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1 Purpose

The following procedures describe the operation of the N16 calibration source, and the DT generator.

2 Summary of Procedures

The following procedures are contained in this document.

- DT generator emergency shutdown procedures
- DT generator turn on procedure
- DT generator turn off procedure
- Gas board startup procedure
- Adjusting the neutron generator target position
- N16 source startup procedure
- N16 source shutdown procedure
- N16 PMT turn on procedure
- N16 PMT turn off procedure
- DT pit disassembly procedure

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- DT pit assembly procedure
- NCD counter calibration procedure

3 Definitions

4 Procedures

4.1 DT generator emergency shutdown procedures

This procedure describes how to turn off the DT generator and gas board in case of an emergency such as fire, severe gas leak, radiation problem etc.

1. **Turn off HV.**
2. Turn off neutrino pulser.
3. Turn key to "Off".
4. Close main valve on CO₂ bottle.

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4.2 DT generator turn on procedure

This procedure describes how to turn on the DT generator prior to operating eith the N16 of LI8 sources. Only authorized DT operator are allowed to operate the generator.

4.2.1 Prior To This Procedure

- DT generator is off

4.2.2 Summary of Procedure

- Make sure you understand the DT Generator shutdown and emergency shutdown procedures.
- Secure DT generator area.
- Turn on spare NCD counter.
- Check operation of DT generator at full NOC setting.
- Record maximum and minimum neutron flux.

DT Generator Turn On Procedure	
Operator:	Date:

1. Read and make sure you **understand** the DT Generator Turn Off procedures (also referred to as the DT Generator Shutdown procedures).
2. If it is not already on, turn on the gas computer.
The use of the gas computer is optional.
3. If it is not already running, start the Gas/DT monitoring program on the gas computer by:
 - (a) start labview from the programs menu.
 - (b) from the labview file menu item select **open**.
 - (c) go to **c:/labview/develop/**.
 - (d) select **febain.vi**.
 - (e) After the VI has loaded click on the run (arrow) button.
4. If it is not already running and selected, on the labview monitoring program, click on the **fraser monitor** check box.

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5. Secure the DT area: ensure that the shielding blocks (the "donuts") are in place and that the grey interlock boxes are in place and connected.
6. Turn on the main instrument panel, the flow controller and the stepper motor controller.
7. Set the Interlock Override on the main instrument panel to "On" for manual control (normal setting) or "Computer" for Labview control.
8. Check the high Voltage (HV) and neutrino pulser switches on the DT control panel are in the OFF position.
9. Set the Neutrino Pulse Control (NPC) to 5 and the Neutron Output Control (NOC) to 0.
10. Make sure the HV supply for the space NCD counter is turned off and the dial setting is at 0.
11. Turn on the NIM bin with the Fast Neutrino Flux Meter (F.N.F.M.).
12. Turn on the low voltage power supply for the NCD counter.
13. Turn on the F.N.F.M high voltage supply and set the voltage to 800 V.
14. Connect an oscilloscope to the spare NCD counter amplifier. Set timebase to approximately 1 μ s/div and vertical scale to a small fraction of a volt per division.
15. Turn on the HV for the space NCD counter. While watching the scope for pulses slowly (about 1 minute) increase the voltage to 1850 V.
16. Connect an oscilloscope to the SYNC output. Set timebase to approximately 2 ms full sweep.
17. Insert the DT generator key and turn on the power.
18. At this time, the main power light on the DT control panel, and the **D.T. GEN ON** light located behind the DT Pit should be on. **if either of these lights do not come on, proceed to step five in the shutdown procedure.** *The interlock system has many inputs any of which can cause the controller not to operate. One set of inputs come from the water sensors. There are currently 4 separate water sensors (3 in the DT pot and one in the sump). In addition the concrete blocks have to be in place (and wired) and there is a computer controlled input. Troubleshooting of this system is beyond the scope of this document.*
19. Switch the neutron pulser on. Make sure that the neutron pulser light comes on. **If the neutron pulser light does not come on, proceed to step number four of the shutdown procedure immediately.**
20. Verify that the DT generator is pulsing at 1.8 ms and that the pulse width is 180 μ s.
21. Leave the pulser running for approximately one minute.

