



**The 24th meeting of the International Collaboration on Advanced Neutron Sources**

**The future and the present  
of neutron detectors for instruments  
at China Spallation Neutron Source**

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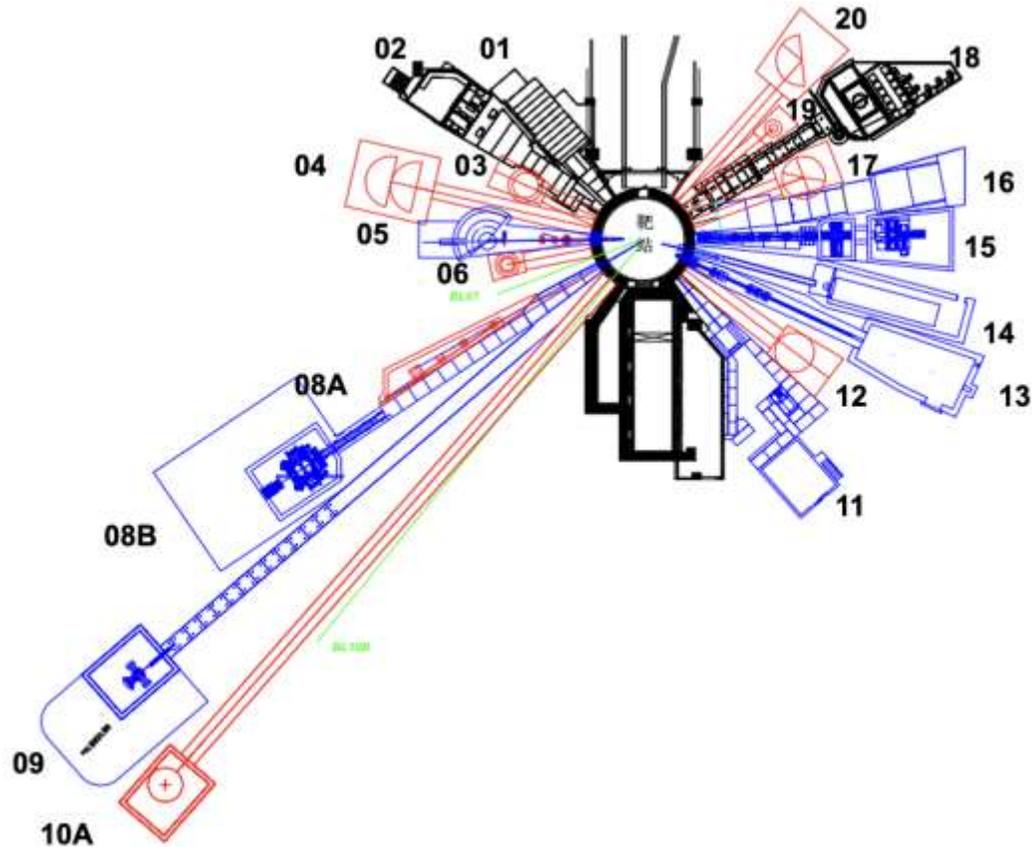
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- II Status of the detectors and electronics
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# Introduction to the detector and electronics team

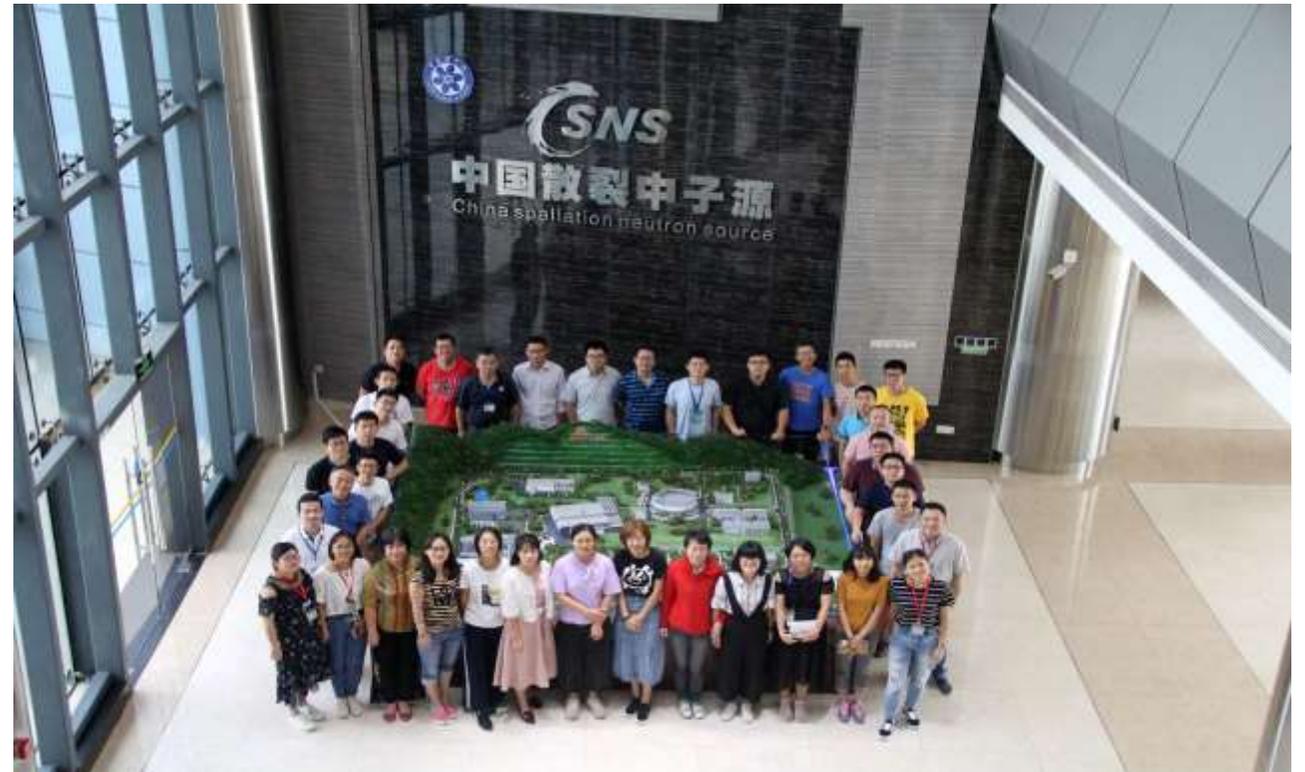
## • Team Mission:

- Focusing on the **requirements of the CSNS neutron Instruments**
- Developing advanced neutron detection system

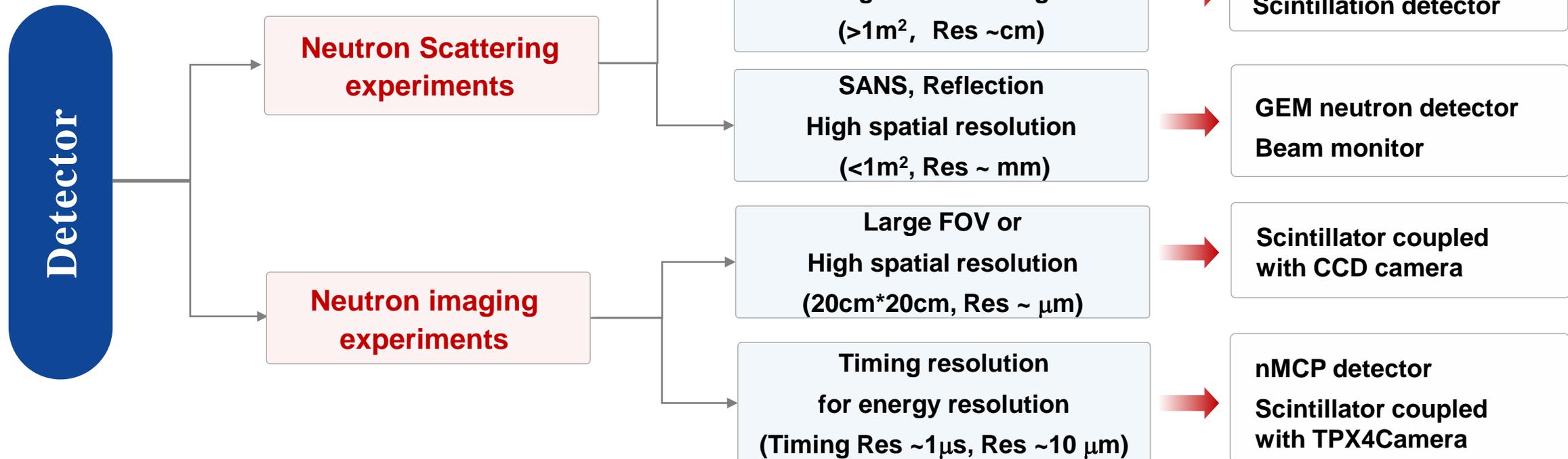
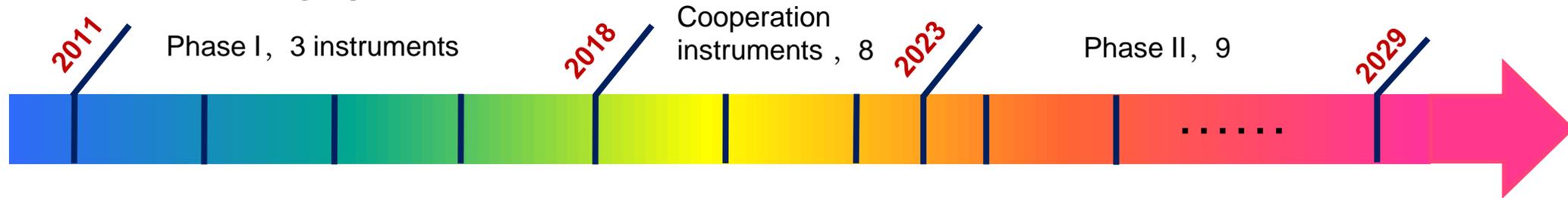


## • Team composition:

- Professors: 4, Senior Researchers: 11
- Total Number of Members: 40+
- Expertise: Detection Physics, Electronics, Data Acquisition, Mechanics, and Engineering Processes
- Average Age: ~35 years old



## ➤ Provide a complete solution for neutron instruments at CSNS (detector “family”)



I

Introduction to the detector  
and electronics team

II

**Status of the detectors and  
electronics**

III

R&D for CSNS Phase II

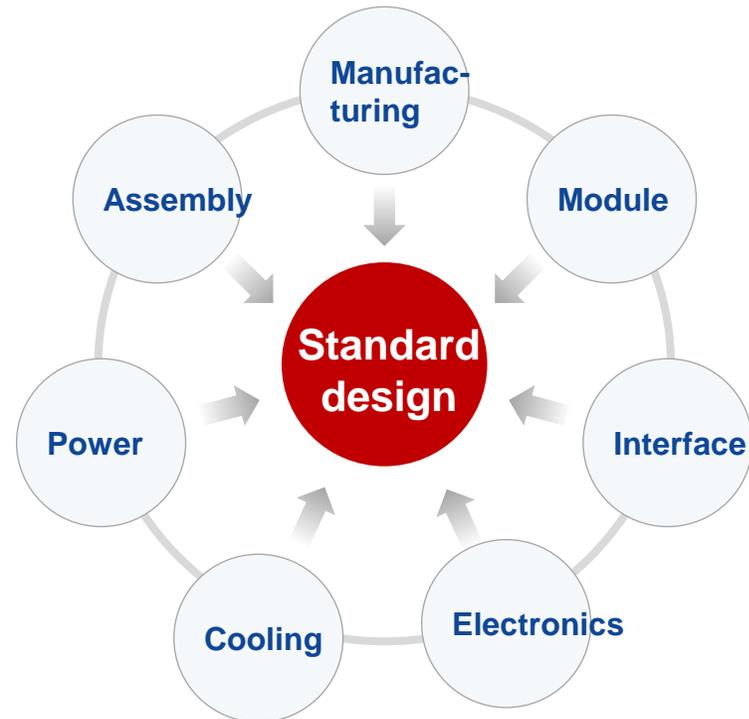
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Summary

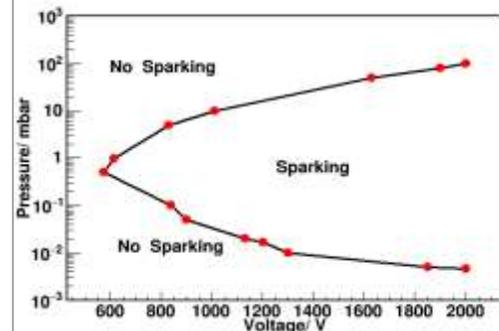
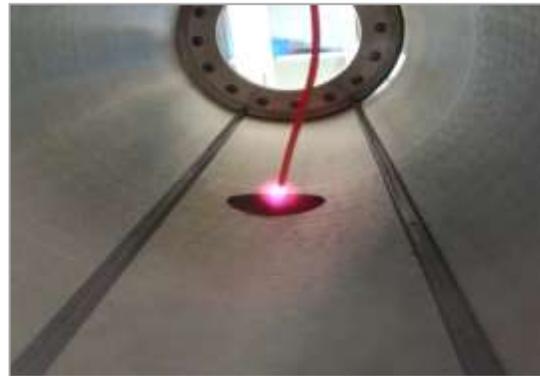
## ➤ A continuously **optimized and Standardized** Engineering Design

- Three technical solutions for atmosphere, high vacuum and low vacuum
- Solve vacuum discharge, electronics cooling, space limitation, system noise and channel consistency.

### Standardized Engineering Design



### HV Discharge in vacuum



### Continuously upgrade solutions

- Module design with 8 or 16 tubes
- Key component from multiple supply, avoiding single source dependency.
- FEE close to detector to reduce noise
- Optical fiber connections between devices to prevent electromagnetic interference.
- Improve stability and real-time monitoring

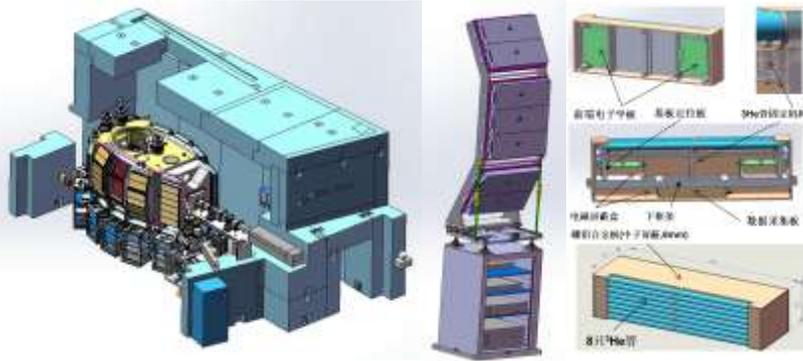
# Large-Area $^3\text{He}$ Tube Array Detector - **Atmosphere**

## Multi-Physics Instrument (MPI) detector system

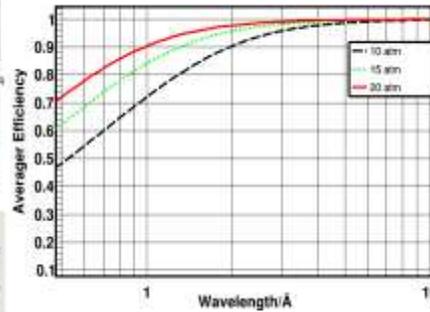
*RDTM 2021, 5: 200-206. Nuclear Science and Techniques, 2022, accepted*

- Large-area coverage: 6.6m<sup>2</sup> (544 1-inch diameter  $^3\text{He}$  tube)
- Start operation **in July 2021 and run stably for 2 years**

### Detector system design



### M.C. simulation



### Technical review



### Beam test



### Key technology



### Mass production



2020.11.09 多物理谱仪探测器单元模块和支撑架出厂验收  
左起第二排: 廖保平, 杨瑞明, 罗 刚, 周建伟, 谢 磊, 沈 杰, 李向东, 夏国光, 高敏杰  
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### Assembly & testing



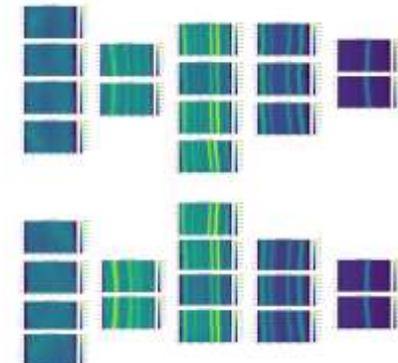
### System calibration



### On-site installation



### Sample experiment



# Large-Area $^3\text{He}$ Tube Array Detector - High Density

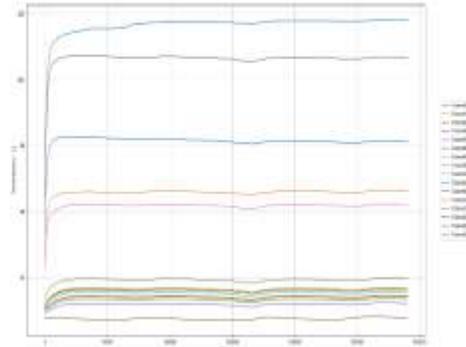
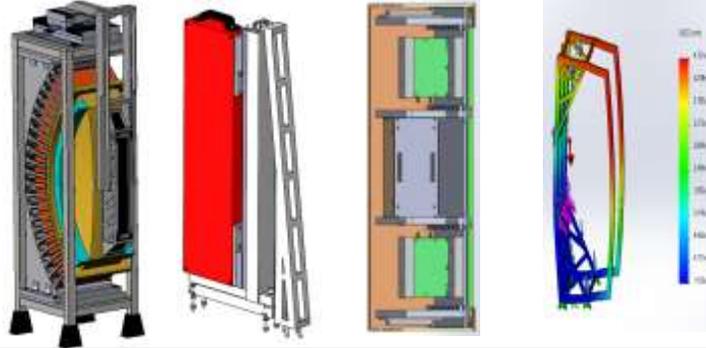
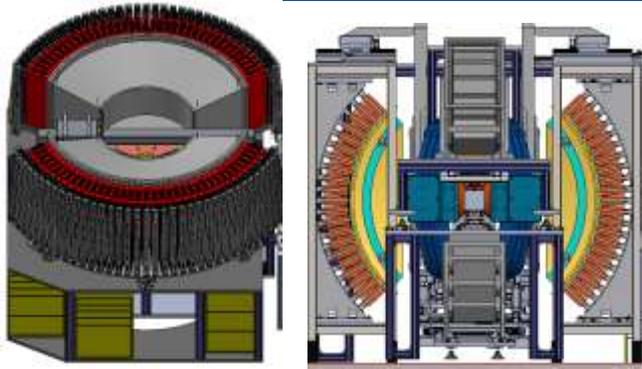
➤ High Pressure Neutron Diffractometer (HPND) & High Resolution Diffractometer(HRD)

HPND: 928 8mm/half-inch  $^3\text{He}$  tube, one module with 16 tubes, **finished in next 6 months.**

Engineering Design of HPND

Detector Module Design

Prototype Development & Testing

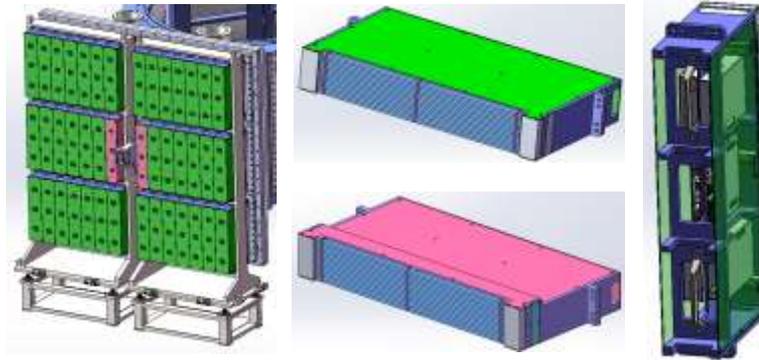
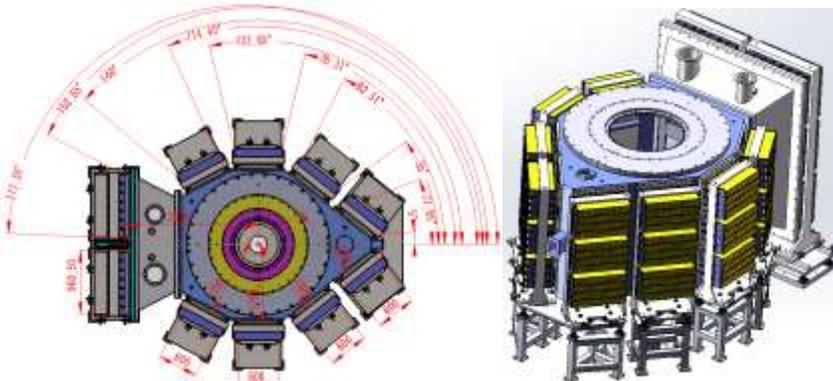


