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Reactor-based time-of-flight SANS instrument BILBY: accumulated experience in collecting scattering from samples of various nature, dealing with incoherent backgrounds and complex transmissions along with solving issues in non-trivial data reduction

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**Australian Centre for Nuclear Scattering
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation**

Project history

October 2009

General design concept

December 2013

Commissioning licence granted by ARPANSA

1 March 2014

Neutrons on detectors are recorded,
hot commissioning started

January 2016

In operation

fourth cycle in operation (from July, 2017)

Brief project history

BILBY: **started October, 2009**
 A\$11M, 5 years
 design, procurement, installation, commissioning

- Design – Jason Christoforidis
- Engineering – Andrew Eltobaji
- Mechanical – John Barnes and mechanical team
- Electrical – Frank Darmann and EE team
- DAE – Andrew Berry and DAE team
- Data reduction and collection software – Nick Hauser group
- Procurement – Craig Ross

Robert Knott
Elliot Gilbert
Katy Wood
Bill Hamilton
Glenn Ford
David Howes
Phil Bentley

Instrument scientists (started mid 2014):

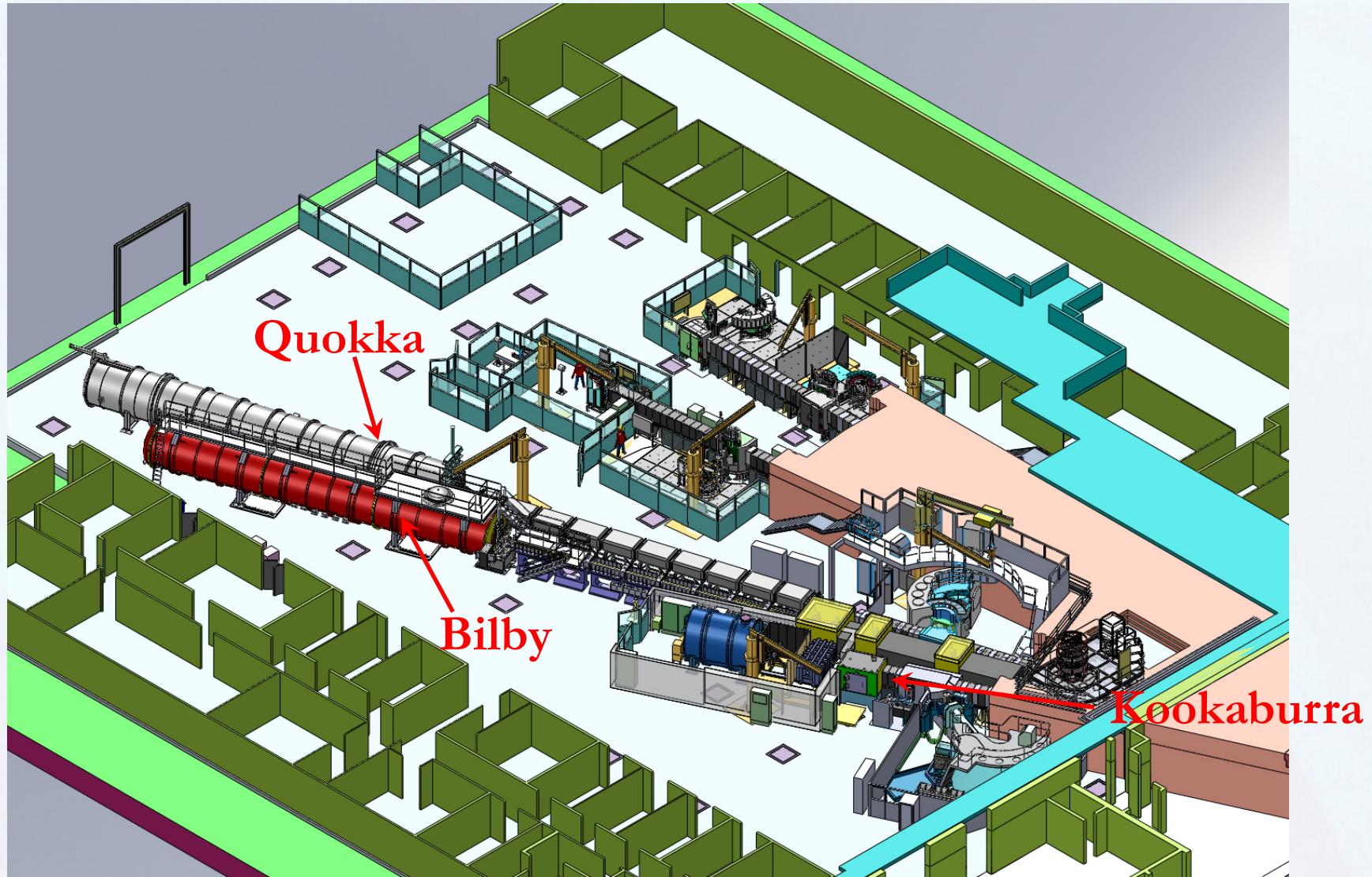
Dr Andrew Whitten, Dr Liliana de Campo

Hot commissioning: End 2015

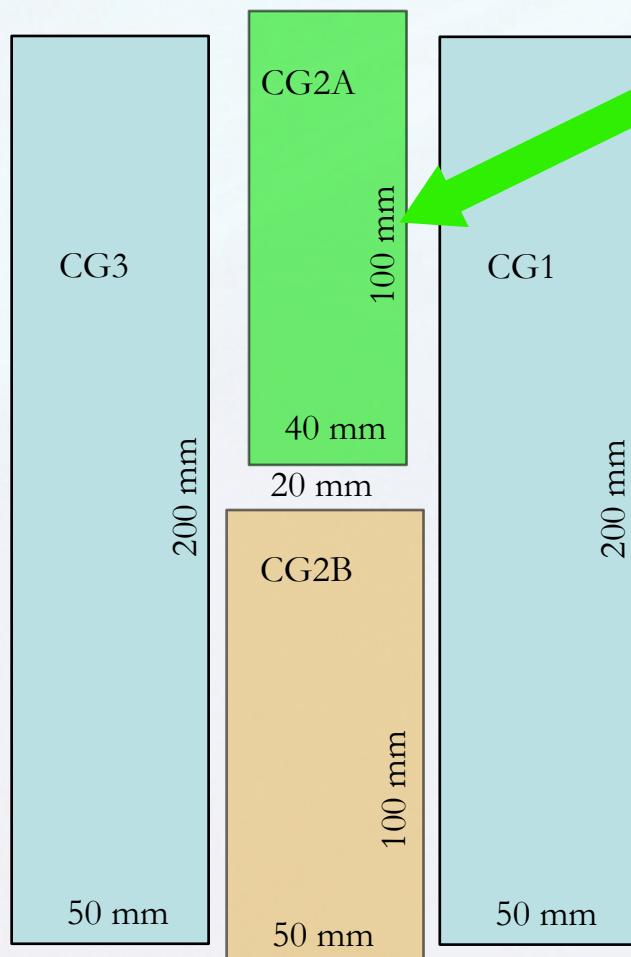


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ACNS: Neutron Small Angle Scattering

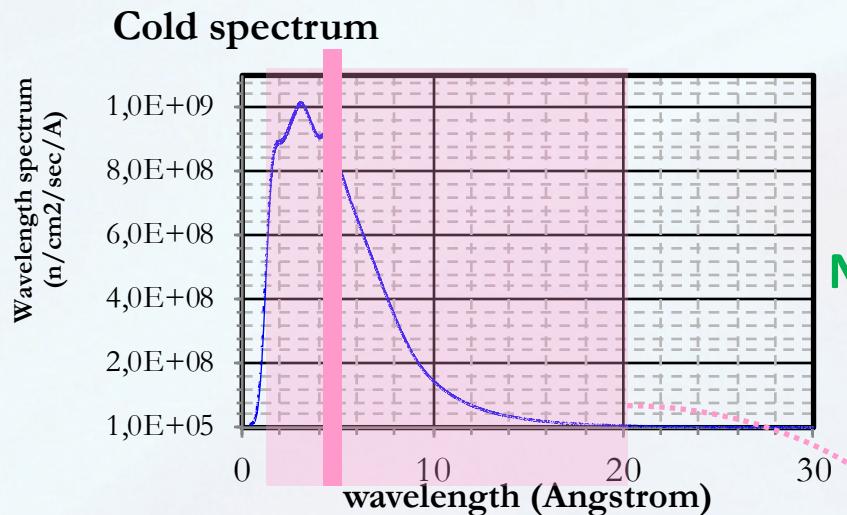


ANSTO: Guides looking at the cold source

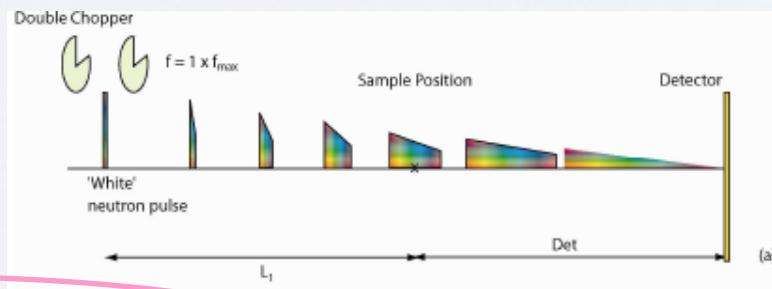


CG2A:
guide to feed Bilby

Monochromatic vs polychromatic SANS

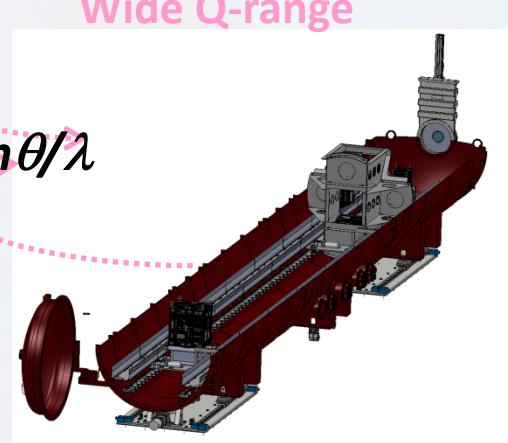


NO time structure in neutron flow



TIME structure in neutron flow

$$I(Q) \\ Q=4\pi \sin \theta / \lambda$$



$$\Delta \lambda / \lambda = \Delta D/D$$

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Flexible resolution: 10% of mono → 3-30% on poly

