

Dear HYSPEC IDT members and friends,

The deadline for the next SNS proposal call 2015A is October, 15, which is in about two weeks, see <http://neutrons.ornl.gov/users/proposals.shtml>. The memorandum of understanding between the SNS and the HYSPEC IDT has been finalized and signed. The now official mode of running our HYSPEC science program remains similar to what it has been in the past.

All proposals will have to be submitted to the ORNL-SNS IPTS system before the nominal deadline. However, IPTS webpage changes have been made to accommodate the new way to identify IDT proposals. Basically, a question has been added to the “instrument selection” page to allow proposals to be considered for HYSPEC IDT time. The catch is that one starts the proposal process by selecting “general user”, which could be confusing / frustrating without advance notice (no HYSPEC IDT member is even able to select “IDT time” at the start of the proposal process). The detailed step-by-step instructions can be found at http://neutrons.phy.bnl.gov/HYSPEC/IDT/IPTS_for_HYSPEC_IDT.pdf.

If you would like your proposal to be considered by the IDT Executive Committee (EC) for the IDT beam time, you would also have to send an email to the EC Chair (currently, it is zaliznyak@bnl.gov) with the proposal IPTS number and a copy of the statement of research, as soon as you submit the proposal to the IPTS, and before the SNS proposal deadline. In the case that the IDT proposals could be accommodated in less than 20% of the instrument time, which is the maximum amount available for the IDT science program, the balance of the neutron beam time would be used by the SNS for the general user program.

For news and updates on HYSPEC, please visit the HYSPEC web, <http://neutrons.phy.bnl.gov/HYSPEC/>. Recent technical developments are summarized in B. Winn’s presentations at WINS workshop, http://neutrons.phy.bnl.gov/HYSPEC/presentations/pdf/WINS_2014_Winn_3.pdf, http://neutrons.phy.bnl.gov/HYSPEC/documents/Winn_B_genswins2014.pdf, and the ACNS Conference, http://neutrons.phy.bnl.gov/HYSPEC/presentations/pdf/ACNS_2014_Winn.pdf, which have great amount of new important info.

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