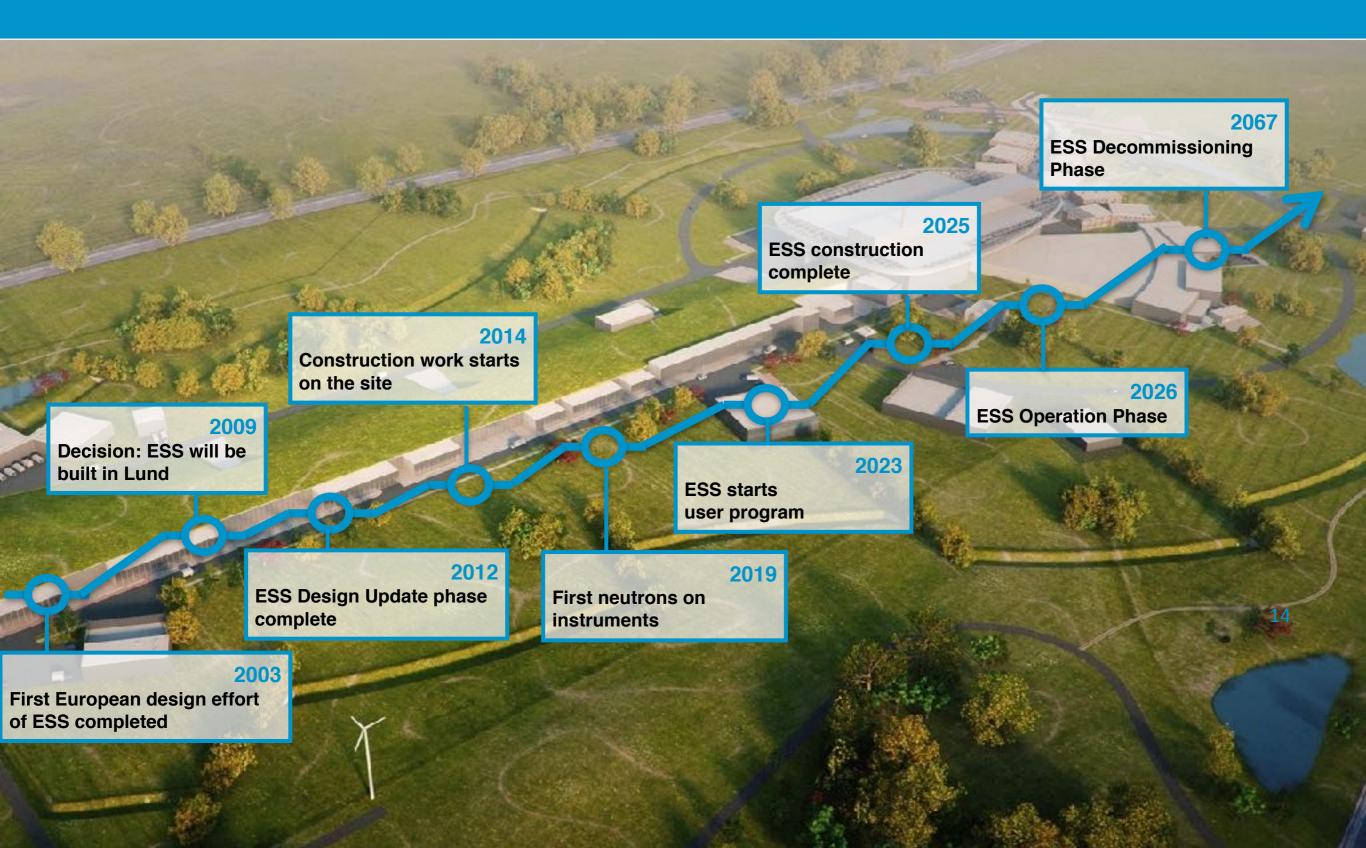






Time plan







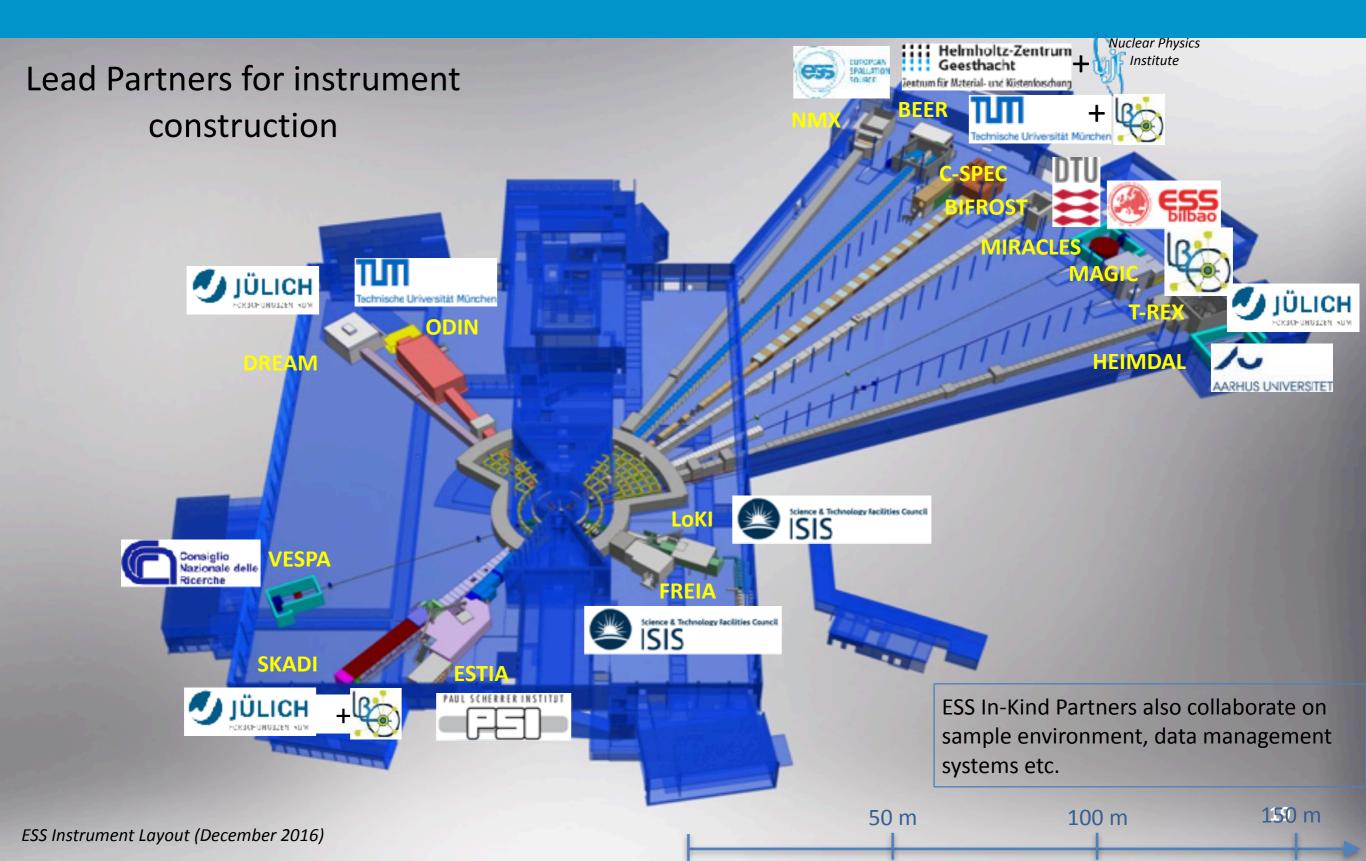






ESS Neutron Instrument positions: December 2016

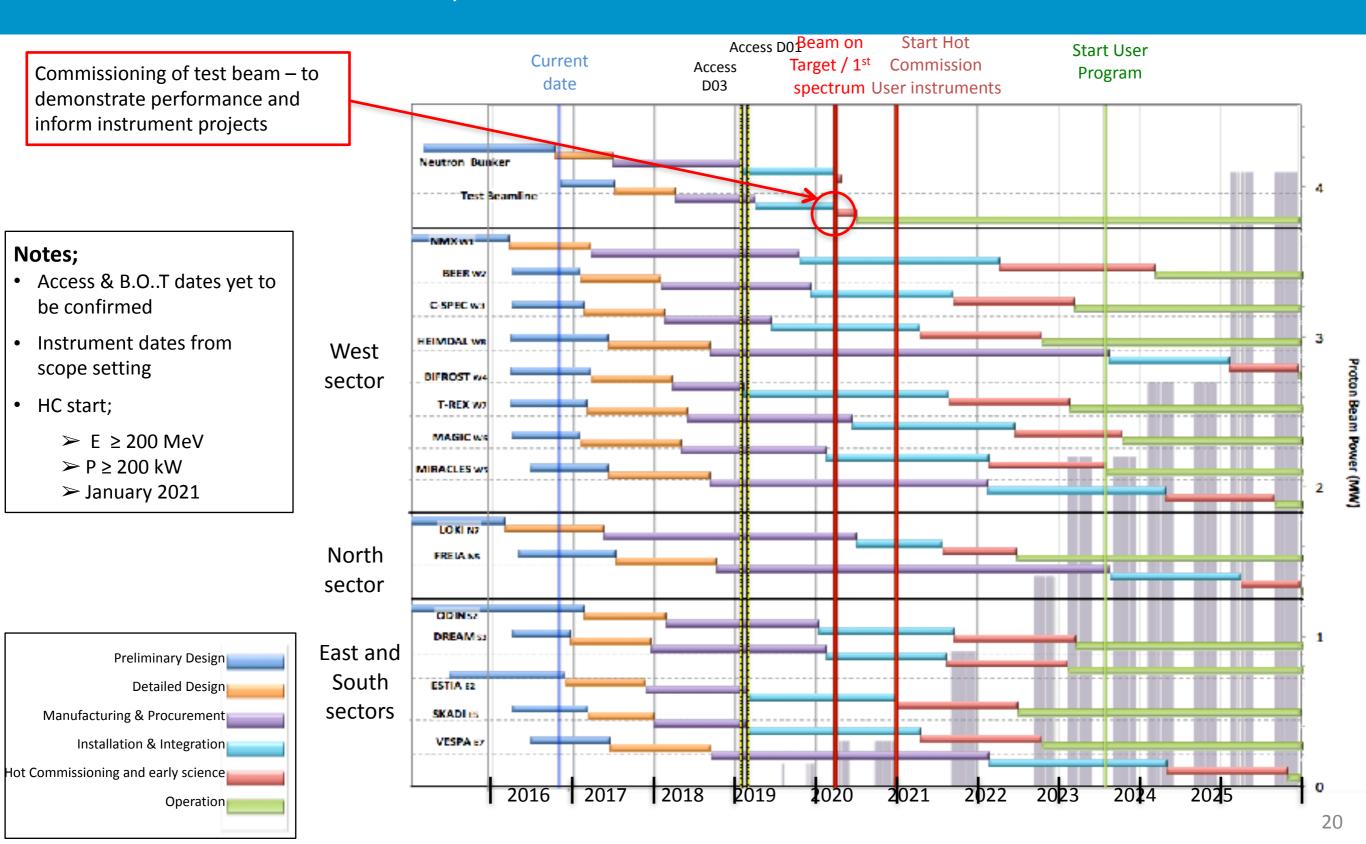




Neutron Beam Instrument Draft Schedule



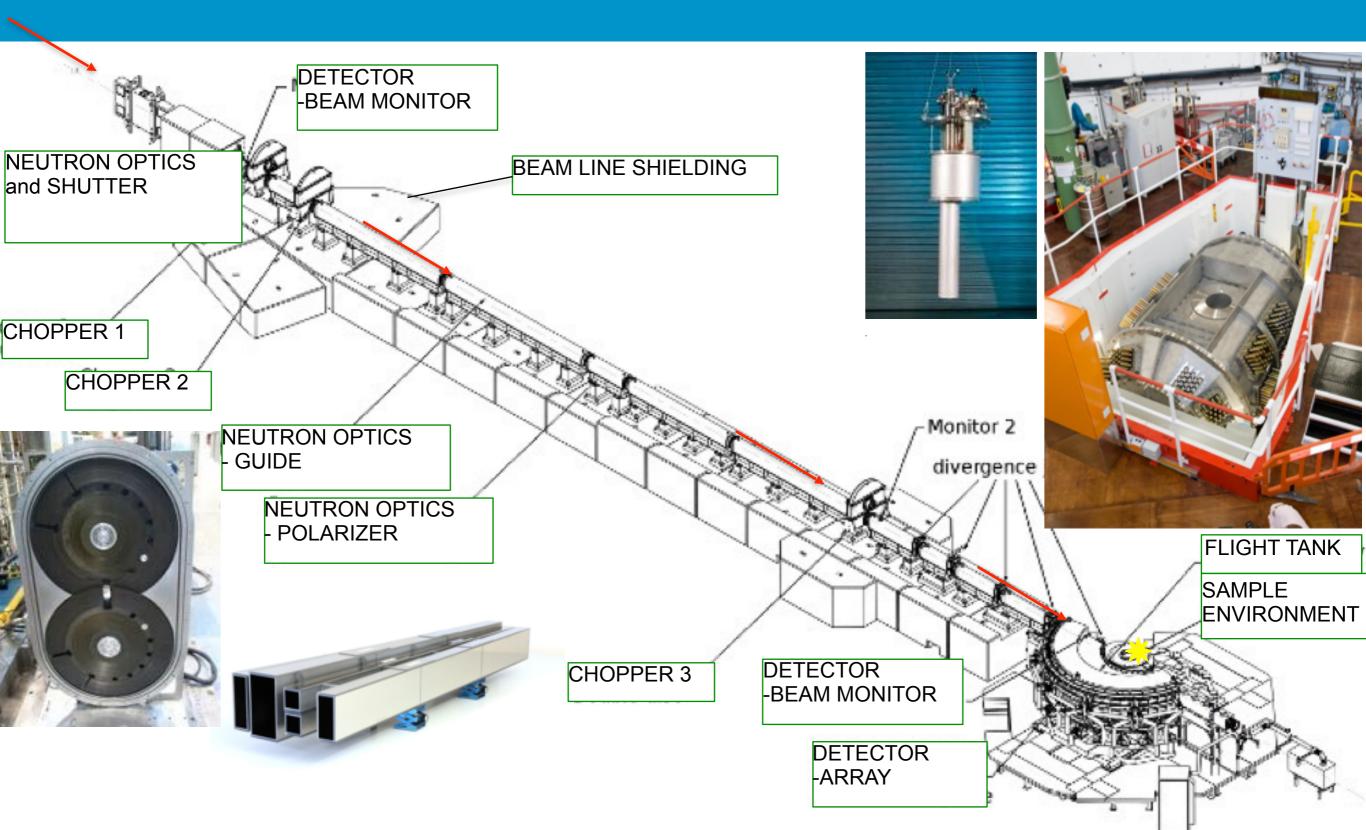
V2.0, 2nd November 2016





Layout of a Neutron Instrument



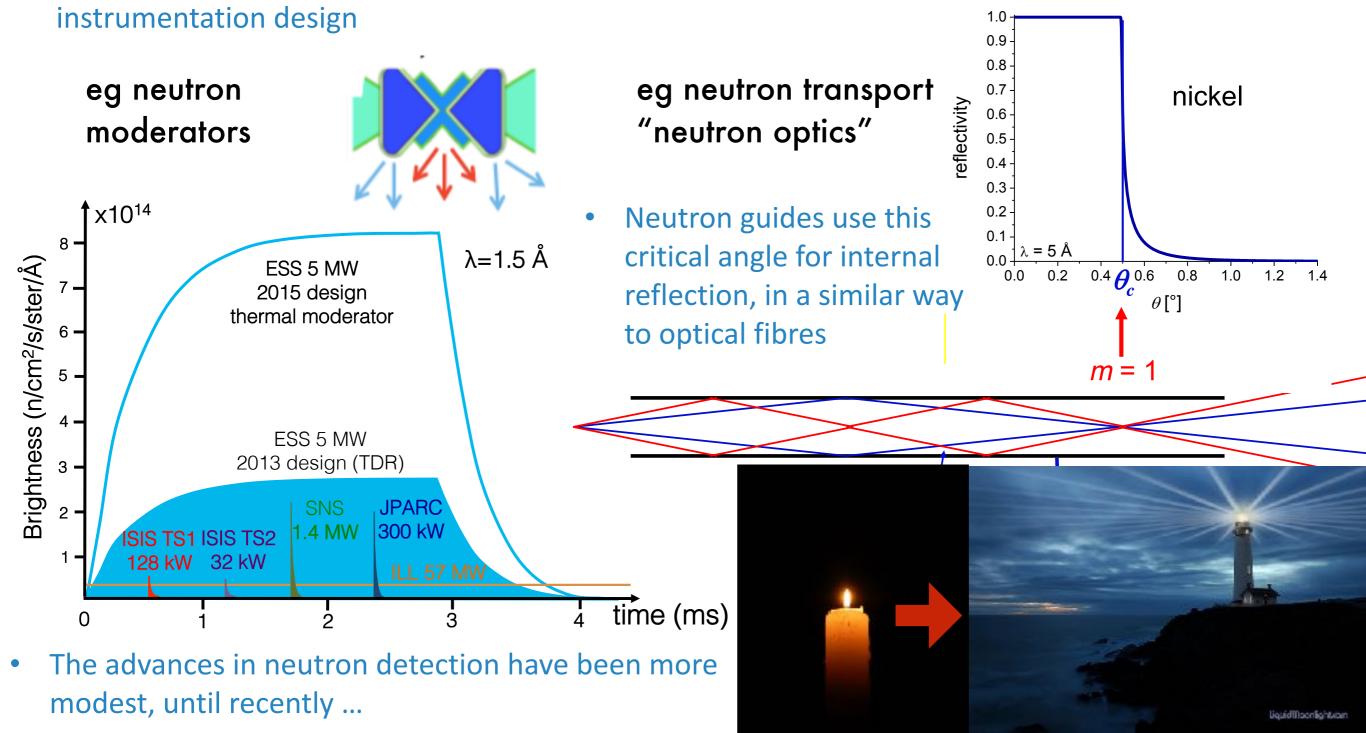




Neutron Instrumentation Technology



- ESS will be more powerful and several times brighter than existing facilities.
- However, over the past decades the major order of magnitude gains have been in the







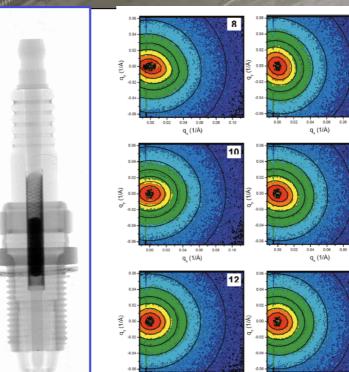
Detectors

Detector Strategy: how we get from here to there







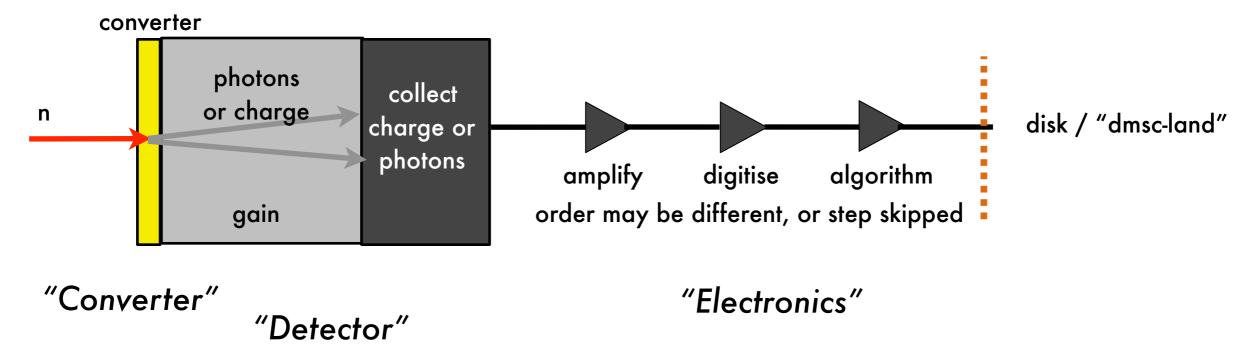


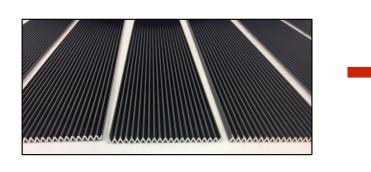


Basic Principle of Neutron Detectors



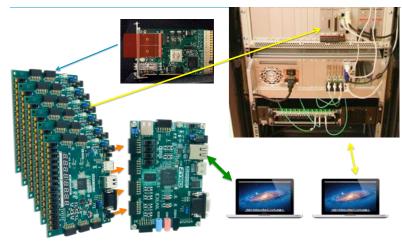
Efficient neutron converters a key component for neutron detectors













Isotopes Suitable as Cold and Thermal Neutron Convertors

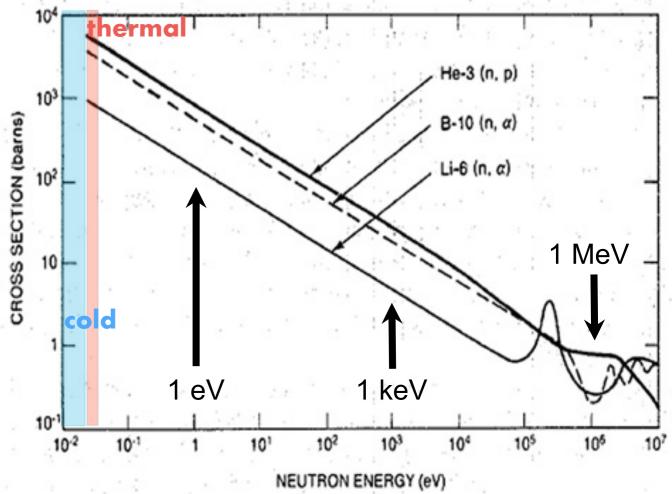


reaction	energy	particl	e energy	particle	energy
n (³ He, p) ³ H	+0.77 MeV	p	0.57 MeV	³ H	0.19 MeV
$n (^6Li, \alpha)^3H$	+4.79 MeV	α	2.05 MeV	³ H	2.74 MeV
7 %	$MeV + \gamma (0.48MeV)$	α	1.47 MeV	⁷ Li	0.83 MeV
$n (^{10}B, \alpha)^{7}Li$	+2.79 MeV	α	1.77 MeV	⁷ Li	1.01 MeV
