



**(2018 -2028) Diffraction : Evolution, Révolution !**

**(Neutrons)**

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# LOOKING BACK : 50 YEARS OF NEUTRON SOURCES FOR RESEARCH



**Cost/Technics :  
National or International**



# NEUTRON SOURCES FOR RESEARCH: INTERNATIONAL LANDSCAPE (2018)



No small (local)  
source available  
for neutrons users

~30 sources for fundamental research (neutron scattering)

~15 high/medium neutron flux → diffraction

- 11 Reactors
- 4 Spallation sources

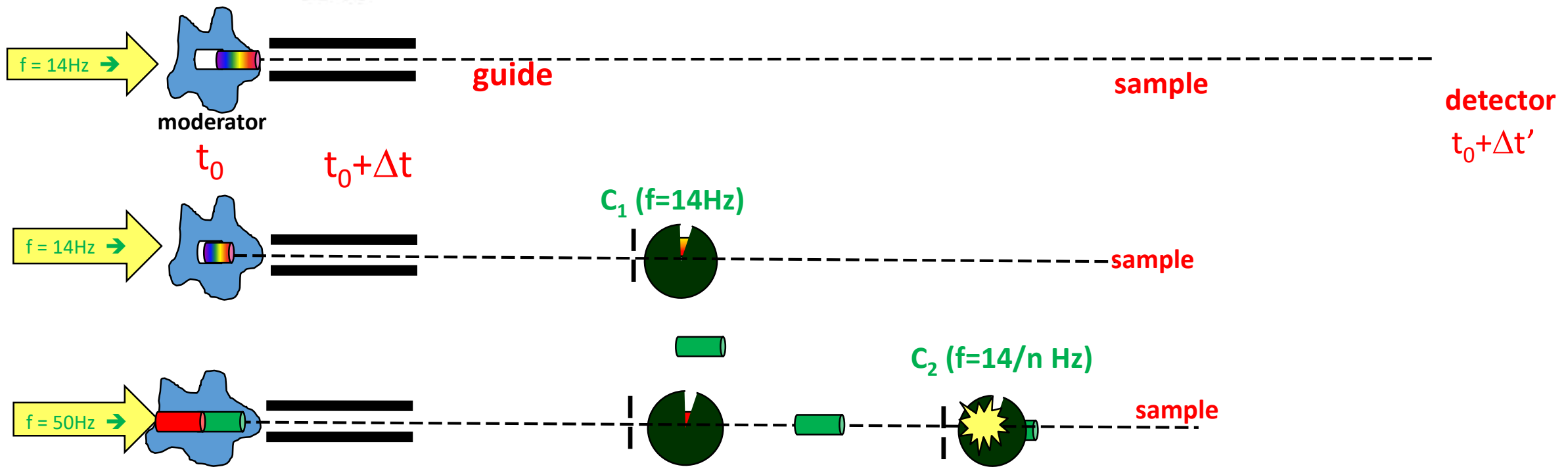
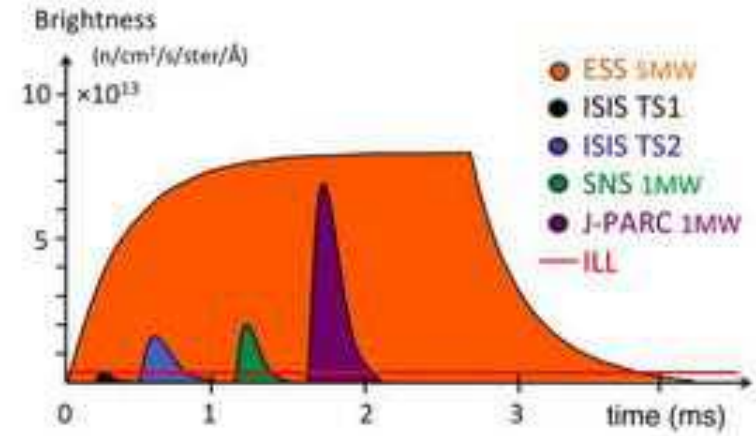
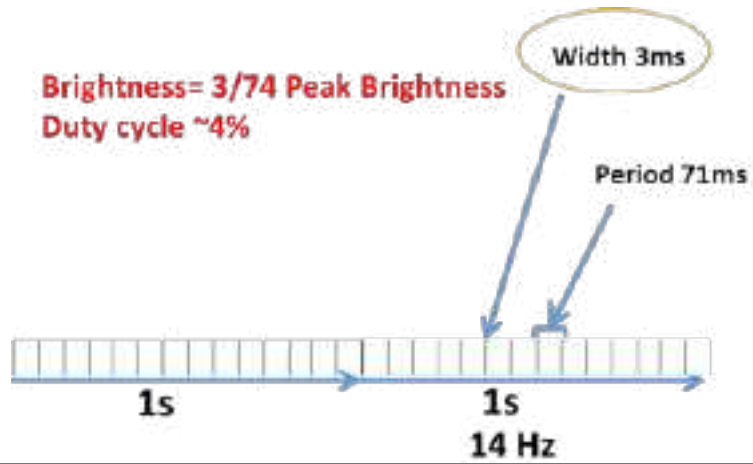


# SYNCHROTRONS : INTERNATIONAL LANDSCAPE (2018)



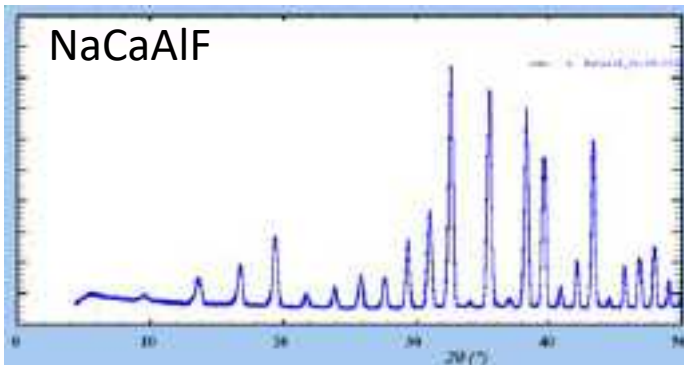
Thousands  
of lab. machines  
for everyday Science  
& characterization

# STEADY/PULSED NEUTRON SOURCE



# REACTOR vs SPALLATION SOURCE ~ CONSTANT WAVELENGTH vs TOF DIFFRACTION

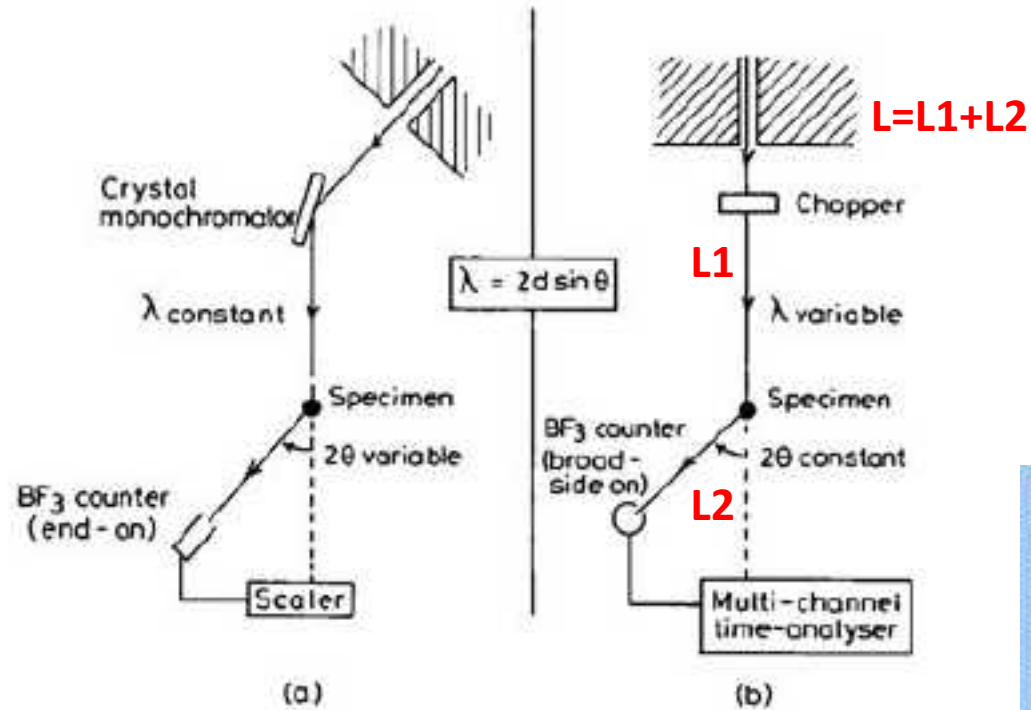
**Steady source**



scattering angle (°)

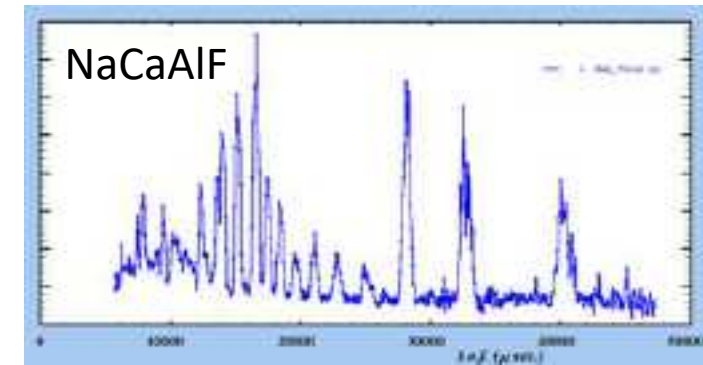
**Resolution :  $\delta\lambda \sim \delta d_{\text{monok}}, \delta\theta_B$**

$$2d_{hkl} \sin \theta = \lambda$$



**Fig. 1.** The principles of (a) the reactor method (b) the time-of-flight method for crystallographic studies (after Buras, Leciejewicz, 1964).