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22. When the HV is turned on the "normal" (green) and the "high current" (red) will likely flicker for a few seconds after which the green light will be off for a while before it comes on steady. The red light should be off. **There is now a built in timedelay in the DT generator source circuit — it may take up to 1 minute for the green light to be steady. As long as the red light does not come on don't panic. If the green light continues to flicker past 20 seconds or the red light comes on steady proceed immediately to the shutdown procedure.**

23. Record the high voltage turn on time below, as well as in the DT Generator Log Book.

HV Turn on Time:

24. Record initial value of the F.N.F. Meter,

FNFM Gauge Reading:

FNFM Computer Reading:

*The F.N.F.M. should read approximately 1.5×10^3 at minimum and $\approx 8 \times 10^3$ at full NOC setting. If it deviates by more than 30% **immediately** proceed to the shutdown procedure and contact the OCE.*

25. Increase the NOC to 10 (slowly over a period of 20 seconds).

26. Record the final (max) value of the F.N.F. Meter,

FNFM Gauge Reading:

FNFM Computer Reading:

27. Reset the NCD counter scaler.

28. The NCD counter should be counting at 17-18 Hz at maximum NOC rate and about 3 Hz at minimum NOC rate. If the rate differs by more than 30% immediately proceed to the shutdown procedure and contact the OCE.

29. Record the start time and the initial flux on the DT Generator Log Sheet.

30. Turn the NOC setting back down to zero until the source is deployed.

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4.3 DT generator turn off procedure

This procedure describes how to turn off the DT generator. A trained and authorized DT generator operator is required to perform this procedure except **in an emergency**.

DT Generator Turn Off Procedure	
Operator:	Date:

1. Decrease the NOC from 10 to 0 (Slowly over a period of 20 sec.) Leave the Neutron Pulse Control at 5.
2. Turn the HV Off. Record this time in the DT Logbook.

HV Turn off Time:

3. Wait 1 minute.
4. Switch the neutron pulser off.
5. Turn the DT Generator off and return keys to their proper location in the ^{16}N cabinet.
6. Record the NCD counter total:

Dose:

7. Turn down the HV for the NCD counter (slowly!).
8. Turn off the NV for the NCD counter.
9. Turn off the low voltage powersupply for the NCD counter.
10. Turn off HV for FNFM (just turn it off, don't ramp down).
11. Turn off the NIM bin.
12. Fill out the DT Generator Log Sheet.

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DT Generator Log Sheet

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Previous Total Minutes:

Previous Total Hours:

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Total Minutes:

Total Hours:

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4.4 Gas board startup procedure

Operator:	Date:
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1. Verify all valves on the gas board are closed.
2. Verify the N₂/CO₂ flow control (side B) is off (fully CCW).
3. Verify the Solenoid Valve II switch is in the OFF position.
4. Enter the DCR using standard entry procedure and verify that
 - the gas input line is connected to the "dry" end of the umbilical
 - the "blue" valve is in the open position
 - the gas return line is connected to the "dry" end of the umbilical
 - the pressure transducer is powered up and that a voltmeter is connected to it.
 - the voltmeter is reading the correct (18 psi) "pressure".

The pressure transducer is hooked up in a temporary way for the time being. Consult the OCE for details.

5. Turn on the power on the main instrument panel and the dual flow controller box.
6. Flip the switch on flow controller box to "B" (for N₂ and/or CO₂). The reading takes a few minutes to equilibrate to zero or near zero.
7. Ensure that the C)₂ bottle is hooked up to the input line at valve VA2.
8. Check that VA2 is closed.
9. Close the needle valve on the CO₂ bottle.
10. Open the main CO₂ bottle valve.
11. Set the regulator to 80 PSIG. note that once the gas starts flowing the regulator and bottle starts to cool off and you sill have to readjust the setting.
12. Record the bottle pressure:

Transducer	Reading
CO ₂ Bottle Pressure (PSIG)	

