

Light Element Optimized Disordered Materials Diffractometers on Spallation Neutron Sources

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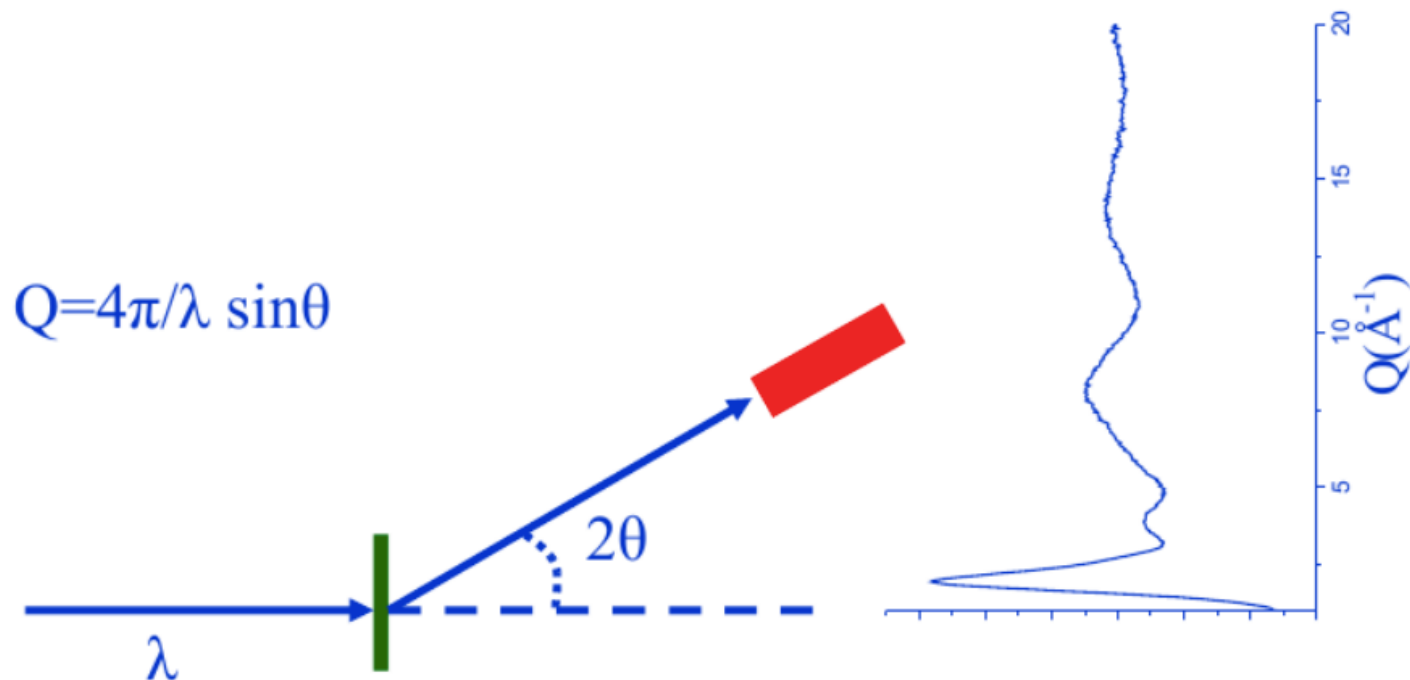
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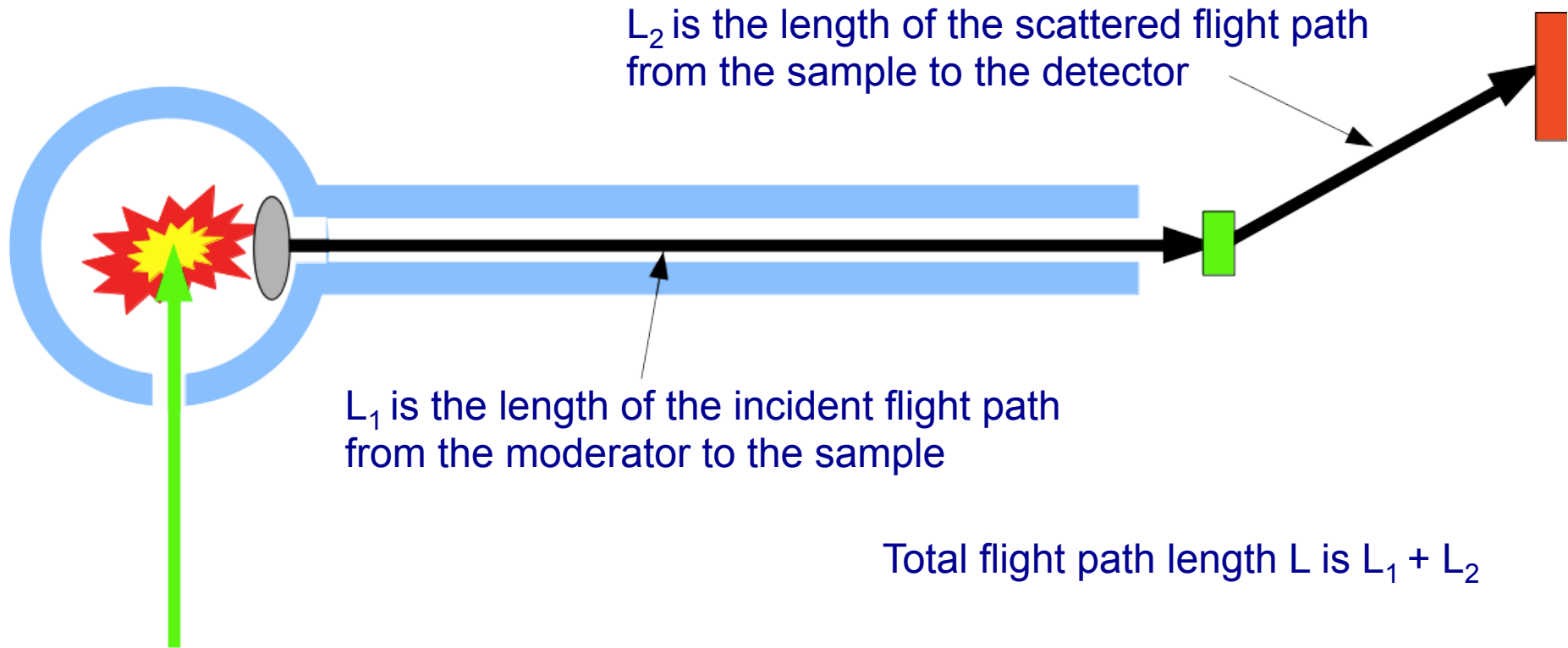
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Schematic of a neutron scattering measurement



Time-of-Flight Neutron Scattering



The time of flight (TOF) is the time in μs taken for a neutron to travel 1m ($\mu\text{s m}^{-1}$)

The time of arrival at the detector, t_0 , is the TOF ($\mu\text{s m}^{-1}$) multiplied by the total flight path (m)



Time of flight neutron scattering: Some useful relationships

Time of arrival

$$t_0 = \text{TOF} \cdot L$$

Neutron wavelength

$$\lambda = 0.0039562 \cdot \text{TOF} = 0.0039562 \cdot \frac{t_0}{L}$$

$$t_0 = 252.77 \lambda L$$

Neutron velocity

$$v = \frac{10^6}{\text{TOF}}$$

Neutron wave vector

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \frac{1588.2}{\text{TOF}}$$

Neutron energy

$$E = \frac{81.807}{\lambda^2}$$

$$v [m s^{-1}], t_0 [\mu s], \text{TOF} [\mu s m^{-1}], L [m], \lambda [\text{\AA}], \\ k [\text{\AA}^{-1}], E [\text{meV}]$$

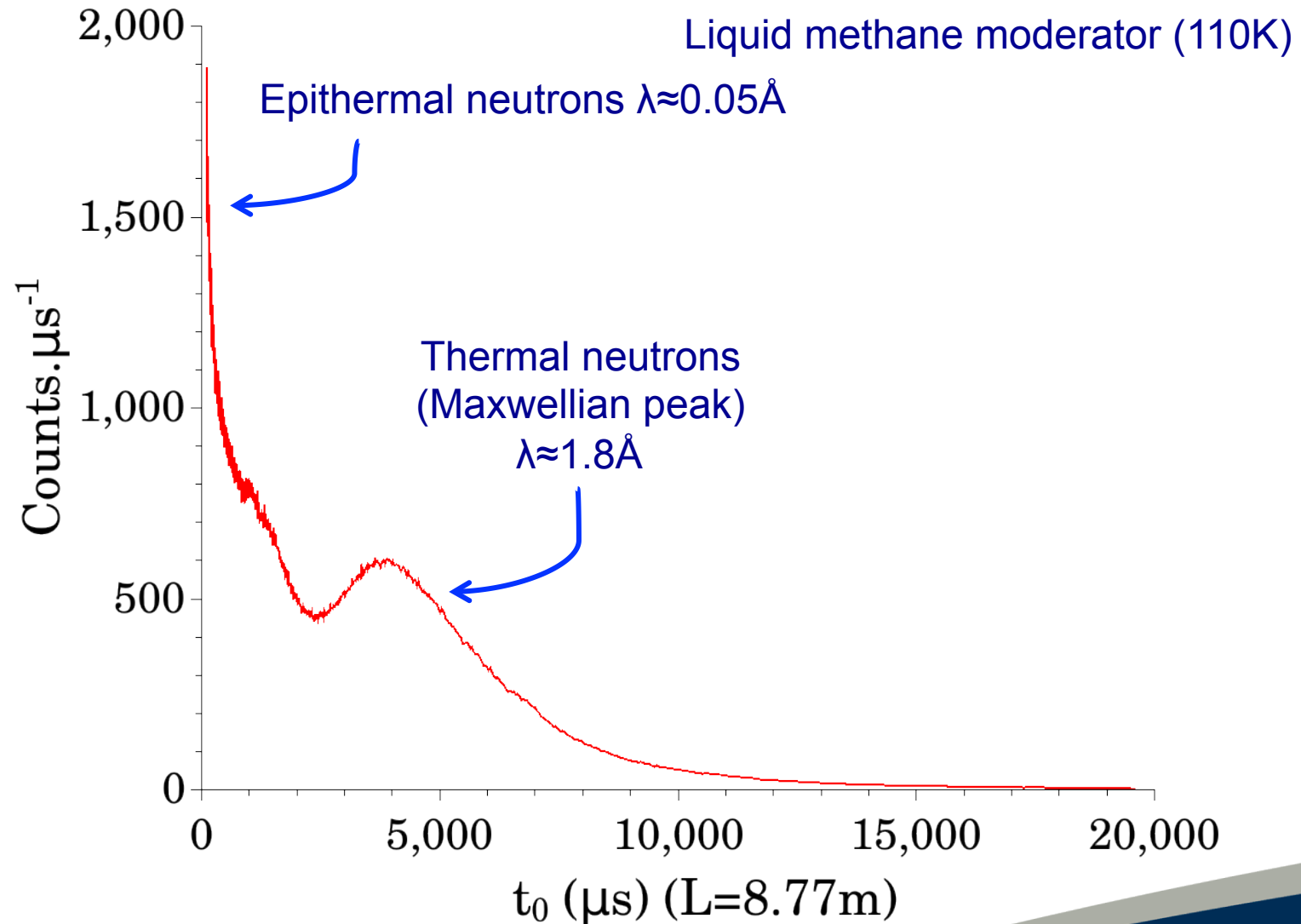


Time of flight neutron scattering

Wavelength	Energy	Time of arrival (L=10m)	Speed
20Å	0.205 meV	50554 μs	197.8 ms^{-1}
10Å	0.818 meV	25277 μs	395.6 ms^{-1}
5Å	3.273 meV	12638.5 μs	791.2 ms^{-1}
4Å	5.113 meV	10110.8 μs	989.0 ms^{-1}
3Å	9.090 meV	7583.1 μs	1319 ms^{-1}
2Å	20.452 meV	5055.4 μs	1978 ms^{-1}
1Å	81.807 meV	2527.7 μs	3956 ms^{-1}
0.5Å	327.228 meV	1263.9 μs	7912 ms^{-1}
0.25Å	1.309 eV	631.9 μs	15825 ms^{-1}
0.1Å	8.181 eV	252.8 μs	39557 ms^{-1}
0.05Å	32.723 eV	126.4 μs	79114 ms^{-1}



Time-of-flight neutron scattering: spectral profile



Time-of-flight neutron scattering: spectrum parameterization

$$\Phi_{\text{Epithermal}}(E) = \frac{\Phi_0}{E^A} \quad \Phi_{\text{Maxwellian}}(E) = J \frac{E}{T^2} \exp\left\{-\frac{E}{T}\right\}$$

$$\Phi_{\text{Total}}(E) = \Phi_{\text{Maxwellian}} + \Delta(E)\Phi_{\text{Epithermal}}$$

$$\Delta(E) = \frac{1}{\left[1 + \exp\left\{\frac{W_1}{\sqrt{E}} - W_2\right\}\right]}$$

$$\Phi(\lambda) = \Phi(E) \left(\frac{\delta E}{\delta \lambda}\right) = 2\Phi(E) \left(\frac{E}{\lambda}\right)$$



