

VI Школа по физике поляризованных нейтронов «ФПН–2017»

Замедлители нейтронов на источнике ИБР-2 и возможности использования существующих технологий для компактного источника нейтронов

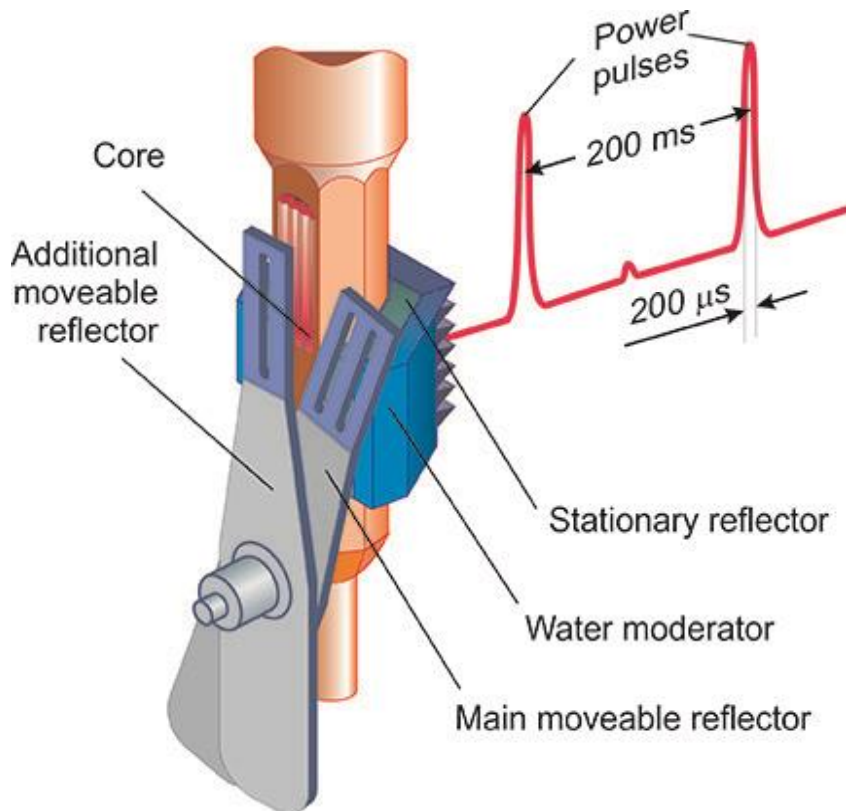
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IBR-2 Pulsed research reactor

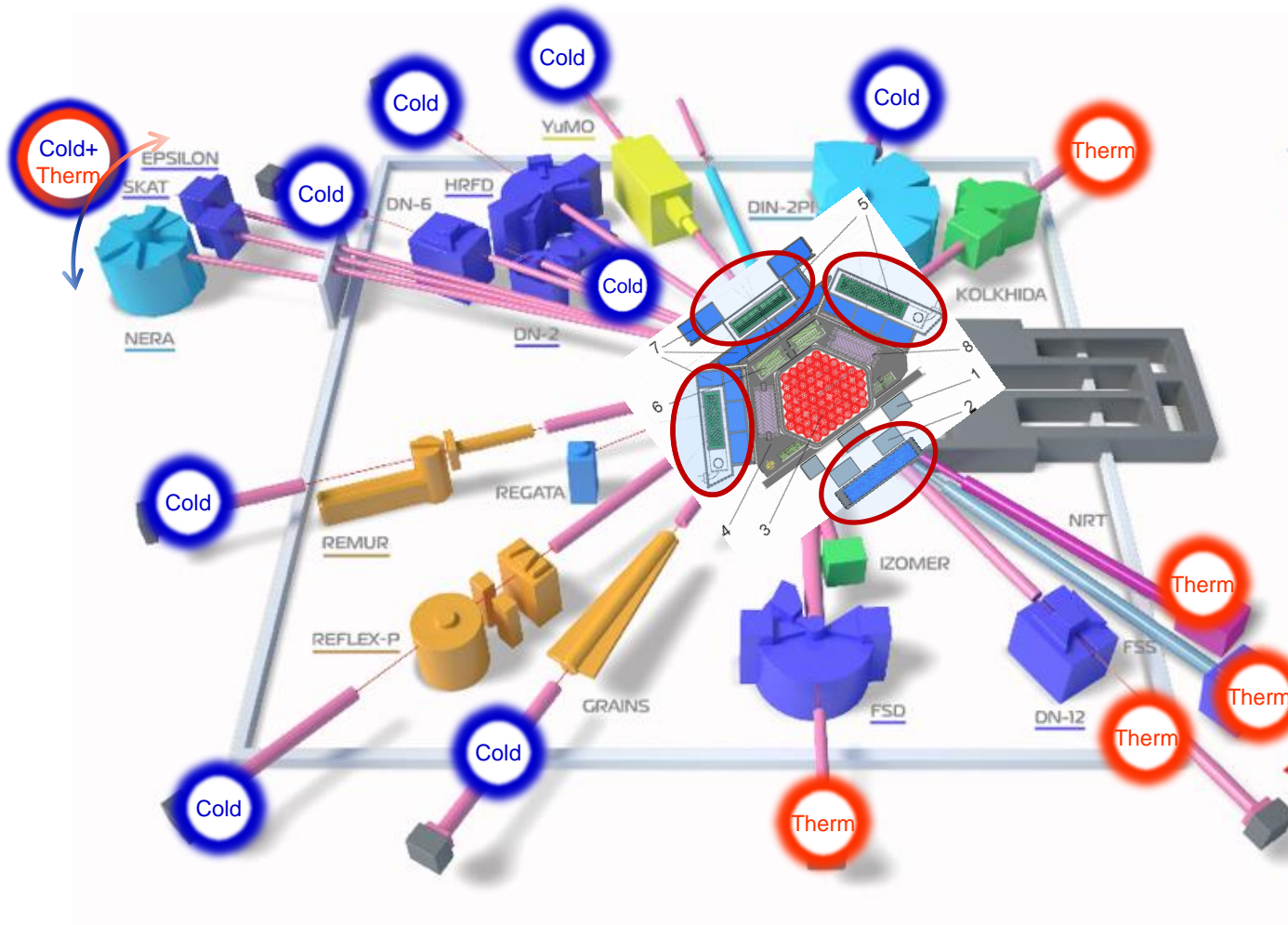


Average power, MW	2
Burst power, MW	1830
Fuel	PuO ₂
Number of fuel assemblies	69
Maximum burnup, %	9
Pulse repetition rate, Hz	5; 10
Pulse half-width, μs:	
fast neutrons	200
thermal neutrons	340
Rotation rate, rev/min:	
main reflector	600
auxiliary reflector	300
MMR and AMR material	nickel + steel
MR service life, hours	55000
Background, %	7.5
Thermal neutron flux density from the surface of the moderator:	
- time average	~ 10 ¹³ n/cm ² ·s
- burst maximum	~ 10 ¹⁶ n/cm ² ·s

Reactor operation for physics experiments, hr/year ~2500



Complex of bi-spectral moderators of the IBR-2 reactor (cold moderators and grooved water moderators)



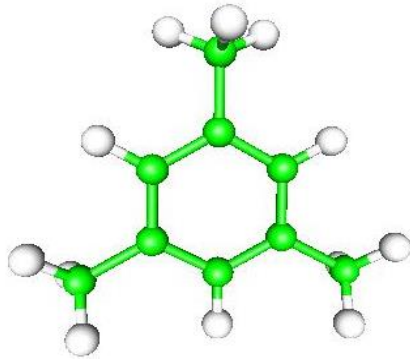
- Diffraction**
DN-2, DN-12, DN-6, FSD, FSS, HRFD, SKAT, EPSILON
- Small-angle scattering**
YuMO
- Reflectometry**
GRAINS, REFLEX-P, REMUR
- Inelastic scattering**
DIN-2PI, NERA
- Nuclear Physics**
ISOMER, KOLKHIDA
- Neutron Activation Analysis**
REGATA
- Neutron imaging**
NRT



