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Evaluation of detector characteristics with Geant4 simulation

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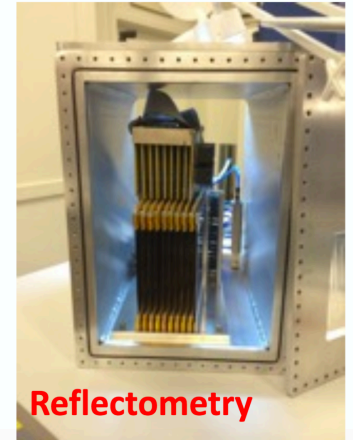
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- Various detectors for various instruments at ESS
- All with **different designs**, all have to be **optimised** for respective instrument requirements



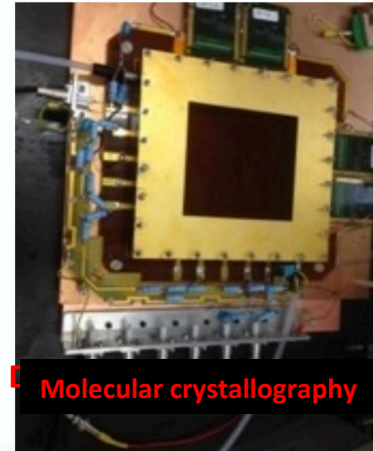
Serious efforts on
detector simulations
@ ESS DG

MultiBlade (ESS/Wigner/LU/LiU)



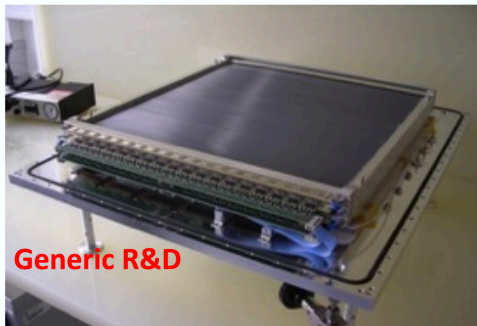
Reflectometry

Gd-GEM (ESS/CERN/LiU)



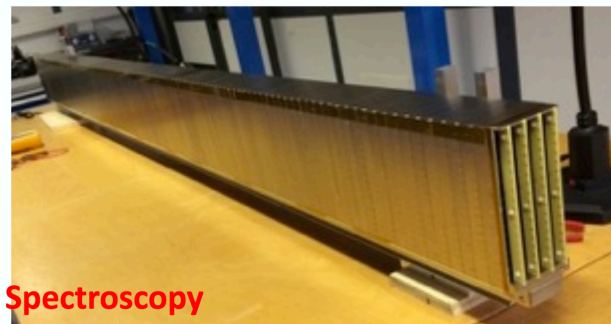
Molecular crystallography

B-MWPC/ Macrostructures (ESS/FRM2)



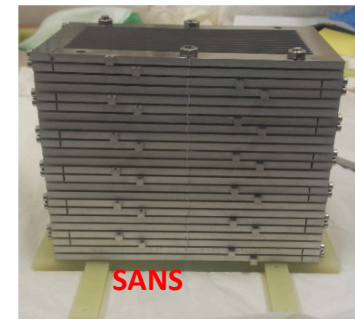
Generic R&D

MultiGrid (ILL/ESS/LiU)



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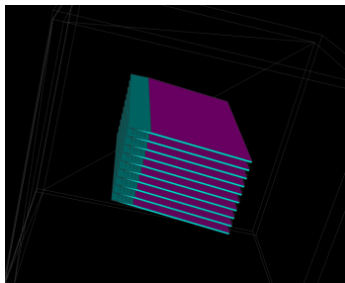
BandGEM (Milan/CNR/INFN/CERN/ESS)



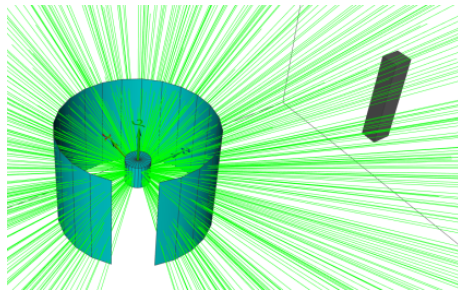
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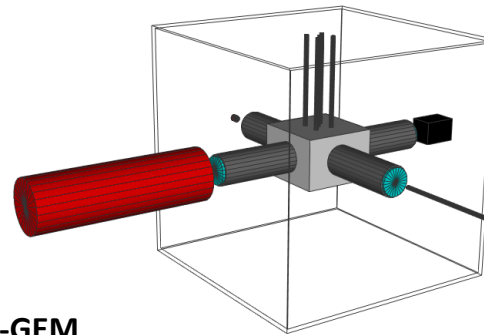
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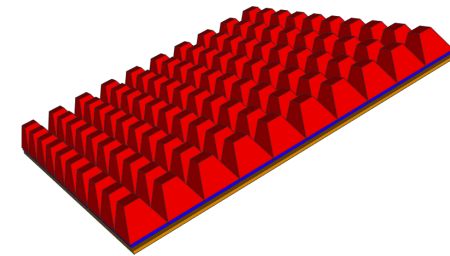
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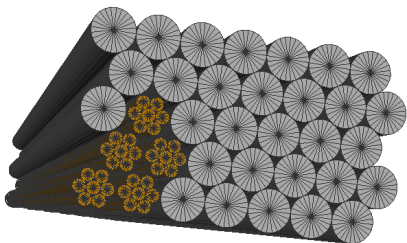
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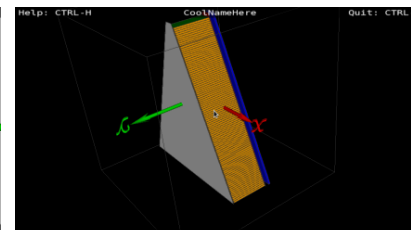
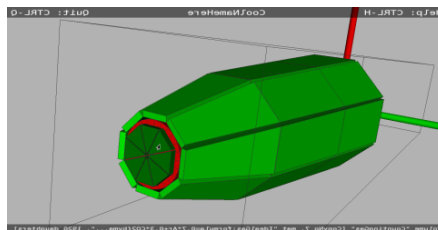
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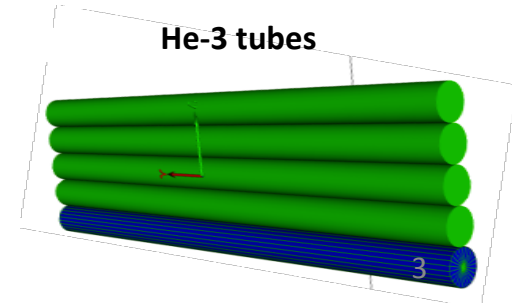
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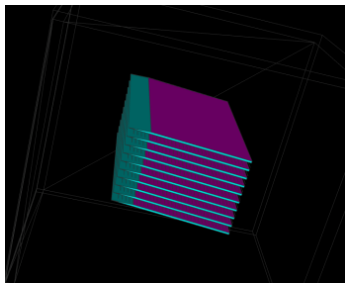


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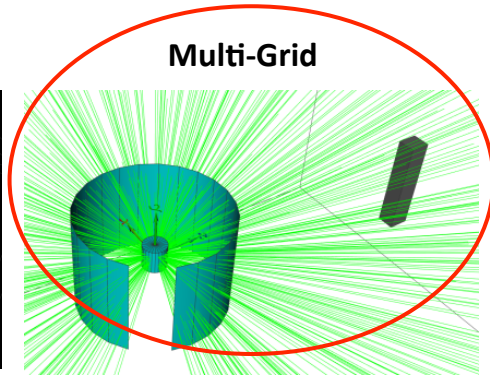


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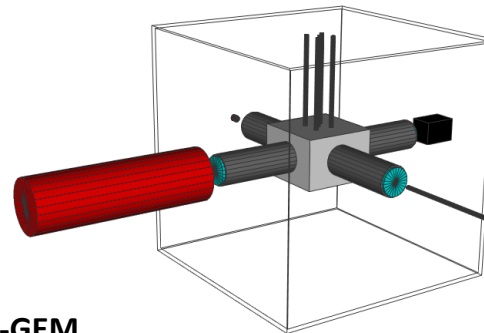
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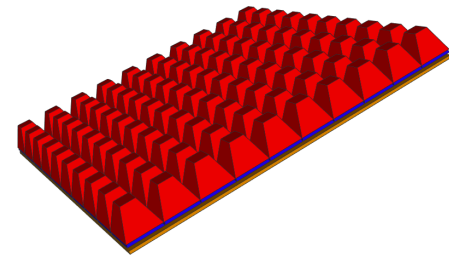
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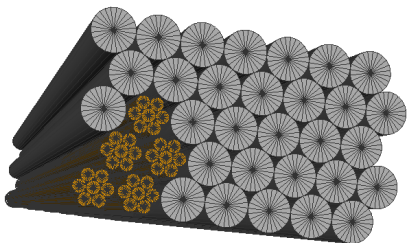
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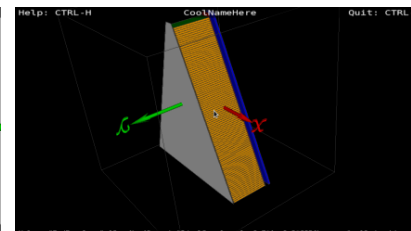
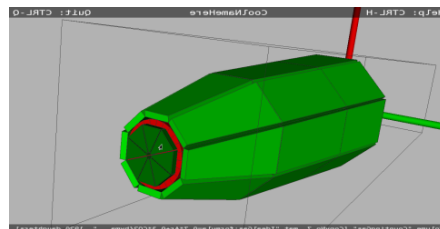
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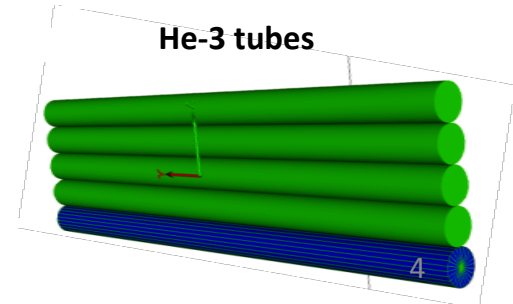
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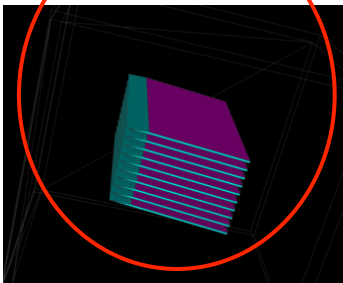


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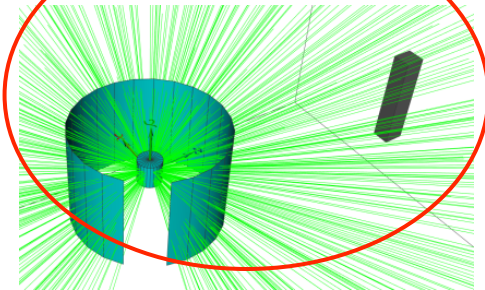


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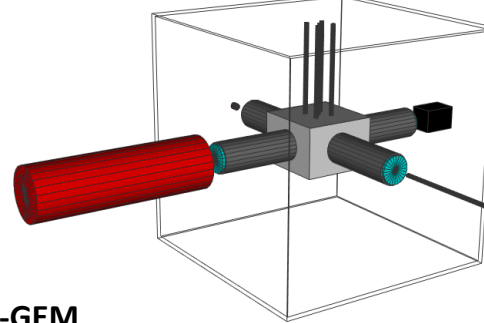
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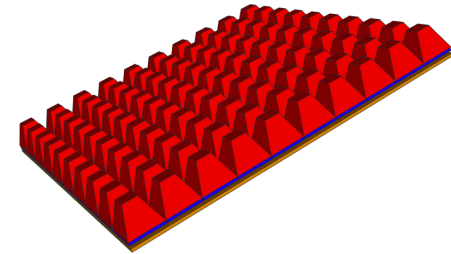
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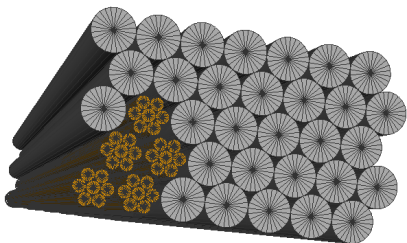
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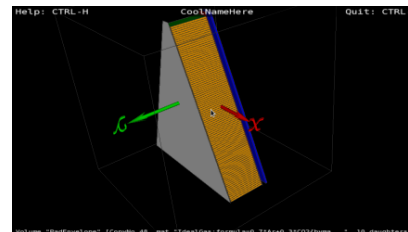
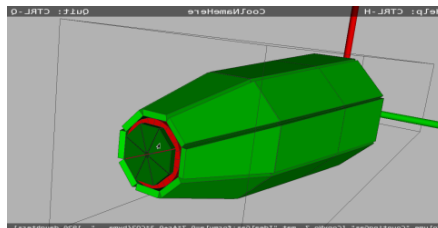
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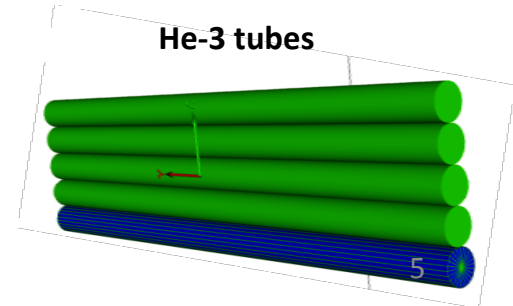
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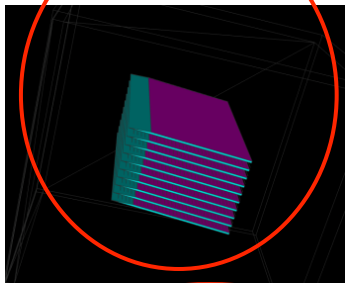