HRD: 1376 8mm/half-inch  $^3\text{He}$  tube, one module with 16 tubes, **finished in next 6 months.**

Engineering Design of HRD

Detector Module Design

Prototype Development & Testing

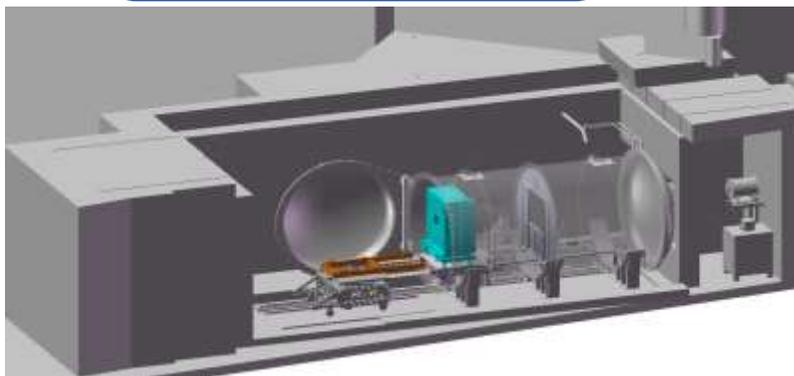


# Large-Area $^3\text{He}$ Tube Array Detector - **Low Vacuum**

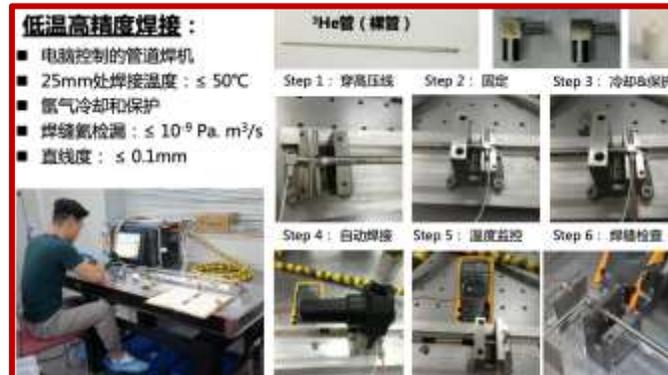
## ➤ Small-Angle Neutron Scattering (SANS) detector system

- 120 8mm diameter  $^3\text{He}$  tubes, small space, low vacuum environment (10Pa), movable base.
- All-metal connections and low-temperature welding. **Operating stably for 5 years.**

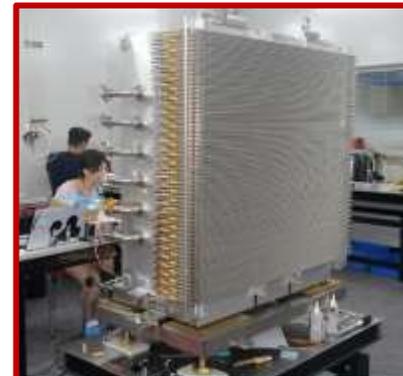
Detector system design



Low temperature and high precision welding on  $^3\text{He}$  tube



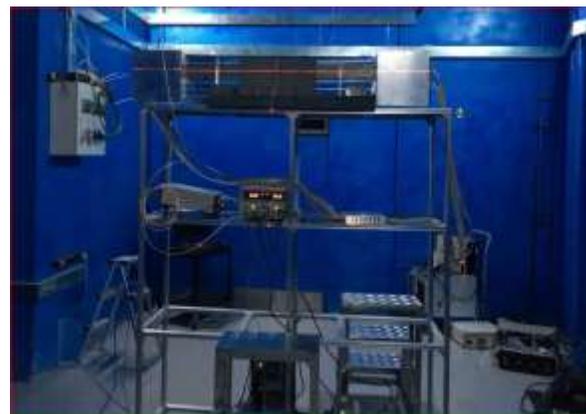
All metal pipeline connection



Readout Electronics



Beam test



Assembly and testing



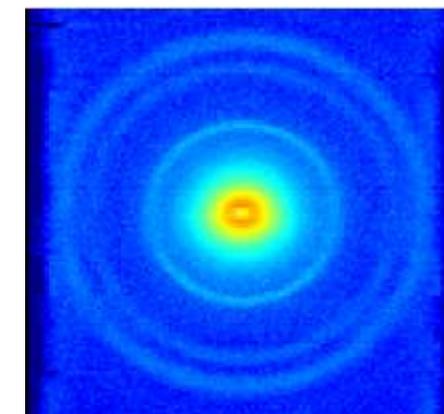
On-site installation



Nature News @2017.11.1



Sample experiment



# Large-Area $^3\text{He}$ Tube Array Detector - Low Vacuum

## Very Small Angle Neutron Scattering (VSANS) detector system

- 512 8mm diameter  $^3\text{He}$  tubes, low vacuum environment (10Pa), movable base.
- One module with 16 tubes. **On-site commissioning is underway.**

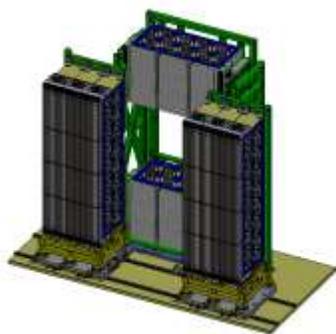
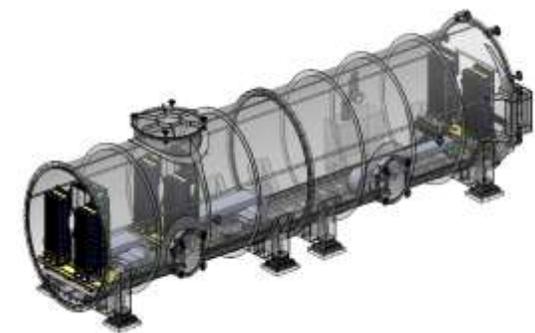
Detector system design

Module design

Technical review

Prototype development

key technology



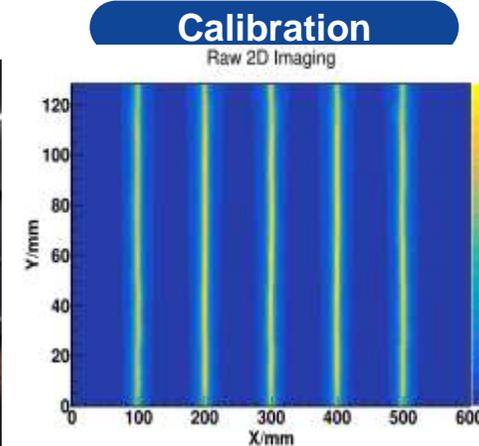
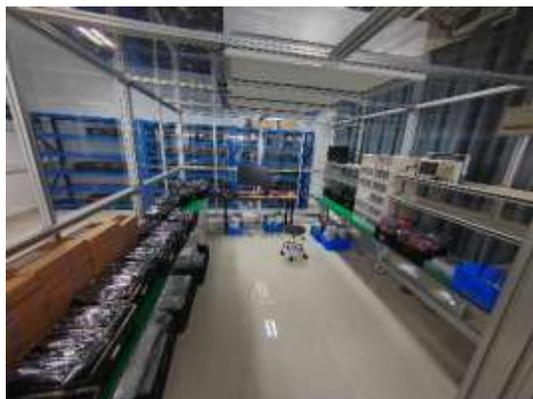
Batch manufacturing

Assembly and testing

Beam test

Calibration

On-site installation

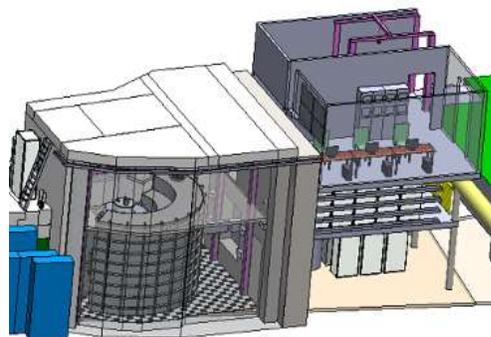


# Large-Area $^3\text{He}$ Tube Array Detector - High Vacuum

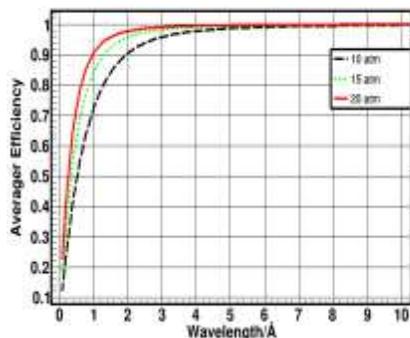
## ➤ High energy Direct geometry inelastic neutron scattering instrument

- 264 1-inch, 3 meters long  $^3\text{He}$  tube, high vacuum environment ( $10^{-4}\text{Pa}$ ).
- The detector installation has been completed and **systematic commissioning is underway**.

Detector system design



M.C. simulation



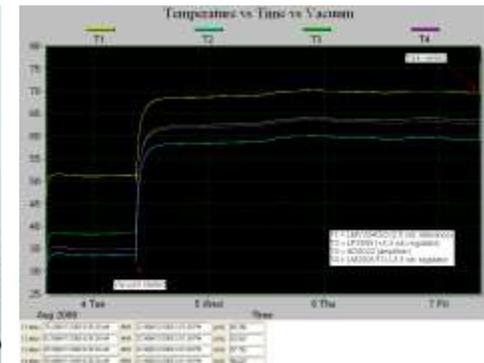
Technical review



Prototype development



key technology research



Mass production



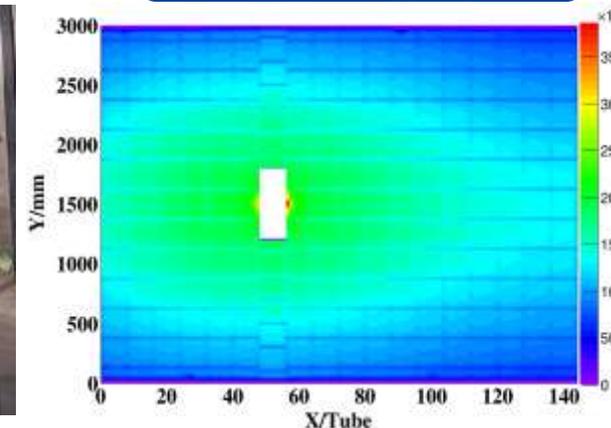
Assembly and testing



On-site installation and commissioning



Position Calibration

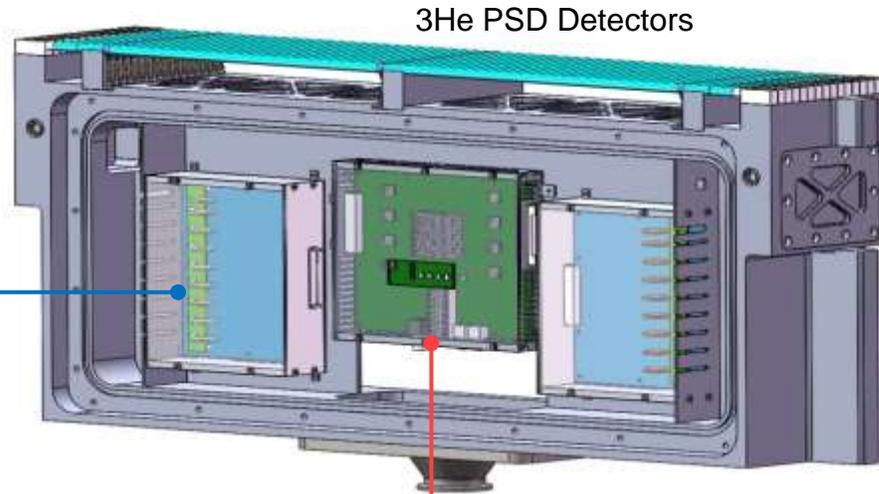


➤ Based on customized high-density pre-amplifier ASIC, with inductive DAC for threshold tuning



Pre-Amplifier Board x 2

- 8 channels
- CSA + CRRC + Single-ended to differential
- Shaping time: ~ 2 us
- High-Voltage distribution
- Power consumption: ~ 4 Watt

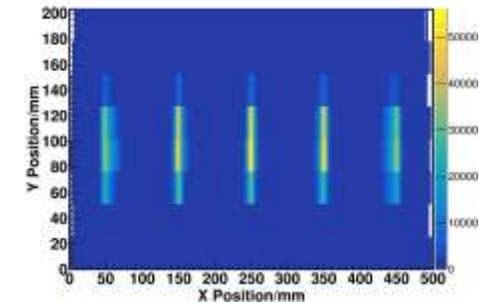
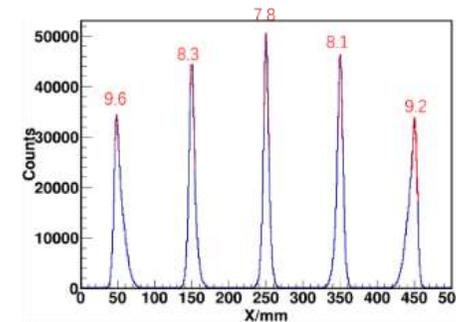


3He PSD Detectors



Digitization Board

- 16 input channels
- FPGA: Virtex5-LX85T
- Waveform sampling of 65 Msp/s @ 14bit
- Peak finding and hit-position calculation by charge division method
- Optical SiTCP for DAQ
- Power consumption: ~ 5 Watt
- T0/ID receiver for timing and tagging



Specs	Requirement	Results
<b>Dynamic Range</b>	100 - 800 fC	100 - 830 fC
<b>Charge Resolution</b>	< 15 fC	< 5 fC
<b>INL</b>	< 1%	< 0.5%
<b>Counting Rate (Channel, peak)</b>	> 100KHz	> 100KHz
<b>Timing Resolution</b>	< 1us	< 20 ns
<b>Position Resolution</b>	< 10 mm with 1m tube	< 8 mm

## Module design: front-end digital for fast readout, highly integration and easy assembly

2010~2018

### First-generation

- **0-> 1 Breakthrough**
- **laboratory-level to engineering-level products**



- **Engineering application: GPPD spectrometer 6m<sup>2</sup> space coverage**

2018~2023

### Second -generation

- **Performance further improved**
- **implementation of batch production**



- **High integration, low power consumption**
- **Engineering application: EMD, ERNI and other spectrometers 8m<sup>2</sup> area coverage**

2023~2029

### Third -generation

- **More compact**



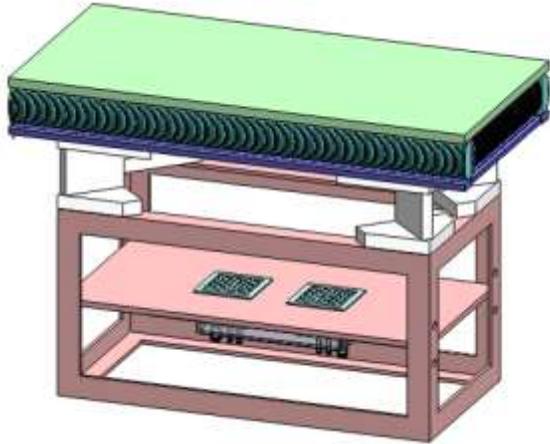
- **High spatial resolution: <1mm**
- **Can work in vacuum environment**
- **Domestic Key Components**
- **Engineering application: CSNS II**

# Large-Area Scintillator Detector – 1<sup>st</sup> generation

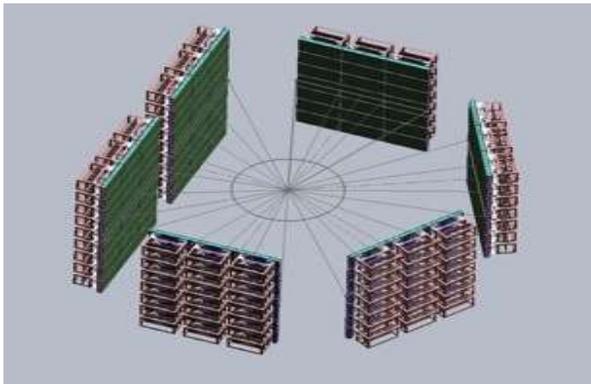
## ➤ Flat Panel Scintillation Neutron Detector for GPPD

- Detection area 6m<sup>2</sup>, <sup>6</sup>LiF/ZnS(Ag)+WLSF+MA-PMT
- **Start operation from August 2018 and run stably for 5 years.**

### Detector module design

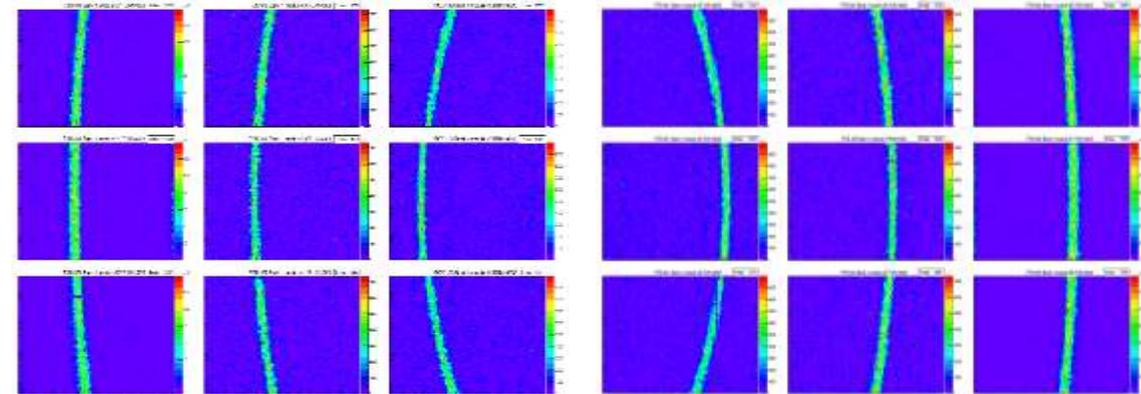


### Detector array design

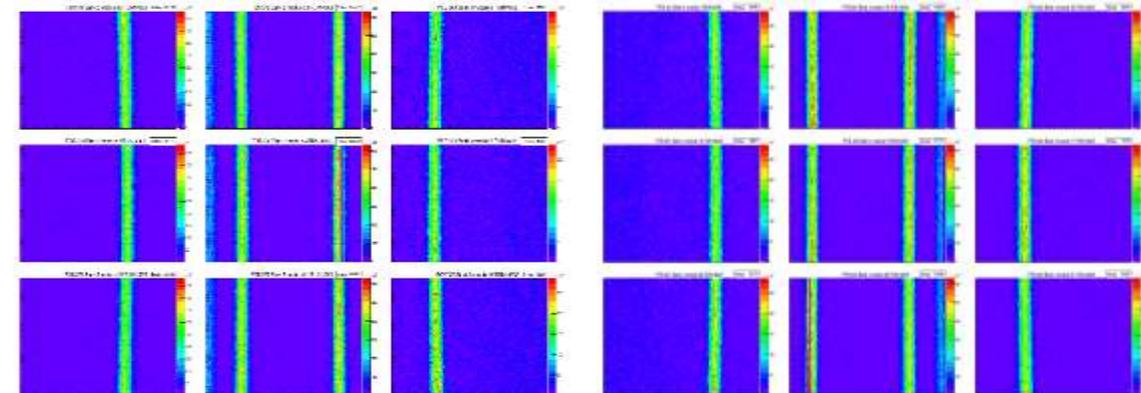


### Sample experiments

#### Bank1 and Bank2



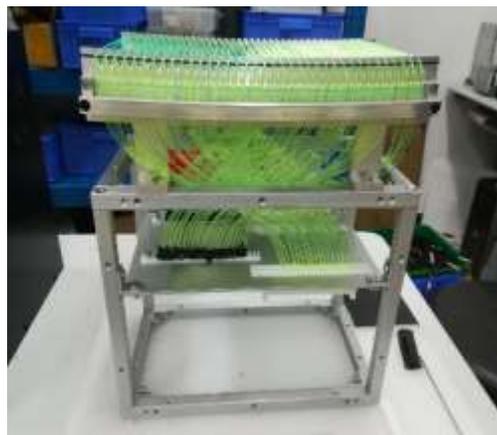
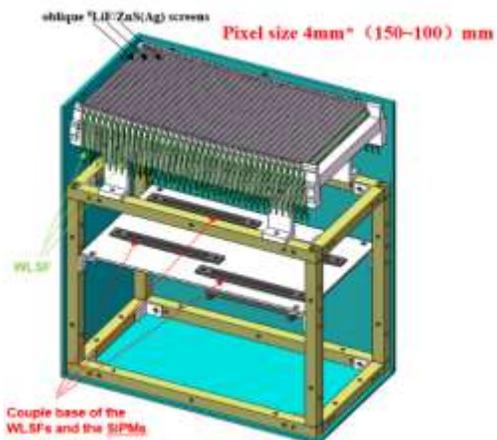
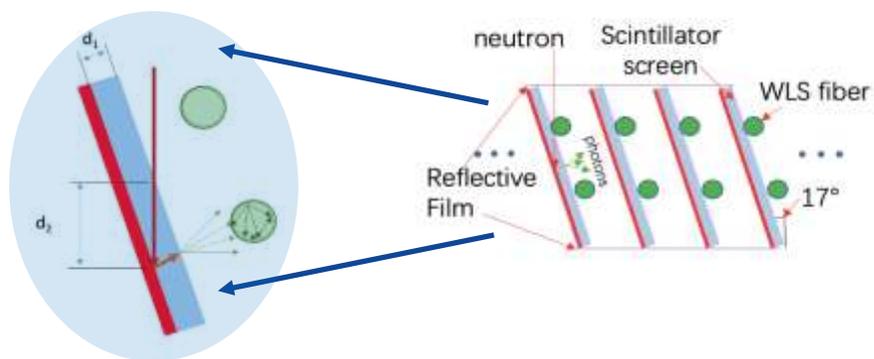
#### Bank3 and Bank4



