

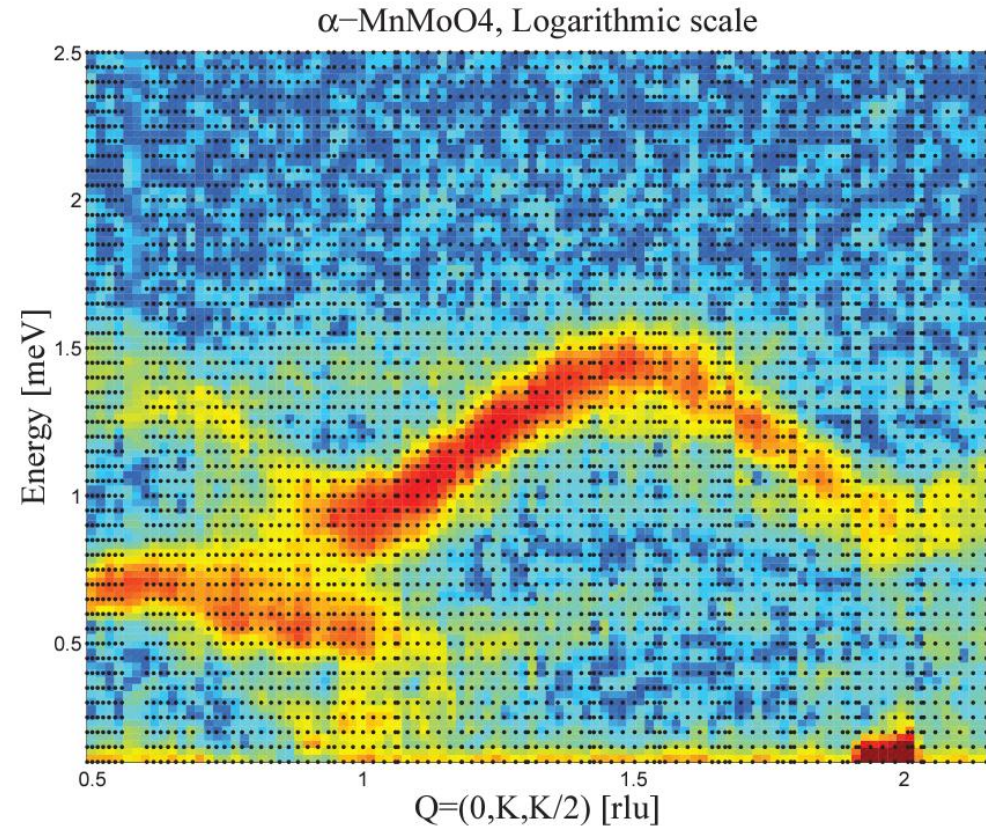
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# Neutron Instrumentation

Design, Criteria and Implementation

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- Neutrons vs. X-Rays
- 5 preferential components
  - Energy and Wavelength
    - 1-6 Å & 1-25 meV
  - Isotopes and light elements
  - Quantative experiments
    - Weak interections
  - Penetration depth
    - Sample & environments
  - Magnetism
    - Magnetic moment



**Figure 1:** Inelastic neutron scattering data on a single crystal of the molecular magnet  $\alpha$ -MoMnO<sub>4</sub>, taken by the students at the Copenhagen neutron scattering course, 2005. From Ref. [1].

