Beam-material issues for instrumentation in a 5 MW monolith

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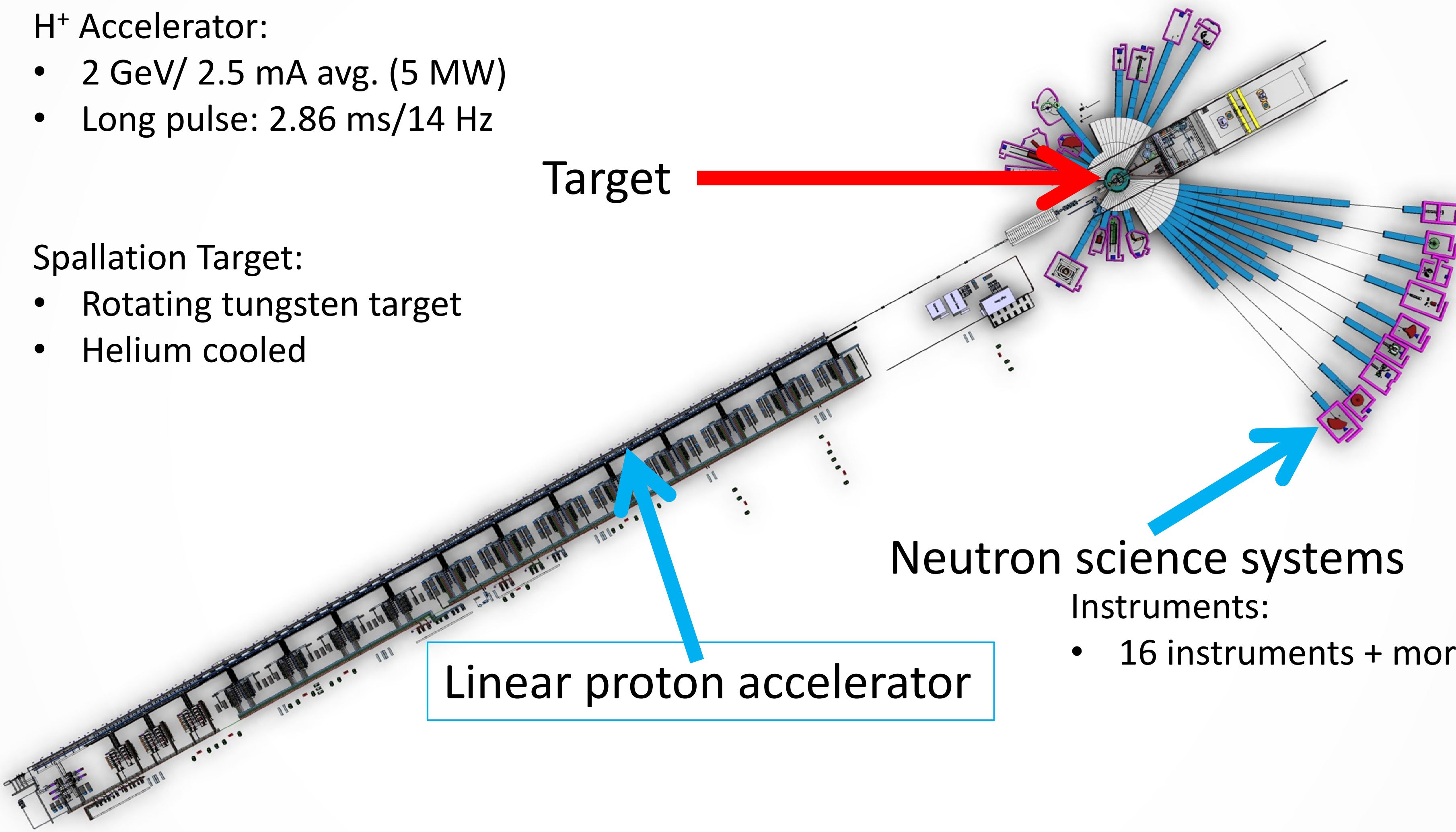
The ESS facility layout

H⁺ Accelerator:

- 2 GeV/ 2.5 mA avg. (5 MW)
- Long pulse: 2.86 ms/14 Hz

Spallation Target:

- Rotating tungsten target
- Helium cooled

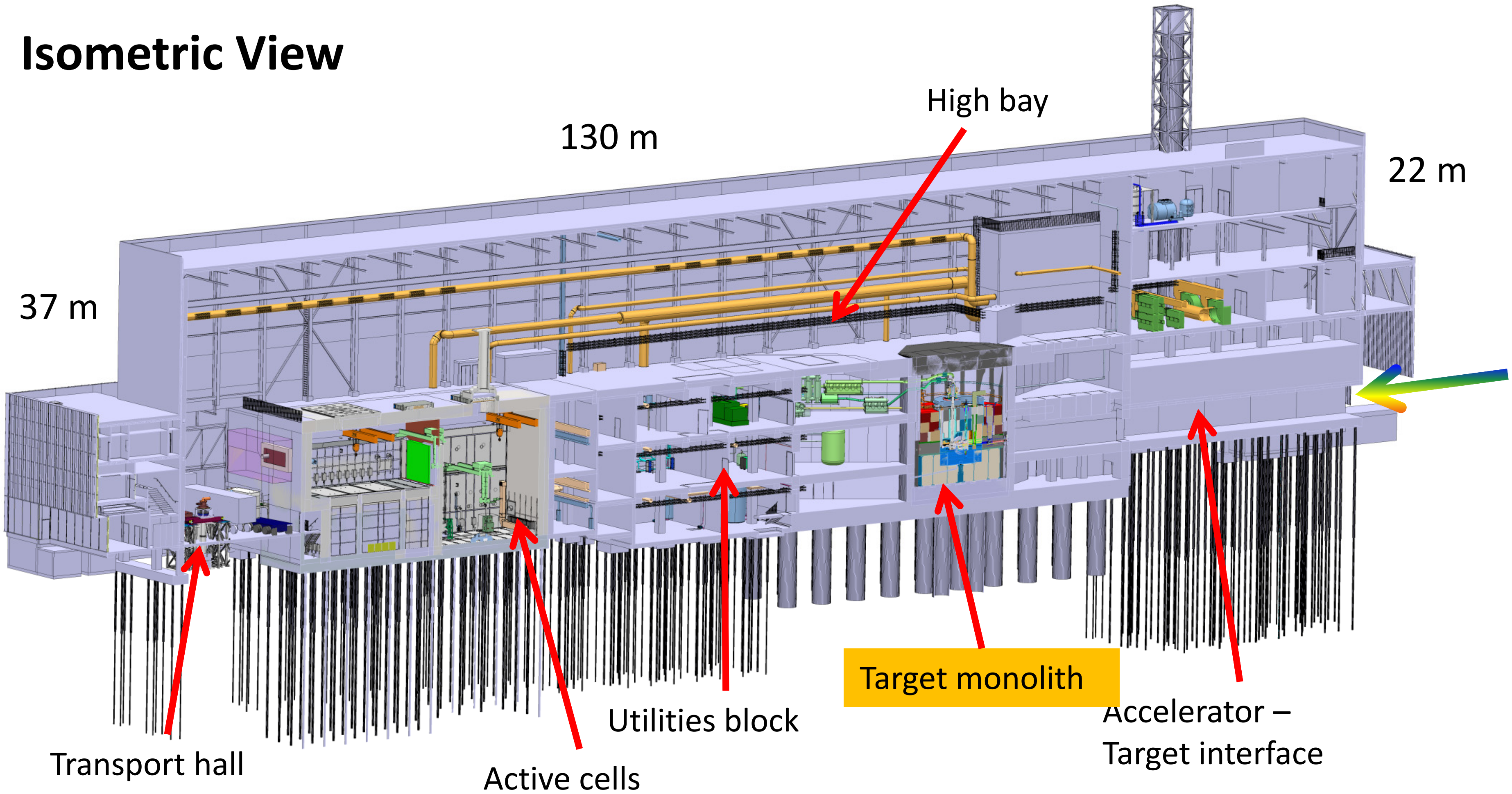


Instruments:

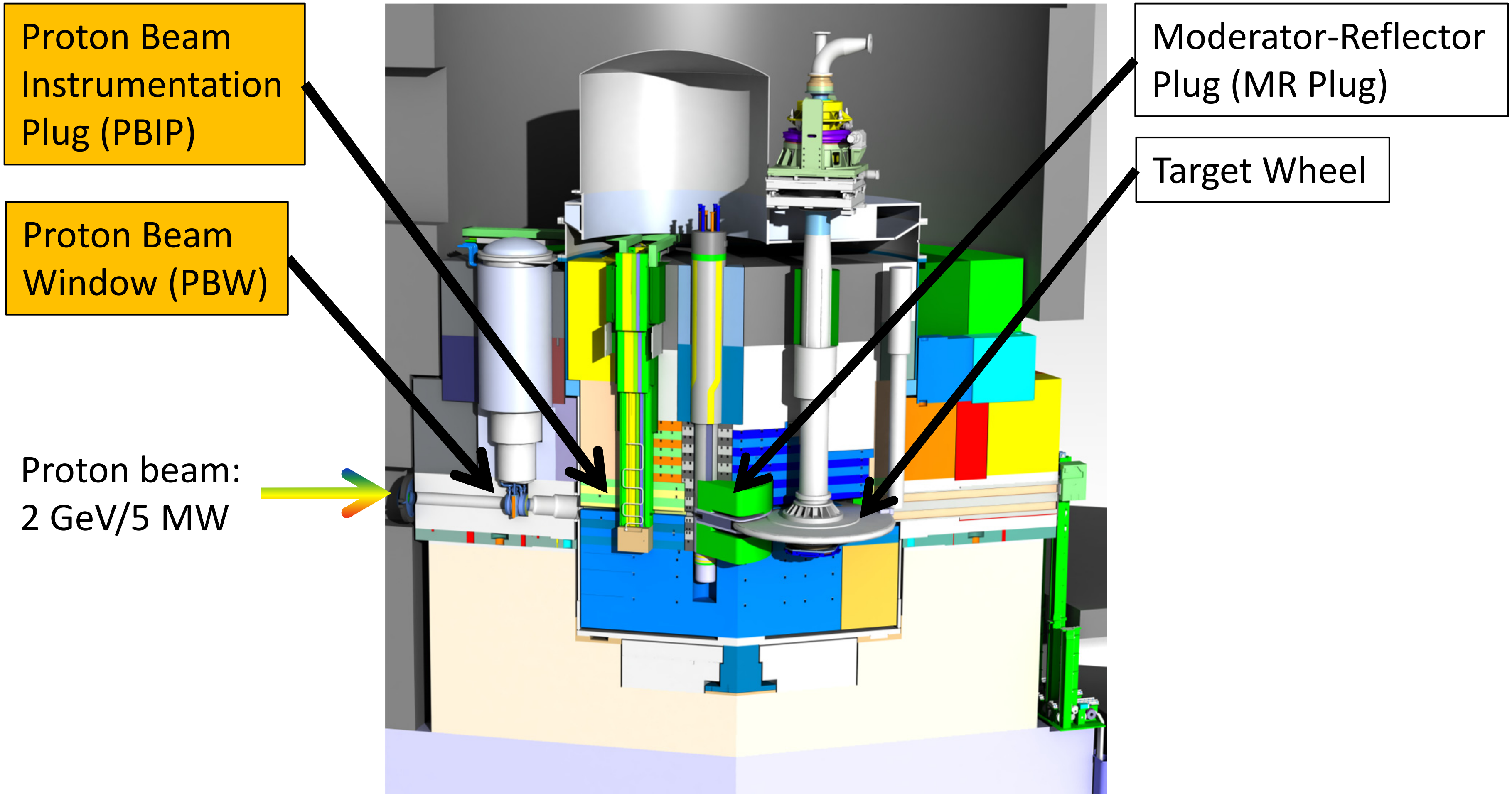
- 16 instruments + more

The ESS Target Station Layout

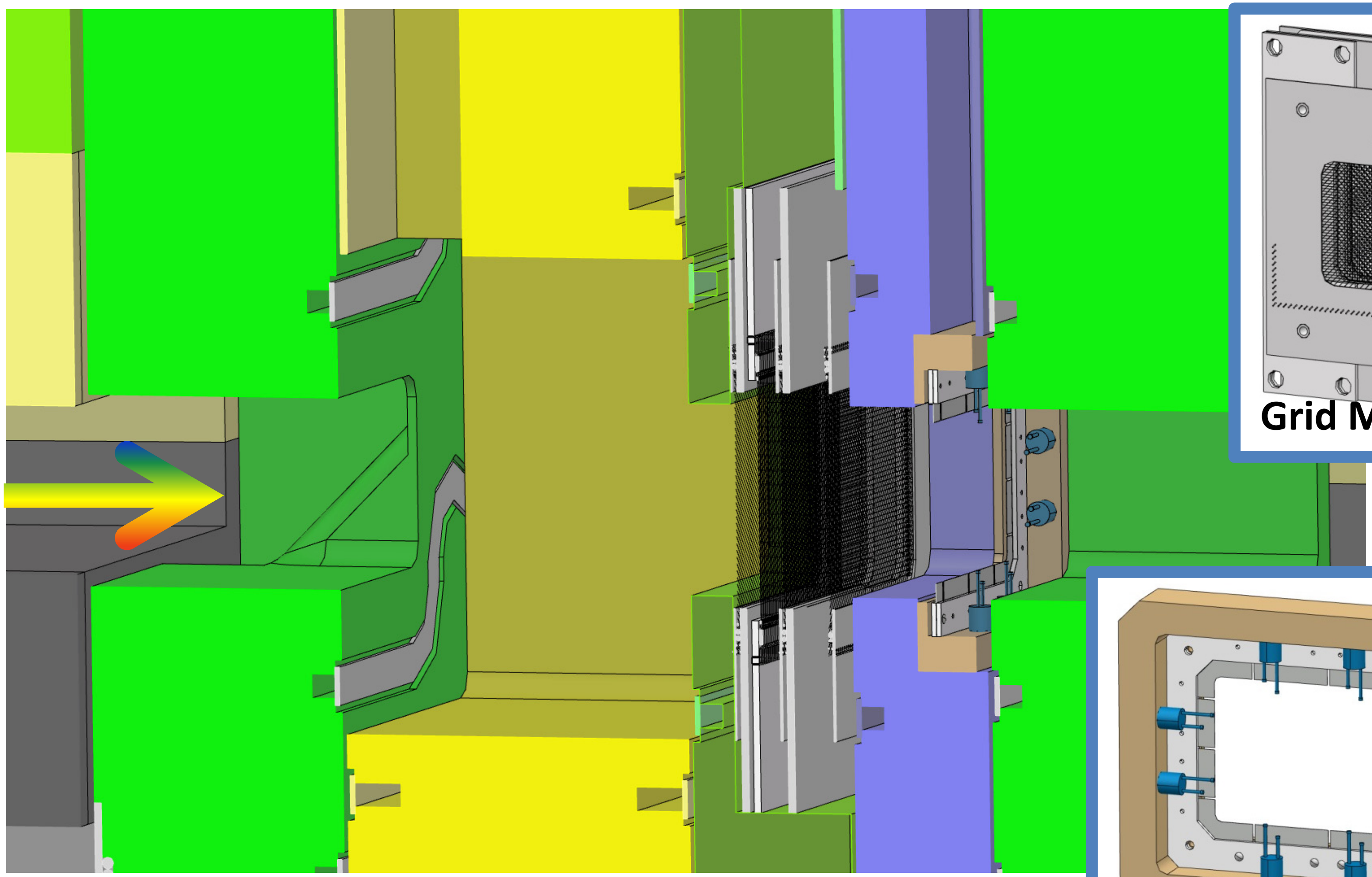
Isometric View

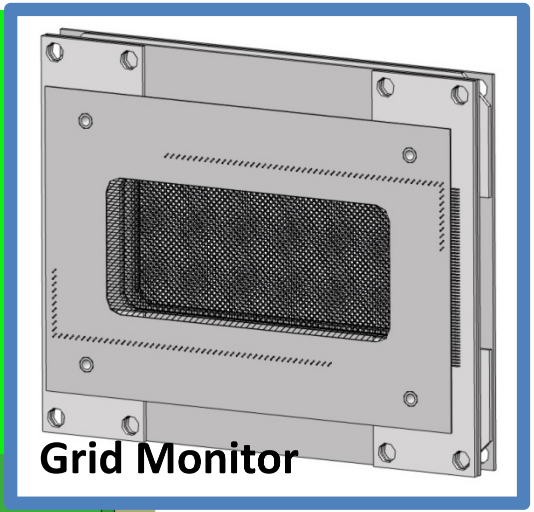


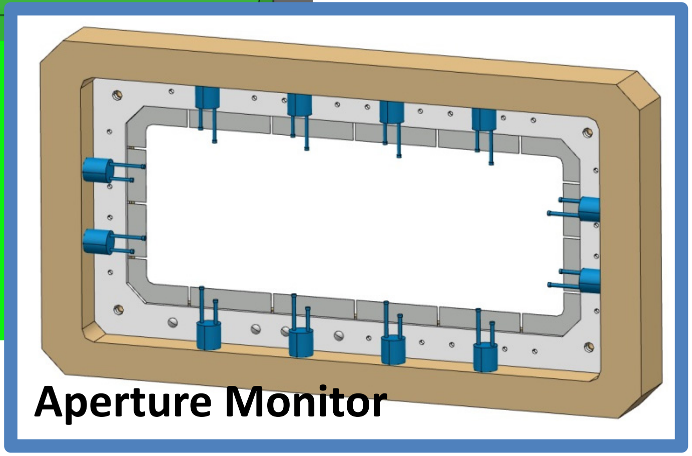
Target Monolith – Beam Diagnostics



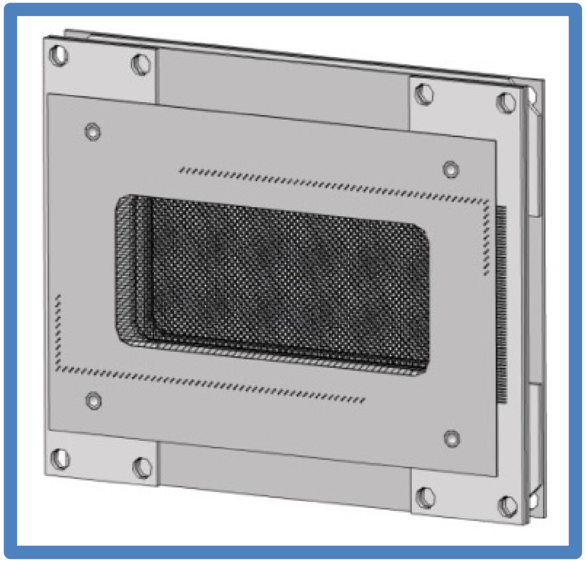
Proton Beam Instrumentation Plug







Multi-wire Beam Profile Monitor (Grid) "Harp"



- Used for beam profile monitoring
- 5 layers of horiz./vert./diag. wires
- ESS Material:
  - W (SNS) or SiC (JSNS, ISIS, LANSCE)
- Thickness: 100 μm

- Method: secondary electron emission:
  - SEY: low energy (<1 keV)- Sternglass theory
  - DEY: enough energy to escape and produce further ionization (10 keV-1 MeV, "δ-rays") ➔ calculated by particle transport (FLUKA)

