



Spectroscopy Division

Science Away Day 2024

PRESENTED BY PASCALE DEEN

Pascale Petronella Maria Deen

e-mail: pascale.deen@ess.eu, (+46) 72 179 2079

Division head for Spectroscopy

European Spallation Source (ESS), ERIC, Sweden.

Affiliate Professor in Solid state Physics and Neutron Scattering

Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen

H-index 27 (Scopus), i10 index 45, 3295 citations; 78 peer reviewed publications (2024)

ORCID: 0000-0002-0204-0802



Technical Research Profile: Neutron instrumentation focussed on neutron spectroscopy and neutron polarisation analysis.

Scientific Research Profile : Strongly correlated magnetism, Magnetic Frustration, Quantum magnetism.

2003 - 2006 Post-doctoral Fellow: European Synchrotron Radiation Facility, Grenoble, France: High pressure techniques for Resonant X-ray Magnetic Scattering in strongly correlated magnetism.

2006 - 2011 Instrument Scientist: Institut Laue Langevin, D7, Grenoble, France.

2011 - 2015 Scientist for Spectroscopy: European Spallation Source.

2012 - 2023 Adjunct Associate Professor: University of Copenhagen

2015 - 2021 Lead scientist for CSPEC, ESS

2021 - 2023 Senior Scientist for Spectroscopy, European Spallation Source.

Aim of the spectroscopy division

Drive towards science



The spectroscopy division, within the science directorate, was recently formed (February 2024) and the aim of the division is to:

- (1) Support NSS in the construction of the spectroscopy instruments within the first instrument group (MIRACLES/CSPEC/BIFROST/TREX/VESPA).
- (2) Ensure scientific excellence and world leading performance on these instruments and their associated sample environment and laboratory requirements. (& In-kind partners)
- (3) Operate, maintain & upgrade the neutron instruments.
- (4) Develop a scientific culture in which the users are able to acquire the required support. and developments needed to drive scientific excellence.
- (5) Develop the instrument suite beyond the first 15.

Spectroscopy: Measuring dynamics of materials $S(\mathbf{Q},\omega)$: functionality.

Ordered phase of $\text{Bi}_2\text{Fe}_4\text{O}_9$

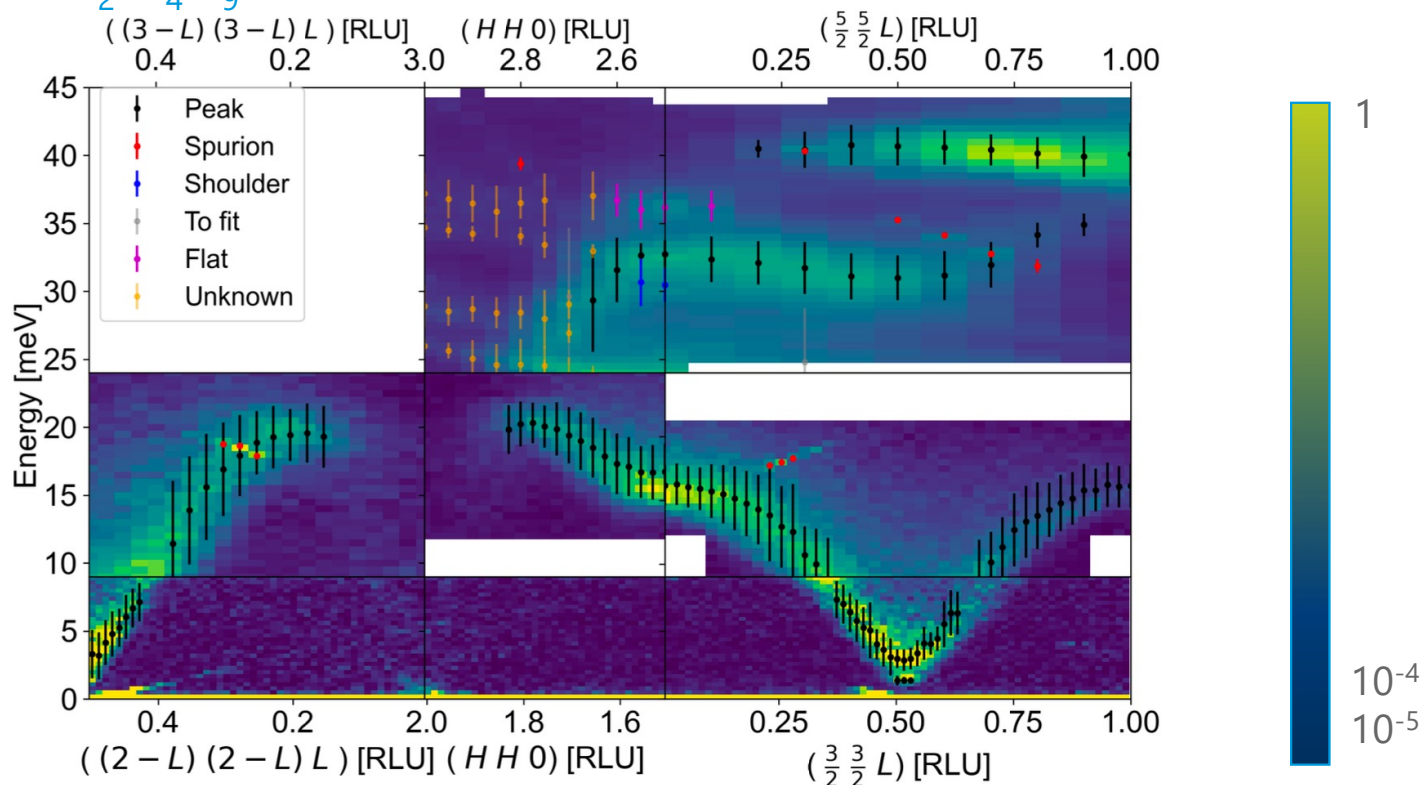
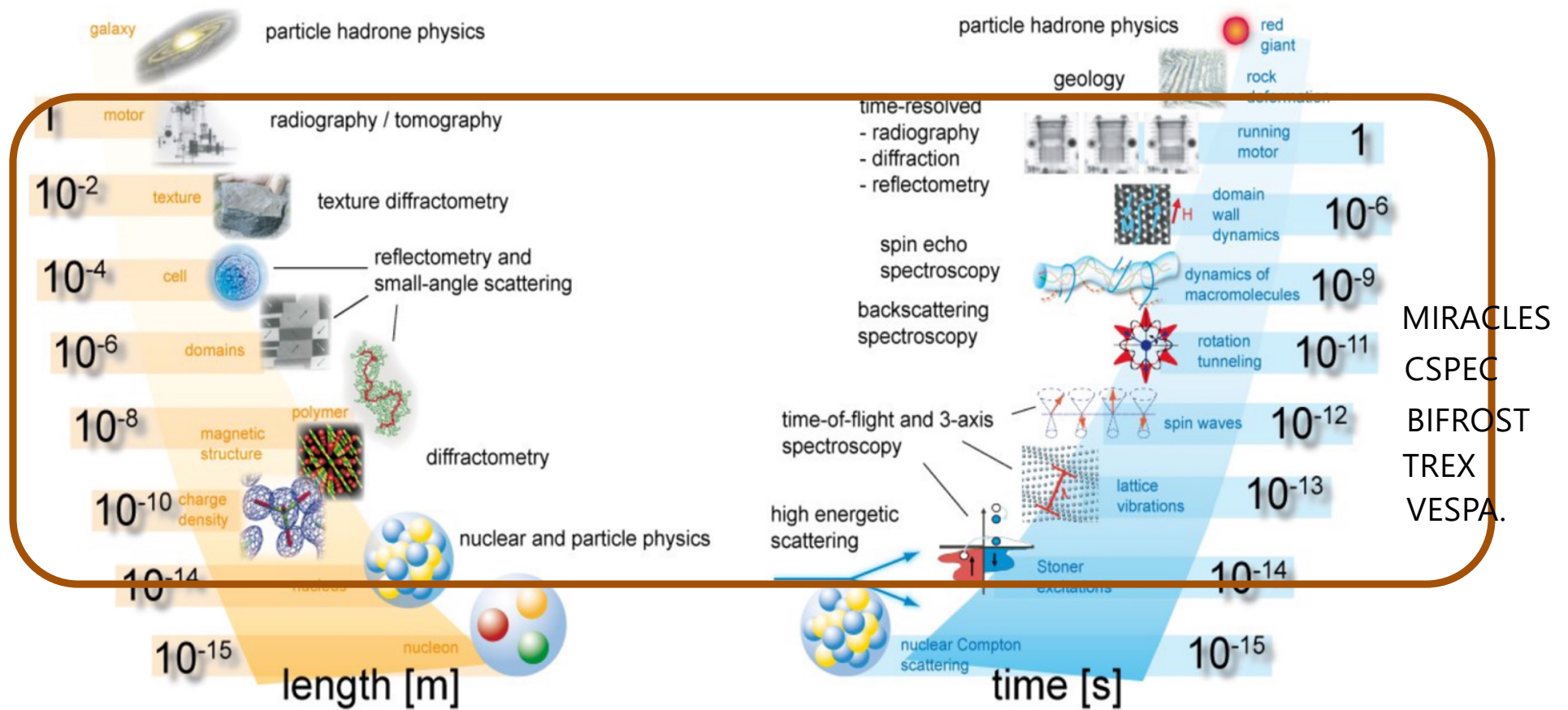


