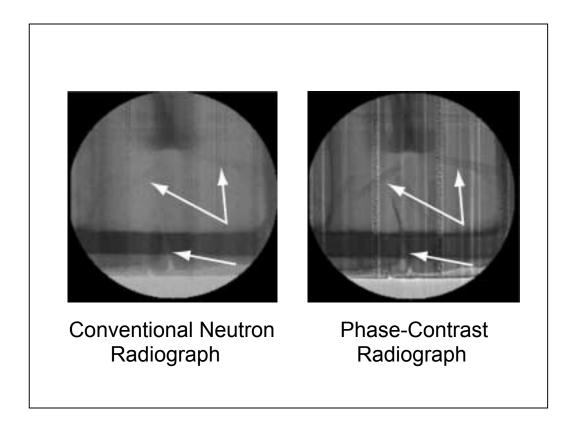
TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES

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Cover:

The neutron radiographs on the cover show the phase-contrast enhancement of images of cracks in a turbine blade. The phasecontrast image was made by a novel method without the use of a neutron interferometer. See *Nature*, *408*, 9 November 2000, p.158.

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INTRODUCTION

Neutron Interactions and Dosimetry Group

This Group provides measurement services, standards, and fundamental research in support of NIST's mission as it relates to neutron technology and neutron physics. The industrial interests served include scientific instrument calibration, electric power production, radiation protection, national defense, radiation therapy, neutron imaging, and magnetic resonance imaging.

The Group's activities for the year 1999 are presented in the following pages under three project headings:

A. Fundamental Neutron Physics - including development of an ultracold neutron source, applications of neutron interferometry and neutron optical techniques, development of neutron spin filters based on laser polarization of ³He, measurement of the beta decay lifetime of the neutron, and investigations of other coupling constants and symmetries of the weak interaction. This project involves a large number of collaborators from universities and national laboratories.

B. Standard Neutron Fields and Applications - utilizing both thermal and fast neutron fields for dosimetry in nuclear reactor and defense applications and for personnel dosimetry in radiation protection. These neutron fields include thermal neutron beams, "white" and monochromatic cold neutron beams, a thermal-neutron-induced ²³⁵U fission neutron field, and ²⁵²Cf fission neutron fields, both moderated and unmoderated. The calibration of these neutron fields is derived from related artifacts, facilities, and capabilities maintained by the project: the national standard neutron source NBS-I, a manganous sulfate bath for neutron source comparisons, a collection of fissionable isotope mass standards (FIMS), a collection of boron and lithium isotopic standards, and spectroscopy facilities for both gamma rays and alpha particles.

C. Neutron Cross Section Standards - including experimental advancement of the accuracy of neutron cross section standards, as well as evaluation, compilation and dissemination of these standards. These data standards are important for nuclear reactor safety and performance calculations, for development of fusion energy, for understanding high-energy neutron dosimetry in radiation protection and radiation therapy, and for basic science studies in astrophysics.

Summary of Main Accomplishments

Accomplishments this year have included (i) demonstration of phase-contrast neutron radiography without an interferometer, (ii) demonstration of thermal-neutron-induced soft failures in SRAM and DRAM chips, (iii) further investigation of the separation of coherent scattering from incoherent scattering using ³He-based polarization analysis in small angle neutron scattering (SANS), and (iv) completion of the final data-taking runs of the Penning-Trap neutron lifetime experiment.

D. M. Gilliam, December 2000

Technical Activities

A. Fundamental Neutron Physics

• Tests of the Weak Interaction and the Neutron Lifetime

(M.S. Dewey, J. Nico, P. Huffman, F. Wietfeldt, J. Adams, A. Thompson, with M. Arif, T. Gentile, F. Bateman, D. Gilliam, D. Jacobson)

The cold neutron guide hall at the NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) provides a unique opportunity for the U.S. to compete for a leading role in research on the physics of fundamental particles. High precision measurements at very low neutron energies complement high energy research at national and international particle accelerator laboratories. Measurement techniques developed for this research improve NIST's ability to provide measurement services and calibrations. The Neutron Interactions and Dosimetry Group pursues a research program of its own, as well as supporting a national user facility for industrial and university researchers.

