



## BM18, The New ESRF-EBS Beamline For Hierarchical Phase-Contrast Tomography

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**Brief general description**

**Overview of the beamline components**

**Nearly all the instruments are especially developed for this beamline**

Main techniques:

- Hierarchical tomography
- Propagation phase-contrast imaging

EBS advantages:

- *Smallest possible X-ray source of the EBS*
- *Highest coherence worldwide for high-energy X-ray imaging.*

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

Building construction

OH1  
constructionEH1  
constructionSample stage development and  
installationX-ray optics development and  
installationCommissioning and  
friendly  
users

USM

Main beamline characteristics:

- *Energy range: 25-350 keV (polychromatic)*
- *220m long beamline, up to 38m for propagation phase-contrast*
- *Sample size up to 2.5m and 300 kg*
- *beam of 35cm*
- *High level of automation and high throughput*
- *Large resolution range (0.7 - 200 um)*

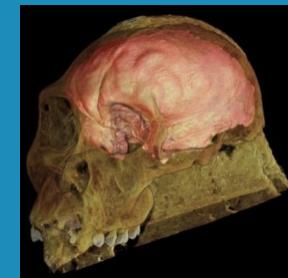
### Biomedical imaging



- A new scale in human body knowledge
- Understanding effects of diseases

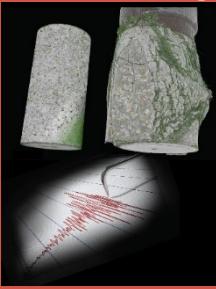


### Natural and cultural heritage



- understanding the evolution of life on earth
- Non-invasive structural study of archaeological specimens and art pieces

### Geology



- origin of earthquakes
- Mechanisms of volcanoes
- Climate change

### High sensitivity phase-contrast tomography in large and complex samples

### Industrial applications



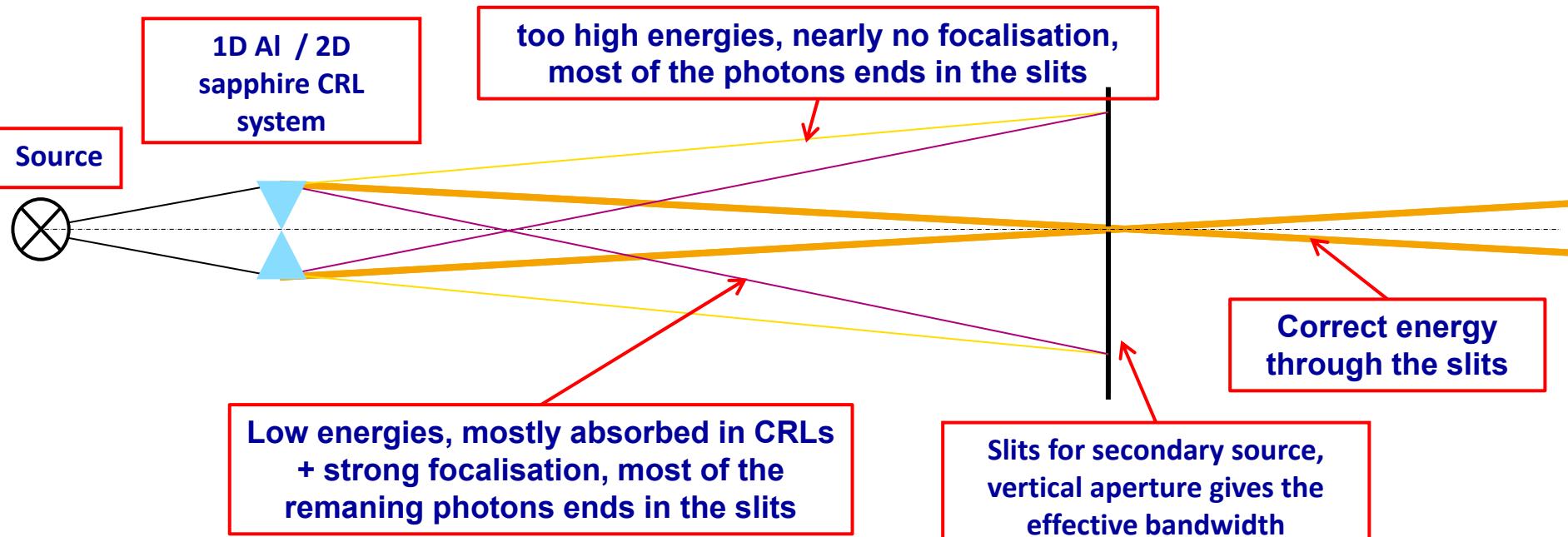
- Testing high-value objects
- Analysis of 3D structures of industrial products

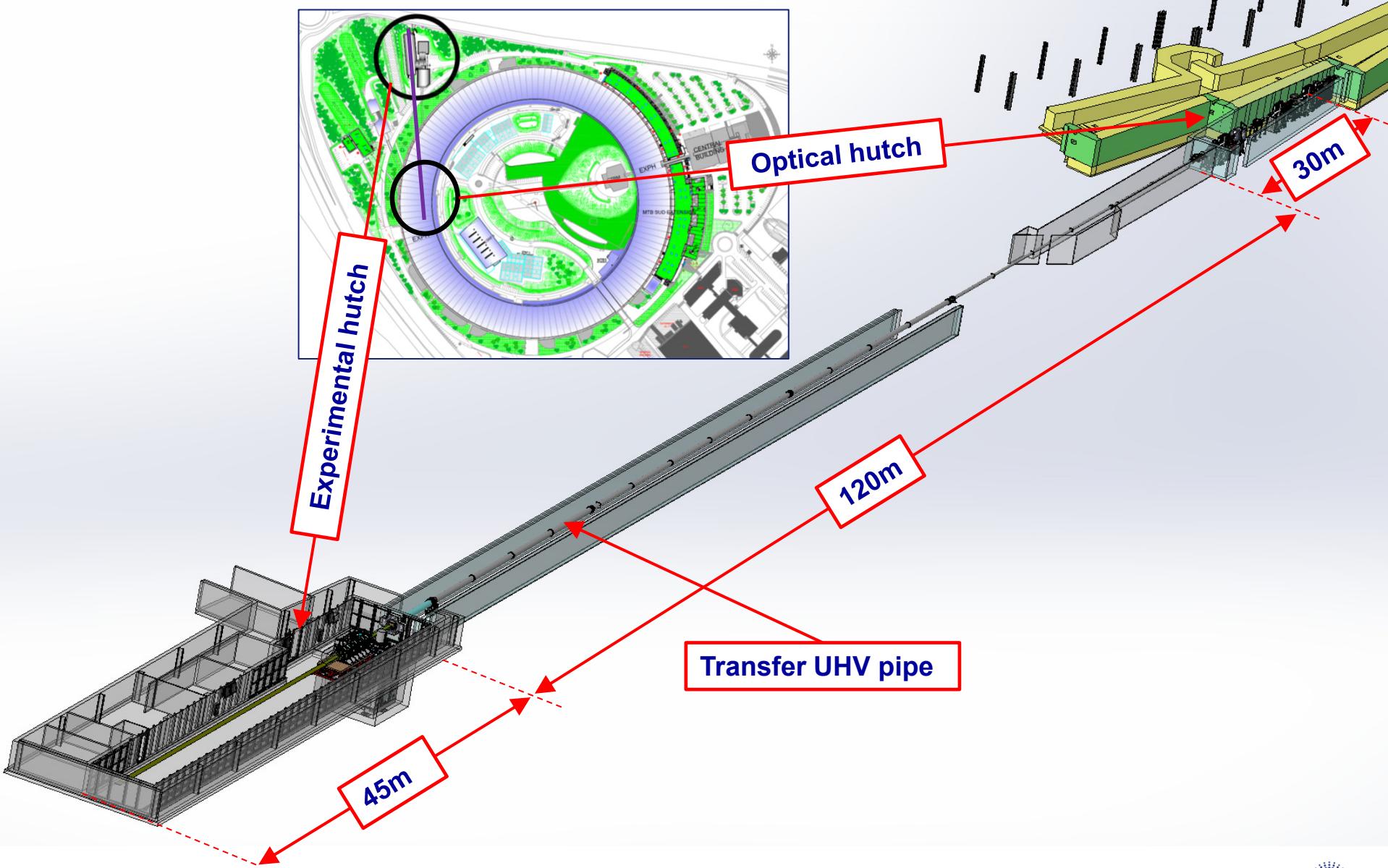
### Material sciences

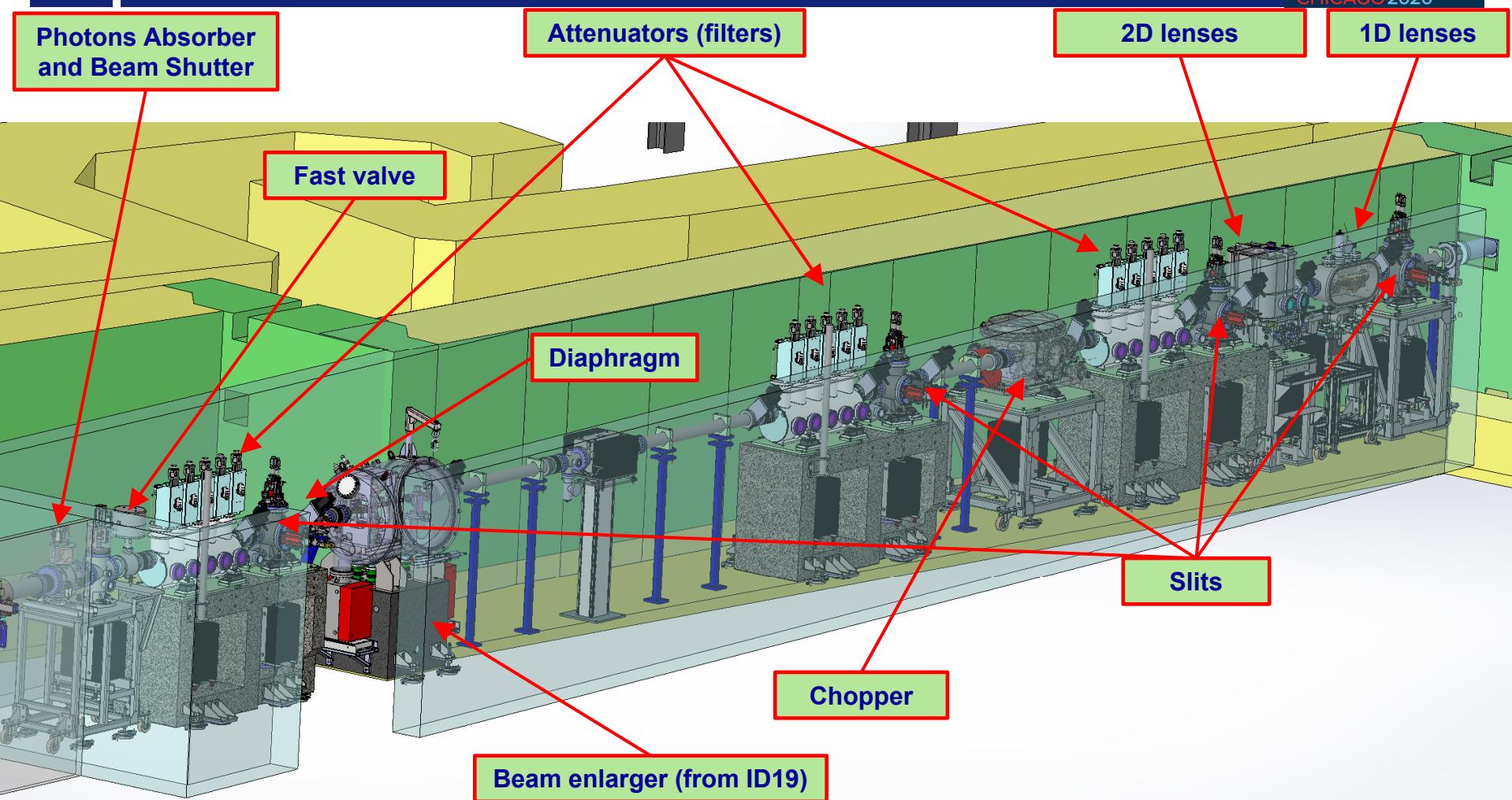


- Non-destructive control of large devices (batteries, complex mechanical parts)
- Additive manufacturing (in-situ and ex-situ)

