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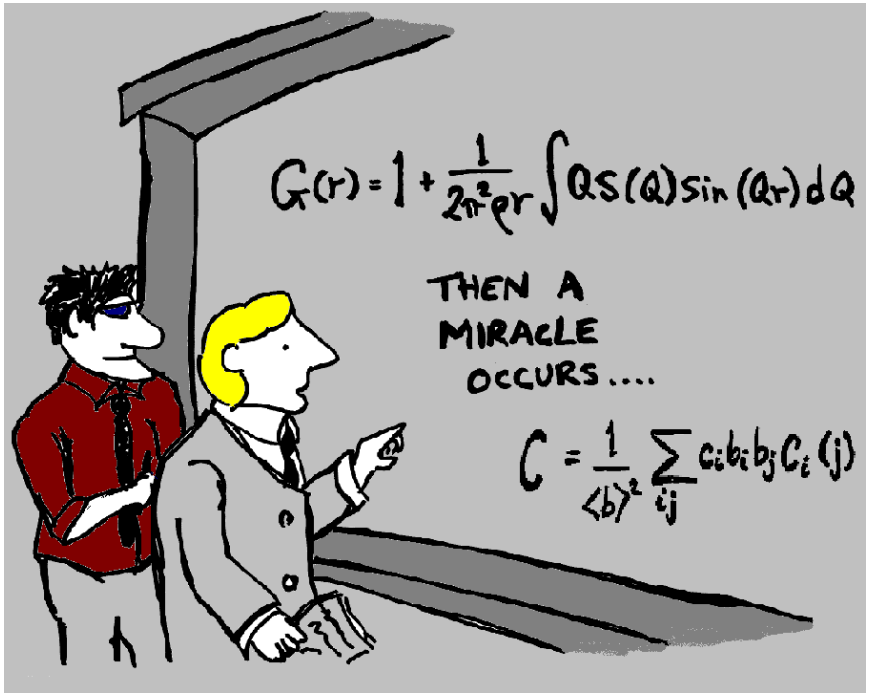

"I think you have to be a bit more explicit here in step two"

Pair Distribution Function Analysis

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Pioneers in the history of PDF

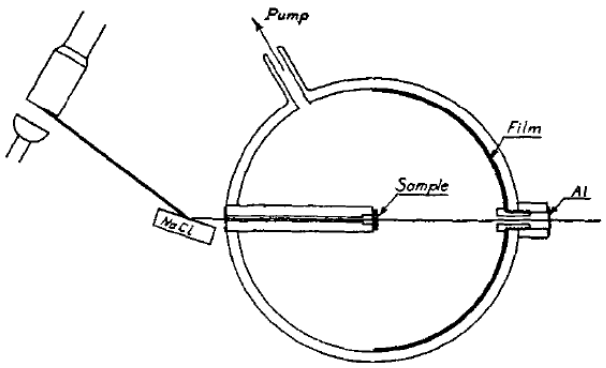


FIG. 1.—Vacuum camera with monochromator for making X-ray diffraction patterns of glass.

Bertram Warren

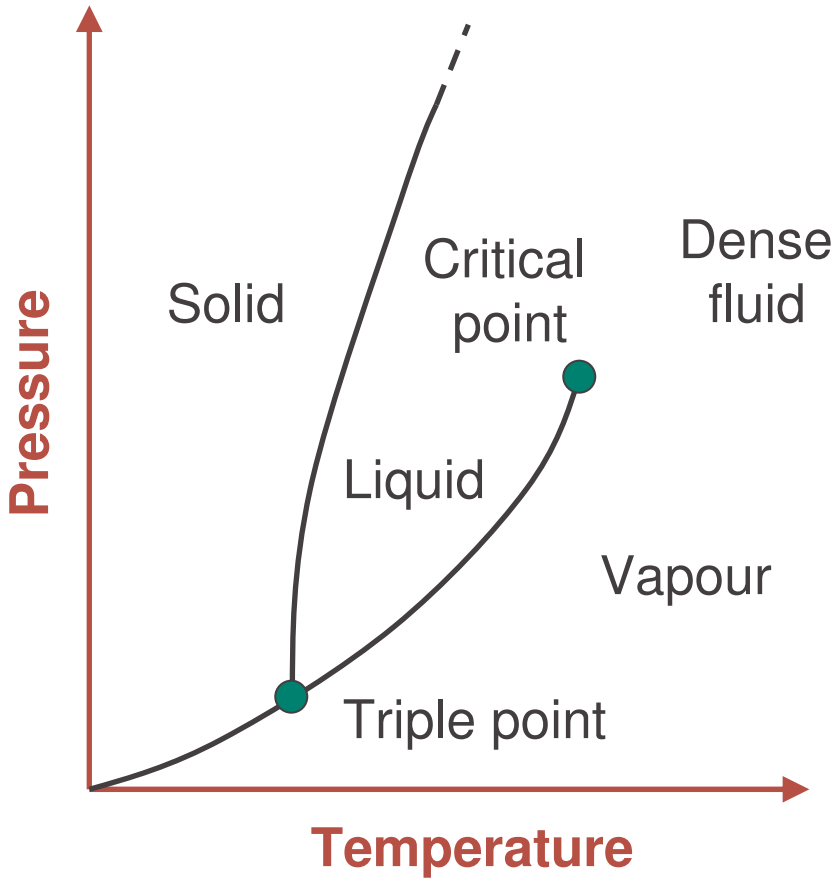
John Enderby

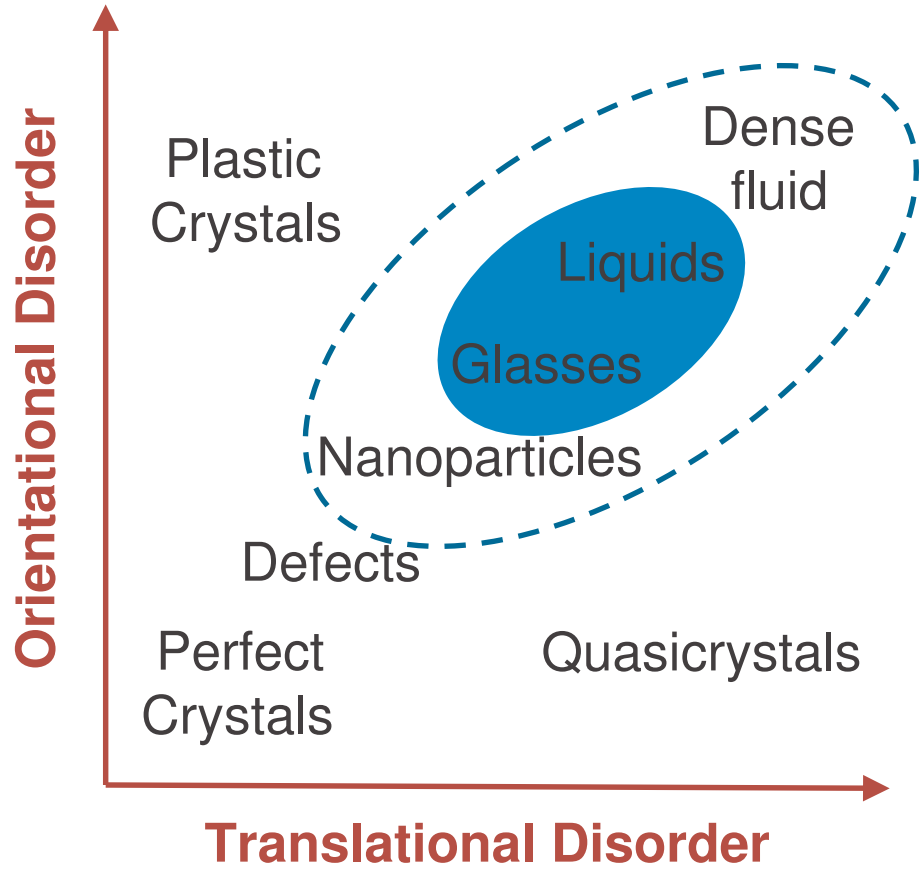
X-ray determination of the Structure of Glass
Warren BE. J. Am. Ceram. Soc. 17 (1934) 249.

The partial structure factors of liquid Cu-Sn
Enderby JE, North DM and Egelstaff PA.
Phil. Mag. 14 (1966) 961.

Peter Egelstaff

Types of Disorder





Order within Disorder

A formation of skydivers illustrates order on an intermediate length scale.

P.S. Salmon Nature Materials 1, 87–88 (2002)

"Each diver has a simple set of rules for bonding to the next, but there is sufficient flexibility for different patterns of ordering to be created on the scale of a few body lengths."

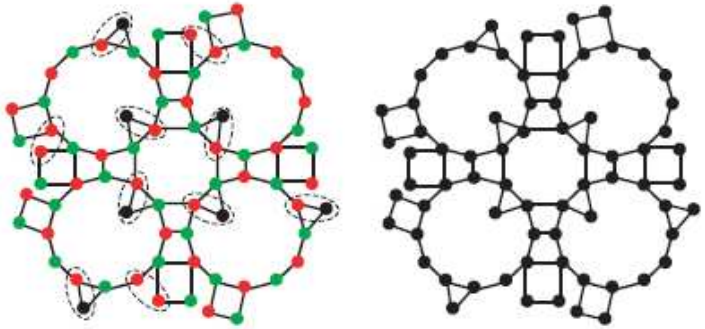
Faber-Ziman formalism – element specific

Phil. Mag 11 (1965) 153.

$S_{Red\text{-}Red}(Q)$

$S_{Red\text{-}Green}(Q)$

$S_{Green\text{-}Green}(Q)$



Bhatia-Thornton formalism

Phys. Rev. B 2 (1970) 3004.

$S_{Number\text{-}Number}(Q)$ - topology

$S_{Concentration\text{-}Concentration}(Q)$ - chemical ordering

$S_{Number\text{-}Concentration}(Q)$

PDF in context with other common methods

Experiment		Simulation	
Neutrons/X-ray PDF	Good AVERAGE overview of structure Short range order (SRO) Medium range order (MRO) Neutron Diffraction Isotope Substitution	**Inverse Methods:**	Perfect fits to PDF data
		Reverse Monte Carlo (RMC) Empirical Potential Structure Refinement (EPSR)	No predictive power Many constraints essential !
Crystallography	Long Range Order (LRO)		
EXAFS, XANES	SRO, Element Specific, Small concs.	Classical Molecular Dynamics	Essential physics, trends Fit to PDF sometimes poor
Anomalous x-ray	SRO, MRO. Element specific, Difficult to do accurately	*Ab initio* simulations Density Functional Theory (DFT)	Accurate predictions Box size limit ?
Vibrational Spectroscopy	Inelastic N and X, Raman and Infrared. SRO, MRO. Need good structural model.		
NMR	Isotope Specific. Speciation Q_n.		
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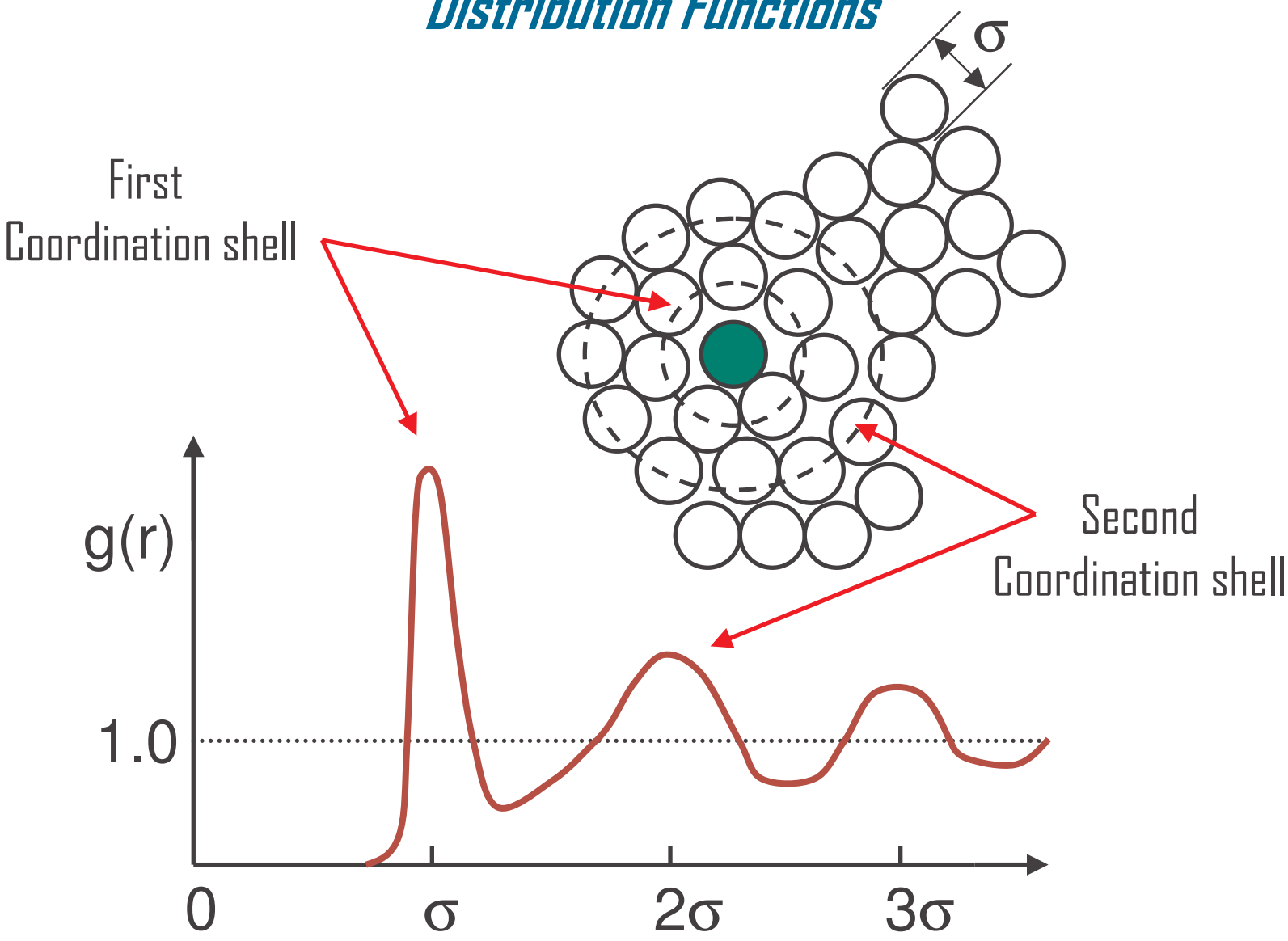
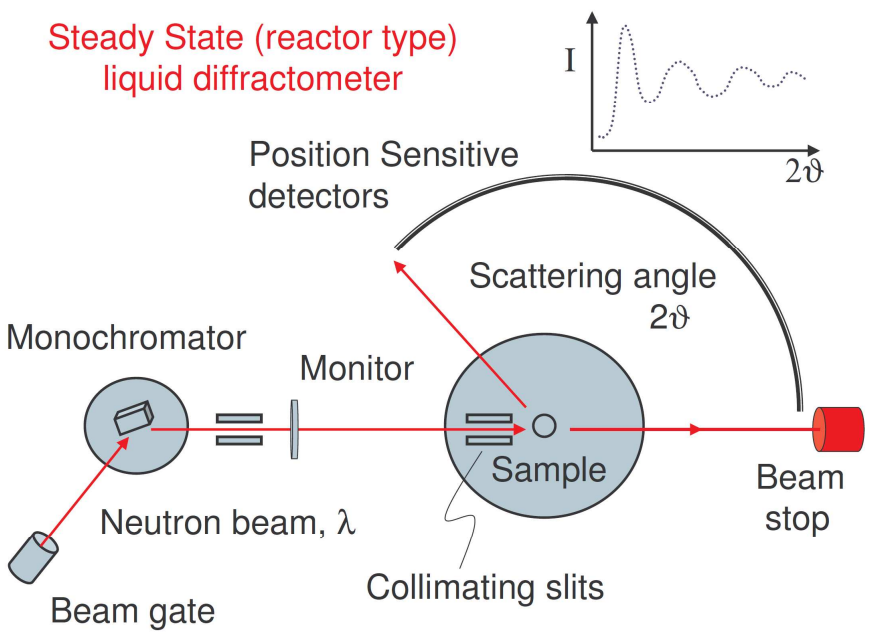
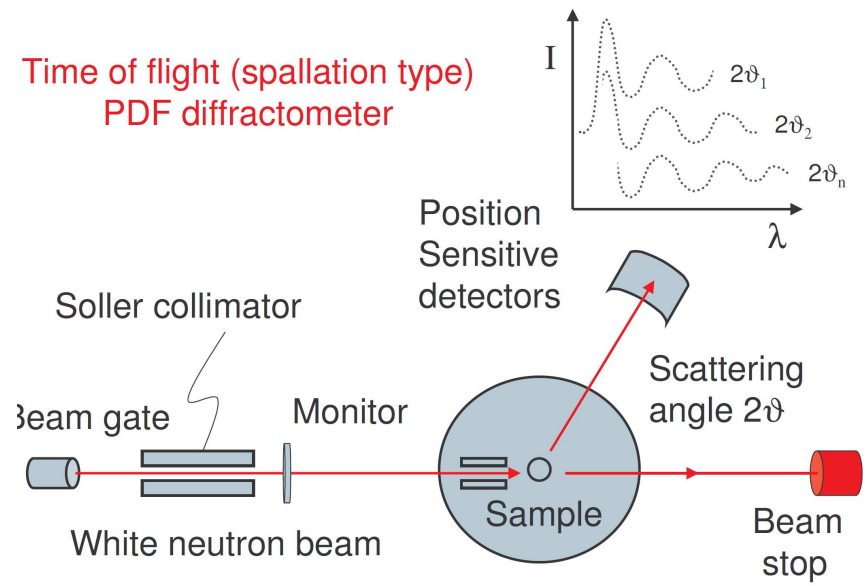
Distribution Functions



