

CNMS UEC Agenda – Thursday, February 6, 2025

10:35 am Eastern Standard Time

Participants (attendees in blue)

Chair: Masoud Mahjouri-Samani (Auburn U.)

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CNMS and ORNL operations update: (Brad)

- Personnel Updates:
 - Division Director search is progressing well. There are internal and external candidates. Virtual interviews are completed, and there is a plan to complete on-campus interviews by the end of February.
 - Karren More will step down as a director but will stay as a group leader for the recombined Microscopy group (~30 people).
 - There are openings for a section head as Bobby Sumter is retiring
 - Dale Hensley has retired from the nano group after 41 years of service.
- Budgetary issues:
 - Evaluating the effect of government budget freezes to figure out what applies and to whom.
 - Need to be strategic with spending. Having less money may affect repairs and replacements of the equipment. Automation of experiments helps.
- DOE priorities (from the new DOE Secretary email): energy (fossil, nuclear, hydro), nuclear fusion, quantum computing, AI.
- By 2026 all users should have ORCID ID, including graduate students. Neutron Sciences link ORCID ID to guest portal. ORCID IDs are helpful to track users through their careers. Currently e-mails are used, so if a person changes job, and gets a new email, the system cannot recognize them.
- FOM (Facility Online Management network) – plan to install FOM boxes that will turn computer monitor on and off. Such boxes were successfully used at Penn State and Drexel Universities. Plan is to make easier:
 - Instrument reservation and enforcing schedule
 - User login to the instrument
 - User interaction with an instrument (for how long the instrument is used)
 - There will be a separate login and password information to remember.
 - Pilot project in the clean room, then scale up. Probably not all instruments will be included in this project.
- Ordered new JEOL TEM, but it will not be deployed until the Microscopy Building Extension is complete.
- New Atom Probe through the Capitalization Project.
- Working with Neutron Scattering to add deuteration capability in the Macromolecular Nanomaterials Group. Can make 8 deuterated materials, lead time ~12 weeks. Can be done through rapid access user proposal.
- CNMS has not heard back from the 5-year review.

2025 Joined CNMS and SNS User meeting

- Place: Crowne Plaza Hotel, downtown Knoxville. It is a smaller space than Marriott but should work. There are meeting rooms on the first floor. We can reconfigure the big room, putting chairs in the middle and posters on the walls.
- Invite sponsors and exhibitors to offset the cost of the meeting.
- Open to public meeting. Registration will be accepted till 8/1, which may increase attendance.
- Everyone from ORNL will have to get their presentations approved by RESOLUTION.
- Meeting Organizing Committee: Massoud, Zach, Nina, Lynn, Piran.
- Need to plan plenary speakers.
- Workshops proposals: 3 are proposed, can have up to 8. Possible topics: soft matter neutron scattering, MXenes, quantum computing, nuclear fusion, AI.

Committee business

- UEC meetings schedule is set for 1st Thursday of a month, 10:30 am, on MS Teams.

Suggestion box - empty

New business/action items - none

End time: 11:11 am EST

CNMS UEC Agenda – Thursday, March 6, 2025

10:35 am Eastern Standard Time

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CNMS and ORNL operations update: (Brad)

- Operation Update:
 - On 2/28, the Secretary of Energy visited the lab and had a good meeting. Said a lot of positive things about the lab.
 - Operating normally, there are no concerns. No major updates.
 - FOM (facility online management network) is experiencing approval delays.
- Personnel update:
 - Division Director search is progressing well. In-person interviews are completed, the decision should be announced soon.
 - The majority of National Labs are in the process of getting new division directors. May be a good opportunity for nanoscience centers to figure out how to work together more.
- Other issues:
 - Call for next round of user proposals will be open on 3/12 and will end on 5/14. Notifications will go out in June; the approved grants will start on 8/1.
 - Trifold Informational flyers about the nanoscience centers are printed and will be distributed at national conferences (APS, Nanotech 2025 Conference and Expo, etc.)