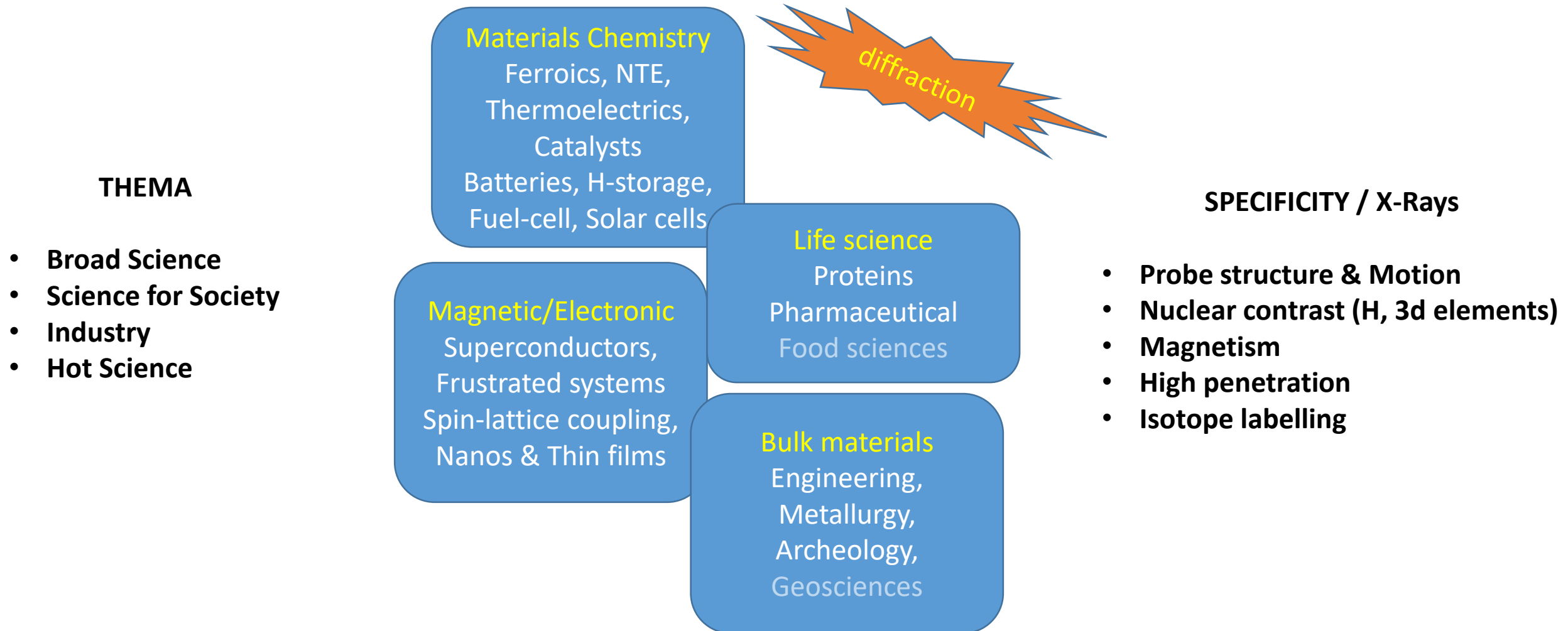
**Pulsed source**



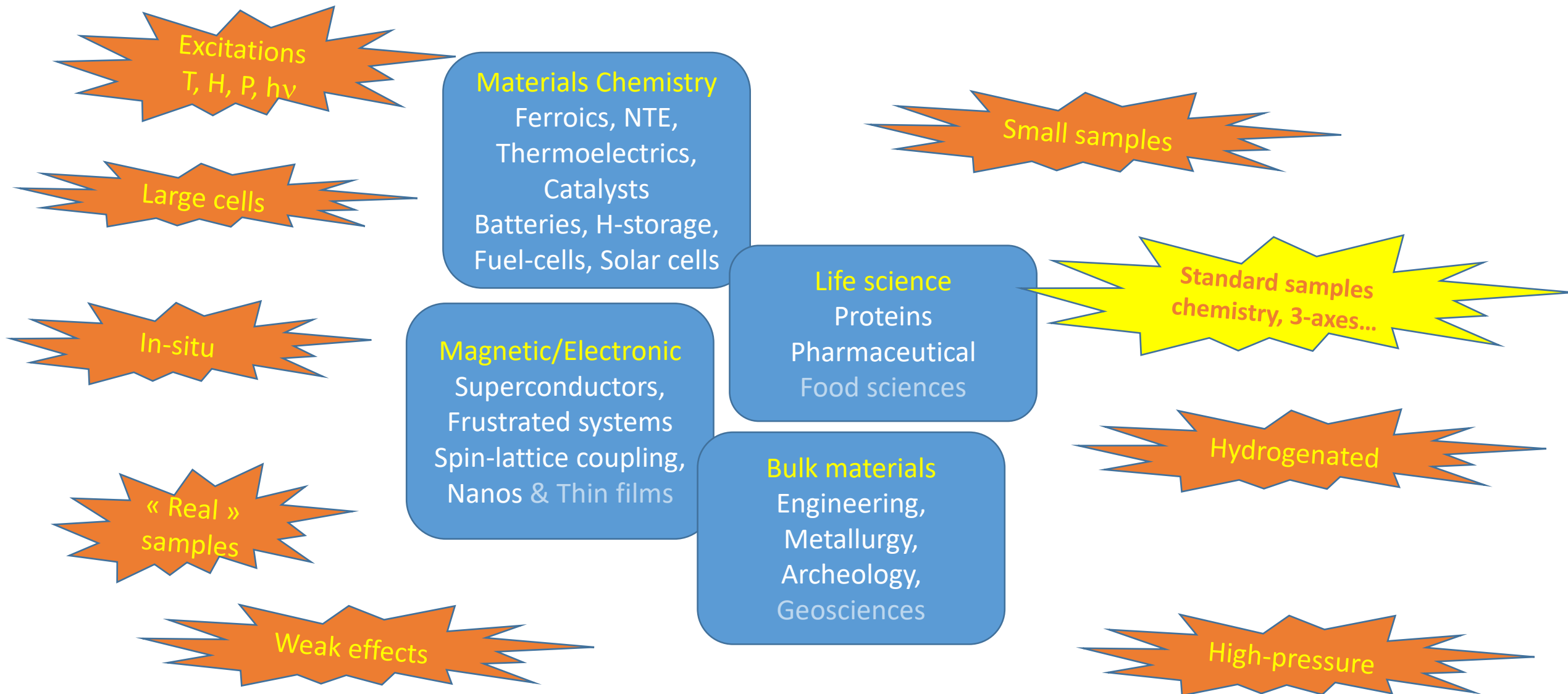
delay (μs)

**Resolution :  $\delta\lambda \sim \delta t_0, \delta t, L$**

# LOOKING FORWARD : WHY NEUTRON SCATTERING IN 2018 -



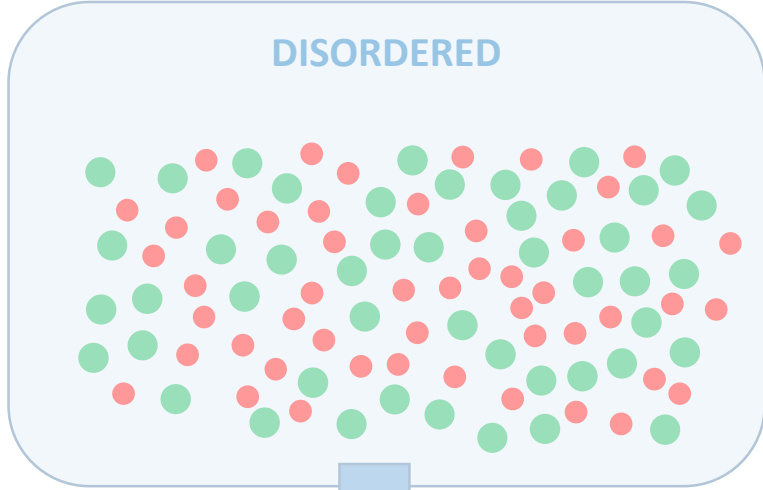
# LOOKING FORWARD : WHY KIND OF DIFFRACTION EXPERIMENTS IN 2018 -





# « DIFFRACTION » METHODS IN CONDENSED MATTER

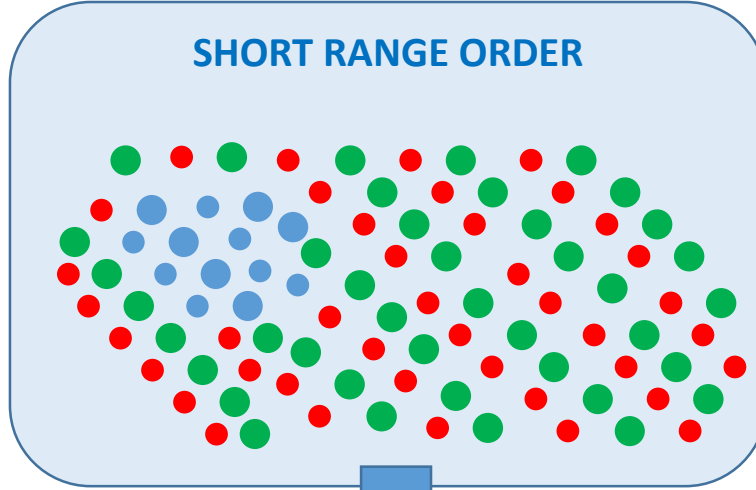
DISORDERED



Liquids, Glasses  
→ VdW glasses..., alloys)

Pair Distribution Function  
(PDF)

