

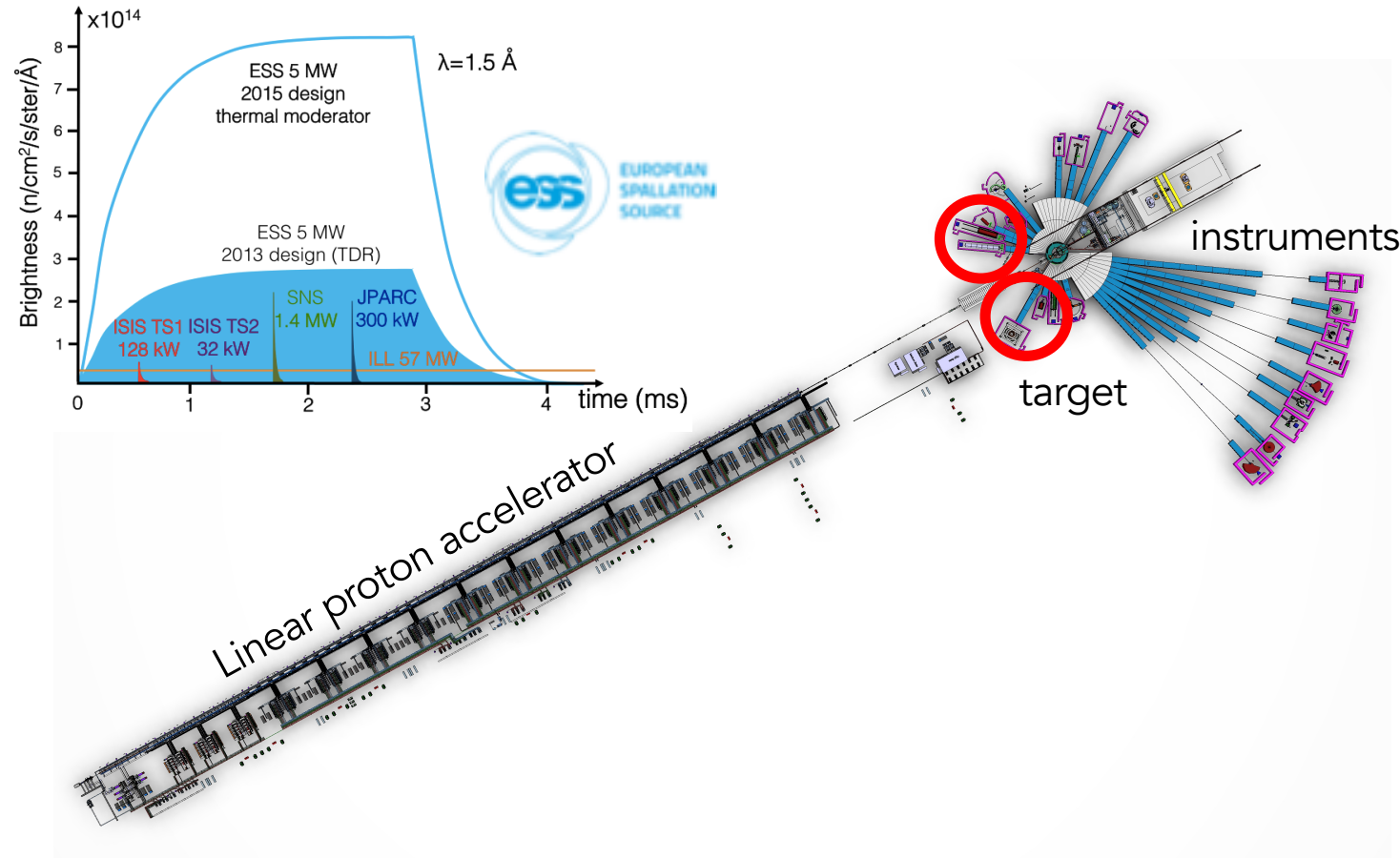
# Multi-Blade Detector for Neutron Reflectometry at ESS: results obtained at the CRISP reflectometer at ISIS and current status

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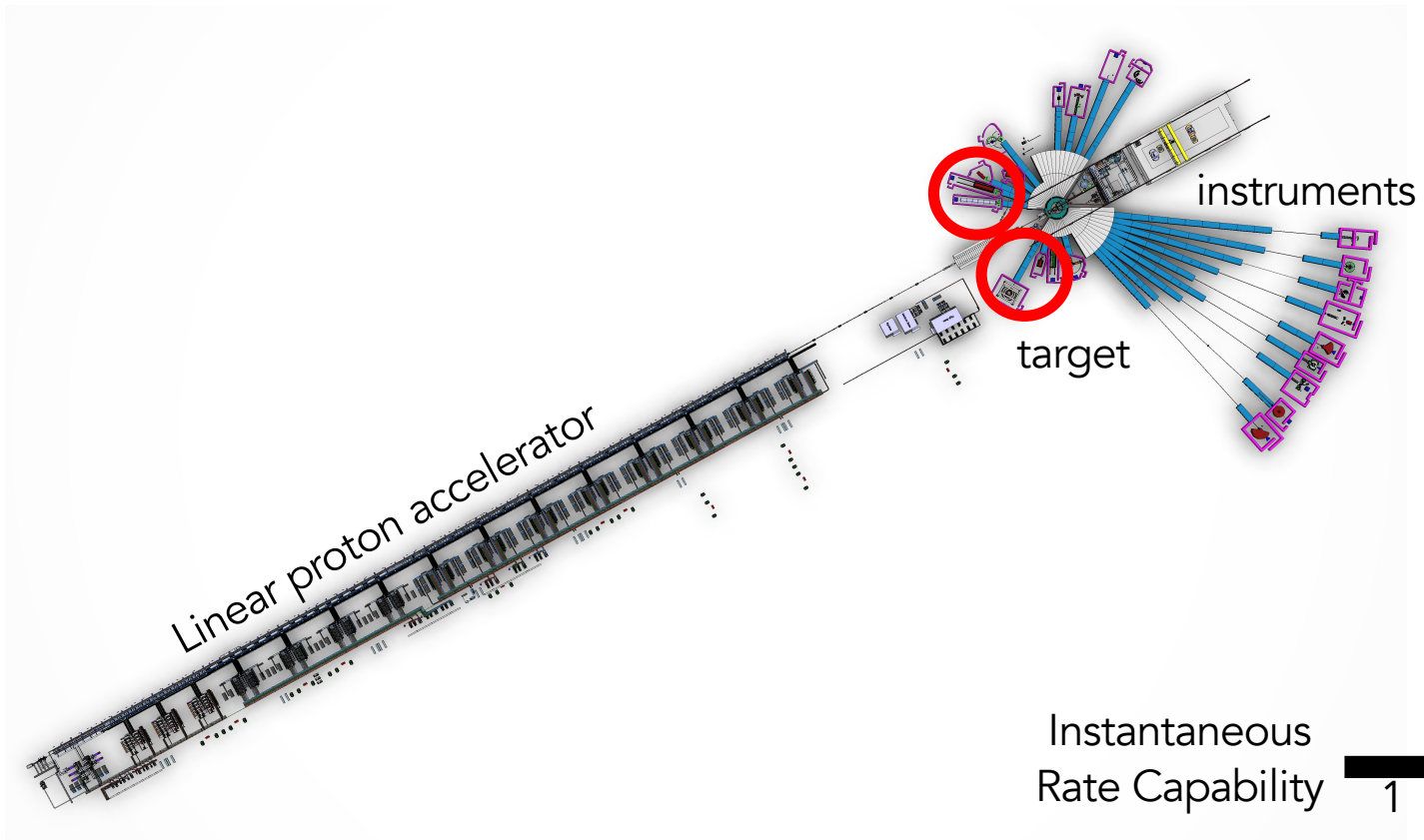
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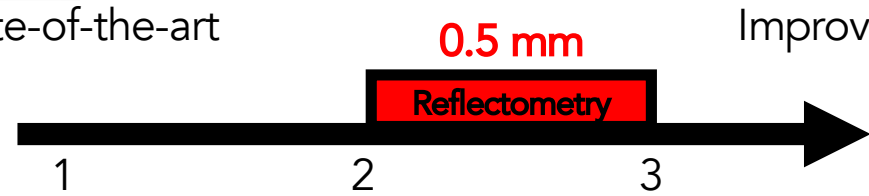
High detector requirements

Instantaneous Rate Capability



1 = state-of-the-art

Spatial Resolution



Improvement factor



$^{10}\text{B}$ -detector for reflectometers



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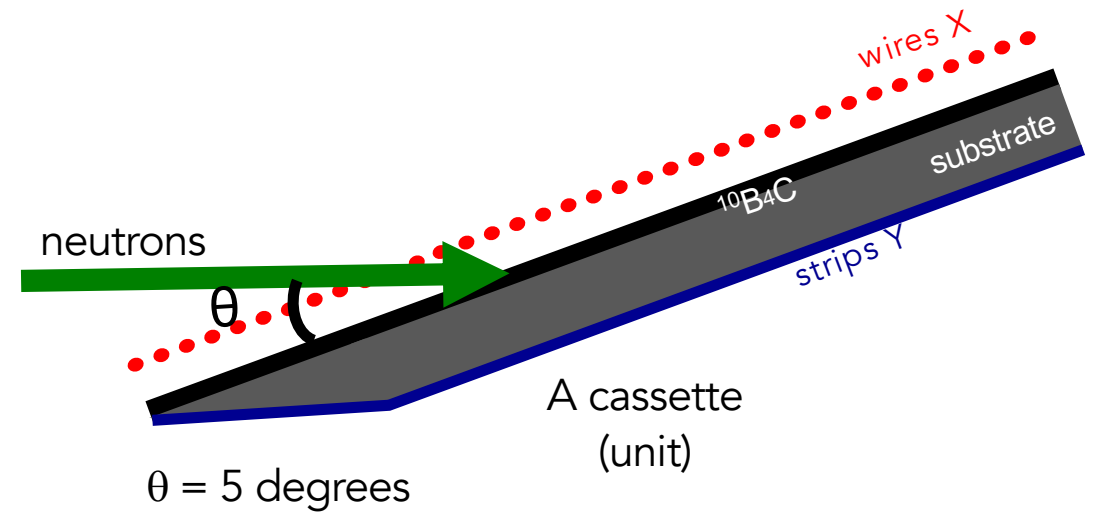
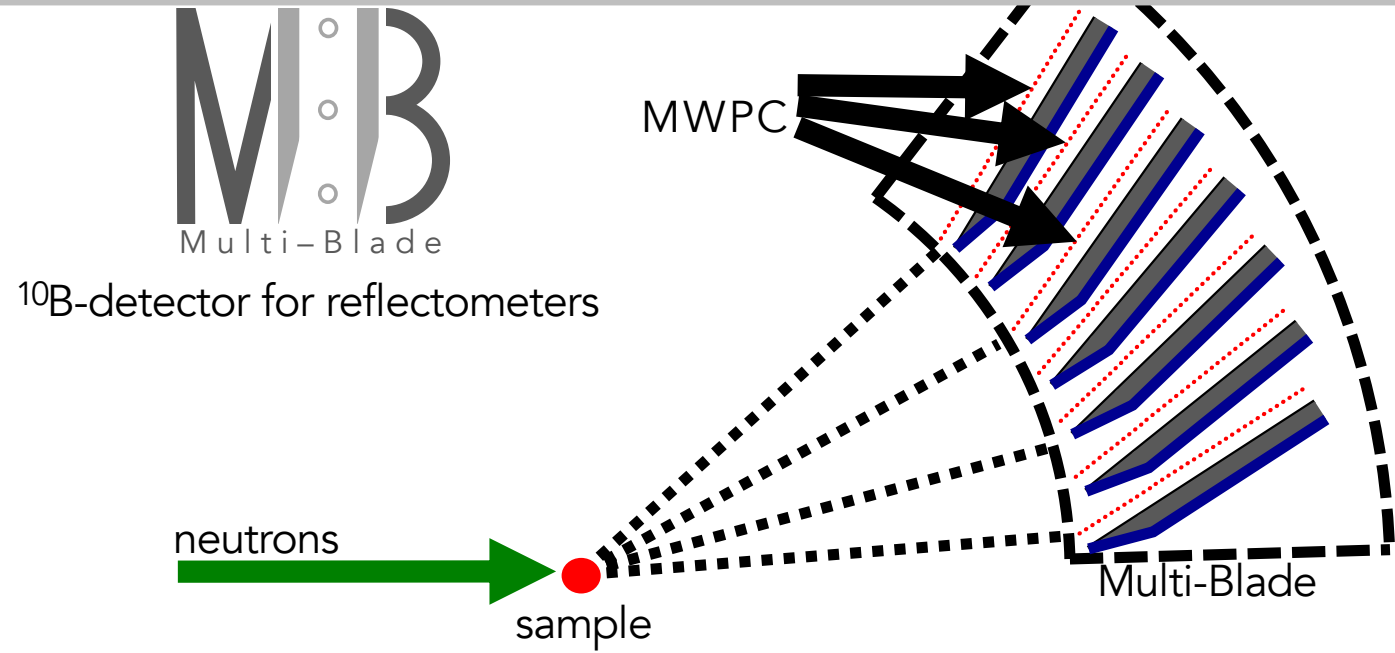
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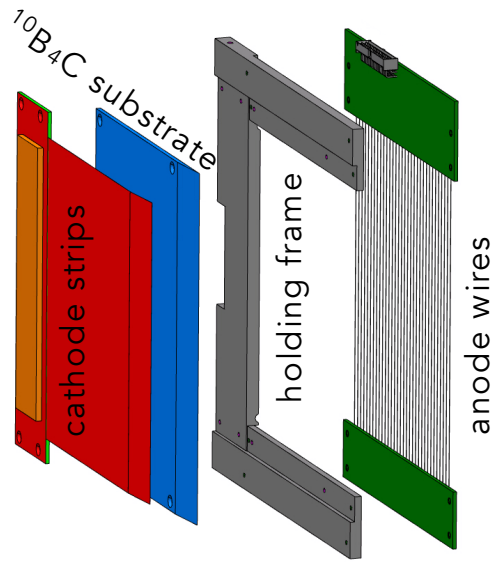
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Task 4.2 Neutron Detectors – The Intensity Frontier

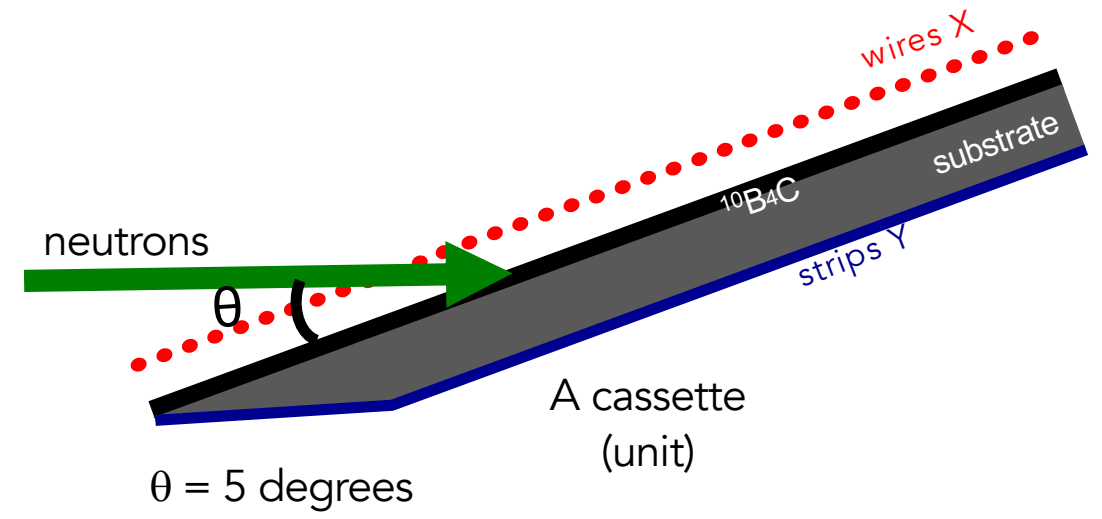
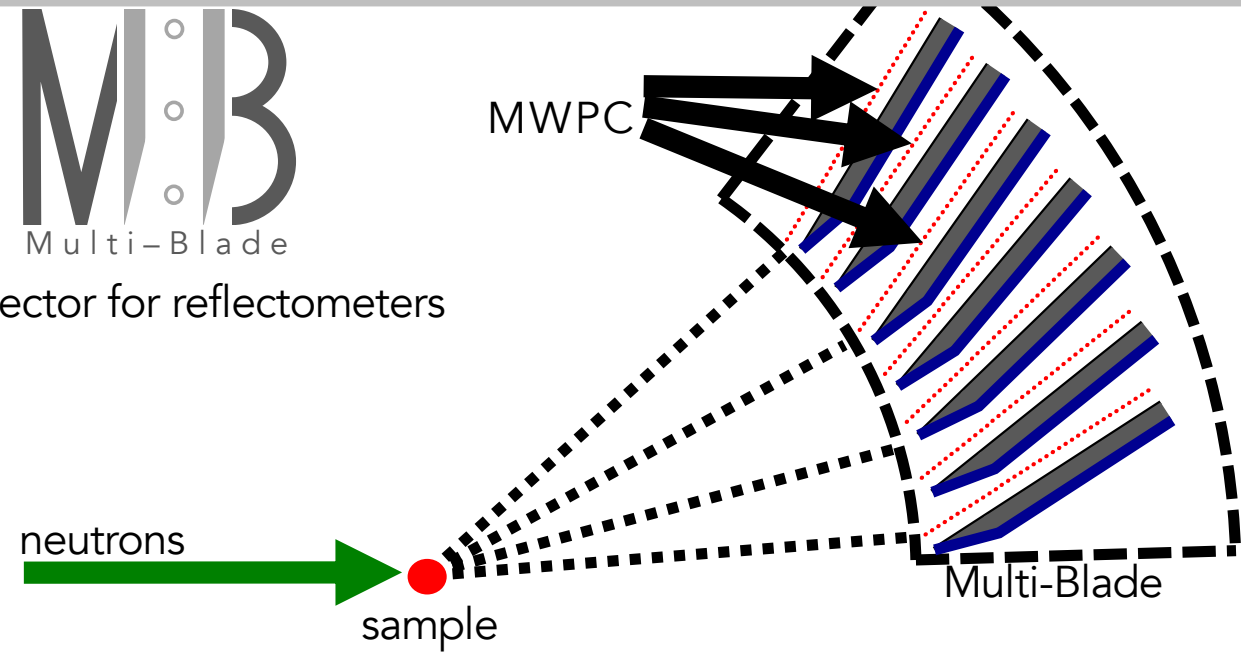
High counting rate capability

High spatial resolution

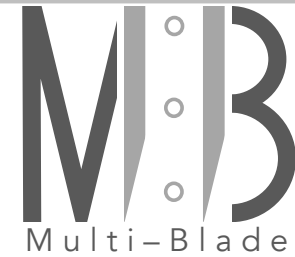
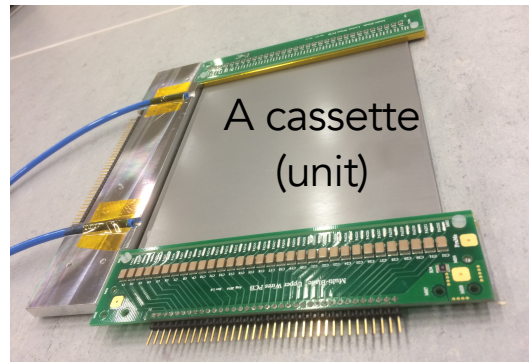
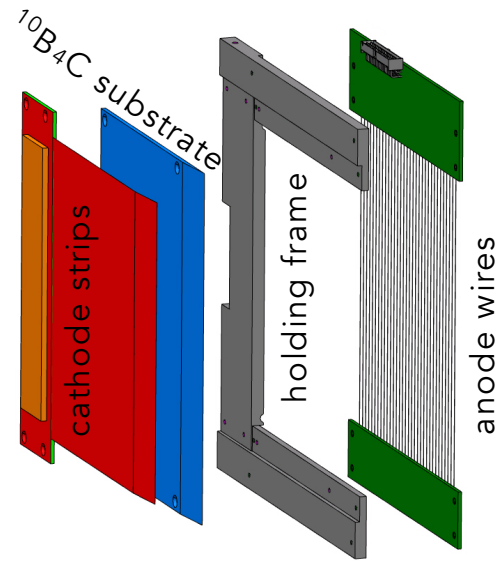




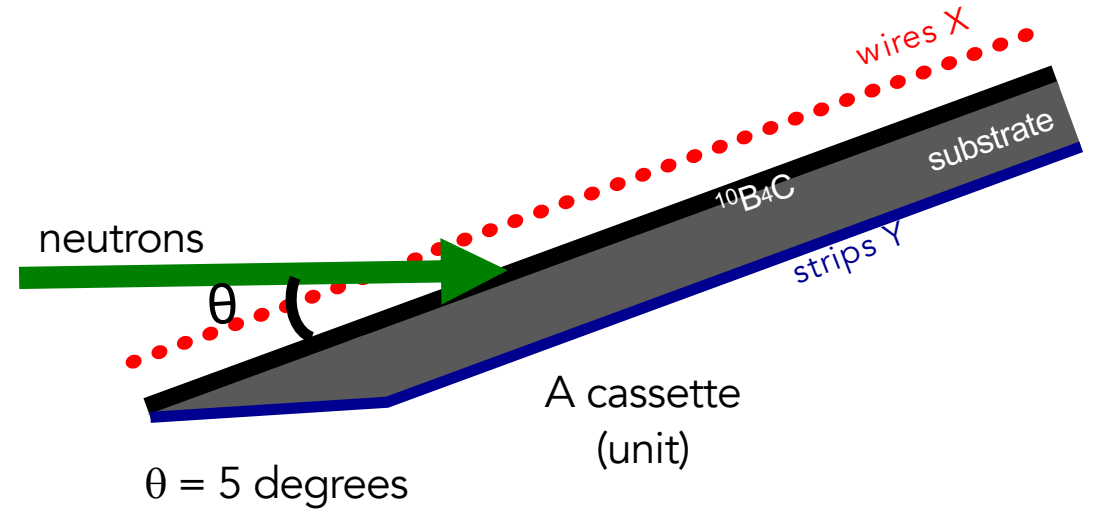
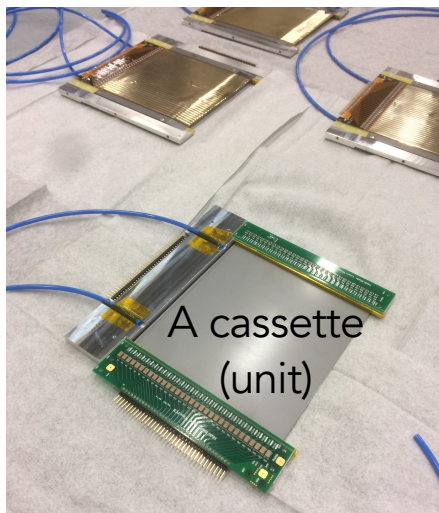
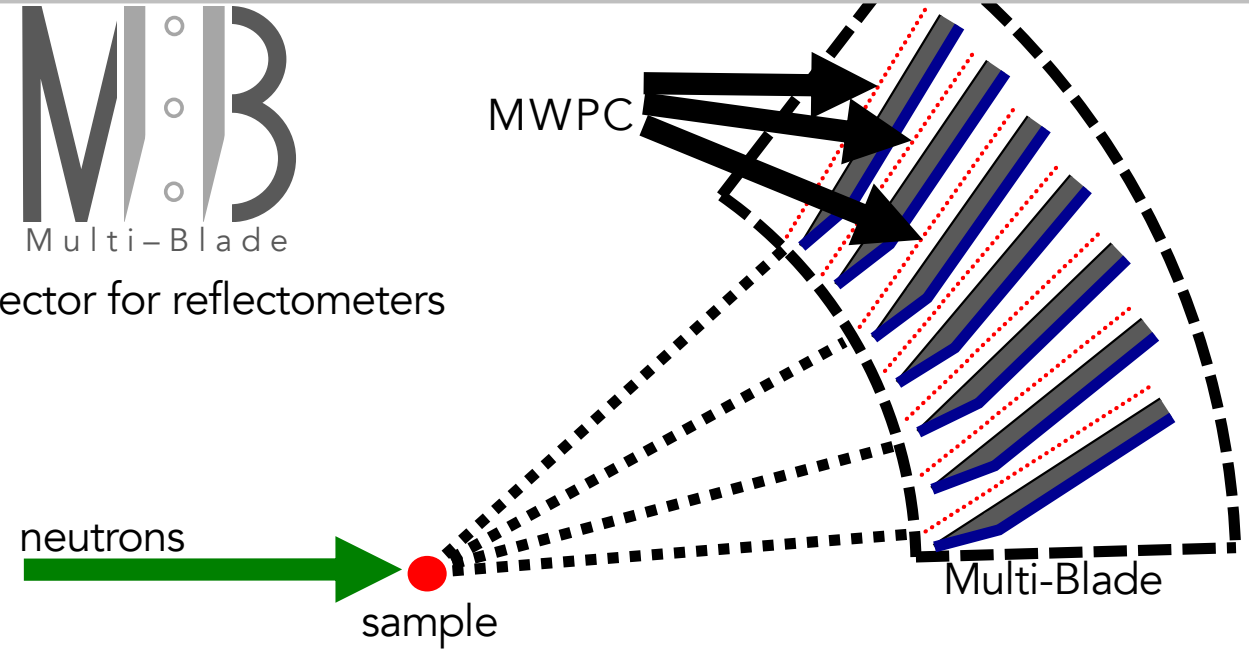
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Multi-Blade  
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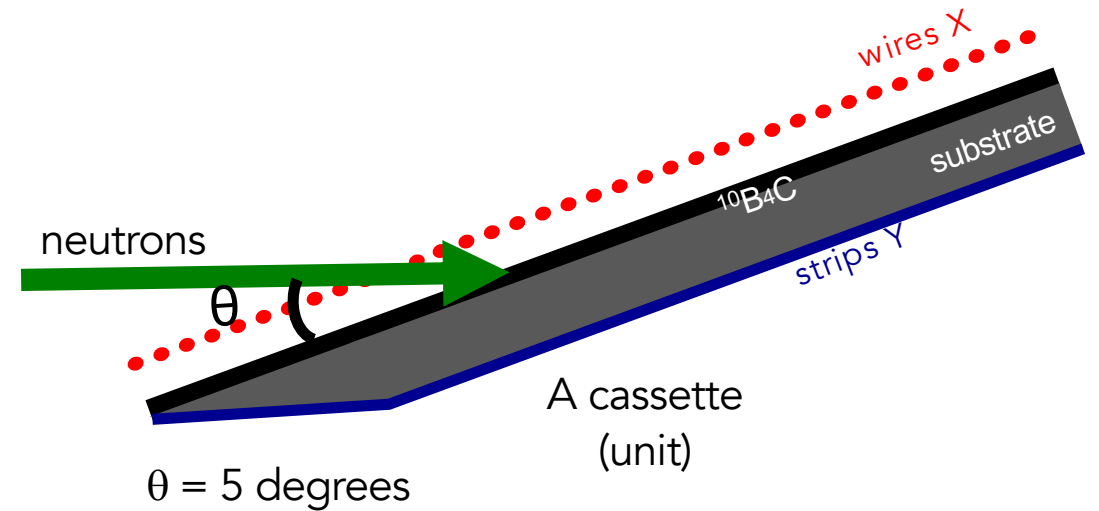
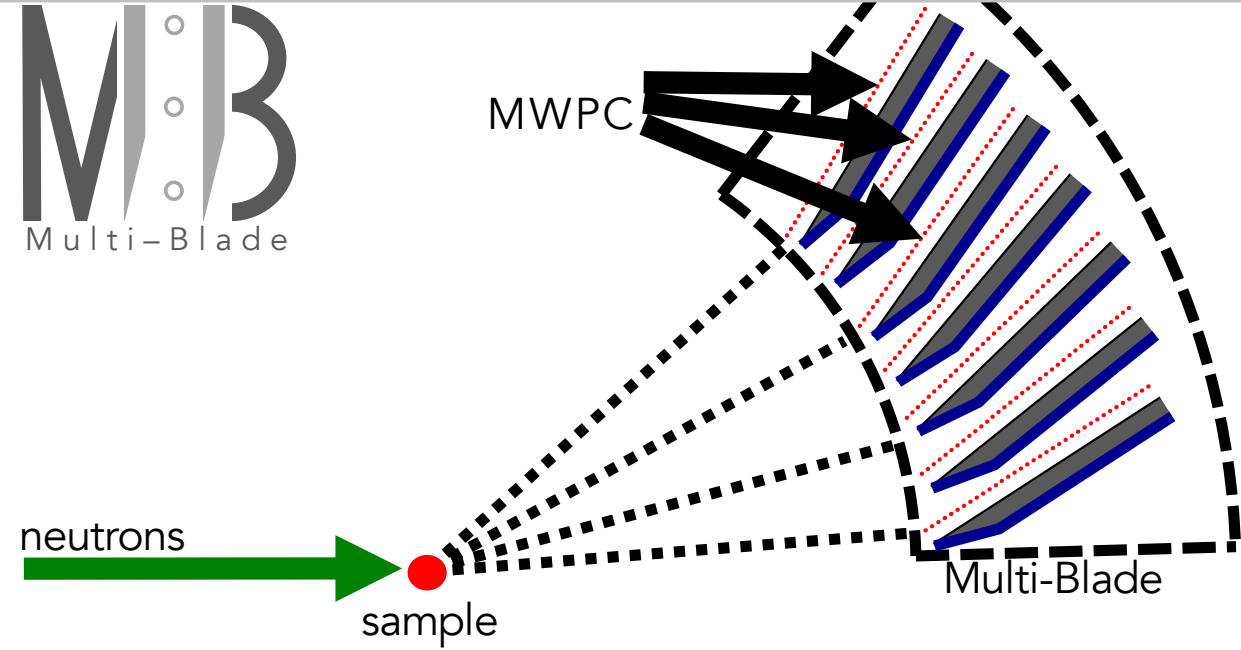
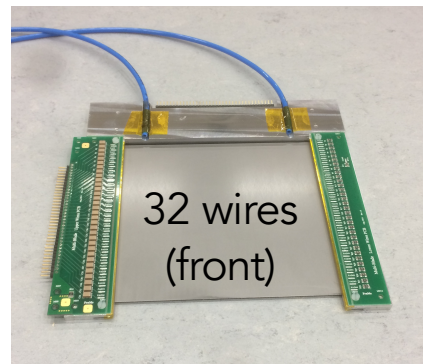
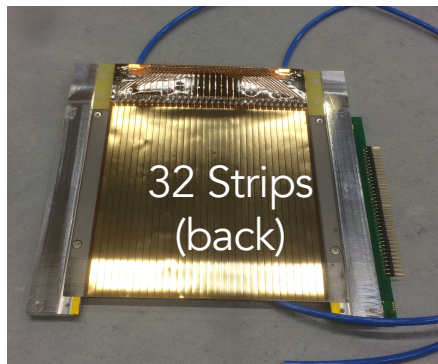
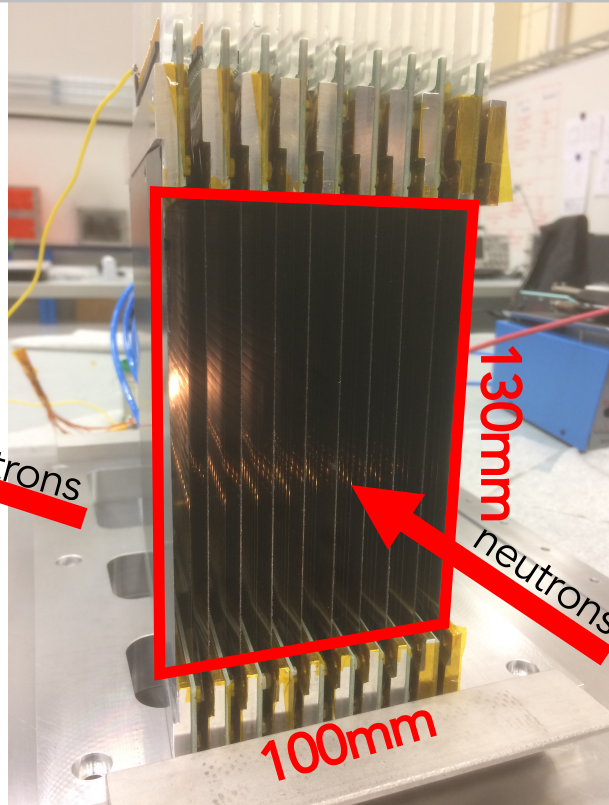
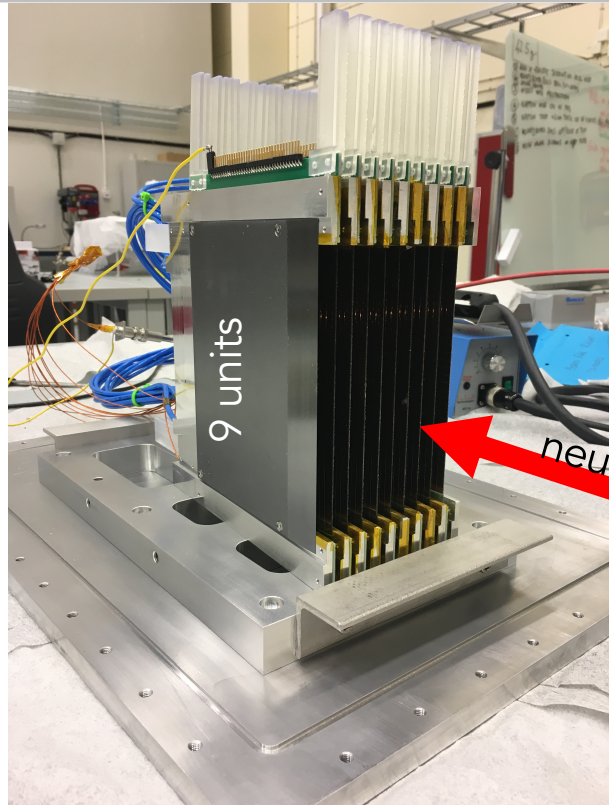


