



# TECHNOLOGY FOR EXCELLENT SCIENCE

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ZEA-1

Central Institute of Engineering,  
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Engineering and Technology | ZEA-1  
Technology for Excellent Science



Faculty of  
Mechanical  
Engineering

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UNIVERSITY

# FZJ INSTITUTES

10 Institutes  
(ar. 50 Sub-Institutes)



Central Institute of Engineering,  
Electronics and Analytics (ZEA)

Ernst Ruska-Centre for Microscopy and  
Spectroscopy with Electrons (ER-C)

Institute for Advanced Simulation (IAS)

Institute of Bio- and Geosciences (IBG)

Institute of Complex Systems (ICS)

Institute of Energy and Climate Research  
(IEK)

Institute of Neuroscience and Medicine  
(INM)

Jülich Centre for Neutron Science (JCNS)

Nuclear Physics Institute (IKP)

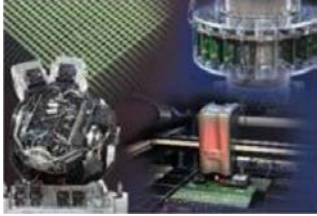
Peter Grünberg Institute (PGI)

# ZEA AT A GLANCE



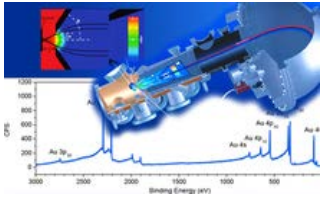
## ZEA-1 Engineering and Technology (Prof. Dr. Ghaleb Natour)

- Design, Engineering, Manufacturing and Assembly
- Ca. 150 R&D Employees
- Partnership: with all 9 FZJ Institutes
- Affiliations with RWTH Aachen and FH Aachen



## ZEA-2 Electronic Systems (Prof. Dr. Stefan van Waasen)

- Electronic System Engineering
- Ca. 70 R&D Employees
- Partnership: with 7 FZJ Institutes
- Affiliations with University Duisburg-Essen, RWTH Aachen



## ZEA-3 Analytics (Dr. Stephan Küppers)

- Analytical Method Development and Service Provider
- Ca. 26 R&D Employees
- Partnership with 6 FZJ Institutes

250 Experts,  
mechanical engineering, electronic systems and analytics  
Partnership with all FZJ Institutes  
affiliated with different Universities



# RESEARCH AT FZJ AND ZEA CONTRIBUTIONS

Energy conversion and storage materials



Information

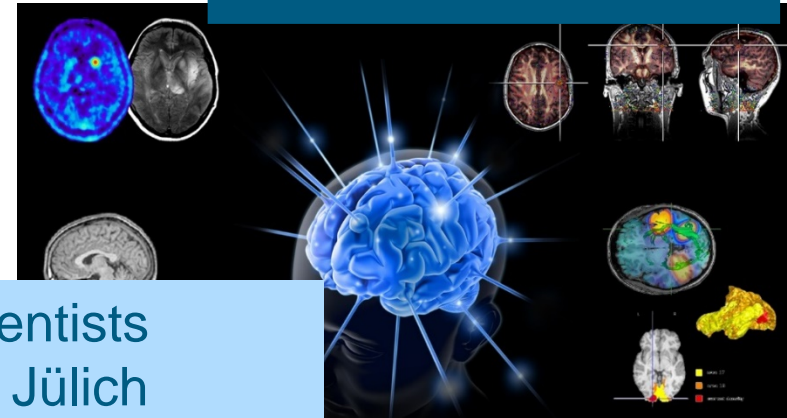
In cooperation with scientists at Forschungszentrum Jülich

develops and builds:

- Devices/Instruments
- Processes
- Measuring and control equipment
- Detector systems
- Imaging techniques

required for excellent science and are not available on the market

Brain and neuroscience



Atmosphere, climate research / Earth and environment



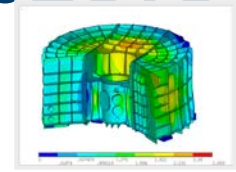
Nuclear physics  
Neutron science



# OVERVIEW RESEARCH AREAS AND PROJECTS

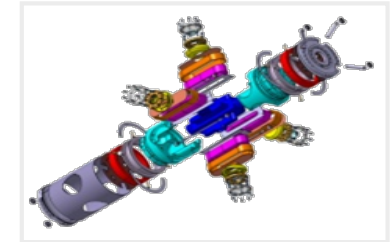
## Neutron Science (JCNS, MLZ-FRMII, SNS, ILL and ESS)

- Instruments and Target components for advanced Neutron sources
- Choppers for Neutron scattering (magnetic bearing)



## Hadron Physics (IKP, COSY, HESR, PANDA, PAX)

- Accelerator components (magnets, cooler units)
- Detector systems for Proton – and Antiproton beams



## Neuro Science (INM: Institutes for Neuroscience and Medicine)

- Hardware and system aspects for MRT- PET- set ups

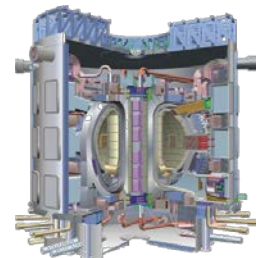
## Climate (IEK: Institutes for Energy and Climate Research) GLORIA, HALO, PEGASOS

- Setups for investigation of processes in the atmosphere, atmosphere simulation chambers



## Energy (IEK: Institutes for Energy and Climate Research) W7-X, ITER

- Instruments for Nuclear Fusions Research
- material science and joining technologies and measurement technologies for photovoltaic, full cells, electrolysis and battery research