Time-of-flight neutron scattering: spectrum parameterization

Methane moderator

$$\Phi_0 (\text{at } 750\text{MeV}) \rightarrow 2.7 [10^{10}n(\text{eVs}\text{r}100\text{cm}^2\mu\text{As})^{-1}]$$

$$A \rightarrow 0.92$$

$$J \rightarrow 5.7 [10^{10}n(\text{sr}100\text{cm}^2\mu\text{As})^{-1}]$$

$$T(\text{eV}) \rightarrow 0.011$$

$$W_1(\text{eV})^{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow 1.7$$

$$W_2 \rightarrow 7.0$$

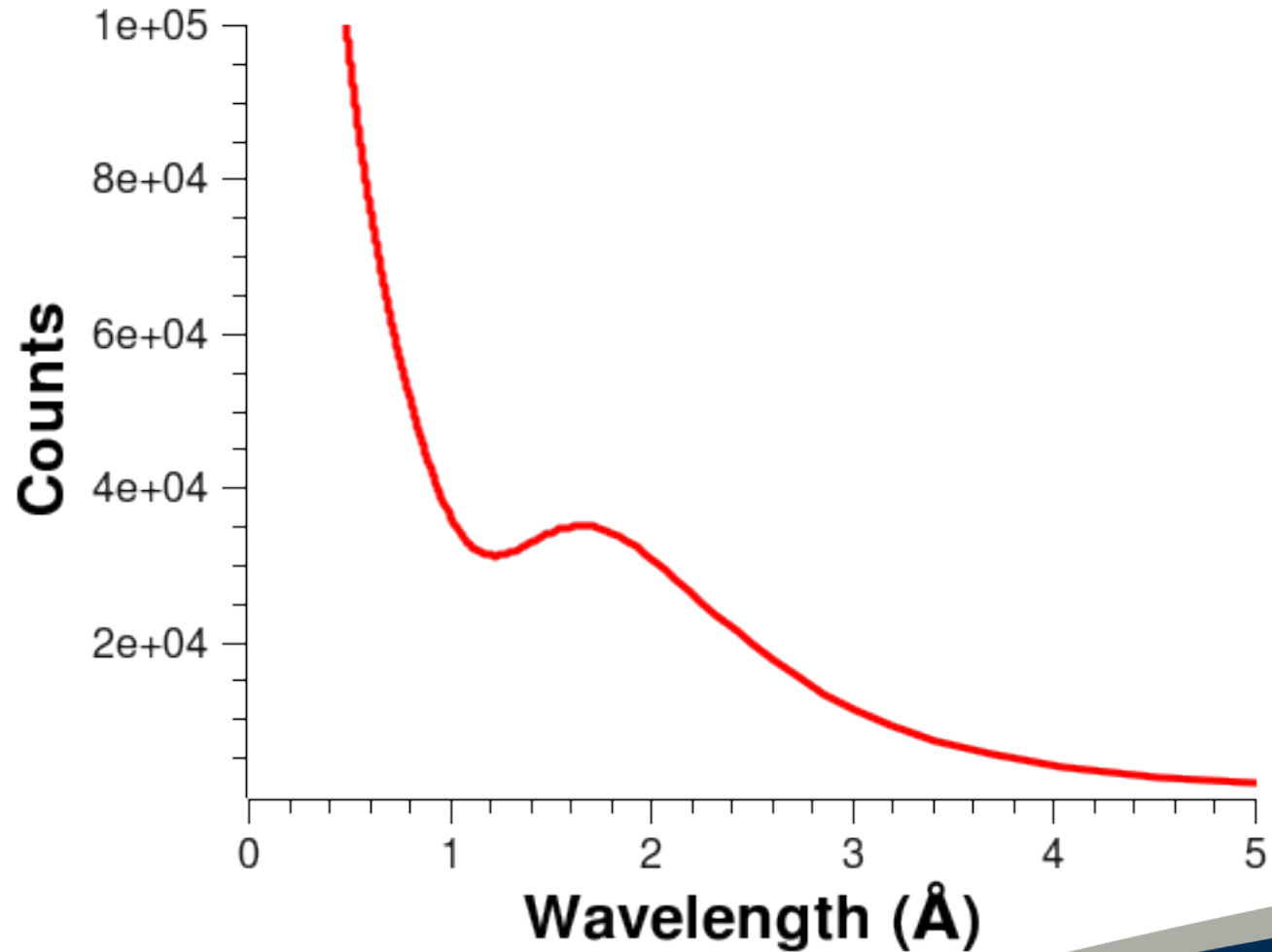
Proton beam energy

Typical moderator view



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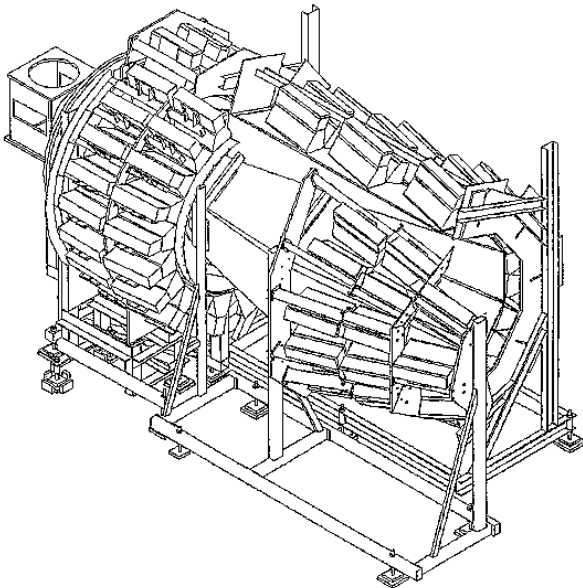


Light element optimized diffractometers

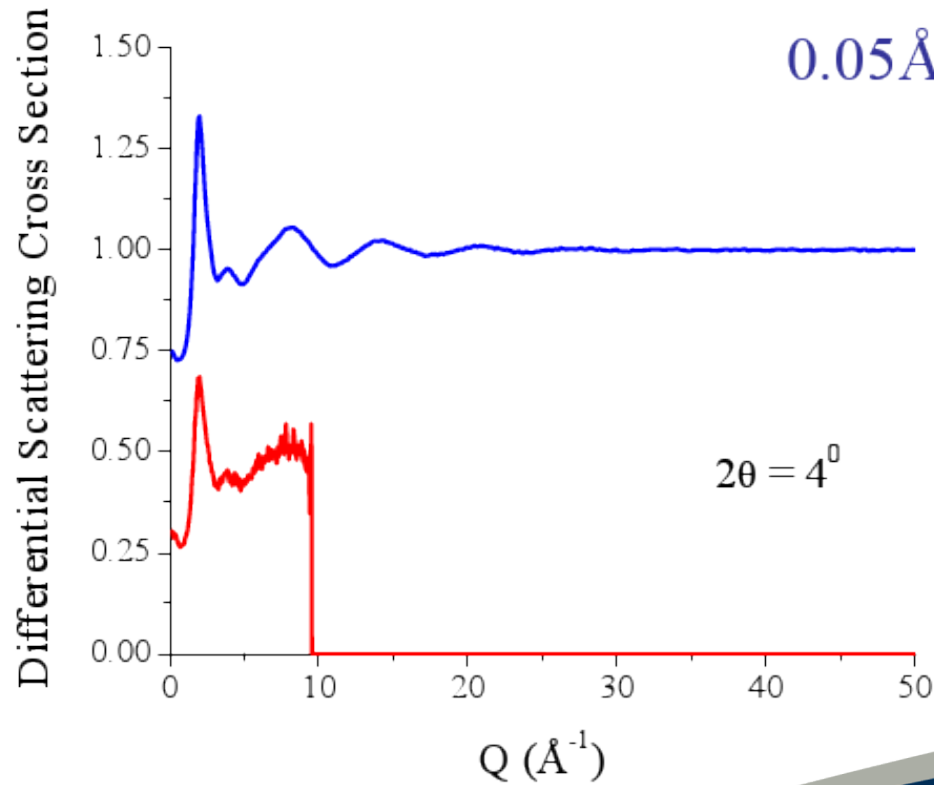
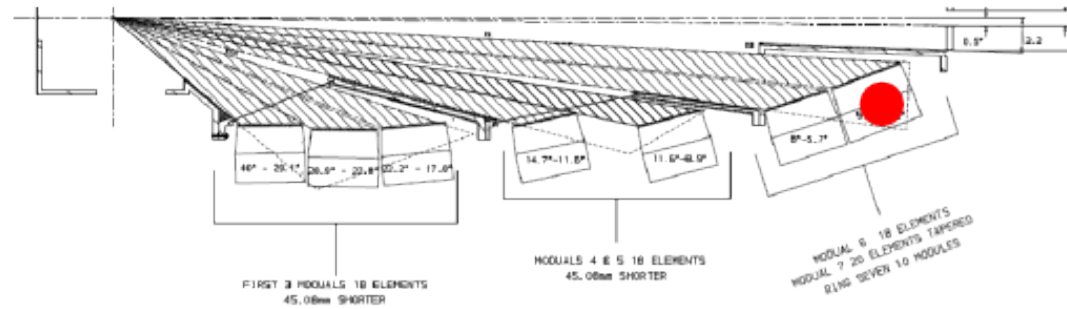
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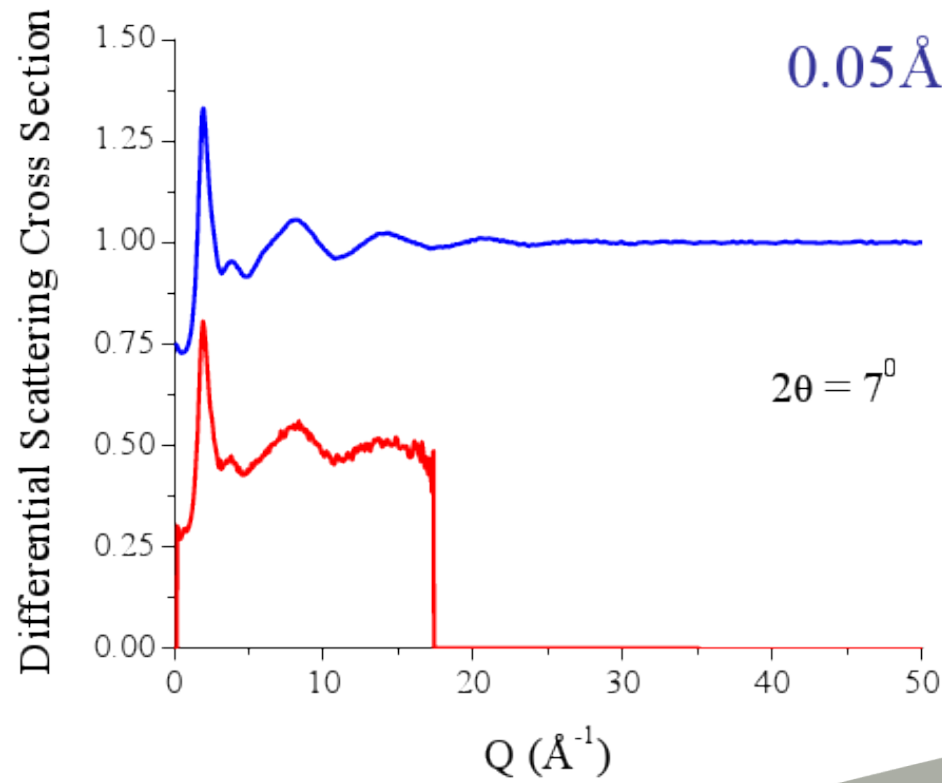
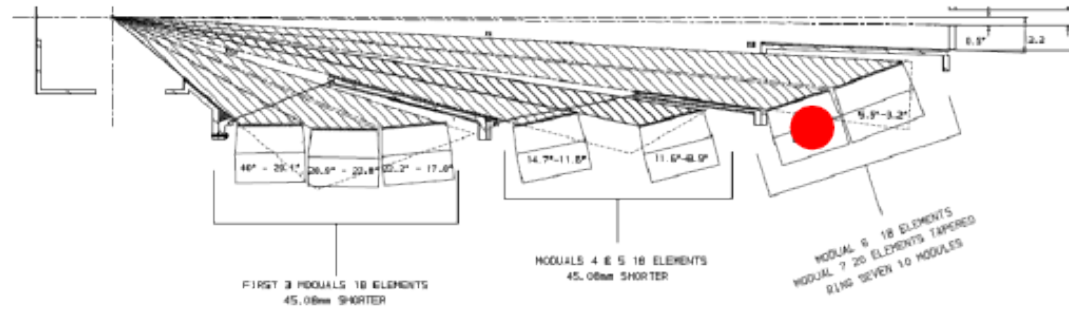
- (1) relatively small forward scattering angles: 1° to 40°
- (2) high energy neutrons $0.05\text{\AA} \leq \lambda \leq 5.0\text{\AA}$
- (3) wide accessible Q-range $0.1\text{\AA}^{-1} \leq Q \leq 50\text{\AA}^{-1}$
- (4) flat plate sample geometry
- (5) moderate resolution $\Delta Q/Q \approx 2\%$