Figure 48: All data in one QE-plot, from CAMEA (0-9 meV), EIGER (9-24 meV) and IN20 (24-45 meV). The fitted data is shown on top; mean μ and standard deviation σ .

- Weak signals – 10^{-4} – 10^{-5}
- Broad features in $S(\mathbf{Q},\omega)$

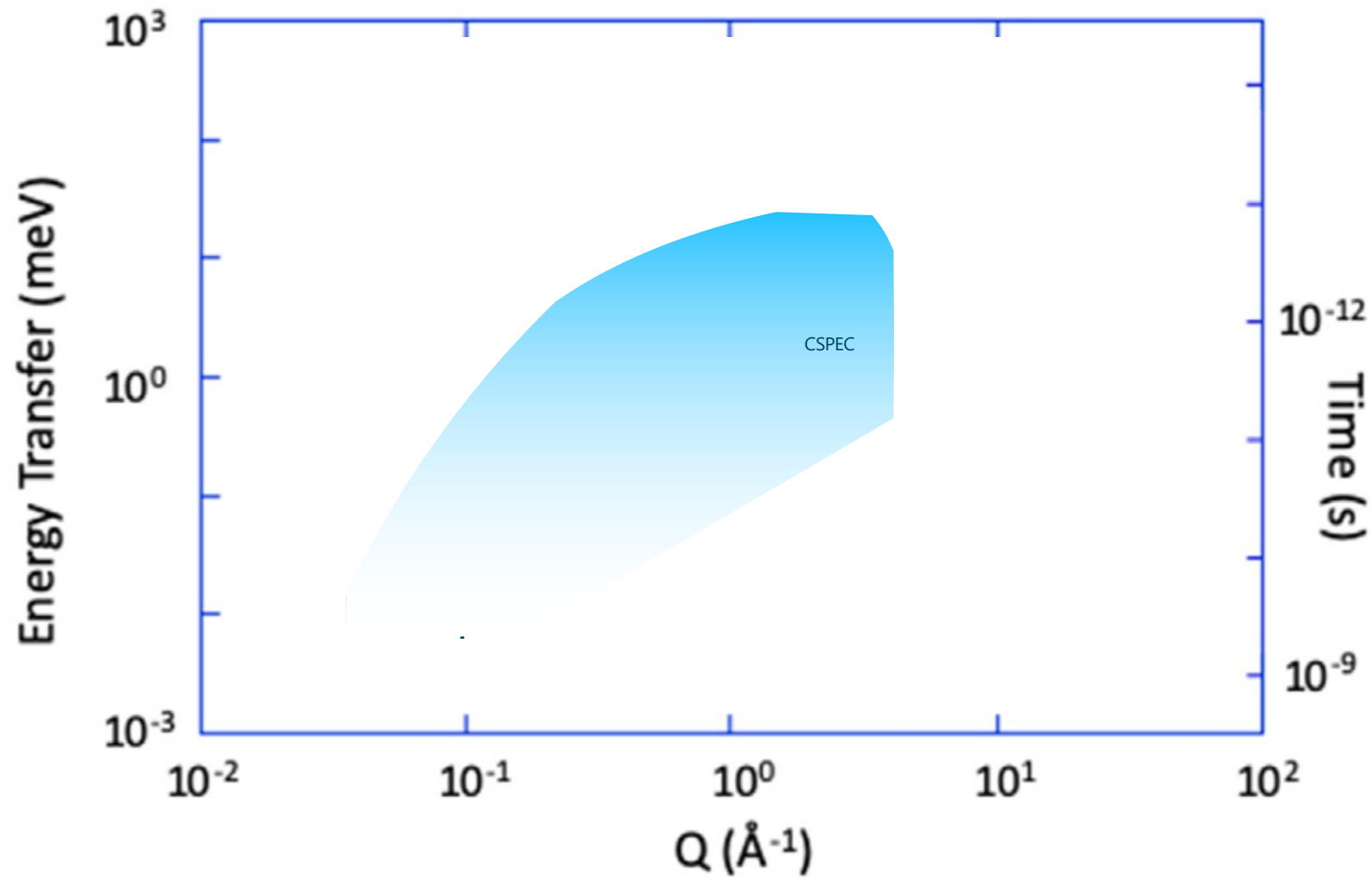
Accessing materials properties by neutron perturbation