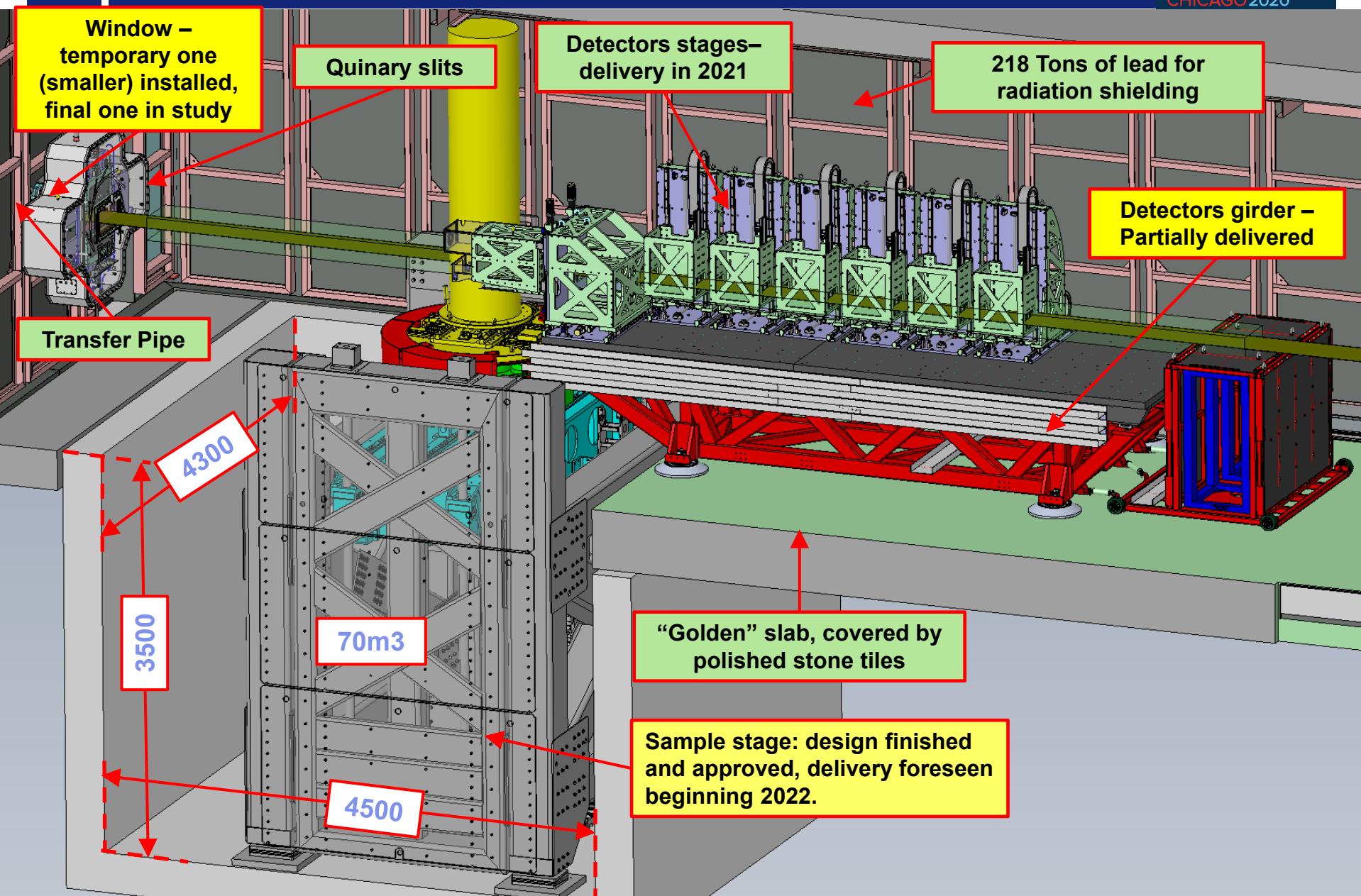








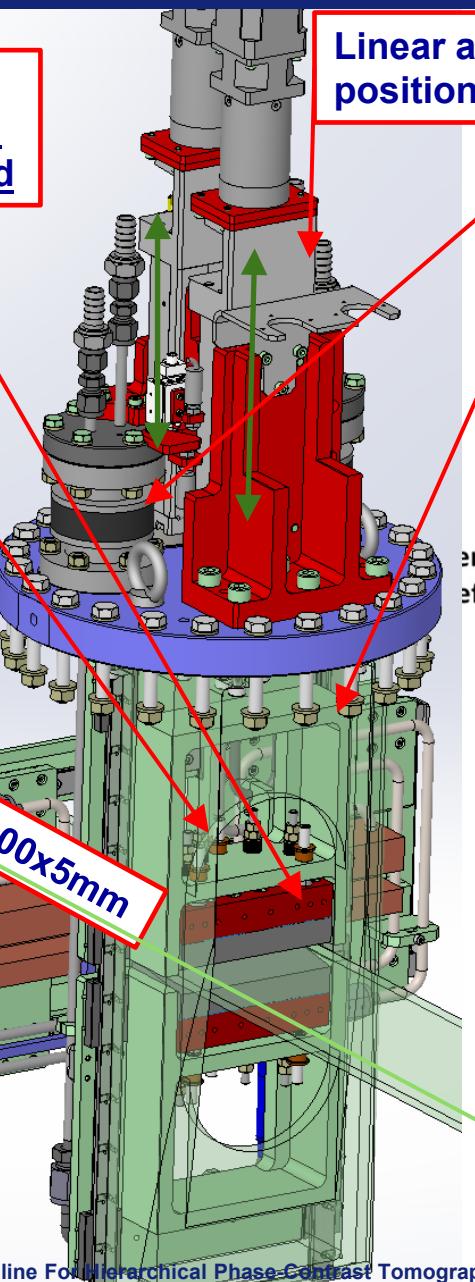
Nearly all components are ready, the few remaining are not critical for the start of the beamline. The radiation test is planned in September 2021



**Critical specification:**  
Scan gap 10 $\mu\text{m}$ , → roll wobbling ~1 $\mu\text{m}$  - 10 $\mu\text{rad}$

Water cooled copper block and W90-Cu10 blades

Kinematic mount, micrometric adjusting screws



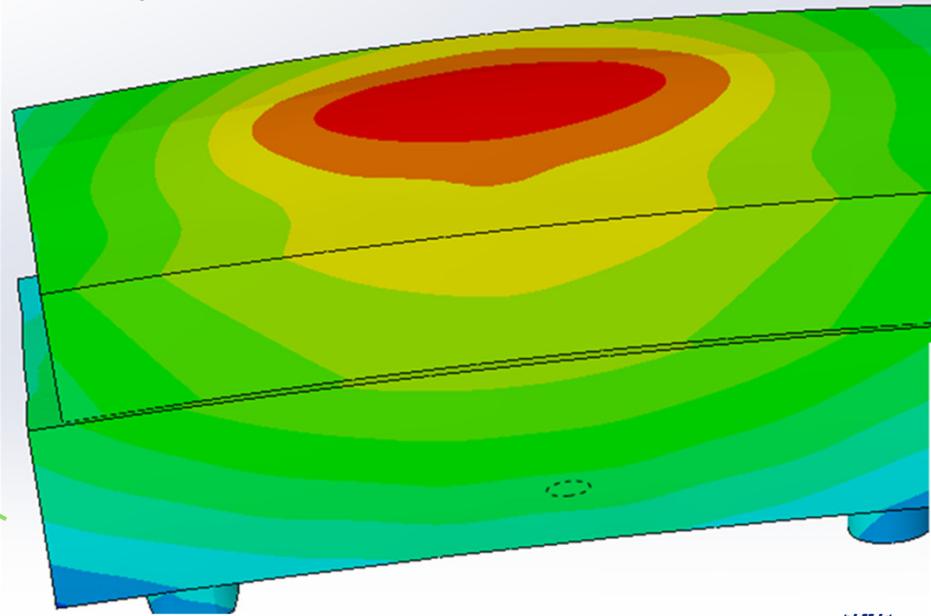
Linear actuators THKKR33 *in series*: the first one adjusts the position of both blades, the second one the aperture

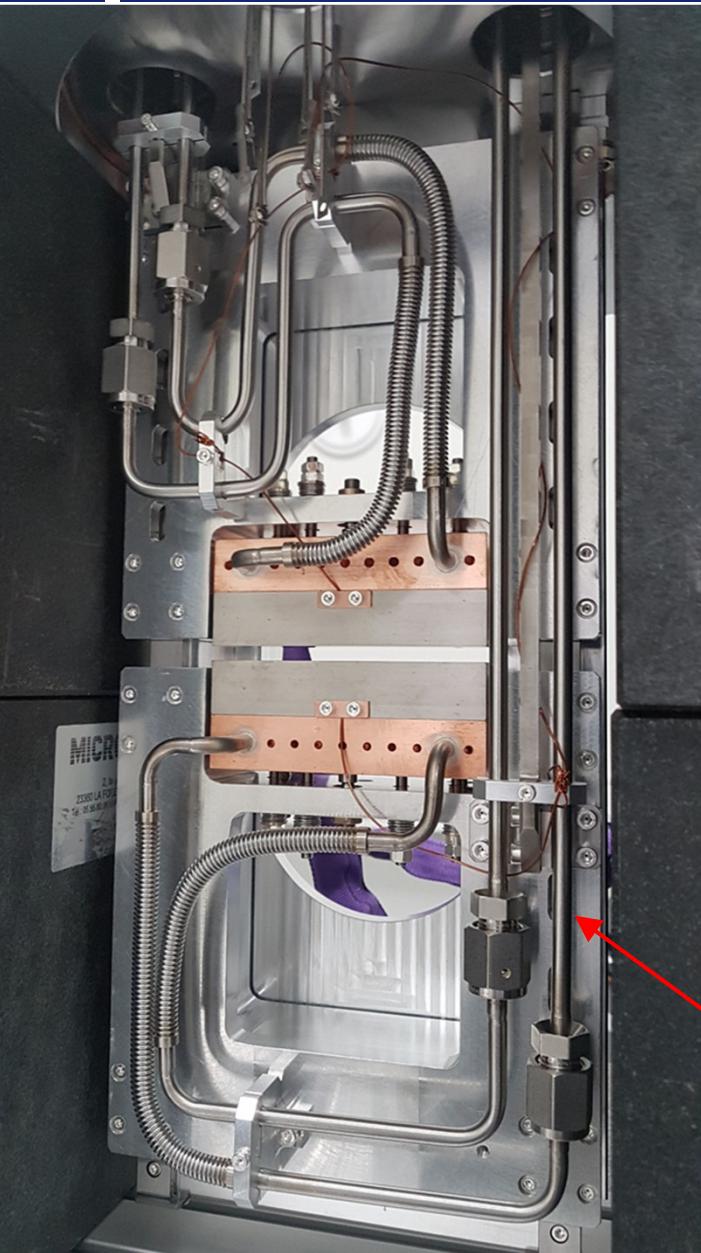
Invar connection, flexible radially

Rails Schneeberger MNLL14, specific for UHV, well spaced carriages

FEM analysis to evaluate the displacement (<2 $\mu\text{m}$ ) and deformation (<0.5 $\mu\text{m}$ )

Vertical displacement.  
Reference temperature at 0 strain: 0 K





**Prototype received 2019 December**

**FAT results:**

- The resolution: 0.978 µm, standard deviation of 0.038 µm
- Bidirectional repeatability: 2µm
- Overall parasitic angle (wobbling): 2µm, very repeatable

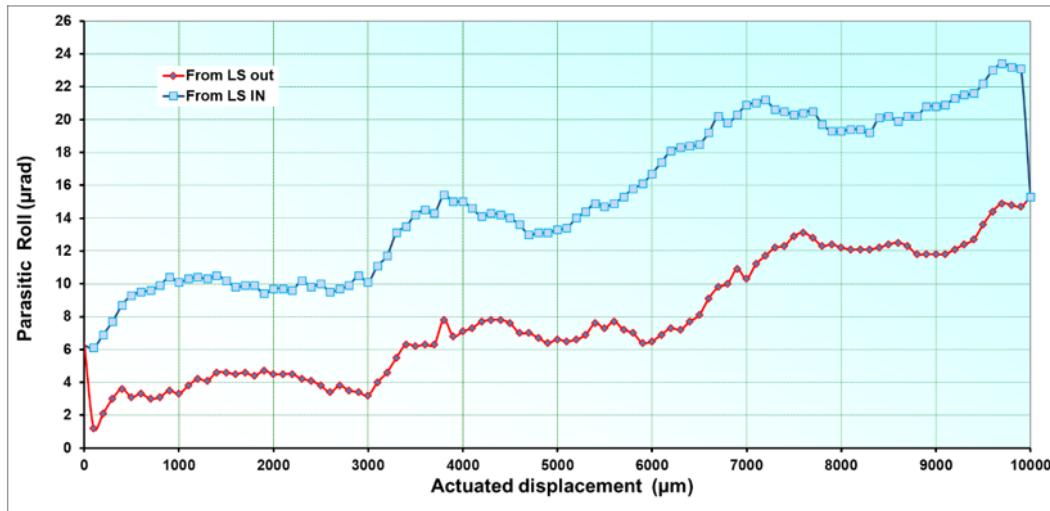


Fig. 16: Slit system parasitic roll in function of the displacement

**OPA= 22.20 µrad**

**SAT results:**

- The measures made by the PAMU confirmed the FAT results, max wobbling about 2µm on the whole stroke.

