

i-TED

Total Energy Detector with γ -imaging capability

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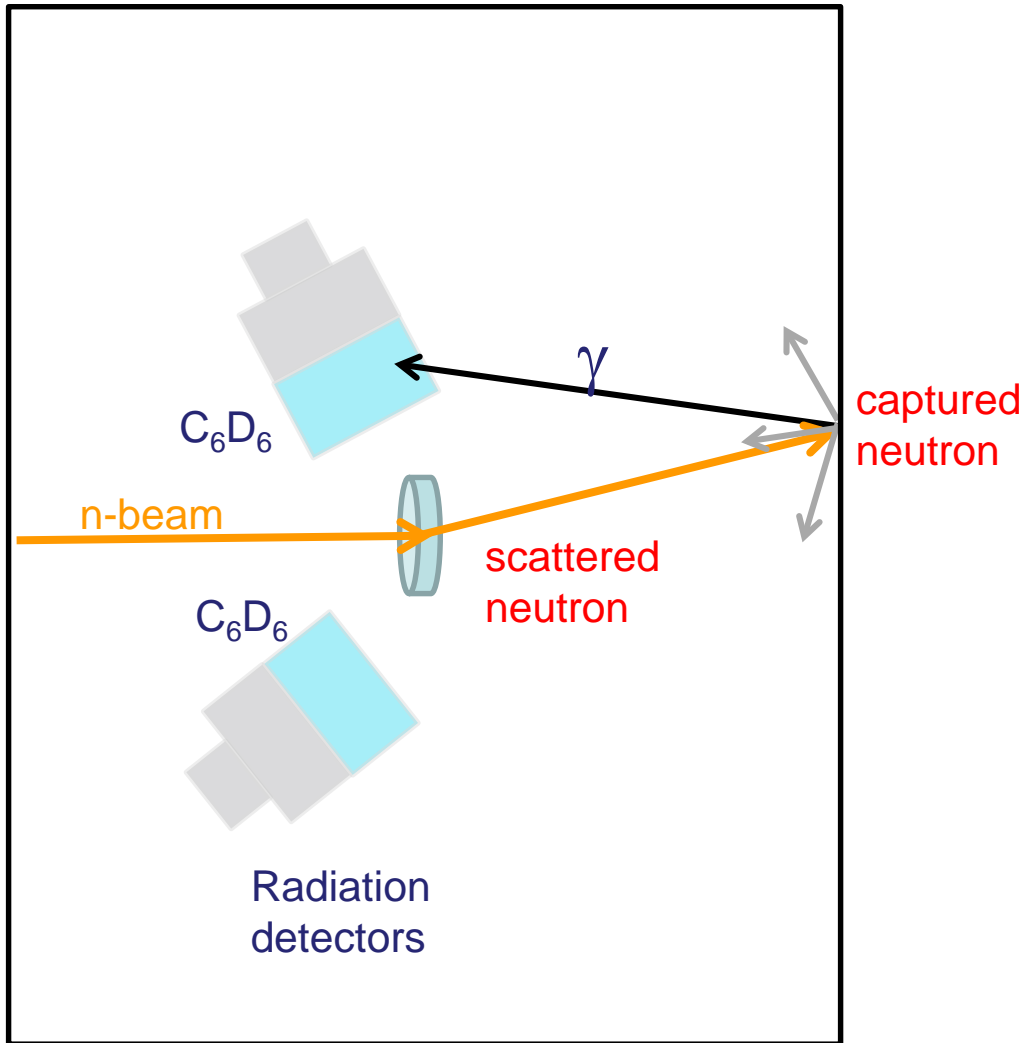


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- The concept of i-TED
- i-TED planning
- Ongoing developments on i-TED instrumentation
- Outlook & Conclusions

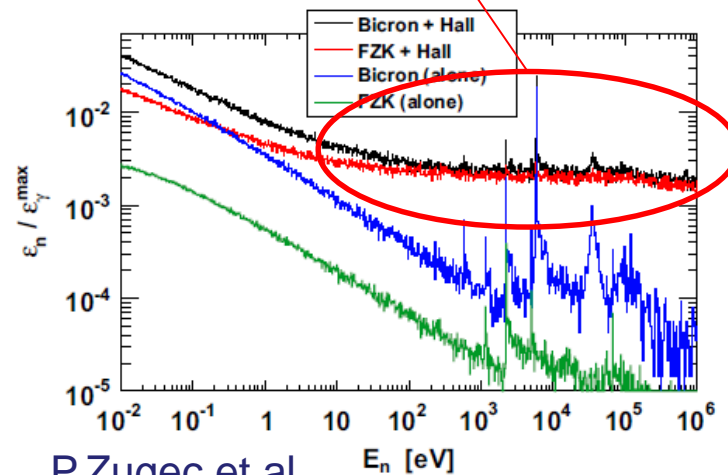
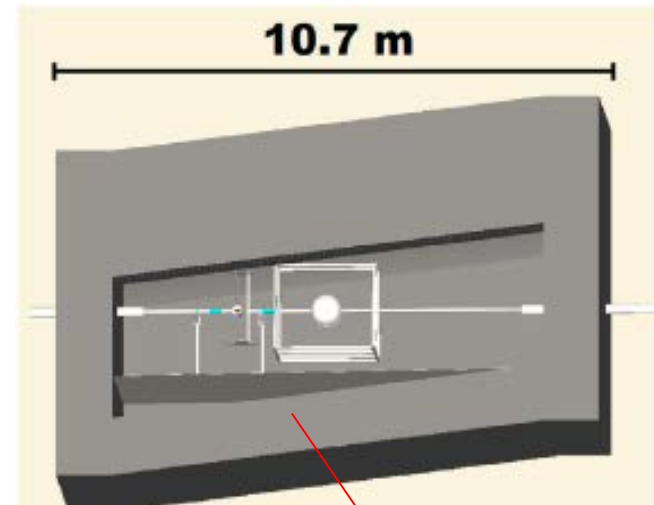
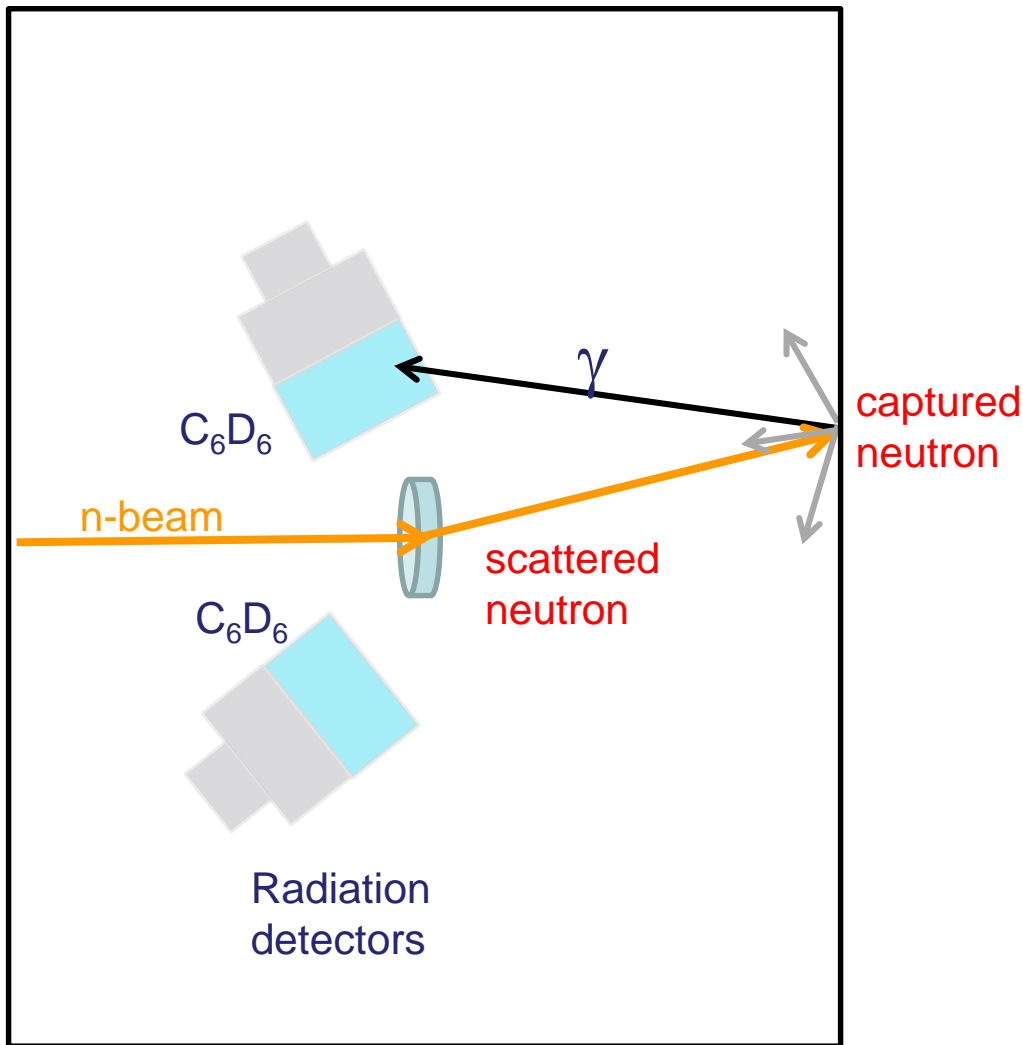
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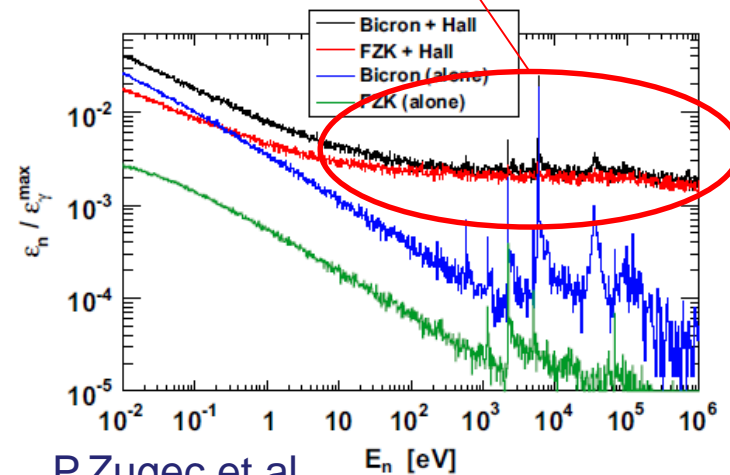
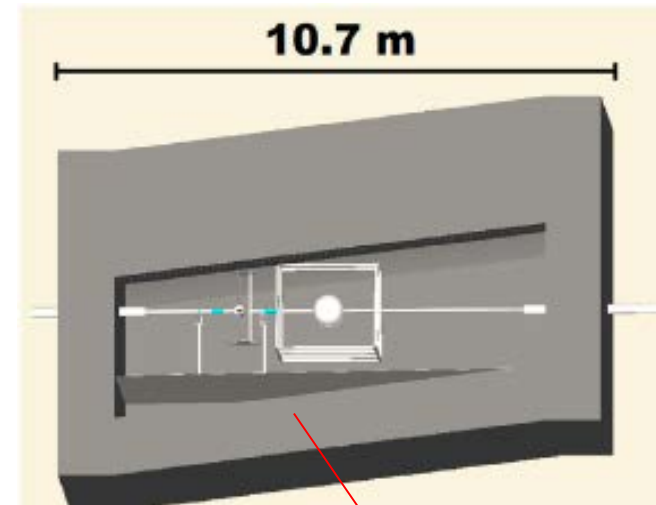
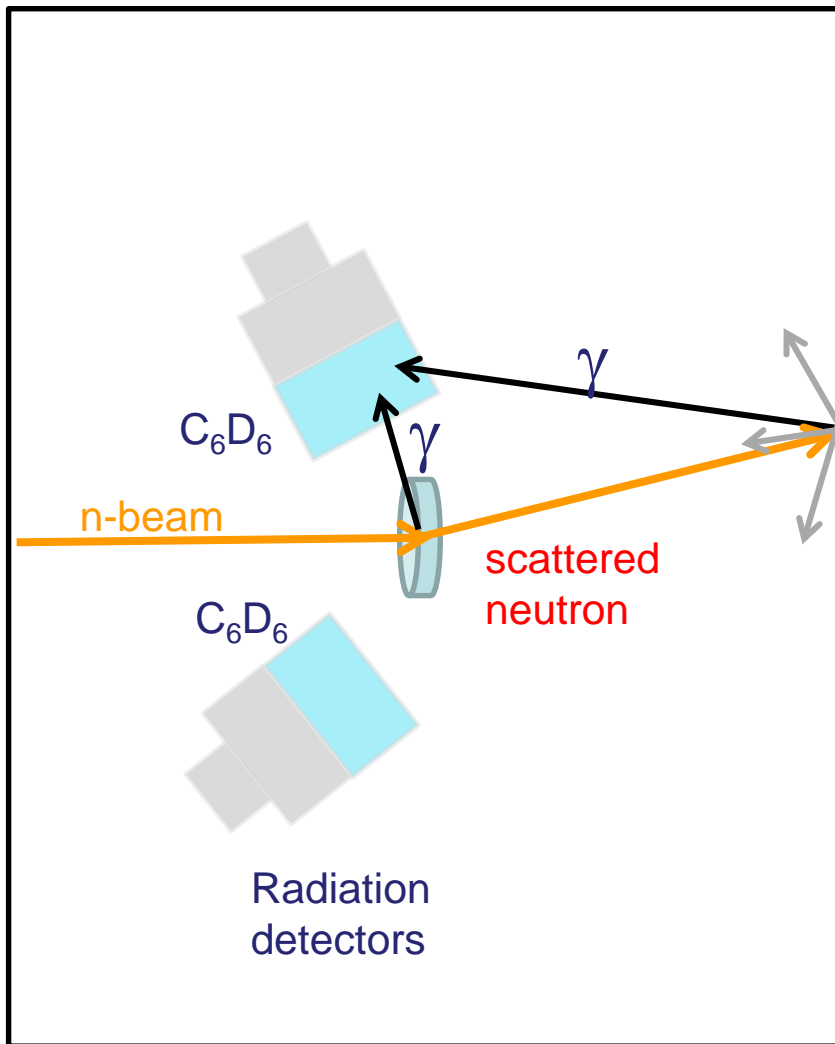
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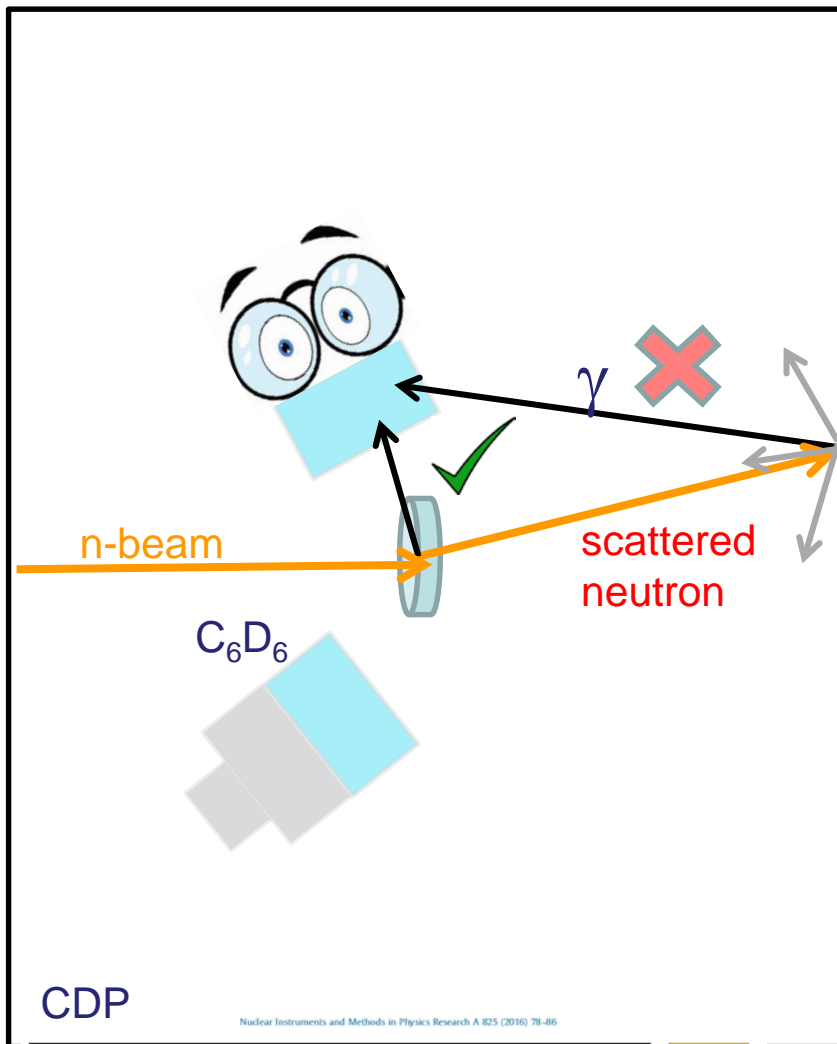
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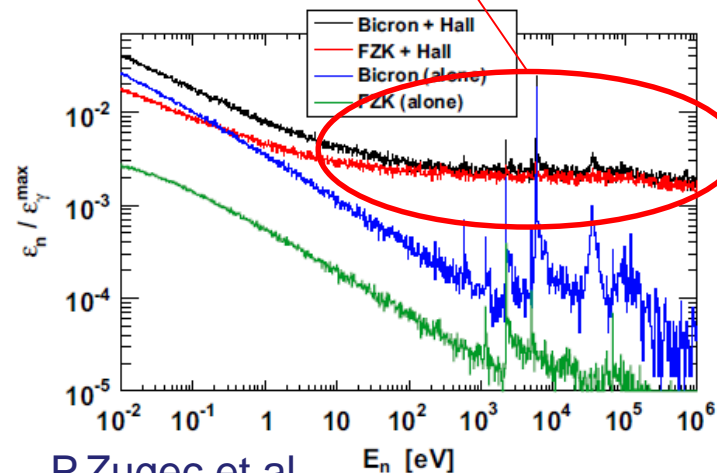
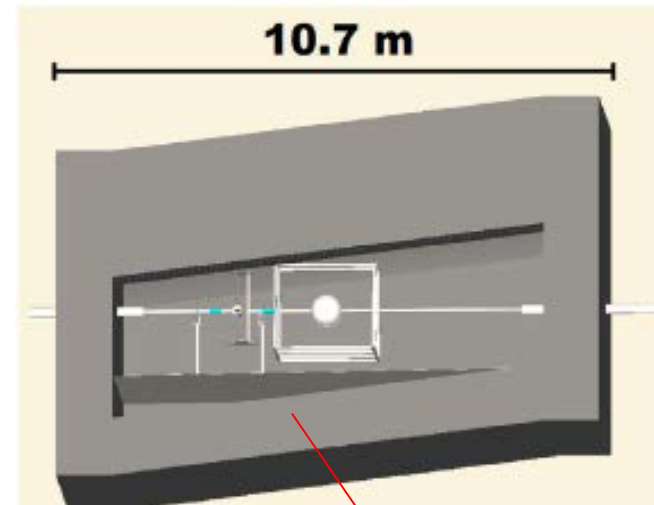