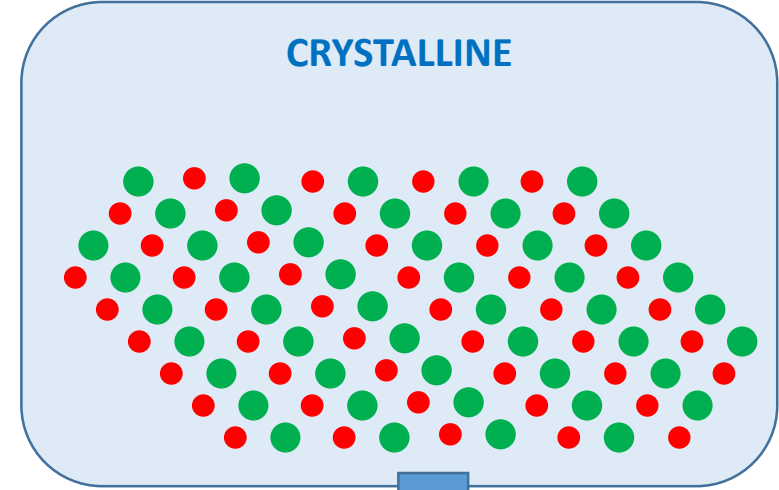
SHORT RANGE ORDER



Nanoparticles, Defects  
→ Catalysts, Batteries,  
In-situ, Magnetic domains

PDF, Diffuse scattering,  
Diffraction (profile analysis)  
SANS

CRYSTALLINE

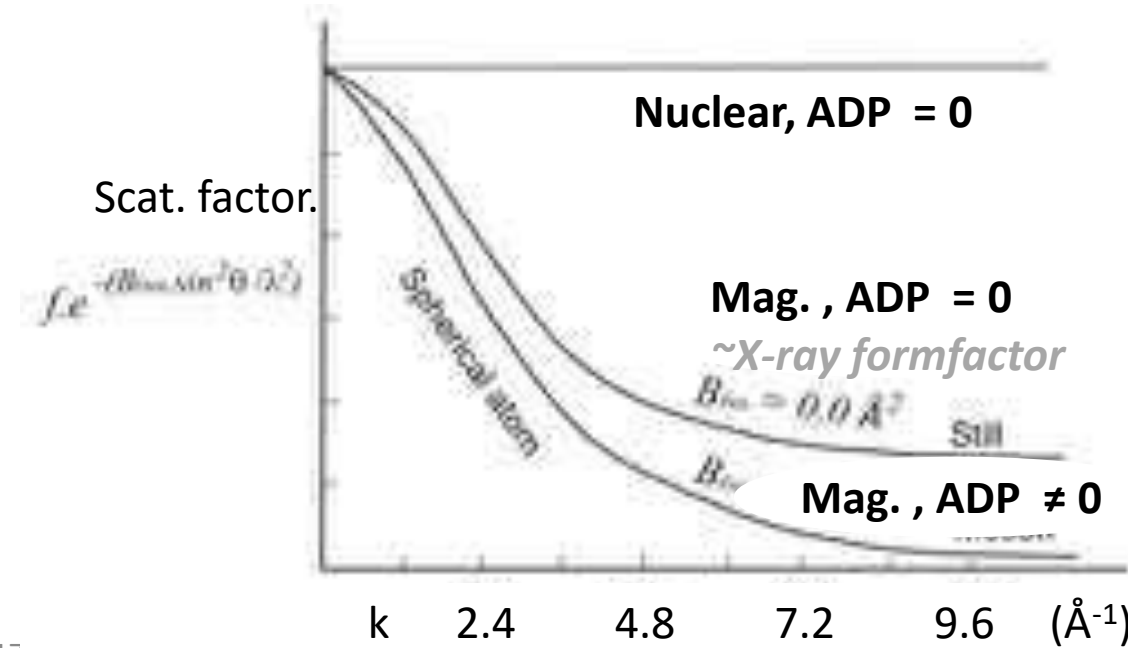
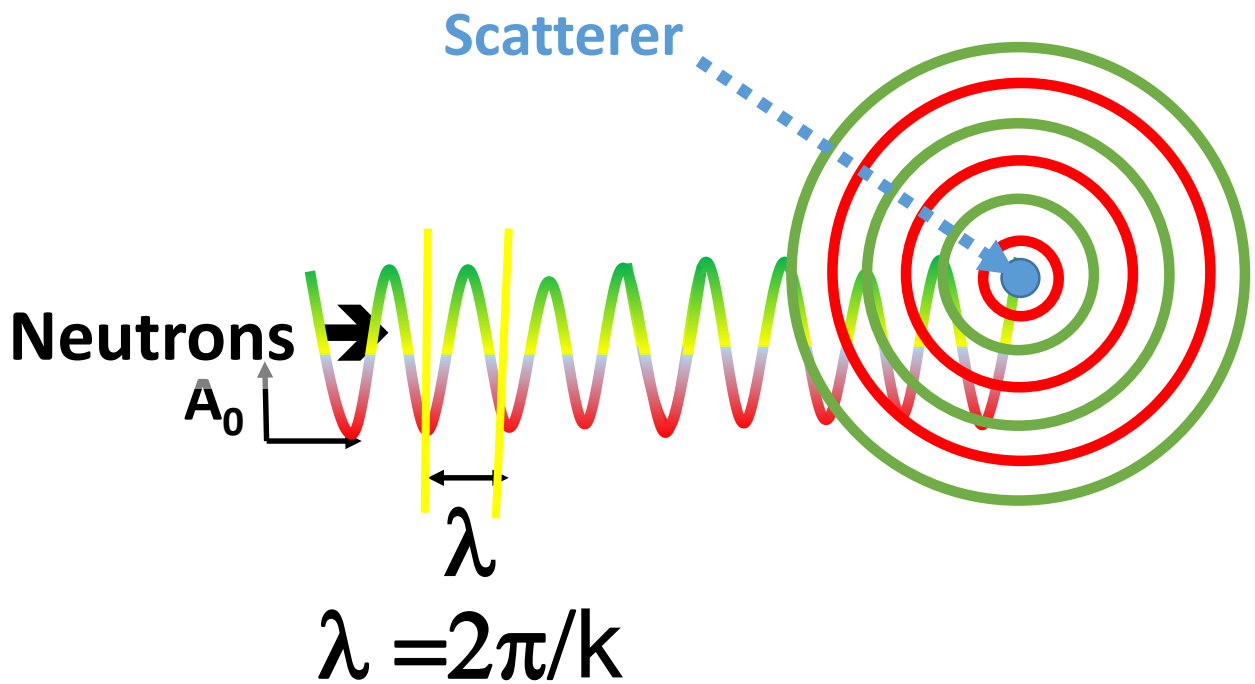
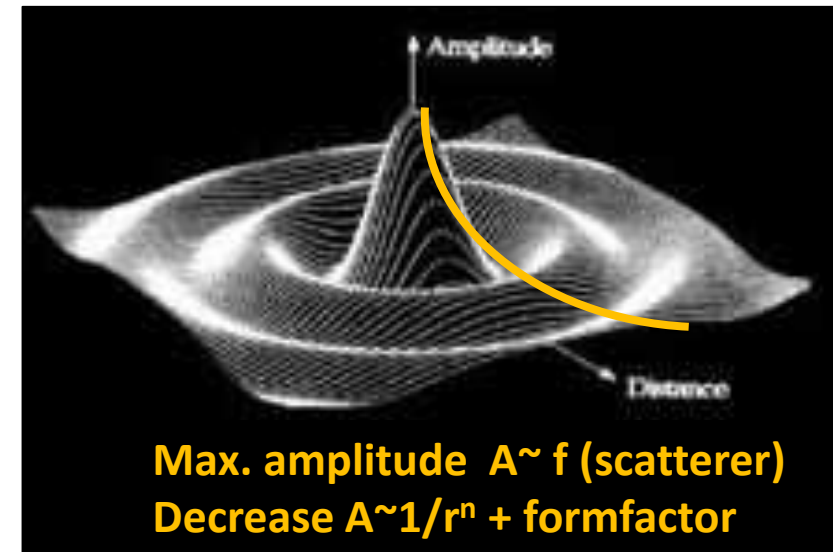


« Normal » crystalline materials  
Intermetallics, Oxides, sulfides...  
Pharmaceuticals, Proteins

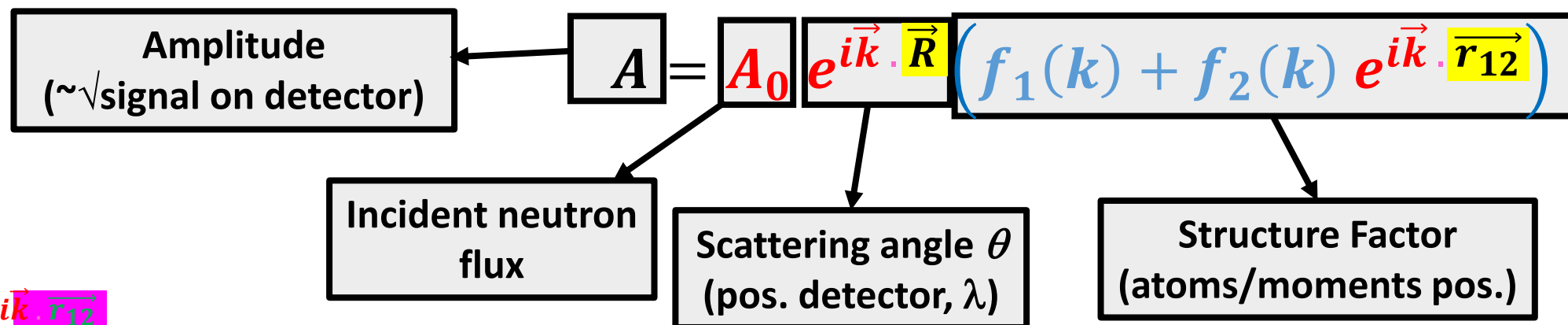
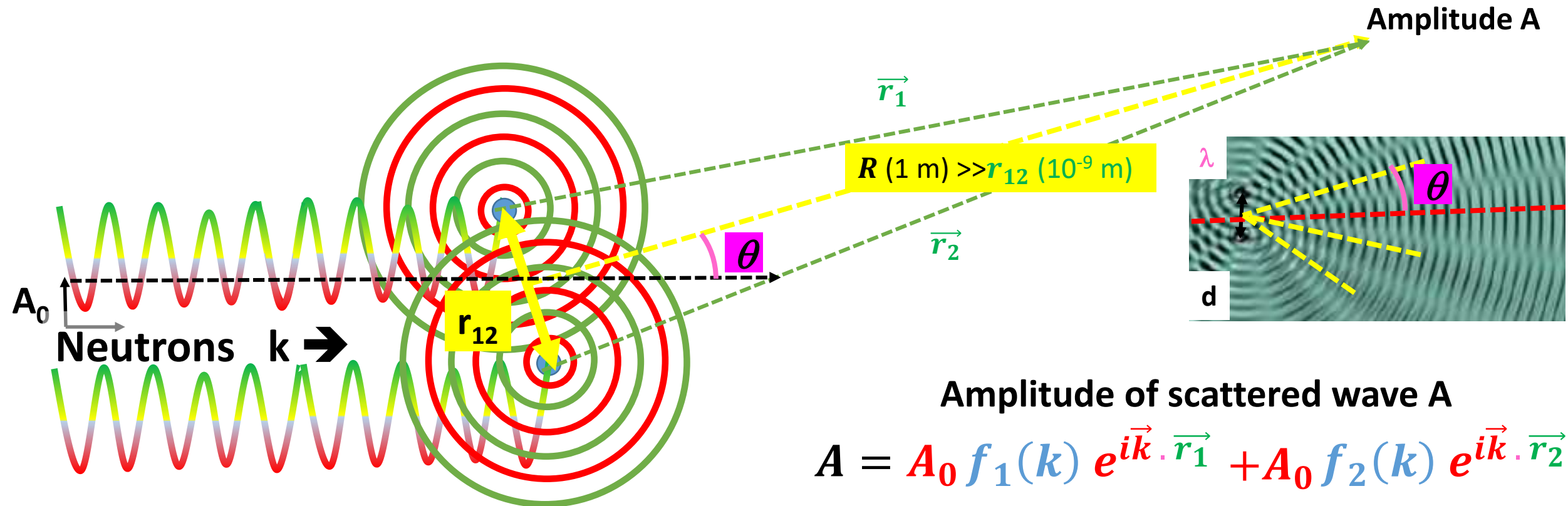
Diffraction  
(SXD, Rietveld)

