

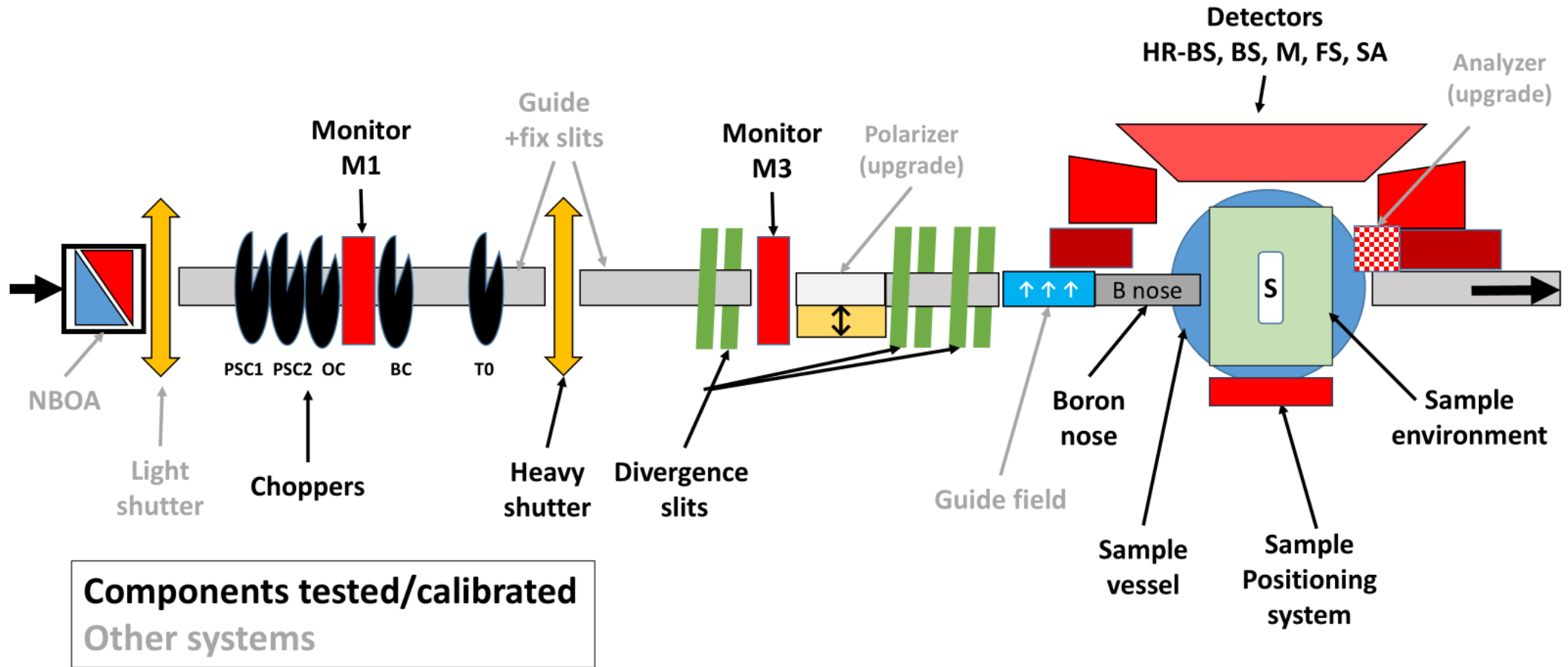


Instrument System Acceptance Review

DREAM: Hot Commissioning Plan

DREAM Team

DREAM overview



Before Hot Commissioning:

- Fixing issues detected during SATs, iSATs
- Continue tests (robustness/repeatability)
- Improve tools for control, data reduction



DREAM - SYSTEM VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION PLAN



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FBS Tag	Description	SAT Report(s)	Integrated Report(s)	Test
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM	DREAM			
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.F01	Personnel Safety System (DREAM PSS)	Safety System		
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.A01	Beam Transport and Conditioning	Included in sub-nodes below		
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.A01.B01	Beam Validation	Included in sub-nodes below		
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.A01.B01.B01	Beam Monitor System M1 in Bunker Zone	ESS-5509304	ESS-6018288	
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.A01.B01.B03	Beam Monitor System M3 in Instrument Zone	ESS-5509300	ESS-6018288	
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.A01.R01	Chopper System	Included sub-nodes below		
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.A01.R01.R01	DREAM PSC1-PSC2-OC BC Choppers assembly	ESS-4969447 ESS-5584698	ESS-5975057	
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.A01.R01.R02	DREAM T0 Chopper Mechanical assembly	ESS-5584698	ESS-5975057	
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.A01.R02	Beam Geometry Conditioning	Included sub-nodes below		
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.A01.R02.R01	Collimation System	ESS-5030564 ESS-5642838	ESS-6013997	
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.A02	Sample Exposure System	Included in sub-nodes below		
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.A02.W01	Sample Positioning	N/A	ESS-5840870	
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.A02.AS01	Sample Conditioning	Outside of TG5 scope		
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.B01	Scattering Characterization System	Included in sub-nodes below		
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.B01.B01	Neutron Detector System	ESS-5167269 ESS-5830014 ESS-5830016 ESS-5167269	ESS-6017703	
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.K02.K01	Experiment Control			
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.K01	Instrument Automation Control System	Included in sub-nodes below		
ESS.NSS.H01.DREAM.K01.K02	DREAM MCA2 (Collimation + Polarizer stage)	ESS-5477392 ESS-5642838		

Overview of tasks



Fulfil radiation protection requirements

Validation of subsystems

- Beam monitors
- Slits system and Boron nose
- Sample position and primary flight path
- Choppers
- Detectors

