



Neutron Powder Diffraction: Long- and Short-Range Order

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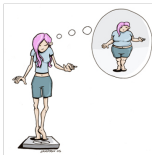
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Disorder on internet



Eating disorder



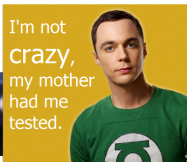
Sleep disorder



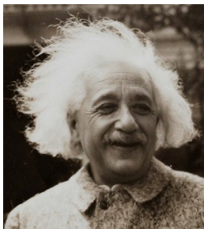
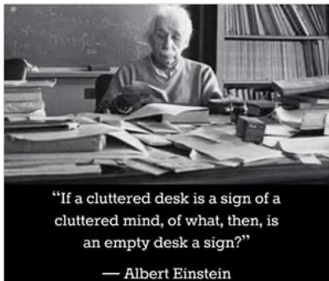
Sexual disorder



Mental disorder

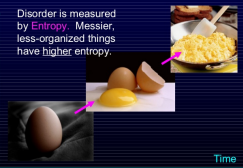


Disordered things in our everyday life



Physical meaning of disorder: $\Delta S > 0$

Disorder is measured by **Entropy**. Messier, less-organized things have higher entropy.

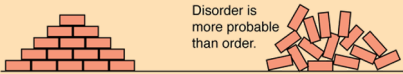


The **Second Law of Thermodynamics**:
entropy increases with time (in closed systems).



Time
arrow

If you tossed bricks off a truck, which kind of pile of bricks would you more likely produce?



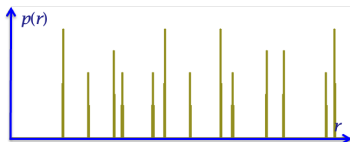
Disorder is more probable than order.



Order versus disorder



What do you prefer?

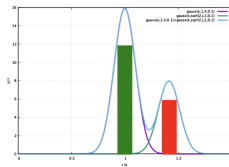
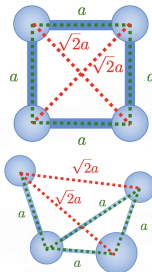
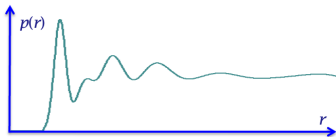


Disorder is
funnier than
order

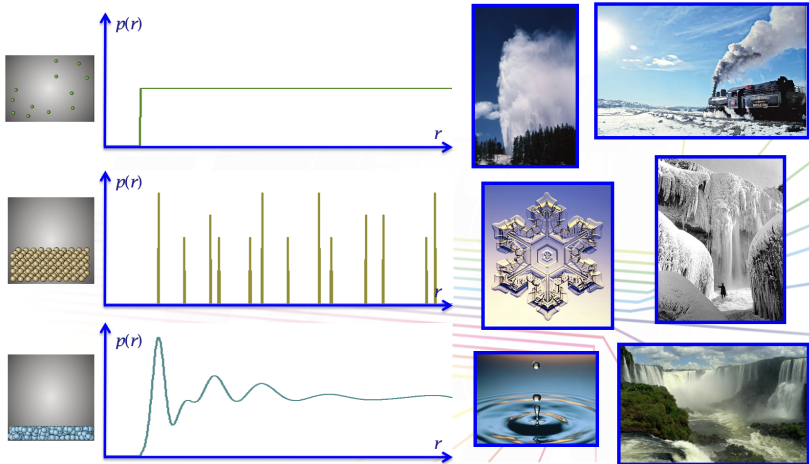
Creative clutter
is better than
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Acemoglu

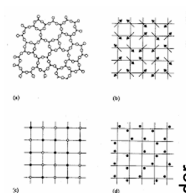
Pair correlations in a disordered system



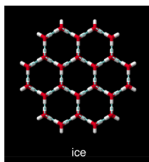
The PDF and states of matter



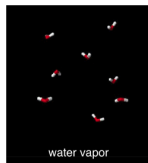
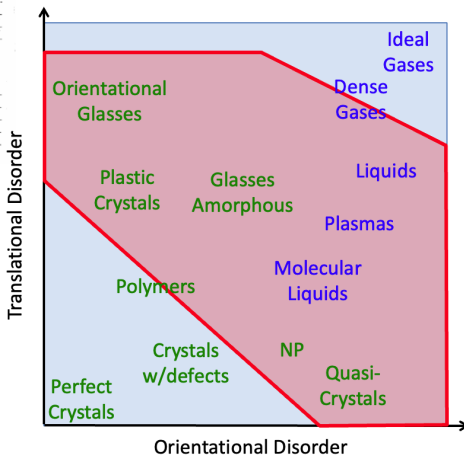
Disorder in solids and fluids



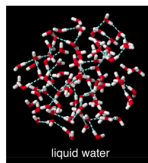
Solids



Total Scattering Techniques



Fluids



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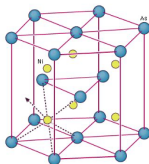
Structure by diffraction



Spatial distribution of atoms or molecules in the system

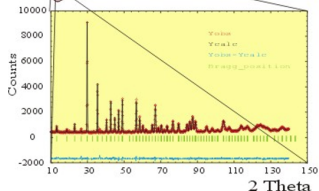
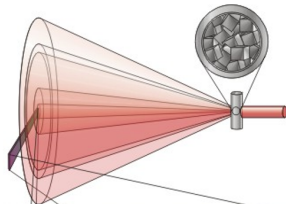
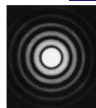
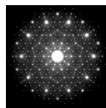
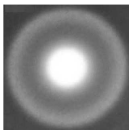
Crystalline solids

- Equilibrium positions
- Well defined Bragg peaks



Disordered systems

- Distribution of equilibrium positions
- No Bragg peaks

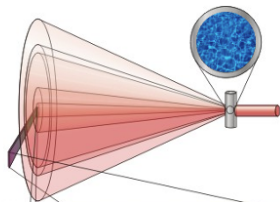
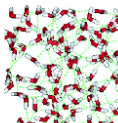
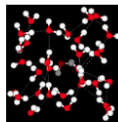


Diffuse scattering

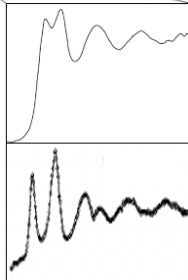
Information about local order



Total scattering



X-rays



A typical scattering experiment

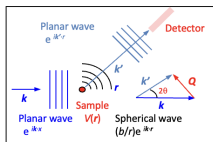
From the experimental intensity to the microscopic properties



