

# Radiological Issues at JLab

*Lessons Learned from the PREX-I  
and  
Preparation for PREX-II/CREX (and MOLLER)*

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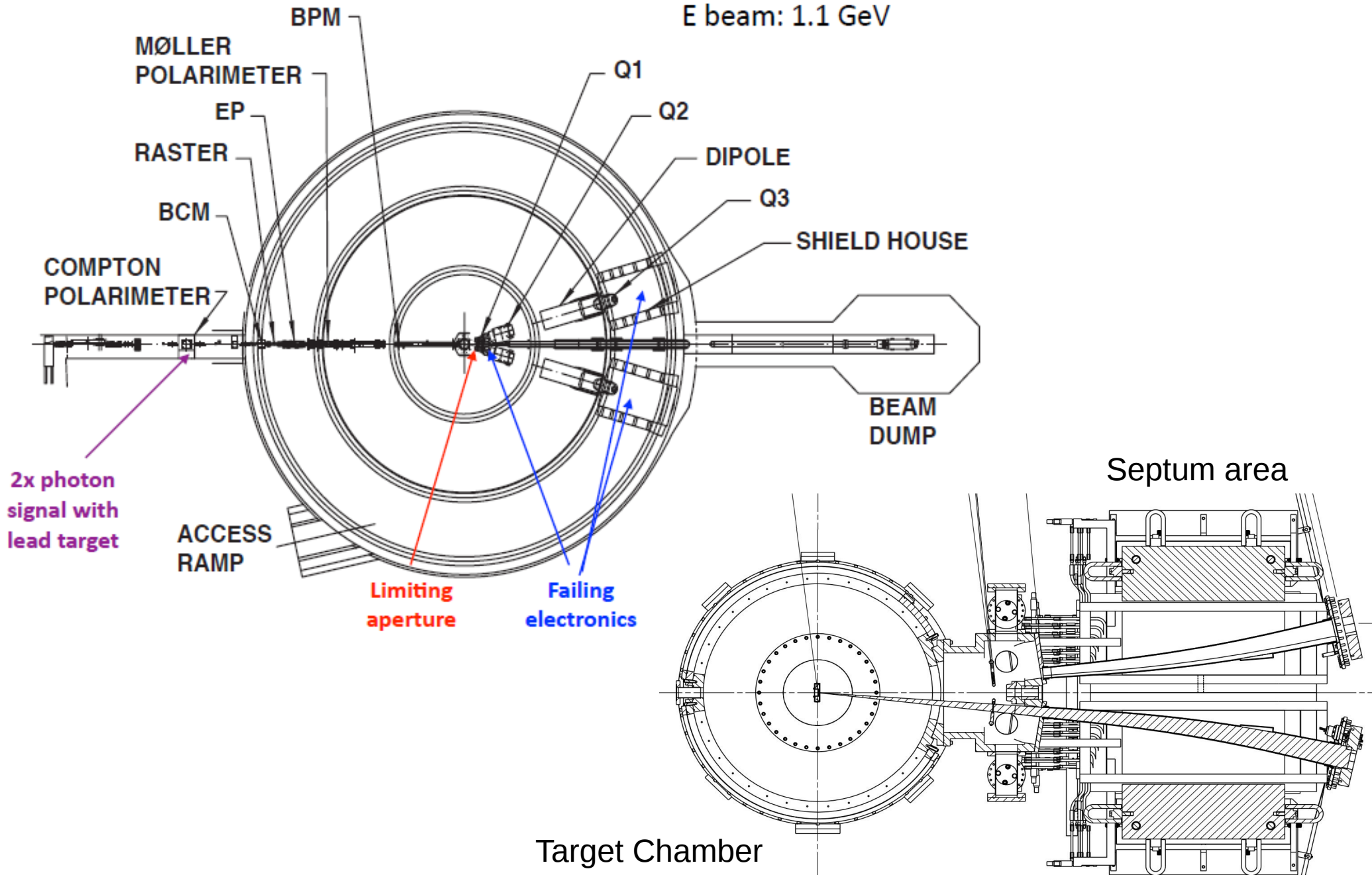
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# Outline

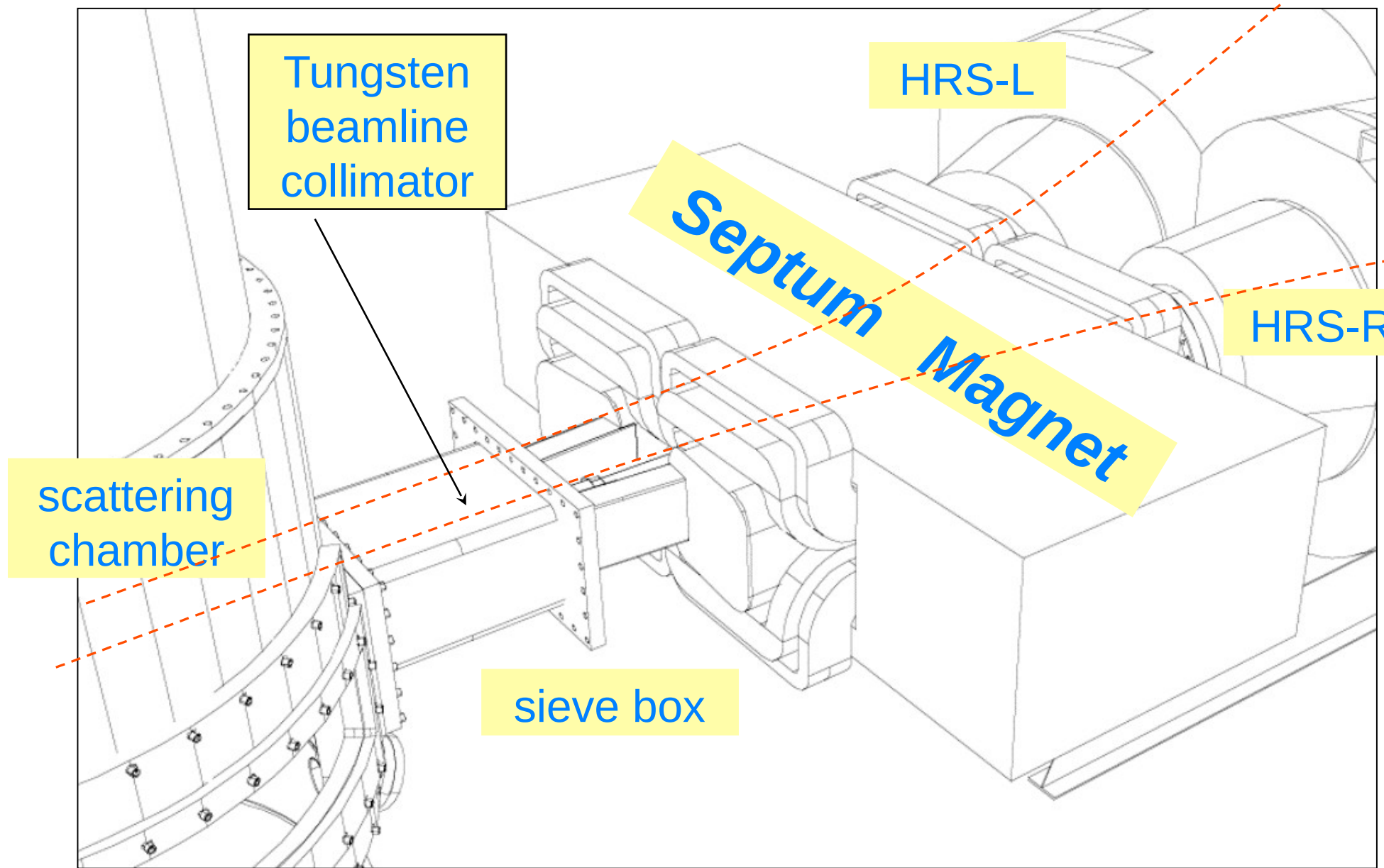
- Radiation Sources in PREX-I
- Radiation Shielding Strategy for PREX/CREX and MOLLER
- Simulation benchmarks and comparison with measurements

# PREX-I Radiation Issues

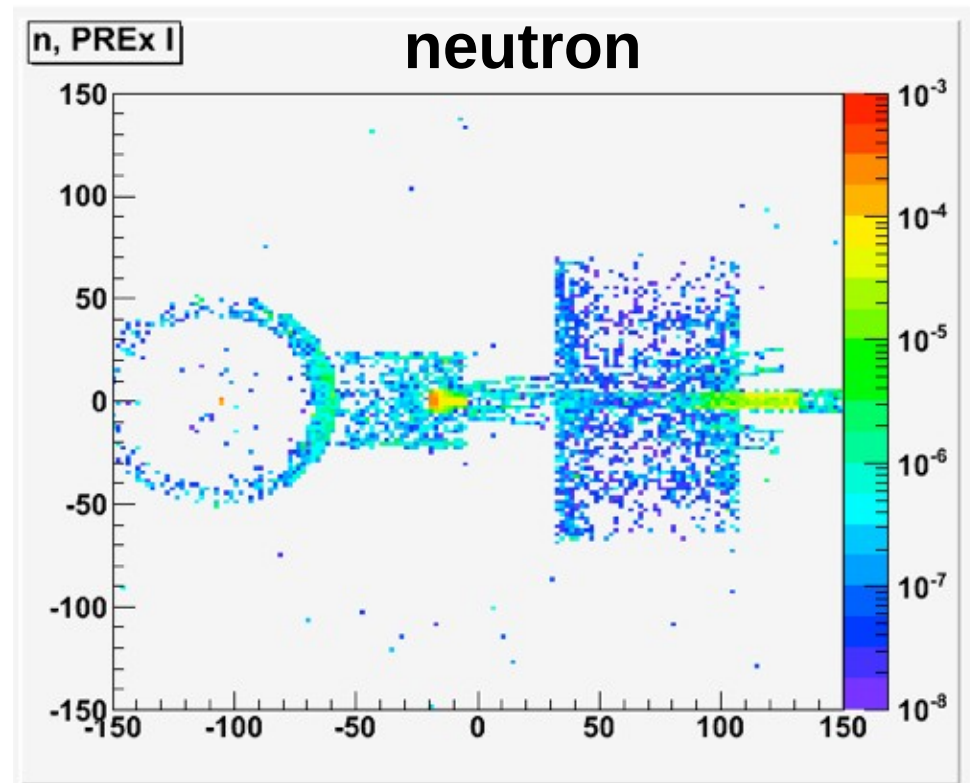
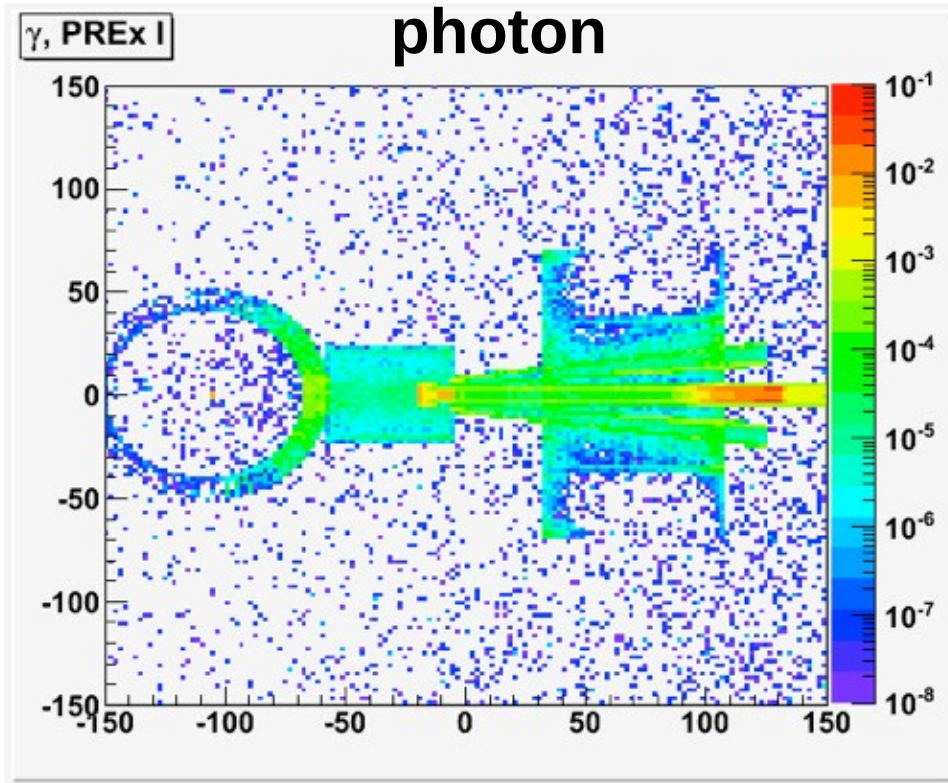
Pb Target: 550 micron, 10%  $X_0$   
E beam: 1.1 GeV



# Target Area Close-View



# Sources of Neutron Radiation



- Neutrons from the target are not the problem
  - 10% target rad. Length and elastic electrons from high Z target were a problem
- Neutron production via photo-production
  - GDR excitations in collimator and beam pipes
  - Results : soft neutron spectrum < 10 MeV