2025 Joined CNMS and SNS User meeting

- 2 plenary speakers are confirmed.
- Need to plan/nominate invited speakers.
- Contributed talks by user community: ask staff to recommend users for contributed talks
- CNMS has 3 workshops proposed:
 - Scanning Probe microscopy
 - Software and tools for e-beam lithography instrument
 - Neutron scattering and soft matter. SNS has proposed a workshop on neutrons and soft matter dynamics. There are considerations to combine these 2 workshops and create a session at the meeting instead.
- New workshop “Second Target Station” (Neutron Sciences) on Thursday, 8/14.
- There will be a survey of users to choose outstanding staff member, instead of just relying on “Thank you Staff” messages. This will be done closer to the meeting.

Committee business

B. UEC meetings schedule is set for 1st Thursday of the month, 10:30 am, on MS Teams.

Suggestion box – 2 blank messages

Thank Staff Box – 2 new messages (S. Harris, Jingsong Huang)

New business/action items - none

End time: 10:50 am EST

CNMS UEC Agenda – Thursday, May 1, 2025

10:30 am Eastern Standard Time

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CNMS and ORNL operations update: (Brad)

- Operation Update:
 - CNMS Review by DOE is complete, but the results are not shared with the Lab yet.
 - Operating normally, there are no concerns. No major updates.
 - FOM (facility online management network) is experiencing delays. Working on the IT issues.
- Personnel update:
 - Division Director search is progressing well. The decision is getting closer, but no one is named yet.
 - Ganesh is the new Section Head for the Theory/Computation. Group Leader Position for the Theory/Computation is open. Bobby is the Corporate Fellow Emeritus.
- Budgetary issues:
 - No concerns currently.
- Other issues:
 - Call for next round of user proposals will be open on 3/12 and will end on 5/14. Notifications will go out in June; the approved grants will start on 8/1.
 - Brad and Lisa attended a CFN User meeting at Brookhaven. They toured the lab and learned about Brookhaven FOM for scheduling and tracking users for the proposal system. They met a UEC-CFN member who is interested in establishing ties with UEC-CNMS.

2025 Joined CNMS and SNS User meeting

- Brad emailed the meeting information (Web site and the list of suggested invited speakers) to the UEC members. Masoud will start emailing invitations to the speakers.
- 2 plenary speakers are confirmed.
- In order to save money, the speakers will be given \$750 honorarium, and they will have to cover their travel expenses. UEC members' travel expenses will be covered.
- The list of sessions chairs is finalized.
- Contributed talks and posters: submission is open. The poster session will be joined.
- Workshop schedule – was not discussed.
- Need to advertise the meeting to the users and users-to-be.
- Need to finalize travel plans soon.

Committee business

- UEC meetings schedule is set for 1st Thursday of the month, 10:30 am, on MS Teams.

Suggestion box – was not discussed

Thank Staff Box – was not discussed

New business/action items - none

End time: 10:50 am EDT

CNMS UEC Agenda – Thursday, June 6, 2025

10:30 am Eastern Standard Time

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CNMS and ORNL operations update: (Brad)

- Personnel update:
 - Division Director search is complete. The new Director is Scott Retterer and he will officially start on 07/01/2025. CNMS is actively looking for a Section Head to replace him. Have had interviews for a Group Leader to replace Ganesh, who is now a Section Head, as well as for a Group Leader for Electron Microscopy. Karren More is now an interim Group Leader for Electron Microscopy, will retire at the end of the 2025.
- Budgetary issues:
 - No concerns currently.
- Other issues:
 - None

2025 Joined CNMS and SNS User meeting

- The meeting is being actively prepared behind the scenes.
- Most of the invited speaker slots have been filled. CNMS has one spot to fill.
- Contributed speakers: have 18 abstracts are submitted. Will review and accept them on a rolling basis. For each session CNMS and SNS will select one speaker each. International people will need more time to organize their travel.
- The deadline for poster submission is June 30th.
- The rules have changed regarding the bar at the poster session. We are no longer allowed to have a cash bar. Options: to have drink tickets or to use the Crowne Plaza bar at the lobby and let people bring their drinks (cheaper option). Cannot pay for alcohol from the meeting budget. May be able to cover it from the sponsorship. Currently there are 2 sponsors, \$6500 each. Will try fundraising with Bio-Logic that is based in Knoxville.