Australian Centre for Neutron Scattering: two SANS machines

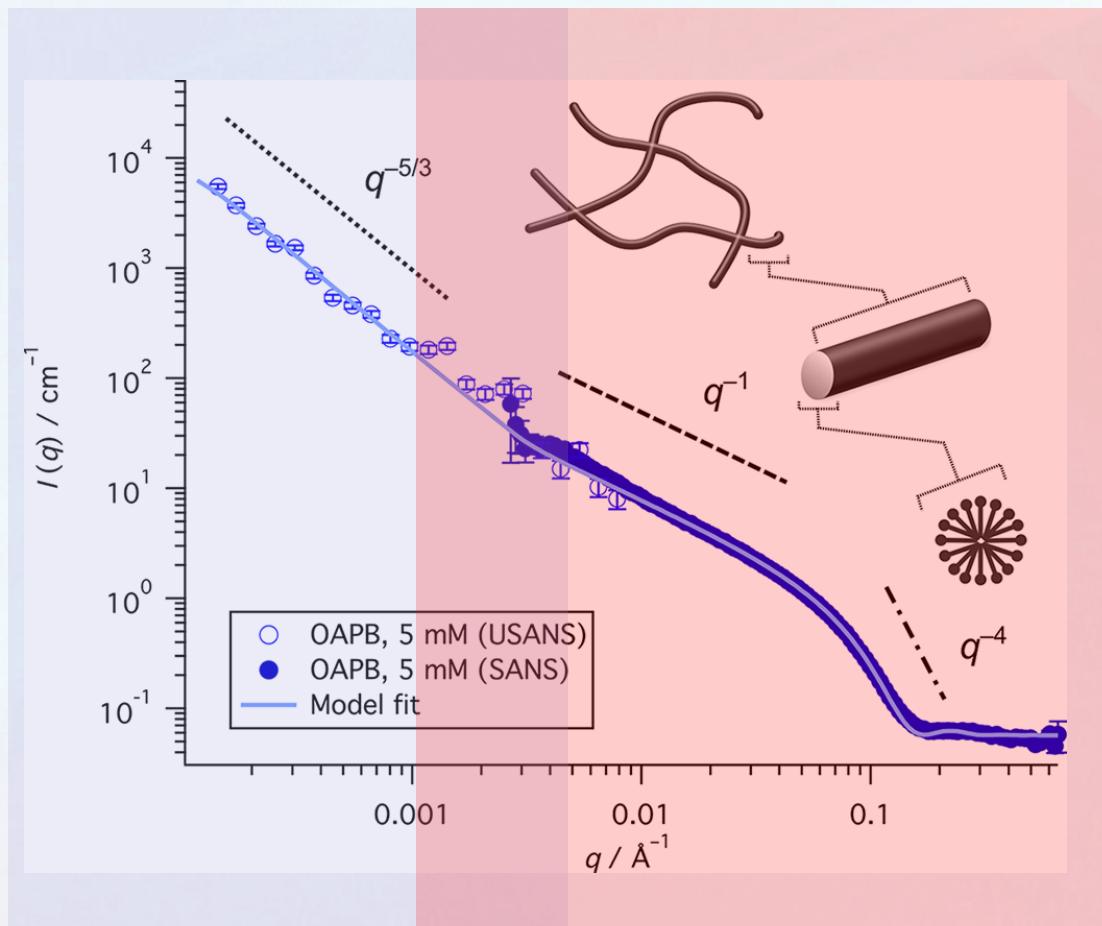


Quokka:
NVS only
Polarised neutrons
Lenses – low Q



Bilby:
ToF and NSV
Adjustable resolution
High dynamic Q range

Bilby + Kookaburra



SANS data over four decades
in Q (KOOKABURRA & BILBY)

Kelleppan et al, Langmuir 2018

$1 \times 10^{-3} \text{\AA}^{-1}$

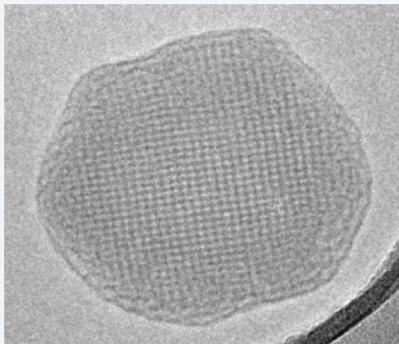
Bilby

1.8\AA^{-1}

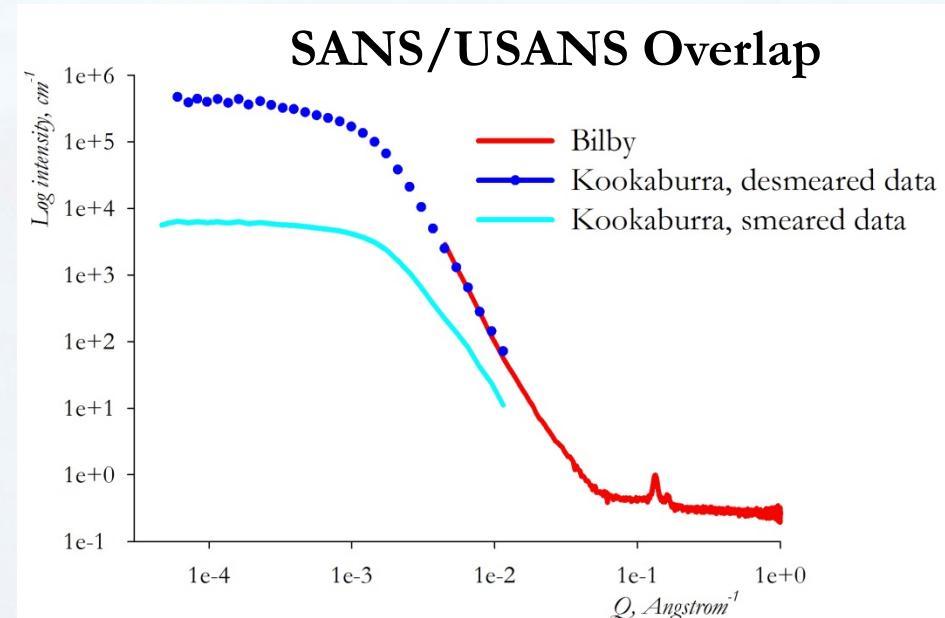
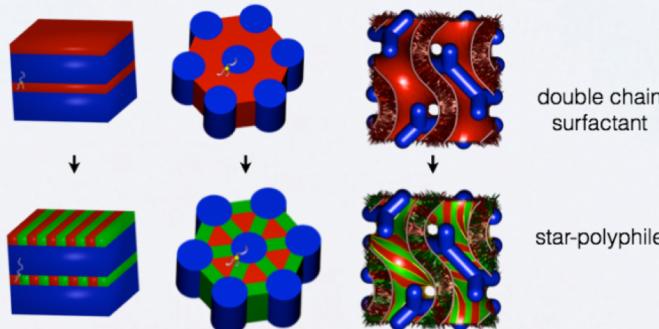
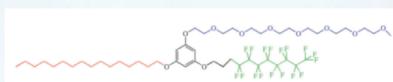
$Q (\text{\AA}^{-1})$

Bilby - large dynamic Q-range in ToF mode

Liquid Crystals based on Star-Polyphiles



Reduction of selected wavelengths (3Å-10Å)

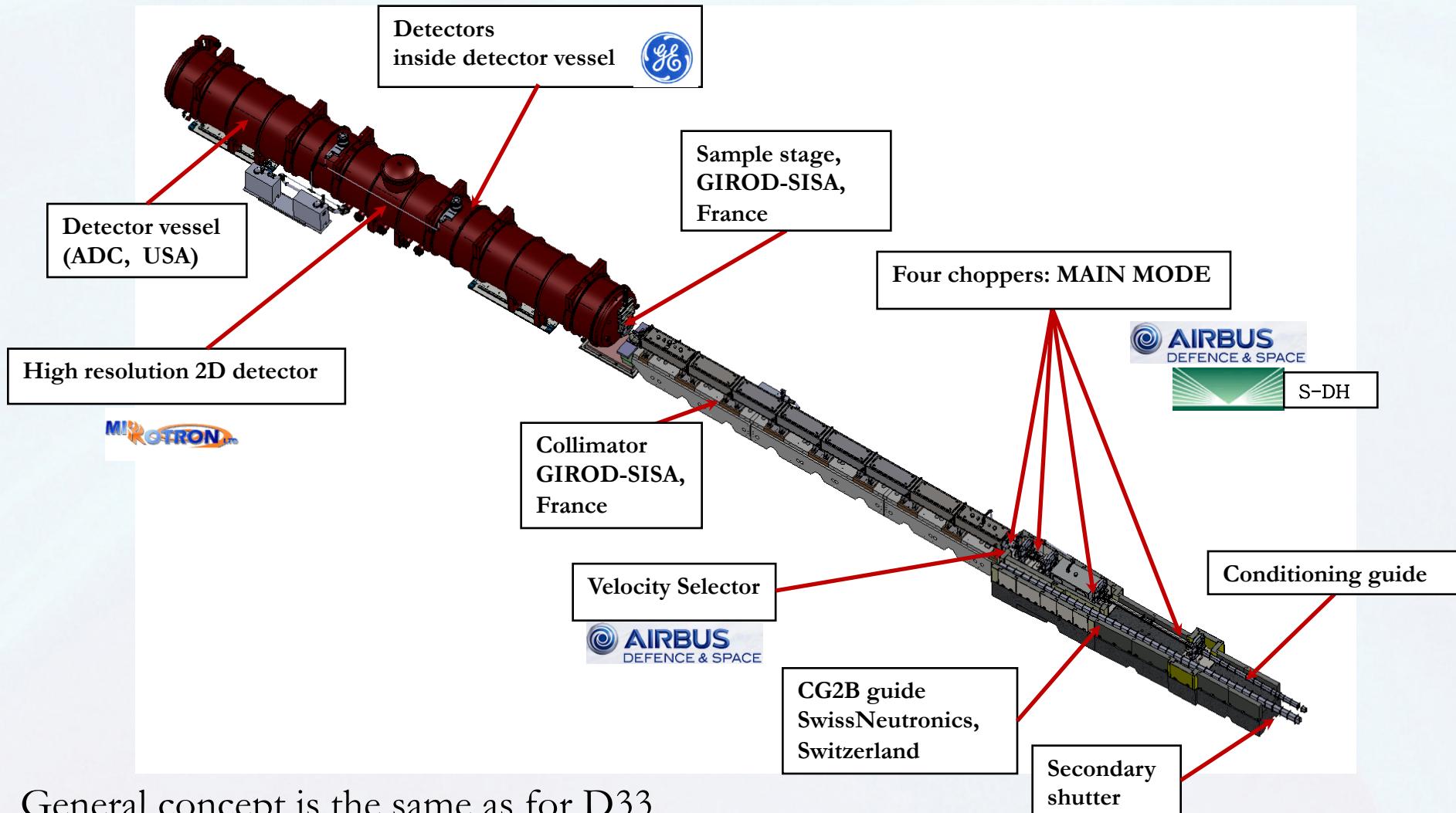


A novel lyotropic liquid crystal formed by triphilic star-polyphiles: hydrophilic/oleophilic/fluorophilic rods arranged in a 12.6.4. tiling

