

# Neutron Scattering: The Future



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*Director ISIS*

*Workshop on Neutron Detectors for  
Spallation Neutron Sources*



*25 September 1998*

# Outline

- **Neutron Sources & Neutron Science**
  - Why we build neutron sources
- **Pulsed Spallation Sources**
  - The way forward
- **Scientific & Industrial Impact**
  - Excellence and Relevance
- **The Need for Next Generation Sources**

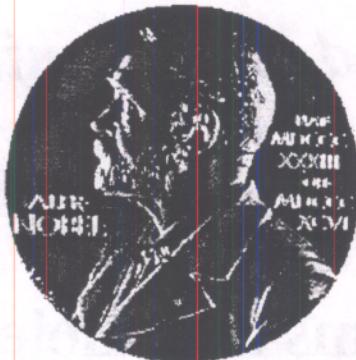


USA

*Europe*

Japan

# 1994 Nobel Prize for Physics



B. N. Brockhouse



C G Shull

*Pioneering contributions to the development of neutron scattering techniques for studies of condensed matter*

*Where atoms ‘are’  
What atoms ‘do’*

# Big Facilities for Small Science

*Tools which help us understand the world around us at a microscopic level*

**Where atoms and molecules ‘are’**

**What atoms and molecules ‘do’**

*No one experiment*

**Used by thousands of scientists each year as part of their research programmes in**

*Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics*

*Engineering  
Materials Science  
Earth Science*

# Neutrons -- an Ideal Probe for Condensed Matter Science

- Neutron wavelength and energy appropriate for condensed state
  - structure and dynamics
- Neutron cross-section
  - isotopic dependence H - D contrast
  - nuclear form factor
- Magnetic moment  $\mu$ 
  - magnetic order and excitations
- Weak probe
  - theoretical interpretation
  - molecular dynamics
- Highly penetrating
  - bulk probe
  - complex sample environments

## **Illustrations of the advantages of neutrons (Slides not included)**

- **Neutron wavelength and energy**

Neutron-Photon dispersion  
 $S(Q,w)$  of random network glass

- **Neutron cross-section**

Nuclear and Magnetic scattering lengths  
H/D contrast and applications to surfactants

- **Magnetic moment  $\mu$  & Weak probe**

Spin waves  
Comparisons with theory & MD simulations

- **Highly penetrating**

Residual stress in bulk engineering components  
Jet engine turbine blades  
High pressure diffraction (up to 300kbar) and applications to  
the highest  $T_c$  mercury superconductors

# Why neutrons ?

- *wavelength - energy perfect match*
- *unique cross-section*
- *magnetic moment*
- *comparison with theory*
- *penetrating power*

**What do we need - more flux !**

*Present day sources are about as bright as a candle viewed at 10m !*

# Pulsed Neutron Sources

Neutrons are an ideal probe

but

Present day neutron sources are flux limited by heat dissipation

- Reactor based sources

Fission

- 190 MeV/n

- Accelerator based sources

Spallation

- 30 MeV/n

Naturally pulsed ~1μs

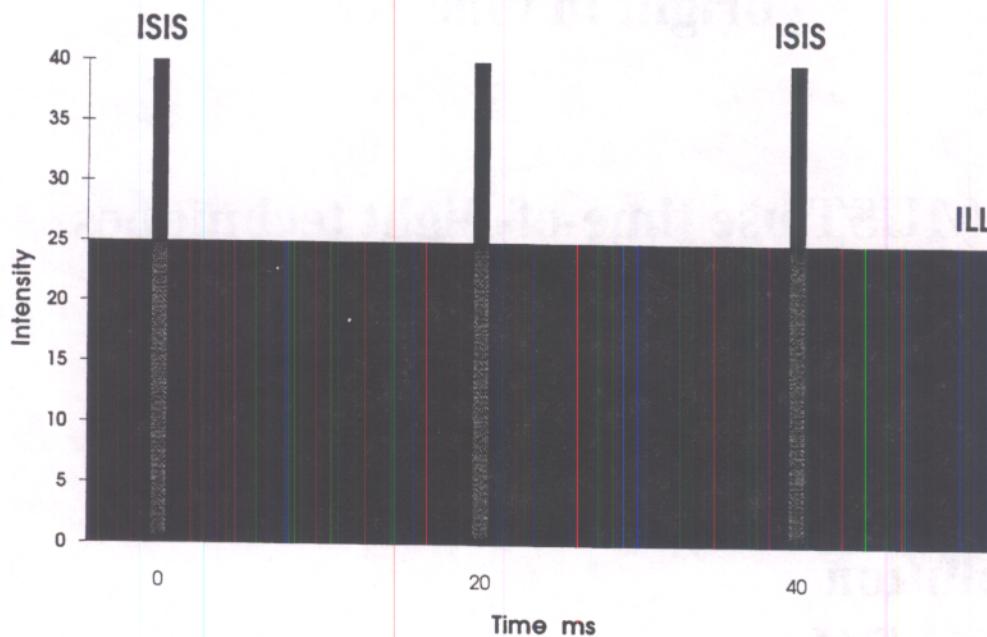
(Pulsed reactors have broad (~200μs) time structure)

ISIS (200kW) ↔ ILL (58MW)

# Pulsed Neutron Sources

vs

## Steady State Sources



$$\Delta t \sim 1 \mu\text{s}$$
$$\tau \sim 20 \text{ ms}$$

ISIS (200kW)  $\leftrightarrow$  ILL (58MW)

# Pulsed Neutron Sources

- Time average flux low
  - heat dissipation low
- Peak flux high
  - bright in time
- → MUST use time-of-flight techniques

$$t = 252\lambda L;$$

$$\Delta t \sim 7\lambda \quad (\mu s \cdot m \cdot \text{\AA})$$

**Resolution**

$$\Delta t/t = 1/36L$$

= very good

(eg 0.3% at 10m; 0.03% at 100 m)

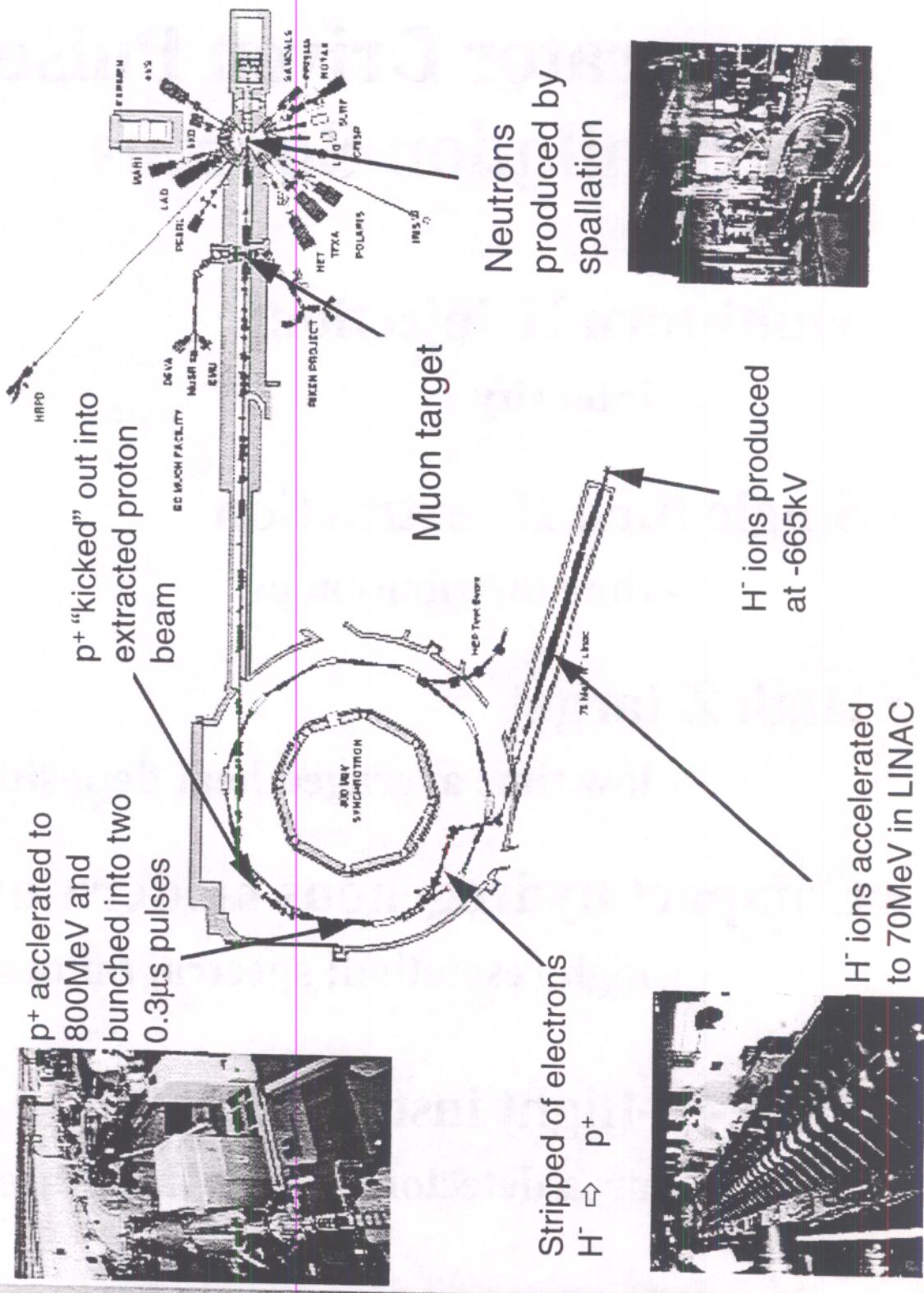
Braggs Law  $\lambda = 2d \sin\theta$

$$t \propto d \sin\theta L$$

# Accelerator Driven Pulsed Spallation Sources

- Multi-turn H<sup>-</sup> injection
  - intensity
- Single turn H<sup>+</sup> extraction
  - time distribution  $\mu$ s
- High Z target
  - low time averaged heat deposition
- Compact hydrogenous moderators
  - high resolution; spectral tailoring
- Time-of-flight instrumentation
  - area detectors & high data rate