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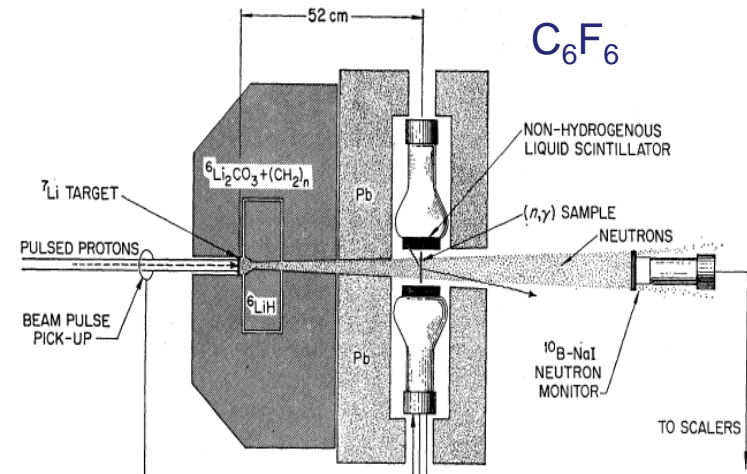
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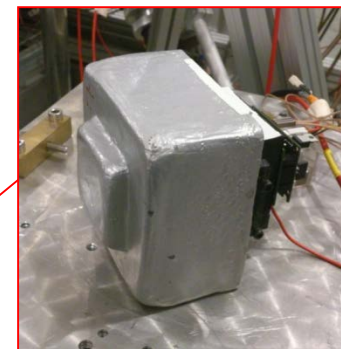
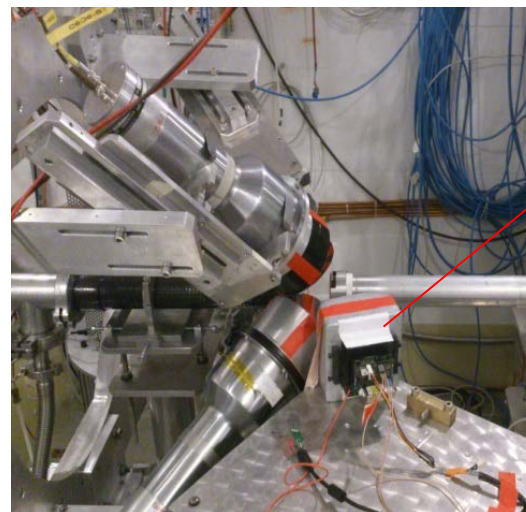
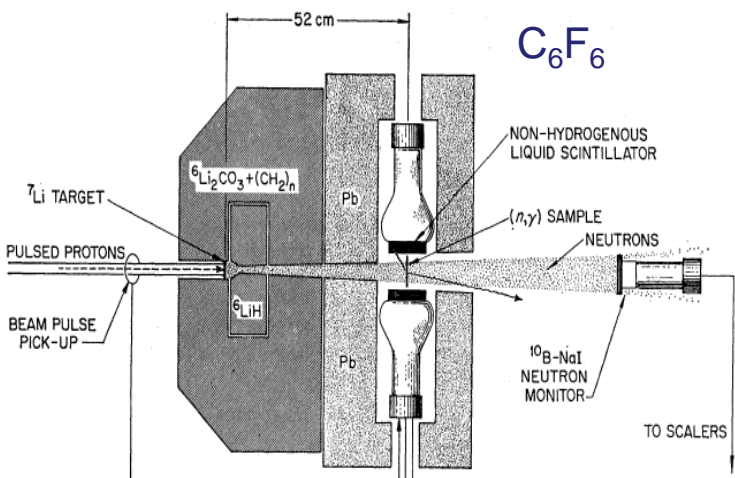