Liliana de Campo et al

Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 2011, 13, 3139-3152

Bilby: general layout



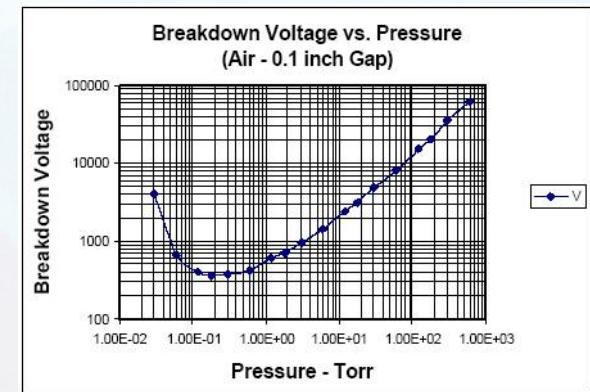
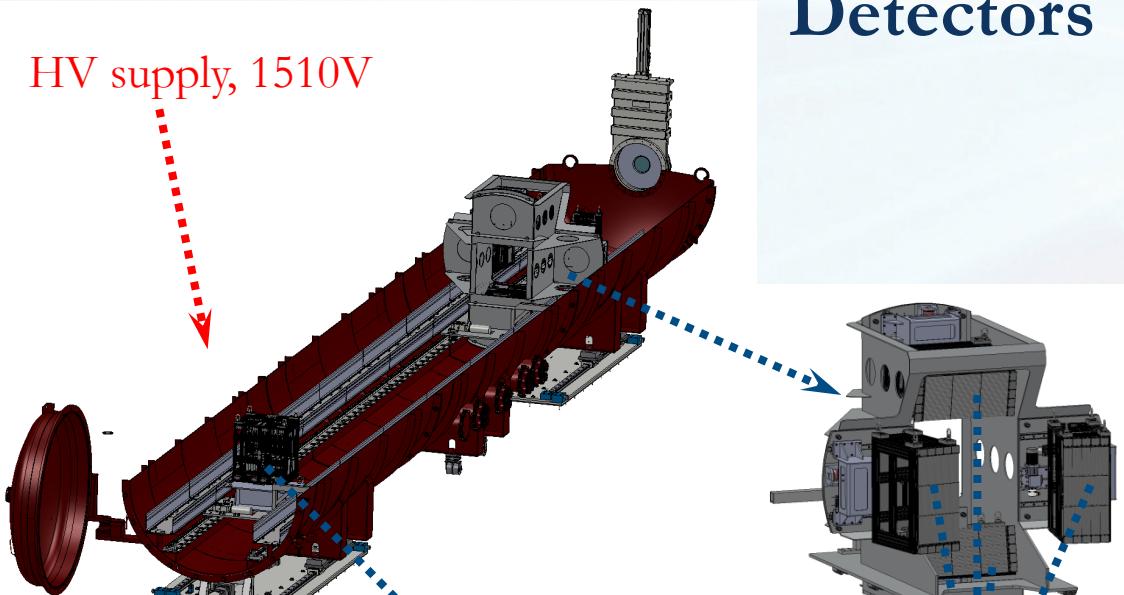
General concept is the same as for D33
machine at ILL

C. D. Dewhurst *et al*

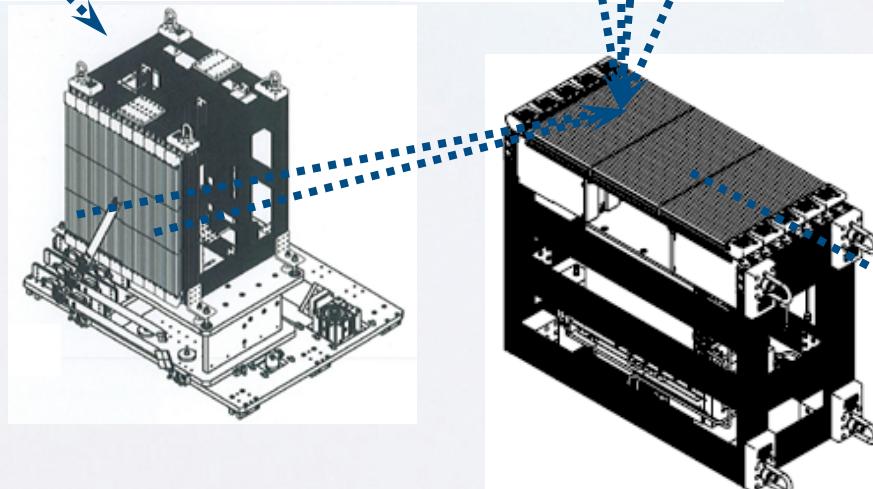
"The small-angle neutron scattering instrument D33 at the Institut
Laue-Langevin", *J Appl Cryst* 2016 **49** p.1-14

Detectors

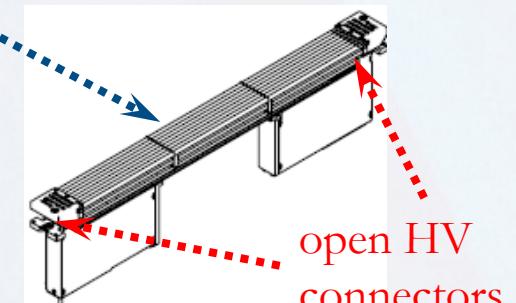
HV supply, 1510V



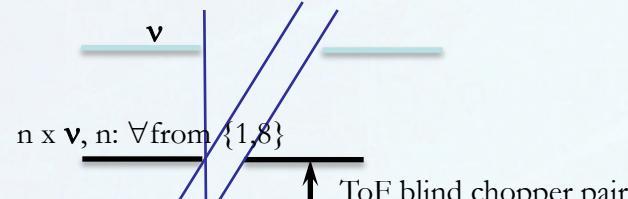
Forbidden region:
600 mbar \div $1 \cdot 10^{-3}$ mbar



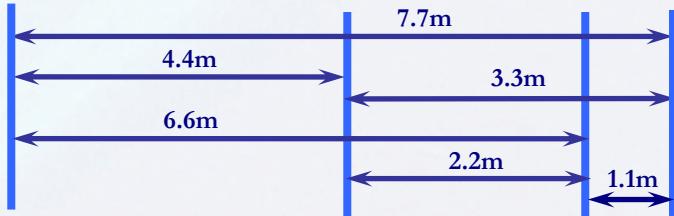
- Entire vessel sits on rails
- Vacuum: $1 \cdot 10^{-4}$ mbar (with confidence, ~ 30 hours)
 - Possibility to open beam at ~ 700 mbar



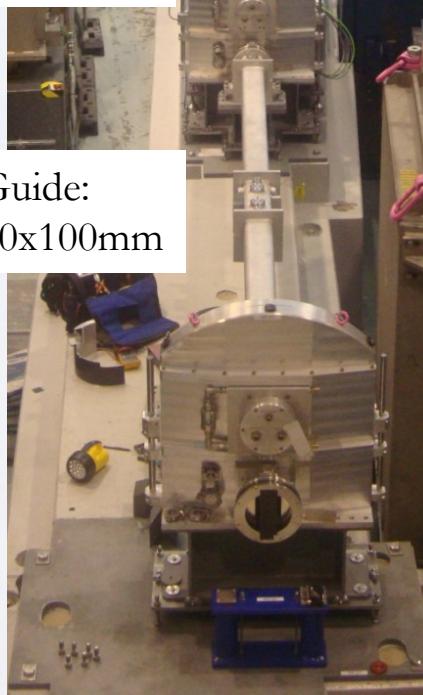
Choppers & Collimator



Guides: 40x40mm
Apertures: incl 40mm,
20mm, 10mm



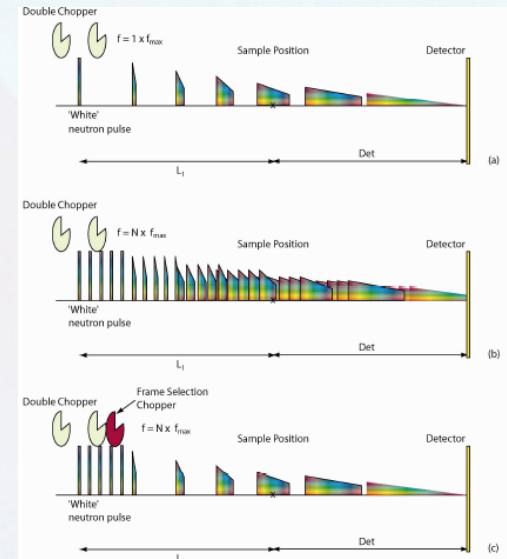
Guide:
40x100mm



- **Low resolution:**
 - porosity, large biomacromolecules etc
- **High resolution:**
 - liquid crystals, polymers etc



$$\frac{\Delta\lambda}{\lambda} = \frac{\Delta t}{t} = \frac{\Delta D}{D}$$



$\lambda: 2\text{\AA}\div20\text{\AA}$

$\Delta\lambda/\lambda: 4\%\div30\%$

Data reduction

Main equation:

$$I(Q) = \frac{1}{d_{sam}} \cdot \frac{\sum_{R,\lambda \in Q} C_{sam,corr}(R, \lambda)}{M \cdot \sum_{R,\lambda \in Q} T_{corr}(\lambda, R) \cdot \left[\frac{I_{empty\ beam}(\lambda)}{(M_{empty_beam} \cdot att_{empty_beam})} \right] \cdot \Omega(R) \cdot Det_{flood}(R)}$$

Important: to reduce data on different wavelength ranges

Pixel size: 8mm x 2.7mm

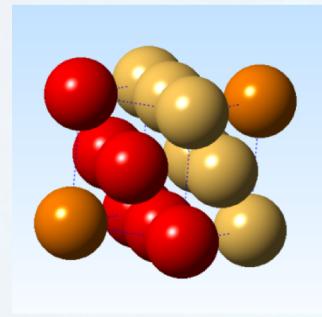
Deadtime, beam monitor, detector efficiency: no correction

Software: www.mantidproject.org

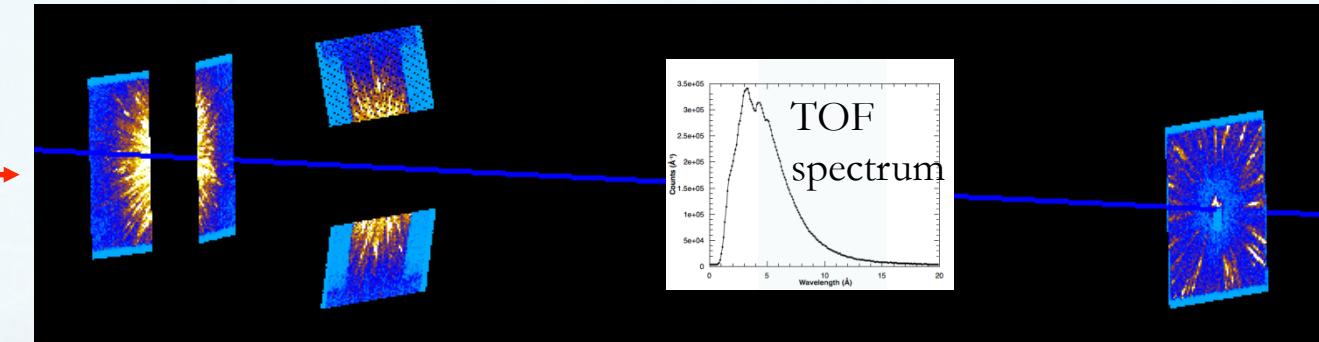
O. Arnold, et al., Mantid—Data analysis and visualization package for neutron scattering and μ SR experiments, Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research Section A, 764, 2014, p.156-166

Bilby - in ToF mode at high resolution ($\sim 4.5\%\Delta\lambda/\lambda$)

Sample

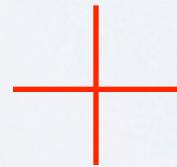
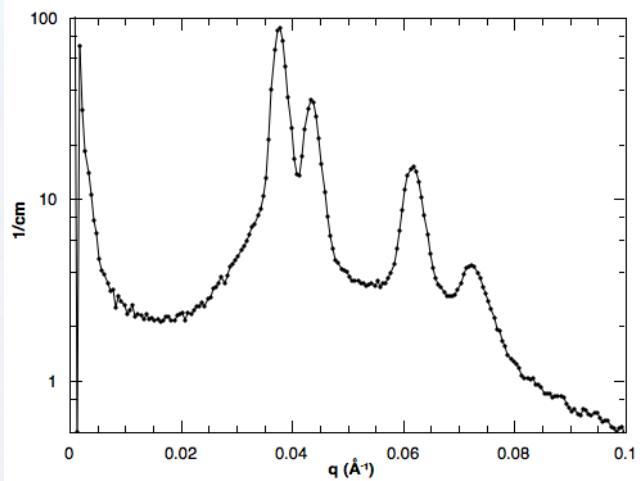


