



Mantid Update from the MLZ

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Outline

- Heinz-Maier-Leibnitz Zentrum (MLZ) and FRM-II operation status
- Development of new and maintenance of existing tools at MLZ:
 - GUI for TOFTOF
 - Loader for SANS-1 and data reduction in Mantid
 - New GUI for DNS: support of data reduction for 3 operational modes of the instrument and future improvements

Summary





Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Zentrum (MLZ)

- FRM-II research reactor and source of neutrons. Operated by TUM.
- Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Zentrum (MLZ) located in Garching near Munich.
- MLZ is cooperation between:
 - Technische Universität München (TUM)
 - Forschungszentrum Jülich (FZJ/JCNS)
 - Helmholtz-Zentrum Hereon
 - Max-Planck-Society



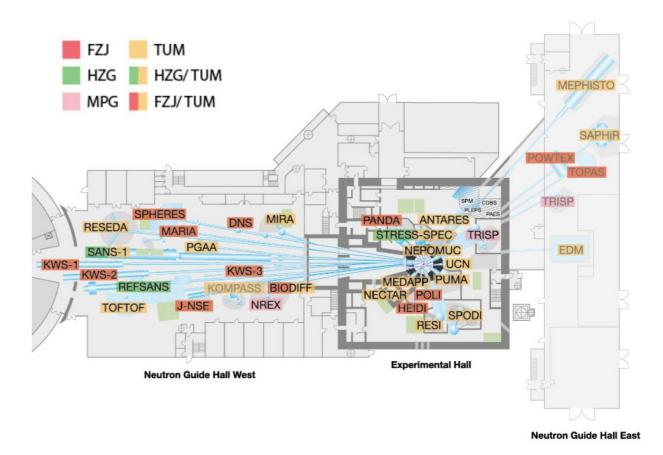
https://mlz-garching.de/ueber-mlz





MLZ Instrument Suite

- ~30 scientific instruments, 5 in construction
- No operation since 2020/2021:
 - Failure of cold source → new cold source needs to be manufactured.
 Projected delivery: mid 2027.
 - Slight leak in the central channel →
 new central channel needs to be
 manufactured.
 Projected delivery: fall 2026.
 Reactor operation with thermal
 neutrons is expected.
- East Guide Hall commencement is expected right after the reactor restart.



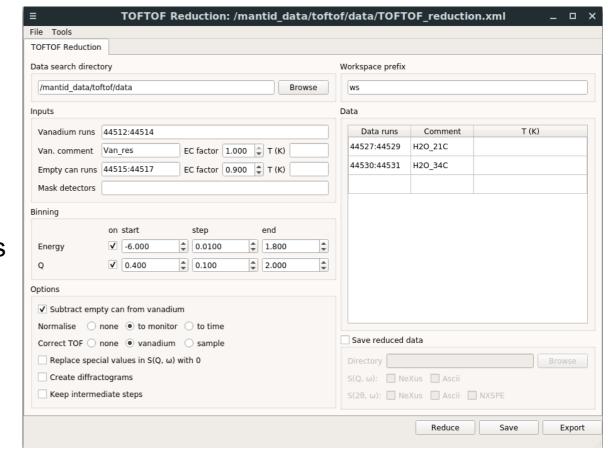




Maintainance of interface for TOFTOF

- TOFTOF direct geometry disc-chopper time-offlight spectrometer.
- Suitable for inelastic and quasi-elastic neutron scattering.
 - dynamics in disordered materials
 - low-energy magnetic excitations in multiferroic compounds & molecular magnets
- Uses DGS Reduction interface for data reduction.
 Currently in maintenance.
- DEVA-QENS workshop, 02.12.2025. Demo on QENS data reduction and analysis using Mantid.

