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Imaging nuclear recoils with light sheet microscopy

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Nuclear recoils can produce stable optically-active color centers in many common materials. Advances in light-sheet microscopy now allow rapid large-volume imaging of these materials with micrometer-scale resolution. We present the development of the mesoSPIM light sheet microscope at Virginia Tech, designed for imaging particle tracks relevant to nuclear and high-energy physics, including neutrino, dark matter, and neutron interactions. We discuss challenges and opportunities of this detection approach, and present commissioning data from the VT mesoSPIM.

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