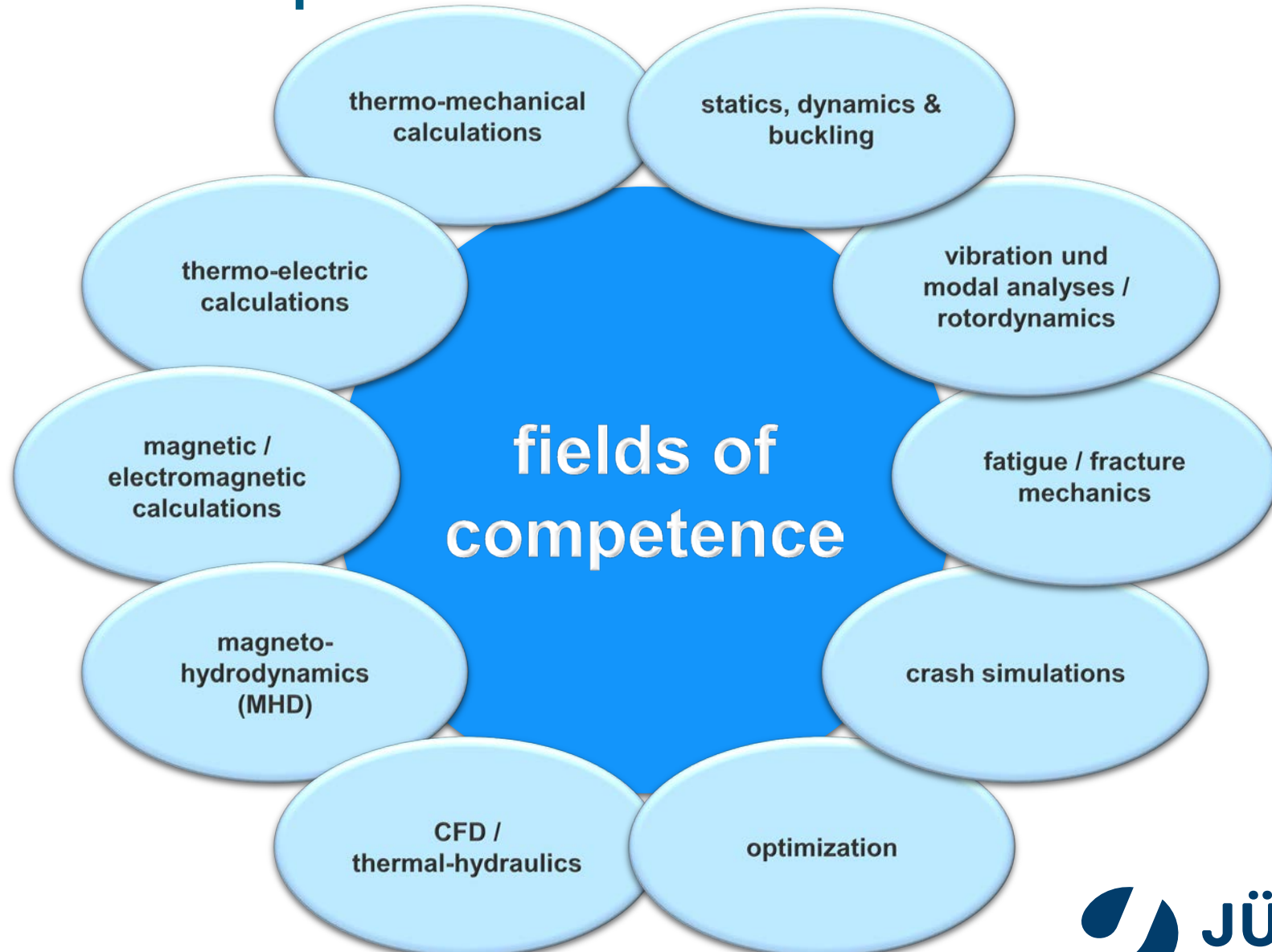


## Bio-Geo Science (IBG: Institute for Bio- und Geo Science)

- Equipment and instrumentation for plant and soil investigations

# Simulation and calculation

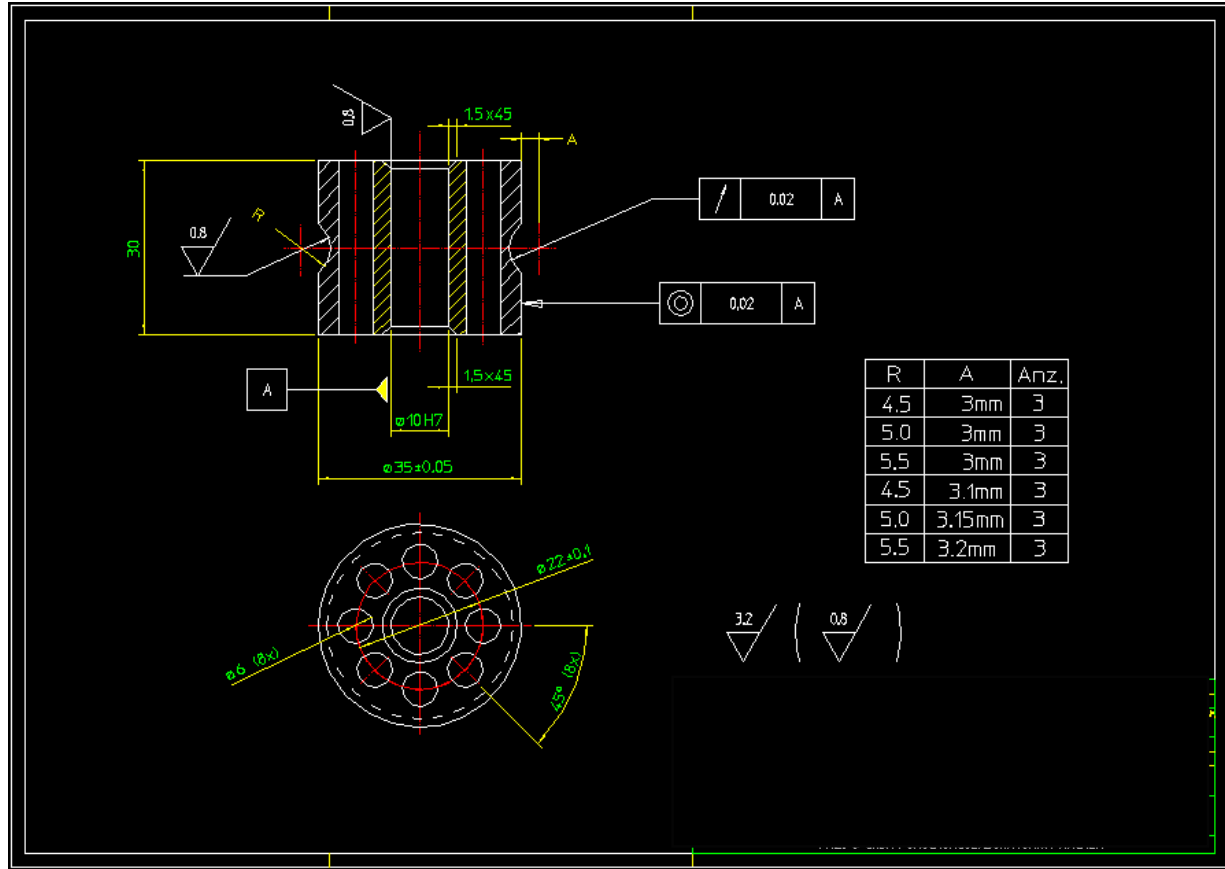
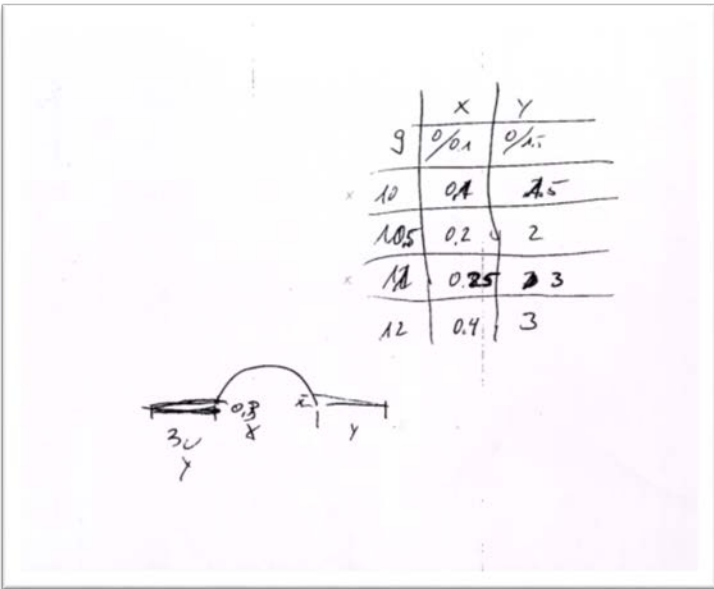
## Fields of Competence



# Calculations and numerical Simulation Software (FEM / CFD / others)

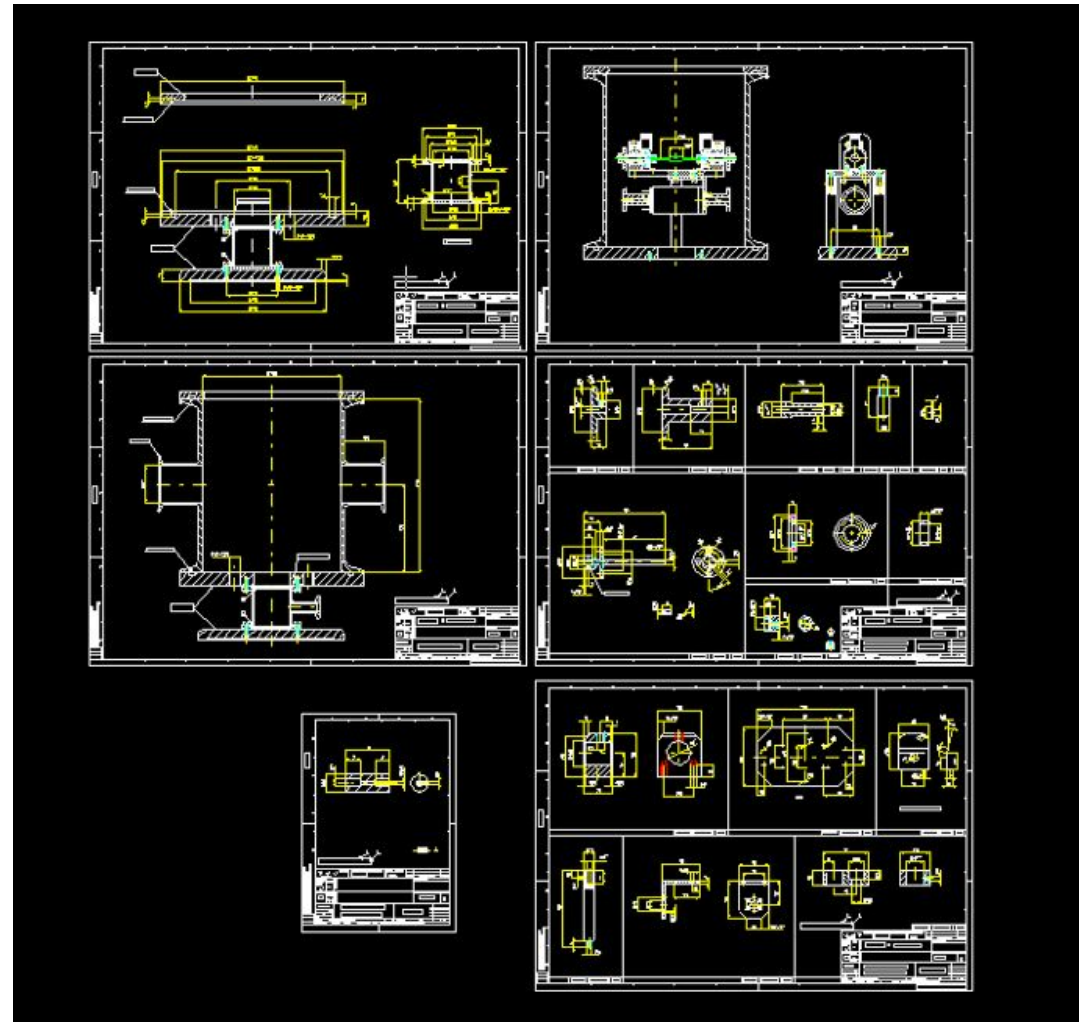
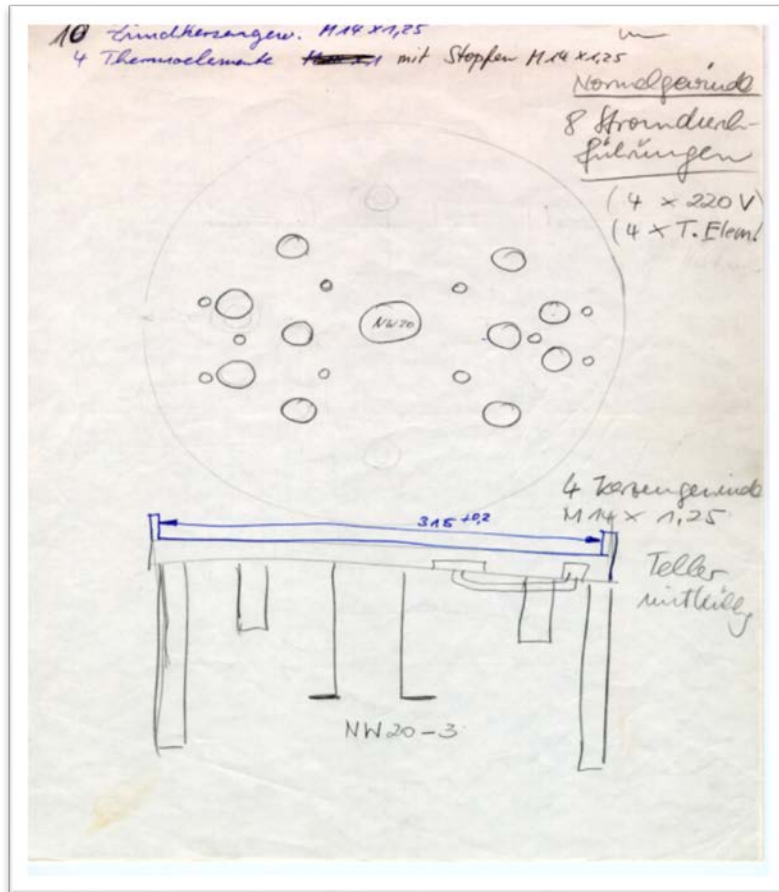


