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WP 7 Sample Environment

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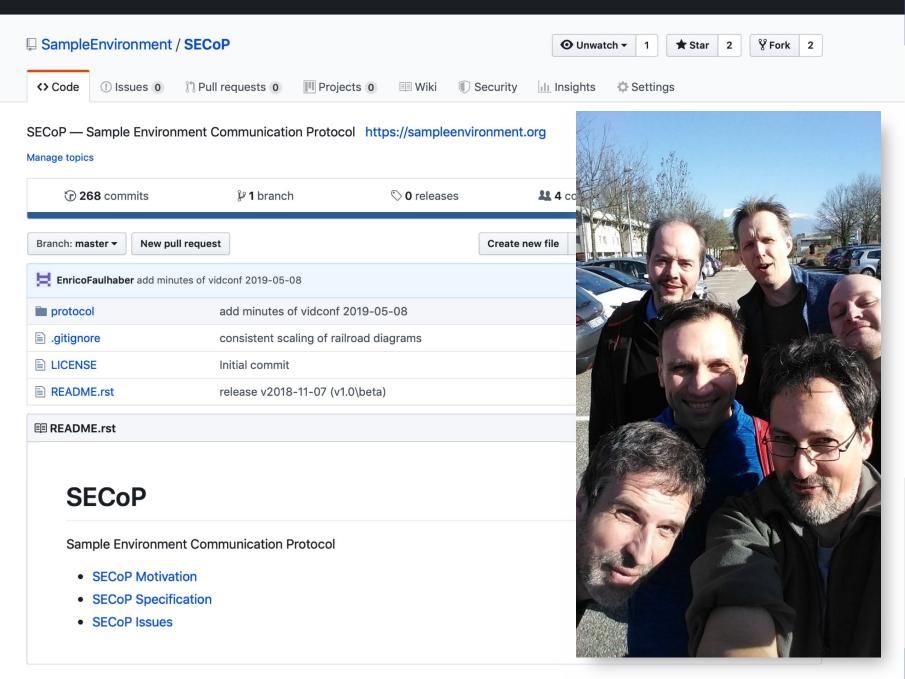
Sample Env. WP objectives neutrons & muons

- Establish standards to reduce development costs, strengthen relations with industry (7.1)
- Increase efficiency by reducing beam time losses and improving equipment (7.2),
- Open new fields of science by developing new equipment or extending physical parameter ranges (7.3 & 7.4)





- **Sample Env. Communication Protocol: SECoP**
 - 15 meetings + discussions with ISSE working group
 - Libraries coded at HZB to facilitate SECoP adoption
 - Version 1.0ß available on GitHub
 - Deployment started at ESS, MLZ, PSI, ILL, ISIS
 - First experiment with MLZ furnace at ILL successful
 - Discussed with industry: attocube, Hall Scientific, HTS-110, Kurt J. Lesker, OINS, etc.



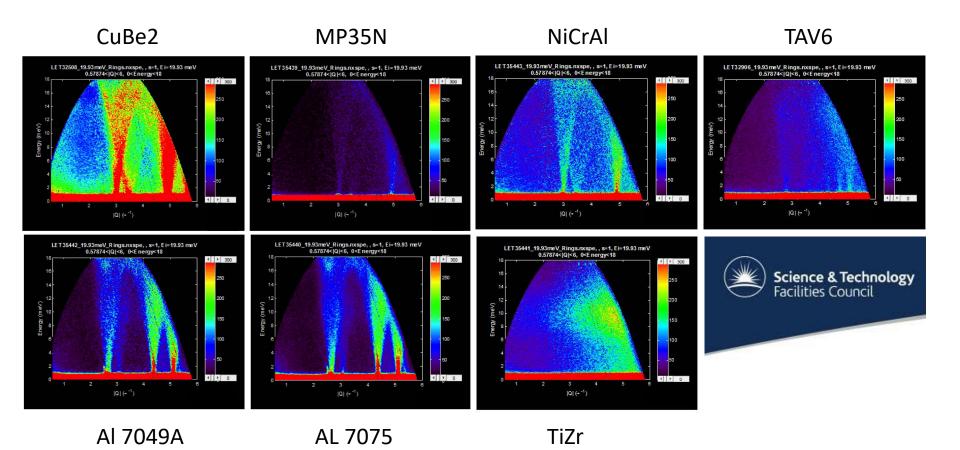




- Towards efficient Sample Env.: <u>Simulations</u>
 - ICMA has coded a Union component of McStas taking into account diffuse, elastic/inelastic and coherent/incoh. scattering, microstructures, etc.
 - Al7049A, Al7075, CuBe2, MP35N, NiCrAl, TAV6, TiZr data collected at ISIS on several instruments
 - Code benchmarked successfully with ISIS data
 - Now allows the simulation of any environment



