High Throughput Data Analysis for Inelastic Neutron Scattering Instruments: Virtual Experiments in Spectroscopy with neutrons (VirtuES)

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Chemical Spectroscopy VISION



4000 x TOSCA at ISIS, 1 TB of data/day World's only high throughput INS spectrometer DFT modeling is of INS spectra is rigorous Gas handling is trivial LDRD funding to build a computer cluster to support experimental program Sample changer is being designed and will be ready by 2016 Expecting 10's of samples a day to be analyzed







1,500 Run time: 0.18 min **Examples from VISION** Run time: 1.45 min Run time: 5.72 min Run time: 23.3 min Run time: 92.1 min 0 0 10 20 30 40 50 Energy transfer / meV

OctaMethyl POSS (1 gm) Measured at VISION

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Polybenzene (nanothreads 3mg) formed at high pressure. Structural inference through modeling Malcolm Guthrie, John Badding, Vin Crespi,



Compression-induced polymerized benzene. 3 mg sample synthesized on SNAP and measured in VISION.

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

Figures on the far left show the superposition of the measured spectra of polybenzene with calculated INS spectra of the structures (containing sp3 carbon) shown in the middle column.

Top) graphane, middle) tubular structure (highly symmetric) and bottom) the zipper structure. The zipper structure provides the better agreement between calculation and experiment.



Proposed mechanism of polymerization (zipper structure)

Computer modeling is vital to understand the spectra. The calculations shown here took up to 36 hours using 1024 cores.



Vibrational spectrum simulation on materials with large unit cell or complicated structure



On-the-fly modeling/analysis of VISION data



I believe that VISION is the one of the best neutron vibrational spectroscopy in the world.

I am so happy to have the experiments by VISION.

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Thank you very much for everything on the INS experiments and DFT calculations in ORNL in the last week. I am very happy to have the experiments and get the excellent results.



Beyond harmonic approximation or DFT



Test of DAC at VISION for high pressure INS experiments



This is the actual sample size for a high pressure experiment with DAC! 1.6 mm³ Hexamethylbenzene

Calculation (this morning)



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Largest single crystal diamond for DAC! Cd sheets and B4C funnel added to minimize the background OAK RIDGE

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. 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.



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

Dispersion curves of RbH vs P NaCl (B1) structure











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INS requires DFT modeling to interpretation

Virtues (Virtual Experiments in Spectroscopy) Computer modeling is crucial to understand and interpret INS data. The VirtuES cluster provides 2500+ cores and a number of DFT codes for VISION data analysis and interpretation. VISION is the first SNS instrument that has computer modeling as integral part of the data analysis and interpretation of the spectra.



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