Committee Business

- UEC meetings schedule is set for 1st Thursday of the month, 10:30 am, on MS Teams.

Suggestion box – was not discussed

Thank Staff Box – was not discussed

New business/action items - none

End time: 10:45 am EDT

CNMS UEC Agenda – Thursday, July 3, 2025

Start time: 10:30 am EDT

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CNMS and ORNL operations update: (Brad)

- **Personnel update:**
 - **The new Division Director is Scott Retterer.** He officially started on 07/01/2025. He joined ORNL as a postdoc in 2005 in Biosciences Division, and progressed through the ranks of group leader, theme lead, section head, and now he is the division director. He has a lot of experience in working with users.
 - CNMS received results of the 5-year review from DOE. The review is very positive. Focus areas for going forward: increasing the number of users from industry, interface with SNS, streamline decision making process regarding staffing and investments; utilizing input and expertise from UEC.
- **Budgetary issues:**
 - No concerns currently.
- **User Program:**
 - 173 proposals are currently under review. The reviewer deadline is 7/8.

2025 Joined CNMS and SNS User meeting

- Most of the meeting logistics is covered.
- 116 abstracts are submitted. 90 of them are posters. There will be a meeting at 11:30 today to finalize the contributed talks.
- 239 participants are registered for the meeting. The registration closes on August 4th.
- First time doing sponsorship for the meeting. Secured 7 sponsors. Need to request sponsorship earlier in the year for higher success.
- Changes in CNMS staff award: there will be a nomination process; the award will be named after Jonathan Poplawsky, who recently passed away. He was a long-standing staff member and a recipient of the outstanding staff award.
- During the meeting it will be a joined townhall meeting with SNS. The question is how to foster more interaction and collaboration between CNMS and SNS.

New Business

- Most of the members of the CNMS Scientific Advisory Committee have finished their term. The Committee needs to be reformed based on the recommendations from the DOE review. SNS is also thinking about establishing the Scientific Advisory Committee. It will be good to have some shared members to foster more collaboration. UEC recommendations/nominations are very welcome.

Committee Schedule

- UEC meetings schedule is set for 1st Thursday of the month, 10:30 am, on MS Teams.

Suggestion box – was not discussed

Thank Staff Box – was not discussed

New business/action items - none

End time: 11:10 am EDT

CNMS UEC Agenda – Thursday, September 4, 2025

Start time: 10:30 am EDT

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CNMS and ORNL operations update: (Scott Retterer, Brad Lokitz)

- CNMS has submitted a 30-day response to DOE (for the 5-year review). A copy will be shared with members of UEC. A 90-day response is being prepared.
- The CNMS Science Advisory Committee is being reformed, and a charter for it is being established. Need to engage the UEC and the user community into strategic planning process: investment strategies and equipment acquisition.
- Discussion about opportunities for the UC to provide input on the following issues:
 - Strengthening collaboration with other user facilities at ORNL (SNS, etc.) and outside of ORNL. Having user agreements across the institutions to use resources more efficiently and create a network that works across the facilities.
 - Increasing number of industrial users and CNMS impact on industry as well as capturing industrial collaborations on the proposals. Identify industrial conferences that CNMS can participate in to bring new industrial users.
 - Paying special attention to DOE “Entity List” and adding a question on the proposal application regarding collaboration with companies on the “Entity list”.
 - Plans to introduce an AI agent into user proposal process, to help users identify more resources at CNMS and SNS/HFIR, that will be helpful for their proposal. UEC has been asked to provide feedback on this idea.
 - UEC Roles and Responsibilities regarding engagement with users (Tier I and Tier II priorities, see CNMS web site), especially engaging users (possibly hold “office hours” so users can connect, reach out to users directly through zoom calls, etc. Nina Balke will lead this activity. Also invite staff to join UEC meetings and share the results of the user survey with group leaders.