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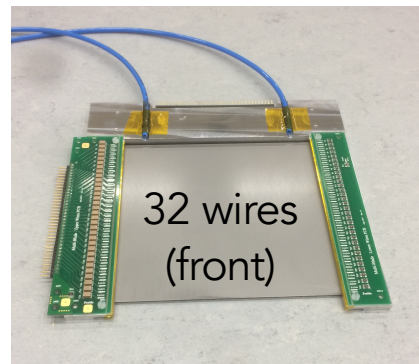
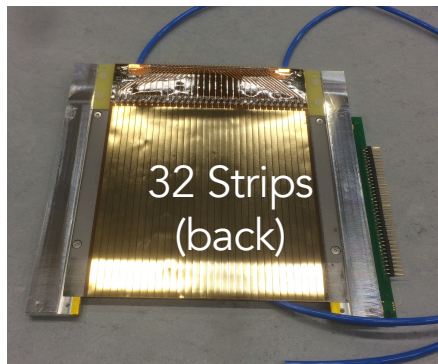
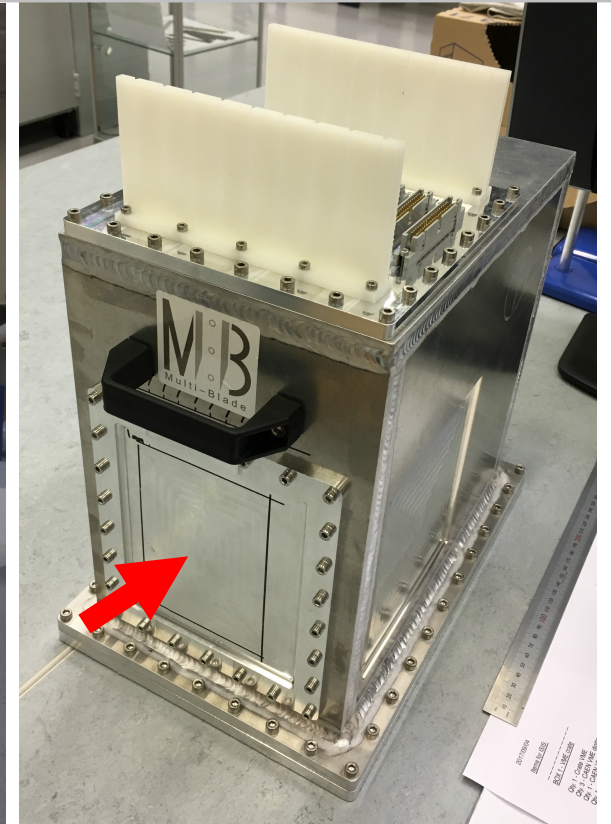
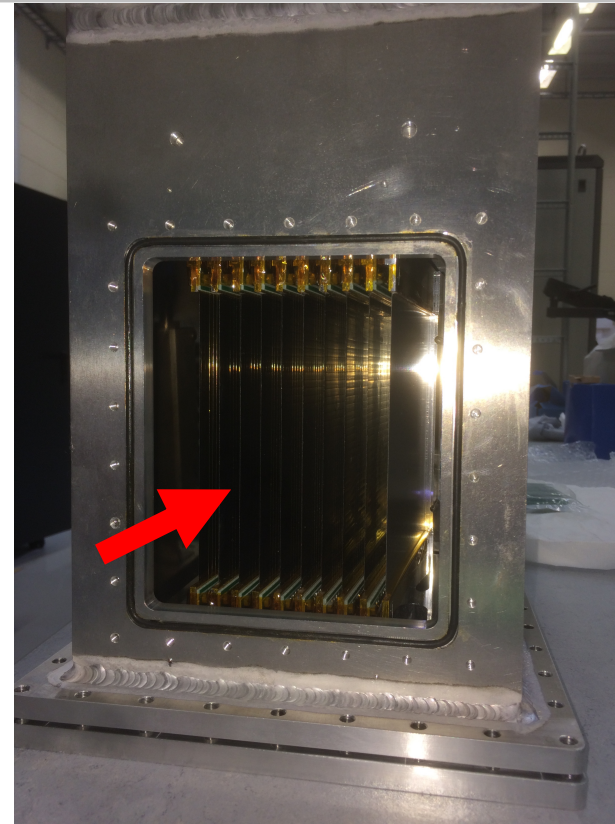
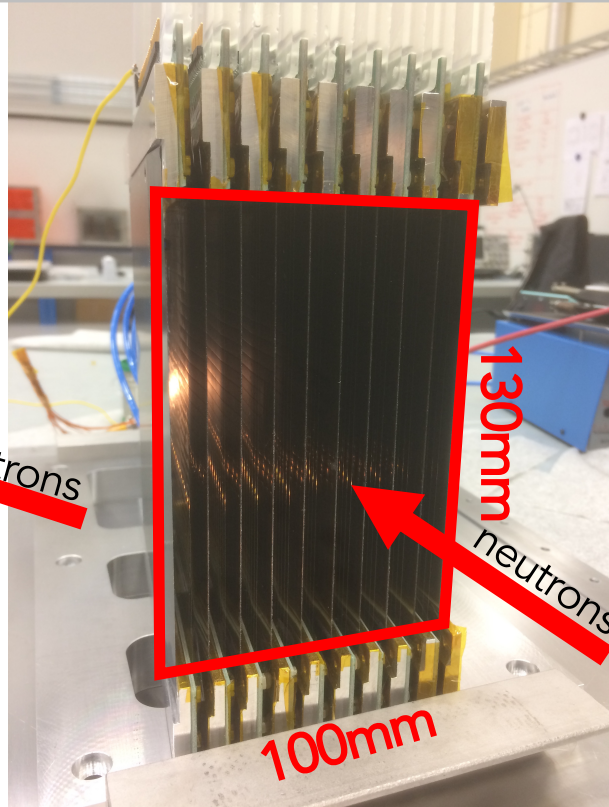
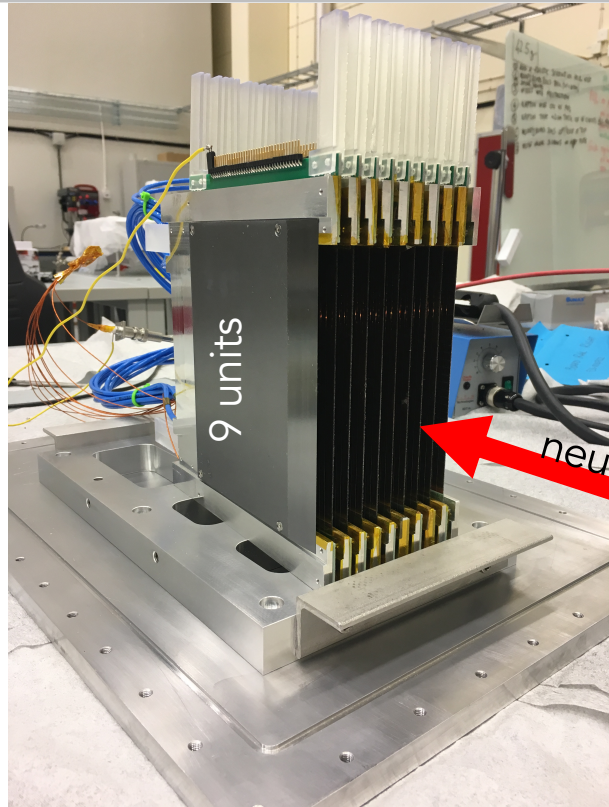


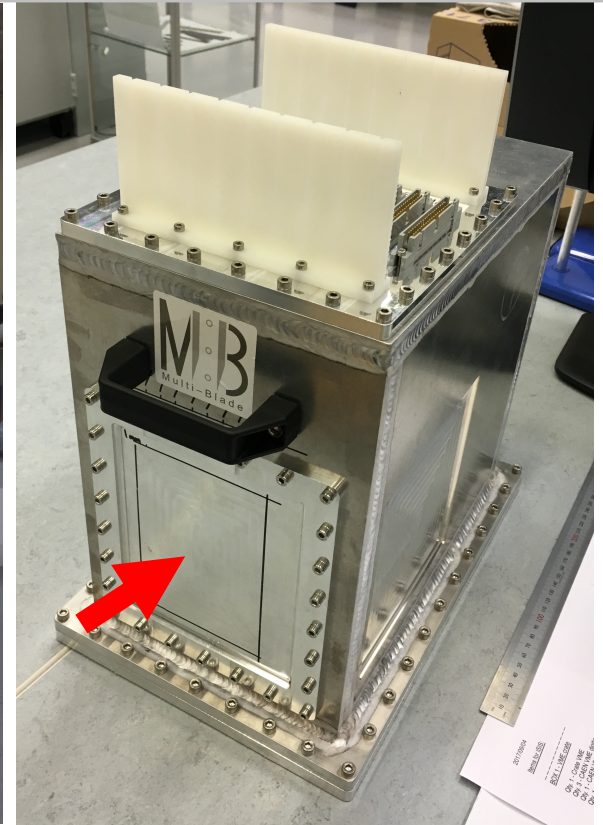
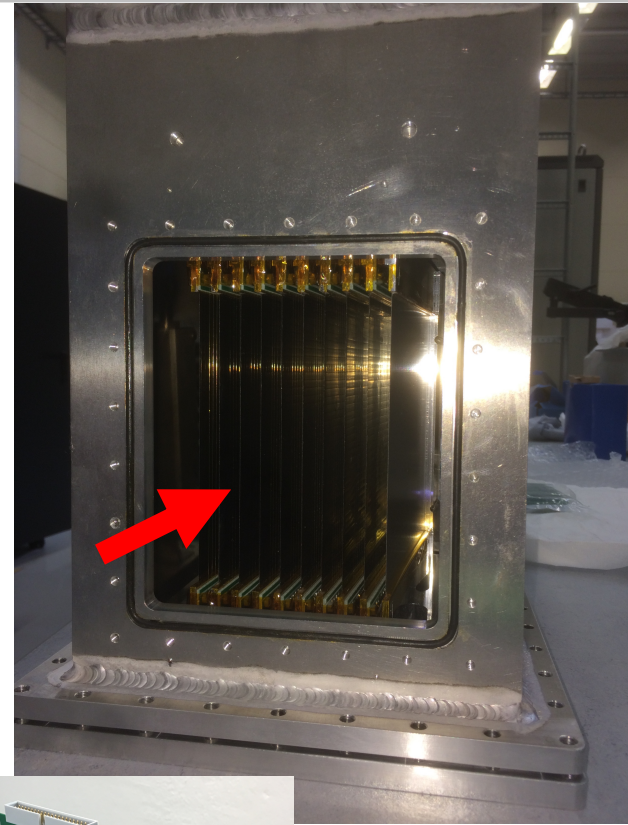
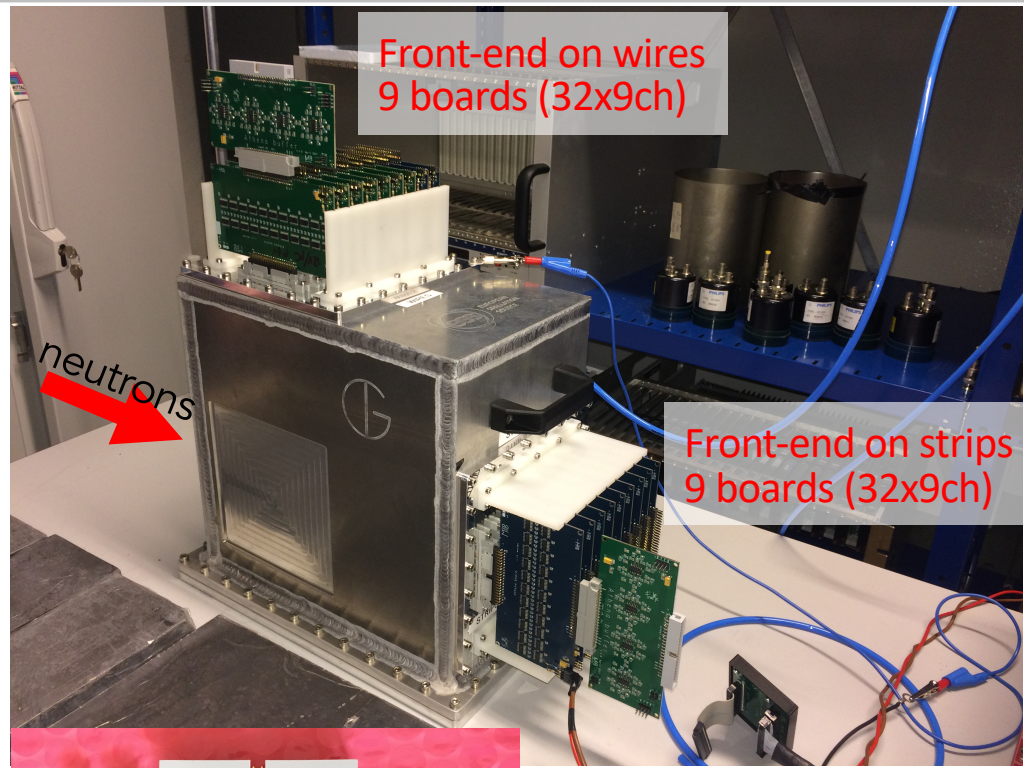


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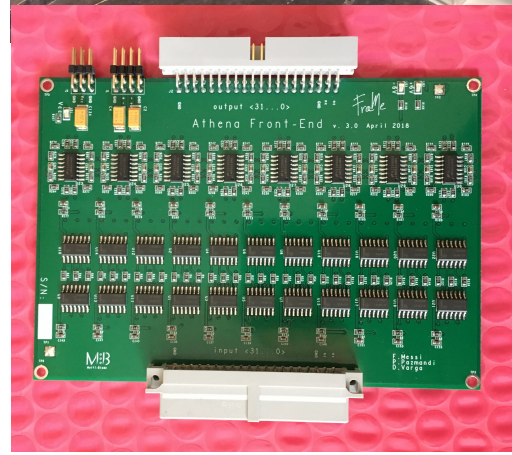


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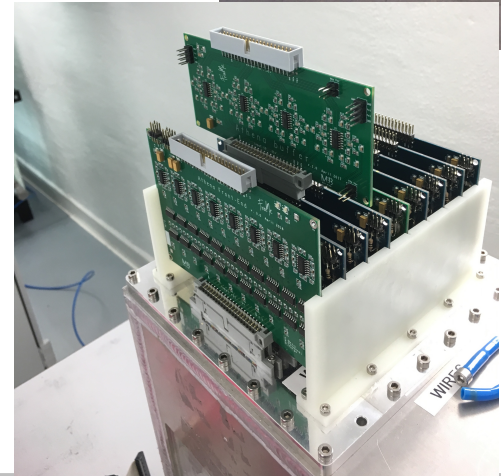
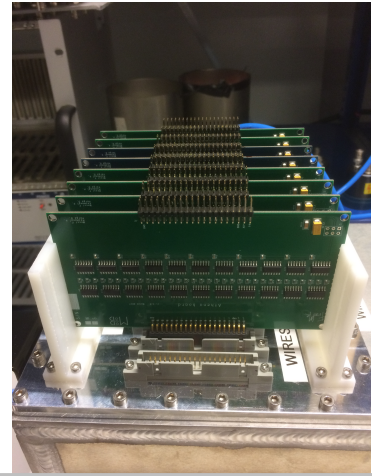


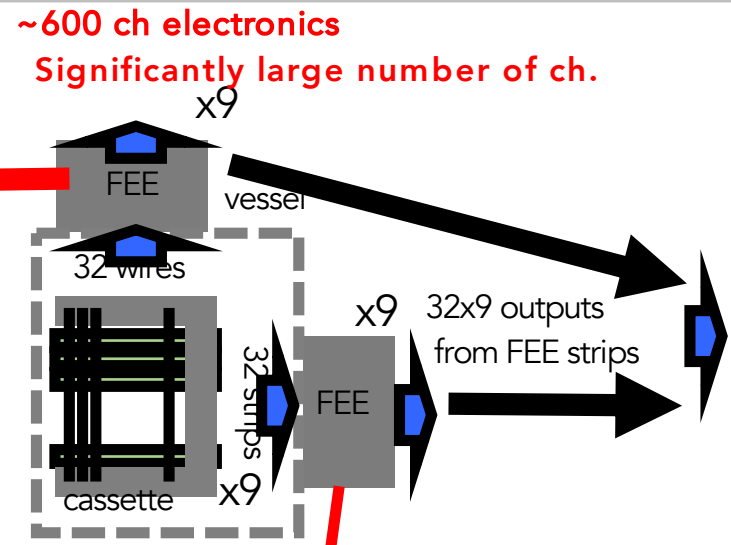
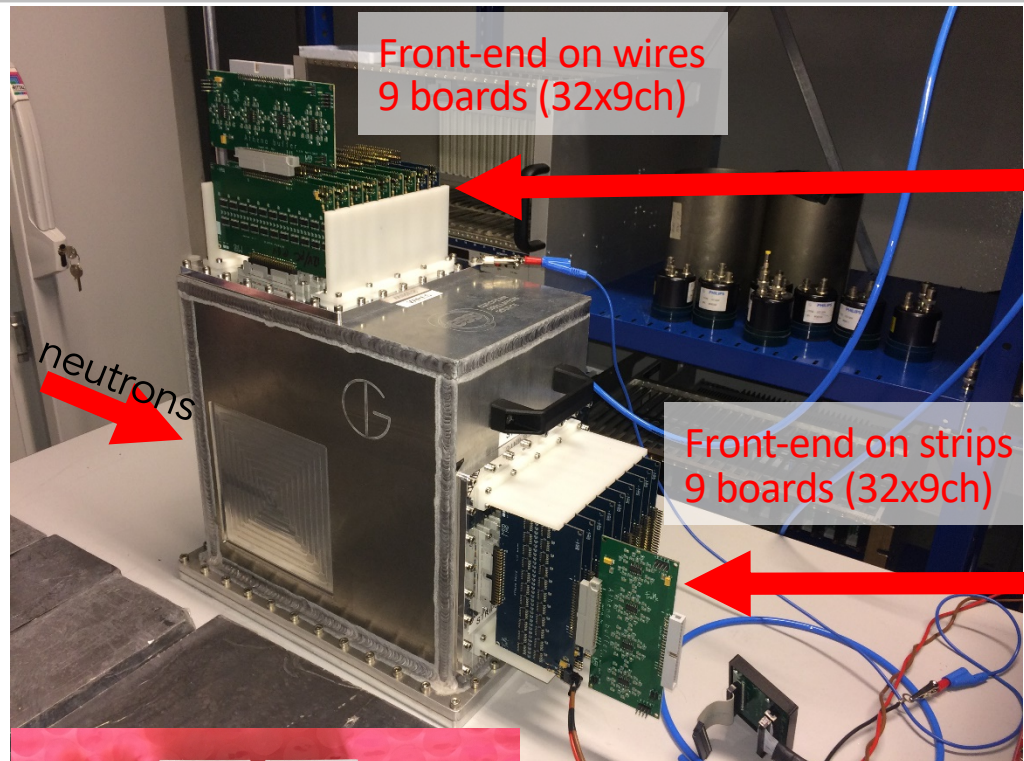


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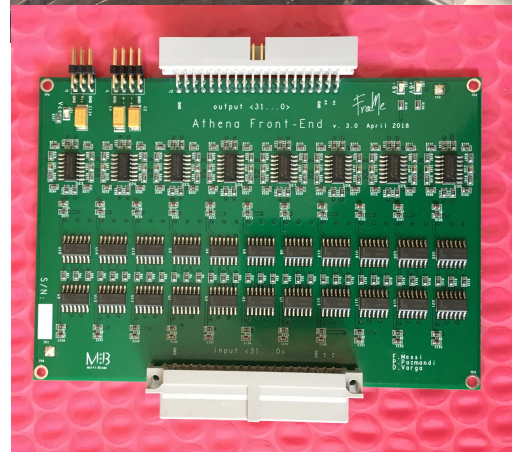




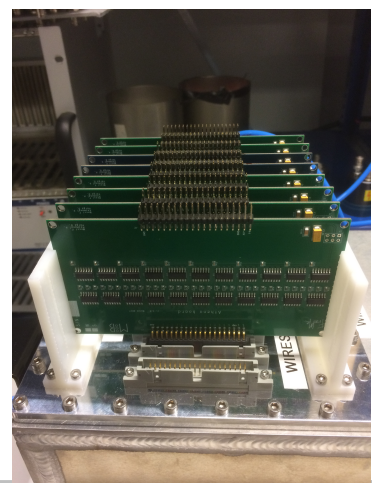
TTL for time stamp reset

CAEN V1740D

One Digitiser (64ch is 1 cassette)



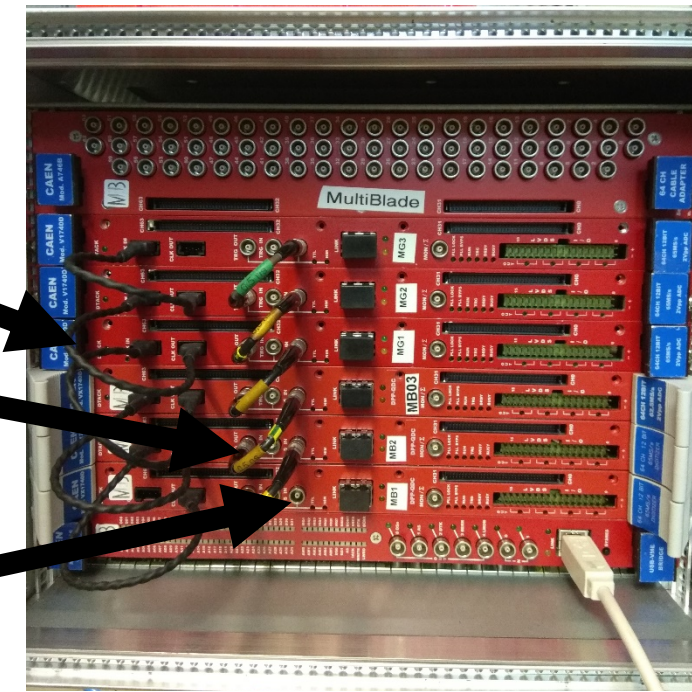
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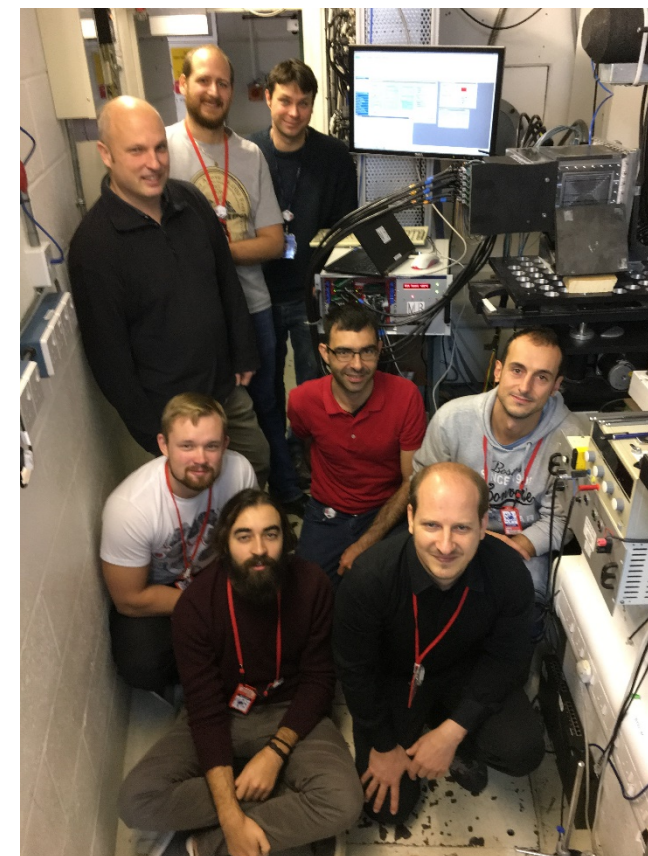
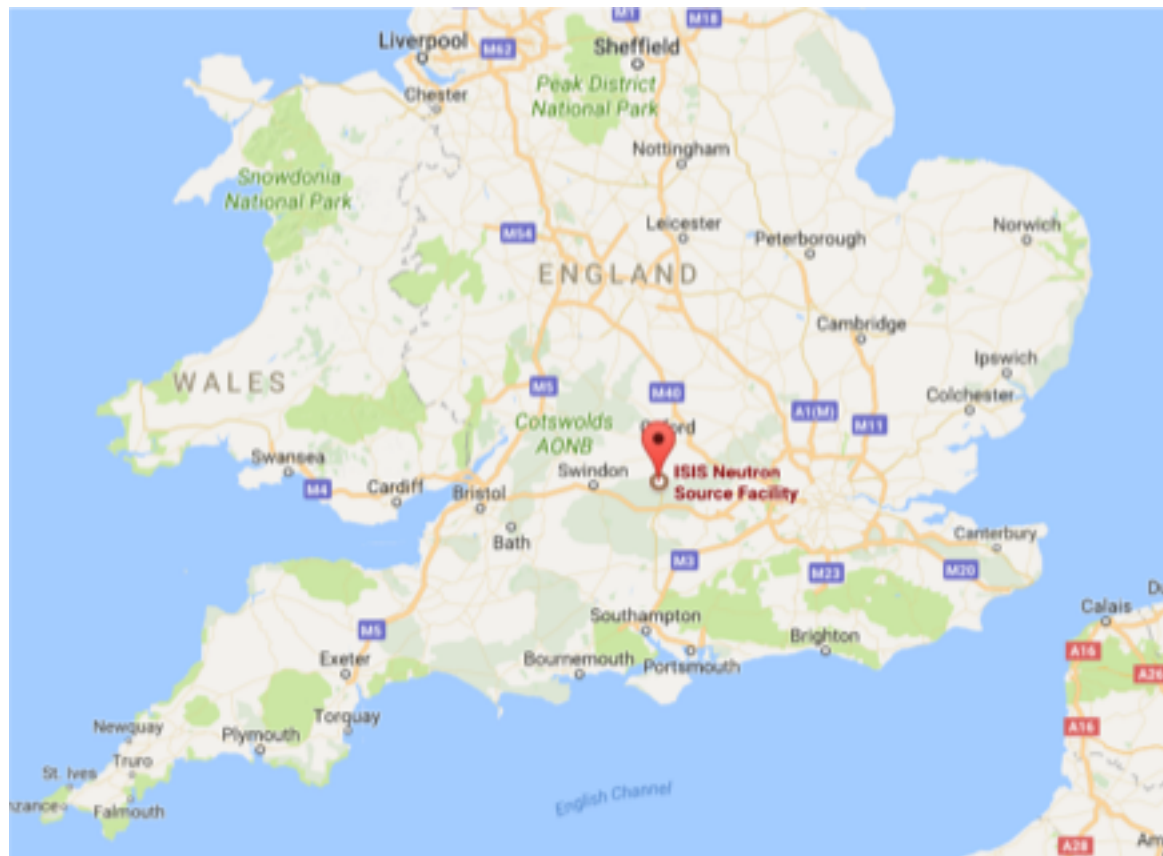



