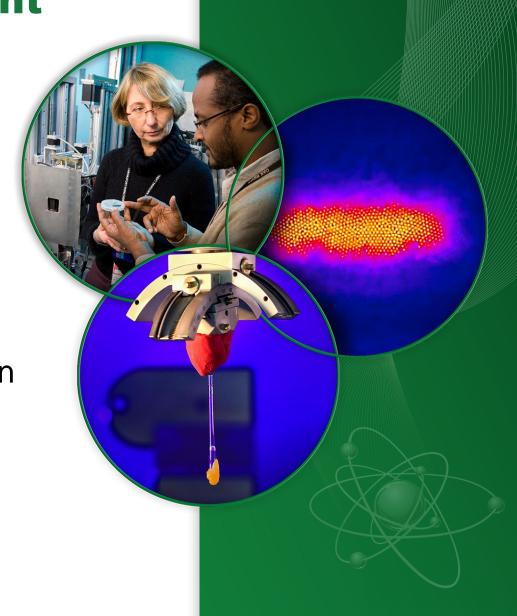
**Sample Environment Update** 

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**Neutron Day Seminar Series** 

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#### **Outline**

- Sample Environment Group <a href="http://neutrons.ornl.gov/sample">http://neutrons.ornl.gov/sample</a>
  - Organization and expertise
  - Integration with the Science Divisions
    - Sample Environment Steering Committees
    - Sample Environment Strategic and Management Plans
- Highlights of new capabilities
- Contact Information
- Today's activities
  - Sample environment tours (north side of target building) meet in lobby at 10:25 a.m.
  - Sample environment forum (C156) 12:30-1:45 p.m. and 2:00-3:15 p.m.



Sample Environment Group At HFIR and SNS Sample Environment Gary W. Lynn Group Leader Low Temperature **High Pressure and R&D Support High Temperature** and Magnetic Fields **Gas Handling** (HFIR and SNS) (HFIR and SNS) (HFIR and SNS) (HFIR and SNS) Gary W. Lynn Chris Redmon Mark Loguillo Chris Redmon Lead Lead Lead Lead Matt Collins Saad Elorfi Bekki Mills Matt Rucker Harish Agrawal Technician Technician Technician Technician Cryo-Engineer Jeff Burks Cory Fletcher Mike Phelan Doug Armitage Intern Technician Technician Engineer Robbie Marrs Erik Stringfellow Randy Sexton Neelam Pradhan Intern Technician Technician Engineer Jay Pierce Jesse Clark June Safieh Intern Intern Designer Lauren Smith Tyler White **Todd Sherline** Intern Intern **Physicist** John Wenzel Equipment Developer



## Sample Environment Steering Committees

- Magnetic Fields and Low Temperature (Barry Winn)
- Pressure and Gas Handling (Bianca Haberl)
- High Temperature (Simon Kimber)
- Soft Matter and Biological Materials (Jim Browning)