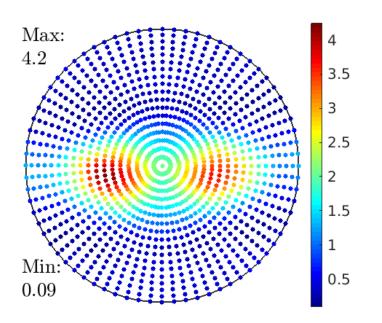


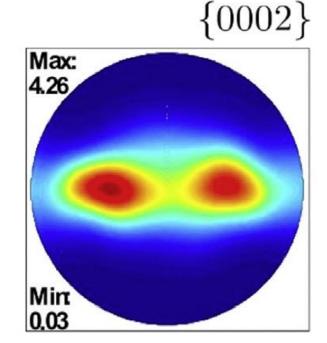






Pole figure of the (0002) crystal planes of a Zircaloy-4 plate benchmarked against Texture.comp developed by ICMA





McStas Simulation V. Laliena *et al.* (ICMA)

F. Malamud *et al.* J. Nuclear Materials **510** (2018) 524



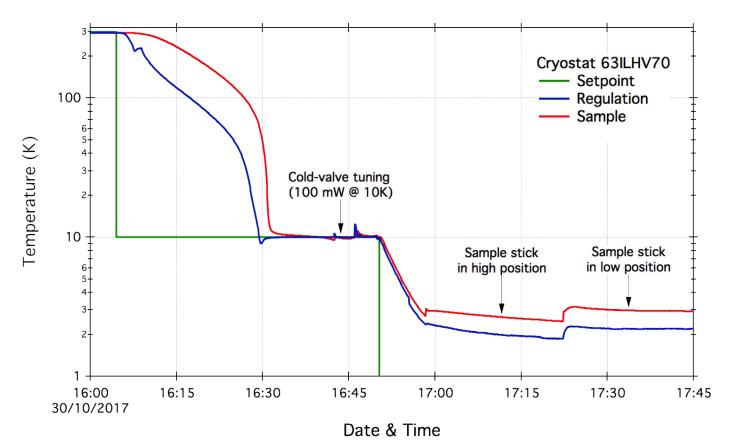


- Towards efficient Sample Env.: <u>Cryostats</u>
 - Cooling/heating
 - 3x faster wet cryostats at ILL
 - Technical transfer to AS Scientific Ltd (UK)
 - Cryostats are getting faster at ISIS
 - Signal/background ratio
 - 30% less background produced by vanadium cryofurnaces
 - 5x less background at low-Q with TOF cryostat





Measurement of the cool-down time, the base temperature and the gradient of temperature in different/thinner calorimeters at ILL





