Spallation Neutron Source at the 1 GeV Synchrocyclotron of PNPI

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1 GeV proton synchrocyclotron SC-1000 of the PNPI (in operation since 1970)





Synchrocyclotron SC-1000				
Proton energy	1 GeV			
Internal proton beam current	\leq 3 μ A			
Repetition rate	40–60 Hz			

Schematic diagram of the pulsed neutron source GNEIS



- 1. "Final" orbit of 1-GeV protons
- 3. Neutron-producing target
- 5. Power supply and deflector control unit
- 7. Direction of the tangent to the proton orbit
- 8. Direction of the beam axis of protons extracted from the accelerator for external beams
- 9. Direction of the magnetic field in the accelerator

- 2. Electrostatic deflector plates
- 4. Proton bunch
- 6. Neutron beam axis

Polyethylene Moderator

Water-cooled -Lead Target



Pulsed neutron source

Average fast neutron intensity	≤ 3·10 ¹⁴ n/s
Duration of fast neutron pulse	~ 10 ns
Repetition rate	≤ 50 Hz
Neutron energy range	Thermal – 1000 MeV
Type of neutron spectrum Beam #1-4 (En < 0.1 MeV)	1/E ^α , α=0.75-0.95
Type of neutron spectrum Beam #5 (En > 0.1 MeV)	"spallation"

Water-cooled lead target of the GNEIS neutron source



Polyethylene moderator of the GNEIS neutron source



GNEIS NEUTRON TOF-SPECTROMETER (since 1975)



Description of the GNEIS neutron source and TOF-spectrometer NIM A242 (1985) 121-133

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NEUTRON TIME-OF-FLIGHT SPECTROMETER GNEIS AT THE GATCHINA 1 GeV PROTON SYNCHROCYCLOTRON

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A description of GNEIS – the Gatchina neutron time-of-flight spectrometer at the 1 GeV proton synchrocyclotron-is given together with its basic parameters, as well as a comparison with other modern pulsed neutron source facilities. The integral neutron yield from a lead target is 3×10^{14} n/s. The spectrometer has five flight paths and a data acquisition system equipped with a few autonomous measuring stations. Some results of the (n, γ f) experiments and neutron capture cross section measurements are presented to illustrate the facility's performance.



Neutron spectrum for Pb-target : Ø15cm, length 30cm, Ep = 800 MeV



Non-moderated neutron spectrum of the GNEIS



Measurement: beam #5, 36.5 m flight path, 10¹⁴n/s neutron yield, neutron detector – fission ionization chamber with ²³⁵U target

Moderated neutron spectra of the GNEIS



Measurement: beam #3, 40m flight path, 10¹⁴ n/s average neutron yield, neutron detector – ¹⁰B radiator + Nal(TI) detector

Energy resolution of the TOF-spectrometer GNEIS



Calculation parameters: 40m flight path length, 5cm thick PE-moderator 10ns fast neutron pulse width



Fig. 17. Time-of-flight spectrum of the relative yield of 238 U resonance neutron capture between 0.2 and 100 keV. Data of a 2 h run, C_6D_6 detector, 80 ns channel width.

QUALITY CRITERION USED FOR COMPARISON OF THE PULSED NEUTRON SOURCES AND TOF-FACILITIES

For two TOF-facilities F1 and F2:

- having pulsed neutron sources with similar spectra,
- average neutron intensities $\langle I_n \rangle_1$ and $\langle I_n \rangle_2$,
- neutron pulse widths Δt_1 and Δt_2 ,
- flight path lengths L₁ and L₂,
- in a case of equal energy resolution, i.e.

$$\frac{\Delta t_1}{L_1} = \frac{\Delta t_2}{L_2} \qquad \Delta E / E = 2.78 \cdot 10^{-2} E^{1/2} (\Delta t / L),$$

Counting rates N_1 and N_2 ratio in channels corresponding to the same neutron energy will be:

$$\frac{N_1}{N_2} = \left(\frac{\langle I_n \rangle_1}{\Delta t_1^2}\right) / \left(\frac{\langle I_n \rangle_2}{\Delta t_2^2}\right)$$

