

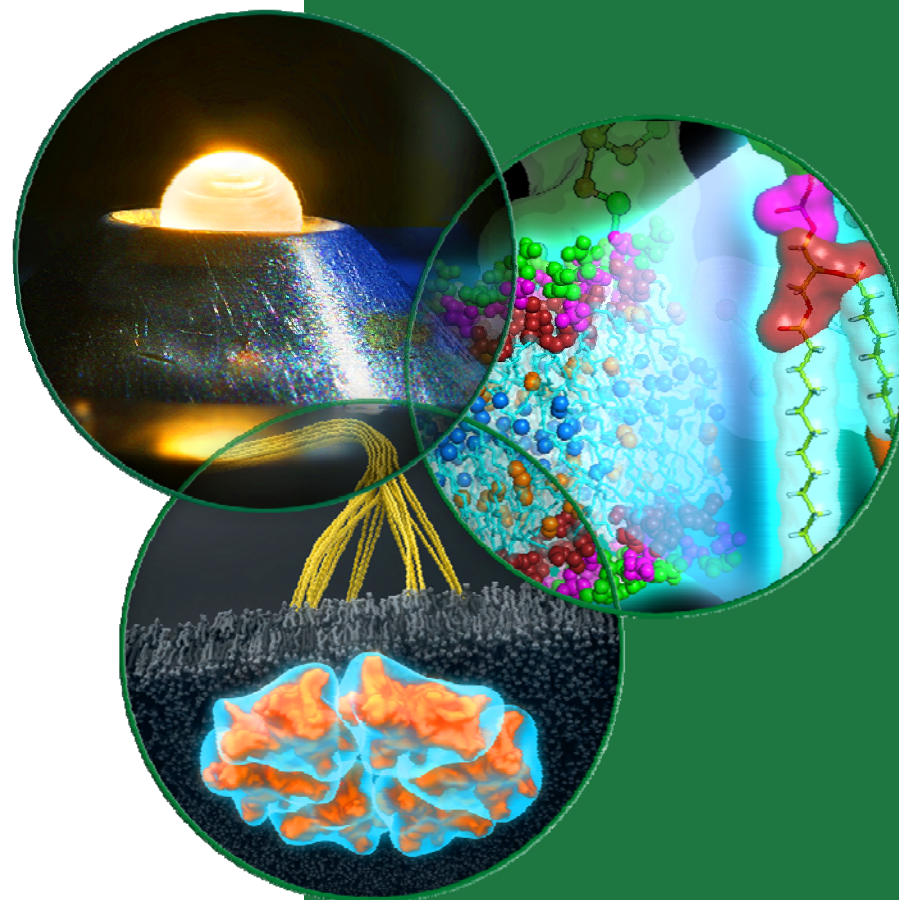
# Science Productivity Process and Major Instrument Upgrades

