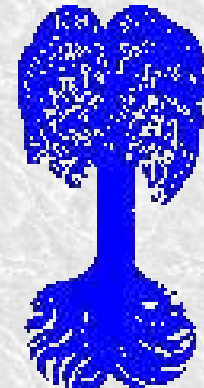


Influence of shielding design on muon-induced neutron background

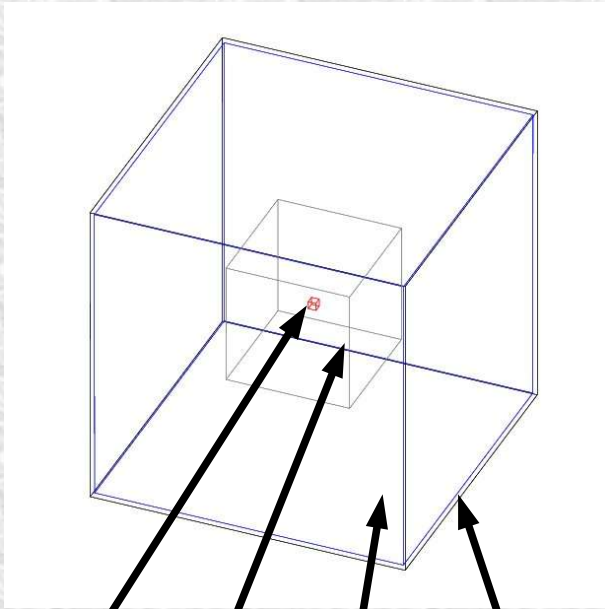
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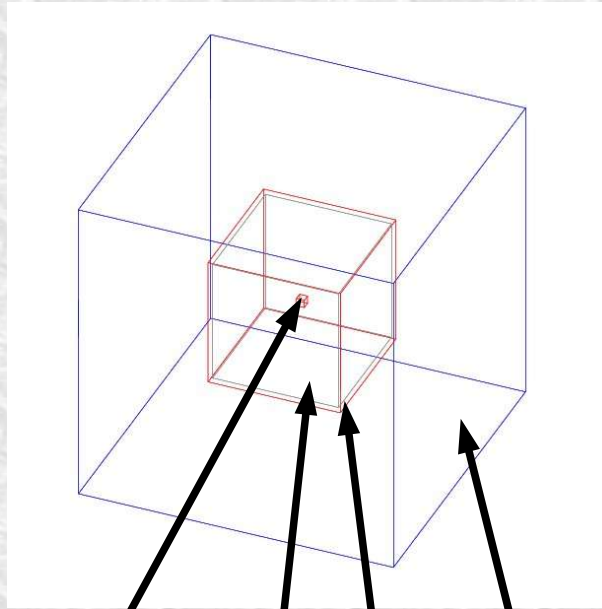
Muon-induced neutrons

LN2-Water



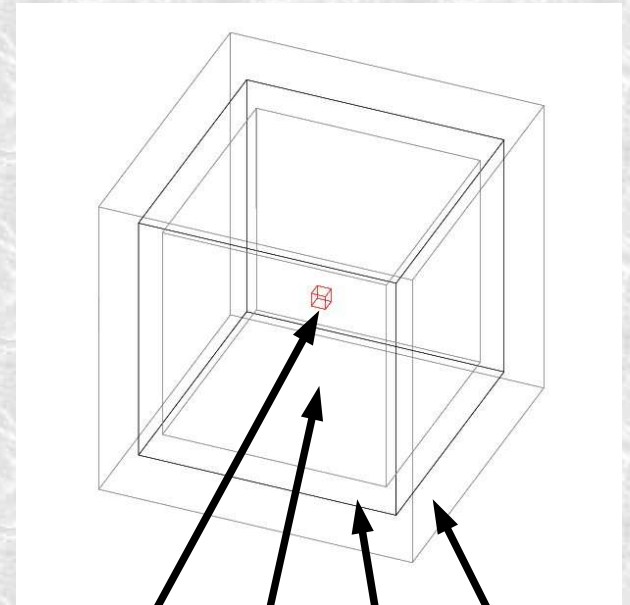
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1.85 m 3 m 5 cm