Secondary Electron yield at 2 GeV H^+ Sternglass formula (SEY) / FLUKA (DEY)

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- P: probability of e^- emittance = 0.5(Bethe-Bohr equipart.)
- d_S: average depth for e^- emittance = $1*10^{-9}$ m
- E': average kin. energy lost = 25 eV (solid)
- dE/dz: proton stopping power of wire

Sternglass:

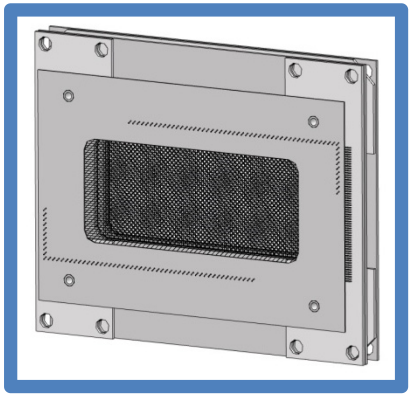
$$SEY = \frac{P * d_s}{E'} \frac{dE}{dz}$$

$E_k < 1$keV

FLUKA: DEY

larger E

Wire Material	dE/dz [MeV/cm]	SEY E_k<1keV	DEY E_k>10keV	Total Yield
Tungsten	24.4	0.049	0.026	0.075
SiC	5.16	0.010	0.013	0.023



- Benchmark with SNS/LANSCE reasonable

Charge Deposition and Electron Flux at the Harp (FLUKA)

