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12m bend guide ($2 \times 2 \text{ cm}^2$,
sample is twice out of line of sight)

Insert device:
Chopper system to improve
resolution on demand

Aiming for
 $2 \times 2 \times 2 \text{ mm}^3$
samples

4m collimation

4m detector tank
with $1 \times 2 \text{ m}^2$ detector (or larger)

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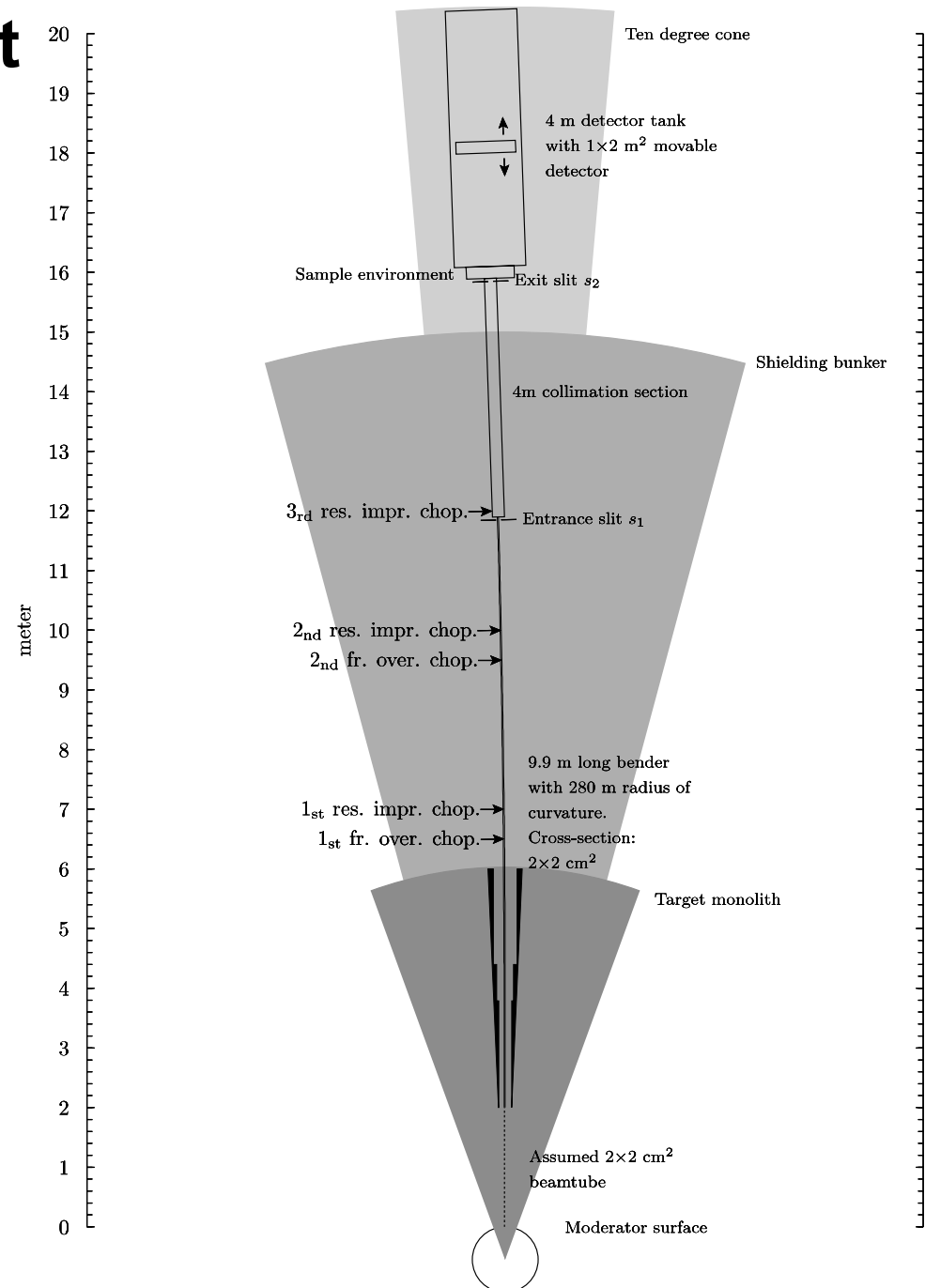
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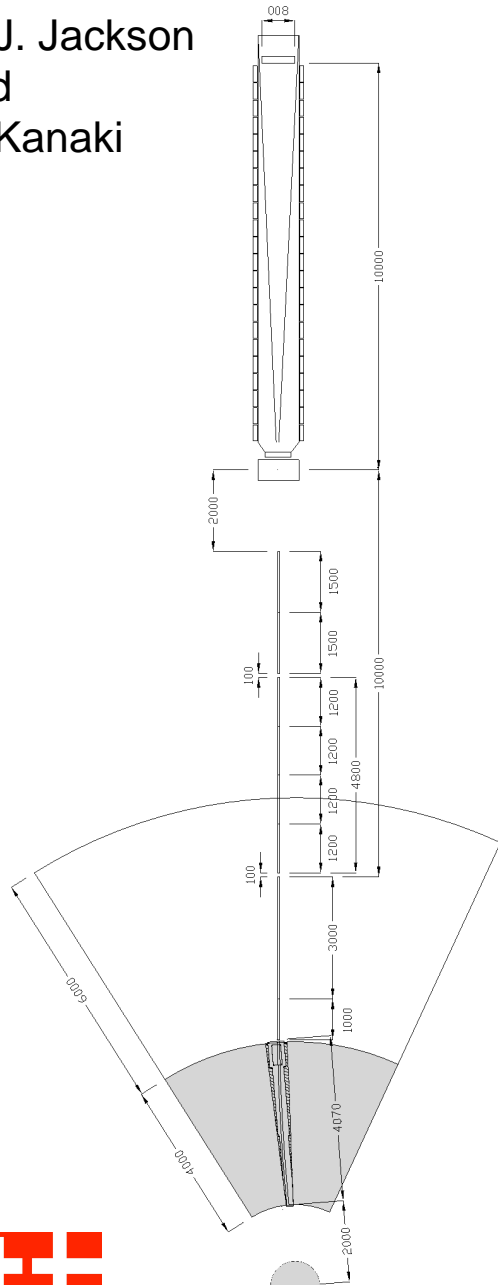
The proposed instrument

