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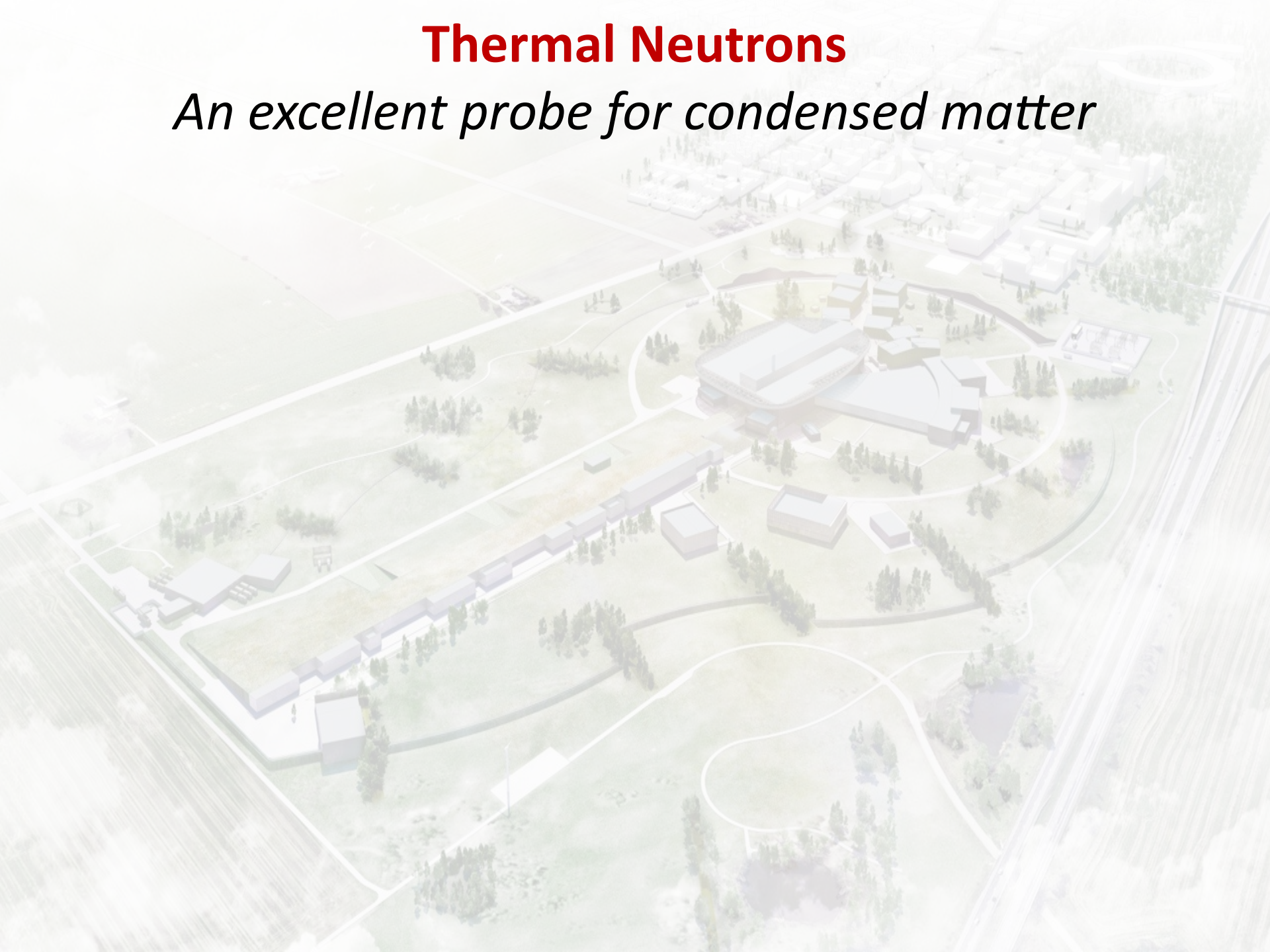
- Intro: Thermal Neutron Scattering
- The European Spallation Source
- T-REX and the Italian Contribution
- T-REX and its Science Cases





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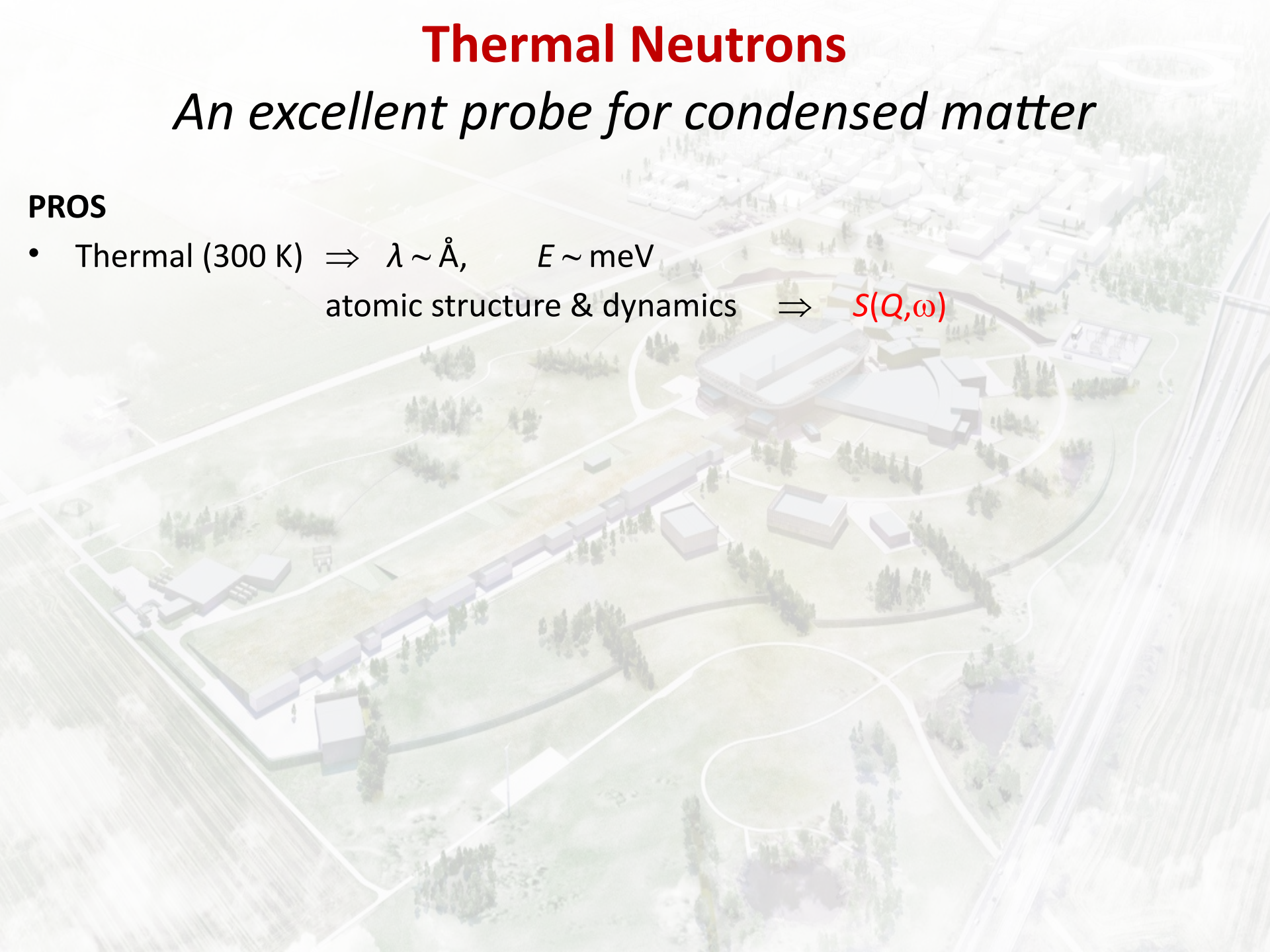


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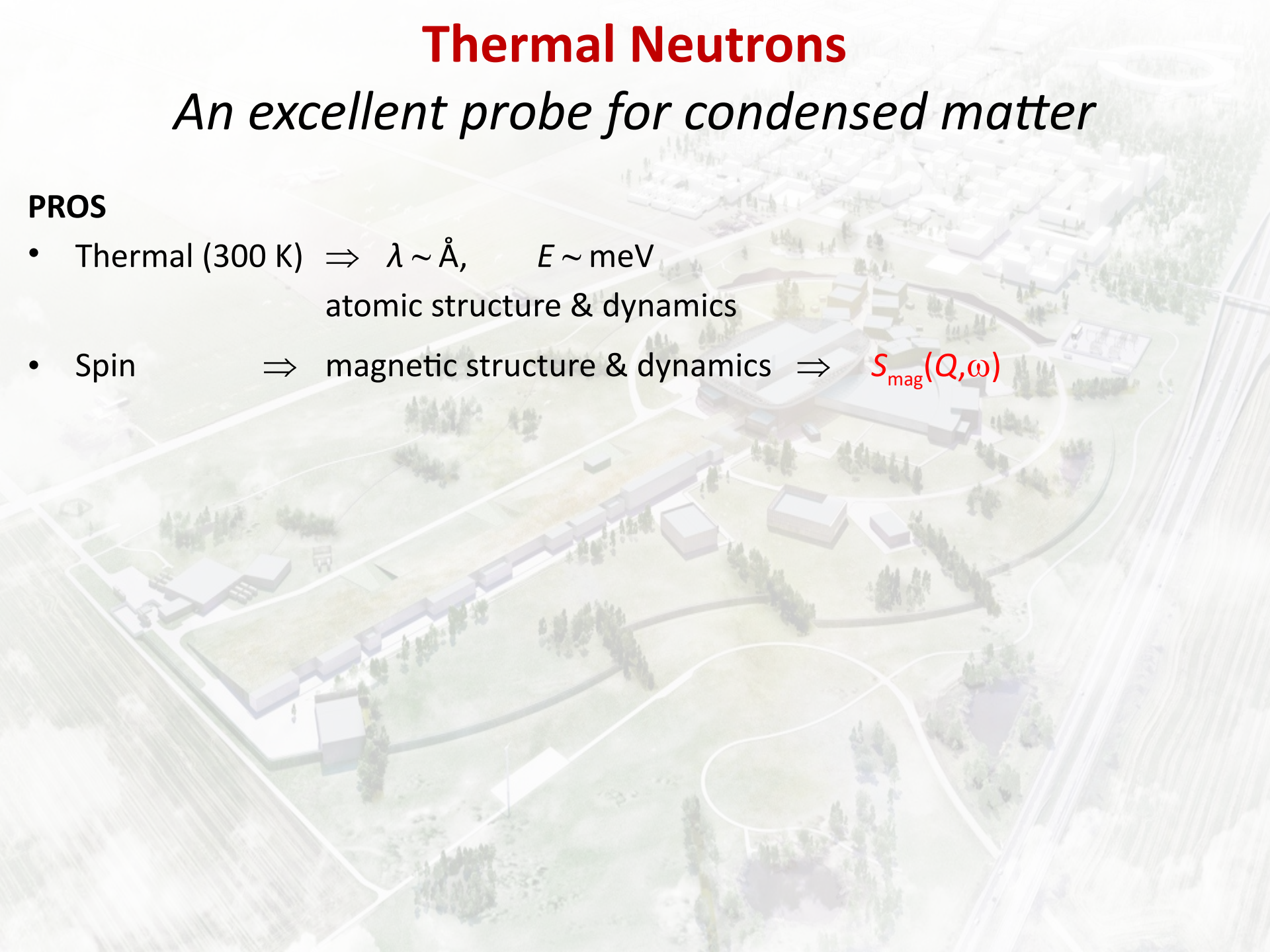


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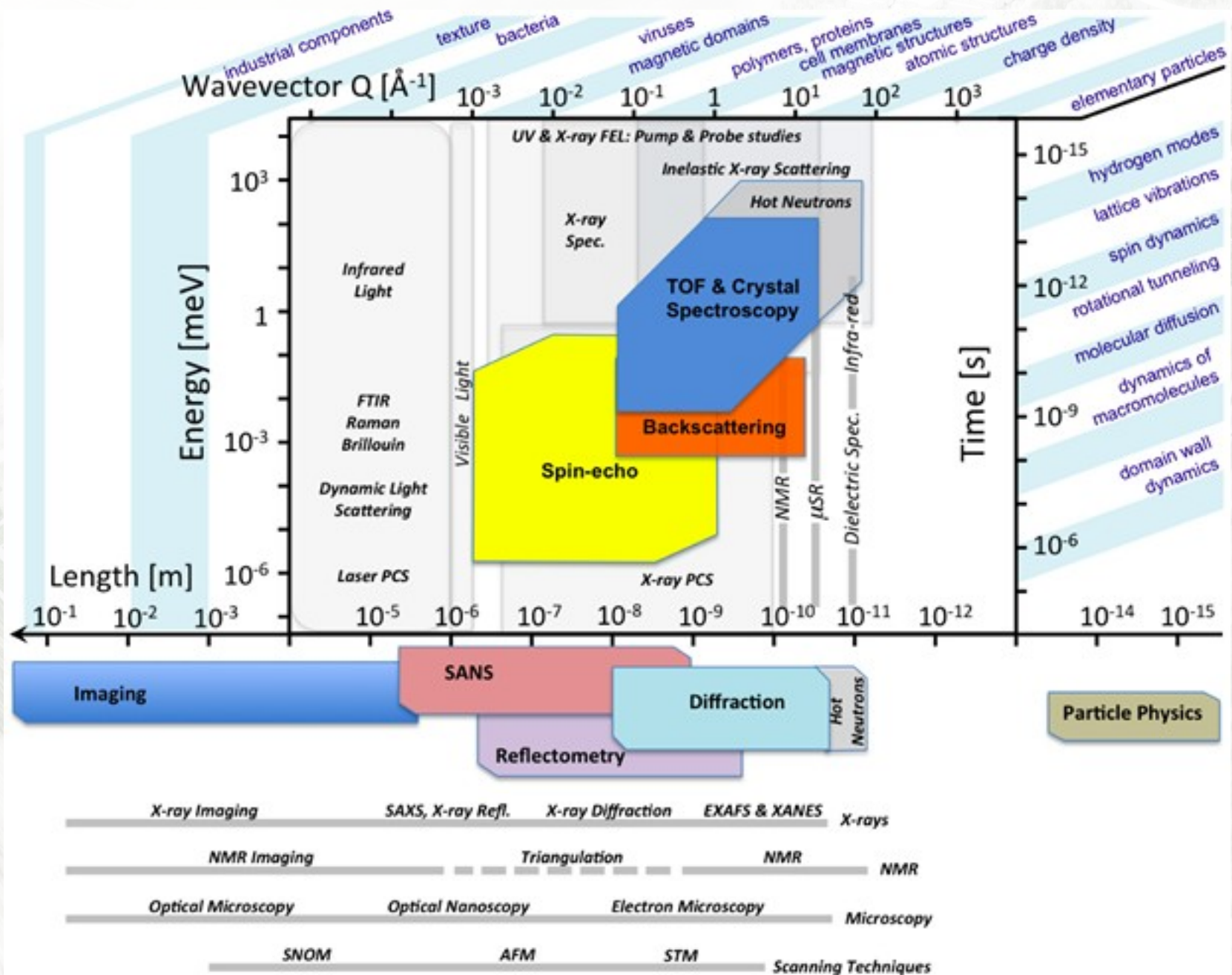
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- No charge (“a gentle probe”)  
 $\Rightarrow$  weak coupling, linear response, bulk probe
- Coherent and incoherent scattering  
 $\Rightarrow$  both collective and single-particle dynamics
- Isotope substitution  $\Rightarrow$  atom selective investigations

## CONS

- No charge  $\Rightarrow$  bulk samples: big samples, no surface
- **Need a Large Infrastructure for the SOURCE!!**



