

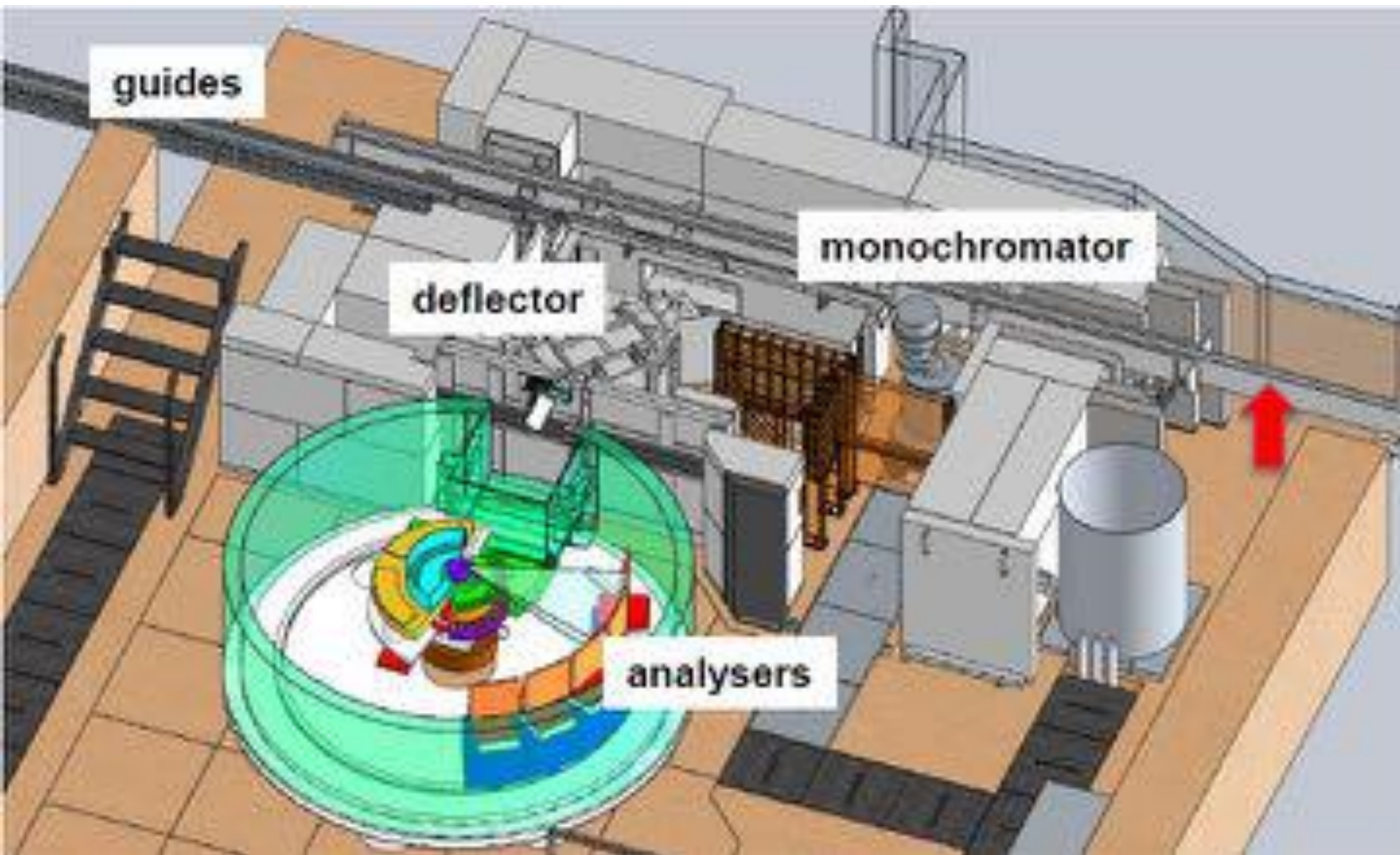
Upgrade of IN13 and high pressure applications



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IN13+ Endurance program



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The deflector crystals have to be renewed as well as their mount.



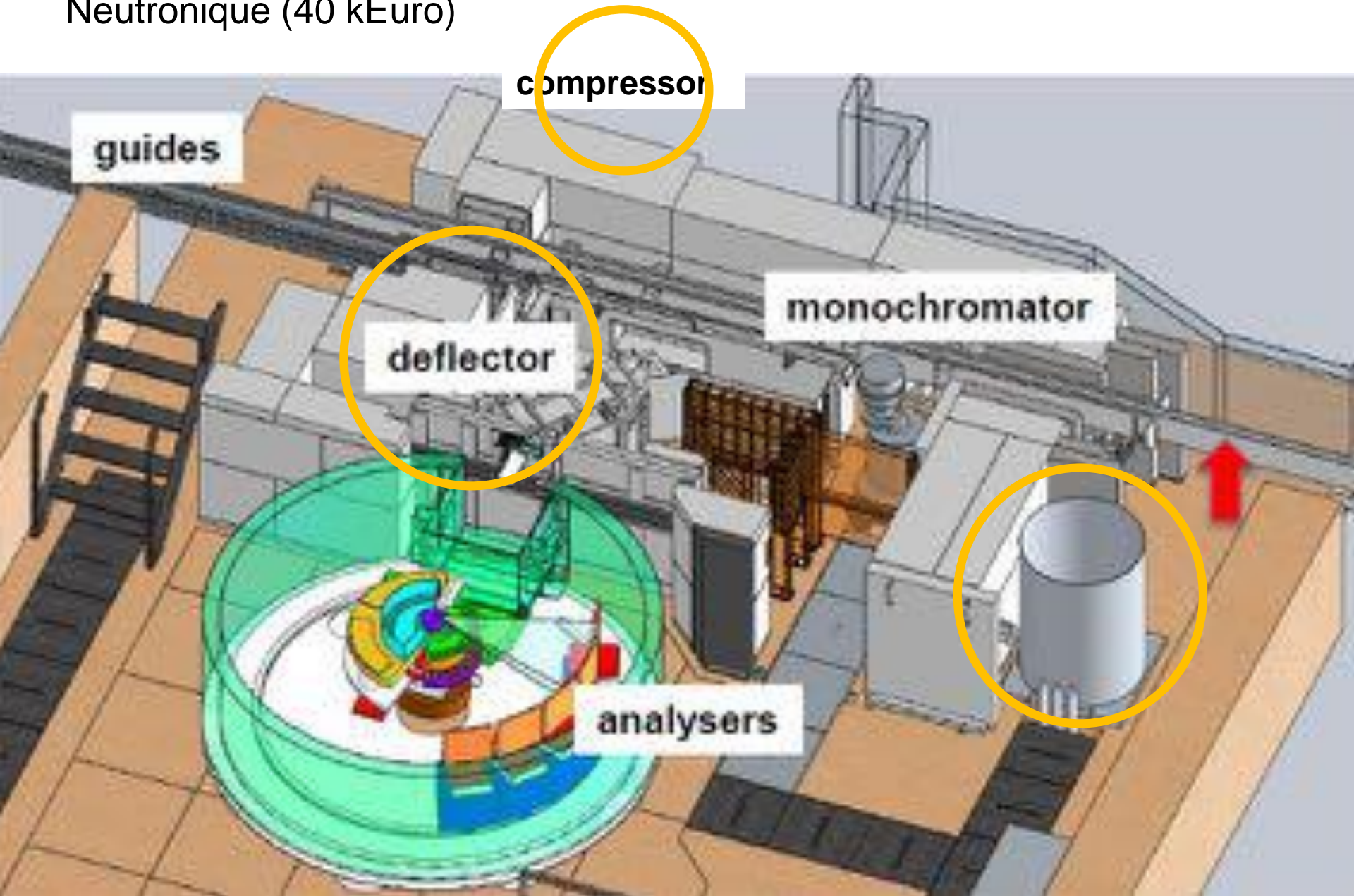
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- Nitrogen vessel TPV 400L built by Wessington Cryogenics including the valve and the regulation of the levels, 5380 Euros
- 9 graphite crystals HOPG for the deflector of IN13 ($50 \times 15 \times 2 \text{ mm}^3$), 15350 Euros
- Scheme of the deflector mount containing the new crystals HOPG, developed by the engineering office of the ILL, 8190 Euros

