Preparation for installations
(how we constructed the second target station at ISIS)

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Talk outline

• Brief introduction of ISIS
• Overview of the TS2 project
• Decisions for Installation
• Lessons we learnt
ISIS — neutrons
Diamond — X-rays
Science & Technology Facilities Council
• 800MeV short pulse source
• TS1 operational for over 30 years
• TS2 operational for almost 10 years
• Circa 30 operational instruments
• Circa 1000 experiments / year
• Circa 3000 user days
Condensed history

- 1985 – ISIS first operated
- Increased instrument suite on TS1
- 2002 – Second Target station project started
- 2008 TS2 starts operation
- 2010 Approval for 4 new TS2 instruments
- Constant upgrades (machine + instruments + facilities)
TS2 project 2002-2008
**Dynamics**

**LET** High-resolution measurement of material energy scales

**Structures**

**NIMROD** Intermediate range order in liquids

**WISH** High-resolution magnetic structure

**SANS2D** Large molecule structure in multi-component systems

**Reflectometry**

**INTER** Air/liquid/solid interface interactions

**OFFSPEC** Structures of membrane, protein and liquid interfaces

**POLREF** Interface measurements in magnetic sensor devices
TS2 project set-up

- ISIS is operating TS1
- TS2 project is a separate team disconnected from Operations deliberately to protect the operation
- Project Manager H Jones
  - Hugely experienced with ISIS engineering (accelerator, target, instruments)
- Project Sponsor T Broome
  - ISIS Target Division head – hugely experienced
3th August 2008 – First Neutrons!
Installation set-up

- Costain (building contractor) ran the site whilst putting up the build
- ISIS took ownership for some 6 months
- Lessons from JET (Culham) pointed to a ‘management contractor model’
- Set-out a strategy internally
- Went out to the market – received bids, reviewed based on capability / cost
Key features

- Contract that of ‘cost plus’
- Indicative 11 management
- Indicative 54 workers
- Bonus 5% controlled by IM
Responsibilities

- Management and co-ordination of ALL site activities
- Managed under CDM regulations
  - From the construction industry
- Health and Safety for the site
  - Under STFC framework
Points of note

- Management Contractor had a Nuclear background
- Took time to adapt to the STFC ways
- STFC took time to adapt to MC procedures
- Management numbers fluctuated and people changed
  - Strong dependence on competence
- Workforce fluctuated
Information flow

• Design Input (from design team) 6 weeks before
• Installation method statement from the installation team, reviewed by the design team
• No plan survives contact with the enemy!
Lessons 1

• Financial
  – Removing financial barriers was extremely good to prevent internal teams arguing on a cost basis
  – 5% bonus gave some incentive to perform - milestones
• Find solutions to small issues – bolts, tools etc
• Shifts were used at times – they are not twice as effective
• Logistics should have been better controlled – where equipment was kept / offloaded / ready for install
Lessons 2

• Takes time to build a working team – and you need to
• Cultures are different – laboratory to commercial. Civil to nuclear etc
• Getting design teams on the ground and installation teams into design is a challenge
• Not all staff able to do all activities
Lessons 3

• Having paperwork is good
• Having a conversation is good
• The combination is best.
• We had a central pinch point which when removed enabled better progress
Lessons 4

• We had procedures on how / who is responsible etc (68 page document)
• It is important to define – but by defining does not make it happen.
  – Few people read documents
  – Hardly anyone follows them
• Design teams will be designing whilst installing and their responsibility (and probable preference) is the design
Lessons 5

• Get technical owners controlling work early
  – Survey we outsourced, but not under the existing survey team strong direction

• Cranes always an issue

• Quality – spots issues and who decides.....
  – Ultimately the ones who end up being responsible should
  – Probable discussions will occur
  – Quick fixes for expediency you nearly always regret
Lessons 6

- Survey can put things accurately in the wrong place
  - Clarity of reference
- **Services are difficult!**
- Competition for space – electrical / plant / mechanical / civil
  - Different CAD systems
Quality

- You will have technical issues – we did
  - Poor design / installation
- Test at source as much as possible
- Pre-build where possible
- Best person to decide solution – not just who shouts loudest
- Not everything is clear – and there will be differences of view as to what is the technical situation
Documentation

• You will create lots!
• Quality not quantity
• It lasts, people leave
  – Some are builders not commissioners / operators
• Drawings last more than documents
• Documenting as-built is never 100%
  – Aim high – expect less
  – Focus on what is critical – Target station / active
• People are critical to understand the documents
Operating

• It gets very complex when you ‘go hot’
  – We transferred ownership of the site between MC and STFC
• Having an already existent 24hr crew in place which knew the site etc really helped us
• Pressure to hit political milestones vs trialling equipment
If I was ESS

- There will be much more in-kind than we had to deal with - So much more complex
- Set-out protocols to be followed **clearly and simply** – make things **easy (and clear)** for others
- **Define early and be consistent**
- Communicate this **more than you ever thought you need** to and in more formats.
- Expect people to **NOT** follow them and work out how you will cope
- Put in place the ‘lubrication’ for installation – easy access to small often overlooked items – fixings etc
- Logistics is very important – in-kind will be remote
- Operational teams involved with the build
Last messages

• Try to build a team – collective will solve problems – You will have them.
• Remove ‘irritations’
• Remove financial barriers if possible
• Expect owners of equipment to spot / decide on quality issues
  – Will need to work out who is the owner…. Operator / in-kind etc – involve them with the build
• Remember what you build is most important
  – How, how much, when etc fades (but has to be afforded)
Thankyou
Questions?
Wikipedia

• History and background of ISIS[edit]The source was approved in 1977 for the RAL site on the Harwell campus and recycled components from earlier UK science programmes including the accelerator hall which had previously been occupied by the Nimrod accelerator. The first beam was produced in 1984, and the facility was formally opened by the then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in October 1985.[3]

• The second target station was given funding in 2003 by Lord Sainsbury, then science minister, and was completed in 2009, on time and budget, with the opening of 7 instruments. In April 2010, the Science Minster, David Willetts gave a £21 million investment[4] to build 4 new instruments.

• ISIS was originally expected to have an operational life of 20 years (1985 to 2005), but its continued success led to a process of refurbishment and further investment, which has extended its operational life for a further 20 years. [5]