



# The CASCADE Project

## a perspective for Solid State Detectors

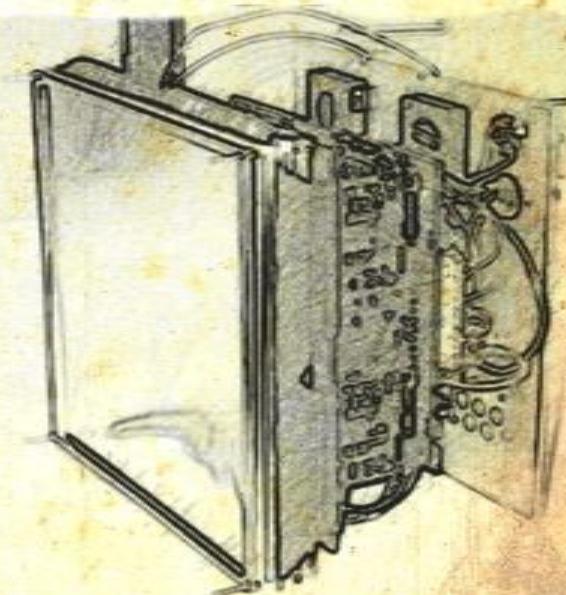
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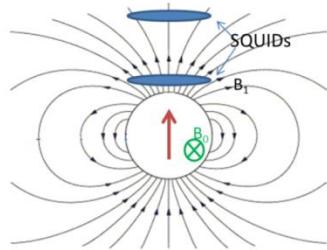
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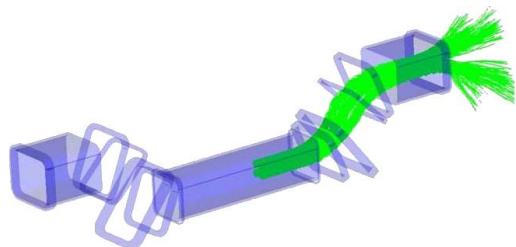
# Heidelberg Research Fields

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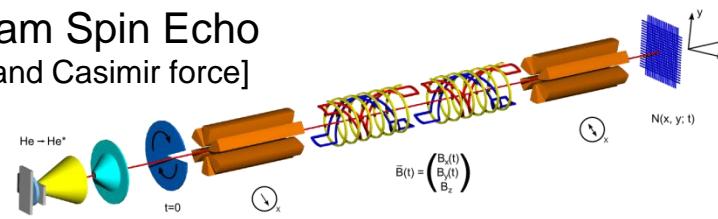
## Helium-Xenon EDM [test of Lorentz invariance]



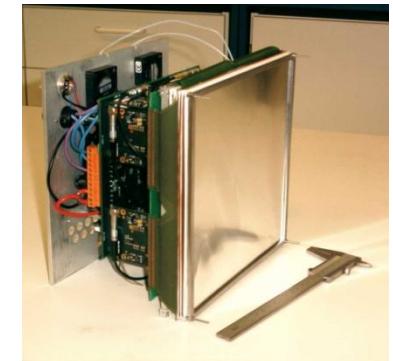
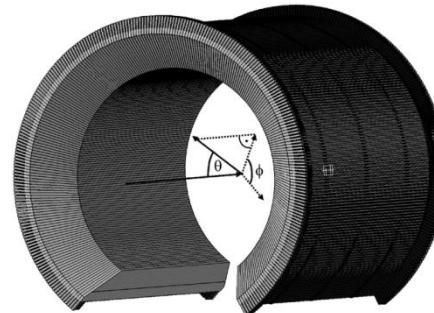
## PERC and PERKEO [ $V_{ud}$ via neutron beta decay]



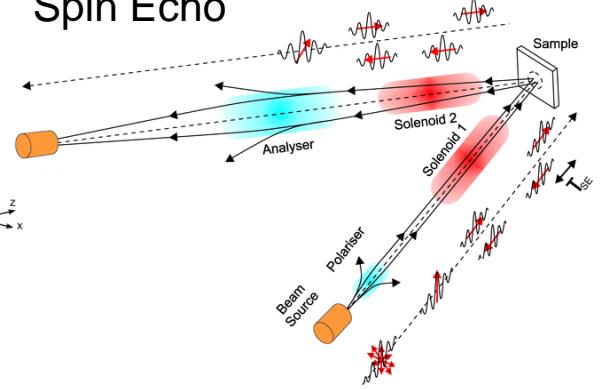
## Atomic Beam Spin Echo [Berry phase and Casimir force]



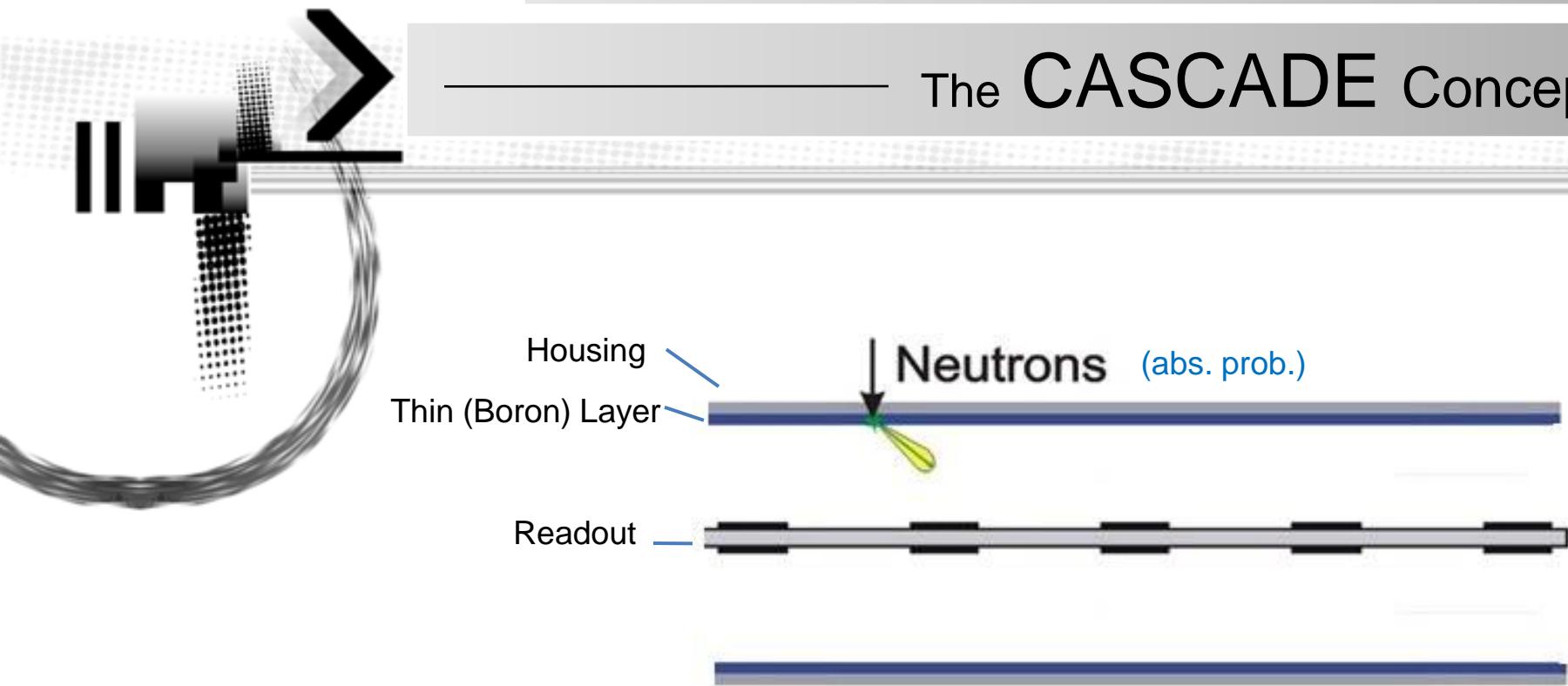
## Neutron Detectors [large area and high time resolution]