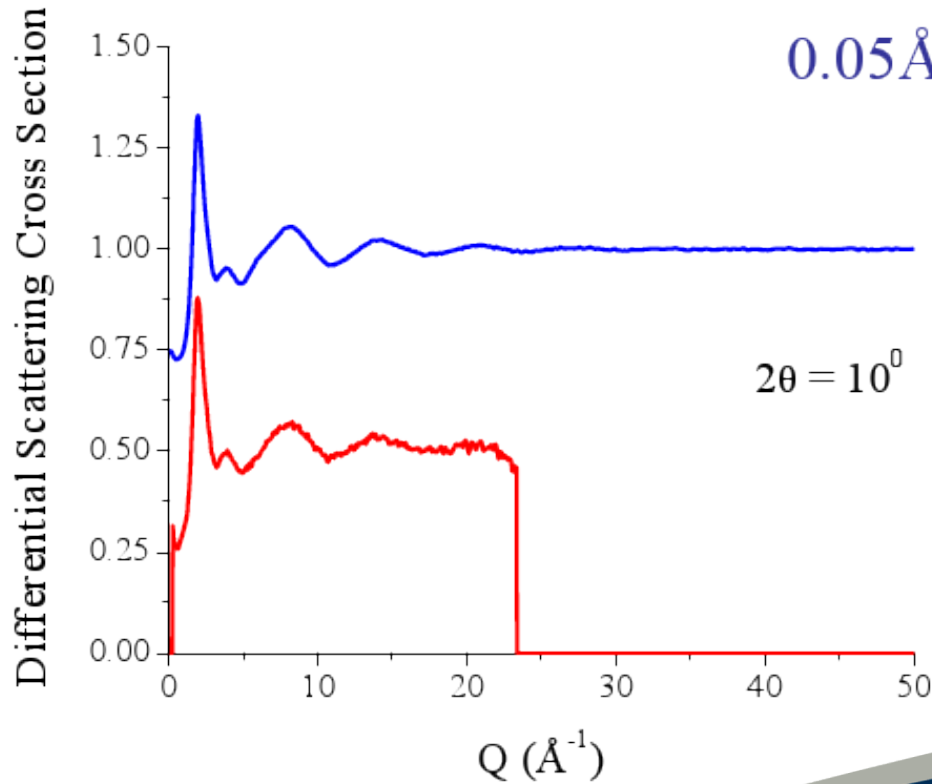
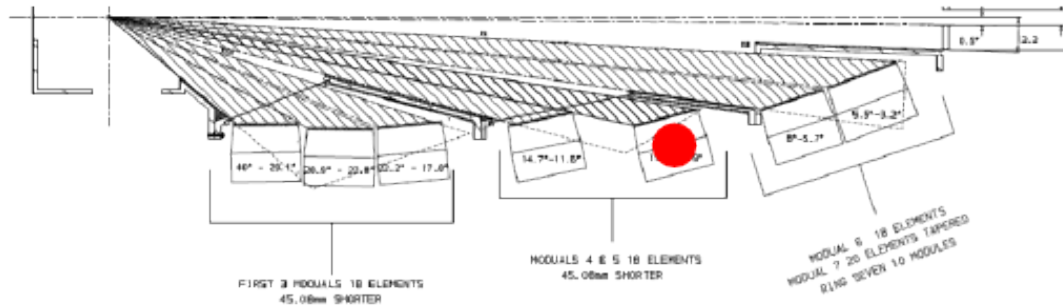
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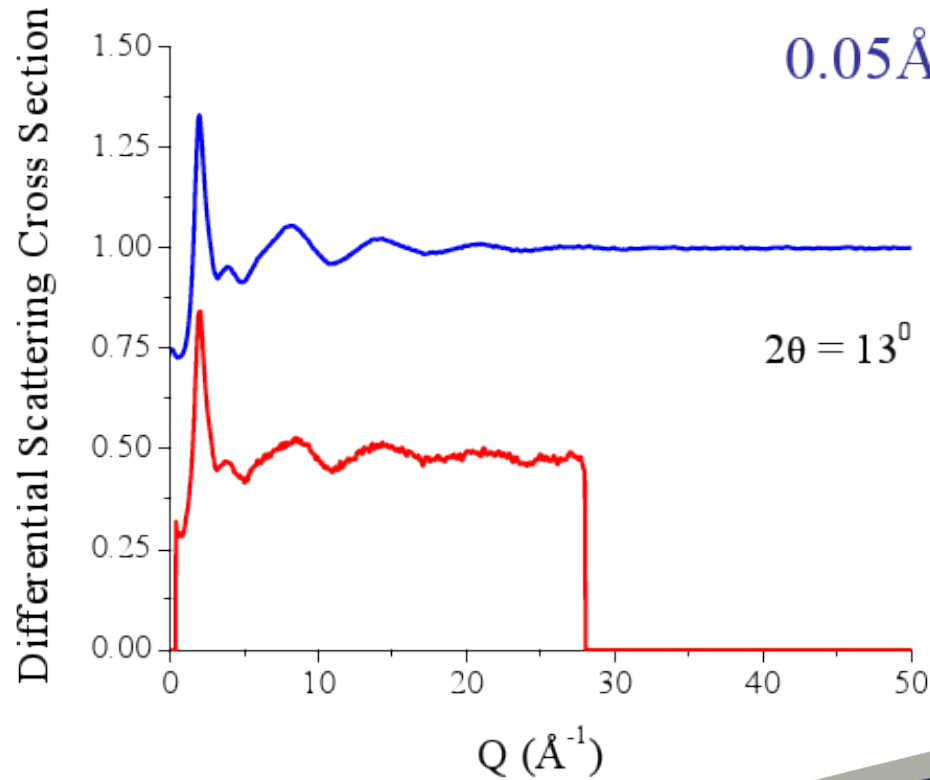
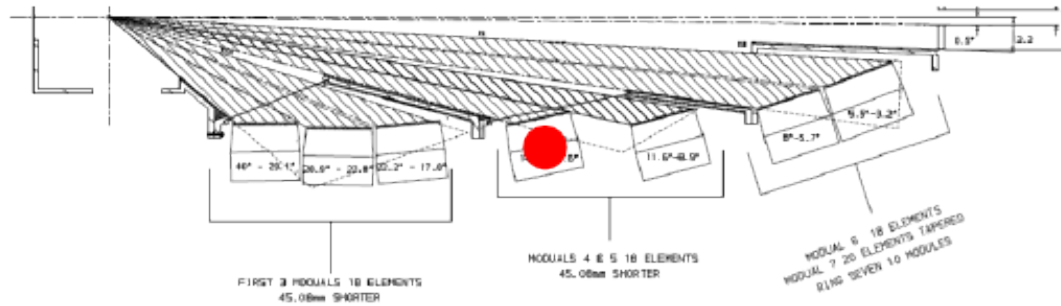
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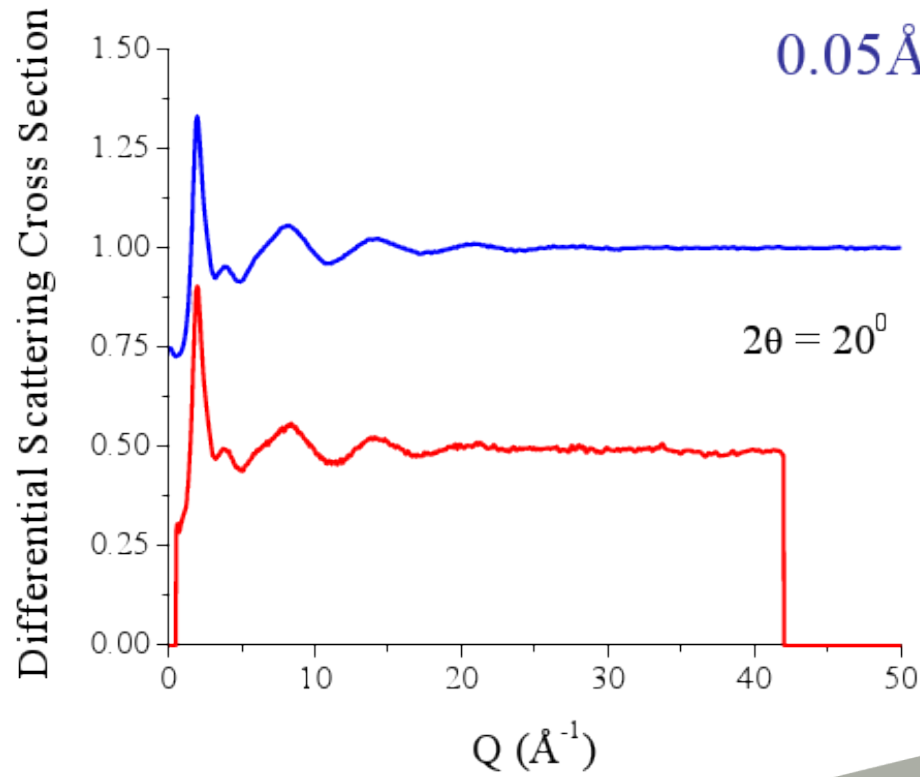
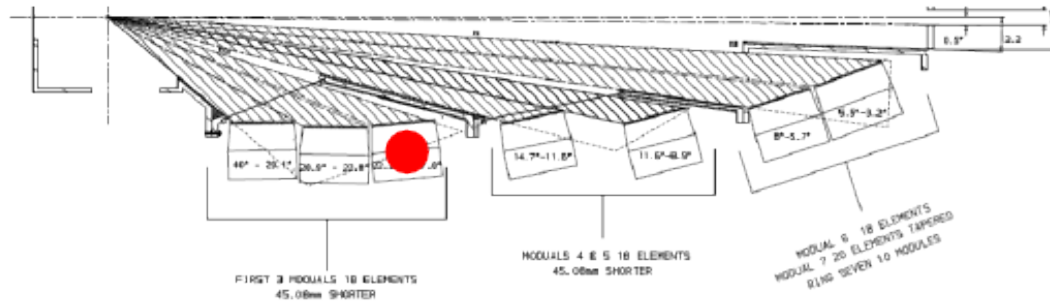
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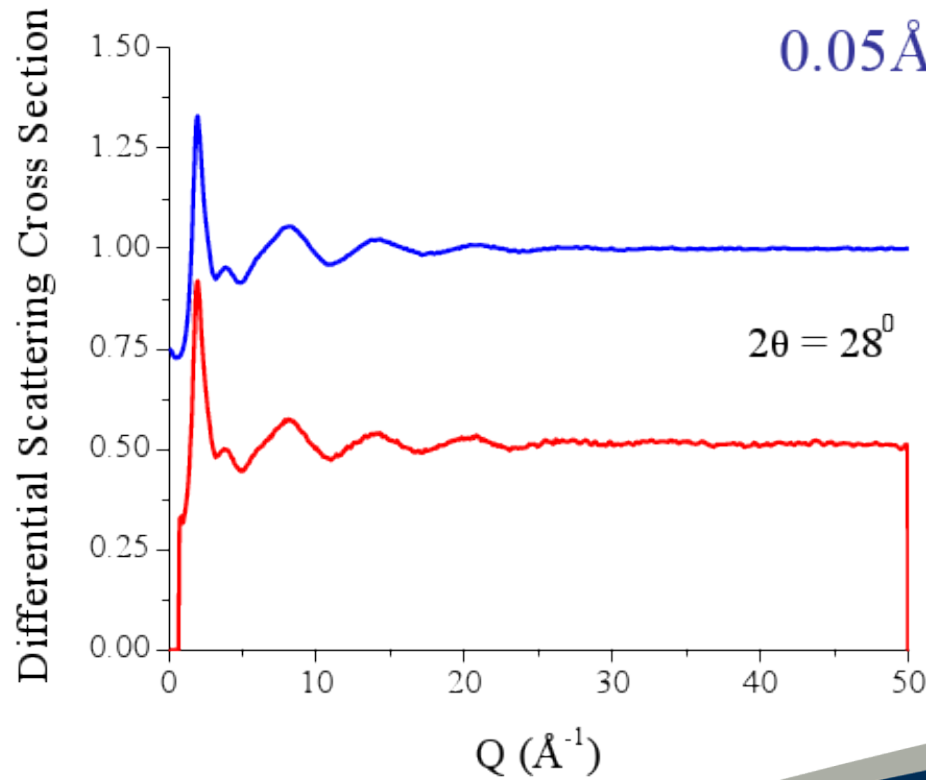
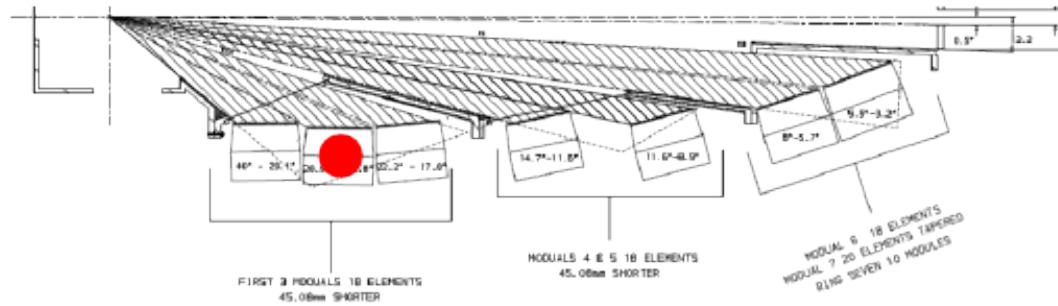
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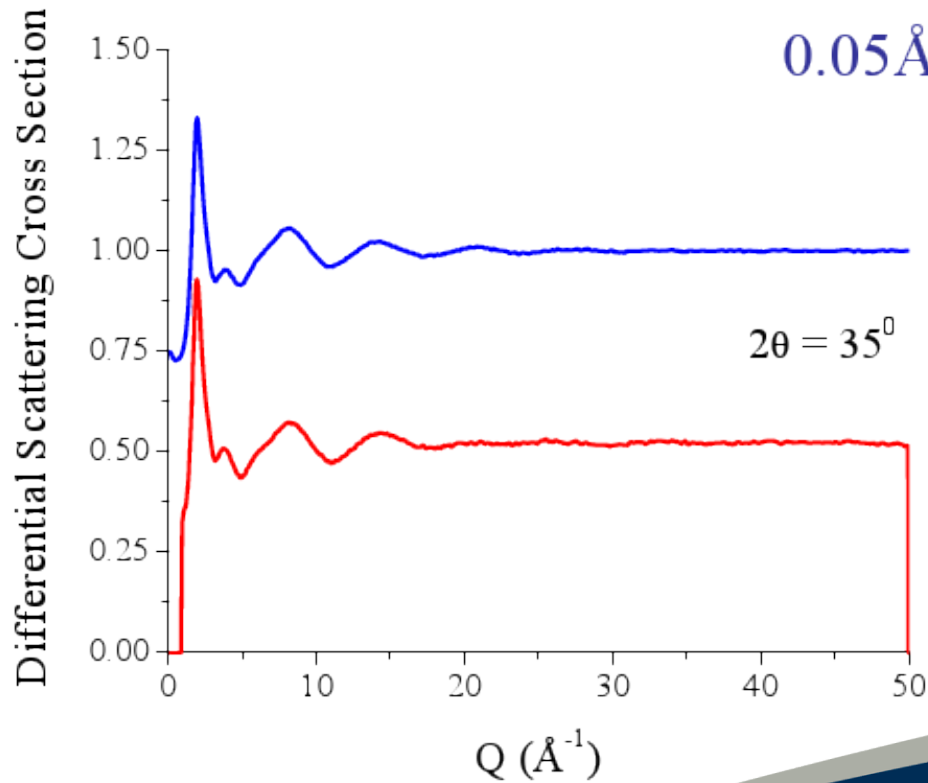
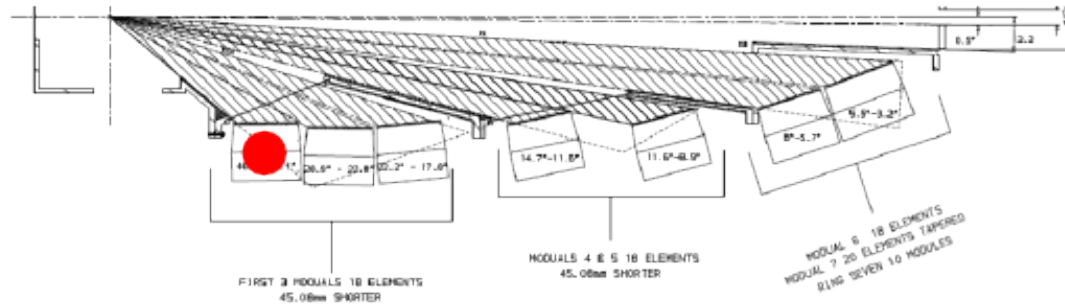
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Real-space resolution of a total scattering measurement

$$F(Q) = \rho_0 \int_0^\infty 4\pi r^2 g(r) \frac{\sin Qr}{Qr} dr$$

$$g(r) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3 \rho_0} \int_0^\infty 4\pi Q^2 F(Q) \frac{\sin Qr}{Qr} dQ$$

$$g(r) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3 \rho_0} \int_0^{Q_{\max}} 4\pi Q^2 F(Q) \frac{\sin Qr}{Qr} dQ$$

