

# The CASCADE Project a multi-layer $^{10}\text{B}$ neutron detection system



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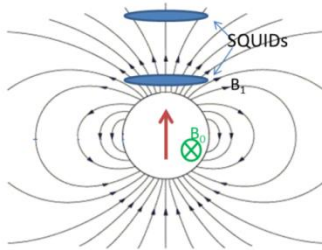
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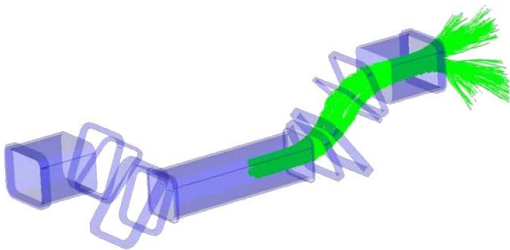


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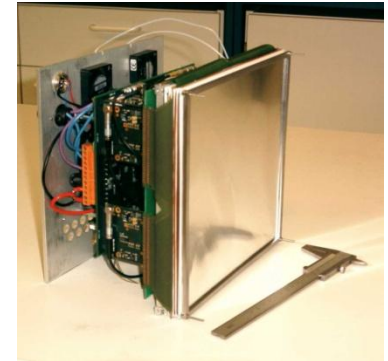
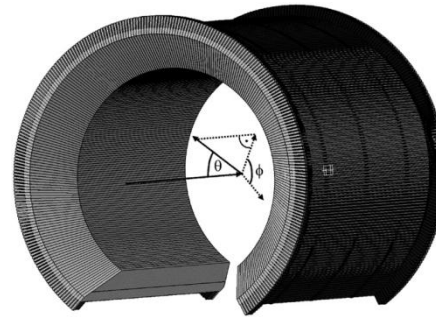
Helium-Xenon EDM  
[test of Lorentz invariance]



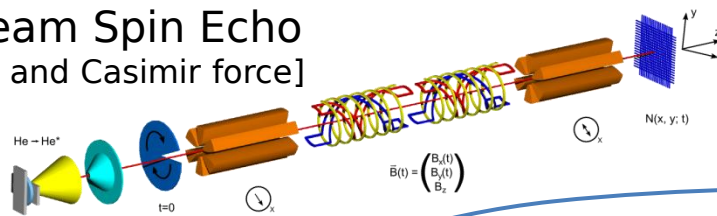
PERC and PERKEO  
[ $v_{ud}$  via neutron beta decay]



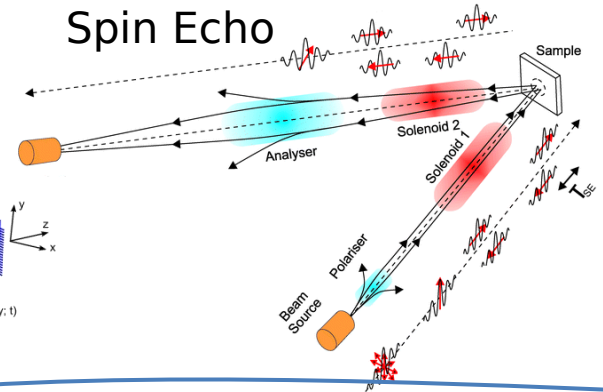
<sup>10</sup>B Neutron Detectors  
[large area and high time resolution]



Atomic Beam Spin Echo  
[Berry phase and Casimir force]



Spin Echo



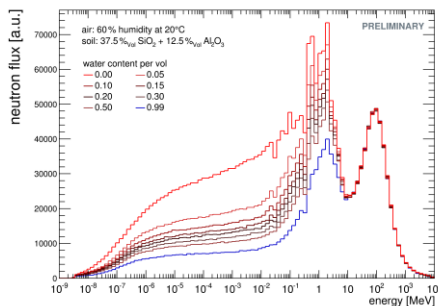
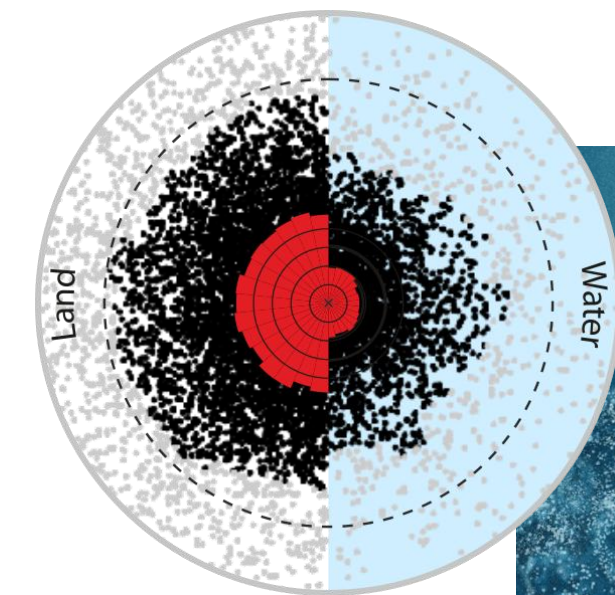


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COSMOS Project, UFZ Leipzig

Ground water sensing by  
cosmic ray induced neutron showers



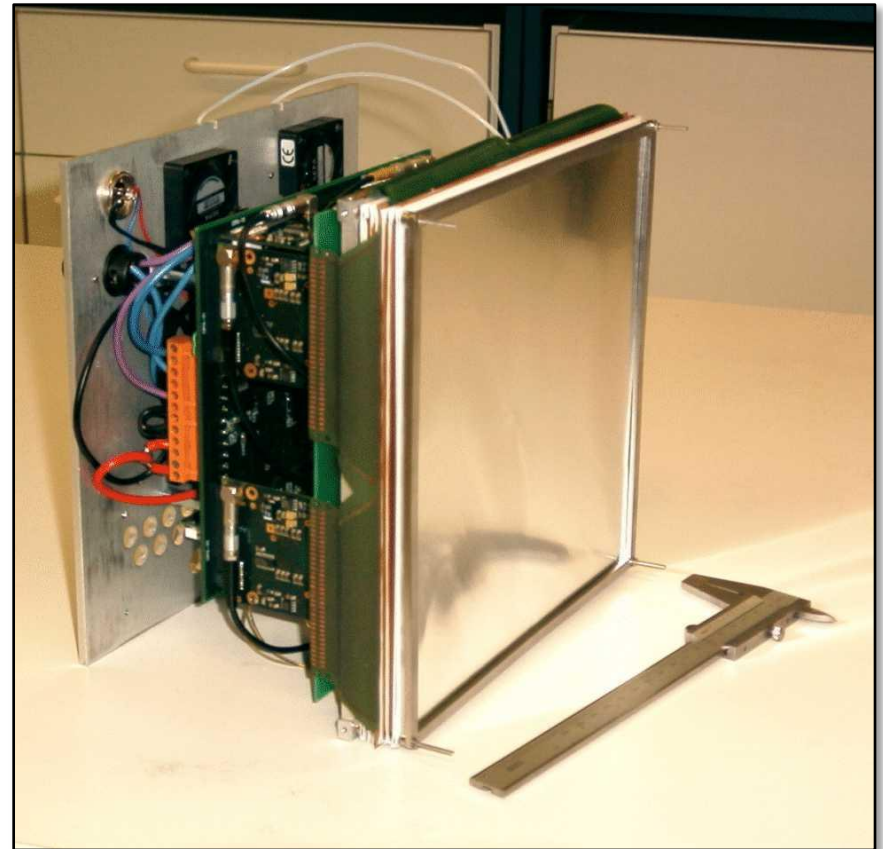
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CASCADE detector without housing







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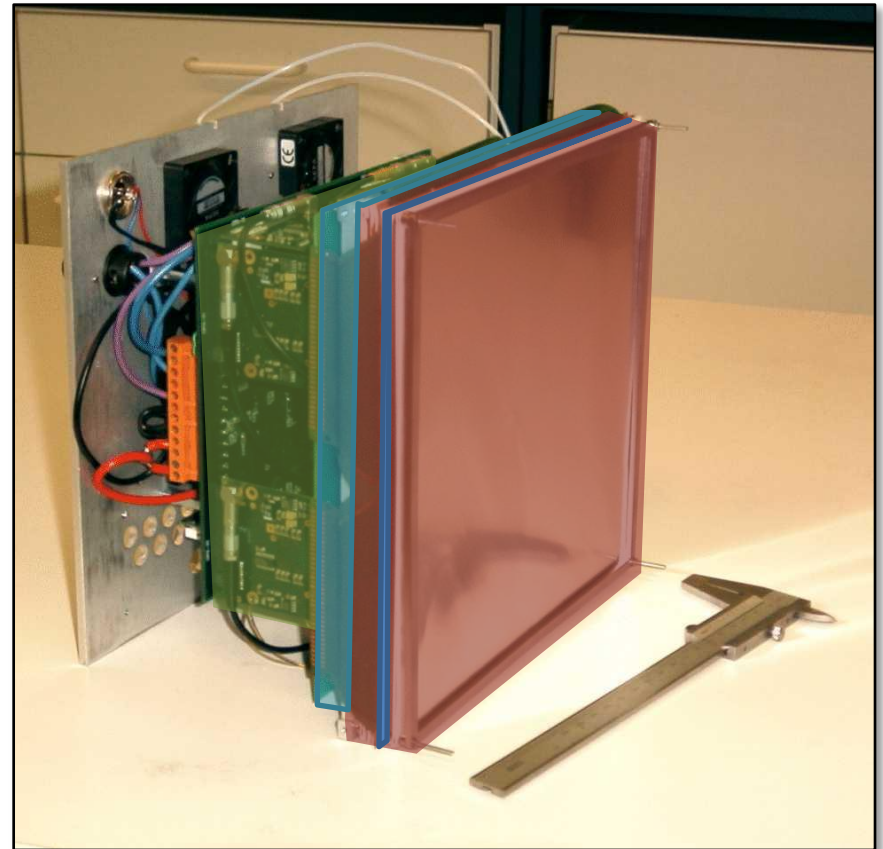
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Active Detection Volume