# Producing Neutrons and Muons



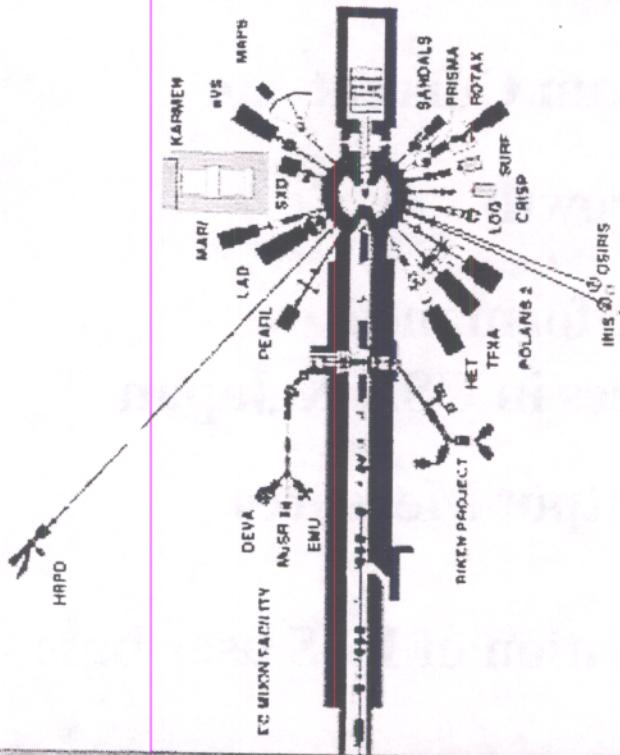
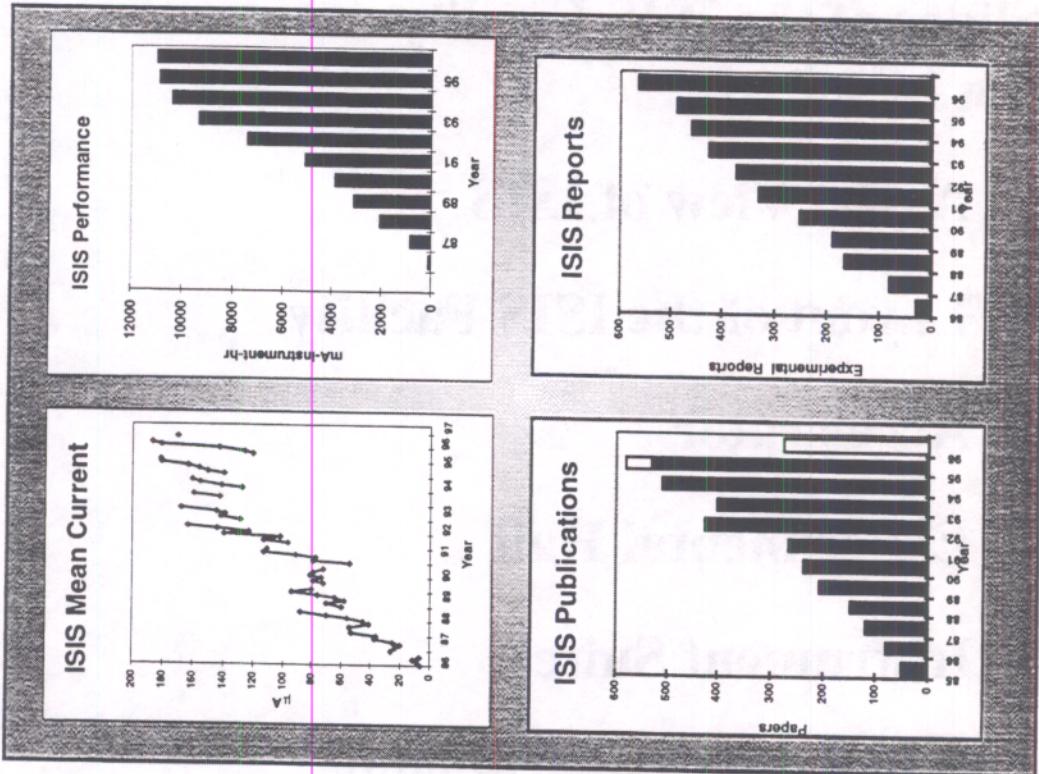
## **Slides of the ISIS Facility (not included)**

- **Aerial View of ISIS**
- **Layout of the ISIS Facility**
- **Accelerator**
- **Experimental Hall**
- **Instrument Suite**
- **Demand for Instruments**
- **ISIS Beam Current**
- **ISIS Growth**
- **ISIS Performance**  
cf sources in USA & Japan
- **ISIS Output Measures**

**Age distribution of ISIS user base**

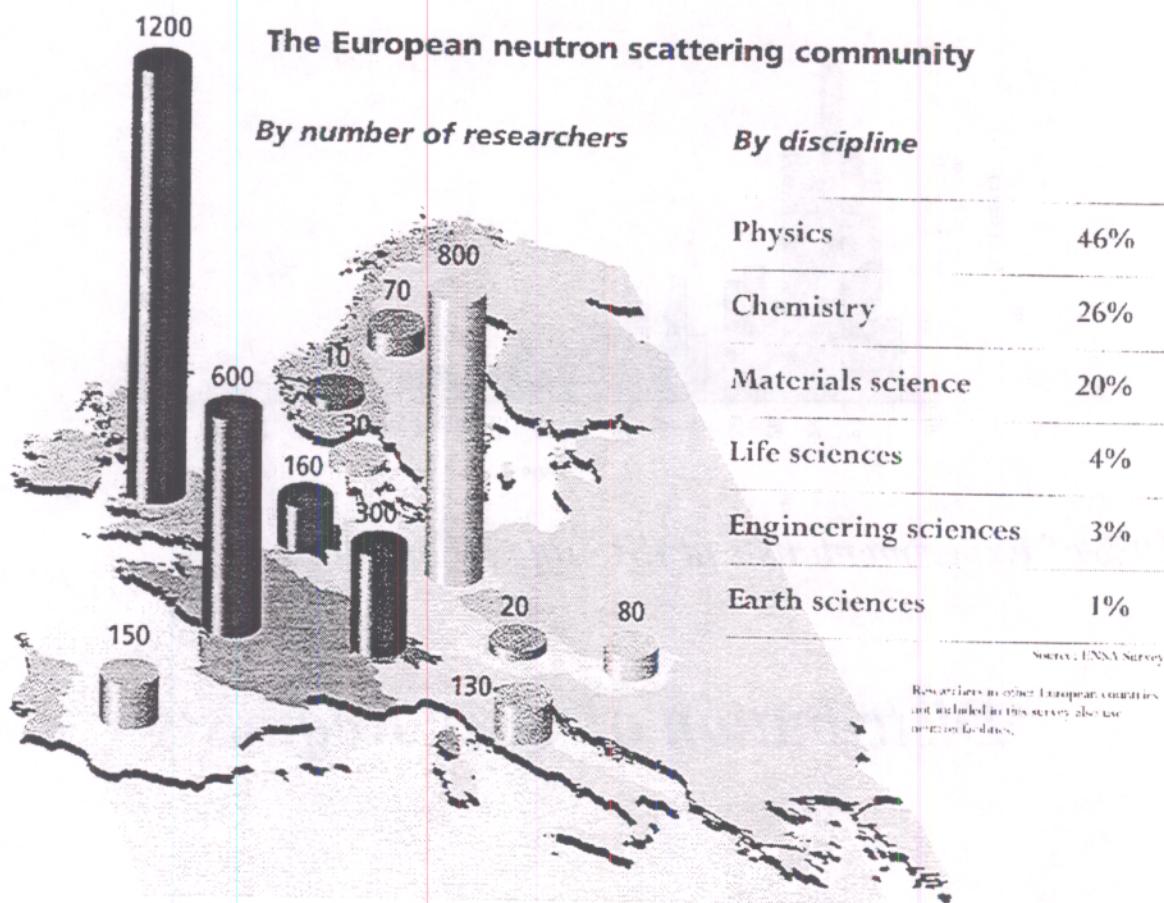
**User Community in Europe - from ESS Vol 1**

# ISIS Status and Performance



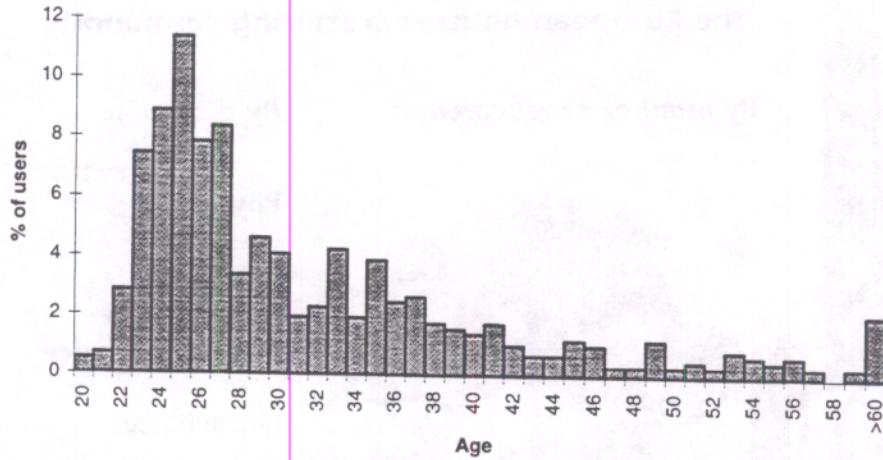
ISIS

# User Community in Europe



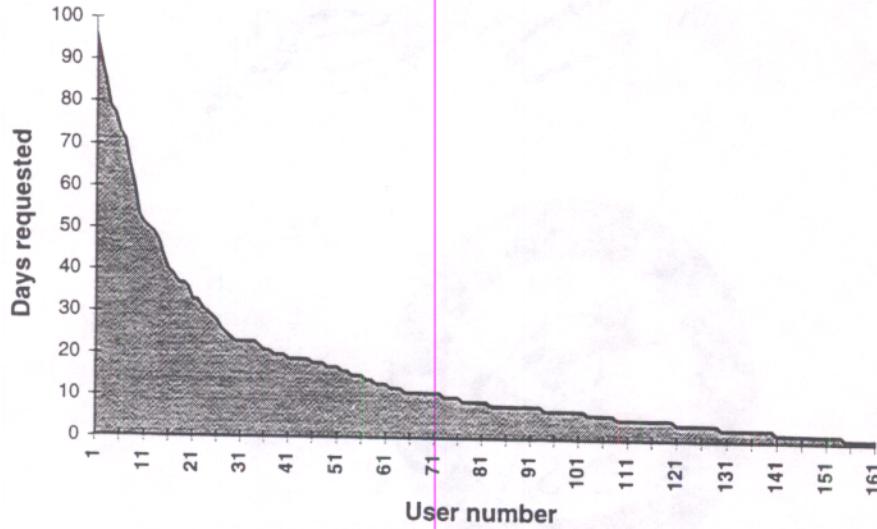
# ISIS User Base

## *Age Distribution*



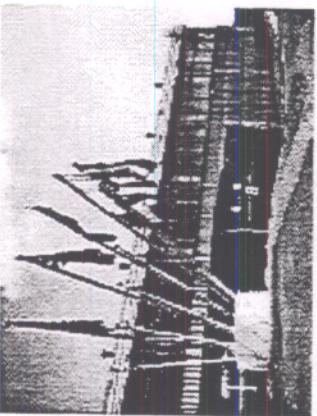
*60% of Experimentalists at ISIS age 30 or younger*