LN2-Copper-Water



Det. LN2 Cu Water
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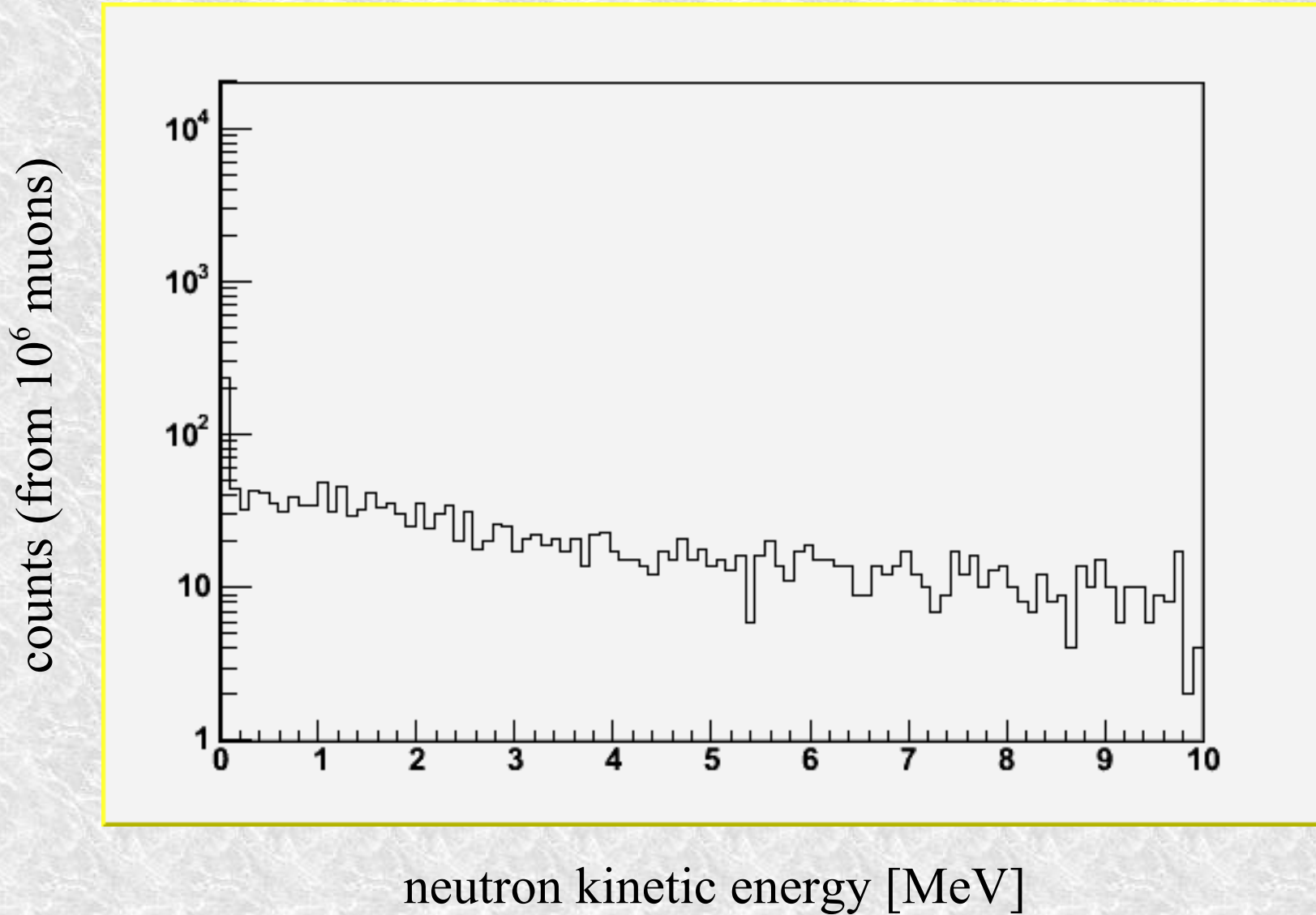
LN2-Lead-PE