COMPARISON OF THE NEUTRON SOURCE GNEIS WITH OTHER TOF FACILITIES

Neutron source (laboratory)	<i<sub>n>, 10¹⁵ n/s</i<sub>	∆t, ns	Q, 10 ³⁰ n/s³	Number of instruments for nuclear physics experiments	
ORELA (ORNL, USA)	0.13	2-30	0.14* ⁾	5 (total, partial cross sections)	
GELINA (IRMM, Belgium)	0.025	1	25	5 (total, partial cross sections)	
LANSCE (LANL, USA)	10	1-125	0.64*)	8 (total, partial cross sections) + ICE House test facility	
n_TOF (CERN, Switzerland)	0.4	10	4	6 (total, capture, fission, scattering,(n,α))	
IREN (JINR, Dubna, project)	1.0	400	0.0062	3 (total, partial cross sections)	
GNEIS (PNPI, Gatchina)	0.3	10	3	3 (total, capture, fission) + ISNP/GNEIS test facility	

- <In> average intensity of neutrons emitted in 4π solid angle
- Δt neutron pulse width
- $Q = \langle I_n \rangle / (\Delta t)^2$ quality coefficient of the neutron source
- *) present value corresponds to maximum pulse width

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EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS OF THE (n,γf) - REACTION

ЭКСПЕРИМЕНТАЛЬНЫЕ ИССЛЕДОВАНИЯ (n, yf)-РЕАКЦИИ

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Дан обзор экспериментальных методов и результатов исследований (n, γf)реакции. Приведены также теоретические оценки вероятности этой реакции для некоторых тяжелых ядер.

Experimental methods and results of $(n, \gamma f)$ -reaction studies are reviewed, as well as the theoretical evaluations of the probability of this reaction for some heavy nuclei.

Scheme of the (n,yf)-reaction



TOF-spectrum for fission fragments of ²³⁹Pu



Data of a 4.5h run, 80ns channel width. Total weight of ²³⁹Pu in fission chamber - 0.8 g. Fission γ -ray spectra were measured for resonances R1, R2, ..., R5.

Variations of fission γ-ray multiplicity in resonances of ²³⁵U and ²³⁹Pu



Fig. 11. Relative fission γ -rays multiplicity of ²³⁵U [24]. (a) Multiplicity variations. (b) Correlation between the multiplicity variations and $\Gamma_{\rm f}^{-1}$ for the 4⁻ resonances.

Fig. 12 Relative fission γ -ray multiplicity of ²³⁹Pu [25]. (a) Multiplicity variations. (b) Correlation between the multiplicity variations and $\Gamma_{\rm f}^{-1}$ for the 1⁺ resonances.



Prefission γ -ray spectrum from (n, γ f)-reaction for ²³⁹Pu.

Properties of *p* resonances in the fission of ²³⁵ U by neutrons with energies of 1–136 eV

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The *P*-even front-back asymmetry in the emission of the fission fragments of ²³⁵ U, with respect to the direction of the neutron momentum, has been measured for the first time. Irregularities due to *p* resonances are observed on the energy dependence of the asymmetry coefficient $\alpha_{nf}^{/b}$. The effective parameters of the strongest *p* resonances are determined.

As a result of interference of s- and p-resonances, in a vicinity of p-resonance it is observed a following angular distribution of fission fragments:

$$W(\theta) = 1 + \alpha_{nf}^{fb}(\vec{p}_n \cdot \vec{p}_f),$$

In a case of simple two-level approximation :

$$\alpha_{fb}^{nf} \sim Q_{sp} \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma_p^n \Gamma_p^f}{\Gamma_s^n \Gamma_s^f}} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{E - E_s + \frac{i\Gamma_s}{2}}{E - E_p + \frac{i\Gamma_p}{2}} \exp(i\Delta\varphi_{sp}) \right\}.$$

where: p_n and p_f – neutron and light fragment moments, respectively;

$$Q_{sp} = rac{Q(J_{s}, J_{F}, j, K, I)}{2J_{s}+1}$$
 - spin-factor; $\Delta \phi_{sp}$ – phase difference;

 $\Gamma^{n,f}_{s,p}$ - neutron and fission widths for s- and p-resonances, respectively.