n (²³⁵ U, Lfi) Hfi	$+ \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$	Lfi <	< = 80 MeV	Hfi	< = 60 MeV
n (¹⁵⁷ Gd, Gd) e	+ < = 0.182 MeV	convers	sion electron	0.07	to 0.182 MeV

- Only a few isotopes with sufficient interaction cross section
- To be useful in a detector application, reaction products need to be easily detectable

Table 1: Commonly used isotopes for thermal neutron detection, reaction products and their kinetic energies.

- In region of interest, cross sections scale roughly as 1/v
- G. Breit, E.Wiegner, Phys. Rev., Vol. 49, 519, (1936)
- Presently >80% of neutron detectors worldwide are Helium-3 based

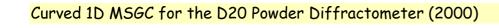




State of the Art of Neutron Detectors



- Helium-3 Tubes most common
- Typically 3-20 bar Helium-3
- 8mm-50mm diameter common
- Using a resistive wire, position resolution along the wire of ca. 1% possible







- First micro pattern gaseous detectors was MSGC invented by A Oed at the ILL in 1988
- Rate and resolution advantages
- Helium-3 MSGCs in operation



What can be done with this brightness (ess)



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		

so: scarcity of Helium-3.

Developments required for detectors for new Instruments



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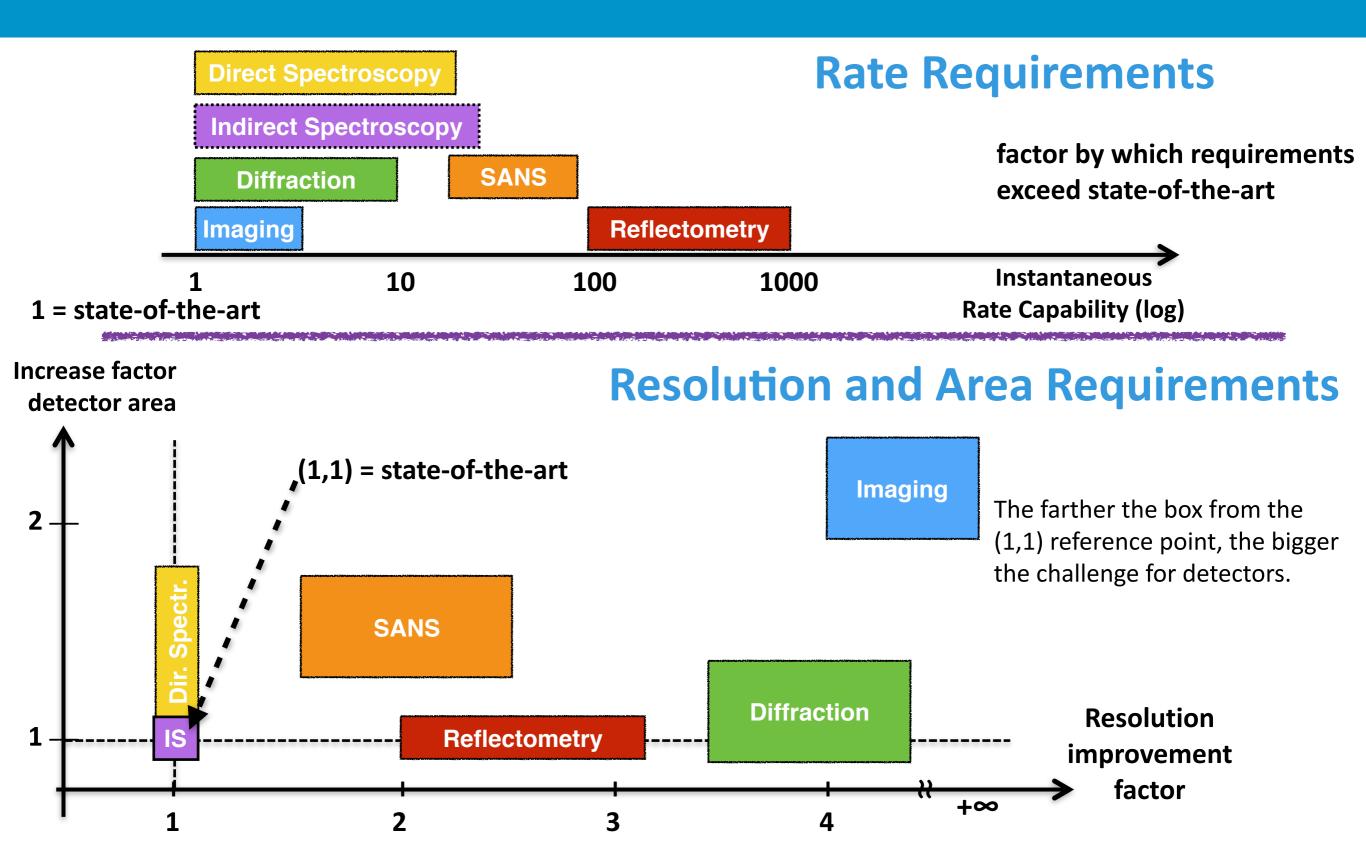
What does a factor 10 improvement imply for the detectors?

