Inelastic Neutron Scattering Indirect Geometry Instrumentation

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The S(Q,ω) Map



"Let there be light"





The easy part: Neutron Diffraction

Instrument layouts



The hard part: Neutron Spectroscopy



In order to discriminate the final energy, we need 2 crystals instead of one!

This is a triple axis instrument (in a continuous source) We need to work twice as hard!



Instruments

Spectrometer configurations



How to measure INS (1) Direct Geometry Instrumentation

Incident neutron beam is monochromatic determining the incident energy E_1 . That determines T_1 . We measure the ToF and we can work out T_2 .

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Direct geometry instruments



constant in units of E_{i}



How to measure INS (2) Indirect Geometry Instrumentation



time

Incident neutron beam is white. We fix the energy of the scattered neutrons using a analyzer and filter device.

That fixes T_2 . We measure the ToF and we can work out T_1 .



TOF method

distance

- Use distance to separate wavelengths
- Need choppers to prevent frame overlap
- Moderator pulse-width and distance determine resolution
- Source repetition rate determines available time-window
- Beam transport crucial





As a first approximation, a chemical bond between two atoms can be thought of as a spring connecting two masses:



Classical mechanics shows that this system vibrates with a characteristic frequency:

$$\nu = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)\sqrt{k/\mu}$$

where μ is the reduced mass:

 $\frac{1}{\mu}=\frac{1}{m_A}+\ \frac{1}{m_B}$

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Dynamics at the atomic level is determined by quantum mechanics rather than by classical mechanics. The relevant problem here is the quantum harmonic oscillator.

This is still an elementary problem of quantum mechanics. The energy levels of the oscillator are quantized and given by:

$$E_n = h\nu\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

but the characteristic frequency, v, is still given by the classical value:

$$\nu = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)\sqrt{k/\mu}$$



Vibrational energy levels



- A molecule with N atoms is a collection of N masses connected with harmonic springs.

- Classical mechanics tells us that such a systems has 3N degrees of freedom.

- Three of these degrees of freedom correspond to translation of the molecule (position of its center of gravity in space), and three correspond to the orientation of the molecule in space (rotation about the center of gravity). This leaves

3.N - 3 - 3 = 3.N -6

vibrational modes.

- For example H_2O (N=3) has 3.3 - 6 = 3 modes of vibration.



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Several types of vibrational modes in molecules



(bond distance changes)



(rotation about bond axis; dihedral angle changes)



(bond angle changes)

Two quantities define a vibrational mode:

- frequency

- set of atomic displacements

Notice that in a normal mode of vibration all atoms move in phase.



Molecular vibrations are useful to chemists because:

- they depend on molecular structure and interatomic or intermolecular forces (chemical bonding)
- specific bonds and functional groups are easily identified (analytical tool)

Table 1 Absorption frequencies of some common bonds (shown in bold type)

| bond | | type of compound | frequency |
|--------|-----------|--|--|
| -Ç-H | (stretch) | alkanes | 2800-3000 |
| =C-H | (stretch) | alkenes, aromatics | 3000-3100 |
| =C-H | (stretch) | alkynes | 3300 |
| -О-Н | (stretch) | alcohols, phenols | 3600-3650 (free) 3200-3500 (H-bonded) (broad) |
| -O-H | (stretch) | carboxylic acids | 2500-3300 |
| -N-H | (stretch) | amines | 3300-3500 (doublet for NH ₂) |
| -с-н | (stretch) | aldehydes | 2720 and 2820 |
| -C=C- | (stretch) | alkenes | 1600-1680 |
| -C=C- | (stretch) | aromatics | 1500-1600 |
| -С≡С-Н | (stretch) | alkynes | 2100-2270 |
| | (stretch) | aldehyde, ketones, carboxylic acids | 1680–1740 |
| -C≡N | (stretch) | nitriles | 2220-2260 |
| C-N | (stretch) | amines | 1180-1360 |
| -C-H | (bending) | alkanes | 1375 (methyl) |
| -C-H | (bending) | alkanes | 1460 (methyl and methylene) |
| -C-H | (bending) | alkanes | 1370 and 1385 (isopropyl split) |
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How do we observe vibrational modes experimentally ?