Experiment



Microscopic properties



Intensity
 $I(2\theta, \omega)$

Scattering Cross Section
 $\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega d\omega}$

Dynamical SF
 $S(\vec{Q}, \omega)$

$$I(2\theta, \omega) = C \Phi_0 \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\sigma d\omega}(2\theta, \omega) \epsilon(k')$$

Beam

Sample

Detector

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\sigma d\omega}(2\theta, \omega) = N \frac{k'}{k} \frac{\sigma}{4\pi} S(\vec{Q}, \omega)$$

Interaction

System

Dynamical Structure Factor

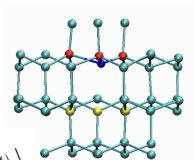
It contains microscopic structural and dynamical information



Dynamical Structure Factor $S(\vec{Q}, \omega)$

Microscopic Configuration

$\{\vec{r}_1(t), \vec{r}_2(t), \dots, \vec{r}_N(t)\}$



$$S(\vec{Q}, \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dt e^{-i\omega t} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i,j} \langle e^{-i\vec{Q} \cdot \vec{r}_i(0)} e^{-i\vec{Q} \cdot \vec{r}_j(t)} \rangle$$

$$\delta(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{\text{all } \vec{Q}} e^{i\vec{Q} \cdot \vec{r}} d\vec{Q} \quad \rho(\vec{r}, t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i(t))$$

Microscopic particle density

$$S(\vec{Q}, \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \iint d\vec{r} dt e^{i(\vec{Q} \cdot \vec{r} - \omega t)} G(\vec{r}, t)$$

van Hove's correlation function

Probability density of having a given atom somewhere, e.g. at $(0, 0)$, and any atom at (r, t)

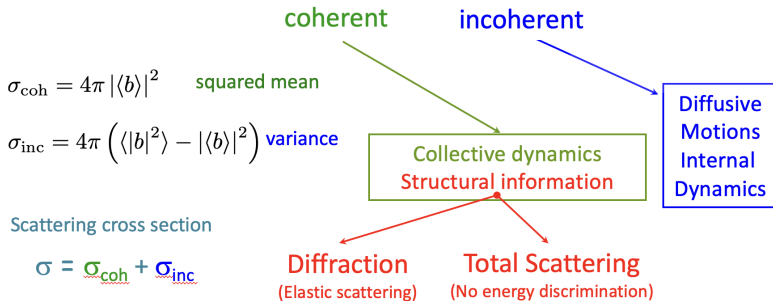
$$G(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{N} \int d\vec{r}' \langle \rho(\vec{r}', 0) \rho(\vec{r} + \vec{r}', t) \rangle$$

Coherent and incoherent scattering



$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega d\omega}(2\theta, \omega) = N \frac{k'}{k} \{ \langle |b|^2 \rangle S(\vec{Q}, \omega) + (\langle |b|^2 \rangle - \langle |b|^2 \rangle) S_s(\vec{Q}, \omega) \}$$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega d\omega}(2\theta, \omega) = N \frac{k'}{k} \left\{ \frac{\sigma_{\text{coh}}}{4\pi} S(\vec{Q}, \omega) + \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{inc}}}{4\pi} \right) S_s(\vec{Q}, \omega) \right\}$$



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Static structure factor



$$S(\vec{Q}) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\omega S(\vec{Q}, \omega) = \int d\vec{r} e^{i\vec{Q}\cdot\vec{r}} G(\vec{r}, 0)$$

Static approximation

$S(\vec{Q})-1 \nleftrightarrow$
 $g(\vec{r})-1$
become a
FT pair

$$S(\vec{Q}) - 1 = \rho \int_V d\vec{r} [g(\vec{r}) - 1] e^{i\vec{Q}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

$$\rho [g(\vec{r}) - 1] = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\vec{Q} [S(\vec{Q}) - 1] e^{-i\vec{Q}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

Definition

$$F(\vec{Q}) = S(\vec{Q}) - 1$$

$$G(\vec{r}) = 4\pi\rho r [g(\vec{r}) - 1]$$

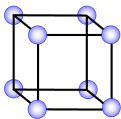
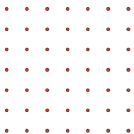
$$F(\vec{Q}) = \int_V d\vec{r} \frac{G(\vec{r})}{4\pi r} e^{i\vec{Q}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

$$\frac{G(\vec{r})}{4\pi r} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\vec{Q} F(\vec{Q}) e^{-i\vec{Q}\cdot\vec{r}}$$

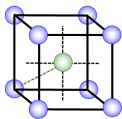
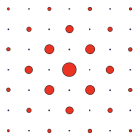
Reciprocal and real spaces



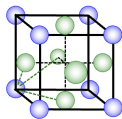
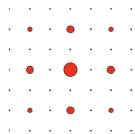
- The position of the reflections tells you where the atoms are (lattice of the crystal).
- The intensity of the reflections tells you the base of the crystal.



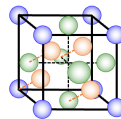
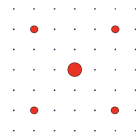
Simple cubic



Body-centred cubic (bcc)

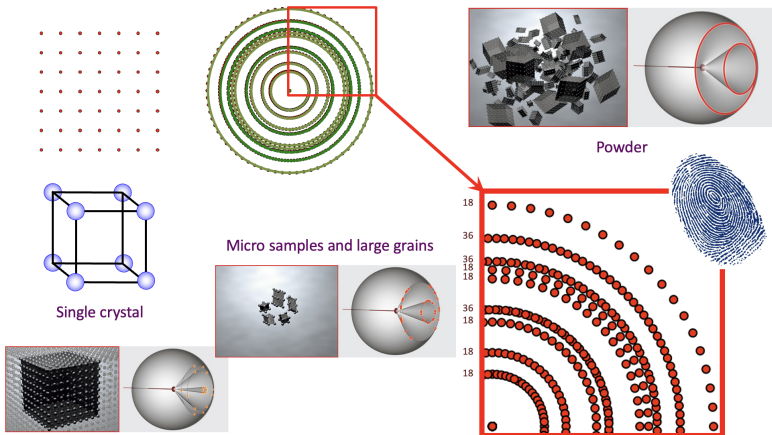


Face-centred cubic (fcc)
(cubic-close-packing)