## ➤ Oblique Incidence Scintillation Detector Based on SiPM

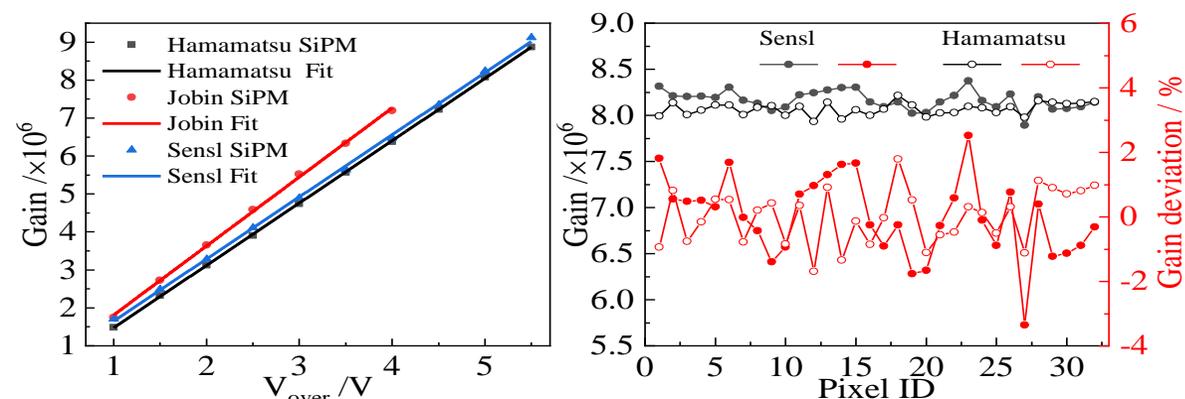
- 80 detector modules, including electronics, SoC, power supply, temperature monitoring, temperature compensation modules.
- **Commissioning is under way**

Solve problems of SIPM for large -scale engineering application

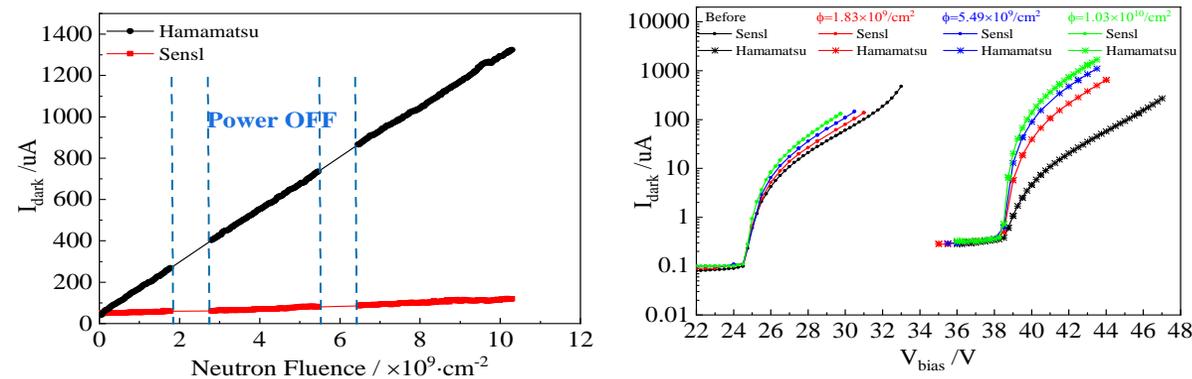


Detector module design

### SiPM gain and gain uniformity comparison test

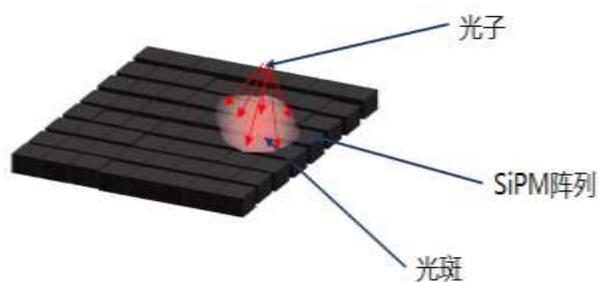
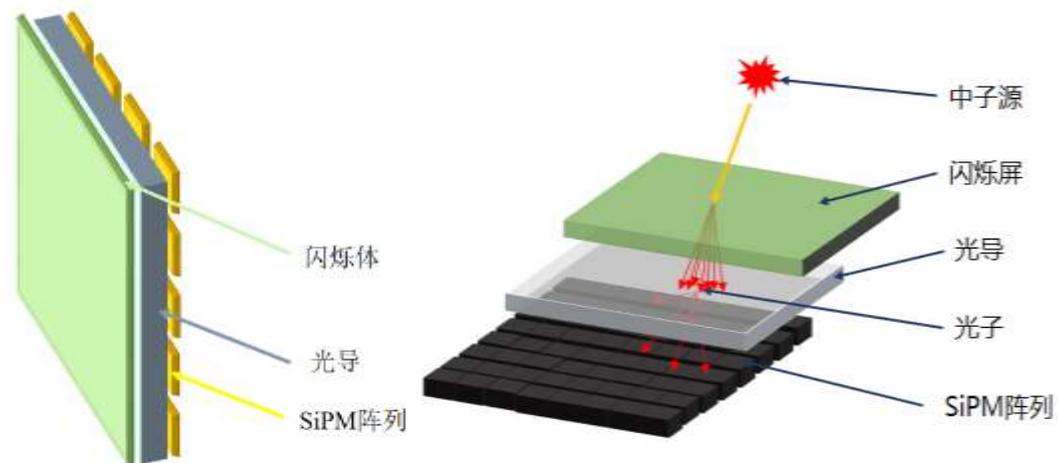


### Thermal noise and I/V curve change before and after thermal neutron radiation



## High-Resolution Scintillation Detector

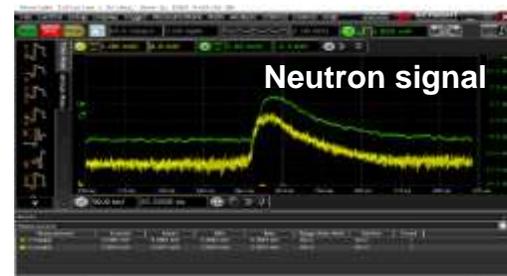
- Aiming at the urgent needs of high -performance neutron detector for CSNS II



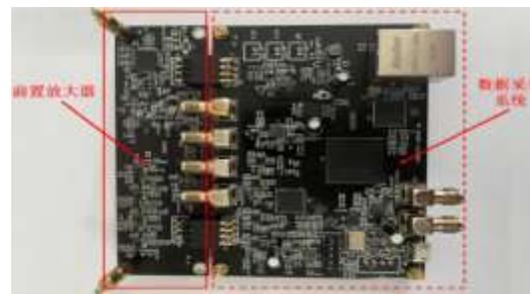
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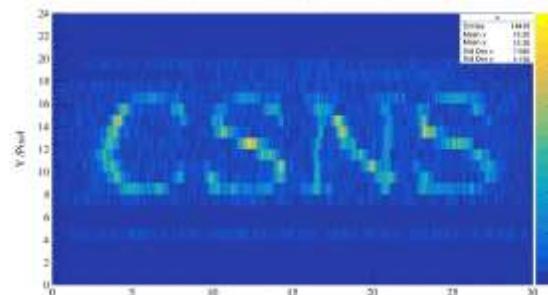
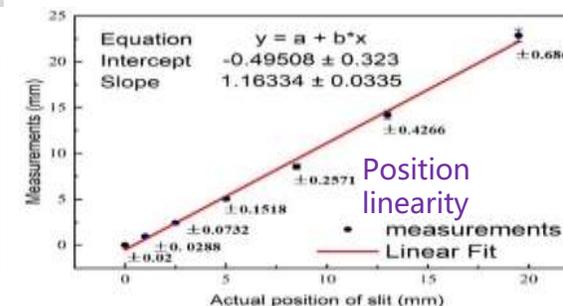
Detector module design



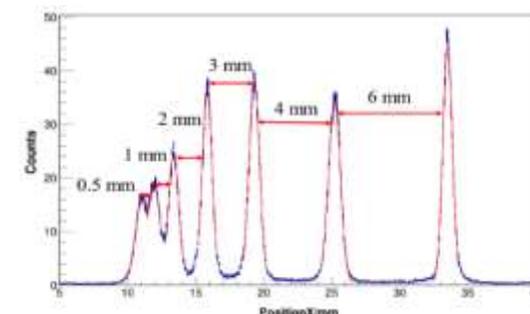
Prototype (10cm\*10cm)



•Electronic readout system

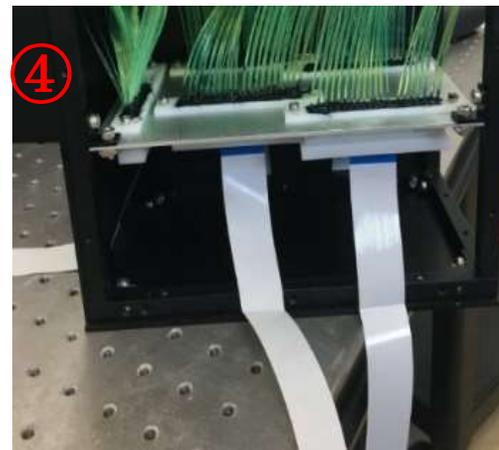
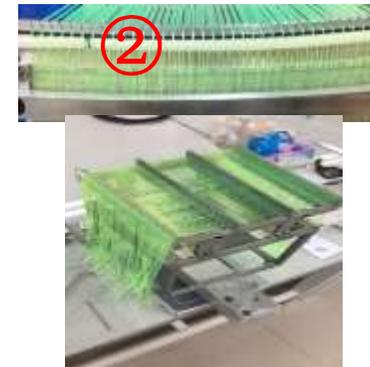
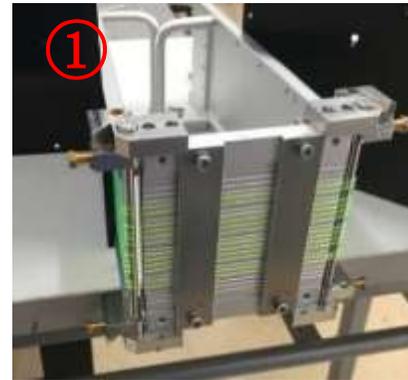


2D imaging



0.5mm position resolution

Mass production based on assembly line to reduce the impact of human factors in the process, improve the uniformity of the detector and control the quality

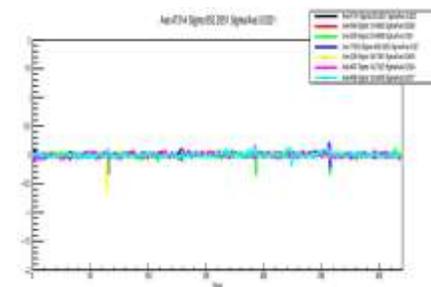
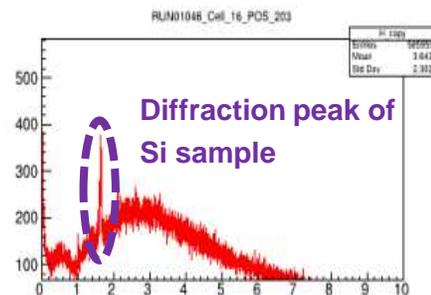
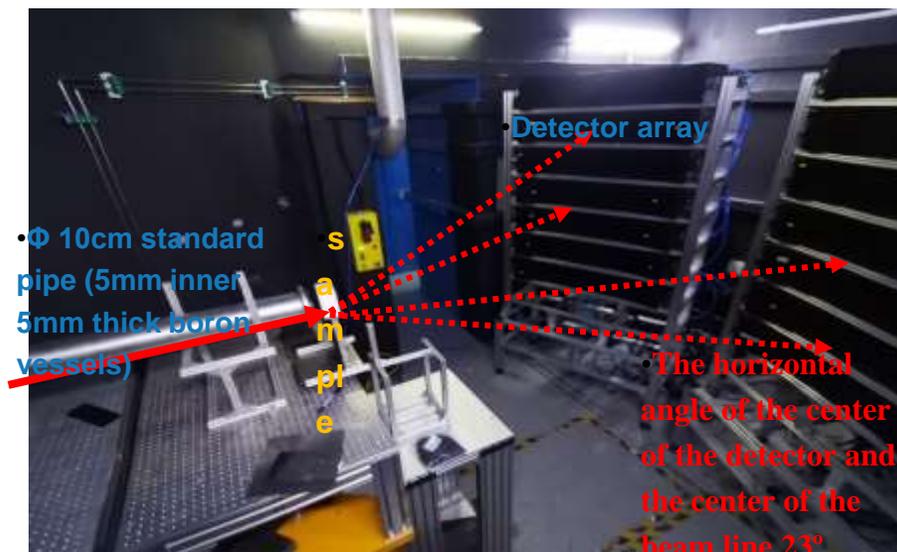


# Large-Area Scintillator Detector

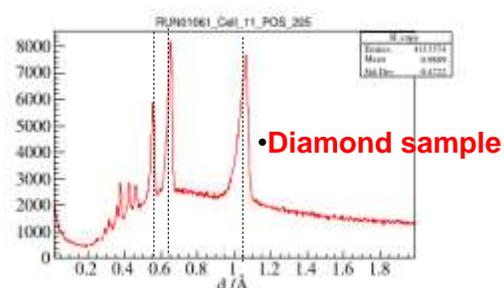
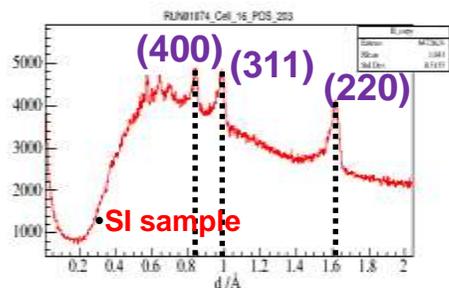
## Applied to Engineering Material Diffractometer (EMD) (100 units)

Batch calibration and optimization of the detector with neutron beam

### Beam Test



### On-site installation and commissioning

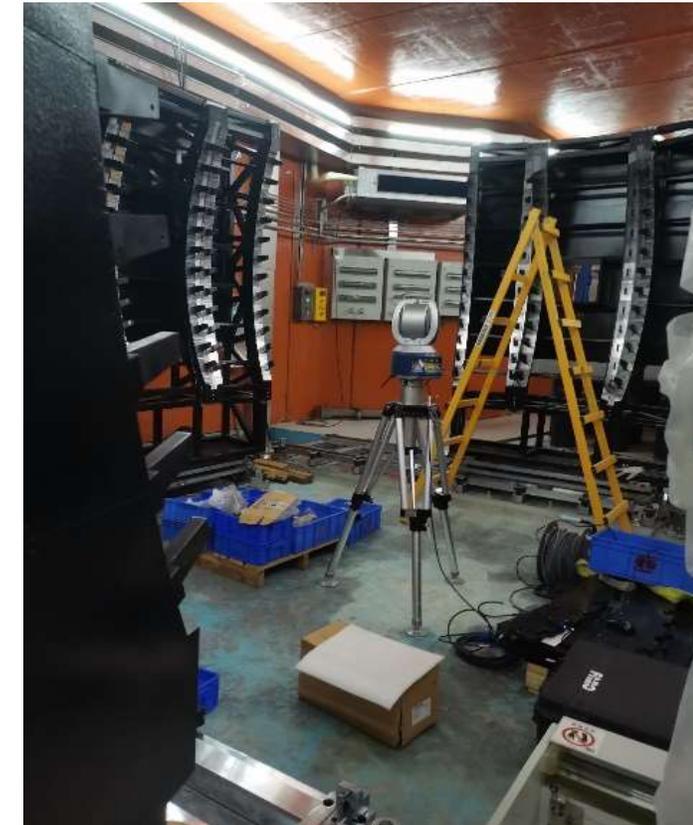
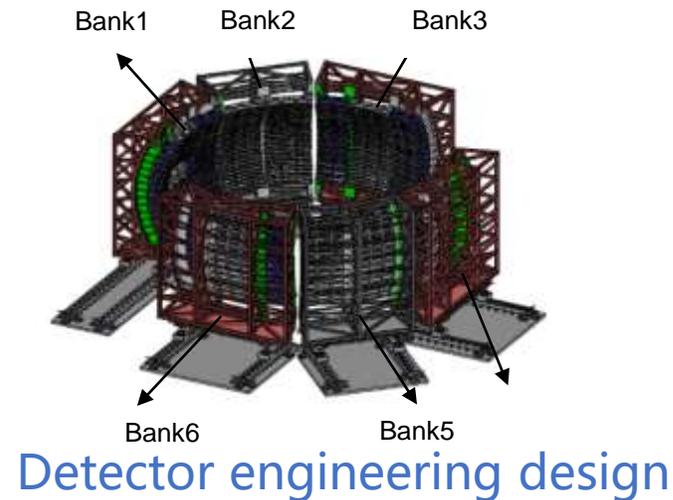
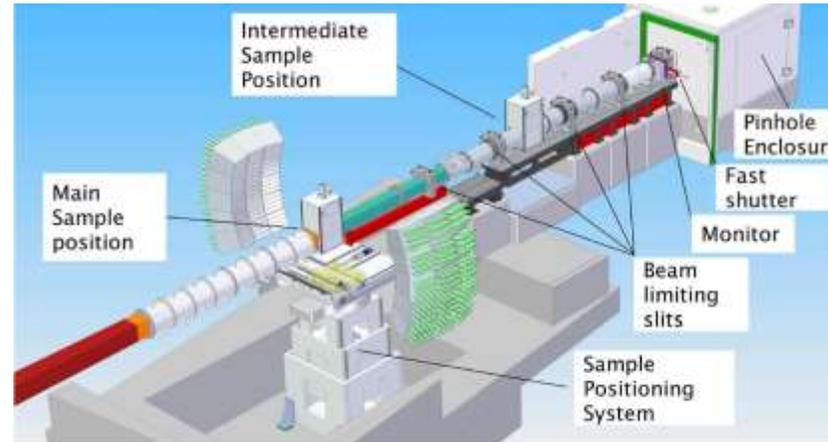
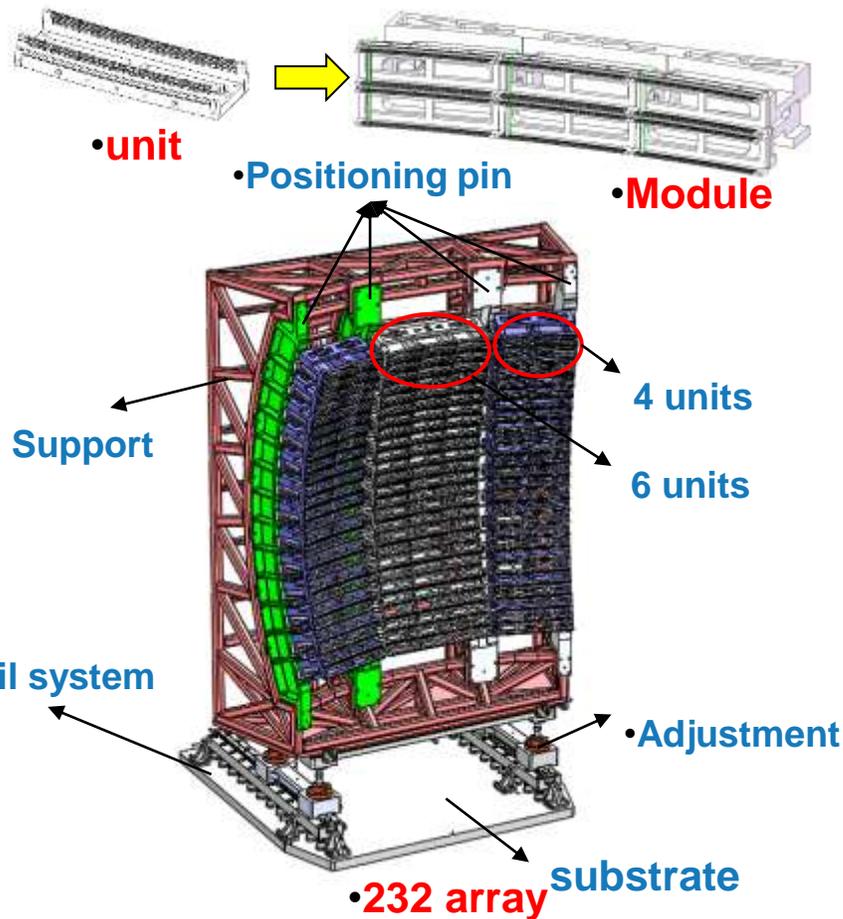