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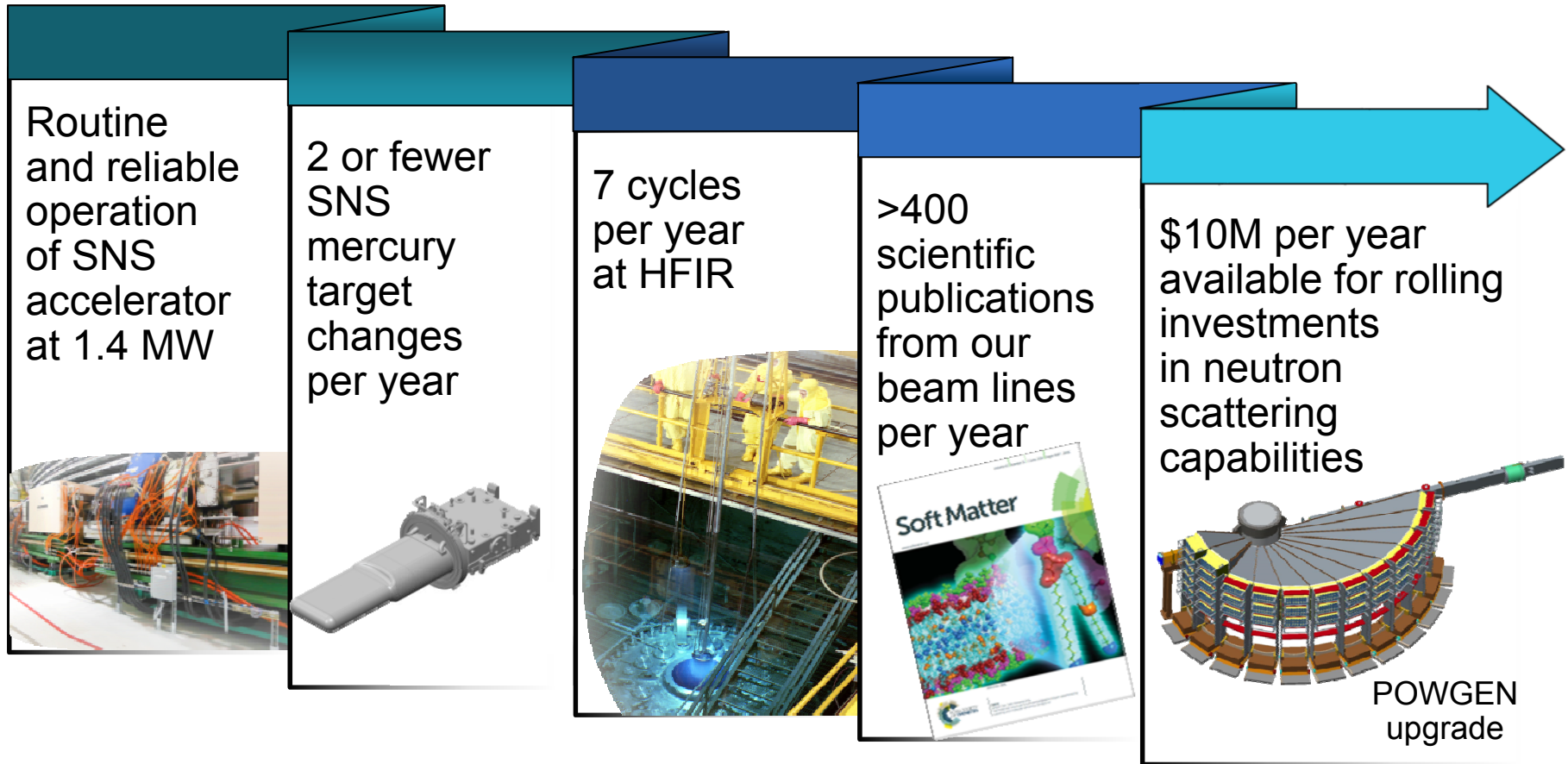
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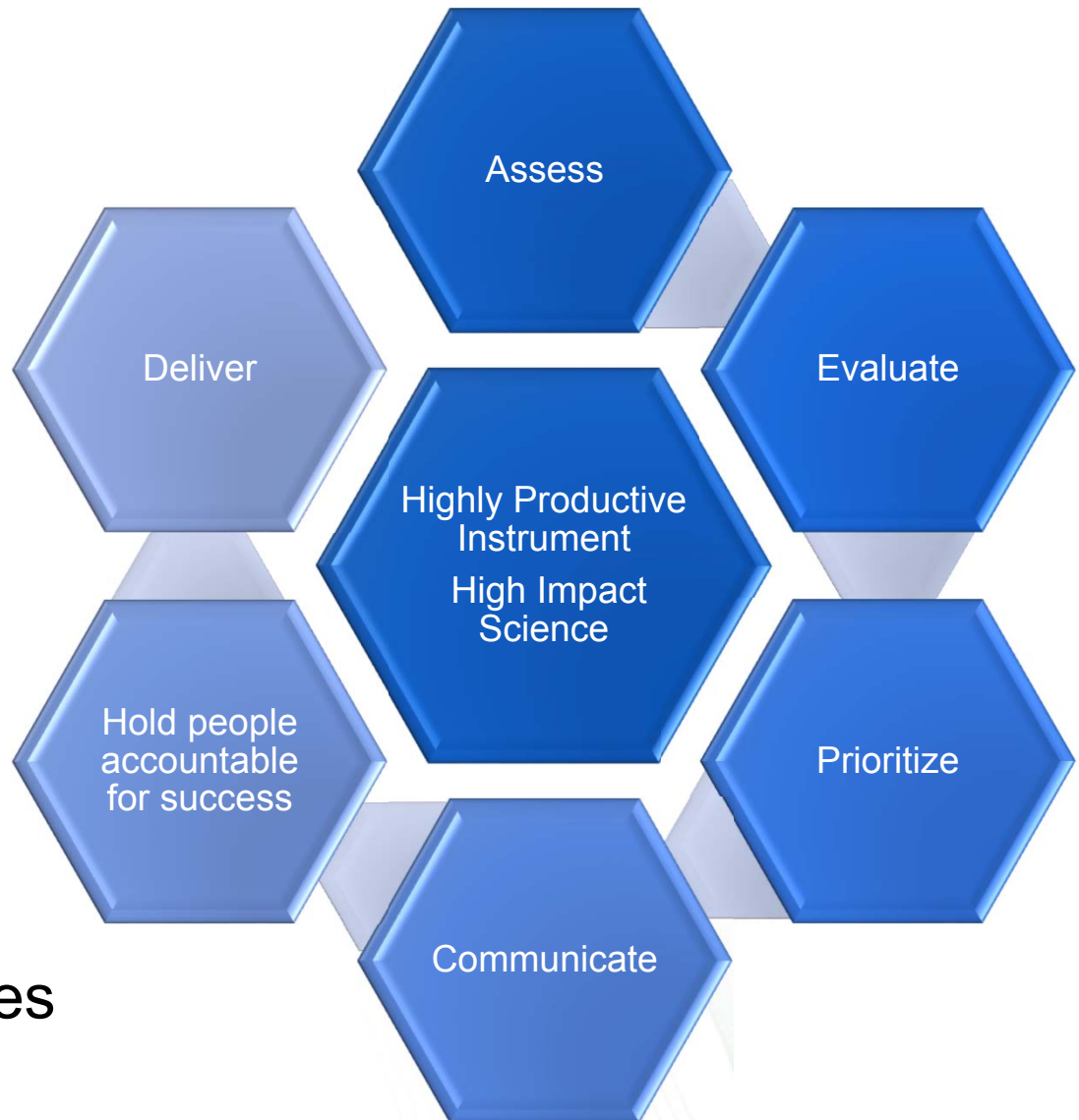