All digitisers (cassettes) share the same clock

Sin-TRGout propagation, All units get the same time stamp reset

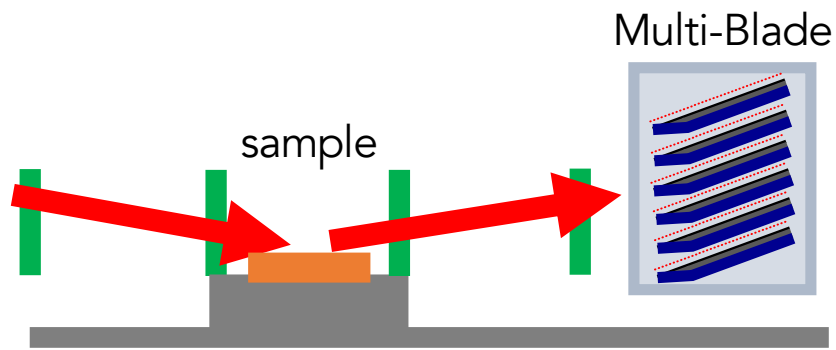
Time stamp reset according to an external TTL signal, i.e. chopper or proton pulse



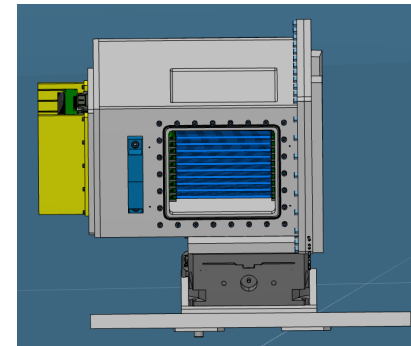
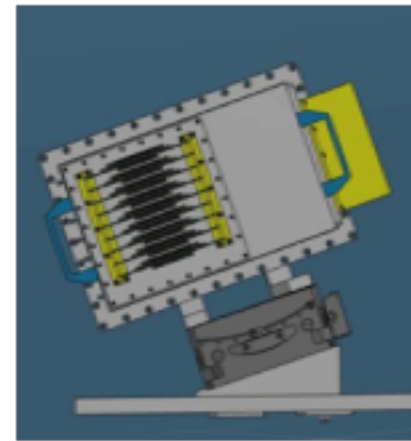


Artur Glavic (ESTIA)   
And  
Tom Arnold (FREIA)  
with us during the tests

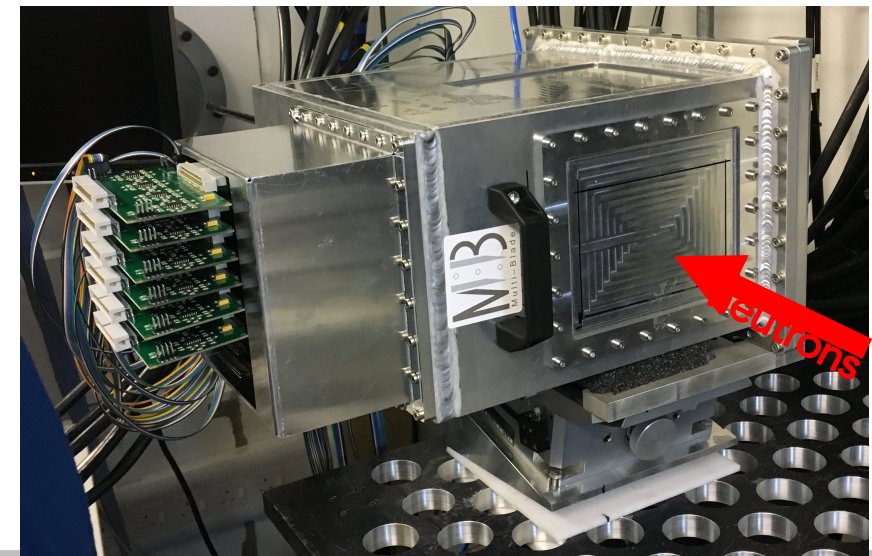
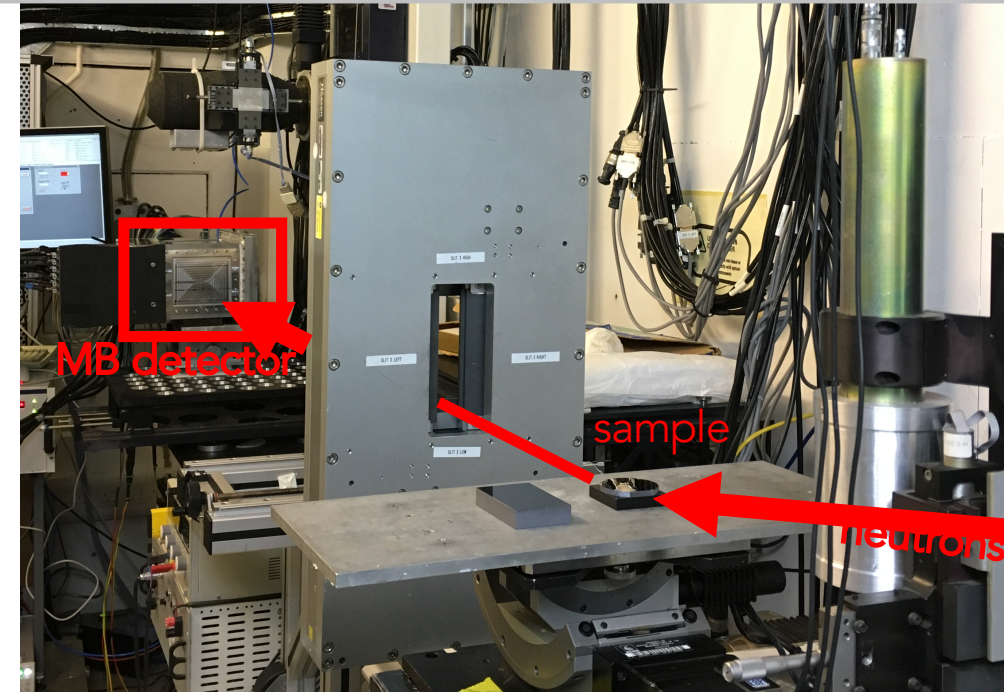
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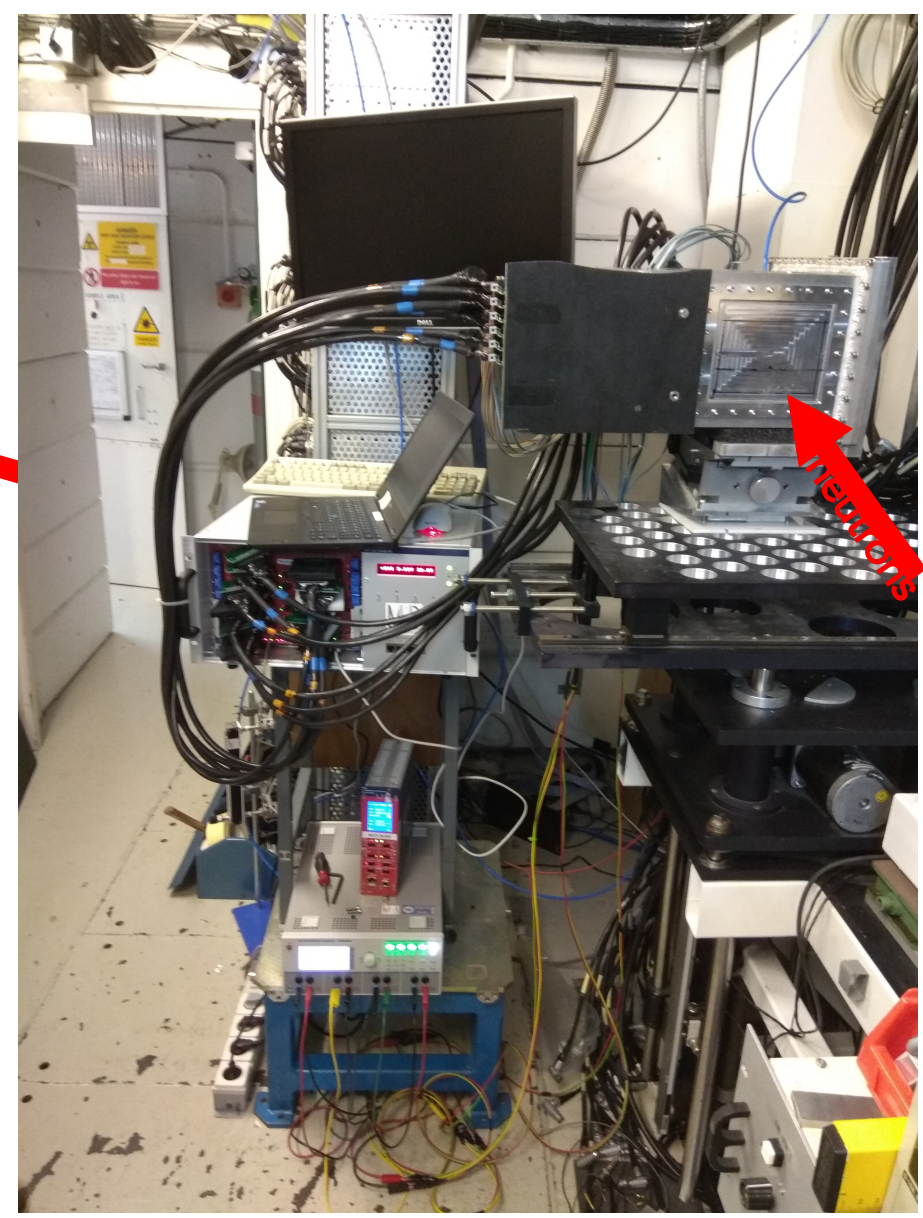
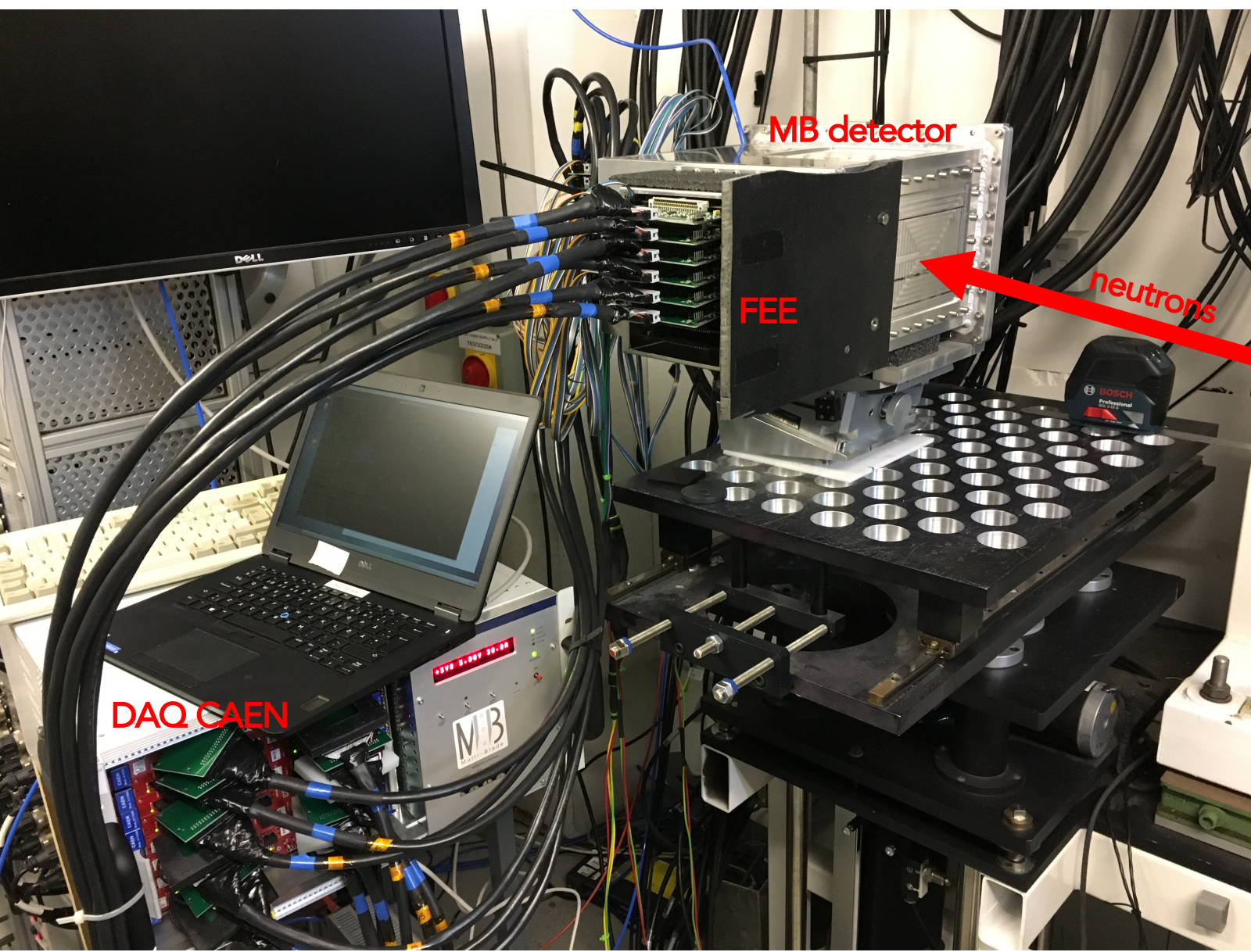


Thermal Neutron Reflectometer	@ TS1
Neutron wavelength	<b>0.5 – 6.5 Å @ 50Hz</b> (0.5 – 13 Å @ 25Hz)
q range	0.005 – 1.1 Å <sup>-1</sup>
Moderator - sample distance	10.25m
Sample - Detector distance	1.87m
Sample - MB Detector distance	2.33m



The cassette (units) are placed horizontally







Matching ESS requirements

✓	efficiency	45% @ 2.5Å 56% @ 4.2Å 65% @ 5.1Å
✓	spatial resolution	0.5 x 3.5 mm <sup>2</sup>
➡	uniformity	10%
✓	stability	2%
➡	counting rate capability	>1.6 kHz/mm <sup>2</sup> (lower limit) >17kHz / channel (lower limit)
✓	gamma-ray sensitivity	< 10 <sup>-7</sup> (with 100keV threshold)
✓	fast neutron sensitivity	< 10 <sup>-5</sup>
✓	gas gain	20
✓	overlap	50% eff. drop in 0.5mm gap

x3 better than state-of-the-art

x10 better than state-of-the-art

as good as state-of-the-art

x100 better than state-of-the-art

F. Piscitelli et al., The Multi-Blade Boron-10-based Neutron Detector for high intensity Neutron Reflectometry at ESS, JINST 12 P03013 (2017).

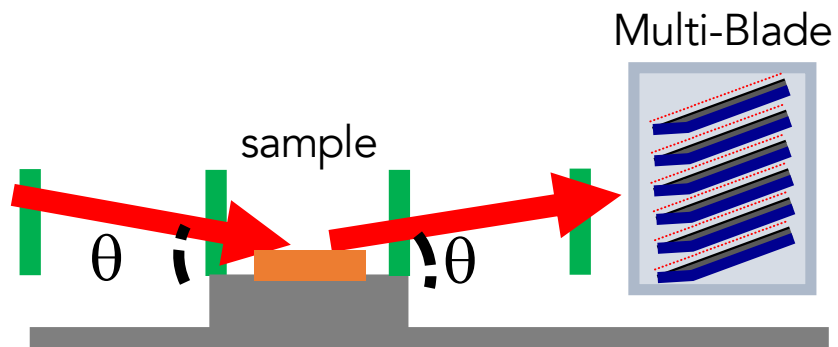
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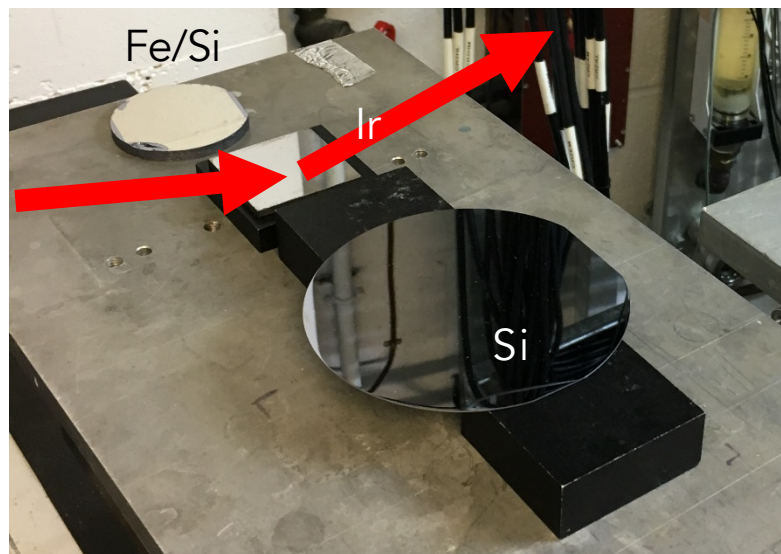
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Ir sample    Si sample    Fe/Si sample



- Iridium



Dependance of the q-resolution on detector spatial resolution

- Silicon

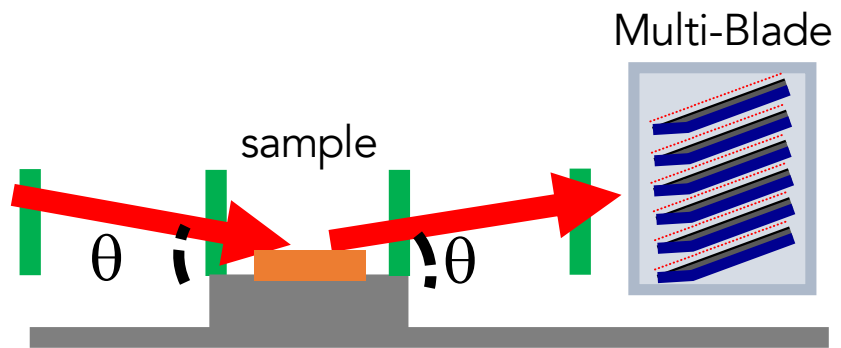


Collimated vs divergent mode (uniformity & spatial resolution)

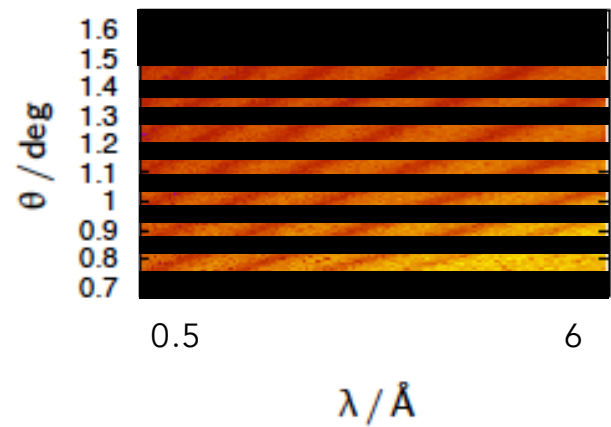
- Fe/Si supermirror



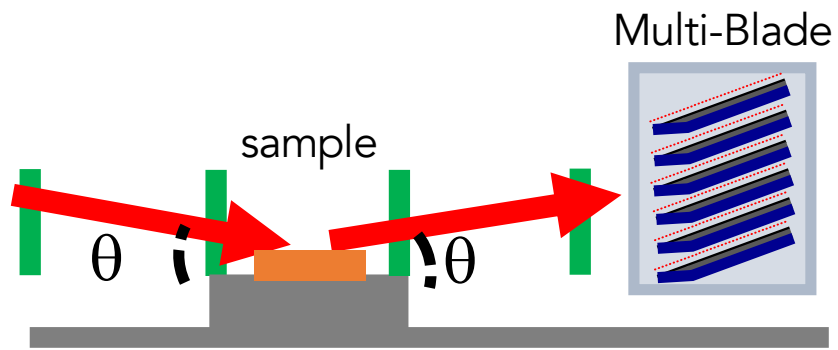
Off-specular (counting rate & uniformity & spatial resolution)



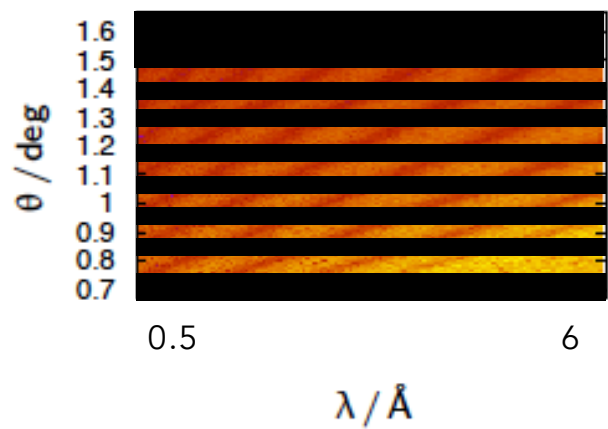
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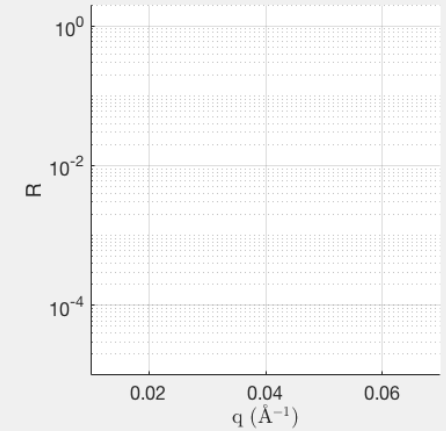
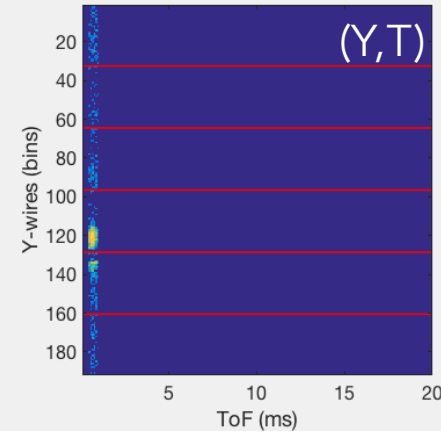
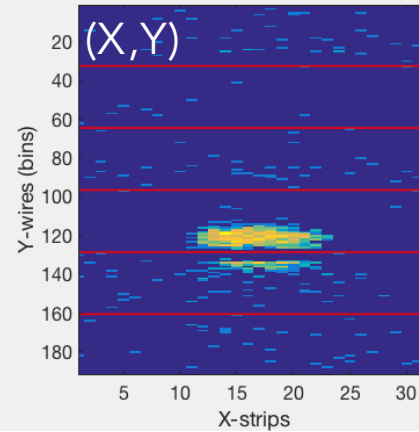
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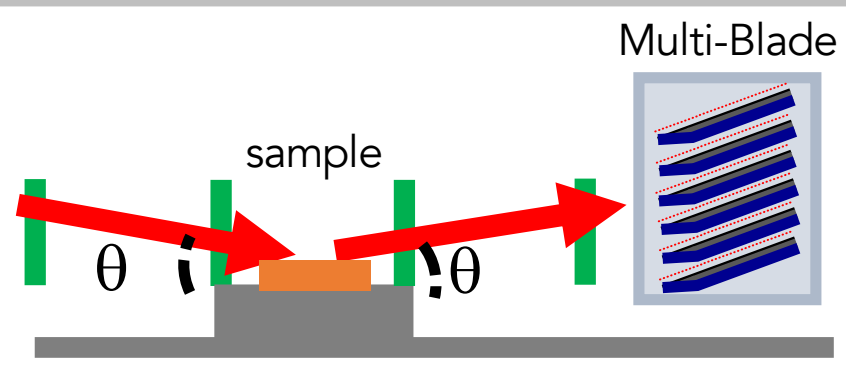
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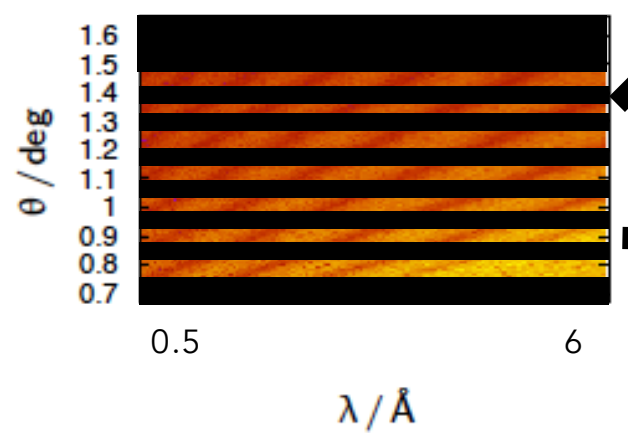
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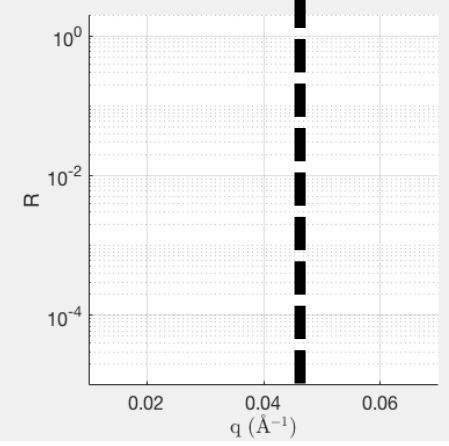
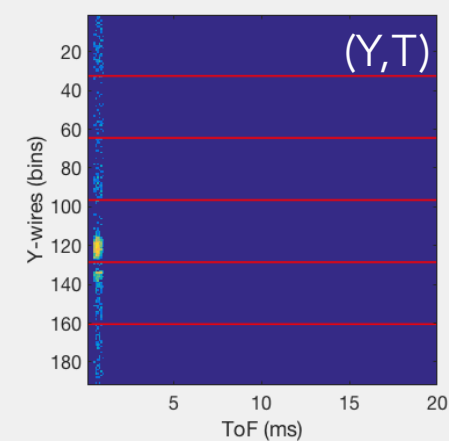
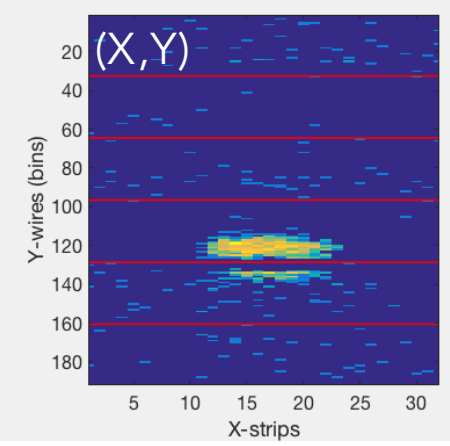
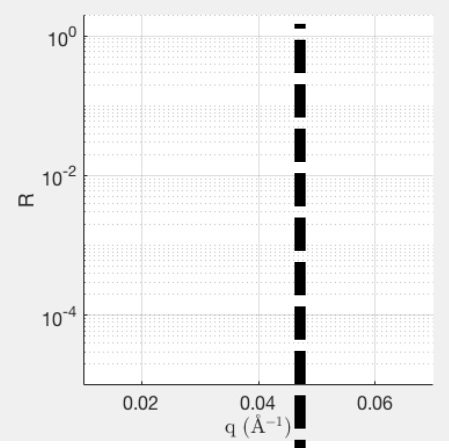
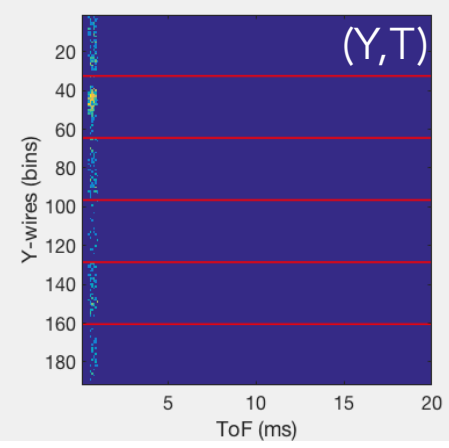
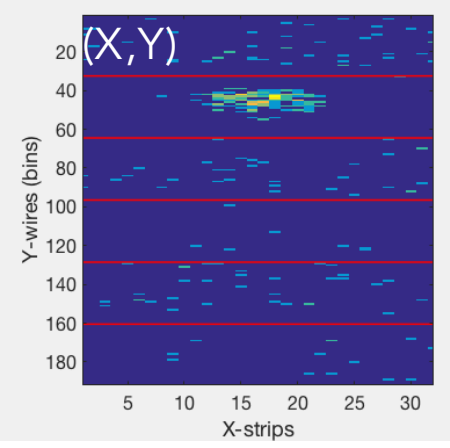
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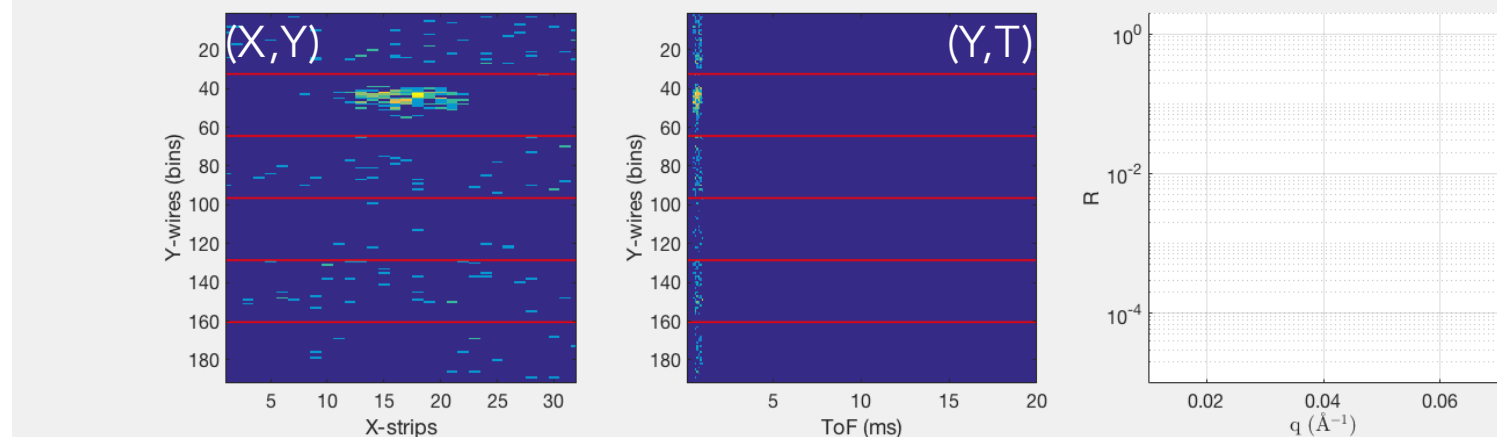
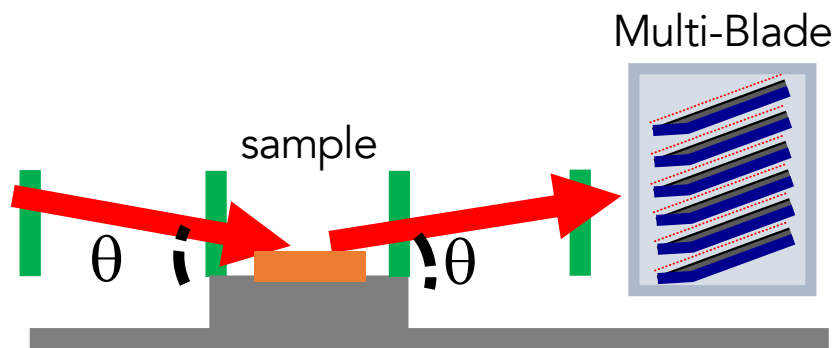


