



## Fission chamber for in-core use wide dynamic range

### Application

- Detection of thermal neutrons in a flux range of  $10^7$  to  $10^{14}$  n.cm<sup>-2</sup>.s<sup>-1</sup>

### Features

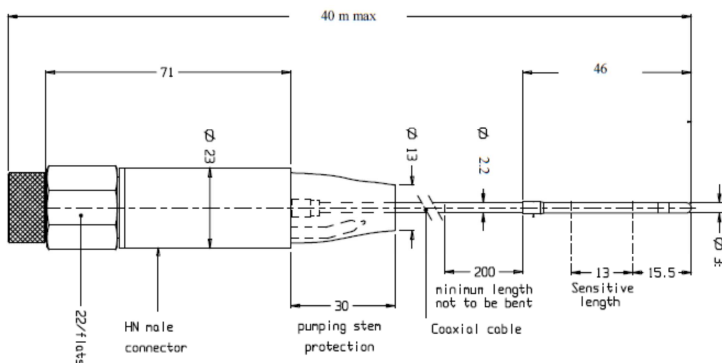
- Watertight stainless steel structure
- Integral, mineral insulated cable

Nuclear characteristic			
Sensitivity to thermal neutrons <sup>1</sup>	Pulse mode	$8 \times 10^{-6}$	c.s <sup>-1</sup> /n.cm <sup>-2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>
	Fluctuation mode	$2.9 \times 10^{-32}$	A <sup>2</sup> .Hz <sup>-1</sup> /n.cm <sup>-2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>
	Current mode	$9.2 \times 10^{-19}$	A/n.cm <sup>-2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>
Neutron flux ranges	Pulse mode <sup>2</sup>	$10^7 - 3 \times 10^{11}$	n.cm <sup>-2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>
	Fluctuation mode	$10^6 - 10^{14}$	n.cm <sup>-2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>
	Current mode <sup>3</sup>	$10^{12} - 10^{14}$	n.cm <sup>-2</sup> .s <sup>-1</sup>
Gamma sensitivity		$2.5 \times 10^{-12}$	A/Gy.h <sup>-1</sup>
Exposure limits	Thermal neutrons <sup>4</sup>	max $1.5 \times 10^{20}$	n.cm <sup>-2</sup>
	Gamma exposure	max $10^{19}$	Gy
	Gamma dose rate	max $10^7$	Gy.h <sup>-1</sup>

Electrical characteristics			
Insulating resistance at 250 VDC <sup>5</sup>	at 20°C	min $10^{12}$	Ohm
	at 300°C	min $10^8$	Ohm
Operating voltage	Nominal up to 300°C	250	VDC
	Maximum at 20°C	300	VDC
	Limit with no radiation	500	VDC
Cable capacitance		120	pF/m
Cable characteristic impedance		50	Ohm

Mechanical and physical characteristics		
Detector	Case, electrodes	Stainless steel (Co<0.05%)
	Insulators	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>
	Sensitive layer	U > 90% enriched in <sup>235</sup> U
	Filling gas	Ar + 4% N <sub>2</sub> at 500 kPa
Cable	Type	Coaxial
	Insulator	SiO <sub>2</sub>
	Curvature radius <sup>6</sup>	min 30 mm
Connector	Type <sup>7</sup>	Watertight HN
	Insulator	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>

### Outline



### Notes.

- <sup>1</sup> Values depending on the characteristics and the calibration of the measurement equipment. The pulse sensitivity is calculated from the (alpha-neutron) discrimination curve for a discriminating threshold corresponding to an alpha counting rate of 0.01 c.s<sup>-1</sup>.
- <sup>2</sup> Pulse mode operating range for a measurement equipment with a resolution shorter than the collection time of the detector.
- <sup>3</sup> Current mode operating range: the lower limit of the current mode operating range depends on the electronics (specially on the input amplifier) and on the signal / parasitic current ratio (parasitic current = leakage current + gamma current + alpha current). The upper limit is depending both on the detector and the electronics (loss of linearity).
- <sup>4</sup> Flux corresponding to a 10 % sensitivity loss of the detector.
- <sup>5</sup> The insulating resistance measurement includes the alpha current.
- <sup>6</sup> This is the smallest irreversible curvature radius.
- <sup>7</sup> In order to avoid humidity penetration during storage, the connector is closed with a cap to be removed just before use. As a general rule, prevent any humidity penetration at the connection level (refer to "Instructions for use and handling" in the package). Other connector types are possible. To be required when ordering.

Max operating temperature of detector and cable: 300 °C

Unless otherwise stated, all characteristics are given at 20°C and dimensions in mm.