DINGO USER MANUAL

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This guide is not intended to replace your local contact, but to jog your memory if you are operating independently. Anything strange, call your local contact...

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DINGO status is visible from outside Ansto at the following webpage: http://www.nbi.ansto.gov.au/dingo/

Reactor status and cold source temperature visible at (do not leave this webpage open for long periods of time): http://prism.nbi.ansto.gov.au/reactor/ReactorInfo.swf

Other useful numbers: Emergencies: 888 (not emergency, working alone form etc...): 3434 Health Physics: 9779 IT helpdesk: 9200 Feedback on the manual: <u>filomens@ansto.gov.au</u>

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1. RESPONSIBILITIES

1.1 The Head, Bragg Institute has overall responsibility for the implementation of this work instruction within the Bragg Institute.

1.2 The Head, Bragg Institute is responsible for:

• Nominating the OPAL NBI Source Officer

 \cdot Nominating Instrument Scientists for each NBI at the OPAL NBF.

1.3 The OPAL NBI Source Officer has the following responsibilities and authorities to:

· Ensure that the operation of the NBI complies with the OPAL NBF Source Licence,

 \cdot Authorise nominated NBI Operators, and

• Enable the opening of the secondary shutters.

1.4 Instrument Scientists are to:

· Ensure that persons comply with the latest applicable Bragg Institute Procedures and Instructions

• Nominate NBI Operators of their NBI according to PO-P-011.

 \cdot Ensure this work instruction is implemented.

1.5 Other responsibilities are detailed in section 5 of this work instruction.

2. PREREQUISITES

2.1 A current SAC Approval form for DINGO must be displayed on the instrument

2.2 If Sample Environment Equipment is in use, the relevant equipment instructions will be located in the instrument control cabin.

3. PRECAUTIONS

3.1 An NBI Operator may only use DINGO with the approval of the Instrument Scientist except when NBF Staff are being trained in the operation of an NBI by an Instrument Scientist.

3.2 When working with the DINGO instrument, the operator must obey all radiation warning indicators and signs and follow all procedures required by the Safety Interlock System.

3.3 Samples that are to be placed on the instrument must meet all necessary safety standards relating to toxicity, flammability and radioactivity (see PO-P-004).

3.4 Sample Environment equipment must only be used within specified tolerances (see the specific work instructions for sample changer, cryostats, furnace, pressure cells, and cryomagnet).

3.5 Before samples are removed from the OPAL NBF they must have an appropriate Clearance Certificate as described in PO-P-004.

3.6 For samples requiring special environmental conditions the Instrument Scientist must approve the experimental conditions, obtain SAC approval and ensure that, if relevant, an Instruction Manual is provided.

4. METHOD

4.1 GENERAL

4.1.1 All neutron scattering instruments must be used in accordance with Bragg Institute Procedure PO-P-008.

4.1.2 Samples are placed in holder or in air as appropriate to the instrument environment and experimental requirements.

4.1.3 Details of the samples, the instrument configuration and the environmental conditions may be recorded using the sample name, sample description and sample title descriptors in the instrument data file.in a manual log along with other relevant information such as details of personnel, Proposal Number, instrument configuration and Sample Environment used.

Note: Generation of the electronic log is not automatic upon running a sample.

4.1.4 Any operations to be performed by people within the Experimental Area must be performed while the sample shutter is closed. It is forbidden for any person to be in the instrumental area while

the shutter is open. Access to the instrument area is mediated by the Safety Interlock System and described in section 4.2 of this document.

4.2 OPENING AND CLOSING THE SAMPLE BEAM SHUTTER

Your local contact will train you in how to enter the enclosure and load samples. Before you do this independently you must sign the training form to acknowledge you have received the training.

The sample shutter may only be opened after going through the interlock procedure and ensuring no one is in the instrument area. This procedure is:

4.2.1. The NBI Operator activates the interlock by pressing the lockup initiation (exit) button located in the instrument area with the exit door closed.

