

# Neutron diffraction from Boro-carbon for efficient structural analysis and defect detection

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## Based on use case from WP5, PaNOSC ELI-ALPS user facility

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- Partners: ESRF, ILL, XFEL.EU, ESS, CERIC-ERIC, ELI-DC, EGI
- An European project for making FAIR data a reality, for EOSC



### What makes a successful user experiment?

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- Getting beam-time takes time and effort
- Finding optimal configuration of processes and resources reduces the time required for carrying out the experiment.
- Ensuring minimal idle time and maximal production is necessary.



- What will happen during the interaction?
- Does that influence what can be measured on the detector?

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#### **Comuptation/simulation** is **used for process analysis and process optimization**.

### Use LASER to understand and control materials



Control and trace the motion of atoms in molecules

 $\Rightarrow$  Control chemical reactions

Control & trace electrons inside atoms & molecules



## Within WP5 – combine ASE and McStas

http://www.mcstas.org/about/

Atomistic simulation environment (ASE) for Density functional study

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## How this use case correlates to other projects....



Currrent use case- ASE + McStas - using a common platform

♦ FAIR Data Management -→ relates to ExPaNDs, IMPULSE

conductive diamond electrodes for electrochemical detection

### **Use Case Action Flow**

1.Use ab-initio tools to relax the geometry of chosen material, obtain their structural, elastic and electronic properties.

**Boro-carbon** 

2.The relaxed geometries are used in McStas, the neutron scattering simulation code for beamlines, to understand different peaks in the signal, depending on the sample, and beamline description.

3.Correlate 'micro atomistic scenario' among a manifold of possibilities to reproduce the observed 'experimental macro features'.

## How ab-initio method works?



## DFT and neutron diffraction of boro-carbon systems



#### tools

- Similar idea with ultrafast laser
- beamline simulations

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- Virtual experiments on accurately simulated materials
- Aim: development of a single API environment in Python:
  - QE (and more): AES;

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McStas: McStasScript;
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#### SimEx



## DFT and neutron diffraction of boro-carbon systems

### Simulation of neutron scattering beamlines









Simulation for neutron scattering using chosen beamlines set-up with McStas

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## Understand different peaks in the signal, depending on the sample...... Correlating with experimental features....



### Why is this important?

- Correlating the atomic-scale micro-scenario', among a manifold of possibilities, to the experimentally observed 'macro-features', by beamline simulation
- ✓ Similar 'analysis protocol', approach can be envisioned for complete ultrafast laser beamline, as in facilities like ELI.
- The 'combinatorial simulation approach' to support user experiment has potential for all EU laser/beamline facilities.

## What do we achieve with Start-to-End simulation platform?

An efficient, high-fidelity and simple-to-use simulation platform?	Photon source	Photon propagation
<ul> <li>Narrowing the range of parameter space according to phenomena of scientific interest.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pulse duration, profile, repeatation rate</li> <li>Energy,beam wavelength</li> <li>Polarization, focussing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Beamline optics (lens, mirror, monochromator) raytracing</li> <li>Optics profile, distance</li> <li>Focussing of radiation field</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Investigating the feasibility of measuring signal (some degree of confidence).</li> </ul>	Photon-Matter interaction	Sample description/trajectory
<ul> <li>Informing optimal design of instrumentation for future experiment stations.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Molecular dynamics/ DFT</li> <li>Particle-In-Cell</li> <li>Radiation-Hydrodynamics</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Electron structure</li><li>Atom positions</li><li>Density,temperature,pressure</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Probing physical understanding of experimental observations.</li> </ul>		

- Generating simulated data sets for initial training of Machine Learning algorithms (e.g. for wave optimization, 3D structure reconstruction)
  - ❖ Efficient scientific data management, connecting EOSC - PaNOSC + ExPaNDS → .... IMPULSE

- Signal generation and processing
  - Scattering/ Absorption/Emission
  - Detector noise
  - Identify ideal signal conditions

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- How much data is enough?
- What (detrimental) effects can be ameliorated by simply collecting more data?

## Project Objective

Uniting the ELI facilities and making them accessible for users through one single, highquality access point. • 1

- Develop joint management culture and capabilities of ELI facilities with an efficient use of resources
- Identify opportunities for technical synergies to lower operations costs and increase availability for users
- Scientifically optimize performance and potential of ELI systems to generate interest in ELI and in laser science

IMPULSE addresses the key scientific, technical, organisational, and management requirements of this transition, building user communities and expanding the ELI member consortium. Though IMPULSE focuses primarily on ELI, its results will impact all European high-power laser facilities.

- 15 Partners
- 10 Countries

• 42 Months

IMPULSE

€19.9 Million

Integrated Management and oPerations for User-based Laser Scientific Excellence

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