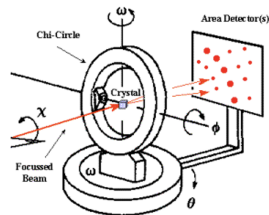
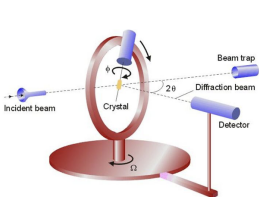
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Powder diffraction



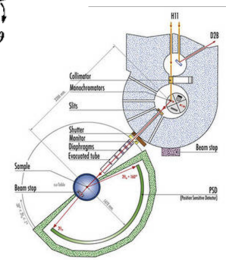
Single crystal and Powder Diffraction

Typical instruments

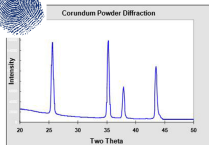
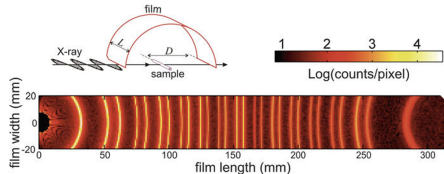
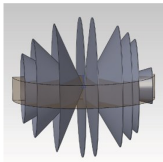
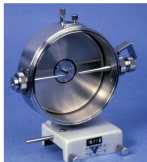


Single crystal
diffraction

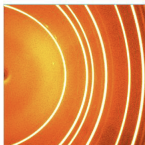
Powder
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Debye-Scherrer geometry



(a)



(b)

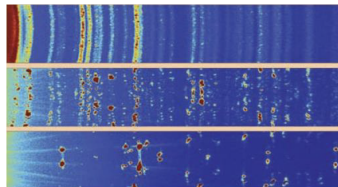


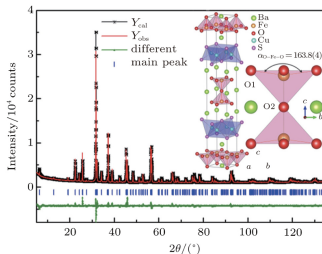
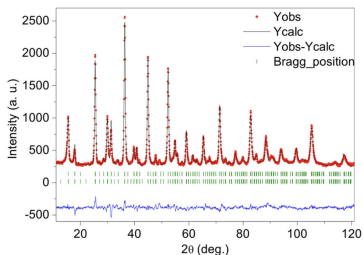
Figure 2. The diffraction pattern of corundum powder: (a) the conventional diffraction pattern; (b) the two-dimensional diffraction pattern.

Rietveld refinement



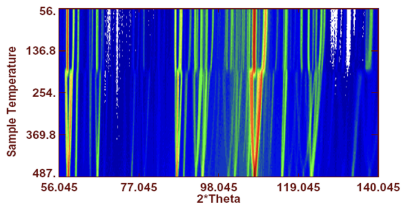
Hugo Rietveld
(1932 - 2016)
Dutch crystallographer

$$\chi^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_{\text{obs},i} - y_{\text{calc},i}(\text{str}, \text{instr}))^2$$



Thermodiffraction

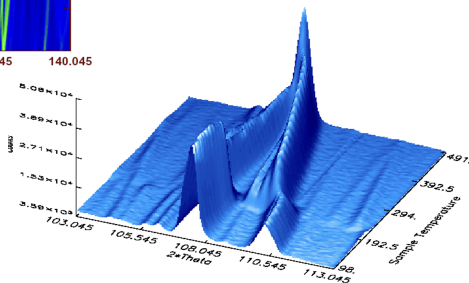
In situ experiments with changing parameters



Ge-monochromator
Take-off angle: 120 deg.

D20: High Flux Diffractometer

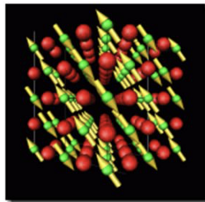
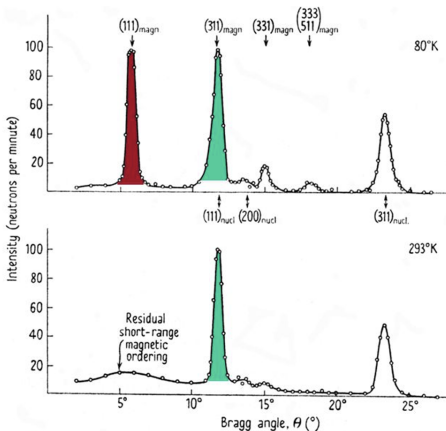
Data collection rate:
3/5 minutes per pattern



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Neutrons and magnetism

Neutron has a magnetic moment



The Nobel Prize in
Physics 1994

In 1949 Shull showed the magnetic structure of the MnO crystal, which led to the discovery of antiferromagnetism (where the magnetic moments of some atoms point up and some point down).

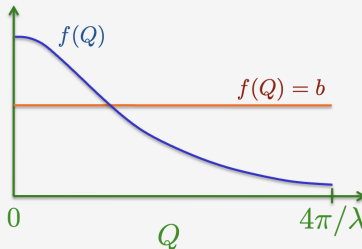
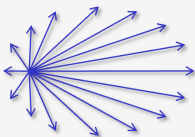
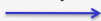
Weighting Factors

Short parenthesis on form factors

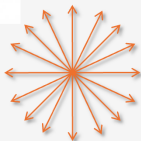


$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right) = \frac{k'}{k} \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \sum_{jj'} f_j(\vec{Q}) f_{j'}(\vec{Q}) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \langle e^{-i\vec{Q}\cdot\vec{r}_{j'}(0)} e^{i\vec{Q}\cdot\vec{r}_j(t)} \rangle e^{-i\omega t} dt$$

X-rays



neutrons



Bragg law $Q = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin\left(\frac{2\theta}{2}\right)$

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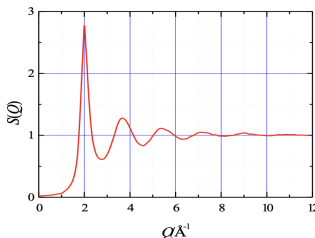
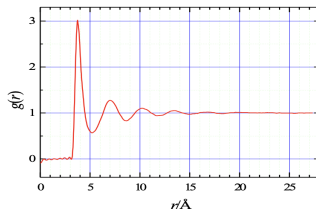
Isotropic approximation

