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Optics as used at LION – Part 2 (updated) Peter Hobson

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Redoing optical simulations for the LION beamline experimental conditions

Include the key part of the beam window seal since this partially occludes the optical system view of the first millimetre (approx.) of the light from the deposited energy in the liquid scintillator.

Match the lenses and key spacings, apertures etc. as closely as practical to those used at LION.

Using Ansys ZEMAX OpticStudio (premium) 2024R1.00



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- The length of liquid scintillator in front of the BK7 window is now correct, as is the effective diameter of the window. \checkmark
- The lenses are now the correct specification. \checkmark
- 10^7 primary optical photons traced per source segment (Maximum source length = 7.5 mm.)
- Images have 207 μm pixels in x-axis (60 camera pixels), 100 μm pixels in y-axis.

WARNING: these results follow my latest check where a simulation error was found in previous data. Still treat as qualitative but indicative!



Occluding effect of "Beam Window Seal Mk II"

This item (drawing #M1024-025) provides a seal for the Kapton[™] beam entrance window & is the support for the fibre planes.

It is black anodised aluminium.





Occluding effect of "Beam Window Seal Mk II"



No occluding window seal (0.1 mm Ø beam with uniform intensity per segment). Polychromatic



With occluding window seal (0.1 mm Ø beam with uniform intensity per segment). Polychromatic



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No occluding window seal (0.1 mm Ø beam with first 1.0 mm emitting). Polychromatic





With occluding window seal (0.1 mm Ø beam with first 1.0 mm emitting). Polychromatic



No occluding window seal (0.1 mm Ø beam with first 1.5 mm emitting). Polychromatic



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Image magnification and further work

Using sequential raytracing, the paraxial magnification of the system is determined by ZEMAX to be -0.871 (i.e. the image is slightly smaller than the object and is inverted).

Further work

Double check optical configuration details against the LION beamline logbook where possible;

Provide quantitative numeric data from these simulations, or those that I am instructed to perform ⁽²⁾.

