



# TRIUMF and ISIS test facilities

Radiation 2 Electronics (R2E) LHC Activities

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# R2E tests at TRIUMF PIF facility

- **Scientific beam time** awarded to the R2E project for the study of the **SEE energy dependency** and impact on accelerator failure rate (**480 MeV** maximum energy, as opposed to 230 MeV at PSI)
- Test performed between Dec 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 2013
- 9 different components tested:
  - **SEL test:**
    - ADS2171B (candidate for FGClite and QPS)
    - Commercial SRAM memories (ISSI x2, Samsung, Alliance, Cypress)
  - **SEU test:**
    - ESA SEU Monitor
    - Cypress SRAM (for RadMon v6)
    - Renesas SRAM (FGClite project)
- A big thanks to Mike Trinczek and Ewart Blackmore (huge help in terms of preparation, shipment, set-up, runs, analysis...)



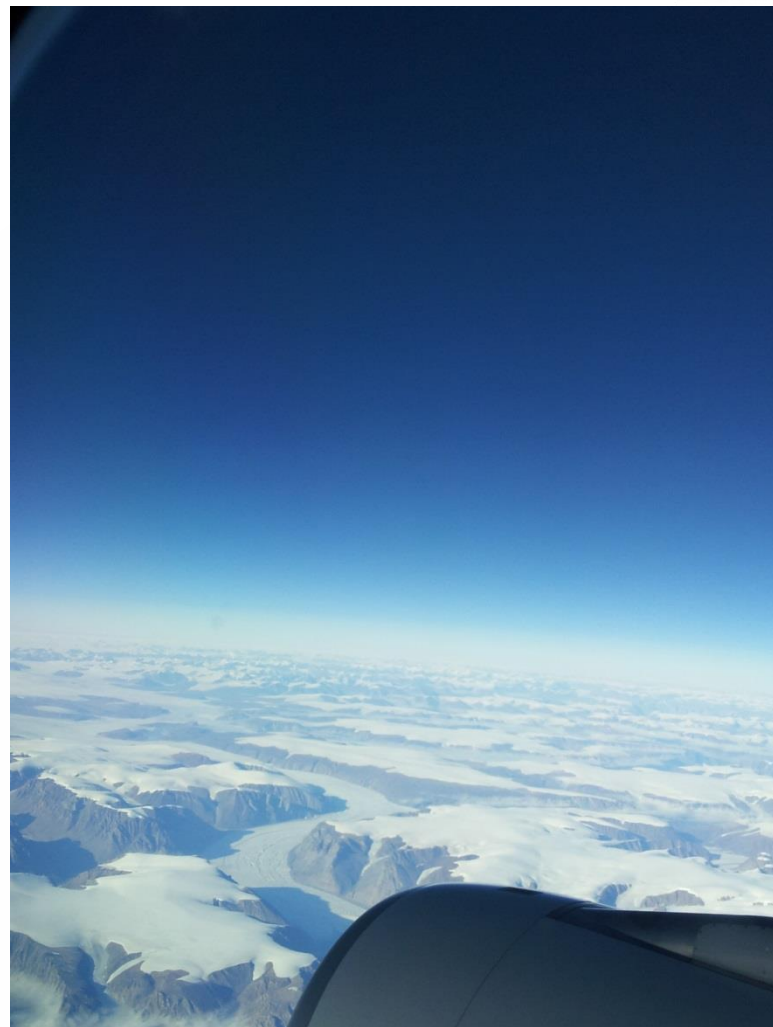
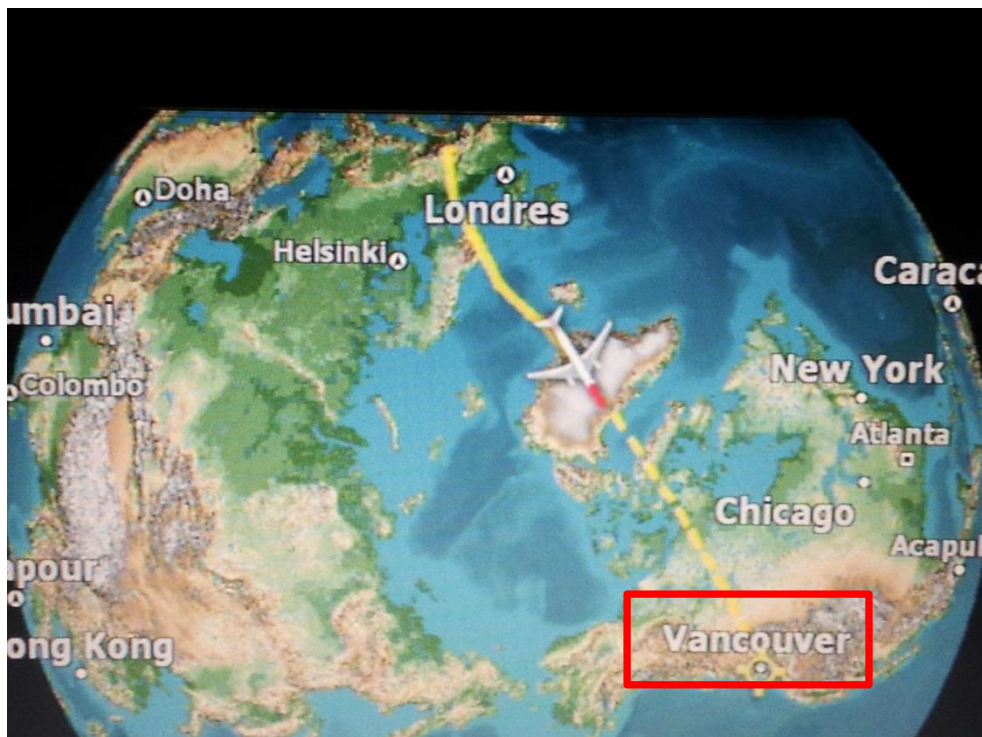
# Intense preparation involved



- SRAM SEL and RadMon Cypress (Salvatore Danzeca + EN-STI-ECE)
- ADC and Renesas SRAM setup (Slawosz Uznanski, Karol Motala + TE-EPC-CCE)