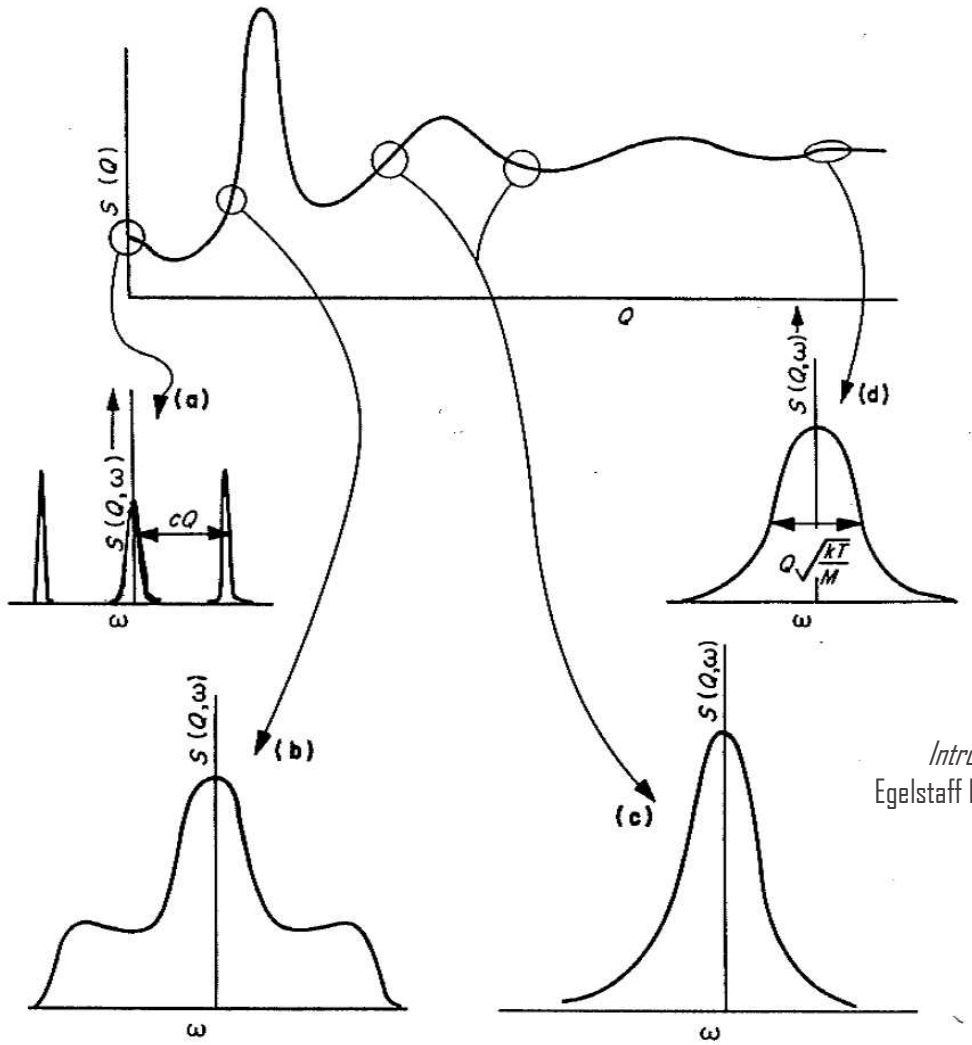
Monochromatic PDF versus time-of-flight PDF





Chapter 12: Structure of glasses and melts in "Neutron Scattering in Earth Sciences".
Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry. 63 (2006) 375-311.

S(Q,ω) cuts along a liquid structure factor



Introduction to the Liquid State.
Egelstaff PA.Oxford University Press, 1994.

Neutron and X-ray differential cross sections

Neutron

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}_{self} + \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}_{Inelastic} + \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}_{distinct}$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} b_{\alpha}^{2} + P(\theta) + F_{N}(Q)$$

Self scattering

Inelastic scattering
"Plazeck"

Distinct scattering

X-ray

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}_{self} + \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}_{Compton} + \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}_{distinct}$$

$$= \sum_{\alpha} c_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}^{2}(Q) + C_{X}(Q) + I_{X}(Q)$$

Self scattering

Compton scattering

Distinct scattering

Neutron and X-ray Static Structure Factors

Neutron Nuclear function

Distinct scattering

X-ray pseudo-nuclear function

$$S_N(Q)-1=\frac{F_N(Q)}{\left(\sum_\alpha c_\alpha b_\alpha\right)^2}$$

$$=\frac{1}{\left(\sum_\alpha c_\alpha b_\alpha\right)^2}\sum_{\alpha,\beta} c_\alpha b_\alpha c_\beta b_\beta (S_{\alpha\beta}(Q)-1)$$

Coherent neutron scattering length

$$S_X(Q)-1=\frac{I_X(Q)}{\left(\sum_\alpha c_\alpha f_\alpha(Q)\right)^2}$$

De-convolute electron cloud

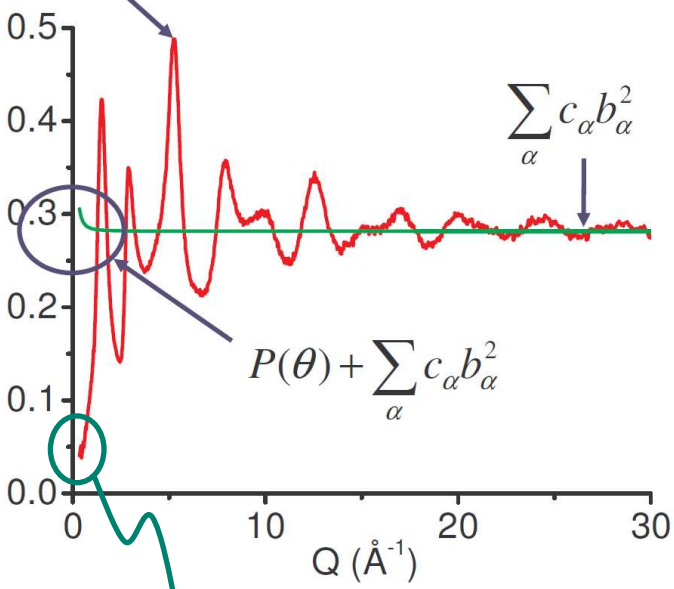
$$=\frac{1}{\left(\sum_\alpha c_\alpha f_\alpha(Q)\right)^2}\sum_{\alpha,\beta} c_\alpha f_\alpha(Q) c_\beta f_\beta(Q)(S_{\alpha\beta}(Q)-1)$$

X-ray form factor

Neutron and X-ray differential cross sections

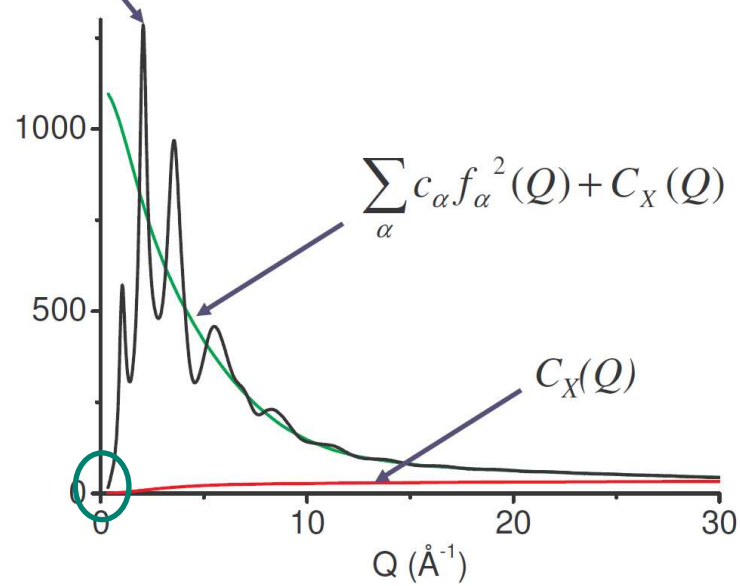
Neutron

$$\frac{d\sigma_N}{d\Omega} = \sum_\alpha c_\alpha b_\alpha^2 + P(\theta) + F_N(Q)$$



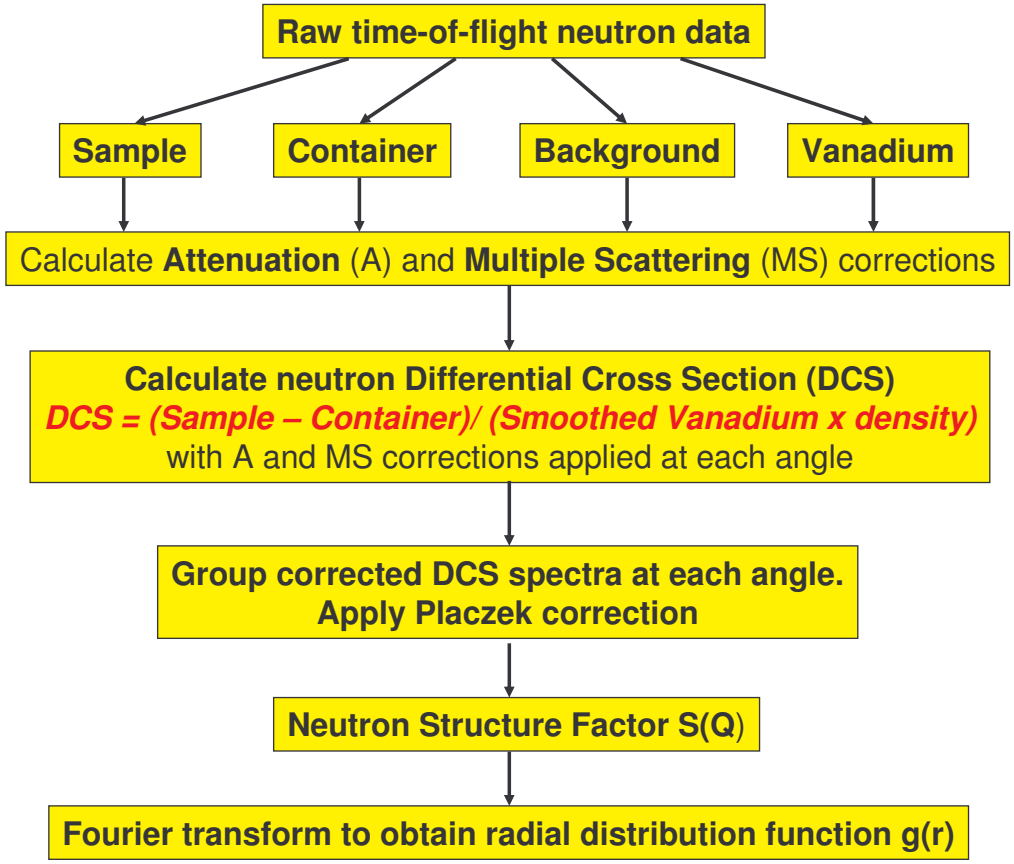
X-ray

$$\frac{d\sigma_X}{d\Omega} = \sum_\alpha c_\alpha f_\alpha{}^2(Q) + C_X(Q) + I_X(Q)$$