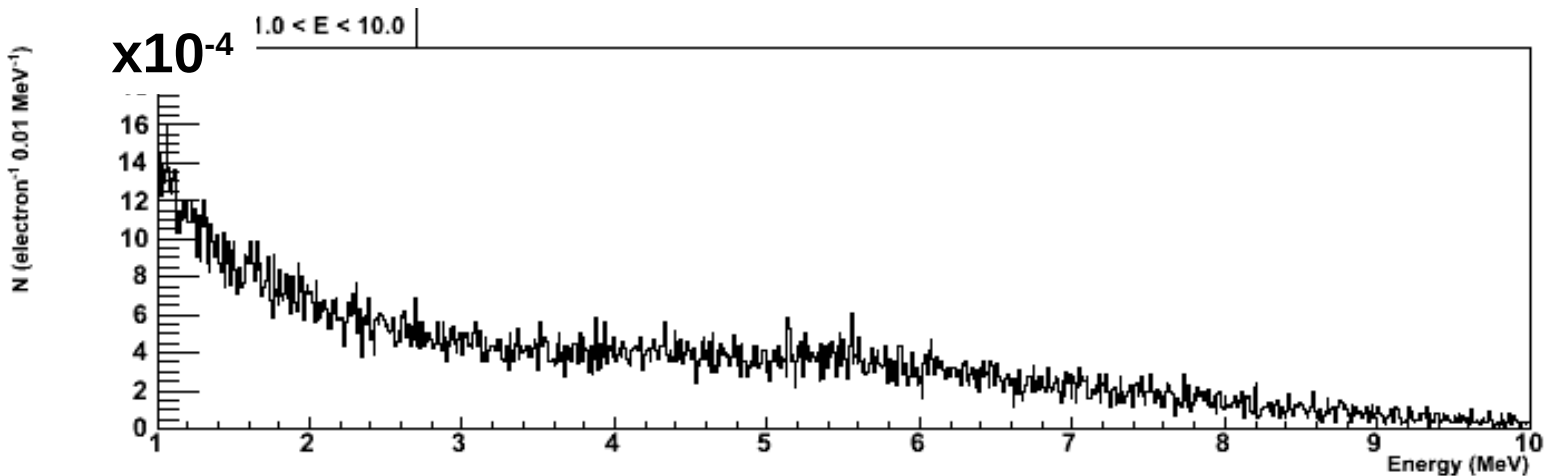
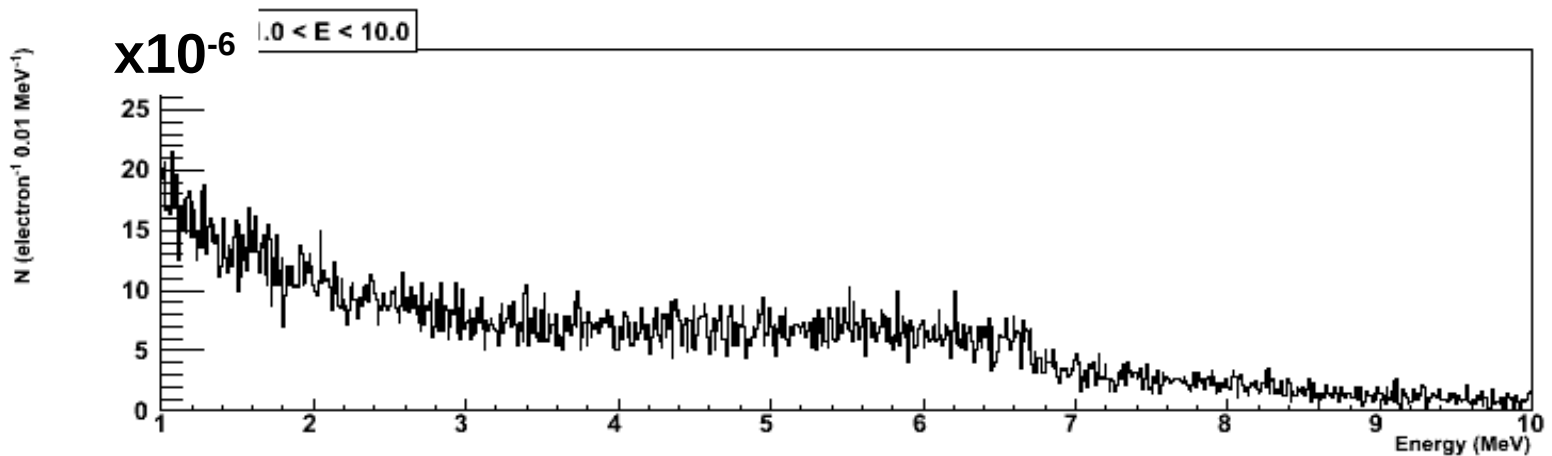
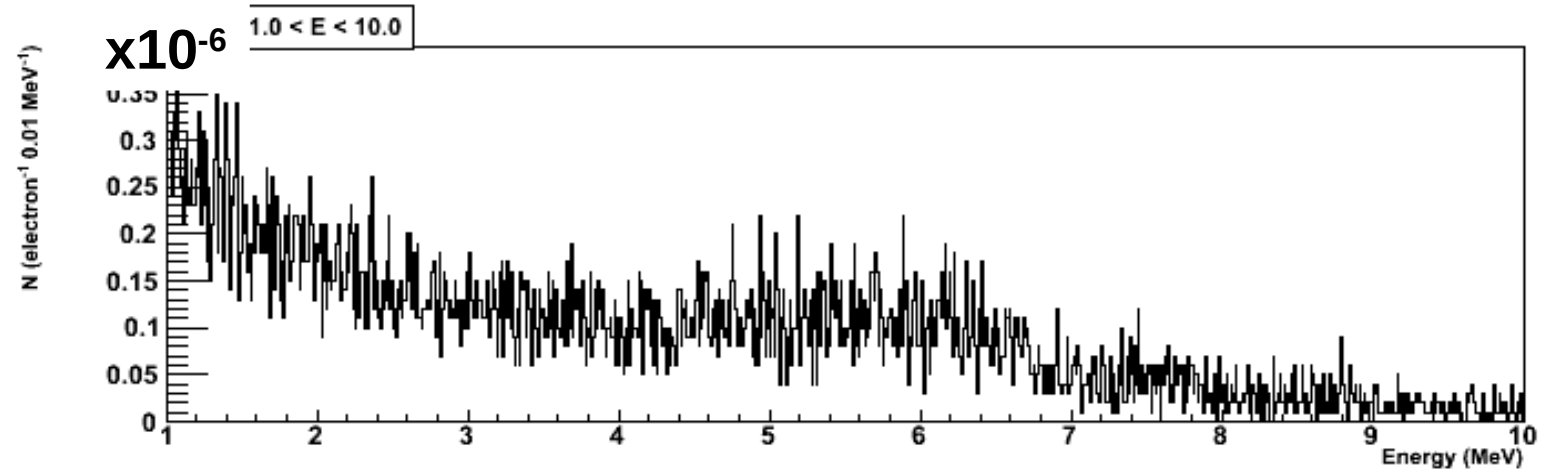
# Sources of Neutron Radiation

500  $\mu\text{m}$   
Target

Quadratic  
In  
Target  
thickness

5mm  
target

Target  
+ collimator  
+ beamline



# Sources of Neutron Radiation

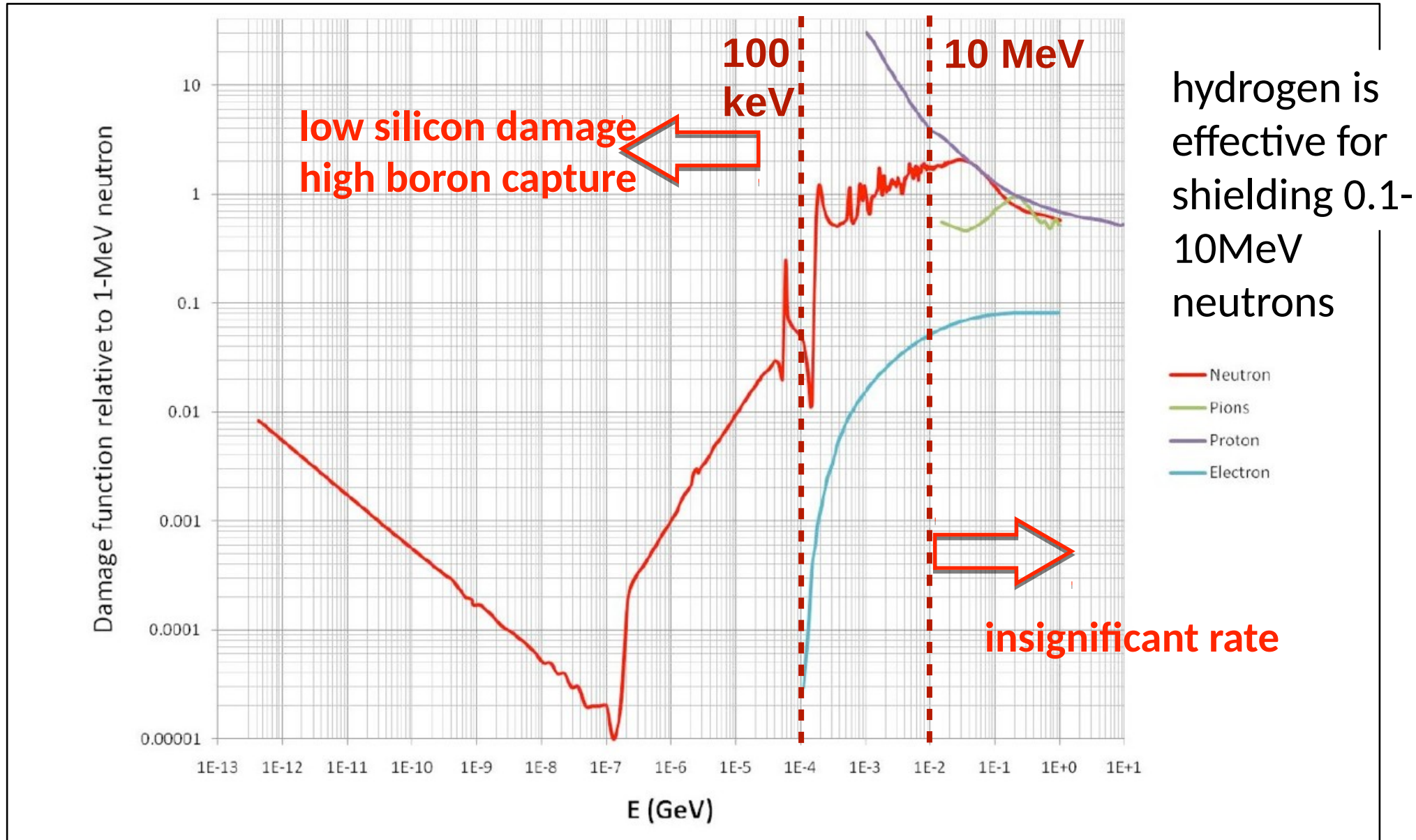
- Limiting Aperture : scattering angle above which beam interact with the beam-pipe
  - In PREX-I this was at the downstream of the septum beam pipe : 0.84 deg
  - PREX-I collimator aperture was 1.27 deg
- Electromagnetic radiation from Pb-target as a secondary source
  - Elastic electrons
  - Bremsstrahlung photons from 10% rad. length
- Combination of fringe field leak from the septum magnet and limiting aperture at septum area resulted in significant spray in to the hall and beam-pipe

# Main Strategy

- Use a single collimator to stop everything that misses the dump
  - Minimum aperture at the collimator
- More neutron production at the collimator is expected
- Shield around that collimator
  - The energy spectrum is soft enough to shield effectively
- This is the strategy implemented for PREX and proposed MOLLER experiment



# Neutrons and Damage to Electronics



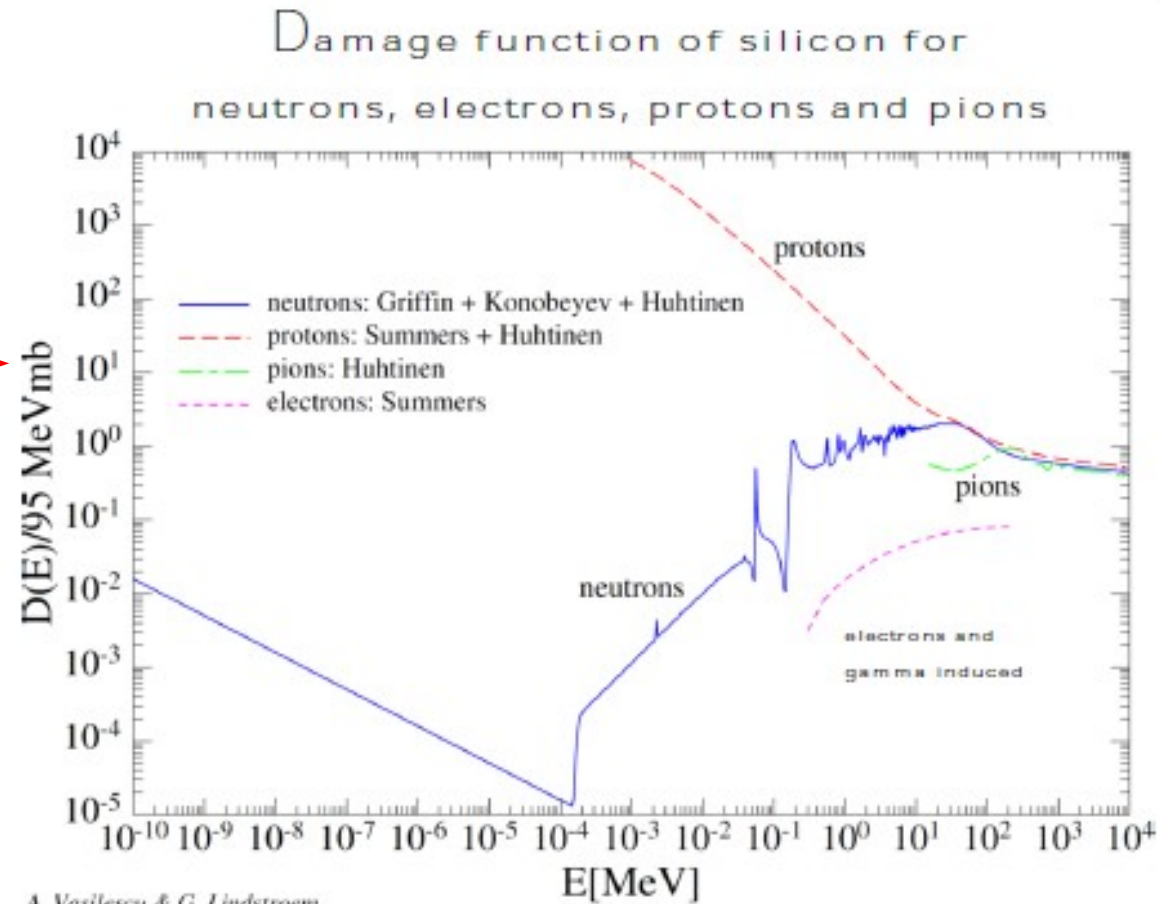
1 MeV neutron-equivalent (NIEL) metric

# 1 MeV Equivalent Neutron Fluence

The silicon radiation damage by “1 MeV equivalent neutron fluence”

