

Inelastic neutron scattering



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- A. Nuclear
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- B. Examples

Neutron interaction with matter

- **Properties of the neutron**

- Mass $m_n = 1.675 \times 10^{-27}$ kg
- Charge 0
- Spin-1/2, magnetic moment $\mu_n = -1.913 \mu_N$

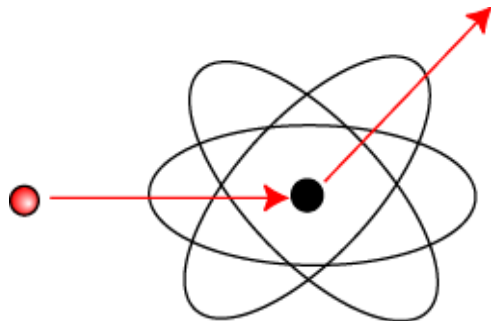
- **Neutrons interact with...**

- **Nucleus**

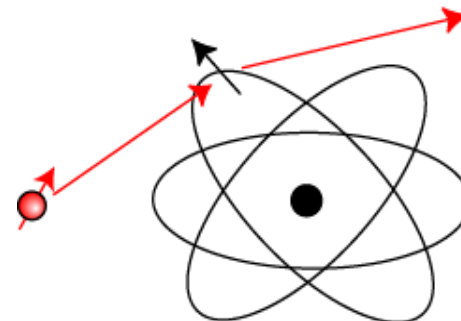
- Crystal structure/excitations (eg. phonons)

- **Unpaired e⁻ via dipole scattering**

- Magnetic structure/excitations (eg. spin waves)



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Wavelength-energy relations

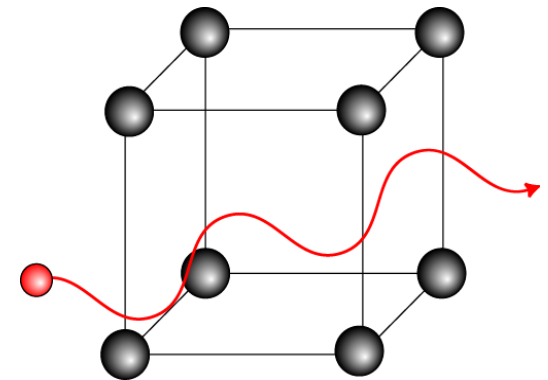
- **Neutron as a wave ...**

- Energy (E), velocity (v), wavenumber (k), wavelength (λ)

$$k = \frac{m_n v}{\hbar} = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m_n} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_n} \left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \right)^2 = \frac{81.81 \text{ meV} \cdot \text{\AA}^2}{\lambda^2}$$

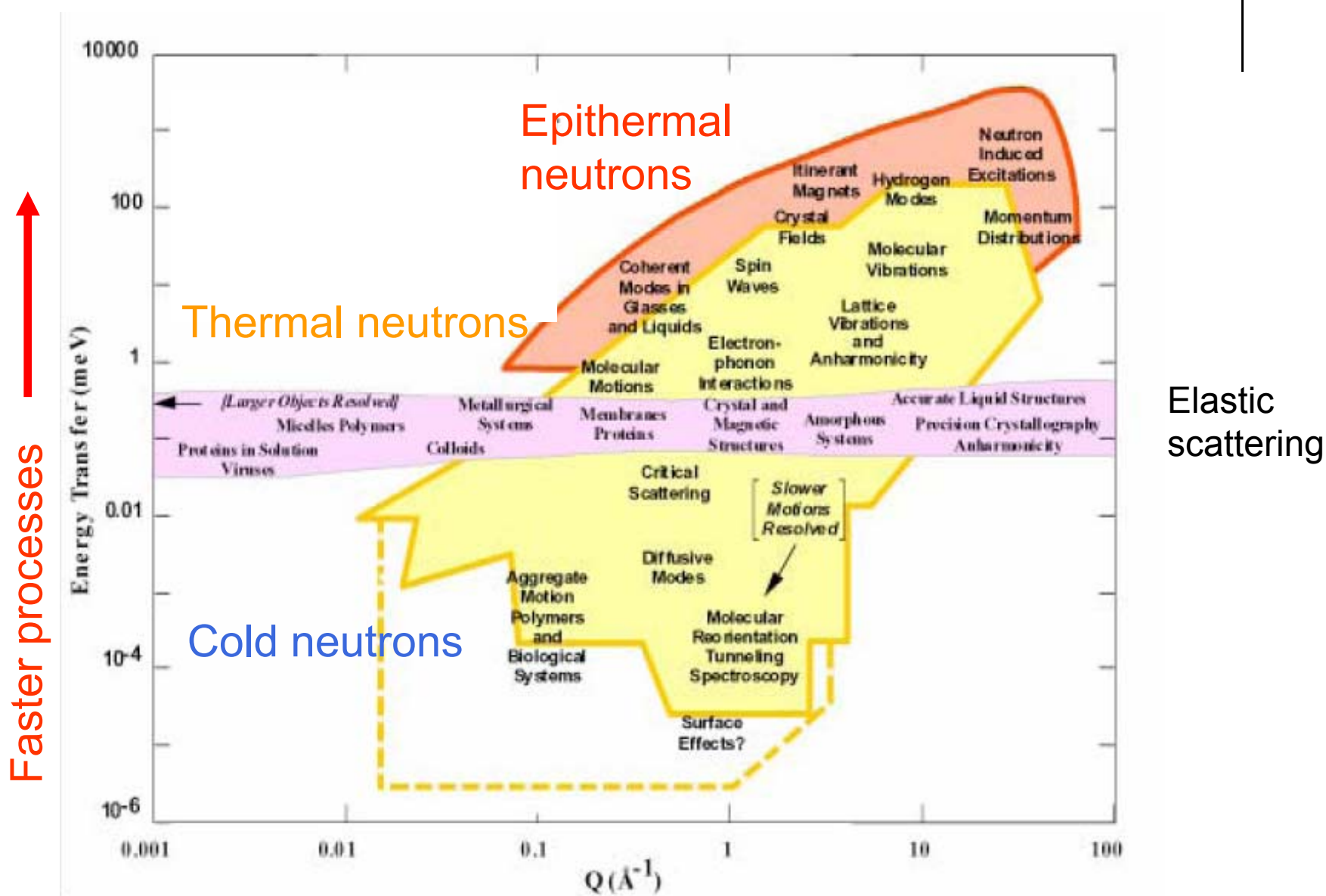
$$E = k_B T = (0.08617 \text{ meV} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}) T$$



$\lambda \sim$ interatomic spacing $\rightarrow E \sim$ excitations in condensed matter

	Energy (meV)	Temperature (K)	Wavelength (\AA)
Cold	0.1 – 10	1 – 120	4 – 30
Thermal	5 – 100	60 – 1000	1 – 4
Hot	100 – 500	1000 – 6000	0.4 – 1

Dynamical (time) scales



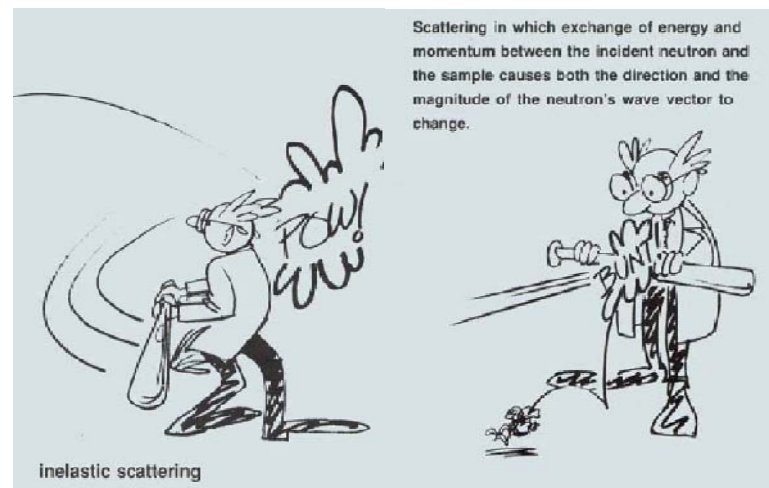
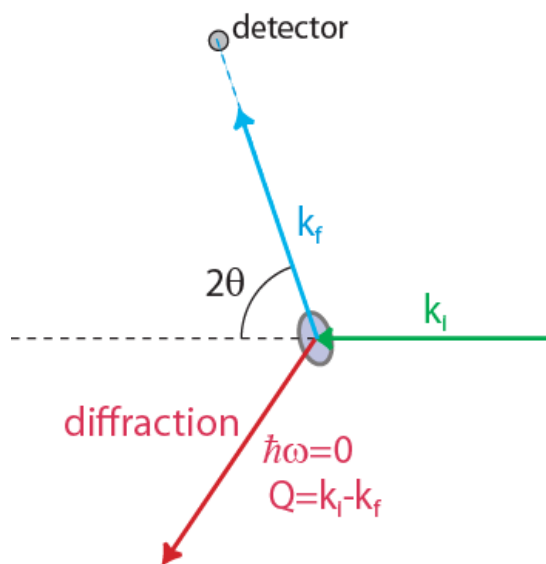
Inelastic scattering

- Scattering process that changes the energy of the neutron

- Conservation of energy and momentum

$$\hbar\omega = E_i - E_f \quad \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k}_f$$

- Scattering triangle



Elastic scattering

$$\hbar\omega = 0$$

$$|\mathbf{k}_i| = |\mathbf{k}_f|$$

$$Q = 2k_i \sin \theta$$

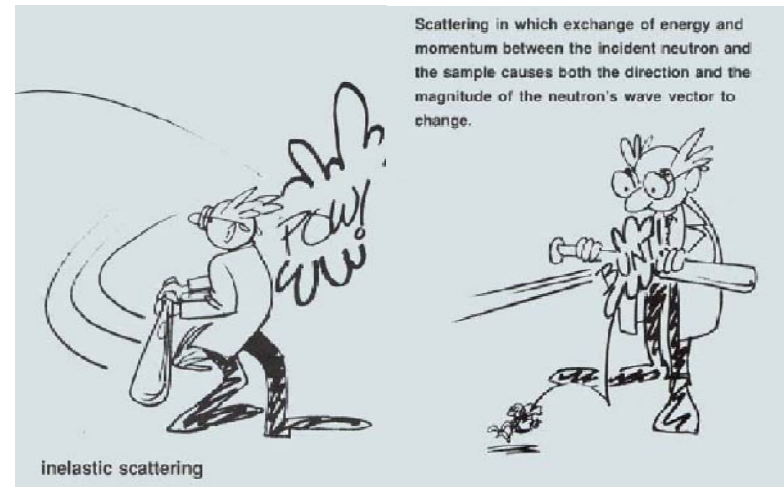
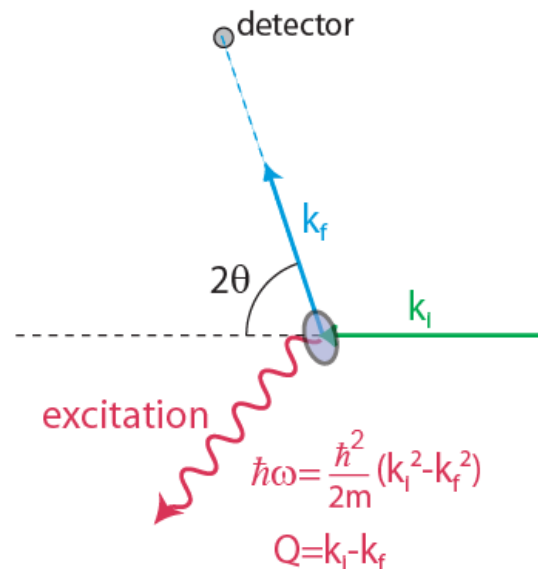
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Inelastic scattering

$$\hbar\omega > 0$$

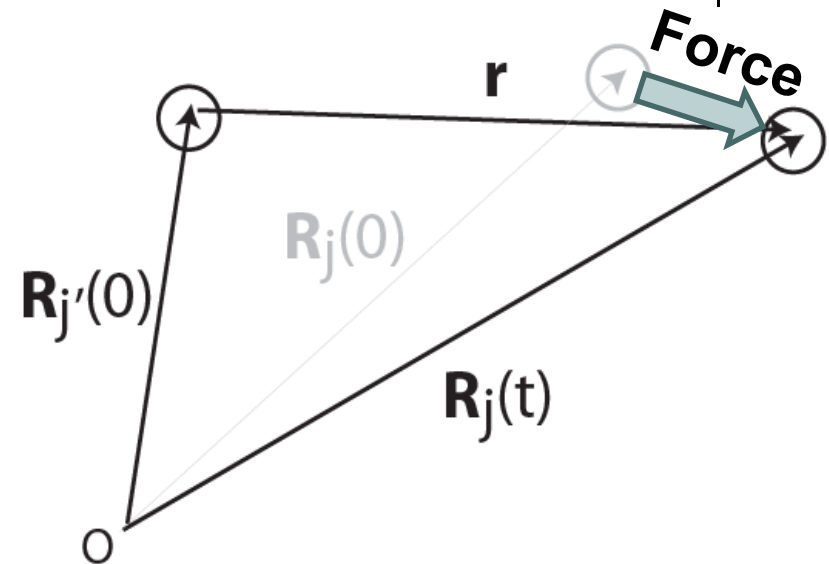
$$|\mathbf{k}_i| \neq |\mathbf{k}_f|$$

$$Q^2 = k_i^2 + k_f^2 - 2k_i k_f \cos 2\theta$$

Nuclear correlation functions

Pair correlation function

$$G(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{N} \int \sum_{jj'} \delta(\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{R}_{j'}(0)) \delta(\mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_j(t)) d\mathbf{r}'$$



Intermediate function

$$I(\mathbf{Q}, t) = \int G(\mathbf{r}, t) e^{i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{jj'} \exp(-i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{j'}(0)) \exp(i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{R}_j(t))$$

Scattering function

$$S(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int I(\mathbf{Q}, t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$$



Differential scattering cross-section

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE_f} = \frac{\sigma_{scat}}{4\pi} \frac{k_f}{k_i} NS(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)$$

Nuclear (lattice) excitations

Neutron scattering measures simultaneously the wavevector and energy of **collective excitations** → dispersion relation, $\omega(\mathbf{q})$
In addition, **local excitations** can of course be observed

- **Commonly studied excitations**

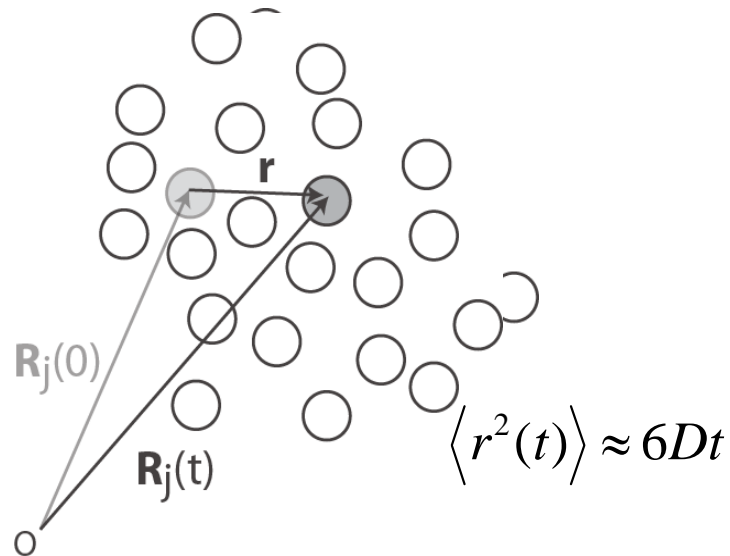
- Phonons
- Librations and vibrations in molecules
- Diffusion
- Collective modes in glasses and liquids

- **Excitations can tell us about**

- Interatomic potentials & bonding
- Phase transitions & critical phenomena (soft modes)
- Fluid dynamics
- Momentum distributions & superfluids (eg. He)
- Interactions (eg. electron-phonon coupling)

Atomic diffusion

For long times compared to the collision time, atom diffuses

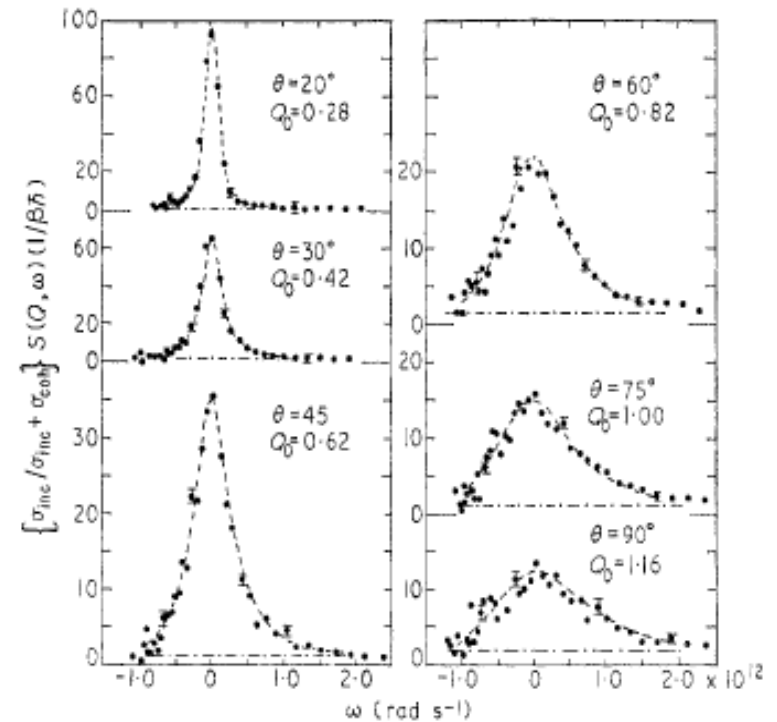


Auto-correlation function

$$G_s(r, t) = \left\{ 6\pi \langle r^2(t) \rangle \right\}^{-3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{6 \langle r^2(t) \rangle} \right)$$

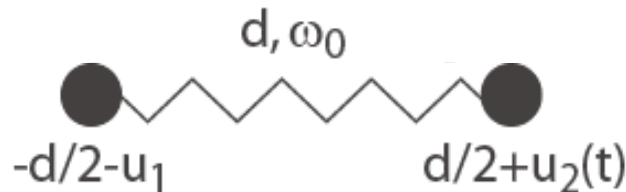
$$S(Q, \omega) = \frac{1}{\pi \hbar} \exp\left(\frac{\hbar \omega}{2k_B T} \right) \frac{DQ^2}{\omega^2 + (DQ^2)^2}$$

Liquid Na



Cocking, *J. Phys. C* 2, 2047 (1969)..