Characteristic diffraction peak of standard sample

# Large-Area Scintillator Detector

➤ Applied to Energy-Resolved Neutron Imaging instrument (ERNI) (400 units)

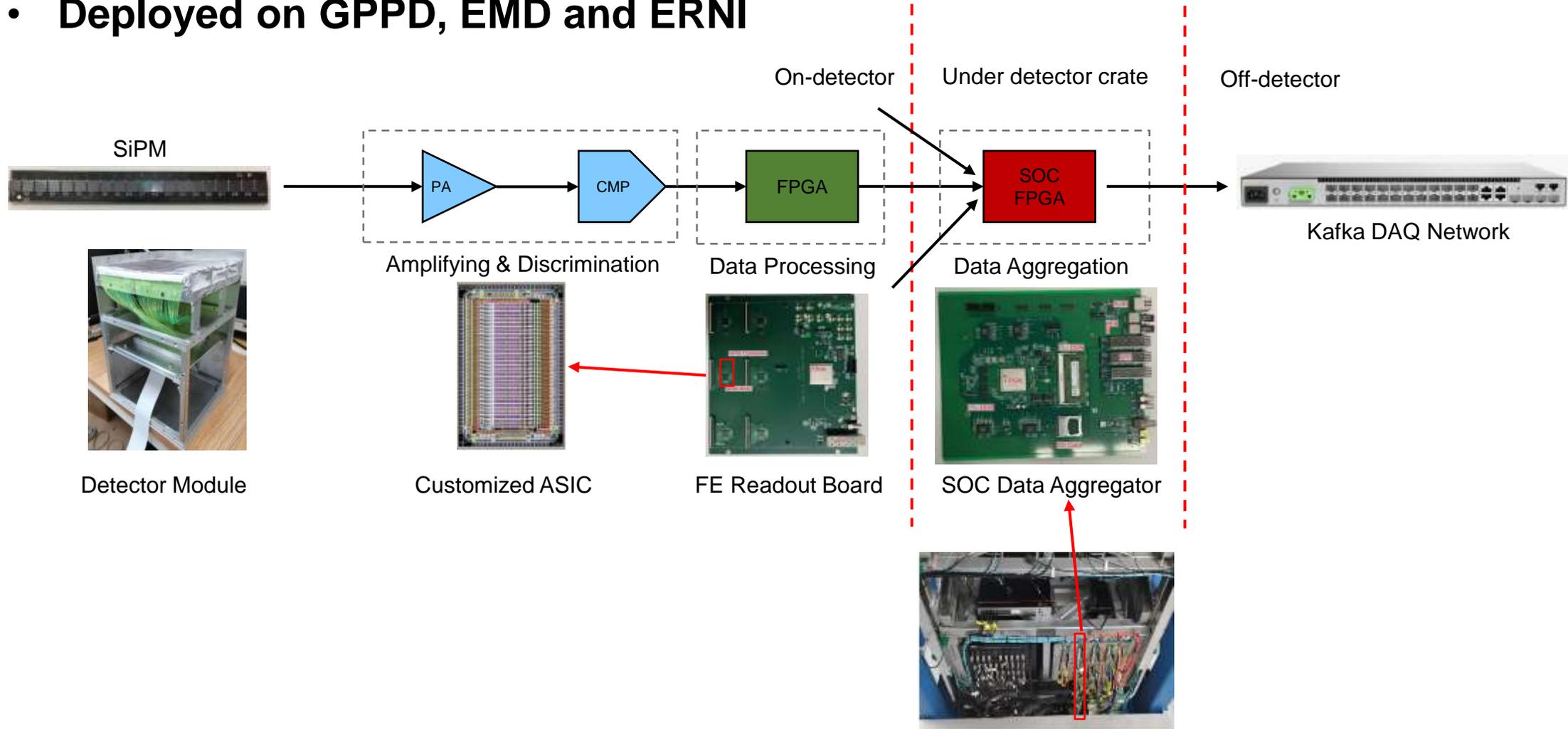
- Detection area:  $\sim 3\text{m}^2$ , 25,000 channels of electronics, solved the problem of power consumption and heat dissipation, **on-site installation and commissioning is underway.**



on-site installation and commissioning

➤ Based on customized high-density pre-amplifier ASIC, with individual DAC for threshold tuning

- Deployed on GPPD, EMD and ERNI



# Ceramic GEM Neutron Detector

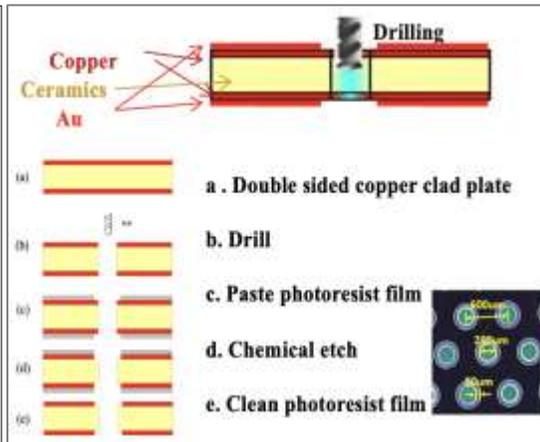
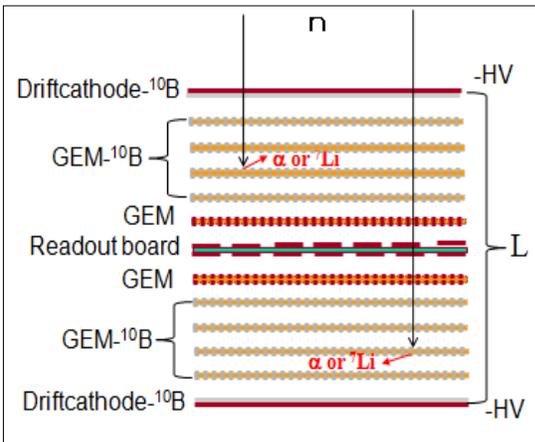
➤ In 2013 the ceramic GEM was invented to reduce hydrogen containing materials with low neutron scattering, high radiation resistance and high temperature resistance

Aiming at engineering applications, ceramic GEM based detector design and key technology development

## Detector design

## Ceramic GEM development

## Large-area boron coating by magnetron sputtering



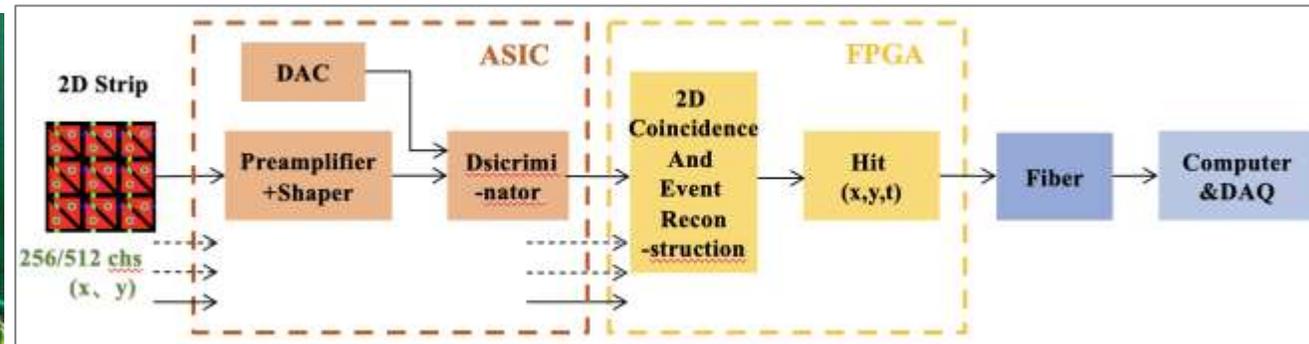
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## R&D of multi-channel ASIC chip

## Fast digital readout electronics

Parameter	Specification
Input charge	$\pm 10\text{fC} \sim \pm 400\text{fC}$
Counting rate	1MHz/ ch
Channels	32*2
Output	2.5V TTL
Threshold	DAC adjustable



# Ceramic GEM - Beam Monitor

## ➤ High flux 2D position sensitive neutron beam monitor

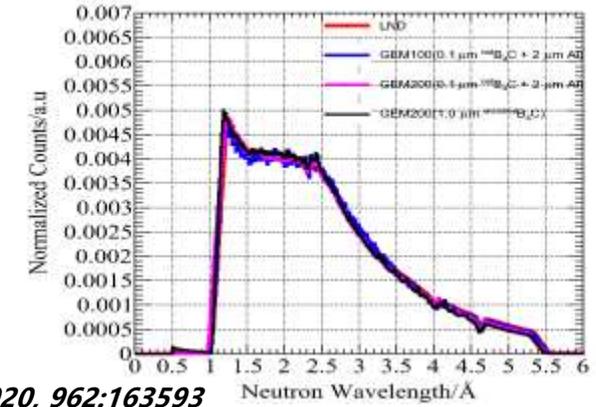
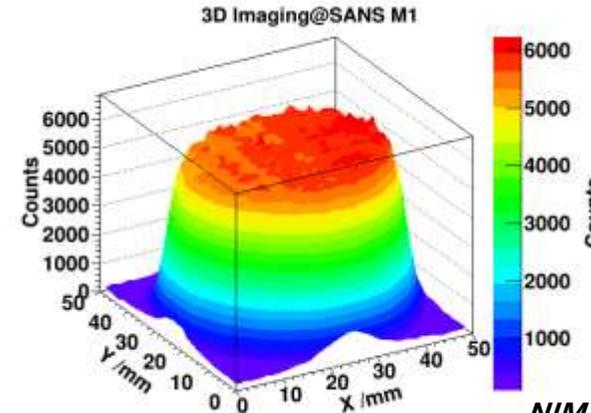
6 monitors were installed in CSNS I, **operating stably for 5 years**. 21 monitors totally used for instruments

### Monitor design parameters

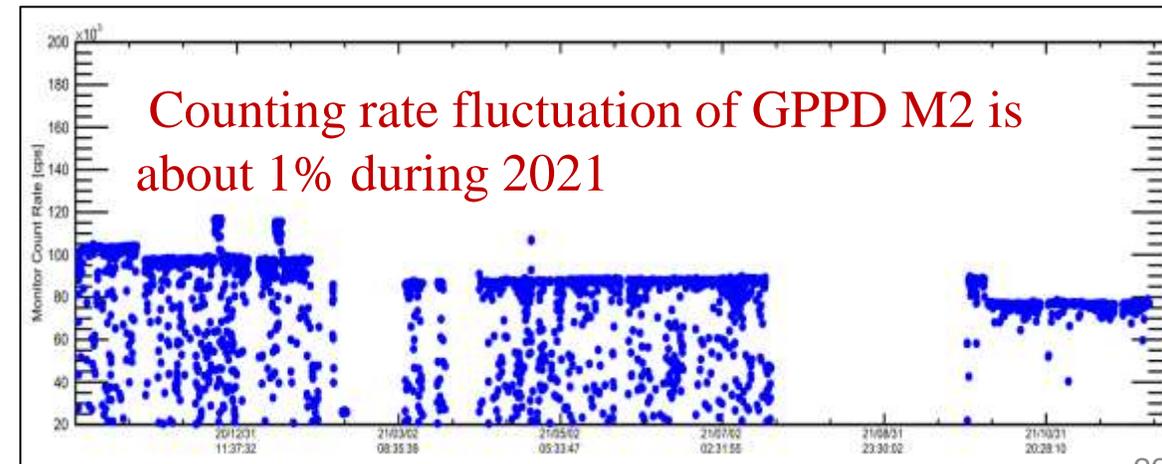
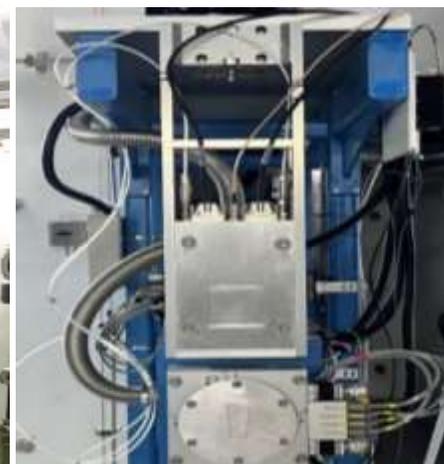
30 monitors have been mass-produced

### Monitor Operation Test Results

Indicators	Specifications
Conversion layer	B <sub>4</sub> C, C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , U
Effective area	50mm*50mm, 100mm*100mm, 200mm*200mm
Detection Efficiency @1.8Å	10 <sup>-4</sup> ~10 <sup>-2</sup>
Counting rate	1 MHz
Neutron flux	10 <sup>10</sup> n/s



NIMA, 2020, 962:163593

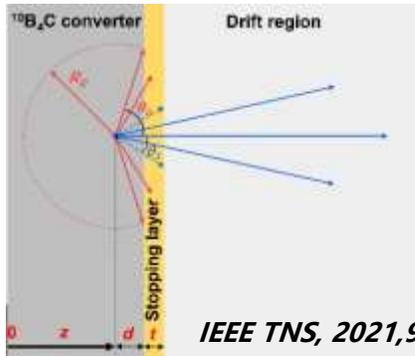


# Ceramic GEM - Imaging Detector

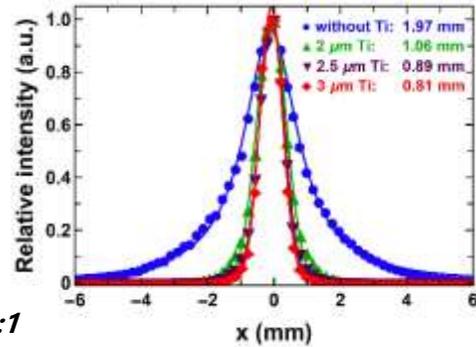
## Large FOV GEM neutron detector for ERNI

Al/Ti film is used as a stop layer. Spatial resolution is improved to 0.8mm, and it **has been installed to ERNI for commissioning.**

### M.C. simulation



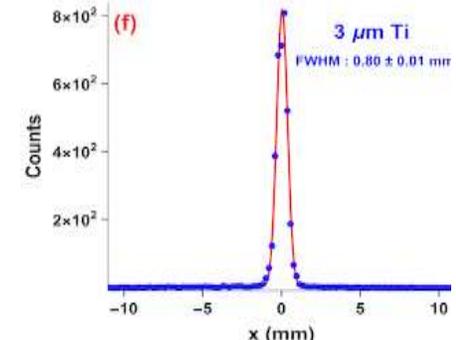
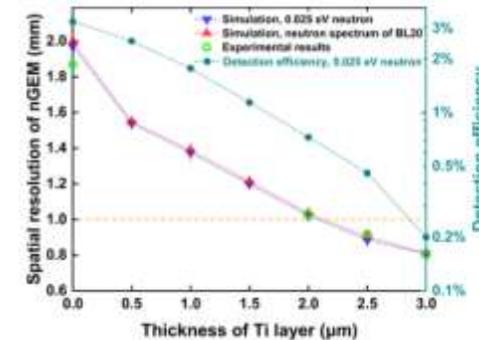
IEEE TNS, 2021,99:1



### Prototype development



### Test results of neutron beam test



### Detector design

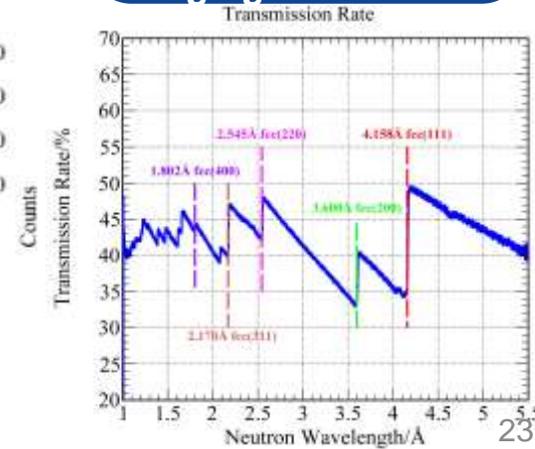
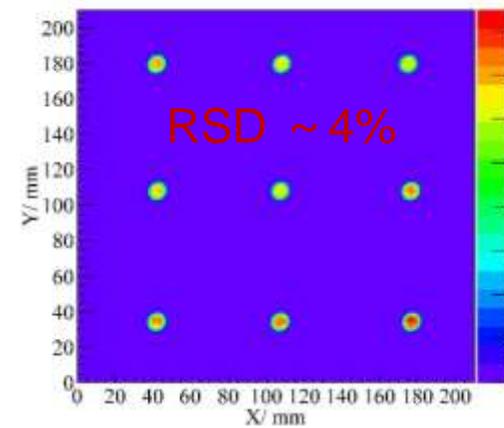
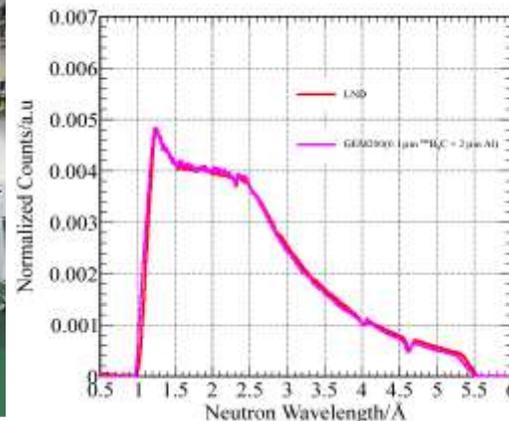
### Detector photo

### Neutron wavelength

### Detecting surface uniformity

### Bragg-Edge Neutron Imaging

Indicators	Specifications
Conversion layer	0.1 μm natB <sub>4</sub> C + 2 μm Al
Effective area	200mm*200mm
Pixel size	0.8mm
Detection Efficiency@1.8Å	10 <sup>-4</sup>
Counting rate	1 MHz
Neutron flux	10 <sup>10</sup> n/s



# Ceramic GEM - High Resolution Detector

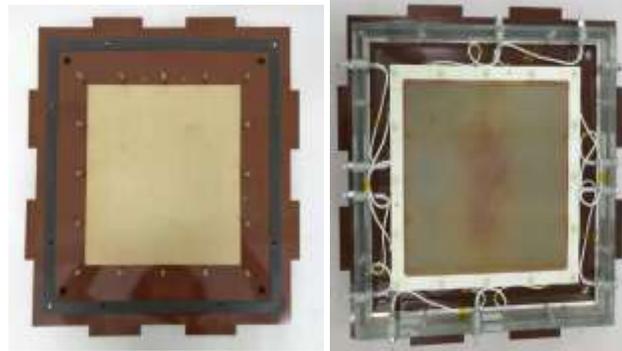
## ➤ High Resolution Detector for VSANS

Multi-layer BGEM structure is used to improve the detection efficiency, and it **has been installed at VSANS for commissioning**

