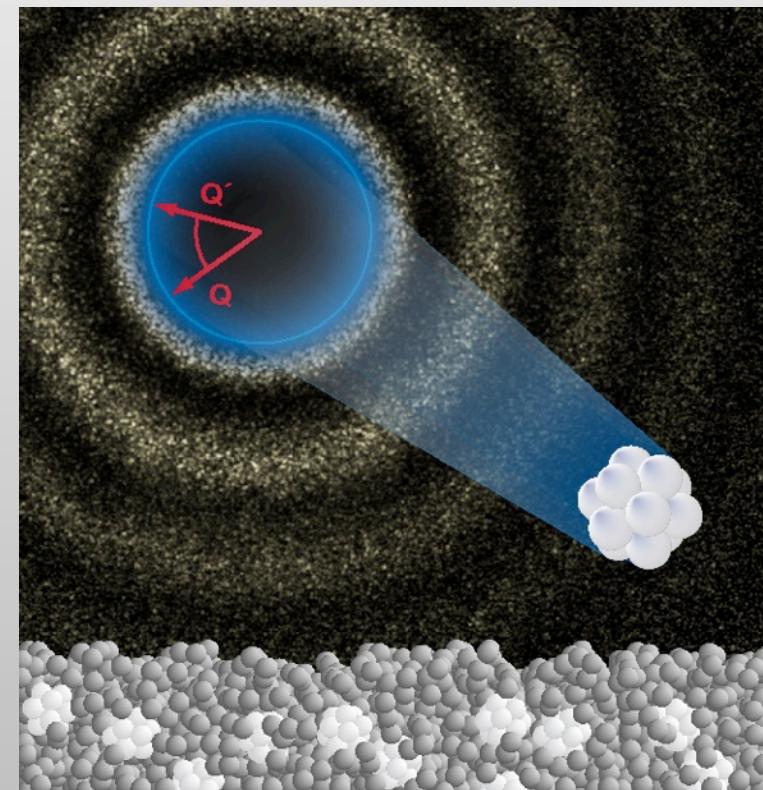


# Hidden Symmetry in Disordered Matter

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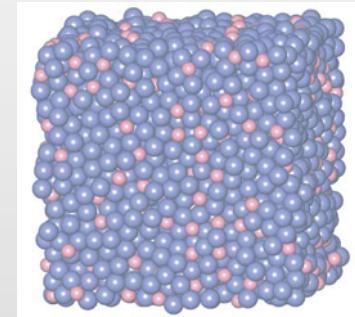
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# Outline

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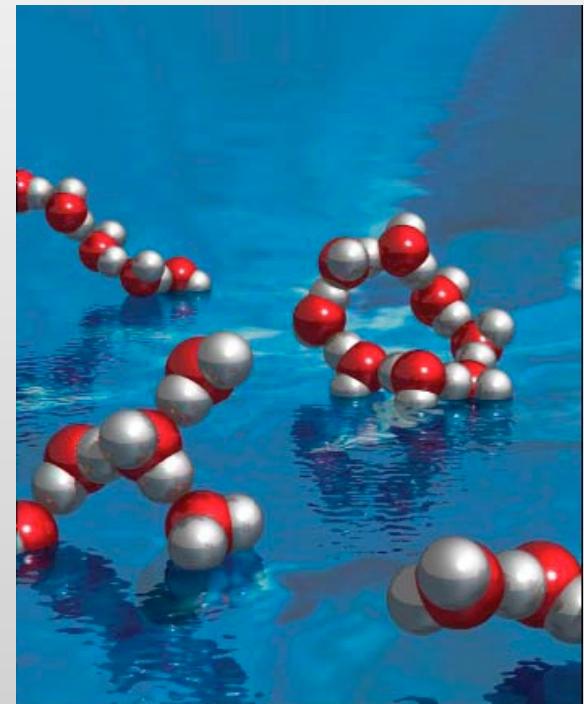
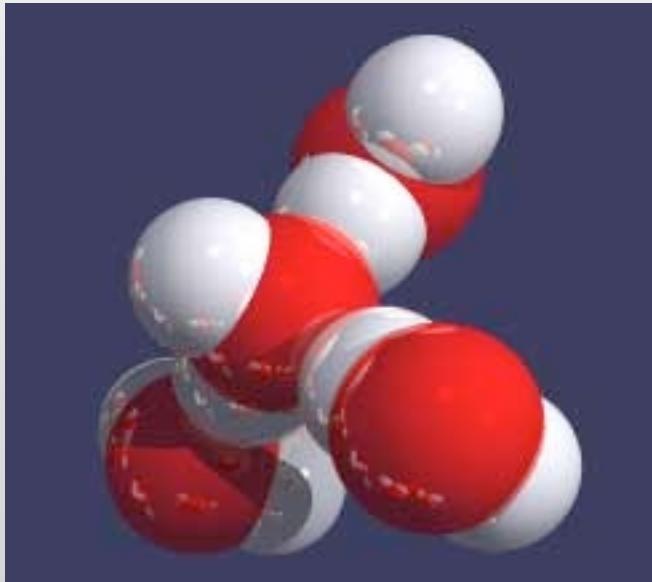
- **Materials of the future:** disordered and far from thermal equilibrium
- **Ultimate goal:** living cell
- Already broad range of **applications for amorphous materials:**
  - from glassware to polymers
  - nano-particles
  - soft magnets with low coercivity and high electrical resistance
  - non-magnetic glassy steel with great strength
  - amorphous metals with high tensile strength and toughness, wear and corrosion resistance as well as high coefficient of restitution (shape memory).
- **Application of liquids:** Numerous
  - Most chemical processing
  - Biological environment
- **But:** Knowledge of atomic structure not evolved significantly over the last 50 years.



# Motivation

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- Most mysterious substance worldwide:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Local order: Tetrahedral vs. rings and chains

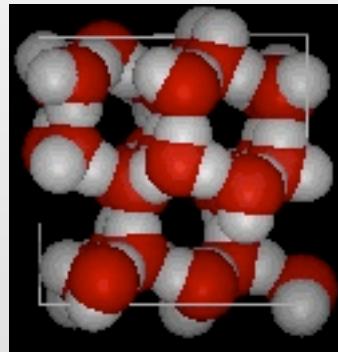


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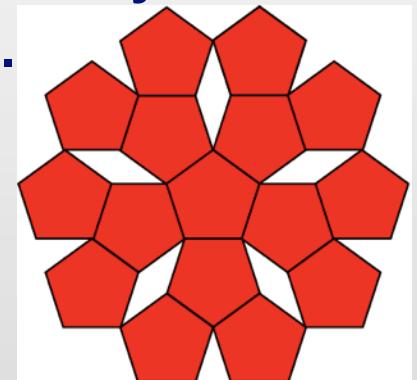
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- **Crystal:**
- Translational symmetry



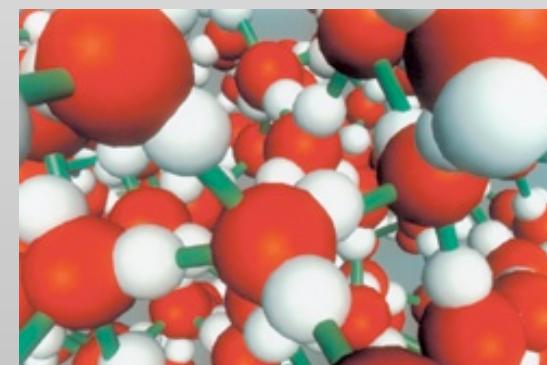
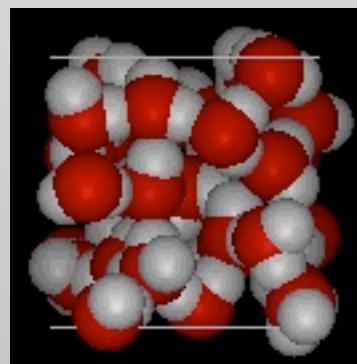
- only 2-, 3-, 4- & 6-fold rotational symmetry
- NO 5-fold etc. symmetry



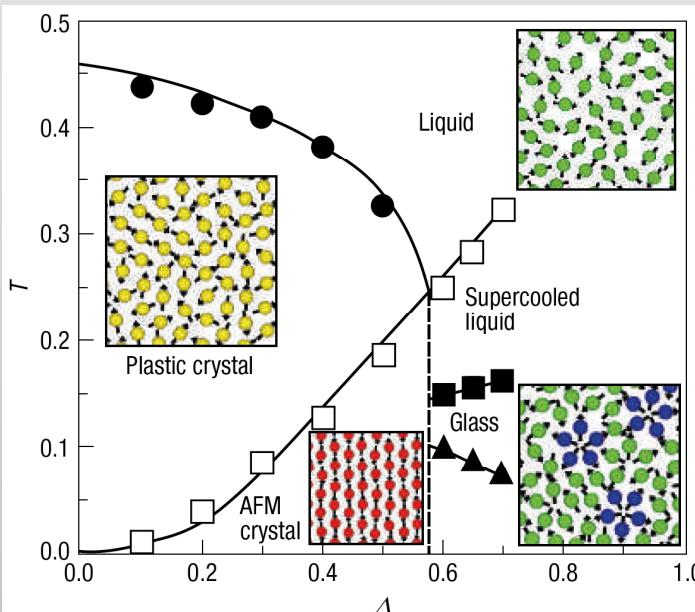
- **Liquid/Glass:**
- NO translational symmetry, only local order



