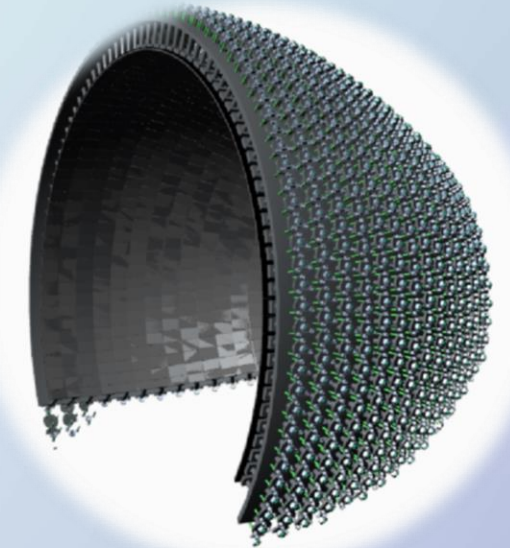
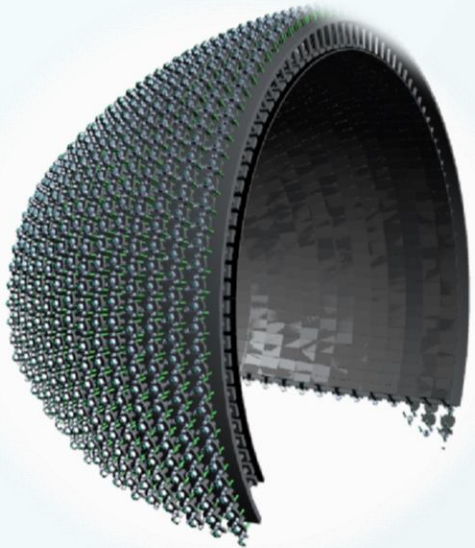




# INS @ FLNP JINR

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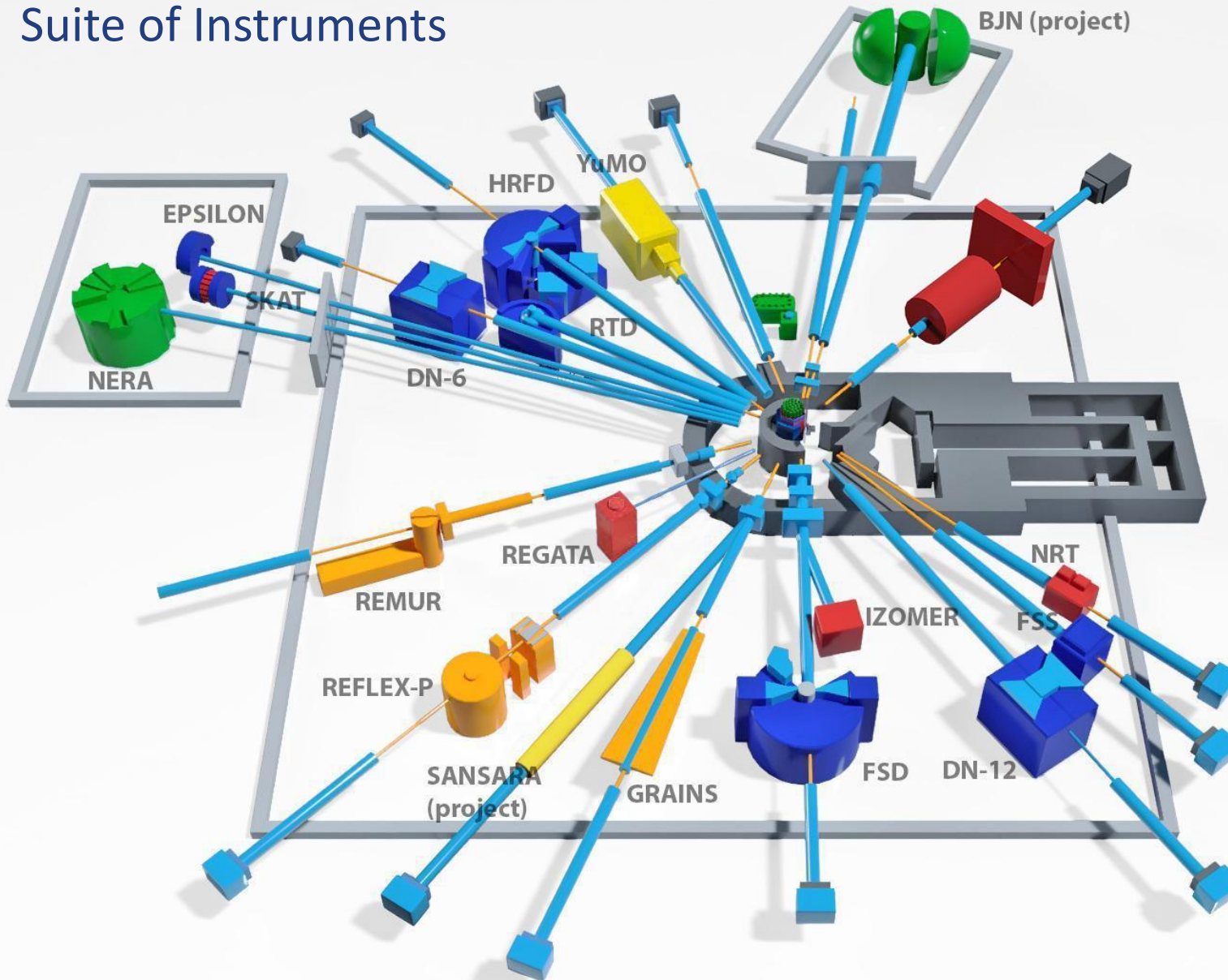
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## Suite of Instruments



## FLNP User Program

**Nanosystems and Soft Matter**  
(YuMO, GRAINS, REFLEX, REMUR, SANSARA-project)

**Atomic and Magnetic Structure**  
(RTD, DN-6, DN-12, SKAT, EPSILON, FSD, HRFD)

**Lattice and Molecular Dynamics**  
(NERA, BJA-project)

**Neutron Activation Analysis**  
(REGATA)





## What can we do with INS?



### **Magnetic dynamics of systems with strong electronic correlations**

*High-temperature superconductors / Quantum magnets, multi-ferroics / Compounds with Non Fermi liquid (NFL) behavior / Systems near the quantum critical point / Mixed valence, Kondo effect, heavy fermions*



### **Phonons, Molecular dynamics**

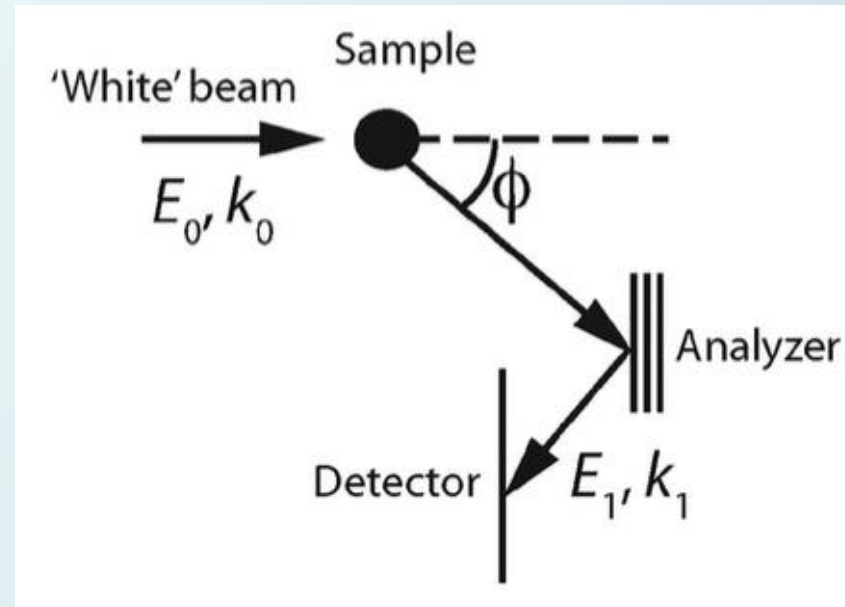
*Dynamics of molecular systems such as metal-organic frameworks, molecular crystals, medicines- biologically active substances, metal-organic frameworks, crystalline oxide materials.*