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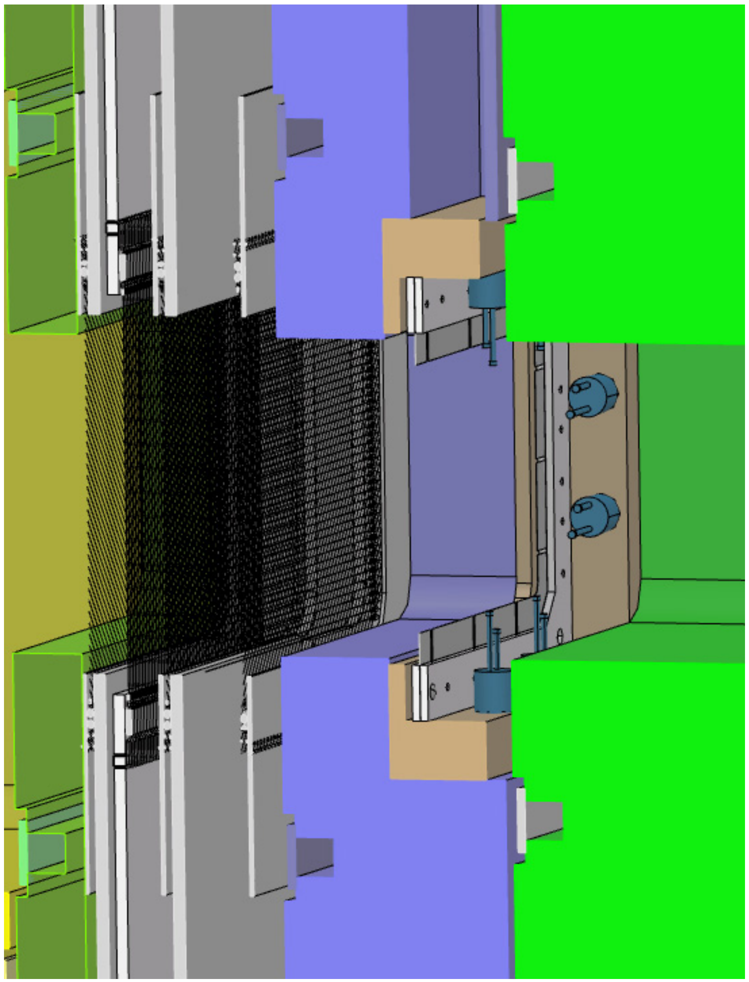
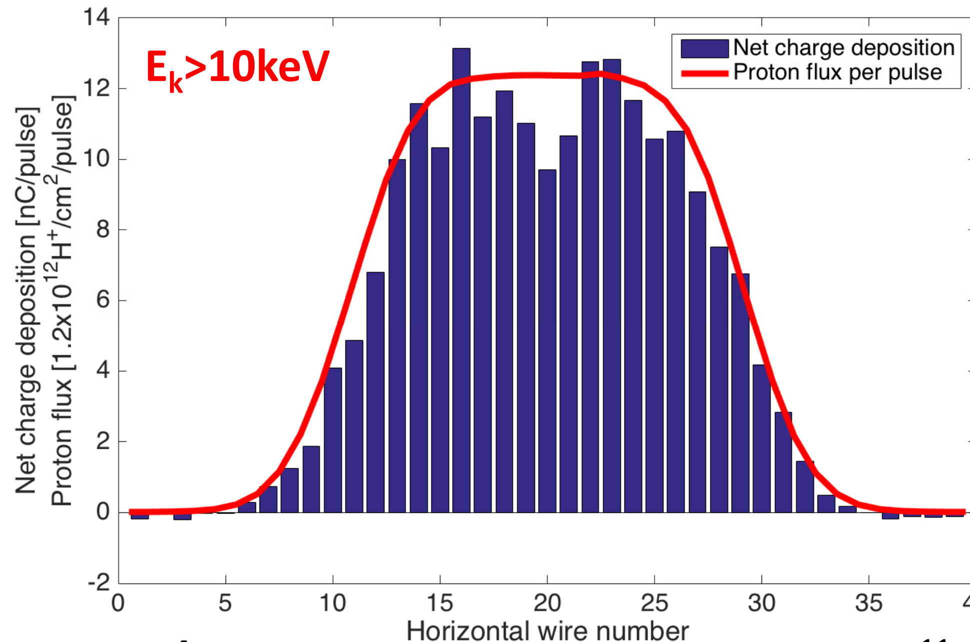
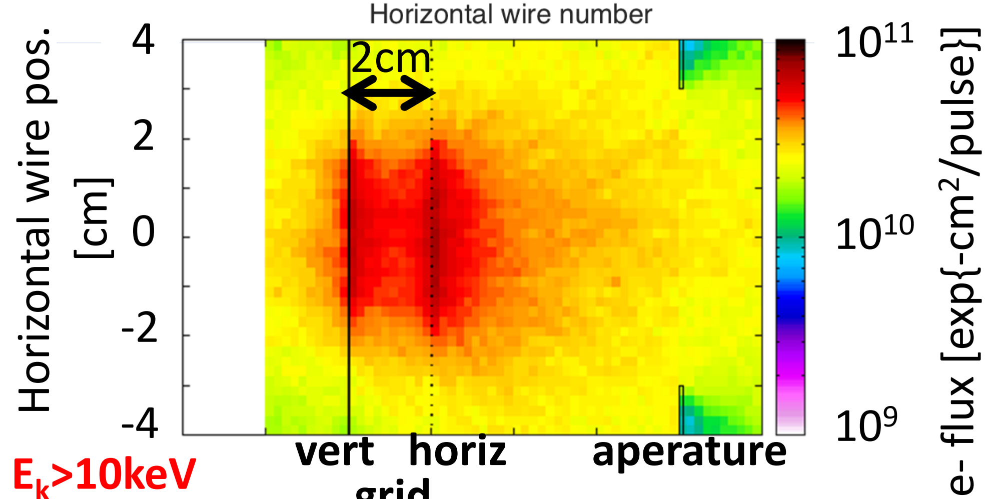


39 wires (2mm pitch)





Radiation Damage & Life time of Harp wires

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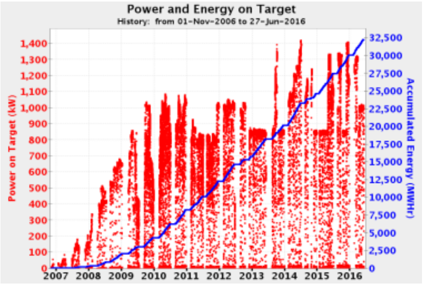
- Maximum displacement per atom (dpa) at 5 MW H^+ :

Wire Material	Max. dpa Rate [dpa/h]	Annual Operation Time	Max.dpa Rate per Year
Tungsten	0.012	5400	64.8
SiC	0.001	5400	5.4

- SiC wire: JSNS (3GeV, SiC, 0.25 dpa), ISIS (0.8 GeV, SiC, 3 dpa)
  - JSNS/ISIS dpa lower than expected @ ESS (5.2 dpa/year)
  - LANSCE reported failure of one/two wires within 1 year
- W-wire: SNS (1GeV, W harp 70 dpa)
  - ESS current >> SNS current