## *Distribution of User Requests*

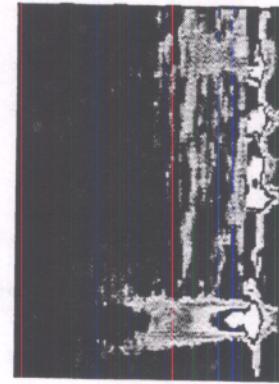


*Very broad range : 90 days/year to 1 day /year*

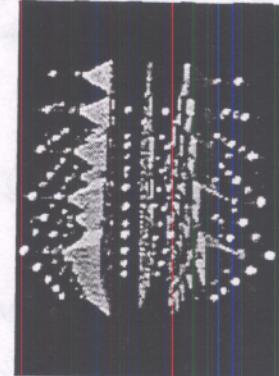
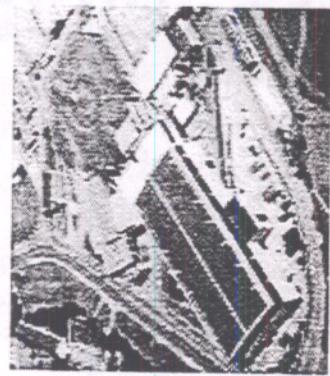
# A World Centre for Condensed Matter Research



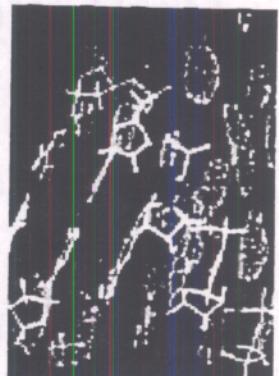
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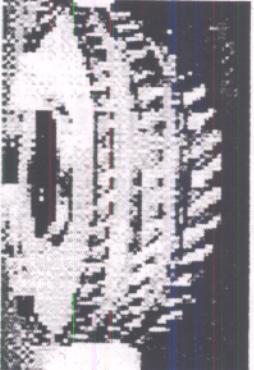
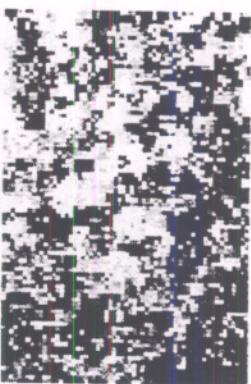
Physics



Materials Science



Biology  
Geology



Engineering

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# Science at the ISIS Facility

## *Excellence and Relevance*

*Over 600 experiments per year selected by peer review from the 2000+ proposals*

*Mostly UK HEIs & Industry but 25% ‘overseas’*

- **Basic**

- unbound spinons
- fullerene and fullerides
- solvation

- **Strategic**

- superconductors
- zeolites
- surfactants

- **Applied**

- GMR and spin valves
- engineering stress
- green refrigerants

## Illustrations

(Slides not included)

### Basic

Structure of fullerene; quality data from world's highest resolution neutron powder diffractometer; superconducting and insulating fullerides

### Applied

Lap-top computer - contributions of neutron scattering to

- liquid crystal display technology
- hard disk: magnetic thin films
  - giant magnetoresistance
- casing - polymers & recycling issues
- batteries

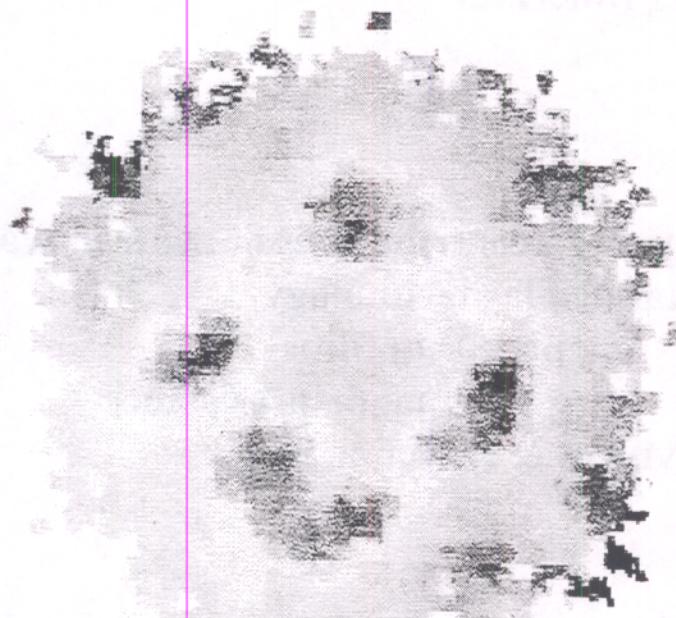
Ozone depletion and green refrigerants (ICI)

### Basic / Strategic / Applied

Understanding the behaviour of spins in 1-D quantum systems; high temperature superconductors and colossal magnetoresistance materials

# Science at the ISIS Facility

**ISIS 98**



***600 Experimental Reports / year***

***450 Publications / year***

***£40k per publication***

# Disadvantages of Pulsed Spallation Source

- Capture Flux is Low                          TRUE  
isotope production
- Limited Experience                          But growing !
- Poor for
  - Cold Neutrons                          FALSE
  - High Resolution Spectroscopy                  FALSE
  - Magnetic Diffraction                          FALSE
  - Excitations in Single Crystals                  FALSE

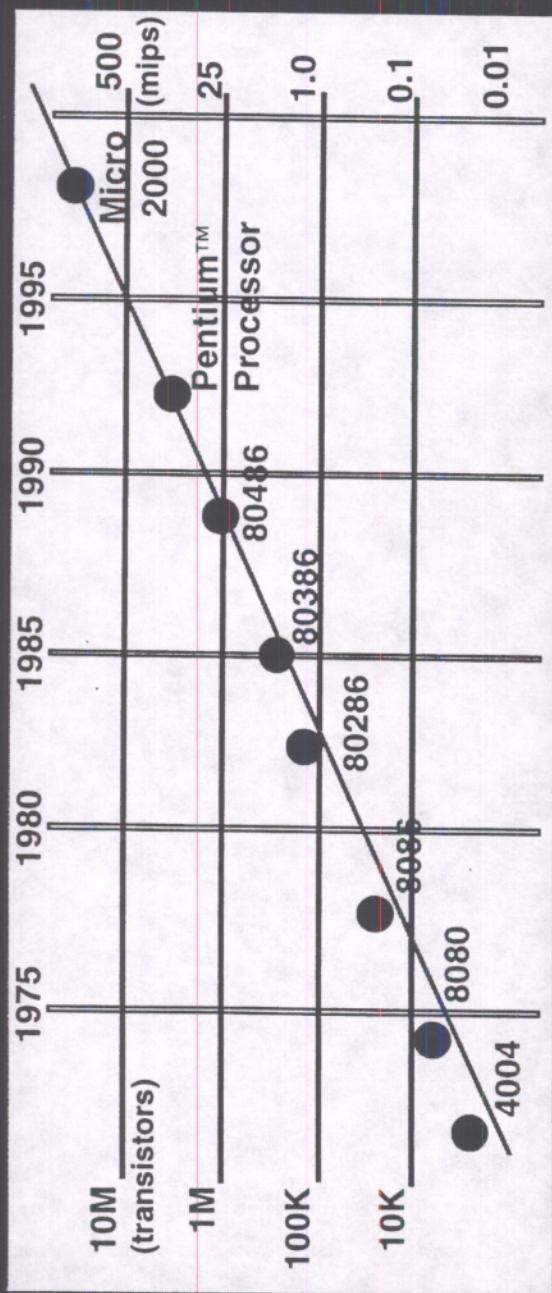
# Advantages of a Pulsed Spallation Source

- *Wide spectral range* - $\mu$ eV to eV
- *Fixed Geometry* -extreme environment
- *High Brightness and Excellent S/N*
  - small samples
- *High Intrinsic Resolution*
  - subtle effects
- *Wide Dynamic Range*
  - whole picture

\*\*Pixel Power\*\*

## Gordon Moore (Intel) 1965 Moore's Law

Each new chip contained roughly twice as much capacity as its predecessor, and each chip was released within 18-24 months of the previous chip.