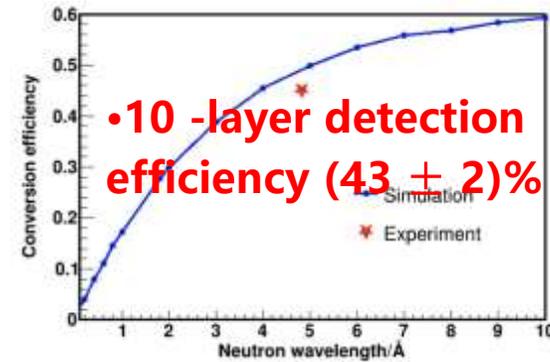
Detector design



Detector prototype development



Project Acceptance by CAS@2019



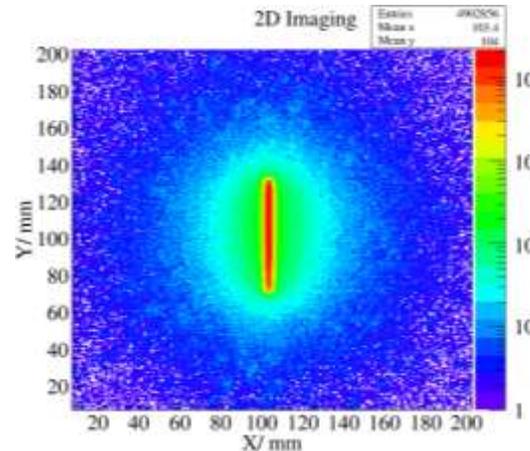
Detector photo



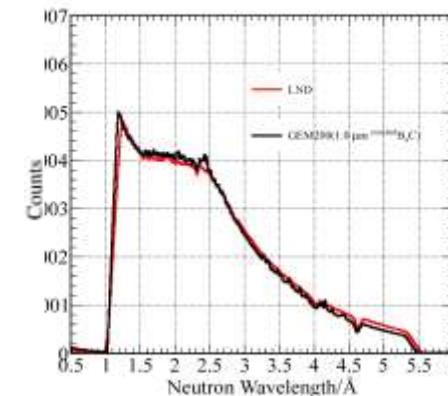
Neutron beam test



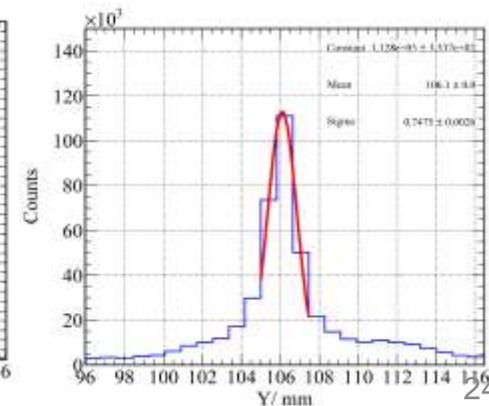
2D beam profile



Neutron wavelength



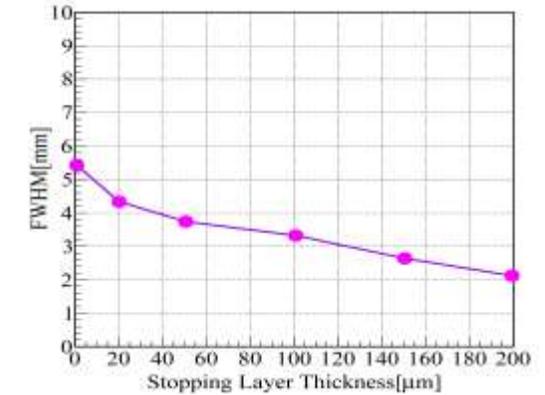
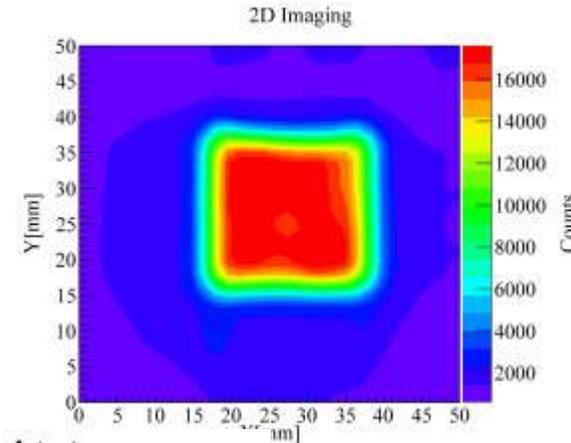
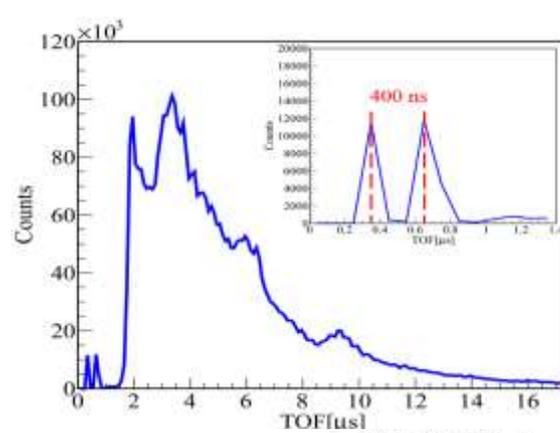
Spatial resolution



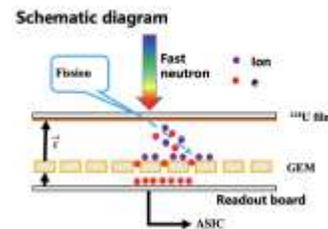
# Ceramic GEM - Fast Neutron Detector

## ➤ Atmospheric Neutron Irradiation Spectrometer 2D position sensitive detector

Use aluminum as stop layer and spatial resolution of fast neutron improved from 5mm to 2.1mm, **has been installed at ANIS for commissioning**



### 1. $^{238}\text{U}$ -GEM fast neutron detector

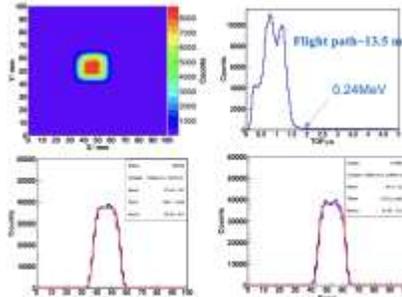


- Specifications**
- Active area: 100mm×100mm
  - Readout channels: 64(X)+64(Y) = 128
  - Pixel: 1.56mm×1.56mm
  - Converter: -1 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>  $^{238}\text{U}$ 膜层
  - Spatial resolution: 5 mm (FWHM), HV=-700V
  - Energy range: Above 0.1MeV, Efficiency~10<sup>-6</sup>

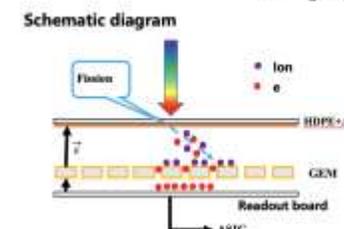


Spatial resolution 4.3 mm (FWHM)

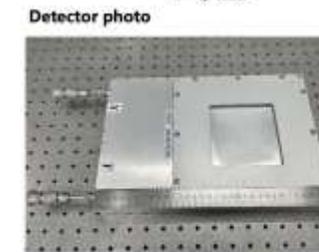
Beam test@BL20, 20mm collimator @2021.11.15-21



### 2. $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ -GEM fast neutron detector

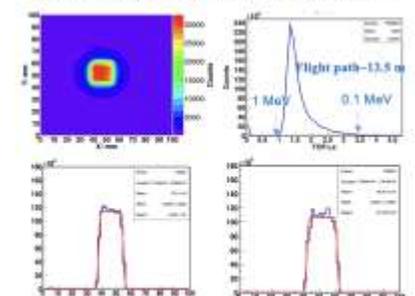


- Specifications**
- Active area: 100mm×100mm
  - Readout channels: 64(X)+64(Y) = 128
  - Pixel: 1.56mm×1.56mm
  - Converter: 2 mm C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>+0.2mmAl
  - Spatial resolution: 2 mm, HV=-1500V
  - Energy range: Above 0.1MeV, Efficiency~10<sup>-4</sup>



Spatial resolution 2.1 mm (FWHM)

Beam test@BL20, 20mm collimator @2021.11.15-21



# Ceramic GEM – Frontier Exploration

## ➤ Sealed GEM neutron detector.

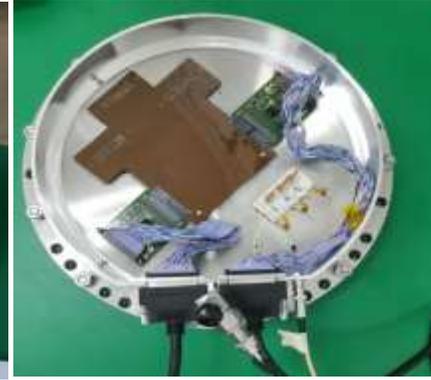
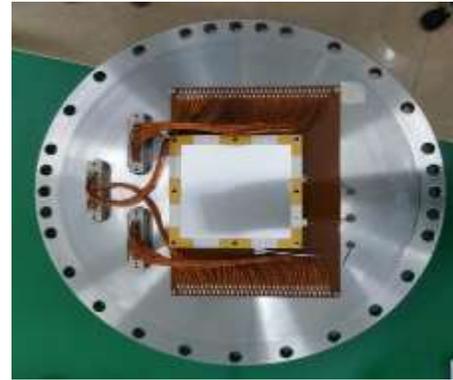
NIMA, 2021,995:165129

- Developed high-temperature resistant (100°C) ceramic GEM to meet baking outgassing.
- Enhancing detector stability, suitable for vacuum environments, future direction.

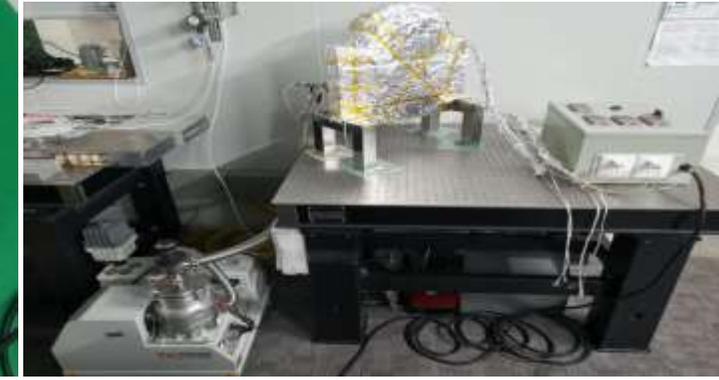
### Detector design

Indicators	Specifications
Conversion layer	1 $\mu$ m B4C
Effective area	100mm*100mm
Pixel size	1.56mm
Detection Efficiency@1.8Å	~ 3%
Counting rate	1 MHz

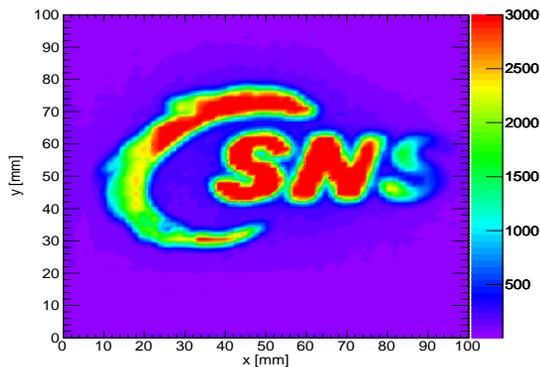
### Detector assembly



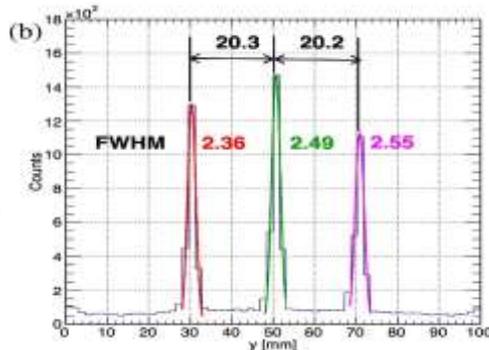
### Detector baking outgassing system



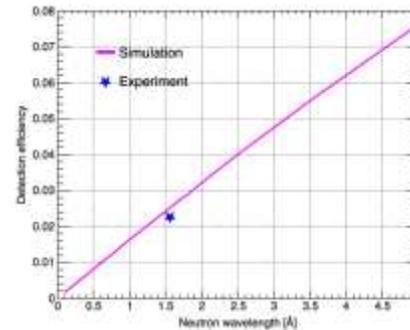
### 2D imaging



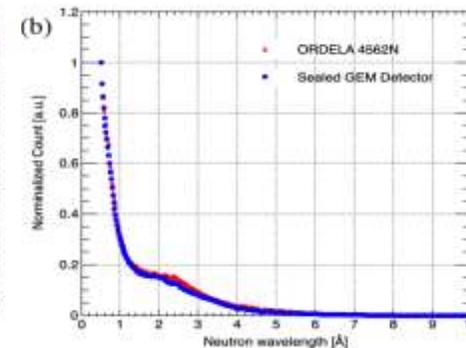
### Spatial distortion



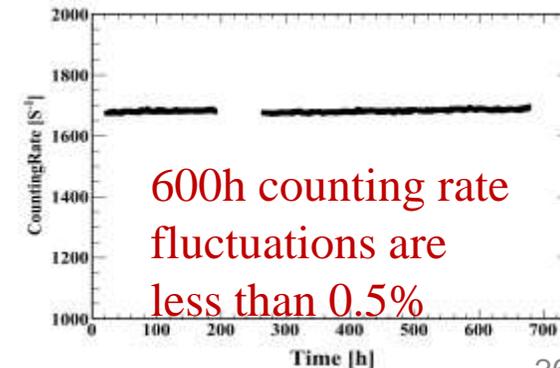
### Detection efficiency



### Neutron wavelength



### Long-term stability



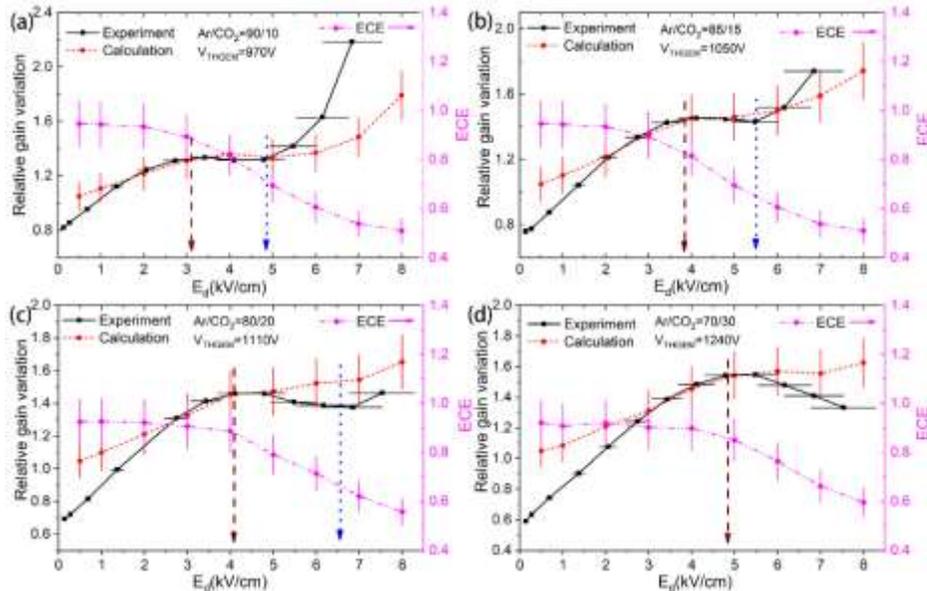
# Ceramic GEM - International collaboration

Provided multiple batches of ceramic GEM detectors to several institutions abroad

Milano Uni. & INFN in Italy conducts research on the ceramic GEM and applications (NIMA, 2021, 988: 164907)

Ceramic GEM detector installed at ISIS VESUVIO instrument in UK (Jinst, 2021, 16: P06003)

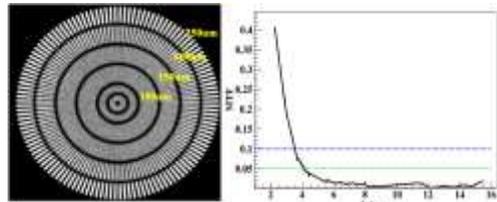
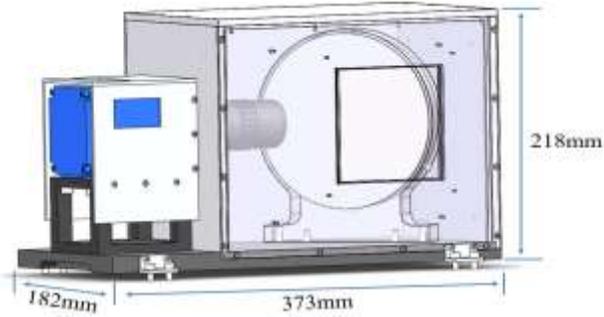
R&D of high-efficiency detector with GSI, German (NIMA, 2020, 953: 163051)



# Neutron Imaging Detector

➤ Aiming at the neutron imaging demands of CSNS and international frontiers, developing a variety of **high spatial resolution** and **high timing resolution** imaging detectors

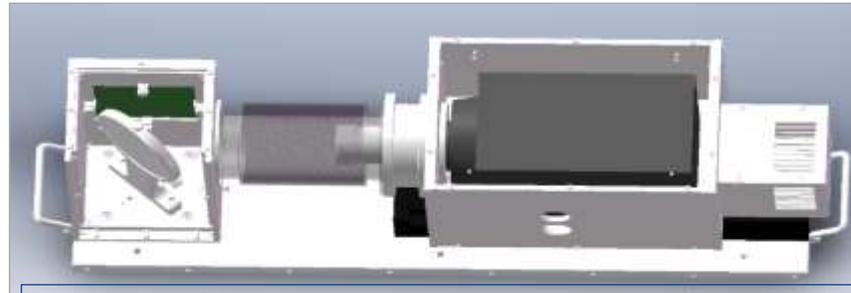
## Compact imaging detector



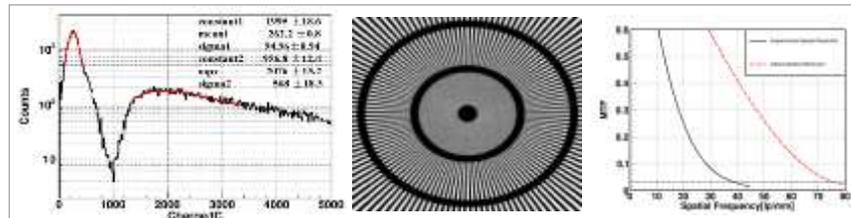
Latest beam test results: 122  $\mu\text{m}@4.1\text{LP/mm}$

NET, 2021, 53(6):1942-1946

## High-resolution imaging detector



Micrometer ultra-high resolution neutron imaging detector with ultra-thin GOS: Tb transparent ceramic scintillator



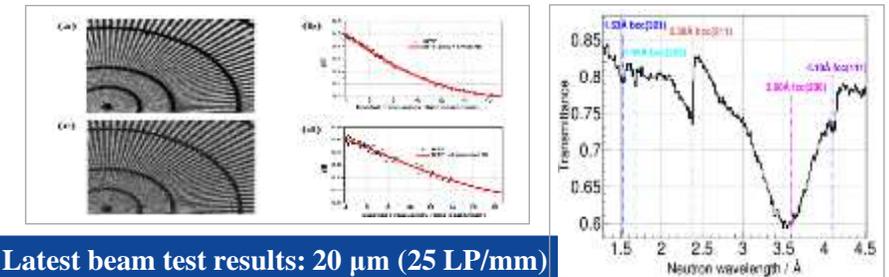
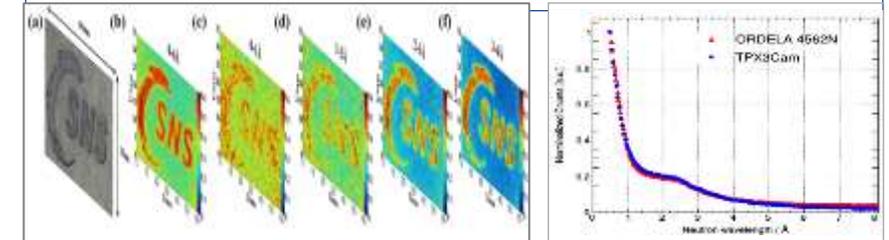
Latest beam test results: 13  $\mu\text{m}@38\text{LP/mm}$

Optical Materials, 2020, 105: 10990 (cooperated with the Lijiang team of the Shanghai Institute of Ceramics)

## Energy resolution neutron imaging detector



Energy resolution neutron imaging detectors can achieve high time resolution and high spatial resolution at the same time.