    => max. rad damage 70 dpa safe

    (see beam current density/accumulated beam)



No use of W alloys for harp wires @ ESS

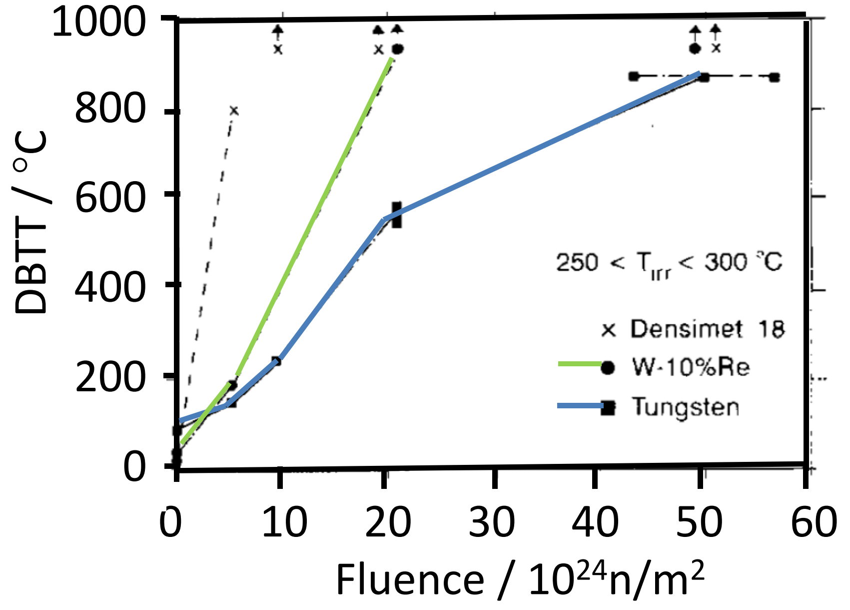
- W-wire:
  - **D**uctile-to-**B**rittle-**T**ransition-**T**emperature (DBTT) increases with rad. damage
  - higher operation T: W can self-anneal? W/Re not
  - W alloys: reduced life time (BLIP/CERN)

- DBTT (W) << DBTT (W-10% Re)

  for DPA>0.3

[H. Ullmaier, F. Carsughi, NIMB 101 (1995)]

alloys W/Re are excluded for ESS



Aperture Monitor

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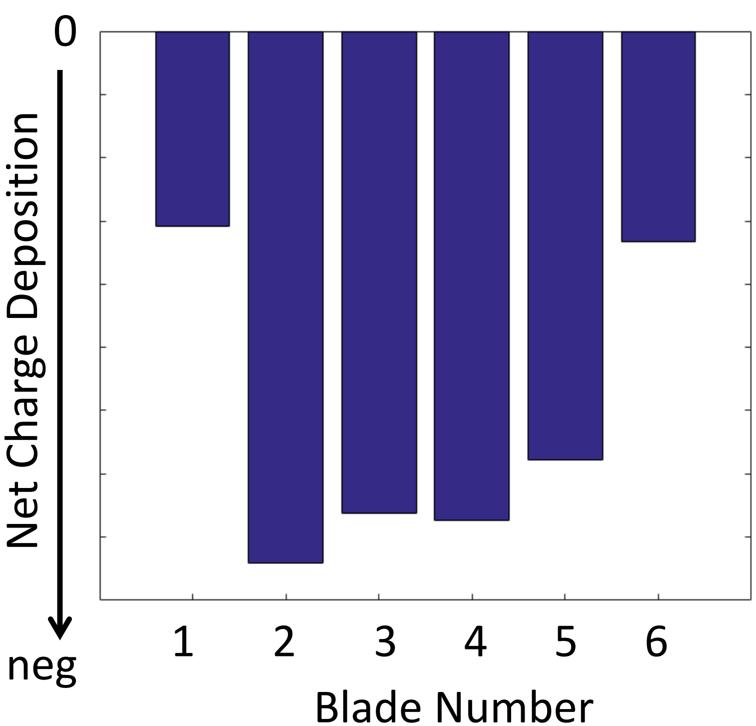
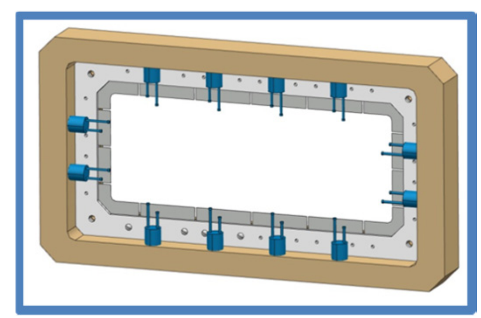
- Material: Nickel, thickness 100 μm (PSI (0.575 GeV) has operated more than 2 decades without failure)
- Electron yields:

Facility	dE/dz [MeV/cm]	SEY E_k<1keV	DEY E_k>10keV	Total Yield
PSI	16.7	0.033	0.023	0.056
ESS	13.6	0.027	0.019	0.046



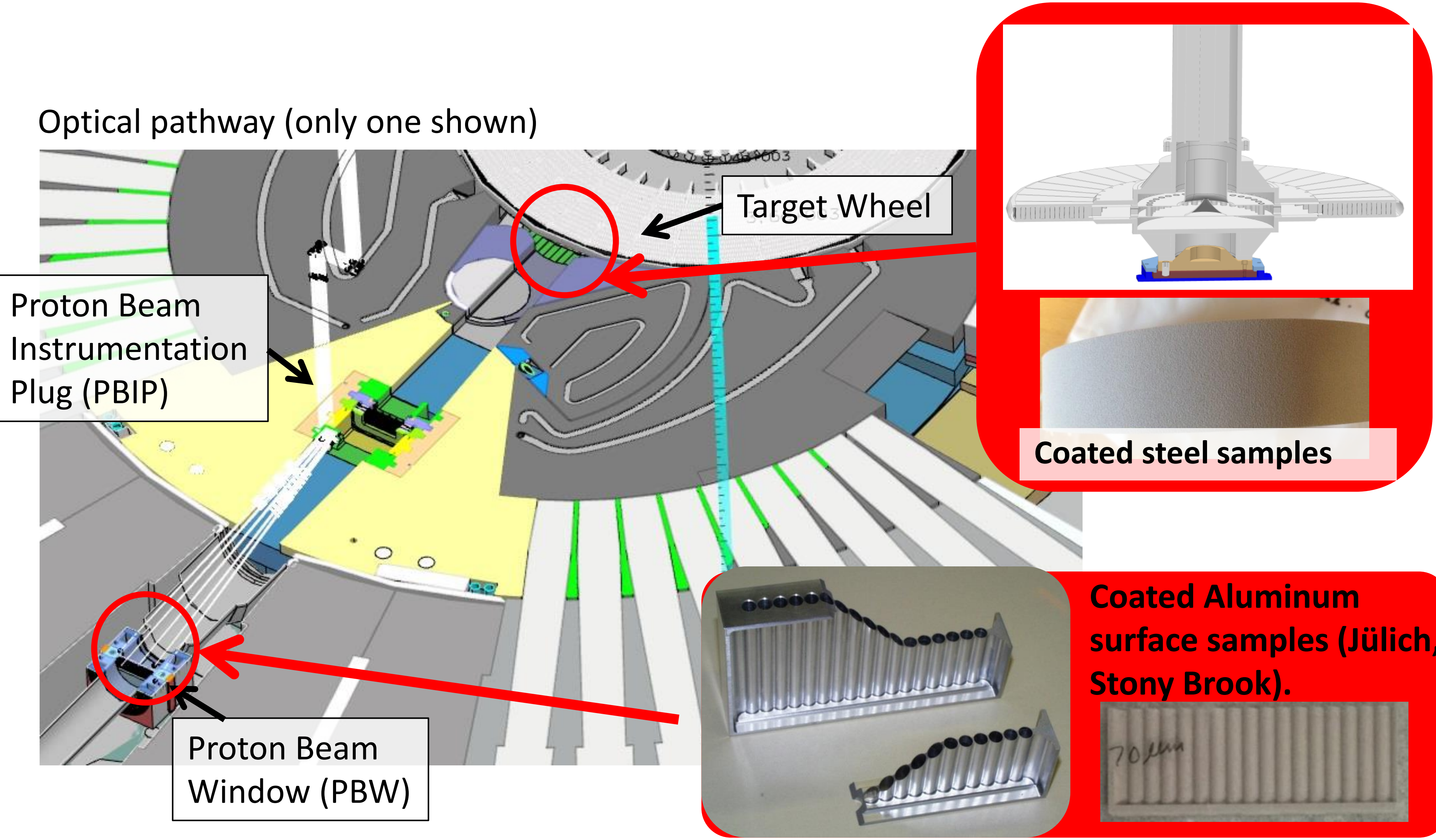
6 Ni sheets covering horizontal range (20 cm)



