

Optical Simulations for LhARA test stand (5) Peter Hobson

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Modelling of whole system

- 1. Using non-sequential ray tracing;
- 2. Updated energy profile and much narrower beam (1.05 mm FWHM) in water.
- 3. All rays have a single wavelength of 400 nm, **1000 photons per MeV** assumed;
- 4. Detector has 100 µm square pixels (no gaps);
- 5. "Black" surfaces are 5% reflective split 80% Lambertian scatter and 20% specular;
- Simulations were carried out using ZEMAX OpticStudio Professional V22.2 on my home PC (Gen 11 i5 6/12 core @4.3 GHz sustained average, 32 Gbytes of 3200 MHz DDR4 memory).



Deposited energy spectrum



Energy deposited relative to peak

Beam FWHM = 1.05 mm

Data from Maria on 25/04/2023



Overall view of simulated system (1)



Kapton is made to be 100% absorbing or real or replaced with lower r.i. materials.



"Invisible" Kapton entrance window



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Overall view of simulated system (2)





Dielectric Kapton entrance window (n = 1.95)





Dielectric BK7 glass entrance window (n = 1.53)





Dielectric water entrance window (n = 1.34)





"Black window" (5% reflecting of which 80% is diffuse)





To do list!

- 1. Add dark/readout noise from a real camera to the images;
- 2. Use actual wavelength(s) of WbLS (~ 1000 photons per MeV)*
- 3. Determine if it matters if the water volume is a cuboid;
- 4. Add the self-absorption of the scintillation light in the water*.
- 5. You need to add to this list (in priority order)!

*See for example: *NIMA* **660** (2011) 51–56; *NIMA* **967** (2020) 163860; *NIMA* **969** (2020) 163931