Two different neutron lifetime experiments, one a Harvard-led ultracold neutron (UCN) experiment, the other a NIST-led cold neutron beam experiment, are currently able to take data on our polychromatic neutron beam at the NCNR.

Complete three-dimensional magnetic trapping of ultracold neutrons was Harvard/NIST demonstrated bv the collaboration for the first time, as reported in the journal Nature (403, 2000). Trapping of neutral and charged particles is an invaluable tool for the study of both composite and

elementary particles. The main advantages of trapping are long interaction times and isolation from perturbing environments. In the present work, inelastic scattering in superfluid ⁴He is used to load neutrons into the trap, and the helium also acts as a scintillator for detection of neutron decay. The work described in the *Nature* article verified the theoretical predictions of the loading process and the technique of magnetic trapping of neutrons. During CY00 major upgrades to the apparatus were installed, including a larger trapping magnet and a monochromator to prefilter the incident beam. These improvements should result in a precise measurement of the beta-decay lifetime of the neutron sometime in CY01.

The NIST-led lifetime experiment utilizes a Penning trap for decay protons and a thin ⁶Li neutron fluence monitor to measure the lifetime of free neutrons in a 30 K thermal neutron beam. During CY00 final data taking runs of the experiment were completed. A major source of uncertainty in this experiment comes from measurement of the neutron fluence. In the past the neutron monitor calibration factor was calculated from a cold neutron capture cross section, the areal density of the ⁶Li deposit through which the neutrons pass, and the measured solid angle of the detector. Now in collaboration with Indiana University, an independent calibration of the neutron fluence monitor is being achieved by use of a totally absorbing cryogenic calorimeter. Several absorbing targets are being intercompared: LiPb, LiMg, and liquid ³He. The LiMg target results have verified the thin ⁶Li monitor results within about 0.4%, as reported in a recent Ph.D. thesis. When

completed in early CY01, this work is expected to reduce the uncertainty in the neutron fluence by at least a factor of two.

Preliminary work has begun on a NIST-led experiment to measure the electronantineutrino correlation in neutron beta decay using a novel asymmetry technique that does not rely on precise proton spectroscopy. This correlation coefficient was last measured in 1978 and has a 5% uncertainty (by comparison the other better known correlation coefficients are known to slightly better than 1%). This experiment requires an electron spectrometer with a high degree of backscatter suppression to minimize the low-energy tail in the response function. During CY00 a prototype electron spectrometer consisting of a conical array of plastic scintillator detectors coupled to photomultipliers was designed and constructed, and testing was begun on our 4 MeV electron Van de Graaf.

In CY00 the large collaborations responsible for two previous experiments on our polychromatic beam continued major drives to upgrade those experiments in preparation for further running on our beam. Both projects, a search for time-reversal symmetry violating correlations in neutron decay and a search for parity violating spin rotation of neutrons in bulk media, are expecting to be ready for beam time sometime in late CY01. These projects have produced three recent Ph.D. theses and have already made modest improvements on the best preceding results. The results of the time-reversal asymmetry experiment were recently published in Phys. Rev. C.

Throughout the year our group explored promising new ideas for experiments that

probe the weak interactions with scientists from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The most promising ideas would lead to participation in a LANL-led measurement of the parity-violating gammaray asymmetry in the "npd⊗"reaction (polarized neutron plus proton goes to deuteron plus gamma-ray) at the spallation neutron source at LANL, and to participation in a LANL-led measurement of the electric dipole moment of the neutron using UCN.

• Polarized 3He for Neutron Spin Filters

(T. Gentile, A. Thompson, D. Rich)

The primary focus of the polarized ³He program is the development of neutron spin filters and application of these devices to both materials science and fundamental physics. We are developing two optical pumping methods, spin-exchange and metastabilityexchange, for producing the polarized ³He gas. In collaboration with materials scientists, we are conducting experiments at the NCNR to demonstrate the advantages of ³He spin certain materials filters for science applications. In addition, we are contributing to an experiment in weak interaction physics at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, and are also collaborating with Indiana University in applications at the Intense Pulsed Neutron Source (IPNS) at Argonne National Laboratory.