## Machrone's Law

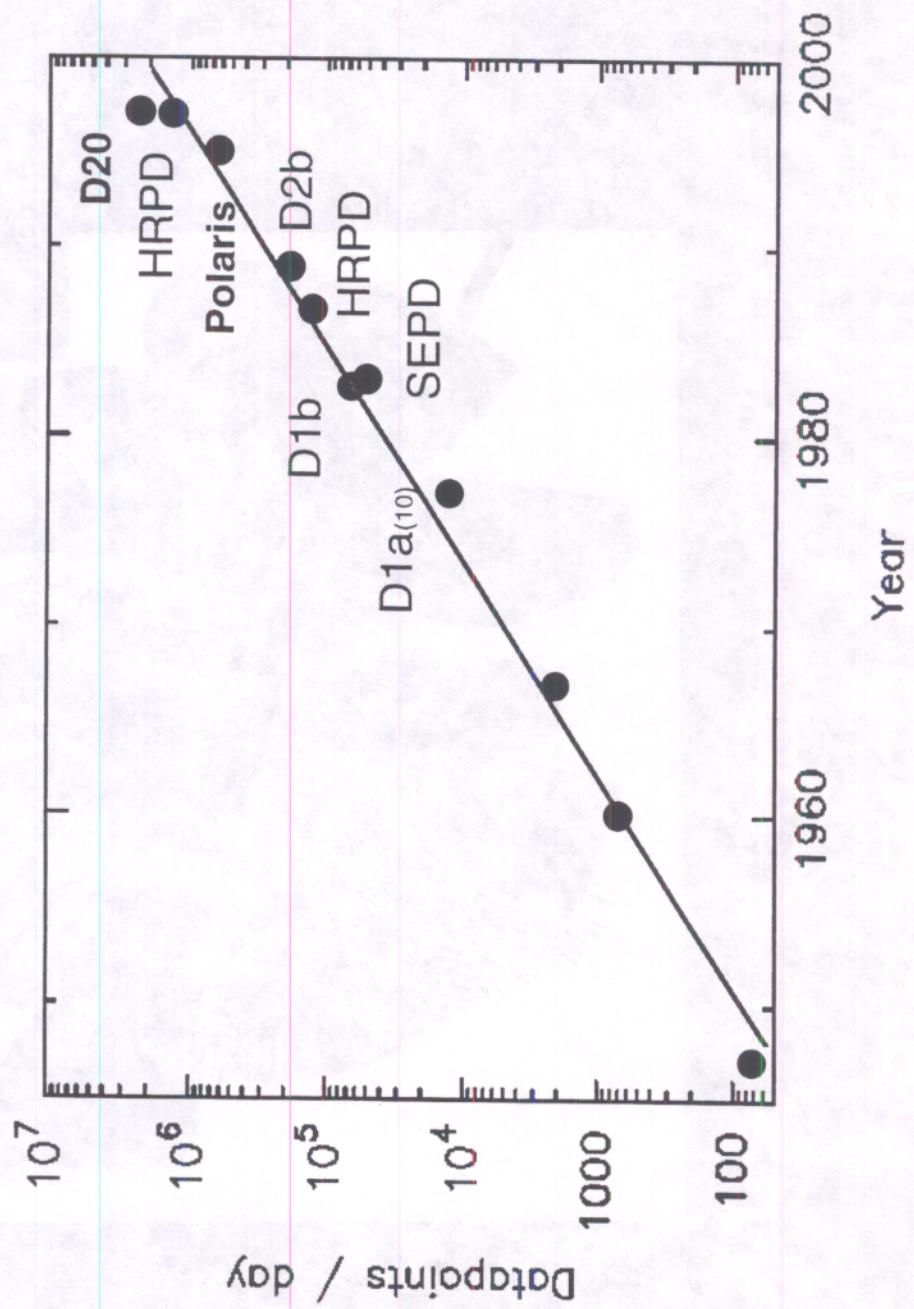
"Gordon Moore just plain got it right . . .  
Moore's Law has also given rise to Machrone's Law, which was true for many years, which is that the machine you want always costs \$5,000." -Bill Machrone

## Rock's Law

"A very small addendum to Moore's Law is Rock's Law which says that the cost of capital equipment to build semiconductors will double every four years."

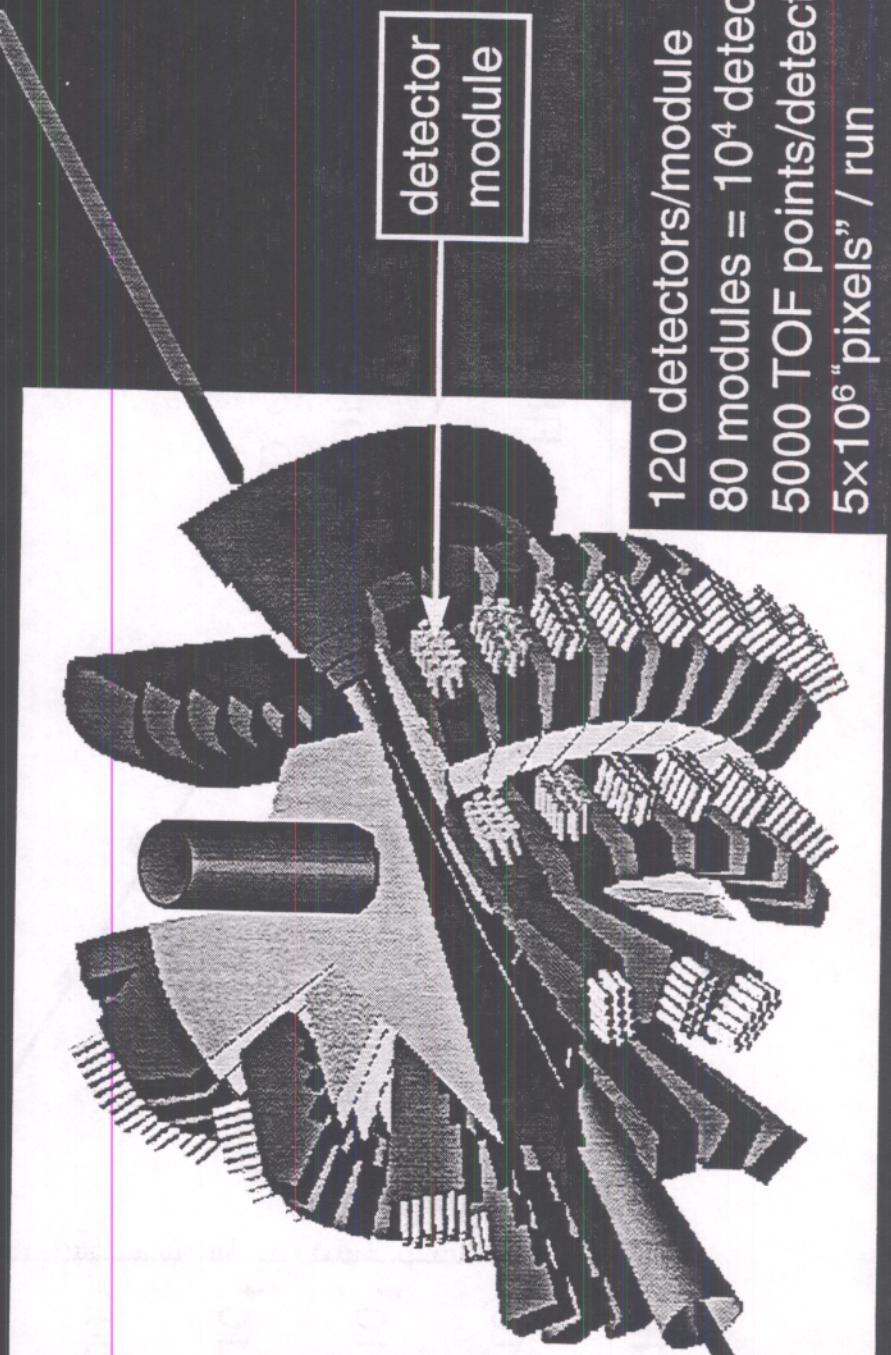
# Data rates

Year	Instrument	Run-time	Data points	Points/day
1983	SEPD	4 hours	$3 \times 3000$	$5.4 \times 10^4$
1983	D1b	10 min	400	$5.8 \times 10^4$
1987	HRPD	2 hours	10000	$1.2 \times 10^5$
1989	D2b	1 hour	6400	$1.5 \times 10^5$
1995	POLARIS	20 min	$3 \times 3000$	$6.5 \times 10^5$
1997	HRPD	5 min	5000	$1.4 \times 10^6$
1997	D20	1 min	1600	$2.3 \times 10^6$



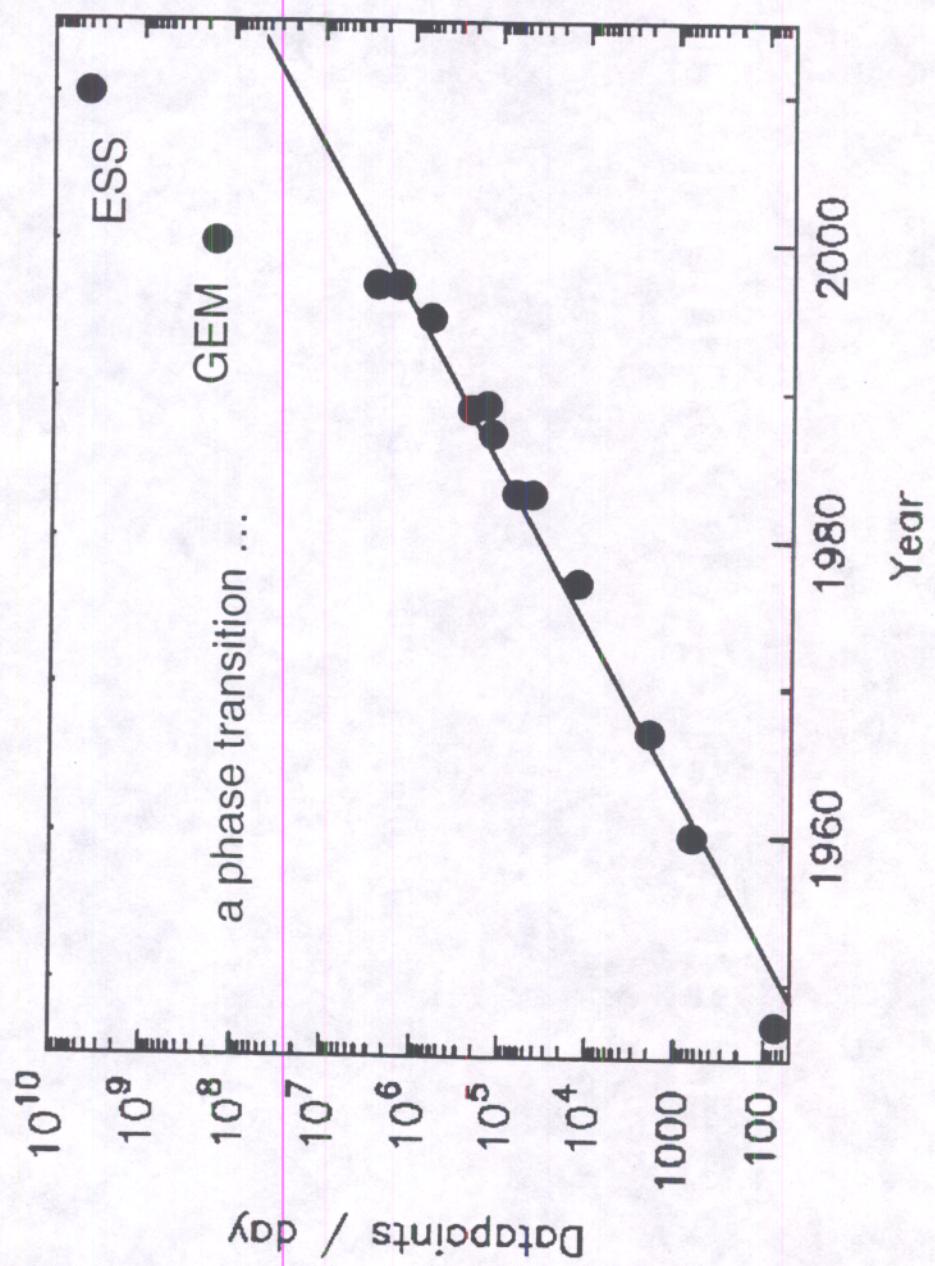
# Data rates (continued)

