Diffraction from non-crystalline materials 1 Wim Bouwman, Delft University of Technology Oxford School of Neutron Scattering



Wim Bouwman



- Spin-echo small-angle neutron scattering (SESANS)
- Reactor Institute Delft
- Food





Stefan Egelhaaf



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 - Precipitates
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Non-crystalline materials

- Length scales >> interatomic distances
- Small angles (reciprocal space)

Huygens wave scattering



 $A = b_1 \exp(i\phi_1) + b_2 \exp(i\phi_2) + \cdots$

 $\phi_n = \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r_n}$

 $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |\sum_{n} b_n \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r_n})|^2$

Numerical approach: Lassi Tiihonen



Reminder: Scattering length density ρ

 $\rho = SLD = \sum_{i} N_i b_i$





Many symbols and definitions used

- SLD, Nb, $N_{\rm b}, \rho$
- θ, 2θ, α
- Q, -Q, q, -q
- P(q), F(q)
- $l(q), \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}\Omega}(q)$



Small-angle approximation

 $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left|\sum_{n} b_n \exp(i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r_n})\right|^2$



 $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = |\int \rho(\mathbf{r}) \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}|^2$ Exercise class

Models for $\rho(\mathbf{r})$





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Characterisation organisation particles Structure factor S(q)



2 phase: particles in solvent







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Addition atoms - integration density











Amoebas?

Guinier law: $P(q) \approx \exp\left[-(qR_G)^2/3\right]$

Discuss with your neighbour what you expect for:











Scattering exponent α	Underlying structure
1	Randomly oriented elongated objects (needles, rods <i>etc.</i>)
2	Randomly oriented flat objects (platelets, discs etc.)
2	Ideal polymer coil, <i>i.e.</i> modelled as a random walk
~ 1.7	Self-avoiding polymer coil
$1 \le \alpha \le 3$	Volume fractals (aggregates, house of cards <i>etc.</i>) with fractal dimension $D = \alpha$
$3 < \alpha < 4$	Surface fractals, with fractal dimension $D_s = 6 - \alpha$
4	Porod's law: any structure with sharp interfaces between contrasted domains
$4 < \alpha$	Smooth/progressive transitions between contrasted domains

 $I(q) \propto q^{-\alpha}$

2 phase: particles in solvent



Multiple particles, dilute $I(q) = \rho^2 V^2 P(q) |\exp(i\phi_1) + \exp(i\phi_2) + \dots|^2.$



$$\langle |A|^2 \rangle = N|a|^2$$

$$I(q) = c\rho^2 V^2 P(q)$$

Aggregation, structure factor S(q)



$$I(q) = c\rho^2 V^2 P(q) S(q)$$















 $Im\{A(q)\}$



Figure 4



SasView expressions for shapes

- Cylinder Functions
 - barbell
 - capped_cylinder
 - core_shell_bicelle
 - core_shell_bicelle_elliptical
 - core_shell_bicelle_elliptical_belt_rough
 - core_shell_cylinder
 - cylinder
 - elliptical_cylinder
 - flexible_cylinder
 - flexible_cylinder_elliptical
 - hollow_cylinder
 - pearl_necklace
 - pringle
 - stacked_disks
- Ellipsoid Functions
 - core_shell_ellipsoid
 - ellipsoid
 - triaxial_ellipsoid

- Lamellae Functions
 - lamellar
 - lamellar_hg
 - lamellar_hg_stack_caille
 - lamellar_stack_caille
 - lamellar_stack_paracrystal
- Paracrystal Functions
 - bcc_paracrystal
 - fcc_paracrystal
 - sc_paracrystal
- Parallelepiped Functions
 - core_shell_parallelepiped
 - hollow_rectangular_prism
 - hollow_rectangular_prism_thin_walls
 - parallelepiped
 - rectangular_prism

- Sphere Functions
 - adsorbed_layer
 - binary_hard_sphere
 - core_multi_shell
 - core_shell_sphere
 - fuzzy_sphere
 - linear_pearls
 - multilayer_vesicle
 - onion
 - polymer_micelle
 - raspberry
 - sphere
 - spherical_sld
 - superball
 - vesicle

Looking at Nothing

A weblog about small-angle scattering

LOOKING AT NOTHING

A SA(X)S WEBLOG

ABOUT SA(X)S MEASURE WITH US PUBLICATIONS SOFTWARE VIDEOS ABOUT ME

New Live Fourier Transform code

🕐 2014-01-27 🛔 Brian 🗁 Blog posts, Presentations and teaching, Software 📿 0



A screenshot from the Live Fourier Transform program

BRIAN'S TWEETS



RT @JustMyTweet:

#MakeTrumpNervousIn4Words Greta Thunberg made TIME!! https://t.co/QexuUrsPO7 about 3 hours ago

RT @GretaThunberg: "The difference is about the same as a decade of fossil fuel emissions from the UK, Germany, France and Canada put toget... about 4 hours ago

RT **@BlackPhysicists**: Regularized integral equation methods for elastic scattering problems in three dimensions https://t.co/aYLwwgAbMT

via... about 5 hours ago

RT @NCStinn: Scientists: you should wash your hands because of Coronavirus. People: I'm gonna stop flying, hoard masks, work from home & t... about 5 hours ago

More about this next week, but Ingo has kindly provided a Windows executable version of one of the latest development builds of the Monte Carlo code (with GUI). While I have not yet had the chance to test it (being on a mac myself), please go ahead and get it from here!

Discrete Fourier Transform

https://pages.nist.gov/reflectometry-calculators/fourier_webcam/



Do it yourself

- •[6]: # The next line(s) of code define(s) the structure "M" we want to study. You can edit this to create other structures radius = 75 $M = np.sqrt(X^{**}2 + Y^{**}2) < radius$ # Above this line was the last line defining the structure "M" we will study. # plt.subplots(figsize=(10,3.5)) # The full plot plt.subplot(121) exts = [x[0], x[-1], y[-1], y[0]] plt.imshow(M, extent=exts, cmap='gray') plt.xlabel("x [Å]") plt.ylabel("y [Å]") # The zoom plt.subplot(122) zoom = 200 start = int(len(x)/2-zoom/2)end = start + zoom M_zoom = M[start:end,start:end] exts zoom = [x[start], x[end], y[start], y[end]] plt.imshow(M_zoom, extent=exts_zoom, cmap='gray') plt.xlabel("x [Å]") plt.ylabel("y [Å]")
- [6]: Text(0, 0.5, 'y [Å]')



https://wimbouwman.nl/oxford.php

Oxford neutron school material with lectures Wim Bouwman



Phase map article

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Discrete Fourier Transform

If you are familiar with Jupyter Notebooks, you can use this notebook I adapted to experiment with calculating the scattering from some 2D objects.

If you are not familiar with Python, you can make drawings and show them to the camera of your laptop while you look at https://ncnr.nist.gov/instruments/magik/calculators/fourier webcam/.

A nice demonstration of this kind of software is given by Brian Pauw.



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Isotropic - density correlation function

$$r = |\mathbf{r}| \qquad \langle e^{-i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \rangle = \frac{\sin Qr}{Qr}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left| \int \rho(\mathbf{r}) \exp(i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \right|^2$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left| \int \rho(r) \frac{\sin Qr}{Qr} dr \right|^2$$

$$\gamma(r) = \int \rho(\mathbf{r}') \rho(\mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}'$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \int \gamma(r) \frac{\sin Qr}{Qr} 4\pi r^2 dr$$

Correlation function sphere



 $\gamma(r) = 1 - \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right) + \frac{1}{16} \left(\frac{r}{R}\right)^3$

Cylinder Sphere?



Radius? 1 Å, 10 Å or 100 Å



Most realistic outcome?



5 minutes, discuss in your groupCylinder Sphere?1, 10 or 100 Å?







Most realistic?

M2 [sphere]

Cylinder Sphere?



Radius? 1 Å, 10 Å or 100 Å



Most realistic outcome? Resolution in SANS

or polydispersity in SAXS



Polydispersity

$\Delta R/R=\pm0.1$







 $Im\{A(q)\}$

Radial distribution function g(r)





Average density at distance *r* from other particle $\rho g(r)$

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Structure factor

$$S(q) = \left|\sum_{n} \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r_n})\right|^2$$

F Discuss with your neighbour *S*(*q*) dilute case

$$S(q) - 1 = 4\pi c \int (g(r) - 1)r^2 \frac{\sin qr}{qr} dr$$







More than 2 densities



 $cV^2(\Delta\rho)^2 P(q)$ $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(q) =$ S(q)

Contrast variation tunes visibility



Morna Fisken, Britlab https://youtu.be/OZxtwIc3ieM

Why contrast variation solvent?

- 1. Increase signal
- 2. Decrease signal
- 3. Reduce background
- 4. Determine scattering length density
- 5. Light up different features

Contrast variation 1 density

 $ho_{\rm H20}$ = -0.56x10¹⁰ cm⁻² $ho_{\rm D2O}$ = 6.34x10¹⁰ cm⁻²









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