Introduction to Neutron and X-Ray Scattering

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Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen 1845-1923



X-Rays

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Nobel Prizes for Research with X-Rays

1901 W. C. Röntgen in Physics for the discovery of x-rays. 1914 M. von Laue in Physics for x-ray diffraction from crystals. 1915 W. H. Bragg and W. L. Bragg in Physics for crystal structure determination. **1917 C. G. Barkla in Physics for characteristic radiation of elements. 1924 K. M. G. Siegbahn in Physics for x-ray spectroscopy. 1927** A. H. Compton in Physics for scattering of x-rays by electrons. **1936** P. Debye in Chemistry for diffraction of x-rays and electrons in gases. **1962 M. Perutz and J. Kendrew in Chemistry for the structure of hemoglobin. 1962 J. Watson, M. Wilkins, and F. Crick in Medicine for the structure of DNA. 1979 A. McLeod Cormack and G. Newbold Hounsfield in Medicine for computed axial** tomography. **1981 K. M. Siegbahn in Physics for high resolution electron spectroscopy. 1985 H. Hauptman and J. Karle in Chemistry for direct methods to determine**

x-ray structures.

1988 J. Deisenhofer, R. Huber, and H. Michel in Chemistry for the structures of proteins that are crucial to photosynthesis.

The 1994 Nobel Prize in Physics – Shull & Brockhouse

Neutrons show where the atoms are....



3-ax is spectrometer

Interaction Mechanisms



- Neutrons interact with atomic nuclei via very short range (~fm) forces.
- Neutrons also interact with unpaired electrons via a magnetic dipole interaction.



Wavelength ≈ Object Size ≈ Angstroms for Condensed Matter Research

$$\lambda[\text{Å}] = \frac{12.398}{E_{\text{ph}}[\text{keV}]}$$

The Neutron has Both Particle-Like and Wave-Like Properties

- Mass: m_n = 1.675 x 10⁻²⁷ kg
- Charge = 0; Spin = ¹/₂
- Magnetic dipole moment: $\mu_n = -1.913 \mu_N$
- Nuclear magneton: $\mu_N = eh/4\pi m_p = 5.051 \times 10^{-27} \text{ J T}^{-1}$
- Velocity (v), kinetic energy (E), wavevector (k), wavelength (λ), temperature (T).
- $E = m_n v^2/2 = k_B T = (hk/2\pi)^2/2m_n$; $k = 2 \pi/\lambda = m_n v/(h/2\pi)$

	Energy (meV)	<u>Temp (K)</u>	Wavelength (nm)
Cold	0.1 – 10	1 – 120	0.4 – 3
Thermal	5 – 100	60 – 1000	0.1 – 0.4
Hot	100 – 500	1000 – 6000	0.04 – 0.1

$$\lambda$$
 (nm) = 395.6 / v (m/s)
E (meV) = 0.02072 k² (k in nm⁻¹)

The photon also has wave and particle properties

E=hv =hc/l = hckCharge = 0 Magnetic Moment = 0
Spin = 1 $\frac{E (keV)}{0.8} \qquad \frac{\lambda (\text{\AA})}{15.0}$ 8.0
1.5
40.0
0.3
100.0
0.125

EUROPE Greenland DEMMARK Jan Mayen **ADVANCED** (NORWAY) FYROM-1 CHESS **PHOTON** Greenland Sea SOURCE Advanced New York Norwegian Sea NATIONAL SYNCHROTRON LIGHT SOURCE ashington * ICELAND ITED STATE: OTIN Oulu NORWAY Los Angeles SNS FINLAND os Alamos. Tórshavn Faroe Islands SWEDEN Tampere New Orleans ience servina societv SHETI AND ISLANDS Gāvl RUSSIA ORKNEY ALAND Tallinn Rockall Stockholm, ESTONIA HEBRIDES Stavans Moscow North Riga* LATVIA Aberdee Atlantic MAX-lab Edinburg Vitsyebsk LITHUANIA Ocean UNITED Vilnius Mahilyov Kaliningrad HASYLA BELARUS Gdańsk Hroda GKS Homye IRE diamon Warsaw Brest Berlin Poznan Rivne Celtic 112 Leipzig. hmi UKRAINE FRMAN ·L'viv Krakóy Synchrotron-BESSY Mykolavi WAKIA Chisinau Bratislava Vienna * Budapes MOLDOVA HUNGARY ROMANIA and Neutron Bay of o tjubljana Bucharest nstanța Biscay Zagreb Blac Varn. Belgrade Ser elettra Bilbac BULGARIA **Scattering** Sofia Istanbul ITALY Skopje Zaragoza NEUTRONS SRI Thessalowiki Tiran Madrid PORTUGAL FOR SCIENCE TURKEY Naple Lisbon Tyrrhenia SPAIN Valencia **Places** GREECE BALEARIC Athen ISLANDS Sevilla Mediterranean Sea Sea Ibraitar Malaga Algiers Tunis Scale 1: 19,500.000 Crete Lambert Conformal Conic Projection Valletta* standard parallels 40°N and 56°N Raba MALTA TUNISIA 300 Kilometers ALGERIA ablanca MOROCCO 300 Mile

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Brightness & Fluxes for Neutron & X-Ray Sources

	Brightness $(s^{-1}m^{-2}ster^{-1})$	dE/E (%)	Divergence (mrad ²)	Flux $(s^{-1}m^{-2})$
Neutrons	10 ¹⁵	2	10×10	10^{11}
Rotating Anode	10^{20}	0.02	0.5×10	5×10^{14}
Bending Magnet	10 ²⁷	0.1	0.1×5	5×10^{20}
Undulator (APS)	10 ³³	10	0.01×0.1	10^{24}

Brilliance of the X-ray beams (photons / s / mm² / mrad² / 0.1% BW) Why Diffraction limit 1022 Synchrotron-ESRF futur 1020 -2 rd radiation? ESRF (1996) generation source 10¹⁸ ESRF (1994) 10¹⁶ 2ndgeneration Intensity !!! sources 10¹⁴ 1stgeneration sources 10¹² 10¹⁰ X-ray tubes 10⁸ 106 1900 1940 1960 1980 2000 1920Year