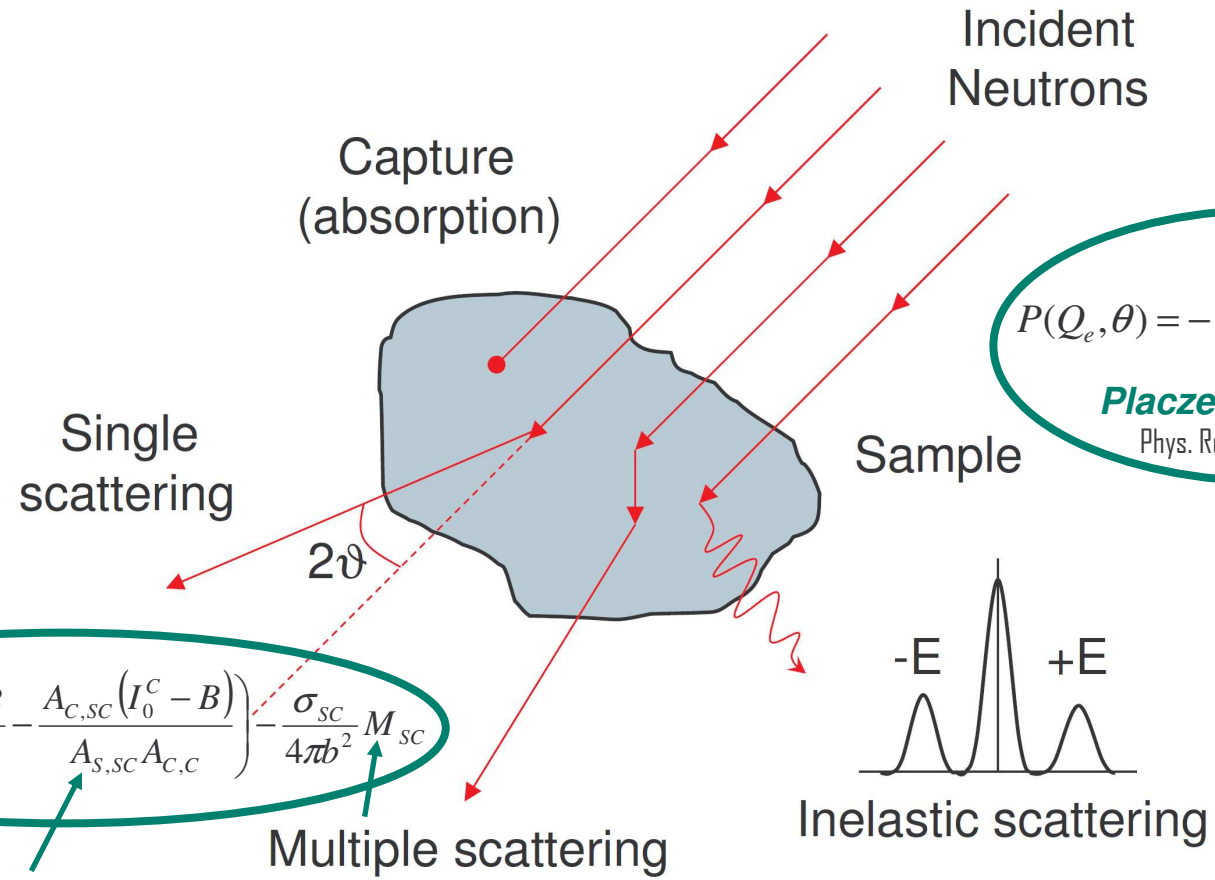


Related to isothermal compressibility for a liquid : $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(Q=0) = \rho K_B T \chi_T \sum_\alpha c_\alpha b_\alpha^2$

Outline of time-of-flight neutron analysis procedure



Neutron diffraction corrections



$$P(Q_e,\theta) = -\frac{2ym}{M}X + \frac{m}{M}\frac{k_B T}{2E_0}Y$$

Placzek correction

Phys. Rev. 86 (1952) 377

$$F_S(Q) = K\left(\frac{I_0^{SC} - B}{A_{S,SC}} - \frac{A_{C,SC}\left(I_0^{C} - B\right)}{A_{S,SC}A_{C,C}}\right) - \frac{\sigma_{SC}}{4\pi b^2}M_{SC}$$

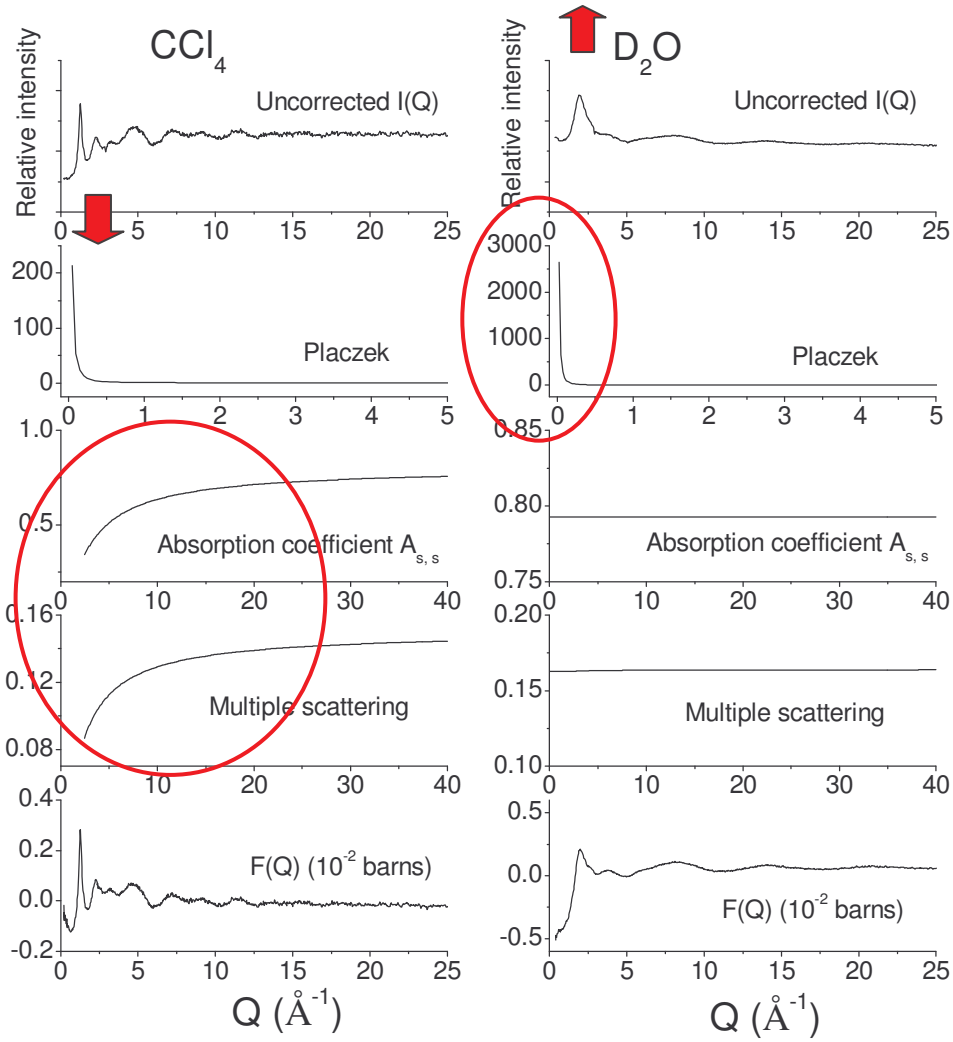
Paalman and Pings attenuation factors

J. Appl. Phys. 33 (1962) 2635

Nuc. Instr. Meth. 178 (1980) 415

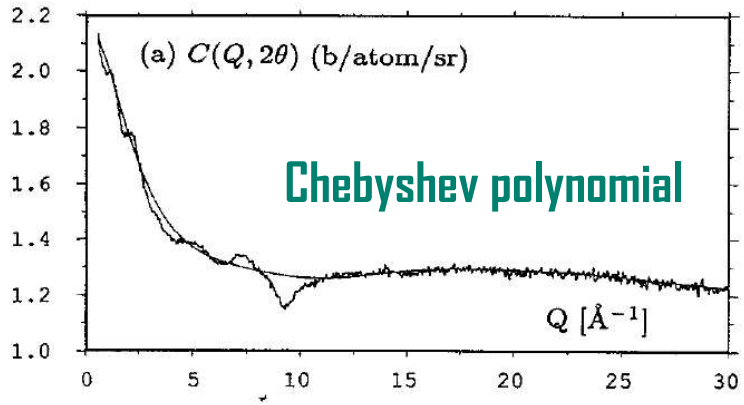
Ideal neutron PDF experiment designed so that attenuation and multiple scattering effects are ~10%

How do the corrections effect the measured data ?

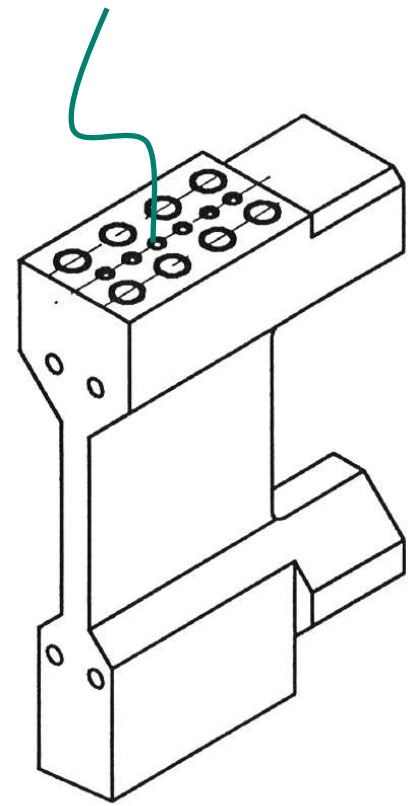


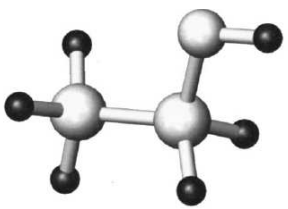
Time-of-Flight Neutron Total Scattering Data Analysis implemented in the software suite ISAW.
Nucl. Instrum. Methods. A 562 (2006) 422-432.

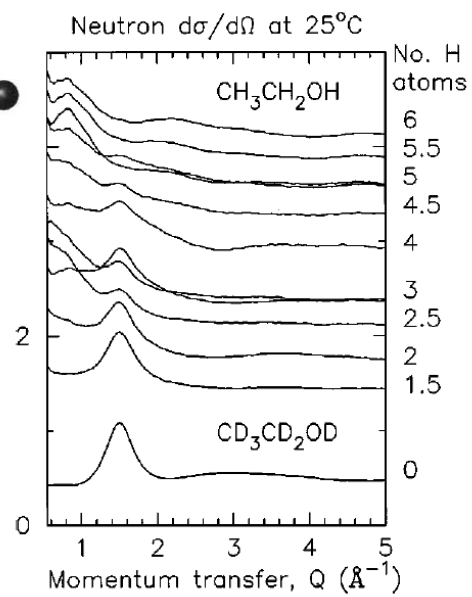
Proton recoil and Vanadium normalization



Vanadium rods
same geometry as sample







Hydrogen Placzek Correction

Check: cross-sections at all angles overlap

A.K. Soper
J. Chem. Phys. 97 (1992) 1320.
J. Chem. Phys. 106 (1997) 247.
J. Chem. Phys. 112 (2000) 5877.

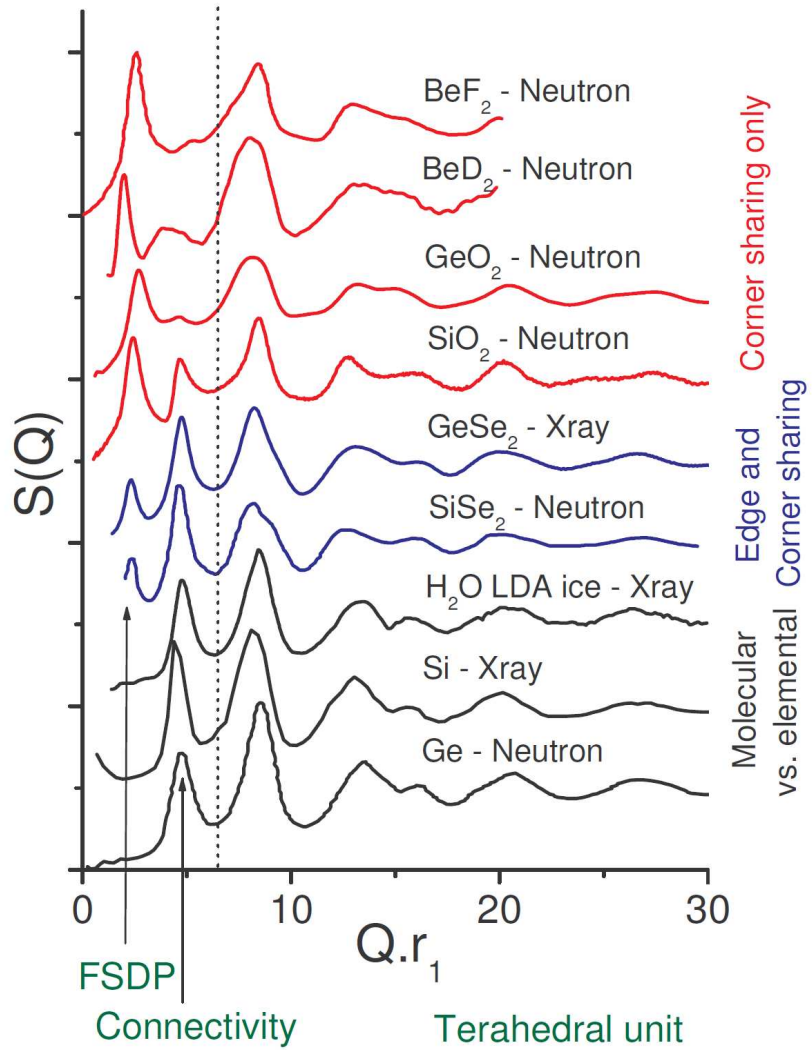
Interpreting Structure Factors

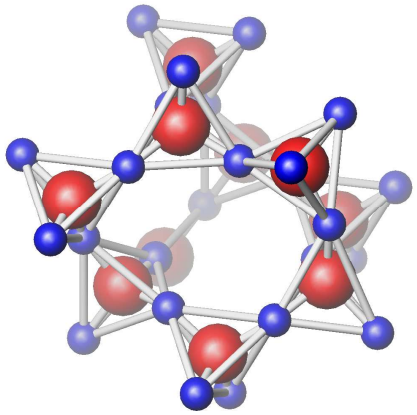
Tetrahedral glasses

r_1=first peak position in real space

FSDP – First Sharp Diffraction Peak : Intermediate Range Order

SSDP –Second Sharp Diffraction Peak : Extended Range Order

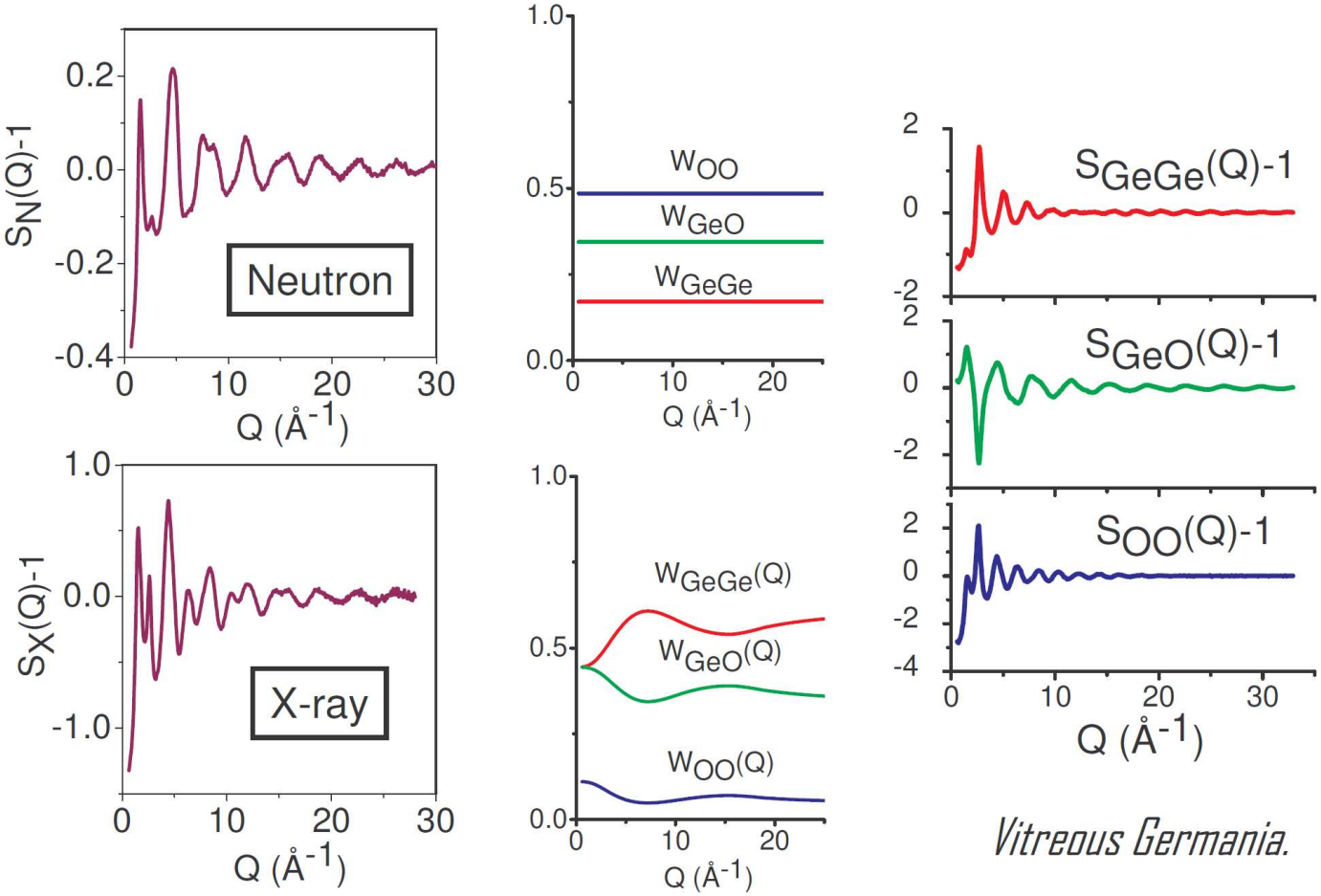




Phys. Rev. B. 72 (2005) 132201.