Integrated test of the instrument

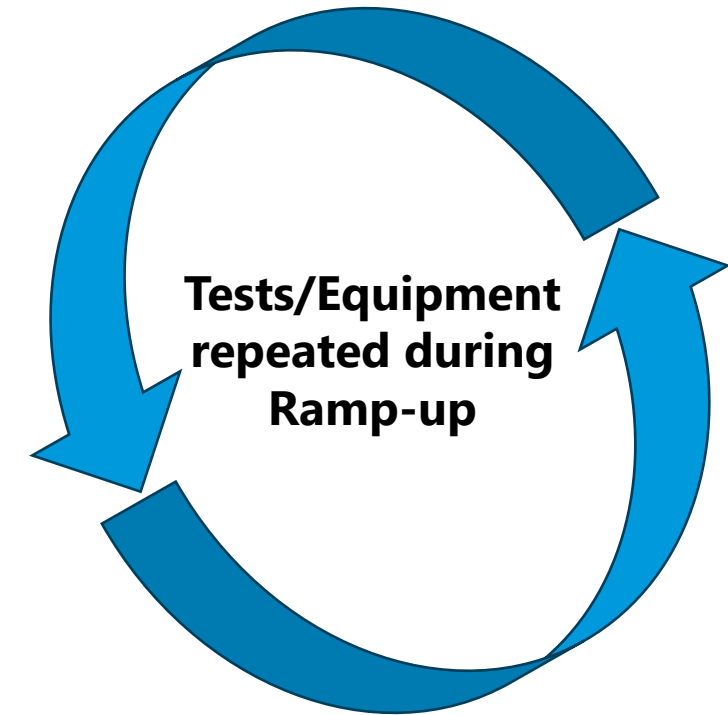
- Secondary flight path – Detector distortion map
- Instrument performance for various standard configurations
- Calibration of the instrument

Tests using standard sample environments



High Level Scientific Requirements

DREAM Concept of Operations" (ESS-0135206)



Concept of Operations (ESS-0135206)

- Data collection up to $Q_{\max}=25\text{\AA}^{-1}$.
- Data collection down to $Q_{\min}=0.2\text{\AA}^{-1}$ (with nanoSANS, $Q_{\min}=0.01\text{\AA}^{-1}$).
- Flexible choice between high resolution and high intensity, resolution from $\sim 10^{-2}$ ms to \sim ms.
- Best resolution $\Delta d = 0.00035\text{\AA}$ near backscattering

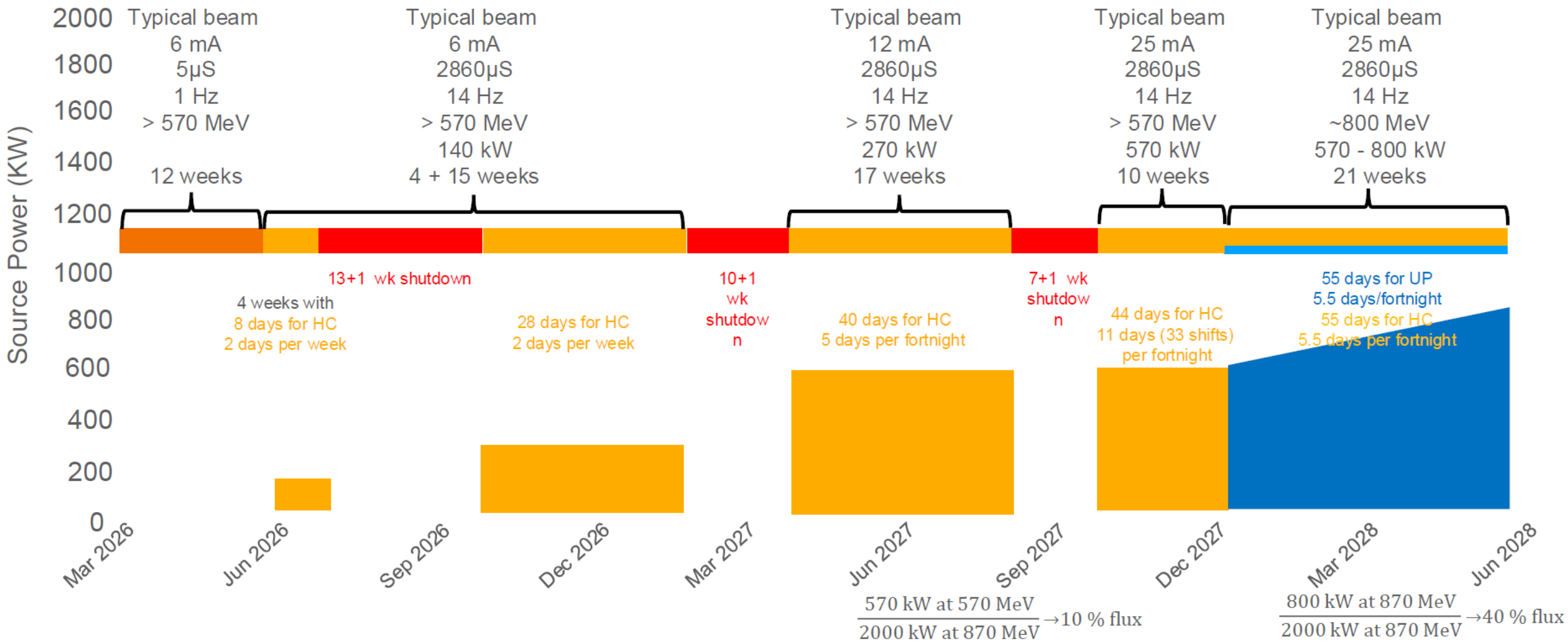
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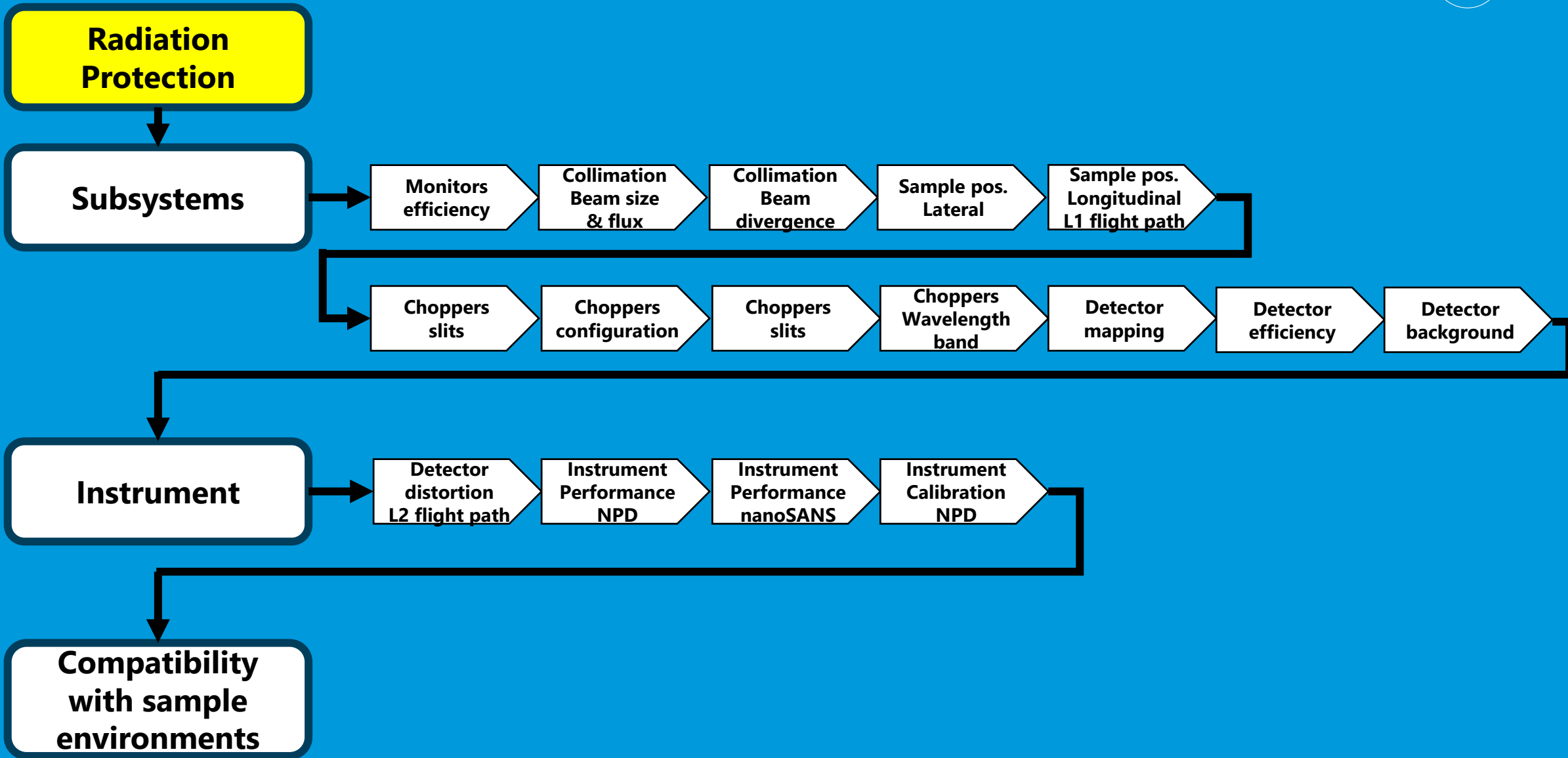