ALL local rotational symmetries allowed

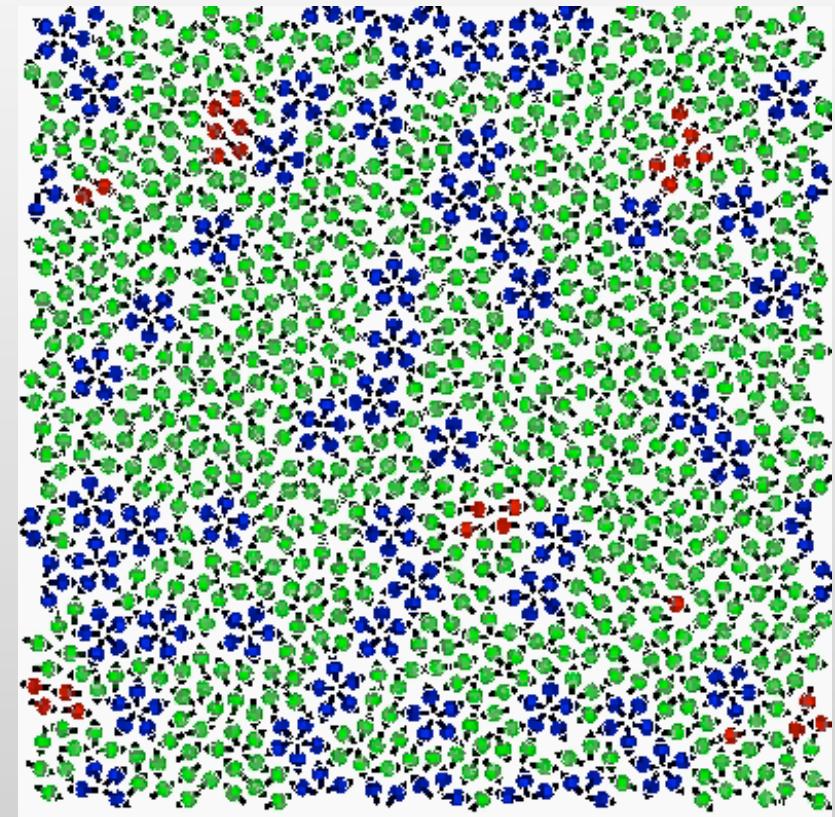
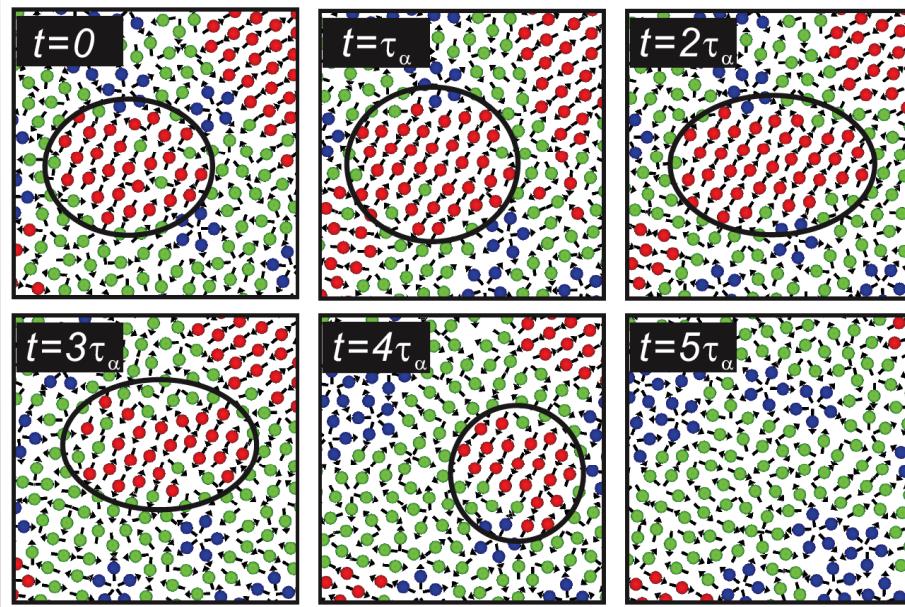


- **2 popular glass forming scenarios:**
  - **tendency towards icosahedral order** with geometrical frustration: locally favored structures (LFS, icosahedral order) cannot fill up space
  - **tendency towards crystalline order**; frustration effect due to LFS (icosahedral short-range order) prevent crystallization
- **Microscopic insights so far only through simulation:**
  - e.g. spherical particles with directional anisotropy



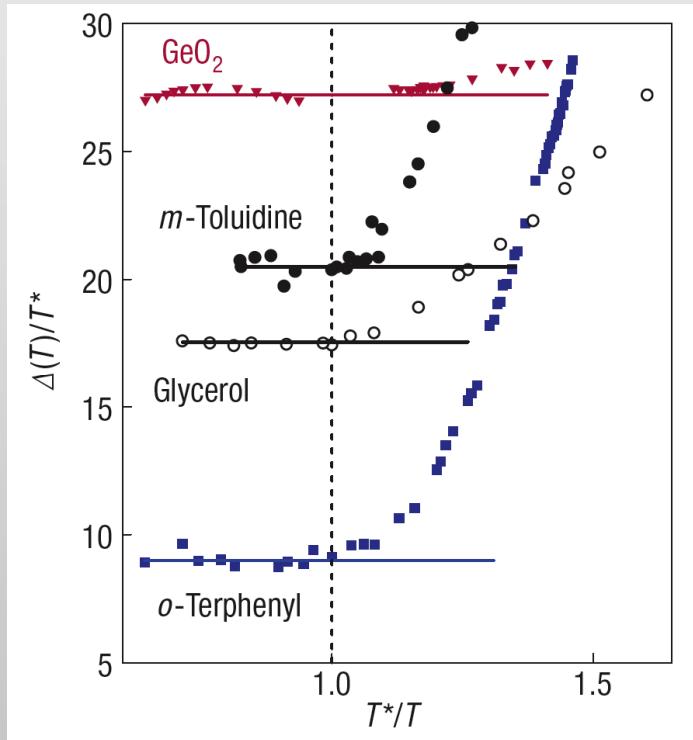
- 2-order-parameter model for liquid:
  - LFS (five-fold) and normal-liquid structure
- crystalline structure (hexagonal) key for supercooled state
- medium-range crystalline order and short-range bond order
- ‘dynamic heterogeneity’

- temporal change of medium range crystalline order (MRCO)



- weak frustration (strong fragility)  $\rightarrow$  more MRCO (hexagonal)

- **Glass transition:** most spectacular phenomenon in terms of dynamic range
- structural relaxation time  $\tau_\alpha$  increases  $10^{15}$  by 30% change in T
- **Glassy questions:**
  - unique supermolecular length scale in supercooled liquids and polymers?
  - purely dynamic associated w/ ‘dynamic heterogeneities’?
  - or a corresponding thermodynamic correlation length?

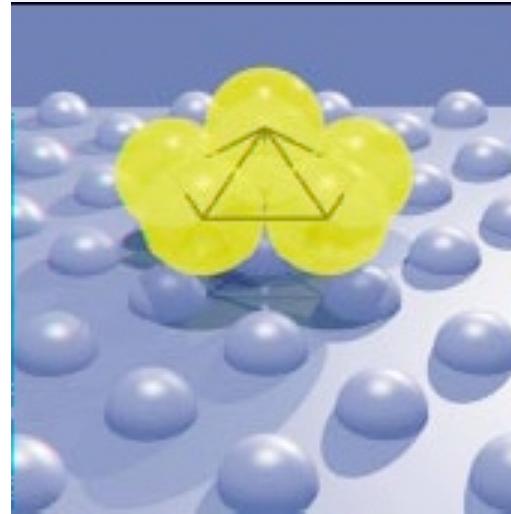
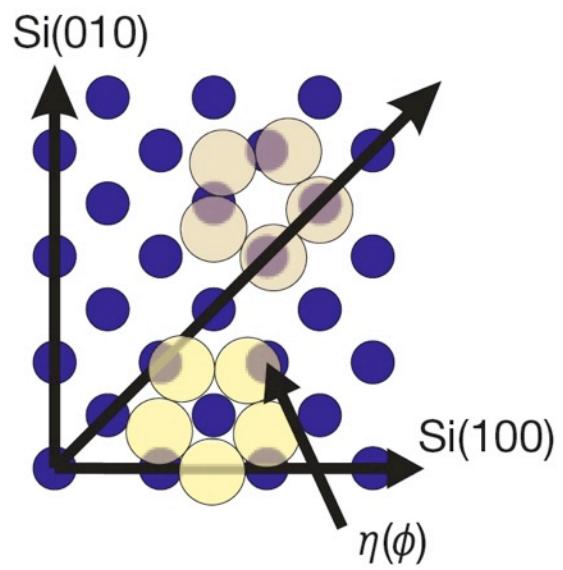


- ✿ Strong glass formers ( $\text{GeO}_2$ ):
  - slow relaxation, constant activation energy  $\Delta$
- ✿ ‘fragile’ glass formers (*ortho*-terphenyl)
  - fast relaxation, super-Arrhenius behaviour