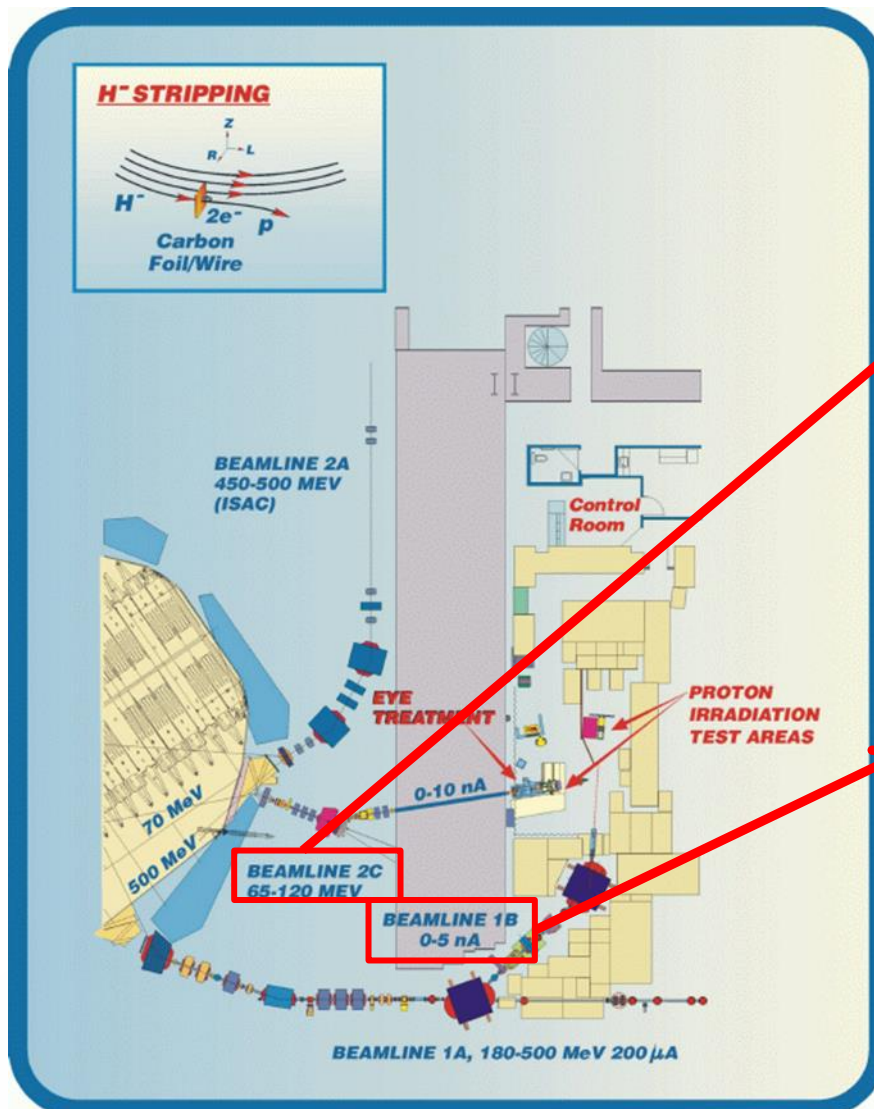
*ADS1271B test set up: 4 DUTs per card, 4 cards per set up = 16 DUTs per set up in order to obtain good SEL count statistics (targeting >50 event for each cross section point)*

# Testing at the other side of the world





# TRIUMF PIF beam lines



**Layout** of the TRIUMF Cyclotron and proton beam lines

## **BL2C** Extraction energies:

- 65 to 120 MeV
- 5 to 65 MeV with a degrader  
*(interesting for direct proton ionization effects)*

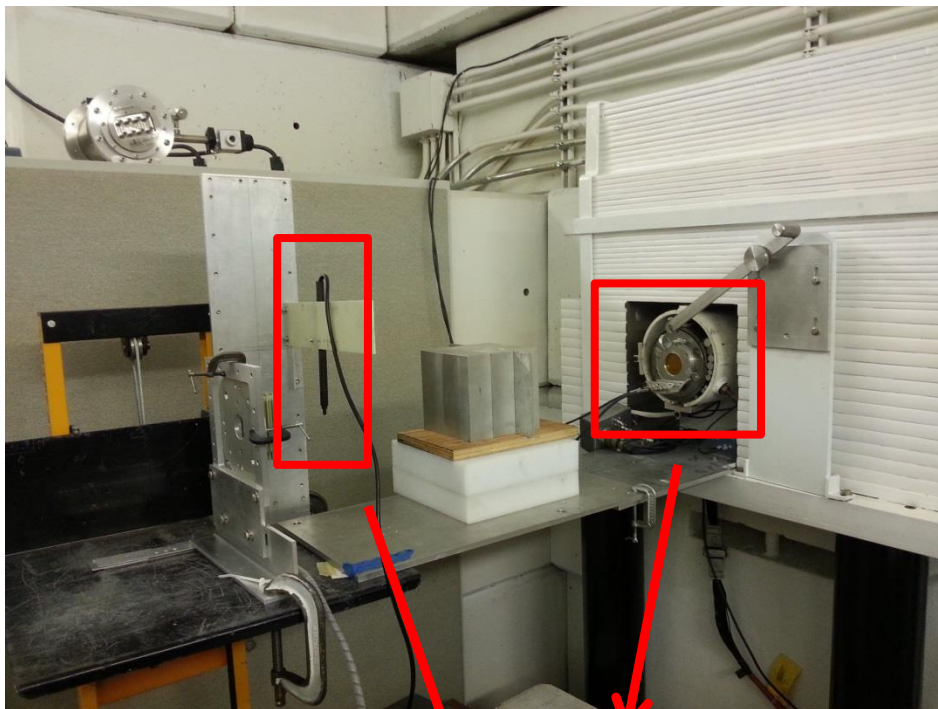
## **BL1B** Extraction energies:

- 480 MeV
- 355 MeV
- 210 MeV (not available when we tested)
- Down to 120 MeV through degradation

# TRIUMF beam specifications

	<b>BL1B protons</b>	<b>BL2C protons</b>
<b>Energy</b>	180 to 500 MeV (500 MeV preferred) 120 to 180 MeV with a Degradar	65 to 120 MeV 5 to 65 MeV with a Degradar
<b>Initial Intensity</b>	0.1 to 3 nA	0.1 to 7 nA
<b>Flux (protons/cm<sup>2</sup>/s)</b>	Back location: $10^5$ to $4 \times 10^7$ ( $10^2$ possible) Front location: $7 \times 10^8$ max	Back location: $10^5$ to $1 \times 10^8$ ( $10^2$ possible) Front location: $2 \times 10^9$ max
<b>Spot Size</b>	Back location: 2x2 cm to 7.5x7.5 cm Front location: 1 to 2 cm diameter	Back location: 1 to 7.5 cm diameter Front location: 0.5 to 2 cm diameter
<b>Spot Homogeneity</b>	Back location: +/- 5% Front location: +/- 10%	Back location: +/- 5% Front location: +/- 10%
<b>Dose Rate</b>	Back location: 10 to 20 mGy/s (1 to 2 rads/s) Front location: up to 500 mGy/s (50 rads/s)	Back location: 50 to 100 mGy/s (5 to 10 rads/s) Front location: up to 1000 mGy/s (100 rads/s)
<b>Beam Counting and Monitoring System</b>	Ion Chamber or Scintillator	Ion Chamber, Scintillator, or Faraday Cup
<b>Device-Positioning System</b>	Remote-controlled X-Y platform with laser alignment	Remote-controlled X-Y platform with laser alignment
<b>Access Conditions</b>	20 m cable length to Control Area	20 m cable length to Control Area

# TRIUMF beam calibration



Each test configuration requires a **beam calibration** at the beginning of the run:

- Cyclotron status
- Test location
- Extraction energy
- Scatterer size
- Use of degrader
- ...

