## How to standardize experiments within HEARTS?

The GSI perspective – now including the feedback

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- The goal of this presentation is start a discussion. All ideas/proposed solutions are up for discussion.
- The discussion is tailored for the GSI part of the project but significant parts can be directly used for CERN as well.
- NSRL is our internal benchmark, but it is important to understand that there are significant differences e.g.
	- NSRL is a pure user facility. Everybody working at NSRL is either doing beamline development or user service
	- GSI is rather a science facility.
	- $\rightarrow$  The level of direct support we can offer will most likely be smaller
- Beam time is very limited and must be used very efficiently, thus universal, simple and practical interfaces are needed
- The "standard" we try to find doesn't need to fit all possible experiments, only most. Non-standard experiments will, of course, still be possible if necessary.



#### Part 1

#### Technical parameters

- Beam parameters
- Variable shielding / range shifter
- Target station

Points added due to the feedback (via the discussion afterwards or via email by TAS) are added in green to the following slides.

#### Part 2

#### Proposed workflow

• first contact point of users via webpage

- user guide
- FAQ
- contact/beam request
- assignment of liaison scientist
- experiment scheduling / planning
- on-site dry-run
- beam exposure
- test report



#### Part 1 Beam parameters



Note: Every change to the accelerator settings during beamtime take at least 30 min and can take up to hours Ions are not offered at the same time eam  $\mid$ Proposal: One high energy  $\rightarrow$  Shoot through/Bio eam One low  $\rightarrow$  BP scanning **BER 2020** One high intensity  $> 10^6$  per spill One low intensity  $\approx$  5000 per spill 100 200 300 400 500 Time in spill (milliseconds) additional ions like protons, helium might be available





## Part 1 Variable shielding handler/ Variable depth Bragg Peak Range shifter



**"Old" binary Range shifter**

- modular version of the cave A binary range shifter
- 4 modules  $\rightarrow$  8 plates
	- module
		- 2 plates, two sets of pneumatic linear motors
		- max size  $20 \times 20$  cm<sup>2</sup>
		- max weight  $\approx 10$  kg
- modules can be used individually or combined
- standardized frames for "fast" plate exchange
	- CAD available for users in case of non-standard configuration
- Standard plate-sets for
	- shielding (aluminum, PE)  $\rightarrow$  thicker
	- peak finding for electronics  $\rightarrow$  binary, thinner





#### Note:

NSRL uses 2 target wheels which offers some geometrical benefits but is far less flexible/useful for different settings



## Part 1 Target station / Target station interface



CERN target station and holder



- every point within the frame reachable via scanner and/or motor
- Distortion corrected and calibrated target camera (OpenCV)
	- Front or back
- Distortion corrected Target laser
- Remote movement ( $z \rightarrow$  beam direction)
	- $x / y \rightarrow$  standard
	- + 1D-Rotation to be incorporated optional
- One frame per "experiment"
- Frame design based on CERN holder
	- Inner opening  $> 20 \times 20$  cm<sup>2</sup> (RADEF and GANIL allow for up to 25 x 25cm<sup>2</sup> boards)
	- Laser markers (back and/or front)
	- Material: aluminum or reinforced plastic
- Common frame between CERN and GSI

Note: Entering the cave takes a minimum of  $\approx$  10 min



## Part 1 Target station / Target station interface Bio

- Biology irradiations typically use:
	- T25 or T12.5 Flasks in sets of three or six per dose
	- Well plates
- Cells inside the flasks prefer to stay inside the medium
	- a. Fill the flasks completely
	- b. Only position them upright for a short time (<20min, depends on the experiment)

#### Proposal:

**HEARTS** 

- Utilize a system, which flips flasks into an upright position only for irradiation and positions them horizontally otherwise (based on the GSI flask exchanger).
- System should accept at least three, better six, T25 flasks at the same time and also be compatible with well plates