T = 293 K, 25.2 meV, 1.798 Å

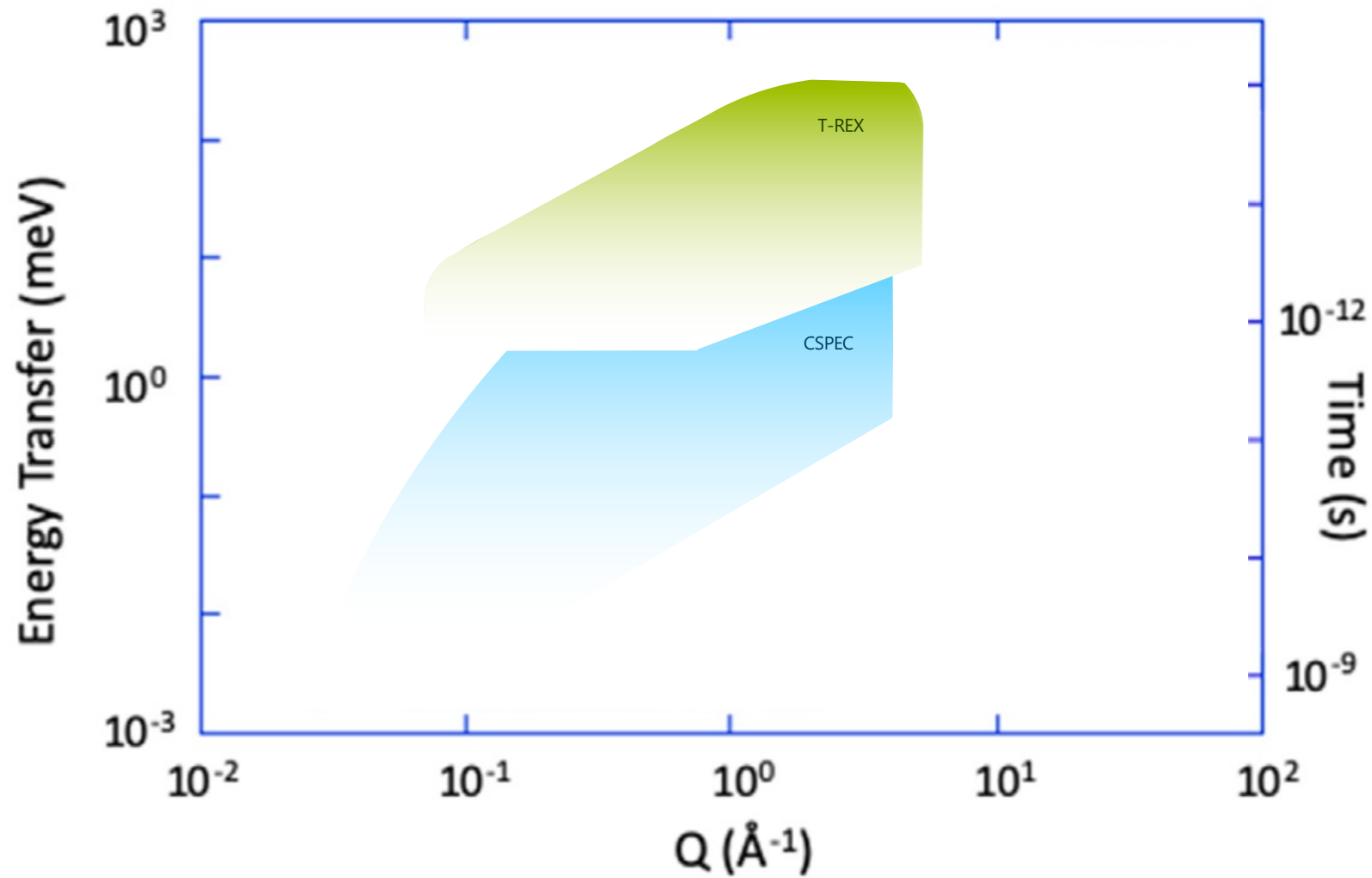


Different length and time scales, that can be measured with the various instruments (Picture: Karin Griewatsch, Kiel University, KFN).