- 12 m curved guide to block line of sight twice
~95% of the neutron flux is transferred through the guide
- Up to 4 m Collimation
- Up to 4 m Sample-detector distance
- Frame overlap choppers and resolution improving choppers placed inside the shielding bunker.
- Sample environment placed right outside the shielding bunker at 16 m from the source.
- Detector is a $1 \times 2 \text{ m}^2$ detector. (5mm pixels. Preferably 2 mm pixels near center)
- Resolution improving choppers allow for trading flux for wavelength resolution on demand

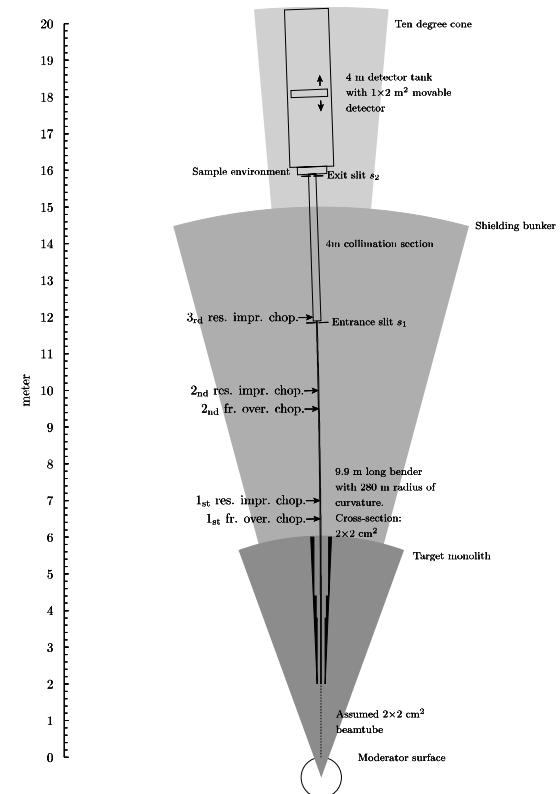


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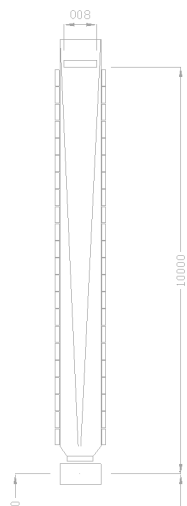


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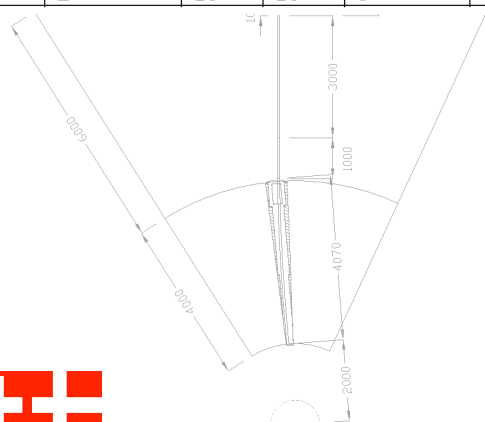