Indicative schedule to be updated

- Accelerator commissioning & TBL
- Hot commissioning
- Shutdown
- Users



Hot commissioning - overview



Validation of Radiation Protection requirements



Demonstrate the performance of the shielding to the Licensing Authority

Procedure

- Light Shutter closed & Heavy shutter closed → Check radiation level at various points of the instrument.
- Light Shutter open & Heavy shutter closed → Check radiation level in various points of the instrument
wrt Proton current/energy
ESS-6017800 Dream shielding verification Report
ESS-0454189 DREAM - Radiation Safety Report
ESS-5974655 Comprehensive Radiation Safety Report
ESS-5146219 Generic ESS Instrument Commissioning Plan
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- Light Shutter open & Heavy Shutter open → Check the radiation level of the instrument shielding
(spec. around beam stop area + door of the cave)
- Light Shutter open & Heavy Shutter open → Verify cave shielding according to ESS-3486225 H1/H2 document

Checkpoint

Measured dose outside any points of Bunker, Guide shielding and Cave is $<3 \mu\text{Sv/h}$,
Cave roof is $<25 \mu\text{Sv/h}$

Key personnel: RP, PSS, Instrument team.

Requirements: Successful Cold Commissioning
Neutron source stable enough

Validation of subsystems: Beam monitors

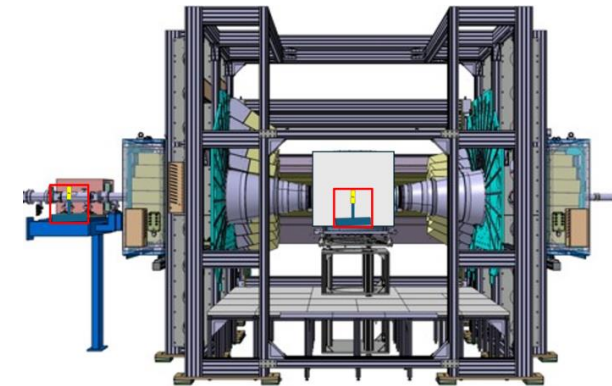
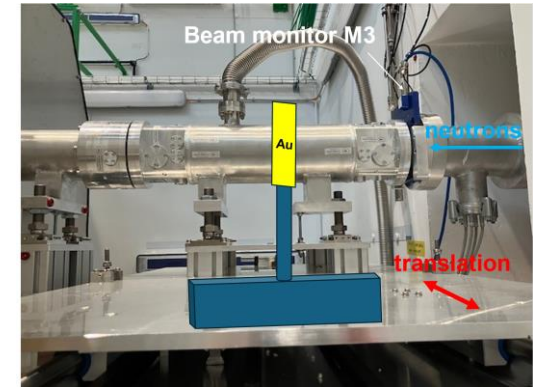