Diatomic molecule



$$R_1(0) = -\frac{d}{2} - u(0)$$

$$R_2(t) = \frac{d}{2} + u(t)$$

$$u(t) = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2M\omega_0}} \left[\hat{a} e^{-i\omega_0 t} + \hat{a}^{\dagger} e^{i\omega_0 t} \right]$$

$$S(Q, \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar N} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{-i\omega t} \sum_{jj'} \langle \exp(-iQR_j(0)) \exp(iQR_j(t)) \rangle$$

$$S(Q, \omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} e^{-Q^2 \langle u^2 \rangle} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt e^{-i\omega t} \left[e^{Q^2 \langle u(0)u(t) \rangle} + \cos(Qd) e^{-Q^2 \langle u(0)u(t) \rangle} \right]$$

SHO correlation functions

$$\langle u^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2M\omega_0} \coth(\hbar\omega_0\beta)$$

$$\langle u(0)u(t) \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2M\omega_0} \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega_0\beta} - 1} \right) e^{i\omega_0 t} + \frac{1}{e^{\hbar\omega_0\beta} - 1} e^{-i\omega_0 t} \right] = \frac{\hbar}{2M\omega_0} \frac{\cosh\omega_0(it + \hbar\beta/2)}{\sinh(\hbar\omega_0\beta/2)}$$

$$e^{y \cosh x} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} I_n(y) e^{nx} \quad y = \frac{\hbar Q^2}{2M\omega_0} \operatorname{csch}\left(\frac{1}{2}\hbar\omega_0\beta\right)$$

Diatomic molecule

$$S(Q, \omega) = \frac{1}{\hbar} e^{-Q^2 \langle u^2 \rangle} e^{\hbar \omega \beta / 2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} [1 + (-1)^n \cos(Qd)] I_n(y) \delta(\omega - n\omega_0)$$

Debye-Waller
Detailed balance
Structure factor
Form factor
Excitation energy

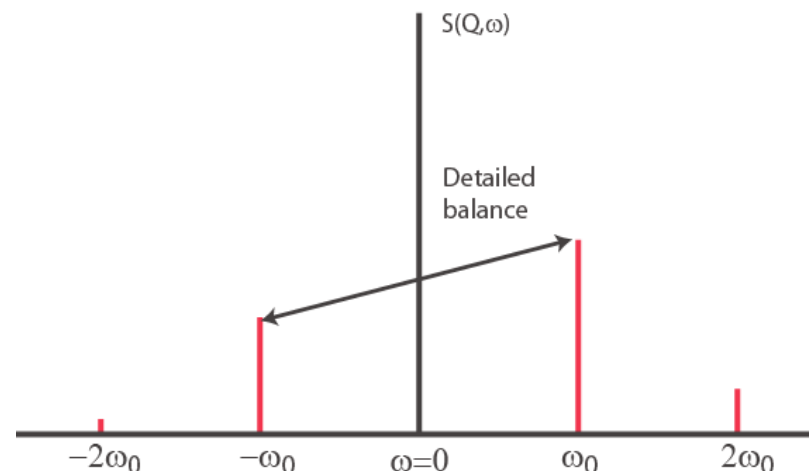
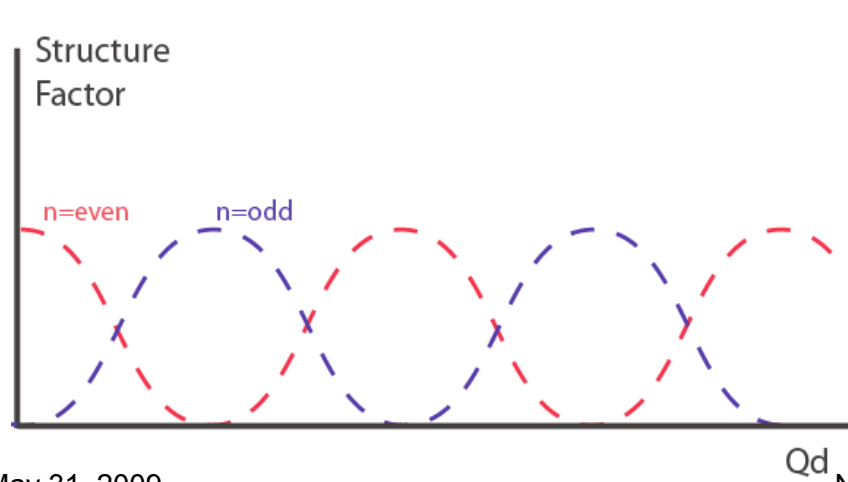
Small-amplitude approximation, y small

$$S(Q, \omega) \approx \frac{1}{\hbar} e^{-Q^2 \langle u^2 \rangle} \left\{ [1 + \cos(Qd)] \delta(\omega) + \frac{Q^2}{2M\omega_0} [1 - \cos(Qd)] \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} + n(\omega_0) \right) \delta(\omega \mp \omega_0) \right] + \dots \right\}$$

Elastic scattering

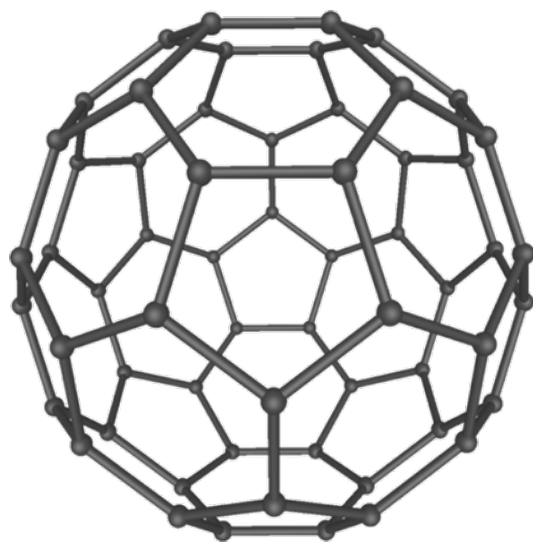
One quantum

Multi-quanta

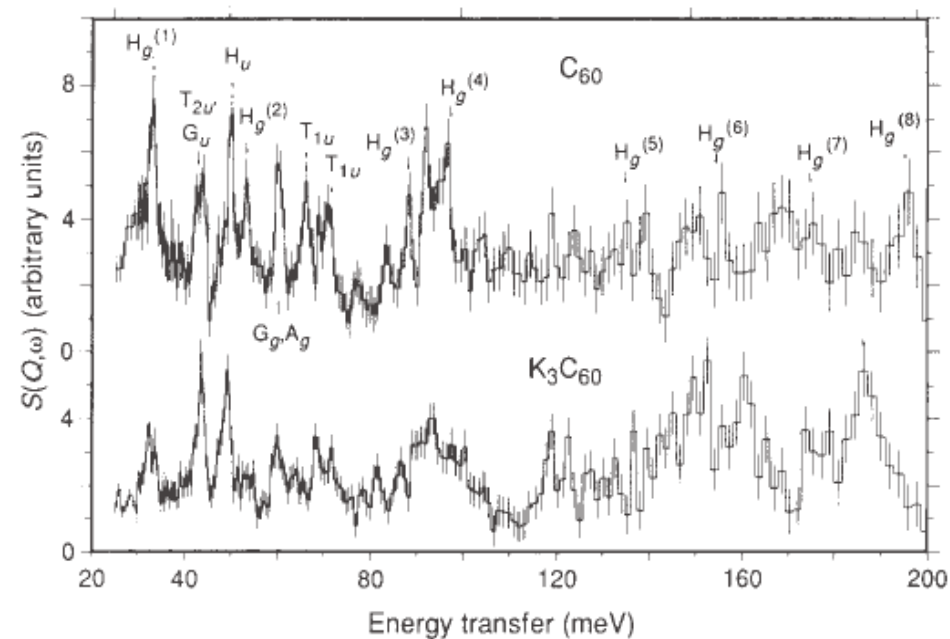


Molecular vibrations

- Large molecule, many normal modes
- Harmonic vibrations can determine interatomic potentials



C60 molecule



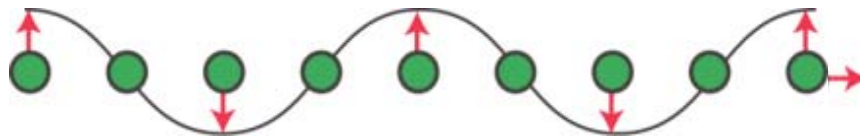
Prassides *et al.*, *Nature* **354**, 462 (1991).

Phonons

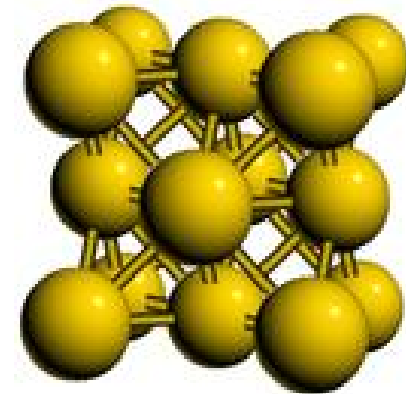
- Normal modes in periodic crystal \rightarrow wavevector

$$\mathbf{u}(l,t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{NM}} \sum_{jq} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_j(\mathbf{q}) \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{l}) \hat{B}(\mathbf{q}j,t)$$

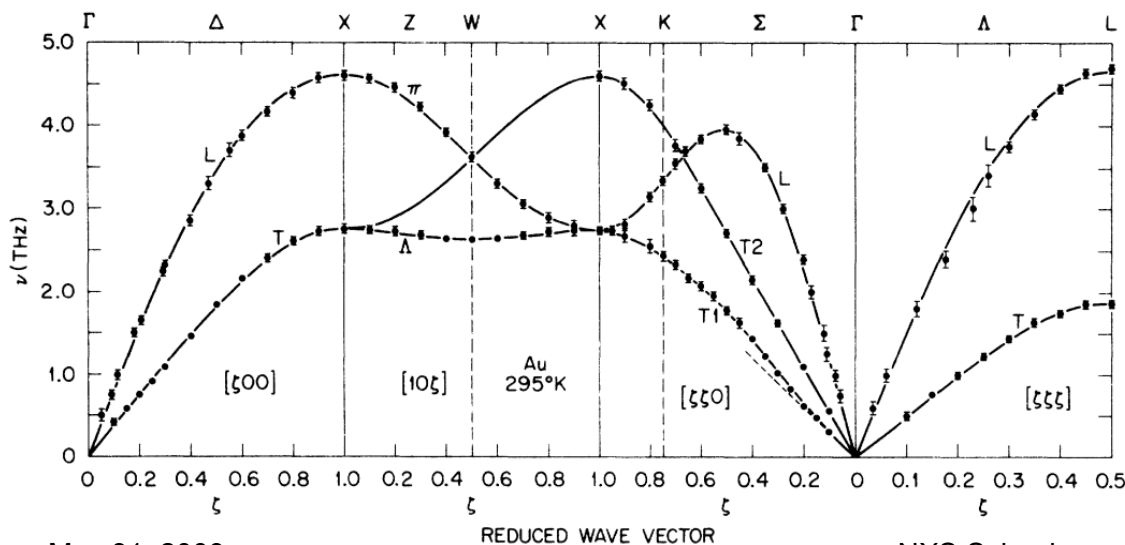
- Energy of phonon depends on \mathbf{q} and polarization



Longitudinal mode



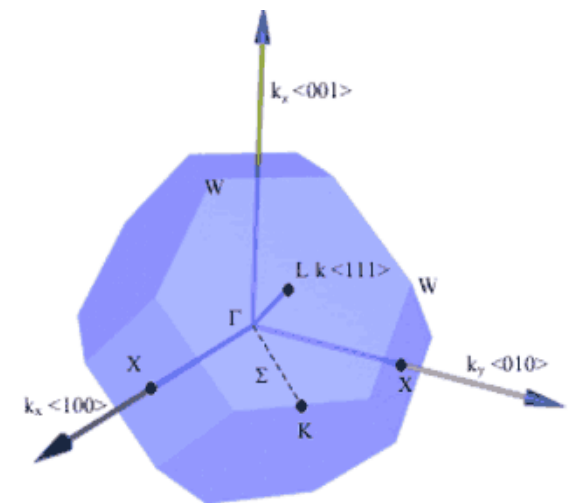
FCC structure



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Lynn, et al., *Phys. Rev. B* **8**, 3493 (1973).

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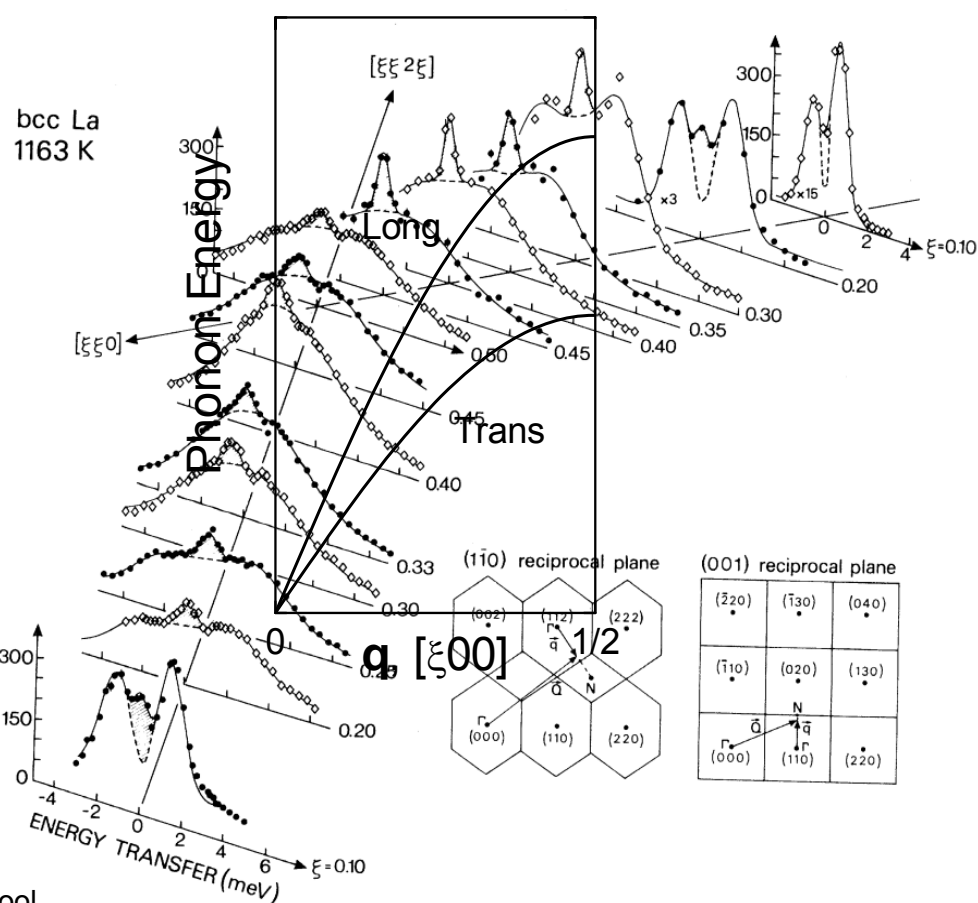
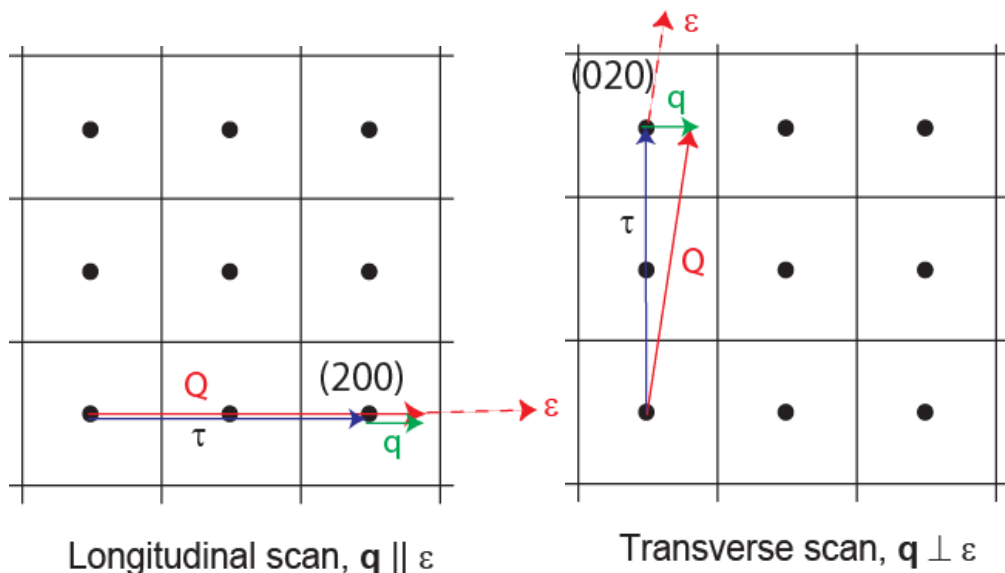


FCC Brillouin zone

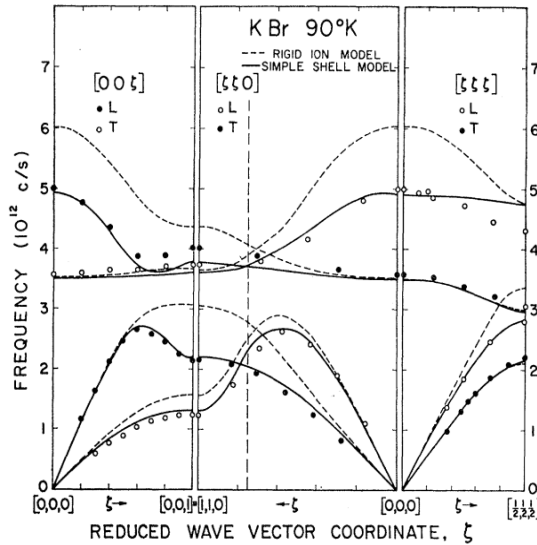
Phonon intensities

Structure (polarization) factor

$$S_{1+}(\mathbf{Q}, \omega) = \frac{1}{2NM} e^{-Q^2 \langle u^2 \rangle} \sum_{j\mathbf{q}} \frac{|\mathbf{Q} \cdot \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_j(\mathbf{q})|^2}{\omega_j(\mathbf{q})} (1 + n(\omega)) \delta(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{q} - \boldsymbol{\tau}) \delta(\omega - \omega_j(\mathbf{q}))$$



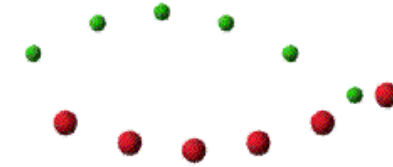
More complicated structures



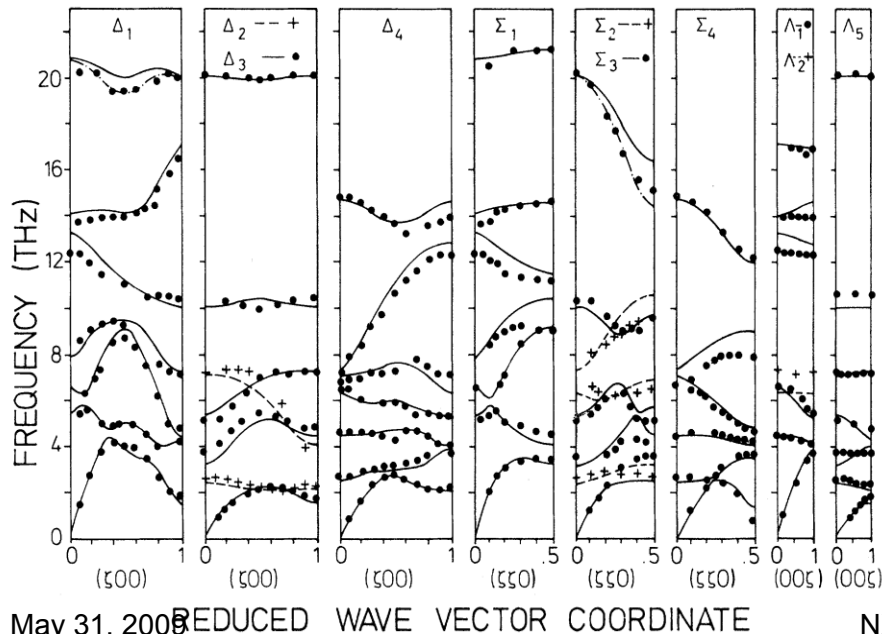
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Acoustic phonon



Optical phonon

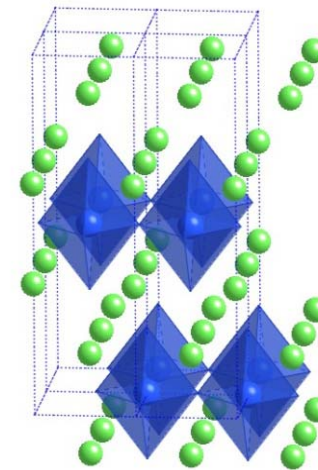


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REDUCED WAVE VECTOR COORDINATE

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Chaplot, *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. B* **52**, 7230(1995).