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

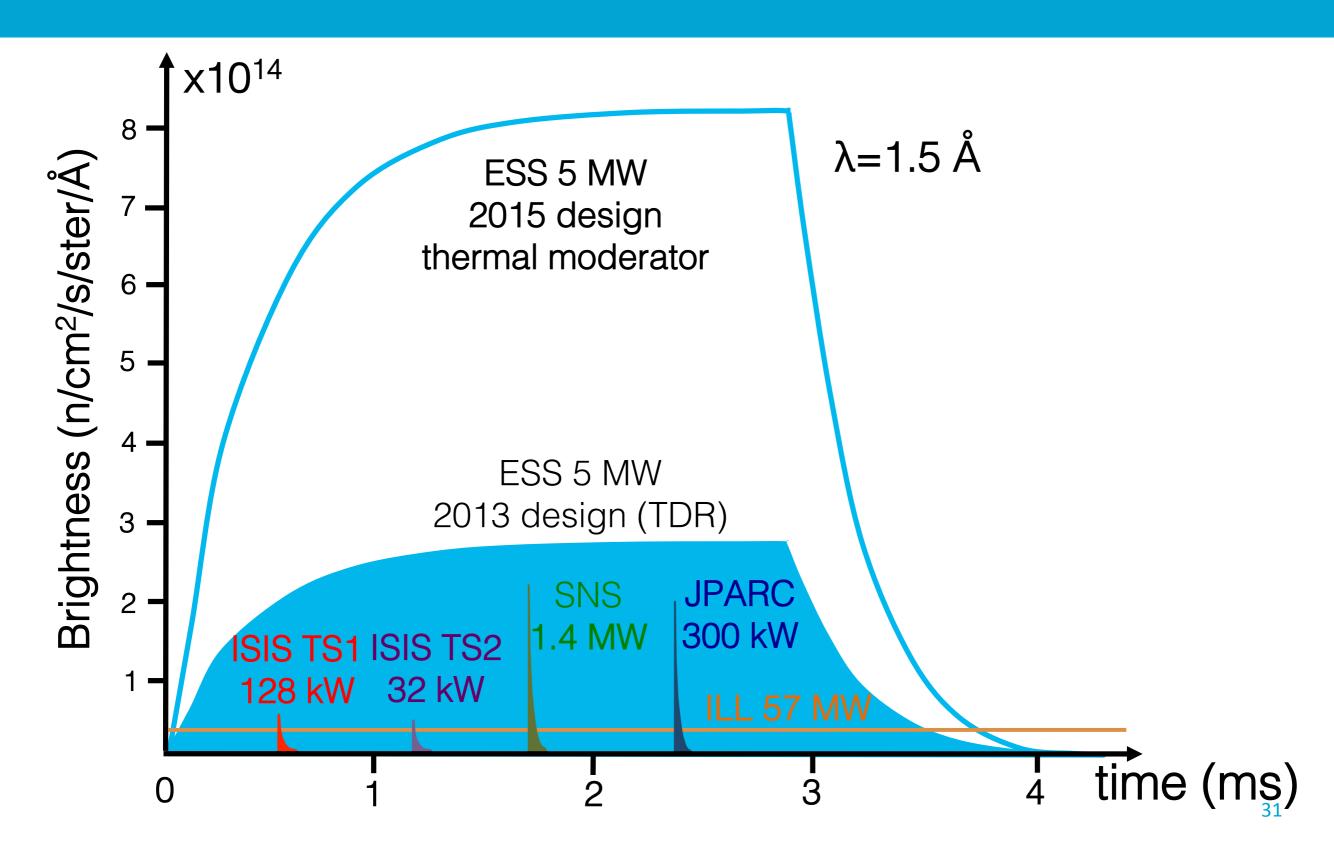
Requirements Challenge for Detectors for ESS: beyond detector present state-of-the art





Challenge for Rate







ESS Partners on Detectors

















































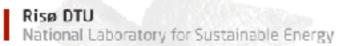


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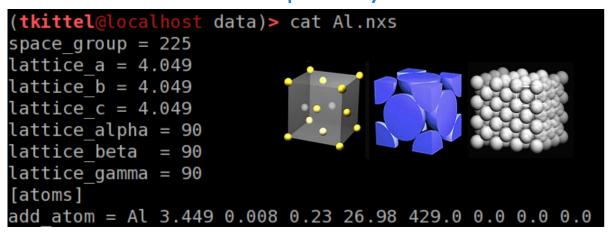
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National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy

Neutron diffraction in polycrystalline materials: **Add-on for GEANT4**



- GEANT4 is an invaluable simulation tool
- However, thermal/cold neutrons not well validated
- No support for crystal diffraction
- A new plugin NXSG4 allows neutron diffraction in polycrystalline materials
- Based on nxs library, used in McStas, Vitess
- Using simple unit cell parameters, only low energy neutron scattering is overriden. All other GEANT4 capability retained.

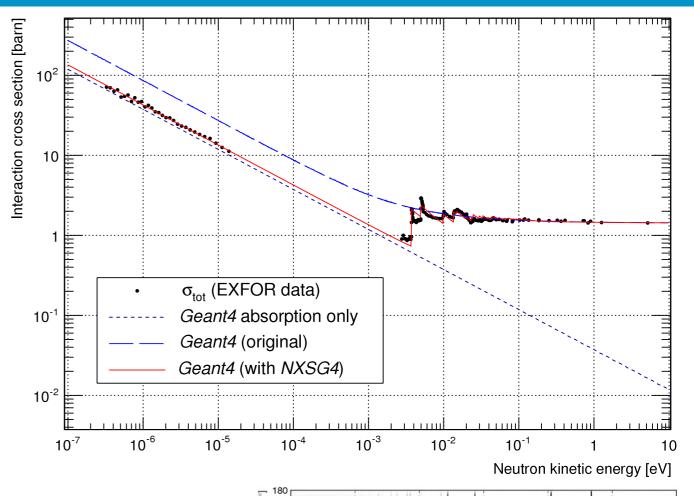


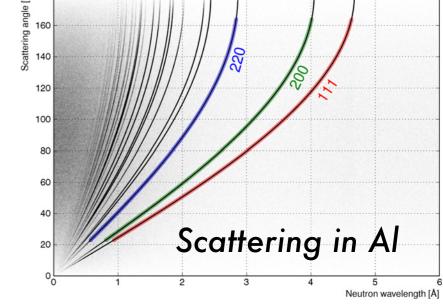
- Available at http://cern.ch/nxsg4
- J. Comp Phys Comm 189 (2015) 114

Abstract N28-18 this week

Monte Carlo Particle Lists: MCPL: Allows to pass particles between McStas, MCNP, GEANT4 https://mctools.github.io/mcpl/

T. Kittelmann et al., subm. J. Phys Comm (2016) https://arxiv.org/abs/1609.02792





Simulation of Neutron Scattering in Crystalline Materials



sapphire fitting, Mildner and Lamaze, 1998

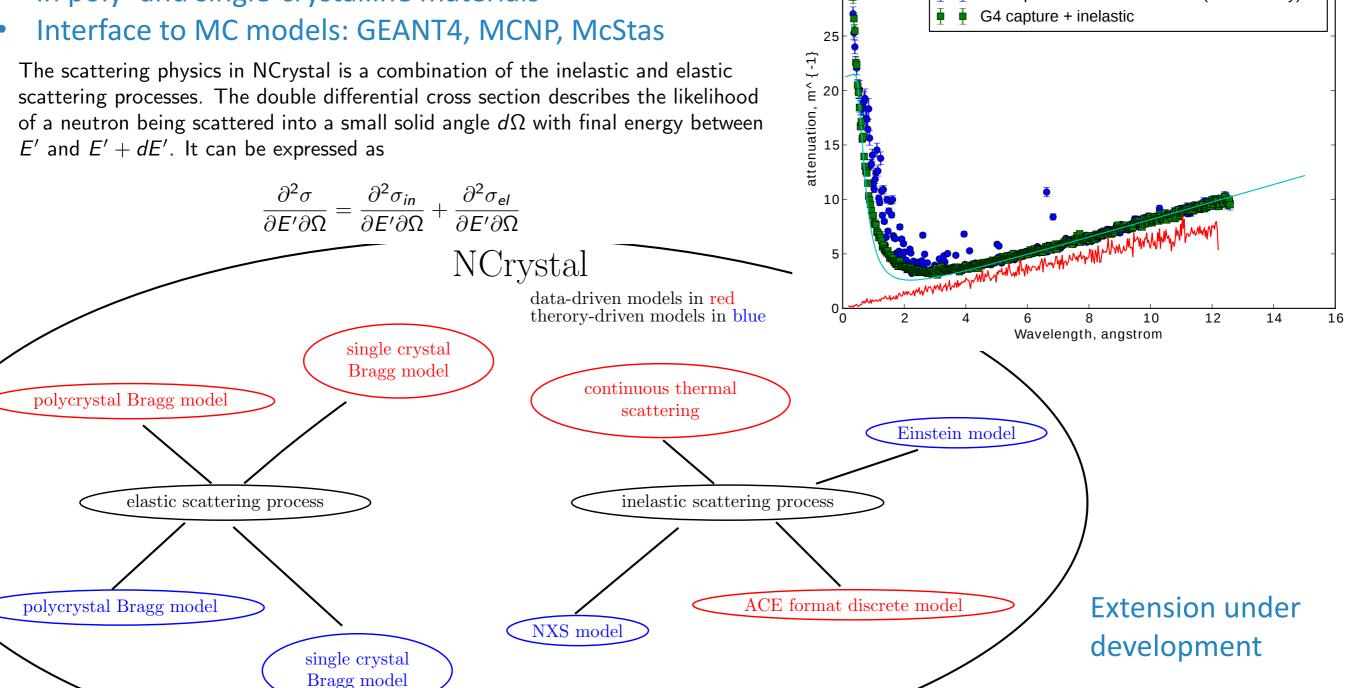
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Sapphire at 300k

G4 capture only

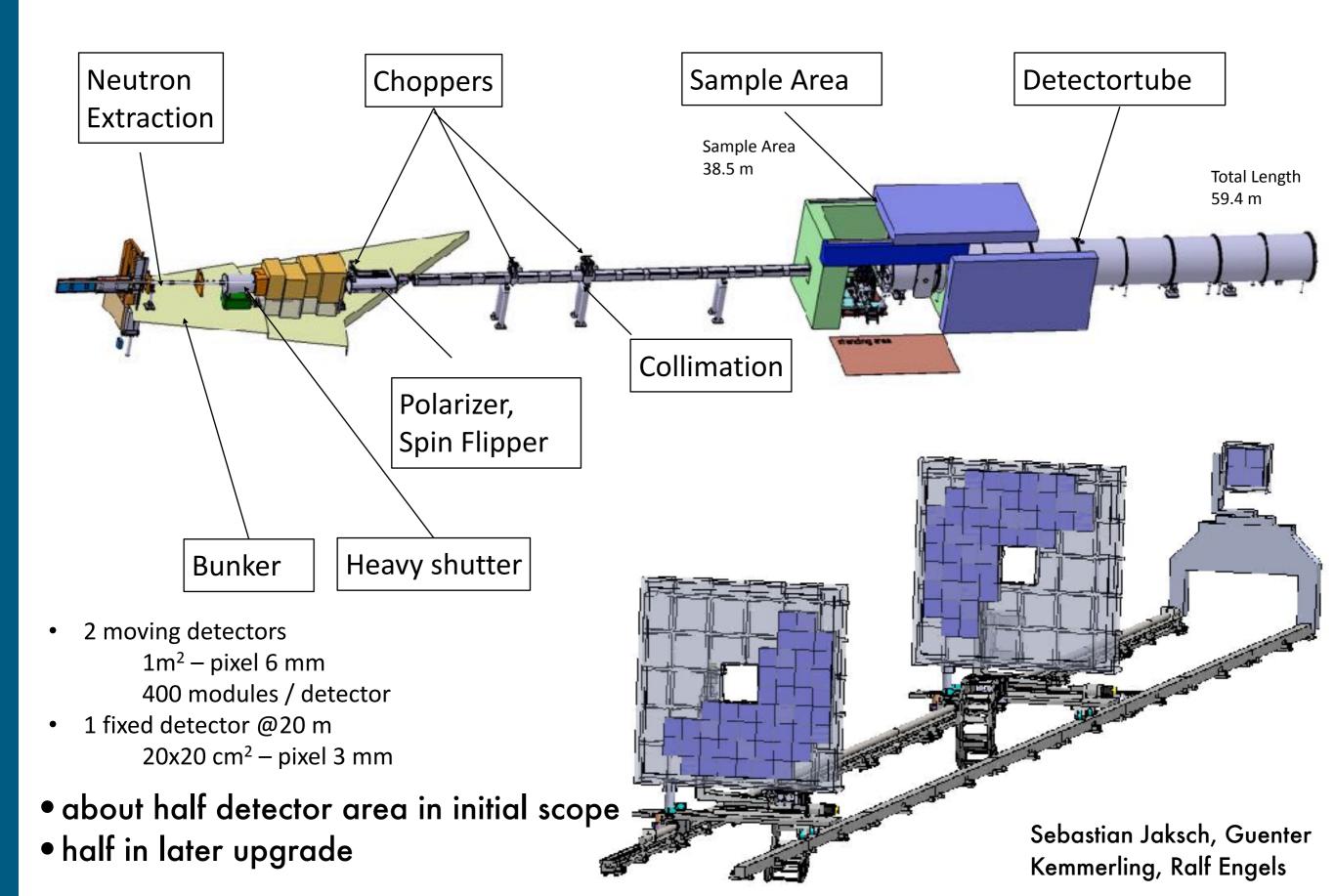
brightness

- "NCrystal" models physics of thermal neutron transport in poly- and single-crystalline materials



SKADI layout: SANS instrument



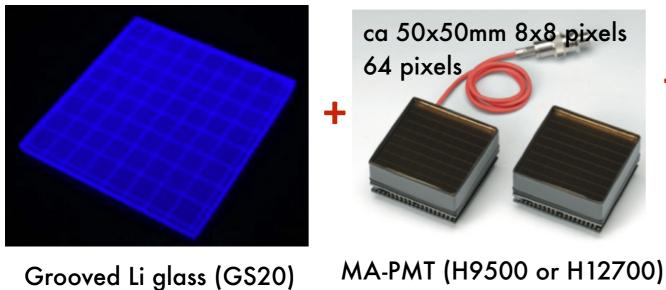


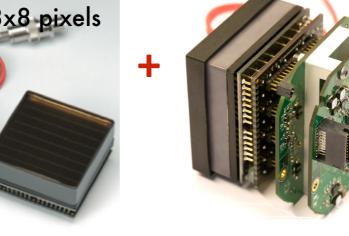




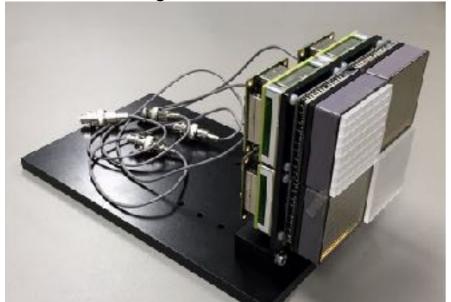
Develop a high-resolution neutron detector technique for enabling the construction of positionsensitive neutron detectors for high flux sources.