$$Q = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin\theta$$

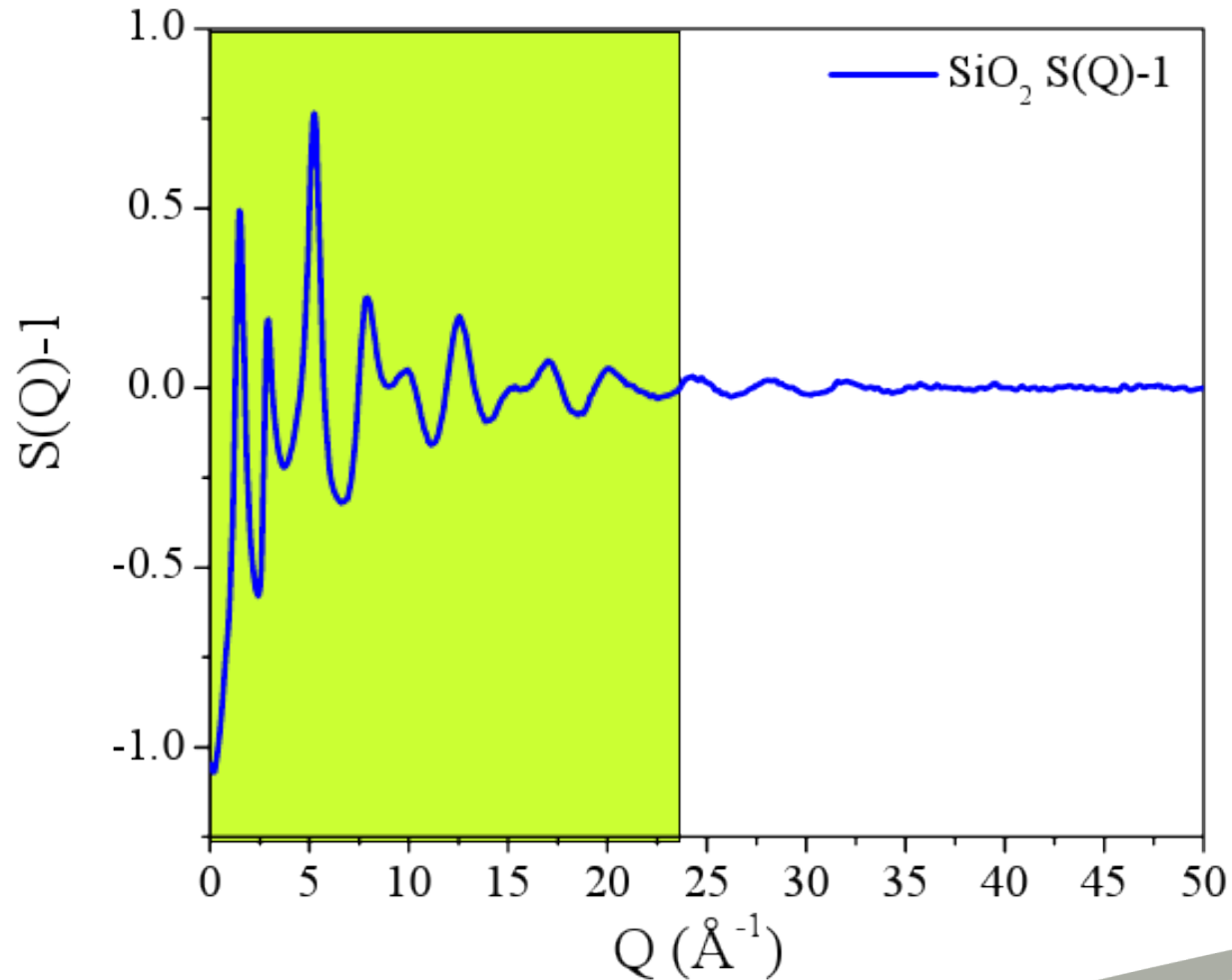
A typical fixed wavelength measurement $2\theta = 130^\circ$ $\lambda = 0.5\text{Å}$ $\rightarrow Q_{\max} = 22.8\text{Å}^{-1}$

A typical pulsed source measurement $2\theta = 40^\circ$ $\lambda = 0.05\text{Å}$ $\rightarrow Q_{\max} = 86\text{Å}^{-1}$

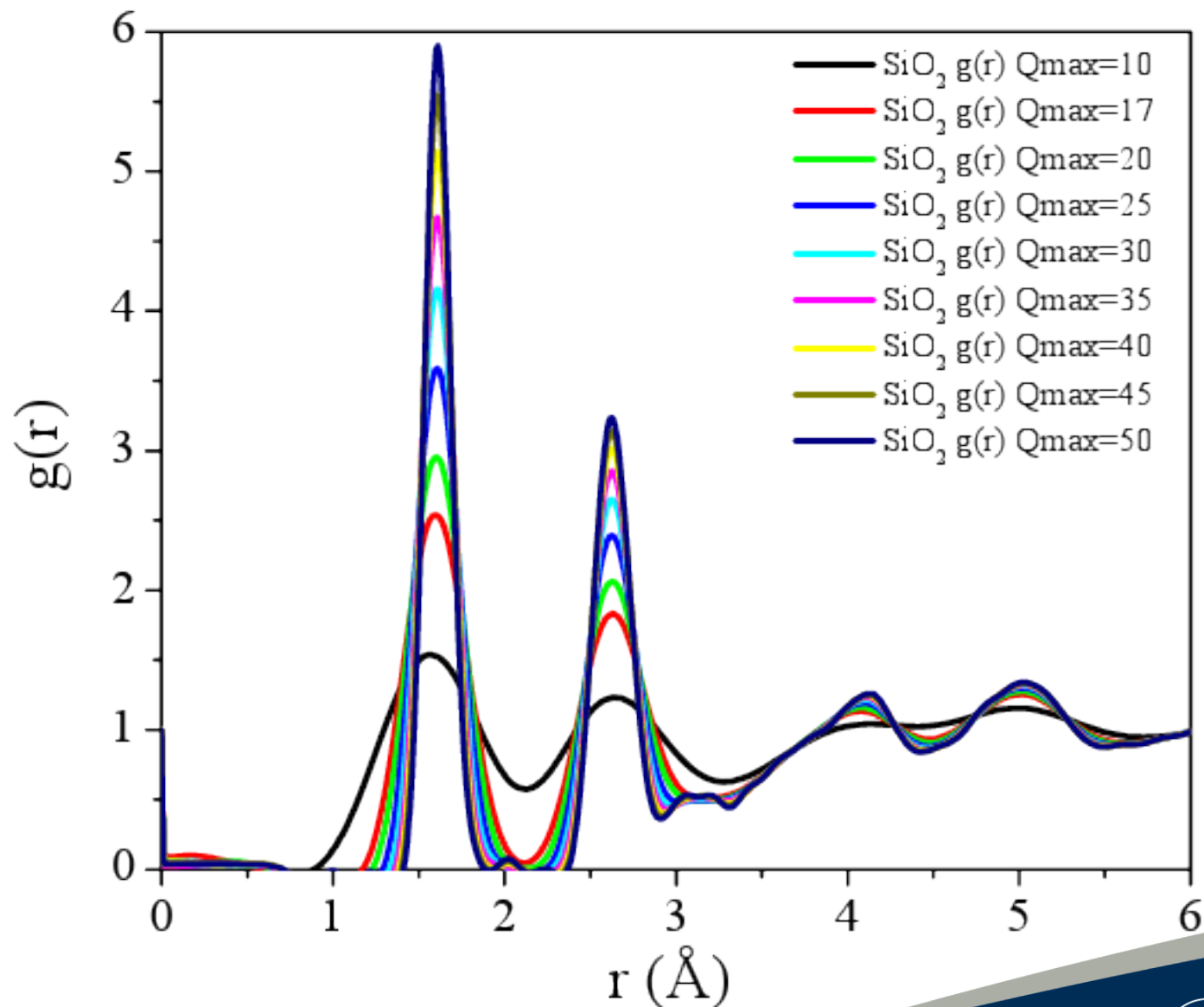


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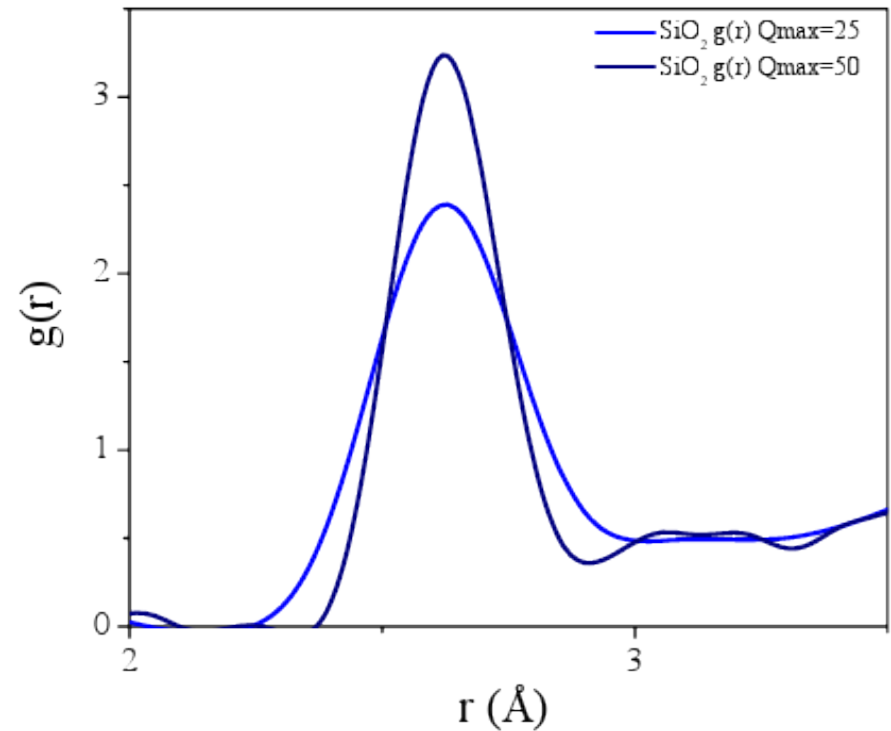
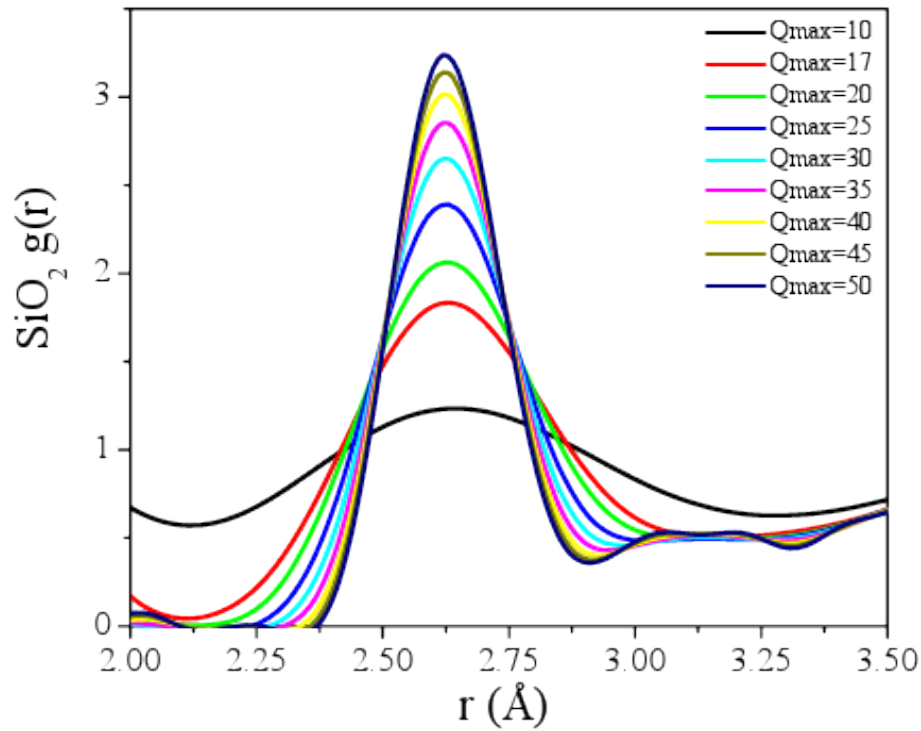
Reactor $\theta_{\max} = 140^\circ$ $\lambda = 0.5\text{\AA}$



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Q resolution of a total scattering measurement