2025 Joined CNMS and SNS User meeting

- It was a very good meeting.
- What was especially good (from participant survey): scientific content, workshops, fact that it was a joined meeting with SNS, food.
- Notes for the future:
 - Reorganize the poster session room to allow more space per poster.
 - Make sure that wireless connection between laptops and projectors works reliably, otherwise use wired projectors.
 - Engage users more at the Town Hall, possibly using Slido.
 - Find ways to attract more potential users: advertise on LinkedIn, invite non-users as speakers (with an honorarium)

- From strategic and sponsorship points, it would be a good idea to organize joined meetings more frequently in the future, like other user facilities (Molecular Foundry, Brookhaven, Argonne)

Budgetary issues - No concerns

User Proposals Program – was not discussed

New business/action items - none

Committee Schedule

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Suggestion box – was not discussed

Thank Staff Box – was not discussed

End time: 11:20 am EDT

CNMS UEC Agenda – Thursday, October 2, 2025

Start time: 10:30 am EDT

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CNMS and ORNL operations update: (Scott Retterer, Brad Lokitz)

- Despite the Government shutdown, ORNL is still open for business. No social media posts, travel is limited.
- 90-days response to DOE, following their review, is submitted and shared between UEC members. Strategic planning documents are due at the end of the calendar year. Main points: strengthening connections with Neutron Facilities; increasing the number of industry users. Feedback from the UEC is requested. Main questions of interest are how we capture our engagement with industry, how we capture our impact on industry, and how we do outreach to connect with industrial users.
- Some outreach efforts are underway to the local biotech community and Eastman.
- Neutron Facilities added to their user proposal form a question about possible characterization or deuteration of samples at the CNMS. When the proposals are submitted, CNMS gets a notification of such interest. This is a good way to attract more users to CNMS.
- Staff Meeting at CNMS on how to engage more with users. UEC is reaching out to individual users at the end of their visit to get their in-depth feedback. Nina Balke leads this effort. She formulated a set of questions for the user exit interview. The questions should be sent to users ahead of time. The questions, setting and conducting such interviews were discussed.
- Possibility of using AI in initial screening of user proposals to suggest new capabilities to the users was discussed. If this idea is supported, an Enterprise version of Open AI, which is more secure, will be used.
- UEC Election process for 2026 is underway. Nominations are made, and nominee statements are being collected.
- A series of joint meetings for the members of UEC of different research facilities is being planned. First meeting is scheduled for today, October 2nd.

Budgetary issues - No concerns

User Proposals Program

- CNMS User proposal submission for 2026-Spring round will close on October 15th

New business/action items - none

Committee Schedule

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Suggestion box – was not discussed

Thank Staff Box – was not discussed

End time: 11:20 am EDT

CNMS UEC Agenda – Thursday, November 6, 2025

Start time: 10:30 am EDT

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CNMS and ORNL operations update: (Scott Retterer, Brad Lokitz)

- **Strategic Planning:** A strategic plan must be delivered to the DOE by the end of the year. More meetings are planned to discuss the 90-day plan, which focuses on connecting with Neutron Sciences and collaboration with industry as well as investment strategies, with input from staff to be gathered before submission. Updates on progress with the strategic plan will be shared in future meetings.
- **Staff Recognition:** Two staff members were recognized as Fellows of APS, which is being celebrated.
- **2025 Facilities Questionnaire** was submitted to BES on October 31. Analysis indicates that the majority of users originate from academia, with UTK and ORNL collectively accounting for approximately 40% of total users.
- **Publication** analysis (categorized as *Sole CNMS-authored*, *CNMS-led collaborative*, *User-led collaborative*, and *User-only*) showed a decline in annual publications:
 - FY22: 327
 - FY23: 362
 - FY24: 339
 - FY25: 318

Potential factors contributing to this downward trend include staff turnover and retirements, particularly among senior researchers; a shift toward multidisciplinary projects (resulting in fewer publications per staff member); and budget constraints that may limit user and student participation. It was noted that there is no clear correlation between the decline in publications and patent activity, which decreased from 9 patents in FY24 to 3 in FY25. Further analysis is recommended to determine whether this pattern reflects a national trend. Future efforts should include examining authorship data (e.g., number of CNMS authors per paper) and collecting feedback from users and academic partners to better understand underlying causes. The insights will be used to inform sponsors and guide improvement initiatives.