Portable ionization chamber (medical applications) used to calibrate each configuration + permanent ionization chamber



# TRIUMF beam monitoring and steering

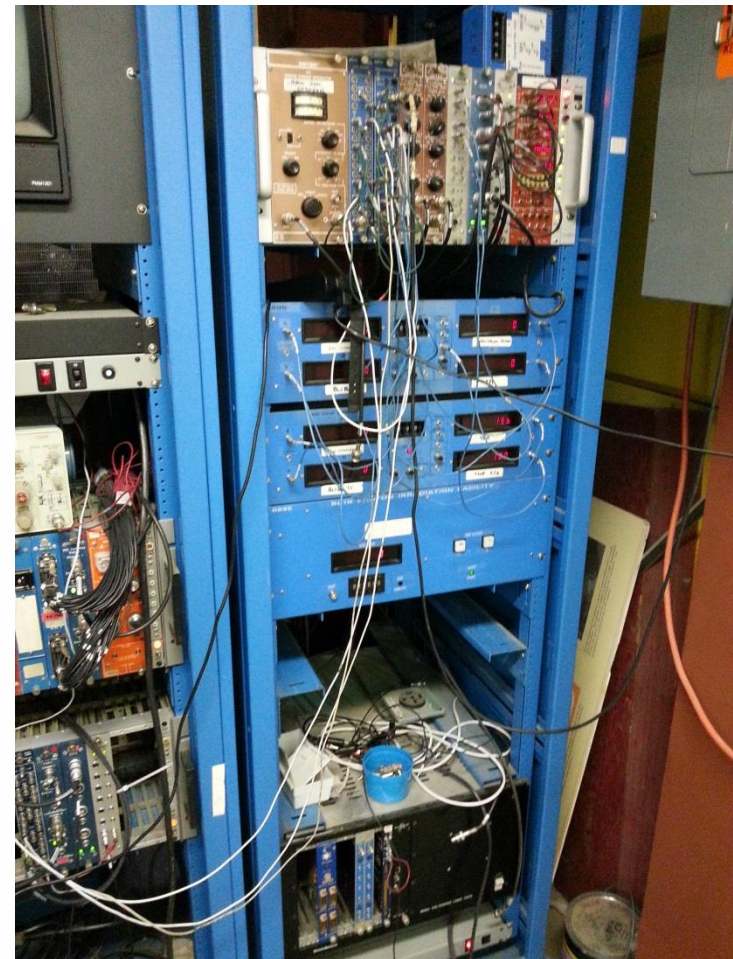
Handwritten notes on a whiteboard:

354 MeV back stop on IC =  $8.34 \times 10^4 \text{ p/cm}^2/\text{MC}$  (SEM)  
 $3.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rado/MC}$

354 MeV front stop on CIC =  $8.75 \times 10^5 \text{ p/cm}^2/\text{MC}$   
 $3.67 \times 10^{-2} \text{ rado/MC}$

~230 MeV front stop on CIC =  $4.03 \times 10^5 \text{ p/cm}^2/\text{MC}$   
 $2.15 \times 10^{-2} \text{ rado/MC}$

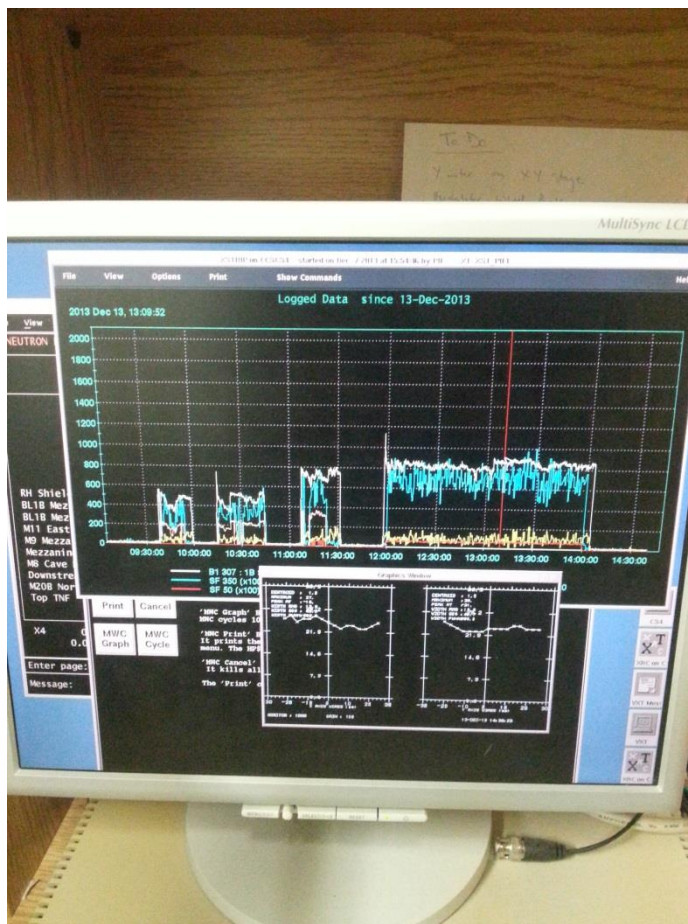
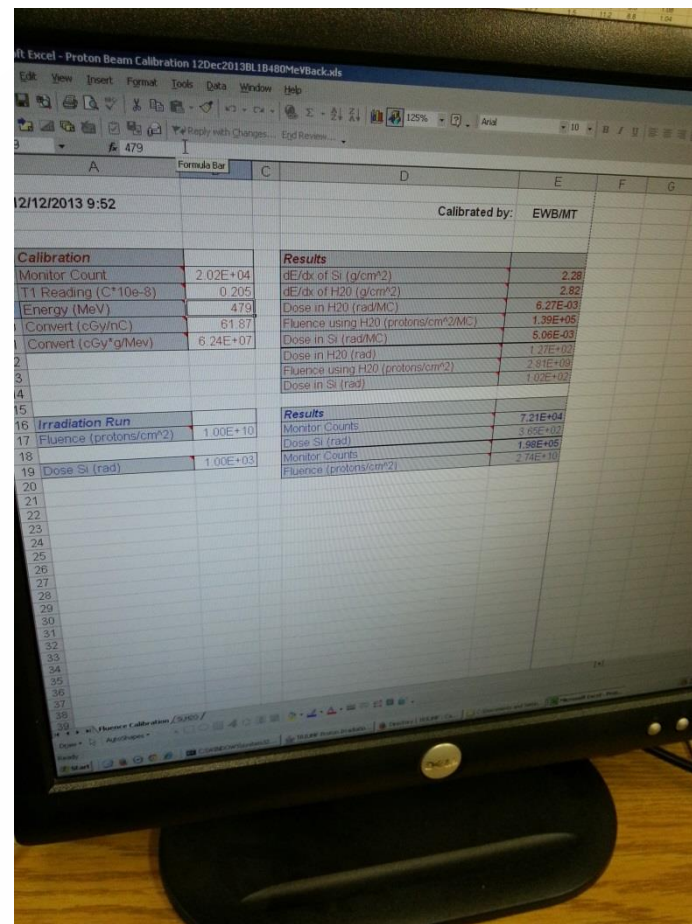
- **MC counter** proportional to **fluence**
- **SEM counter** proportional to **flux**  
 (units communicated to the operators to alter the flux)





# TRIUMF beam monitoring and steering

- Calibration values (right) and beam monitor (left) showing SEM counts and neutron counter limited to 10 for RP reasons, and beam profile (with wire number, each is 3 mm)

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet titled 'Proton Beam Calibration 12Dec2013BL1B480MeVBack.xls'. The spreadsheet contains two main sections: 'Calibration' and 'Irradiation Run'. The 'Calibration' section lists various parameters and their values, while the 'Irradiation Run' section lists the results of the irradiation run.