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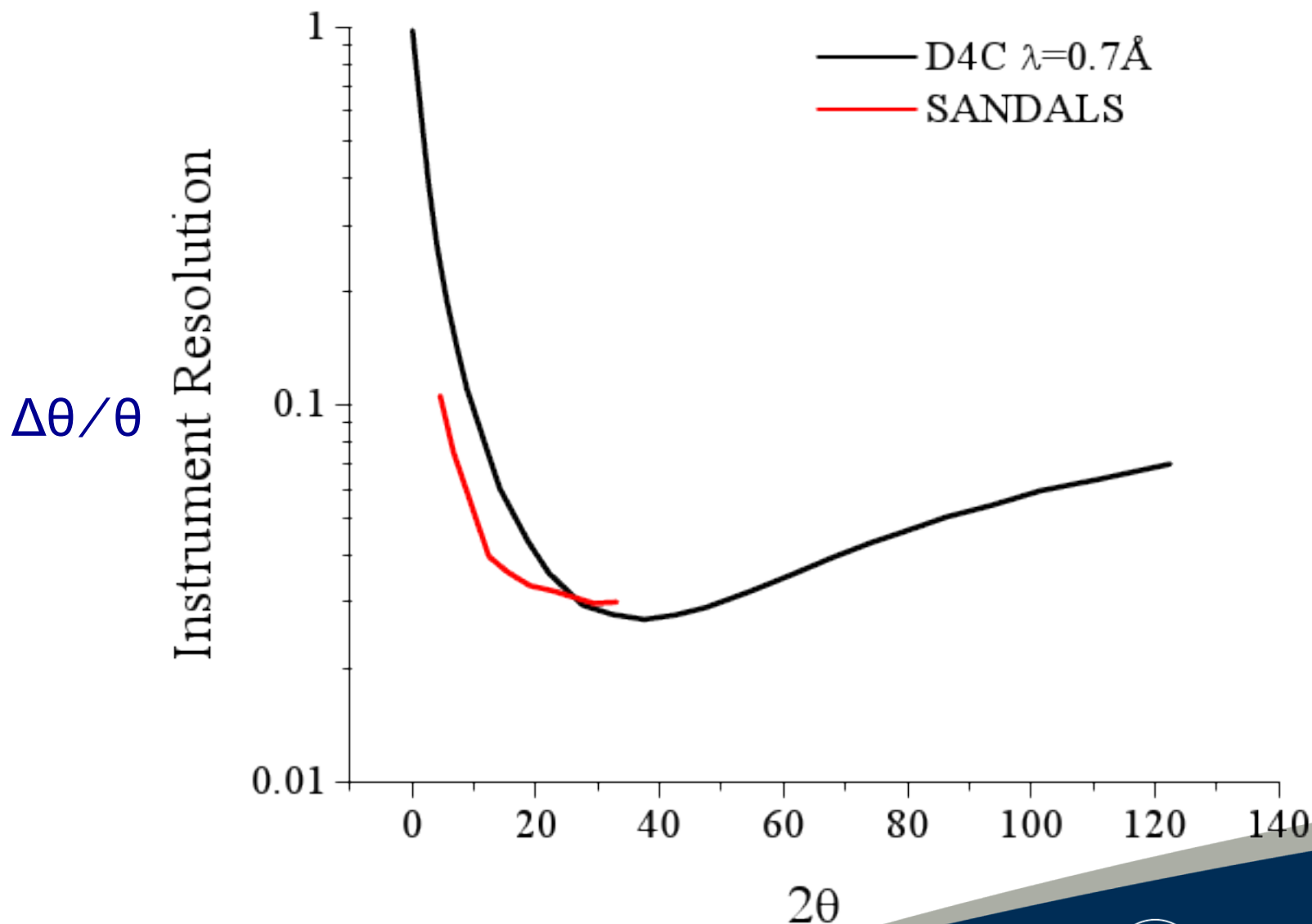
$$\Delta Q = \left(\frac{\delta Q}{\delta \theta} \right) \Delta \theta + \left(\frac{\delta Q}{\delta \lambda} \right) \Delta \lambda$$

$$\Delta Q = Q [\cot\theta \Delta\theta + \Delta\lambda/\lambda]$$

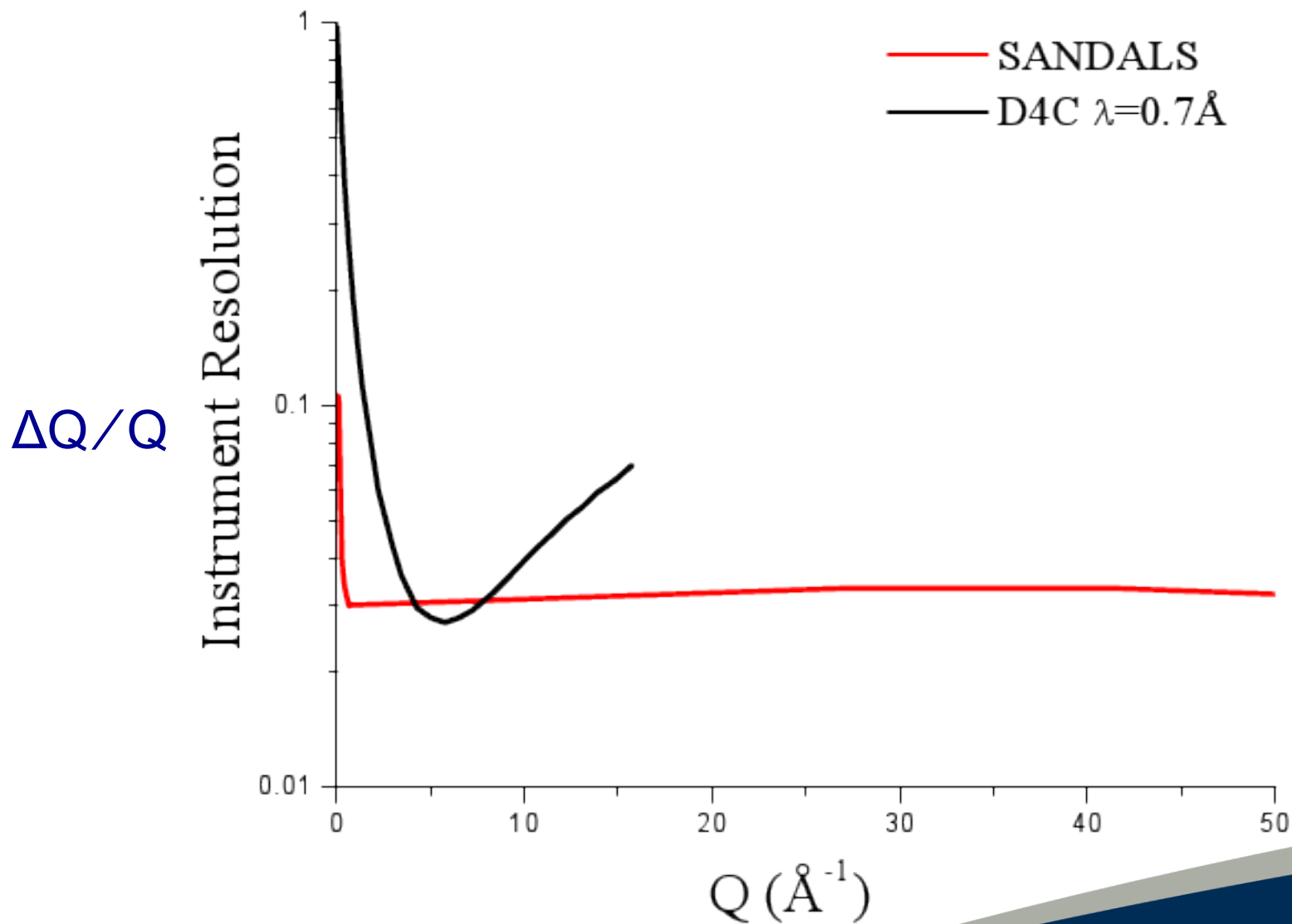
Under the conditions that the wavelengths of the scattered neutrons are measured by time of flight with detectors at fixed scattering angle 2θ , it can be shown that the resolution $\Delta Q/Q$ of the TOF neutron diffractometer is roughly constant as a function of TOF.



Q resolution of a total scattering measurement

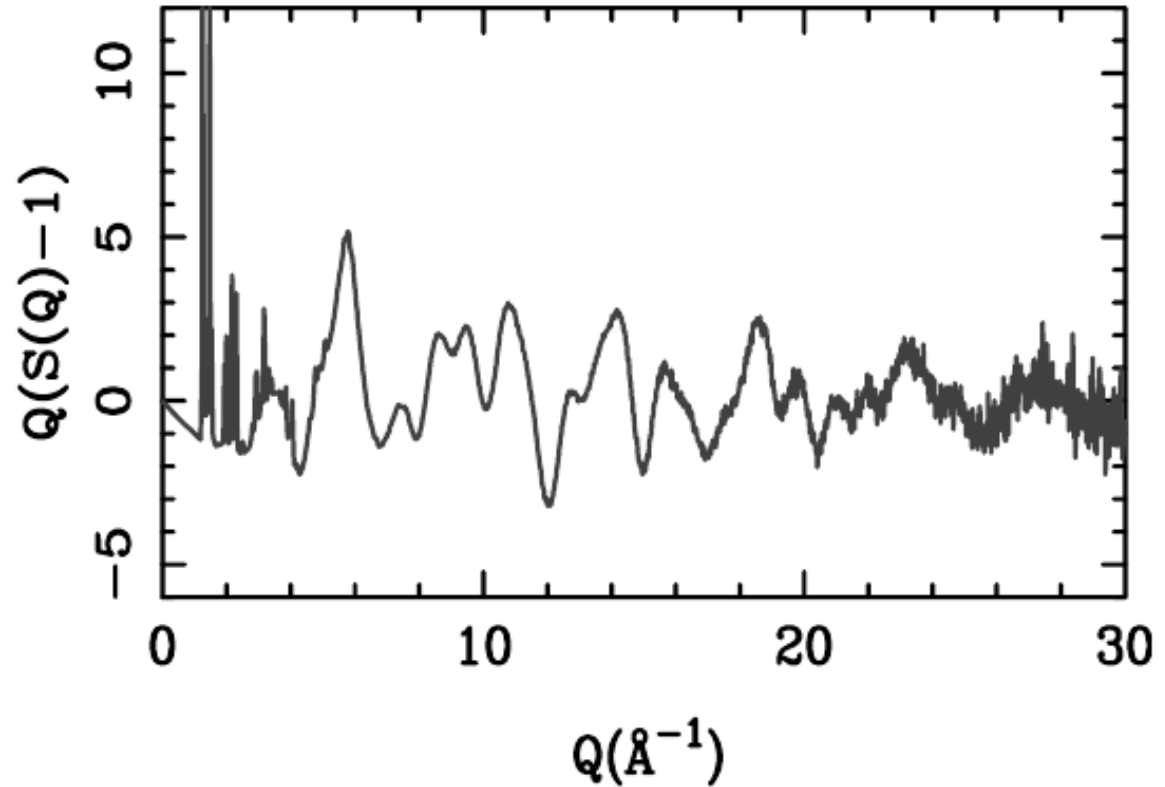
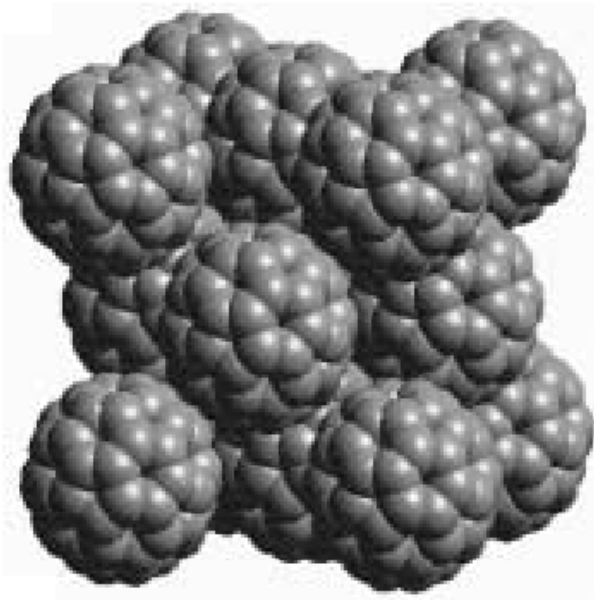


Q resolution of a total scattering measurement



Q-resolution is particularly important for total scattering studies

In total scattering studies it is important to accurately measure both the sharp Bragg and the diffuse scattering components.