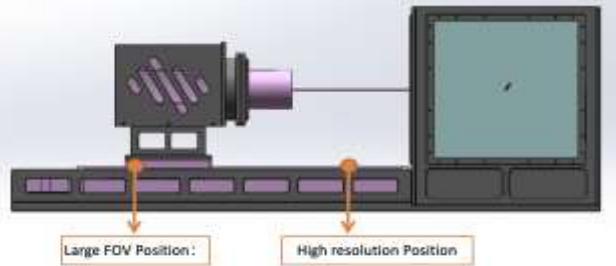
Latest beam test results: 20  $\mu\text{m}$  (25 LP/mm)

NIMA, 2021, 1003: 165322

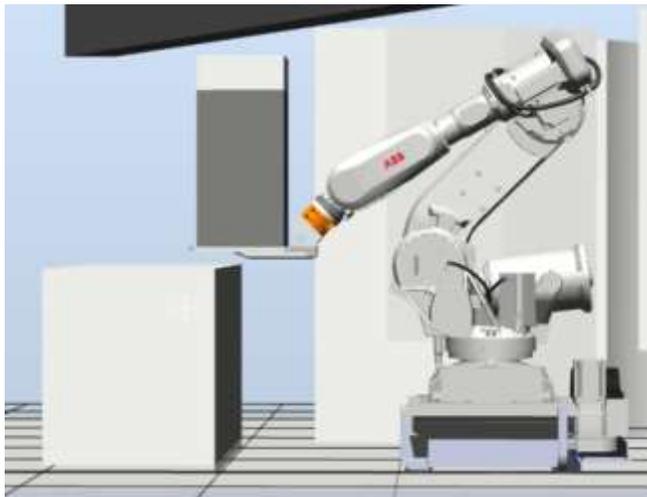
# Neutron Imaging Detector - Large FOV

➤ ERNI—Large FOV Imaging detector, **the commissioning underway at ERNI.**

## Detector engineering design



Lens	Magnification	FOV	Distance	Spatial resolution
Nikon AFSVRMICR O60_2.8	0.15	200mmX200mm	484mm	200μm
	0.3	100mmX100mm	242mm	100μm
Nikon AFSVRMICR O105_2.8	0.3	100mmX100mm	500mm	100μm
	0.5	60mmX60mm	423mm	60μm
	1	30mmX30mm	343mm	30μm



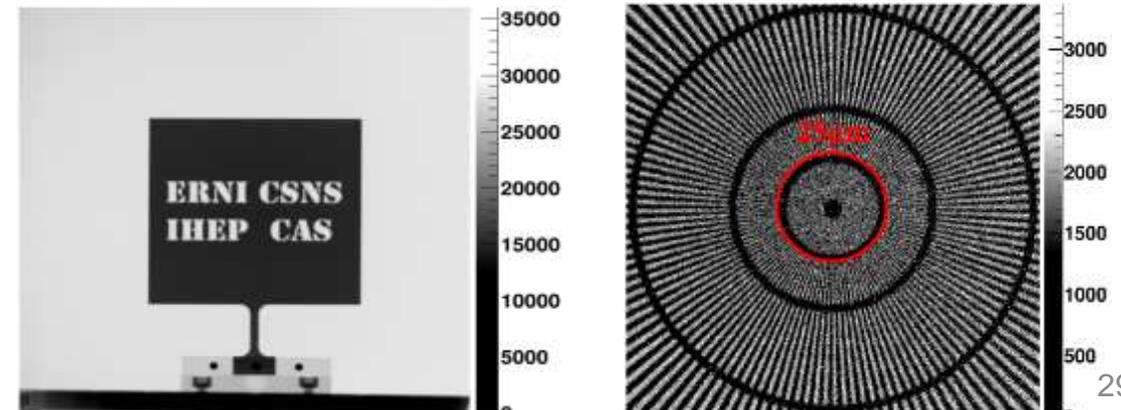
## Large FOV Imaging detector



## Neutron beam test



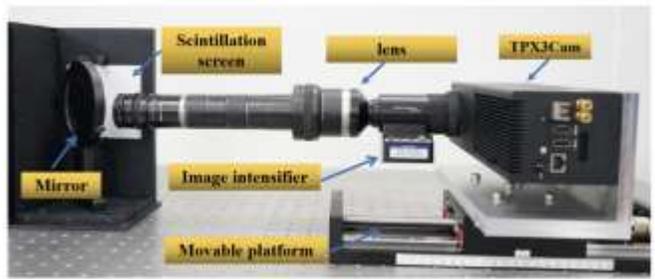
The maximum FOV is 220mm\*210mm, and the best spatial resolution is 25 μm measured at ENRI



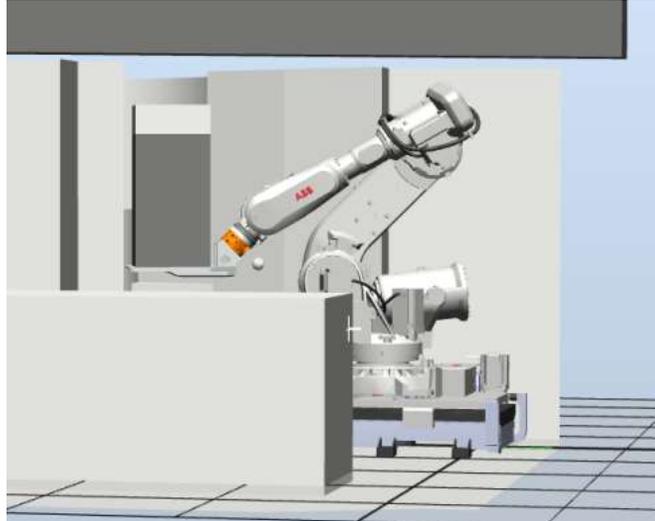
# Neutron Imaging Detector-Energy Resolution (TOF)

➤ Energy resolved imaging detector, currently undergoing **commissioning at ERNI**.

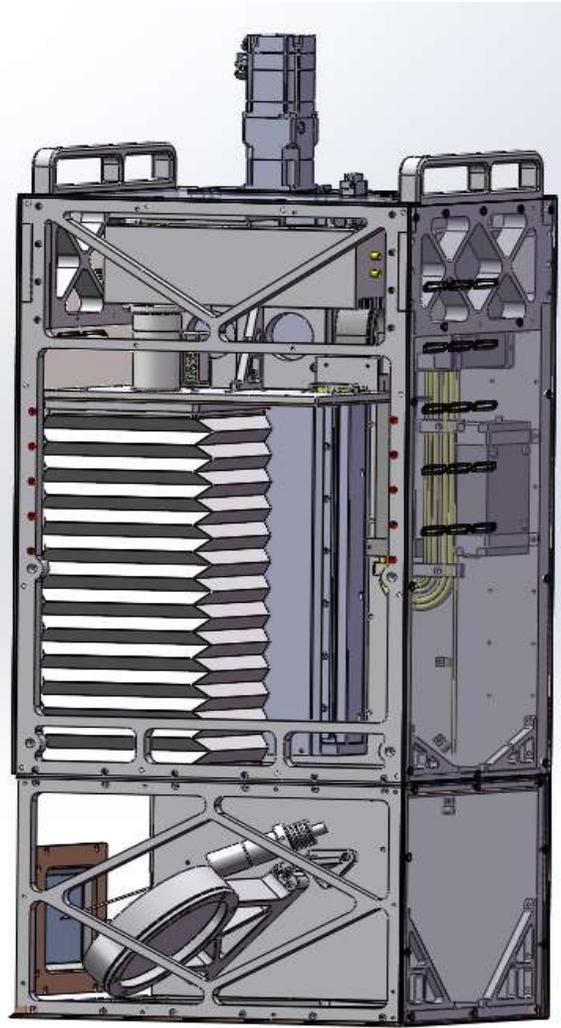
Detector engineering design



Lens	Magnification	FOV	Distance	Spatial resolution
Nikon AFSVRMIC RO60_2.8	0.12	100mmX100mm	622mm	458 $\mu$ m
	0.14	90mmX90mm	507mm	393 $\mu$ m
Nikon AFSVRMIC RO105_2.8	0.3	42mmX42mm	302mm	183 $\mu$ m
	0.3	42mmX42mm	519mm	183 $\mu$ m
	0.5	25mmX25mm	399mm	110 $\mu$ m
	1	12.7mmX12.7mm	299mm	55 $\mu$ m



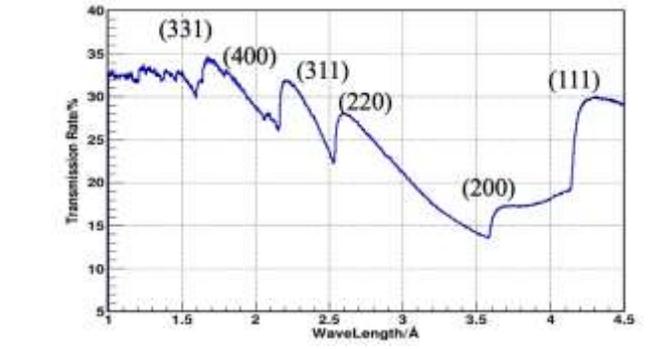
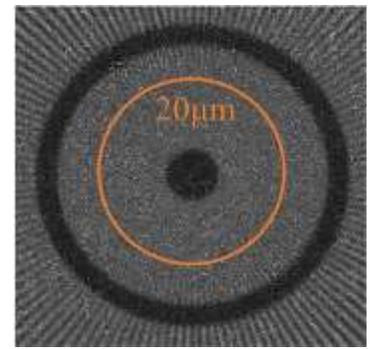
Energy resolved neutron imaging detector



Installation and commissioning at the ERNI



Preliminary test results of ENRI



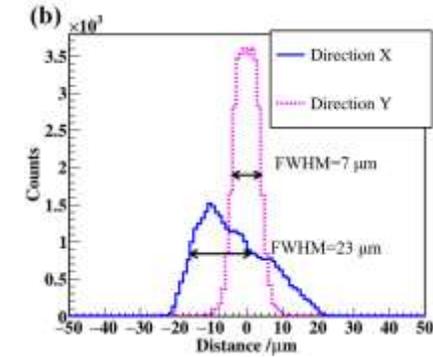
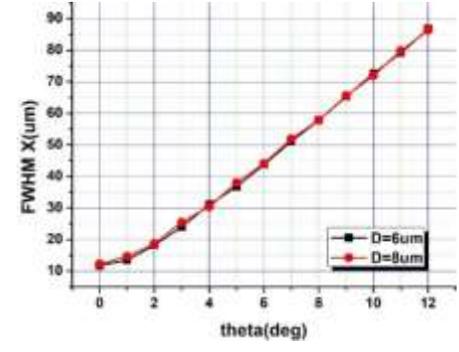
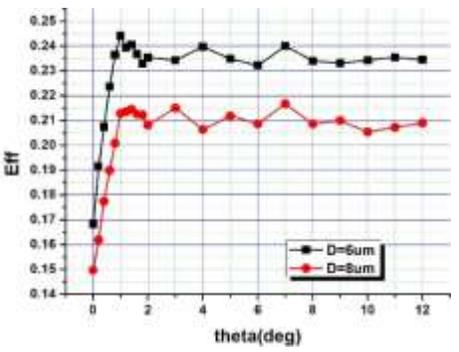
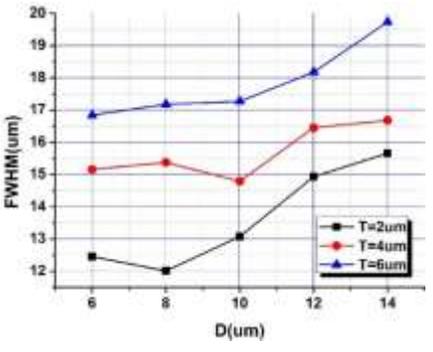
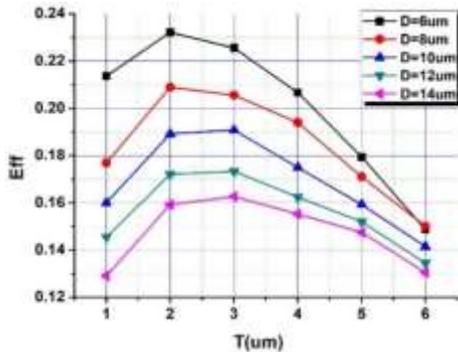
# Neutron Imaging Detector-Energy Resolution (TOF)

## Development of neutron sensitive Micro Channel Plate (nMCP)

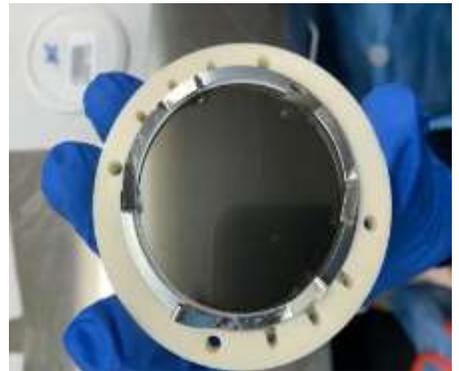
- Challenges: Low  $\gamma$  sensitivity and high boron-doped concentration in nMCP, reducing high Z materials.
- Achieved 20 mole% boron-doped nMCP, **successfully applied in GPPD**

NIMA, 2022, 167828

### Design and optimization of nMCP based on Geant4 simulation



B-nMCP photo



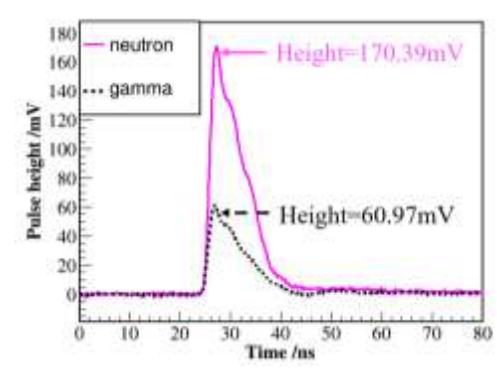
GPPD application



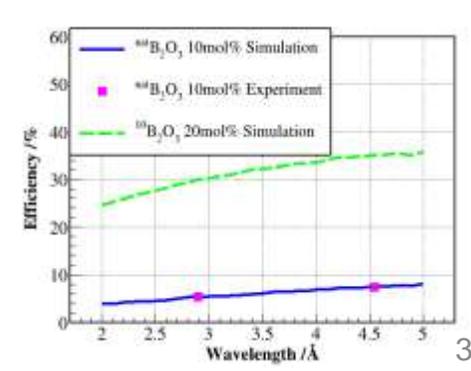
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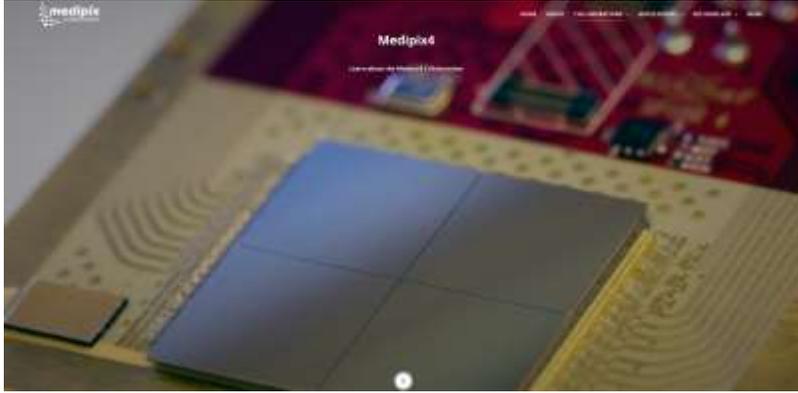
n/gamma discrimination



Detection efficiency



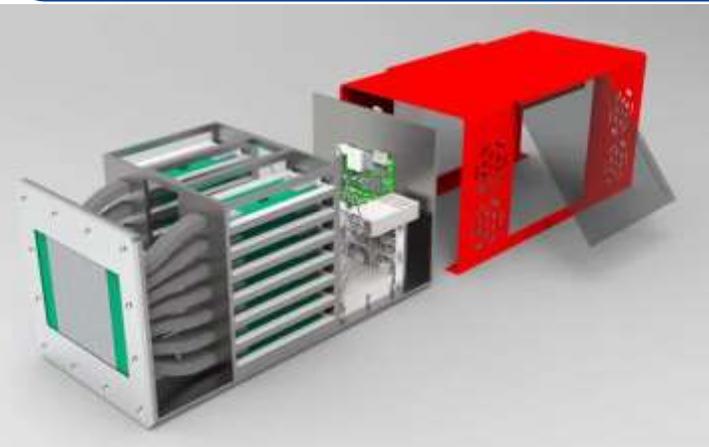
## ➤ Joined the Medipix4 international collaboration group



- Medipix International Collaboration Group
  - Led by CERN, established for over 20 years, **CSNS officially joined in 2022.**
  - Dedicated to the R&D and promotion of pixel detector chips.
  - Latest pixel detector chip - Timepix4
  - Pixel Size/Time Resolution: 55um/200 ps
  - Maximum Count Rate: 3.5M hit/mm<sup>2</sup>/s
  - Utilizes TSV (Through Silicon Via) technology to minimize dead zone.

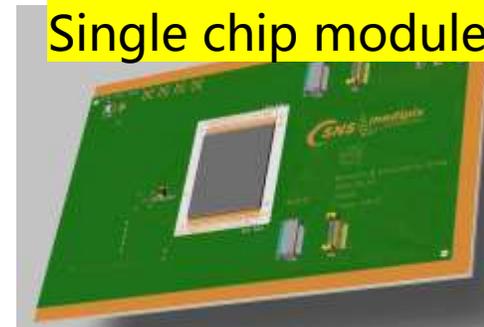
## ➤ Conducting key technology research for high-performance energy-resolved neutron imaging detector based on Timepix4 detector modules.

Long term goal: Large area high speed neutron camera



- High-efficiency, high-resolution scintillation screens.
- Large FOV
- High time resolution: < 1ns
- High spatial resolution: < 50 um (CoM algorithm)

Readout based on single-chip module



ZU + Readout Platform

High-speed readout and data compression research based on the latest SOC platform

# Neutron Imaging High Speed Camera Development

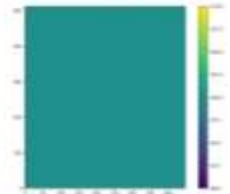
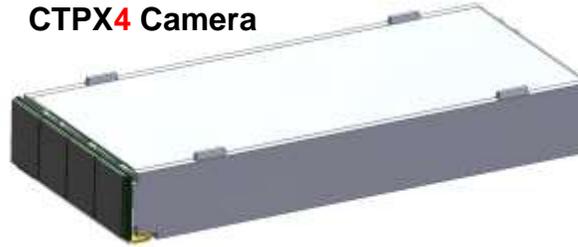


		Timepix3 (2013)	Timepix4 (2019/20)	
Technology		IBM 130 nm – 8 metal	TSMC 65 nm – 10 metal	
Pixel size		55 x 55 $\mu\text{m}$	55 x 55 $\mu\text{m}$	
Pixel arrangement		3-side buttable 256 x 256	4-side buttable (TSV) 512 x 448	
Sensitive area		1.98 $\text{cm}^2$	8.94 $\text{cm}^2$	
Readout modes	Data driven (tracking)	Mode: ToT and TOA		
		Event packet	48-bit	64-bit
		Max rate	< 43 Mhits/ $\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$	357.6 Mhits/ $\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$
	Frame Based (imaging)	Pix rate equiv.	1.3 kHz/pix average	10.8 kHz/pix average
		Mode	Count: 10 bit + iToT	Count: 8 or 16 bit CRW
		Frame	Zero suppressed (with pix addr)	Full frame (no pix addr)
Max count rate		82 Ghits/ $\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$	~ 800 Ghits/ $\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$	
Max frame rate		N/A (worst case: 0 Bms readout)	80 kHz CRW	
TOT energy resolution		< 2 keV	< 1 keV	
Time resolution		1.56 ns	~ 200 ps	
Readout bandwidth		$\leq 5.12$ Gbps (8 x 640 Mbps)	$\leq 163.8$ Gbps (16 x 10.2 Gbps)	
Target minimum threshold		< 500 e <sup>-</sup>	< 500 e <sup>-</sup>	

CTPX1 Camera



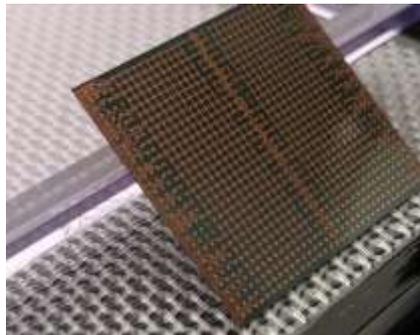
CTPX4 Camera



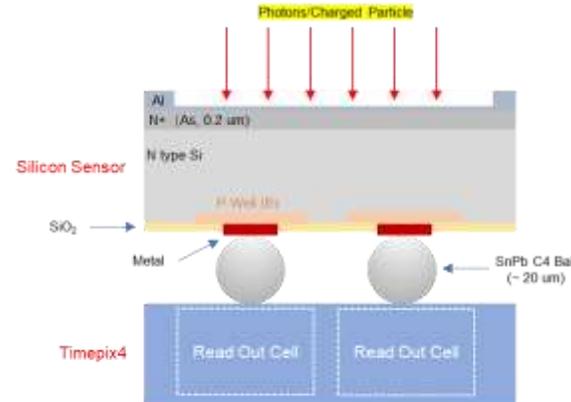
Zynq Ultrascale+ Timepix4 Readout Demonstrator



Timepix4



Timepix4 with TSV



Timepix4 + Optical Silicon Sensor

- Scintillation screen **Optical** Silicon Pixel Sensor + Timepix4 based neutron imaging being developed at CSNS
- Two prototypes: CTPX1, CTPX4
- Key Specifications
  - Sensor: Si
  - Pixel Array: 512 x 448 (CTPX1), 1792 x 512 (CTPX4)
  - Pixel Size: 55  $\mu\text{m}$  x 55  $\mu\text{m}$
  - Maximum rate: 89 kfps (frame mode),  $3.56 \times 10^6/\text{mm}^2/\text{s}$
  - Real time buffering: 32 GB/Timepix4
  - Readout interface: 40GbE
- Timeline for commissioning
  - CTPX1: 2024Q1
  - CTPX4: 2024H2

I

Introduction to the detector  
and electronics team

II

Status of the detectors and  
electronics

**III**

**R&D for CSNS Phase II**

IV

Summary

## ➤ Addressing Engineering Issues of Neutron Instruments:

### ➤ Enter "Vacuum"

Solve challenges like vacuum discharge, electronics cooling, space limitation, system noise, and channel consistency

### ➤ Moving towards High Bandwidth + Large Scale:

High count rate, high dynamic range, distributed independent modules

## ➤ Enhancing Performance of Neutron Instruments:

### ➤ Moving towards "Real-Time"

Distributed information flow, data-driven, front-end physics analysis in real-time

### ➤ Moving towards High Resolution (Spatial, Temporal):

Wavelength resolution, spatial resolution.