# Our NScD strategy translates to 5 immediate organizational goals



# Science Productivity Process:

- **Steering Committee**
  - Chair, Chief Scientist and Division Directors for QCMD, BSMD, CEMD, NDAV and ISD
  - Recommends actions to Associate Lab. Director
  - Priorities aligned with Science Strategic Plan
- **Assessment**
  - FY15-16 - Internal
    - Established baseline
  - FY-16-18 - External
    - Beamline Review Panels
- **Project teams established**
- **Technical Director manages integrated project suite**



# Science Productivity Process: Investing in Major Instrument Improvements

- **2015: Assess instruments and facility infrastructure**
  - Identify opportunities for developing new capabilities
  - Identify the key issues limiting science productivity
- **2015-16: Science Productivity Steering Committee**
  - Set science priorities (with Divisions & Directorate)
  - **Identify major instrument projects (>\$100K / complexity)**
  - Set instrument priorities & resource allocation.
  - Execute and manage projects/resultant actions
- **Actions may include**
  - Prioritization of major upgrades to existing instruments
  - Forming expert teams to tackle complex technical problems/projects
  - Investing in R&D on sample environment/data analysis solutions
  - User community engagement through workshops and reviews



# 2015 Baseline assessment evaluated each instrument in six areas

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Productivity | Does the instrument serve a robust and successful user community?           |
| Capability   | Is the instrument equipped to address specified scientific challenges?      |
| Utilization  | Does the instrument make efficient use of neutron production time?          |
| Reliability  | Are instrument systems performing properly when needed?                     |
| Resources    | Are resources available to the instrument at a sufficient level?            |
| Safety       | Are there issues that present undue risks to users, staff, or the facility? |



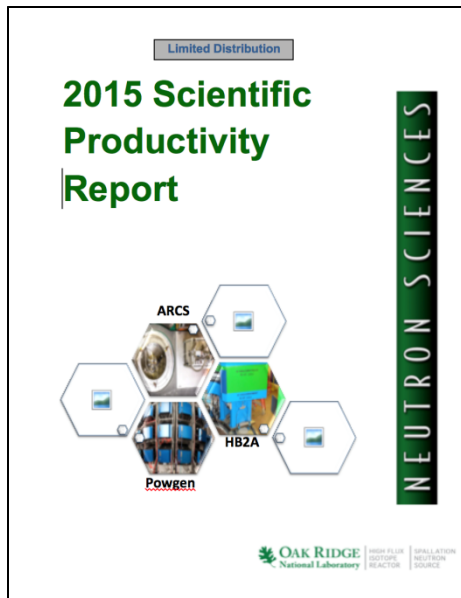
# Steering Committee sets FY priorities and initiates major upgrade projects