La2CuO4

Spin correlation functions



$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE_f} = \underbrace{\frac{k_f}{k_i} \left[\frac{1}{2} \gamma_0 g F(Q) \right]^2}_{\text{Scattering cross-section}} \underbrace{\sum_{\alpha\beta} (\delta_{\alpha\beta} - \hat{Q}_\alpha \hat{Q}_\beta)}_{\text{Dipole interaction}} \sum_{jj'} e^{i\mathbf{Q} \cdot (\mathbf{R}_{j'} - \mathbf{R}_j)} \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int dt e^{-i\omega t} \underbrace{\langle S_j^\alpha(0) S_{j'}^\beta(t) \rangle}_{\text{Spin-spin correlation function}}$$

$$\left. \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE_f} \right|_{inel} = \frac{k_f}{k_i} \left[\frac{1}{2} \gamma_0 g F(Q) \right]^2 \sum_{\alpha\beta} (\delta_{\alpha\beta} - \hat{Q}_\alpha \hat{Q}_\beta) (1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/kT})^{-1} \frac{1}{\pi(g\mu_B)^2} \text{Im}\{\chi^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)\}$$

The cross-section is proportional to the magnetic susceptibility,
i.e. it is the response of the system to spatially & time varying magnetic field

Spin excitations

- **Spin excitations**
 - Spin waves in ordered magnets
 - Paramagnetic & quantum spin fluctuations
 - Crystal-field & spin-orbit excitations
- **Magnetic inelastic scattering can tell us about**
 - Exchange interactions
 - Single-ion and exchange anisotropy (determine Hamiltonian)
 - Phase transitions & critical phenomena
 - Quantum critical scaling of magnetic fluctuations
 - Other electronic energy scales (eg. CF & SO)
 - Interactions (eg. spin-phonon coupling)

Paramagnetic scattering

$$\langle S_j^\alpha S_{j'}^\beta \rangle = 0 \quad (j \neq j')$$

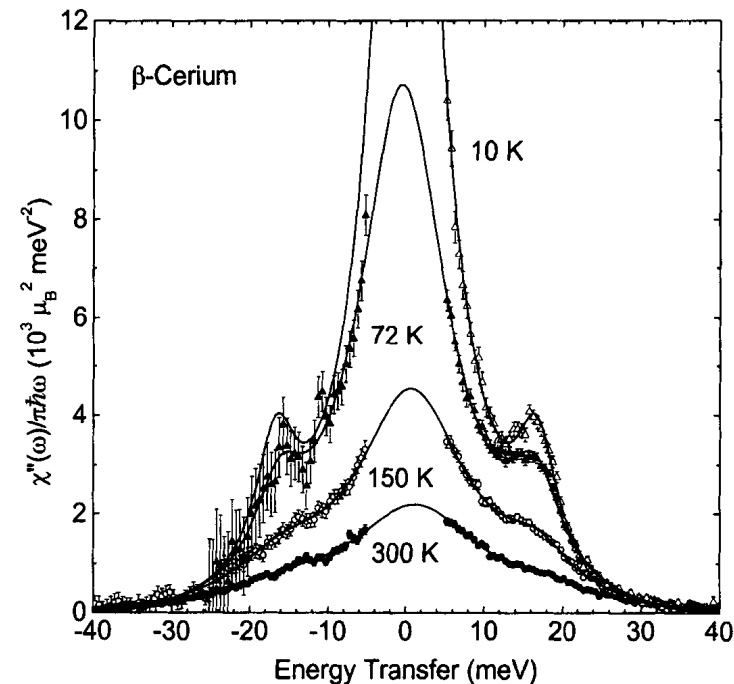
Single ion scattering

$$\langle S_j^z(0) S_j^z(t) \rangle = \langle (S_j^z)^2 \rangle e^{-\Gamma t} = \frac{1}{3} \langle (\mathbf{S}_j)^2 \rangle e^{-\Gamma t} = \frac{1}{3} S(S+1) e^{-\Gamma t}$$

$$\frac{\text{Im}\{\chi^{zz}(0, \omega)\}}{\pi \hbar \omega} = \frac{g^2 S(S+1) \mu_B^2}{3k_B T} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\Gamma}{\Gamma^2 + (\hbar \omega)^2}$$

- Inverse width, $1/\Gamma$, gives relaxation time
- Note crystal field excitation

$$\chi_0 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\text{Im}\{\chi^{zz}(0, \omega)\}}{\pi \hbar \omega} d\omega = \frac{g^2 S(S+1) \mu_B^2}{3k_B T}$$



McQueeney et al., *Phil. Mag. B* **81**, 675 (2001).

Spin waves

$$H = - \sum_{\langle i, j \rangle} J_{ij} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j$$

Heisenberg Hamiltonian

Linear spin wave theory

$$S^z \approx S \quad S_j^+(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} e^{i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{R}_j} S_{\mathbf{q}}^+(t)$$

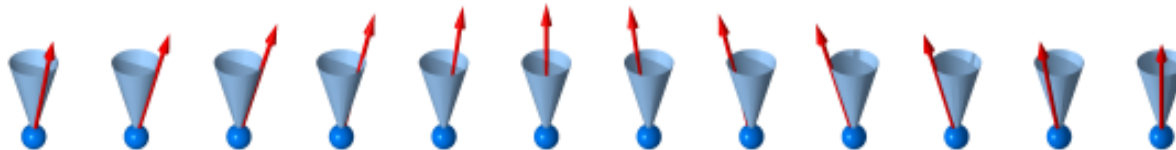
$$S^{\pm} = S^x \pm iS^y$$

$$\langle S_j^{\alpha}(0) S_{j'}^{\beta}(t) \rangle = \langle S_j^{-}(0) S_{j'}^{+}(t) \rangle$$

For a simple ferromagnet

$$\langle S_{\mathbf{q}}^{-}(0) S_{\mathbf{q}}^{+}(t) \rangle = \frac{S}{2N} \left(1 - e^{-\hbar\omega/kT} \right)^{-1} e^{i\omega(\mathbf{q})t}$$

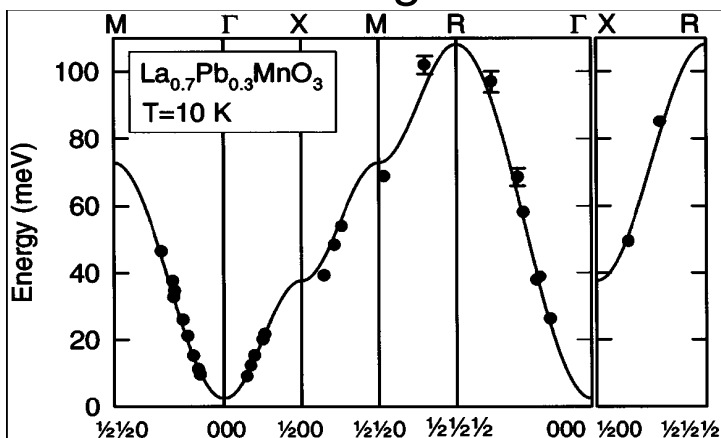
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Linear spin waves

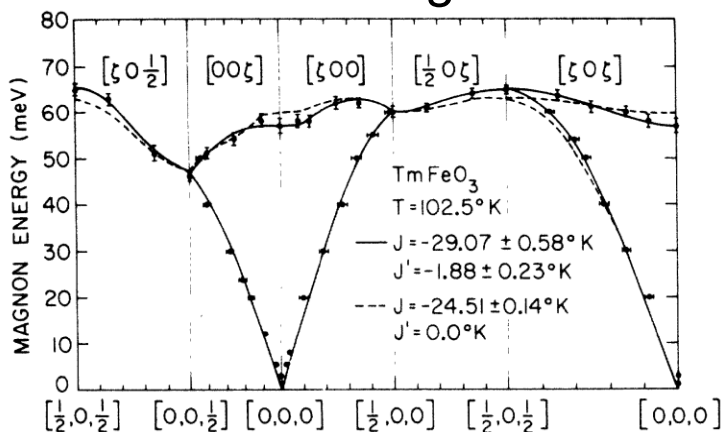
Spin waves

Ferromagnetic



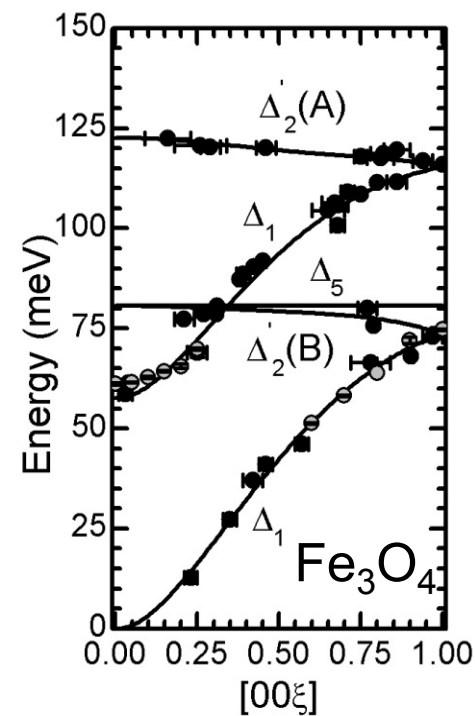
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Antiferromagnetic



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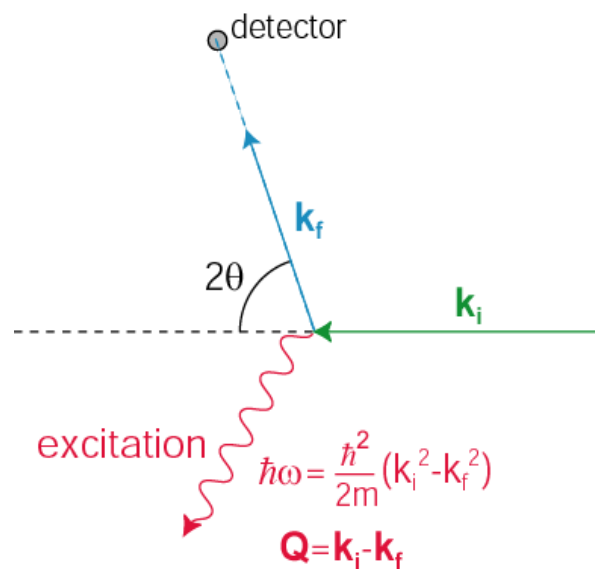
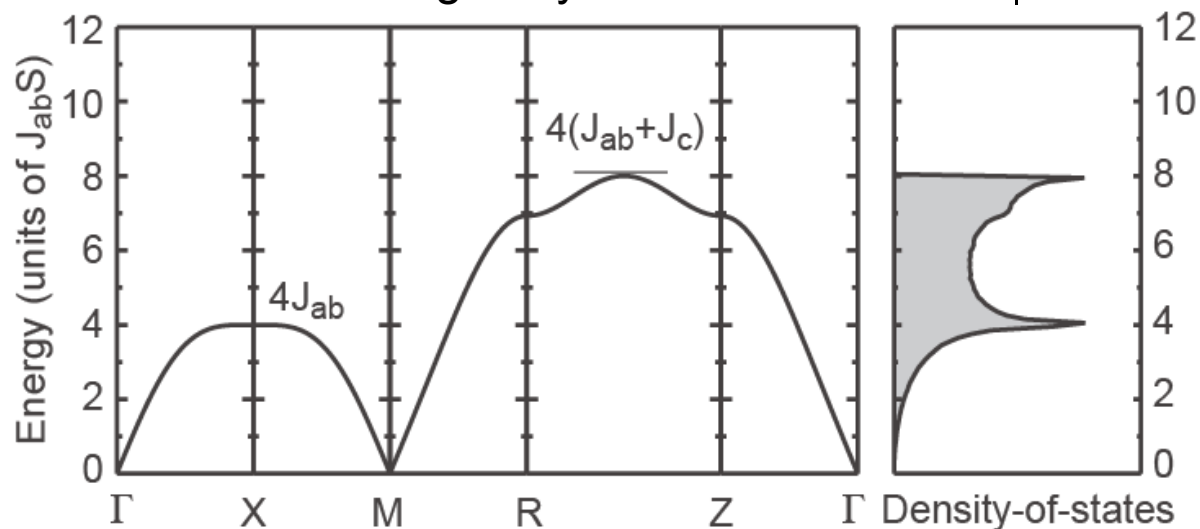
Ferrimagnetic



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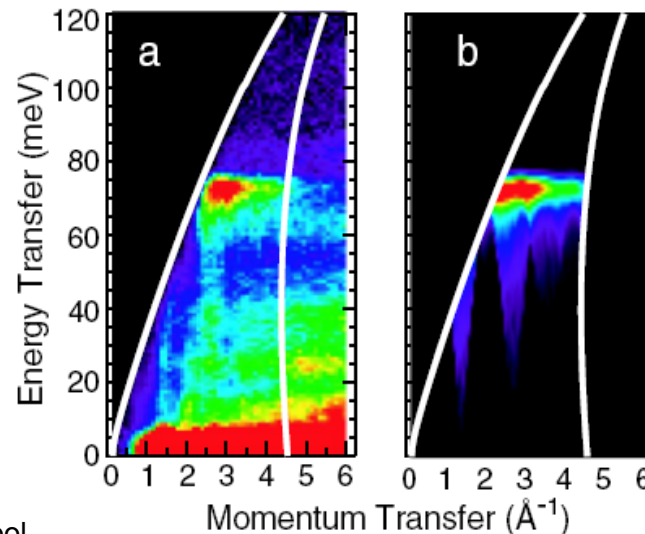
Scattering experiments

Single-crystal



Instrument and sample (powder or single-crystal) determine how (\mathbf{Q}, ω) space is sampled

Powder $S(|\mathbf{Q}|, \omega)$



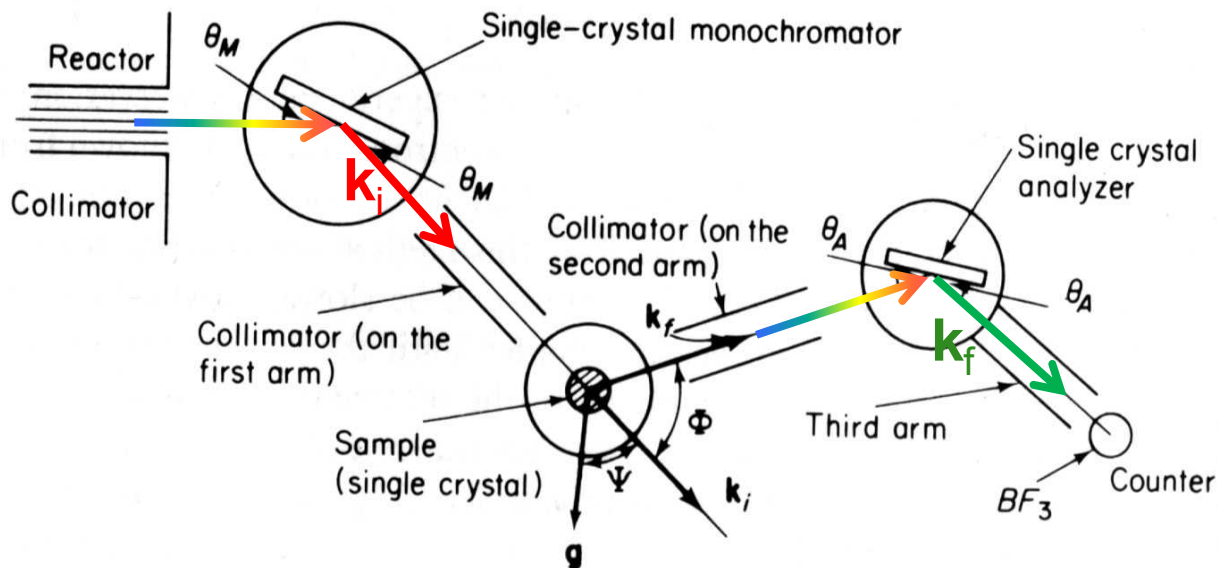
Triple-axis instruments



High flux isotope reactor - ORNL

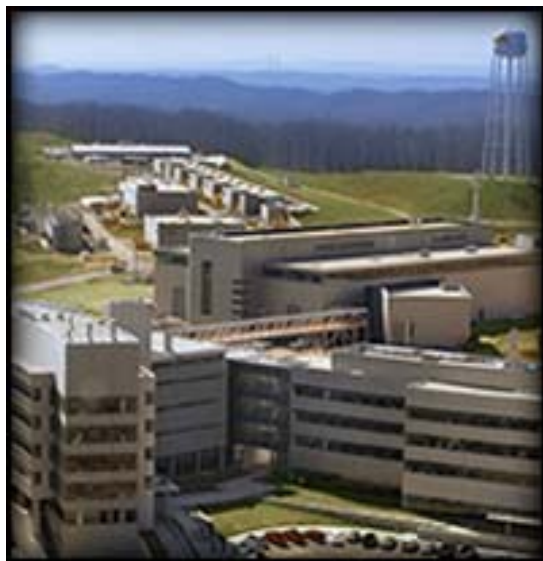


HB-1A 3-axis spectrometer

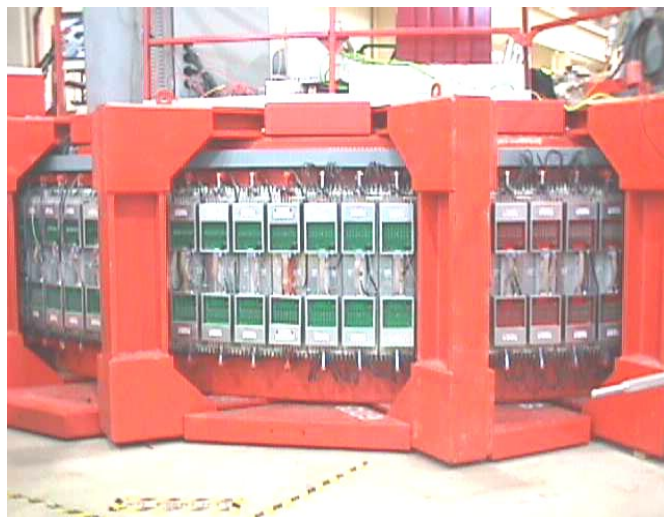


- Hardware flexibility
- Constant-Q (or E) scans
- Ideally suited for single-xtals

Time-of-flight methods

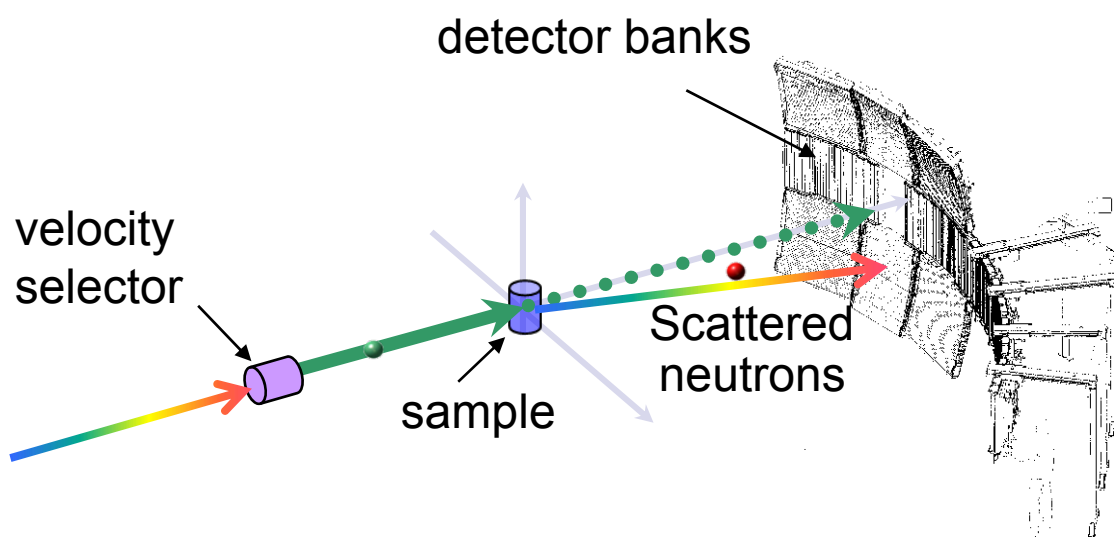


Spallation neutron source



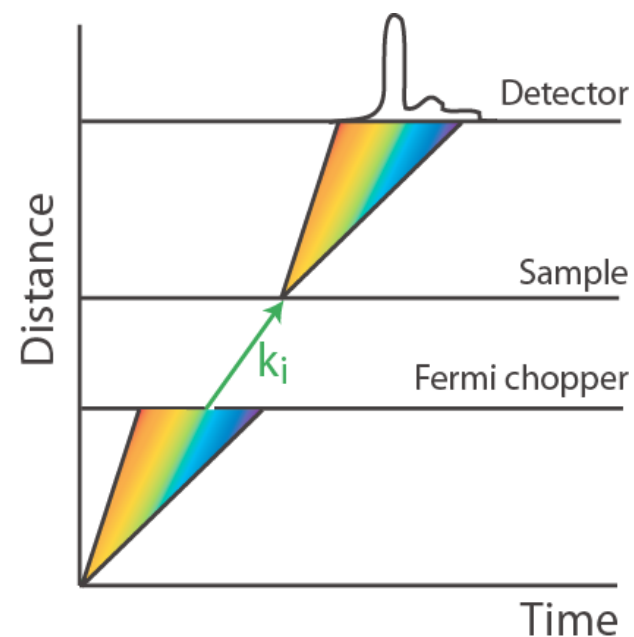
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- Hardware inflexible
- Effective for powders
- Complicated Q, E -scans a challenge for single-xtals