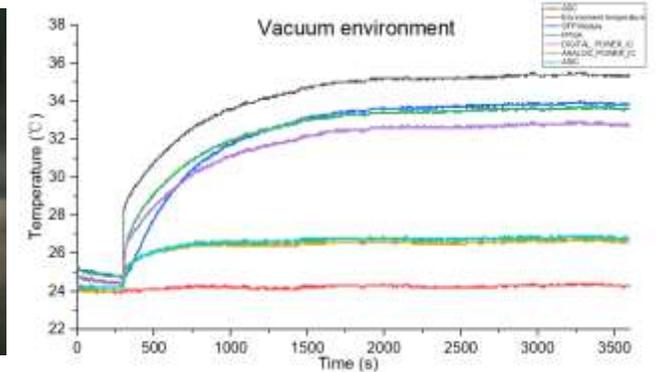
# - Enter "Vacuum" @<sup>3</sup>He PSD Tube Array Detector

## Key Specifications

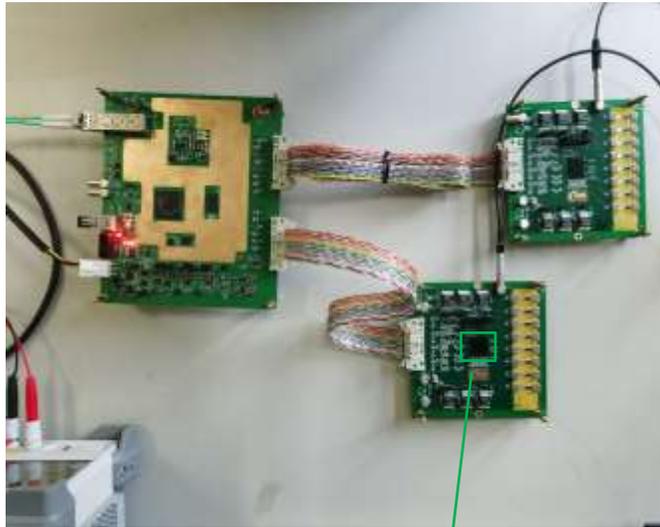
- Readout Method: Waveform sampling
- Ultra low power FPGA + ADC
- Customized ASIC (GF 180nm process)
- Modular design: 8 tube / set
- Remote firmware update
- Low power (< 3W/8 tube readout) for vacuum operation without climate chamber



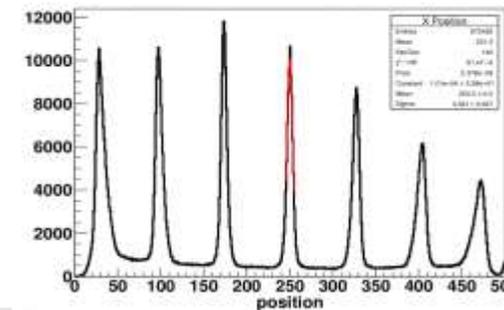
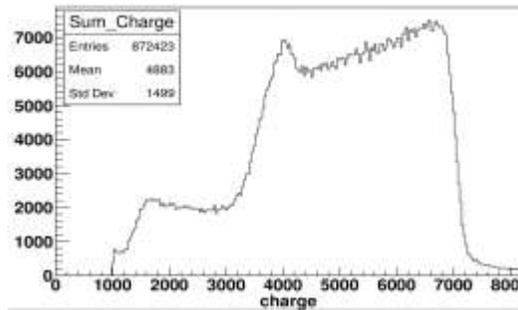
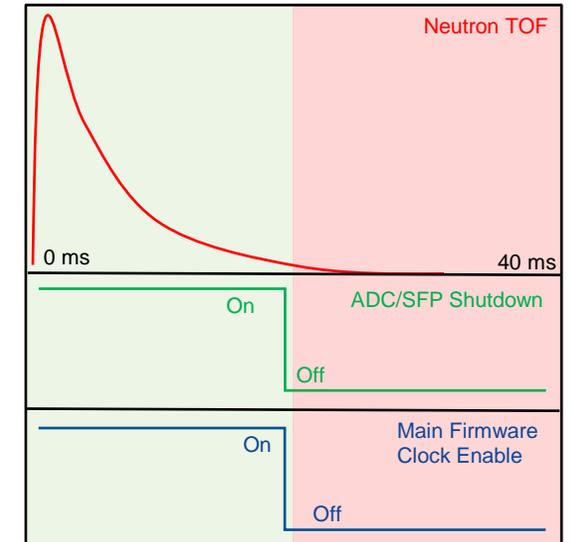
Vacuum Test Setup



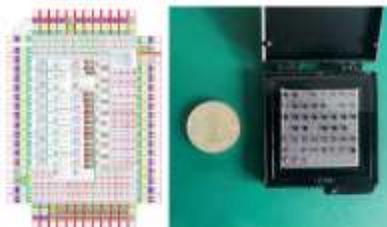
- Hottest component (ADC) stabilized @ ~35 °C in vacuum
- Use TOF gating further reduce dynamic power consumption



	Voltage	Current	Power (W)
Front-end Board	3.5V/-3.5V	0.075A/0.015A	0.315
Digital Board	3.5V/-3.5V	0.668A/0.001A	2.342
Subtotal			<b>2.972</b>



Sum charge spectrum in testbeam < 8 mm position resolution achieved



HEROC1 ASIC

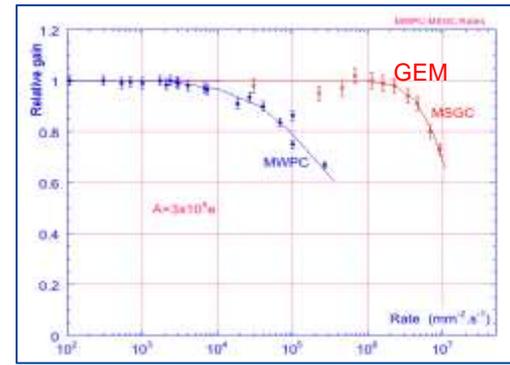
# High count rate

➤ Develop high count rate, high efficiency GEM detector to meet the requirements of liquid instrument

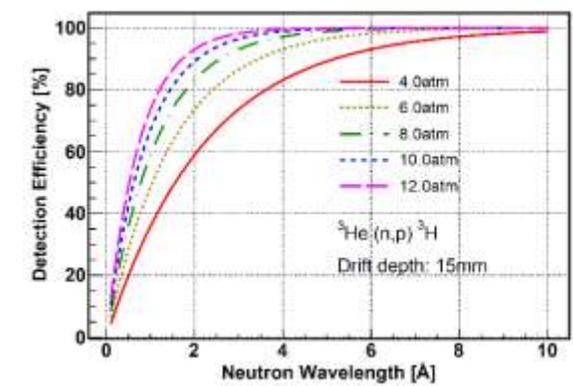
- Bottleneck: traditional detector based on wire chamber can't meet the high flux measurement
- $^3\text{He}$  + GEM may potentially achieve high efficiency and enhance high count rate by two orders of magnitude

Parameter	$^3\text{He}$ MWPC	$^3\text{He}$ GEM needed
Effective Area	200mm × 200mm	600mm × 1000mm
Spatial resolution	≤ 2mm (FWHM)	≤ 2mm (FWHM)
Detect efficiency	≥ 80% @ 1.8Å	≥ 80% @ 1.8Å
<b>Counting rate</b>	<b>≤ 100kHz</b>	<b>≥ 1MHz</b>
n/γ discrimination	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-6}$

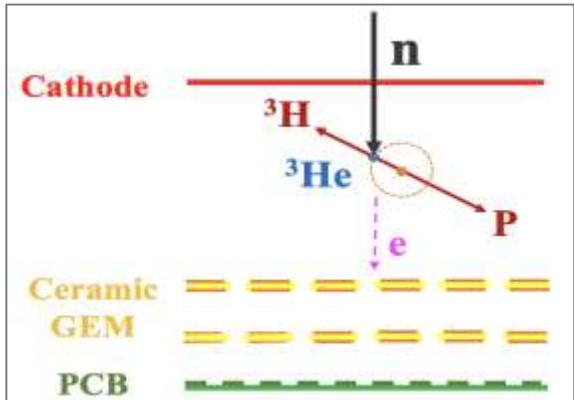
GEM counting rate 10 MHz



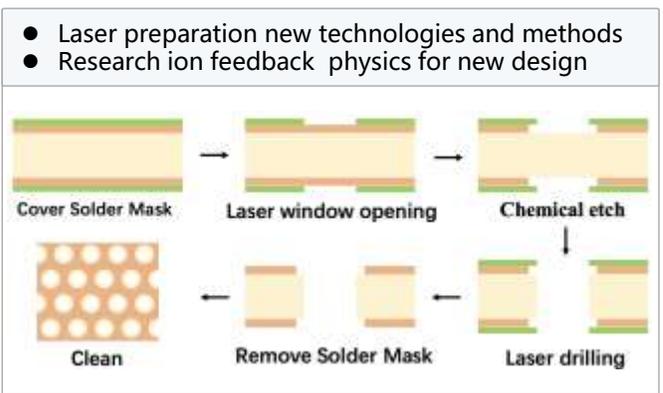
$^3\text{He}$  gas advantage



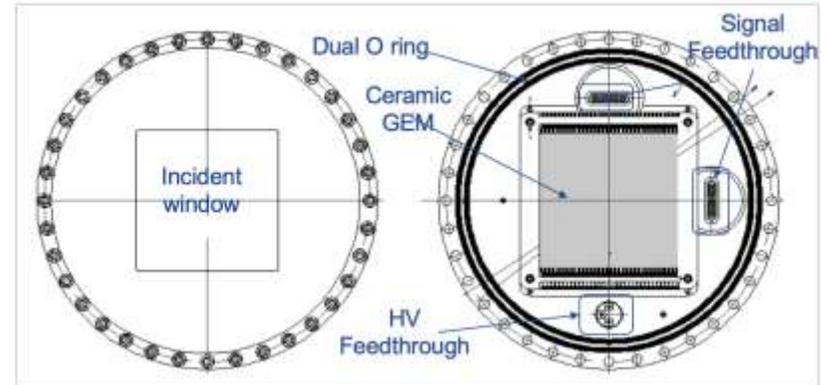
GEM neutron detector with  $^3\text{He}$



Laser drilling for ceramic GEM



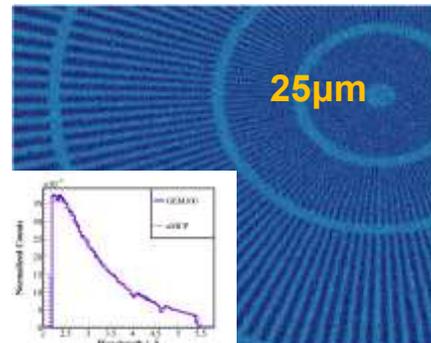
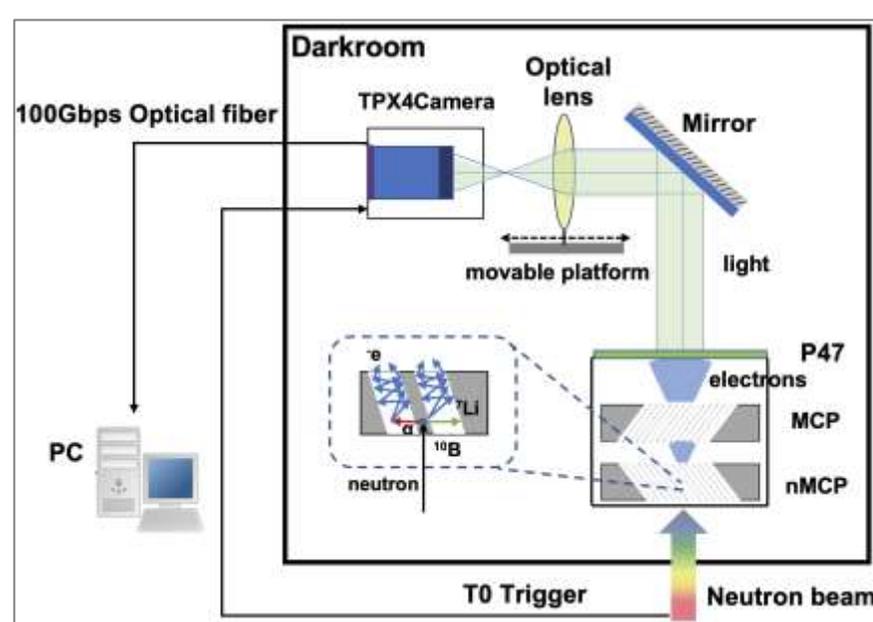
Detector high-pressure chamber design



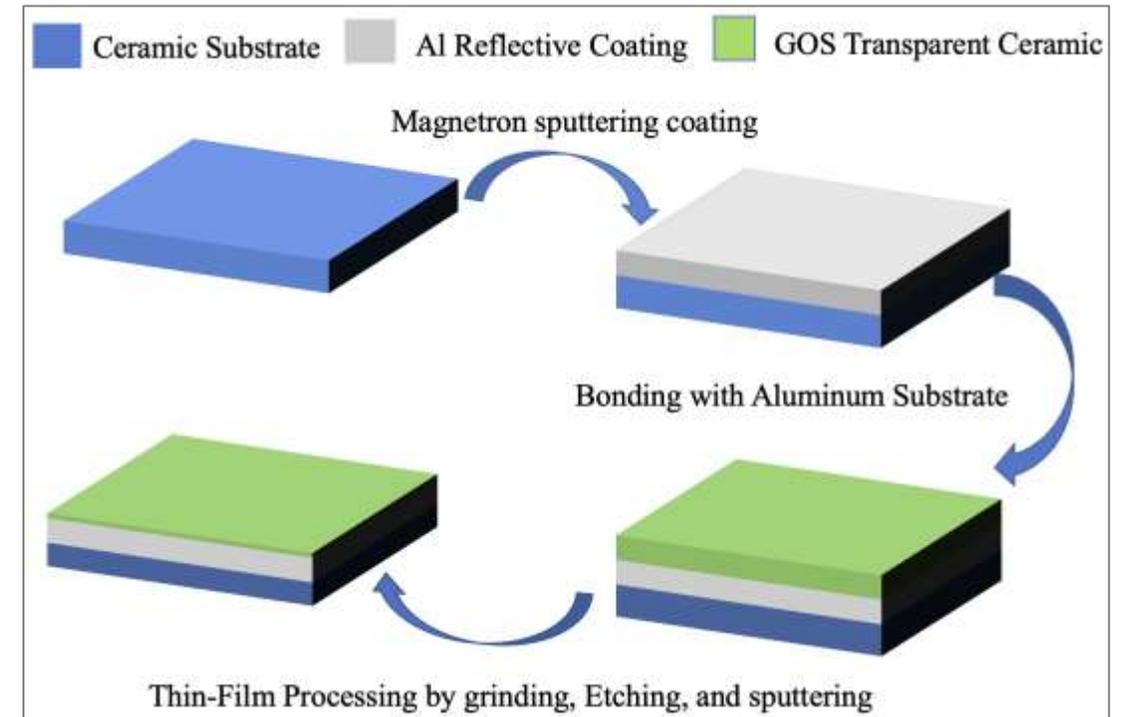
## ➤ Microsecond-level time resolution, and micron level spatial resolution

- Researching neutron image intensifiers, integrating neutron conversion and intensifier into a single vacuum device to improve integration.
- Developing ultra-thin transparent ceramic scintillators and TimePix4 cameras (already authorized by CERN).

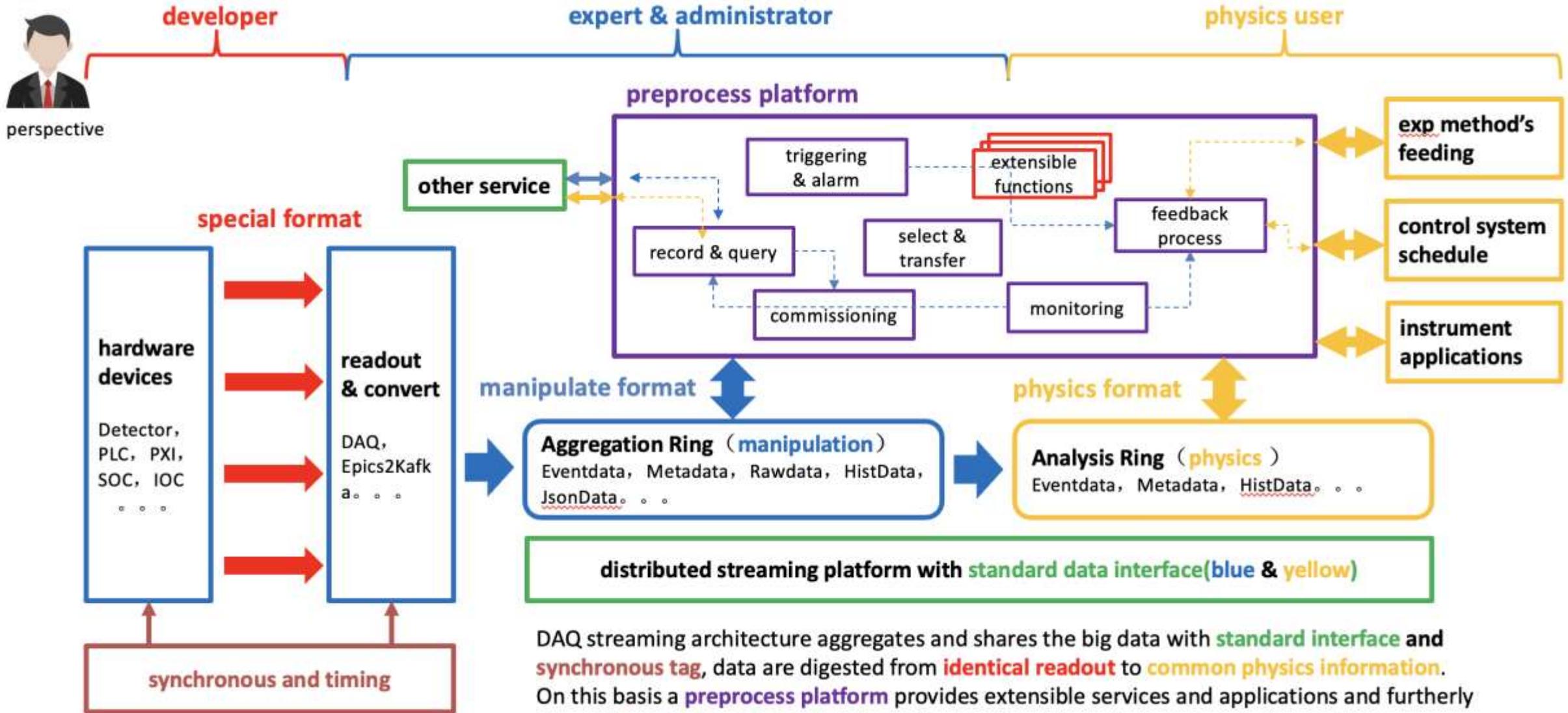
### Neutron image intensifier



### Ultra-thin transparent ceramic scintillator



# "Real-Time" - Data-driven system (DSNI)



DAQ streaming architecture aggregates and shares the big data with **standard interface and synchronous tag**, data are digested from **identical readout** to **common physics information**. On this basis a **preprocess platform** provides extensible services and applications and furtherly connect **feeding to other subsystem**. The real-time streaming process and open-share manipulation characteristic **benefit various future advanced experiment methods**.