Thermal Neutrons

Advantages



- 1) $\lambda_n \sim$ Interatomic Spacing
- 2) Penetrates Bulk Matter (neutral particle)
- 3) Strong Contrasts Possible (e.g. H/D)
- E_n ~ Elementary Excitations (phonons, magnons, etc.)
- 5) Scattered Strongly by Magnetic Moments

Disadvantages

- Low Brilliance of Neutron Sources-Low Resolution or Intensities; Large Samples; Low Coherence; Surfaces Difficult
- Some Elements Strongly Absorb (e.g. Cd, Gd, B)
- 3) Kinematic Restriction on Q for Large E Transfers
- Restricted to Excitations ≤ 100 meV

Synchrotron X-rays

Advantages



- 1) λ_n Interatomic Spacing
- 2) High Brilliance of X-ray Sources High Resolution; Small Samples; High Degree of Coherence
- 3) No Kinematic Restrictions (E,Q uncoupled)
- 4) No Restriction on Energy Transfer that Can Be Studied

Disadvantages



- 1) Strong Absorption for Lower Energy Photons
- 2) Little Contrast for Hydrocarbons or Similar Elements
- 3) Weak Scattering from Light Elements
- 4) Radiation Damage to Samples



Cross Sections



cross section

The effective area presented by a nucleus to an incident neutron. One unit for cross section is the barn, as in "can't hit the side of a barn!"

> σ measured in barns: 1 barn = 10⁻²⁴ cm²

Attenuation = $exp(-N\sigma t)$ N = # of atoms/unit volume t = thickness



 $\Phi = \text{number of incident neutrons per cm}^2 \text{ per second}$ $\sigma = \text{total number of neutrons scattered per second / } \Phi$ $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\text{number of neutrons scattered per second into } d\Omega}{\Phi \, d\Omega}$ $\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE} = \frac{\text{number of neutrons scattered per second into } d\Omega \& dE}{\Phi \, d\Omega \, dE}$



Scattering by a Single (fixed) Nucleus



- range of nuclear force (~ 1fm) is << neutron wavelength so scattering is "point-like"
- energy of neutron is too small to change energy of nucleus & neutron cannot transfer KE to a fixed nucleus => scattering is elastic
- we consider only scattering far from nuclear resonances where neutron absorption is negligible

If v is the velocity of the neutron (same before and after scattering), the number of neutrons passing through an area dS per second after scattering is :

$$\mathbf{v} \, \mathrm{dS} \left| \boldsymbol{\psi}_{\mathrm{scat}} \right|^2 = \mathbf{v} \, \mathrm{dS} \, \mathbf{b}^2 / \mathbf{r}^2 = \mathbf{v} \, \mathbf{b}^2 \, \mathrm{d\Omega}$$

Since the number of incident neutrons passing through unit areasis: $\Phi = v |\psi_{\text{incident}}|^2 = v$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}\Omega} = \frac{\mathrm{v}\,\mathrm{b}^2\,\mathrm{d}\Omega}{\Phi\mathrm{d}\Omega} = \mathrm{b}^2 \qquad \qquad \mathrm{so}\,\sigma_{\mathrm{total}} = 4\pi b^2$$

Intrinsic Cross Section: Neutrons









Adding up phases at the detector of the wavelets scattered from all the scattering centers in the sample:



Neutrons

Sum of scattered waves on plane II:

$$\begin{split} \Psi_{se} &= A e^{i\phi} \sum_{i} \frac{b_{i}}{R} e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_{i}} \\ \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} &= \frac{v dS |\Psi_{se}|^{2}}{v |A|^{2} d\Omega} = \frac{v dS}{v |A|^{2}} \frac{|A|^{2}}{R^{2}} \frac{1}{d\Omega} \sum_{ij} b_{i} b_{j} e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\left(\vec{R}_{i}-\vec{R}_{j}\right)} \end{split}$$

$$=\sum_{ij}b_ib_j\,e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\left(\vec{R}_i-\vec{R}_j\right)}$$

<u>X-rays</u>

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = r_0^2 \sum_{ij} e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\left(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j\right)} \times \left(\frac{1 + \cos^2(2\theta)}{2}\right)$$

 $\bar{r}_i \rightarrow$ electron coordinates

For <u>neutrons</u>, b_i depends on nucleus (isotope, spin relative to neutron ($\uparrow\uparrow$ or $\downarrow\uparrow$)), etc. Even for one type of atom,

 $b_i = \langle b \rangle + \delta b_i \leftarrow \text{random variable}$



In most cases, we must do a thermodynamic or ensemble average

Coherent Part

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \langle b \rangle^2 S(q) \qquad S(q) = \left\langle \sum_{ij} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \left(\vec{R}_i - \vec{R}_j\right)} \right\rangle$$
$$\{R_i\} = \text{nuclear posns}$$

<u>X-rays</u>

 $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = r_0^2 [\underline{1 + \cos^2(2\theta)}] S(\mathbf{q})$ $\frac{d\sigma}{2} \qquad 2$ $S(\mathbf{q}) = \langle \Sigma_{ij} \exp[-i\mathbf{q}.(\mathbf{r_i} - \mathbf{r_j})] \rangle$ $\{\mathbf{r_i}\} == \text{electron positions.}$

lectron positions.