Identify staffing needs



Science integration with sample environment



Lab requirements



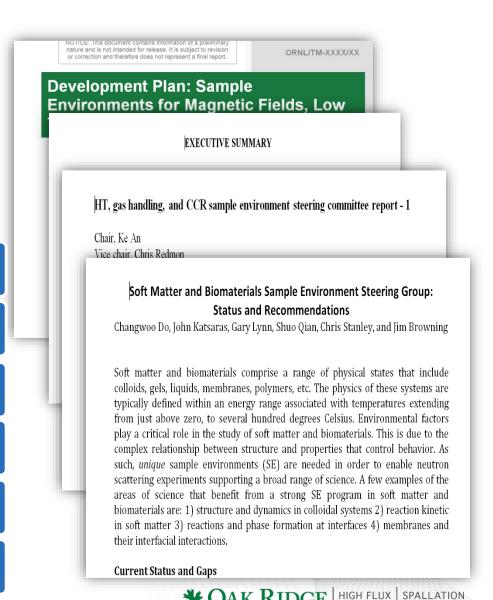
Benchmarking against other facilities



Identify equipment needs

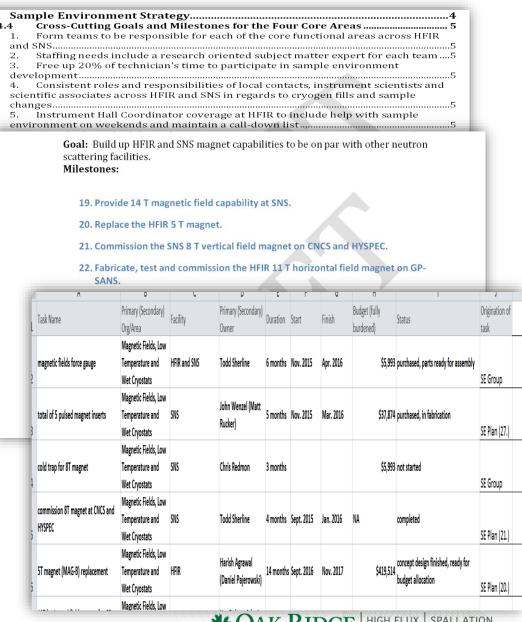


Operational challenges



## Sample Environment Strategic Plan

- Roadmap for what we want to accomplish in the next three years
- Aligns with NScD Science Plan
- Action recommendations for the NScD Science Productivity Steering Committee (K. Herwig)
  - 14 T magnet for SNS
  - 5 T magnet replacement for HFIR
- Goals and milestones for improving capabilities, infrastructure and skills
  - Standardize hardware for clamp cells



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## Sample Environment Management Plan

- Outlines how we are going to implement our strategic plan
- Sets expectations for sample environment operations, research and development
  - Block scheduling of equipment
  - Use of clamp cells in the user program

#### Sample Environment Management Plan

#### Introduction

We recognize that sample environment is essential to scientific experiments that use neutron scattering. Our mission is two-fold. First of all, we must be able to provide and operate reliable sample environment equipment in a safe and cost effective manner to our scientific staff and users. A successful neutron scattering experiment depends on the ability to precisely and accurately control experimental parameters such as temperature, pressure and magnetic fields. Reliability to us means that a specific sample environment equipment performs to its required functions (control temperature, pressure, magnetic field) under stated conditions (vacuum, inert atmosphere) for a specified period of time (length of experiment) in routine and/or unexpected circumstances. Second, sample environment development must be agile and responsive to the science needs. We should be developing state of thear techniques in magnetism, low-temperature, high-pressure, soft matter and high-temperature in a research environment. In order for the Neutron Sciences Directorate (NScD) to achieve its scientific productivity goals, the sample environment program must be world leading in both operations and development.

#### Strategy and Implementation

The focus of sample environment has been to deliver a standard suite of equipment and provide new capabilities to the beam lines at the High Flux Isotope Reactor (HFIR) and the Spallation Neutron Source (SNS). For instance, new capabilities in milli-Kelvin temperatures and medium magnetic fields were realized through equipment like dilution refrigeration inserts and cryogenic magnets. Standard equipment included wet-cryostats, closed-eyele refrigerations and high-throughput sample changers like PAC. In many ways sample environment was trying to catch up with the surge of new instrument suite build-outs at HFIR and SNS and at the same time

- Large-scale developments (>\$100k)
  - Science Productivity Process; budget from the directorate (\$10 million)
- Medium-scale developments (between \$5k and \$100k)
  - Vetted through the SE Steering Committees; budget from the Science Roundtable (\$1.4 million)
- Small-scale developments (<\$5k and <5 days of technician or engineer labor)</li>
  - Worked through SE Group; budget from instrument budgets

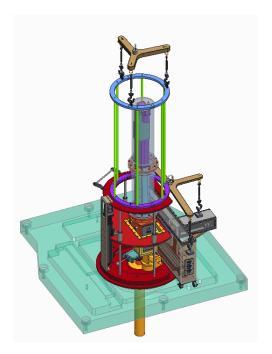
## Establishes an Assessment Program and Communication Plan

- User surveys
- Sample Environment Review 2018?
- Website, User Newsletter



## High-Throughput Sample Changer for VISION

- Complete initial cool-down in 4 hours
- Sample temperature of 15 K
- Sample changes every 25 minutes
- 50 sample load capacity
- Up to 10 samples pre-cooled
- Contact: Neelam Pradhan



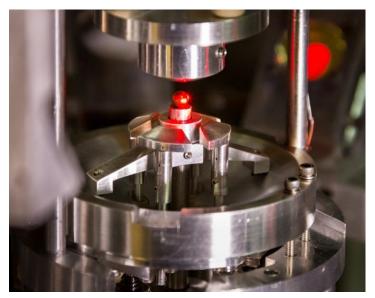


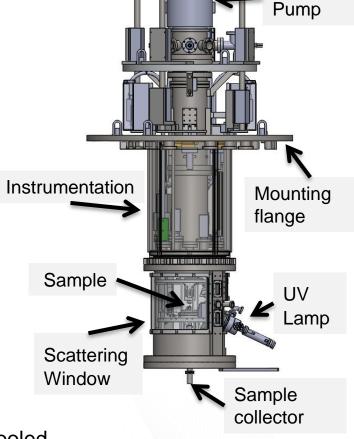
New High Temperature Capabilities in

the User Program

#### **Neutron Electrostatic Levitator**

- Container-less sample environment: no obstruction or reactivity from container
- High temperature (500 2000 °C), high vacuum (10<sup>-7</sup> torr), high voltage (30 kV, 14 mm)
- Sample carousel holds up to 29 samples: spherical shape preferred, diameter 3-5 mm, mass 100-400 mg
- Successful commissioning and experiments on NOMAD and ARCS





