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| 1. **CODE OF THE COORDINATED RESEARCH PROJECT (CRP) UNDER WHICH THE RESEARCH AGREEMENT SHOULD BE PLACED:** CRP F12026 | |
| 1. **TITLE OF THE COORDINATED RESEARCH PROJECT (CRP) UNDER WHICH THE RESEARCH AGREEMENT SHOULD BE PLACED:** Advanced moderators for intense cold neutron beams in materials research | |
| 1. **TITLE OF THE PROPOSED RESEARCH AGREEMENT (should reflect the proposed research work):**   Advanced models for liquid moderator cross sections | |
| 1. **CONTRACTING INSTITUTION:**   **(The contracting institution can only be an institution with independent legal personality)\***  Inst. Name:  Institut Laue-Langevin      Street: 6, rue Jules Horowitz  P.O. Box: 156  Postal Code: 38042  City : Grenoble  Region/District :        Country: France  Tel.: +33 476 201 111  Fax: +33 476 483 906  Email: welcome@ill.fr  Does the institution have an independent legal personality (\*)  Yes  No | 1. **IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTION:**   **(Where the research is performed) can be the contracting institution or a sub-institution, a branch of the main institution or a laboratory**  Inst. Name:        Street:        P.O. Box:        Postal Code:        City :        Region/District :        Country:        Tel.:        Fax:        Email: |
| 1. **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RESEARCH:**   **This project represents the ILL contribution to the CRP F12026. It focuses on the characterisation of materials used as neutron moderators (cross section), their modeling, and the understanding of microscopic behaviour through a more theoretical approach. As a result, we aim to contribute to the international neutron cross section data bases for water, *l-*D2 and *l-*H2, as well as other liquids such as methane, and mesytilene. This project fully fits in Action 1 of the CRP.** | |
| 1. **PROJECT PERSONNEL (if space provided below is insufficient, please attach additional sheets)** |
| ***Chief Scientific Investigator (CSI)***   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Family Name :** | **First Name:** | **Gender: M/F** | **Date of birth**  **yyyy-mm-dd:** | **Nationality:** | | FARHI | Emmanuel | M | 1970-08-21 | F |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Telephone (office):** | **Fax (office):** | **Email (office):** | **Position held:** | | +33 476 207 135 |  | farhi@ill.fr | Computer Scientist |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Academic degree:** | **Subject:** | **Institution:** | **From:** | **To:** | | Ph. D | Quantum paraelectric anomaly study in KTaO3 perovskite | Montpellier II University, France | 1995 | 1998 | | Eng.  M. Sc. | Master Engineer Diploma  Laser-Matter interaction | Ecole Supérieure de Physique et de Chimie Industrielles de la ville de Paris (E.S.P.C.I.), 10 rue Vauquelin, 75005 Paris, France.  Paris XI University, France (Orsay) | 1990  1993 | 1994  1994 |   Related scientific experience: solid and liquid state physics, biology, neutron scattering, Brillouin light scattering molecular dynamics, optimisation, signal processing, Monte-Carlo simulation  Recent publications related to the project (within the past 2-3 years):   1. Dynamics of liquid Au from neutron Brillouin scattering and ab initio simulations: Analogies in the behavior of metallic and insulating liquids, E. Guarini, U. Bafile, F. Barocchi, A. De Francesco, E. Farhi, F. Formisano, A. Laloni, A. Orecchini, A. Polidori, M. Puglini, and F. Sacchetti , Phys. Rev. B 88 (2013) 104201. 2. Advanced sources and optical components for the McStas neutron scattering instrument simulation package E Farhi, C Monzat, R Arnerin, T Van Vuure, C Castán-Guerrero, C Hennane, P A Harraud, G Campioni, S Fuard, J Ollivier, P Willendrup Journal of Neutron Research 04/2013; 17(1). 3. Solid para-hydrogen as the paradigmatic quantum crystal: Three observables probed by ultrahigh-resolution neutron spectroscopy F. Fernandez-Alonso, C. Cabrillo, R. Fernández-Perea, F J. Bermejo, M. A. González, C. Mondelli, and E. Farhi, Phys. Rev. B 86, (2012) 144524. 4. Virtual experiments: Combining realistic neutron scattering instrument and sample simulations E. Farhi, V. Hugouvieux, M.R. Johnson, W. Kob, Journal of Computational Physics 228 (2009) 5251–5261. 5. iFit: A new data analysis framework. Applications for data reduction and optimization of neutron scattering instrument simulations with McStas, E. Farhi, Y. Debab, P. Willendrup , Journal of Neutron Research 04/2013; 17(1). |