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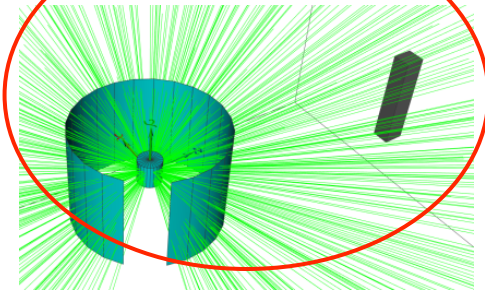


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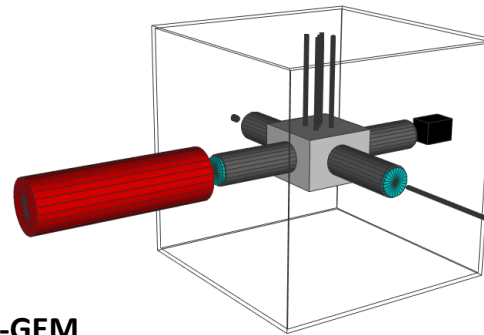
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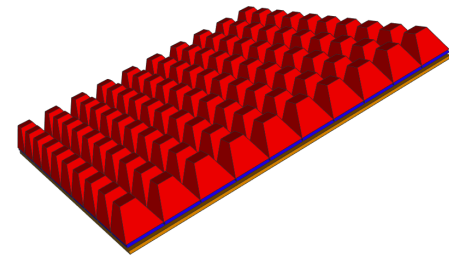
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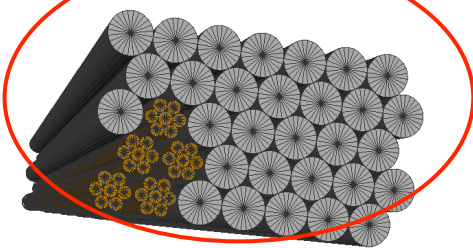
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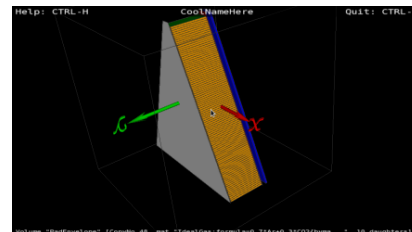
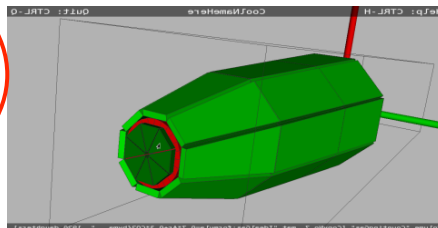
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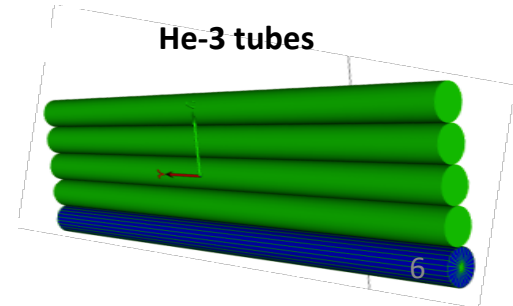
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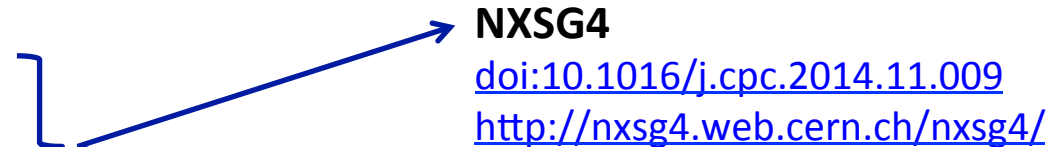
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- New tools & utilities are recently developed for neutron studies

- Physics

- Coherent scattering
- Inelastic scattering
- Single- and poly-crystals...



NCrystal

<https://github.com/mctools/ncrystal/wiki>

- And more

- Communication
- Visualisation
- Ready-to use...



ESS Coding Framework -

Geant4 simulation framework Developed by ESS Detector Group

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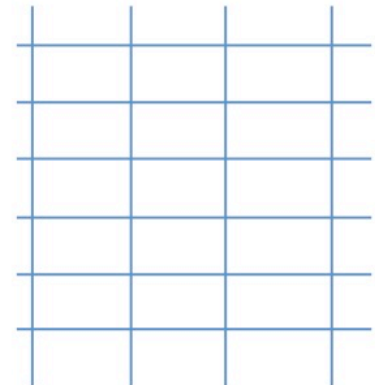
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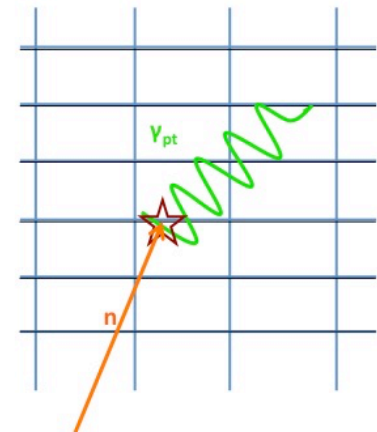
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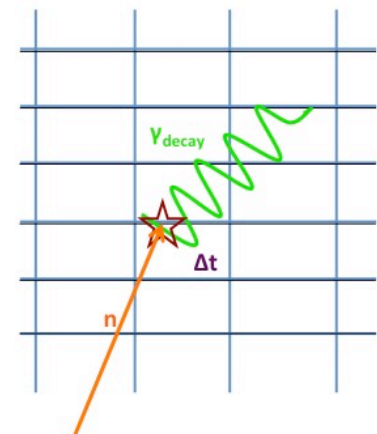
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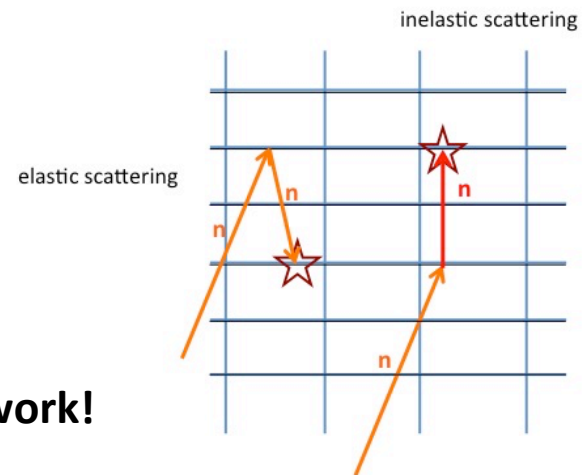
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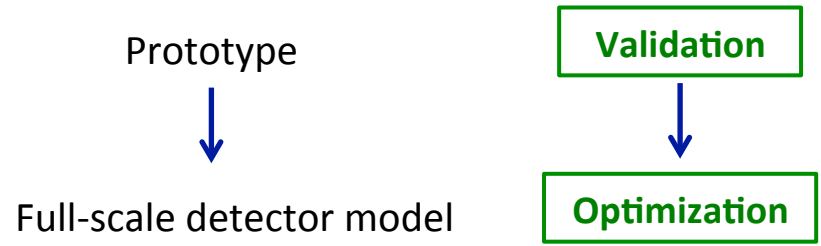
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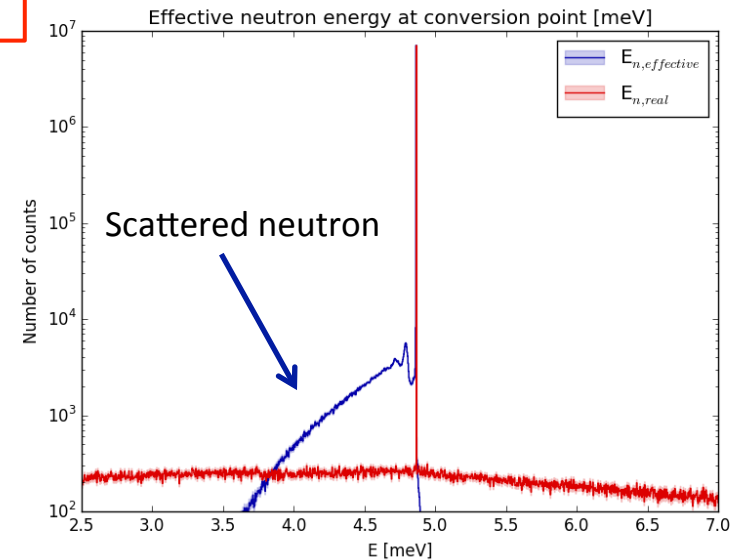
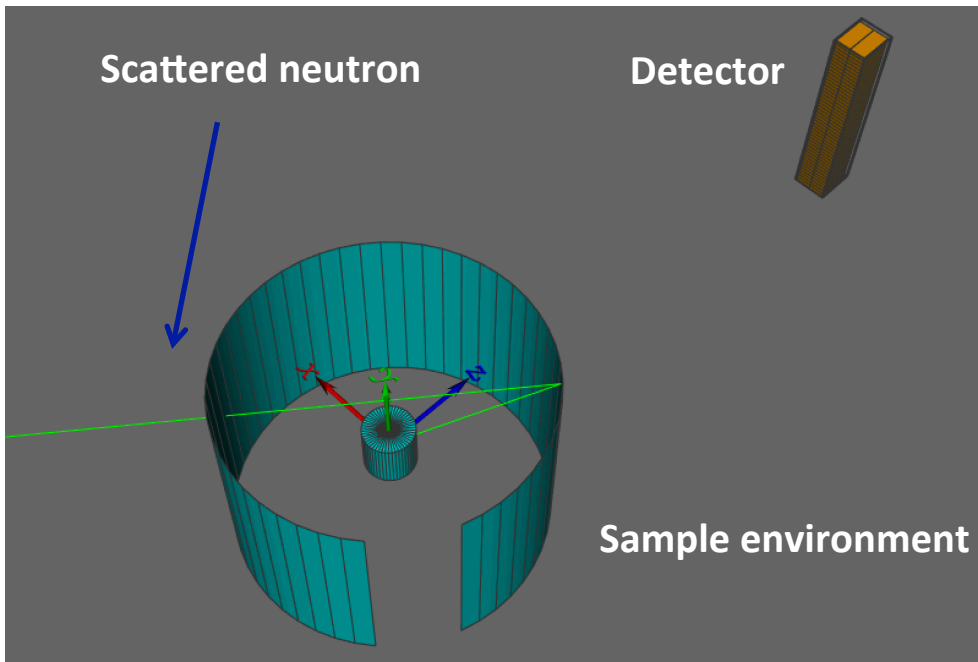
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- Neutron scattering on detector and environment
- Study and distinguish background effects
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- Guidelines for detector design



Realistic simulation



Real and measurable neutron energy



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The Multi-Grid Detector Model