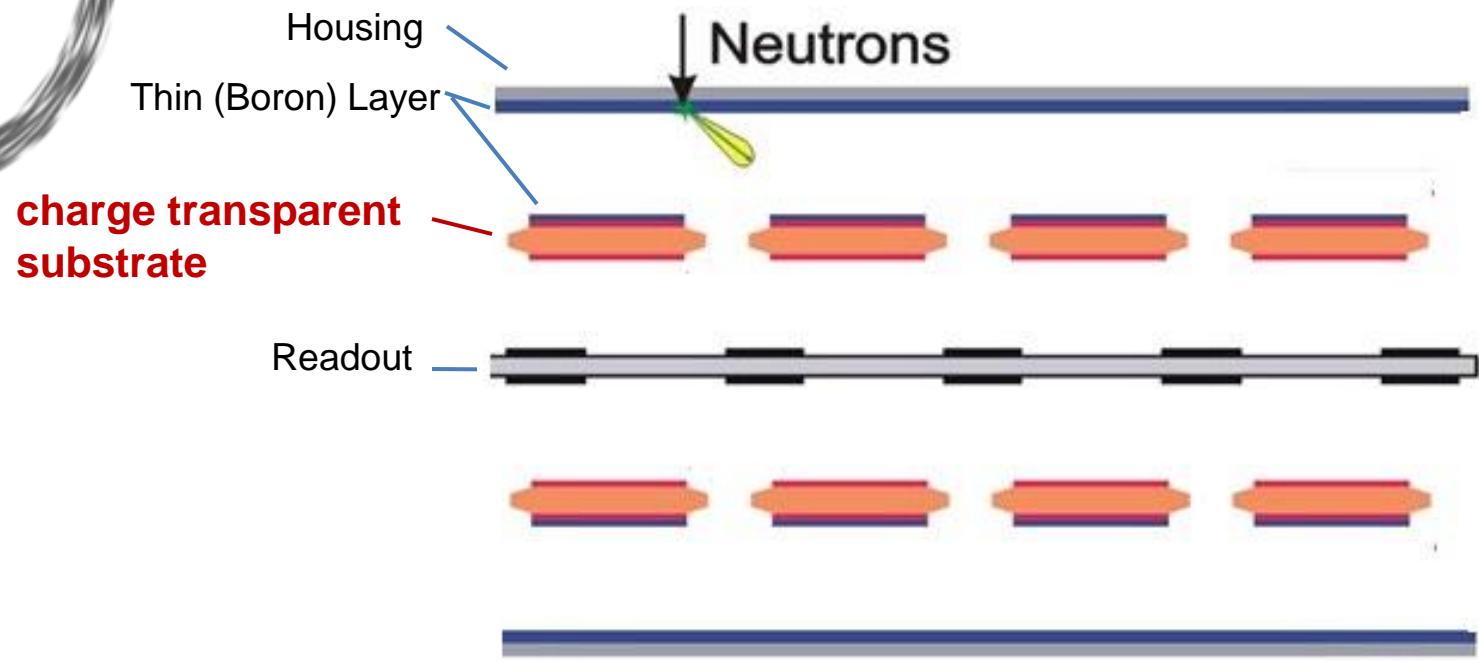
## Spin Echo



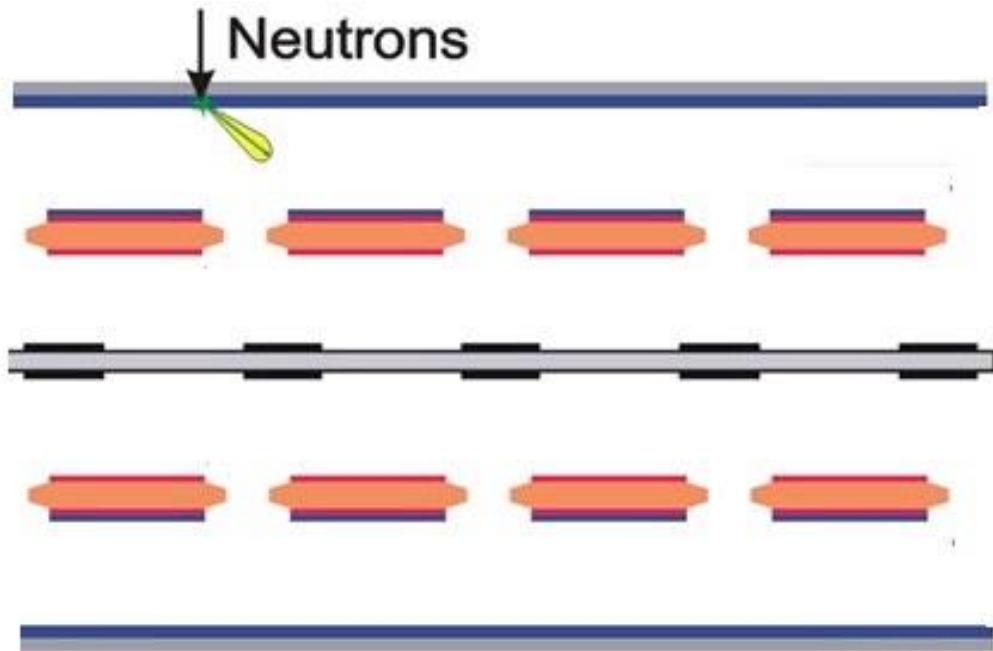
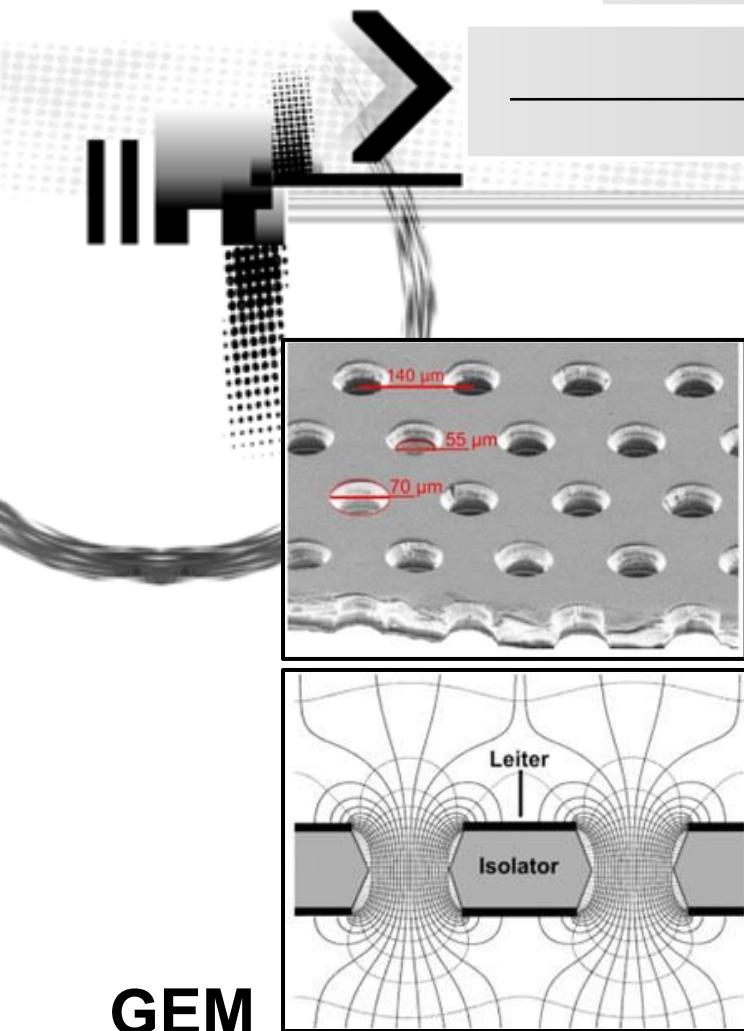
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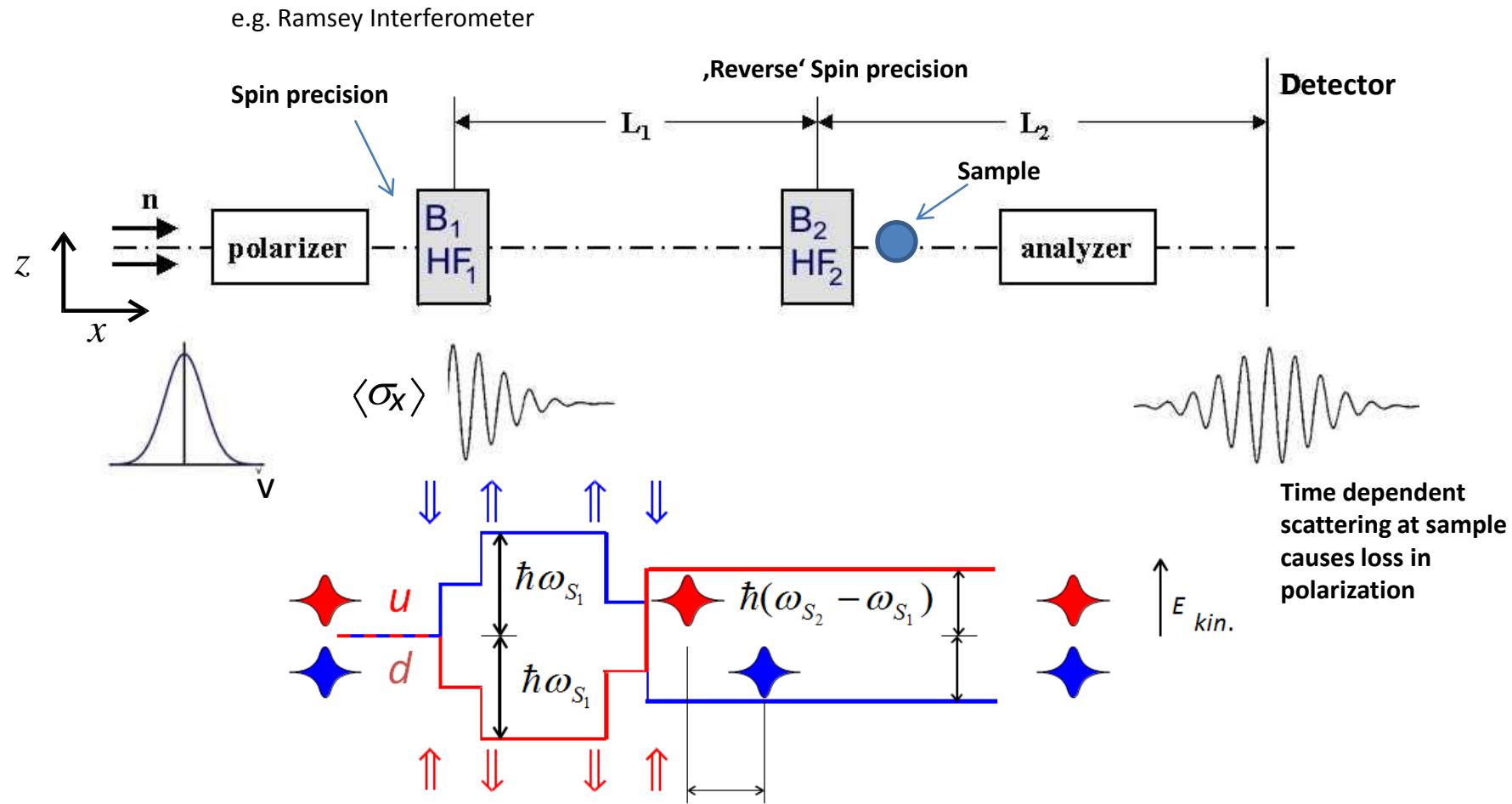
**GEM**  
(Gas Electron Multiplier foil)

# Neutron Resonance Spin Echo Methods

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## The MIEZE setup

**Principle:** Use Neutron Spin as Observable in Interference Time Of Flight Experiments

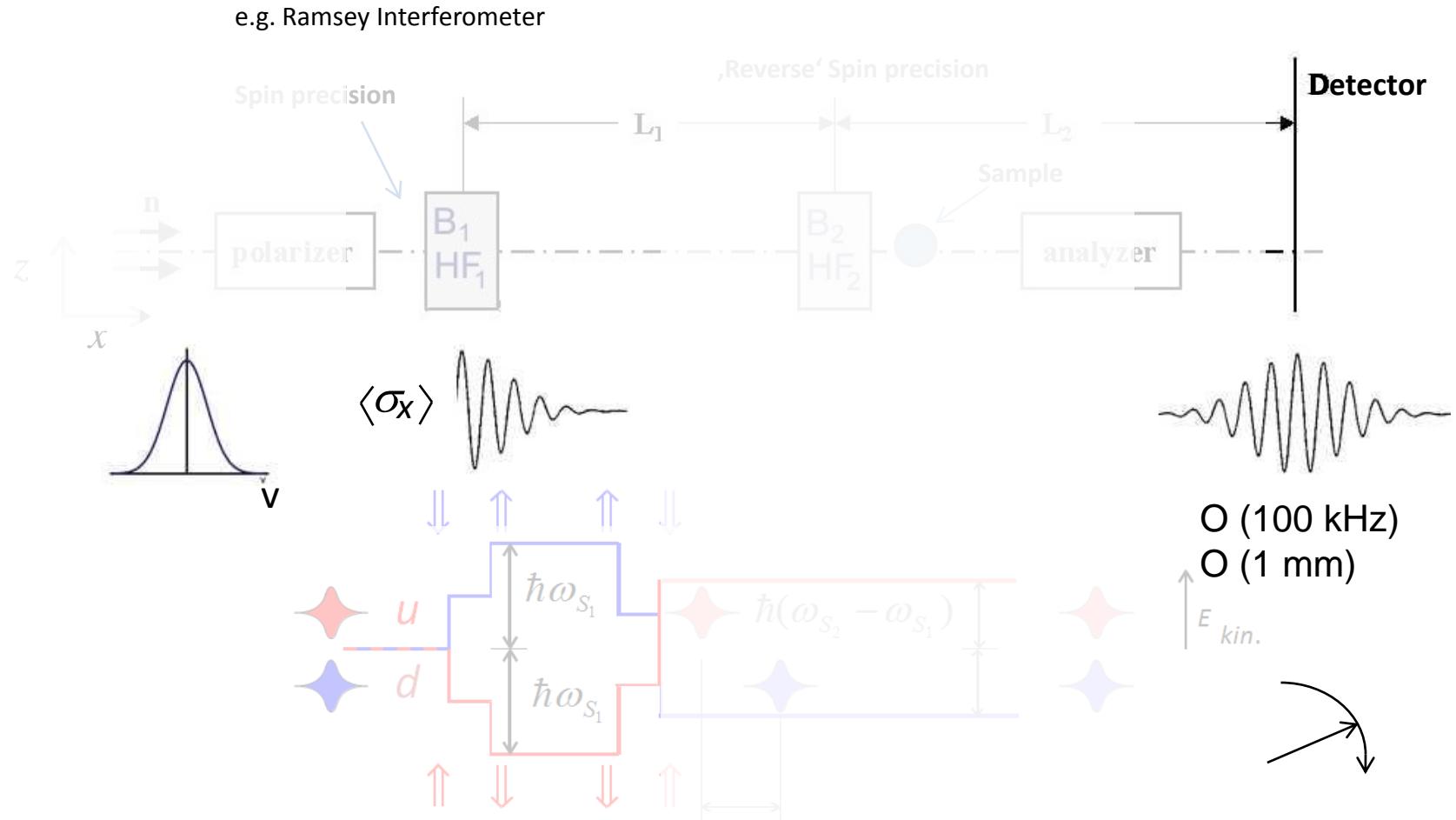


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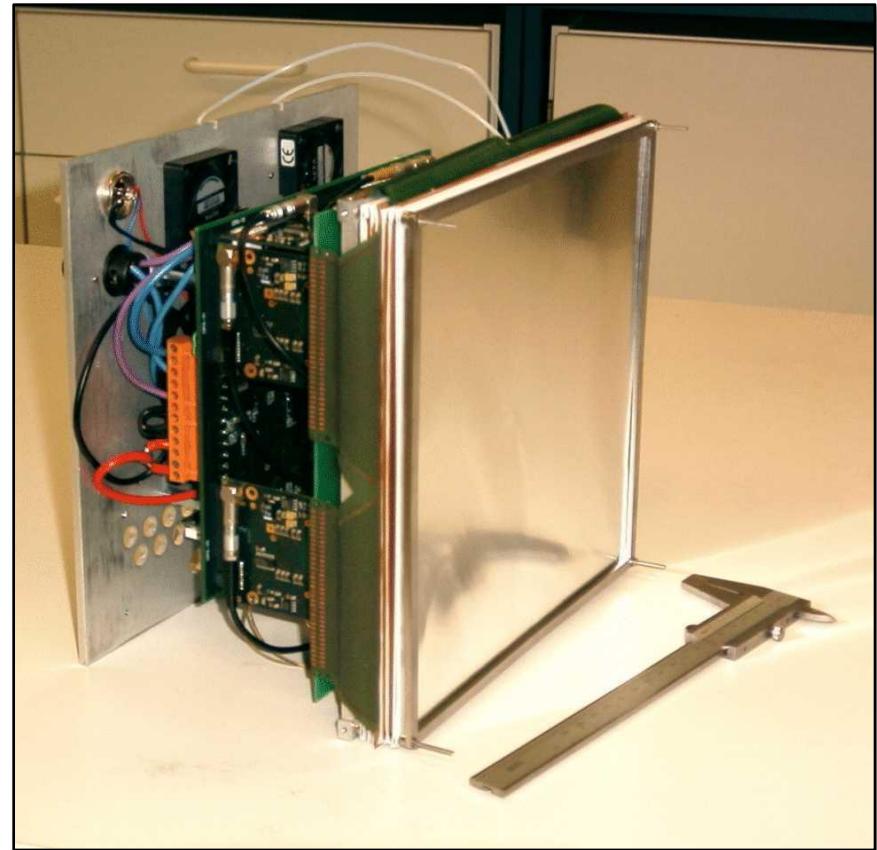
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# The CASCADE Detector

