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Monte Carlo simulation and optimization for the micro-channel target of the HBS project

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The High Brilliance Neutron Source (HBS) project was initiated at the Jülich Centre for Neutron Science of the Forschungszentrum Jülich (JCNS). It aims to develop a medium neutron source facility based on a linear accelerator, scalable up to 70 MeV proton energy and optimized to deliver high brilliance neutron beams to a variety of neutron instruments. In the framework of this project a compact micro channel target was proposed for the powerful high-flux and compact, accelerator-driven neutron sources (CANS). Based on earlier simulations concerning fluid dynamics and structural mechanics, a preliminary design was developed. Due to the required compactness, heat dissipation and mechanical stability are the factors limiting the total neutron yield of the target. In order to find a compromise solution between high neutron yield and mechanical stability, the energy desposition as well as neutron and proton spectrum in different geometric parameters of the microchannel target were performed with the Monte Carlo simulation code FLUKA. The details of the simulation and optimization will be presented at the workshop.

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