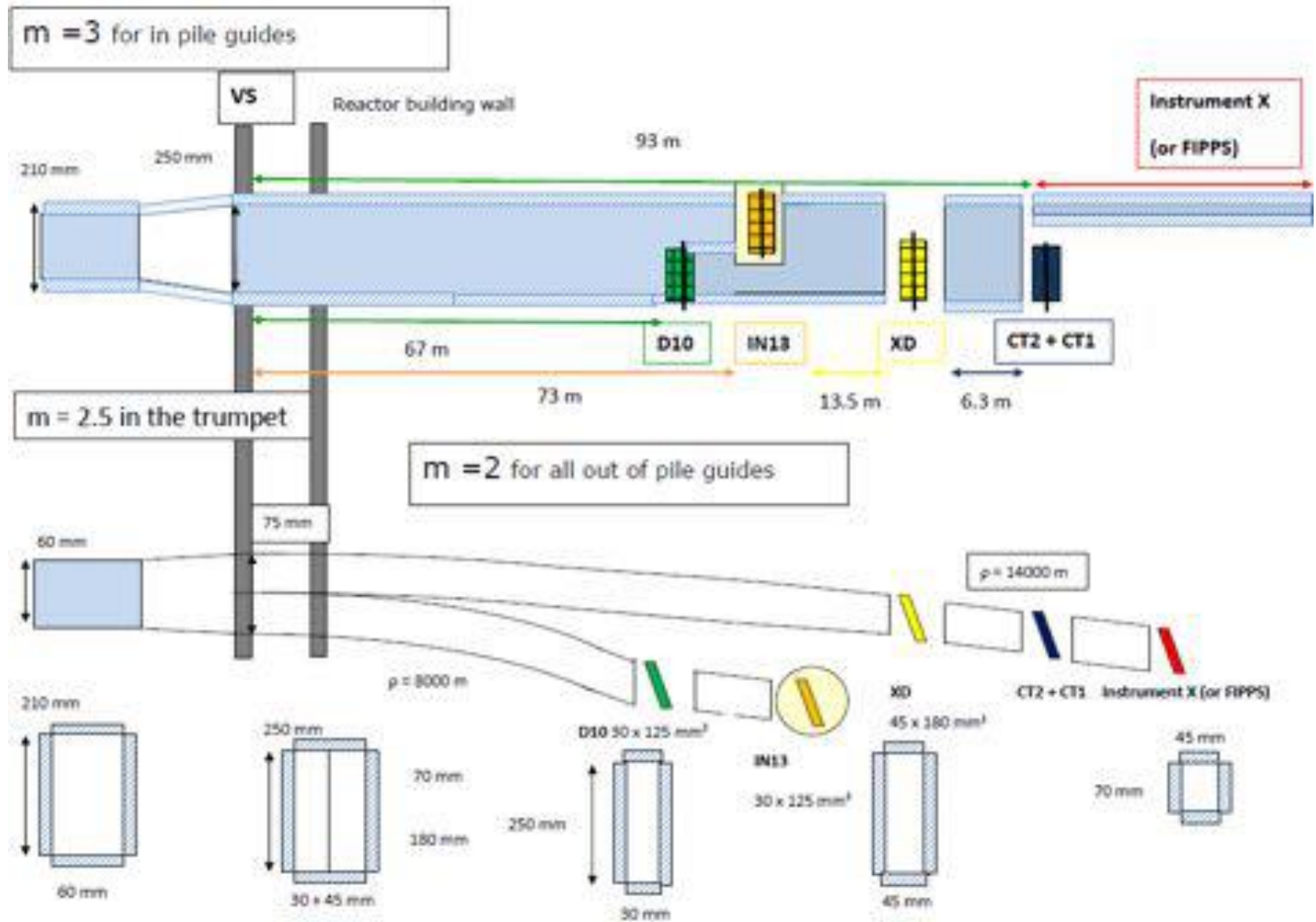


- Cryocooler compressor Sumitomo F-50H, 10062 Euros

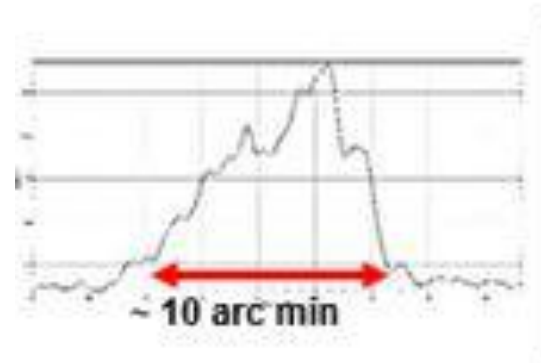
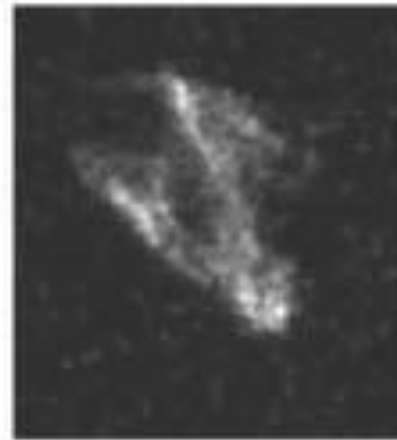
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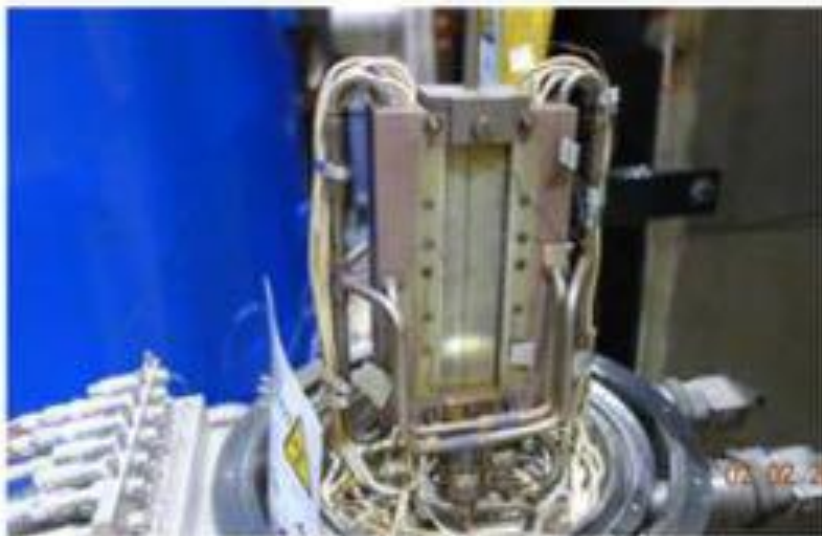
IN13+ Endurance program: renewal of the guide H24. IN13+ will get an end position.