Now, $\Sigma_i \exp[-i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{R}_i] = \rho_N(\mathbf{q})$ Fourier Transform of nuclear density [sometimes also referred to as $F(\mathbf{q})$]

Proof:

 $\rho_{\rm N}(\mathbf{r}) = \Sigma_{\rm i} \, \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_{\rm i})$

 $\rho_{\rm N}(\mathbf{q}) = \int \rho_{\rm N}(\mathbf{r}) \exp[-i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{r}] d\mathbf{r} = \int \Sigma_{\rm i} \,\delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_{\rm i}) \exp[-i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{r}] d\mathbf{r}$

 $= \Sigma_i \exp[-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{R}_i]$

Similarly,

 $\Sigma_{i} \exp[-i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{r_{i}}] = \rho_{el}(\mathbf{q})$ Fourier Transform of electron density So, for neutrons, $S(\mathbf{q}) = \langle \rho_{N}(\mathbf{q}) \rho_{N}^{*}(\mathbf{q}) \rangle$

And, for x-rays, $S(\mathbf{q}) = \langle \rho_{el}(\mathbf{q}) \rho_{el}^{*}(\mathbf{q}) \rangle$

Values of σ_{coh} and σ_{inc}

Nuclide	σ_{coh}	σ_{inc}	Nuclide	σ_{coh}	σ_{inc}
¹ H	1.8	80.2	V	0.02	5.0
² H	5.6	2.0	Fe	11.5	0.4
С	5.6	0.0	Co	1.0	5.2
0	4.2	0.0	Cu	7.5	0.5
AI	1.5	0.0	³⁶ Ar	24.9	0.0

- · Difference between H and D used in experiments with soft matter (contrast variation)
- · Al used for windows
- V used for sample containers in diffraction experiments and as calibration for energy resolution
- · Fe and Co have nuclear cross sections similar to the values of their magnetic cross sections
- Find scattering cross sections at the NIST web site at:

http://webster.ncnr.nist.gov/resources/n-lengths/

If electrons are bound to atoms centered on nuclei at \mathbf{R}_i

 $\rho_{el}(\mathbf{r}) = \Sigma_i f_{el}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_i)$

 $\rho_{el}(\mathbf{q}) = \int d\mathbf{r} \exp[-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}] \Sigma_i f_{el}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_i)$

= $\Sigma_i \{ \int d\mathbf{r} \exp[-i\mathbf{q}.(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_i)] f_{el}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_i) \} \exp[-i\mathbf{q}.\mathbf{R}_i]$

= $f(\mathbf{q}) \Sigma_i \exp[-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{R}_i]$

= $f(q) \rho_N(q)$

f(q) is called the **Atomic Form Factor**

X-rays

$$f = f_0 + \underbrace{\Delta f' + i \Delta f''}_{\uparrow}$$

"Scattering factor" = Zf(q)







Scattering Length of a Molecule





Liquids and Glasses

$$S(q) = \left\langle |\rho_N(\bar{q})|^2 \right\rangle \qquad \left| \times |f(q)|^2 \right| \text{for x-rays}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow S(q) = \iint d\bar{r} \, d\bar{r}' e^{-i\bar{q}\cdot(\bar{r}-\bar{r}')} \langle \rho_N(r) \rho_N(r') \rangle$$
If $\langle \rho_N(\bar{r}) \rho_N(r') \rangle = \text{Fn. of } (r-r') \text{ only,}$

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$$If \langle \rho_N(\bar{r}) \rho_N(\bar{r}) \rho_N(\bar{r}-\bar{R}) \rangle$$

$$= \int d\bar{R} \, e^{-i\bar{q}\cdot\bar{R}} g(\bar{R})$$

$$g(\bar{R}) = \text{Pair-distribution function}$$

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

 $g(\vec{R})$ and hence S(q) are <u>isotropic</u>.

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

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

 $=V\left\langle \rho _{N}\left(\vec{r}\right) \rho _{N}\left(\vec{r}-\vec{R}\right) \right\rangle$

$$\begin{split} g(\vec{R}) &= \delta(\vec{R}) + g_d(\vec{R}) \qquad S(q) - 1 = \int d\vec{R} \, e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{R}} g_d\left(\vec{R}\right) \\ g_d\left(\vec{R}\right)_{R \to \infty} &\to V \langle \rho \rangle^2 \end{split}$$

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

- Note that S(Q) and g(r)/p 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)




Neutrons

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

X-rays

$$I(q) = \sum_{K,K'} (r_0)^2 Z_{K'}, Z_{K'}, f_K(q) f_{K'}^*(q) S_{KK'}(q)$$

$$\times \left[1 + \frac{\cos^2(2\theta)}{2}\right]$$

(K,K' = Different atomic types)

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

 \Rightarrow partial structure factor

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

More than one kind of atom

CRYSTALS

For Periodic Arrays of Nuclei, Coherent Scattering Is Reinforced Only in Specific Directions Corresponding to the Bragg Condition: $\lambda = 2 d_{hkl} \sin(\theta) \text{ or } 2 k \sin(\theta) = G_{hkl}$





In general, in a scattering experiment



A simple way to see Bragg's Law:

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

:. Constructive interference when

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



Define 3 other vectors:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{b}_1 &= 2\pi (\bar{a}_2 \times \bar{a}_3) / v_0 \\ \bar{b}_2 &= 2\pi (\bar{a}_3 \times \bar{a}_1) / v_0 \\ \bar{b}_3 &= 2\pi (\bar{a}_1 \times \bar{a}_2) / v_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$v_0 &= \bar{a}_1 \cdot (\bar{a}_2 \times \bar{a}_3) \\ &= \text{unit cell vol.} \end{aligned}$$

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 $\vec{b}_1, \vec{b}_2, \vec{b}_3$:

$$\bar{G} = n_1 \bar{b}_1 + m_2 \bar{b}_2 + m_3 \bar{b}_3$$

then for any \vec{G}, \vec{R}_{ℓ} ,

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



 $|\mathbf{G}| = n 2\pi/d \quad \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow$



Crystals (Bravais or Monotonic)

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

where \bar{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

$$\sum_{\ell} e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_{\ell}} = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{\nu_0} \sum_{\vec{G}} \delta(\vec{q} - \vec{G})$$

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

[Property of reciprocal lattices and direct lattices:

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

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

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

Similarly,

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{x-rays} &= Z^2 r_0^2 \left(\frac{1+\cos^2\left(2\theta\right)}{2}\right) f^2(\bar{q}) e^{-2W} \\ & N \cdot \frac{\left(2\pi\right)^3}{v_0} \sum_{\bar{G}} \delta(\bar{q}-\bar{G}) \end{split}$$



Bragg Reflections:
$$\vec{k}' - \vec{k} = \vec{G}$$

 $\sqrt{2k} \sin \theta = G = \frac{2\pi}{d}$
 $\rightarrow \lambda = 2d \sin \theta$ Bragg's Law

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



 $a^* = 2\pi (b \ge c)/V_0$, etc.