Solid mesitylene as a material for cold moderators

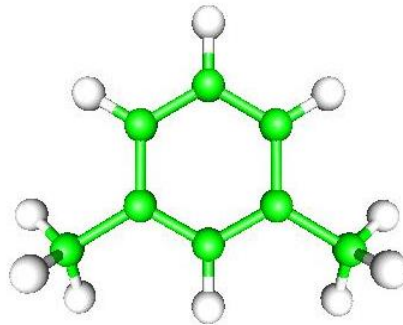
Solid beads of the frozen mixture of mesitylene and *m*-xylene

mesitylene



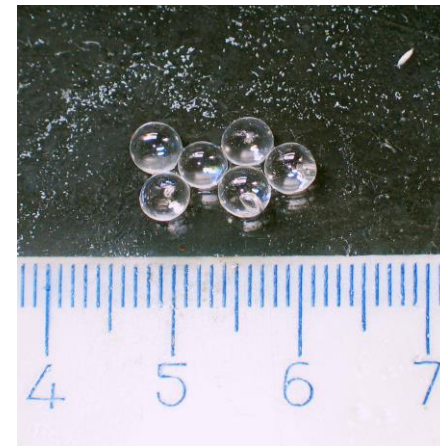
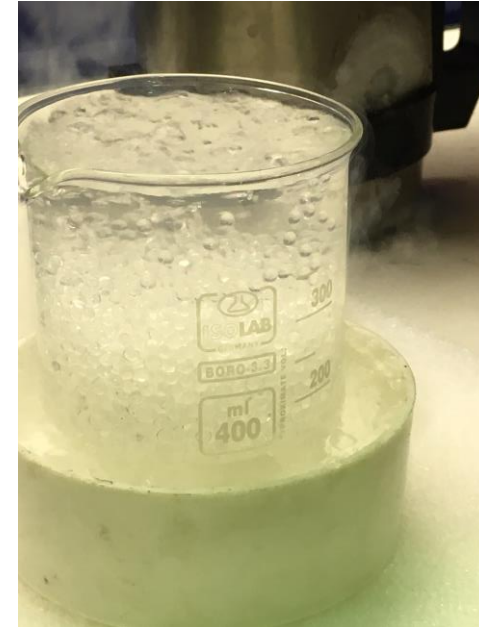
$T_m = 227 \text{ K}$

m-xylene



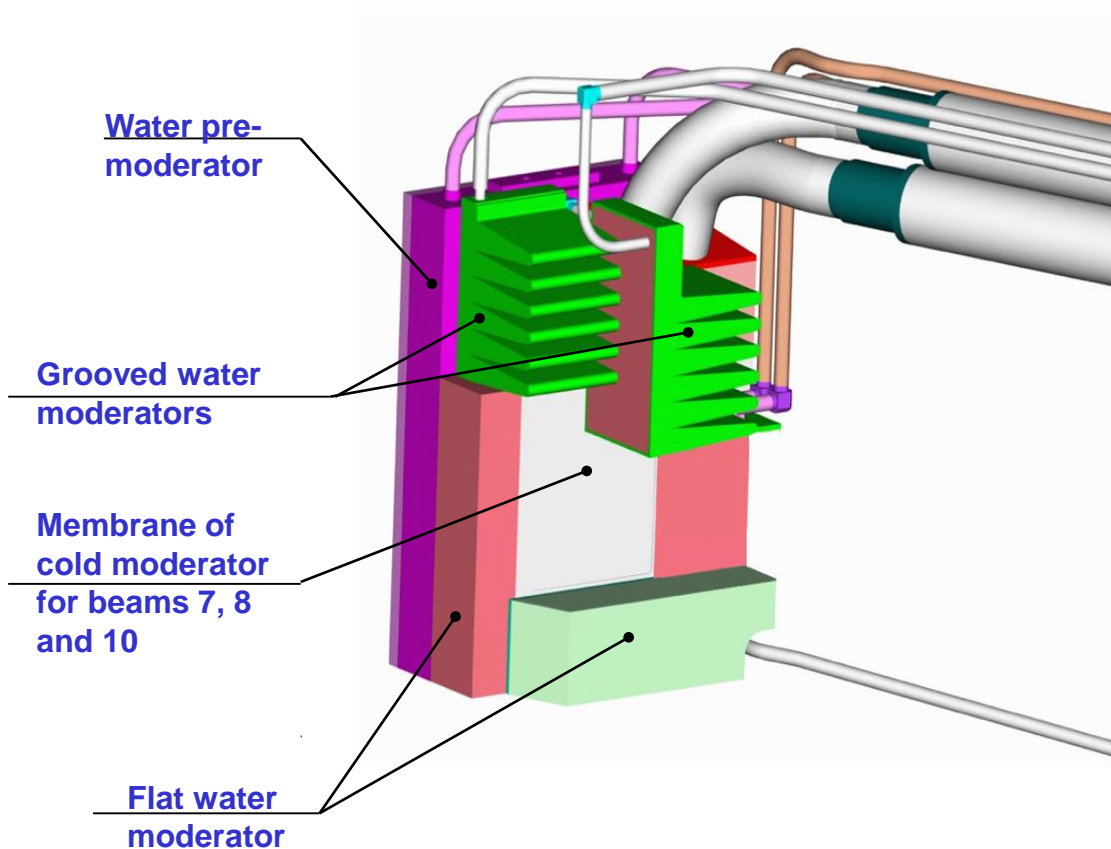
$T_m = 225 \text{ K}$

- Mixture of mesitylene with *m*-xylene or pseudocumene is of glassy structure and has good neutron thermalization property and radiation resistance (no reaction of recombination of radicals).
- Not explosive material.
- Wide range of working temperatures of cold moderator: 20 - 150 K.



Bi-spectral moderator for beams 7,8,10,11

(neutrons for 6 existing instruments + 1 instrument is under construction)

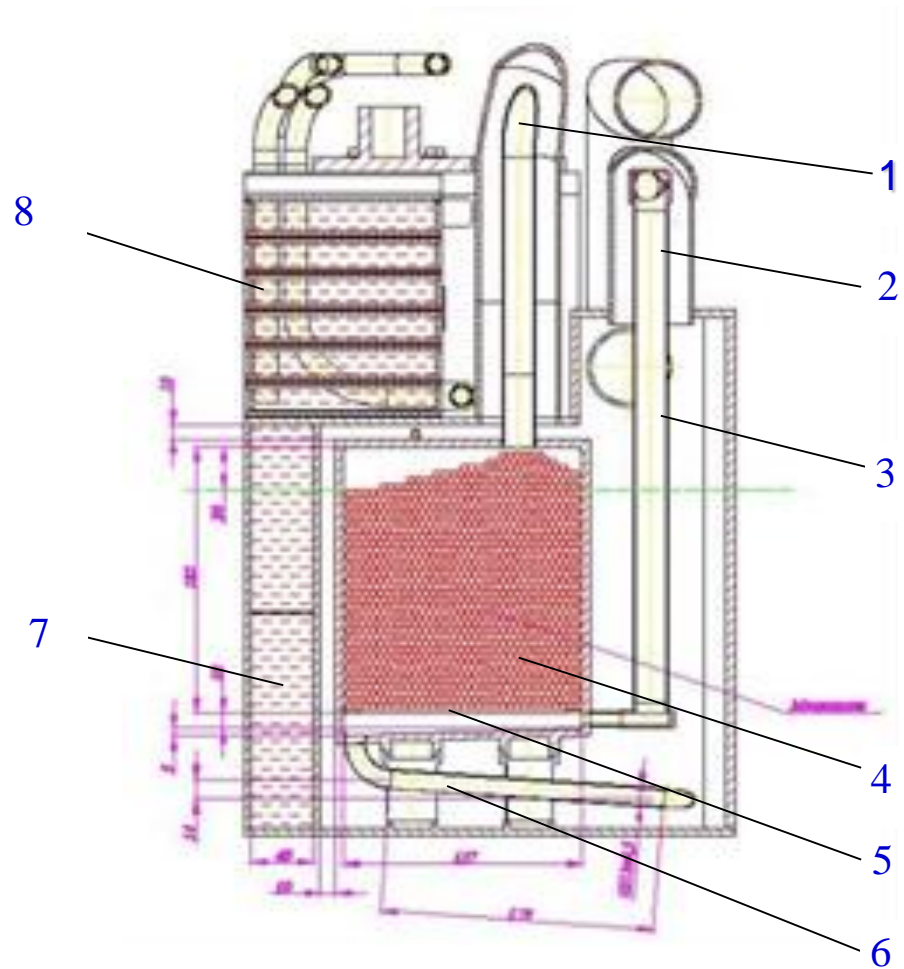


- Dimension of bi-spectral moderator: $405 \times 335 \times 261 \text{ mm}^3$ (cold moderator: $200 \times 150 \times 40 \text{ mm}^3$)
- One load of beads is about 25000. Loading time ~ 5 hours.
- The average temperature of cold moderator is 30 K (23 K).
- The moderator already worked for experiments on extracted beams more than 3000 hours.
- One run is ~10 days without changing the loaded material.