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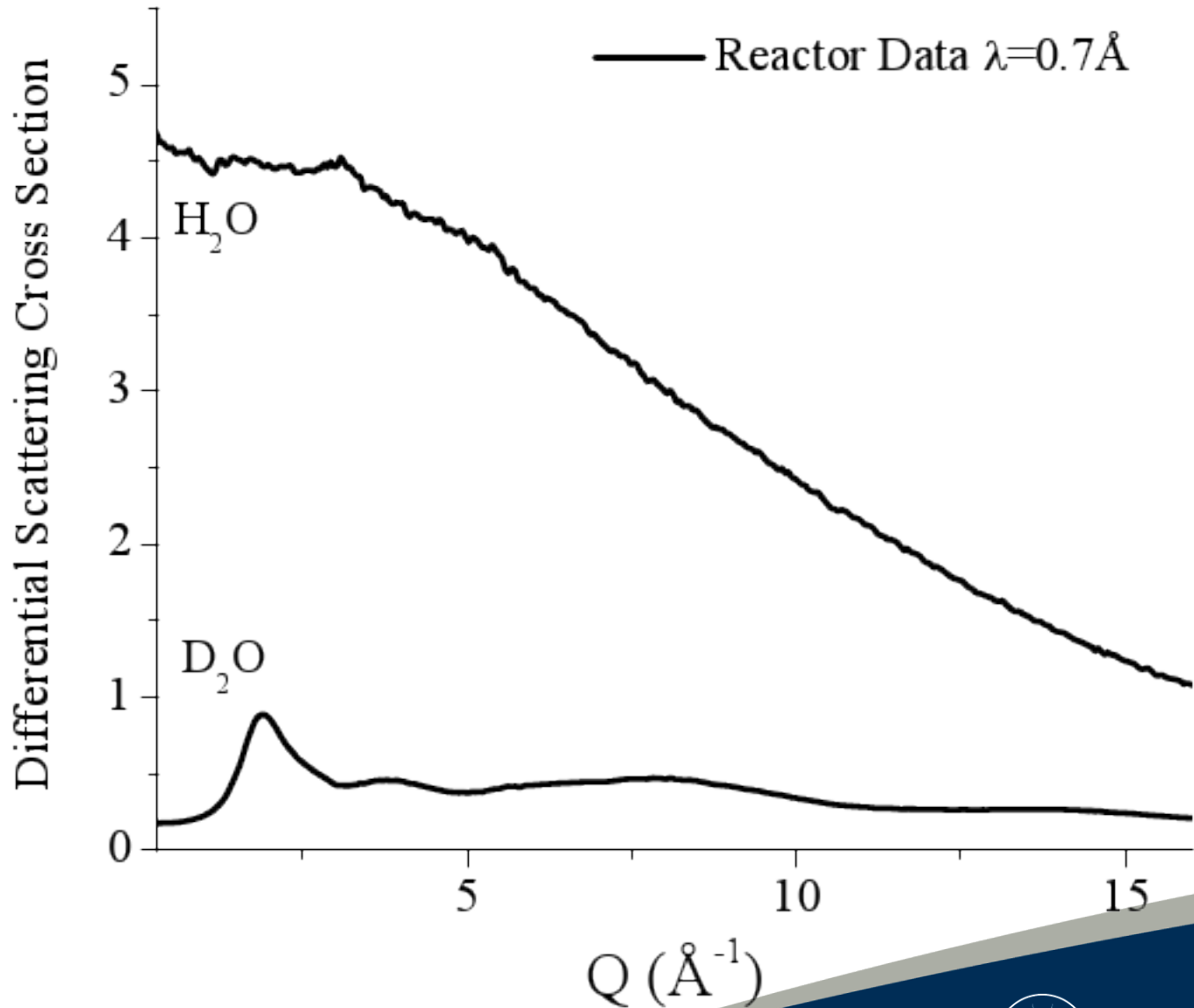
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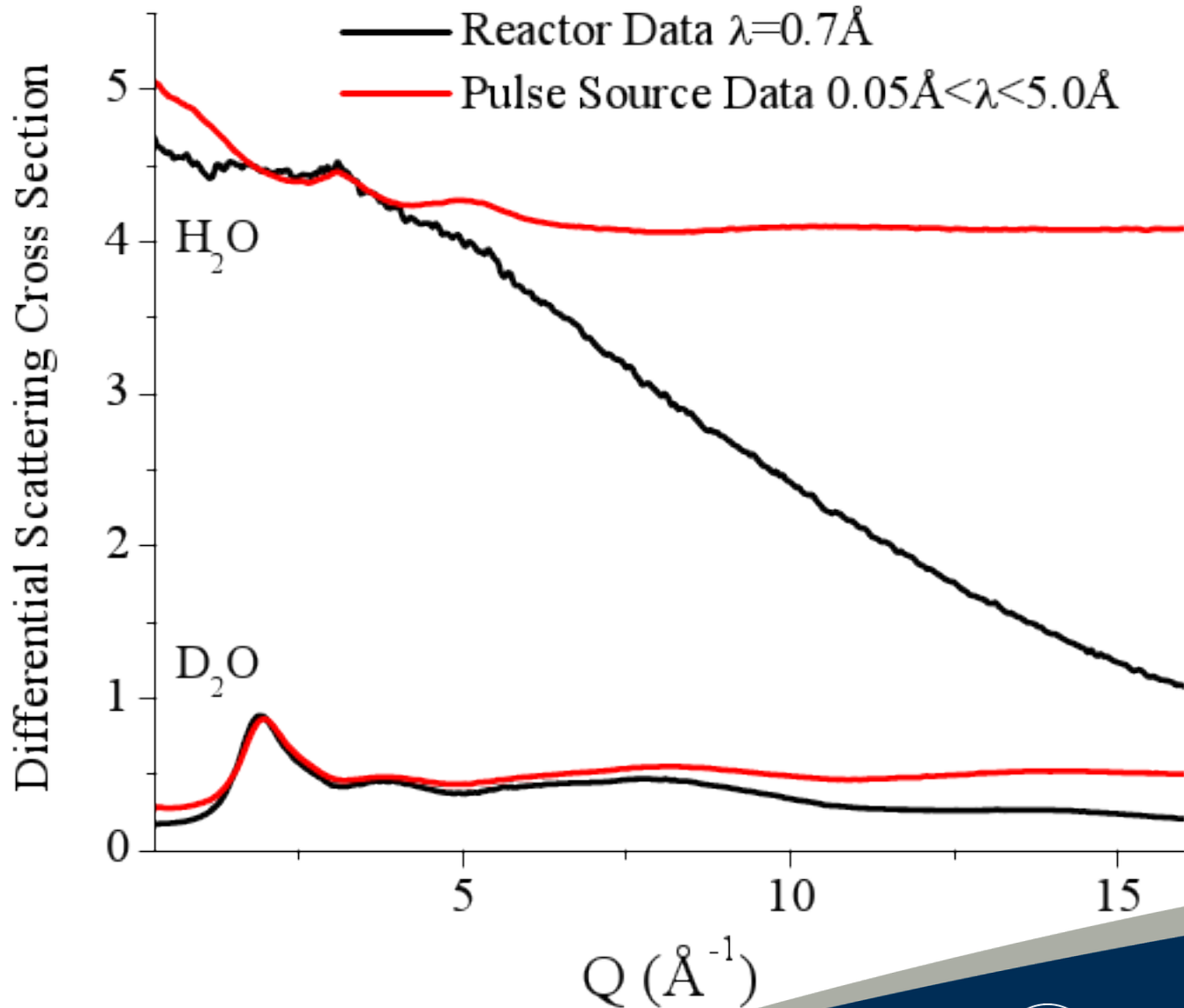
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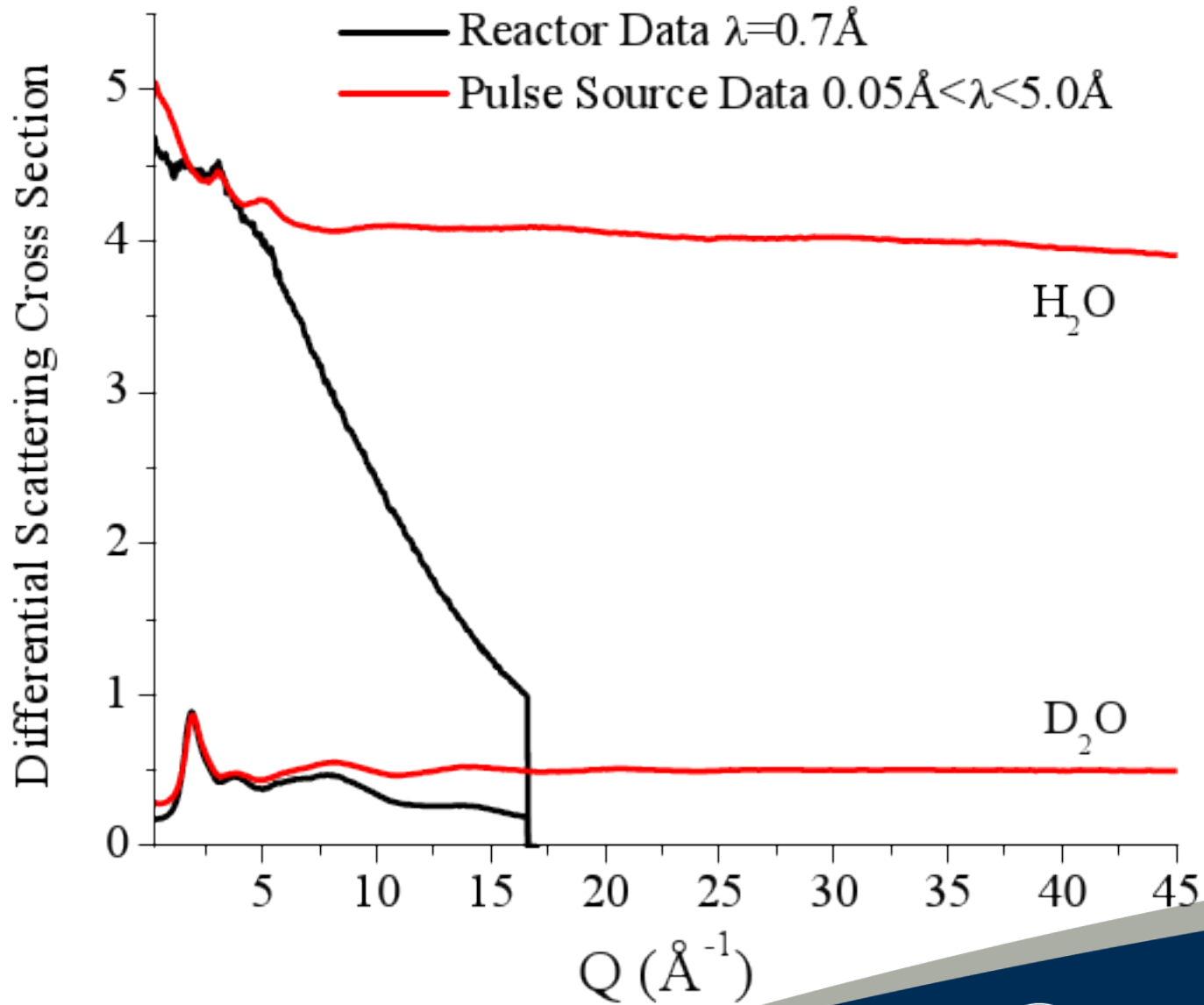
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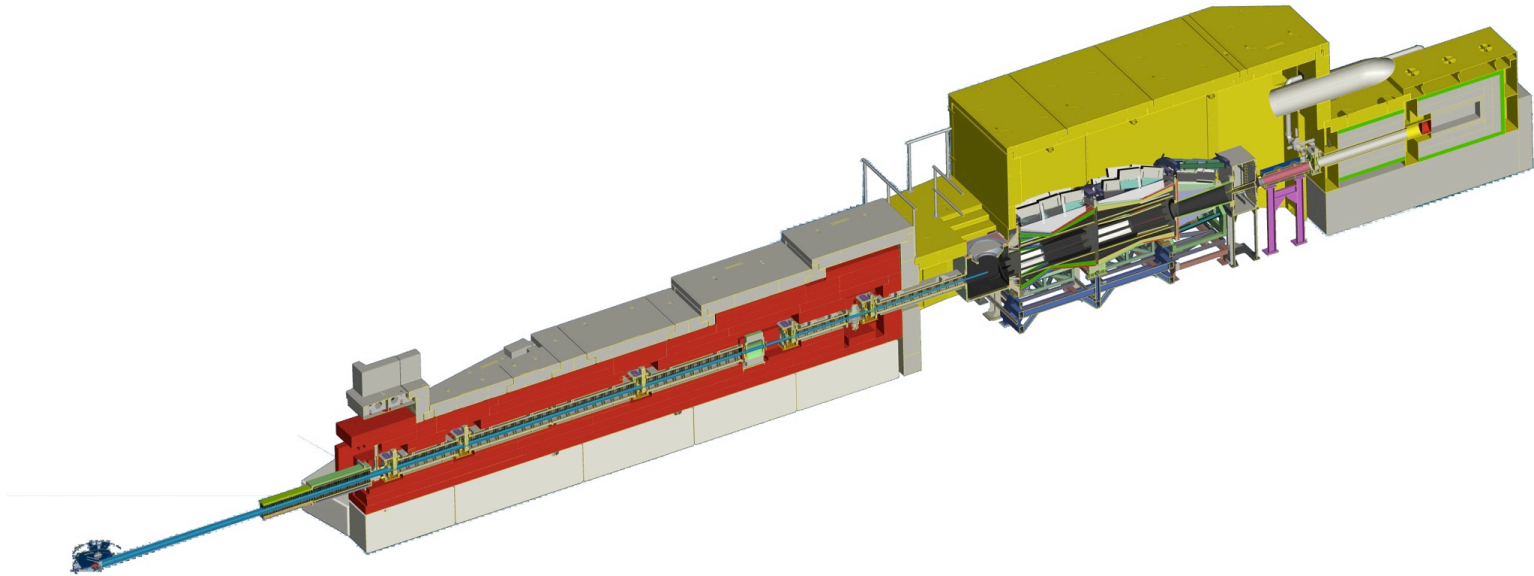
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Very wide Q-range diffractometers NIMROD type