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# TOPAS

## FIRST CUSTOMER/PARTNER INPUT

Kalmanplan:

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1) Vakuumgefäß / Spektrometere Gehäuse

$\varnothing = 6$  m Höhe ca. 3 m  
 Radius der Detektoren 2,5 m - Papillier d.  $\varnothing 25$  mm  
 Strahlröhre in der  $\varnothing$  Stelle <sup>Höhe 2 m</sup> muß ermittelt werden.

Abdichtung: 200 mm PE-Platten mit Borcarben

Bodenabdichtung mit PE-Platte (Dicke?)

Decke muß auch mit 200 mm PE-Platte abgedichtet werden.

Abdichtung gegen  $\gamma$ -Strahlung ist noch nicht entschieden. Muß noch festgelegt werden.

Alternatives Gehäuse:

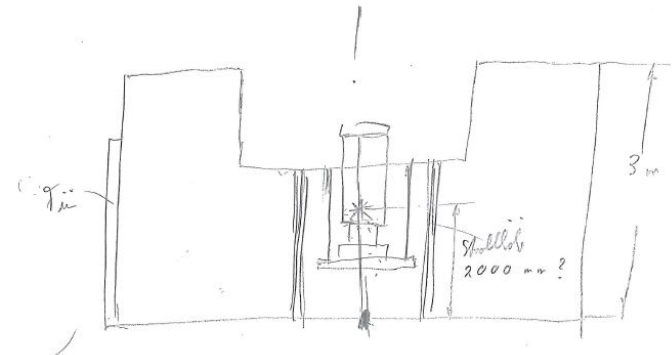
Boden mit PE-Platten.

Doppelwandiges Gefäß mit Borcarben.

Keine Korrosion.

Spektrometeregehäuse muß beigelber sein.  
 Seitliche Tür.

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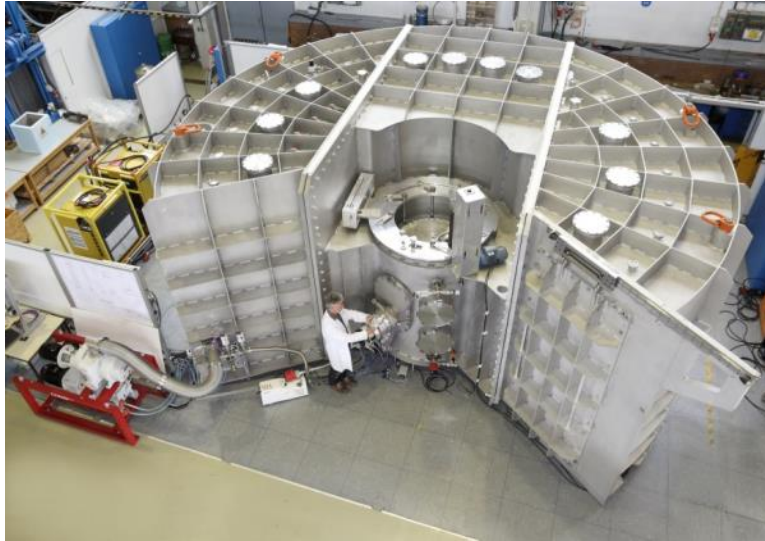
Probenumgebung:

Probe 1 cm<sup>3</sup> muß gewährleistet sein, daß sie im Strahl steht.

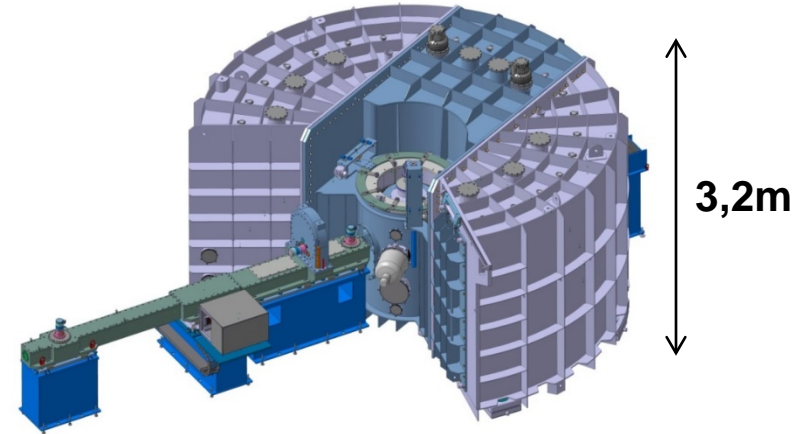
Reizung: Direktional oder Manipulator  
 Hexapod

von außen.

# Time Of Flight Polarization Analysis Spectrometer - TOPAS

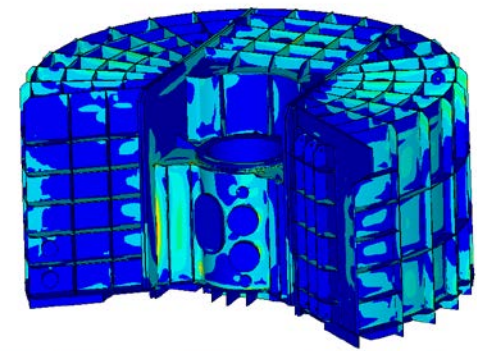
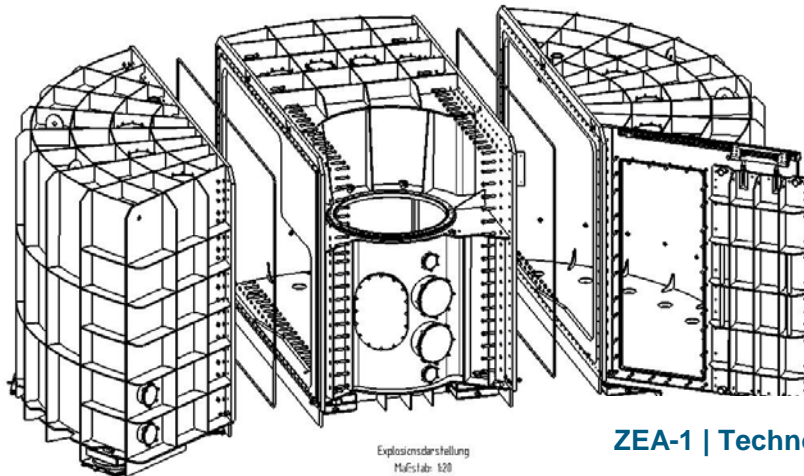


Ø 6,5m Volume 76m<sup>3</sup>



50 tons steel, 50m O-ring sealing ,  
3 km welding seam  
(deformation of 5mm at 4m length)

Vacuum < 10<sup>-5</sup> mbar



# ZEA-1 CONTRIBUTIONS

- Vacuum chamber
  - Probe chamber
  - Vacuum system
  - Detector mountings
  - Coil arrangement
  - Chopper cascade
  - Polarisation unit
- Consulting
  - Layout and design
  - FEM calculations
  - Material selection
  - Manufacturing
    - welding
    - vacuum testing
    - machining
    - transport
  - assembly at FZ Jülich
  - control and automation
  - testing/verification
  - assembly at FRMII Garching



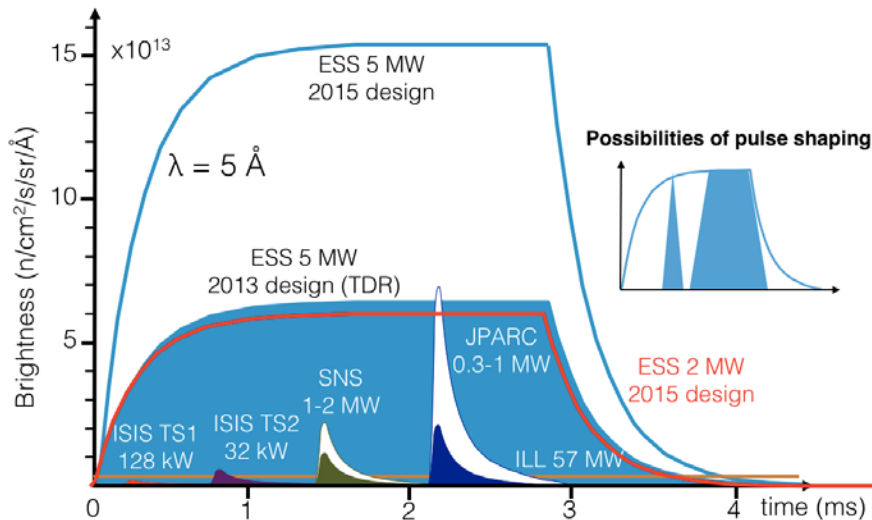
# EUROPEAN SPALLATION SOURCE ESS Lund/Sweden

“world’s most powerful neutron source for enabling scientific breakthroughs in research related to materials, energy, health and the environment addressing some of the most important societal challenges of our time.”

