PREFACE

This is the 28th issue of the "Activity Report on Neutron Scattering Research" which describes the experiments performed under the General-User Program (GUP) of Neutron Science Laboratory, Institute for Solid State Physics, The University of Tokyo. The GUP is conducted with 12 university-owned spectrometers installed at the research reactor JRR-3 of Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA) in Tokai.

JRR-3 restarted in February 2021 after long shutdown caused by the earthquake in 2011 and the normal GUP came back from July 2021. During the shutdown period, we made a lot of efforts on upgrading the instruments and neutron beam circumstances, e.g., the installation of focusing collimation systems, polarization optics, and non-magnetization neutron shield for high magnetic field experiments. The neutron guides in the Guide Hall have also been upgraded by replacing the previous ones with super-mirror guides. These upgrades resulted in increase in neutron beam flux several times. In addition, we are promoting various rationalization and efficiency in the experimental support (remote operation, web-camera monitoring, etc.) and the GUP administration (web-based applications, etc.). As new attempts, the student proposal began in 2022 and the international proposal will begin from 2023. In 2022, we had 7 operation cycles and 166 days of beam time. 145 experiments, selected from 166 proposals by NSPAC, were performed and many significant results were obtained.

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