

Neutron irradiation area at HZDR

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Neutron radiation measurements needs

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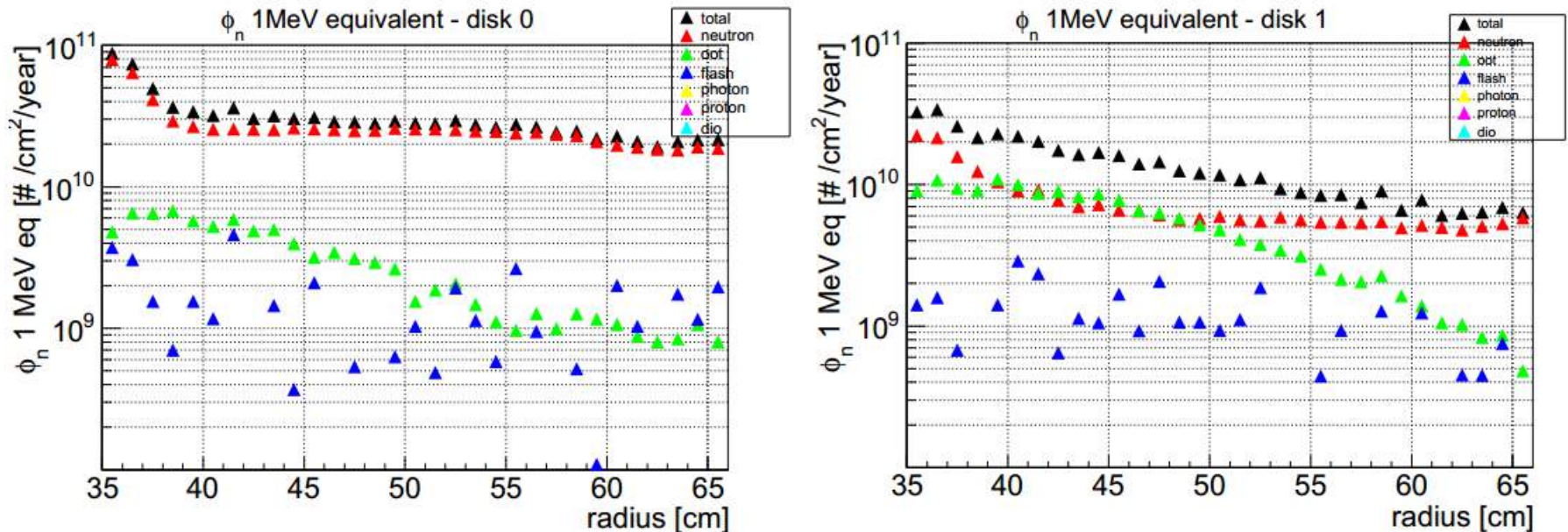


Figure 12: 1 MeV-equivalent Neutron flux as a function of the radial position at the back face of the front (left) and back (right) disk. The backgrounds representing less than 1% of the total flux are not drawn

➔ A statistics of $3 \cdot 10^{11}$ neutrons, possibly in the MeV region, is needed

nELBE at ELBE (Electron linear accelerator with high Brilliance and low Emittance)