Net Charge Deposition is negative: incoming, fast e- are stopped in Ni blades (instead of only H+), need to change position of monitor

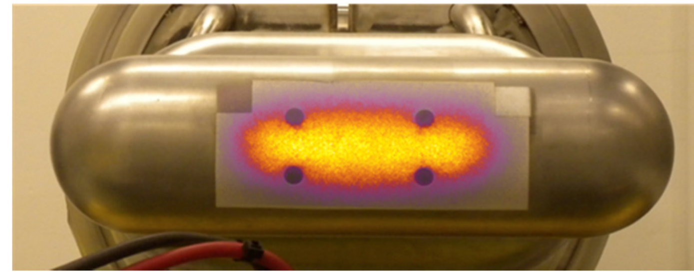
Beam imaging system:
Luminescence Coating On Target and PBW

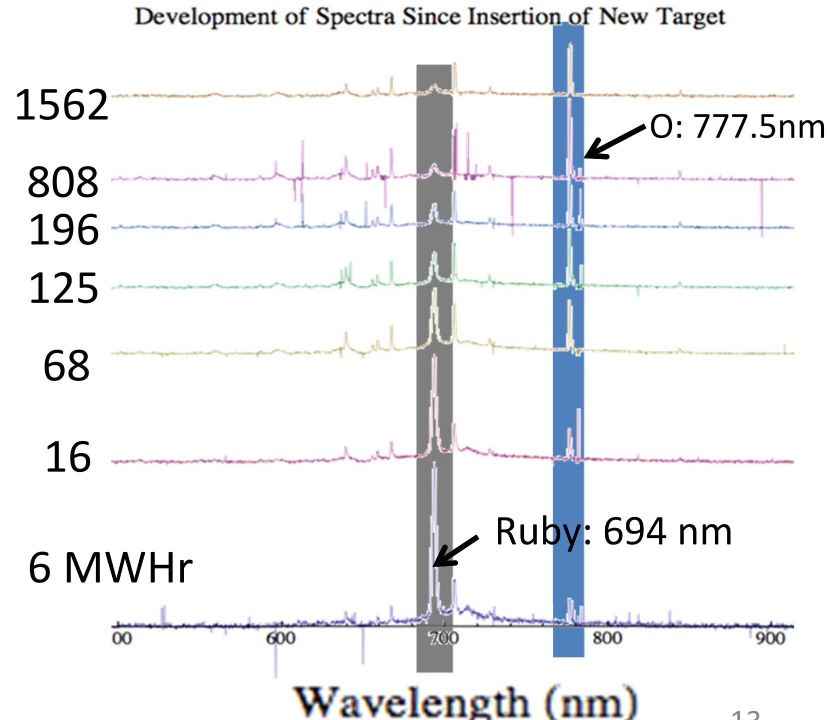
Optical pathway (only one shown)

