Mantid - Data Analysis and Visualization Package for Neutron Scattering and μSR Experiments

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Abstract

The Mantid framework is a software solution developed for the analysis and visualization of neutron scattering and muon spin measurements. The framework is jointly developed by software engineers and scientists at the ISIS Neutron and Muon Facility and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The objectives, functionality and novel design aspects of Mantid are described.

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1. Introduction

The use of large scale facilities by researchers in the fields of condensed matter, soft matter, and the life sciences is becoming ever more prevalent in the modern research landscape. Facilities, such as Spallation Neutron Source (SNS) and High Flux Isotope Reactor (HFIR) at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and ISIS at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, have ever increasing user demand, and produce ever increasing volumes of data. One of the most important barriers between experiment and publication is the complex, and time consuming, effort that individual researchers apply to data reduction and analysis. Data reduction is the transformation of a dataset collected from an instrument into a dataset in physical units. This transformation requires detailed knowledge

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of the instrument. The objective of the Manipulation and Analysis Toolkit for Instrument Data[1] (Mantid) framework is to bridge this gap with a common interface for data reduction and analysis that is seamless between the user experience at the time of the experiment and at their home institute when performing the final analysis and fitting of data.

The main goals for the project are:

- To provide a technique independent, neutron and muon specific framework to reduce, visualise and perform scientific analysis of data
- To ensure quality by following professional software development practices
- To actively support multiple platforms (Linux, OS X, Windows)
- The software, source and documentation will be freely distributable
- The framework must be extensible by instrument scientists and users
- Provision of comprehensive, well maintained documentation

This paper contains a general description of the project and the main components of the Mantid software. A status of the progress in achieving these objectives is presented in the conclusions section.

2. General Description of the Mantid Project

The Mantid project[1] is a large international collaboration between the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) (UK) and the Department of Energy (DOE) (US) to co-develop a high performance computing framework for analysis of: powder and single crystal neutron diffraction data, inelastic and quasi-elastic neutron scattering data, polarised neutron diffraction data, neutron reflectometry data, small angle neutron scattering data and μSR data. It was started in 2007 at ISIS, and joined by SNS and HFIR in 2010. More recently, contributions have been made by Institut Laue-Langevin (ILL), Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI), Bragg Institute at Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO), and European Spallation Source (ESS).

In the past, each instrument (or instruments groups at a given facility) would develop individual bespoke software routines for their own science areas[2, 3, 4, 5]. Over the life of a facility (>40 years), this leads to a vast, unmanageable, library of mission critical software routines. Such a model is prone to single point failures. As individual authors of software leave a facility they take with them the key knowledge of the software they developed. This often leads to refactoring of existing code as the facility attempts to get back control of its mission critical software.

Mantid has been developed with the overall objective of giving facilities and their users access to state of the art bespoke software that is professionally developed and maintained, with a clear science led strategic development and maintenance plan. This methodology allows instrument scientists time to determine key software requirements for their user programs rather than having to develop and maintain software packages, in so doing both the user community and the facility benefit.

The overall ethos of the project is that of abstraction. That is to say, code developed within the project should at all times operate on all data types from all participating facilities. This idea leads to a framework that is, in principle, easier to use and maintain.

The Mantid framework consists of a highly modular C++/Python architecture which supports user built plug-in functions as well as access to powerful visualization toolkits such as ParaView[6]. This modular design allows users to extend the capability of the framework to almost any application. The framework is provided under the GNU General Public Licence version 3[7], and is built for all commonly used operating systems.

3. Neutron Scattering

Neutron scattering is an established technique for determining the structure and dynamics of materials. It has generated a large user community, with research interests from life sciences to quantum magnetism. To meet the current and future demands in these areas, there have been a number of new large scale facilities built, or in the process of being built in the last 10 years. These new facilities are all pulsed spallation neutron sources rather than reactors. Pulsed spallation sources by definition have a time structure to the neutron production and, as a result of this, all instruments operate in a detection mode known as time of flight (TOF). TOF neutron instruments have the advantage of being able to collect data over a wide range in $S(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ in a single pulse. In a neutron experiment one must relate measured counts to the physically meaningful $S(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$.