N	$Q_{sp}^2 \Gamma_p^{n1}$, meV	E_p , eV	Γ_p , meV	$\Delta \varphi_s$, rad	χ^2
1	$21,7\pm31,9$	$1,70\pm0,05$	50 ± 30	$0,8\pm0,2$	$1,2\pm0,3$
2	$6, 4 \pm 1, 1$	$5,70\pm0,05$	160 ± 30	$2,9\pm0,1$	$1,0\pm0,2$
3	$1,3\pm0,4$	$9,90\pm0,05$	130 ± 50	$2,4\pm0,2$	$1,0\pm0,3$
4	$3,0\pm0,9$	$12,9\pm0,1$	240 ± 50	$1,9\pm0,2$	$1,1\pm0,4$
5	$1, 2 \pm 0, 5$	$20,1\pm0,1$	190 ± 50	$1,9\pm0,2$	$0,9\pm0,3$
6	$0,7\pm0,3$	$28,5\pm0,2$	300 ± 100	$1,4\pm0,4$	$1,5\pm0,3$
7	$17, 1 \pm 6, 9$	$32,05\pm0,05$	90 ± 30	$1,9\pm0,3$	$1,6\pm0,3$
8	$1, 1 \pm 0, 6$	$36,4\pm0,1$	180 ± 80	$2, 2\pm0, 3$	$1,5\pm0,3$
9	$3, 2 \pm 1, 3$	$45,8\pm0,1$	190 ± 50	$1,6\pm0,3$	$1,1\pm0,3$
10	$2,2\pm1,0$	$52,8\pm0,2$	800 ± 200	$2,3\pm0,3$	$0,7 \pm 0,4$
11	$7,5\pm3,4$	$70,75\pm0,15$	550 ± 150	$2,0\pm0,2$	$1,2\pm0,4$
12	$2,0 \pm 1,1$	$79,6\pm0,1$	200 ± 90	$0,9\pm0,3$	$1, 1 \pm 0, 3$
13	$1,8\pm1,3$	$87,35\pm0,05$	180 ± 120	$0, 2 \pm 0, 3$	$1,1\pm0,3$
14	$1,9 \pm 1,2$	$115,7\pm0,1$	130 ± 60	$0,2\pm0,5$	$0, 6 \pm 0, 3$
15	$5,8\pm4,7$	$121,8\pm0,1$	130 ± 30	$0,7\pm0,5$	$0,6\pm0,3$
16	$1,4 \pm 0,8$	$126,8\pm0,2$	260 ± 170	$0, 8 \pm 0, 6$	$1, 0 \pm 0, 3$

TABLE I. Effective parameters of the fit of the p resonances.

Neutron Total Cross Sections of ²⁰⁴Pb, ²⁰⁶Pb, ²⁰⁷Pb and ²⁰⁸Pb and the Neutron Electric Polarizability

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The neutron total cross sections have been measured for lead isotopes ²⁰⁸Pb, ²⁰⁶Pb and ²⁰⁷Pb in the range from 1 eV to 20 keV and for ²⁰⁴Pb in the range from 1 eV to 100 eV using the time-of-flight facility GNEIS in Gatchina. An accuracy of the measured neutron total cross section ($\Delta\sigma/\sigma$) is about 10⁻³ for ²⁰⁸Pb, 10⁻² for ²⁰⁶Pb and ²⁰⁷Pb, 5·10⁻² for ²⁰⁴Pb. An estimated value of the neutron electric polarizability from analysis of total cross section of ²⁰⁸Pb is $\alpha_n = (2.4 \pm 1.1) \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ fm}^3$.