Weighted Partial Structure Factors

Total Structure Factor, S(Q) = Weighting factors, $W_{\alpha\beta}(Q)$ X Partial Structure Factors, $S_{\alpha\beta(}Q)$



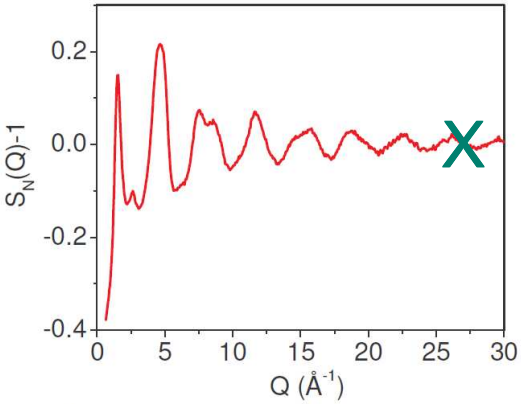
Vitreous Germania.

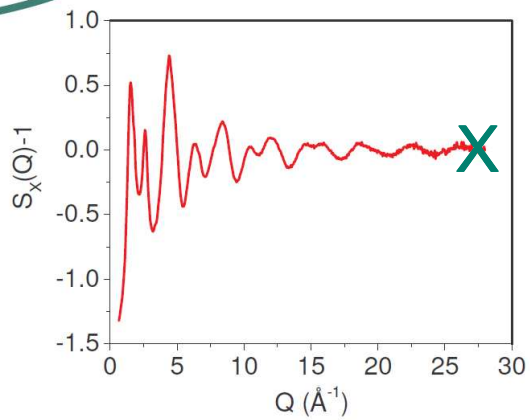
The Miracle step

Neutron

$$g(r) = 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi^2 \rho r} \int Q\, i(Q) \sin(Qr)\, dQ$$

X-ray





g(r) → 0 as r → 0
g(r) → 1 as r → ∞
Radial distribution function

$$T(r) = 4\pi\rho r.g(r)$$

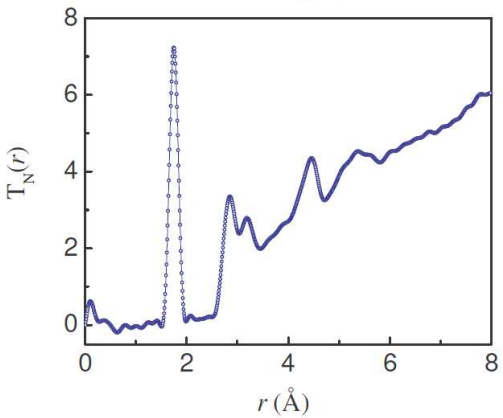
Total distribution function

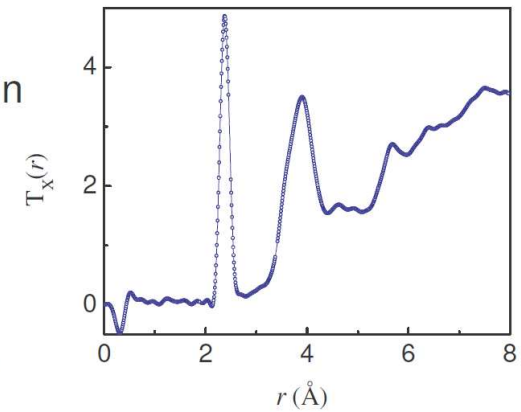
$$D(r) = 4\pi\rho r.[g(r)-1]$$

Differential distribution function

$$Sin\left(\frac{\pi Q}{Q_{max}}\right).\left(\frac{\pi Q}{Q_{max}}\right)^{-1}$$

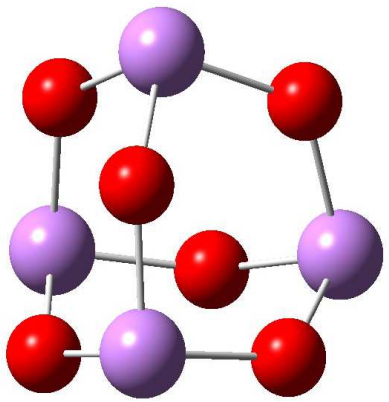
Lorch modification function



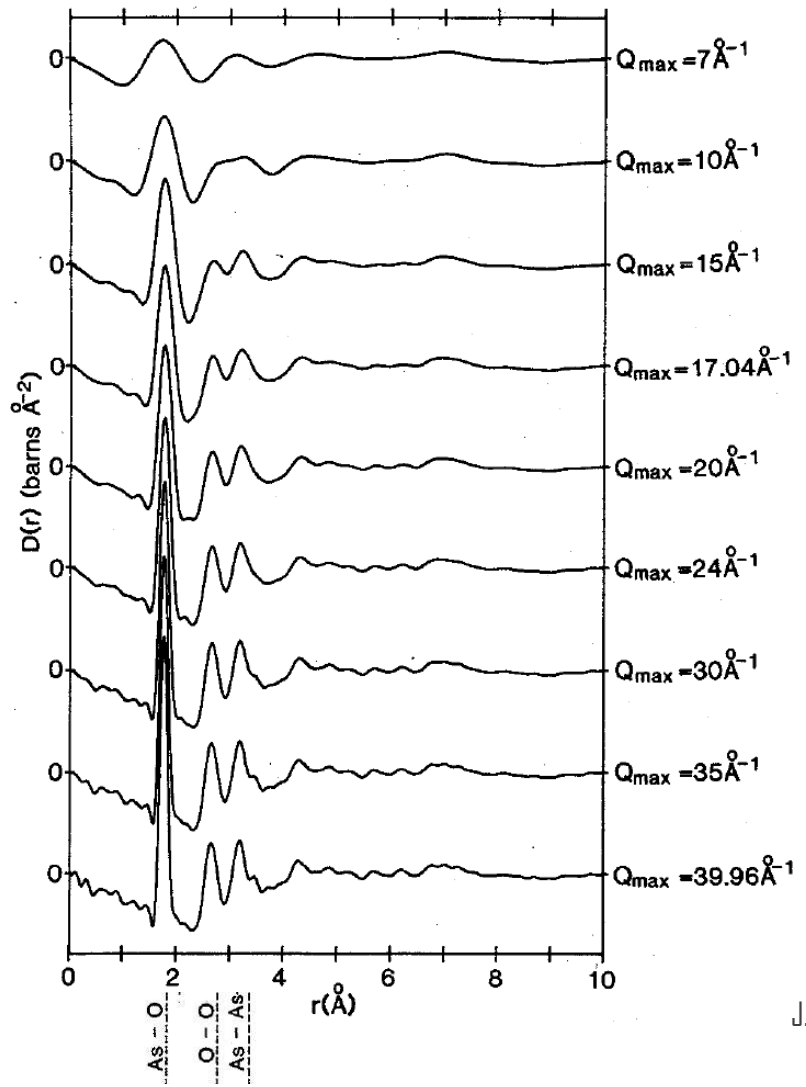


Truncate at a positive node to minimize Fourier artifacts

A question of resolution – the effect of Qmax



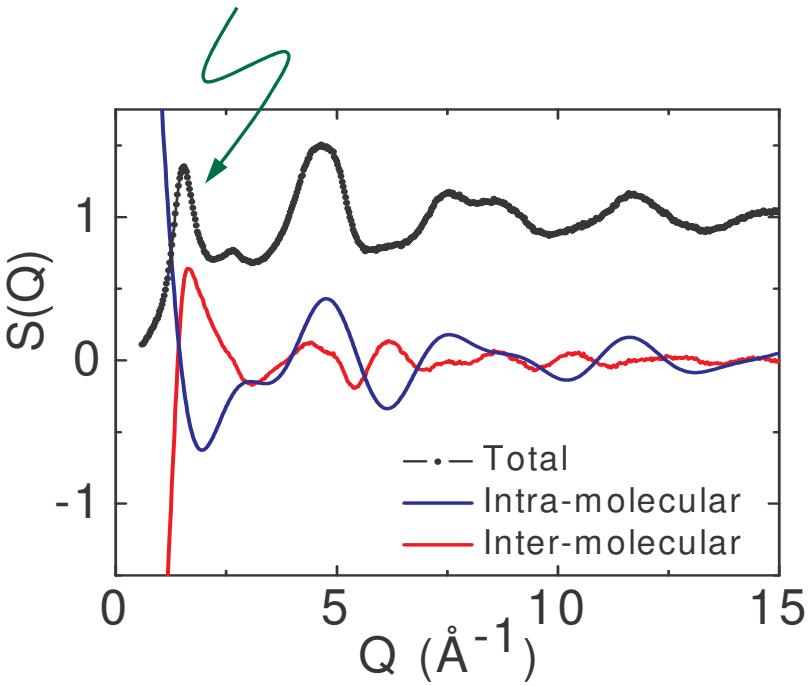
As_4O_6 molecule

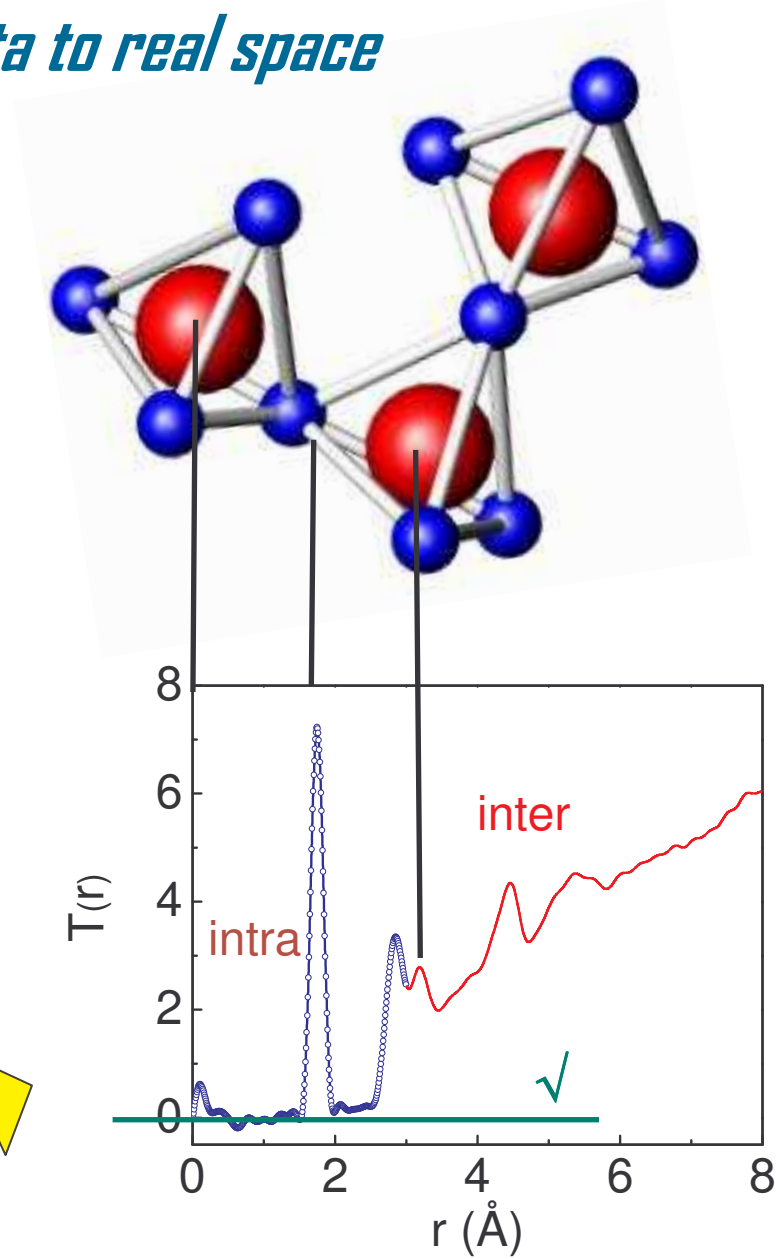


J. Non-Cryst. Sol 111 (1989) 123.

Inversion of data to real space

'First sharp diffraction peak'