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



Elastic Scattering from a Crystal



$$S(\vec{q}) = \left| F_{\text{crystal}}(\vec{q}) \right|^2$$



$$F_{\text{crystal}}(\vec{q}) = \left(\sum_{j=1}^{N} f_j(\vec{q}) e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}_j}\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{n=1}^{M} e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_n}\right)$$
Unit Cell Structure Factor Lattice Sum
$$\sum_{n=1}^{M} e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_n} \approx \begin{cases} M >> 1 \quad \text{for} \quad \vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_n = 2\pi \times \text{integer} \\ 0 \quad \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\text{Reciprocal Lattice:}}{\vec{R}_n = n_1\vec{a}_1 + n_2\vec{a}_2 + n_3\vec{a}_3}$$

$$\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{a}_j^* = 2\pi\delta_{ij} \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3$$

$$\vec{G}_{hkl} = h\vec{a}_1^* + k\vec{a}_2^* + l\vec{a}_3^*$$

$$\vec{G}_{hkl} \cdot \vec{R}_n = 2\pi(hn_1 + kn_2 + ln_3)$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{neutron} = \frac{N \cdot (2\pi)^3}{\nu_0} \sum_G |F_G|^2 \,\delta(\bar{q} - \bar{G})$$

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

where

$$F_{G} = \sum_{K} Z_{K} f_{K}(\vec{G}) r_{0} e^{-2W_{K}} e^{-i\vec{G}\cdot\vec{R}_{K}} \begin{vmatrix} -x - ray & structure \\ factor \end{vmatrix}$$

Measurement of Structure Factors \rightarrow Structure

<u>BUT</u> what is measured is $|F_G|^2 |F_G|^2$

 \rightarrow "Phase Problem" \rightarrow Special Methods

Note that $|F_G|^2$ can be written $\sum_{KK'} \mu_K \mu_{K'} e^{-i\hat{G}\cdot(\vec{R}_K - \vec{R}_{K'})}$ so that its F.T. yields information about <u>pairs</u> of atoms separated by $\vec{R}_K - \vec{R}_{K'} \Rightarrow$ Patterson Function. We would be better off if diffraction measured phase of scattering rather than amplitude! Unfortunately, nature did not oblige us.



A graphic illustration of the phase problem: (a) and (b) are the original images. (c) is the (Fourier) reconstruction which has the Fourier phases of (a) and Fourier amplitudes of (b); (d) is the reconstruction with the phases of (b) and the amplitudes of (a).



Pulsed Laue Diffraction Pattern from the Photo-Active Yellow Protein: 10 Exposures of 100 ps

3700 Reflections

with $|F_{hkl}(q)|^2$

STRUCTURE

created by ulrich genick after: Borgstahl, Williams & Getzoff *Biochemistry* 34, 6278 (1995) M. Wulff (ESRF) B. Perman (Univ. of Chicago)



Fibre Diffraction: Cellulose



M. Müller et al. (University of Kiel)

Holzfaser (Pappel)



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



Peaks whenever $\sin \theta = \frac{\lambda}{2d_{hk\ell}}$ for all sets of planes indexable by (h,k,ℓ) with spacing $d_{hk\ell}$ (provided $|F_{hk\ell}|^2 \neq 0$)

Texture Measurement by Diffraction



- 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 \overline{R}_{ℓ} are all restricted to say the (x,y) plane, z-component of \overline{q} will not affect \Rightarrow diffra

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

which is thus independent of q_{z} .



where

$$\bar{G}_{||}$$
 is 2-D reciprocal lattice vector in plane

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

 \Rightarrow diffraction is on <u>rods</u> in reciprocal space through the \bar{G}_{\parallel} and parallel to z-axis

$$q_y$$
 q_z

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





(Warren)





 $S(\bar{q})$ independent of $q_z \text{ and } q_y$. <u>Planes</u> of scattering in reciprocal space.

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

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

[For neutrons, $b_{\ell} = ($ 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

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

where

$$\begin{split} \rho_\ell &= \text{probability of occupn. by atom 1 on site } \ell. \\ \rho_\ell &= c + \delta \rho_\ell \\ c &= \left< \rho_\ell \right> = \text{Concn. of type 1.} \end{split}$$

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

where

$$\overline{b} = b_1 c + b_2 (1 - c) = \underline{\text{average}} \ b$$
$$S_0(\overline{q}) = \frac{(2\pi)^3}{v_0} \sum_{\overline{G}} \delta(\overline{q} - \overline{G}) \quad \text{[Bragg Peaks]}$$

 $2^{nd} \text{ term} \rightarrow \text{Diffuse Scattering}$

If $\delta\rho_\ell, \delta\rho_{\ell'}$ uncorrelated, $\left<\delta\rho_\ell\delta\rho_{\ell'}...\right>\sim \delta_{\ell\ell'}$

$$2^{nd}$$
 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)

Small Angle Scattering (SANS) SAXS

Length scale probed in a scattering experiment at
wave-vector transfer
$$\vec{q}$$
 is $\sim \boxed{\left(\frac{2\pi}{q}\right)}$ (e.g., Bragg
scattering $d_{hk\ell} \sim \frac{2\pi}{G_{hk\ell}}$)

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

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

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

where

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

= electron density for electrons.

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

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

Single Particles (Dilute Limit)

Let ρ_0 be average $s\ell d$ (e.g., embedding media or solvent)

 ρ_1 be average $s\ell d$ of particle (assume uniform)

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

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

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

origin of *r* is taken as centroid of particle.