1.84 B€ construction cost

40 European Partner institutions from 17 countries

Today 48% completed, expected start user program 2023



Brightness of ESS and different spallation sources



ESS 3D Layout

Source: ESS [www.ess.se](http://www.ess.se)

# EUROPEAN SPALLATION SOURCE ESS

- Germany 10% of constr. Costs (180 Mio), 136 Mio IKC instrum.+target
- FZJ German coordination, ZEA-1, important partner
- ESS Industry Liaison Officer Germany

## Instruments: JCNS/ZEA-1

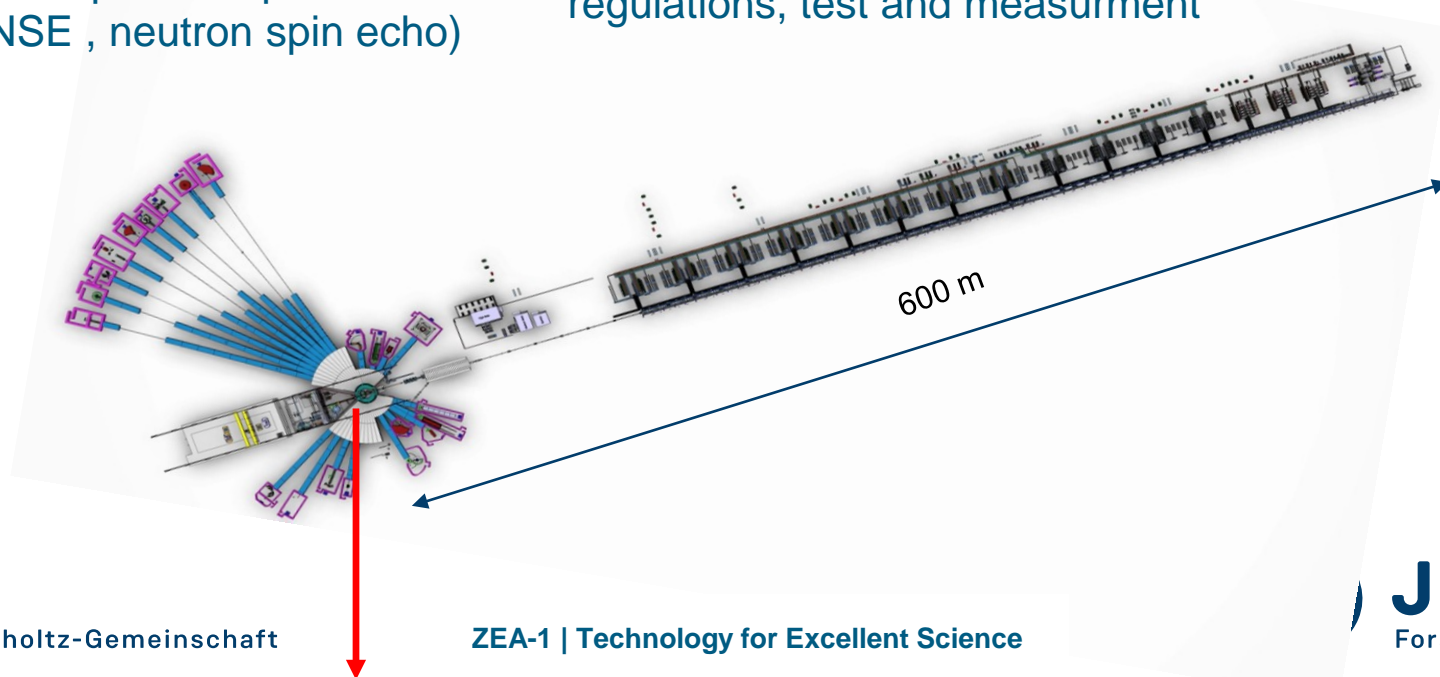
SKADI small angle scattering  
DREAM, TOF diffractometer  
TRES, TOF polaris. spectrometer  
(ESSENSE , neutron spin echo)

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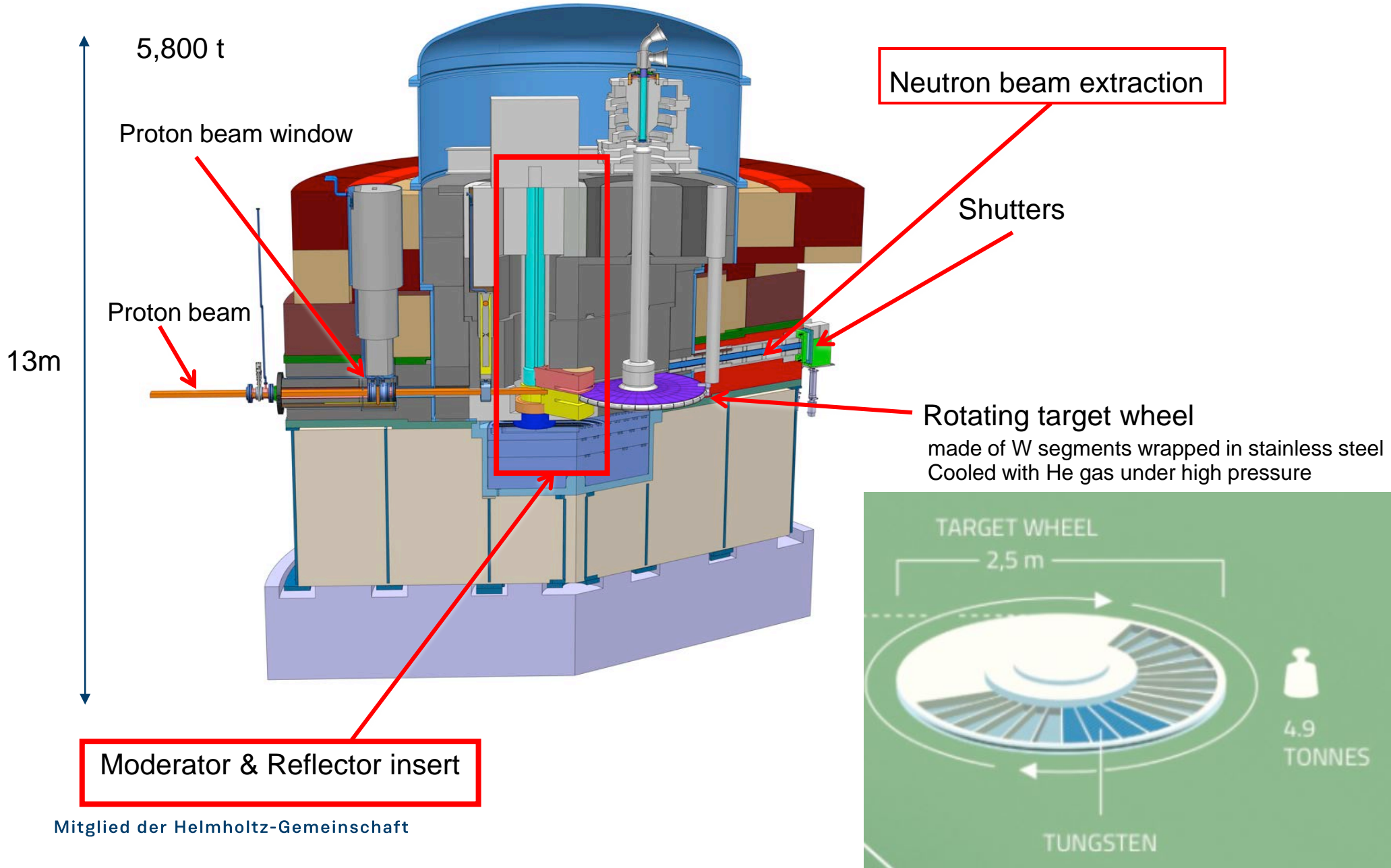
## Chopper systems: ZEA.1

### moderator/reflector plugs: ZEA-1

numerical simulation, mechanical design, joining  
technology, materials u. extreme conditions, set of  
regulations, test and measurement