May/June

## Assessment reviews for all 30 instruments

- Set group/division priorities



Late June

## Prioritization meeting: Setting Directorate priorities

- Divisions present science case and concept
- Decision: Allocate resources to develop project plan



September/October

## Project plan review: Allocation of resources

- Work planning for projects commencing in next FY
- Design criteria document for larger (capital) projects

# 2015: 26 Instrument Projects – 12 FY16 Priorities

| High-impact, ready to go. Execute.  | Important, not time critical (no action until moved to “A”) | Questions to resolve; specific actions to address | Not being considered       |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| <b>A</b> SEQUOIA Vacuum             | <b>B</b> SNAP detector rebuild                              | <b>C</b> HB3 velocity selector                    | <b>D</b> IMAGINE DNP table |
| 14 T SNS magnet                     | VULCAN detector expansion                                   | HB2A polarizer                                    |                            |
| Mag. Ref. detector table            | BioSANS collimator  | HFIR cold guide optimization                      |                            |
| NSE Magnetism Capability            | NOMAD detector expansion                                    | RAPID   |                            |
| CG4B Larmor Dev.                    | CNCS detector expansion                                     | MANTA   |                            |
| NOMAD bck. reduction                | HB1 Heusler analyzer  | Spin echo at HFIR                                 |                            |
| NOMAD auto-sample changer           | USANS spare crystals  |   |                            |
| EQ-SANS detector vessel/sample area |   |   |                            |
| WAND Phase II - detector            |   |   |                            |
| GP-SANS collimator                  |   |   |                            |
| POWGEN upgrade                      |   |   |                            |
| 5 T magnet for pol. Ref./SANS       |   |   |                            |

# Mid-course review: – Initiated 13<sup>th</sup> project

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**+1 Mid-cycle priority**

**A** TOPAZ: cryostat



# Project Execution: FY 2016 A-list

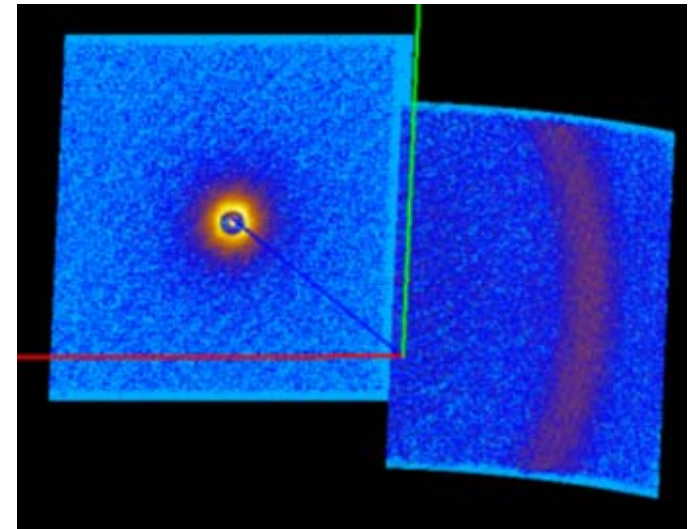
| Item  | Lead           | Completion Date                  | FY16 (\$k)    | Total (\$k)   |
|---|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| SEQUOIA Vacuum                                    | L. Jones       | Summer 2017                      | 708           | 1,485         |
| 14 T SNS magnet                                   | M. Stone       | Fall 2017                        | 1,680         | 2,004         |
| Mag. Ref. Improvement Project                     | M. Fitzsimmons | April 2017                       | 1,005         | 1,277         |
| NSE Magnetism Capability                          | G. Ehlers      | Dec. 2015 (1 <sup>st</sup> exp.) | 185           | 334           |
| CG4B Larmor Dev. Beamline                         | L. Robertson   | May 2017                         | 500           | 500           |
| NOMAD background reduction (I)                    | M. Tucker      | Oct. 2016                        | 143           | 156           |
| NOMAD auto-sample changer                         | M. Everett     | Dec. 2017                        | 507           | 715           |
| EQ-SANS detector vessel/sample area modifications | W. Heller      | Mar. 2017                        | 330           | 357           |
| WAND Phase II - detector                          | M. Frontzek    | April 2018                       | 0             | 1,226         |
| GP-SANS collimator replacement                    | L. Crow        | April 2017                       | 690           | 1,025         |
| POWGEN Phase-II upgrade                           | A. Huq         | Sep 2017                         | 2,812         | 4,583         |
| 5 T magnet for pol. Ref./SANS                     | M. Fitzsimmons | August 2017                      | 247           | 256           |
| TOPAZ cryogoniometer                              | A. Huq         | Spring 2017                      | 205           | 224           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                      |                |                                  | <b>*9,012</b> | <b>14,142</b> |