***Unlike optical methods such as FTIR or Raman, INS has no selection rules based on molecular symmetry, meaning all overtones are observable.***

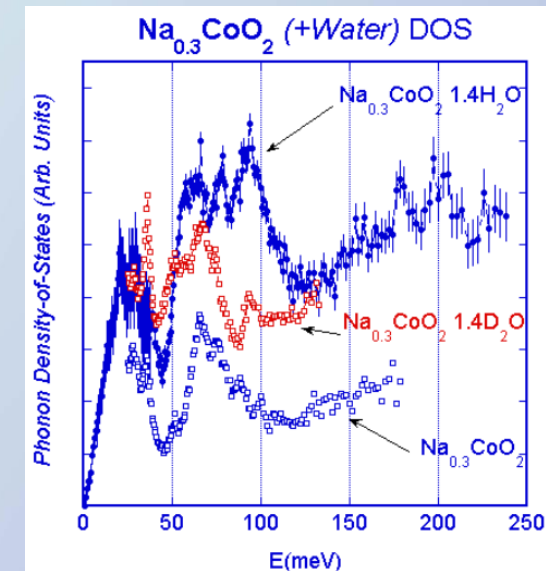
The **Time-of-flight (TOF)** technique is a general method for determining the kinetic energy of a traveling neutron, by measuring the time it takes him to fly between two fixed points whose distance is known.

### Indirect (inverted) geometry spectrometers:

in which the sample is illuminated by a white incident beam, the incident energy is determined at the sample position by the measurement of the time-of-flight, and the final energy is measured by a single crystal.



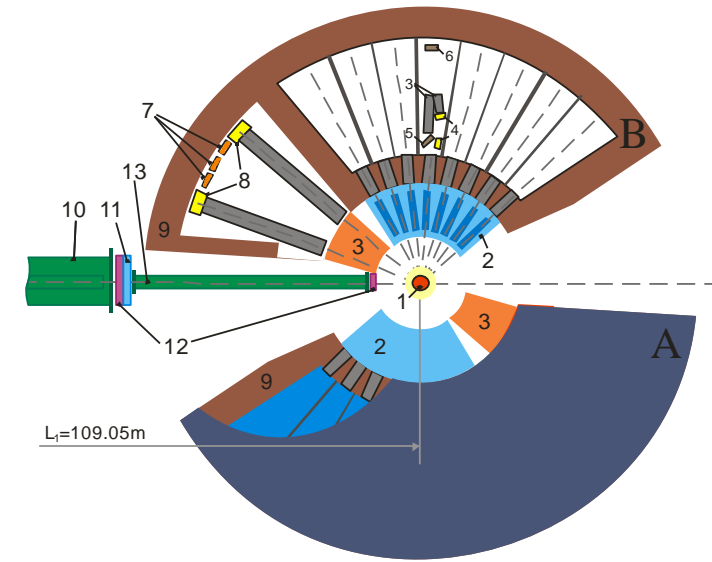
$$g(\omega) = \sum_{n,k} \delta(\omega - \omega_n(k))$$





**NERA - inverted (indirect) TOF geometry spectrometer:**  
*the excitation energy scanned by  $E_i$  with a fixed  $E_f$  using filter technique*

Thermal neutron flux on the sample	$4.6 \times 10^6 \text{ n/cm}^2/\text{s}$
Wavelength range	0.8-7.0 Å



**IBR-2 reactor core**

**Moderator**

**Fast neutron background chopper**

**Splitter**

**L-chopper**

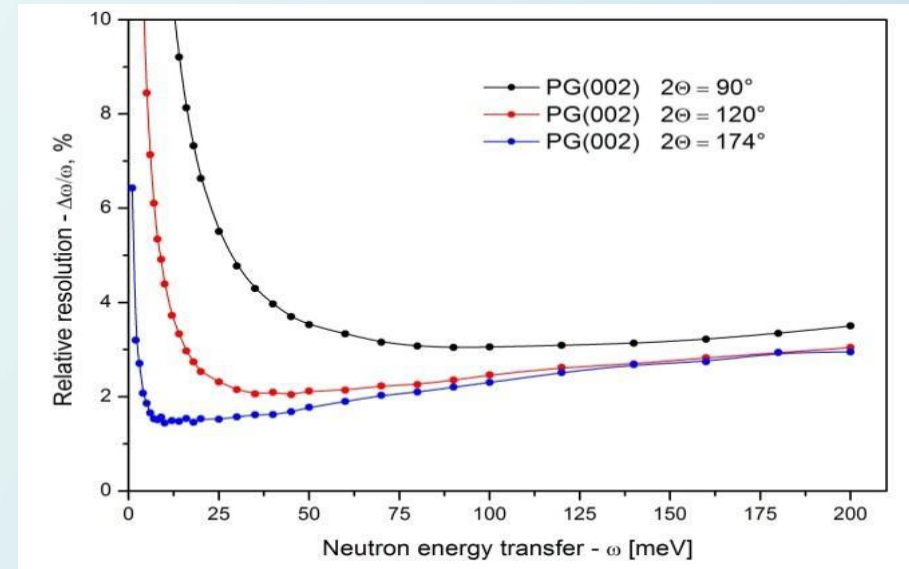
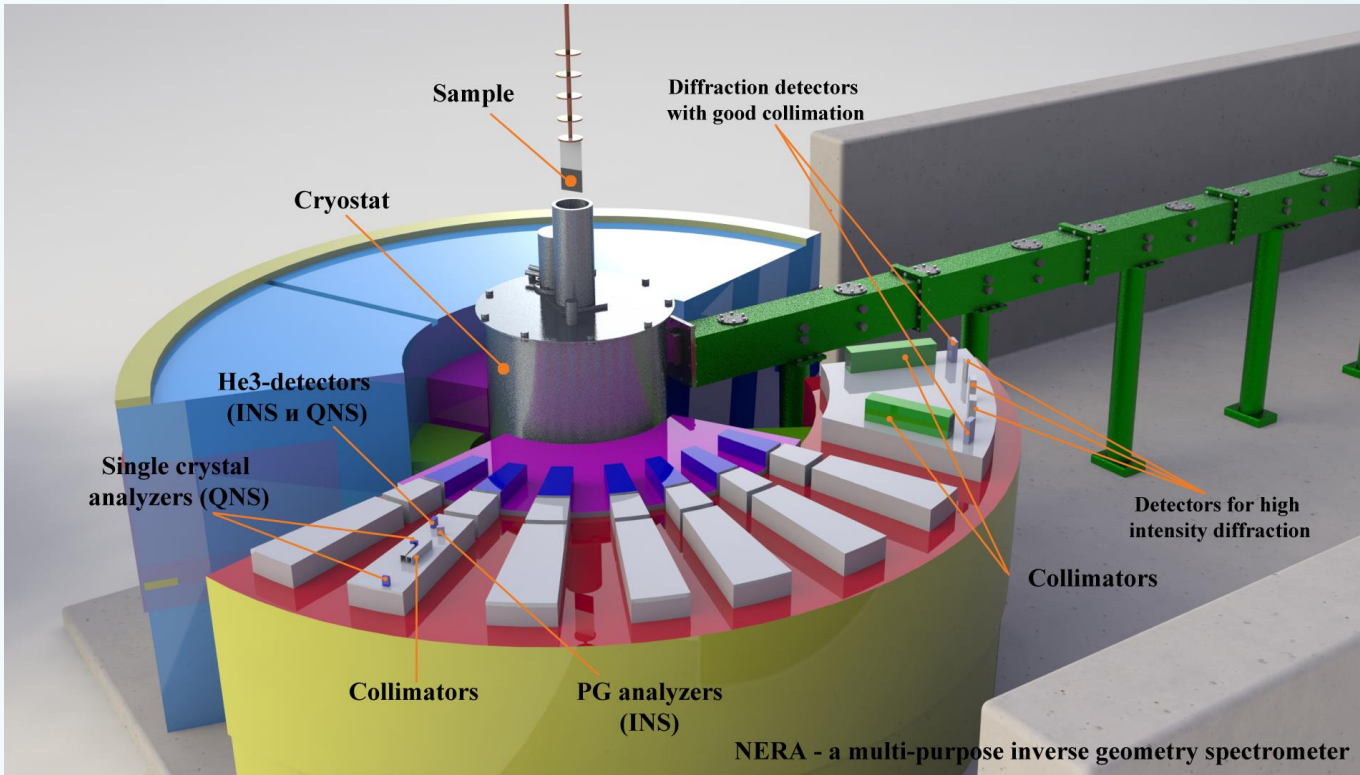
**Vacuum Ni-mirror guide tube**



