

# The Multi-Blade <sup>10</sup>B-based neutron detector for high intensity neutron **reflectometry** at ESS

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Building research infrastructure and synergies for highest scientific impact on ESS





ESS will be several times brighter than existing facilities





Very High detector requirements





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# The Multi-Blade project







## Why the counting rate capability is improved?



#### concept introduced in 2005





4 cassette demonstrator

proof of concept in 2012





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# Promising Results!





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# BrightnESS









Linköping University

3 years

The key objective of WP4 is the technological evolution of neutron detectors in terms of resolution, intensity and dimensions.

Task 4.2 Neutron Detectors – The Intensity Frontier





# **GARFIELD and GEANT4 simulations**





#### Materials evaluation



# Reduce the scattering





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100x140mm<sup>2</sup> active area demonstrator





### The Multi-Blade detector

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# The Multi-Blade detector




















#### The Multi-Blade detector





#### **Electronics**







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# Uniformity and overlap







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Edge















brightness



**Garfield Simulation** 



# Efficiency









Gas Gain ~ 20 (max 0.2pC avalanche charge) (contributes to improve the counting rate capability)





# <u>Spatial resolution X – wires</u>



























An information-theoretical approach to image resolution applied to neutron imaging detectors based upon discriminator signals in Proceedings of ANNIMA conference, Marseille 2013

arXiv:1307.7507

\*P. Van Esch et al.,





# <u>Spatial resolution Y – strips</u>



Spatial Resolution FWHM ~ 2.4mm





# Counting rate capability



No saturation observed up to ~ 1.6kHz/mm<sup>2</sup>









### Mask

Raw image from the detector (log scale)





#### <u>Images</u>



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Raw image from the detector





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Counting Rate Capability	Not measured	1.6 kHz/mm² (>17kHz extrapolated)		500 KHz/mm <sup>2</sup>	Needs to be measured
Uniformity X	15%	20% (measured in Charge Div. 1350V)		5%	Mechanical Improvements
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Backup slides





#### Readout Wigner electronics for the MB16 - FIRMWARE



#### ESTIA

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Req. $#$	Parameter	Description	Value/Error
13.6.9.3r7	$L_D$	Distance sample to detector	$\pm 0.5\mathrm{mm}$
13.6.9.3r8	$2\Theta_{range}$	Rotation range around Z-axis (scat- tered beam angle)	-10° - +120°
13.6.9.3r9	$\delta 2\Theta$	Rotation accuracy for $2\Theta$	$0.005^{\circ}$
13.6.9.3r10	$\delta X$	Horizontal detector resolution	$\pm 0.5\mathrm{mm}$
13.6.9.3r11	$\delta Z$	Vertical detector resolution	$\pm4\mathrm{mm}$
13.6.9.3r12	$D_X$	Horizontal detector size	$500\mathrm{mm}$
13.6.9.3r13	$D_Z$	Vertical detector size	$250\mathrm{mm}$
13.6.9.3r14	$f_{CR}$	Maximum expected count rate	$4\mathrm{MHz}/\mathrm{mm^2}$
13.6.9.3r15	$\delta t_{ToF}$	Detector time resolution	$1\mathrm{ms}$
13.6.9.3r16	$\epsilon_{4\rm \AA}$	Detector efficiency at 4Å	45%
13.6.9.3r17	$\epsilon_{\gamma}$	Detector sensitivity to gamma radia- tion	$10^{-6}$









#### Planarity is an issue on large surfaces



Preparing the samples for 2-side coating that can turn in the chamber, What happens to the knife?









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Reflectometry: an introduction





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Reflectometry at ESS: FREIA and ESTIA



## Reflectometry at ESS: FREIA and ESTIA



Horizontal Reflectometer (FREIA)

Suitable for liquids (limited angular range)



Vertical Reflectometer (ESTIA)

Not suitable for liquids More versatile (wide angle range)



**FREIA** 

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#### Langmuir–Blodgett trough





















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Platypus [17]	OPAL	<sup>3</sup> He	500  imes 250	$1.2 \times 1.2$	$\sim 60\%  @  10 { m \AA}$	$2 \cdot 10^5$	300
SOFIA [18, 19]	J-PARC	<sup>3</sup> He	$128 \times 128$	$2 \times 2$	-	-	300
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	DEEGANG [19]	ILL FDM9	<sup>3</sup> He	300 × 30		$2.8 \times 2.8$	76% @ 4.4A	$2 \cdot 10^{-5}$	-	
	REFORMO [12]	FRM2	пе	300 X 30		$\sim$ 2 x 2	$> 50\% \in [5, 18]$ Å	2.2 · 10	300	
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#### It can work in 3 different modes:





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	INTER [13] POLREF [14, 15]	ISIS	<sup>3</sup> He, <sup>6</sup> Li <sup>3</sup> He	$\frac{200 \times 200}{200 \times 200}$	$\sim 1 \times 1$ $\leq 1 \times 1$	≥ 50% ∈ [5, 18]A	-	-		
	BIOREF [16] LR	HZB SNS	<sup>3</sup> He <sup>3</sup> He	$\frac{300 \times 300}{200 \times 200}$	$\frac{2 \times 3}{1.3 \times 1.3}$	~ 60% @ 10Å -	$2 \cdot 10^5$	300	-	
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	Sample-Detect	or distanc	e Fixe	Fixed ~4m						