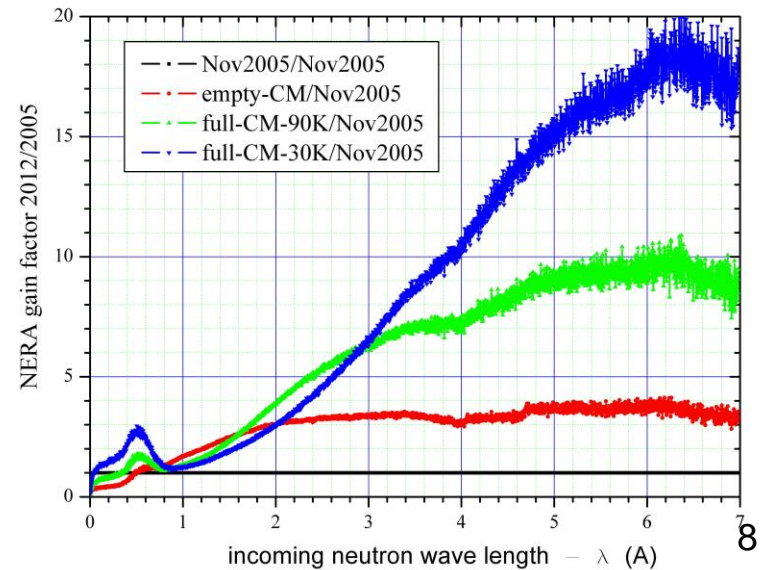
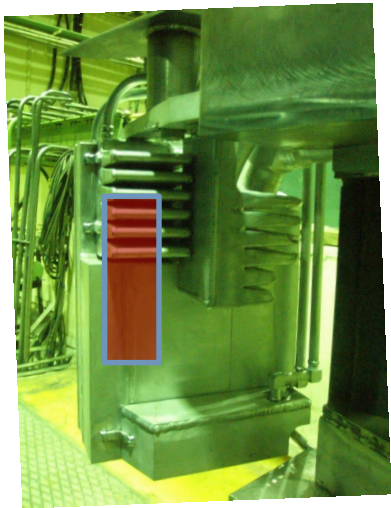
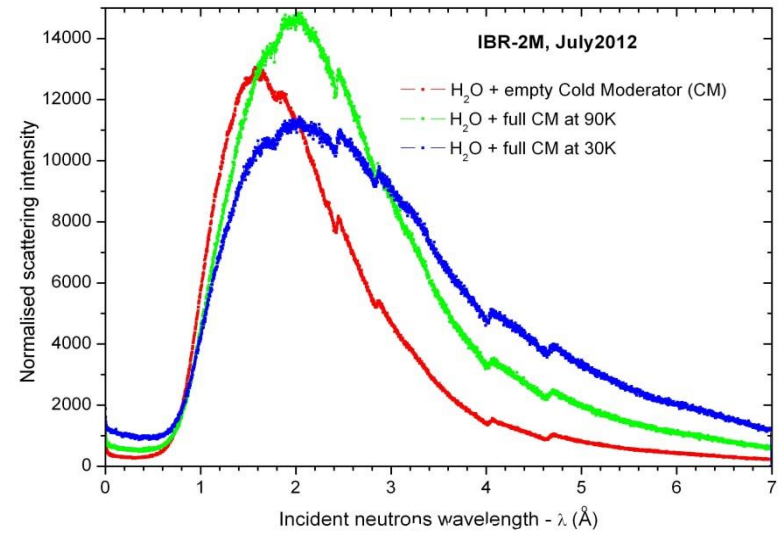
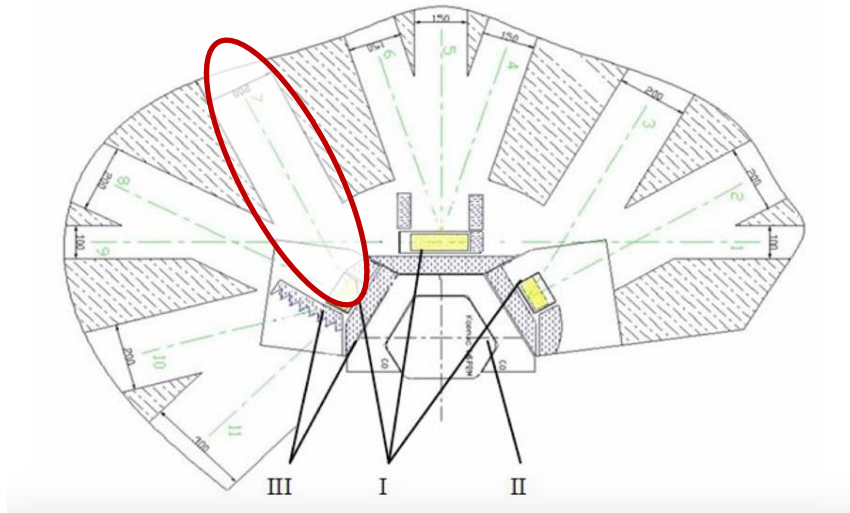


Bi-spectral moderator for beams 7,8,10,11 (neutrons for 6 existing instruments + 1 under construction)

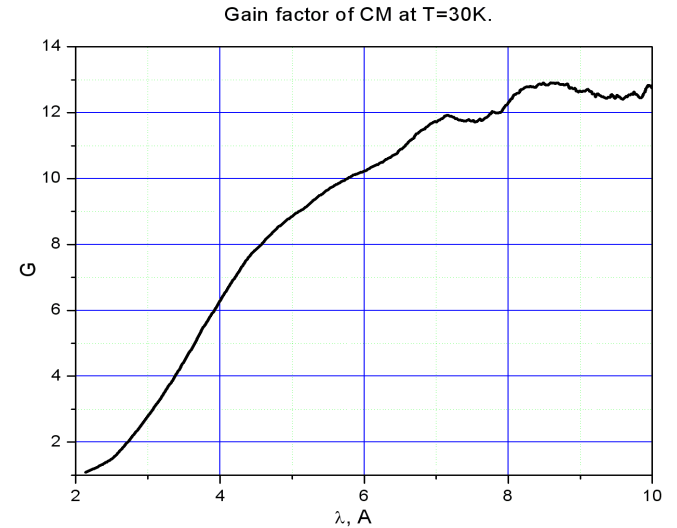
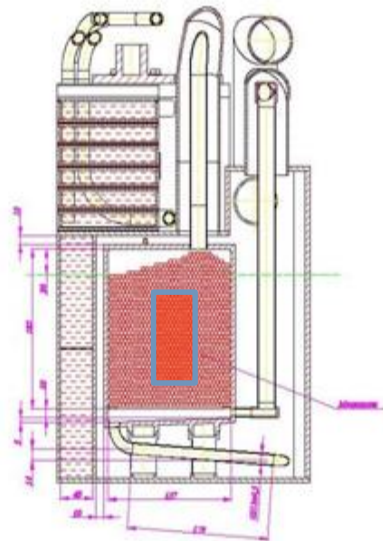
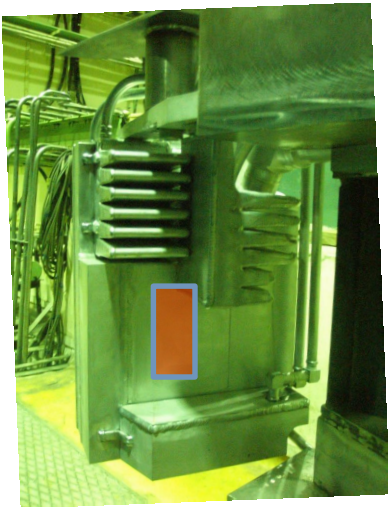
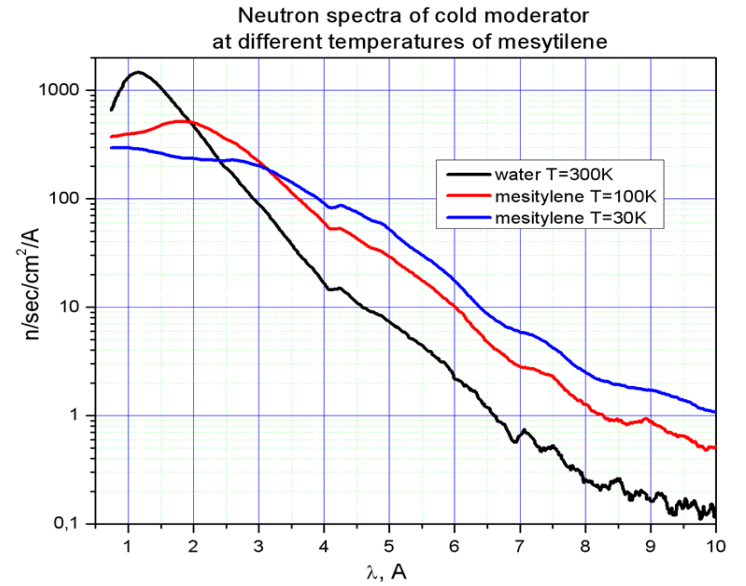
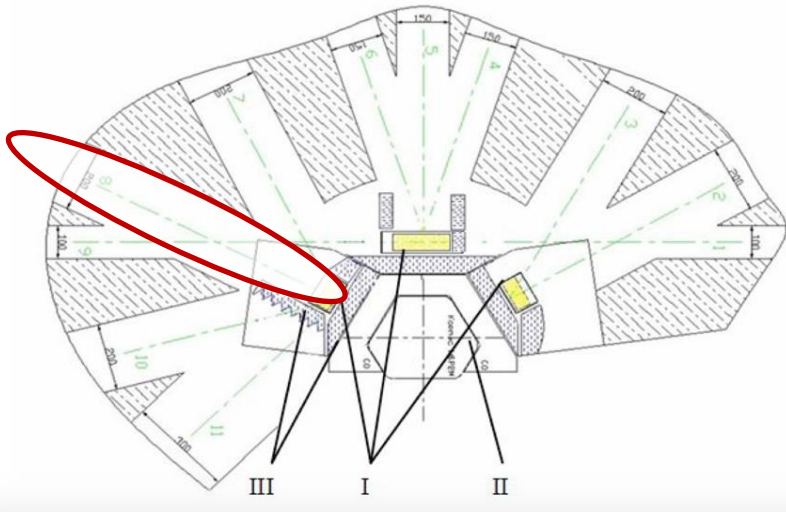
- 1 - Helium and beads input,
- 2 - Helium output,
- 3 - Vacuum jacket,
- 4 - Mesitylene beads,
- 5 - Grating,
- 6 - Mesitylene discharge pipe,
- 7 - Flat water moderator,
- 8 - Grooved water moderator.



Spectrometer NERA (beam 7)



Reflectometer REMUR (beam 8)



How to increase cold neutron intensity with the same moderating material?