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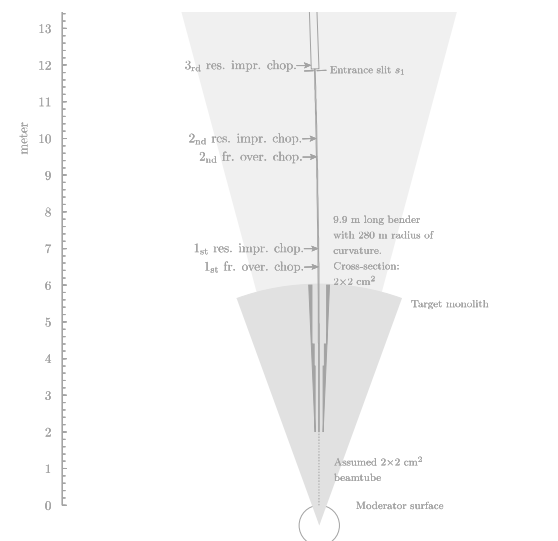
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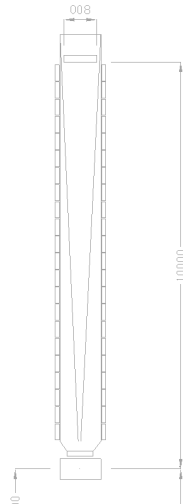
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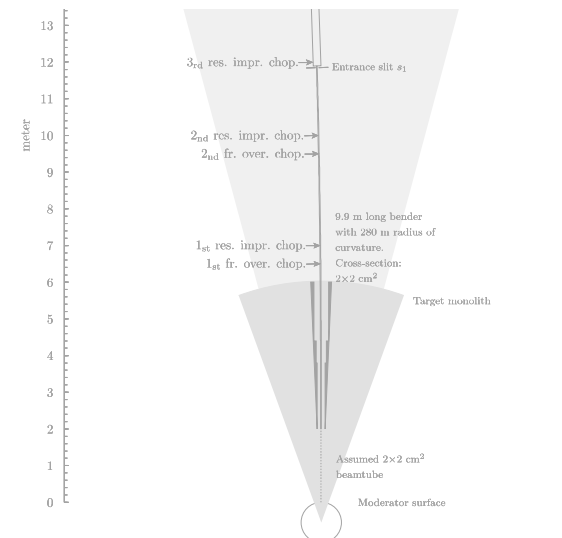
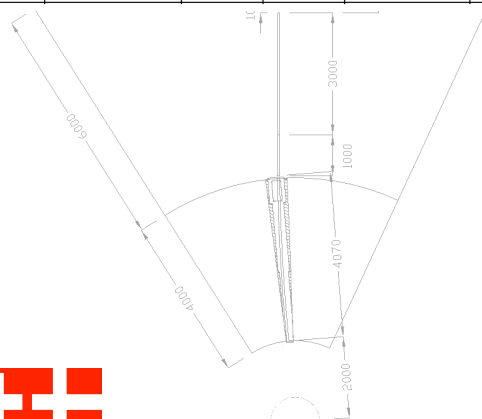
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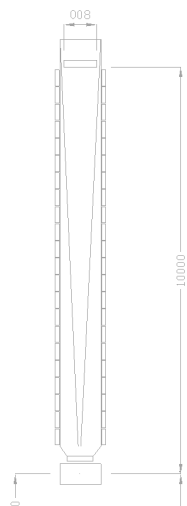
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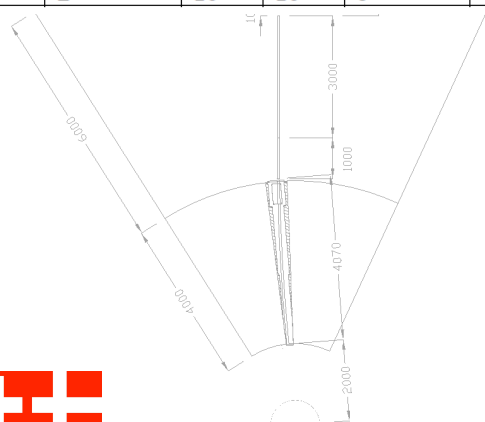