Expanding exponential,

Scattering for Spherical Particles

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

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

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

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 :

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

where ϑ is the angle between





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



spheres (core C1) in D2O/H2O 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





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)	Nickel Isotope	Scattering Lengths b (fm)
$^{1}\mathrm{H}$	-3.7409 (11)	⁵⁸ Ni	15.0 (5)
^{2}D	6.674 (6)	⁶⁰ Ni	2.8 (1)
³ T	4.792 (27)	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, Shapes Micelles, Colloids, Proteins, Precipitates, ...)
- Correlation between particles in concentrated solutions (Aggregates, Fractals, Colloidal Crystals and Liquids)
- 2-component or multicomponent systems (Binery fluid mixtures, Porous Media, Spinodal Decomposition)

For colliodal, 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 = $|f_{\ell}(\vec{q})|^{2} S_{0}(\vec{q})$ Structure
Factor

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

 \rightarrow Liquid- or glass-like

- FractalsThese are systems which are scale-invarient
(usually in a statistically averaged sense)
i.e., $R \rightarrow \kappa R$, the object resembles itself
("self-similarity")
- <u>Property</u>: If n(R) is number of particles inside a sphere of radius R

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

It follows that

$$4\pi R^2 dRg(R) = CR^{D-1}dR$$
 C = 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
$$S(q) \sim \frac{1}{q^{S-D_S}}$$
SURFACES and THIN FILMS

X-Ray Scattering Scheme



Scattering Geometry & Notation



Reflection of Visible Light



Perfect & Imperfect "Mirrors"



Basic Equation: X-Rays



Helmholtz-Equation & Boundary Conditions

$$\Delta E(\vec{r}) + k^2 n_{\rm x}^2(\vec{r}) E(\vec{r}) = 0$$

Refractive Index: X-Rays & Neutrons





Refractive Index: X-Rays

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

$$\xrightarrow{r_e \varrho(10^{10} \mathrm{cm}^{-2}) \ \delta(10^{-6}) \ \mu(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}) \ \alpha_c(^{\circ})}}{Vacuum \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0} \\ PS(C_8H_8)_n \quad 9.5 \quad 3.5 \quad 4 \quad 0.153 \\ PMMA(C_5H_8O_2)_n \ 10.6 \quad 4.0 \quad 7 \quad 0.162 \\ PVC(C_2H_3Cl)_n \quad 12.1 \quad 4.6 \quad 86 \quad 0.174 \\ PBrS(C_8H_7Br)_n \quad 13.2 \quad 5.0 \quad 97 \quad 0.181 \\ Quartz \, (SiO_2) \quad 18.0-19.7 \quad 6.8-7.4 \ 85 \quad 0.21-0.22 \\ Silicon \, (Si) \quad 20.0 \quad 7.6 \quad 141 \quad 0.223 \\ Nickel \, (Ni) \quad 72.6 \quad 27.4 \quad 407 \quad 0.424 \\ Gold \, (Au) \quad 131.5 \quad 49.6 \quad 4170 \quad 0.570 \\ \hline \mathbf{E} = 8 \ \mathbf{keV} \quad \lambda = \mathbf{1.54} \ \mathbf{\mathring{A}}$$



X-Ray Reflectivity: Principle

Visible Light n_1 Reflectivity:-- $n_2 > 1$ n_2

X-Ray n_1 Reflectivity:--- $n_2 < 1$ n_2



Total External Reflection



Single Interface: Vacuum/Matter





The "Master Formula"

Reformulation for Interfaces



Roughness Damps Reflectivity





Example: PS Film on Si/SiO₂



Calculation of Reflectivity



Crystal Truncation rods



$$S(q) = \left\langle \sum_{\ell \ell'} e^{-i\vec{q} \cdot \left(\vec{R}_{\ell} - \vec{R}_{\ell'}\right)} \right\rangle \qquad \delta(q_x - G_x) \qquad \delta(q_y - G_y)$$
$$= \sum_{n_x, n_{x'}} \sum_{\ell \to \infty} \sum_{n_y, n_{y'} = -\infty} e^{-iq_x(n_x - n'_x)a} e^{-iq_y(n_y - n'_y)a}$$

$$\times \sum_{n_{z}, n_{z} \neq z}^{0} \sum_{n_{z}, n_{z} \neq z}^{0} e^{-iq_{z}(n_{z} - n_{z}')a} \sqrt{(q_{z} - G_{z})^{-2}}$$

Grazing-Incidence-Diffraction



X-Ray Reflectometers



Reflectivity from Liquids I



INELASTIC SCATTERING

We Have Seen How Neutron Scattering Can Determine a Variety of Structures











crystals

surfaces & interfaces

disordered/fractals

biomachines

but what happens when the atoms are moving?



Can we determine the directions and time-dependence of atomic motions? Can well tell whether motions are periodic? Etc.

These are the types of questions answered by inelastic neutron scattering

The Neutron Changes Both Energy & Momentum When Inelastically Scattered by Moving Nuclei





inelastic scattering

Scattering in which exchange of energy and momentum between the incident neutron and the sample causes both the direction and the magnitude of the neutron's wave vector to change.



The Elastic & Inelastic Scattering Cross Sections Have an Intuitive Similarity

- The intensity of elastic, coherent neutron scattering is proportional to the spatial Fourier Transform of the Pair Correlation Function, G(r) I.e. the probability of finding a particle at position r if there is simultaneously a particle at r=0
- The intensity of inelastic coherent neutron scattering is proportional to the space <u>and time</u> Fourier Transforms of the <u>time-dependent</u> pair correlation function function, G(r,t) = probability of finding a particle at position r <u>at time t</u> when there is a particle at r=0 and <u>t=0</u>.
- For inelastic <u>incoherent</u> scattering, the intensity is proportional to the space and time Fourier Transforms of the <u>self-correlation</u> function, G_s(r,t)
 I.e. the probability of finding a particle at position r at time t when <u>the</u> <u>same</u> particle was at r=0 at t=0

The Inelastic Scattering Cross Section

Recall that
$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega.dE}\right)_{coh} = b_{coh}^2 \frac{k'}{k} NS(\vec{Q},\omega)$$
 and $\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega.dE}\right)_{inc} = b_{inc}^2 \frac{k'}{k} NS_i(\vec{Q},\omega)$

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

and the correlation functions that are intuitively similar to those for the elastic scattering case: $G(\vec{r},t) = \frac{1}{N} \int \left\langle \rho_N(\vec{r},0) \rho_N(\vec{r}+\vec{R},t) \right\rangle d\vec{r} \quad \text{and} \quad G_s(\vec{r},t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \int \left\langle \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{R}_j(0)) \delta(\vec{r}+\vec{R}-\vec{R}_j(t)) \right\rangle d\vec{r}$

The evaluation of the correlation functions (in which the ρ 's and δ - functions have to be treated as non - commuting quantum mechanical operators) is mathematically tedious. Details can be found, for example, in the books by Squires or Marshal and Lovesey.