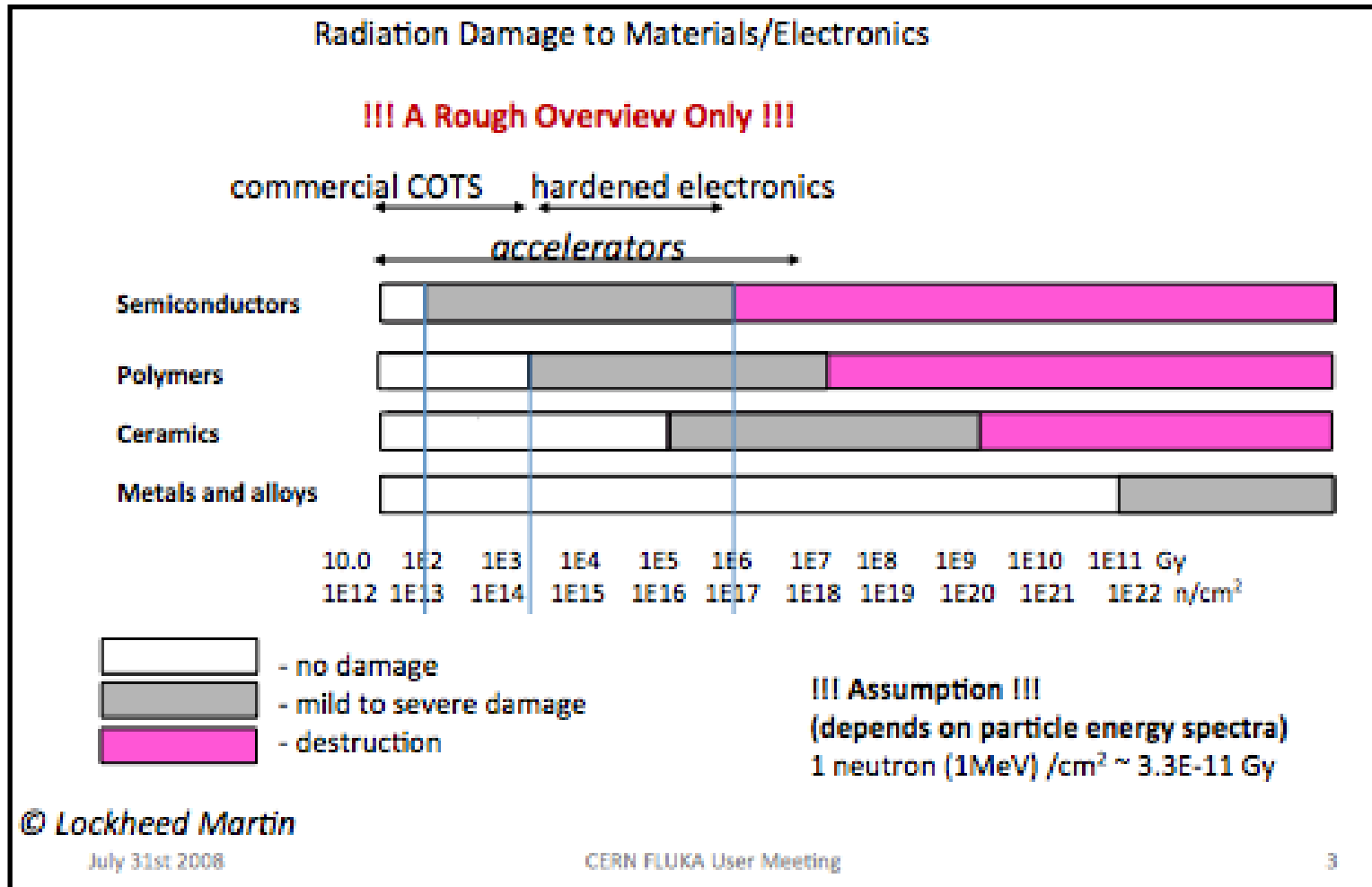
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which produces the same damage as an arbitrary radiation field with a spectral distribution  $\phi(E)$



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# Radiation Dose Limit to Electronics



Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) electronics are typically robust up to neutron doses of about  $10^{13} \text{ n/cm}^2$ .

Optocouplers are significantly softer, with failure at  $1 \times 10^{11} \text{ 1-MeV } n_{eq}/\text{cm}^2$

# Radiation Effects on Electronics

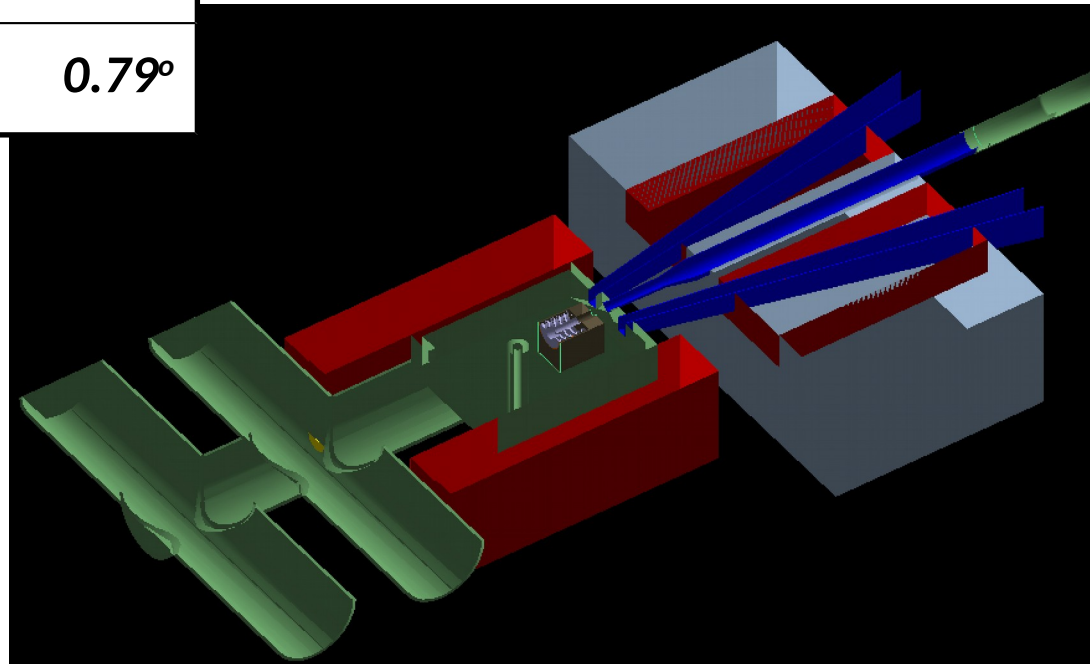
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Cumulative effects (Long term)	<b>Total Ionizing Dose (TID)</b>	Charge build-up in oxide Threshold shift & increased leakage current Ultimately destructive	Ionizing dose [Gy]
	<b>Displacement damage</b>	Atomic displacements Degradation over time Ultimately destructive	Silicon 1 MeV-equivalent neutron fluence [ $\text{cm}^{-2}$ ] {NIEL -> DPA}

# PREX Shielding Strategy

	<i>Inner radius (cm)</i>	<i>Distance from Target</i>	<i>angle</i>
<i>collimator</i>	<b>1.17</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>0.78°</b>
<i>septum pipe</i>	4.13	266	0.86°
<i>gate valve</i>	5.08	337	0.84°
<i>End beam line (hall end)</i>	45.7	2757	0.95°
<i>(beam dump)</i>	45.7	3312	0.79°

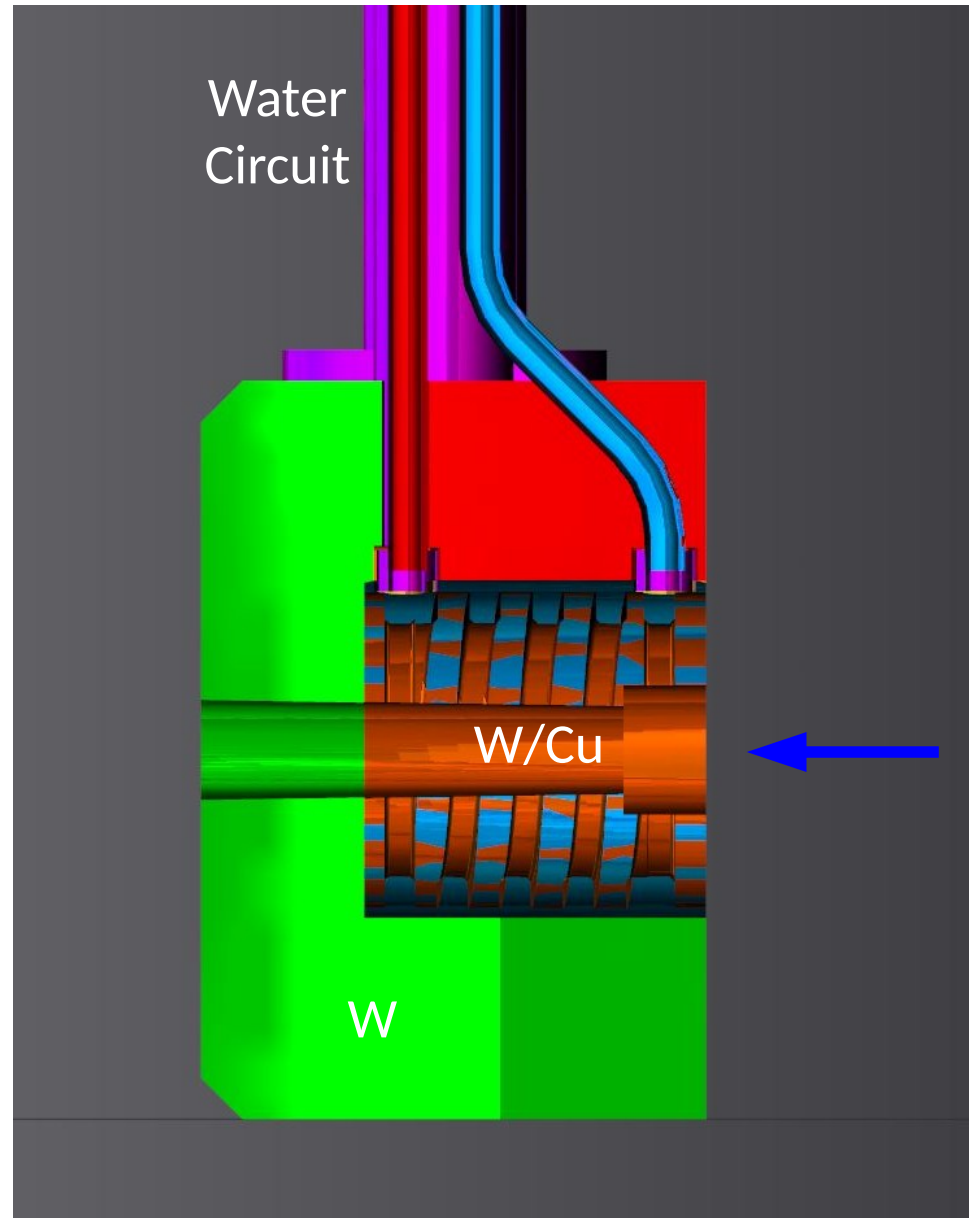
- Collimator aperture at 0.78° so whatever gets past the plug reaches the dump
- 20-30 cm thick high-density polyethylene (HDPE) shield to moderate neutrons

Maximize **solid angle** coverage of shield around collimator



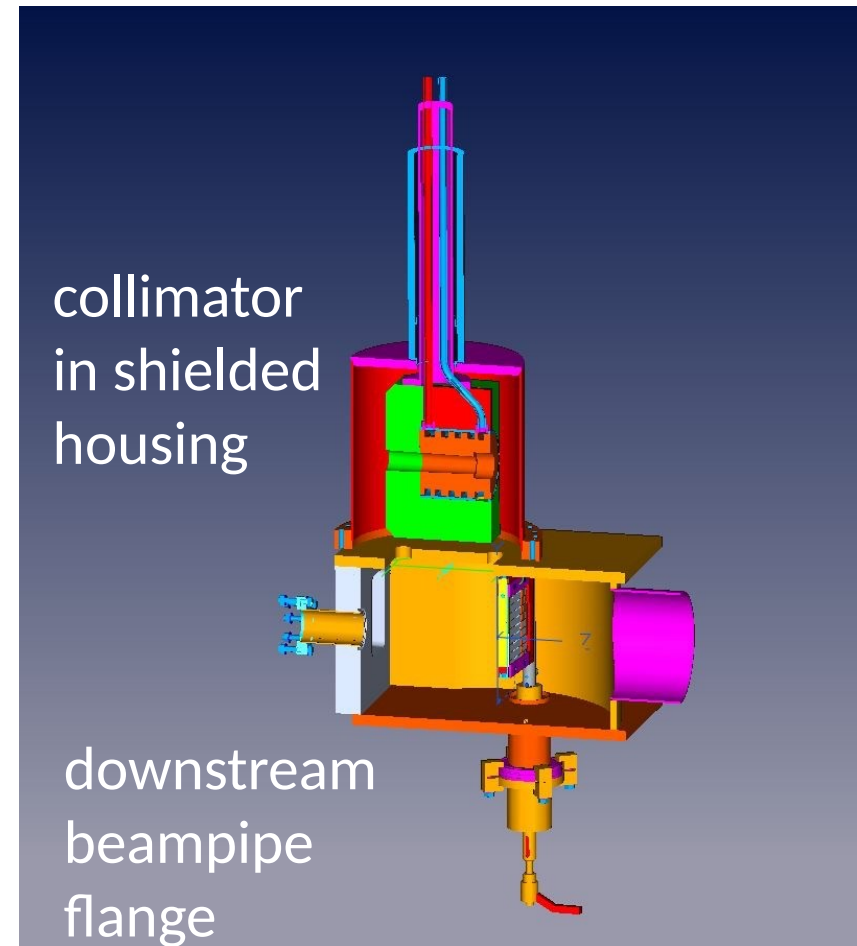
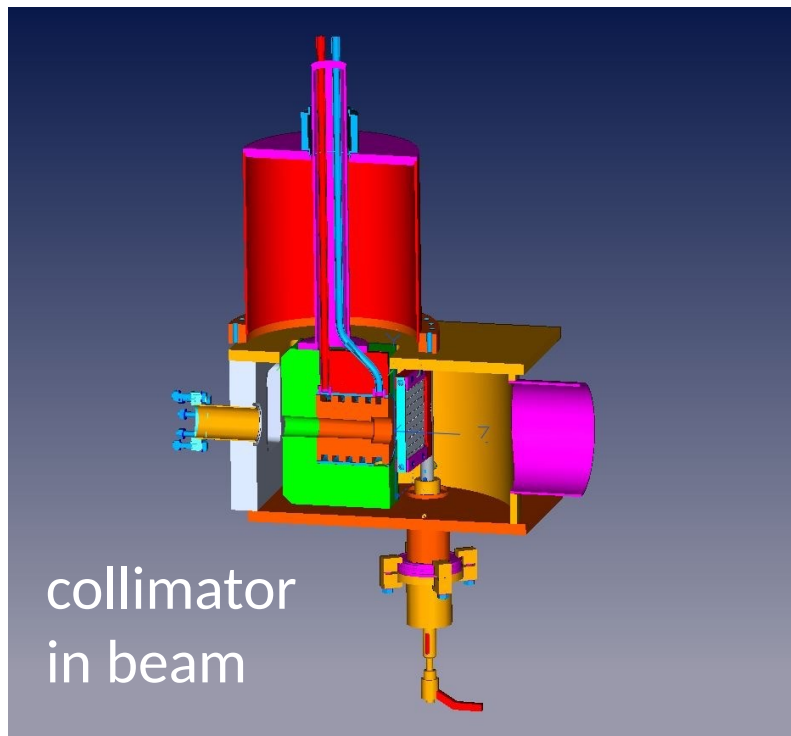
# PREX-II Collimator

- Collimator front face 85cm from target
- Intercepts electrons  $>0.78^\circ$
- Power deposited: 2.1kW at 70  $\mu\text{A}$
- Inner cylinder 30% Cu-70% W alloy
  - Water-cooled with brazed cu sleeve
  - Initial estimates show cooling is sufficient
- Outer cylinder is tungsten
- Designed to slow down and self-shield neutrons
- PREX-I collimator only intercepted  $1.27^\circ$  and deposited 500 W



# PREX-II Collimator

- Collimator will be activated by power deposited in the collimator bore
- Retract collimator into housing to shield the bore during deinstallation