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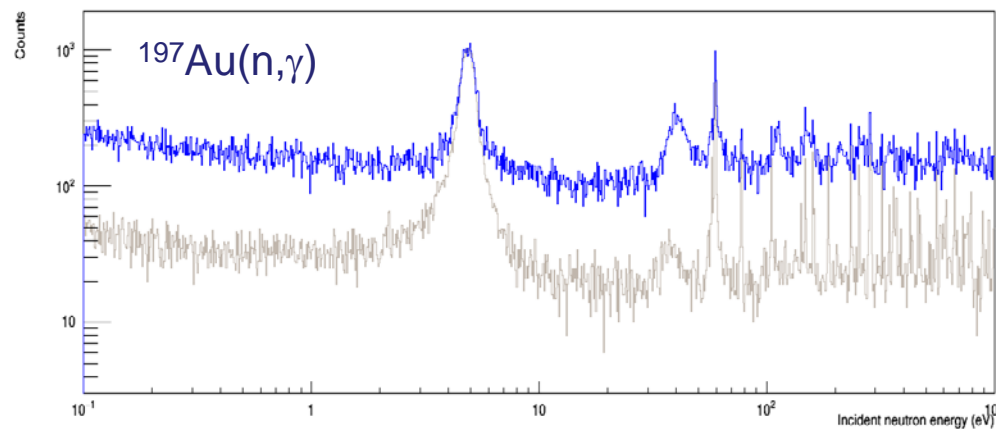
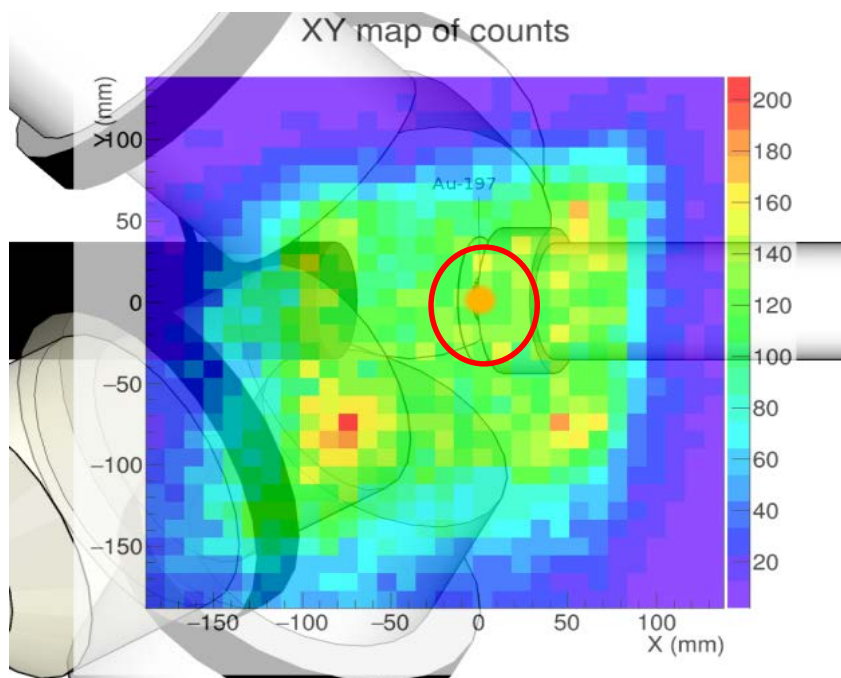


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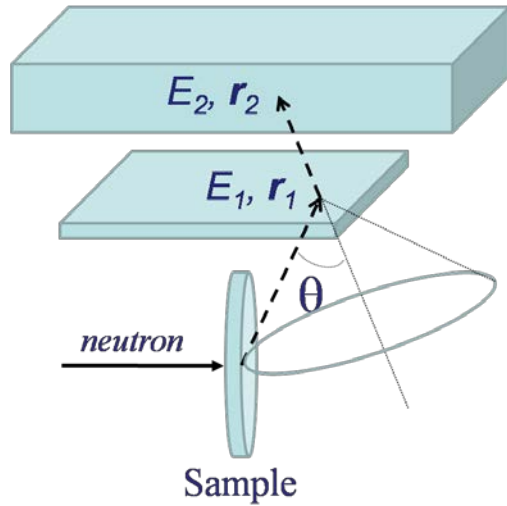
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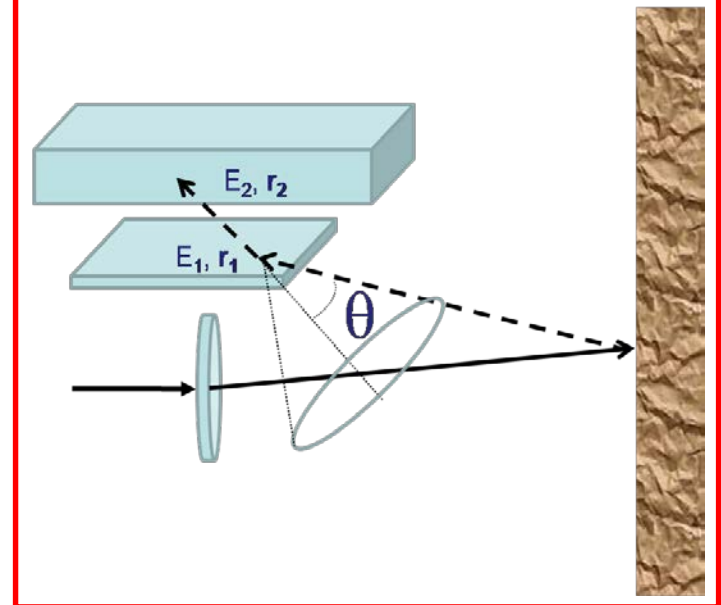


i-TED: imaging-Total Energy Detector

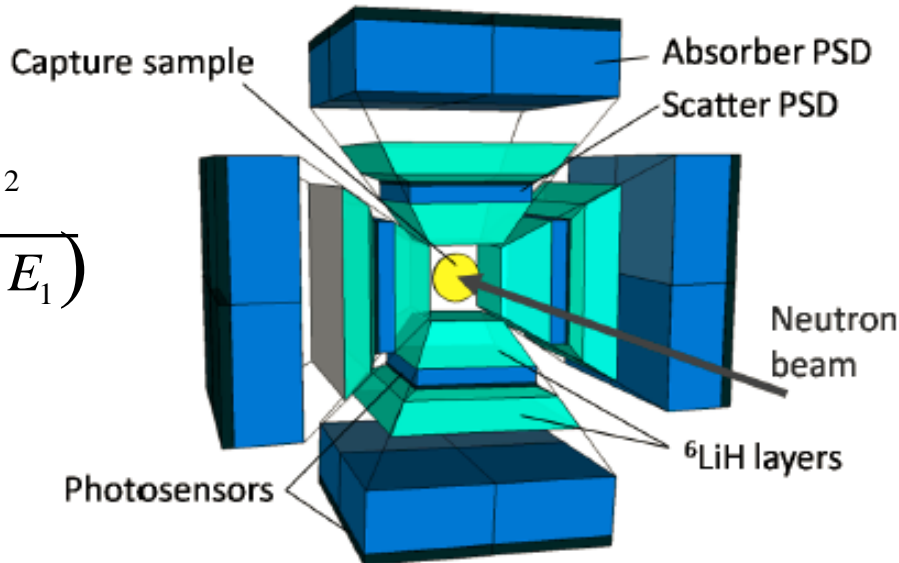
True Capture Event



Background Event

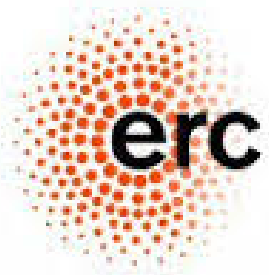
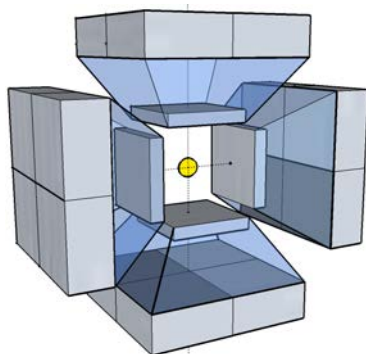


$$\cos \theta = 1 - \frac{E_1 m_0 c^2}{E_\gamma (E_\gamma - E_1)}$$

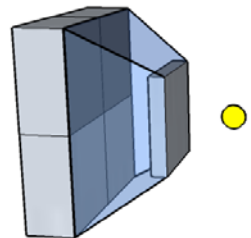


HYMNS: High sensitivity Measurements of key stellar Nucleo-Synthesis reactions

i-TED time plan:



European Research Council

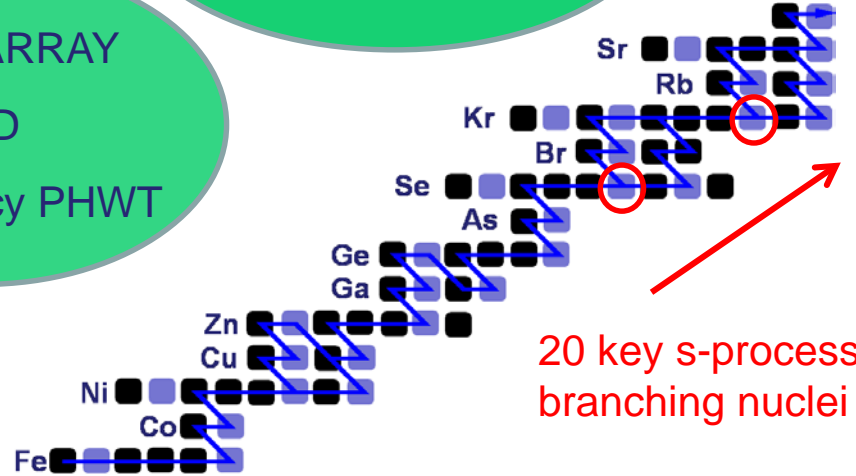


- First $^{79}\text{Se}(n,\gamma)$
- Nuclear Thermometer
- Massive stars

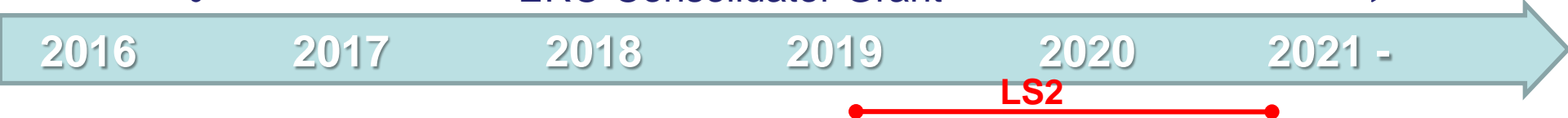
- FULL ARRAY
- 4π i-TED
- Accuracy PHWT

- DEMONSTRATOR
- Focusable module
- Proof-of-principle

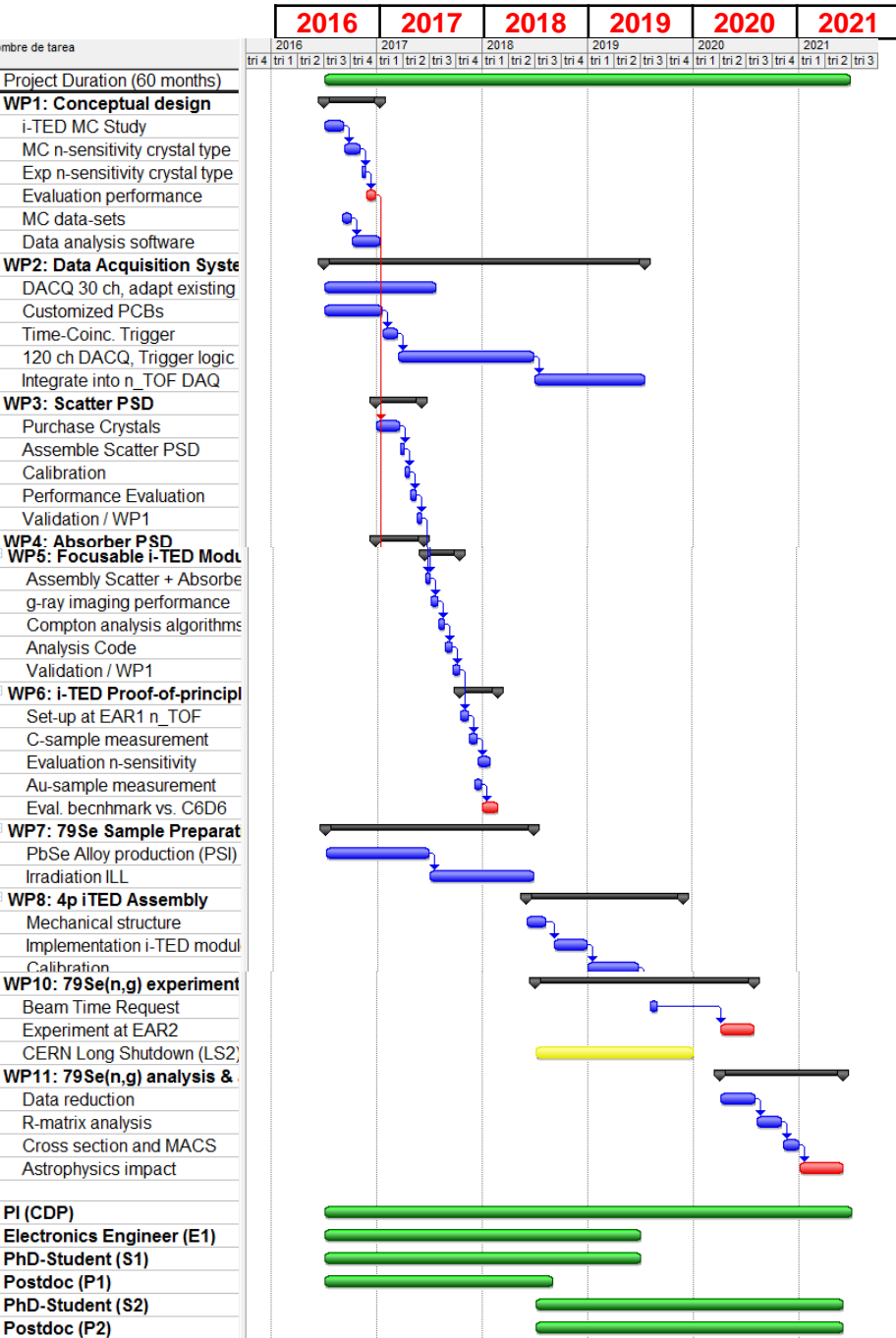
- MC Design
- Neutron ints.



ERC-Consolidator Grant



HYMNS Work Plan, Resources and WP-Distribution



WP	Task distribution
1 Design	P1: MC S1: Analysis Software + CDP
2 DAQ	E1 + P1 + P2 + CDP
3 S-PSD	P1 + (S1) + CDP
4 A-PSD	P1 + (S1) + CDP
5 Foc. i-TED	S1 + P1 + CDP
6 Proof of Prin.	S1 + P1 + P2 + CDP
7 ⁷⁹ Se Sample	P1 + CDP
8 4p i-TED	P1 + S1 + CDP
9 Exp.Val.	P2 + S2 + CDP
10 ⁷⁹ Se(n,g)	S2 + P2 + CDP
11 Analysis	S2: Data+ P2: Astro. + CDP

- █ Resources (time/human)
- █ Tasks & Sub-tasks
- █ Milestones
- █ Constraints

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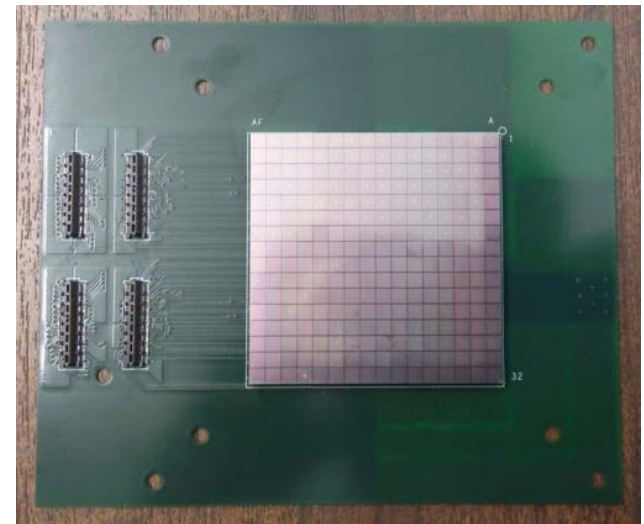
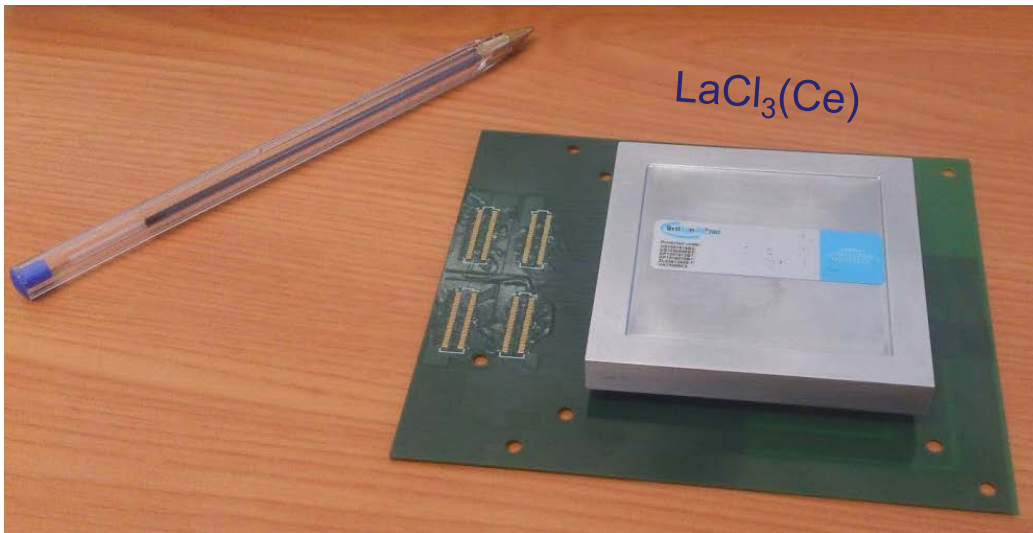
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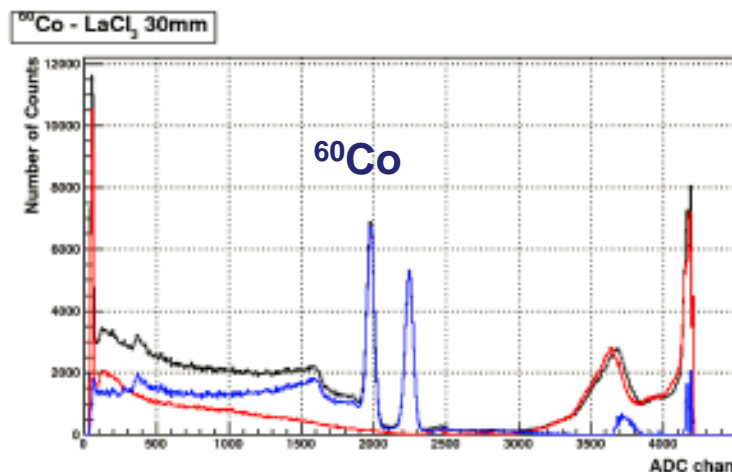
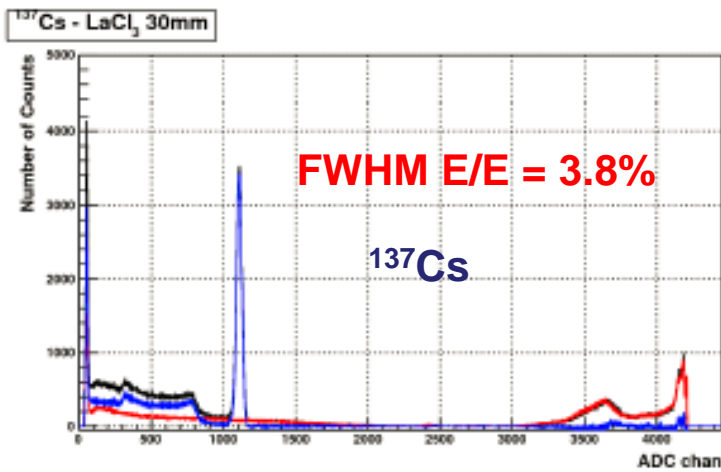
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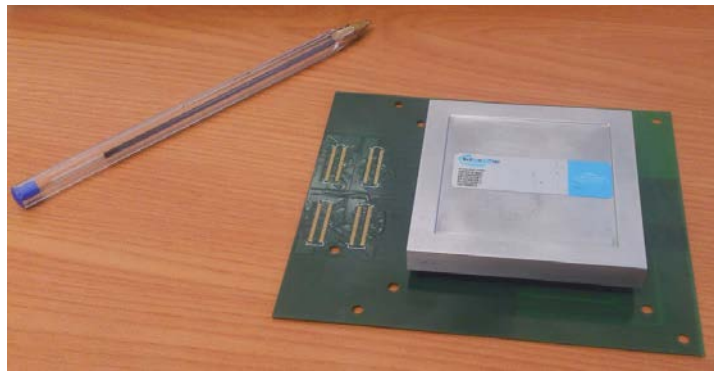
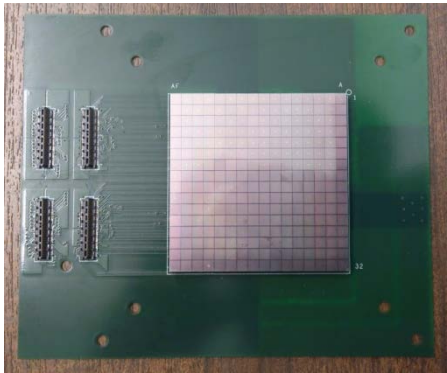


✓
with PMT!

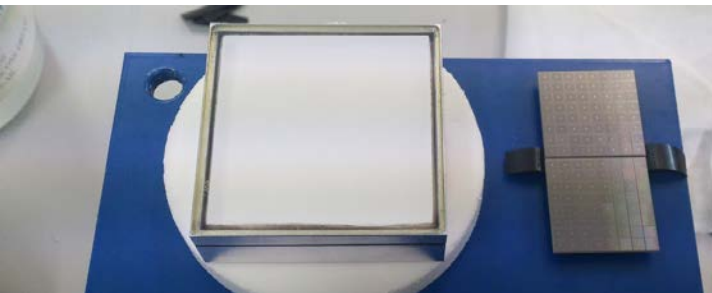
i-TED: photosensors validation

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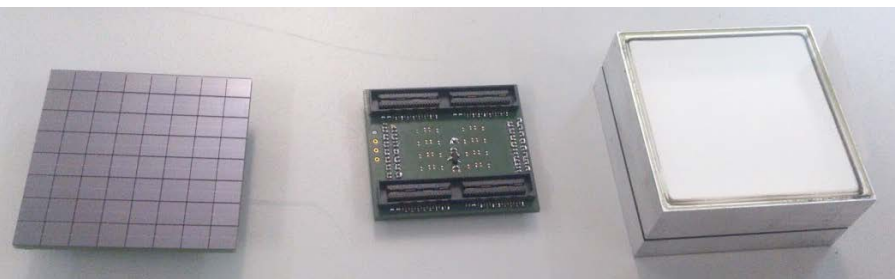
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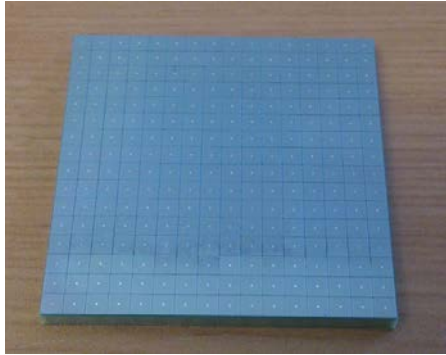


- 4 x SiPMs (Hamamatsu)
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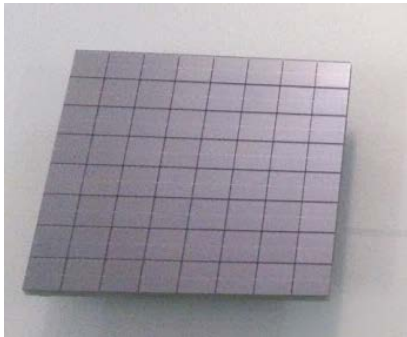