At a modern TOF neutron source it is common for instruments to have $10^5 n\text{ cm}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ and millions of pixels, generating GB size data files. In many experiments it is possible for several files to be combined together to create a large n dimensional dataset or volume with a size of up to 1 TB. Recently, pulsed sources have started to collect data in what is called event mode. This method simply lists to a file every detected neutron with a time of collection and other metadata. From the event list, one may filter based on time or metadata to create data subsets. This method has several advantages, it is effective for storing sparse data, and it allows time resolved experiments to be performed. Large data volumes, n dimensional data and event mode format add several layers of complexity to the data reduction chain. For the instruments to be fully exploited, high performance software is a necessity.

4. Muon Spin Relaxation/Rotation/Resonance (μSR)

Muons provide a local probe to investigate the properties of a wide range of materials. μSR has wide applicability and provides useful dynamic information for a broad range of science from soft matter to quantum magnetism, which is often complementary to that from neutron scattering. The technique is similar to that of nuclear magnetic resonance, in which the polarisation of the target nuclei, in this case the muon, is tracked as a function of time. In the case of muons, spin polarised muons are implanted into the material under investigation and these muons decay into positrons which are emitted preferentially along the final spin direction of the muon. By time stamping the detected positrons, the muon polarisation is inferred. As muons are produced by the decay product of pions, which in turn are produced by high energy protons (~ 800 MeV at ISIS), experiments are conducted at proton accelerators and are often situated next

110 to spallation neutron sources, e.g. ISIS, PSI and J-PARC. This means that the users of
 111 neutron instruments often use muons as well and having a familiar software framework
 112 for analysis is clearly beneficial. The Mantid framework fulfils this requirement, compris-
 113 ing a wide range of methods with which to analyse the muon depolarisation spectrum:
 114 integrated asymmetry, Fourier transform, maximum entropy and time domain analysis
 115 among others. Moreover, simulations of muon data using Density Functional Theory or
 116 electronic calculations can yield further insights into the material under investigation.
 117 The ability to link these simulations with the data analysis with a simple interface yields
 118 a very powerful tool for the analysis of muon experiments. Again, the Mantid framework
 119 offers this functionality to the instrument user.

120 5. Development Practices

121 One of the key aspects of Mantid is the manner in which it is developed. In order
 122 to achieve the stated goals, a large team of about thirty scientists and scientific software
 123 engineers in Europe and United States are collaborating on this project. For an effective
 124 collaboration, we use several software development tools and practices designed to sup-
 125 port distributed development teams. New feature requests or defect reports are entered
 126 into an issue tracking system.

127 Another vital tool for organising work is the use of a version control system. Man-
 128 tid uses git [8] repositories for the source code, configuration files, and much of the
 129 documentation. To allow multiple developers to work in similar areas without interfer-
 130 ence, developers work on separate branches for each feature. To verify that there are
 131 no cross-platform compatibility issues, each feature branch is merged onto a ‘develop’
 132 branch whenever new code is ready. It is only after a feature branch has been completely
 133 addressed and tested that the code changes are merged onto the ‘master’ branch from
 134 which release builds and new features are based.

135 In order to ensure quality, the Mantid project uses continuous integration. When-
 136 ever new code is committed to the ‘develop’ branch, builds for each supported operating
 137 system are started, and are tested against a suite of over 6000 automated unit tests. A
 138 build is marked successful only if all of these unit tests pass. Once a day, a series of
 139 over 150 integration ‘system tests’ are run with the most recent locally installed version.
 140 Builds that pass all system tests are immediately available for download and, in some
 141 cases, automatically deployed to computers. Formal releases of Mantid occur approxi-
 142 mately every three months, and undergo additional manual testing. These releases are
 143 accompanied by detailed release notes and training.

144 6. Mantid Design

145 One of the main design consideration for this project was the separation of data and
 146 algorithms. The ethos of the development is that algorithms should (where possible)
 147 operate on all data types without *a priori* knowledge of the data or the experiment that
 148 generated it. In principle, this ideology makes the framework cleaner and easier to use. In
 149 many instances, scientists are not experts in neutron scattering, μSR , or the associated
 150 data analysis that is required. Successful software application written for scientists must
 151 take this into account at the design stage.

152 Data containers (called workspaces) and algorithms, which manipulate workspaces,
 153 compose the central element of the Mantid framework (Figure 1). Workspaces and
 algorithms are aware of the geometry of each individual instrument. Workspaces can be

Figure 1: Mantid framework design

154 loaded from various file formats, live data streams, or created by different algorithms.
 155 The workspaces can be manipulated by the many algorithms in Mantid, and saved in a
 156 variety of formats. By default, Mantid uses the NeXus format[9] for saving intermediate
 157 and processed data, but various other output formats are also supported.