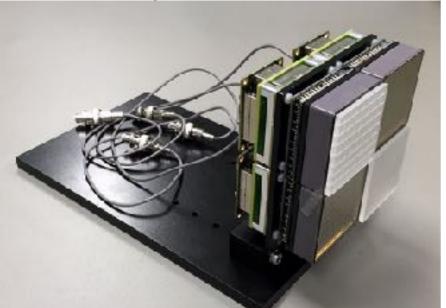
- high-flux capability for handling the peak-flux of up-to-date spallation sources (x 20 over current detectors)
- high-resolution of 6 or 3 mm by single-pixel technique
- high detection efficiency of up to 80 %

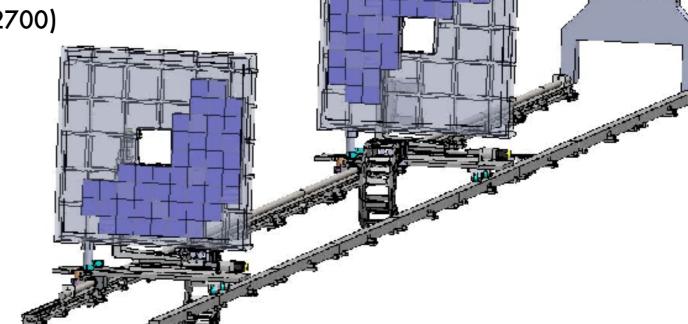


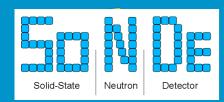


IDEAS IDE3465 +FPGA



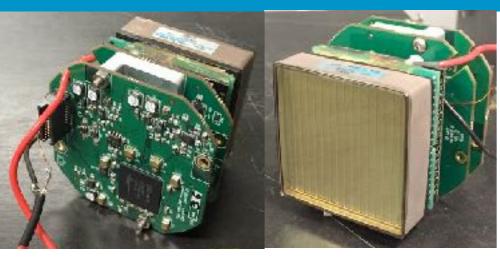




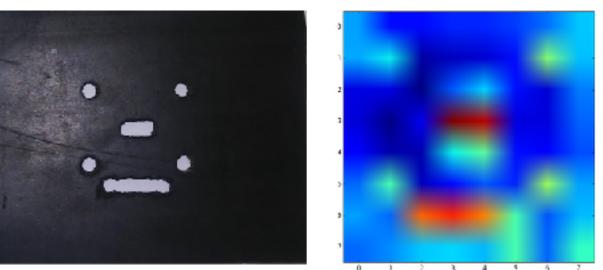


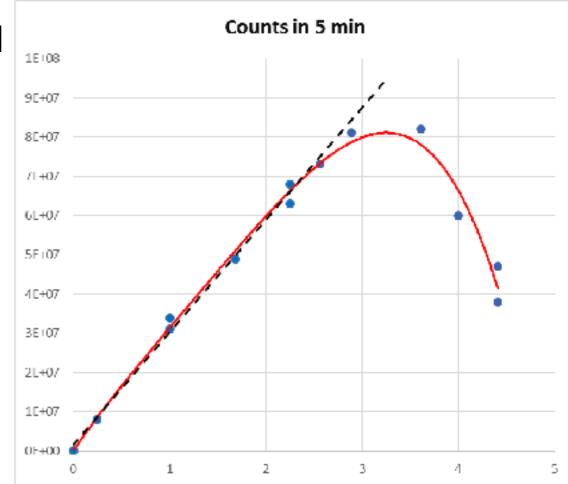
SoNDe Detector





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 1m^2
- No degradation up to 5E14 neutrons integrated flux

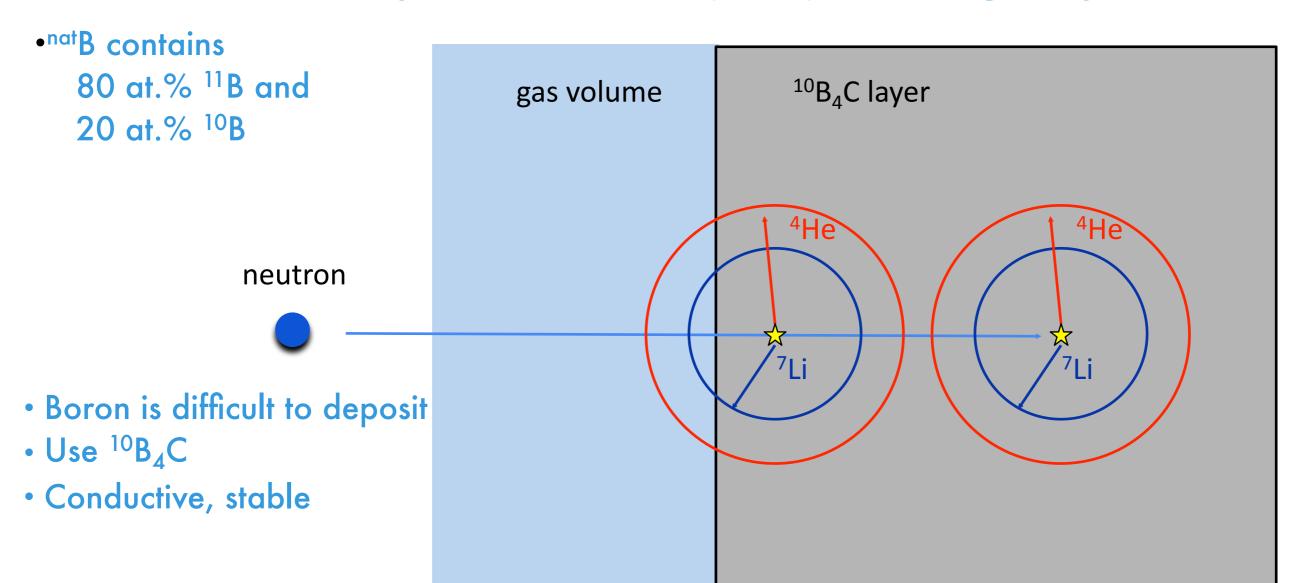


¹⁰Boron-based Thin Film Gaseous Detectors ¹



$$^{10}B + n \rightarrow {}^{7}Li^{*} + {}^{4}He \rightarrow {}^{7}Li + {}^{4}He + 0.48MeV\gamma \text{-ray} + 2.3 MeV \quad (94\%) \\ \rightarrow {}^{7}Li + {}^{4}He \quad + 2.79MeV \quad (6\%)$$

Efficiency limited at ~5% (2.5Å) for a single layer





¹⁰B₄C Thin Film Coatings



Helmholtz-Zentrum

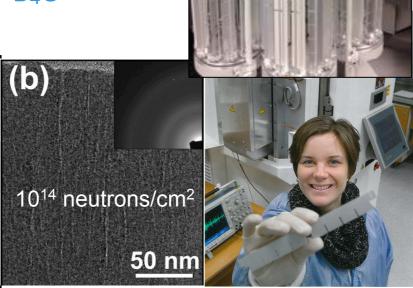
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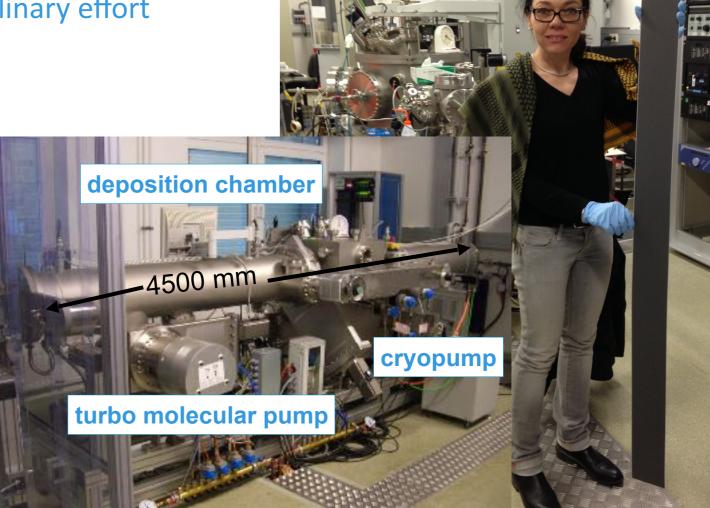
Centre for Materials and Coastal Research



 A number of groups have shown it is possible to deposit large areas of high quality Boron Carbide cheaply

- PVD Magnetron Sputtering
- Deposition parameters highly adaptable
- A very interdisciplinary effort
- ESS-Linkoping Deposition Facility
- Industrial Coating Machine
- Capacity: >1000m²/year coated with ¹⁰B₄C





As-deposited

(a)

50 nm



Thin Films Workshop



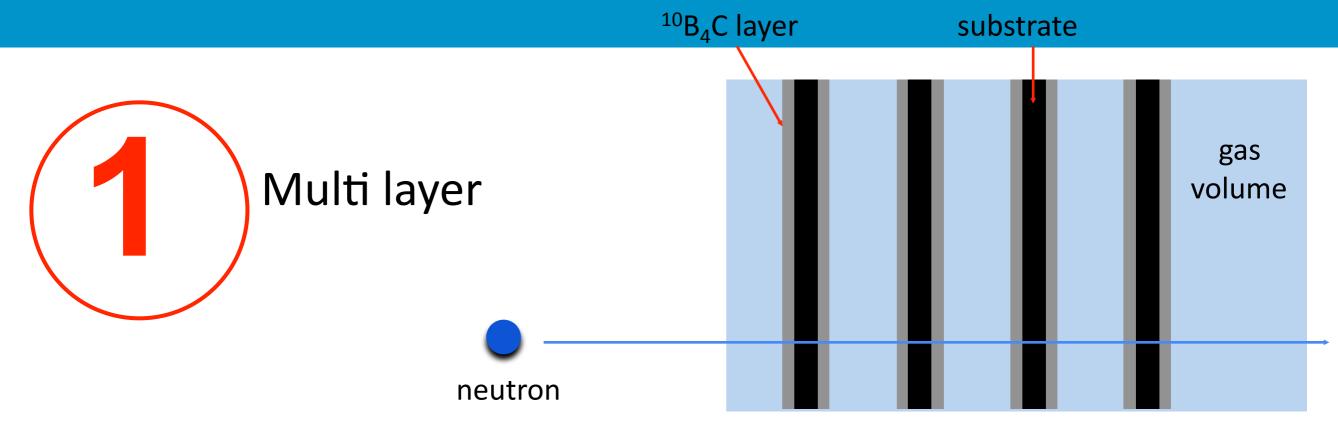
- Co-located with Linkoping University for synergies in expertise and facilities
- Just moved across the road to location available until 2025
- Industrial coatings machine and production line setup
- Capacity: several times ESS needs
- If interested in coatings: contact us



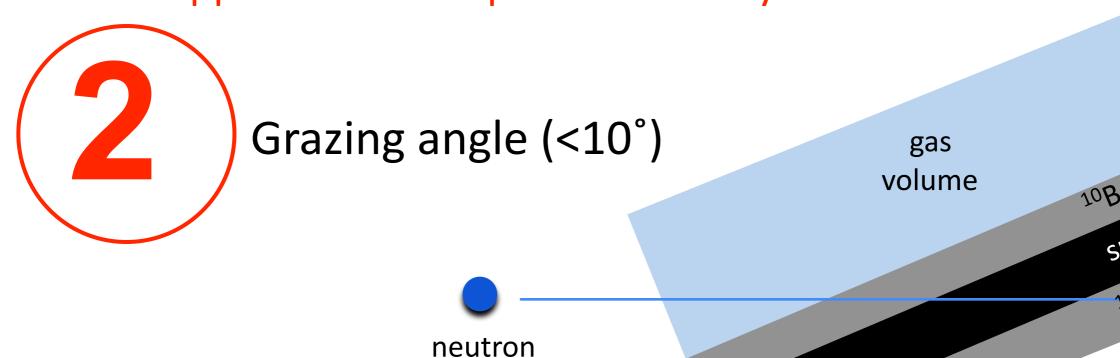


Enhancing the efficiency of10B-based Neutron Detectors





Generic approaches to improve efficiency

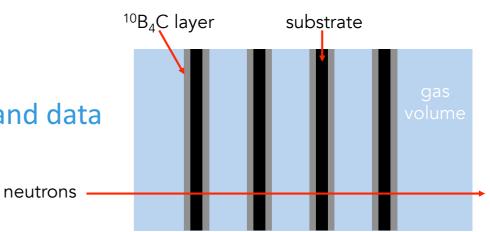




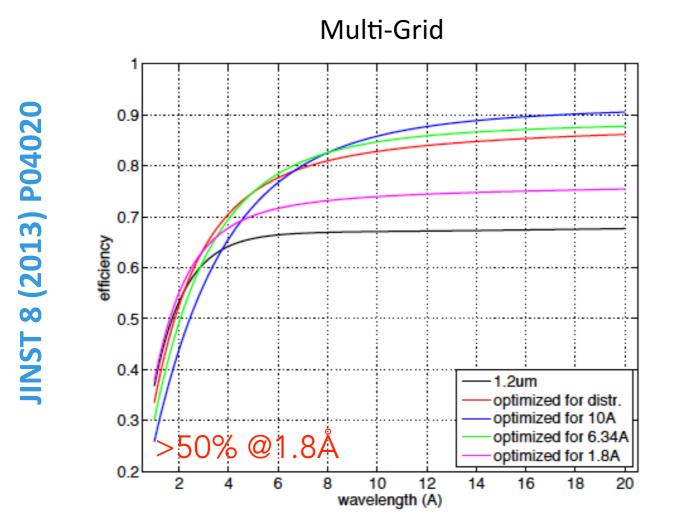
Efficiency of ¹⁰B Detectors: Perpendicular Geometry



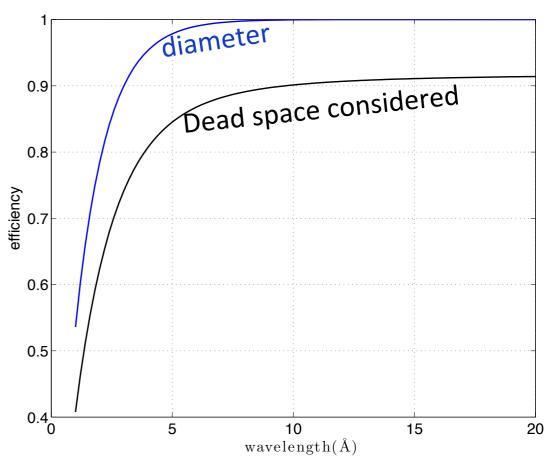
- Single layer is only ca.5%
- Calculations done by many groups
- Analytical calculations extensively verified with prototypes and data
- Details matter: just like for ³He