Spectroscopy suite - covers a broad range of time and spatial scales

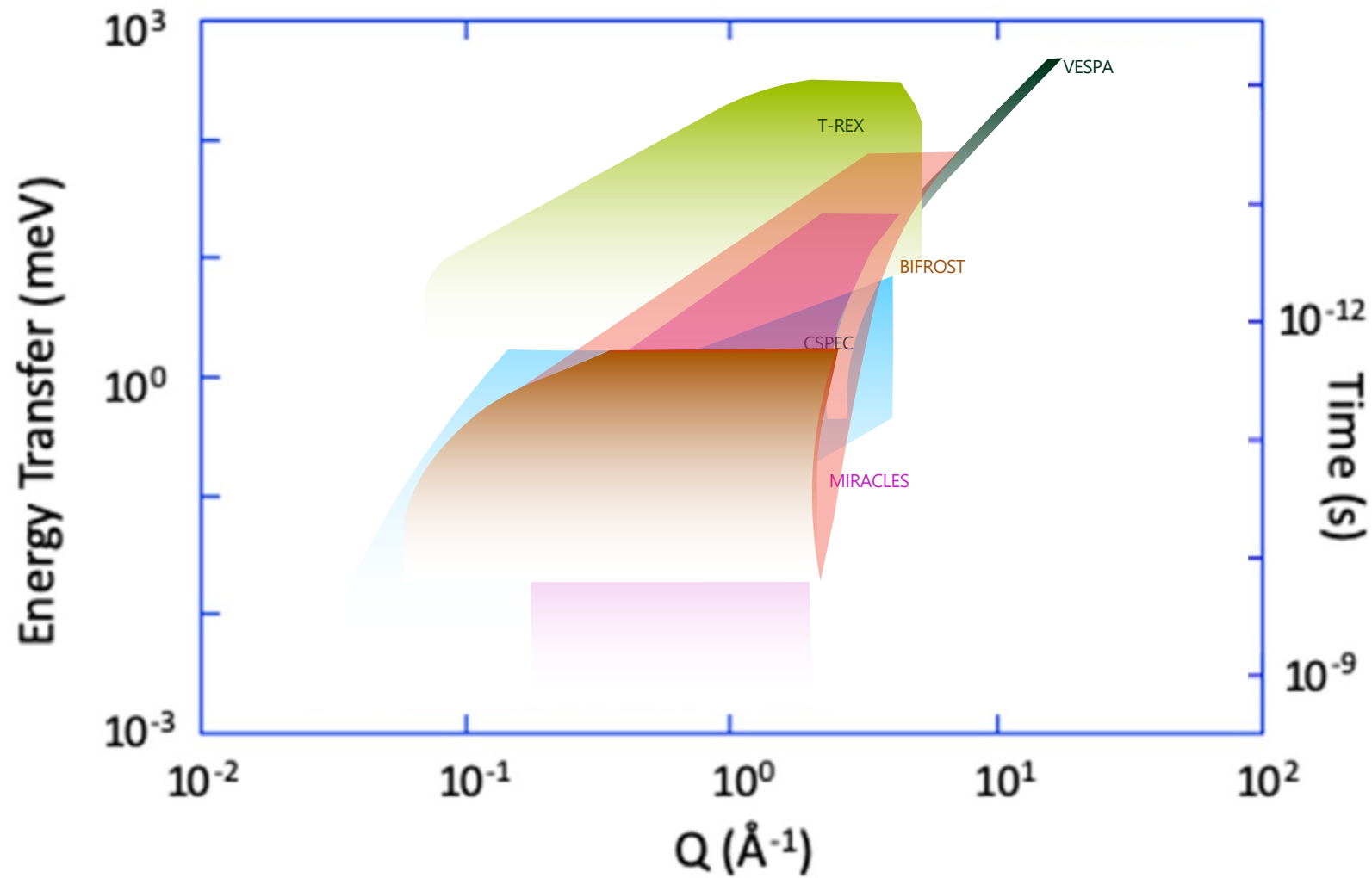


Spectroscopy suite - covers a broad range of time and spatial scales

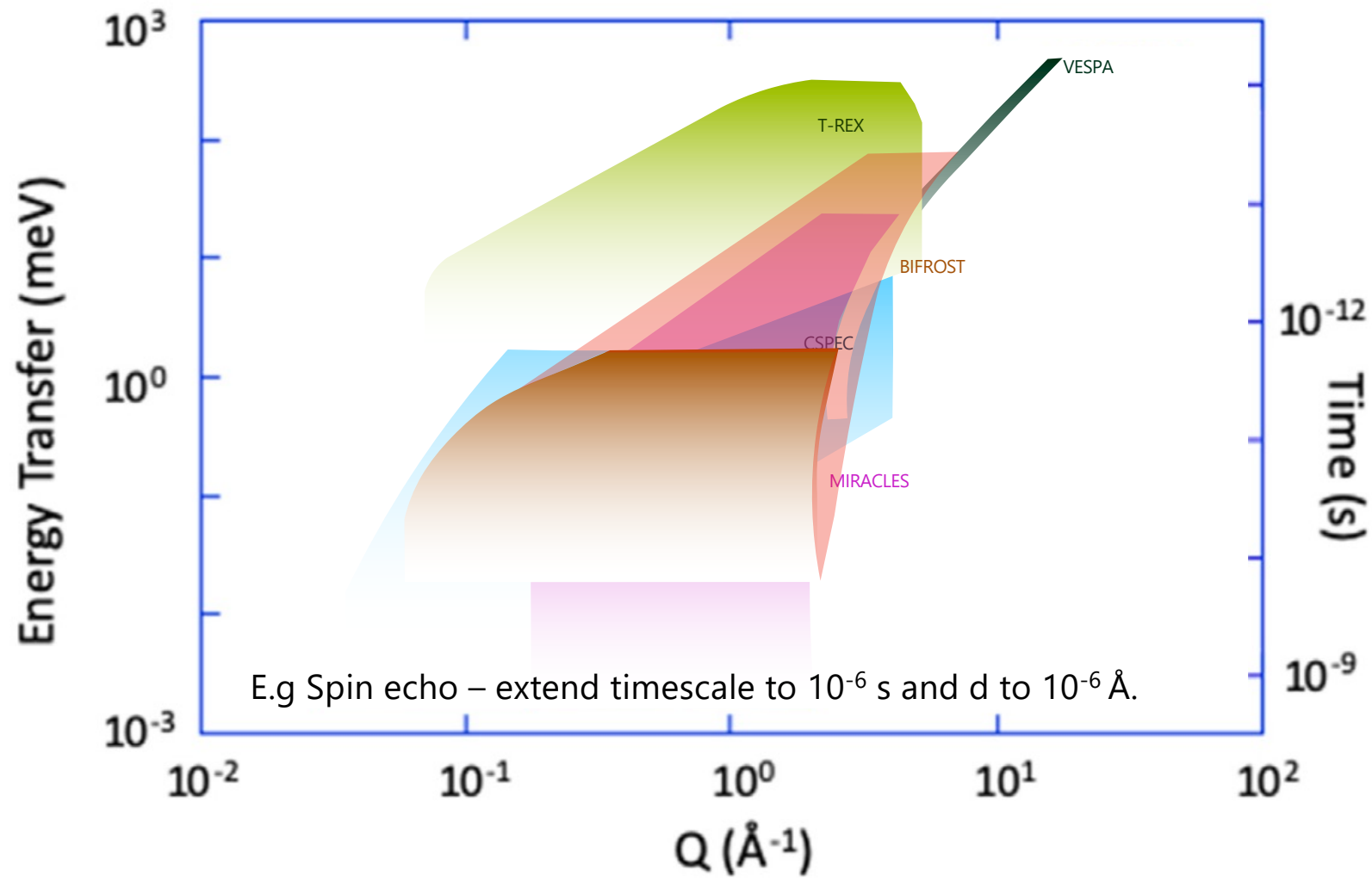


Spectroscopy suite - covers a broad range of time and spatial scales

More needed



Spectroscopy suite - covers a broad range of time and spatial scales



Spectroscopy

5 Instruments



Direct-Geometry Spectroscopy

General-purpose chopper spectrometers

CSPEC: Cold chopper spectrometer

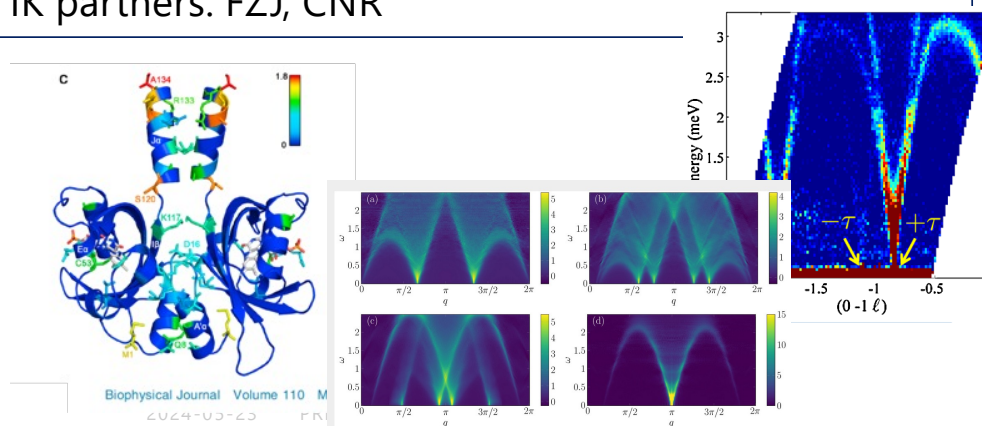
Scientist: Daria Noferini (ESS), Pascale Deen (ESS)

IK partners: TUM, LLB

T-REX: Bispectral polarised chopper spectrometer

Scientist: Christian Franz (FZJ), Scientist (ESS)

IK partners: FZJ, CNR



Indirect-Geometry Spectroscopy

Crystal-analyser instruments

MIRACLES: Backscattering spectroscopy

Scientist: Felix Villacorta (ESS-Bilbao), Jose Pereira (ESS-Bilboa), Scientist (ESS)

IK partners: ESS-Bilbao, KU

BIFROST: Single-crystal extreme spectroscopy

Scientist: Rasmus Toft-Petersen (DTU)

IK partners: DK, PSI, LLB, IFE, Wigner

VESPA: Vibrational spectroscopy

Scientist: Adrien Perrichon

IK partners: CNR, ISIS

Staff in Spectroscopy Division

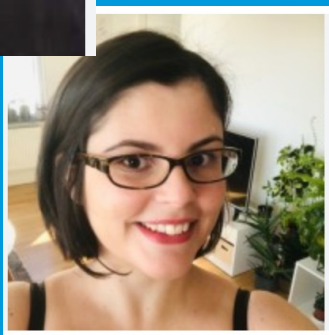


Instrument	Instrument scientists	Lead engineer	Instrument operational engineer	DMSC	Place of work	TG5
MIRACLES	Felix Villacorta Recruit @ESS	Alex Conde Estebanez		Henrik Jacobsen	Spain	Q1/27
CSPEC	Daria Noferini, Pascale Deen	Fernando Moreira		Greg Tucker/Henrik Jacobsen	ESS	Q1/27
BIFROST	Rasmus Toft-Peterson	Liam Whitelegg (50%)	Tamires Gallo	Greg Tucker	ESS	Q2/25
TREX	Christian Franz Recruit @ESS	Marcel Serwe			Julich	Q2/27
VESPA since 04/2024	Adrien Perrichon	Liam Whitelegg (50%)			ESS	Q4/27

Table 1: Spectroscopy instruments, their respective principal staff members, place of work and approximate TG5 date.