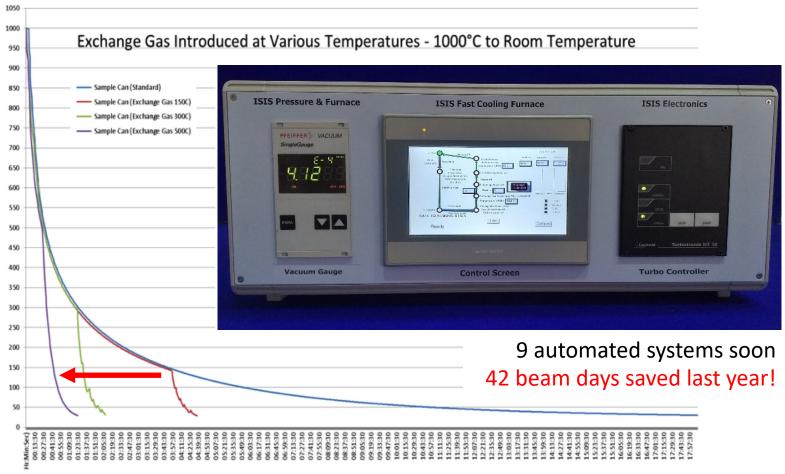


- Towards efficient Sample Env.: <u>Furnaces</u>
 - Furnace type selected from survey
 - Technique developed by ISIS team
 - Results: 1000 to 150°C in less than 45'
 - 6x faster cool-downs at ISIS with 2 l/min He flow
 - 4x faster cool-downs at ILL with 7 cc He injection
 - Full automation being finalised at ISIS and ILL
 - Technical transfer to AS Scientific envisaged (UK)



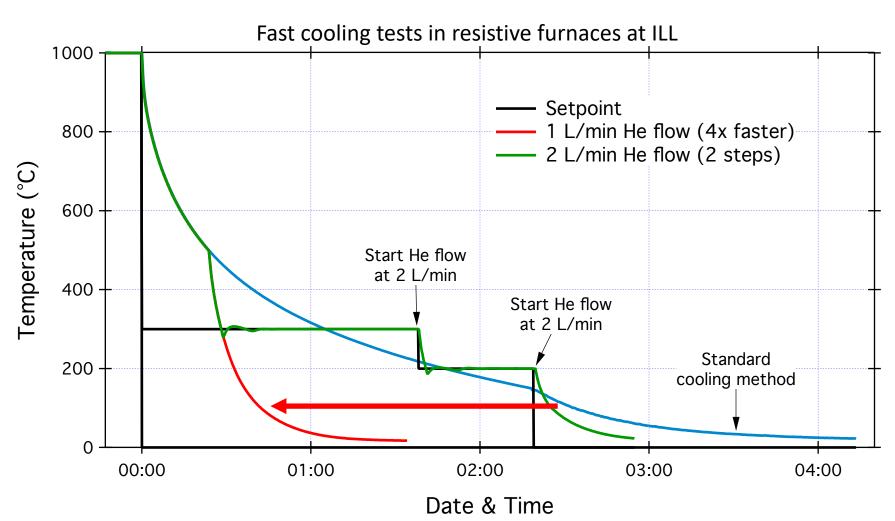


Fast cooling tests in resistive furnaces at ISIS











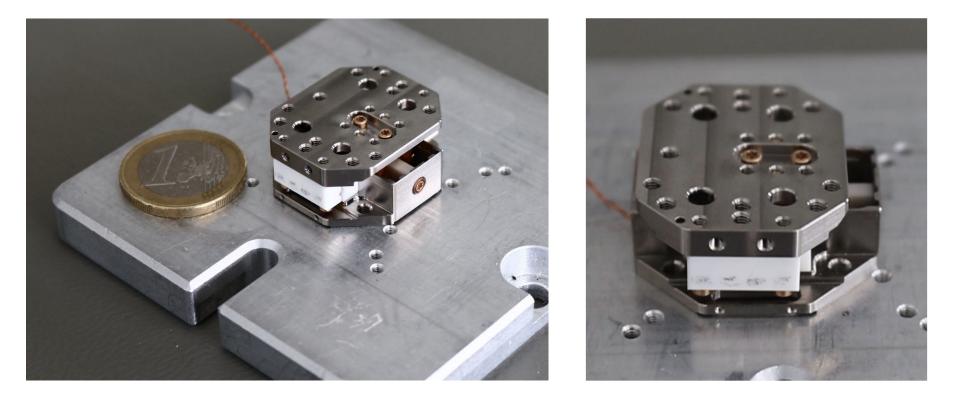


- Towards efficient Sample Env.: <u>Goniometers</u>
 - Ultra-low temperature goniometer specifications defined from survey => Ø36 outer diameter!
 - Concept design agreed (amongst 3 proposed by PSI)
 - Resistive and/or capacitive encoders
 - Prototype will soon be tested with dilution inserts at PSI and ILL
 - **attocube** will distribute the final version