Multilayer configuration (example):



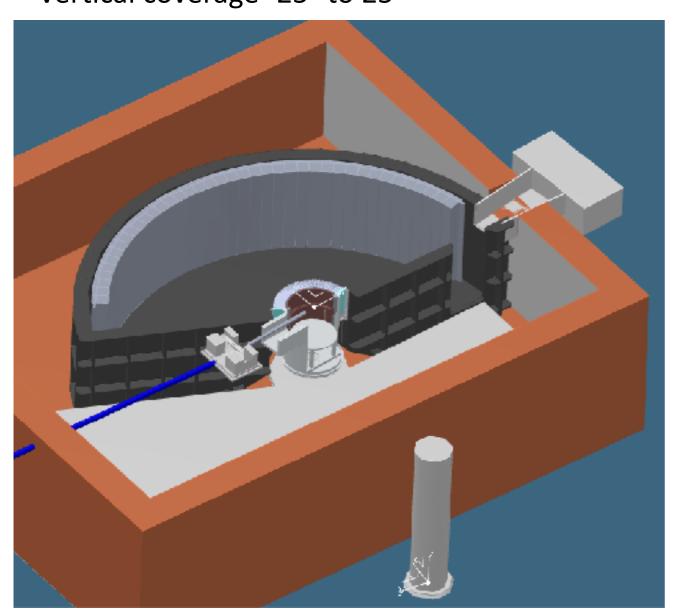
 3 He tubes – 1 inch – 4.75 bar



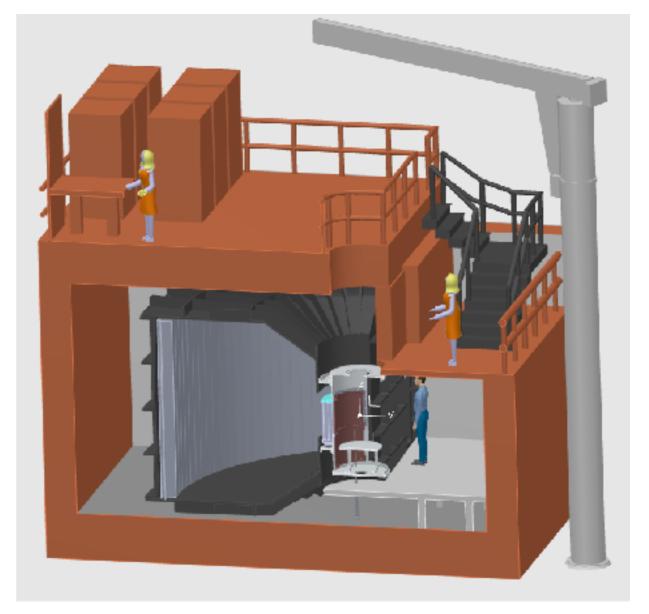
CSPEC at ESS

EUROPEAN SPALLATION SOURCE

Cold spectrometer $0.2 \text{ meV} < E_i < 20 \text{ meV}$ $29\text{m}^2 \text{ detector}$ Horizontal coverage 5° to 135° Vertical coverage -25° to 25°





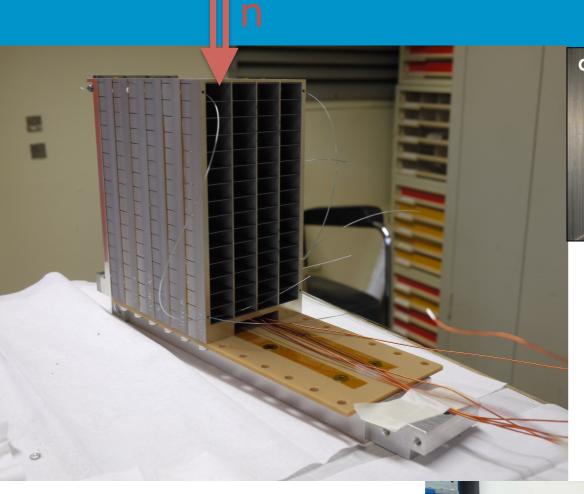




Multi-Grid Detector Design

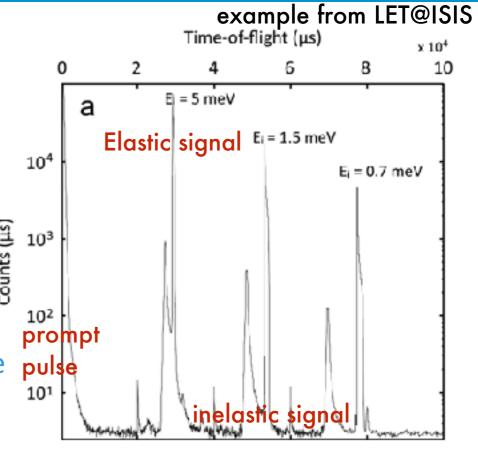




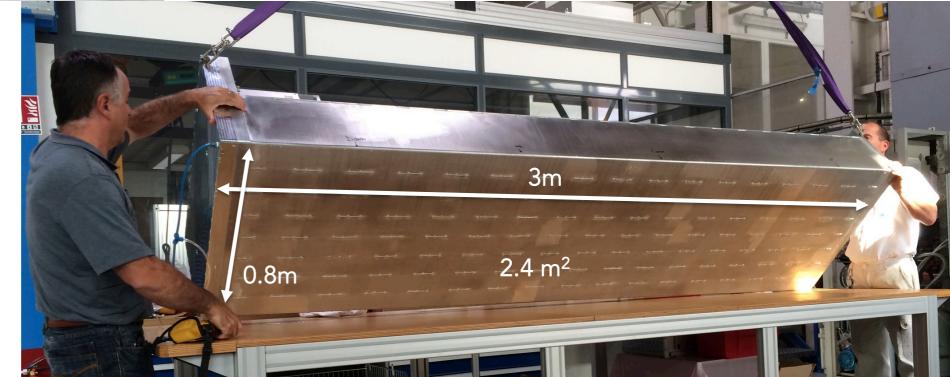




 Very background sensitive technique



- Designed as replacement for He-3 tubes for largest area detectors
- Cheap and modular design
- Possible to build large area detectors again
- 20-50m² envisaged for ESS

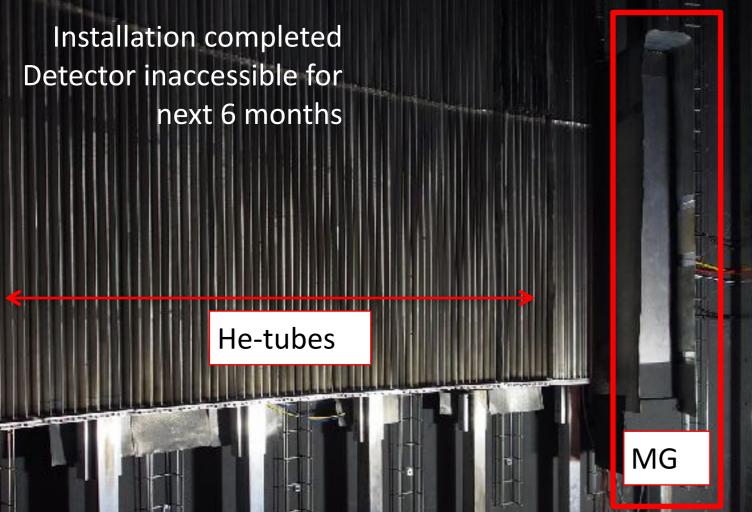


Multi-Grid test at CNCS









B10 Multi-Grid Detector Performance is equivalent to that of He-3 detectors

A.Khaplanov et al. "Multi-Grid Detector for Neutron Spectroscopy: Results Obtained on Time-of-Flight Spectrometer CNCS" https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.03626
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- Test side-by-side with existing technology in world leading instrument
- Realistic conditions
- "Science" or application performance
- 2 different technologies on the same instrument

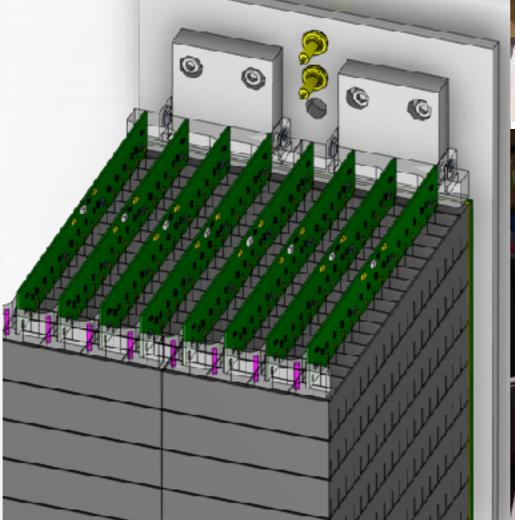


Construction of MG.CNCS in Lund



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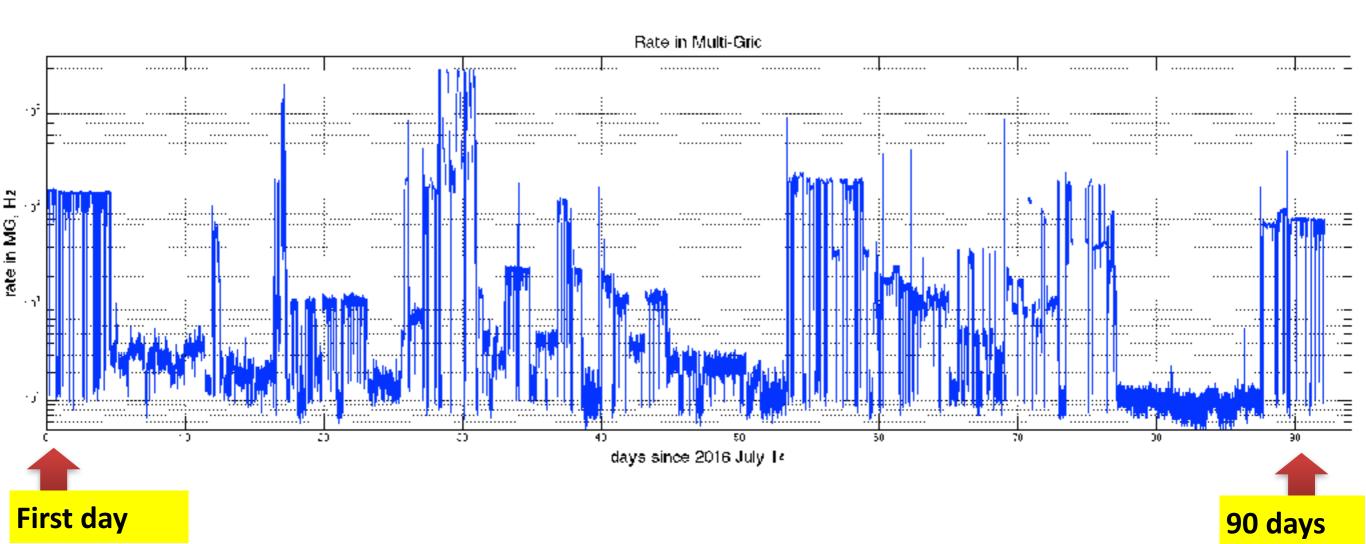
Operation since 2016-07-14











Operating without possibility of access since installation

Count rate stable to within 1-2% for a constant setting

Multi-Grid test at CNCS

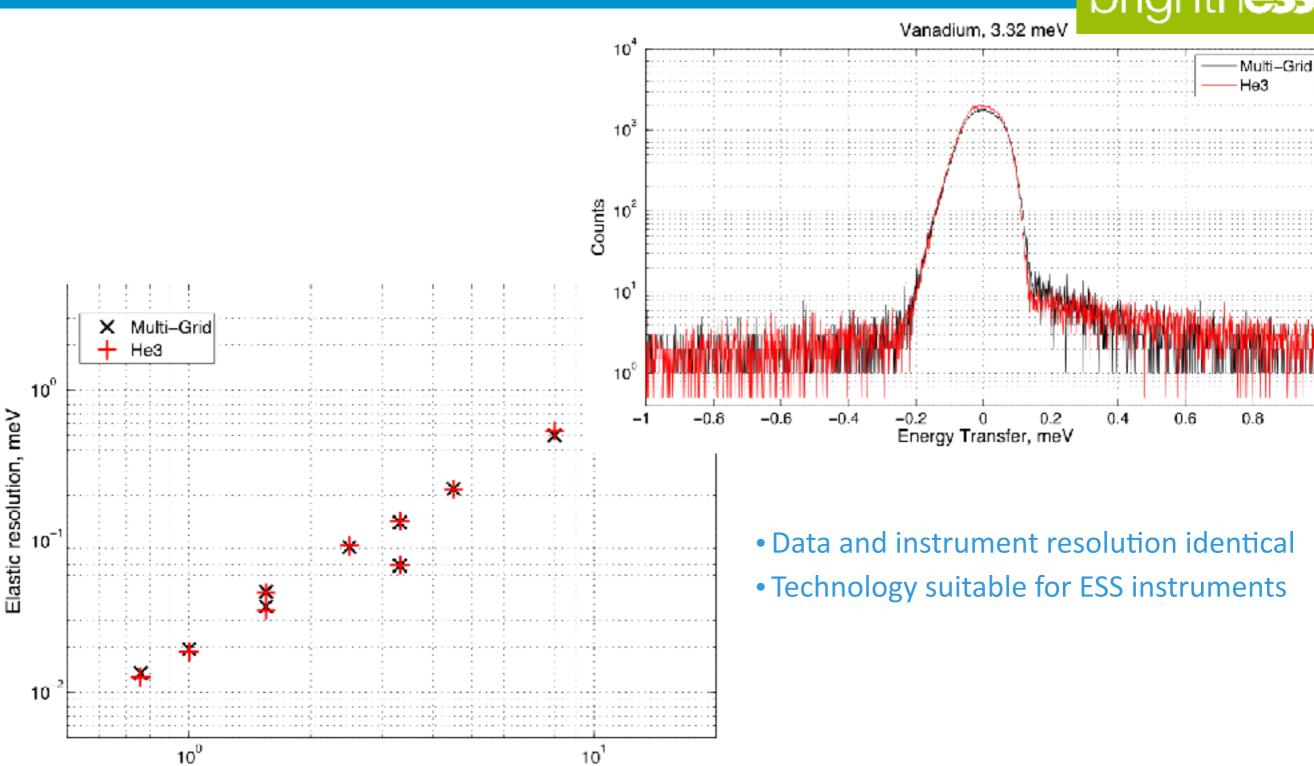
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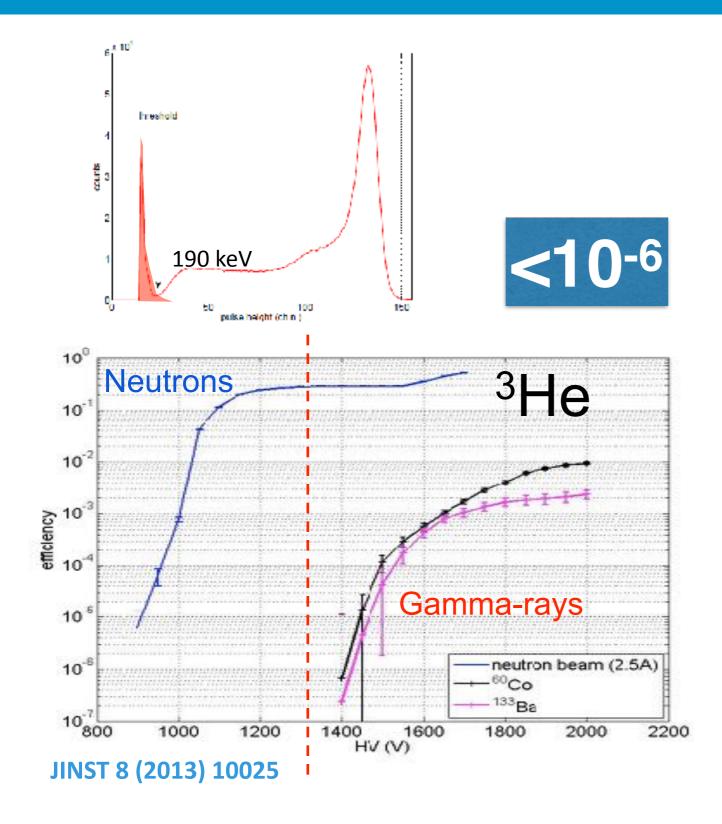