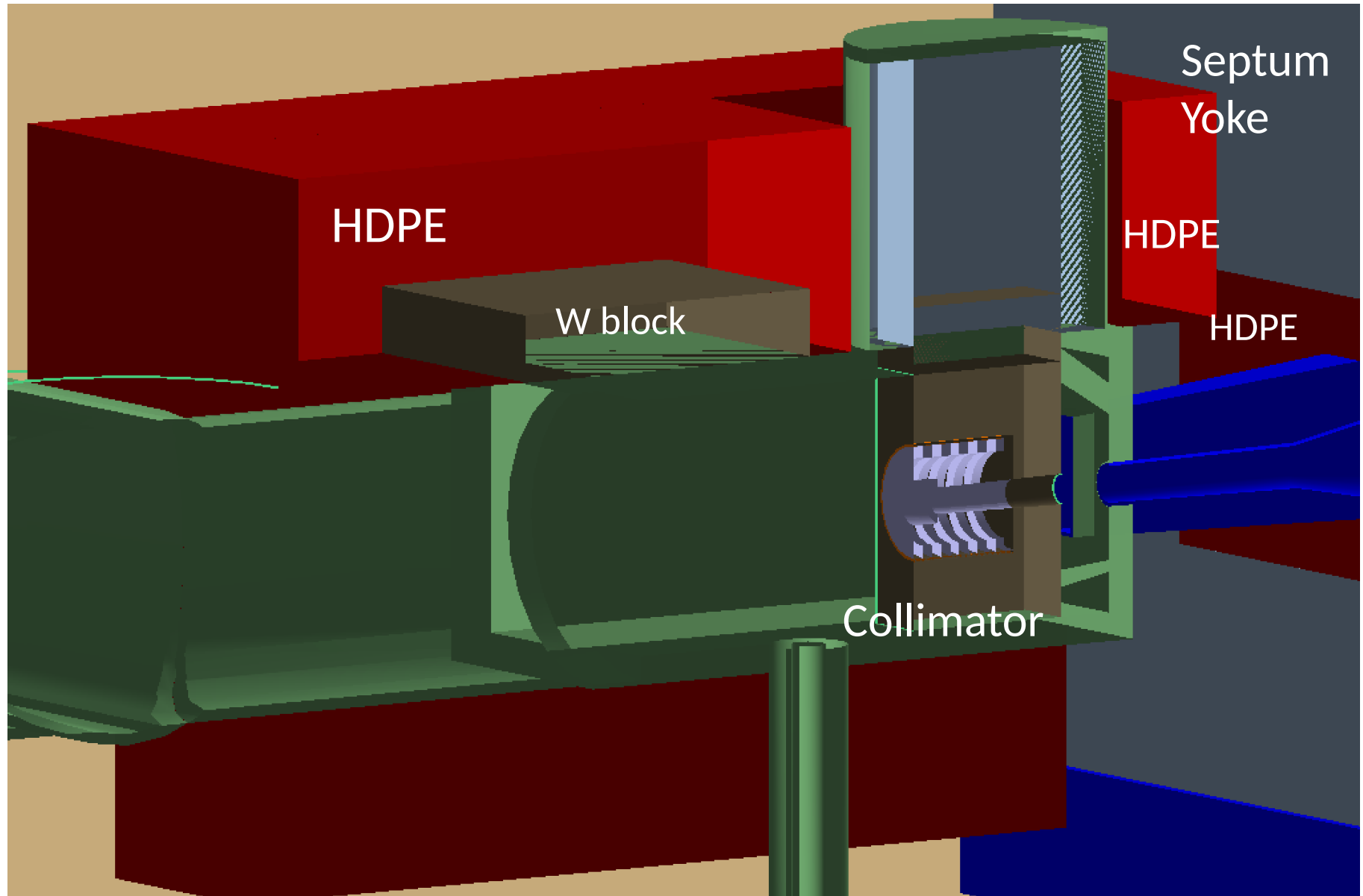


# Neutron Shielding Design

- Collimator isolated as the main source of neutron in the experiment
- Mostly soft neutrons ( $< 10$  MeV) escape to the hall
- The collimator region is shielded using high density polyethylene (HDPE)

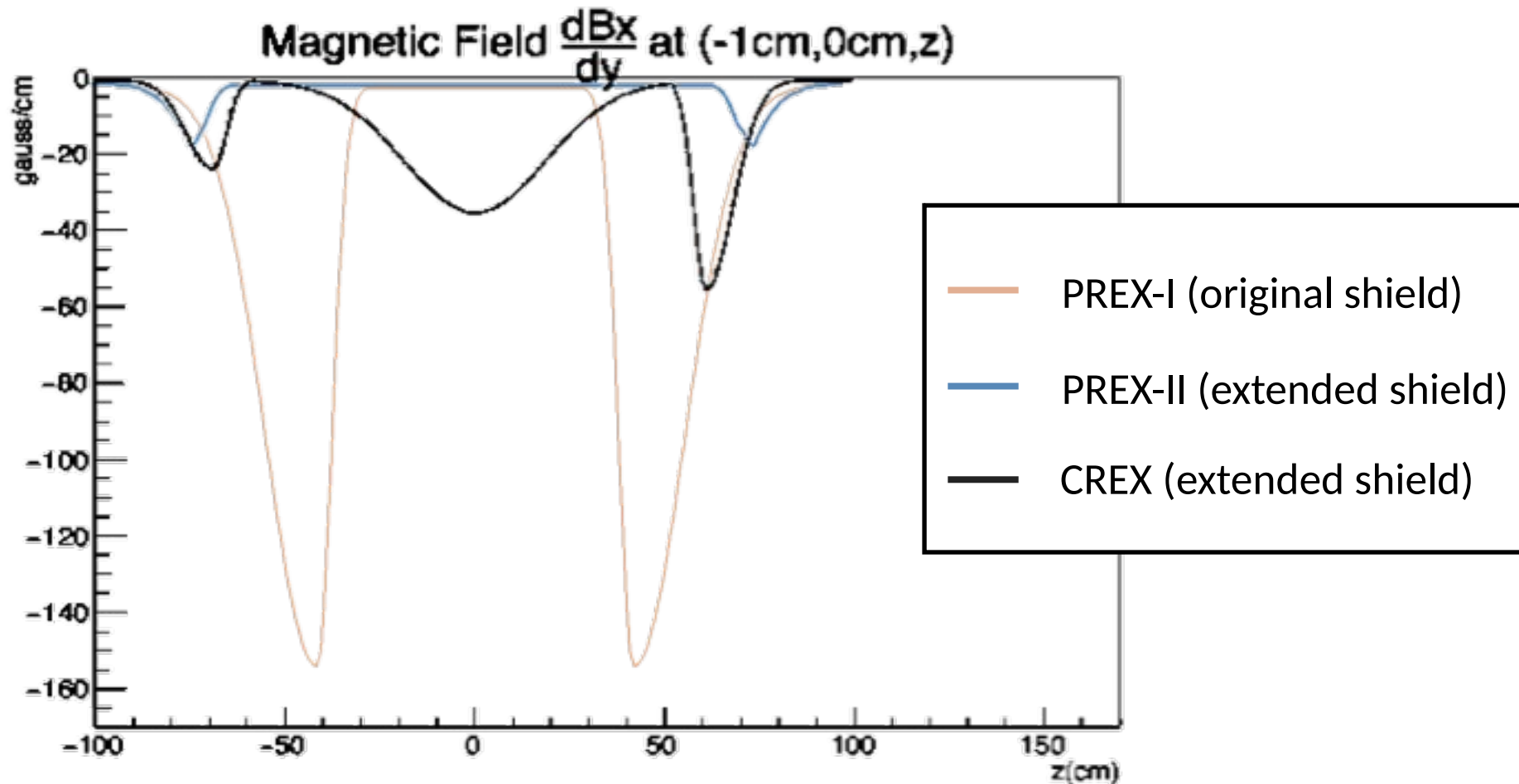


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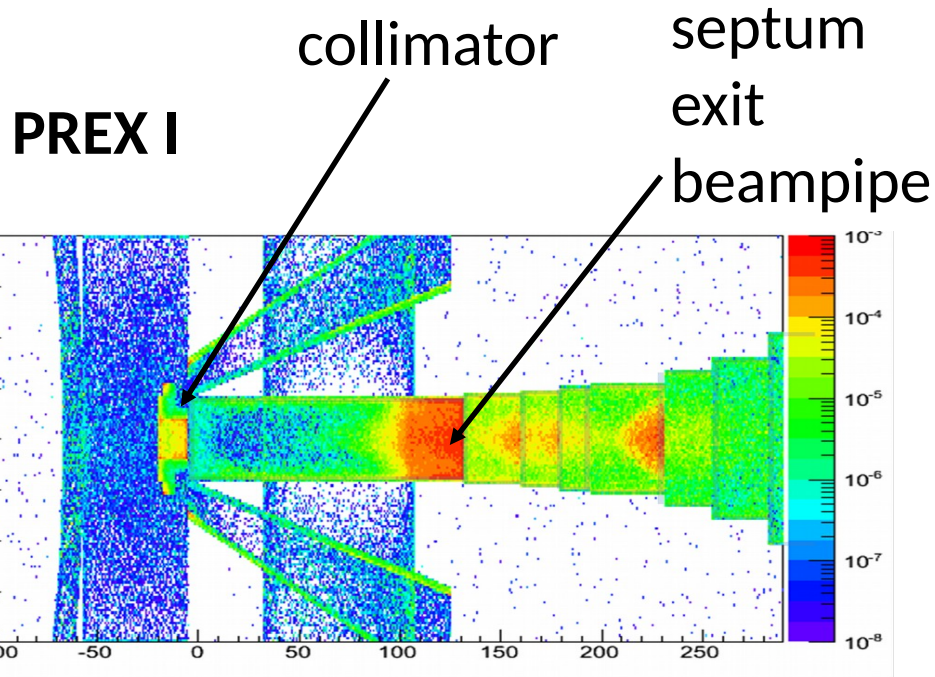
# Septum Fringe Magnetic Field

This is a simple model for fringe magnetic field inside the septum beam pipe using a Tosca model

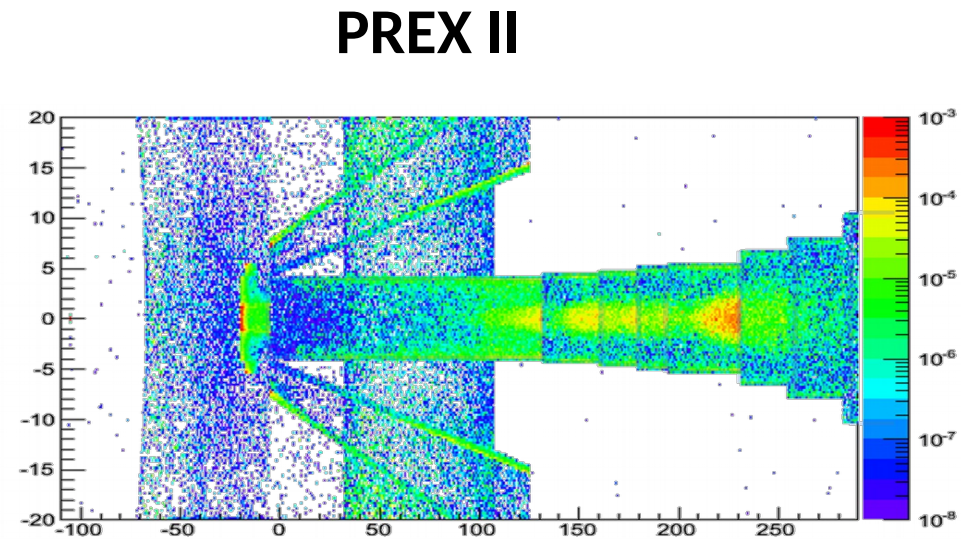


# Reducing PREX-I Radiation Sources

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Origin of photons



Extend magnetic shield  
through septum magnet

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- PREX-II collimator absorbs more power and dissipate less power back to the hall

	PREX-I	PREX-II	CREX
EM Power in collimator (W/ $\mu$ A)	9.7	28.8	9.0
EM Power dissipated to the hall (W/ $\mu$ A)	18.0	3.0	1.5

# Benchmark with Different Experiments

Simulations done with different experimental configurations to benchmark simulation results between experiments

	PREX-II	CREX	PREX-I	HAPPEX-II	PV-DIS
Target	lead (0.6g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Ca (1 g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	lead (0.6g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	20cm LH <sub>2</sub>	20cm LD <sub>2</sub>
Beam E	1 GeV	2.2 GeV	1 GeV	3 GeV	6 GeV
Septum	shielded fringe	shielded fringe, TOSCA model	full fringe	full fringe, scale=3	no septum, no fringe
collimator	PREX-II	PREX-II	PREX-I	PREX-I	none
target position	z=-1m	z=-1.4m	z=-1m	z=-1m	z=0
Shielding	shielded	shielded	none	none	none (no septum)
Current	70 $\mu$ A	150 $\mu$ A	70 $\mu$ A	55 $\mu$ A	100 $\mu$ A
Beam Charge	170 C	470 C	82 C	87 C	150 C

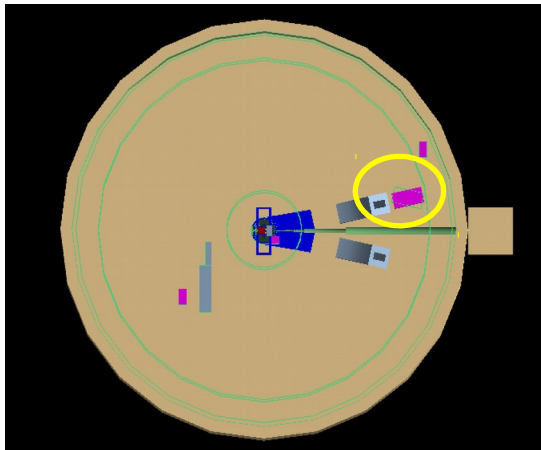
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Total power of >10 MeV electrons around the hall shows improvement with collimation and shielding

<i>Hall Detector</i>	<i>P2 / P1</i>	<i>P2 / H2</i>	<i>P2 / PVDIS</i>	<i>CREX/P1</i>
<i>electrons (W) E&gt;10 MeV</i>	<b>4%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>5%</b>

# Benchmark with Different Experiments

## Radiation at the HRS Power Supply Platform



particle	E Range (MeV)	P2 / P1	P2 / H2	P2 / PVDIS	CREX/P1
neutron	$0 < E < 0.1$	44%	410%	270%	38%
neutron	$E > 0.1$	<b>6%</b>	<b>76%</b>	63%	8%