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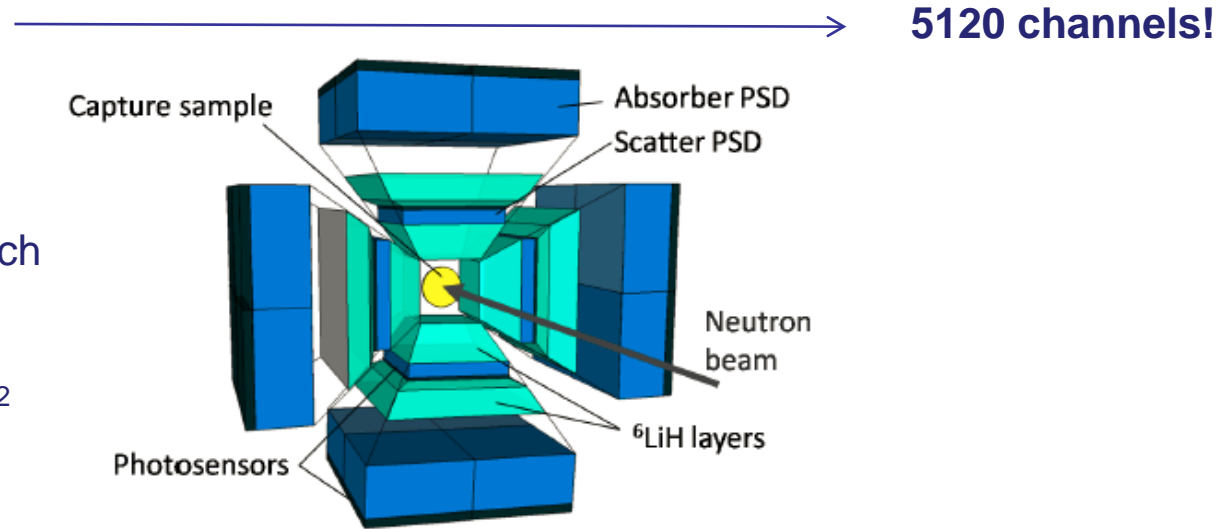
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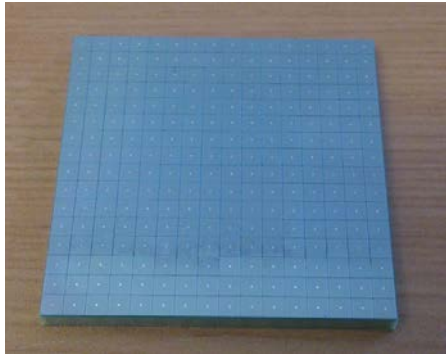


- $1 \times \text{Scatter} = 5 \times 5 \text{ cm}^2$
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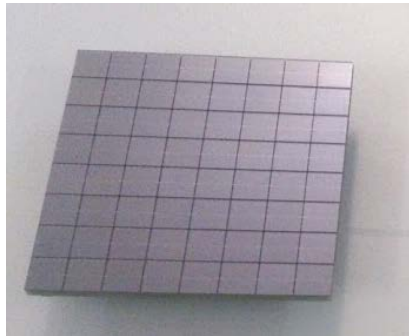
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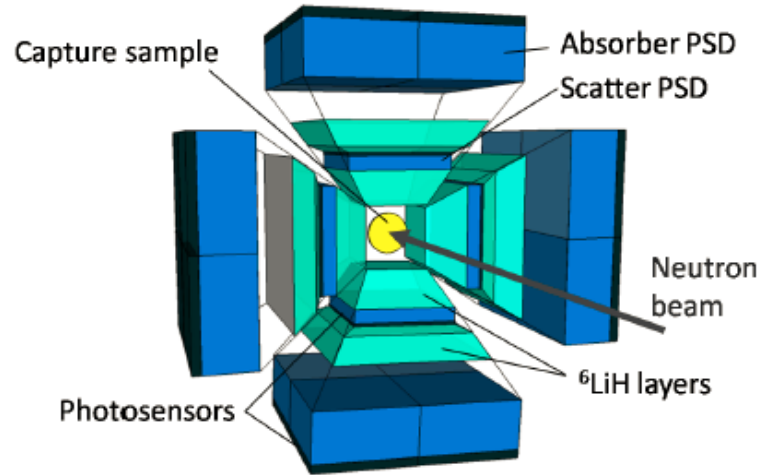


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→ **5120 channels!**



(128 TACs)

Largest ratio
channels/efficiency
ever ;-)

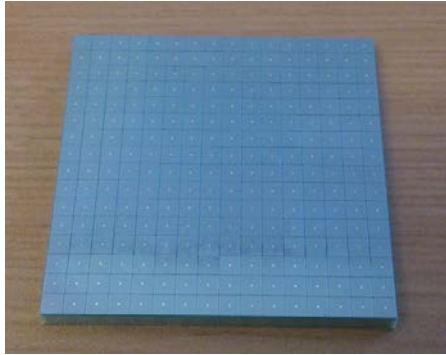
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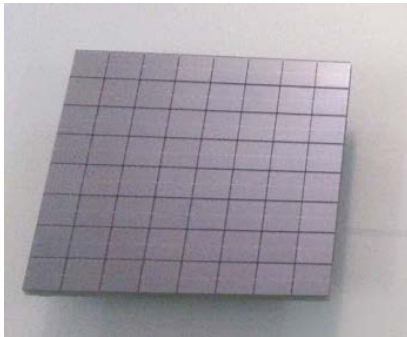
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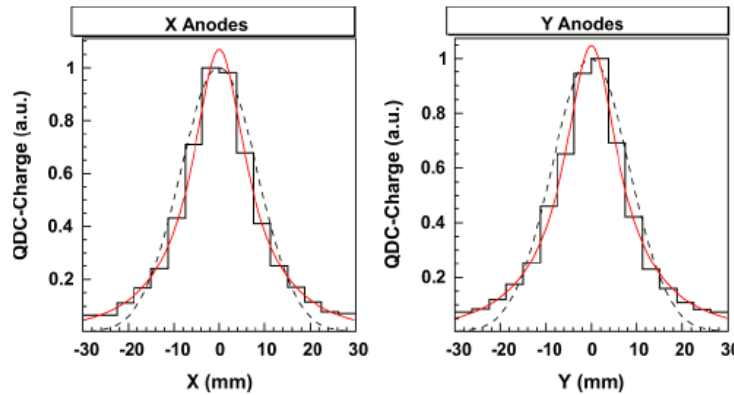


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$\Delta X_{FWHM} = 0.91$ (8) mm
pixellation = 6 mm with PMT!

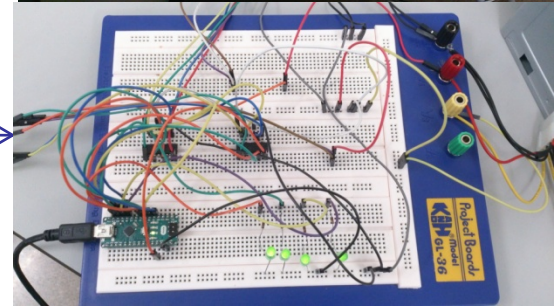
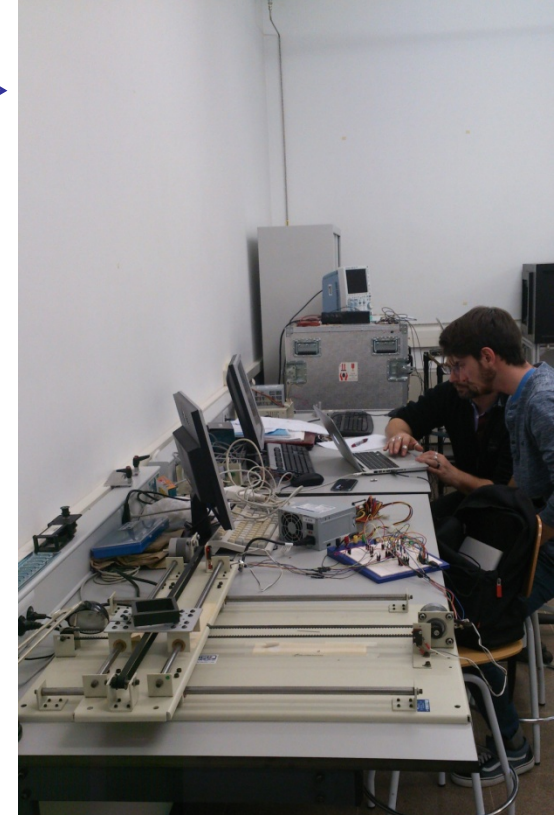


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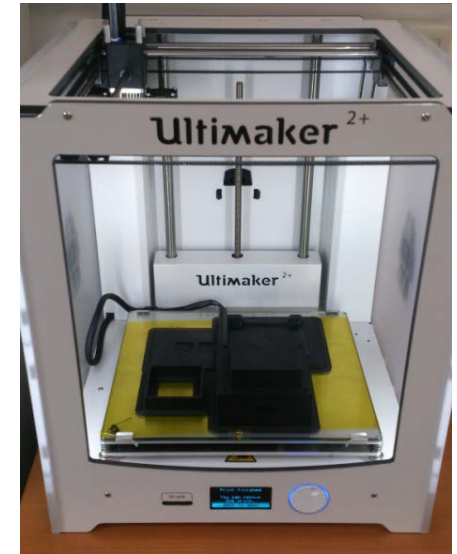
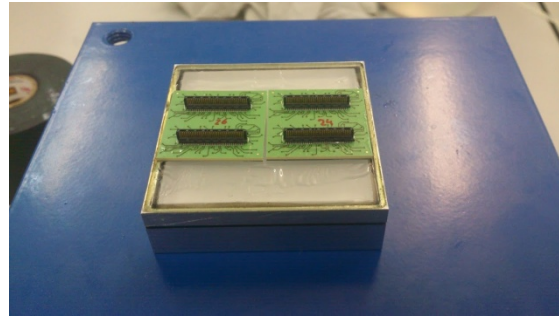
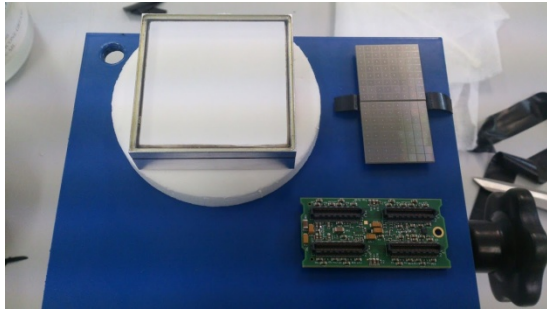
A Position Sensitive γ -Ray Scintillator Detector
With Enhanced Spatial Resolution, Linearity,
and Field of View

César Domingo-Pardo*, Namita Goel, Tobias Engert, Juergen Gerl, Masahiro Isaka,
Ivan Kojouharov, Member, IEEE, and Henning Schaffner

Most probably 6mm pixels are OK !