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CASCADE detector without housing



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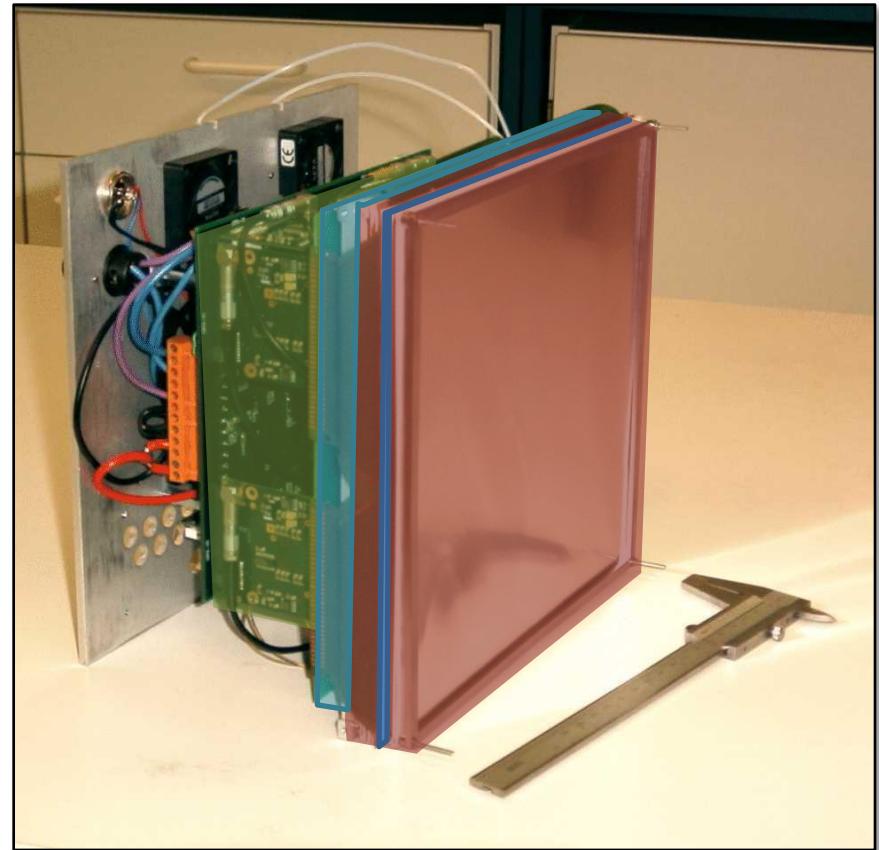
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Active Detection Volume

Readout

Electronics

CASCADE detector without housing

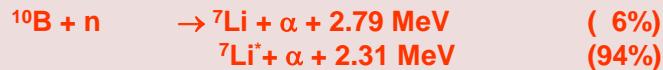


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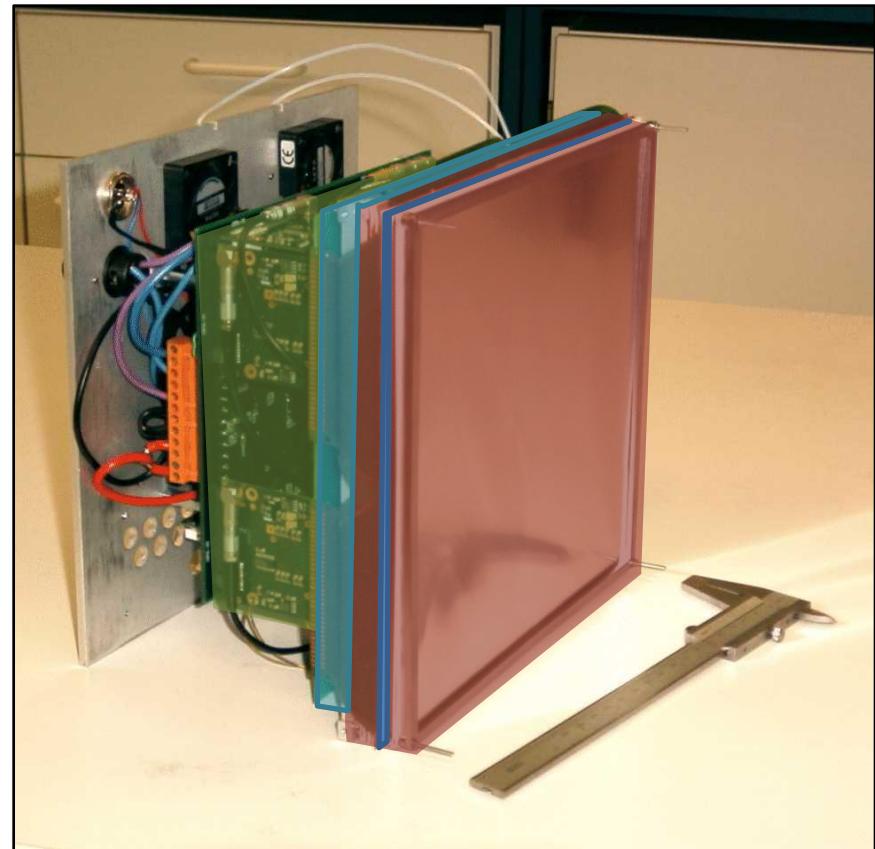
- Neutron conversion, pure Boron-10



- Charge amplification with GEMs in Standard Gas

## Readout

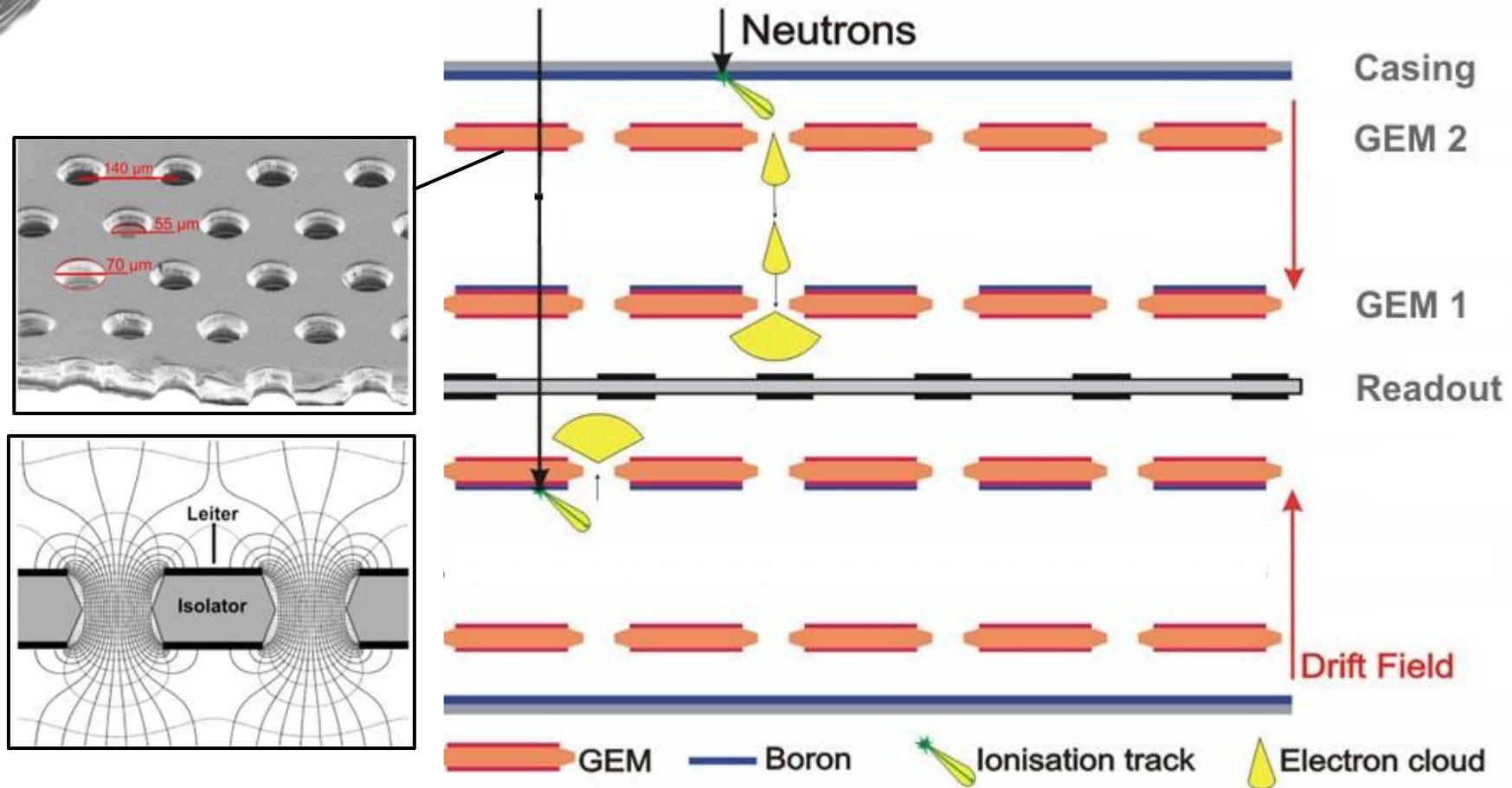
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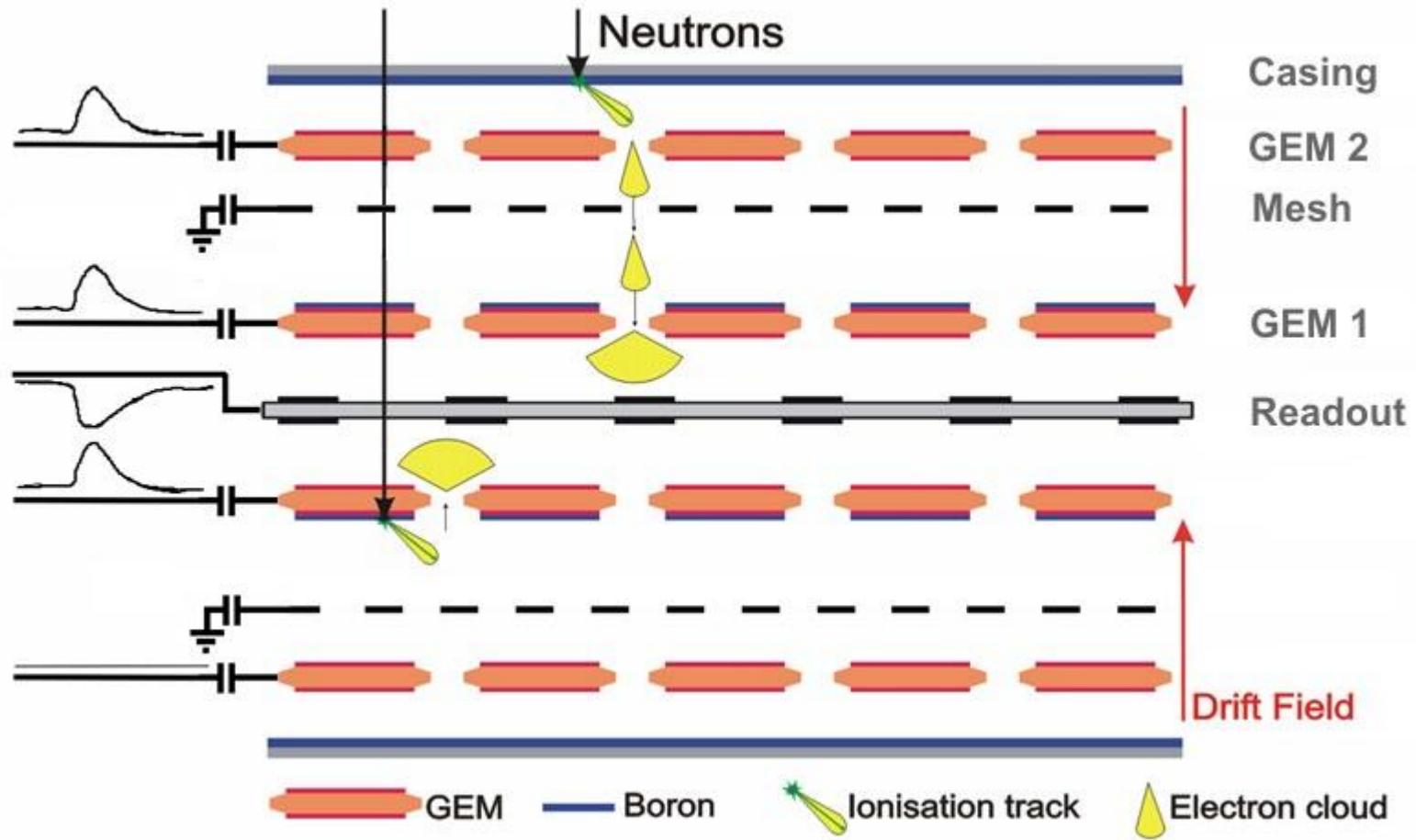
## Electronics