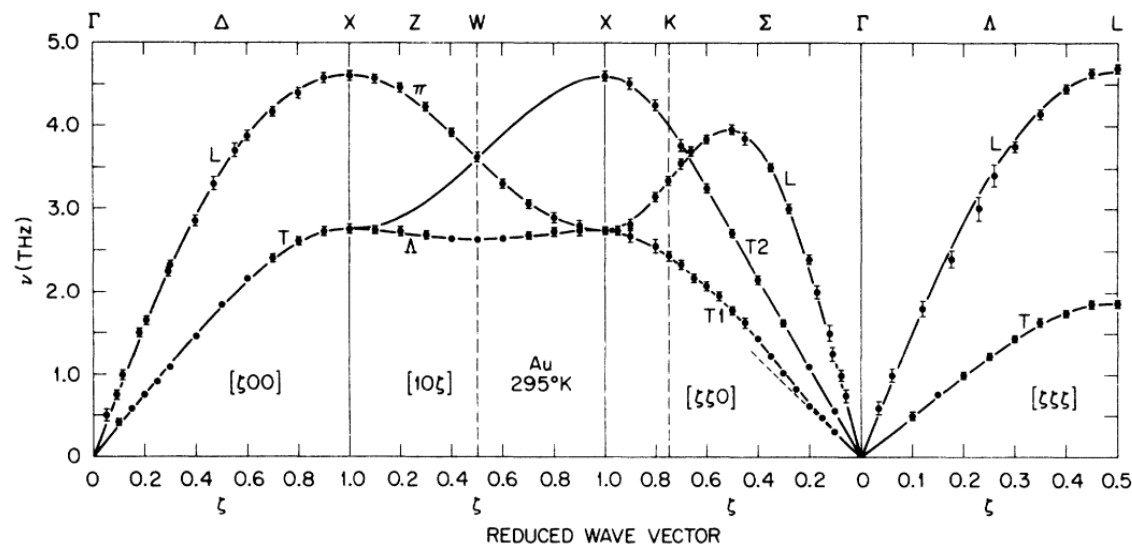
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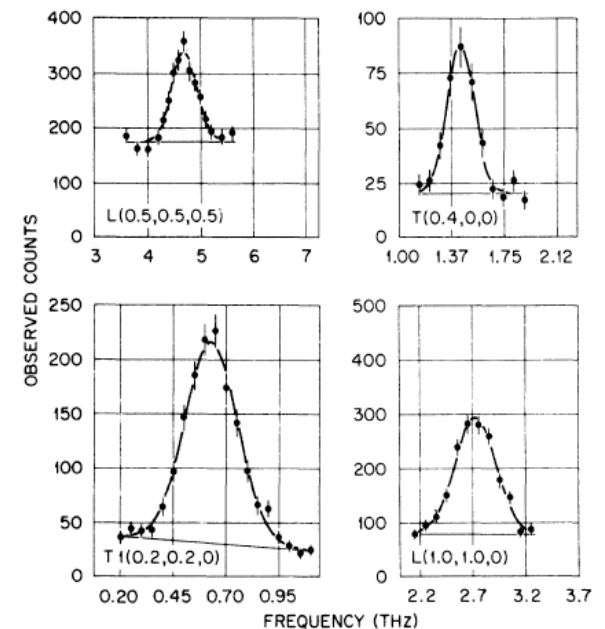


INS data

- Intensities as a function of Q and ω



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Reciprocal space

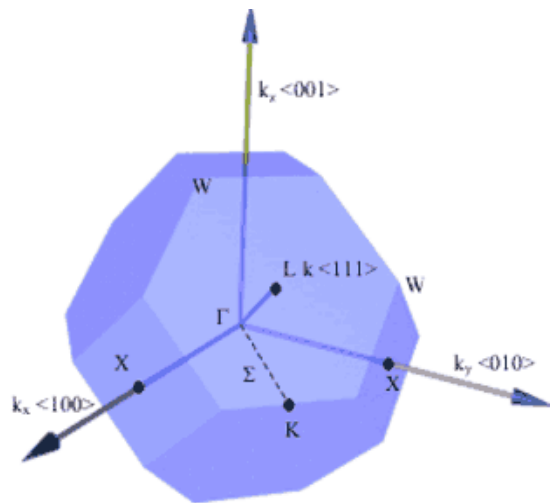
$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{k}_i - \mathbf{k}_f$$

$$\hbar\omega = E_i - E_f$$

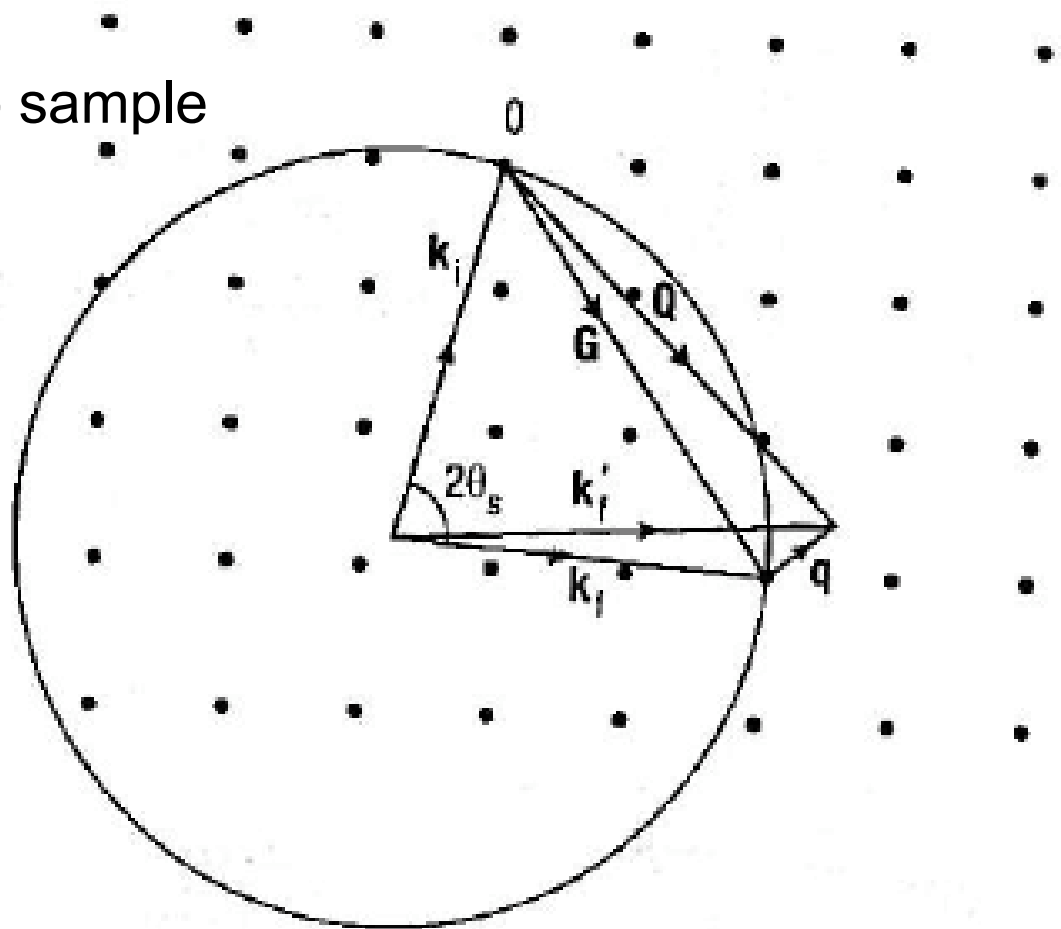
Momentum/energy transferred to sample

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{Q} - \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

Wavevector in 1st
Brillouin zone



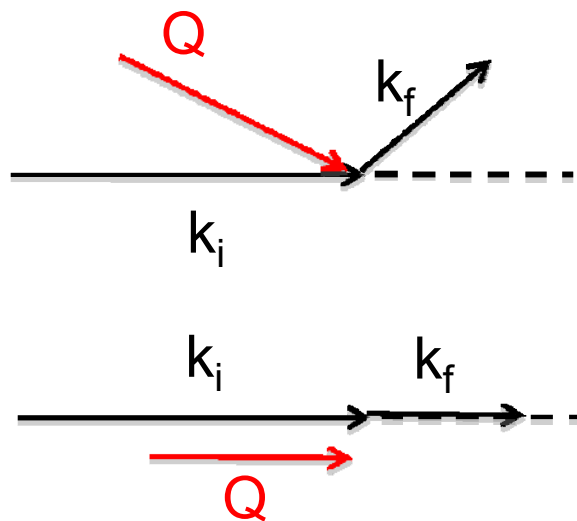
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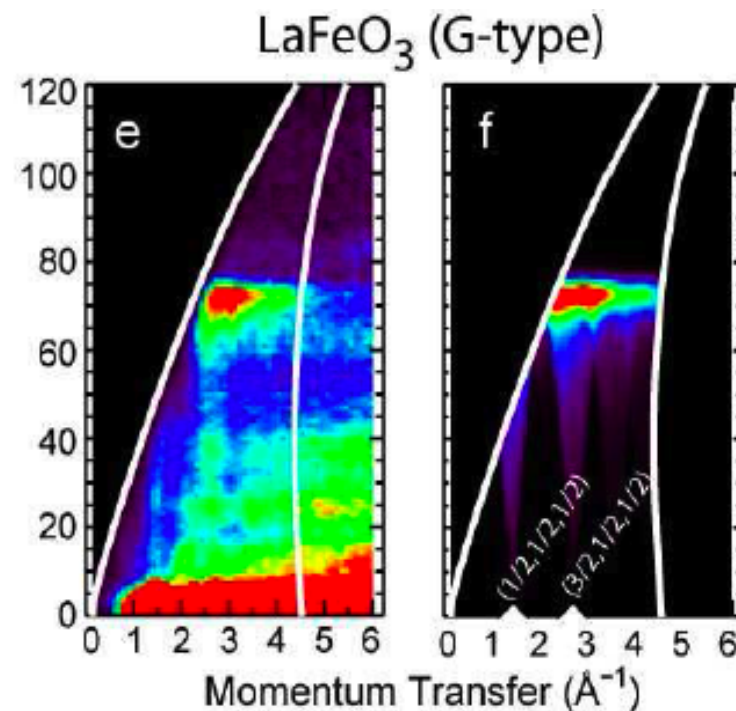
Scattering triangle

Kinematic limitations

- **Many combinations of k_i, k_f for same Q, ω**
 - Only certain configurations are used (eg. E_f -fixed)
- **Cannot “close triangle” for certain Q, ω due to kinematics**



Minimum accessible Q



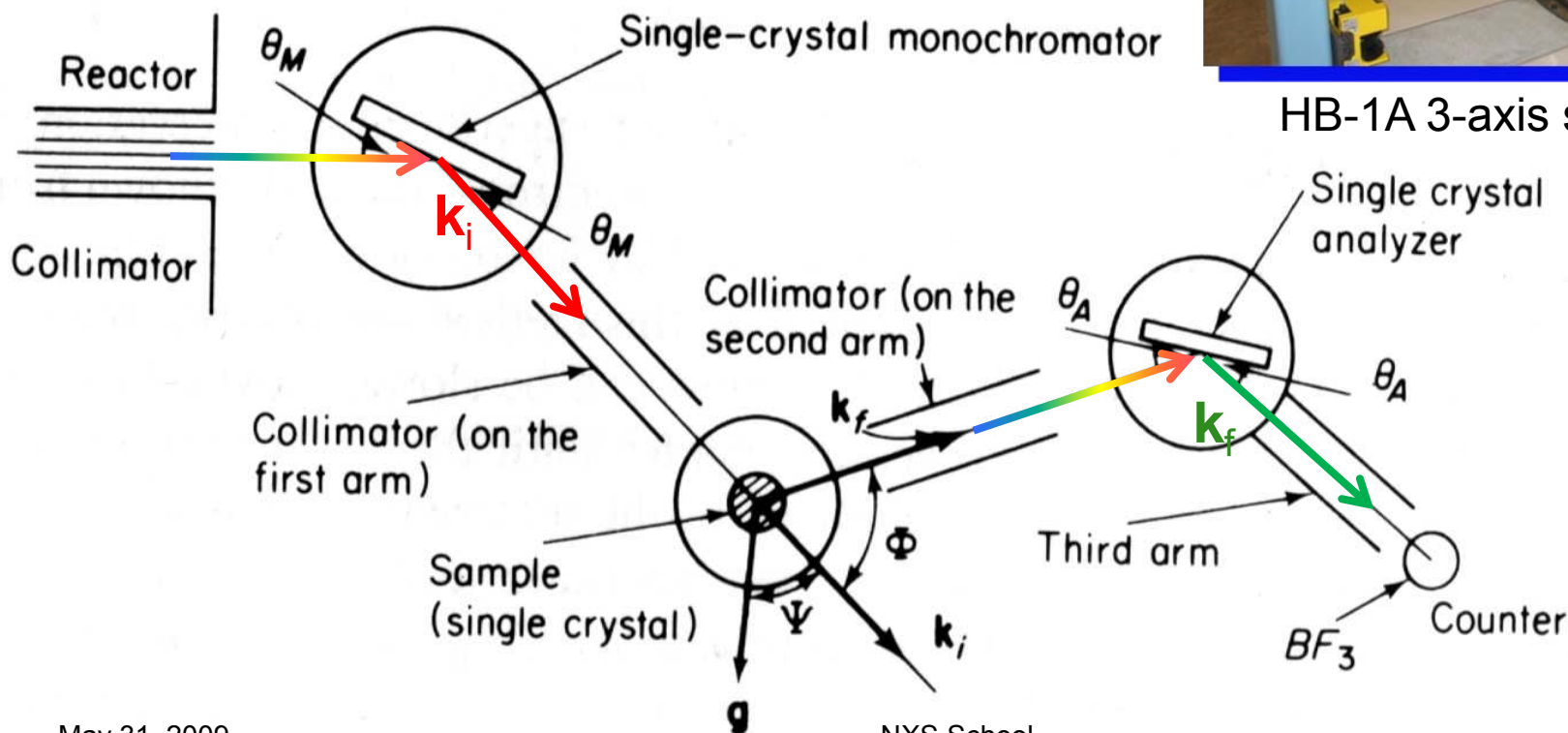
Kinematic limits, $E_i = 160$ meV

Triple-axis instruments

- **Workhorse INS instrument**
 - k_i, k_f defined by Bragg scattering
 - Sample goniometer
 - Detector
 - Resolution/collimators

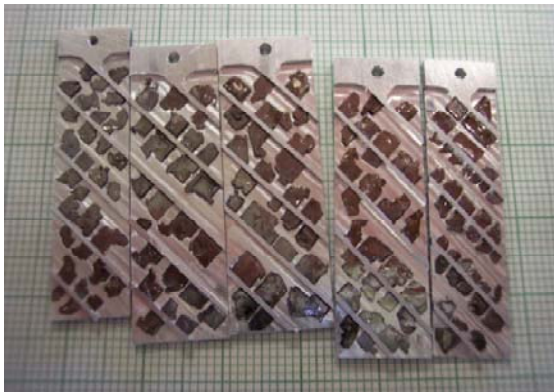


HB-1A 3-axis spectrometer



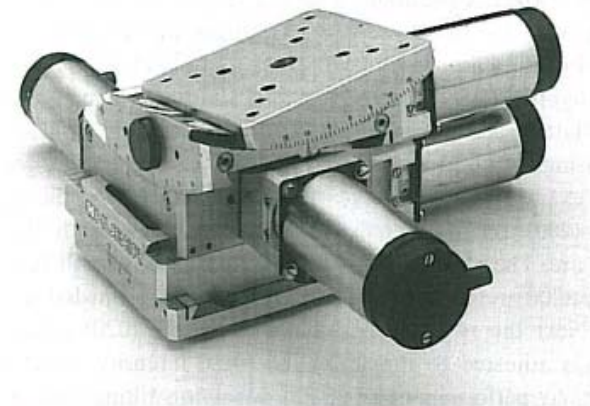
Samples

- **Samples need to be BIG**
 - ~ gram or cc
 - Counting times are long (mins/pt)



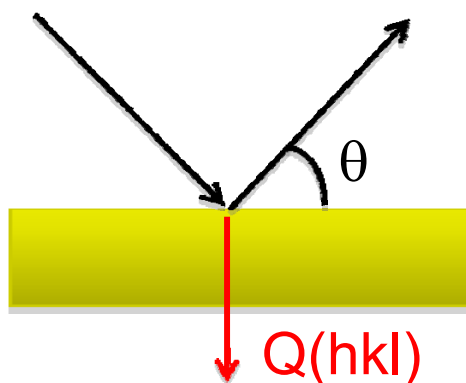
Co-aligned CaFe_2As_2 crystals

- **Sample rotation**
- **Sample tilt**

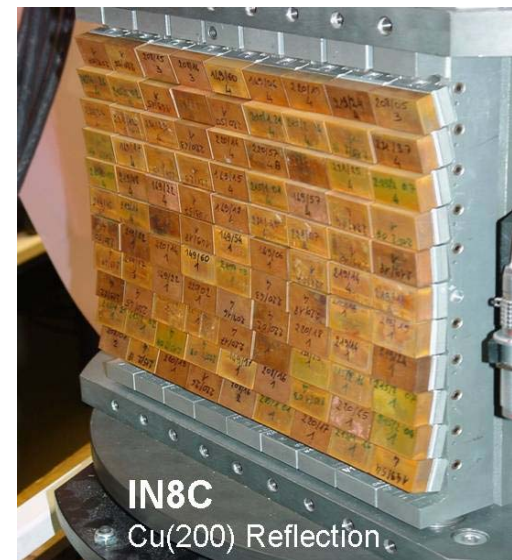


Monochromators

- Selects the incident wavevector



$$Q(hkl) = \frac{2\pi}{d(hkl)} = 2k_i \sin \theta$$

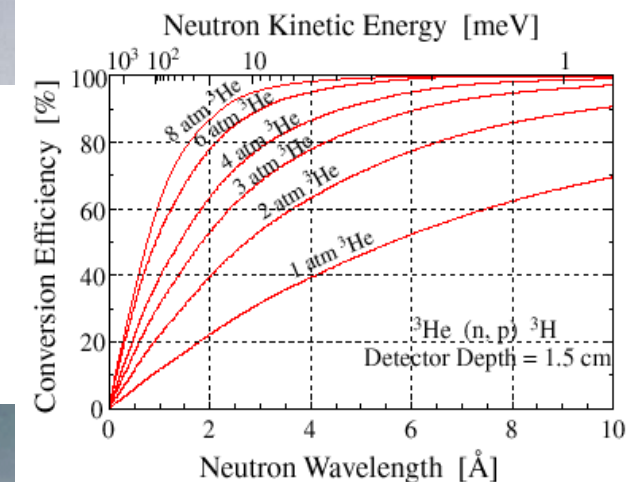


- Reflectivity
- focusing
- high-order contamination
eg. $\lambda/2$ PG(004)