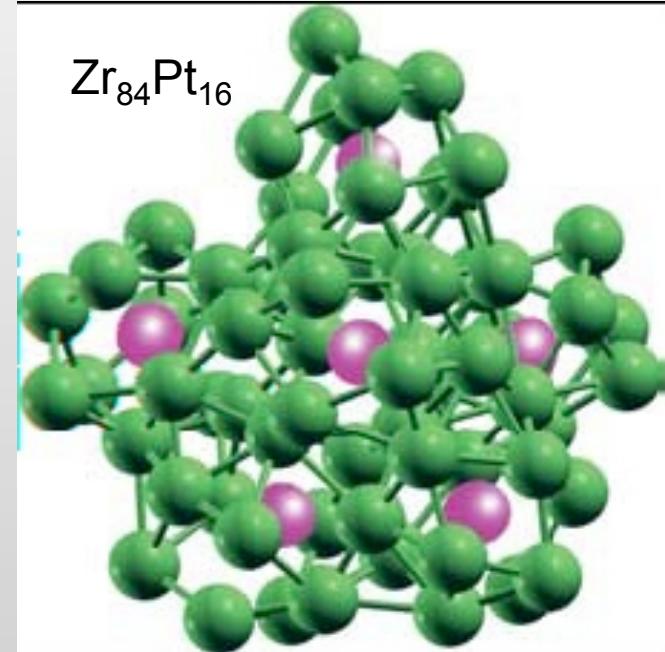
- **Numerical experiments:**
  - dynamical heterogeneities:
    - long-lived dynamical structures
    - spatial correlations between temporarily localized (caged) particles
    - typical length scale , typical relaxation time ( $\alpha, \beta$ )
  - decoupling of diffusion and relaxation
- **Light scattering (see L. Cipelletti, “Dynamical Heterogeneity”)**
- **Theoretical description: (Parisi, Franz, Donati, Glotzer)**
  - Glass transition: freezing of density fluctuations  $g_2(\mathbf{r}) = \langle (\rho(\mathbf{r}) - \rho_0)(\rho(0) - \rho_0) \rangle$
  - dynamical heterogeneities and correlation length treated as fluctuation of  $g_2$ :

$$g_4(\mathbf{r}) = \left\langle \left[ (\rho(\mathbf{r}) - \rho_0)(\rho(0) - \rho_0) \right]^2 \right\rangle - \left\langle (\rho(\mathbf{r}) - \rho_0)(\rho(0) - \rho_0) \right\rangle^2$$

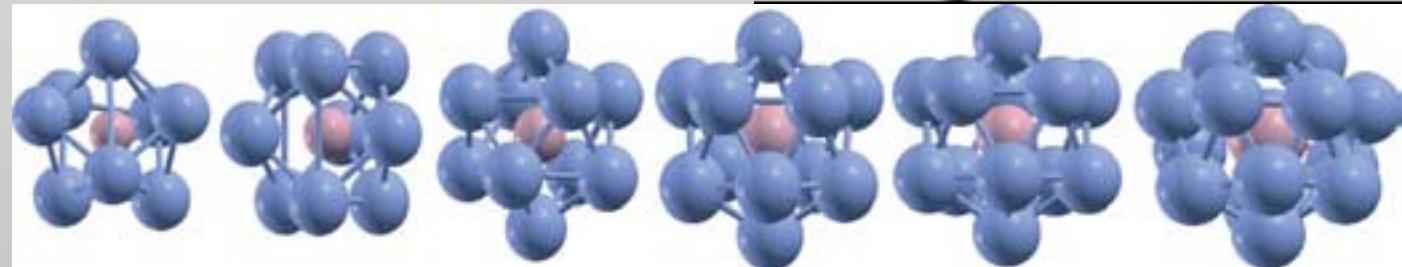
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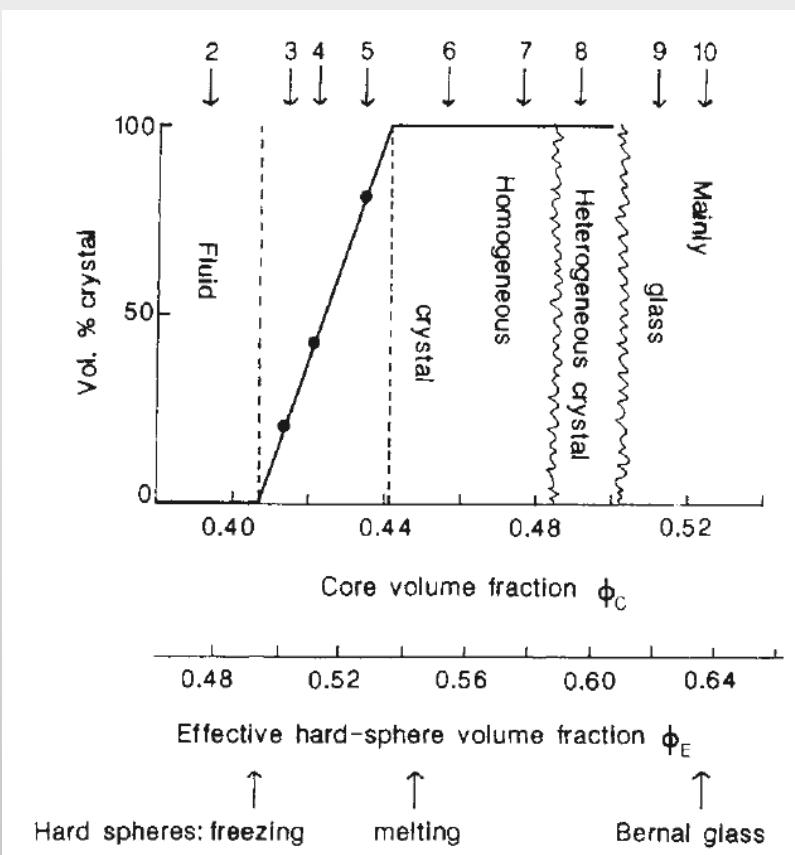


## 2. Short/medium-range order in metallic glasses (Kasper polyhedra)

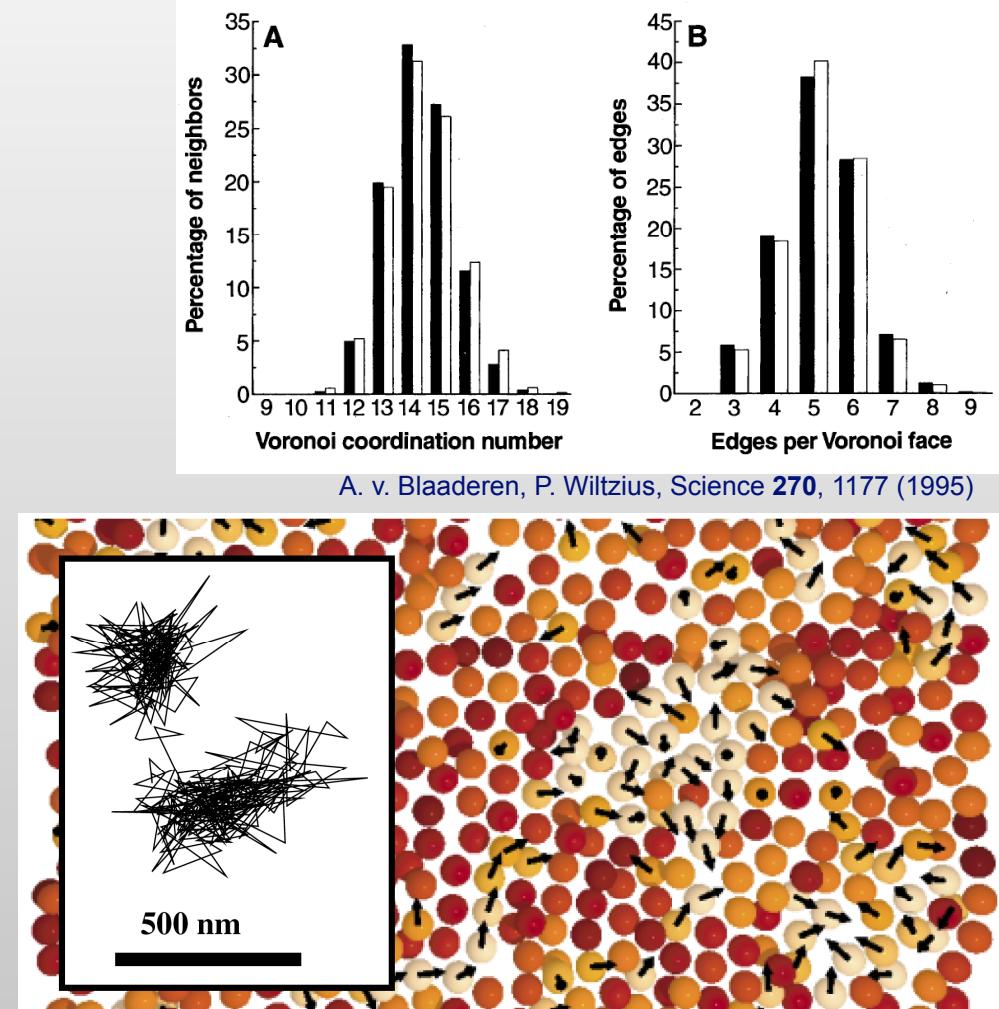


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- **nearly hard colloidal spheres (PMMA)**
- **'soft' spheres (charge stabilized silica spheres)**
- **Thermodynamic variable: volume fraction**

