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# **Detectors for SR and Spallation Neutron Sources**

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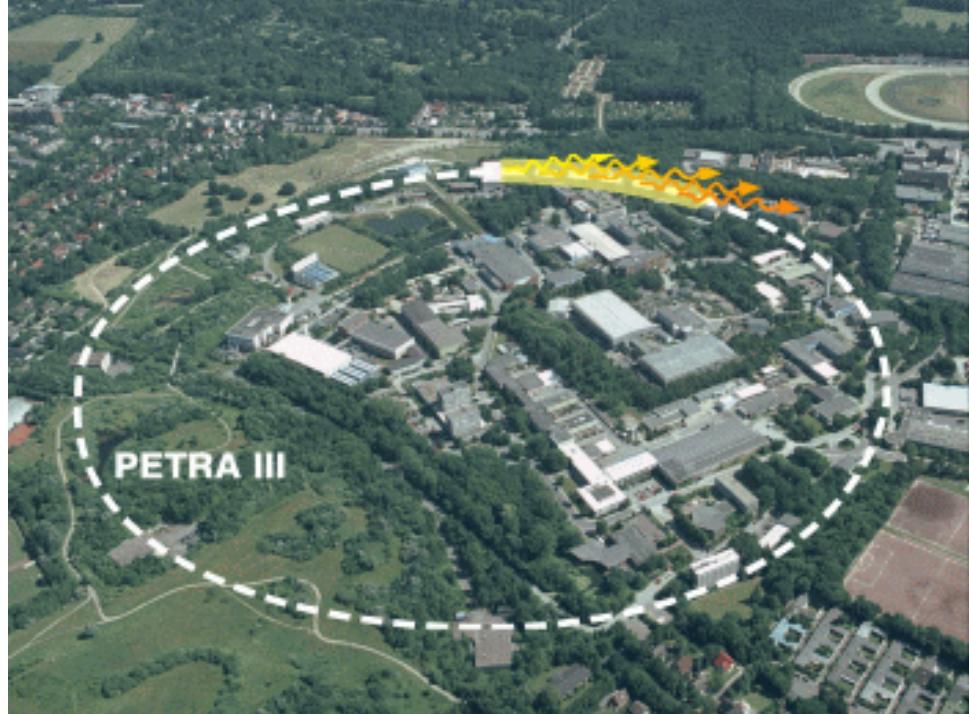


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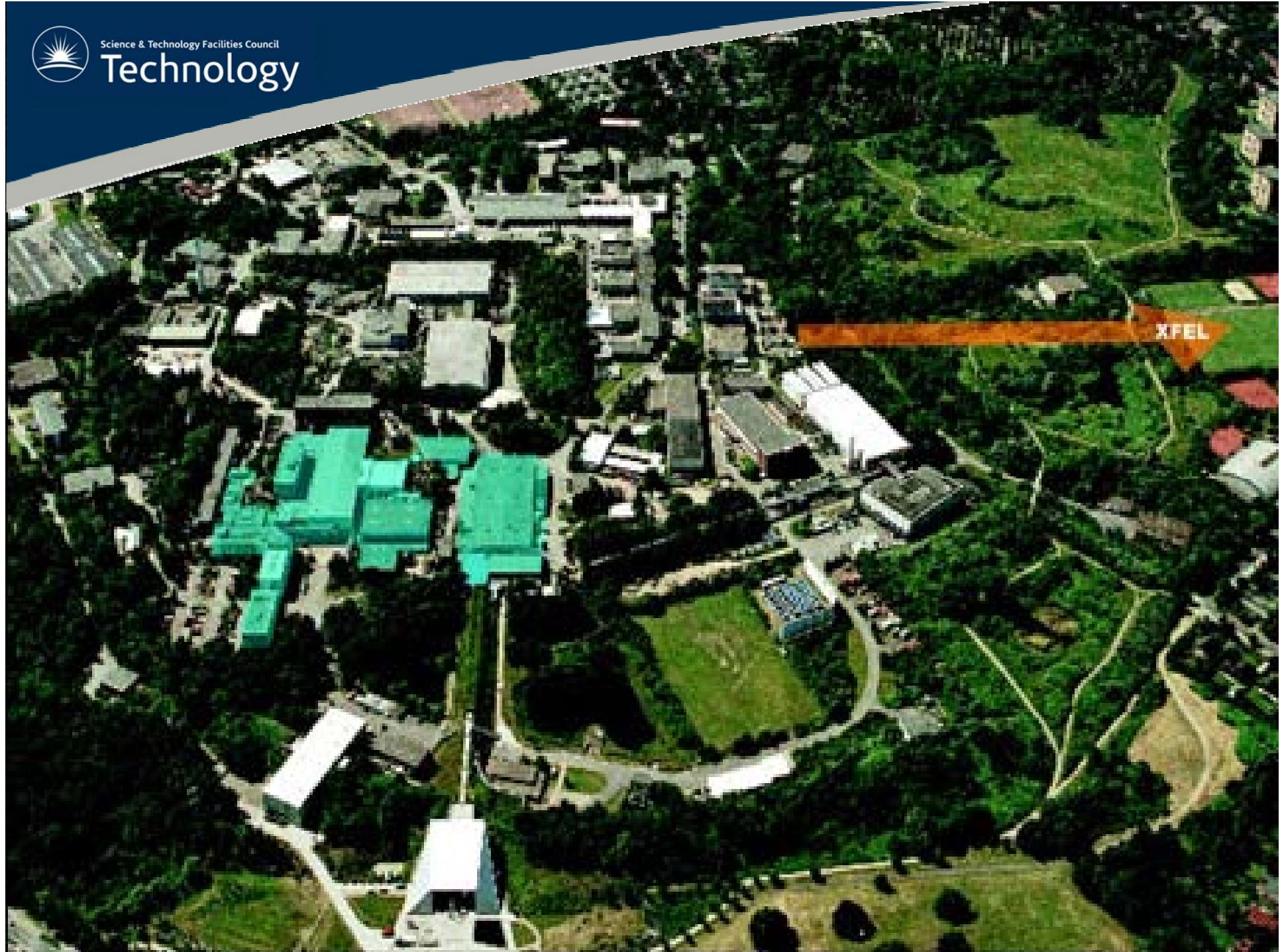
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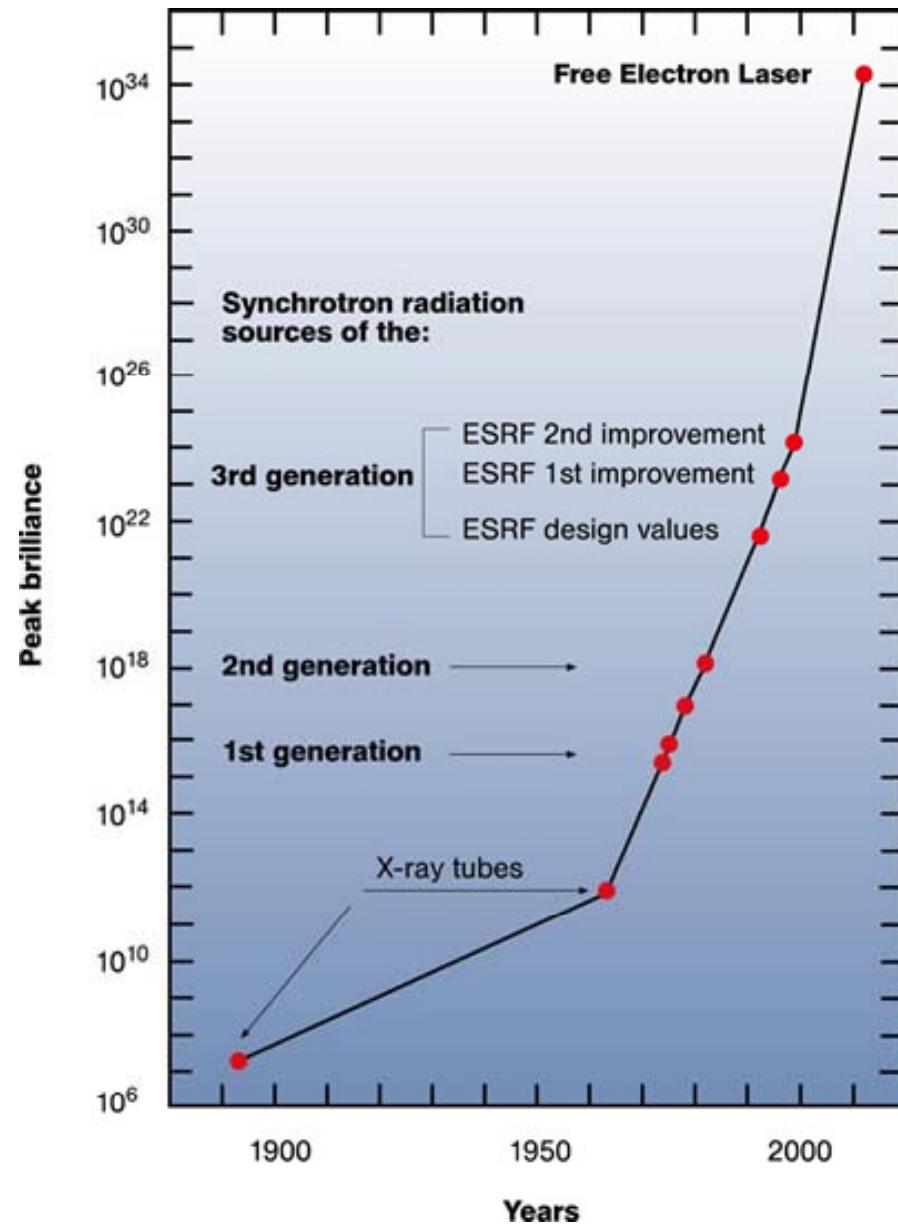
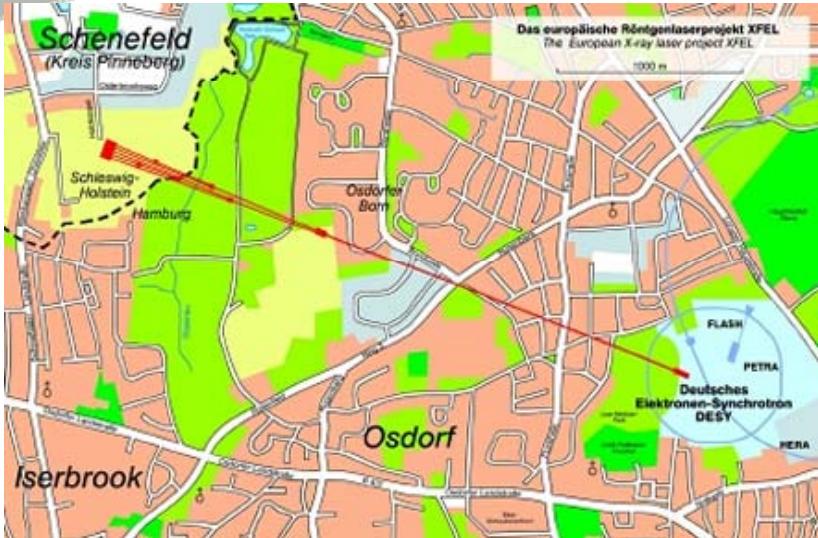




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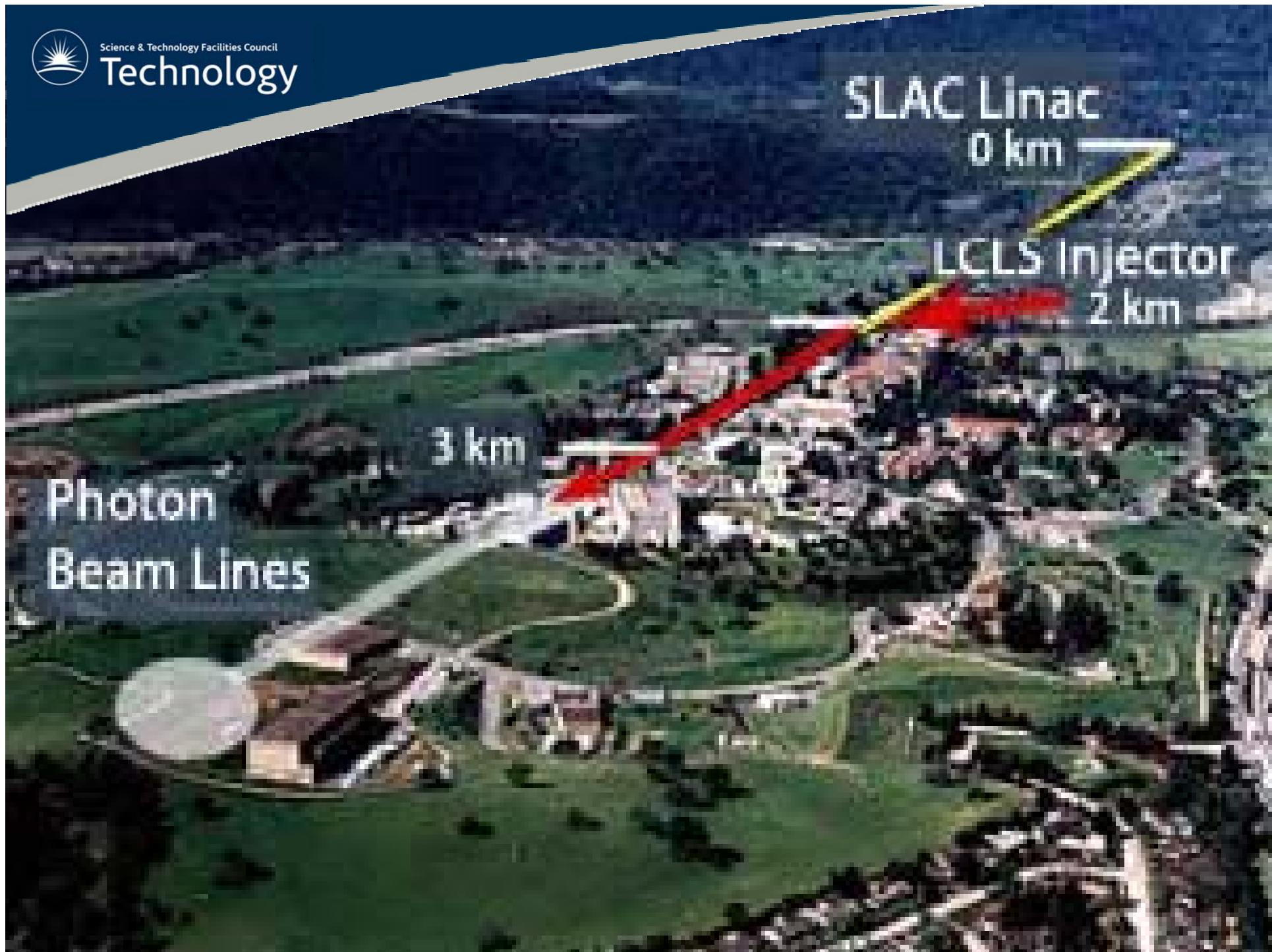
0 km

LCLS Injector

2 km

3 km

Photon  
Beam Lines





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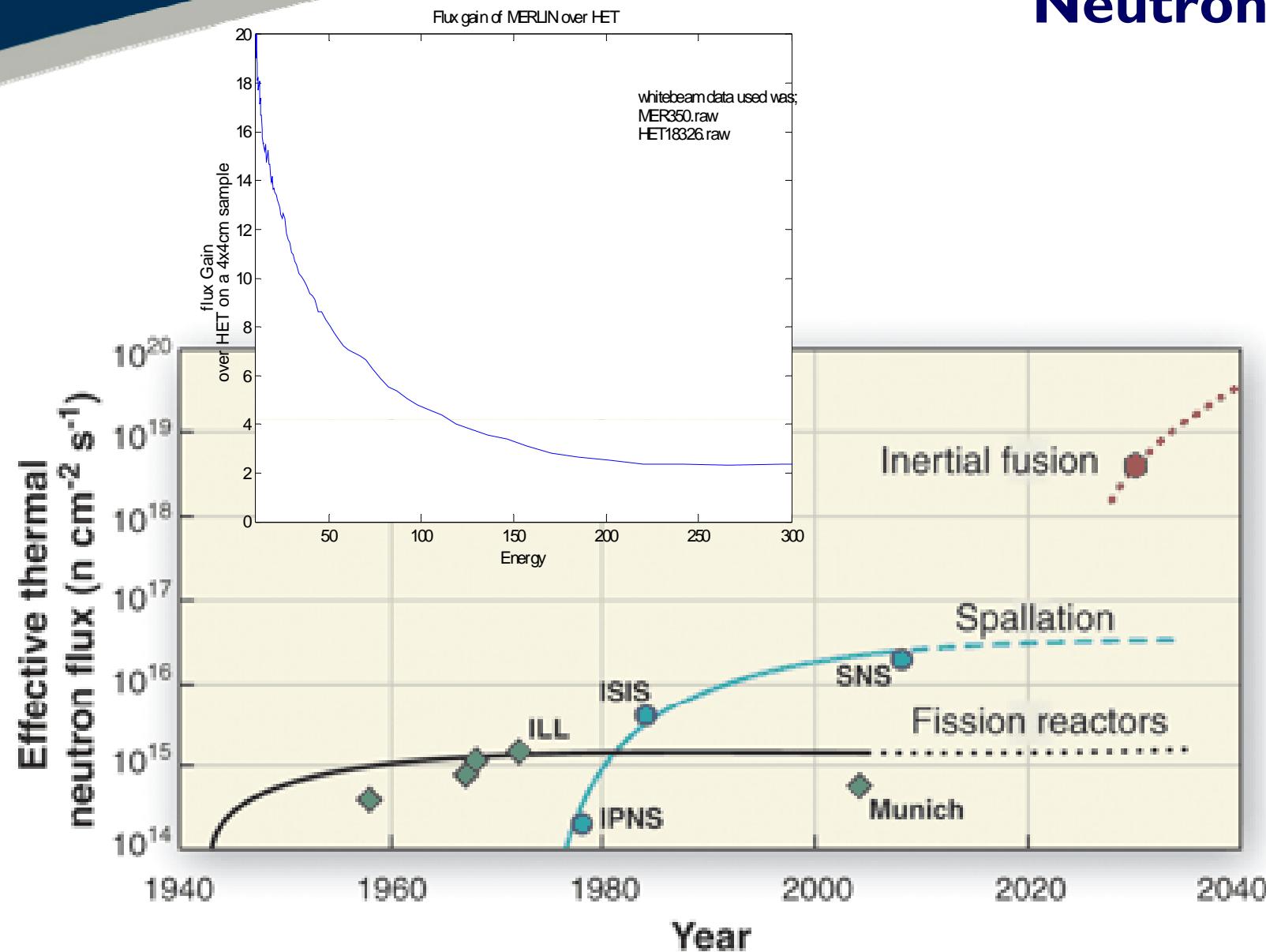