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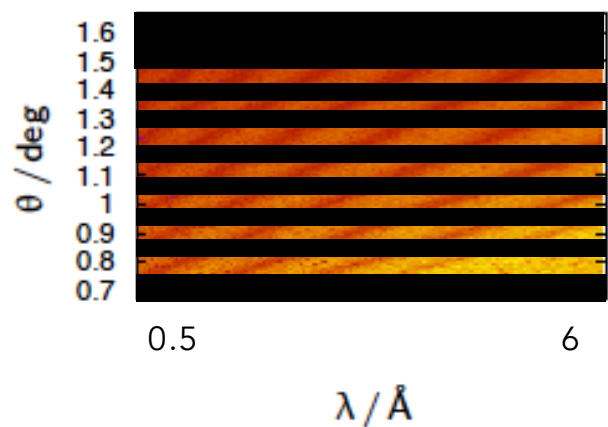
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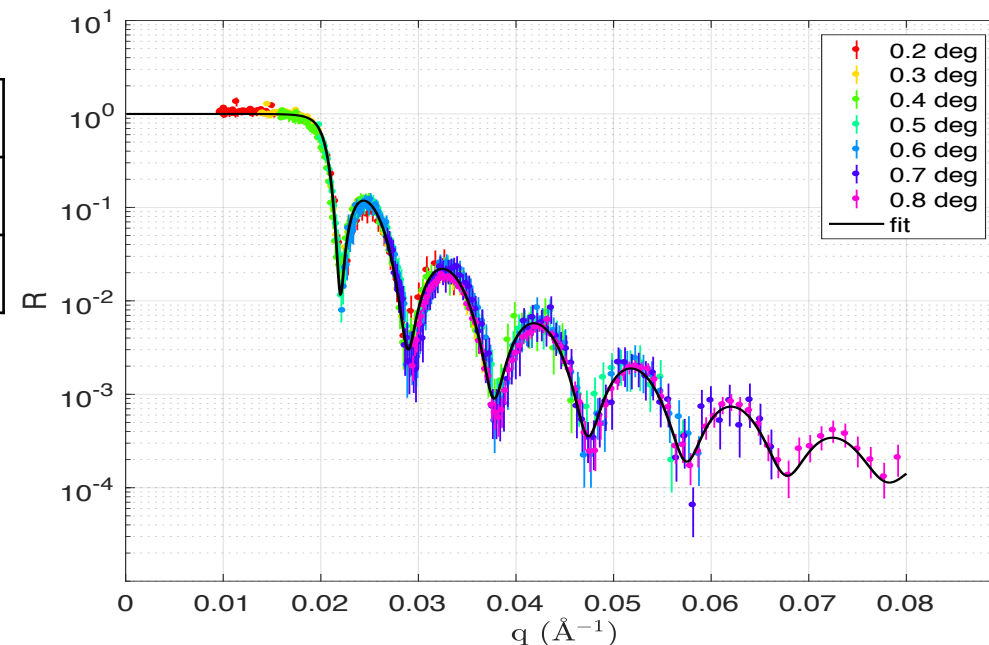


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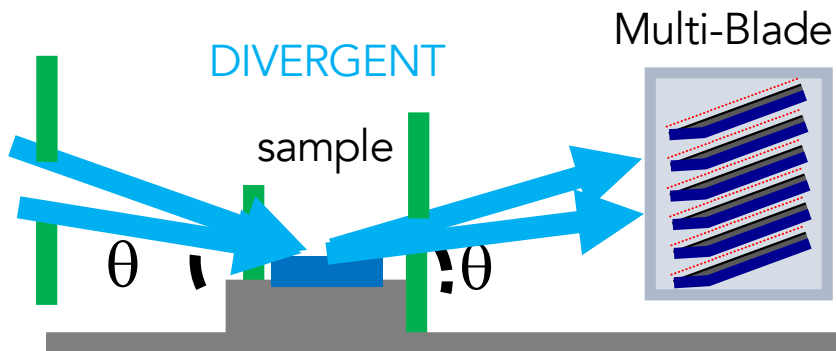
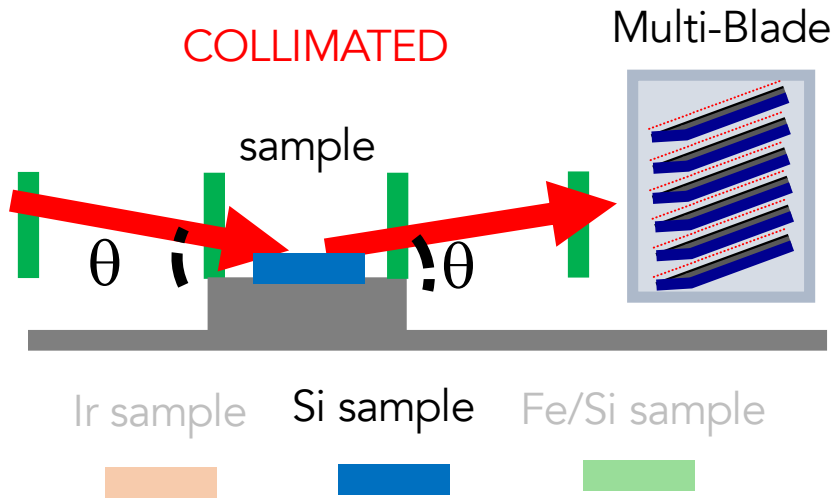


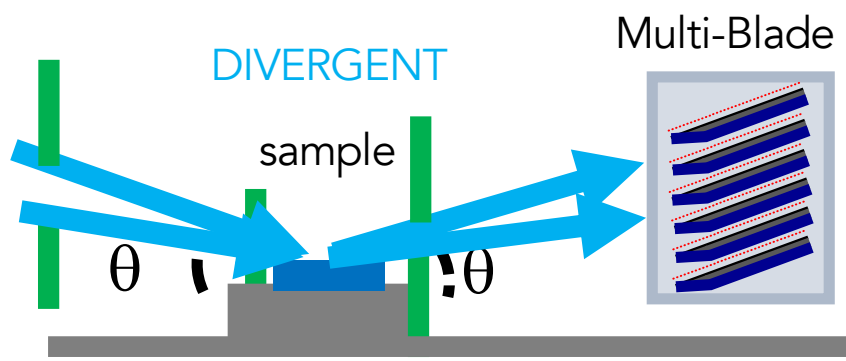
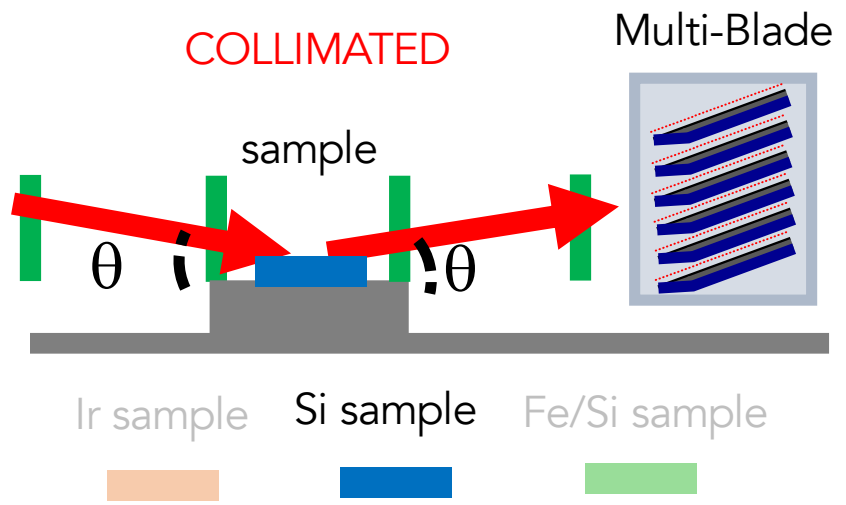
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Thickness	550 Å
Roughness	15 Å
N <sub>b</sub>	$7.3 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ Å}^{-2}$



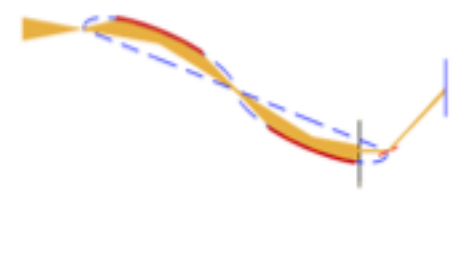
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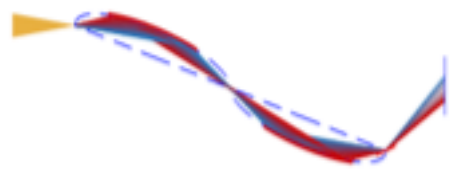


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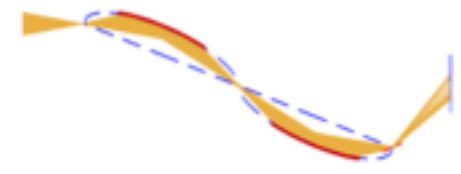
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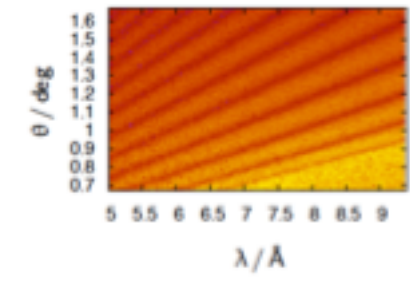
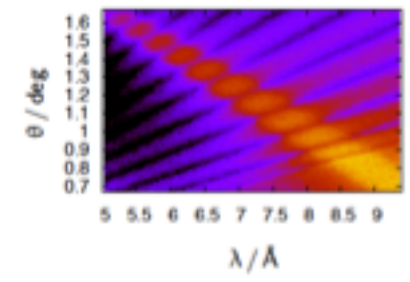
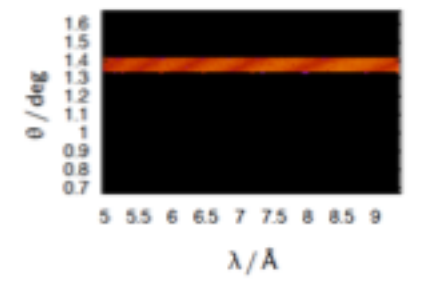
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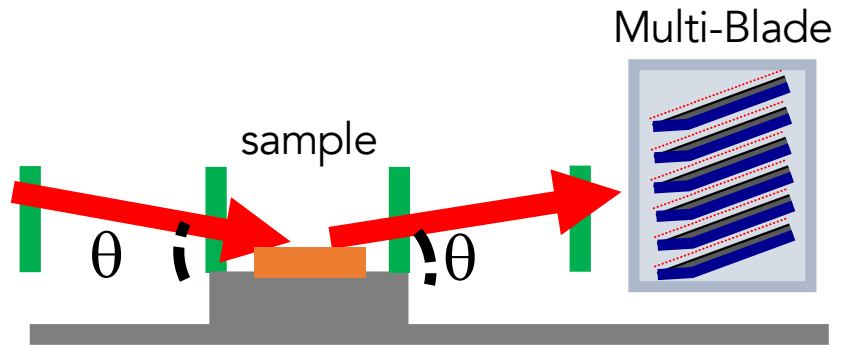


high intensity



**Estia**

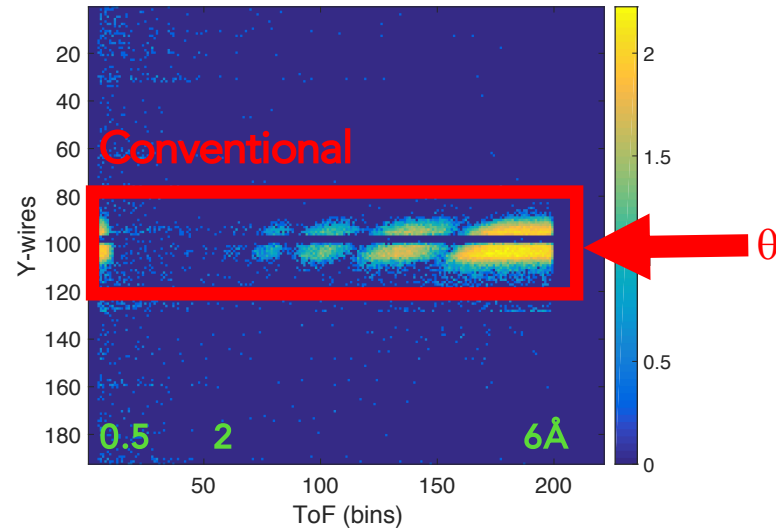
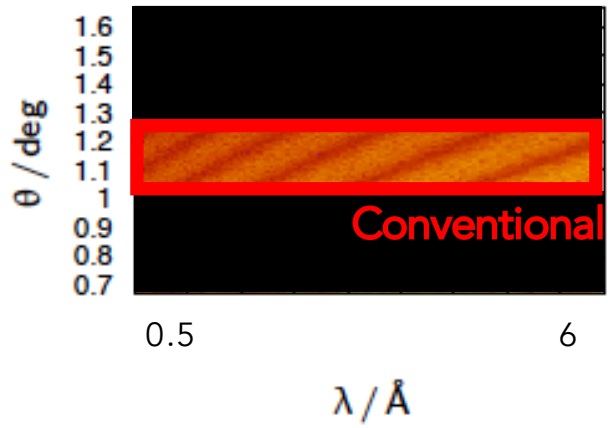




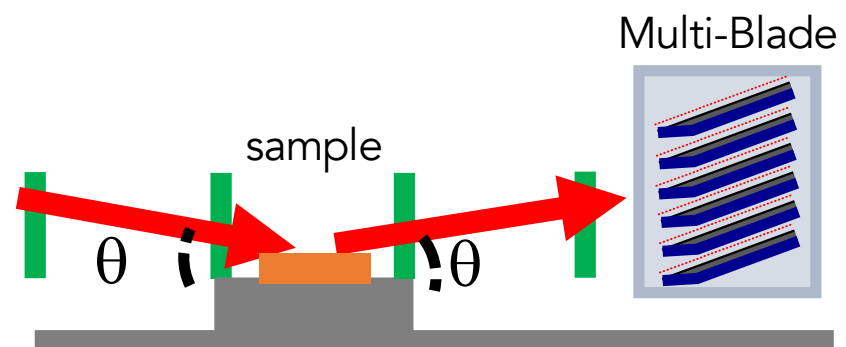
Dependence of the q-resolution on detector spatial resolution

$$q = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin \theta \quad \text{Conventional data reduction}$$

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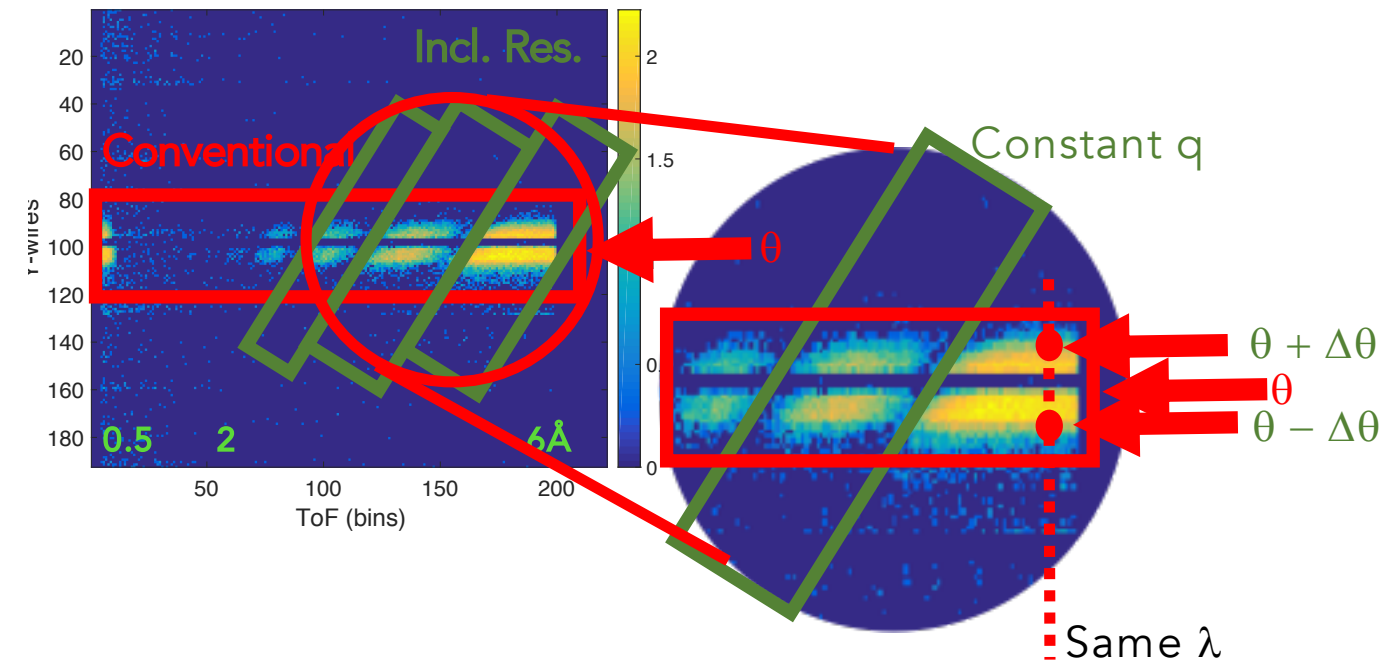
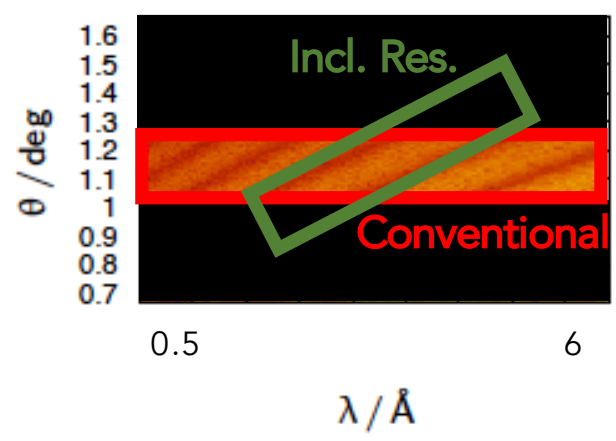
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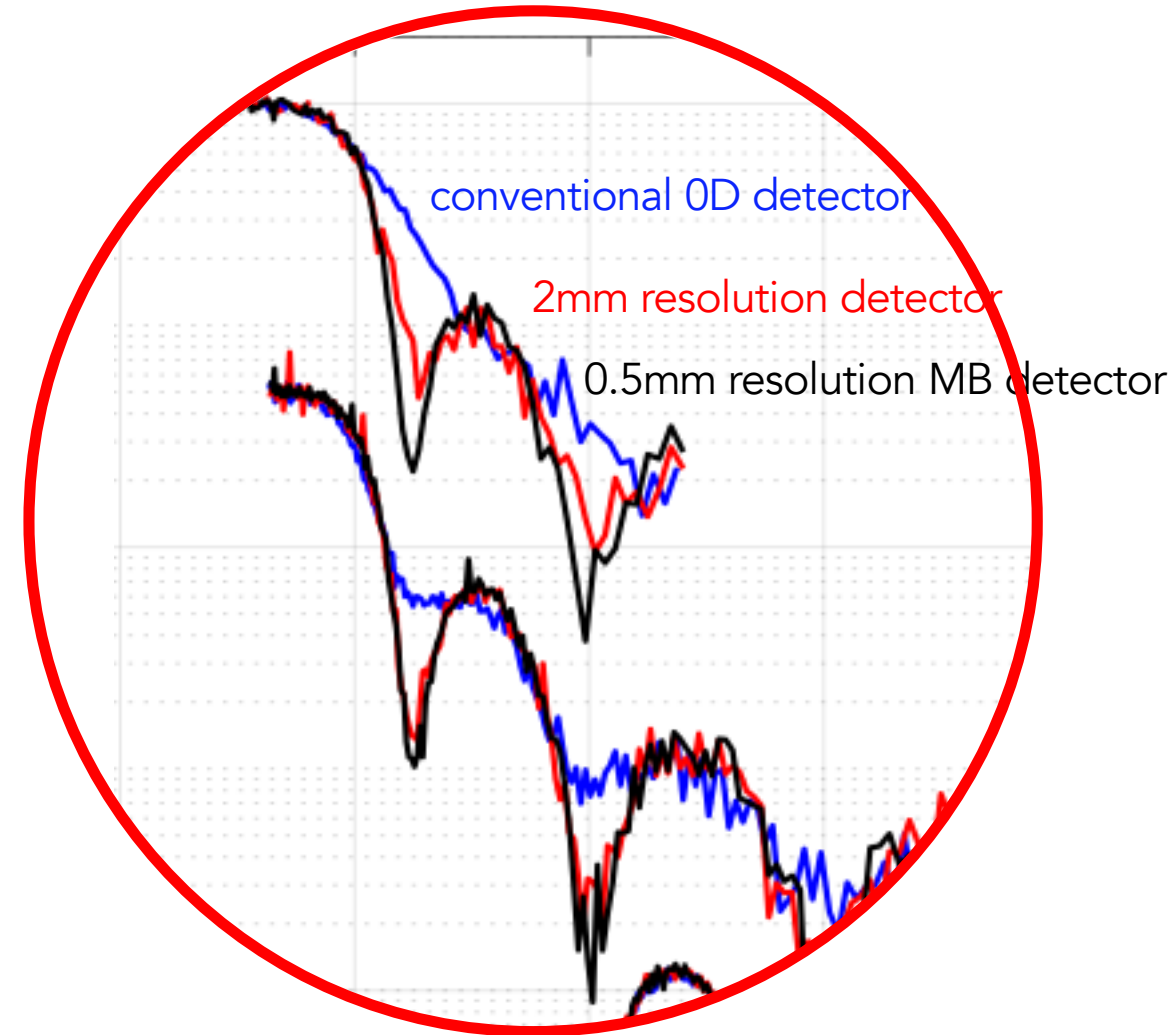
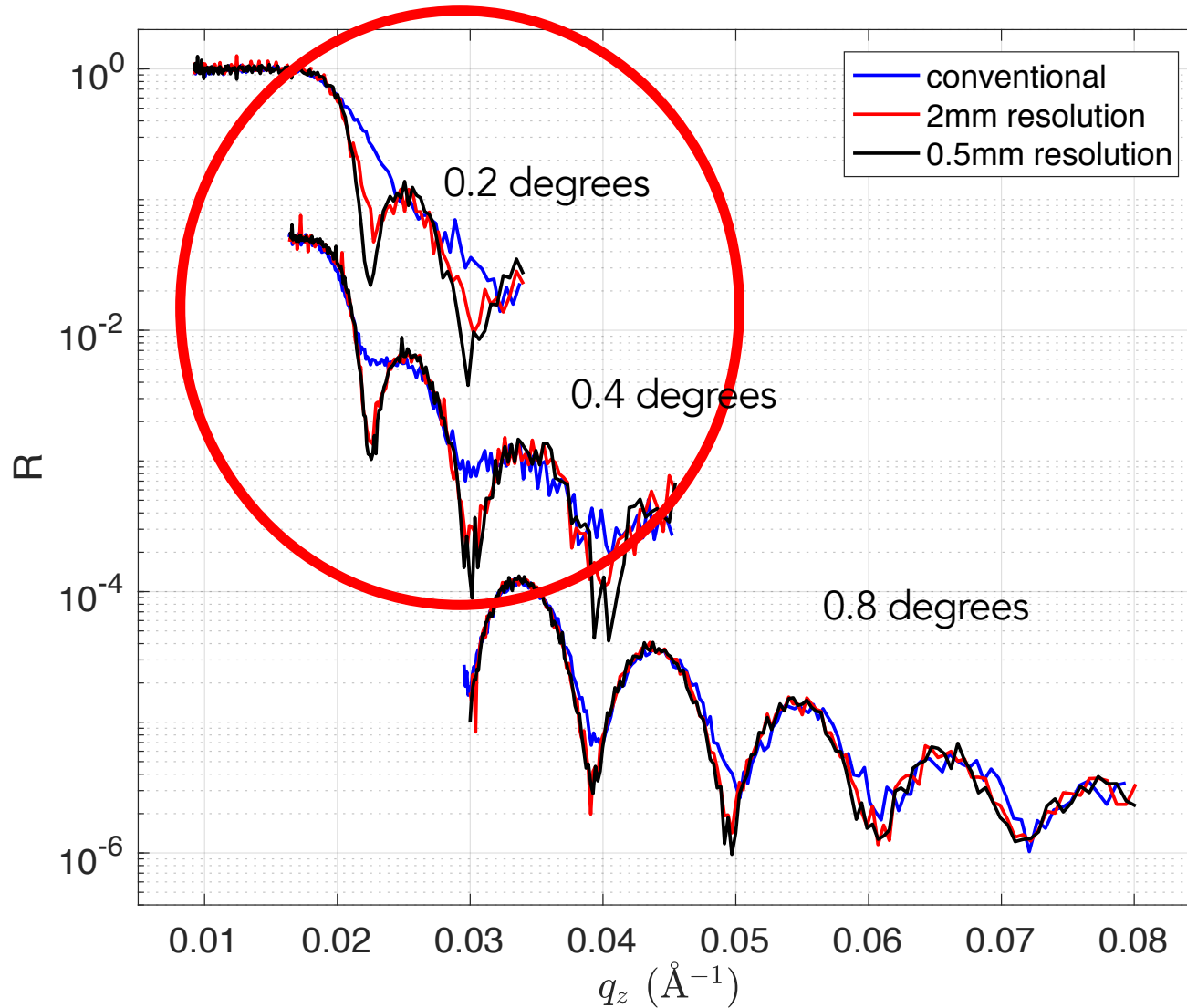
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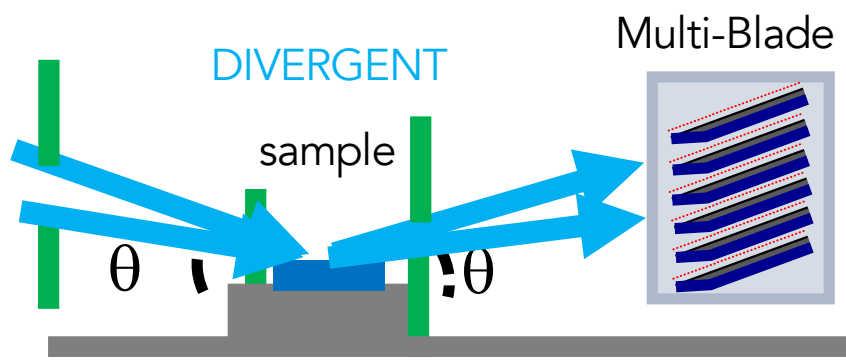
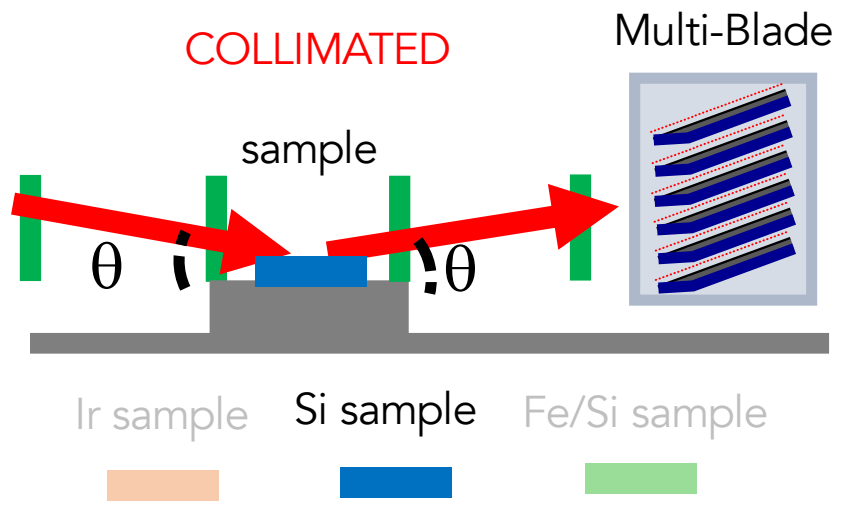
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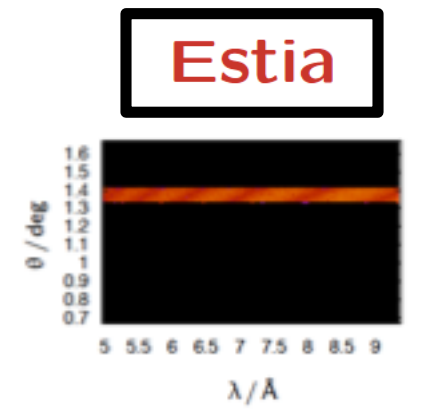
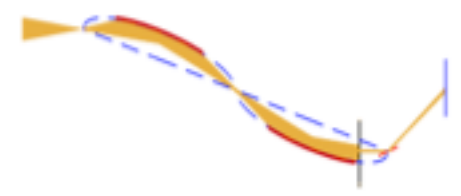
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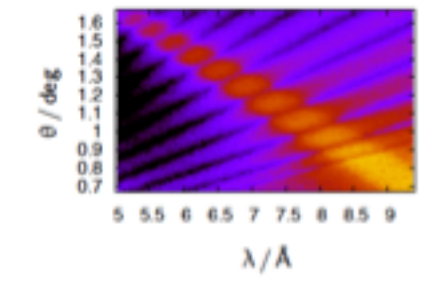
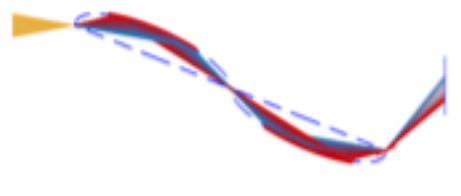