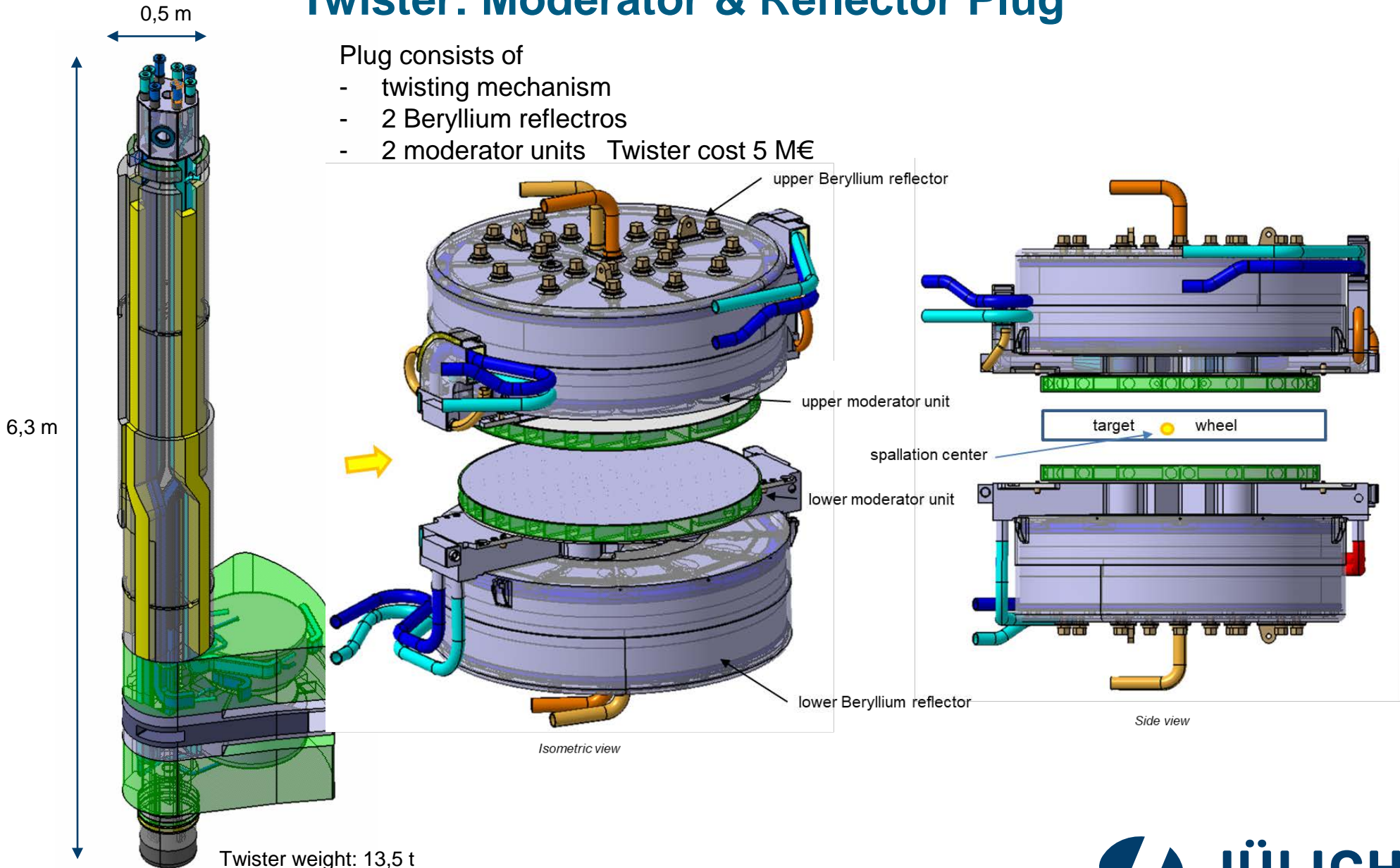
# ESS Target Monolith



# Twister: Moderator & Reflector Plug

Plug consists of

- twisting mechanism
  - 2 Beryllium reflectors
  - 2 moderator units
- Twister cost 5 M€





Ø 700 mm , 160 Kg pure Be

# Beryllium Reflector

high strength Aluminum container  
Strength needed for high pressure  
Wall thickness as small as possible

Normally not weldable  
E-beam welded



Beryllium plate 1



water outlet , inlet

cooling-water-duct

cooling-water-duct

Al vessel

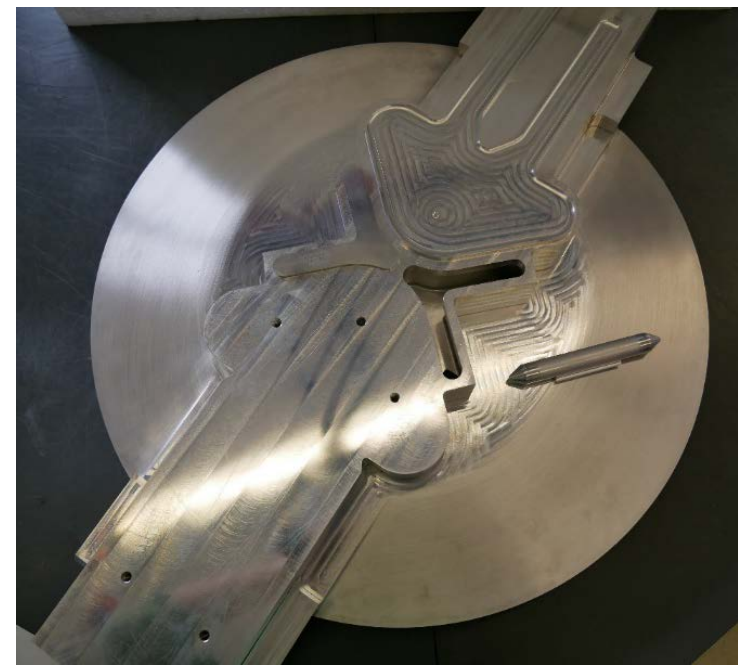
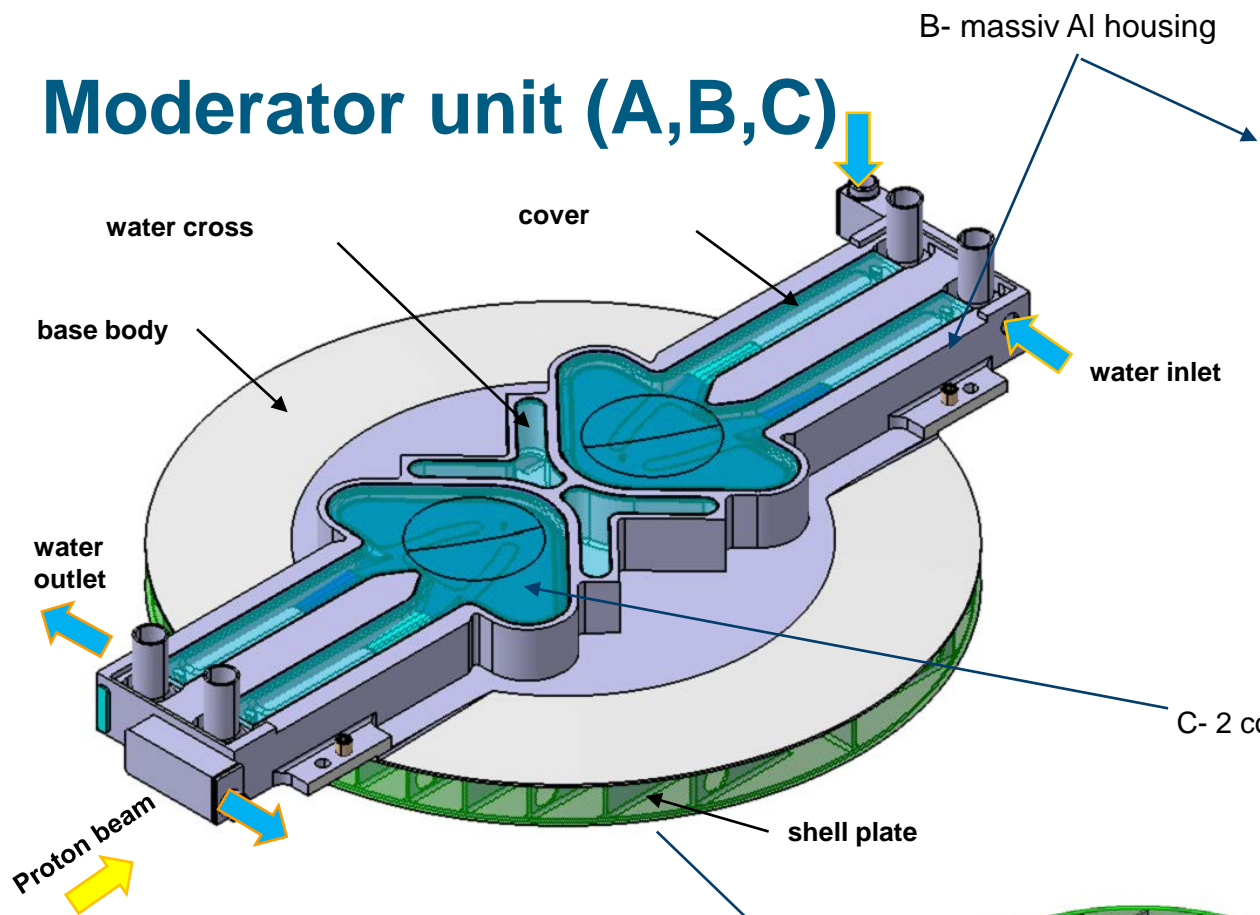
Beryllium plates 1, 2, 3

water layer  
5 mm

240 mm

Isometric Section view of the upper Reflector

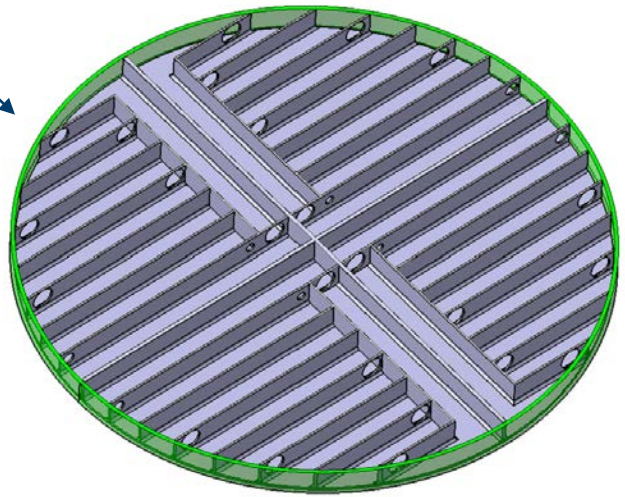
# Moderator unit (A,B,C)