The electric polarizability α_n is one of the characteristics of the neutron as an elementary particle and determines the induced electric dipole moment *d* in the external electric field *E*:

$$d = \alpha_n \cdot E.$$

In Coulomb field, the interaction potential due to neutron electric polarizability α_n is given by

$$V = -1/2 \cdot \alpha_n Z^2 e^2 / r^4$$

and it adds to the neutron-nucleus interaction potential. That leads to several additional terms in the total cross section. A main term has linear dependence on k (or), where k is the wave number:

$$\sigma_p \approx 10^{-4} \cdot \alpha_n \cdot \sqrt{E_n}$$
 barn,

here α_n is in 10⁻³ Fm³ units, E_n is in eV.

General layout of the spectrometer GNEIS and experimental arrangement for transmission measurements



TOF-spectrum for neutron transmission of ²⁰⁶Pb



Fitting results for ²⁰⁸Pb



Measurement of the neutron-induced fission cross sections of ²³³U, ²³⁸U, ²³²Th, ²³⁷Np, ²³⁹Pu, ²⁴⁰Pu, ²⁴³Am, ^{nat}Pb, ^{nat}W and ²⁰⁹Bi relative to ²³⁵U in the energy range 1-200 MeV

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Fission cross section ratios of ²³³U, ²³⁸U, ²³²Th, ²³⁹Pu, ²³⁷Np, natural Pb and ²⁰⁹Bi to ²³⁵U have been measured in a wide energy range of incident neutrons from 1 MeV to 200 MeV using a time-of-flight technique at the neutron spectrometer GNEIS based on the 1-GeV proton synchrocyclotron of PNPI. For actinide targets, the threshold cross section method and evaluated data below 14 MeV were used for normalization of the shape measurement data, while the evaluated and recommended fission cross sections of ²³⁵U were used to convert the ratio data to absolute fission cross sections. For Pb and Bi targets, an absolute normalization of the measured cross section ratios has been done using the thickness of the targets and detection efficiencies.

Measurements of the fission cross sections at intermediate neutron energies 1 – 200 MeV



FISSION CROSS SECTION OF ²³⁷Np - GNEIS (2001)



FISSION CROSS SECTIONS OF ²³³U and ²³⁸U - GNEIS (2001)


FISSION CROSS SECTIONS OF ²³²Th and ²³⁹Pu - GNEIS (2001)



FISSION CROSS SECTION OF ²⁰⁹Bi - GNEIS (2001)



FISSION CROSS SECTION OF natPb - GNEIS (2001)



FIELDS, PARTICLES, <u>-</u> AND NUCLEI

Anisotropy of the Fission Fragments from Neutron-Induced Fission in Intermediate Energy Range 1–200 MeV¹

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Angular distributions of fission fragments from the neutron-induced fission of ²³²Th, ²³⁵U, and ²³⁸U have been measured in the energy range 1-200 MeV at the neutron time-of-flight (TOF) spectrometer GNEIS using position sensitive multiwire proportional counters as fission fragment detector. A short description of the experimental equipment and measurement procedure is given. The anisotropy of fission fragments deduced from the data on measured angular distributions is presented in comparison with experimental data of other authors.

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Angular Distributions and Anisotropy of the Fragments from Neutron-Induced Fission of ²³³U and ²⁰⁹Bi in the Intermediate Energy Range of 1–200 MeV¹

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New results of the neutron-induced fission experiments carried out at the neutron time-of-flight spectrometer GNEIS of the PNPI are given. Angular distributions of fission fragments from the neutron-induced fission of ²³³U and ²⁰⁹Bi nuclei have been measured in the energy range 1–200 MeV using position sensitive multiwire proportional counters as fission fragment detector. The recent improvements of the measurement and data processing procedures are described. The data on anisotropy of fission fragments deduced from the measured angular distributions are presented in comparison with the experimental data of other authors.