**25m parabolic vertically tapered supermirror guide**

**System of detectors**

**NERA - a multi-purpose inverse geometry spectrometer**



- low luminosity → large samples or long counting time
- limited energy transfer range
- solid angle **0.2 sr**



	NERA
pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- quite wide energy transfer range</li><li>- reasonable energy resolution</li><li>- simultaneous ND and INS measurements</li></ul>
cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- low luminosity and therefore need for large samples or long counting time</li></ul>

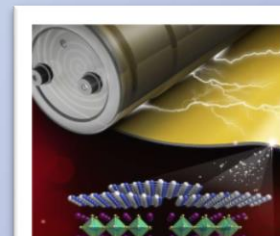
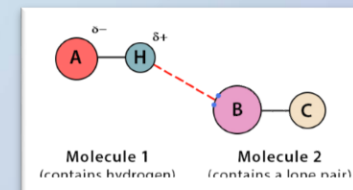
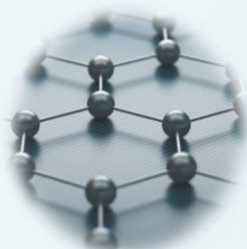
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**User Program:**  
slightly oversubscribed

**Users from:**  
PL, RU, RO, DE, BU, RS

## Scientific motivation

- Hydrogen bonds in molecular matter (vibrational analysis)
- Dynamics studies of pharmaceuticals (in bulk (native) state and as “micronized” or amorphized powders)
- Dynamics studies of liquid crystals
- Materials for energy storage, e.g. plasticizer-SPE systems for Li batteries
- Studies of soft matter
- Nanocomposite materials



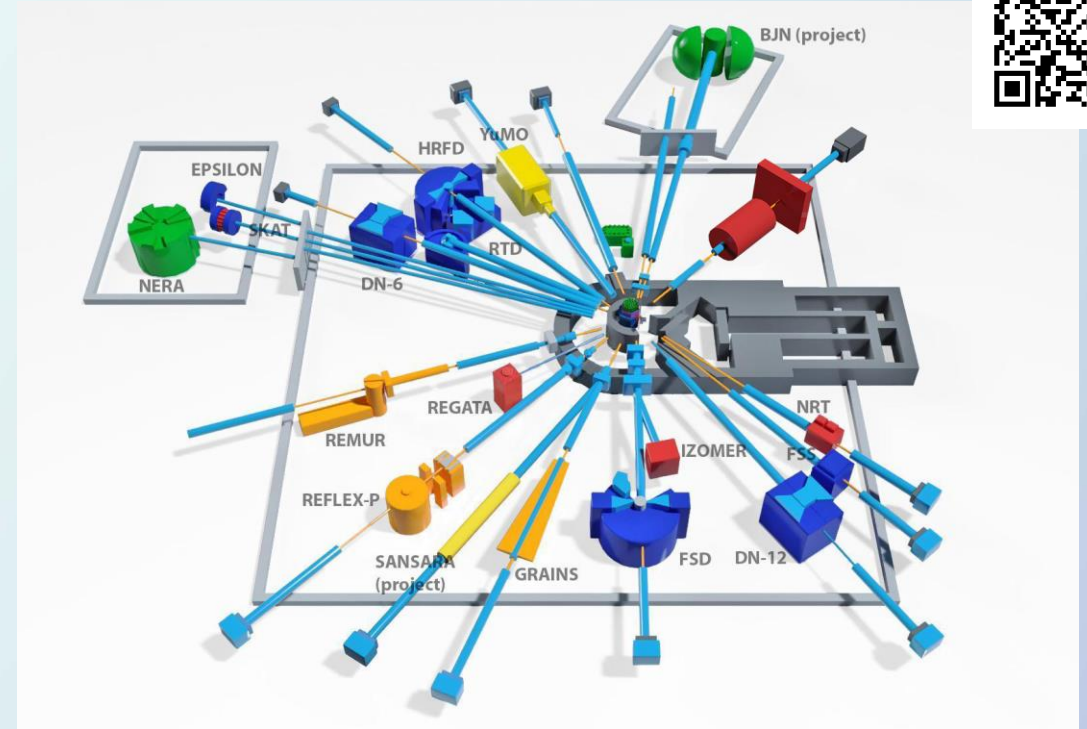
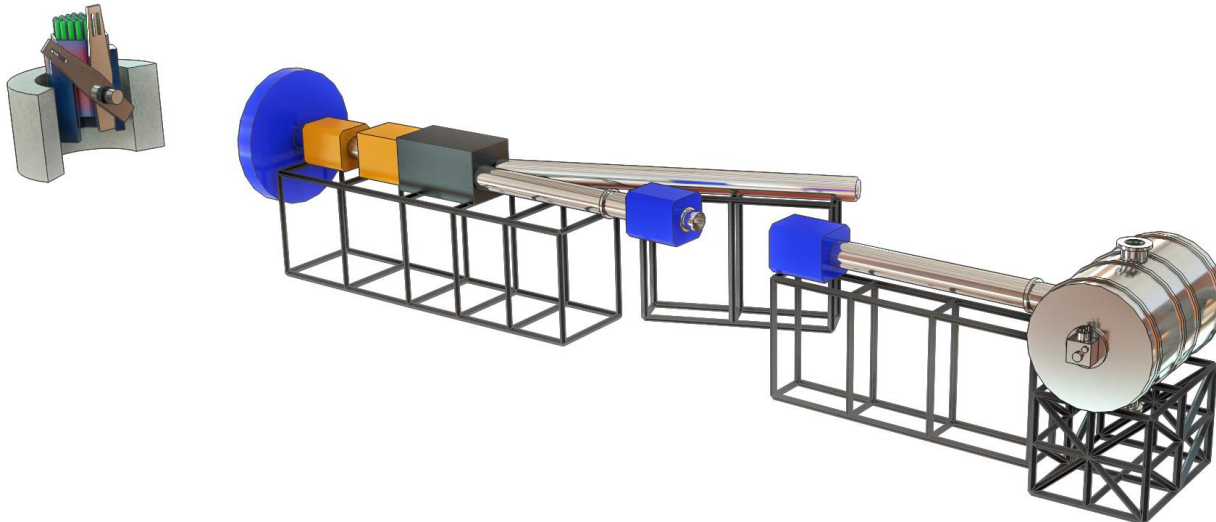