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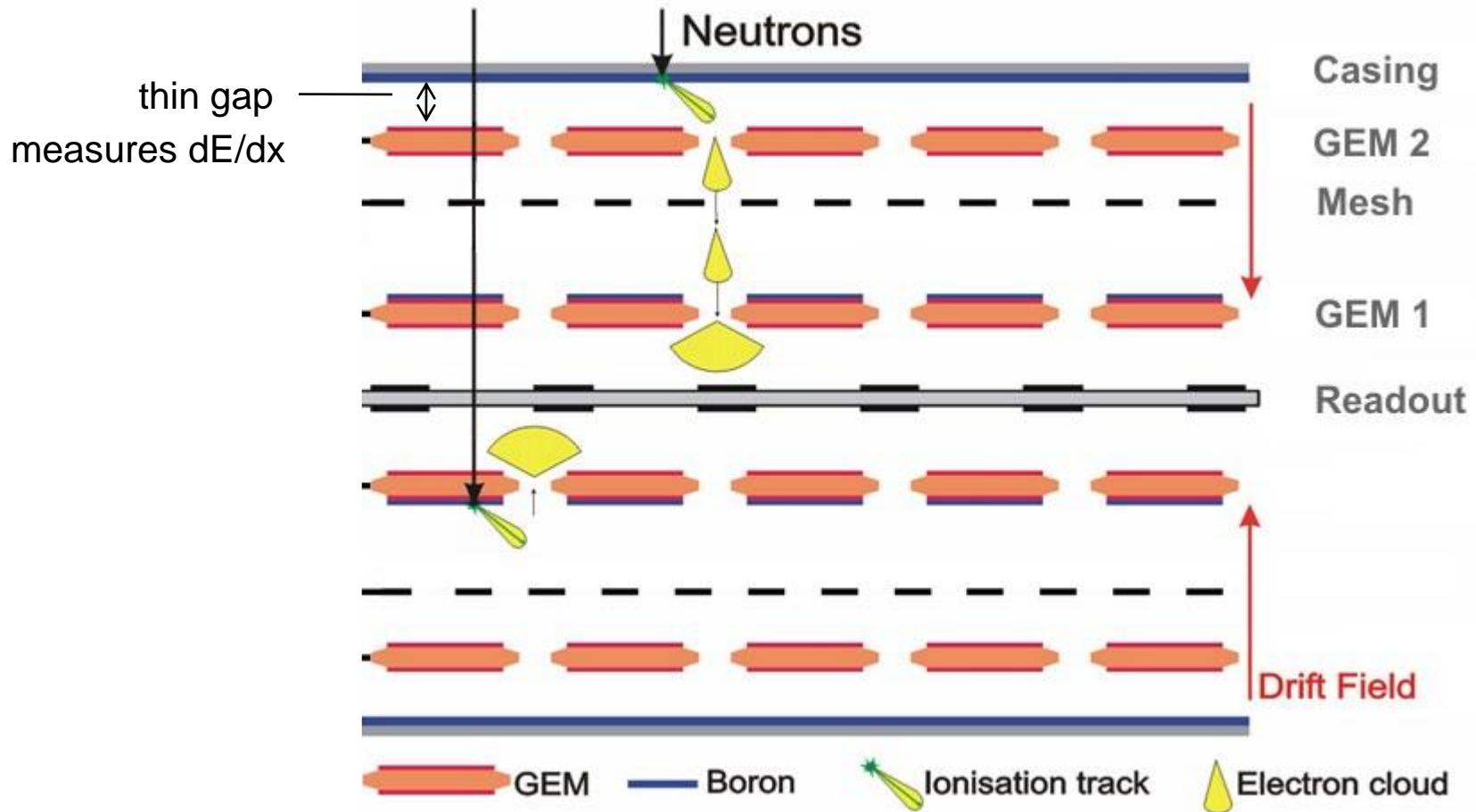
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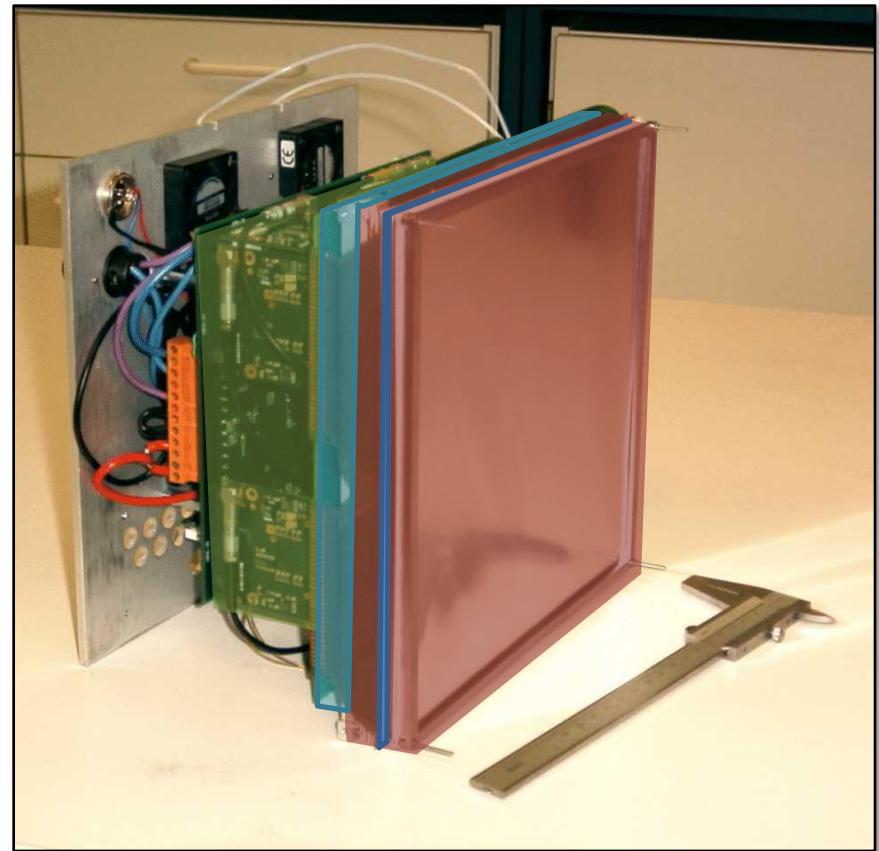
## Active Detection Volume

## Readout

- readout stripes: 128 x | 128 y @ 1.56mm
- double sided

## Electronics

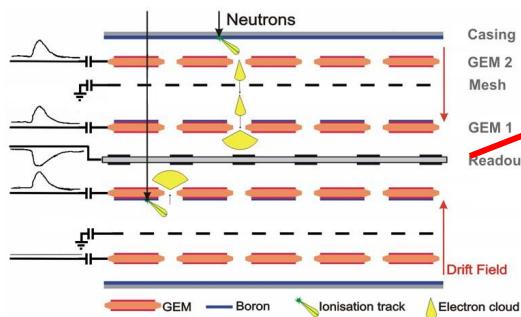
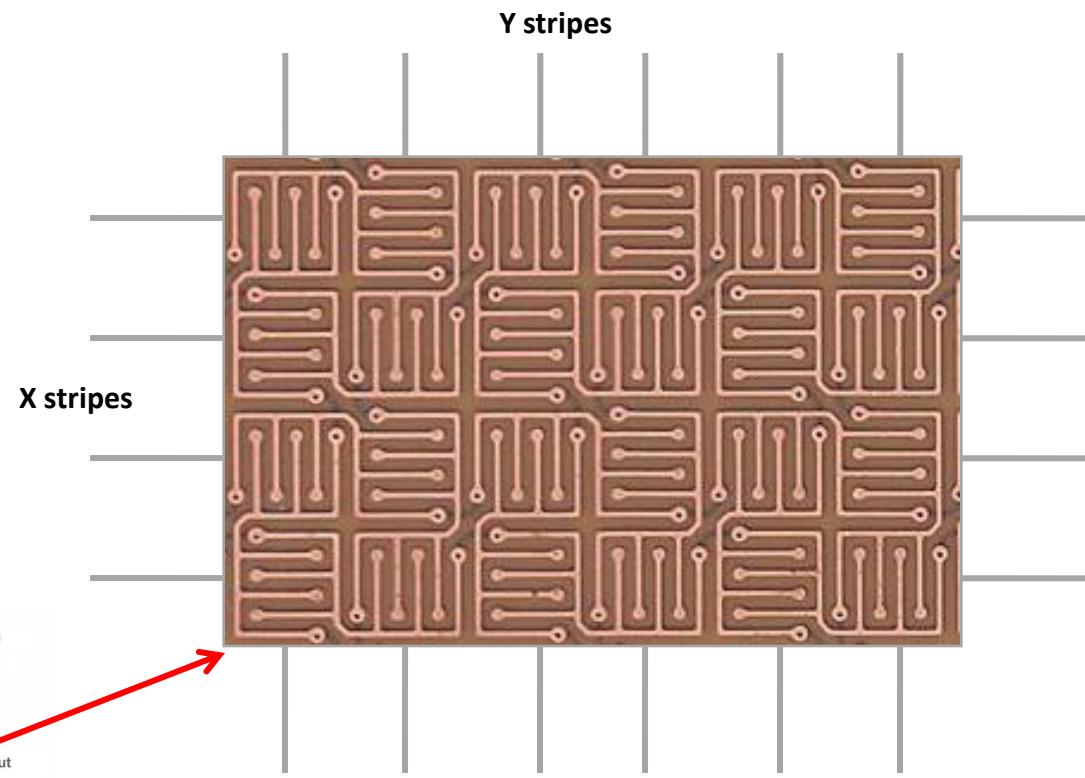
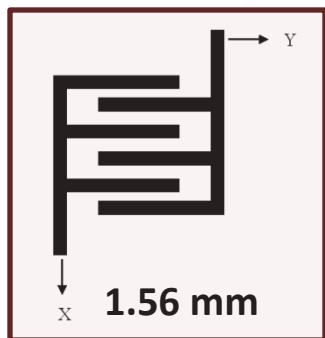
CASCADE detector without housing



# Double Sided Readout

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Unit Cell:



Crossed stripes: reduces noise by correlating x and y

# The CASCADE Detector

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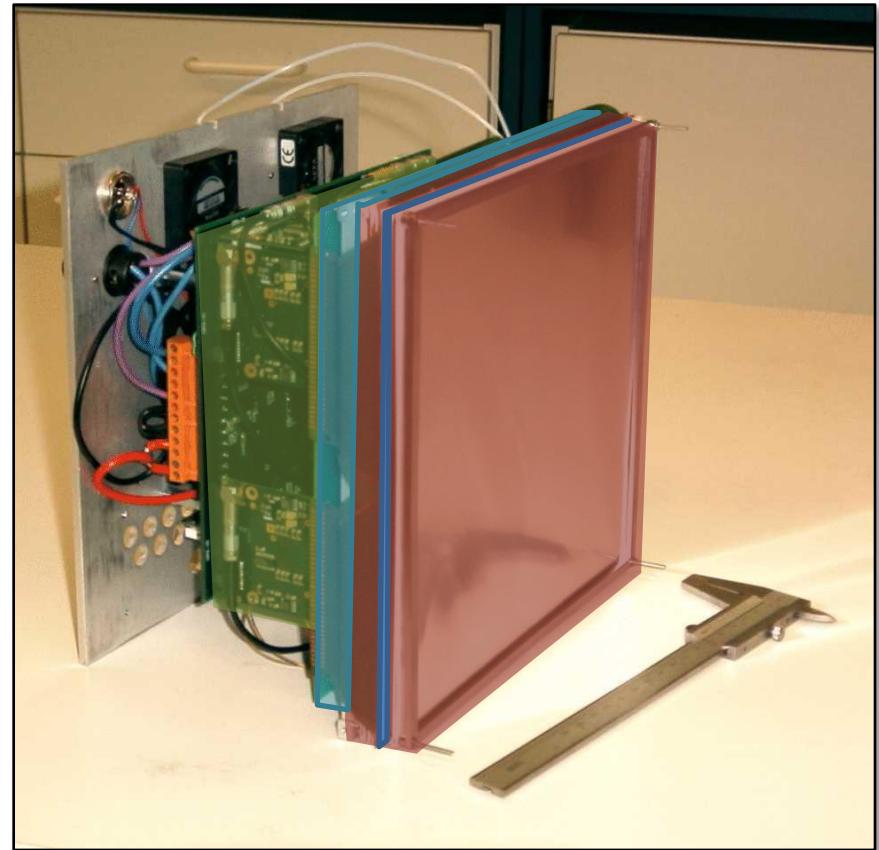
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## Electronics