- To use cold Be reflector

«+»neutron intensity form 4 A will to be increased by factor of ~1.7

«-» Bragg-edge at ~4 A

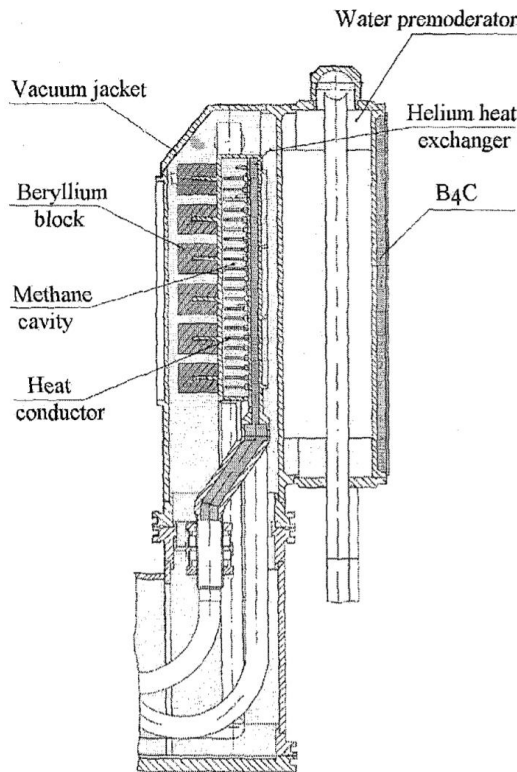
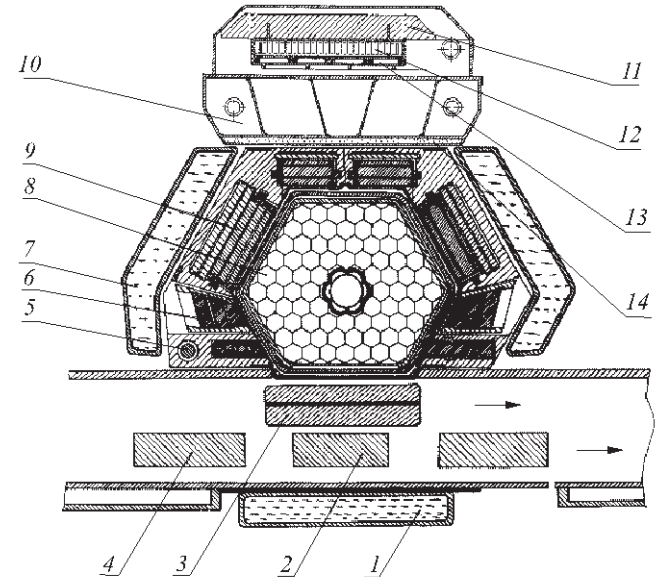


Fig.1. Solid methane moderator section view

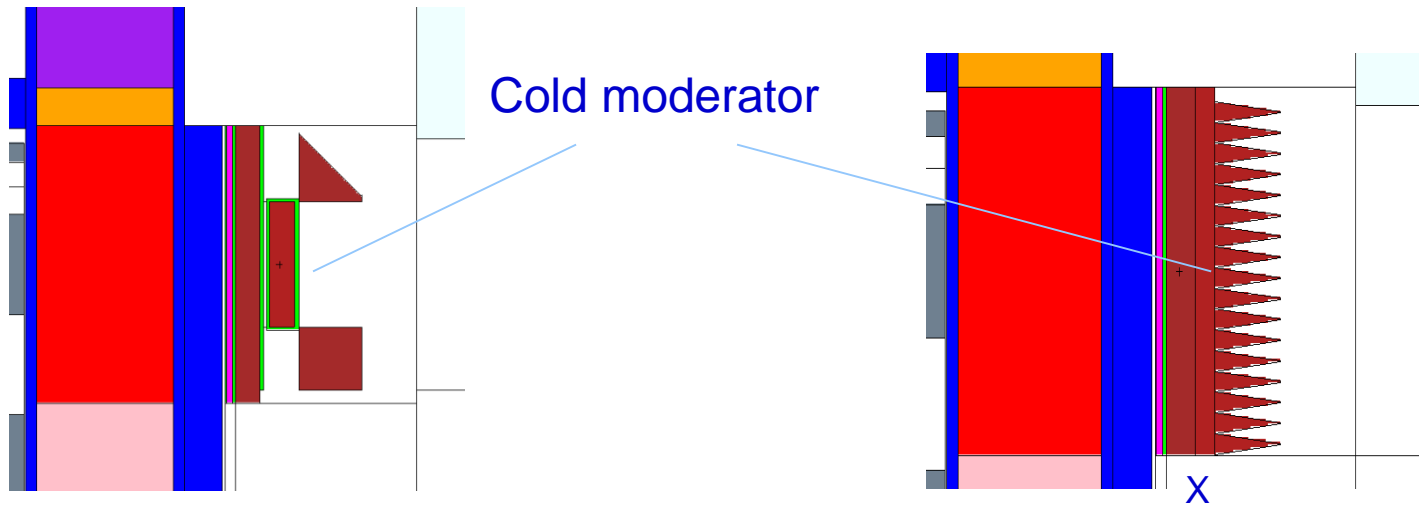


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*) E.Shabalin at al. ICANS-XV, 2000



- to use grooved cold moderator instead of flat



Å	Flat moderator	X = 1cm	X = 2cm	X = 3cm	X = 4cm
8÷∞ Å	1	2,44	2,44	2,27	2,06
4÷8 Å	1	2,12	2,14	2,02	1,83
2÷4 Å	1	1,52	1,45	1,32	1,16
1÷2 Å	1	1,03	0,82	0,69	0,6
0,6÷1 Å	1	1,02	0,88	0,78	0,72

X- thickness of the base layer of grooves



Замедлители для источников нейтронов на основе ускорителей



Требования к водородсодержащим материалам для ХОЛОДНЫХ ЗАМЕДЛИТЕЛЕЙ

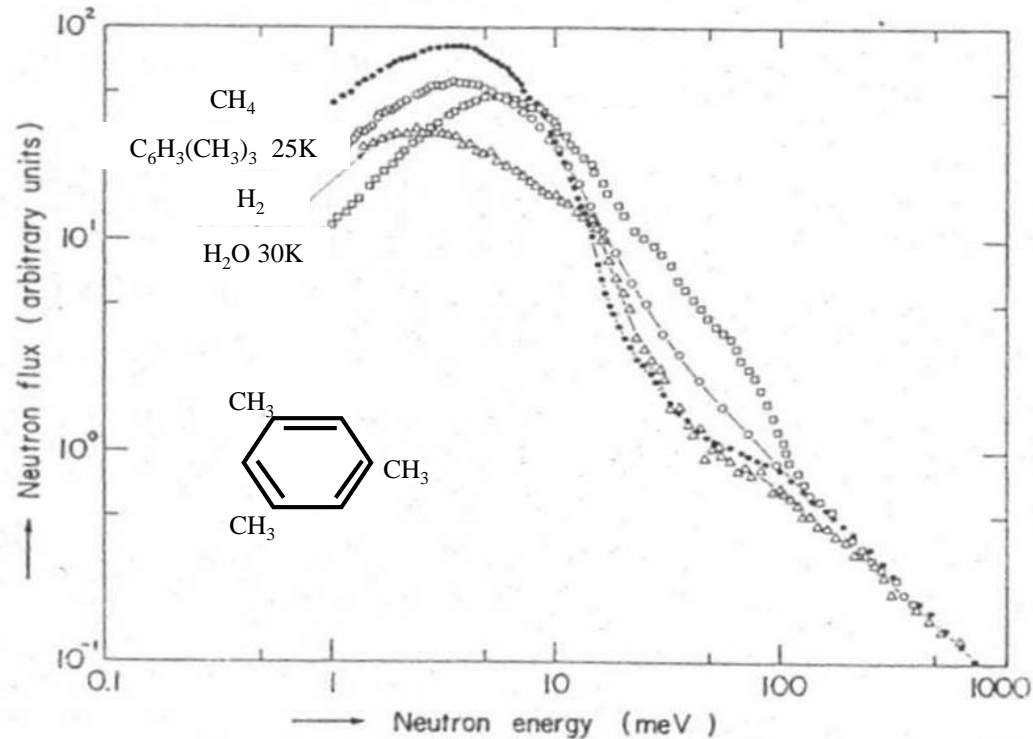
- Высокая плотность атомов водорода;
- Стойкость к декомпозиции под действием радиации;
- Наличие низколежащих уровней возбуждения молекул;
- Широкий рабочий диапазон температур (20-100К);
- Технологичность;
- Достаточная теплопроводность при низких температурах для съема тепла вносимого излучением;
- Безопасность.

