

If electrons are bound to atoms centered on \bar{R}_i

$$\rho_{el}(\bar{r}) = \sum_i f_{el}(\bar{r} - \bar{R}_i)$$

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atomic form factor

$$S(q) = \langle |\rho_N(\vec{q})|^2 \rangle \quad \left[\propto |f(q)|^2 \right] \text{ for x-rays}$$

$$\rho_N(\vec{q}) = \int d\vec{r} e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} \rho_N(\vec{r})$$

$$\Rightarrow S(q) = \iint d\vec{r} d\vec{r}' e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot(\vec{r}-\vec{r}')} \langle \rho_N(\vec{r}) \rho_N(\vec{r}') \rangle$$

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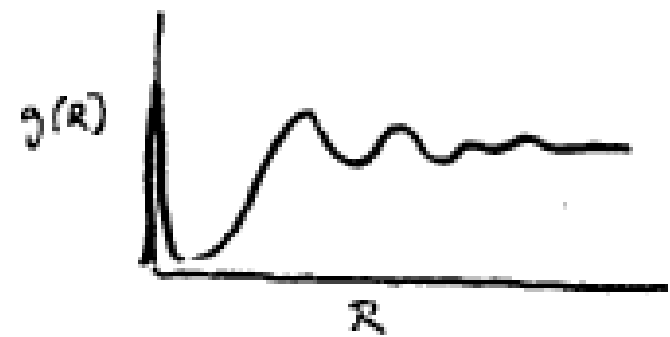
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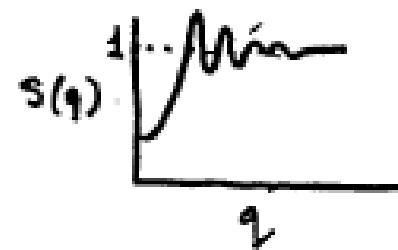
\Rightarrow Probability that given a particle at \vec{r} , there is distance \vec{R} from it (per unit volume)

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$$g_d(\vec{R})_{R \rightarrow \infty} \rightarrow V \langle \rho \rangle^2$$



Liquids and Glasses



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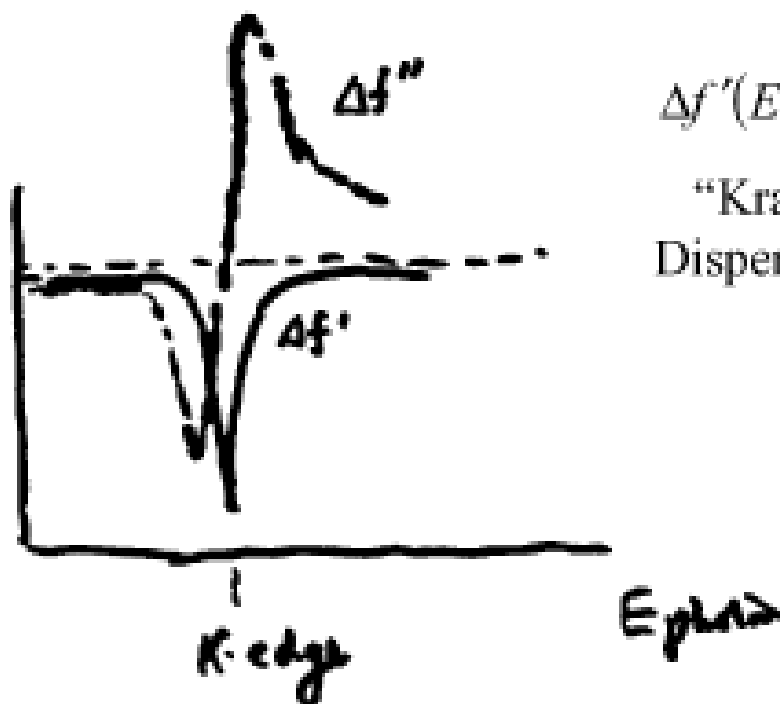
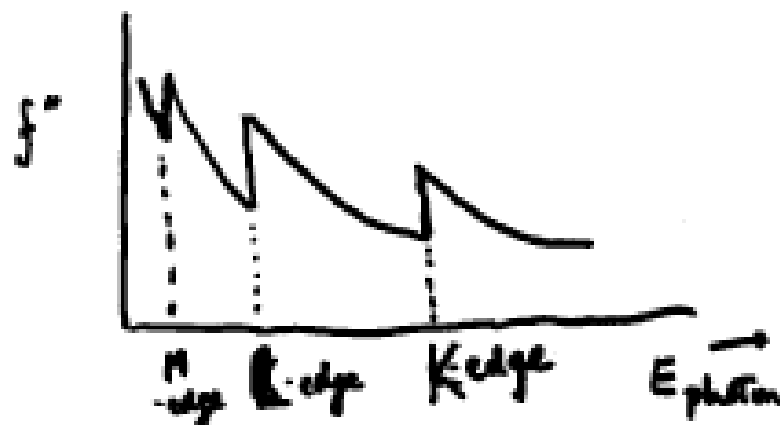
$g_d(R) = \text{Reverse F.T. of } [S(q) - 1]$

$$= 4\pi \int_0^{\infty} dq q^2 \frac{\sin(qR)}{(qR)} [S(q) - 1]$$

X-rays

$$f = f_0 + \underbrace{\Delta f' + i\Delta f''}_{\text{"anomalous" big at edges}}$$

↑
"Scattering factor" = $Zf(q)$



$$\Delta f'(E) = 2\pi \int \frac{\Delta f''(E')}{E - E'} dE'$$

"Kramers-Kronig
Dispersion Relations"

$$S(q) = \langle |\rho_N(\vec{q})|^2 \rangle \quad \left[\propto |f(q)|^2 \right] \text{for x-rays} \quad *Z^2$$

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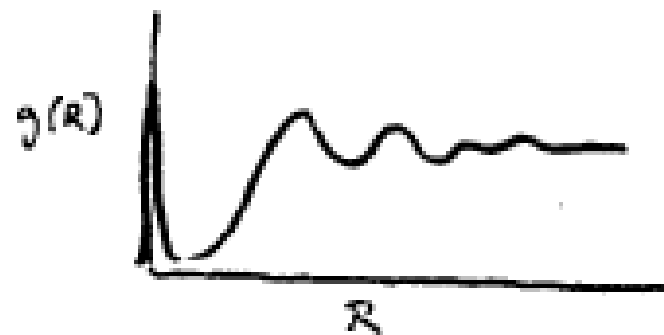
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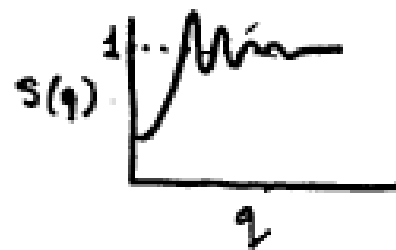
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S(Q) and g(r) for Simple Liquids

- Note that $S(Q)$ and $g(r)/\rho$ both tend to unity at large values of their arguments
- The peaks in $g(r)$ represent atoms in “coordination shells”
- $g(r)$ is expected to be zero for $r <$ particle diameter – ripples are truncation errors from Fourier transform of $S(Q)$

Fig. 5.1 The structure factor $S(\kappa)$ for ^{36}Ar at 85 K. The curve through the experimental points is obtained from a molecular dynamics calculation of Verlet based on a Lennard-Jones potential. (After Yarnell *et al.*, 1973.)

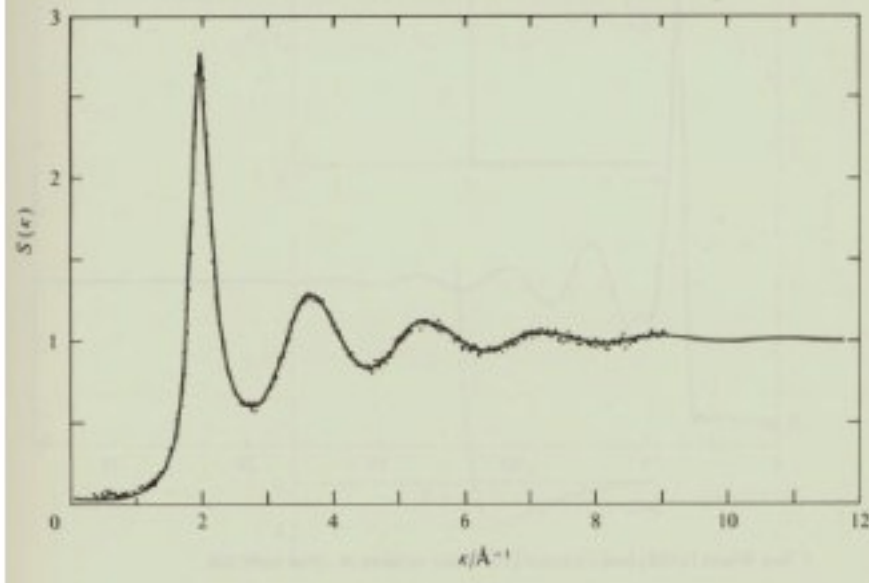
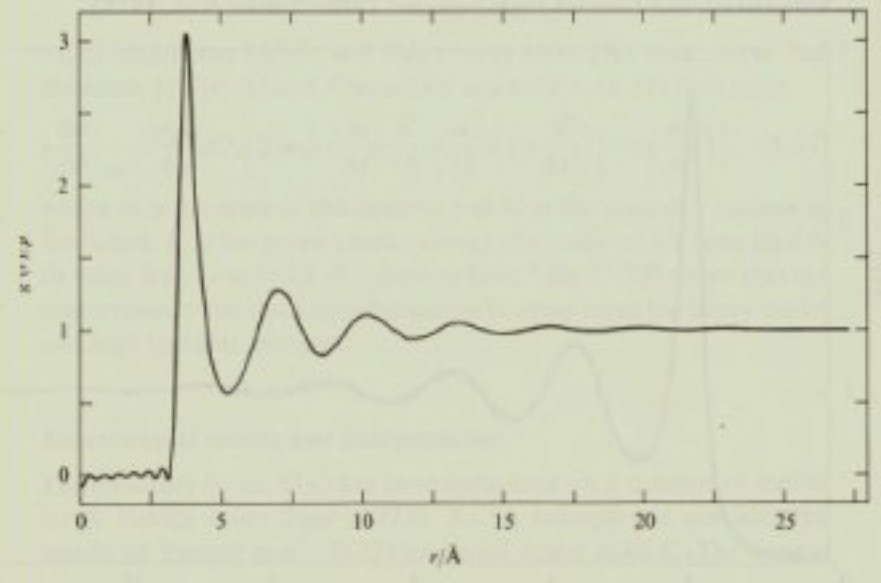


Fig. 5.2 The pair-distribution function $g(r)$ obtained from the experimental results in Fig. 5.1. The mean number density is $\rho = 2.13 \times 10^{28}$ atoms m^{-3} . (After Yarnell *et al.*, 1973.)