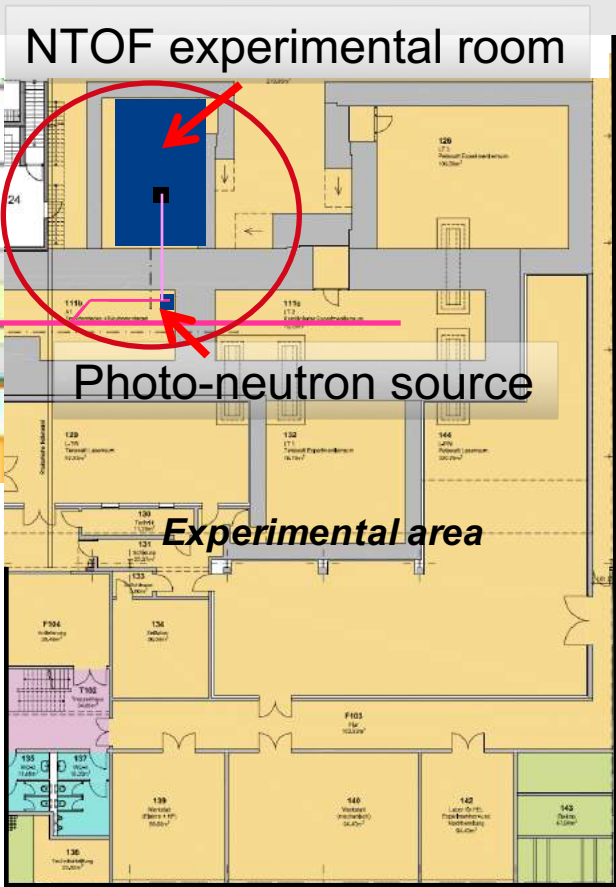
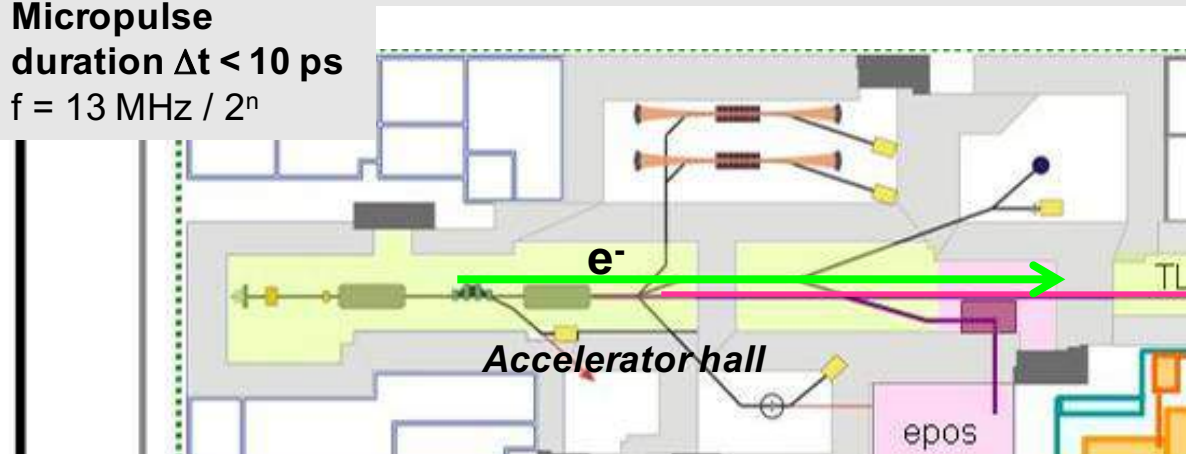
$E_e \leq 40 \text{ MeV}$