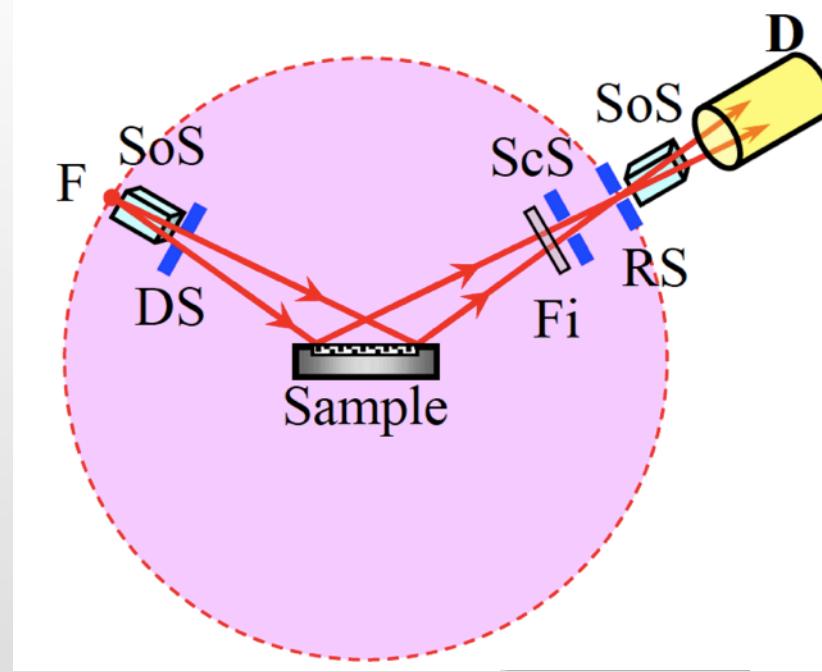
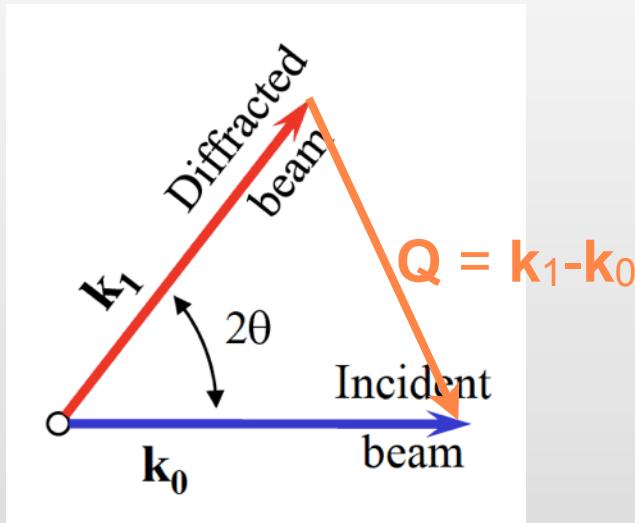


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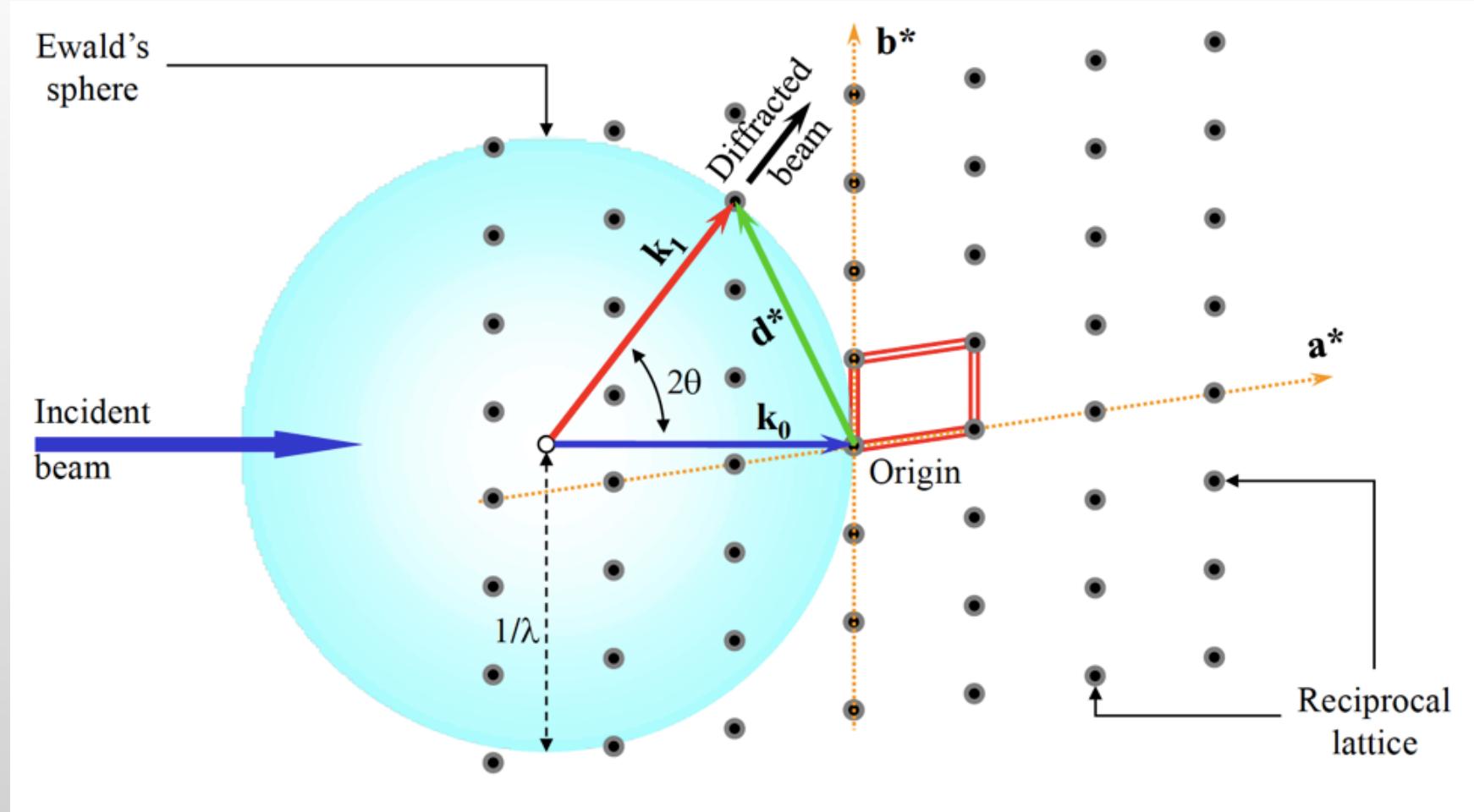
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## Diffraction experiment:

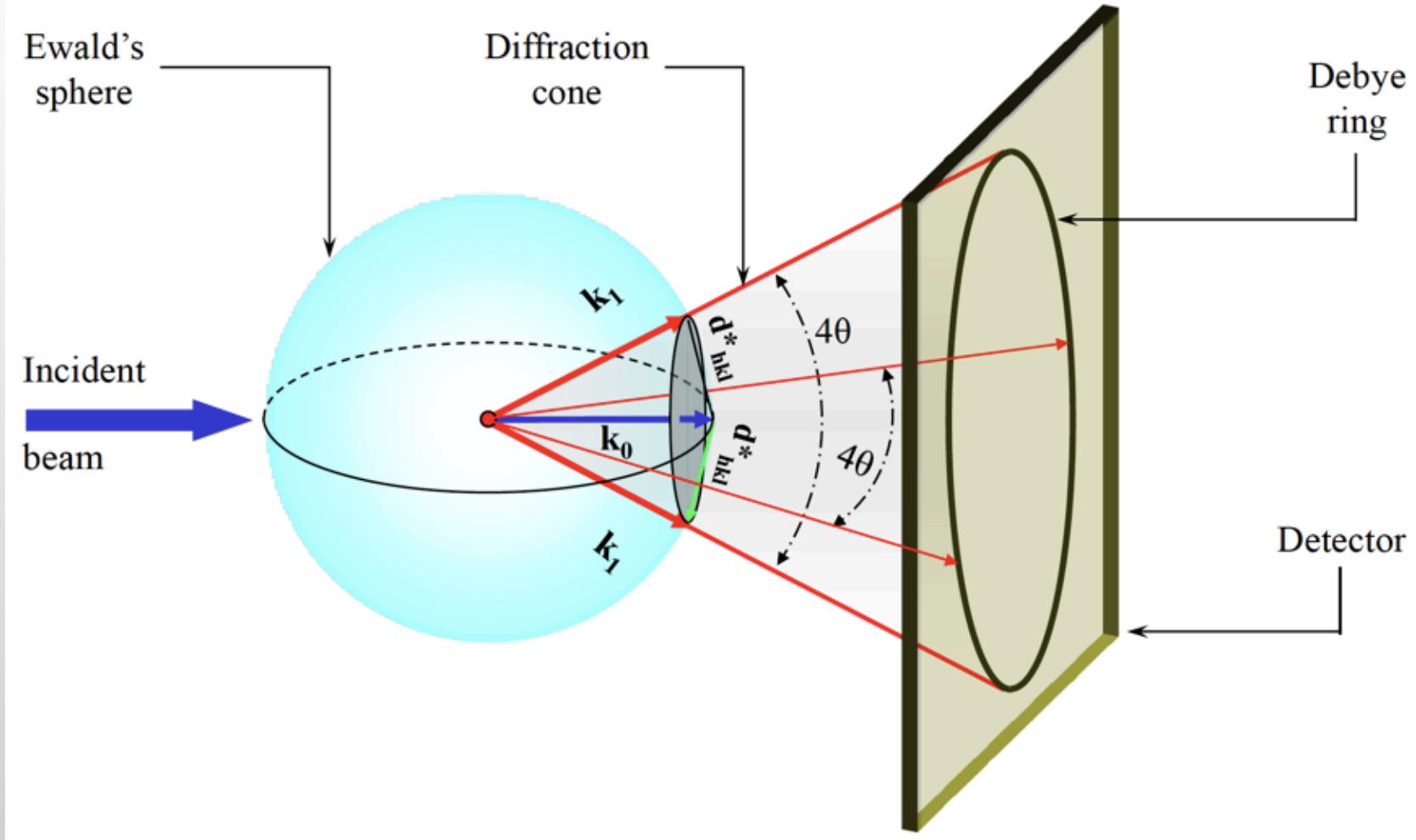


## Traditional approach:

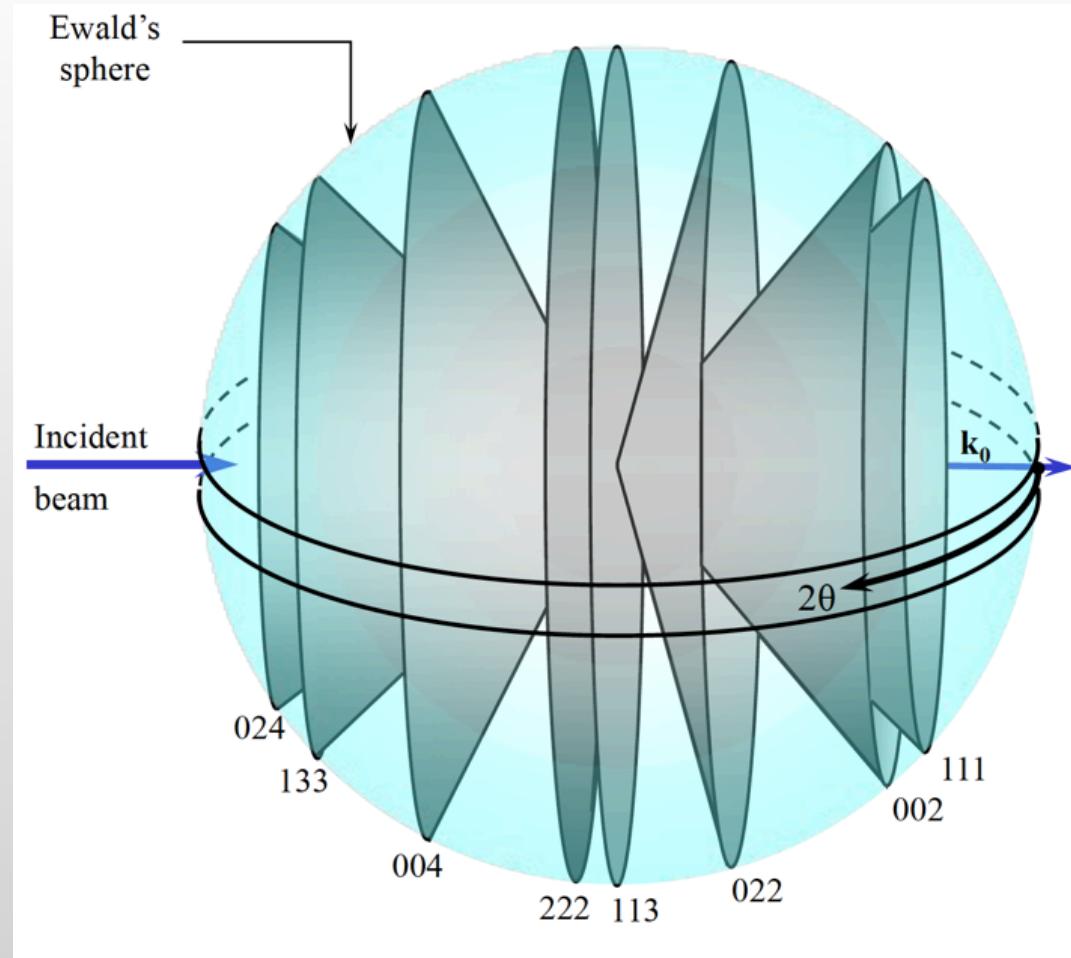
- Intensity  $I(\mathbf{Q}) = |f_a(\mathbf{Q})|^2 \cdot N \cdot S(\mathbf{Q})$  with  $S(\mathbf{Q}) = \left\langle \left| \int \rho(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r} \right|^2 \right\rangle$
- Fourier transform of single particle density function  $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_i)$
- Ensemble or configuration (and time) average  $\langle \dots \rangle$



**Bragg's Law:**  $d^* = k_1 - k_0$  reciprocal lattice vector



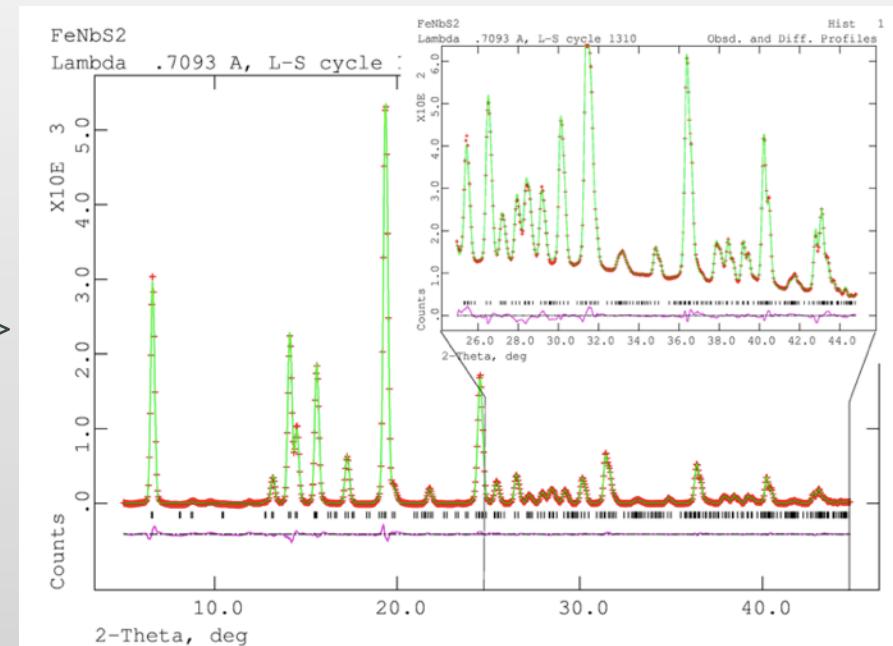
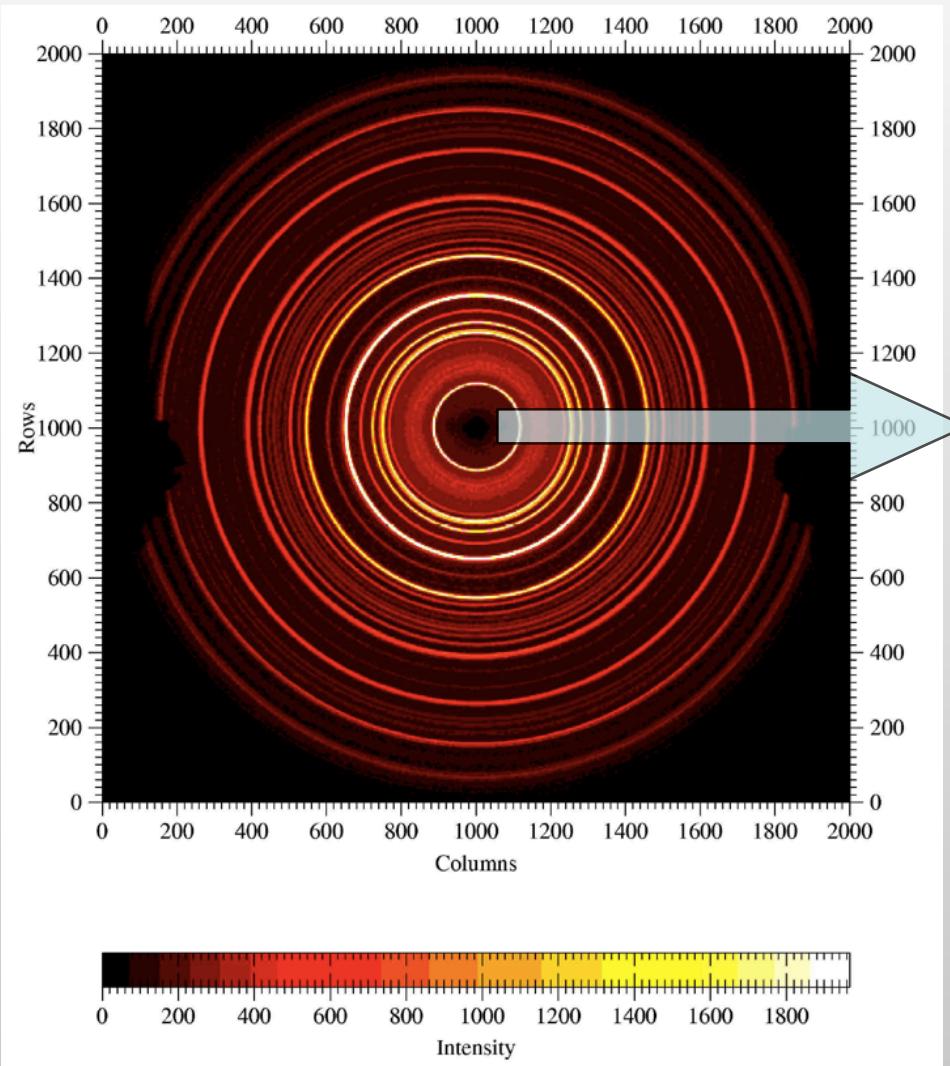
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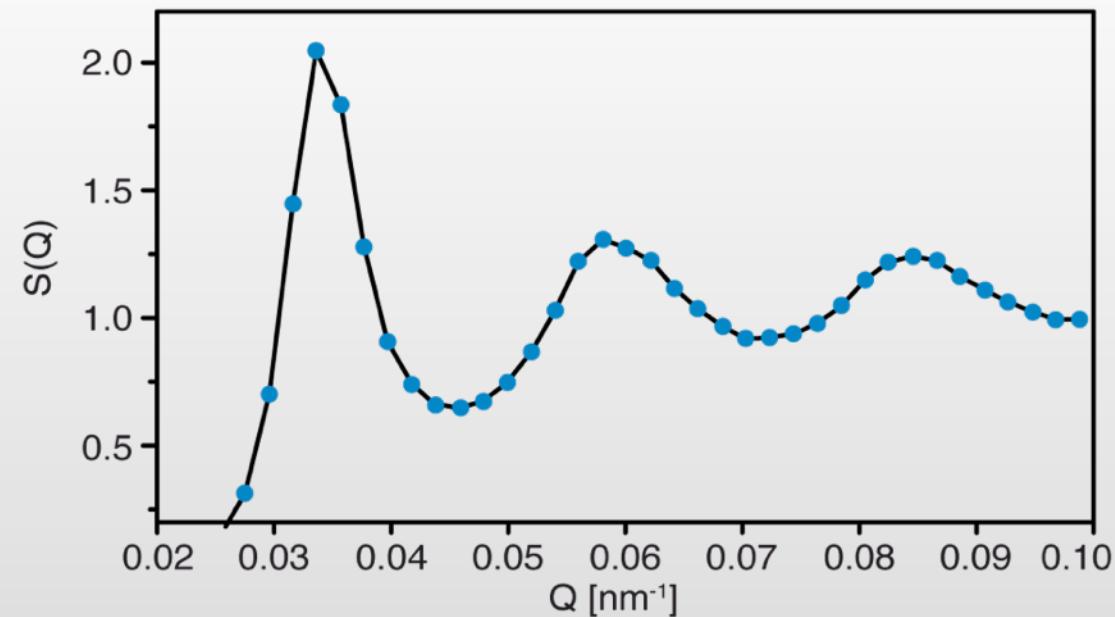
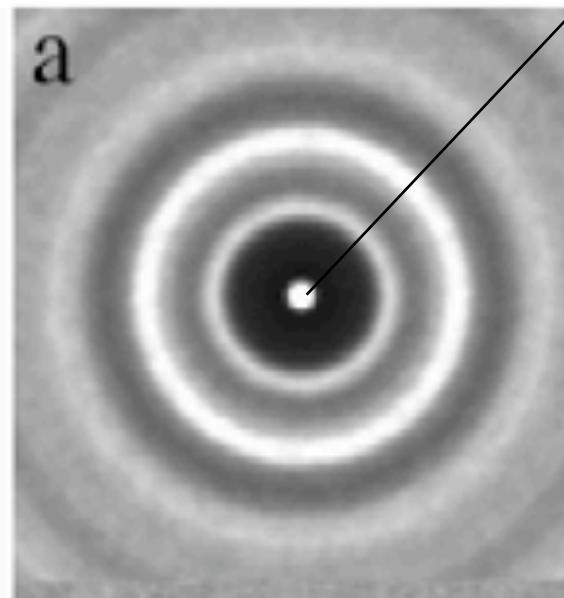