Additional optimization of HDPE shielding may further improve neutron

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electron	$0 < E < 0.1$	4%	42%	21%	4%
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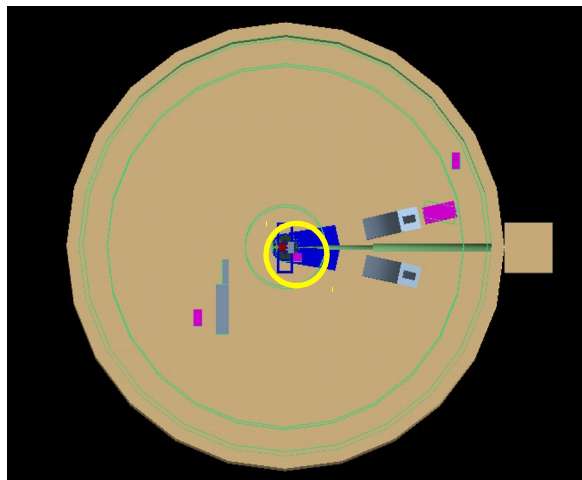
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## Radiation at the Q1 / Above Septum

particle	E Range (MeV)	P2 / P1	P2 / H2	CREX/P1
neutron	$0 < E < 0.1$	133%	1100%	120%
neutron	$E > 0.1$	20%	170%	20%

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particle	E Range (MeV)	P2 / P1	P2 / H2	CREX/P1
electron	$0 < E < 0.1$	8%	100%	7%
electron	$E > 0.1$	6%	90%	5%





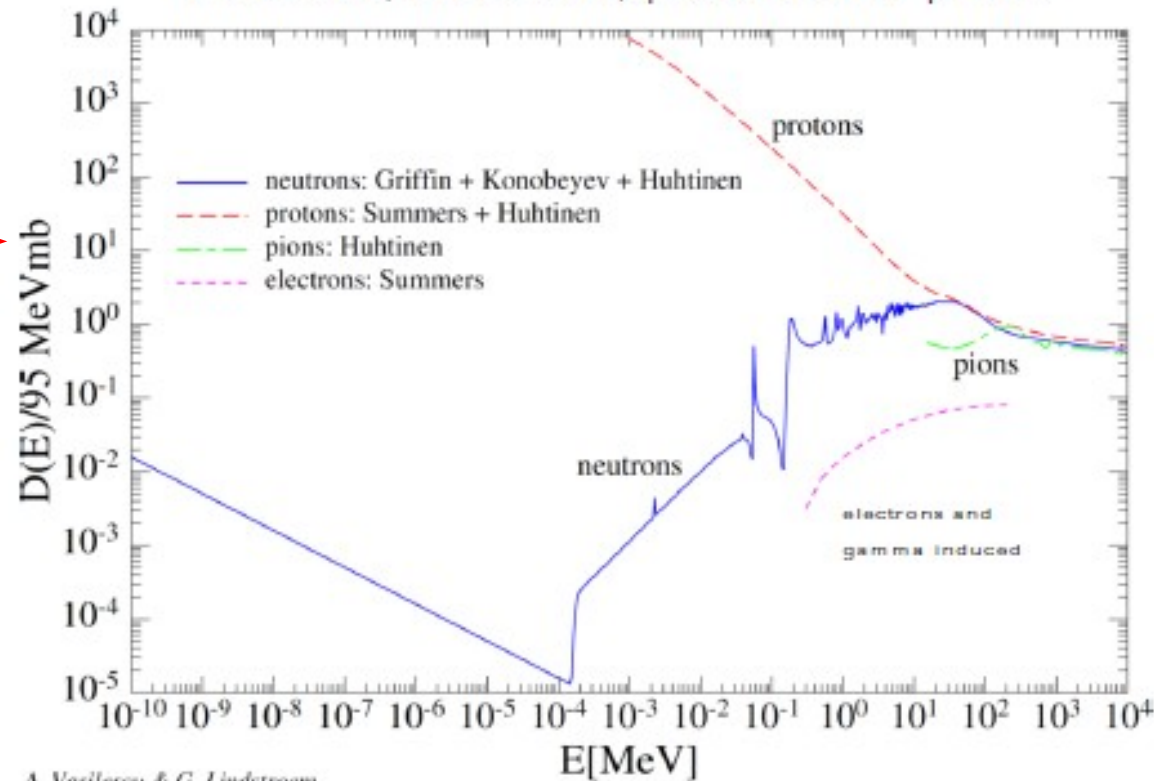
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Damage function of silicon for neutrons, electrons, protons and pions



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# Benchmark with Different Experiments

## 1MeV neutron Equivalent (1MeV neq /cm<sup>2</sup>) Near HRS Platform

NIEL thresholds: Semiconductor damage  $\sim 10^{13}$ , Optocoupler damage  $\sim 10^{11}$

HRS power supply detector	PREX-II	PREX-I	CREX	P2/P1	P2/H2	CREX/P1
neutron	7.6E+09	1.0E+11	2.4E+10	7%	70%	23%
electron	1.4E+10	1.2E+11	1.4E+10	11%	94%	12%
<b>total</b>	<b>2.1E+10</b>	<b>2.3E+11</b>	<b>3.8E+10</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>17%</b>

- PREX-I integrated dose estimate
  - did not reach semiconductor damage threshold.
  - exceeded optocoupler damage threshold
- PREX-II integrated dose will be down an order of magnitude from PREX-I
- CREX integrated dose will be about 1/4 of PREX-I

# Benchmark with Different Experiments

1MeV neutron Equivalent (1MeV neq / cm<sup>2</sup>)

Near collimator flux will exceed optocoupler damage threshold

Q1/cryo det	PREX-II (1MeV neq / cm <sup>2</sup> )	PREX-I	CREX	P2/P1	P2/H2	CREX/P1
neutron	3.9E+11	1.1E+12	5.4E+11	35%	200%	50%
electron	1.7E+11	1.4E+12	1.9E+11	13%	140%	14%
total	5.6E+11	2.5E+12	7.4E+11	23%	180%	30%

# Neutron Flux at Different Locations

HRS Side	PREX-II	CREX
neutron	1.9E+09	7.6E+09
electron	3.4E+09	4.3E+09
total	5.3E+09	1.2E+10

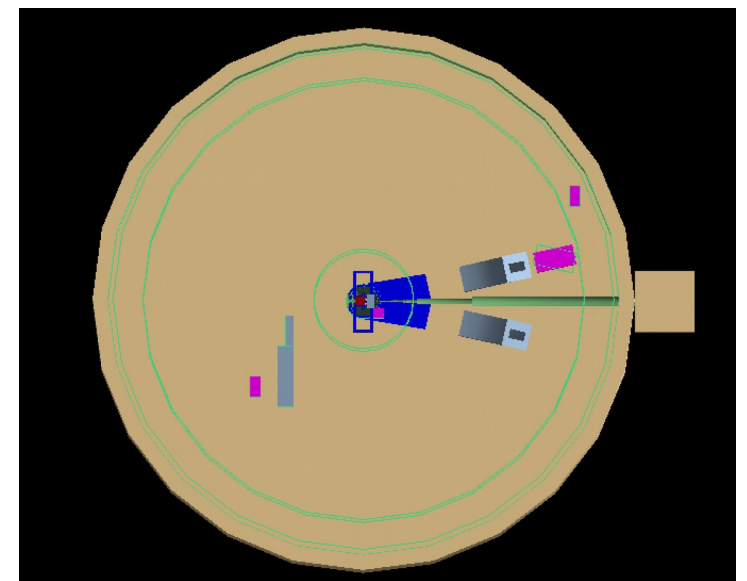
~4x less than HRS Platform

Upstream PS	PREX-II	CREX
neutron	3.2E+09	4.4E+09
electron	1.8E+06	2.6E+07
total	3.2E+09	4.4E+09

~10x less than HRS Platform

HRS Under	PREX-II	CREX
neutron	1.6E+10	1.7E+10
electron	1.4E+10	2.0E+10
total	2.9E+10	2.7E+10

similar to HRS Platform if no local shielding



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# High Energy Neutrons

- Source of SEU or SEL events ( instantaneous effects)
- Reduced high energy neutrons in the hall enclosure
  - Due to new collimator with self-shielding
  - Reductions are not large as low energy neutrons

Hall Detector (n,E>10MeV) MHz/m <sup>2</sup>	PREX-1	PREX-2	CREX
HRS Platform	8	<1	<2.3
At Q1 / Above Septum	320	51	78

# High Energy Neutrons

Hall Top Detector	PREX-1	PREX-2	CREX
Integrated Flux ( $n > 30\text{MeV}$ ) [ $\#/m^2$ ]	4.5E+12	5.8E+12	1.5E+13
Integrated Energy ( $n > 30\text{MeV}$ ) [ $J/m^2$ ]	72	87	290

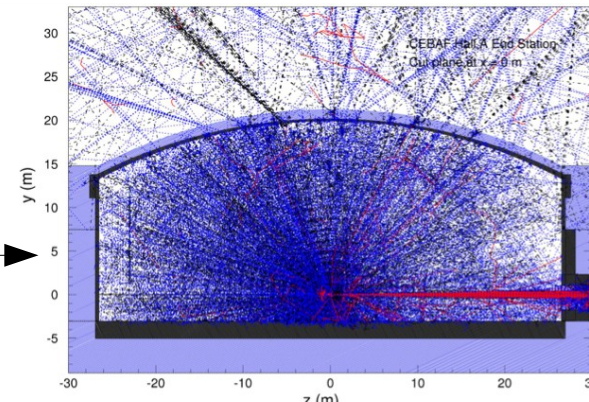
- High energy neutrons reaching the top of the hall enclosure
  - The integrated dose for PREX-II is higher due to assumed efficiency and longer running time compared to PREX-I
  - CREX is very high due to larger luminosity combined with high Z target
- Main influencer for site boundary

# Site Boundary



- Site-boundary mostly influenced by upward going, high-energy neutrons
  - They can penetrate the overburden and shower onto the site boundary
- Neutron rich nuclei (Pb or Ca) are a main source
- Jlab limit : 10 mrem/yr

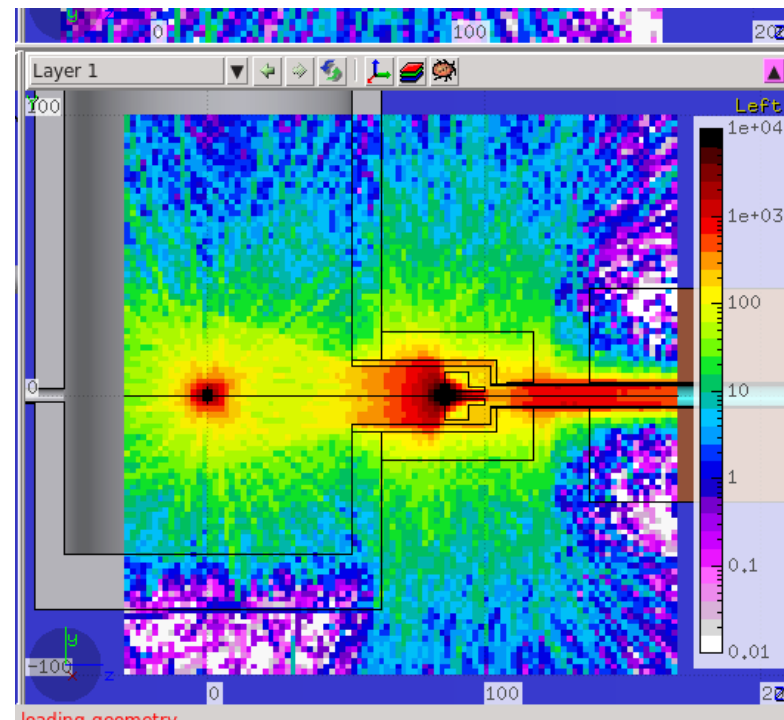
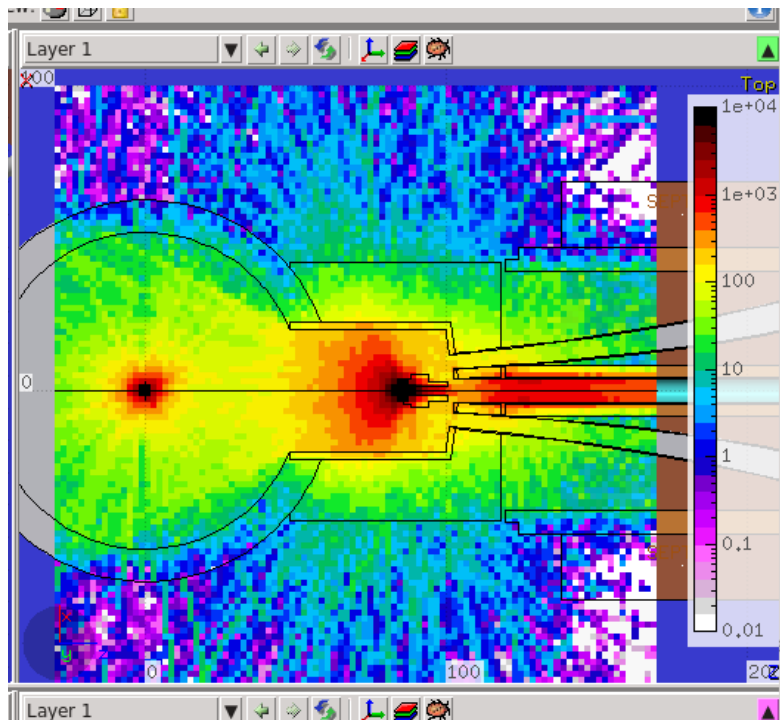
Neutrons and EM penetration through Hall dome