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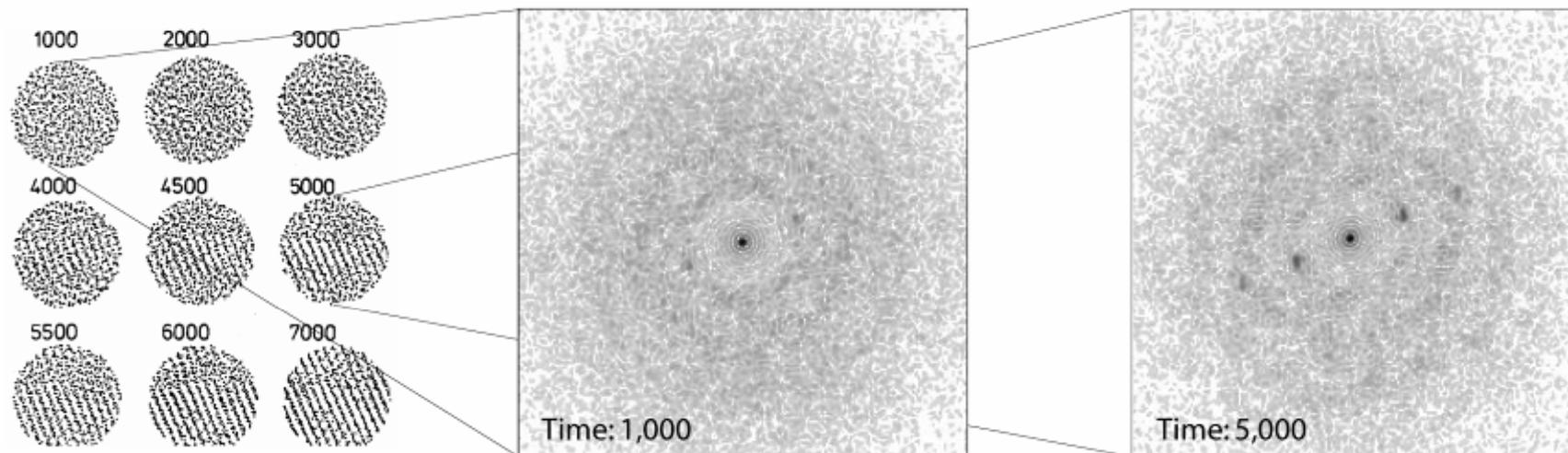
# Neutron Flux





## Complex Experiments

- Weak signals
- Pump probe
  - Changes in spin states – fluorescence
  - Non-equilibrium dynamics
- Tomography
- Isotopic substitution





## New Facilities, increased demands

- New science, new experiments, new demands
  - Higher flux
  - Higher resolution
    - Time
    - Space
  - Dynamic range
  - Energy range
  - Efficiency
  - Stability
  - Low noise



Type	Size	Pixel size	Count rate ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )	Efficiency (at 1 Å)	$\gamma$ Sensitivity	Stability ( $\% \text{ d}^{-1}$ )	Energy range (meV)	Candidate technology	Time scale
Reflectometers	$300 \times 100 \text{ mm}^2$	$0.5 \times 100 \text{ mm}^2$	$10^6$	80%	$<10^{-17}$	<1	1–150	Gas or scintillator	now
Reflectometers 2D	$300 \times 300 \text{ mm}^2$	$0.5 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}^2$	$10^6$	80%	$<10^{-7}$	<1	1–150	Gas	TS-2/now
SX low L <sub>2</sub>	$>200 \times 200 \text{ mm}^2$	$3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^2$ – $1 \times 1 \text{ mm}^2$	$10^6$	80%	$<10^{-7}$	<1	1–150	Scintillator low parallax LiGdBO	TS-2/now
SX med, high L <sub>2</sub>	$>200 \times 200 \text{ mm}^2$	$1 \times 1 \text{ mm}^2$	$10^6$	80%	$<10^{-7}$	<1	1–150	Gas	Beyond TS-2
Radiography, tomography	$20 \times 20 \text{ mm}^2$	$0.02\text{--}0.2 \text{ mm}^2$	$10^6$	80%		$<0.1$	1–150	Si active pixel	now
Monitors	$60 \times 60 \text{ mm}^2$	$1 \times 1 \text{ mm}^2$	$10^7$	Low		$<0.1$	1–1500	Si or gas	now
High energy	$100 \times 100 \text{ mm}^2$	$5 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2$	$10^7$	Epithermal		$<0.5$	1–100,000	YAP	now
SANS	$1 \times 1 \text{ m}^2$	$5 \times 5 \text{ mm}^2$	$10^6$			$<0.5$	1–50	Scintillator or gas	TS-2
SANDALS/NIMROD	$200 \times 200 \text{ mm}^2$	$200 \times 10 \text{ mm}^2$	$10^7$	Epithermal	$<10^{-6}$	$<0.1$	1–30,000	Scintillator or gas	TS-2
Powder	$600 \times 200 \text{ mm}^2$	$3 \times 200 \text{ mm}^2$	$10^7$	80%	$<10^{-7}$	$<0.1$	20–150	Scintillator or gas	TS-2
Inelastic	$1 \times 1 \text{ m}^2$	$10 \times 25 \text{ mm}^2$	$10^6$		$<10^{-7}$	$<0.1$	1–1500	Gas	TS-2
Inelastic (BS)	$5 \times 100 \text{ mm}^2$	$5 \times 100 \text{ mm}^2$	$10^6$		$<10^{-7}$	$<0.1$	1–50	Gas	Beyond TS-2

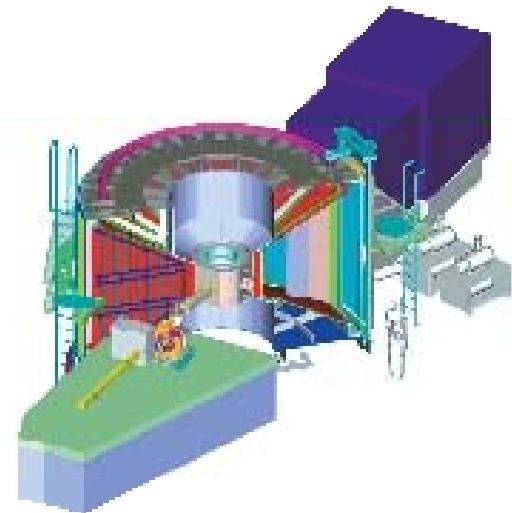
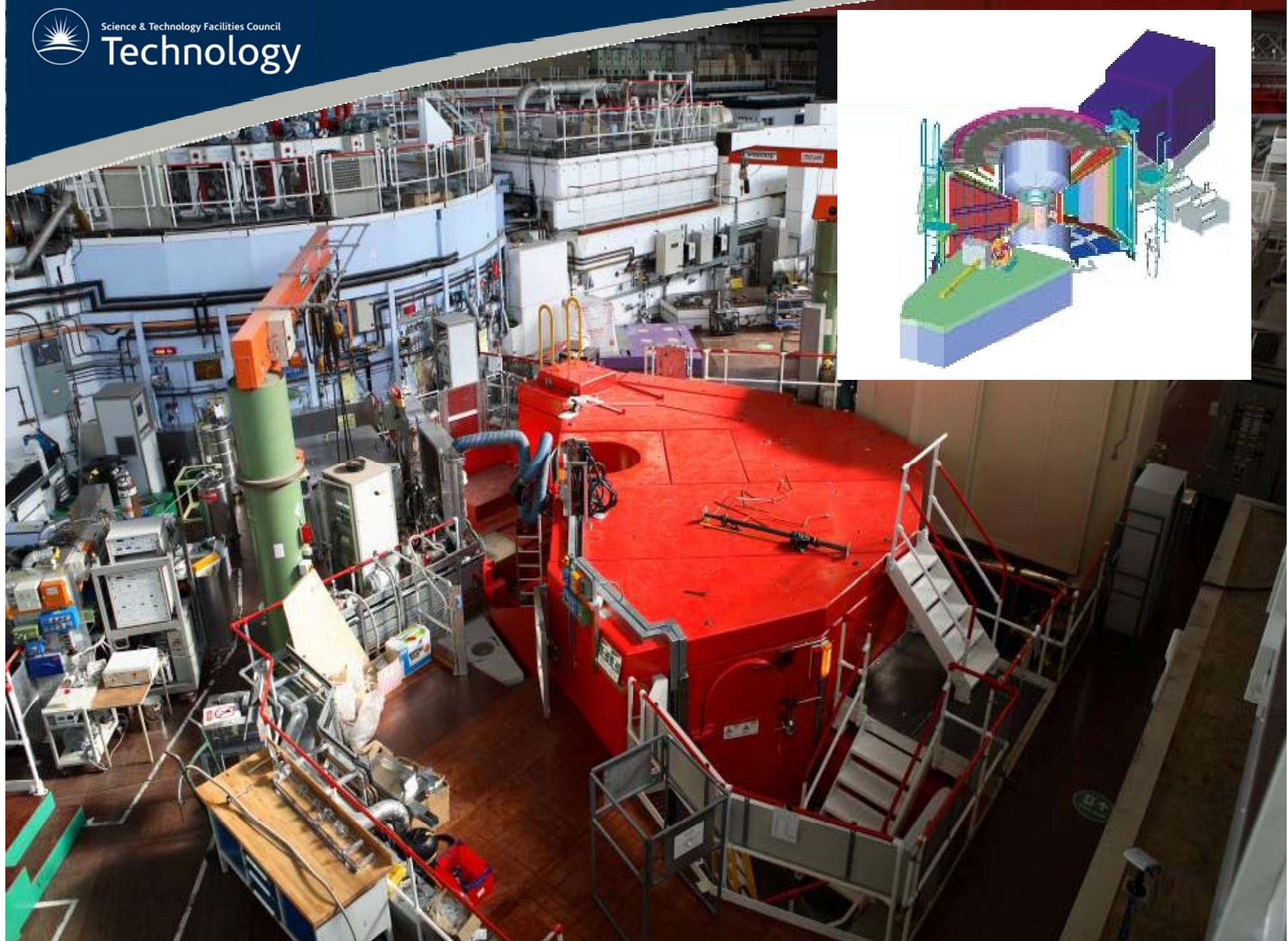


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## Neutron Detectors



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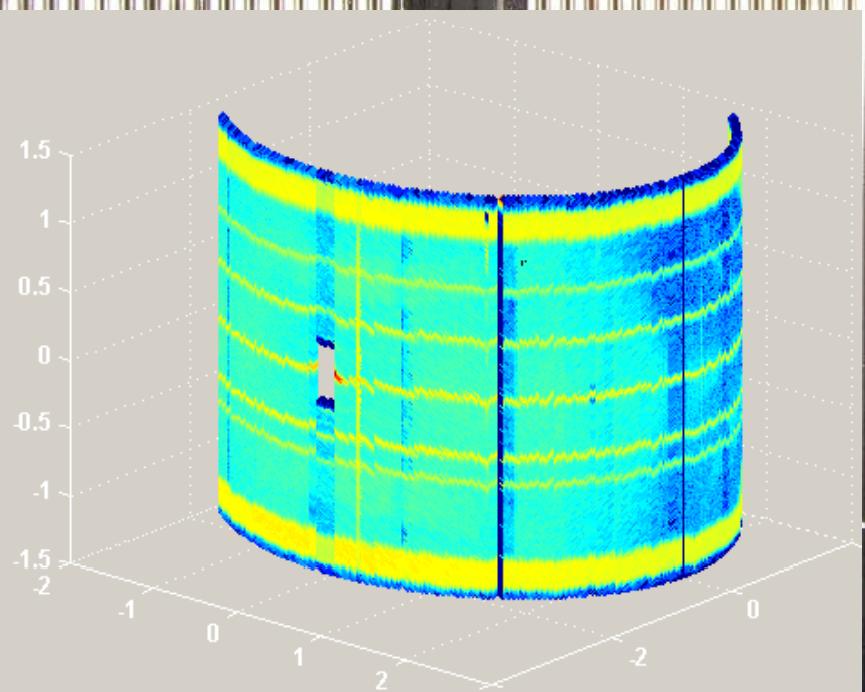




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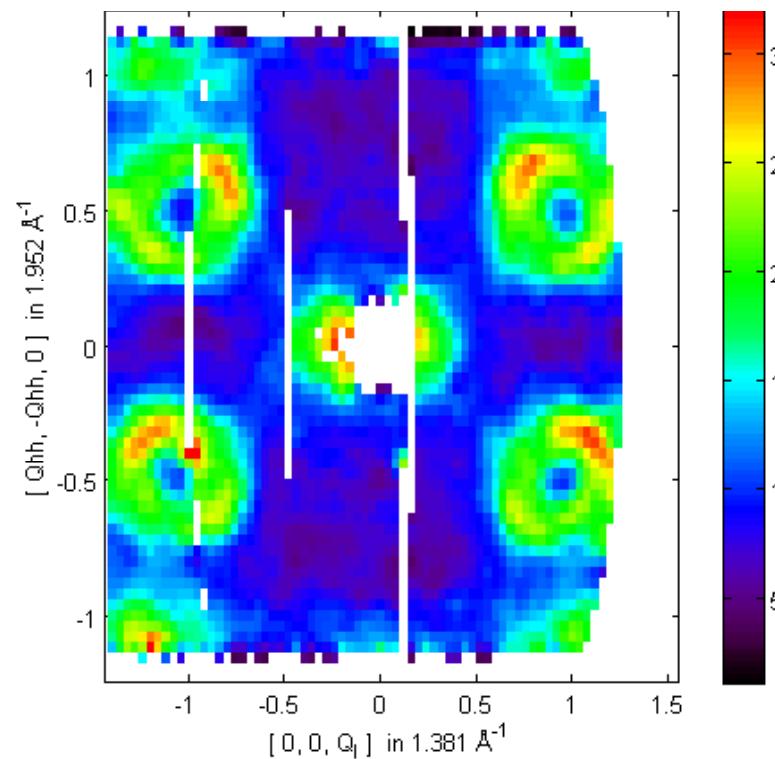
MERLIN





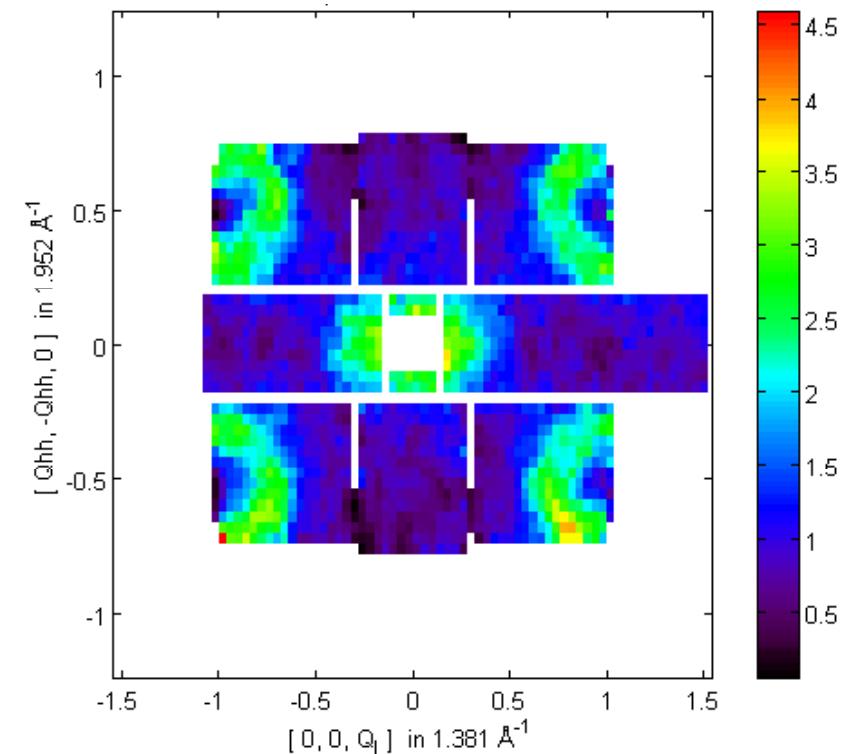
## MERLIN

Sample mass: 32 g  
 $E_i = 50$  meV  
Chopper speed = 300 Hz  
778  $\mu$ Ahrs  
 $T = 300$  K, cut  $10 < E < 13$  meV