Spectroscopy Division

Science Away Day 2024





ESS: a source to deliver meV neutron for the study of materials

Neutrons probes directly **magnetic spins**.

High technology society: magnetic and electronic phenomena.

Magnetic spins:

- quantum computing / Classical
= 200 sec/10 000 years (Google 2021)
- Superconductivity : lossless power transfer
- Magnetocaloric cooling : low carbon

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2016

David J. Thouless, F. Duncan M. Haldane and J. Michael Kosterlitz

“for theoretical discoveries of topological phase transitions and topological phases of matter”



ESS: a source to deliver meV neutron for the study of materials

Neutrons probes directly **magnetic spins**.

High technology society: magnetic and electronic phenomena.

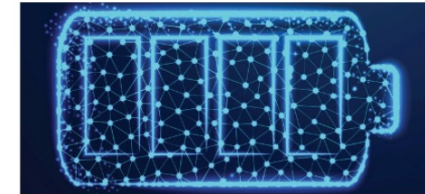
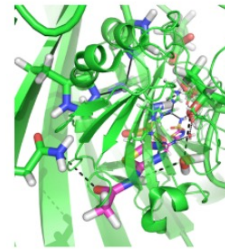
Magnetic spins:

- quantum computing / Classical
= 200 sec/10 000 years (Google 2021)
- Superconductivity : lossless power transfer
- Magnetocaloric cooling : low carbon

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2016

David J. Thouless, F. Duncan M. Haldane and J. Michael Kosterlitz
“for theoretical discoveries of topological phase transitions and topological phases of matter”

Neutrons: Probes directly light elements
(hydrogen, lithium)



- Biological processes: where hydrogen (H) atoms are and how they are transferred between biomacromolecules, solvent molecules, and substrates.
- Optimise diffusion in battery materials.

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2019

John B. Goodenough, M. Stanley Whittingham and Akira Yoshino “for the development of lithium-ion batteries”

NSS high level schedule

With T2T3 replanning

TG5 = instrument ready for hot commissioning



NSS “end of project” defined as TG5 for instrument 15

TG5 milestone (IK partner) is followed by Instrument SRR (NSS responsibility), which triggers Hot Commissioning (Science).

NSS is currently tracking 4-5 instruments passed Safety Readiness Review (SRR) at the point of BOT.

T2T3 replanning ongoing:

Green = almost ready

Orange = ongoing (draft dates)

Red = not started (draft dates)

			2024				2025				2026				2027			
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
instruments	TRANCHE 1	DREAM	TG5**				TG5**											
		LOKI	TG5**				TG5**											
		ODIN	TG5**				TG5**											
		BIFROST	TG5**				TG5**											
		NMX*	TG5**				TG5**											
	TRANCHE 2	ESTIA	TG5**															
		SKADI	TG5**															
		BEER	TG5**															
		MAGIC	TG5**															
		FREIA	TG5**															
	TRANCHE 3	HEIMDAL	TG5**															
		TREX	TG5**															
		CSPEC	TG5**															
		MIRACLES	TG5**															
		VESPA	TG5**															

ESS BOT
July 2025

NSS RBOT
April 2025

FS

SOUP

Instrument Details

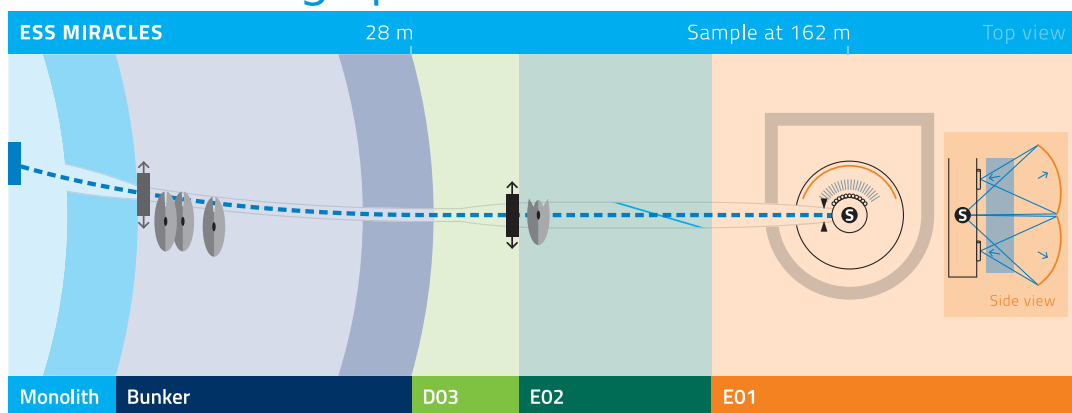


MIRACLES

Backscattering Spectrometer



ESS
Bilbao



- **Life sciences:** degenerative diseases, protein dynamics and enzyme catalysis
- **Pharmaceutical studies:** drug delivery.
- **Energy sciences:** catalysis, fuel cells and H₂ storage, CO₂ capture, proton diffusion.
- **Polymer sciences:** organic electronic devices, viscoelasticity.
- **Climate change:** waste containment, ice formation, Portland-alternative cements.
- **Magnetic materials:** molecular nanomagnets, quantum materials

MIRACLES Quick Facts

Instrument Class	Spectroscopy
Moderator	Cold
Primary Flightpath	162.5 m
Sample-Analyser Flightpath	2.5 m
Wavelength Range	2–20 Å
Bandwidth	1.5 Å, ±0.5 meV ^a
Energy Transfer Range	–2 to +20 meV
Q Range	0.2–2 Å ^{-1a}

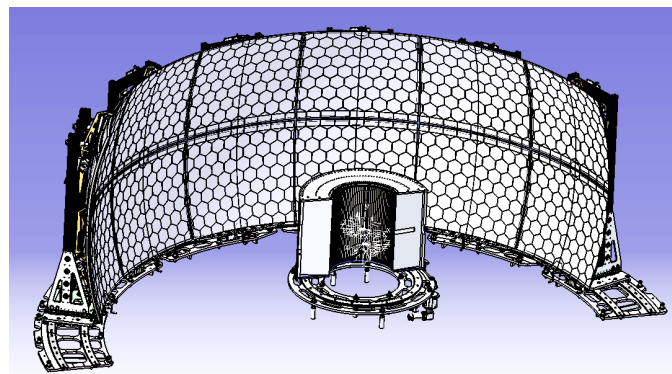
High Flux Mode

Flux at Sample at 2 MW	$1.5 \times 10^9 \text{ n s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2a}$
Elastic Energy Resolution	45 µeV

High Resolution Mode

Flux at Sample at 2 MW	$4 \times 10^7 \text{ n s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2a}$
Elastic Energy Resolution	2 µeV

^aWhen centred on $\lambda = 6.27 \text{ Å}$.