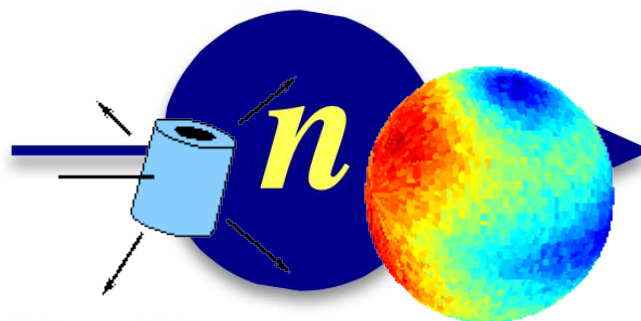


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# McStas

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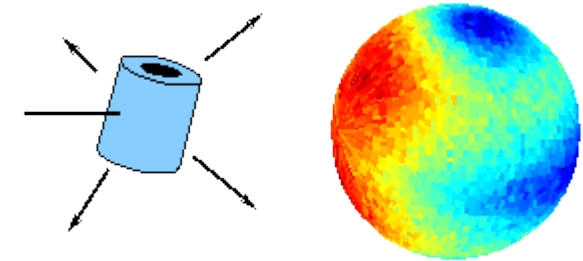
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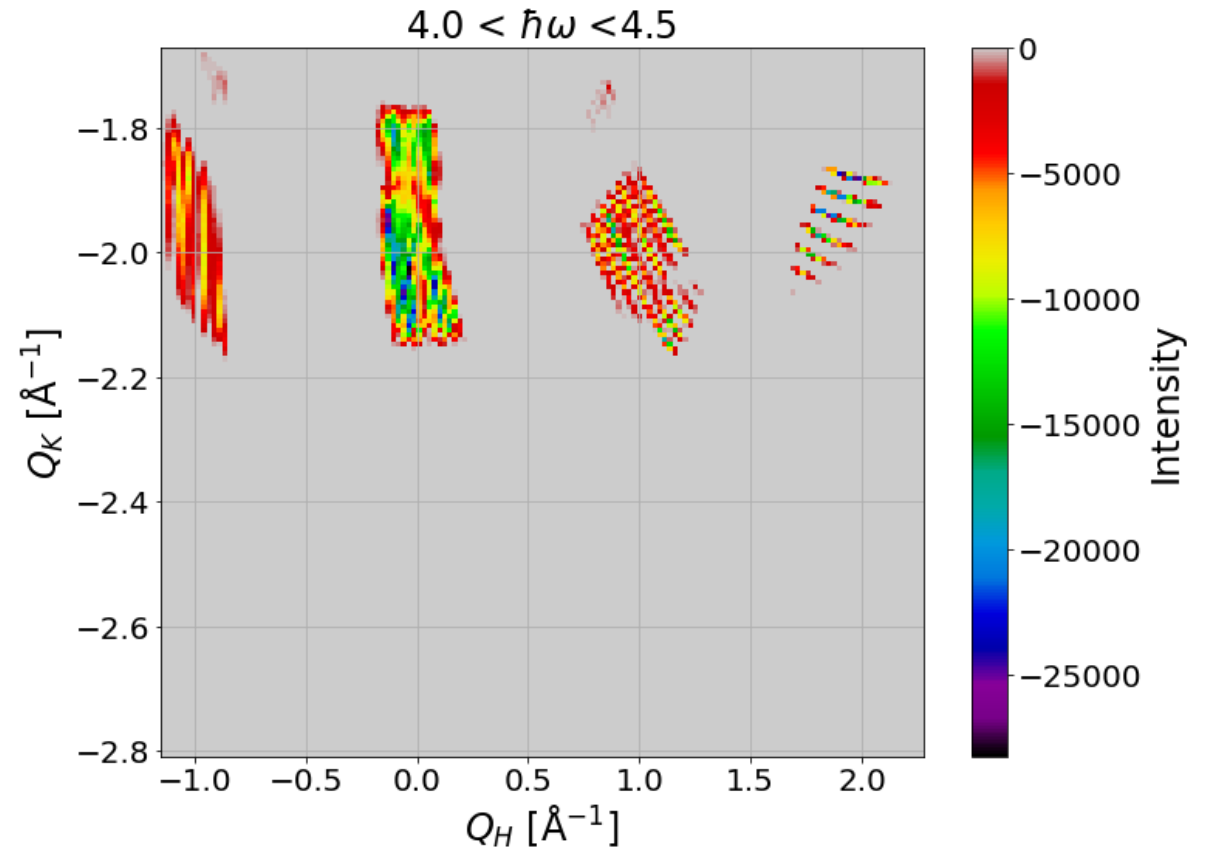
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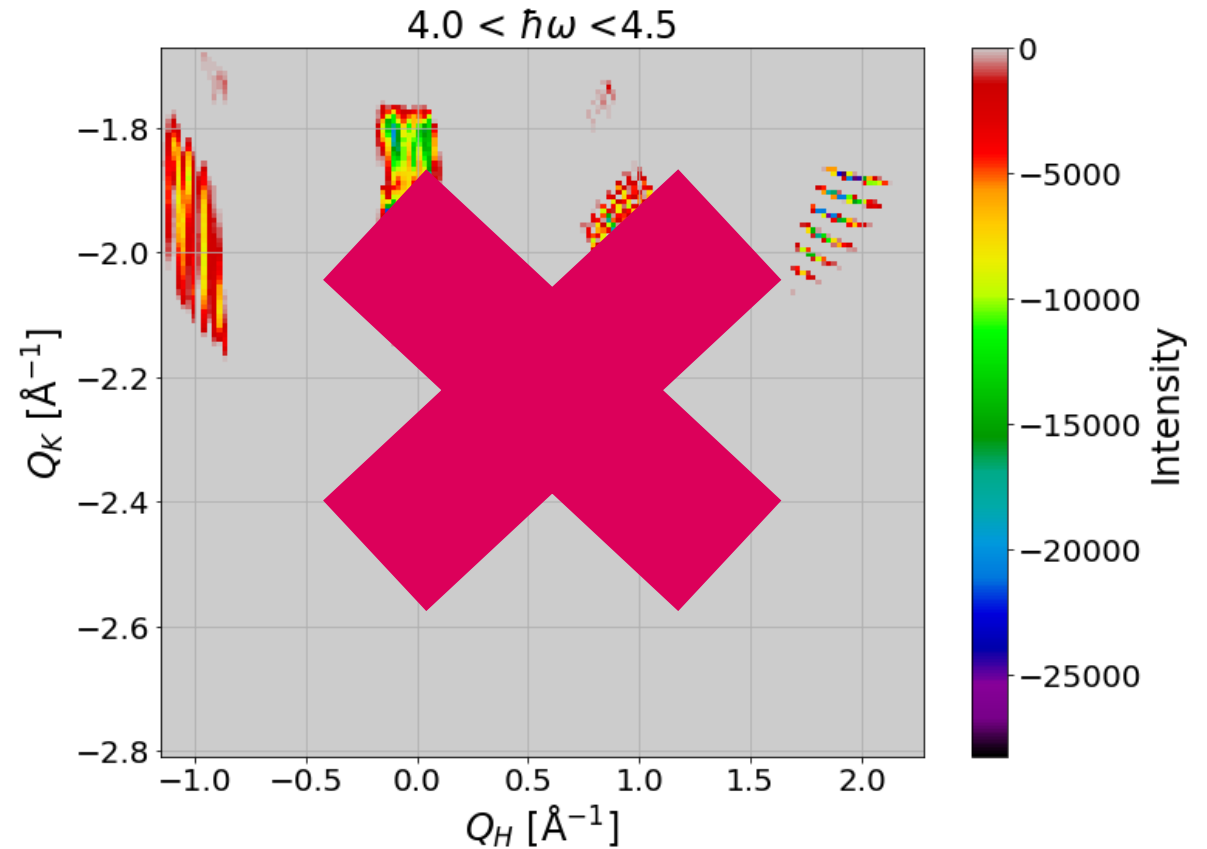
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