In the case of disordered systems



$$Q F(Q) = \int_0^{\infty} G(r) \sin(Qr) dr$$

$$G(r) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} Q F(Q) \sin(Qr) dQ$$



$$S(Q) - 1 = \frac{4\pi\rho}{Q} \int_0^{\infty} r [g(r) - 1] \sin(Qr) dr$$

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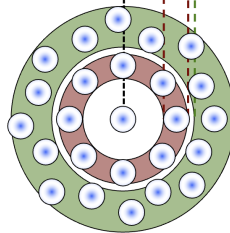
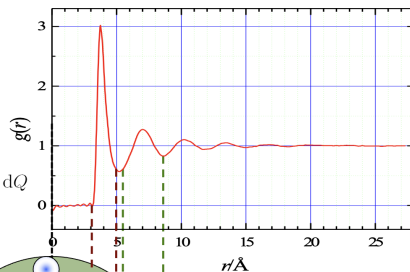
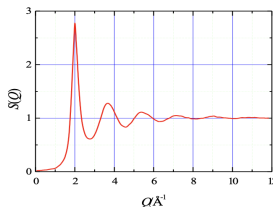
Pair distribution function

Coordination shells



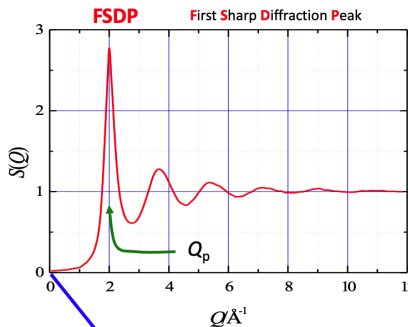
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2D analogy

First sharp diffraction peak



$$S(0) = \rho \chi_T k_B T$$

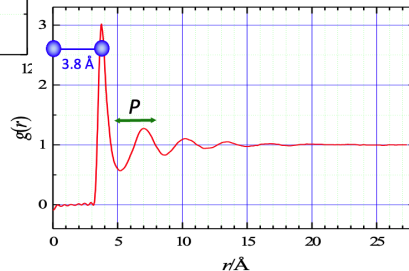
Limiting values \rightarrow Normalisation

Liquid Ar @ 85K

J.L. Yarnell *et al.* (1973) PRA 7, 2130

$$S(\infty) = 1$$

Fourier Transformation



Static structure factor: Ideal case

Approximations

- ① Monochromatic $\lambda' = \lambda$
- ② Elastic scattering
- ③ Single scattering (CW) $Q = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin \theta$
- ④ No attenuation
- ⑤ No background (TOF) $Q = \frac{2mL}{ht} \sin \theta$
- ⑥ Monoatomic



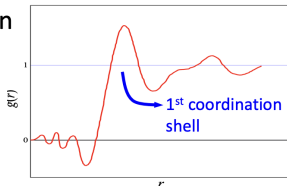
$$I_{2\theta,\lambda}(Q) = C \Phi_0(\lambda) \frac{N}{4\pi} \epsilon(\lambda) (\sigma_{\text{coh}} S(Q) + \sigma_{\text{inc}})$$

$$S(Q) = \frac{I_{2\theta,\lambda}(Q)/\sigma_{\text{coh}}}{C \Phi_0(\lambda) \epsilon(\lambda)} \frac{4\pi}{N} - \frac{\sigma_{\text{inc}}}{\sigma_{\text{coh}}}$$

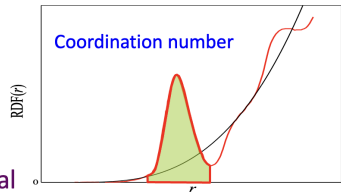
Real space correlation functions



Pair distribution function $g(r)$



Radial distribution function RDF(r)

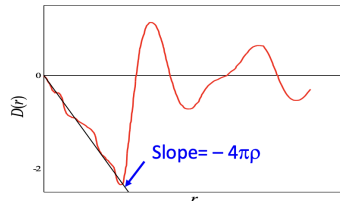


$$\text{RDF}(r) = 4\pi r^2 \rho g(r)$$

$$T(r) = \text{RDF}(r)/r = 4\pi r \rho g(r) = 4\pi r \rho + G(r)$$

Pair correlation function $G(r)$ or density function $D(r)$

$$G(r) = D(r) = 4\pi r \rho [g(r) - 1]$$



Remember!

$$g(r) - 1 \propto \text{FT} \{S(Q) - 1\} / \rho$$

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Multiatomic systems: Isotopic substitution

A system of linear equations



System of n
chemical species

$$\Rightarrow \bar{b}^2 \underbrace{[S(Q) - 1]}_{F(Q)} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sum_{\beta=1}^n c_{\alpha} c_{\beta} b_{\alpha} b_{\beta} [S_{\alpha\beta}(Q) - 1]$$

$n(n+1)/2$
independent
partial $S_{\alpha\beta}(Q)$

$$\bar{b}^2 = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sum_{\beta=1}^n c_{\alpha} c_{\beta} b_{\alpha} b_{\beta}$$

Change b_{α} by

- Isotopic substitution
- X-ray experiments
- Anomalous diffraction

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{exp}}(Q) = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{F}_{\text{p}}(Q)$$

NDIS: $|\mathbf{A}| < 0.1$

Binary system:

Two different species: x, y

Fixed composition: constant c_x, c_y

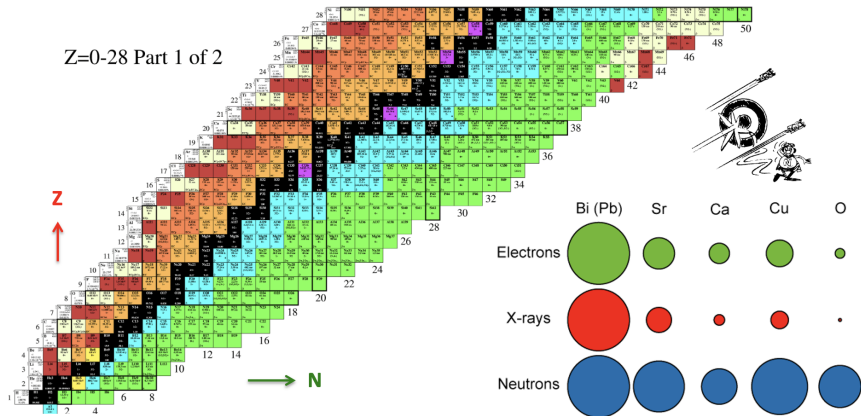
Isotopes with good contrast

$b_{\alpha i}$: scattering length of isotope i of species α

$$\bar{b}^2 \begin{pmatrix} F_{S1}(Q) \\ F_{S2}(Q) \\ F_{S3}(Q) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_x^2 b_{x1}^2 & c_y^2 b_{y1}^2 & 2c_x c_y b_{x1} b_{y1} \\ c_x^2 b_{x2}^2 & c_y^2 b_{y2}^2 & 2c_x c_y b_{x2} b_{y2} \\ c_x^2 b_{x3}^2 & c_y^2 b_{y3}^2 & 2c_x c_y b_{x3} b_{y3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_{XX}(Q) \\ F_{YY}(Q) \\ F_{XY}(Q) \end{pmatrix}$$

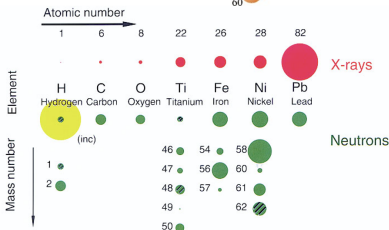
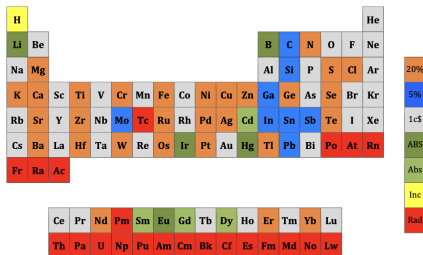
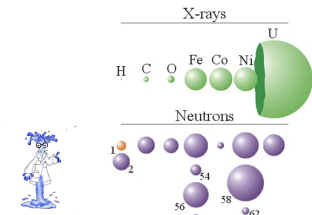
Chart of nuclides

Isotopes vary the cross sections for the same Z



Periodic table

Good candidates for isotopic substitution



Elements with isotopes with > 20 % scattering length contrast (orange), 5 - 20 % contrast (blue), mono-isotopic, lack of scattering length contrast or prohibitively expensive isotopes (grey), elements with high absorption coefficients where non-absorbing isotopes are available (green), elements with isotopes to overcome incoherent scattering effects (yellow) and radioactive elements (red).



Neutron Scattering Lengths and Cross Sections

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Example: A binary system

Fast ion conductor glasses



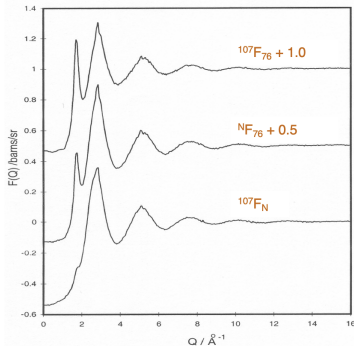
Silver chalcogenides Ag_2X + Network formers AsX or As_2X_3

$\text{X} = \text{S, Te or Se}$

Samples: $^{107}\text{Ag}_2\text{natSe}$, $^{109}\text{Ag}_2\text{natSe}$, $^{107}\text{Ag}_2\text{natSe}$

Isotope	b (fm)	σ_a (b)	σ_s (b)
^{107}Ag	5.922	24.6	4.99
^{109}Ag	7.64	14.6	7.44
^{76}Se	12.2	33.1	18.7
^{nat}Se	7.97	4.55	8.31

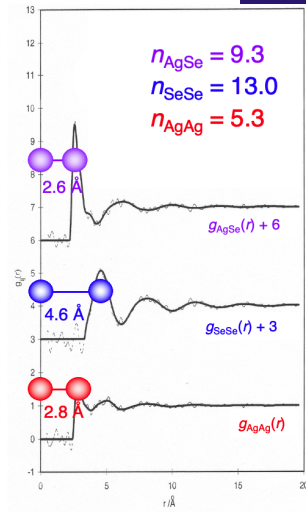
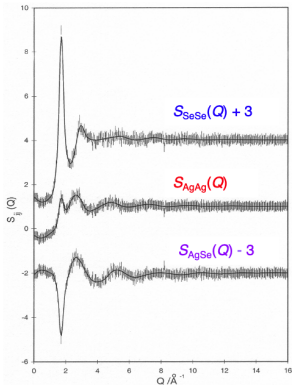
$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^{107}\text{nat} F_{S1}(Q) \\ {}^{109}\text{76} F_{S2}(Q) \\ {}^{\text{nat}}\text{76} F_{S3}(Q) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2594 & 0.0706 & 0.2706 \\ 0.0780 & 0.1654 & 0.2272 \\ 0.1559 & 0.1654 & 0.3211 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F_{\text{AgAg}}(Q) \\ F_{\text{SeSe}}(Q) \\ F_{\text{AgSe}}(Q) \end{bmatrix}$$



Partial structure factors

Inverse matrix

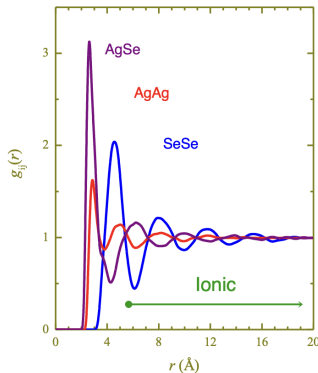
$$\begin{bmatrix} F_{\text{AgAg}}(Q) \\ F_{\text{SeSe}}(Q) \\ F_{\text{AgSe}}(Q) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 12.17 & 17.31 & -22.50 \\ 8.11 & 32.22 & -29.63 \\ -10.09 & -25.00 & 29.30 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} {}^{107}_{\text{nat}} F_{S1}(Q) \\ {}^{109}_{76} F_{S2}(Q) \\ {}^{76}_{\text{nat}} F_{S3}(Q) \end{bmatrix}$$



Two conduction regimes



The short range order reveals
two conduction regimes



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First difference method

A way to reduce the number of unknowns



$$\bar{b}^2 F(Q) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sum_{\beta=1}^n c_{\alpha} c_{\beta} b_{\alpha} b_{\beta} F_{\alpha\beta}(Q) \quad \text{Substitution} \text{ ----} \rightarrow \gamma: \gamma_1, \gamma_2$$