IN13+ Endurance program: Broken analyser crystals will be replaced and the surface better covered.

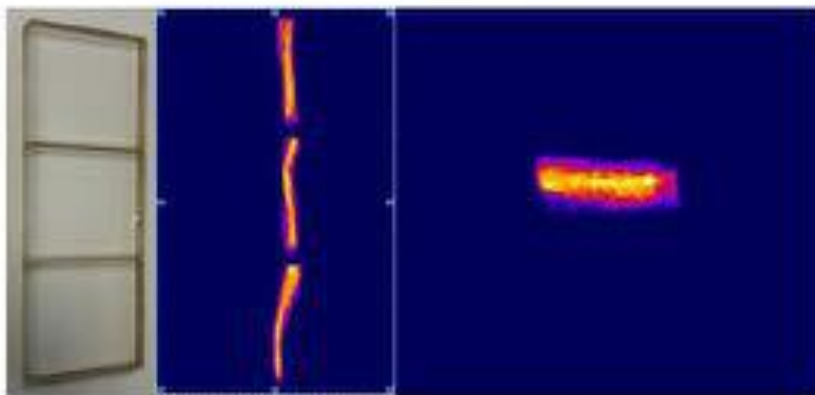


IN13+ Endurance program: Temperature gradient monochromator and mosaic crystals



Wanted situation:

- Guide $m=2$
- Crystal mosaicity: 10 arcmin
- 14 C T gradient

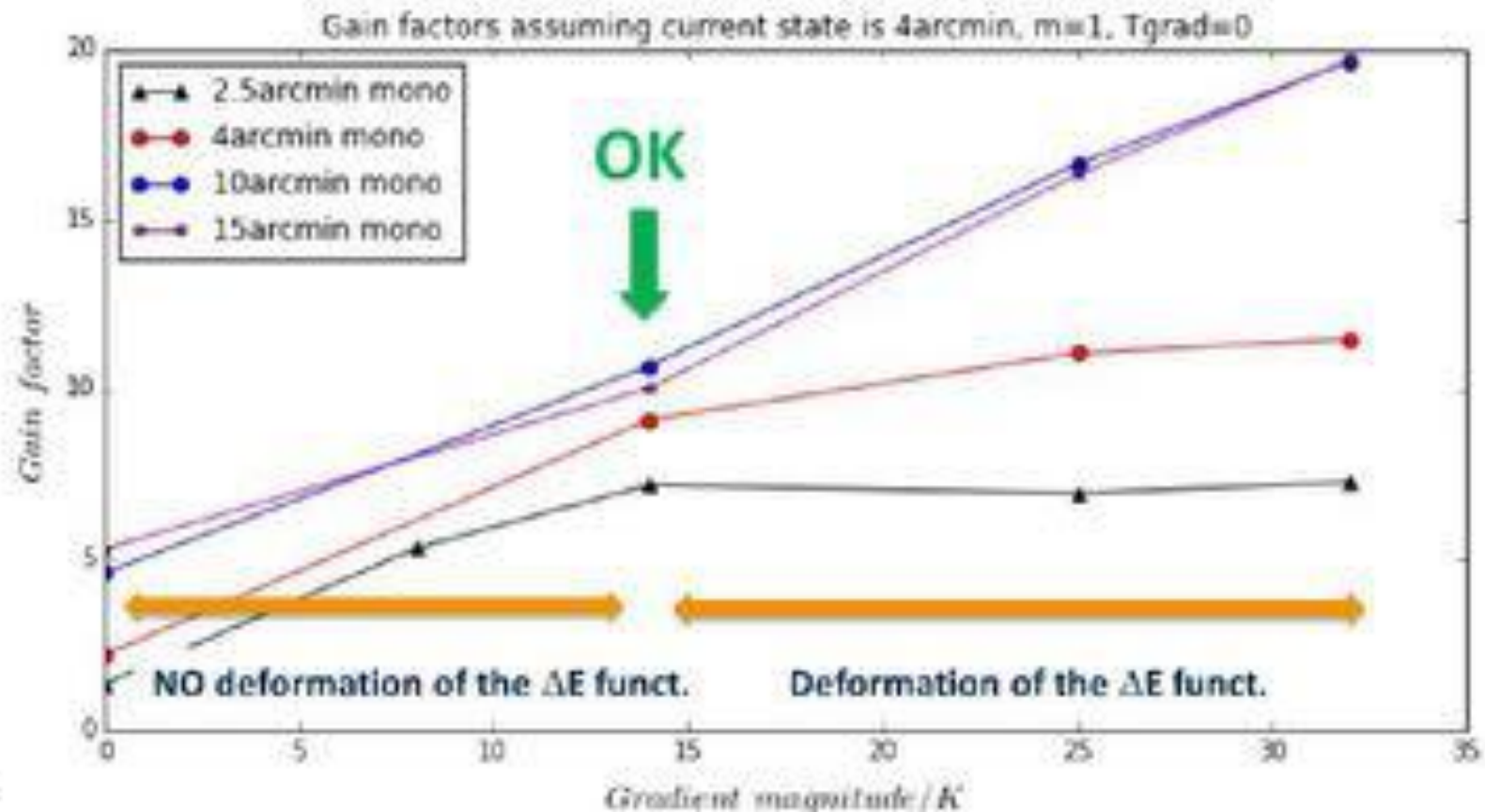


Current situation:

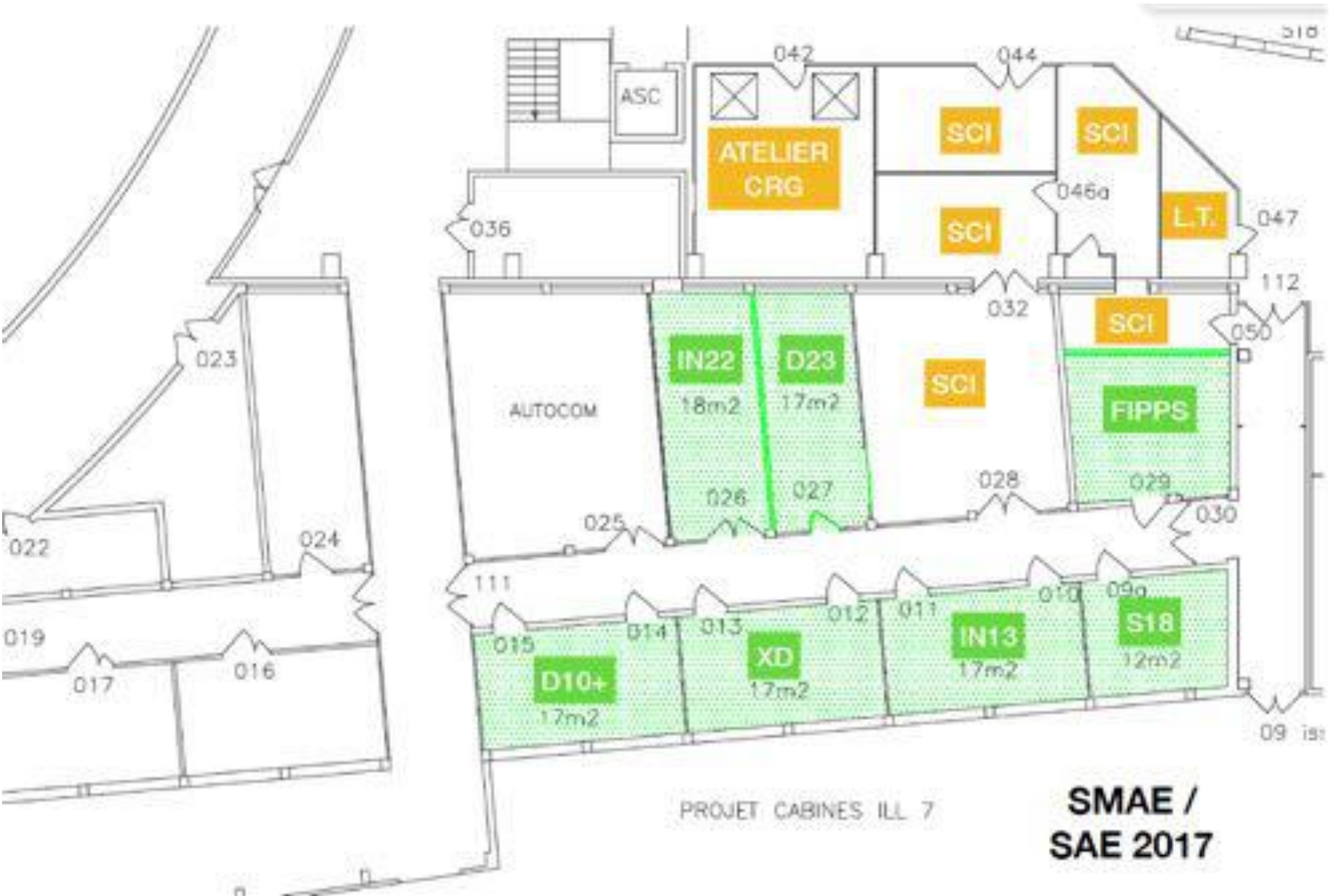
- Guide $m=1$ and old
- Crystal mosaicity: 2-4 arcmin
- No T gradient

IN13+ Endurance program: Expected gain in flux

- From the guide: x 2 – 4
- From the monochromator: x 5 - 10



IN13+ will get a new cabin and a remote control point close to IN13+



How to study biological systems under high pressure ?

Incoherent neutron scattering



IN13: Backscattering spectrometer at ILL

Incoherent diffusion
of H atoms dominates

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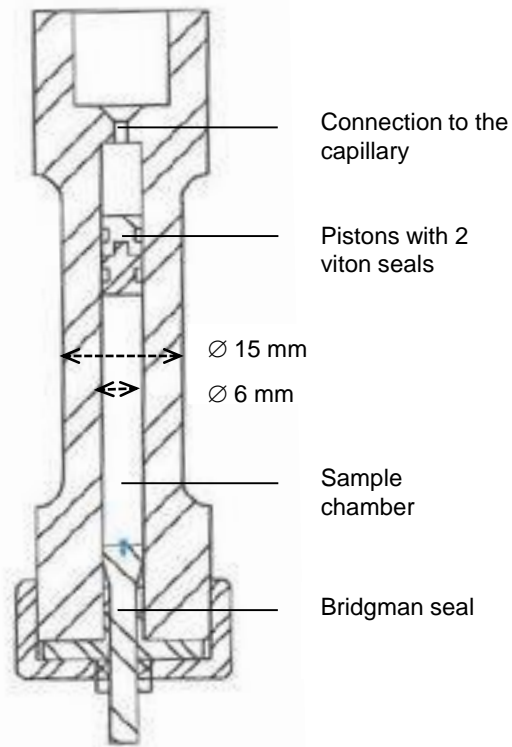
Homogeneous distribution
of H atoms within the proteins