Ultra-low temperature goniometer designed by attocube, PSI & ILL



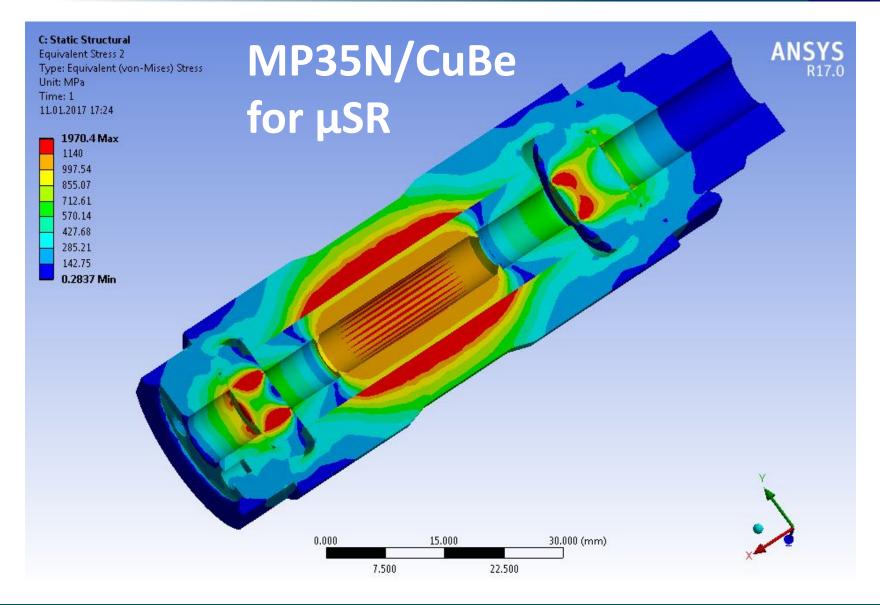




- Next-generation high-P cells for NS & μSR
 - Kick-off meeting gathering µSR, NS and HP experts
 - CSEC high-pressure expertise transferred to PSI
 - Multi-layer design adopted for μSR clamp cell
 - 1.5 gain factor established with 2.6 GPa μ SR cell
 - Same concept adopted for neutron clamp cell
 - Material survey performed at ISIS (task 7.1)
 - In-situ pressure measurement tested at ILL
 - Multi-layer clamp cell to be tested at ISIS soon