Материалы холодных замедлителей

- Жидкий водород;
- Метан;
- Лед;
- Мезитилен;
- Полиэтилен



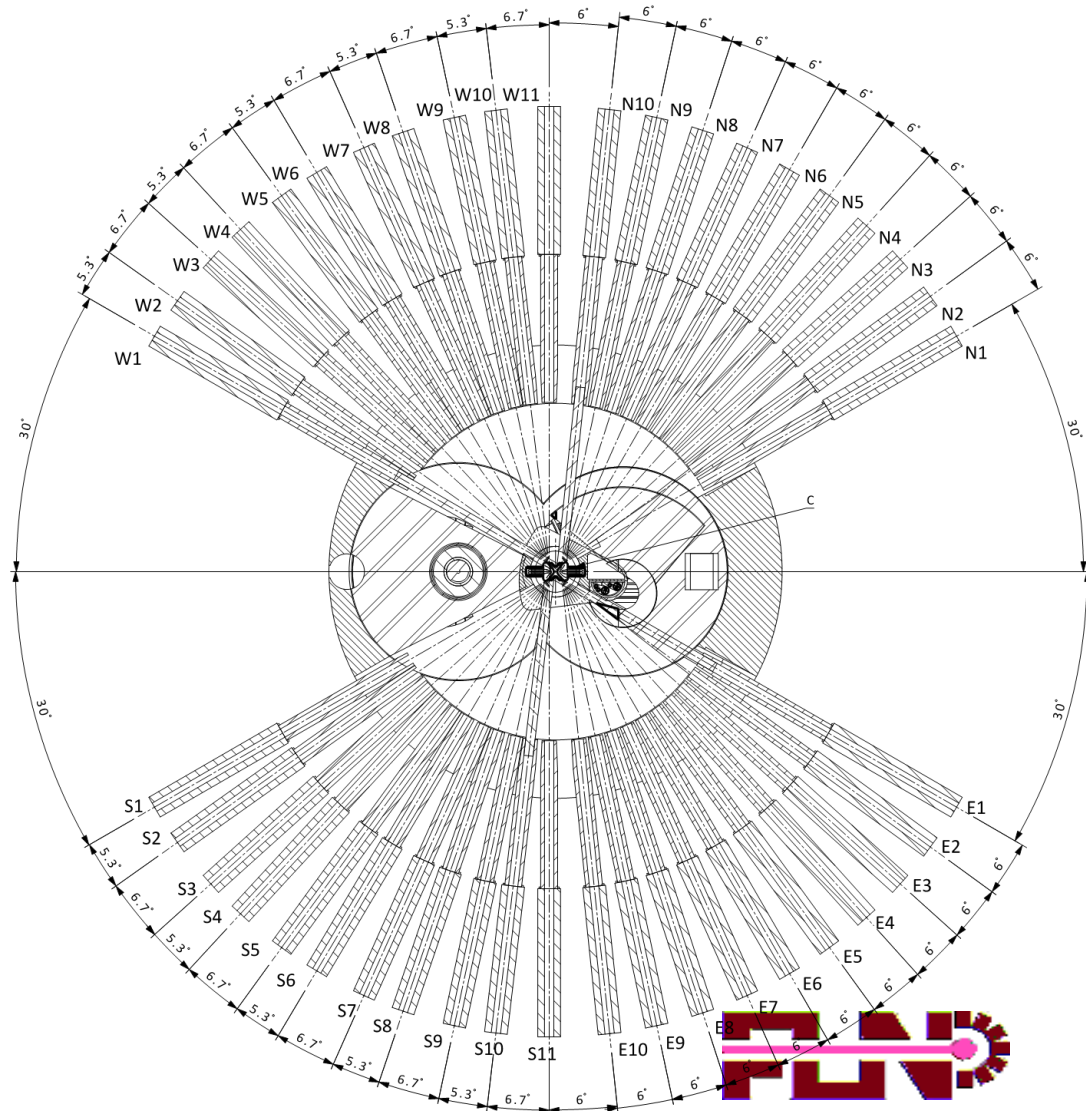
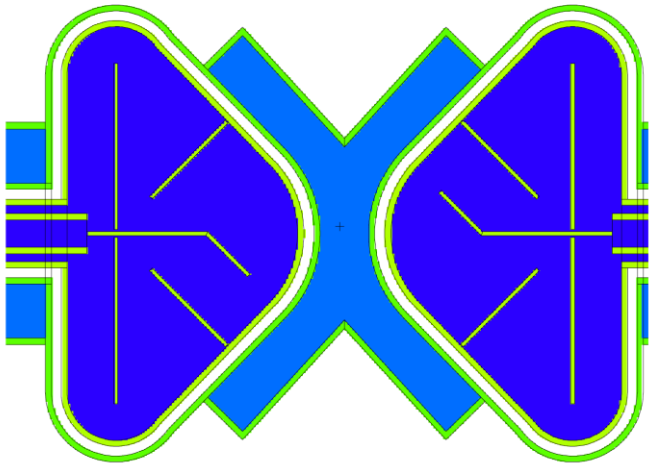
Замедлители для компактного источника на основе ускорителя



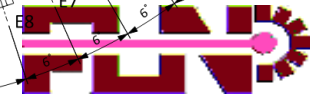
*) M.Utsuro, M Sugimoto, Y. Fujita; Experimental study on a cold neutron source of solid methylbenzene. Annual Report Research Reactor Institute Kyoto University, Vol. 8, pp. 17-25, 1975



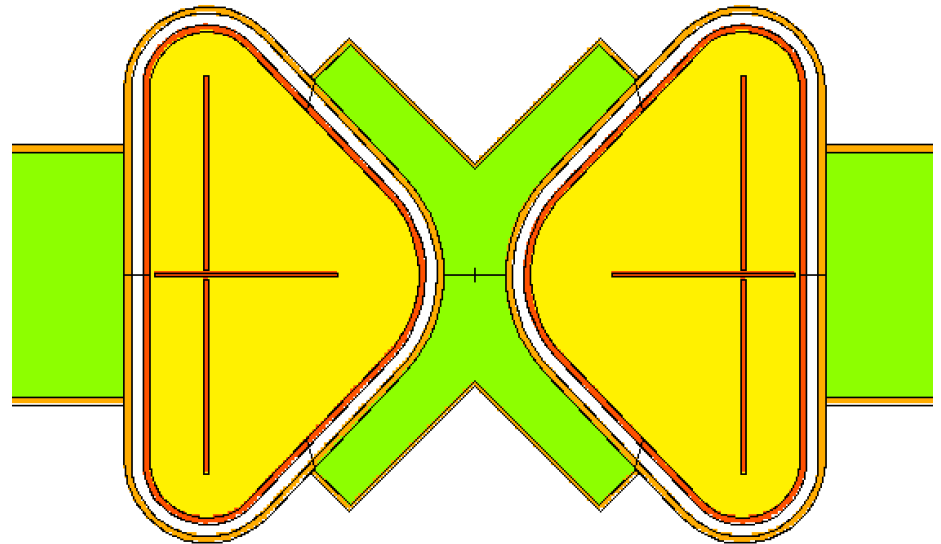
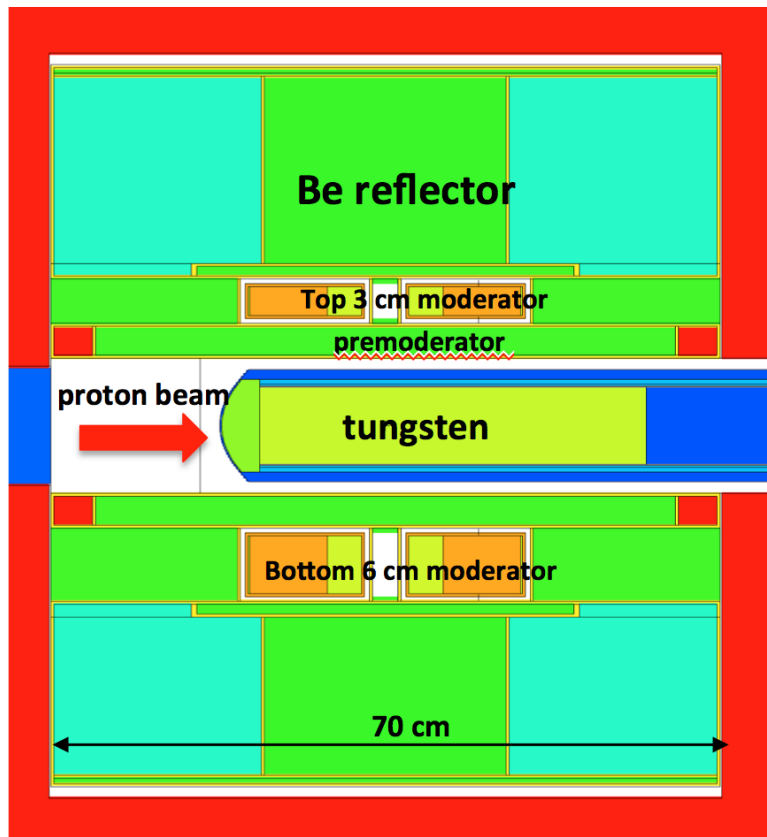
ESS baseline configuration