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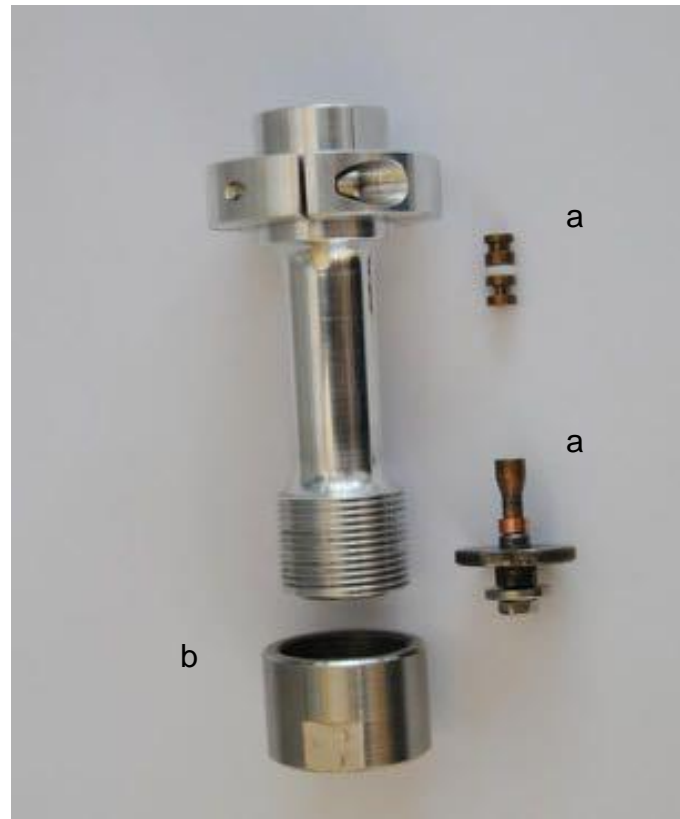
Incoherent diffusion of neutrons
probes the global dynamics of
proteins

(time scale: ns-ps)

High pressure equipment (adapted from a design of M.-C. Bellissent-Funel's group) :



Cylindrical cell (with insert) of Aluminum Al 7049T6 of 9 mm thickness



a: Cu-Be

b: stainless steel

Measured transmission: $\approx 81\%$

Sample in solution, volume ≈ 1 ml

ILL high pressure controller by Sitec



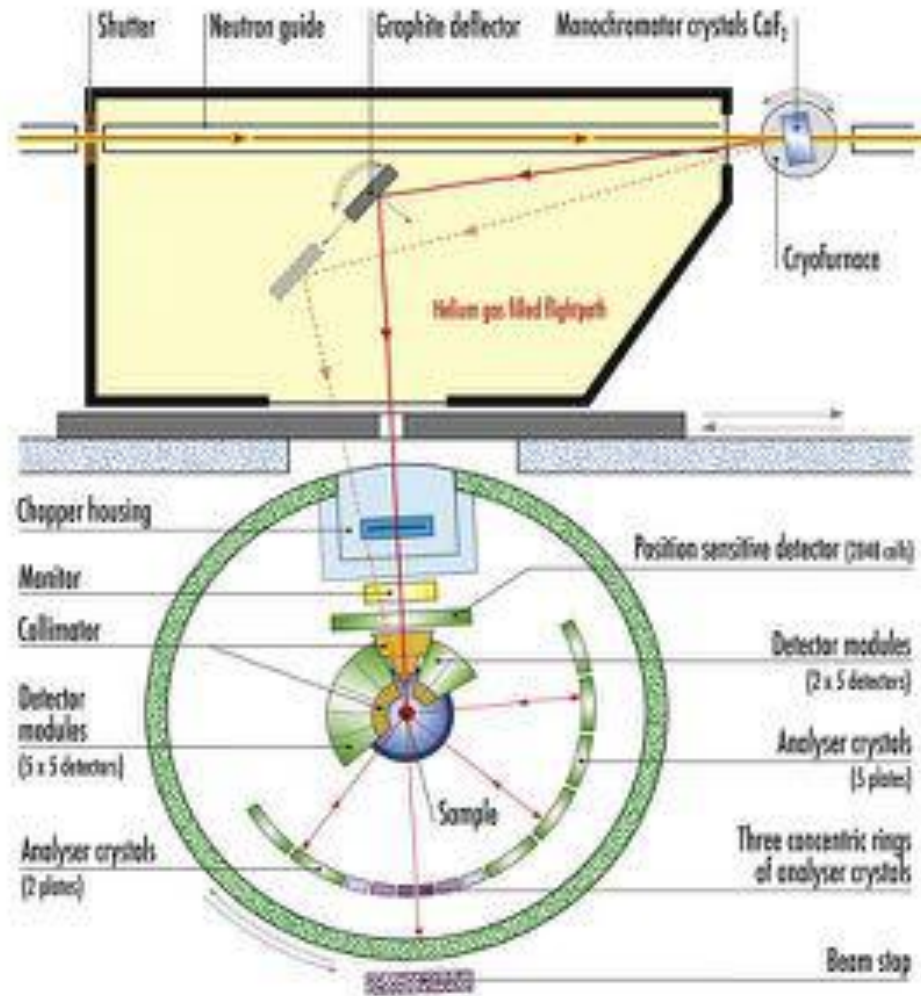
Lecture of pressure values by NOMAD \Rightarrow Control of stability over time

ILL high pressure equipment: Sample stick



- up to 6000 bar and 15 – 370 K.
- whole upper part of the sample stick and the capillaries are under secondary vacuum
- a linear heating element consisting of a 1 mm diameter stainless steel Thermocoax wire is introduced inside each capillary
- a RhFe temperature sensor is placed close to the coldest point of the cryostat, which is at the temperature of liquid nitrogen (77 K), to check at this critical point the temperature of the pressure transmitting liquid.