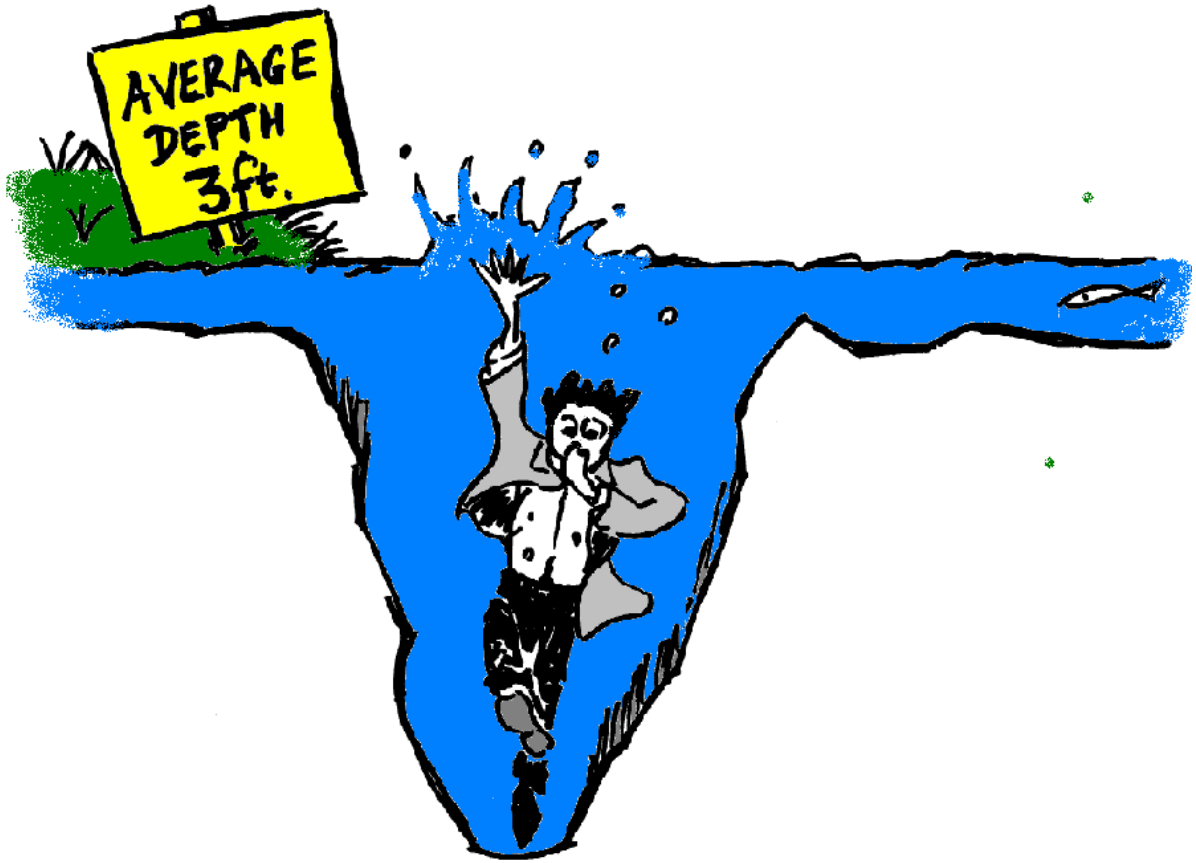


Sine Fourier Transformation

$S(Q) \rightarrow T(r) = 4\pi\rho r.g(r)$

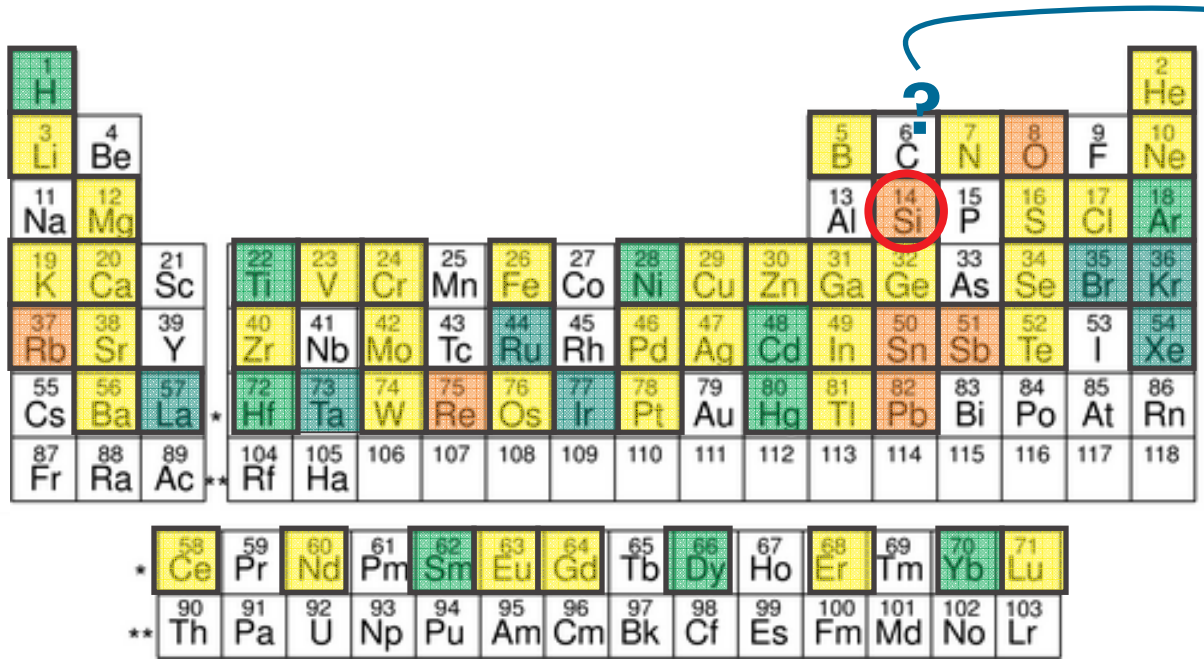
Flaw of Averages

PDF measures the AVERAGE structure i.e. coordination number



Naturally occurring nuclides for NDIS

Identified by feasibility of Neutron Diffraction Isotopic Substitution experiment



Δb = 0.10 fm
***NOT* 0.46 fm**
Scratched !

J. Phys. Condens. Matt. 20 (2008) 045221

Second order difference Δb>10 fm
First order difference Δb >1 fm
Feasible using *NOMAD* at *SNS*
Other

Isotopic Substitution and Partial Structure Factors
J. Enderby. World Scientific p16. ISBN 981-02-1463-4.

Partial Structure Factors for glassy SiO_2

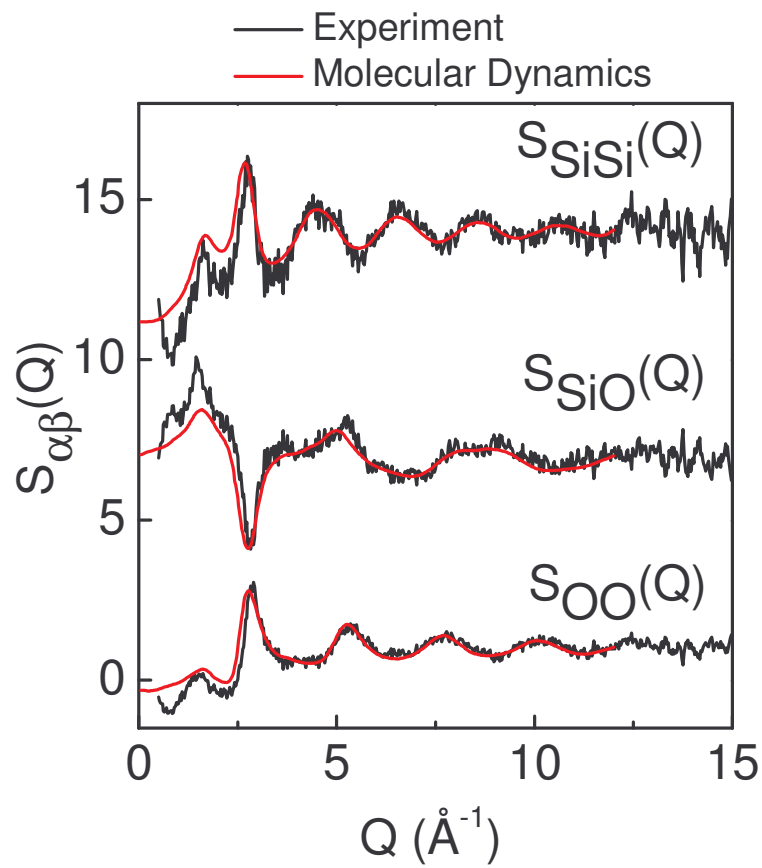
Matrix for extracting partial structure factors from two neutron ^{Nat}Si and ^{29}Si and one high energy x-ray experiment.

$$\begin{bmatrix} {}^{Nat}I_N(Q) \\ {}^{29}I_N(Q) \\ I_X(Q) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{Si\,Nat}^2 b_{Si}^2 & 2c_{Si}c_{O\,Nat}b_{Si}b_O & c_O^2 b_O^2 \\ c_{Si\,29}^2 b_{Si}^2 & 2c_{Si}c_{O\,29}b_{Si}b_O & c_O^2 b_O^2 \\ c_{Si}^2 f_{Si}{}^2(Q) & 2c_{Si}c_O f_{Si}(Q) f_O(Q) & c_O^2 f_O{}^2(Q) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} S_{SiSi}(Q)-1 \\ S_{SiO}(Q)-1 \\ S_{OO}(Q)-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_X(Q) = \langle F \rangle^2 . S_X(Q) = S_X(Q) \sum_{i,j=Si,O} c_i c_j f_i(Q) f_j(Q)$$

$$I_N(Q) = 4\pi \bar{b}^2 . S_N(Q)$$

$b(^{Nat}Si)$= 4.1491(10) fm and $b(^{29}Si)$=4.80(5) fm
Δb = 0.65 fm



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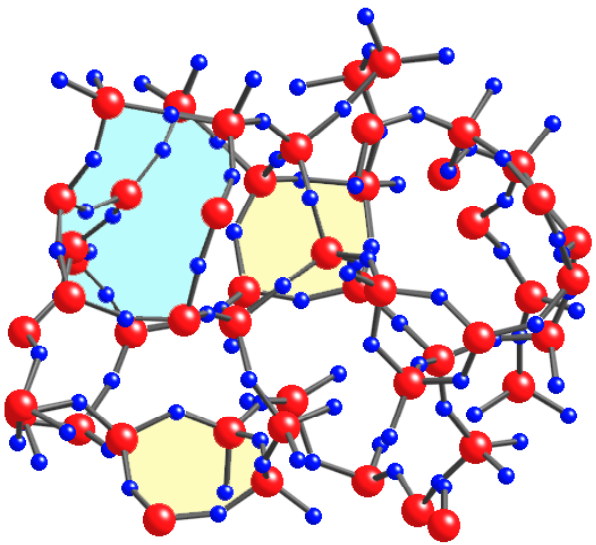
Partial Pair Distribution Functions of vitreous Silica