# BioSANS' new west wing detectors ready for commissioning

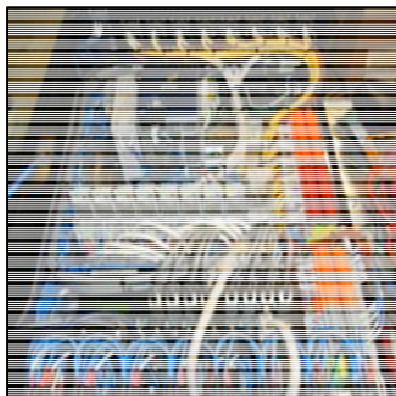
- Installation phase completed
- All startup checklist items completed
- Calibration studies continue and commissioning has begun



West wing detector before installation



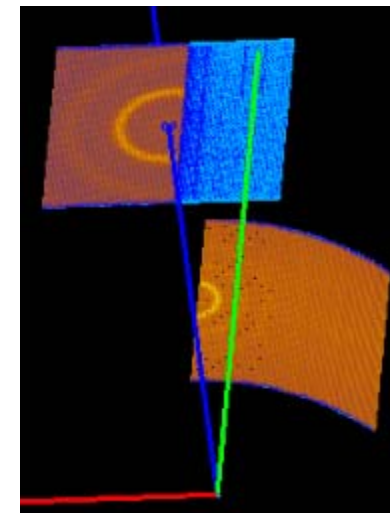
Scattering from C60-fullerenes - ring at  $q \sim 0.78$  previously beyond BioSANS high- $q$  capabilities



Motion control panel



Detector feedthroughs



Scattering from silver behenate

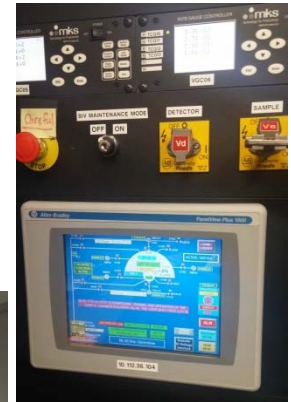
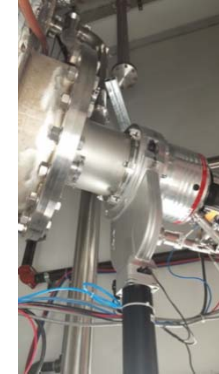
View showing relationship of detectors and curvature of wing

# ARCS Vacuum Upgrade

Project goals: Improve performance and reliability of ARCS sample and detector vessel vacuum system

Project completed: February 2016

- Installed new standard roughing pump package, 2 turbo pumps and vacuum gauges
  - Improved vacuum performance: detector tank pumpdown **from > 40 hrs to ~ 18 hrs**, sample tank pumpdown from 20 minutes to ~ 10 minutes
  - Improved operations, reliability and maintenance: existing cryopumps may be regenerated without risk of experiment interruption
- Installed new vacuum control system
  - Improved operational safety: additional interlocks and controls, e.g. checks to inhibit detector high voltage, monitoring of sample isolation valve pneumatic pressure, sample chamber flapper valve to ensure proper venting, guide vacuum monitoring
  - Improved maintenance: facility-written control code may be debugged and improved, uses standard components
- Lessons learned -> FY 2017 SEQUOIA project



# MR – Magnetism Reflectometer Improvement Project

- Awarded contract for hexapod
  - Enables high precision, versatile sample and sample environments positioning
  - Accommodates a variety of sample environment equipment
  - On site in October 2016