https://indico.frm2.tum.de/event/458/

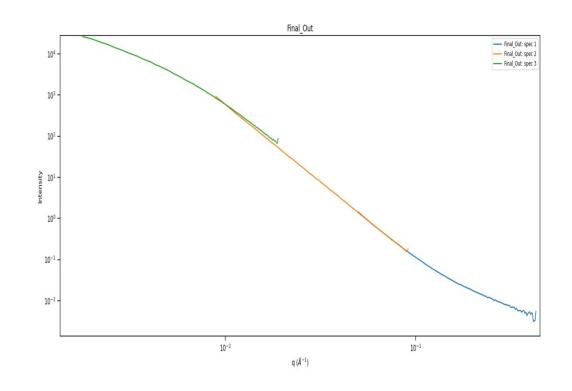






Loader and data reduction script for SANS-1

- SANS-1: small angle neutron scattering instrument. Operated by TUM & Hereon.
- "LoadSANS1MLZ" loads SANS-1 data into a ws. Developed by A. Demydenko. Provides an alternative to using no longer BerSANS GUI.
- SANS-1 data reduction workflow can be reproduced using "SANSILLReduction" algorithm. Data reduction script was developed.

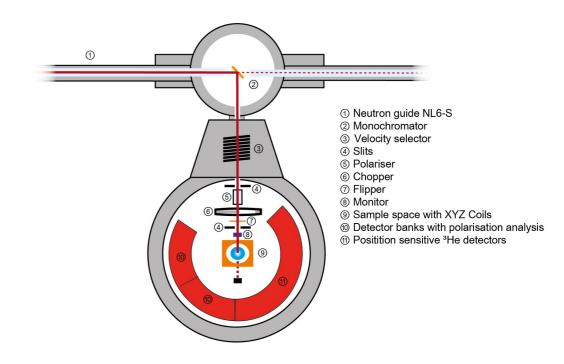






DNS Reduction Interface

- DNS: polarised neutron scattering instrument with time-of-flight inelastic scattering option. Operated by FZJ, similar to D7@ILL.
- Polarisation analysis (PA) bank: 24 detectors, angular resolution 5°. Operation with PSD bank (128 detectors, 960 pixels each) also possible.
- Development of "DNS Reduction" GUI started by T.
 Müller in collaboration with M. Ganeva, picked up by
 O. Koshchii. Replaces no longer supported DNSPlot interface.
- At the moment, supports data reductions for 3 different operational modes of DNS.

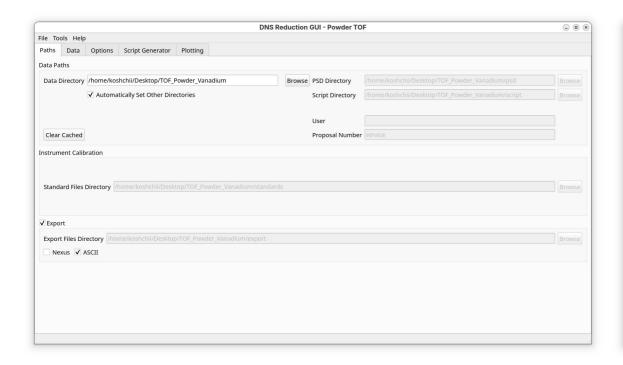


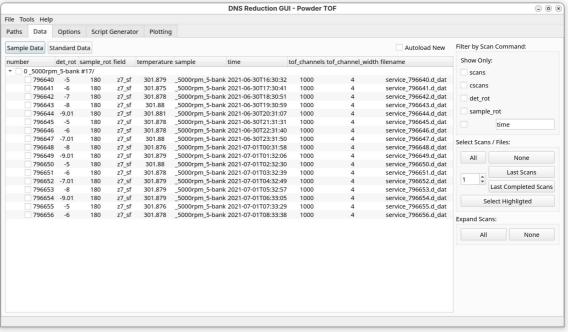
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DNS Reduction: Common Features





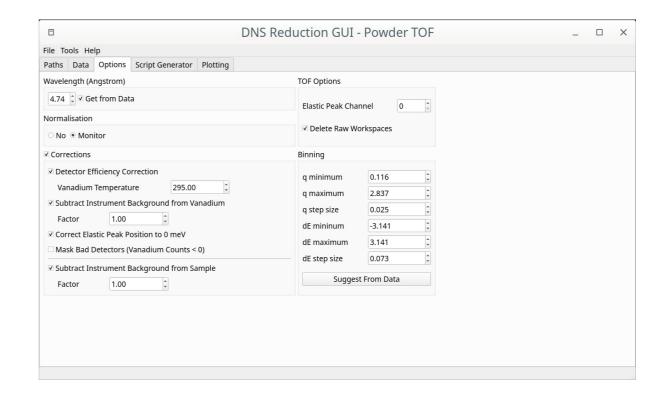
- 3 operational modes share common "Path" & "Data" & "Script Generator" widgets.
- Dedicated "Options" & "Plotting" widgets for each mode of operation.
- Each scan (rotation) is saved as a separate file and loaded into a separate workspace. As a result of data reduction, a merged workspace is generated.