Raw data: (5m SDD to closest curtains, 10m SDD for rear detector)

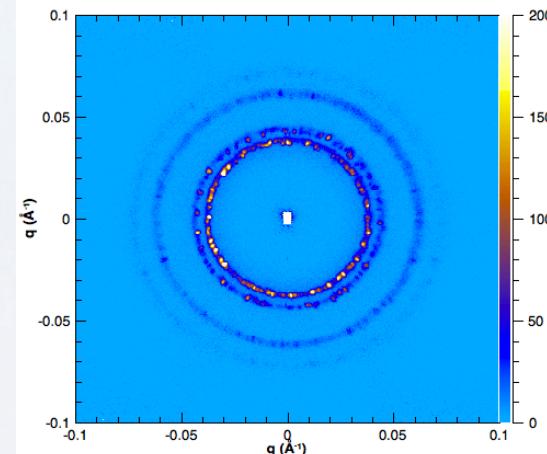


close packed micelles
block co-polymer F127 + 80% D₂O

1D data



Reduction of selected wavelengths (4 Å-15 Å)



2D data

Resolution

D.F.R. Mildner & J.M. Carpenter, J. Appl. Cryst. 17(1984)249-256

$$(\sigma_Q)^2 = \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \right)^2 \left[3 \frac{R_1^2}{L_1^2} + 3 \frac{R_2^2}{L'^2} + \frac{(\Delta R)^2}{L_2^2} + \frac{R^2}{L_2^2} \left(\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} \right)^2 \right]$$

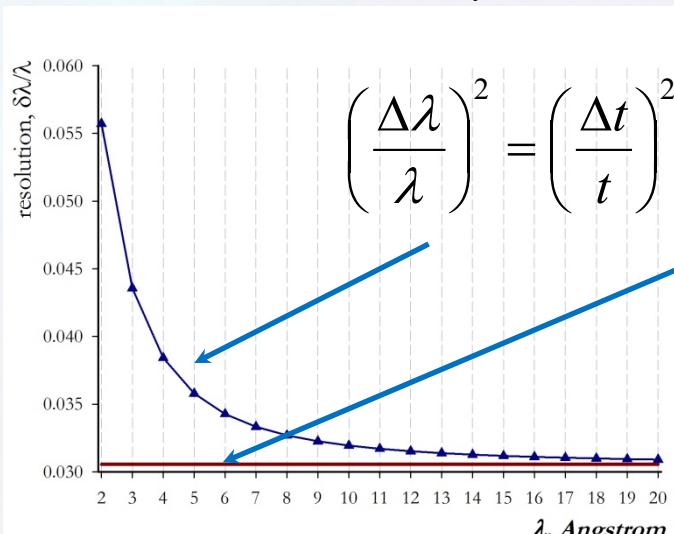
$$\frac{1}{L'} = \frac{1}{L_1} + \frac{1}{L_2}$$

$$\left(\frac{\sigma_Q}{Q} \right)^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{\lambda^2 Q^2} \left[\left(\frac{R_1}{2L_1} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{R_2(L_1+L_2)}{2L_1 L_2} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{\Delta R}{L_2} \right)^2 \right] + \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} \right)^2$$

$$Q \approx \frac{2\pi\theta}{\lambda} \approx 2\pi \frac{R}{\lambda L_2}$$

R. Heenan. ISIS

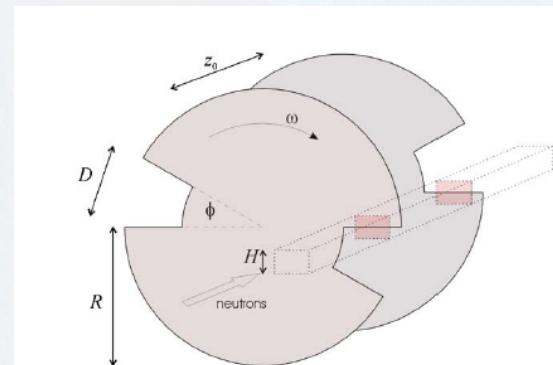
Based on A.A. van Well, H Fredzikze “On the resolution and intensity of a time-of-flight neutron reflectometer”, Physica B, 2005



$$\left(\frac{\Delta \lambda}{\lambda} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\Delta t}{t} \right)^2 \approx \left\{ \left(\frac{\tau_c}{t} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\tau_h}{t} \right)^2 \right\}$$

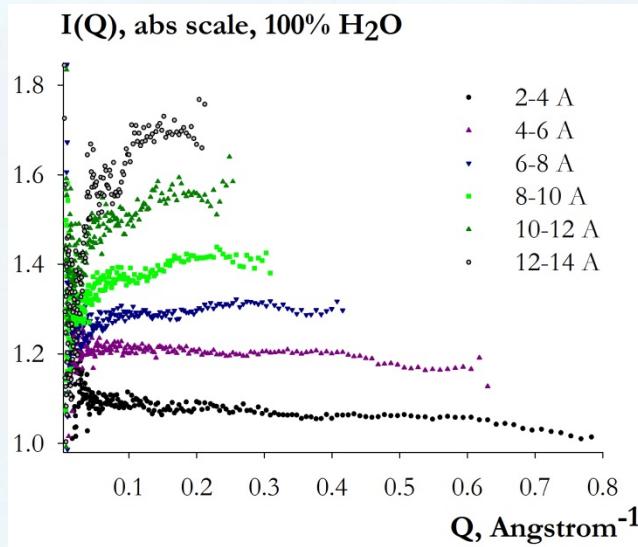
$$\tau_h = \frac{D}{\omega R} \quad \tau_c = \frac{z_0}{L}$$

not considering electronics response time and detector' depth



A. Nelson and C. Dewhurst “Towards a details resolution smearing kernel for time-of-flight neutron reflectometers.”, J Appl Cryst 2015

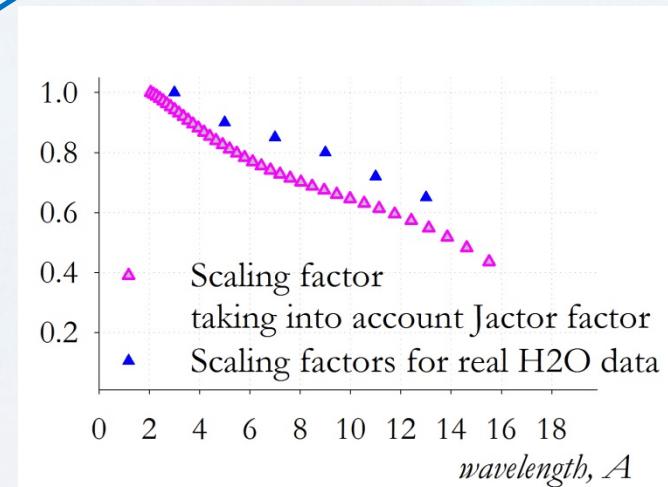
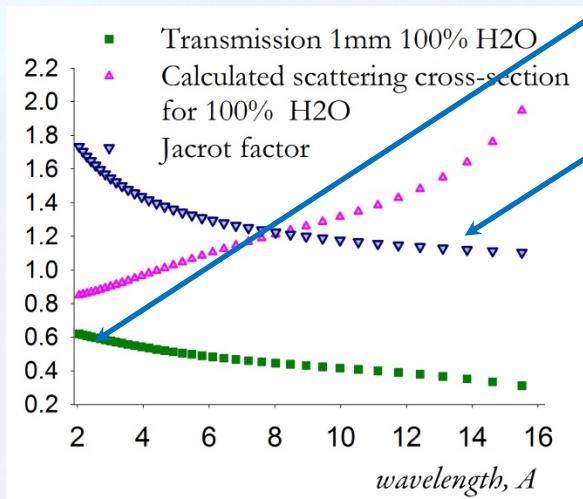
Background: elastic incoherent



$$\frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega}_{inc} = \frac{g_\lambda}{4\pi} \left[\varphi_H \frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega}_{inc,H_2O} + (1 - \varphi_H) \frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega}_{inc,D_2O} \right]$$

$$\left(\frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{inc} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1-T}{tT}$$

$$g_\lambda \approx \frac{1}{\left[1 - \exp(-0.6\lambda^{1/2}) \right]}$$

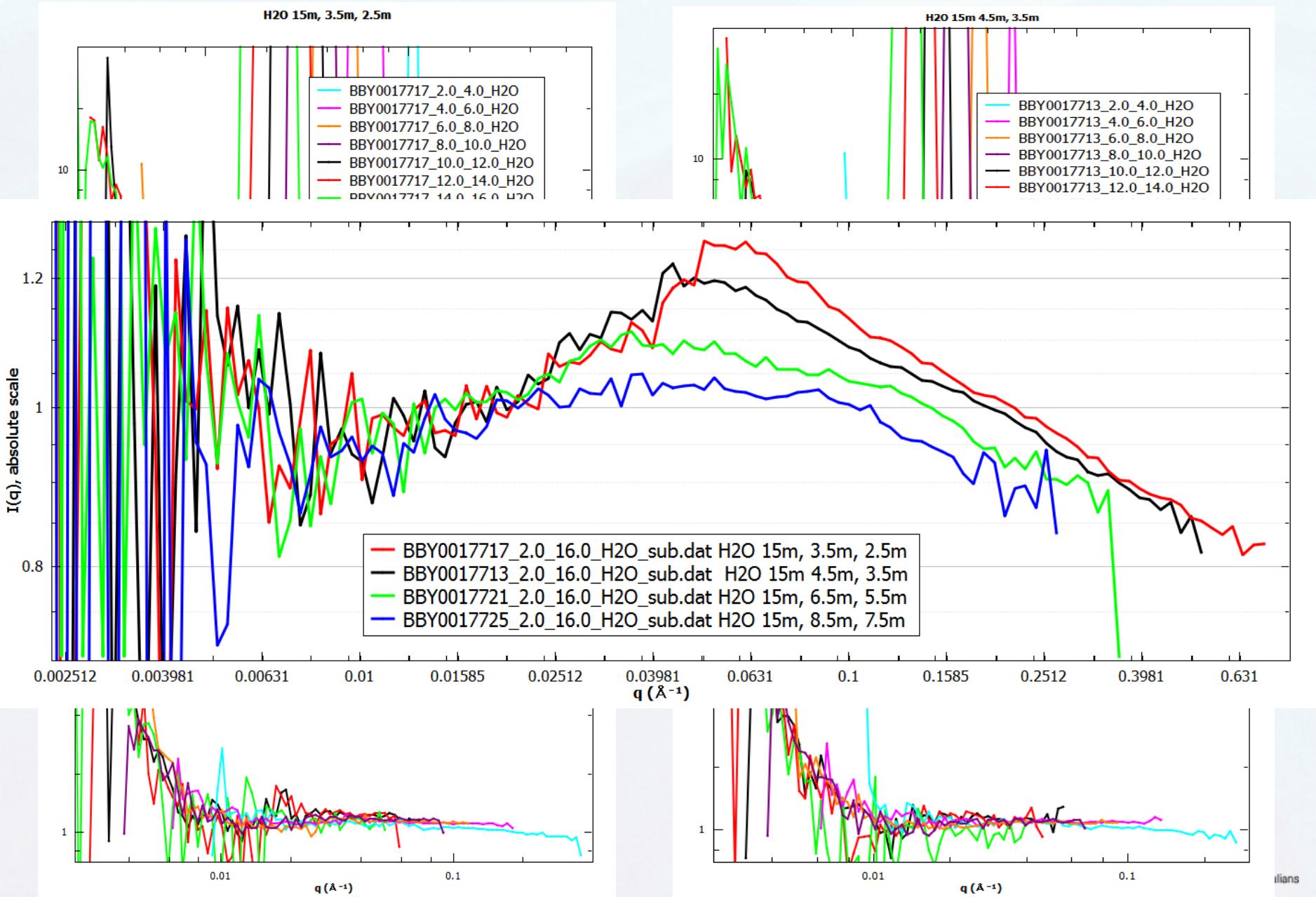


“Evaluation of incoherent scattering intensity by transmission and sample thickness”, M. Shibayama et al, J Appl Cryst, 2009