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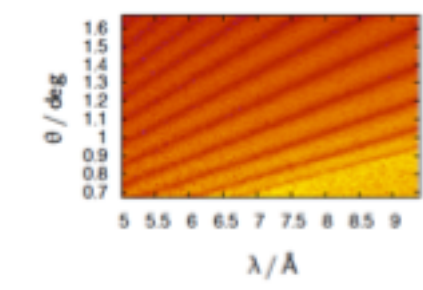
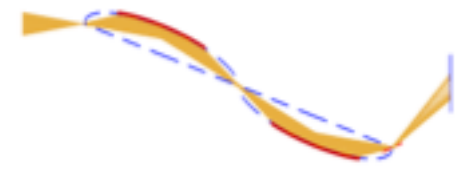
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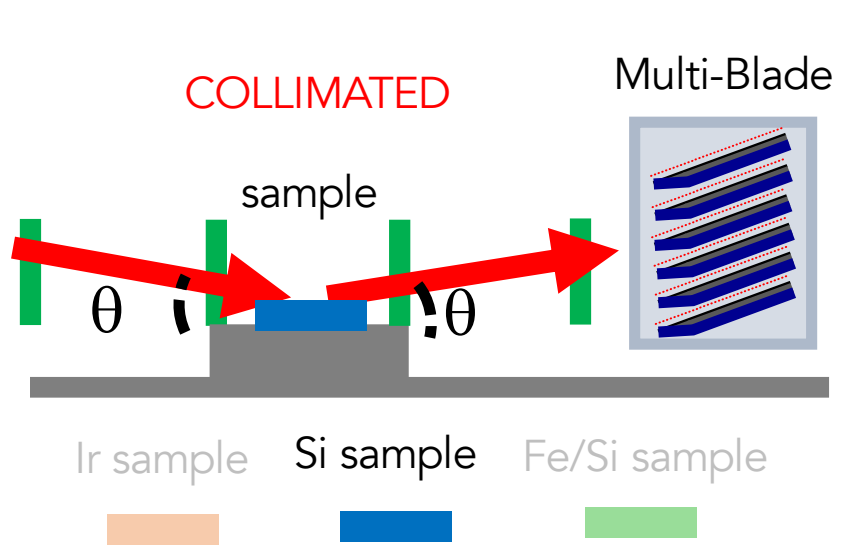


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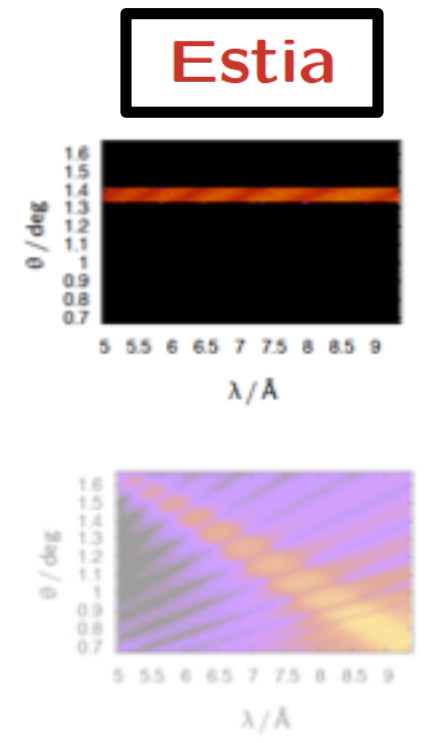
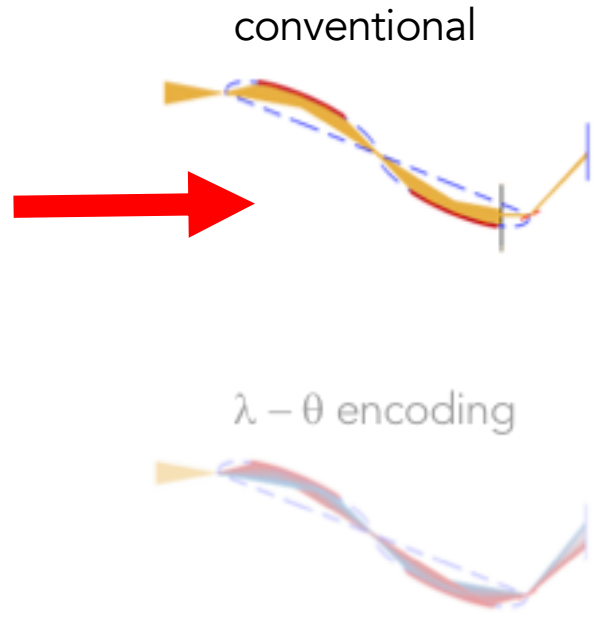
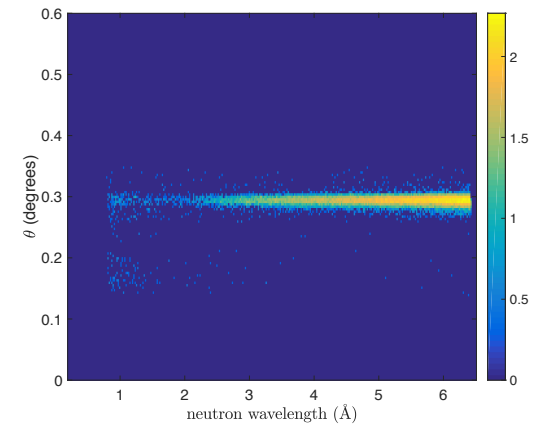


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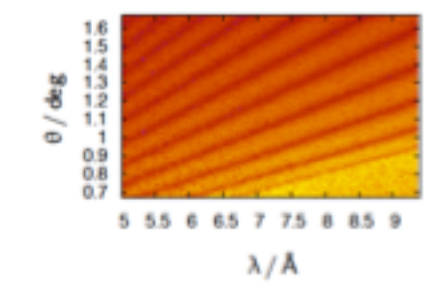
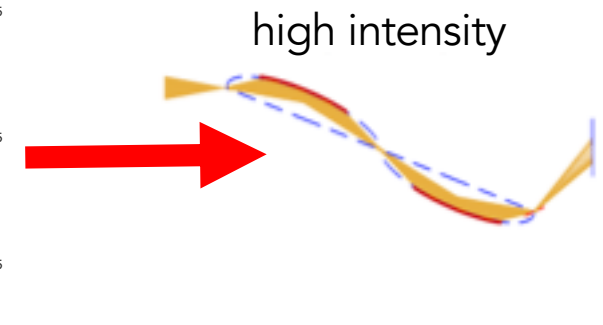
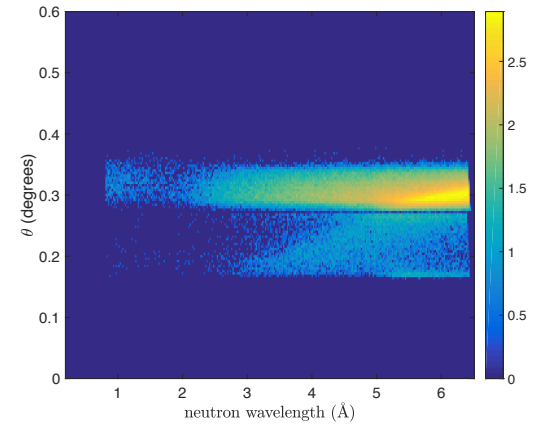
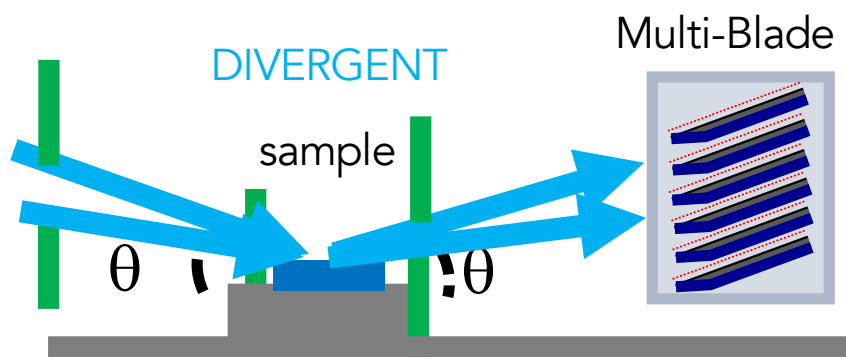


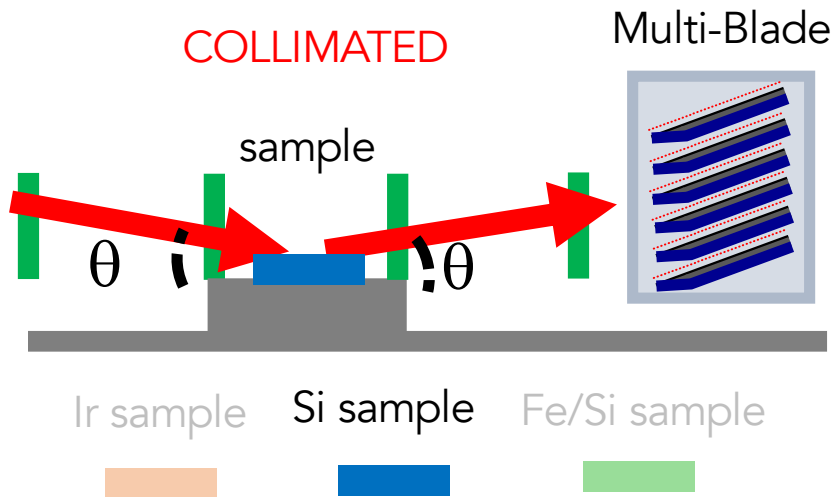


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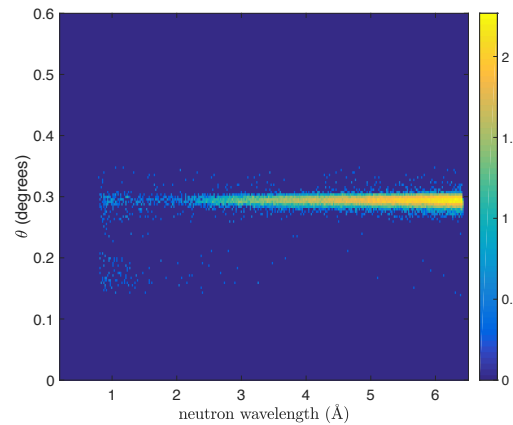


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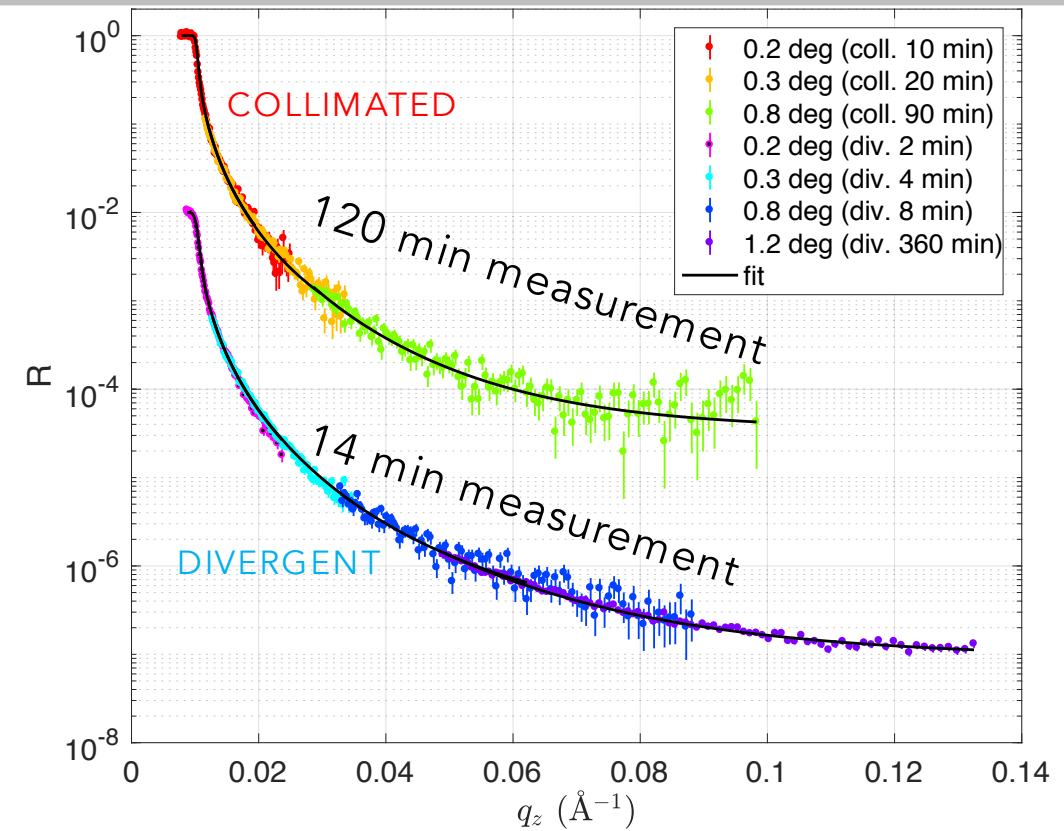
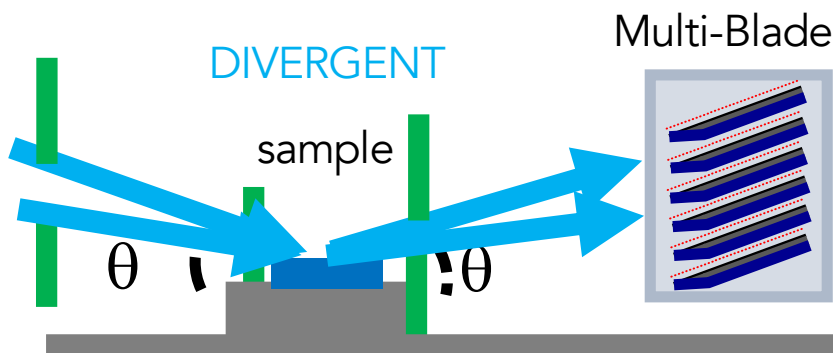
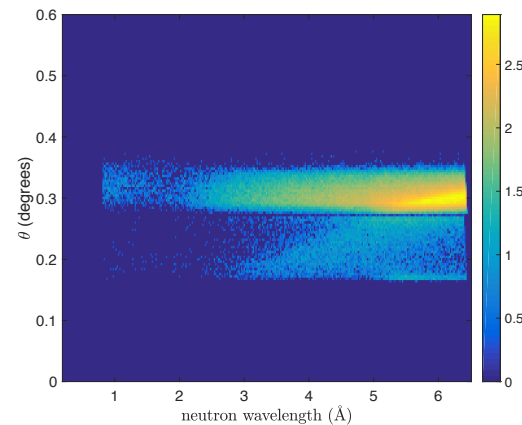




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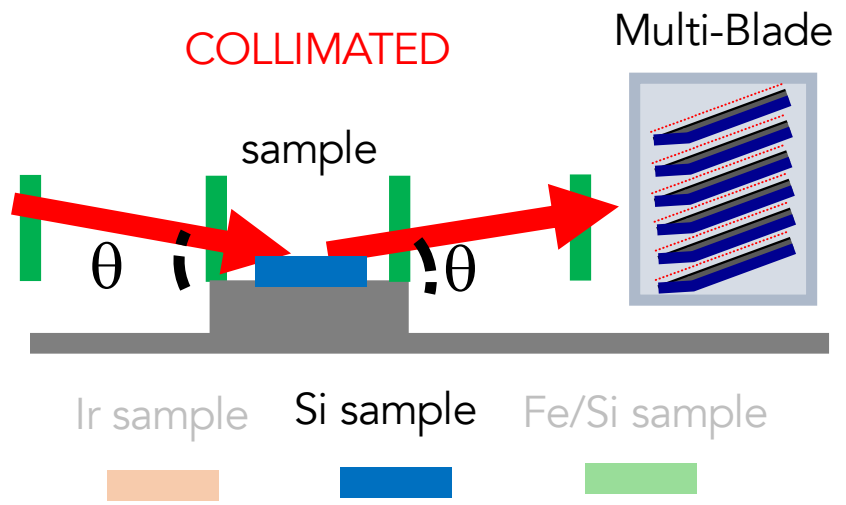
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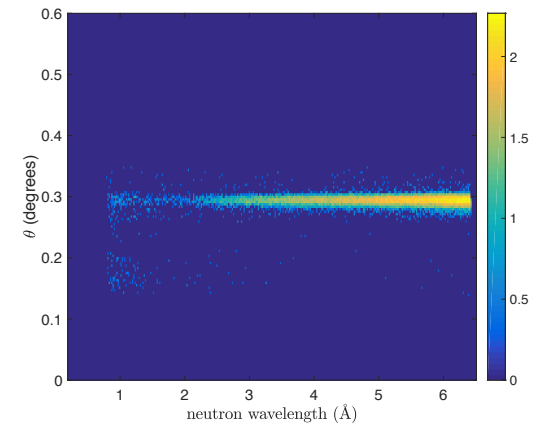
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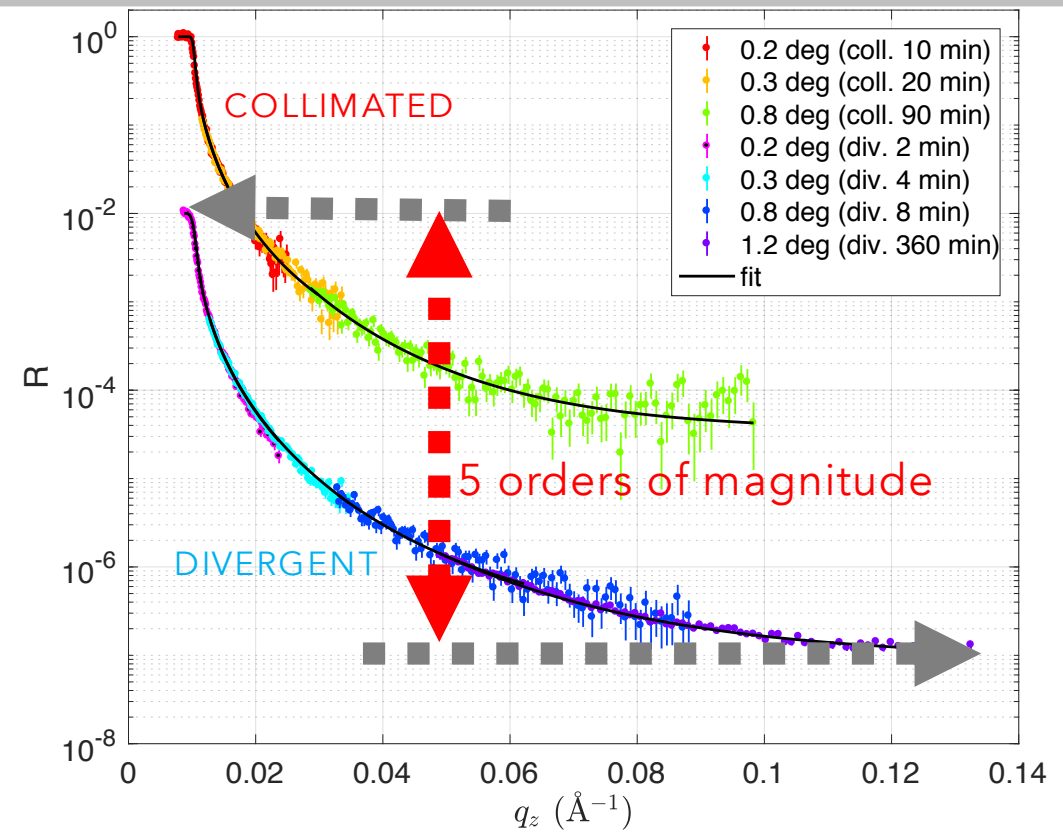
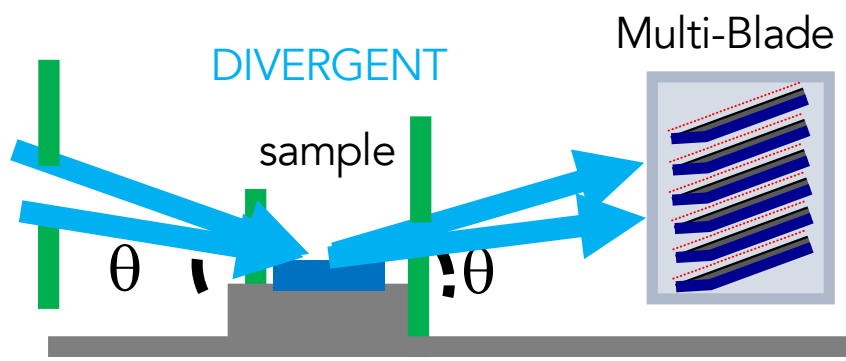
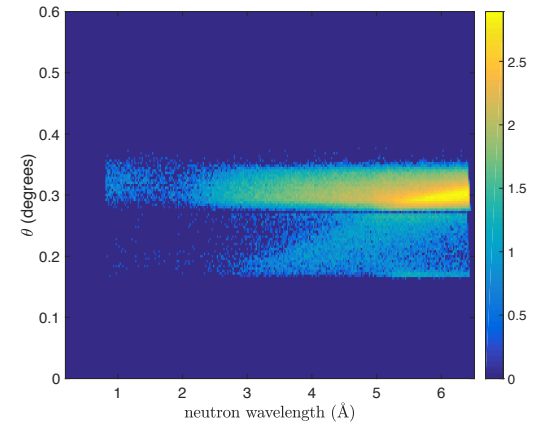
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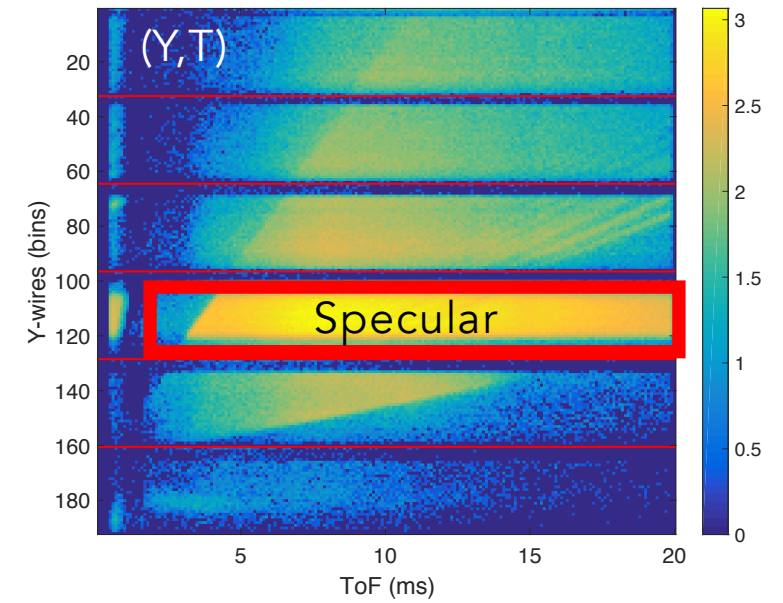
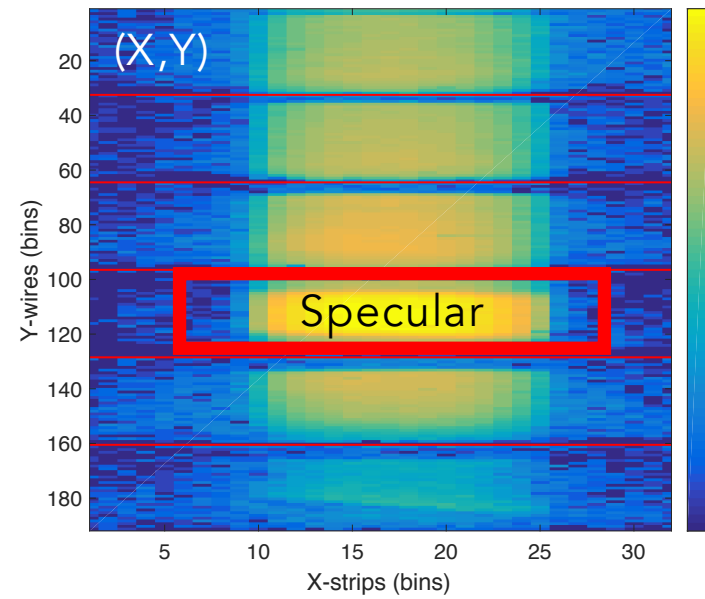
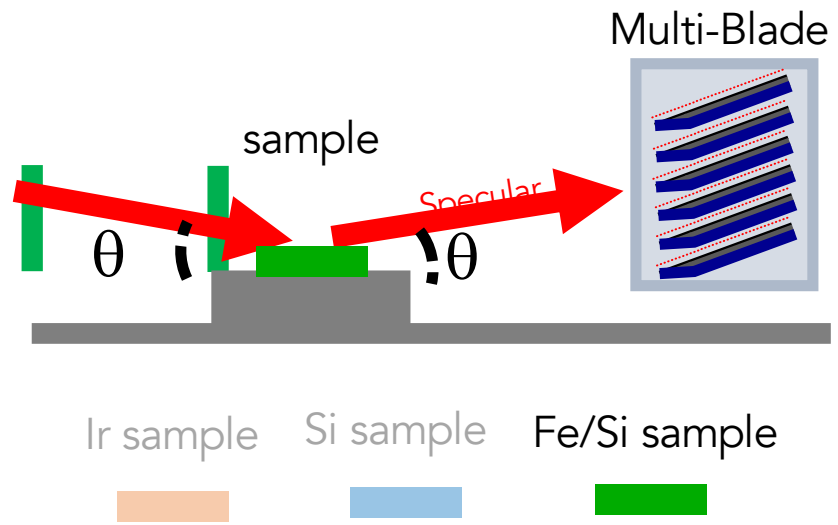
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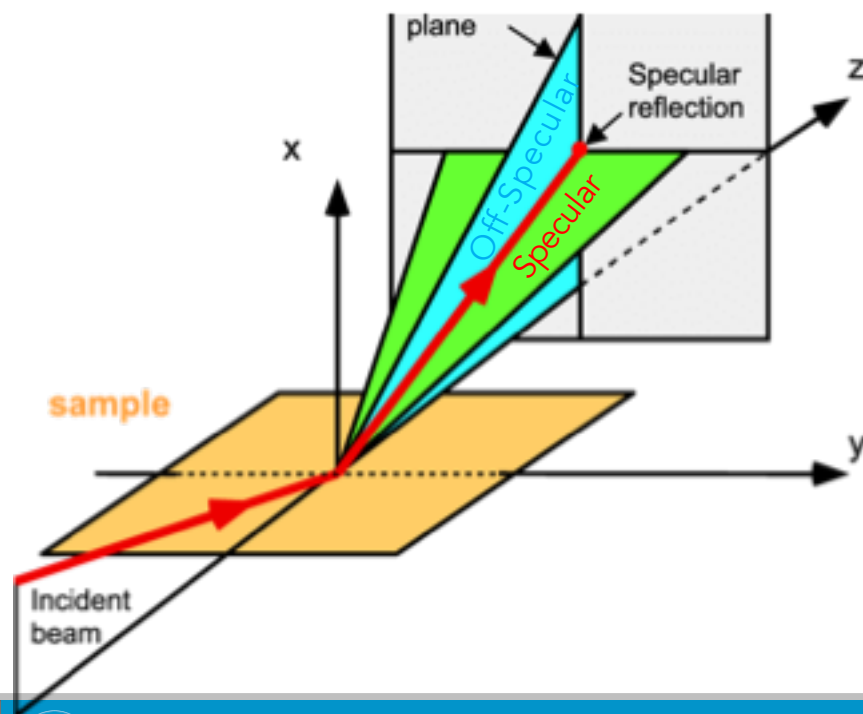
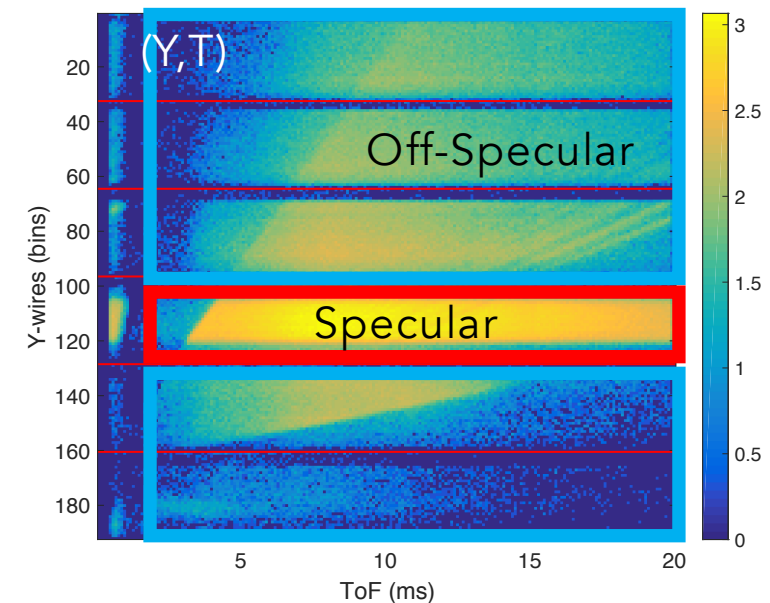
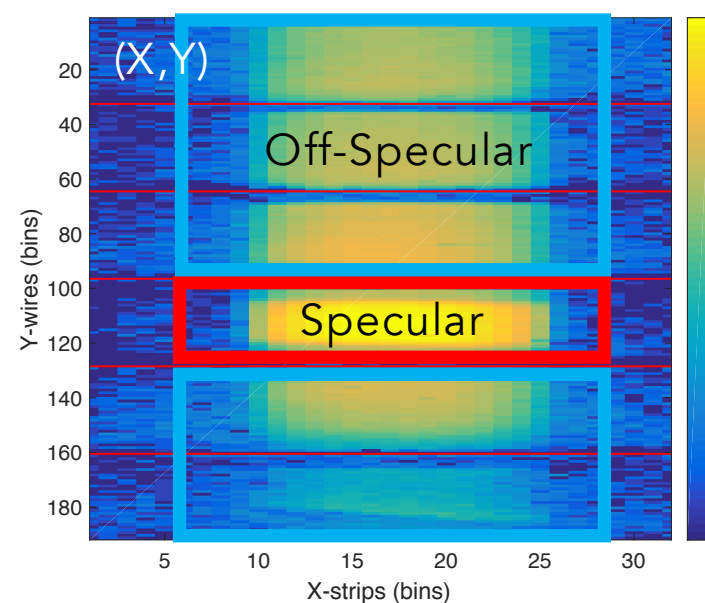
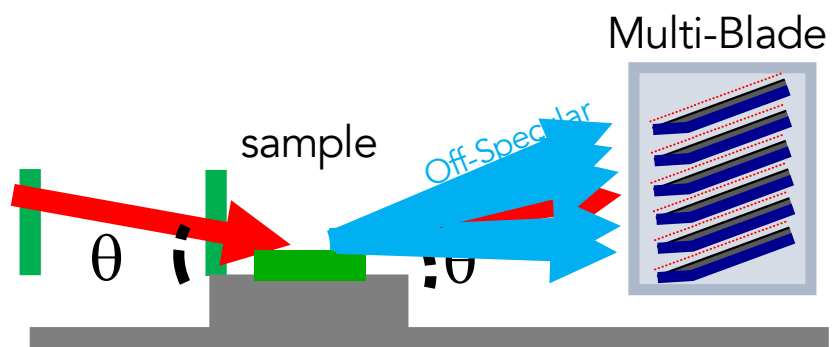