DNS Powder TOF

- Powder TOF: deployed in Fall 2022 (release v6.5).
- Event mode data, up to 1024 time channels.
 Operation without polarisation analysis.
- Study low-energy magnetic excitations.
- Data reduction:
 - Counts normalisation
 - Detector efficiency
 - Background correction that can take into account self-shielding factor
 - Elastic peak position correction, which uses vanadium peak fit to shift elastic peak position to 0 meV
 - Transformation to (Q, ω)

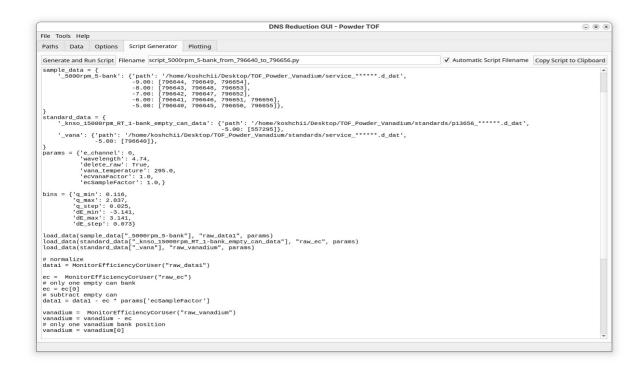


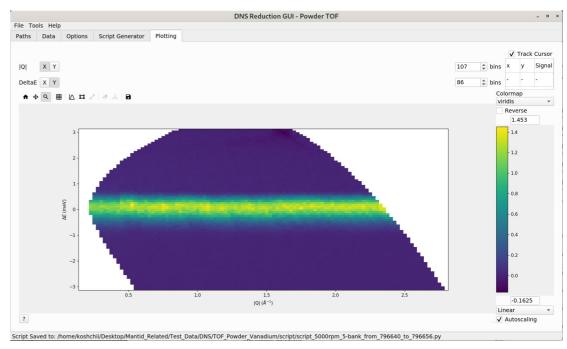
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DNS Powder TOF





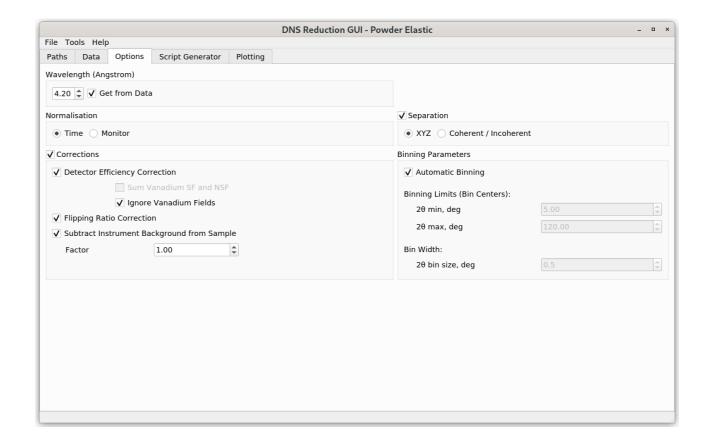
- User-friendly python script is generated and executed to create the output.
- The script can be saved to reproduce the workflow later on.
- Sliceviewer is embedded for visualization purposes.