Neutrons

$$I(q) \equiv \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sum_{K, K'} b_K b_{K'} S_{KK'}(q)$$

X-rays

$$I(q) = \sum_{K, K'} (r_0)^2 Z_{K'}, Z_{K'}, f_K(q) f_{K'}^*(q) S_{KK'}(q) \\ \times \left[1 + \frac{\cos^2(2\theta)}{2} \right]$$

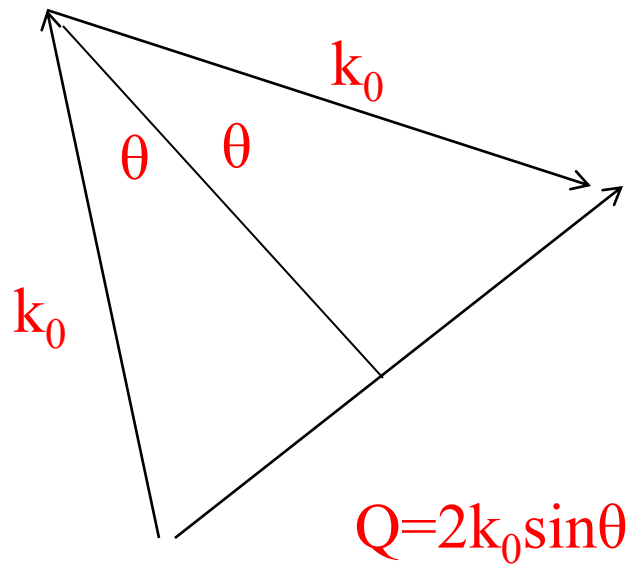
More than one type of atom

(K, K' = Different atomic types)

$$S_{KK'}(q) = \left\langle \sum_{i(K), j(K')} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot [\vec{R}_i(K) - \vec{R}_j(K')]} \right\rangle$$

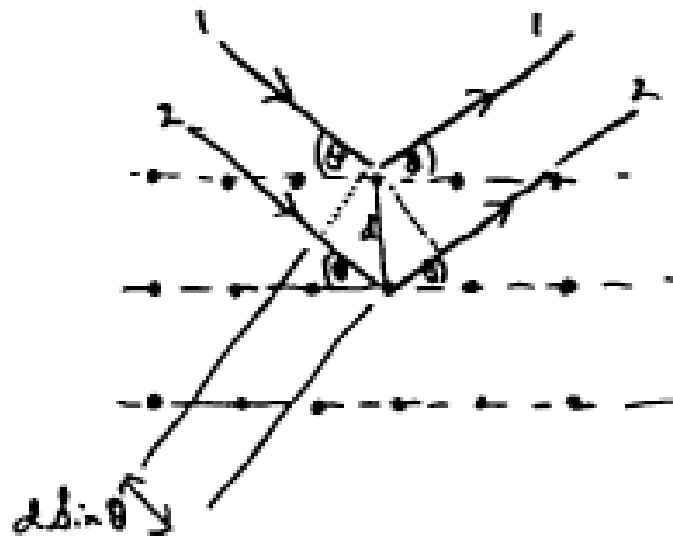
⇒ partial structure factor

These can be unscrambled by simultaneous measurements of $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$ for neutrons, different isotopes + x-rays.



In general, in a scattering experiment

$$|\vec{q}| = 2k \sin \theta = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin \theta$$

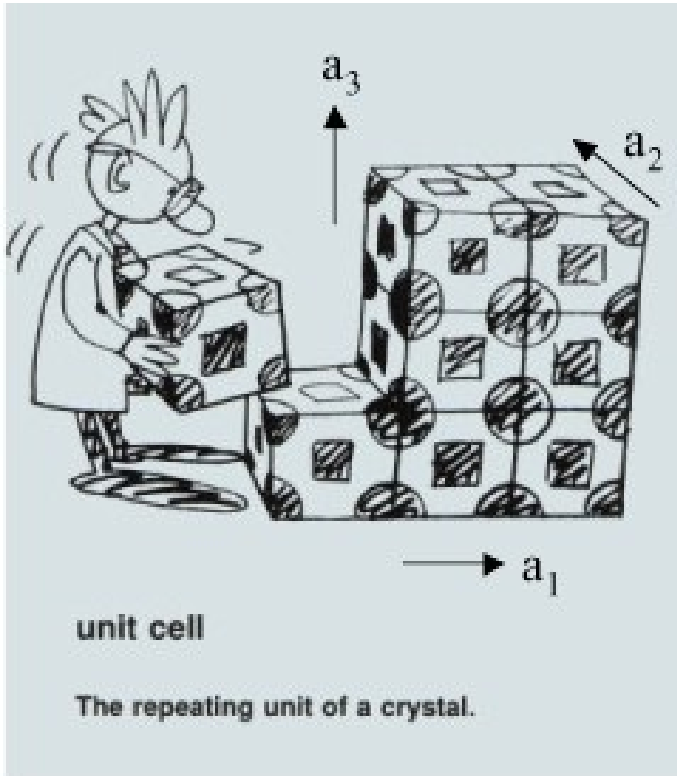


A simple way to see Bragg's Law:

Path length difference between rays reflected from successive planes (1 and 2) = $2d \sin \theta$

\therefore Constructive interference when

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$$



Define 3 other vectors:

$$\vec{b}_1 = 2\pi(\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)/v_0$$

$$\vec{b}_2 = 2\pi(\vec{a}_3 \times \vec{a}_1)/v_0$$

$$\vec{b}_3 = 2\pi(\vec{a}_1 \times \vec{a}_2)/v_0$$

$$v_0 = \vec{a}_1 \cdot (\vec{a}_2 \times \vec{a}_3)$$

= unit cell vol.

These have the property that $\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{b}_j = 2\pi\delta_{ij}$

So if we choose any vector \vec{G} on the lattice defined by $\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3$:

$$\vec{G} = \dots + n_1\vec{b}_1 + n_2\vec{b}_2 + n_3\vec{b}_3$$

then for any \vec{G}, \vec{R}_ℓ ,

$\vec{G} \cdot \vec{R}_\ell = 2\pi \times \text{integer} \rightarrow$ Implies \vec{G} is normal to sets of planes of atoms spaced $n \cdot 2\pi/G$ apart.



Reciprocal Lattice

Lattice Vectors $\vec{R}_\ell = m_1\vec{a}_1 + m_2\vec{a}_2 + m_3\vec{a}_3$

$\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3 \rightarrow$ primitive translation vectors of unit cell

OR

$$e^{i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{R}_\ell} = 1$$

Crystals (Bravais or Monotonic)

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{neutrons}} = \langle b \rangle^2 \left\langle \sum_{\ell\ell'} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot (\vec{R}_\ell - \vec{R}_{\ell'})} \right\rangle$$

where \vec{R}_ℓ denotes a lattice site

$$= N \langle b \rangle^2 \left\langle \sum_{\ell} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_\ell} \right\rangle$$

Now

$$\sum_{\ell} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_\ell} = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{v_0} \sum_{\vec{G}} \delta(\vec{q} - \vec{G})$$

v_0 = Vol. of unit cell; \vec{G} = Reciprocal Lattice Vector

[Property of reciprocal lattices and direct lattices:

$$e^{-i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{R}_\ell} = e^{in \cdot 2\pi} = 1]$$

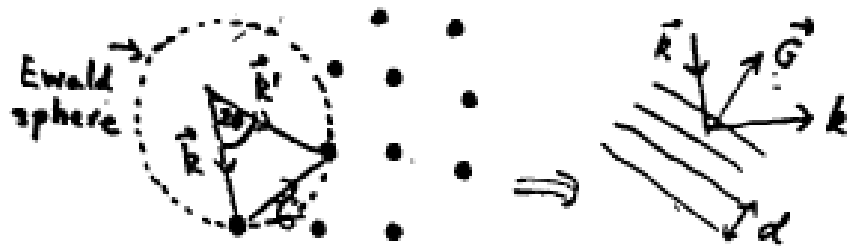
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{neutrons}} = \langle b \rangle^2 N \cdot \frac{(2\pi)^3}{v_0} \sum_{\vec{G}} \delta(\vec{q} - \vec{G}) e^{-2iW}$$

(Introduce e^{-2W} = "Form factor" for thermal smearing of atoms = $e^{-\langle(\vec{q}\cdot\vec{u})^2\rangle}$ \Rightarrow Debye-Waller factor)

Similarly,

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{x\text{-rays}} = Z^2 r_0^2 \left(\frac{1 + \cos^2(2\theta)}{2}\right) f^2(\vec{q}) e^{-2W}$$

$$N \cdot \frac{(2\pi)^3}{v_0} \sum_{\vec{G}} \delta(\vec{q} - \vec{G})$$



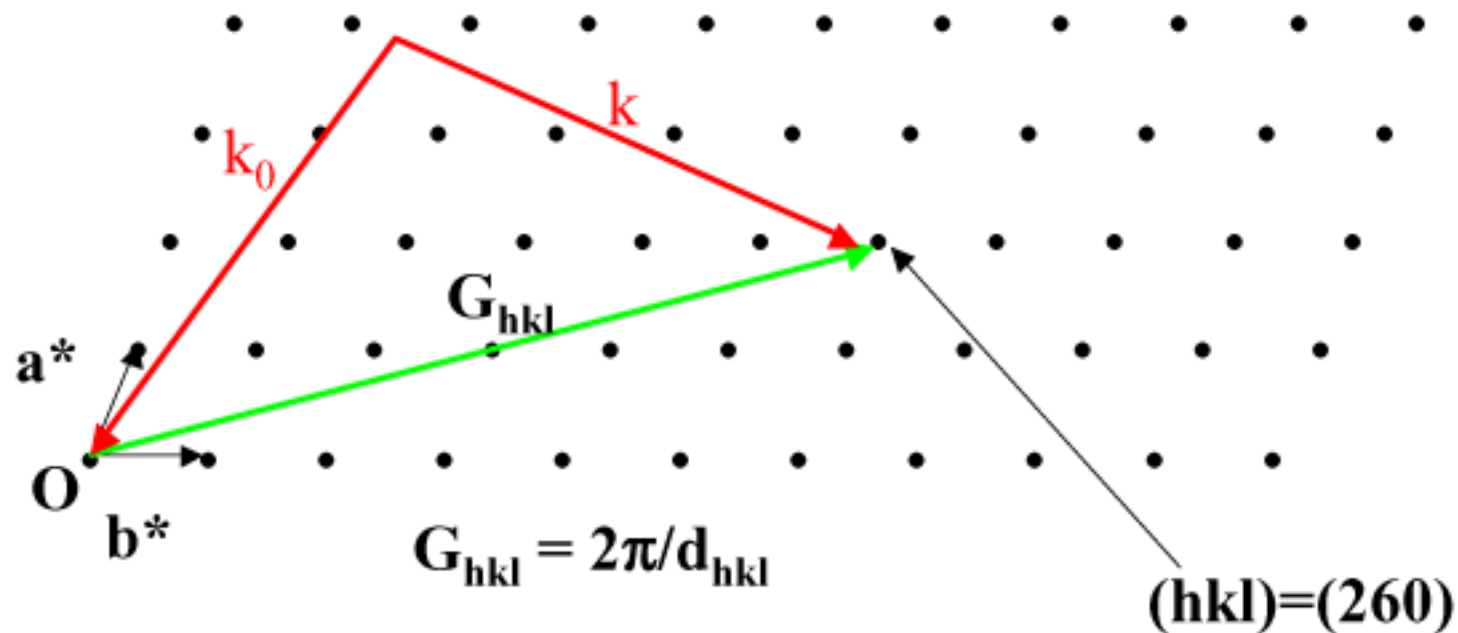
Bragg Reflections:

$$\vec{k}' - \vec{k} = \vec{G}$$

$$2k \sin \theta = G = \frac{2\pi}{d} n$$

$$\rightarrow \boxed{n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta} \quad \text{Bragg's Law}$$

Reciprocal Space – An Array of Points (hkl) that is Precisely Related to the Crystal Lattice



$$a^* = 2\pi(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})/V_0, \text{ etc.}$$

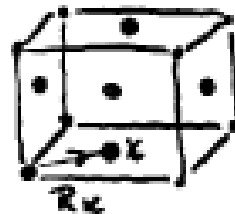
A single crystal has to be aligned precisely to record Bragg scattering

Crystals with Complex Unit Cells (more than one type of atom/cell)

Generalization

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right) = \left\langle \sum_{\substack{\ell\ell' \\ KK'}} b_K b_{K'} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot (\vec{R}_\ell + \vec{R}_K - \vec{R}_{\ell'} - \vec{R}_{K'})} \right\rangle$$

where b_K is coherent scattering length $\langle b \rangle$ for K -type atom in unit cell at position \vec{R}_K .



$$= \left| \sum_K \underset{\downarrow}{b_K} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}_K} e^{-2W_K} \right|^2 \sum_{\ell\ell'} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot (\vec{R}_\ell - \vec{R}_{\ell'})}$$

F (structure factor)

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{neutron} = \frac{N \cdot (2\pi)^3}{v_0} \sum_G |F_G|^2 \delta(\vec{q} - \vec{G})$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{x-ray} = \frac{N \cdot (2\pi)^3}{v_0} \sum_G |F_G|^2 \delta(\vec{q} - \vec{G}) \left(\frac{1 + \cos^2(2\theta)}{2}\right)$$

where

$$F_G = \sum_K Z_K f_K(\vec{G}) r_0 e^{-2W_K} e^{-i\vec{G} \cdot \vec{R}_K} \quad \text{— x-ray structure factor}$$

Measurement of Structure Factors → Structure

BUT what is measured is $|F_G|^2$ **NOT** F_G !