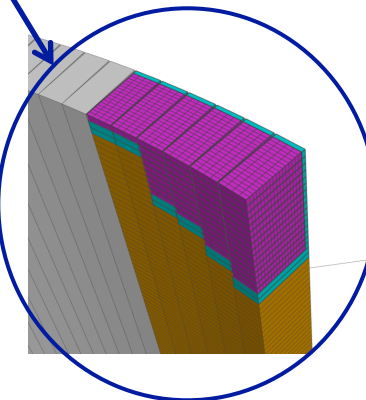
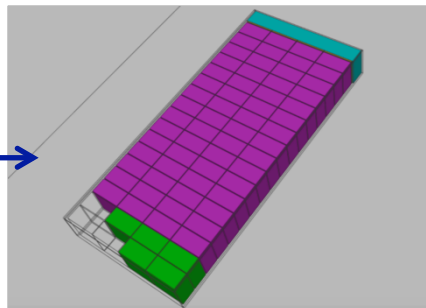
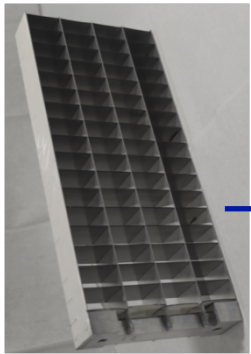
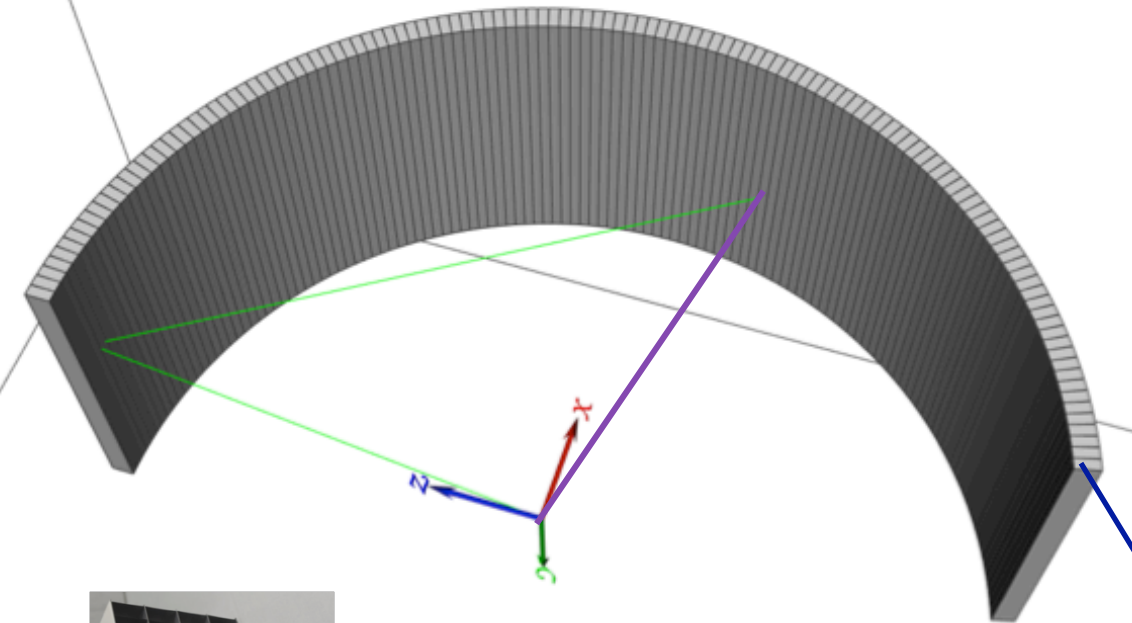
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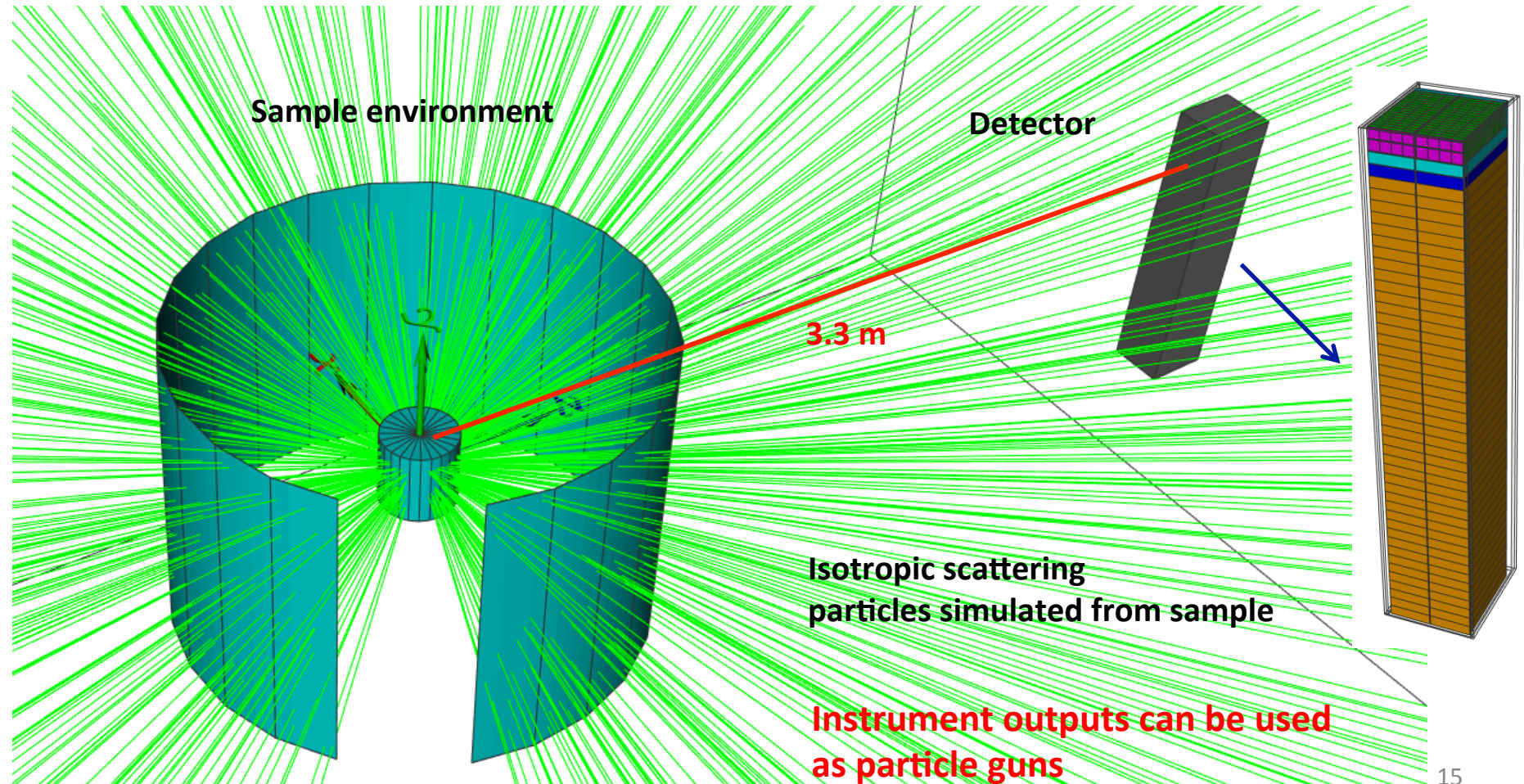
- Large area detector
- Inelastic instrument, chopper spectroscopy
- Solid B_4C converter + Ar/CO_2
- Aluminium frame – **crystalline Al**

Low background is essential

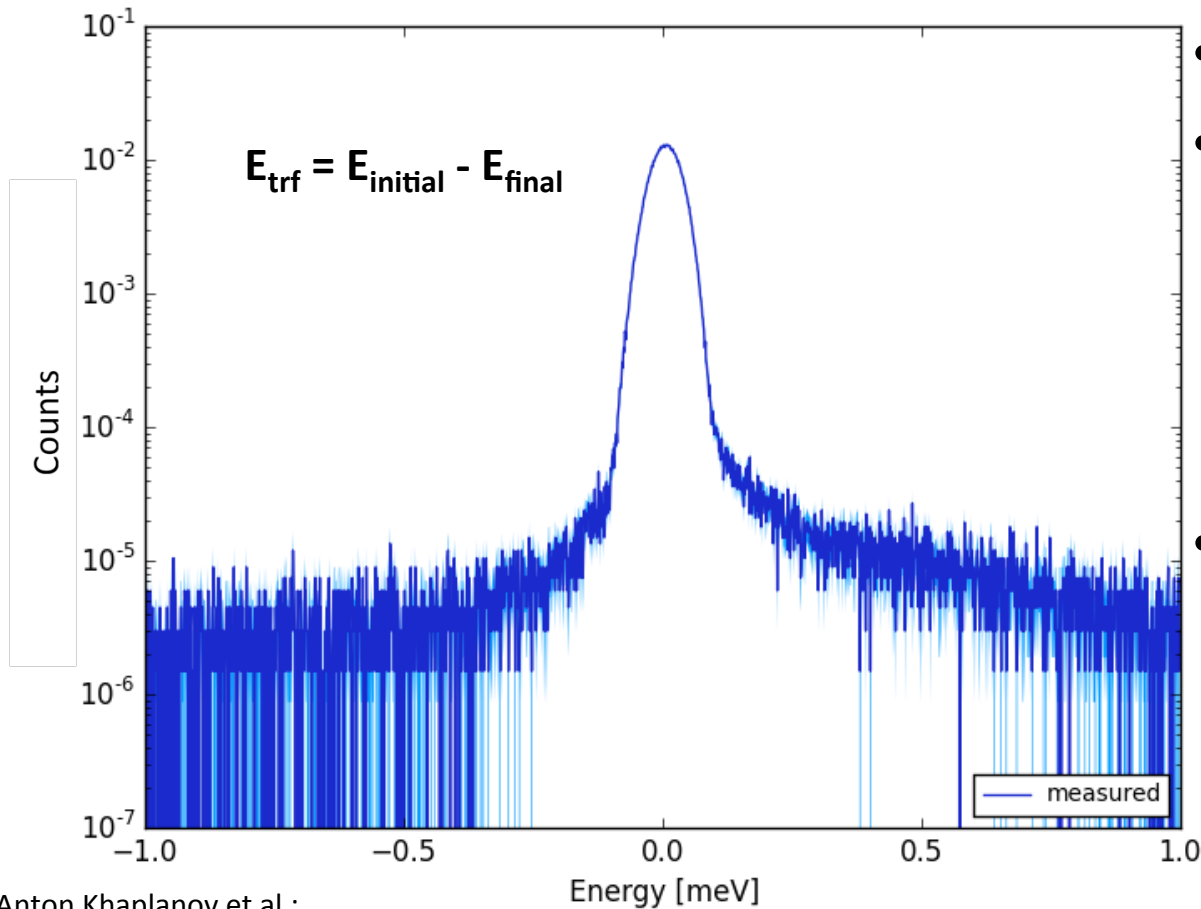
Scattered neutron background induced in detector

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Derived energy transfer at 3.678 meV from measurement

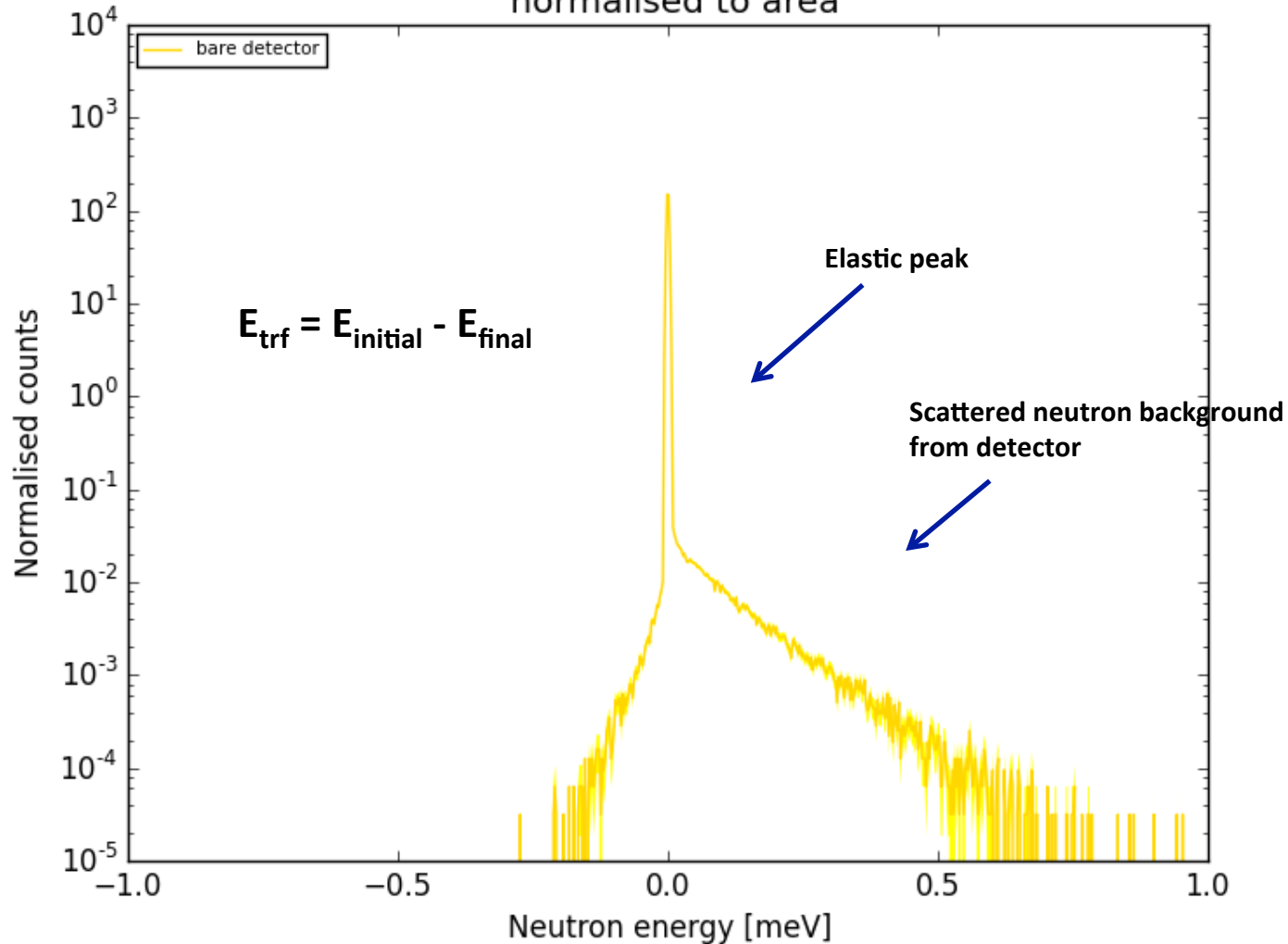


- Chopper spectroscopy
 - Measured quantities:
 - ToF
 - detection-coordinates
- ↓
- Energy transfer:
 - $E_{\text{trf}} = E_{\text{initial}} - E_{\text{final}}$