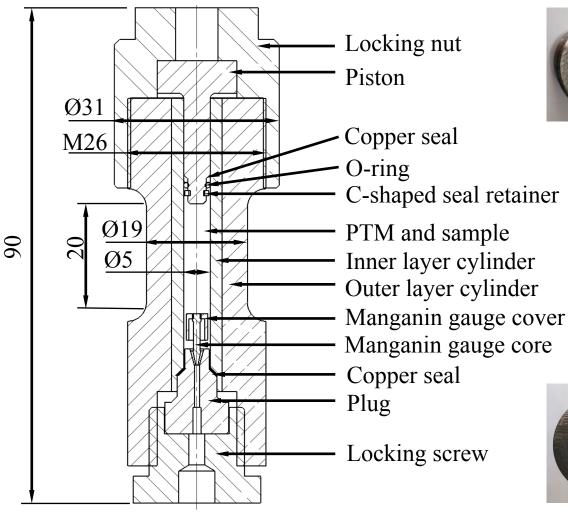








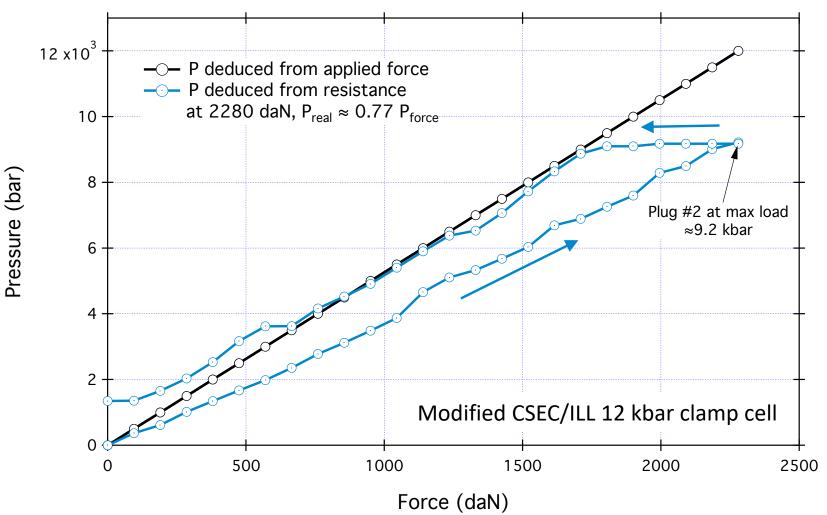
















- Next-generation high-P cells for NS & μSR
 - Test experiments performed by IMPMC at ILL with <u>Paris-Edinburgh cell</u> have identified solutions for improving the signal to background ratio:
 - transparent sintered diamond anvils
 - thinner TiZr gaskets
 - First tests at ILL on D20 revealed:
 - same signal/bckg ratio with 2x less sample
 - 25% higher pressure efficiency

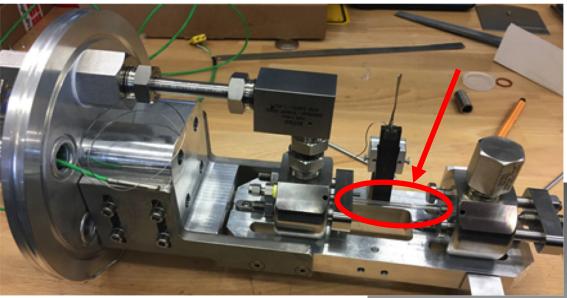




- Next-generation high-P cells for NS & μSR
 - Review of the 700 bar H₂ container used at X-ray facilities
 - Specifications refined with the help of high-P experts and SE teams of neutron facilities
 - Concept design and engineering drawings produced by HZG and reviewed with partners
 - 700 bar H₂ container built and tested at FRM II

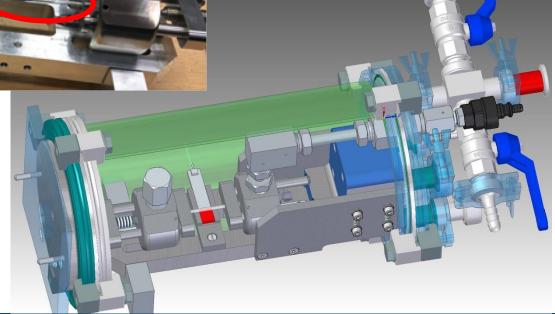






700 bar hydrogen container for SANS built at HZG

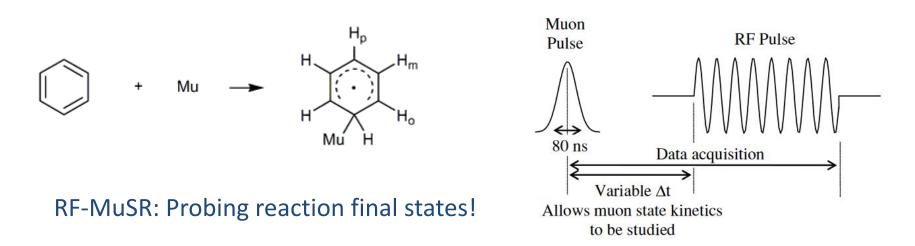
Ø1 mm capillary for SANS but much larger diameter required for DIF and INS





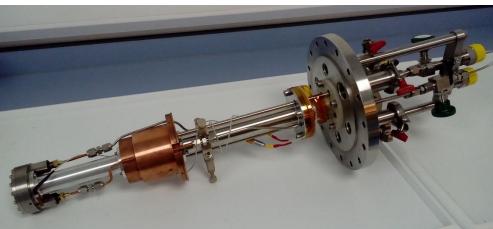


- In-situ muonium studies for μSR
 - Stainless steel and glass rigs removing O₂ in liquids
 - Insert developed for standard 4-400 K cryostat
 - RF Mu chemistry chamber developed