DNS Powder Elastic

- Powder Elastic: deployed in Fall 2023 (release v6.8).
- Typically used in combination with PA.
- xyz-polarisation analysis method is used to separate incoherent/coherent/magnetic scattering contributions.
- Applications:
 - Magnetic diffuse scattering
 - Polarised powder diffraction
 - Coherent/incoherent scattering separation in soft condensed matter

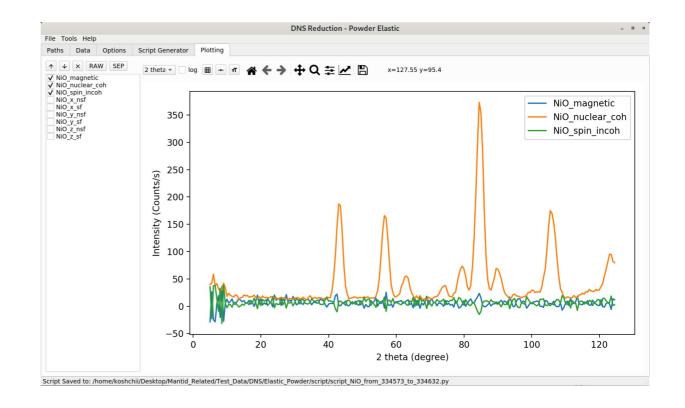






DNS Powder Elastic

- Resulting data are merged into "Workspace2D".
- Dedicated plotting tool for investigation and visualisation of separated components.
- Features to be implemented:
 - Simultaneous processing of scans measured at different temperatures and possibility to compare in "Plotting" tab.
 - Multiple scattering correction using datadriven evaluation approach.
 - Preliminary data evaluation using Gaussian processes regression.

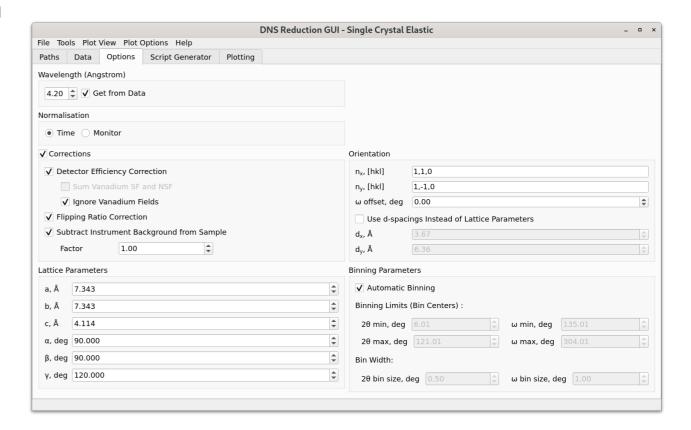






DNS Single Crystal Elastic

- Single Crystal Elastic: deployment aimed in winter 2025 (release v6.15), 2 PRs to go.
- Polarised single-crystal neutron diffraction.
- Toolbox for data reduction corrections options.
- Sample lattice parameters or d-spacings values selection options.
- Orientation box for specifying horizontal scattering plane.

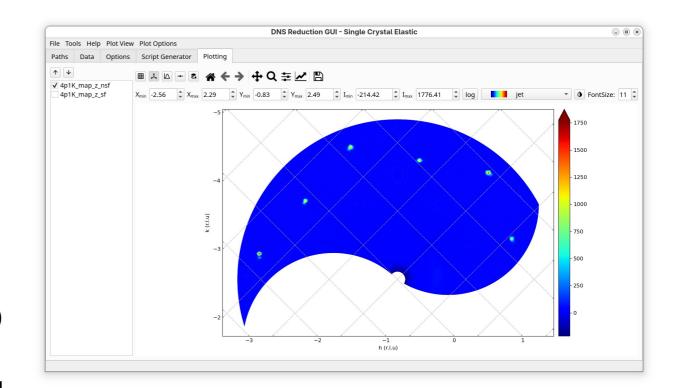






DNS Single Crystal Elastic

- Multiple sample and detector bank rotation scans for each polarisation channel are merged and processed together.
- "LoadDNSSCD" loads all measurement files into a single "MDEventWorkspace".
- Dedicated "Plot View" and "Plot Options" tabs:
 - "Scatterplot", "Triangulation", "Quadmesh" plotting type options
 - Axes transformation options: (2θ, ω), (Q_x, Q_y)
 and (n_x,n_y)
 - Omega offset and d-spacing modification tool
 - Interpolation properties selector







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Summary

- TOFTOF in operation, under maintenance
- SANS-1 loader and data reduction script have been developed
- DNS Reduction:
 - "Powder TOF" and "Powder Diffraction" are in operation, under maintenance, several additional features are in development
 - "Elastic Single Crystal", development complete, full deployment envisioned by the end of this year
 - "Simulation" mode is in development