## GEM (ISIS) 1999-



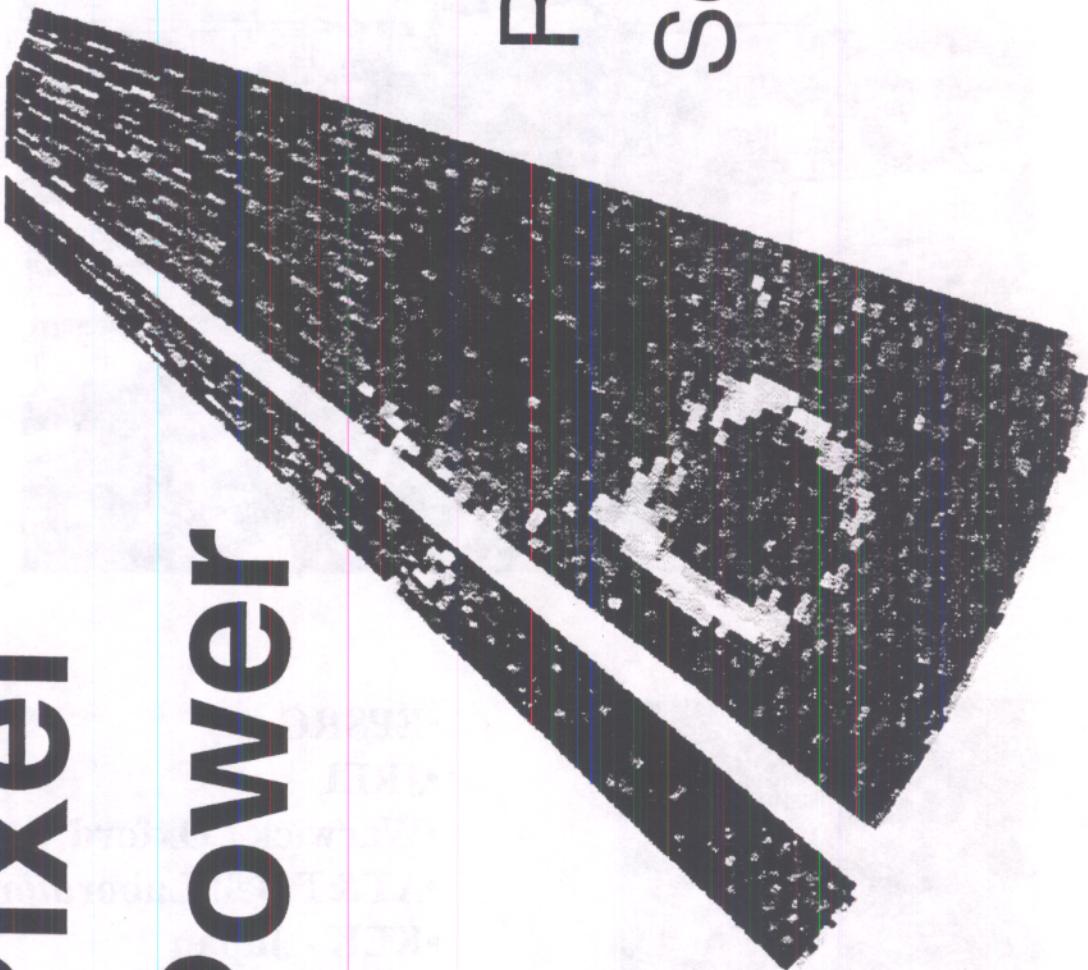
# Data rates (continued)

Year	Instrument	Run-time	Data points	Points/day
2000	GEM	2 min	$5 \times 4000$	$1.5 \times 10^8$
2010	GEM(ESS)	4 sec	$5 \times 4000$	$4.5 \times 10^9$



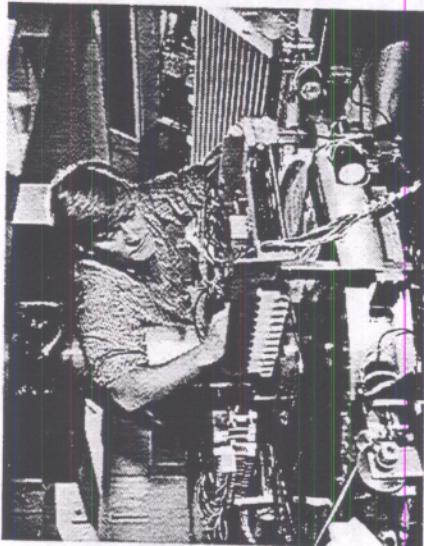
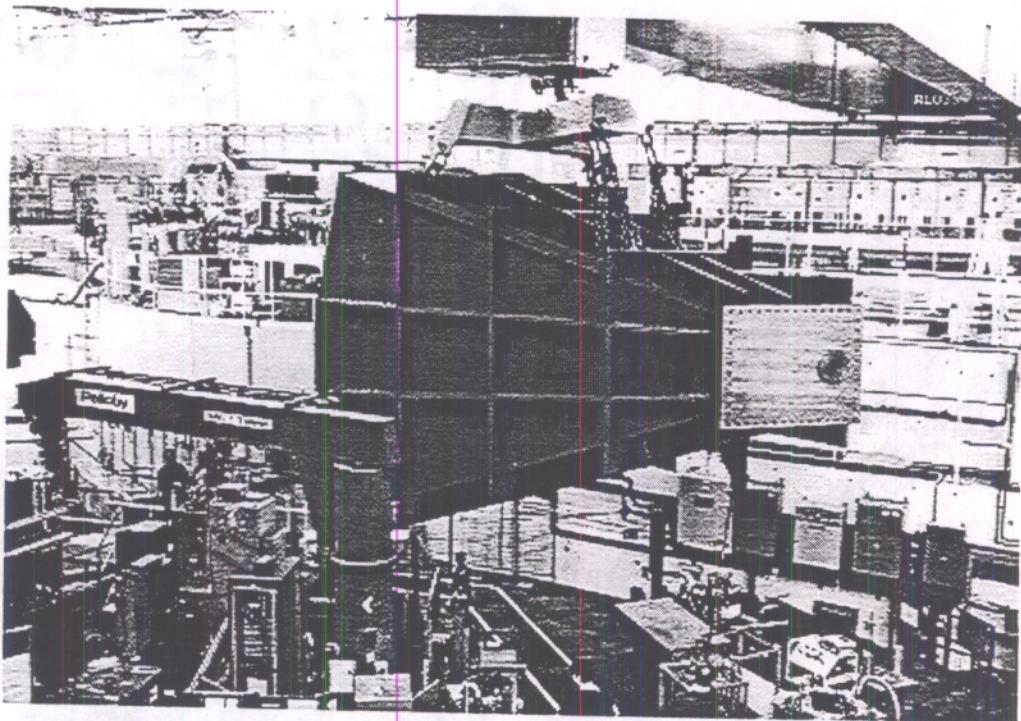
# **Pixel Power**

Recent  
Science  
from  
**ISIS**



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# MAPS - a £3.5M Investment in ISIS

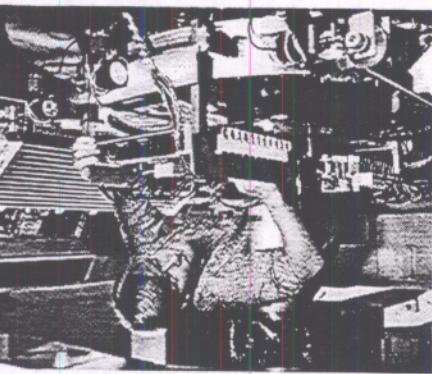


- EPSRC
- JREI
- Warwick / Oxford
- AT&T Bell Laboratories
- KEK - Japan
- ORNL - USA

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# ISIS and Technology Departments

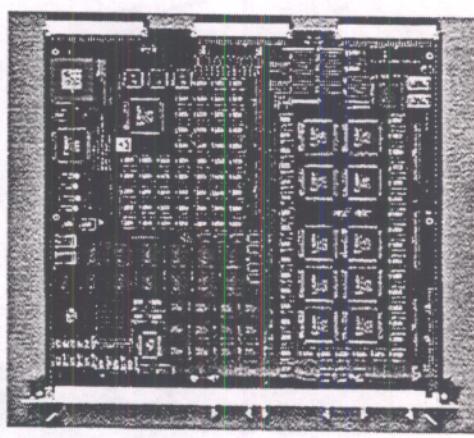
- working together



*ISIS - Science & Engineering Skills  
to specify the design*

*Technology - Detector and DAE Skills  
to realise the design*

<b>HET Prototype</b>	<b>MAPS</b>
1 m <sup>2</sup> detector -	16 m <sup>2</sup> detector -
16 Mbytes	0.5 GBytes