Geant4 simulation

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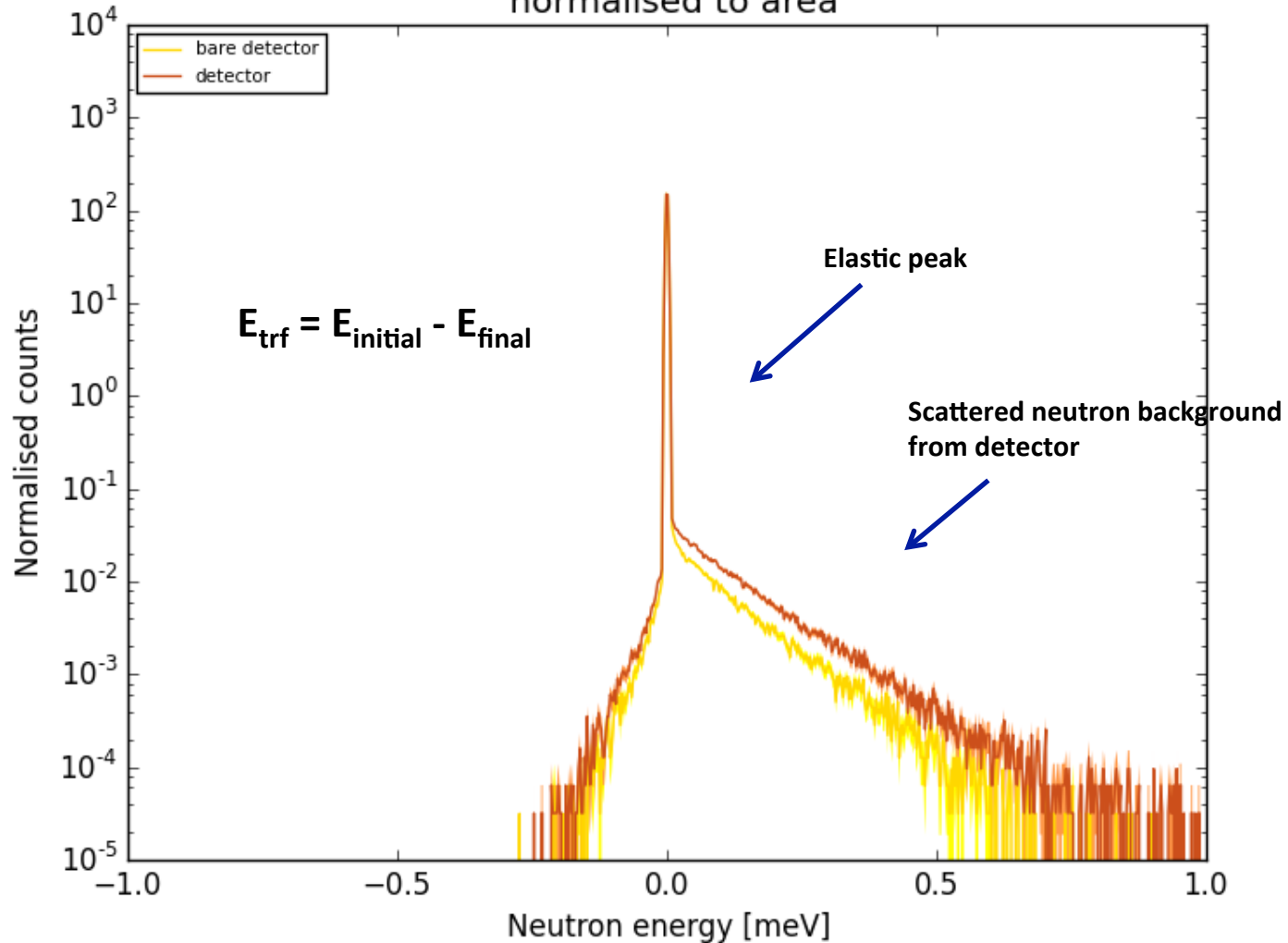
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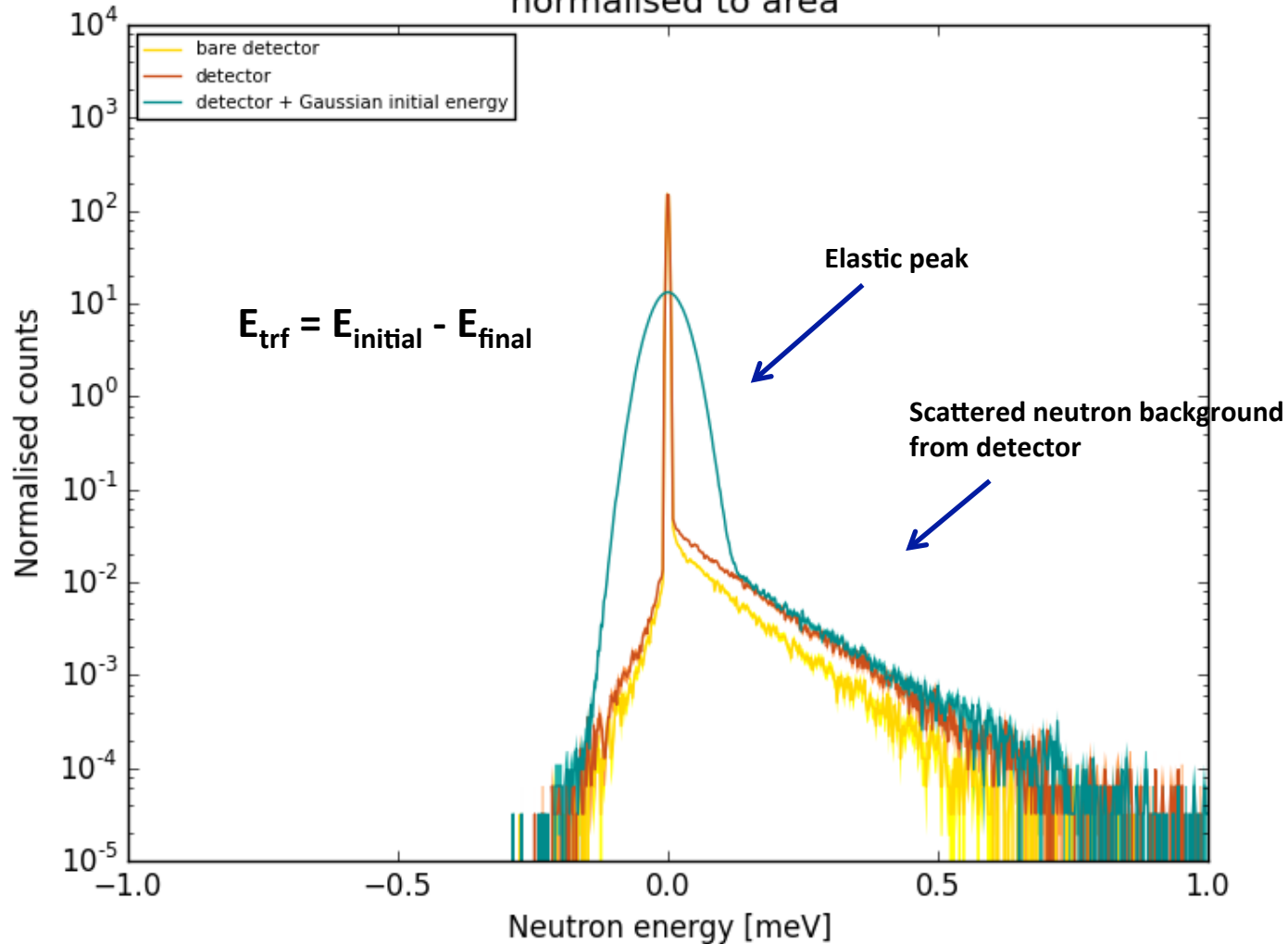
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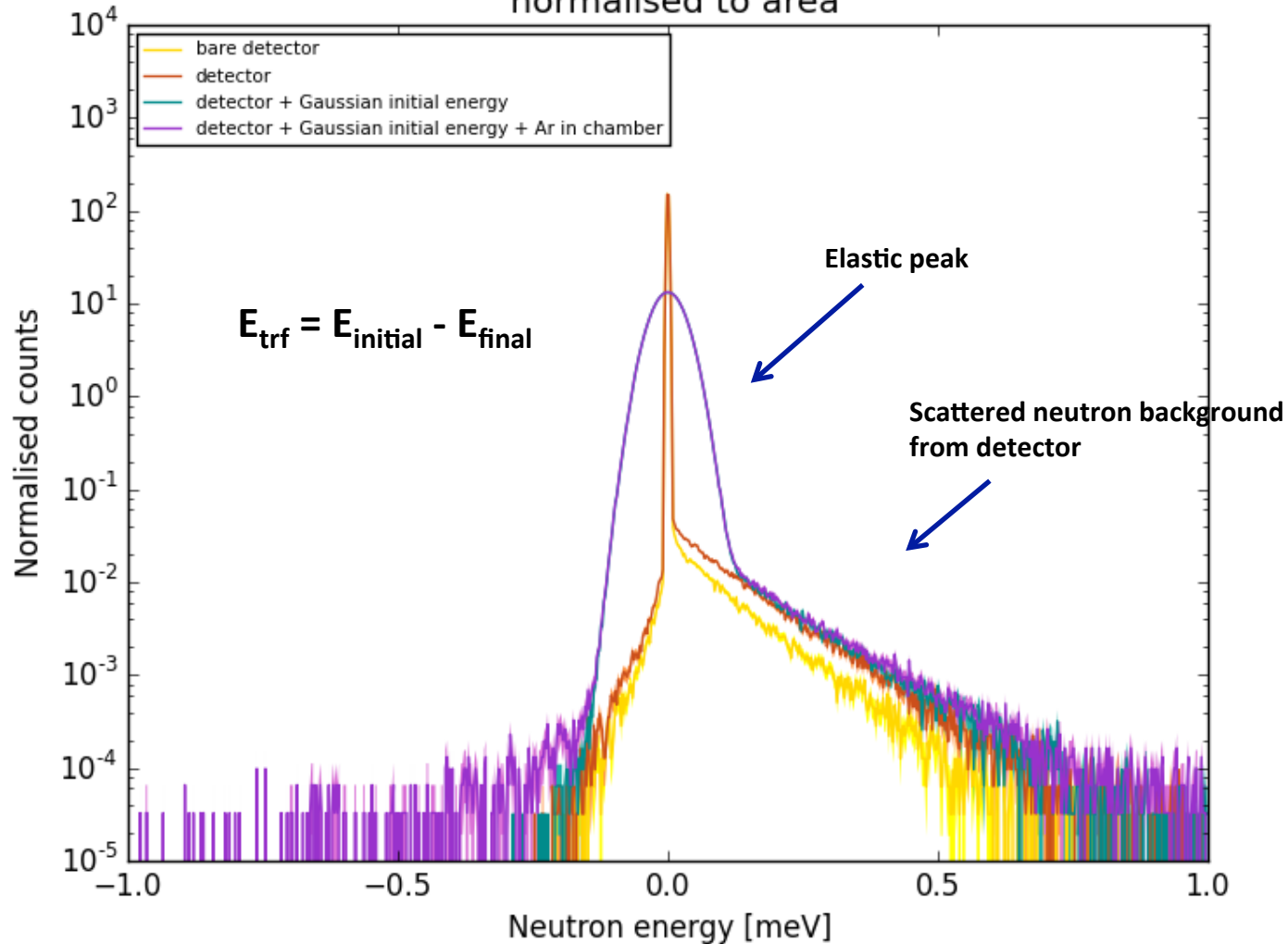
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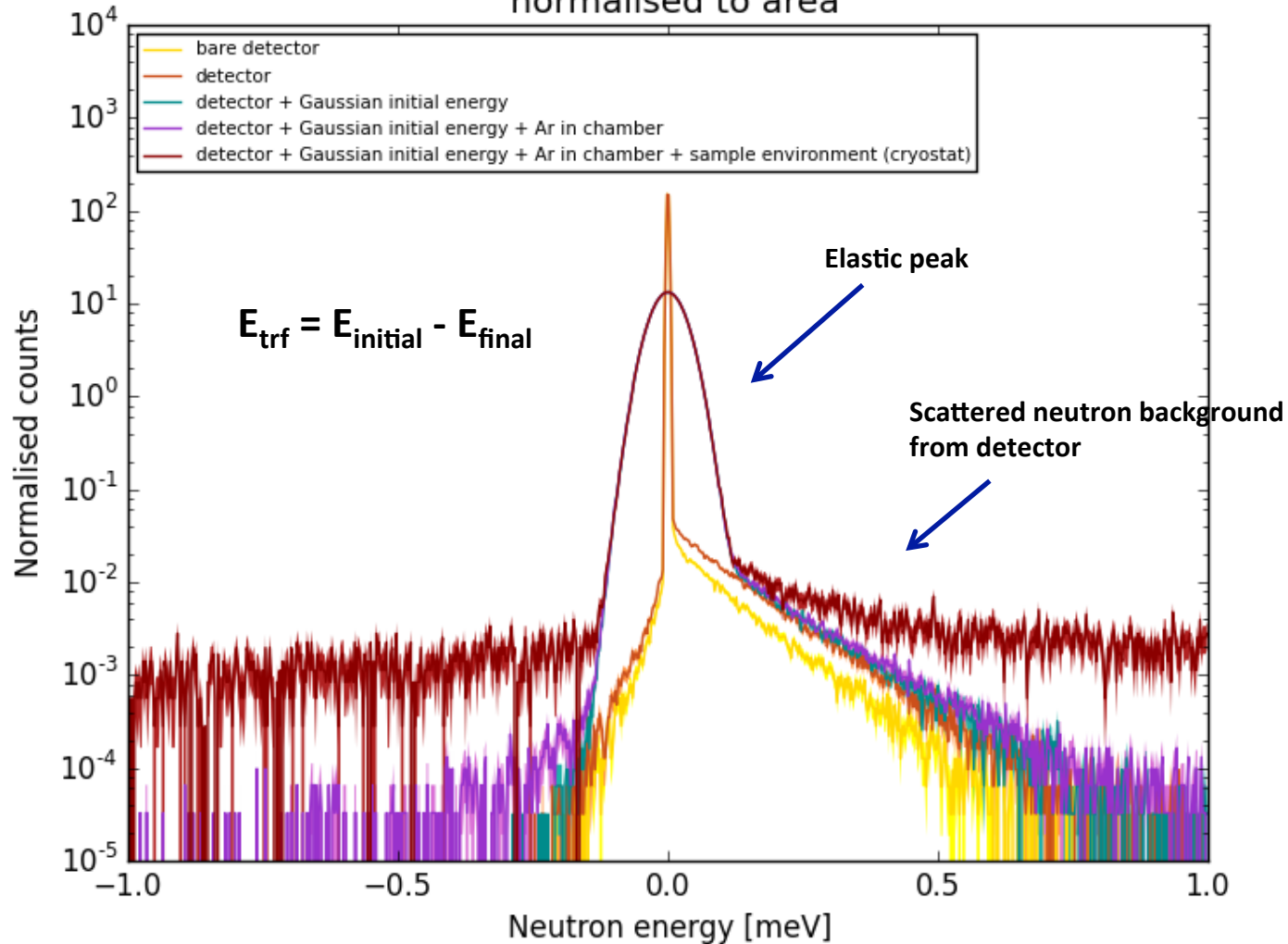
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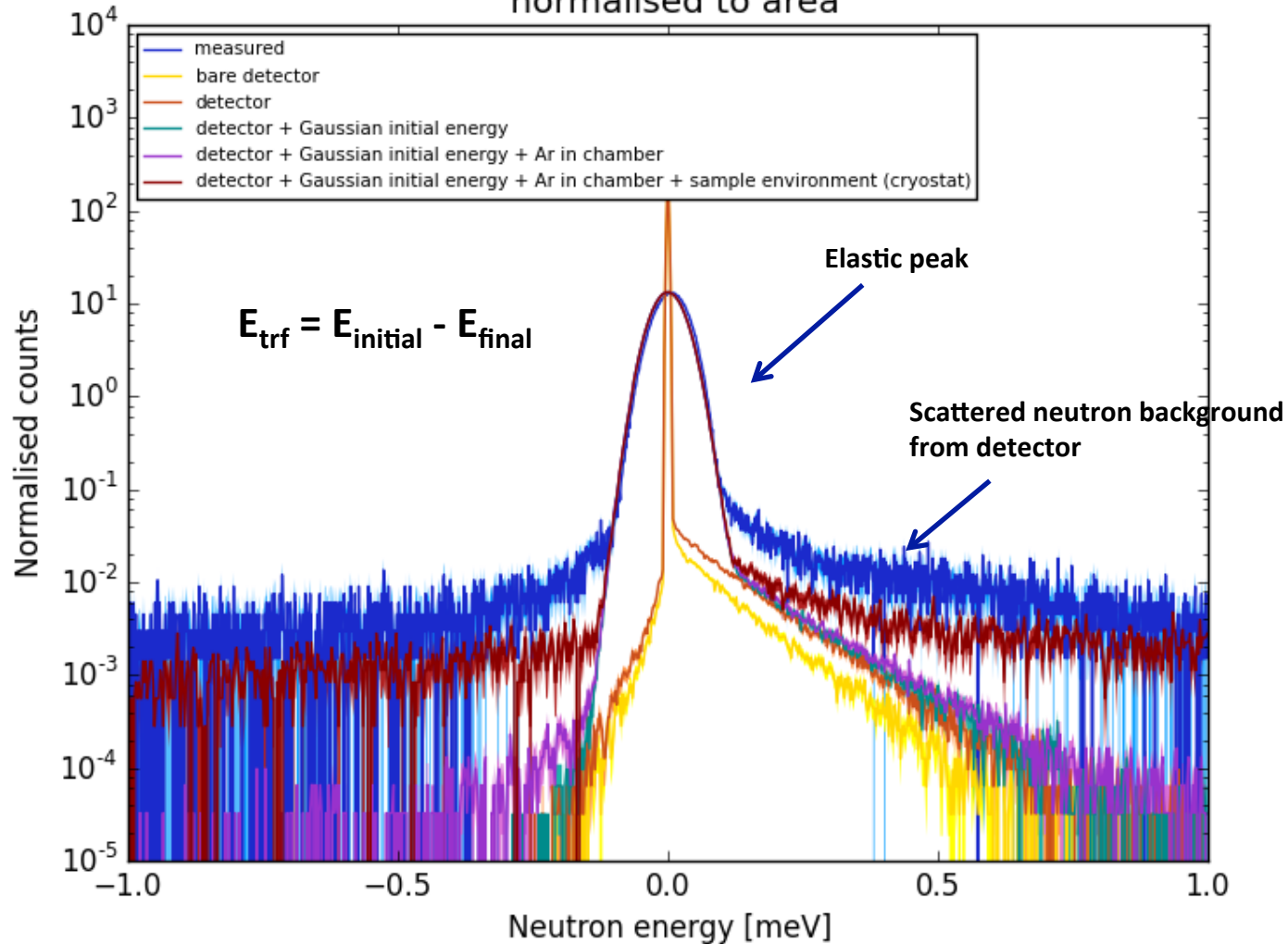
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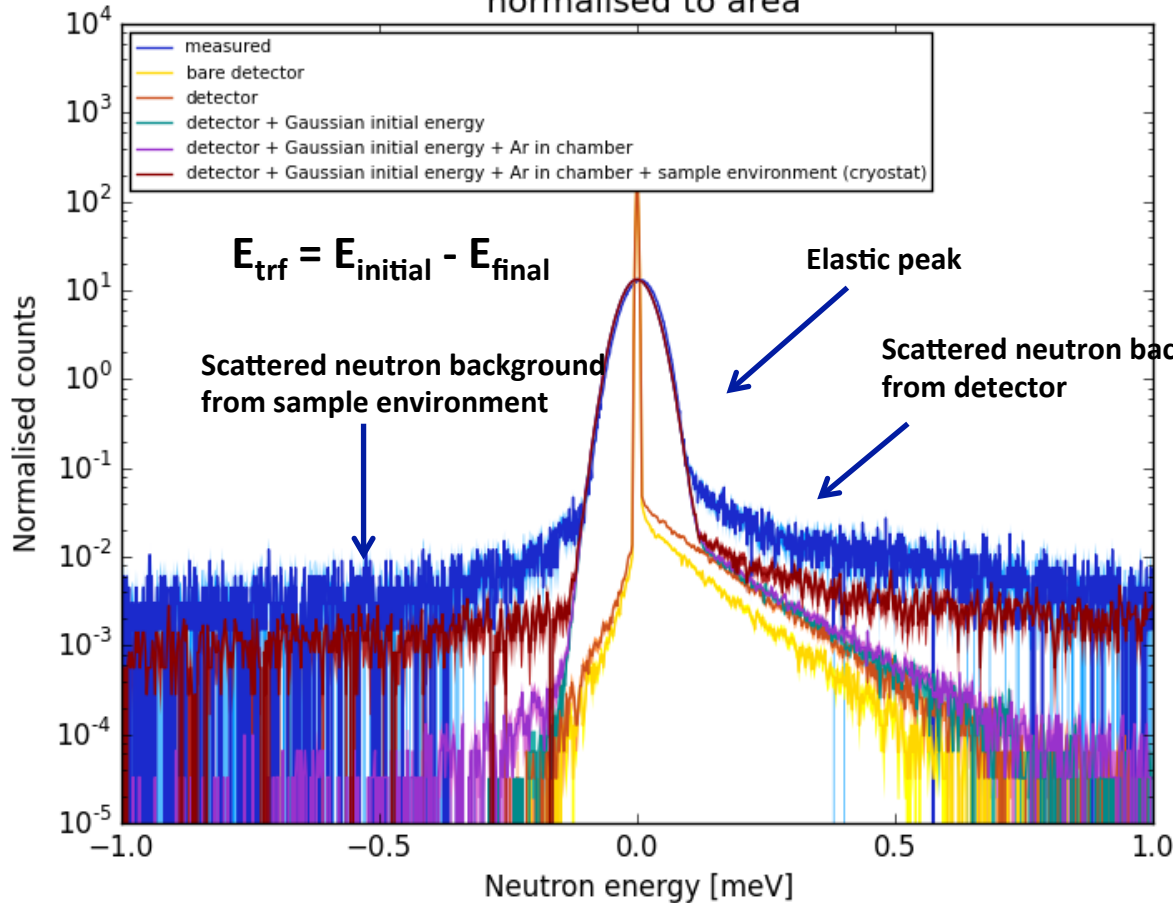
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Validation