Calibration		Results	
Monitor Count	2.02E+04	dE/dx of Si (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	2.28
T1 Reading (C*10e-8)	0.205	dE/dx of H2O (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	2.82
Energy (MeV)	479	Dose in H2O (rad/MC)	6.27E-03
Convert (cGy/hC)	61.87	Fluence using H2O (protons/cm <sup>2</sup> /MC)	1.39E+05
Convert (cGy*g/MeV)	6.24E+07	Dose in Si (rad/MC)	5.06E-03
		Dose in H2O (rad)	1.27E+02
		Fluence using H2O (protons/cm <sup>2</sup> )	2.31E+08
		Dose in Si (rad)	1.02E+02
<b>Irradiation Run</b>		<b>Results</b>	
Fluence (protons/cm <sup>2</sup> )	1.00E+10	Monitor Counts	7.21E+04
Dose Si (rad)	1.00E+03	Dose Si (rad)	3.69E+02
		Monitor Counts	1.98E+05
		Fluence (protons/cm <sup>2</sup> )	2.74E+10

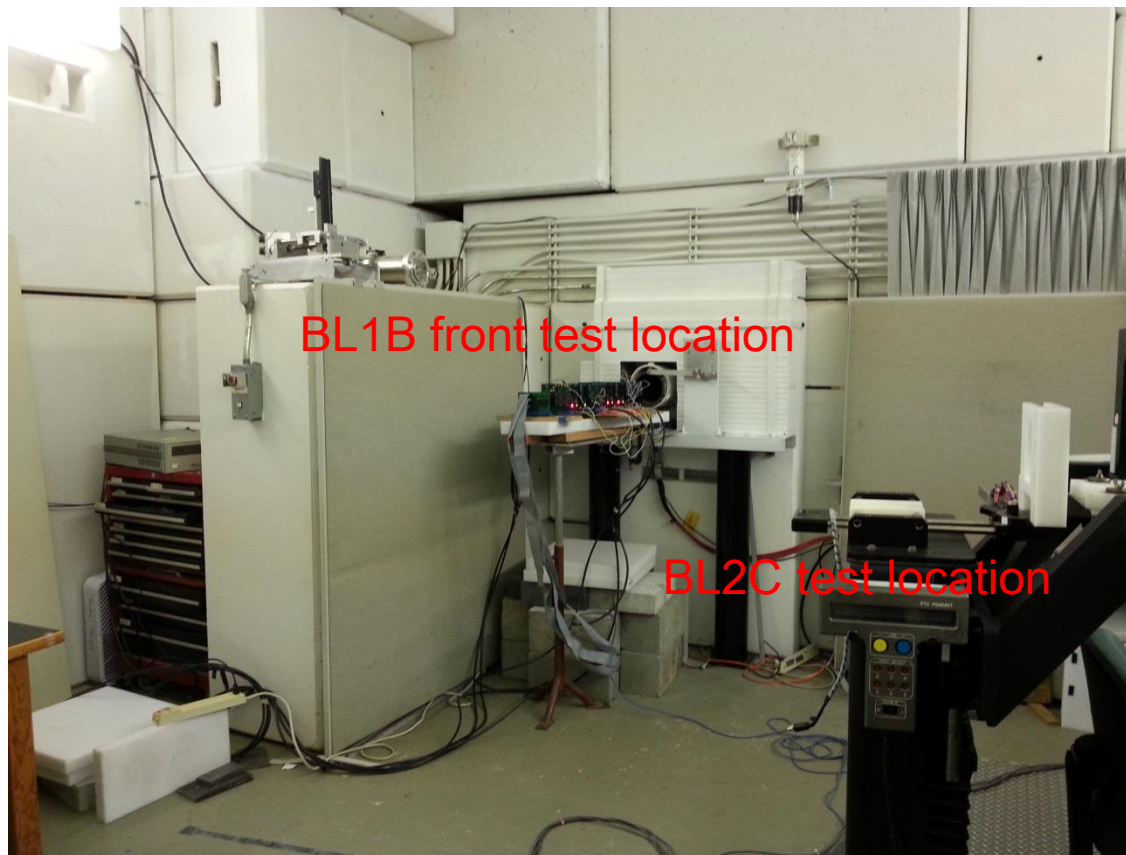
# Back location



- Larger beam size (good for homogeneity and position uncertainty)
- Lower flux:
  - $\sim 6 \cdot 10^7$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>/s @480 MeV
  - $\sim 2.5 \cdot 10^7$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>/s @355 MeV
  - $\sim 6 \cdot 10^6$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>/s @230 MeV

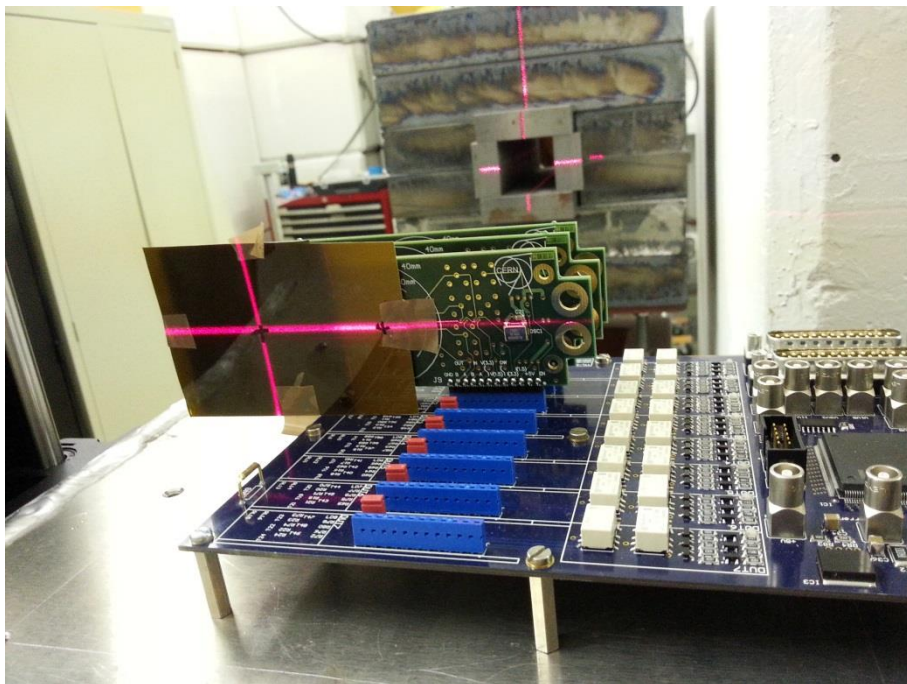
# Front location

- Larger flux: up to  $\sim 3 \cdot 10^8$  p/cm<sup>2</sup>/s by @480 MeV using thin (1.3 mm) degrader
- Smaller beam size (flux uncertainly related to position increases)