4.2.2. Visible and audible warnings will indicate the sequence has been initiated.

4.2.3. All present in the instrument area must move into the instrument cabin and within 20 seconds the door must be closed. This is locked by the SIS. Only then will it be possible to open the beam. E-stops in the instrument area or control cabin can be used but they also close the secondary shutters. An abort button may be used to stop the procedure. This is located next to the exit button in the instrument area.

4.2.4. The beam is then opened using the safety control panel. The operation of the interlock system is specified in NBIP-ER-.....

4.3 STARTING AN EXPERIMENT

4.3.1 DINGO has a number of operating parameters which are determined before running an experiment, usually by the instrument scientist. These are controlled using the instrument control server (SICS). The main control parameters are:

 \cdot the camera box position: dz

 \cdot the camera translation stage position: dy

 \cdot the motion of the sample stage: sx, sy, sz

The SICS User Manual is provided in the instrument cabin.

SICS basic commands are listed below and they can be input by client Putty_ics1 (please, refer to pag. 11 of the current manual for instructions on how to start client Putty_ics1) :

run mot1 pos1 mot2 pos2	runs mot1 to pos1, mot2 to pos2,
success	waits and blocks the command connection until all pending operations have finished (or an interrupt occured).
drive mot1 pos1 mot2 pos2	is the same as run but it blocks the client that requested the drive from issuing commands until the motion has finished. Can be called with one to n pairs of object new value pairs. This command will set the variables in motion and wait until the driving has finished. A drive can be seen as a sequence of a run command as stated above immediatly followed by a Success command
mot OR mot position	prints the current position of the motor. All zero point and sign corrections are applied
mot hardposition	prints the current position of the motor. No corrections are applied. Should read the same as the controller box
mot list	Lists all the motor's parameters.
mot reset	resets the motor parameters to default values. This is software zero to 0.0 and software limits are reset to hardware limits
mot interest	initiates automatic printing of any position change of the motor. This command is mainly interesting for implementors of status display clients.
mot uninterest	disables interest
mot homerun 1 or 0	homerun with no arguments reports the current status, a value of "1" means that the motors have been homed.
	homerun 1 will run the homing routine. Used on motors with relative encoders e.g. slit motors.
list mot type	Returns the motor's type.

Warning! Emergency stop: in order to interrupt any motor driving type INT1712 3

4.2 DETECTOR CONFIGURATION

According to the needed **spatial resolution**, different reference configurations can be set-up.

- Pixel size of 25 µm

The standard set–up is: 100 mm lens mounted on the camera and the small nose with a field of view of 10x10 cm set in place.

Select the 5x5 tertiary shutter (1) from the safety control panel situated at the size of the DINGO door enclosure or at the entrance of DINGO cabin. Using client Putty, drive the camera translation table dy to 115.

Picture

- Pixel size of 50 µm

The standard set–up is: 100 mm lens is mounted on the camera and the big nose with a field of view of 10x10 cm set in place. Select the 10x10 tertiary shutter (2) from the safety control panel situated at the size of the DINGO door enclosure or at the entrance of DINGO cabin. Using client Putty, drive the camera translation table dy to 220.

- Pixel size of 100 µm

The standard set–up is: 50 mm lens is mounted on the camera and the big nose with a field of view of 20x20 cm set in place. Select the 20x20 tertiary shutter (3) from the safety control panel situated at the size of the DINGO door enclosure or at the entrance of DINGO cabin. Using client Putty, drive the camera translation table dy to 125.

If **high intensity** is needed, the high of the camera box should be changed. Using client Putty, drive the camera translation table dz to 100. Ensure that the sample stage is at a proper distance to avoid any collision. If not, drive sx through client Putty. Select the high intensity 20x20 tertiary shutter (4) from the safety control panel.

Note: no safe interlock is provided for dy at the moment. Be careful when driving dy since the lens can collide with the mirror mounted in front of the scintillator screen. A safe value for dy is 45.

Finally ensure that the camera lens diaphragm is fully open and the cap is taken off.

4.2.1. CAMERA FOCUSING

Once the detector has been configured, the camera focus can be adjusted.