Examples of $S(Q,\omega)$ and $S_s(Q,\omega)$

- Expressions for S(Q,ω) and S_s(Q,ω) can be worked out for a number of cases e.g:
 - Excitation or absorption of one quantum of lattice vibrational energy (phonon)
 - Various models for atomic motions in liquids and glasses
 - Various models of atomic & molecular translational & rotational diffusion
 - Rotational tunneling of molecules
 - Single particle motions at high momentum transfers
 - Transitions between crystal field levels
 - Magnons and other magnetic excitations such as spinons
- Inelastic neutron scattering reveals details of the shapes of interaction potentials in materials

A Phonon is a Quantized Lattice Vibration

 Consider linear chain of particles of mass M coupled by springs. Force on n'th particle is

$$F_n = \alpha_0 u_n + \alpha_1 (u_{n-1} + u_{n+1}) + \alpha_2 (u_{n-2} + u_{n+2}) + \dots$$

First neighbor force constant displacements

• Equation of motion is $F_n = Mii_n$



Inelastic Magnetic Scattering of Neutrons

 In the simplest case, atomic spins in a ferromagnet precess about the direction of mean magnetization

$$H = \sum_{l,l'} J(\vec{l} - \vec{l}') \vec{S}_l \cdot \vec{S}_{l'} = H_0 + \sum_q \hbar \omega_q b_q^+ b_q$$

exchange coupling ground state energy spin waves (magnons)

with

$$\hbar \omega_q = 2S(J_0 - J_q) \quad \text{where} \quad J_q = \sum_l J(\vec{l})e^{i\vec{q}.\vec{l}} \quad \text{Fluctua}$$

$$\hbar \omega_q = Dq^2 \quad \text{is the dispersion relation for a ferromagnet} \quad \text{perpendicities}$$

Fluctuating spin is perpendicular to mean spin direction => spin-flip neutron scattering

Spin wave animation courtesy of A. Zheludev (ORNL)

Measured Inelastic Neutron Scattering Signals in Crystalline Solids Show Both Collective & Local Fluctuations*



^{*} Courtesy of Dan Neumann, NIST



The Accessible Energy and Wavevector Transfers Are Limited by Conservation Laws

 Neutron cannot lose more than its initial kinetic energy & momentum must be conserved





Intersection of the dynamical range surface (paraboloid) with a (rotationally symmetric) dispersion surface. The projection of the lines of intersection into the Q-plane are different for energy gain and energy loss

Triple Axis Spectrometers Have Mapped Phonons Dispersion Relations in Many Materials

- Point by point measurement in (Q,E) space
- Usually keep either k_I or k_F fixed
- Choose Brillouin zone (I.e. G) to maximize scattering cross section for phonons
- Scan usually either at constant-Q (Brockhouse invention) or constant-E



Phonon dispersion of 36Ar





Examples of Phonon Measurements



to broken the including third-order terms in the potential. The numbers rules to the

Phonons in 110Cd
Time-of-flight Methods Can Give Complete Dispersion Curves at a Single Instrument Setting in Favorable Circumstances



CuGeO₃ is a 1-d magnet. With the unique axis parallel to the incident neutron beam, the complete magnon dispersion can be obtained

Much of the Scientific Impact of Neutron Scattering Has Involved the Measurement of Inelastic Scattering



Energy & Wavevector Transfers accessible to Neutron Scattering

Photon Correlation Spectroscopy



Formal Theory of Scattering

<u>Neutrons</u>

- ψ_k incident neutron wave fn.
- χ_{λ} initial sample wave fn.
- $\psi_{k'}$ scattered neutron wave fn.
- $\chi_{\lambda'}$ final sample wave fn.

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\lambda\to\lambda'} = \frac{1}{\Phi} \frac{1}{d\Omega} \sum_{k'}^{d\Omega} W_{\vec{k}\,\lambda\to\vec{k}'\lambda'} \tag{1}$$

 $W_{k\lambda \to k'\lambda'}$ = Number of transitions $k\lambda \to k'\lambda'$ per second

Use Fermi's Golden Rule:

$$\sum_{k'}^{d\Omega} W_{\bar{k}\lambda\to\bar{k}'\lambda'} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} v_{k'} \left| \left\langle \bar{k}'\lambda' | V | \bar{k}\lambda \right\rangle \right|^2 \tag{2}$$

- $v_{k'}$ = Number of neutron momentum states in $d\Omega$ per unit energy range at \vec{k}' .
- V = Interaction potential of neutron with the sample.

$$H = H_{neutrons} \left(\frac{P_N^2}{2m_N}\right) + H_{sample} + V$$

Quantize states in box of side L with periodic boundary conditions:

$$\bar{k} = \frac{2\pi}{L} \left(n_x, n_y, n_z \right) \qquad \qquad \therefore v_{k'} = \frac{L^3}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{m}{\hbar^2} k' d\Omega$$

Density of k-pts / unit vol. of k-space =
$$\frac{L^3}{(2\pi)^3}$$



$$E' = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} k'^2$$

$$dE' = \frac{\hbar^2}{m} k' dk$$

Now $v_{k'}dE'$ = Number of k-pts inside $d\Omega$ with energy between E', and E' + dE'

$$= (k')^2 dk' d\Omega \frac{L^3}{(2\pi)^3}$$

$$\therefore v_{k'} = \frac{L^3}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{m}{\hbar^2} k' d\Omega$$

Incident neutron wave fn. $\psi_k = L^{-3/2} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{p}}$

Incident flux $\Phi = v$

$$= v |\psi_k|^2 = \frac{\hbar}{m} k \frac{1}{L^3}$$

Thus, by Eqs. (1), (2),

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\lambda\to\lambda'} = \frac{k'}{k} \left(\frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2}\right)^2 L^6 \left|\left\langle \vec{k}'\lambda' | V | \vec{k}\lambda \right\rangle\right|^2 \tag{3}$$