**Used in BM5 and ID24 too**

5 axis translation stages

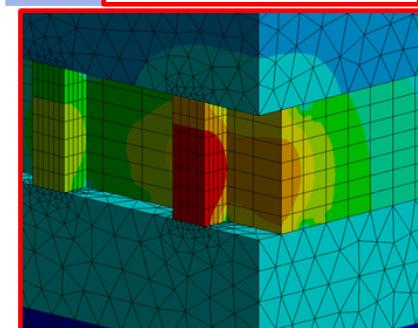
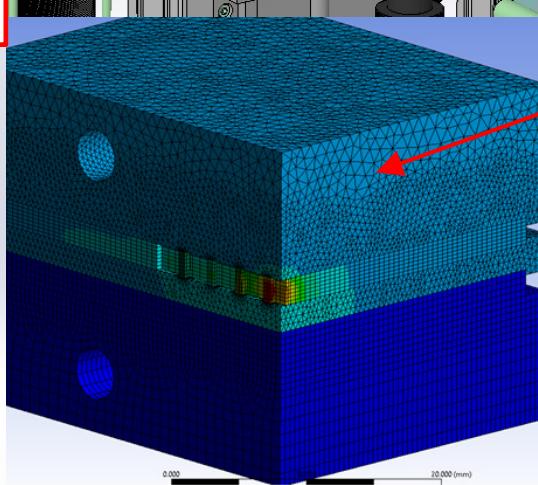
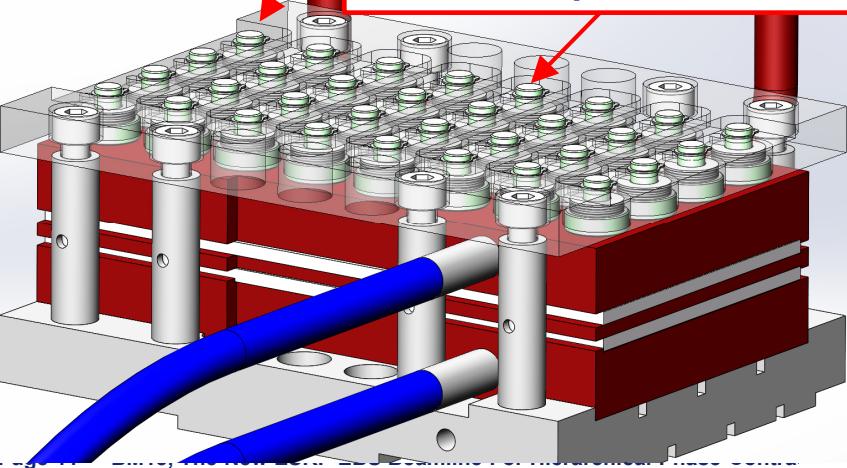
2D cross lenses  
- new design

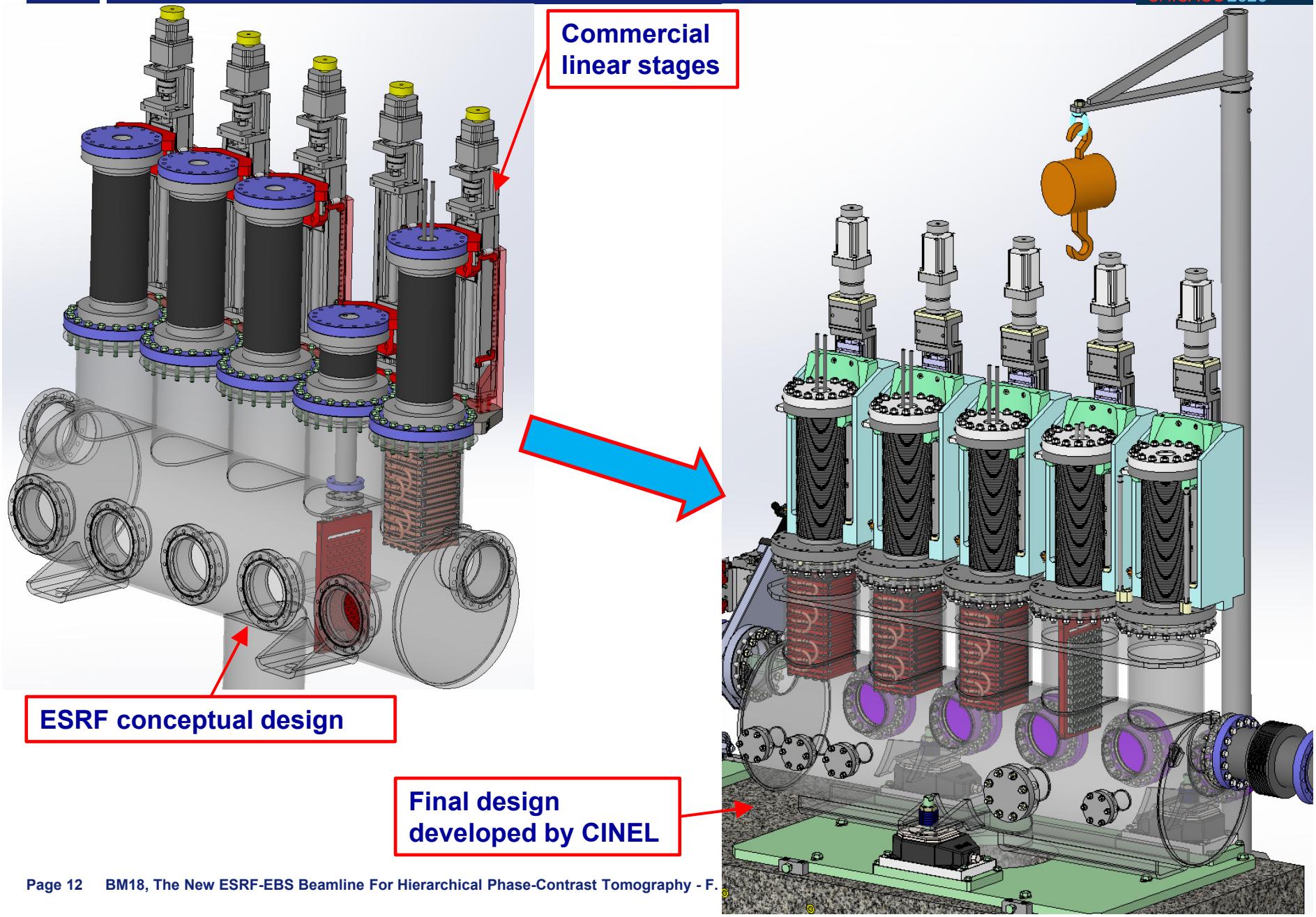
1D lenses  
from ID19

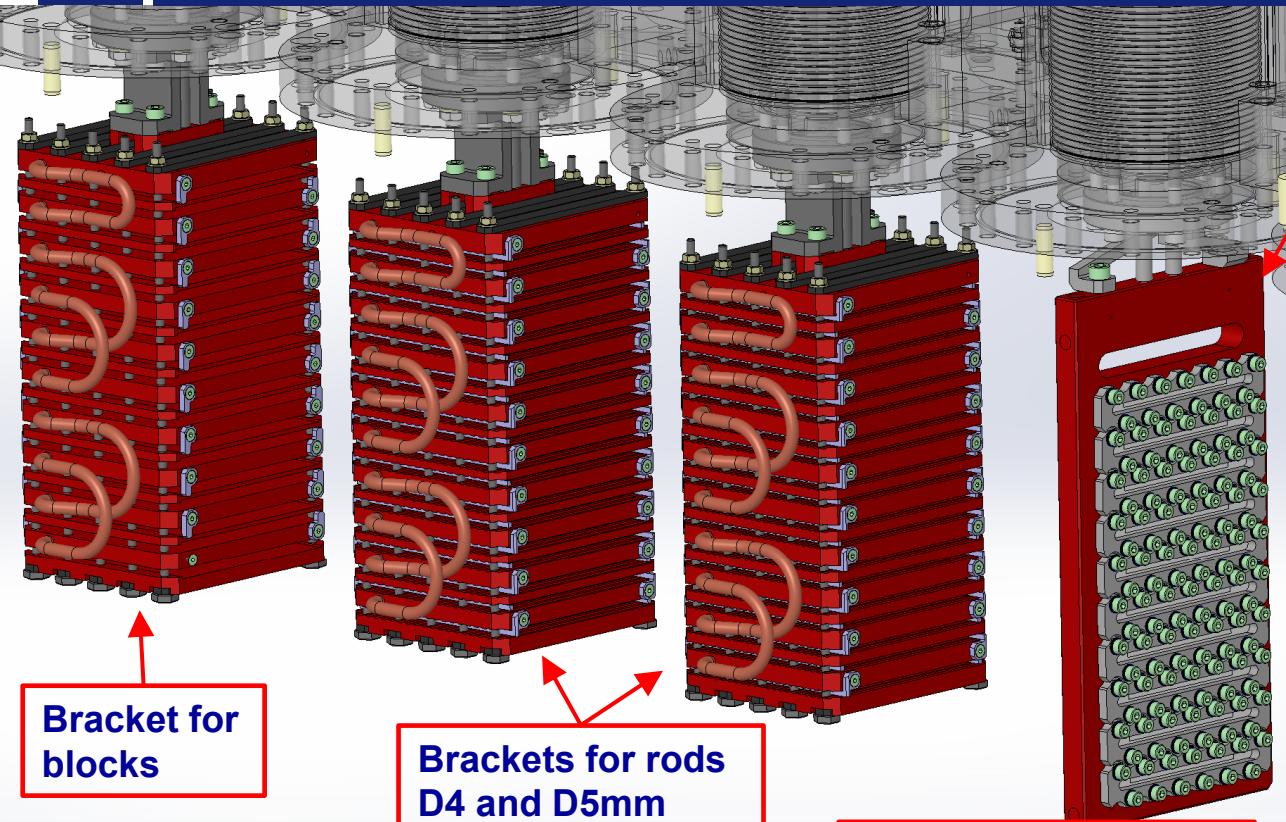
3 cooling loops  
for lenses and  
motors

Spring “bed” to optimize  
the contact pressure

Thermal study  
with  
progressive  
power  
absorption in  
volume





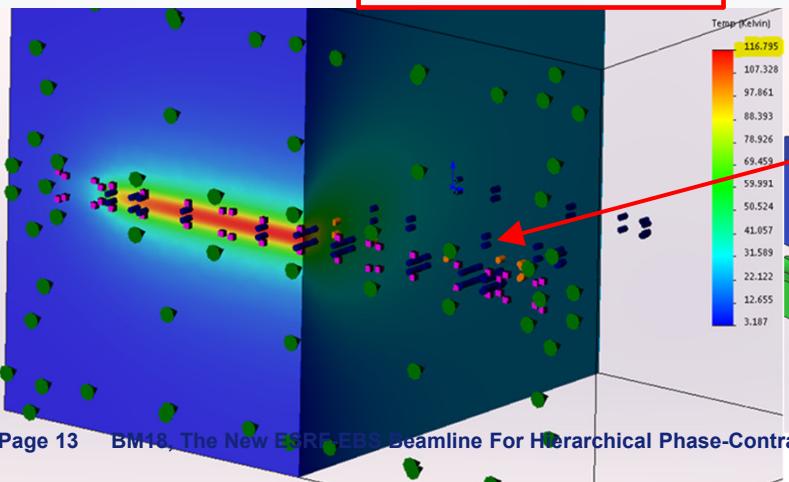
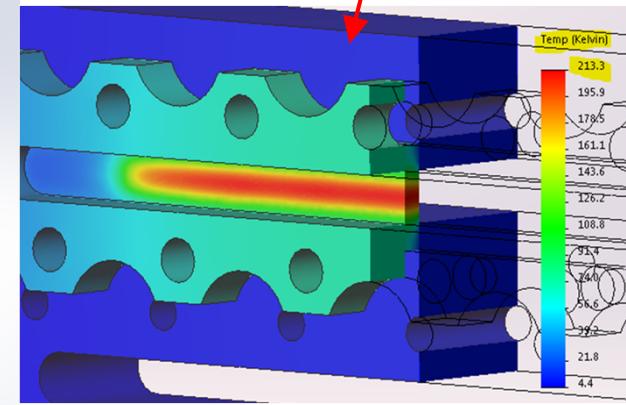