MIRACLES

Backscattering Spectrometer

Successes

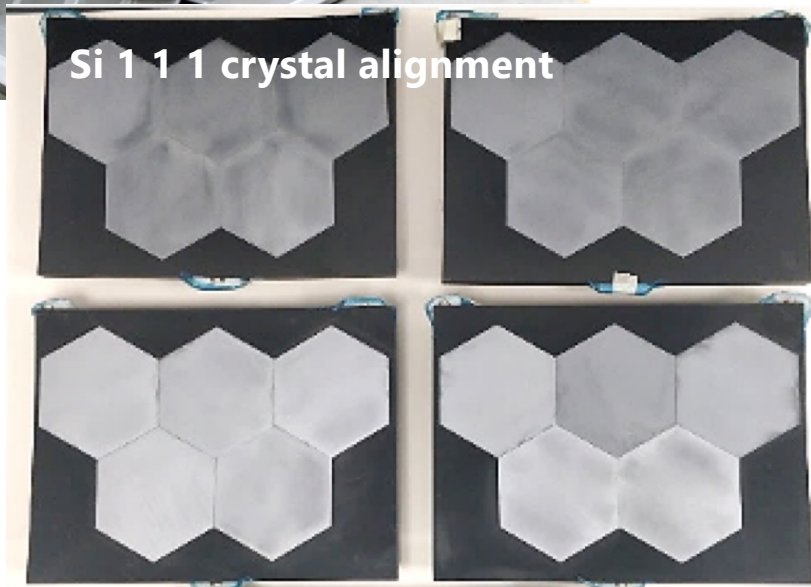
- Guides delivered to ESS.
- Radial collimator delivered.
- Chopper cascade under manufacturing.
- Assembly of mechanical parts for choppers initiated.
- Successful tests of the Si 111 analyser crystals on IN16b.
- Manufacturing of detector tank is progressing.
- CAVE and control cabin will shortly be tendered.
- Successful tests of detector chain.



Detector tank



Si 1 1 1 crystal alignment

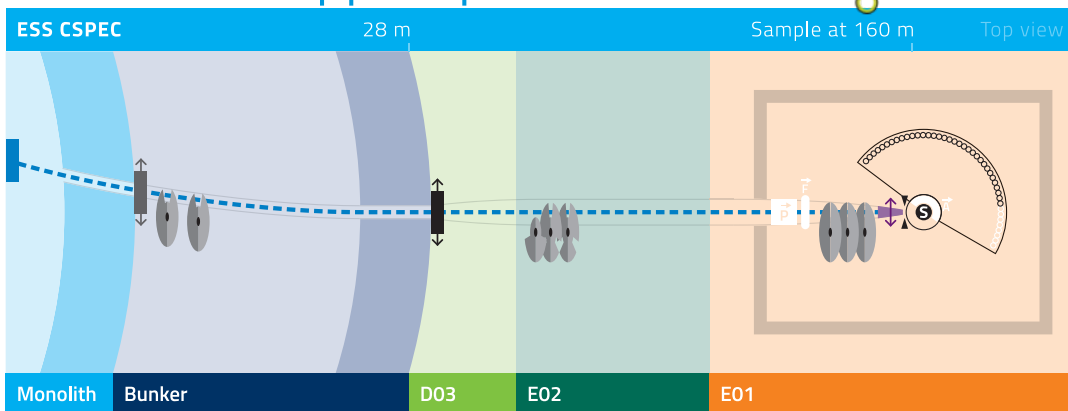


Concerns

- No MIRACLES staff at ESS.
- No progress in common projects (electrical/utilities).
- No PE shielding for fast neutrons considered.

CSPEC

Cold Chopper Spectrometer

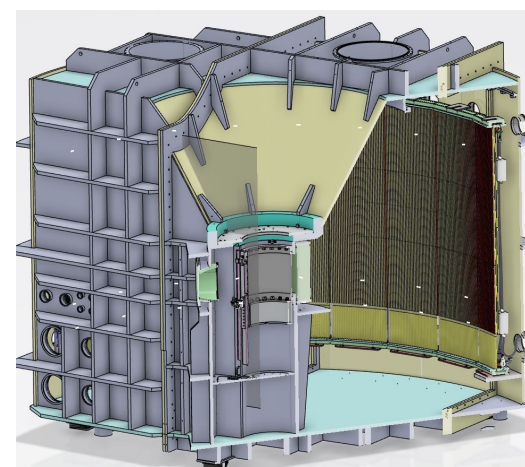


CSPEC quick facts

Primary flight path	160 m
Secondary flight path	3.5 m
Moderator	Cold
Wavelength range	2-20 Å
Bandwidth	1.72 Å
Flux at sample (2 MW, $\lambda = 5 \text{ \AA}$, $\Delta E/E_i = 3\%$, no RRM, with RRM $\sim \times 6$)	$3 \times 10^6 \text{ n s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ (4 x 2 cm ² standard beam) $4 \times 10^6 \text{ n s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ (1 x 1 cm ² focussed beam)
Full detector coverage	$-30^\circ - 140^\circ [\text{H}] \pm 26^\circ [\text{V}]$
Energy resolution	1.5% - 5% E_i
Polarisation analysis	Foreseen upgrade



- **Quantum materials:** Low lying excitations of quasiparticles in quantum materials.
- **Magnon -phonon hybrid excitations** in multiferroic materials.
- **Enzyme catalysis:** Time dependence of the rotational and translational diffusive processes in enzyme catalysis.
- **Hydration processes:** Dynamics and the structural relaxation of the glassy water.
- **Hydrogen storage:** Time dependent phenomena in clathrates.
- **Metal organic frameworks:** Proton diffusion.
- **Photosynthesis:** Operando studies of proteins.



CSPEC

Cold Chopper Spectrometer



Successes

Majority of guides (90%) delivered to ESS.
Radial collimator delivered.
Delivery of 35 T detector tank: July 2024.
CAVE tendered and final design complete.
Chopper manufacturing (accept delays).
Monitor technology agreed upon & being tested.

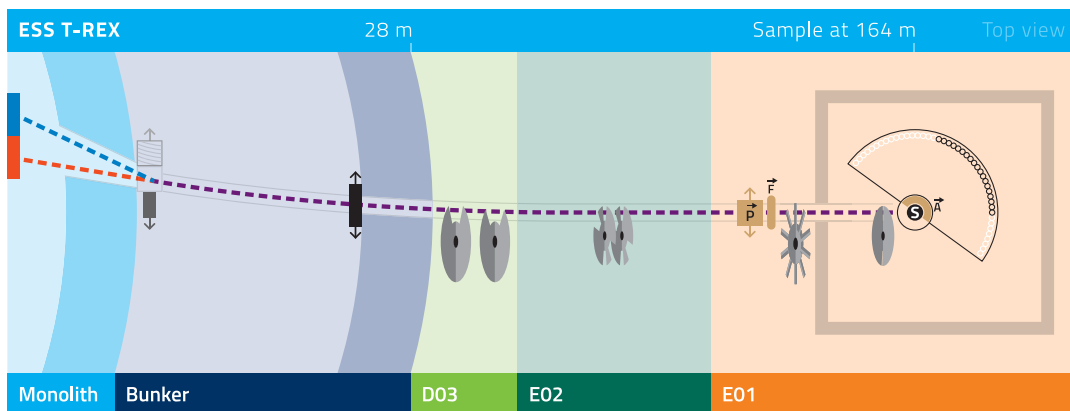
Concerns


Detector contract (with ILL) still not finalised.
Contract for monitors unclear.
Possible delays due to new ESS quality gate process.
Sample environment not currently prioritised.
Data chain elucidated.