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| 1. ***Main additional Scientific Staff***  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Family Name :** | **First Name:** | **Gender: M/F** | **Date of birth:**  **yyyy-mm-dd** | **Nationality:** | | GUARINI | Eleonora | F | 1965-01-30 | I |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Telephone (office):** | **Fax (office):** | **Email (office):** | **Position held:** | | +33 457428146 |  | guarini@ill.fr | Visiting scientist |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Academic degree:** | **Subject:** | **Institution:** | **From:** | **To:** | | PhD | Two- and three-body interactions in fluid Kr by small angle neutron diffraction | University of Genova | 1995 | 1998 | | Physics degree (laurea) | Neutron diffraction on liquid deuterium close to solidification | University of Firenze | 1985 | 1994 |   Related scientific experience: liquid state physics, static and dynamic structure of liquids by neutron scattering, double differential cross section calculations for simple molecules, multiple scattering evaluation in neutron experiments, theoretical modeling of non-hydrodynamic liquids, development of big neutron instrumentation. |
| 1. ***Main additional Scientific Staff***  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Family Name :** | **First Name:** | **Gender: M/F** | **Date of birth:**  **yyyy-mm-dd** | **Nationality:** | | Nesvizhevsky | Valery | M | 1963-09-02 | R/F |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Telephone (office):** | **Fax (office):** | **Email (office):** | **Position held:** | | +33-476207795 | +33-476207777 | [nesvizhevsky@ill.eu](mailto:nesvizhevsky@ill.eu) | Staff scientist |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Academic degree:** | **Subject:** | **Institution:** | **From:** | **To:** | | Dr. | Precision measurement of the neutron lifetime in a cryogenic gravitational UCN trap | PNPI, Gatchina | 1992 |  | | Prof. | Gravitational quantum states of ultracold neutrons | KI, Moscow | 2007 |  |   Related scientific experience: Proposed the concept and proved feasibility of nano-structured reflectors for slow neutrons; Proposed the concept and proved feasibility of external virtual neutron sources for production of ultracold neutrons; Proposed the concept of dedicated intense sources of very cold neutrons based on nano-structured reflectors.  Recent publications related to the project (within the past 2-3 years):   * V.V. Nesvizhevsky, A.Yu. Voronin, A. Lambrecht et al, *Quantum levitation of nanoparticles seen with ultracold neutrons*, Crystallography Rep. **58** (2013) 743. * V.V. Nesvizhevsky, A.Yu. Voronin, A. Lambrecht et al, *Study of levitating nanoparticles using ultracold neutrons*, New J. Phys. **14** (2012) 093053. * A.R. Krylov, E.V. Lychagin…V.V. Nesvizhevsky et al, *Study of bound hydrogen in powders of diamond nanoparticles*, Crystallography Rep. **56** (2011) 1186. * S. Baessler, A.M. Gagarski…V.V. Nesvizhevsky et al, *New methodical developments for GRANIT*, Compt. Rend. Phys. **12** (2011) 729. * V.V. Nesvizhevsky, *Experiments with ultracold neutrons*, J. Low Temp. Phys. **37** (2011) 367. * V.V. Nesvizhevsky, *Reflectors for very cold neutrons and applications of very cold neutrons*, Rev. Mexicana Fiz. **57** (2011) 1. * R. Cubitt, E.V. Lychagin…V.V. Nesvizhevsky et al, *Quasi-specular reflection of cold neutrons from nano-dispersed media at above-critical angles*. Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A **622** (2010) 182. * V.V. Nesvizhevsky, R. Cubitt, E.V. Lychagin et al, *Application of diamond nanoparticles in low energy neutron physics*. Materials **3** (2010) 1768. |