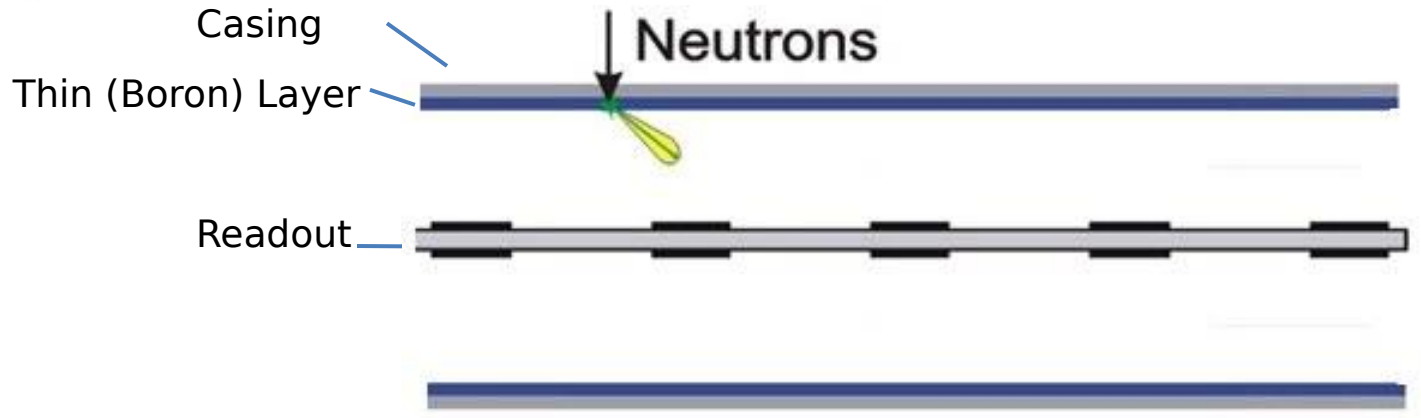
Readout

Electronics

CASCADE detector without housing

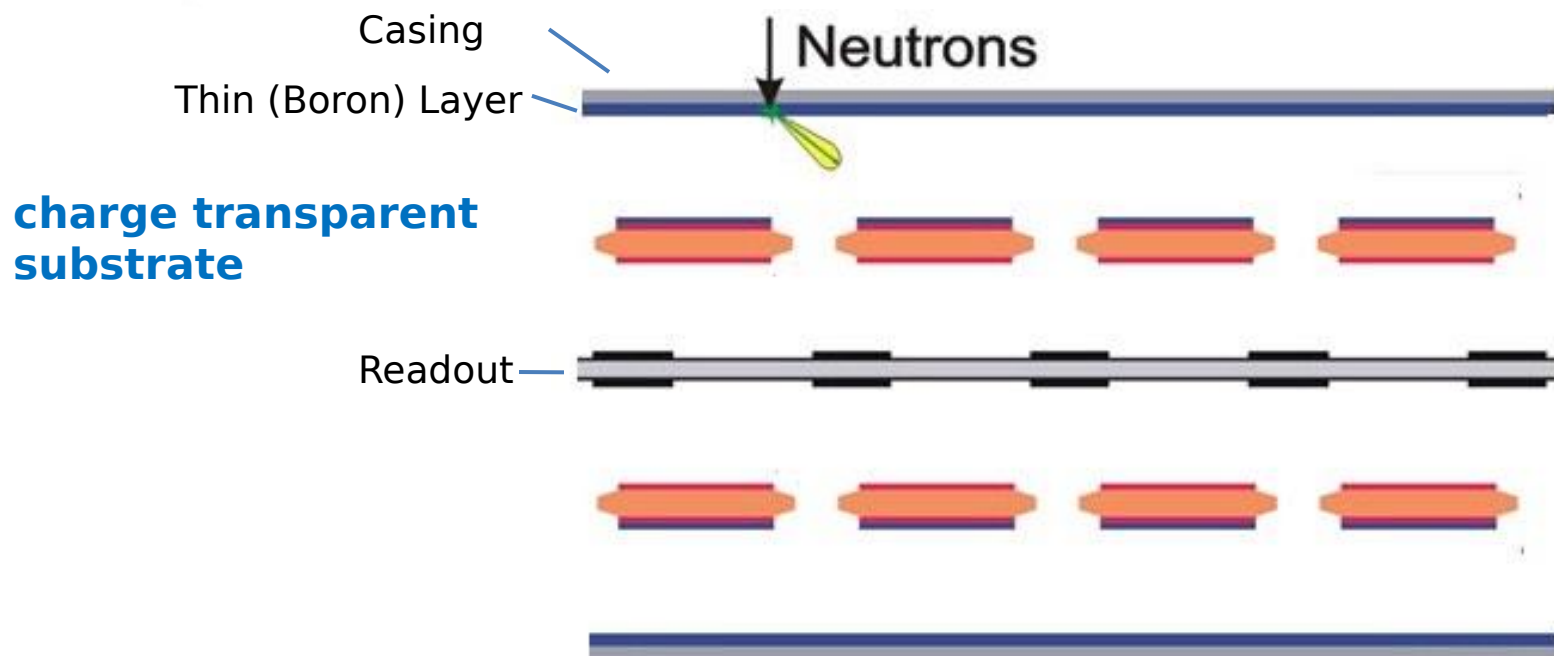


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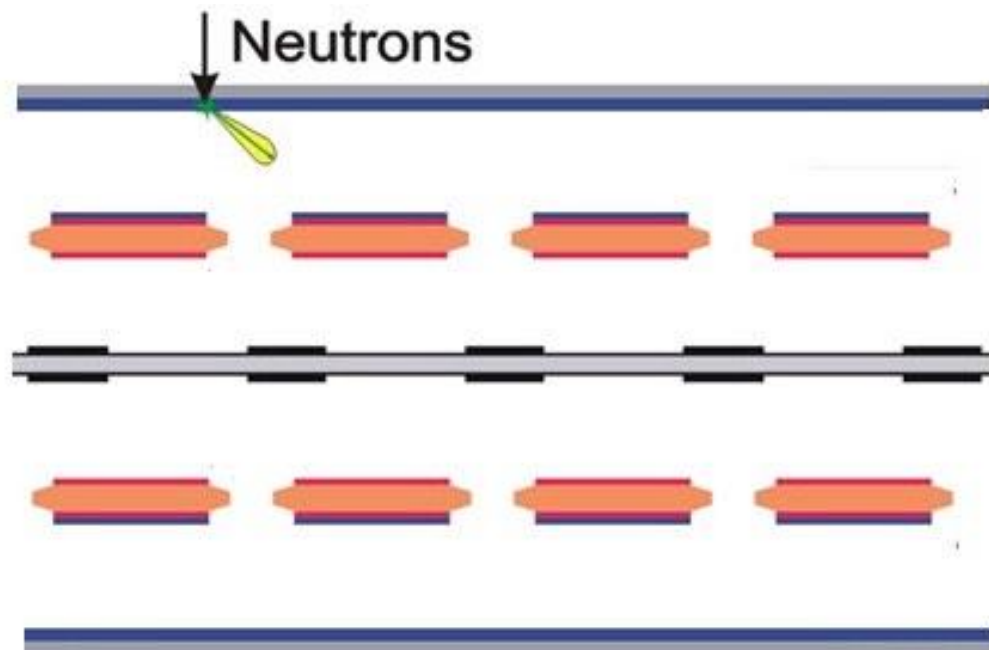
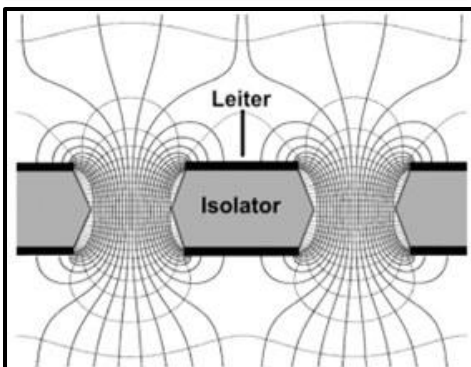
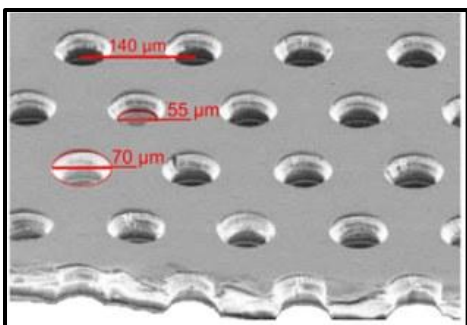
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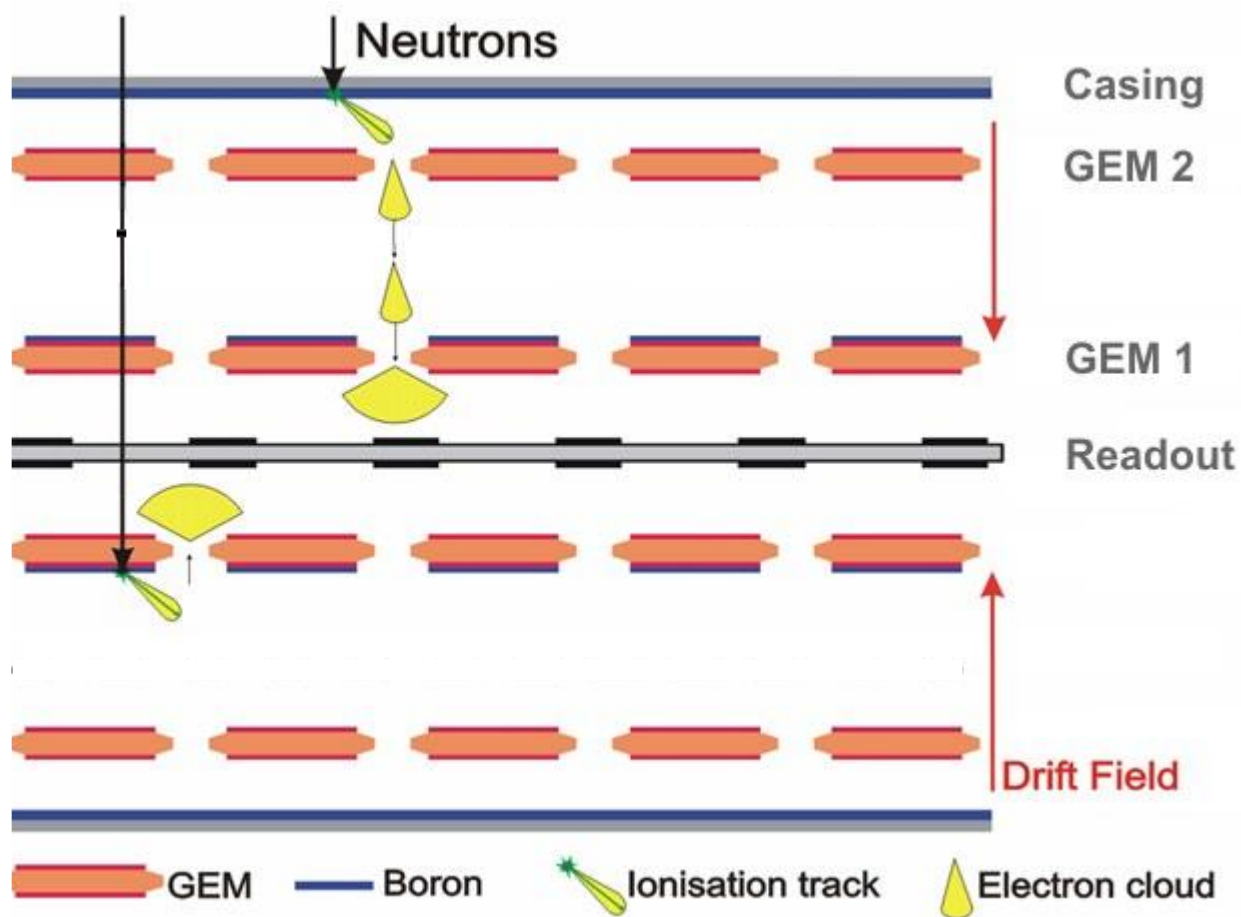
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**GEM**  
(Gas Electron Multiplier foil)

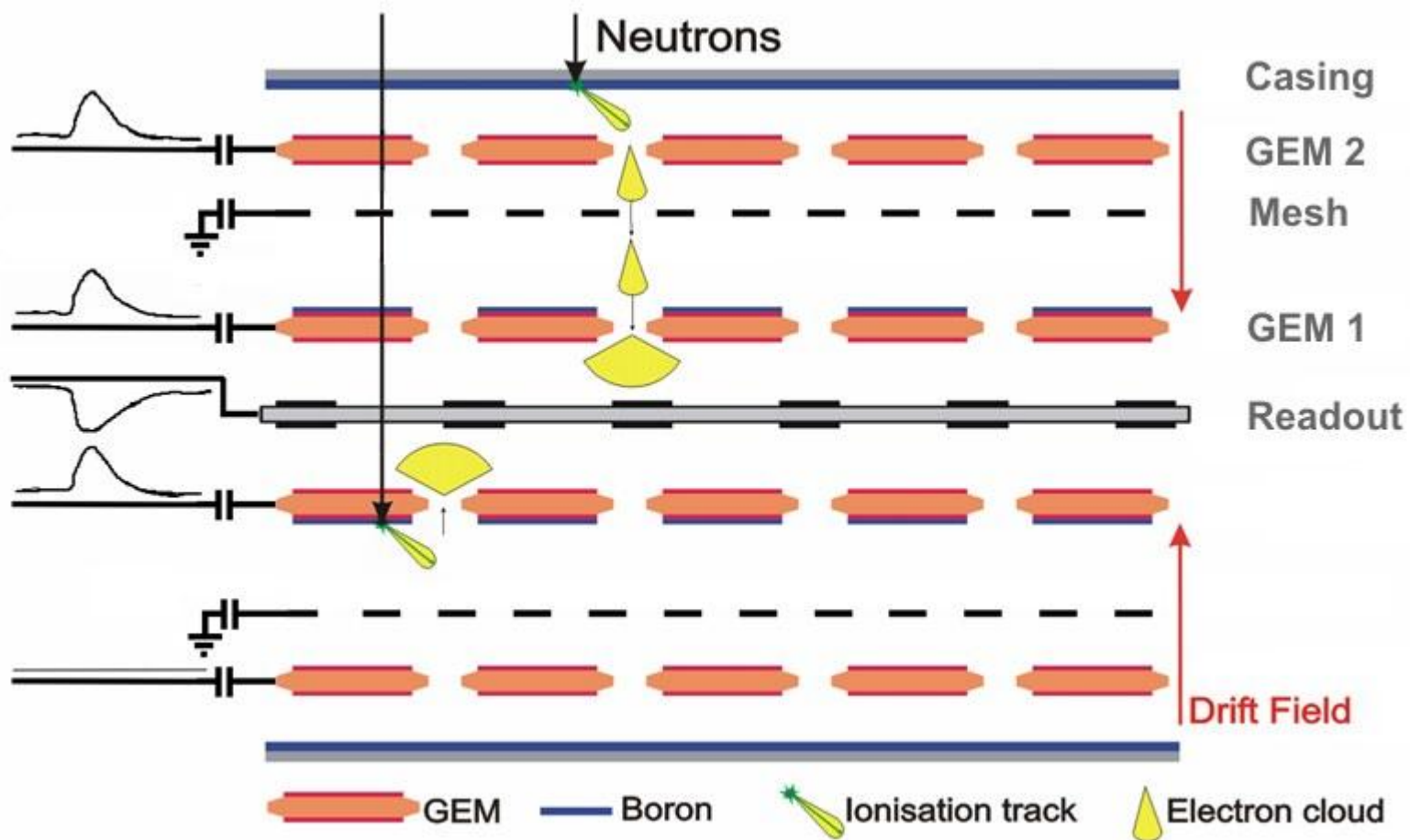
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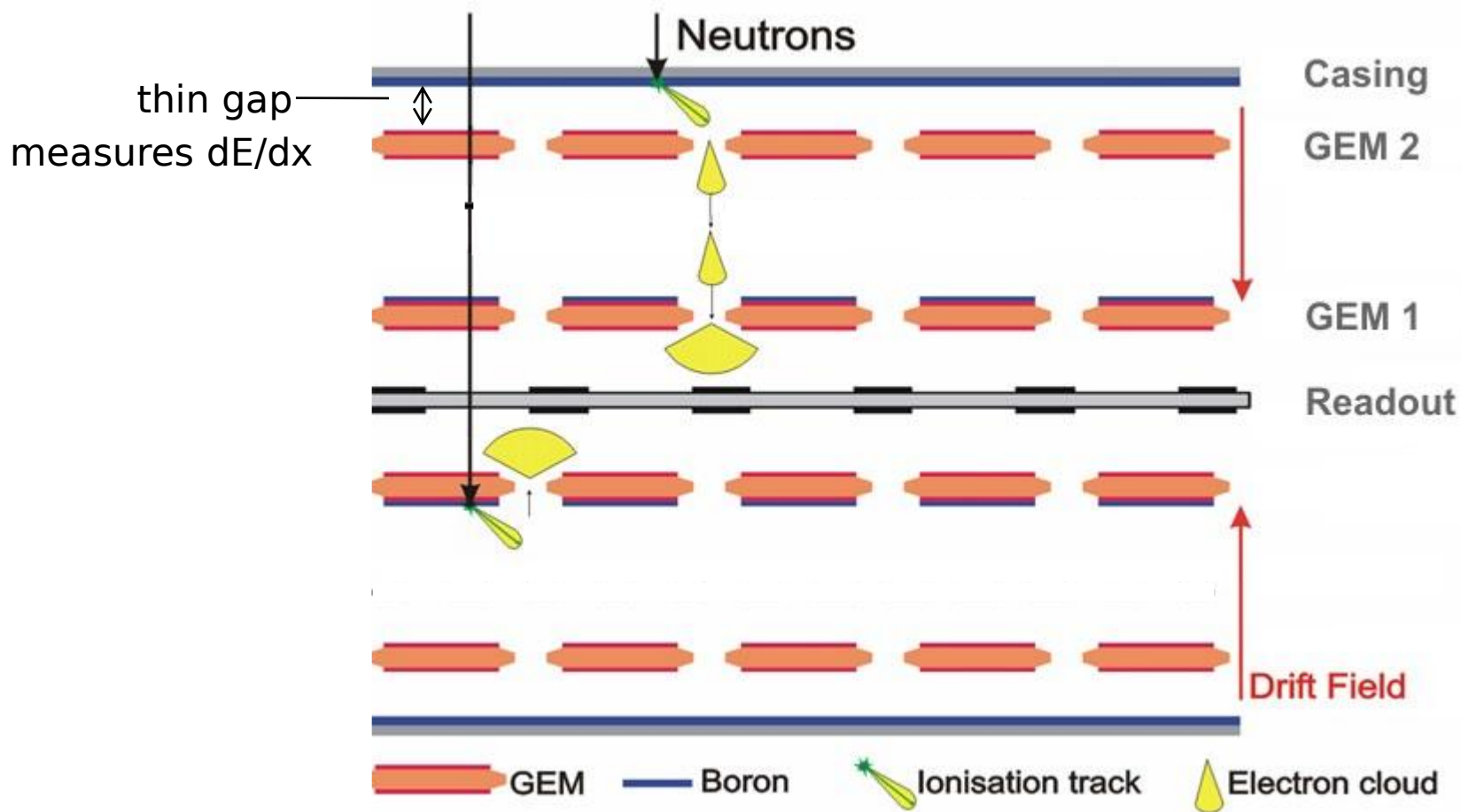
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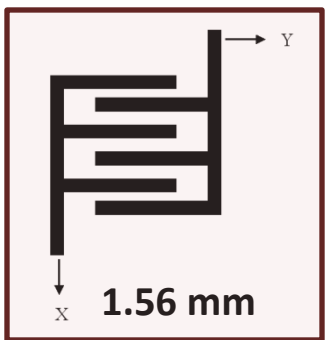
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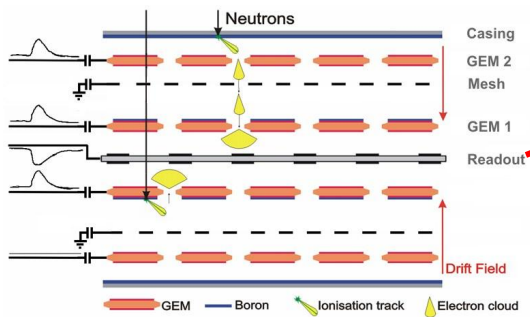
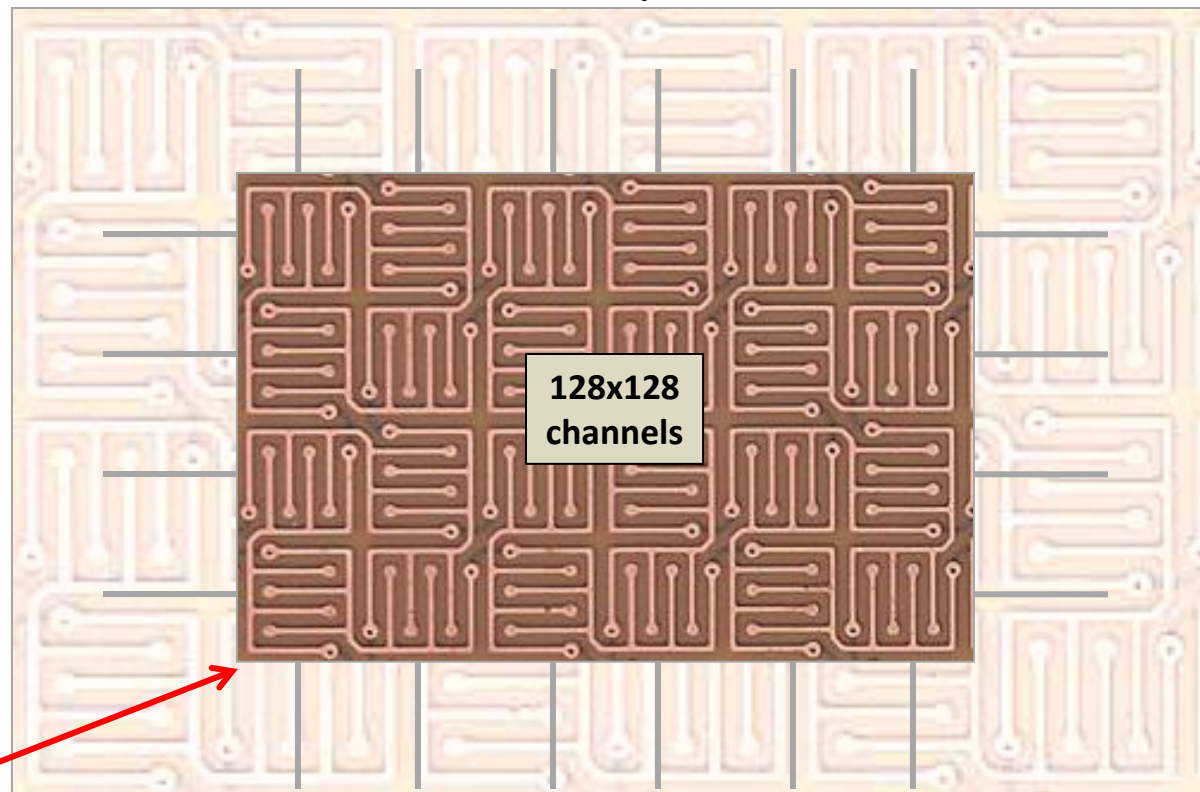
# Readout

