

Upgrade of mirror positioning system and sample area of KWS-3 instrument

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Overview

- Motivation for KWS3-Upgrade
- New mirror positioning system
- Compact Mirror Chamber and Apertures
- Sample Area Upgrade (main station)
- Platform improvement
- Upgrade KWS3 schedule
- Summary

KWS3

Klein-Winkel-Streuapparatur

(Small-angle neutron scattering instrument)



- Tool to study structures and particles with sizes just above the atomic scale between 1 and 100 nanometers (nm) in soft matter, scientific material and biological sample. KWS3 is located in the neutron guide hall West of FRM-II.
- With the help of neutron scattering at KWS-3 and KWS-1 has been shown that CO₂ can include more than one hundred millennia in deep geological formations* – an important contribution to avoid catastrophic climate change. A good example, that research with neutrons have real global impact.

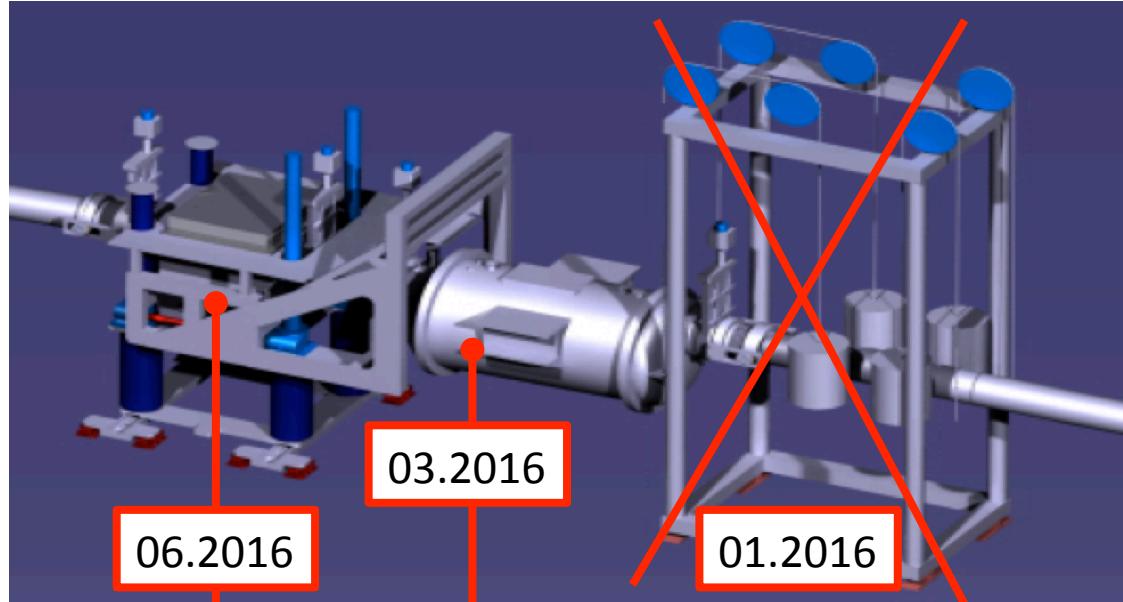
“Observational evidence confirms modelling of the long-term integrity of CO₂-reservoir caprocks” (Nature communications 28.07.16 N. Kampman, A. Busch, V. Pipich at. all.)

Motivation for KWS3-Upgrade

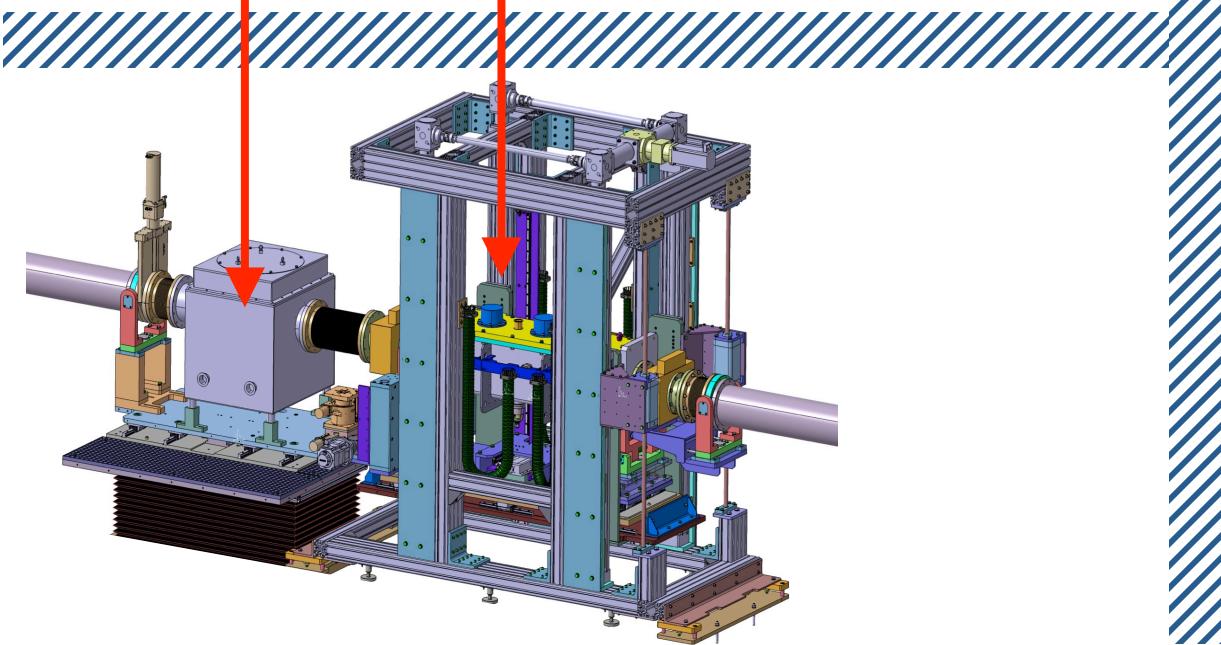


Neutron Guide Hall West -
historical pictures from "old" KWS3

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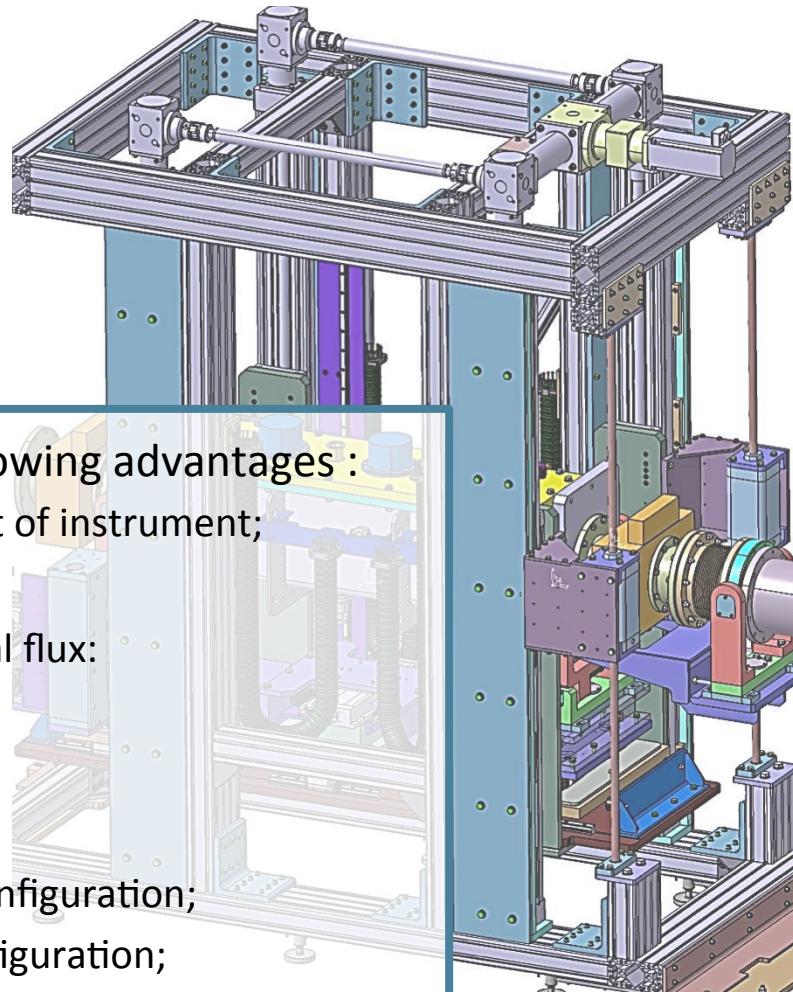