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Measurement of the fission fragment distributions and anisotropy in neutron-induced fission at intermediate energies 1-200 MeV (2014-2016)

Experimental setup



Data on angular distributions of fission fragments are needed for development of nuclear fission theory, for processing of the experimental data on fission cross sections and development of evaluated nuclear data libraries at intermediate and high energies which are necessary for construction of modern power and research nuclear facilities (reactors, accelerators, etc.).

At present, experimental data on fission fragment angular distributions (anisotropy) in the energy range $E_n > 20$ MeV are very scarce and limited in accuracy, and practically absent for $E_n > 100$ MeV.

Measurement of the fission fragment distributions and anisotropy in neutron-induced fission at intermediate energies 1-200 MeV





Cos θ fitting range was 0.42–0.98











✓ Above 50 MeV there is disagreement between these results and those recently obtained by Kleinrath (WNR, LANSCE) and Leal-Cidoncha et.al (n_TOF, CERN).









 Above 20 MeV the uncertainties of our data are much smaller than those presented by Ryzhov et.al (TSL, Uppsala) and Leong, Leal-Cidoncha et.al (n_TOF, CERN).







✓ Above 40 MeV our data agree with results given by Leong (n_TOF, CERN) and differ substantially from the data presented by Ryzhov et.al (TSL, Uppsala) and Tarrio et.al (n_TOF, CERN).



 \checkmark Presently, there is only our data in the neutron energy range above 24 MeV.



- ✓ There is no other data except our data. Our data agree with previous result by Eismont et.al (RI+TSL) at 75 MeV.
- ✓ There is a maximum of the anisotropy at ~50 MeV equal to ~1.6 followed by descend with increasing neutron energy. At 200 MeV the anisotropy is about 1.2.

Neutron test facility at the GeV synchrocyclotron of PNPI for radiation resistance testing of avionic and space electronics

ROSCOSMOS Test Facilities of the Branch of Joint Stock Company "United Rocket and Space Corporation" -Institute of Space Device Engineering (Moscow)

at

B.P. Konstantinov Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute (Gatchina) of the National Research Center "Kurchatov Institute"

	IS SC - 1000	IS OP - 1000	ISNP/GNEIS
Conditions	Atmosphere	Atmosphere	Atmosphere
Particles	Protons	Protons	Neutrons
Energy, MeV	1000	60 - 1000	1 - 1000
Flux, particles/cm ² ·s	10 ⁵ - 10 ⁸	10 ⁵ - 10 ⁸	≤ 4 ·10 ⁵
Irradiation area, mm	Ø ≥ 25	Ø ≥ 25	Ø 50 – 100
Uniformity, %	≤ 10	≤ 10	≤ 10
Status	In operation (1998)	In operation (2015)	In operation (2010)

TESTING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AT THE PNPI PROTON AND NEUTRON BEAMS



NEUTRON-INDUCED SOFT ERROR TESTING of Electronic Components Used for Terrestrial, Avionic and Space Equipment



What are Single Event Effects and why are they important?

Single Event Effects are created when an energetic particle (proton, <u>neutron, alpha,</u> heavy ion) generates enough charge (so-called <u>critical charge</u>) to upset the function of integrated circuit <u>Single Event Effect – SEE</u> - Эффекты одиночных событий

NEUTRON COMPONENT OF COSMIC RAYS



NEUTRON COMPONENT OF COSMIC RAYS



1000 Feet = 304.8 m

32,000 Feet

Neutrons

Source: JF Zilegler IBM J Res Dev 40, 19-40, (1996)

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD (by JEDEC)

Альянс предприятий электронной промышленности (Electronics Industries Alliance), до октября 1997 г. назывался Electronics Industries Association. Профессиональная организация в США, разрабатывающая электрические и функциональные стандарты с идентификатором RS (Recommended Standards). Самый известный из её стандартов - RS-232C.

В 1958 году в США Ассоциацией предприятий электронной промышленности был создан Объединённый инженерный совет по электронным устройствам (Joint Electronic Device Engineering Council -JEDEC).