Vendor photo of hexapod

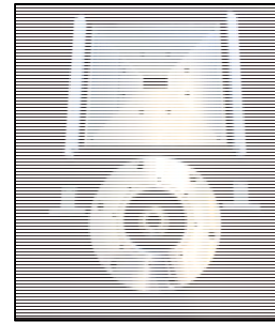


Orange cone schematically represents hexapod



# POWGEN Project

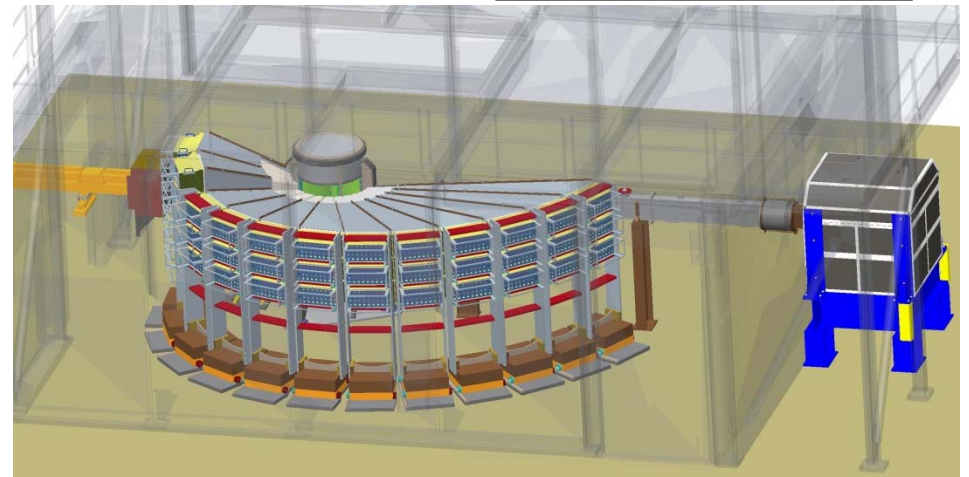
- Replaces difficult to maintain sample vessel (thinner window)
- New coarse radial collimator
  - Eliminate shadows ( $\approx 10\%$  improvement in detector illumination)
  - Fill with Argon – background reduction
- 10 new detectors – completes one side (40 total)
- New fine radial collimator – eliminate shadowing of highest and lowest scattering angles
- New sample vessel ordered
- Project completion Sept 2017



Window assembly for upstream optics



Support assembly for upstream optics





# Instrument Projects – FY17 Priorities

| A<br>High-impact, ready to go; develop plan in next 2 months | B<br>Important, not time critical (no action until moved to “A”) | C<br>Questions to resolve; specific actions to address | D<br>Not being considered |
|--|--|--|---------------------------|
| <a href="#"><u>SNAP Detector rebuild</u></a>                 | TOPAZ detector expansion   | SNAP Guide   | TOF - top loaders #       |
| <a href="#"><u>HB3 velocity selector</u></a>                 | SEQUOIA collimator   | BL4A Toploader / Halbach Magnet *                      |                           |
| <a href="#"><u>Vulcan Detector build-out</u></a>             | BioSANS collimator   | Lab ppms   |                           |
| CORELLI: Thimble   | NOMAD detector expansion   | <i>HFIR cold guide optimization</i> *                  |                           |
| NRSF-2 Upgrade   | HB1 Heusler analyzer   | <i>RAPID</i> *   |                           |
| HB-1A backend  | USANS spare crystals   | MANTA  |                           |
| HB-3A Anger Cameras  |  | Spin echo at HFIR                                      |                           |
| CNCS collimator  |  |  |                           |
| HYSPEC Elevator  |  |  |                           |
| POWGEN: Phase II detectors                                   |  |  |                           |

# 2016-2018: BeamLine Review Panels

- Review the mission need, technical capabilities and scientific impact of subsets of NScD instruments, organized by type and class.
  - Conduct 2 or 3 external Beamline Review Panel/annum
  - In 2016: i) Powder Diffractometers & ii) SANS/Reflectometers
- Aug 3, 2016: Powder Diffraction Review: Chair: John Parise
  - POWGEN, NOMAD, SNAP, WAND and HB-2A beamlines (RAPID)
- Assess instrument performance and science needs, focusing on:
  - Scientific productivity (users/publications etc.)
  - Management structure (number of staff, staff effectiveness)
  - Current capabilities (condition, quality, upgrades needed, etc.)
  - Ability to meet user needs for data collection, reduction, and analysis.
  - Adequacy and reliability of software, sample environment
  - Planned upgrades and future development of instrument suite
- The recommendations and findings of each BRP will inform the priorities for succeeding phases of major instrument improvements.

# Summary

- NScD is committing \$10M/annum to instrument improvements.
- Current major instrument improvements will be completed in 3-5 fiscal years
- FY16 priorities set/executing:
  - 13 major instrument upgrades in progress
  - (Phased funding - \$9M in FY16, \$5M in FY17)
- FY17 priorities set/initiated:
  - 10 major instrument upgrades now in project development
  - (~\$5M in FY17)
- NScD has established recurring, triennial external reviews of instrument suites and science needs
  - The recommendations and findings of each BRP will inform the priorities for succeeding phases of major instrument improvements

# Questions?