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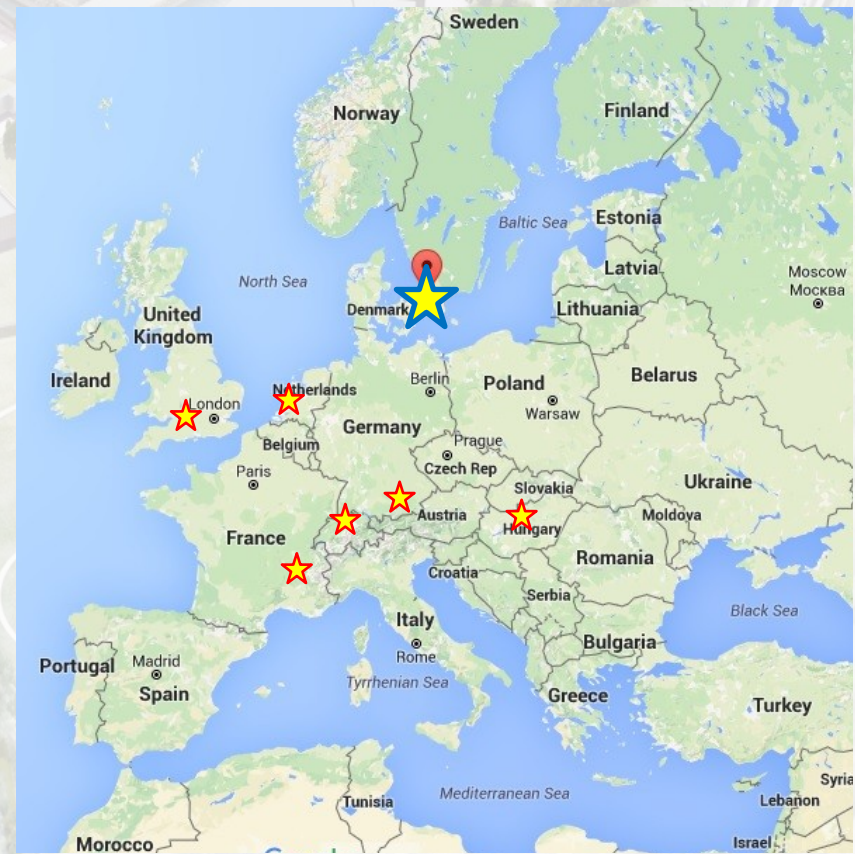




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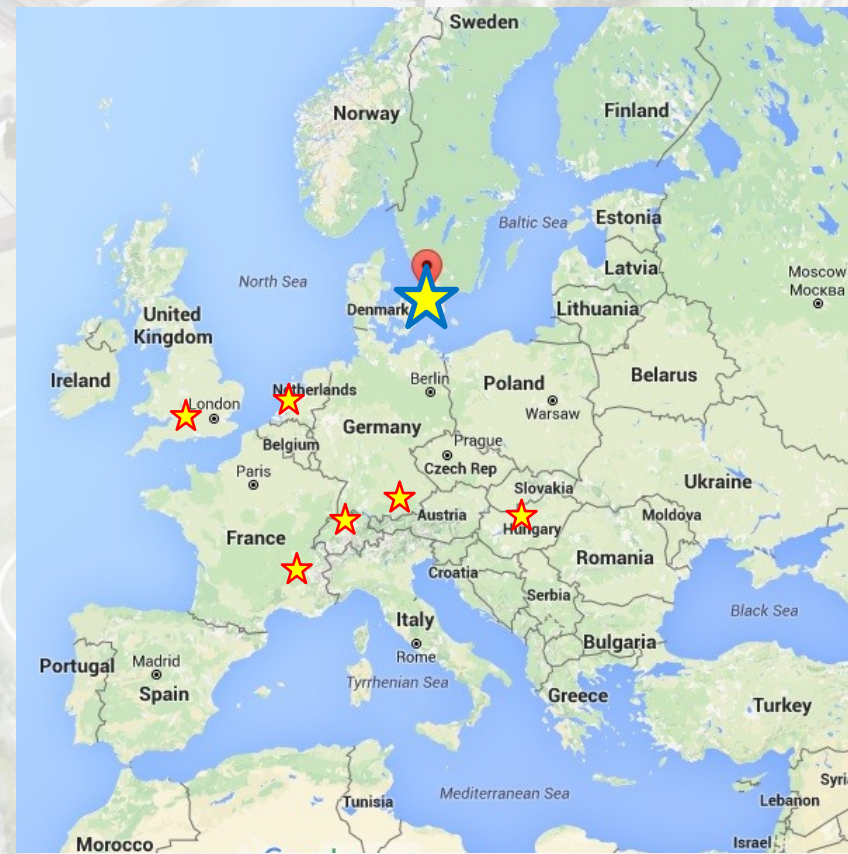




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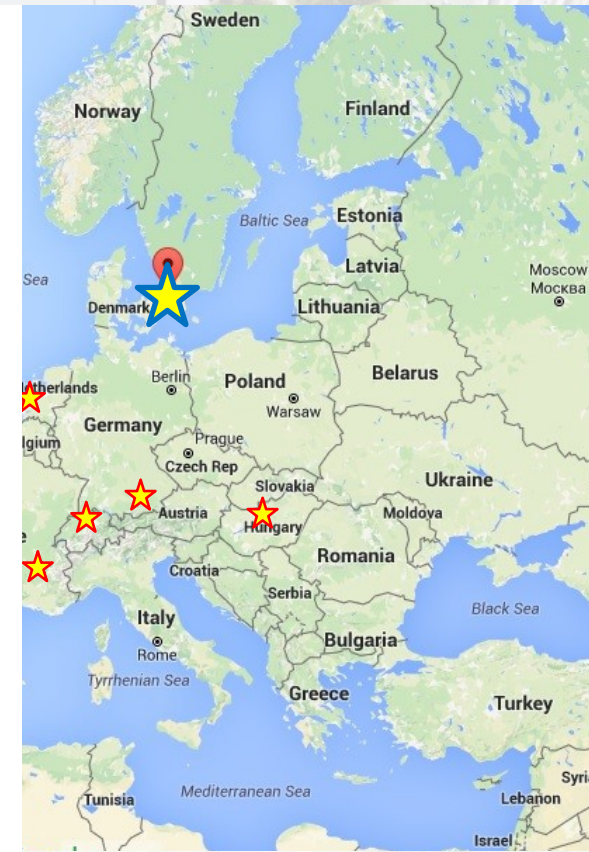
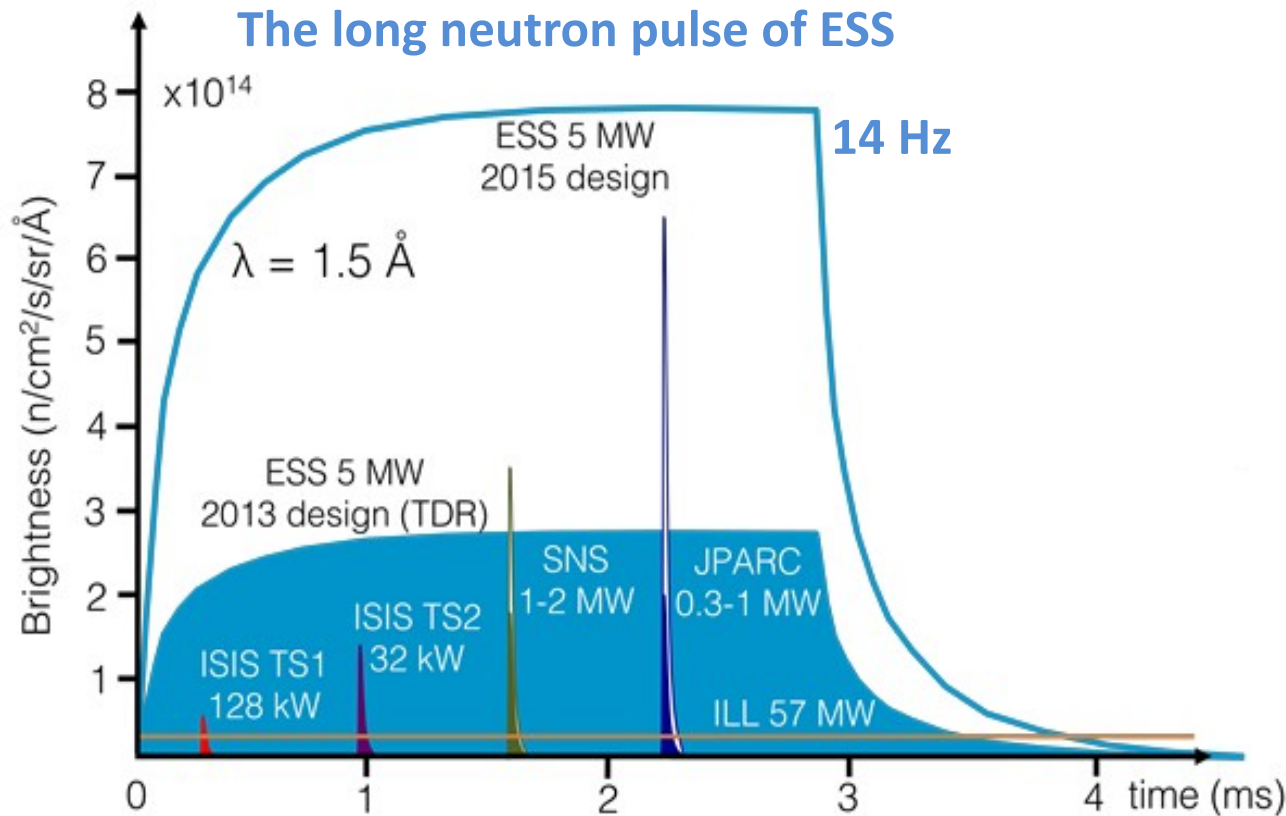




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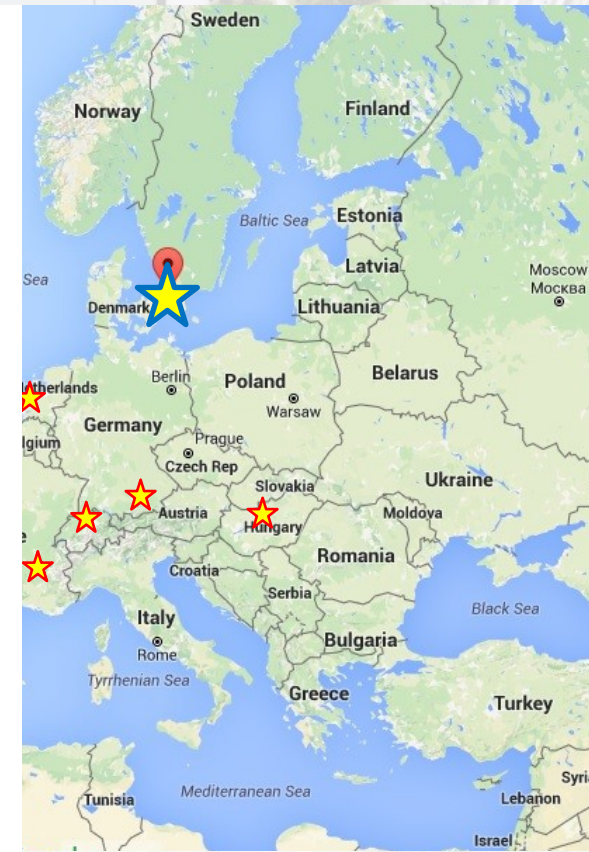
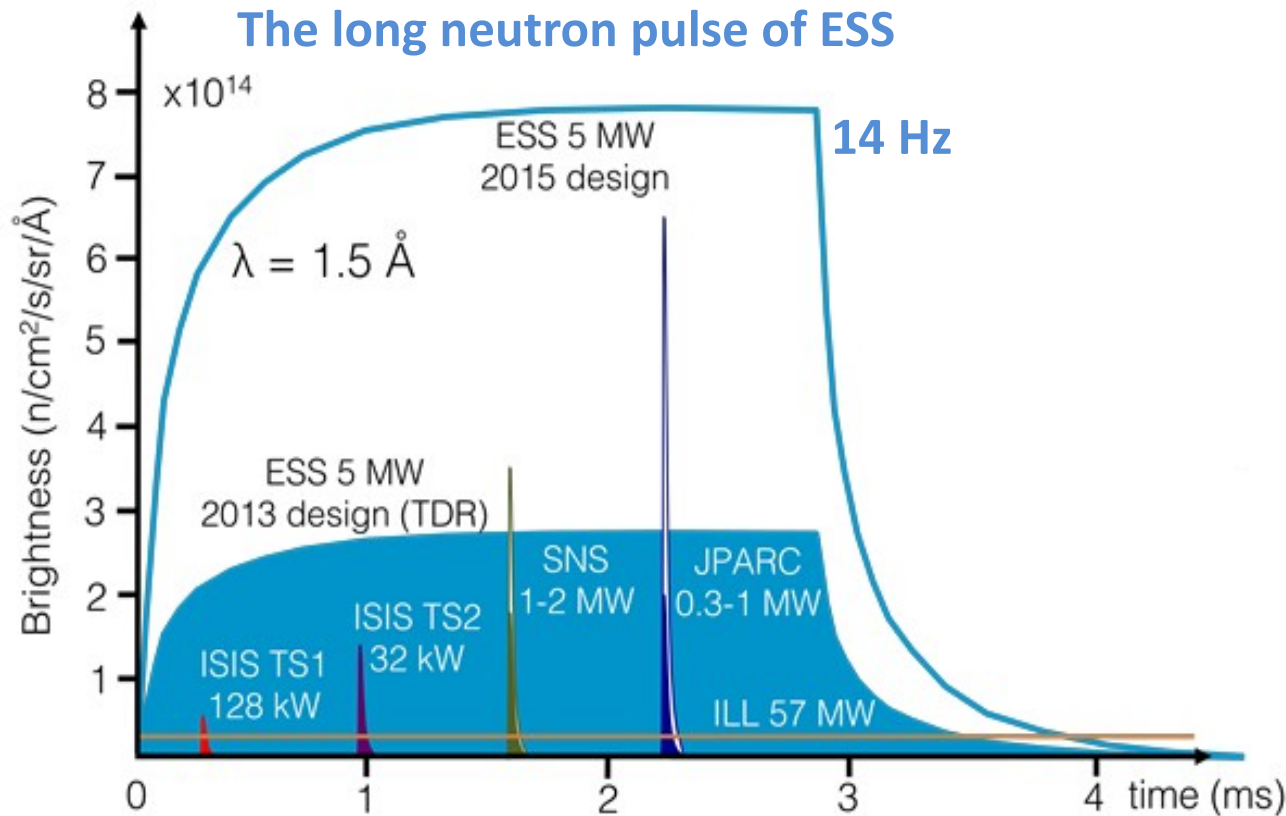