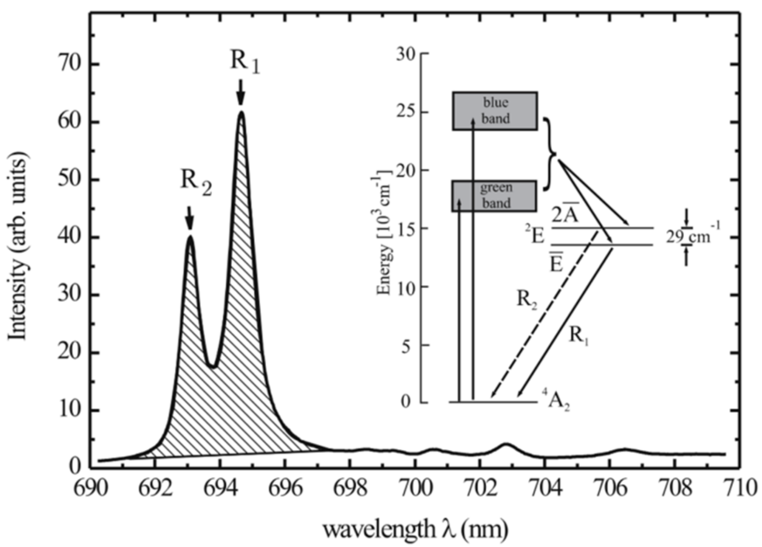


Luminescence coating: Cr-doped Alumina at SNS

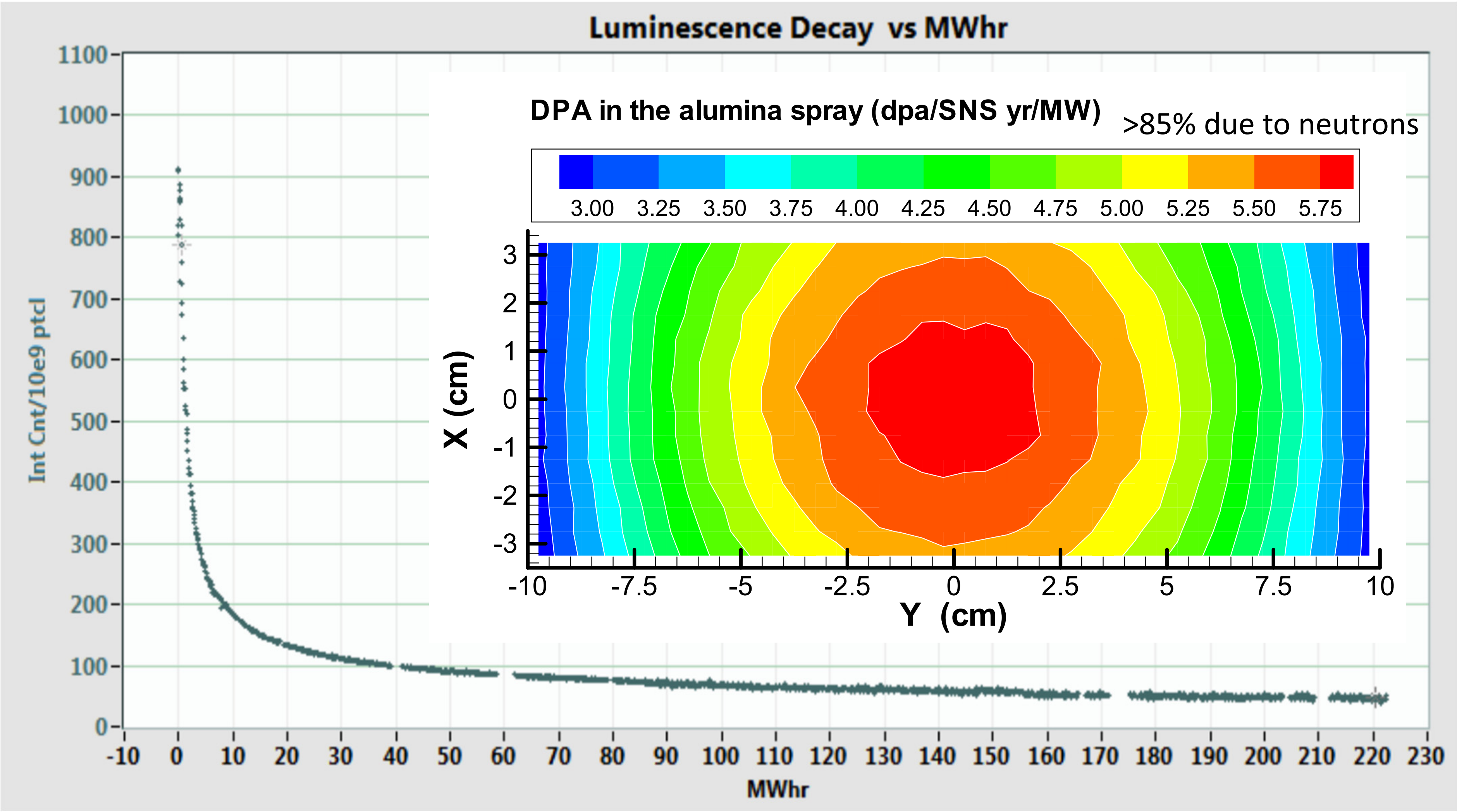
- SNS target coating material => Cr^{3+} doped Al_2O_3 sprayed on target,
  - <u>Achieved 2D map of beam!</u>
  - Material degrades in the radiation field within days to <10% luminescence.
  - Oxygen lines appear, ruby lines decrease





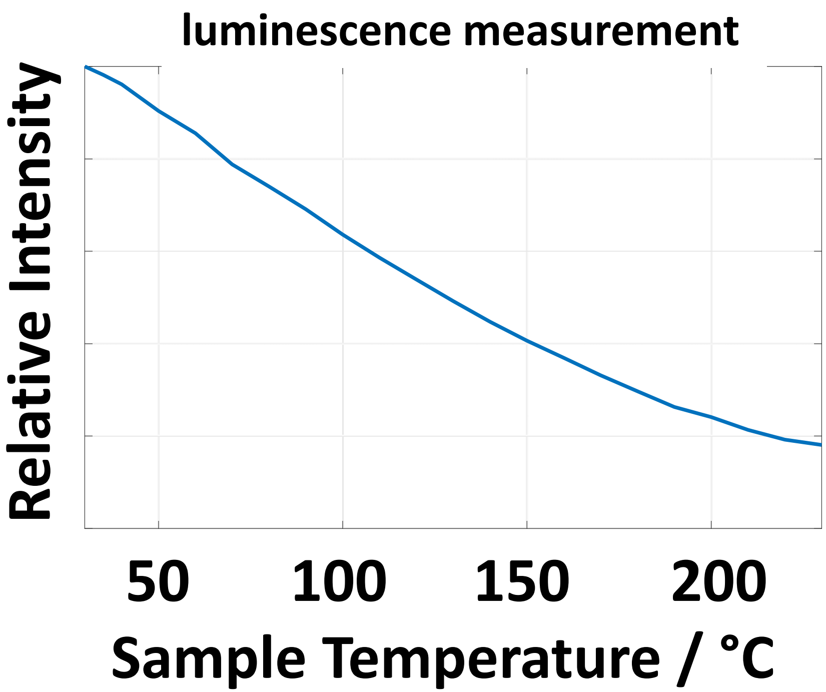


Decrease in luminescent efficiency with irradiation



Luminescence coating for ESS: Cr-doped Alumina?

- Start point: SNS target coating material
  - Material degrades in the radiation field over time
  - Contamination from particles emanating from the target (similar to SNS)
  - No more pre-cursor powder available !? (maybe new supplier)



ESS

- higher neutron flux than SNS
- ESS target change only every 5 years or so (SNS every 8 months)
- **Quenching of luminescence at higher temperature (~200 deg. C) due to He cooling of W**

Planned & performed characterization of luminescence material

- **What is special about the pre-cursor material for the luminescent screen?**
  - chemical & structural characterization (XRD, ND, N-PDF, NVS, XAFS) **VOODOO?**

- **Degradation due to radiation ?**
  - irradiation of coated PBW samples at BNL's BLIP facility
  - looking for partners for post-irradiation examination (LANL, ORNL, ..)
  - Ongoing Work with SNS on in-situ luminescence screen
  - heavy ion irradiation (GSI: June 2016), further measurements

Voodoo – or not?