In May 2000, we employed polarized ³Hebased neutron polarization analysis for an experiment on the NCNR NG7 small angle neutron scattering (SANS) instrument. The goal was to separate the magnetic and nuclear scattering obtained from a sample of the colossal magnetoresistive (CMR) material

 $La_{0.85}$ Sr_{0.15}MnO₃. Materials in this class are of interest for application of polarized ³He because no other method exists for isolation of the magnetic scattering. Data was acquired using cells polarized by both optical pumping methods. The ferromagnetic transition of the material at 235 K was clearly identified by depolarization of the neutron beam by the sample. However, analysis of the scattering data has proved to be problematic, which may be due to the overwhelming structural scattering in this sample. Hence we are planning experiments on other samples so that the method can be demonstrated clearly in a simple case before tackling such difficult samples again.

Besides production of the polarized ³He gas required for spin filters, an important issue in the application of spin filters is the interaction with the sample and instrument environments. Relaxation of the ³He polarization in different holding field scenarios is being studied with a diode-laser based apparatus for metastabilityexchange optical pumping.

The ³He polarization achievable with the diaphragm compressor apparatus has been improved using a more efficient optical pumping scheme. For the SANS experiment the polarizations obtained from each of the optical pumping methods were both just under 50%, but the spin-exchange cell was the better performer because of the extremely long relaxation time of the spin-exchange cell (130 hours). Hence the focus of attention for the metastable work will shift from improving the polarization to improving the cell relaxation times by using alkali coatings.

We are also investigating spin-exchange optical pumping with spectrally narrowed high

power diode lasers. One of the reasons we typically use high ³He pressure (3.5 bar) for spin-exchange cells is to increase the pressurebroadened absorption width to better match the broad spectrum of high power diode lasers. Recently spectrally narrowed diode lasers have been developed by other researchers, which might allow reduced pressures for spin-exchange cells. In addition to relaxing the mechanical constraints on spinexchange cells, lower pressure cells would allow for the possibility of extremely long cell relaxation times because of the reduced dipole-dipole relaxation. We have recently produced a neutron-compatible cell at 1 bar with a relaxation time of at least 400 hours, a world record to our knowledge. Such cells would allow for quite stable polarization even in the absence of continuous optical pumping.

NIST is collaborating with LANL in the application of ³He polarizers to the proposed npd \otimes LANSCE experiment. A recent test run at LANSCE (Nov., 2000) utilized a NIST "double" spin-exchange cell (i.e., separate volumes for optical pumping and spin filtering). Indiana University recently employed a metastability-exchange cell prepared and tested at NIST for an experiment to demonstrate ³He-based neutron polarization analysis in polarized neutron reflectometry.

 Neutron Interferometry and Optics Facility (NIOF) (M. Arif, D. Jacobson, S.A. Werner, P. Huffman, T. Gentile, A. Thompson)

During the past year at the NIOF a number of fundamental and applied physics experiments have been started and/or completed with collaborators from the University of Melbourne, Australia, the University of Missouri, the University of Indiana, and the University of North Carolina: Phase Contrast Radiography, Neutron-Deuteron Scattering Length in Gaseous Deuterium, Dynamical Diffraction Measurement of the Neutron-Electron Scattering Length, and Visualization of Lithium Ion Migration in Ion Conductors.

The results of an experiment to produce quantitative Phase Contrast Radiographs of small objects were reported in the journal *Nature* (408, 2000). This experiment was the result of collaborative efforts between NIOF, the University of Melbourne, and the University of Missouri. This Phase Contrast Radiography technique is novel since it provides a way of extracting phase information in an image without the use of an interferometer. Images taken have shown that this technique makes small and delicate features much more prominent. Eventually this technique will be applied to neutron phase contrast tomography as well.

Major progress has been made in the design and construction of a highly sensitive experimental assembly for the precision measurement of the scattering lengths of gases in a neutron interferometer. This will lead to an upcoming experiment that will measure the scattering length of deuterium gas. This achievement is important since the neutron interferometer represents the only neutron optical device capable of precisely measuring the scattering lengths of gaseous samples. Accurate knowledge of the scattering length is important in many theoretical models of the neutron interaction in few body problems. By using gaseous samples, one can avoid some of the difficulties encountered in interpreting the similar scattering results of length

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measurements in solid state systems e.g. Bragg reflection interferences.