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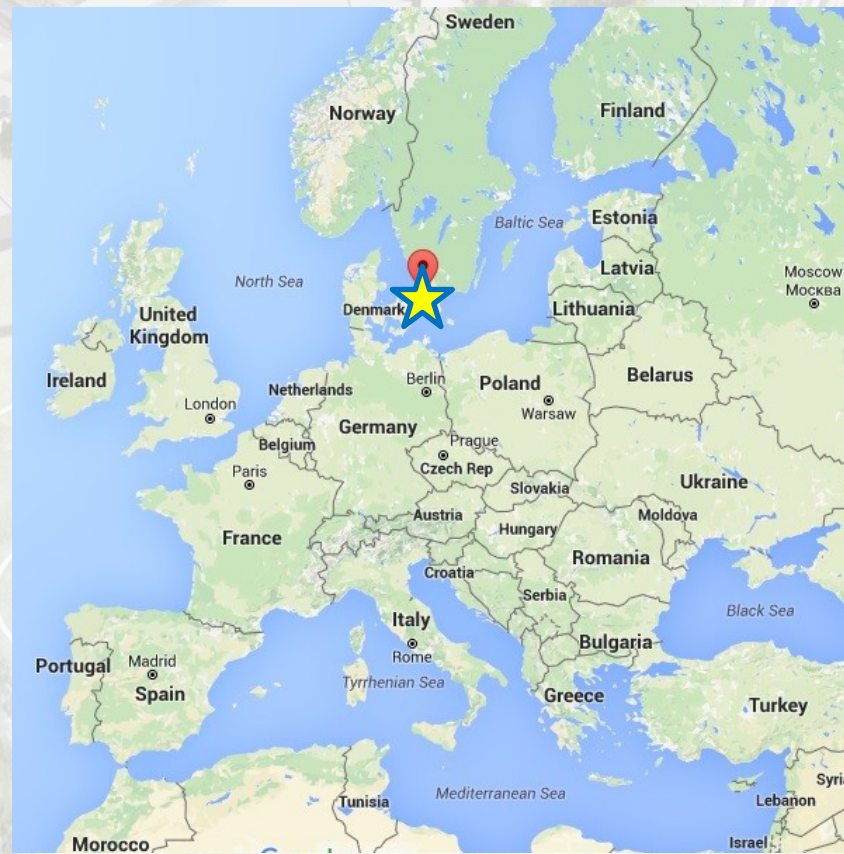
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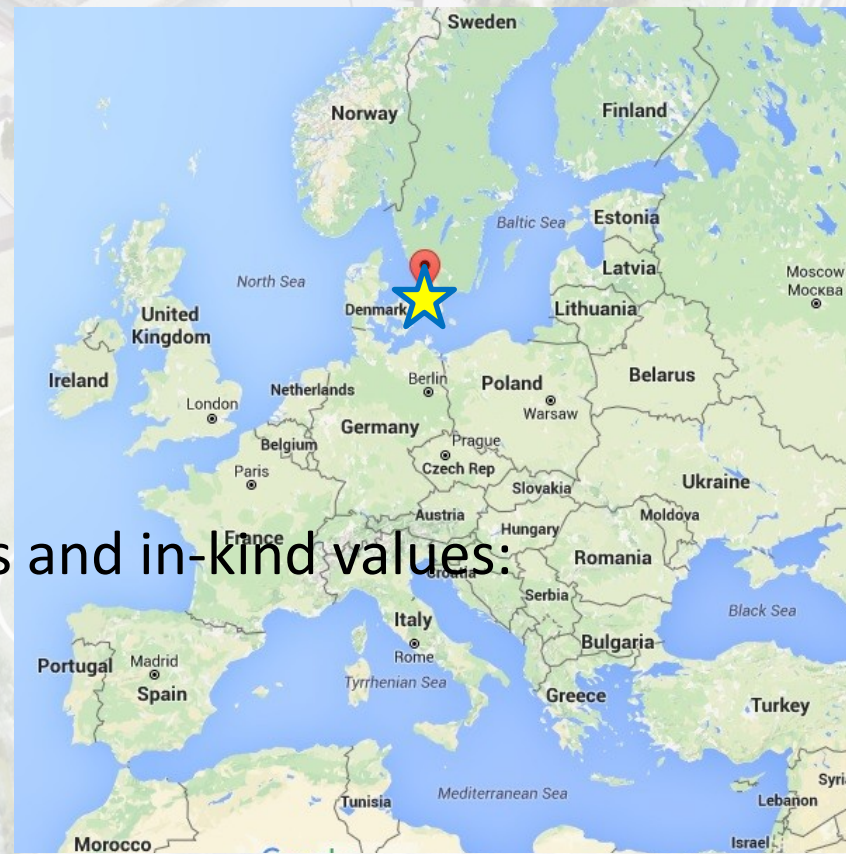
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    - **VESPA 12.00 M€ (2016)**









August 2017





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170 m



April 2019





January 2021





November 2021





2018 – Ion Source completed @INFN Catania





November 2018



**Follow the #IonSourceAdventure  
from Sicily to Sweden**



November 2018







November 2018.  
High-level Swedish and Italian delegations, led by King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden and President Sergio Mattarella of Italy, came together to inaugurate the first major technical components to be commissioned at the European Spallation Source: the Accelerator's Ion Source and LEBT.



# T-REX



## a German-Italian collaboration for ESS

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(Germany)

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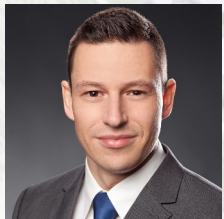
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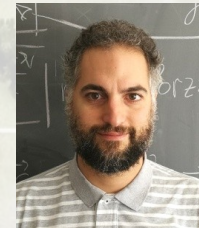


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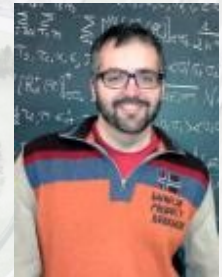
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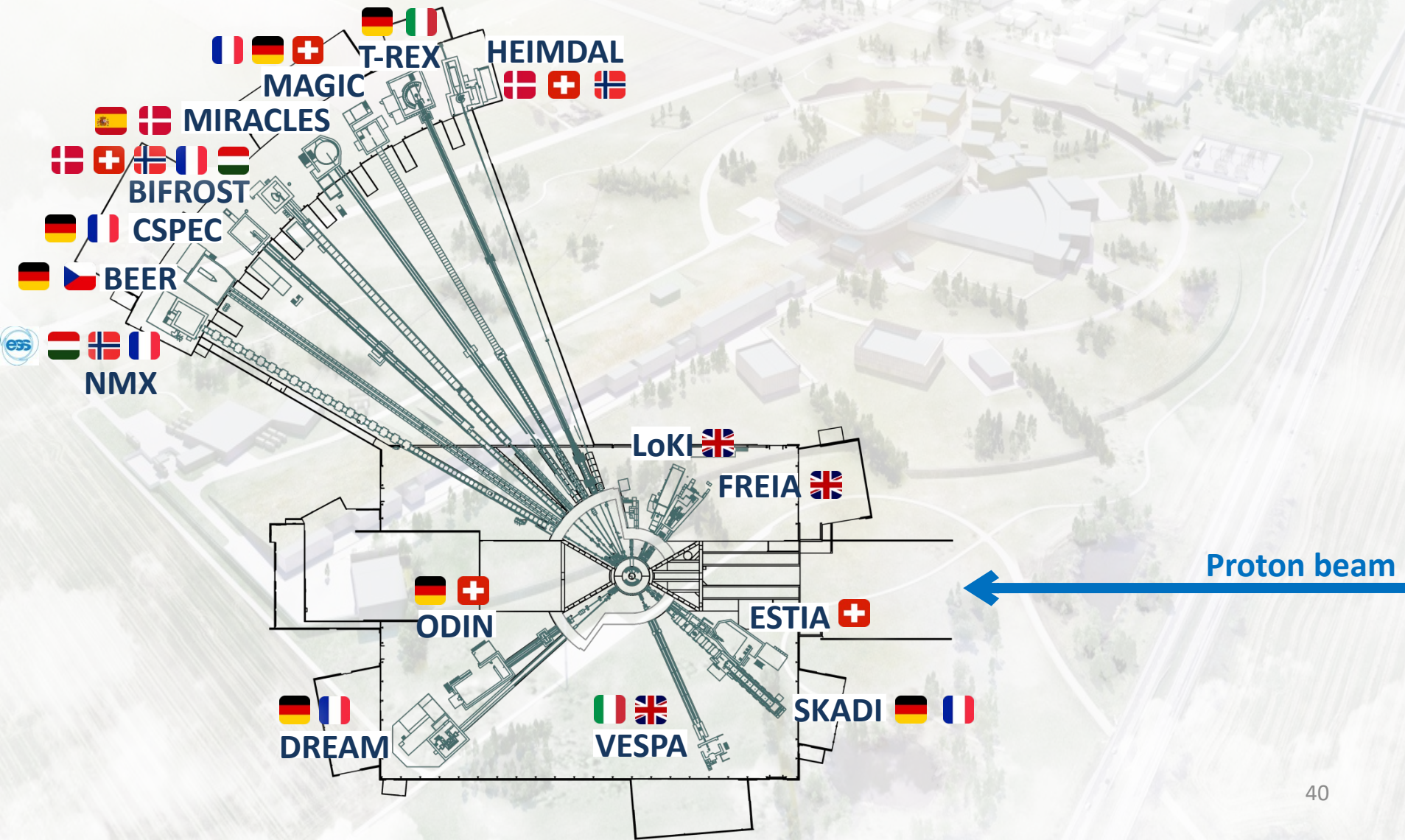
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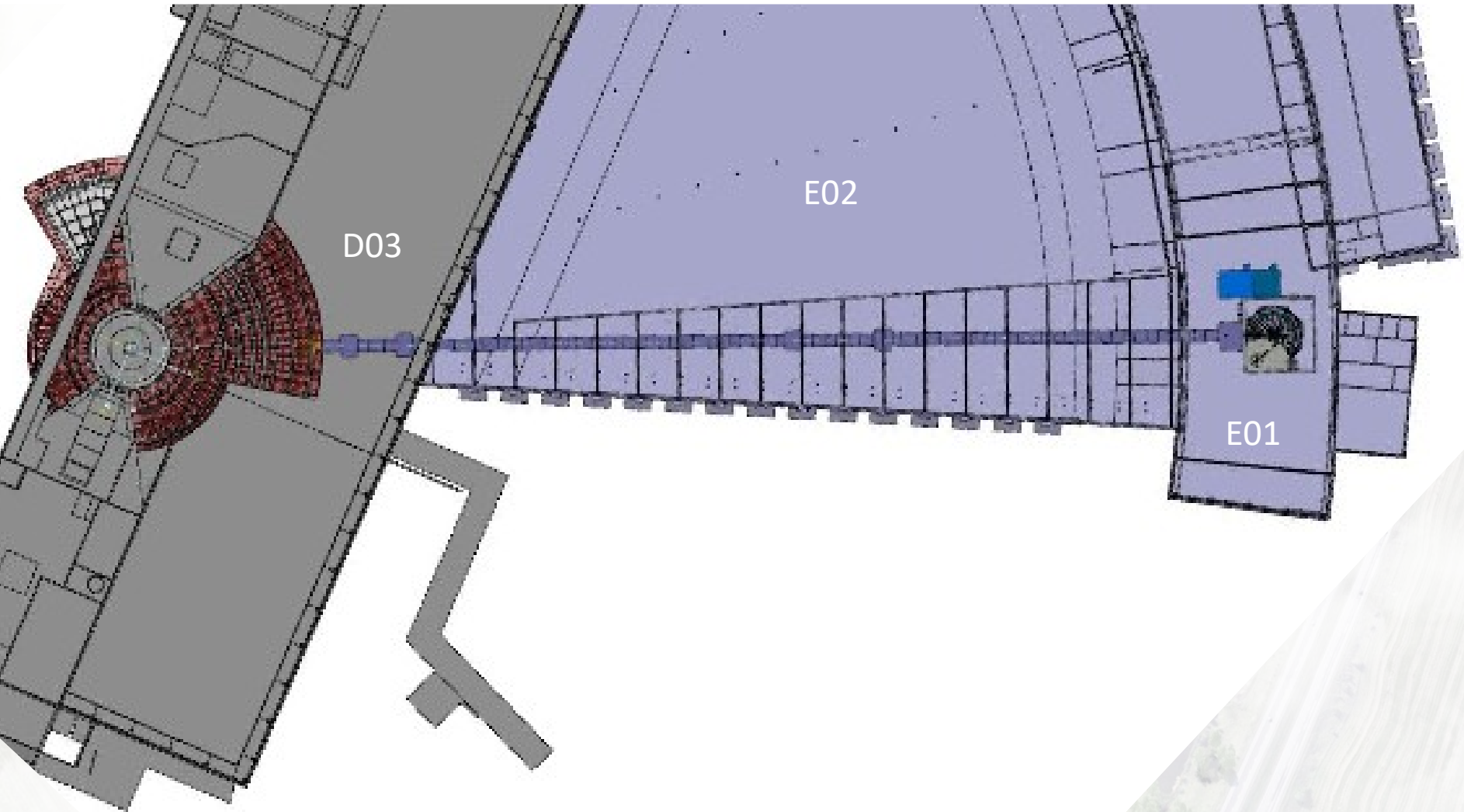


# T-REX and the ESS instrument suite



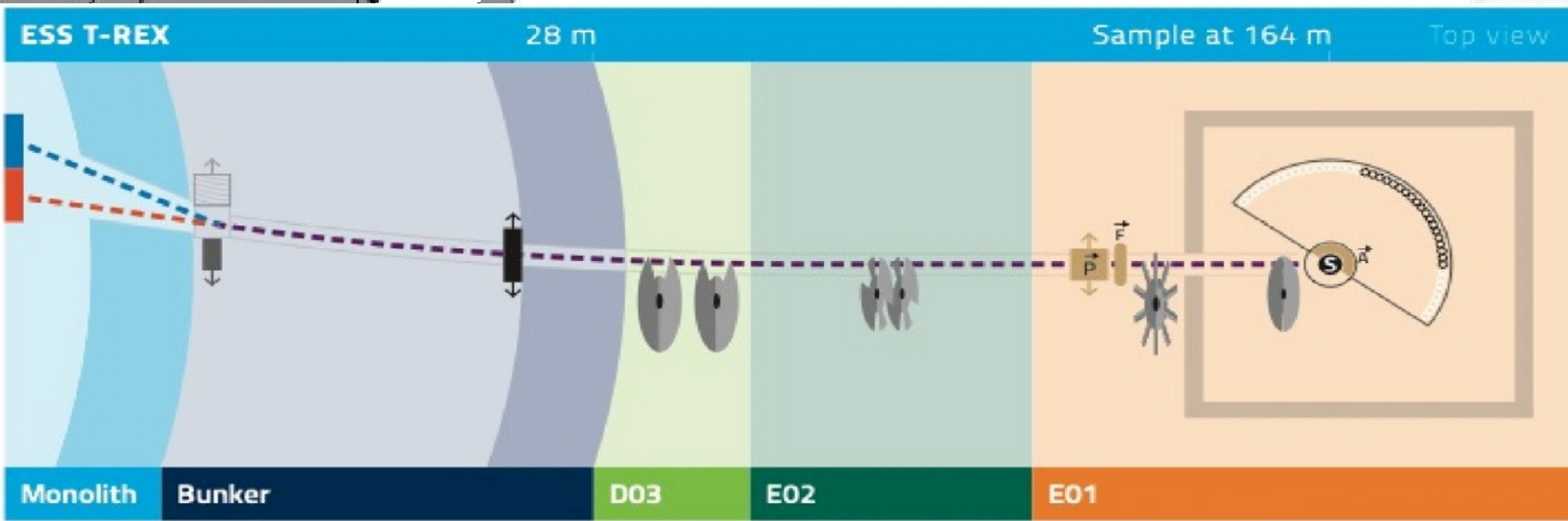
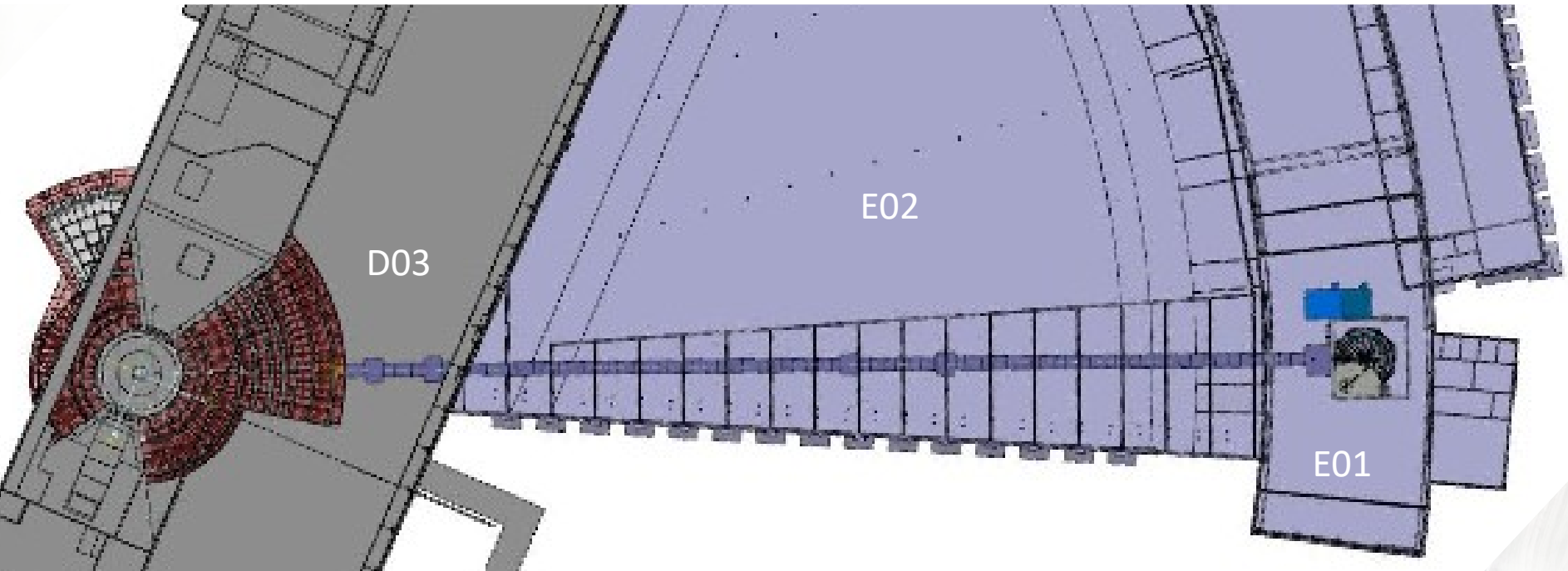


