



# Test beamline (TBL) @ESS

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# What do we actually want to do?



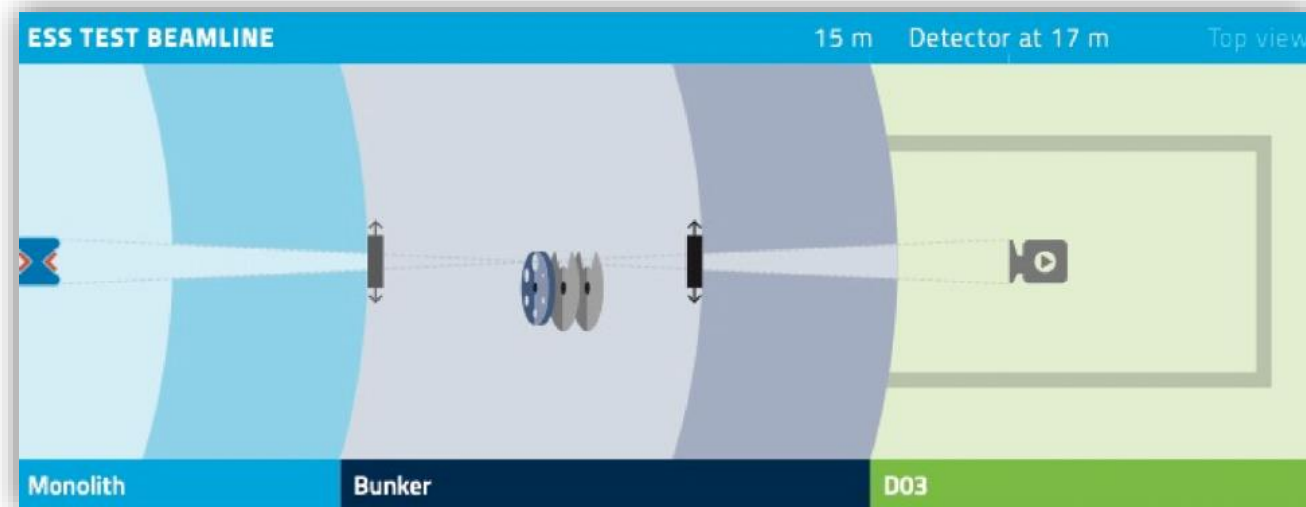
## Intro

The Test Beamline (TBL) is designed to validate the successful commissioning of the ESS spallation source. The beamline is located in direct line-of-sight to the neutron moderator and will allow characterization of **fast to cold neutrons as well as prompt gammas**.

The TBL design is simple and consists of a **changeable pinhole** and a **double-disk chopper**. The modular designs allows for future upgrades.

The goal of the TBL is to characterize/support:

- Characterization of the ESS moderator system
- Proton beam stability/Moderator stability
- Spatial distribution of neutron beam
- Characterize neutron spectrum
- Pulse-shape of cold-thermal neutrons
- Detectors and data processing systems
- Sample (e.g. single crystal) alignment
- Simple imaging and diffraction experiments



# ESS Ramp up

Assuming BOT July 2025



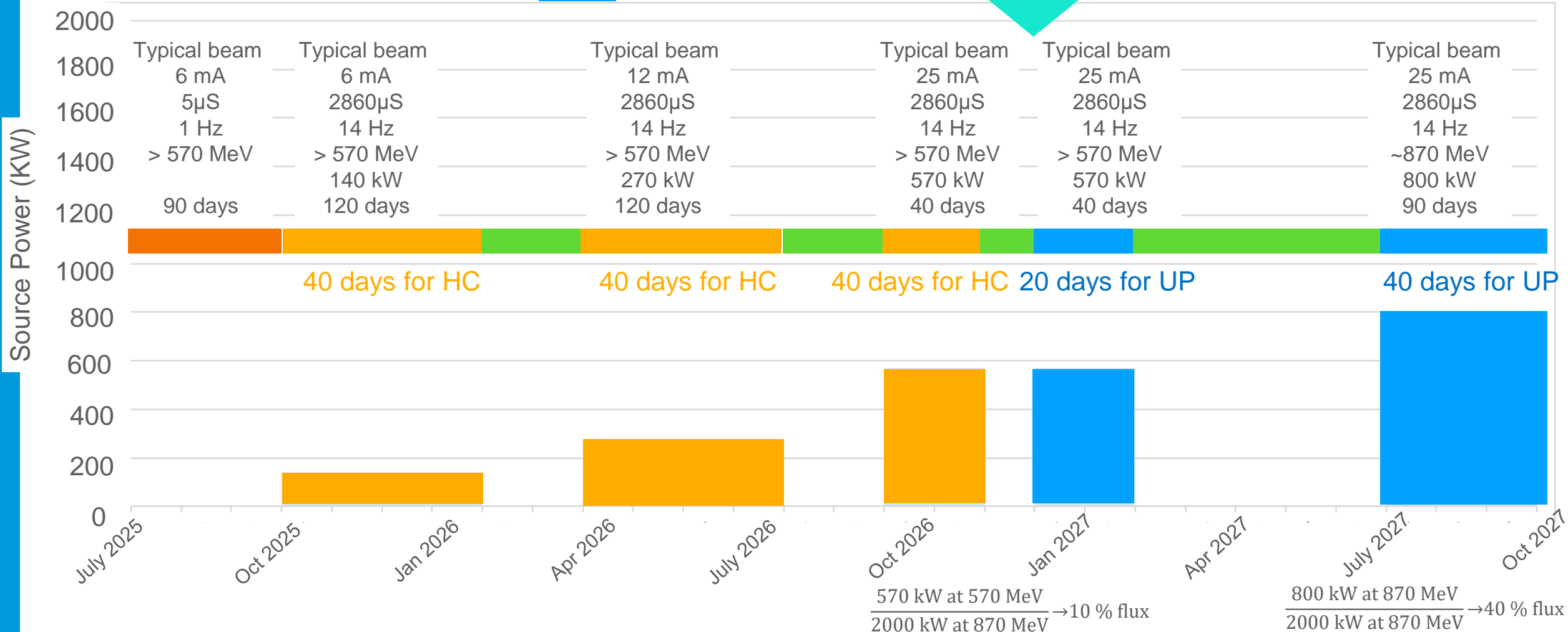
Accelerator commissioning & TBL

Hot commissioning

Shutdown

Users

First users  
18 months  
after BOT



See ESS-0420218 "Early operations of ESS and prerequisites for first scientific results" for more details



# The Goal – EOC definition for council

- Delivery of an accelerator-based long-pulse neutron scattering source capable of 2MW beam power on target with each parameter **demonstrated separately**
  - Duty factor (14 Hz, 2,86 ms beam pulse)
  - Beam energy (0,800 GeV)
  - Peak proton current accelerated (62,5 mA)
  - Source power > 1MW, reliability > 80%
- 15 neutron scattering instruments delivered and installed, of which
  - 10/6 are in the User Programme (P0/P80)
  - 5/9 are in hot commissioning with beam (P0/P80)

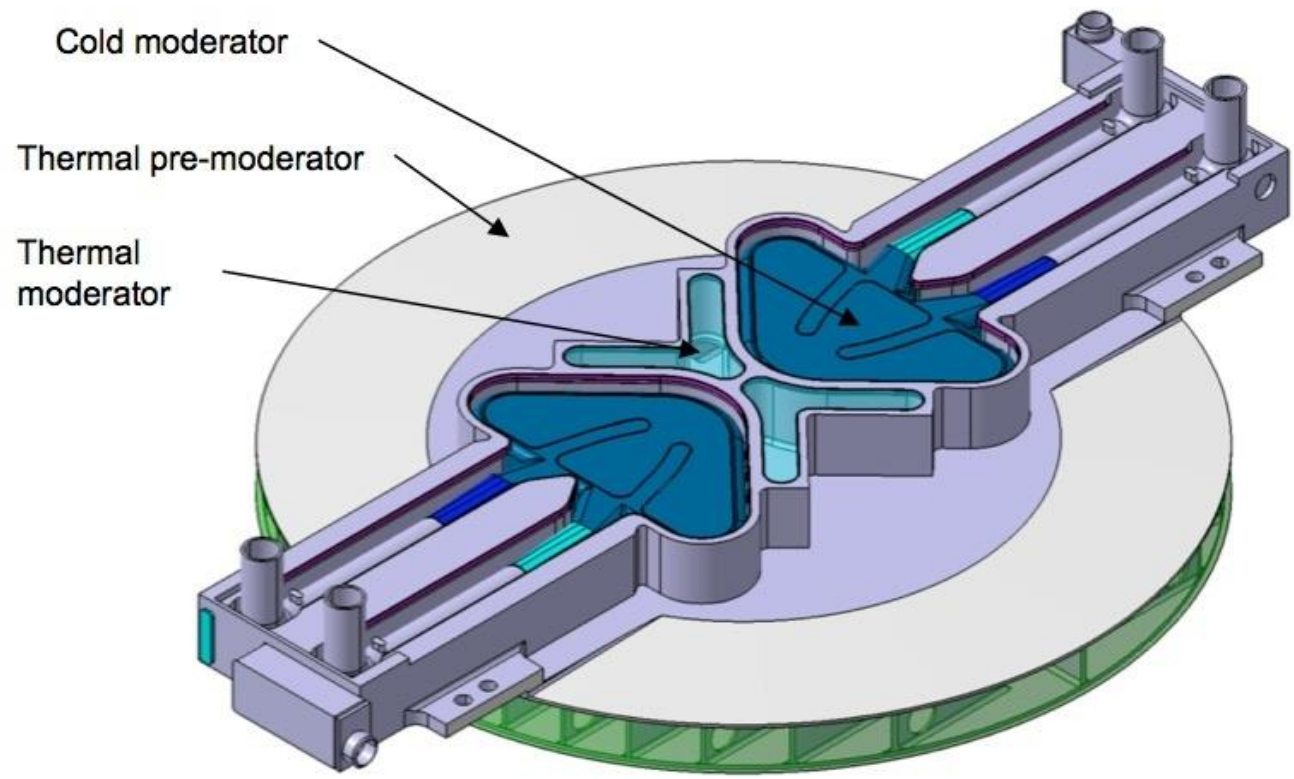
- **Test beamline neutron flux for beam energy of 0,570 GeV measured as at least:**

	threshold value	objective value
	n/sr/p over a 3x6 cm <sup>2</sup> area	n/sr/p over a 3x6 cm <sup>2</sup> area
cold brightness	3.58E-03	8.96E-03
thermal brightness	2.56E-03	6.40E-03

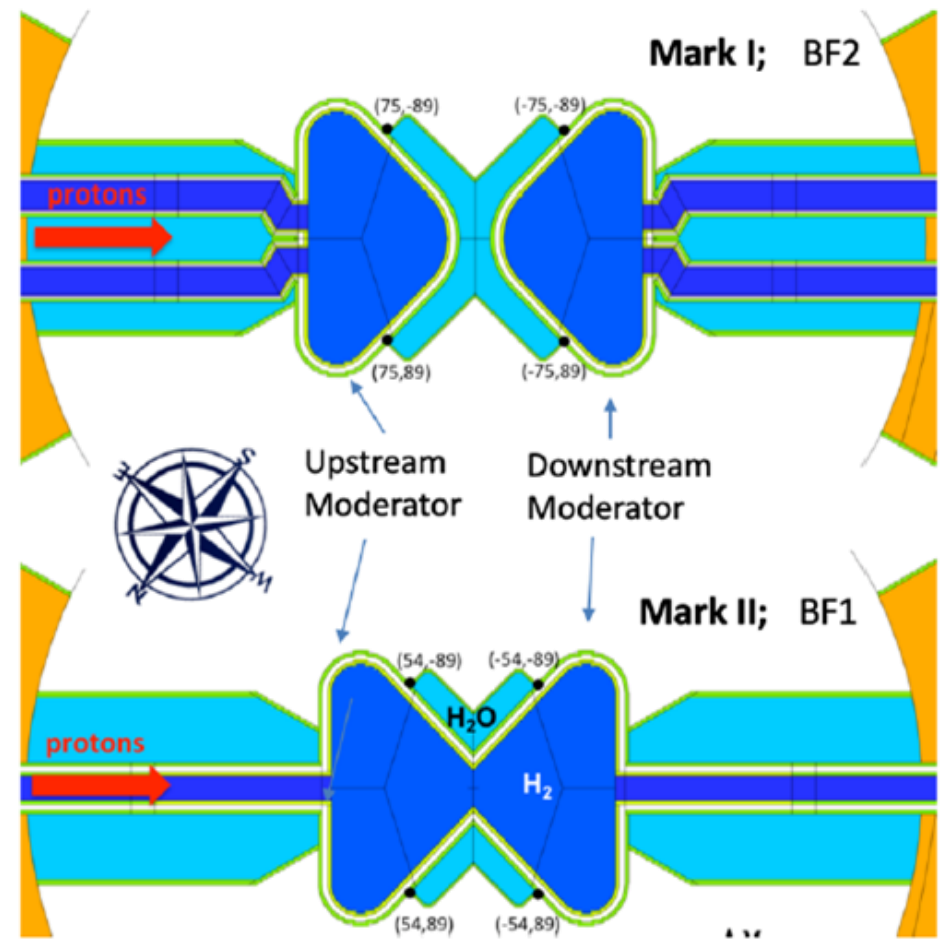
- Infrastructure supporting user programme operational (e.g. user office, data management, sample environment, user labs, central polarisation service)
- Trained staff, operating permits, and system documentation in place