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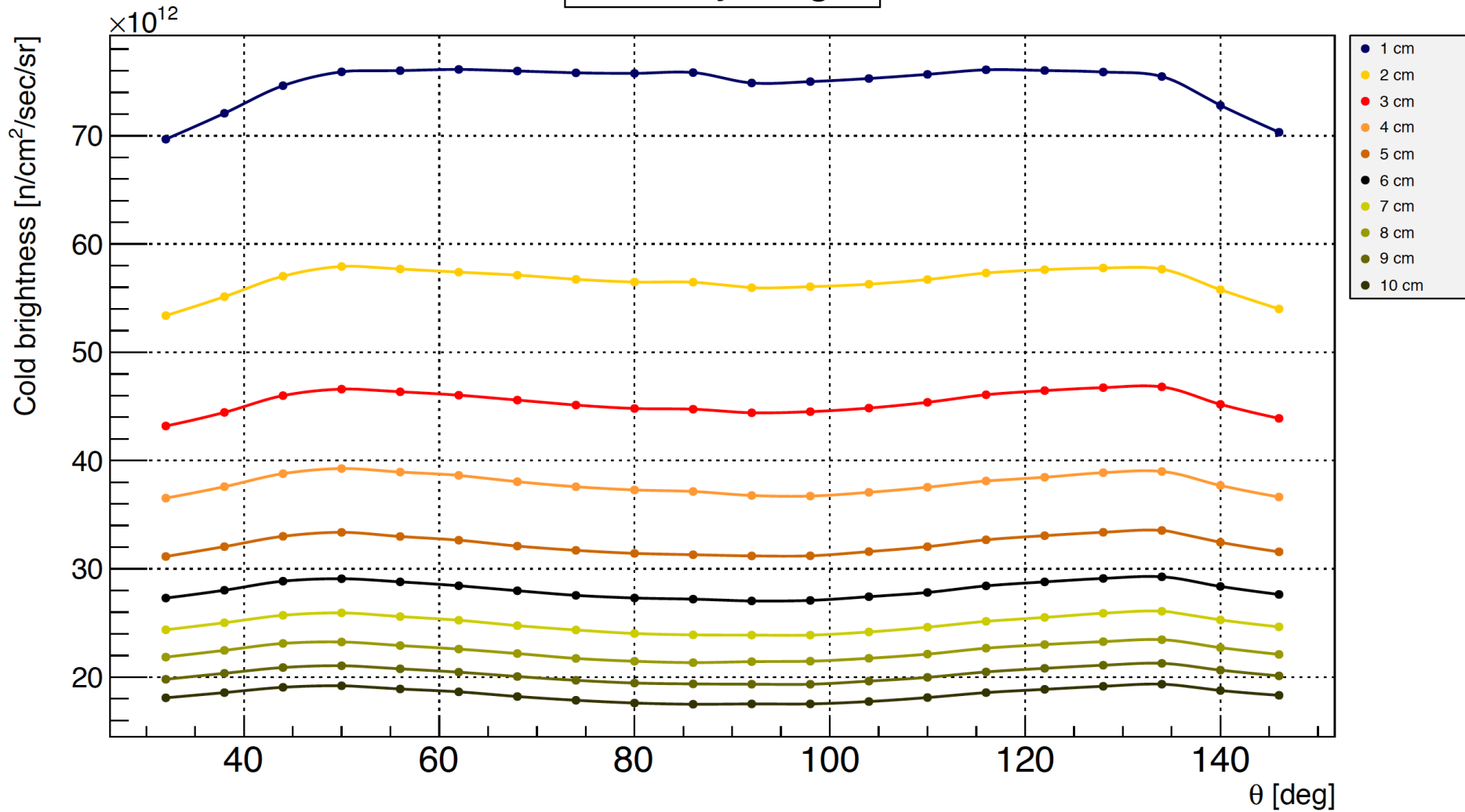


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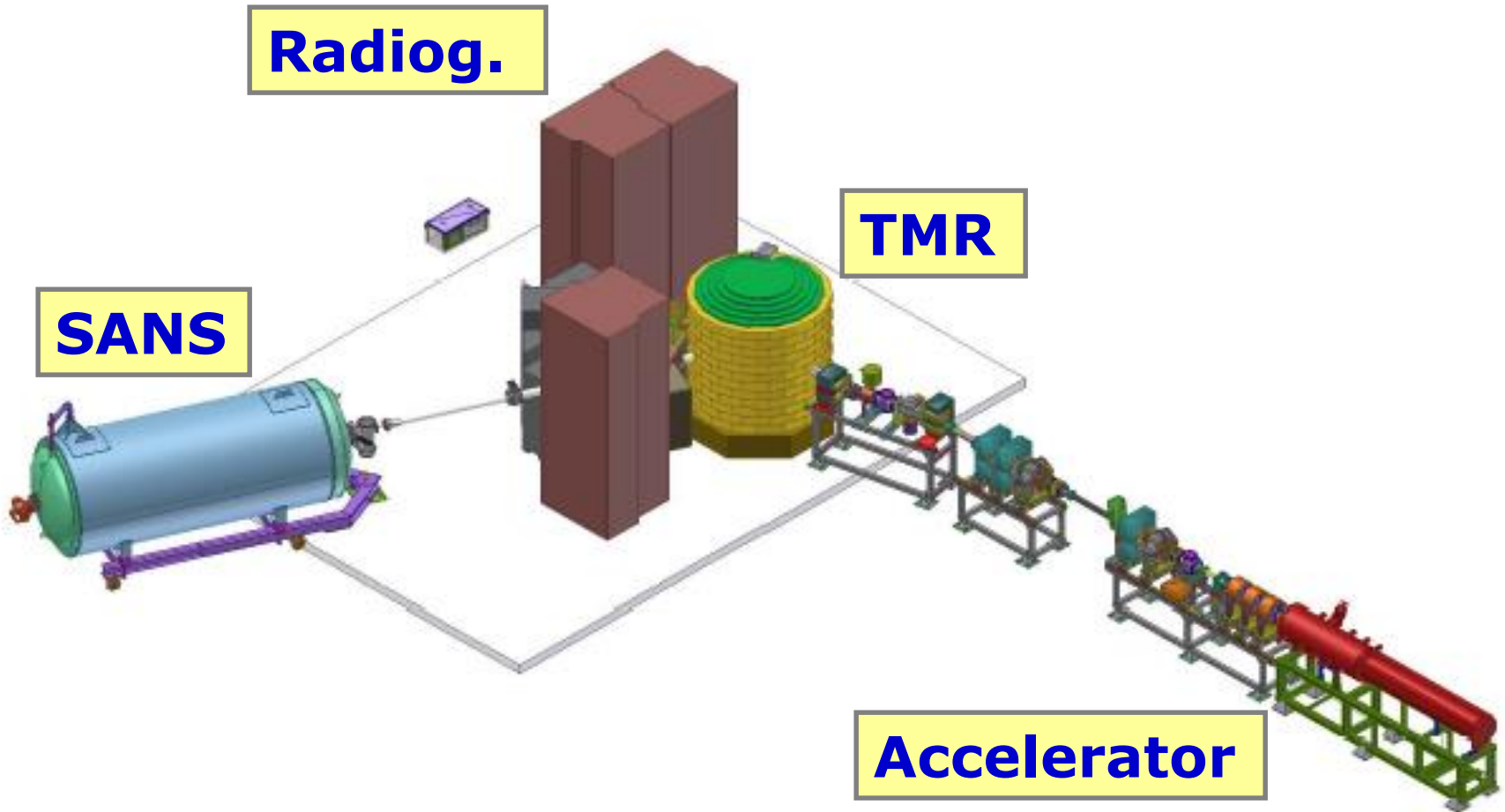
Butterfly height



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Low Energy Neutron Source (LENS) of Indiana University, USA (Floor Plan)



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Facility Layout: Spring 2007