Important! We change scattering lengths but not composition

$$\bar{b}^2 F_{\gamma_1}(Q) = c_{\gamma}^2 b_{\gamma_1}^2 F_{\gamma\gamma}(Q) + c_{\gamma} b_{\gamma_1} \sum_{\alpha \neq \gamma} c_{\alpha} b_{\alpha} F_{\alpha\gamma}(Q) + \sum_{\alpha, \beta \neq \gamma} c_{\alpha} c_{\beta} b_{\alpha} b_{\beta} F_{\alpha\beta}(Q)$$

$$\bar{b}^2 F_{\gamma_2}(Q) = c_{\gamma}^2 b_{\gamma_2}^2 F_{\gamma\gamma}(Q) + c_{\gamma} b_{\gamma_2} \sum_{\alpha \neq \gamma} c_{\alpha} b_{\alpha} F_{\alpha\gamma}(Q) + \sum_{\alpha, \beta \neq \gamma} c_{\alpha} c_{\beta} b_{\alpha} b_{\beta} F_{\alpha\beta}(Q)$$

Correlation
function of
atom γ with
all other
components

$$\bar{b}^2 \Delta F_{\gamma}(Q) = c_{\gamma}^2 (b_{\gamma_1}^2 - b_{\gamma_2}^2) F_{\gamma\gamma}(Q) + c_{\gamma} (b_{\gamma_1} - b_{\gamma_2}) \sum_{\alpha \neq \gamma} c_{\alpha} b_{\alpha} F_{\alpha\gamma}(Q)$$

$$\frac{\bar{b}^2 \Delta F_{\gamma}(Q)}{c_{\gamma}^2 (b_{\gamma_1}^2 - b_{\gamma_2}^2)} = F_{\gamma\gamma}(Q) + \frac{\sum_{\alpha \neq \gamma} c_{\alpha} b_{\alpha} F_{\alpha\gamma}(Q)}{c_{\gamma} (b_{\gamma_1} + b_{\gamma_2})} \rightarrow \text{small}$$

Example: A ternary system

Lithium Ammonia mixtures



Li in ND₃

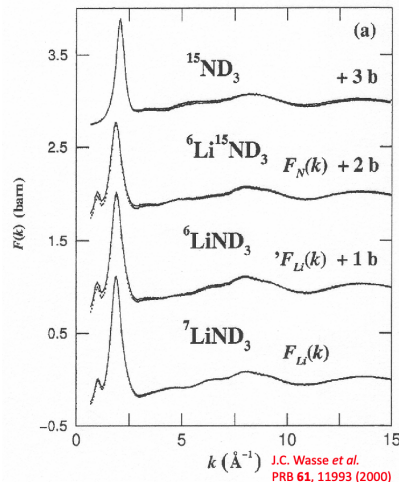
Metal-nonmetal transition at 7 MPM
 Class A metals
 Conductivity 15000 Ω⁻¹ cm⁻¹ mol⁻¹

3 species ⇒ 6 different experiments!

First difference method

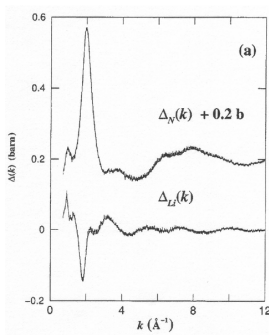
Samples:

- ⁶Li in natND₃
- ⁷Li in natND₃
- ⁶Li in ¹⁵ND₃
- ¹⁵ND₃

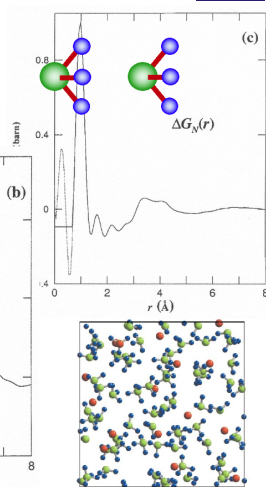
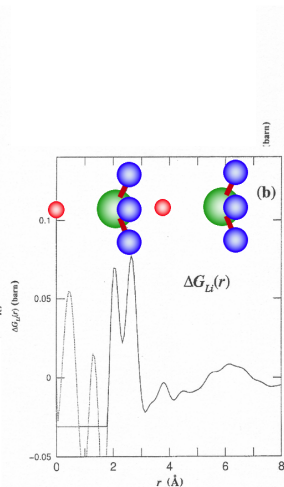


Real space correlations

Ammonia molecules are easily identified



J.C. Wasse *et al.*
PRB **61**, 11993 (2000)



Second difference method

At least one partial correlation is determined



New substitution $\delta: \delta_1, \delta_2$

$$\bar{b}^2 \Delta F_{\gamma\delta_1}(Q) = c_\gamma^2 (b_{\gamma_1}^2 - b_{\gamma_2}^2) F_{\gamma\gamma}(Q) + c_\gamma c_\delta (b_{\gamma_1} - b_{\gamma_2}) b_{\delta_1} F_{\gamma\delta}(Q) + c_\gamma (b_{\gamma_1} - b_{\gamma_2}) \sum_{\substack{\alpha \neq \gamma, \delta \\ \alpha}}^n c_\alpha b_\alpha F_{\alpha\gamma}(Q)$$

$$\bar{b}^2 \Delta F_{\gamma\delta_2}(Q) = c_\gamma^2 (b_{\gamma_1}^2 - b_{\gamma_2}^2) F_{\gamma\gamma}(Q) + c_\gamma c_\delta (b_{\gamma_1} - b_{\gamma_2}) b_{\delta_2} F_{\gamma\delta}(Q) + c_\gamma (b_{\gamma_1} - b_{\gamma_2}) \sum_{\alpha \neq \gamma, \delta}^n c_\alpha b_\alpha F_{\alpha\gamma}(Q)$$

$$\bar{b}^2 \Delta^2 F_{\gamma\delta}(Q) = c_\gamma c_\delta (b_{\gamma_1} - b_{\gamma_2}) (b_{\delta_1} - b_{\delta_2}) F_{\gamma\delta}(Q)$$

$$F_{\gamma\delta}(Q) = \frac{\bar{b}^2 \Delta^2 F_{\gamma\delta}(Q)}{c_\gamma c_\delta (b_{\gamma_1} - b_{\gamma_2}) (b_{\delta_1} - b_{\delta_2})}$$