## Debye-Scherrer Rings



- Typical diffraction image (2D-detector)





**Traditional approach:**

$$S(\mathbf{Q}) = \left\langle \left| \int \rho(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r} \right|^2 \right\rangle$$

- Ensemble or configuration (and time) average  $\langle \dots \rangle$

- $g_2(\mathbf{r})$  2-point (pair) distribution function 
$$g_2(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') = n_0^{-2} \left( \langle \rho(\mathbf{r}) \rho(\mathbf{r}') \rangle - \delta(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

$$S(\mathbf{Q}) = 1 + \int (g_2(\mathbf{r}) - 1) e^{i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r}$$

- Major breakthrough: beyond 2-point correlation functions

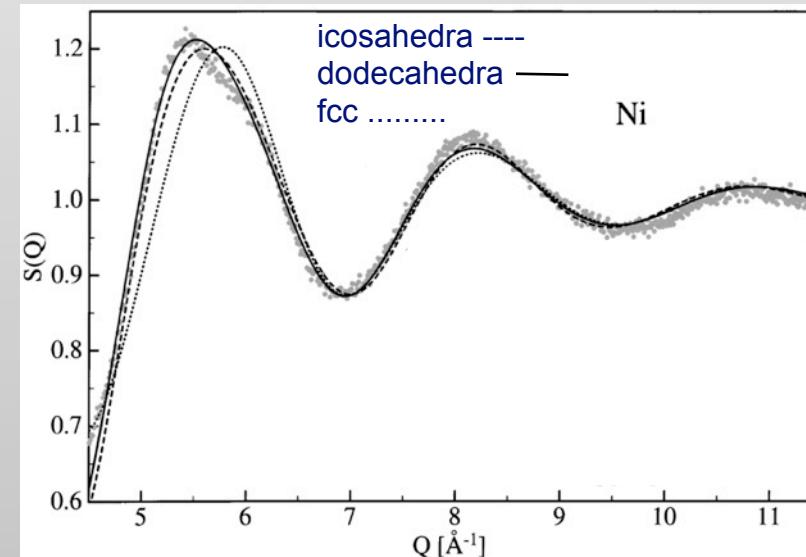
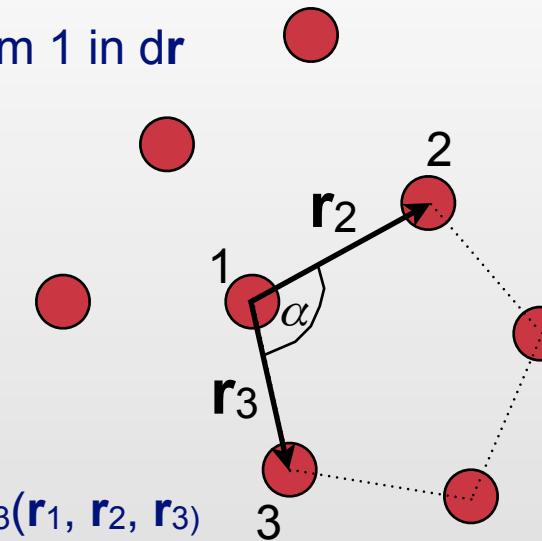
$n_0 g_2(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$  probability to find particle 2 at distance  $\mathbf{r}$  from 1 in  $d\mathbf{r}$

$$g_2(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = n_0^{-2} \left\langle \sum_i^N \sum_{j \neq i}^{N-1} \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{R}_i) \delta(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{R}_j) \right\rangle$$

- $g_2(\mathbf{r})$  independent of bond angles
- analogous: 3-point and n-point distribution function  $g_3(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3)$   
- but **depend on angles**

$$n_0 \int g_3(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3) d\mathbf{r}_3 = (N-2) g_2(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$$

- N-2 different arrangements with same  $g_2(\mathbf{r})$



- Eliminate intrinsic spatial and temporal averaging

Coherence

Snap shot

- Construct new correlation function “by hand”

- Speckle intensity  $I(\mathbf{Q}, t) = \int \int e^{-i\mathbf{Q} \cdot (\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{s})} \rho(\mathbf{r}, t)\rho(\mathbf{s}, t) d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{s}$

- Speckle width  $\Delta\mathbf{Q} \approx \lambda / D_b$  ( $D_b$  beam size)

- Intensity-Intensity correlation function (appropriate average)

$$\begin{aligned} C(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{Q}', t, t') &= \langle I(\mathbf{Q}, t)I(\mathbf{Q}', t') \rangle \\ &= \int \int \int \int e^{-i\mathbf{Q} \cdot (\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{s}) - i\mathbf{Q}' \cdot (\mathbf{r}'-\mathbf{s}')} \rho_4(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s}, t, \mathbf{r}', \mathbf{s}', t') d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{s} d\mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{s}' \end{aligned}$$