Test 1: Verify functioning of monitors and quality of neutron transport

Procedure

Heavy shutter Open, Choppers parked open, Slits OPEN

- In-bunker Monitor M1:
 - Time structure and intensity of neutron pulse versus simulations.
- In-cave Monitor M3:
 - Time structure and intensity of neutron pulse versus simulations
 - Compare integrated flux on M3 with gold foil at polarizer position
 - Compare integrated flux on M3 with gold foil at sample position
 - Build up database for long term verification of instrument performance



Key personnel: DetG, ECDC, Instrument team.

Requirements: Monitors Cold Commissioned – Gas System - Sample stage

Gold-foil and gamma spectrometer

Neutron source stable enough

Validation of subsystems: Slits system and Boron nose



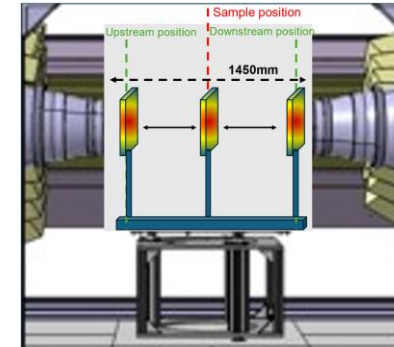
Test 4: Beam size and flux at sample position as a function of slits aperture

Procedure

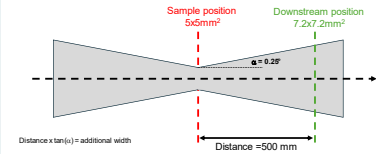
Chopper parked Open, all slits OPEN / Chopper parked Open, all slits CLOSED
(or Medium resolution chopper setting, after Chopper calibration)

Boron nose installed or not

- 2D detector at the sample position
 - Measure beam size and compare with McStas simulations.
 - Estimate relative neutron flux by integration over the beam profile



The vertical and horizontal beam divergence at the sample position range between 0.25° and 0.50° depending on the selected collimation and chopper settings.

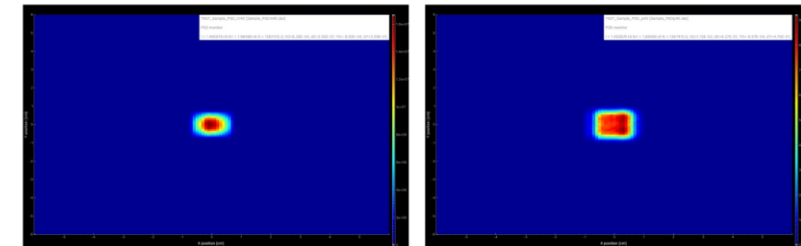


Position of 2D detector for measuring beam profile and divergence

Test 5: Beam divergence

Chopper parked Open, all slits OPEN / Chopper parked Open, all slits CLOSED
(or Medium resolution chopper setting, after Chopper calibration)

- 2D detector upstream/downstream sample position
 - Measure beam size and compare with McStas simulations.



Beam size at sample position, and 40cm downstream

Key personnel: DetG, ECDC, Instrument team.

Requirements: Slits Cold Commissioned – Fe powder– Translation stage

Portable compact detector with resolution <0.5x0.5mm + good efficiency

Neutron flux good enough

Validation of subsystems: Sample position and primary flight path



Test 6: Lateral position Y

Procedure

Chopper parked Open / Medium resolution chopper setting

Slits S1, S2 and S3 OPEN

Fe powder at sample position

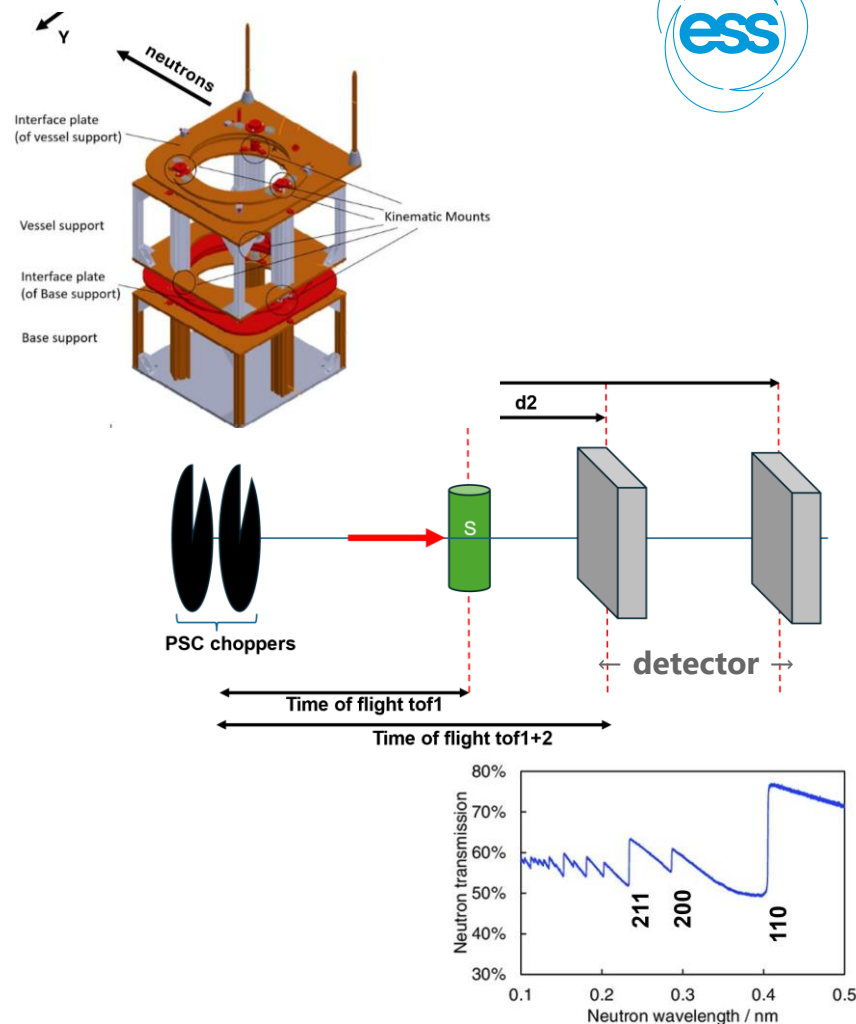
- 2D detector downstream sample position
Adjust screws of sample table until the sample shadow is centered in the beam