<u>Crystallographers</u> use diffraction of some form of radiation (light, electron, x-ray, neutron,...) to obtain information on the periodic arrangement of atoms in space. The wavelength of the radiation is comparable to interatomic distances.

<u>Spectroscopists</u> use (inelastic) scattering of radiation (light, x-ray, neutron,...) to excite vibrational modes. The energy of the radiation is comparable to the energy associated with the vibrational excitations.



Upon interacting with a vibrational mode, the incident neutron loses energy (from E_i to E_f). The difference in kinetic energy is used to create a vibrational quantum.

Momentum is also exchanged !



As long as we have a way to determine E_i and E_f and the number of particles with energy E_i and E_f , we can determine the number of excitations (vibrational modes) created with an energy of $\hbar \omega = E_i - E_f$. The result is the vibrational spectrum:



| VISION (INS) | Raman/Infrared |
|--|---|
| Measures dynamics of nuclei (direct) | Measures response of electrons (indirect) |
| No selection rules | Selection rules apply |
| Great sensitivity to H | Cannot always see H |
| High penetration (bulk probe) | Low penetration (surface probe) |
| Easy access to low energy range (librational and translational modes) | Low energy cutoff applies (on the order of 100 cm ⁻¹) |
| Q trajectories in the (ω, Q) map; averaging over the Brillouin zone | Gamma point only |
| Weighted by neutron scattering cross section | Weighted by change in polarizability or dipole moment |
| Easy to simulate/calculate | Difficult to simulate/calculate |
| No energy deposition in sample | Heating, photochemistry, |



SNS Instrument Suite

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World's most intense pulsed, accelerator-based neutron source



CAK RIDGE



inelastic detectors



• Vibrational spectroscopy with neutrons

- Beam line started commissioning 3 years ago
- Multifunctional beam line: simultaneous spectroscopy and diffraction
- Dynamic range: 0-1000 meV; resolution: < 1.5%
- Diffraction: 1.5 30 A⁻¹
- Temperature range: 5-700K
- Sample environment: high pressure, electric field, gas loading, ...
- Great sensitivity to hydrogen, no selection rules, penetration through matter, ...





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Sample environment



JANIS closed-cycle refrigerator (5-600K)













Largest single crystal diamond for DAC!





in situ electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS)



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VISION Sample changer

The high throughput rate of VISION requires very rapid sample changes to make the best use of neutron beamtime and run mail-in program. A sample changer has been tested in January 2017 and will be commissioned this cycle.





High Throughput

Challenges

- Large volume of Data
- How to handle large number of samples
 - Sample changers
 - Sample environment
 - Gas handling
- How to model and interpret the results

Opportunities

- Databases and Libraries
- Parametric studies
- Kinetic studies
- In-situ studies
- Small signals in large backgrounds
- Modeling



The energy spectra



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Energy transfer $_{0}$



Integrated modeling for data interpretation



Comparison



sample is hexamethybenzene









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VirtuES helped users to make decisions on-the-fly

[yyc@or-condo-login02 CF3SO2OH]\$ Is -Ihtr

| -rw-rr 1 yyc users 3.6K Nov 4 15:50 | cell |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| -rw-rr 1 yyc users 1.1K Nov 4 15:50 | param |
| -rw-rr 1 yyc users 3.9K Nov 4 15:51 | PhonDOS.cell |
| -rw-rr 1 yyc users 735 Nov 4 15:52 | PhonDOS.param |
| -rw-r 1 yyc users 1.1M Nov 4 16:46 | castep |
| -rw-r 1 yyc users 7.3M Nov 5 06:15 | PhonDOS.phonon |
| -rw-r 1 yyc users 232K Nov 5 06:15 | _PhonDOS.castep |
| -rw-rr 1 yyc users 3.3M Nov 5 08:56 | aclimax |