→ “Phase Problem” → Special Methods

Note that $|F_G|^2$ can be written $\sum_{KK'} \mu_K \mu_{K'} e^{-i\vec{G} \cdot (\vec{R}_K - \vec{R}_{K'})}$

so that its F.T. yields information about pairs of atoms

separated by $\vec{R}_K - \vec{R}_{K'} \Rightarrow$ Patterson Function.

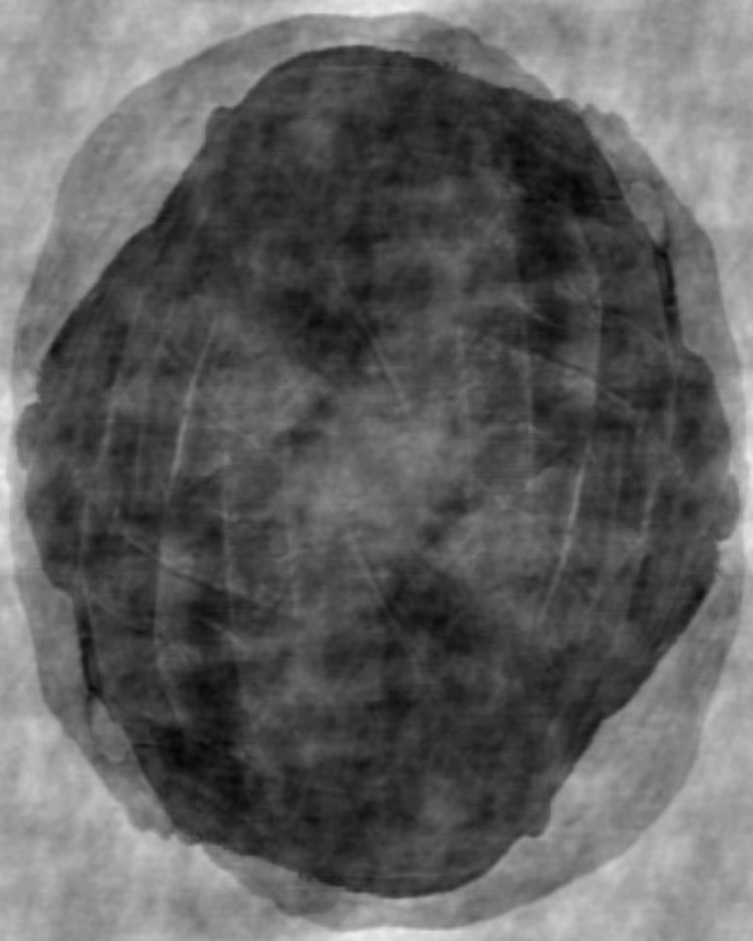


The “Phase Problem”

Object
A

Object
B

Fourier Reconstruction with phases of object A and phases of Object B



Fourier Reconstruction with phases of object B and phases of Object A



Powder Diffraction gives Scattering on Debye-Scherrer Cones

**Incident beam
x-rays or neutrons**

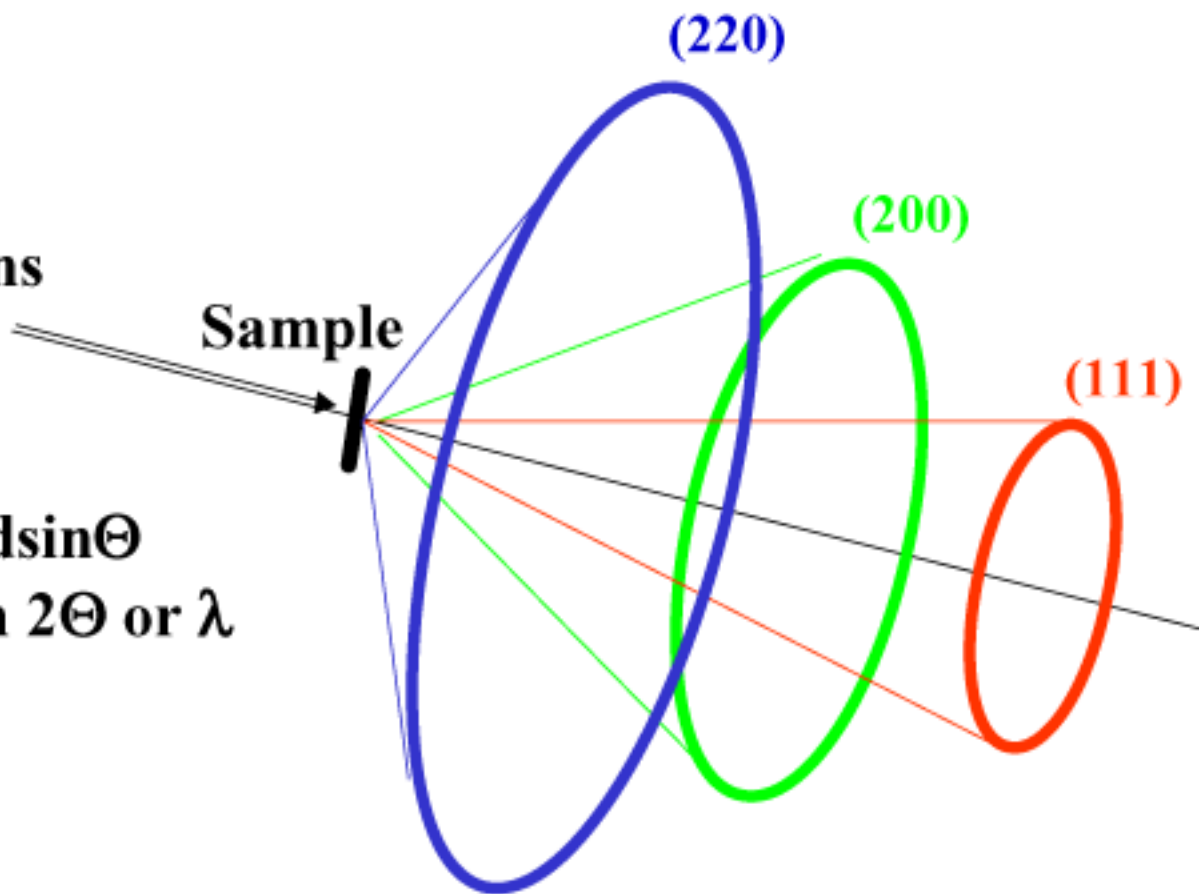
Sample

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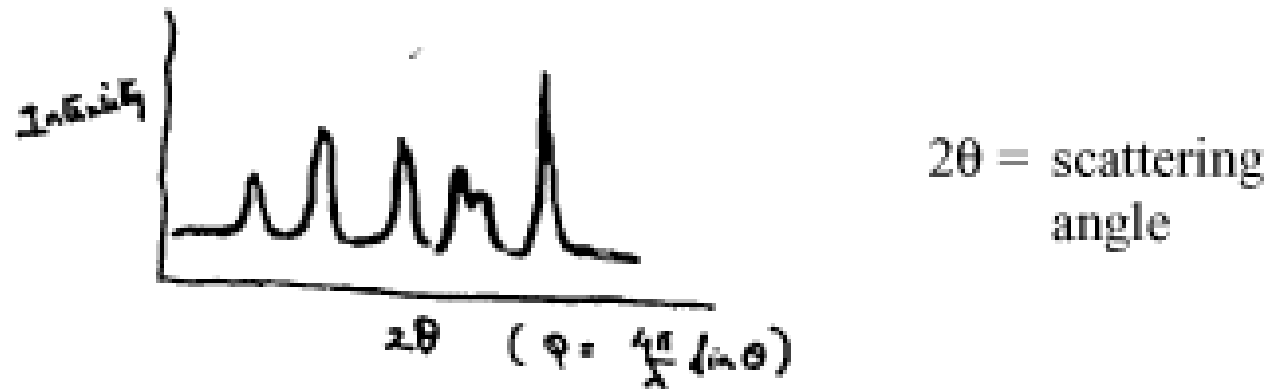
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Bragg's Law $\lambda = 2d\sin\Theta$
Powder pattern – scan 2Θ or λ



For a given \vec{k} , \vec{k}' will lie on a cone (Debye-Scherrer cone) traced out by a \vec{G} on the Ewald sphere as it is oriented randomly about the origin of reciprocal space.

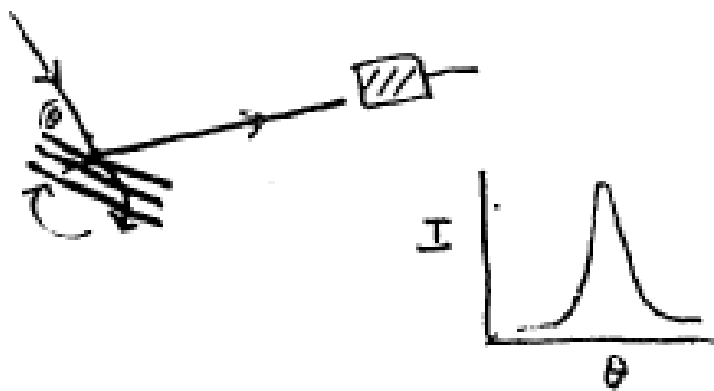


Peaks whenever $\sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{2d_{hkl}}$ for all sets of planes

indexable by (h, k, ℓ) with spacing d_{hkl} (provided

$|F_{hkl}|^2 \neq 0$)

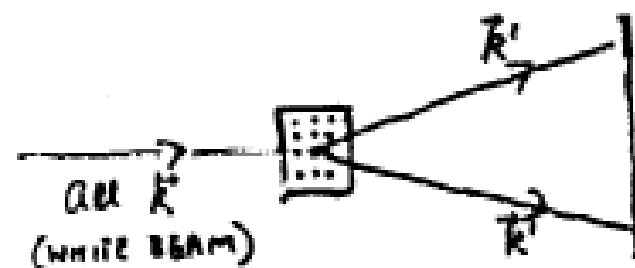
B. Single Crystal Bragg Methods



Integrated Intensity under Bragg Peak

$$I_{hkl} = \phi \frac{V}{v_0^2} \frac{\lambda^3}{\sin(2\theta)} |F_{hkl}|^2$$

C. Laue Method



$$I_{hkl} = \phi(\lambda) \frac{V}{v_0^2} \frac{\lambda^4}{2\sin^2\theta} |F_{hkl}|^2$$