158 To ensure high performance for data analysis, but also allow flexibility in how the data
 159 is processed, the project is written in C++ with Python bindings. For parallel processing,
 160 Mantid uses OpenMP[10], Posix threads and MPI[11]. The interaction with the Mantid
 161 framework occurs through the application programming interface (API). Currently the
 162 main interactions occur through either Python or through the graphical interface.
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164 6.1. Instrument Geometry

165 A full description of the instrument is used within the Mantid framework. One way to
 166 specify the geometry is the instrument definition file (IDF). The IDF is a XML description
 167 of all pertinent instrument components. The instrument definitions conform to an XML
 168 schema (XSD). There are system tests that validate the IDF against the schema, and
 169 check if the instrument definitions can be loaded into Mantid. There is a python library
 170 that can be used to generate IDF files.

171 The IDF component description can be expanded upon, to increase the information
 172 level accessible to the Mantid framework. Previous applications for neutron scattering
 173 data analysis have generally only described instruments by their primary and secondary
 174 flight paths and detector angles. A full description, based on constructive solid geometry,
 175 allows complex visualization of the instrument and its detectors, along with the possibility

176 to perform Monte Carlo simulations. To account for moving instrument components, the
177 instrument geometry is updated using log values.

178 6.2. Data Sources

179 The Mantid framework is capable of reading from a variety of data sources. The
180 most commonly used are data files written in the NeXus standard, which is instrument
181 independent. However, the framework can read legacy files (e.g. ISIS raw files), as well as
182 various ASCII formats. Alongside the standard loading of a pre-existing datafile, Mantid
183 can also access the instrument data directly to provide real time display of detector
184 counts and live ‘on the fly’ data processing.

185 6.3. Workspaces

186 Workspaces are the data containers in Mantid. In addition to the data, workspaces
187 can hold other types of information, such as instrument geometry, sample environment
188 logs, lattice parameters and orientation. Each workspace also holds a history of the
189 algorithms that were used to create it. That way each workspace can show its provenance,
190 and also regenerate the commands used to make it. Depending on the organization of
191 the data, there are various types and subtypes of workspaces. More detailed information
192 can be found in the online documentation [12, 13].

193 MatrixWorkspaces contain data for multiple spectra. A spectrum consists of an in-
194 dependent variable (e.g. time of flight, energy transfer), signal, and uncertainty. This is
195 a common way to store histograms.

196 The data acquisition system at several facilities now allow recording of each detected
197 neutron, labelling it with time-of-flight and wall-clock-time. In Mantid, this is stored
198 as EventWorkspaces [14]. EventWorkspaces also provide a histogram representation as
199 well, which is calculated on the fly. This allows EventWorkspaces to be viewed as Ma-
200 trixWorkspaces by the rest of the framework. The result is that algorithms and plotting
201 work without the need to know the details of how data is stored. There are various uses
202 for EventWorkspaces. One can filter out unwanted events, such as events recorded during
203 temperature spikes. The other big use for events is allowing novel techniques, such as
204 asynchronous parameter scans (continuous angle scans in Figure 2, temperature scans in
205 Figure 3), and pump probe experiments (pulse magnets, high frequency deformations of
206 materials, and so on).

207 Another workspace type is the multi-dimensional workspace, or MDWorkspace. While
208 for MatrixWorkspace there are two dimensions describing a data point (spectrum num-
209 ber and independent variable), for MDWorkspaces we have between 1 and 9 dimensions.
210 Higher number of dimensions are required to accommodate labelling of data with ex-
211 tended parameter dependencies (e.g. sample environment variables).

212 For MDEventWorkspaces, each MDEvent contains coordinates, a weight and an un-
213 certainty. It might also contain information about which detector and which run it comes
214 from. All MDEvents are contained in MDBoxes. Above a certain threshold, the MDBox
215 becomes an MDGridBox, by splitting into several equal size MDBoxes. This allows for
216 an efficient searching and binning, and allows plotting on an adaptive mesh (see Fig. 4).
217 MDHistoWorkspaces consist of signal and error arrays on a regular grid.

218 For data formats that contain different field types, Mantid provides TableWorkspaces.
219 A TableWorkspace is organised in columns with each column having a name and type.