Before



After

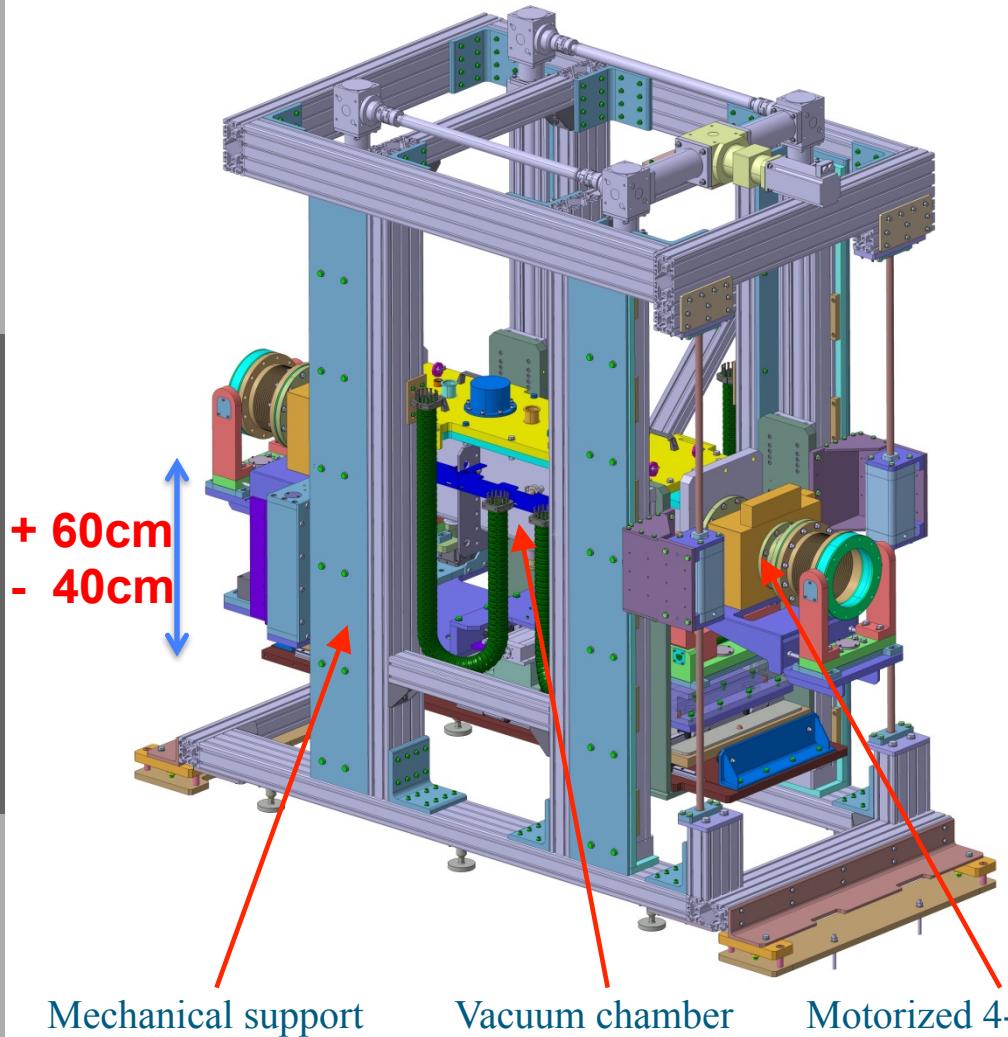
New mirror positioning system



Through the upgrade we have achieved the following advantages :

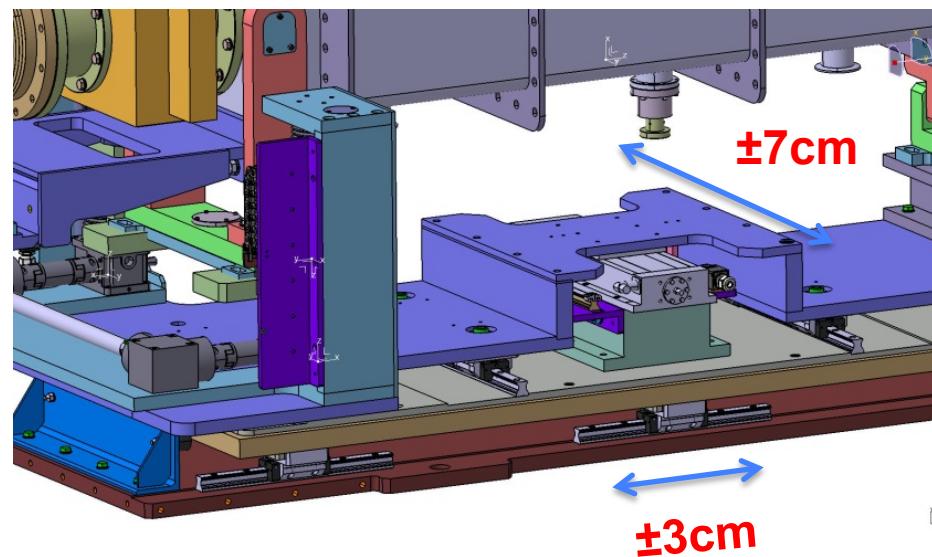
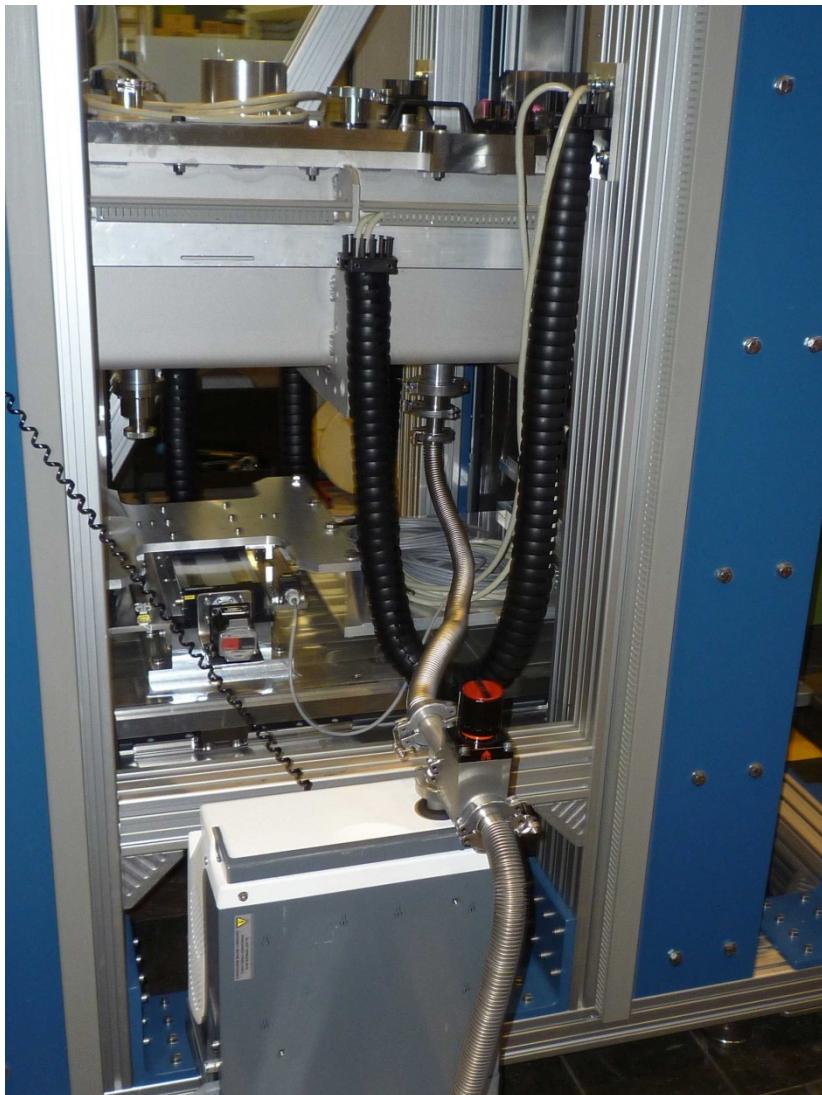
- mechanical decoupling of focusing system and rest of instrument;
- easy-adjustment of the focus;
- possibility to select position of mirror with maximal flux:
 - in horizontal plane;
 - in vertical plane;
- vertical angulation:
 - $-0.5^\circ \dots 5^\circ [0 \dots 0.12\text{\AA}^{-1}]$ in “mirror-down” configuration;
 - $-5^\circ \dots 0.5^\circ [-0.12 \dots 0 \text{\AA}^{-1}]$ in “mirror-up” configuration;
- horizontal angulation: $\pm 0.05^\circ$