# Prerequisites on data ?

# Back to the basics...

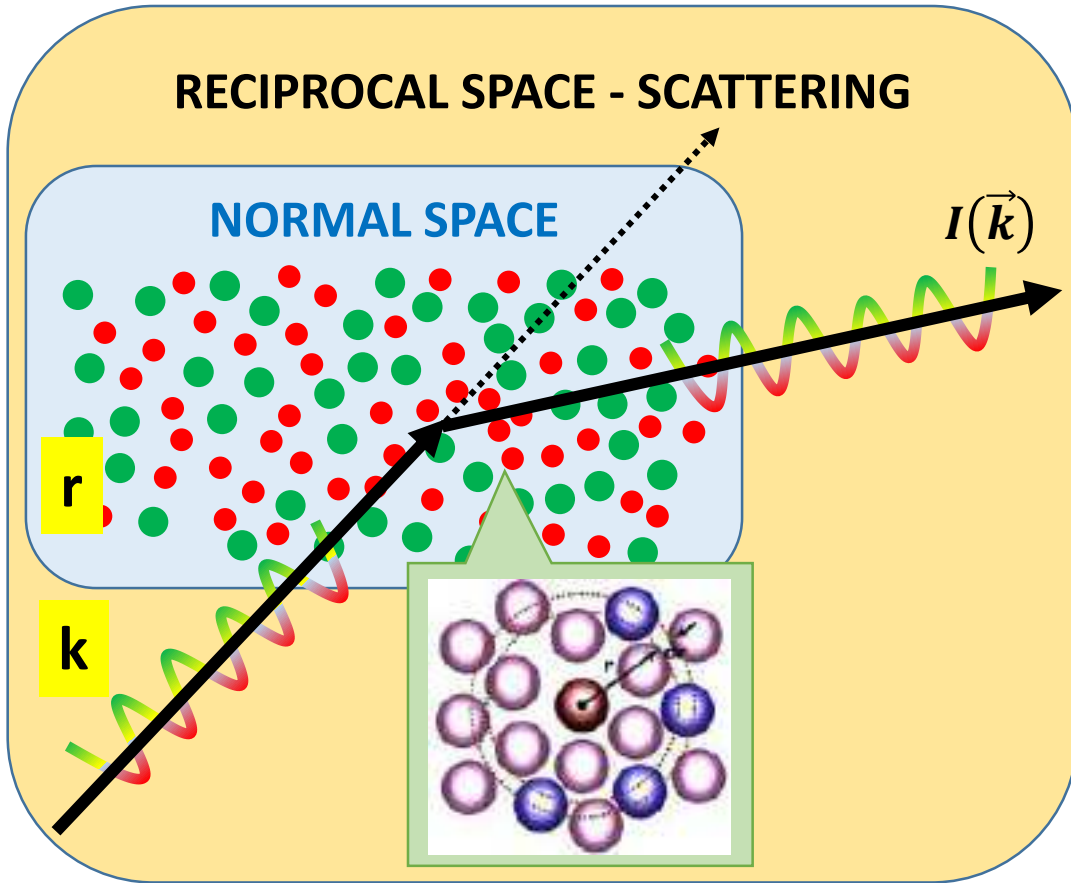


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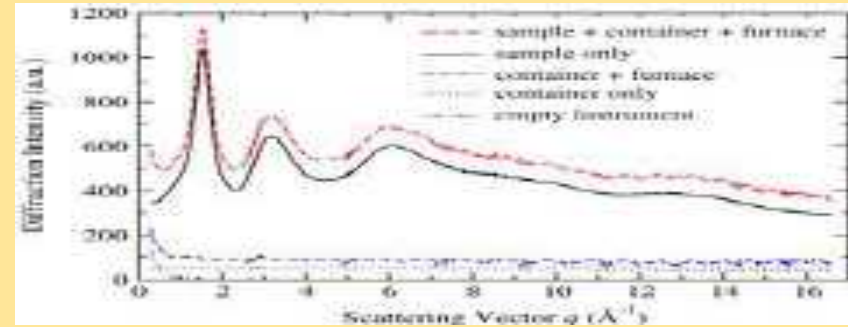


Path difference:  $e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_{12}}$

# Disordered materials : PDF



## Scattered Intensity $I(k)$



Isotropic

$$S(k) = \frac{I(k) - \langle f^2 \rangle - \langle f \rangle^2}{\langle f \rangle^2}$$

Weighting by  $k$  !

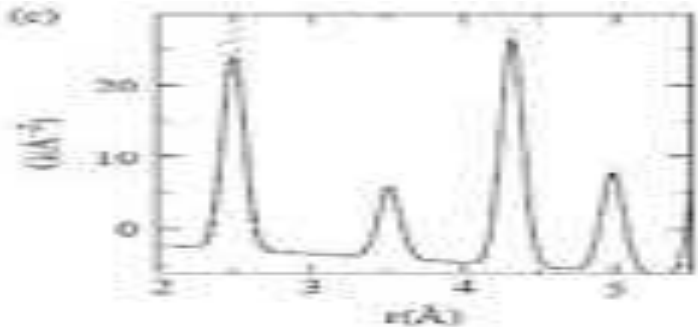
$$F(k) = k(S(k) - 1)$$

## Pair distribution function $G(r)$

$$G(r) = \int_{k_{min}}^{k_{max}} F(k) \sin(kr) dk \quad \leftarrow \text{measurement}$$

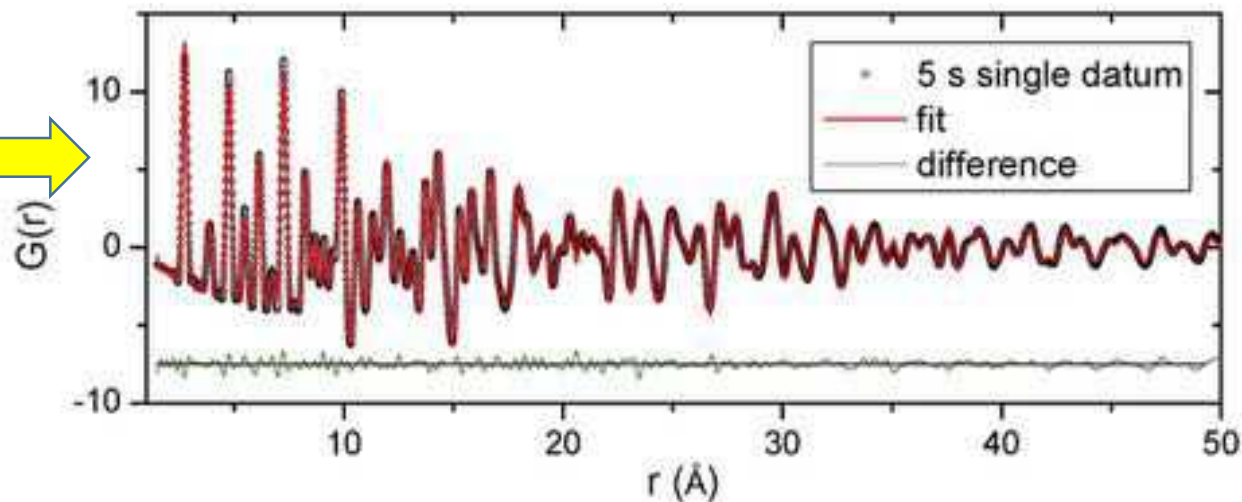
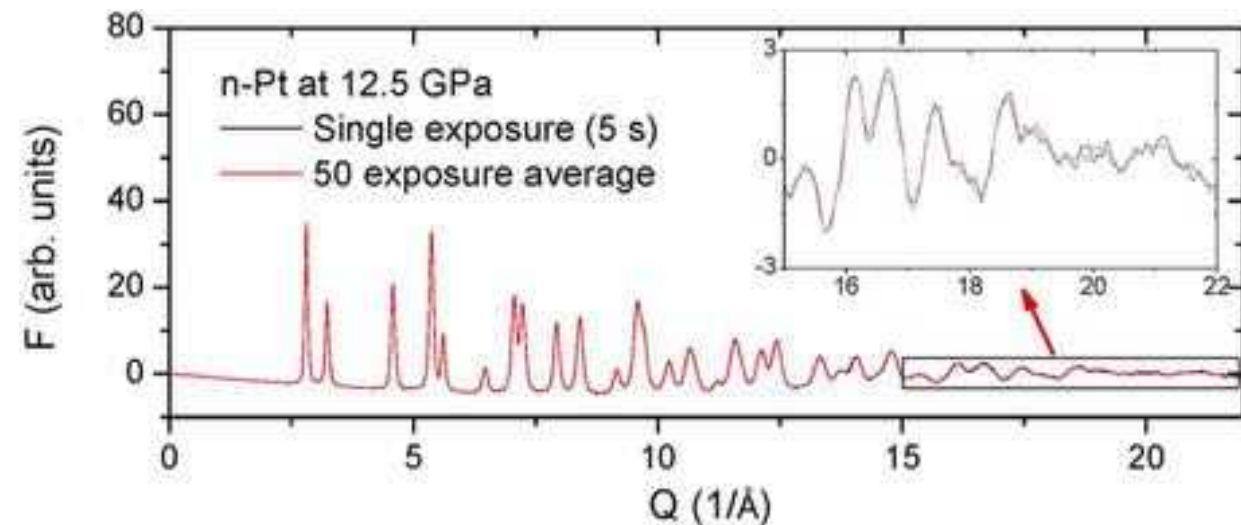
$$G(r) = 4\pi r (\rho(r) - \rho_0)$$

$$\rho(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \frac{1}{N} \sum_n \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{b_m b_n}{\langle b^2 \rangle} \delta(r - r_{mn}) \quad \leftarrow \text{structure}$$