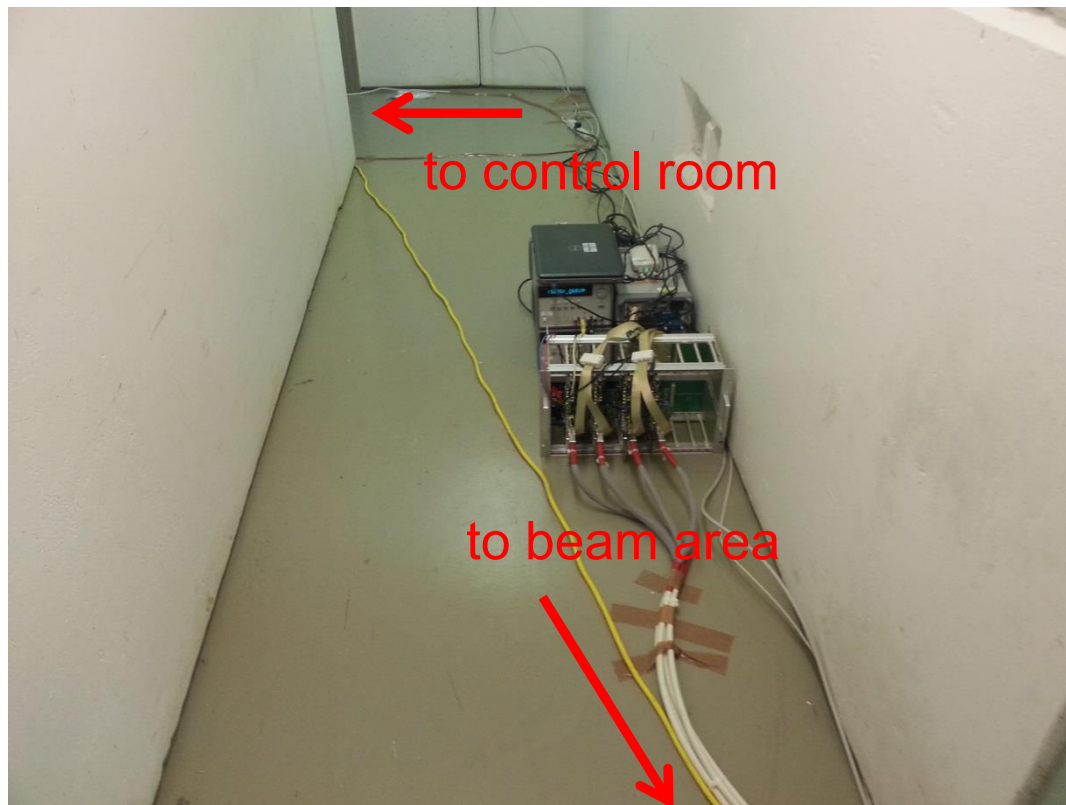




# Laser alignment system

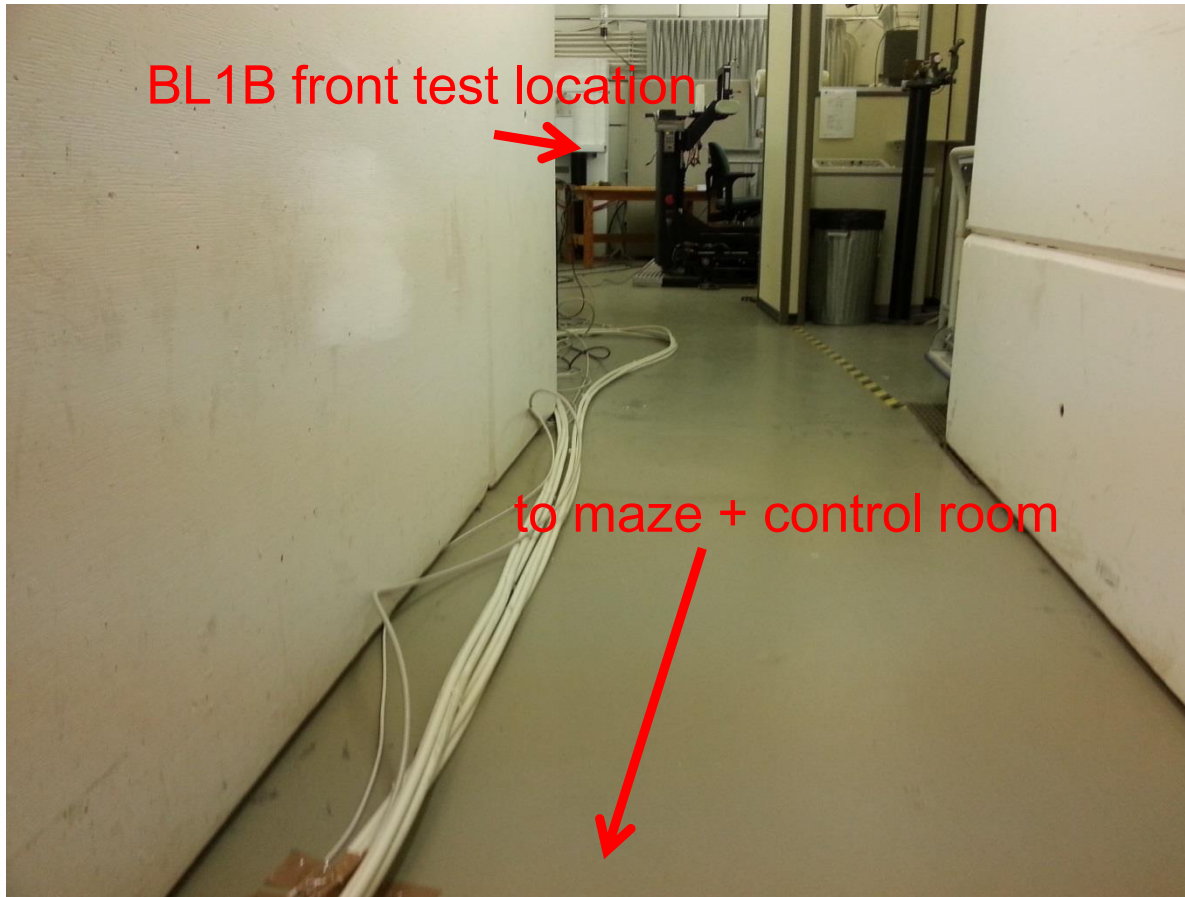


# Cable length



- Cables need to be pulled (no patch panels available)
- ~20 m from control room to front location
- ~15 m from control room to back location
- ~10 m from control room to maze area (internal but low radiation level)