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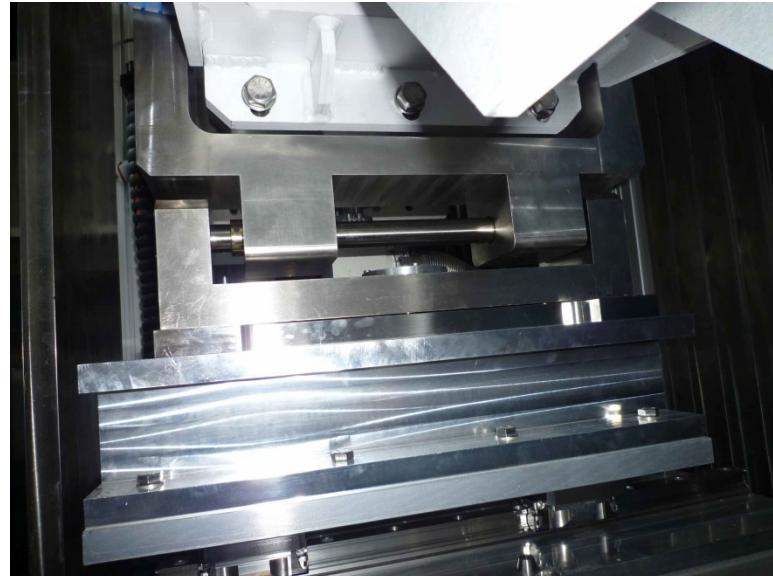
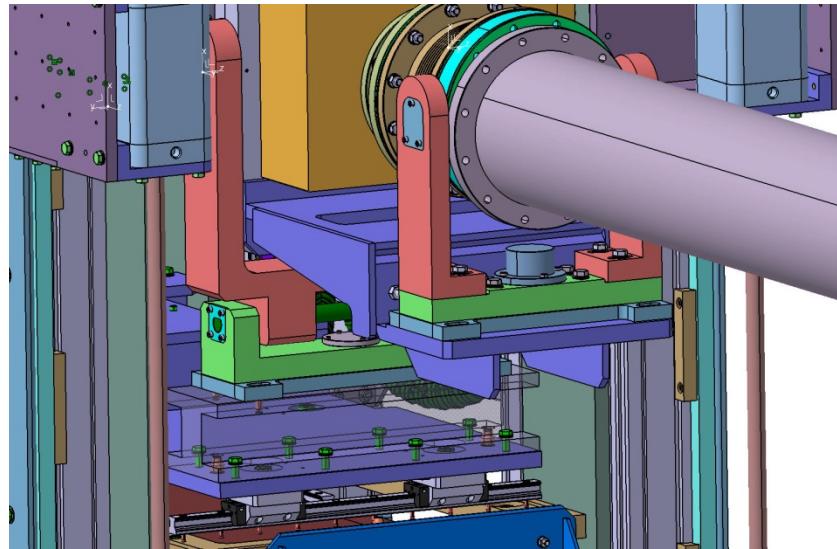
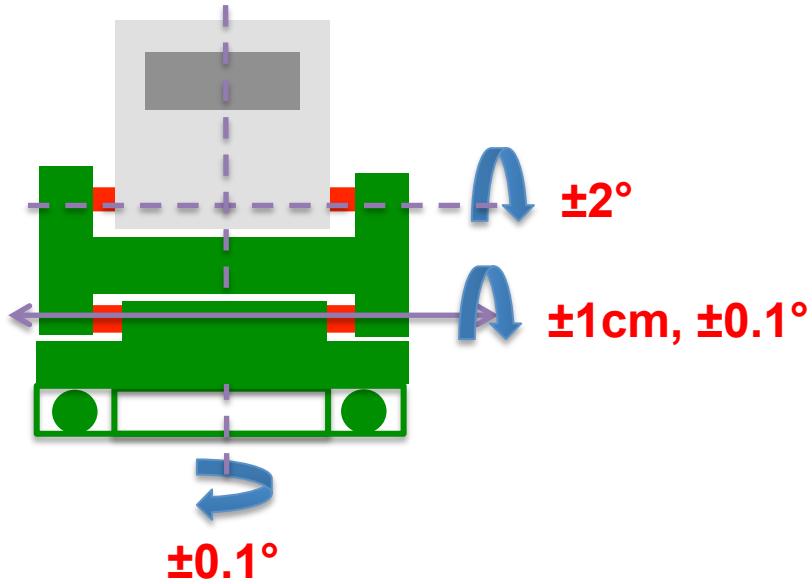


- Position of the vacuum chamber will be supported by the brake.
- The vacuum chamber would be held by the brake even if the coupling should fail.

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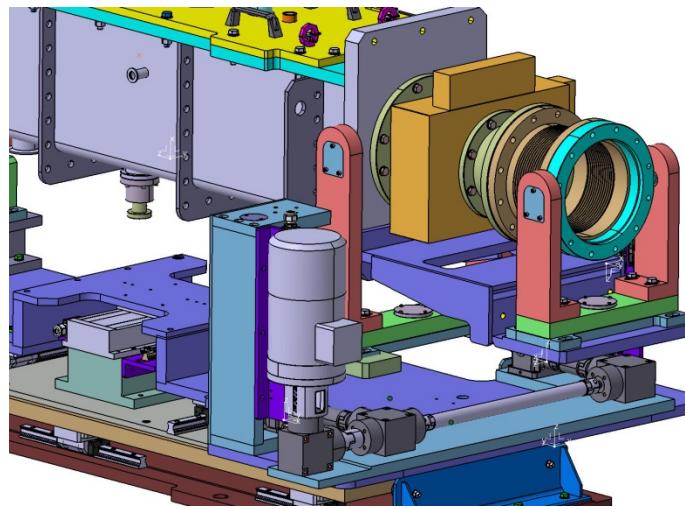
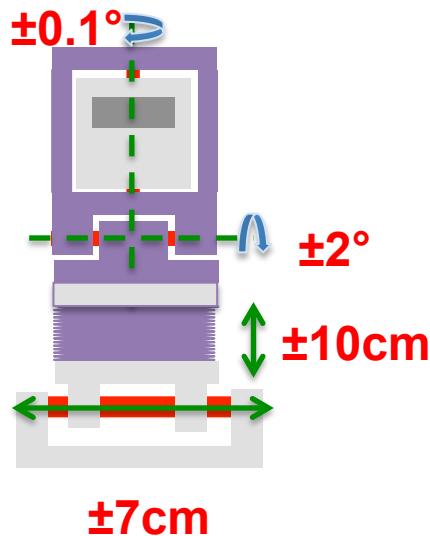


New mirror positioning system



beam entry

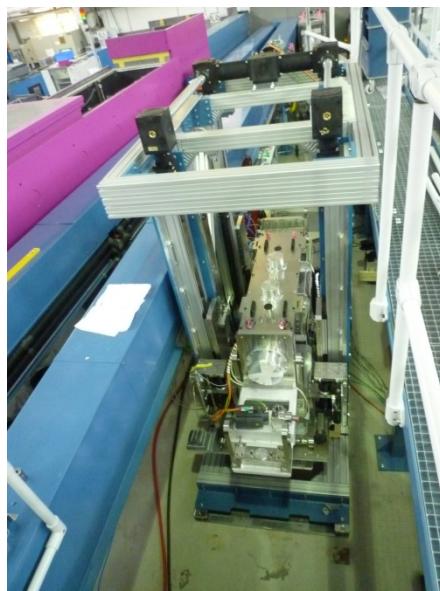
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beam exit