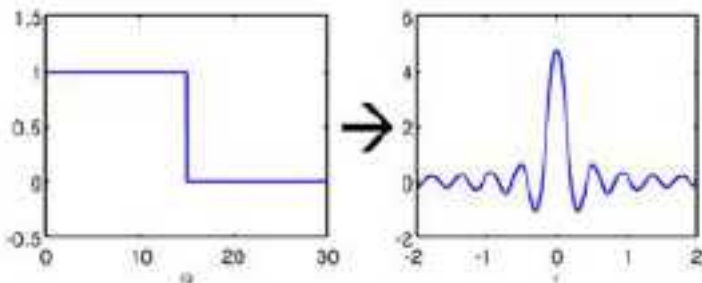
# Experimental requirements for PDF...



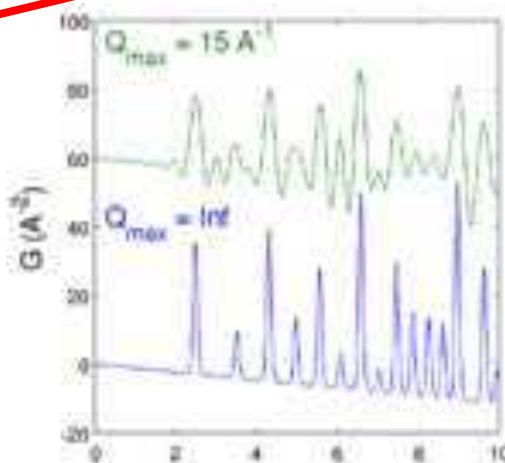
Pair distribution function  $G(r)$

$$G(r) = \int_{k_{min}}^{k_{max}} k (S(k) - 1) \sin(kr) dk$$

High Resolution  $k_{max}$



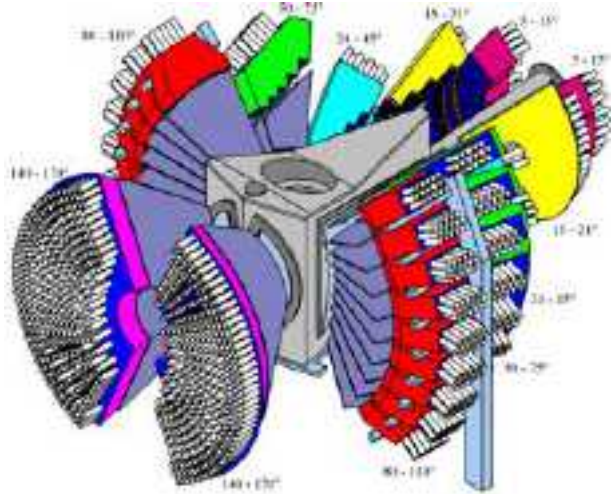
Intensity  $I(k)$  /  $S(k)$  /  $F(k)$   
at high resolution  $k_{max}$



Resolution  $\Delta k$   
«fair» at  $k \gg$   
TOF vs Monok

+ Flat/controlled background

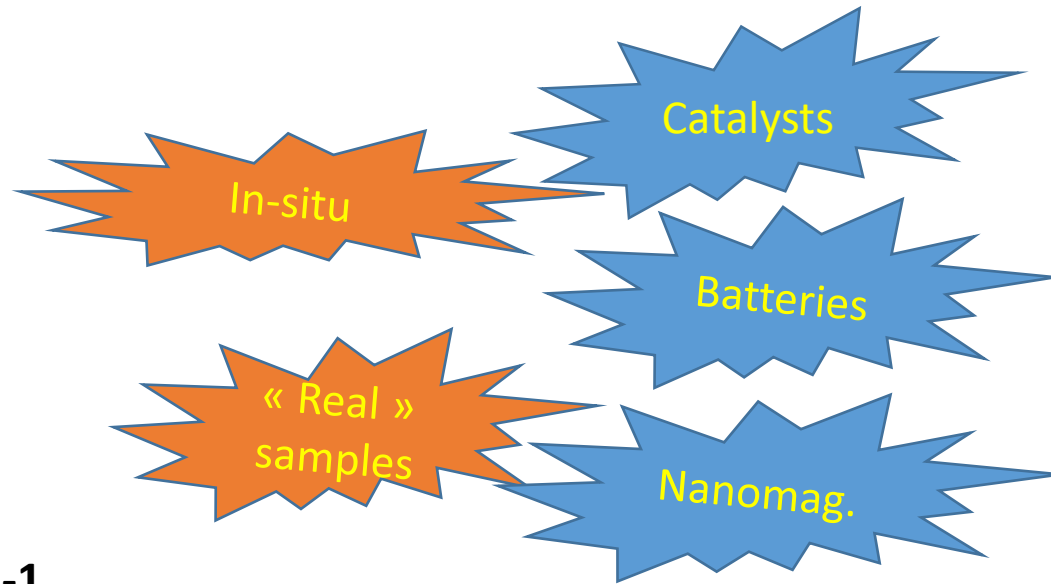
# Neutron diffractometers for PDF analysis



**GEM@ISIS -  $k_{\max}=40\text{\AA}^{-1}$**



**NOMAD@SNS -  $k_{\max}=100\text{\AA}^{-1}$**



**D4@ILL -  $k_{\max}=33\text{\AA}^{-1}$**

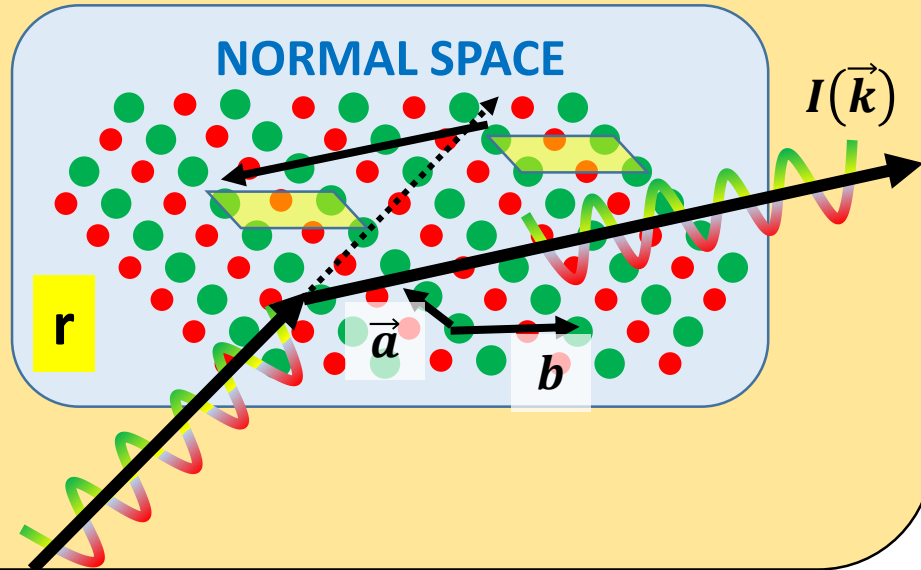


**7C2@LLB -  $k_{\max}=20\text{\AA}^{-1}$**

**accessible to French community**

# Crystalline materials : diffraction

RECIPROCAL SPACE - SCATTERING



Scattered amplitude  $\rightarrow$  diffraction

$$A(\vec{k}) \sim \sum_{N_a} \sum_{N_b} \sum_{N_c} \sum_{j \text{ (maille)}} f_j e^{i\vec{k} \cdot (\vec{r}_j + N_a \vec{a} + N_b \vec{b} + N_c \vec{c})}$$

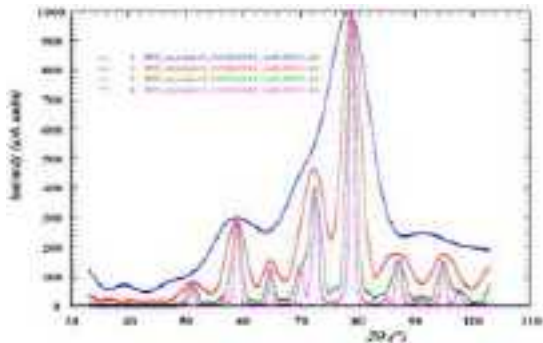
$$I(\vec{k}) \sim \underbrace{\left( \frac{\sin(N_a \vec{k} \cdot \vec{a})}{N_a \vec{k} \cdot \vec{a}} \frac{\sin(N_b \vec{k} \cdot \vec{b})}{N_b \vec{k} \cdot \vec{b}} \frac{\sin(N_c \vec{k} \cdot \vec{c})}{N_c \vec{k} \cdot \vec{c}} \right)^2}_{\text{Interference function}} \underbrace{\sum_{j \text{ (maille)}} f_m f_n e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}_{mn}}}_{\text{Structure factor}}$$

