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# Where atoms are...

# Neutrons

# ...and what they do





















Doctoral Thesis 1924 at Paris University 'Recherches sur la Théorie des Quanta'

### Prince Louis Victor de Broglie (1892-1987)









### Ernest Rutherford (1871–1937)

"From the purely scientific point of view interest is mainly centred on the application of these high potentials to vacuum tubes in order to obtain a copious supply of high-speed electrons and high-speed atoms...

... of which the individual energy of motion is greater than that of the alpha particle... "

Rutherford's Challenge in a speech at the Royal Society AGM 30<sup>th</sup> November 1927

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# **Spallation Neutrons**







## Accelerator Driven Neutron Source (Spallation)



Neutron Radiation Field High Flux Pulsed Cold-Thermal-Fast Regimes

High Energy Protons



# The collision of high energy protons with the tantalum nuclei releases neutrons





# Moderators

For experiments the neutrons energy is reduced from MeV to meV

Hydrogen containing moderators produce required energies

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# **Moderators**

Three moderators

- liquid hydrogen 20°K
- methane 100°K
- water 43°C

Neutron instruments view moderators and not target

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ISIS







World leading expertise and instrumentation in the application of neutrons to condensed matter science





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2000 users/yr
~450 publications/yr
~ 800 experiments/yr
90% of UK Users 5/5\* Departments



ISIS Staff 131 invited talks 65 external committee memberships 37 scientific or technical meetings organised 21 visiting appointments at universities 30 external grants 50 PhD students co-supervised





### Spectroscopy MAPS Molecular Spectroscopy LET MARI IRIS MERLIN OSIRIS HET TOSCA VESUVIO Engineering ENGIN-X Large Scale Structures SANS2D Diffraction OFFSPEC HRPD POLREF SXD 30 INTER POLARIS CRISP GEM SURF Neutron and Muons WISH LOQ Instruments PEARL INES Muons emu **Disordered Materials** MuSR SANDALS HIFI NIMROD ARGUS



# Target Station 2 – Phase 2 Instruments

ZOOM LARMOR CHIPIR



# Accelerators & Reactors















### **Spallation Sources and Nuclear Reactors**

Different neutron spectrum Different time structure



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# $\frac{aa}{an} = \frac{number\ of\ neutrons\ scattered\ into\ an\ in\ the\ direction\ (), </$ incident flux . on





# Bragg's Law $n \cdot \lambda = 2d \cdot \sin \vartheta$

Foundation of crystallography and earned the1915 Nobel Prize for Physics

At 25 years old, Lawrence remains the youngest ever Nobel Laureate





 $n\cdot \lambda = 2d \cdot \sin \vartheta$ 





Lawrence Bragg (1890–1971)



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#### Lawrence Bragg (1890–1971)



 $n\cdot\lambda = 2d\cdot\sin^2$ 





WISH diffractometer at ISIS









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#### **ISIS** Collaborative Research and Development Scheme





Remit:-

- Focus on delivering economic impact
- Build long-term partnerships with industry
- Engage with diverse industrial base
  - SMEs to Large Multinationals
  - Large Scale Engineering to Healthcare

### What is the value of ISIS to industry?



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Neutrons can provide new or different information into material properties or behaviour



#### What is the value of ISIS to industry?





ISIS has expertise and networks to help you interpret what the neutrons are telling you








Spectroscopy Molecular Spectroscopy Engineering Large Scale Structures Diffraction 15% **Peer-Review** Muons **Disordered Materials** MuSR NIMROD











New access mechanism's objectives:-

- Demonstrate the economic impact of neutrons to key stakeholders
- Widen and progress industrial use of ISIS







New access mechanism should:-

- Allow industry to asses the value of neutrons for their business
- Use economic impact as an major assessment criteria
- Build-in impact reporting



































UK manufacturing or research base

Scientific/Technical Feasibility Checked by ISIS

Small assessment panel

ISIS Senior Manager ISIS Innovations Manager External Expert (from ISIS Facility Access Panels)





# Economic Impact is the main assessment criteria

ICRD Programme





# Confidentiality intrinsic to process

ICRD Programme



# Beam-time is free at point of access through collaboration agreement

CRD Programme





# Option to buy data confidentiality after the experiment







## **ISIS** Collaborative Research and Development Scheme



# 29 companies involved in the scheme...



## ... from across the industrial sector

In addition to the normal 15% through peer review



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# Engineering and Large Scale Structures ...



## ... provide key 'value' to industry

- Non-destructive in-situ stress analysis
- High sensitivity to hydrogen/light atoms



## New capability – Target Station Two



Industry is exploiting the new developments and capabilities for surfactant, polymer, and larger molecules available on Target Station 2



## Case Studies



### Taking the Stress out of Engine Manufacture with Rolls-Royce







### Cosmic Ray muons and micro-electronics



"The micro-electronics industry is on the verge of architectural shift as devices get to below 20 nm. It was predicted in 1979 that there will be a watershed moment when such devices become susceptible to muon ionisation, and we believe current technologies are approaching this threshold."