Det. LN2 Lead PE
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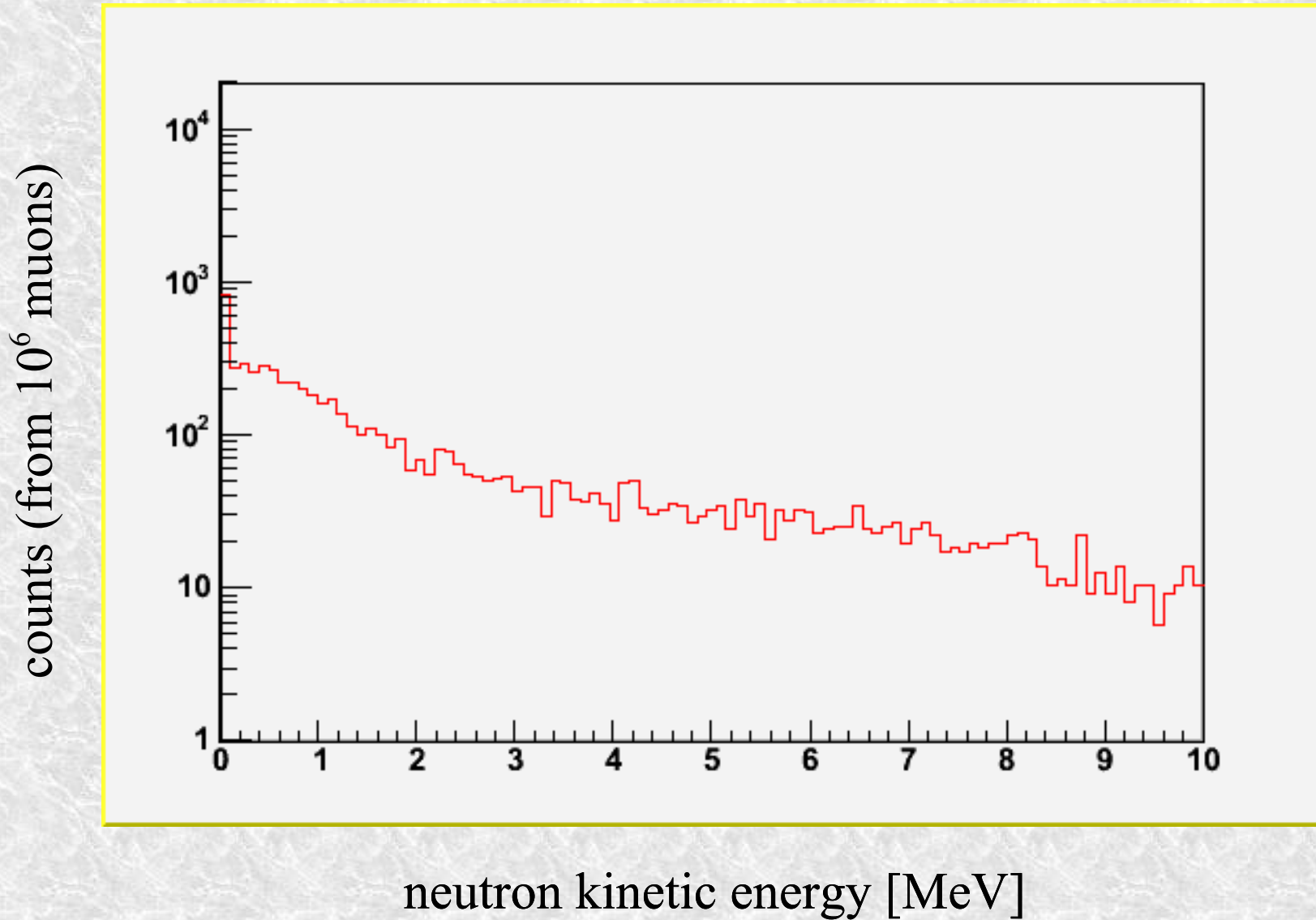
Results