| 1. **PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT (if space provided below is insufficient, please attach additional sheets)** 2. ***Description of Research Objectives and anticipated outcomes***   The aim of this project is to improve the accuracy of thermal and cold moderator cross-sections representation for materials such as water (light and heavy), liquid deuterium and hydrogen. We shall introduce experimentally measured dynamical structure factors S(q,ω) and convert them into an S(α,β) formalism. In parallel, molecular dynamics simulations for these liquids will complement these measurements, and semi-analytical models will be derived by fitting. Finally, new ACE will be made available for the community for these materials at different temperatures, as produced by e.g. NJOY/THERMR. We believe that such improved accuracy in the description of materials used as neutron moderators can lead to a better reactor physics modeling. Better description of these materials will also benefit to other neutron scattering ray-tracing simulation codes such as McStas and Vitess.   1. ***Scientific Scope of the Project (scientific problems to be addressed with overall and specific objectives)***   The accuracy of the international neutron cross section libraries could be tremendously Improved by introducing measured dynamical structure factors S(q,ω). Indeed, recent studies based upon international benchmarks highlighted that the quality of the thermalization process treatment is fundamental for the validity of reactor physics calculations. Until now, the thermal neutron cross sections for reactor physics are usually ill described [6]. Indeed all of these evaluations are based upon experiments, like IR or Raman, which were performed with a momentum transfer q~0. The extension on the whole Q domain is carried out by approximate laws which become clearly wrong in the case of liquids like water, deuterium and hydrogen. Thus, even the accuracy of the most recent libraries is poor for the slowest neutrons. Moreover, the present models used for these thermal cross sections undergo significant approximations for liquids like water or liquid hydrogen for example, even in the most recent libraries like JEFF3.1 or ENDF/B-VII.0   1. ***Detailed Work Plan for the first year (including proposed methods or techniques)***    We shall focus on light and heavy water on the first year. We shall benefit from recent thermal neutron scattering experiments performed at the ILL on the IN4 and IN5 inelastic spectrometers. This data will be combined with molecular dynamics simulations and adjusted with semi-analytical models on a large dynamic range. The cross-section files for e.g. MCNP will be produced by applying the S(q,w) → S(a,b) Jacobian, then converting to ACE files. As a by product, new insight on both data and models for water will be achieved.       1. ***Detailed Work Plan for the second year (including proposed methods or techniques)***    As a second step, we shall focus on liquid deuterium, which is used as main cold neutron moderator at the ILL. Past experimental results, as well as potentially new experiments, will provide the starting data to compute the S(q,w) dynamic structure factor. In parallel, the possibility to use path integral Monte-Carlo for such quantum liquids (as classical potentials are not adapted) will be explored.     1. ***Detailed Work Plan for the third year (including proposed methods or techniques)***    Last, we shall consider the extension of the previous approach used for liquid deuterium to liquid hydrogen. Other moderators such as methane and mesitylene, also used as cold/warm moderators, could be envisaged.     1. ***Expected Outputs***    We aim to provide new neutron cross sections for water and cold liquid moderators. These cross sections will be usable with e.g. MCNP, GEANT4, McStas.  ***Please note that as a condition of an IAEA Research Agreement, all information, data and research results gathered during the course of the CRP are made freely available to other participants and other relevant authorized parties.*** |
| 1. **PLEASE LIST FACILITIES (building, equipment - including type and name of manufacturer, and materials) PRESENTLY AVAILABLE WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR THE PROJECT**   Neutron scattering instruments (liquid diffractometer, time-of-flight inelastic spectrometer)  Computing facility (cluster)  Molecular dynamics codes (NAMD, VASP, ...)  Knowledge on liquid models  Neutron scattering instrument simulation (using McStas)  Reactor physics codes (MCNP)  Cross section data base tools (NJOY)  Data treatment tools including multidimensional fitting |
| 1. **PROPOSED COMMENCEMENT DATE:**  Jan 1st, 2014 |
| 1. **SIGNATURES**   **CHIEF SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATOR**  Name (in capitals)       Signature Date        **HEAD OF INSTITUTE**  Name (in capitals)       Signature Date |