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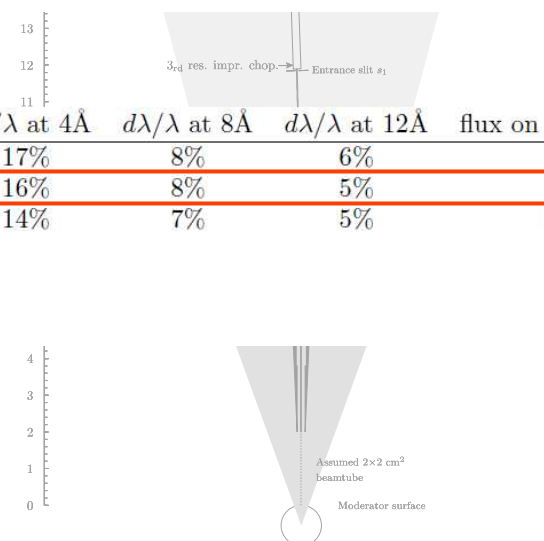
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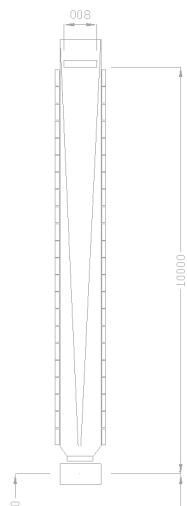
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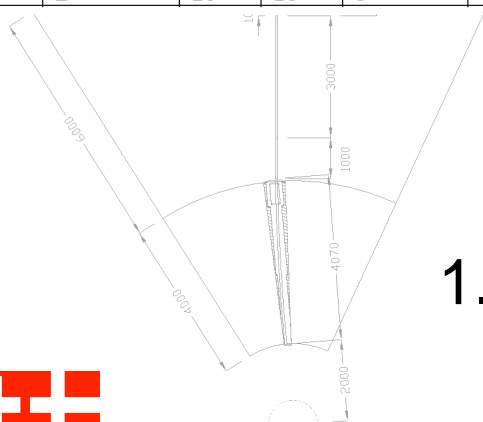
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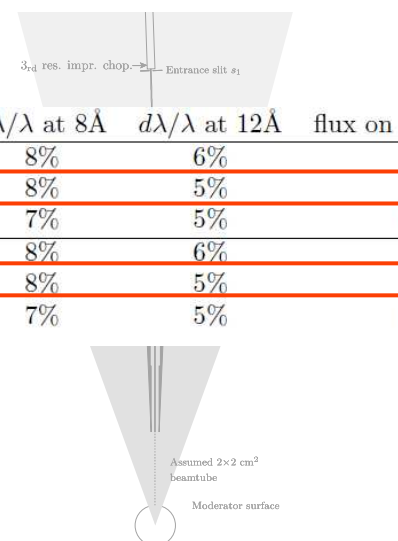
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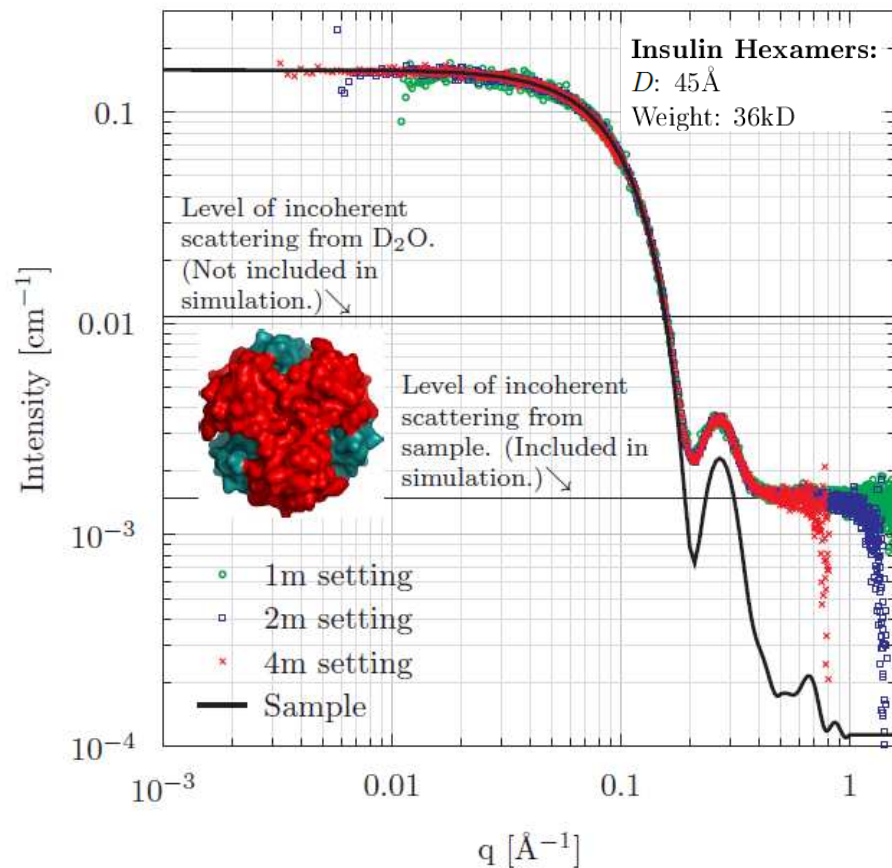
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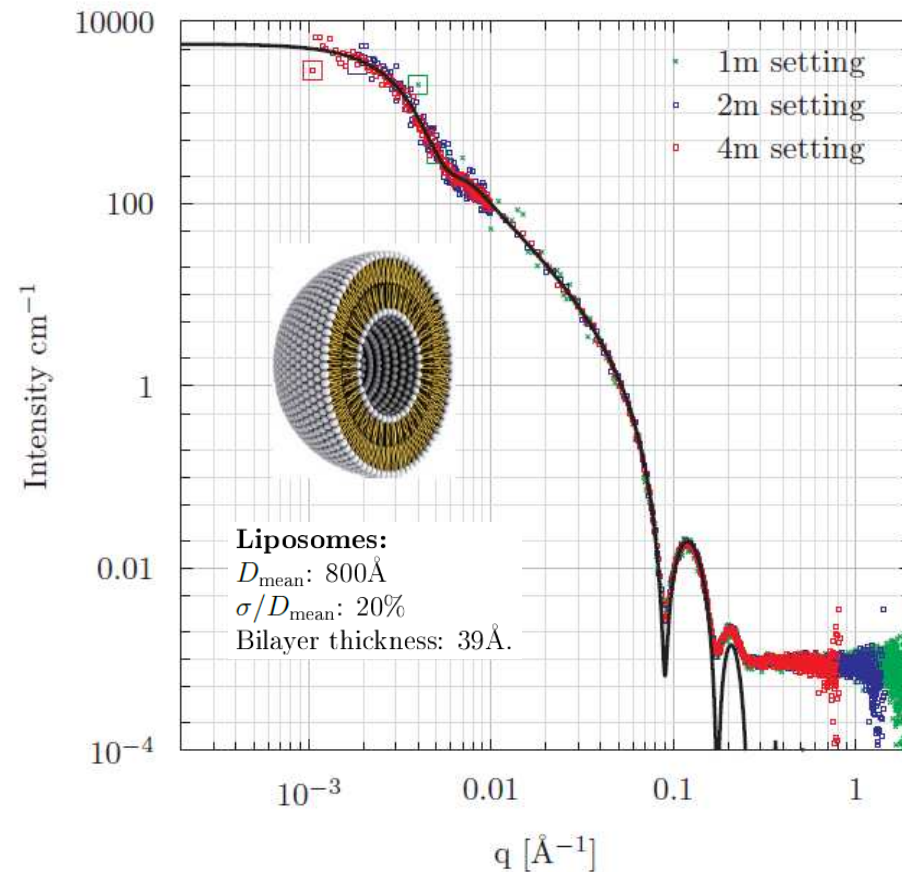