# De-installation Plans

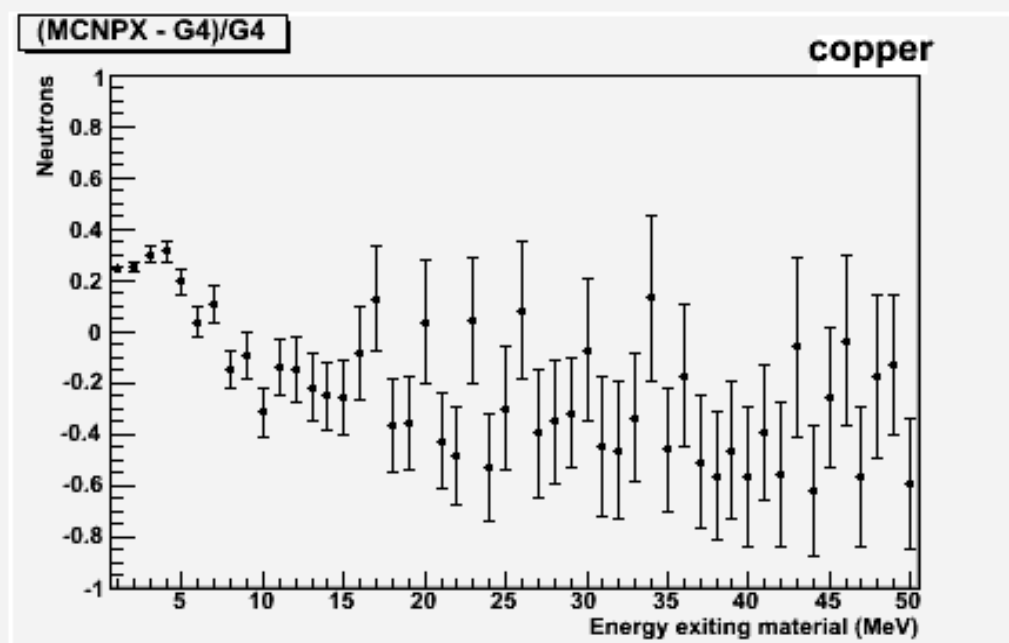
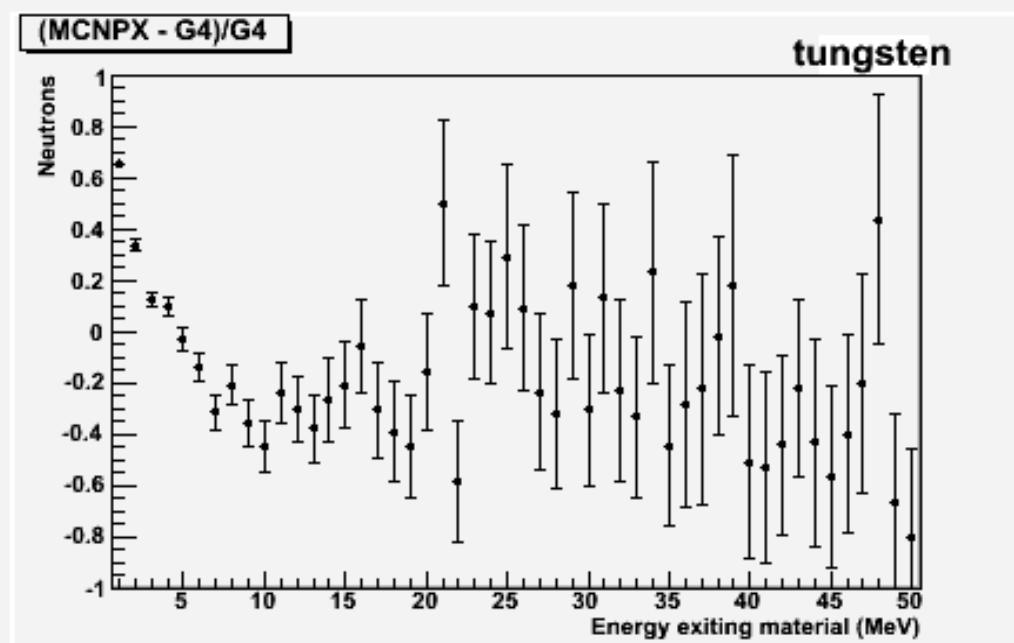
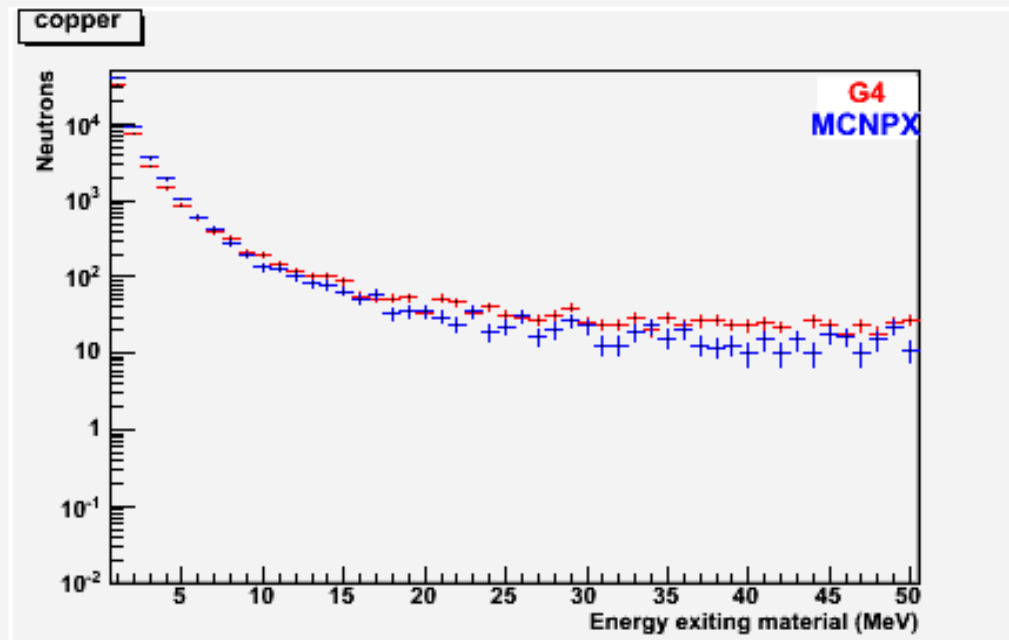
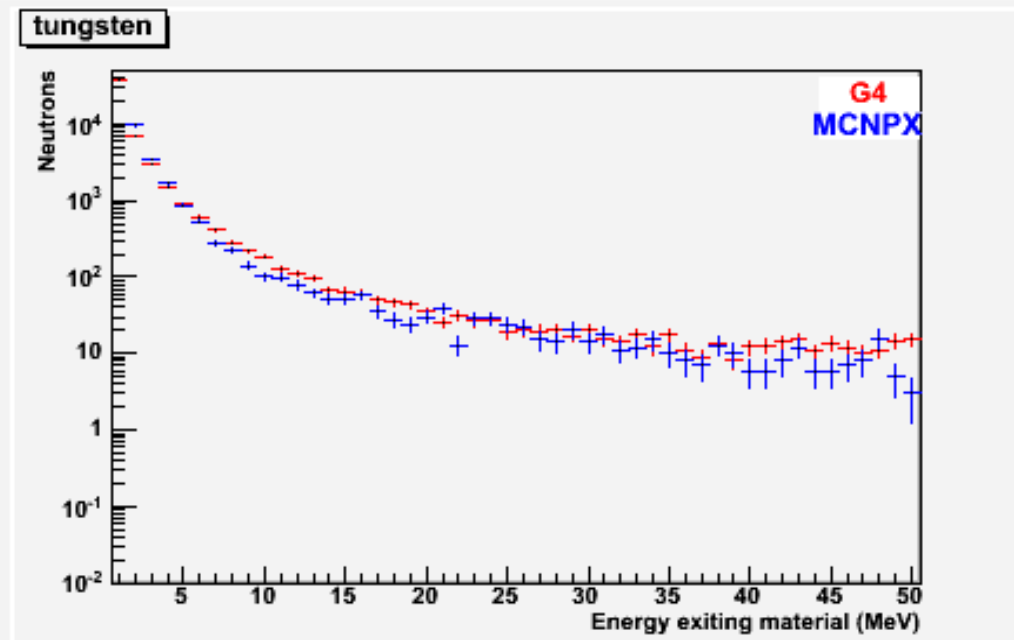
- Material activation studies via FLUKA simulation is an important aspect of de-installation plans
  - Work in progress by Lorenzo Zana aims to reduce de-installation dose and design optimal plans



Activation in mrem/h after 1 day

# Simulation Benchmarks

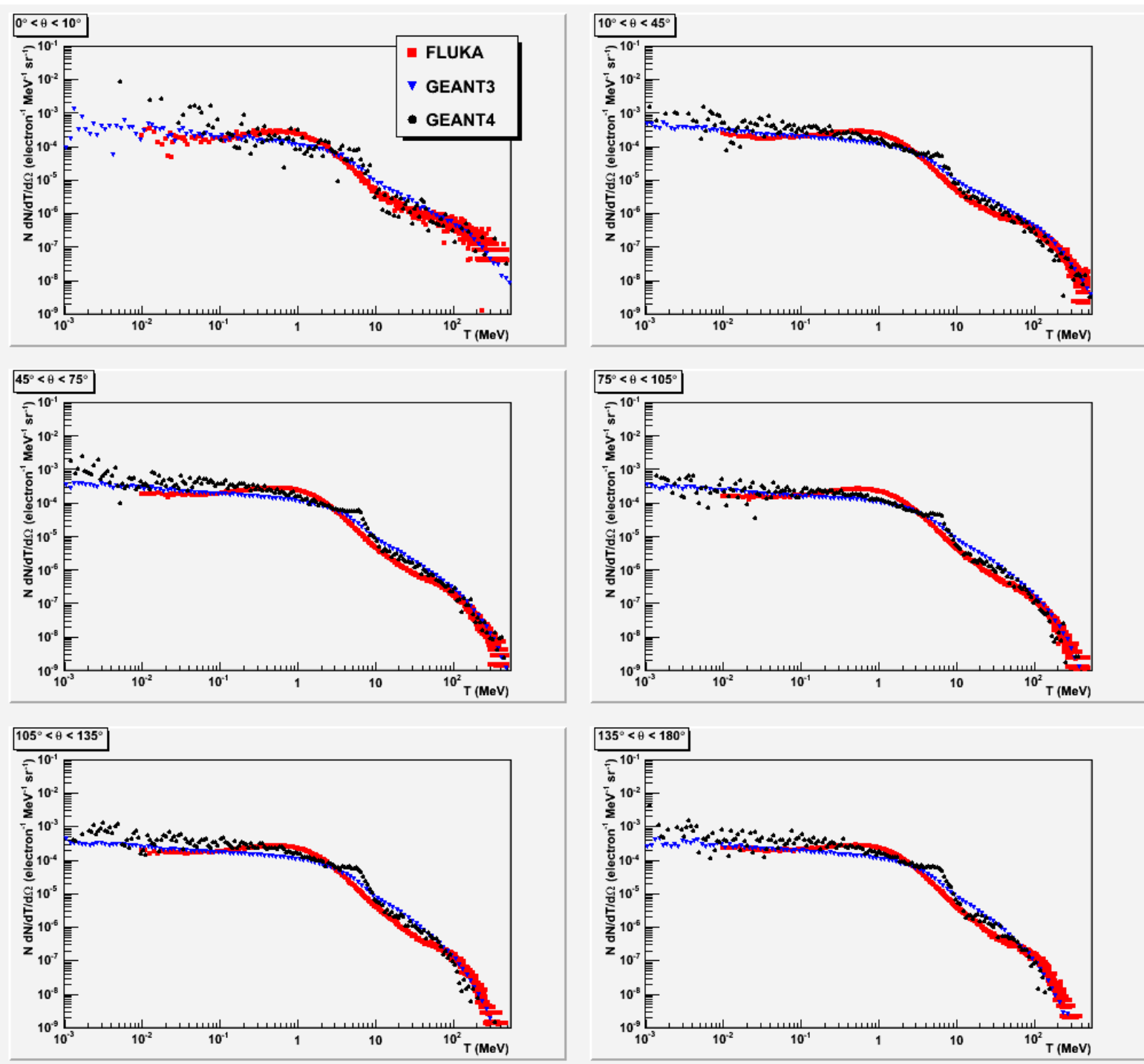
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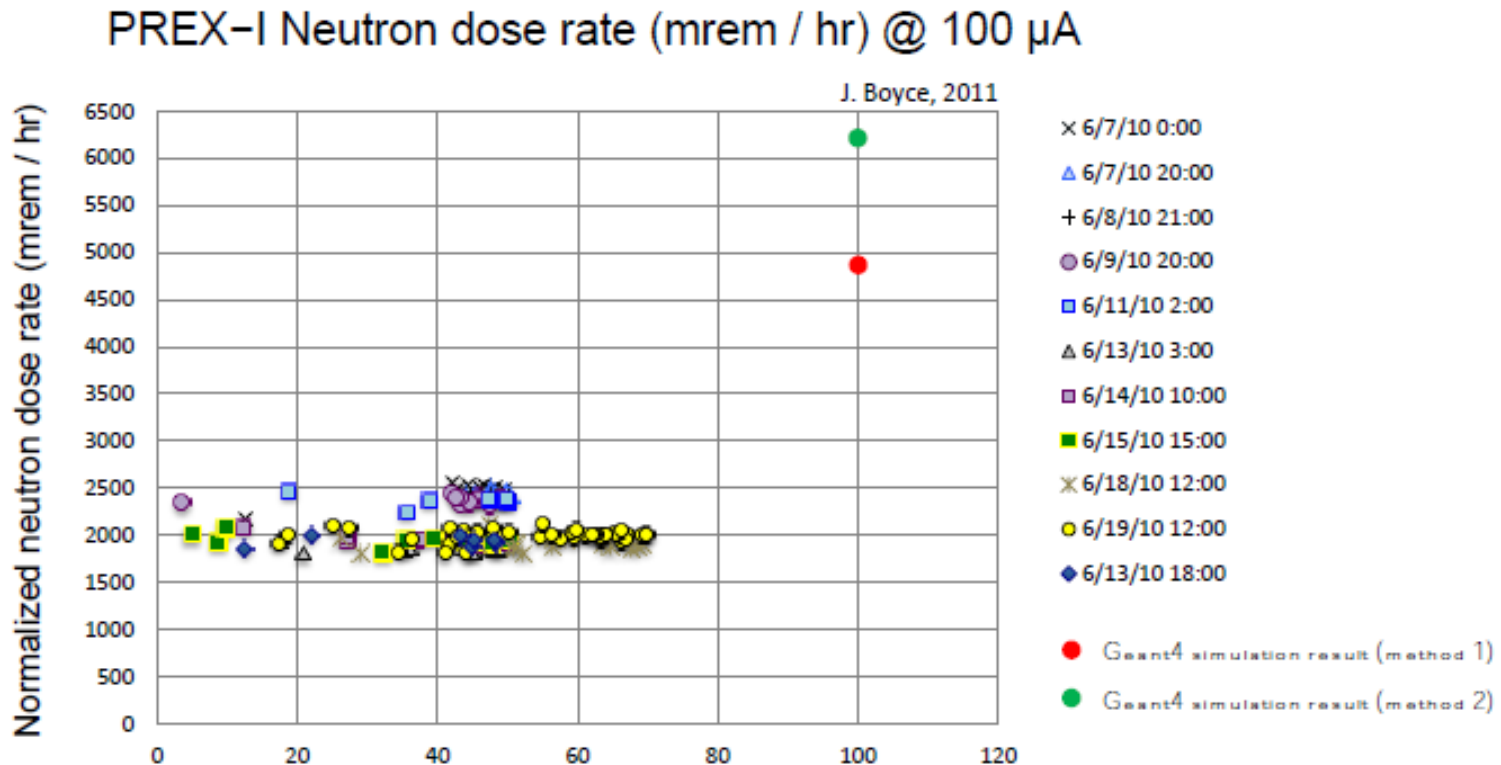
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G4, G3 and FLUKA comparison for neutron production by 1 GeV electrons on Pb target + collimator

Agreement within factor of 2



# Simulation vs. Measurement



RadCon neutron dose rate measurements (units of Biological Damage (rem)) in the Hall A during PREX-I are compared with Geant4 simulation. Study by Maduka Kaluarachchi (UVA)

**Consensus is we have a factor of 2 safety margin between simulation and measurements. Different simulations agree within factor of 2**

# Collimation and Radiation Shielding for MOLLER

- Single collimator to intercept low angle scattered beam
  - To isolate neutron production
- Target shielding required a lead wall
  - To stop EM power from the target
- Concrete and Tungsten for high energy neutrons
- Polythene for low energy neutrons (< 10 MeV)
- Goal of the shielding is to reduce the EM and neutron radiation into the hall A and reduce background at the detector region

