

Experiments with TOF and steady state (CW) neutrons: **Diffraction Experiments**

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Overview Experiments with TOF and steady state (CW) neutrons: **Diffraction Experiments**

- General characteristics of Reactor and Spallation sources
 - ORNL has both!
- What this means for diffraction instruments
- Strengths for different experiments
- Consider which source is best suited to your science

Neutron Sources around the world



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Neutron sources: Reactor (CW) and Spallation (TOF)



Small $\Delta\lambda$ used, but source on all the time

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Each pulse of neutrons contains a broad spectrum of energy (λ)



Time

Pulse of neutrons ~60 times per second

How do you like your neutrons?

TOF (SNS):

All of the neutrons some of the time?

CW (HFIR): Some of the neutrons all of the time?

Neutron Wavelength (SNS) (SNS) CW (HFIR) TOF TOF Intensity Time

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What does this mean for diffraction experiments?





What are the strengths for diffraction experiments?

A typical CW diffractometer

Strengths

- High flux beam
- Simple beam profile corrections
 - Absorbing, attenuating samples and holders
- Open instruments with variable sample environment
- Tunable resolution and range
- Beam is always on

A typical TOF diffractometer

Strengths

- Widest Q-range
- Resolution high over wide range
- High peak brightness
- Pump probe measurements
- Count rate
 - SNS instruments historically have more detector coverage

Factors to consider for a diffraction experiment



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Sample Environment considerations



• An instrument is only useful if the sample is measured under the desired conditions.

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Equipment

- Low Temperature & Magnetic Fields
- High Temperature & Engineering Materials
- High Pressure & Gas Handling
- Special Environments

ID	Sample Space Dia.	Temp Range	Instruments	Associated Resources	Subcategory	Description
ULT-E	40mm	0.03 to 300 K	CG-2, CG-3A, CG-4C, HB-1, HB-1A, HB-2A, HB-2C, HB-3	CRYO-A, CRYO-C, CRYO-O, MAG-B, MAG-E, MAG-G	Insert	Dilution Refrigeration Insert
ULT-G	40mm	0.3 to 300 K	CG-4C, HB-1, HB-1A, HB-2A, HB-2C, HB-3, HB-3A	CRYO-A, CRYO-C, CRYO-N, CRYO-O, MAG-B, MAG-I	Insert	Helium-3 Insert
ULT-H	40mm	0.03 to 300 K	CG-2, CG-4C, HB-1, HB-1A, HB-2A, HB-2C, HB-3, HB-3A	CRYO-A, CRYO-C, CRYO-N, CRYO-O, MAG-B, MAG-E, MAG-G, MAG-I	Insert	Dilution Insert
ULT-J	60mm	0.03 to 300 K	CG-4C, HB-1, HB-1A, HB-2A, HB-2C, HB-3	CRYO-D, CRYO-J, CRYO-K, CRYO-L, CRYO-M	Insert	Dilution Insert
ULT-K	40mm	0.3 to 300 K	CG-2, CG-4C, HB-1, HB-1A, HB-2A	CRYO-A, CRYO-N, CRYO-O, MAG-E, MAG-G, MAG-I	Insert	Helium-3 Insert
ULT-M		0.3 to 300 K	HB-2A, HB-2C, HB-3, HB-3A		Bottom Loading	

Variety of optimized diffraction instruments at SNS/HFIR



HFIR (CW)



• HB-2A

- DEMAND
- IMAGINE
- WAND²
- VERITAS (HB-1A)
- HIDRA
- GP-SANS
 - HB-1
 - HB-3
 - CTAX

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Operating instrument in user program Operating development beamline

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Is diffraction best at CW or TOF instruments?

• It depends on the question to be answered in your science!



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Let's consider some common questions diffraction can answer and match to strengths of sources

- Measure nuclear structure
- Measure magnetic structure
- Measure disorder in structure
- ... Lots more cases for you to consider!



Measure a crystalline structure



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Measure the crystal structure

Instruments at HFIR/SNS

- Powder samples
 - POWGEN (TOF): High resolution and Q coverage
 - NOMAD (TOF): High flux and Q coverage
 - HB-2A (CW): Smaller unit cell, complex SE, absorbing samples.



• Single crystals



- DEMAND (CW): Smaller unit cell inorganic materials
- TOPAZ (TOF): High resolution and coverage for inorganic/organic and larger structures
- -IMAGINE (CW): Quasi-Laue for macromolecules
- -MANDI (TOF): Protein crystallography



Measure the Magnetic structure



Measure the magnetic structure

Instruments at HFIR/SNS

- Powder samples
 - **HB-2A (CW):** Access low Q. Low Temperature and magnets. Polarization.
 - **POWGEN (TOF):** High resolution and Q coverage.
- Single crystal
 - DEMAND (CW): Low Q coverage and variety of sample environments. Polarization.
 - TOPAZ (TOF): Wide coverage in Q. New 5 K option.
 - CORELLI (TOF): Diffuse scattering. Variety of sample environments.
 - GP-SANS (CW): Very low Q for large spin textures (e.g. Skyrmions).
- Both Powder and single crystal
 - WAND² (CW): High flux → Long range and Diffuse signals
 - HB-1A (CW): Excellent signal-to-noise for weak signal









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Disordered material (PDF)

F(Q)

Instruments at HFIR/SNS

- Powder
 - **NOMAD (TOF):** Dedicated total scattering beamline.
 - POWGEN (TOF): Longer counting, but better resolution if needed.
 - HB2A and WAND² (CW): Potential for PDF and mPDF
- Single crystal
 - **CORELLI (TOF):** Dedicated diffuse scattering beamline
 - TOPAZ (TOF): Large reciprocal space coverage
 - WAND² (CW): High flux and variety of sample environments





Many more diffraction experiments



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Many more diffraction experiments



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Review articles for the Diffraction Suite

REVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS 89, 092701 (2018)

A suite-level review of the neutron powder diffraction instruments at Oak Ridge National Laboratory

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The suite of neutron powder diffractometers at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) utilizes the distinct characteristics of the Spallation Neutron Source and High Flux Isotope Reactor to enable the measurements of powder samples over an unparalleled regime at a single laboratory. Full refinements over large Q ranges, total scattering methods, fast measurements under changing conditions, and a wide array of sample environments are available. This article provides a brief overview of each powder instrument at ORNL and details the complementarity across the suite. Future directions for the powder suite, including upgrades and new instruments, are also discussed. © 2018 Author(s). All article content, except where otherwise noted, is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5033906

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The nascent suite of single-crystal neutron diffractometers at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory has no equal at any other neutron scattering facility worldwide and offers the potential to re-assert single-crystal diffraction using neutrons as a significant tool to study nuclear and magnetic structures of small unit cell crystals, nuclear structures of macromolecules, and diffuse scattering. Signature applications and features of single-crystal neutron diffraction are high resolution nuclear structure analysis, magnetic structure and spin density determinations, contrast variation (particularly D₂O/H₂O) for nuclear structural studies, lack of radiation damage when using crystals of biological molecules such as proteins, and the fidelity to measure nuclear and magnetic diffuse scattering with elastic discrimination. © 2018 Author(s). All article content, except where otherwise noted, is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY) license (http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5030896

Conclusions

- ORNL is unique in having world class CW and TOF sources.
- HFIR and SNS diffraction instruments have different strengths.
- Choose the best instrument for your experiment based on your science.







ASK AN INSTRUMENT SCIENTIST!!!

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Questions?



NXS Lecture - Diffraction & Spectroscopy at TOF vs Continuous Sources