T25 Flask



Well plate



Possible to integrate into a target station

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NSRL remote sample flipper



#### Part 2 HEARTS website – facility user guide

**Brookhaven NASA Space Radiation Laboratory** O EN **onal Laboratory** Home User Guide StackUp Tool About Apply for Beam Time Run Information Related Facilities PETRA **NSRL User Guide Frequently Asked Questions User Guide Contents Q** User Guide Home First-time User Information 1. You MUST complete a dry run of your experiment before conducting your first NSRL run I. Beamline Hardware 2. When planning an exposure, the time you need for each sample exposure should include time to chan · Sample Holders samples. If RHIC is running, the sample changing time is approximately 4 minutes. If RHIC is not running · Collimators time to change samples is only about 2 minutes. 3. The size of the radiation field that can uniformly expose a set of samples can be as large as 20 x 20 cm<sup>2</sup> · Remote Sample Flipper for most ions and energies. By special request, the NSRL beam can operate in Large Beam mode with a 60 · Remote Translation Table x 60 cm<sup>2</sup> usable beam size. · Remote Rotation Table 4. If you have further questions, pleas ges in the user guide and then contact NSRL pers · Rail System at 631.344.3072 or 631.344.5830. · Incubators · Data Acquisition System Electronics & Physics Experiments **Biology Experiments** . Mini Pixel and Large Pixel Chamber 1. A rotation table allows experiments to be mounted 1. For users preparing cell exposures, incubators are · Patch Panels centered on the beam and rotated to any angle with an available to keep cell samples at constant temperature. · Cables and Cable Tray avanage to keep cen samples at constant temperature.<br>and humidity during the length of an exposure.<br>Incubstors are available for 15 x 15 cm<sup>2</sup> and 60 x 60 accuracy of approximately 1 degree 2. A translation table allows many samples to be mounted II. Technical Data cm<sup>2</sup> exposure areas. Contact NSRL personnel for more on a table that can be remotely controlled to move information samples into or out of the beam without any access · Beam ions and energies 2. Standard sample holders are Holders for various types of T75, T25, and test · Beam characterization studies 3. A variety of sample bolders are available at the facility to assist in mounting devices under test. Please see the tube sizes have already been made up. If the sample . Beam uniformity and profile holders do not fit your needs, custom sample holde Sample Holder page for more information · Ream fragmentation an be prepared with a few hours advance notice. If you 4. The data acquisition equipment at NSRL consists of · Time structure in beam are bringing your own sample holders, make yourself VMF crates with a variety of ADCs. TDCs, and scalers familiar with the information regarding bear · Dosimetry Calibration that can be used to accommodate most physics<br>experiments. Data rates in excess of 2kHz (600 events fragmentation and the documentation on sample · Bragg curves/peaks stacking. per spill) are practicable, with data recording in the · LET-range plots format of ASCII files or ntuples. Contact the NSRL 3. A sample flipper is available that allows flasks to horizontal until the time of exposure, keeping . Material in the Beam Liaison Physicist at nsrll, P@bnl.gov for more the cells in the medium as long as possible information 4. There are multiple sample holders that allow up to 10 III. Operations 5. Beam signals to indicate when beam is possible to occur or when beam is incident on the target are able to<br>be generated at any point of the facility. These signals amples to be placed in the beam per exposure. In · Galactic Cosmic Ray Simulation (GCRS most cases, the time taken to load the samples into the olders is longer than the exposure itself, an · Simplified Galactic Cosmic Ray Simular can be provided as TTL (with voltage of your specification, base 2.3V0) or NIM (fast-negative logic)<br>The signals generated for experimenters have 500 so there is no benefit in planning to expose a large (SimGCRSim) number of samples in a single entry. At the request of · Solar Particle Event Simulation (SPESin ustom sample holders can be fabricated at impedance through BNC coaxial cables. · Stacking Samples NSRL with only a few hours notice. 6. Heat guns and compressed air lines are available to .<br>For exposures to only part of a sample, colli · Target Room Exposure Levels enters if requested. Contact the liasion physicist to discuss specifications. be arranged that shield all parts of a sample except for · Calculating Target Room access time 7. An Electronics testing presentation (pdf, 5 MB) has · Activation decay times been produced to inform users of the NSRL facility and use of heavy ion beams. IV Life in the Beam . A Cell Phone's Life in the Beam . A Microphone's Life in the Beam **P** Tech Notes

Similar to the NSRL user guide [\(https://www.bnl.gov/nsrl/userguide/](https://www.bnl.gov/nsrl/userguide/))

- Short explanation of basic physics with relevant examples
	- Scattering/fragmentation/etc.
	- Shared GSI/CERN
- Explanation of irradiation room + CAD
	- Space, cables, etc.
- Explanation of beamline + CAD
- Explanation of dosimetry/beam monitoring
- Explanation of Shielding exchanger + interface CAD
- Explanation of target station + interface CAD
	- In case of bio  $\rightarrow$  standardized flasks/etc.
- Explanation of preparation/dry run
- Resource/tools (Lise++, etc.)
	- Shared GSI/CERN

Generally liked by everyone Started with information collection and writing a first draft.



How much support is necessary/wanted by industry?