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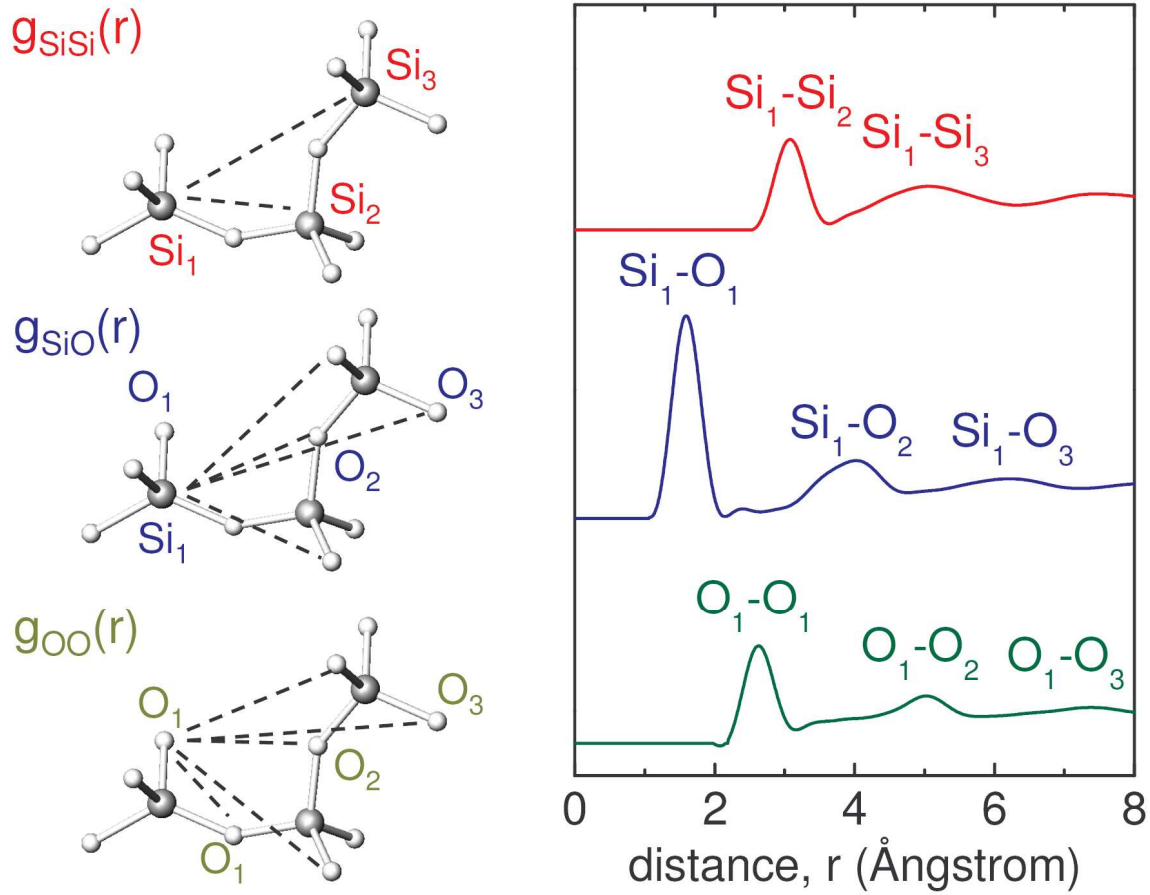
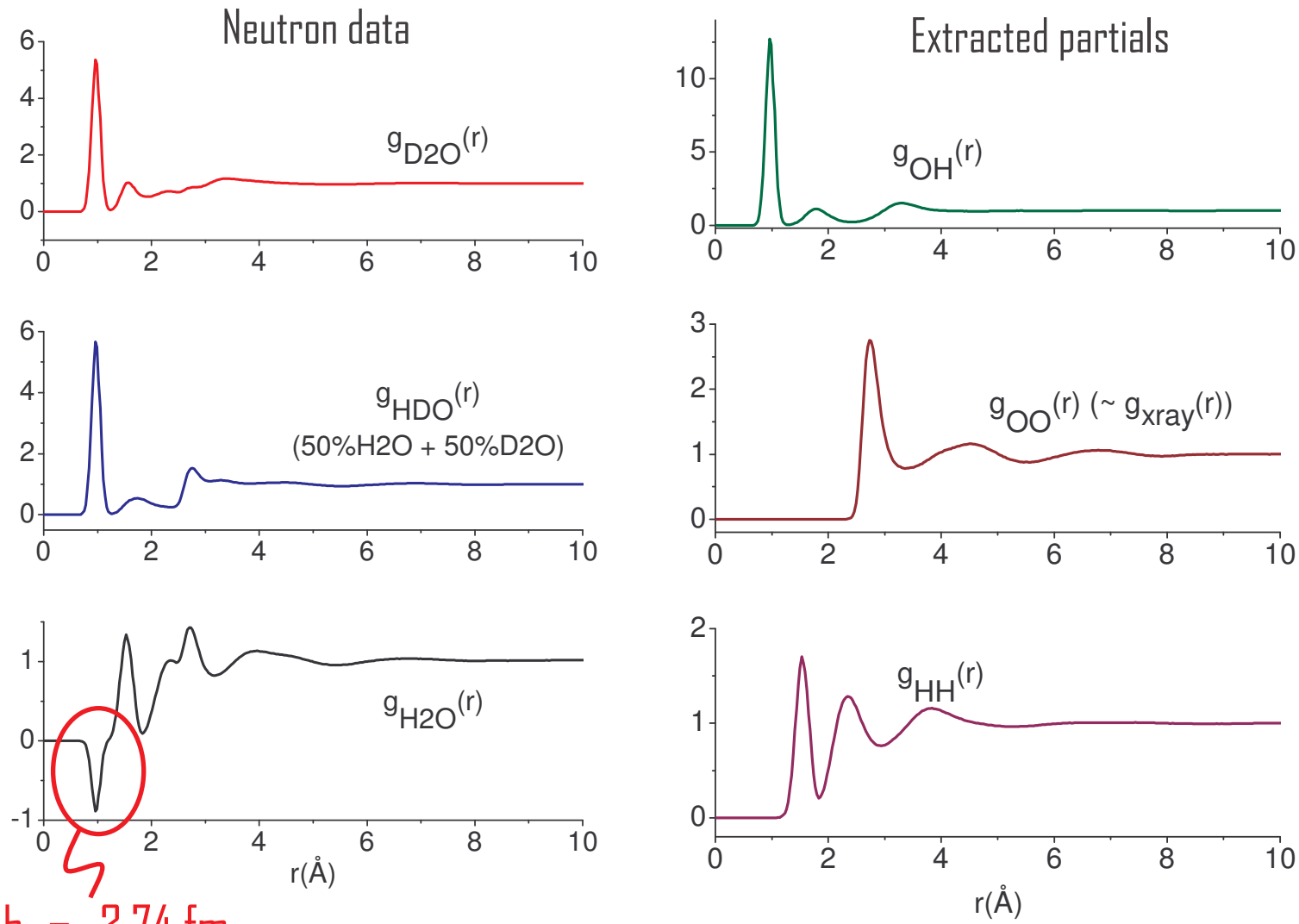
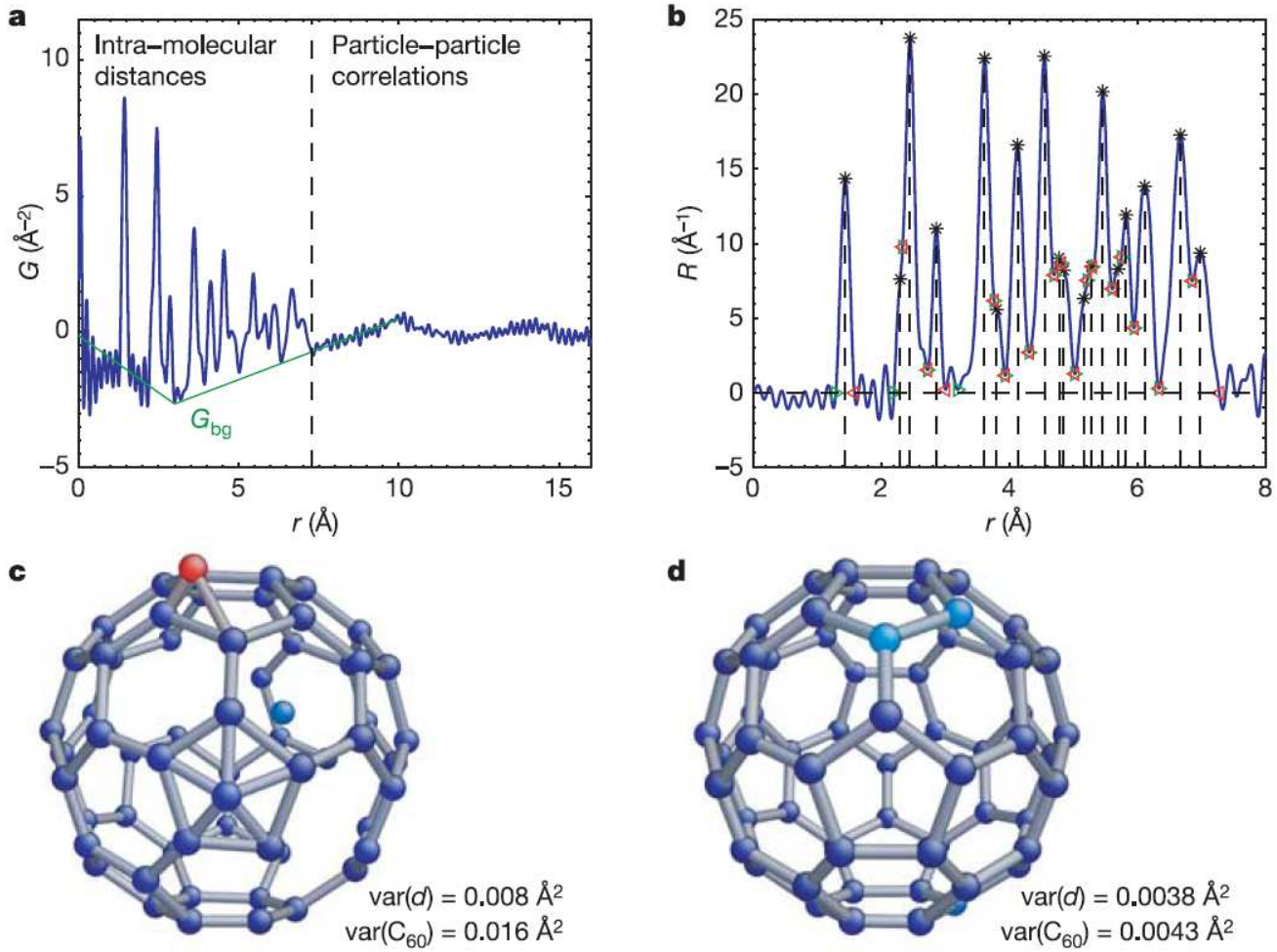


H/D substitution : Partial Structure Factors for water



b_H = -3.74 fm

Solving the Nanoproblem



Nature 440 (2006) 655.

High energy x-ray beamlines at APS

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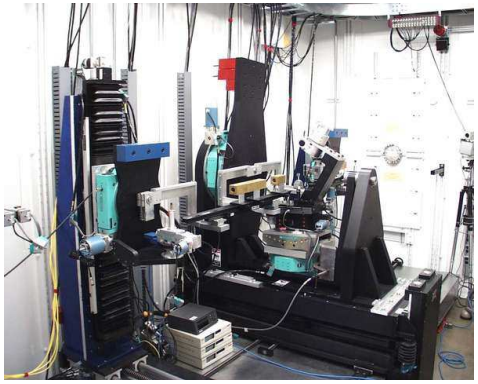

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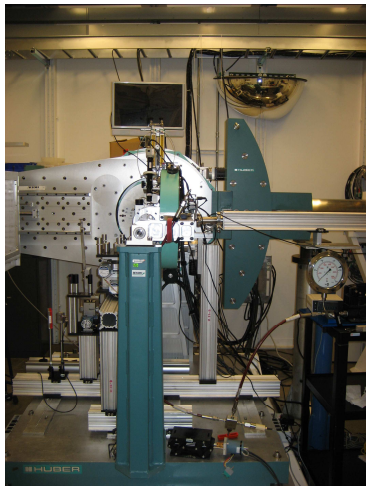

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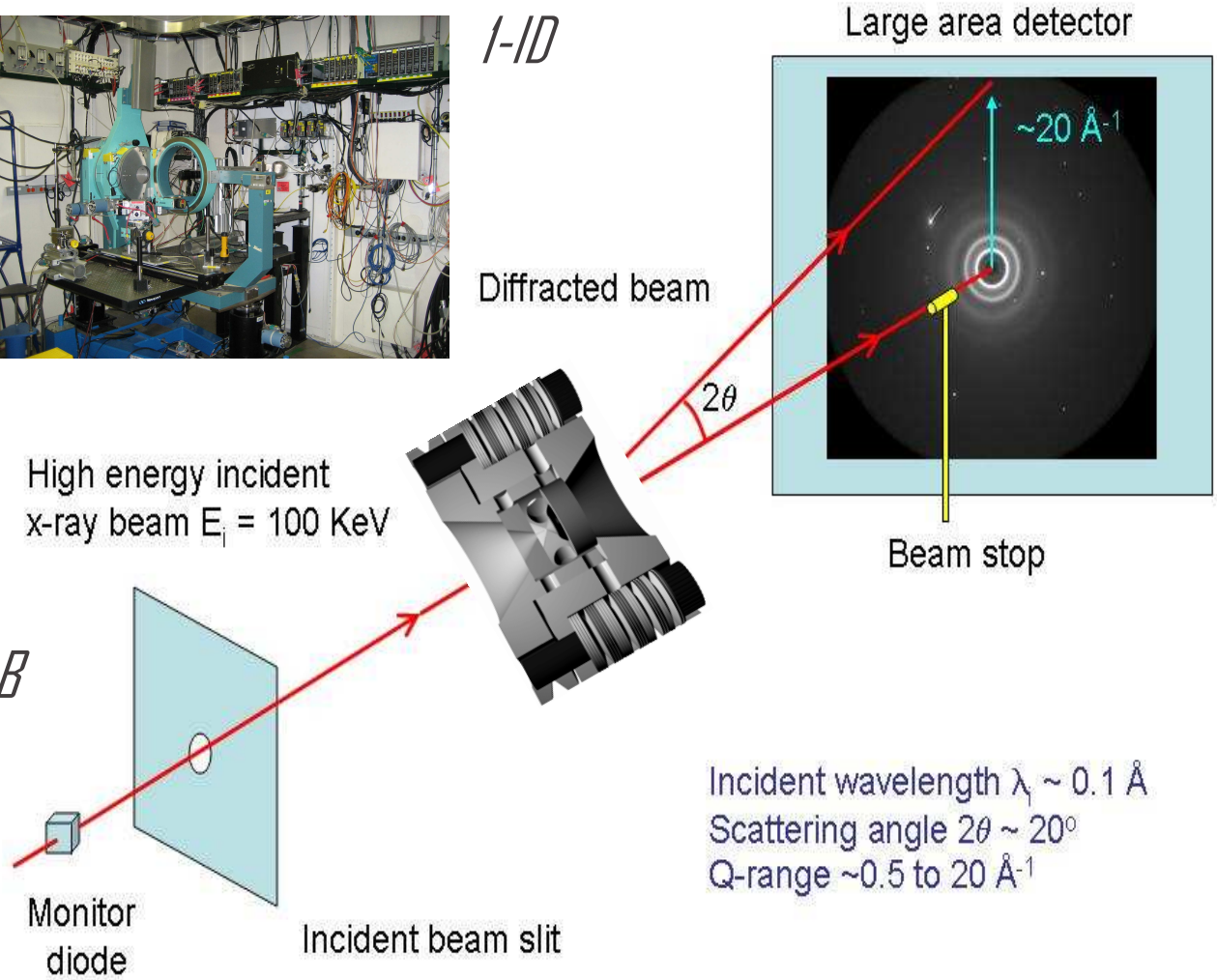

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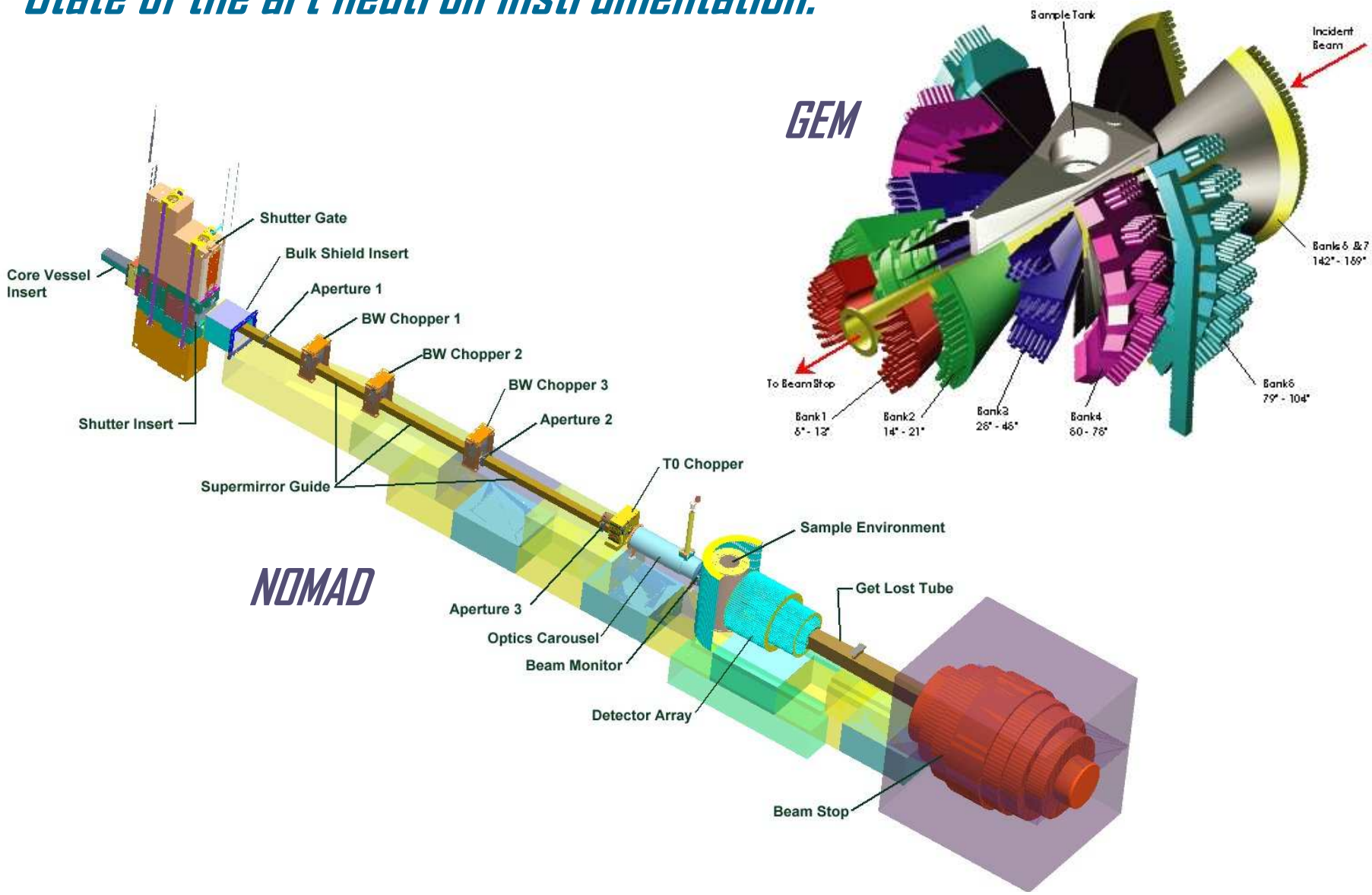
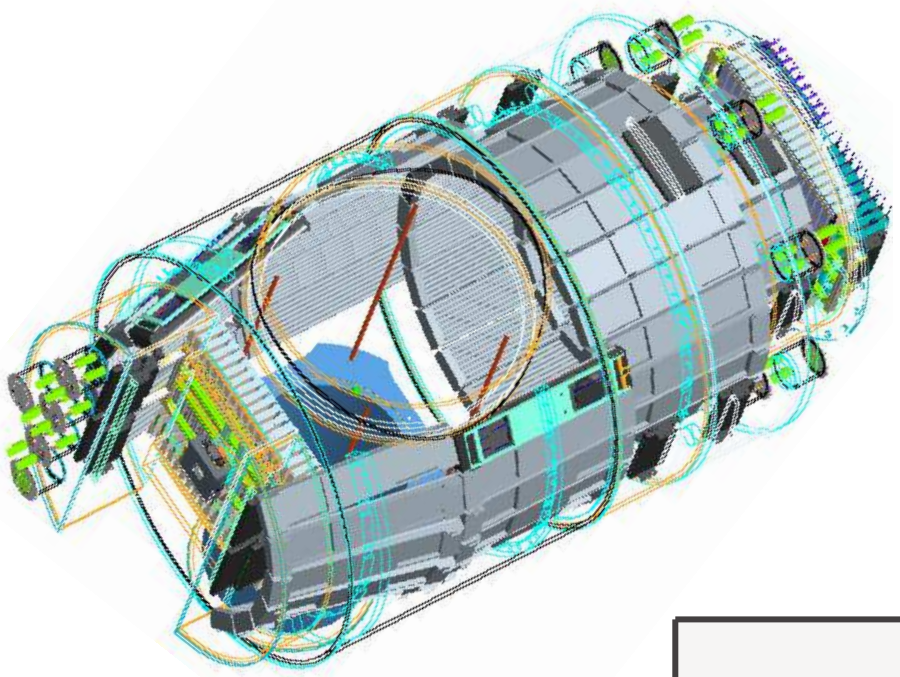