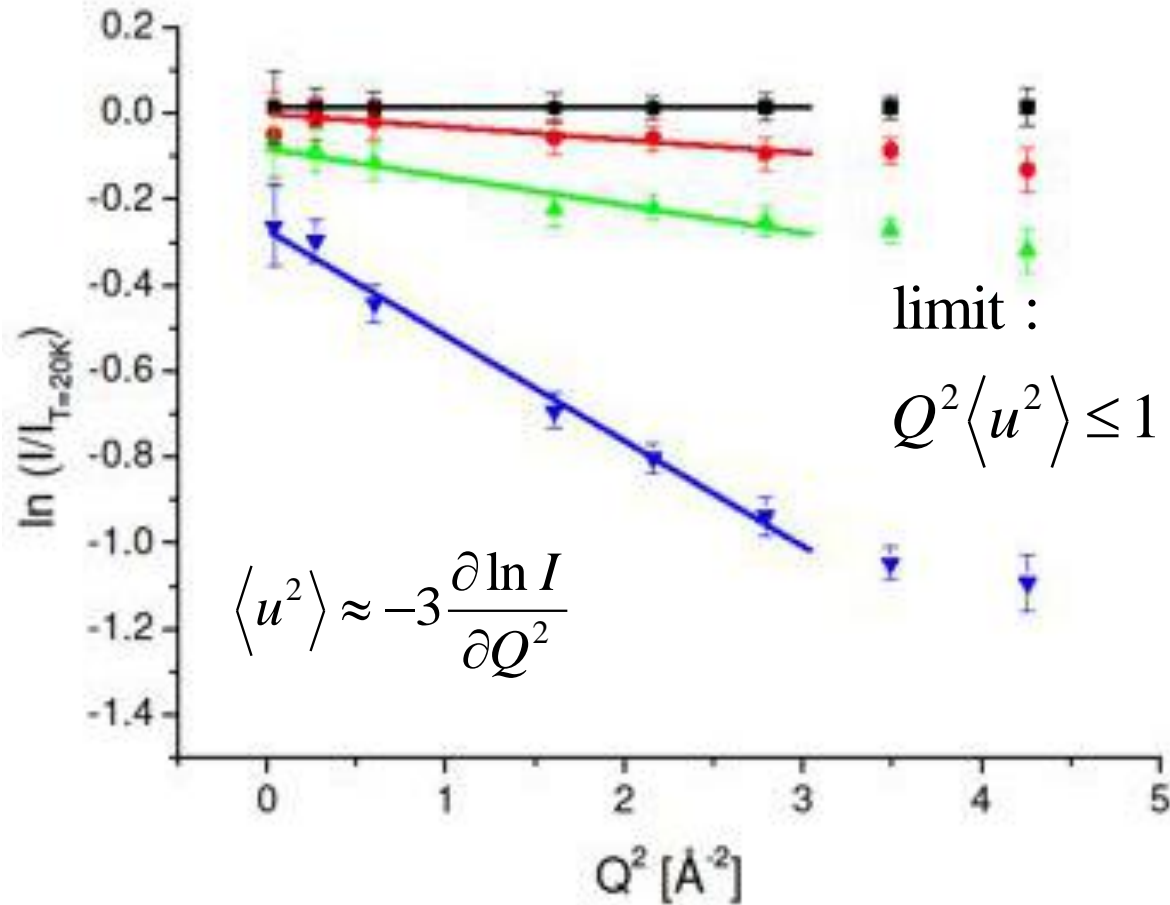
Schematic layout of IN13



- Thermal backscattering spectrometer
- Elastic energy resolution $\approx 10\mu\text{eV}$
- Q-range: $0.2 - 4.9 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$

$$Q = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin \vartheta$$

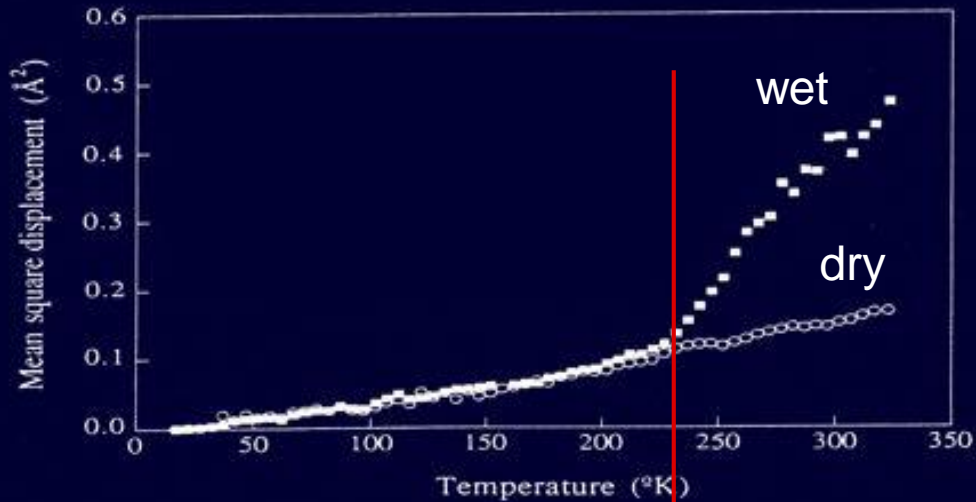
Example: $\langle u^2 \rangle$ obtained from IN13 data



$$I(Q, \Delta\omega = 0) = \text{const.} \times \exp\left(\frac{1}{3} (-\langle u^2 \rangle Q^2)\right)$$

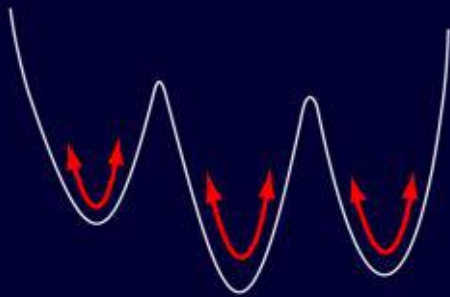
Dynamical transitions in proteins

ns - ps motions - purple membrane

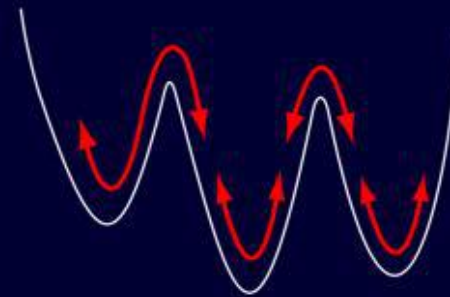


Mössbauer spectroscopy,
Neutron scattering,
MD simulation

Ferrand *et al.* (1993) *PNAS* **90**, 9668

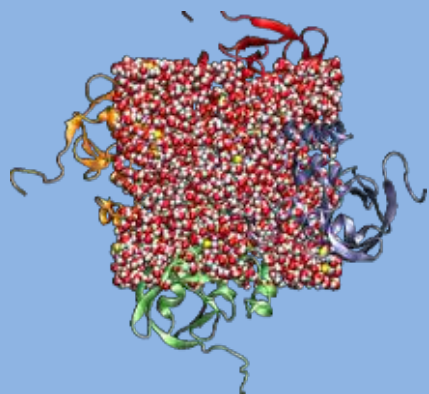


- harmonic motions
- substates frozen out



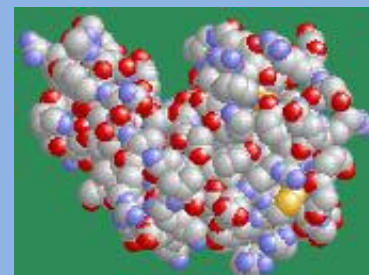
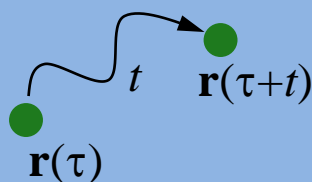
- non-harmonic motions
- transitions between substates

Dynamical transition investigations as function of pressure : molecular dynamics simulations