Interference function

Nanoparticles,  
clusters, stress/strain

Structure factor

Structures  
nuclear / magnetic



# Crystallographics studies on powders : the k paradox

Catalysts

Pharmaceuticals

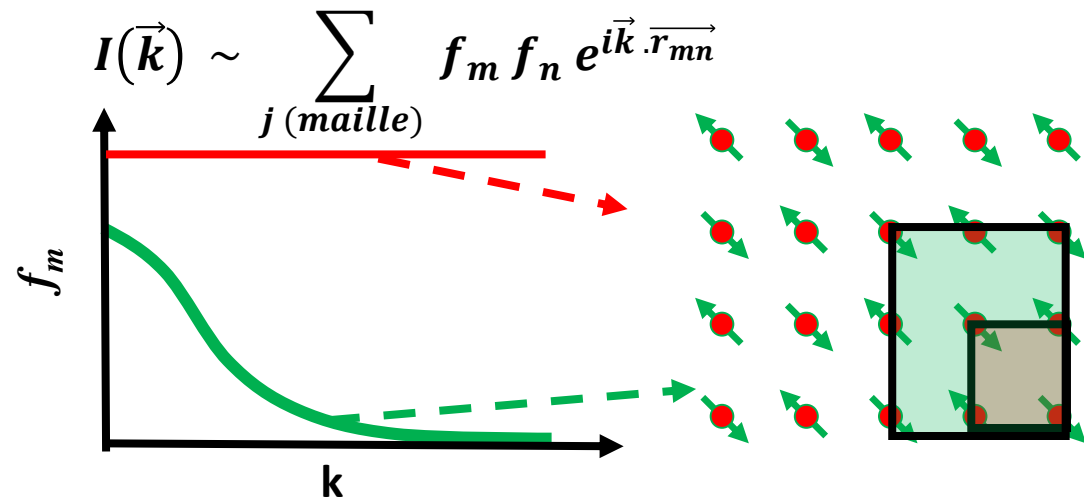
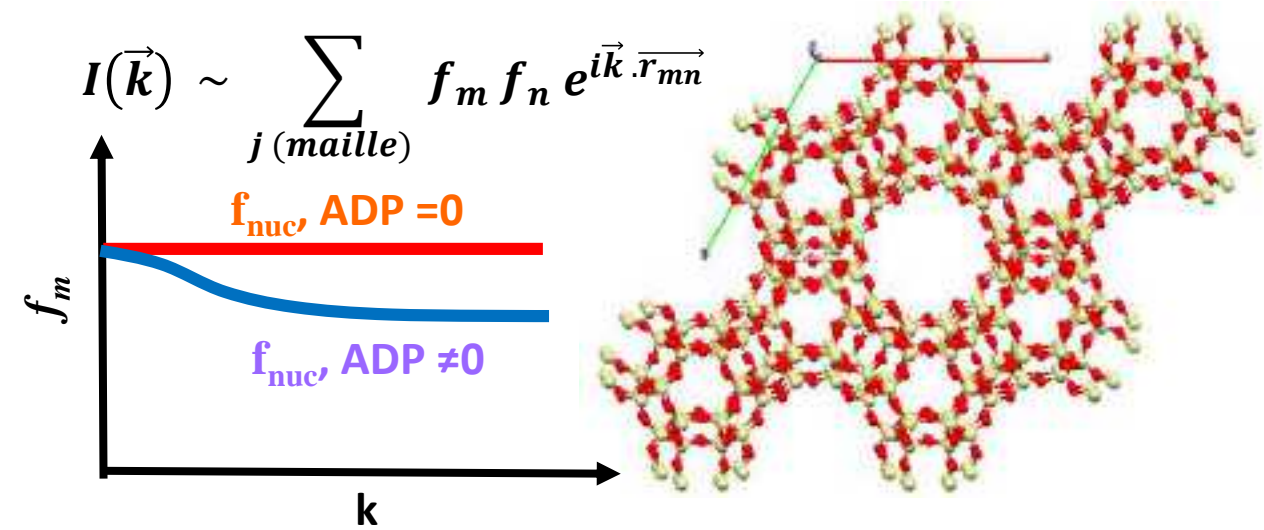
## Nuclear structure of large cell compounds

- Intense Bragg peaks at  $k_{min}$
- Low scattering power at  $k_{max}$

Magnetism

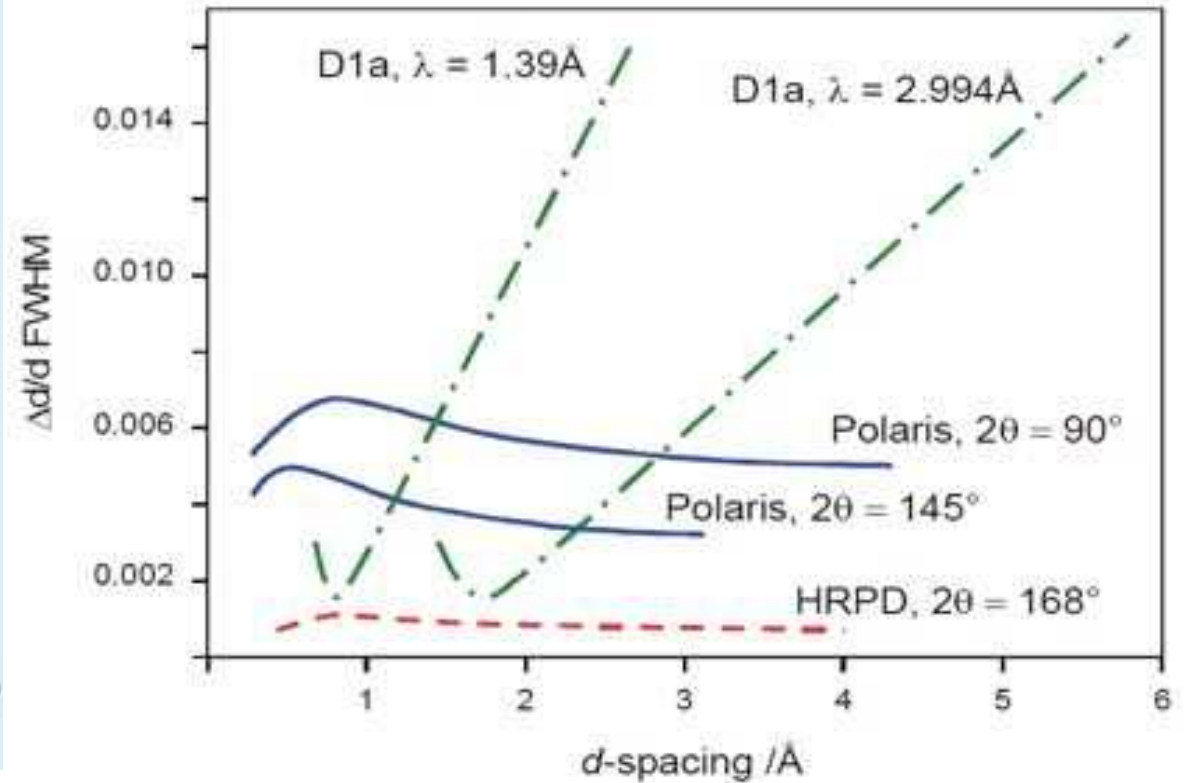
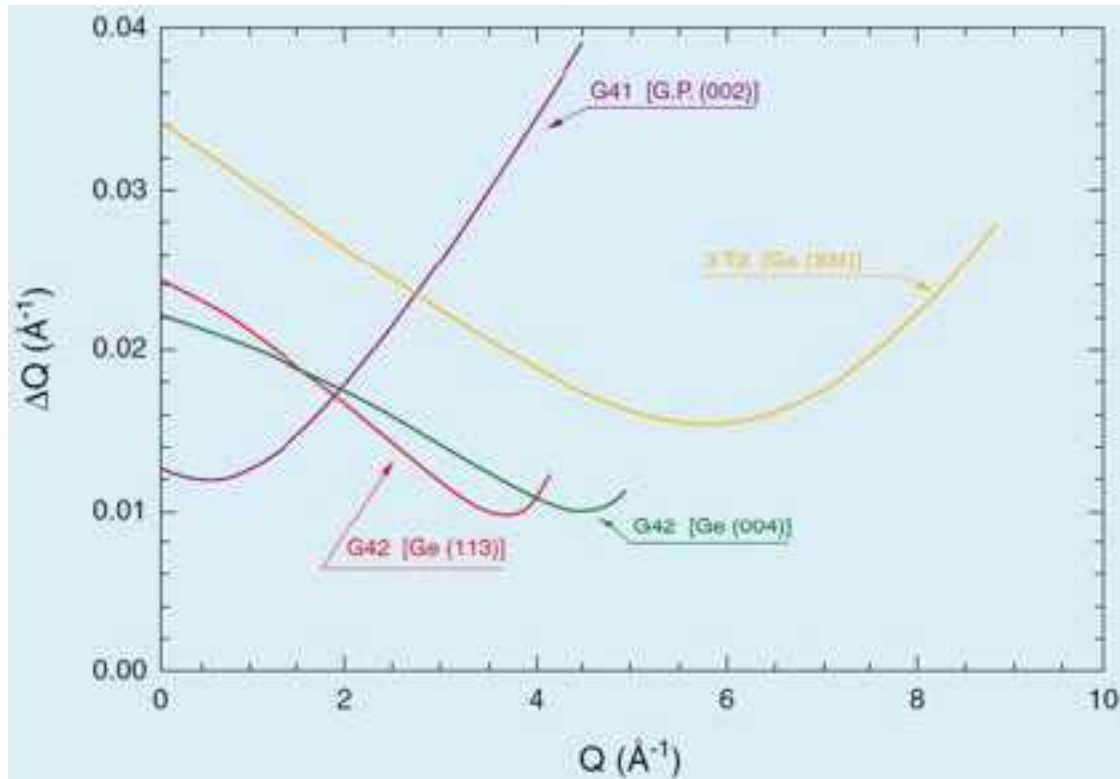
## Magnetic structure

- Magnetic peaks, diffuse scattering at  $k_{min}$
- Data at  $k_{max}$  needed for nuclear structure





# Resolution(s) $k_{min}$ , $k_{max}$ , $\Delta k$ in CW / TOF diffraction



CW instruments :  $2\theta$ , collimations, mosaicity, monok take-off

TOF instruments :  $2\theta$  bank, divergence, length, moderator

**Resolution  $\Leftrightarrow$  Intensity**

**Peak profile TOF < CW**

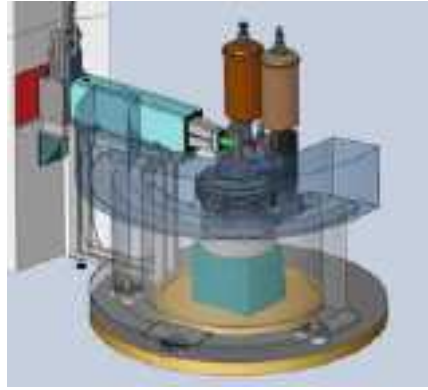
# Combining diffractometers with CW – One shot experiment with TOF