Mono	d(hkl)	uses
PG(002)	3.353	General
Be(002)	1.790	High k_i
Si(111)	3.135	No $\lambda/2$

Detectors

- **Gas Detectors**
- $n + {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow {}^3\text{H} + p + 0.764 \text{ MeV}$
- Ionization of gas
- e^- drift to high voltage anode
- High efficiency
- **Beam monitors**
- Low efficiency detectors for measuring beam flux



Other triple-axis stuff

- **Soller Collimators**

- Define beam divergence
- Q, ω resolution function

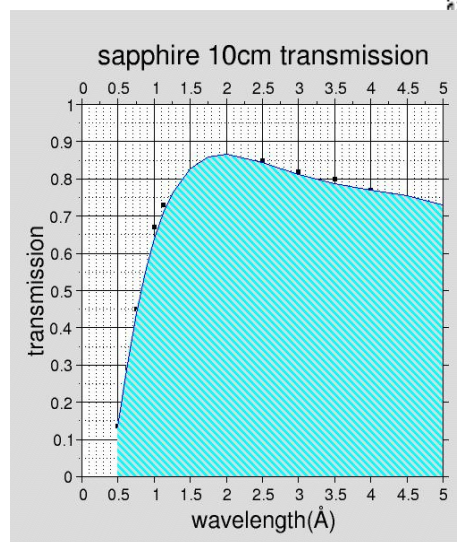
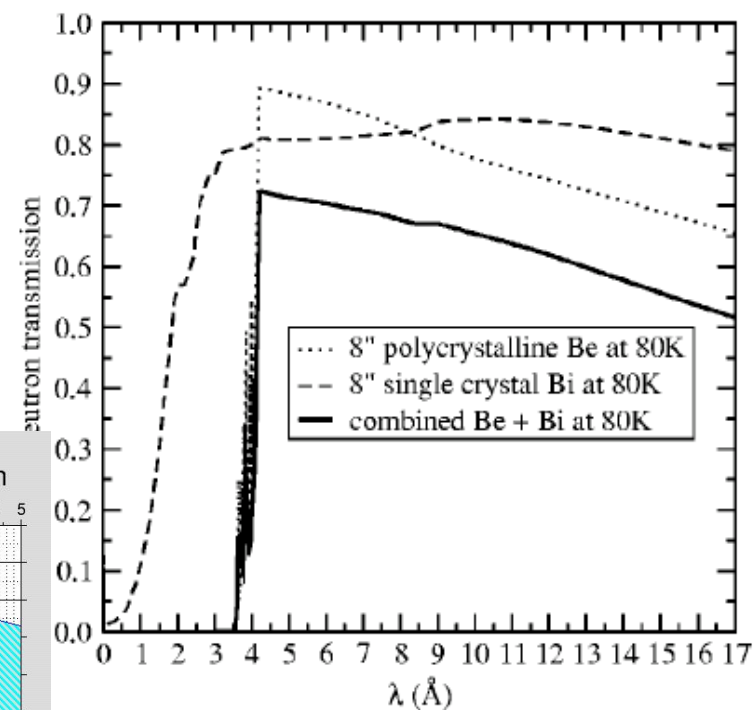


- **Filters**

- Xtal Sapphire: fast neutron background
- Poly Be: low-energy (5 meV) band pass
- PG: higher order contamination

- **Masks**

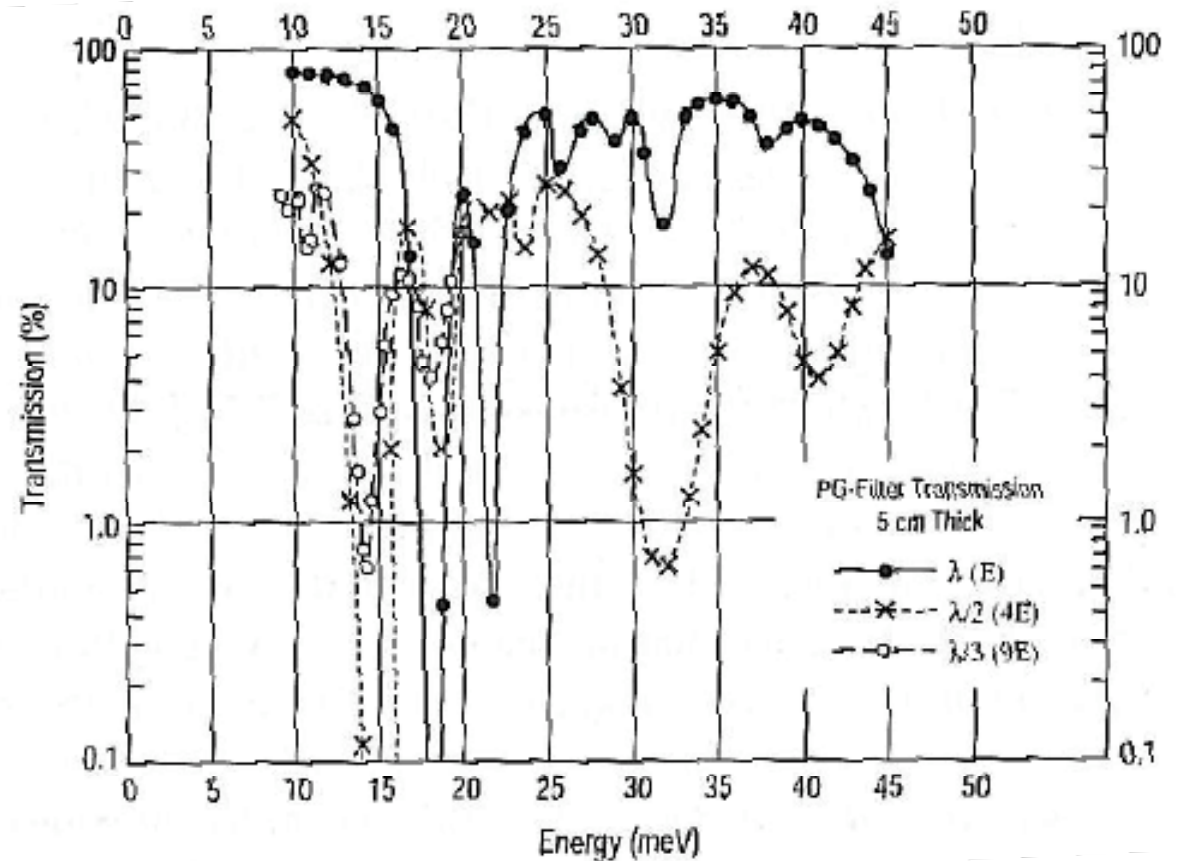
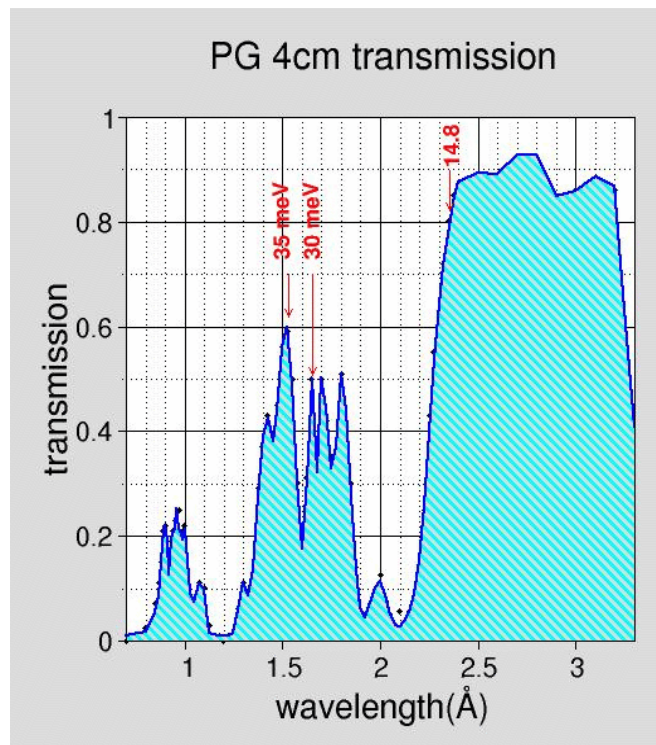
- Beam definition
- Background reduction



PG filter

- **Magic numbers**

- Best filter for rejection of $\lambda/2$ contamination
- $E_f = 13.7, 14.7, 30.5, 41$ meV



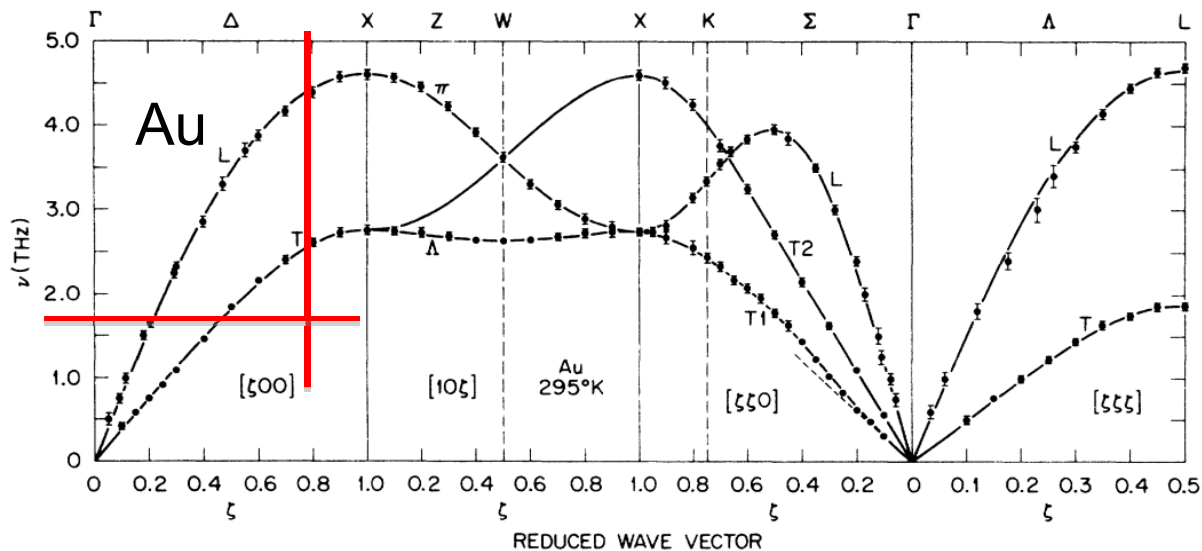
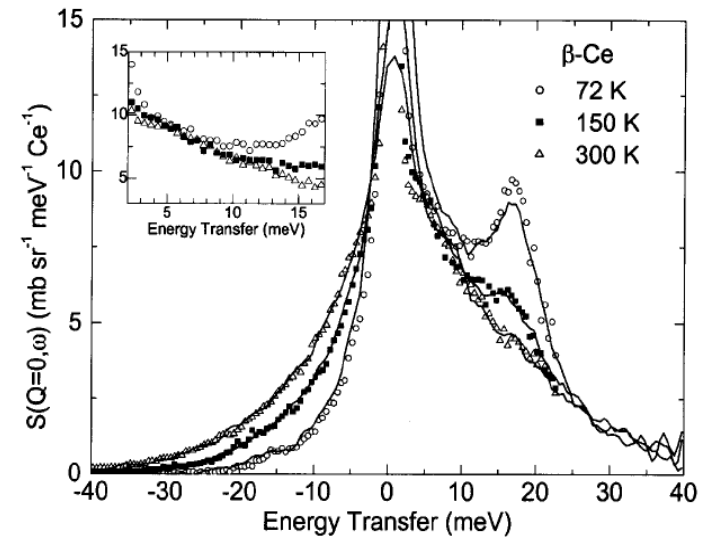
Sample environment

- Temperature, field, pressure
- Heavy duty for large sample environment
 - CCR
 - He cryostats
 - SC magnets
 - ...

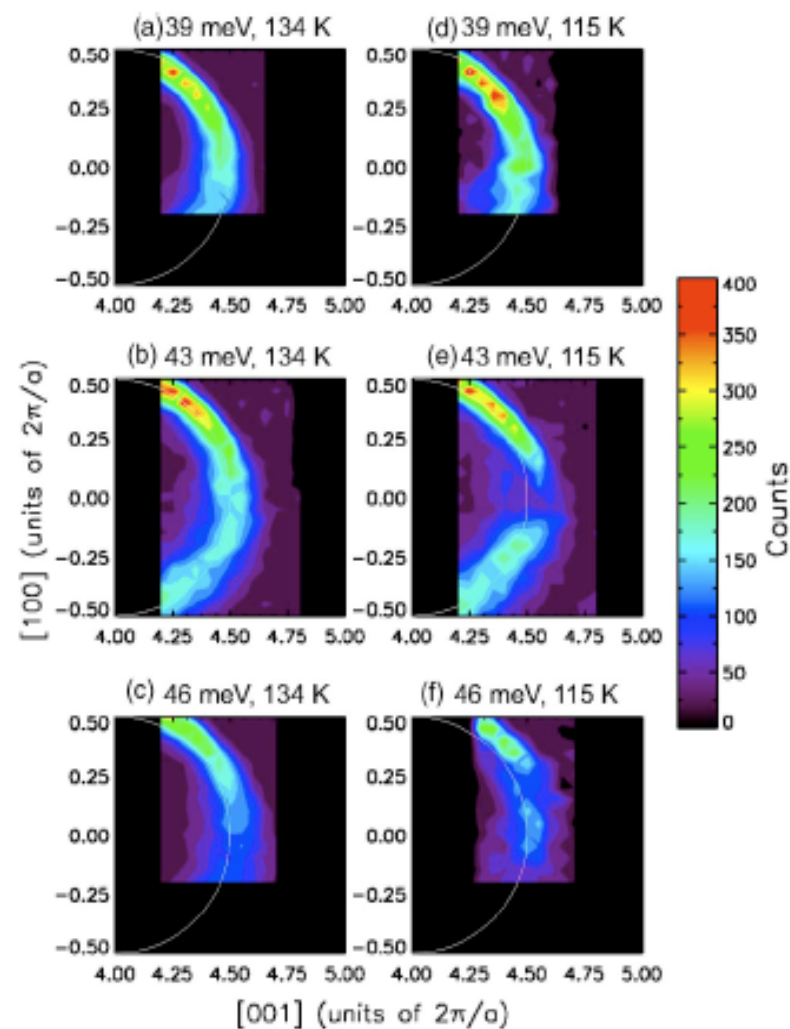
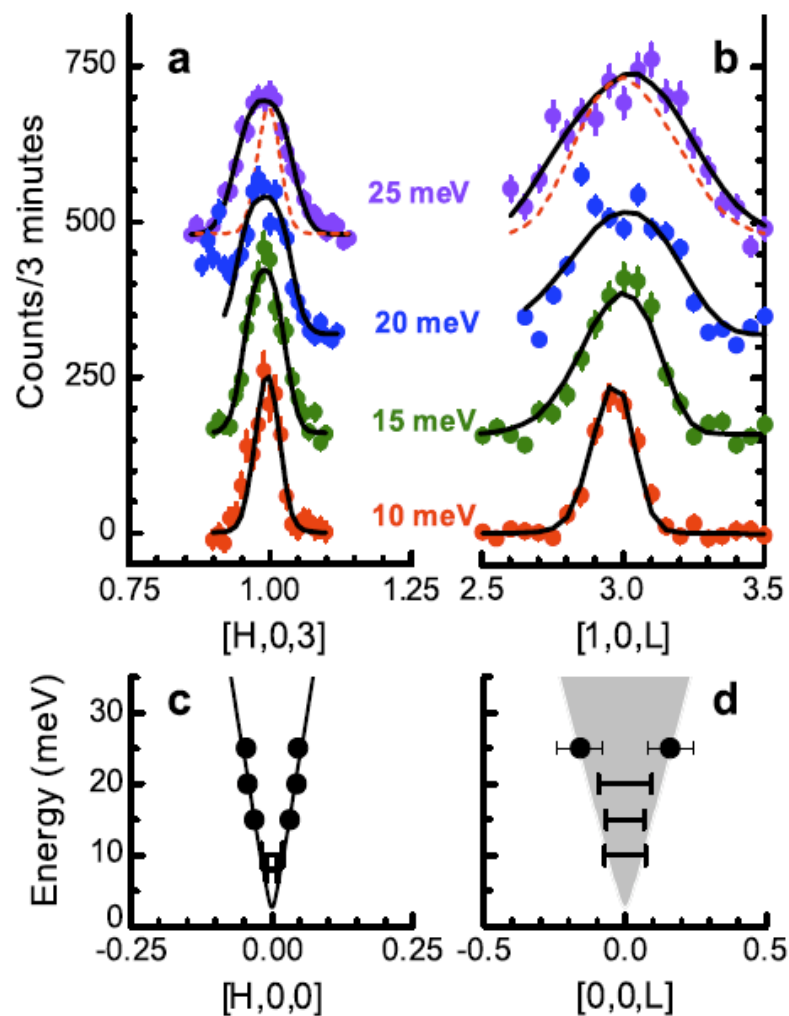


Acquiring data

- **Energy gain, energy loss**
 - Detailed balance
- **Constant-Q scans**
 - Most common
- **Constant- ω scans**
 - Used for steep dispersions