$\phi(\lambda)d\lambda =$ Incident flux between $\lambda, \lambda+d\lambda$

Texture Measurement by Diffraction

Non-random crystallite orientations in sample

**Incident beam
x-rays or neutrons**

Sample

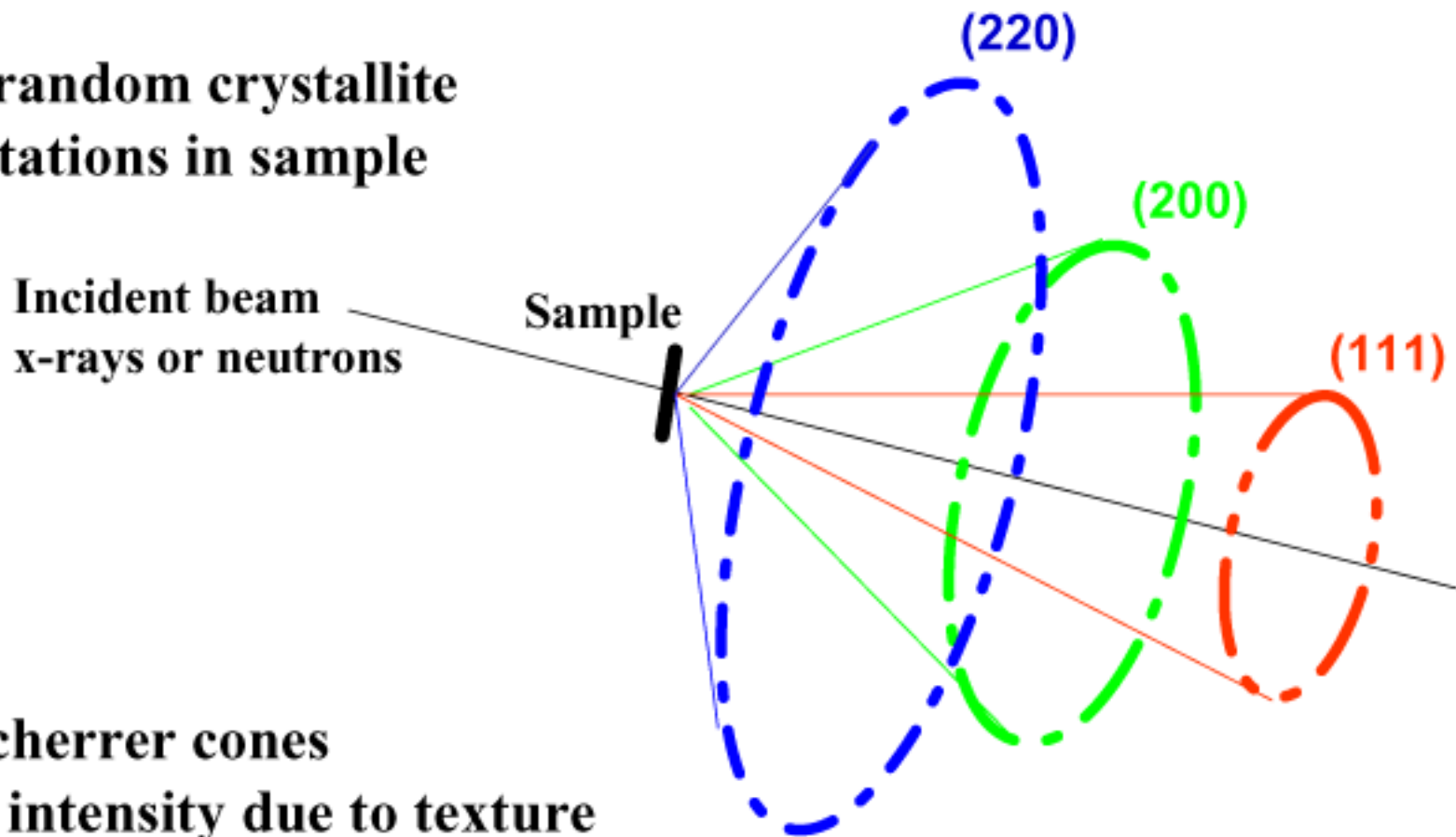
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Debye-Scherrer cones

- **uneven intensity due to texture**
- **different pattern of unevenness for different hkl's**
- **intensity pattern changes as sample is turned**



2-D Crystals (Adsorbed Monolayers, Films)

If \vec{R}_ℓ are all restricted to say the (x,y) plane, z -component of \vec{q} will not affect

$$S(\vec{q}) = \sum_{\ell\ell'} e^{i\vec{q}\cdot(\vec{R}_\ell - \vec{R}_{\ell'})}$$

which is thus independent of q_z .

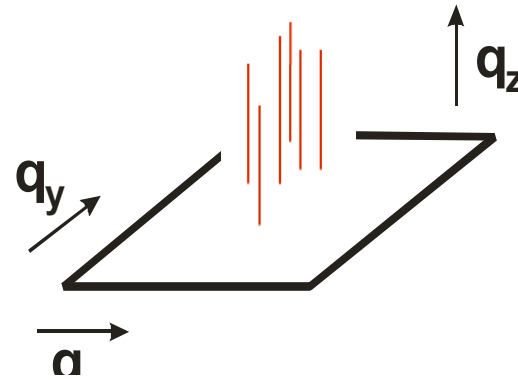
$$S(q) \propto \sum_{\vec{G}_\parallel} \delta(\vec{q}_\parallel - \vec{G}_\parallel)$$

where

\vec{G}_\parallel is 2-D reciprocal lattice vector in plane

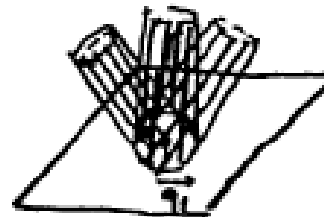
\vec{q}_\parallel is (x,y) plane component of \vec{q}

\Rightarrow diffraction is on rods in reciprocal space through the \vec{G}_\parallel and parallel to z -axis



Only q_z -dependence of I along rod is due to $f(\vec{q})e^{-2W}$ (functions of q_z but slowly varying)

Powders of 2-D Crystals



asymmetric (saw-tooth) powder peak shape

(Warren)

Alloys, Crystals with Defects (vacancies, impurities, etc.)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left\langle \sum_{\ell\ell'} b_\ell b_{\ell'} e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot(\vec{R}_\ell - \vec{R}_{\ell'})} \right\rangle$$

[For neutrons, $b_\ell = (\text{Sc. length of nucleus at site } \ell) \times e^{-W_\ell}$,

For x-rays, $b_\ell = Zf(q) e^{-W_\ell} r_0$ for atom at site ℓ .]

For 2 types of atoms 1,2 with b_1, b_2

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = & \left\langle \sum_{\ell\ell'} [b_1 \rho_\ell + b_2(1 - \rho_\ell)] [b_1 \rho_{\ell'} + b_2(1 - \rho_{\ell'})] \right. \\ & \left. \times \left[e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot(\vec{R}_\ell - \vec{R}_{\ell'})} \right] \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

where

$\rho_\ell =$ probability of occupn. by atom 1 on site ℓ .

$$\rho_\ell = c + \delta\rho_\ell$$

$c = \langle \rho_\ell \rangle =$ Concn. of type 1.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = (\bar{b})^2 S_0(\bar{q}) + \sum_{\ell\ell'} (f_1 - f_2)^2 \left\langle \delta\rho_\ell \delta\rho_{\ell'} e^{-i\bar{q}\cdot(\bar{R}_\ell - \bar{R}_{\ell'})} \right\rangle$$

where

$$\bar{b} = b_1 c + b_2 (1 - c) = \text{average } b$$

$$S_0(\bar{q}) = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{v_0} \sum_{\bar{G}} \delta(\bar{q} - \bar{G}) \quad [\text{Bragg Peaks}]$$

2nd term \rightarrow Diffuse Scattering

If $\delta\rho_\ell, \delta\rho_{\ell'}$ uncorrelated, $\langle \delta\rho_\ell \delta\rho_{\ell'} \dots \rangle \sim \delta_{\ell\ell'}$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \text{ term} = (f_1 - f_2)^2 \langle \delta\rho_\ell^2 \rangle = \left[(f_1 - f_2)^2 c(1 - c) \right]$$

Small Angle Scattering (SANS) (SAXS)

Length scale probed in a scattering experiment at

wave-vector transfer \bar{q} is $\sim \left[\frac{2\pi}{q} \right]$ (e.g., Bragg

scattering $d_{hkl} \sim \frac{2\pi}{G_{hkl}}$)

Thus small \bar{q} scattering probes large length scales, not atomic or molecular structure.

At small q , one can consider “smeared out” nuclear or electron density varying relatively slowly in space.

$$I(\bar{q}) \propto \iint d\bar{r} d\bar{r}' e^{-i\bar{q} \cdot (\bar{r} - \bar{r}')} \langle \rho_s(\bar{r}) \rho_s(\bar{r}') \rangle$$

where

$\rho_s(\bar{r}) =$ scattering length (average) density for
neutrons

$=$ electron density for electrons.

Since uniform $\rho_s(\vec{r})$ would give only forward scattering, we use the deviations (contrast) from the average density

$$I(q) \propto \iint d\vec{r} d\vec{r}' e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot (\vec{r} - \vec{r}')} \langle \delta\rho_s(\vec{r}) \delta\rho_s(\vec{r}') \rangle$$

Single Particles (Dilute Limit)

Let ρ_0 be average *sld* (e.g., embedding media or solvent)

ρ_1 be average *sld* of particle (assume uniform)

$$I(\vec{q}) \propto (\rho_1 - \rho_0)^2 \left| \int_V d\vec{r} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}} \right|^2 = (\rho_1 - \rho_0)^2 |f(\vec{q})|^2$$

where V is over volume of particle, $f(\vec{q})$ is determined by shape of particle, e.g., for sphere of radius R ,

$$f(q) = (V_0) \frac{\sin(qR) - qR \cos(qR)}{(qR)^3} \quad V_0 = \text{Particle Volume}$$

origin of \vec{r} is taken as centroid of particle.

Expanding exponential,

$$\int_V d\vec{r} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}} = V_0 - i\vec{q} \cdot \int_V d\vec{r} \vec{r} - \frac{1}{2} \int_V d\vec{r} (\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r})^2 + \dots$$

$$\simeq V_0 \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\int_V d\vec{r} (\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r})^2}{\int_V d\vec{r}} + \dots \right]$$

$$= V_0 \left[1 - \frac{q^2}{6} \frac{\int_V d\vec{r} r^2}{\int_V d\vec{r}} + \dots \right]$$

r_G^2 r_G = radius of gyration

so $I(\vec{q}) \propto (\rho_1 - \rho_0)^2 V_0^2 = \left[1 - \frac{1}{3} q^2 r_G^2 + \dots \right]$ approx.

$$I(\vec{q}) \simeq A (\rho_1 - \rho_0)^2 V_0^2 e^{-\frac{1}{3} q^2 r_G^2}$$

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Guinier Approxn.

Scattering for Spherical Particles

The particle form factor $|F(\vec{Q})|^2 = \left| \int_V d\vec{r} e^{i\vec{Q}\cdot\vec{r}} \right|^2$ is determined by the particle shape.

For a sphere of radius R , $F(Q)$ only depends on the magnitude of Q :

$$F_{\text{sphere}}(Q) = 3V_0 \left[\frac{\sin QR - QR \cos QR}{(QR)^3} \right] \equiv \frac{3V_0}{QR} j_1(QR) \rightarrow V_0 \text{ at } Q = 0$$

Thus, as $Q \rightarrow 0$, the total scattering from an assembly of uncorrelated spherical particles [i.e. when $G(\vec{r}) \rightarrow \delta(\vec{r})$] is proportional to the square of the particle volume times the number of particles.