Bracket for blocks

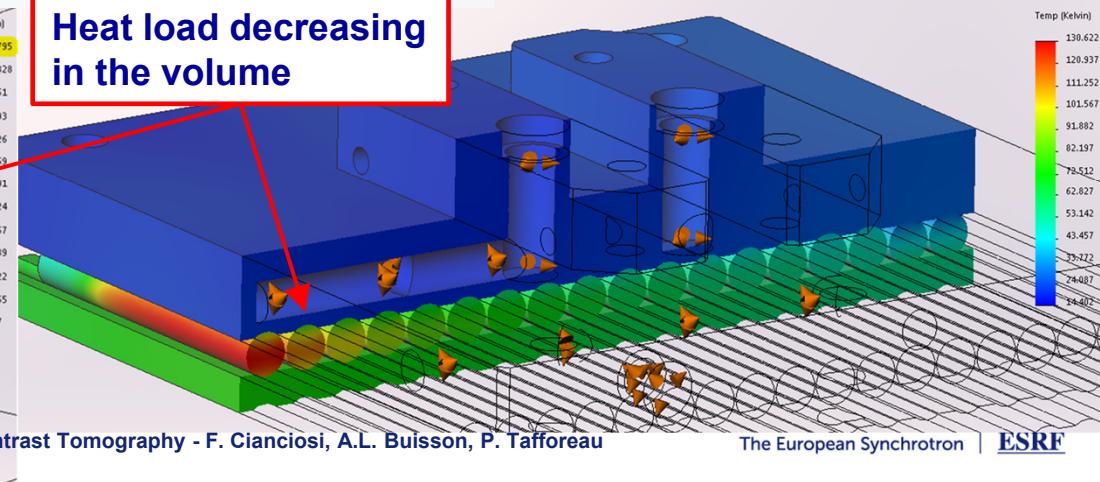
Brackets for rods  
D4 and D5mm

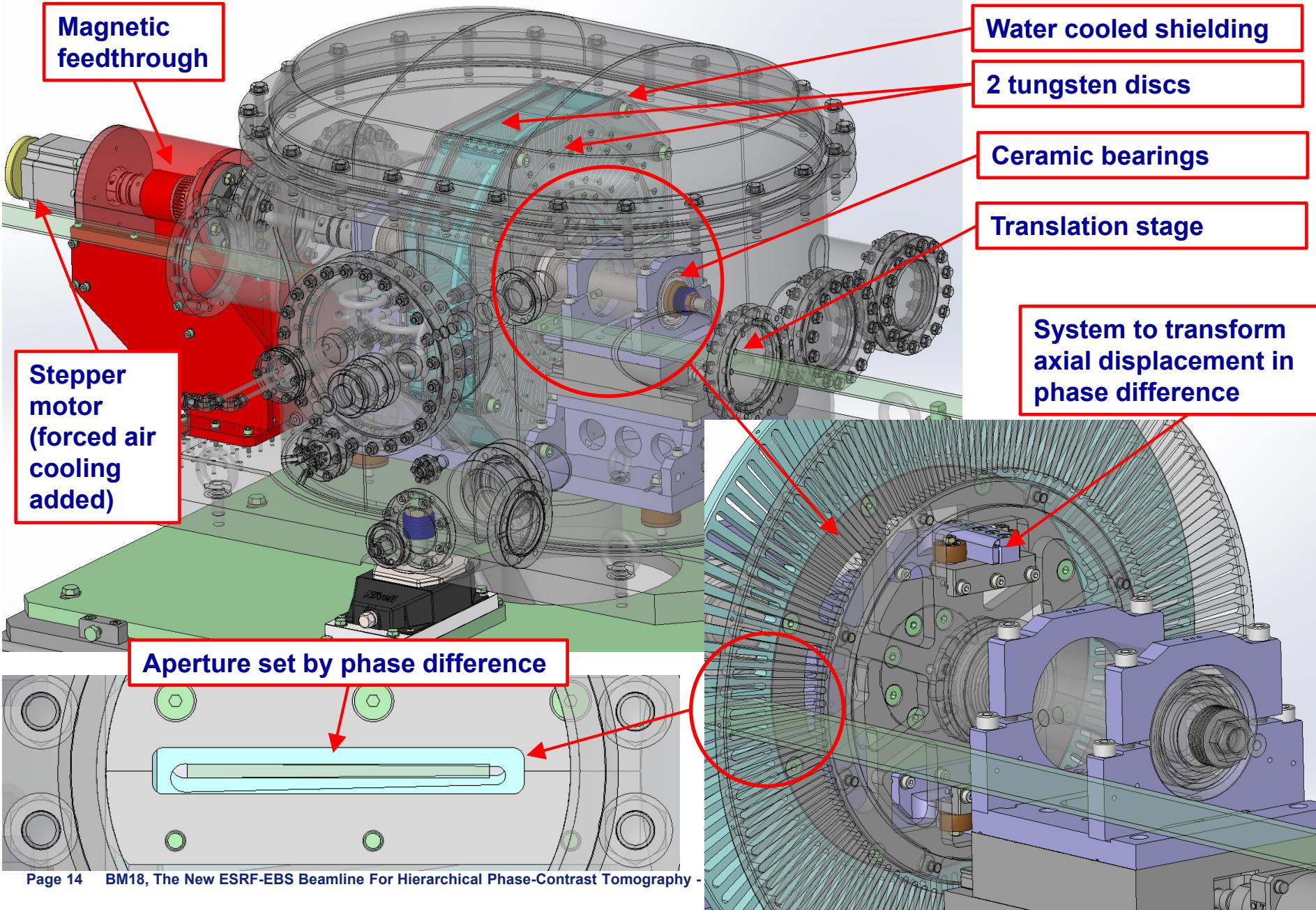
Bracket for thin filters

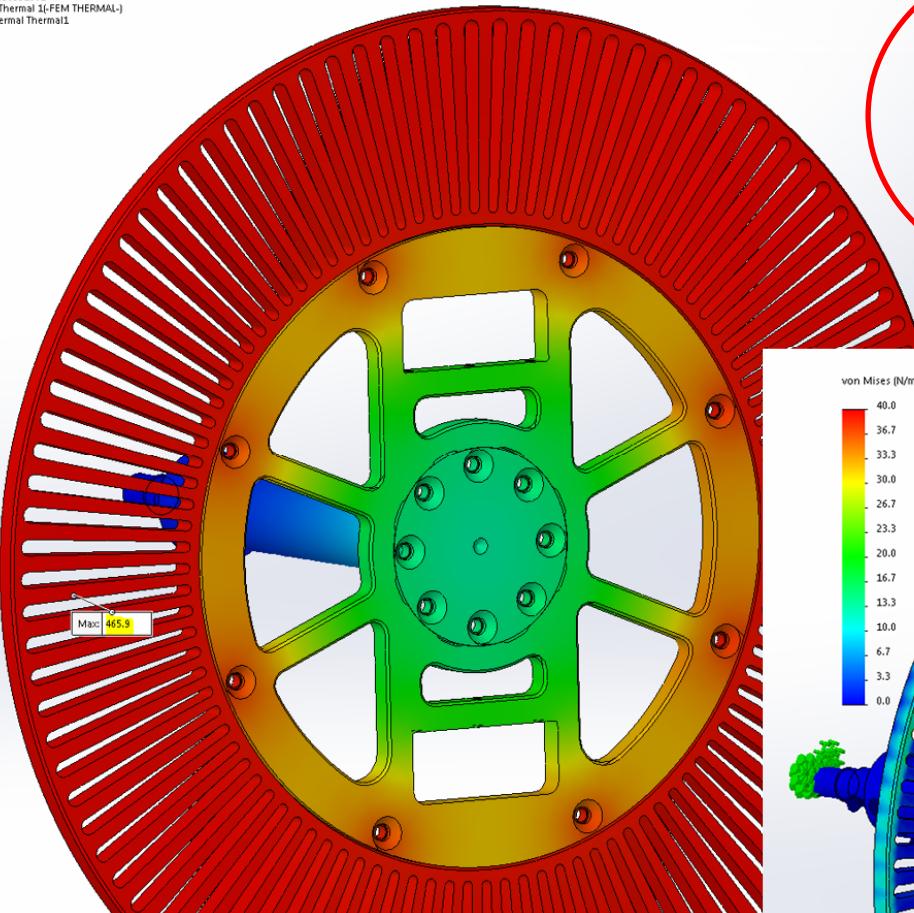
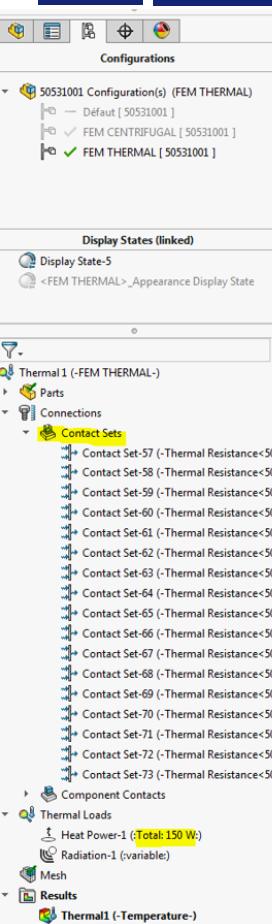
Examples of thermal calculations, repeated for all filters shapes and materials (C, SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Al, Ti, Cu, Mo, Ag, W, Au)