Nanoscale Ordered MAterials Diffractometer



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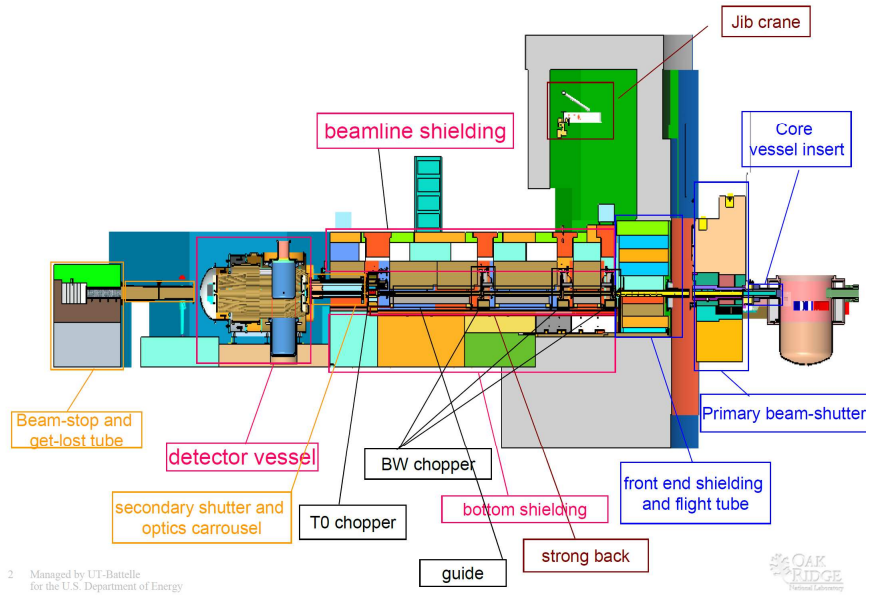
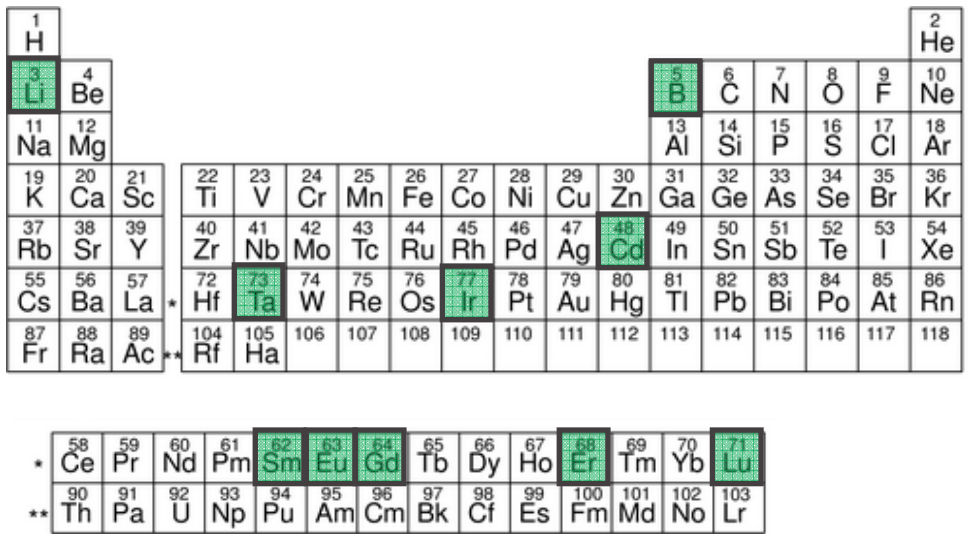


Online in 2011

	D4c (ILL)	GEM (ISIS)	DRACULA (ILL Project)	NOMAD Project
Time averaged flux (10^8 n/cm^2)	0.4	~0.02	~1	~1.7 (1.4MW)
Detector coverage (strad)	0.11	4.0	1.5	~10
Product (10^6)	4.4	8	150	1700

Anomalous neutron diffraction - new possibilities at SNS



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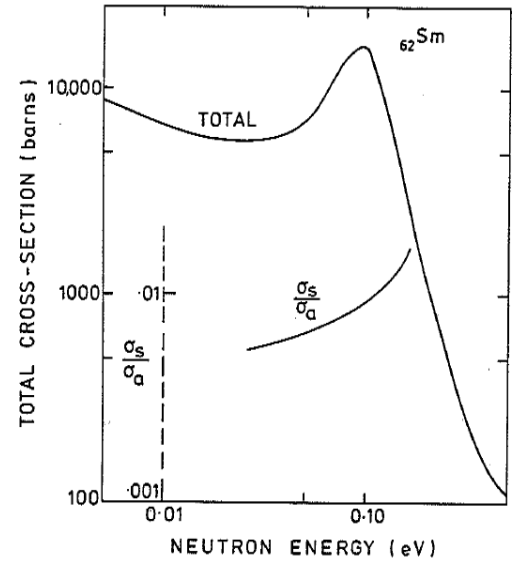
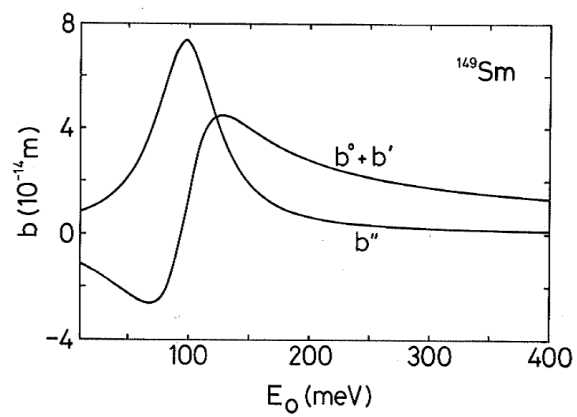
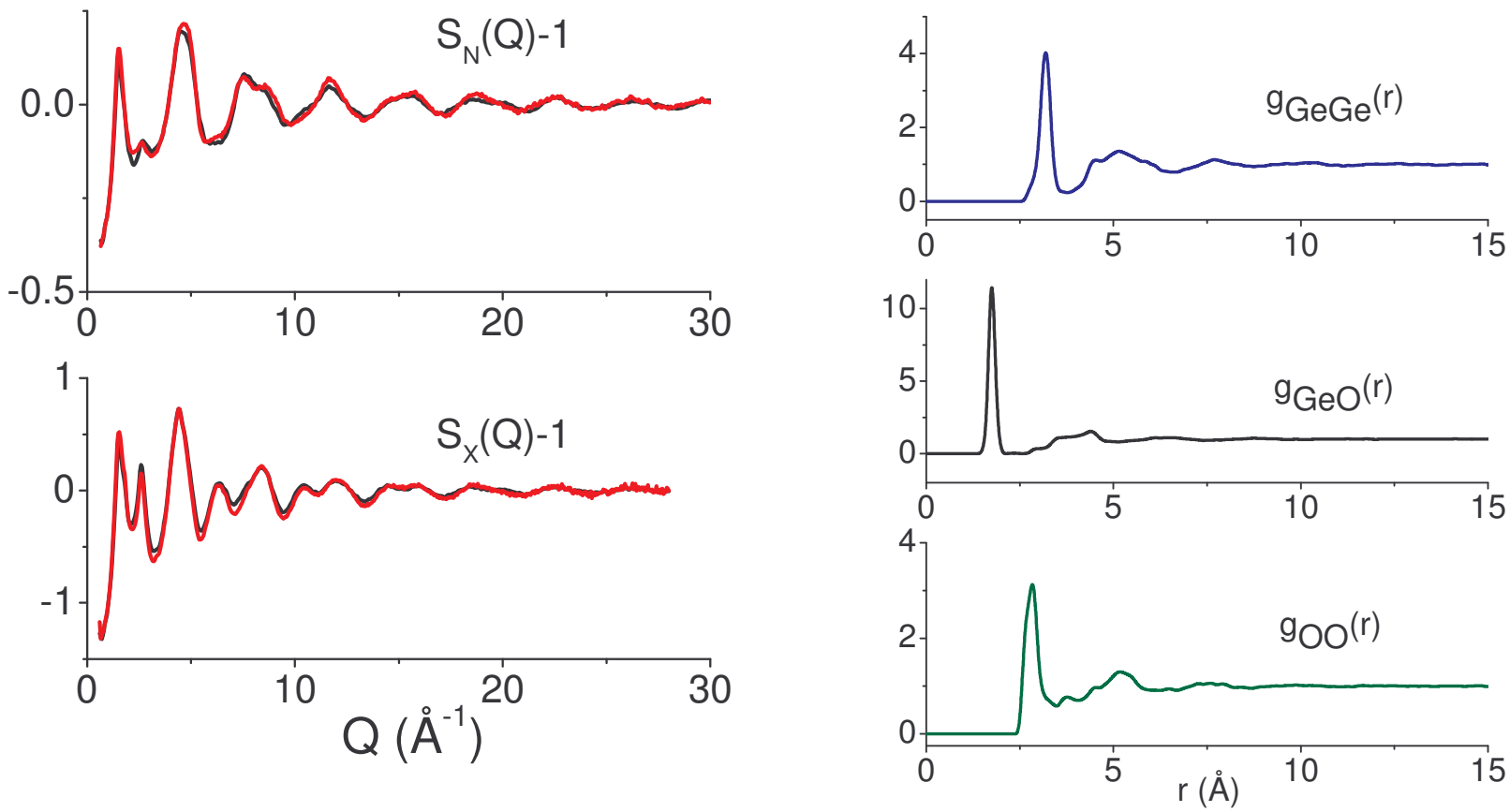




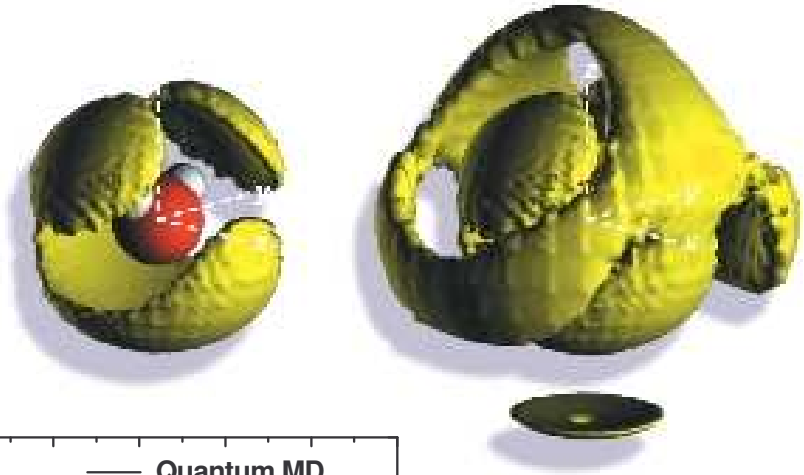
Reverse Monte Carlo Modeling of Neutron and X-ray data

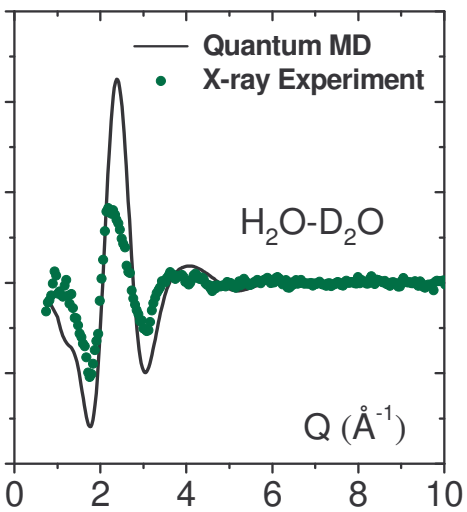


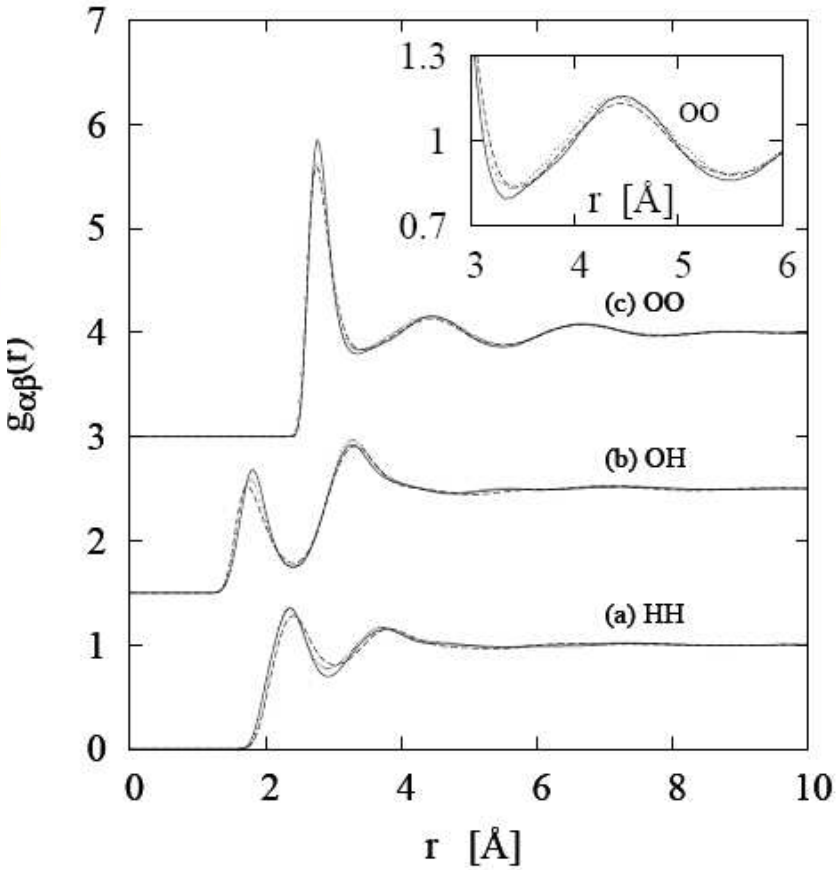
Best (essential ?) to use more than one structure factor plus chemical constraints