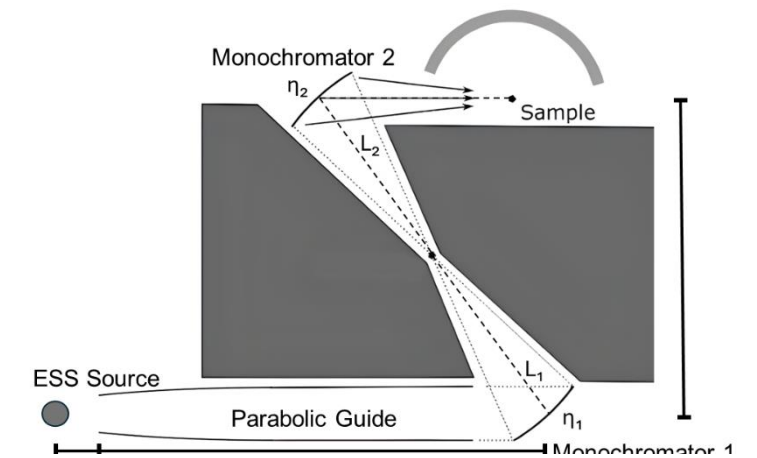
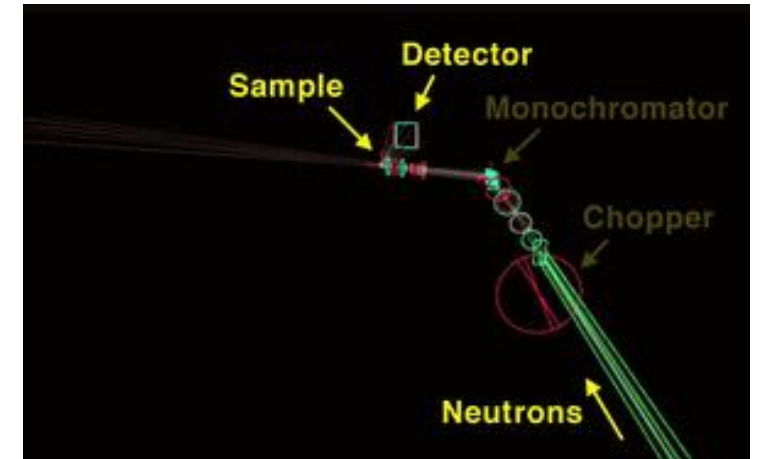
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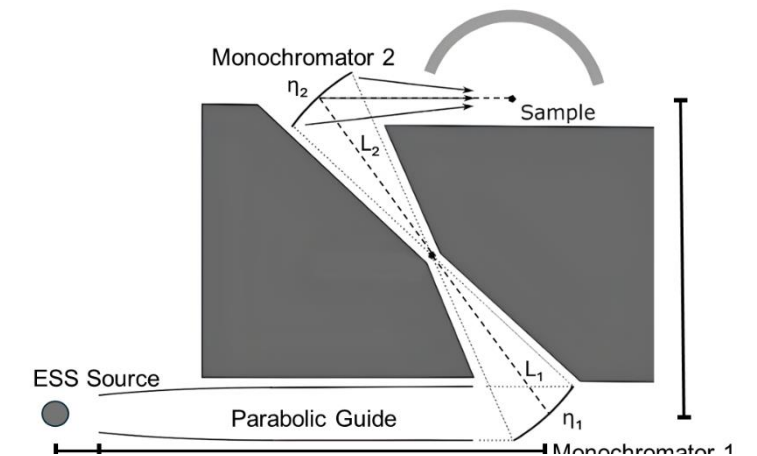