Heat load decreasing in the volume



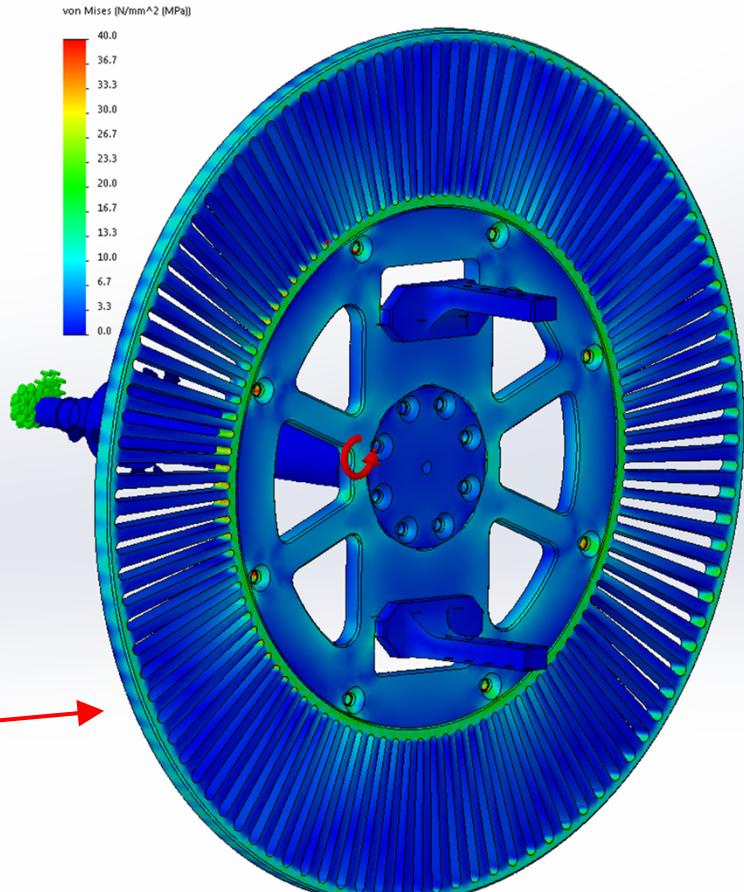




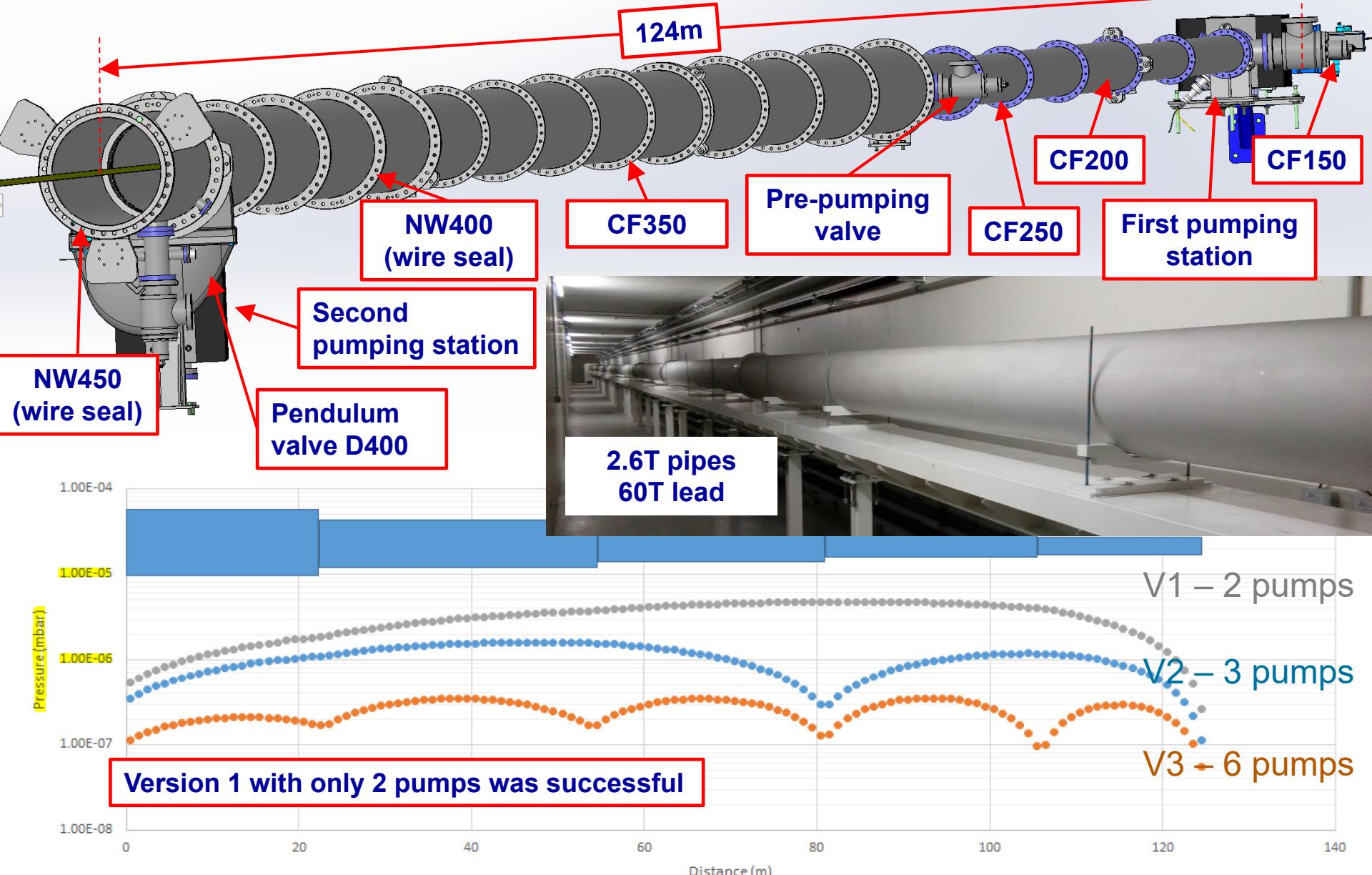
- Environment temperature 304.5K  
 - Conduction coeff. between all parts 5000 W/m<sup>2</sup>K  
 - Emittance coeff. 0.5

Temp (Kelvin)  
 = 193 C

**Radiation thermal transfer**



**Max stress less than 40MPa**



**Specifications:****Beam dimensions up to 360x200mm:**

- Enough strength to resist to vacuum (720kg)

**Material transparency:**

- Max thickness ~2mm ( $Z=13$ , aluminum) or 6mm ( $Z=6$ , carbon)
- Mirror surface polishing
- Microscopically and macroscopically homogeneous material

**Resistance to radiations:**

- Many years of continuous X-ray beam

**Resistance to relatively high temperature:**

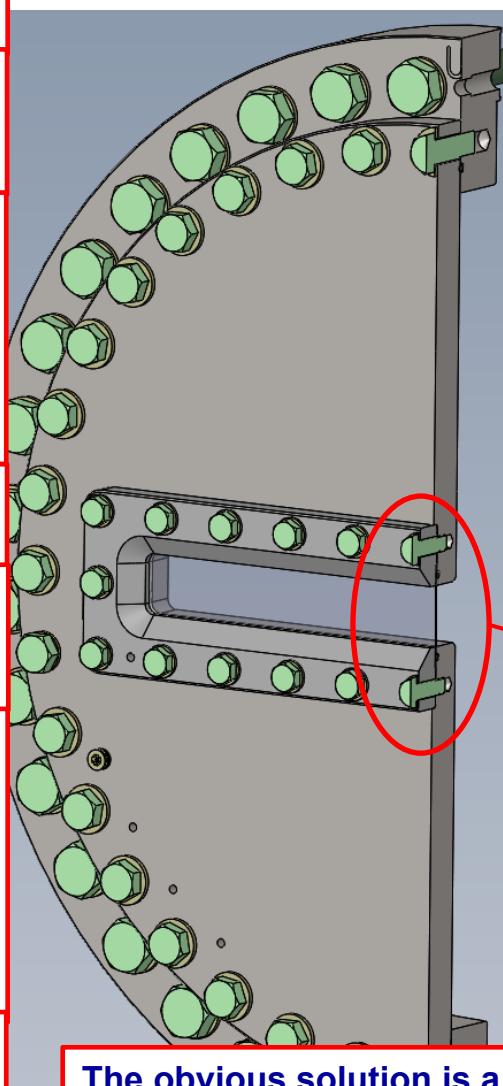
- Depending by the absorption rate and thermal conductivity

**Safety**

- Not unproven material and solution
- Good safety margin for stress
- Resistance to accidental impacts and scratches
- No danger for handling and in case of failure

**Durability**

- Resistance to air oxidation (even if under N<sub>2</sub> pressure in use)

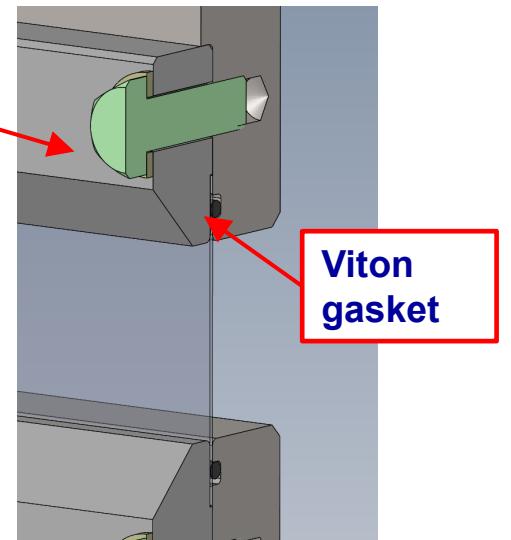
**Reasonable price**

The obvious solution is a be window based on a plate 440x240x6mm, but the high price make us look if an alternative solution exists

**Beryllium window made from Be plate 350x50x0.6mm, already own by ESRF.**

**Useful window 330x30mm**

**Calculation (P. Theveneau, analytical)  
 $\sigma=125\text{MPa}$   
 $K$  safety respect yield: 1.76**



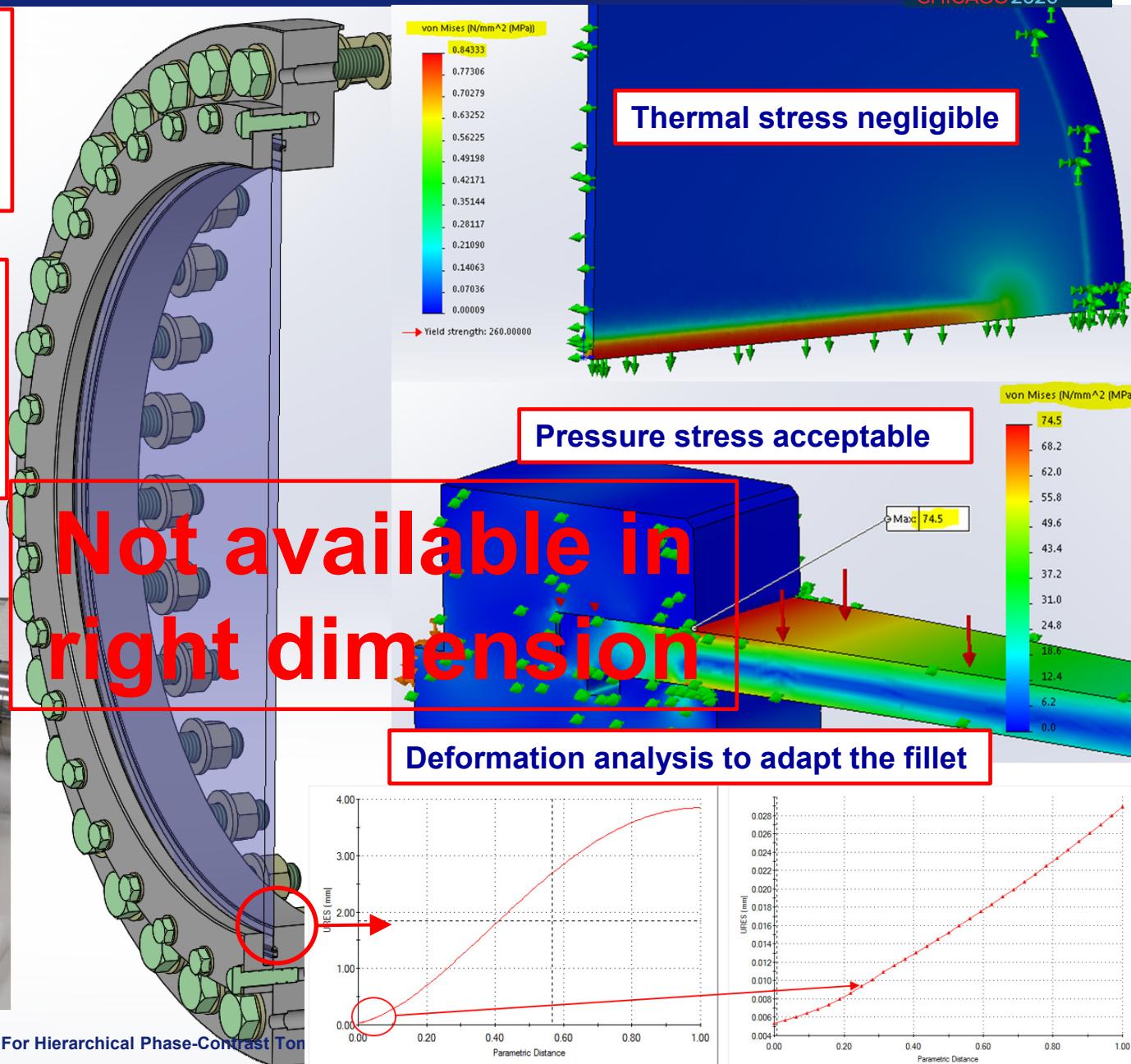
**Advantages:**

- Relative big thickness allowed (6 mm)
- High tensile strength
- Heat resistance

**Disadvantages:**

- Fragile, possible failure in case of material defects or impact
- Uncertain mechanical properties