# For Information

## Moderator



MARK-I: initial moderator  
MARK-II: (neutronically optimized moderator)

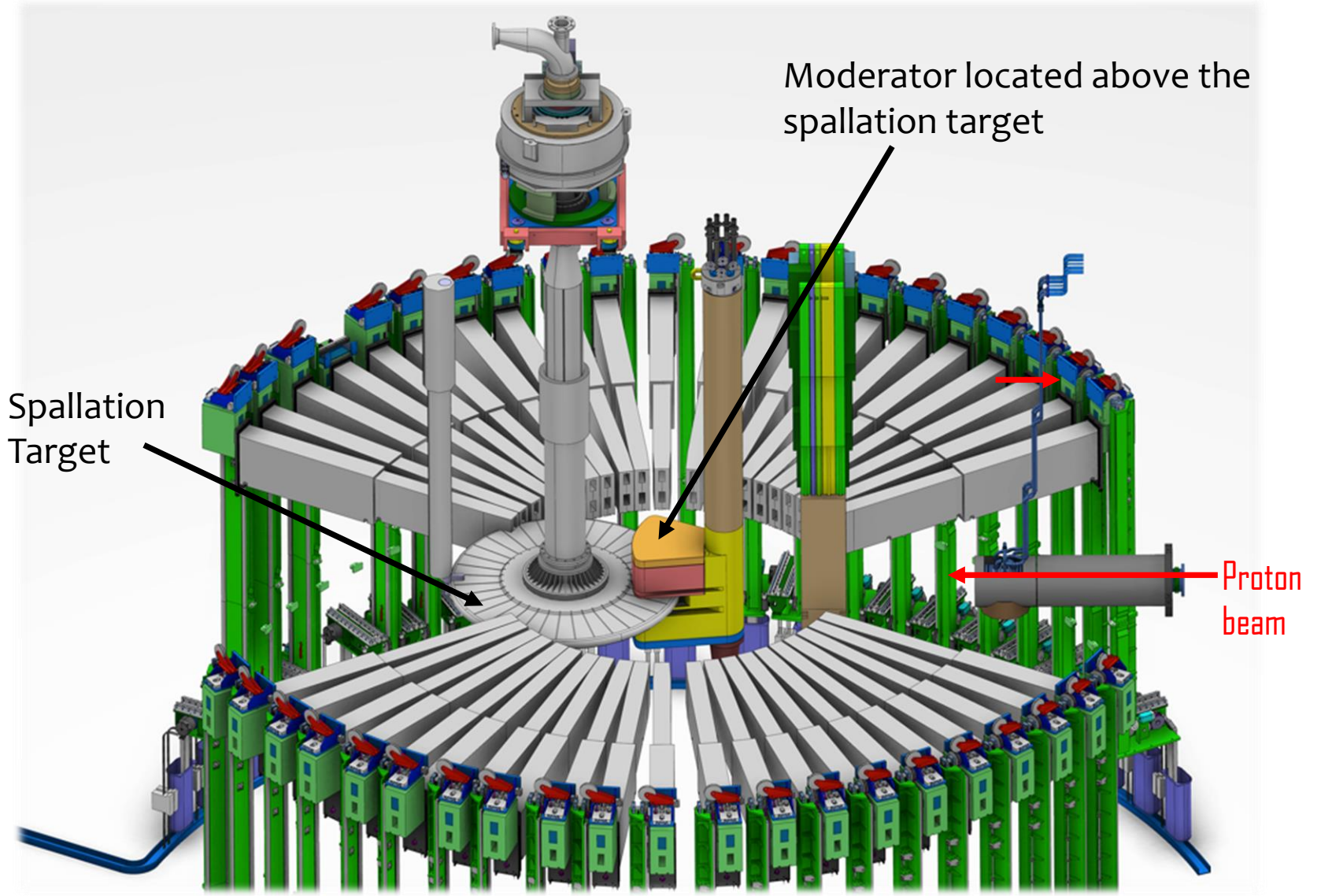
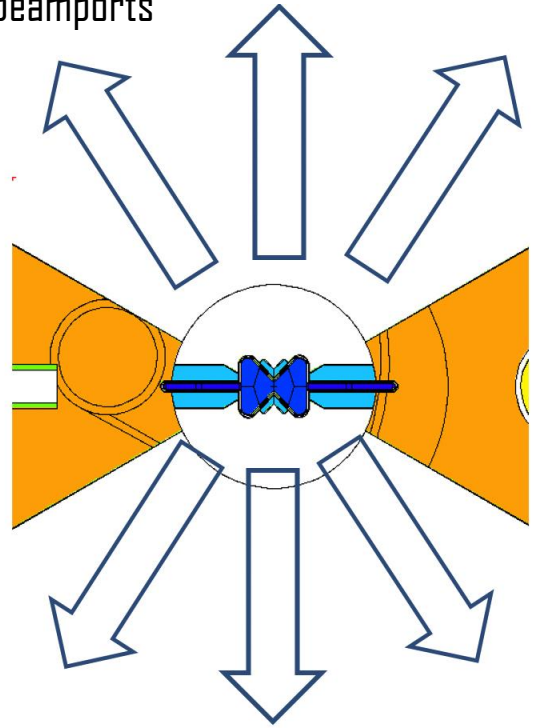




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## Target - Moderator

ESS moderator  
unprecedented brightness  
to all the available  
beamports

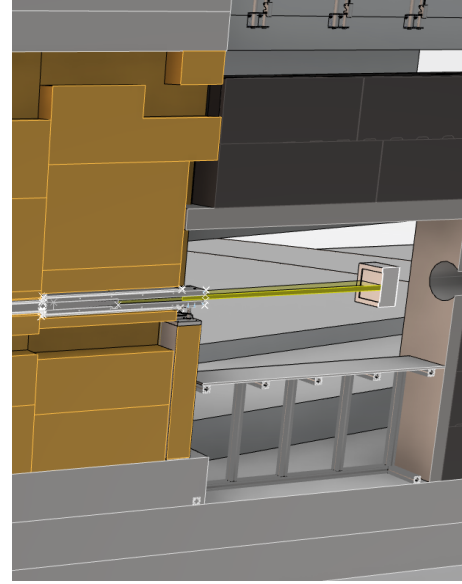
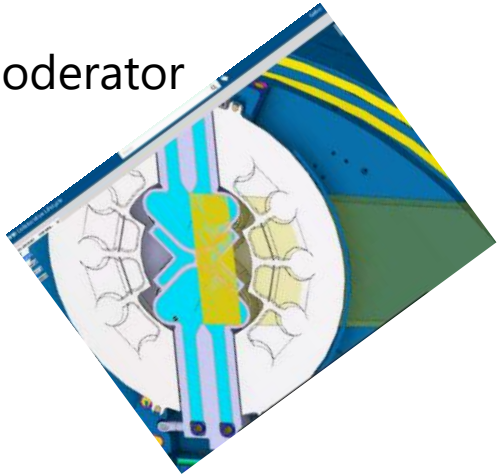




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Moderator



TBL Detector in direct line of sight

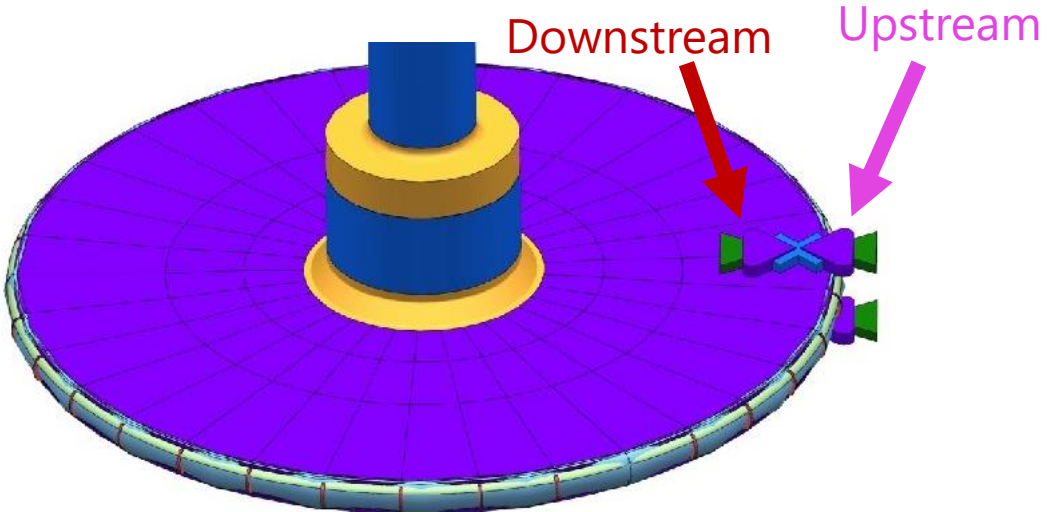
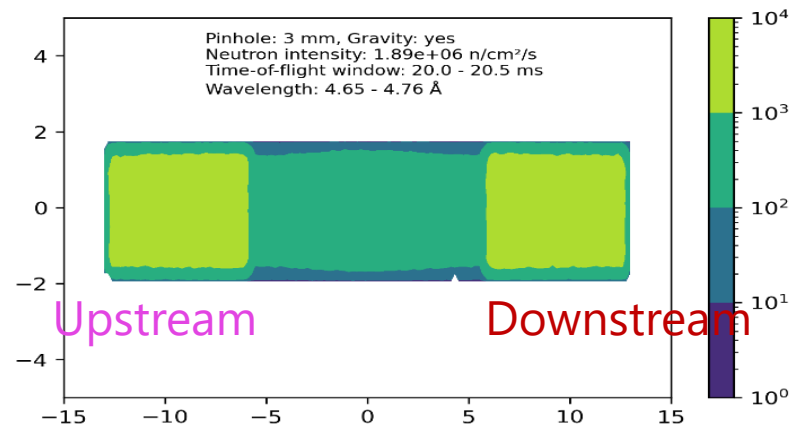


Image at TBL by 'pinhole imaging'



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# How we want to do it?