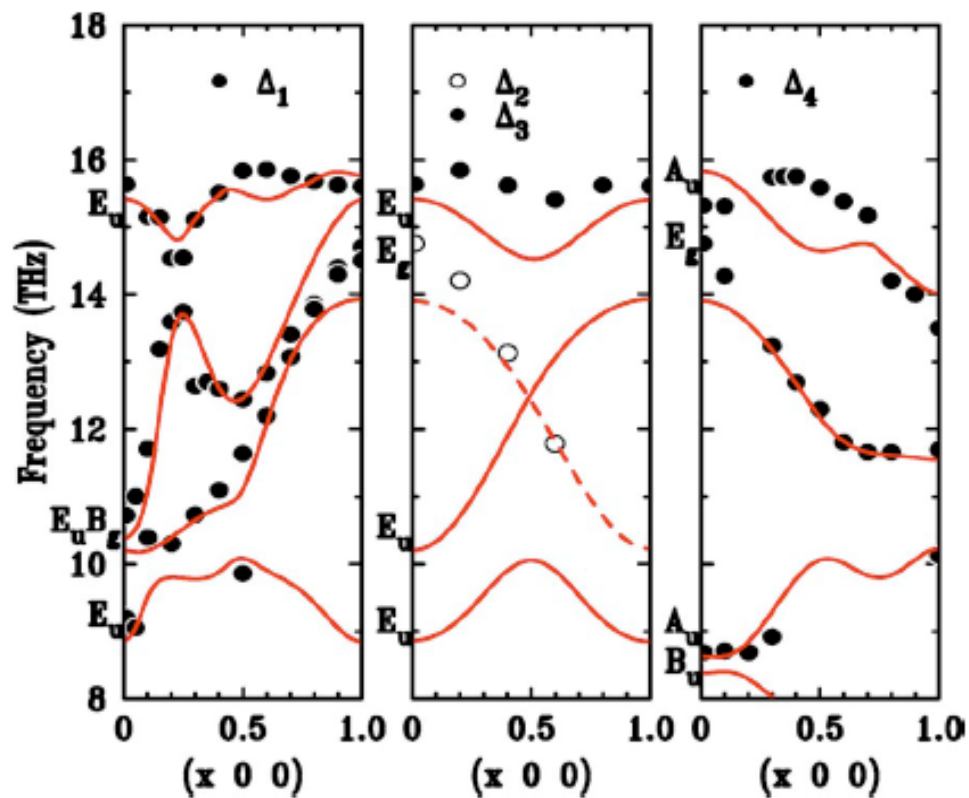
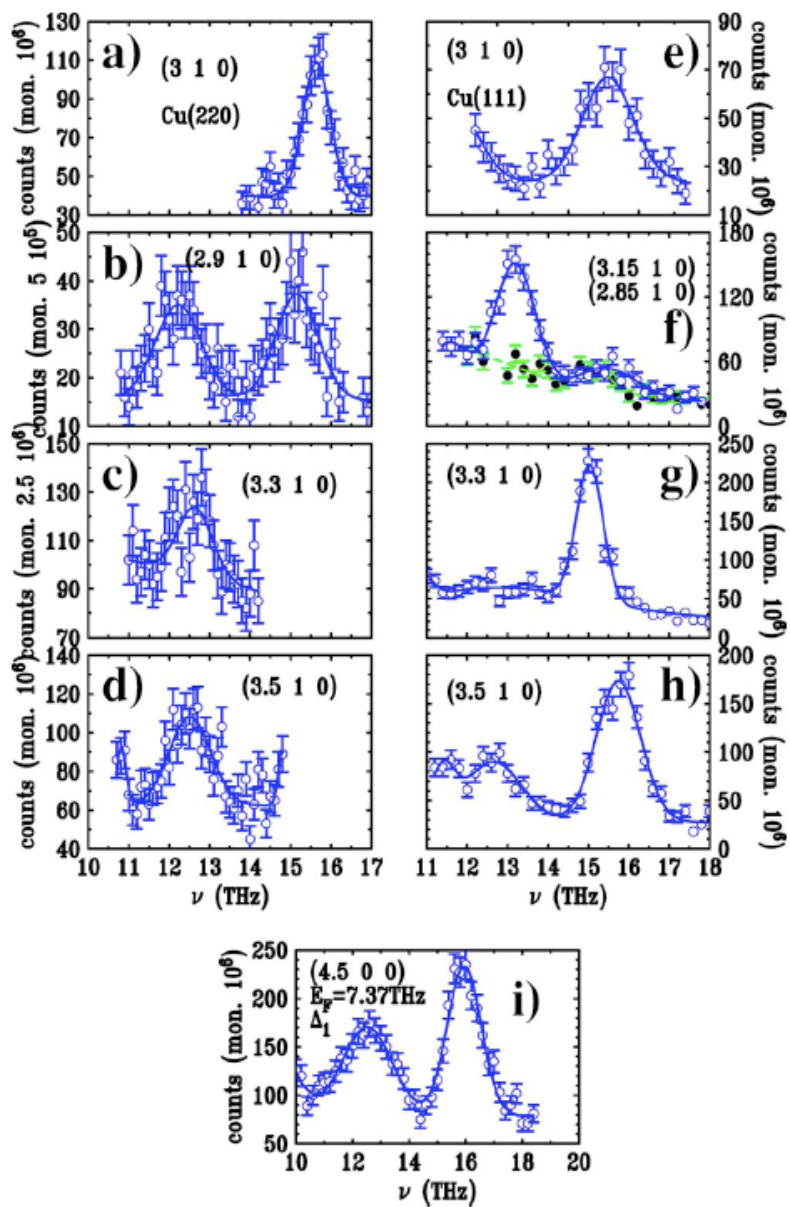
Constant- ω scans



Steep AF spin waves in CaFe_2As_2
 McQueeney et al, PRL 101, 227205 (2008)

Slice of spin wave cone in Fe_3O_4
 McQueeney et al, PRB 73, 174409 (2006)

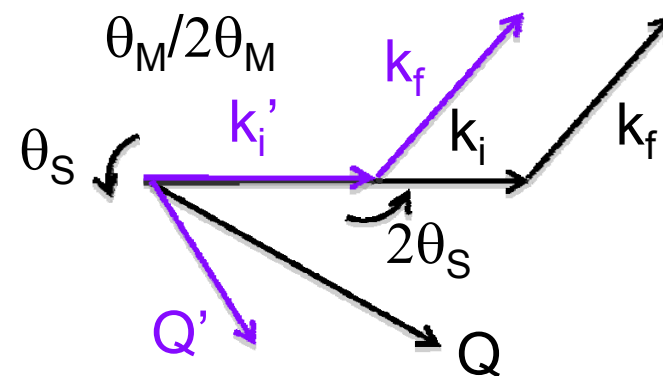
Constant-Q scans



Optical phonons in $\text{Nd}_{0.85}\text{Ce}_{0.15}\text{CuO}_4$
 Braden, et al, PRB, 72 184517 (2005).

Configurations

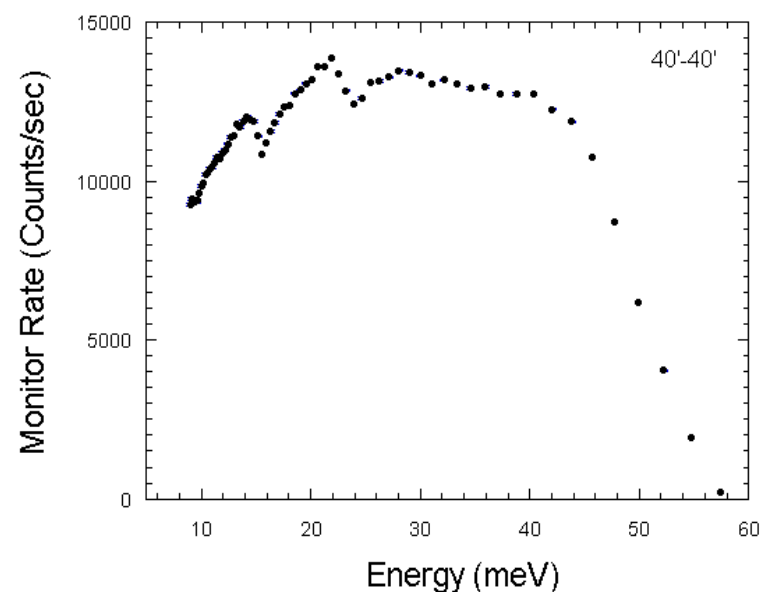
- **E_f -fixed mode**
 - Mono moves during ω -scan
 - Beam monitor accounts for variations in incident flux
- **E_i -fixed mode**
 - Analyzer moves during ω -scan
 - Useful for expts requiring low background
 - Analysis more complicated
- **Magic numbers**
 - $\lambda/2$ contamination
 - E_i or $E_f = 13.7, 14.7, 30.5, 41$ meV



Fixed- E_f mode

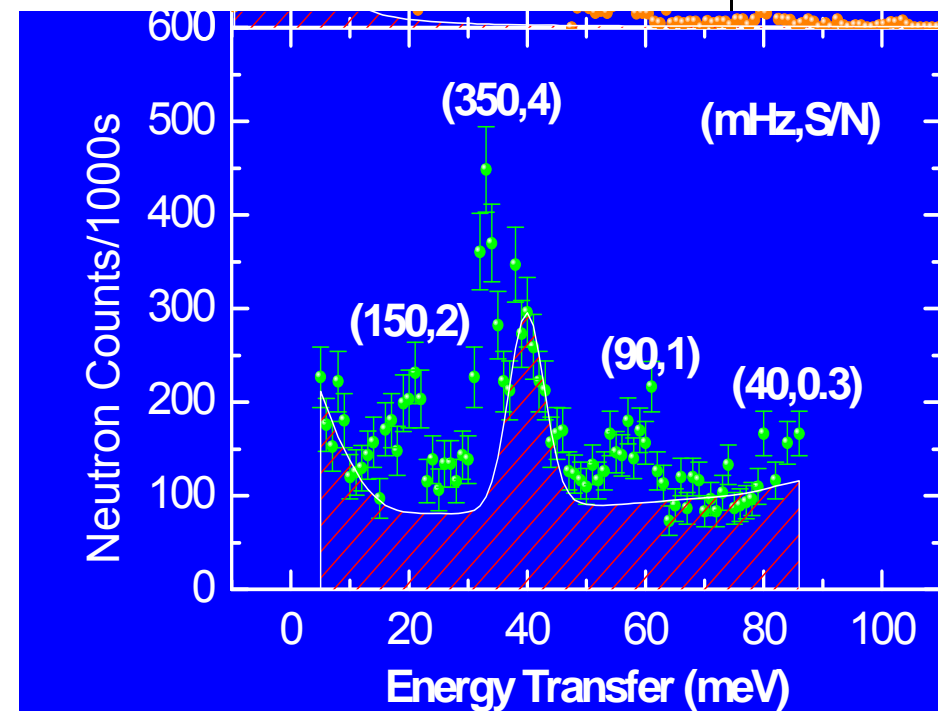
No filter
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PG(002) Monochromator



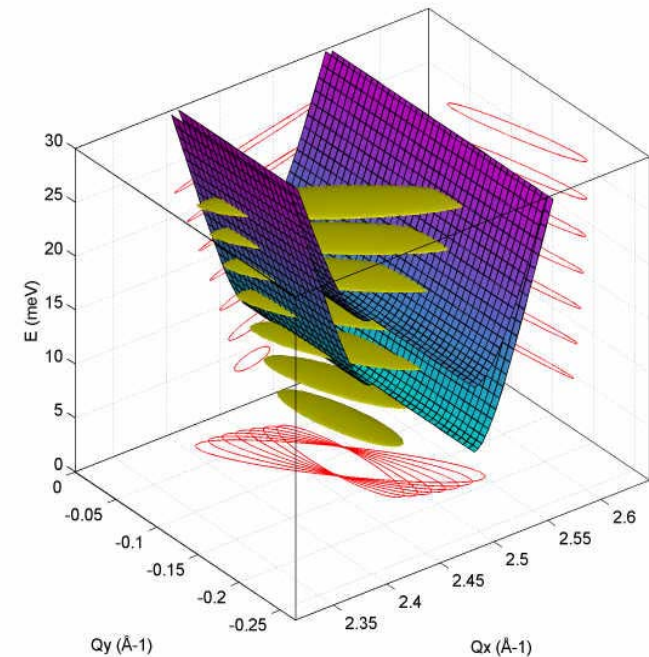
Spurions

- **Bragg – incoherent – Bragg**
 - Eg. $k_i - 2k_f$
 - $\hbar\omega = 41.1$ meV
 - $E_f = 13.7$ meV
 $E_i = 54.8$ meV
 $4E_f = 54.8$ meV
 - Incoherent elastic scattering visible from analyzer $\lambda/2$
- **incoherent – Bragg – Bragg**
 - Sample 2θ in Bragg condition for $k_f - k_i$
 - Even for inelastic config, weak incoherent from mono



Resolution

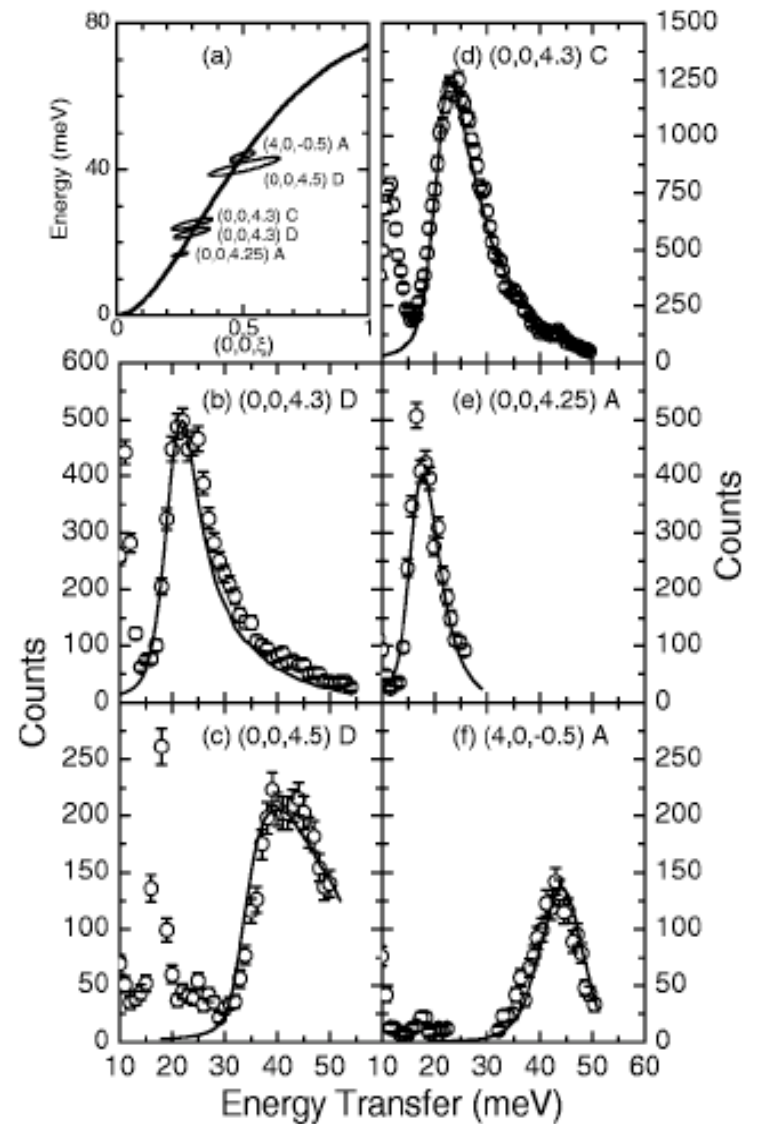
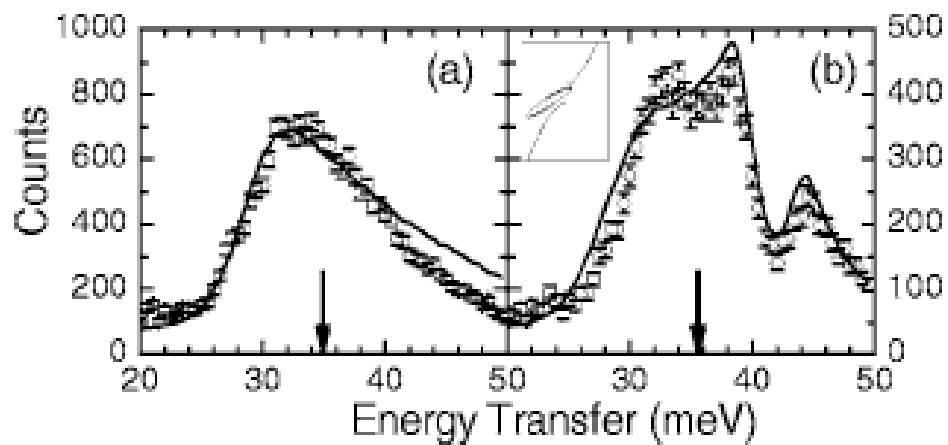
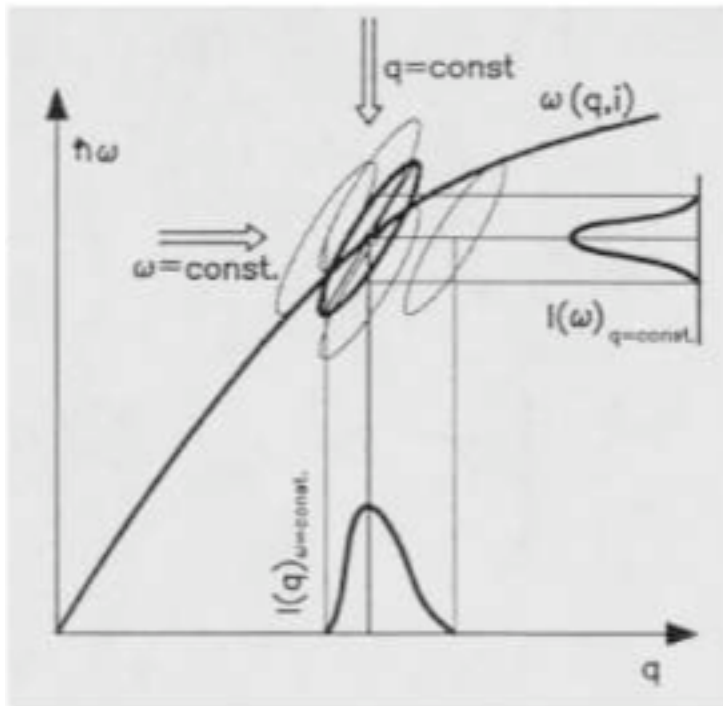
- **Resolution ellipsoid**
 - Beam divergences
 - Collimations/distances
 - Crystal mosaics/sizes/angles



- **Resolution convolutions**

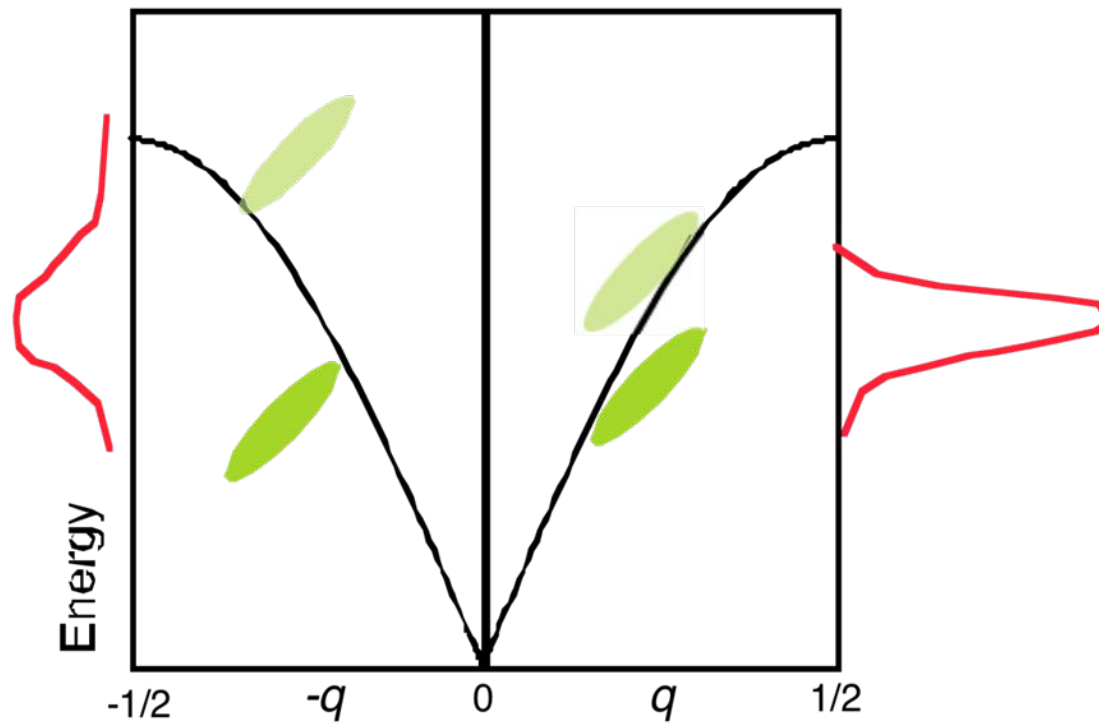
$$I(\mathbf{Q}_0, \omega_0) = \int S(\mathbf{Q}_0, \omega_0) R(\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{Q}_0, \omega - \omega_0) d\mathbf{Q} d\omega$$

Resolution effects



Resolution focusing

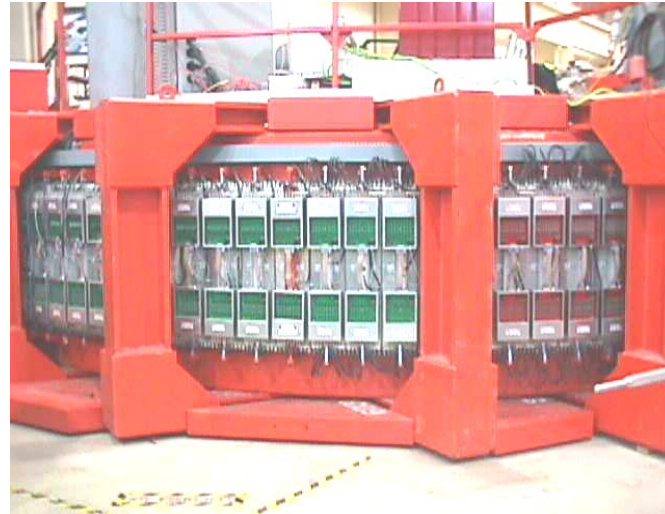
- Optimizing peak intensity
- Match slope of resolution to dispersion