Unit Cell:



X stripes

Y stripes



Crossed stripes: reduces noise correlating x and y

# CIPIX Readout ASIC

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

FELIX chip (RD20, LHC) **[1993]**

HELIX 1.0

HELIX 32 **[1998]**

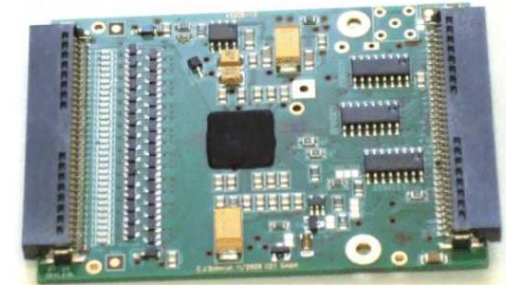
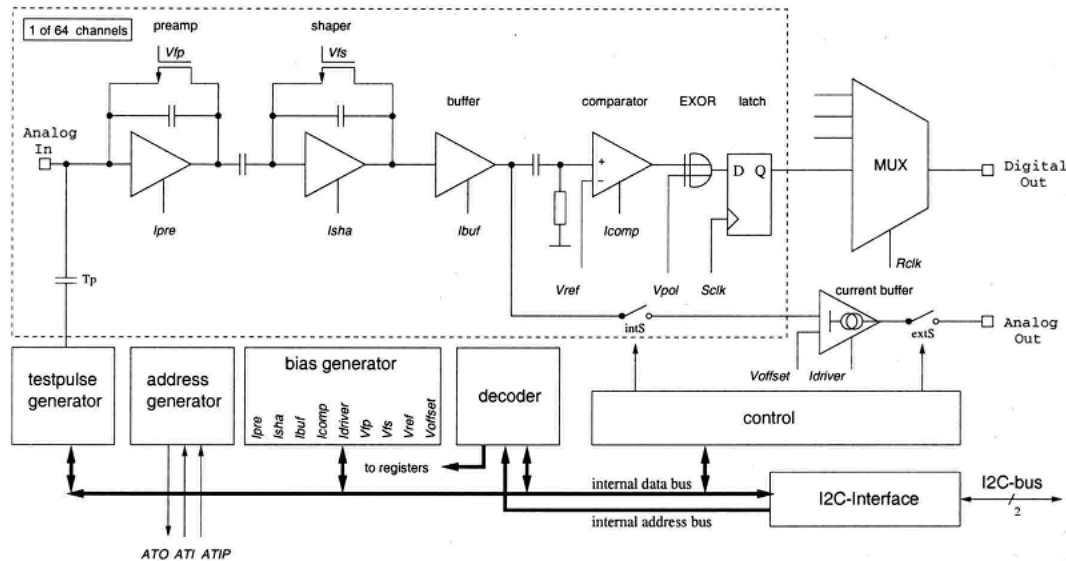
HELIX128-2.2 (HERA-B)

HELIX128-3.0 (Zeus)

**CIPIX (H1)**

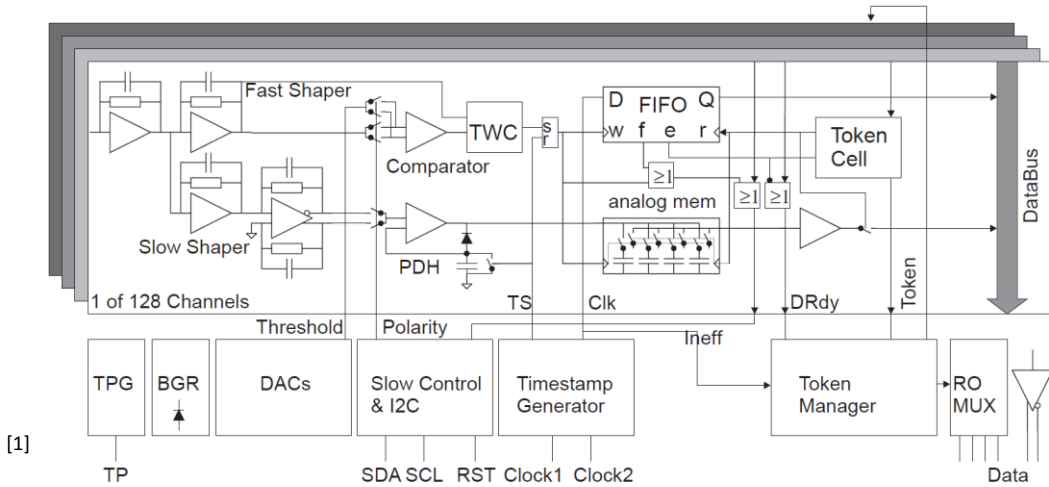
BEETLE (LHCb)

**Timeline**



# nXYter ASIC

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



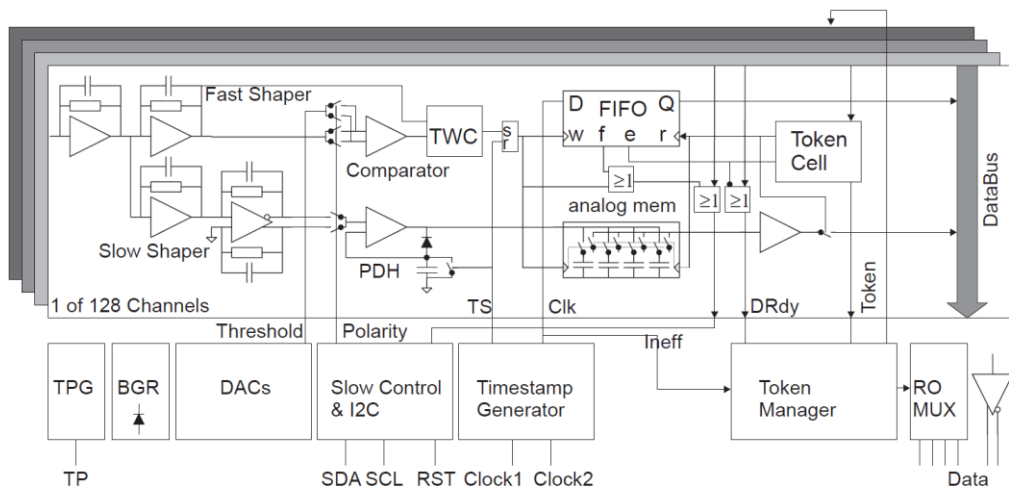
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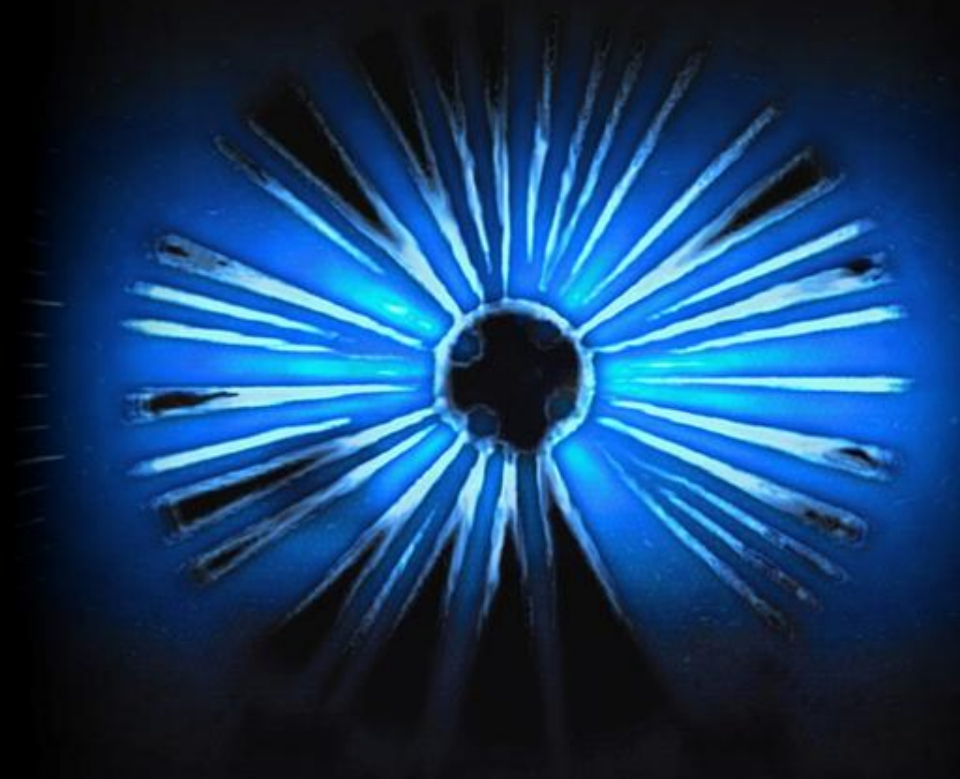
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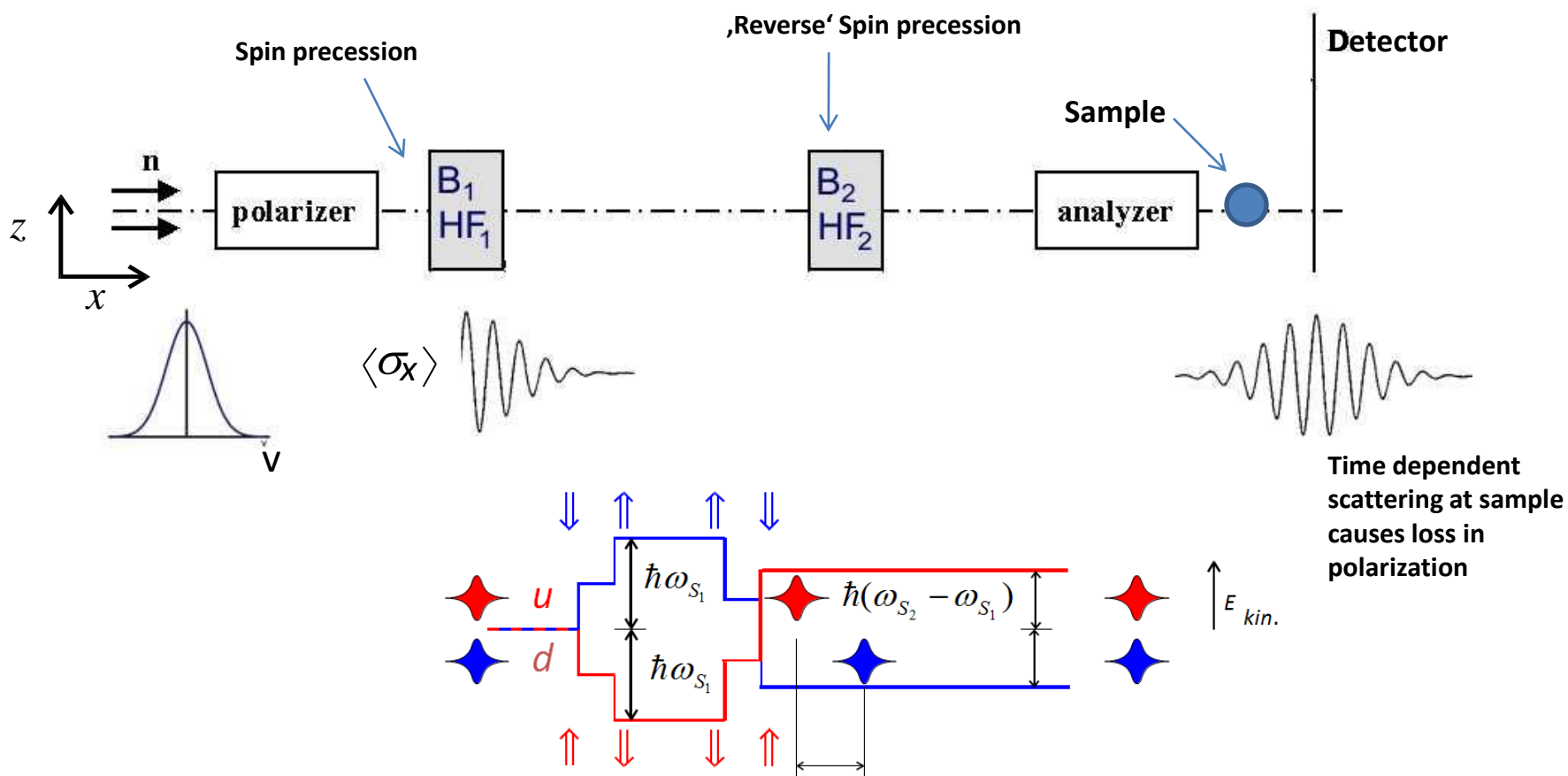