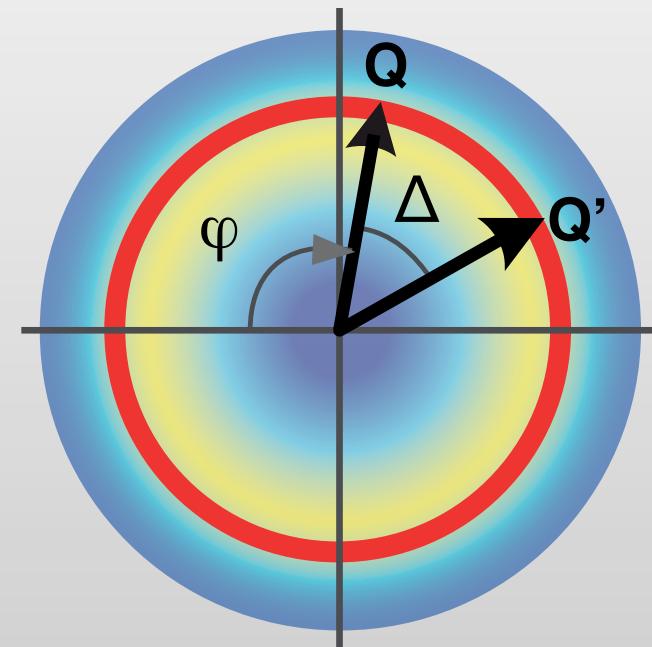
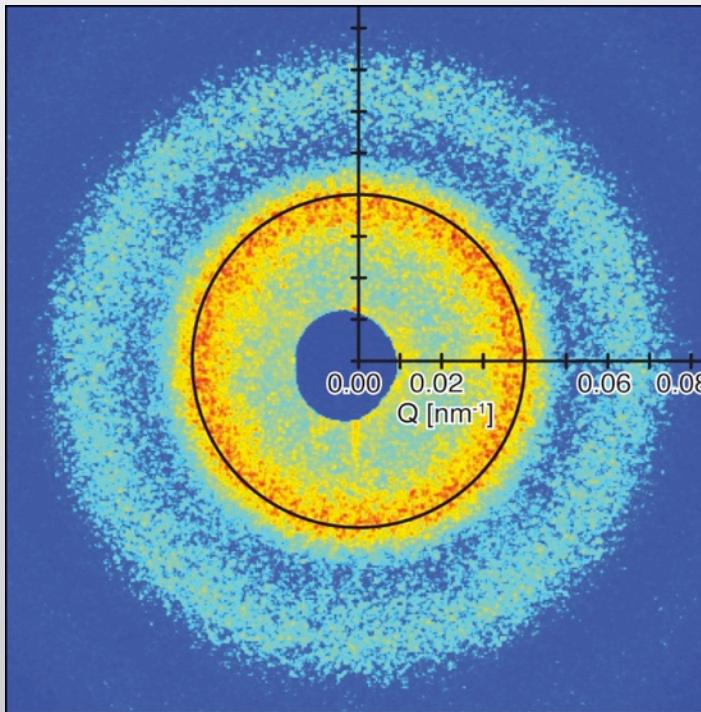
- $\rho_4(\mathbf{r})$  4-point correlation function

$$\rho_4(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s}, t, \mathbf{r}', \mathbf{s}', t') = \langle \rho(\mathbf{r}, t)\rho(\mathbf{s}, t)\rho(\mathbf{r}', t')\rho(\mathbf{s}', t') \rangle = f(g_2, g_3, g_4)$$

$\langle \dots \rangle$  to be defined

- $\langle \dots \rangle$  for local orientational correlations (instantaneous  $t = t'$ ):

$$C_Q(\Delta) = \frac{\langle I(Q, \varphi)I(Q, \varphi + \Delta) \rangle_{\varphi} - \langle I(Q, \varphi) \rangle_{\varphi}^2}{\langle I(Q, \varphi) \rangle_{\varphi}^2}$$



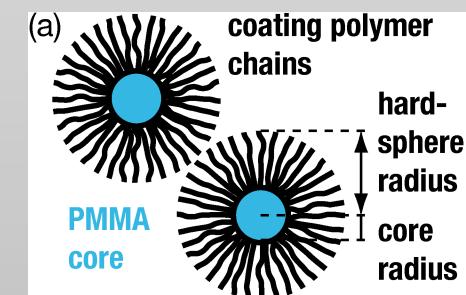
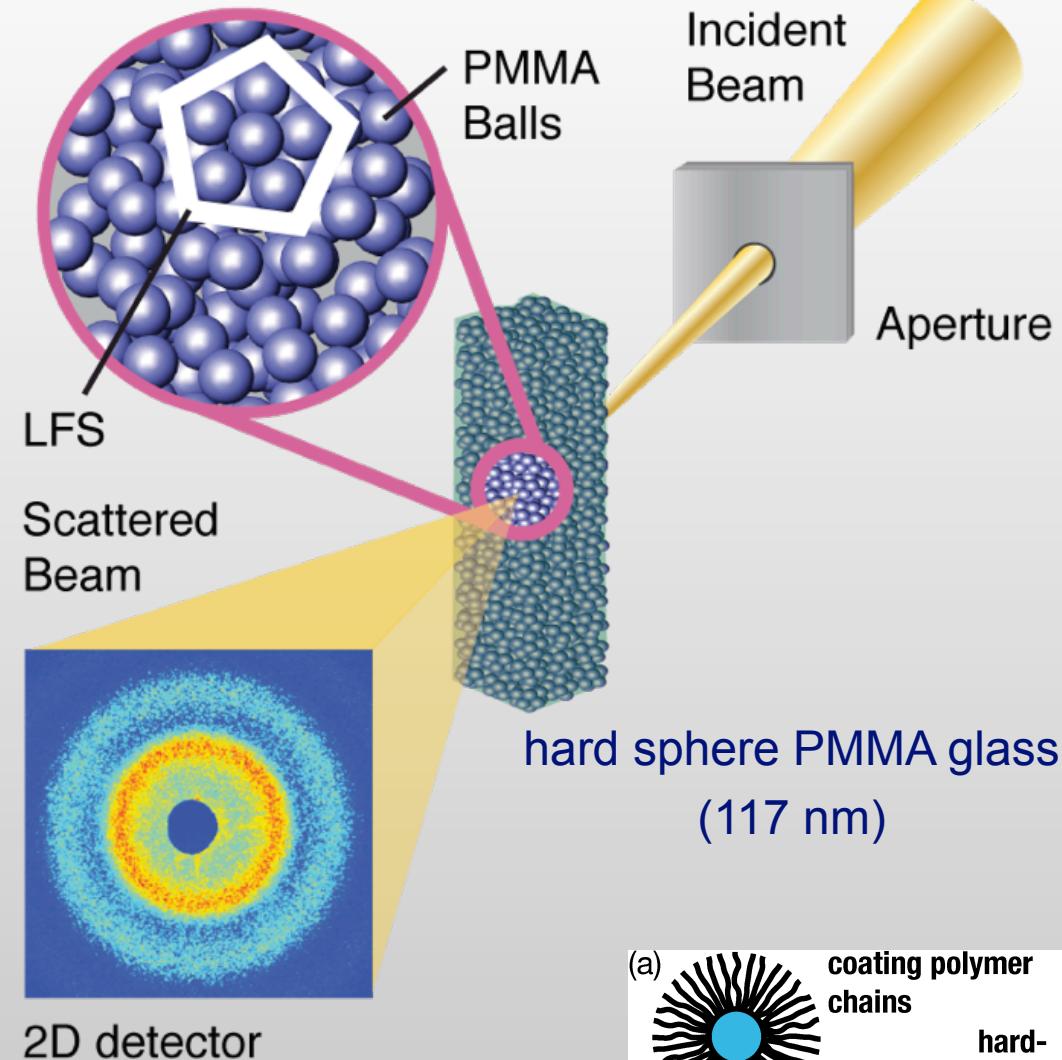
- for medium range orientational correlations:  $|Q| \neq |Q'|$
- time dependent:  $t \neq t'$

# Proof of Principle: Colloidal Glass

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- Beamline ID10A, ESRF
- Energy 8.03 keV
- Vertical focusing by CRL
- Aperture:  $10 \mu\text{m}$
- Flux :  $3.6\text{e}9 \text{ ph/s}$  at 56 mA
- Coherent fraction  $\sim 30\%$
- CCD camera,  $22 \mu\text{m}$  pixel size

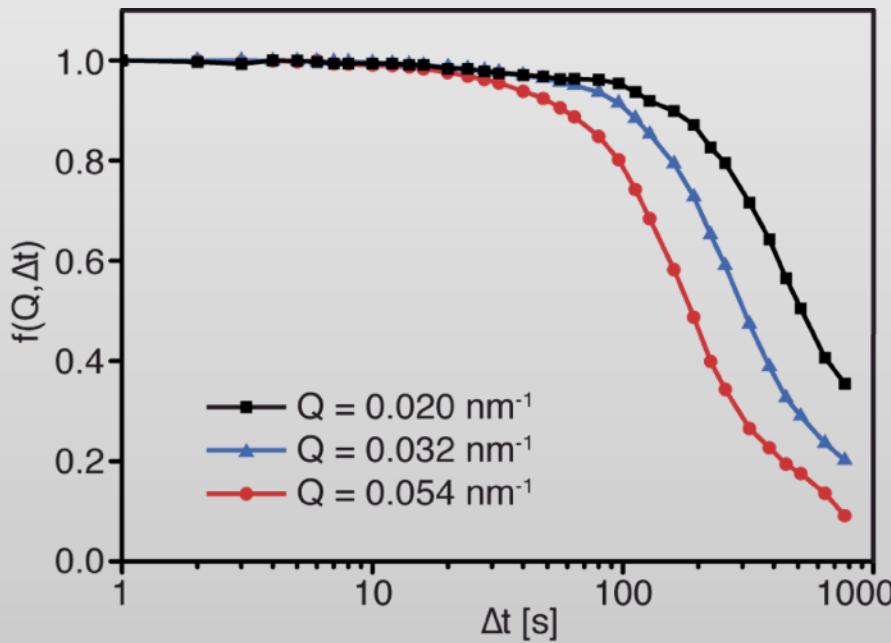
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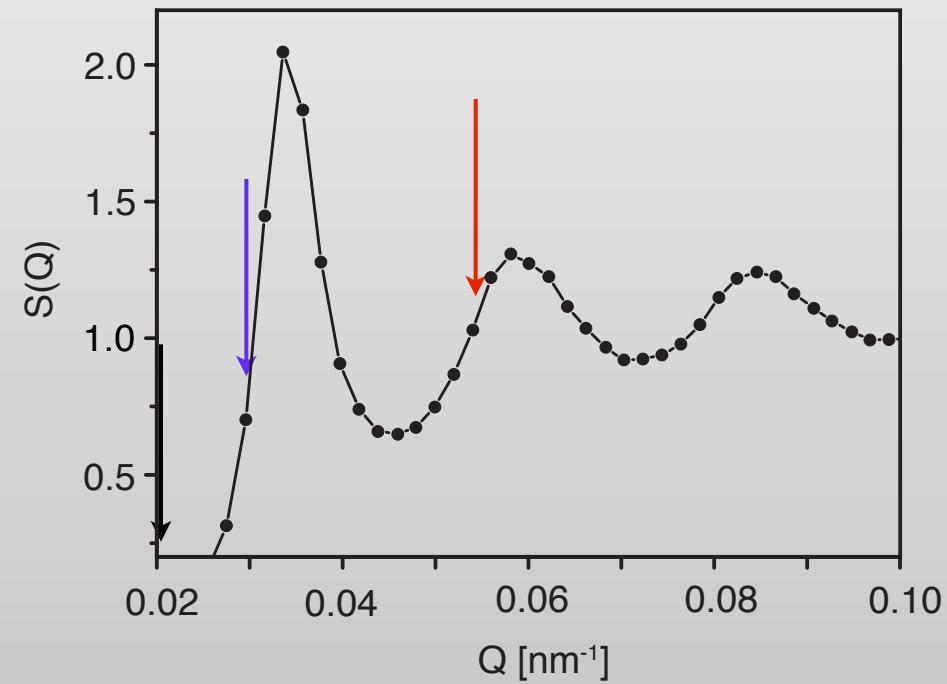
- “Fast” hard sphere PMMA system (117 nm)