[yyc@analysis-node02 manualreduce]\$ Is -Ihtr

-rw-rwx---+ 1 yyc users 2.2M Nov 5 12:34 VIS_20557_5K_for_0.9hr.nxs
-rw-rwx---+ 1 yyc users 2.2M Nov 5 13:28 VIS_20559_50K_for_0.9hr.nxs
-rw-rwx---+ 1 yyc users 2.2M Nov 5 14:23 VIS_20561_75K_for_0.9hr.nxs
-rw-rwx---+ 1 yyc users 2.2M Nov 5 15:56 VIS_20565_125K_for_0.9hr.nxs
-rw-rwx---+ 1 yyc users 2.2M Nov 5 17:21 VIS_20565_125K_for_0.9hr.nxs
-rw-rwx---+ 1 yyc users 2.2M Nov 5 18:44 VIS_20567_150K_for_0.9hr.nxs
-rw-rwx---+ 1 yyc users 2.2M Nov 5 20:23 VIS_20570_175K_for_1.2hr.nxs
-rw-rwx---+ 1 yyc users 2.2M Nov 5 21:58 VIS_20572_200K_for_1.2hr.nxs
-rw-rwx---+ 1 yyc users 2.2M Nov 5 23:29 VIS_20574_225K_for_1.2hr.nxs
-rw-rwx---+ 1 yyc users 2.2M Nov 6 01:00 VIS_20576_250K_for_1.2hr.nxs
-rw-rwx---+ 1 yyc users 2.2M Nov 6 02:28 VIS_20578_275K_for_1.2hr.nxs
-rw-rwx---+ 1 yyc users 2.2M Nov 6 03:57 VIS_20580_300K_for_1.2hr.nxs

Simulation was started at the beginning of the experiment. By the time when experimental data were collected, the calculation was already finished with theoretical predication available to be compared ³⁷ In: with experiment. This eventually led to a critical decision made by the user (see next slide).

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VirtuES helped users to make decisions on-the-fly



VISION: Unprecedented capabilities and opportunities

3 mg of nanothread sample



Comparison of the experimental data from VISION and a series of DFT calculations of hypothetical structures that contain sp³ carbon and the correct stoichiometry (C:H ratio 1:1) allows us to determine which structure corresponds to the measured spectra.



Collaboration with Malcolm Guthrie, John Badding, Vin Crespi. Original publication on carbon nanothreads: Nature Materials, **14**, 43 (2014)



High sensitivity: milligrams of samples



Extraordinary sensitivity, this is the smallest amount of sample ever measured using INS. Diamond anvil cells will be used in VISION



A successful proof-of-principle test at VISION: using diamond anvil cell (DAC) for high pressure INS experiments



- INS spectrum from 1.6mm³ (1.5mg, 9µmol) sample loaded in the DAC was successfully extracted, with significant details retained.
- Approx. 4GPa pressure was applied, leading to major changes in the spectrum.
- The unprecedented capability will open the door to many new areas using INS to study materials dynamical behavior under high pressure.

NOTT-V MOF and CO2 adsorption



JCoffaboration with Sihai Yang and Martin Schroder at University of Manchester.

Hydrogen in a "simple" molecular solid: Beyond DFT and harmonic approximation

Libration/rotation of NH3 group







- DFT calculated energy barrier for rigid rotation of NH3: 180 meV
- Energy barrier solved from the rotor model : 170 meV



Solid NH3 vs NH3 in MOF





Gate-opening in a metal-organic framework



Structure of blank ZIF-8 and ZIF-8 loaded with N₂. The rotation of the methyl groups and the swinging of the imidazolate rings associated with the gate opening can be seen by comparing the marked areas

For clarity the N_2 molecules are not shown.



Gate-opening in a metal-organic framework



Measured (upper panel) and simulated (lower panel) INS spectra of blank ZIF-8 and ZIF-8+ N_2 .

The strong peaks are mainly due to vibrational modes involving large displacement of hydrogen (in the methyl groups and the imidazolate rings)

Casco, M. E. et al. Gate-opening effect in ZIF-8: the first experimental proof using inelastic neutron scattering. Chemical Communications, v. 52, n. 18, p. 3639-3642, 2016

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INS signature of CO₂ capture





This study combining NPD, INS and modelling has unambiguously determined the CO_2 binding sites and structural dynamics for MFM-300(VIII) and MFM-300(VI). It is confirmed that the proton on the hydroxy group can not only attract and localise adsorbed CO₂ molecules via direct formation of hydrogen bonds, but also affects the macroscopic packing and arrangement of CO₂ molecules in the extended channel.