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Characterization  
Measurements



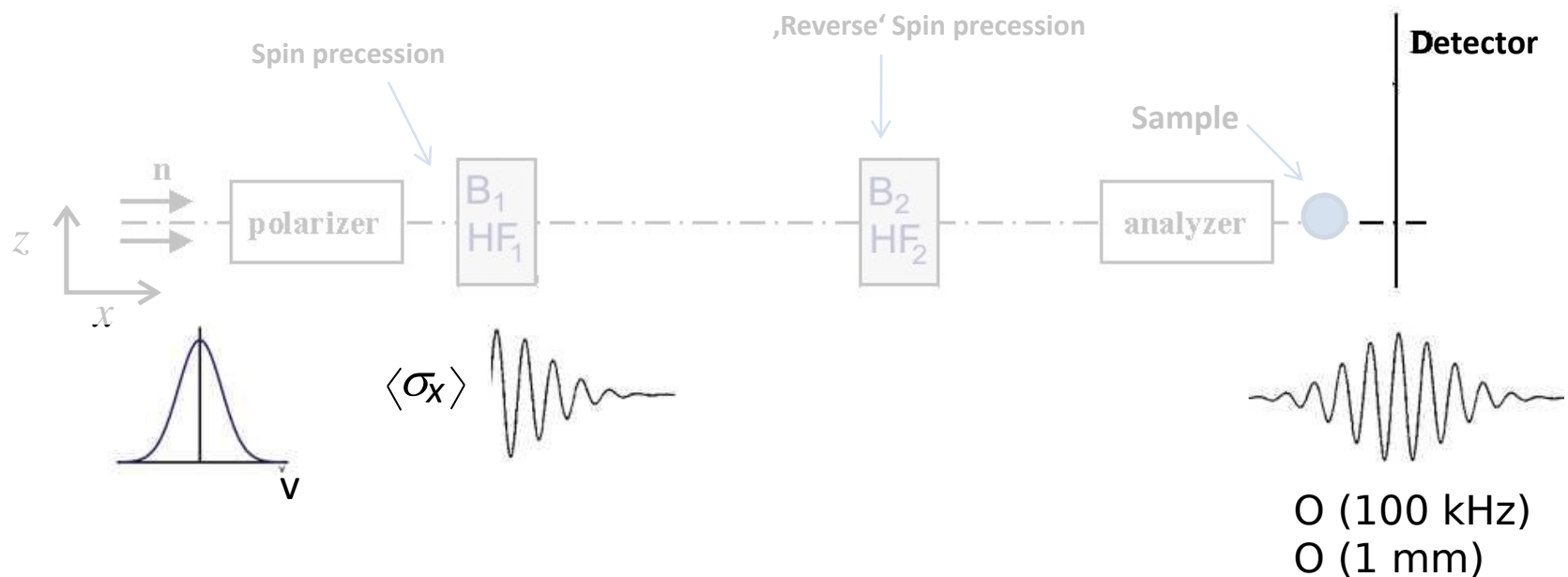
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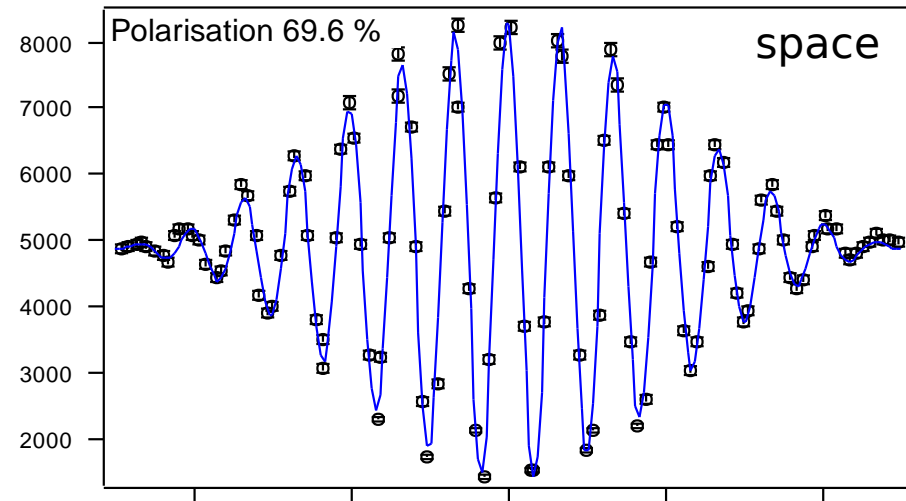


# Spin Echo Measurements

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RESEDA, FRMII: spectrometer arms  
3 - 15 Å @ 11% FWHM

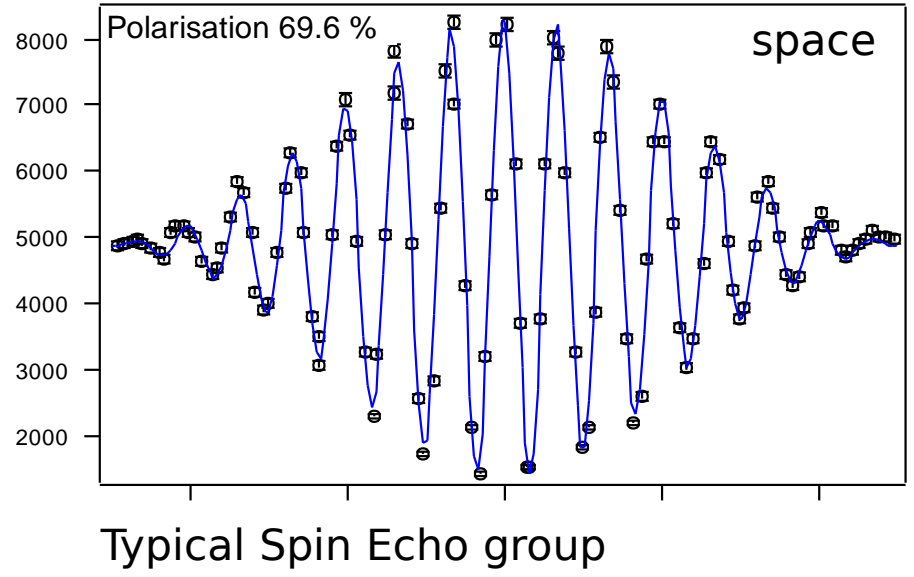
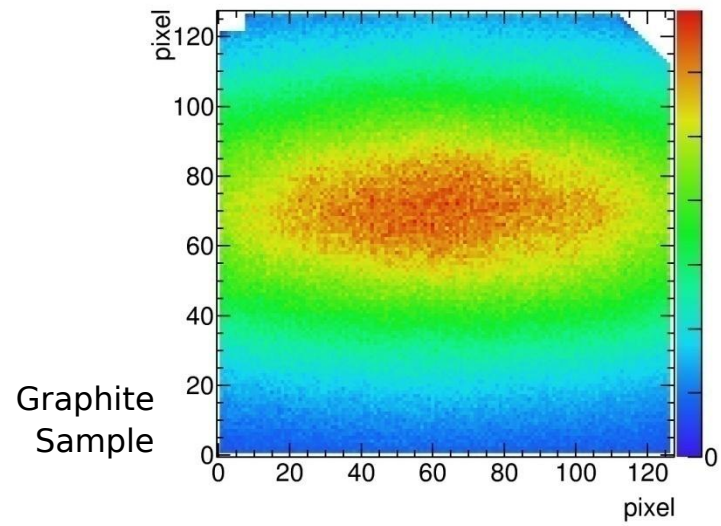


Typical Spin Echo group



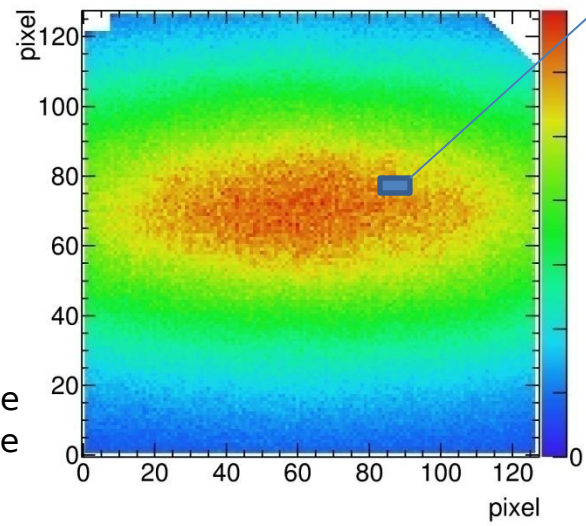
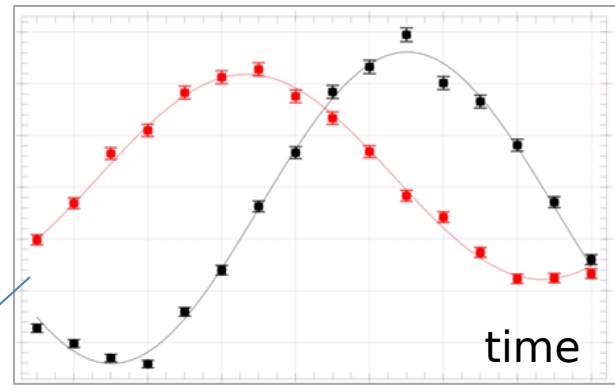
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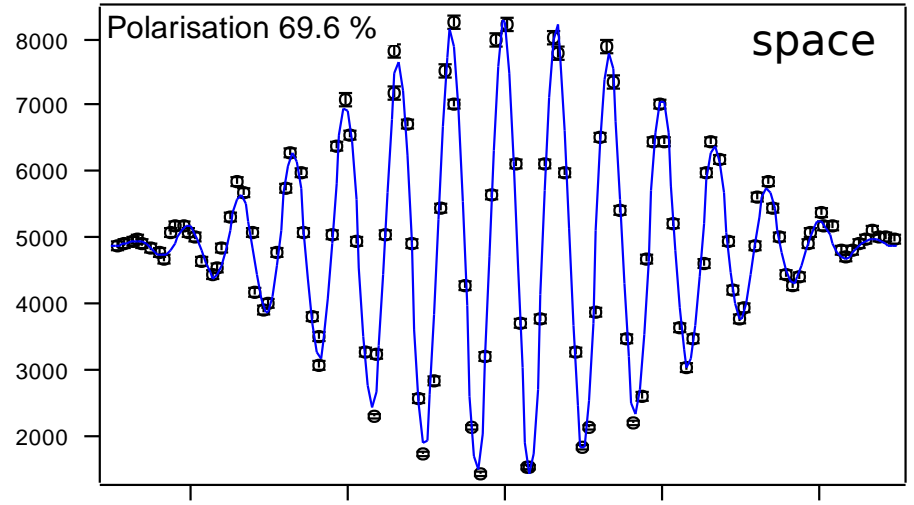