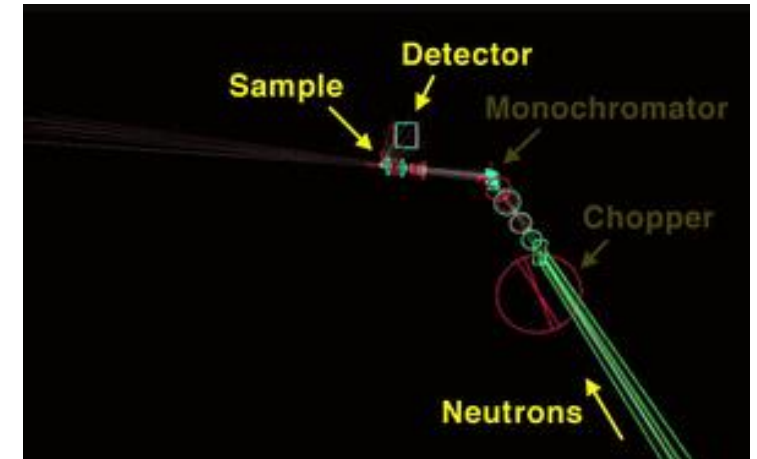
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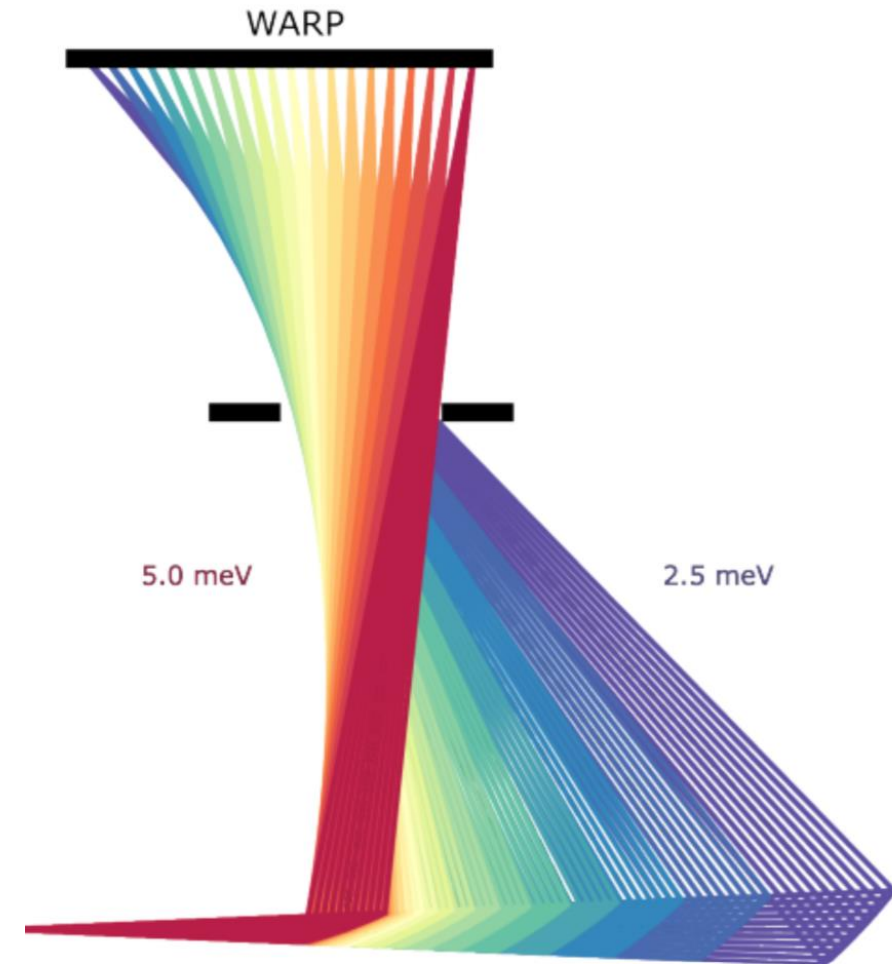
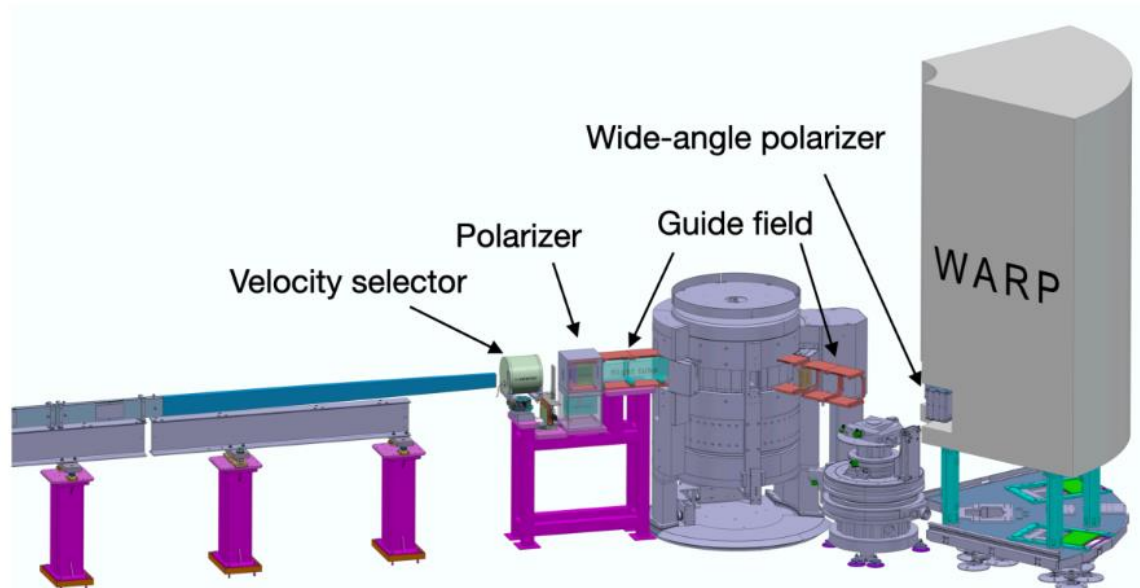
Why use numerical design over analytical calculations?