Z. Lu et al. "Modulating Supramolecular Binding of Carbon Dioxide in a Redox-Instrument Webinar June Active Porous Host" under review at Nature Communications



Catalytic hydrodeoxygenation of phenol



Catalytic hydrodeoxygenation of phenol



OH removal: strength of phenol chemisorption on the surface Selectivity between the competitive processes of C_{aromatic}–O bond cleavage and C6-ring hydrogenation: reduction in C-O bond cleavage energy CO_2



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CO₂ in the solid phase



Examples from VISION



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resonance

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First observation of CO₂ Fermi

resonance using INS

Small amount of non-hydrogenous samples



The difference INS spectra before and after CO_2 dosing in C-AO (a nanoporous carbon sample), in comparison with the reference spectra for bulk solid CO_2 and H_2O . Signal from the background and the blank C-AO has been subtracted.

Very small amount of non-hydrogenous gas. In situ observation of surface reactions. Surface science, catalysis, gas capture and storage.

T. J. Bandosz, M. Seredych, E. Rodríguez-Castellón, Y. Q. Cheng, L. L. Daemen, and A. J. ³Rannart Weinesta. *Carbon.* 96 (2016): 856–863.



Hydrogen in metal alanates



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50

250

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200

150

Energy transfer (meV)

100

Shigeyuki Takagi and Keisuke Tomiyasu, Tohok to University, Japan.

High temperature measurement up to 700K



In situ observation of metal hydride formation





Diffraction at VISION

Simultaneous diffraction and inelastic neutron scattering



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3D printed collimators have been tested for VISION to be used in the backscattering diffraction bank.

The reduction of the spurious peaks from the sample is very much noticeable.

Data collected in histogram or event mode











Bank 24, Tube 1 (NOT covered by collimator)



Bank 24, Tube 8 (covered by collimator)



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VISION pioneered the use of 3D printed collimators







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Structure and dynamics of liquids and solutions





- CD₃CN-CCl₄ (deep) eutectic system

- $T_E = 210$ K; $x(CD_3CN)$ at eutectic composition is 0.75

- no hydrogen bonding, but highly non-ideal system with ΔH_{excess} = - 800 J/mol)

- eutectic structure differs when liquid is cooled quickly or slowly from room temperature

- simultaneous diffraction/spectroscopy is invaluable





Water (ice) in VISION



Water (ice) in VISION



Water (ice) in VISION Zoomed in



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Water (ice) in VISION Zoomed in



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Water in VISION (as function of temperature)



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Water (ice) in VISION converted in ToF



The T_0 and frame overlap chopper are setup to run the instrument at 30Hz. This decision means that the intensity of the spectrum above 3.5 meV is reduced by 50%. But the benefits completely outweigh the reduction in flux.

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TOF method

distance

- Use distance to separate wavelengths
- Need choppers to prevent frame overlap
- Moderator pulse-width and distance determine resolution
- Source repetition rate determines available time-window
- Beam transport crucial



What do I get around the elastic line?



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What do I get around the elastic line?



What do I get around the elastic line?



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Molecular hydrogen in porous carbon



Molecular hydrogen in porous carbon



Presence of the rotor line at 77K is indication of completely immobile molecular hydrogen in the pores. In the case of pure para-hydrogen (previous figure) the line disappears when the hydrogen melts.

There is very little broadening of the rotor line, since the momentum transfer is larger that the corresponding one at the elastic line (dynamical trajectory of indirect geometry). The load keeps increasing even at 40 bar. Presence of elastic line at 77K is indication of highly dense molecular hydrogen in the pores. The broadening of the elastic line is a consequence of the enhanced mobility of the molecules as the amount of hydrogen increases in the system. Larger pores, where hydrogen is less constrained have more mobility. In the gas the signal is extremely broad.