# Spin Echo Measurements

100 kHz x16



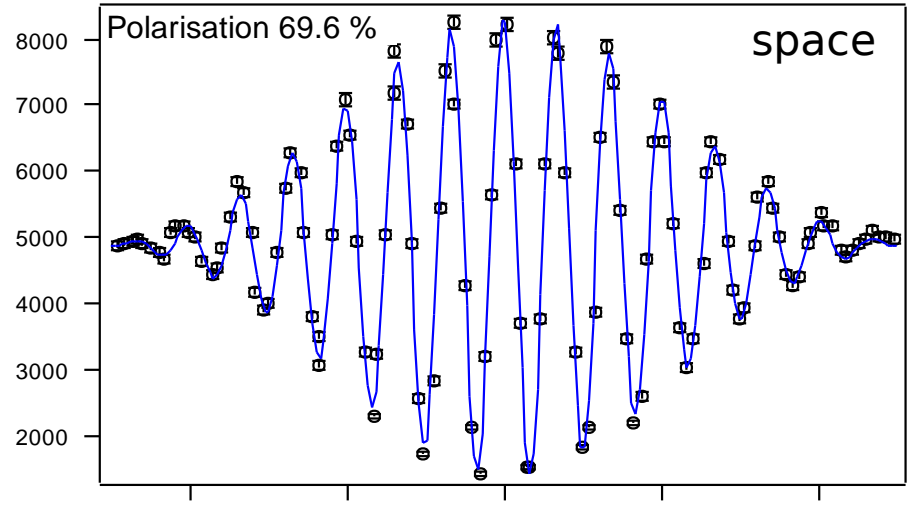
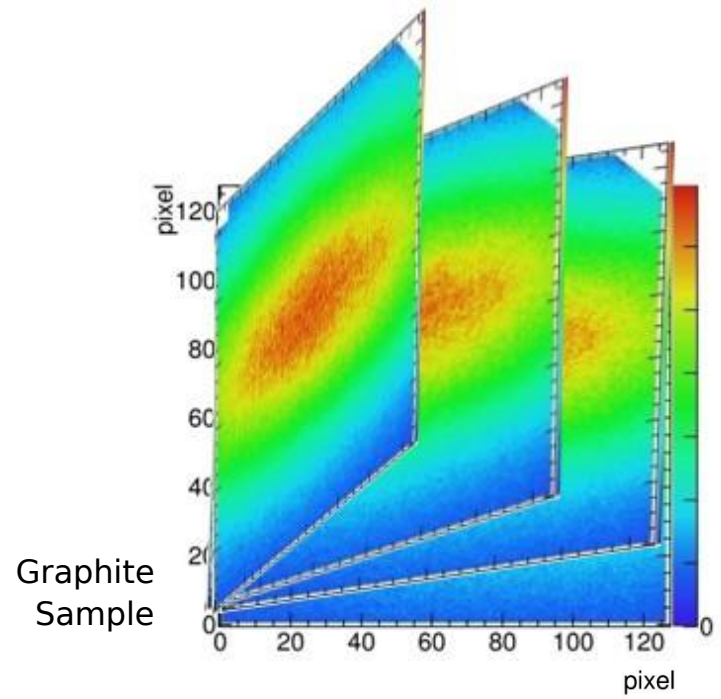
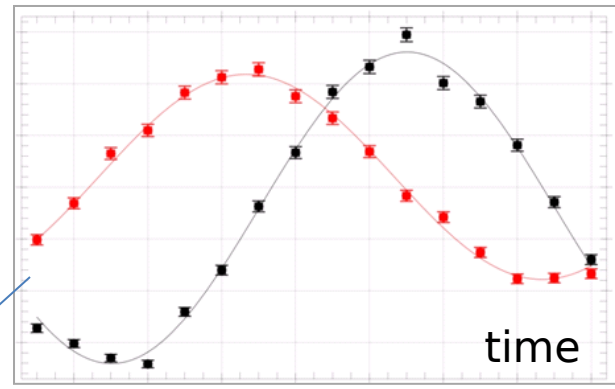
Graphite  
Sample



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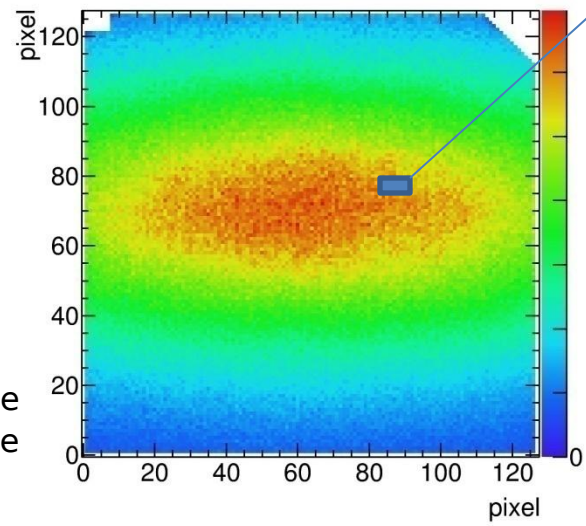
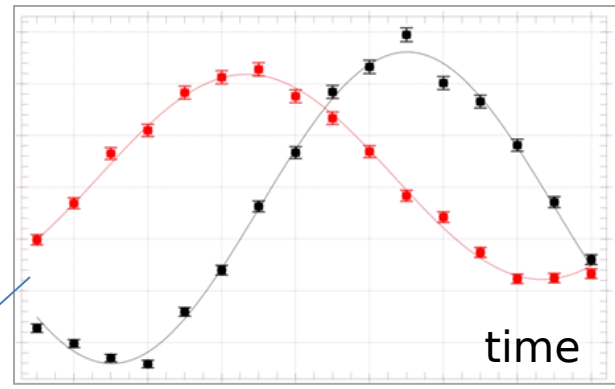
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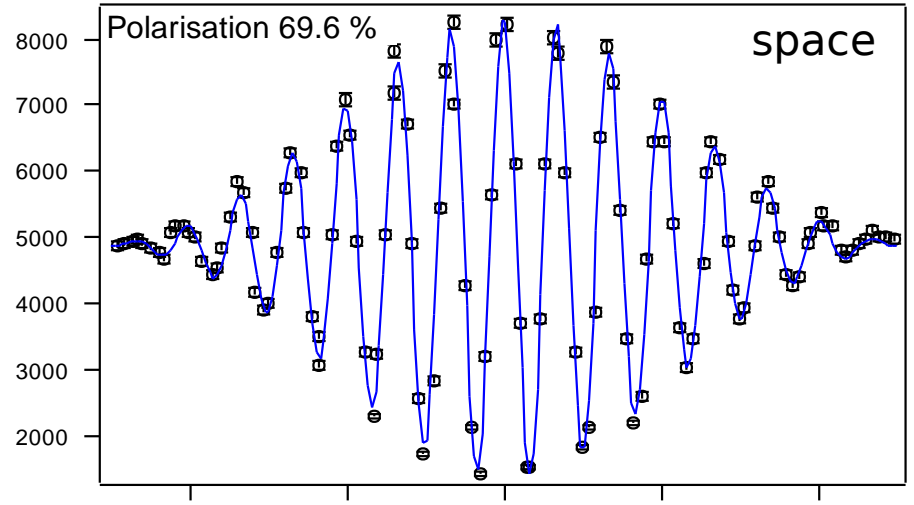
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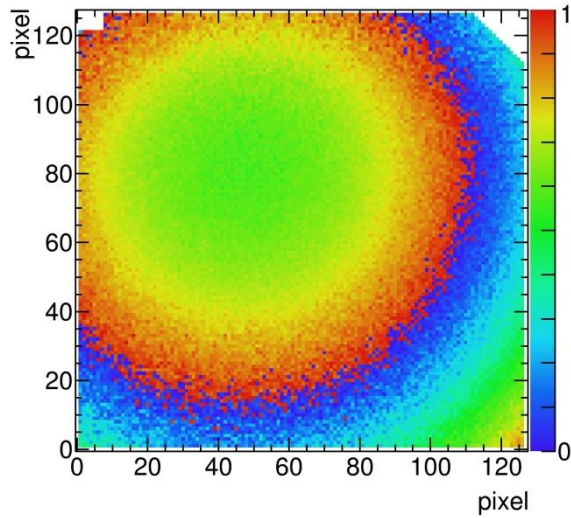
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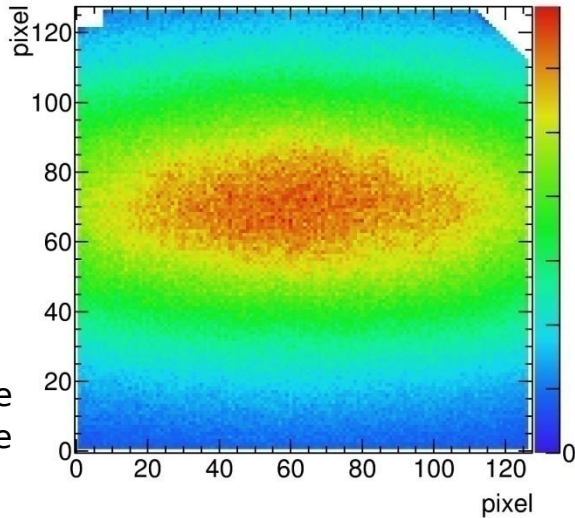
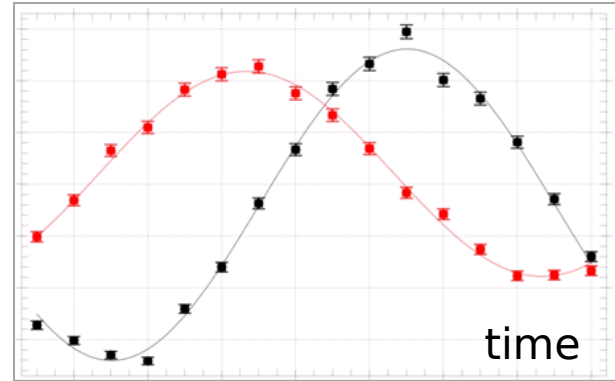
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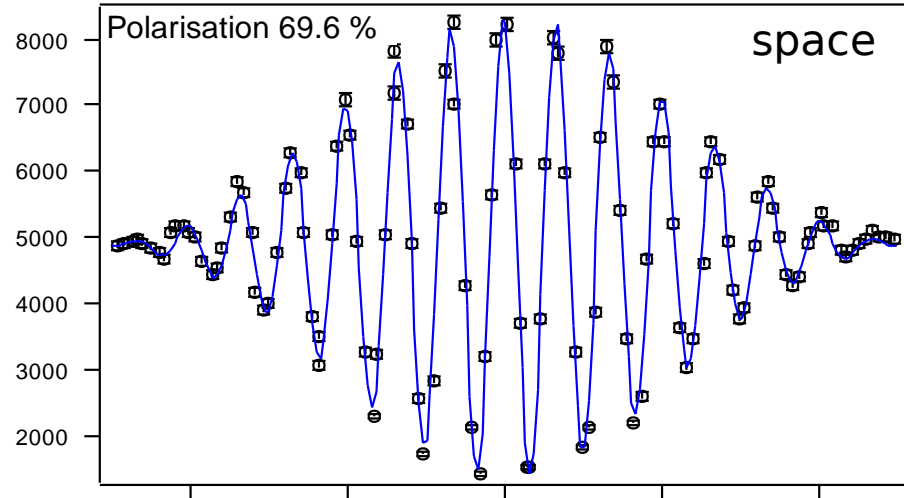
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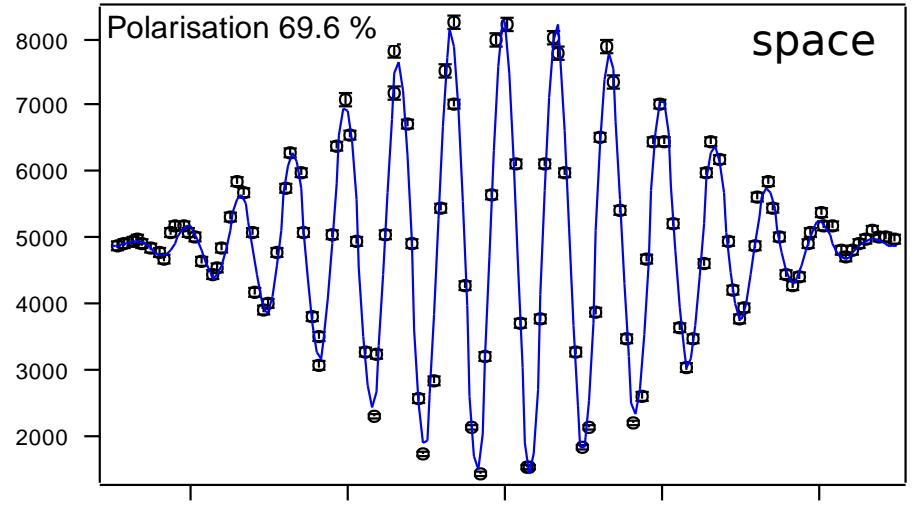
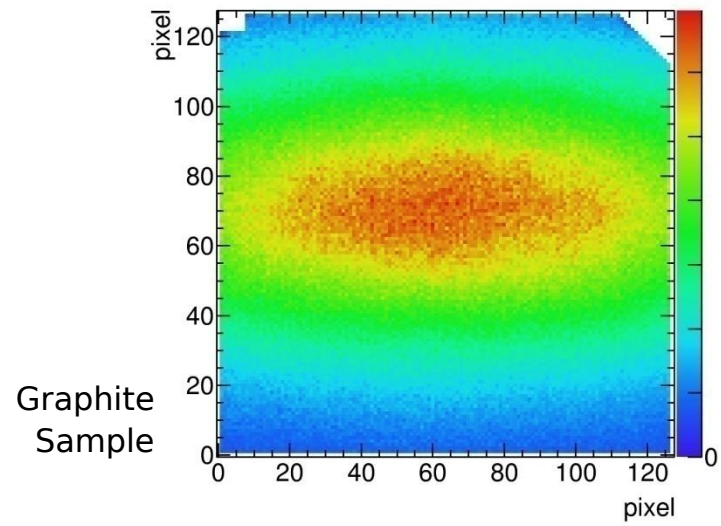
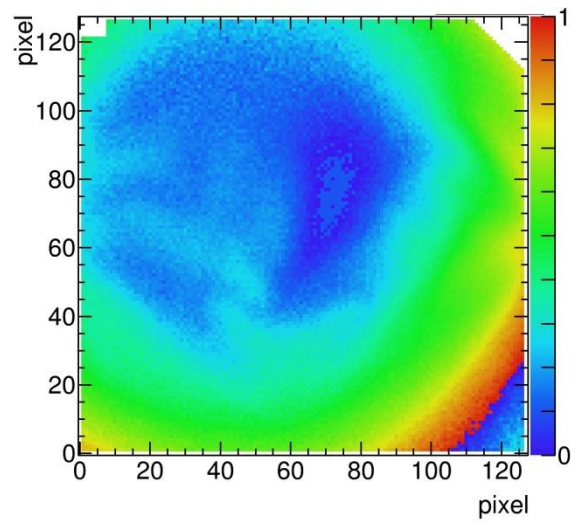