Use energy conservation law,

$$\left(\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}\right)_{\lambda\to\lambda'} = \frac{k'}{k} \left(\frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^{2}}\right)^{2} \left|\left\langle k'\lambda'\right|V\left|k\lambda\right\rangle\right|^{2} L^{6}$$

$$\delta(E_{\lambda} - E_{\lambda'} + E - E')$$
(4)

Formally represent interaction between neutron and nucleus by a delta-fn. (Fermi pseudopotential)

 $V(r_n - R_i) \stackrel{\checkmark}{=} a \,\delta(\vec{r}_n - \vec{R}_i)$

Consider elastic scattering again from a single fixed nucleus:

Elastic
$$\frac{k'=k}{\lambda'=\lambda} \langle k'\lambda' | V | k\lambda \rangle = a$$

(3) gives $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2}\right)^2 a^2$
Comparing this with the result $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = b^2$
 k'
 $a = \left(\frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m}\right)b$

Thus
$$V(r) = \left(\frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m}\right)b\delta(\vec{r})$$
 is the effective interaction

between a neutron at \vec{r} and a fixed nucleus at the origin.

Scattering by an assembly of nuclei:

$$V(\dot{r}) = \left(\frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m}\right) \sum_{j=1}^{N} b_j \,\delta(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_j) \text{ for neutron at } \vec{r}.$$

$$\begin{split} \left\langle k'\lambda'|V|\bar{k}\lambda\right\rangle &= \frac{1}{L^3} \int d\bar{r} \, e^{-i\left(\bar{k}'-\bar{k}\right)\cdot\bar{r}} \int \dots \int \int dR_1 \dots dR_N \\ \chi^*_{\lambda'}\chi_\lambda \sum_{j=1}^N b_j \, \delta\left(\bar{r}-\bar{R}_j\right) \times \left(\frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{L^3} \left(\frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m}\right) \sum_{j=1}^N b_j \, \left\langle \lambda' \middle| e^{-i\bar{q}\cdot\bar{R}_j} \middle| \lambda \right\rangle \end{split}$$

Thus from Eq. (4)

$$\left(\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}\right)_{\lambda\to\lambda'} = \frac{k'}{k} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} b_{i}b_{j} \left[\left\langle\lambda\left|e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_{i}}\right|\lambda'\right\rangle\right] \\ \left\langle\lambda'\left|e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_{j}}\right|\lambda\right\rangle\right] \\ \delta(E_{\lambda} - E_{\lambda'} + \hbar\omega)$$
(5)

where

 $\hbar \omega = E - E' =$ Neutron energy loss

Summing over all possible final states λ' of the sample and <u>averaging</u> over all initial states λ , we obtain

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}\right) &= \frac{k'}{k} \sum_{ij} b_i b_j \sum_{\lambda\lambda'} P_\lambda \left\langle \lambda \middle| e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_i} \middle| \lambda' \right\rangle \left\langle \lambda' \middle| e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{R}_j} \middle| \lambda \right\rangle \\ \delta(E_\lambda - E_{\lambda'} + \hbar\omega) \\ P_\lambda &= Z^{-1} e^{-E_\lambda/kT} \qquad Z = \sum_\lambda e^{-E_\lambda/kT} \end{split}$$

 b_i depends on nucleus (isotope, spin relative to neutron $\uparrow\uparrow$ or $\downarrow\downarrow$), etc. Even for a monatomic system

$$b_i = \langle b \rangle + \delta b_i \leftarrow \text{random sample}$$

$$b_{i}b_{j} = \langle b \rangle^{2} + \langle b \rangle [\delta b_{i}' + \delta b_{j}] + \delta b_{i} \delta b_{j}$$

$$\sum_{\text{zero}}' \text{zero unless } i = j$$

$$\left\langle \delta b_{i}^{2} \right\rangle = \left\langle b^{2} \right\rangle - \left\langle b \right\rangle^{2}$$
So $\left(\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right) = \left(\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right)_{\text{coh}} + \left(\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \right)_{\text{inc}}$

Heisenberg Time-Dependent Operators

If A is any operator, and H is the system Hamiltonian

$$A(t) = e^{iHt/\hbar} A e^{-iHt/\hbar}$$

is the corresponding time-dependent Heisenberg operator.

A(0) = A.

Write
$$\delta(E_{\lambda} - E_{\lambda'} + \hbar\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, e^{-i\omega t} e^{i(E_{\lambda'} - E_{\lambda})t/\hbar}$$

Then

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{\lambda'} \left\langle \lambda | A | \lambda' \right\rangle \left\langle \lambda' | B | \lambda \right\rangle \delta(E_{\lambda} - E_{\lambda'} + \hbar \omega) \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, e^{-i\omega t} \sum_{\lambda'} \left\langle \lambda | A | \lambda' \right\rangle \left\langle \lambda' | B | \lambda \right\rangle e^{i(E_{\lambda'} - E_{\lambda})t/\hbar} \\ &\int_{\left[} \left[e^{-iHt/\hbar} | \lambda \right\rangle = e^{-iE_{\lambda}t/\hbar} | \lambda \right\rangle \right] \\ &\int_{\left[} = \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, e^{-i\omega t} \sum_{\lambda'} \left\langle \lambda | A | \lambda' \right\rangle \left\langle \lambda' | B | \lambda \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, e^{-i\omega t} \left\langle \lambda | A(0)B(t) | \lambda \right\rangle \\ &\sum_{\lambda} P_{\lambda} \left\langle \lambda | A(0)B(t) | \lambda \right\rangle \equiv \left\langle A(0)B(t) \right\rangle \leftarrow \text{T.D. Correlation function} \end{split}$$

