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High-throughput powder diffractometer ERWIN – design, capabilities and opportunities

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Powder diffraction at neutron sources stands in the forefront of materials research and powder diffractometers are standard working horses at large scale facilities serving a large part of neutron community with data and producing the vast of scientific output. Many years ago the analysis of instrumental suite at FRM II reactor source clearly identified a demand for high-throughput monochromatic diffraction instrument, addressing a large section of reciprocal space in gapless fashion and adopting sufficient dynamic range with μ s time-resolution, suited for both rapid data collection and studies of small sample volumes in the range of mm3, allowing for a variety of different sample environments and having a capability to eliminate their contributions

In the current contribution a final concept of medium-resolution neutron powder diffraction option ERWIN at beam port SR8b at FRM II will presented. By its design the instrument ERWIN—"Energy research with neutrons" is especially adapted for structural characterization of energy materials and electrochemical storage systems by applying simultaneous bulk/spatially resolved neutron powder diffraction. Besides this a number of useful experimental options and features enabling studies of small samples using an adapted radial collimator, rapid parametric measurements as a function of external parameters, time-resolved studies etc will be discussed.

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