## Principle

'Camera obscura' concept

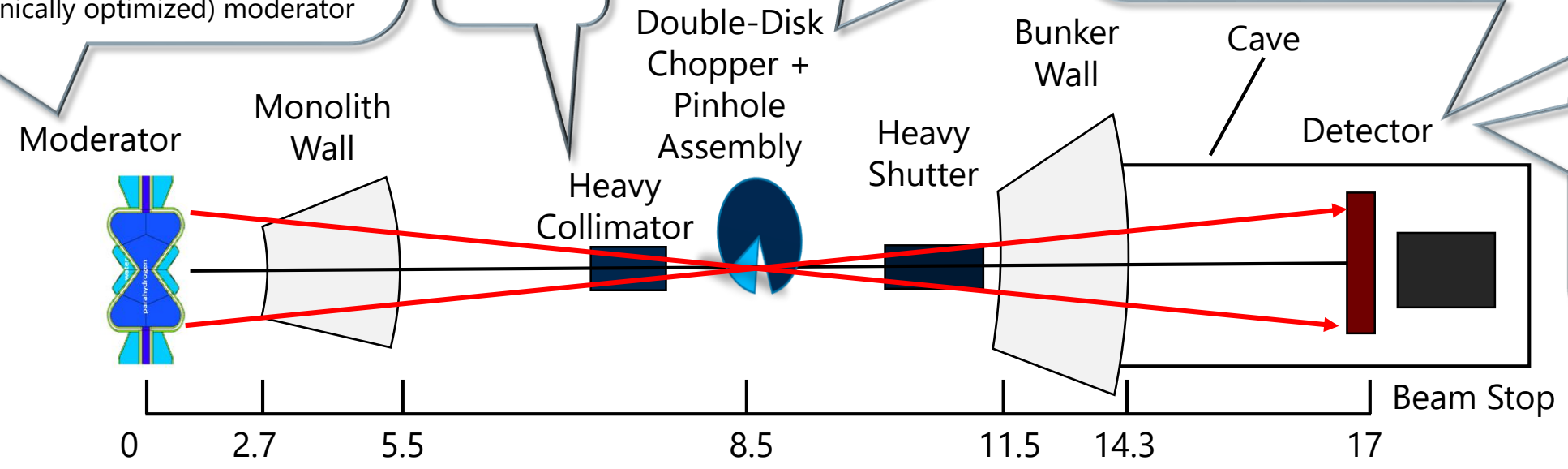
Cold Moderator  
Thermal Moderator

Upgrade from MARK-I (initial) to MARK-II (neutronically optimized) moderator

Blocks unwanted radiation

Wavelength Selection

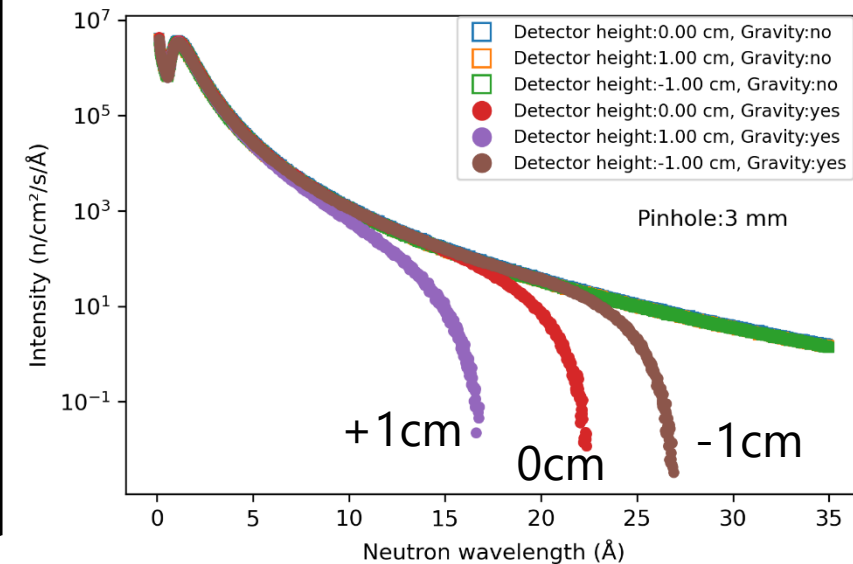
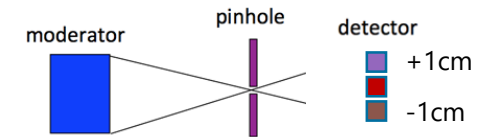
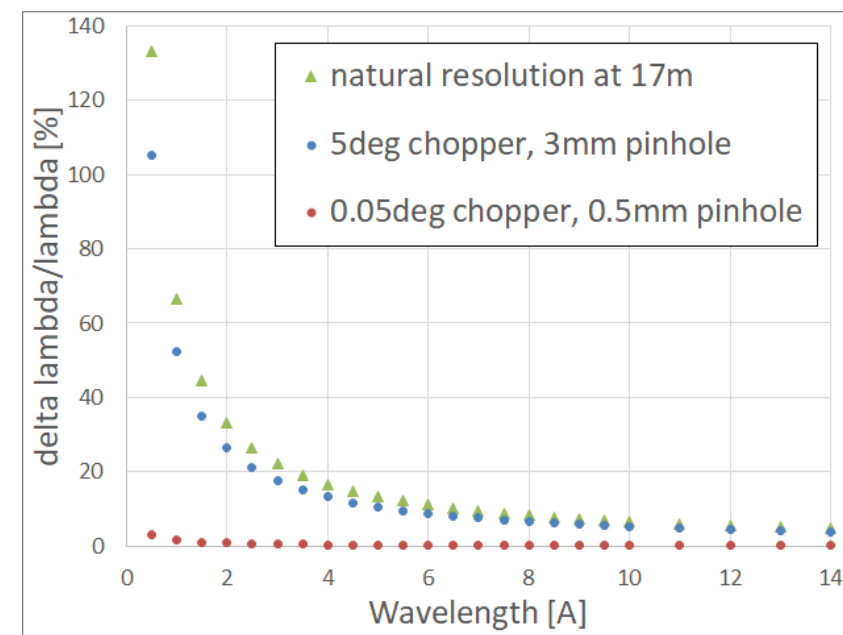
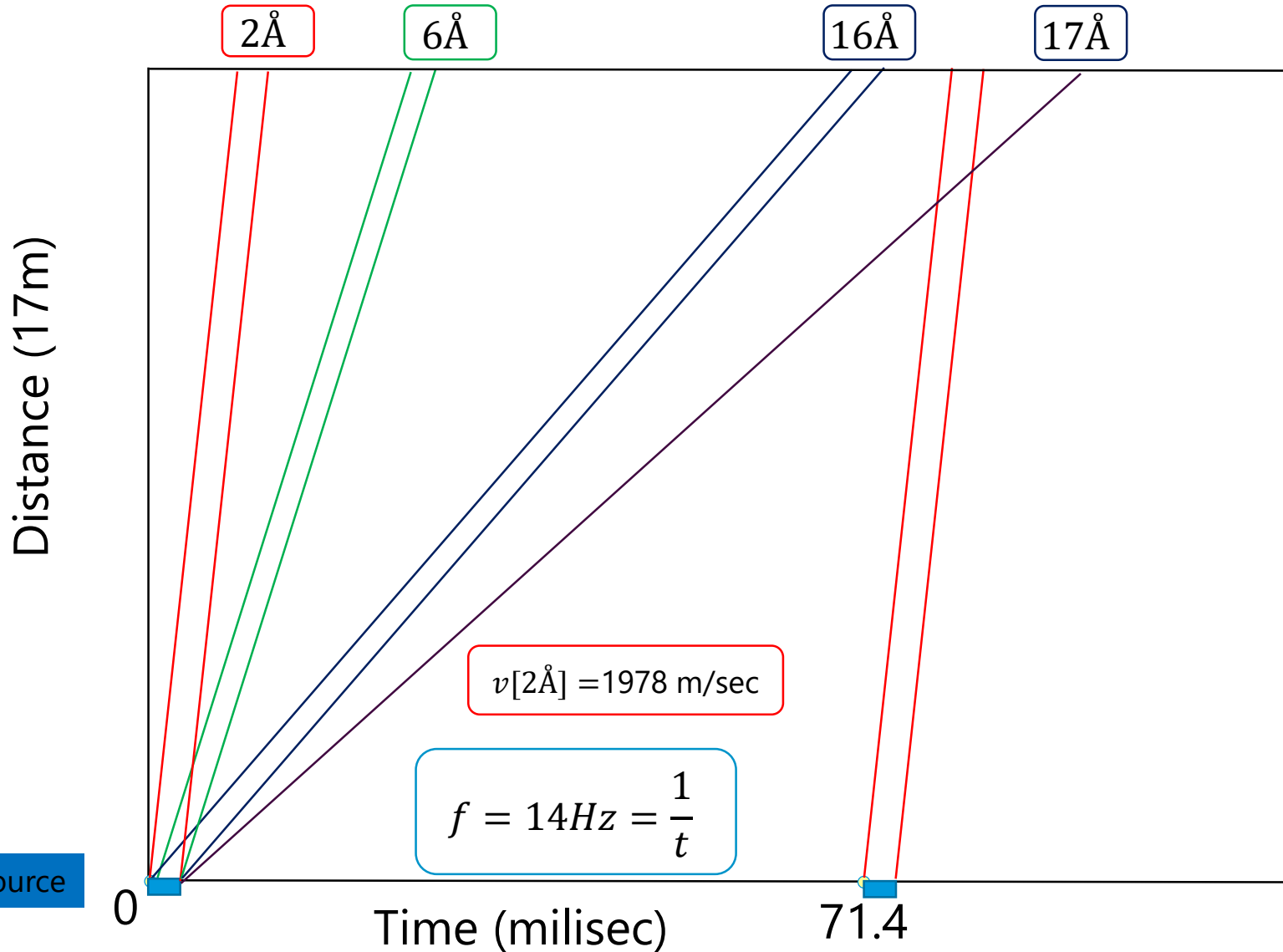
A 2D image of the moderator is obtained the detector by 'pinhole camera concept' and allows to study intensity distributions at different neutron energies



Measure the pulse shape

# How we want to do it?

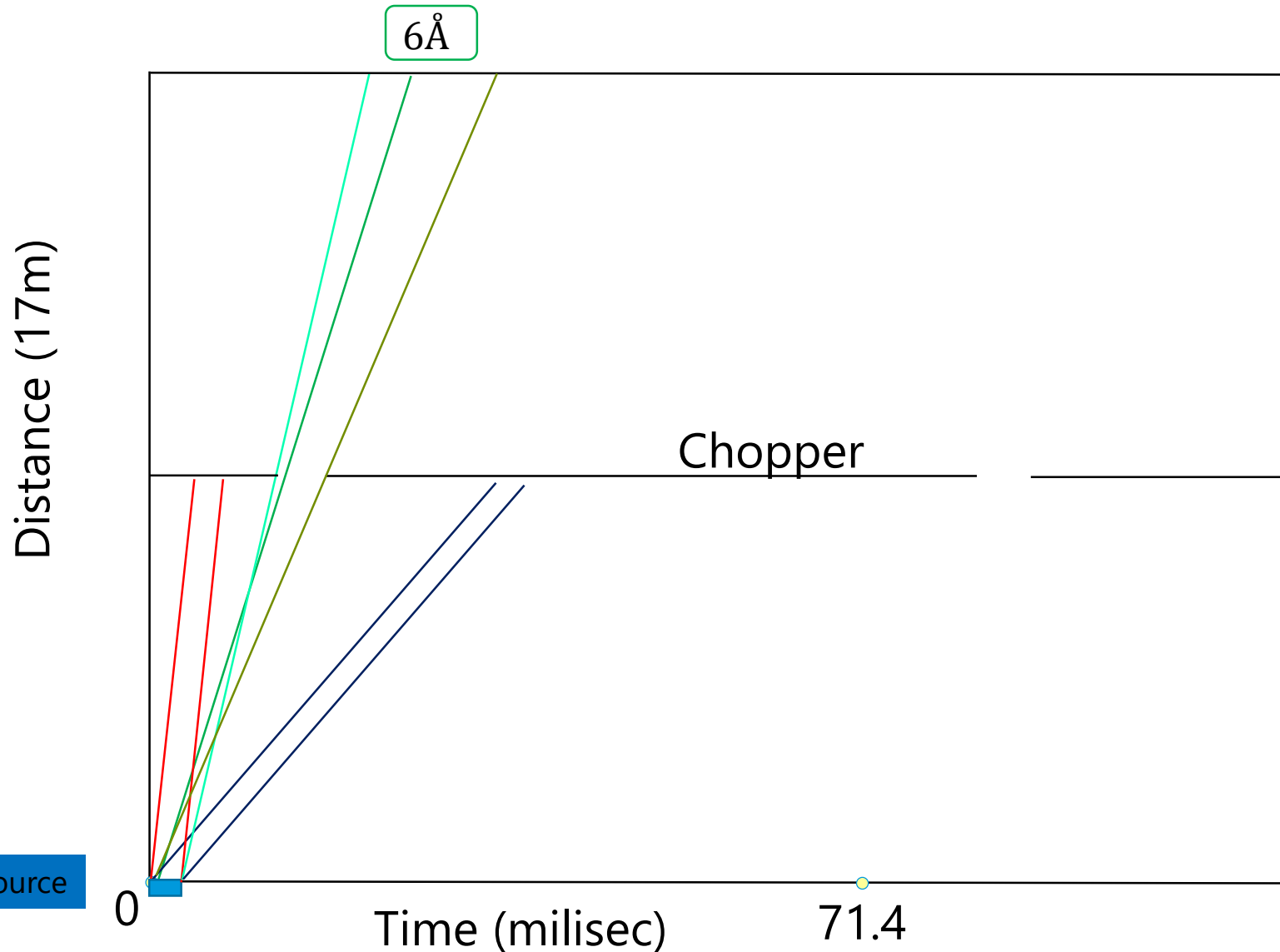
Schematic: natural resolution ToF diagram



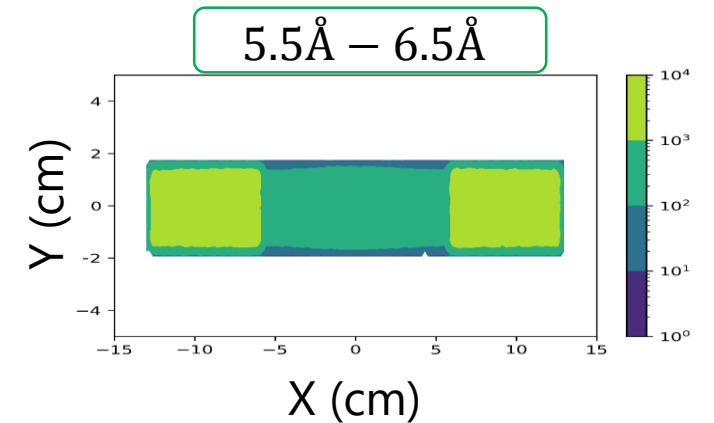
# How we want to do it?