## MAPS

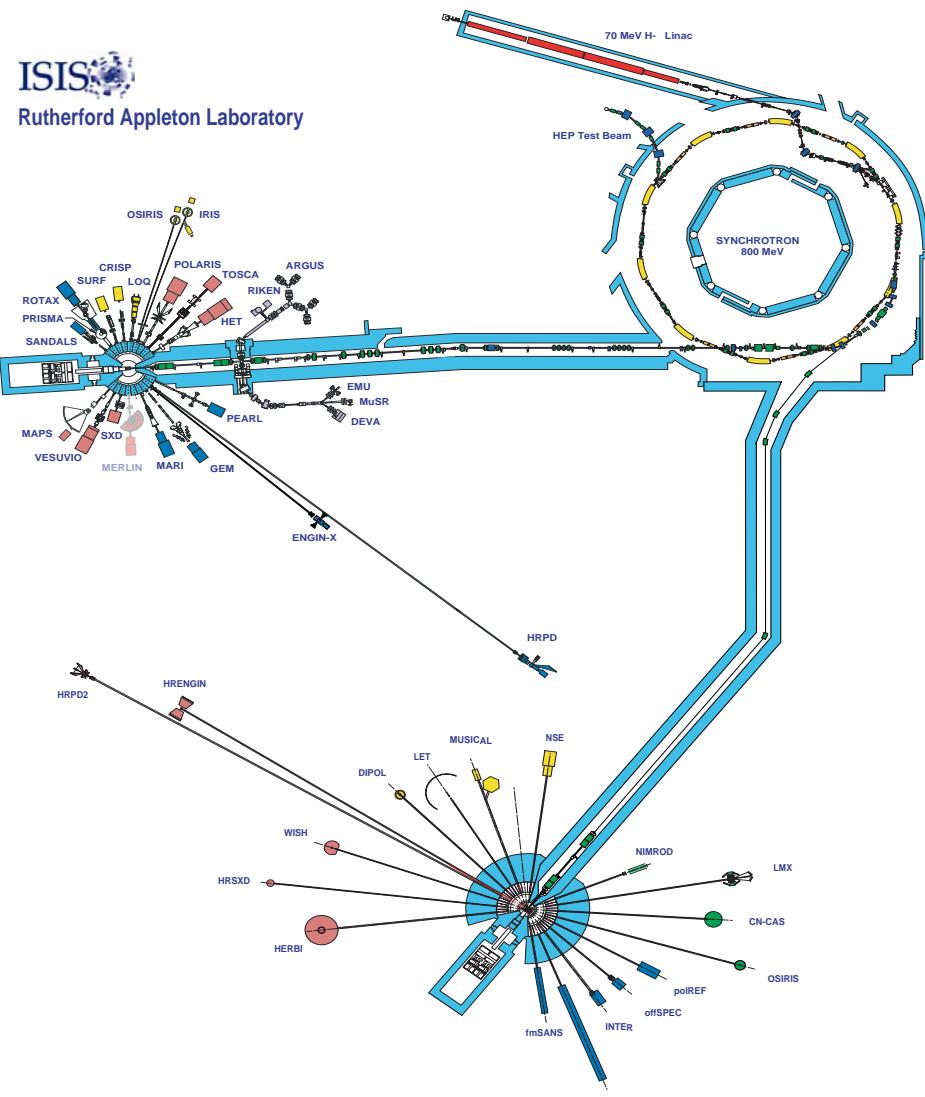
Sample mass: 50 g  
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# ISIS TS2





# Low energy transfer spectrometer

**Detector array**

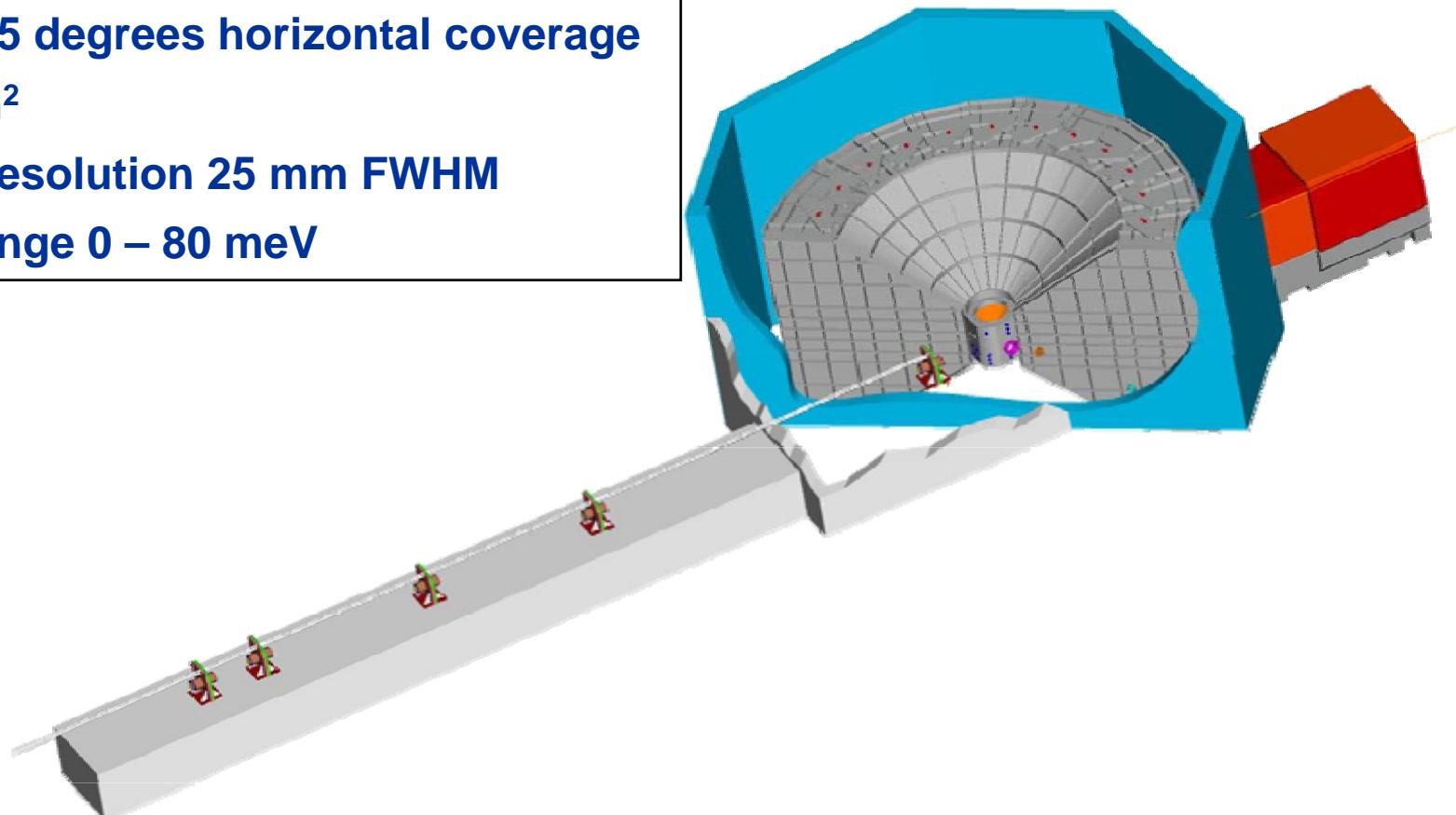
**4m high array at 3.5 m radius**

**-35 to +135 degrees horizontal coverage**

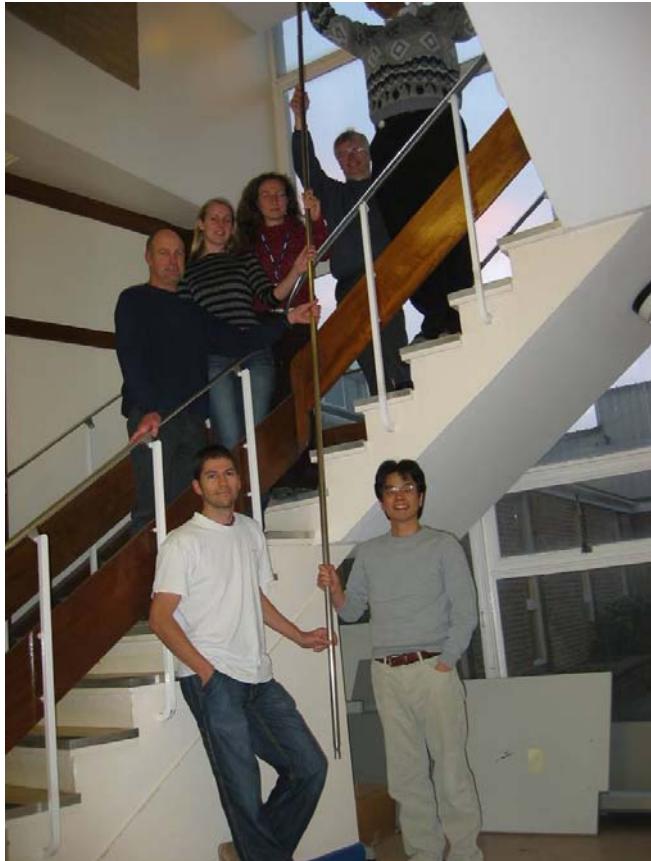
**Area 40 m<sup>2</sup>**

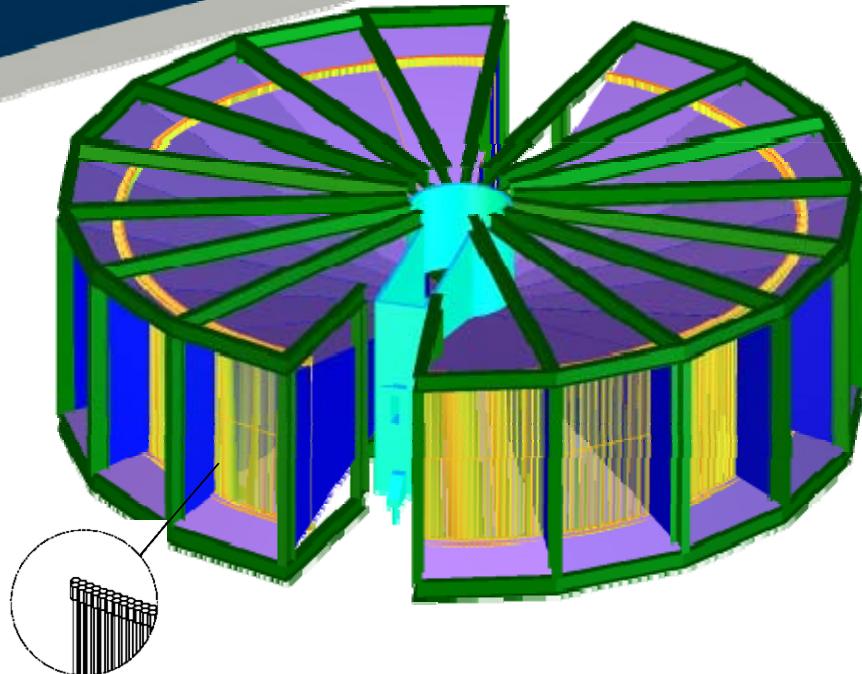
**Position resolution 25 mm FWHM**

**Energy range 0 – 80 meV**



# **detector assembly**





**Large area powder / single crystal diffractometer for the study of magnetic materials**

**Detector array**

**~ 1m high array at 2.2 m radius**

**± 10 to ± 170 degrees horizontal coverage**

**Position resolution 8 x 8 mm pixels**

**Wavelength range 1.5 – 15 Å**



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**WISH**

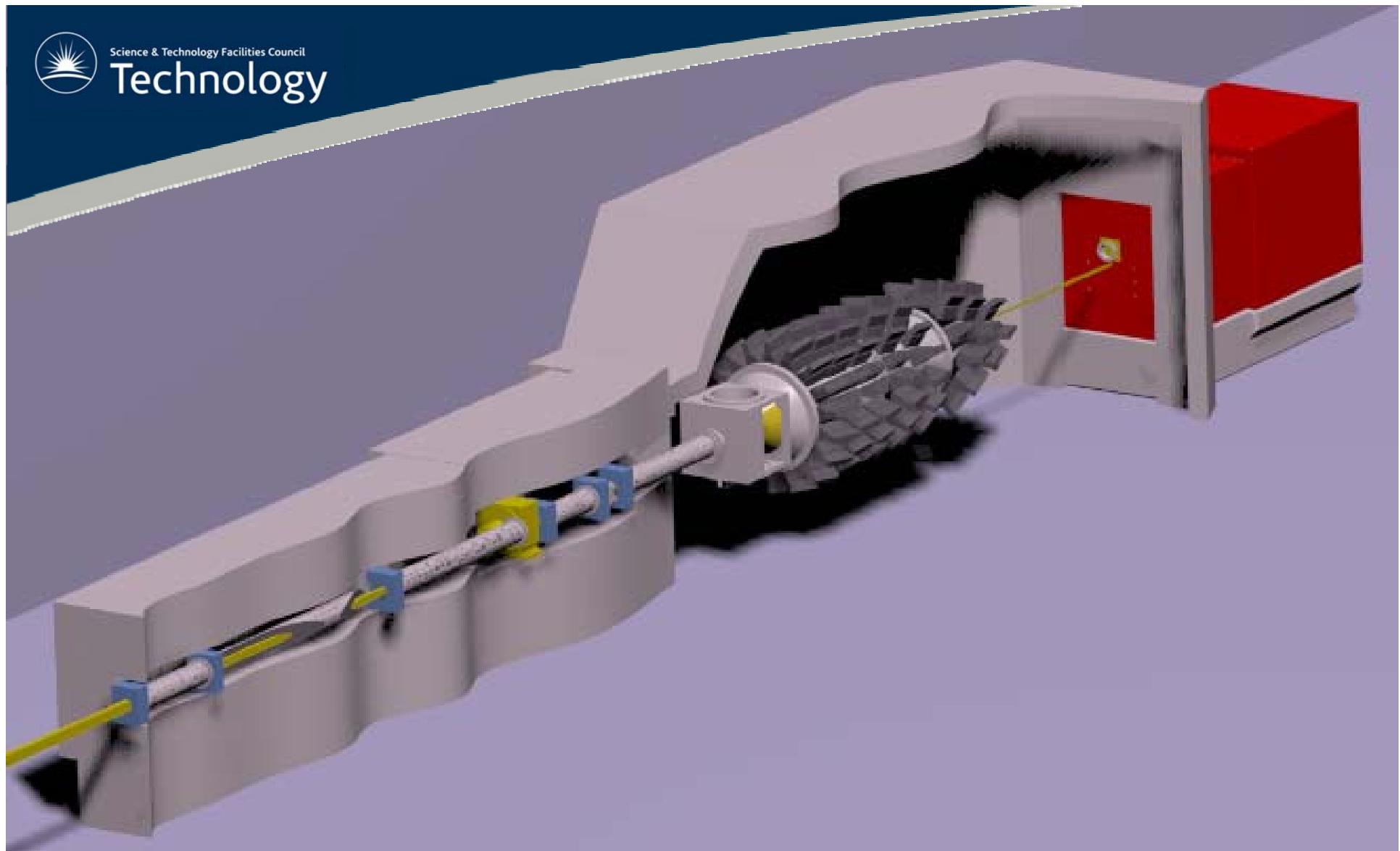


**TS<sub>2</sub> ISIS**  
second target station project

**8 mm diameter 1 m long resistive wire detectors, like D22  
760 for day one spanning 10 to 170 degrees at 2.2 m radius**



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**High efficiency at 10 eV**