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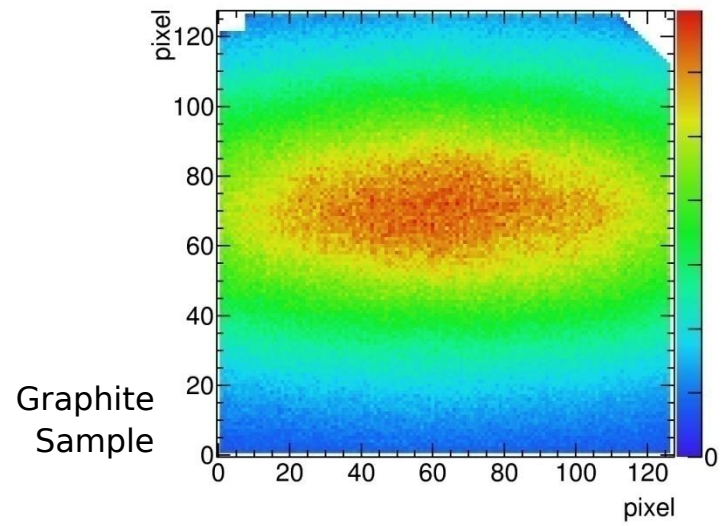
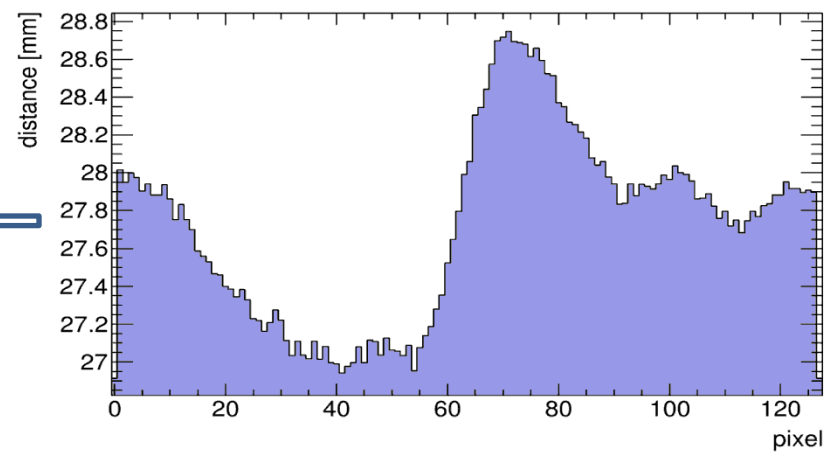
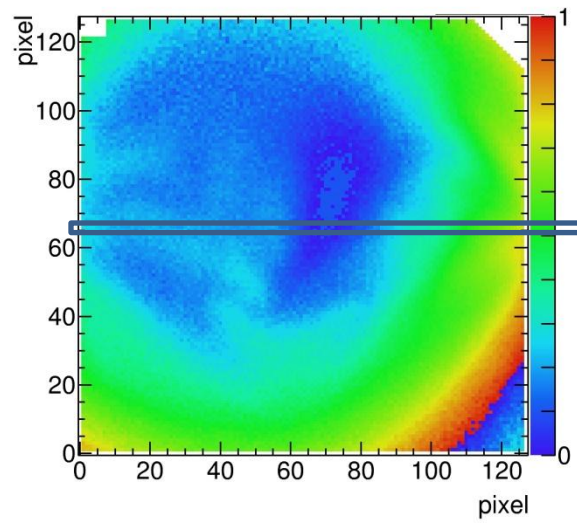
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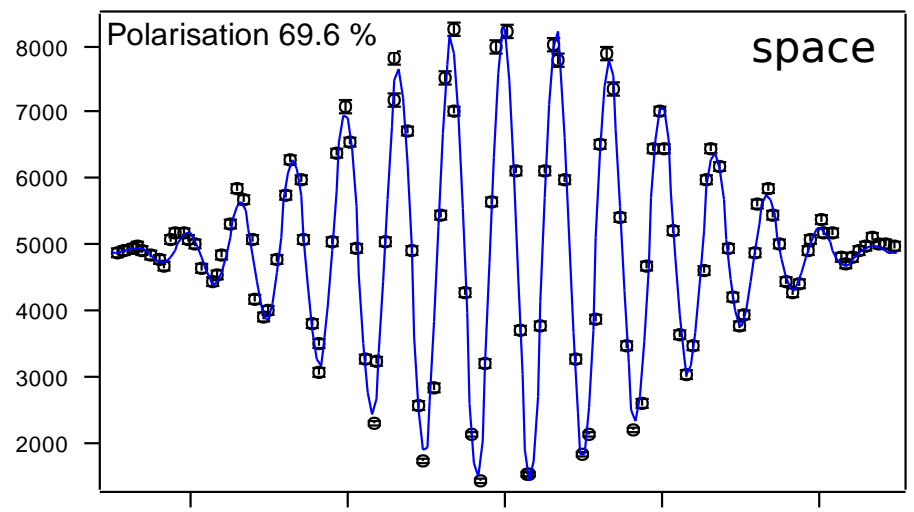


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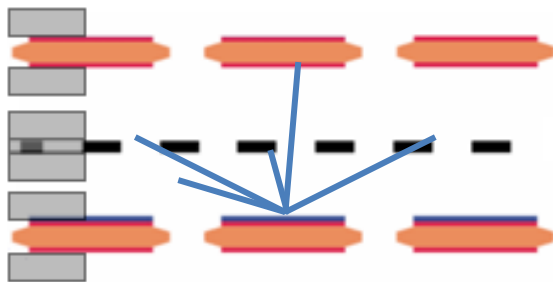


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# Spatial Resolution

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Spatial resolution: 2.4 mm FWHM

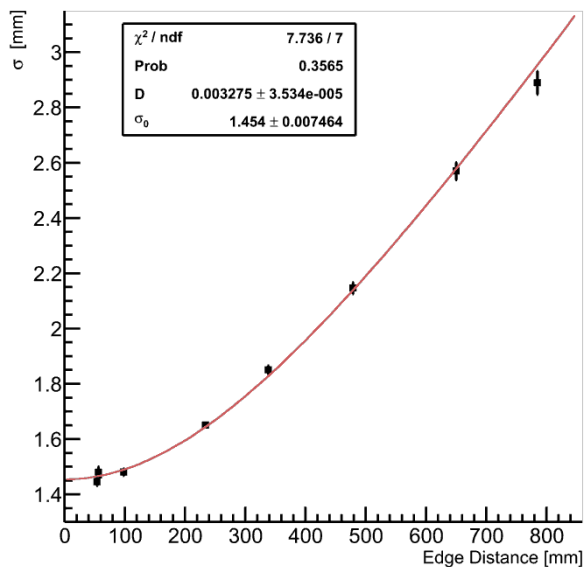
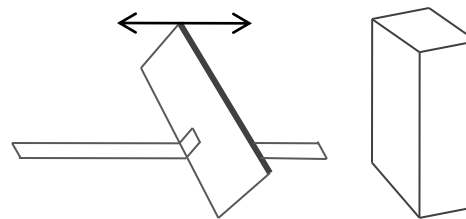
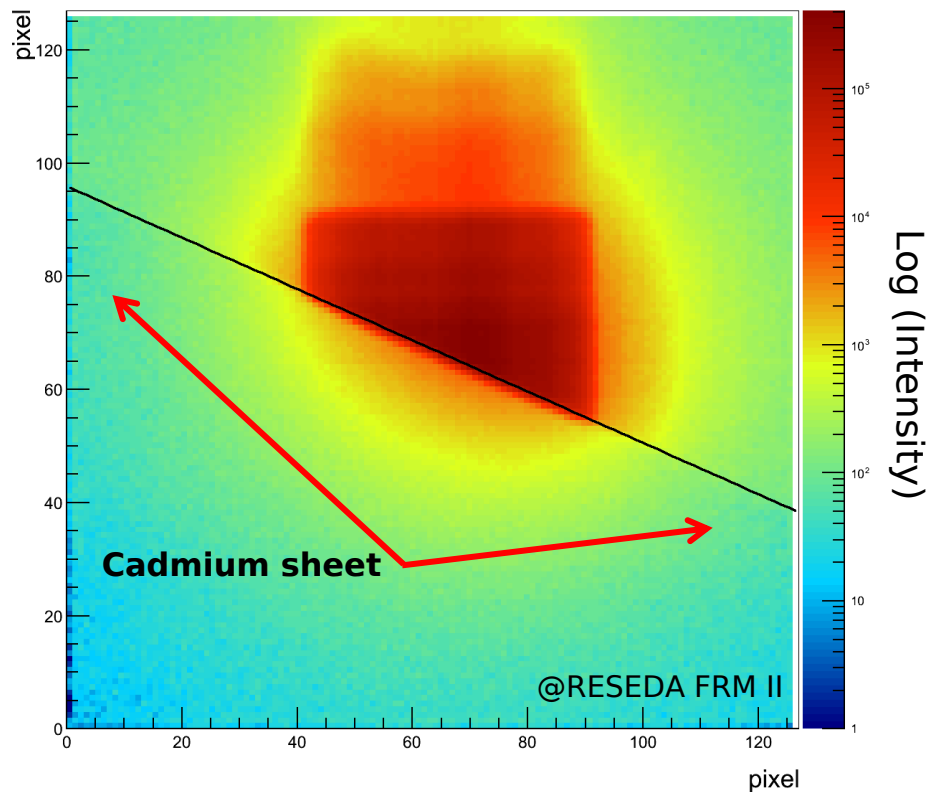


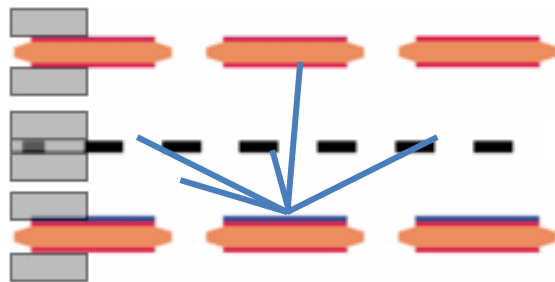
Image of a cold neutron beam (after guide)





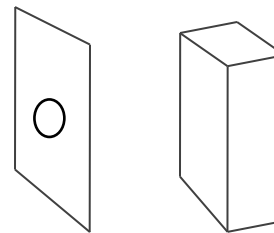
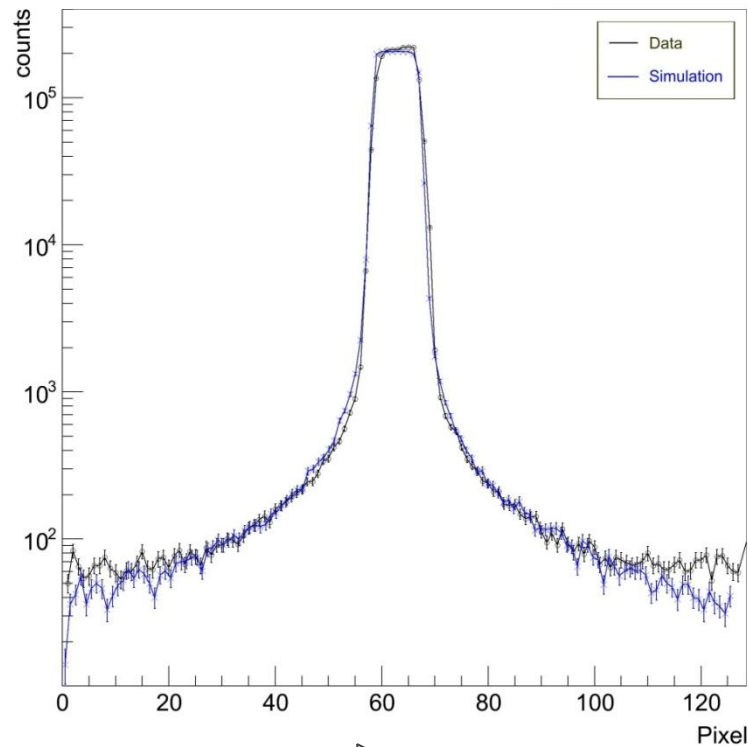
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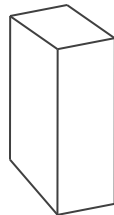
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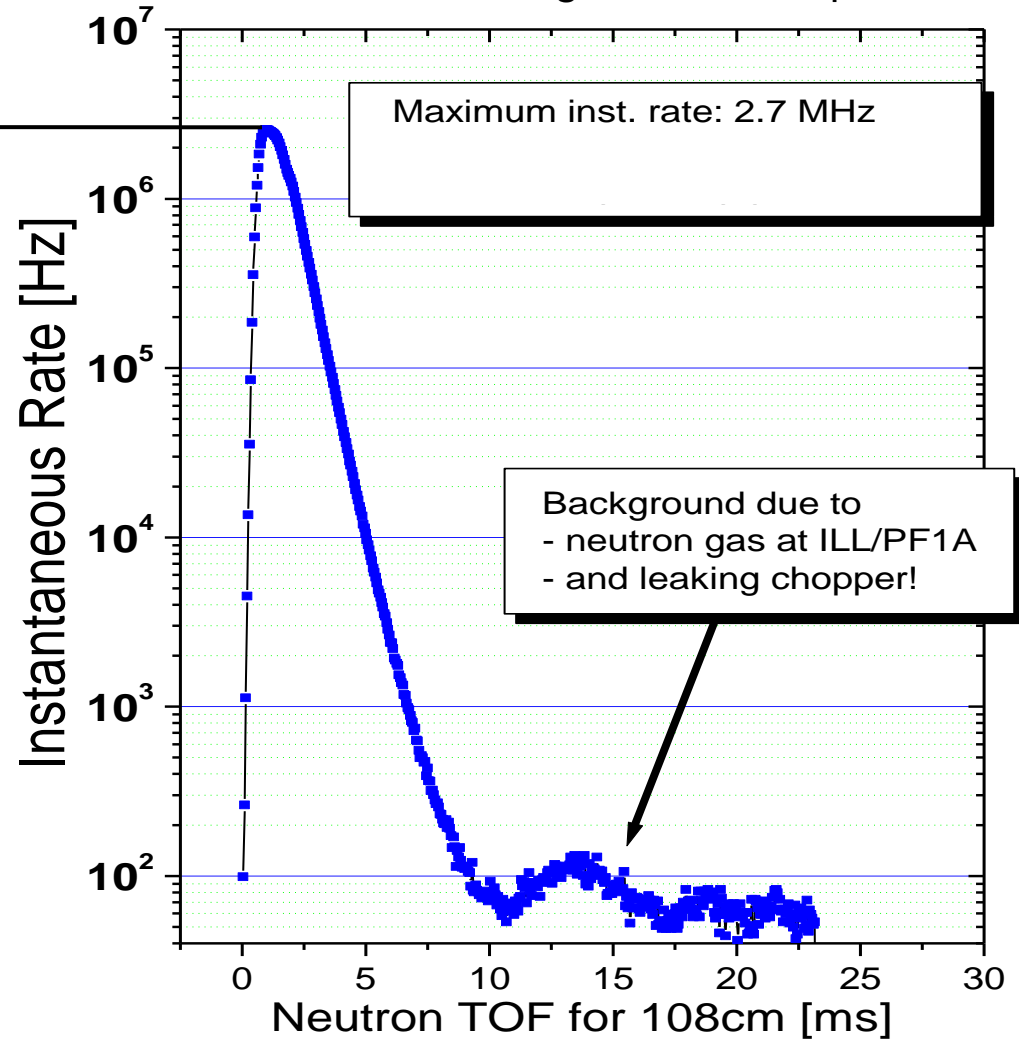
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count rate  
2-3 MHz