Energy transfer reproduced with simulation at 3.678 meV ✓

Distinguish different sources of background

Detailed analysis and quantification of background effects

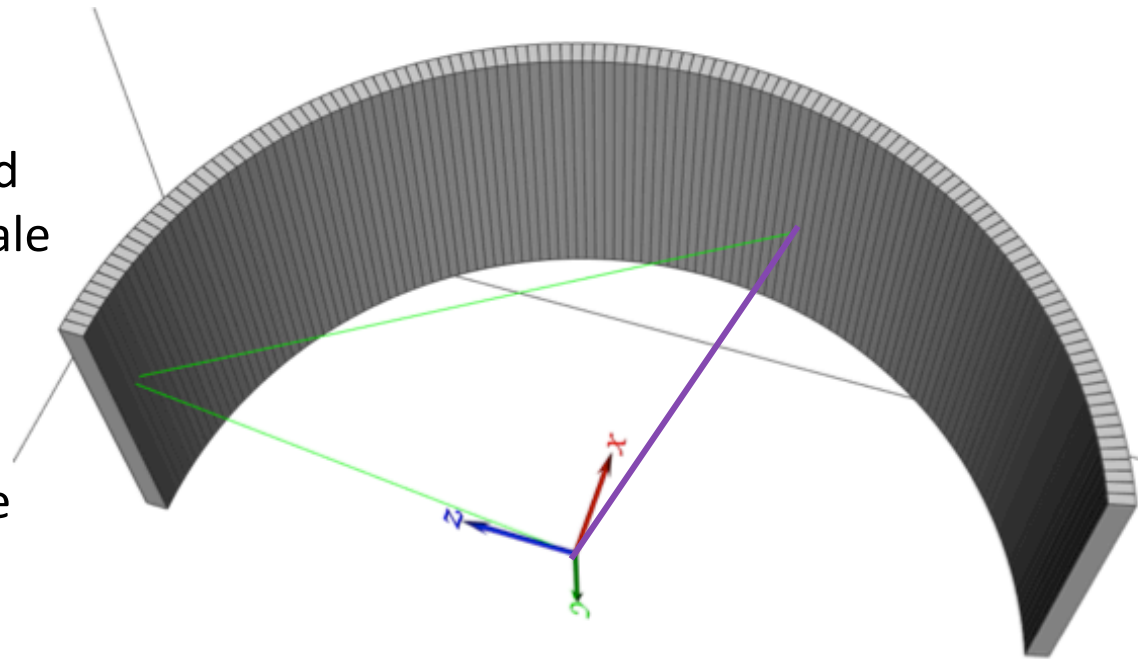
Optimization

Conclusion

- Realistic Multi-Grid model built
 - reproduced measured results from IN6 and CNCS experiments
- Ready to use for optimization

**Instruments with better
signal-to-background
ratio by design**

- Predicament for background sources and levels in full-scale detector
- Shielding and design optimization in the level of grids, columns and full-scale detector





Backup slides

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In-beam test of the Boron-10 Multi-Grid neutron detector at the IN6 time-of-flight spectrometer at the ILL

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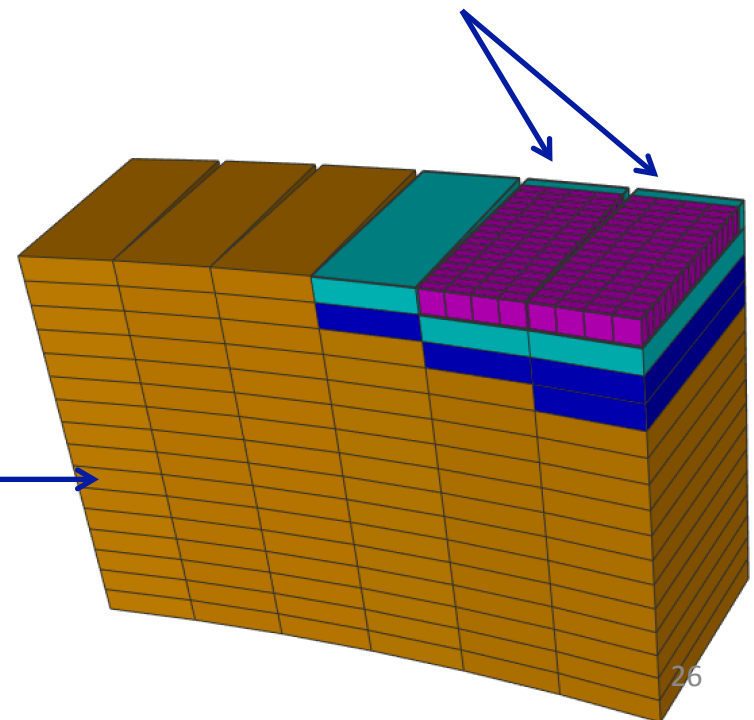
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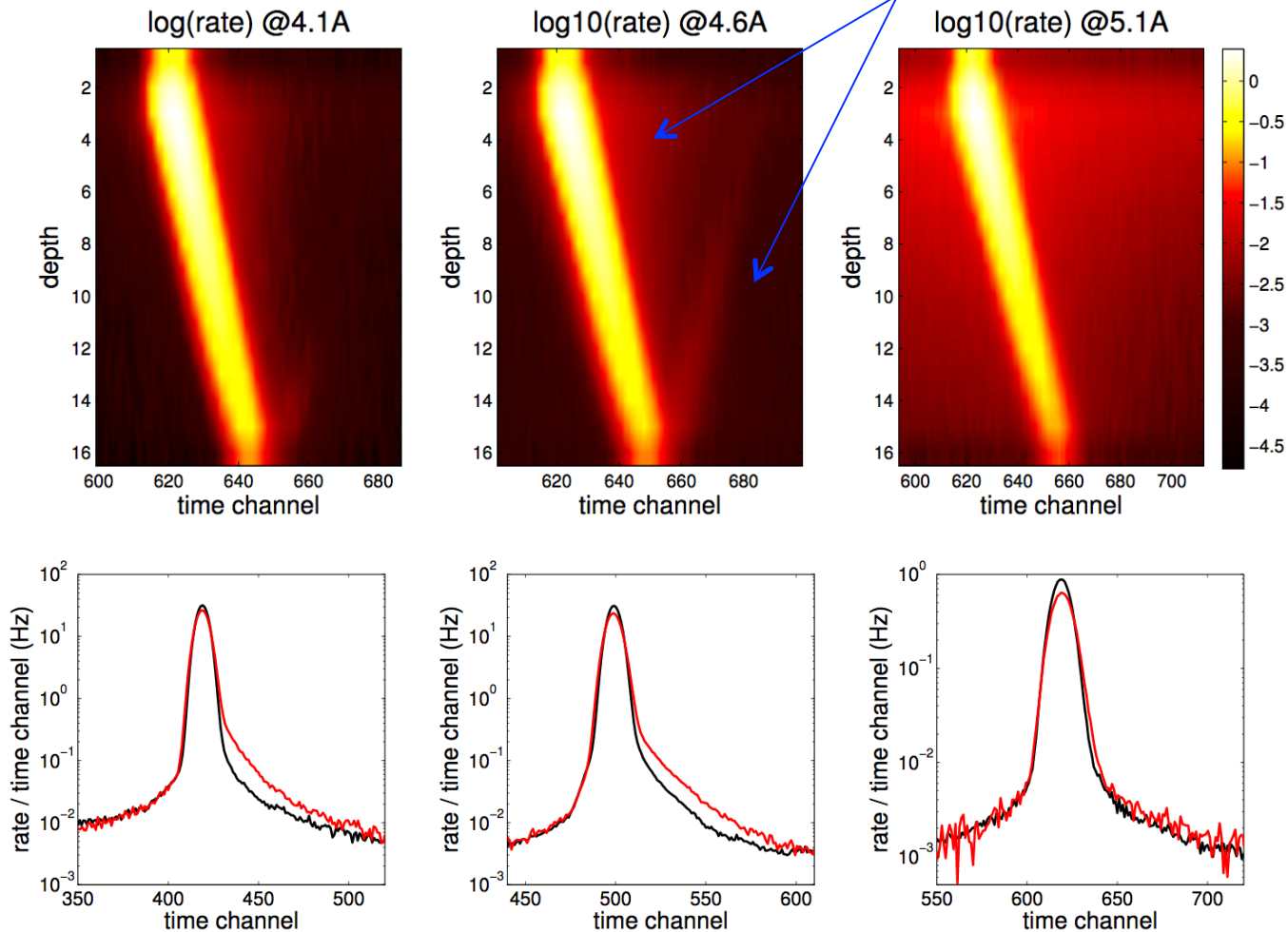
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No shielding on the rear wall of grids