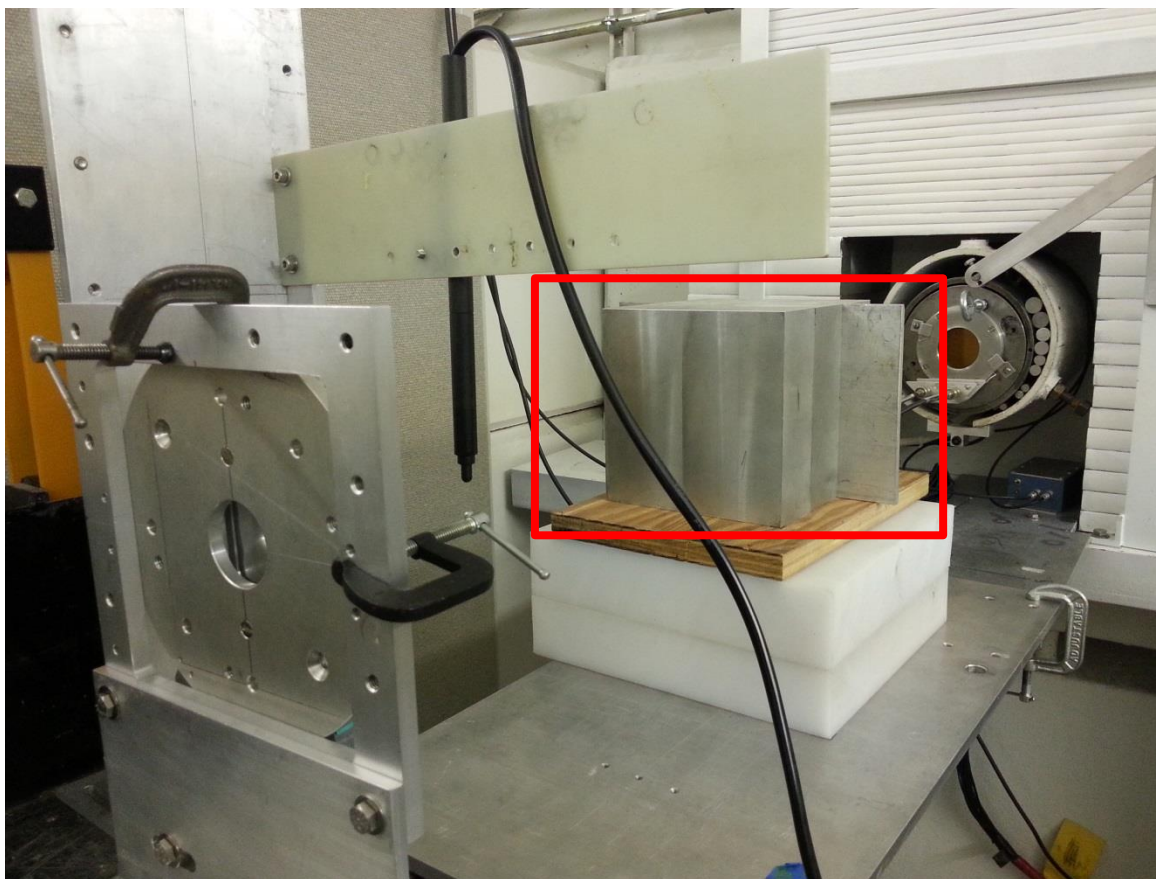
# Cable length





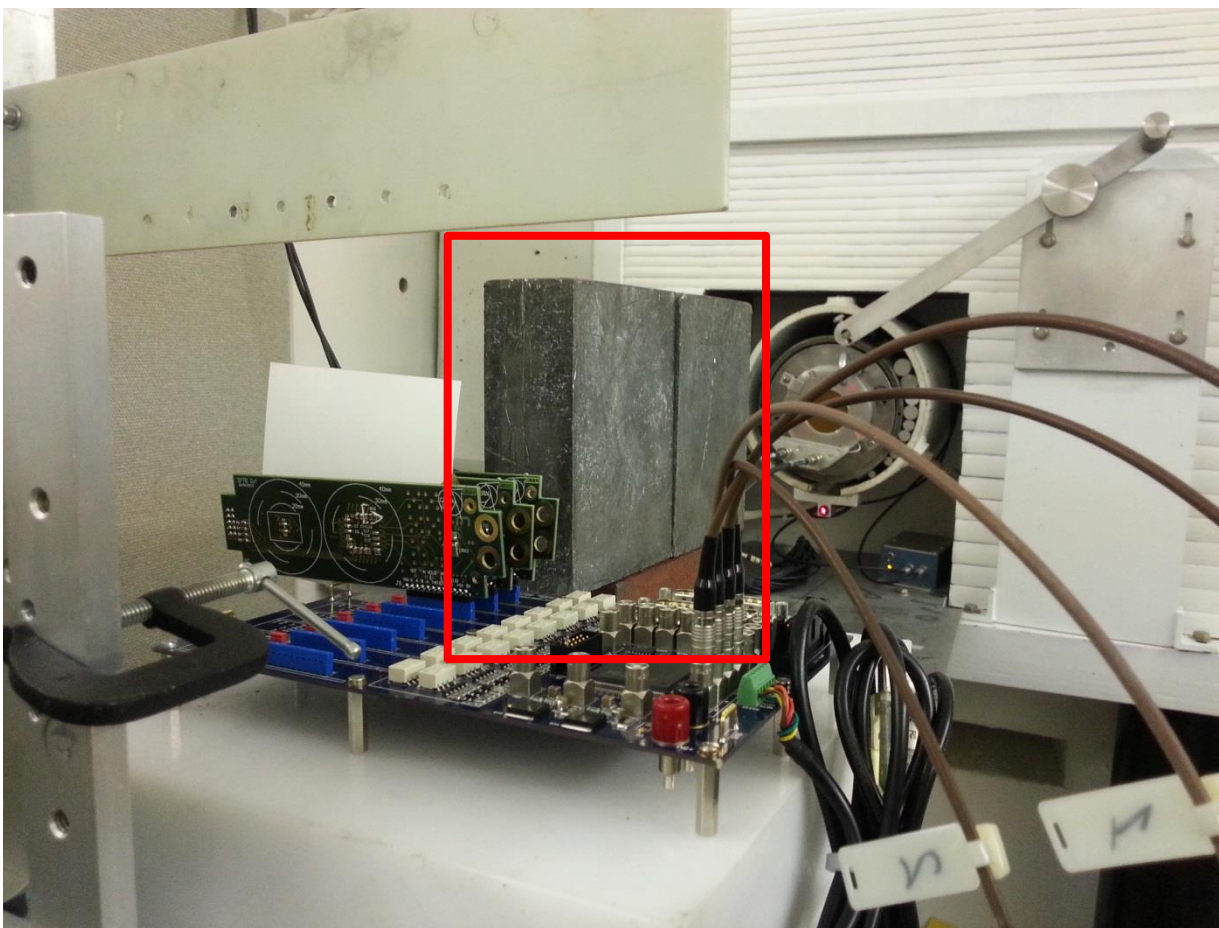
# Manual degrader

15.9 cm aluminum degrader (SRIM calculation from 480 to 230 MeV)