- Source
- Sample
- Mosaicity
- Dimensions and divergence

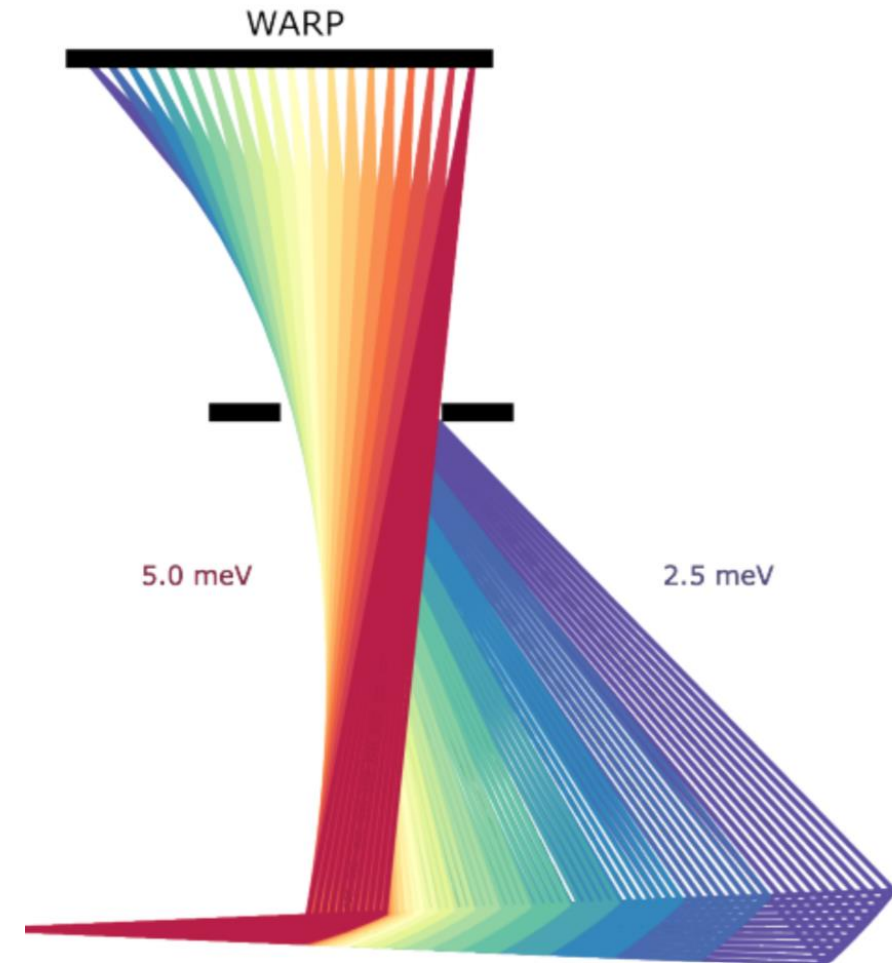
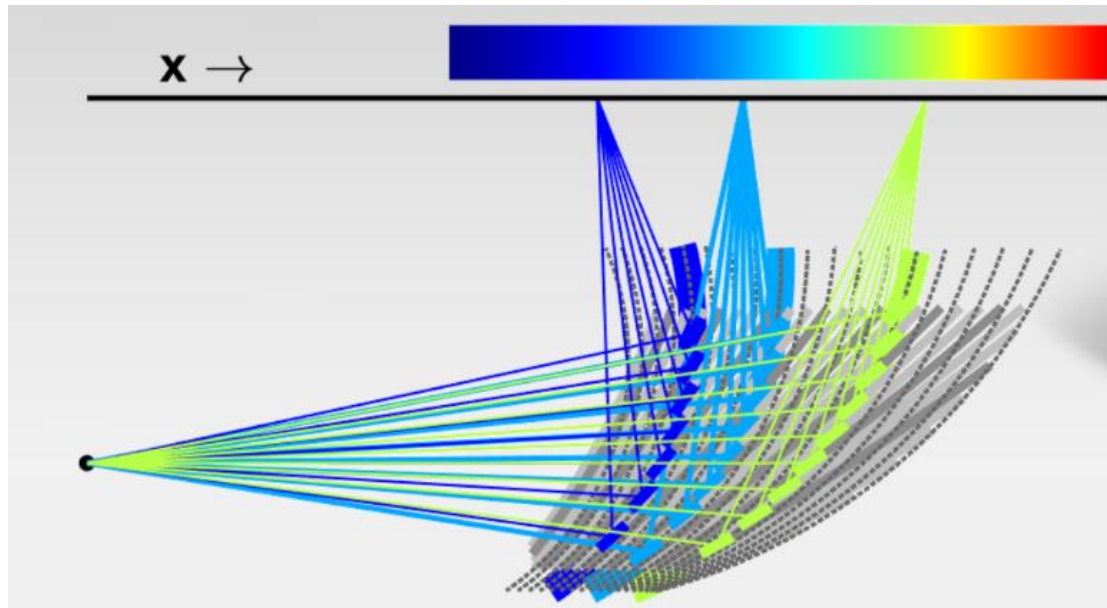




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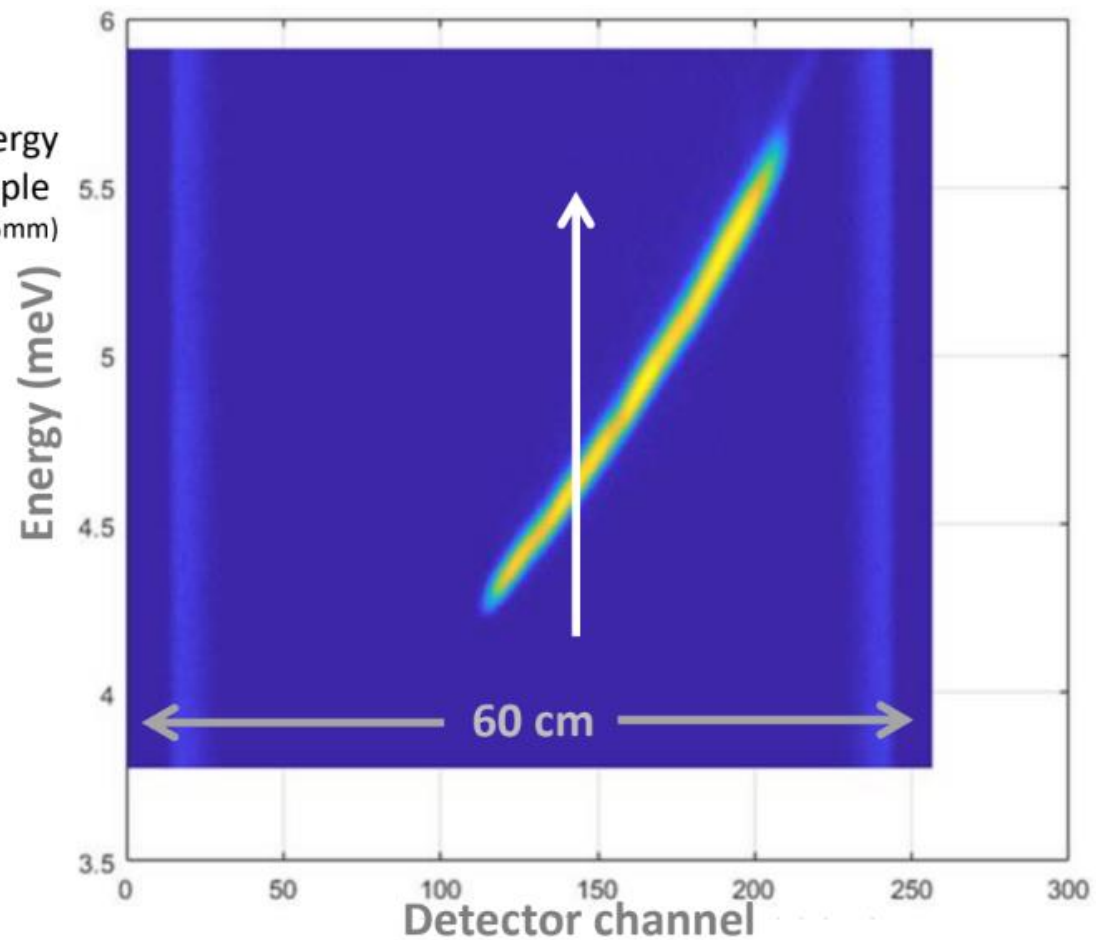