**High stability - 0.1% change in count rate per several days**

**2110 pixels ~10 mm x 200 mm**

**Total area 4.2 m<sup>2</sup>**



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**NIMROD**

## **scintillation detector**



**18 detector elements**

**200 x 10 mm<sup>2</sup>**

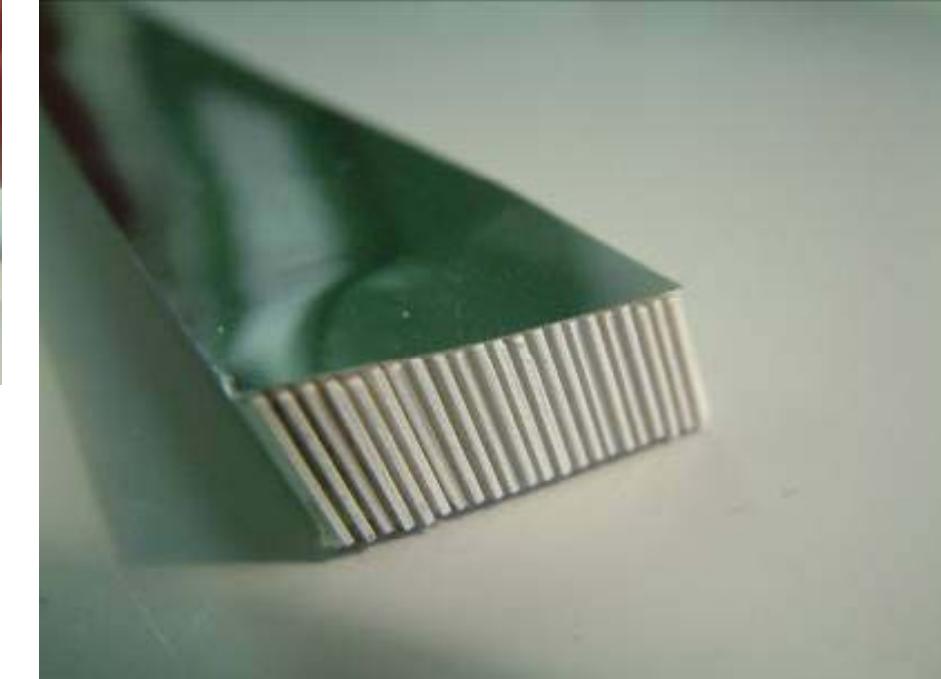
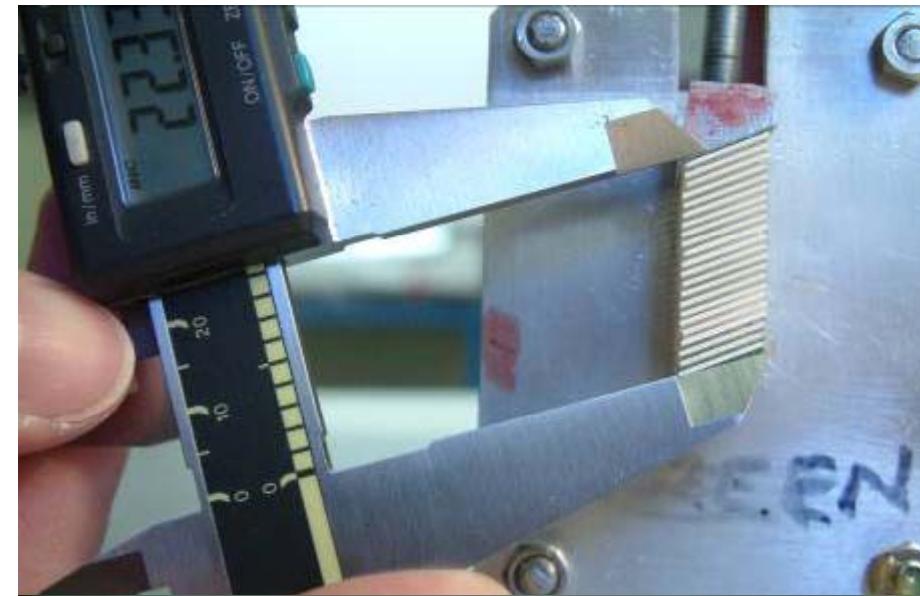
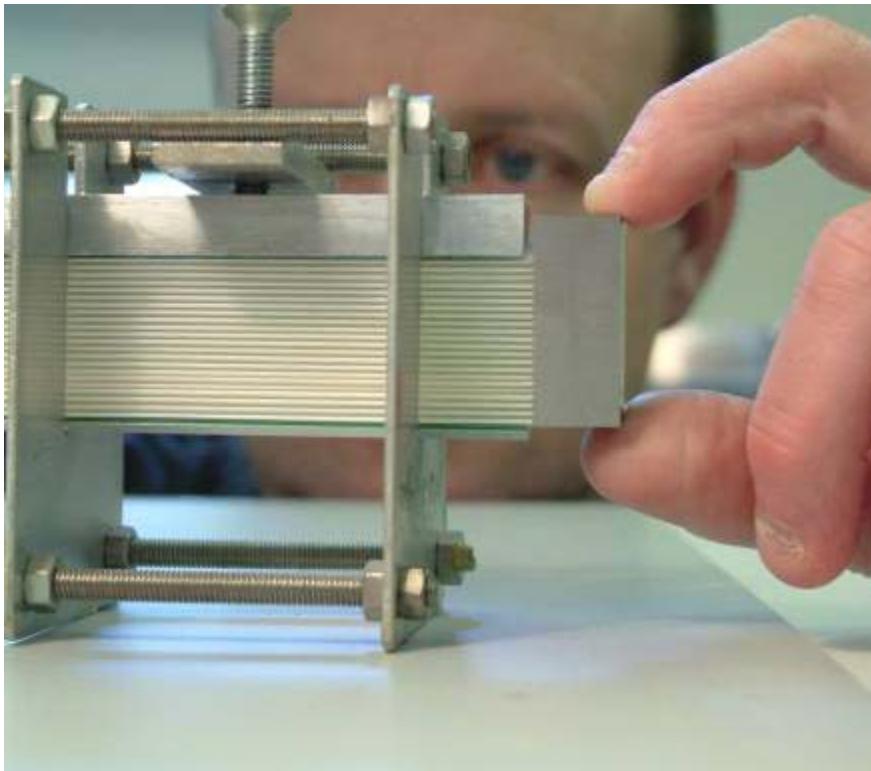
**60 modules for day 1**

**2.16 m<sup>2</sup> detector –  
60 m<sup>2</sup> scintillator**



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**NIMROD**





**60 modules for day one**

**53 assembled to date**

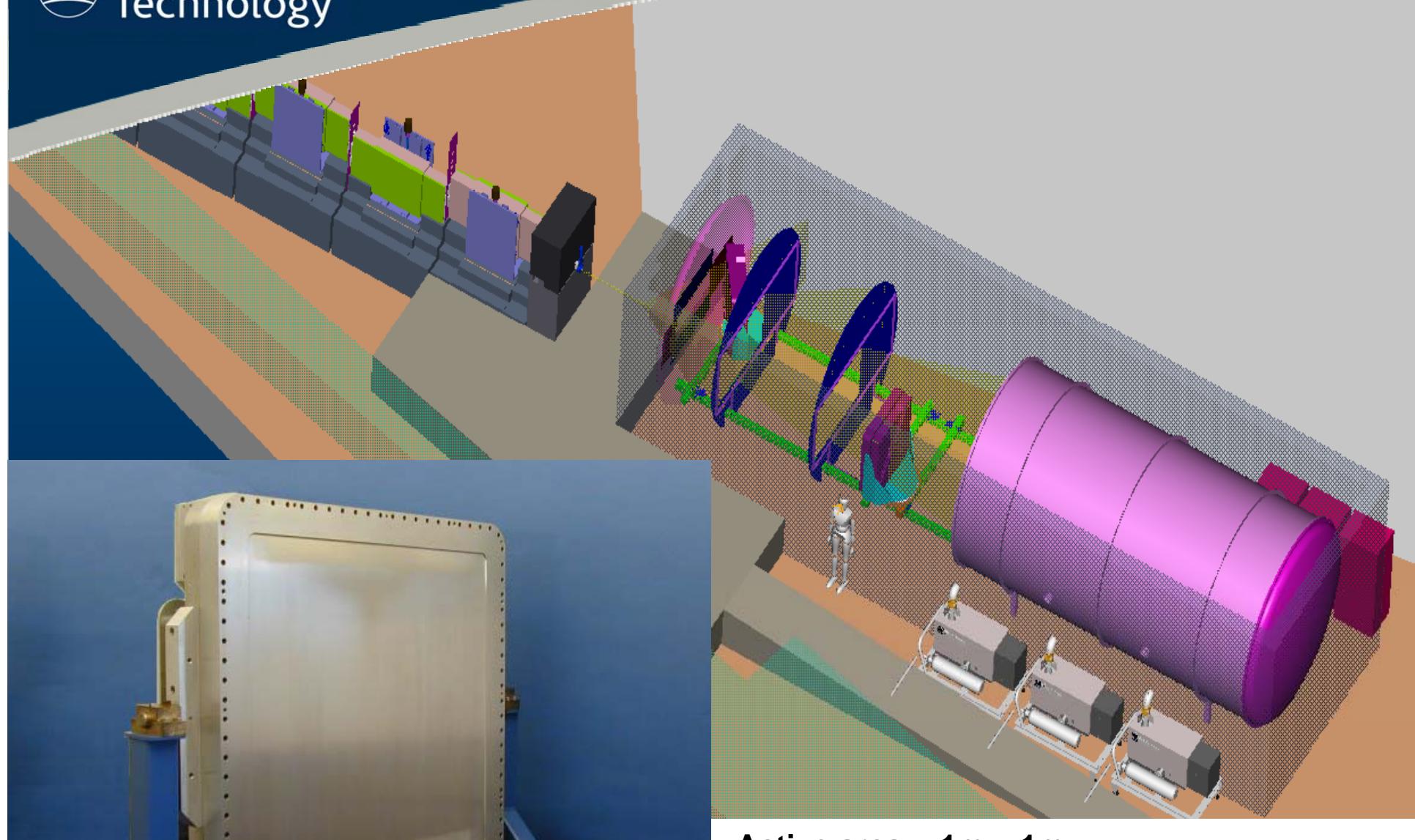
**30 fully tested on neutron source and ready for installation**

**Low angle bank spanning 0.5 to 3 degrees under development**



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# SANS 2d



**TS2 ISIS**  
second target station project



- Active area : 1m x 1m
- Count rate:  $2 \times 10^5$  n/s at 10% deadtime
- Neutron efficiency: 50% at 2 Å
- Position resolution : 5 x 5 mm<sup>2</sup>



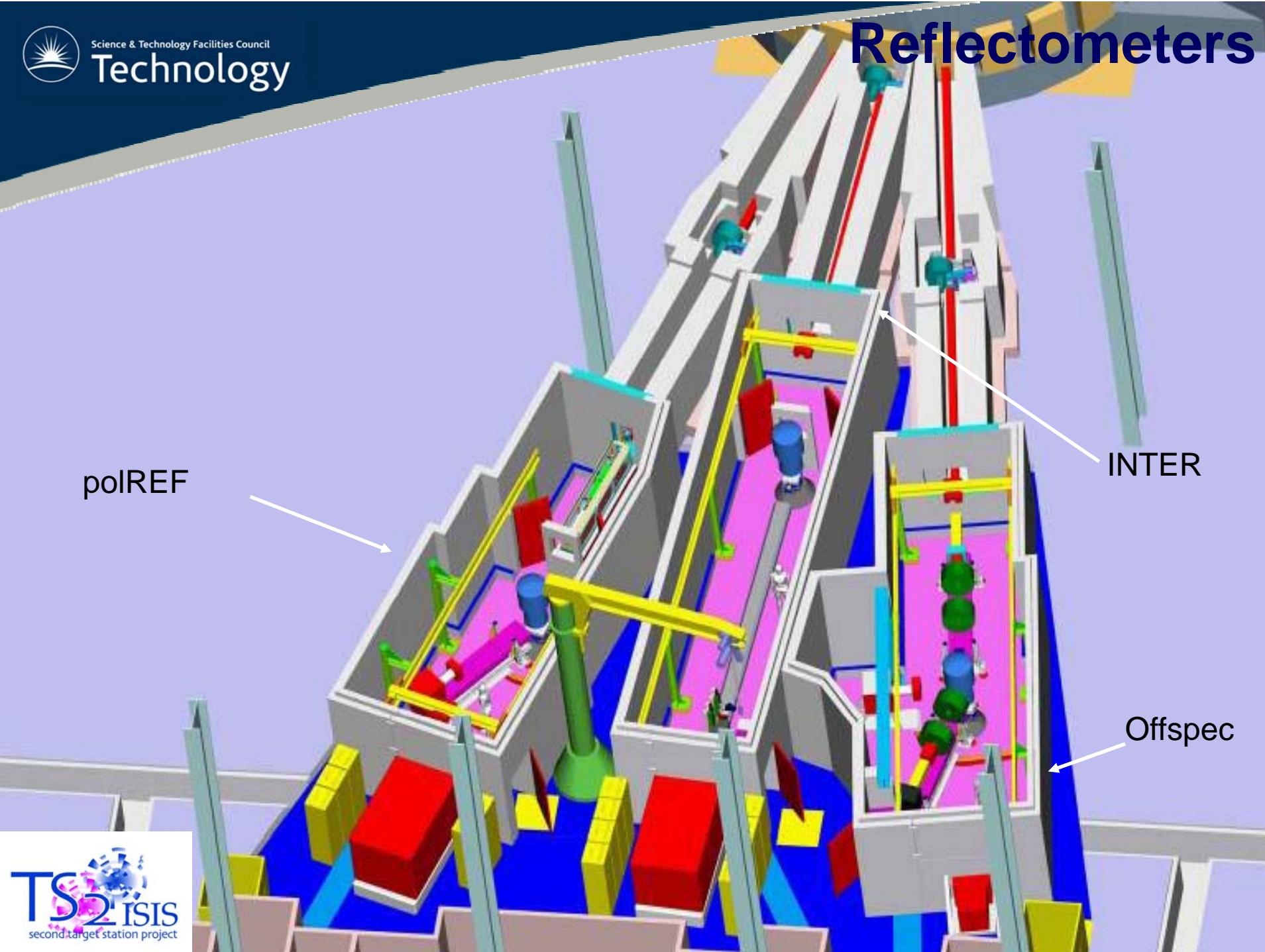
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# Reflectometers

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INTER

Offspec





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**INTER 1.2 mm**

**scintillation detector**

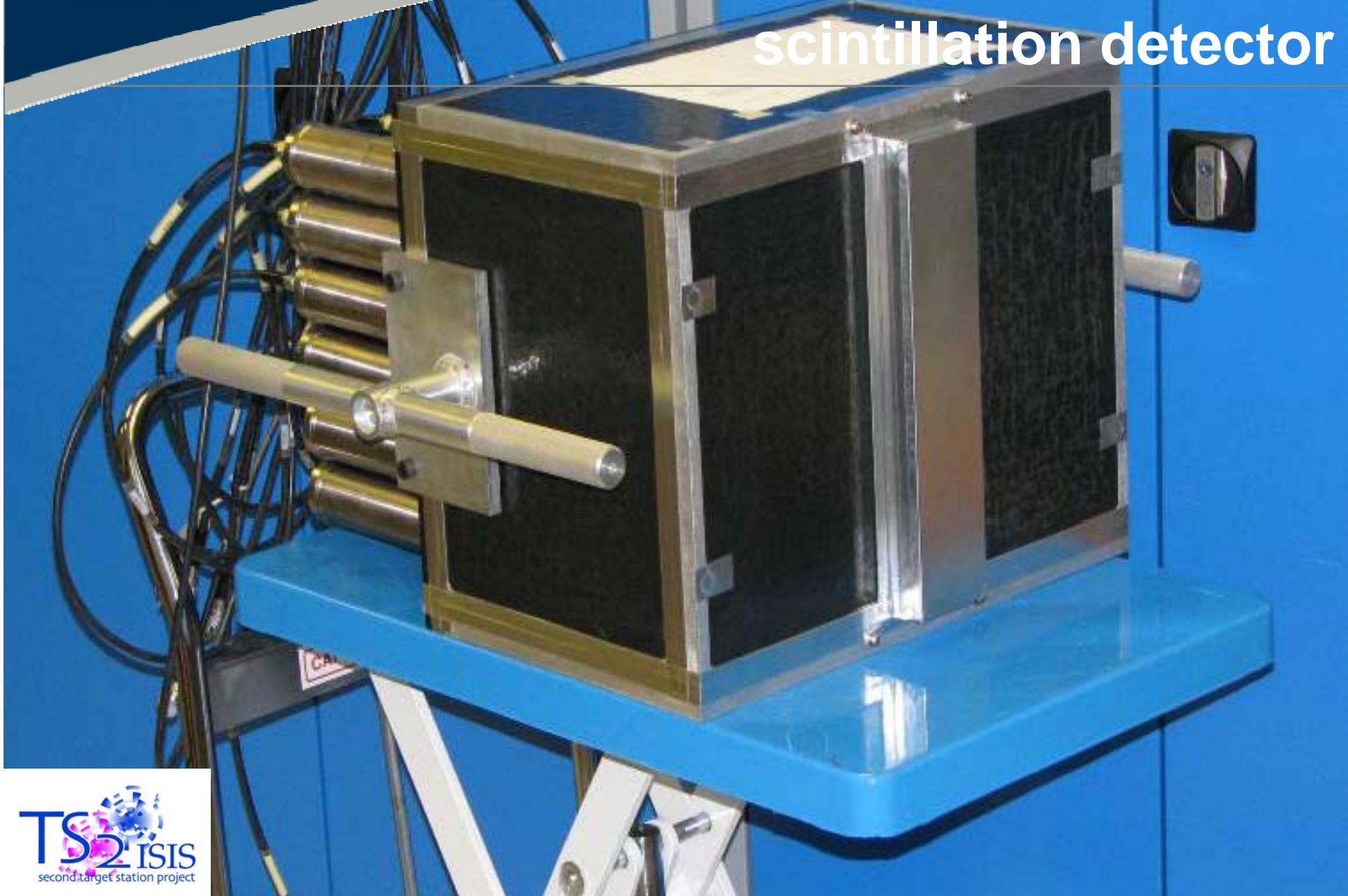
**Fibre coupled ZnS scintillation detector**  
**Linear position sensitivity, 1.2 mm**  
**resolution**