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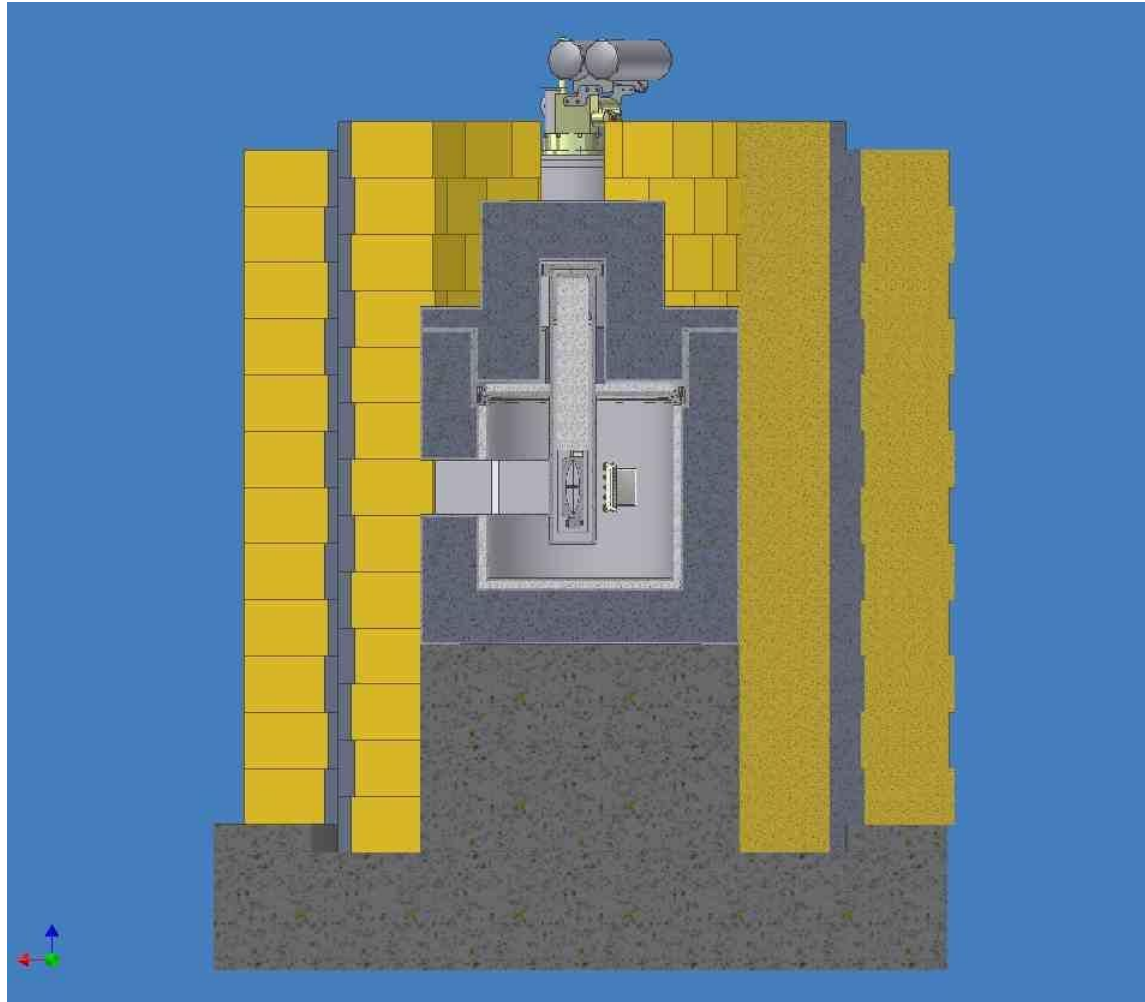
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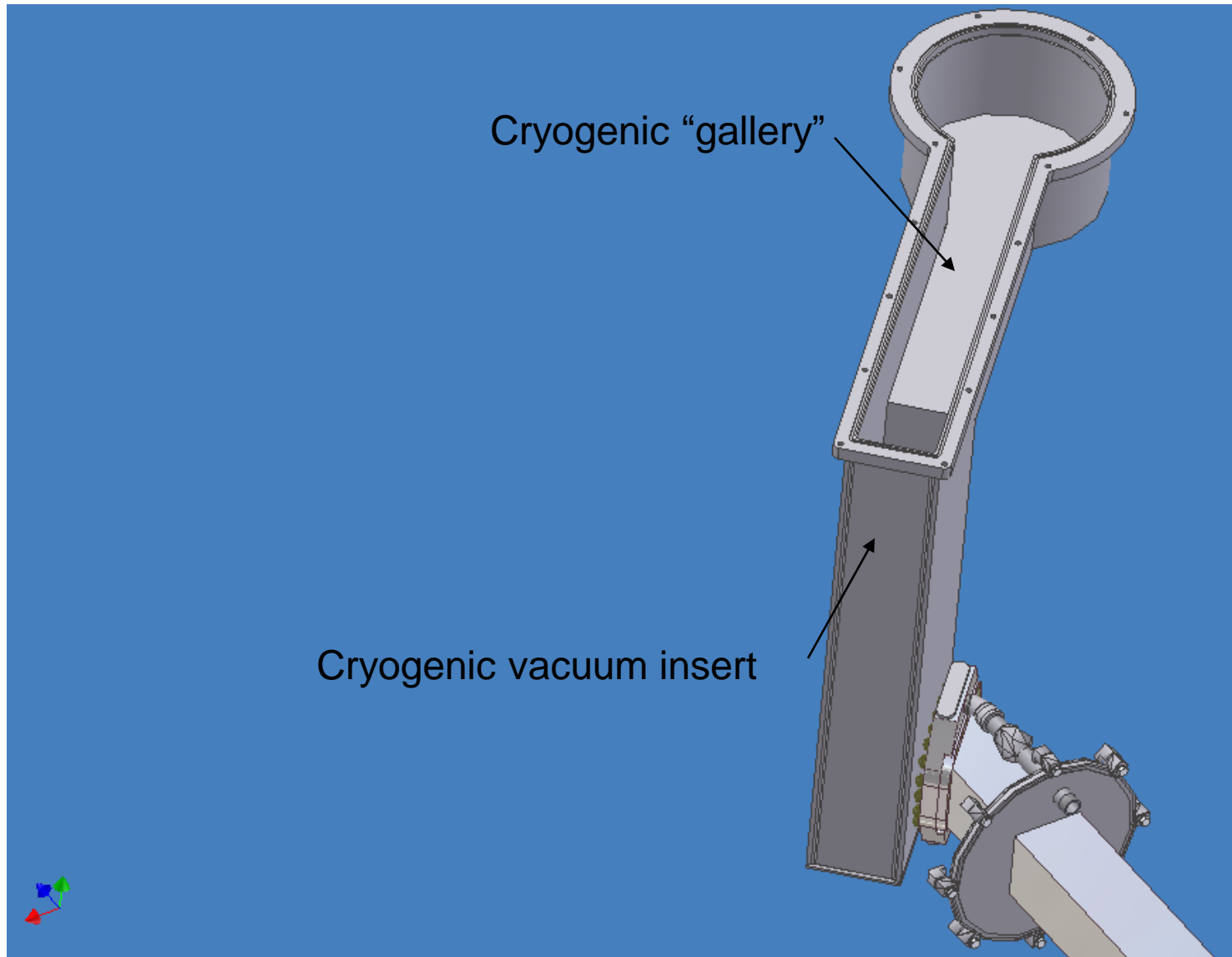
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Cryogenics



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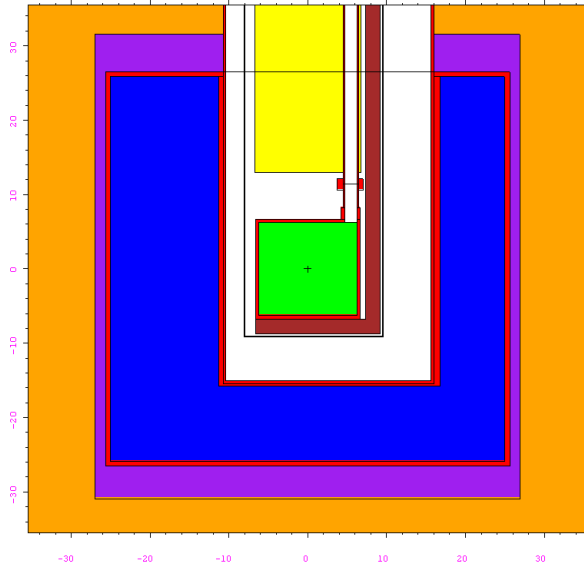
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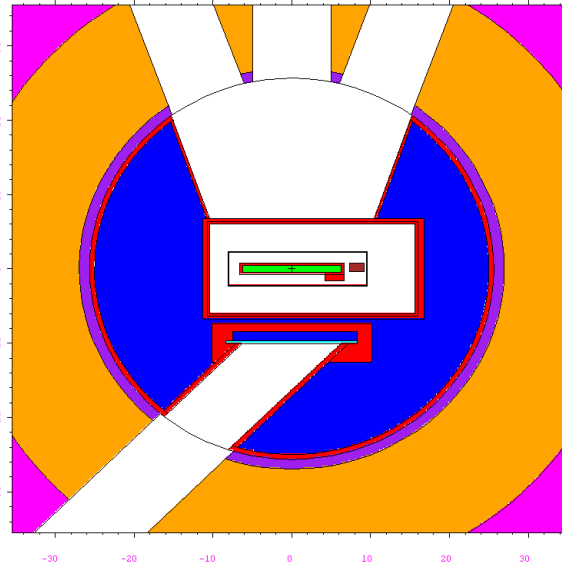
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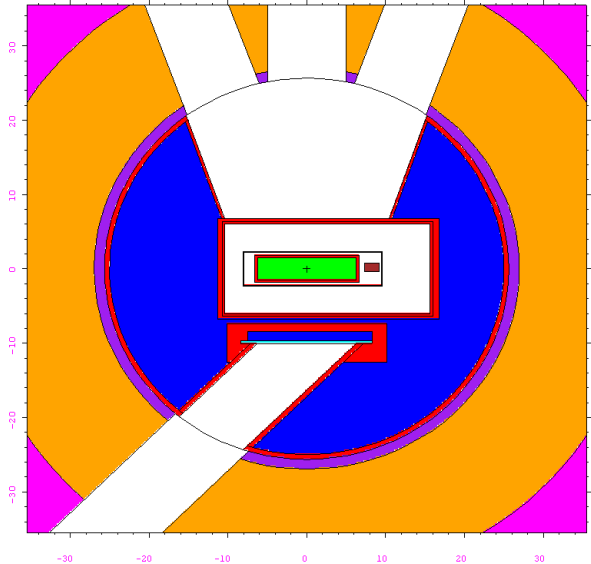
Moderator Thickness Study