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JESD89A (2006) STANDARD TERRESTRIAL NEUTRON SPECTRUM



Figure A.2.1 — The differential flux of cosmic-ray-induced neutrons as a function neutron energy under reference conditions (sea level, New York City, mid-level so activity, outdoors). The data points are the reference spectrum, the solid curve is analytic fit to the reference spectrum, and the dashed curve is the model from previous version of this standard, JESD89 (2001).

AVIONIC NEUTRON SPECTRUM AT 12 Km



"IEC Technical Specification TS 62396-1"Process Management for Avionics - Atmospheric Radiation Effects"

" 400x more intense than terrestrial levels

FACILITIES FOR RADIATION TESTING WITH ATMOSPHERIC – LIKE NEUTRON SPECTRUM

- Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico, USA Weapons Neutron Research Facility ICE House 'Irradiation of Chips and Electronics'
- Tri-University Meson Facility, Vancouver, Canada Neutron Irradiation Facility
- Uppsala University, Sweden
 Theodor Svedberg Laboratory
 ANITA Irradiation facility
- Vesuvio, ISIS at the Rutherford Appleton Lab., Oxfordshire, UK Neutron Irradiation Facility
 - Research Center for Nuclear Physics at Osaka University (RCNP), Japan
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> NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTAL ______ TECHNIQUES

Development and Experimental Study of the Neutron Beam at the Synchrocyclotron of the Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute for Radiation Tests of Electronic Components

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Abstract—A neutron beam with an energy spectrum resembling that of atmospheric neutron radiation has been developed at the 1000-MeV synchrocyclotron of the Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute. The beam is intended for testing the radiation resistance of electronics and meets the requirements of the JEDEC international standard. The only test facility in which the neutron spectrum is close to the standard in the energy range of 0.1–750 MeV has been developed at the Los Alamos National Laboratory on the basis the LAMPF linear proton accelerator and used by aviation and space companies of the United States, Europe, and Asia to test their electronic equipment. In contrast to the test facilities in Los Alamos and Uppsala (Sweden), the method of neutron production on an internal accelerator target is used by the Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute. The development of the neutron beam and the test facility extends considerably the experimental potential of radiation research and can act as a basis for establishing a unique center for radiation tests of aviation and space electronic equipment in compliance with the requirements of international standards.

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ISNP/GNEIS Facility in Gatchina for Neutron Testing With Atmospheric-Like Spectrum

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Abstract—A description of the testing facility ISNP with spectrum resembling that of terrestrial neutron radiation developed at the PNPI (Gatchina) is given. A broad spectrum (1–1000 MeV) spallation neutron source of the facility with a neutron flux of $4 \cdot 10^5$ n/(cm²·s) is used for accelerated soft error testing. High-quality collimation of the neutron beam in conjunction with the TOF-technique enables to carry out precise and reliable monitoring of the neutron beam. The results of recent tests carried out at the ISNP by the Branch of JSC "URSC" - "ISDE" (Moscow) are presented.

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE ISNP

The ISNP facility was developed at the neutron time-offlight spectrometer GNEIS (Fig. 1) based on the 1000 MeV proton synchrocyclotron of the PNPI [2]. The spectrometer was constructed to study neutron-nucleus interactions using the TOF technique at neutron energies ranging from $\sim 10^{-2}$ eV to several hundreds of MeV. The lead target located inside the accelerator vacuum chamber produces short (of width ~ 10 ns)

General View of the GNEIS and ISNP/GNEIS Test Facility



Comparison of Broad Spectrum Neutron Sources



How to Compare Various Broad Neutron Spectrum Test Facilities?