- **User Satisfaction Survey:**
 - Overall satisfaction levels remain very high and consistent with past years. There is a small portion of dissatisfied users—mainly citing communication delays, and instrument downtime. Communication delays are often linked to unclear scheduling, delayed email responses, or inadequate updates during instrument downtime. Instrument downtime is often unavoidable, but poor communication around downtime worsens user perception. Labs are well-maintained; cleanliness viewed positively for both safety and professionalism. Overall experience is rated highly positive; users value collaborative support and scientific expertise. Possible improvements to increase user satisfaction:
 - Implement a communication workflow/tracking system to document staff–user interactions, set response expectations, and prompt follow-ups.
 - Explore calendar integration so users can schedule meetings directly with staff.

- Review feedback themes using AI analysis (ChatGPT) to streamline comment review and identify systemic issues.
- Evaluate proposal acceptance rates (currently ~75%) and workload balance, as high acceptance may contribute to stretched resources and slower responses. Currently, there are ~1000 users, ~500 active proposals which is equivalent to ~70 FTE (including postdocs) and ~5 projects per staff member.
- User Interview Update: working progress; spreadsheet is distributed.
- Community Engagement:
 - Annual CNMS/SNS 5K run: CNMS team performed exceptionally well in the 5K running challenge, securing 7 of the top 10 spots. Yangyang Wang won the 5K, surprising many with his strong performance.
 - CNMS Picnic: Scheduled for Saturday, 11/8. Members of the UEC are welcome. Planning inter-lab social and sports activities (e.g., soccer, pickleball, dodgeball) to strengthen staff engagement.

Budgetary issues

- Despite the Government shutdown, the ORNL is still open for business. Equipment repairs are being prioritized based on user schedules. The lab is accommodating users affected by shutdowns at other clean rooms, including mail-out services for samples. The goal is to maintain support for scheduled users and keep operations running smoothly.

User Proposals Program

- 2026A-Spring round CNMS User proposals are currently under review

New business/action items

- Progressing with the Facilities Online Management (FOM) system enhancements. Current efforts are focused on integrating instrument scheduling with the proposal system to enable automated user logging and automatically record user interactions.
- Implementation of an internal RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation) AI model developed by the DNA group. AI uses CNMS/SNS publications to recommend facility capabilities suited to user proposals and assist in reviewer matching. It is hosted internally at ORNL for data security and potential integration into the CNMS proposal portal.
- Plans to increase CNMS visibility at national conferences, such as Microscopy & Microanalysis 2027 Symposium and MRS Spring Meeting (Honolulu) in order to attract more users and showcase facility capabilities.
- Construction on the Second Target Station (STS) continues, with significant landscape changes visible around CNMS. Some instruments, such as the Helium Ion Microscope, have experienced minor vibration impacts due to ongoing work; mitigation measures are in place to minimize disruptions.
- UEC Election process for 2026 is underway. All nominee statements are collected, except one. The elections will be held for 2 weeks and completed before Thanksgiving.

Committee Schedule

- UEC meetings schedule is set for 1st Thursday of the month, 10:30 am, on MS Teams.

Suggestion box – was not discussed

Thank a Staff Box – was not discussed

End time: 11:16 am EDT

CNMS UEC Agenda – Thursday, December 4, 2025

Start time: 10:30 am EDT

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CNMS and ORNL operations update: (Scott Retterer, Brad Lokitz)

- Strategic Plan has been sent to DOE which included Strategic Goals, Vision, Priority Investments and Initiatives
 - Themes:
 - Heterogeneities in Quantum Materials
 - Harnessing Complex Macromolecular Conformations
 - Multiscale Dynamics.
 - UEC Election Update Election is complete; results pending announcement. Discussed ideas on how to improve participation.
 - User Interview Update: working progress; spreadsheet is distributed. Four interviews were planned; three have been completed so far.

New business/action items: none

Committee Schedule: To be updated next year

Suggestion box – was not discussed

Thank a Staff Box – was not discussed

End time: 11:26 am EDT