The results of an ongoing experiment to measure the neutron-electron interaction amplitude via the scattering length b_{ne} have been extremely promising. This very fundamental quantity b_{ne} is critical to the understanding of the charge structure of the neutron and of the deuteron charge structure in atomic physics. After four decades of sustained effort discrepancies between different experimental values and between experiment and theory persist. Using a novel dynamical diffraction effect for a perfect single crystal inside a neutron interferometer, we are attempting to measure b_{ne} directly and accurately. This measurement does not suffer from many of the systematic errors common to most of the previous experiments.

Ongoing experiments supported by the NIST Advanced Technology Program attempt to image lithium ion conduction in batteries and reveal the isotopic lithium concentration in ion conductors. This research effort aims at providing new methods for evaluating the effectiveness of future battery technologies.

Finally, after a highly successful effort to design, construct, and operate a mobile 3-D neutron imaging station, new funding has been secured to aid in the construction of a more permanent neutron tomography facility. The DOE Office of Transportation Technologies Fuel Cell Program is supporting the establishment of a fuel cell test and evaluation facility here at NIST. This station will afford industrial researchers the tools of neutron tomography to aid the future development of advanced fuel cell related technologies.

B. Standard Neutron Fields and Applications

• Neutron Dosimetry (J. Adams, J. Nico, A. Thompson, D. Gilliam)

The number of routine calibrations and irradiations was somewhat lower this year than in the preceding year, but there were some important new developments.

For the first time we provided a neutron survey instrument calibration in an Am-Be neutron field. We still have some development work to do on this capability before we can provide these calibrations with uncertainties as low as those done with ²⁵²Cf sources. Nevertheless, the customer was very pleased to get a calibration that relates directly to his own Am-Be transfer source.

Another important development was the initiation of accelerated testing for neutron-induced soft failures in SRAM and DRAM chips. This accelerated testing was done both with thermal neutrons and ²⁵²Cf neutrons. In this work, it was shown conclusively that thermal neutrons at normal environmental levels (from cosmic rays) have begun to be a serious problem for some batches of SRAM and DRAM chips which incorporate borosilicate glass films in their manufacture.

The neutron source calibrations this year included one calibration for a secondary standards laboratory and two calibrations for industrial customers. The radiation protection dosimetry calibration customers included one DOE fuel processing facility and four industrial customers. Special tests for two neutron detector manufacturers were performed with thermal neutron beams at the reactor thermal column.

C. Neutron Cross Section Standards

• Neutron Cross Section Standards (A. Carlson, D. Gilliam)

The NIST Neutron Cross Section Standards Project has played an important role in the improvement of the neutron cross section standards through both evaluation and experimental work. We are leading an effort that will result in a new international evaluation of the neutron cross section standards. This has involved motivating and coordinating new standards measurements, examining the standards database, and pursuing the extension of the standards over a larger energy range. This work is taking place through participation in the U.S. Cross Section Evaluation Working Group and two international committees, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Nuclear Energy Agency Nuclear Science Committee. An IAEA Coordinated Research Project has been formed to provide resources to allow meetings of the contributors to this evaluation process. An objective is to complete the evaluation in time for the major international cross section evaluation projects to use the improved standards in forming new versions of their libraries.

This NIST project has continued to maintain a limited experimental role in the measurements of the standards. This role has led to a new, NIST-LANL-Ohio University collaborative measurement of the H(n,n) angular distribution at Ohio University at 10 MeV neutron energy. The final results of the data indicate differences with the most recent U.S. evaluation of this angular distribution. As a result of these differences, measurements are planned at about 15 MeV neutron energy to determine the energy dependence. This work was initiated as a result of concerns about that evaluation expressed by European standards groups. The H(n,n) angular distribution is one of the most important neutron cross section standards. Also, plans are being made for a new measurement, which will lead to improvements in the ¹⁰B(n, \forall) standard at low neutron energies. This work will be done at the new NIST monochromatic neutron beam facility on NG6.

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Customer Classification	Type of Service	No. of Customers	No. of Tests Performed	Service Fee Income (\$)
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Industrial	Н	2	2	5,465
	Ι	4	5	7,308
Government Agencies	Н	1	1	2,309
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Wietfeldt, F.E., "The Decay of the Neutron," Indiana University, Nuclear Physics Seminar, March 24, 2000.

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