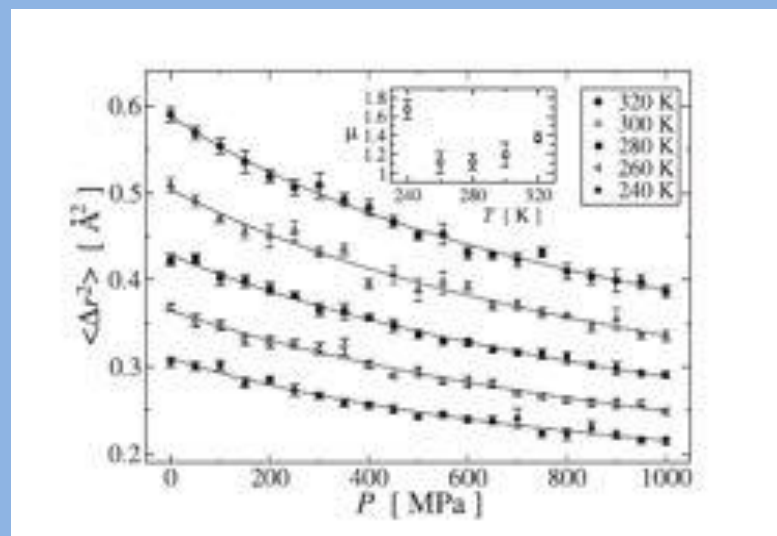
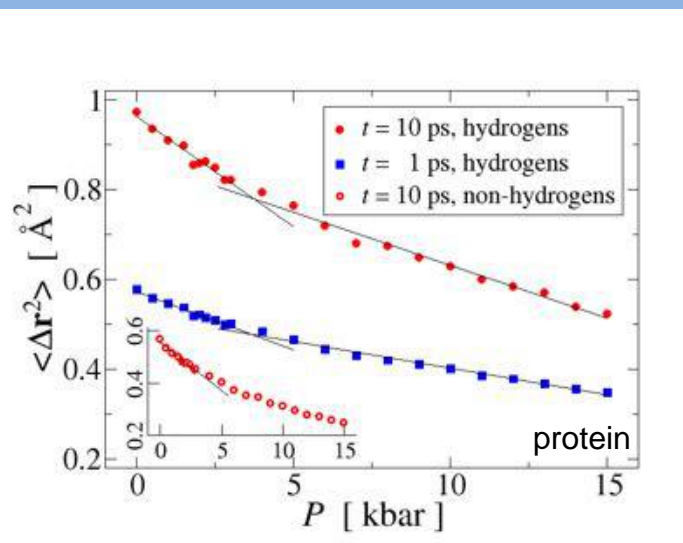


Staphylococcal nuclease

$$\text{MSD: } \langle \Delta r^2 \rangle(t) = \langle [\mathbf{r}_k(\tau) - \mathbf{r}_k(\tau + t)]^2 \rangle$$

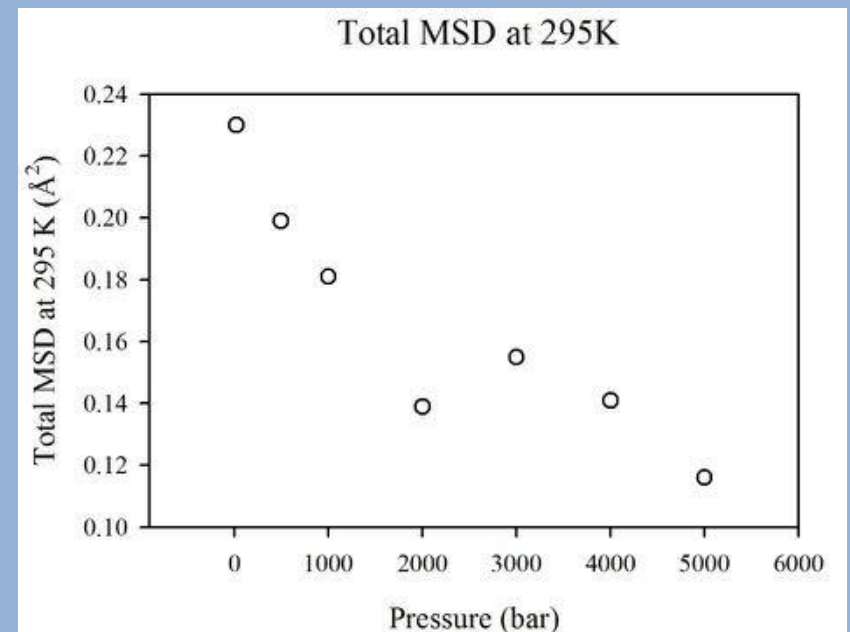
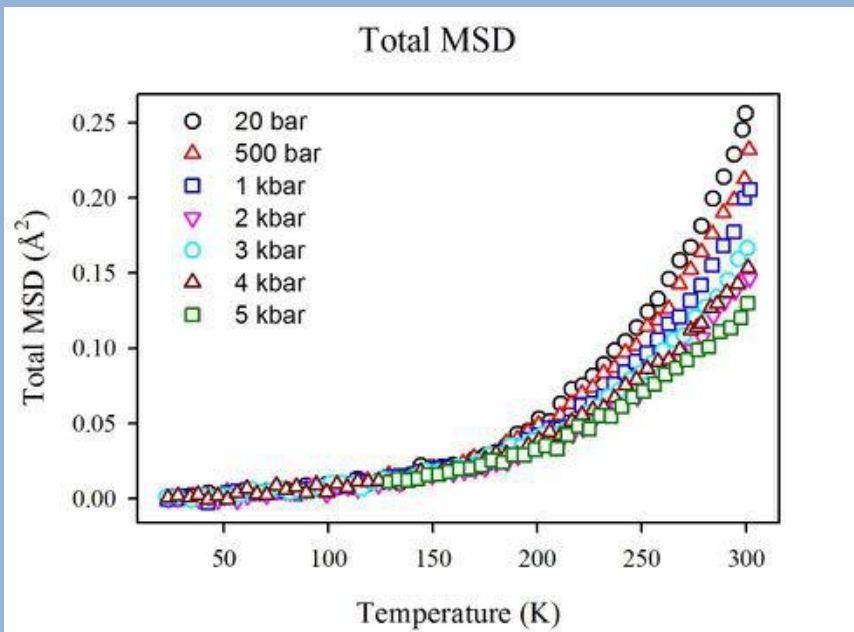


