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Beamline Update

Reflectometer Maintenance

Maintenance work on the reflectometer continued this month with some optical elements being re-aligned. The encoders associated with these components were re-installed and calibrated after being overhauled. Also, the vacuum pump for the upstream beamline optics was replaced.

Some progress was made on software for processing data from the 2D detectors.

J-PARC Open House

Being located along the visitor observation route, BL17 and the beamline team played an active role in the J-PARC Open House that was held on Sunday the 29th of July. Visitors were able to see the beamline shielding and the the control cabin including computing facilities used for beamline control and data analysis, data acquisition and detector electronics and a poster presentation that described neutron reflectometry and its applications.

Data Analysis Facilities in the IQBRC

Two powerful desktop computers have been installed in Room B404B of the IQBRC (<u>User Data Analysis Room</u>) for offline processing and analysis of reflectivity data collected at BL17. The 64-bit Windows PCs (English and Japanese versions) are installed initially with MS Office, KaleidaGraph and Igor. They will be networked to the beamline data storage server in the near future.