Turbo

- Access to super-cooled liquid regime
- No container to induce nucleation
- Contact: Dante Quirinale

# New Magnet Capabilities in the User Program

## **5 T Horizontal Field Magnet for GP-SANS at HFIR and Magnetism Reflectometer at SNS**

- Cryogen-free with a warm bore (no VTI)
- Used in neutron polarization experiments on the GP-SANS at HFIR
- Contact: Todd Sherline

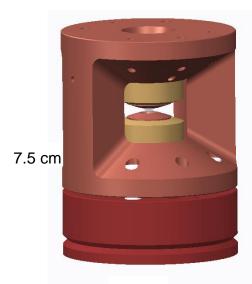


## 11 T Horizontal Field Magnet for GP-SANS at HFIR

- Silicon Windows for SANS
- 50 mm bore diameter
- Compatible with our current 3He and dilution refrigeration inserts
- Optimized for vortex lattice investigations: field inhomogeneity < 1%</li>
- Achieved a base temperature of 1.4 K at 11 T in the lab and on the beam line
- With dilution insert and test sample: 65 milli-K at 11 T on the beam line
- Contact: Erik Stringfellow



### **New Developments in Pressure**



50 mm

#### 40 GPa User Friendly nDAC

- Increase reliability for use in the user program
- Sample volume of 0.4 mm<sup>3</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> gen cell 0.06 mm<sup>3</sup>), 1.3 mm diameter and 0.3 mm gasket thickness
- Uses polycrystalline diamond
- New Design for CORELLI
- Contact: Reinhard Boehler



#### 10 GPa at 4 K for VISION

- New design Neutron Diamond Anvil Cell
- Uses polycrystalline diamond
- 2 mm culet size
- Sample volume of 3 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Tested on VISION and NOMAD with
- Contact: Reinhard Boehler



## **New Developments in Pressure**



#### 2 GPa at 70 milli-K and 7 T

- NiCrAl clamp cells
- Compatible with our dilution refrigeration insert and 8 T magnet at SNS
- Contact: Andrey Podlesnyak



### 3 kbar Gas Loading System for nDAC

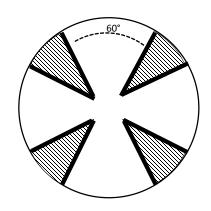
- Loading gaseous samples
- Allows for hydrostatic sample conditions
- Hydrogen compatible
- Successfully run pressurized hydrogen experiments on VISION
- Contact: Mark Loguillo



## **Current Procurements and Future Considerations**

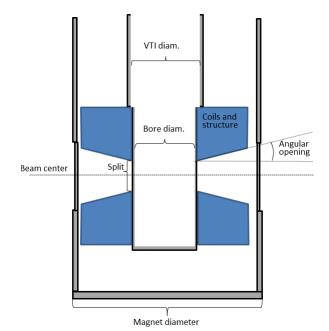
#### 14 T Vertical Field Magnet for SNS

- 14 T symmetric and 12 T asymmetric
- Designed for CNCS, HYSPEC, CORELLI, ARCS and SEQUOIA
- ± 10° out of plane covers all of HYSPEC, ~ 60% of CNCS detectors and middle banks of ARCS and SEQUIOA detectors
- Total path-length of Aluminum <</li>
  6.5 mm
  - 16 T FatSam magnet path-length of Aluminum: 12.25 mm in direct neutron beam and 79.25 mm in scattered neutron beam
- Contract awarded
- Expected delivery in Fall of 2018
- Contact: Matt Stone



1 mm Cd shielding mechanically supported, not glued





- VTI diameter 50 mm above heat exchanger
- Bore diameter 40 mm
- Split 40 mm
- Sample volume 20 mm diameter X 20 mm high
- Angular opening +/- 10 deg.
- Magnet diameter at beam 695 mm



#### **Contact Information**

http://neutrons.ornl.gov/sample HFIR and SNS sample environment information:

http://sampleenvironment.org The International Society for Sample Environment: a platform to promote scientific and technical developments of sample environment at scattering facilities

Low Temperature and Magnetic Fields: Barry Winn (new developments)

Harish Agrawal, Chris Redmon and Todd

Sherline (technical expertise)

Pressure and Gas Handling: Bianca Haberl (new developments)

Mark Loguillo (technical expertise)

High Temperature: Simon Kimber (new developments)

Bekki Mills (technical expertise)

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