$I_e \leq 1 \text{ mA}$

Micropulse

duration $\Delta t < 10 \text{ ps}$

$f = 13 \text{ MHz} / 2^n$

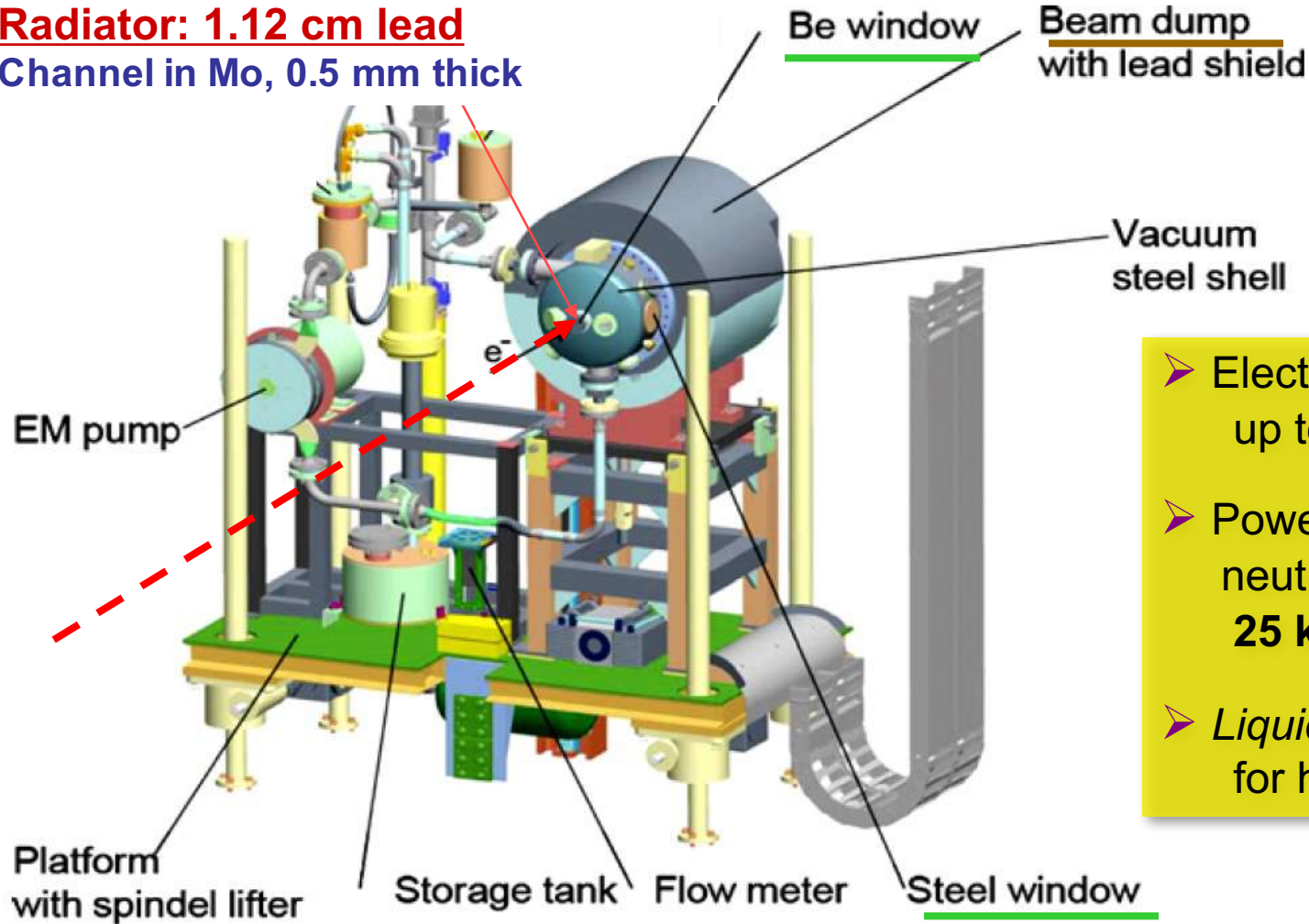


National Center for High-Power Radiation Sources

- Multiple secondary beams (neutrons, photons, positrons)
- nELBE: Neutron Time-of-Light Facility for Transmutation Studies and Nuclear Physics measurements
- X-ray source using Laser-Compton-Backscattering
- High-Power Laser (PW) for Ion Acceleration