At the first stage the lens focus has to be optimized using light. Partially close the lid of the camera box, leaving a narrow slit to let the room light in. Then replace the scintillator screen mounted on the nose with the millimetric grid sticked on the aluminium plate of the proper side. The grid has to face towards the mirrors.

- 1. Ensure that ANDOR software has been quit to avoid error message.
- 2. Start DINGO Camera Server from HP PC desktop CCAM-1-DINGO located on the left side when exit DINGO enclosure.
- 3. Select the window "Config" from the Command Menu in the bottom and set the cooling temperature to -90 °C. Input 0.5 s as exposure time. Activate "Multi on" to set up a



continuous camera acquisition and click on "Take shot".

Manually focus the lens by twisting the focus ring by small steps. You'll be able to see when the image is sharp by selecting the label "Image" from the top Command Menu in DINGO Camera Server. You might have to twist the focus ring back and forth, moving through and beyond your chosen point of focus until you see that focus is spot on and the grid is well visible.

! Important notice! When the image of the grid is sharp, take note of the number of pixels that "cover" 10 mm by dragging the cursor on the two extreme lines of the grid that correspond to such distance. Read the value on the tag that pops-up on the captured image. This information will be used to estimate the current pixel-size and the field of view.

Replace the grid with the scintillator screen and close the lid to check the focus for neutron. Stick the "Siemens star" on the scintillator. Exit DINGO enclosure according to standard safety procedure and then open the secondary shutter from remote control monitor.

- 4. On DINGO Camera Server from HP PC desktop CCAM-1-DINGO input 5 s as exposure time.
- 5. Activate "Multi off" and click on "Take shot".
- 6. When the neutron radiography is taken, go to "Meta Data" in the top Command Menu and take note of the "Sharpness factor".
- 7. Using client Putty, drive the camera translation table by incrementing and decrementing dy value by step of 0.5.
- 8. Take a shot and check the "Sharpness factor" for each dy.
- 9. Then set dy at the value showing the highest "Sharpness factor".

Close the shutter from the safety control panel and enter DINGO enclosure according to standard and safety procedure. Remove the "Siemens star" from the scintillator and place it back in its box.

4.3 SAMPLE SET-UP

Place your sample properly allocated in the sample holder on the rotation stage.

Using client Putty, drive the sample stage at sx = 0 to be centred with respect to the neutron beam and the detector. Then adjust the high and the closest possible distance from the detector by setting sz and sy, respectively (see the common commands in section 4.3.1 of this document).

In the case of tomographic experiment, be sure that the sample does not collide the scintillator or other component of the detector while the rotating table moves.

Note: a safety interlock is provided for sx, sy and sz. Refer to the instrument control software (SICS) manual to control, change and check the parameters.

Once the sample position is optimized, exit DINGO enclosure according to standard and safety procedure and then open the secondary shutter from the safety control panel.





4.4 LANCHING AN EXPERIMENT

Ensure that DINGO Camera Server has been quit to avoid error message. Start ANDOR from HP PC desktop DAV2-DINGO located in DINGO cabin. Select the window "Acquisition" from the Command Menu.

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In order to take a radiographic image or to check the optimum exposure time, in the sheet "Setup camera" select *single* "Acquisition mode", *internal* "Triggering", *1MHz at 16-bit* as "Readout Rate"

and input the "Exposure time (sec)". Click on the grey button in the Command Menu to start the acquisition. If you want to save the shot select "File", "Save as" and then select directory where to store the file properly named with fits-unsigned-16bit format.

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To set up a tomography scan, in the sheet "Setup camera" select *kinetic* "Acquisition mode", *external* "Triggering" and *1MHz at 16-bit* as "Readout Rate". Input the "Exposure time (sec)", the "Number of Accumulations" per each step angle and the "Kinetic series length" equal to the total number of images that will be acquired (projections + open beam + dark current).