Cource: Marvell

Dr. Tam from Marvell Semiconductor

"Our experiments today are about understanding the probability of these events, which represents an important contribution to the semiconductor industry. This will inform future design decisions, enabling manufacturers to develop devices that are less susceptible to muon SEUs."

Prof. Bhuva, Vanderbilt University



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### Building safer ships with Lloyd's Register



Ultrasonic peening is a technique for improving the fatigue performance of welded joints. Little research has been done on how UP-treated welds behave when they are subjected to real world conditions such as compressive overload or variable amplitude loading.

Lloyd's Register provides quality assurance to the marine industry, and they have been using ENGIN-X to investigate UP welded joints in these conditions.

"For many years the advantages of adding a compressive stress in the area of the weld toe have been known but could not be practically applied to large ship structures....

...The ability to understand how residual stresses perform under realistic conditions has been a great help to the industry in pushing the process forward."



David Howarth, Lloyd's Register



### Optimising machining strategies for Boeing



The Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC), with Boeing, at the University of Sheffield have been using Engin-X at ISIS to study the evolution of residual stresses in AA7050 – an aluminium alloy commonly used in aerospace structures - as it is heated and then machined. This understanding will enable them to reduce non-conformance in the manufacturing process, and significantly reduce costs.

Image Source: Boeing

Engin-X allowed the team to map residual stresses in three dimensions and build up residual stress profiles resulting from quenching and machining processes. This capability allowed the team to see the hidden residual stresses prior to releasing them during the machining process which is unachievable by other means.





### Testing new welding techniques for the nuclear industry



Image Source: EDF Energy

"This was a challenging experiment as we were working close to the operational limit of ENGIN-X. However the results were in good agreement with earlier measurements and validated the advanced weld prediction model developed by AREVA. We are confident that the knowledge we've gained will support implementation of this new welding process".

Professor John Bouchard, Open University



AREVA has developed new welding procedures, but before deploying them, the very high levels of qualification and validation required by the nuclear industry and regulators must be met. Together with the Open University, AREVA has been using ENGIN-X to map residual stress in mock-ups of welded nuclear components for the purpose of validating models for over five years.

> AREVA has designed the new European Pressurised Reactor (EPR)



#### Letting the train take the strain



The University of Huddersfield and an industrial consortium of the Rail Safety and Standards Board, the Association of Train Operating Companies, Siemens and Lucchini, has been using Engin-X at ISIS understand how cracks begin and spread in train wheels.

Every five years or so, every wheel on every train in the UK has to be replaced. Maintenance and renewal of train wheels make up a significant proportion of the cost of our rolling stock.

"We are always willing to support Universities in genuine new research such as this. We have extensive facilities in Italy but we don't have anything like ENGIN-X at ISIS. Collaboration between industry and academia can be beneficial and lead to improvements in safety and processes."

Sean Barson, Technical Services Manager at Lucchini UK







#### Helping make hydrogen cars a reality



Toyota, who will release a hydrogen fuel cell vehicle in Japan in 2015, have been working with ISIS scientists to address a key challenge: hydrogen loss during cycling.

With the depletion of fossil fuels an alternative is needed, and hydrogen, provided it can be produced without using fossil fuels, is a promising option. But there are challenges in both producing and storing hydrogen that must be overcome before commercial hydrogen cars become reality.

Image Source: Toyota

"Our work with ISIS has allowed us to develop in operando neutron powder diffraction techniques that has provided important insights into the nature and location of hydrogen in Ti-V-Cr-Mo alloy for hydrogen storage systems. This in turn provides new opportunities for the rational improvement of these materials for use as storage for future hydrogen cars."

Shin-ichi Towata, Toyota Central Research and Development Laboratories Inc

# ΤΟΥΟΤΑ


#### Engaging Key Stakeholder



"The Government understands how vital it is to innovate and tackle the challenges that face our electronics industry. This funding is helping to develop a facility capable of putting safety critical circuits through their paces, making planes safer and the electronics on which we all depend more reliable."

University, Science and Cities Minister, Greg Clark







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# James Chadwick (1891–1974)

"Positive results in the search for 'neutrons' would add considerably to the existing knowledge on the subject of the construction of matter, and as such would be of the greatest interest to science, but, to humanity in general the ultimate success or otherwise of the experiments that were being carried out in this direction would make no difference."

From an interview with James Chadwick reported in The Times, Monday 29 February 1932

# Enrico Fermi (1901-1954)

"History of science and technology has consistently taught us that scientific advances in basic understanding have sooner or later led to technical and industrial applications that have revolutionized our way of life. It seems to me improbable that this effort to get at the structure of matter should be an exception to this rule."

Fermi, Enrico (2004). "The Future of Nuclear Physics". In Cronin, J.W. *Fermi Remembered*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

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## Neutrons for Science, Neutrons for Society



## Thank you...





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