Papers on similar issue

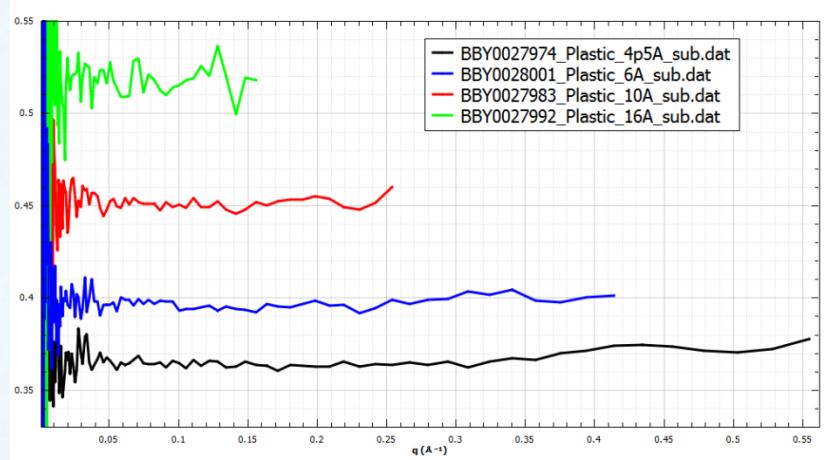
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- P. Lindner J Appl Cryst (2000) 33, 807-811
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- May, Ibel, Haas 1982 (1-T) correction for H/D mixture
- M. Shibayama 2005; 2009
- J. Barker
- J. Copley 1988
- R.E. Ghosh, A. Rennie, 1990
- A.R. Rennie, R.K. Heenan 1992
- W.S. Dubner, J.M. Schultz 1990
- C. Do, 2014

H₂O ToF @ambient

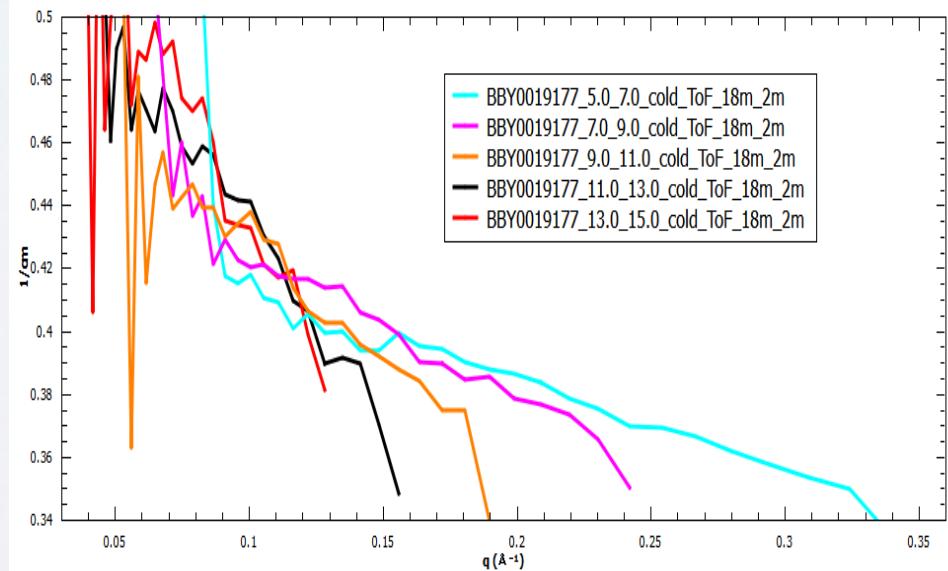
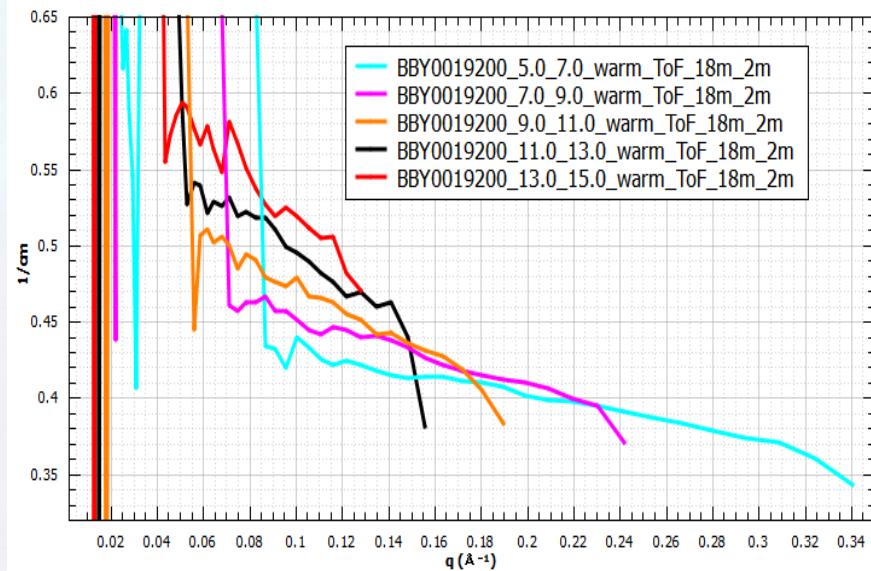


Polycarbonate

NSV Ambient

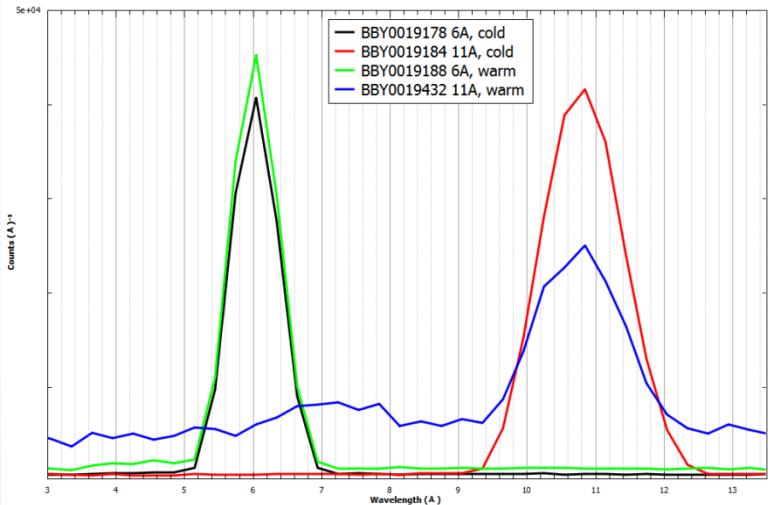


ToF Cold & ambient: cannot see much difference

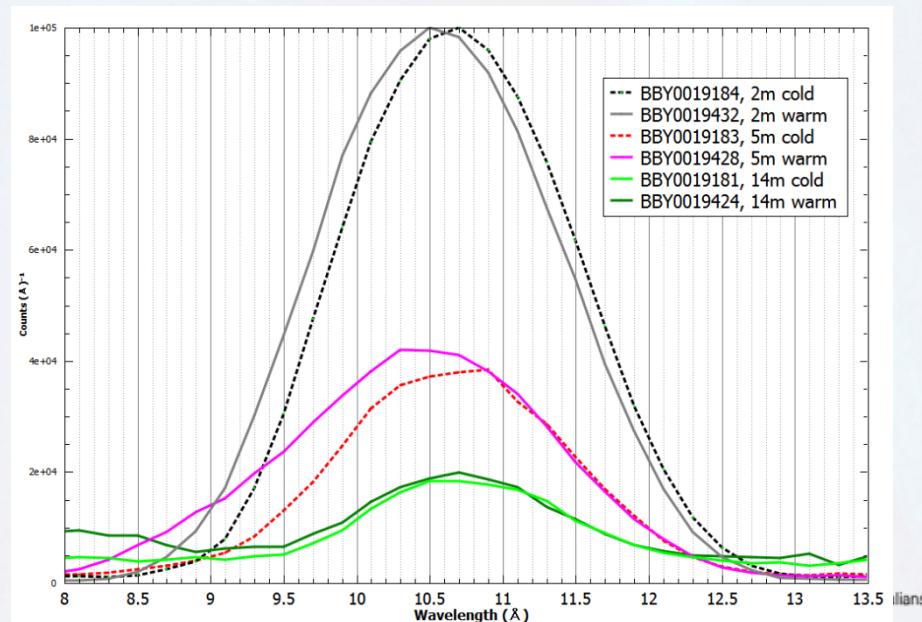
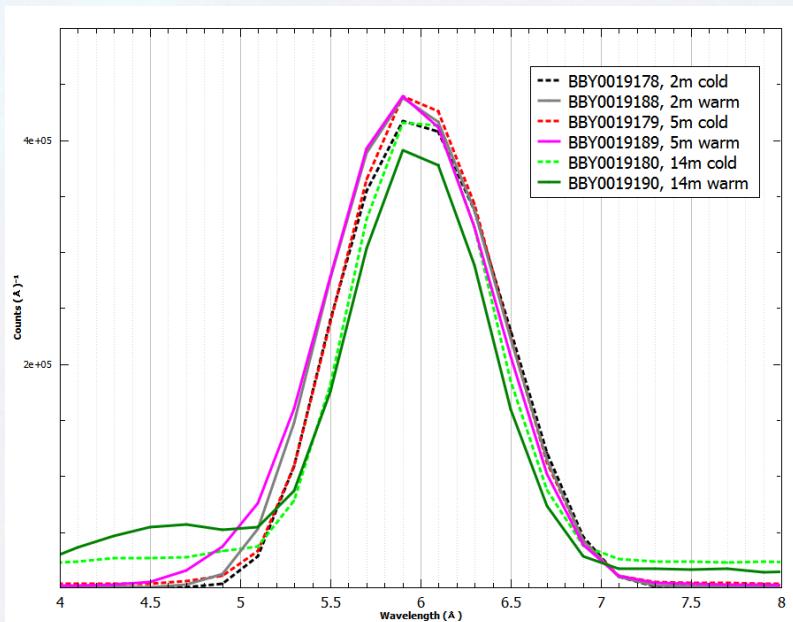