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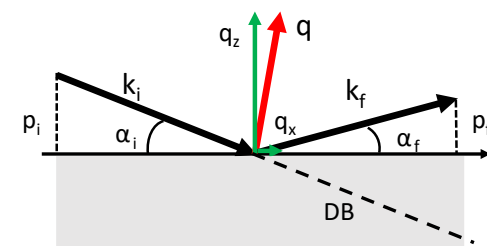
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Parallel component of the scattering vector  $q$ .

Investigation of in-plane structures.



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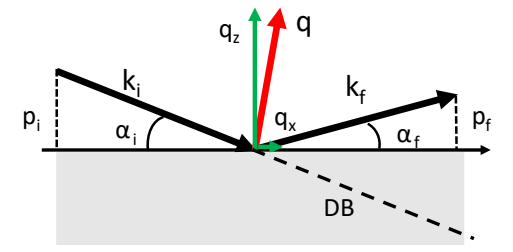
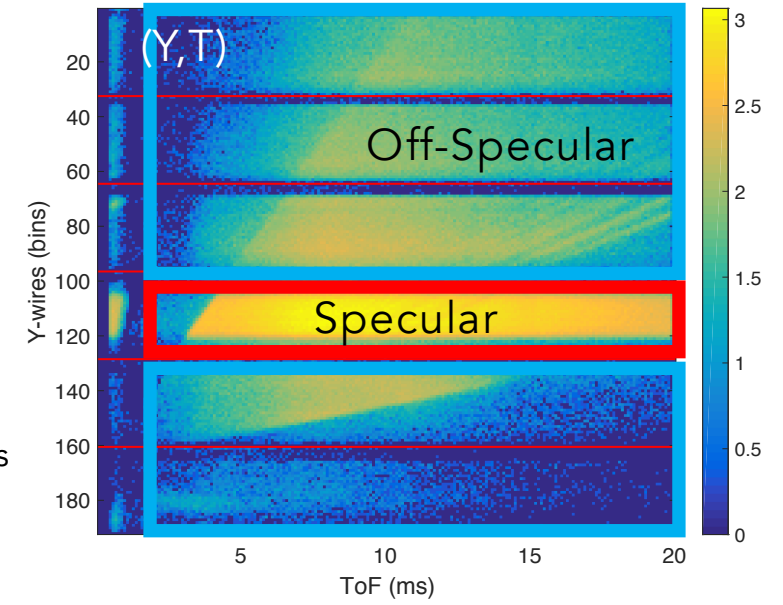
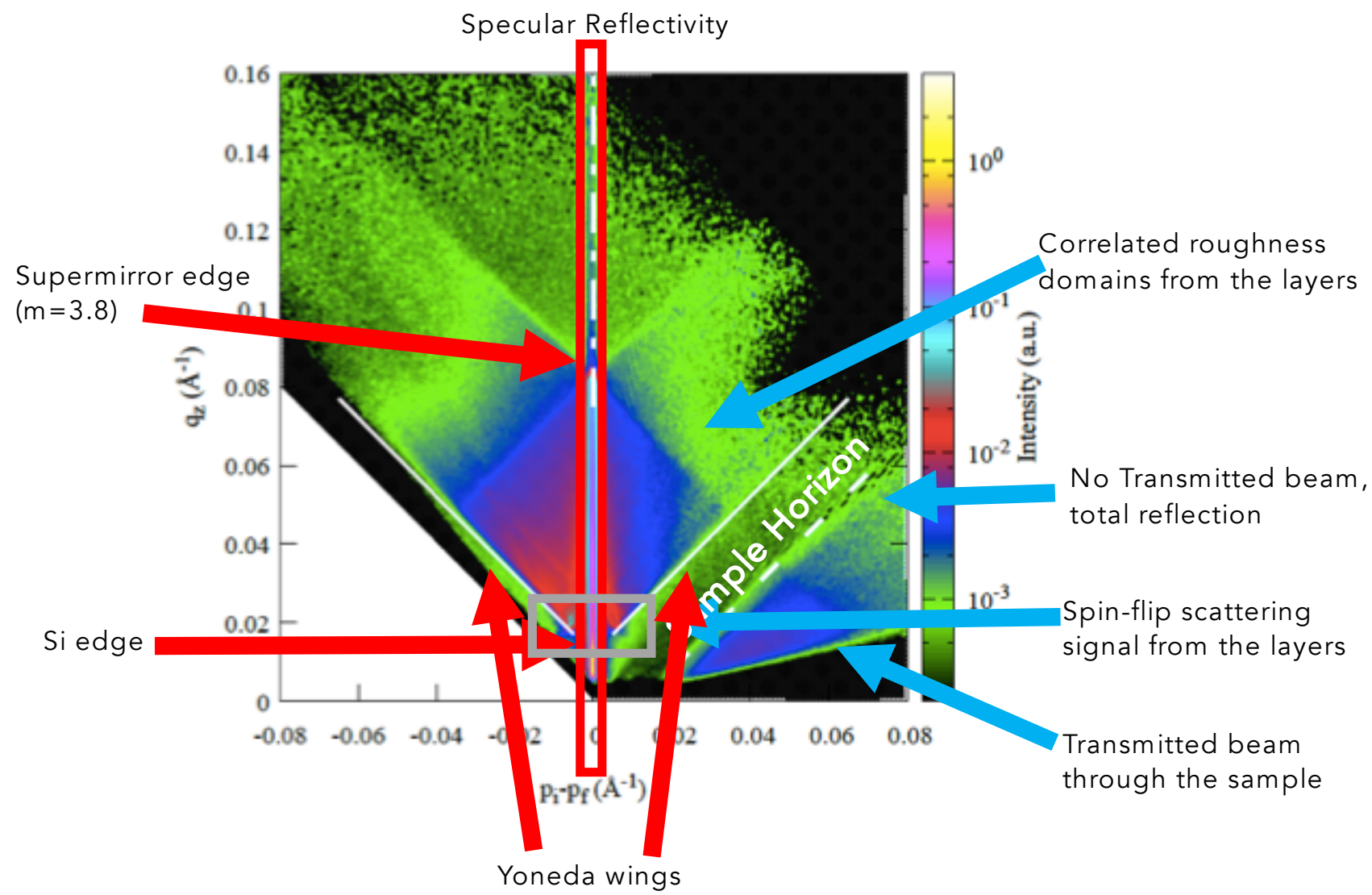
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Off-specular scattering from Fe/Si neutron supermirror



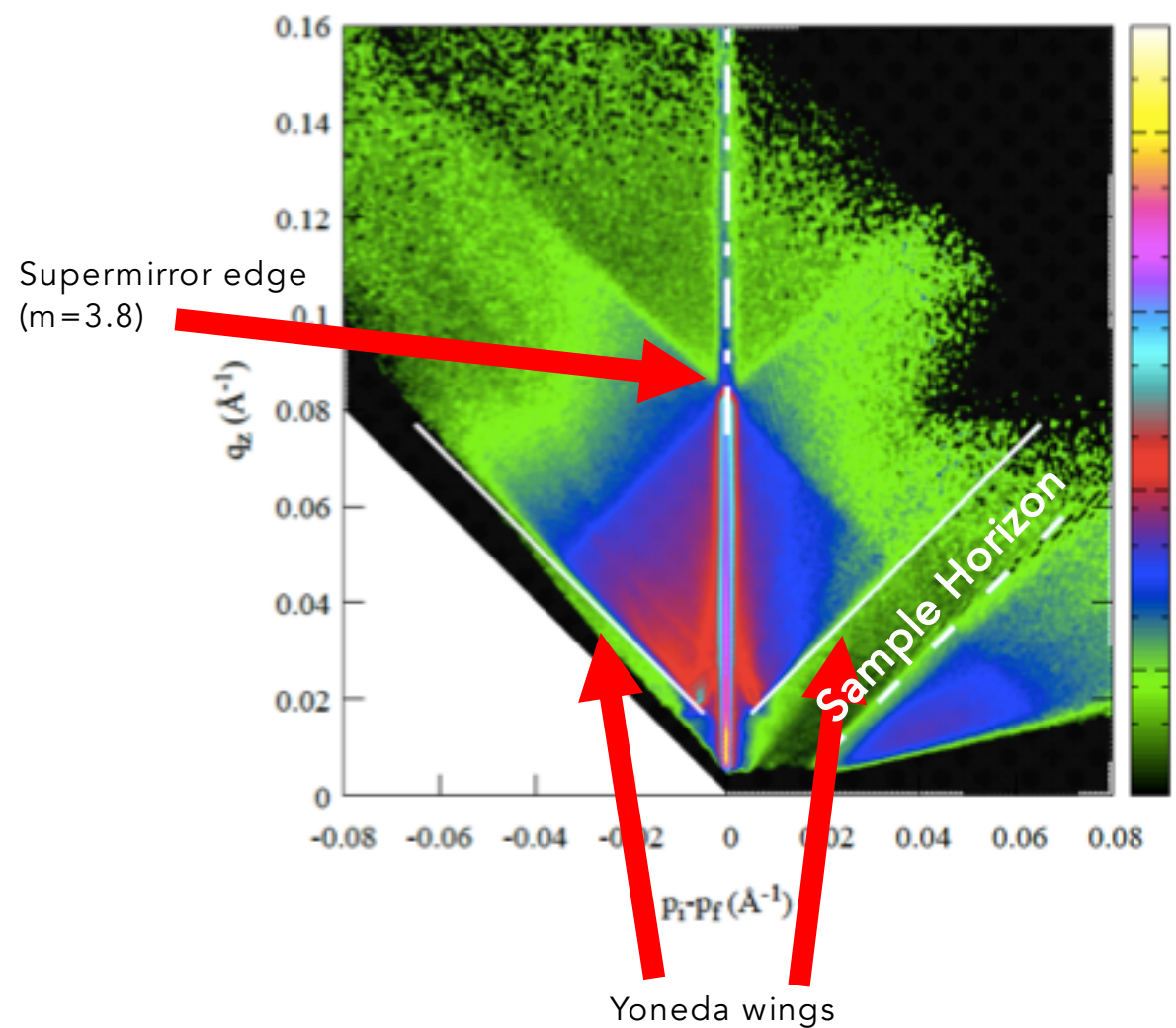
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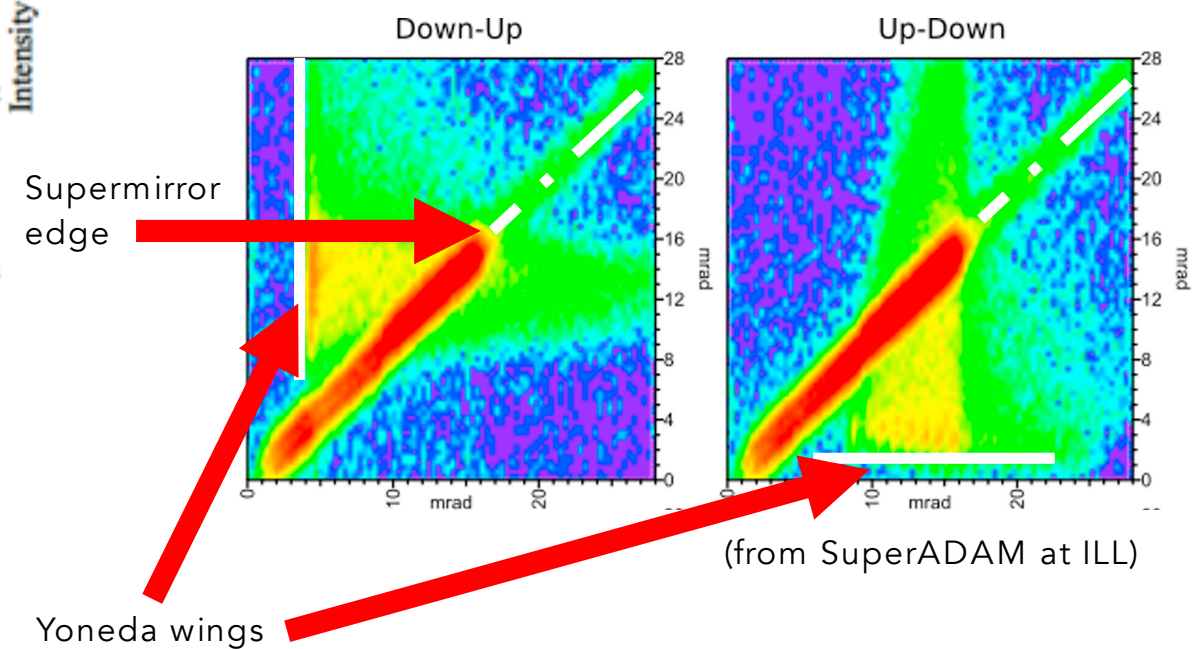
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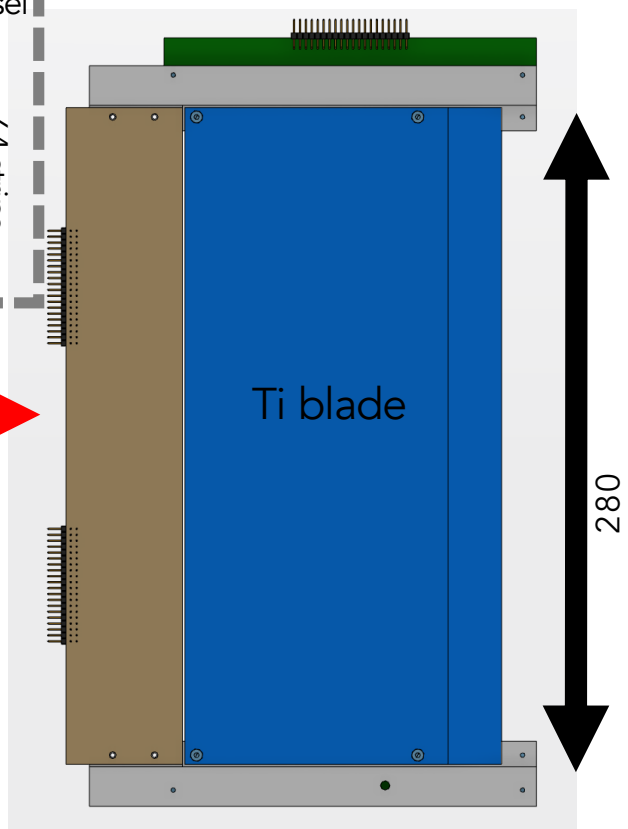
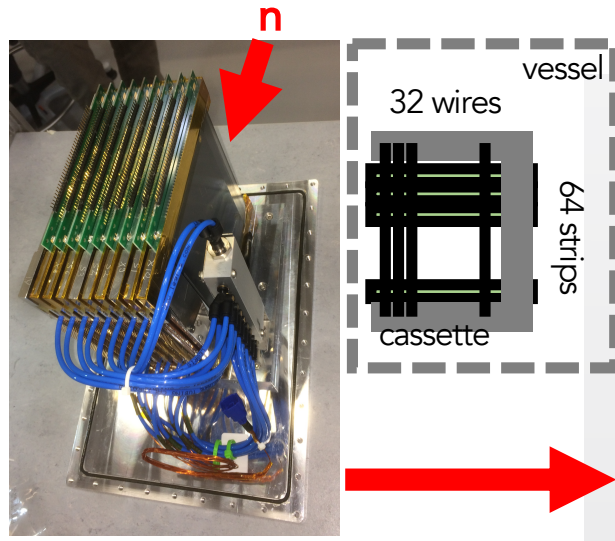
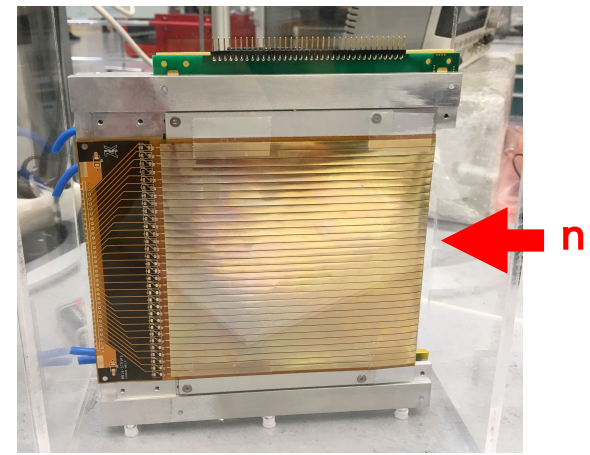
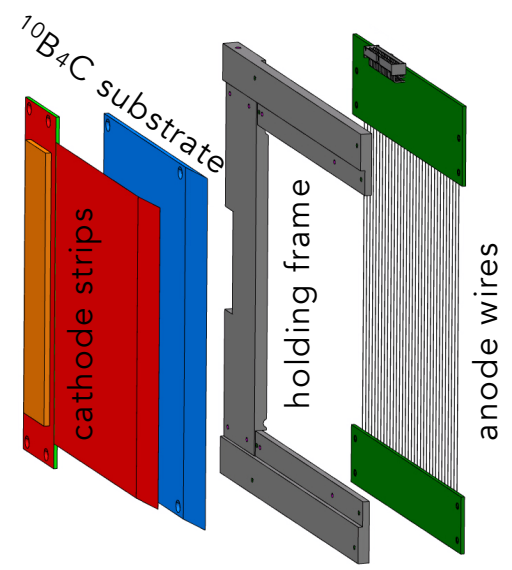
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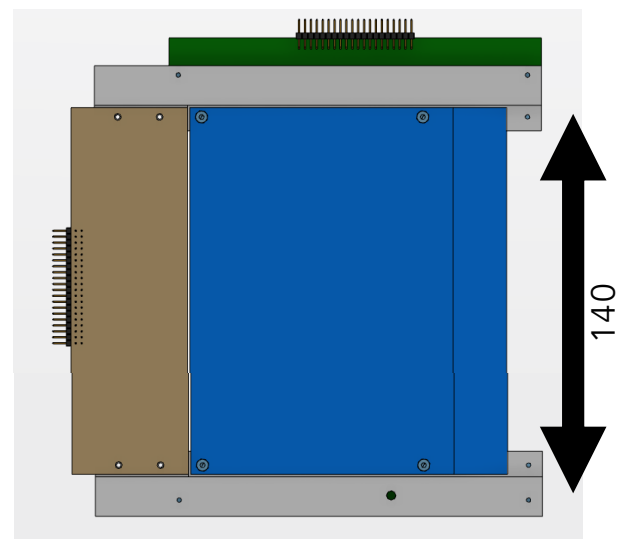
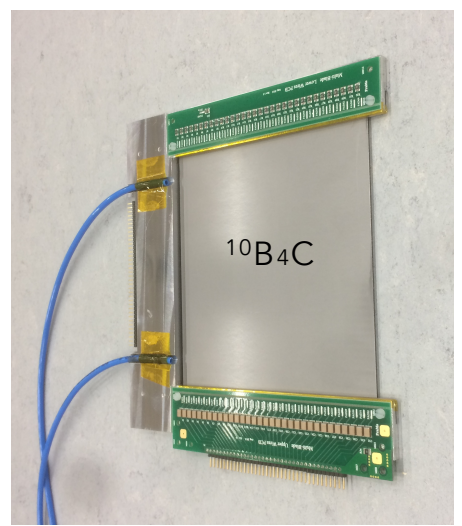