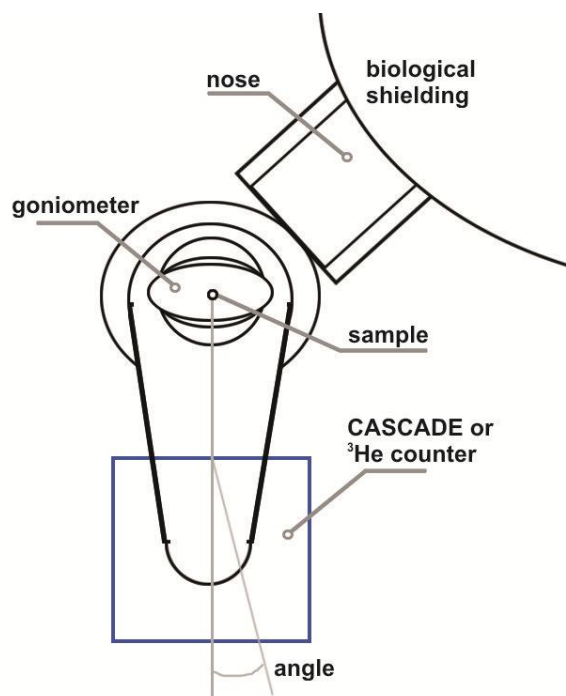


Time of Flight measurements  
at ILL/ PF1A on a single readout strip of 1cm<sup>2</sup>

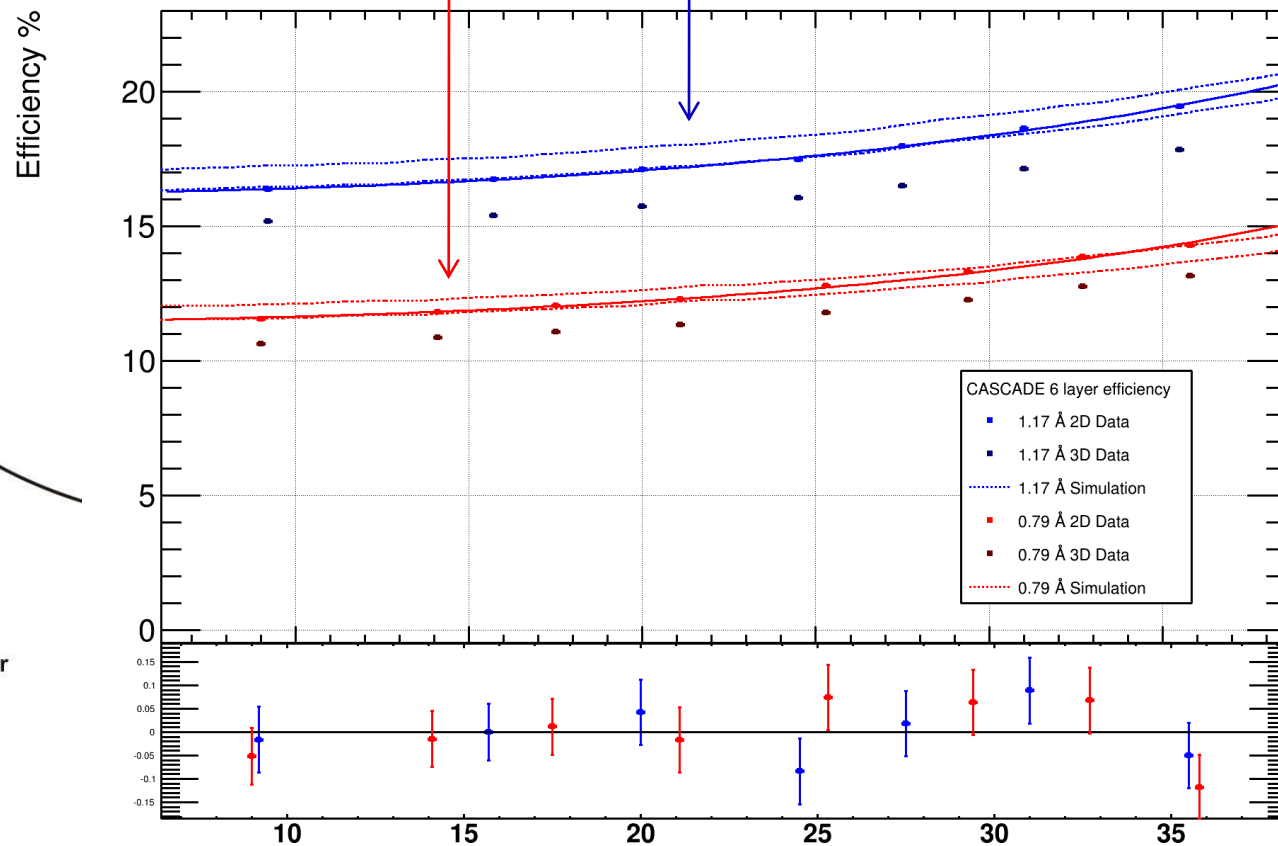


# Detection Efficiency

1.5 - 0.8 - 1.0 - 1.0 - 0.8 - 2.0

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Efficiency at 0.8 Å and 1.2 Å in 2D and 3D



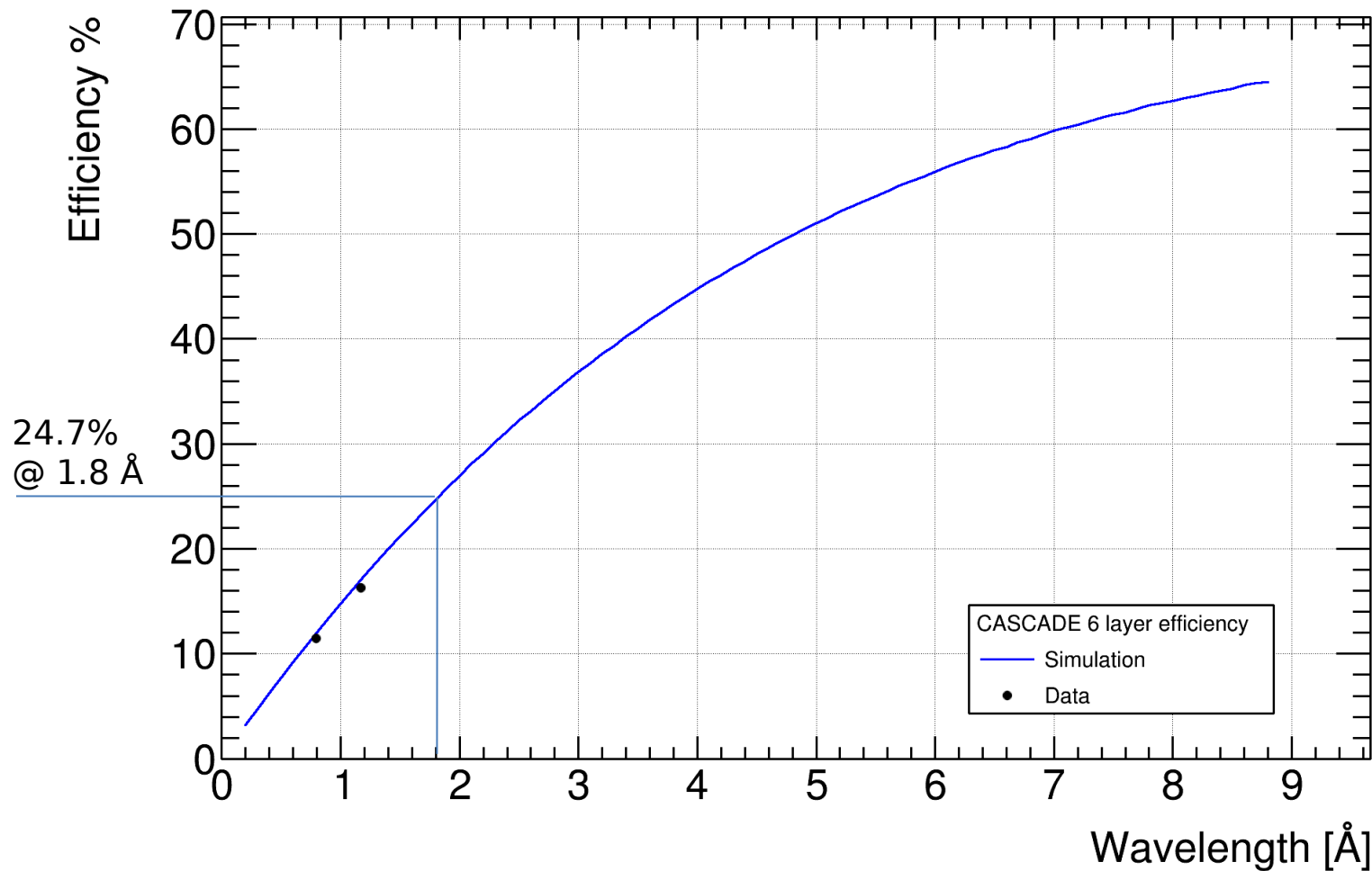
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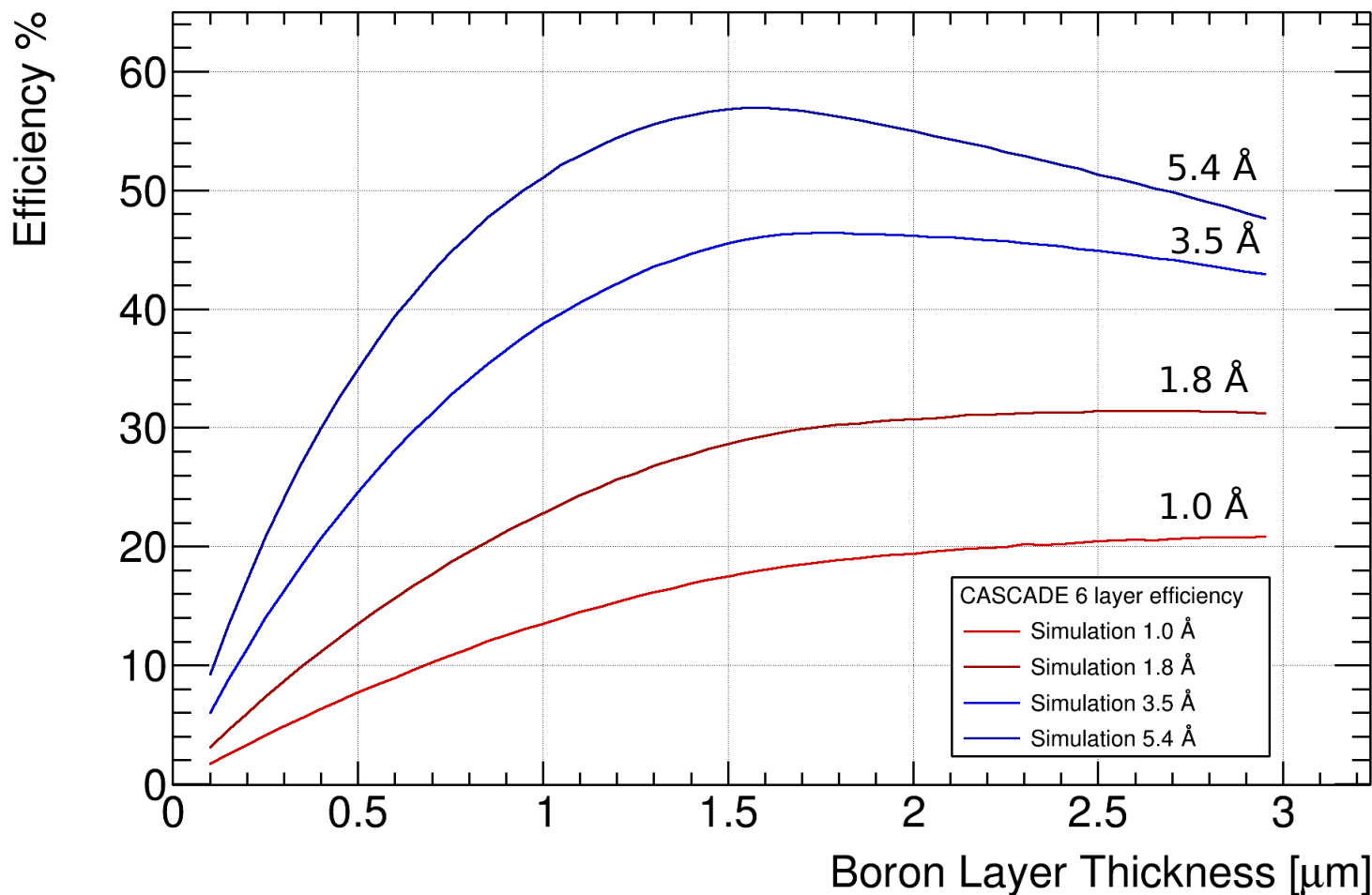




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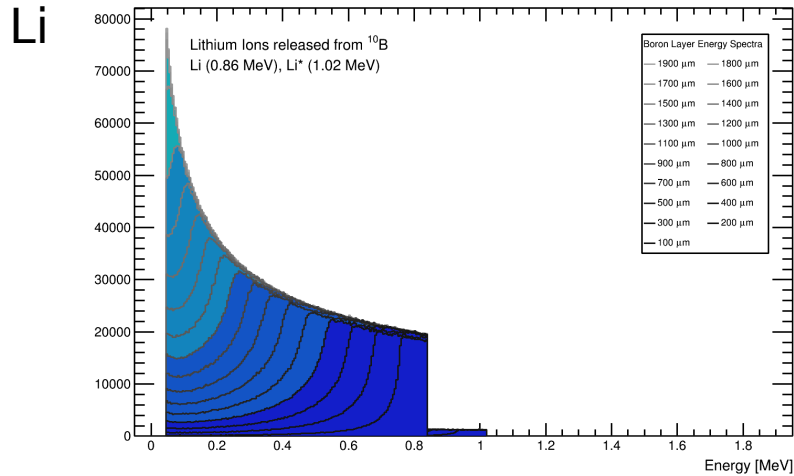
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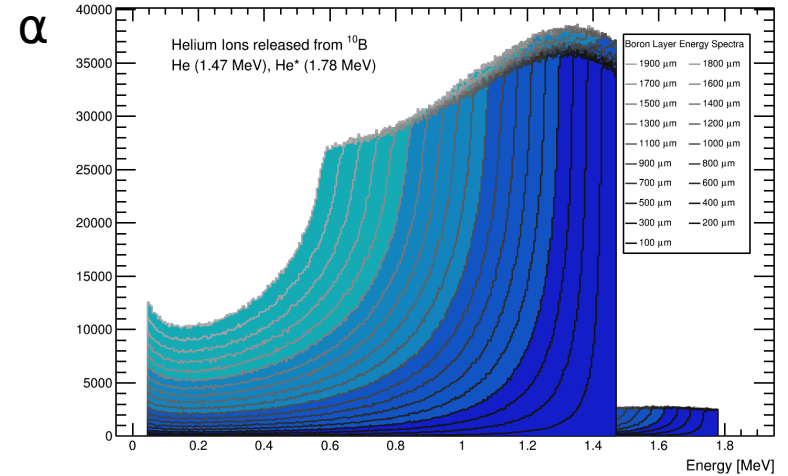