neutron spectra in liquid nitrogen: LN2-Water



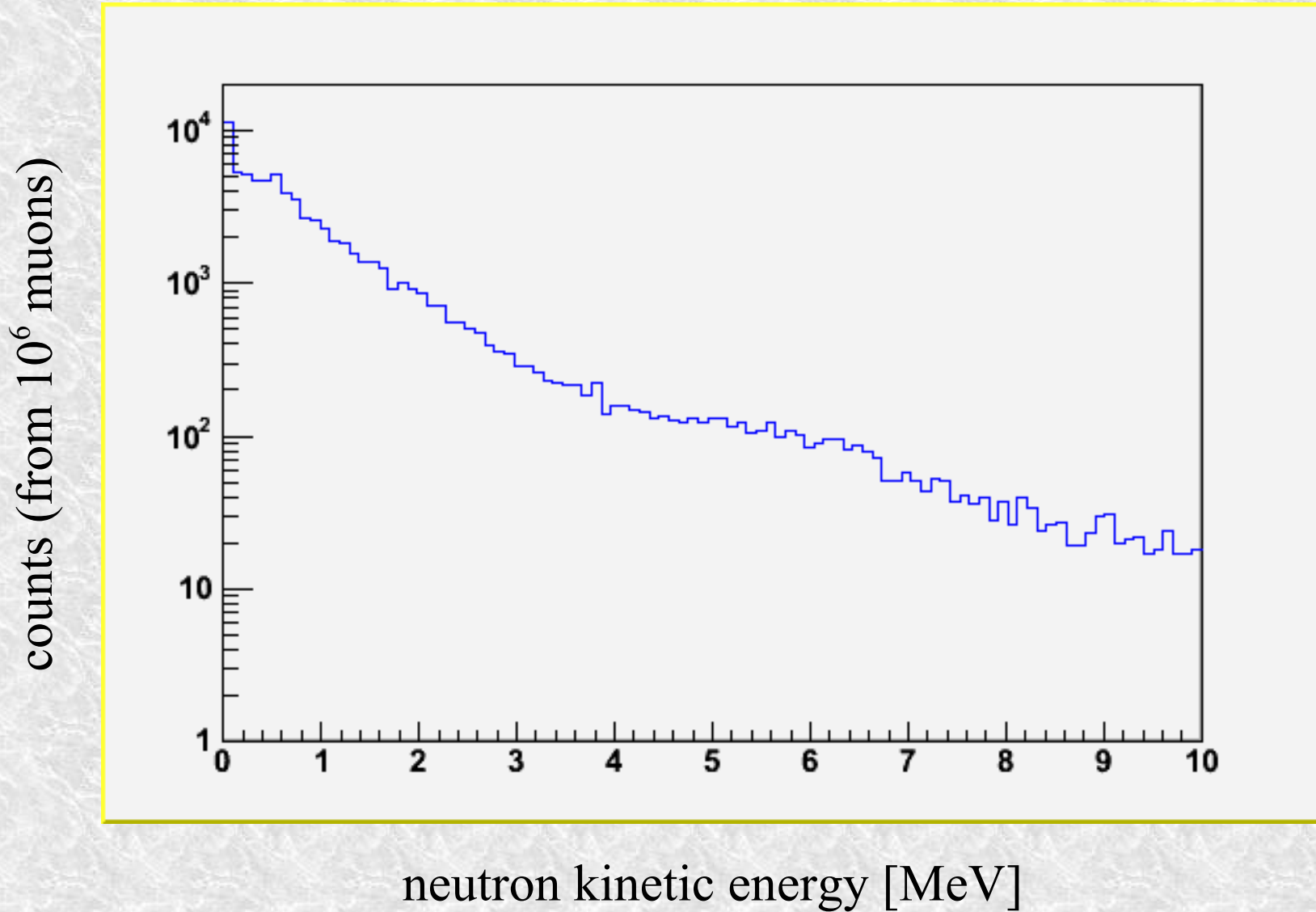
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neutron spectra in liquid nitrogen: LN2-Copper-Water