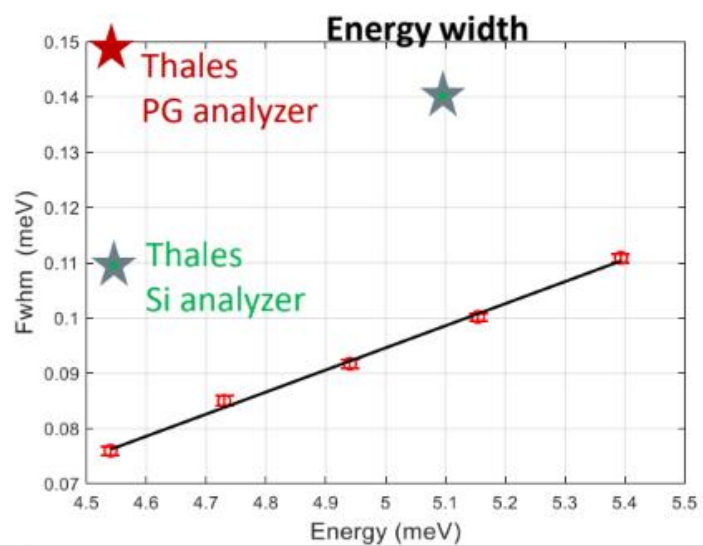


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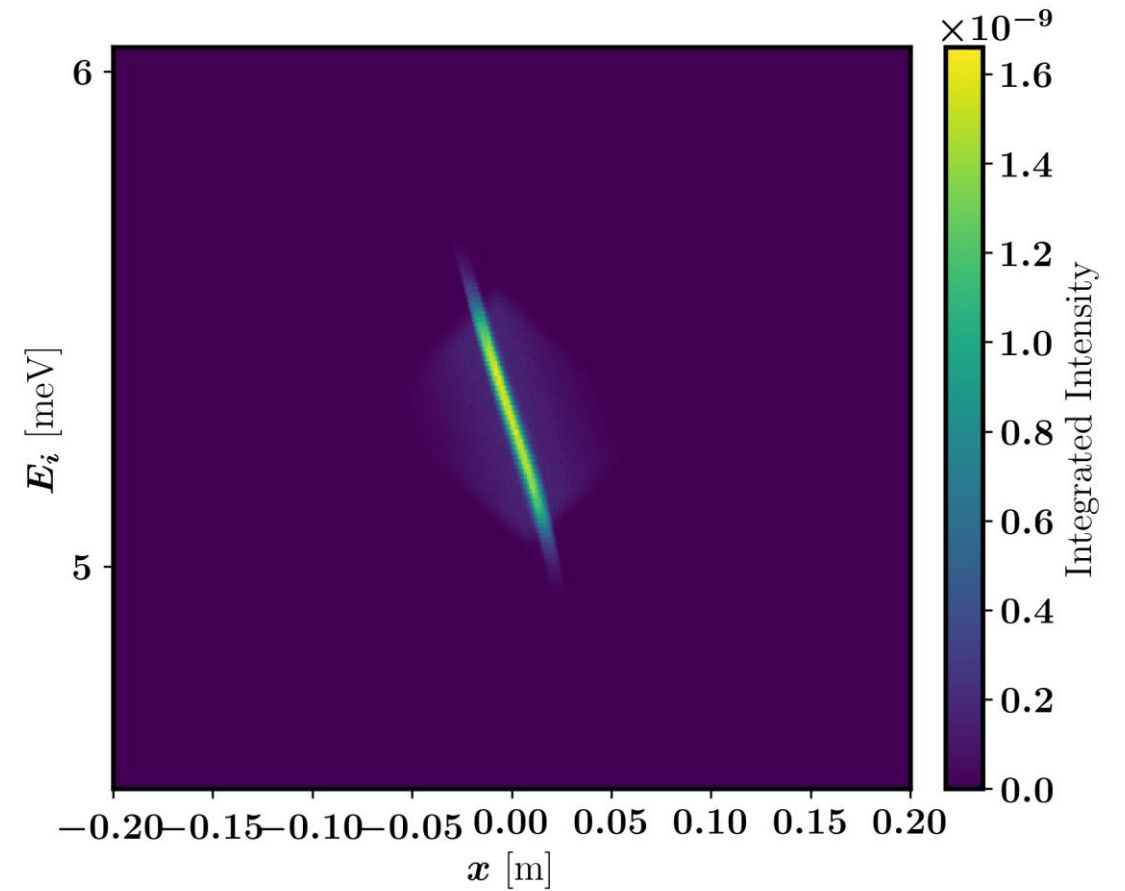
## Prototype (34 silicon blades)

Scan incident energy  