Polycarbonate

ToF wavelength spectrum, rear detector only



ToF wavelength spectrum, curtains only



Background: selected wavelengths – in advance

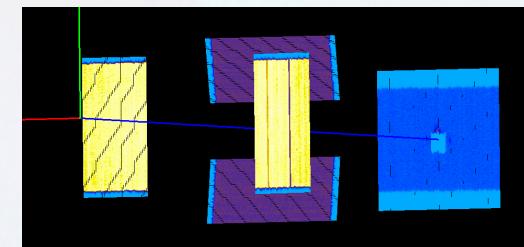
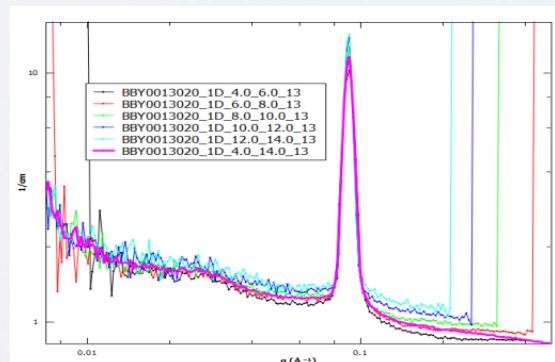
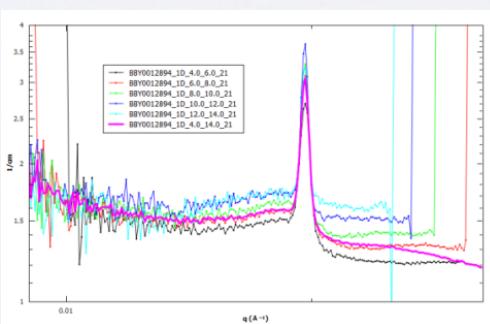
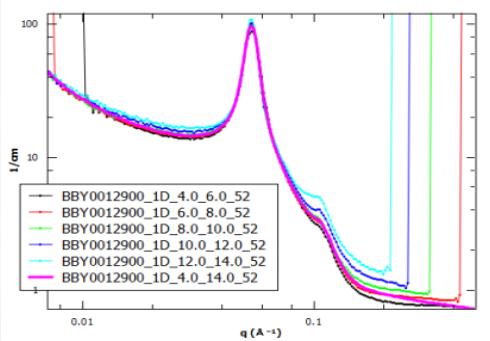
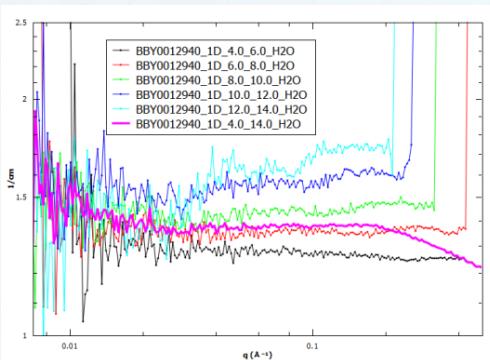
Dr Rico Tabor, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

Hydrogen from the sample:
how serious the influence is?

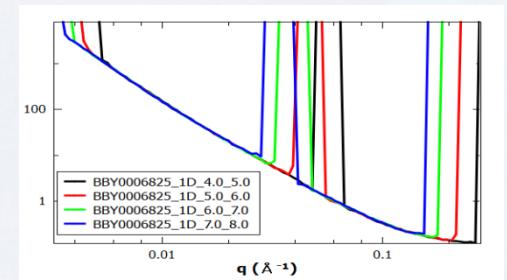
How to subtract ?

ToF – only middle wavelengths
to cover desirable Q

Careful: wavelengths stitching in the background

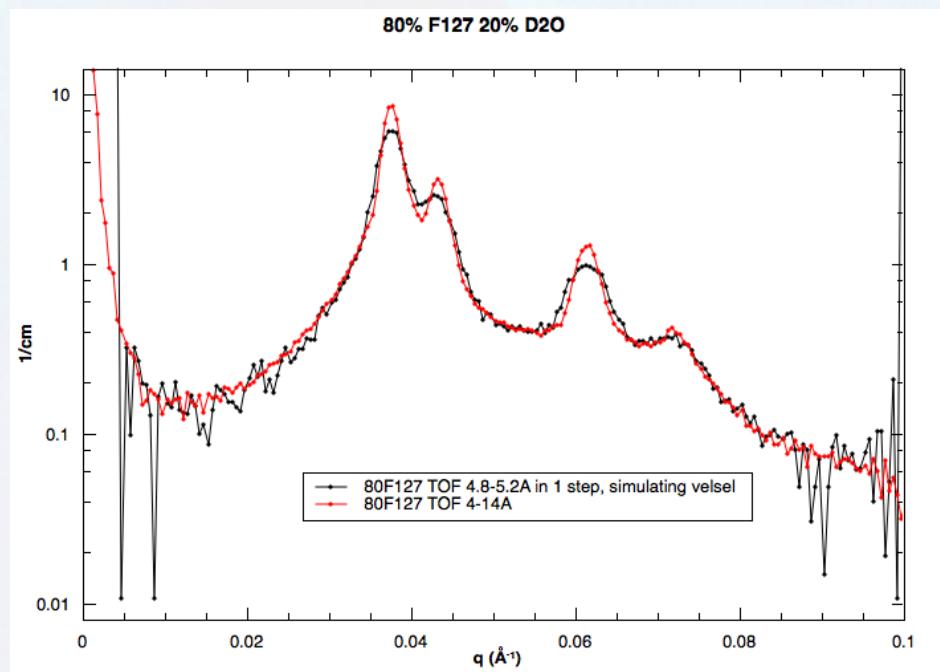
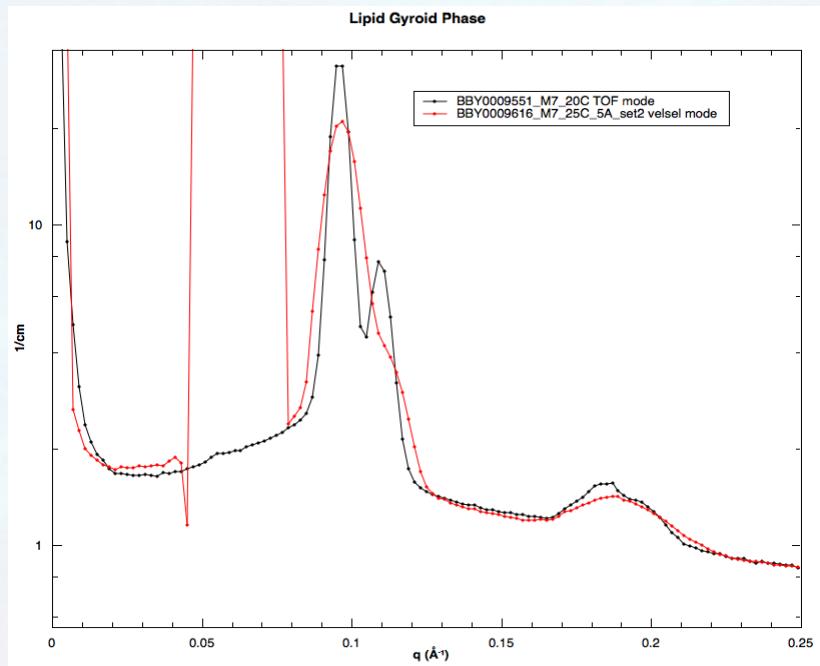


$$q = 4\pi \sin\theta / \lambda$$



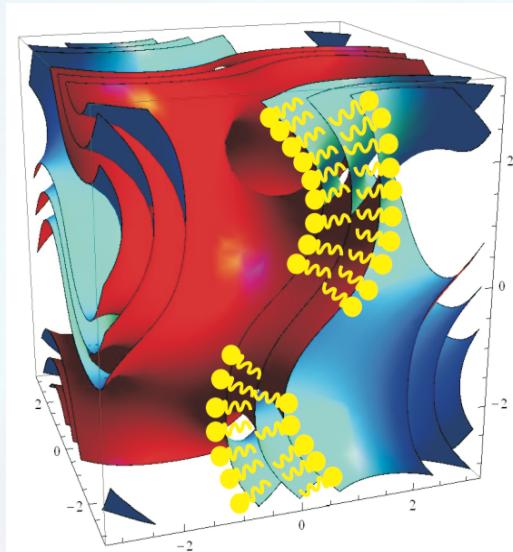
Non-conventional set-up: NVS + ToF simultaneously

Making peaks bright and sharp
eliminating background issue, sacrificing flux



Single transmembrane peptides during in meso crystallization

Charlotte Conn, Leonie van't Hag, Liliana de Campo, Raffaele Mezzenga



- Viscoelastic properties similar to biological membranes
- Flexible structure can partially adapt to accommodate the protein
- Able to incorporate high protein loading
- Protein can diffuse across the plane of the bilayer

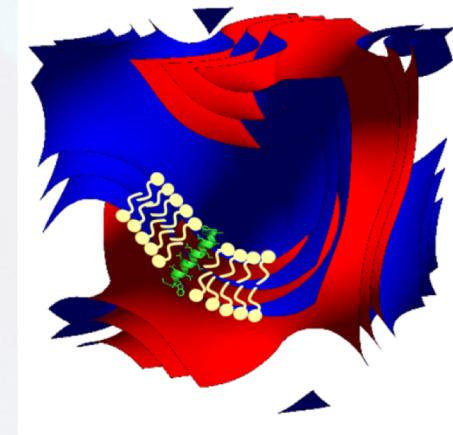
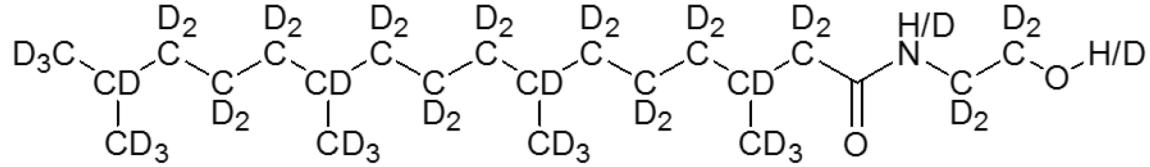
Conn, C. E.; Drummond, C. J. *Soft Matter* **2013**, 9 (13) 3449-3464
Conn, C.E. et al. *Soft Matter* **2010**, 6, (19), 4838-4846
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What is the mechanism of crystal growth?

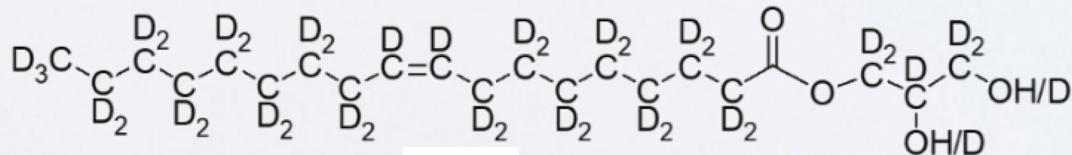
How is this impacted by the nanostructure of the cubic phase?