Test 7: Longitudinal position X – Primary flight path

Chopper parked Open / Medium resolution chopper setting

Bragg-Edge standard (Fe) at sample position

- TOF detector downstream sample position at distance d_2 then d_2'
Calculate primary flight path from the change of Bragg edges between d_2 and d_2' positions



Key personnel: DetG, ECDC, Instrument team.

Requirements: Reference sample for Bragg edge/line position (Fe) – Translation stage

Detector with TOF capability + good efficiency

Neutron flux good enough

Validation of subsystems: Choppers



Test 8: Validation of slits/aperture positions

Procedure

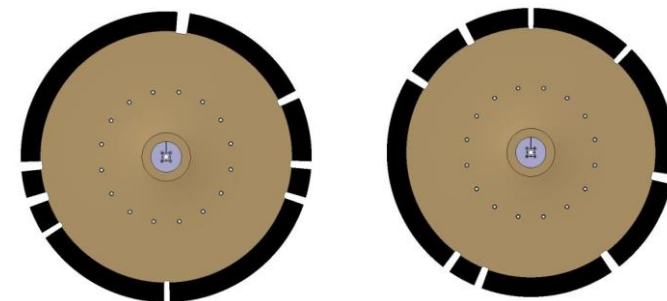
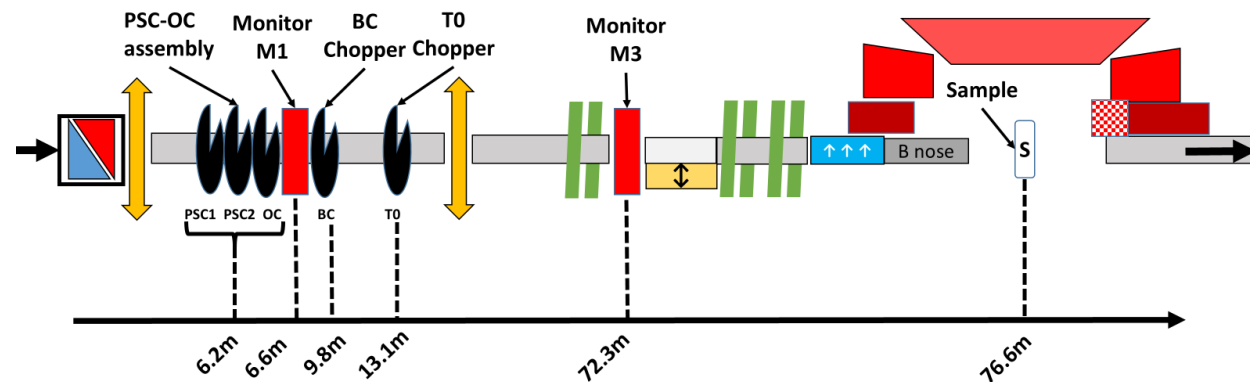
All choppers parked open except that under test
Chopper speed to be adapted to available neutron flux

Case 1: PSC1, PSC2, OC

Fine sweeping of chopper phase ($0 < \Phi < 360$ degrees)
Identify the position of the slits from signal on monitor M1

Case 2: BC, T0

Coarser sweeping of chopper phase ($0 < \Phi < 360$ degrees)
Identify the position of the slits from signal on monitor M3