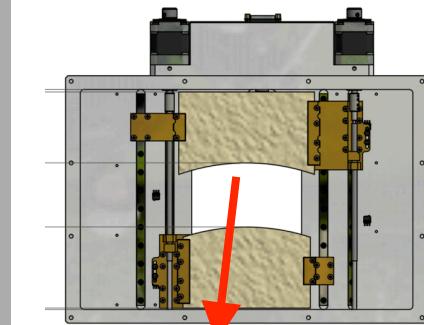
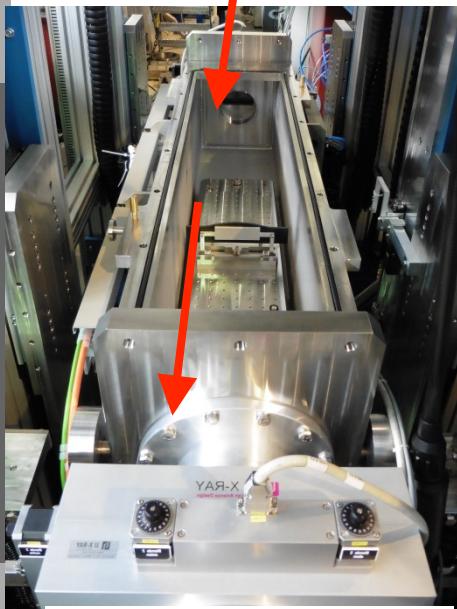
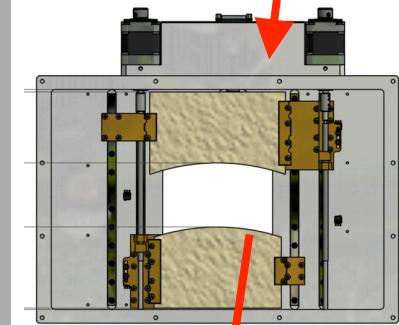
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- New mirror positioning system:
mechanics, electrics, programs
installation in Garching
(March 2016)

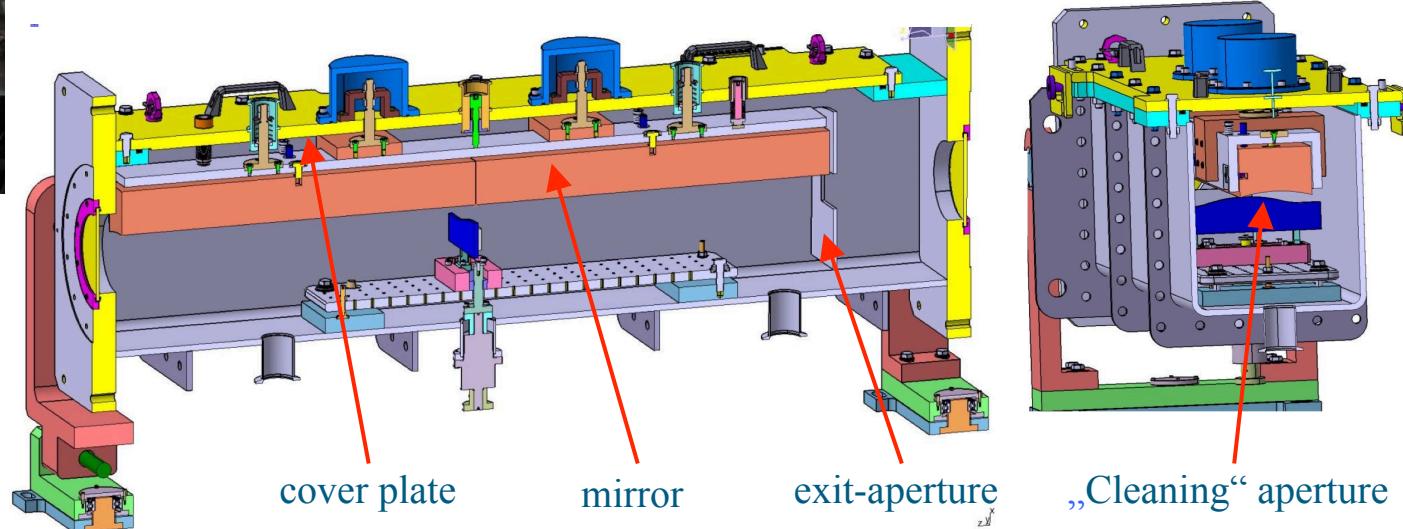
- Before, we have tested each
component of this system in
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Mirror Chamber and Apertures

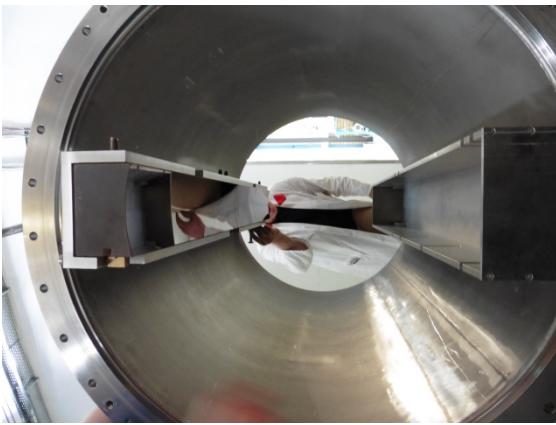
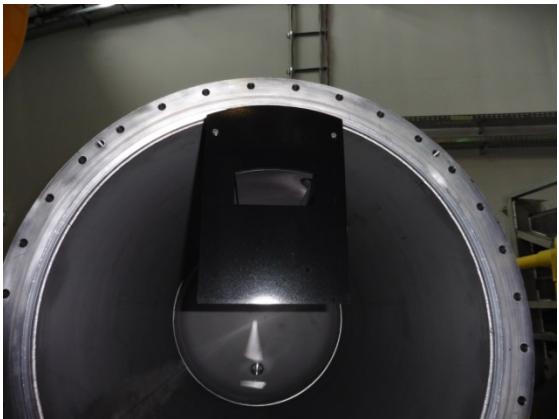


Through the upgrade we have achieved the following advantages:

- “compact” mirror chamber body;
- mirror is fixed at cover-plate, easy and safe installation;
- sapphire windows , separated vacuum, preventing of mirror damaging;
- adoption of old mirror-fixing-model with 3-point-adjustment;
- ready for guiding-field: inside or outside;
- new system of beam “definition”. “Clean” beam with new apertures:
 - 4-blade aperture with mirror profile in front of the mirror;
 - 4-blade aperture with mirror profile after the mirror;
 - 1-blade aperture with mirror profile in the middle of the mirror;