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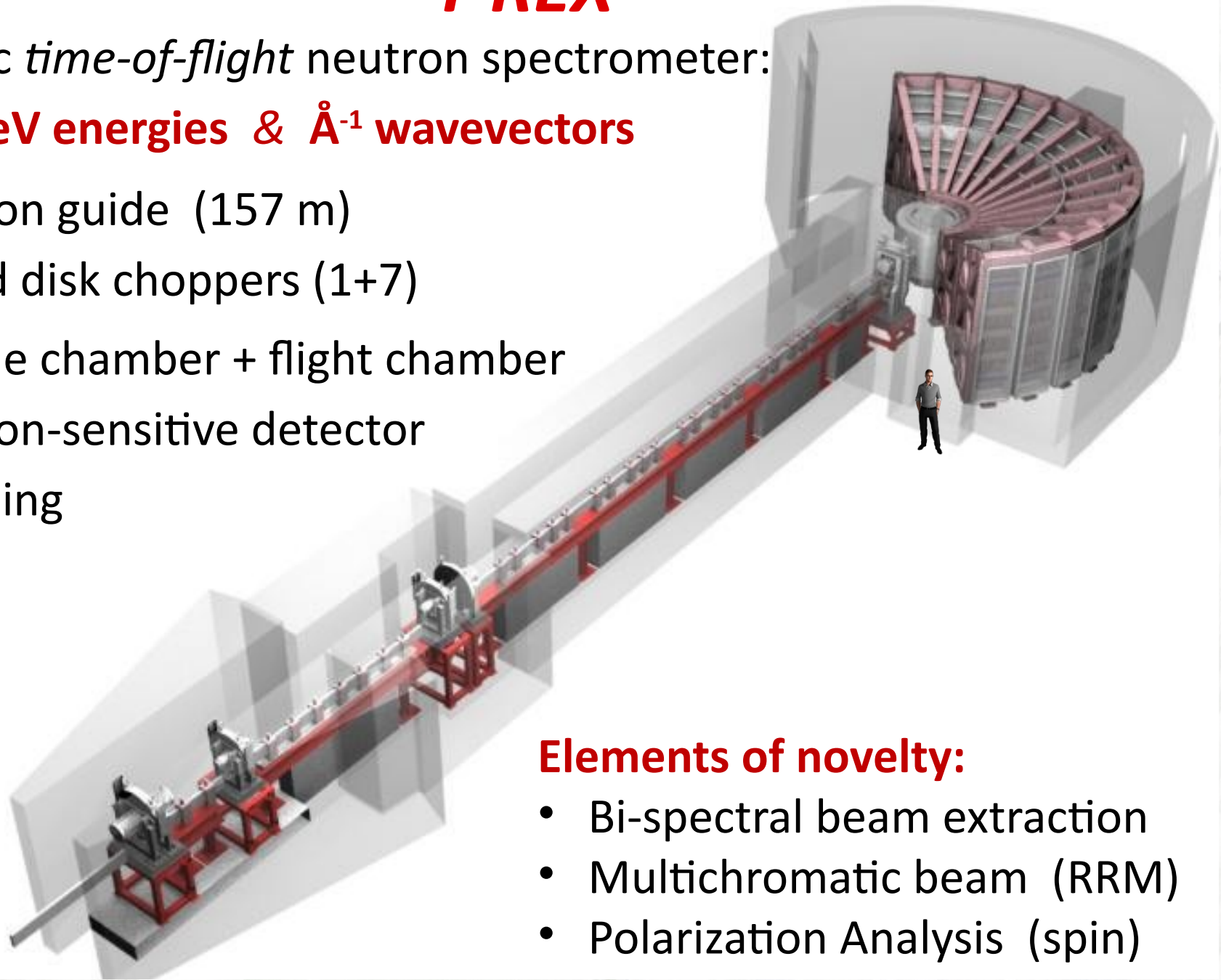


# T-REX

A classic *time-of-flight* neutron spectrometer:

**meV energies &  $\text{\AA}^{-1}$  wavevectors**

- neutron guide (157 m)
- $T_0$  and disk choppers (1+7)
- sample chamber + flight chamber
- position-sensitive detector
- shielding

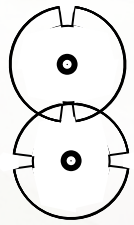


## Elements of novelty:

- Bi-spectral beam extraction
- Multichromatic beam (RRM)
- Polarization Analysis (spin)

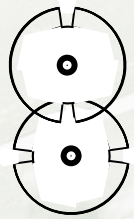


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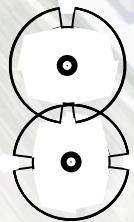
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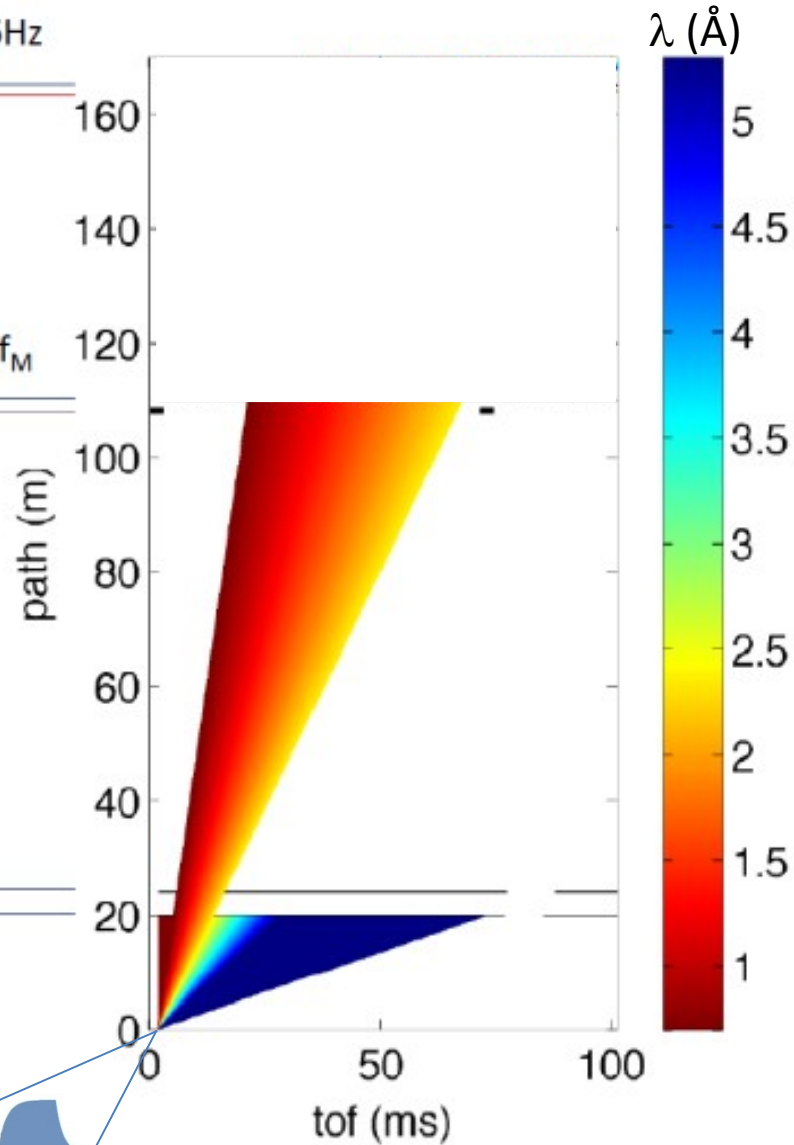
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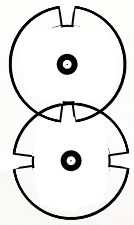
$BW_1$  20m