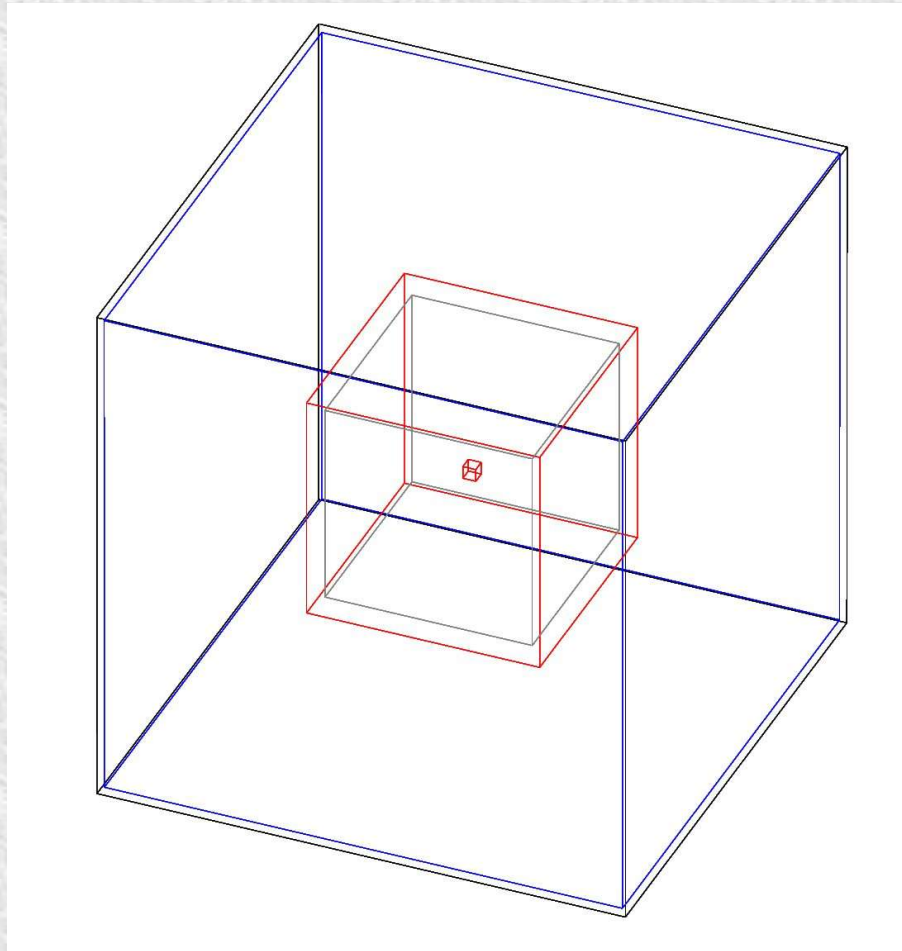
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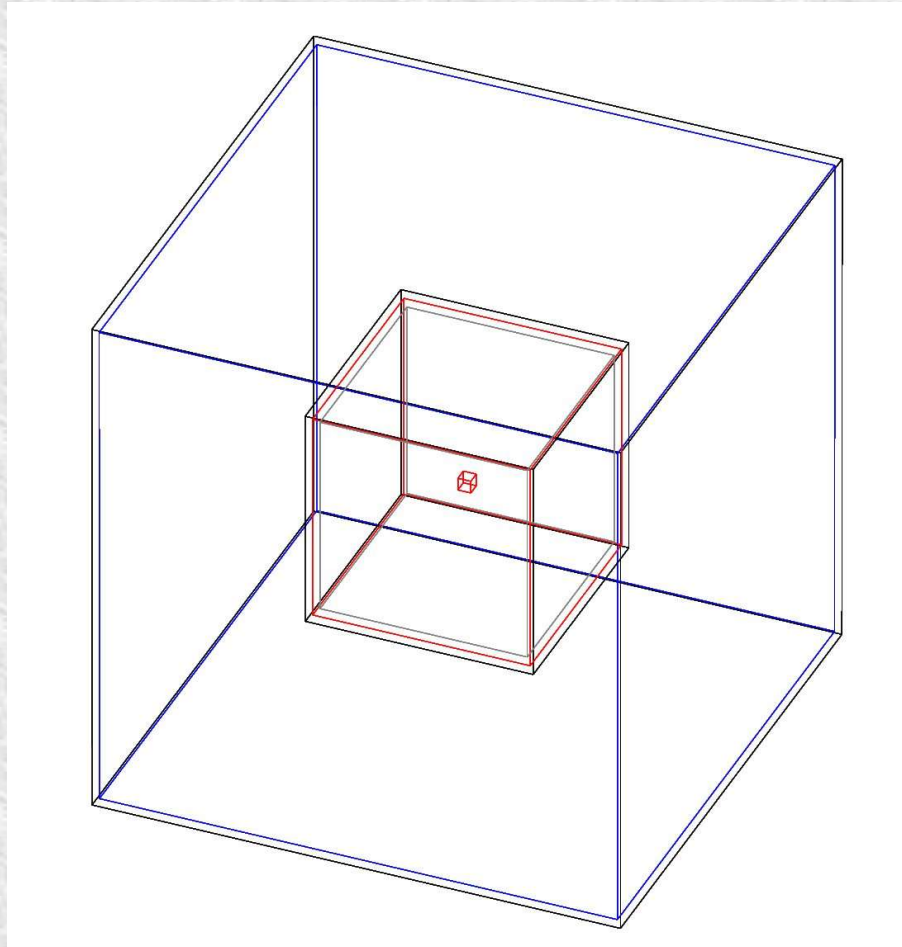
Studies regarding the 3rd wall

