INSTRUMENT



SPALLATION NEUTRON SOURCE

BEAM LINE

VISION - CHEMICAL SPECTROMETER

VISION is best thought of as the neutron analogue of an infrared-Raman spectrometer. It is optimized to characterize molecular vibrations in a wide range of crystalline and disordered materials over a broad energy range (<5 to >500 meV), while simultaneously recording structural changes using diffraction detectors in the backscattering position and at 90°. This inverted-geometry instrument offers enhanced performance by coupling a white beam of incident neutrons with two banks of eight analyzer modules, equipped with double-focusing crystal



Engineering model of VISION, including T_0 chopper, bandwidth chopper, secondary spectrometer, and utility rooms.

Secondary spectrometer with detector and analyzer modules.



arrays, that focus the desired neutrons on a small detector. This arrangement leads to improved signal noise, and the overall count rate in the inelastic signal is at least two orders of magnitude beyond that of similar spectrometers that are currently available.

APPLICATIONS

Leading-edge studies involving scientific disciplines such as nanotechnology, catalysis, biochemistry, geochemistry, and condensed/soft-matter science will all benefit from the enhanced performance and properties of VISION.

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SPECIFICATIONS

| Moderator | Decoupled ambient water |
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| Source-to-T ₀ chopper distance | 7.5 m |
| T ₀ chopper- to-sample distance (primary flight path) | 8.5 m |
| Sample- to-detector distance (secondary flight path) | 0.7 m |
| Incident energy range | 3.5–500 meV |
| Analyzer Bragg angle | 45° |
| Total analyzer area (in 14 identical units) | 0.5 m ² |
| Energy resolution | Exceeds 1.5% (>5 meV) – 5% (<5 meV) |
| Elastic line width | 90 meV |
| Annular diffraction detector | 1.3–14 Å ⁻¹ |
| Backscatter- ing diffraction detector | 1.5–30 Å ⁻¹ |
| delta-d/d | 0.001 |

Status: To be commissioned in 2012