Schematic: Study wavelength/energy ranges with spatial resolution



- 1) Simply by ToF (no chopper, or chopper to prevent FO)
- 2) Using chopper to create distinct wavelength bands



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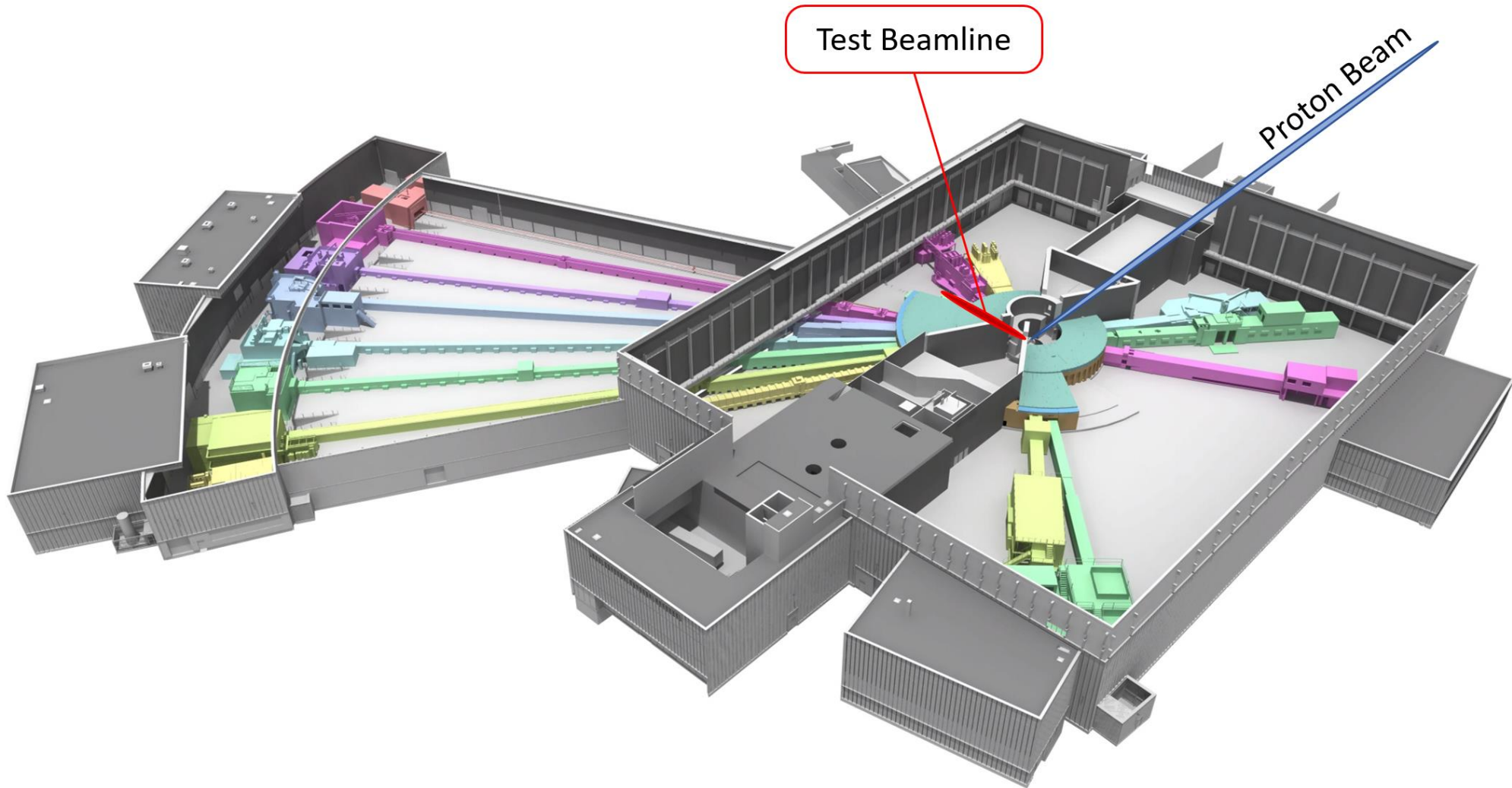
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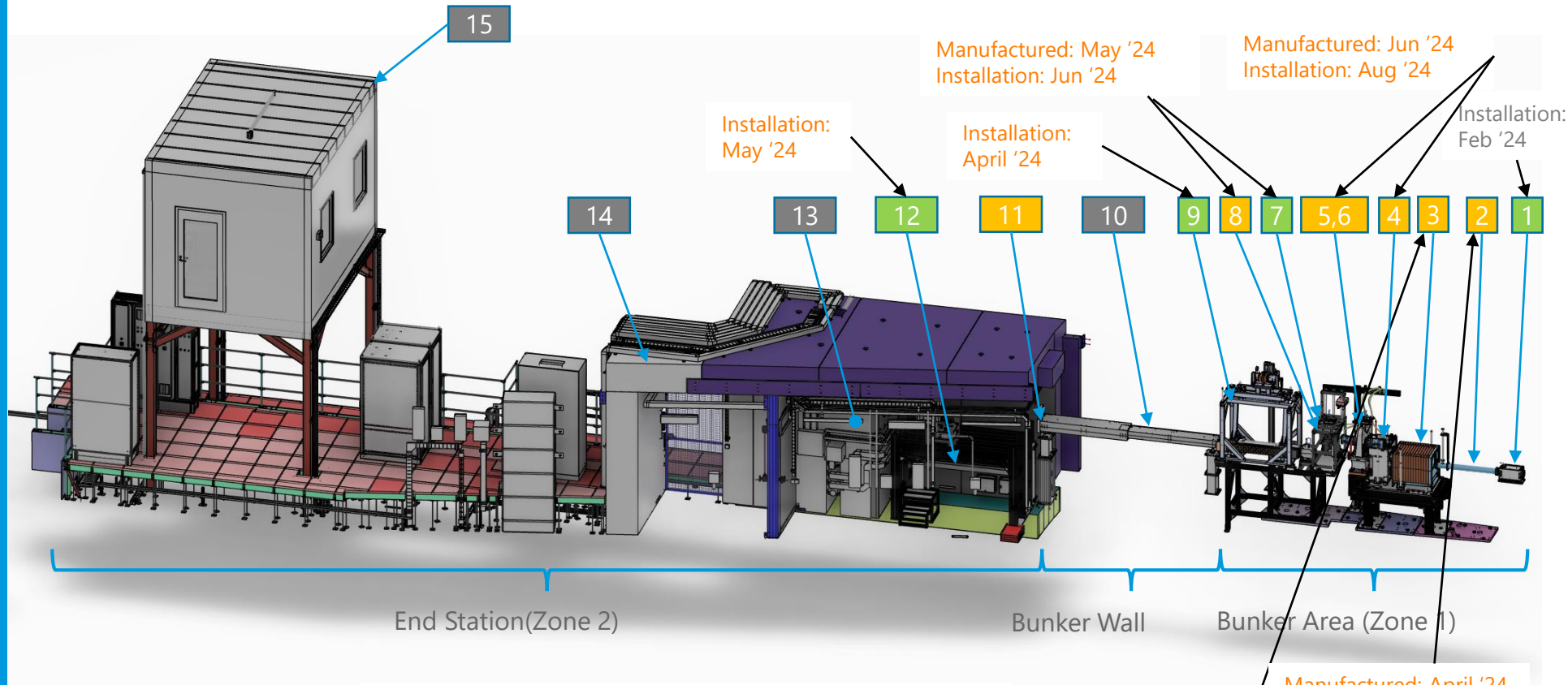
Location in Facility: W11 (North Sector)



# TBL Status (SPI: 0,96 SV: -739kSEK)



Start Int. CC: Sep 2024  
 TG5/SAR mtg: Dec 2024  
 iSRR mtg: Feb 2025



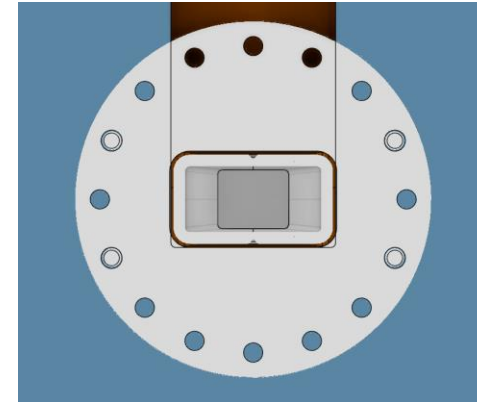
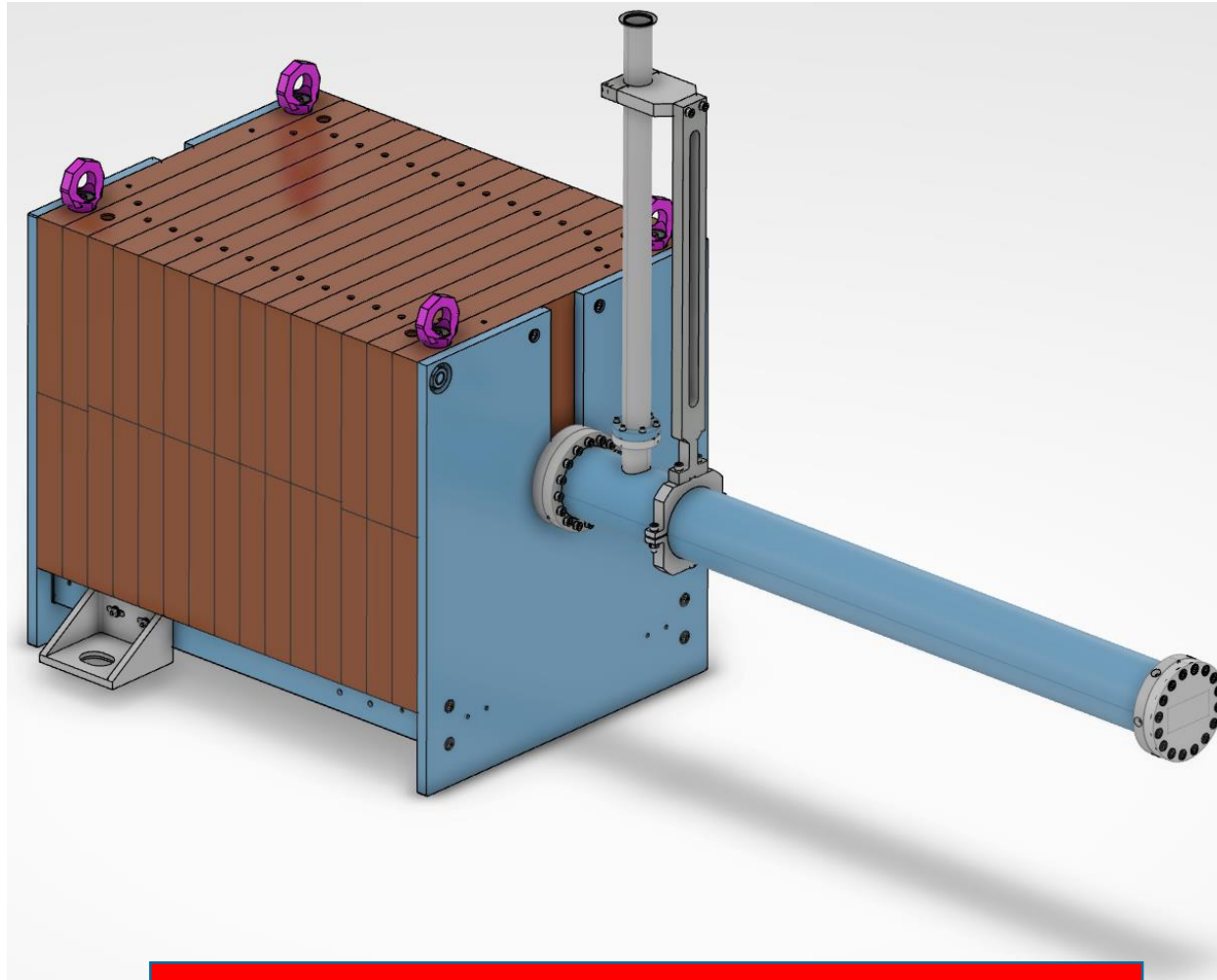
Ref.	Component
1	BBGOA (delivered)
2	Flight Tube 1
3	Fixed Collimator
4	adjustable Collimator
5,6	Chopper, Flight tube 2
7	Beam Monitor 1 (delivered)
8	Filter stage
9	Heavy Shutter (delivered)
10	Bunker Wall Feedthrough
11	Beam Monitor 2
12	Detector Table (delivered)
13	Beam Stop
14	Experimental Cave
15	Control Hutch

