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# Neutron sources

## North America

[Spallation Neutron Source, Oak Ridge](#)

[Los Alamos Neutron Science Center \(LANSCE\)](#)

[University of Missouri Research Reactor Center](#)

[High Flux Isotope Reactor, Oak Ridge](#)

[Canadian Neutron Beam Centre, Chalk River, Canada](#)

[Indiana University Cyclotron Facility](#)

<http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/nsources.html>



# Neutron sources

## Asia and Australia

[ISSP Neutron Scattering Laboratory, Tokai, Japan](#)

[JAEA Research Reactors, Tokai, Japan](#)

[KENS Neutron Scattering Facility, Tsukuba, Japan](#)

[Hi-Flux Advanced Neutron Application Reactor,  
Korea](#)

[Bragg Institute, ANSTO, Australia](#)



# Neutron sources

## Europe

ISIS-Rutherford-Appleton Laboratories, United Kingdom

Institut Laue-Langevin, Grenoble, France

Leon Brillouin Laboratory, Saclay, France

Berlin Neutron Scattering Center, Germany

GEMS at Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht, Germany

Juelich Center for Neutron Science, Germany

FRM-II, Munich, Germany

Budapest Neutron Centre, Hungary

RID, Delft, The Netherlands

SINQ, Paul Scherrer Institut (PSI), Switzerland

Frank Laboratory of Neutron Physics, Dubna, Russia

St. Petersburg Neutron Physics Institute, Gatchina, Russia



# Nuclear techniques

**You will use sophisticated, expensive and rare equipments**

**You have a privilege of using state of the art technique**

**It should be used in a responsible way for the advancement of knowledge**



# Do you have something to measure with neutron?

- New sample
- New experiment
- New theory



# Characterize your sample

- Do as many measurements and tests of your sample as necessary
- Know it as much as possible
- Do you still have questions?
- Could it be answered by neutron?





# Is it really new and worthwhile to do neutron?

Make a case that you need neutron (and only neutron) to answer a specific question.



**Contact a person that  
performed a similar  
neutron experiment.**

**Ask him if what you are planning make sense  
and is worthwhile.**

**Where is the best place I could do it?**



# Select the neutron source.

- Depends on the specifics of your experiment
- Availability
- Maybe your country has some privilege access to some equipment
- Deadlines (many facilities are operating in cycles)
- Plan well in advance



# Get in touch with the local contact

- Tell him what you think (you do not have to know exactly what you intend to do. The local contact could help you on this.)
- See if it is possible on his apparatus
- Beam time availability (shut down, priorities, etc)



# Write the proposal

- Be honest and realistic (beam time, type of experiment, etc)
- Make the case that this is new and worthwhile from a scientific point of view.



# Prepare the experiment

- Be sure you have the right sample and in enough quantity
- Prepare back-ups!
- Get a lot of sleep before because during the experiment you won't get much!