Lysozyme

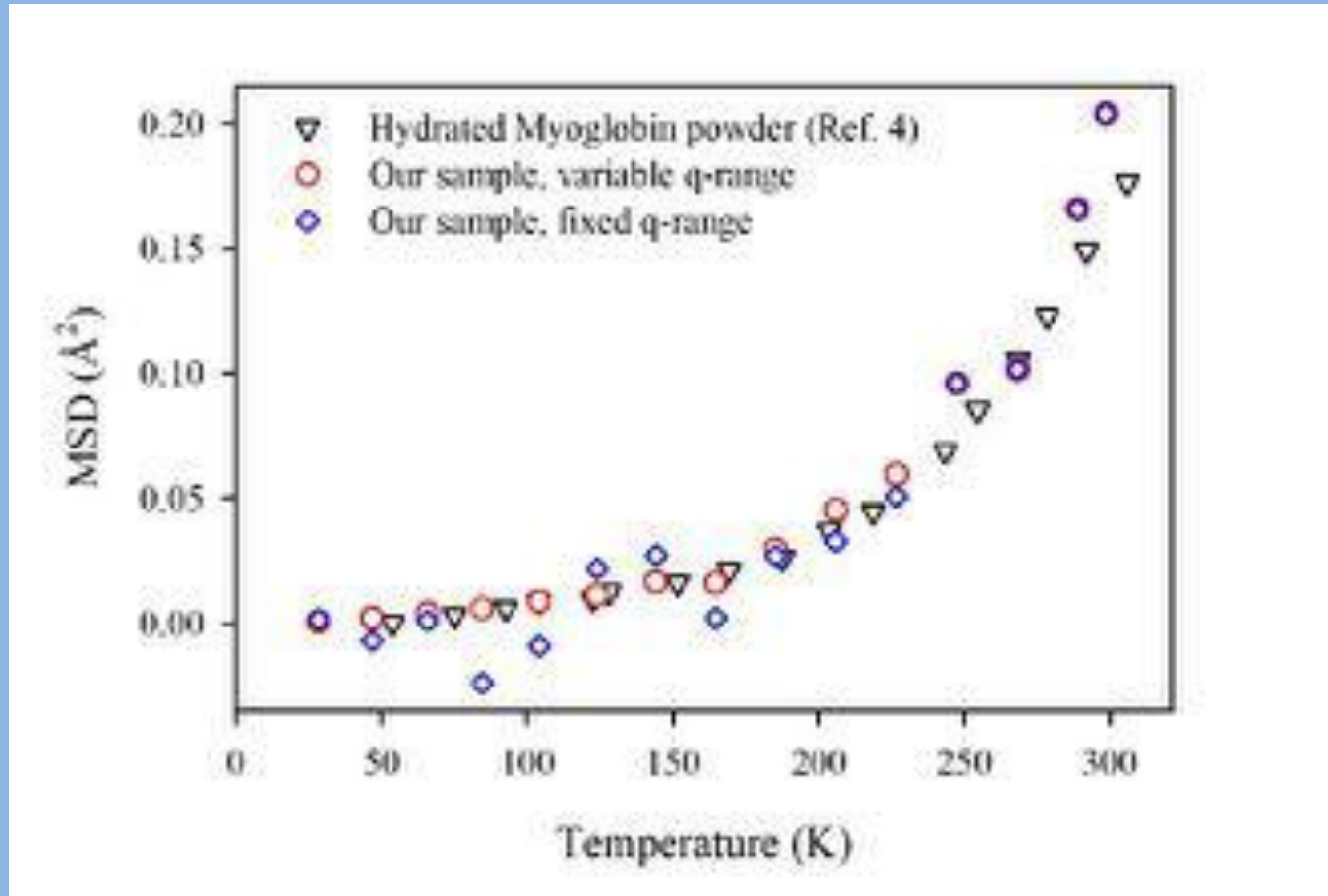


The effects of pressure on the energy landscape of myoglobin

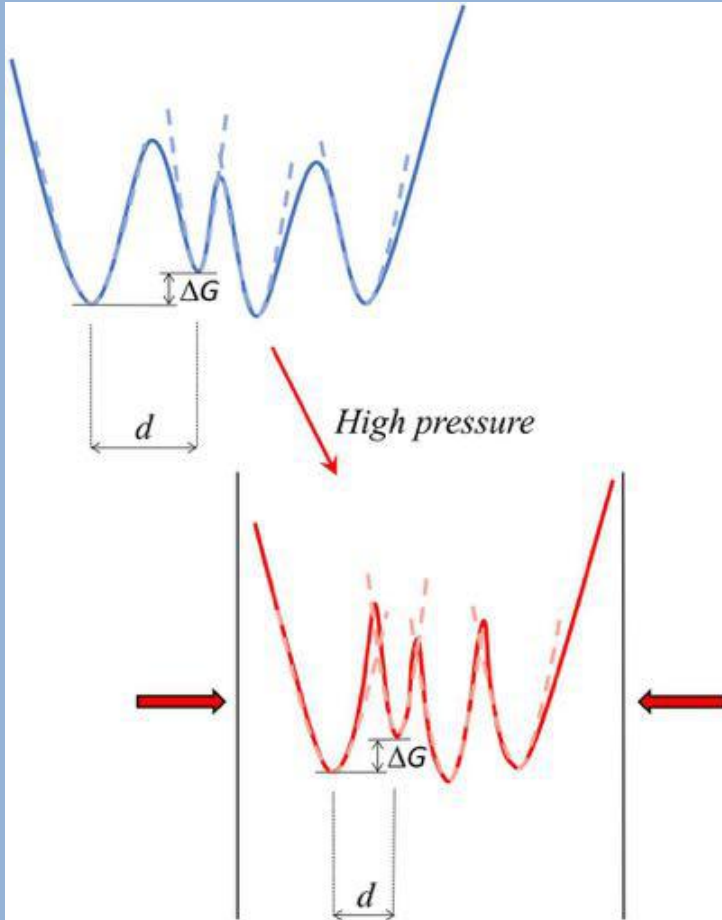
Sample: ultraviscous mixture of Myoglobin (50% Mb, 33% D8-Glycerol, 17% D2O). T: 20–300 K and p: 20–5000 bar to avoid freezing at cryogenic temperatures, while keeping the protein in a liquid-like environment, suitable for pressure transmission.



The effects of pressure on the energy landscape of myoglobin



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Analysis through double-well potential model:

$$I(q) = e^{-\langle \Delta x^2 \rangle_0 q^2} \left\{ 1 - 2p_1 p_2 \left(1 - \frac{\sin(qd)}{qd} \right) \right\}$$

High pressure reduces protein motions, but does not affect the onset temperature for the Protein Dynamical Transition, indicating that the energy differences and barriers among conformational substates do not change with pressure. Instead, high pressure values strongly reduce the average structural differences between the accessible conformational substates, thus increasing the roughness of the free energy landscape of the system.

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