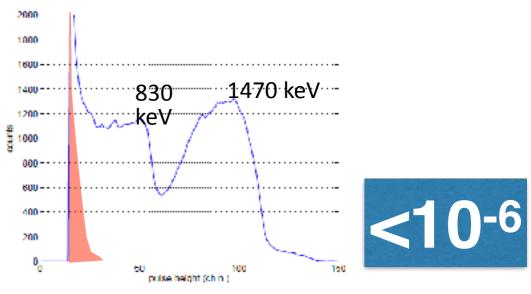


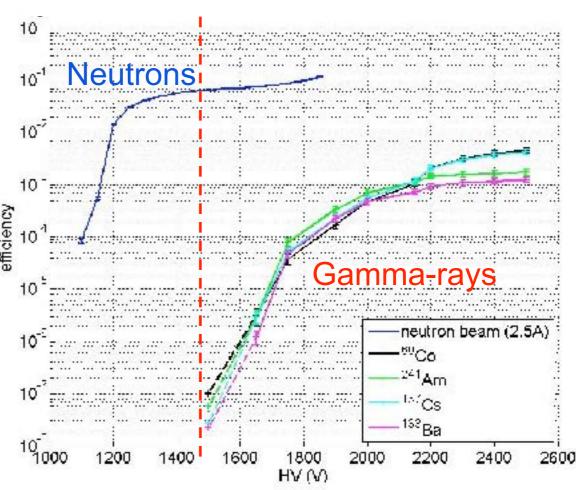
Background - Gamma Sensitivity









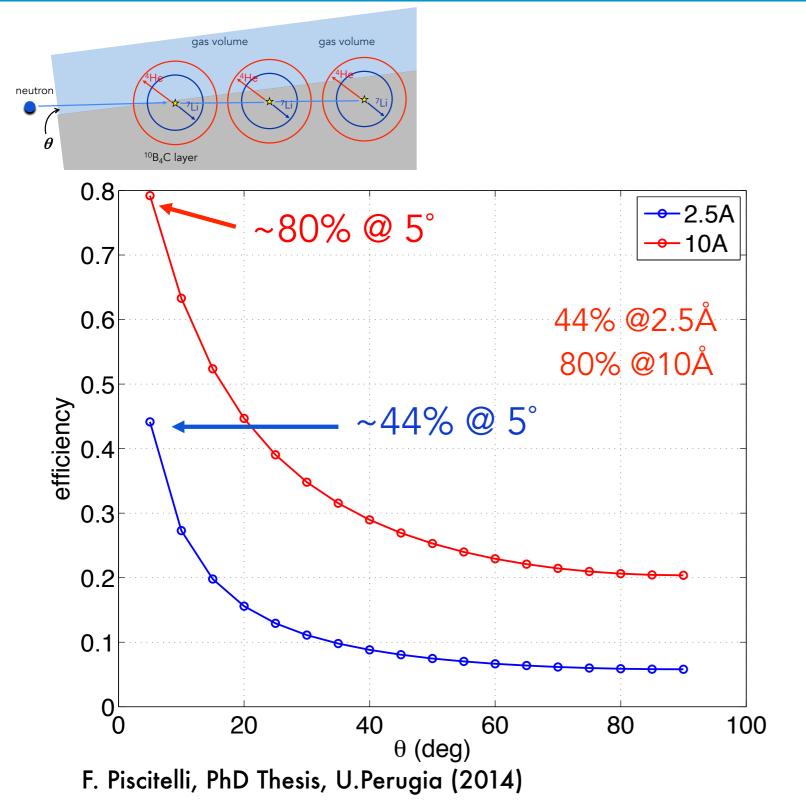




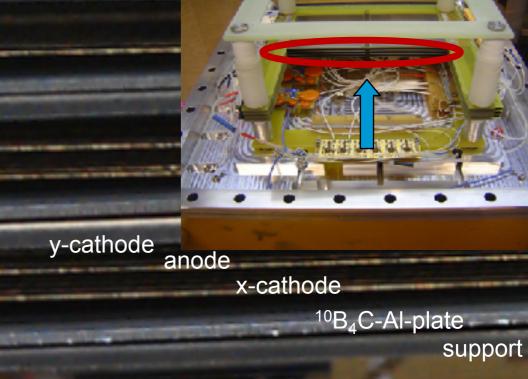


Efficiency of ¹⁰Boron Detectors: Inclined Configuration





smaller inclined angles: higher efficiency quantum efficiency 0,9 0,8 0,6 0,5 P1, $1\mu m^{10}B_{4}C$, $\Theta = 1^{\circ}$ 0,3 P1, $1\mu m^{10}B_{4}C$, $\Theta = 2^{\circ}$ 0,2 0,1 P1, $1\mu m^{10}B_4C$, $\Theta = 4^{\circ}$ 0,0 9 10 11 2

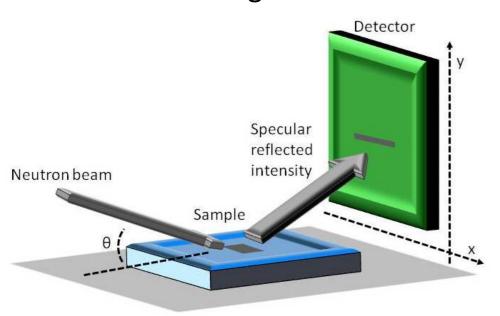




Neutron Reflectometry: A Rate Challenge



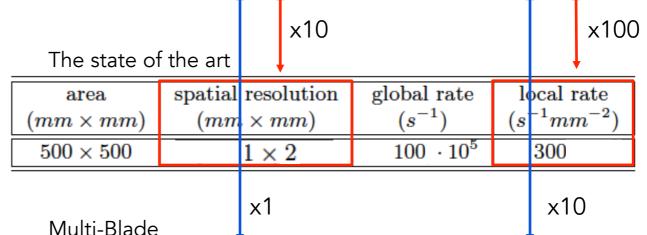
- Rate requirements is high:
 - Intensity of new sources
 - Time structure of pulse
 - Advanced design instruments



neutrons

ESS	requirements
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area	spatial resolution	global rate	local rate	
$(mm \times mm)$	(mm imes mm)	(s^{-1})	$(s^{-1}mm^{-2})$	
500×500	$[\leq 0.5, 2] \times 2$	$[5, 100] \cdot 10^5$	$[5,300] \cdot 10^2$	



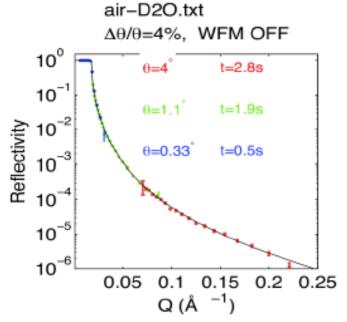
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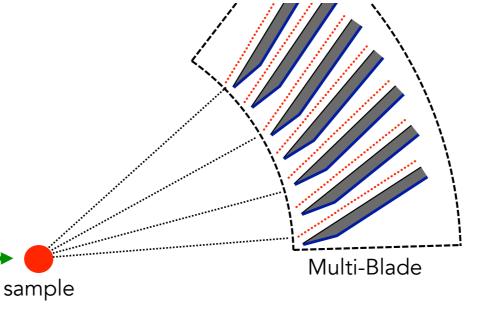
 0.3×4

¹⁰B technology

technology

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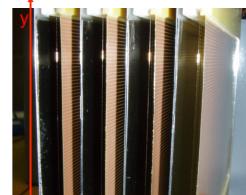




Multi-blade design:

>1000

- High rate capability
- •Şum-mm resolution



BrightnESS

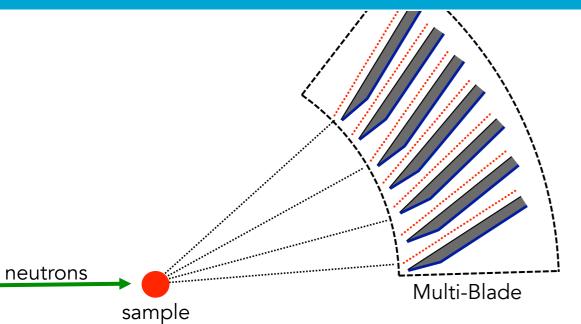




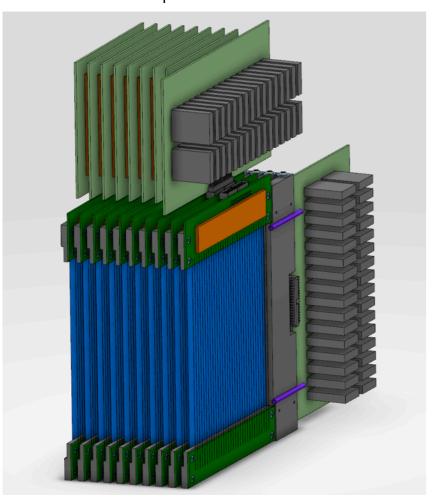


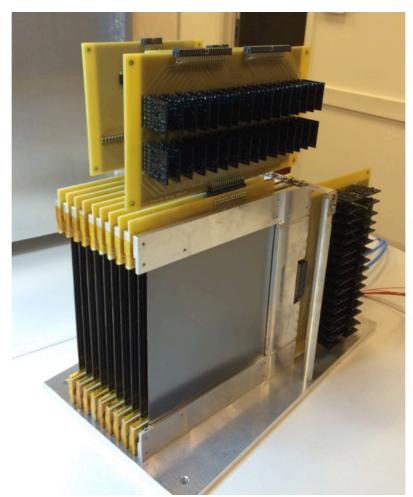


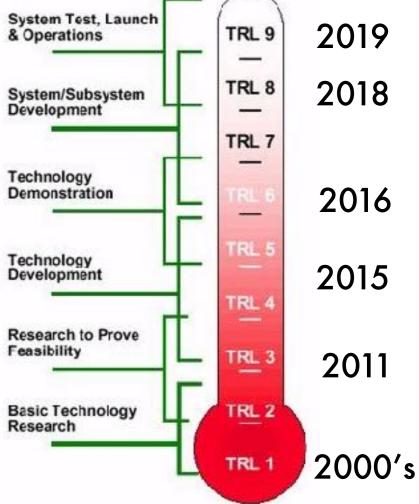
Multi-Blade Design



- Design simple: "KISS"
- Modular
- Cheap
 - Make design available

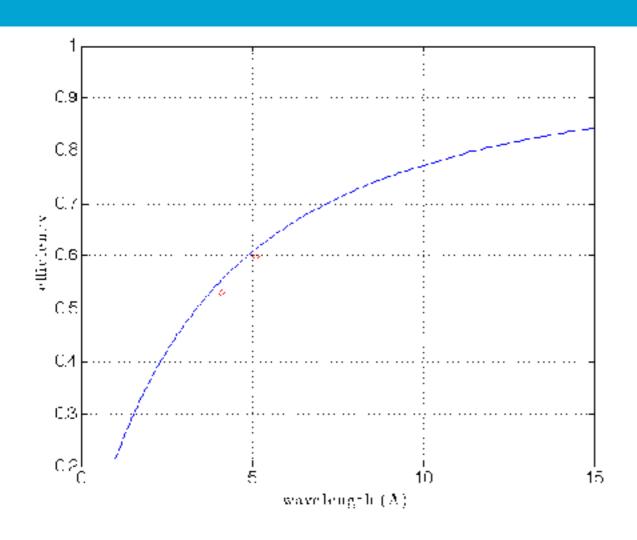






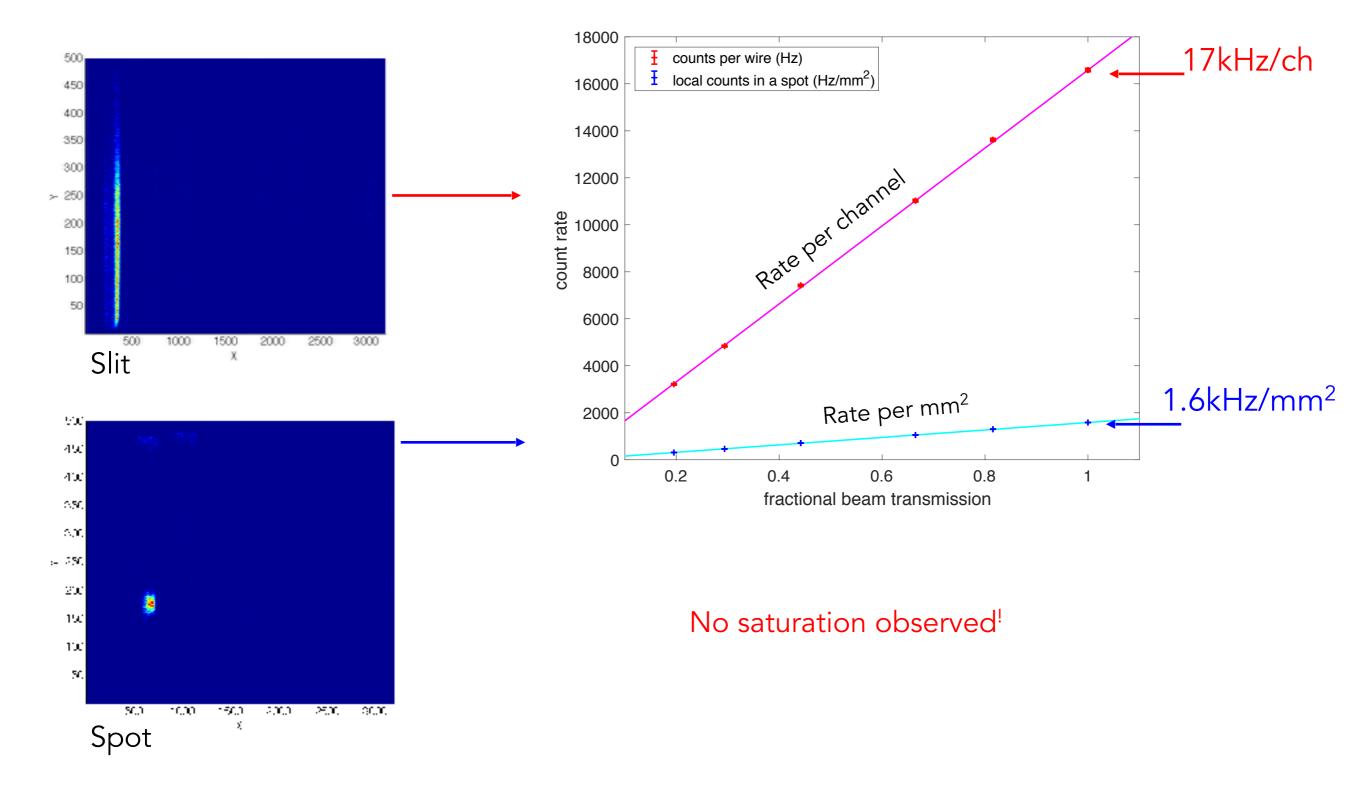
Multi-Blade Results





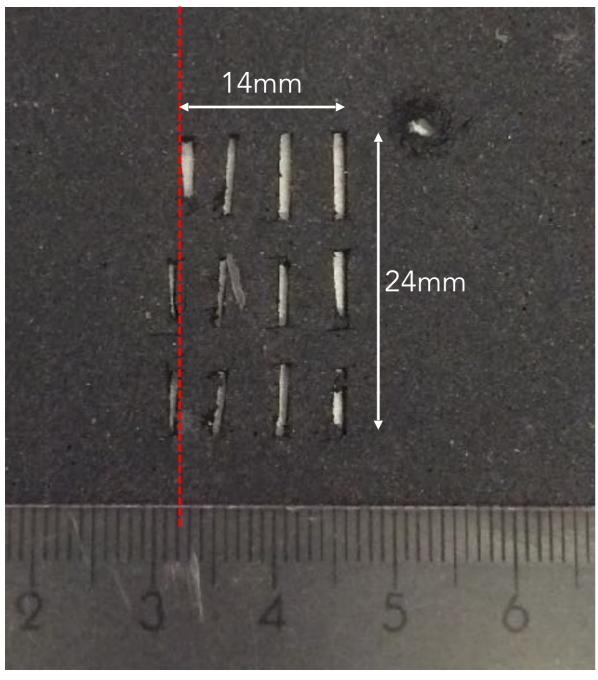


Counting rate capability

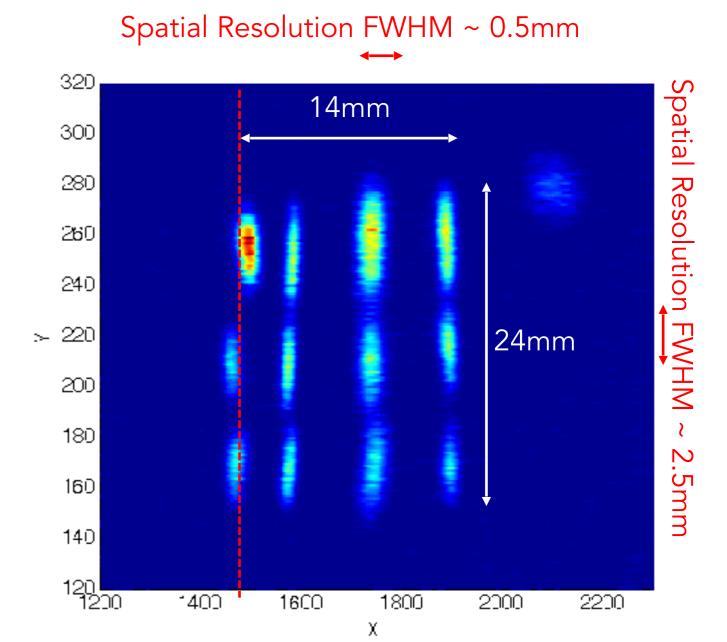


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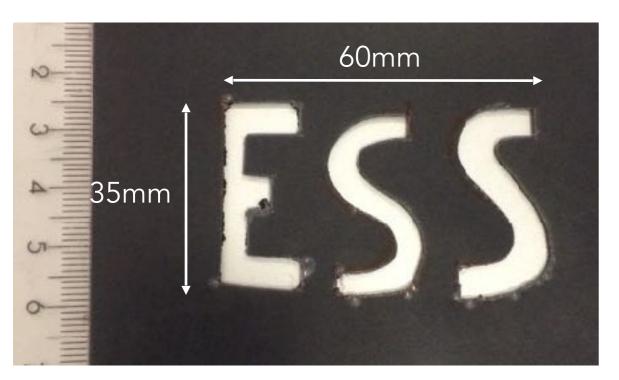
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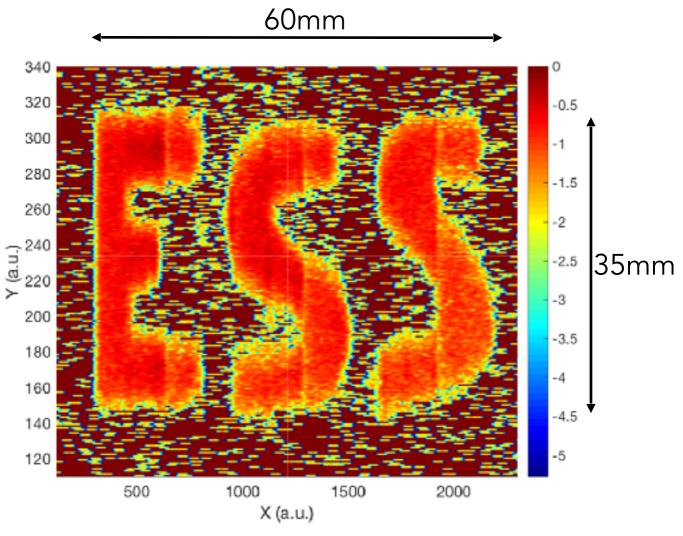


Raw image from the detector

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Mask

Raw image from the detector (log scale)

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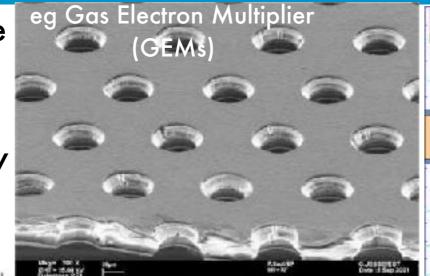


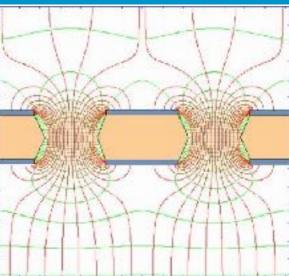


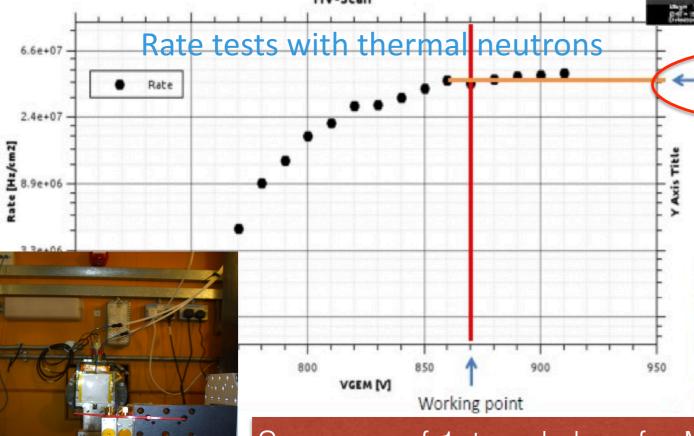
Micropattern Gaseous Detectors



- 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

40 MHz/cm²

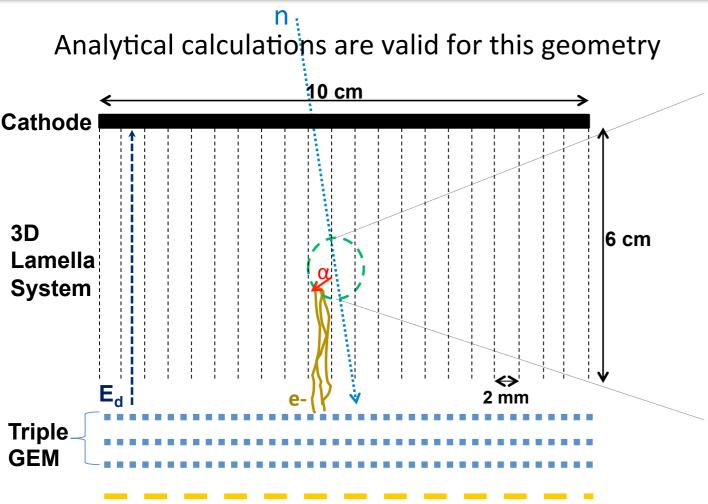
2nd Workshop: https://indico.cern.ch/event/365380/ arXiv:1601.01534

BANDGEM Detector





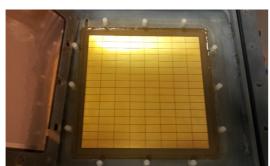




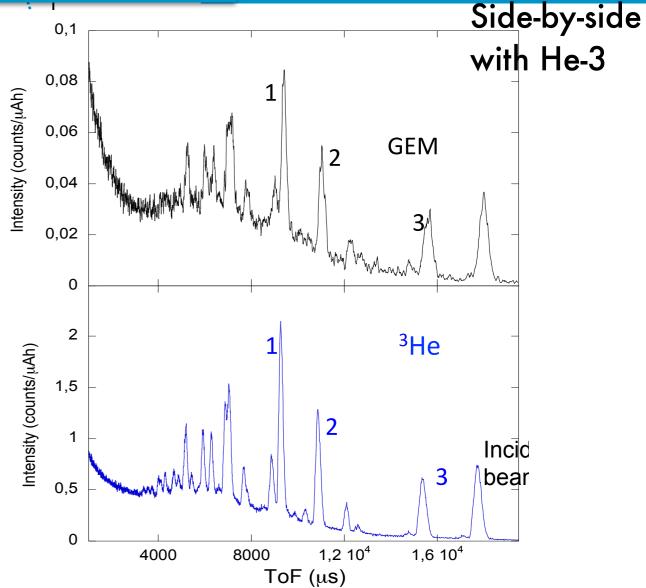


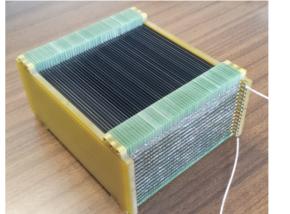
Using low θ values (few degs) the path of the neutron inside $that B_4C$ is increased \rightarrow Higher efficiency when detector is inclined