Fine slits patterns of PSC1 & PSC2 choppers

Key personnel: ECDC, Instrument team

Requirements: M1 & M3 monitors functioning

Neutron flux good enough

Validation of subsystems: Choppers



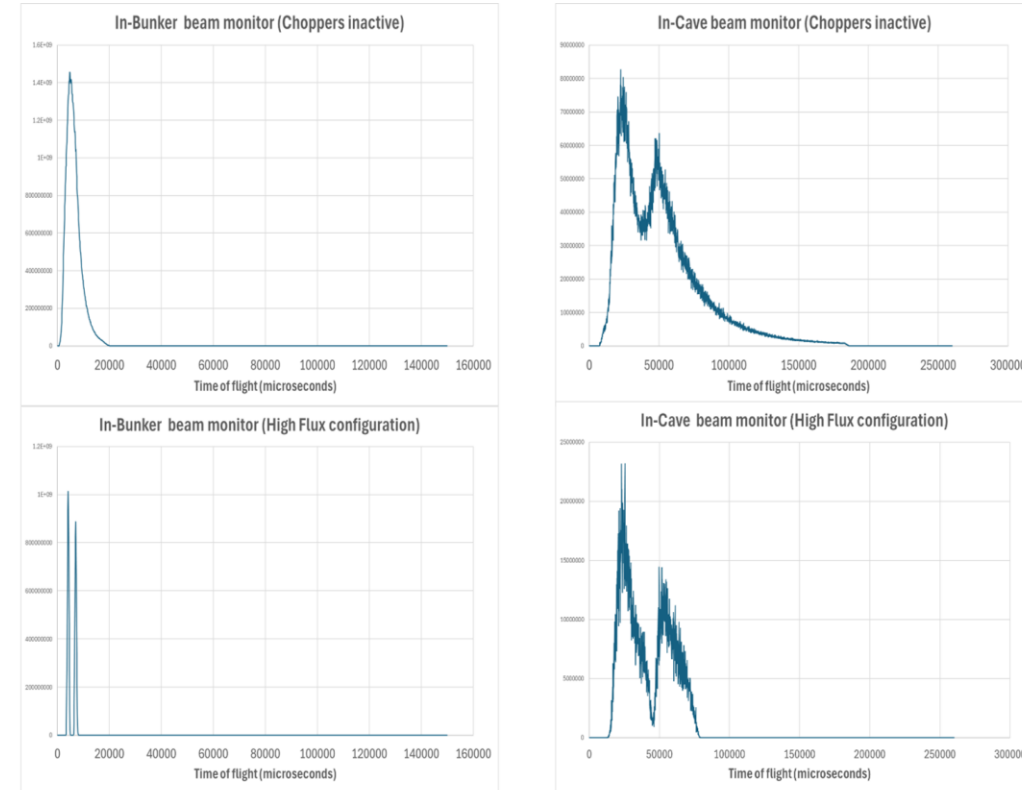
Test 9: Test of choppers configurations

Procedure

Select a configuration suitable to available neutron flux from ESS
Run McStas simulation → Estimation of choppers phases

Choppers are sequentially started, starting with PSC1

- 1) Sweep PSC1 phase around estimated position
Check transmitted signal on M1 monitor (see Test 1).
- 2) Sweep PSC2 phase around estimated position
Check transmitted signal on M1 monitor (see Figure 2).
- 3) Sweep OC phase around estimated position
Check transmitted signal on M1 & M3 monitors
- 4) Sweep BC phase around estimated position
Check transmitted signal on M1 & M3 monitors
- 5) Sweep T0 phase around estimated position
Check transmitted signal on M1 & M3 monitors



McStas simulations: TOF spectra at beam monitors M1 and M3 without (upper row) or with (lower row) choppers running

Key personnel: ECDC, Instrument team.

Requirements: M1 & M3 monitors functioning

Neutron flux good enough

Validation of subsystems: Choppers



Test 10: Changing of wavelength band (delay only) – Can be performed during Calibrations

Procedure

Select a configuration optimized during Test 2

Sweep simultaneously the phases of all the choppers (NICOS script available)

Follow the shift of the TOF signal recorded on monitor M3

Key personnel: ECDC, Instrument team.

Requirements: M1 & M3 monitors functioning

Neutron flux good enough

Validation of subsystems: Detector

Test 11: Mapping of detector elements

Procedure

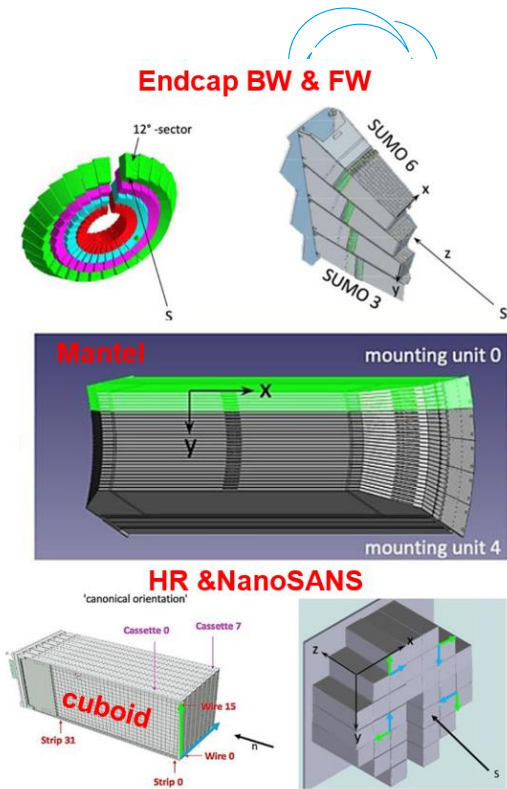
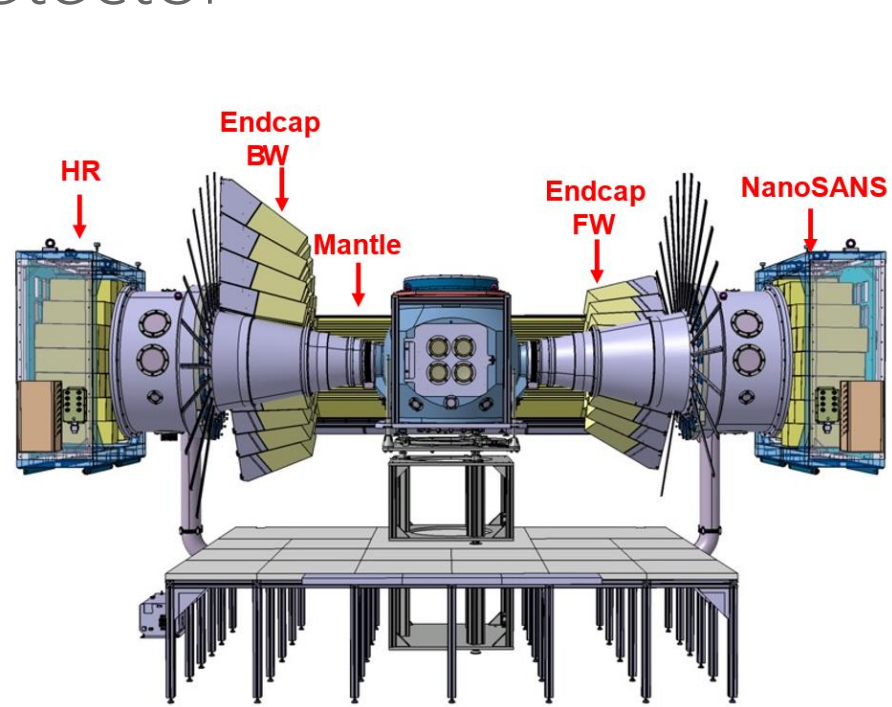
Chopper parked Open