# New inelastic neutron scattering spectrometer in inverse geometry

*BJN (Bajorek-Janik-Natkaniec)*



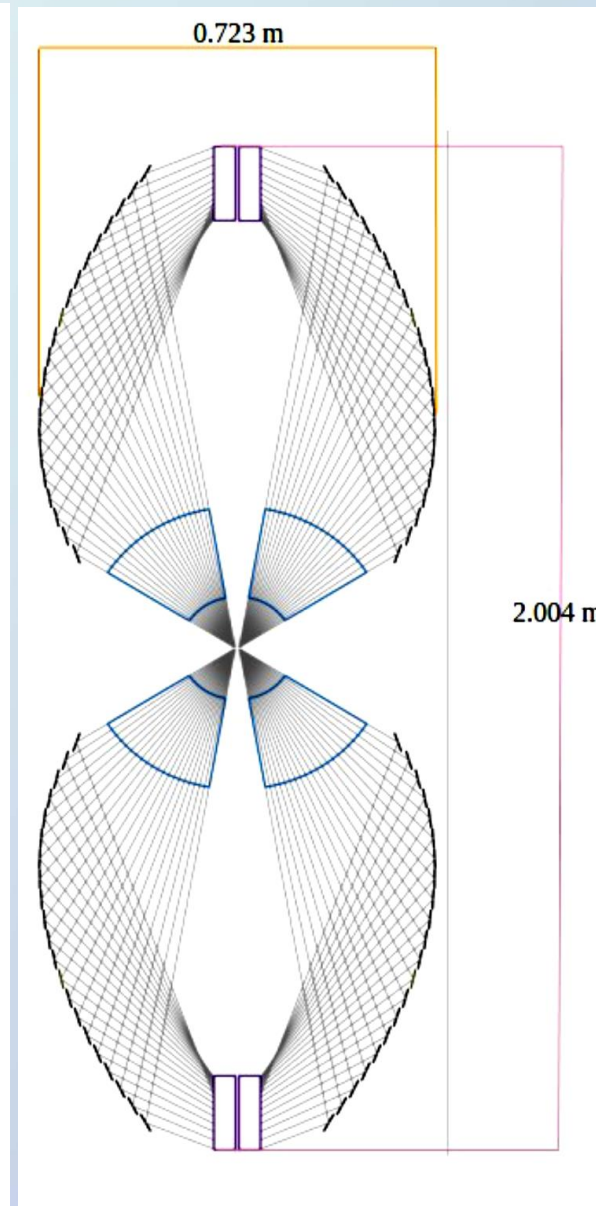
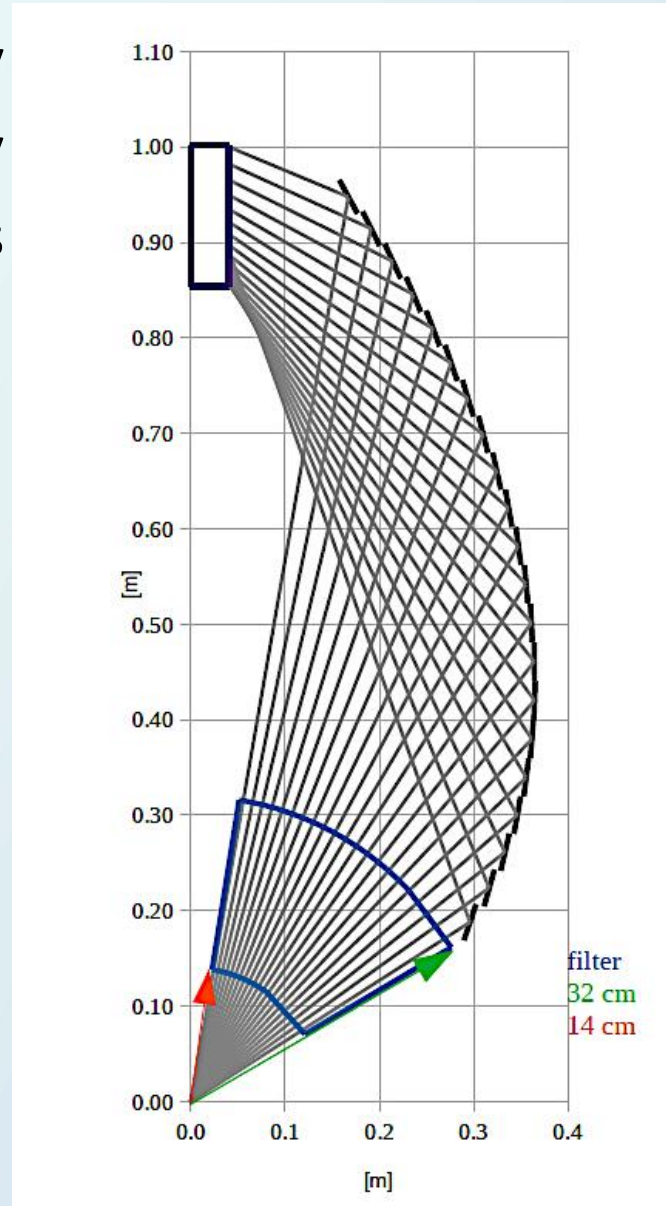
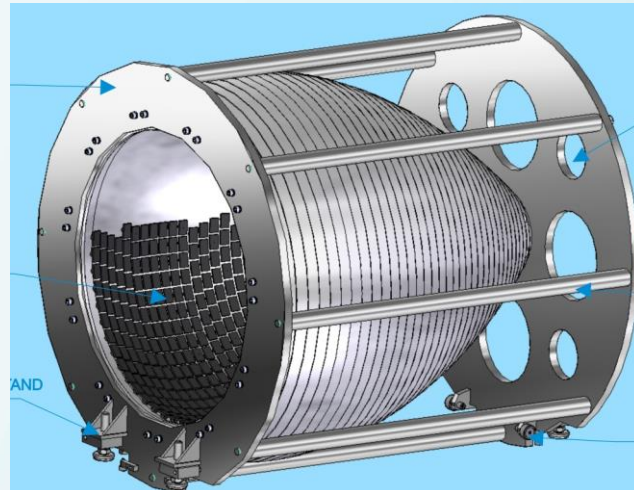
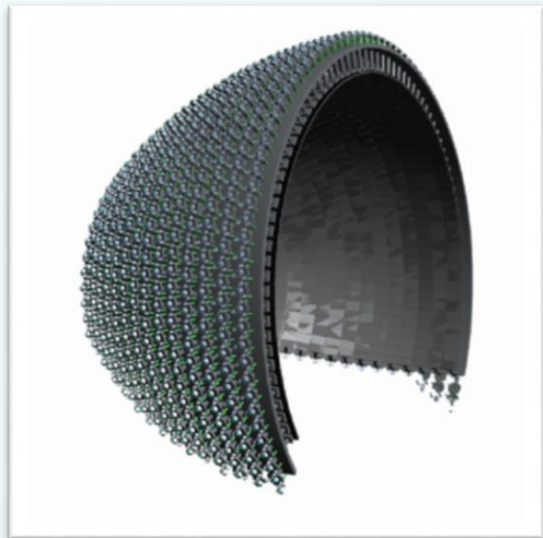
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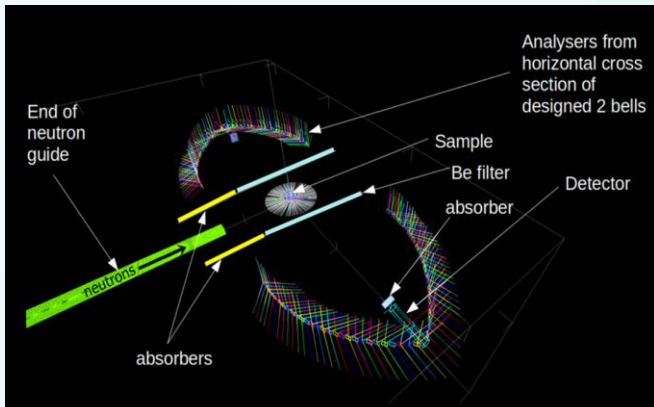