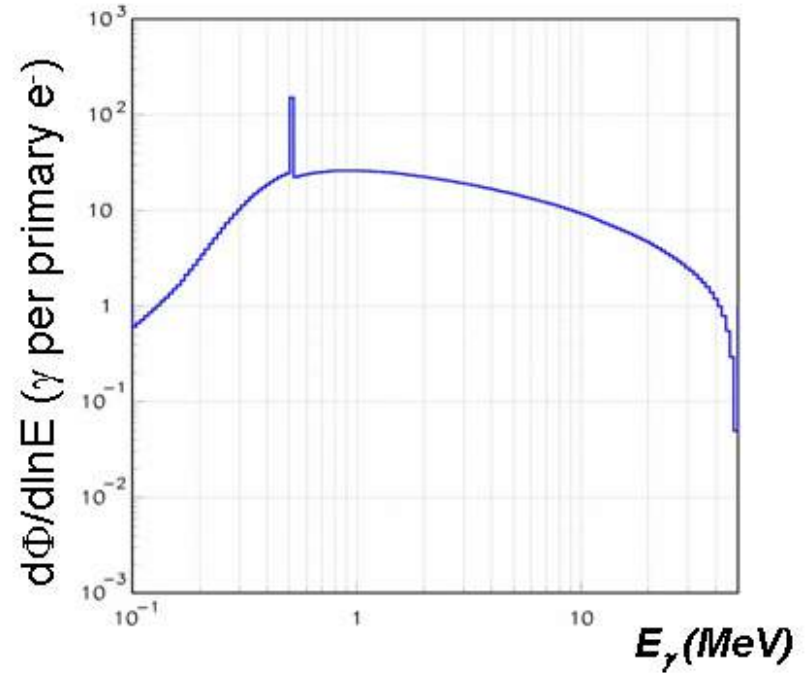
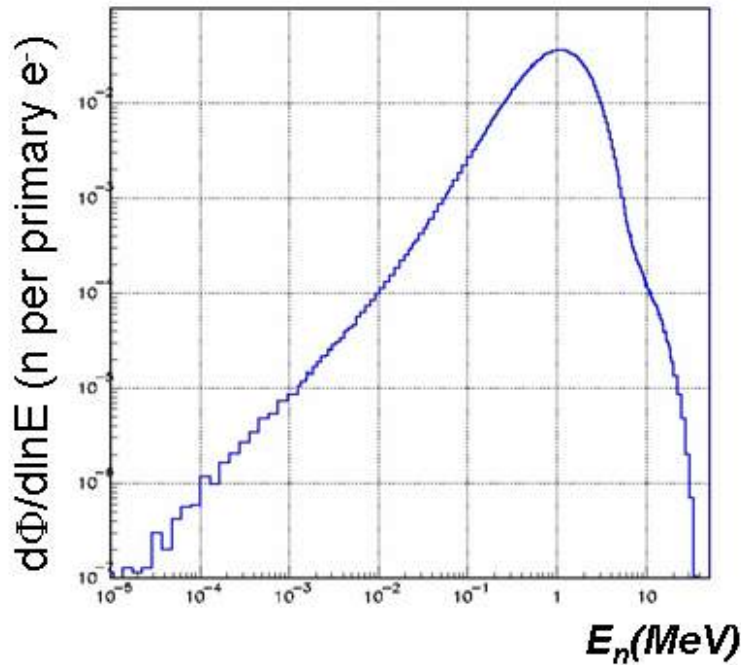
HZDR photo-neutron beamline