- A/D: CiPix –Chip (ASIC) with 10 MHz
- FPGA based data preprocessing
  - o histogram (on the fly)
- Optical GBit Interface

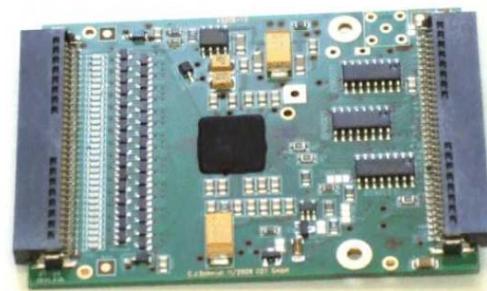
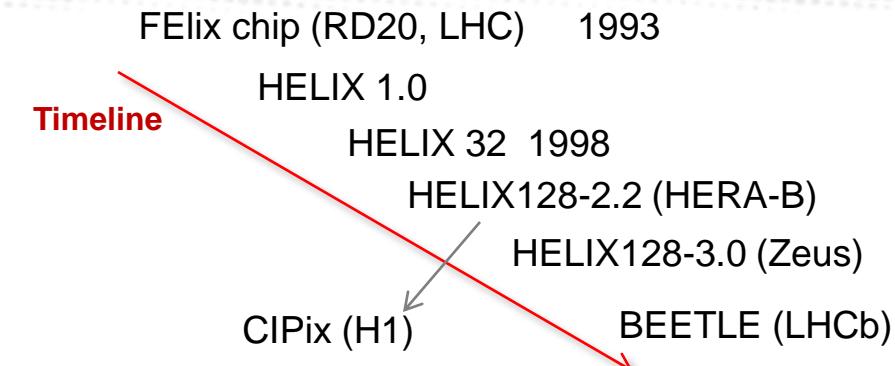
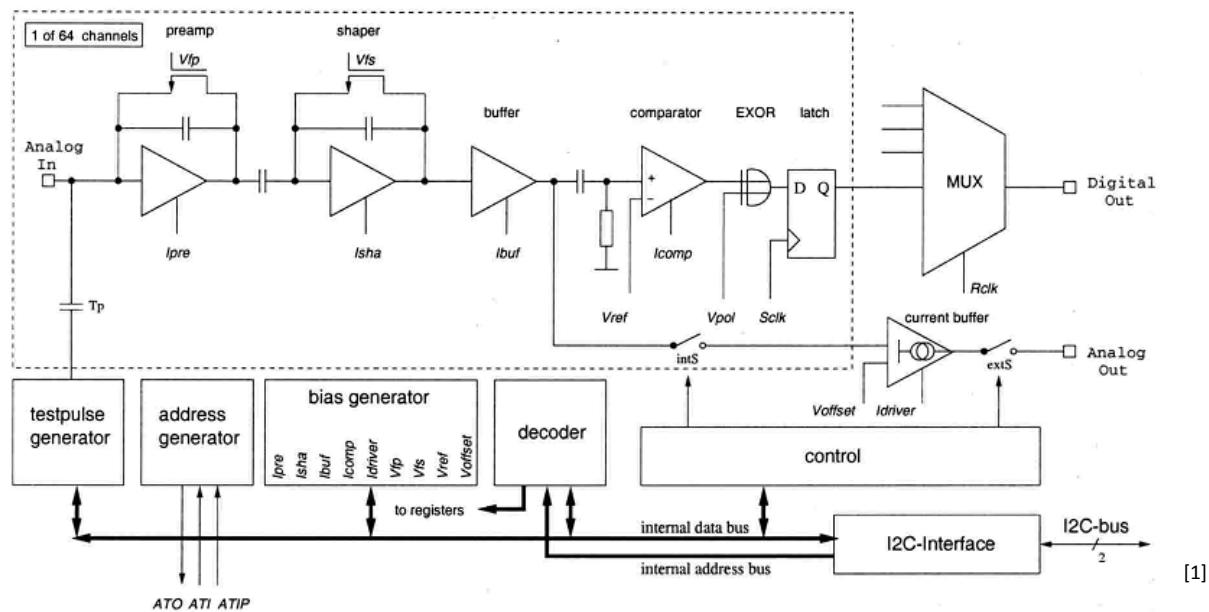
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# CIPix Preamplifier

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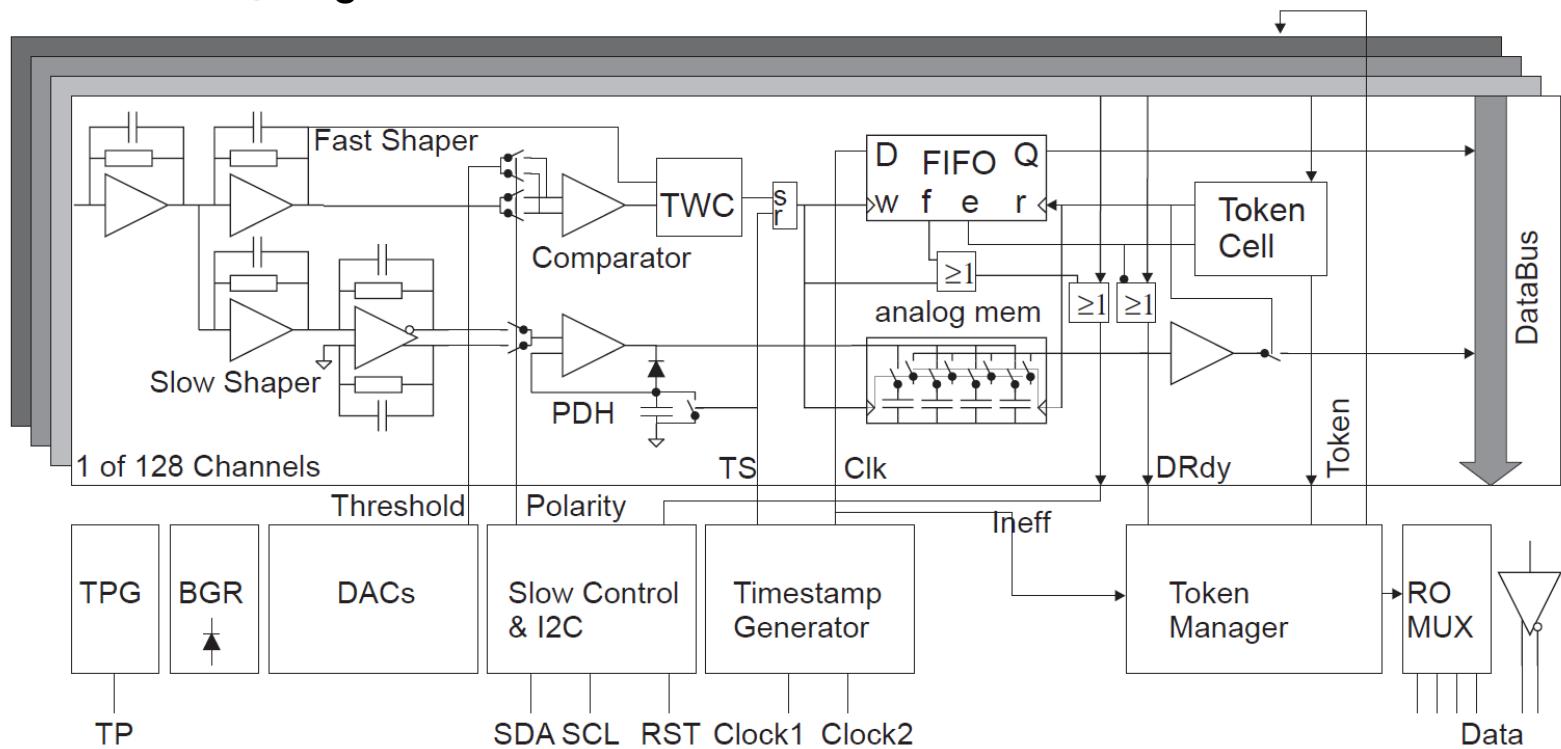
- 64 channels
- 10 MHz (40 MHz) Readout clock



# Outlook: nXYTER

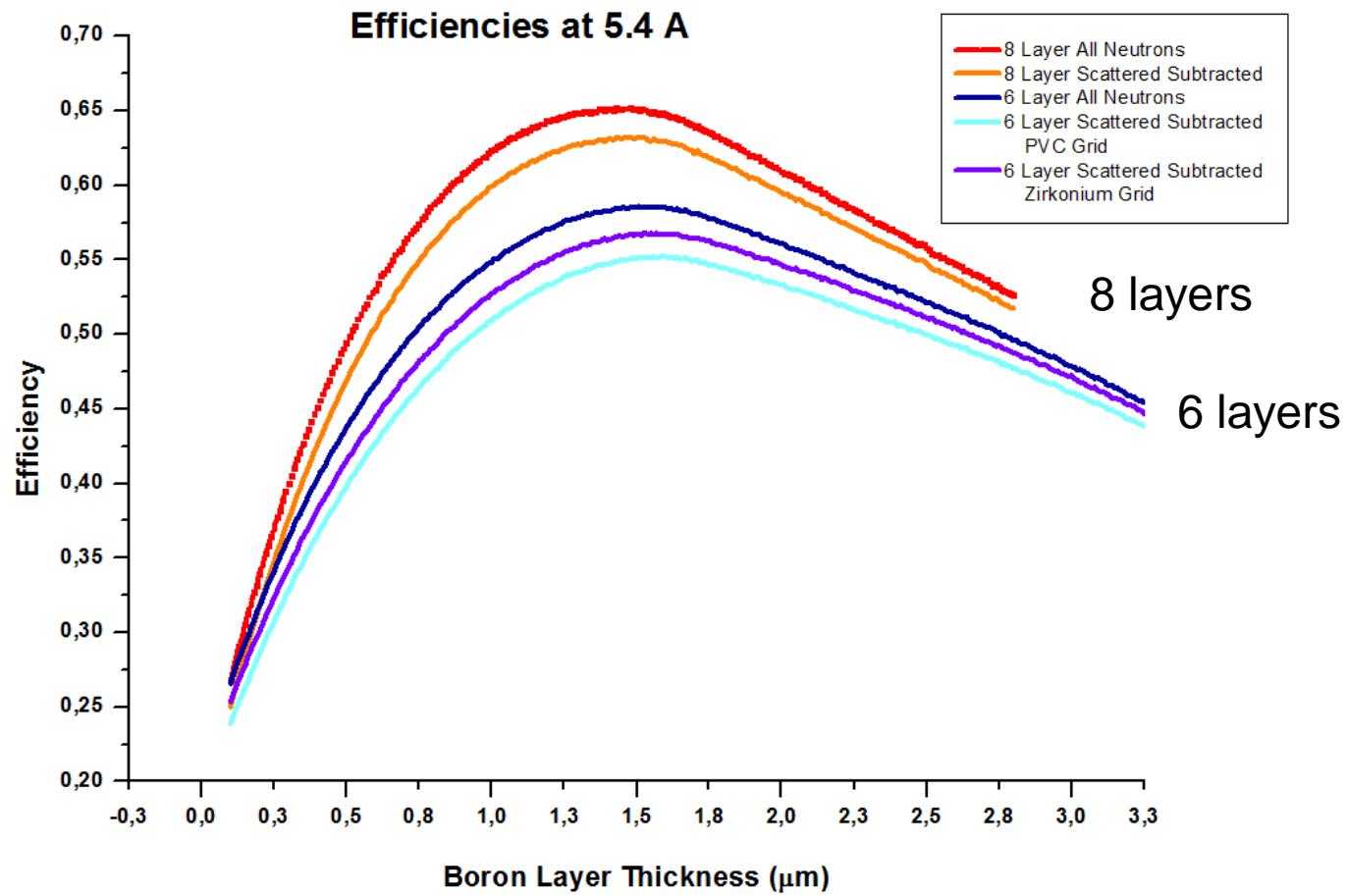
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- 128 channels
- 1 ns time resolution
- Token Ring Readout