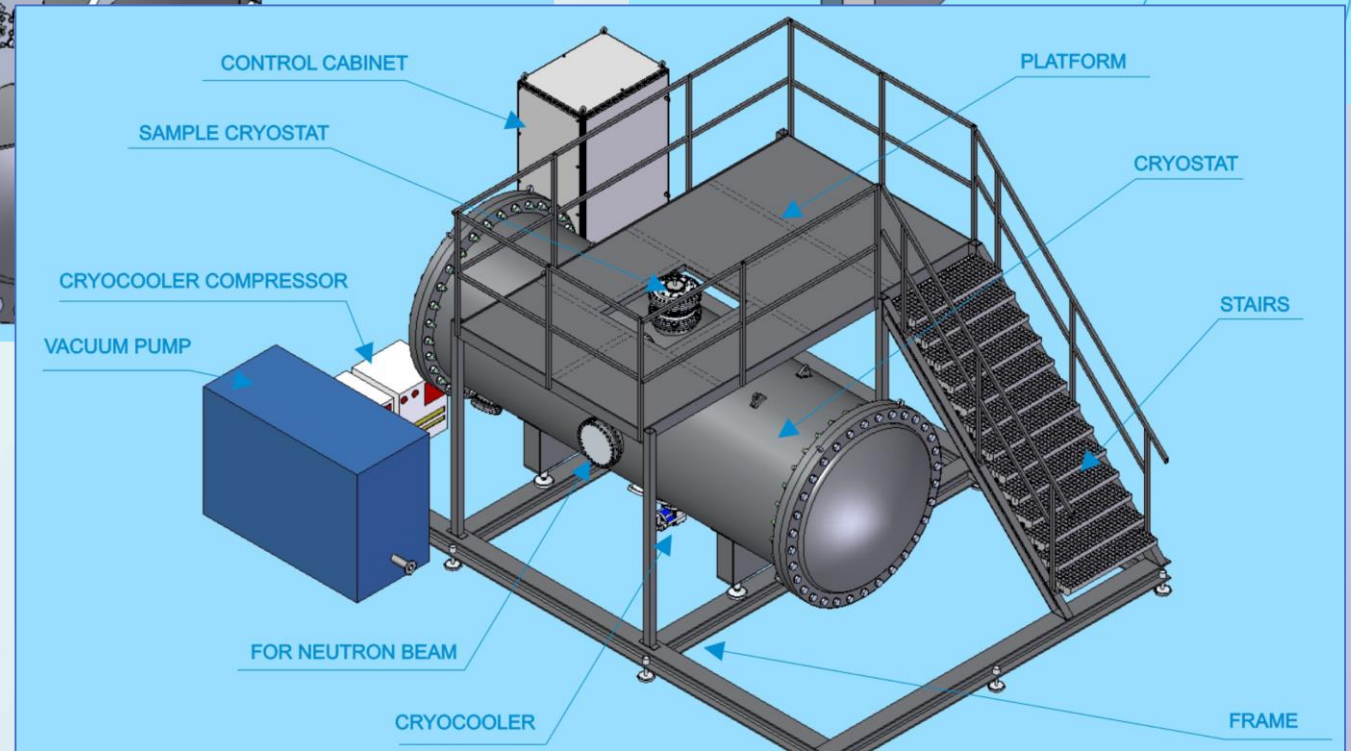
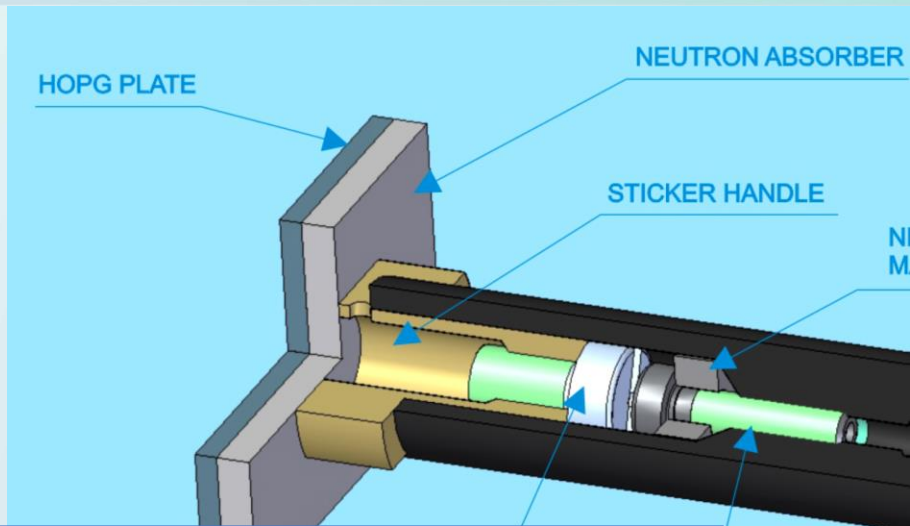
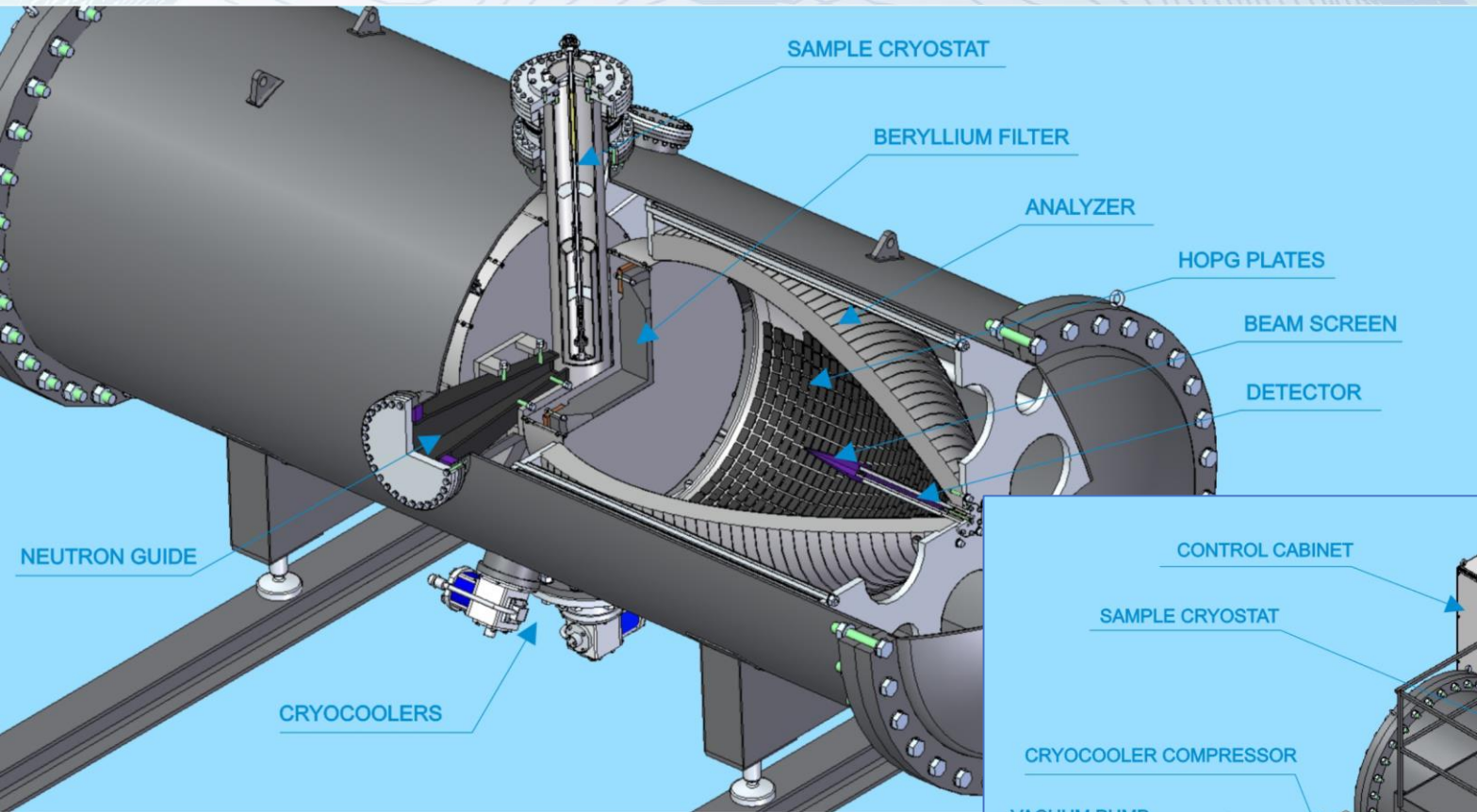


Based on the available space and needed time resolution and energy range the distance between the source and the sample of new spectrometer was chosen equal **105 m**.



