BEAM GUIDE SHIELDING WITHIN LOS Towards the Common Shielding Concept

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OUTLINE

Simulation Setup

Shielding Geometry

Initial Configuration Bi-Directional Shielding Configuration Common Shielding Configuration

Conclusion



General Consideration

- Simulated instrument: DREAM
- Codes:
 - Particle transport: PHITS¹
 - Input compilation: PHITS and McStas
 - Geometry implementation: CombLayer²
- Normalization factor: 1.56×10^{16} protons per second (beam power: 5MW, beam energy: 2GeV)
- Flux-to-dose conversion factors: ESS-0019931



¹T. Sato et al., J. Nucl. Sci. Technol. 50:9,913-923 (2013) ²S. Ansell, https://github.com/SAnsell/CombLayer

Physical Properties of the DREAM Beam Guide

• Specificities of the outside bunker beam guide. Length units are in cm.

Start	End	Substrate	Geometry	W×H Start	$W \times H End$
2819	5500	Borosilicate	Straight, Square	5.86×5.86	5.86×5.86
6400	7161	Borosilicate	Ellipse, Octagon	5.86×5.86	4.07×4.07

Supermirror coating index



- Coarsed m-index values to optimize the simulations
- Neutron loss underestimated
- Worse case scenario



Primaries Generation - Good Neutrons

- For $E_n < 300 meV$: Source Term derived from McStas simulations
- Energy and θ -angle distributions of good neutrons (simulation done by M. Feygenson)





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Initial Configuration

- Tube-like having inner layer steel and outer layer regular concrete
- Dimensions determined from the m-value of the guide coating and the distance from the moderator

Section Name	Start Pos. [cm]	Steel Thickness [cm]	Concrete Thickness [cm]
P1	2800.0	35.0	30.0
P2	4500.0	25.0	30.0
P3	5000.0	21.0	60.0



Initial Configuration



Neutron dose map at the edge of the shielding structure

- High energy neutrons "leaking"
- High energy neutrons cannot be attenuated by only increasing the steel thickness



Bi-Directional Shielding Configuration

• Stop high energy neutrons *asap* with the help of collimators



- Collimator layers: B_4C -Steel- B_4C
- Positions of the collimators deduced from the direction of incoming neutrons
- Collimators potentially lead to the reduction of the thicknesses of the layers



Bi-Directional Shielding Configuration

Properties of the shielding structure

Beam Guide Shielding						
Section Name	Start Pos. [cm]	Steel Thickness [cm]	Concrete Thickness [cm]			
P1	2800.0	20.0	30.0			
P2	3990.5	15.0	30.0			
P3*	5110.0	10.0	36.0			
Collimators						
Name	Center Pos. [cm]	Steel Thickness [cm]	B4C Thickness [cm]			
Collim 1	3964.5	50.0	1.0			
Collim 2	5084.0	50.0	1.0			
Collim 3*	5900.0	100.0	1.0			

* Change from square to octagonal shape of the beam guide cross section.



Bi-Directional Shielding Configuration



Radiation (neutron & photon) dose map along the beam guide

• 1.5µSv/h line laying on the shielding structure edge



Bi-Directional Shielding Configuration



Photon dose map along the beam guide

- Photon mostly absorbed by the innermost steel layer
- More than 99.5% of the dose rate brought by neutrons at the next layers



Common Shielding Configuration

Design proposed by Senad Kudumovic for the Common Shielding Project



Common Shielding Configuration

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$$\Theta_{Steel} - x \Rightarrow \Theta_{Reg.Conc.} + 3x$$

Thicknesses of layers:

Section Name	Θ_{Steel} [cm]	$\Theta_{Reg.Conc.}$ [cm]
P1	10.0	60.0
P2	10.0	45.0
P3	10.0	36.0

Shielding configuration implemented in PHITS





Common Shielding Configuration



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- Layer thicknesses at Section P1 are sufficient enough to meet the safety requirement.
- Section P3 fails.
- Reason?
 - Reduction of the layer thickness at P2
 - Shielding layers brought closer to the beam axis (from 25*cm* to 20*cm*)



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- Innermost layer borated concrete can be skipped out.
- Borated material might be placed between steel and concrete layers.



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Backup



Beam guide insertion in the experimental implemented in the simulations





Impact position distributions of the neutron tracks on the surface at the sample position





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