Example for the type of samples the instrument is optimised for.

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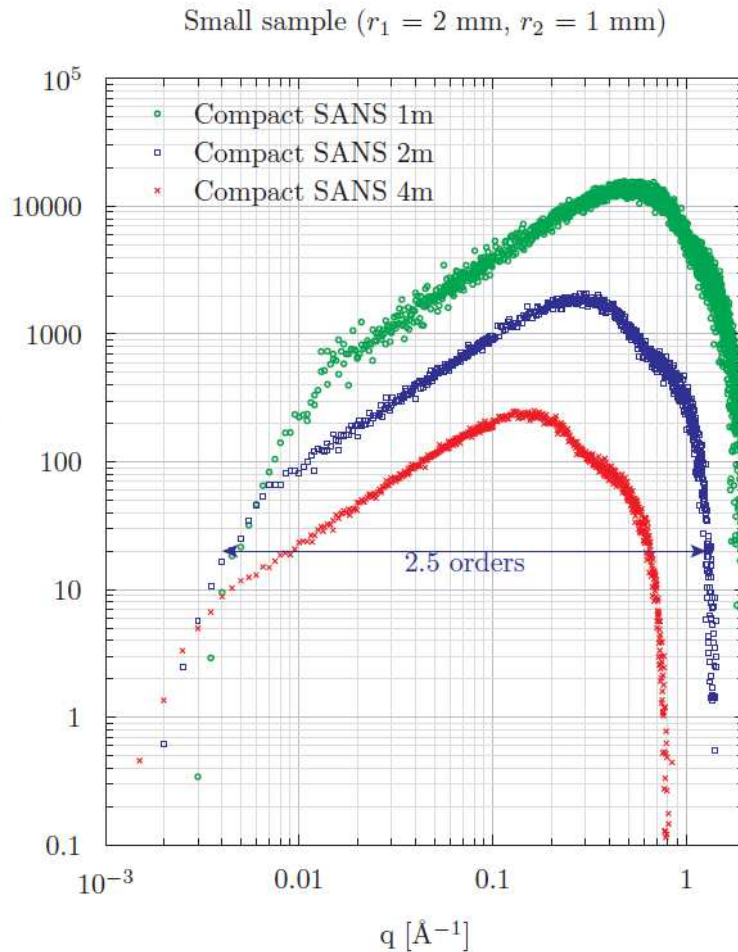
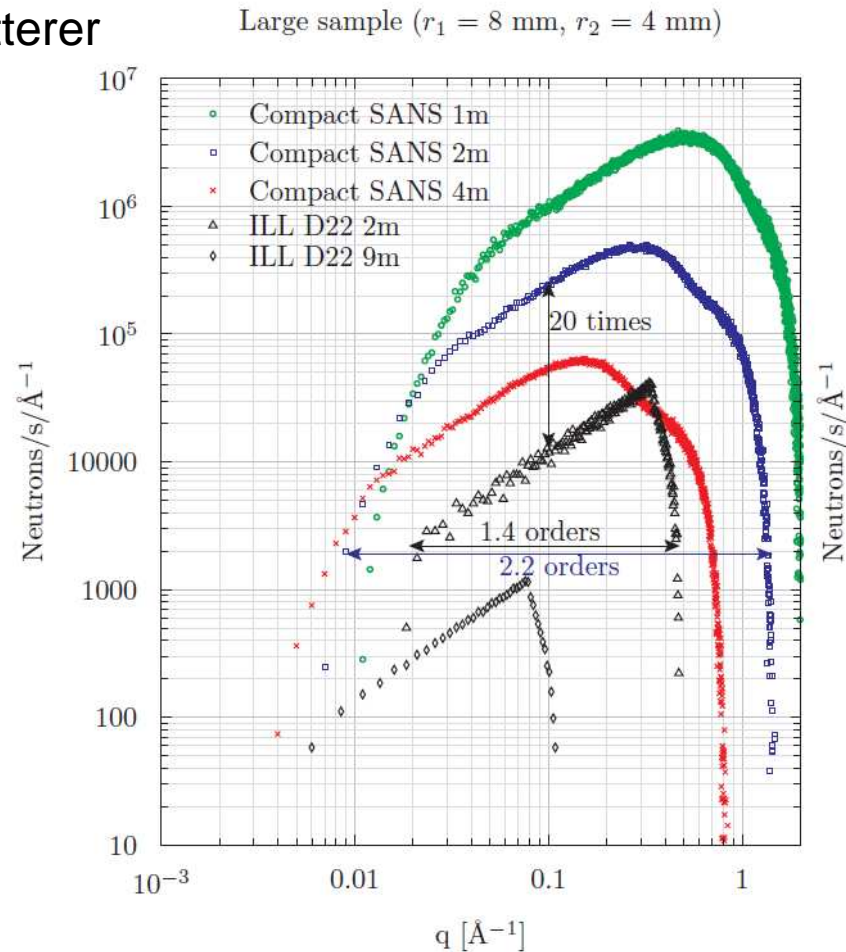
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Instrument performance

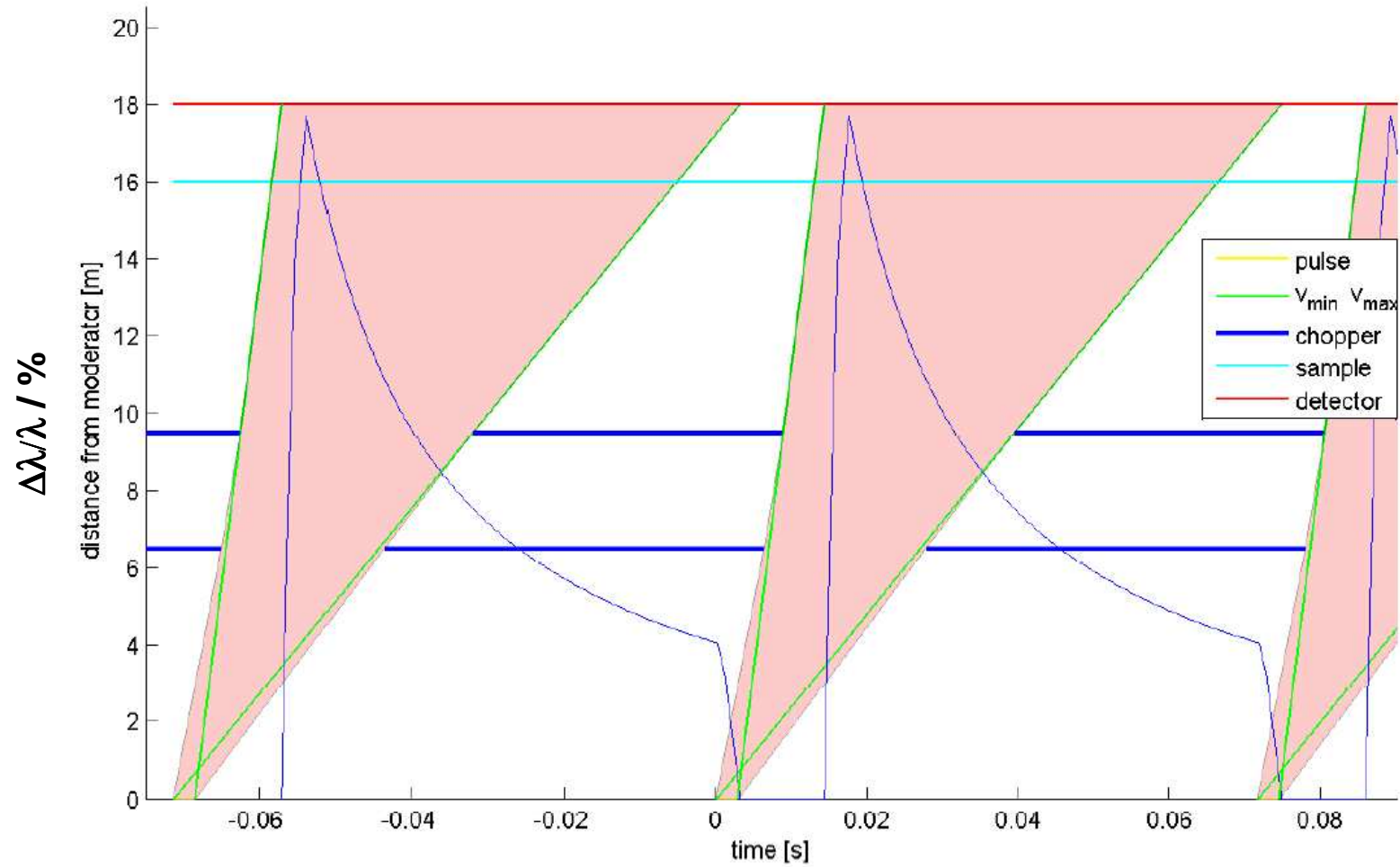
Benchmark against ILL D22:

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scatterer

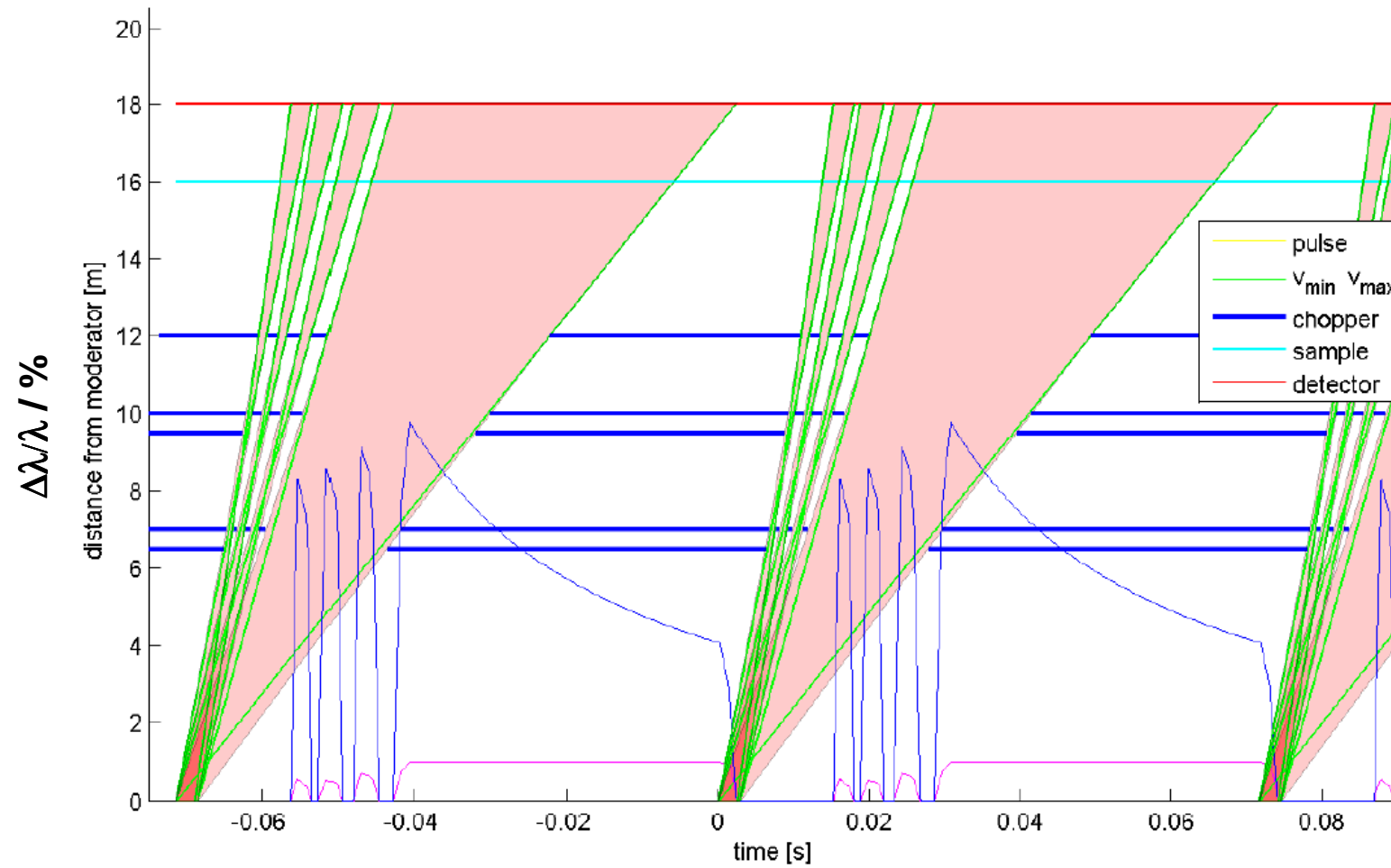


With comparable beamsizes as D22 we cover a 1.4 times wider q -range 20 times faster.
 With small ($D=2$ mm²) beam we cover a 1.4 times wider q -range at the same time as at ILL