The main concept for the secondary spectrometer is to place a set of **HOPG** (highly oriented pyrolytic graphite) analyser plates resembling together a **bell shape**, on both sides of sample.

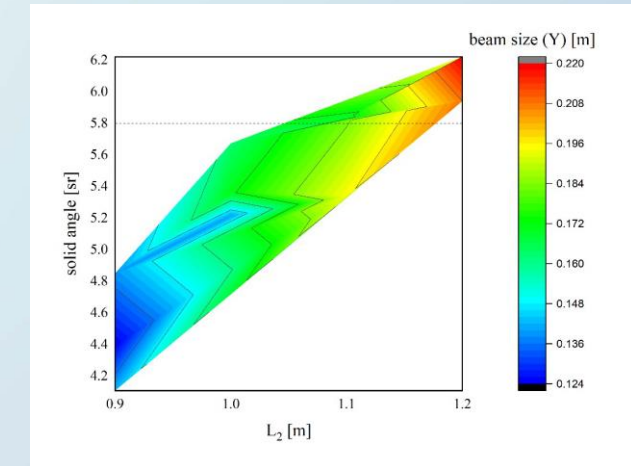
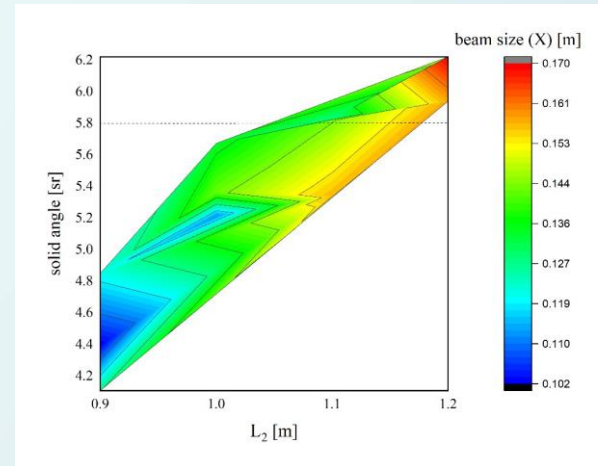




## SIMULATIONS (McStass):

Size of the neutron beam at the detector position in dependence with various neutron path lengths within the secondary spectrometer, each corresponding to a specific solid angle.

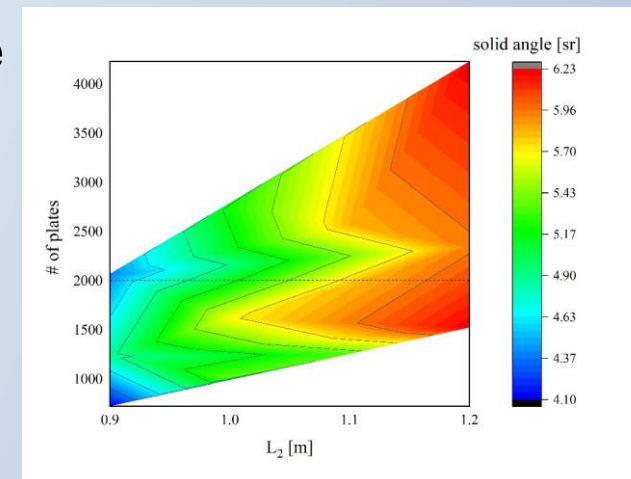
The dotted line - minimum accepted value of the solid angle.



The number of analyzer plates required to cover the inner surface of the secondary spectrometer construction varies with different values of  $L_2$ , corresponding to specific solid angles.

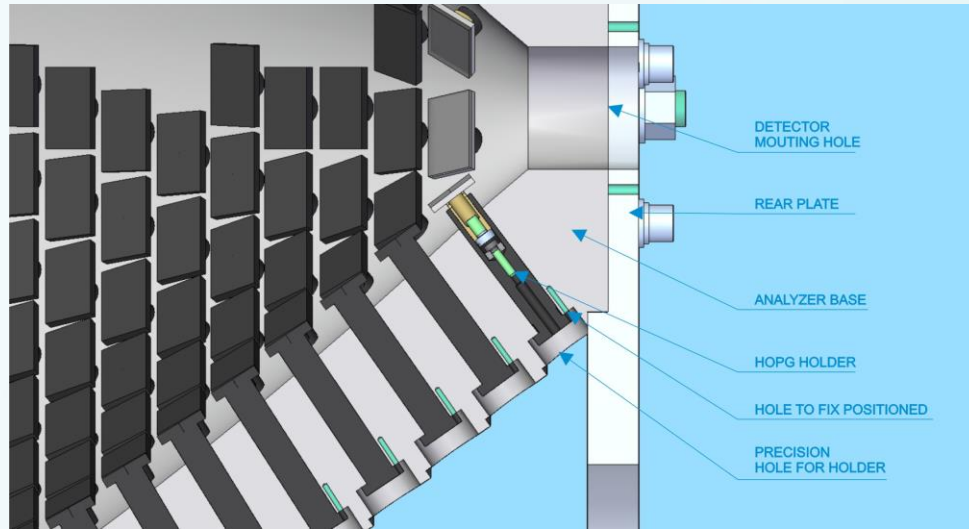
The maximum acceptable number of plates – 2000 ps.

Path length between sample and detector was fixed to 1.1 m.