High intensity



D1B@ILL

High resolution



D2B@ILL

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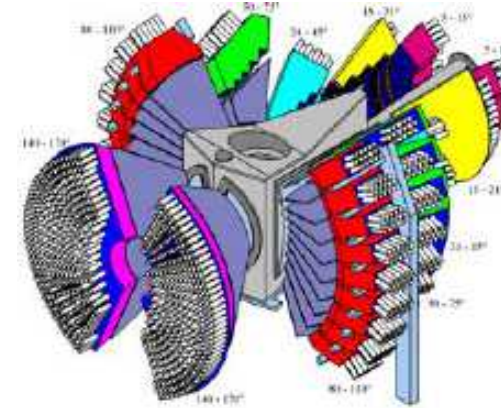


G41@LLB

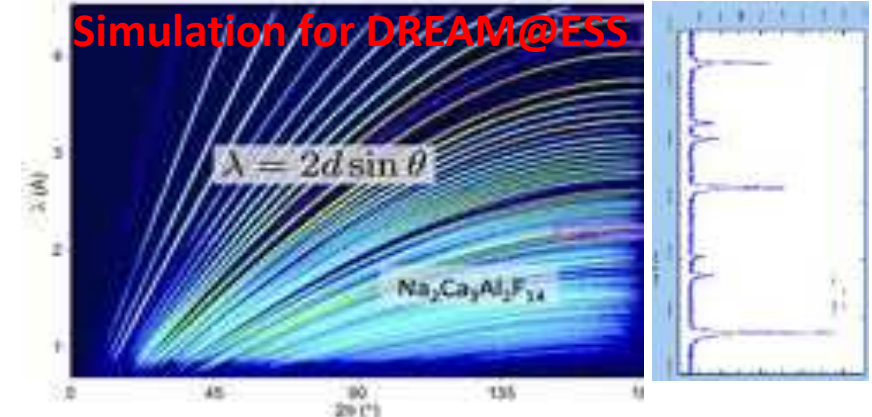


3T2@LLB

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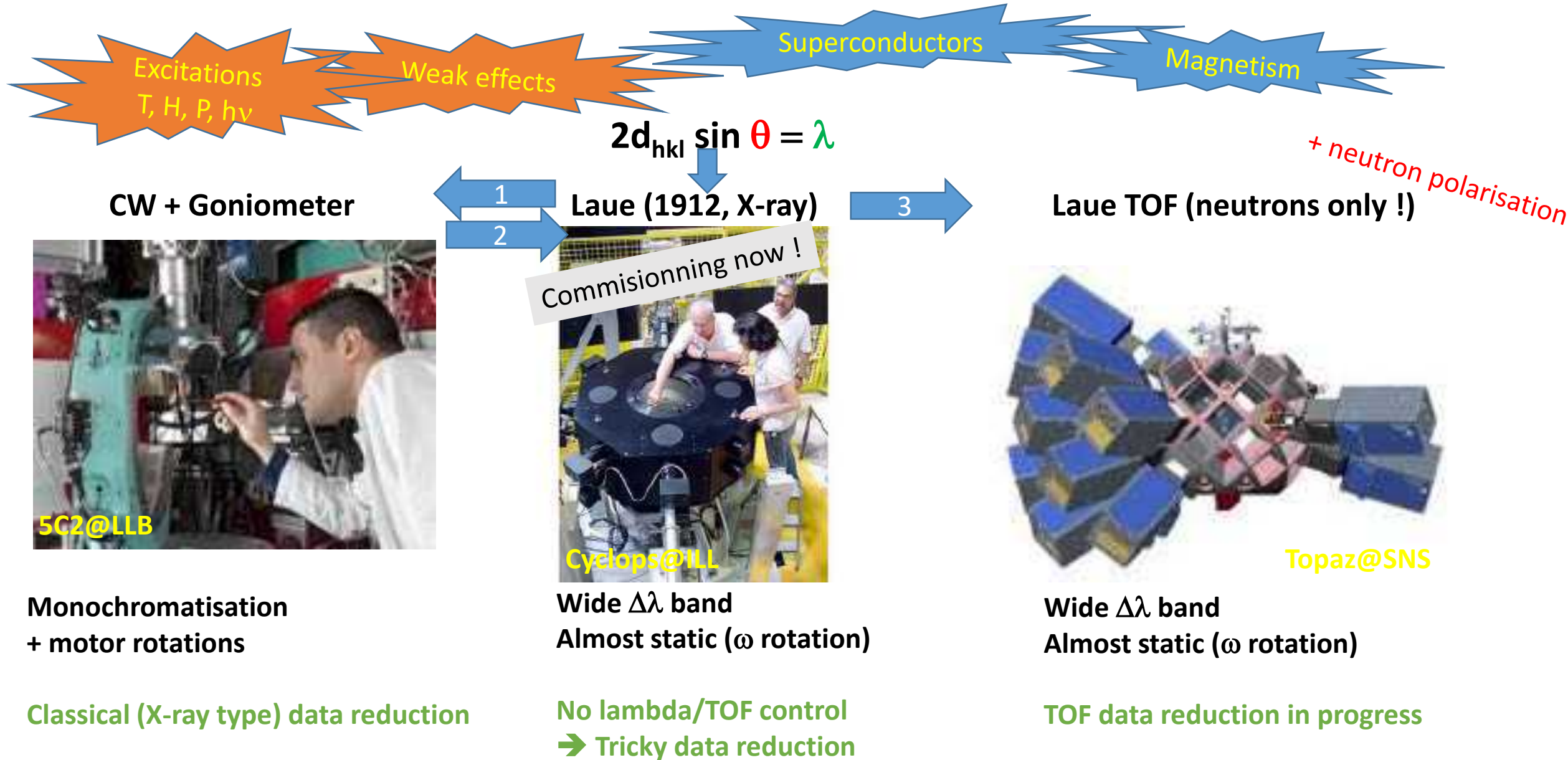
20~180° : Backscattering  
20~90° : Min. Background  
20~0° : SANS,  $d_{\max}$



- Extensive  $^3\text{He}$  detector banks (cost !!!)
- Background
- Normalization / data reduction
- Data analysis in progress

accessible to French community

# Single crystal diffraction



# FRENCH/EUROPEAN ACCESS TO DIFFRACTOMETERS : 2018-2028

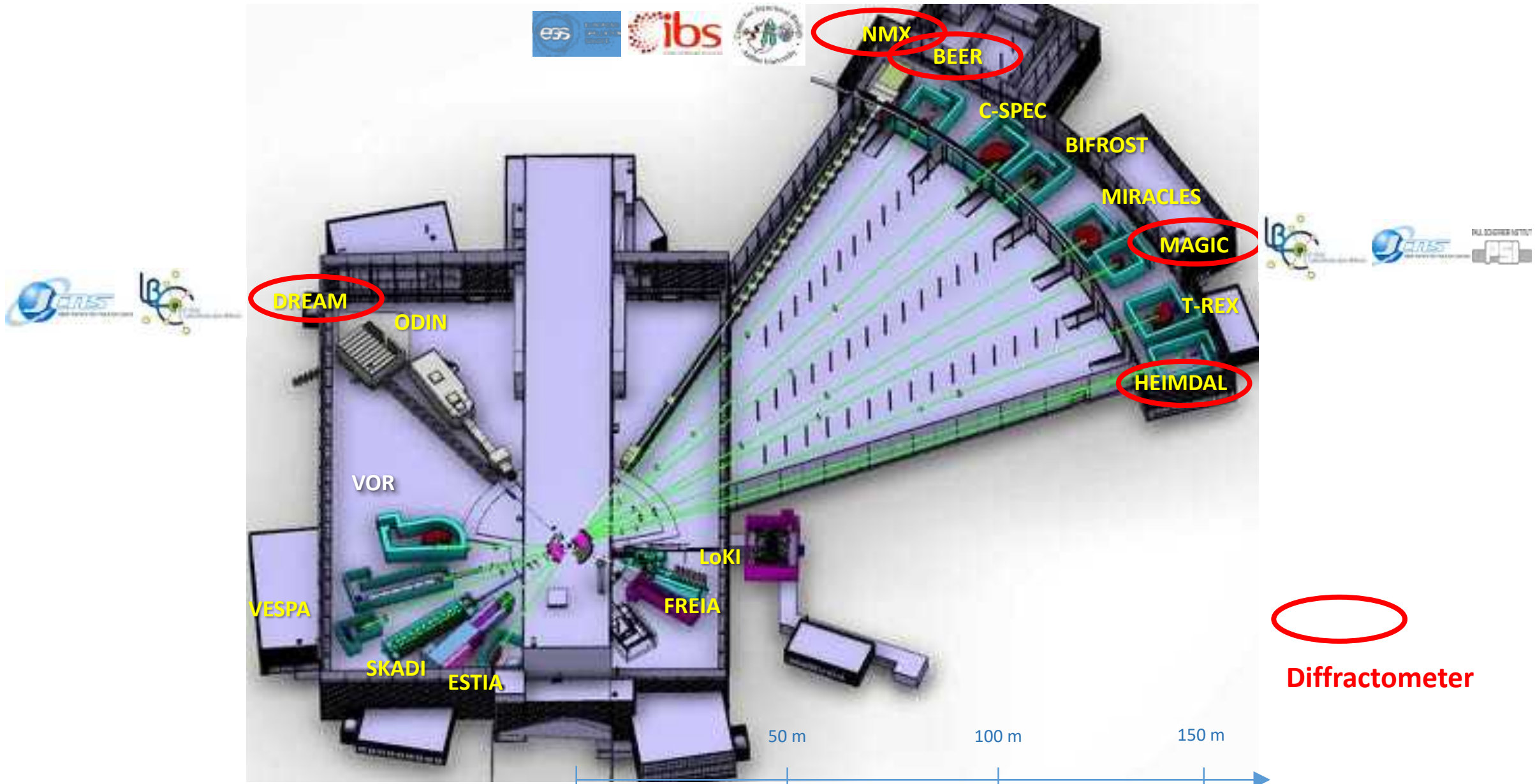
Shutdown of Orphée (2019) / SOuP of ESS (2024-) / ILL ? / Sonate ?