Note: Parallel beam geometry requires projection images preferably with equiangular separation between 0° and 180°. "Ideal" projections are images free of noise. In practice this is never the case since noise is always present due to the statistical nature of the measurement. Detectors need sufficient grey levels (dynamic range). If the detector is 12 bit or less one should acquire a number of images at every angle and use the sum or the average of these images. The number of projections is theoretically defined as $\pi x N / 2$ for 180° scans and $\pi x N$ for 360° scans where N is the number of row pixels that can "see" the transmitted image of the sample. The number of projections can often be lower for practical applications, but it is advisable to use a number of projections comparable or higher than the number of detector pixels in a single row. More projections improve the statistics and quality of the reconstruction, but also increase the scanning times and reconstruction time.

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Select sheet "Binning" and define the region of interest where your sample fit.

Then move to sheet "Spooling" end enable spooling. Select .Tif as file type and name the file and choose the directory: D:\filer\experiment\data\spool\yourfolder.

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Then click the "OK" button to save the configuration.

In order to create the external trig that will be read by the camera software, start the Instrument Control Server (SICS) by running the client Putty_ics1.

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Log in using the account provided by your personal contact and type "SICS client". Then type cd batch/ to have access to the list of script available. Open the reference script by writing vi scan_soma.tcl and then input cp scan_soma.tcl scan_soma_yourscan.tcl to rename the script.

Finally vi scan_soma_yourscan.tcl to open the script. Press "Insert" or "A" on the keyboard in order to be able to modify the script.

Picture showing the essential value to modify.

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drive <mark>sx</mark> -100		
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clientput "start dark image"		
for {set pos 0} {\$pos <= 4} {incr pos} {	→	number of dark current
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Wait 5		exposure time
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clientput "tomography finished"		

When the script is ready press "Esc" on the keyboard, then :wq to save and quit the script.

Note: the full list of commands for Vim text editor is availed at http://www.fprintf.net/vimCheatSheet.html#

In order to start the scan, go to ANDOR software Click on the grey button in the Command Menu and using client Putty, type exe scan_soma_your.tcl in the other open window.

5 QUICK GUIDE TO DATA RECONSTRUCTION

Copy your raw data from the folder previously defined in directory D:/ to a new dedicate folder in network V:/ from HP PC desktop DAV2-DINGO located in DINGO cabin.

Then you can operate the following procedure on the workstation available in DINGO cabin or on the dedicate windows machine locate in the Imaging room in H77.

Open ImageJ software, select "File", then "Import" from the Menu Command. Select the directory with the raw data and click on the first image. Once the stack has been opened and visualized, export the sequence of images as single files by selecting "File", "Save as", "Image sequence" and create a new folder where to save the decompressed data. Repeat the procedure for all raw files.

Note: the full list of commands for ImageJ software is availed at <u>http://imagej.nih.gov/ij/docs/index.html</u>

When all data have been decompressed, open Octopus software. In the Menu Command select "Other function" and press "Rename file". Select "Original path" to import the decompressed files and rename them by writing the desired name in "basename" tag and distinguishing among beam profile, dark current and projection images.

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When the images stack is ready, follow the instruction available on the Octopus Reconstruction User Manual. The Manual is available on DINGO cabin or can be consulted by selecting the "Help" button from the Command Menu.

Please refer to the procedure described starting from section 6 "Main window" at pag. 19 or to the following general guide:

- 1) Open Octopus (Octopus Reconstruction v.8.8)
- 2) Select dataset
 - a. select directory