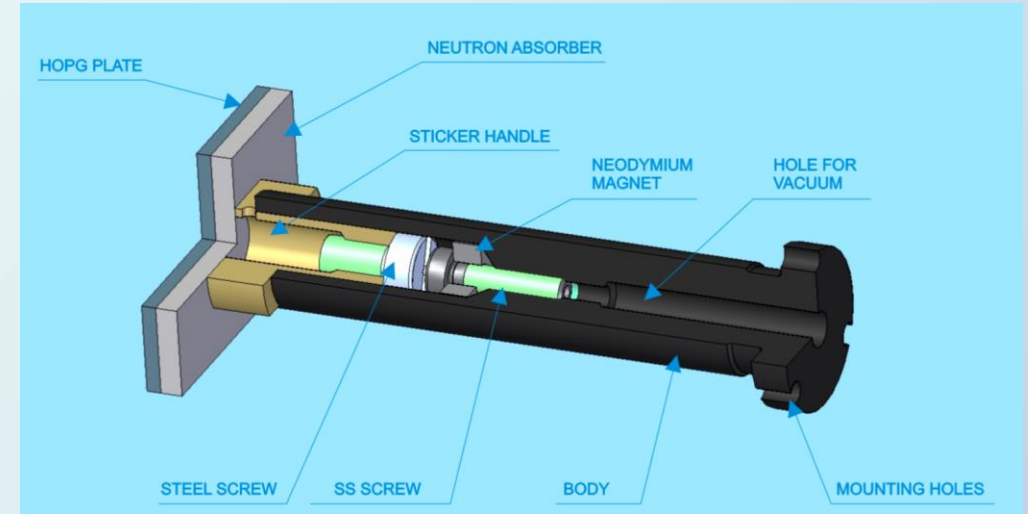


## boron carbide & HOPG crystal system

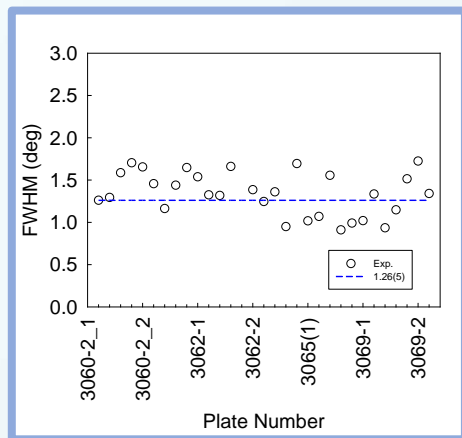
4cm x4cm x 1962



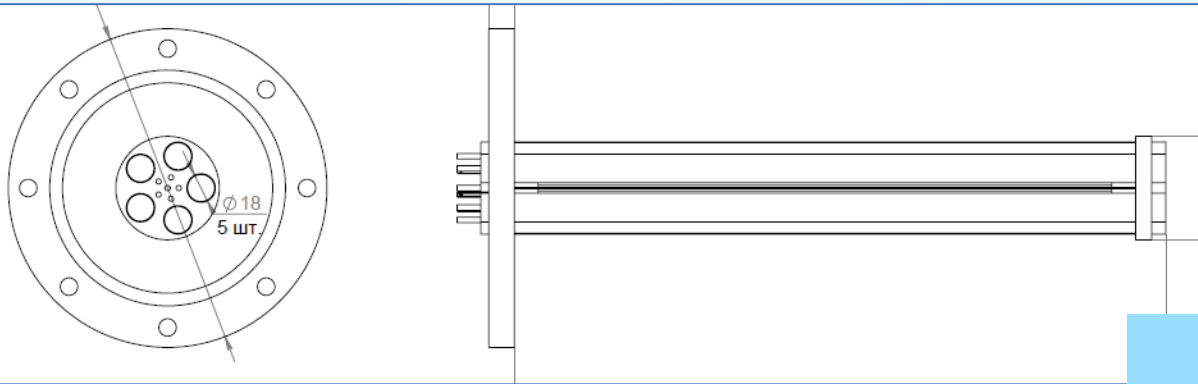
**HOPG**



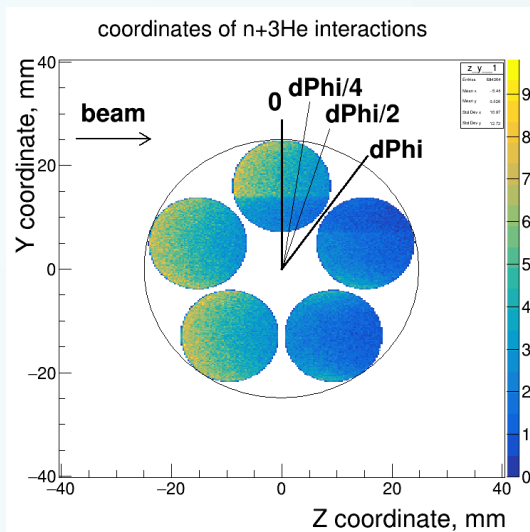
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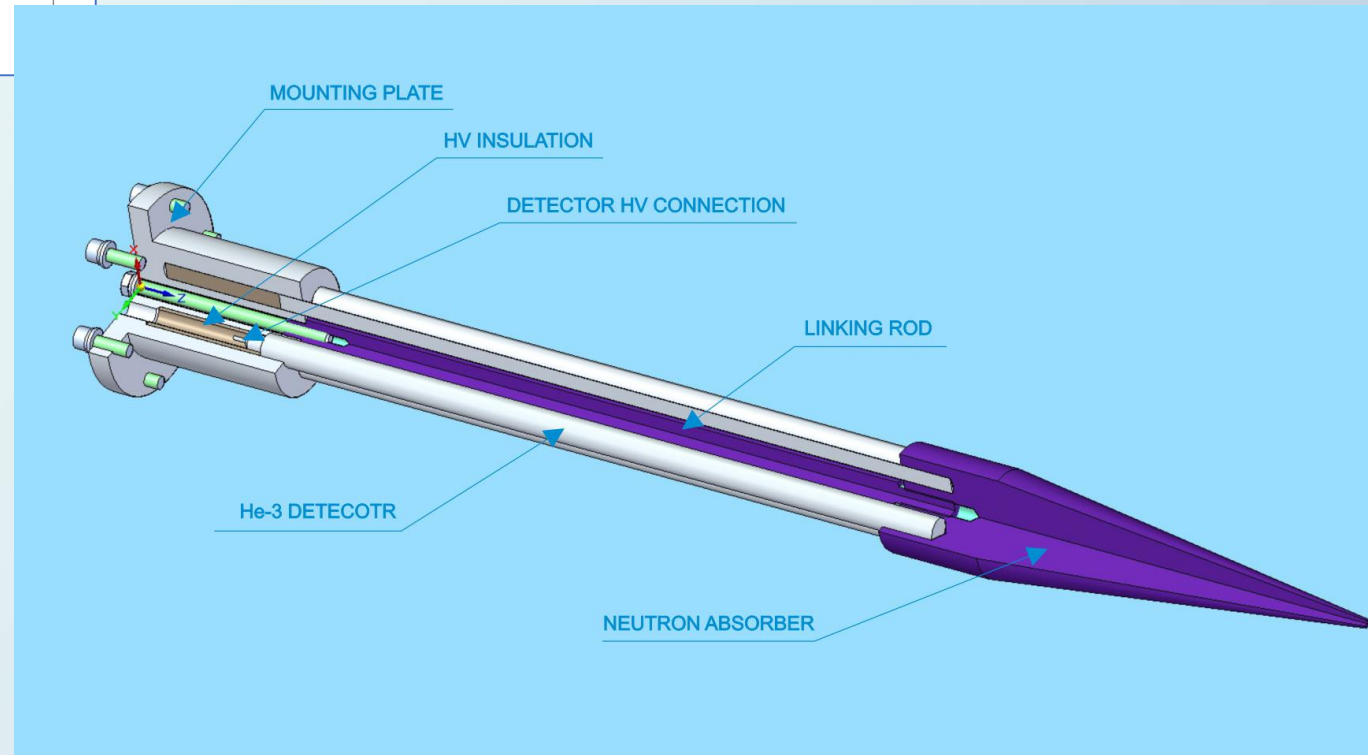
## detector mounting systems



**5 tubes of He<sup>3</sup> detectors for one bell**  
The counter wall thickness is 0.2 mm  
<sup>3</sup>He pressure is 8 atm.



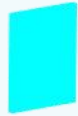
Assembly of cylindrical counters  $d \approx 18$  mm (analogue of SNM-18).