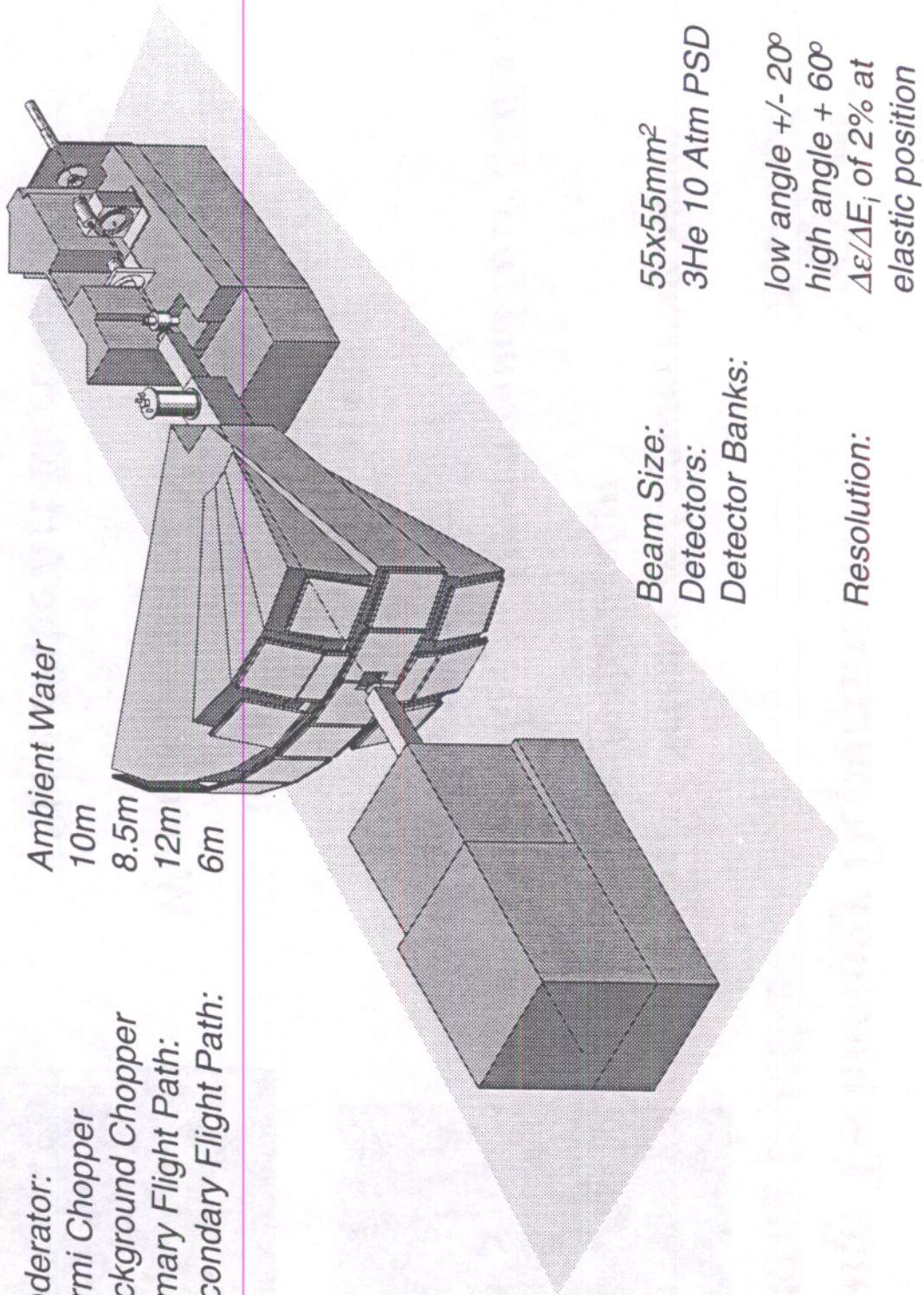
World's Brightest Neutron Source  
+  
State of the Art Electronics  
=

**\*\*PIXEL POWER\*\***

# The Future - MAPS

Moderator:  
Fermi Chopper  
Background Chopper  
Primary Flight Path:  
Secondary Flight Path:

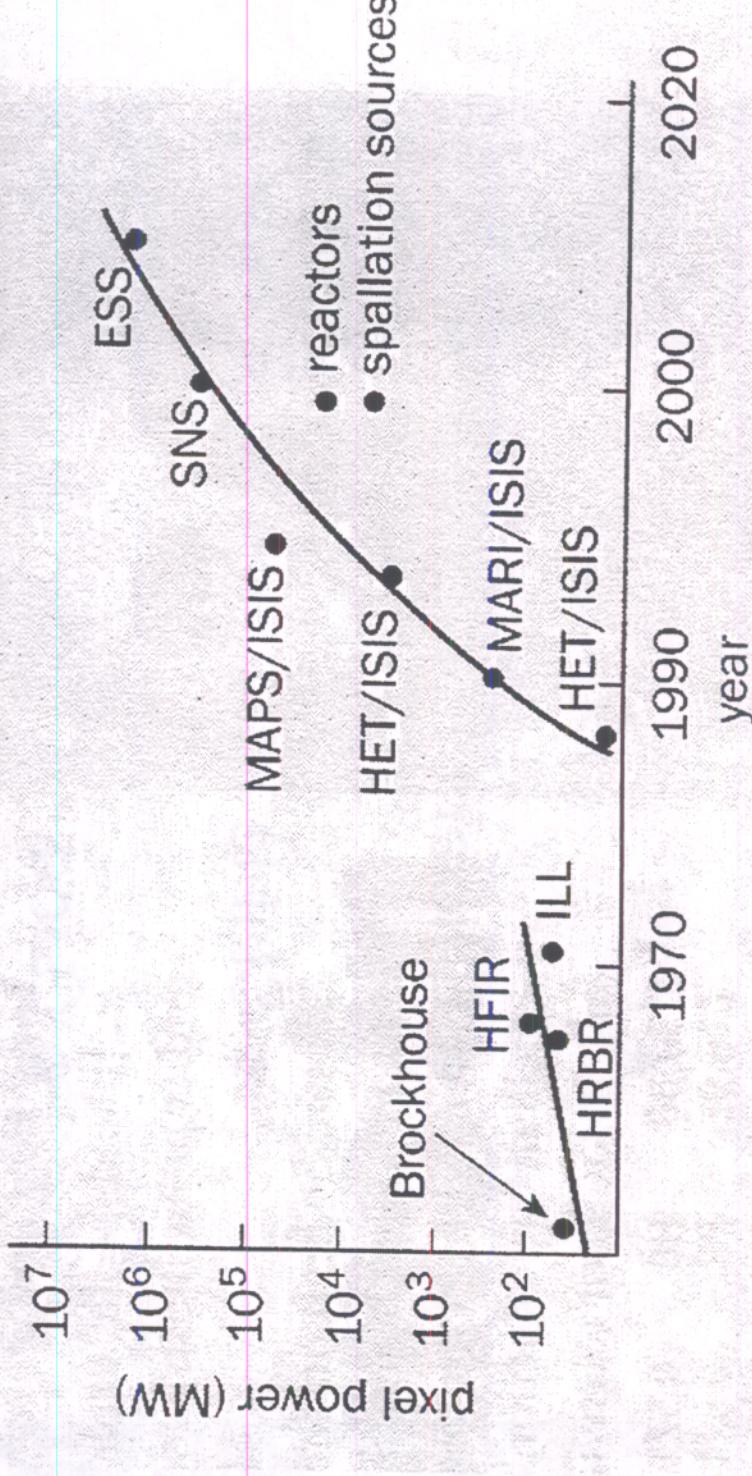
Ambient Water  
10m  
8.5m  
12m  
6m



Beam Size:  
55x55mm<sup>2</sup>  
Detectors:  
3He 10 Atm PSD  
Detector Banks:  
low angle +/- 20°  
high angle + 60°  
 $\Delta E/E_i$  of 2% at  
elastic position  
Resolution:

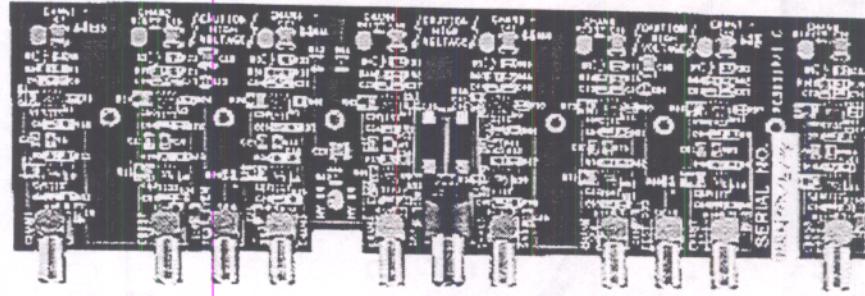
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## 6 IT drives neutron scattering



An approximate measure of the information content obtained from neutron-scattering experiments is the pixel power. New instruments at spallation sources look set to increase the pixel power dramatically.

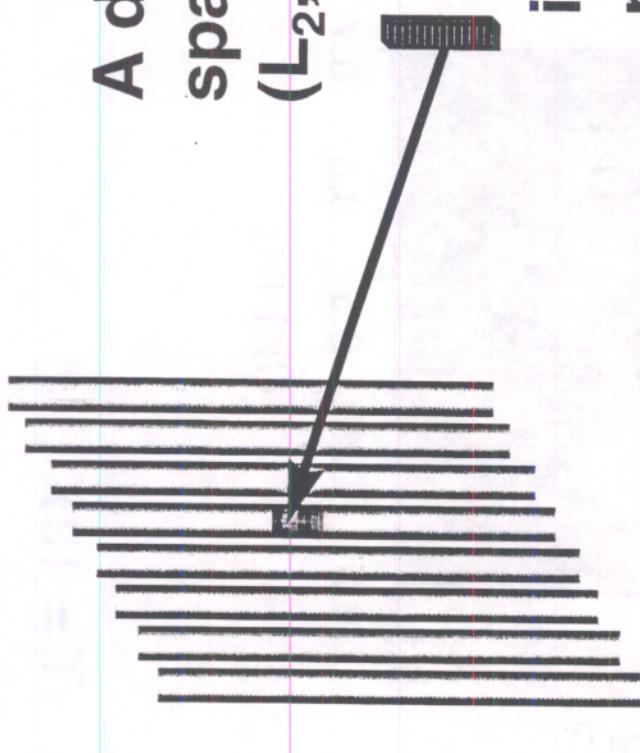
# PSDs installed on HET in May '97



- Fast
- Efficient
- Stable
- Good Resolution

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## How to Use the PSDs on HET?