C- 2 cold (cooled with LH2) moderators

Moderation of neutrons  
MeV  $\rightarrow$  meV

A- Water cooled structure



# DESIGN AND MAKING OF COLD MODERATOR

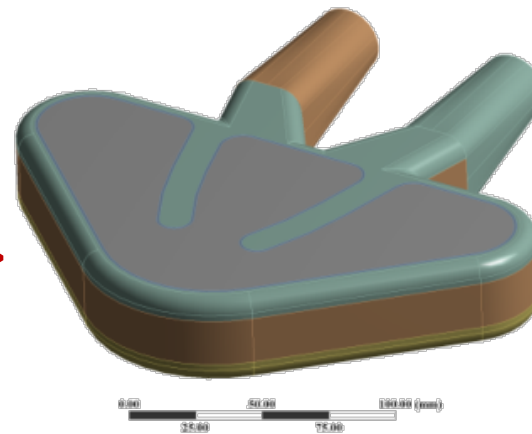
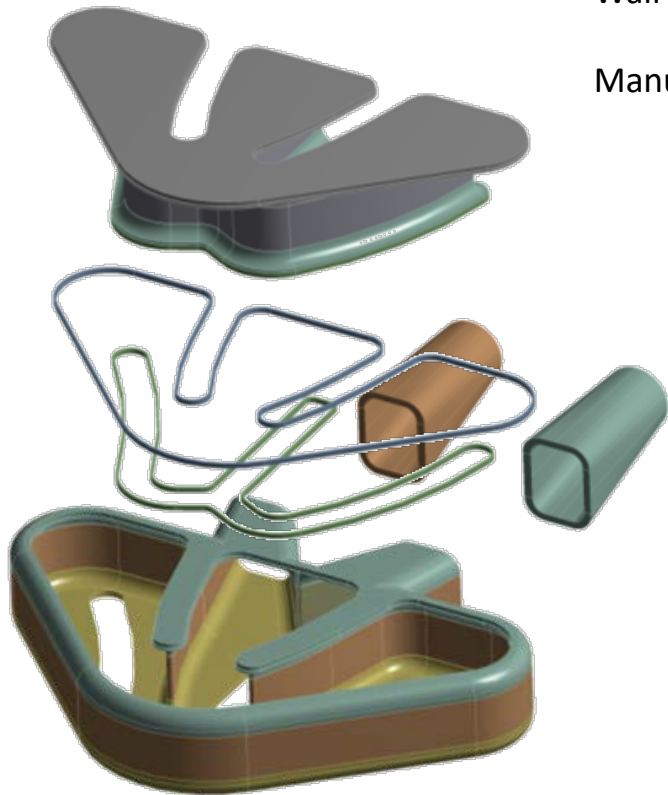
Material: Al 6061-T6 aluminum

Filler metal: AlSi12

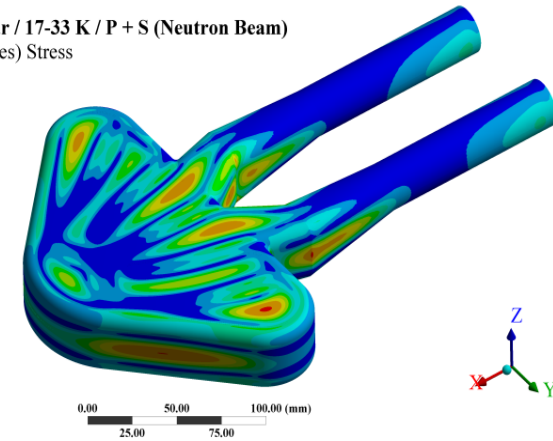
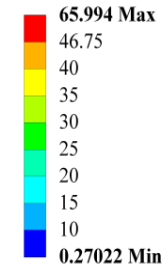
Wall thickness: 3.0 mm

Manufacturing methods

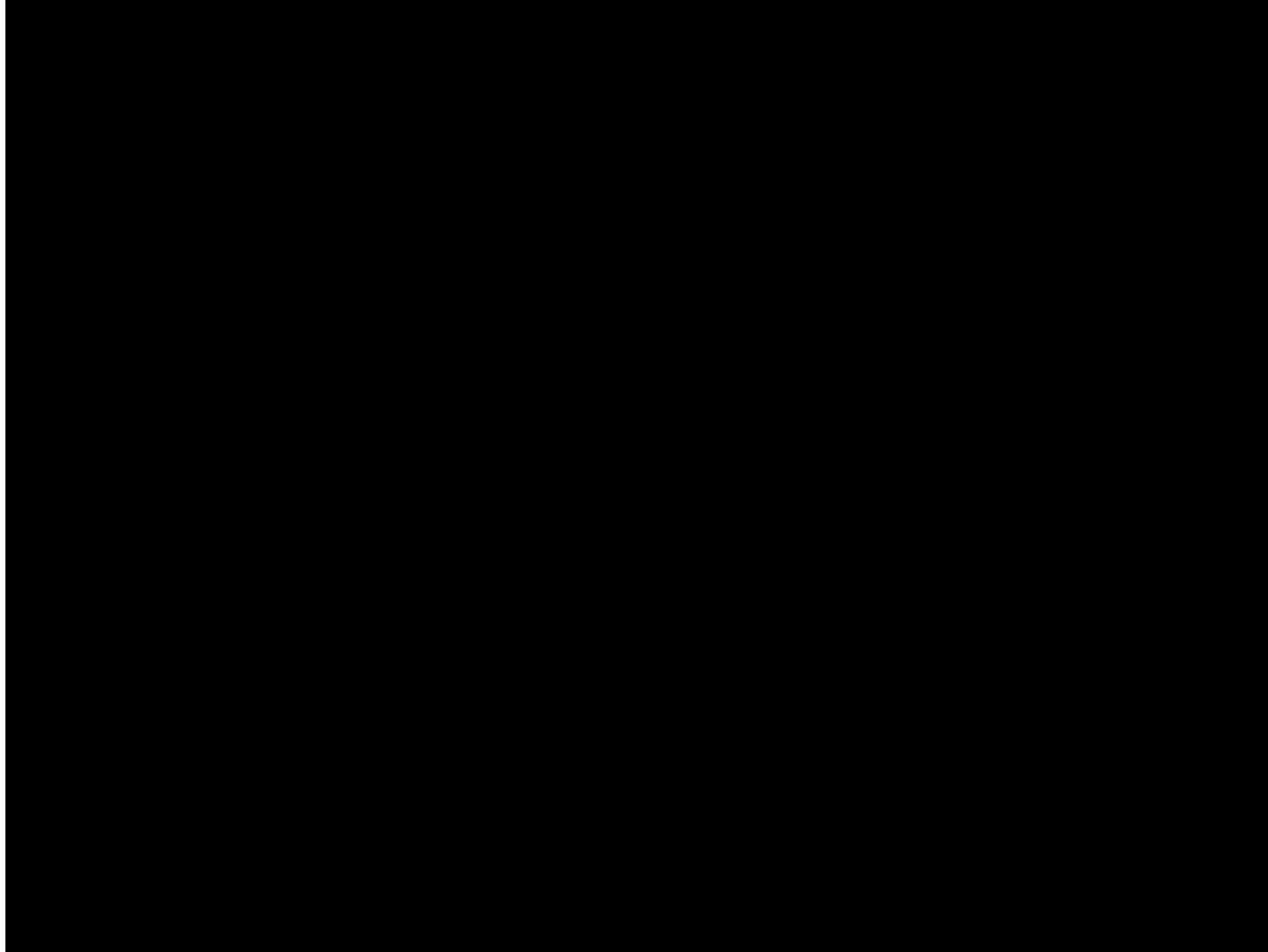
- high speed milling
- wire-cut EDM
- laser beam cutting
- electron beam welding