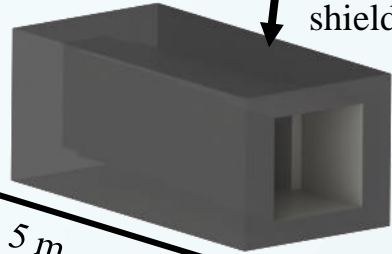




moderator  
33.5 x 40.5  
cm

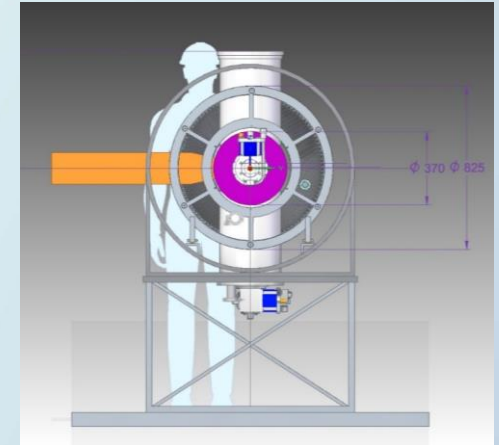


shielding



5 m

# McStas simulation



20x20 cm

Type A: tapering (m=2.5)

100 m

20x20 cm

Type B: constant + tapering nose (m=2.5)

75 m

W1 = 20 cm  
H1 = 20 cm

Type A

W2 = 3.1 cm  
H2 = 3.1 cm



sample  
3x3 cm

25 m

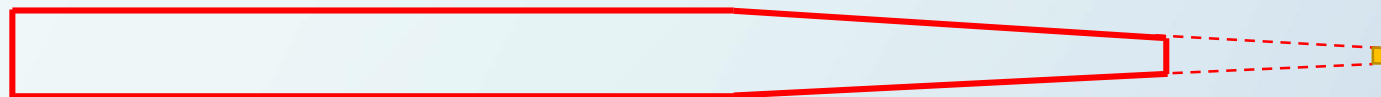
40 cm

W1 = 20 cm  
H1 = 20 cm

Type B

W2 = 20 cm  
H2 = 20 cm

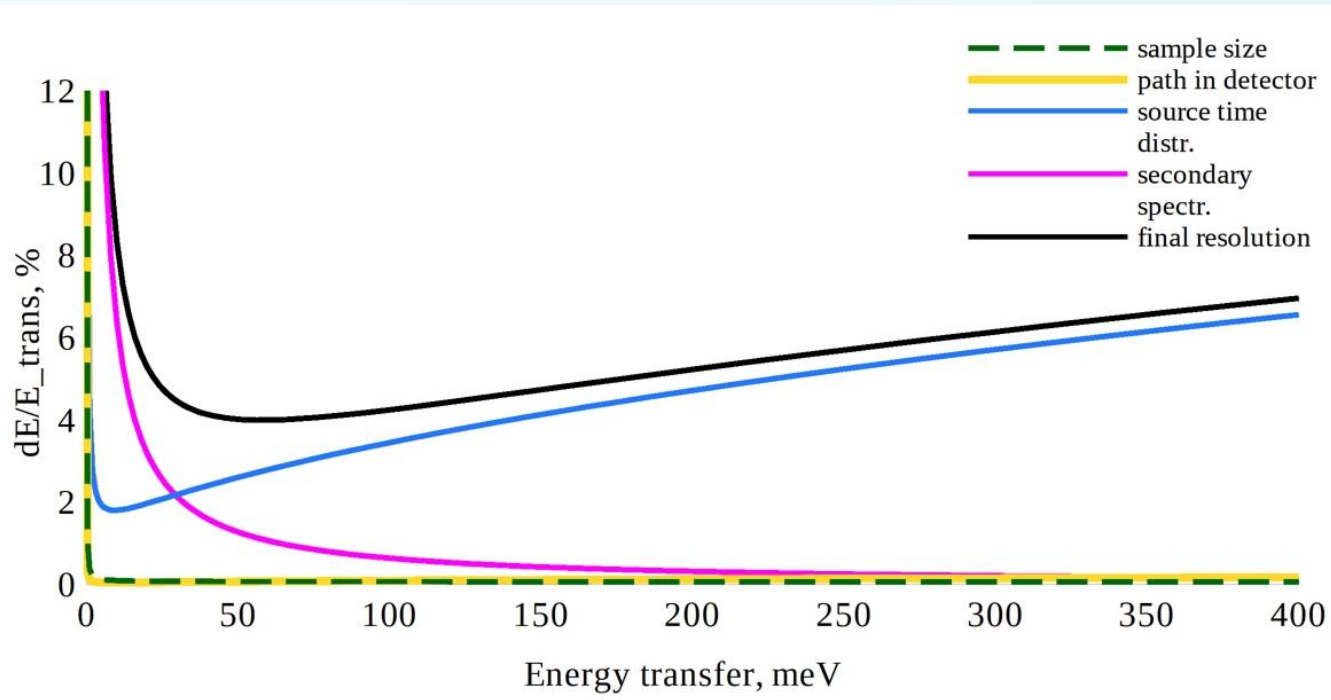
W3 = 3.3 cm  
H3 = 3.3 cm



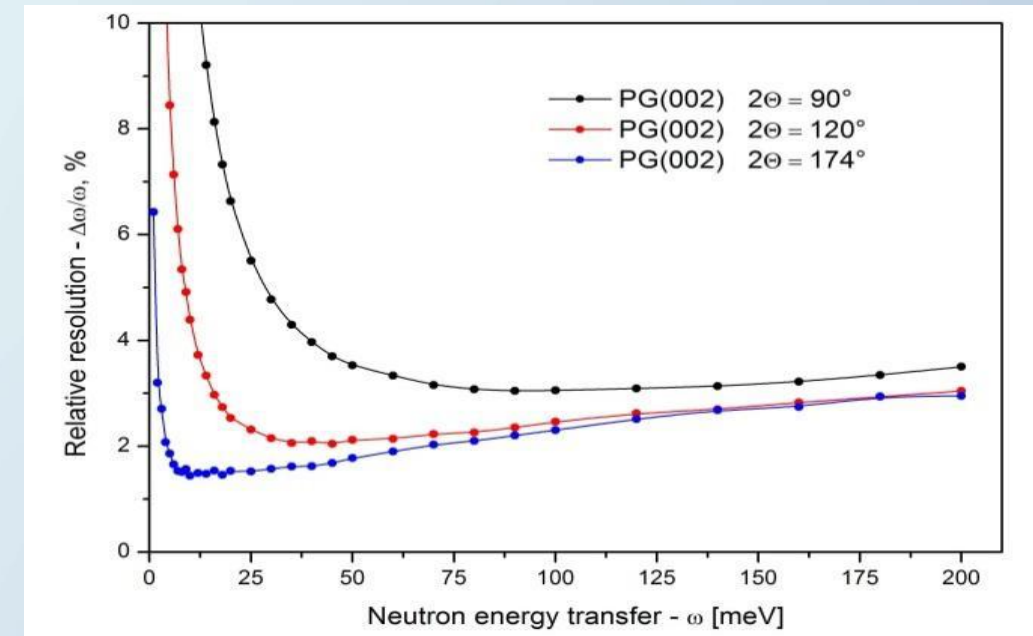
sample  
3x3 cm



## Contributions to the final resolution of the BJN spectrometer



## Resolution of the NERA spectrometer







	<b>NERA</b>	<b>BJN</b>	
Analyzer area	15x3X25 <b>1 125 cm<sup>2</sup></b>	4x4x1962 <b>31 392 cm<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>28 times</b> greater analyzer area
Energy transfer	<b>Below 160 meV</b>	<b>Up to 300 meV</b>	
Ratio input/output to neutronguides	16x5cm <sup>2</sup> /5x5cm <sup>2</sup> <b>3.2</b>	20x20cm <sup>2</sup> / 3x3cm <sup>2</sup> <b>44.44</b>	<b>a gain in flux density</b> (without taking into account the higher quality of the neutronguide) <b>44.44/3.2 = 14</b>
Solid angle	~ 0.2 sr	~ 5.64 sr	Solid angle gain <b>28</b>
Ratio of luminosity of new spectrometer and NERA			28x14 = <b>392</b> times higher i.e. <b>measurements</b> of a sample with the mass of <b>10-20 mg will be possible.</b>



- **Molecular dynamics of hydrogen-containing compounds, including pharmacological substances.**
- **Atomic dynamics and structure of condensed matter, in particular, the investigation of substances with phase polymorphism;**
- **Investigation of the magnetic and atomic dynamics of highly correlated systems.**
- ...

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