**Reduced scale test**



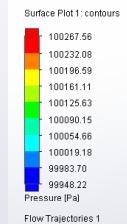
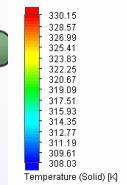
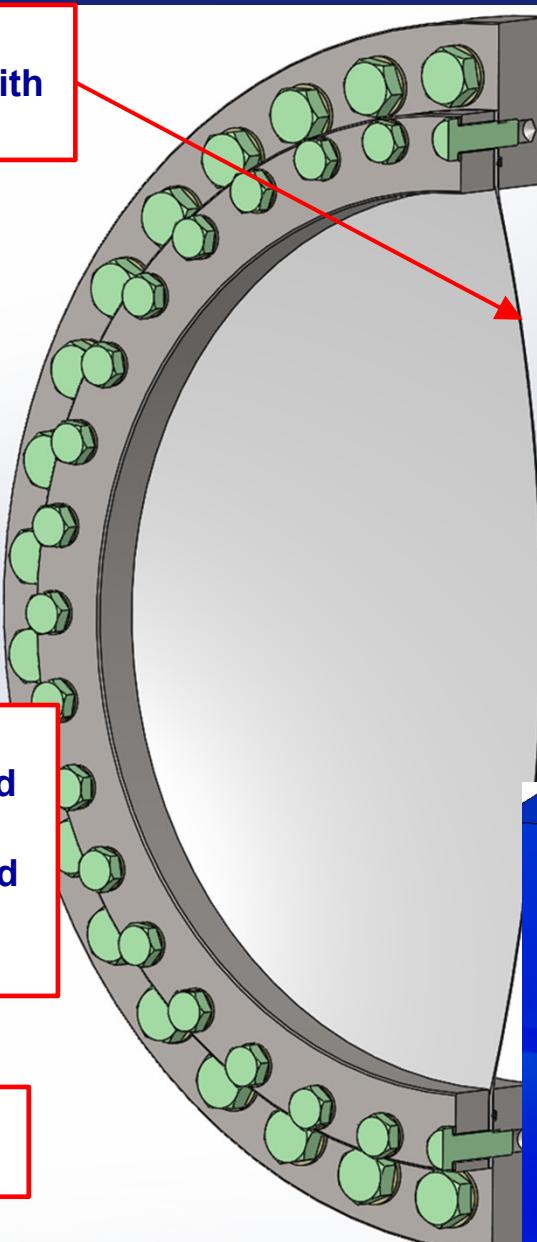
Dome in aluminum 1050 machined from the bulk, with variable thickness

#### Advantages:

- Ductile material
- Inexpensive
- Easy to procure
- Easy to polish
- Transparent as Be at high energy
- Mechanical characteristic well known.

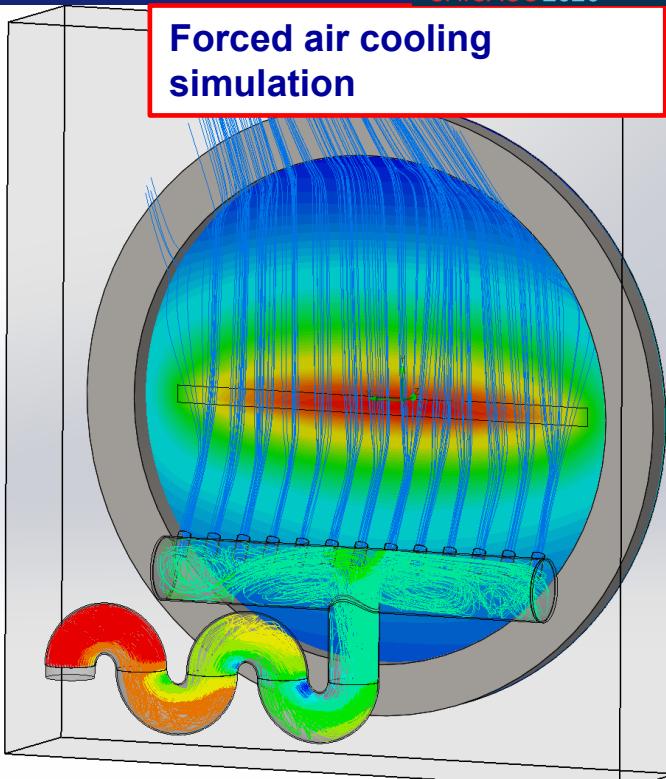
#### Disadvantages:

- Small thickness allowed
- Sensibility to heating
- Only few alloy permitted
- Worst than Be at low energy**