Measured scattering phenomena can be studied with simulation inside the detector

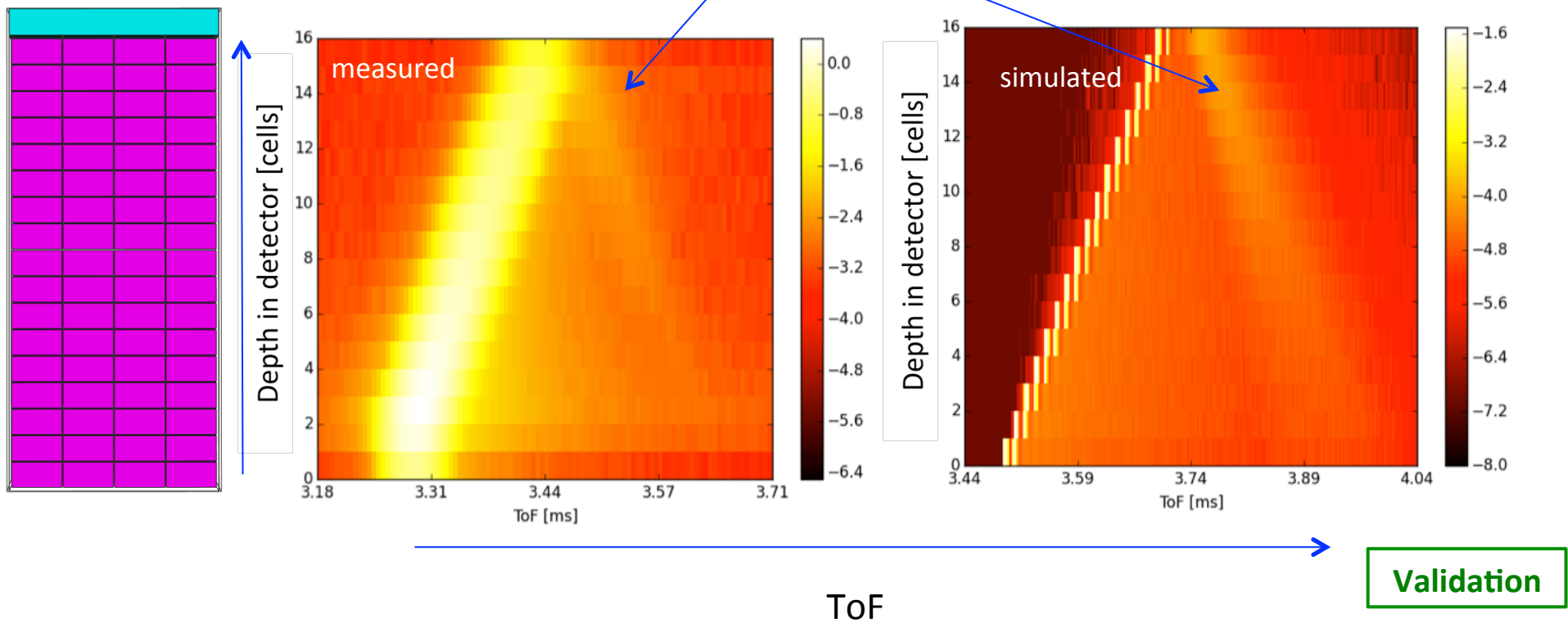


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Backscatter from the unshielded rear wall of the detector at 4.6 Å

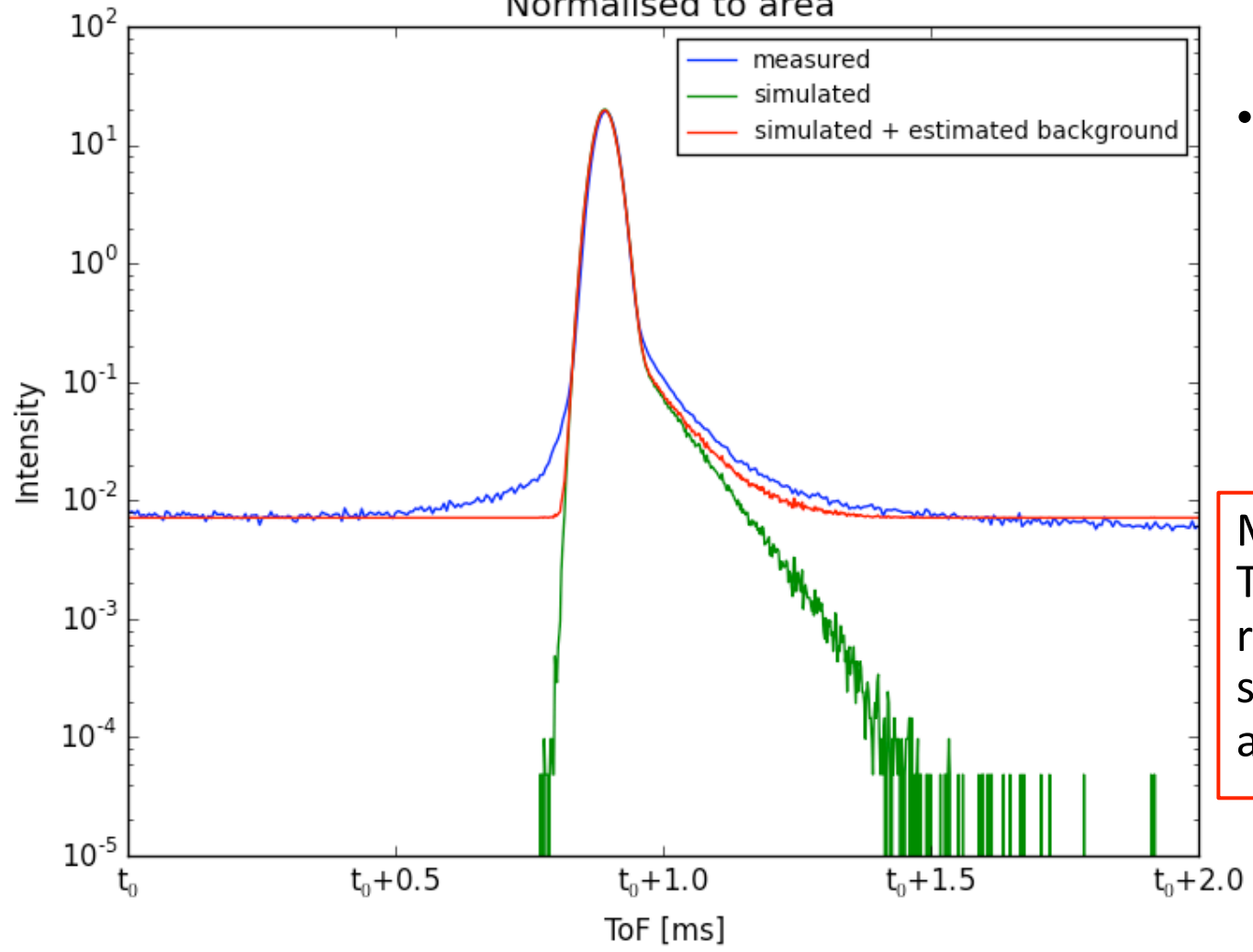
<http://nxsg4.web.cern.ch/nxsg4/>



Measured ToF-depth characteristic and backscatter phenomena reproduced with simulation at 4.1 and 4.6 Å

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Measured and simulated tof spectra at 4.6 Å
Normalised to area



- Estimated flat alpha-background added (red), unique for this prototype

Measured ToF-spectrum reproduced with simulation at 4.1 and 4.6 Å

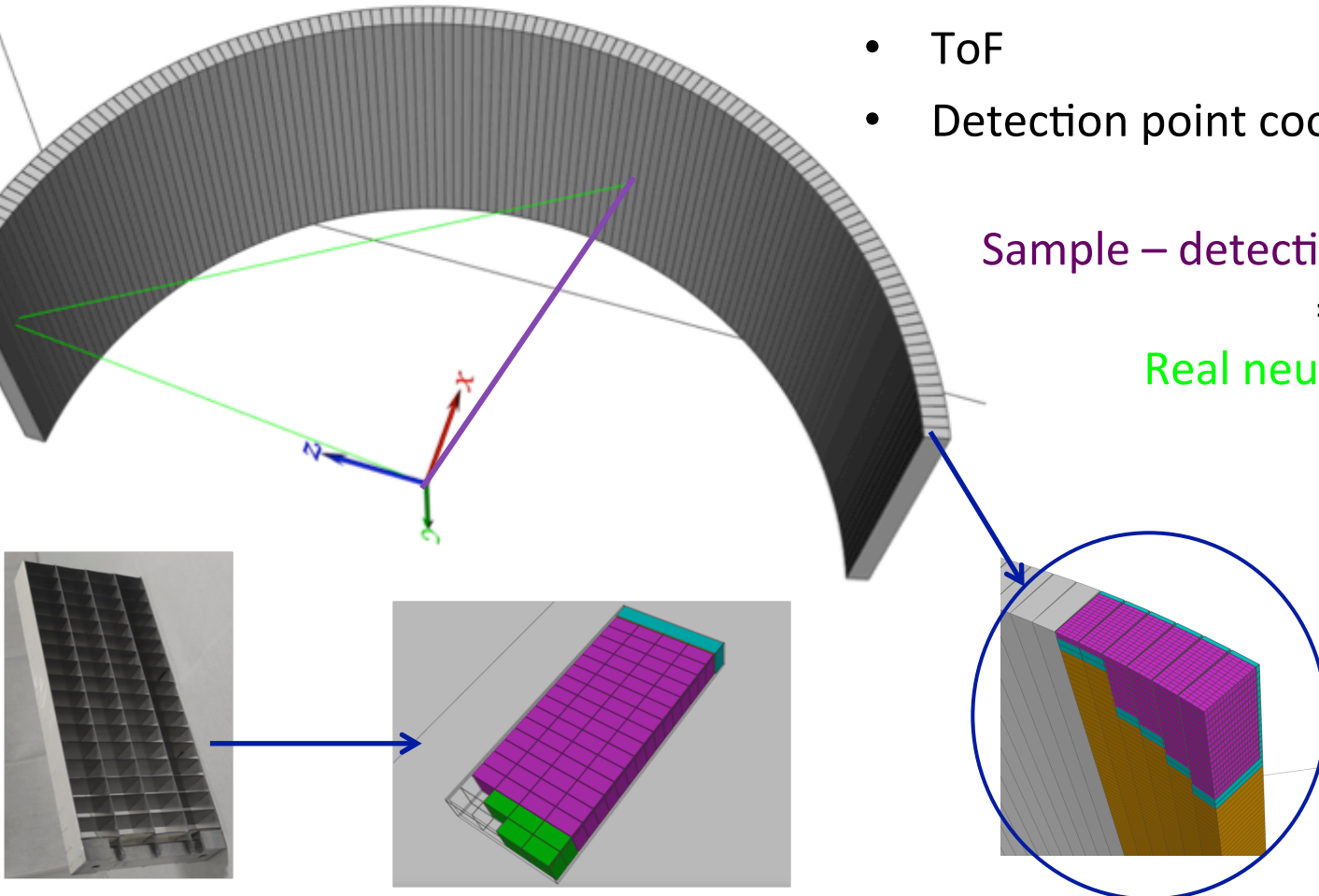
Validation

Geant4 @Coding Framework

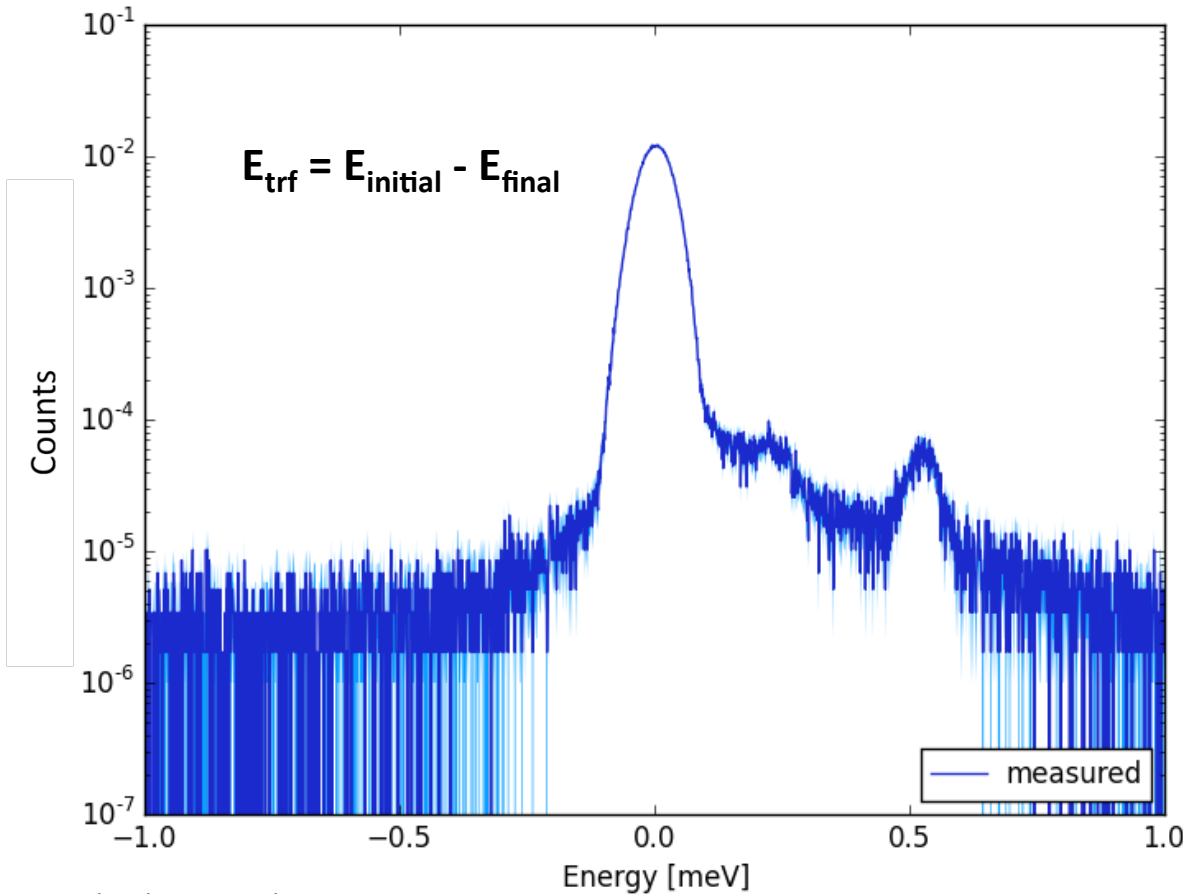
Measured data:

- ToF
 - Detection point coordinates
- } Energy

Sample – detection point distance
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 Real neutron path



Derived energy transfer at 3.807 meV from measurement

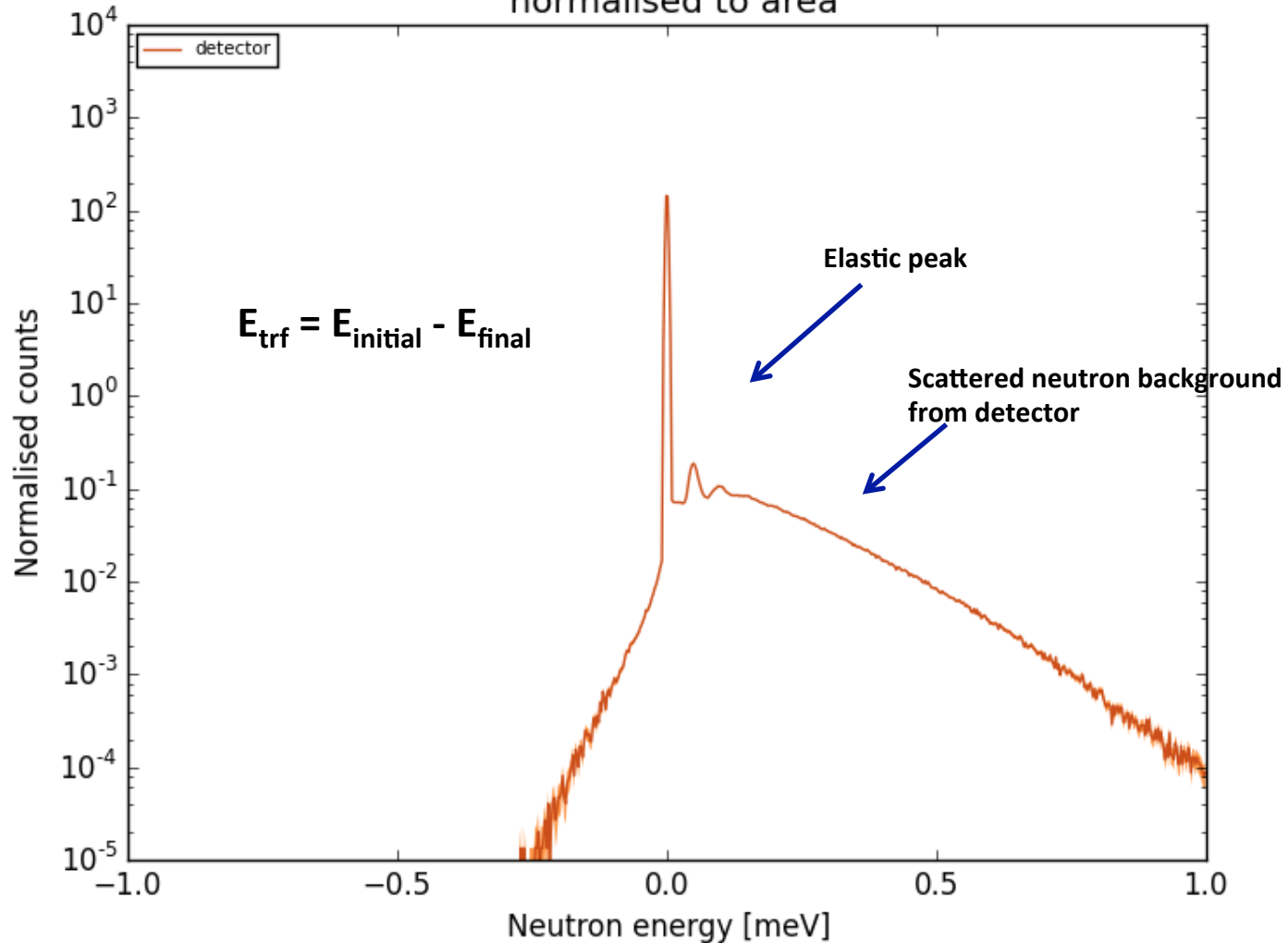


- Chopper spectroscopy
 - Measured quantities:
 - ToF
 - detection-coordinates
- ↓
- Energy transfer:
 - $E_{\text{trf}} = E_{\text{initial}} - E_{\text{final}}$

Geant4 simulation

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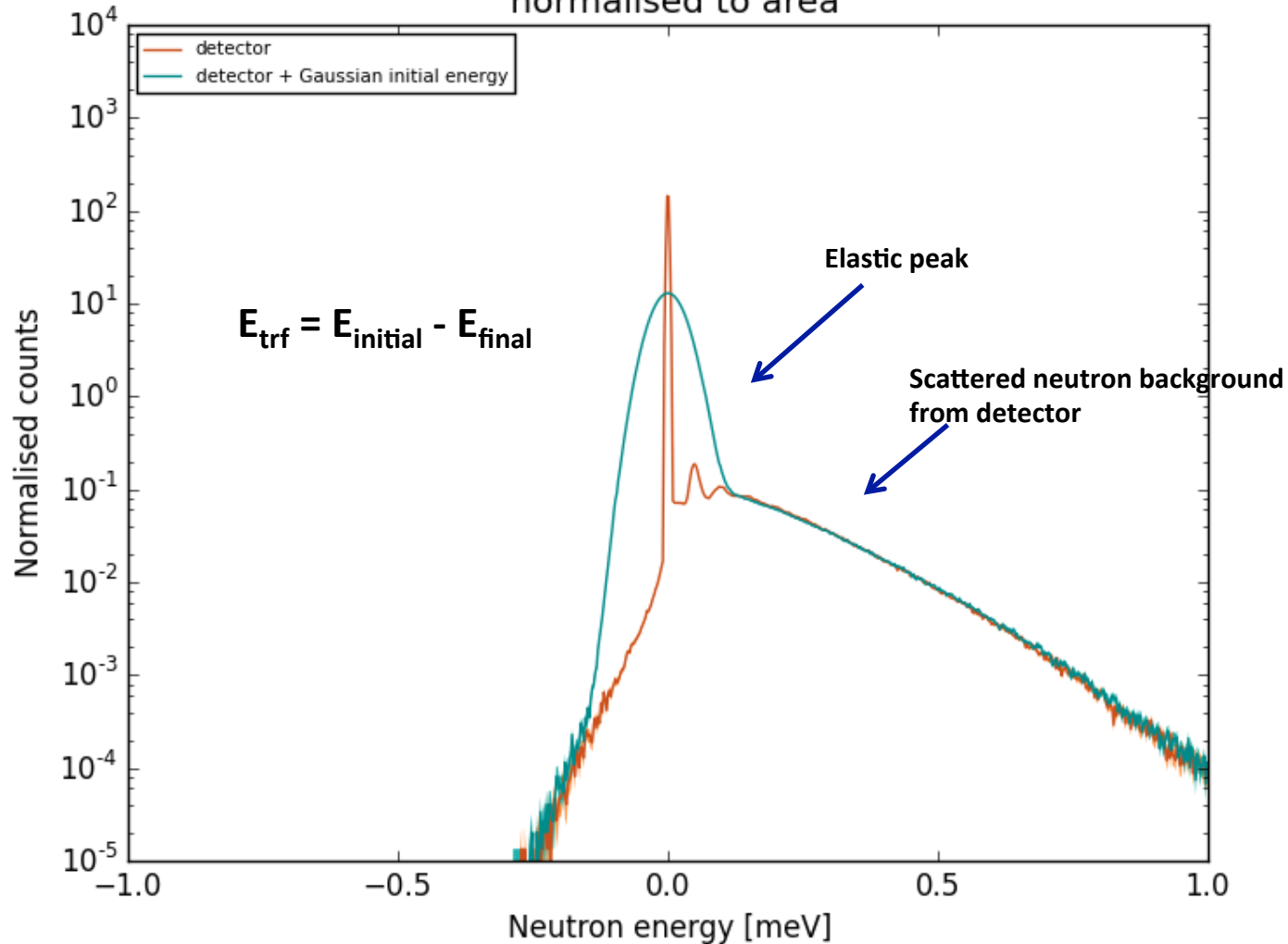
Effects on energy transfer from hits at 3.807 meV normalised to area