Slits S1, S2 and S3 OPEN

Vanadium rod at sample position

 Appose a Cd mask successively on a corner of each detector module

 Check position and orientation of the shadow wrt detector geometry



Key personnel: DetG, ECDC, Instrument team & IDS

Requirements: Vanadium rod – Cd mask

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Neutron flux intense enough*

Validation of subsystems: Detector



Test 12: Detector efficiency and uniformity

Chopper parked Open

Slits S1, S2 and S3 OPEN

Vanadium rod at sample position

Perform a long enough measurement to get good statistics over the voxels

Strip Bragg peaks (DREAM data reduction workflow)

Compare with McStas simulation

Integrate over TOF to produce the uniformity map

Calculate Detector efficiency by rescaling the result of McStas simulation to the flux measured on monitor M3 (calibrated).

Key personnel: DetG, ECDC, Instrument team & IDS

Requirements: Beam monitors Hot-Commissioned – Vanadium rod

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Neutron flux intense enough*

Validation of subsystems: Detector



Test 13: Detector background in various conditions

Accelerator off and beam down for 24h

- Minimal background that can be achieved under operational conditions
- Indication of the activation of the detector components and surroundings
(comparison with the background measured during Cold commissioning)

Accelerator on, Light shutter open,

Heavy shutter closed,

All chopper discs closed, all slits in CLOSE position.

- Background of the detector in operational conditions
(record the accelerator intensity/power and the status of ODIN)

Key personnel: DetG, ECDC, Instrument team & IDS

Requirements: Calibration of detector Efficiency

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Neutron flux intense enough and stable*

Integrated test of the instrument

Test 15: Validation of instrument performance



Si or Diamond powder at sample position (linewidth standard)
Select a specific wavelength band e.g. 0.5-4.1Å.

Case 1: High resolution

Choppers running with Higher resolution configuration possible
All slits in CLOSE position

Perform a measurement with sufficient counting statistics
Check that resolution $Q_{\min} = 0.2 \text{Å}^{-1}$ on Backscattering EndCap
Check that resolution $Q_{\max} = 25 \text{Å}^{-1}$
Check the resolution Δd near backscattering (depend on chopper setting)
Measure the TOF pattern on M1 and M3

Case 2: High Flux

Choppers running with High flux configuration
All slits in CLOSE position
Measure the TOF pattern on M1 and M3
→ Verify that *pulse shaping differs by two orders of magnitude*

Concept of Operations (ESS-0135206)

- **Data collection up to $Q_{\max} = 25 \text{Å}^{-1}$.**
- Data collection down to $Q_{\min} = 0.2 \text{Å}^{-1}$
(with nanoSANS, $Q_{\min} = 0.01 \text{Å}^{-1}$).
- **Flexible choice between high resolution and high intensity, resolution from $\sim 10^{-2} \text{ms}$ to $\sim \text{ms}$.**
- **Best resolution $\Delta d = 0.00035 \text{Å}$ near backscattering**

Key personnel: ECDC, Instrument team & IDS

Requirements: Instrument calibrated
Standard samples (Si, Diamond)
Neutron beam stable and intense enough

Integrated test of the instrument



Test 16: Validation of instrument performance

Case 3: nanoSANS

Silica nanospheres at sample position

Select a specific wavelength band e.g. 0.5-4.1Å.

All slits in CLOSE position

Choppers running with Medium resolution configuration

Perform a measurement with sufficient counting statistics

Check that data are measured down to Q_{\min} of 0.01 \AA^{-1}

on the nanoSANS detector

Concept of Operations (ESS-0135206)

- Data collection up to $Q_{\max}=25 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$.
- **Data collection down to $Q_{\min}=0.2 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ (with nanoSANS, $Q_{\min}=0.01 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$).**
- Flexible choice between high resolution and high intensity, resolution from $\sim 10^{-2}$ ms to \sim ms.
- Best resolution $\Delta d = 0.00035 \text{ \AA}$ near backscattering

Key personnel: ECDC, Instrument team & IDS

Requirements: Instrument calibrated

Standard sample (Silica nanospheres)

Neutron beam stable and intense enough

Integrated test of the instrument

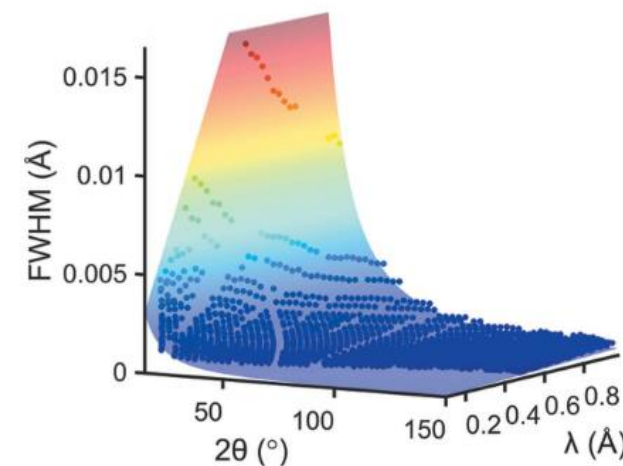
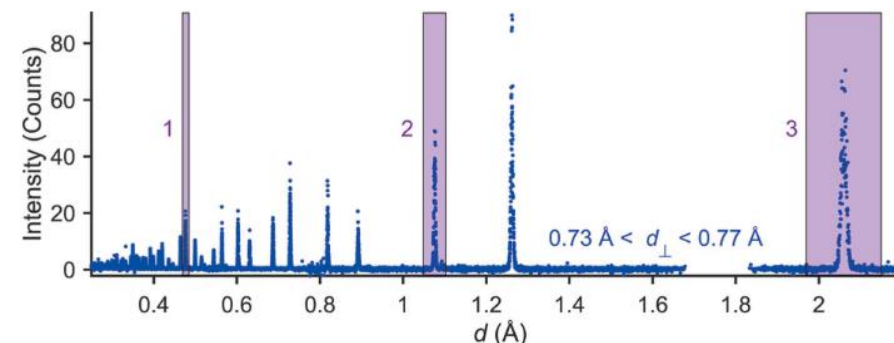
Test 17: Validation of instrument resolution function(s)