Empirical Potential Structure Refinement

Quantum isotope effects in water







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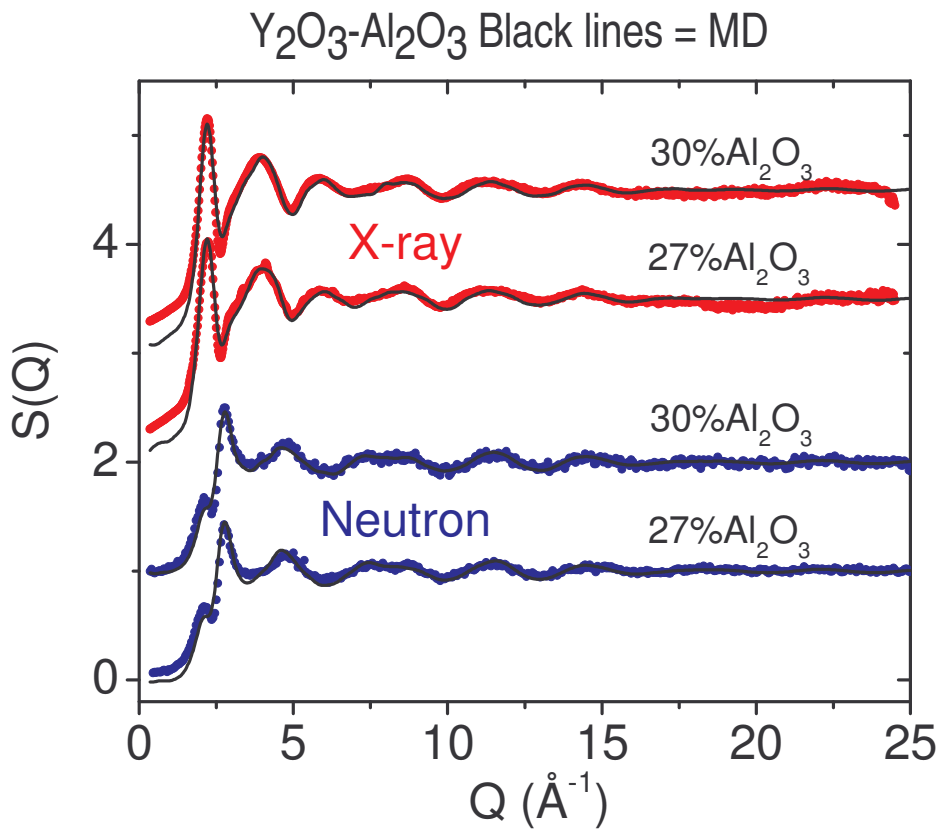
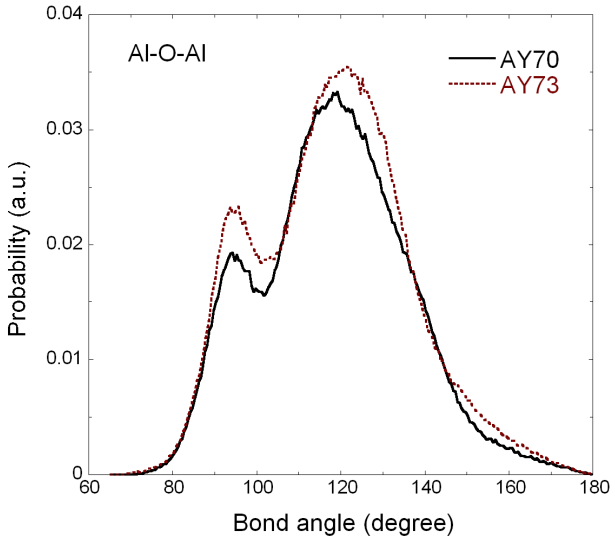
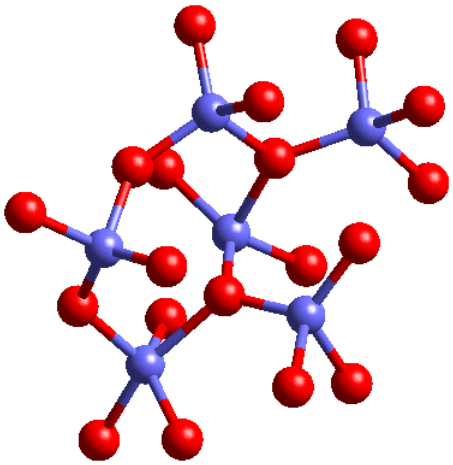
Molecular dynamics Simulations







Tetrahedral oxygen triclusters in Yttria-Alumina glasses

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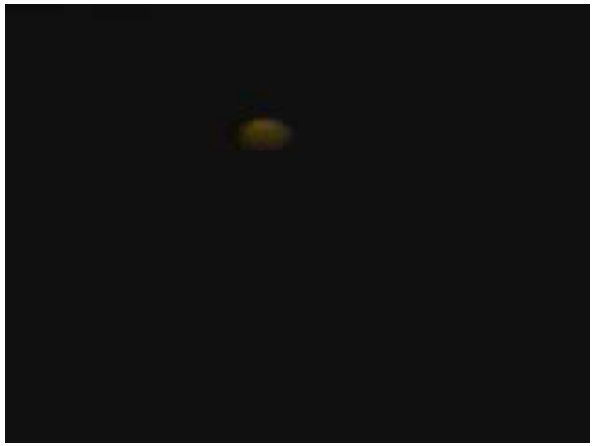
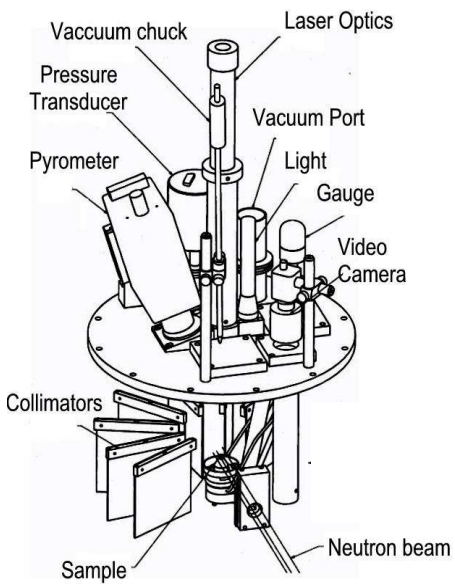
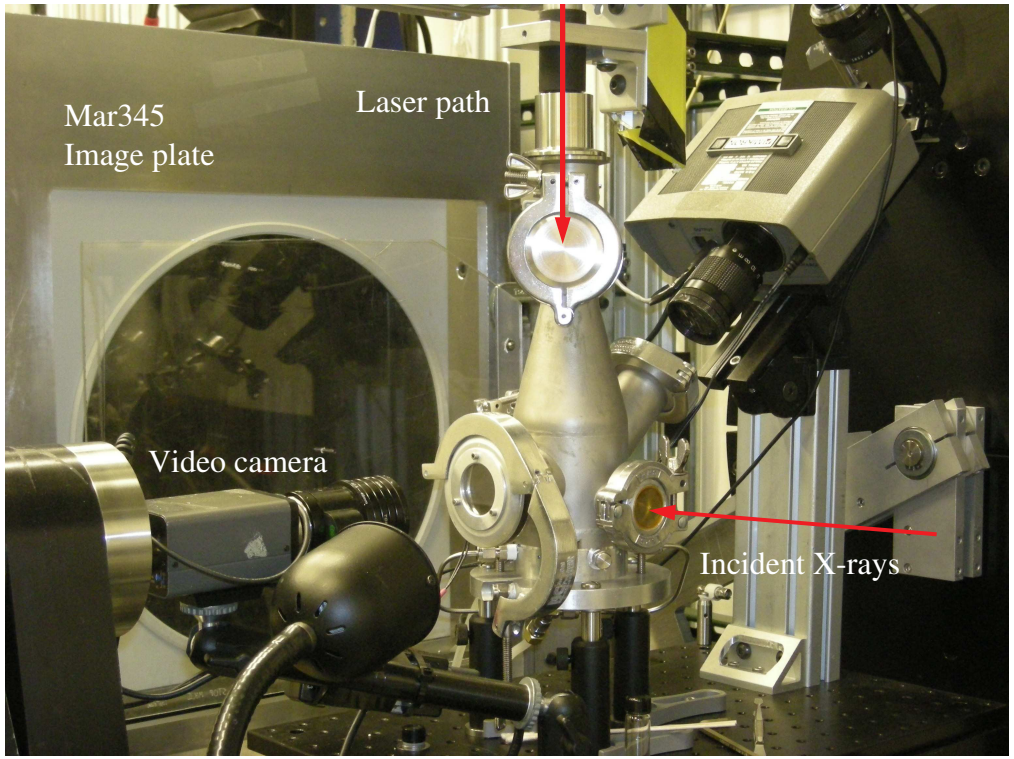
Specialized Sample Environments : Levitator





Tmax =300°C.

Supercool liquids several hundered degrees.



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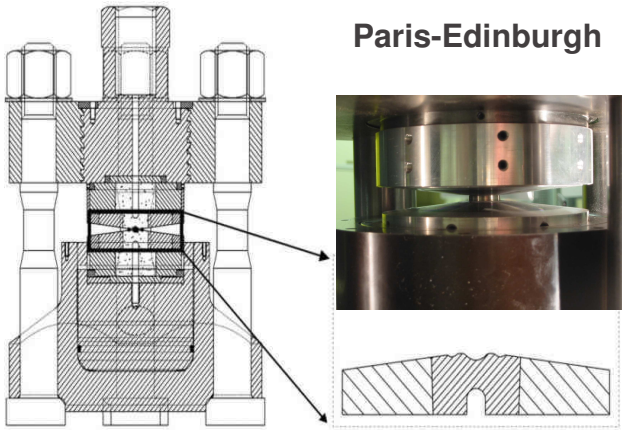
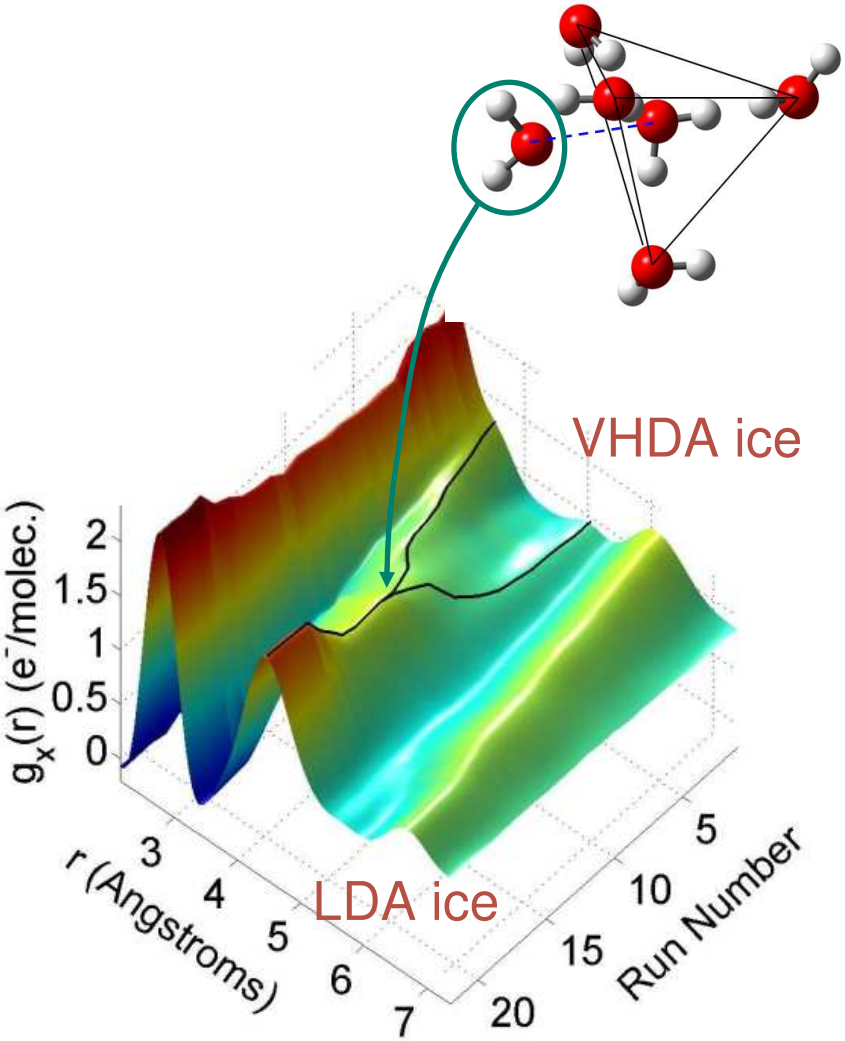
Specialized Sample Environments : High Pressure





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Time Resolved Measurements : Chemical Reactions

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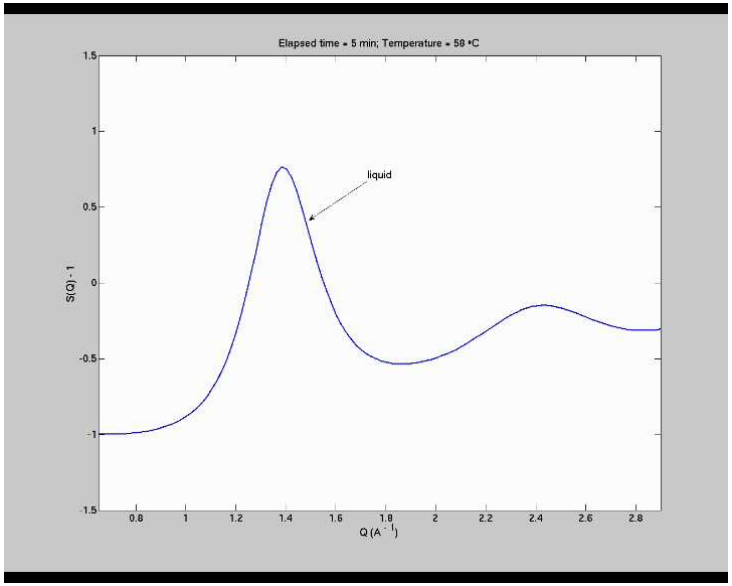

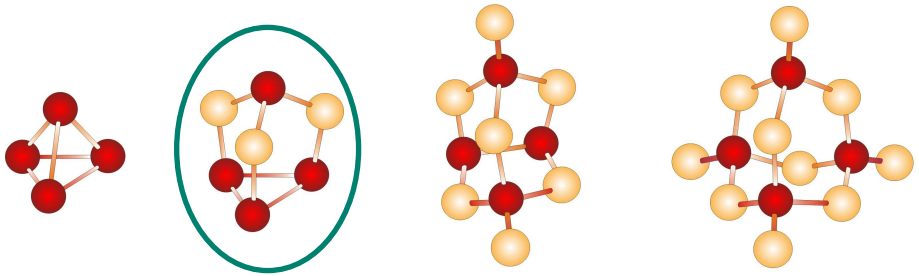

P_4 P_4S_3 P_4S_7 P_4S_{10}

Last slide

Chris's PDF guidelines

Real space peak position = bond length

Peak area α coordination number

Model disagrees with data = it's wrong!

No peaks = no atoms