Single transmembrane peptides during in meso crystallization

Matrix: D-PE (phytanoyl monoethanolamide)

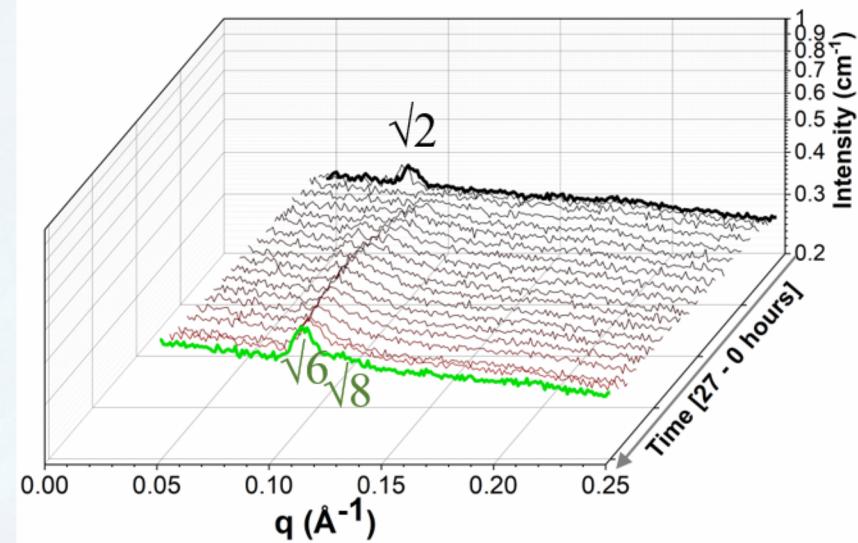


Matrix: D-MO (monoolein)

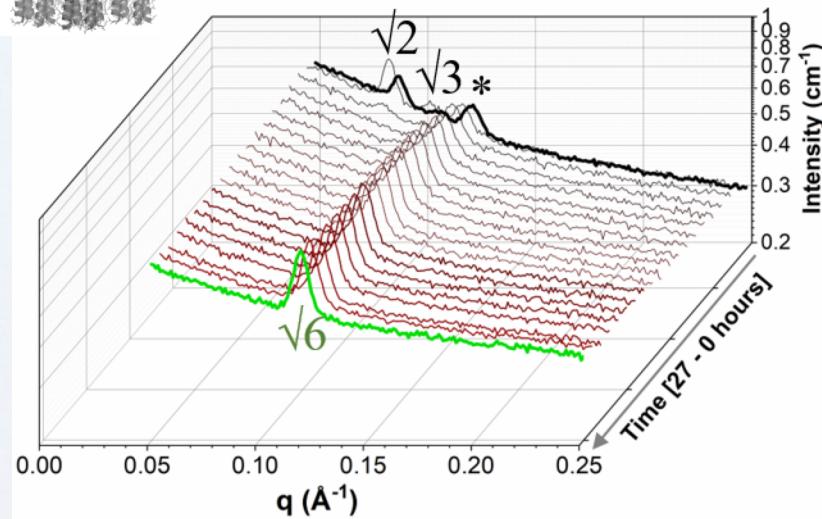


Single transmembrane peptides during in meso crystallization

No peptide, MO9 cubic matrix



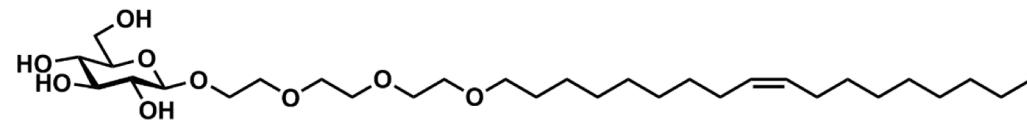
DAP12, peptide



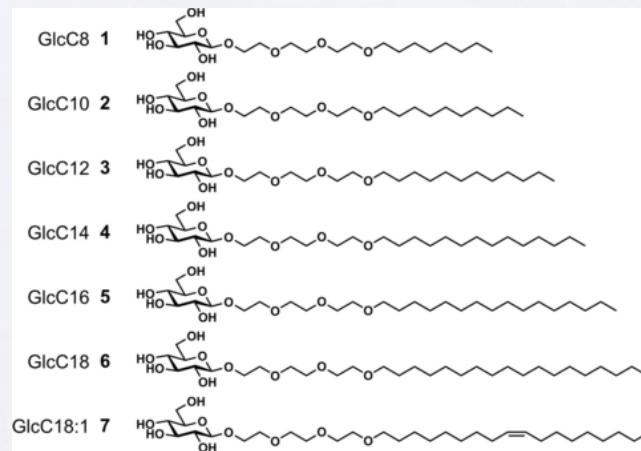
- Transition from diamond cubic phase to gyroid cubic phase (effect of screen)
- More contrast so higher peak intensity. Scattering is mainly from the peptide.
- Variations in peak intensity reflect peptide behaviour.

Wormlike micelle formation of novel alkyl-tri(ethylene glycol)-glucoside carbohydrate surfactants: structure–function relationships and rheology

Aim: To synthesise and characterise new carbohydrate-based surfactants with a focus on potential applications.

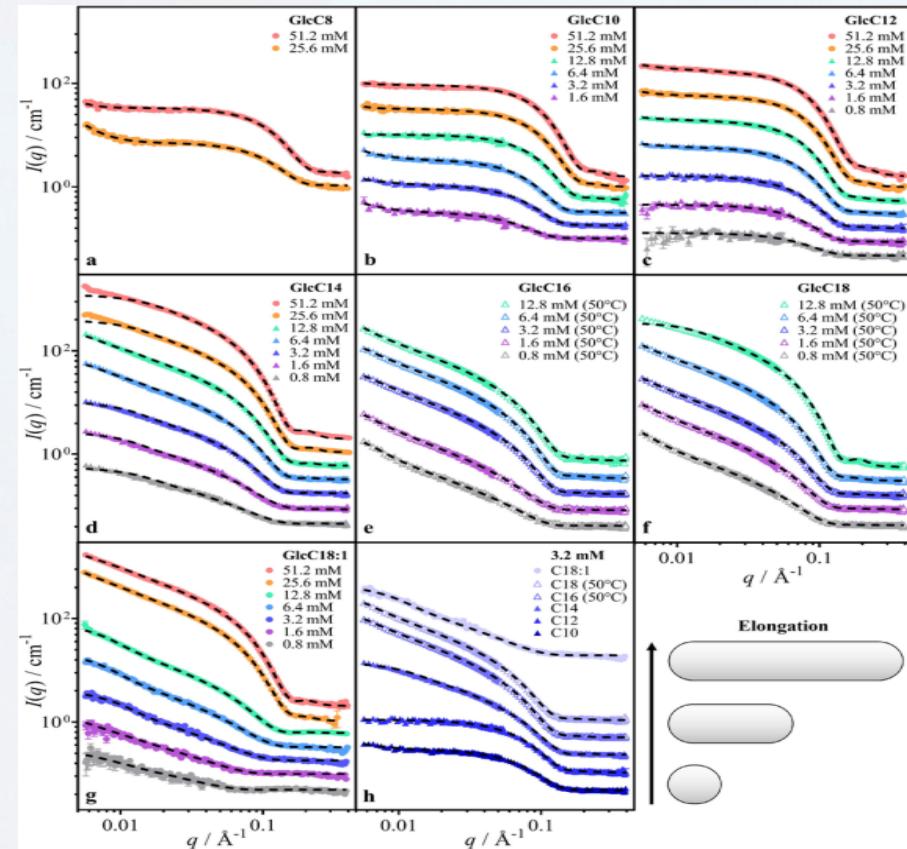


Sugar —— tri(ethylene glycol) —— alkyl



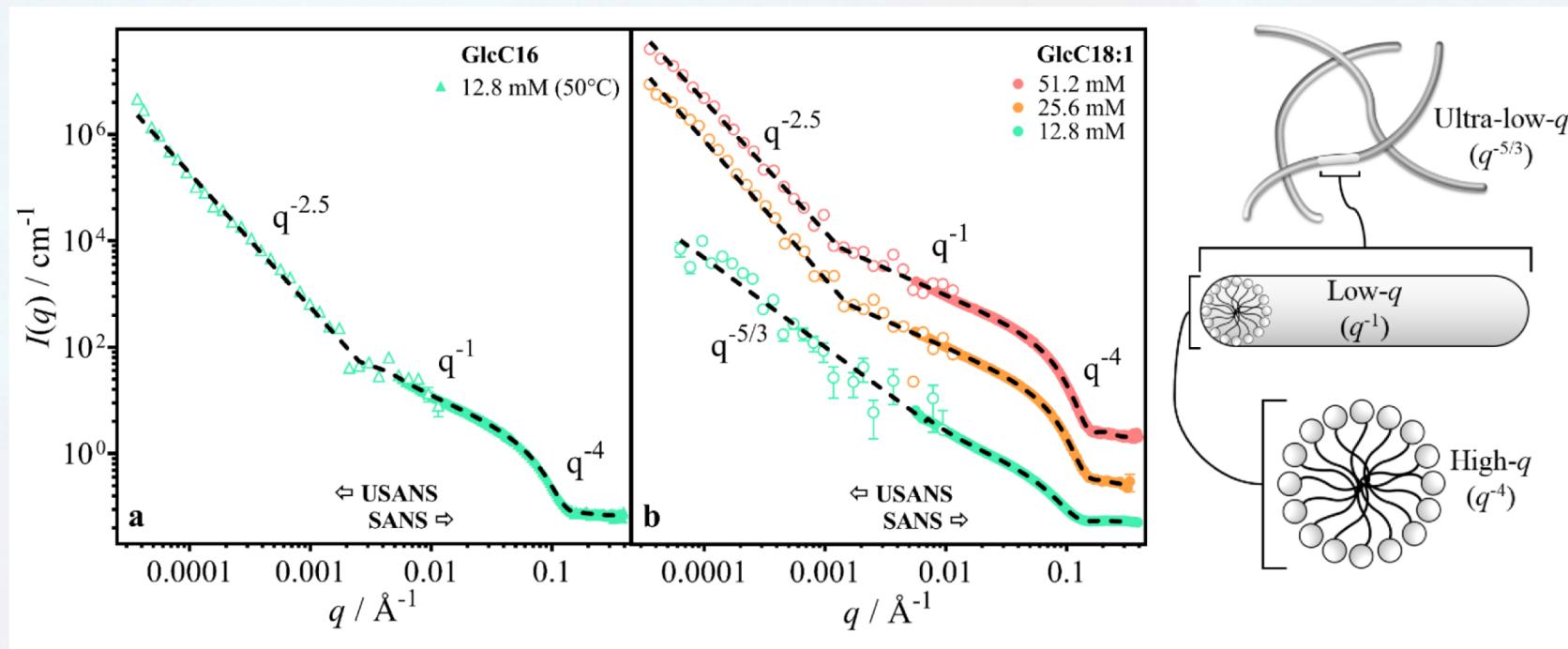
Wormlike micelle formation of novel alkyl-tri (ethylene glycol)-glucoside carbohydrate surfactants: structure–function relationships and rheology

- Short chain (C8, C10) form spherical micelles
- C12 starts to elongate
- C14 pronounced rods
- C16/C18 Krafft point $\sim 45^\circ\text{C}$; insoluble at 25°C , long cylinders/worms @ 50°C
- C18:1 worms @ 25°C !
In summary: increasing tail length increases effective packing parameter = spheres \rightarrow rods \rightarrow worms
- *cis* unsaturation decreases crystallinity