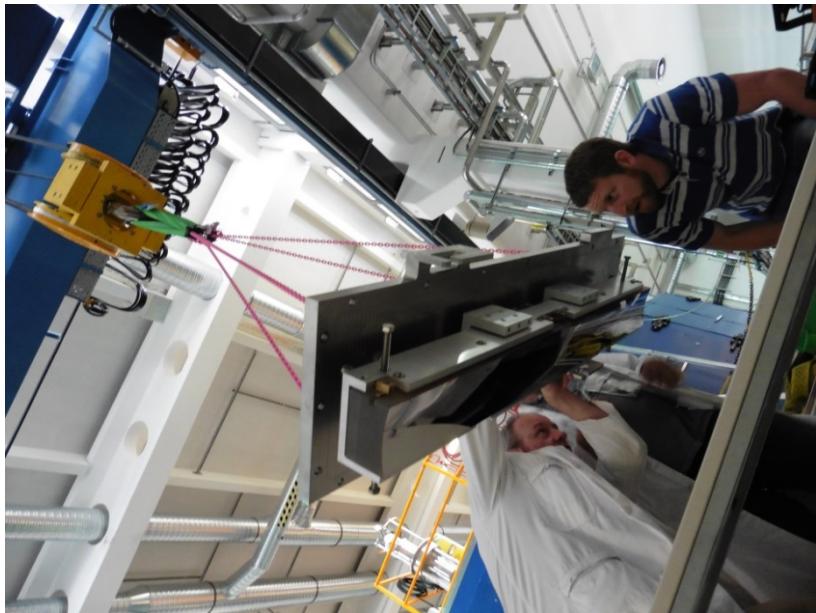
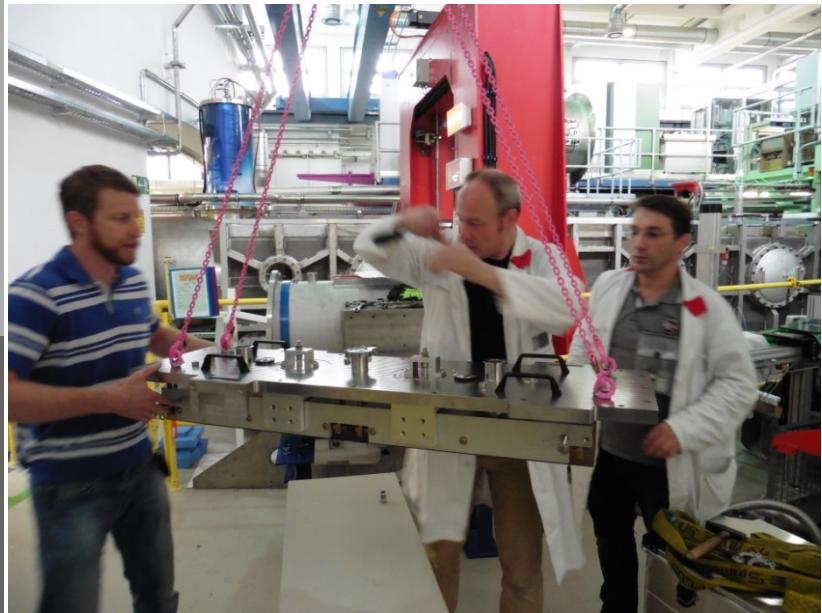


Mirror Chamber and Apertures



- The mirror is the “heart” of the system
- Smallest pollution can damage the surface of the mirror

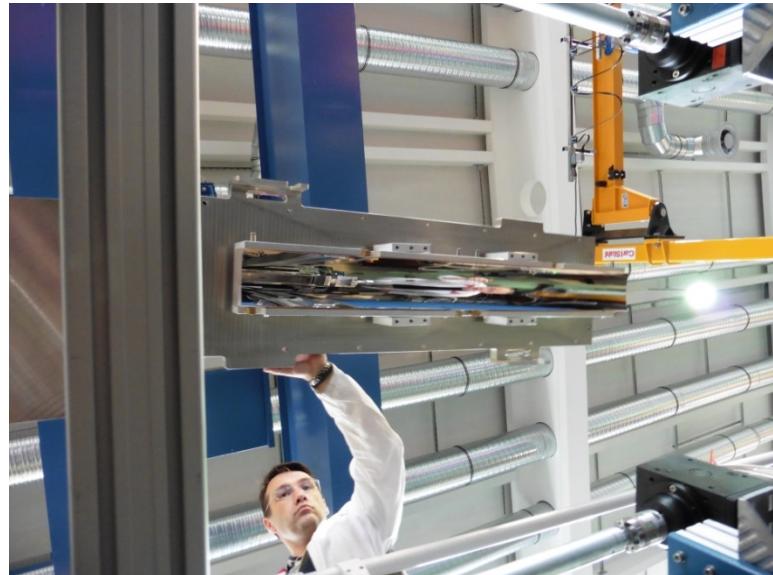
Mirror Chamber and Apertures



„Mirror transplations surgeons“

Simon Staringer Marco Goedel Harald Kusche
Coordinator

- Reconstruction of the mirror was very difficult, similar to “heart transplantation”.

