Inelastic neutron scattering from porous anode materials at the Spallation Neutron Source -ORNL



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Overview

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Inelastic neutron scattering programme within META
Step 1- probing Vibrational spectra on H-containing systems
+proton zero point spectroscopy on H-containing systems
Step 2- Vibrational spectra, self-diffusion spectra on ionic conducting materials.- preliminary results

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Structure determines vibrational energies But minimized energy determines structure!

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From: "Elementary Scattering Theory For X-ray and Neutron Users" D.S. Sivia OUP (2011)

Collective and single-particle excitations-vibrations

Ok! does this help in understanding and improving lonic conducting materials?



Fig. 5. (a) EISF for nanocrystalline and polycrystalline $BaZr_{0.85}$ $Y_{0.15}O_{2.925}/0.0375H_2O$. The solid line represents the model-dependent fit according to the dumbbell model. (b) Temperature dependence of the diffusive constant of both explored samples in comparison with the results of the impedance spectroscopy (IS).

Discriminate between effective (conductivity) diffusion and microscopic (chemical) diffusion
B. Groß et al.Solid State Ionics 145 (2001) 325–331



Tunneling mechanism on proton conduction in perovskite oxides, *E. Matsushita Solid State Ionics* 145 (2001) 445–450



Figure 4. Generalized vibrational density of states at T=10 K for dry (curve 2) and wet (curve 1) BCZY samples measured on HRMECS with incident neutron energy $E_t=200$ meV. Curve 3 shows the difference spectrum between the wet and dry samples.

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Short communication

•Water is of course involved...Super-cooled water behavior inside polymer electrolyte fuel cell cross-section below freezing temperature

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Training+collaboration

1 Scheme for proposals at large scale facilities a) proposals submitted in 2012 accpted and scheduled in Feb 2013

2 Contact with instrument scientists/sample environment (thanks F. Basoli...)

3 Secondments in Aug-Sept. 2012 and Feb 2013 Basoli, Perelli Cippo

Training+collaboration

Very good interaction with SNS instrument scientists/ sample Environment

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Deliverables: INS+DINS measurements Simultaneous measurements possible? YES at SNS- SEQUOIA beamline





DINS=free recoil of protons





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Sensitivity of the technique: First exp on water/ice Assess the correlations between O...O shortening and red/blue shifts in the vibrational spectrum.



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Inelastic Neutron scattering: a probe for H vibrations and Zero Point Kinetic Energy components...

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$$lim_{q\to 0} \frac{S_{inc}(q, E)}{q^2} 2ME \frac{e^{[2W(q)]}}{[n(E)+1]} = g_{exp}(E)_H \qquad S(\vec{q}, \omega) = \hbar \int d\vec{p}n(\vec{p})\delta \left(\hbar\omega - \frac{\hbar^2 q^2}{2M} - \frac{\vec{p} \cdot \hbar \vec{q}}{M}\right)$$
For the
Stretching
range Low wave vector+
high energy transfers
$$\left\langle E_K \right\rangle = \frac{\left\langle p^2 \right\rangle}{2M}$$

$$\left\langle E_K \right\rangle_{OH} = \frac{3}{4} \int_{355}^{480} g_{exp}(E)_{OH} EdE$$
Harmonic+decoupling
assumption High wave vector+
high energy transfers= Deep Inelastic
Neutron Scattering
$$\left\langle E_K \right\rangle \approx \left\langle E_K \right\rangle_{OHstr} + \left\langle E_K \right\rangle_{bend} + \left\langle E_K \right\rangle_{libr}$$

SAMPLES (F. Basoli) Task 2.1 (Deliverable D2.1)

Yttria Stibilized Zirconia – porous to create a ceramic foam

+ impregnation with Ni(NO3)2·6H2O

+ treatments to ensure a content of 10% wt of NiO

+hydration in water vapor at 900 C overnight +then cooled down to 150° C, flowing dry gas to remove bulk water from the pores