Chopper setup



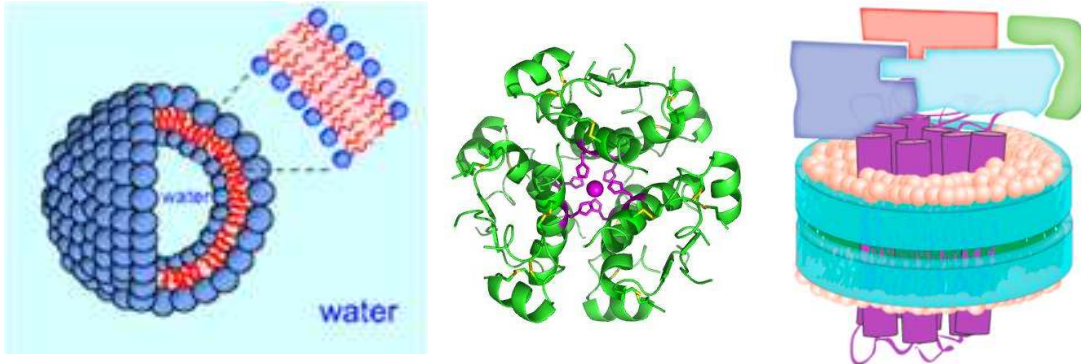
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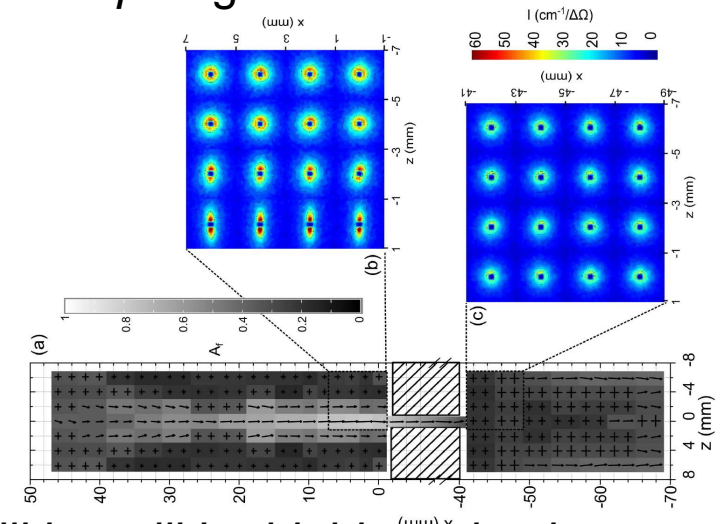
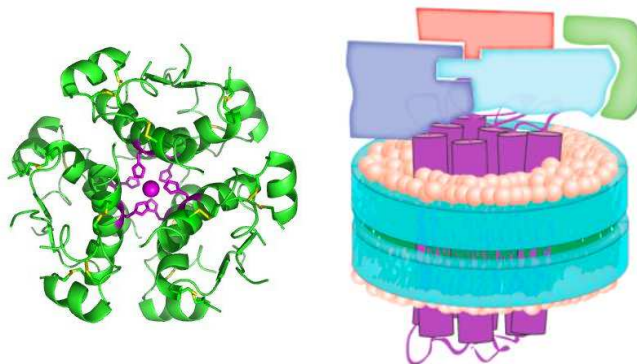
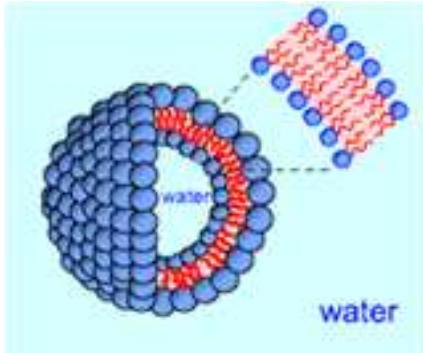
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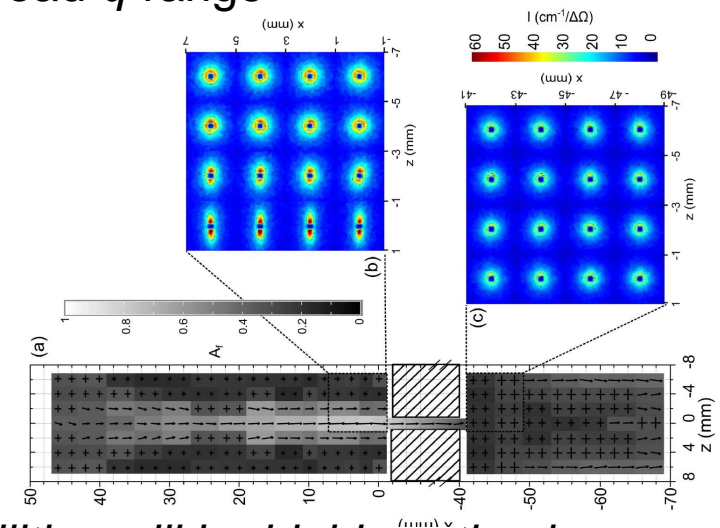
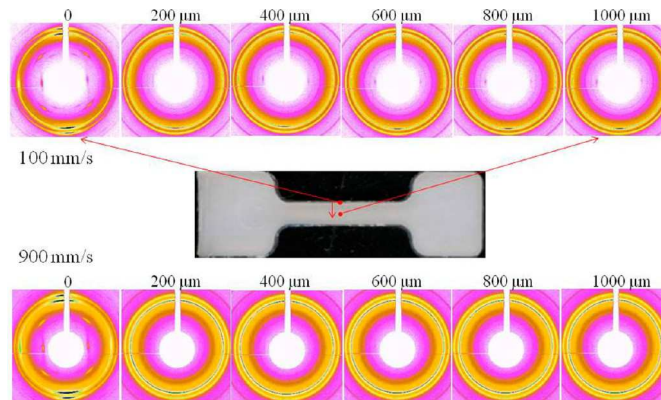
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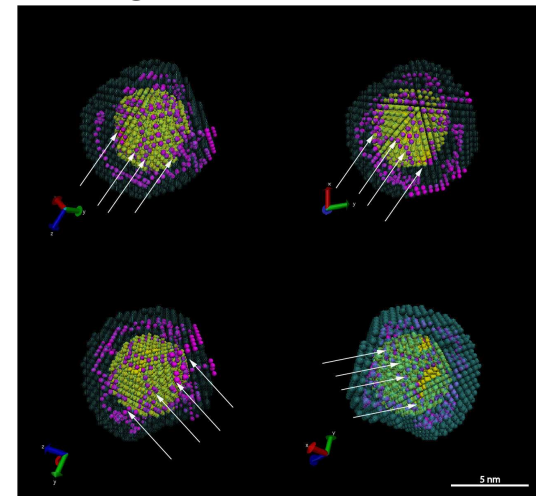
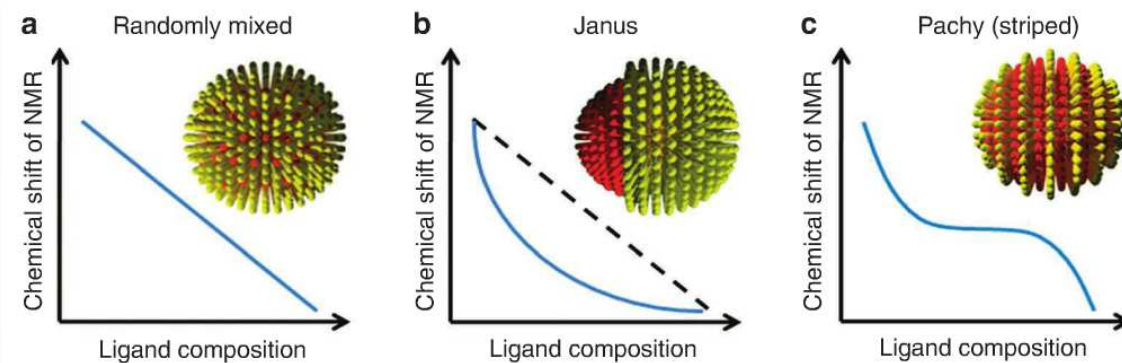
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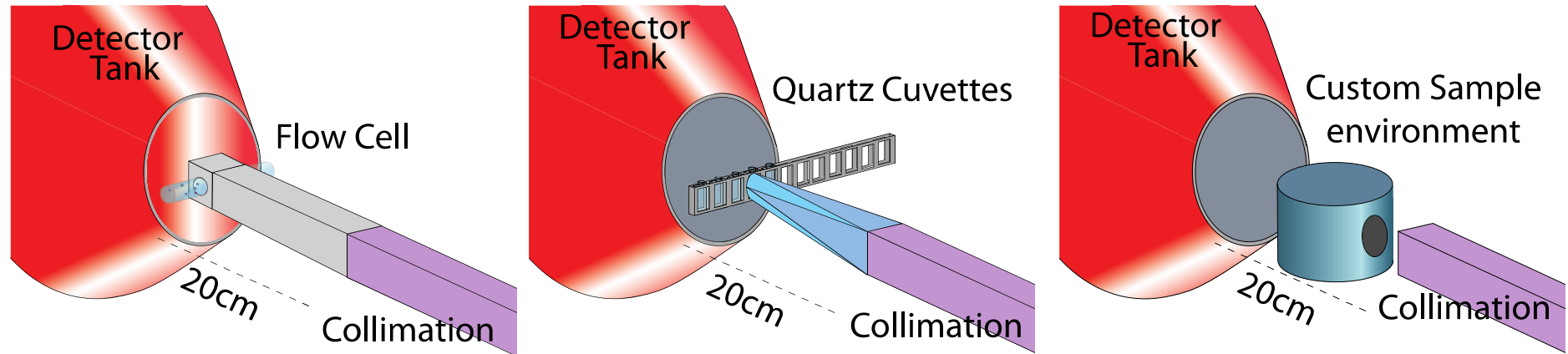