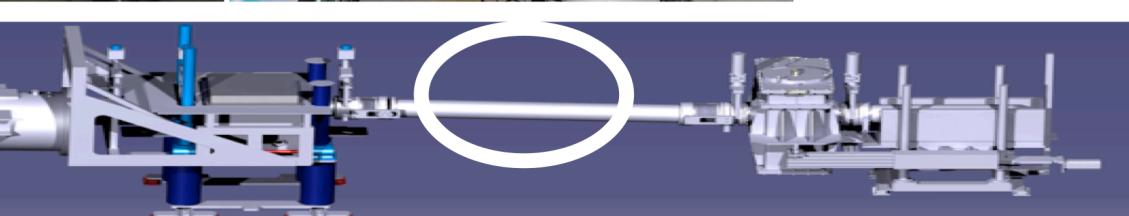


Sample Area upgrade

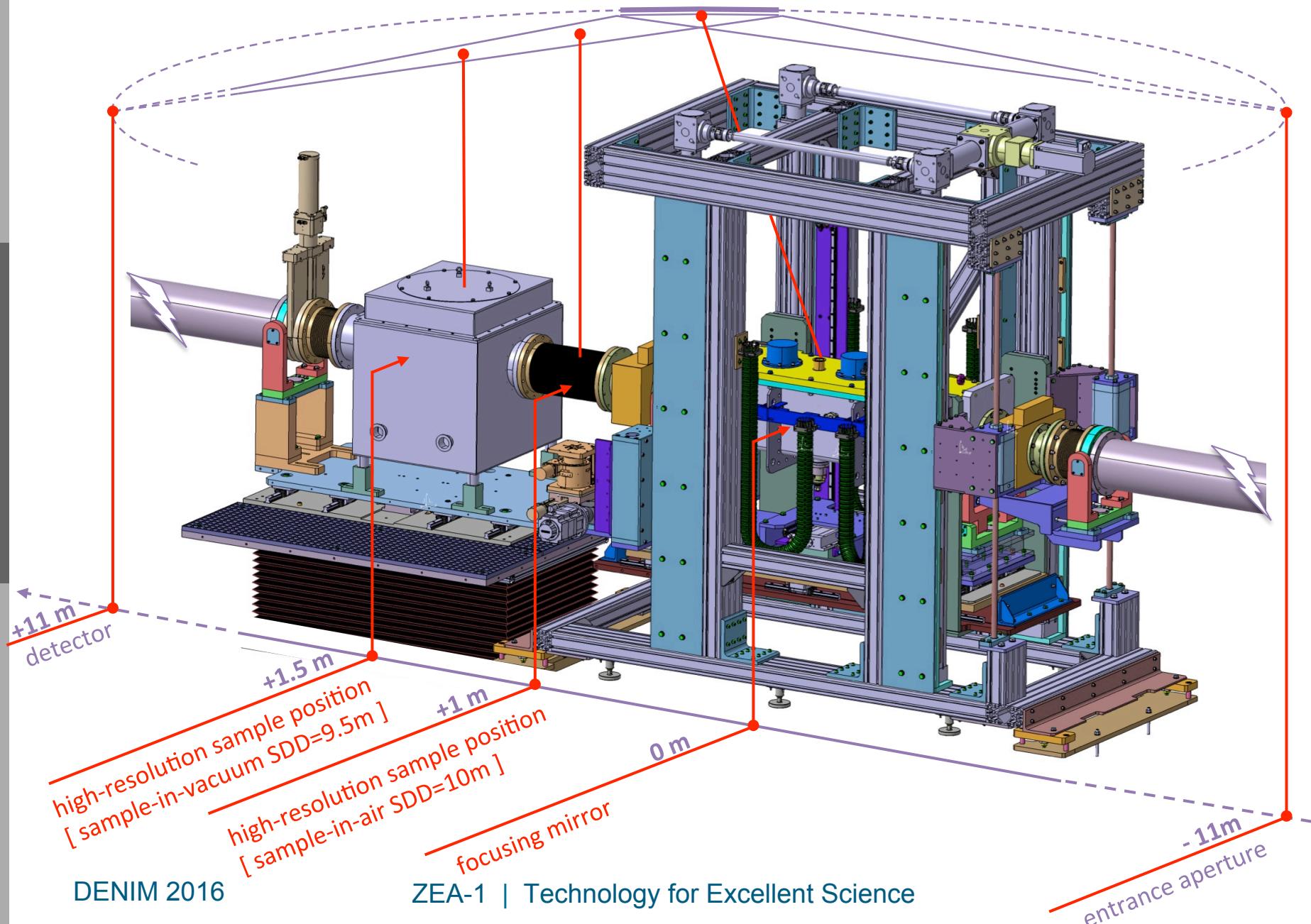


Several options for the use of sample environment equipment's @ KWS-3

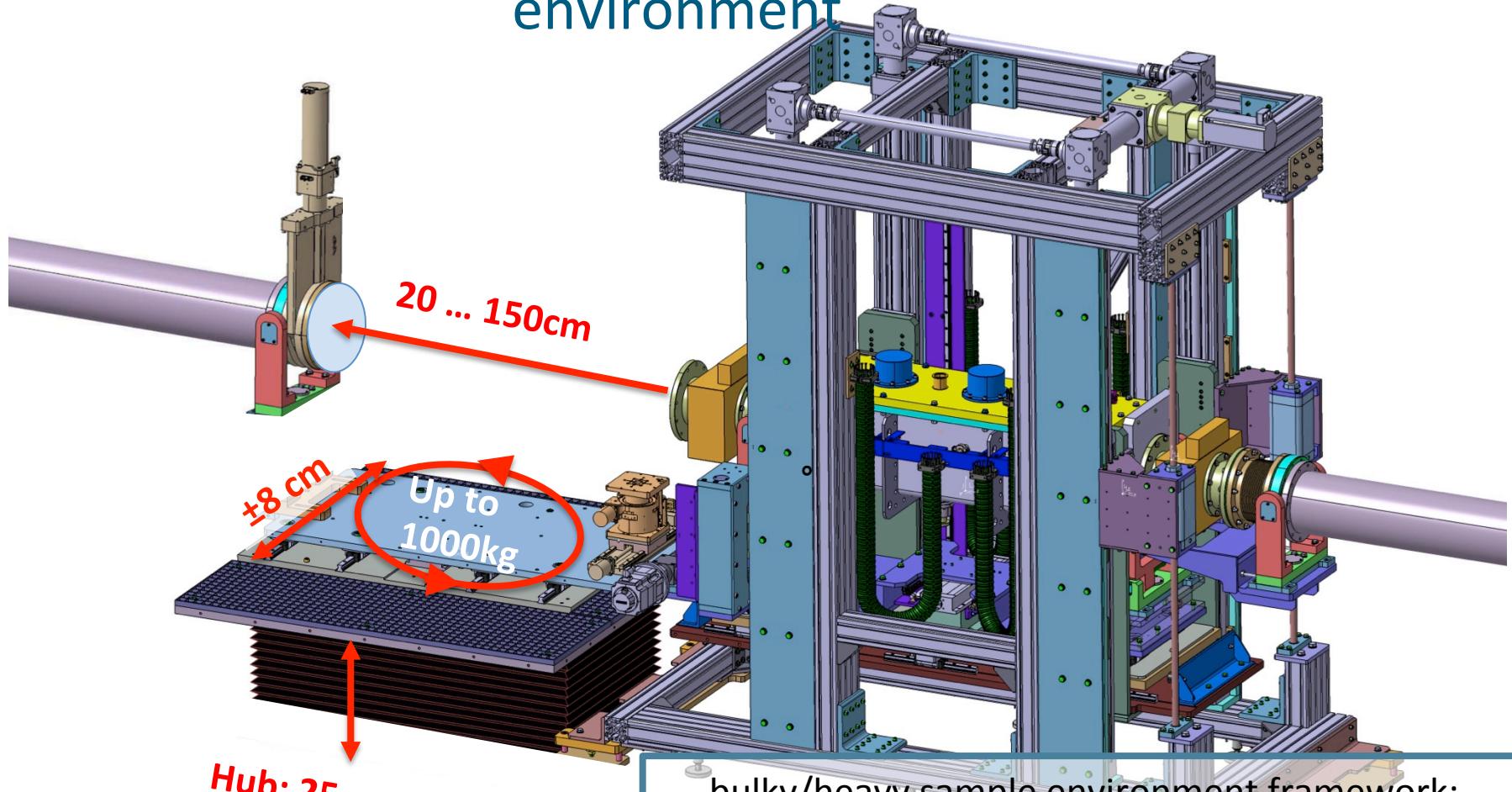
- CD₄/CO₂ gas pressure cell :: up to 0.6 kBar, up to 2x2cm² aperture;
- liquid pressure cell :: up to 5kBar, Ø 8mm aperture;
- 5T horizontal magnet, with cryostat and He₃-insert;
- 0.6T compact horizontal magnet , with cryostat and He₃-insert;
- 2.2T vertical electromagnet;
- Biologic Stopped-flow mixer [1x1cm²];
- rheometer;
- sample-rotating-holders, > Ø 20 mm aperture;
- cryostat with sapphire windows;
- ...



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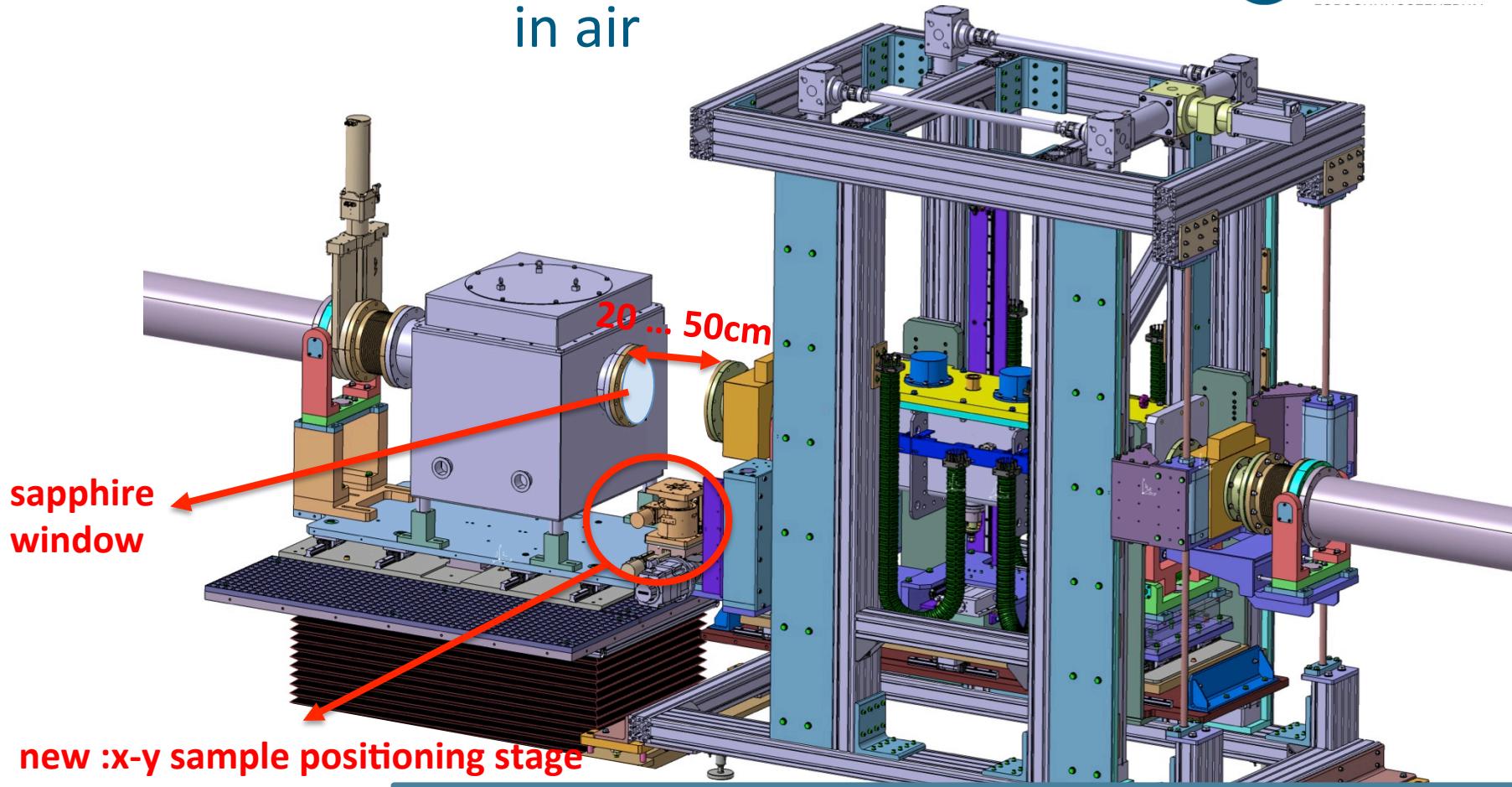


Sample Positioning of bulky/heavy sample environment



- bulky/heavy sample environment framework;
- adjustable clearance;
- up to 1000 kg;
- x,y- positioning + rotation;
- removable vacuum chamber;

High-Resolution Sample Position for samples in air



new :x-y sample positioning stage

- adjustable “clearance”;
- perfect solution for middle-size sample environment:
rheometers, pressure cells, magnets, cryostats, ovens, ...
- >5% instrument resolution improvement;
- easy-access for mounting and sample-change;
- KWS-3 crane could support all actions here...

