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Development of Pulsed Neutron Sources パルス中性子源の開発

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History of Pulsed Neutron Sources

(Change of plans from 1990)



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Accelerator-driven Neutron Sources before KENS established in 1980 (Electron Acc.)



Harwell Linac (opposite present ISIS)

Linac at Laboratory of Nuclear Science at Tohoku University (LNS) (Present: Research Center for Electron Photon Science)

National Laboratory for High Energy Physics: KEK (Now, High Energy Accelerator Research Organization) Booster Synchrotron Utilization Facility

KENS: KEK Neutron Source (KEK中性子源) Green area



https://www2.kek.jp/openhouse/1996/image/BSF/BSF7.gif ⁴

Coupling of Target-Moderator-Reflector research



Late Prof. Watanabe performed experiments using a RI neutron source.

スパレーション・パルス中性子源KENSとそれによる中性子散乱 渡邊昇、佐々木寛、石川義和

日本原子力学会誌 Vol. 23, No. 6 (1981) 389-398

Development of a Methane Cold Moderator at Hokkaido University



K. Inoue, N. Otomo, H. Iwasa and Y. Kiyanagi, J. Nuclear Science and Technology, Vol.11, No.5, pp.228-229, (1974)

KENS Neutron source

Cold source Thermal source



The first cold neutron source set at a dedicated neutron scattering experimental facility. (There was an opinion a cold source was not necessary for neutron sources based on accelerators)

A wise decision by Professors Watanabe and Ishikawa



第4図 ターゲット周辺の断面図

渡邊昇、佐々木寛、石川義和 日本原子力学会誌 Vol. 23, No. 6 (1981) 389-398



渡邊昇,石川義和:物理学会誌, 39, 826 (1984).

Conversion of KENS



J-PARC/MLF

(From KEK side) KENS→GEMINI(KENS-II)計画→N-Arena(JHP)→ N-Arena(JHF) (~500kW)





J-PARC/MLF(1MW)



Neutron Science Research Center (8MW) (From JAEA side) ⁹

Development of a coupled moderator



図6.12 カップリング型液体水素とデカップリング型固体メタンの 中性子スペクトルの比較

Y. Kiyanagi, N. Watanabe and H. Iwasa, Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res. A312, pp.561-570, (1992) Methane cannot be used under high radiation field.

A traditional hydrogen moderator gave lower intensity than methane.

Experiments at Hokkaido University *Normal hydrogen and methane*

Coupled moderator



6 times higher intensity than the traditional one, and twice higher than a decoupled methane moderator.



Increase of intensity by using a thick moderator

J-PARC coupled moderator



https://doi.org/10.1080/00223131.2017.1394235

Proton energy 3 GeV was appropriate? Verification of neutron yield using 12 GeV p At that time the NMTC code result indicated level off trend over around 3 GeV.



Total neutron yield for 20cm diam., 60cm long

Mn bath experiment



*3GeV was in an allowance level. *Target was mercury (G. Bauer)

M. Arai, Y. Kiyanagi, N. Watanabe, **R. Takagi**, H. Shibazaki, M. Numajiri, S. Itoh, T. Otomo, M. Furusaka, Y. Inamura, Y. Ogawa, Y. Suda and S. Satoh: Neutron Production from Lead Targets for 12-GeV Protons, Journal of Neutron Research, Vol.8, pp.71-83, (1999)

Target-Moderator-Reflector System for JSNS

Cd poison and decoupler

Decoupled poisoned moderator
-Very high resolution-

Pecoupled moderator -High resolution-

Cd decoupler

Target

Fe reflector-shield

Proton beam

Coupled moderator -High intensity-

Be reflector



Target Station Components

~7 m

2.5 m

700 mm

ESS@LUND





 The Target Station monolith, including 6,000 tonnes of steel shielding. The view shows the aperture where the proton beam enters the monolith horizontally, as well as some of the 42 doubledecker neutron beam line penetrations.

-8 m

2. A cut-away view of the target wheel shaft assembly and target wheel. The 4-tonne, 2.5-meter-diameter target wheel is divided into 36 radial segments containing around 7,000 tungsten blocks. It is cooled via helium and rotates such that one proton beam pulse will strike each segment of the wheel over the course of a single rotation. The helium coole

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Accelerator-driven Neutron Sources Worldwide



Neutron Sources in Japan (except for BNCT)



For the Future

Reflector for cold and very cold neutron source

Nano diamond



Fig. 8 Total cross sections of nano-diamond. Cross section of carbon (JENDL-4.0, [21]) and graphite (C. D. Bowman et al., [22]) are shown for comparison

M. Teshigawara et al., NIM A Vol. 929 (2019) P. 113-120

Moderator with a re-entrant hole

* Intensity increase in a hole (for mfSANS, for example)

* Simulation for a mesitylene moderator

Neutron Focusing Mirror using a metal base

It can be placed near the moderator

A fully-revolved 900mm ellipsoidal neutron focusing mirror for J-PARC BL-06 VIN ROSE

A 300mm ellipsoidal neutron focusing mirror for focusing SANS beamline at RANS

New Mirror (Two Segments) Normalized Neutron Counts (a.u.) S1V: 50 um New Mirror Previous Mirror (Single Segment) (Two Segments) S1V: 69 µm S1V: 50 µm Position (50 µm/div) а 1.0 Neutron Reflectivity on Metal Substrate on Silicon Wafer (for Comparison) $q_c = 0.63$ 0.2 0.6 0.70.30.4 0.5 0.8 4 (nm^{-1}) Momentum Transfer b Downstream Mirror Upstream Mirror Footprint: 25 mm = 20 mm Reflectivit ÷ v = 10 mm芾 0.0 = -10 mm-200 -100Ő. 100 200 300 Position x (mm)

RIKEN Yamagata group T. Hosobata et al., Vol. 27, No. 19 / 16 September 2019 / Optics Express 26807

Total optimization using recent technology

Optimization from a neutron source to detection.

Summary

• History of pulsed neutron sources

(Large facility)
LNS at Tohoku U. →KENS→JSNS/J-PARC
HUNS at Hokkaido U.
(Compact facilities)
KUANS→RANS→AISTANS
(JCANS: Japan Collaboration on Acceleratordriven Neutron Sources)

• It is expected that new technologies promote optimization of the compact neutron sources and lead to contribution to a next generation large facility.