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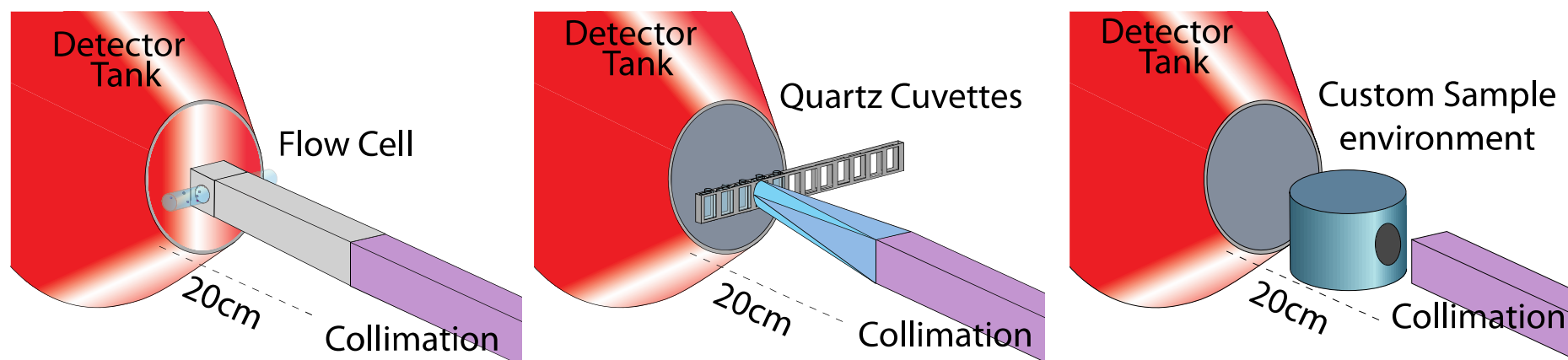


Distance from guard slit to sample kept minimal (20 cm) to allow for small beams at sample position

Sample environments that can be custom fitted into the sample space:

- Flow cell (in unbroken vacuum to minimize background)
- quartz cuvettes
- *standard rheometer*
- *pressure cell*
- *1.1 Tesla Halbach permanent magnet, 0.7 Tesla E-magnet*
- *cold finger cryostat*

Sample Environment



for bulky sample environments the detector vessel needs to be mounted on a rail system to increase the sample area.

Risk Analysis:

No severe technical risks are identified – But we still rely on development within Detectors, Shielding, Choppers and sample environment

Central risks:

A: That the biological user community will not become sufficiently large to use the capacity of the instrument

Mitigation:

A: Adapt the instrument for the existing soft matter community where there are heavy overload factors and where a high-flux, small sample volume instrument that covers a broad q-range in a single setting would be highly desirable and also cover new scientific territory due to improved possibilities for fast time resolved measurements and scanning SANS.

Risk of *not* dedicating a SANS instrument for the Life Sciences community: The number of SANS users from the Life Sciences community will stay at about 6% and ESS will not serve to further develop this community.



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