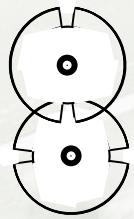
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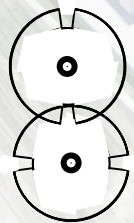
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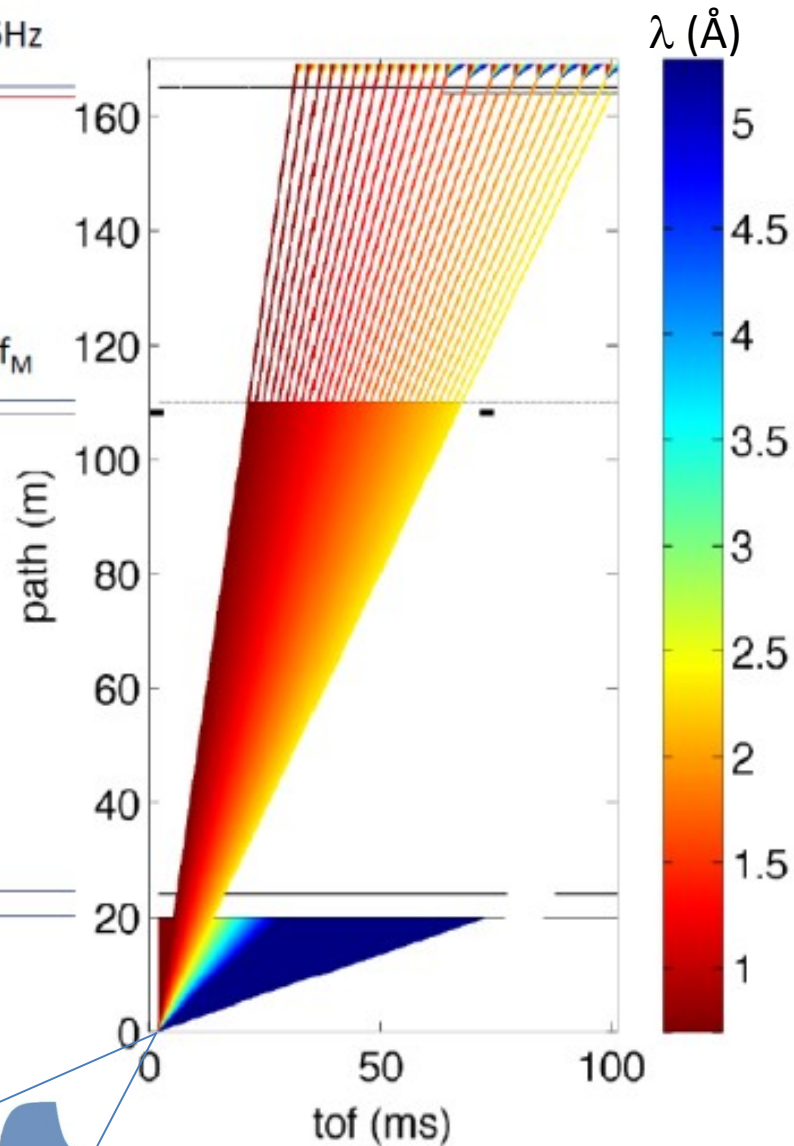
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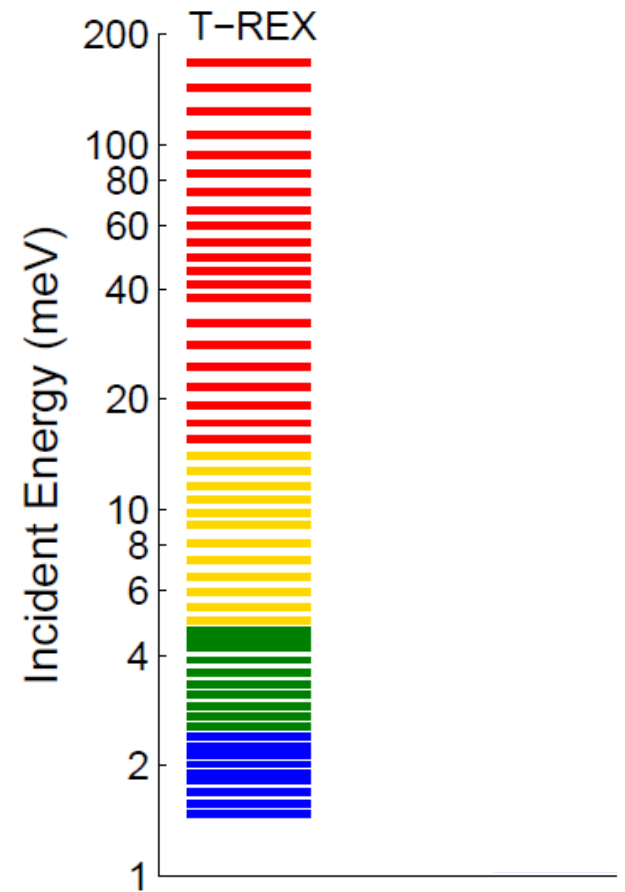
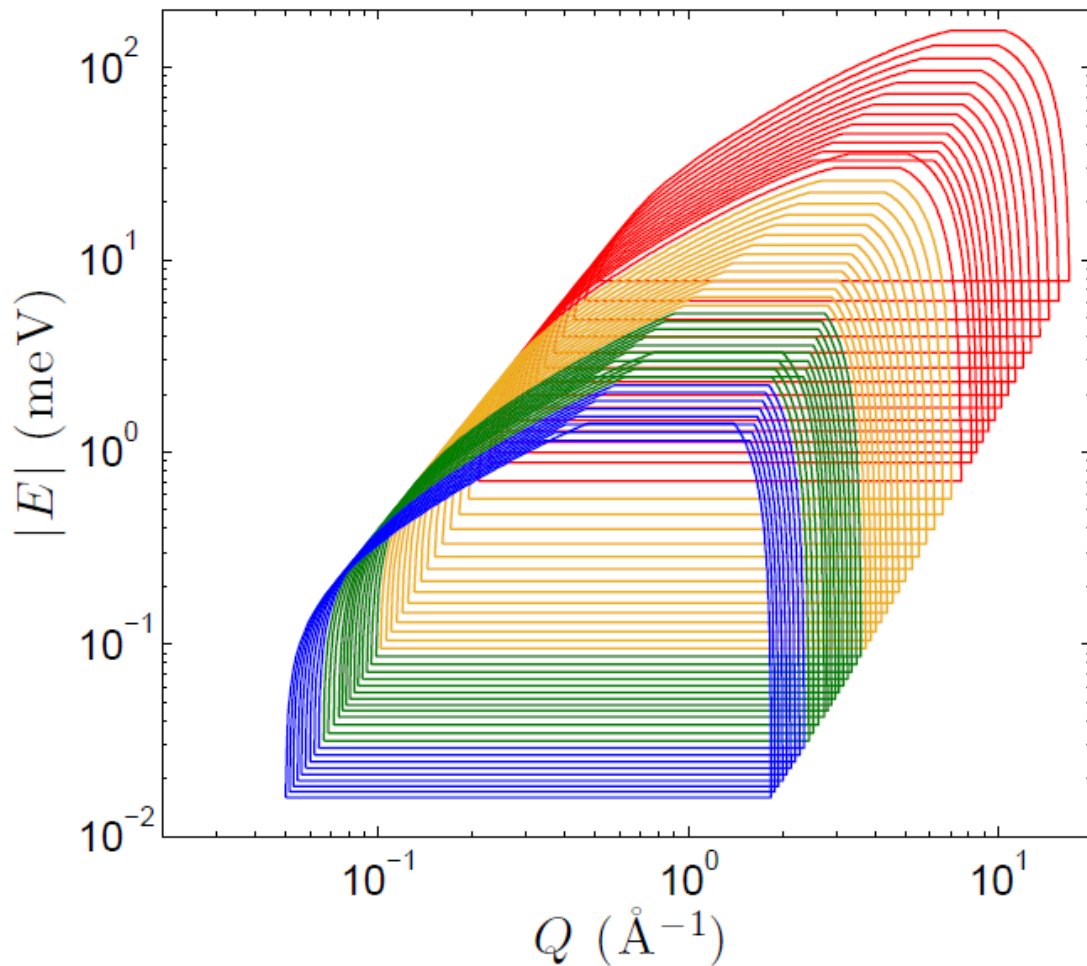
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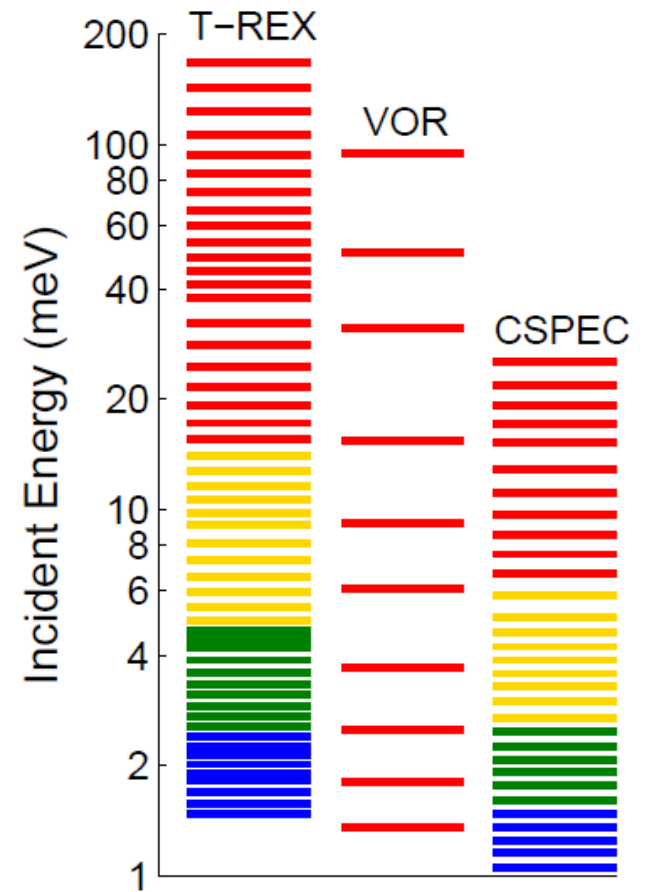
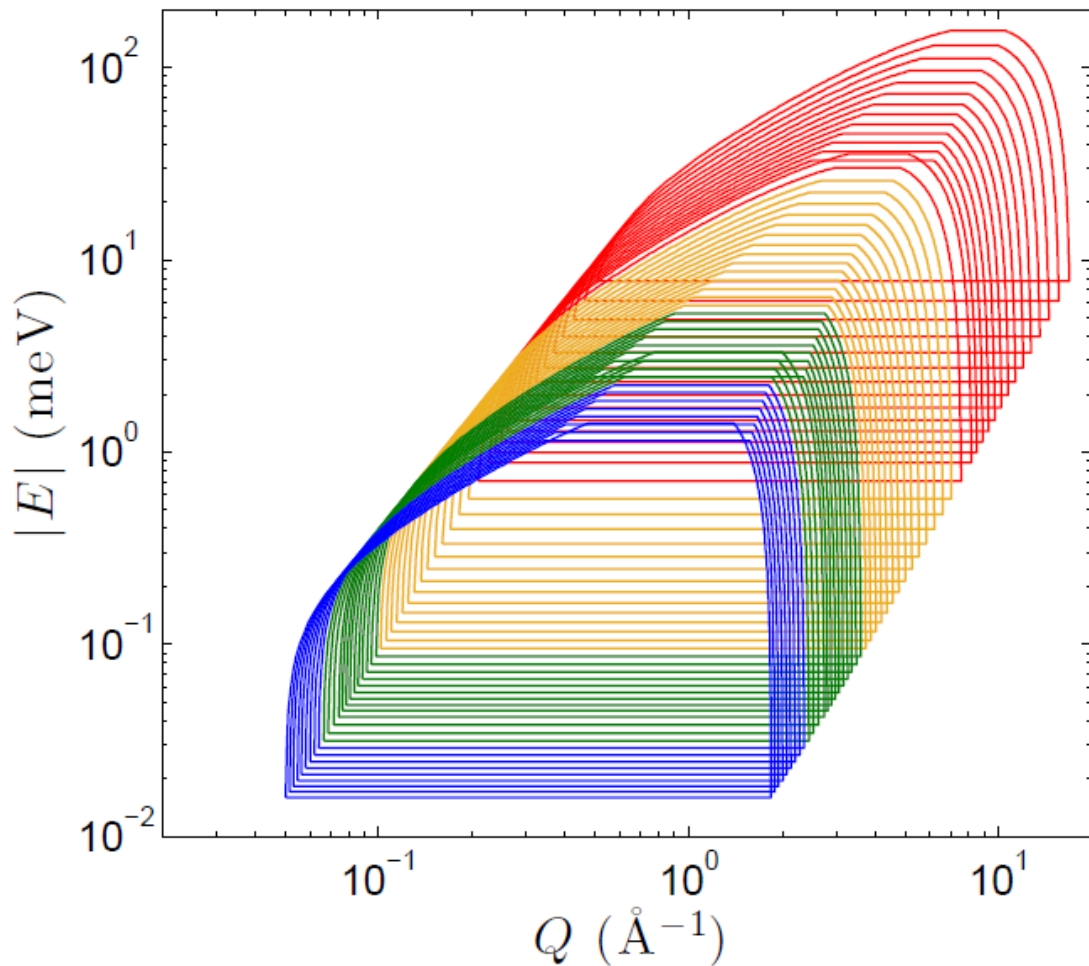


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# Main features

Incident energy	$2 < E < 160 \text{ meV}$
Energy resolution	$0.02 < \Delta\hbar\omega < 10 \text{ meV}$
Wavevector transfer range	$0.5 < Q < 170 \text{ nm}^{-1}$
Wavevector transfer resolution	$0.1 < \Delta Q < 1 \text{ nm}^{-1}$
Sample cross section	$\leq 10 \times 30 \text{ mm}^2$
Main features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Polarization analysis</u> as a standard tool</li><li>• <u>Repetition rate multiplication</u></li><li>• Four dimensional mapping capabilities</li><li>• <u>High intensity</u> with low background</li><li>• Adjustable resolution, for flexible trading of resolution for flux</li><li>• <u>Complex sample environment</u> for <i>in-situ</i> and <i>in-operando</i> studies</li></ul>



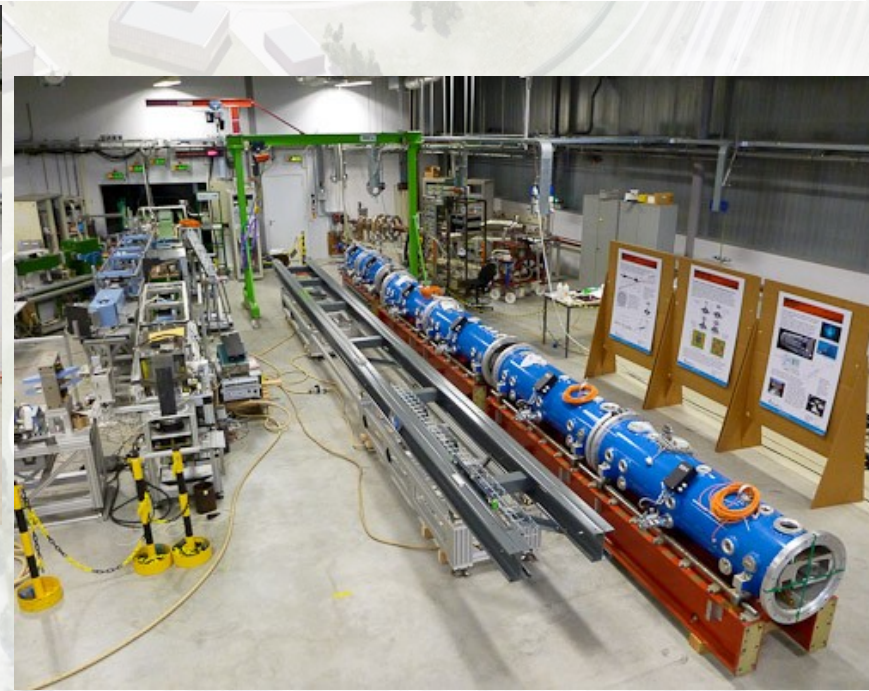
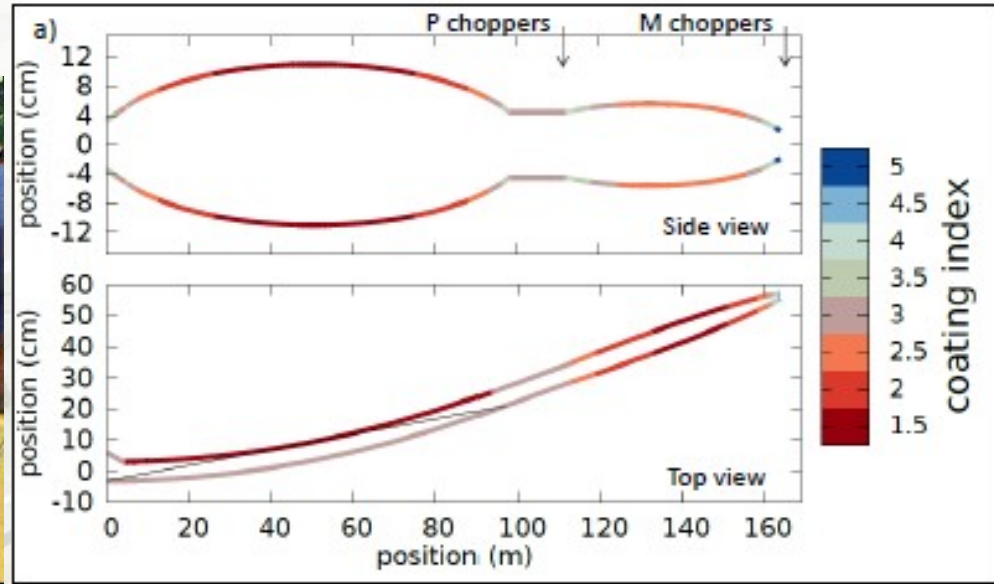
# Gain factors

<b>Instrument</b>	<b>LET</b>	<b>IN5</b>	<b>CNCS</b>	<b>4-SEASONS</b>
<b>T-REX gain factor</b>				
Monochromatic gain factor	38	9	9	9
Gain factor at maximal RRM	90	100	140	45

About **ONE** or **TWO** orders of MAGNITUDE

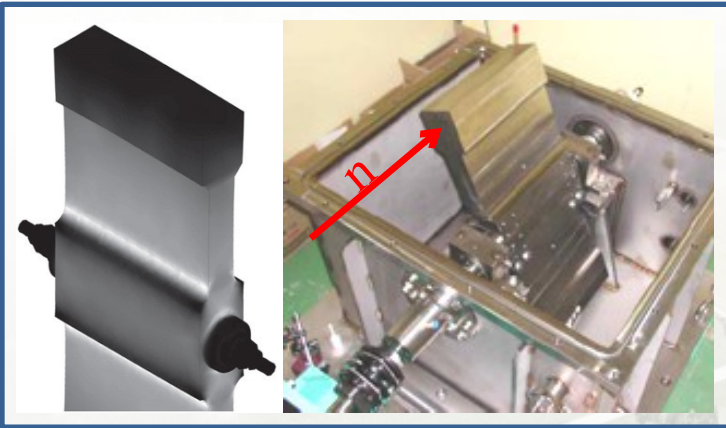


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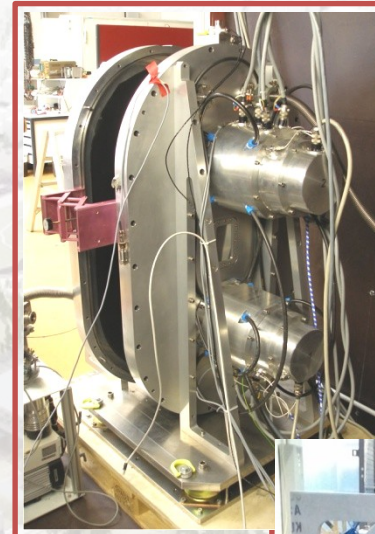




# Choppers



**T0 chopper**  
14 Hz



**Monochromating  
double-disk  
chopper**  
< 336 Hz



**Disk Choppers**  
14 Hz





# Multi-GRID position-sensitive detectors

## MG @ CNCS

- Size = half of “8-pack” module
- Installation June-July 2016
- Test at spectrometer
- Operation for 6+ months
- Side-by-side comparison to He3
- User experiments