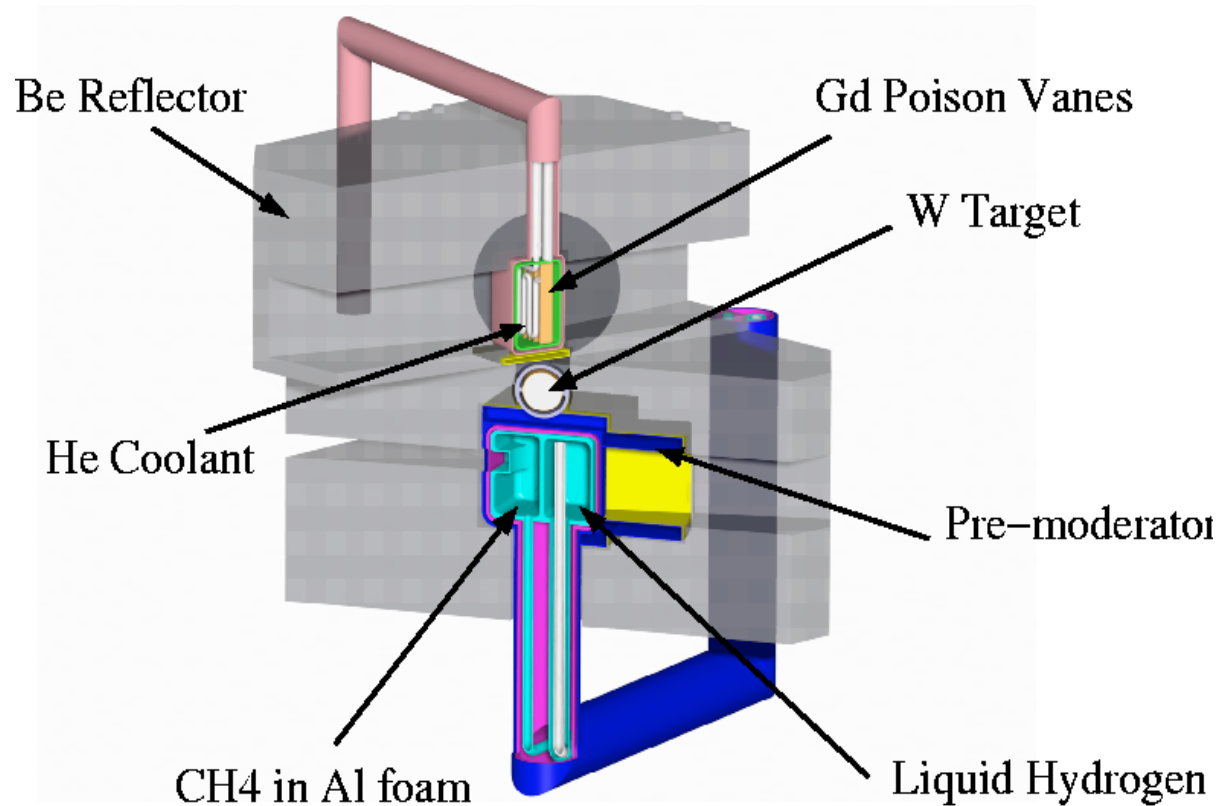
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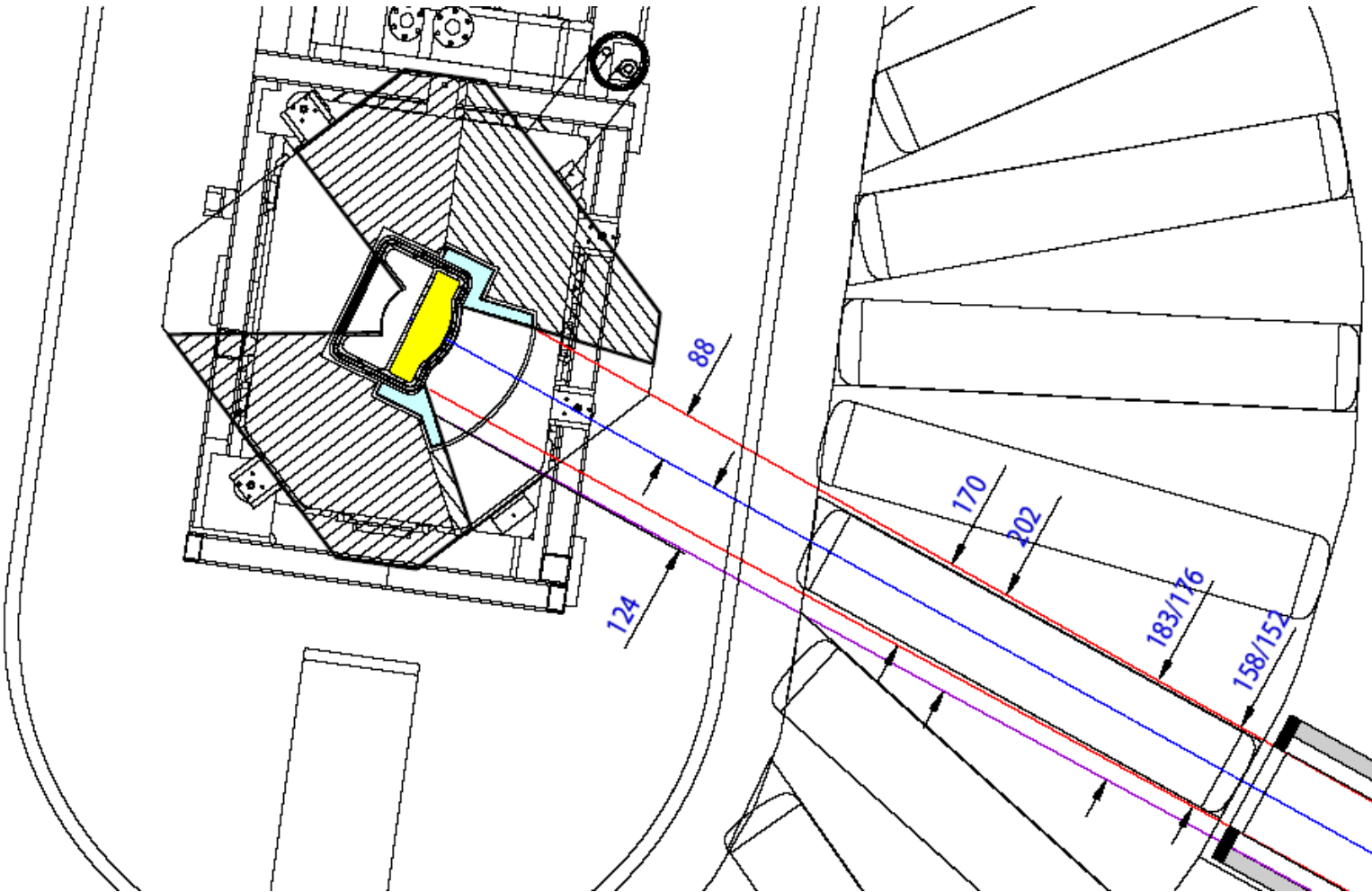
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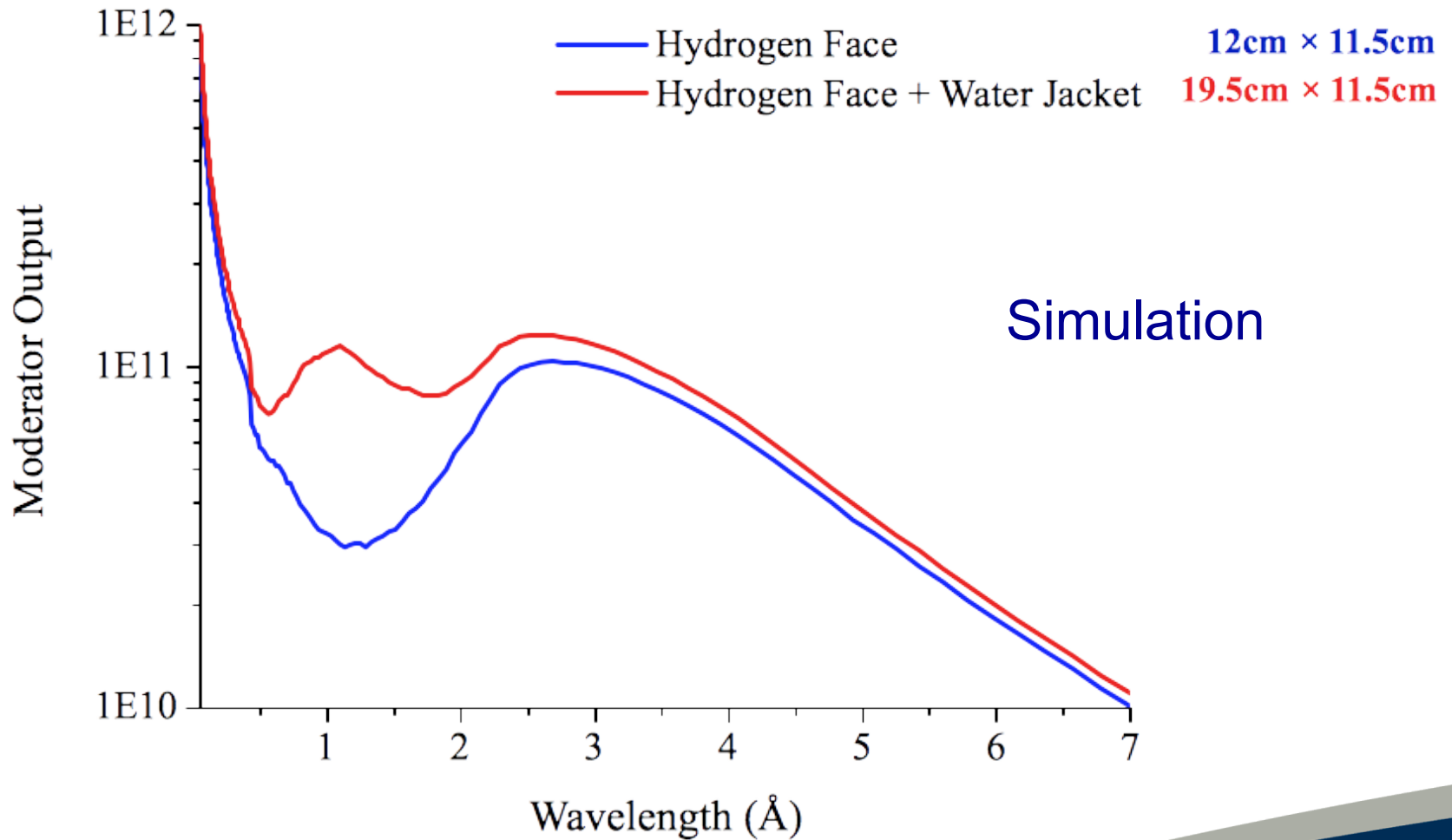
Combined view of moderator and pre-moderator

High flux across a broad wavelength range



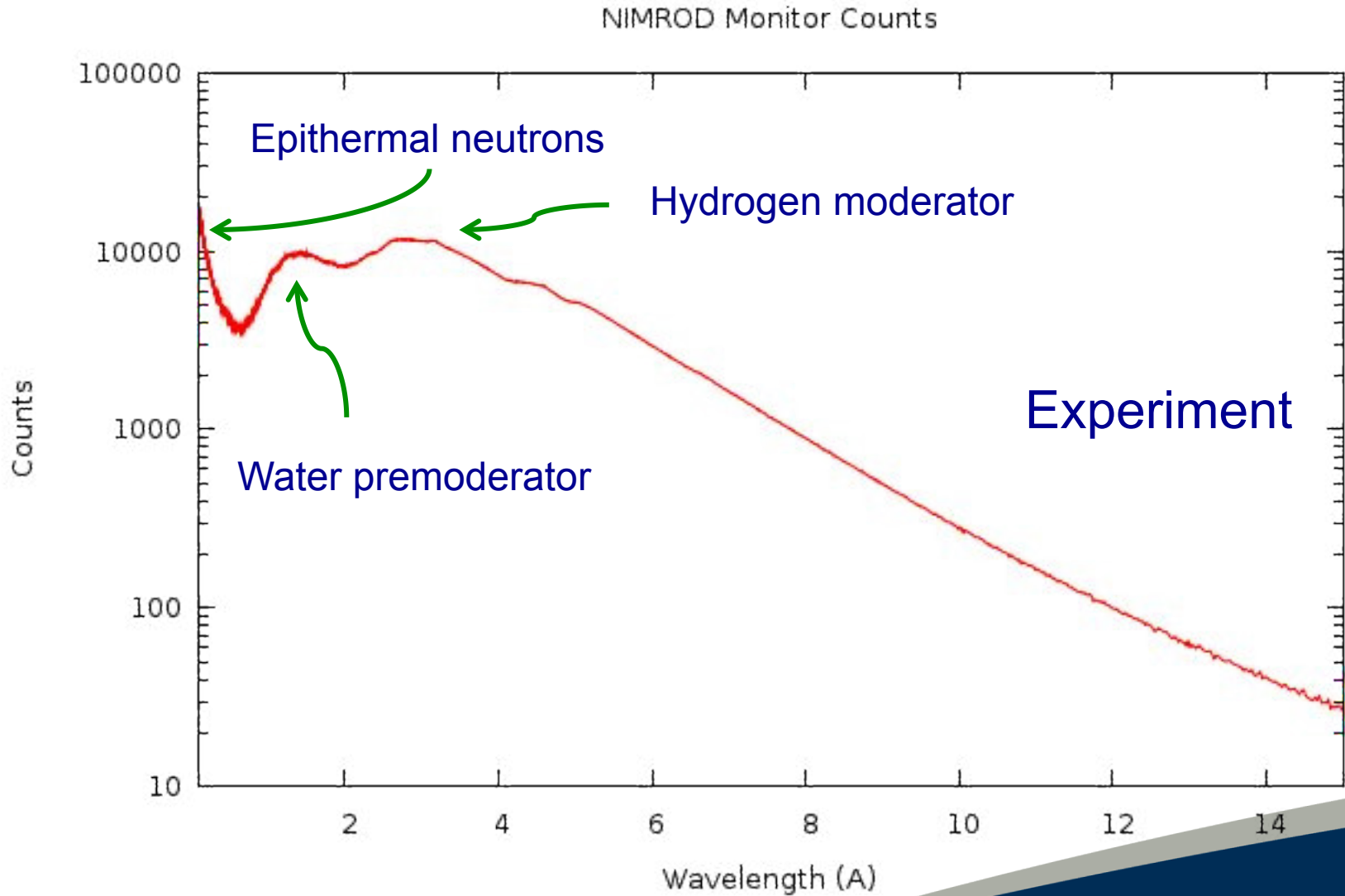
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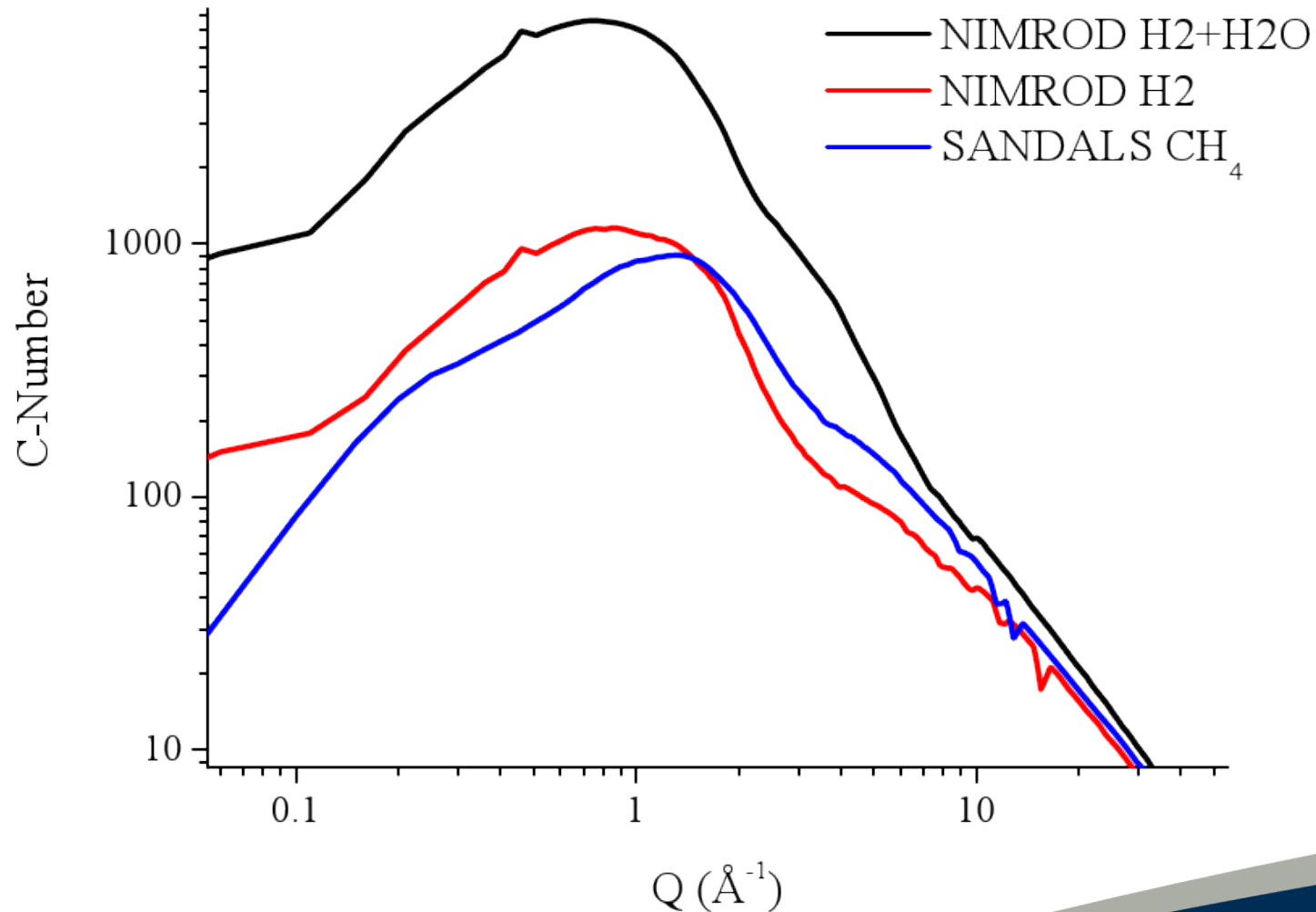