Sample Area upgrade lifting table (Com. ITWH)



Payload: 1000 kg

Dimensions basic frame : 1,3 mx0,8 m

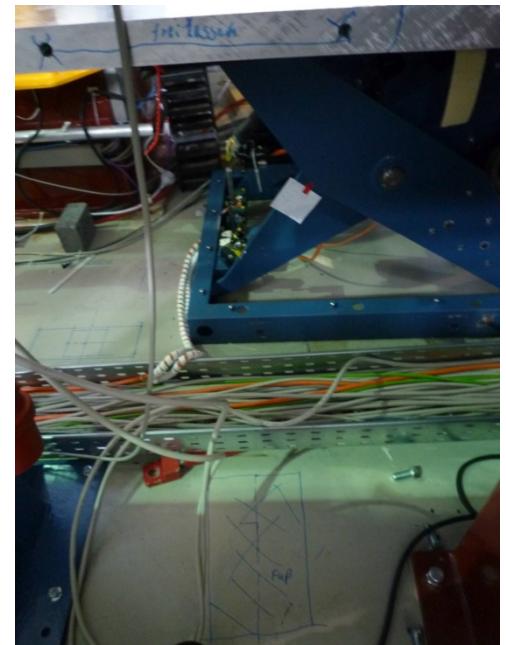
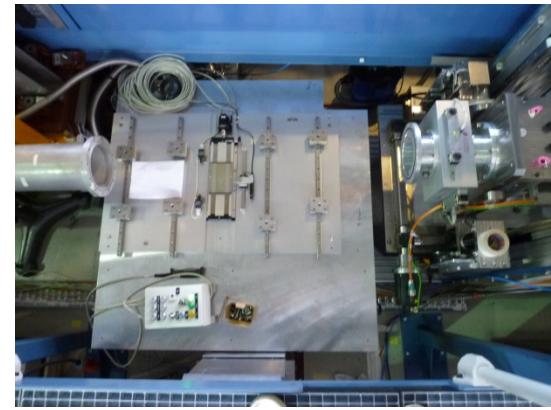
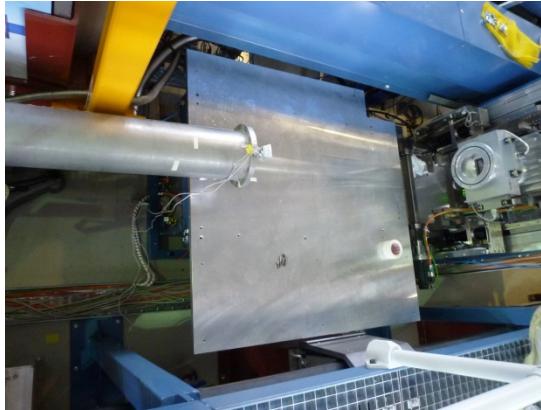
Lift height + reserve : 0,75 m

retracted height lift table: 0,17m

Lifting speed 50 mm/s

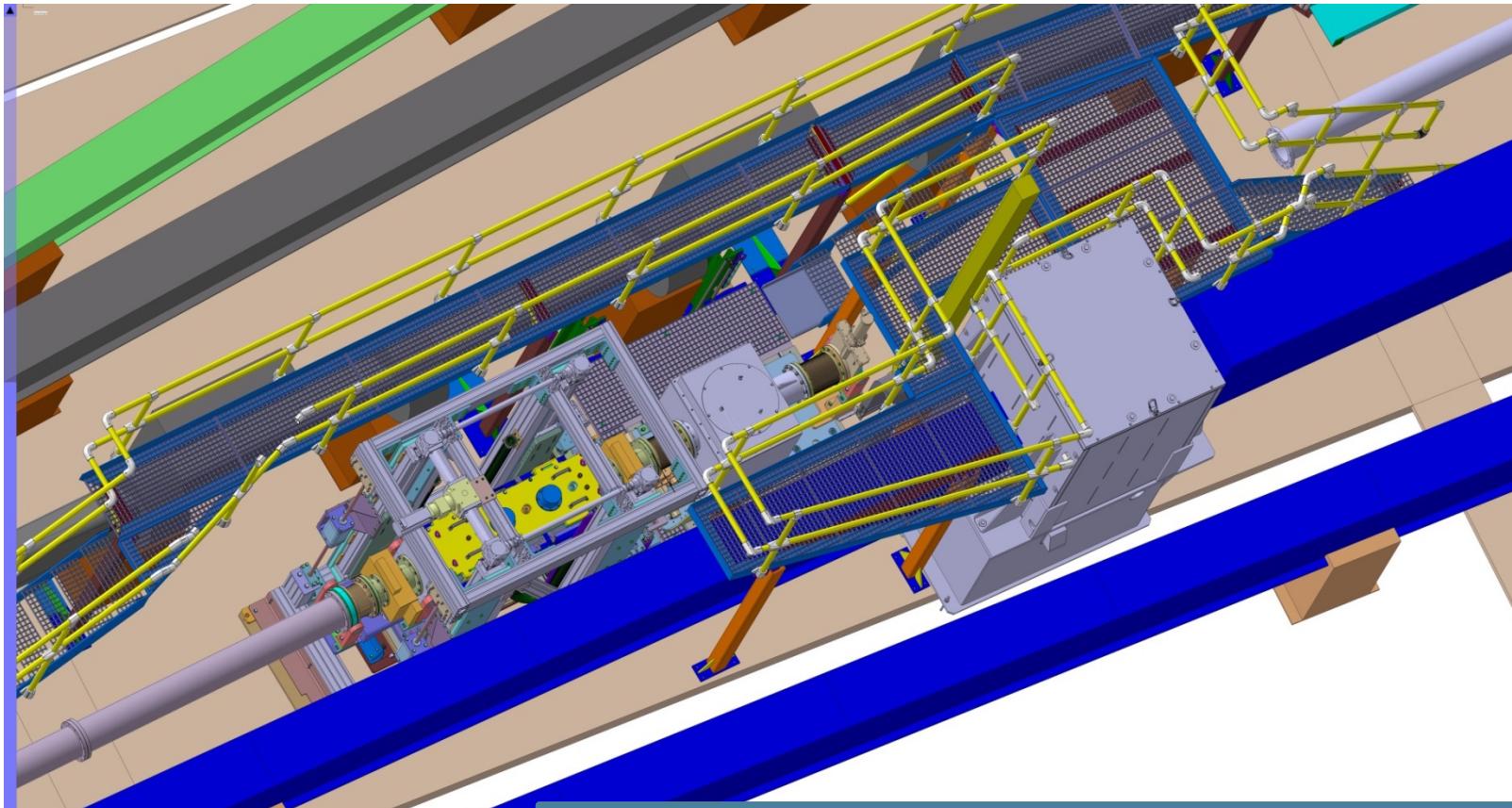
Positioning accuracy: better as+/-0,5 mm