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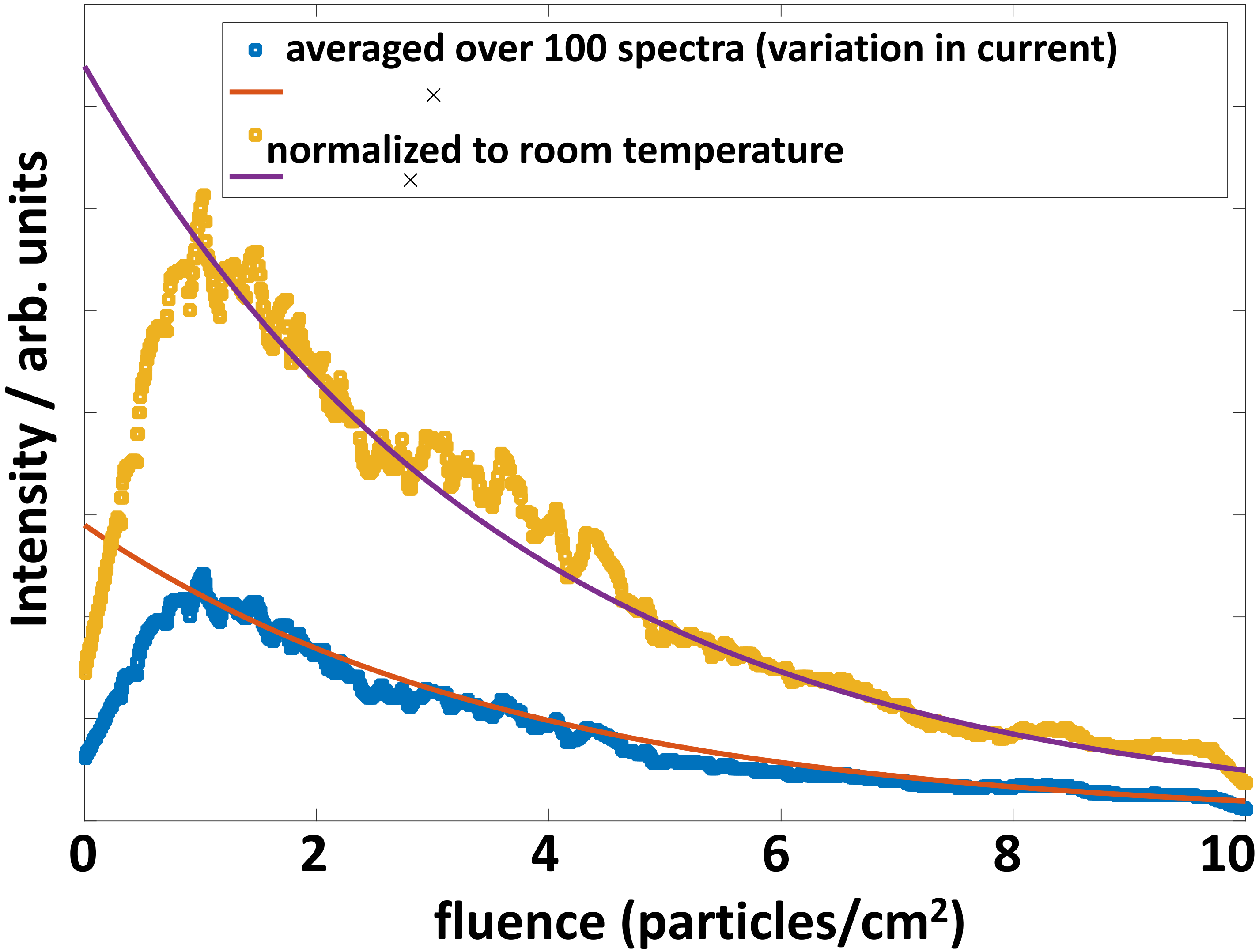
- X-ray Fluorescence (no standard)

Pre-cursor Voodoo powder	Sprayed powder
Al_2O_3 95.2%	Currently being measured
Cr_2O_3 3.8 %	
P_2O_5 0.6	
Ag_2O 0.2 %	

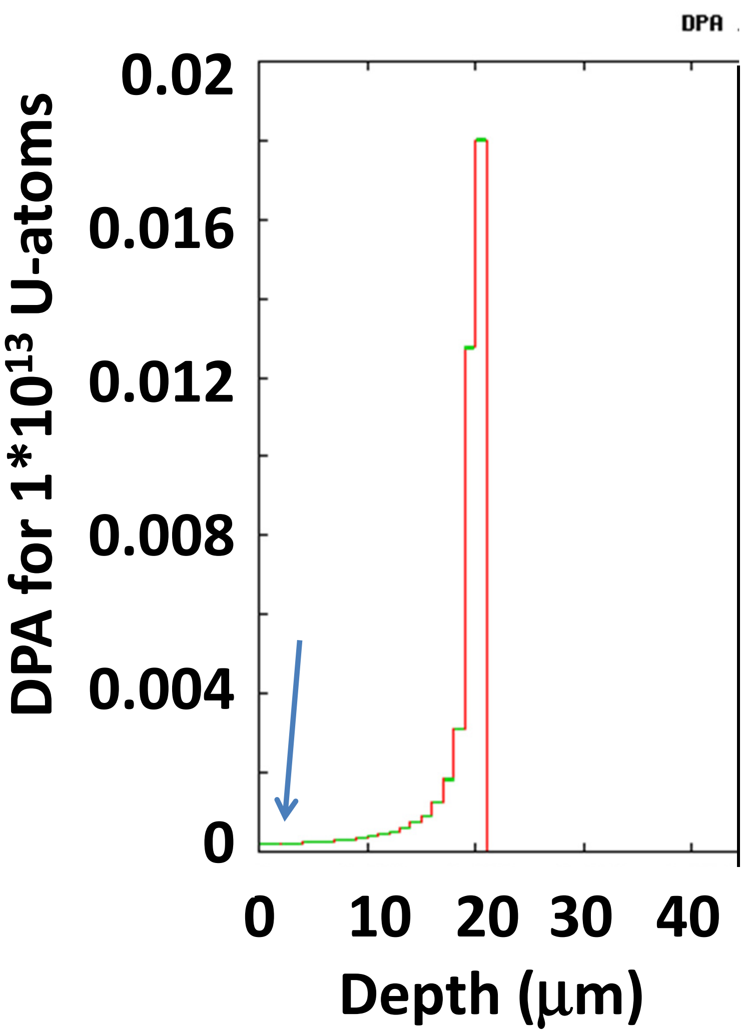
- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR):
  - No organic substances found.
- XRD (will be compared to neutron diffraction &PDF)

Pre-cursor Voodoo powder	Sprayed powder
Al_2O_3 99.5% (corundum)	Cr-substituted Corundum (ruby) (Al1.926 Cr0.074 O3) 39.8%
Cr_2O_3 0.5%	ε- Al-oxide (Al_2O_3) 60.1%

Luminescence measurementa under heavy-ion bombardment (^{238}U)



Displacement per atom in 1%Cr-Al_2O_3



The damage rate in the coating at 5MW beam power is **8*10^{-5} dpa/h**

GSI beamtime:

Accumulated total fluence of

1*10^{12} U/cm^2.

This translates to total dpa of:

1.8*10^{-3} dpa at 20 µm

1d at 5 MW

1.8*10^{-5} dpa at 1 µm

15 min at 5 MW

Testing of potential candidates for luminescence screen

- Optimizing the established material
  - Cr-content
  - spray conditions
  - (choice of starting material)
- Understanding why the material works
  - VOODOO pre-cursor works - other “identical” materials do not
  - further characterization of Voodoo material and resulting sprayed material
- Understanding why the material degrades in the radiation field and what the mechanism is:
  - Oxygen lines due to reduction of Cr^{3+} when the proton beam hits?
  - Local areas of elemental Cr and O_2?
  - Characterization/ comparison before/after irradiation.
- Development of “new”, radiation-resistant materials:
  - yttria, zirconia, YAG,…

Thank you…

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