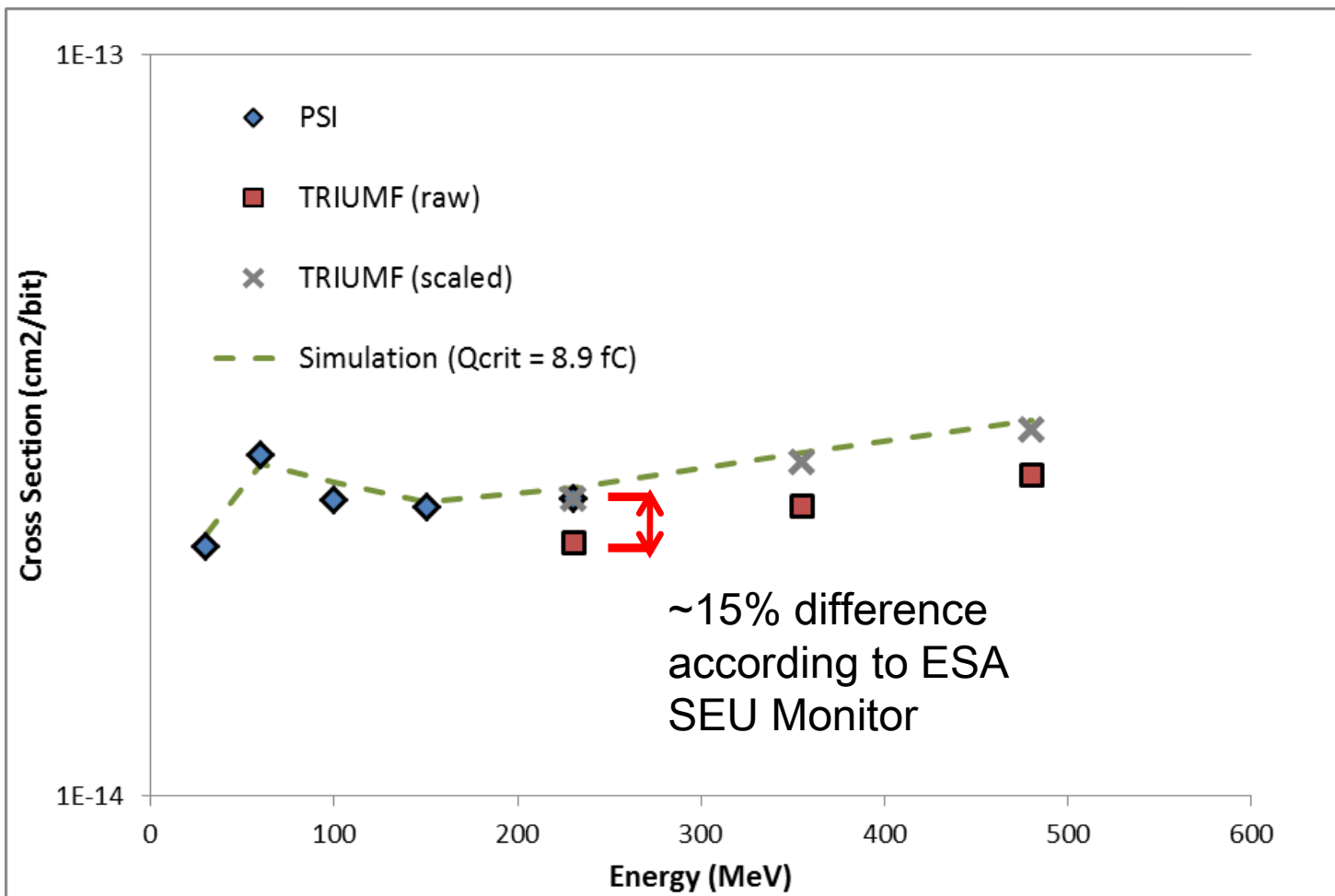


# Manual collimator

Renesas SRAM memory: protection of FPGA on test board



# Cross-calibration with PSI





# R2E test campaign at ISIS

- **Scientific beam time** awarded to the R2E project for SEE testing in an atmospheric-like neutron environment
- Goals were to study the SEU error rate for SRAM based detectors (ESA Monitor, RadMon v6) and SEL failure rate in order to compare with different **CHARM** locations
- Test performed between Mar 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2014
- When compared with other neutron facilities, **low flux** (and not very energetic):

Table 1 Accelerator based neutron facilities for atmosphere neutron radiation test

FACILITY	NEUTRON FLUX (>10 MeV)	PROTON ENERGY
TRIUMF	$2.6 \times 10^5 \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{s}$	500 MeV
TSL (ANITA)	$3.7 \times 10^4 / 3.6 \times 10^5 / 9.5 \times 10^4 \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{s}$	22/109/174 MeV
ISIS TS1 (Vesuvio)	$> 5.8 \times 10^4 \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{s}$	800 MeV
ISIS TS2 (ChipIR)	$> 1 \times 10^6 \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{s}$	800 MeV
LANSCe (ICE I& II)	$4.6 \times 10^5 \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{s}$	800 MeV
CSNS (FuNIS)	$2.3 \times 10^6 \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{s}$	1600 MeV

# Testing in the UK



# ISIS-VESUVIO neutron spectrum

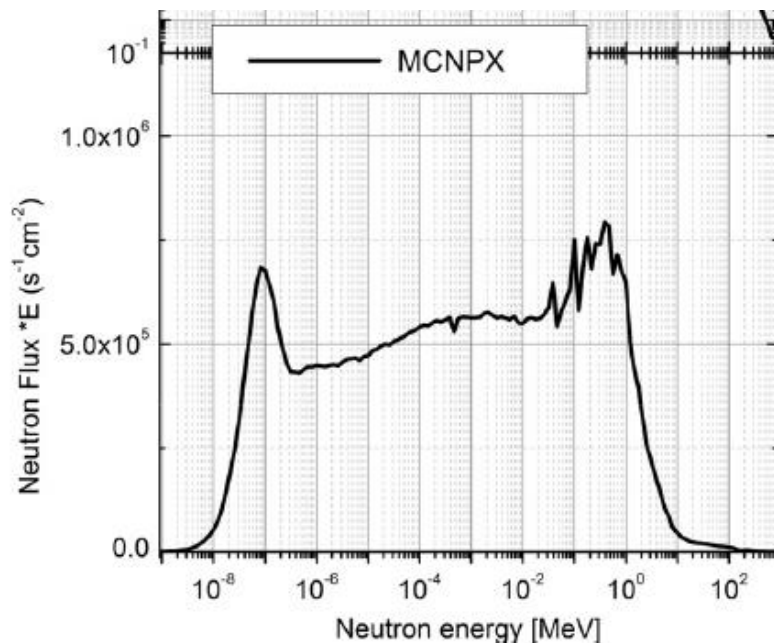
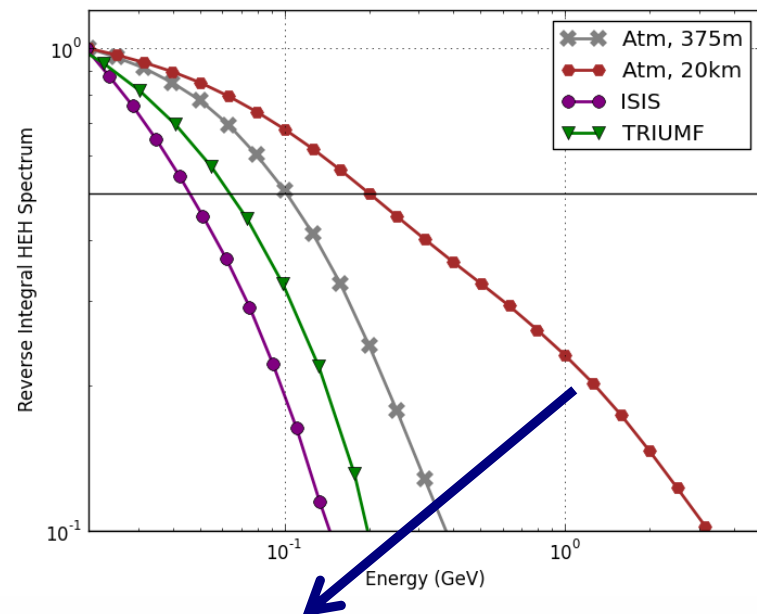


Fig. 1. Spectral neutron flux at the VESUVIO instrument at the ISIS neutron source, calculated with the MCNPX code [6]. The data relate to the reference position (1105.5 cm from the frontal surface of the moderator) and to the primary proton beam current of 180  $\mu$ A.