Sample Area upgrade lifting table



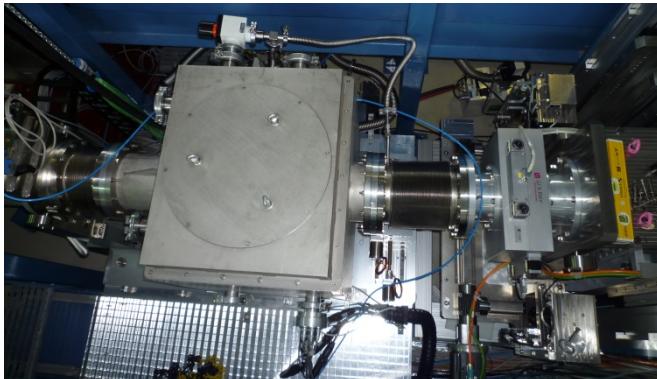
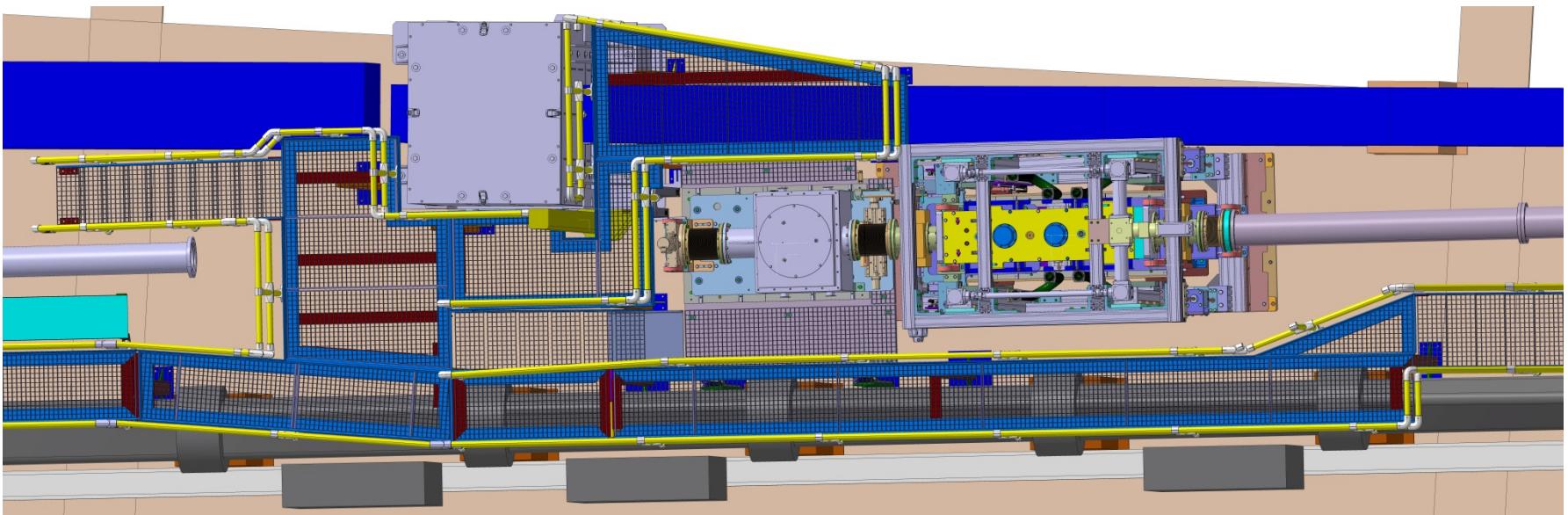
Lifting table mechanics and electrics
installation - Juni 2016.
Commissioning and programming - Juni/
Juli 2016

Platform improvement



- access to the sample position through the platform by a staircase
- improved accessibility;
- more space for off-beam sample environment parts;
- very efficient space usage;
- improved logistics...

Platform improvement



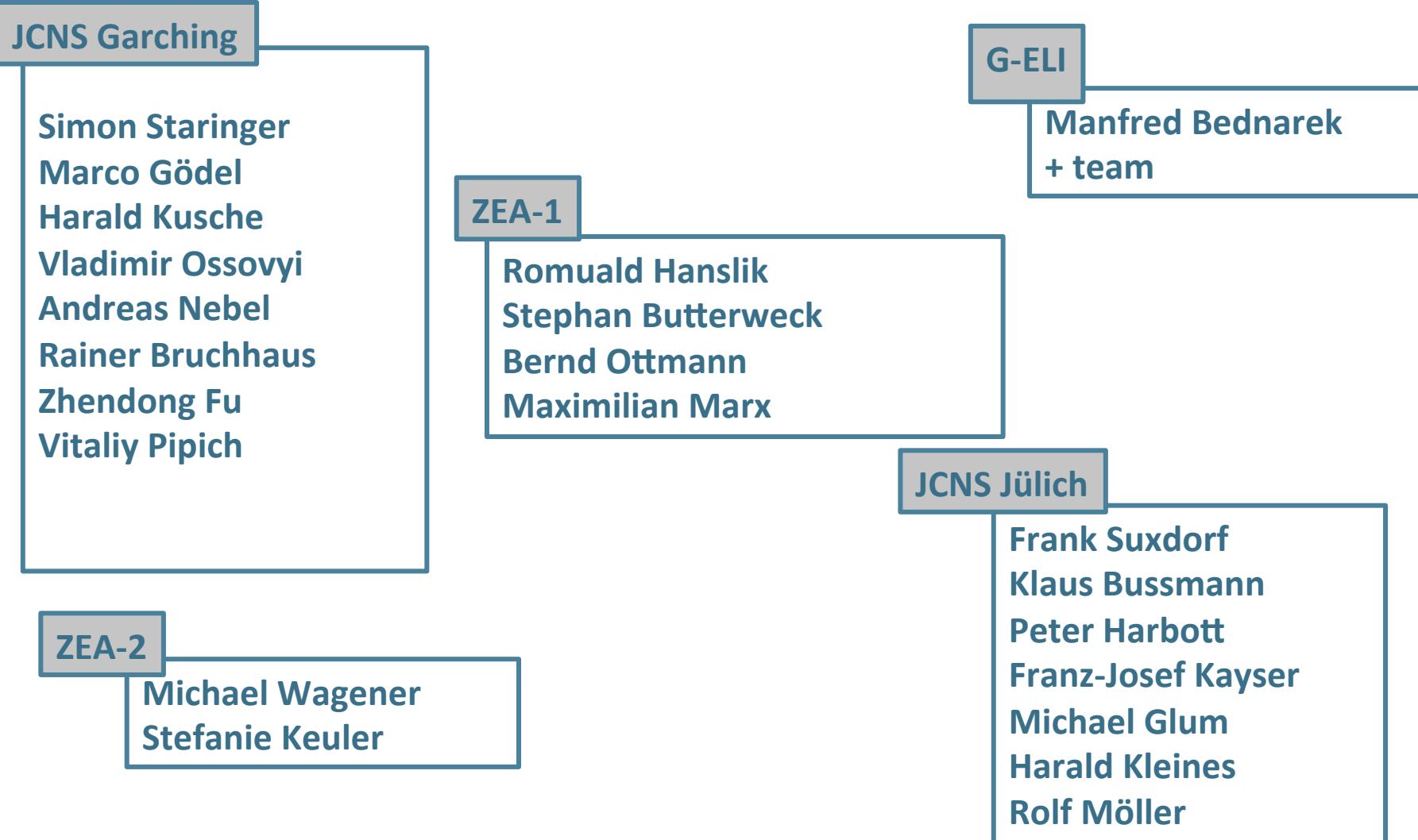
Upgrade of KWS3 – Schedule

- Development-Start of KWS3- New mirror positioning system with vacuum chamber Feb. 2014
 - Fabrication drawings March-May 2015
 - Manufacturing March-Nov. 2015
 - Assembling and Test at ZEA-1 Dec.-Feb. 2016
 - Assembling and Commissioning in the NGH-West March 2016

Upgrade of KWS3 – Schedule

“On time, in budget” – 310k€ was charged / 290k€ was budgeted

Team core



Summary

- In this talk was presented the crucial upgrade of the mirror positioning system and sample area.
- Within this project the focusing system was redesigned and mechanically separated from sample area and detection part of the instrument in order to improve the stability of the focusing system, precision of the mirror positioning system and instrument resolution.
- Integration of two motorized 4-blade slit systems (just before and after mirror) and additional “cleaning” blade (below mirror) improved signal-to-noise ratio of the neutron beam.
- In addition, sample area was upgraded to improve access for mounting and sample-change, sample environment integration.

Thank you for your attention