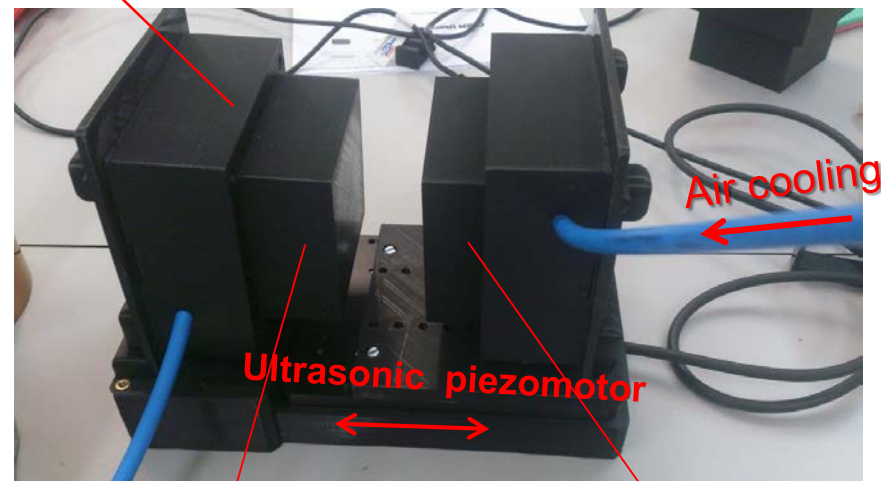


i-TED: detector finishing



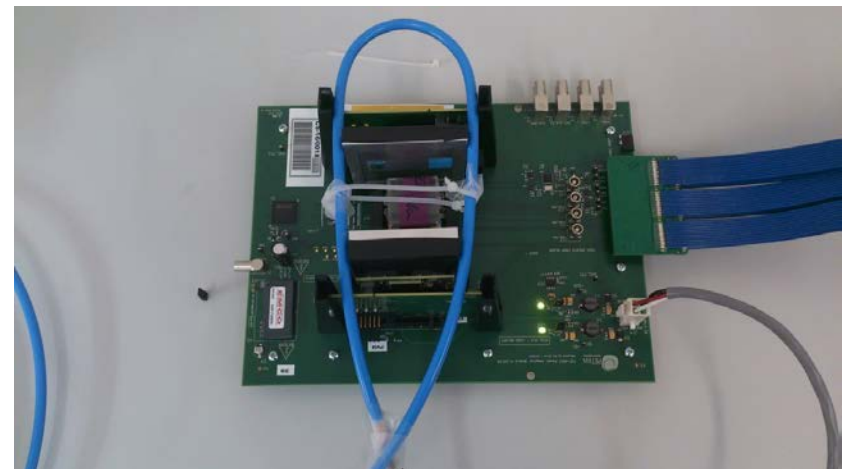
→ First i-TED prototype (ready!)

PLA ($C_3H_3O_2$) $\rho_{PLA}=1.2 < \rho_{Cfiber} = 1.5-1.6 \text{ g/cm}^3$



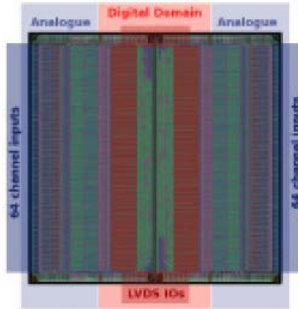
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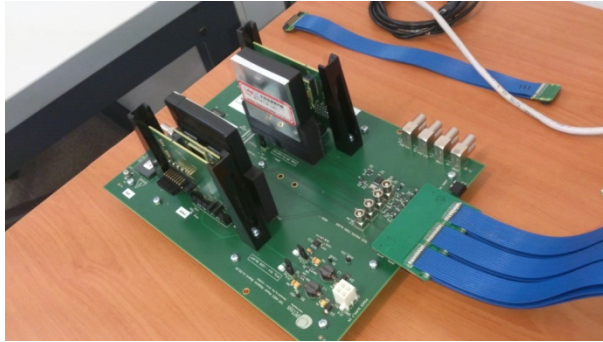


Presently testing frontend readout and processing electronics from PETsys Electronics

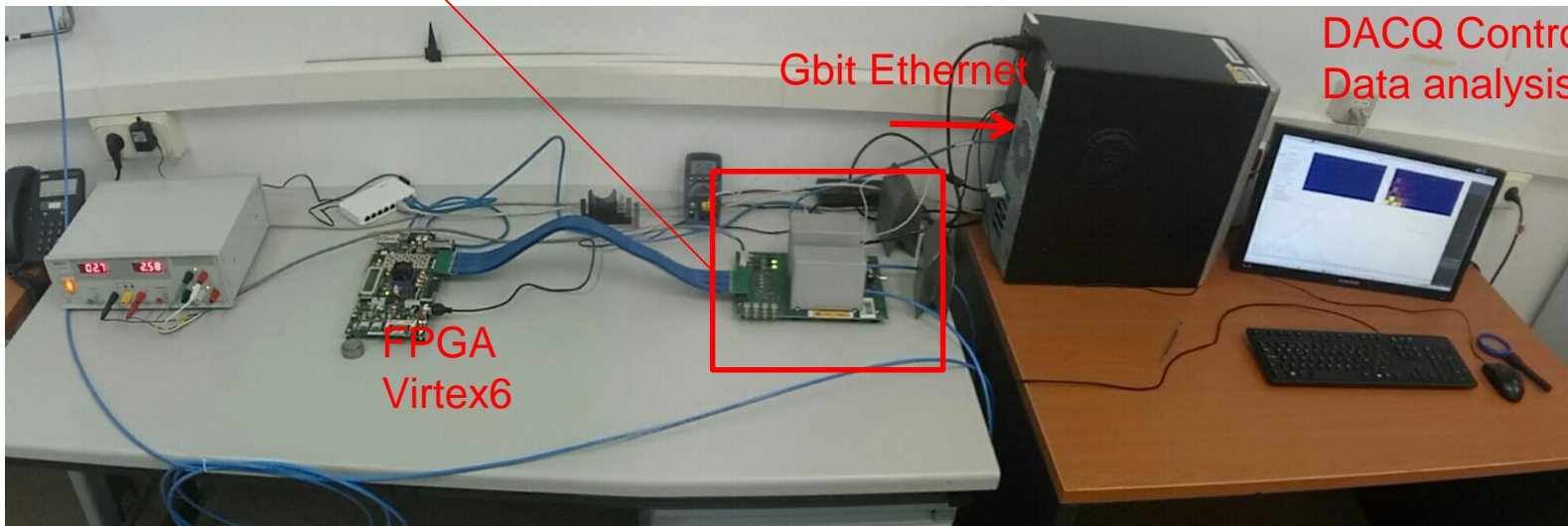
i-TED: readout electronics (PETsys)



- 128 channels (or pixels from SiPM)
- 25 ps intrinsic t-resolution / 32 ps SiPM+ASIC/ 100 ps Crystal + SiPM + ASIC
- low threshold for timing /high threshold event def.
- max. rate 160 kEvents/ch or 12 Mevents/board
- energy via tot-technique... not accurate enough (to be improved in a forthcoming version of this ASIC)



FPGA



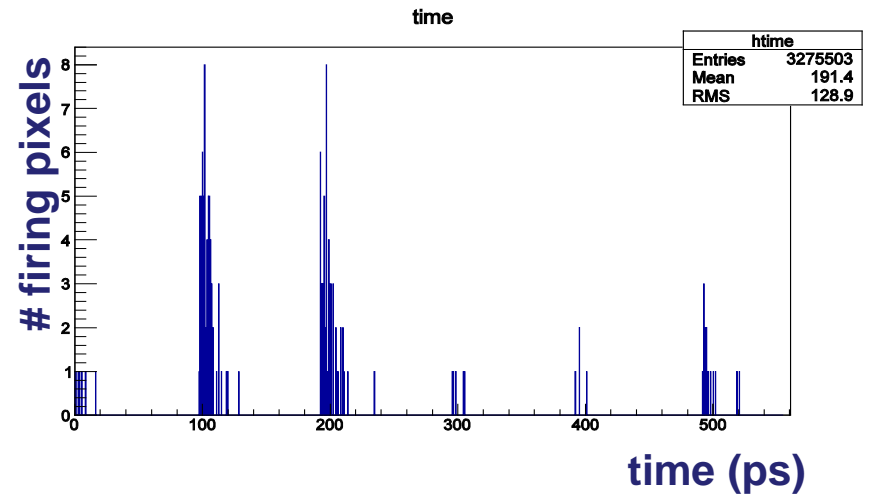
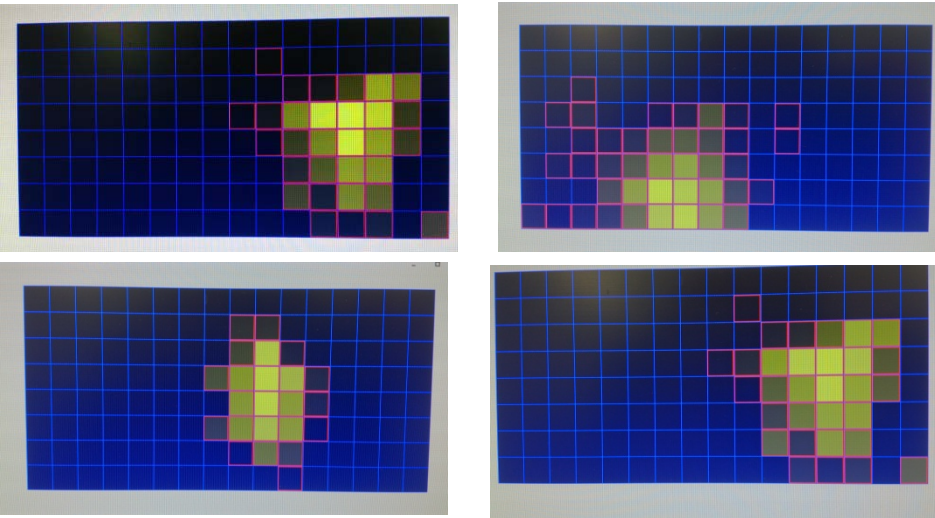
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Gbit Ethernet