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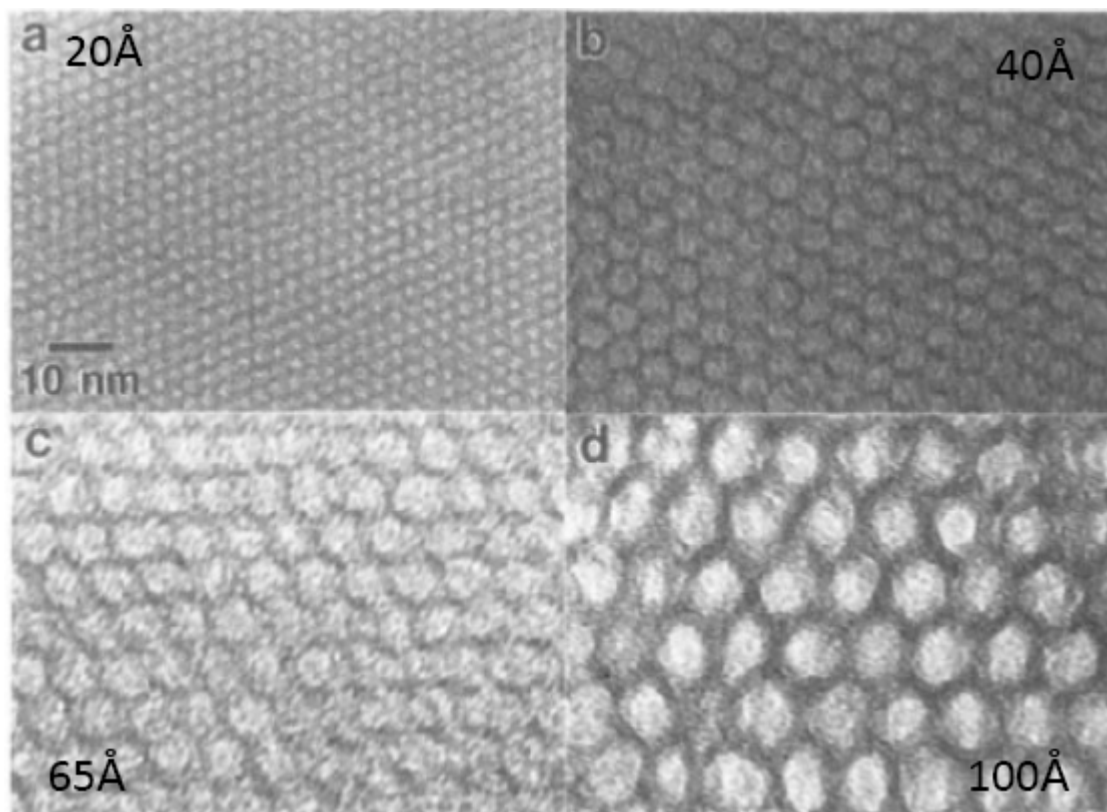
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Combined view of moderator and pre-moderator Comparison between SANDALS (TS1) and NIMROD (TS2)



Test of NIMROD performance using mesoporous silicas



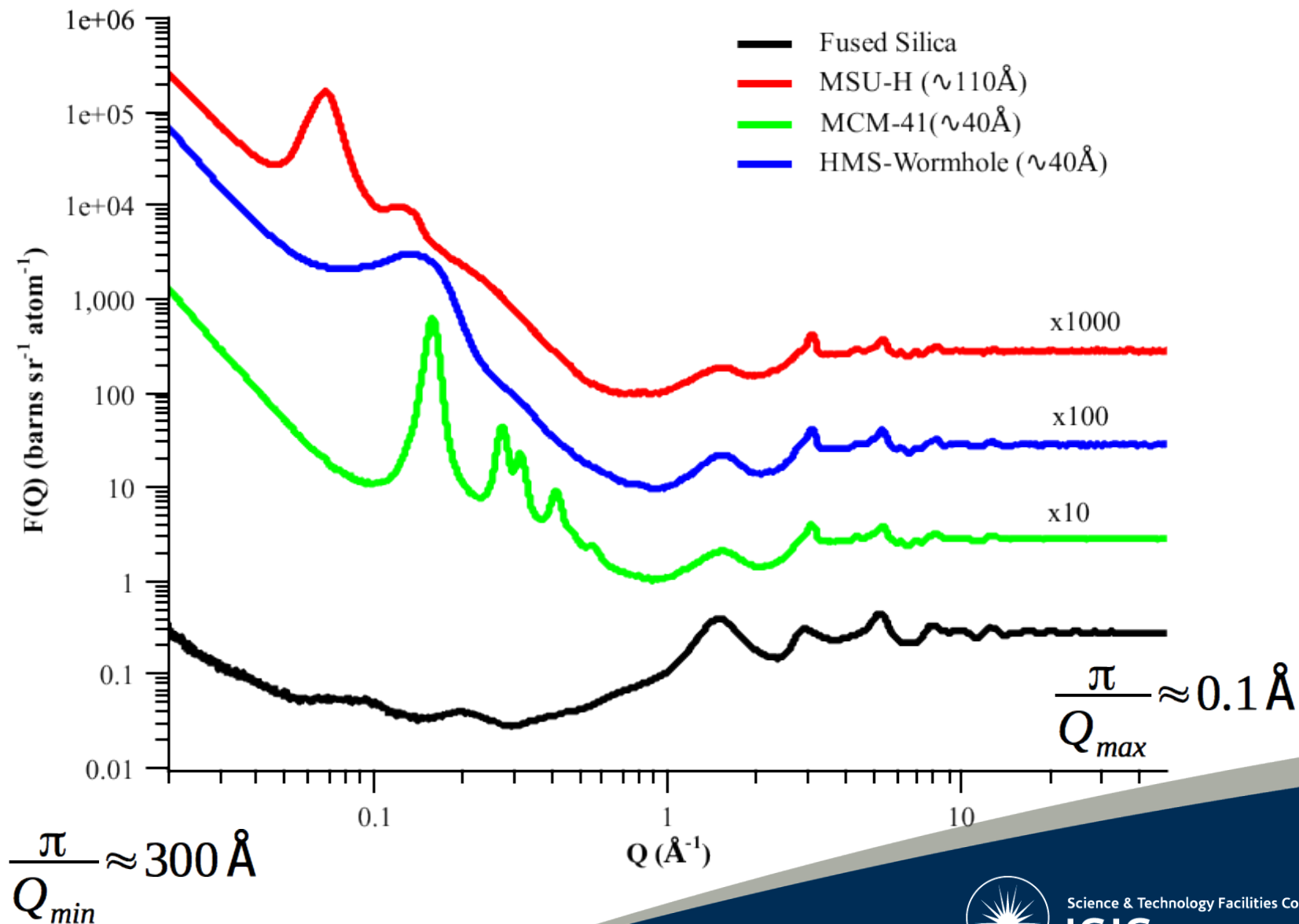
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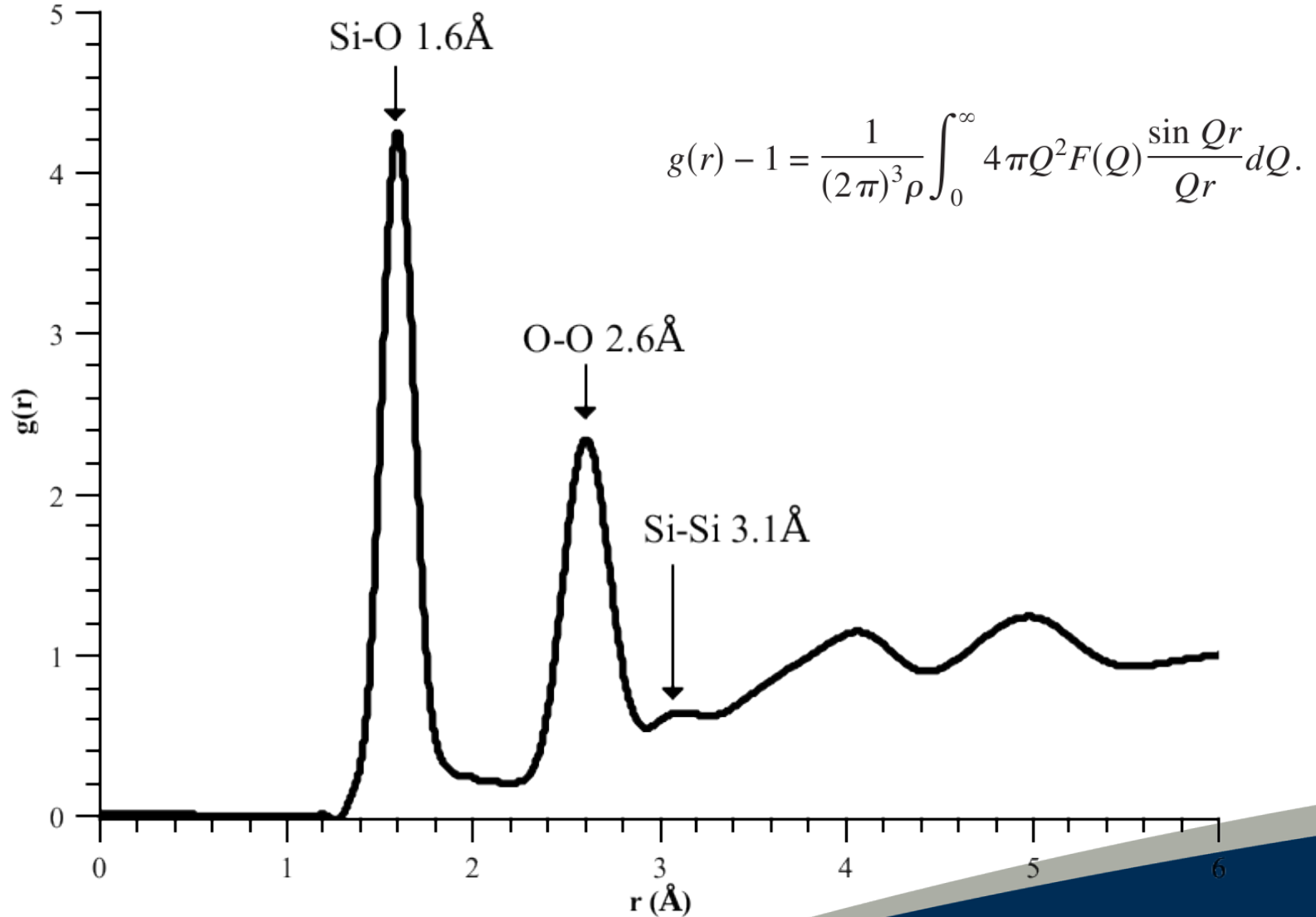
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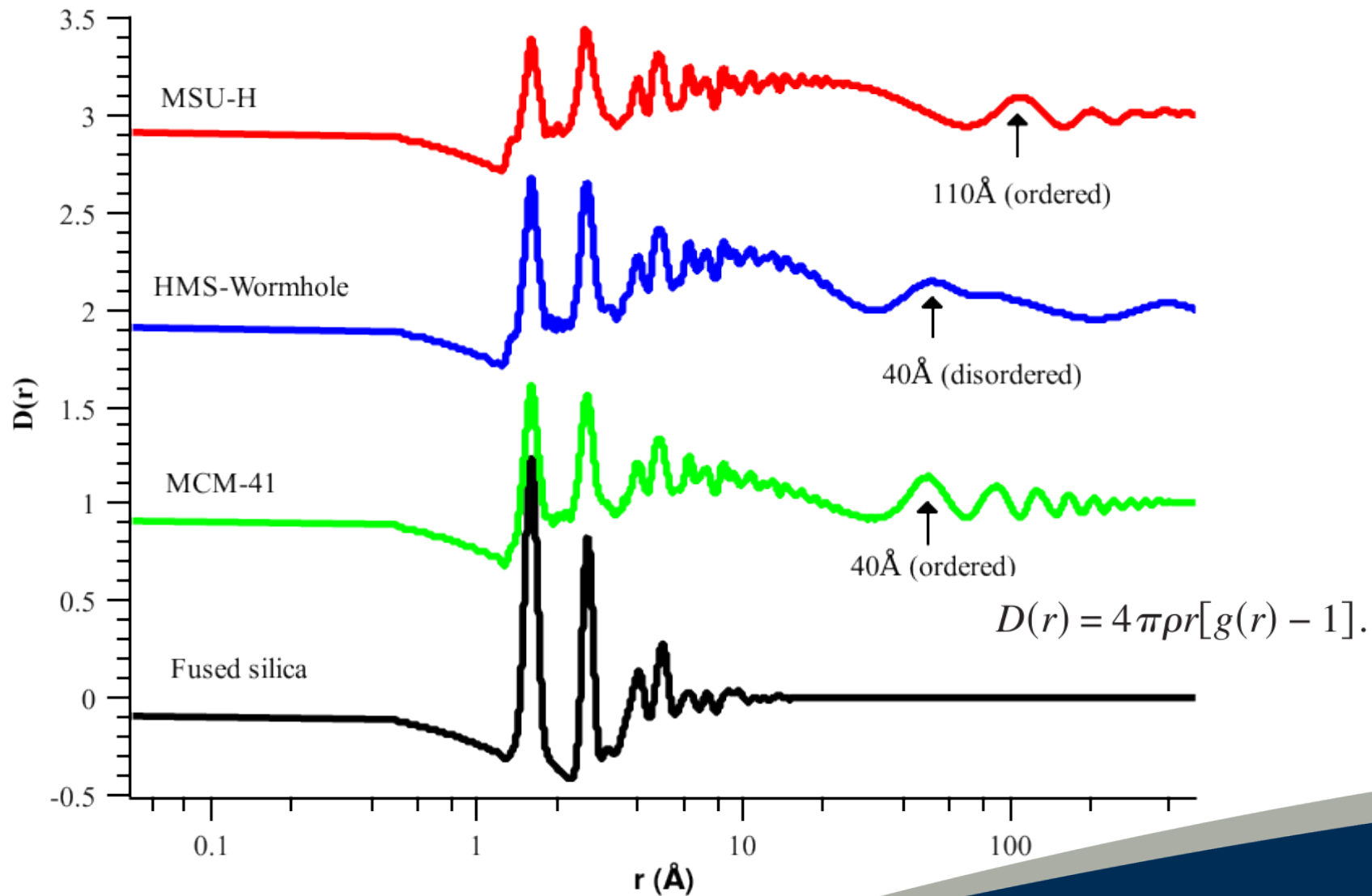
Enhanced long wavelength flux translates to good low-Q performance



Wide Q-range view of fused silica glass



Wide Q-range capability translates to ability to see the nanoscale with atomic resolution



Summary:

Light-element optimized disordered materials diffractometers have a very wide range of scientific application

- (1) Atomic and molecular liquids and liquid mixtures
- (2) Glasses – atomic and molecular
- (3) Structured fluids
- (4) Polymers and polymer blends
- (5) Mesoscale confined fluids
- (6) Disordered crystals
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