Figure 2: Continuous angle rotation example. Event data taken on HYSPEC spectrometer at SNS is filtered by angle, then converted to HKL momentum transfer components.

Examples of TableWorkspaces are the parameters from model fitting, and a representation of information about Bragg peaks.

6.4. Algorithms

The algorithm layer is a key aspect of the Mantid framework. Mantid algorithms are procedures to manipulate workspaces. They can be predefined, or written by users, in either C++ or Python. The organization and development of algorithms is key to maintaining the ethos of the project. This presents a number of challenges for development as the framework can access multiple data types, from a variety of instruments. At the present, there are over 500 algorithms covering data handling (loading/saving workspaces from/to files), arithmetic operations (plus, minus, multiply, divide), unit conversions, and many technique specific algorithms (powder diffraction, single crystal diffraction, SANS, reflectometry, direct and indirect spectrometry, and μSR).

The case of event mode data is interesting as it presents an efficient way of processing sparse data. It is often more efficient to keep the data as events through a chain of operations. This requirement has resulted in the development of a number of specialized event data handling operations. The end result is that for many reduction chains the data is events type until the final presentation.

Core algorithms can be grouped together to form data reduction and analysis for individual instruments and science areas. These large algorithms can then be presented to the user at the Python scripting layer, command line interface or as a custom reduction user interface.

Figure 3: Example of event workspace usage for temperature ramp. Data taken on TOPAZ single crystal diffractometer at SNS shows a phase transition symmetry splitting on one of the Bragg peaks.

In some cases a single ‘workflow algorithm’ is beneficial, such as for live event process. The application can access the live data streams of event mode instruments at SNS and ISIS and can directly read histogram data from the detector electronics of ISIS instruments.

6.5. Python API and Scripting

The Python API provides an exceptionally powerful interface to Mantid. Many classes within the framework are open to Python control. The algorithms are added to the API at runtime, allowing new plugin algorithms to be available without further configuration. The Python API can be used to simply interact with existing functionality. Furthermore, Python can also be used to extend the capabilities of the Mantid framework by adding further algorithms or fit functions without needing to recompile or even restart the program.

The API has been written to give an intuitive Python feel, allowing a simple powerful syntax with minimal specific understanding of Mantid. More advanced usage is possible within Python scripts, allowing popular packages such as NumPy, SciPy, matplotlib [15, 16, 17] to be mixed with Mantid algorithms to process data.

Figure 4: Schematic representation of the principle of adaptive rebinning used in the MDEventWorkspace type.

7. User Interface

7.1. MantidPlot

The main interaction with Mantid occurs through the MantidPlot interface (Figure 5), based on QtPlot[18]. It allows visualizing and processing the data, Python scripting, and a generic fitting system. A list of all algorithms, organized in categories, is also present. Clicking on an algorithm will open an automatically generated dialog box, with entries for each of the input parameters. A validation occurs when information is filled

Figure 5: MantidPlot interface, showing 1D, and 2D plots. Lists of workspaces and algorithms are available on the right side. Data shown is from the SEQUOIA spectrometer at SNS.

and any invalid input is flagged with an error message for the user. For each algorithm dialog box, a button allows for invoking the built-in help. A log window, where users can see the results of running different algorithms, is available. For several scientific techniques, custom interfaces are accessible from the MantidPlot menu.

The workspaces toolbox shows a list of all the workspaces currently available. Expanding the workspace entries show information about their type and content. A context sensitive menu allows plotting, instrument view, inspection of the sample environment logs, or the history of the workspace.

7.2. Custom Interfaces

Data reduction and basic analysis for individual instruments or science areas is generally a sequential chain of operations starting from data loading and resulting in a dataset that has meaningful units. As such, reduction for several scientific techniques can be complicated. More often than not, development of new features in this area must take into account legacy usage requirements and be well validated against existing "known" good results. In all cases, development of data reduction chains are tightly controlled and validated.

One of Mantid's objectives is to provide scientists with a simple and efficient interface to allow them to analyse their data. To achieve this for multiple science areas and instruments, a number of custom interfaces have been implemented. Science areas and instruments specifically supported by the Mantid framework can be seen in Table 1.

