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OPTIMIZATION OF A TARGET WITH MICROCHANNEL COOLING FOR HIGH-CURRENT ACCELERATOR-DRIVEN NEUTRON SOURCES

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With the decommissioning of older fission-based neutron sources in Europe in recent years, the available capacity on neutrons for science and access is becoming critical for neutron users. To provide an alternative approach to the realization of neutron facilities, the High Brilliance Neutron Source (HBS) project has been initiated at the Jülich Centre for Neutron Science (JCNS) of the Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH. It aims at developing a high-current accelerator-driven neutron source (Hi-CANS) to deliver high-brilliant neutron beams for neutron scattering. One of the key components is the neutron producing target that generates free neutrons by proton induced nuclear reactions with an energy well below the spallation threshold. For HBS, a solid tantalum target with a sophisticated internal microchannel water-cooling structure was developed for a 70 MeV pulsed proton beam with a peak current of 100 mA and an average power of 100 kW. The high-current requires a design minimizing proton accumulation within the tantalum target to avoid blistering problems. The high-power density requires an optimization of the microchannel cooling structure to reduce temperatures and to minimize thermo-mechanical stresses. Proton implantation was optimized with Monte-Carlo code FLUKA. Steady state and transient analysis on cooling effect of the target in operation were performed with ANSYS. The details of these investigations and the resulting microchannel target design will be presented.

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