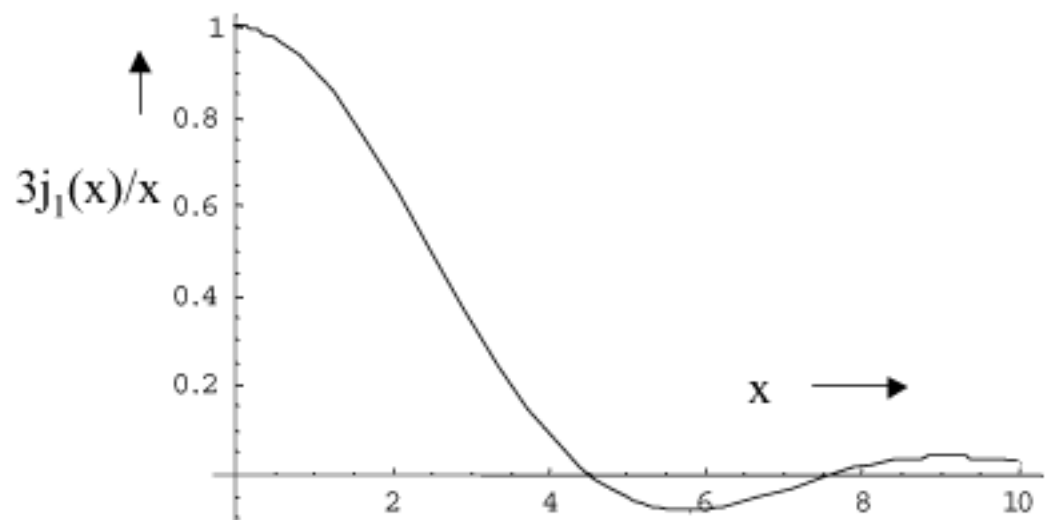
For elliptical particles

replace R by:

$$R \rightarrow (a^2 \sin^2 \vartheta + b^2 \cos^2 \vartheta)^{1/2}$$

where ϑ is the angle between

the major axis (a) and \vec{Q}



Determining Particle Size From Dilute Suspensions

- Particle size is usually deduced from dilute suspensions in which inter-particle correlations are absent
- In practice, instrumental resolution (finite beam coherence) will smear out minima in the form factor
- This effect can be accounted for if the spheres are mono-disperse
- For poly-disperse particles, maximum entropy techniques have been used successfully to obtain the distribution of particles sizes

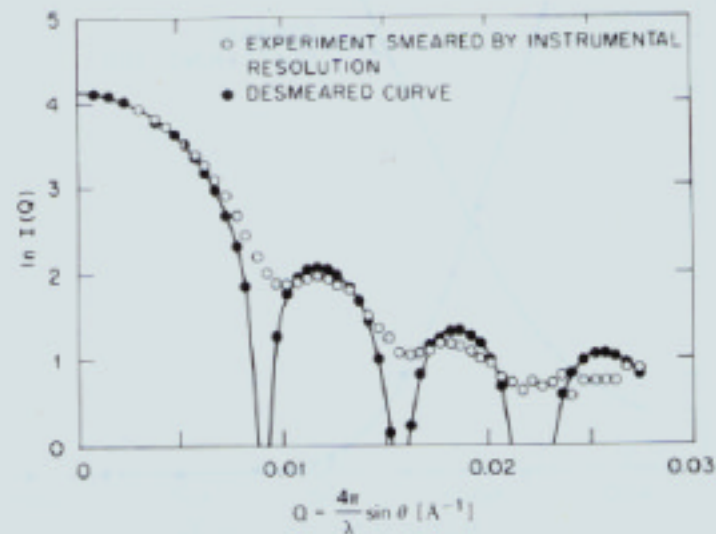
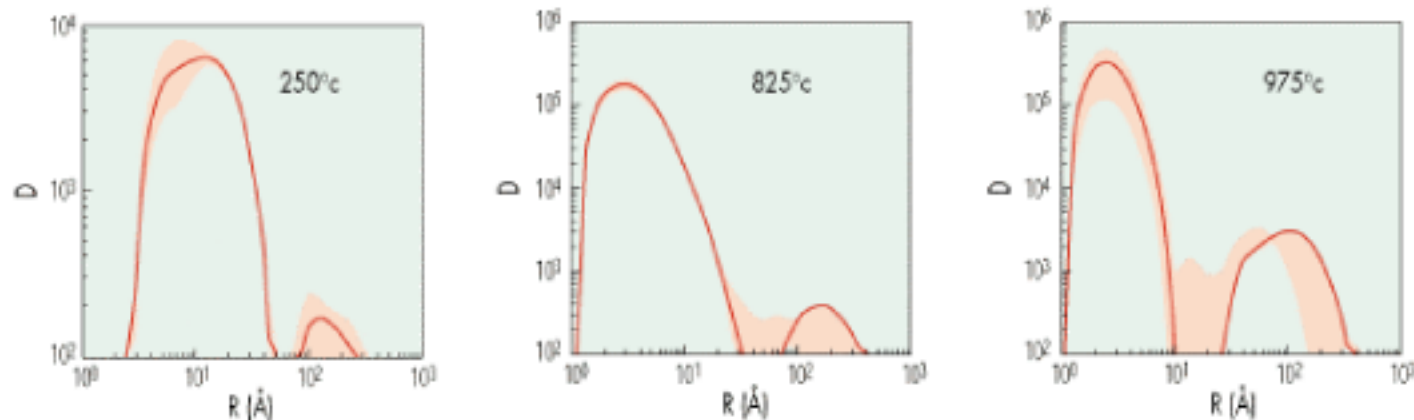
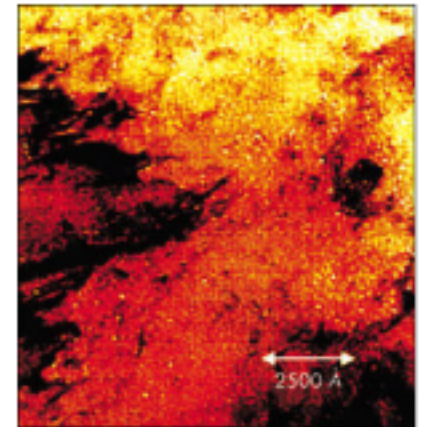


Fig. 4. Plot of $\ln I(Q)$ vs Q for 3.98 vol.% monodisperse PMMA-H spheres (core C1) in D_2O/H_2O mixtures.

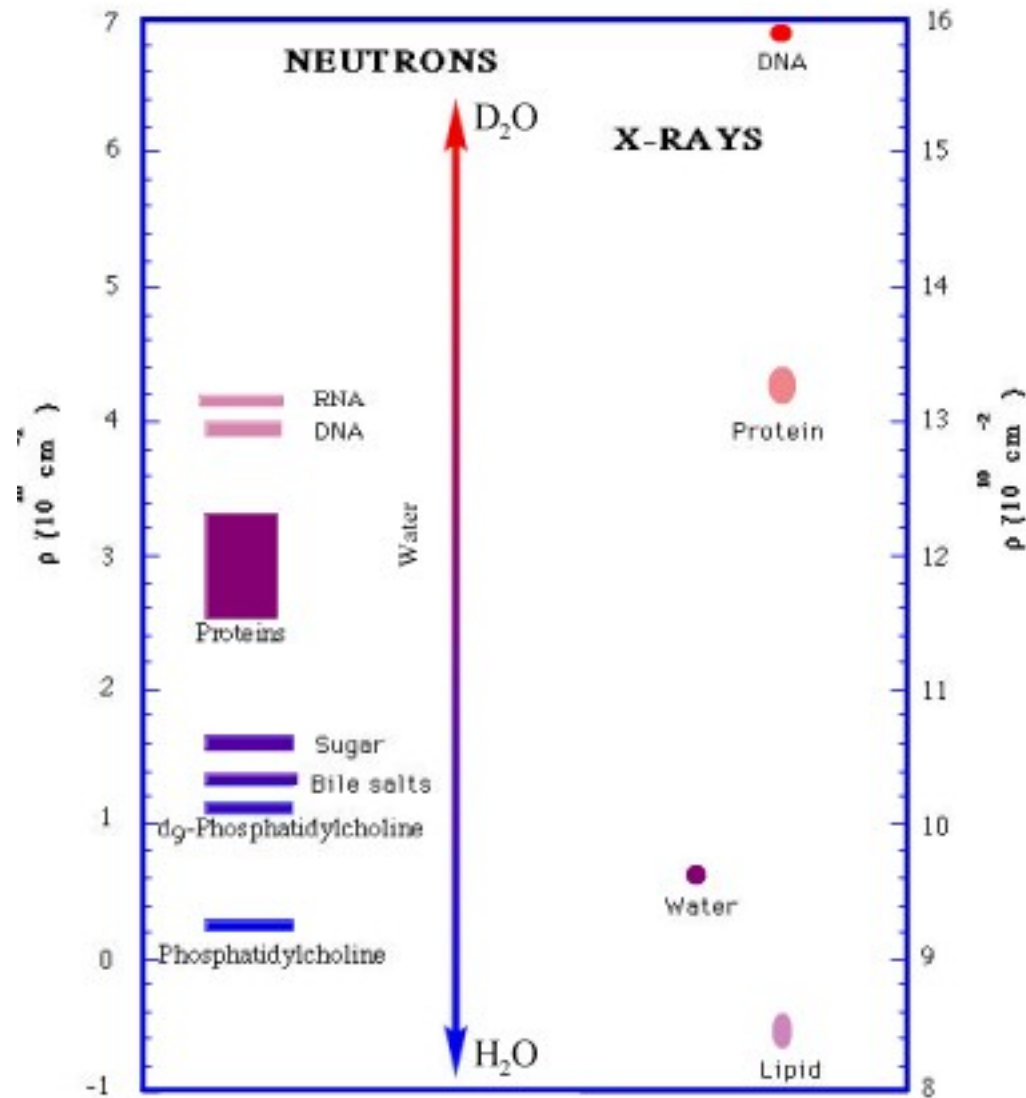
Size Distributions Have Been Measured for Helium Bubbles in Steel

- The growth of He bubbles under neutron irradiation is a key factor limiting the lifetime of steel for fusion reactor walls
 - Simulate by bombarding steel with alpha particles
- TEM is difficult to use because bubble are small
- SANS shows that larger bubbles grow as the steel is annealed, as a result of coalescence of small bubbles and incorporation of individual He atoms

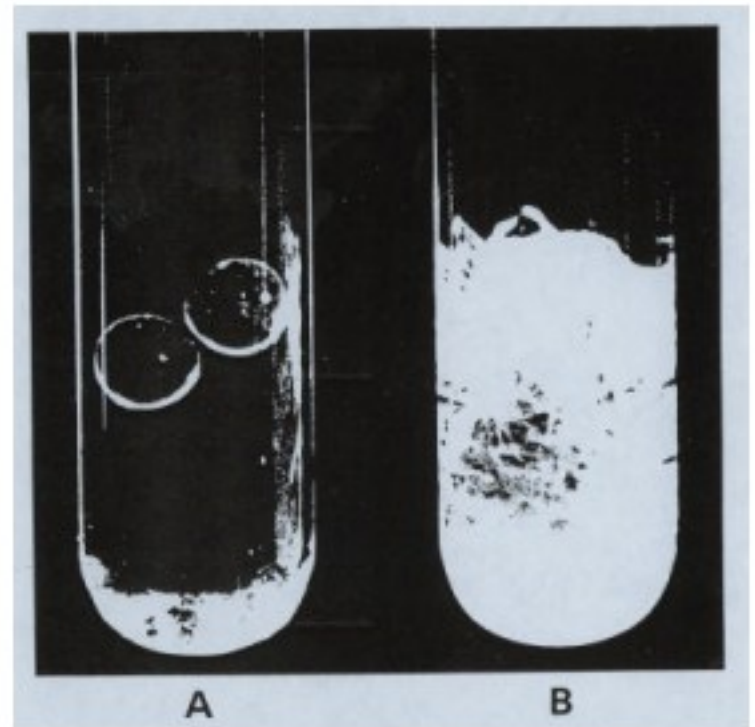


SANS gives bubble volume (arbitrary units on the plots) as a function of bubble size at different temperatures. Red shading is 80% confidence interval.