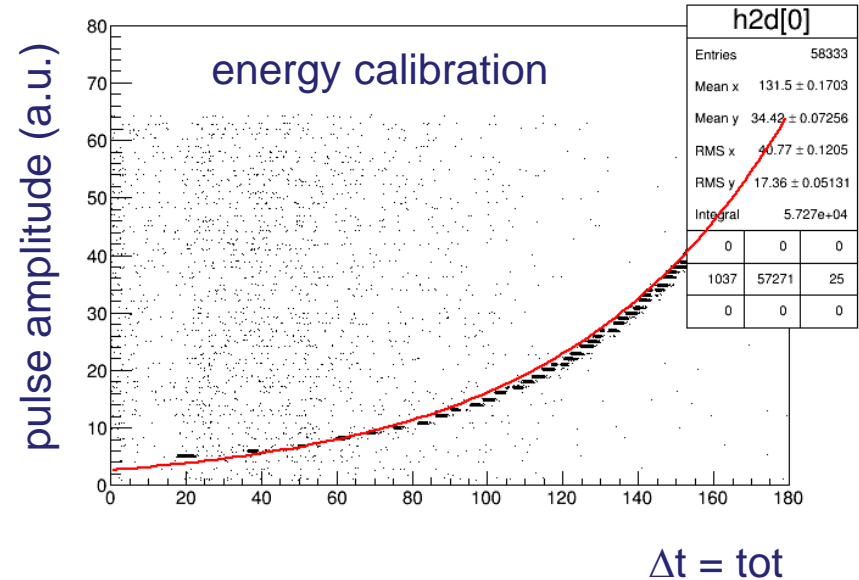
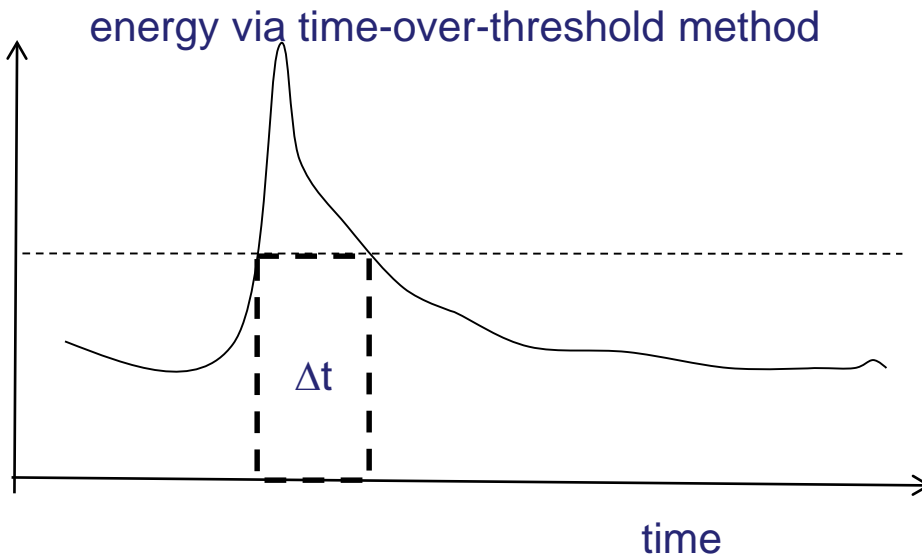
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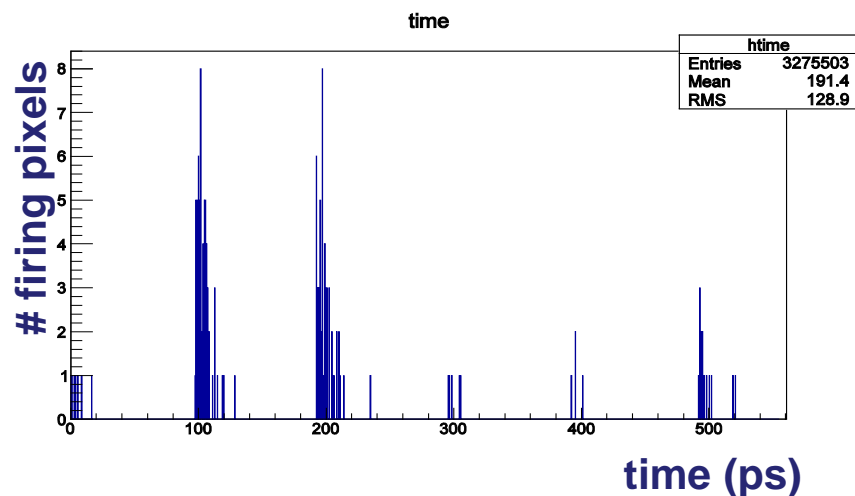
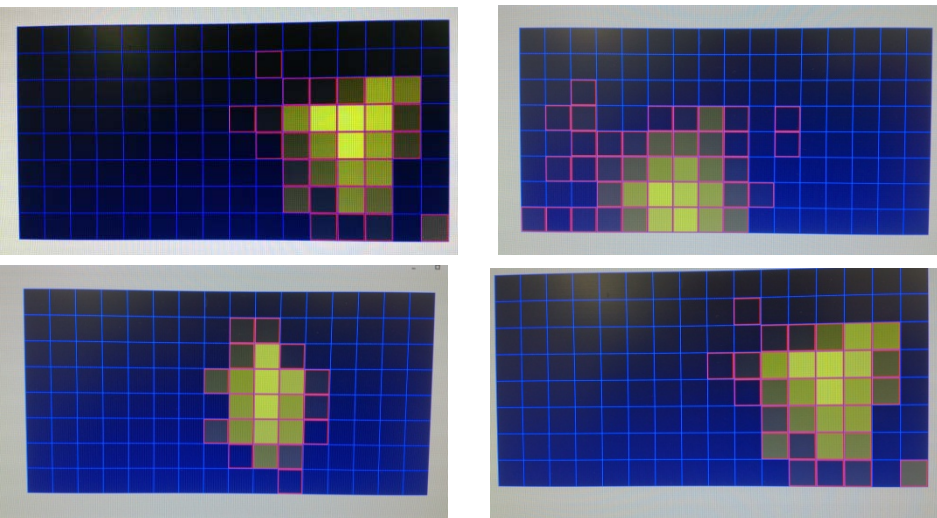


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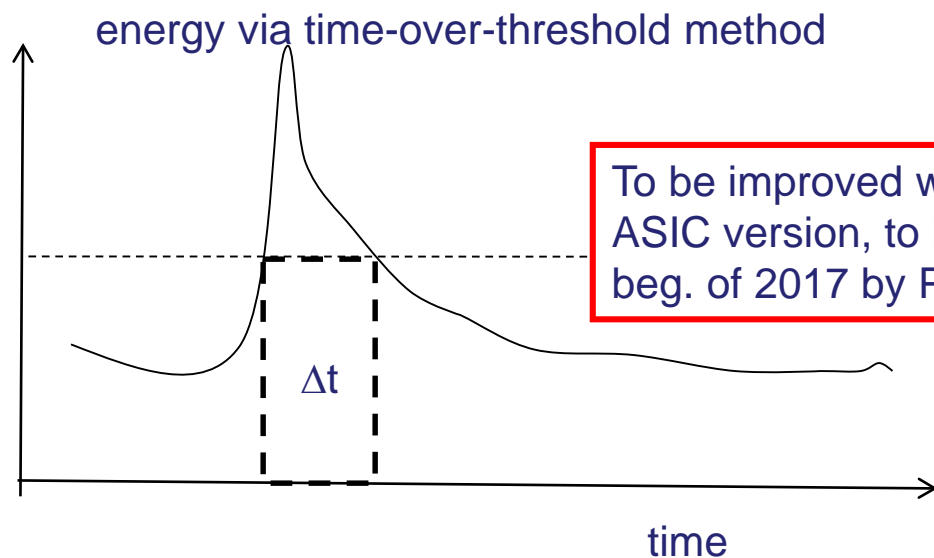


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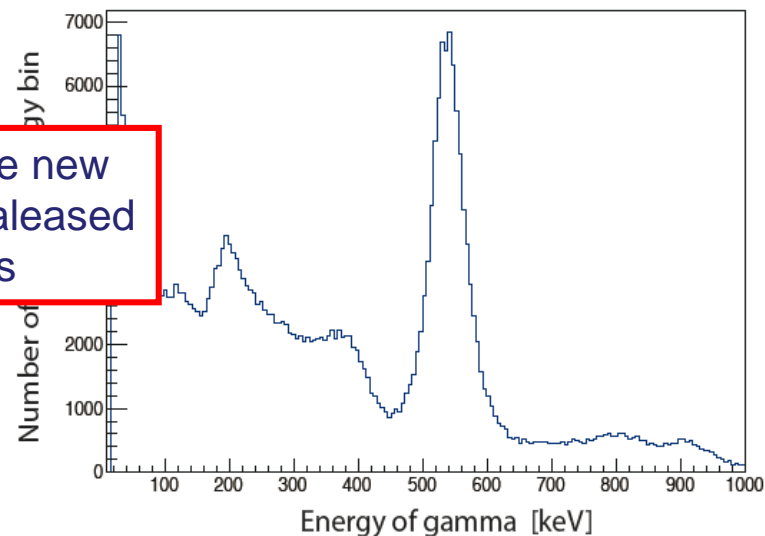
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²²Na source with LYSO, from PETSYS flyer

i-TED: Summary & Outlook

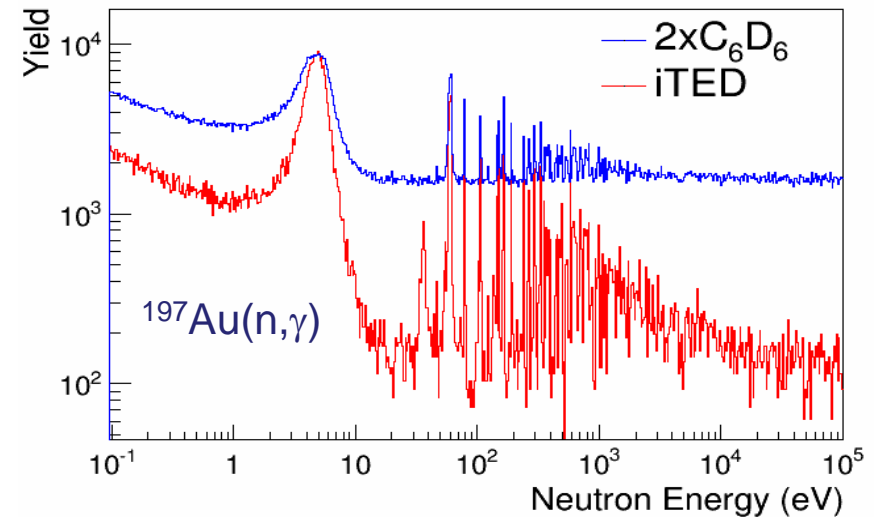
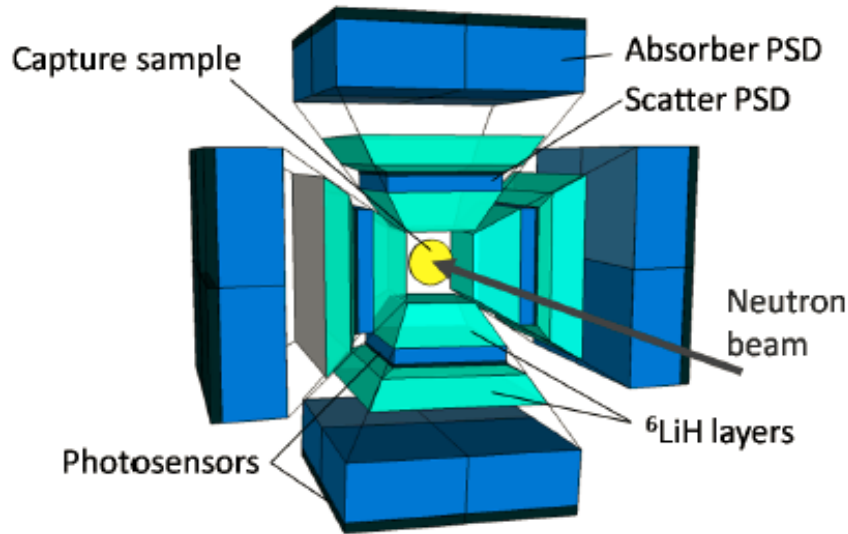
- Presently developing i-TED demonstrator based on one 2-PSD module
- $\text{LaCl}_3(\text{Ce})$ crystals validated regarding energy resolution
- Tests ongoing for E-resolution using SiPM arrays
- Tests ongoing to determine spatial resolution using SiPM arrays of different pixelation and different manufacturers (sensL, Hamamatsu)
- Main front open: readout- control- and pre-processing electronics (PETsys)
- In parallel (not presented):
 - MC Simulations of the full array including neutron propagation (Geant4)
 - Working together with PSI and ILL on the production of ^{79}Se sample for the $^{79}\text{Se}(n,g)$ measurement at n_TOF.