[1] The n-XYTER Reference Manual 1.50, 2009

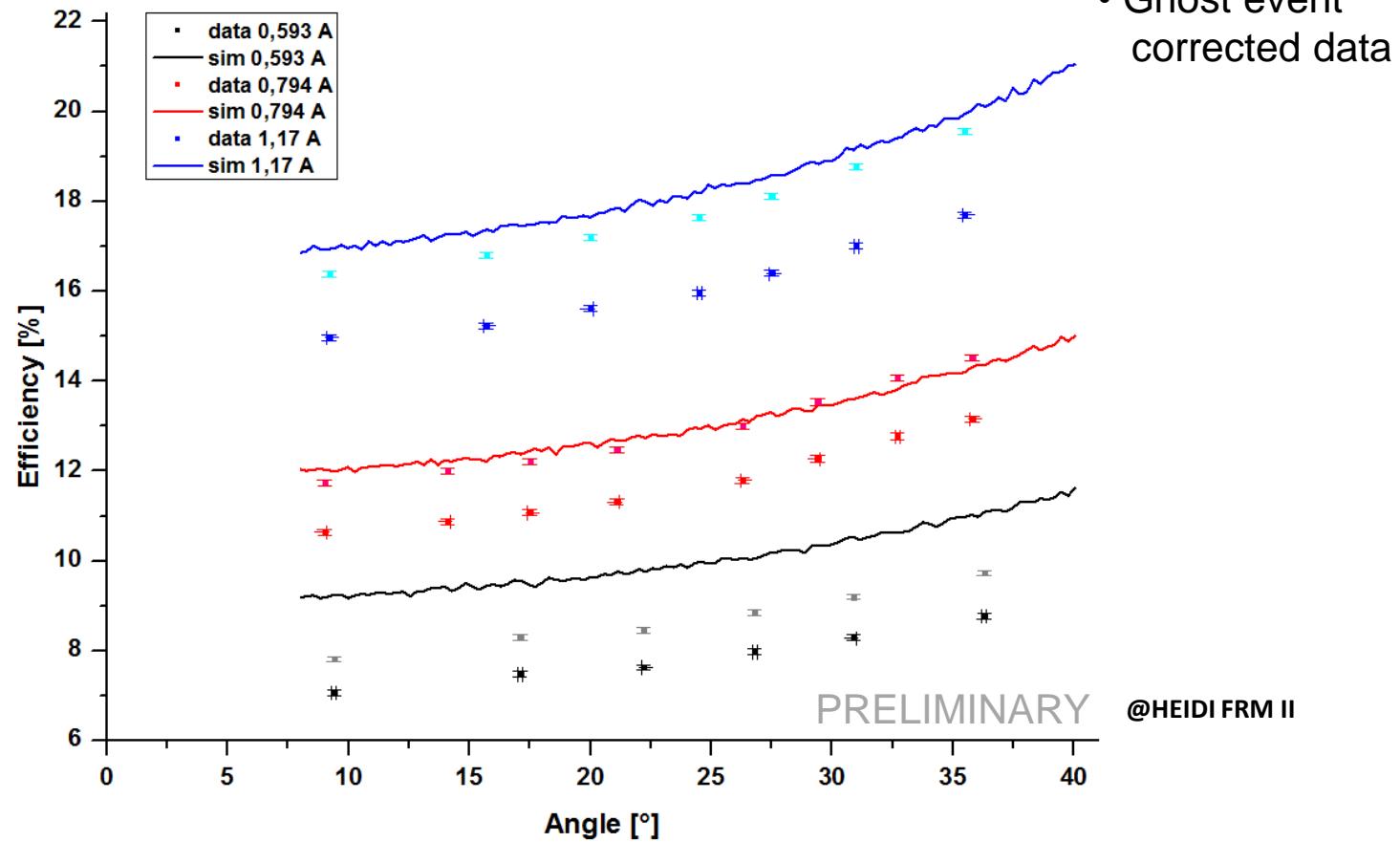
# Efficiency and internal scattering



# Efficiency measured at HEIDI

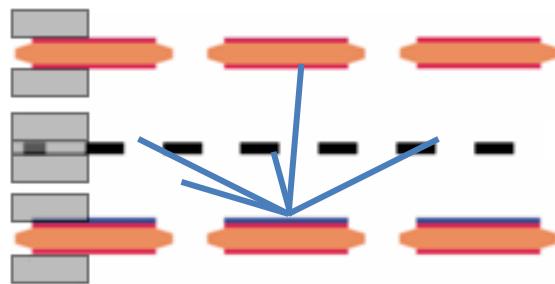
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## Efficiencies of the detector at different wavelengths

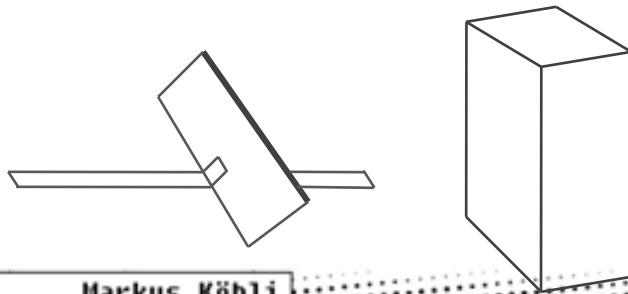


# Spatial Resolution

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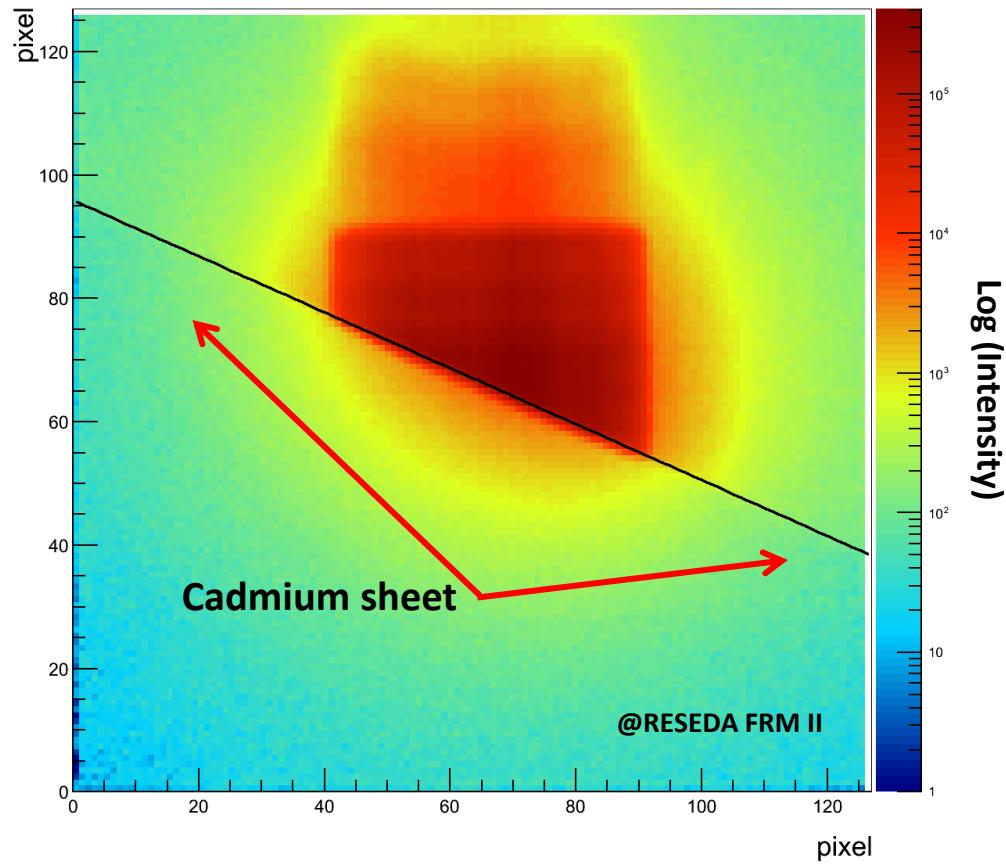
Spatial resolution: 2.4 mm



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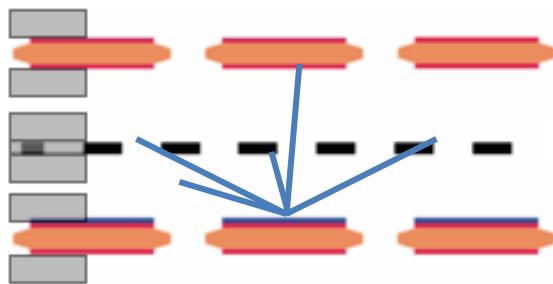
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Image of a thermal neutron beam (after guide)

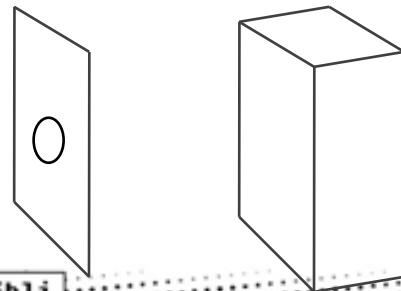


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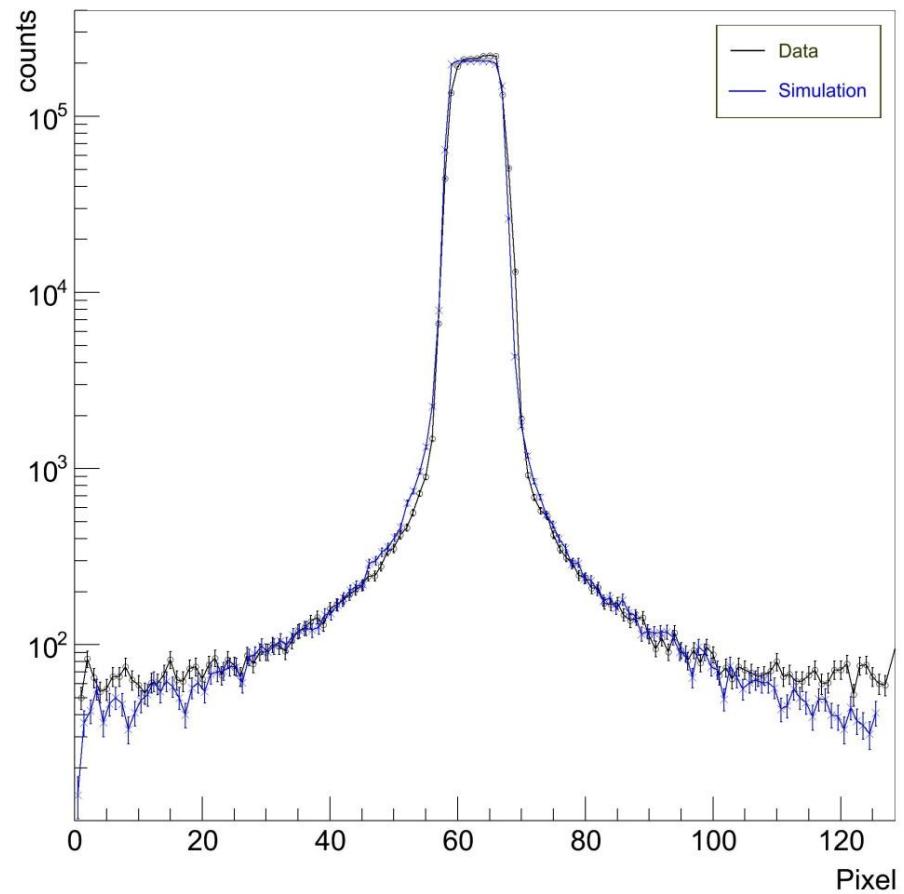
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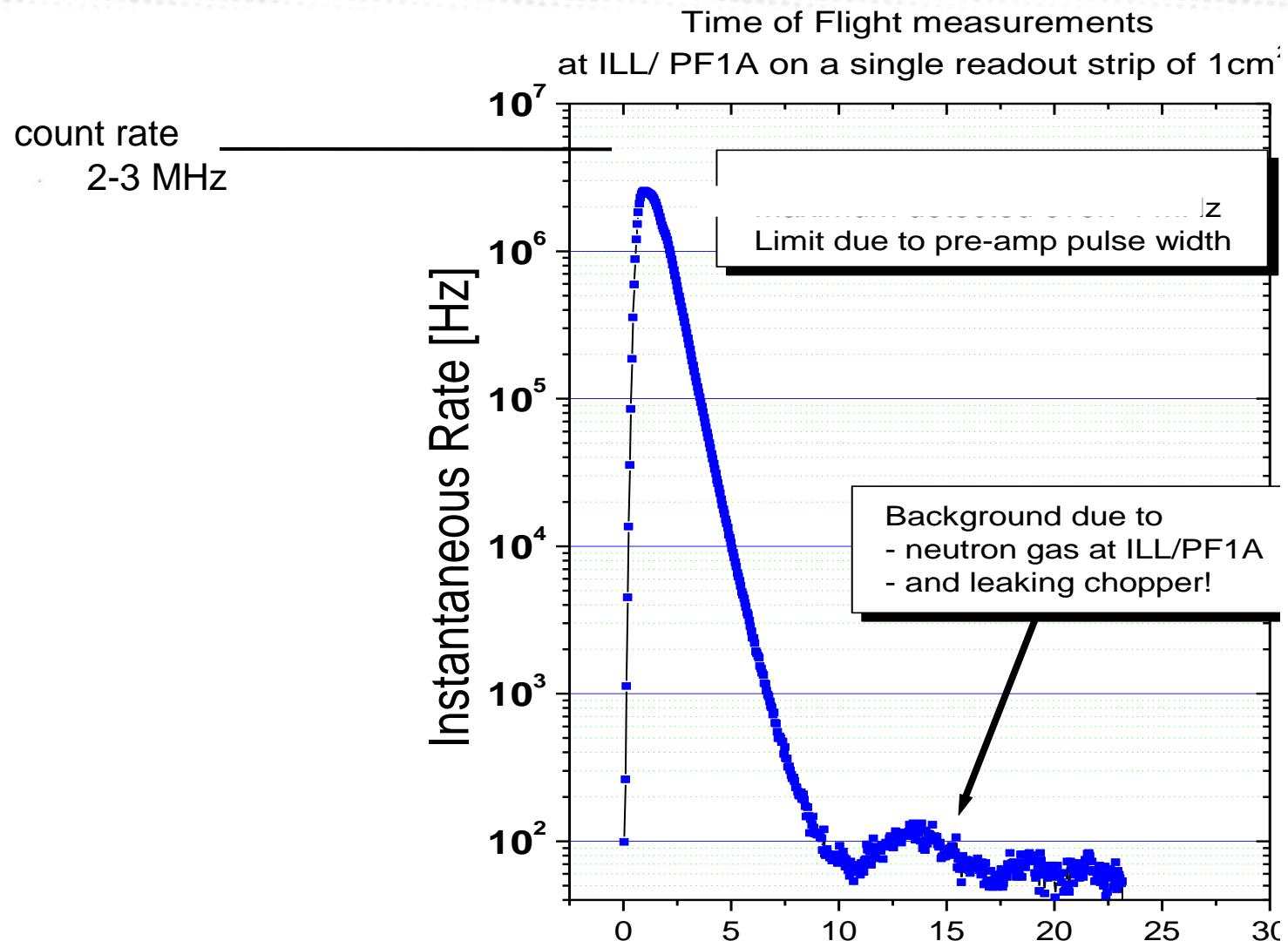
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Cross section of a collimated n-beam