Contrast & Contrast Matching



* Chart courtesy of Rex Hjelm

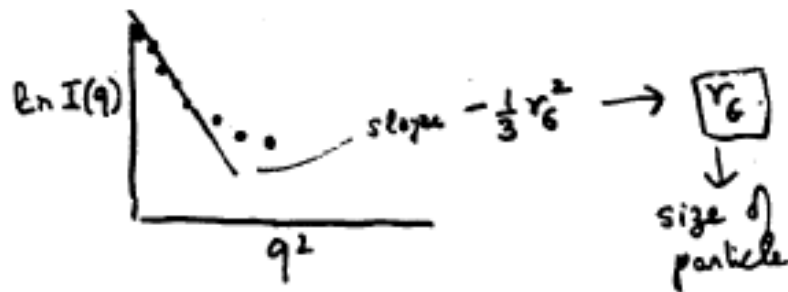


Both tubes contain borosilicate beads + pyrex fibers + solvent. (A) solvent refractive index matched to pyrex; (B) solvent index different from both beads and fibers – scattering from fibers dominates

Isotopic Contrast for Neutrons

Hydrogen Isotope	Scattering Length b (fm)
^1H	-3.7409 (11)
^2D	6.674 (6)
^3T	4.792 (27)

Nickel Isotope	Scattering Lengths b (fm)
^{58}Ni	15.0 (5)
^{60}Ni	2.8 (1)
^{61}Ni	7.60 (6)
^{62}Ni	-8.7 (2)
^{64}Ni	-0.38 (7)



Small-Angle Scattering Is Used to Study:

- { Sizes } of particles in dilute solution (Polymers, Micelles, Colloids, Proteins, Precipitates, ...)
- Correlation between particles in concentrated solutions (Aggregates, Fractals, Colloidal Crystals and Liquids)
- 2-component or multicomponent systems (Binary fluid mixtures, Porous Media, Spinodal Decomposition)

For colloidal, micellar liquids:

$$S(\vec{q}) = \sum_{\ell\ell'} f_{\ell}(\vec{q}) f_{\ell'}^*(\vec{q}) e^{i\vec{q} \cdot (\vec{R}_{\ell} - \vec{R}_{\ell'})}$$

Form Factor \rightarrow $|f_{\ell}(\vec{q})|^2$ \leftarrow Structure Factor

$$= |f_{\ell}(\vec{q})|^2 S_0(\vec{q})$$

$$S_0(\vec{q}) = \sum_{\ell\ell'} e^{i\vec{q} \cdot (\vec{R}_{\ell} - \vec{R}_{\ell'})} = \text{S.F. of centers of particles}$$

\rightarrow Liquid- or glass-like

Fractals These are systems which are scale-invariant (usually in a statistically averaged sense) i.e., $R \rightarrow \kappa R$, the object resembles itself ("self-similarity")

Property: If $n(R)$ is number of particles inside a sphere of radius R

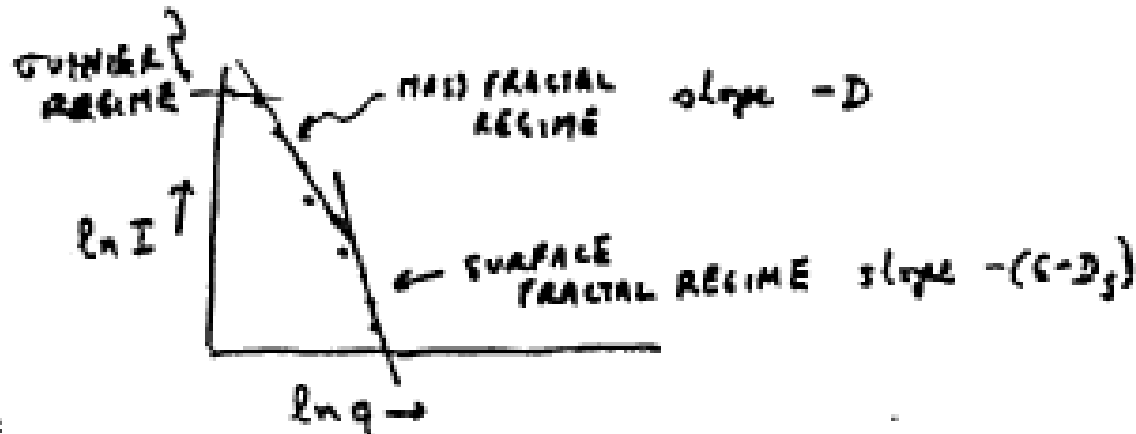
$$n(R) \sim R^D \quad D = \text{Fractal (Hausdorff) Dimension}$$

It follows that

$$4\pi R^2 dR g(R) = C R^{D-1} dR \quad C = \text{constant}$$

$$\therefore g(R) = \frac{C}{4\pi} R^{D-3} = \frac{C}{4\pi} \frac{1}{R^{3-D}}$$

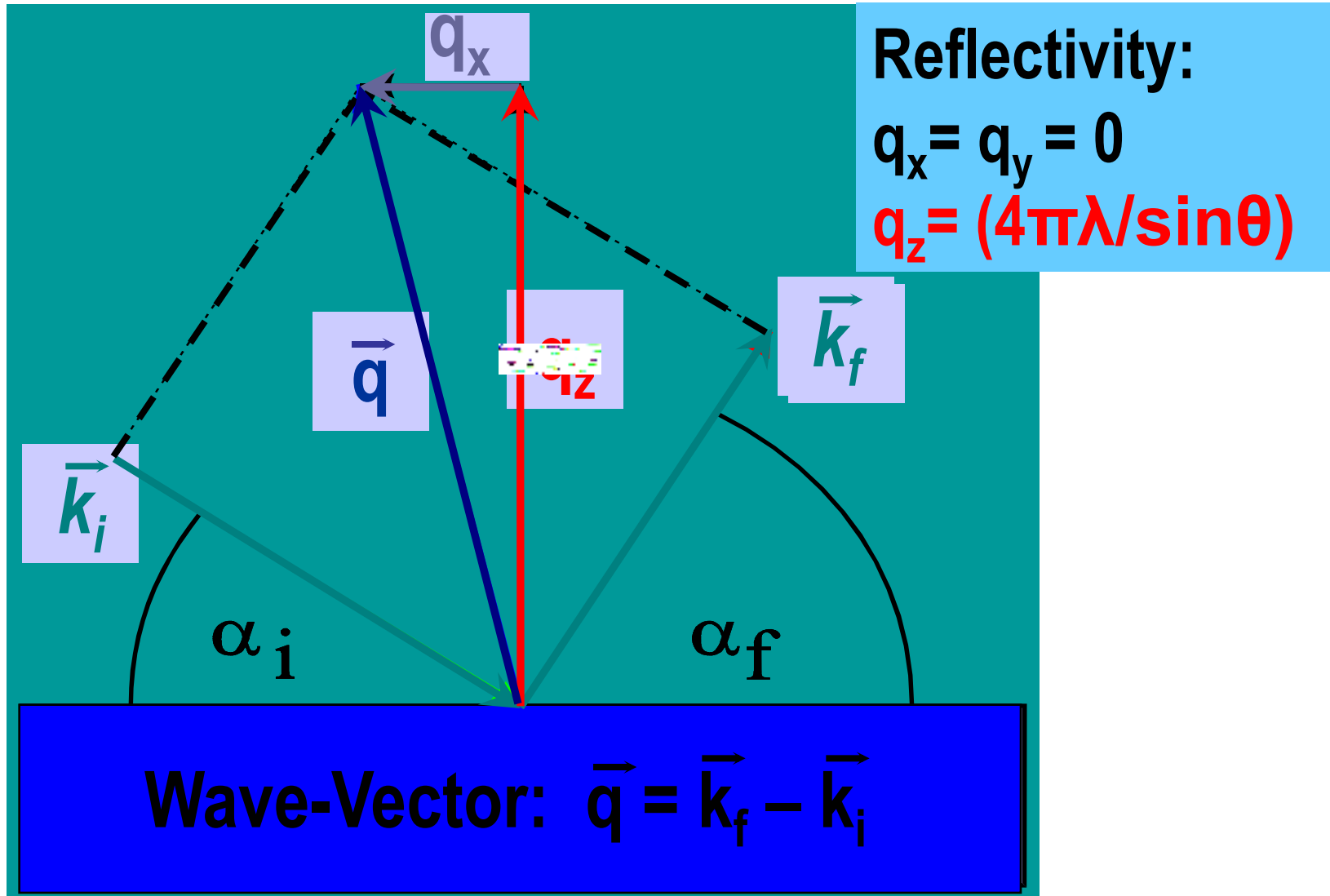
$$\therefore S_0(\vec{q}) = \int d\vec{R} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}} g(R) = \text{Const} \times \frac{1}{q^D}$$



examples: Aggregates of micelles, colloids, granular materials, rocks*

Surface fractals $S(q) \sim \frac{1}{q^{6-D_S}}$

Scattering Geometry & Notation



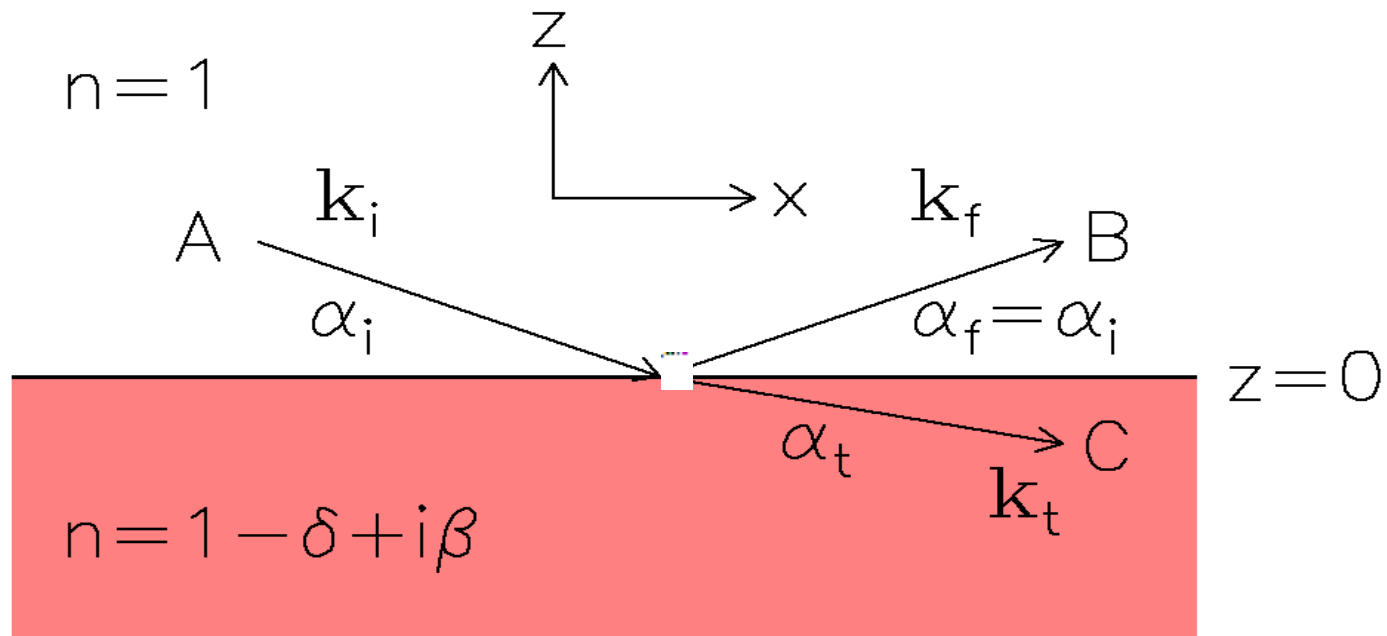
Reflection of Visible Light



Perfect & Imperfect „Mirrors“



Basic Equation: X-Rays



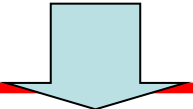
Helmholtz-Equation & Boundary Conditions

$$\nabla^2 E(\mathbf{r}) + k^2 n^2(\mathbf{r}) E(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

Refractive Index: X-Rays & Neutrons

$$n_{\text{X}}^2(\vec{r}) = 1 + N \frac{e^2}{m \epsilon_0} \frac{f(\vec{r}, E)}{\omega_0^2 - \omega^2 - 2i \eta_0 \omega} + \text{magnetic part}$$

$$n_{\text{n}}^2(\vec{r}) = 1 - \frac{2m \lambda^2}{h^2} V(\vec{r}) + \text{magnetic part}$$



$$n(\vec{r}) = 1 - \delta(\vec{r}) + i \beta(\vec{r})$$

Minus!!