Time-of-flight methods



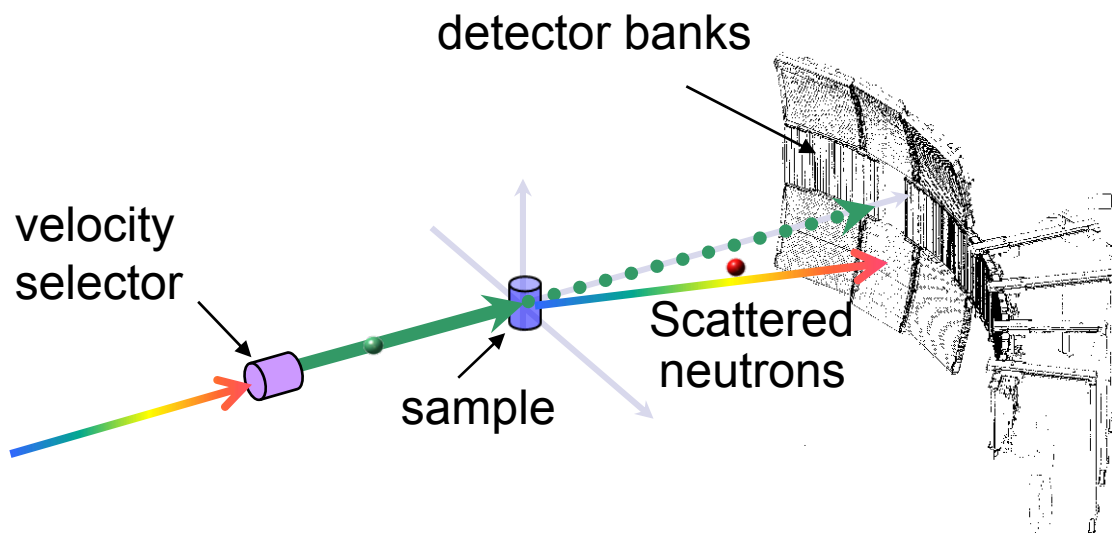
Spallation neutron source



Pharos – Lujan Center

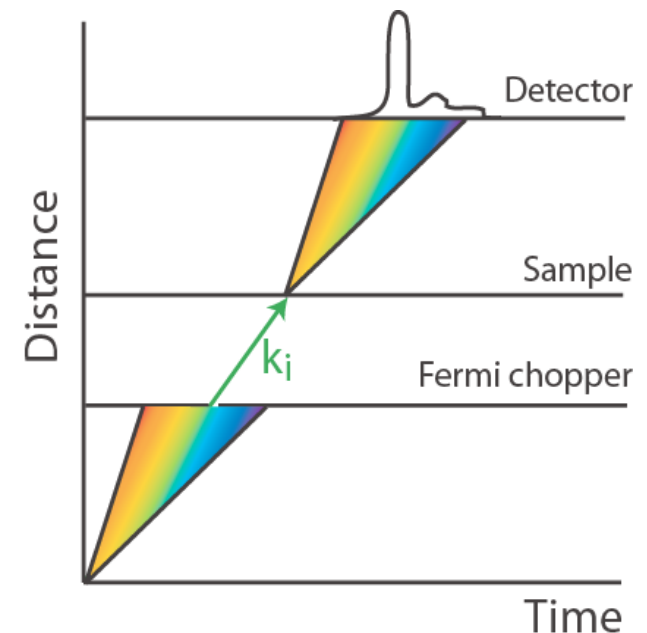
- Effectively utilizes time structure of pulsed neutron groups

$$t = \frac{d}{v} = \left(\frac{m}{h} d \right) \lambda$$



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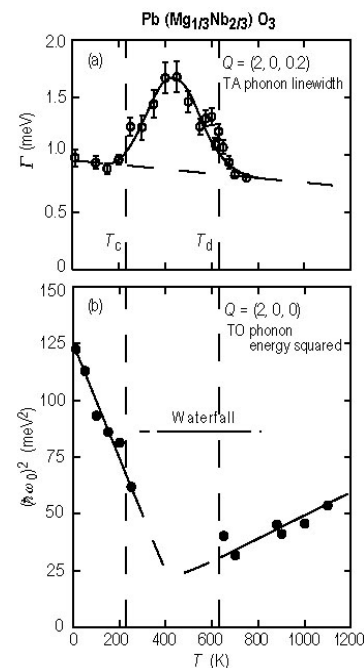
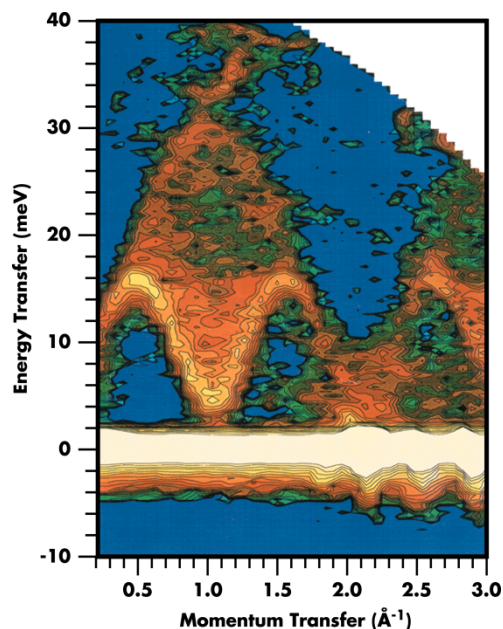
NXS School



TOF vs. 3-axis

- epithermal (up to 2 eV)
- Total spectra (esp. powder samples)
- Absolute normalization
- Low-dimensional systems
- Hardware inflexible
- Software intensive

- High flux of thermal neutrons
- Focused studies in Q, ω (soft modes, gaps, etc.)
- Three-dimensional systems
- Hardware intensive
- Software inflexible



Fermi Choppers

- Body radius ~ 5 cm
- Curved absorbing slats
 - B or Gd coated
 - \sim mm slit size
- $f = 600$ Hz (max)
- Acts like shutter, $\Delta t \sim \mu\text{s}$

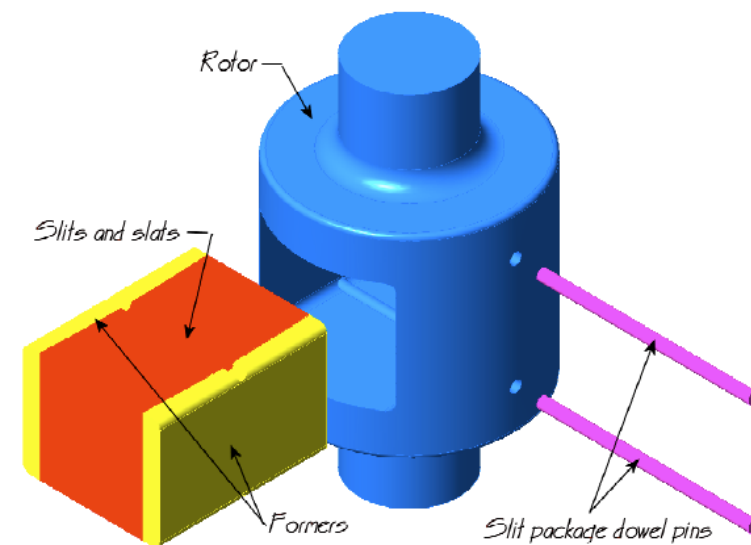
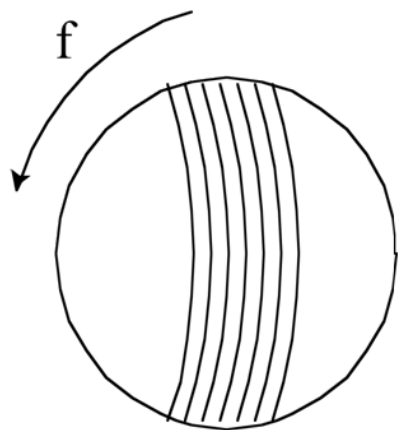
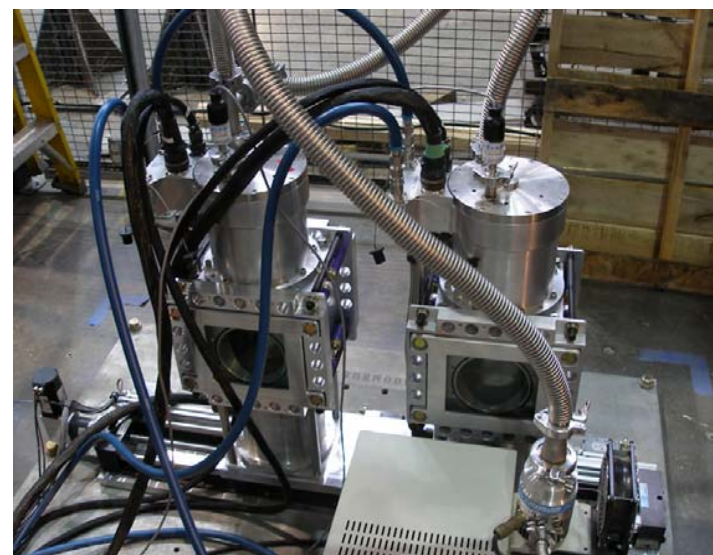


Figure 1. ISIS MAPS chopper and slit package assembly – exploded view

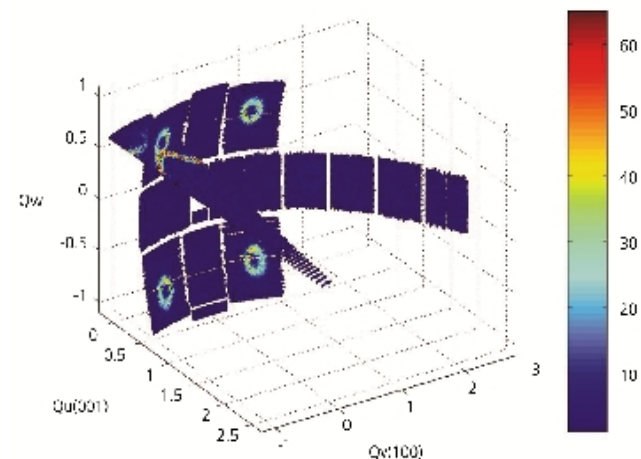


Position sensitive detectors

- ^3He tubes (usu. 1 meter)
- Charge division
- Position resolution \sim cm
- Time resolution \sim 10 ns

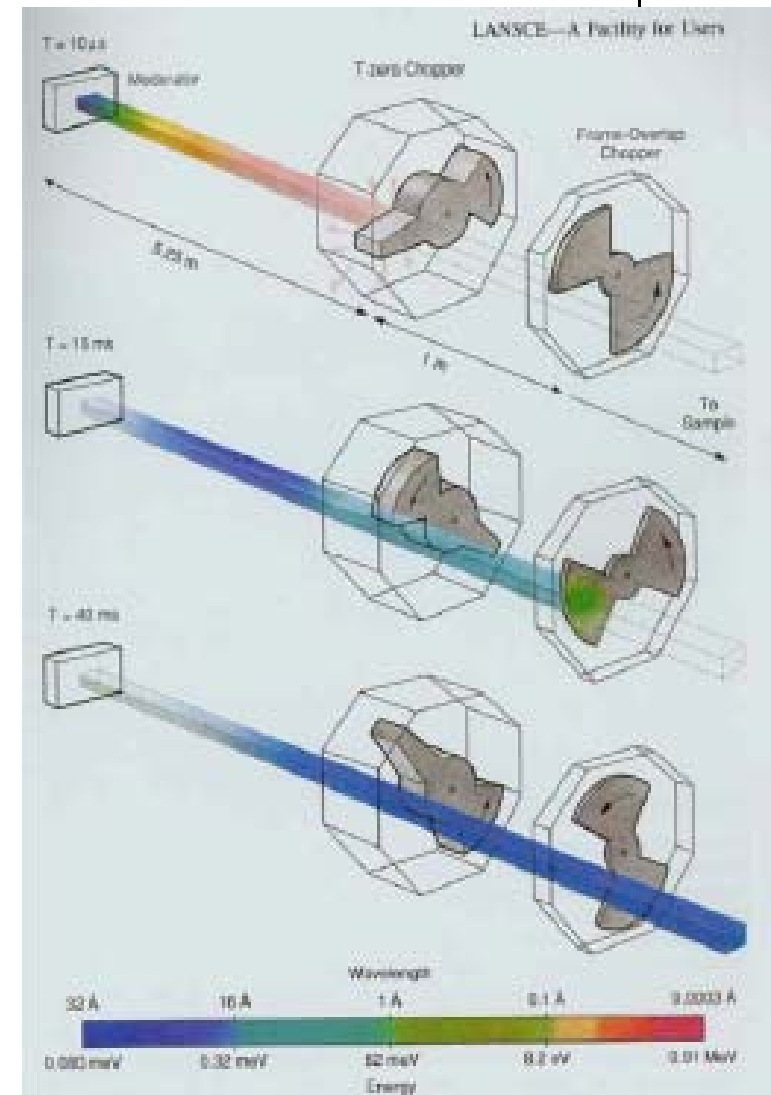
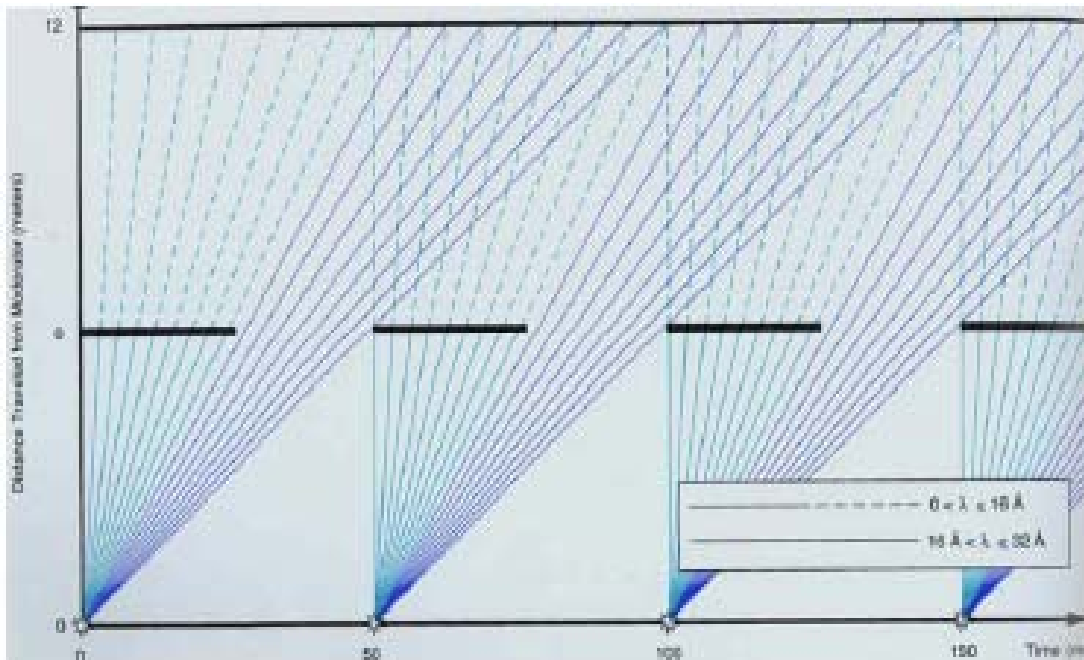


MAPS detector bank



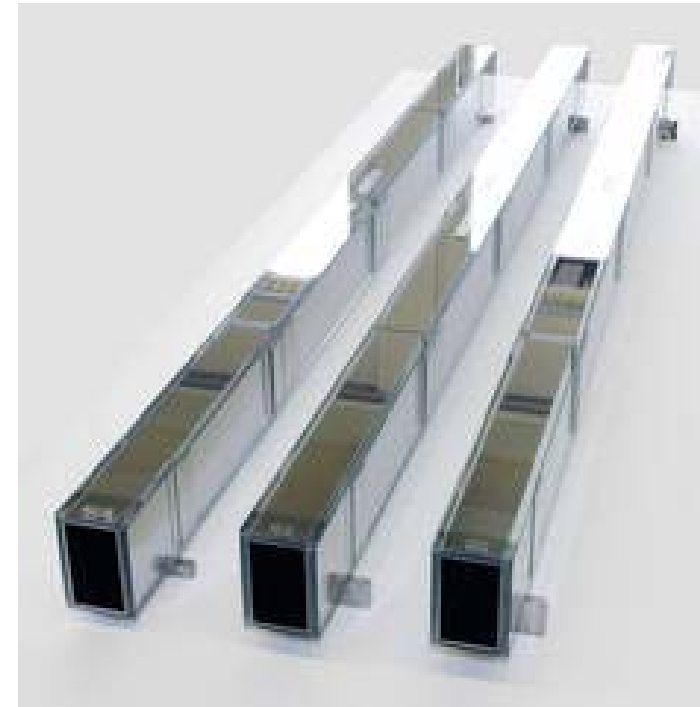
T-zero chopper

- Background suppression
- Blocks fast neutron flash



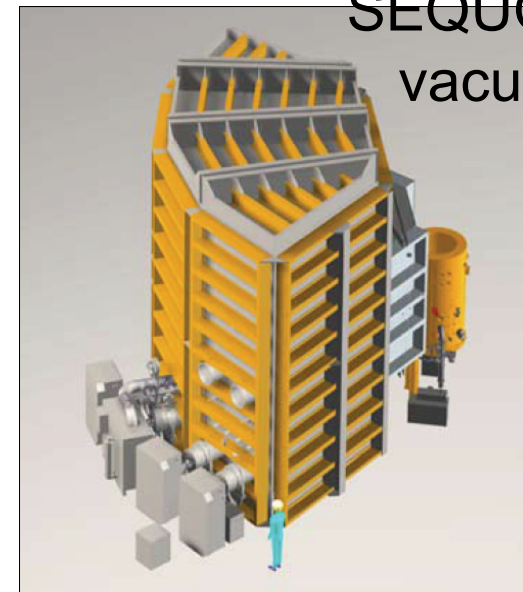
Guides

- **Transport beam over long distances**
- **Background reduction**
- **Total external reflection**
 - Ni coated glass
 - Ni/Ti multilayers (supermirror)



Size matters

- **Length = resolution**
 - Instruments ~ 20 – 40 m long
 - E-resolution ~ 2-4% E_i
- **More detectors**
 - SEQUOIA – 1600 tubes, 144000 pixels
 - Solid angle coverage 1.6 steradians
- **Huge data sets**
- 0.1 – 1 GB