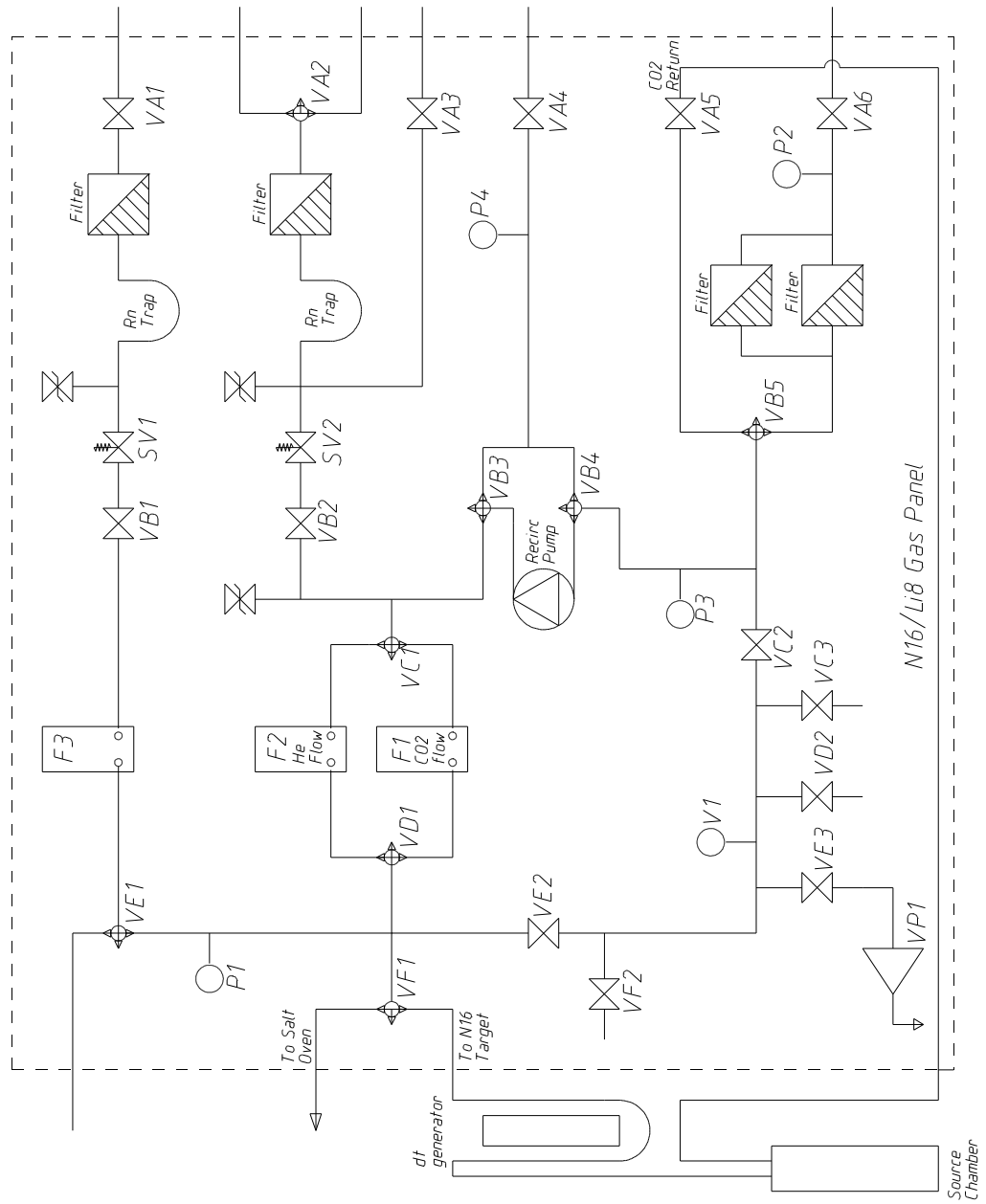


Figure 1: N16 Gas Panel

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The pressure of a full bottle is 850 to 900 psi G. The CO₂ in the bottle is in liquid or solid form and the pressure will stay relatively high until gas only and will drop rapidly thereafter. The CO₂ regulator has a small white plastic insert (disc with small hole) in order to seal to the bottle. Don't damage or lose it.

13. Open the inline needle valve after the CO₂ regulator.
14. Open SVII by setting the switch on the main control panel to **MAN**.
15. Open the manual shut-off valve VB2.
16. Direct flow to the CO₂/N₂ flow meter using valve VC1.
17. Set the CO₂/N₂ flow meter to manual and turn the control knob on turn so that some gas will flow.
18. Direct flow towards the CO₂/N₂ flow meter using valve VD1.
19. Direct flow to the N16 target chamber using valve VF1. Make sure you are not sending it to the oven!
20. Open valve VF2 to accept the returning CO₂.
21. Open valve VC2.
22. Direct the flow towards the exhaust using valve VB4.
23. Open the exhaust needle valve VA4 fully.
24. **Slowly** open valve VA2 and look to see if gas is flowing.
25. **Slowly** increase the flow until you reach around a 200-280 reading. Make sure P1 never goes above 100 PSIA. Remember that the time constants are long.
26. Record Gas Pressure and Flow.