Thus, by (6),

$$\begin{split} S_{\rm coh}(\bar{q},\omega) &= \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, e^{-i\omega t} \sum_{\lambda} P_{\lambda} \left\langle \lambda \left| \sum_{i} e^{-i\bar{q}\cdot\bar{R}_{i}(0)} \right. \right. \right. \\ & \left. \times \sum_{j} e^{i\bar{q}\cdot\bar{R}_{j}(t)} \right| \lambda \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, e^{-i\omega t} \left\langle \sum_{ij} e^{-i\bar{q}\cdot\bar{R}_{i}(0)} e^{i\bar{q}\cdot\bar{R}_{j}(t)} \right\rangle \\ S_{\rm inc}(\bar{q},\omega) &= \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, e^{-i\omega t} \sum_{i} P_{\lambda} \left\langle \lambda \left| e^{-i\bar{q}\cdot\bar{R}_{i}(0)} e^{i\bar{q}\cdot\bar{R}_{i}(t)} \right| \lambda \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, e^{-i\omega t} \left\langle \sum_{i} e^{-i\bar{q}\cdot\bar{R}_{i}(0)} e^{i\bar{q}\cdot\bar{R}_{i}(t)} \right| \lambda \right\rangle \end{split}$$

Let $\rho_N(\vec{r})$ be density fn. of nuclei,

$$\rho_N(\vec{r}) = \sum_i \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{R}_i)$$

It's Fourier Transform

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

Thus,

$$S_{\mathrm{coh}}(\vec{q}\cdot\omega) = \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, e^{-i\omega t} \left\langle \rho_N(\vec{q},0)\rho_N^+(\vec{q},t) \right\rangle \tag{7}$$

$$\left\langle \rho_N(\vec{q},0)\rho_N^+(\vec{q},t) \right\rangle = \int d\vec{r} \, e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} \, G(\vec{r},t)$$

$$G(\vec{r},t) = \sum_{ij} \int d\vec{r}' \left\langle \delta(\vec{r}-\vec{r}'-\vec{R}_i(0))\delta(\vec{r}'+\vec{R}_j(t)) \right\rangle$$

$$\downarrow$$

Van-Hove space-time correlation function of system

$$S_{\rm coh}(\vec{q},\omega) = \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, e^{-i\omega t} \int d\vec{r} \, e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} G(\vec{r},t)$$
(8)

NOTE: R_i(0), R_j(t) are not <u>commuting</u> operators in general, so care must be exercised! <u>X-rays</u>

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i} \left(\vec{P}_{i} + \frac{e}{c} \vec{A}(\vec{r}) \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{i}) \right) \cdot \left(\vec{P}_{i} + \frac{e}{c} \vec{A}(r) \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{i}) \right)$$
$$+ \sum_{i} V(r_{i}) + V_{\text{int}}^{e-e}$$
$$(P_{i} = \text{electron momentum}, \vec{A} = \text{vector potential}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i} \left(P_{i}^{2} + V(r_{i}) \right) + V_{\text{int}}^{e-e} \leftarrow H_{e\ell}$$
$$+ \frac{e}{2mc} \sum_{i} \left\{ \vec{P}_{i} \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{r}) \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{i}) + \vec{A}(\vec{r}) \delta(r - r_{i}) \cdot \vec{P}_{i} \right\}$$
$$H_{\text{int}}^{(1)} \checkmark \qquad (9)$$

$$+ \frac{e^2}{2mc^2} \sum_i \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_i) \vec{A}(\vec{r}) \cdot \vec{A}(\vec{r}) \leftarrow H_{int}^{(2)}$$

$$\bar{A}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\vec{k},\alpha} \left(\frac{\hbar}{\omega_k}\right)^{1/2} c \left\{ \bar{\epsilon}_{\alpha} a_{\vec{k},\alpha}^+ e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} + \bar{\epsilon}_{\alpha}^* a_{\vec{k},\alpha} e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}} \right\}$$
(10)



In $1^{\rm st}$ order \rightarrow 1-photon absorption, emission

In $2^{\rm nd}$ order \rightarrow scattering

$$H_{int}^{(2)} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$$

In 1^{st} order \rightarrow scattering

Using
$$H_{\text{int}}^{(2)}$$
,

$$\left(\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}\right)_{\vec{k}\alpha\rightarrow\vec{k}'\beta} = \left(\frac{e^{2}}{mc^{2}}\right)^{2} \left|\vec{\epsilon}_{\alpha}\cdot\vec{\epsilon}_{\beta}^{*}\right|^{2} \left\langle\lambda\left|\sum_{i}e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}_{i}}\right|\lambda\right\rangle$$
(11)
$$\left\langle\lambda'\left|\sum_{j}e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}_{j}}\right|\lambda\right\rangle$$
"Thomson" Scattering $\delta(E_{\lambda}-E_{\lambda'}+\hbar\omega)$

$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}\right) = \left(\frac{e^2}{mc^2}\right)^2 S_{e\ell}(\vec{q},\omega) \left|\vec{\epsilon}_{\alpha}\cdot\vec{\epsilon}_{\beta}^*\right|^2$$

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$$S_{e\ell}(\bar{q},\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \, e^{-i\omega t} \left\langle \rho_{e\ell}(\bar{q},0) \rho_{e\ell}^{+}(\bar{q},t) \right\rangle \tag{12}$$

Elastic Scattering: $\omega = 0 \rightarrow$ "Infinite time average."

Often what we measure is $\int \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} dE' = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\rm coh} = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi\hbar} \int d\omega e^{-i\omega t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dt \left\langle \rho(\bar{q},0)\rho^+(\bar{q},t) \right\rangle$$

$$\begin{cases} \times \frac{k'}{k} \langle b \rangle^2 \to \text{neutrons} \\ \times \left(\frac{e^2}{mc^2}\right)^2 \left|\bar{\epsilon}_{\alpha} \cdot \bar{\epsilon}_{\beta}^*\right|^2 \to \text{x-rays} \end{cases}$$
(13)

$$\int d\omega e^{-i\omega t} = 2\pi \delta(t)$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{wh} = S(\vec{q}) \begin{cases} \times \langle b \rangle^2 \to \text{neutrons} \\ \times \left(\frac{e^2}{mc^2}\right) \xrightarrow{} x \text{-rays} \\ |\vec{\epsilon}_{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\epsilon}_{\beta}^*|^2 \end{cases}$$

$$S(q) = \left\langle \rho(q,0)\rho^+(q,0) \right\rangle \equiv \left\langle \rho(q)\rho^+(q) \right\rangle$$
(14)

(Equal-Time Correlation Function)