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PREFACE

This Annual Report describes the activities of the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory (NSCL) from January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1989. During this period the efforts of the Laboratory were focussed on four principal activities: operating the NSCL as a national user's facility; developing the capabilities and reliability of the K1200 Cyclotron; constructing the Phase II experimental areas and apparatus; and carrying out a program of research in experimental and theoretical nuclear science and accelerator/instrumentation science. Considerable resources were also devoted to the development of Electron Cyclotron Resonance Ion Sources, and to the development of accelerators for radiation oncology. Much of this work is described in the technical sections that follow.

During 1989 the emphasis of the experimental program was on operating the K1200 Cyclotron in the interim experimental area located just outside the K1200 vault. Only a limited set of experimental apparatus, the 4π Array and the 92" scattering chamber, was available. This program exceeded our expectations in several ways. Interference from rf and radiation proved negligible, and the beams had sufficiently high optical quality and stability that experiments requiring high beam quality were possible even with the minimal magnetic analysis available. Problems with low transmission from the ECR source to the cyclotron were solved and improved ECR performance was achieved by cracking silane onto the ion source walls. These improvements greatly increased the available beam intensity. Coupled with a slow increase in rf performance, this made possible production of beams of ^{14}N , ^{40}Ar , ^{84}Kr and ^{129}Xe at 100, 100, 60, and 50 MeV/nucleon, resp. A concerted effort was made to improve the ease and reliability of operation, with encouraging results:

reliability reached over 80% during the last period of operation. Development of new beams remained straightforward, making it possible to perform excitation functions in an efficient fashion; twenty-two different beams were run during 1989. Experiments on the K500 cyclotron continued, but at a much lower rate than previously, because of the emphasis on K1200 operation and conflicts with the construction program.

The cyclotrons will be shut down early in February, 1990 for installation of the Phase II experimental areas and improvements in the Laboratory cryogenics system. During this time improvements will also be made in the K1200 cyclotron and associated equipment. Most important is the modification of the K1200 rf system to use a newer and more reliable final stage tube (Thomson TH455). Because the isochronism and stability of the K1200 magnet exceed original expectations, operation with a larger number of turns (and lower rf voltages) is being considered. Computer studies with the rf voltage lowered by 20% show reasonable operating characteristics and a new central region matched to this voltage has been designed. Implementation of this change will reduce power consumption and should improve stability of operation.

Work has continued on the construction of the experimental vaults and the beam transfer hall, together with all their mechanical and electronic components, in preparation for the February shutdown. During this shutdown the K1200 beam analysis system and fragment analyzer will be installed in the present interim experimental area and the 4π Array (with newly installed Bragg Curve detectors) and the 92" scattering chamber will be moved to their new vaults. Refurbishment of the Reaction Products Mass Separator (RPMS) will be completed: installation of new electrodes in the Wien

filter of the RPMS gave higher operating voltages and improved mass resolution. At the same time the cryogenic system will be upgraded and new data areas will be installed. Slightly later in the fall of 1990, the general purpose vault (N4) will be completed. We anticipate that operation of the K1200 cyclotron in the new experimental areas will begin in September 1990.

Several other important construction projects were completed during this year. The ion source switchyard makes possible switching of beams from any of the three ECR sources to either of the cyclotrons. This arrangement permits rapid beam changes and will facilitate ECR improvements, since a beam can be developed in one source while the other is being used. We intend to use the Room Temperature ECR whenever beam requirements make that possible, so as to free time for study and development of the new superconducting ECR source. The superconducting source is expected to be completed by early summer 1990 and should greatly improve the energy and intensity characteristics of the K1200 cyclotron. For example, it is reasonable to expect that 100 MeV/nucleon Kr beams will be available around the end of 1990. Also during this period the Miniball detector, a portable 4π detector especially suited for studies of multifragmentation, will be ready for testing when beams become available.

During this period the K50 cyclotron was dismantled. This was a memorable moment for many of us, since it was this accelerator that led to founding of the NSCL. Several of the magnet coils from the K50 have been lent to Argonne National Laboratory for incorporation into the APEX experiment--MSU researchers are members of the APEX collaboration.

A proposal for construction of the S800 Superconducting Spectrograph was submitted to the NSF in July, 1989. This proposal received excellent reviews, but unfortunately funds are not available this year. It is hoped that funding will be available in 1991.

The NSCL sponsored a number of Conferences

and Workshops during 1989. An International Symposium on Heavy Ion Research with Magnetic Spectrographs, organized by Jerry Nolen, Brad Sherrill and Al Zeller was held at MSU, 5-7 January 1989, and attracted over 100 attendees. A workshop on Medium energy Physics with Heavy and Light Ion Beams was held at MSU, 19-20 June, to discuss the physics that could be performed with intense beams in the 1 GeV/nucleon range--65 scientists attended this meeting. As part of the NSAC long range planning process, a Town Meeting on Nuclear Theory was held at MSU on 25 April. Finally, a SNAP (Small Nuclear Acquisition Projects) Workshop was held at MSU on 9-10 September to permit an interchange of information among those working on data acquisition--there were attendees from ANL, IUCF, Kansas State, LANL, Princeton and Rochester. The 1991 meeting of the Division of Nuclear Physics will be held at MSU.

On May 22, the NSCL officially dedicated the K1200 Cyclotron with a Symposium on Perspectives for Nuclear Science and an Inauguration Ceremony attended by representatives of the University, NSCL alumni, the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Congress.

Other developments for 1989 were a change in the management of the laboratory and a new addition to laboratory faculty. Henry Blosser, founder of the MSU Cyclotron Laboratory and its Director for the past 26 years resigned his position to devote his time and energy to development of new cyclotrons for nuclear physics and for medicine. Sam Austin was named NSCL Director in February 1989. Dr. Martin Berz, presently at LBL, has been appointed as Associate Professor of Physics beginning in summer 1990.

Closing, we solicit advice and suggestions from all readers as to any way in which the contents of this Annual Report could be made more useful, and as to things we could do to make the NSCL a more supportive and convenient place to do research.

NSCL Users' Executive Committee

Members of the Users' Executive Committee serve three-year terms, beginning November 1 (formerly two-year terms, beginning October 1). Members are elected each year from the general membership of the Users' Group, and a non-voting liaison representative from MSU is appointed by the Director of the NSCL. Committees for this year are:

October 1, 1982 - September 30, 1983

F. Becchetti	University of Michigan, Chair
A. Galonsky	MSU, Liaison
J. Kolata	Notre Dame University
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October 1, 1984 - October 31, 1985

A. Galonsky	MSU, Liaison
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A. Galonsky	MSU, Liaison
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November 1, 1987 - October 31, 1988

A. Galonsky	MSU, Liaison
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NSCL Program Advisory Committee

At present the Program Advisory Committee of the NSCL meets about every six months to review proposals for beam time; the possibility of more frequent meetings is under consideration. There are no oral presentations.

Meetings to date:

PAC-1	February 1982
PAC-2	September 30, 1983
PAC-3	July 2, 1984
PAC-4	January 13-14, 1985
PAC-5	July 28-29, 1985
PAC-6	April 6-7, 1986
PAC-7	October 26-27, 1986
PAC-8	May 3-4, 1987
PAC-9	September 18-20, 1988

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