Bovine heart

cytochrome c oxidase

P2₁2₁2₁

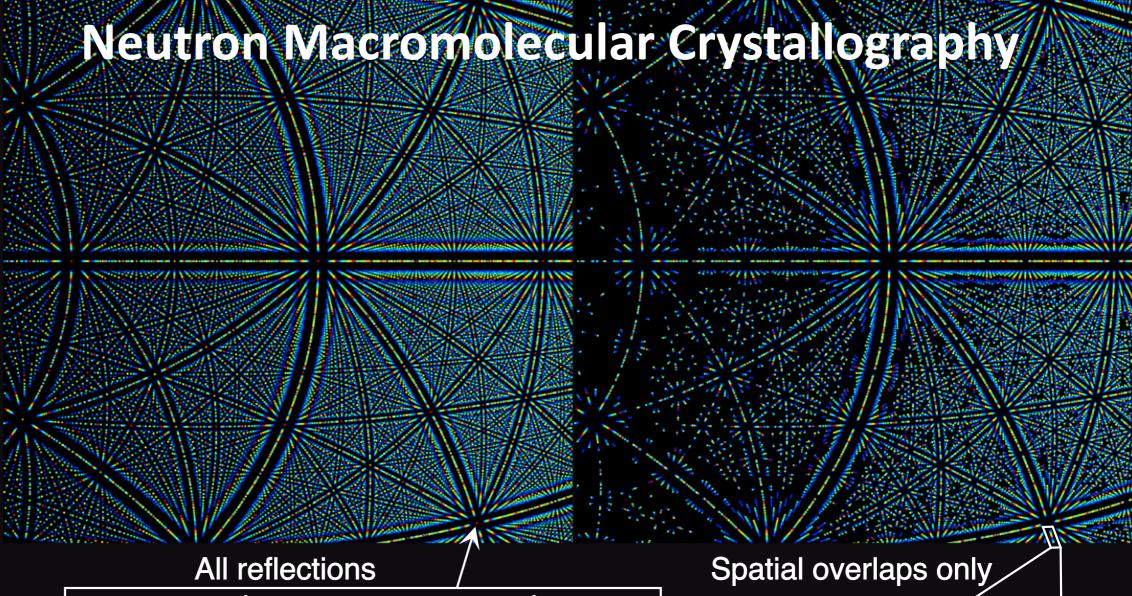
a = 182.59 Å

b = 205.40 Å

c = 178.25 A

Detector distance I m

<<1mm spatial resolution to be able to integrate intensities



14 28 42 (3.409 Å, 134.4 ms) 21 35 49 (2.809 Å, 110.8 ms) 15 29 43 (3.309 Å, 130.5 ms) 22 36 50 (2.739 Å, 108.0 ms) 16 30 44 (3.215 Å, 126.8 ms) 23 37 51 (2.672 Å, 105.4 ms) 17 31 45 (3.124 Å, 123.2 ms) 24 38 52 (2.608 Å, 102.9 ms) 18 32 46 (3.040 Å, 119.9 ms) 25 39 53 (2.548 Å, 100.5 ms) 19 33 47 (2.959 Å, 116.7 ms) 26 40 54 (2.489 Å, 98.2 ms) 20 34 48 (2.882 Å, 113.6 ms)

- 1.800 to 2.019 Angstroms
- 2.019 to 2.237 Angstroms
- 2.237 to 2.456 Angstroms
- 2.456 to 2.675 Angstroms
- 2.675 to 2.894 Angstroms
- 2.894 to 3.112 Angstroms3.112 to 3.331 Angstroms
- 3.331 to 3.550 Angstroms

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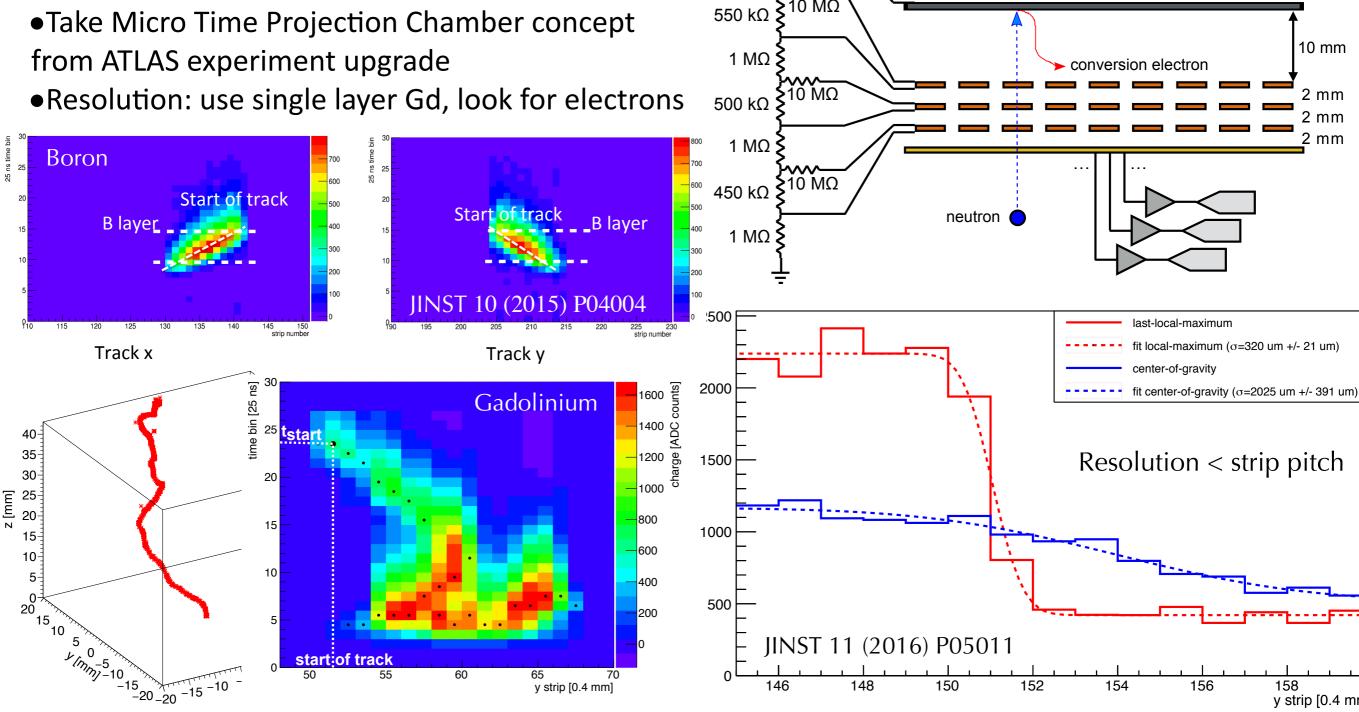
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Gd sheet (250 um)

•NMX: <<1mm position resolution requirement, Time Resolved, ca. 1m^2 detector area

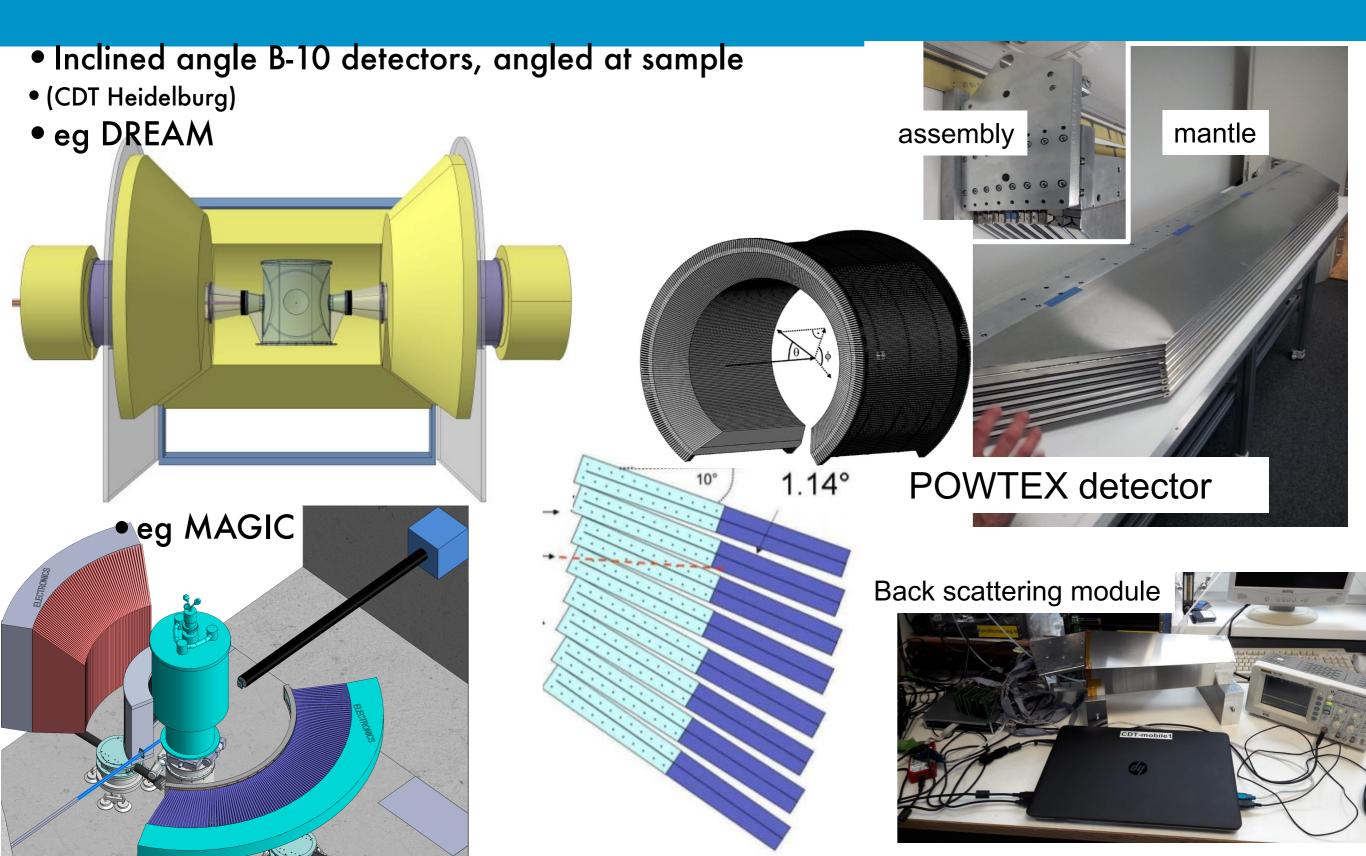


HV1: 4000 V

HV2: 3300 V

Instruments: DREAM, MAGIC, HEIMDAL Diffractometers: Jalousie-like design









Instrument class	Instrument sub- class	Instrument	Key requirements for detectors	Preferred detector technology	Ongoing developments (funding source)	
Large-scale structures	Small Angle	SKADI	Pixel size, count-rate,	Pixellated Scintillator	SonDe (EU SonDe)	
	Scattering	LOKI	area	10B-based	BandGem	
	Reflectometry	FREIA	Divol size sount rate	10D based	Multiple de (FLL Driebte FCC)	
		ESTIA	Pixel size, count-rate	10B-based	MultiBlade (EU BrightnESS)	
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	10B-based		
		T-REX	(³ He-gas unaffordable)		MultiGrid (EU BrightnESS)	
		VOR				
	Indirect geometry	BIFROST	Count-rate	3He-based	He-3 PSD Tubes	
		MIRACLES		Jile-baseu	He-3 PSD Tubes	
		VESPA	Count-rate	3He-based	He-3 PSD Tubes	
SPIN-ECHO	Spin-echo	tbd	tbd	3He-based/10B-based		

Good dialogue and close collaboration needed for successful delivery and integration

Detector Baseline for Early Instruments (2017)



Instrument	Installation Start (est.)	Lead Institute	Main Detector Technology	Main Detector Developer	Front End Readout	FE Readout Developer	Integration Model
LOKI Q1 2019	ISIS	BandGEM	Milan	Gemma/Gemini	Milan/INFN	B/X	
		B10 Straws	ISIS (PT Inc)	VMM	ISIS/STFC/ESS	А	
NMX	Q1 2019	ESS	Gd-GEM	CERN/ESS (BrightnESS)	VMM	CERN/ESS (BrightnESS)	A/X
ODIN	Q3 2019	TUM/PSI	MCP, Silicon, etc	Lots	Lots	Lots	X/XX
BEER	Q4 2019	HZG/NPI	A1CLD, AmCLD	HZG/DENEX	Delay Line	HZG/DENEX	Probably C
SKADI	Q4 2019	FZJ/LLB	SoNDE Pix Scinit	SoNDE	IDEAS ASIC	SoNDE	Probably B
DREAM	Q4 2019	FZJ	Jalouise	Julich/CDT	CIPix	CDT	B/C
ESTIA	Q1 2020	PSI/ESS/LU/HU	Multi-Blade	Wigner/ESS (BrightnESS)	VMM	ESS Led (IK + BrightnESS)	Α
C-SPEC	Q2 2020	ESS/TUM/LLB	Multi-Grid	ILL/CERN (BrightnESS)	VMM	ESS Led (IK + BrightnESS)	А
CAMEA/BIFROST	Q1 2021	DTU	He3 Tubes	Commercial	Commercial?	Commercial?	Probably X/XX
HEIMDAL	Q1 2021	PSI/DK/NO	Jalouise	Julich/CDT	CIPix	CDT	B/C
FREIA	Q3 2021	ISIS	Multi-Blade	Wigner/ESS (BrightnESS)	VMM (MB)	ESS Led (IK+ BrightnESS)	Α
T-REX	Q4 2021	ESS/FZJ	Multi-Grid	ILL/CERN (BrightnESS)	VMM	ESS Led (IK+ BrightnESS)	Α
MAGIC	Q4 2021	FZJ/CDT/LLB	Jalouise	Julich/CDT	CIPix	CDT	B/C
MIRACLES	Q1 2022	ESS-B	He3 Tubes	Commercial	Commercial?	Commercial?	Probably X/XX
VESPA	Q3 2022	CNR	He3 Tubes	Commercial	Commercial?	Commercial?	Probably X/XX
VOR??	???	ESS/WIGNER	Multi-Grid	ILL/CERN (BrightnESS)	VMM	ESS Led (IK+ BrightnESS)	А

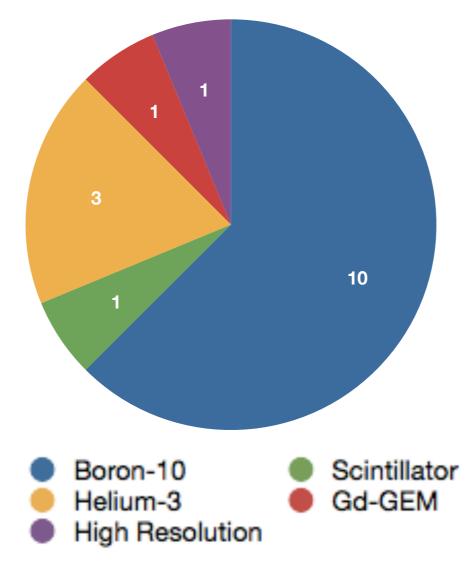


Preferred Detector Technologies for Baseline Suite



Detectors for ESS will comprise many different technologies

Best-Guess at Detector Technologies for 16 Instruments:



Summary

- 4 major new neutron sources coming online in next decade
- Brightness and science goals mean that the requirements for detectors cannot be met with todays state-of-the-art detectors
- Helium-3 crisis means that the "gold standard" for neutron detection is no longer default option
- Helium-3 replacement technologies and the large amount of new instrumentation is driving the detector development.
- This is a very active topic
- First developments are coming to realisation: yes there is posthelium-3 neutron science!
- Neutron detectors for future instruments are going to look very different ...