T-REX



Polarised Bispectral Chopper Spectrometer



T-REX Quick Facts	
Instrument Class	Spectroscopy 
Secondary Flightpath	3 m
Moderator	Bispectral
Primary Flightpath	164 m
Wavelength Range	0.7–6.5 Å
Bandwidth	1.7 Å
Incident Beam Polarisation	Optional
Polarisation Analysis	Optional
Flux at Sample at 2 MW ($E_i = 8$ meV)	$0.8\text{--}5 \times 10^6 \text{ ns}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-2}$
Flux at Sample at 2 MW ($E_i = 50$ meV)	$0.3\text{--}2 \times 10^6 \text{ ns}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-2}$
Detector Coverage	$1^\circ\text{--}72^\circ$ [H] \times $-25^\circ\text{--}15^\circ$ [V] $(-36^\circ\text{--}144^\circ$ [H] \times $-25^\circ\text{--}15^\circ$ [V] ^a)
Energy Resolution ($E_i = 2$ meV)	Adjustable 1%–2.5% of E_i
Energy Resolution ($E_i = 100$ meV)	Adjustable 4%–7% of E_i
^a) Available as a foreseen upgrade.	

- **Quantum magnetism:** Spin–orbit coupling in the classification of quantum spin liquids
- **Frustrated magnetism:** Crystal field levels of emergent phenomena in magnetically frustrated materials.
- **Energy research:** separation of coherent and incoherent contributions.
- **Gas purification & catalysis:** The role of phonons in MOF's.
- **Metals and Alloys:** Ordering mechanism of solidification
- **Translational and librational vibrations:** structural water molecules.
- **Protein complexes:** Understanding light induced dynamics of antenna pigment/protein complexes.

T-REX

Polarised Bispectral Chopper Spectrometer



Successes

NBOA Guide installation (first component).

Neutron guide manufacturing (SDH).

Detector tank under construction.

Heavy shutter manufactured.

Cold polariser manufactured.

Final design: BL shielding and Cave shielding

Final design: Choppers (Fast & Slow & FAN chopper)

Re-initialise MG detector project.



Still in design:

PA equipment

(In-house devices, a lot of work to comply to ESS requirements.)

Primary collimator

Radial oscillating collimator

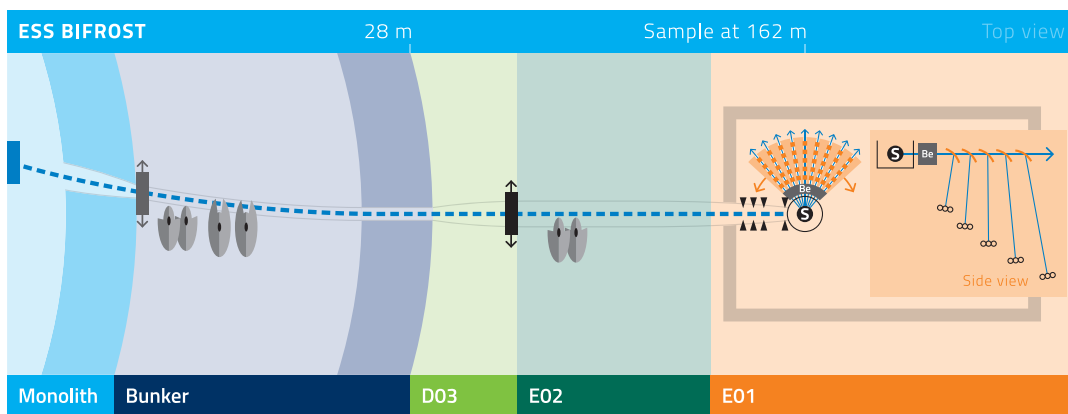
Concerns

Detector development.

No T-REX staff at ESS.

BIFROST

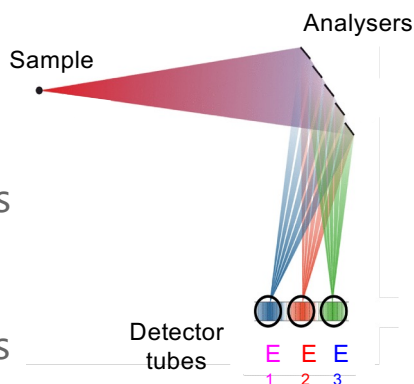
Multiplexing Indirect Spectrometer for Extreme Environments



BIFROST Quick Facts.

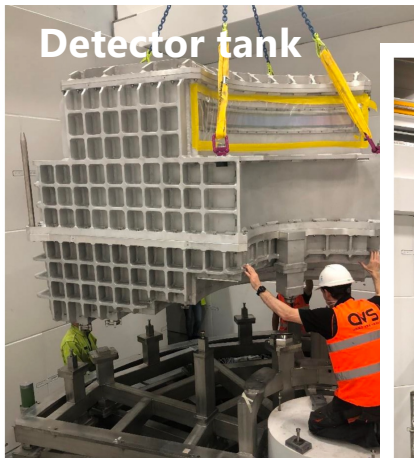
BIFROST Quick Facts	
Instrument Class	Spectroscopy
Moderator	Cold
Primary Flightpath	162 m
Sample-Analyser Flightpath	1.1–1.7 m
Wavelength Range	1.5–6 Å
Bandwidth	1.7 Å
2θ Range	7°–135°
2θ Coverage	90° in 2 settings
2θ Resolution	0.7°–1.2°
Analyser Energies	2.7, 3.2, 3.8, 4.4, 5.0 meV
Energy Transfer Range	–3 to +55 meV
High Flux Mode [2.3–4.0 Å]	
Flux at Sample at 2 MW	$6 \times 10^9 \text{ n s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
Resolution ($E_f = 5 \text{ meV}$, $\hbar\omega = 0$)	190 μeV
Resolution ($E_f = 5 \text{ meV}$, $\hbar\omega = 5 \text{ meV}$)	450 μeV
High Resolution Mode [2.3–4.0 Å]	
Flux at Sample at 2 MW	$9 \times 10^8 \text{ n s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
Resolution ($E_f = 5 \text{ meV}$, $\hbar\omega = 0$)	50 μeV (prismatic)
Resolution ($E_f = 5 \text{ meV}$, $\hbar\omega = 5 \text{ meV}$)	50 μeV (prismatic)

- Low-D magnets
- High-Tc superconductivity
- Functional magnetic materials
- Geoscience
- Parametric studies
- Weak signals & small samples



BIFROST

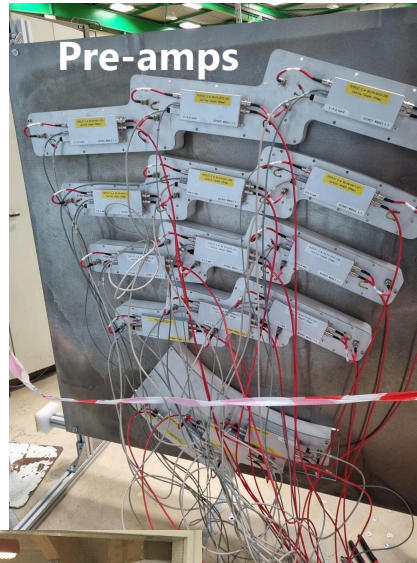
Multiplexing Indirect Spectrometer for Extreme Environments