Infrastructure installation:  
 CEP: In-bunker: March '24 / Out of bunker: May '24  
 CUP: In-bunker/Out of bunker: April '24  
 MCA: In-bunker/Out of bunker: May '24

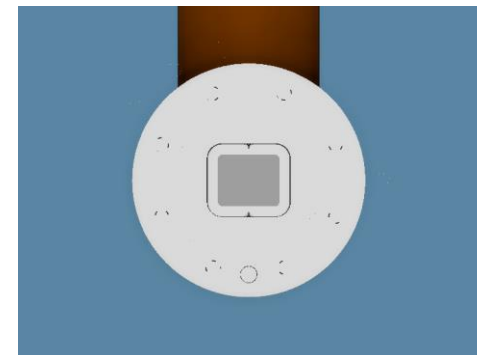
Manufactured: April '24  
 Installation: May '24

# Overview

## Heavy Collimator



Upstream opening:  
H:68 mm x V:28 mm

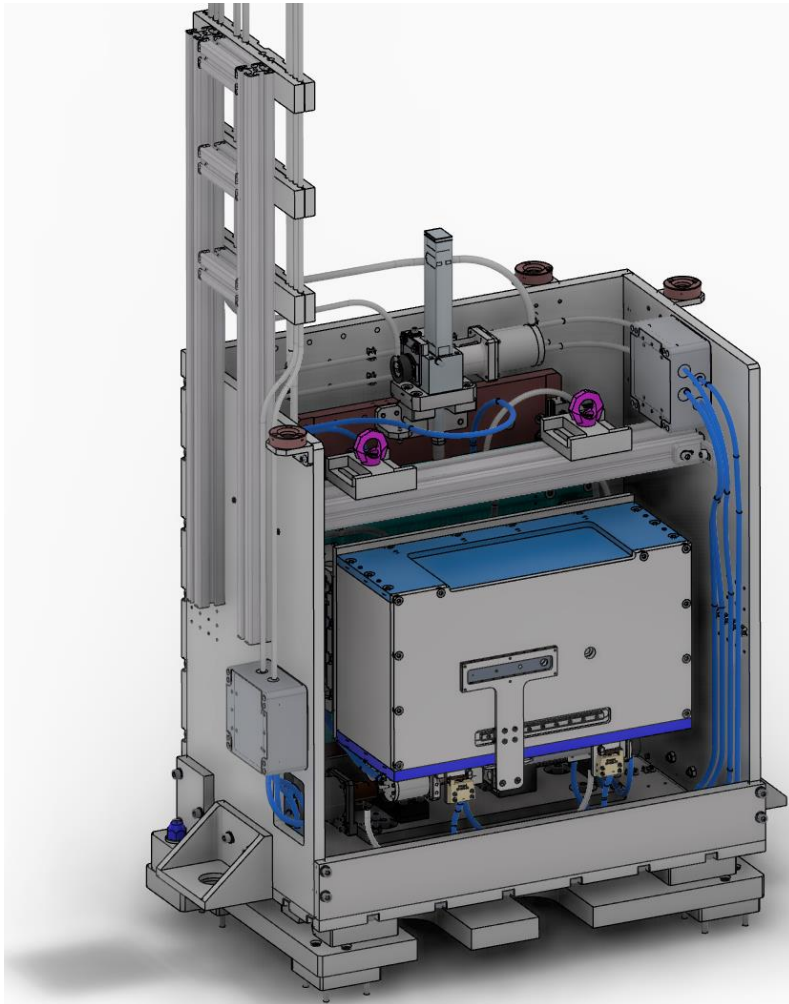


Downstream opening:  
H:30 mm x V:25 mm

- *Material in workshop*
- *see ODIN presentation on waiting times...*

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## Adjustable Collimator

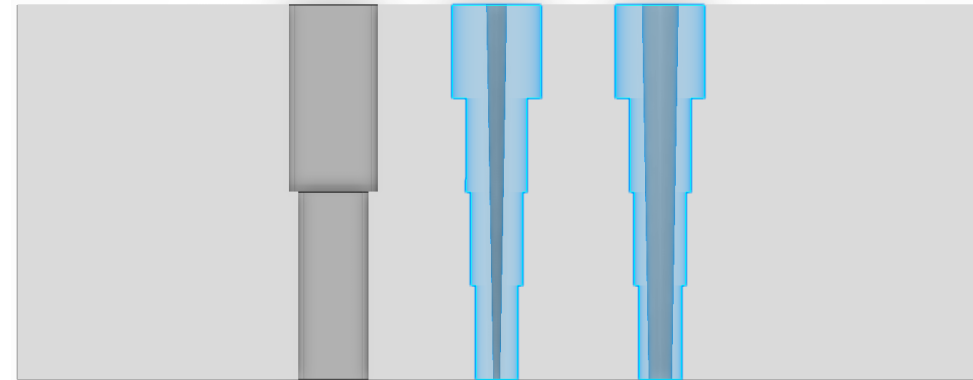


- Attenuator selector (3mm, 2mm, 1mm, 0)



- Copper block with inserts

Upstream: 38x33mm 9 mm 16 mm



Downstream: 30x25mm 3 mm 10 mm

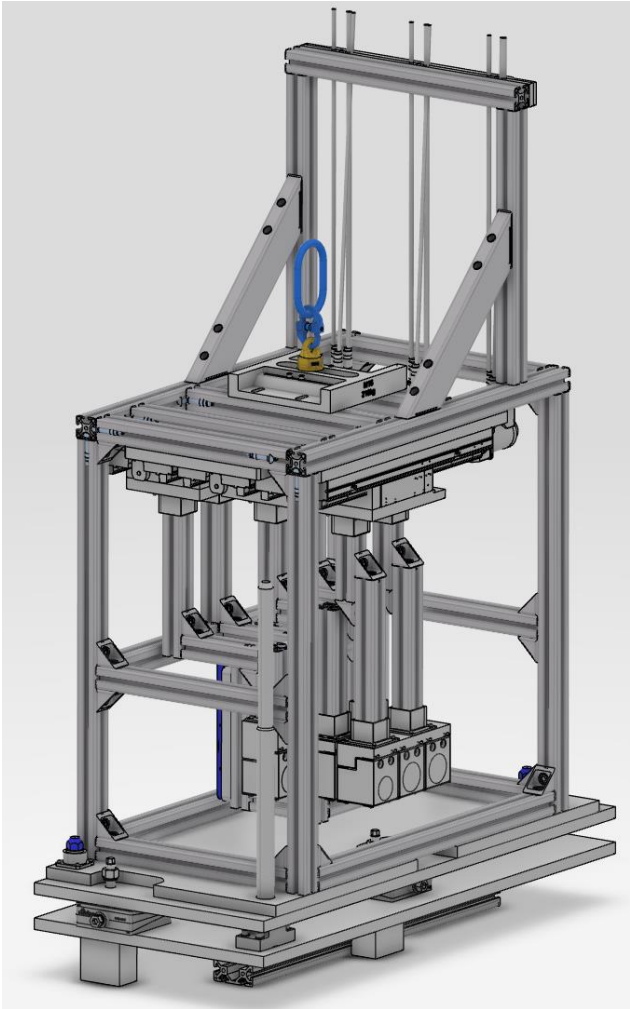
- Pinhole selector (1mm, 3mm, 5mm, 10mm, open)





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## Filter Stage

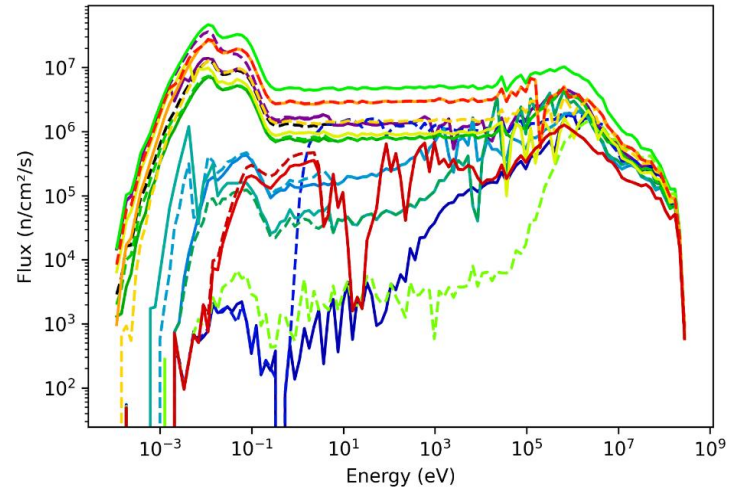
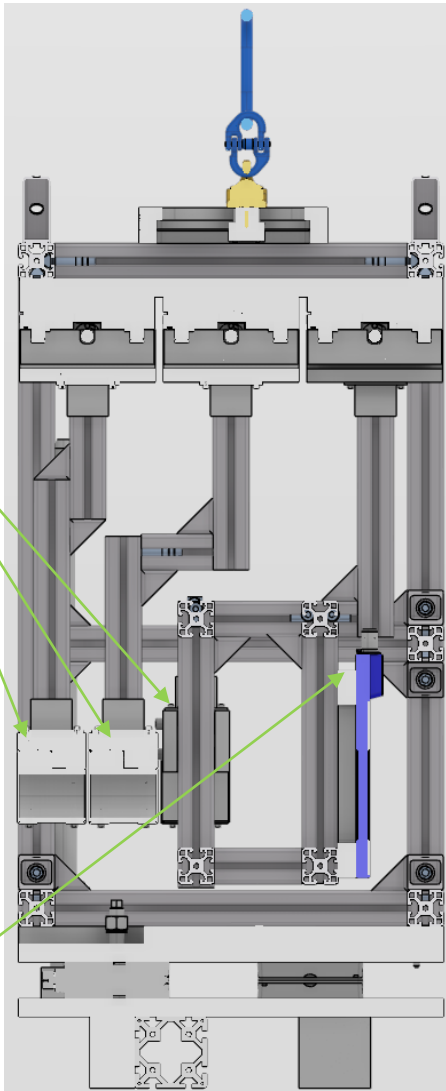