- Focus the requirements of neutron instruments, establish a **neutron detector “family”**, promote engineering construction and exploration of new technologies.
- In the future, will focus on the demands of major scientific projects:
  - Solve **engineering challenge**, conducting engineering technical R&D ( vacuum, magnetic field, electromagnetic interference, background suppression).
  - Exploring **new technologies** to enhance the performance of instruments

# Thanks



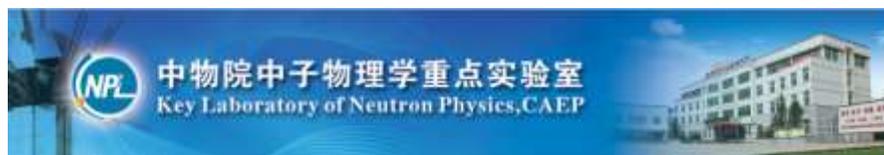
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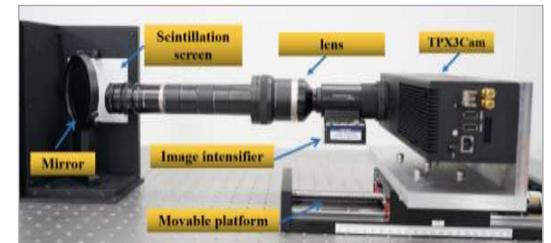
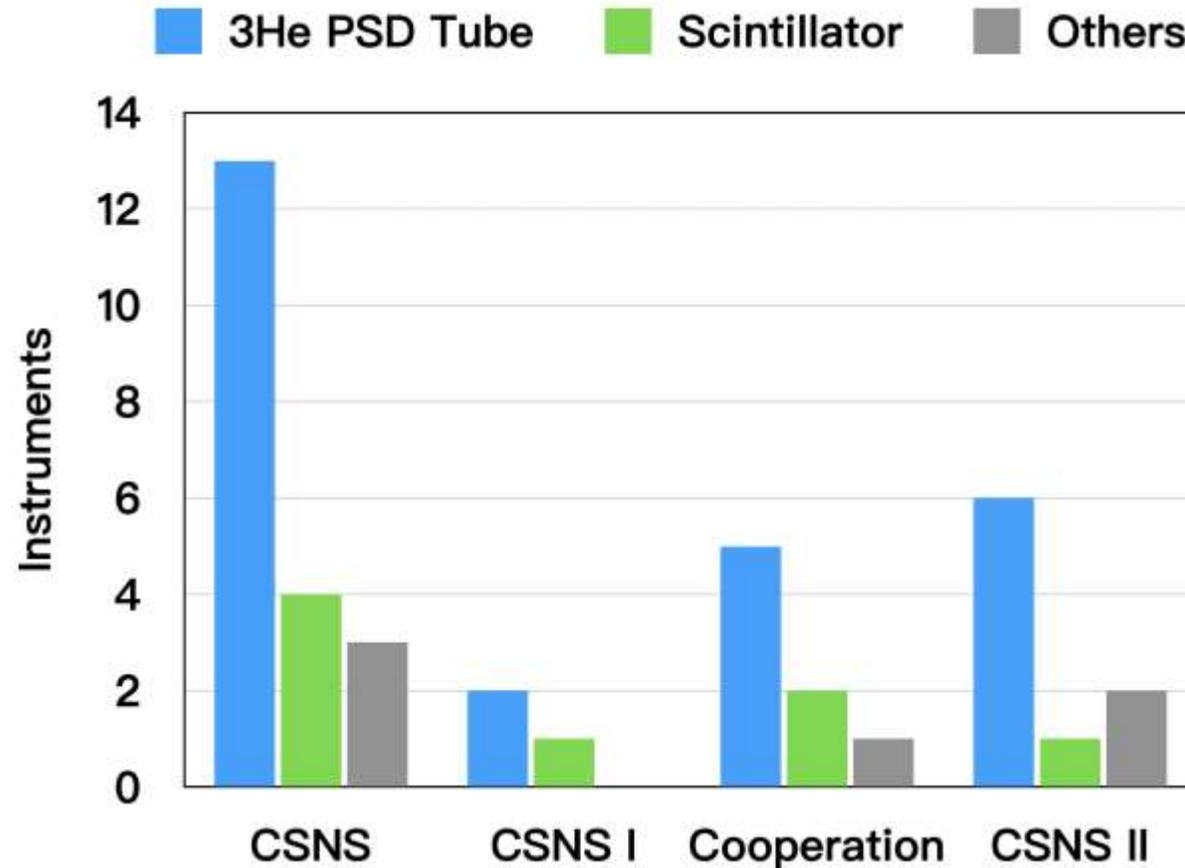
An aerial photograph of a modern university campus nestled in a lush, green mountain valley. The campus features several large, modern buildings with white facades and green roofs. A prominent feature is a large, circular stadium with a white, ribbed exterior and a green field inside. A multi-lane highway bridge spans across a deep valley, with a heavy flow of traffic. The surrounding landscape is characterized by dense green forests and rolling hills under a clear sky.

**The end of the beginning  
Still a long way to go**

**Thanks for your attention!**



# Detector requirements for instruments at CSNS



- The **present engineering approach** is based on the technology developed over the past 5-10 years.
- The **ongoing research** aims to provide the solution for the neutron instruments in the future.

# Neutron Imaging High Speed Camera Development

~ 2025

Experimental Room

## Scalable Detector Unit

- Composed of CTPX4
- Target for 7 x 8 Timepix4 (or 2 x 7 CTPX4 module)
- Detection Area: ~ 20 cm x 20 cm
- < 10% dead are with TSV



Colling Liquid  
Return Liquid  
12V DC



CDU LVPS

## Local Service Unit

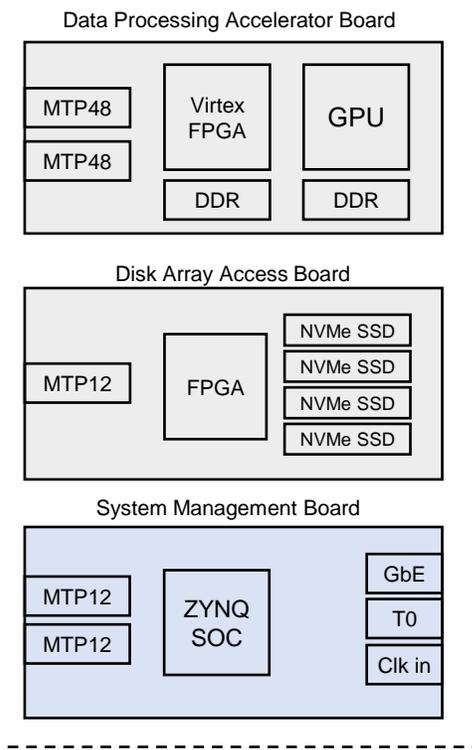
Control Room

High Density Fiber  
300 Gb/s per CTPX4



## Remote Electronics Unit

Raw Data  
Compressed Data  
Storage Data  
Fetch Data  
T0, SC, Clk  
Monitoring  
Readout Data



Ethernet Switch

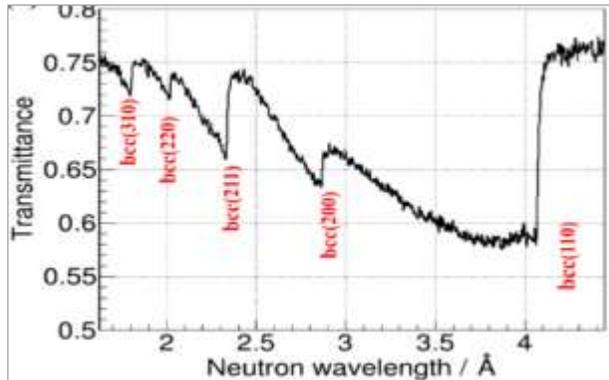
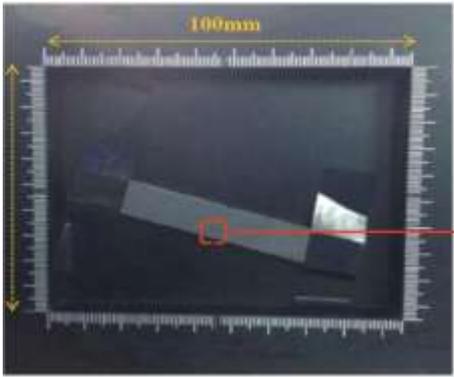


Control/DAQ Server

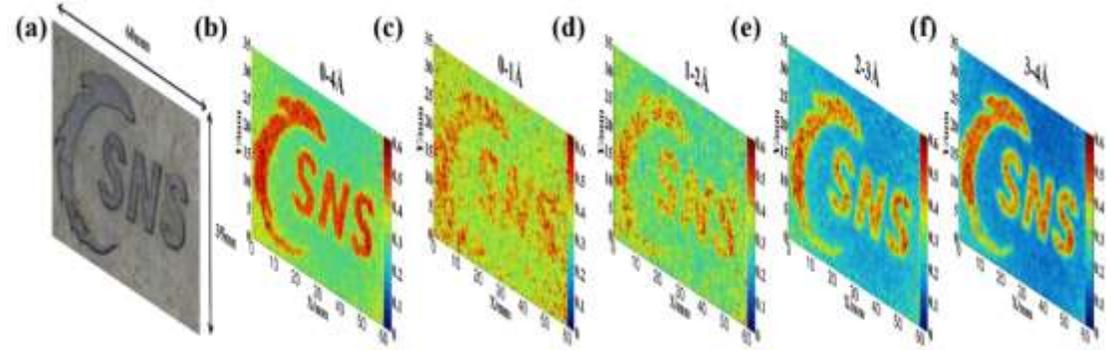
# Neutron Imaging Detector-Applications

Successfully carried out several applications in multi fields at CSNS

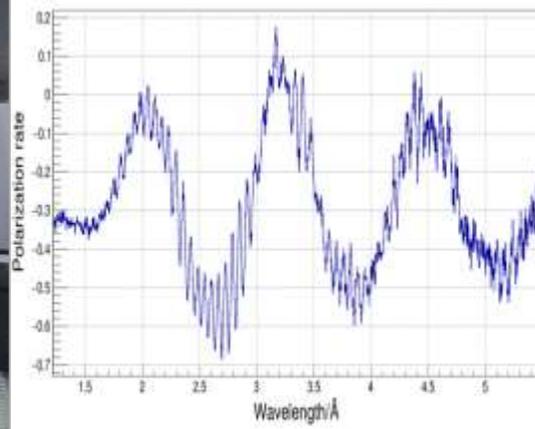
## Bragg Edge Neutron Imaging Experiment (Chen Jie)



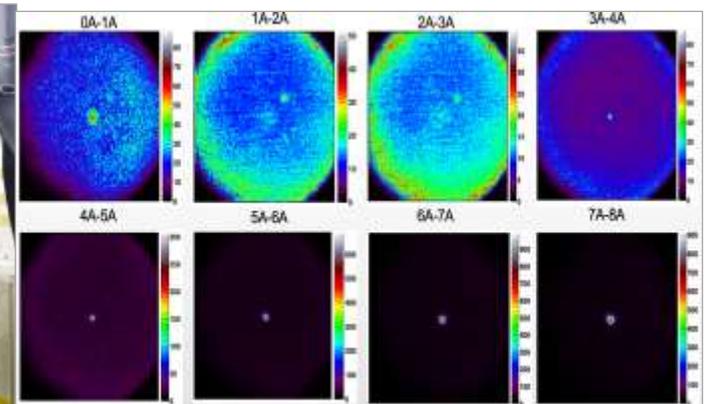
## Energy Selective Neutron Imaging



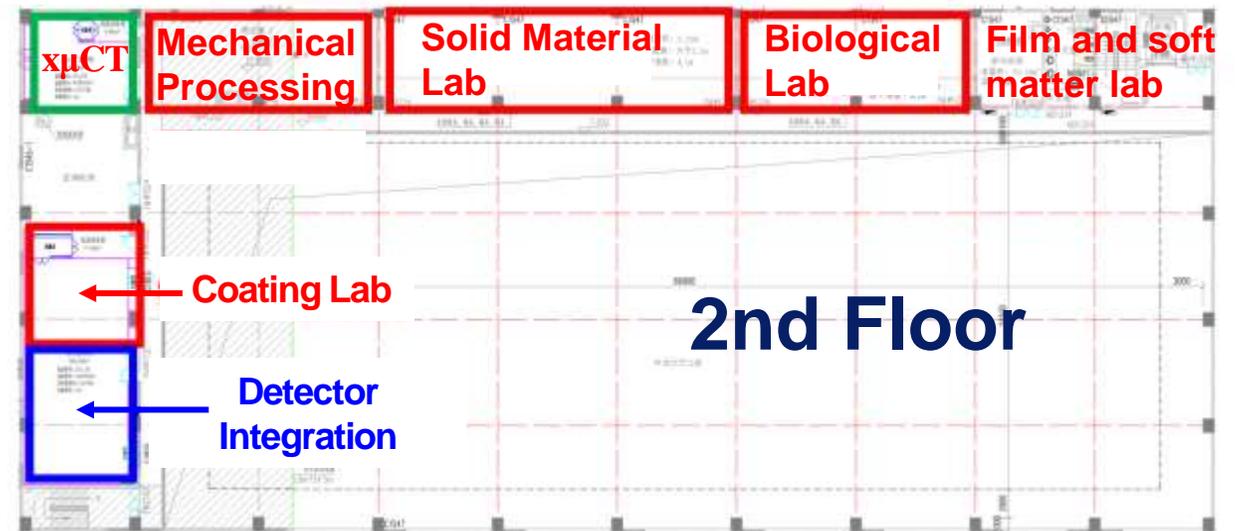
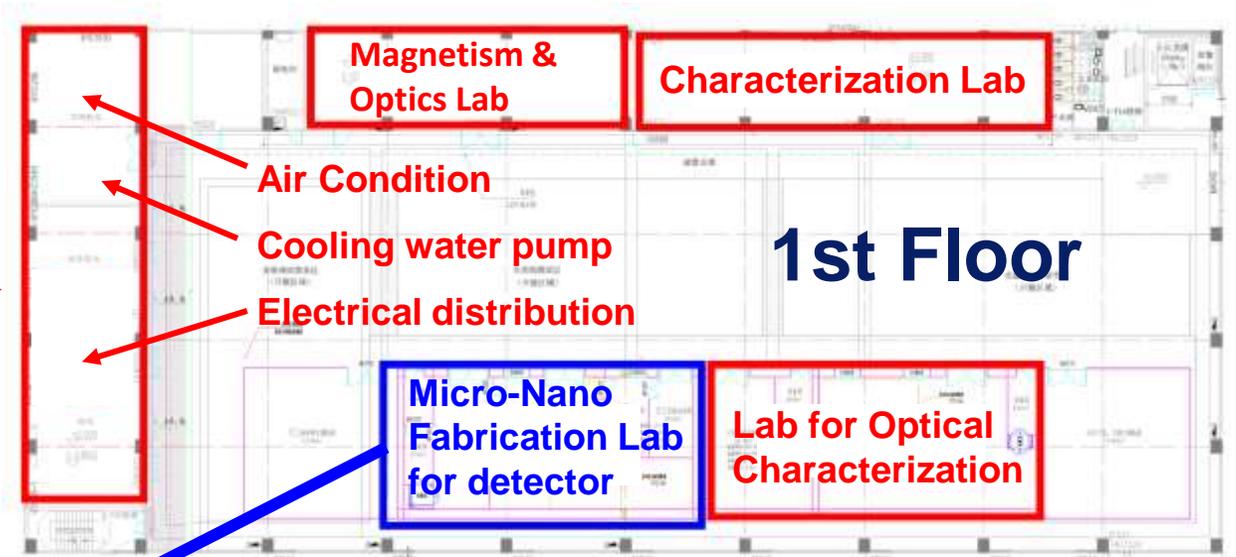
## Polarized Neutron Imaging (Wang Tianhao)



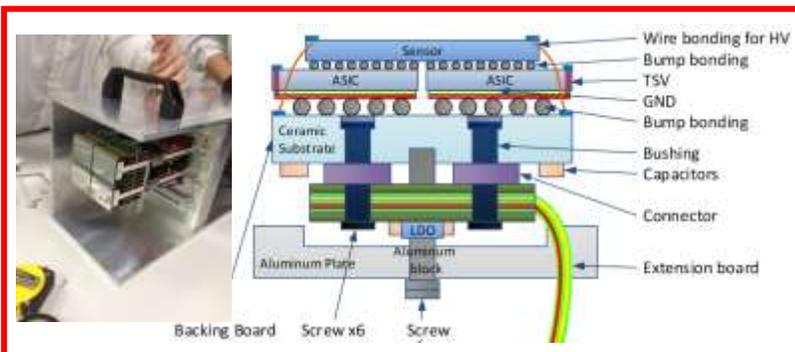
## Polycapillary (Yi Tiancheng)



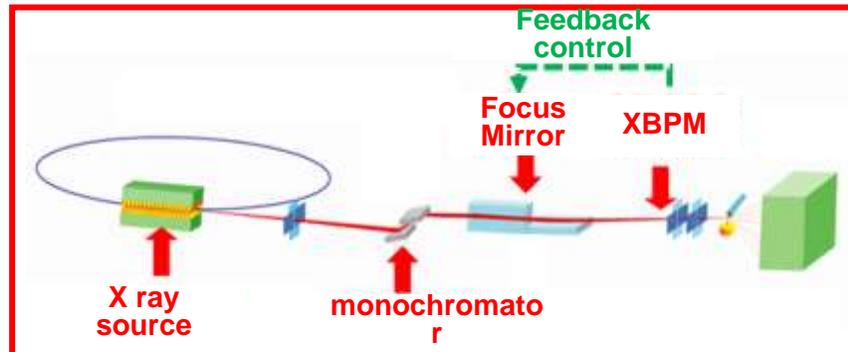
# Southern Advanced Photon Source (SAPS) Testing Platform



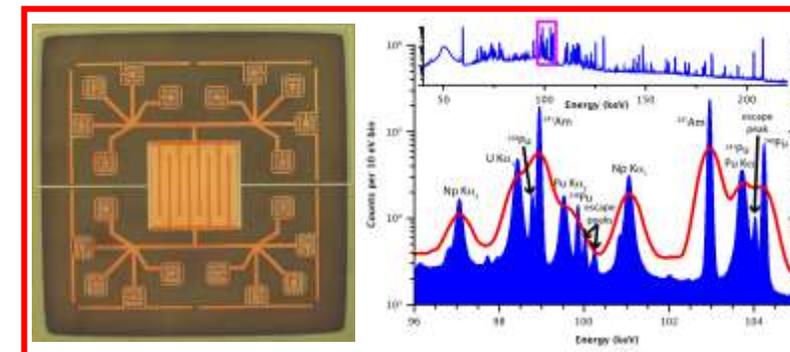
## Research fields:



Multi-threshold photon counting pixel array detector



Beam position stabilization system based on diamond detectors



Ultra-high energy resolution detector based on TES

## Supporting Conditions:



Laser Direct Writing Lithography Machine



Magnetron Sputtering Coating machine



Reactive Ion Etching Machine



Wire bonding



Probe Station & Semiconductor Analyzer



Microscope

### Micro-Nano Fabrication:

- Minimum critical dimension: 300nm
- Overlay alignment accuracy: 500nm
- Maximum substrate size: 6 inch

### Packaging Integration:

- Maximum wire length: 8mm
- Bonding accuracy: 3 $\mu$ m
- Bonding Wire Range: 56mm\*90mm

### Testing and Calibration:

- I-V, C-V Curve, Voltage range: -210V~210V
- High-Bandwidth Oscilloscope, Bandwidth: 36GHz