Acceleration Factor - Definition



where E_{min} = 10MeV as specified in JEDEC and IEC

 $\Phi_{acc}(E)$ - differential neutron flux from the test facility $\Phi_{jedec/iec}(E)$ - differential terrestrial (standard) neutron flux
Acceleration Factors of Broad Neutron Spectrum Facilities

Facility (location, particle energy,	Acceleration
target material)	factor*)
ISNP/GNEIS (PNPI, Gatchina,	4.6 ·10 ⁷
Russia, 1000 MeV, lead)	
LANSCE (Ice House, Los Alamos,	1.3 ·10 ⁸
USA, 800 MeV, tungsten)	
ANITA (TSL, Uppsala, Sweden,	2.7 ⋅10 ⁸
180 MeV, tungsten)	
RCNP (Osaka University, Japan,	1.8 ·10 ⁸
400 MeV, lead)	
TRIUMF (NIF, UBC, Vancouver,	7.6 ·10 ⁸
Canada, 500 MeV, aluminum)	
ISIS (VESUVIO, RAL, Chilton, UK,	1.5 ·10 ⁷
800 MeV, tungsten/tantalum)	

*)Exact acceleration factor vary due to tuning of the accelerator facility

Devices Used at the PNPI Test facility for Characterization of the Neutron Beam



Internal structure of the neutron beam monitor FIC with U-235 and U-238 targets



MWPC – Neutron beam profile meter (position sensitive MultiWire Proportional Counter)



<u>Anodes</u>: 140 gilded W-wires, Ø25µm, 1 mm step on 3mm thick fiberglass plastic frame <u>Cathode</u>: 150 µg/cm² thick ²³⁸U converter on aluminized 2 µg thick Mylar film <u>Working Gas</u>: isobutene (iC4H10), 6-7 Torr <u>Data read-out</u>: delay lines, 2 ns/step <u>Size</u>: 140 x 140 mm² <u>Neutron detection efficiency</u>: 3·10⁻⁷ <u>Spatial resolution</u>: 2 mm < FWHM < 4 mm





Neutron Testing Facility ISNP/GNEIS (2015)



System for DUT (Device Under Test) Positioning and Heating



DUT enclosed in the Heating Chamber can be:

- heated, temperature range 20°C – 130°C

max. heating / cooling time
300 sec (closed chamber)
600 sec (upper cover removed)

- moved along X-Y axes, max. displacement range 200 mm

- max. DUT dimensions 150 mm x 150 mm

- Distant Computer control

Neutron Testing Facility at GNEIS (October, 2015)



Example of the tests of 6 types of commercial Cypress SRAMs carried out at the ISNP/GNEIS facility

	Process	Size	Fluence*)	σ _{seu}
Device type	(nm)	(bit)	(n/cm²)	(cm² / bit)
CY7C1021BN - 15ZSXE	250	1 M	2.0·10 ⁹	2.3 · 10 ⁻¹⁴
CY62256NLL - 55SNXI	90	256 K	9.2·10 ⁹	1.5 · 10 ⁻¹⁴
UT6264CPCL - 70LL	350	64 K	1.7·10 ¹⁰	3.3 · 10 ⁻¹⁴
CY61248ELL - 45ZSXA	90	4 M	1.0·10 ⁹	2.3 · 10 ⁻¹³
CY7C1049CV33 - 12ZSXA	150	4 M	5.0·10 ⁸	2.0 · 10 ⁻¹⁴
CY7C1049DV33 - 10ZSXI	90	4 M	6.6·10 ⁸	7.9 · 10 ⁻¹⁵

*) Data presented correspond to neutron fluence in the energy range 10-1000 MeV



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SUMMARY

- pulsed spallation neutron source / TOF-spectrometer GNEIS based on the 1 GeV proton synchrocyclotron of PNPI after more than 40 years of operation still is a powerful neutron facility suitable for high-level investigations in basic nuclear physics and applied research;
- high average neutron intensity of 3·10¹⁴ n/s and short neutron pulse of 10 ns enable to carry out neutron TOF- measurements in a wide energy range from thermal up to hundreds MeV and high energy resolution;
- unique neutron testing facility ISNP/GNEIS with atmospheric-like neutron spectrum in the energy range 1-1000 MeV and neutron flux of 4·10⁵ n/cm²·sec enables to carry out accelerated SEE-tests of electronic components used in space and avionic equipment;
- GNEIS facility is open for cooperative research for users both from Russia and abroad.



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