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# INTER 1.2 mm

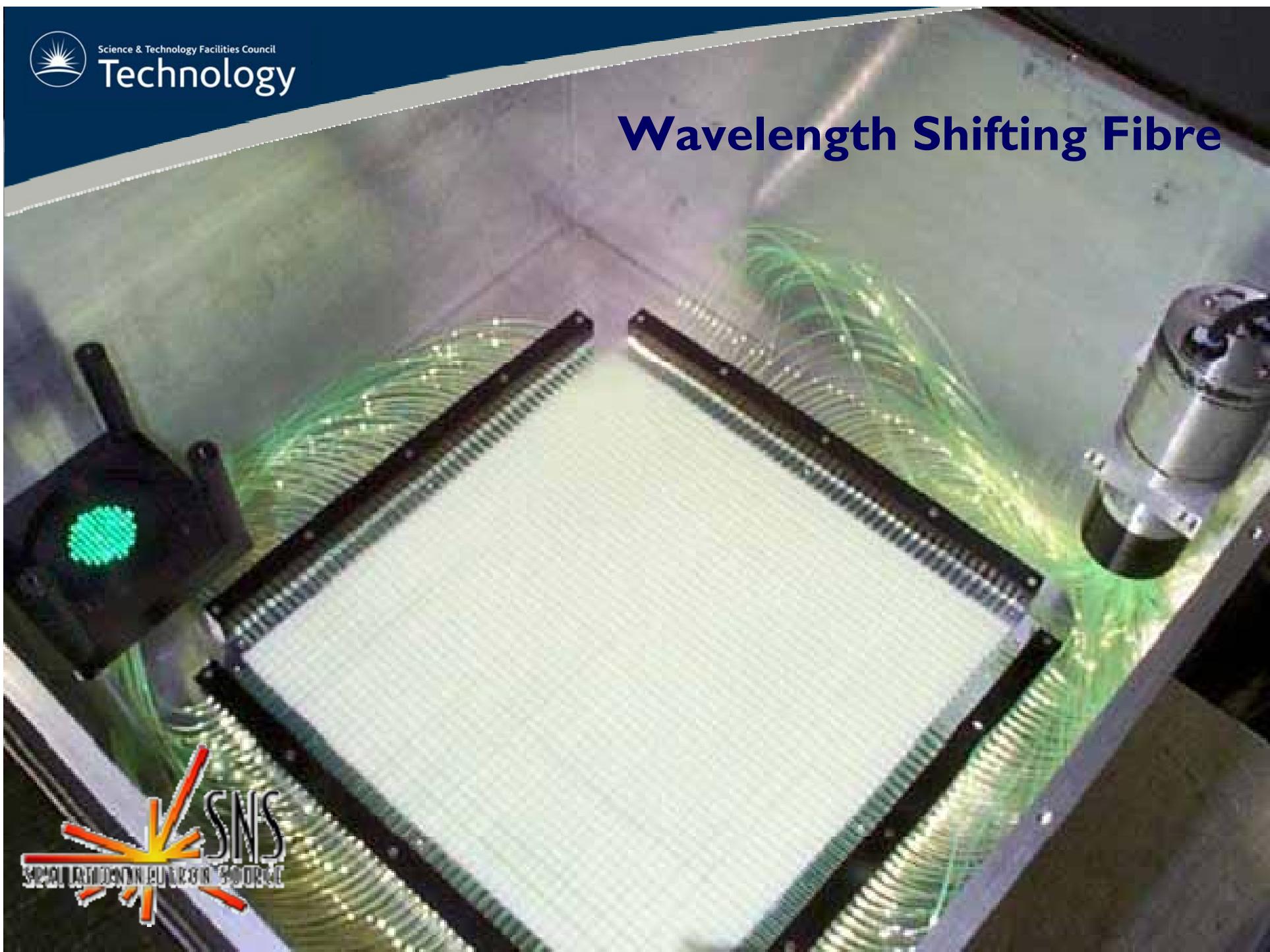
## scintillation detector





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## Wavelength Shifting Fibre



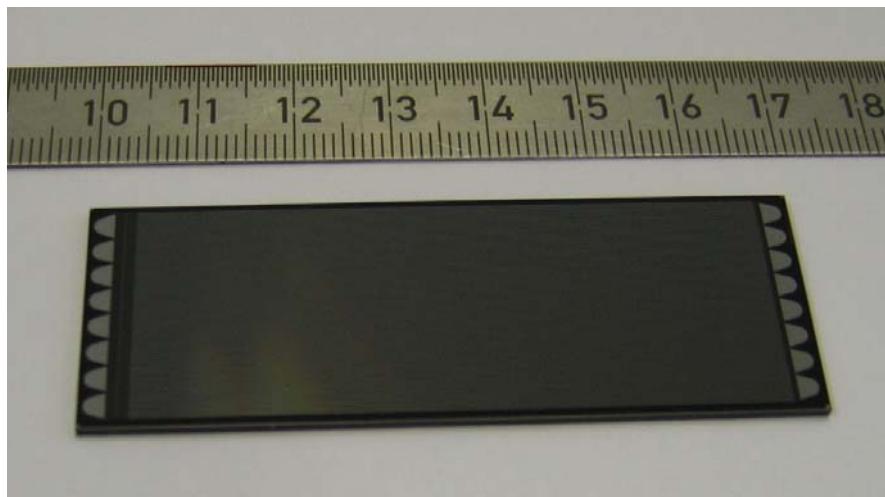


# Gas Detectors

## FastGas

10 bars  ${}^3\text{He}$ , 4bars  $\text{CF}_4$

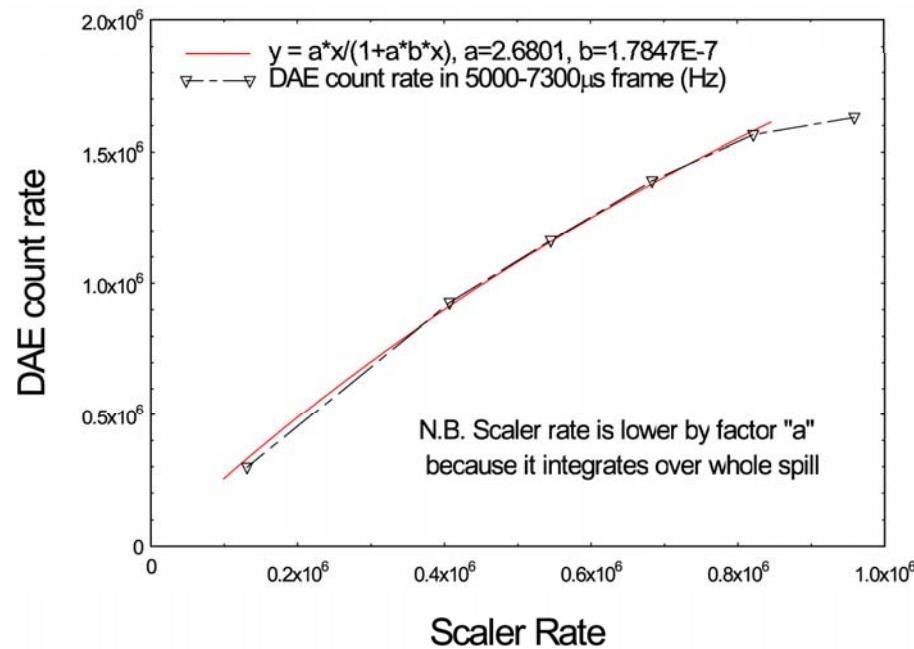
>90% efficiency for 1 $\text{\AA}$   
neutrons



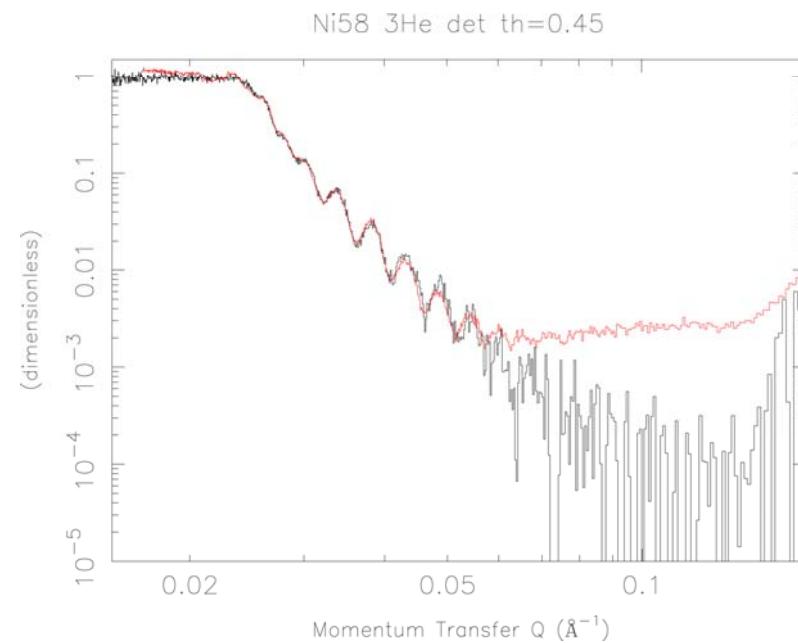


## Data from CRISP instrument on ISIS

100 times greater rate performance than existing  $^3\text{He}$  tubes, with no noticeable degradation in performance

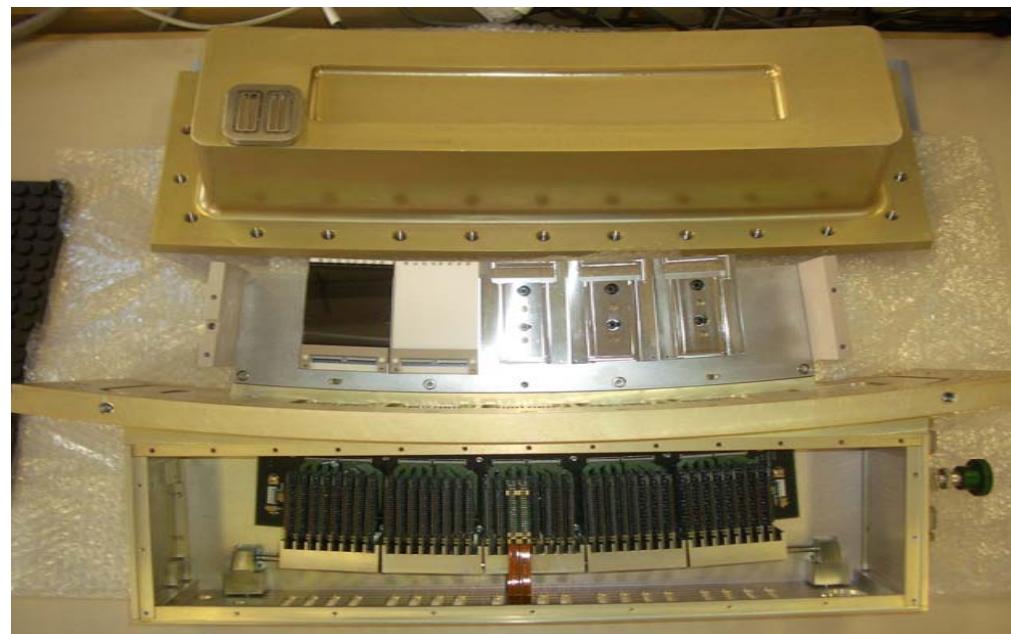


Neutron reflection from  $^{58}\text{Ni}$  sample. Black curve  $^3\text{He}$  tube, red curve FastGas





- Position sensitive, parallax free neutron detector
- Position resolution of 0.5mm or better (FWHM)
- Neutron detection efficiency  $\geq 50\% @ 1 \text{ \AA}$
- A local count rate performance of at least  $10^5$ counts per second
- A dynamic range of 6 orders of magnitude
- A gamma sensitivity of  $10^{-8}$  at 1.3MeV





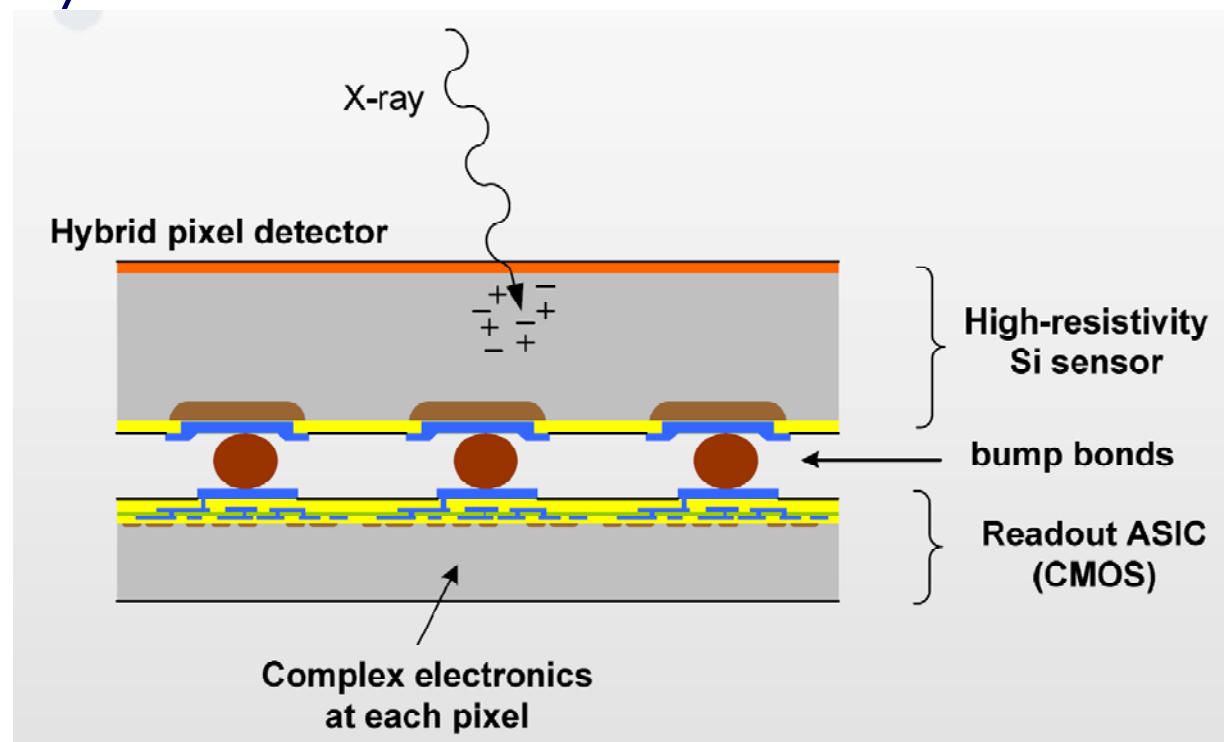
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# Photon Detectors



## Hybrid Pixel Detectors

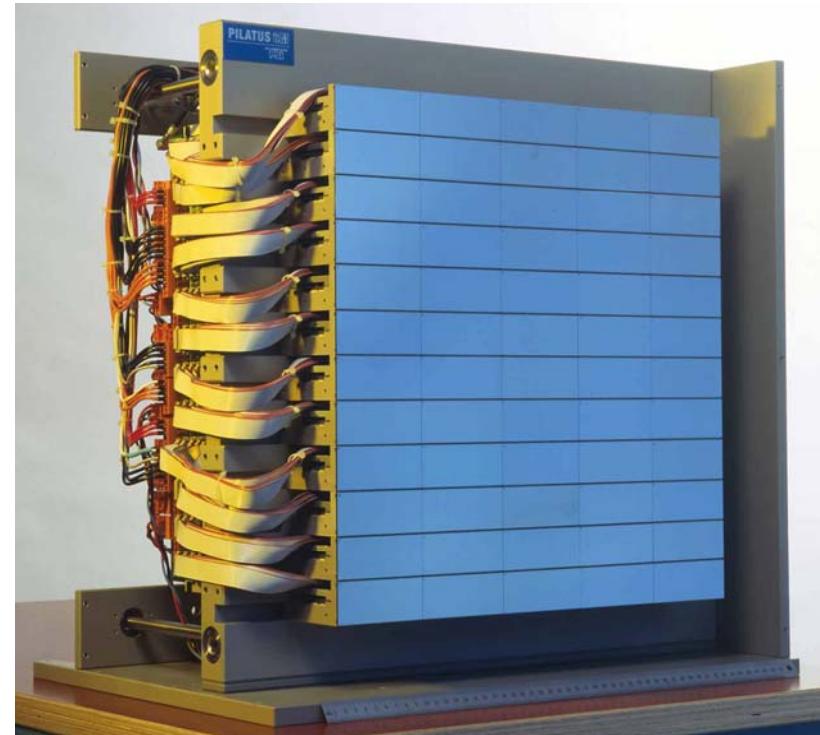
- Hybrid pixel, photon counting
  - No dark current
  - Excellent point spread function
  - High quantum efficiency
  - Short readout time





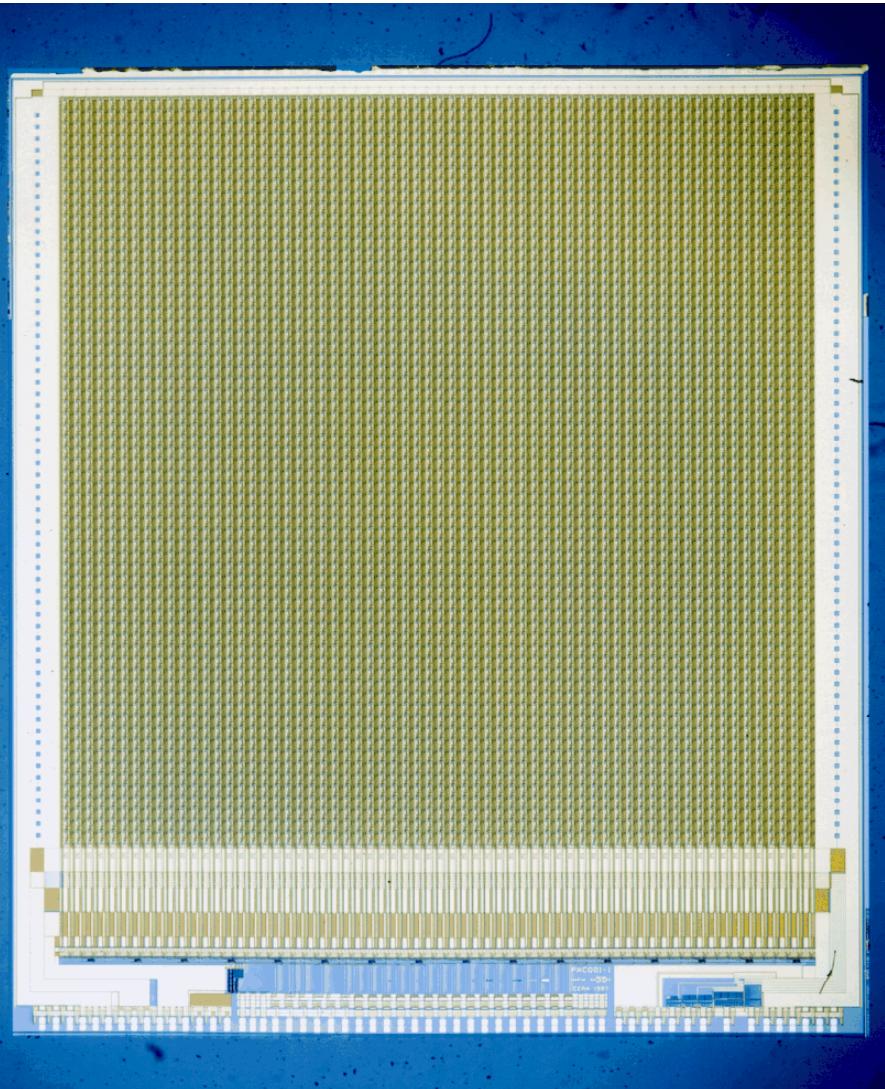
# PILATUS

- 6M
  - 5 x 12 modules
  - 2463 x 2527 pixels
  - 424 x 435 mm<sup>2</sup> active area