Possibilities for support

- Regulatory requirements (e.g. radiation protection, biological lab safety, required GSI instructions, etc.)
- Experimental planning?
- MC simulations or other forms of calculations

**Discussion Result:** Provide LET Spectra at the top of the package of the DUT. Inside the package is the users responsibility. **TAS Feedback:** MC simulations for beam transport and LET determination through a large and complex amount of shielding → **Both points agree with each other**

- Non-standard holders etc.
- Fully perform the testing (no industry partner) on-site
- Use of GSI/FAIR experimental equipment e.g. power supplies



Generally no extra equipment is needed. Only in case of failures it would be good to have.

Note: Beam exposure, etc. will always be performed by GSI/FAIR staff

Workflow for onsite access for experimenters

- Apply for guest status at GSI
	- Fill online registration forms
	- Sign Home institute declaration
	- Perform general GSI safety instructions online
- If access to the cave is needed:
	- Further online safety instructions
	- Medical certificate
	- Apply for TLD dosimeter (or Barcode if neutron sensitive dosimeter is available)
	- Safety instructions on site
- Possibly apply for access to the Internet\* or even to the GSI network / clusters



\* in case the user cannot access eduroam

The application for a guest status process is required for everyone coming to GSI

The rules for getting access to the cave follow German radiation protection laws and cannot be changed.

Guides for all registration processes are available on the GSI webpages



### Part 2 Experiment scheduling / planning



(1) only if parallel operation possible /// (2) only block mode

#### Available at

[https://www.gsi.de/fileadmin/beamtime/2022/BTS](https://www.gsi.de/fileadmin/beamtime/2022/BTS2022_v042.pdf) 2022\_v042.pdf

- Influencing when a specific beamtime block is scheduled is really difficult
- Specific user wishes for dates are essentially impossible
- Scheduling within a specific beamtime block is up to us  $\rightarrow$  degree of flexibility

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The beam time block is fixed and the time slots must be accepted by the users



## Part 2 On-site dry run / Target preparation



example

Goal: time optimization

- Minimizing the setup time (likely, there are other experiments right before and afterwards)
- Every experiment gets one cart to place electronics
	- For larger equipment tables with wheels are an option\*
- If possible, every experiment should perform a dry run outside of the cave
- Proposed process
	- Prepare experiment on cart
	- Test outside of cave
	- Move fully tested experiment to cave
	- **Irradiate**
	- Bulk remove





Information, which has to be supplied for the irradiation process

- Desired beam intensity
	- Can also be adjusted during the experiment, but takes time (larger steps take more time)
- Irradiation areas (positions on the DUT and sizes)
	- Used for setting up the scanning system
	- Easily adjustable during the experiment in case more or less are needed
- Desired total number of ions / cm² (for each irradiation area)
	- Easily adjustable during the experiment in case more or less are needed



direction

canner contro

Vacuum window

Electrometer

Distance

between the beam spots

Scanning

pattern

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Beam scanning is different to a standard beam spot  $\rightarrow$  Influence needs to be investigated

Request to start and stop the beam with user provided signals (e.g. standard TTL)  $\rightarrow$  Needs to be checked with the GSI safety department

Horizonta direction

**Note:** The signal can only be a request to start the beam at the next possible time slot and not an immediate start due to the multi-user operation at GSI (and CERN).



Cave A Scanning system GUI



## Part 2 Online information for users

Goal: Supply information to users

Show live data about the irradiation

- Beam type & energy
- Status / Progress of the beam application via scanning
- Ions / spill, avg. # Ions for last N spills, Ions /  $cm<sup>2</sup>$  / s, etc.
- DUT positioning picture
- Target station data (X & Y position, etc.)
- Information about other instrumentation (e.g. shielding)

What other kind of data would be needed here?





E.g. time resolved pulses of the beam monitoring detectors

• What standard? NIM/TTL 5V/24V

Will these signals recorded by the user or by us and we only provide a timestamp or a synchronization pulse?

• Beam start and stop signals for DAQ synchronization

- User triggered logging:
	- Is a good idea to allow a synchronization with the user DAQ.
	- One needs to decide on a common logging format (e.g. xml) and the information content (which signals and/or other data).

Note: The amount of recorded information in different systems of the irradiation room/accelerator is extremely high



Define a set of information of interest for most experiments



## Part 2 Test/Summary sheet/Logbook



Possible options:

- Standardized test report per sample
- Scan of Logbook
- E-Log
- Possible information
	- Beamspot
	- Field
	- Planned exposure
	- …

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# Did we miss any crucial points?