Prototype under construction

20-24  $^{10}\text{B}_4\text{C}$  layers

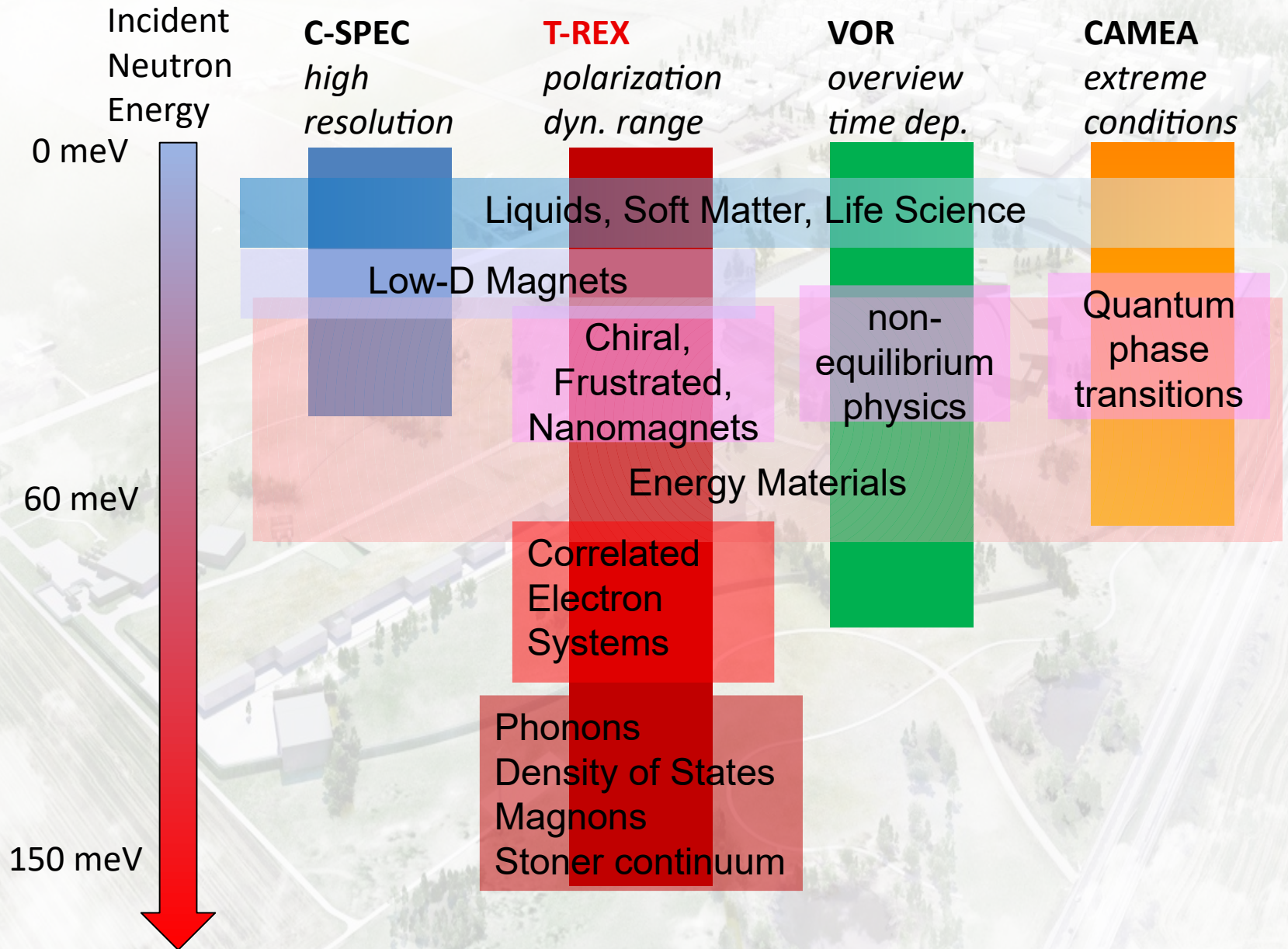
6 x 1  $\mu\text{m}$ , 10 x 1.25  $\mu\text{m}$ , 4 x 2  $\mu\text{m}$   
to reach 45-48% efficiency @ 1Å

Fairly compares to  $^3\text{He}$  at 6 bar

Pure Al frames

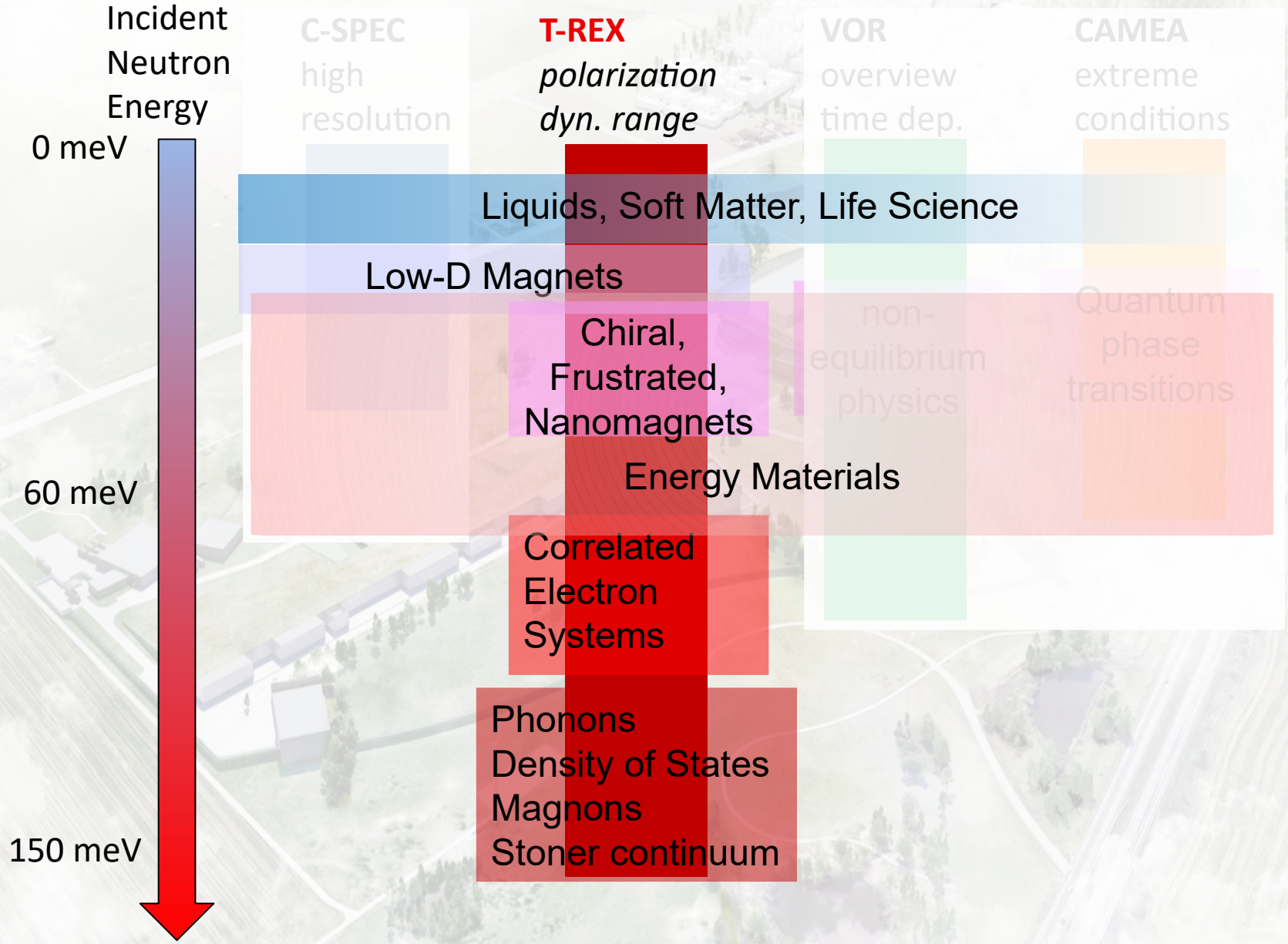


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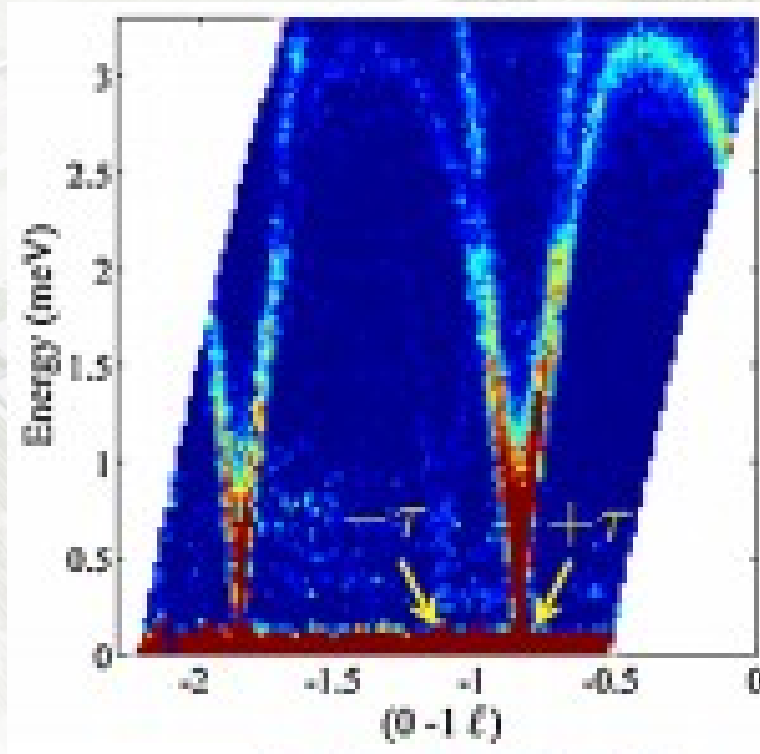
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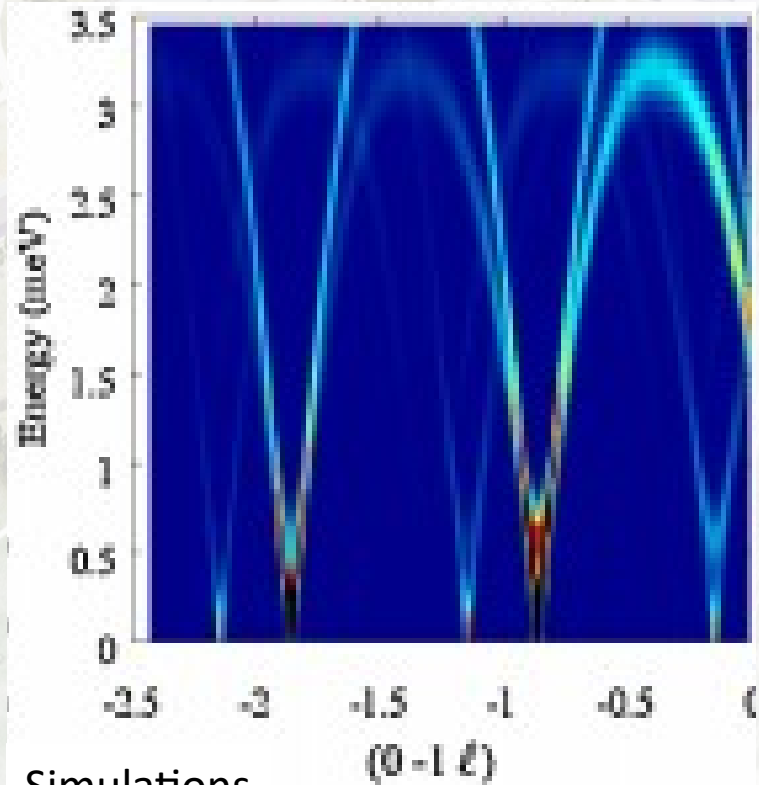


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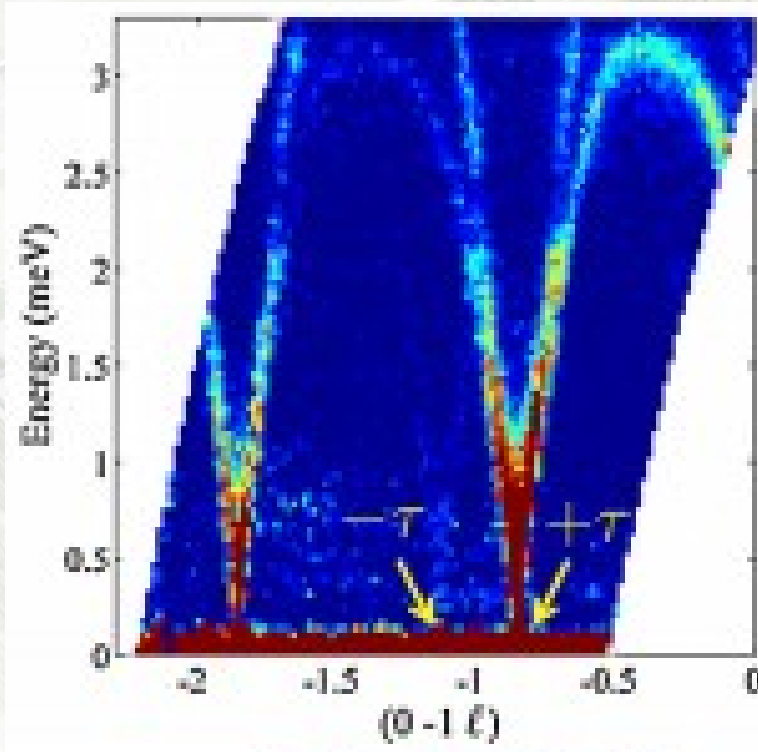


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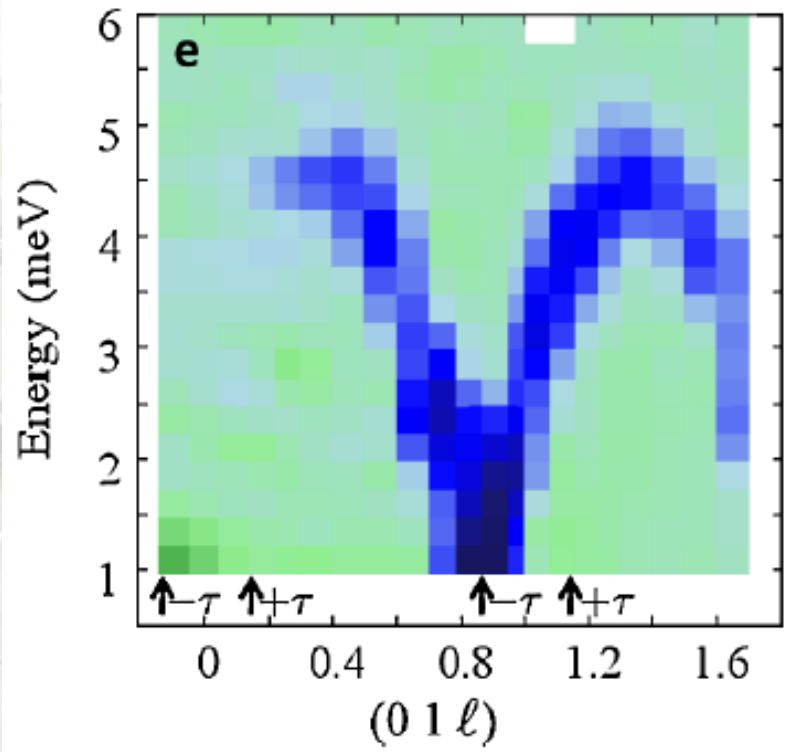


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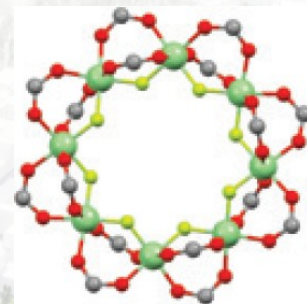