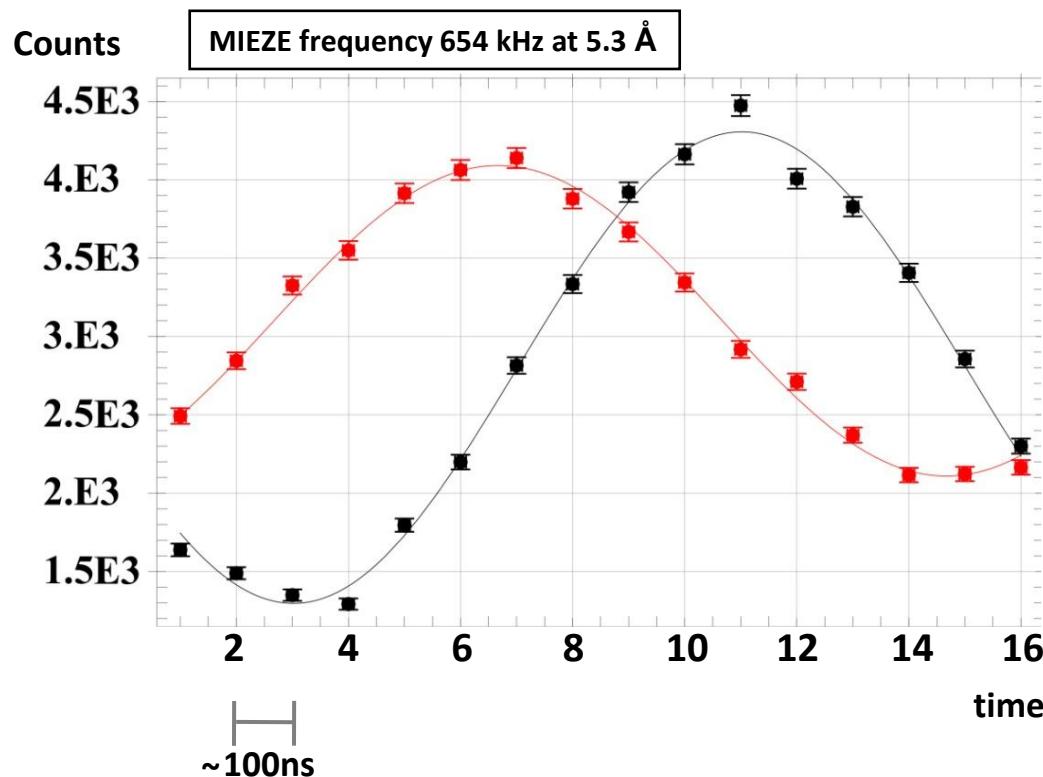
# Count rate measurements



# A Spin Echo Signal

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Polarization in two pixels:

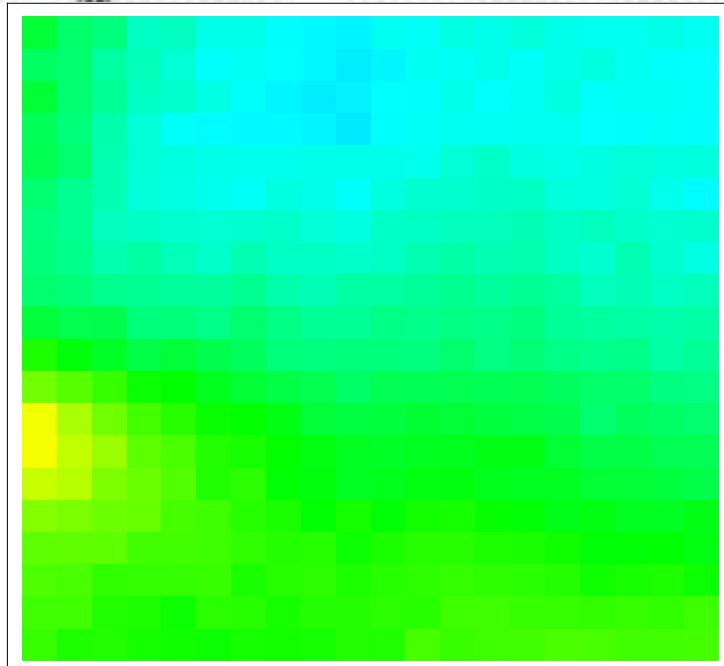


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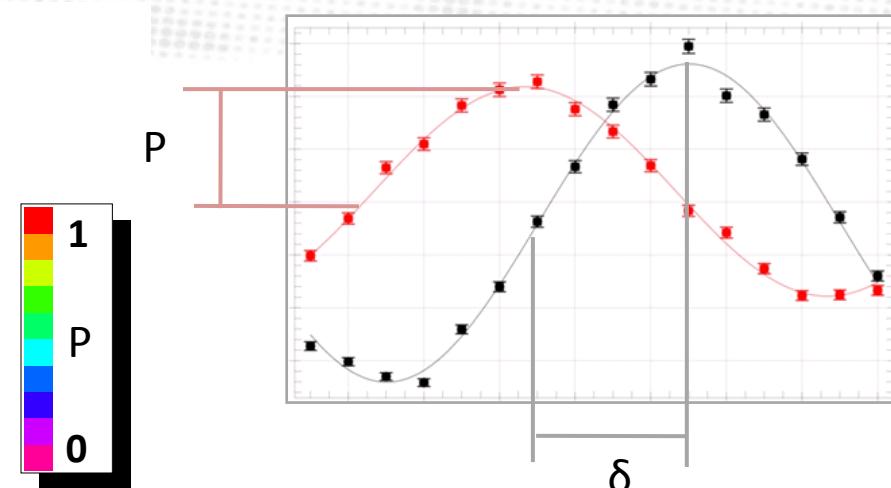
Signal can be obtained in every single pixel and layer

# Spin Echo @ CASCADE

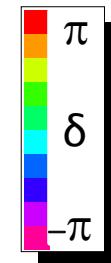
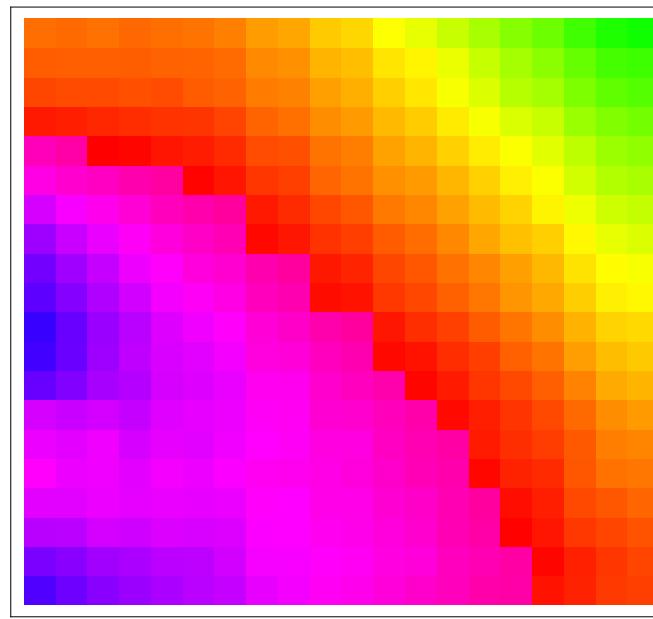
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polarization map



phase front map

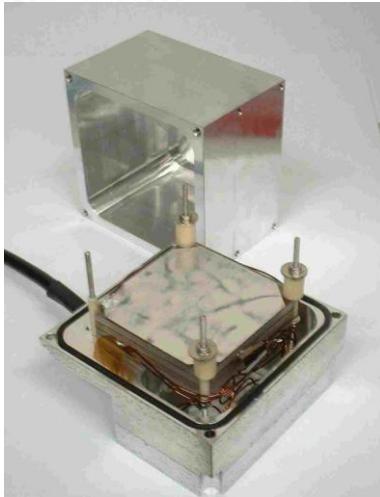


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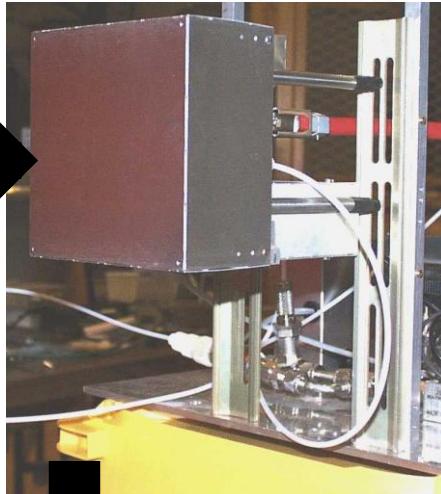
# Prototypes

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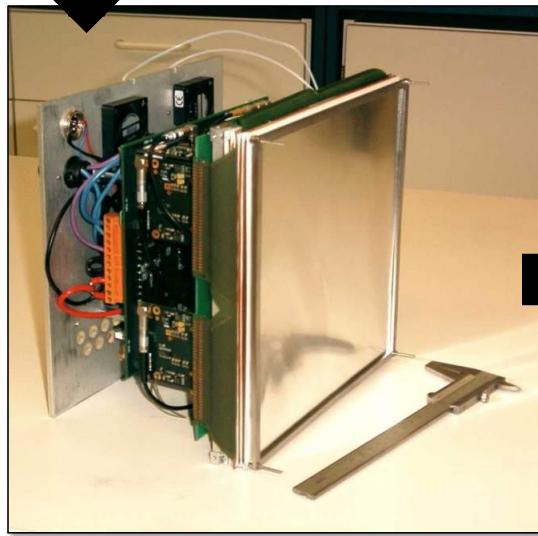
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100 X 100

