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The NMX Experimental cave

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Summary



- NMX project structure
- Requirements (General-radiological)
- Cave Outline
- Cave envelope and floor loading
- Accessibility
- Penetrations through the walls and roof
- Infrastructure (internal crane and HVAC)
- Construction technology
- Effect of gaps
- Conclusions and acknowledgement

Project structure



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Shielding design is part of the Hungarian IK contribution to NMX



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General requirements



- Roof completely removable using overhead crane
- Roof section easily removable in correspondence of sample position (desired)
- Compatible with installation of 1.5t inner local crane on side walls
- Inner geometry requirements
- Outer geometry constraints
- Logistics requirements
- HVAC requirements
- Media/ electrical chicanes requirements
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- Dismountable without dust contamination using 10t overhead crane
- Cost effectiveness

Radiological requirements



- Neutronic input 5x10¹⁰ n/s
- NMX Cave H1 and H2 Scenarios ESS 0100307 H1 limits 3uSv/h H2 limit 2mSv /event

Identified worst scenario H1-13

- Detector is positioned on the beam path,
- The collimated beam illuminates a Gd plate in proximity of the primary sample position
- The detector may be used to characterize the neutron beam.
- Simulations result for H1-13: 90 cm of concrete 2.4 g/cm³ (1,5 μ Sv/h)

NMX Outline





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Versions: different layouts, various wall and slab versions were considered



- Stairs inside,
- Half-height labirinth wall



- Stairs inside,
- Full-height labirinth wall



- Stairs outside,
- L shaped layout, wall pushed for better protection of the door



Cave outline



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Cave outline





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Cave outline







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NMX Cave Envelope and floor loading

Changed the takeoff angle from moderator helped improve accessibility to E02

E02 access for forklift is guaranteed but at the limit of requirements

Floor loading:

 $r'_{car} := \frac{R_{l.car}}{h_w + 0.5 \cdot m}$

$$r'_{car} = 187.4 \cdot \frac{kN}{m^2}$$

Less than $20t/m^2$ at centre of slab.





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Accessibility





Accessibility



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Personnel and goods Access from control hutch.





Optional opening on the roof to easily access sample position.

Accessibility





- Roof in two layers to fulfill crane capacity limitation
- Roof can be opened completely
- Manhole is considered for accessing second sample position

















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Door





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Double door to reduce weight

Height as requested from SE

50mm steel with borated inner layer

Internal crane and HVAC under development



Scenario	Persons in the cave	Duration	Classification ESS-0058709	Airflow ESS-0058709	Max Noise ESS-0058709
a)Experiment	0	>1 Day	No occupancy	0.35 l/s*m ²	-
b)Setup	2	<2 Hours	Mechanical Lab	0.35 l/s*m ²⁺ 10.45l/s*person	LpA 35dB(A) LpC 55dB(C)
c)Maintenance	3	>1 Day	Mechanical Lab	0.35 l/s*m ² + 10.45l/s*person	LpA 35dB(A) LpC 55dB(C)

Parameter	Value	Note
Thermal stability aim stability after 2 hours should	+/- 0.1K	To be achieved with cave door closed.
ideally be better than		
Thermal stability aim stability after 2 hours shall be	+/- 0.5K	To be achieved with cave door closed.
better than		
Temperature range in the cave	20°C –	It shall be possible to set the temperature in the cave independently from
	24°C	the outer environment temperature.

Conceptual solution:

-Closed circuit temperature control system in the cave in the cave,

-Separate ventilation system with possibility of containing airflow.

Work is ongoing to define HVAC requirements



Construction technology



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Cast in place considered dry assembly is preferred





Effect of gaps in the shielding efficiency



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Courtesy Szabina Torok Centre for energy research EK Two separate models were built for the calculations:

- 1. model with 3 separate concrete blocks with the gaps, chicane between them
- 2. model with one solid concrete block





Figure 27: The two separate models built for simulation

A 100 cm x 100 cm surface source was created parallel to the concrete blocks wall in order to investigate the effect of the chicanes. This source emitted photons with 8 MeV energy.



Figure 28: The two separate models built for simulation and the simulation results (with chicane on left, without chicane on right)

Result for the 20cm x 20cm resolution flux tally:

 Maximum dose rate with chicane:
 1.6016E-07 μSv/h/particle

 Maximum dose rate without chicane:
 1.2208E-07 μSv/h/particle

 RESULT: Dose increases from chicane less model
 by 31 %





1. Figure: Cave wall model using the latest cave concept

2. Figure: Cave wall model with single step chicane





6. Figure: Dose rate result for the cave concept model. [Unit: uSv/h/photon] 7. Figure: Dose rate result for the single step model. [Unit:uSv/h/photon]



3. Figure: Solid cave wall model



Where: Dose rate result for the solid cave model. [Unit: uSv/h/photon]

8.995 MeV	GAP [mm]	M X SE [µSv/h/photon]	ERROR [-]	DELTA [%]
Solid model	0	4.27E-08	0.0090	-
Cave Concept		4.83E-08	0.0086	13%
Cave Concept	5	5.92E-08	0.0079	39%
Cave Concept	7	6.62E-08	0.0075	55%
Cave Concept	10	7.90E-08	0.0069	85%
Cave Concept	15	9.84E-08	0.0063	130%
Simple Chicane	2	5.16E-08	0.0083	21%
Simple Chicane	5	7.05E-08	0.0073	65%
Simple Chicane	7	8.15E-08	0.0068	91%
Simple Chicane	10	1.01E-07	0.0062	137%
Simple Chicane	15	1.12E-07	0.0059	162%

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13. Figure: Source in line with vertical chicane SETUP B



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Effect of gaps in the shielding efficiency







Conclusions



- Main parameters are defined, optimization work is being made to reduce manufacturing costs by relaxing shielding requirements.
- Structural stability seem confirmed by calculations.
- Ongoing work to consolidate support infrastructure and confirm mechanical interfaces.
- Next:
 - Identify construction technique, detail design elements,
 - Design of internal support structure and access door.

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Extra slides



Gamma dose rate from Gd target at the sample esposition with 90 cm concrete for $5 * 10^9$ n/s





Endstation Components





Endstation Components Collimation



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The fixed aperture(4) limits the neutron current in the sample area from n/s to n/s 90% of neutrons entering the cave is absorbed by boron absorbers within the collimation enclosure.



7 – Non safety beamstop

- 3 Scraper tube
- 4 Fixed aperture