Dispersion

Absorption

Derivation of n for neutrons:

Consider Schrodinger Eqn.

$$-(\hbar^2/2m)\nabla^2\psi + (V - E)\psi = 0 \quad E = (\hbar^2/2m)k_0^2$$

can be written:

$$\nabla^2\psi + [1 - (2m/[\hbar^2 k_0^2])V] k_0^2\psi = 0$$

$$V = (2\pi\hbar^2/m)b N; \quad k_0 = 2\pi/\lambda$$

so:

$$n^2 = (1 - (2m/[\hbar^2 k_0^2])V) = 1 - (\lambda^2 b/\pi) N$$

$$\text{2nd term} \ll 1, \text{ so } n = 1 - (\lambda^2 b/2\pi) N$$

Refractive Index: X-Rays

$$n(z) = 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2\pi} r_e \rho(z) + i \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \mu(z)$$

	$r_e \rho (10^{10} \text{cm}^{-2})$	$\delta (10^{-6})$	$\mu (\text{cm}^{-1})$	$\alpha_c (^\circ)$
Vacuum	0	0	0	0
PS (C_8H_8) _n	9.5	3.5	4	0.153
PMMA ($\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$) _n	10.6	4.0	7	0.162
PVC ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{Cl}$) _n	12.1	4.6	86	0.174
PBrS ($\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{Br}$) _n	13.2	5.0	97	0.181
Quartz (SiO_2)	18.0–19.7	6.8–7.4	85	0.21–0.22
Silicon (Si)	20.0	7.6	141	0.223
Nickel (Ni)	72.6	27.4	407	0.424
Gold (Au)	131.5	49.6	4170	0.570

$$\rho(z) = \langle \rho(x, y, z) \rangle_{x,y}$$

**Electron Density
Profile !**

E = 8 keV λ = 1.54 Å

Single Interface: Vacuum/Matter

Fresnel- Formulae

Reflected
Amplitude

$$r = \frac{B}{A} = \frac{k_{i,z} - k_{t,z}}{k_{i,z} + k_{t,z}}$$

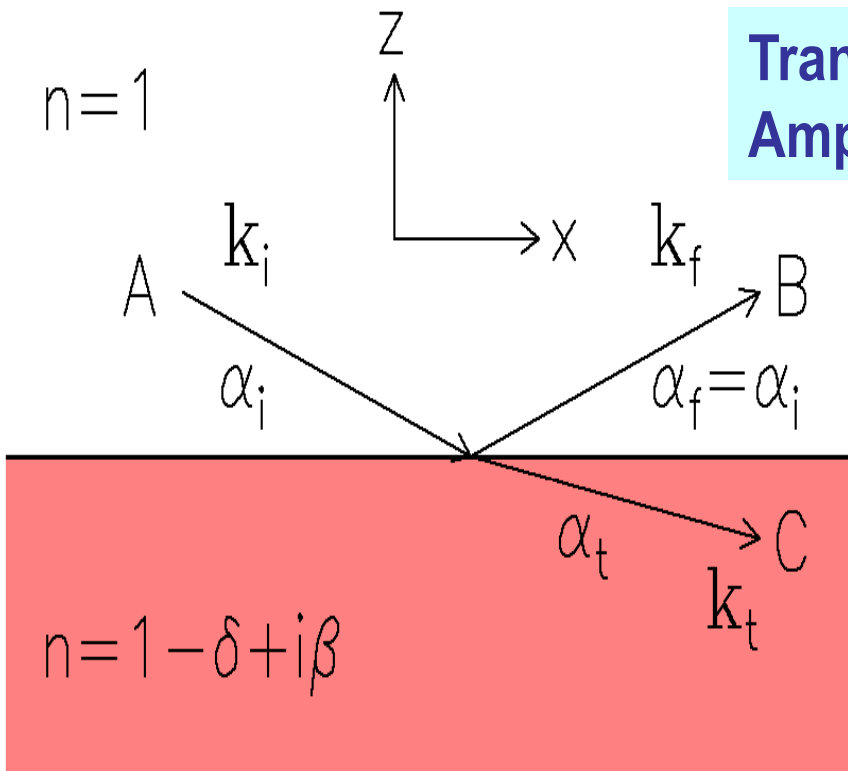
Transmitted
Amplitude

$$t = \frac{C}{A} = \frac{2k_{i,z}}{k_{i,z} + k_{t,z}}$$

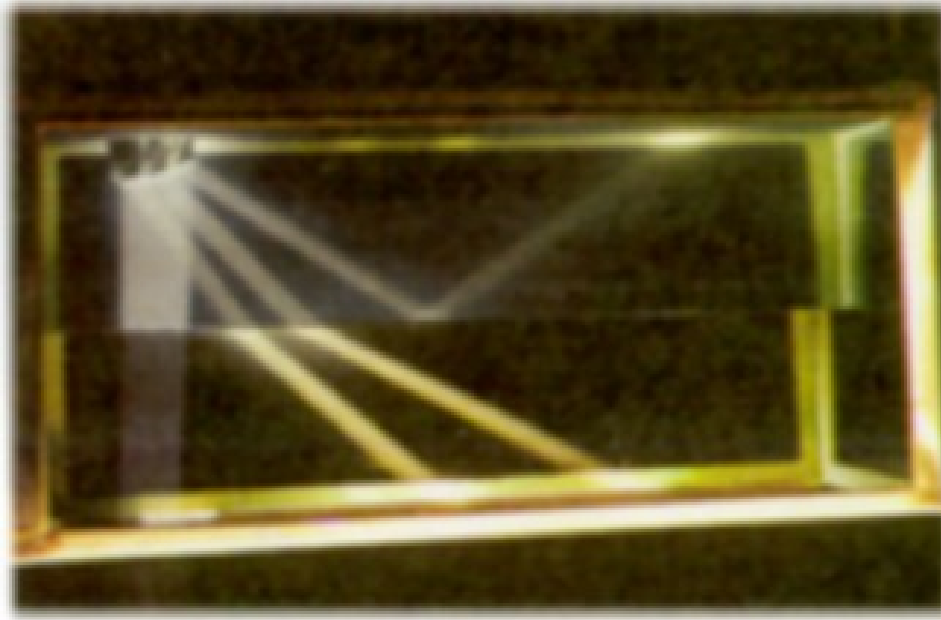
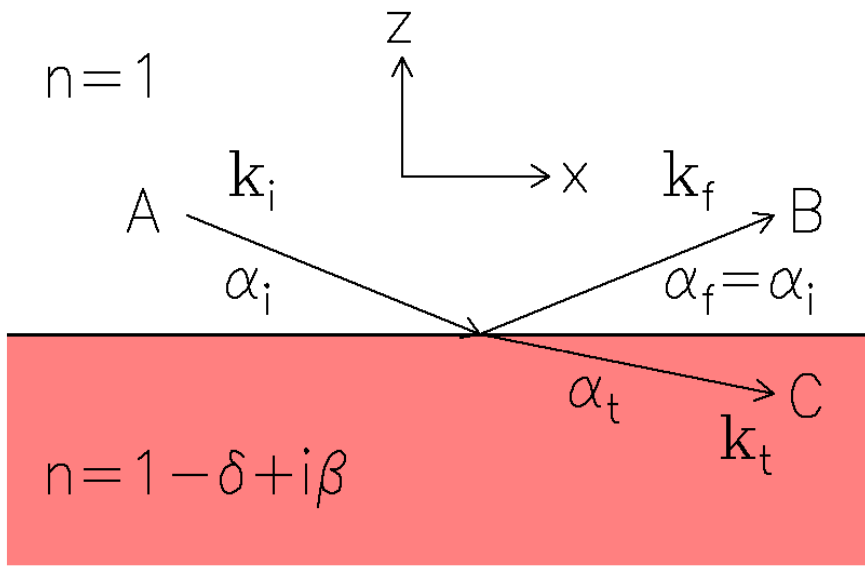
Wave-
Vectors