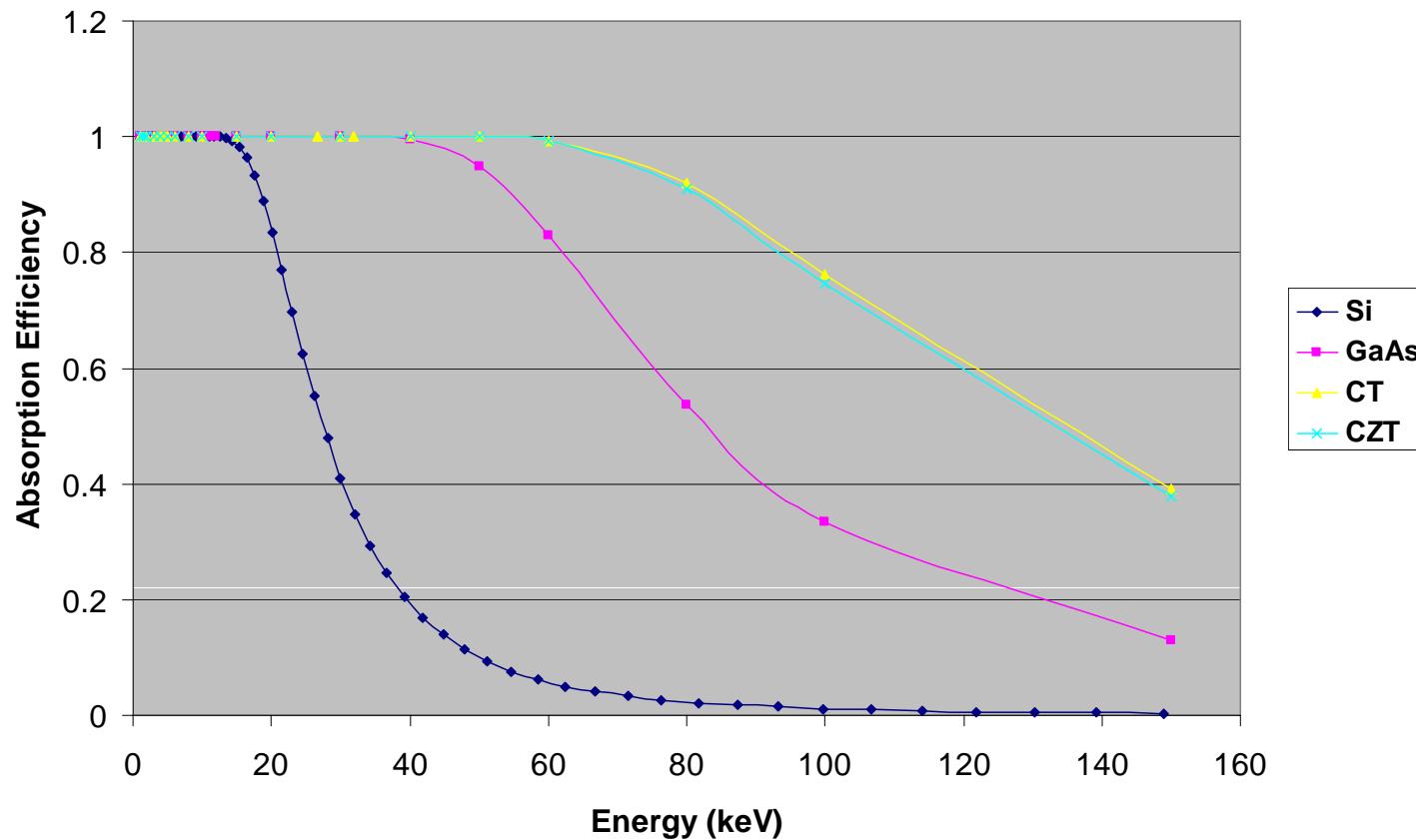


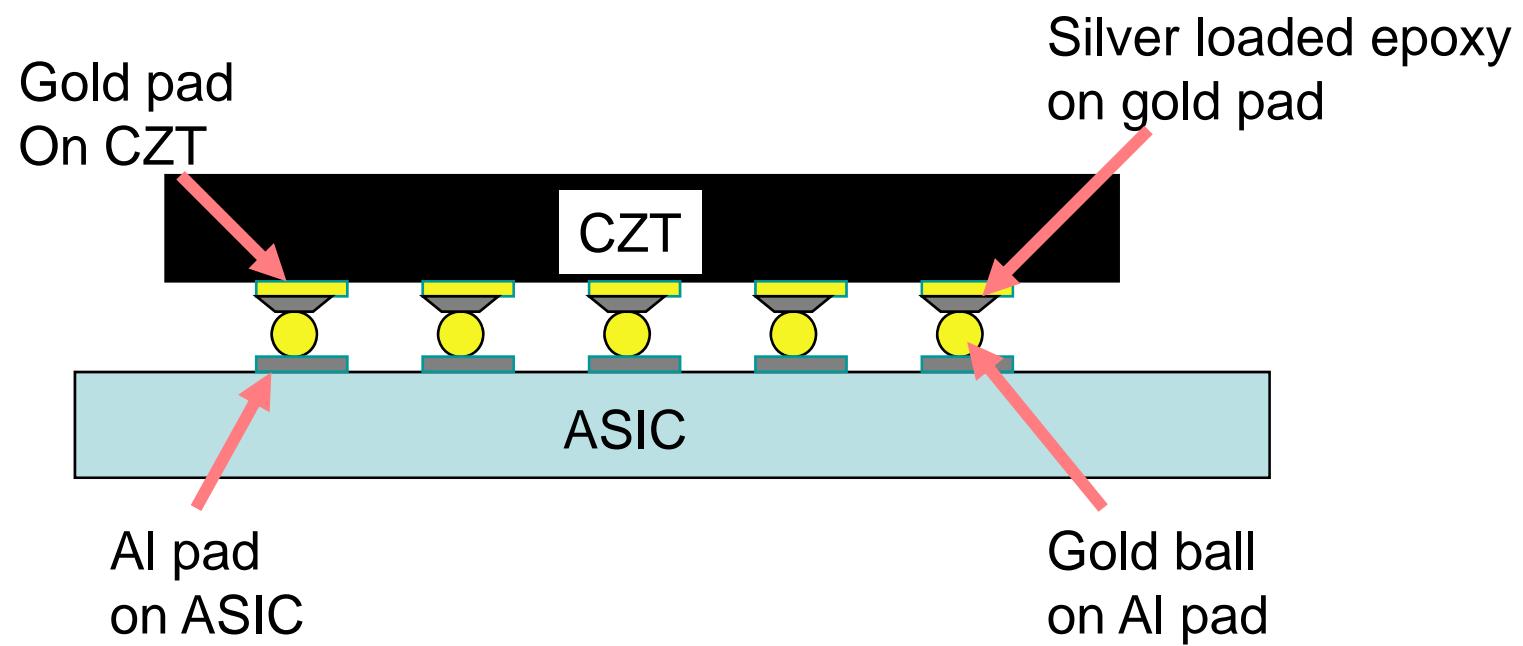
- Medipix 1
  - 170  $\mu\text{m}$  pixels
  - 64 x 64 pixels per chip
- Medipix 2
  - 55  $\mu\text{m}$  pixels
  - 256 x 256 pixels per chip
  - 3 sides buttable
- Medipix 3
  - Mitigates charge diffusion





- CZT has a good stopping power for high energy X-rays in many applications (synchrotrons, space, HEP, nuclear, medical)
- Gives radiation-hard detectors in proton environments (HEP and space)





Low temperature, low stress bump bonding for CZT



Silver loaded epoxy  
dispense 120um dots

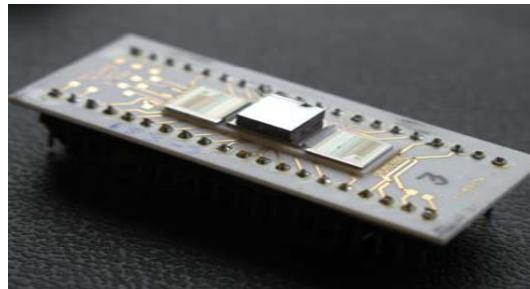


Questar Gold-Stud bond

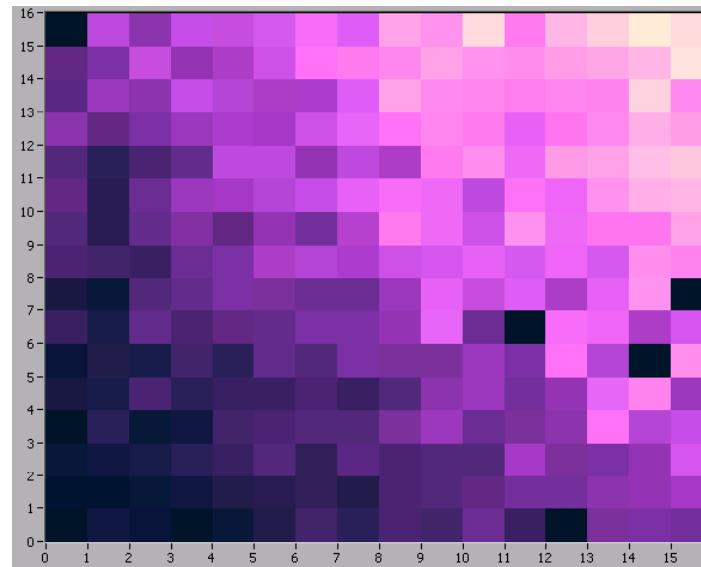
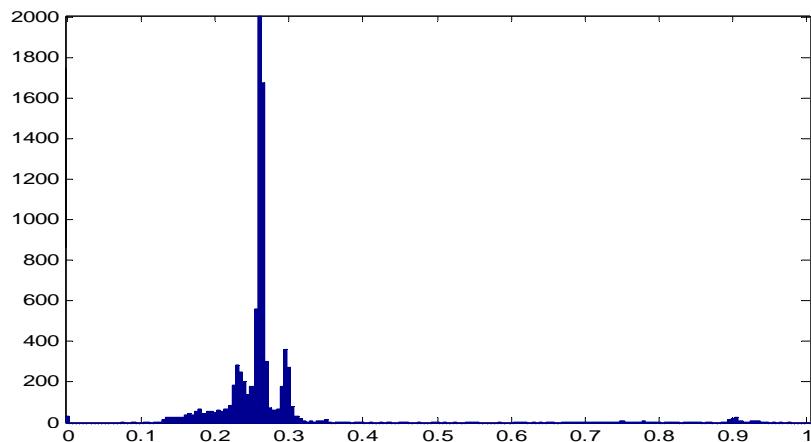
Low temperature stud bonding process



# Gold Stud Bonding



*ERD2004 module with 2mm thick CZT detector*

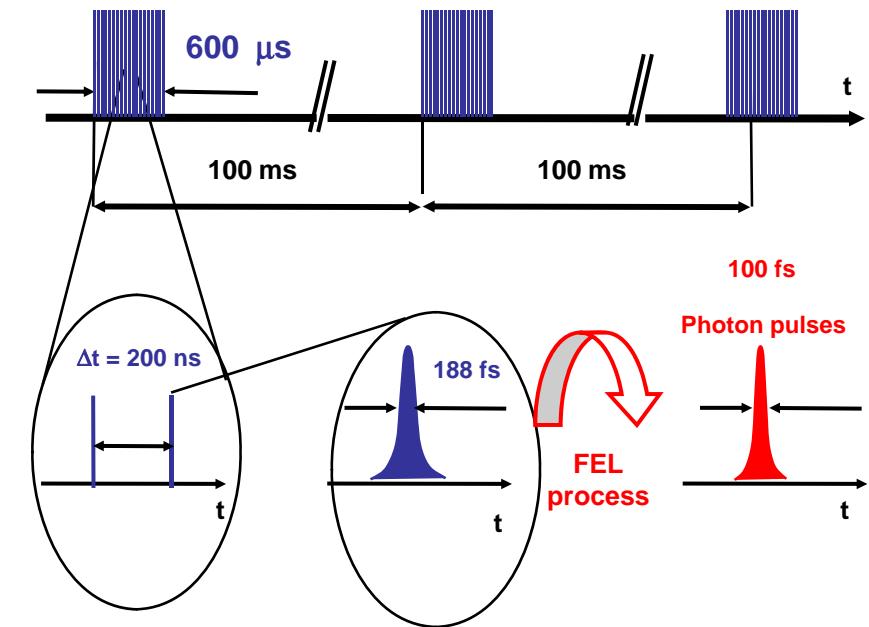


*X-ray image and spectrum taken with ERD2004 and Mo X-rays at 17keV bonded at RAL to 500um silicon detector.*



## Pixels for XFEL

- FEL sources deliver bright short pulses of radiation
- Requires high performance pixel systems





## European XFEL, LPAD Sensor requirements and timescales

- Silicon sensors to convert high flux images of coherent 12keV X-rays, bump bonded to ASICs. Use 500um thick DC coupled Si detector
- X-rays arrive in 100 femto second pulses every 200 nano seconds. Charge completely cleared for next pulse.
- 250 detectors (= 80 wafers) per Mega-pixel area
- First sensors ready end 2008

First system ready mid 2009

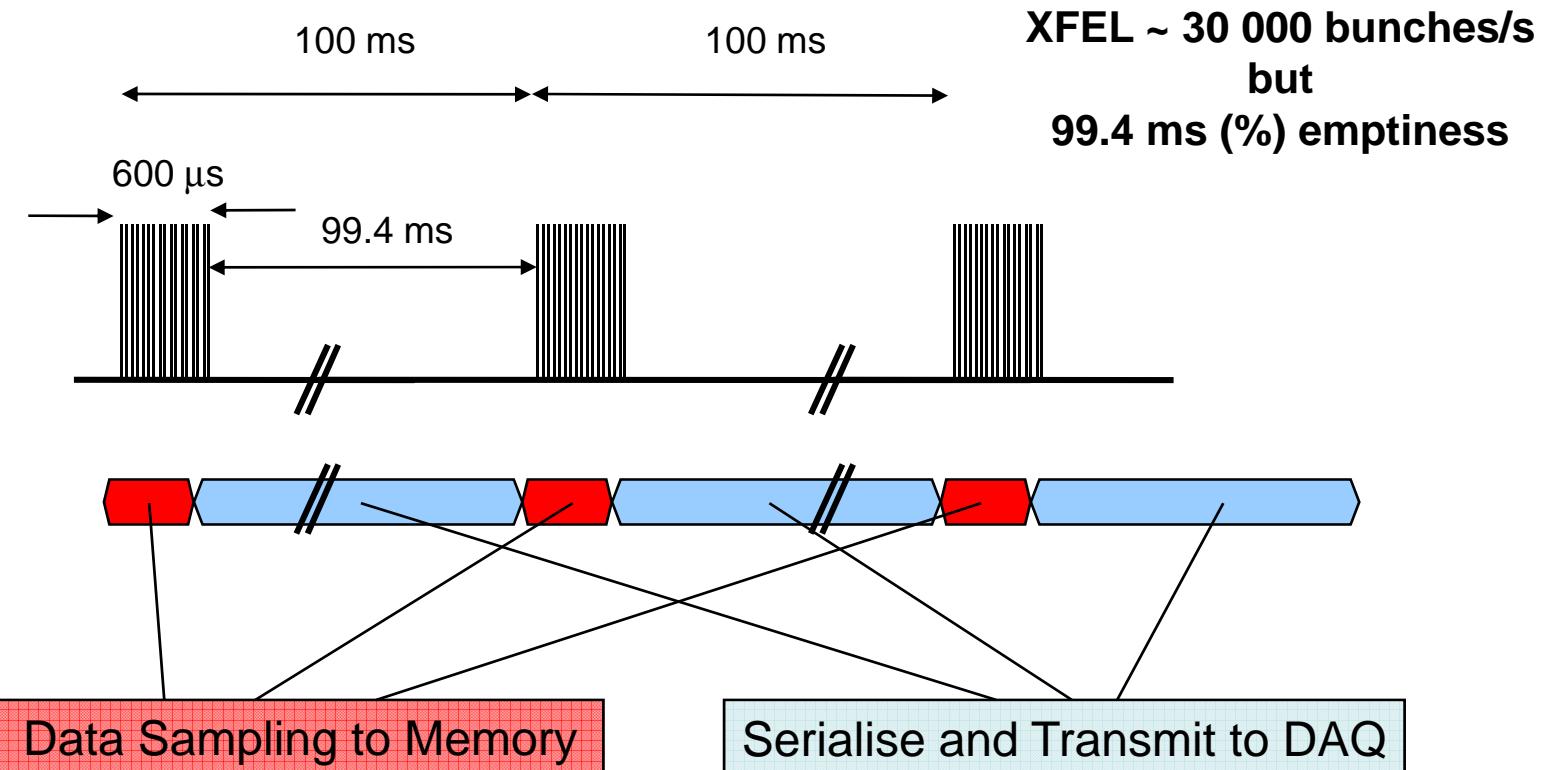
1Mega-pixel system ready end 2010

Multi-megapixel systems (16-32 total) ready end 2012.