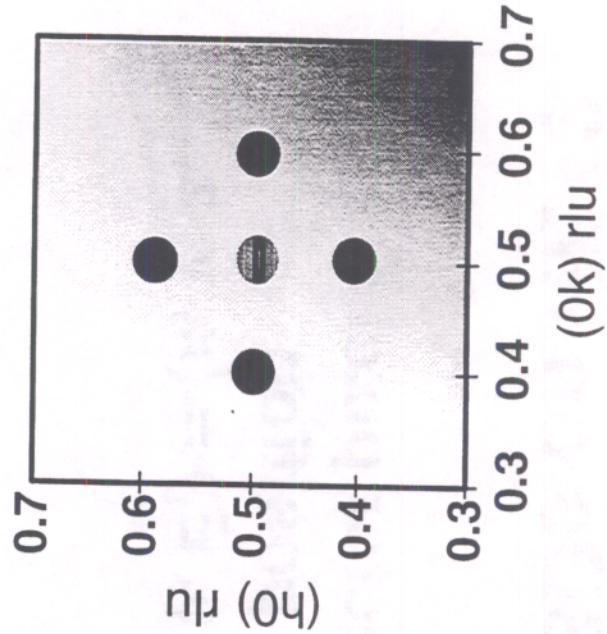
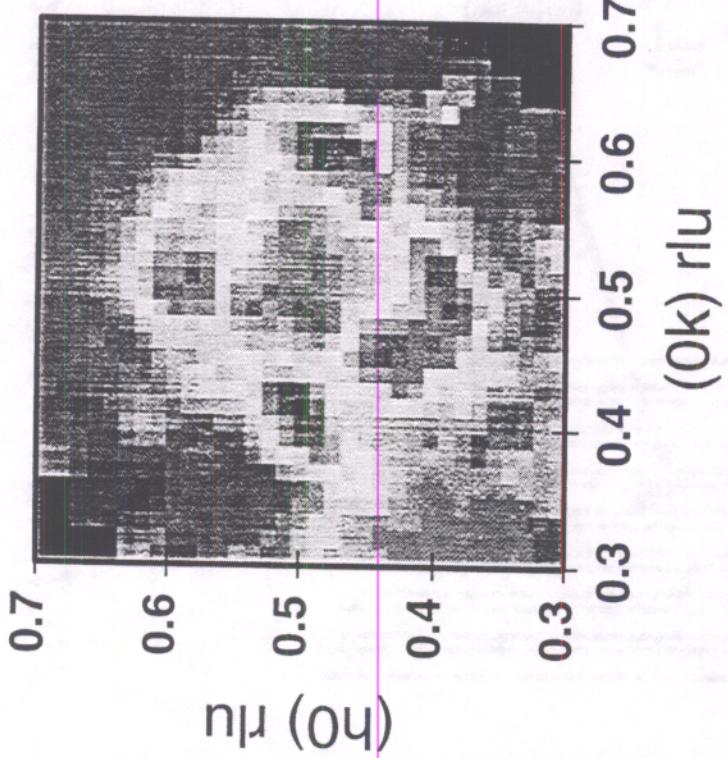
A detector pixel at real  
space position  
 $(L_2, \theta, \phi, E_t) = (x, y, z, E_t)$

is mapped to a point in  
reciprocal space at  
 $(Q_x, Q_y, Q_z, E_t)$

HET has 1664 pixels and typically 100 Energy Bins  
=  $10^5$  points in reciprocal space

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# $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{6.6}$



$T = 13\text{K}$

Energy Transfer = 24.5meV

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# Future Developments

## X-Rays

**Next Generation X-ray Sources are now a reality in Europe, USA + Japan  
(6 GeV 7 GeV 8GeV)**

**Domestic 3rd Generation SR sources (2-3 GeV) being developed in**

**France SOLEIL**

**Switzerland SLS**

**UK DIAMOND**

## Neutrons

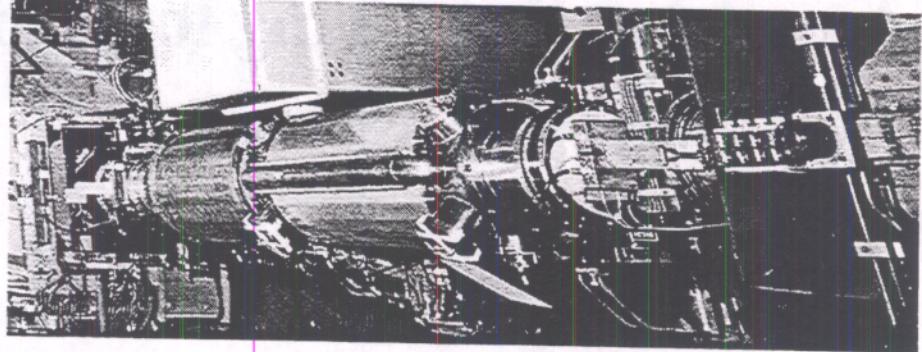
**USA and Japan striving to attain ISIS-like capabilities**

## ISIS Upgrades

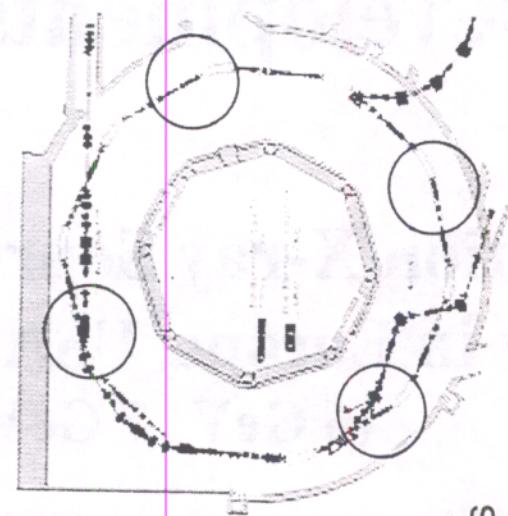
- 300 uA
- Target II
- SIRIUS

# Future Developments

## Upgrade to 300 $\mu$ Amps



Dual harmonic acceleration  
in the ISIS synchrotron  
could upgrade performance  
to  $3.7 \times 10^{13}$  protons per  
pulse



- Beam current of 300  $\mu$ Amps
- No loss of beam current if a 2nd Target station is installed
- Radioactive nuclear beam research - SIRIUS

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# Future Developments A Second Target Station

A second, low frequency, target station optimised for

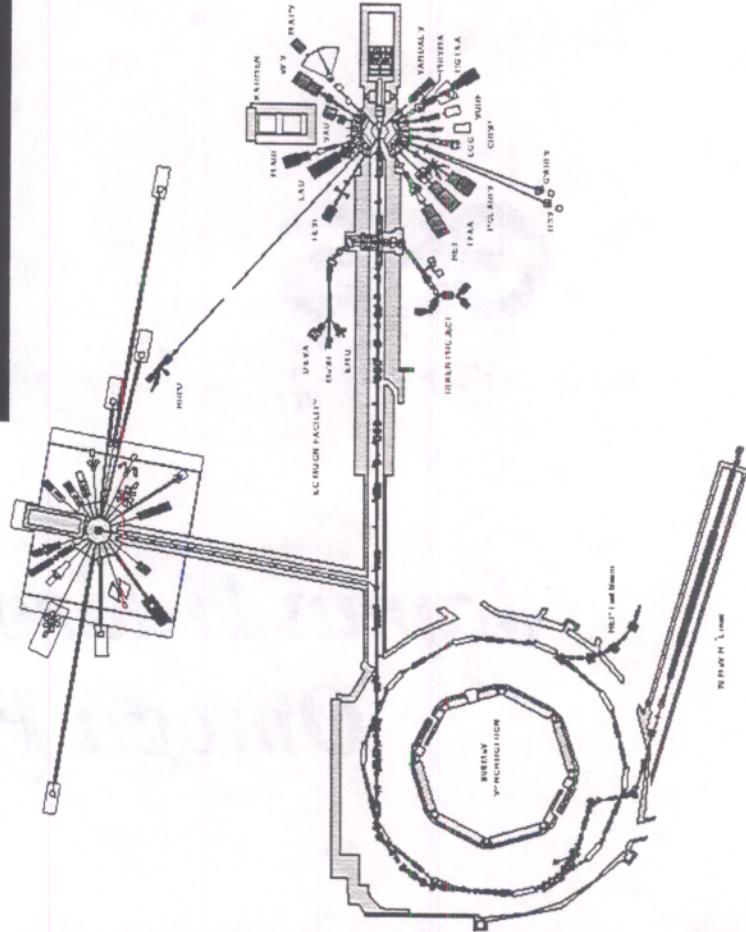
- Reflectometry
- Small Angle Scattering
- Neutron Spin Echo
- High Resolution Diffraction
- $\mu$ eV Spectroscopy

**Soft Condensed Matter**  
polymers  
colloids  
surfactants

**Biotechnology**  
drug molecules  
small proteins  
food science

**Complex Structures**  
zeolites  
clathrates

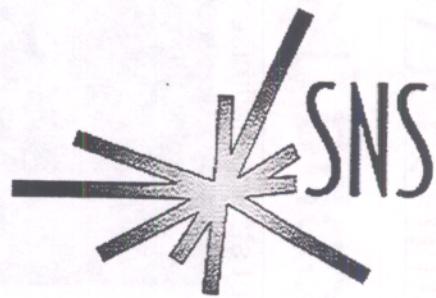
**Surfaces and Interfaces**  
spin valves  
magnetic thin films  
LB films  
electrochemistry



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# *Next Generation Neutron Sources*