$$k_{i,z} = k \sin \alpha_i$$

$$k_{t,z} = k(n^2 - \cos^2 \alpha_i)^{1/2}$$



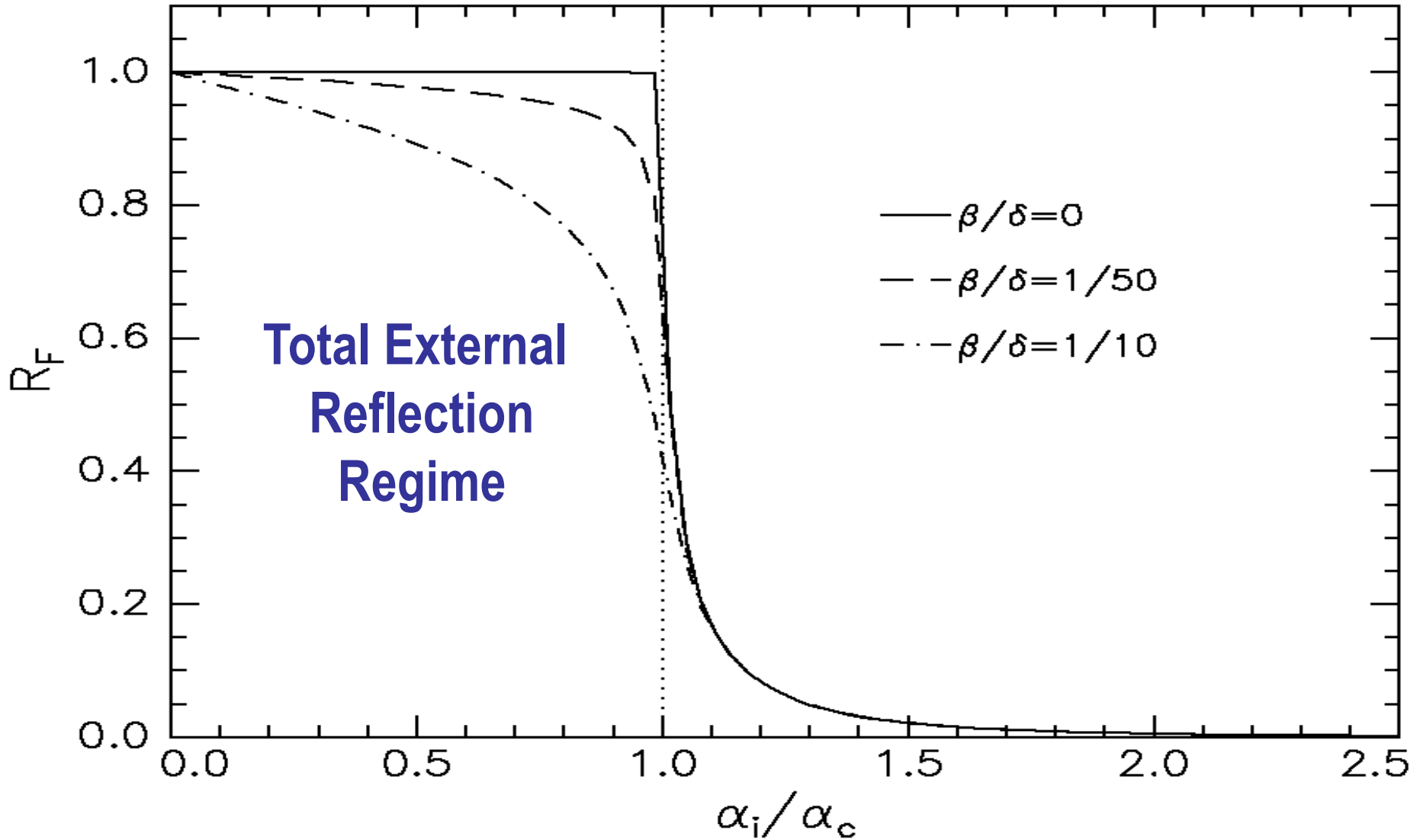
Total External Reflection



$$\cos \alpha_i = (1 - \delta) \cos \alpha_t$$

Critical Angle:
 $\alpha_c = (2\delta)^{1/2} \sim 0.3^\circ$

Fresnel Reflectivity: $R_F(\alpha_i)$



The „Master Formula“

Reformulation for Interfaces

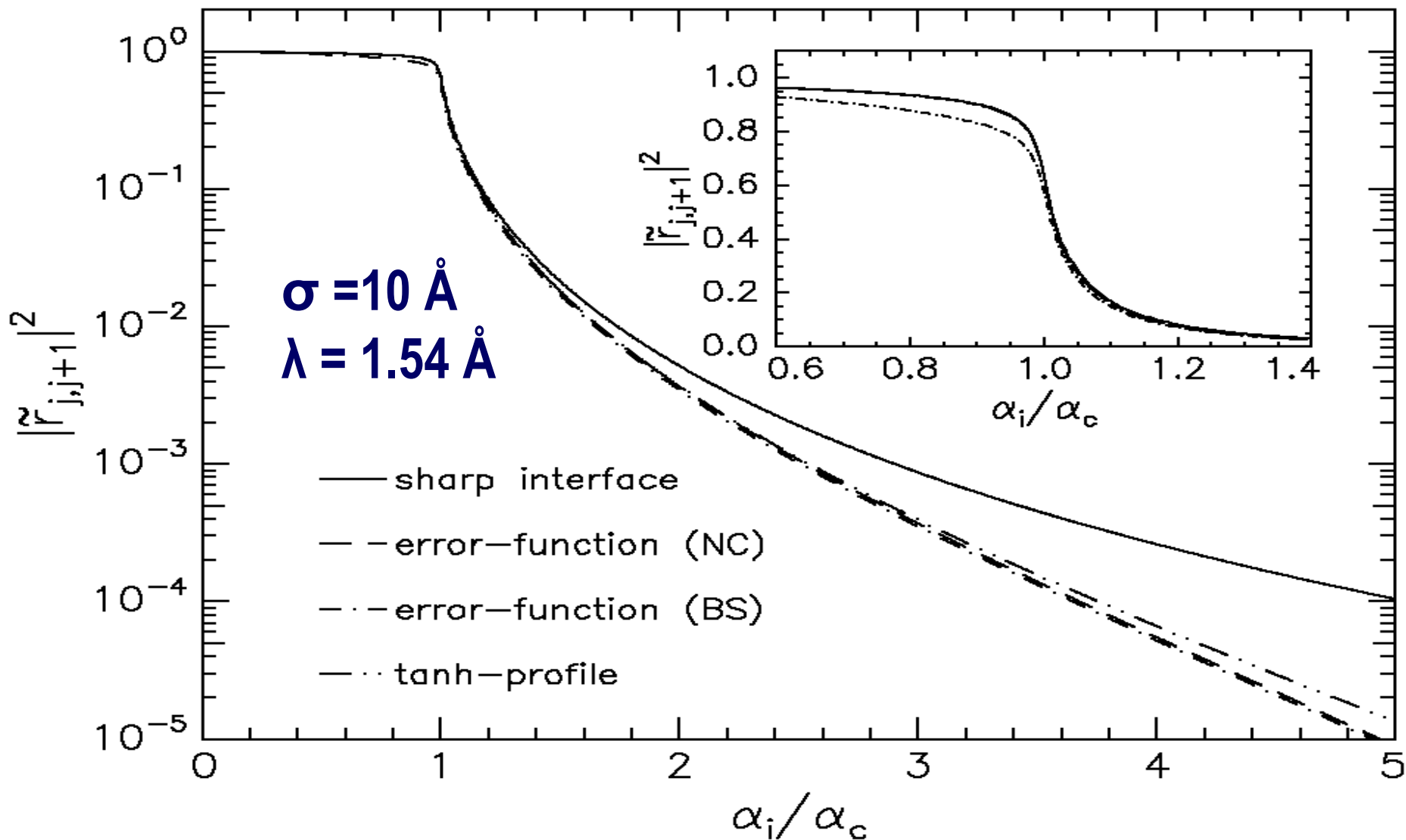
$$R(q_z) = R_F(q_z) \left| \frac{1}{\rho_\infty} \int \frac{d\rho(z)}{dz} \exp(i q_z z) dz \right|^2$$

Fresnel-Reflectivity
of the Substrate

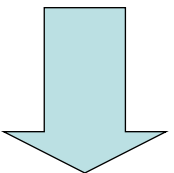
Electron Density Profile

$$R(q_z) = R_F \exp(-q_z^2 \sigma^2)$$

Roughness Damps Reflectivity

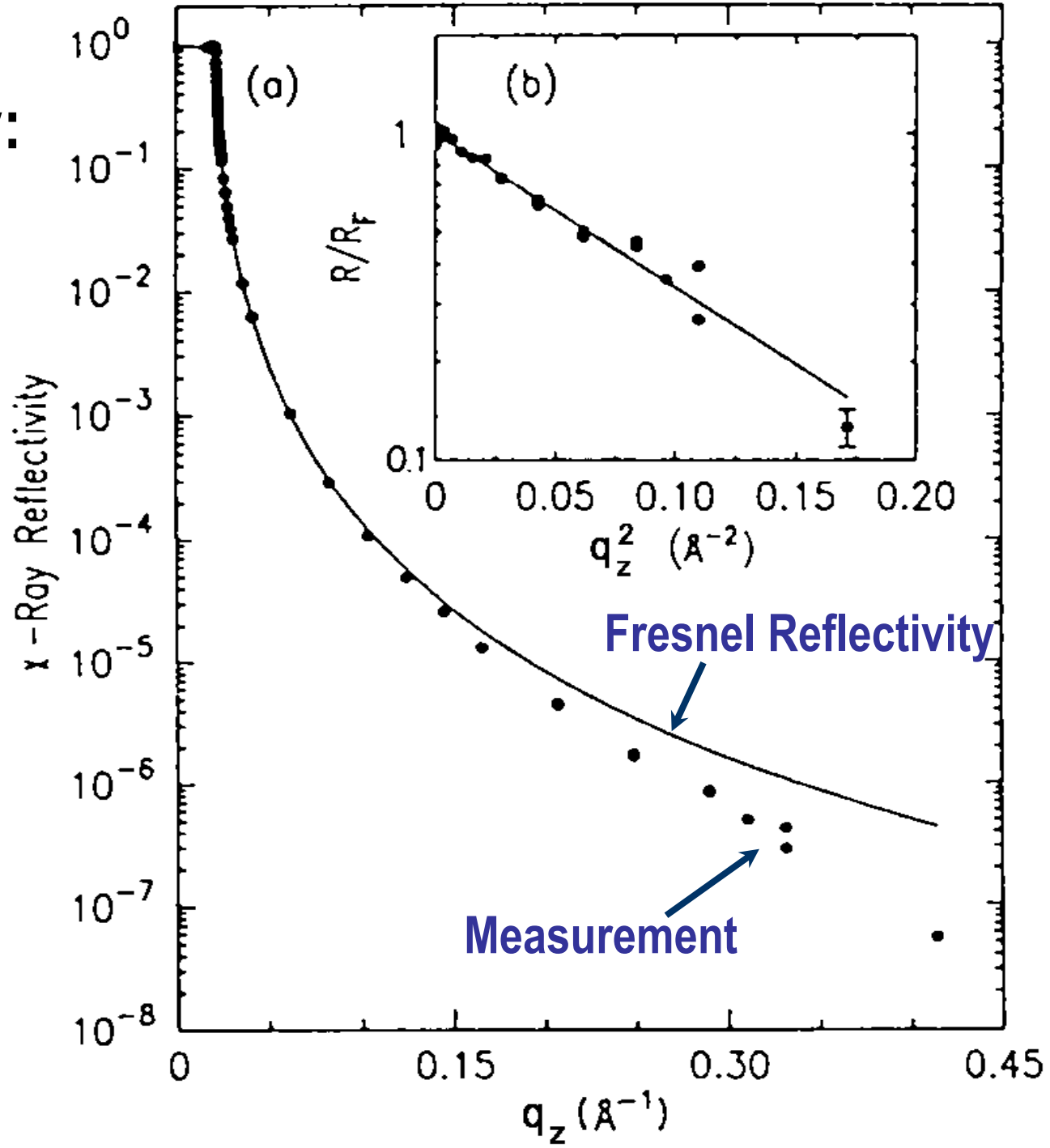


X-Ray Reflectivity: Water Surface

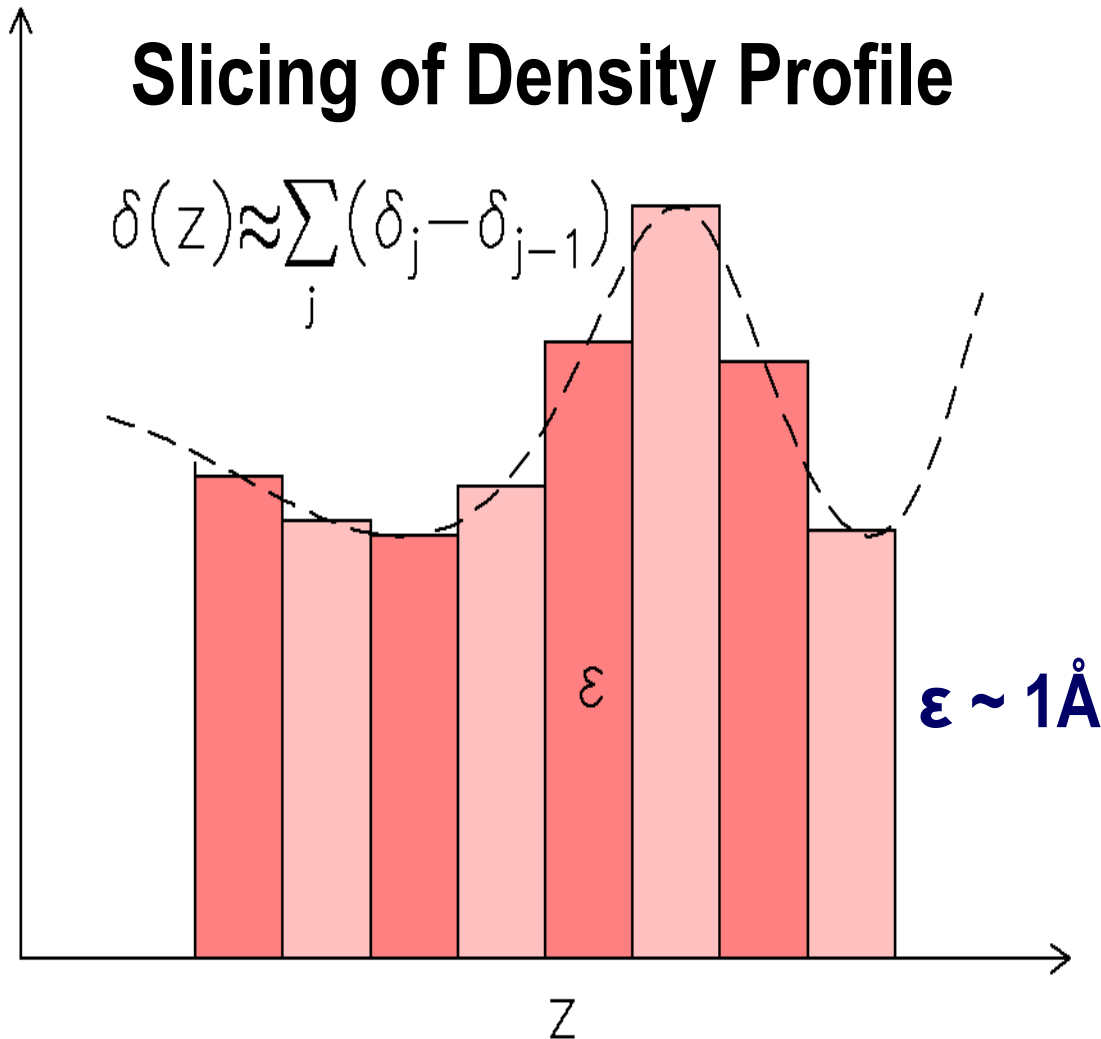


**Difference
Experiment-
Theory:
*Roughness !!***

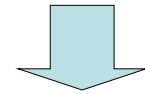
Braslau et al.
PRL 54, 114 (1985)



Calculation of Reflectivity



**Slicing
&
Parratt-Iteration**



**Reflectivity
from
Arbitrary
Profiles !**

- **Drawback:
Numerical Effort !**

Example: PS Film on Si/SiO₂