## XFEL LPAD

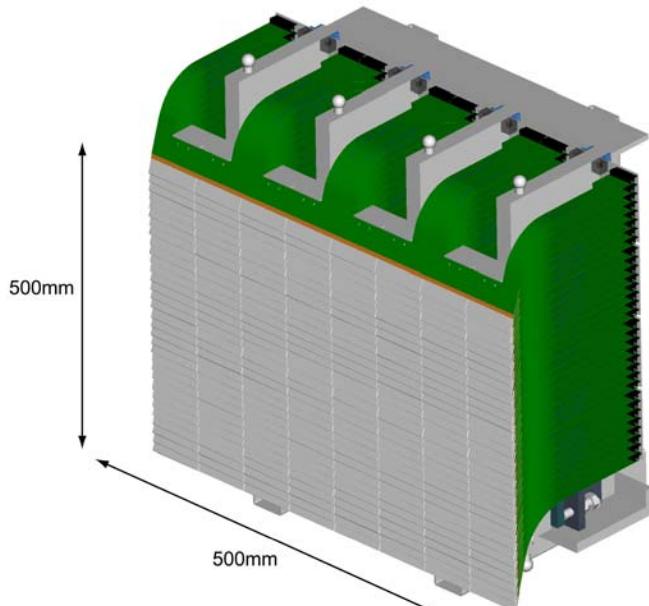
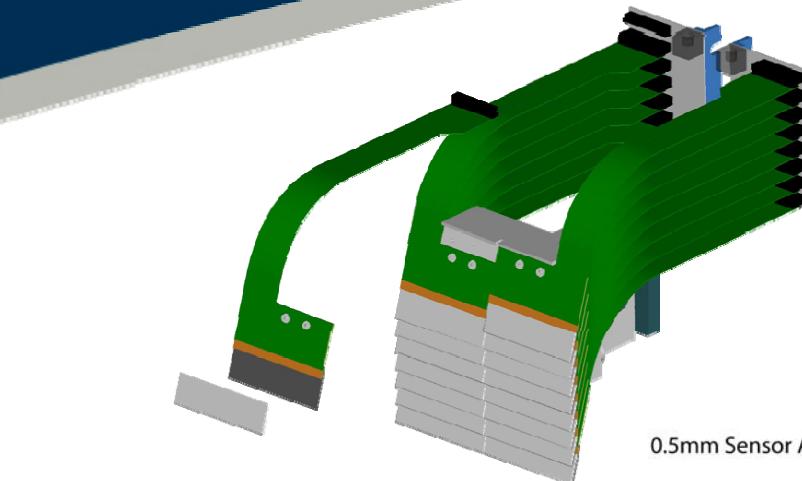
Electron bunch trains; up to 3000 bunches in 600  $\mu$ sec, repeated 10 times per second.  
Producing 100 fsec X-ray pulses (up to 30 000 bunches per second).





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## XFEL LPAD



0.5mm Sensor Array

512 Channel ASICs

Wire bonding

Bump bonding

Molybdenum base

Mounting bracket

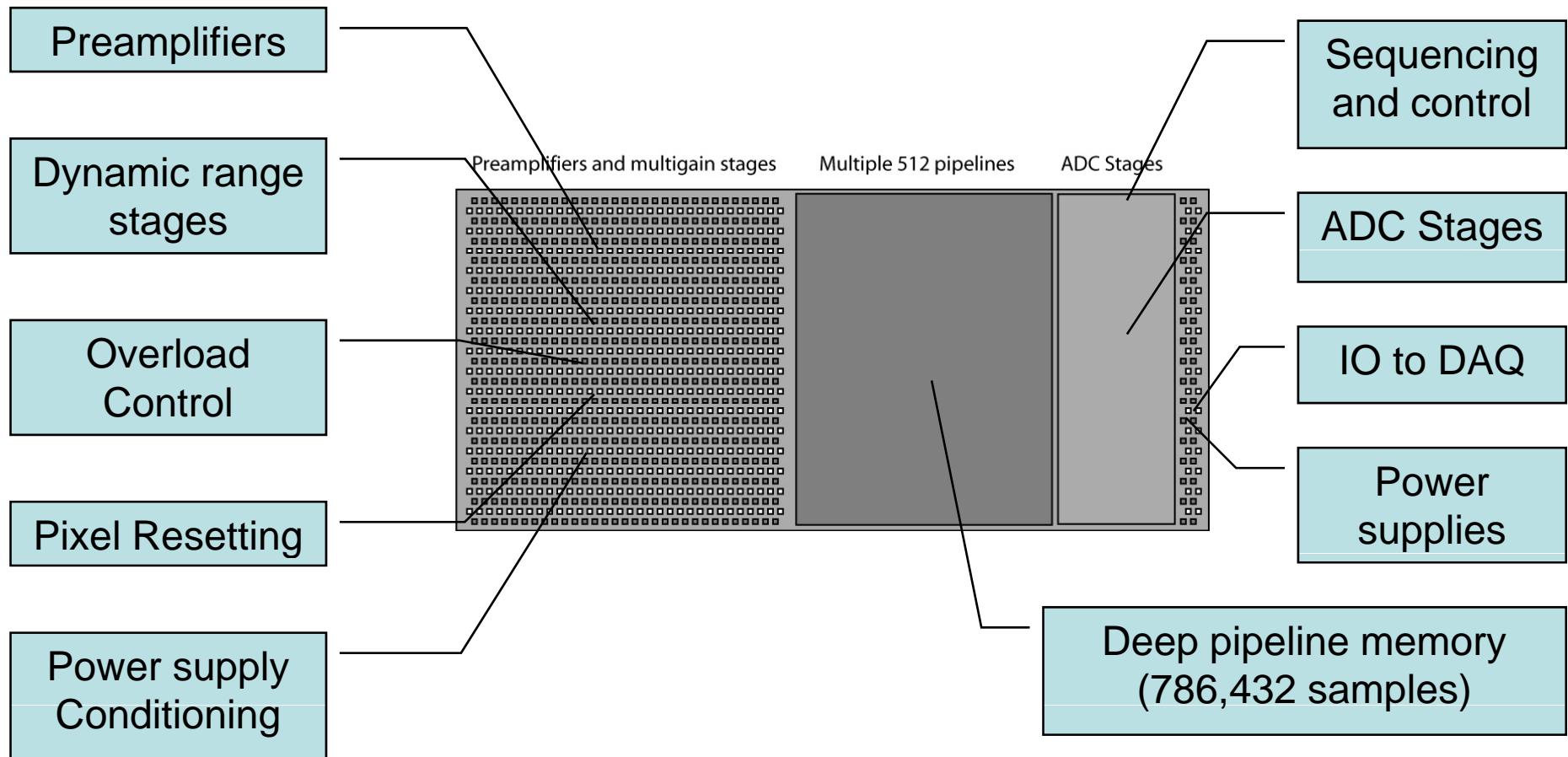
Passive Components

Flexible Hybrid

•Working with Glasgow and Surrey

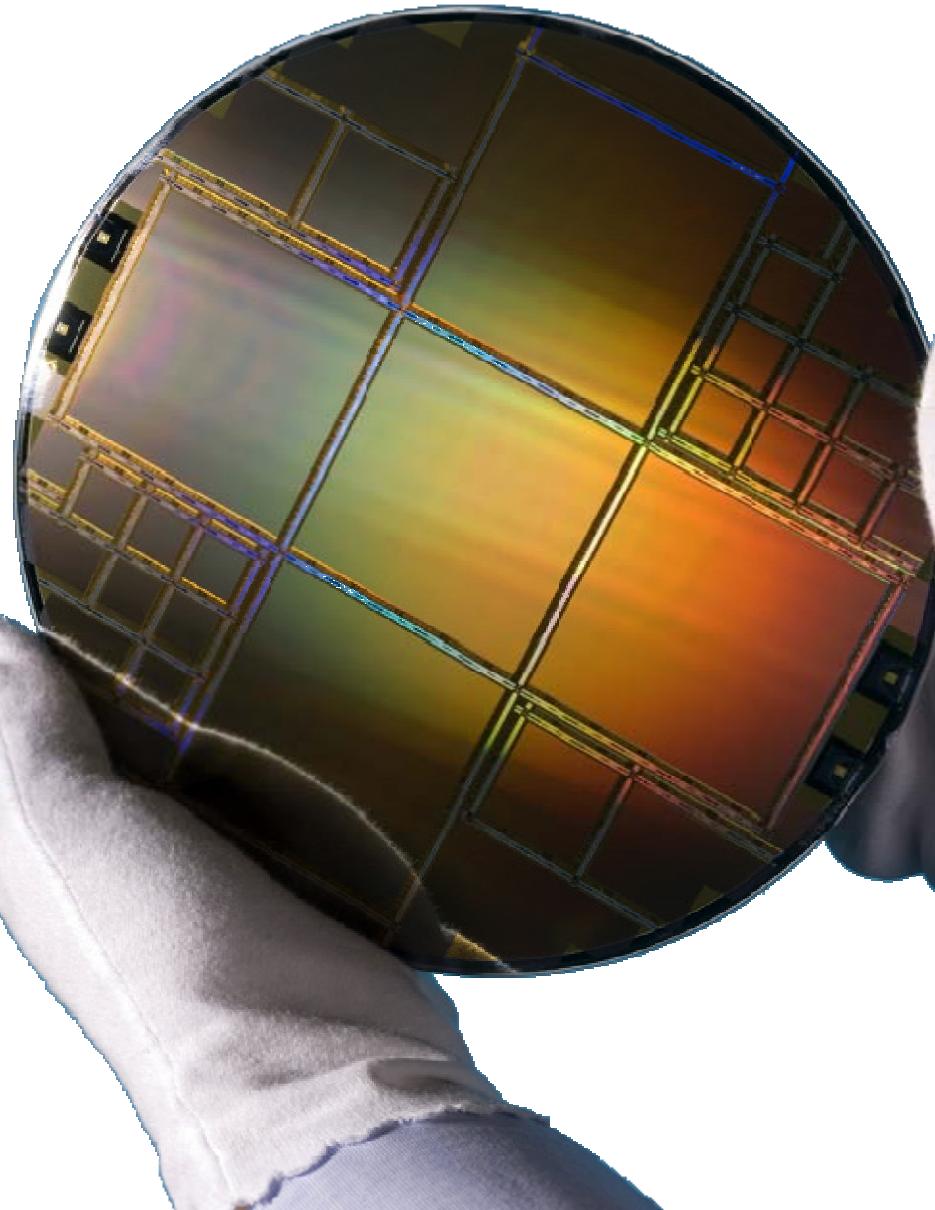
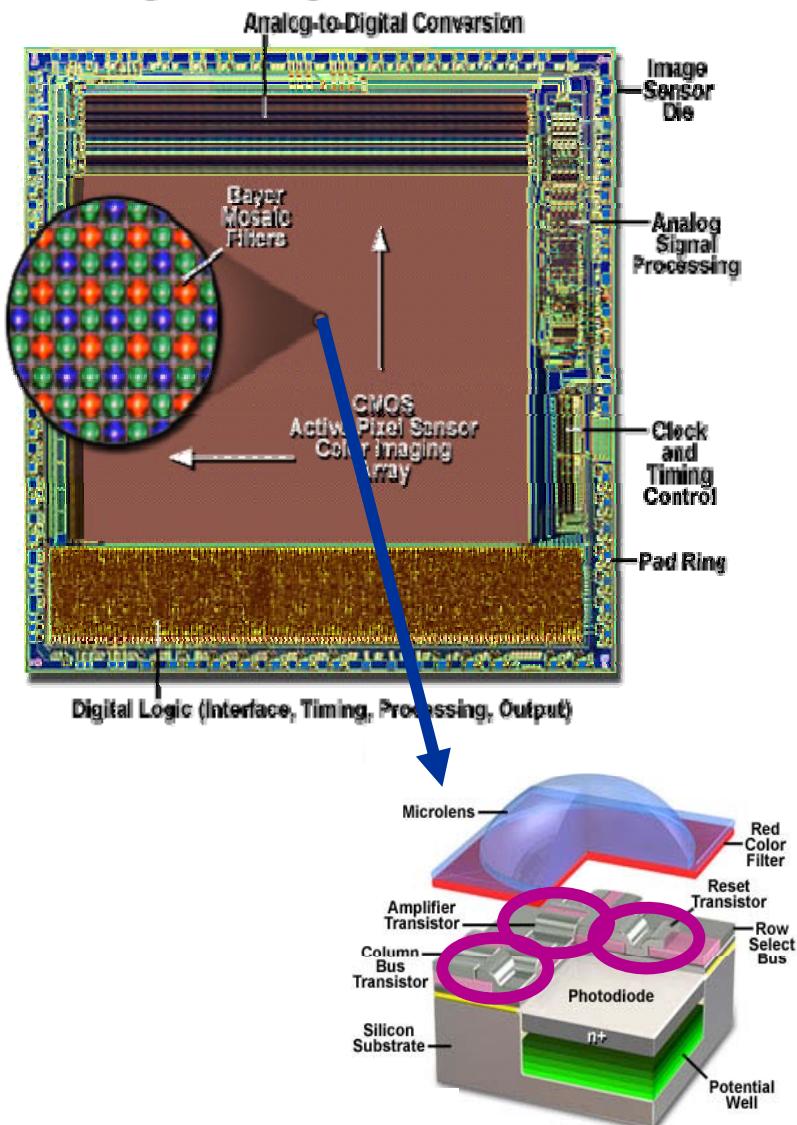


# LPAD ASIC





## CMOS Image Sensor Integrated Circuit Architecture



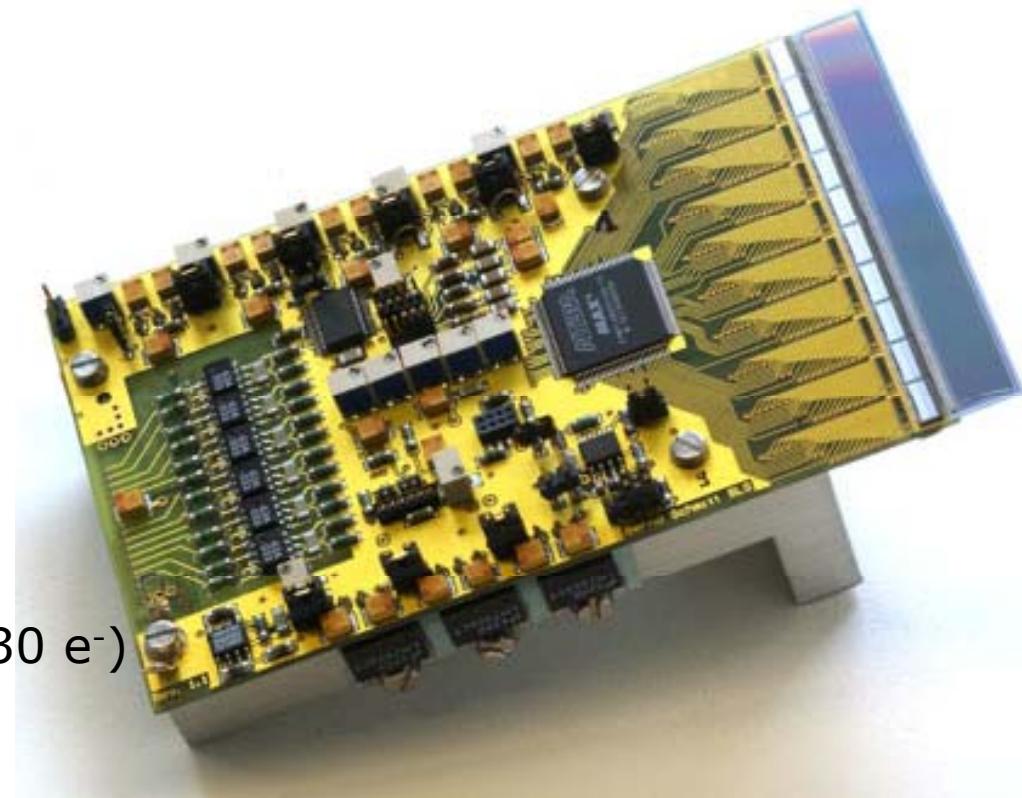


## Silicon sensor:

- 1280 strips
- 8 mm long
- 50  $\mu\text{m}$  pitch
- 300  $\mu\text{m}$  thick.