LLB (french)		ILL (European) (french CRG)		ESS (European)		
G4.1	Powder, high flux, cold	D1B	Powder, high flux, cold (thermal)	DREAM	Non polarised	Powder >> Crystal
G4.4	Powder, high resolution, cold	D2B	Powder, high resolution, thermal			
3T2	Powder, high resolution, thermal	D20	Powder, high flux, thermal & cold	Heimdal	Non polarised	Powder
7C2	Amorphous, high flux, hot	D4	Amorphous, high flux, hot			
		D7	Diff. scattering, polarised, cold			
5C1	Crystal, polarised, hot	D3	Crystal, polarised, hot	MaGiC	Polarised	Crystal >> Powder
5C2	Crystal, non polarised, hot 4-circles	D9	Crystal, non polarised, hot 4 circles			
6T2	Crystal, w/o polarised, thermal	D10	Crystal, non polarised, cold 4 circles			
		D19	Crystal, non polarised, thermal			
		D23	Crystal, w/o polarised, thermal			
		Cyclops	Crystal, Quasi-Laue			
		LADI	Crystal, Quasi-Laue, protein	NMX	Non polarised	Crystal (Protein)
6T1	Engineering, thermal	SALSA	Engineering, thermal	BEER	Engineering	

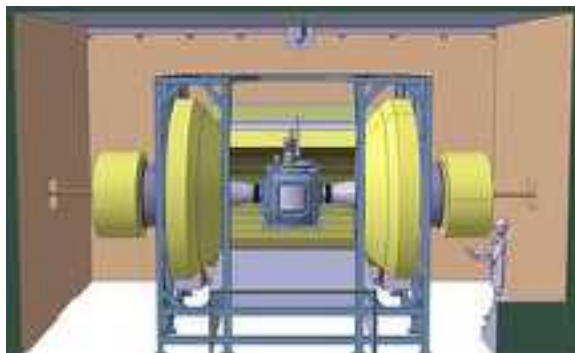
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# DIFFRACTOMETERS @ ESS



## DREAM

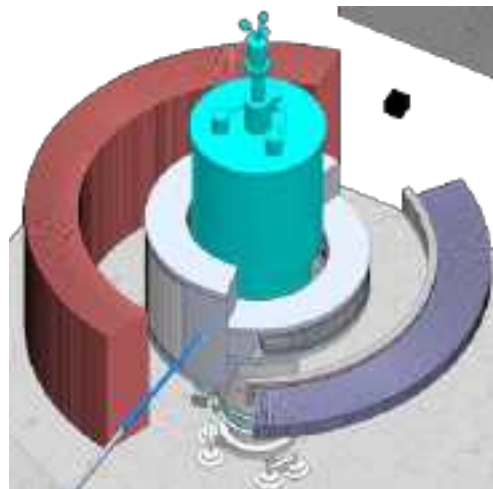


### Powder diffraction

- Sample size down to  $1\text{mm}^3$
- Time resolution down to 1 ms ( $0.5\text{cm}^3$ )
- $Q_{\text{max}}$  up to  $25 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$
- $Q_{\text{min}}$  down to  $0.01 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$
- $\Delta d \sim 0.0003 \text{ \AA}$  in BS (see ID31)

### Single crystal diffraction (unpol.)

## MaGiC



### Polarised single crystal diffraction & Diffuse scattering

#### Sample size:

- Thin films:  $1 \text{ cm}^2$
- Bulk:  $< 1\text{mm}^3$  (down to  $0.001 \text{ mm}^3$ )

#### Lattice parameters:

- Crystal:  $5\text{-}30 \text{ \AA}$
- Magnetic:  $5\text{-}200 \text{ \AA}$

## NMX



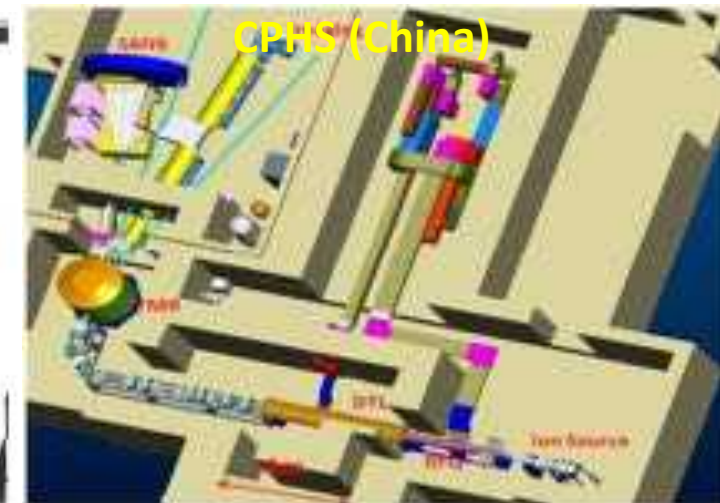
### Single crystal diffraction (unpol.)

- Small crystals ( $\sim 200 \mu\text{m}$ )
- Fast data collection (days)
- Large unit cells (up to  $300 \text{ \AA}$ )
- Robotisation

- CRGs / Access time on reactors (ILL, FRMII) → CW diffractometers (maintain community)
- **New pulsed neutron source** → **TOF diffractometers (prepare community to ESS)**

## Spallation (ESS)

1 p (GeV) + 1 A(Hg, W)  
→ 15 n (MeV) + A' +  $\gamma$



## Stripping (CANS)

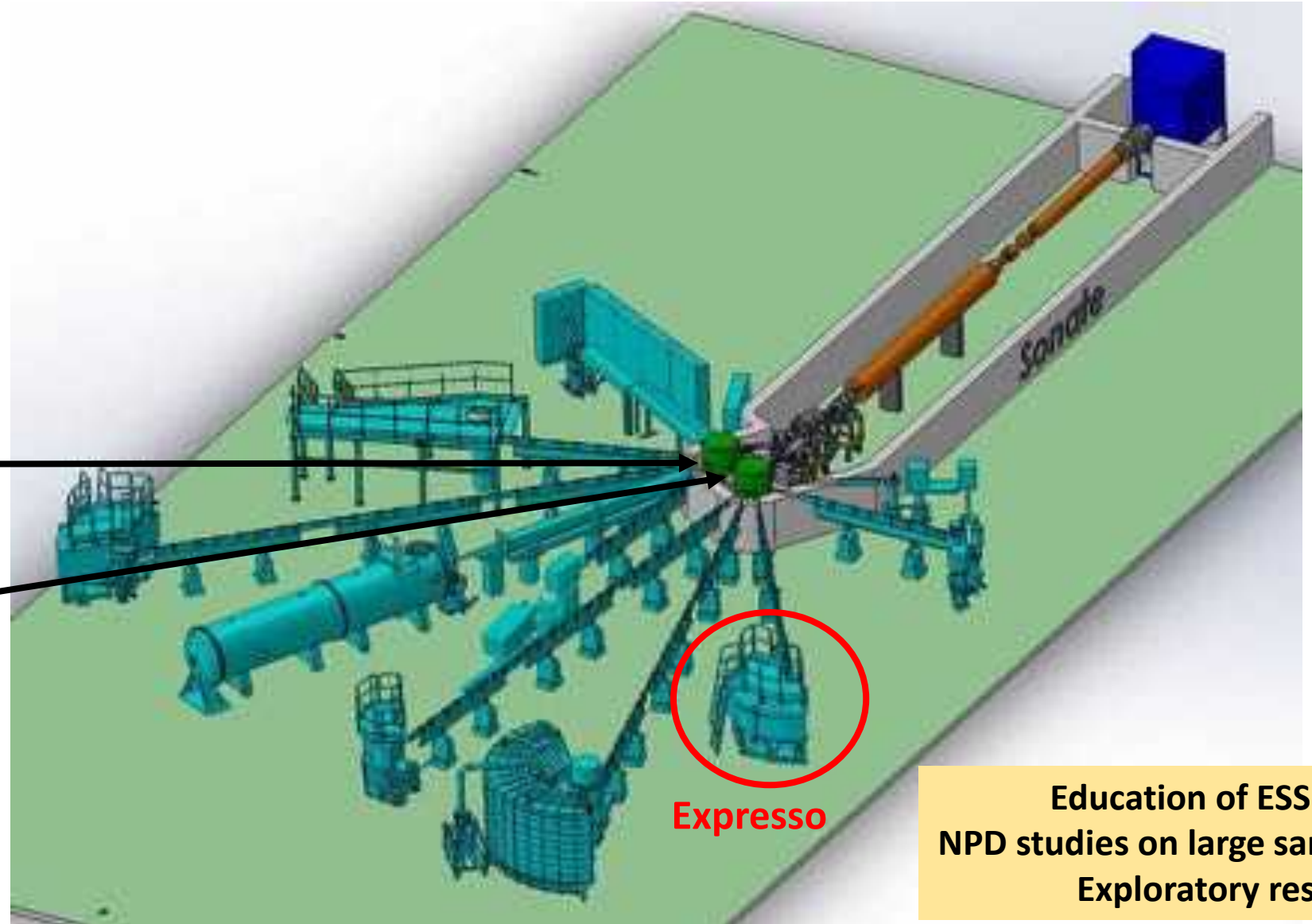
1 p (10 MeV) + 1 A(Be, Li)  
→ 0.05 n (MeV) + A' +  $\gamma$



**+ SONATE, German projects**



# LOOKING FORWARD : TOF POWDER DIFFRACTOMETER AT SONATE



**Target 1 : 2ms pulse, 20 Hz**  
SANS, reflectometer, Imaging

**Target 2 : 20 $\mu$ s pulse, 100 Hz**  
NPD, ToF spectroscopy

**High brilliance:**  
(beam tube closer to moderator)  
**Adjustable pulse length/repetition**

**Espresso**

**Education of ESS users**  
**NPD studies on large samples**  
**Exploratory research**



**Merci**

**Thank you**

**Tack mycket**