Transducer	Reading
P1 (PSIA)	
P2 (PSIA)	
P3 (PSIA)	
P4 (PSIA)	
Flow (cc/s x (1/1000))	
Target Position	

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27. Go back to the DCR and verify that the pressure in the N16 source chamber is within the acceptable upper limit. *This is done by checking the voltage reading from the pressure transducer. The transducer gets its power from the monitor PMT supply. Contact the OCE for details.*

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Target	Position
N16	36.4
Li8	101

Table 1: Neutron Generator Target Positions

4.5 Adjusting the neutron generator target position

This procedure describes how to change the position of the neutron generator target ladder position. This procedure is used to move from the N16 target to the Li8 target or to adjust the neutron capture efficiency on a target (for example if it is desired to decrease the N16 rate). The nominal target positions for the N16 and Li8 are listed in table 4.5

Procedure

Adjusting Neutron Generator Target Position			
Date	Initial	Procedure	Data and Comments
		Turn on Power	
		Run switch in down position	
		Stop switch in down position	
		in1 in up position	
		in2 in up position	
		in3 in up position	
		speed set to HIGH	
		Use jog forward/reverse to change position to desired position	
		Turn off controller box	

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4.6 N16 PMT turn on procedure

This procedure describes how to turn on the N16 monitoring PMT.

1. Verify that the HV controller is turned off and that the dial is turned fully CCW.
2. Verify that the controller cable is plugged into the HV controller.
3. Verify that the controller cable is connected to the "dry" end of the umbilical.
4. Connect a fast oscilloscope to the linear PMT output at the "dry" end of the umbilical. Terminate with a (real) 50 Ω resistor.
5. Set scope to something like 10 mV per division vertical, 10-20 ns per division horizontal, trigger on negative edge. Use AUTO trigger at first to verify presence of baseline/noise.
6. Turn on the NIM bin.
7. Turn on HV switch.
8. Start dialling (slowly!) up the HV while watching the scope. You should see the glitches and changes in baseline on the scope as you do so. If not stop immediately and check the scope is setup correctly.
9. Real PMT signals should be evident at a voltage setting at or above 2.00.
10. Slowly increase the setting to 2.37 while watching for signs of breakdown. If you see any **stop immediately** and reduce the voltage. Contact the OCE. *There may be a tag attached to the power supply with a different voltage than the one listed above. Always use the value on the tag if there is one.*
11. Disconnect the scope.
The next steps need only be done if this procedure is executed as part of a general N16 procedure.
12. Verify that the FECD input at 17/15/4 is disconnected. Leave the "tee" and 50 Ω in place.
13. Use the N16 custom cable to connect the N16 PMT to the correct spigot near the door. Cable tie this cable to the URM. Don't cable tie to the "dry" end part of the N16 cable!
*It is important that this cable be as short as possible to get the correct trigger timing. Don't just use any random cable you find. Use the correct cable. Also the "dry" end of the N16 PMT cable is fragile. Do **not** cable tie to it. Cable tie to the long cable instead.*
14. Do not connect 17/15/4 until permission has been obtained from the detector operator.

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4.7 N16 PMT turn off procedure

This procedure describes how to turn off the N16 monitoring PMT.

1. Disconnect the cable at 17/15/4. Leave the "tee" and the 50 Ω in place.
2. Disconnect the cable going from the "dry" end to the patch panel near the door. Coil it up and hang it on the cable rack.
3. Turn down (slowly!) the HV control to a dial setting of zero.
4. Turn off the HV supply.
5. Turn off the NIM bin.
This also turns off the power to the pressure transducer. You may have to delay the last two steps until a later time.

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4.8 N16 source startup procedure

This procedure describes how to turn on the N16 source. An authorized DT and N16 operator is required to perform this procedure.

State Prior To This Procedure

- DT generator is OFF.
- Gas flow to N16 gas board and chamber is OFF.
- N16 chamber is assembled and connected to gas board.

Summary of Procedure

- Turn on DT generator.
- Set up the N16 gas board.
- Turn on the CO₂ gas flow to the gas board.
- Adjust to desired flow rate.
- Check pressure in N16 source chamber.
- Turn on N16 PMT.
- Adjust NOC and target position to desired ¹⁶N rate.

N16 Source Startup Procedure	
Operator:	Date:

- Complete DT Generator startup procedure.
- Complete Gas Board startup procedure.
- Complete N16 PMT Turn On procedure.
- Complete ¹⁶Detector Setup procedure.