Filter cassettes

Beam



Beam Monitor

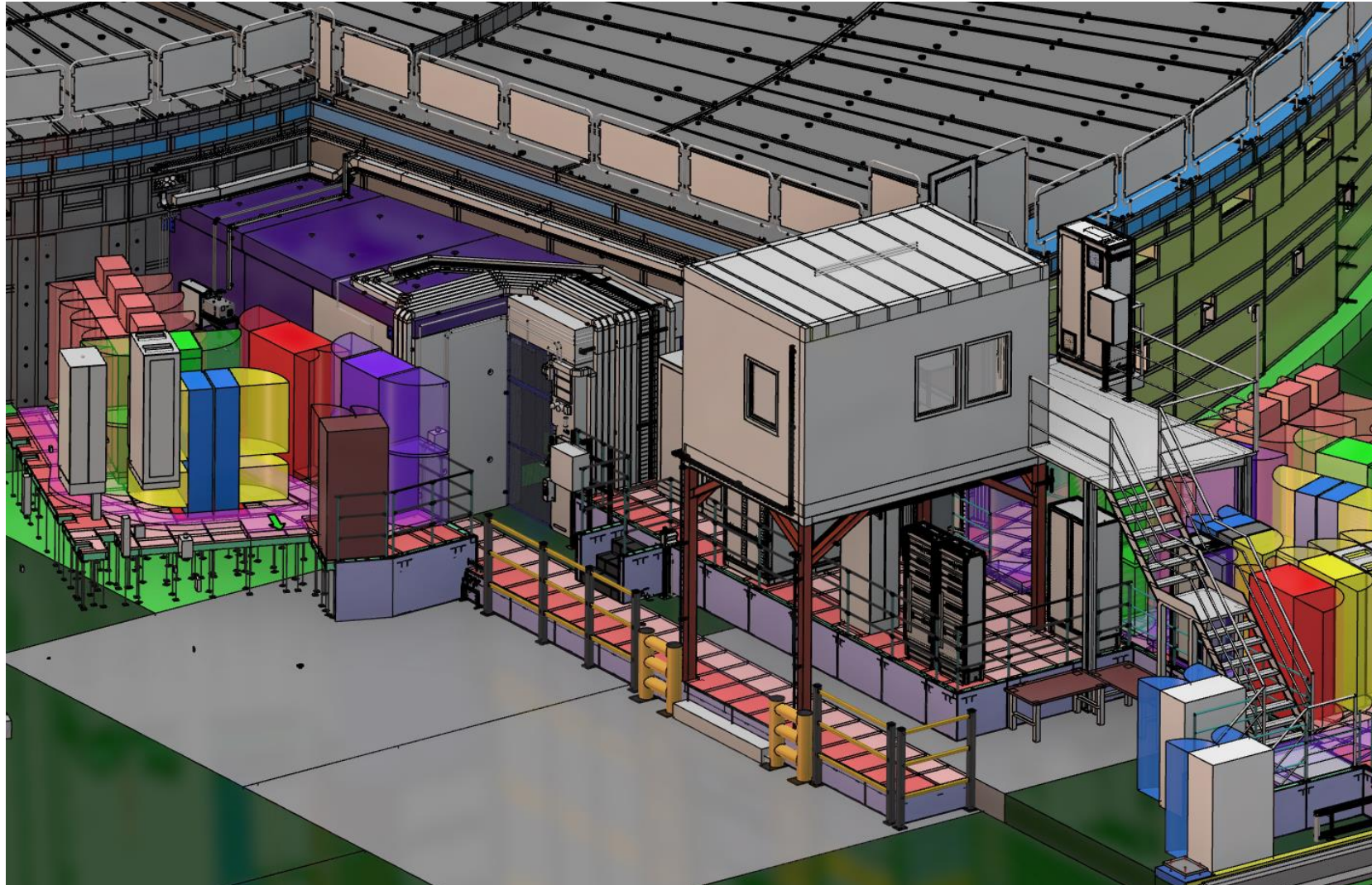


- Neutron, bismuth\_bulk
- Neutron, bismuth\_pc
- Neutron, bismuth\_sc
- Neutron, boron\_carbide\_bulk
- Neutron, cadmium\_bulk
- Neutron, copper\_bulk
- Neutron, copper\_sc
- Neutron, iron\_alpha\_sc
- Neutron, iron\_bulk
- Neutron, lead\_bulk
- Neutron, lead\_sc
- Neutron, None
- Neutron, polyethylene\_bulk
- Neutron, sapphire\_sc
- Neutron, silica\_bulk
- Neutron, silicon\_bulk
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- Neutron, tungsten\_bulk
- Neutron, tungsten\_sc

Filters on-site: Fe, HDPE, Bi, Cd, Sapphire, Si

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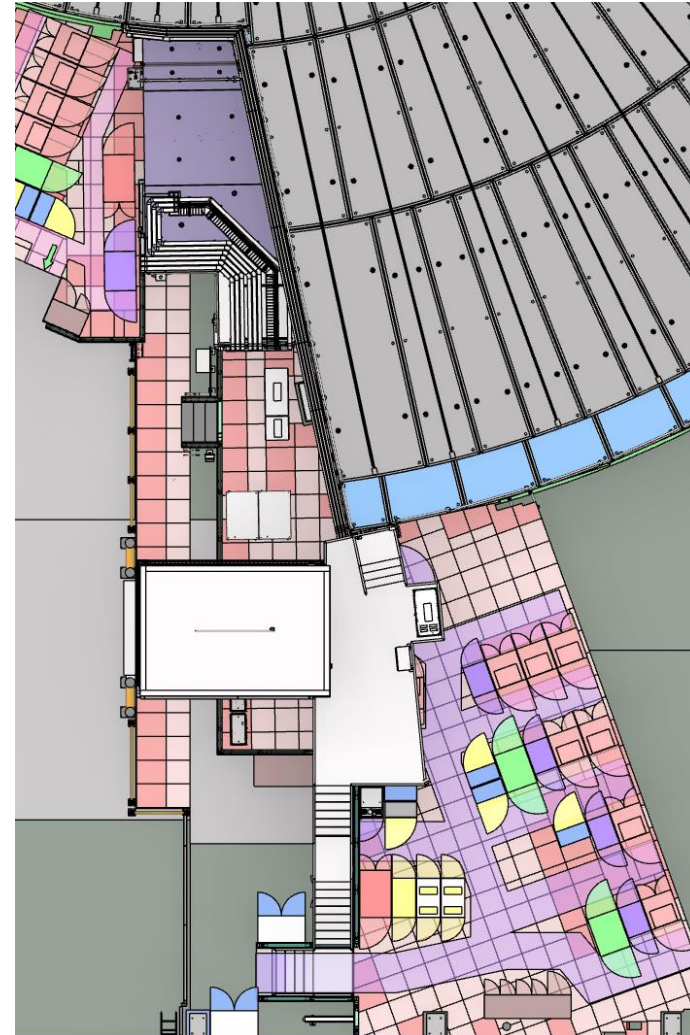
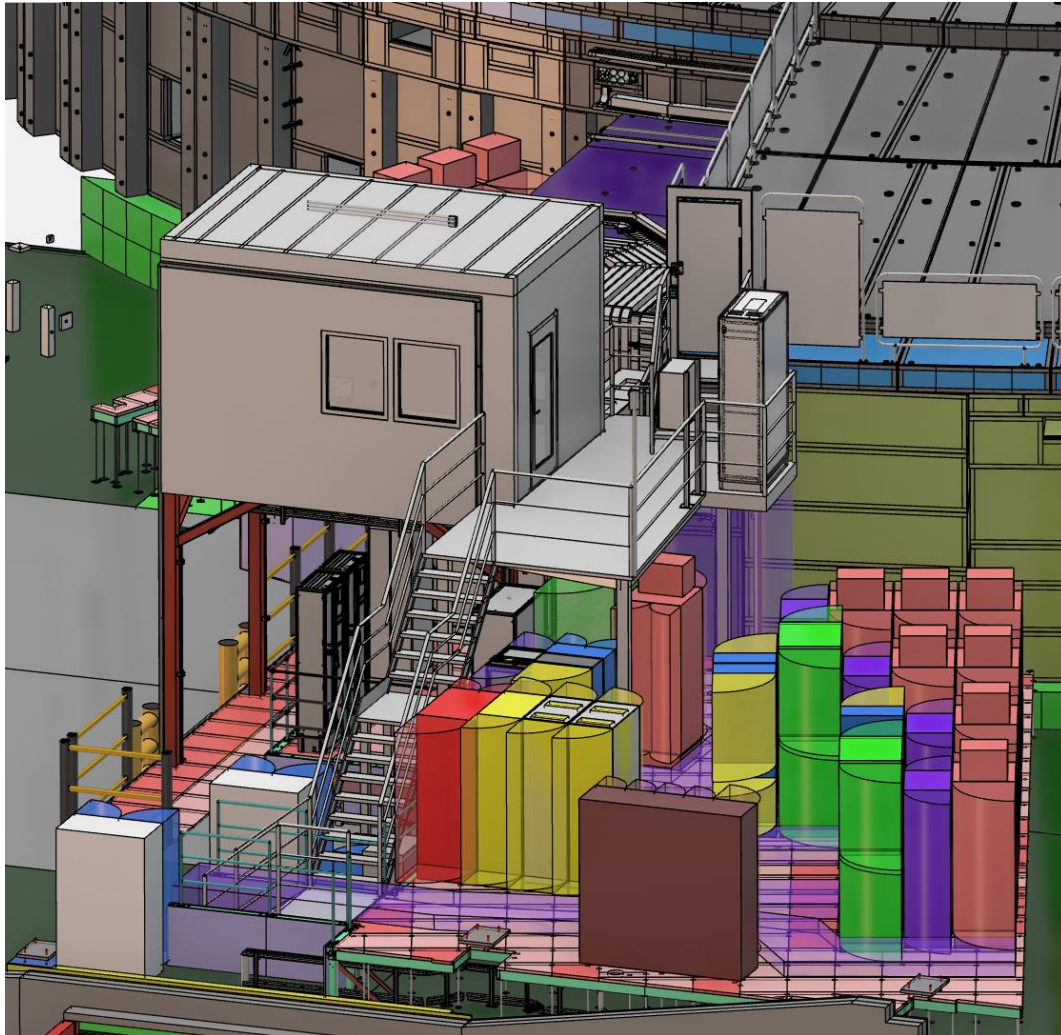
Picture from above





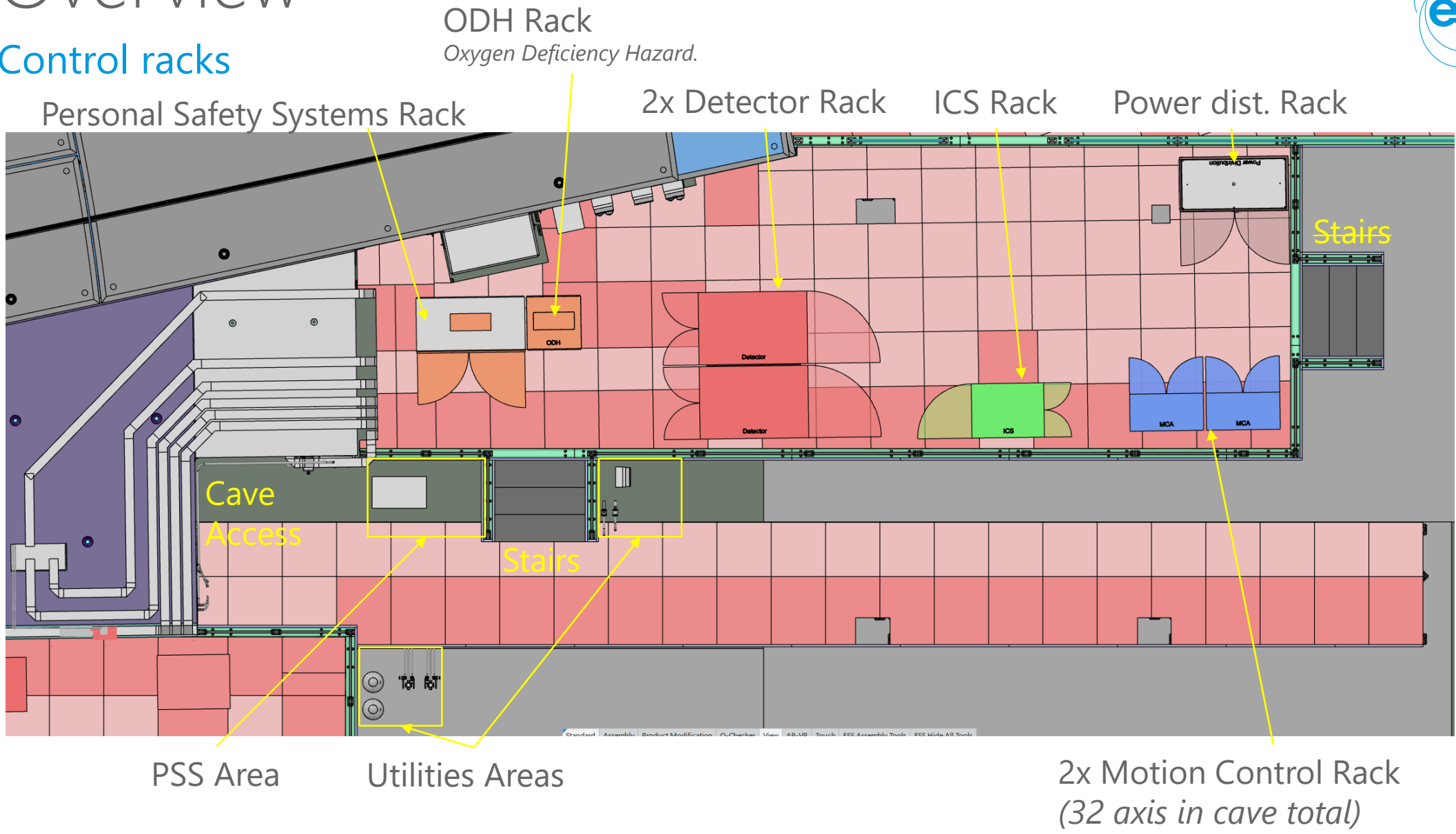
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## Control racks