Science area	Instruments
Powder neutron diffraction	GEM HRPD WISH POLARIS POWGEN NOMAD VULCAN
Single crystal neutron diffraction	WISH SXD TOPAZ MANDI
Inelastic neutron scattering (direct)	MERLIN MAPS MARI LET SEQUOIA ARCS HYSPEC CNCS IN4 IN5 IN6
Inelastic neutron scattering (indirect)	BASIS IRIS OSIRIS TOSCA VISION
Small angle neutron scattering	SANS2D LOQ EQ-SANS GP-SANS BIO-SANS D33
Neutron reflectometry	CRISP SURF POLREF INTER OFFSPEC REF_L
μ SR	MUSR HIFI EMU

Table 1: Current science areas and instruments supported by the Mantid framework

7.3. Fitting

Fitting mathematical functions and models to experimental data is a key requirement of any scientific computing application. The Mantid framework has implemented a powerful engine for fitting multidimensional datasets. This is not intended to replace domain specific fitting software (e.g. GSAS, SASView). Fitting peak functions and simple user derived functions to line data, i.e. data that is in 1D x,y,e format, can also be performed using a simple user interface (Figure 6). All of the fitting can be done within the Python scripting interface.

Once the user has generated a model, the subsequent fitting can be batch processed across many different datasets, with the option of plotting fit results against a log parameter. Fitting results are displayed as TableWorkspaces which can then be further manipulated and analysed.

Figure 6: The simple fitting GUI interface in the MantidPlot application. Peak selection is performed using mouse selection on the displayed data. The window on the left displays the required model and fit controls. The window on the right displays the data, fitted model, and difference. The vertical dotted lines indicate extents in x for the model. Data was measured on the IN5 spectrometer at ILL.

7.4. Simulation and Analysis

Fitting over multidimensional datasets is used in more complex situations, e.g. in the analysis of the results of the inelastic scattering experiments. Fitting a single resolution broadened model of scattering $S(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ to a n dimensional $S(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$ dataset is a standard data analysis procedure in this area used to account for substantial changes in the results of the experiment due to the instrument resolution effects.

Mantid contains a set of procedures for calculating an instrument resolution function and convoluting this resolution with chosen scattering model to obtain simulated resolution broadened scattering model. It then can use the multidimensional fitting framework to compare simulated model scattering with experimental scattering and fit the parameters of the scattering model to the results of the experiments. These capabilities are similar to the capabilities available in legacy programs (e.g. TobyFit [19], DAVE [2]). A Monte Carlo based instrument resolution model is implemented in Mantid. The framework allows defining and deploying other instrument resolution models. Mantid also contains a range of scattering models used in the analysis of the inelastic neutron scattering data.

8. Visualization

Modern instruments survey broad regions of reciprocal space, and therefore generate large data sets which cannot be easily visualized in 1D or 2D projections. Mantid provides a variety of tools for visualizing higher dimensional data.

8.1. Instrument View

The Instrument View (Figure 7) is a 3D representation of the whole instrument, with component positions calculated from the IDF. Non-detector components (e.g. choppers, guides) can be toggled on or off. The colour of the detectors is representative of the total

integrated counts. In addition to the 3D rendering, various 2D projections (e.g. spherical along x , cylindrical along y) of the detectors are available. The Instrument View allows for quick access to information about detectors, and provides a simple graphical interface for masking, grouping, and viewing spectra.

Figure 7: The Instrument View showing a 3D representation of the MARI spectrometer at ISIS. Various components are annotated.

8.2. Slice Viewer

One tool for visualizing multidimensional (MD) data is the Slice Viewer (Figure 8). The Slice Viewer provides an interactive 2D projection of multiple data types. Advanced features provide interactive line integration and overplotting PeaksWorkspaces. A list of overplotted peaks is available in this view.

8.3. VATES Simple Interface

A major objective of Mantid has been the ability to represent multidimensional data [2, 20, 21]. Originally the Visualization and Analysis Toolkit Extensions (VATES) project was an add-on to Mantid that is now fully integrated into the project. The VATES Simple Interface (VSI), offers a limited set of data views and access to a subset of Mantid algorithms. It is based on application widgets and rendering libraries from the ParaView[6] visualization program. The VSI takes advantage of the ParaView plugin architecture to provide functionality from within Mantid and from ParaView outside of Mantid.