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4.9 N16 source shutdown procedure

Operator:	Date:
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1. Close the main CO₂ gas bottle valve.
2. Wait for pressure on P1, P2, P3, P4 to reach atmosphere (approximately 18 PSIA).
3. Turn off regulator on CO₂ bottle.
4. Close inline valve near CO₂ regulator.
5. Close VA2.
6. Close SVII by flipping the switch on the main controller panel to **Off**.
7. Close VB2.
8. Close VC1.
9. Turn the flow control knob to zero.
10. Close VD1.
11. Close VF1.
12. Close VF2.
13. Close VC2.
14. Close VB4.
15. Close VA4.
16. Turn OFF power to Flowmeter, Stepper Motor panel and main instrument panel.

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4.10 DT pit disassembly procedure

This procedure describes how to disassemble the DT pit and how to remove the DT generator. Only qualified and authorised personnel are allowed to do this. Note that this task involves lifting and moving heavy objects. Make sure everyone involved is aware of the potential hazards (pinchpoints etc.) and make sure everyone is aware of what is to happen next. The DT generator and the stand should be treated as if contaminated until properly surveyed — this means people handling it should be wearing gloves and the gloves should be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

1. Ensure that the DT generator is off, the key has been removed and that the AC power to the controller has been disconnected.
2. Ensure that the gas system has been vented and that it is at room pressure.
3. Disconnect control cable from DT generator at electronics module and tag it.
4. Disconnect interlock cables at blocks.
5. Verify that survey meter is working and calibrated.
6. Do a survey of the blocks and surrounding area.
7. Remove top shielding block.
8. Do a survey around the bottom block.
9. Remove bottom block.
10. Survey area.
11. Remove cover over channel. Lift out cables.
12. Back off spacers holding the stand.
13. Lift DT generator stand about 12 inches.
14. Survey.
15. Continue lifting the stand until it cannot go any higher. Do survey every 12-16 inches. Note that the radiation level around the source itself is significantly higher than the rest. Take appropriate precautions.
16. Lift and swing out the bottom of the stand. Watch that the hook does not come off.
17. Lower the stand to horizontal.
18. Disconnect the FNFM (mark the cables!) and make sure its position is marked relative to the head.
19. Undo the clamps securing the DT generator.

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20. Carefully pull out the DT generator.
21. Attach end caps and place in shipping container.

4.11 DT pit assembly procedure

This procedure describes how to install the DT generator and how to assemble the DT pit. Only qualified and authorized personnel are allowed to do this. Note that this task involves lifting and moving heavy objects. Make sure everyone involved is aware of the potential hazards (pinchpoints etc.) and make sure everyone is aware of what is to happen next. The DT generator and the stand should be treated as if contaminated until properly surveyed — this means people handling it should be wearing gloves and the gloves should be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

1. Measure pressure at either end cap to determine if any leaks have developed.
2. Remove end caps.
3. Slide DT generator into the stand. Be careful not to hit anything.
4. Mount clamps securing it.
5. Attach FNFM and connect wires. Make sure signal and HV cables are not interchanged. Ensure FNFM is in correct location.
6. Hoist the stand into a vertical position and swing the end into the steel tube.
7. Do a sanity check (no cables or gas tubes caught or pinched? No loose parts etc.)
8. Lower stand into pit.
9. Ensure AC to DT controller is disconnected and the control cable is disconnected from the electronics module.
10. Connect the control cable to DT generator. Connect interlock cables.
11. Make sure water sensors are in place both inside and outside the stainless steel sleeve.
12. Place cables in channel and position cover over top.
13. Lift bottom block into position.
14. Lift top block into position
15. Connect interlocks.
16. Connect control cable to electronics module.
17. Connect AC power to controller.

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4.12 NCD counter calibration procedure

This procedure describes how to cross-calibrate the NCD counter. It is to be carried out by qualified and authorized persons only.

1. Turn on the NCD counter and set HV to 1850 V (see DT generator startup procedure).
2. Place ^{252}Cf source (horizontally) on top of the NCD counter (at the "NCD" label).
3. Record count rate in log book. *the expected count rate in this configuration is 106.2 counts per minute (March 30/2005)*
4. Remove source.
5. Measure background count rate. *Should be ≈ 15.5 per minute*
6. Turn on DT generator (see DT generator startup procedure) and record count rate at minimum and maximum NOC rates. *Expected count rates are 3 and 18 per second at minimum and maximum NOC rates respectively.*
7. Turn off DT generator.
8. Turn off NCD counter.

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