*Developments beyond ISIS*



*Japan Hadron Facility  
Omega Project*

# Increased Source Strength

1930s & 1940s

- Total cross-sections

nuclear physics

1950s

- Structural Studies

crystallography

1960s

- Dynamical Studies

physics

1970s

- Cold Sources

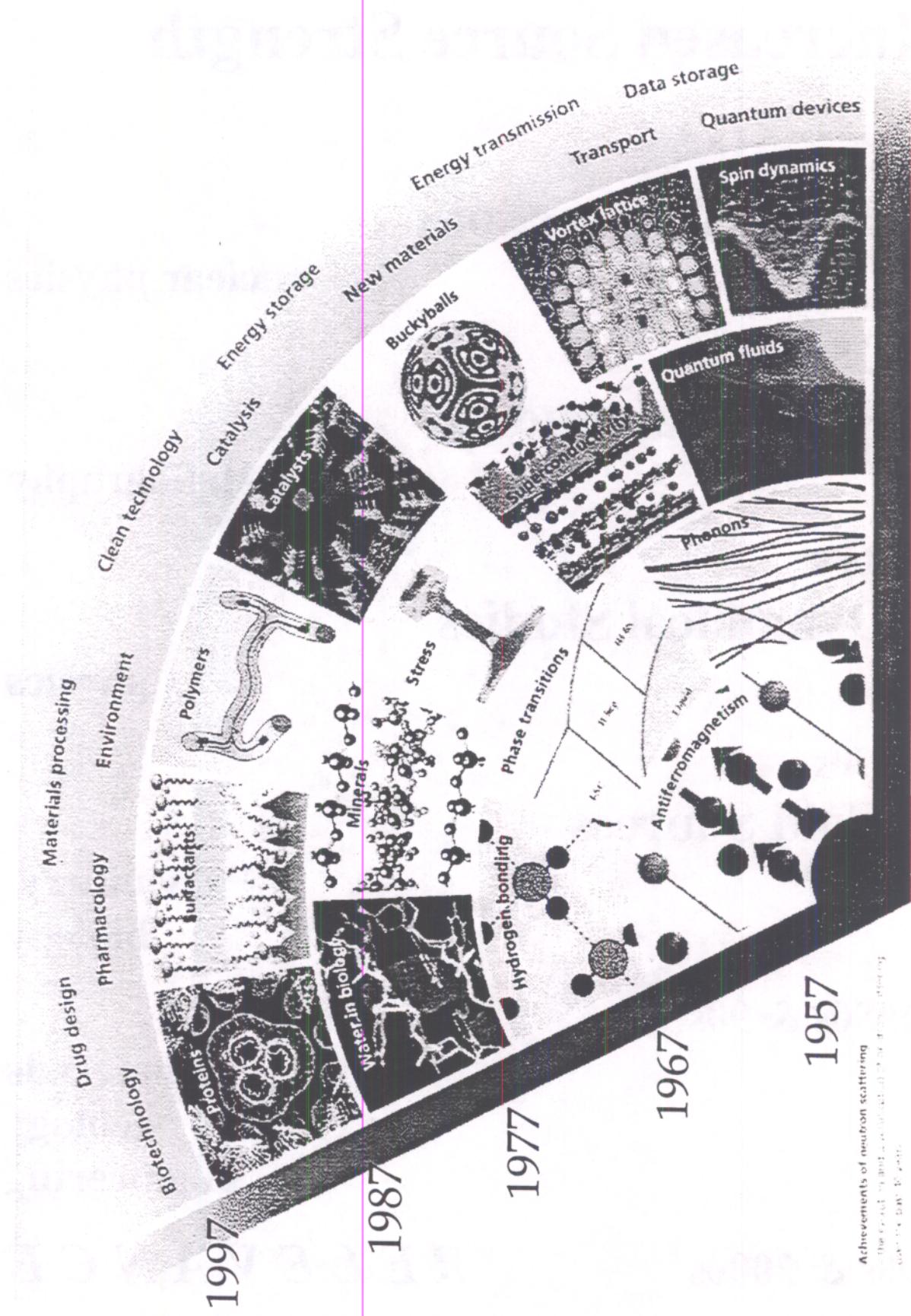
chemistry  
biology

1980s & 90s

materials  
geology  
engineering

90s & 2000s

*RELEVANCE*



Achievements of neutron scattering  
in the first 40 years of the 20th century  
and the first 10 years of the 21st century

# Need for a Next Generation European Neutron Source

## Neutron Scattering is Intensity Limited

### Better Resolution

- True from astronomy to microscopy

### Smaller Systems

- crack tip
- dilute solutions
- new materials

### Shorter Experiments

- kinetics
- extreme environments

### Complex System

- wide  $Q$ ,  $\omega$  range
- good resolution
- high signal-to-noise

### Advanced Techniques

- polarisation analysis

# Need for a Next Generation European Neutron Source

An example

**High Temperature Superconductors**

**Structure**

Possible on powder samples

**Dynamics**

Requires large single crystals

- phonons
- exchange interaction

**Parametric studies**

T, x, P, H....

## Illustrations of Need for a Next Generation Neutron Source

*(Slides not included)*

**Structure of YBCO first correctly determined at ISIS in 1987  
(Front Cover of Nature)**

**Dynamics** required a massive 0.1 kg crystal which took until 1991 (PRL). With such a crystal fundamental information on the interaction strengths could be determined in a 4 week experiment: parametric studies - although feasible are impractical because of source strength

**Kinetic studies** of the solid state chemical reactions *in situ* in a Duracell battery during discharge leading to a microscopic understanding of why the battery holds only half the theoretical charge

# Uses of a Next Generation Neutron Source

## Real Time Experiments *in situ* studies

### Alchemy



### Understanding

### Metastable compounds

- new battery materials
- high Tc systems

### Chemical Processes

- catalytic loading
- battery discharge

# European Science Foundation Study: Conclusions

- The use of neutrons continues to evolve, both in traditional and in new fields. Given the enormous impact of new materials in technology, no end to this process can be foreseen. The demand for more sophisticated use of neutrons continues to grow, so that aggressive programmes of instrumentation development are vital to the field.
- Non-neutron tools for matter investigation, such as synchrotron radiation, cannot substitute for the future use of neutron beams.
- The diversification of neutrons into a number of wider scientific areas continues. Examples are earth sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, biology and engineering.
- The direct impact of neutrons on ‘wealth creation’ is increasing and will continue to do so. Examples of industrial relevance are in the fields of multilayers, polymers, materials science, and engineering.
- Unless appropriate action is taken, sources of neutrons, and hence the supply, are likely to *decrease* in the next ten years.
- Given the existing and future expected demand in Europe this makes it imperative that:
  - (a) full use be made by European users from the basic and applied sciences of the present network of medium-flux national sources and the highest flux sources - ILL and ISIS, and
  - (b) a mechanism be initiated by the ESF to co-ordinate the design and funding requests that will allow a truly advanced European Source to be operational within 15 years.

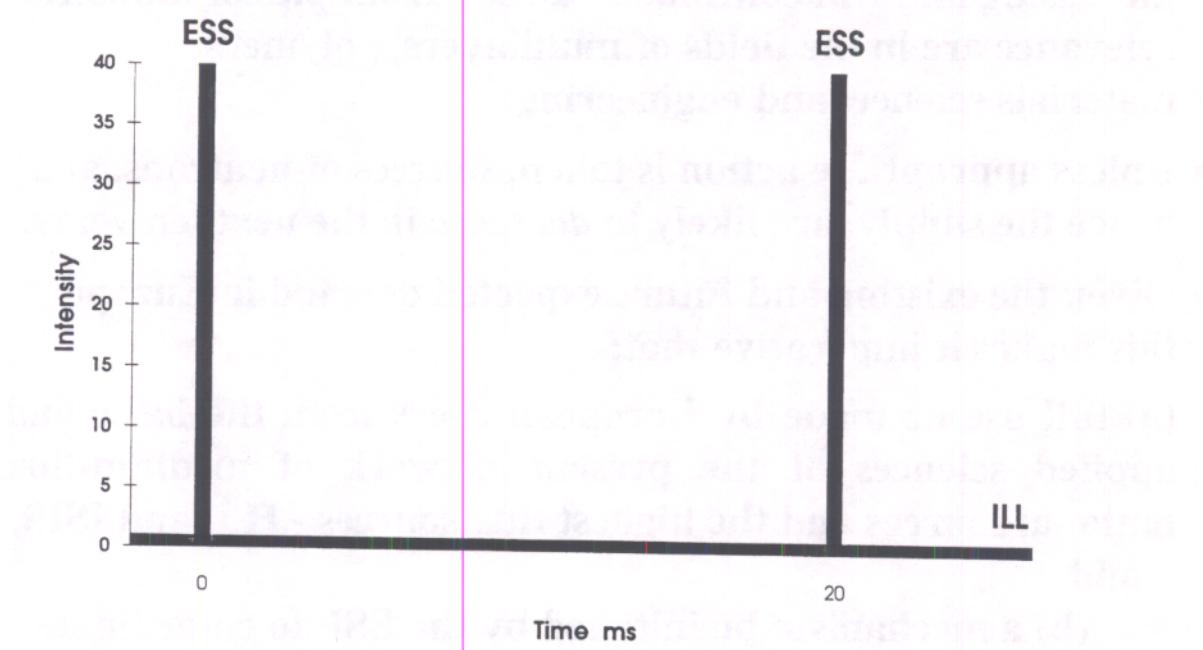
# European Spallation Source

## Specification

- 5 MW
- ~ 1  $\mu$ s pulse
- 50Hz and 10Hz Targets

## Performance

- 30 x ISIS
- $\Phi$  equivalent to ILL but **PULSED**  
*qualitatively different source*



# *European Involvement in ESS Science Case*

*200 Scientists from 15 European Countries*

*Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France,  
Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal,  
Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden,  
Switzerland, UK*

# *European Involvement in ESS Technical Study*

*100 Scientists and Engineers from 20 Institutes*



*Memorandum of  
Understanding  
for  
ESS R&D Phase  
signed on  
5 May 1997  
between*

**Denmark, France, Germany,  
Switzerland & UK**

**Spain (*CIEMAT*), Netherlands (*IRI*), Italy  
(*INFN*), Germany (*HMI*) & Germany (*JWGU*)**

*19 May 1998*

# ESS Layouts timescales and costings from ESS Volume I

*(Not included)*



# *ESS R&D Phase*

*1998 -2000 (2002 ?)*

- *Site independent study*
- *Reduce technical risks*
- *Minimise costs*
- *Database for the engineering design*
- *Safety and Licensing issues*
- *Timetable and budget profile*
- *Proposal for instrumentation*

Accelerator	- Gardner (RAL)
Targets/Engineering (PSI)/Ullmaier(Julich)	- Bauer
Instrumentation	- Steiner (HMI)

# **OECD Megascience Forum**

## **Neutron Sources WG**

*Three tier strategy:*

- to maintain, as far as appropriate, existing national sources
- to maximise the utilisation and potential of current front rank facilities
- to prepare for the provision of next-generation regional sources

# Detectors are Key

*@ heart of the problem*

- *Greater Efficiency*
- *Higher Data Rates*
- *Smaller Pixel Size*
- *Lower costs*

The future for neutronics is bright,

Achievements of neutron scattering  
in science and technology