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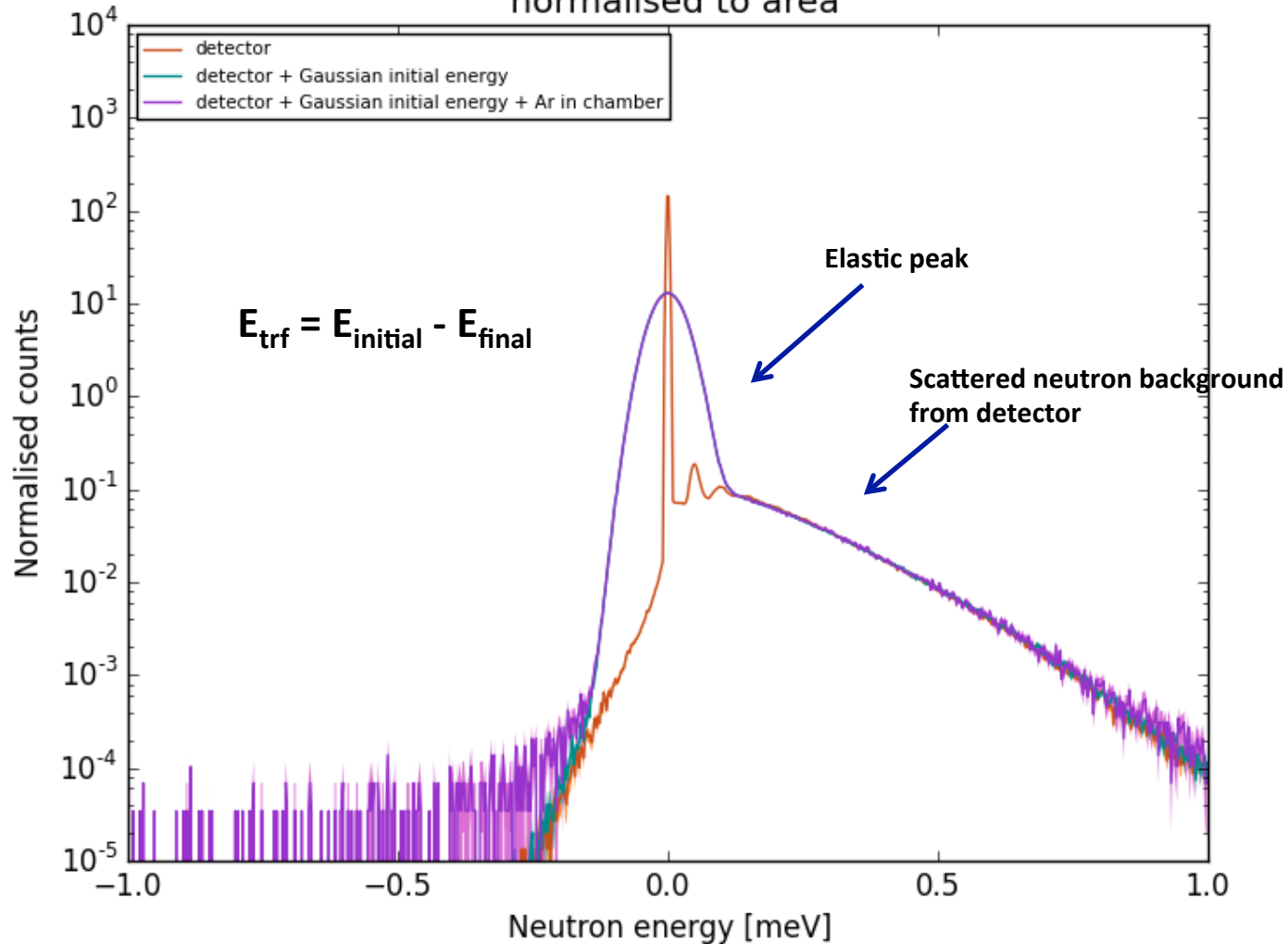
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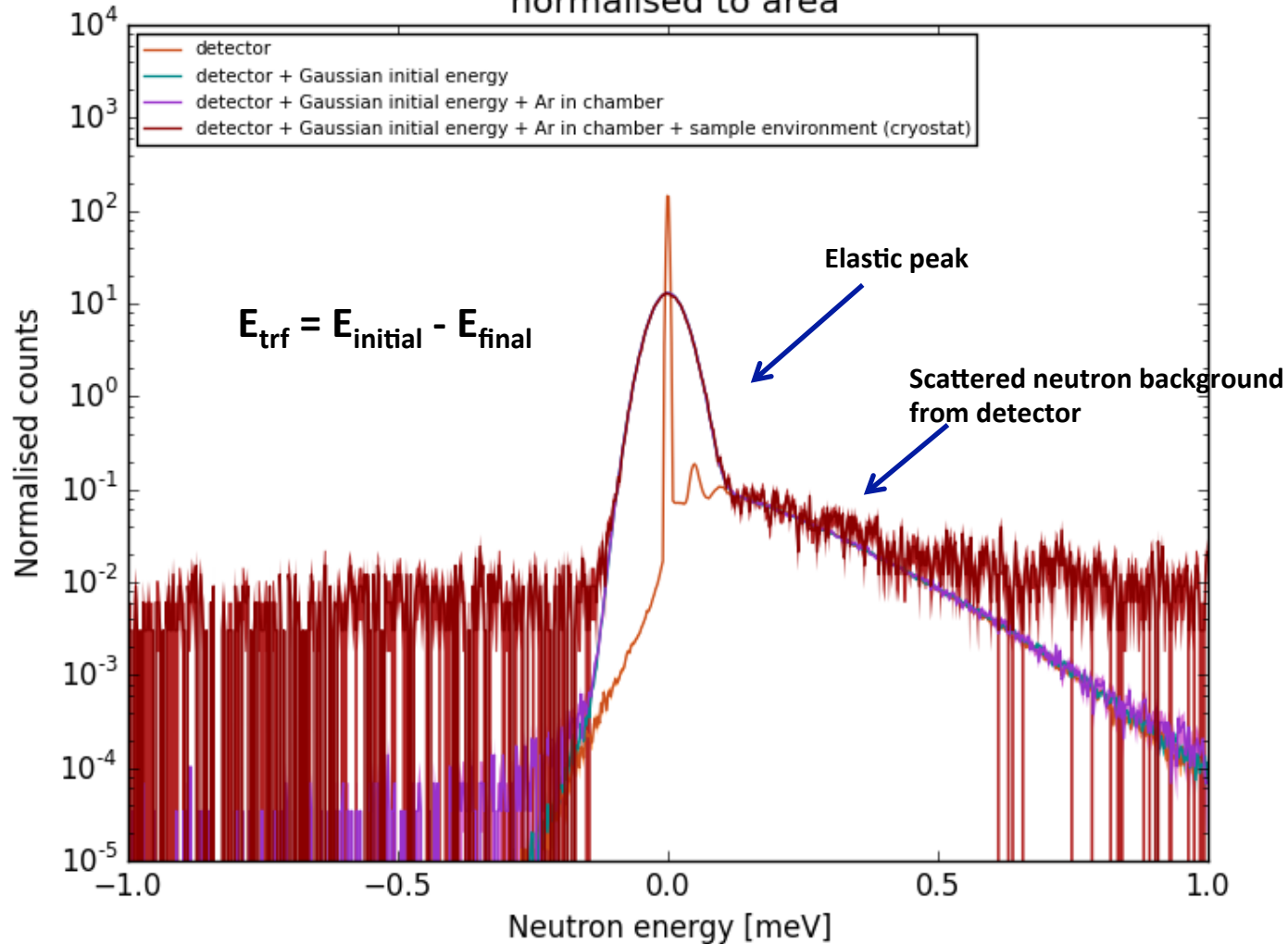
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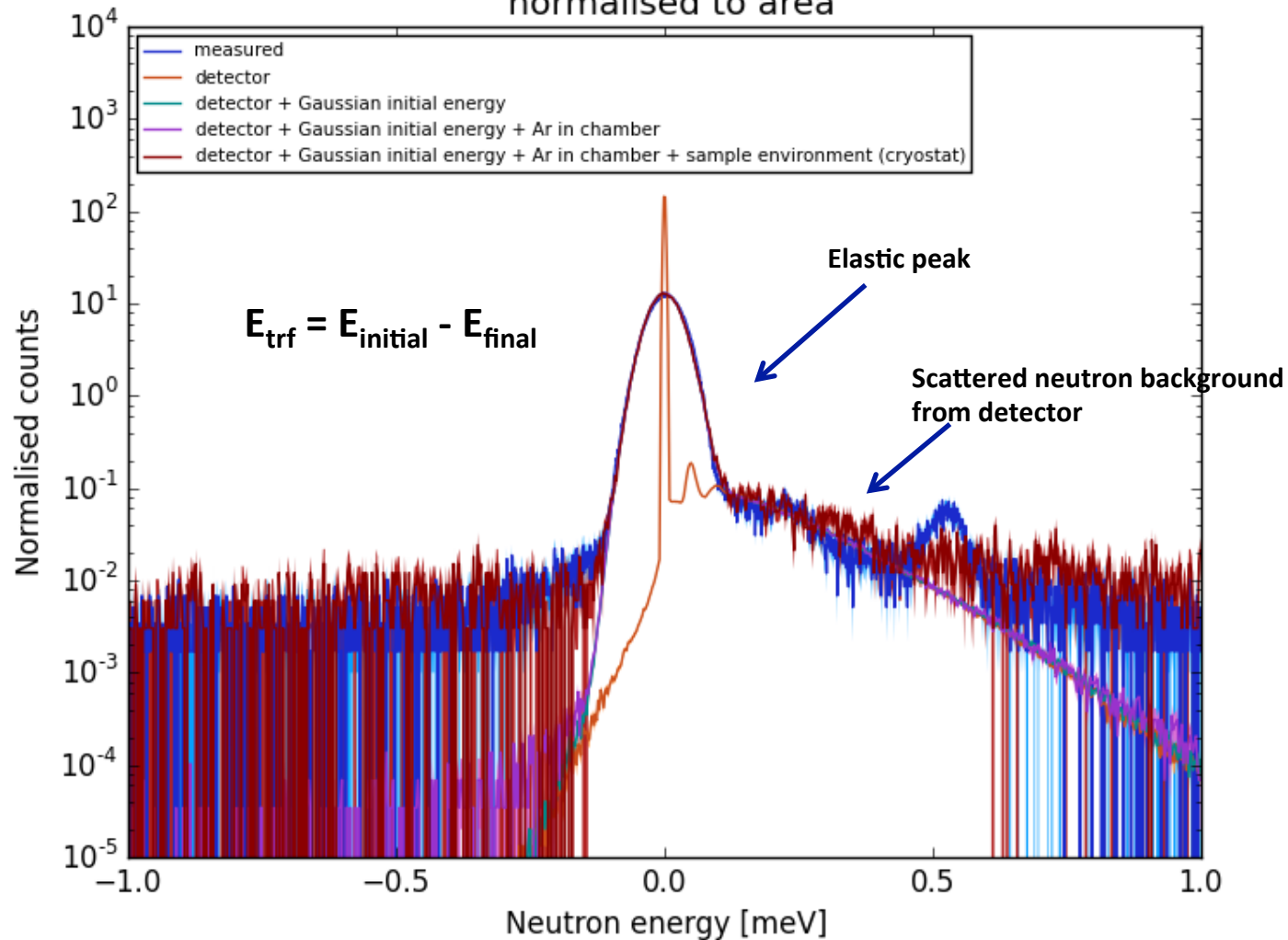
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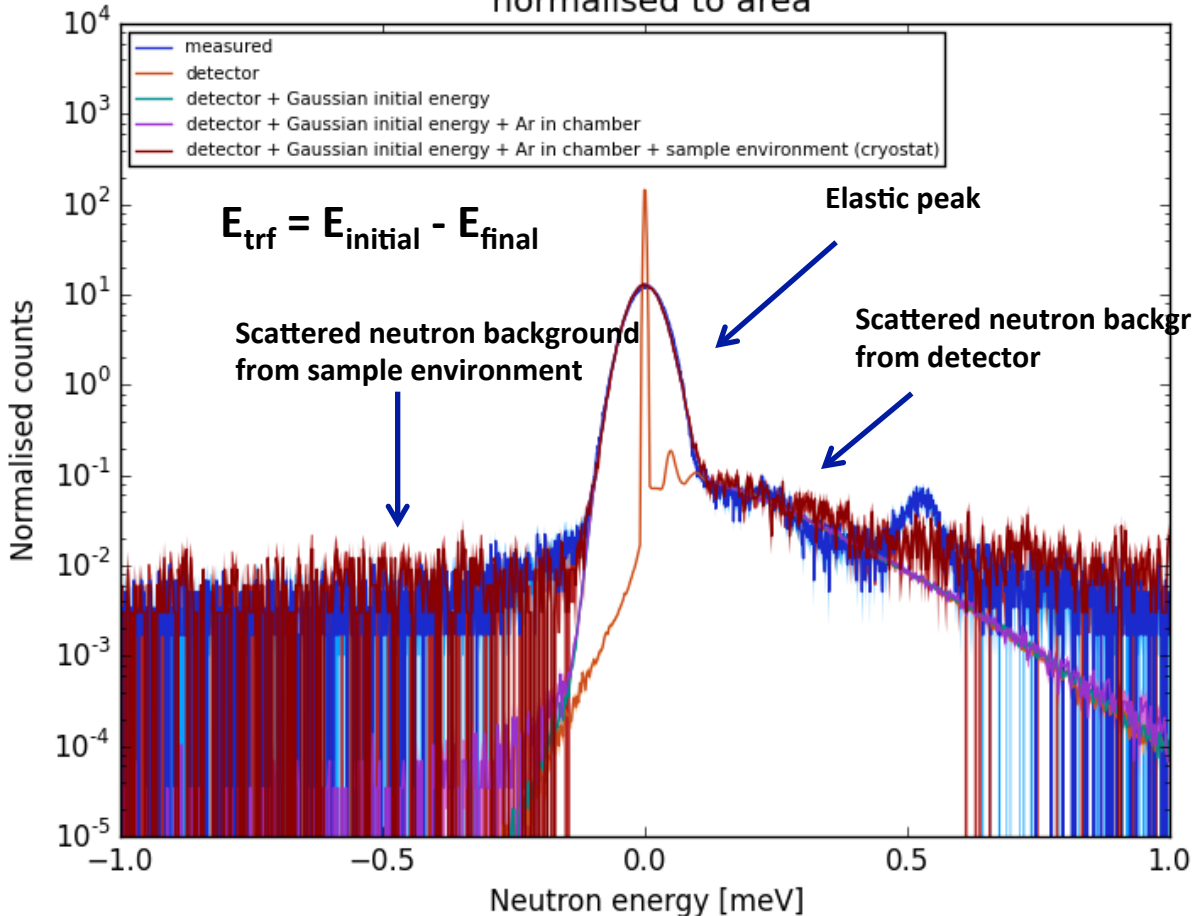
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Effects on energy transfer from hits at 3.807 meV
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- Distinguish different sources of background
- Detailed analysis and quantification of background effects

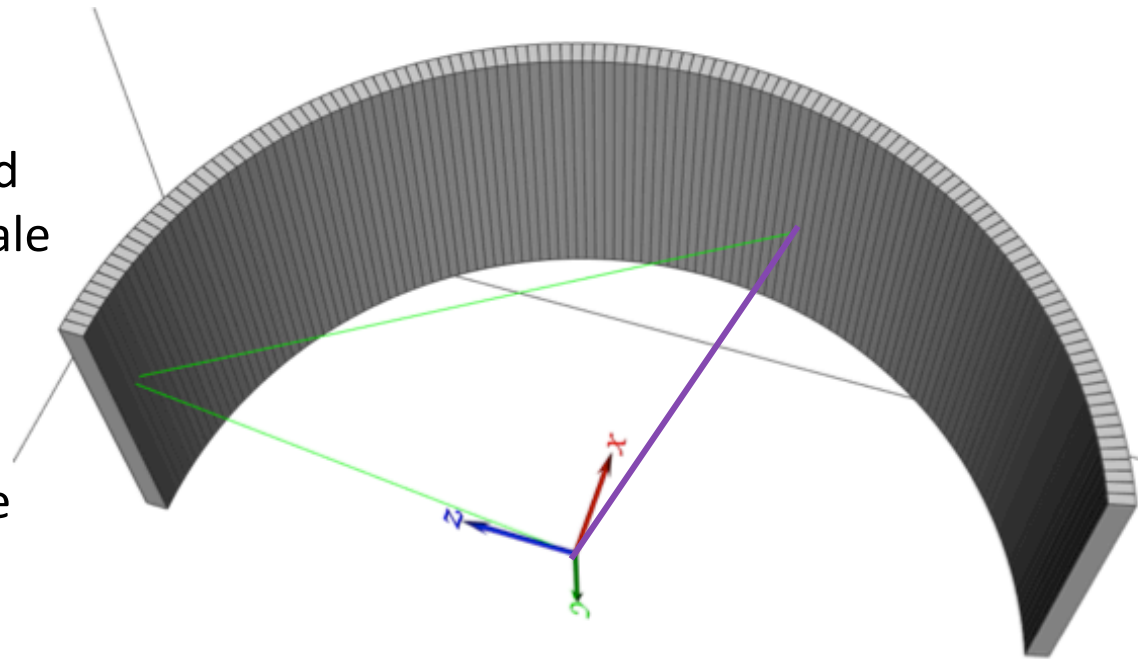
Energy transfer reproduced with simulation at 3.807 meV ✓

Conclusion

- Realistic Multi-Grid model built
 - reproduced measured results from IN6 and CNCS experiments
- Ready to use for optimization

**Instruments with better
signal-to-background
ratio by design**

- Predicament for background sources and levels in full-scale detector
- Shielding and design optimization in the level of grids, columns and full-scale detector





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