Partial structure factor
for pairs γ and δ

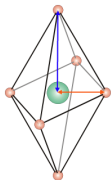
Example: A complex system

Cu(II) aqua ion



A. Pasquarello *et al.*
Science **291**, 856 (2001)

Model Octahedral complex $[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})]^{2+}$
Sixfold coordination



X-ray diffraction
EXAFS
XANES
NDIS } *A priori* assumptions
about structure
Overlap axial Cu-O
and Cu-H

Second difference method

$$\Delta F_H = c_{\text{Cu}}^2 (b_{65}^2 - b_{63}^2) F_{\text{CuCu}} + 2 c_{\text{Cu}} (b_{65} - b_{63}) \times (c_{\text{Cl}} b_{\text{Cl}} F_{\text{CuCl}} + c_{\text{O}} b_{\text{O}} F_{\text{CuO}} + c_{\text{H}} b_{\text{H}} F_{\text{CuH}})$$

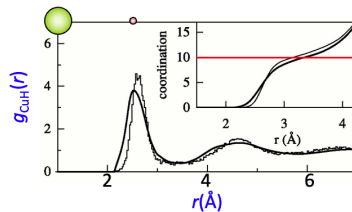
$$\Delta^2 F = 2 c_{\text{Cu}} c_{\text{H}} (b_{65} - b_{63}) (b_{\text{D}} - b_{\text{H}}) F_{\text{CuH}}$$

System:

$\text{Cu}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 + \text{HClO}_4$ in H_2O
→ 10 expts!

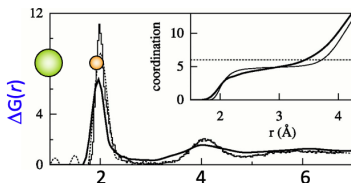
Samples:

- $^{65}\text{Cu}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 + \text{HClO}_4$ in H_2O
- $^{63}\text{Cu}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 + \text{HClO}_4$ in H_2O
- $^{65}\text{Cu}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 + \text{DClO}_4$ in D_2O
- $^{63}\text{Cu}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 + \text{DClO}_4$ in D_2O



Local environment of Cu(II)

Cu-O correlation



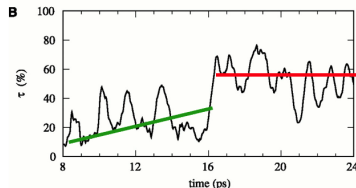
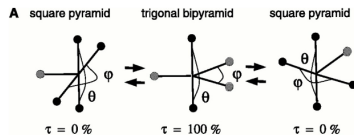
First-principles Molecular
Dynamics Simulation

$$\tau = (\theta - \varphi) / 60 \times 100\%$$

Cu(II) aqua ion is
five-fold coordinated

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$$\Delta F = F_{\text{CuO}} + 0.044 F_{\text{CuCu}} + 0.102 F_{\text{CuCl}}$$



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Experiments

Two techniques for Neutron Total Scattering



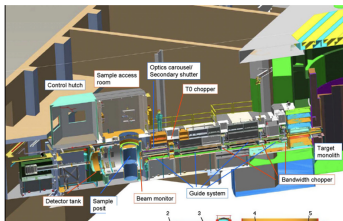
Reactor → 2-axis

→ Scattering angle

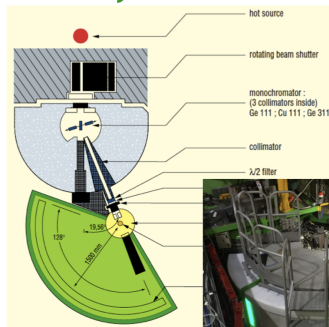
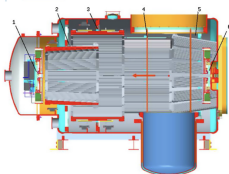
Accelerator → TOF

→ Time-of-flight

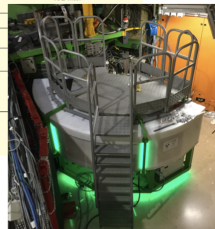
Elastic scattering → Q



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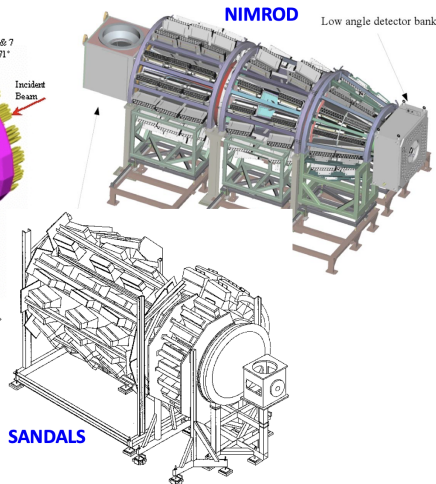
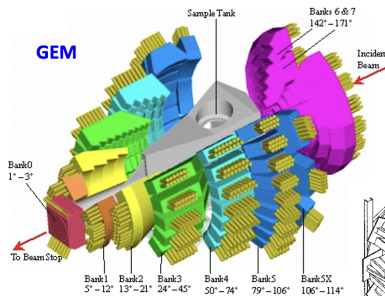


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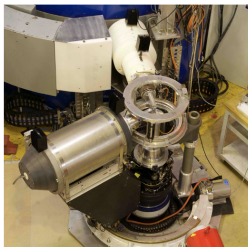
Instruments @ ISIS (UK)

Time-of-Flight instruments

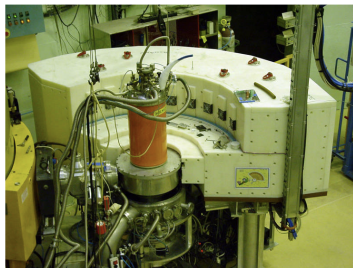


Instruments @ ILL (France)

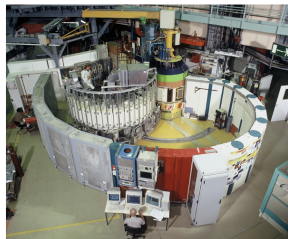
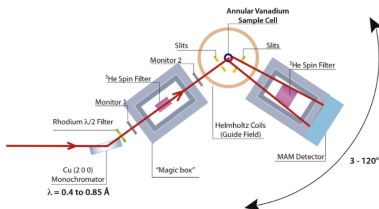
2-axis instruments