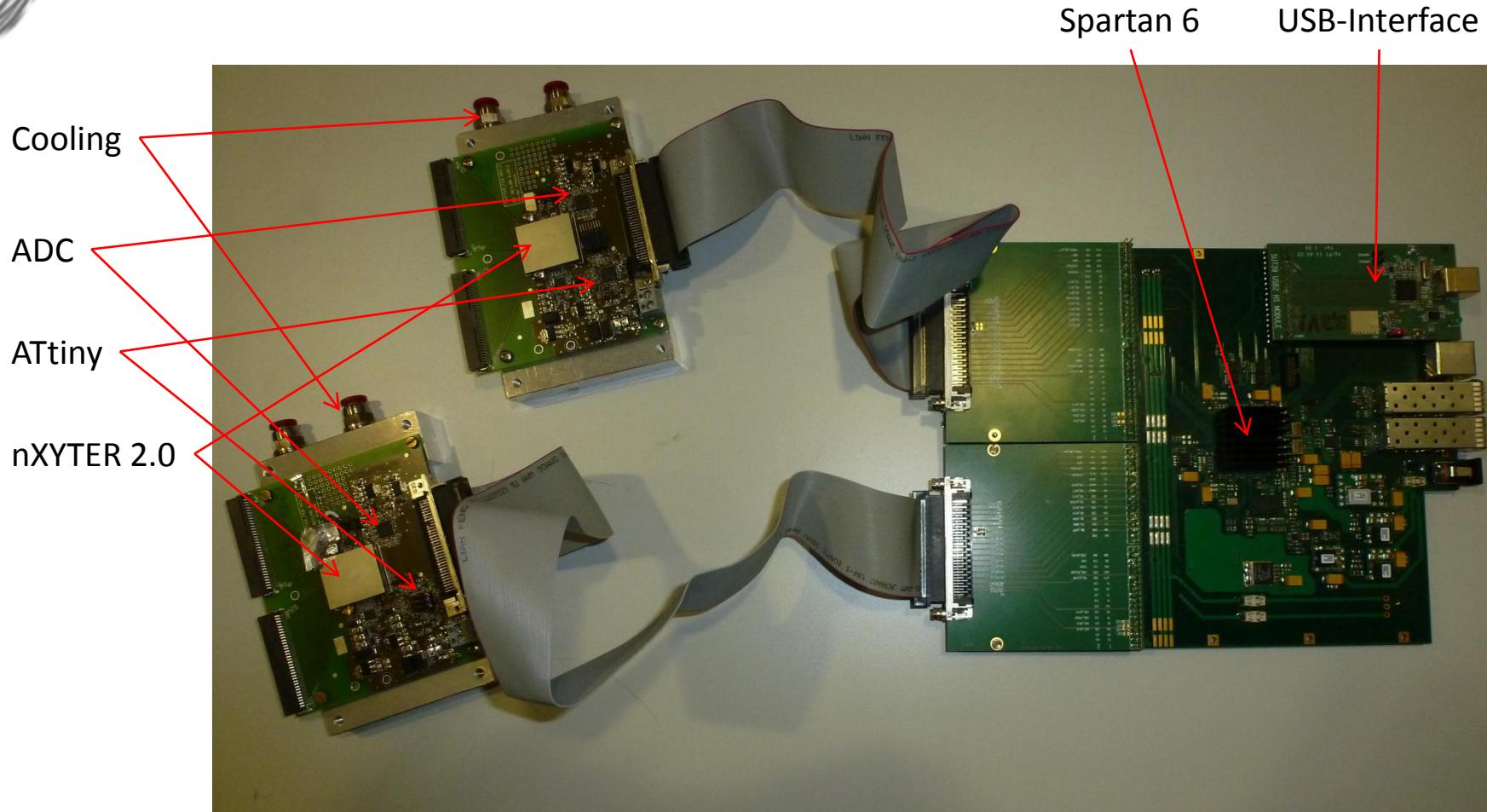


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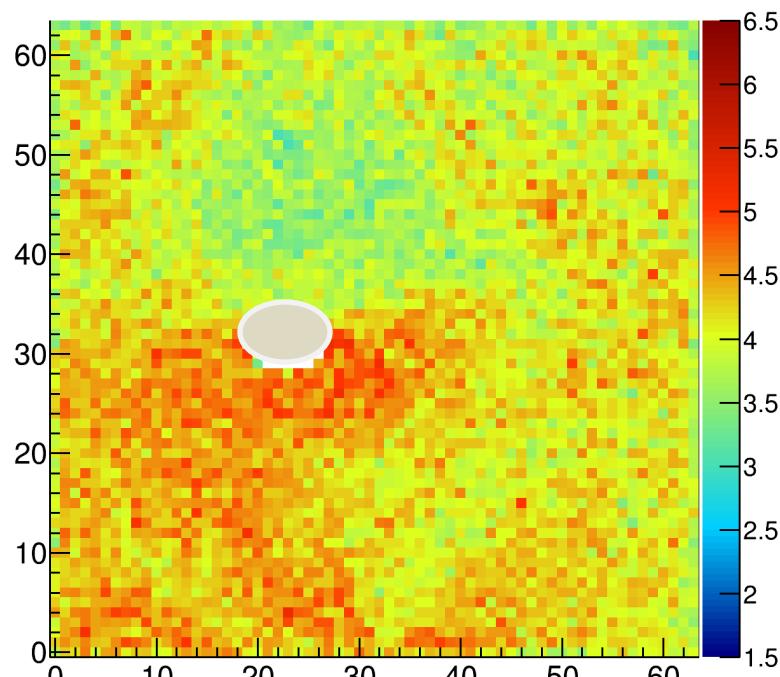
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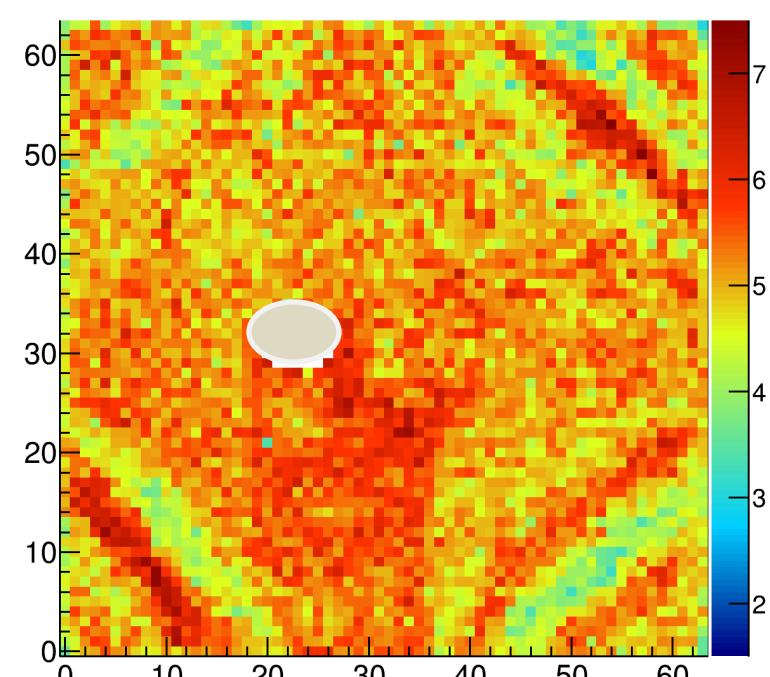
# A Spin Echo Signal

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Mean local gas gain



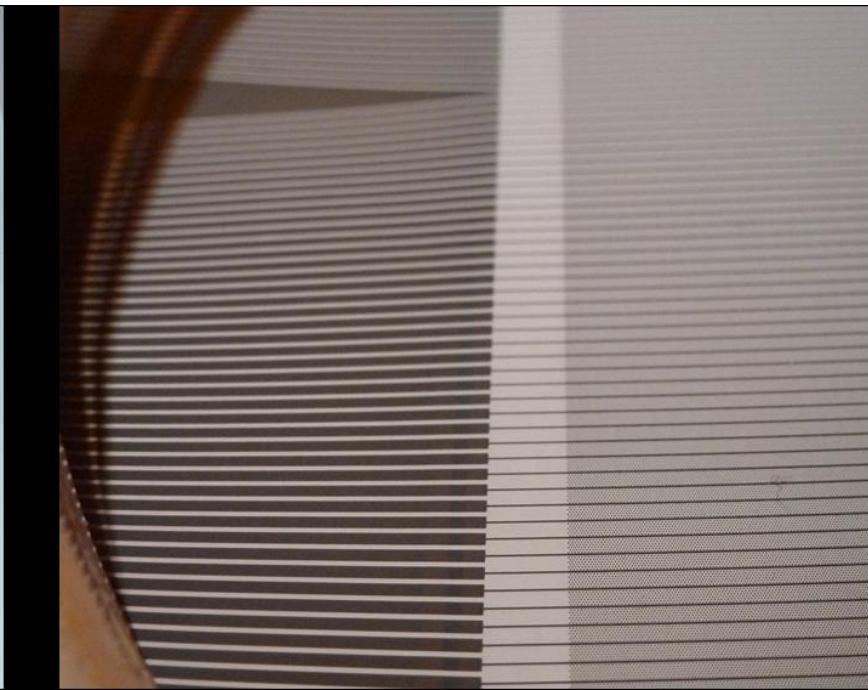
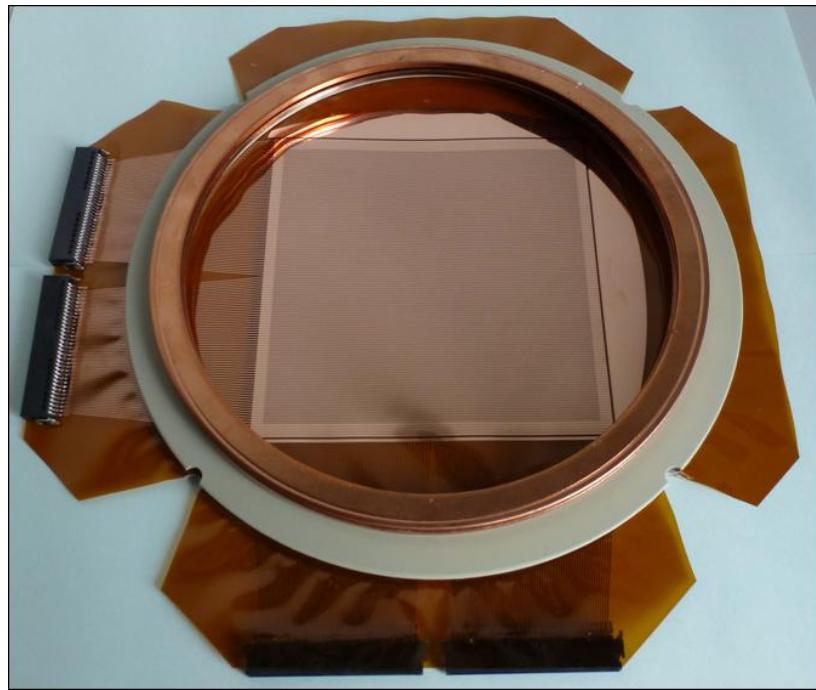
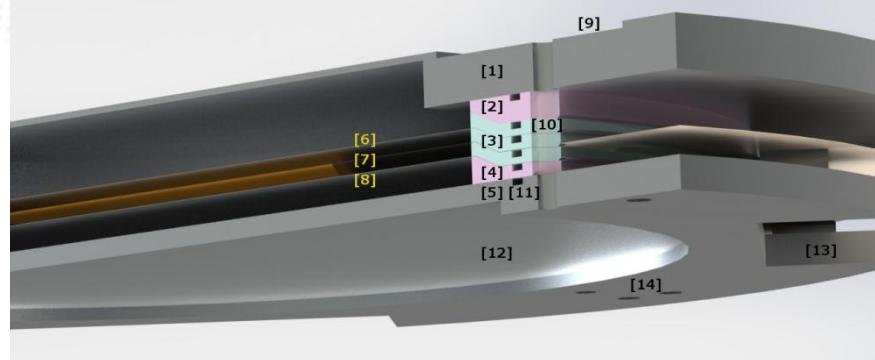
Drift cathode with bump



GEM strained

# Outlook

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# Summary

GEMs plus standard gas detectors  
are a promising alternative technology

a broad range of technologies  
is available from particle physics

## CASCADE

\_\_\_\_\_ features

- conversion layer identification  
→ high TOF resolution (Spin Echo)
- 2.4 mm spatial resolution
- 2 MHz rate capability
- 20% thermal neutron efficiency @ 6 layers
- 50% efficiency for 5 Angstroms @ 8 layers



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