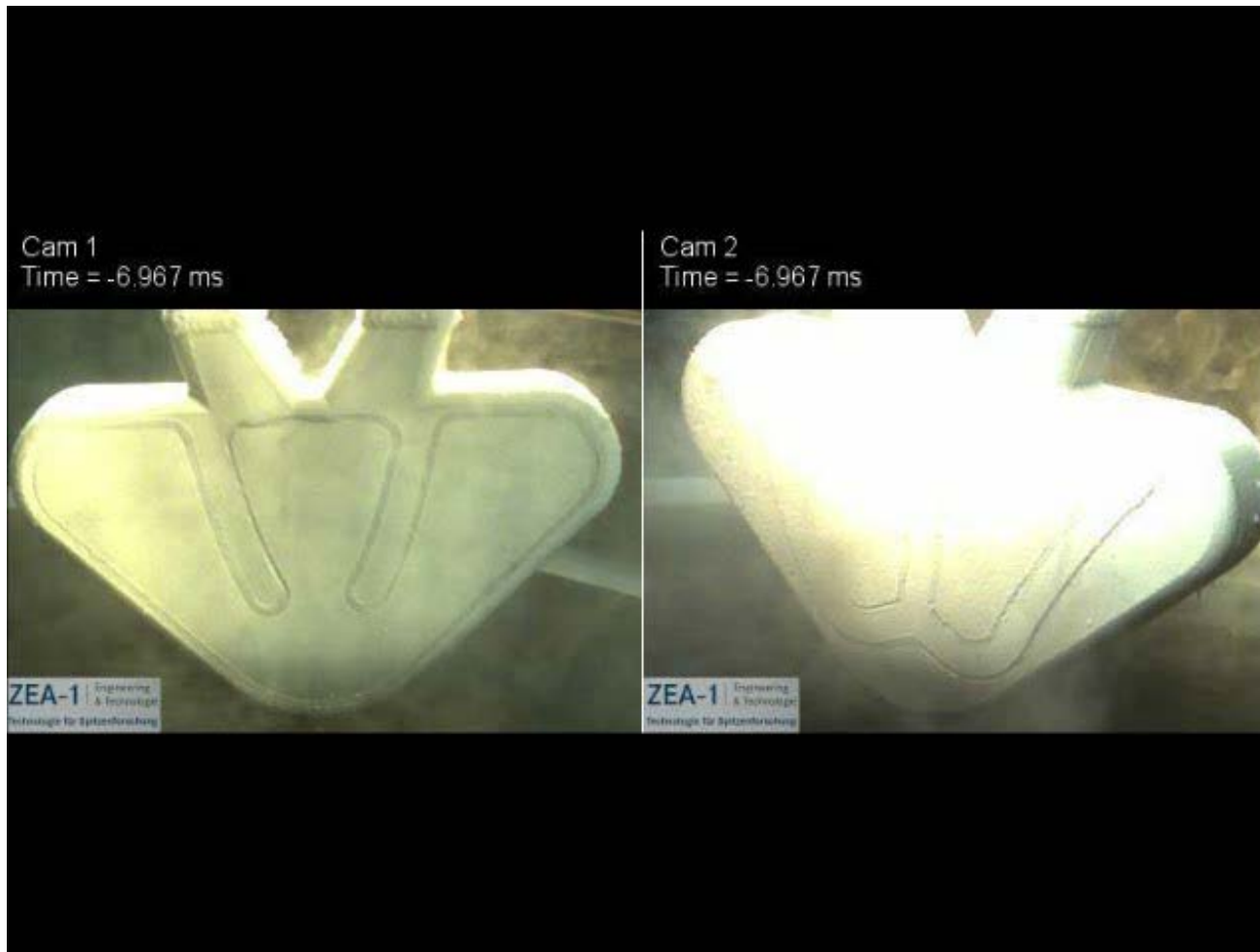
load case 3.0 0 bar / 17 bar / 17-33 K / P + S (Neutron Beam)  
Type: Equivalent (von-Mises) Stress  
Unit: MPa  
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# 1<sup>st</sup> Burst test cold Moderator (water at room temperature)

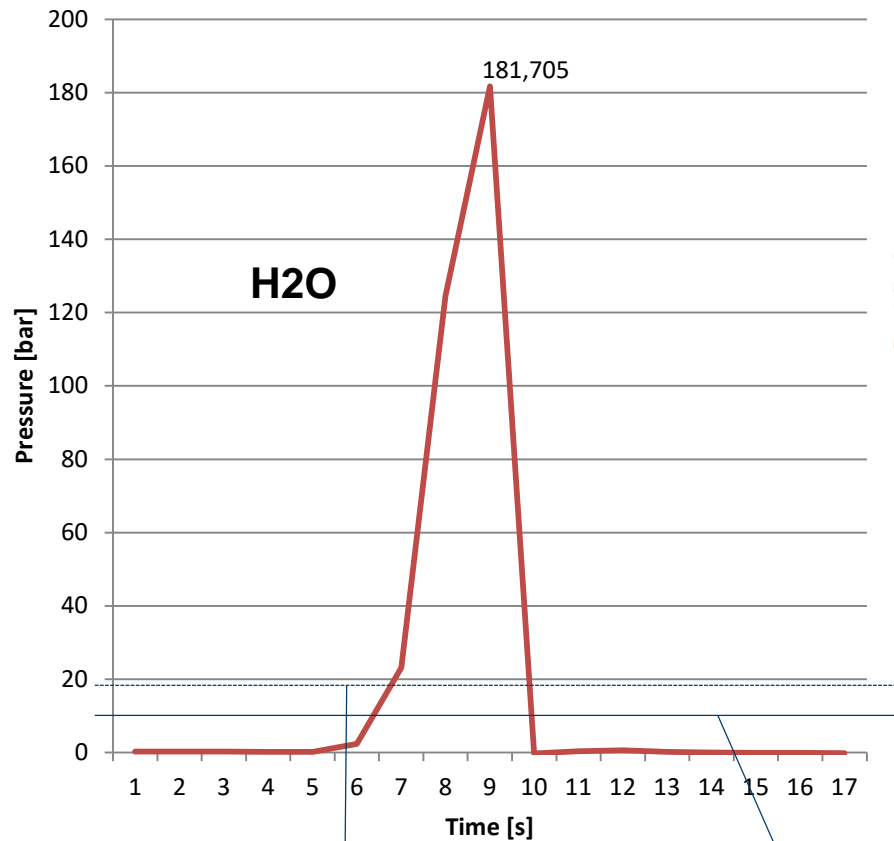


## 2<sup>nd</sup> Burst test cold Moderator (LN2)



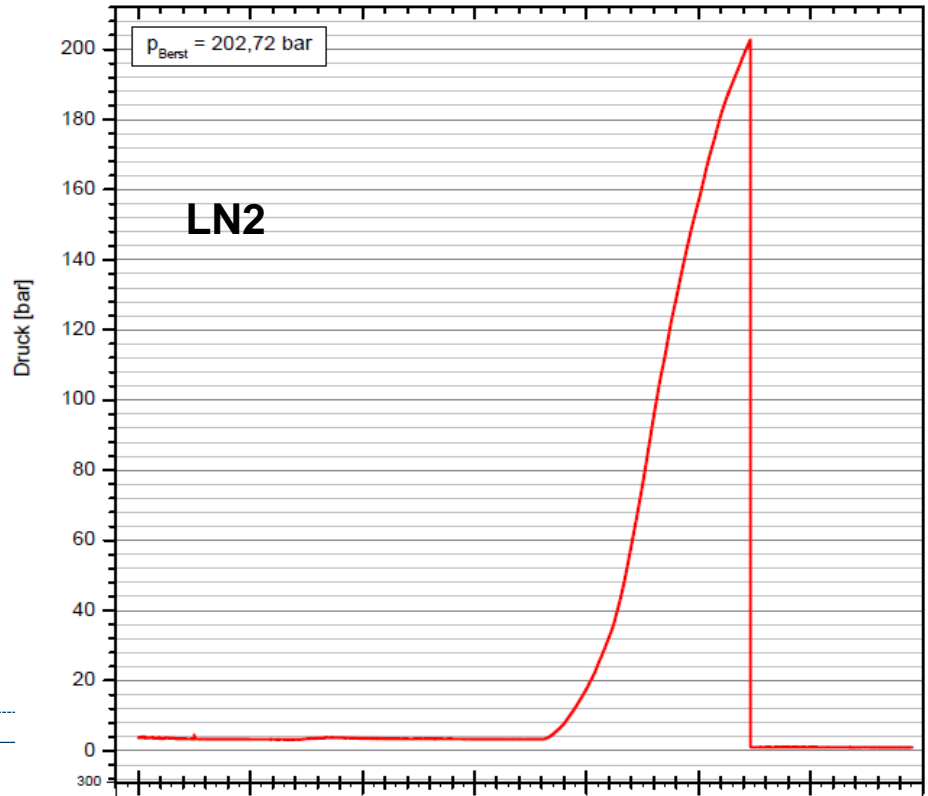
→  
≈10 m/s

# Burst test summery



**Design pressure**  
**17 bar**

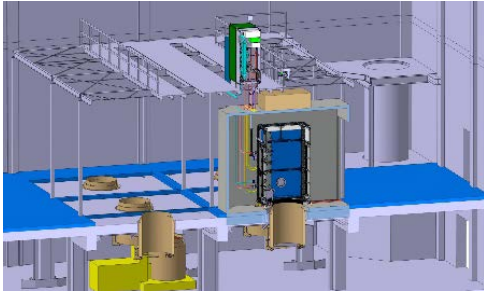
**Operation pressure**  
**10 bar**



# 3D X-RAY of cold Moderator test vessel



## Agricultural Food Production Simulator



### Experiment

Controlled environment with cutting edge measurements technologies  
Real-time monitoring  
Validation of numerical simulator



### Modeling

Multi-scale model from molecule to field  
Integration of new results into model  
Simulation of system