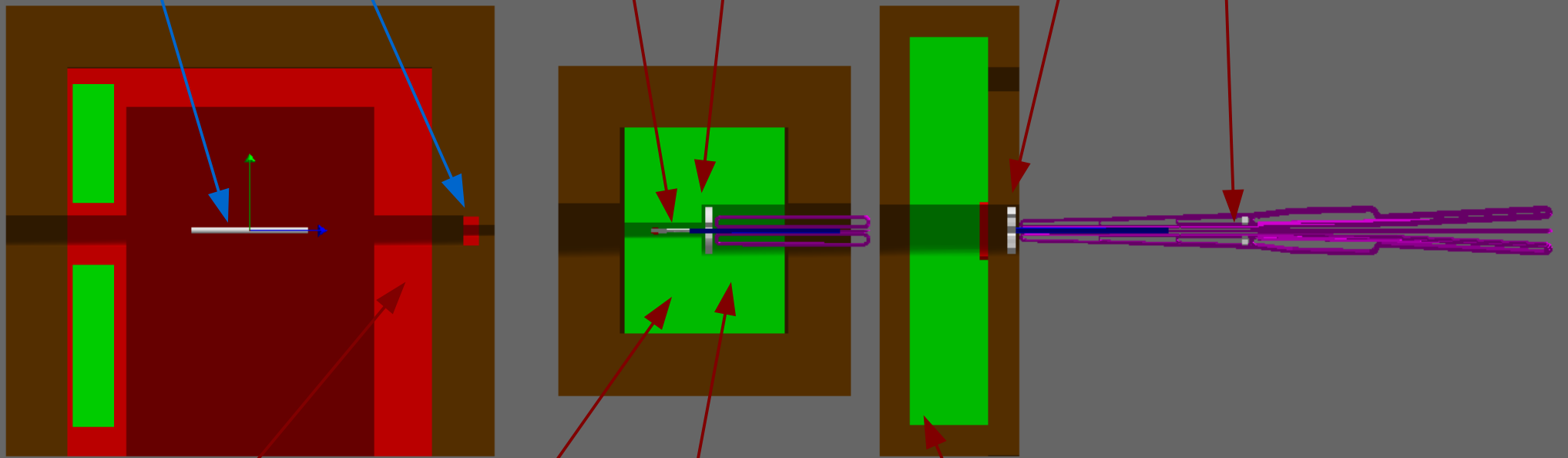
# Collimation and Radiation Shielding for MOLLER

Beam-Interceptor [All the collimators are Copper-Tungsten CW95](#)

Target  
Target Shielding Front : (Lead)

Col-1  
Col-2

Col-4  
Col-5



Lead  
Shielding Block-1

Concrete  
Shielding Block-2

Concrete  
Shielding Block-3

Concrete  
Shielding Block-4

Outer layers - Poly

# Summary

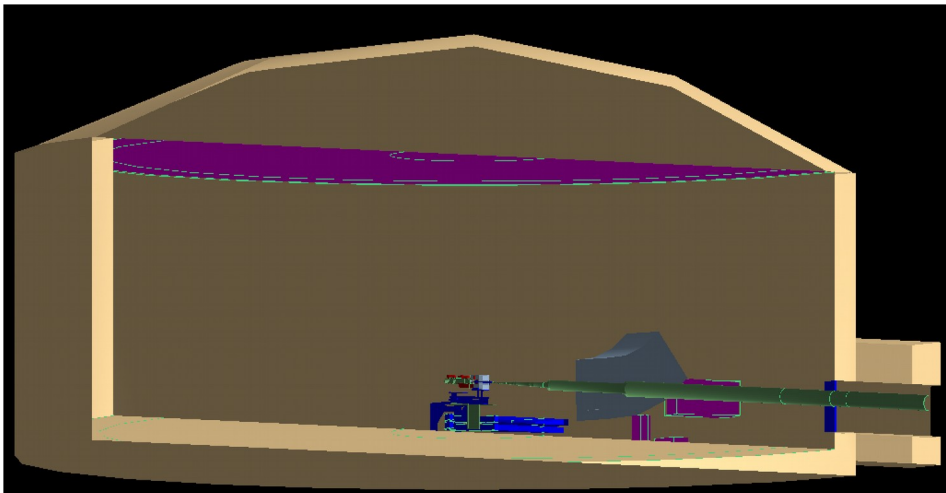
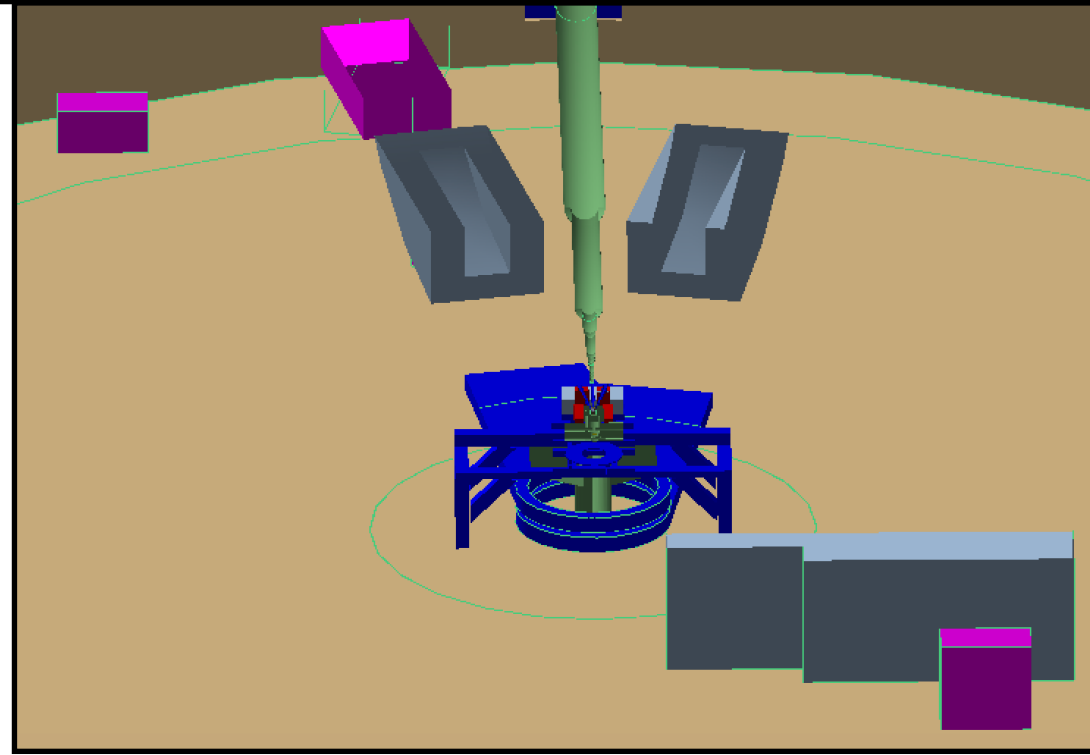
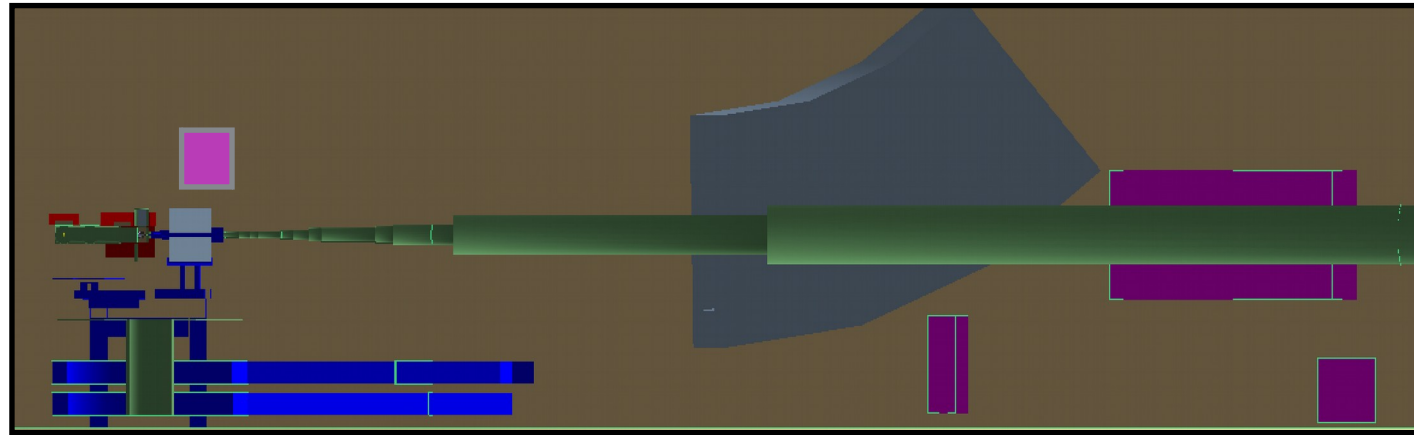
- Combination of large aperture collimator and septum fringe created many neutrons sources in the hall during PREX-I
- Isolating the main neutron source and shielding adequately is the optimum solution to minimizing the neutron radiation
  - Self-shielding collimators, concrete and HDPE
  - MOLLER design already successful at reaching the radiation goal using this strategy
- G4 simulations have shown collimation and shielding strategy reduces the expected radiation load in PREX-II to the level of previous successful experiments such as HAPPEX-2 or PVDIS in the most sensitive region of the hall

# Supplementary



# Simulation Geometry

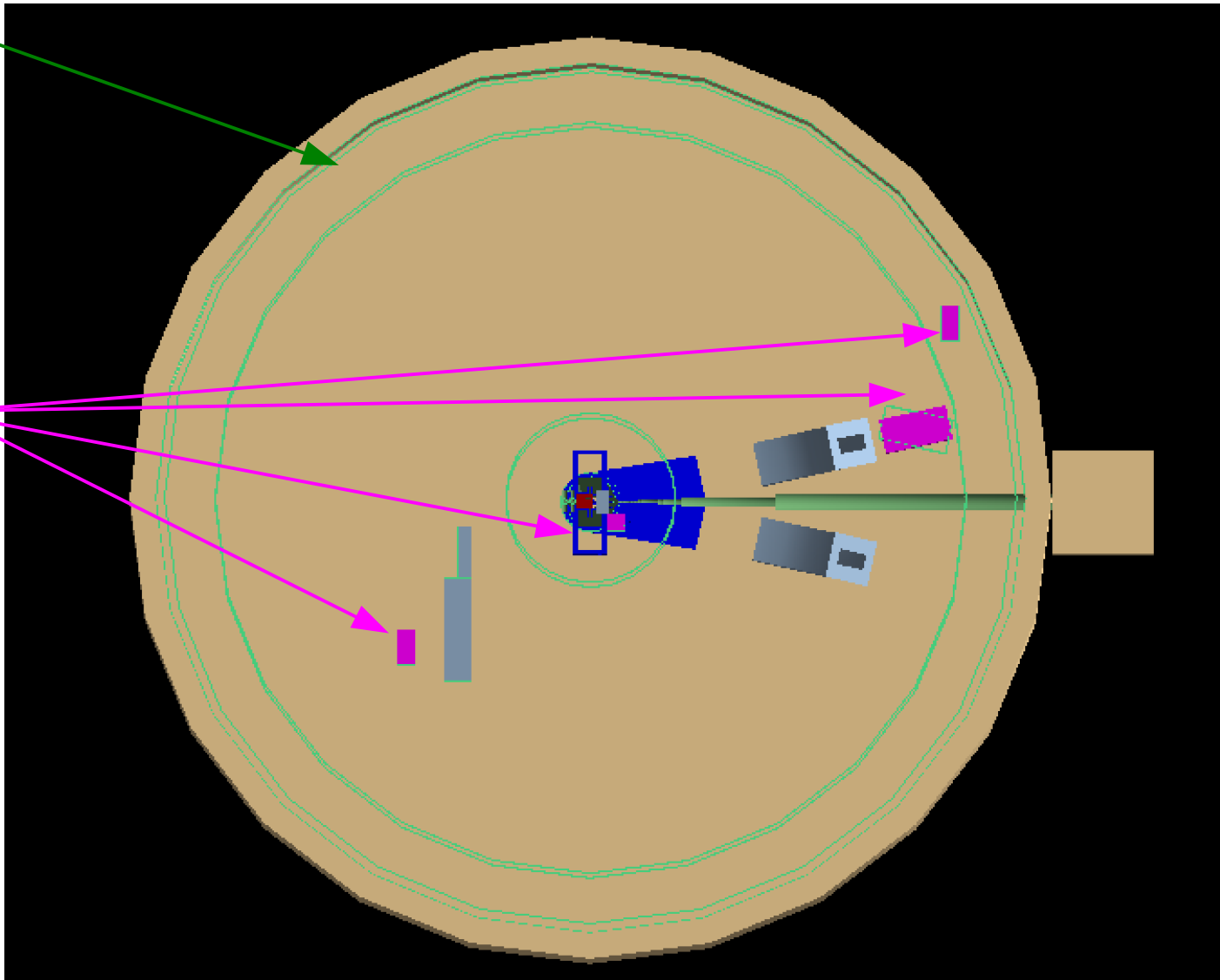
- Target
- Detailed collimator
- Detailed beam-line (but not support or flanges)
- septum yoke
- HRS dipole
- detailed pivot support structure
- HDPE shielding
- concrete walls, floor, dump tunnel and vault

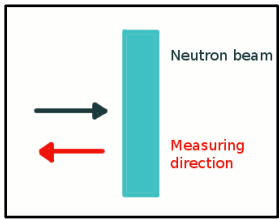


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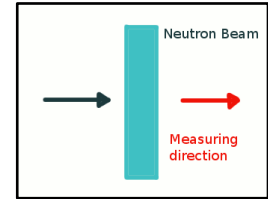
Cylindrical detector at the edge of the hall enclosure measures radiation for the hall

Test volumes to measure flux and dose

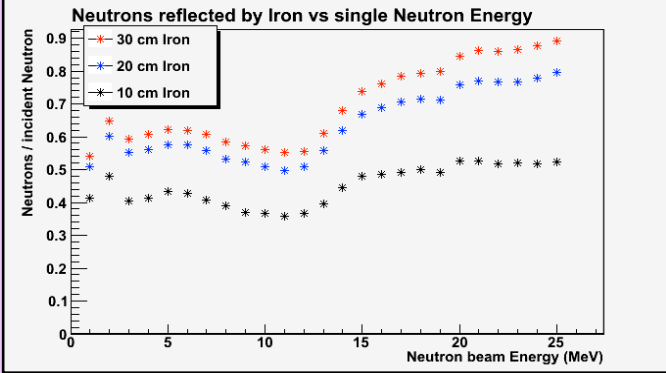




# Neutrons Characteristics

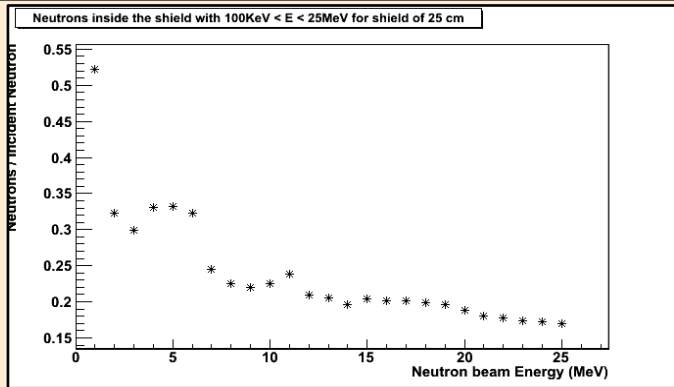
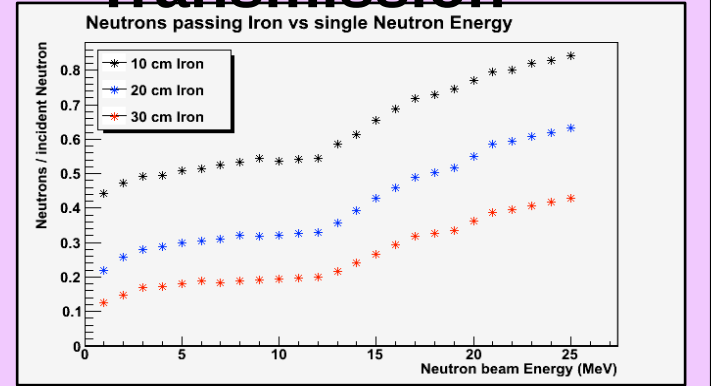