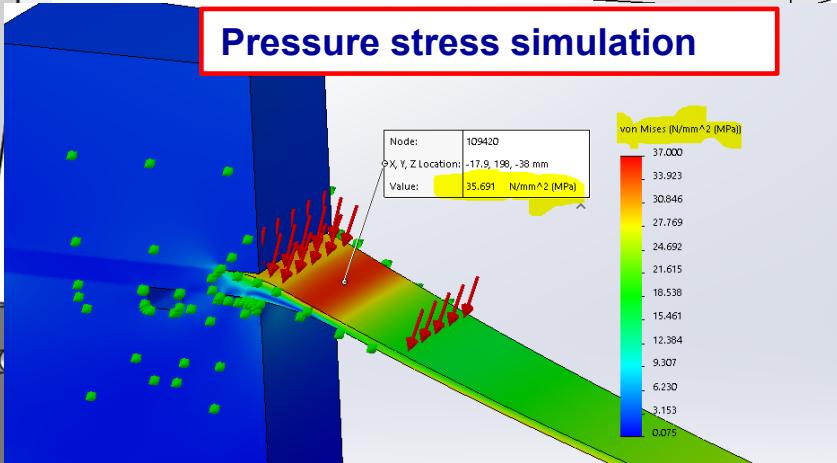


Flow Trajectories 1

Forced air cooling simulation

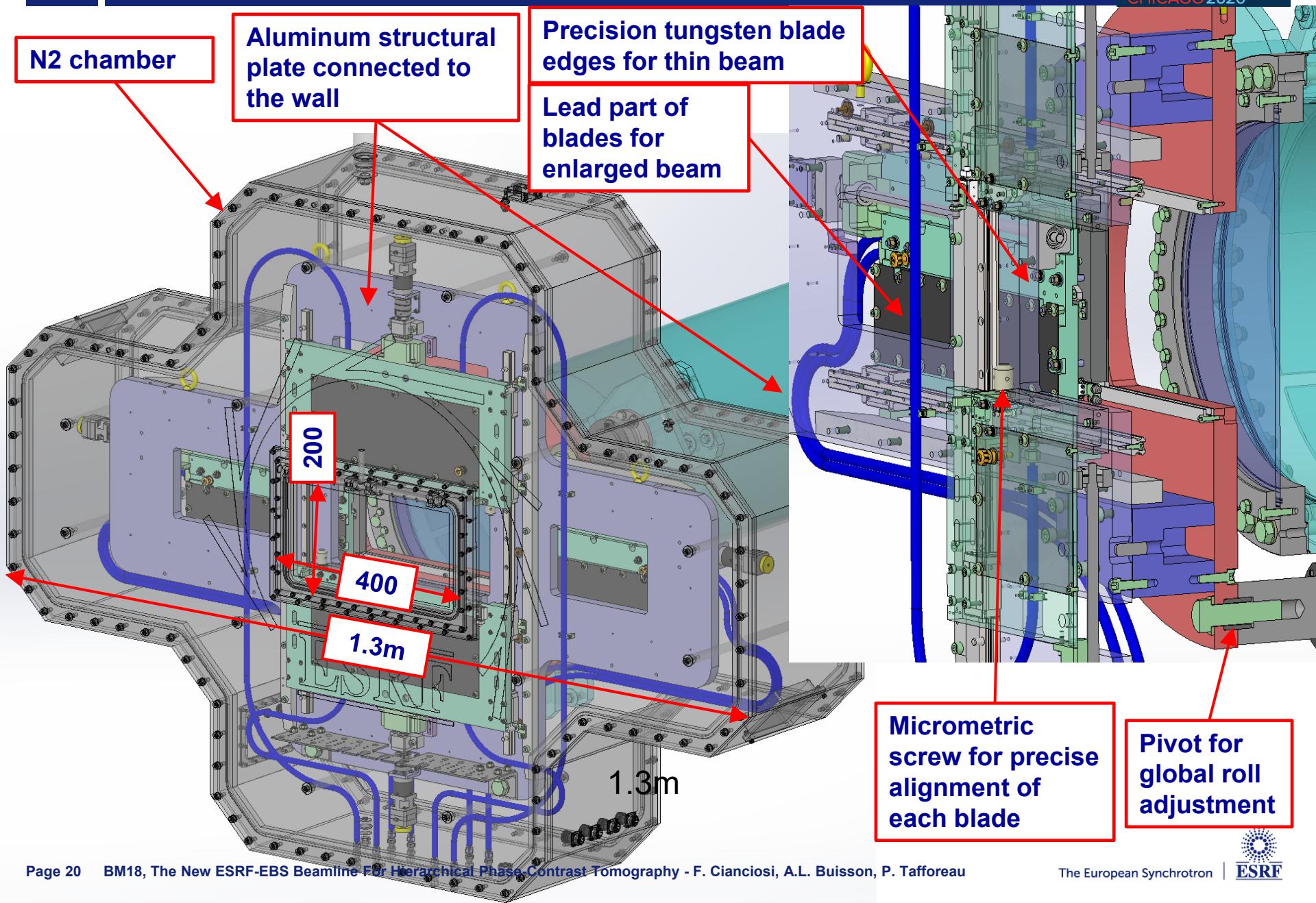


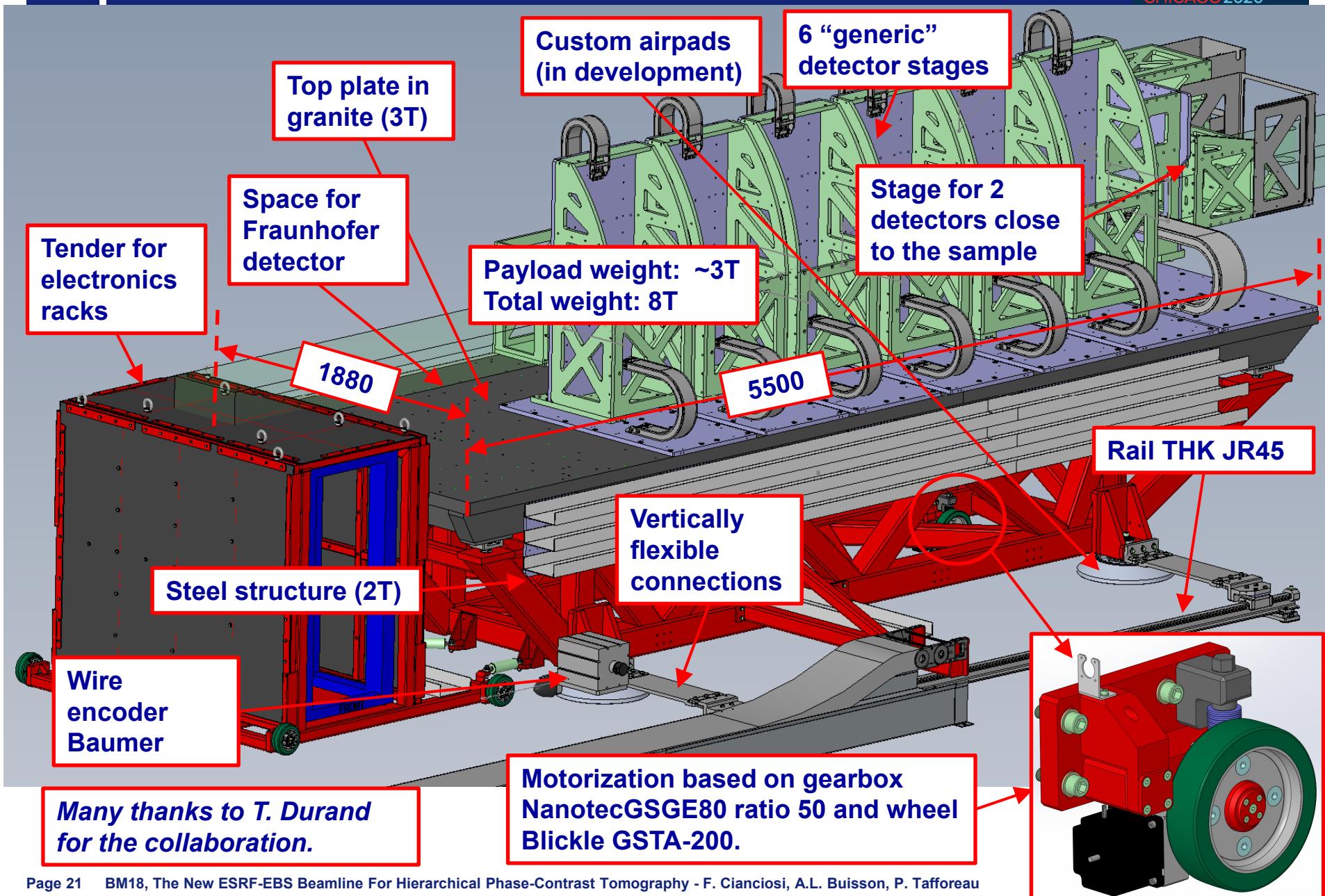
Pressure stress simulation



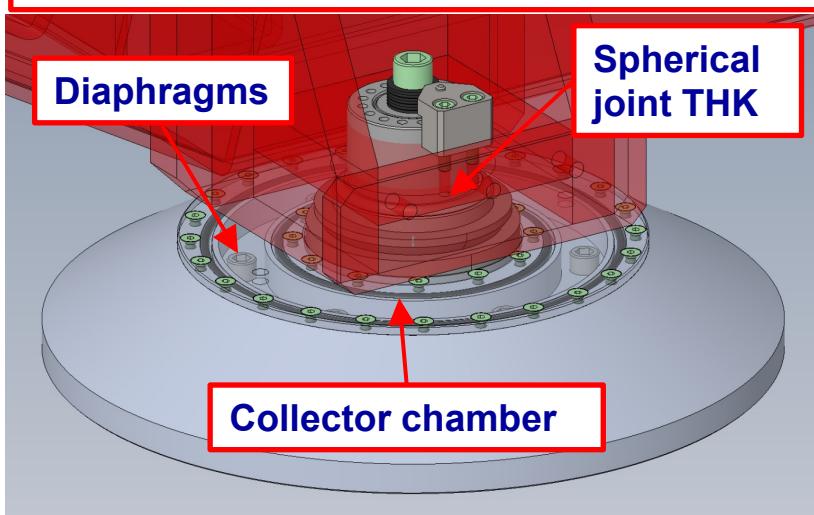
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## 8 EXPERIMENTAL HUTCH SLITS

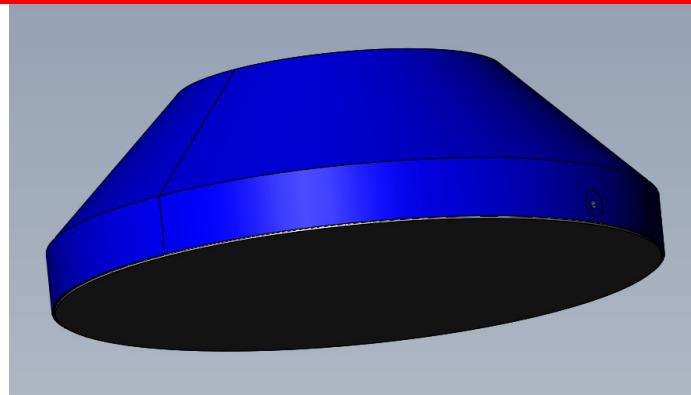




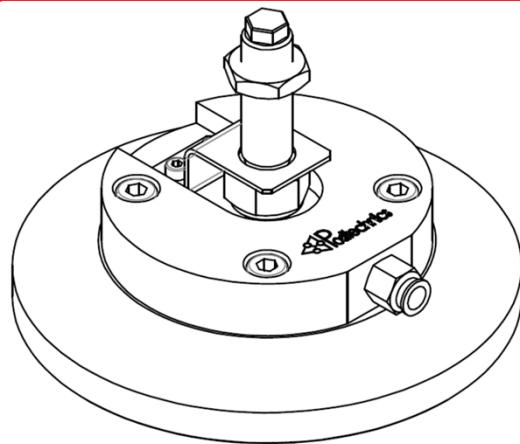
**ESRF design D450mm (2T load, 4 pads)**



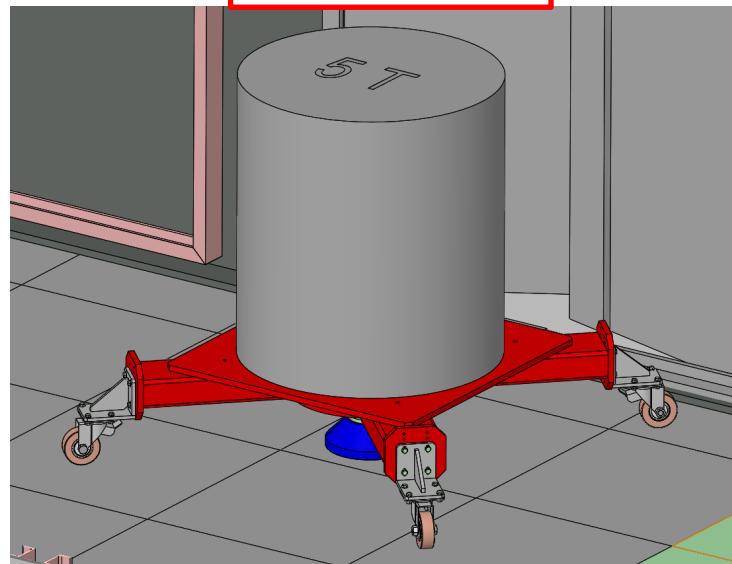
**Commercial pad D300mm with porous graphite (1T → need to be coupled 2x4=8 pads)**



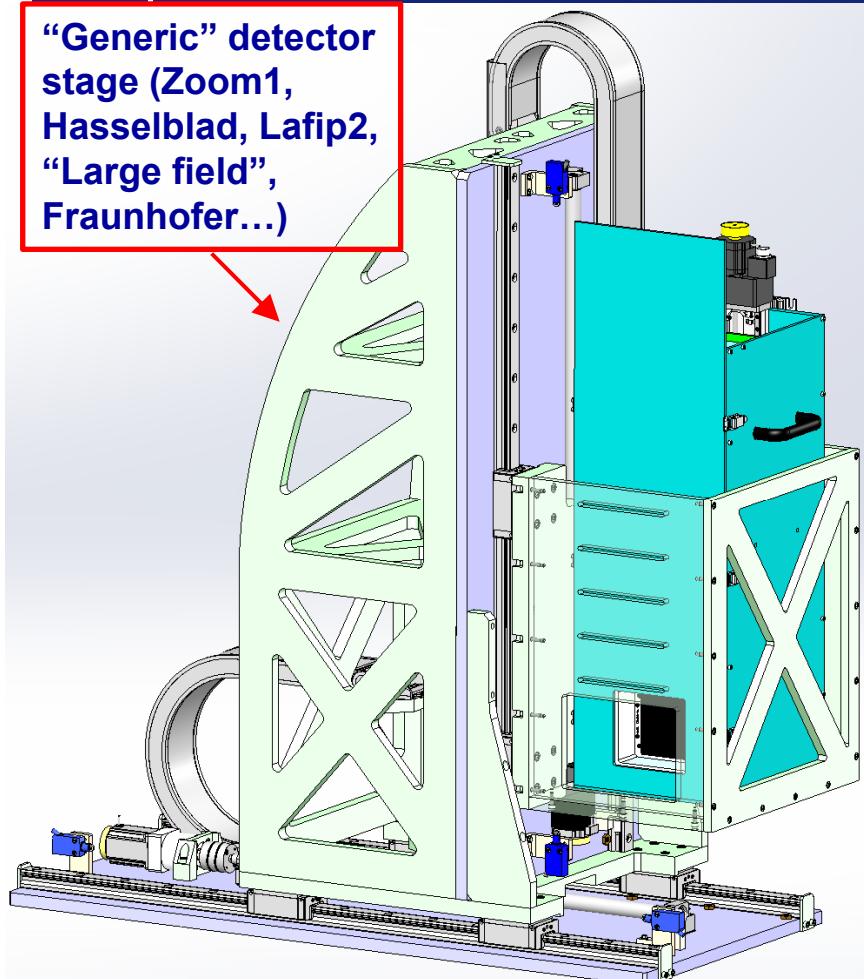
**Commercial pad D160mm (0.5T → need to be coupled in 2x2x4=16 pads)**



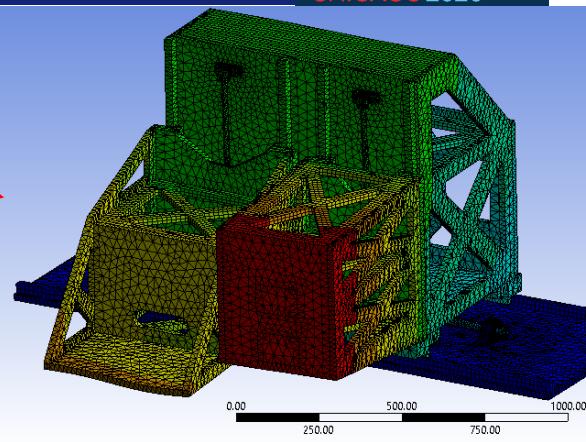
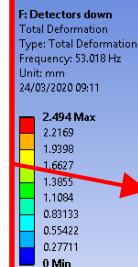
**Test on going...**



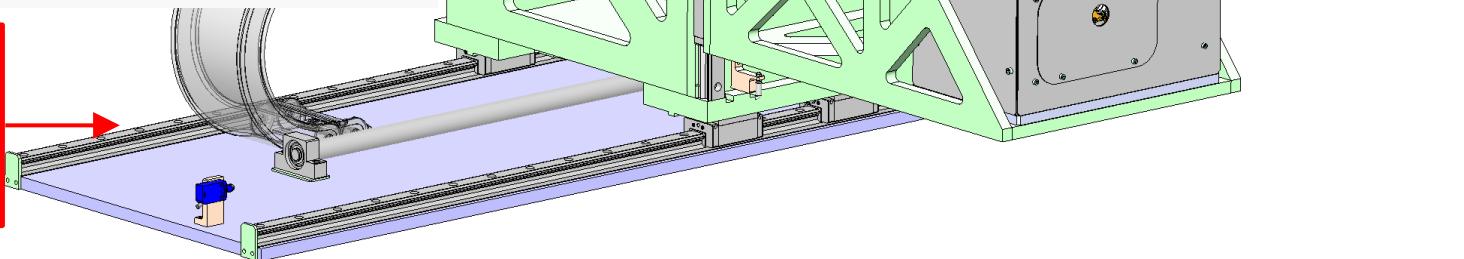
“Generic” detector stage (Zoom1, Hasselblad, Lafip2, “Large field”, Fraunhofer...)



Careful analysis and precise optimization due to the cantilever shape and detectors weight.



Detector stage for detectors close to the sample (Twinmic and Zoom2)