# MB300 for ESTIA & FREIA

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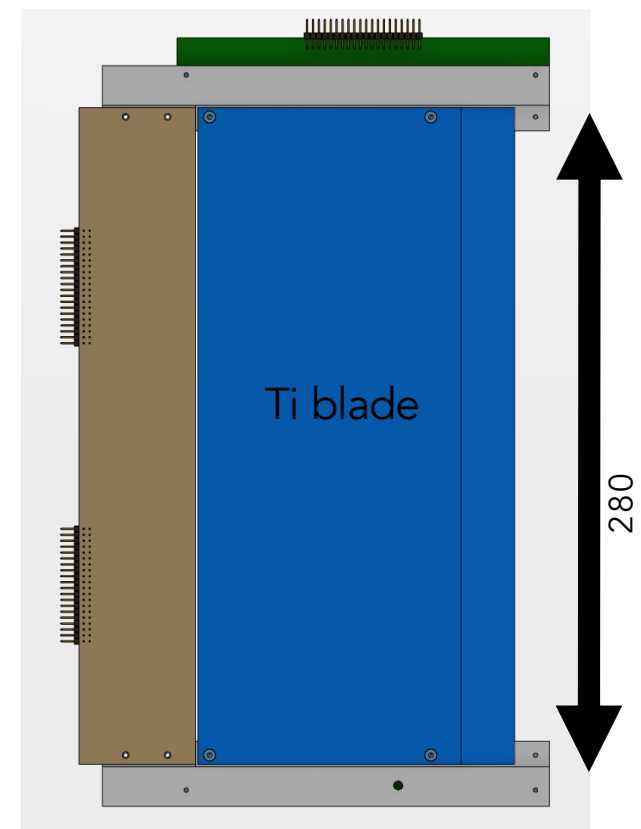
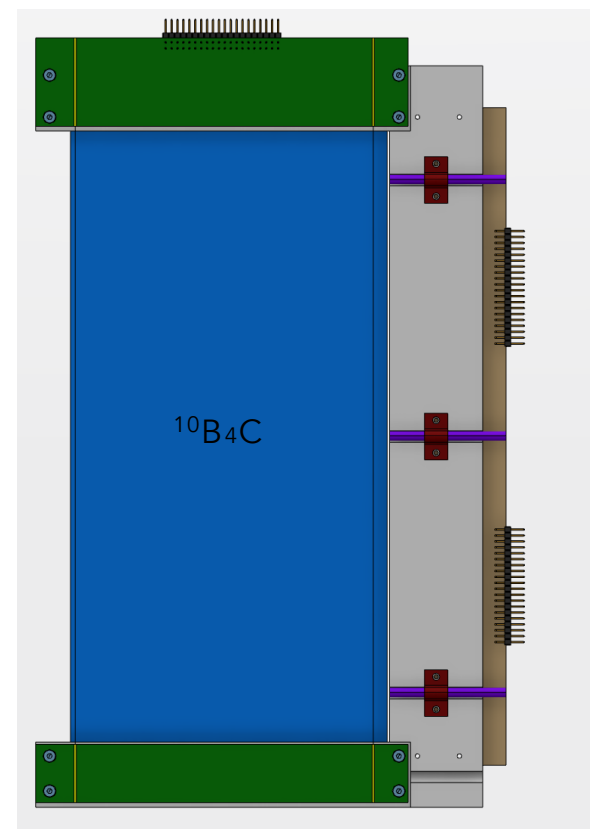
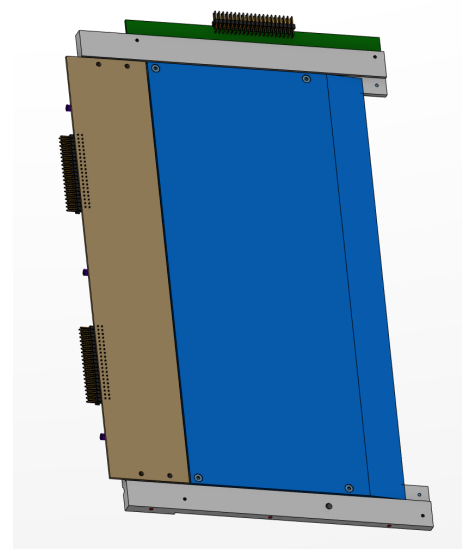
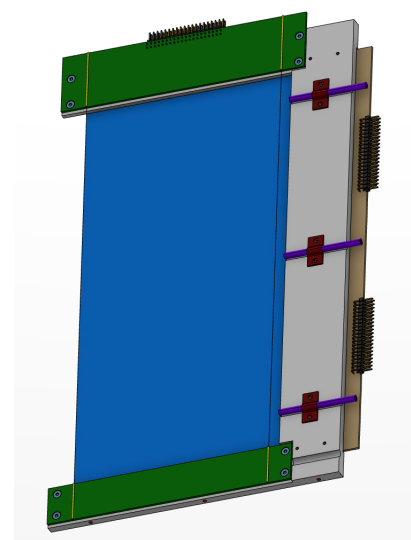
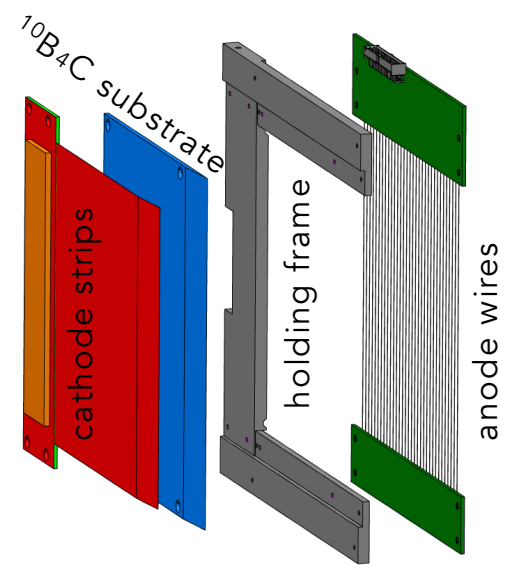
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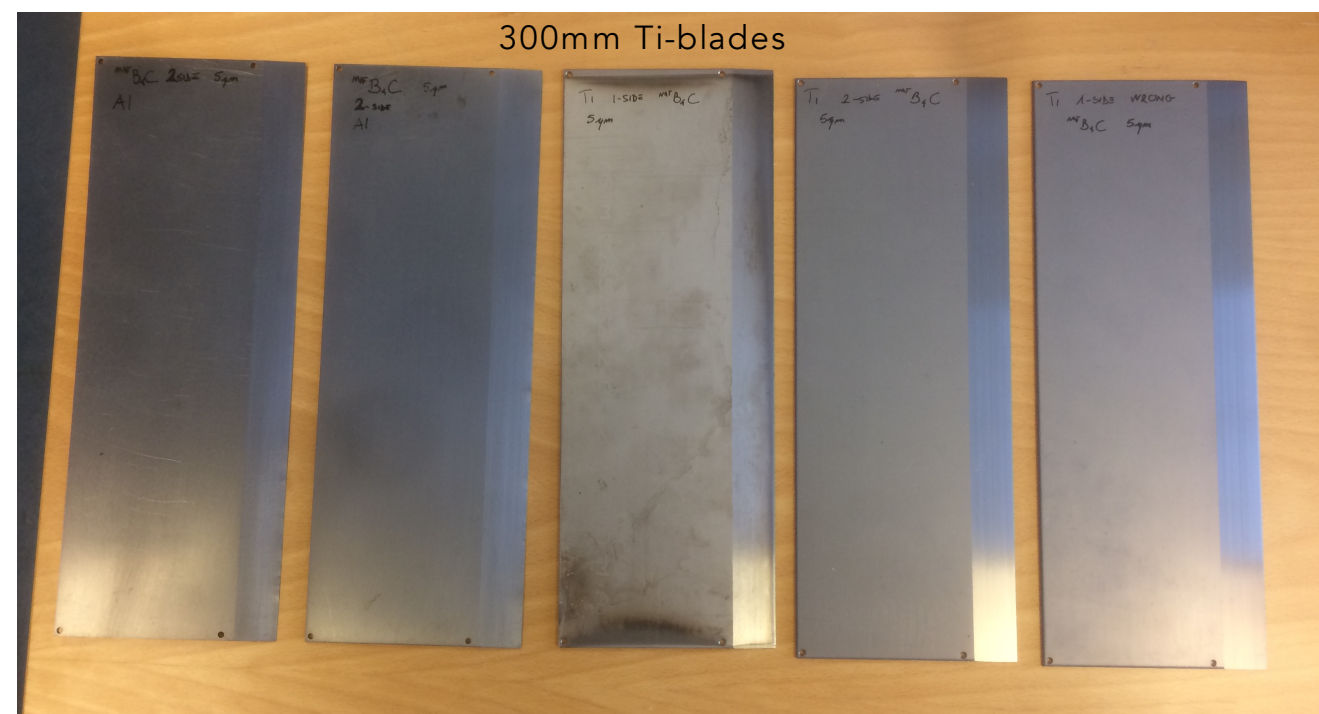
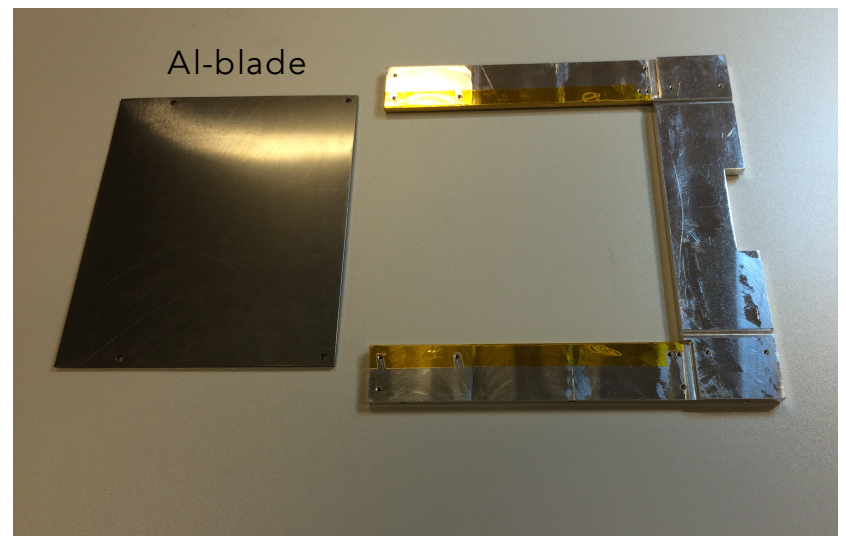
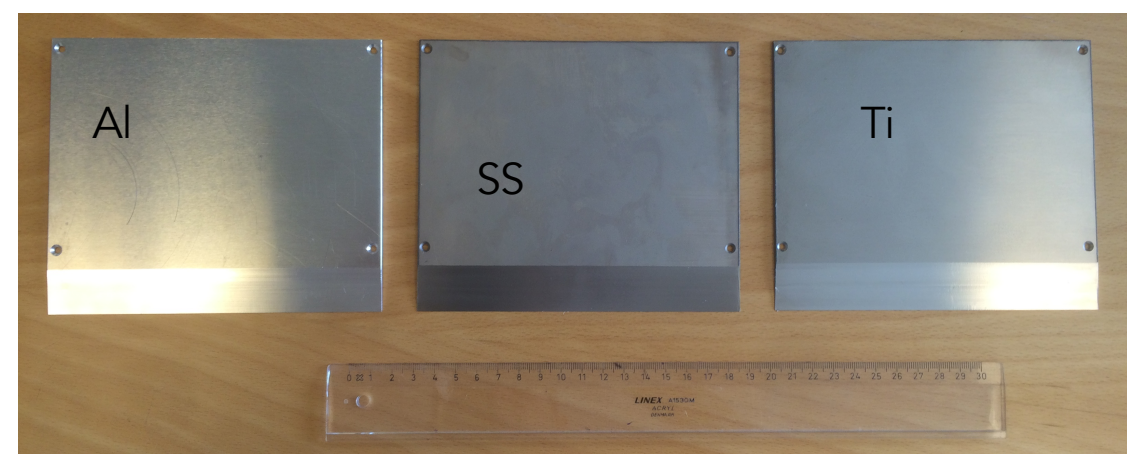
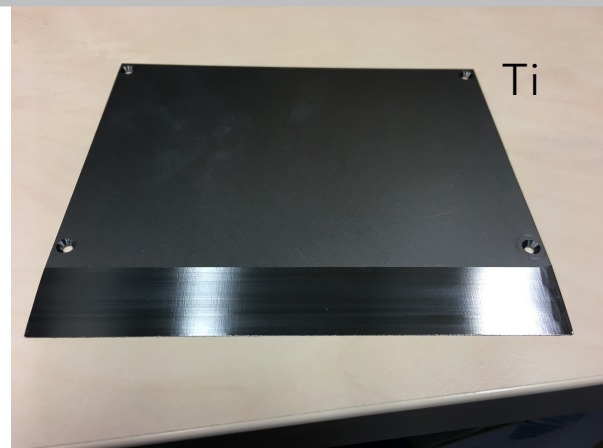
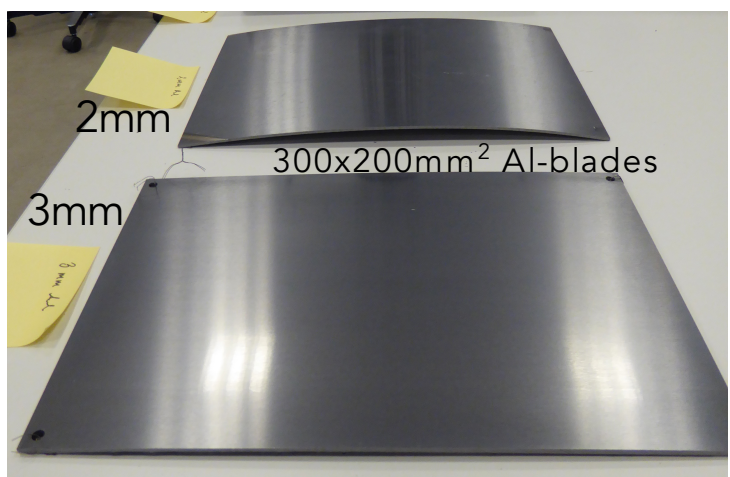
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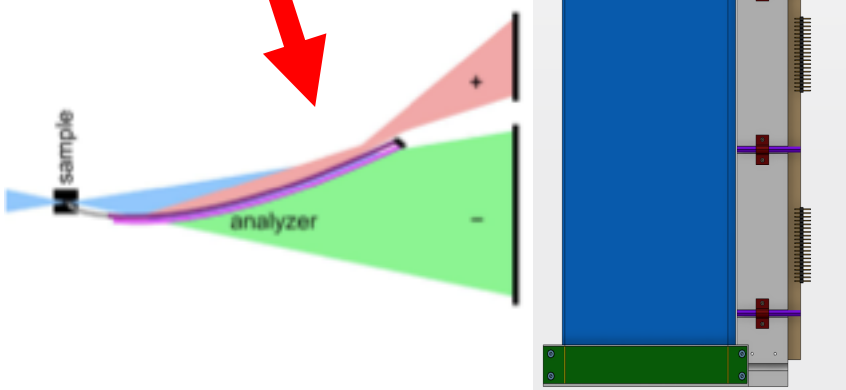
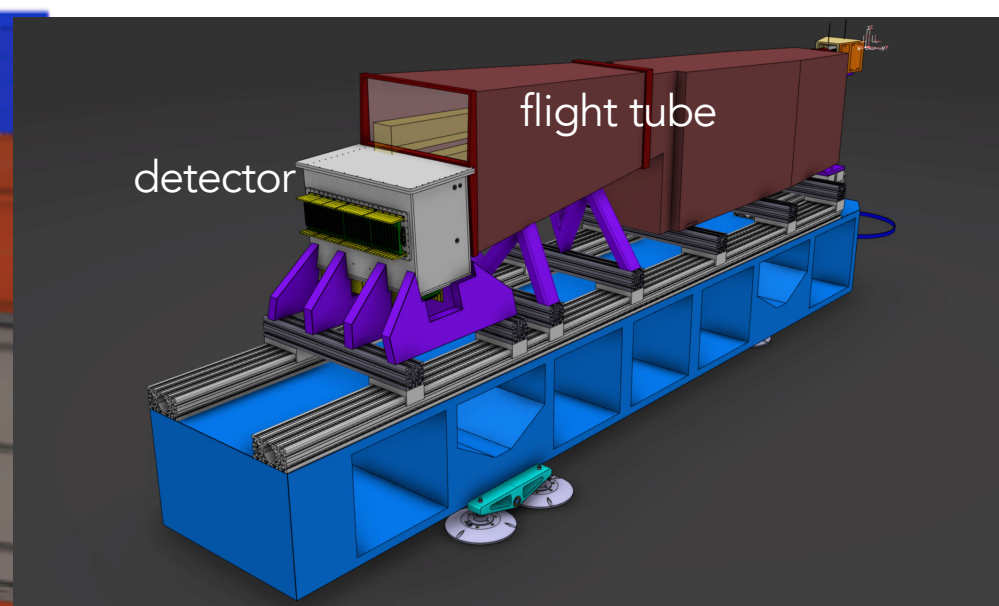


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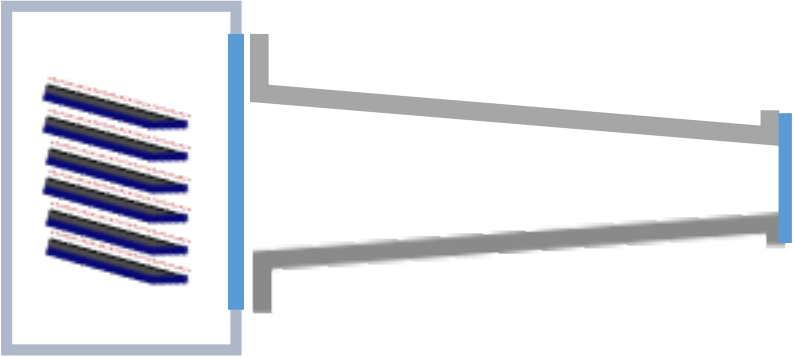


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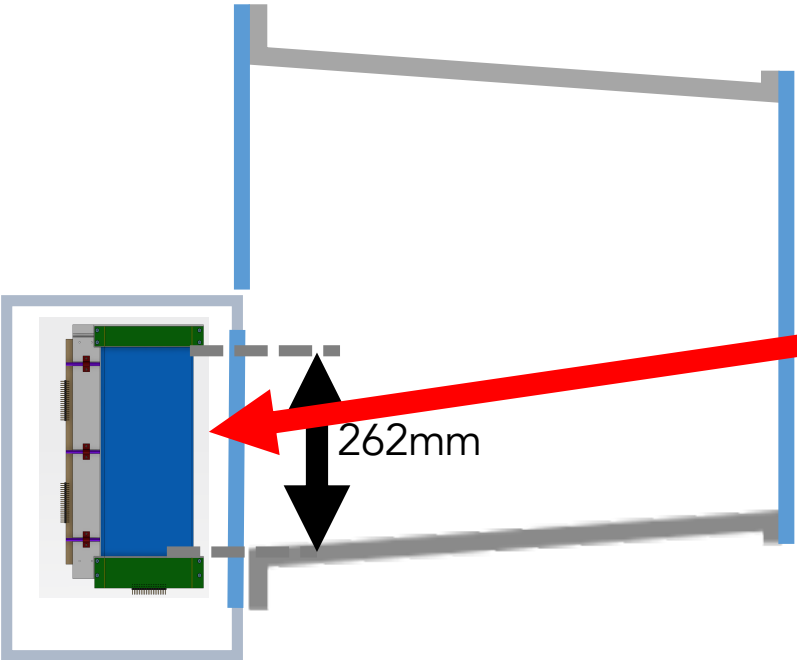


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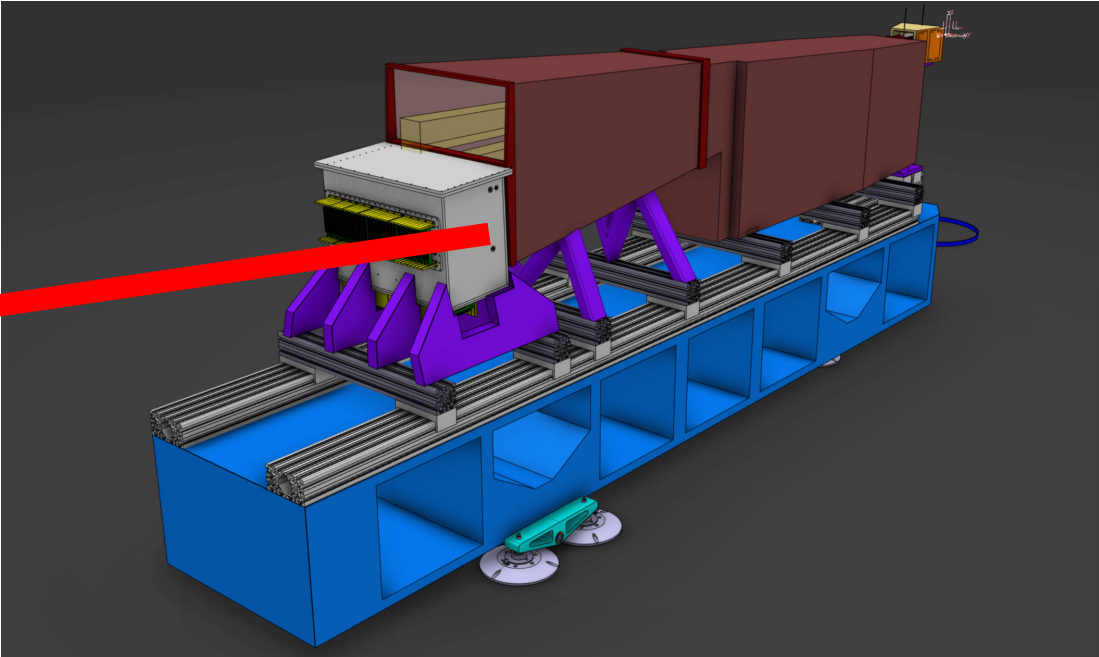


Multi-Blade

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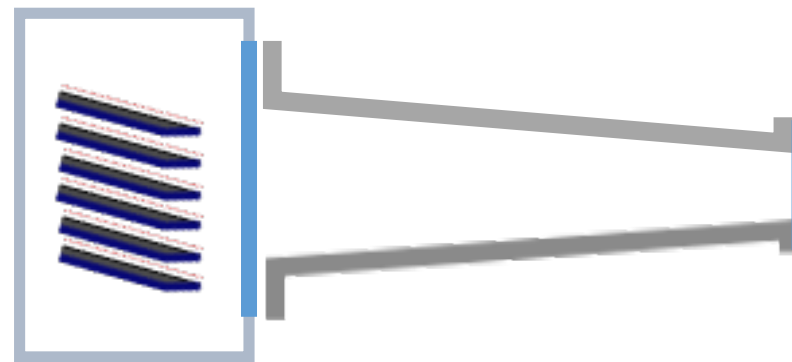


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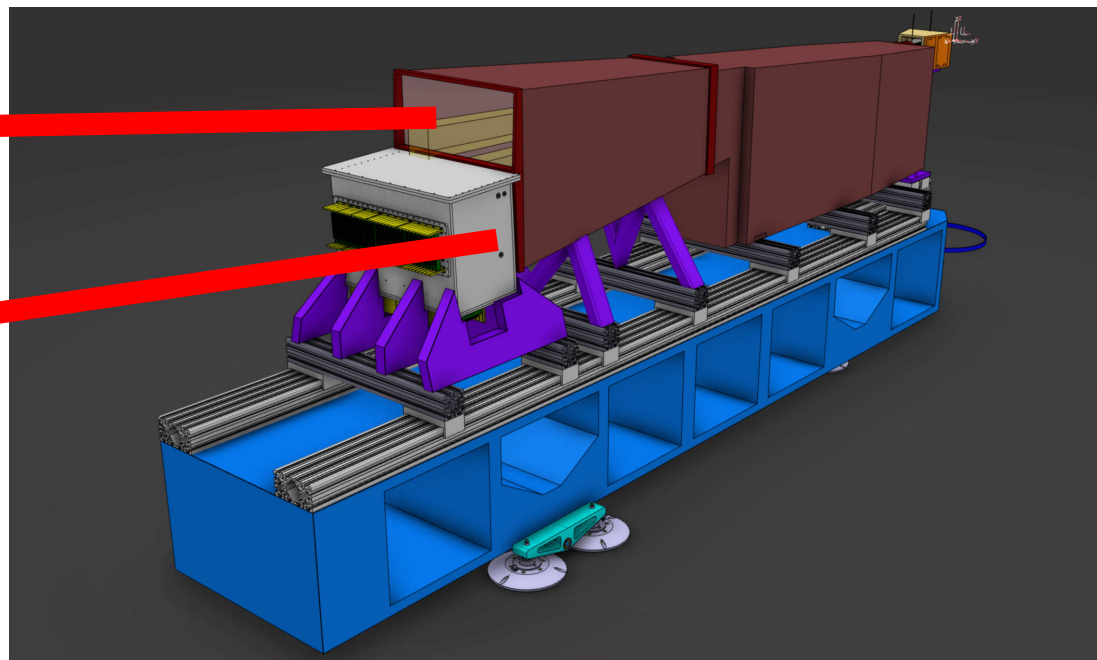
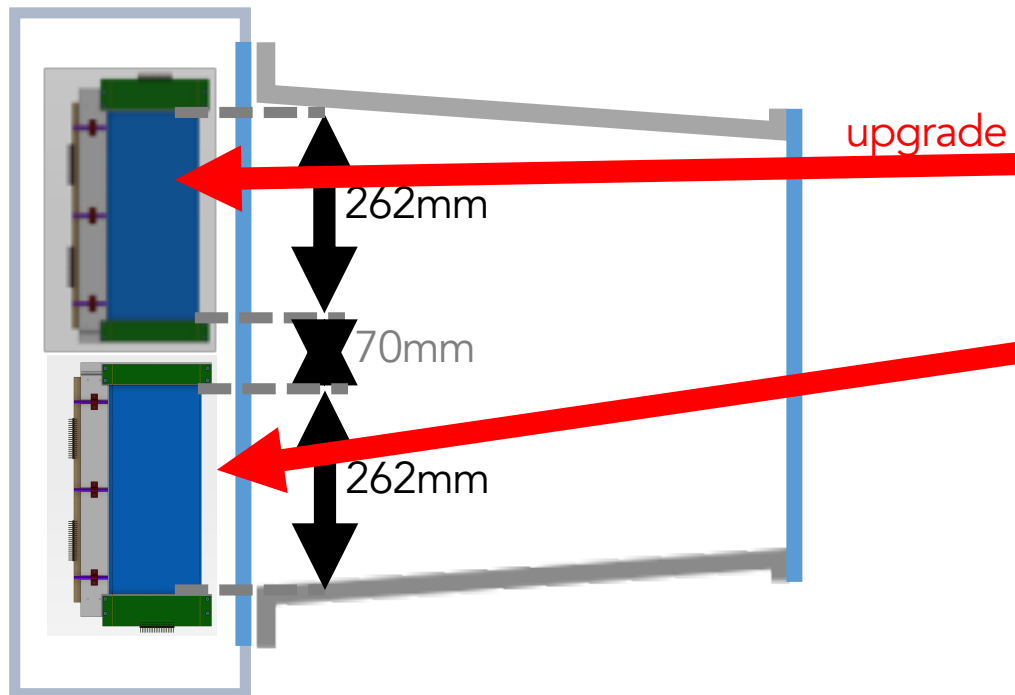