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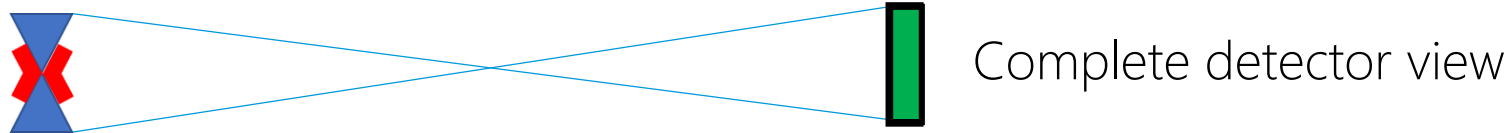


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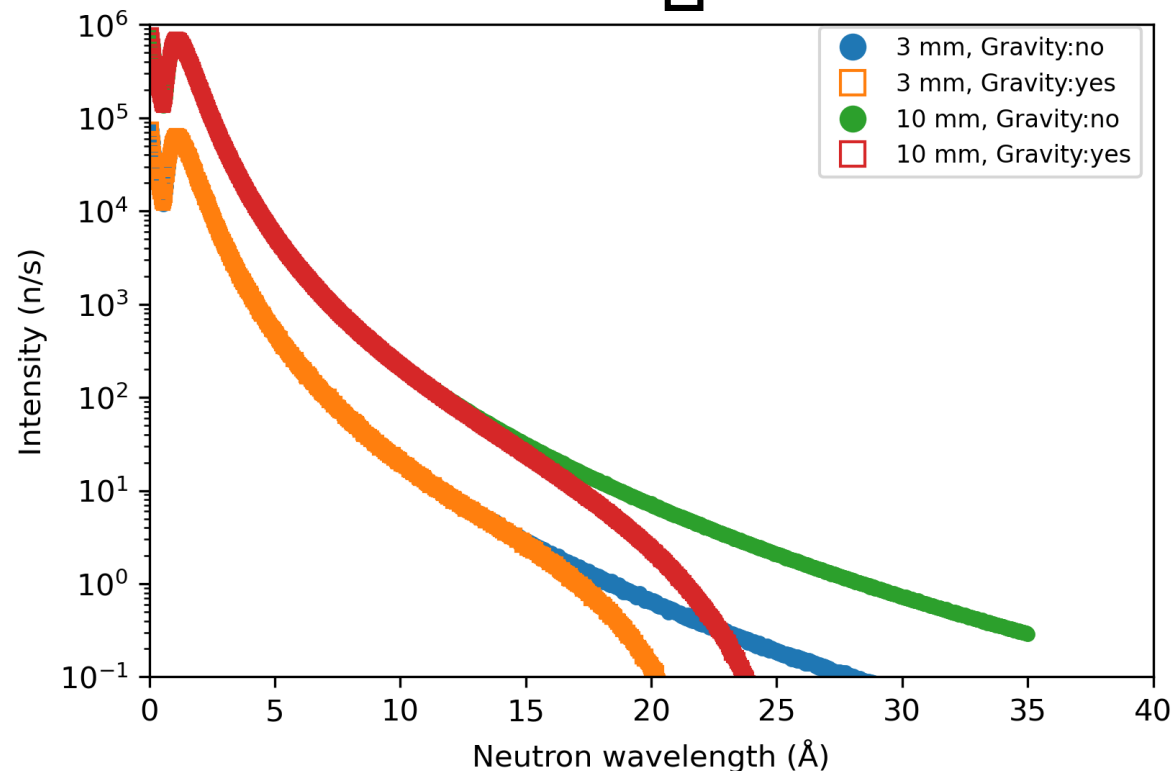
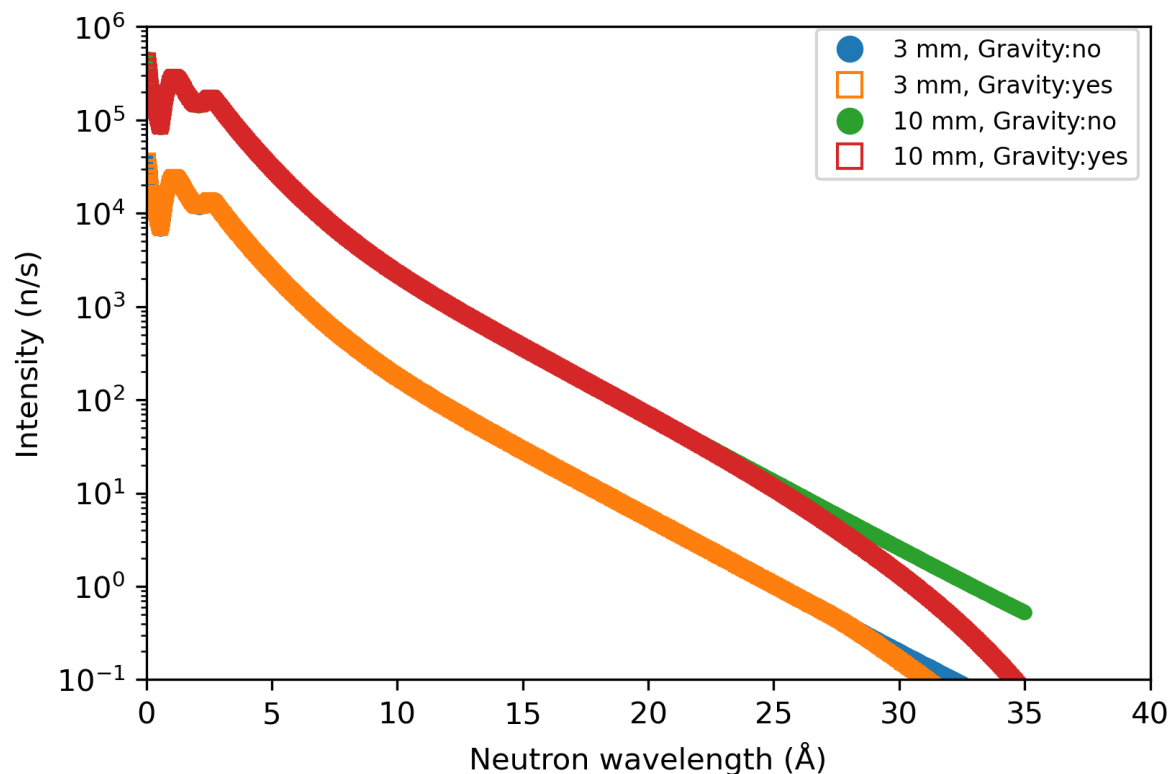
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# Neutron flux at detector position (McStas)



Complete detector view

Center part



Thermal and cold (0.1 - 25 Å) flux:  $3.39 \times 10^6$  n/s/cm<sup>2</sup> at pinhole 3 mm  
 Thermal and cold (0.1 - 25 Å) flux:  $4.16 \times 10^7$  n/s/cm<sup>2</sup> at pinhole 10 mm

Thermal and cold (0.1 - 25 Å) flux:  $4.90 \times 10^6$  n/s/cm<sup>2</sup> at pinhole 3 mm  
 Thermal and cold (0.1 - 25 Å) flux:  $5.40 \times 10^7$  n/s/cm<sup>2</sup> at pinhole 10 mm

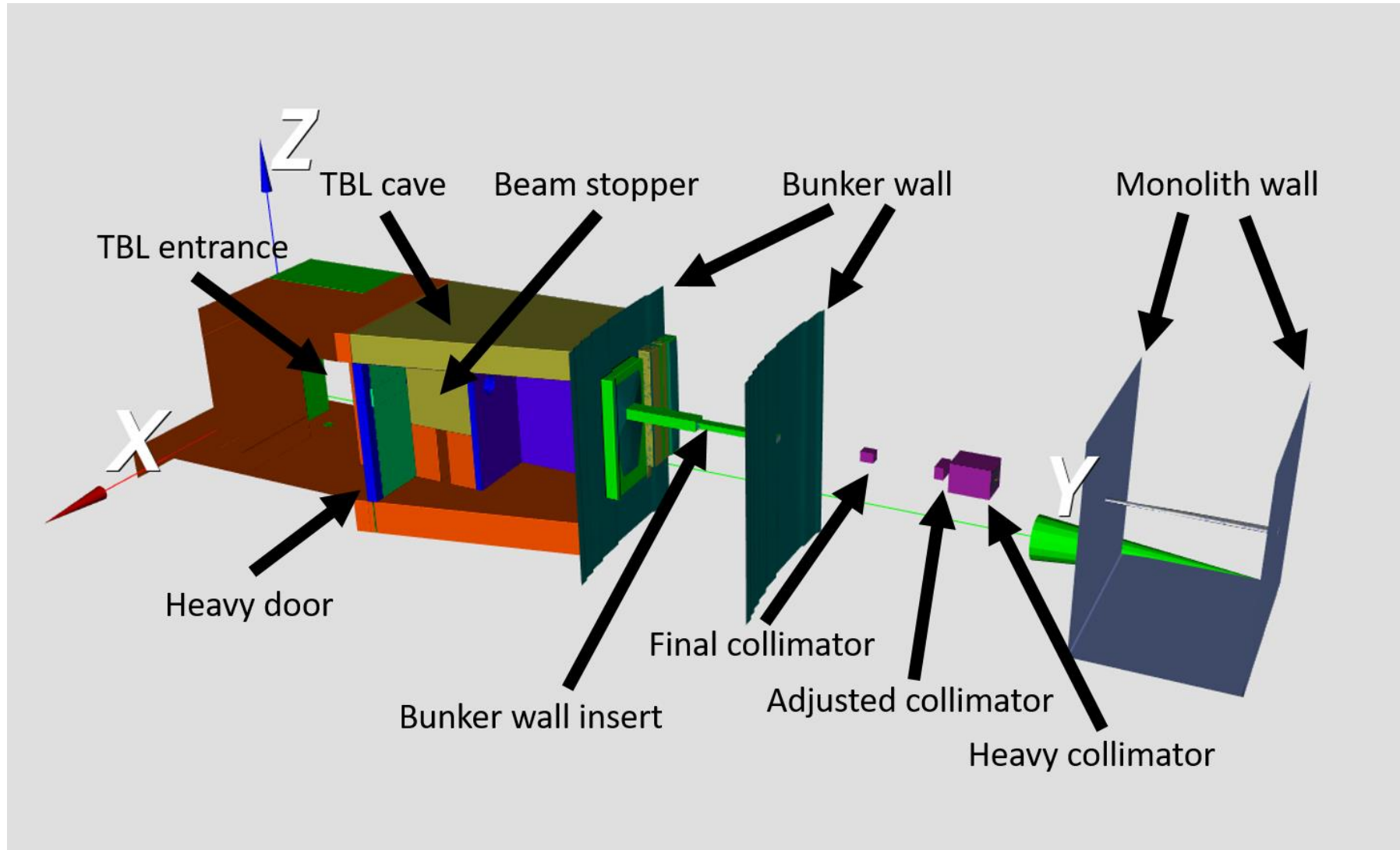
Thermal and cold flux:  $\sim 1 \times 10^8$  n/s/cm<sup>2</sup> at 30mmx25mm

Neutron flux obtained from neutron intensity divided by estimated imaging area (3x24 cm<sup>2</sup>)