on Quartz sample  
(h=5mm,  $\varnothing$ =15mm)



# Current McStas component design

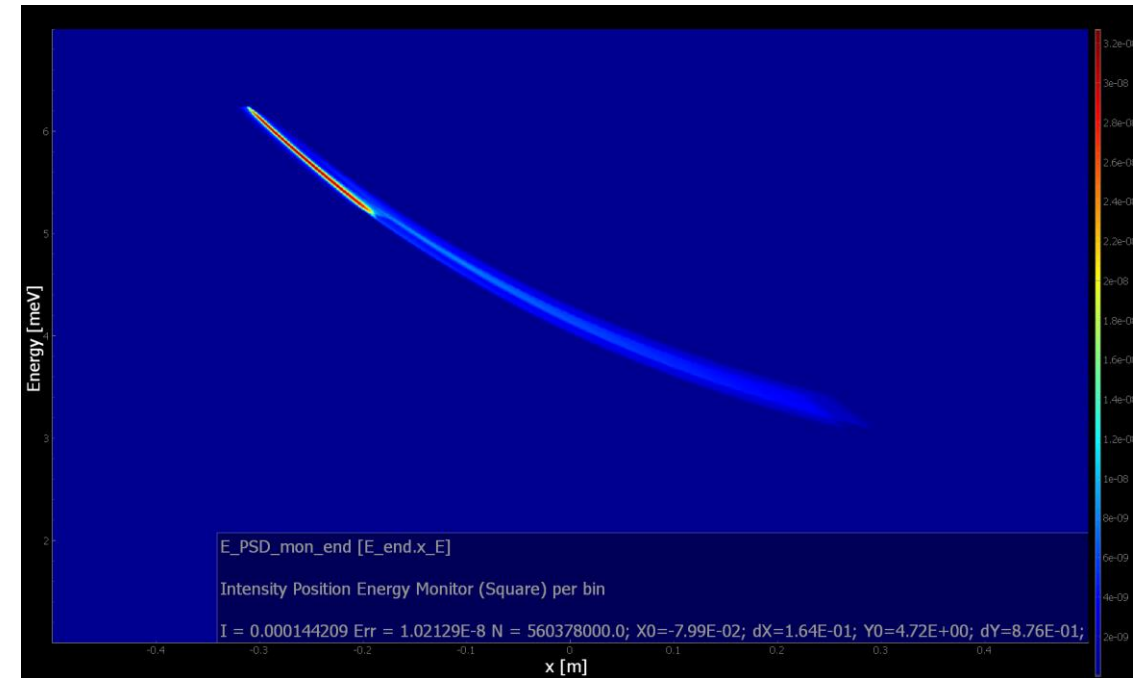
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# Thank you, Questions?