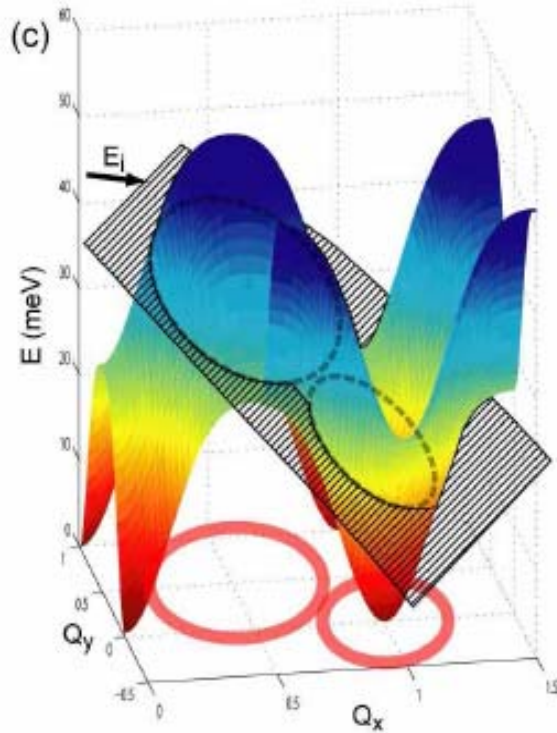


SEQUOIA detector
vacuum vessel

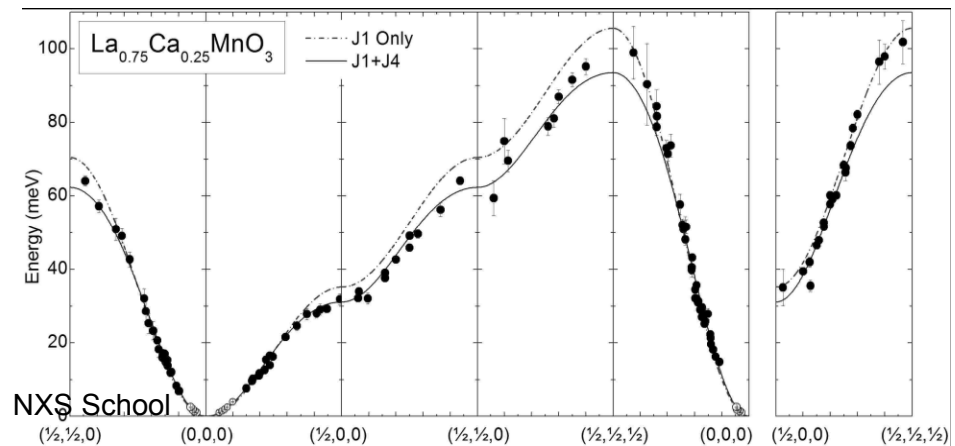
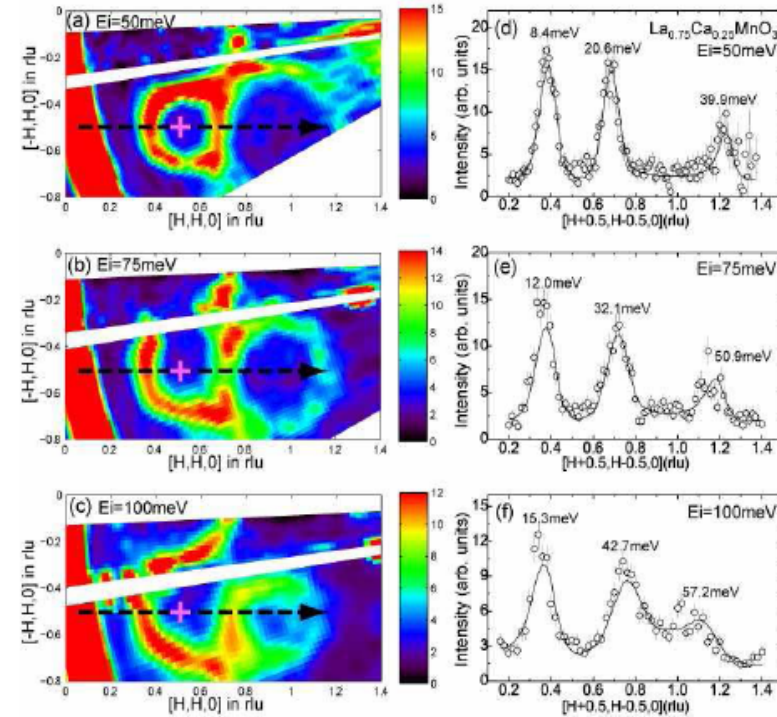


Data visualization

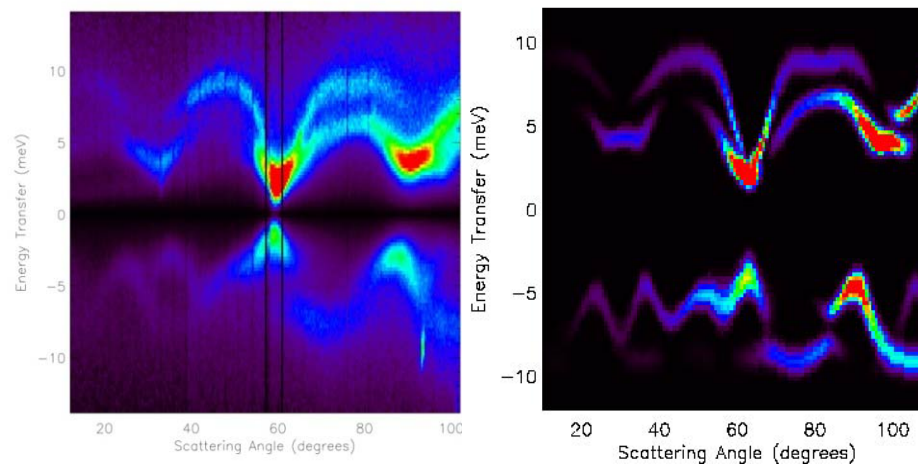
- Large, complex data from spallation sources
- Measure $S(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)$ – 4D function



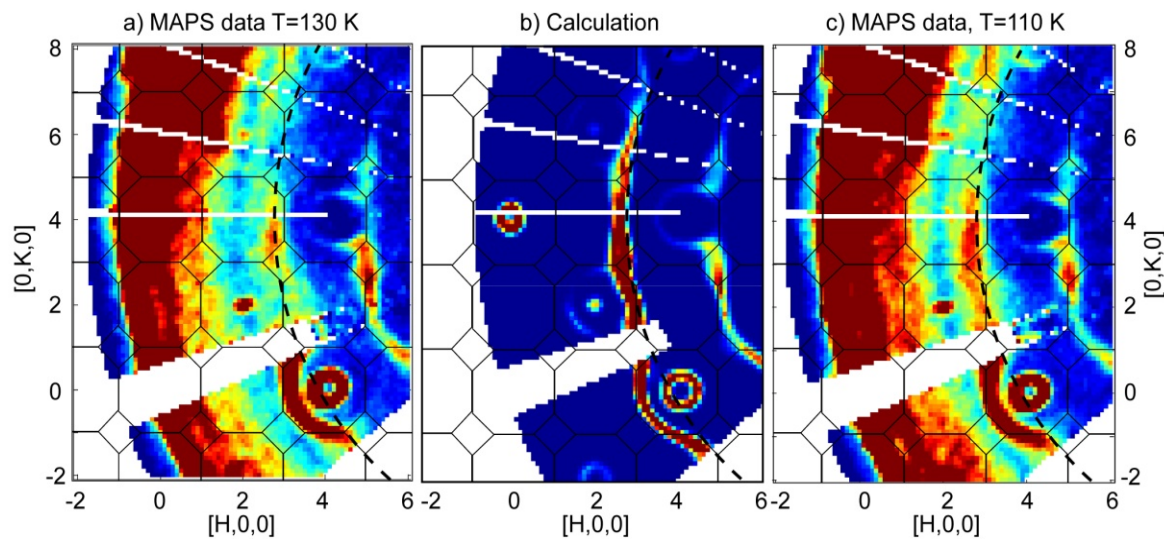
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Computation



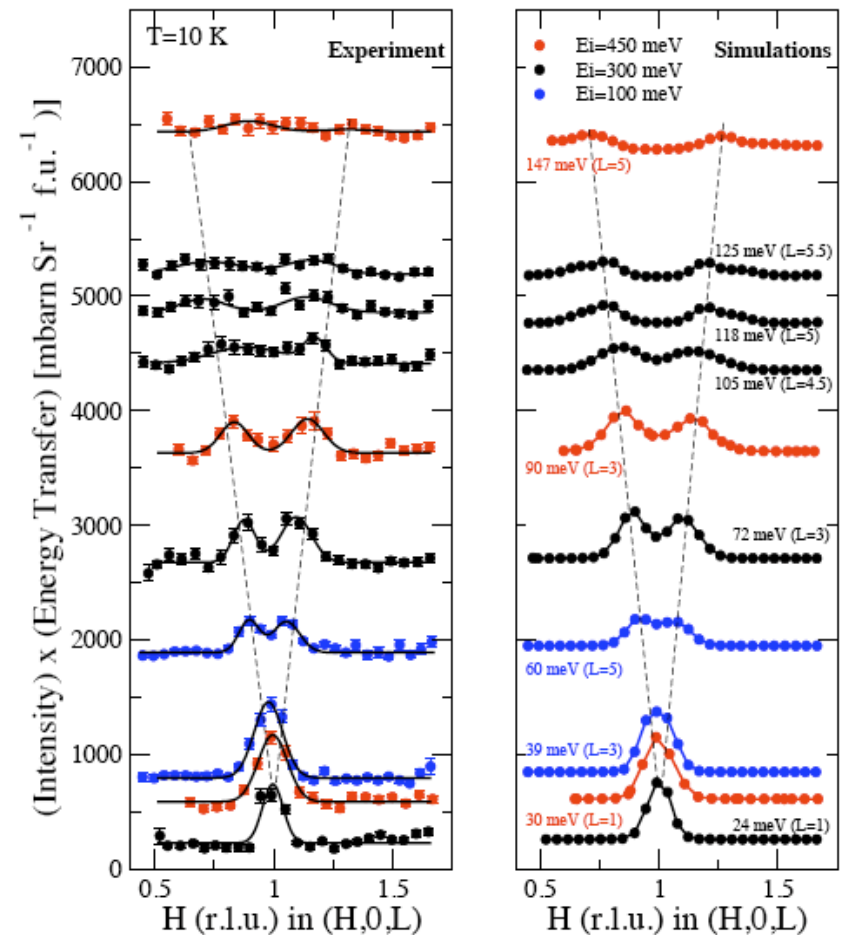
Pb phonons



Fe₃O₄ spin waves

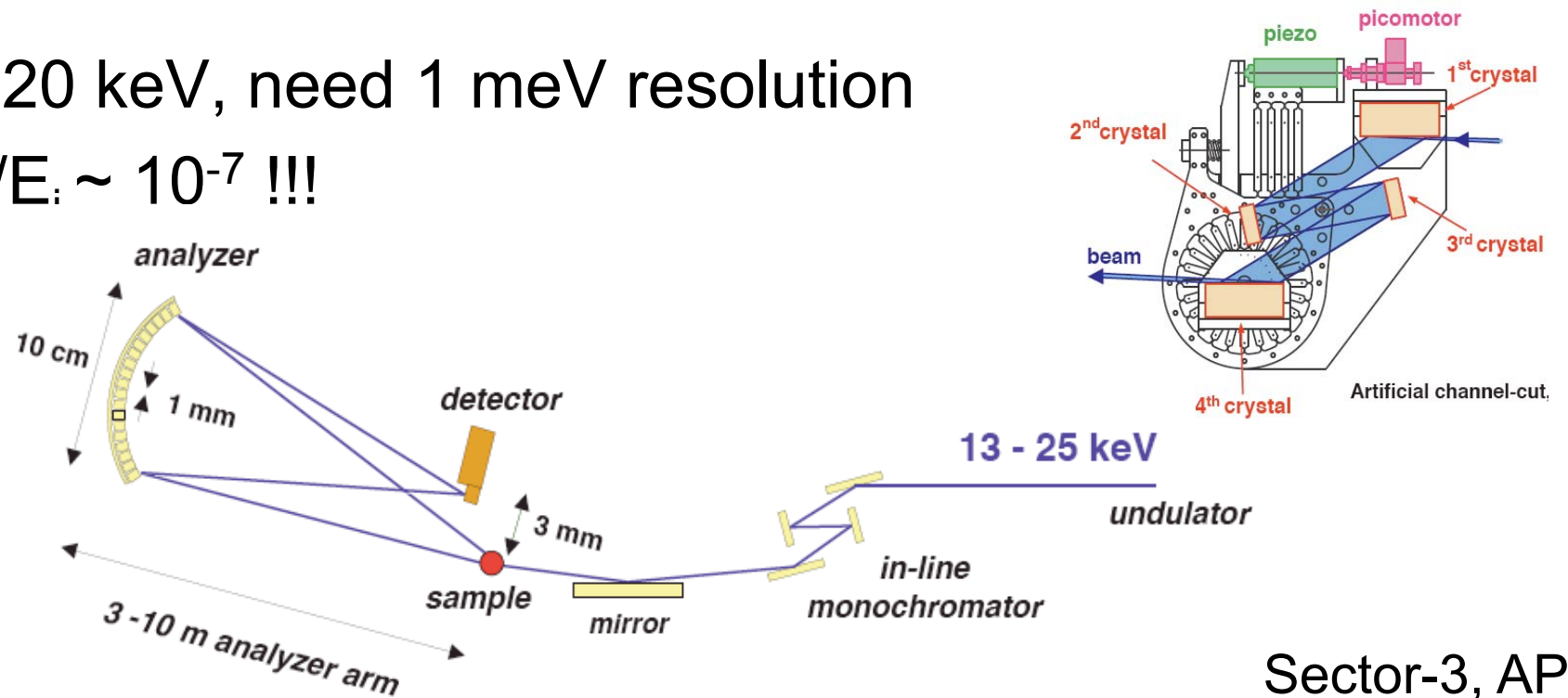
Absolute normalization

- **Absolute normalization**
 - Using incoherent scattering from vanadium
 - $\sigma/4\pi = 404$ mbarns/Sr

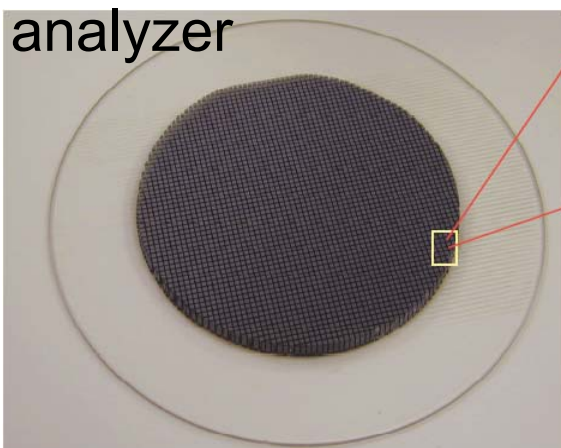


Inelastic x-ray scattering

- $E_i = 20$ keV, need 1 meV resolution
- $\Delta E/E_i \sim 10^{-7}$!!!



Sector-3, APS



ϕ -scan of monochromator
 $1 \text{ meV} \Rightarrow \mu\text{rad}$

T-scan of monochromator
 $1 \text{ meV} \Rightarrow 0.02 \text{ K}$

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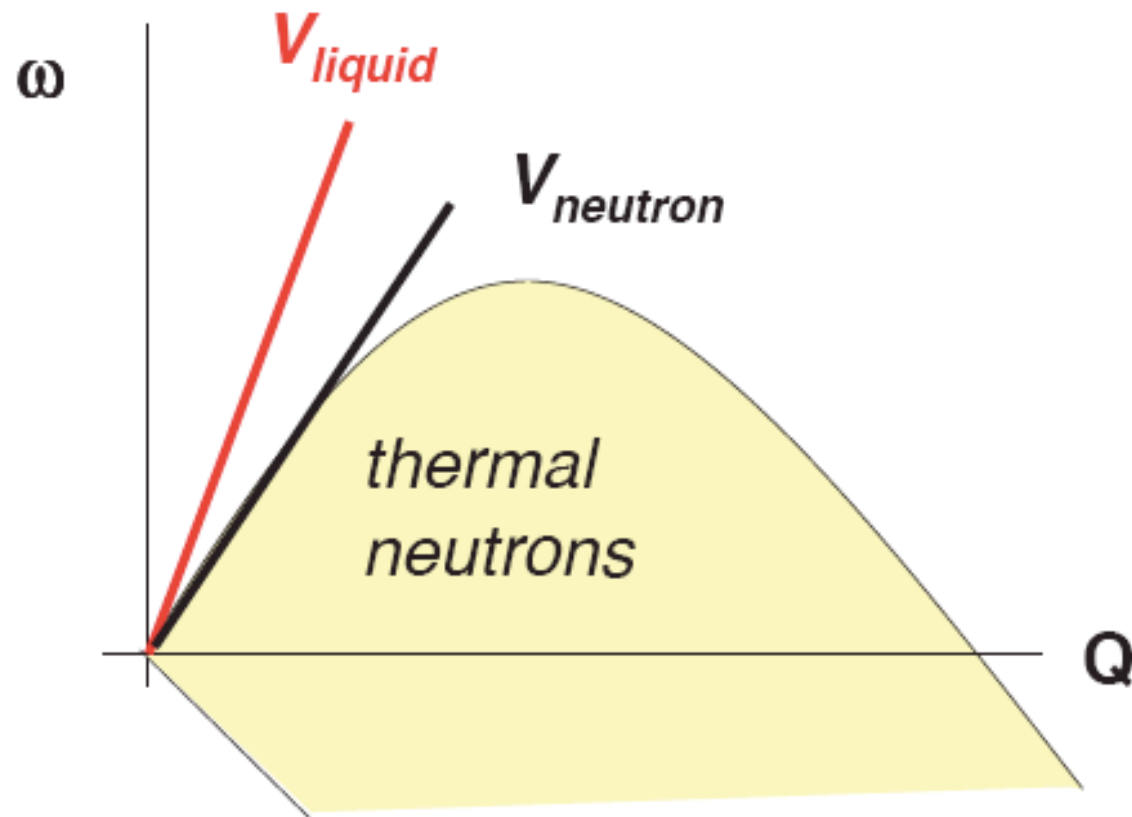


Kinematics

- Essentially elastic scattering
- No kinematic limits

$$Q \approx 2k_i \sin \theta$$

$$h\omega = hc(k_i - k_f)$$



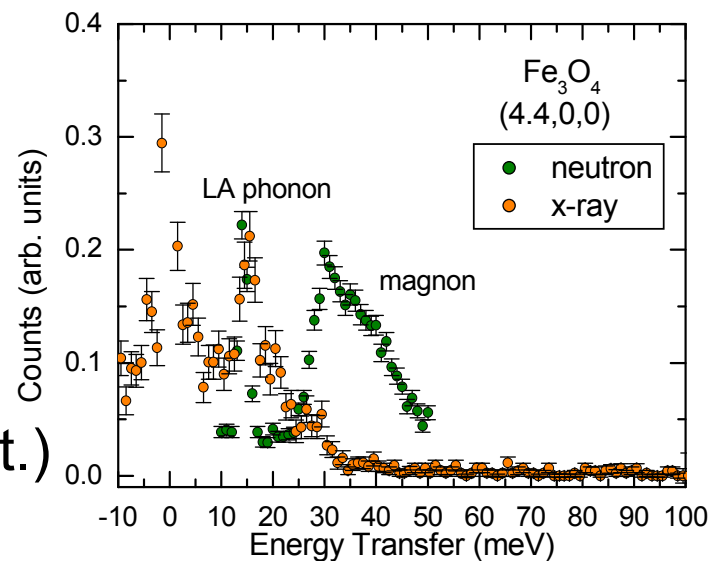
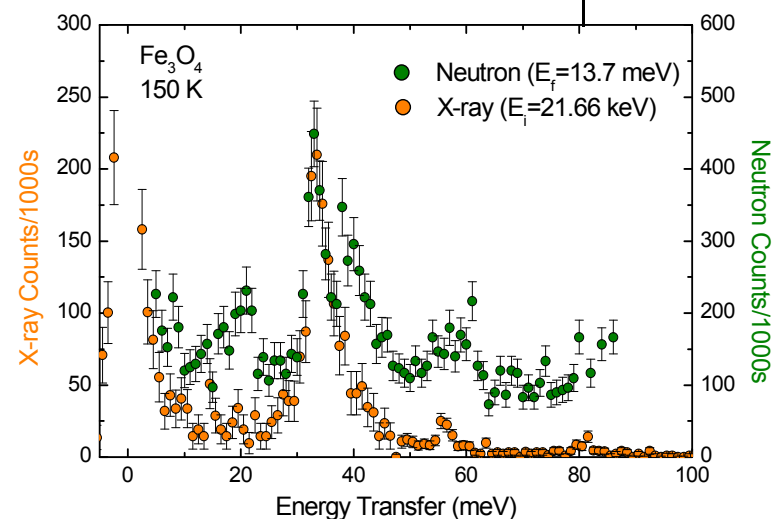
IXS vs. INS

- **SAMPLE SIZE**



- **IXS**

- Simple scattering geometry ($k_i \approx k_f$)
- Resolution function simpler (most angles fixed, E-scans only)
- No spurious (high-order refs. keV, no incoherent scat.)
- *Can only do lattice excitations*



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