

Russian compact neutron source initiative DARIA

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Neutron draught

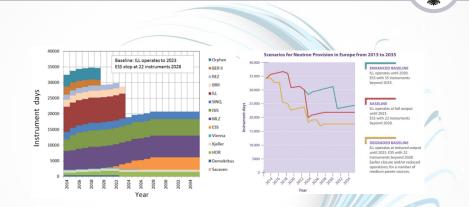


Рис.: From ESFRI 2016 "Neutron scattering facilities in Europe. Present status and future perspectives"

Flagship sources





Features to point

- ► Huge cost
- Common use (user program)
- Extreme concentration of opportunities

Network of smaller sources

▶ WWR reactors (USSR and Warsaw Pact countries)

► TRIGA



Small sources importance



Meduim- and small-power reactors are a driver for neutron scattering techniques and instrumentation development

- Virtual sources for TAS
- Multiple analyzer systems for TAS
- SESANS
- Optically blind chopper pair
- Bispectral beam extraction

Current state



- Flagship sources are alive (ILL, FRM–II, IBR–2M in operation; ESS, PIK under construction, Neptun in design phase)
- Most of medium- and small-power sources closed (Juelich, Geesthacht, Risoe, Saclay, Berlin, Oslo, Moscow, Ekaterinburg, majority of WWRs and german zero-power reactors)



How it should look like

- One «flagship» source for a country or a number of countries for Nobel prizes
- Several medium-power sources workhorses for routine experiments, training, testing, etc



Compact sources

Examples

- ► LENS (USA)
- ► CPHS (China)
- ► RANS и др. (Japan)
- HBS, SONATE и др. (Europe)

Features

- Relatively cheap
- Compact target and small overall area
- Easy safety sertification



Intermediate summary Motivation to build compact sources



- Compact sources are to replace medium-power sources
- The aim of a compact neutron source project to design a source ready to «mass» production
- Ensuring the wide availability of neutrons for (not) users and the associated increase of the quality of experiments on flagship sources;
- 2. Ensuring close cooperation with industry and commercialization of neutron scattering;
- 3. Giving new impetus to the evolution of the neutron experiment techniques.





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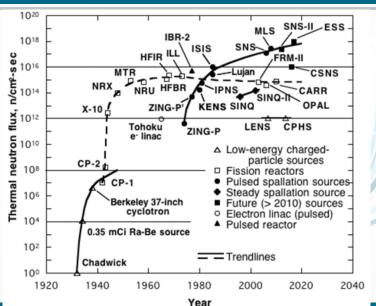
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Compact sources Where are they in the food chain?



The key problem



- Compact source concede 6 orders of flux to modern mega-facilities — is it possible to make a neutron experiment in principle?
- Deep optimization required!

DARIA source

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Рис.: CPHS TMR, Beijing, China

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- 3. Integrative design from sample to source
 - Individual moderators
 - Matching the moderation time and pulse duration
 - Accelerator operation adapted to each experiment

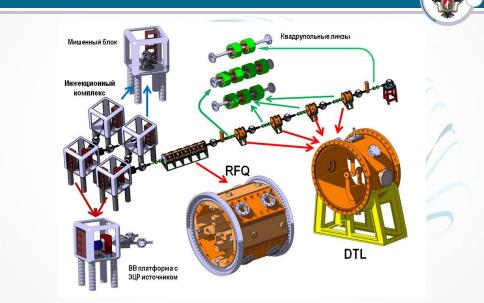






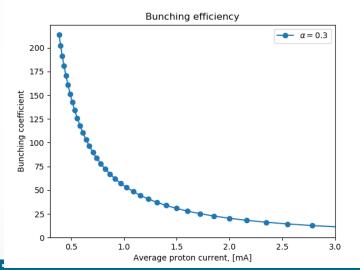
BELA – ITEP linac project

Seems to be the most suitable for DARIA





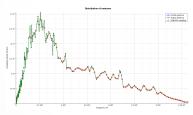
Possible way to get high peak current with modern technologies

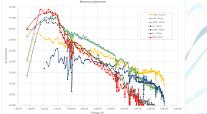






MCNP simulations to increase an efficiency of neutron thermalization

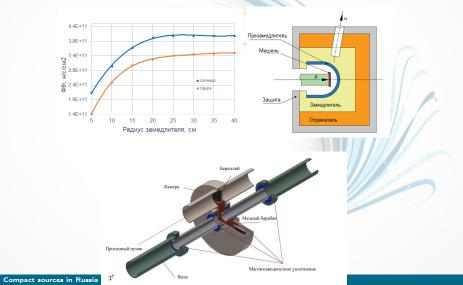








The real restriction - target cooling, too low heat conductivity in Be



Instruments



- SANS
- Reflectometer

Future options:

- Inverted geometry spectrometer
- Multi-mode spin echo instrument





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Collaboration



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- ▶ IKBFU: A. Goikhman, A. Sinitsyn, E. Klementiev







- RSF grant for making CDR (18 M rub for 3 years)
- ▶ RFBR grant for instrumentation design (0.8 M rub for 2 years)









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- DARIA the way to reshape Russian neutron landscape in the era of PIK and DNS-IV

Thank you for your attention!