Calibration with standard powder

- Si or Diamond powder at sample position (linewidth standard)
- Perform a measurement with a selected configuration
- Perform Data reduction
- Perform a Rietveld analysis using a standard software
- Extract the resolution function for this software

Verification on reference sample

- Reference powder at sample position
- Perform a measurement with the same configuration
- Perform Data reduction
- Perform a Rietveld analysis using a standard software using the resolution function found
- Check the quality of the fit



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Key personnel: ECDC, Instrument team & IDS

Requirements: Instrument calibrated – Data reduction chain for powder diffraction

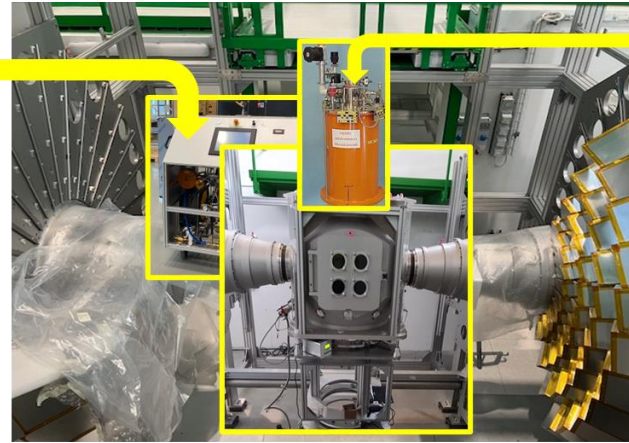
Standard (Si, Diamond) and reference (NAC, garnet, Al₂O₃,...) checked previously with X-Rays

Neutron beam stable and intense enough

Test experiments using standard sample environments



Test 18: Validation of instrument flexibility



Concept of Operations (ESS-0135206)

9. DREAM shall provide the infrastructure to support fast in-situ measurements and quick user turnover.
10. DREAM should provide user community with the wide range of generic and instrument-specific sample environment within its upgrade path.
11. DREAM should reduce the sample environment turnaround time as much as reasonably achievable.
12. DREAM shall be compatible with high magnetic field sample environments.

Key personnel: Sample Environment group, ECDC, Instrument team

Requirements: Instrument calibrated – Data reduction chain for powder diffraction

Sample

Neutron beam stable and intense enough



#	Activity	Expected duration (days)	Resources needed
1	Fulfil radiation protection requirements	5	RP
	<i>Validation of subsystems</i>		
2	Beam monitors	5	Detector group, ECDC
3	Slits system and Boron nose	5	Detector group, ECDC
4	Sample position and primary flight path	5	Detector group, ECDC
5	Choppers	20	Chopper group, ECDC, IDS
6	Detectors	10	Detector group, ECDC, IDS
	<i>Integrated test of the instrument</i>		
7	Secondary flight path – Detector distortion map	5	Detector group, ECDC, IDS
8	Instrument performance for various standard configurations	30	ECDC, IDS
9	Calibration of the instrument	10	ECDC, IDS
10	Test experiments using standard sample environments	10	ECDC, IDS
	Total	105	



THANKS!

Validation of subsystems: Monitors & Choppers



Test 2: Intensity and time structure for a typical chopper setting (after Chopper validation)

Procedure

Heavy shutter Open, standard configuration of choppers (High Flux / medium)

- In-bunker monitor M1 & In-cave monitor M3:

Measure the TOF spectrum and compare with McStas simulations.

Shift the wavelength band and compare time structure of the pulses with McStas simulation.

Compare integrated flux on M3 with gold foil at the sample position.

→ Reference for long-term verification of instrument performance

Test 3: Overall test (after Chopper validation)

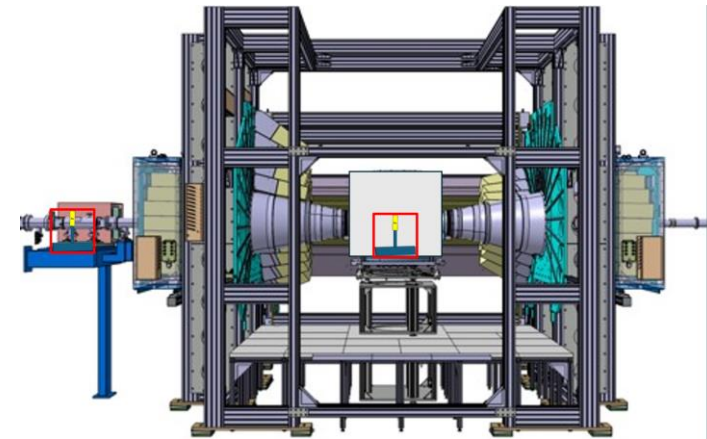
Procedure

Heavy shutter Open, Choppers parked open, Slits OPEN

Heavy shutter Open, standard configuration of choppers (High Flux / medium)

- In-bunker monitor M1 & In-cave monitor M3:

Check the ratio between values measured by M1& M3 and gold foil for both configurations



Key personnel: DetG, ECDC, Instrument team.

Requirements: Monitors Cold Commissioned – Gas System - Sample stage

Gold-foil and gamma spectrometer

Neutron source stable enough