Radiator: 1.12 cm lead
Channel in Mo, 0.5 mm thick



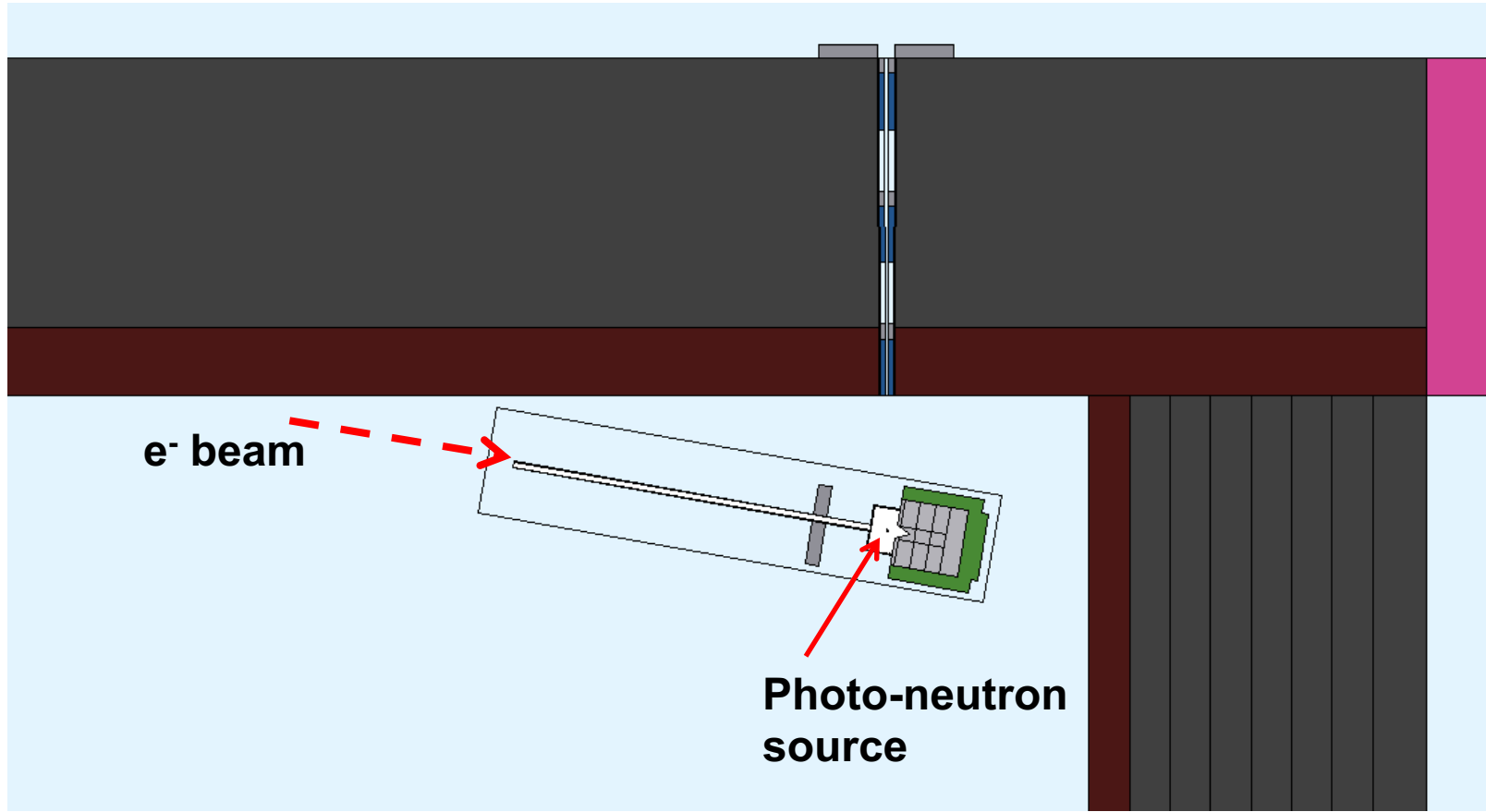
- Electron beam power up to **40 kW**
- Power density in the neutron radiator up to **25 kW/cm³**
- *Liquid lead circuit* for heat transport







Source strength



Electron Energy (MeV)	Neutron Yield [n/e ⁻] (FLUKA sim.)	Source Strength [n/s] @1 mA (FLUKA sim.)
30	$3.108 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.94 \cdot 10^{13}$
40	$4.51 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.81 \cdot 10^{13}$
50	$5.67 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.54 \cdot 10^{13}$

Optimizing the irradiation position



	90 	95.5 	100 	105 	110 	115 
$n_{\text{yield}}/m_{\text{fuel}}$	$2.17 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.39 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.53 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.78 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$2.92 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$3.14 \cdot 10^{-3}$

HZDR photo-neutron beamline



Liquid-lead
photo-neutron source

@ 1 m , 100 μ A e⁻ current and 30 MeV e⁻ energy:

$$1.54 \cdot 10^7 \text{ n cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

To accumulate $3 \cdot 10^{11}$ n/cm² only **5.4 h** are needed

☞ To suppress the gamma radiation
a local Pb shielding can be used, without
problematically losing neutron flux