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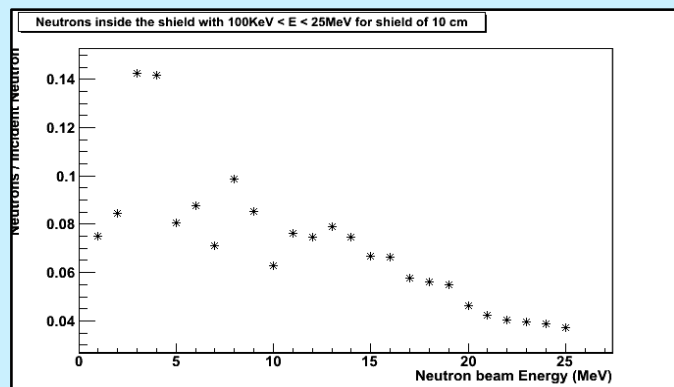
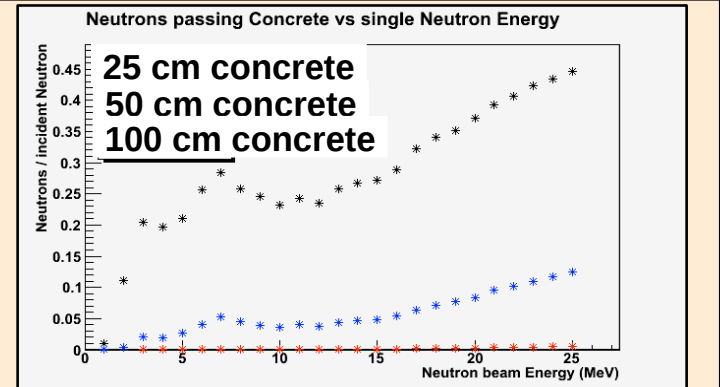


**Iron**  
high reflection,  
not efficient at  
stopping

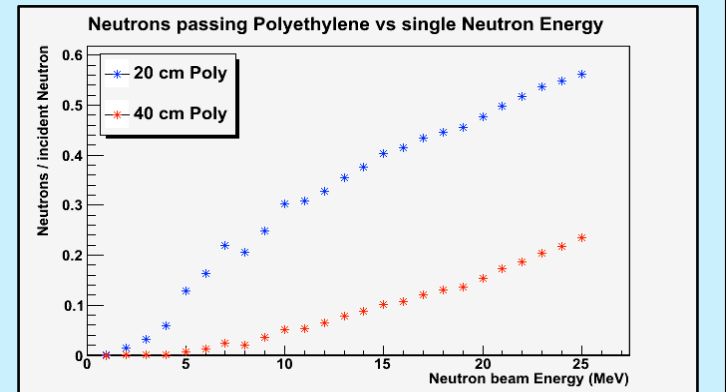
## Transmission



**Concrete**  
30%  
reflection,  
0.5m to block

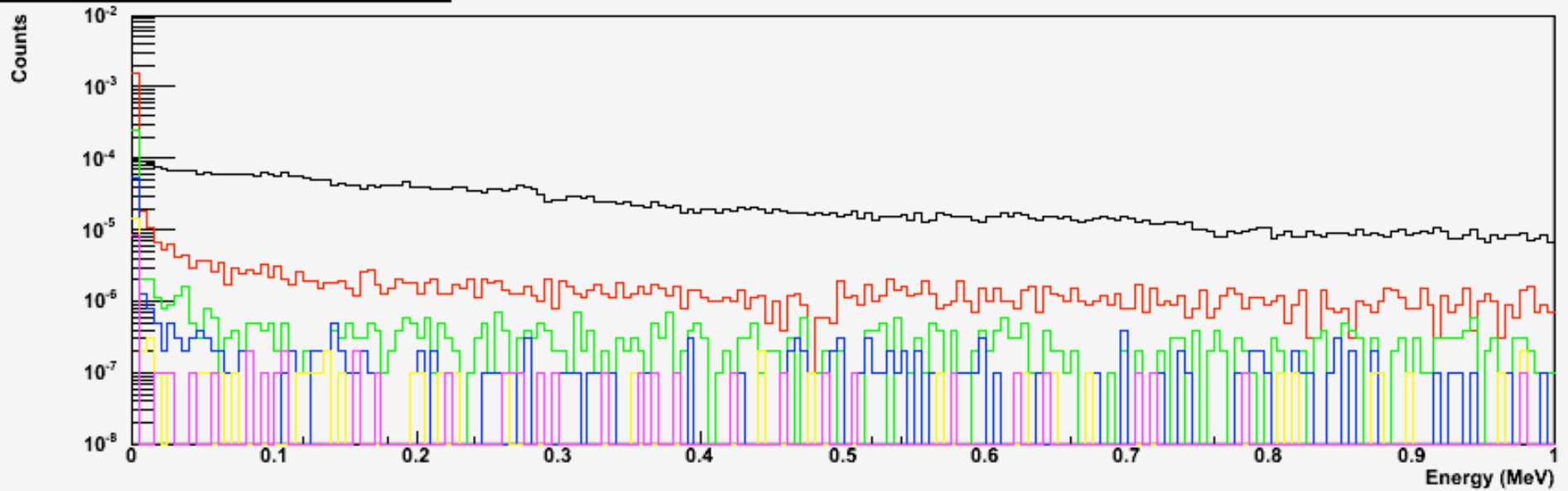


**HD Polyethylene**  
low reflection,  
30cm blocks  
well

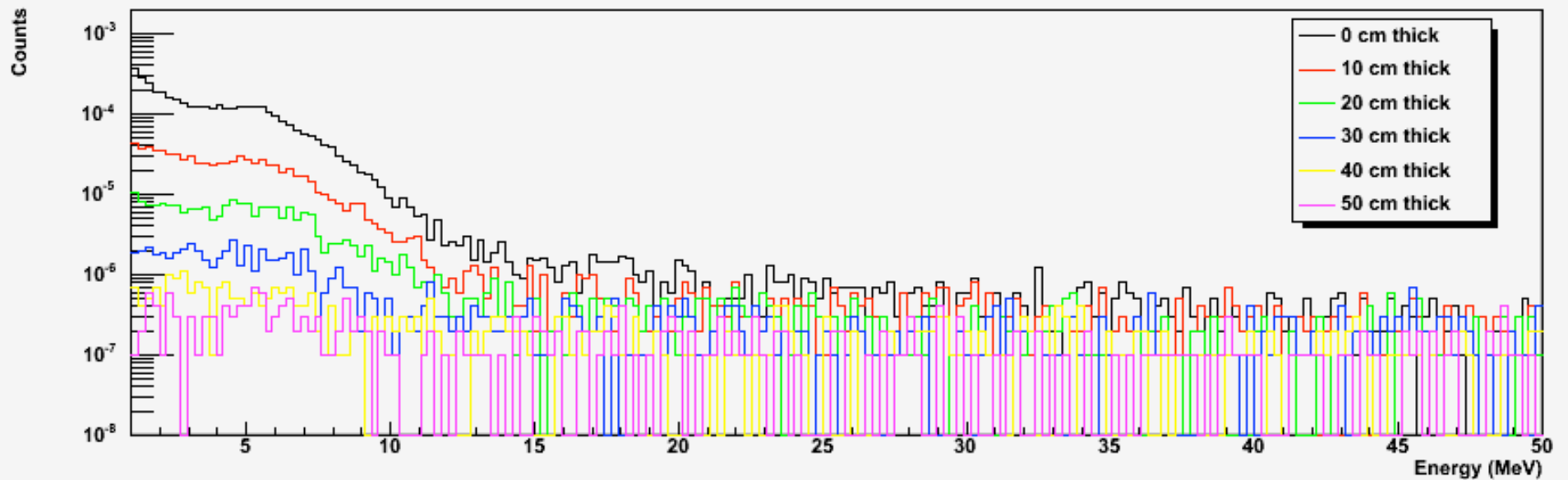


# Neutron Stopping Power of HDPE

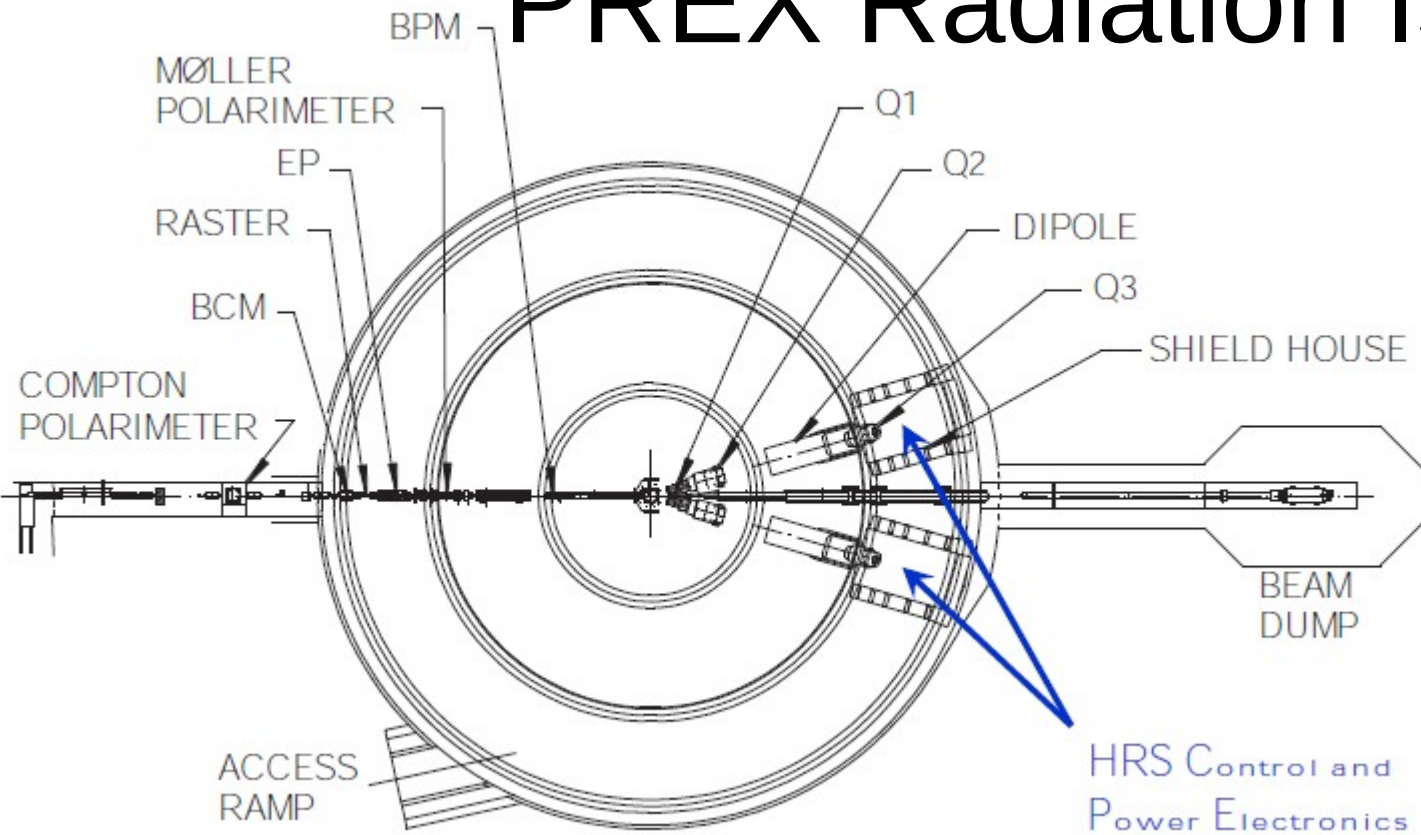
Neutron counts per incident electron, polyethylene



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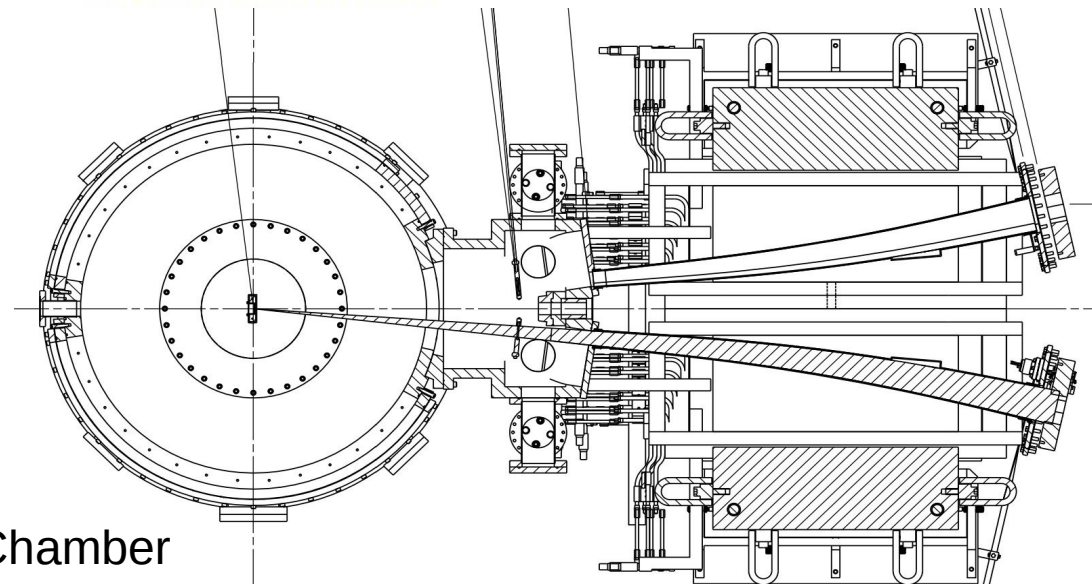


# PREX Radiation Issues



HRS Control and  
Power Electronics

Septum area



Target Chamber