

Welcome to Second Target Station (STS) SHUG Town Hall

STS Future Science Case, Impact, and Instruments

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STS was conceived as a visionary source: A decade ago

"The STS upgrade is '**absolutely central**' to US science."

"...significant scientific/technical issues that must be resolved before construction can be initiated...long-versus a short-pulse source..."

2013 BESAC facilities
prioritization review



**A short pulse, high brightness, broad dynamic range, cold source
is needed to address emerging challenges in world-leading science**

2024 Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC)

Second Target Station (STS) at the Spallation Neutron Source will be the world's brightest source of cold neutrons (up to 100x brighter than existing facilities) and represents a transformative technological advance

- As such, it is viewed as having the potential to be absolutely central to future world-leading science, with the potential to enable discovery science and technologies, in the fields of **quantum materials for computing and sensors, biological and soft materials for science, energy, national security, and medicine.**

The science case must be more fully developed to specify the currently inaccessible grand challenges that the new capabilities can address

- STS will be **ready to proceed** to CD-2 once the science case is refined and the instrument suite redefined to support the science.

Development of the *science case* is essential



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Dr. Harriet Kung, Acting Director
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Subject: Report on New and Upgraded National User Facilities in Basic Energy Sciences

Dear Dr. Kung,

Please find the report by the Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee (BESAC) with assessments of future user facility construction projects proposed by the Office of Basic Energy Sciences. The report responds to the request from Dr. Berhe of December 1, 2023, summarized below.

Process

Initiated **national engagement** process with a three-hour hybrid community session:

- **June 28** at the Second Target Station and Instrumentation Workshop on in Knoxville, a satellite meeting of the American Conference on Neutron Scattering (ACNS).
- Approximately 100 participants.
- Presented the case for the STS and outlined a multi-stage process for gathering community input consisting of the following steps:
 1. Host a national workshop by the end of August to gather initial insights.
 2. Formulate preliminary conclusions and recommending possible instrument suites to meet emerging needs.
 3. **Hold a town hall for additional community feedback: This event.**
 4. Compile all input into a **final report for the Department of Energy.**

Workshop



The Second Target Station (STS) Project is a major DOE-BES project that will add a new target and instrument station to the Spallation Neutron Source at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. STS will provide new capabilities to characterize materials with neutrons.

The goals for this workshop are to identify Grand Challenges for the nation in the coming decades, which then can refine the STS science cases that STS will uniquely address. There will be opportunities to re-define the initial instrument suite to optimize highest priority science. Those instruments are part of the STS project. The workshop is the first step towards addressing recommendations from the recent Basic Energy Science Advisory Committee report on new and upgraded BES scientific user facilities (<https://science.osti.gov/-/media/bes/besac/pdf/Reports/Report-to-BESAC-on-New-and-Upgraded-National-User-Facilities-2024-05-28Final.pdf>).

Following the workshop, a virtual public town hall is planned to share the findings with the community, which will also provide opportunities for feedback. A final report is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2024.

Questions that should be discussed at the workshop and addressed in the report include:

- What are the emerging and future grand challenges for the nation over the next 10-20 years focusing on the following five science areas?
 - Quantum Materials
 - Soft Matter & Polymers
 - Materials & Engineering
 - Chemistry & Environmental Science
 - Biological Materials, Systems & Human Health
- How can neutrons uniquely address these grand challenges as compared to other techniques including but not limited to X-rays, electrons, or NMR?
- What are unique science cases connected to the identified grand challenges?
- What instrument suite is required to deliver the science?

Website: <https://conference.sns.gov/event/458/>

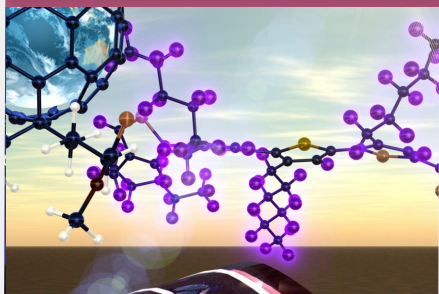
Breakouts on 5 key science areas where neutrons play a unique role

Quantum materials



Neutrons reveal entangled magnetic states of quantum spin liquids

Soft matter and polymers



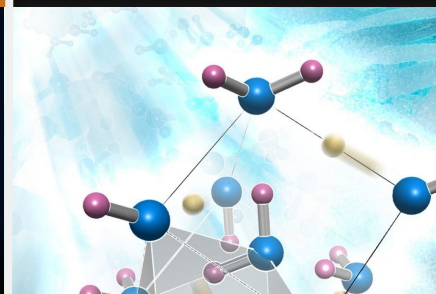
Neutrons uncover molecular structures and dynamics in soft matter and polymers

Materials and engineering



Neutrons penetrate materials without causing damage, allowing atomic-level analysis

Chemistry and environmental science



Neutrons identify light elements and track chemical reactions non-destructively

Biological materials and systems



Neutrons show interactions of molecules, revealing dynamic biological system processes

Key outcome of the workshop

The scientific case for STS has significantly evolved over the past decade, reflecting shifts in science priorities, the increasing impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on experimental and theoretical science, and the urgency of societal problems that neutrons uniquely address.

This evolution has generated *significant new science cases and applications which are the basis of this Town Hall*

Your input is valuable and needed!

- Create a **compelling case**
- Complete for end **December 2024**
- Goes to **DOE** for consideration
- Operating source **2034**

**Thank you for contributing
your time and expertise to
our nation's scientific future!**