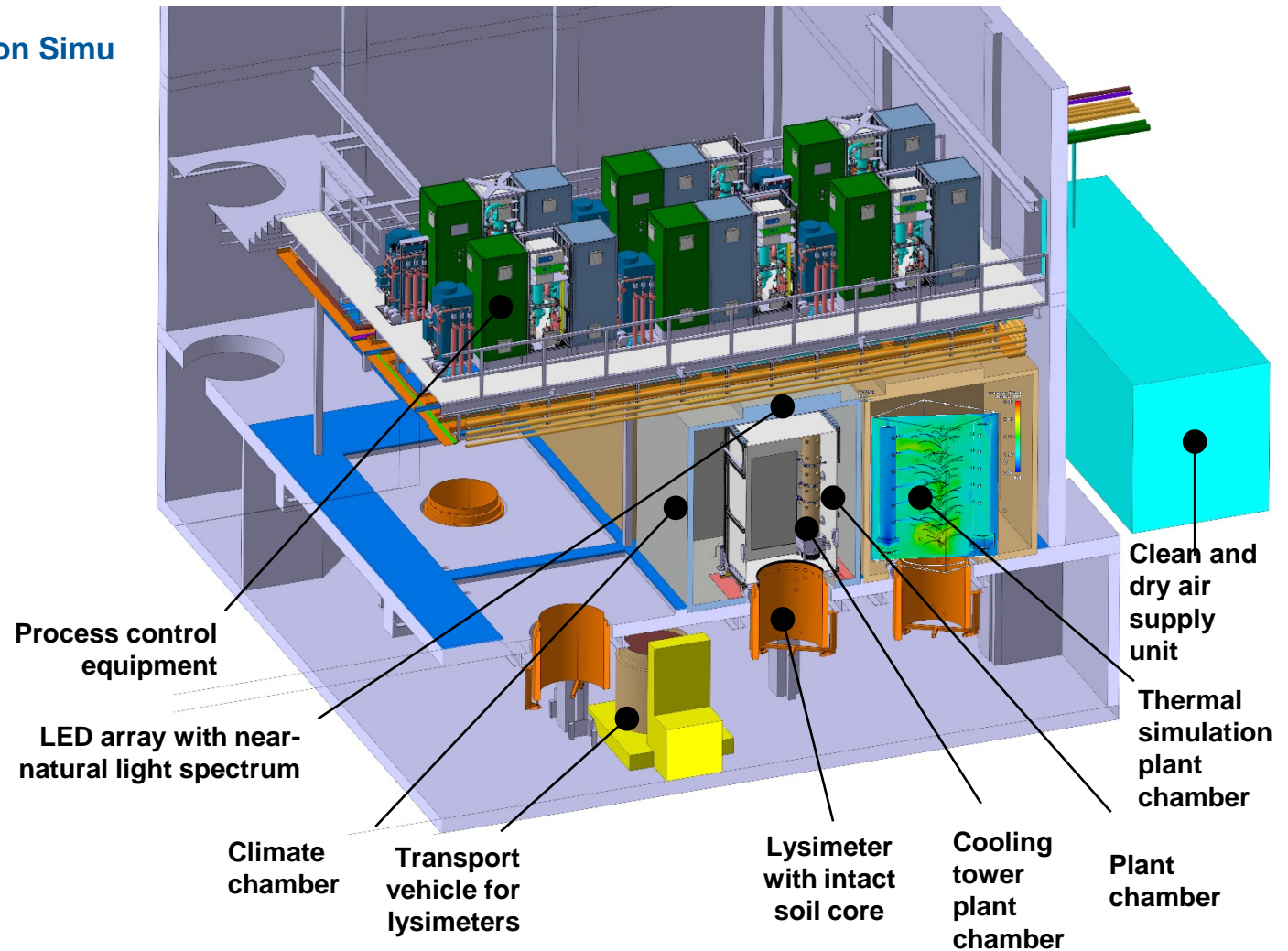
- Understanding soil-plant-atmosphere interactions
- Simulating future crop production in vivo and in silico
- Scientific basis for securing future agriculture production
- Contributing to a climate resilient bioeconomy



## Agricultural Food Production Simu

Technical challenges for ZEA-1:

- Developing the plant chamber with inert inner surfaces and a high capacity inert cooling system
- Developing of the process technology to fully control the environment in the plant chamber (e.g. establish different CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub> and humidity levels)



Solution and realization:

- Concept development for the whole experiment
- Preliminary tests
- Construction and mechanical design
- Manufacture and assembly
- Prototype test

# 3D $\mu$ focus Computed Tomography

X-ray source

test object

Detector

up to 225 kV, 3 mA



CSI digital flat panel detector  
active surface 410 x 410 mm,  
4096 x 4096 pixel

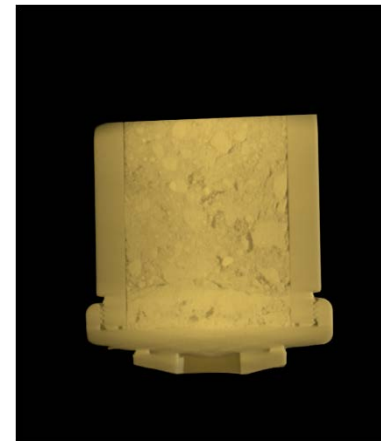
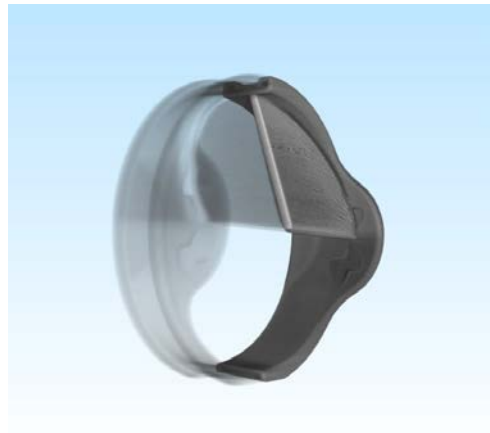
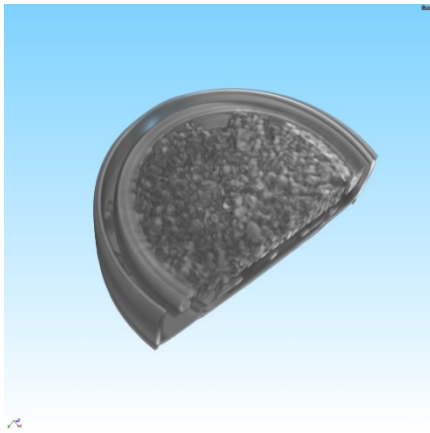
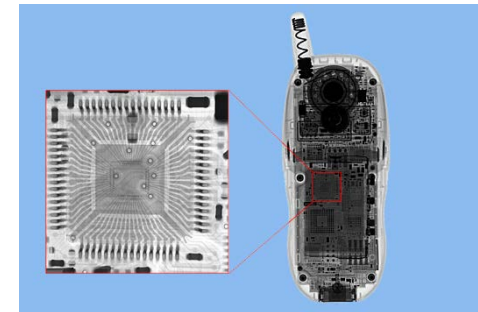
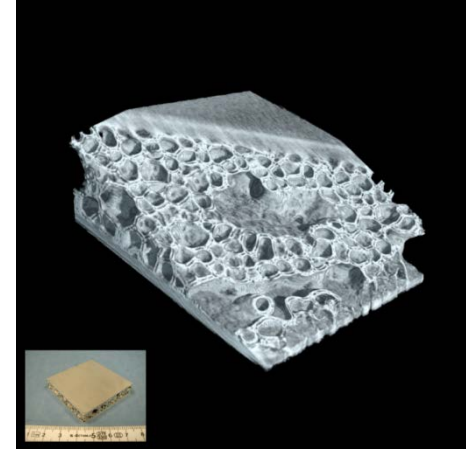
resolution 100  $\mu$ m  
positioning accuracy 1  $\mu$ m

2x2 m

- “open” system for flexible use in a wide range of applications
- GPU based control and reconstruction system
- Fast final data reconstruction with high resolution
- Defect analysis by auto-segmentation

# EXAMPELS OF USE OF 3D CT

- Joining: welding seams, brazing connections, 3-D printed devices
- Porosity analysis, wall thickness determination, component dimension measurment
- Testing of leight metall components and ceramic materials (Automotive industry, Space and aviation , tooling ...)
- Testing of PCBs and electronics components (Sensors, Valves, Switches ...)
- Testing of plastic injection molded components



# PLASTICS, CERAMICS AND GLAS MACHINING

$^3\text{He}$  Neutron Spin Filter cell  
Special glass GE-180 (4,5 m lamp tube glas)  
not containing Boron and is pore free

22 cm outer Diam , 8 cm high



Investigation of thermo mechanical  
properties of ceramic materials in  
the range of 20-1500° C



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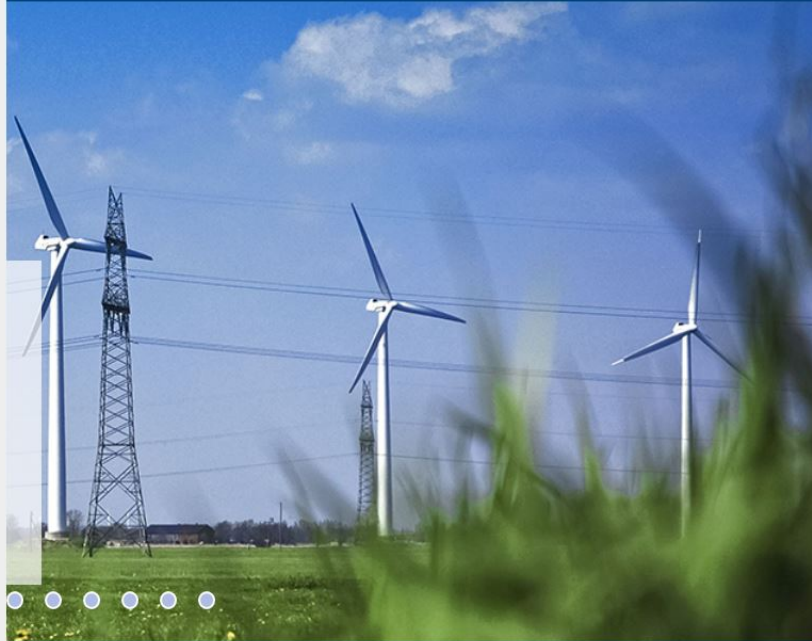
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