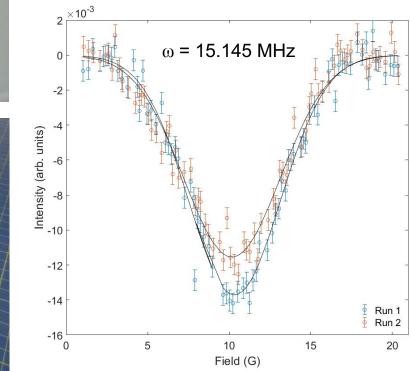








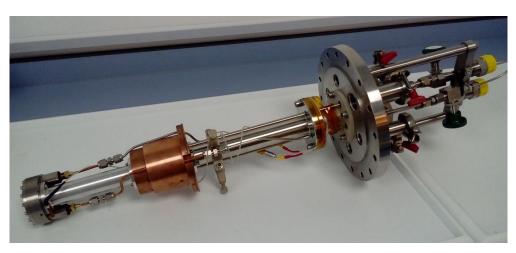
with Shapal cell: Mu formed in water, sample flowing, in-situ degassing



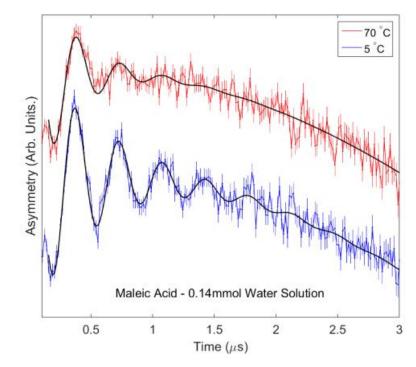








with Stainless-steel cell: Relaxation rate constants determined for maleic acid in water at 5 and 70°C







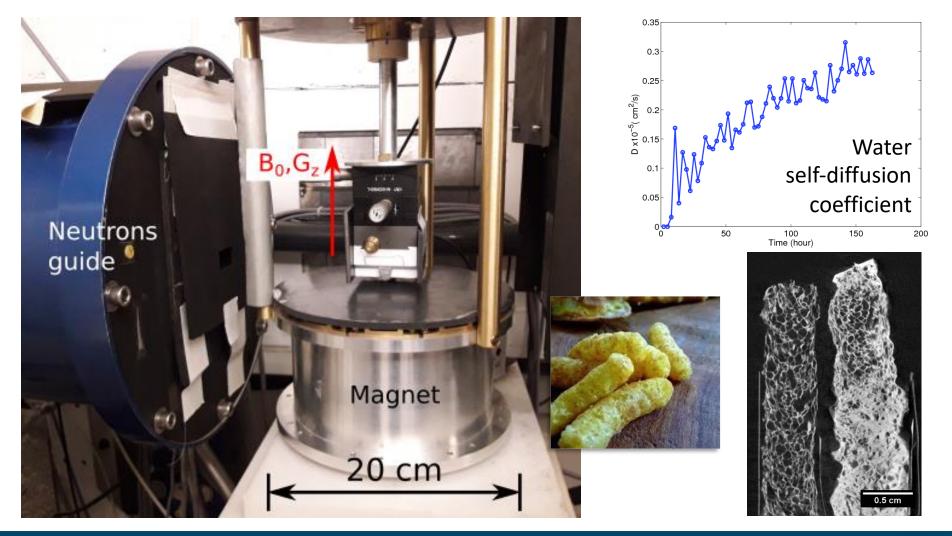


- In-situ NMR for neutron scattering
 - NMR probe head designed and commissioned successfully on food science case
 - In-situ setup tested successfully at LLB on PRAXY (SANS) and IMAGINE (tomograph) instruments













Impact / KPIs

- Facilities and contacted companies are adopting the SECoP international standard
- 1.5x better clamp cells, 4x faster furnaces,
 3x faster cryostats, 1.5 to 5x lower background cryostats, new in-situ techniques for NS & μSR
- AS Scientific Ltd upgrade cryostats, attocube will distribute ULT non-magnetic goniometers
- Works soon published in a special issue of JNR





Future...

- Deploy SECoP at all facilities, adopt standard high-P cells featuring in-situ pressure measurement, adopt new PE anvils, etc.
- Meet twice a year, review progress, select common projects and define milestones
 - Work with experts e.g. high-P, high-B, etc.
 - Work with x-ray community on e.g. standards, robotics, He management, SECoP, etc.





Warm thanks to all WP7 participants friends for their great efforts!

...and to you for your attention