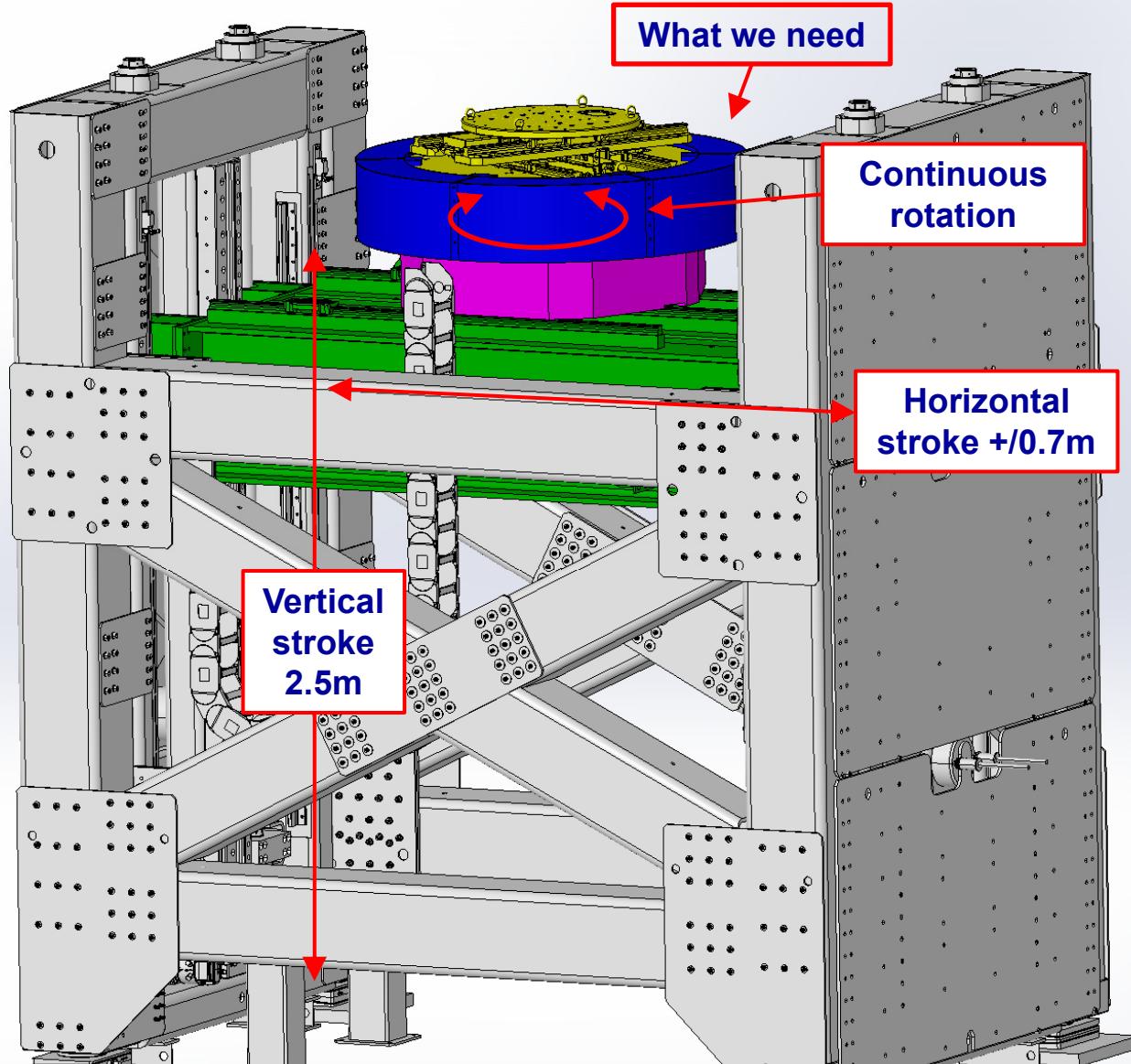
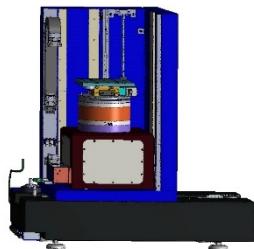


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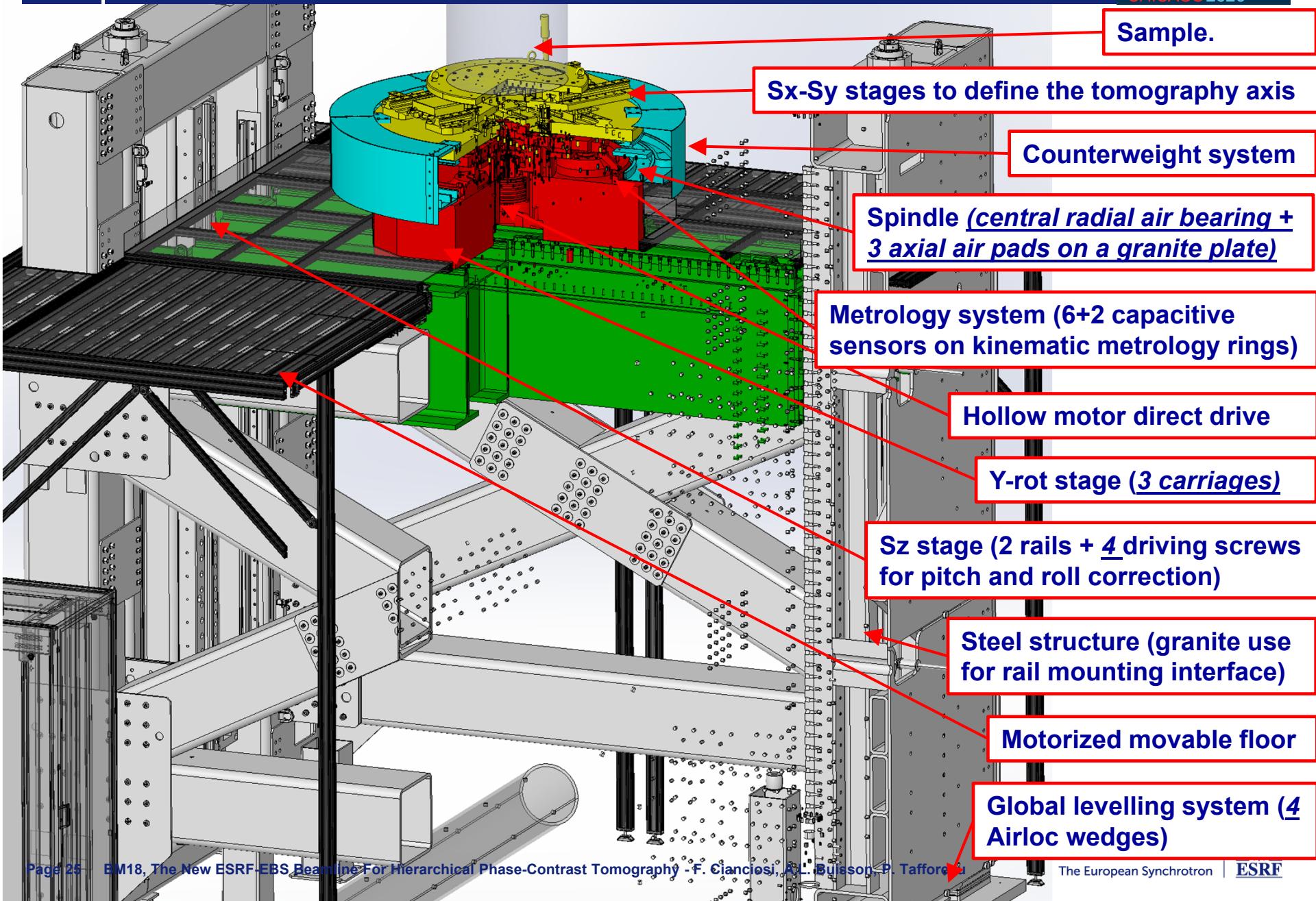
- Sample: weight up to 300Kg, height 2.5m, diameter 0.6m (diam. up to 2.4m with limitation in vertical stroke)
- Positioning repeatability of tomography axis 1µm
- Spindle with sphere of confusion 0.5µm
- X-Y positioning stages for sample over the spindle

**What we have to scan**

**What we have**

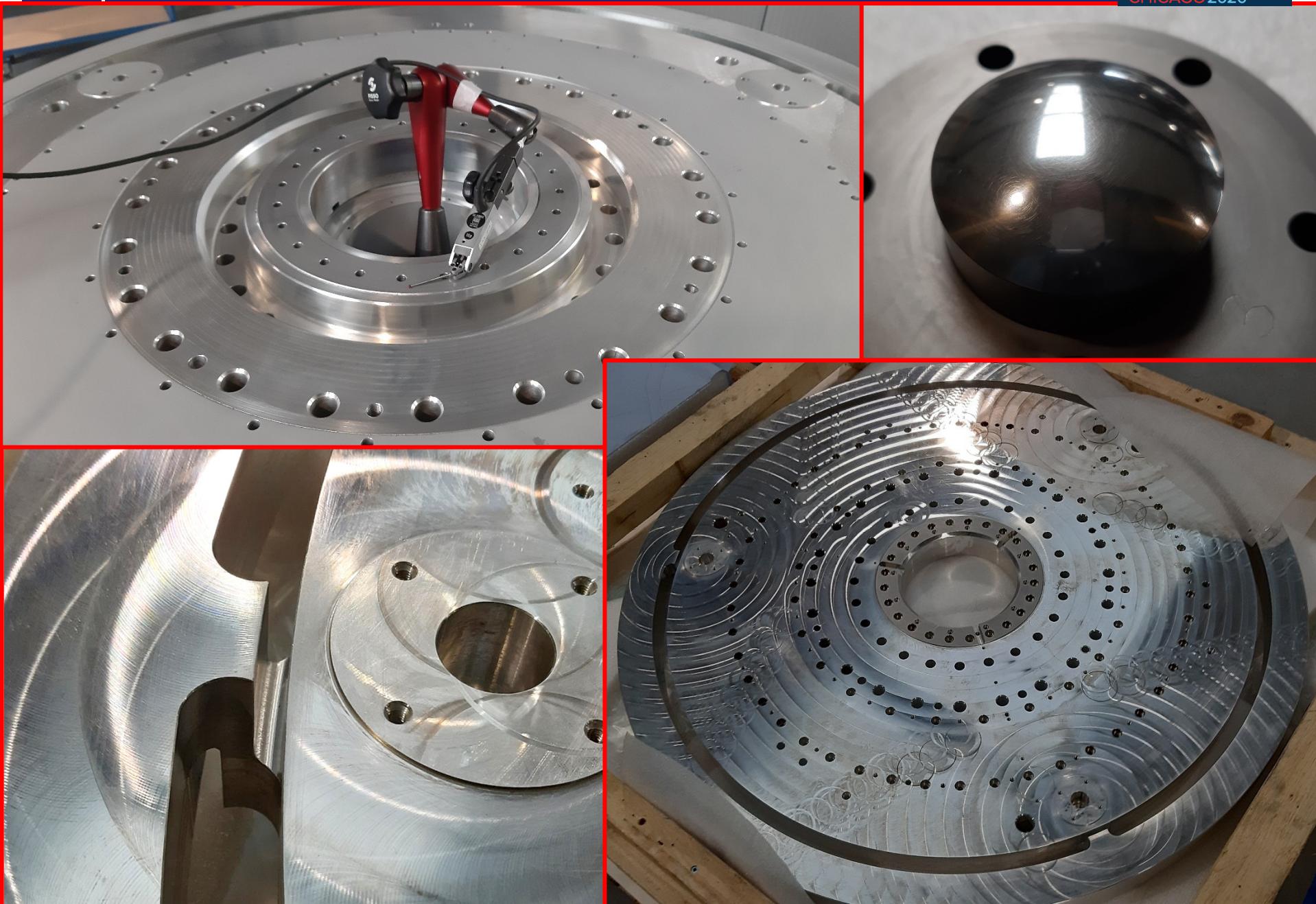


**Contract for design and construction assigned to LAB Motion System (Belgium)  
Design in close collaboration with ESRF**



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## SAMPLE STAGE – BEGINNING OF MACHINING



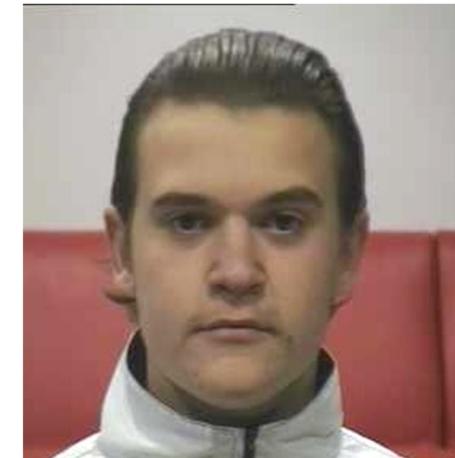
# THE BM18 TEAM



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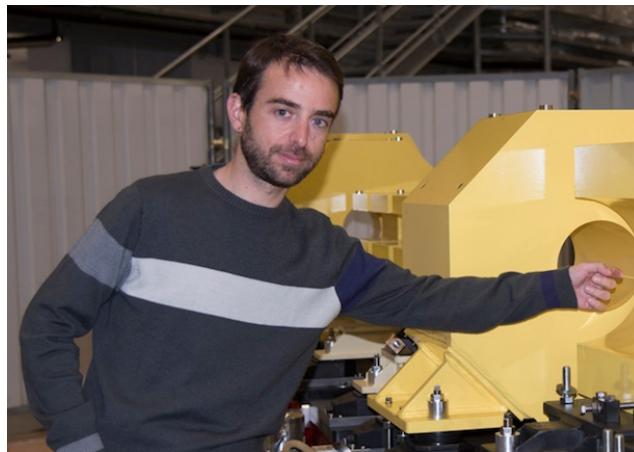
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*BM18 technician*



**Eng. Pierre Van  
Vaerenbergh – leader  
Eng. Group team A**



**Eng. Filippo Cianciosi – BM18  
Mechanical responsible**



**Eng. Muriel Mattenet, beamline mech.  
responsible up to 2018 (retired)**

## Questions?



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