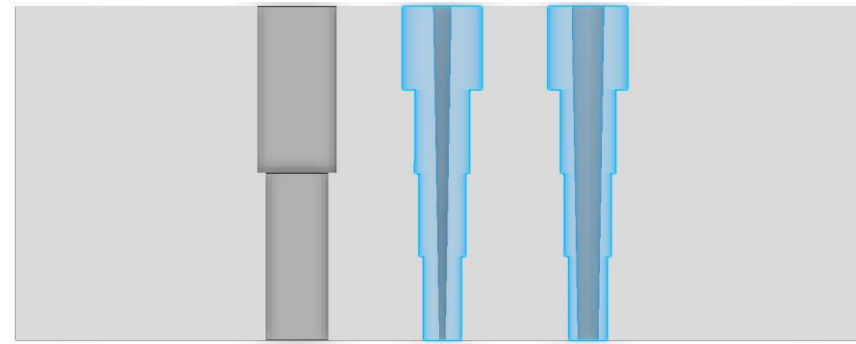
# Neutronics

## PHITS model



# Neutronics

## Shielding H1-8 (Water Target) Result



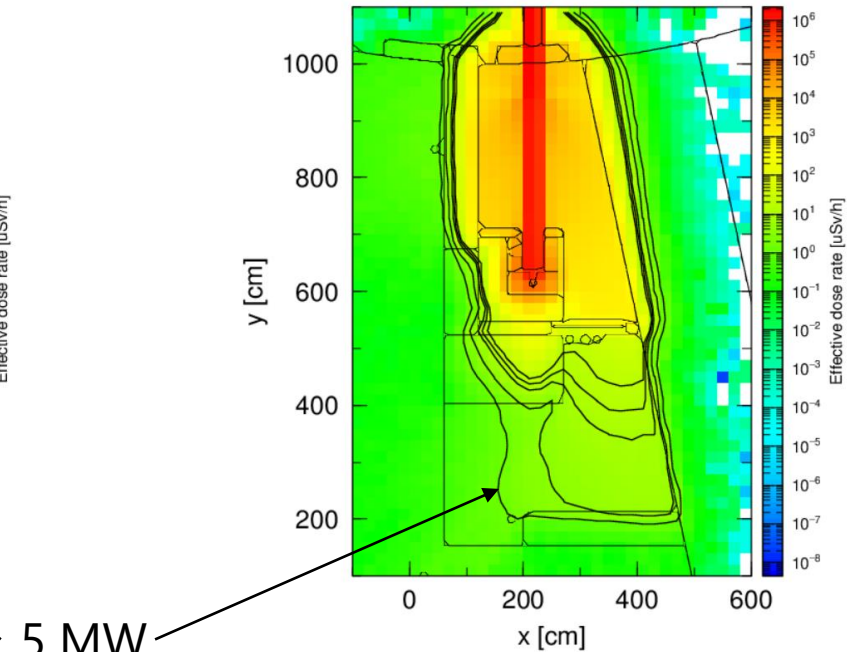
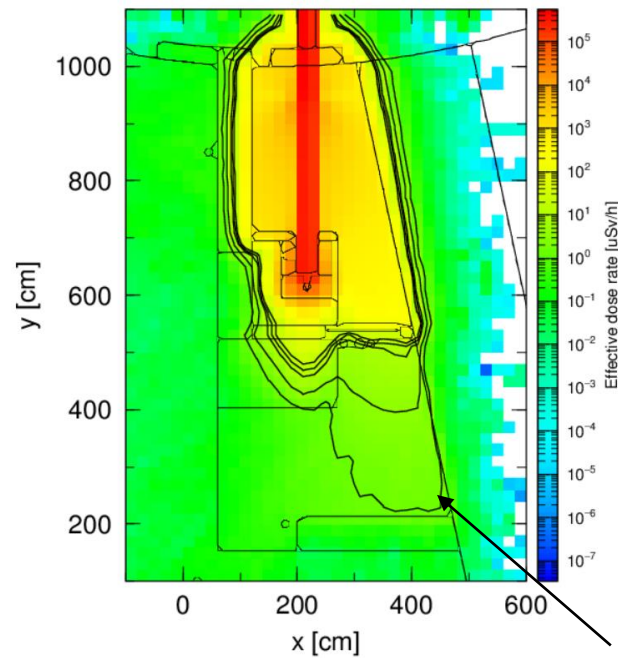
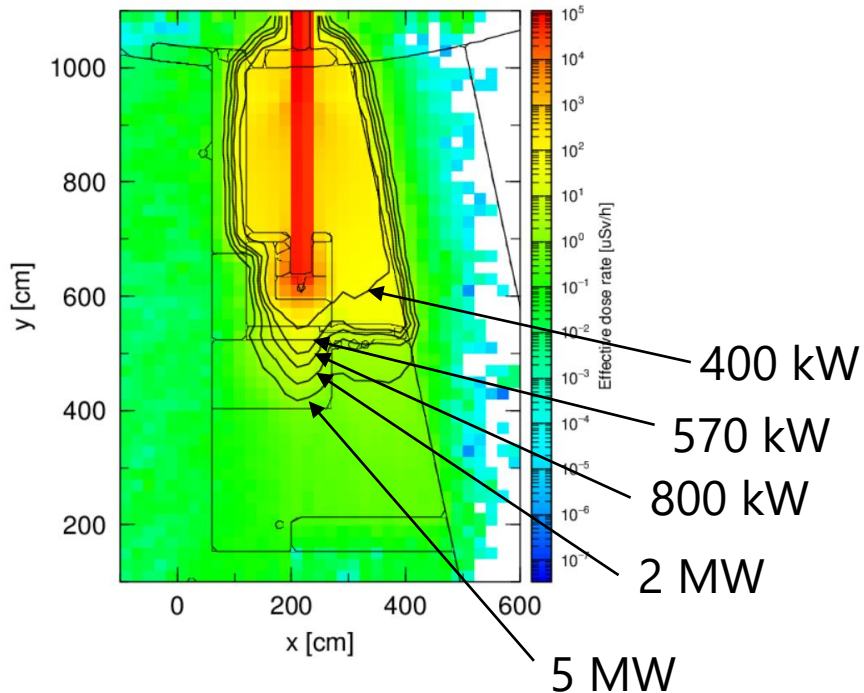
30x25mm 3 mm 10 mm

1.5  $\mu\text{Sv/h}$  contour maps @400 kW to 5WM

3 mm

10 mm

30x25mm



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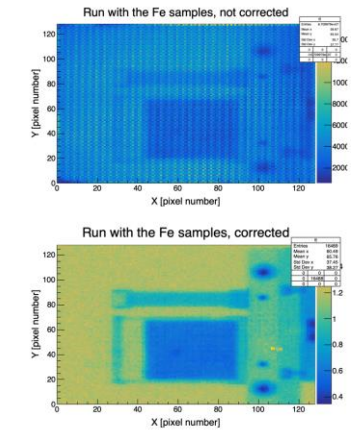
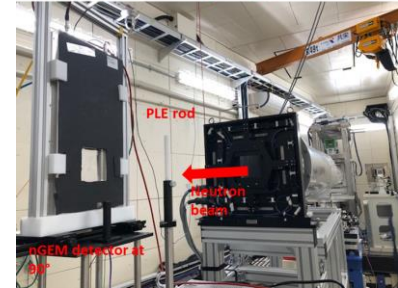
# Test beamline (TBL): Detectors

## nGEM

Detector	nGEM
Type	Micropattern
Neutron converter	$^{10}\text{B}$
Area ( $\text{mm}^2$ )	$100 \times 100$
Time resolution (ns)	15
Spatial resolution (mm)	1
Efficiency @25.3 meV (%)	10
Peak count-rate capacity	4.6 Mcps
Effective peak count-rate	180 kcps



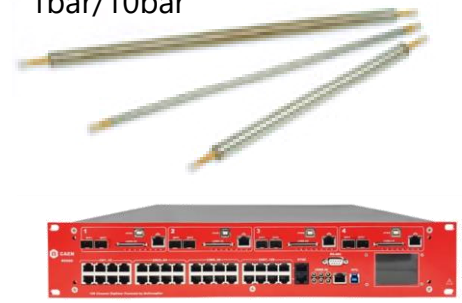
Detector uniformity measured by recording data with a PLE rod (isotropic scattering in 4pi)



*tested @J-PARC: works acc. to specs*

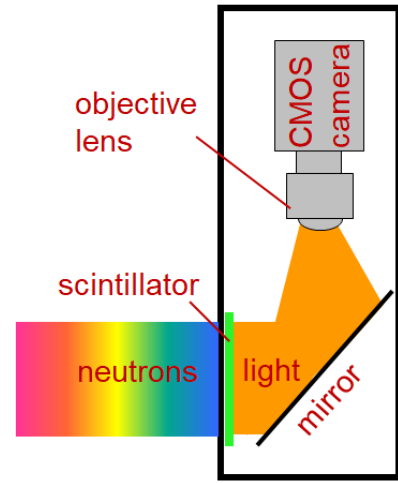
## $^3\text{He}$ PSD tubes

1bar/10bar



## Scintillator

CMOS + gated intensifier

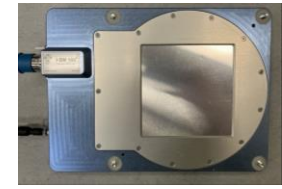


## TPX3cam (LumaCAM)

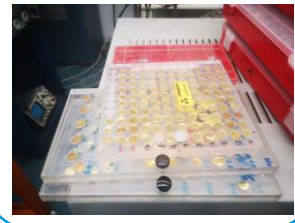


## Beam Monitors

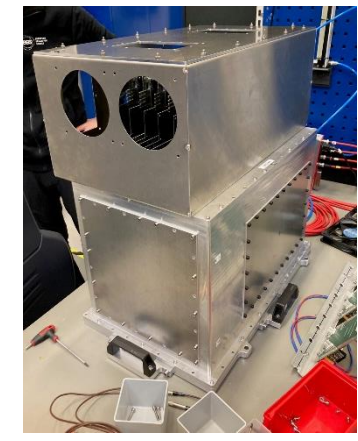
- In bunker (moveable, 5% efficiency)
- In cave (moveable, 5% efficiency)



## Gold foils



## Multiblade





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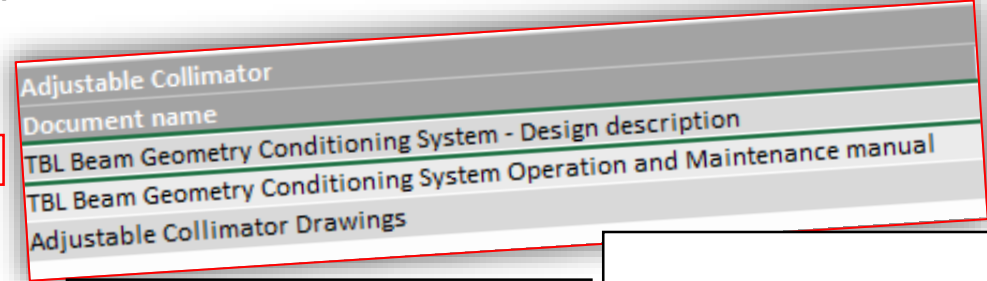


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# Current Challenges

- Drowned in documentation requirements that slow down the 'real work'

Document Name	Component	Status	Expected	Current	Document ID	Release Date
Adjustable Collimator	Adjustable Collimator	Released	Released	Released	ESS-21351	2018-01-15
Document name	TBL Beam Geometry Conditioning System - Design description	Released	Released	Released	ESS-21351	2018-01-15
Document name	TBL Beam Geometry Conditioning System Operation and Maintenance manual	Released	Released	Released	ESS-21351	2018-01-15
Document name	Adjustable Collimator Drawings	Released	Released	Released	ESS-21351	2018-01-15



reviewed + released drawings before any manufacture

Operation + Maintenance Manuals for all components (reviewed + released)

- Very long lead time for internal workshop (e.g. collimators)
- Computing infrastructure for Instrument Control and DAQ: uncertain timeline (is there enough time to implement and test the 'high standard ESS solutions'?)
- Quality gates potentially delaying an already challenging installation schedule
- General lack of designated working space (*work benches, workstation to analyze data; seems hard to imagine – we know...*)

# Questions to STAP



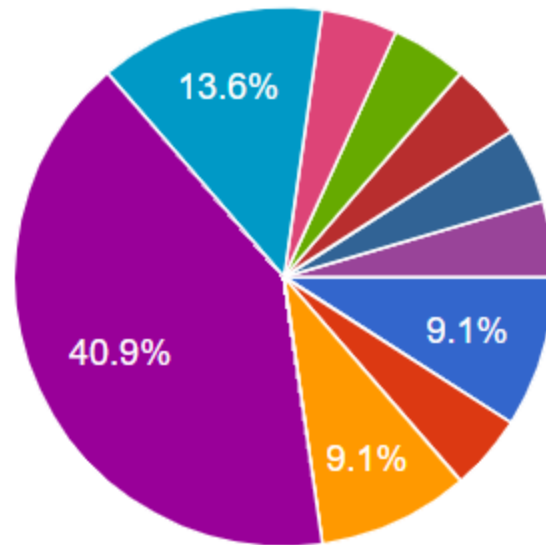
- Are there any 'last minute' design adjustments that TBL should consider?
- Would the STAP advise to take initial neutron data with 'standalone' solutions or using the 'integrated event mode' (EFU) – *'as required by ESS'*?
- Pulse width (and shape) could be done in the beginning (short to long pulse) by a simple diffraction setup – any advise/concern?
- Would the STAP advise for the TBL to play a role for 'First Science at ESS'?

# Questions to STAP

- Should we attempt to re-name (re-brand) the TBL?

## Your vote

22 responses



- Tora - "Testing of Radiation Analyzer"
- Magni - "Multiple Application Giving N..."
- Tyr (pronounced tier) - "Test Your Req..."
- Åse - "A Simple Experimental" Beamline
- Thor - "Test Hub of Radiation"
- Pia - because I fixed the funding:)
- HEL
- YMIR - no acronym. Ymir is the primor...
- Åsna
- DJ
- Yggdrasil





**Thank you!**