*Atmospheric 20 km very similar to LHC  
-> CHARM will cover the full range*

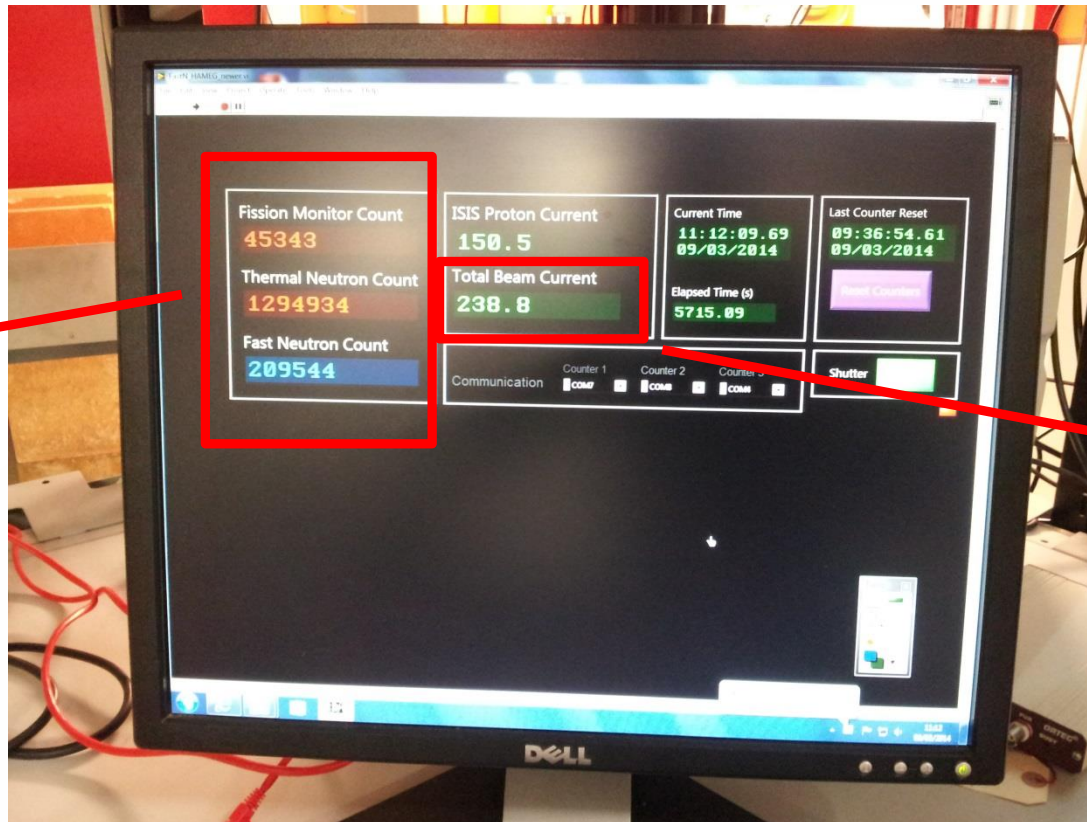
800 MeV proton synchrotron + tungsten target + 60° neutron beam line -> low HEH flux (several intermediate elements) and low energy distribution



# Beam monitoring and dosimetry

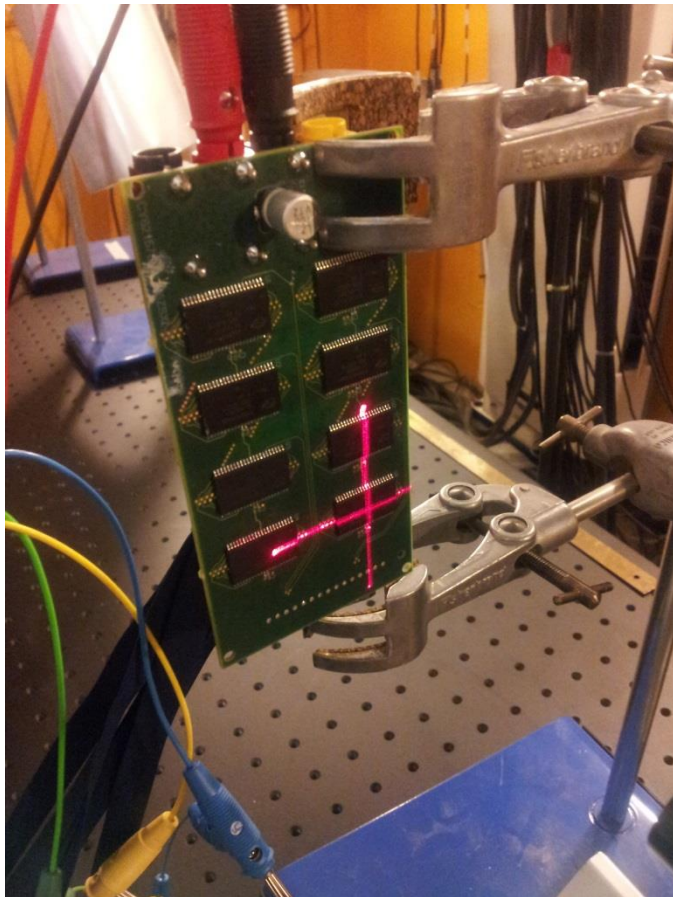
- **Fluence** extracted though (calibrated) **MC calculations** + current normalization + position normalization
- HEH flux (neutron flux above 20 MeV) equal to  $2.4 \cdot 10^4 \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{s}$  (future **Chipir** facility will have a factor  $\sim 30$  more)

*U238 detector  
(fission), LiF  
detector  
(thermal),  
diamond  
detector (fast  
neutrons)*



*Fluence  
related to total  
beam current  
(still runs  
when shutter  
is closed!)*

# Alignment and Cadmium absorber



# ESA SEU Monitor results

<i>Full neutron spectrum</i>	Thermal	Equivalent HEH
Cross Section (cm <sup>2</sup> )	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-14}$
Fluence (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	$3.0 \cdot 10^9$	$2.0 \cdot 10^8$
Expected Number of Events	160	80
Measured Number of Events	220	

<i>Cadmium absorber</i>	Thermal	Equivalent HEH
Cross Section (cm <sup>2</sup> )	$3.3 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$2.6 \cdot 10^{-14}$
Fluence (cm <sup>-2</sup> )	-	$2.5 \cdot 10^8$
Expected Number of Events	-	104
Measured Number of Events	99	