Detector tank



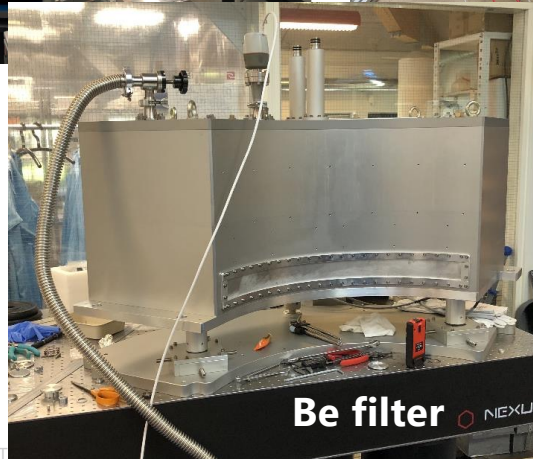
Cryostat



Pre-amps



Choppers



Be filter

Successes

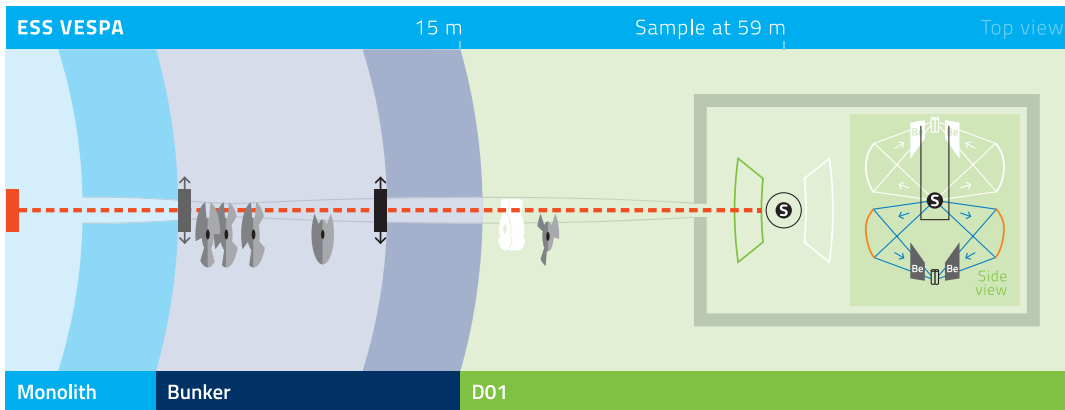
- Detector tank
- Guides
- Cave/control cabin
- Detector tests
- Delivery of Beryllium Filter
- Choppers: Initial scope PS discs under manufacture
- Choppers: Assembly trial fitted in bunker to check interfaces/remote handling ...

Concerns

- Be Filter: First FAT in summer 2023
 - Surface radiation issues – Modified but untested
 - Damaged masks - Fixed
 - Ambient vacuum leak – Seemingly fixed
 - Low temperature leak – Currently unsolved
- Detector calibration: Debug in mounted condition, may need cable changes, preamp fixes etc..

VESPA

Vibrational Excitation Spectrometer with Pyrolytic graphite Analysers



VESPA Quick Facts

Instrument Class	Spectroscopy
Moderator	Thermal
Primary Flightpath	59 m
Sample-Analyser Flightpath	0.61–0.69 m
Wavelength Range	0.4–4.7 Å
Bandwidth	4.3 Å
Analyser Coverage	0.75 (5.25 ^a) sr
Analyser Energies	3.7–4.8 meV
Energy Transfer Range	–1 to +500 meV

High Flux Mode

Flux at Sample at 2 MW	$2.3 \times 10^8 \text{ n s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
Energy Resolution	$\Delta E/\hbar\omega \approx 2.6\%$

High Resolution Mode

Flux at Sample at 2 MW	$6.5 \times 10^7 \text{ n s}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
Energy Resolution	$\Delta E/\hbar\omega \approx 1.0\%$

^aAvailable as a foreseen upgrade.

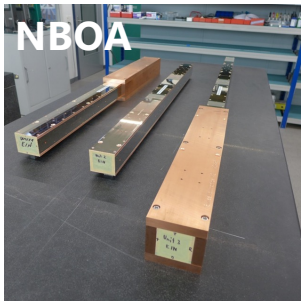
Permit the identification of bonds and functional groups in:

- Solids and liquids.
- soft matter.
- complex fluids.
- bio-materials.

NVS exploits the large incoherent scattering cross section of the hydrogen nucleus. Proton dynamics or vibrations connected to the movement of H atoms can be easily detected spectroscopically, even if hydrogen is dissolved at very low concentrations in materials composed mostly of heavier atoms.

VESPA – VESPA+

Vibrational Excitation Spectrometer with Pyrolytic graphite Analysers

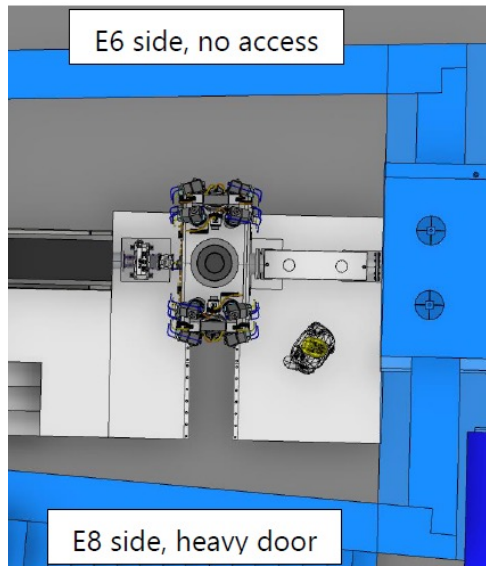


- Lead instrument scientist (Adrien Perrichon) started at ESS on March 1st
- ESS mechanical engineer position currently advertised
- CNR engineer position signed, to be advertised shortly

REVIEW INSTRUMENT

- Updated McStas model of VESPA primary predicts 25% increase in intensity compared to TG2 baseline
- Frame-overlap single-disk chopper to be replaced by double-disk to better suppress parasitic wavelengths: additional disk can be produced at ESS (extra 175 k€)
- Ongoing review and fine tuning of the chopper positions and slit patterns to optimize flux/resolution
- Proposal to address maintainability and to increase the capacity for sample preparation, sample environments and in situ experiments

VESPA - VESPA+: Rescoping and design modification of the secondary spectrometer are necessary to achieve competitive performance compared to VISION and TOSCA after their upcoming upgrade: VESPA analyzer module design (geometry and spatial arrangement), based on recent progress on TOSCA+, to achieve >7 steradian solid angle coverage



ION TITLE/FOOTER

In conclusion



ESS/NSS has developed a great focus to complete the instrument suite.

Project management workload increasing to address complex projects.

No additional resources for solving technical challenges.

Lack of engineering resources across NSS (T2T3 workshops)

ESS needs to take active control of the instruments.



**EUROPEAN
SPALLATION
SOURCE**

Rescoping (not in order of importance)



- (1) Ensure full analyser coverage for MIRACLES.**
- (2) Full detector coverage for CSPEC**
- (3) Full detector coverage for T-REX**
- (4) Upgrade VESPA to VESPA+**

In conclusion



ESS/NSS has developed a great focus to complete the instrument suite.

Focus on delivery of milestones.

Project management workload increasing to address complex projects.

No additional resources for solving technical challenges.

Lack of engineering resources across NSS (T2T3 workshops)

ESS needs to take active control of the instruments.