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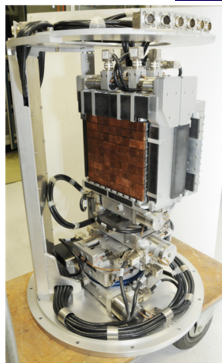
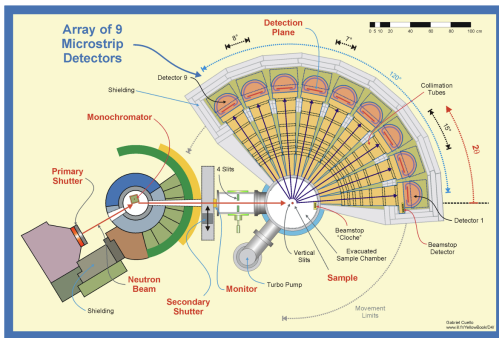


D4



D20

D4: A dedicated diffractometer at ILL



Face	d-spacing (Å)	λ (Å)	Flux (10^7 n cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$)	Filter
Si111	1.807	0.7	5.0	Ir
Cu220	1.278	0.5	4.5	Rh
Cu331	0.829	0.35	0.3	Non

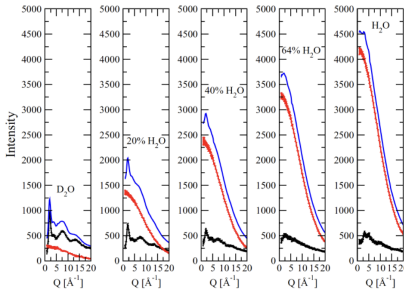
$$Q = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin\left(\frac{2\theta}{2}\right)$$

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The incoherence problem

Water as example



Neutron diffraction of hydrogenous materials: Measuring incoherent and coherent intensities separately

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Appendix



Neutron Scattering Lengths and Cross Sections

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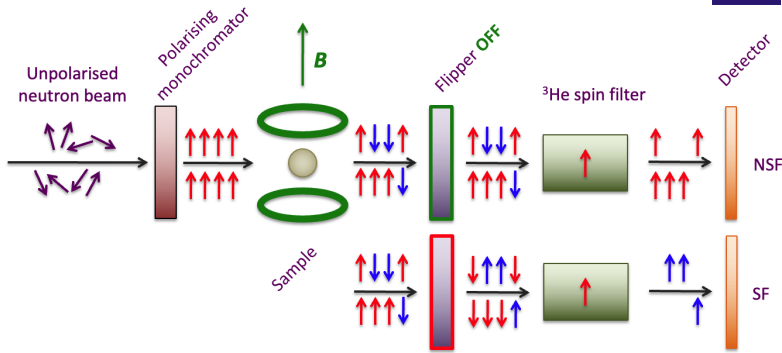
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Elements and Their Isotopes

Element	Z	A	$I(\pi)$	c_a	b	b^-	b_i	σ_c	σ_i	σ_s	σ_a
n	0	1	1/2(+)	-37.8(8)	0	-37.8 (8)	0 (4)	44.89 (4)	0	44.89	0
H	1			-3.7390 (11)				1.7568 (10)	80.26(6)	82.02 (6)	0.3326 (7)
¹ H	1	1/2(+)	99.9885	-3.7423 (12)	10.817 (5)	-47.420 (14)	25.217(6)	1.7589 (11)	79.91(4)	81.67 (4)	0.3326 (7)
² H	2	1(+)	0.0115	6.674(6)	9.53 (3)	0.975 (60)	4.03(3)	5.597 (10)	2.04(3)	7.64(3)	0.000519 (7)
³ H	3	1/2(+)	12.32 y	4.792(27)	4.18 (15)	6.56(37)	-1.04(17)	2.89(3)	0.14(4)	3.03(5)	<6E-06

Polarisation analysis

Principle of functioning

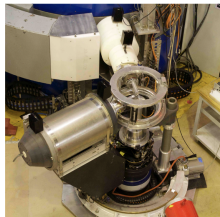


$$I_{\text{spin inc}}(Q) = \frac{3}{2} I^{\text{SF}}(Q)$$

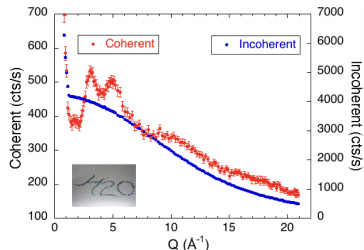
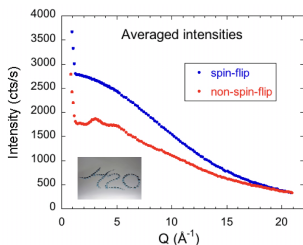
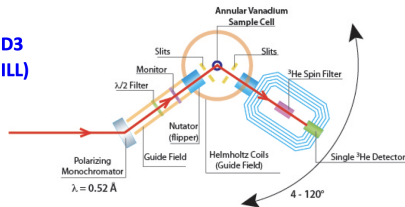
$$I_{\text{coh}}(Q) + I_{\text{isotope inc}}(Q) = I^{\text{NSF}}(Q) - \frac{1}{2} I^{\text{SF}}(Q)$$

Experiment on light water

Separation of coherent and incoherent signals



**D3
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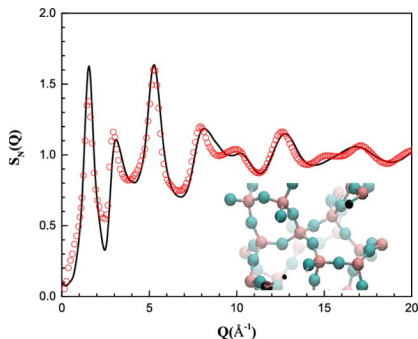
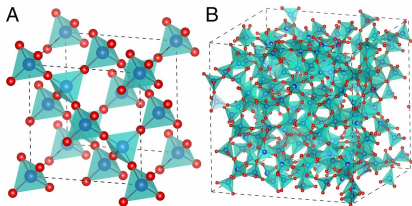
Beyond the experiments

Numerical simulations

RMC: Reverse Monte Carlo

EPSR: Empirical Potential Structure Refinement

MD: Molecular Dynamics



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