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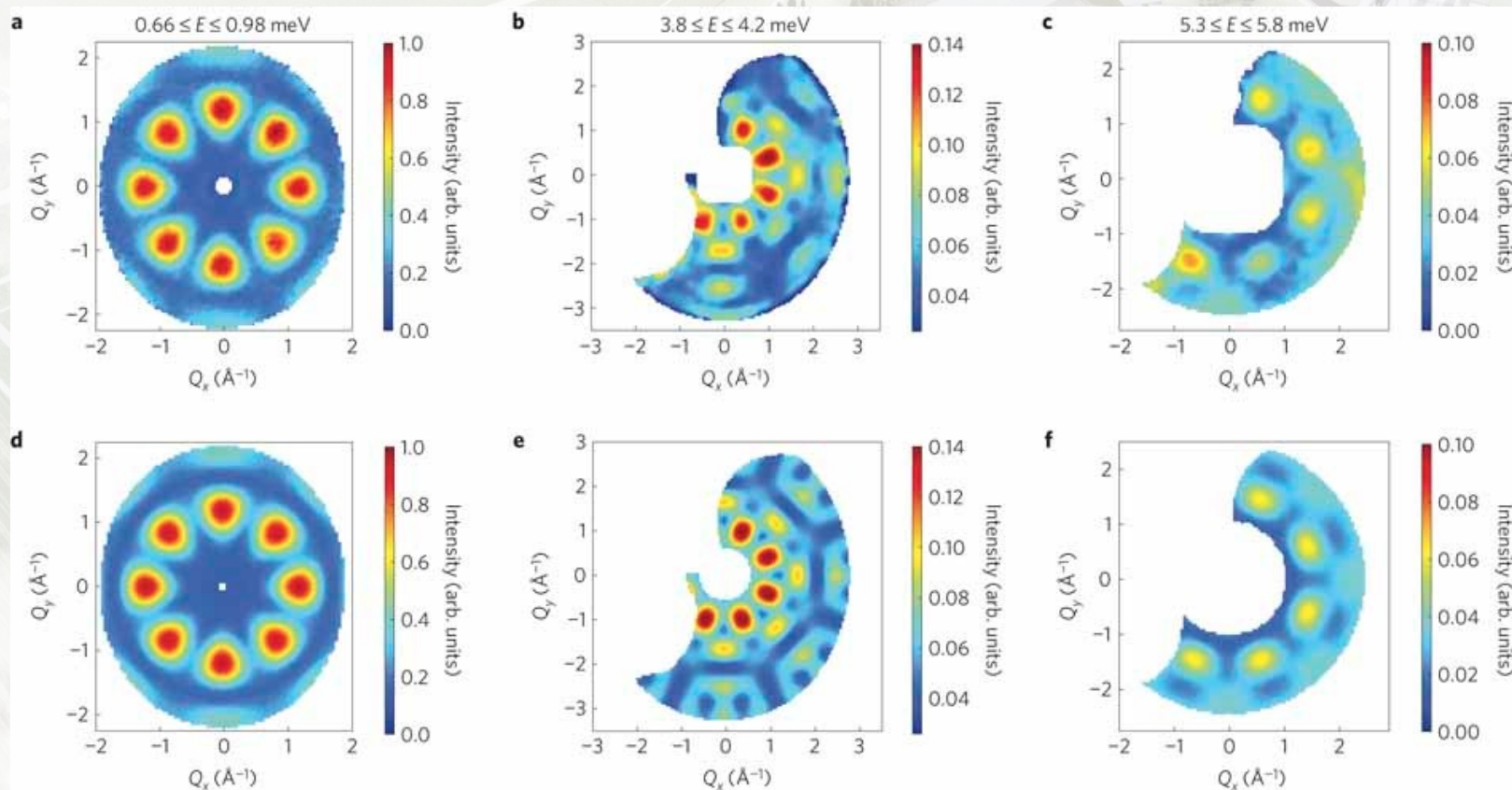


# Spin dynamics of molecular nanomagnets

- Entangled spin states (quantum computing)
- Wide 4D mapping



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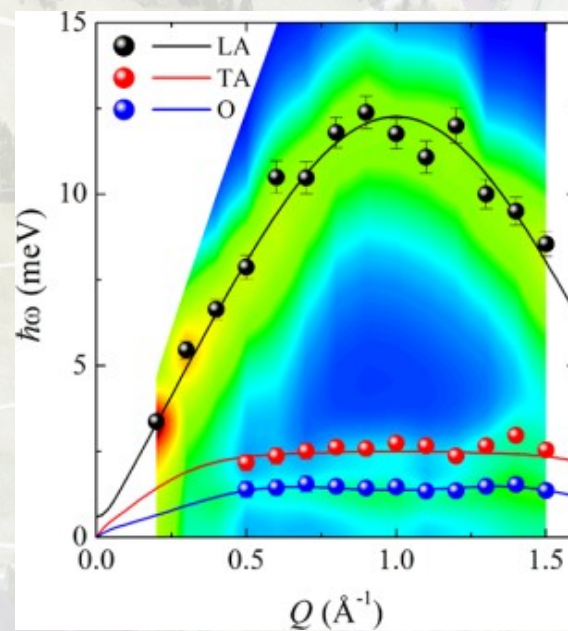
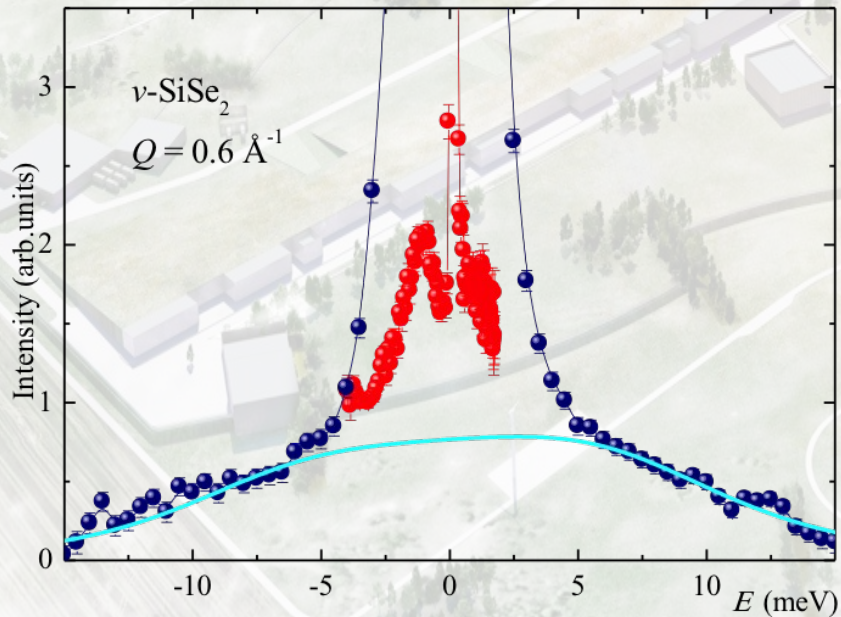


fit



# Short-wavelength collective excitations in disordered materials

- Complex multi-branched dispersion curves (2 instruments, variable resolution)
- Multichromatic beam!

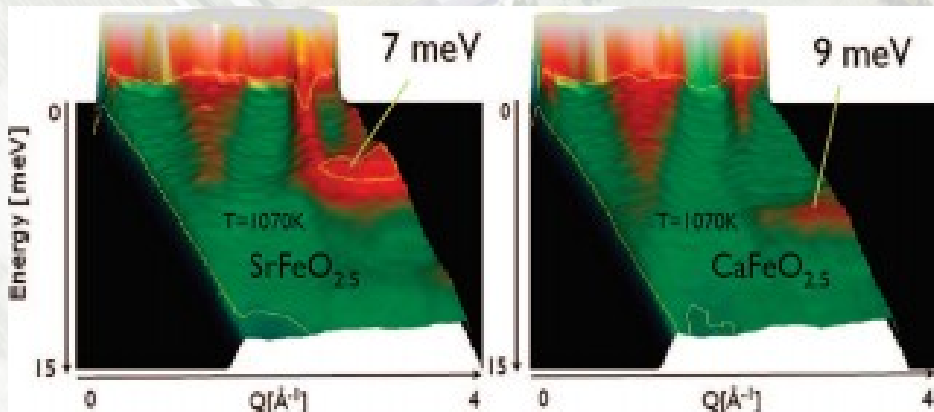
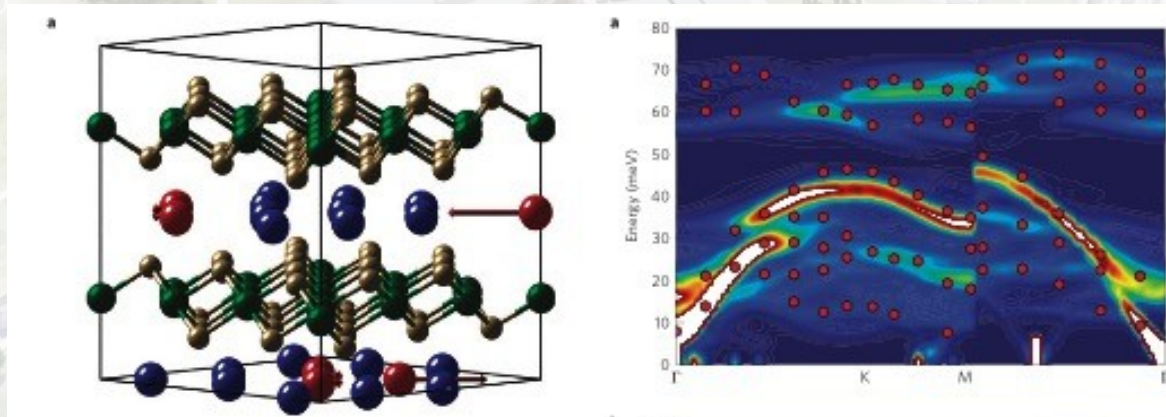




# Materials for Energy

- Hydrogen storage
- Phonon assisted ionic conduction: from lattice dynamics to diffusive motion
  - Lattice dynamics: High excitation energy
  - Ionic Transport: tens of  $\mu\text{eV}$  resolution + large Q
  - Multi components: PA to separate coherent/incoherent scattering (not only H, but Li, Na, Cl,...)

Rattling in  $\text{Na}_{0.8}\text{CoO}_2$   
D. J. Voneshen *et al.*,  
Nat. Mat. **12**, (2013) 1028