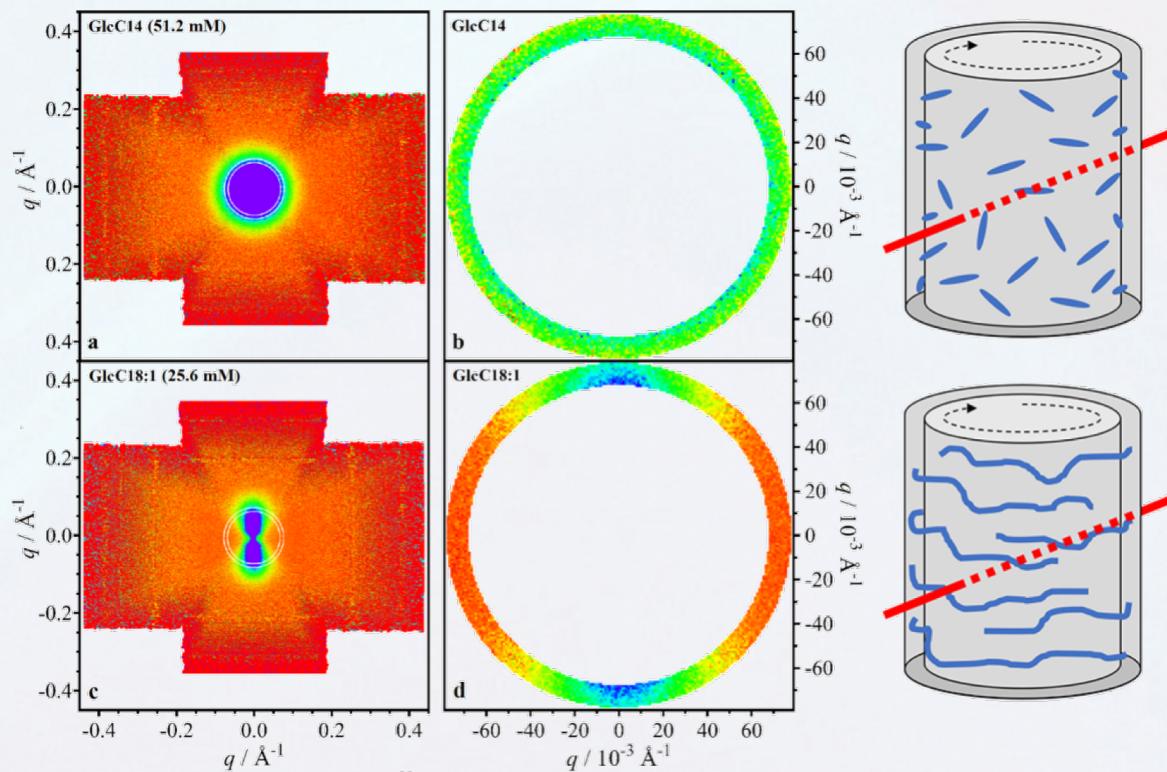


Wormlike micelle formation of novel alkyl-tri (ethylene glycol)-glucoside carbohydrate surfactants: structure–function relationships and rheology

- **USANS allows exploration of wormlike micelles at longer length-scales**



Wormlike micelle formation of novel alkyl-tri (ethylene glycol)-glucoside carbohydrate surfactants: structure–function relationships and rheology



C14 tail = rods
No alignment
under shear

C18:1 tail = worms
Strong alignment under
shear

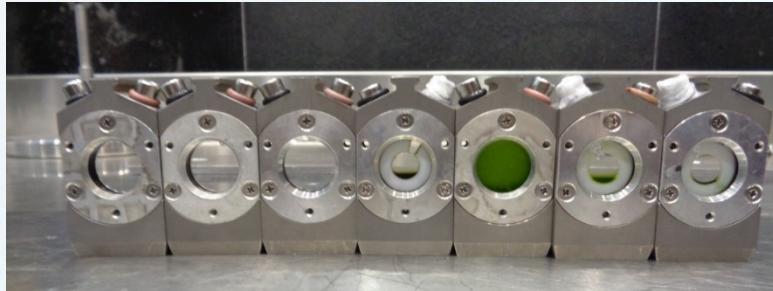
Photosynthetic systems in cyanobacteria & leaves

Jacob J K Kirkensgaard (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

Kell Mortensen (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

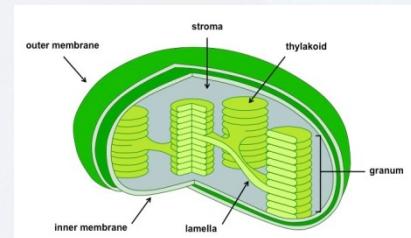
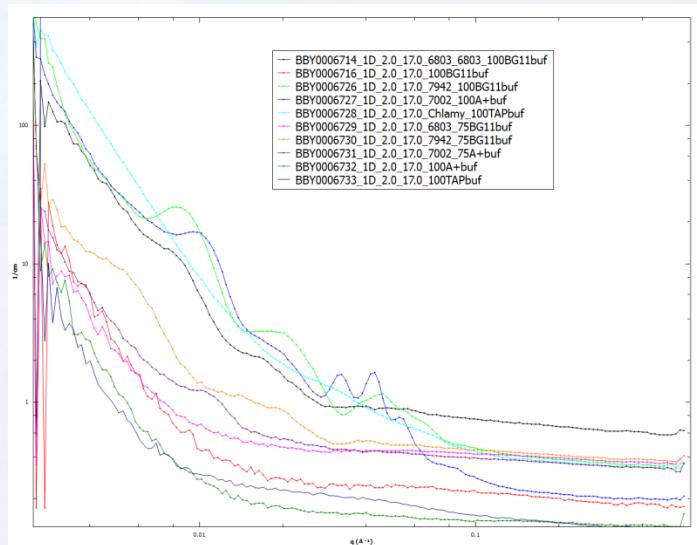
Dainius Jakubauskas (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

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Preliminary work:
Optical microscopy

SANS: characteristic distances inside thylakoids



Carbide precipitation kinetics in cryogenically treated tool steels

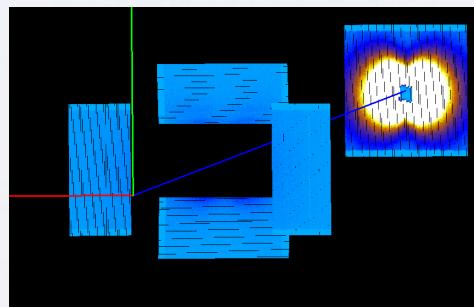
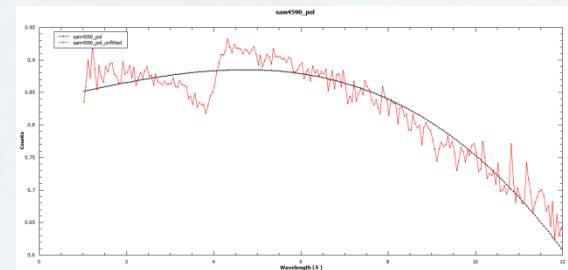
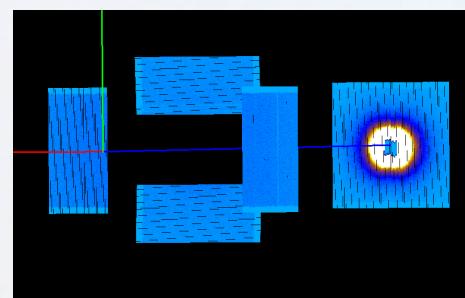
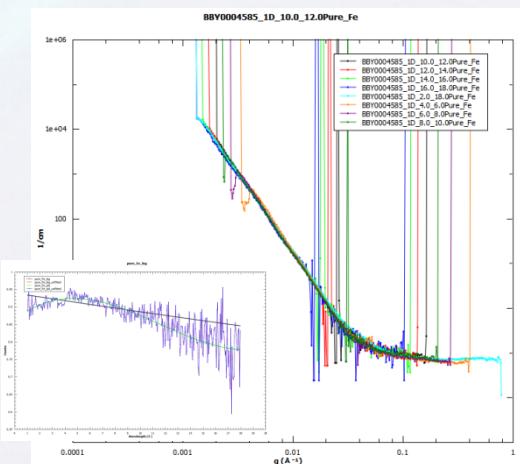
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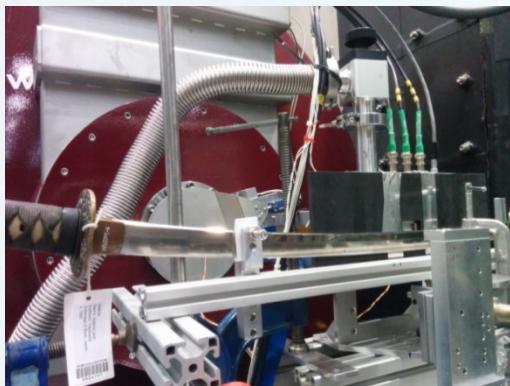
Optical microscopy;
Lab-scale x-ray diffraction
Transmission electron microscopy;
Atom probe tomography

SANS: the size and volume fraction of precipitates @ 1T



Non-standard set-up: imaging with cold neutrons

The Samurai Sword

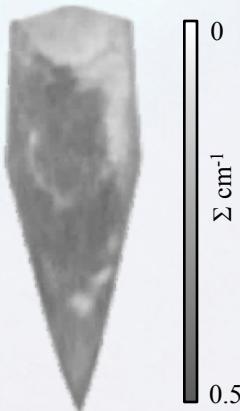


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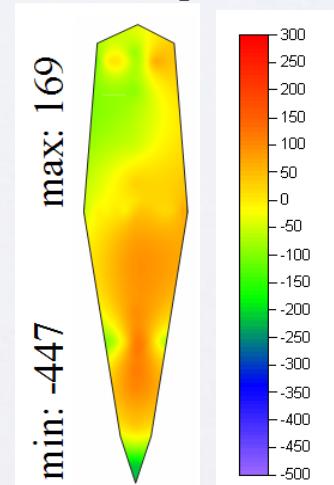
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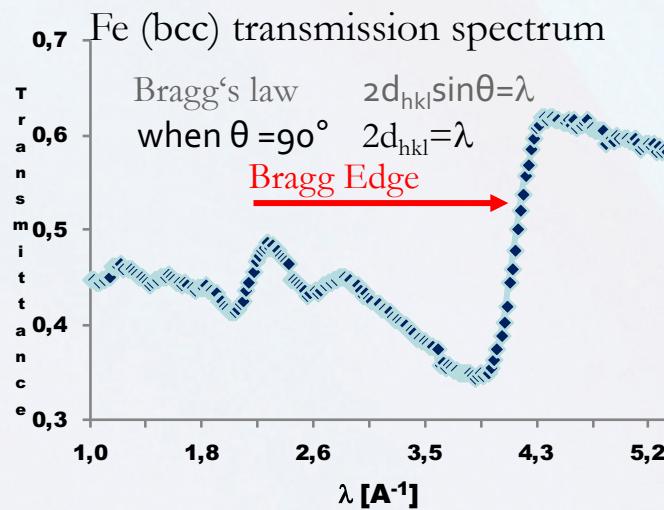
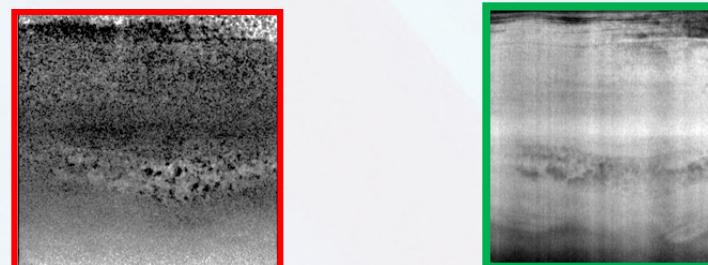
Dingo: Tomographic cross section



Kowari: Residual stress map



- Morphology
- Structure
- Porosities
- Defects
- Stress components
- d_0 -value
- peak width



Shape, magnitude and location of the Bragg edges can be correlated to texture, crystalline phase, crystallite size, and lattice strain

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