- i. use decomposed data (folder = decomp)
- b. Select open beam images (first open beam image)
- c. Select dark images (first dark image)
- d. IF: ob & di images are stacked images (i.e. not 5x separate files, but 5 images within one file), then:
 - i. Open ImageJ
 - ii. Do the following for both di and ob stacked images:
 - 1. Open 'image sequence '
 - 2. Despeckle
 - 3. Remove outliers
 - 4. Then "save as/image sequence"
 - 5. Label: "di_SampleX_" or "ob_SampleX_"
 - 6. Save to "decomp" folder
- 3) Data parameters
 - a. For Last angle, specify: 360° or 180° (or other applicable value)
 - b. Assign pixel size (in mm)
 - c. Tilt: leave at 0
 - d. OK
- 4) Preparation/crop images
 - a. Select directory (decomp folder)
 - b. Select directory for resized images (accept default: called resized)
 - c. OK
 - d. Trim image from left to right
 - e. Accept
- 5) Preparation/filter spots
 - a. Select directory of images (resized folder)
 - b. Select directory for cleaned images (default folder = "clean")
 - c. To remove random spots
 - i. Need to modify the "custom level"
 - 1. Will need to experiment with various values
 - 2. Aim for a 'fraction filtered' value: 0.01-0.015% for Gadox scintillator
 - 3. Aim for a 'fraction filtered' value: 0.1% for Lithium Fluoride
 - scintillator
- 6) Preparation/Normalise images
 - a. Select folder for clean
 - b. Do you want to normalise for beam intensity = YES
 - c. Select an area which does not include the sample (or sample container)
 - d. Select ring filter = moderate (e.g. 2 or 3)
- 7) Preparation/Correct axis tilt
 - a. *Note: this process is a little shonky try it once or twice, and if the tilt is too high, it might not be working if so, this can be corrected in reconstruction phase*
 - b. Select "normalised" folder
 - c. Select folder select "save" and then "current folder"
 - d. Select first image (for projection at 0 degrees)
 - e. Select middle image (for projection at 180 degrees)

- f. Normalise projections with flat field = NO
- g. Select a lateral slice area which includes the sample in all orientations
 - i. If the tilt is consistent, continue
 - ii. If not, come back to later (e.g. after parallel beam reconstruction)
- 8) Preparation/Sinograms
 - a. Selected rotated folder
 - b. Select sinograms folder: new folder ("sinograms")
- 9) Reconstruction/parallel beam reconstruction
 - a. Select sinogram folder
 - b. Select reconstructed folder (select default folder)
 - c. Untick "Exit on finish"
 - d. Choose middle slice (default slice)
 - i. Scan/Adjust rotation axis
 - 1. right click rotation axis value
 - ii. Fix the rotation for that slice (this should balance the axis for whole sample)
 - iii. "Evaluate"
 - e. Options/Apply ring filter
 - i. Enter values of "maximum ring width"
 - 1. Play around with it
 - 2. (too big, data lost; too small, ring artifacts retained)
 - ii. Reconstruct slice
 - f. Options/Beam hardening correction
 - i. Two first values: e.g. = 0.05, 0.05, x, x
 - ii. Try three (or even four) values
 - iii. Aim = make line profile flat for both sample and background sections
 - g. Scan/Adjust tilt
 - i. Right-click "tilt"
 - ii. May need to choose different options (i.e. adjust evaluation parameters) until standard deviation shows flattening
 - iii. Then run with "Evaluate"
 - iv. Different slices may show differential tilt
 - 1. represented by shadowing effects on reconstructed slices
 - h. "Reconstruct volume"
 - i. Choose slice near one end
 - ii. If tilt is required for different parts of the specimens, will need to "reconstruct" different sections of the sample separately
 - For this: copy in same values from "Quality" section of "Reconstruction.txt" notebook file that is saved in the "Reconstruct" folder into
 - 2. Except: "tilt"
 - 3. Reconstruction
 - iii. After reconstruction:
 - 1. Rescale
 - a. Ensure that these values are consistent for all volumes

- i. This may require manually entering the values, because the given spectrum may not include these!
- b. Rescaling will allow for smaller dataset and consistent contrasting
- i. Do not delete temporary files
- 10) Optional: Import reconstruction image sequence into ImageJ for orthogonal views
 - a. Click "image/stacks/orthogonal views"
 - b. Note: Only possible once the scans have been reconstructed
 - c. Warning: can make compy run quite slow!

6 QUICK GUIDE TO DATA VISUALIZATION AND EVALUATION

Operate on the workstation available in DINGO cabin or copy your reconstructed folder and use the dedicate Ubuntu machine located in the Imaging room in H77.

Start VGStudio MAX from the Windows Start menu. You will see VGStudio MAX 2.2 with an empty scene:



To launch the Import Wizard select File > Import with the appropriate format of your input data. Follow the instructions in the Import Wizard to specify how you would like your data imported.

The position of the slices is shown relative to the selected coordinate system.