## Read out chip:

- 128 channels
- low noise preamp (noise  $\approx 230 \text{ e}^-$ )
- 18 bit counter
- Read-out time: 250  $\mu\text{s}$
- Count rate: 1 MHz per channel





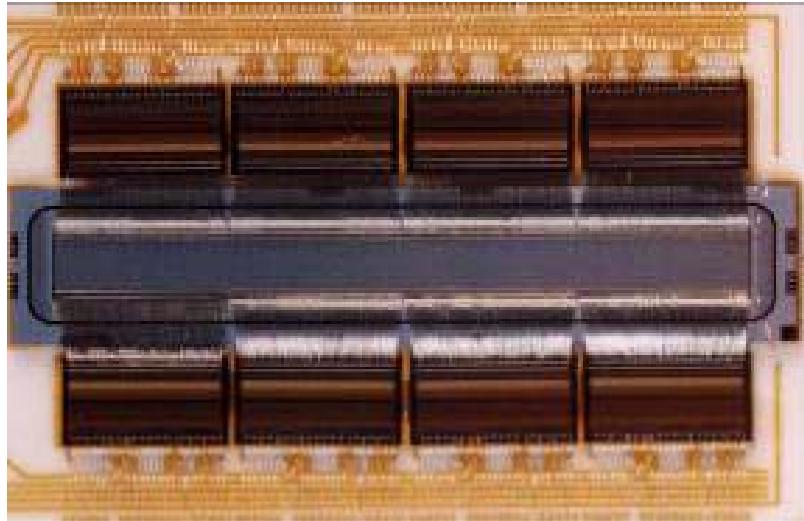
## MYTHEN

- Angular coverage:  $60^\circ$
- Number of channels: 15000
- Angular resolution:  $0.004^\circ$
- Read-out time:  $250 \mu\text{s}$





## micro-strip Si and Ge



*XSTRIP*

*XH – Ge  $\mu$ strip*

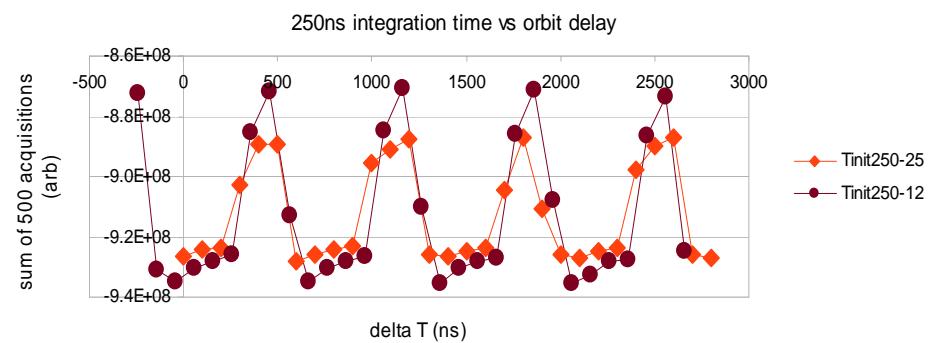
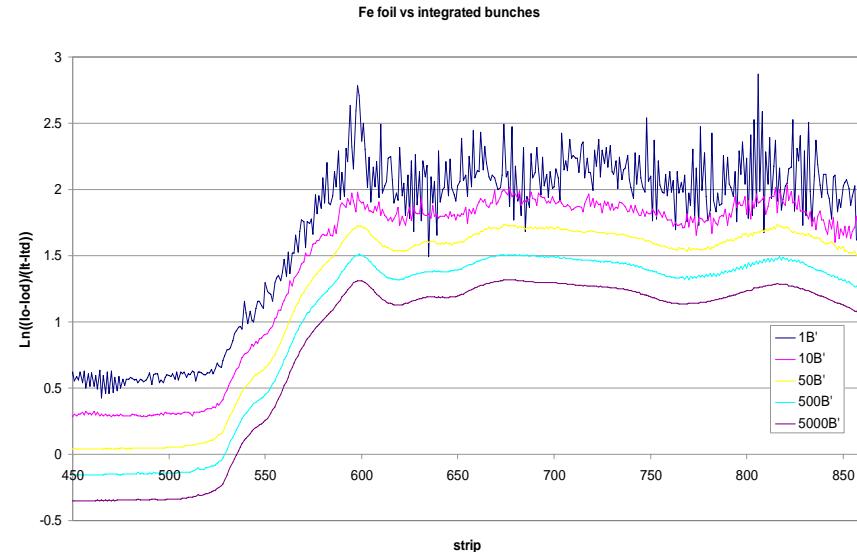




# micro-strip Si and Ge

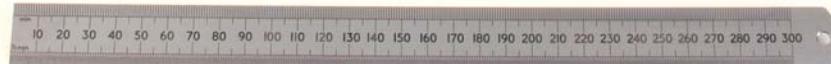
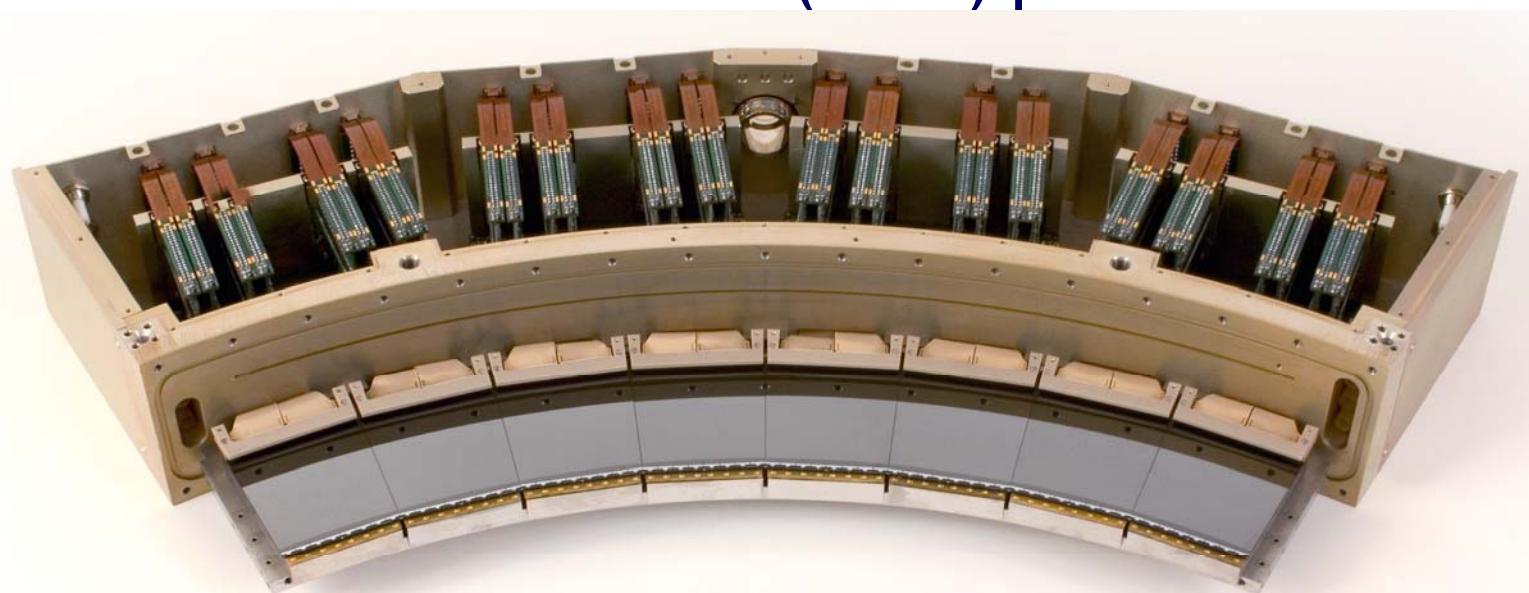


*XH System on ESRF*





8 precision mounted MSGC modules  
see NIM A580 (2007) p1526



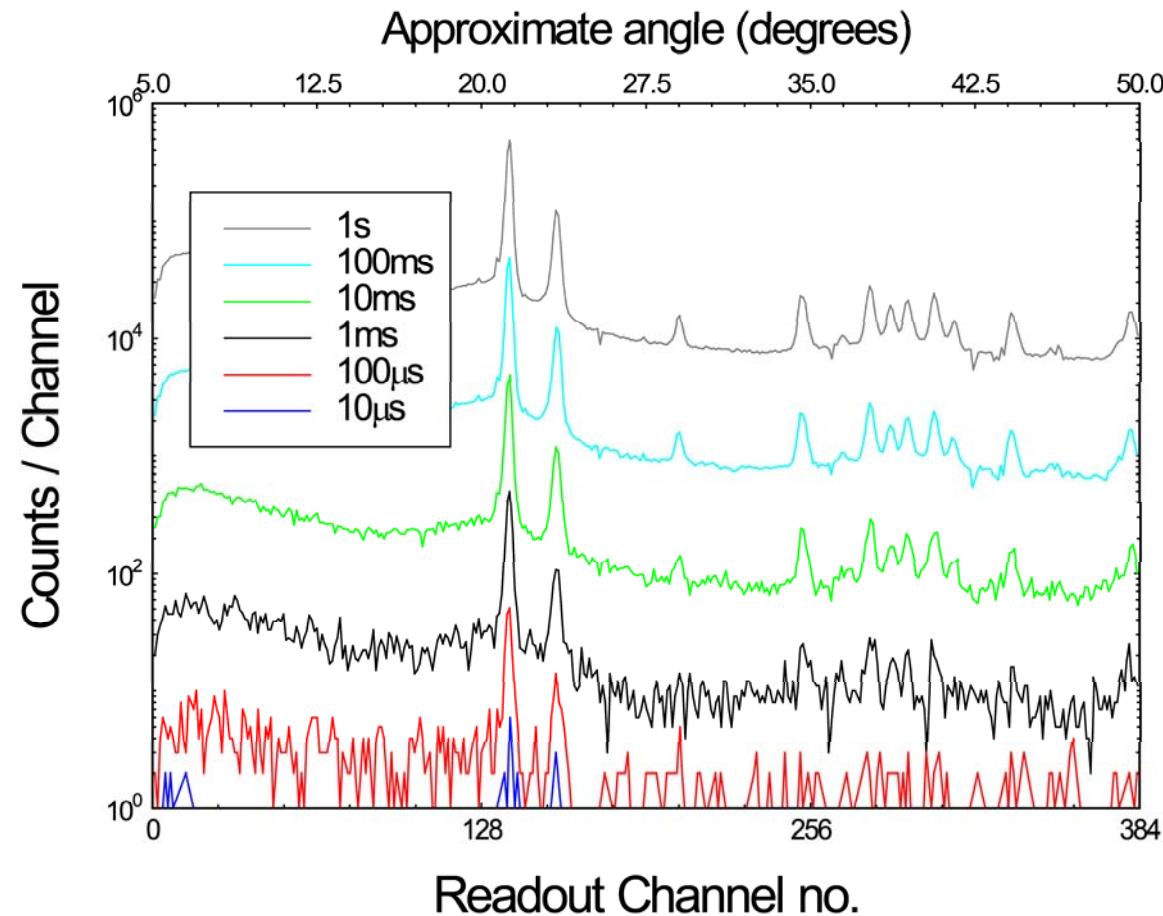


## HOTWAXS

- Position sensitive, parallax free, MSGC based, photon counting detector for combined SAXS/WAXS, XAS/XRD experiments
- 512 independent channels of preamplifier, scaler and discriminator (scalers and discriminators remotely located)
- Channel count rate of 1 MHz, Global count rate 500 MHz
- Position resolution of  $0.16^\circ$  for 8keV x-rays
- $60^\circ$  angular coverage, 400mm sample to detector distance
- 50mm active gas depth



## Time framing capability of HOTWAXS system (16.1)





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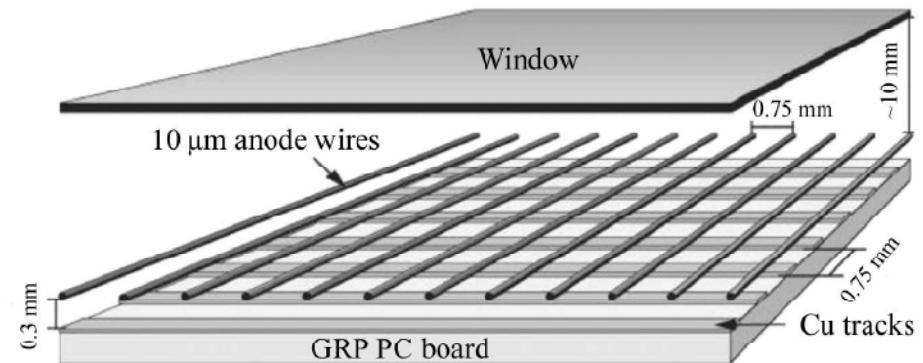
# Hotwaxs on Diamond I22



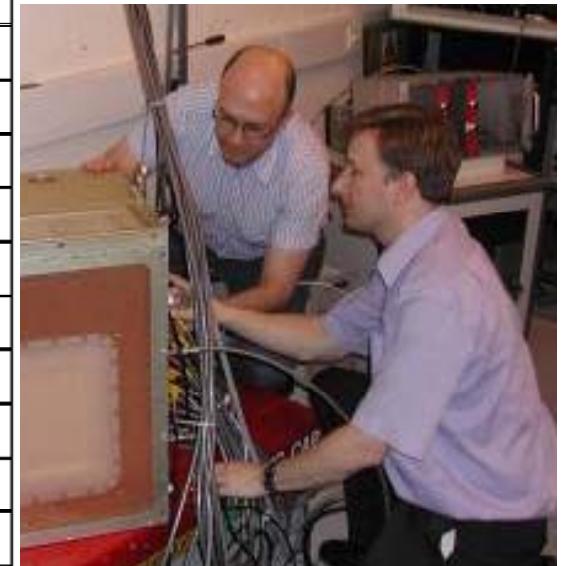
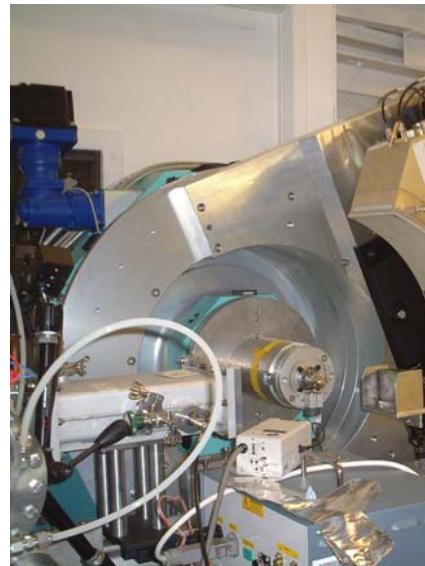


# RAPID2

- Amplifier per wire MWPC
- Micro-gap technology
- Radial Field development
- Interpolation

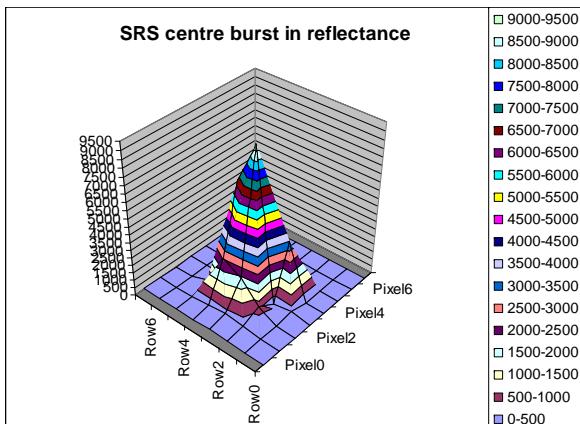


Parameter	SAXS	WAXS
Value	Value	Value
Detector Style	60° Quadrant	Linear
Energy Range	4-12 keV	4-12 keV
Sample - Detector spacing	1200-4000 mm	366mm
Angular range:	3 - 9 degrees	60 degrees
Angular Resolution:	0.03-0.09 degrees	0.06 degrees
Detector Length:	200 mm	384 mm
Spatial Resolution:	0.375 mm	0.375 mm
Pixel size:	0.094 mm	0.094 mm
Count Rate (Global):	20 MHz	20 MHz
Count Rate (Local):	1 MHz /mm	1 MHz /mm
Differential non-linearity:	5%	5%





# HgCdTe (Mid-IR) Arrays

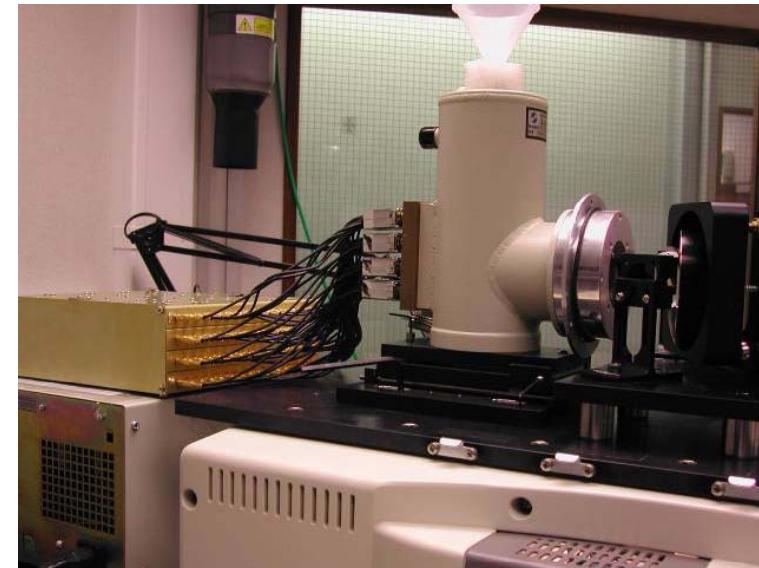
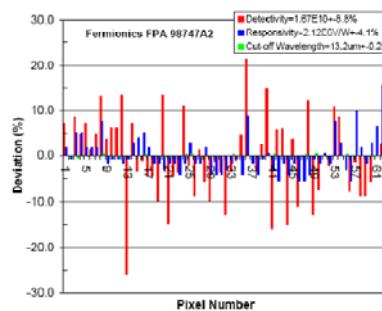


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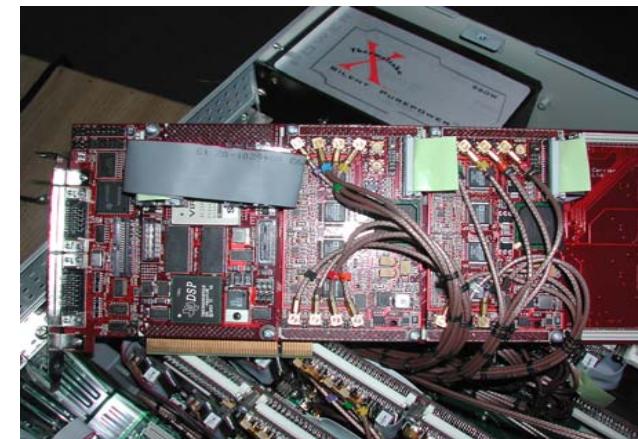
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64

Pixel map and performance



DAIRS detectors  
and pre-amp



DAIRS Readout



## Neutron omissions

- Novel Scintillators
  - LiGdB?
  - Nano-particulate scintillators
  - YAP
- Gas
  - GEM
  - Micromegas
  - Brookhaven?
- Solid State
  - Si APS



## Photon omissions

- CCDs
- Structured scintillators
- High purity Ge, GaAs
- Si drift, DEPFET
- APD
- Gas
  - GEMS, Micro-pin arrays



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