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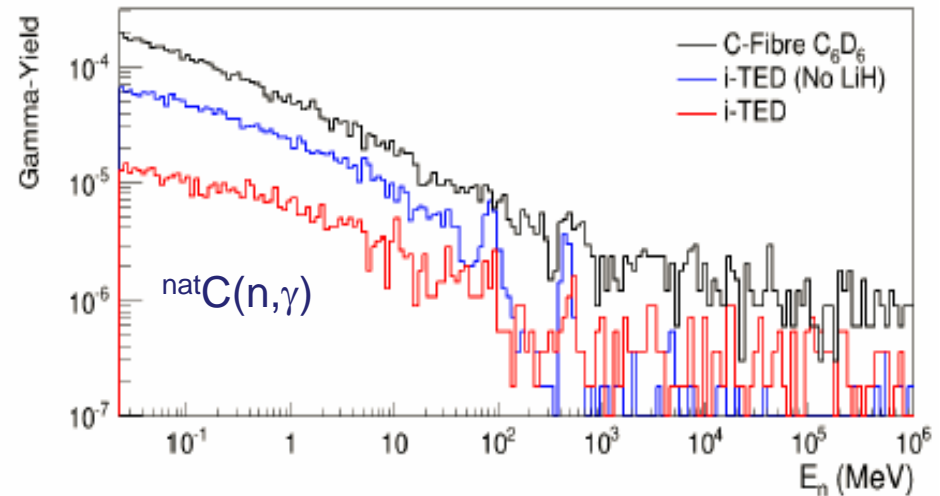
Backup slides

Intrinsic neutron sensitivity: i-TED with ^6LiH absorber pads

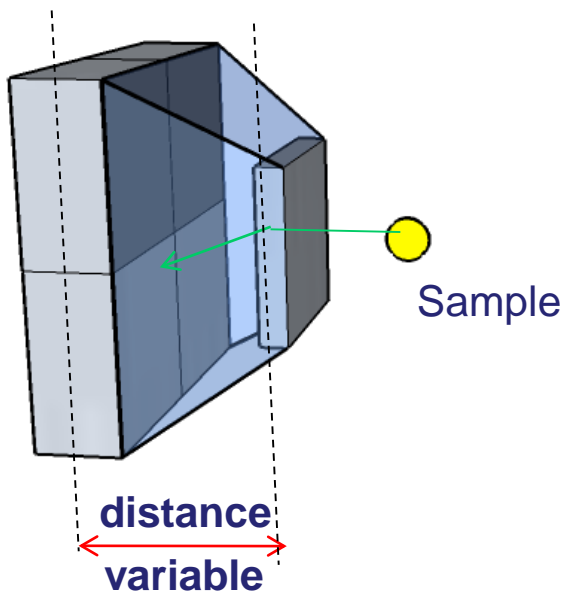
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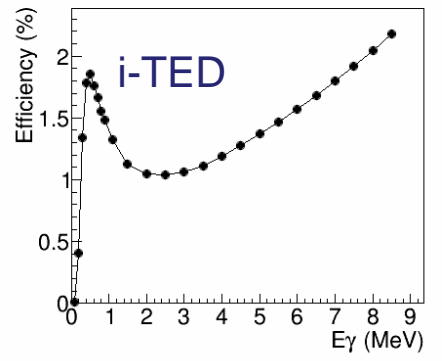
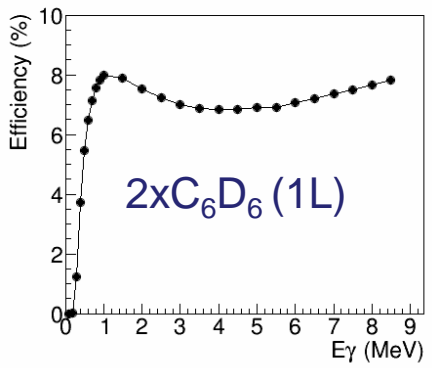
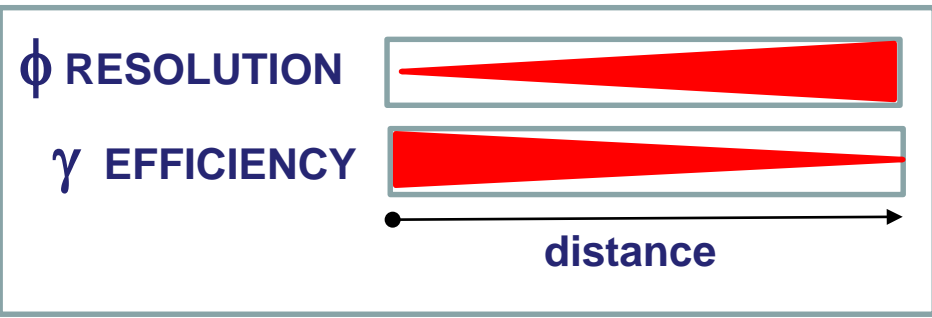
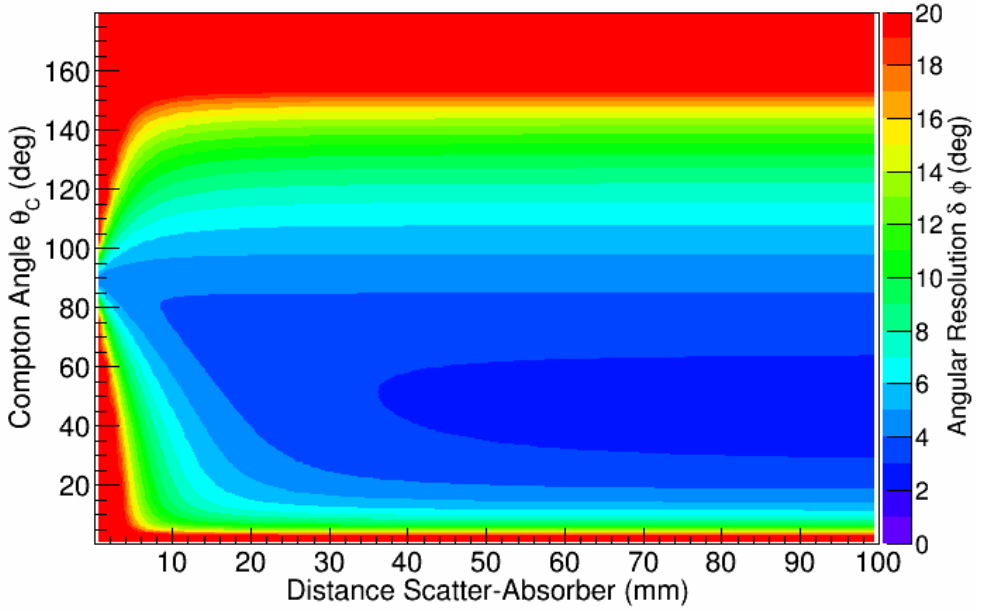
→ intrinsic neutron sensitivity:



Focusable i-TED module



Angular resolution vs. distance between detectors



Sensor Size	Microcell Size	Parameter	Overvoltage	Min.	Typical	Max.	Units
3mm	20µm	Gain (anode-cathode)	Vbr + 2.5V		9.1x10 ⁶		
	35µm				2.8x10 ⁶		
	20µm		Vbr + 5.0V		1.7x10 ⁶		
	35µm		5.3x10 ⁶				
6mm	35µm	Dark Current	Vbr + 2.5V	0.2	0.3	µA	
			Vbr + 5.0V	1.1	1.8	µA	
3mm	20µm		Vbr + 2.5V	0.9	1.3	µA	
	35µm		Vbr + 5.0V	4.1	5.8	µA	
6mm	35µm	Rise time ¹ - anode-cathode output	Vbr + 2.5V	100		ps	
			Vbr + 5.0V	300		ps	
3mm	20µm		Microcell recharge time constant ²	12		ns	
	35µm			37		ns	
6mm	35µm	Capacitance ³ (anode output)		Vbr + 2.5V	TBD		µF
				Vbr + 5.0V	1000		µF
3mm	20µm		Capacitance ³ (fast terminal)	Vbr + 2.5V	TBD		µF
	35µm			50		µF	
6mm	35µm	Fast output pulse width (FWHM)		Vbr + 2.5V	1.4		ns
				Vbr + 5.0V	1.4		ns
3mm	20µm		Crosstalk	Vbr + 2.5V	5		%
	35µm			Vbr + 5.0V	7		%
	20µm	Vbr + 2.5V		10		%	
	35µm	Vbr + 5.0V		22		%	
6mm	35µm	Afterpulsing	Vbr + 2.5V	7		%	
			Vbr + 5.0V	22		%	
3mm	20µm, 35µm		Temperature dependence of Vbr ⁴	Vbr + 2.5V	0.1		%
	20µm, 35µm			Vbr + 5.0V	1.0		%
6mm	35µm	Vbr + 2.5V		0.1		%	
		Vbr + 5.0V		1.0		%	
3mm	20µm, 35µm	Temperature dependence of Vbr ⁴		-21.5		mV/C	
6mm	35µm						

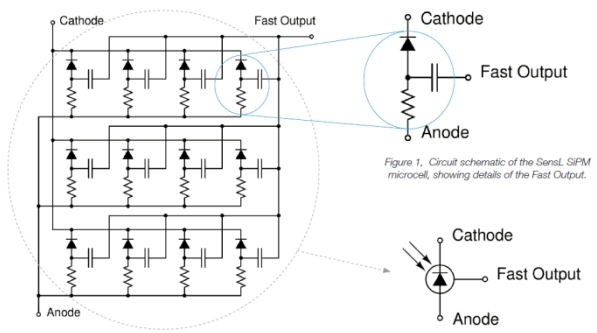
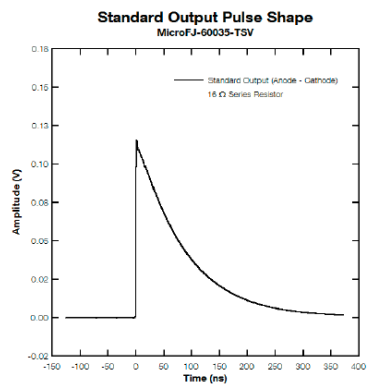
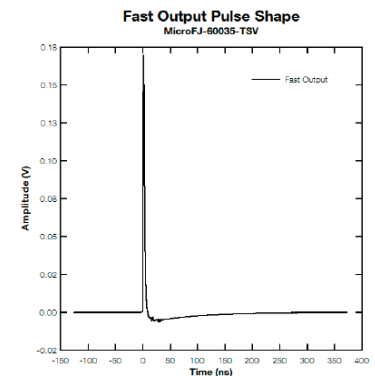
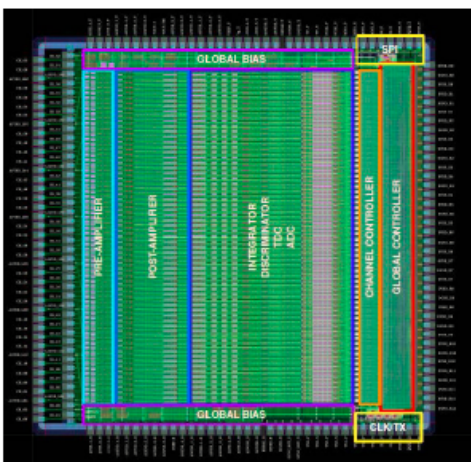


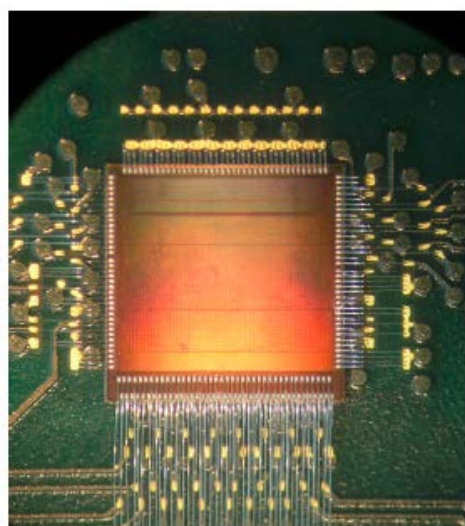
Figure 1. Circuit schematic of the Sensl SPM microcell, showing details of the Fast Output.



High performance TOFPET2 ASIC



Layout of the TOFPET2 ASIC.



Detail of test board showing the TOFPET2 ASIC bonded on the board.

- Designed in standard CMOS 110 nm technology
- Signal amplification and discrimination for each of 64 independent channels.
- Dual branch quad-buffered analogue interpolation TDCs for each channel. The first branch is used for timing measurement. The second branch can either be used for time-over-threshold (ToT) or charge measurement (ADC).
- Quad-buffered charge integration for each TDC or ADC in each channel.
- Dynamic range: 1500 pC.
- SNR 25 dB for $Q_{in}=200$ fC (≈ 1 p. e.) and input capacitance of 320 pF.
- TDC time binning: 40 ps (option 20 ps).
- Gain adjustment per channel: 1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8.
- Supports positive or negative signal polarity
- On-chip calibration pulse generator with 6-bit programmable amplitude.
- Max channel hit rate: 600 kHz.
- Rejects dark counts without triggering, allowing to handle over 1 MHz of dark counts.
- Separately configurable timing and trigger thresholds for each channel.
- Configurable charge integration time up to one microsecond.
- Fully digital output, 4 LVDS data links double data rate (DDR) compatible.
- Max output data rate: 3.2 Gb/s.
- Operation frequency: 200 MHz.
- Power consumption per channel: 5-8 mW, depending on certain settings.