LN2 – 45 mm Copper – Water – Copper



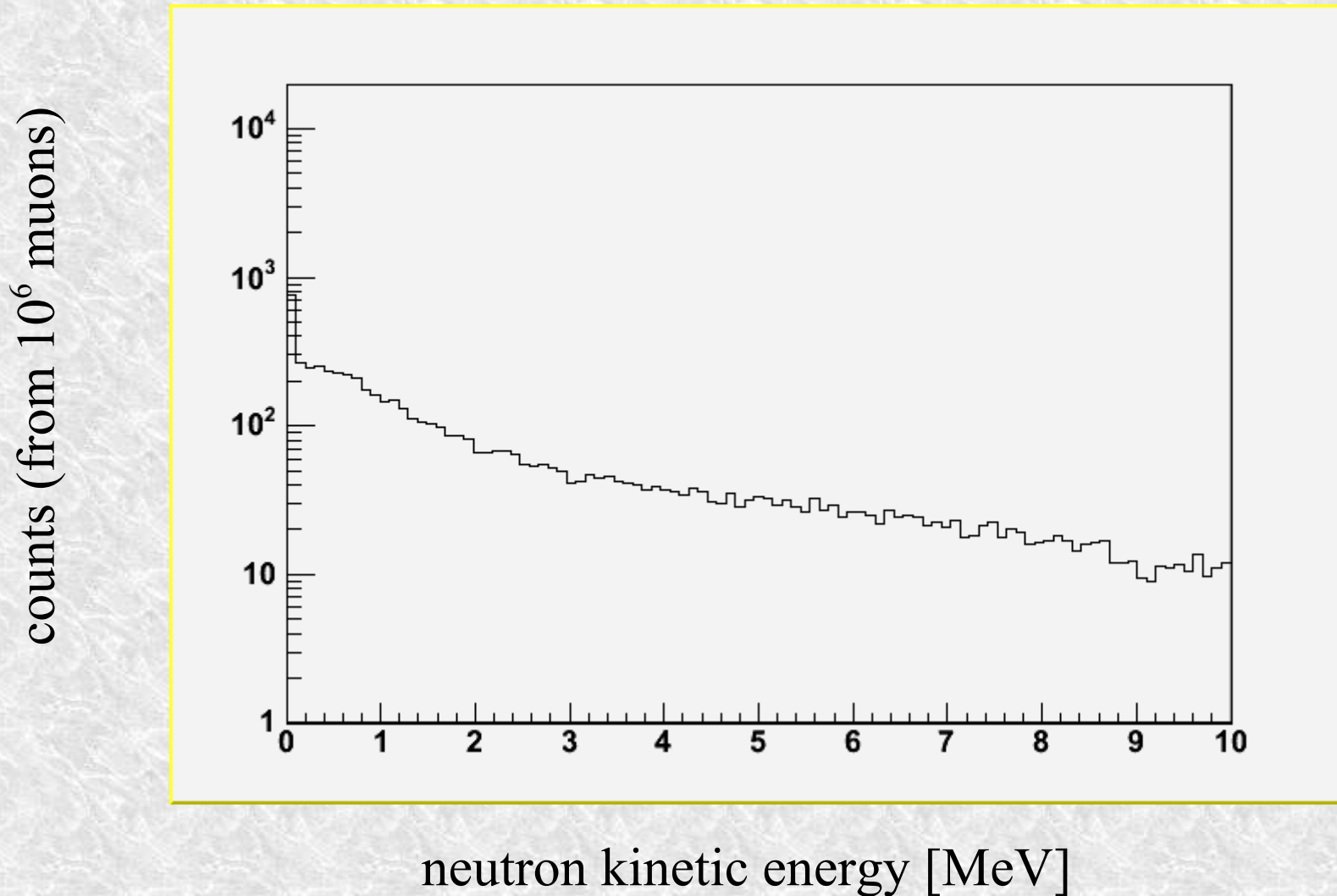
Studies regarding the 3rd wall

LN2 – 20 mm Cu – 20 mm Lexan – Water – Copper



Results

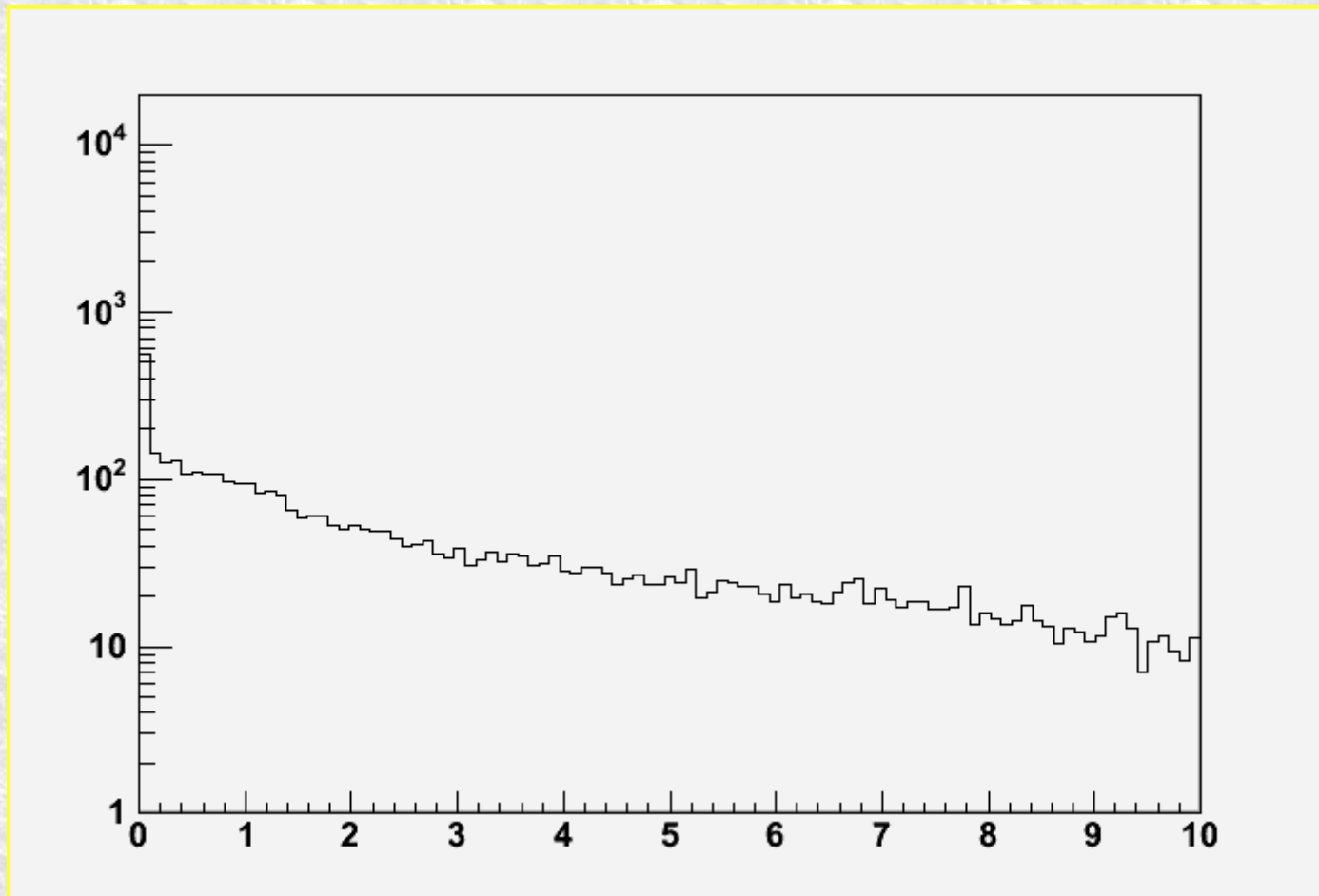
neutron spectra in liquid nitrogen: LN2-Copper-Water-Copper



Results

neutron spectra in liquid nitrogen: LN2-Copper-Lexan-Water-Copper

counts (from 10^6 muons)



neutron kinetic energy [MeV]

Summary and Outlook

- Simulations have shown that the shielding design has a influence on the neutron spectra inside
- avoiding high-Z materials really seems to give a advantage
- Lexan wall gives less neutrons below ~ 3 MeV than copper wall
 - factor 2 at 1 MeV, 30% at 3 MeV
 - impact still needs to be studied, but probably no problem for the experiment: flux about 10^{-10} / (cm² s)