The data to be visualized passes through an API layer which translates the internal Mantid data structure to a VTK[22] data structure, that can be rendered in the VSI. Those same data structures can be saved to a file and visualized in the ParaView application. Indeed, it is possible to drive some aspects of multidimensional analysis directly

Figure 8: Slice Viewer showing a single crystal peak and related information. Data shown is NaCl, measured on SXD diffractometer at ISIS.

from ParaView (Figure 9 and Supplementary material (online only)¹. Data is from reference [23]). The API layer provides the desired decoupling of the data structures and provides good flexibility to handle the various needs of the Mantid data structures and algorithms.

The *VSI* has a view called Multi Slice which allows placing multiple orthogonal slices on the data. Those slices can then alternately be viewed in Slice Viewer for further exploration. The Splatter Plot (Figure 10) view is oriented towards visualizing peaks in single crystal diffraction data. In this view the user can interact with the data to retrieve information about a selected peak. The Three Slice view shows three orthogonal planes through the data with the capability exploring via moving a crosshair in one of the planes with a coordinate readout in each plane to show the location. The *VSI* has the ability to show the data with non-orthogonal axes such as the diffraction pattern for triclinic materials[24] in Figure 11. This capability was implemented by Kitware[25] via the SNS in support of the Mantid project.

9. Community Involvement and Expandability

The Mantid framework provides facility users with a very powerful data analysis tool. The Python API gives the user the ability to expand functionality for many different applications. User generated Python applications can be submitted to the Mantid script repository. The script repository allows users to contribute and share scripts with the rest of the Mantid community, and MantidPlot allows uploading and downloading as well as marking scripts to be automatically updated with new versions from the repository. The flexible nature of the framework can be used to analyse most types of experimental data,

¹supplementary movies show inelastic neutron scattering in $YFeO_3$

- YFeO3_slice.mp4: H, L, E volume at K=0, with a constant K=0, E slice at various energies
- YFeO3_varE.mp4: H, K, L volume at various energy transfer
- YFeO3_varK.mp4: H, L, E volume at various Ks

Figure 9: Paraview showing single crystal data[23] on YFeO_3 from the SEQUOIA spectrometer at the SNS.

Figure 10: VSI in Splatter Plot mode with single crystal data from the SXD diffractometer at ISIS.

and is often used in new and interesting ways by the community that were not originally envisaged by the development team. With the many algorithms supported by Mantid, extensive documentation is required. This is provided at several levels, from helpful validation, intelligent code completion within the scripting environment, offline help provided with the installation and online help including examples and tutorials. Finally the MantidPlot application allows users to submit bug reports, requests for assistance or just a suggestions for future development directly to the development team.

Figure 11: Diffraction pattern from a triclinic lattice, showing non-orthogonal axes. Data was measured on the CNCS spectrometer at the SNS.

371 10. Facility Integration

372 A very important step in Mantid development and deployment is facility integration.

373 To assist in this, Mantid interfaces with Information CATalog (ICAT) [26]. It is in use
 374 at both ISIS and SNS. Each facility uses a different approach to storing their archived
 375 data files. Mantid allows a small archive search adapter to be written to a provided
 376 interface, to locate raw or processed files in data archives at each of the facilities.

377 One important use of the ICAT interface is the autoreduction process on certain
 378 instruments. As soon as files are created and catalogued, a reduction script is automati-
 379 cally invoked. This script uses metadata in the file and/or the ICAT catalogue to reduce
 380 the raw data to a form that users are interested in.

381 In addition, at SNS and ISIS, the development team has implemented an interface
 382 between Mantid and the data acquisition systems, in order to allow users to look and
 383 analyse their data in near real time. This approach allows for processing of the live data
 384 into scientifically useful results. This level of near real time data analysis allows for much
 385 more efficient use of valuable experiment time.

386 11. Conclusion

387 The Mantid project offers an extensible framework (through Python) for data ma-
 388 nipulation, analysis and visualization, geared toward neutron scattering and μSR ex-
 389 periments. It is the main reduction software in use at SNS and ISIS, and partially in
 390 use or considered for widespread adoption at several other neutron facilities. Signifi-
 391 cant progress is being made on the analysis and visualization sides. The ongoing goal
 392 of improving performance, usability, and documentation is helped by the development
 393 practices described in a section 5, and the community support and feedback outlined in
 394 section 10. The source code can be found at Github[27], and binary installers for Linux,

OS X, and Windows can be found on the Mantid webpage[12]. Up to date information can be found in the offline help, and usage tutorials can be found on the Mantid web page[12].

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