The image below shows the locations of the function buttons in the 2D slice window:



- Toggle pan/zoom mode.
- Focus selected object.

With the Set brightness button selected the displayed Window/Level (similar to contrast and intensity) of the slices can be changed. Press and hold the left mouse button over the slice. Dragging in an up/down direction will change the Level and a left/right direction changes the Window setting. This feature is enabled by default and can be disabled in the Preferences.

The actual slice image can be moved by pressing and holding the middle mouse button. To scroll through the slices use the mouse wheel. Pressing and holding *<Ctrl>* combined with the mouse wheel will zoom in/out. With the pan/zoom button selected the slice is moved using the left mouse button instead.

Pressing the Focus button will center and refit the slice window on the currently selected object. By quickly double-clicking on the Focus button, the dataset will also be centered, i.e. jump to the slice in the middle of the dataset.

All interaction with the data in the 3D window takes place directly in the window itself. The shortcut icons to change between the different modes of interaction with the 3D data is shown below:



If the Rotate mode is selected the current object is rotated by dragging the mouse pointer in the 3D window while holding the left mouse button pressed. Pressing and holding the middle mouse button will spin the object around the axis through the window.

In Move mode pressing and holding the left mouse button will drag the object across the screen. Pressing and holding the middle mouse button will zoom in or out. A quick double click with the middle mouse button in the 3D window switches between the Rotate and Move mode.

Pressing the Center and focus camera button will re-center and refit the 3D window on the currently selected object.

Hereafter you can find a step by step guide for basic actions:

- 1. File/import/image stack
 - i. Directory: D:/.../reconstructed
 - ii. Next
 - iii. Insert pixel sizes in "resolution" fields (all X,Y,Z axes should be the same for all values)
 - iv. Preview
 - 1. Trim dataset to minimise size
 - a. Do this via Top, Right and Front projections
 - v. Next
 - vi. Finish
- 2. Additional filtering:
 - i. Median filter or Gaussian filter may help
- 3. Registration
 - i. For changing the alignment of the sample
 - ii. Simple registration align the sample
- 4. Object/Surface determination
 - i. Define both background and material with different
- 5. Rendering
 - i. Choose different renderers: isosurface renderer/volume renderer/sum along ray
 - ii. Opacity manipulation area
 - 1. Slide red line across the until air is subtracted
 - 2. Slide until fossils come into view (rock will be removed too)

- 3. Black line (opacity curve) can be used to define transparency
- 4. Right click on black line insert handle
- iii. Optional: disable (or delete!):
 - Can be used to remove the air/rock/matrix (delete = permanent) will remove useless data, and speed things up
- iv. Appearance colour scale:
 - 1. Try using a preset selection (e.g. rainbow spectrum)
 - 2. Set additional handles on opacity manipulation area
 - 3. Right click on appearance spectrum
 - a. Choose "set colour between handles"
- v. Clipping plane/box:
 - 1. Adds a plane/box that can be made visible or invisible
 - 2. Crops each plane individually
- 6. File/"save as"

.vgl file

7. Can "save image" (screenshot)

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- 8. Can save image stacks
- 9. Note: Videos
 - a. Animation/Keyframer mode/classic
 - i. Centre animation:
 - 1. Unlock the object(s)
 - 2. Click the "Navigation cursor" button
 - 3. Hold Ctrl and left-click where you want the centre of your animation
 - 4. In transformation window, click on "Centre on navigation cursor"
 - 5. Load new animation setting, e.g.
 - a. Default curves: circle (for circling through)
 - b. Default curves: clip (for going through samples)

For further details about commands and procedure, follow the instruction available on VGStudio MAX User Manual. The Manual is available on DINGO cabin or can be consulted by selecting the "Help" button from the Command Menu.

7 BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Before you leave the instrument, please:

- Clean and return your sample holders.

- Photocopy/scan the relevant pages of the logbook.

- Take all raw and treated data either using a thumb drive, by burning the data to a CD/DVD (ask your local contact nicely) or using ANSTO sharefile (web-based system) at sharefile.ansto.gov.au.