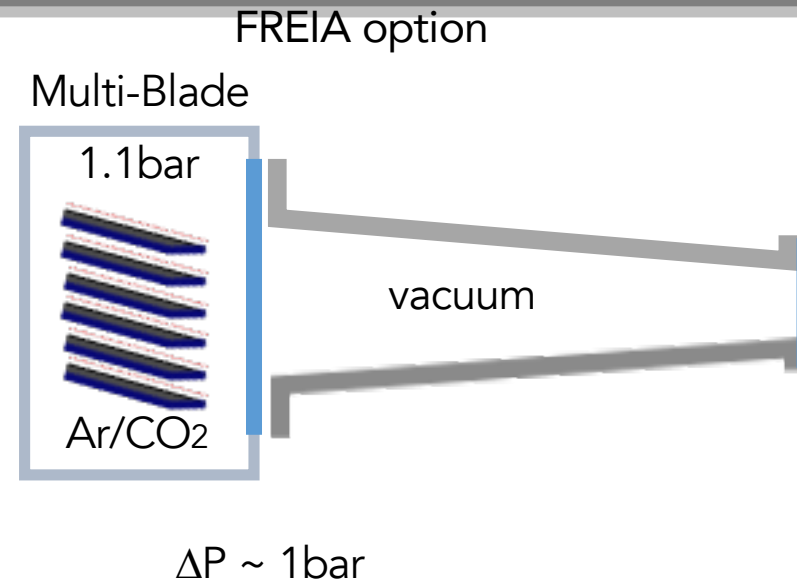
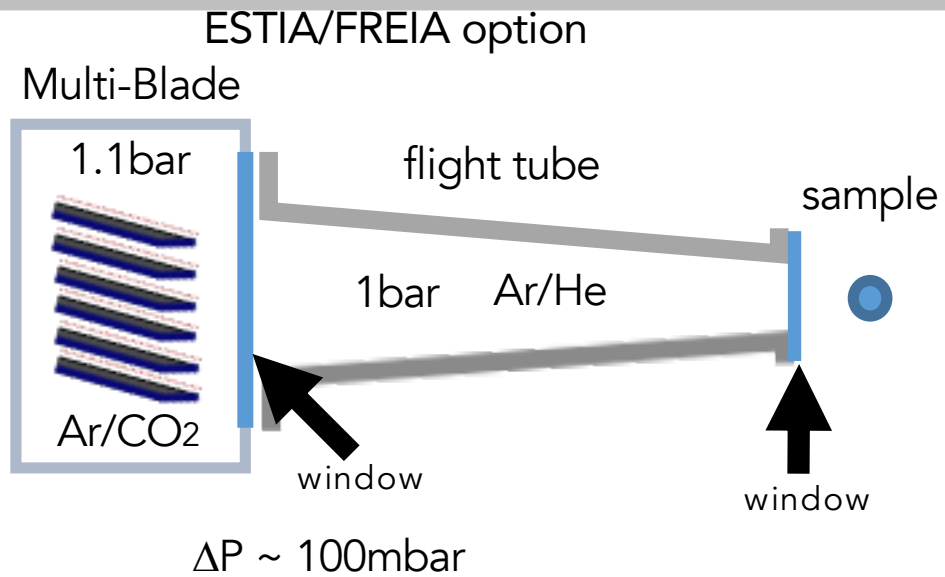
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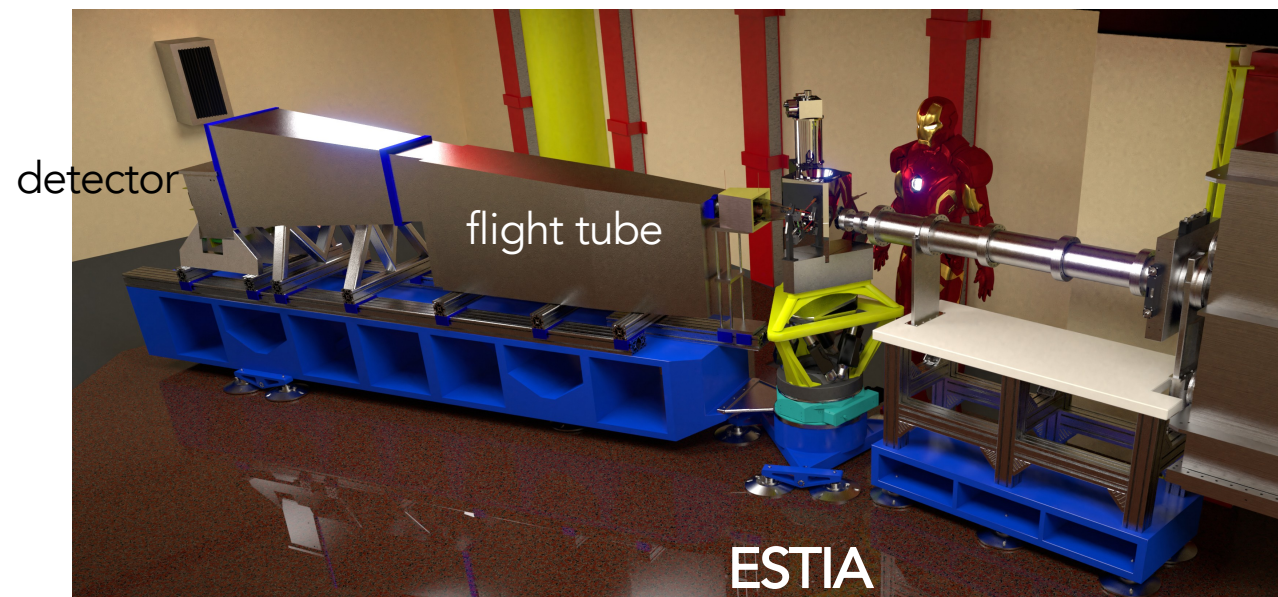
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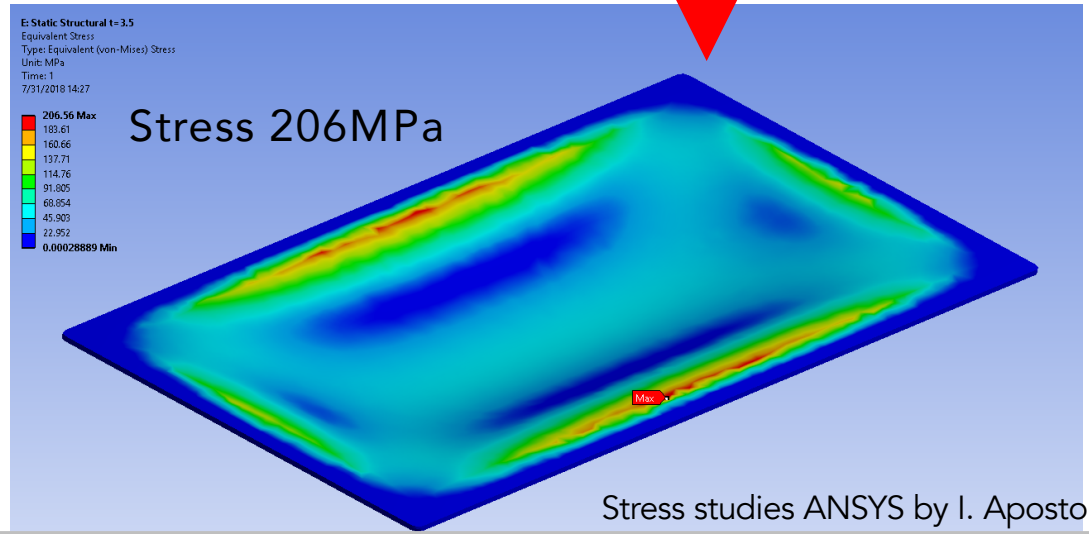
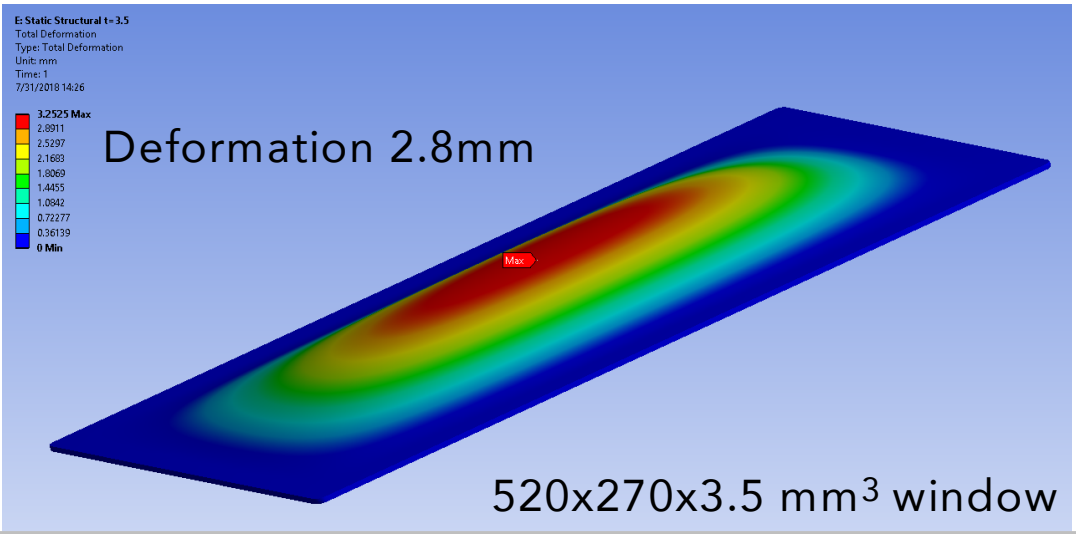
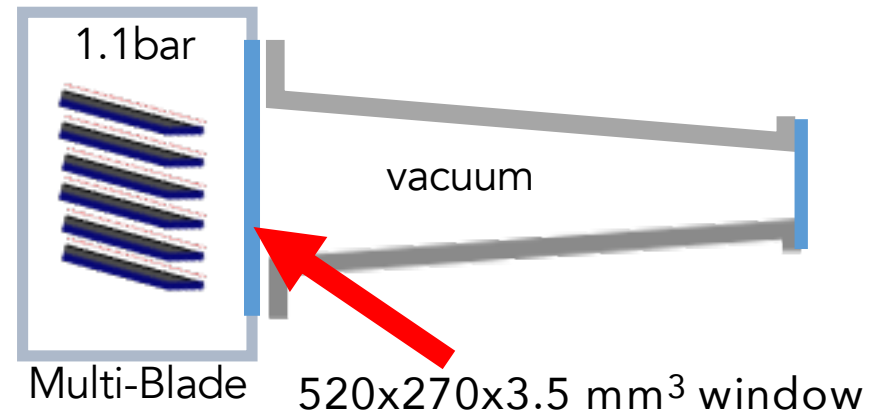
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can be used



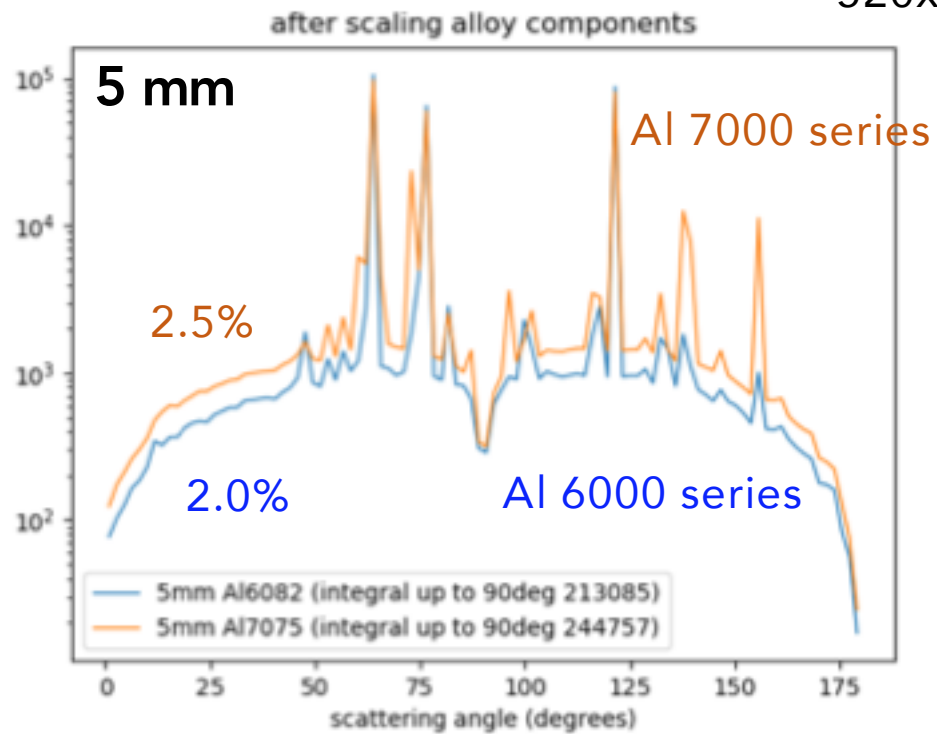
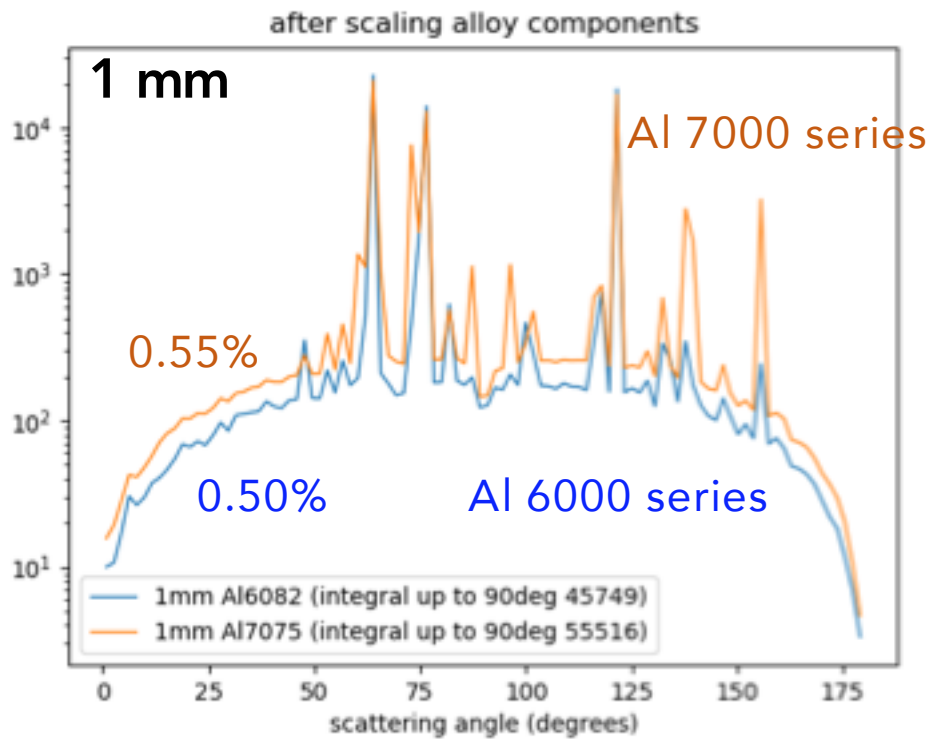
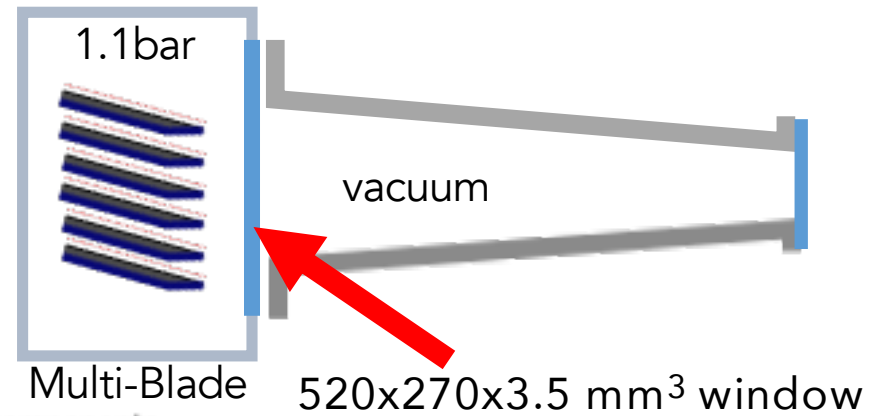
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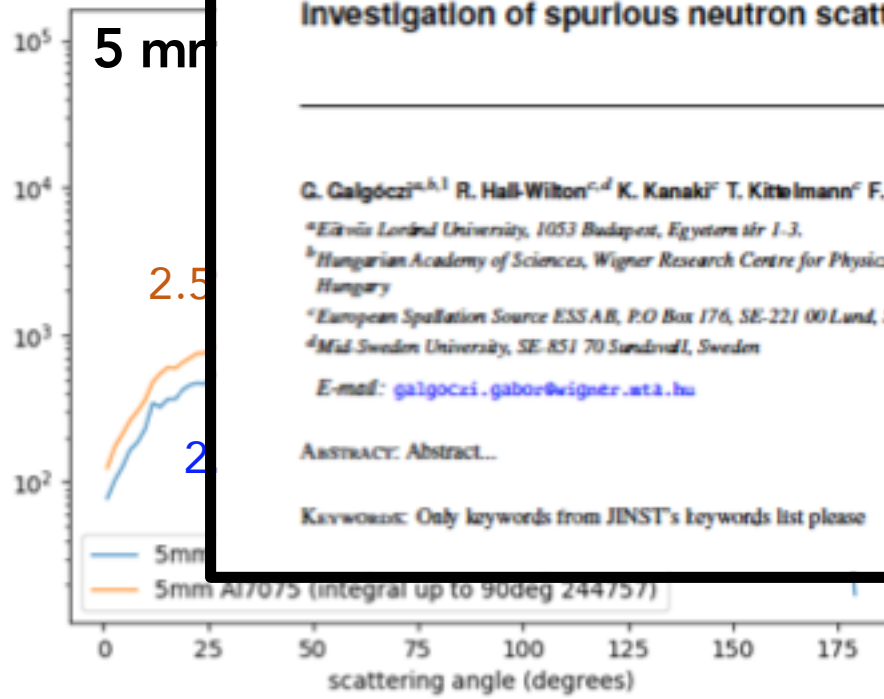
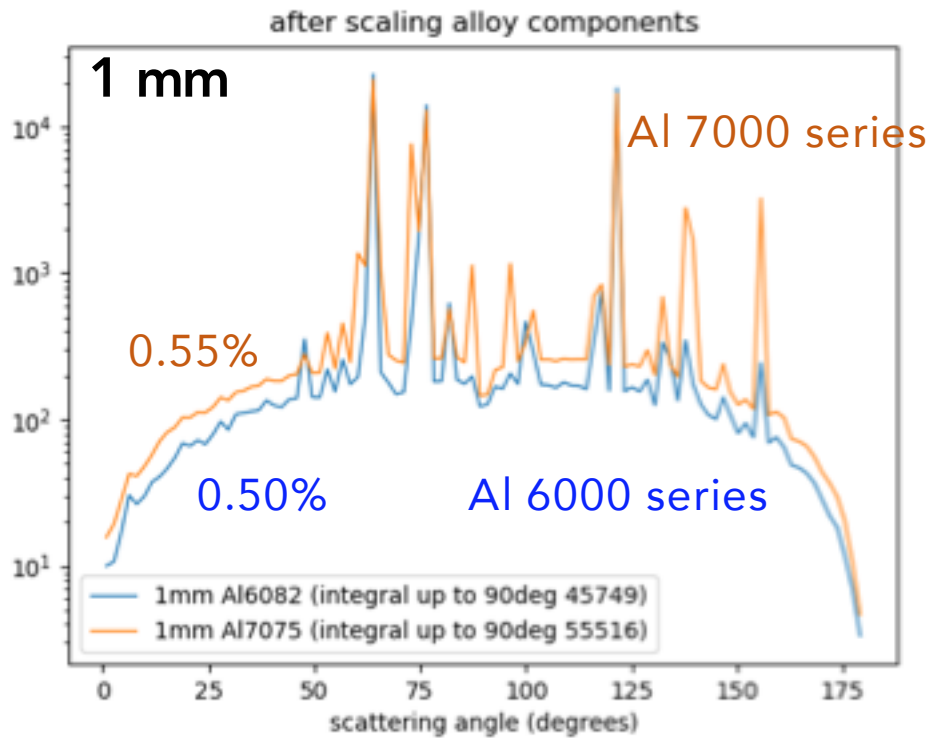
5mm Al 6000  
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Simulations GEANT4 by K. Kanaki

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Composition	Al (96%) Mn (1%) Mg (1%) Si (1%) others (1%)	Al (90%), Cu (1.5%) Mg (2.5%) Zn (5%) others (1%)

Window Thickness	Stress
2 mm	290 MPa
3 mm	
3.5 mm	
5 mm	

1.1bar



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### Geant4 based simulation of the Multi-Blade detector for investigation of spurious neutron scattering

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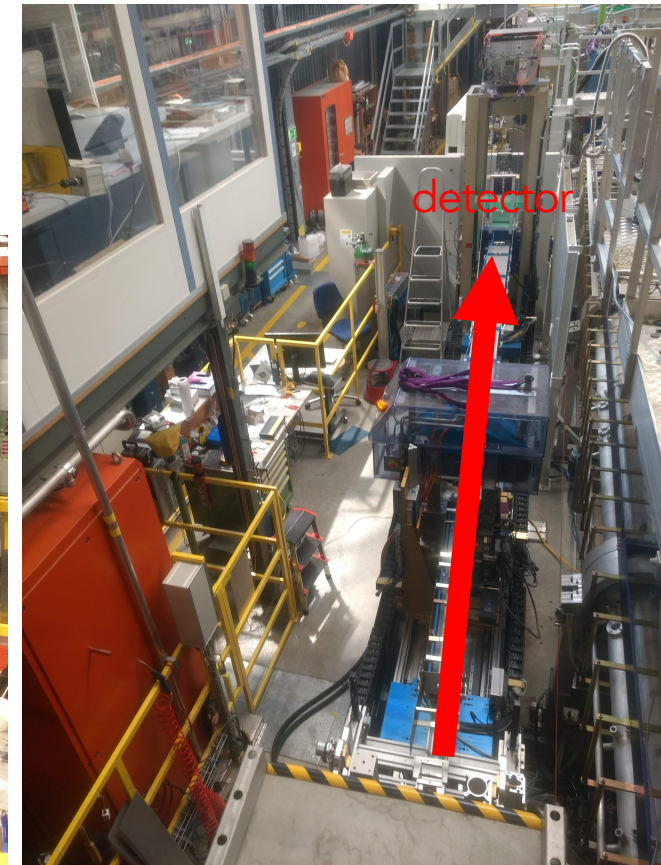
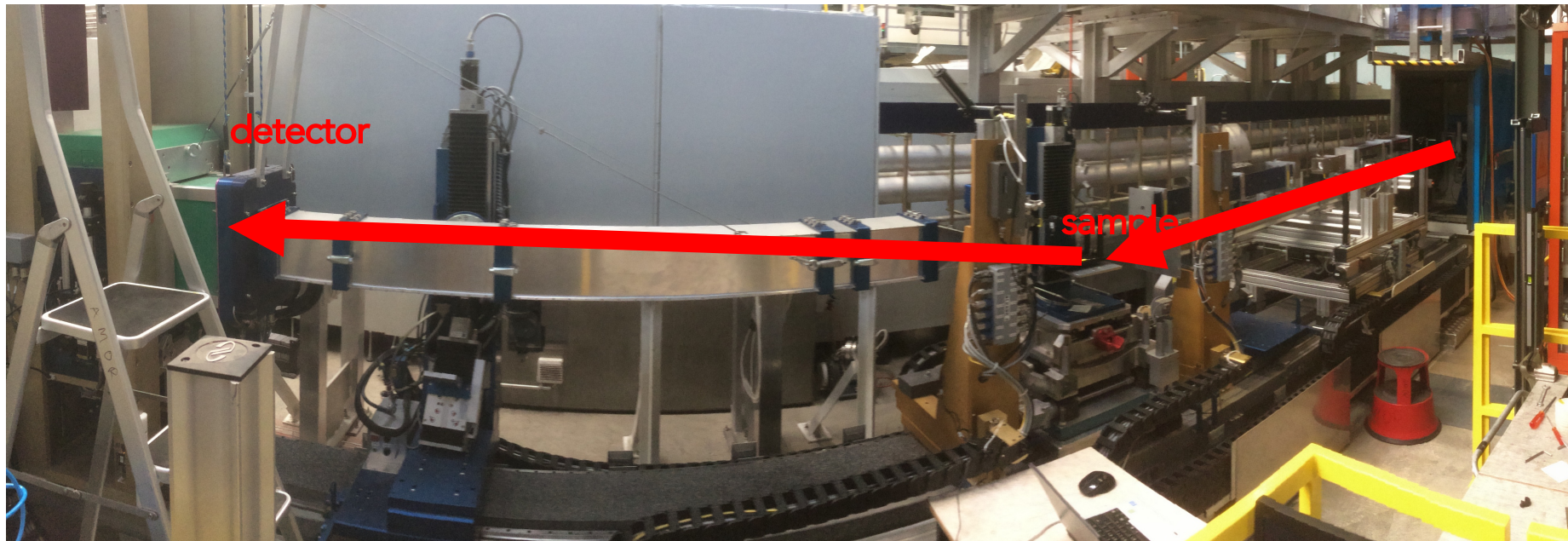
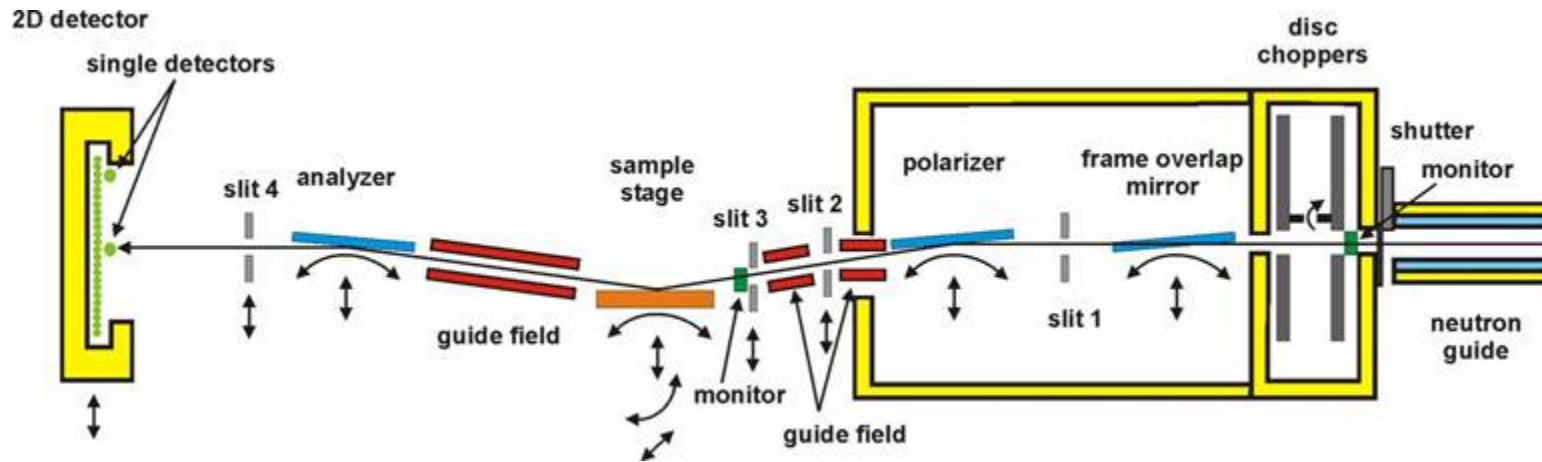
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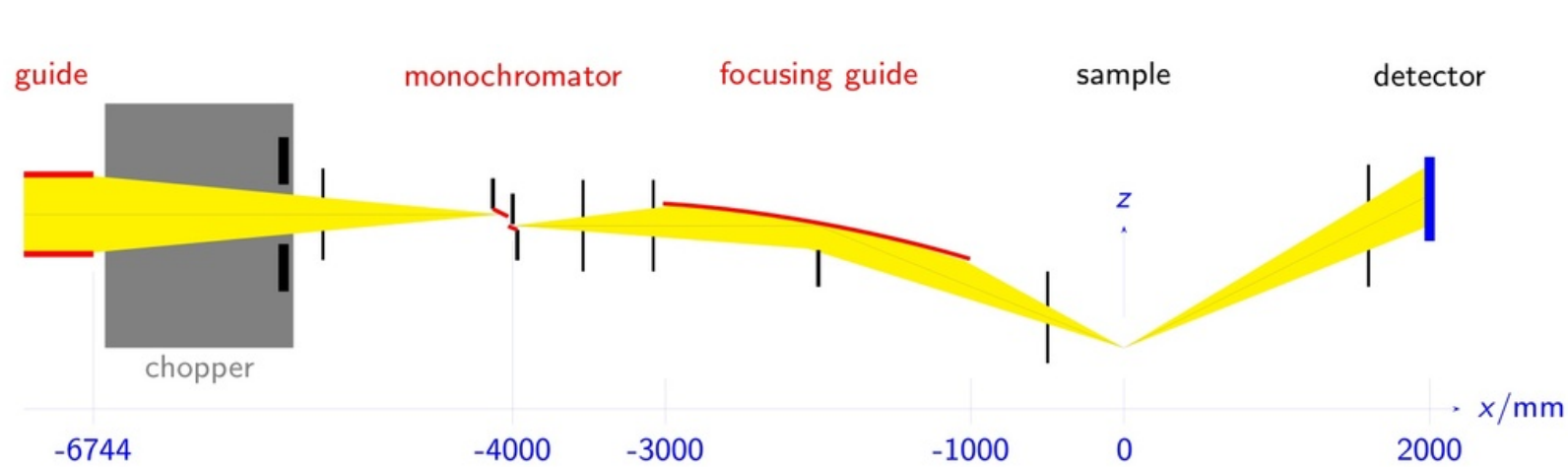
# TEST on AMOR (PSI)

13-18 Nov 2018

**WHY:** AMOR setup similar to the ESTIA setup (SELENE guides and focused beam)

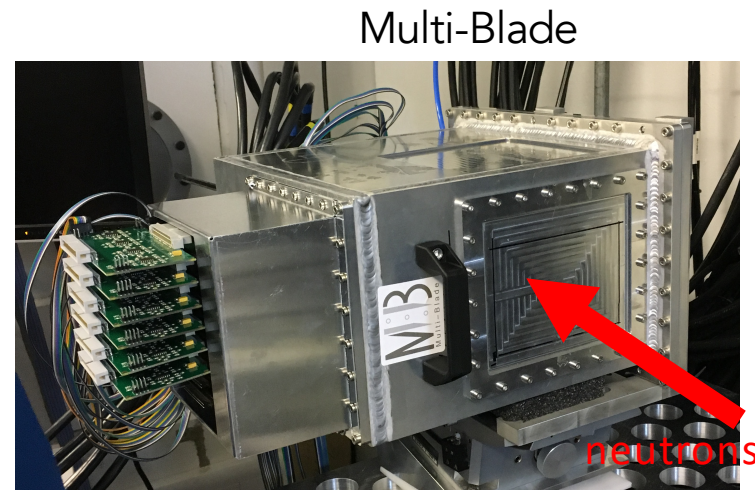
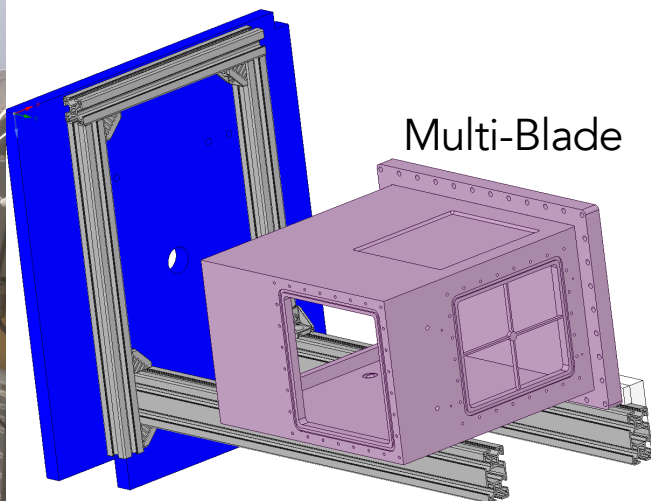
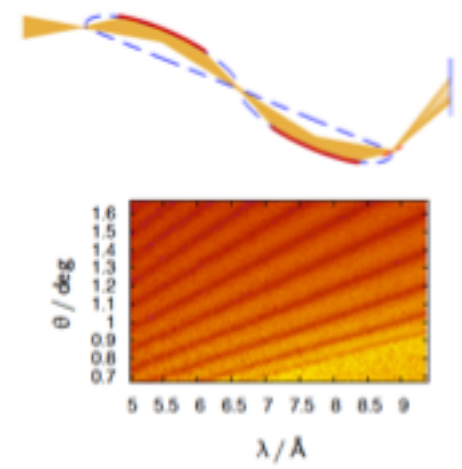
**WHAT:** MB18 same size of the demonstrator tested on CRISP, but with all the improvements that will be implemented on the MB300 for the instruments





**Estia**

high intensity



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## Future plans

### ➤ *Upcoming tests*

Beam time offered at PSI on AMOR (ESTIA concept)

Beam time offered at ISIS for rate tests

Beam time offered at ILL (2019, rainbow concept on D50)

Multi-Blade detector suggested for IFE new reflectometer

### ➤ *Next MB detector*

Build scaled up detector for ESTIA and FREIA



Thank you for your attention

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