Cryogenics Cavity



1.0 Cm Thick
(present configuration)

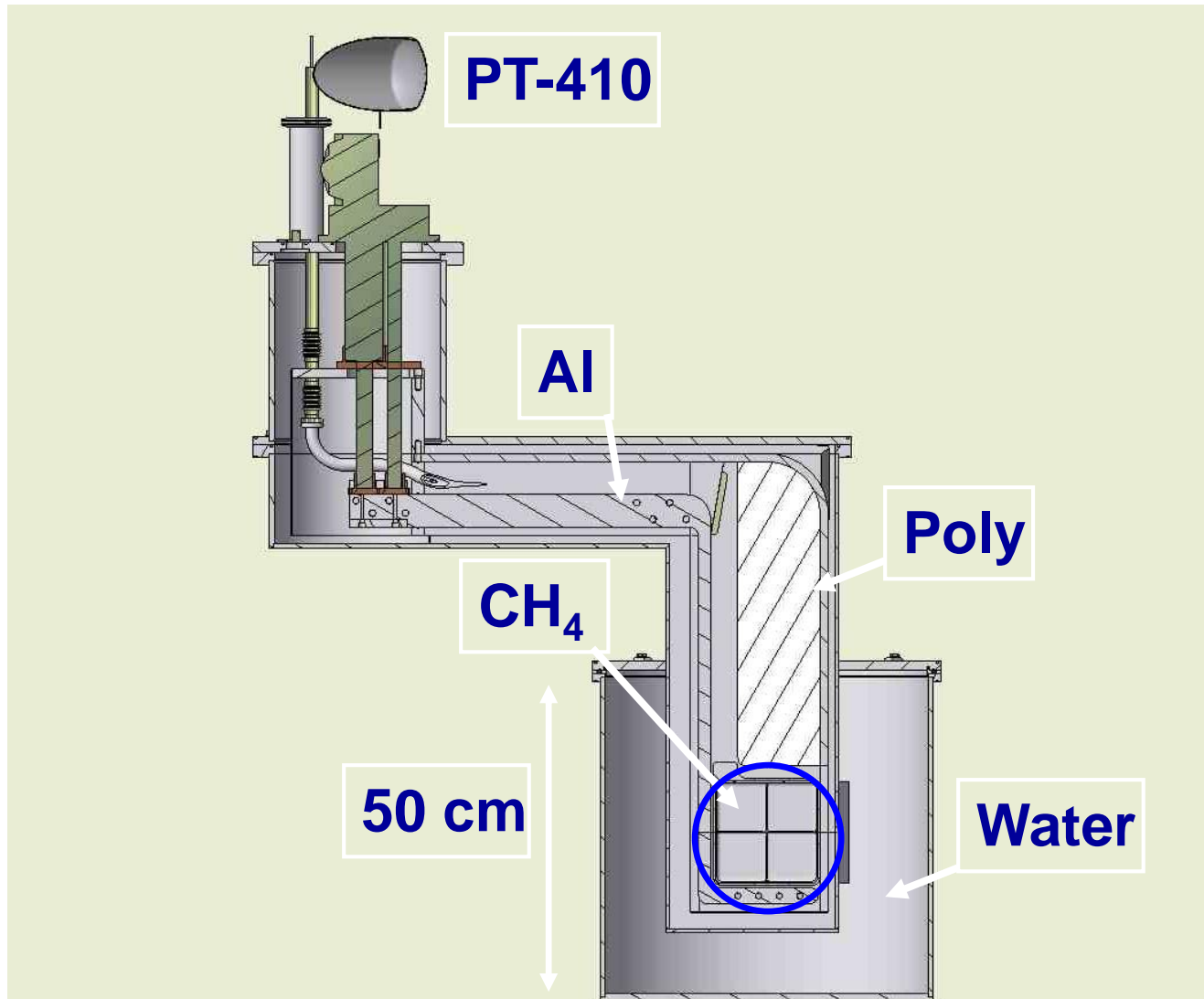


2.0 cm Thick
(proposed change
included in study)

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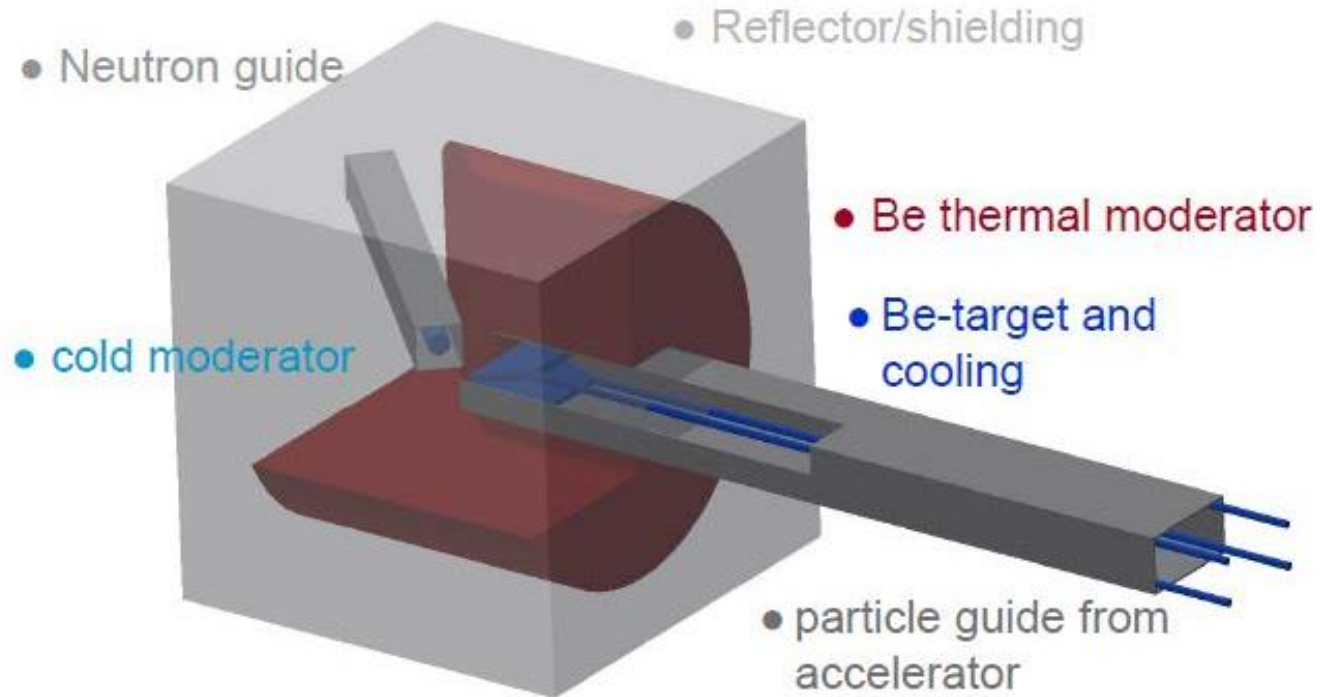
Moderator Assembly



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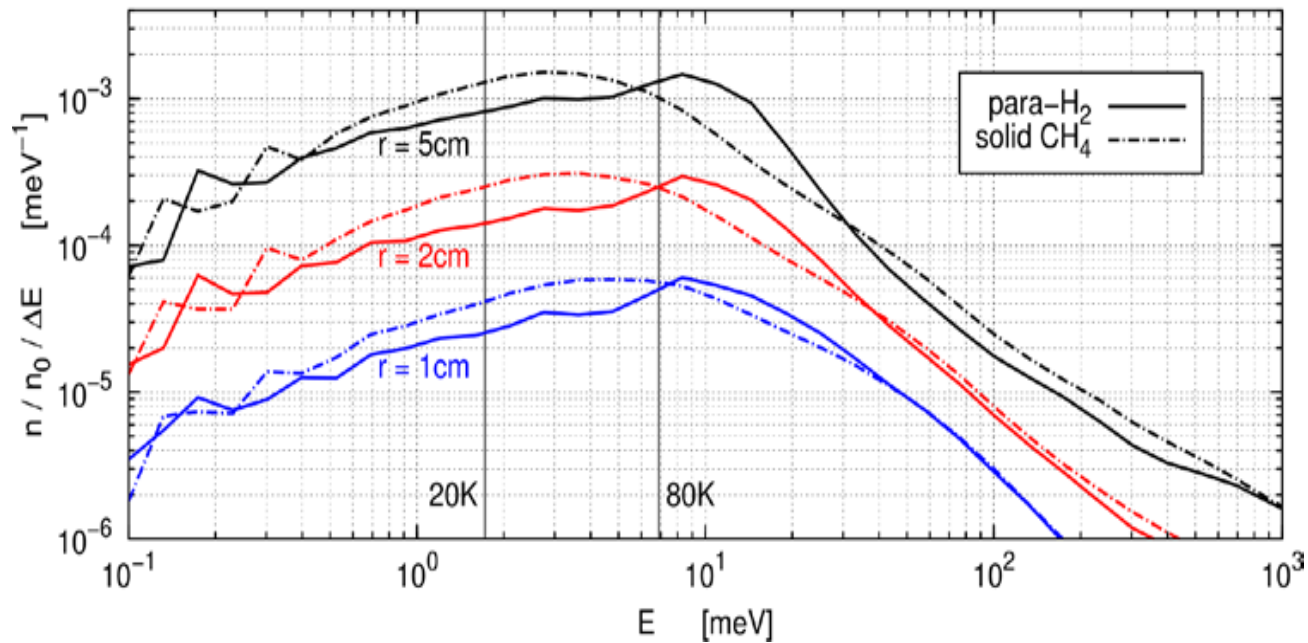


The Jülich High Brilliance Neutron Source Project



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Spectrum of neutrons leaving a cylindrical liquid para-H₂ or solid CH₄ moderator at 20 K for three different radii. The corresponding lengths of the cylinders are 4, 5 and 6cm for para-H₂ and 2, 2.5 and 2.5cm for methane.

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Спасибо за внимание!