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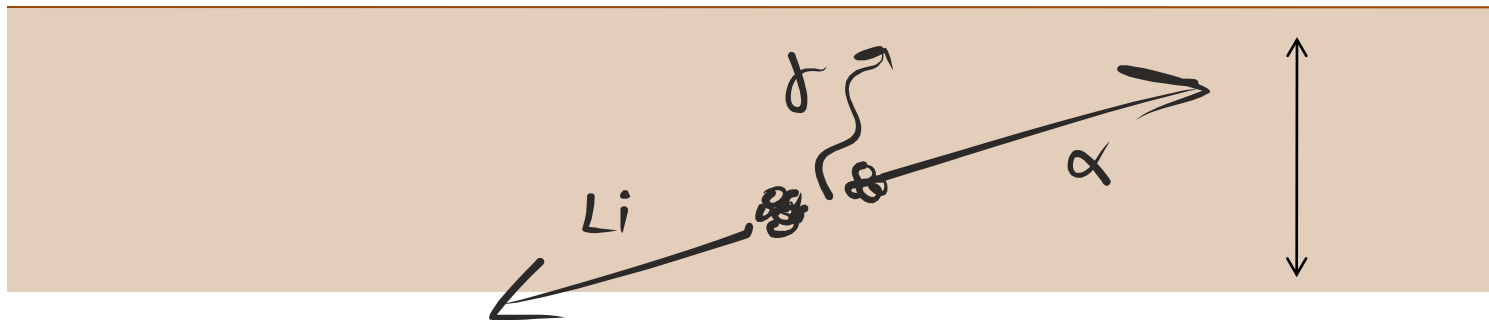
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From 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  to 2  $\mu\text{m}$   $^{10}\text{B}$

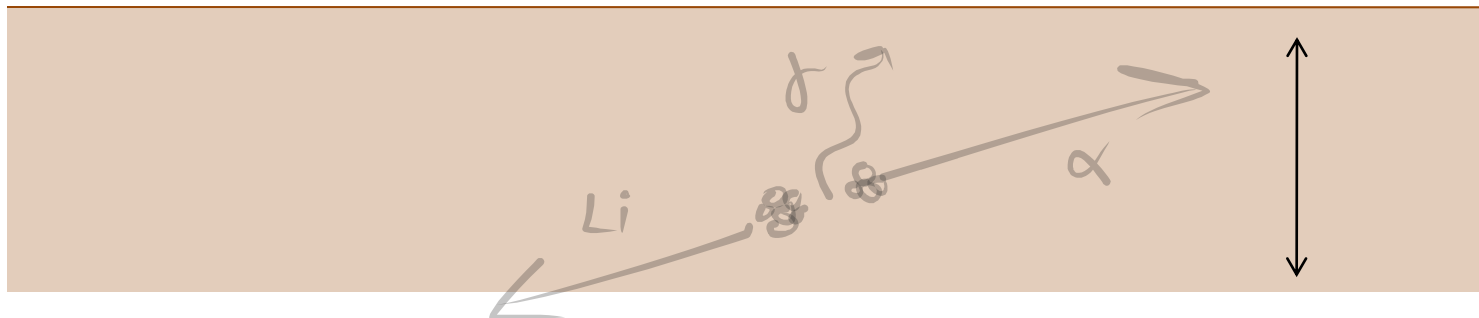
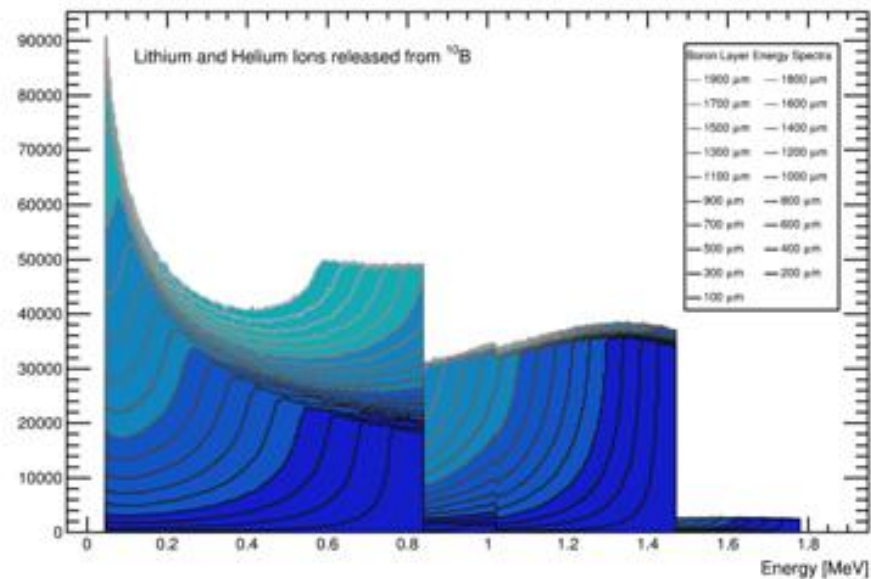


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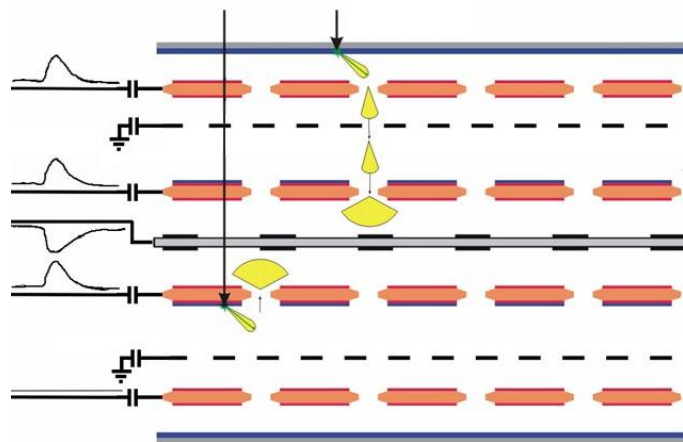
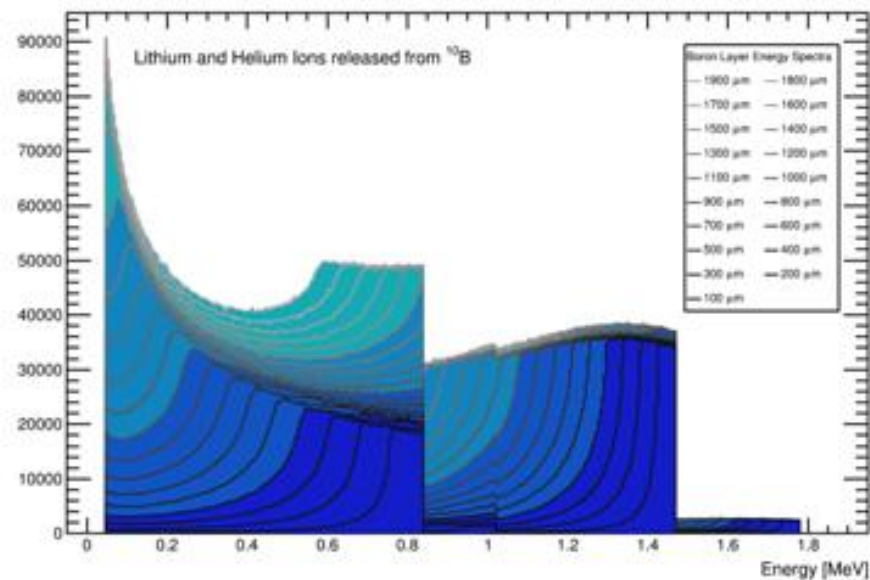
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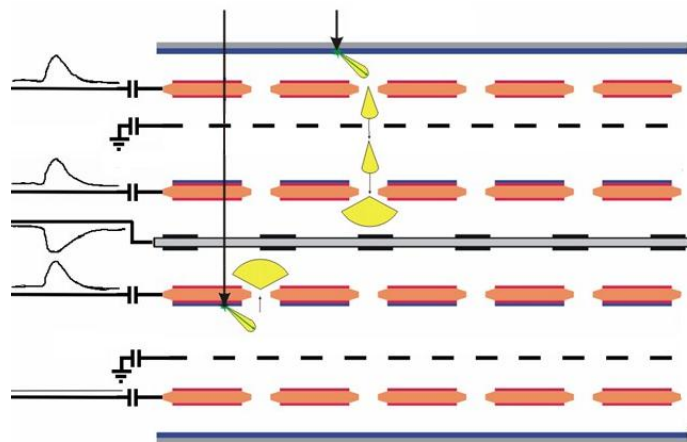
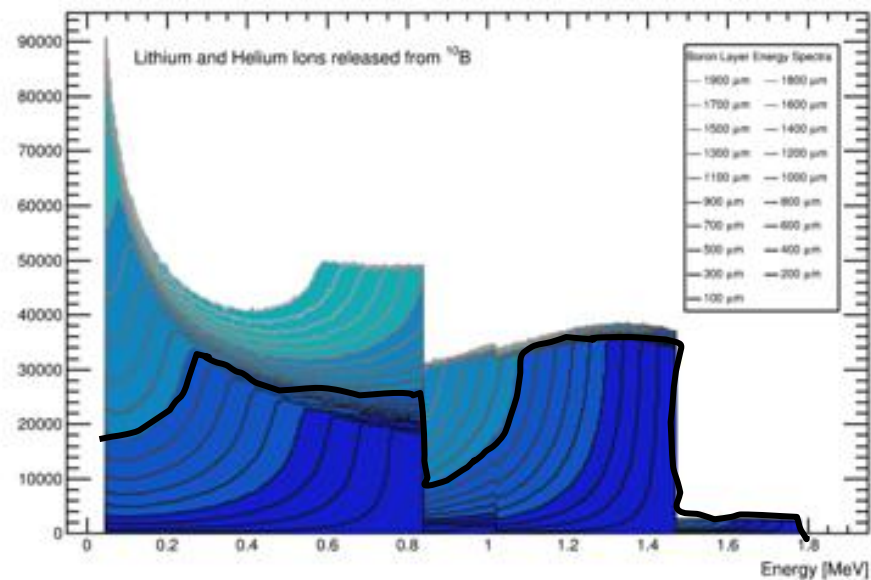
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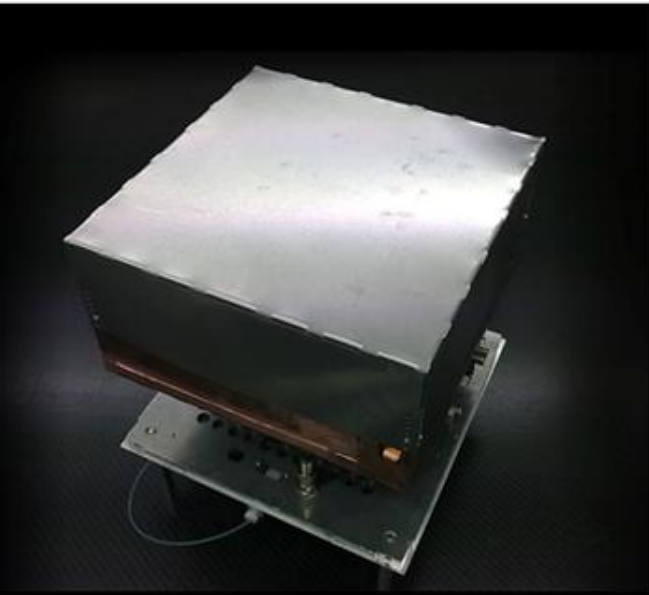
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## Boron-10 technology

a high rate, spatially and time resolved detector for Spin Echo applications

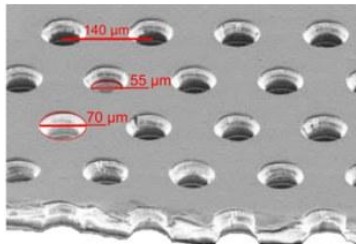


- conversion layer identification
- high TOF resolution (100 ns readout)
- 2.4 mm FWHM spatial resolution
- 2 MHz rate capability
- 25% thermal neutron efficiency @ 6 layers

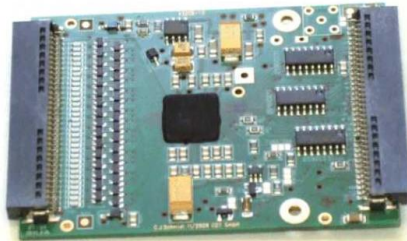
## CASCADE

Technology available in 2000

GEM



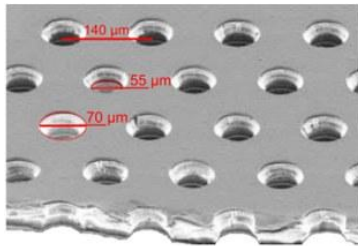
Multichannel  
ASIC



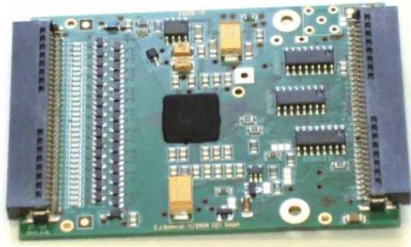
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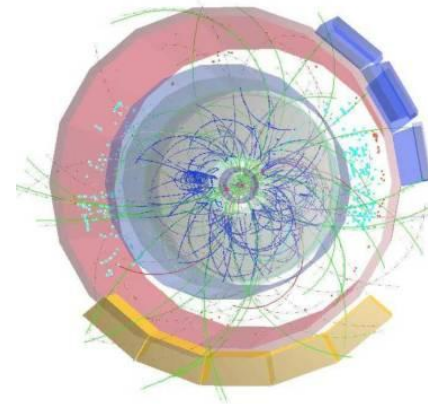
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## New Project

Technology available in 2015

TPC



TimePix