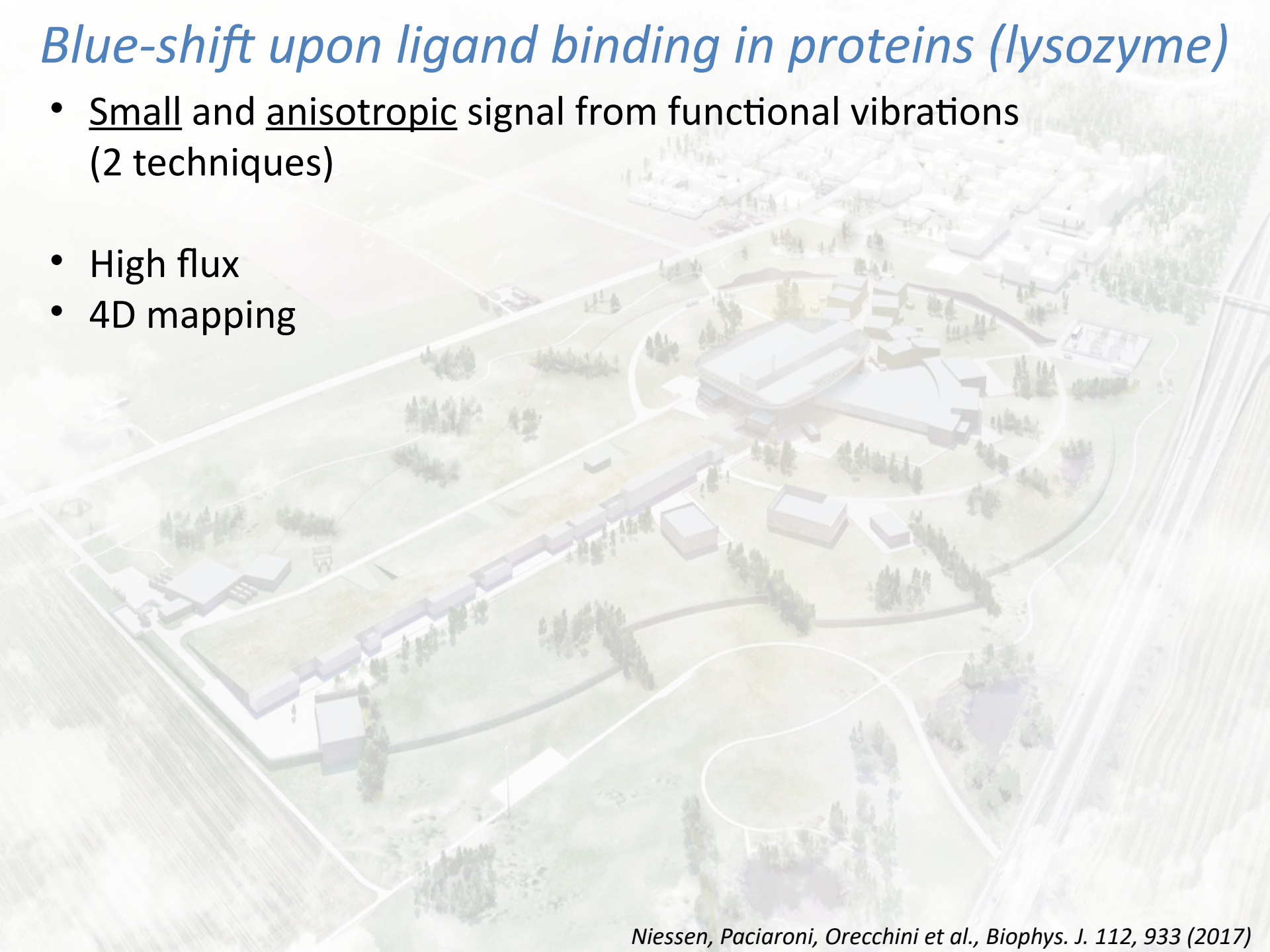


Phonon assisted oxygen mobility in SOFC  
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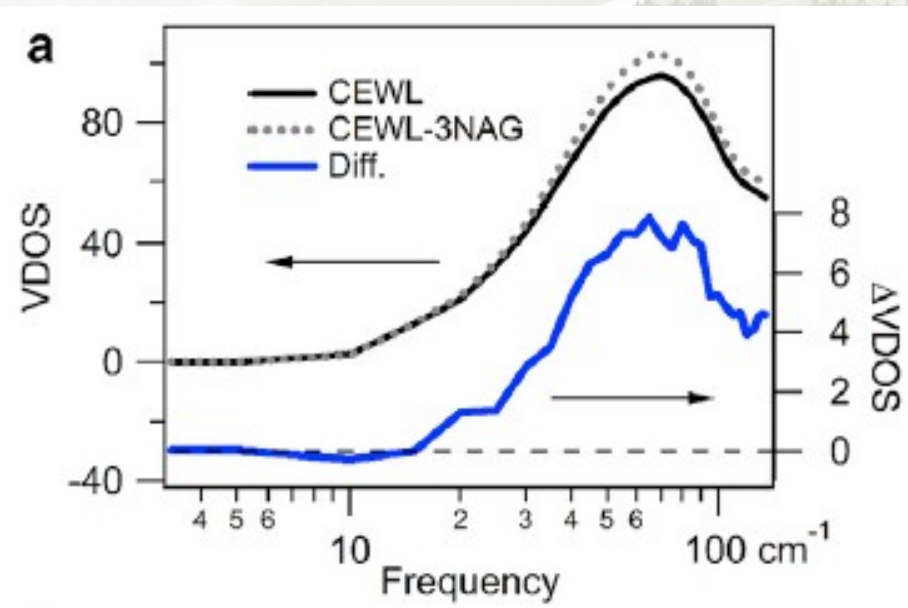
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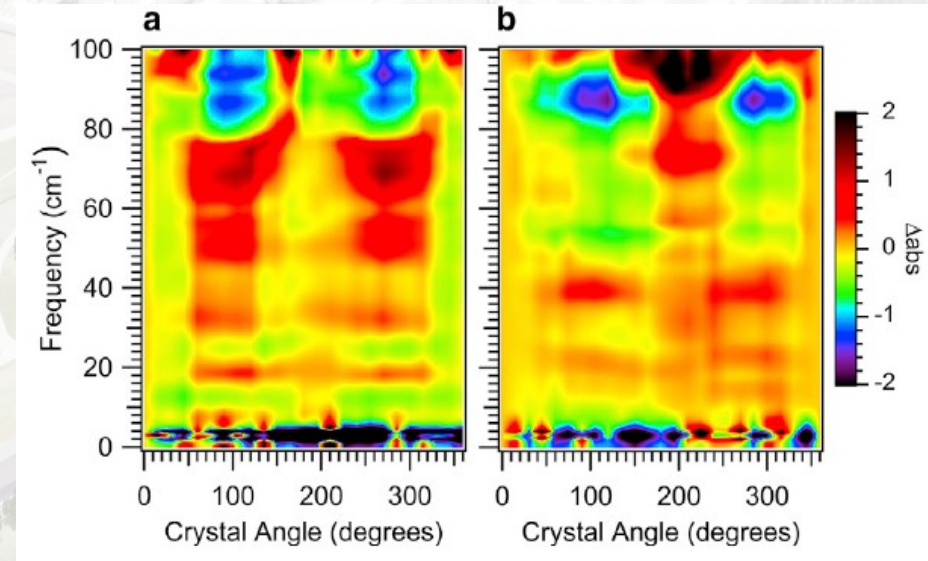
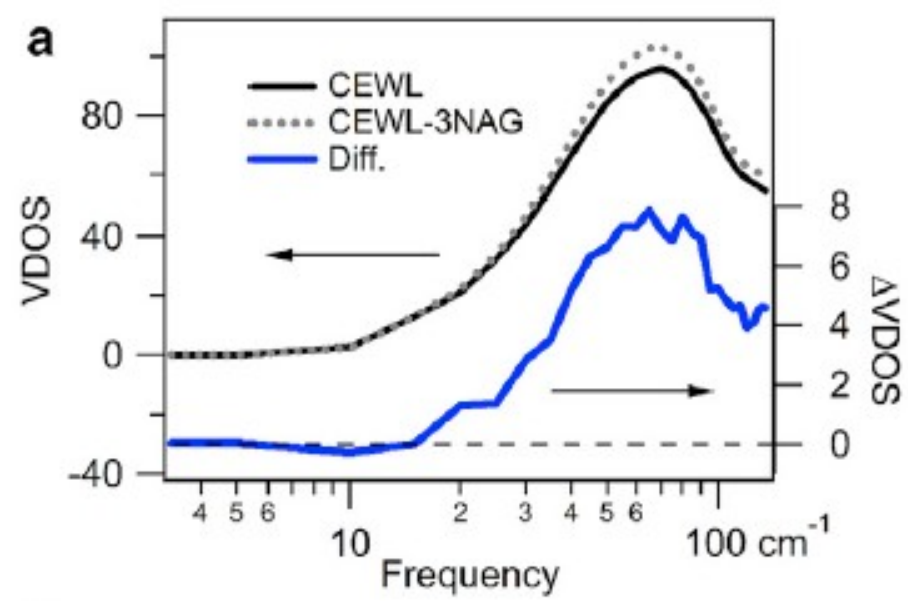
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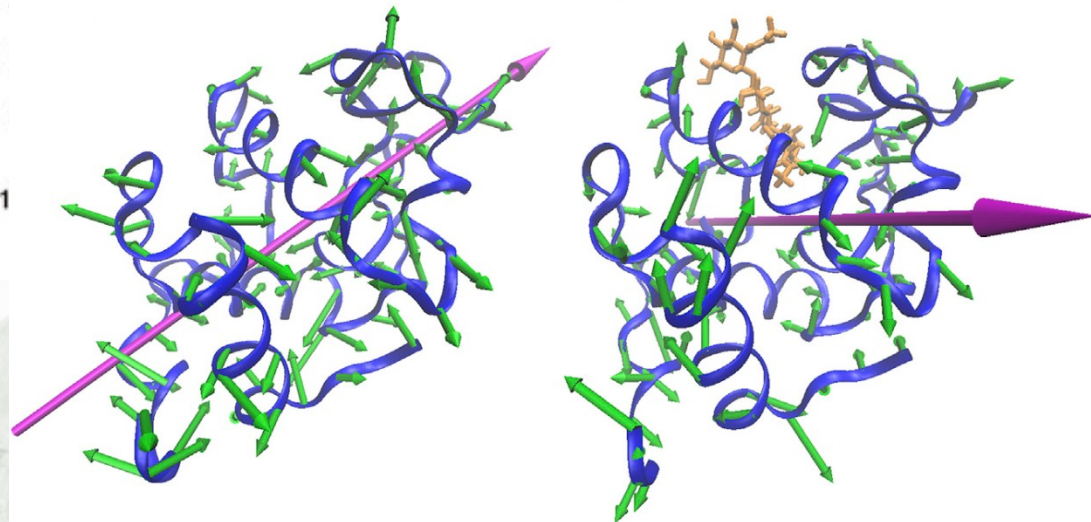
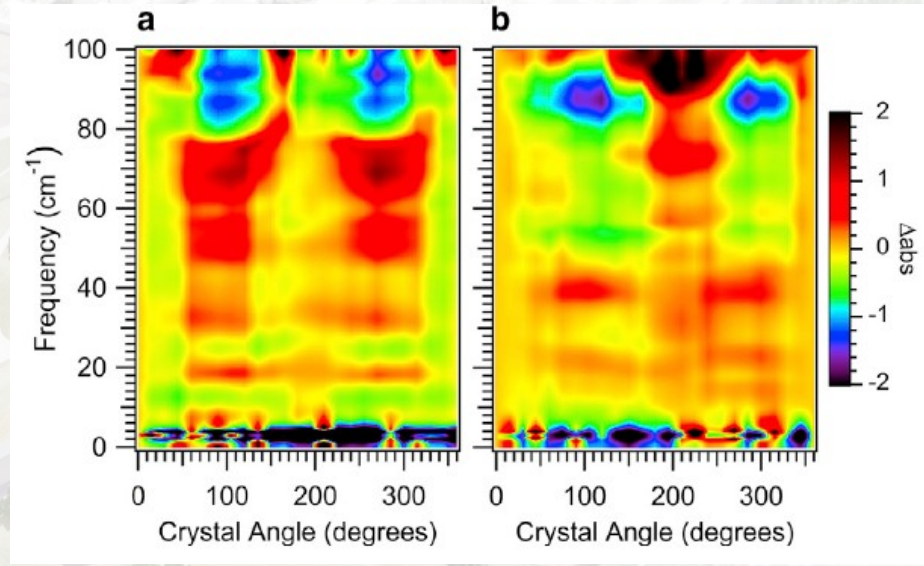
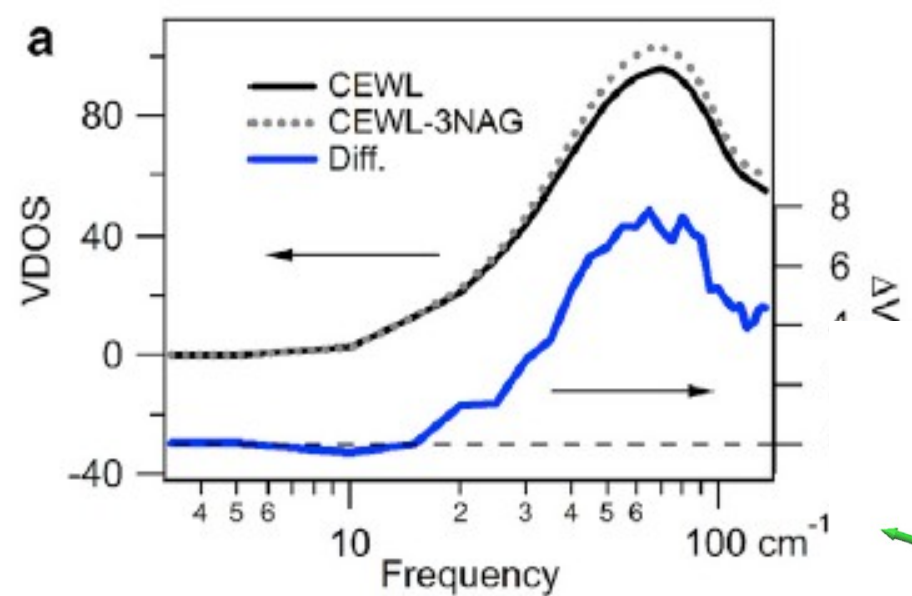
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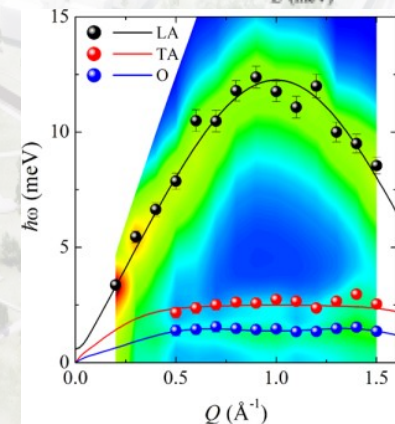
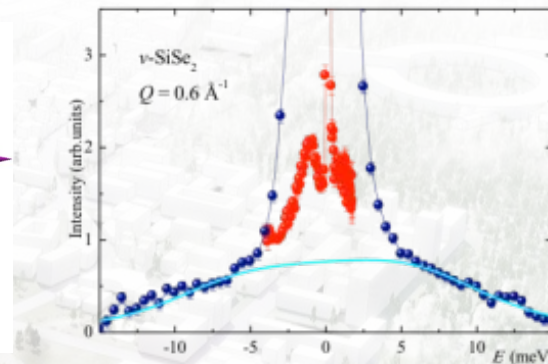
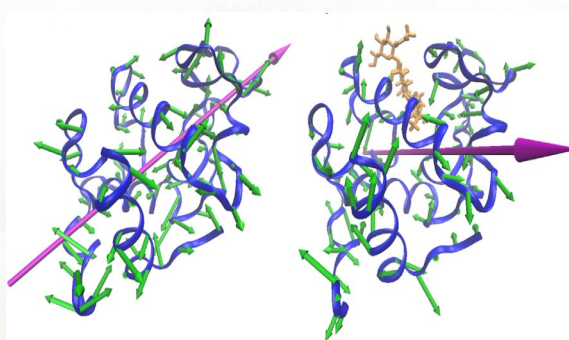
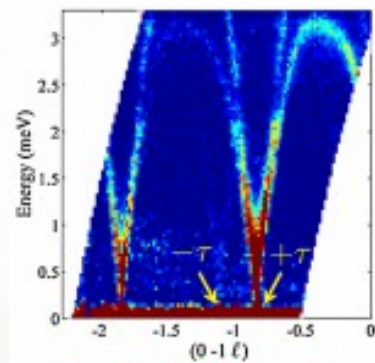
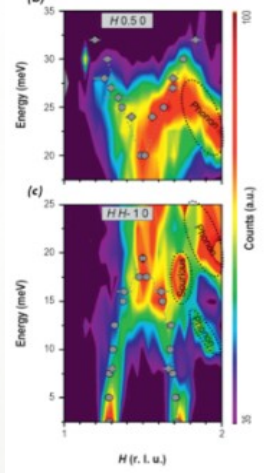


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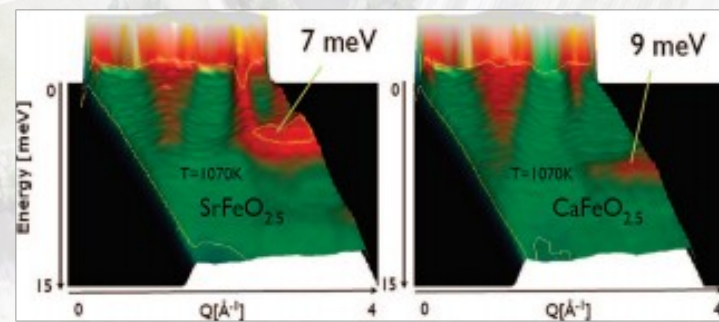
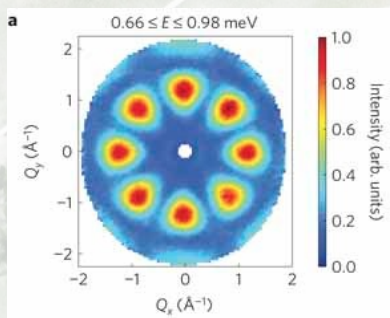
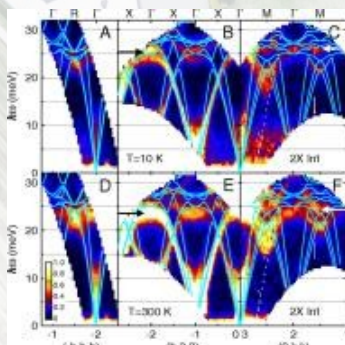




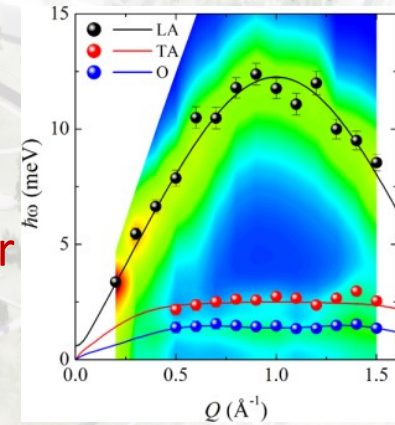
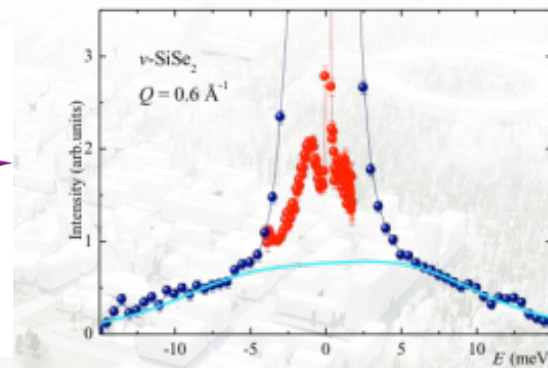
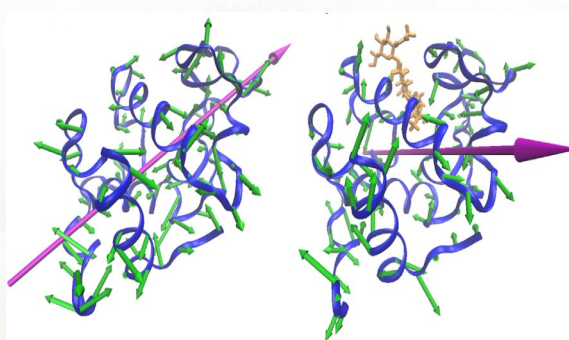
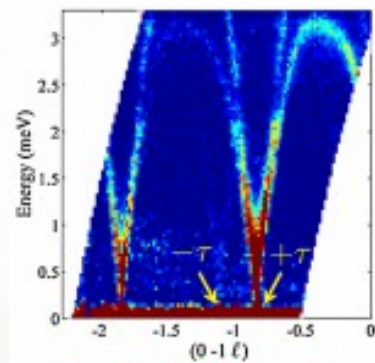
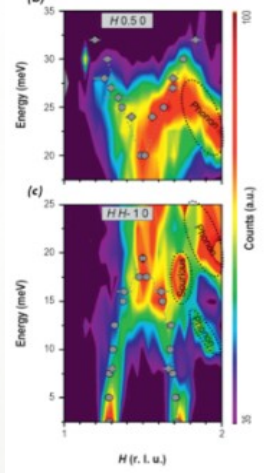
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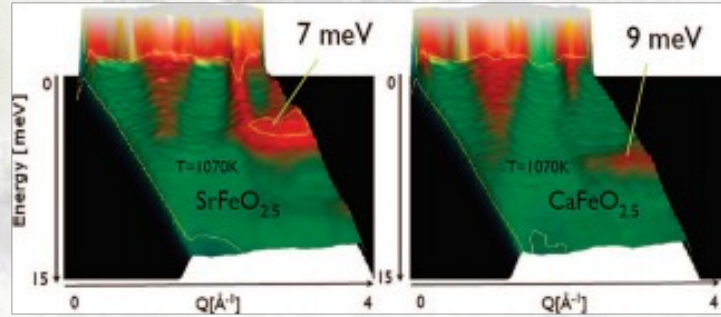
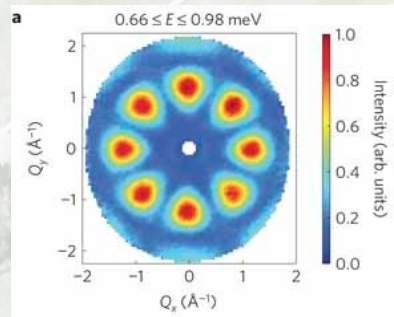
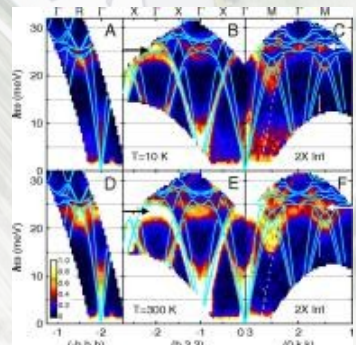
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