Molecular hydrogen in porous carbon

- 1. The total integral of the spectral intensity is proportional to the amount of hydrogen in the system (left plot)
- 2. The integrated area under the elastic peak is proportional to the amount of hydrogen that is in a liquid like and solid like phase (right panel)
- 3. The integrated area under the rotor line is proportional to the amount of hydrogen in solid like phase (right panel)



TOSCA Elastic line







SPHerical Indirect INelastic Xtal Spectrometer (SPHIINXS)

Expanding the VISION concept

- Graphite analysers on a parametric surface
- Range -3 meV to 1000 meV
- Large solid angle coverage ~10 sr
- Focussing neutron guide (1 cm²)
- Powders and single crystal samples
- Energy resolution 1% Δω/ω and ~70 µeV at the elastic line
- Positioned at 35-40 m from moderator



Water (ice) in VISION converted in ToF

Very simple "back of an envelope" calculation



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Water (ice) in VESPA converted in ToF

Very simple "back of an envelope" calculation $ToF_{VESPA} = \frac{L_{i_{VESPA}}}{L_{i_{VISION}}}ToF_{VISION}$



Water (ice) in VESPA converted in ToF

Very simple "back of an envelope" calculation $ToF_{VESPA} = \frac{L_{i_{VESPA}}}{L_{i_{VISION}}}ToF_{VISION}$







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VESPA vs VISION

NO T₀ Chopper VISION Kills VESPA Does it makes any VI Does it makes any VI sense at all to build VESPA?

WITH T, Chonsel VESPA beats VISION in the QENS Regime VESPA has world class capability

Secondary analyzer











High priority instruments at the SNS First Target Station will leverage its high wavelength resolution strength



dc-p: decoupled, poisoned c: coupled H_2O : thermal neutrons para- H_2 : cold neutrons

| HIGGS | Inverse geometry spectrometer | BL-8A |
|------------------|--|---|
| MICRON | Compact, texture, special purpose diffractometer | dc-p H ₂ O |
| DISCOVER | Medium resolution/flux diffractometer | BL-8B dc-p H ₂ O |
| VENUS | Time-of-flight neutron imaging station | BL-10 dc-p para-H ₂ |
| INVENT | Concept development station | BL-14A |
| SANS/GI- SANS | SANS and/or GI-SANS | c para-H ₂ |
| BeFAST | Beryllium filter spectrometer | BL-16A dc-p H ₂ O |
| HiResPD | High Resolution Powder Diffractometer | Needs dc-p para-H ₂ 100 m flight path |

VISION: Inelastic, Diffraction and QENS

- Chemistry Oriented INS spectrometer
- White incident beam, fixed final energy (indirect geometry)
- High flux (~5x10⁷ neutrons/cm²/s) and double-focusing
- Broadband (-2 to 1000 meV at 30Hz, 5 to 500 meV at 60 Hz)
- Constant △E/E throughout the spectrum (~1.5%)
- Elastic line HMFW ~120 µeV
- Backward and 90° diffraction banks
- 4000 x its predecessor



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Spectrometer configurations



Be filter





BeFAST – <u>Beryllium Filter Analyzer Spectrometer</u>

- NScD Point-of-Contact: Timmy Ramirez-Cuesta
- Community Point-of-Contact: TBD
- Science Themes: catalysis, "real-world" systems
- Day 1 capabilities: BeFAST will measure in situ reactions by tracking CH or OH stretching and bond breaking (data collection as fast as 10 min)
 - Measure inelastic neutron scattering to 8000 cm⁻¹, overlapping Raman and IR spectroscopy
 - Complements the VISION spectrometer with over 3-order of magnitude signal gain in the range 3000 to 8000 cm⁻¹ with slightly lower resolution
 - Will have a 90° diffraction bank
 - Large solid angle coverage
 - Very compact, probably only instrument that will fit in BL-16A
 - Inexpensive and simple, can be built in a short time
 - Low m value guide (for half of the length), and needs one frame-overlap chopper



Neutron inelastic spectra from triphenylmethane. Red is calculated for VISION, black for BeFAST BeFAST increased flux above 1800cm⁻¹

Thank you!

