## Temporal auto-correlation function

$$f(Q, \Delta t) = \frac{\langle I(Q, t)I(Q, t + \Delta t) \rangle_t}{\langle I(Q) \rangle_t^2}$$



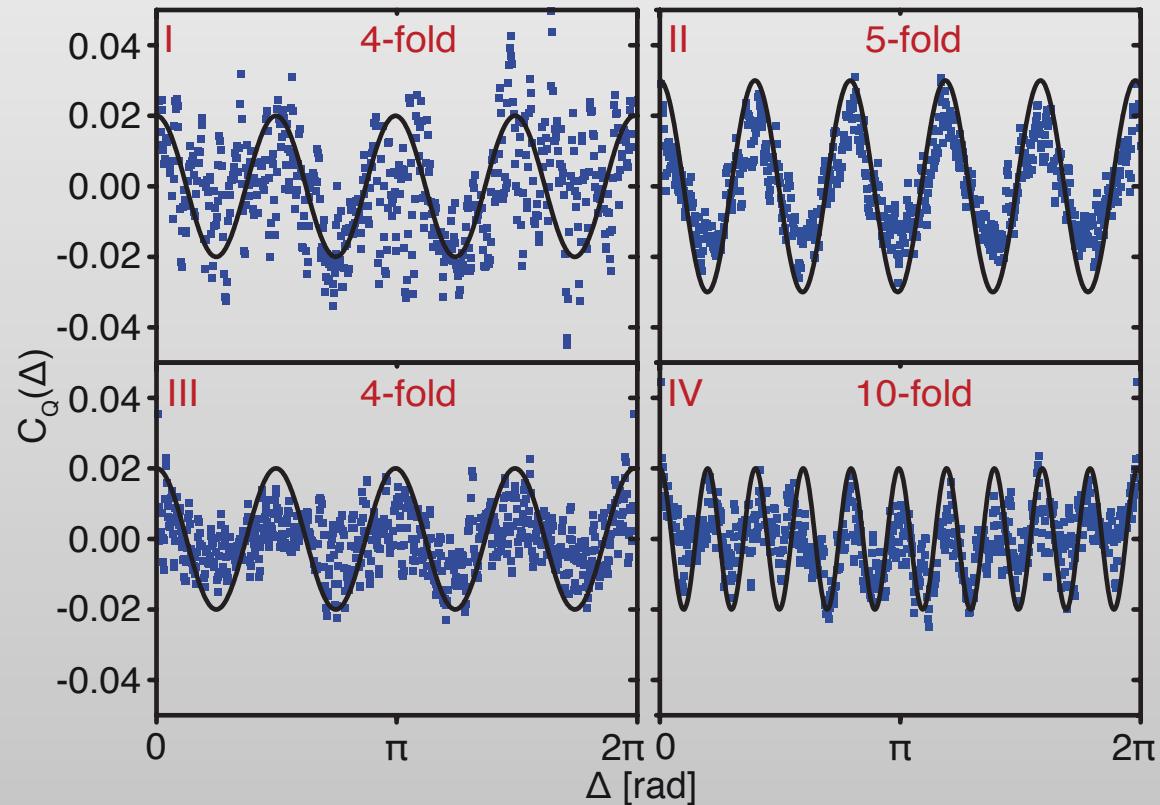
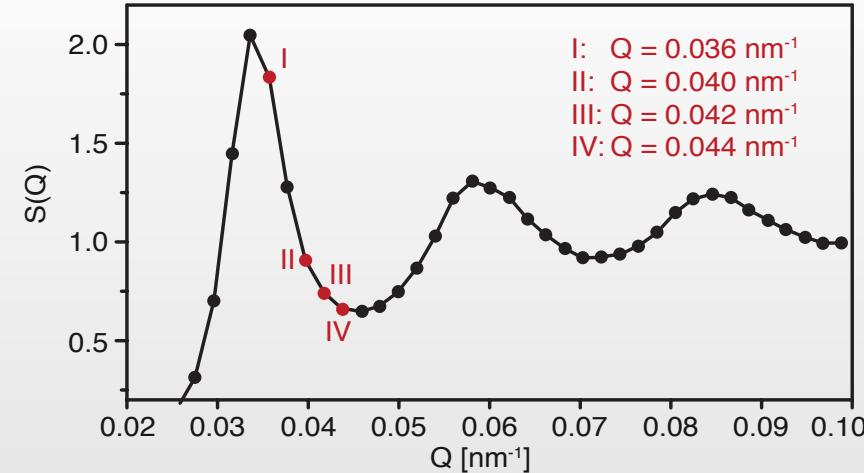
## Structure factor $\langle S(Q) \rangle_\phi$



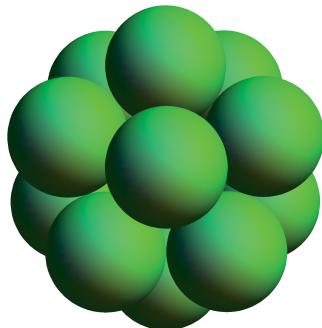
# Typical angular dependence of $C_Q(\Delta)$

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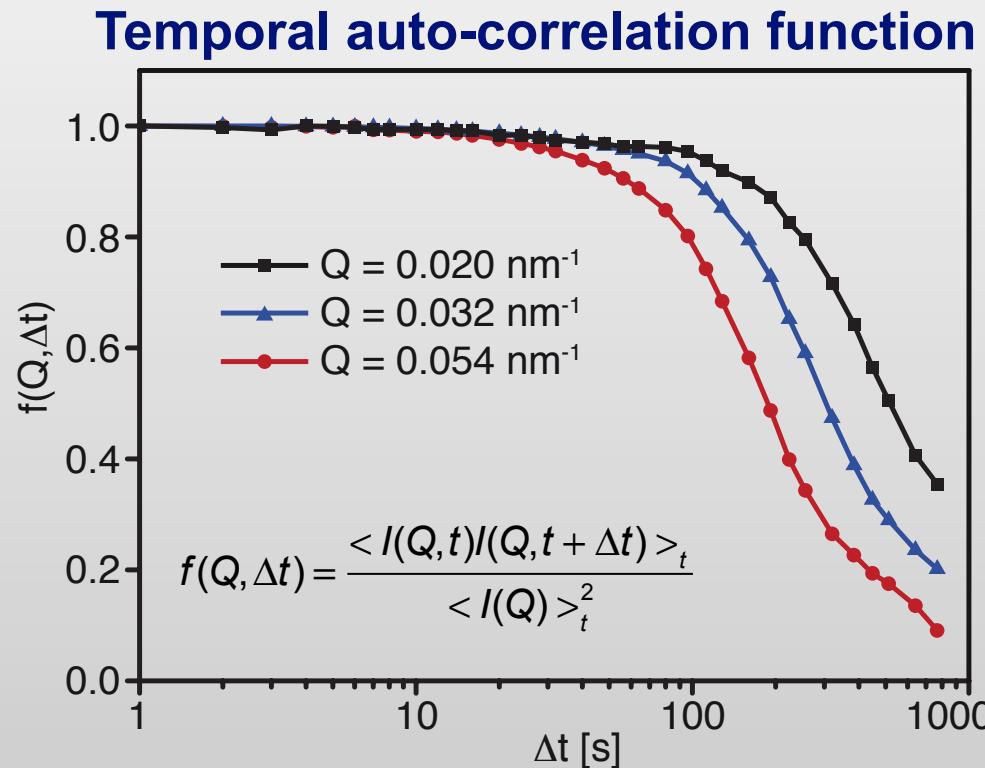
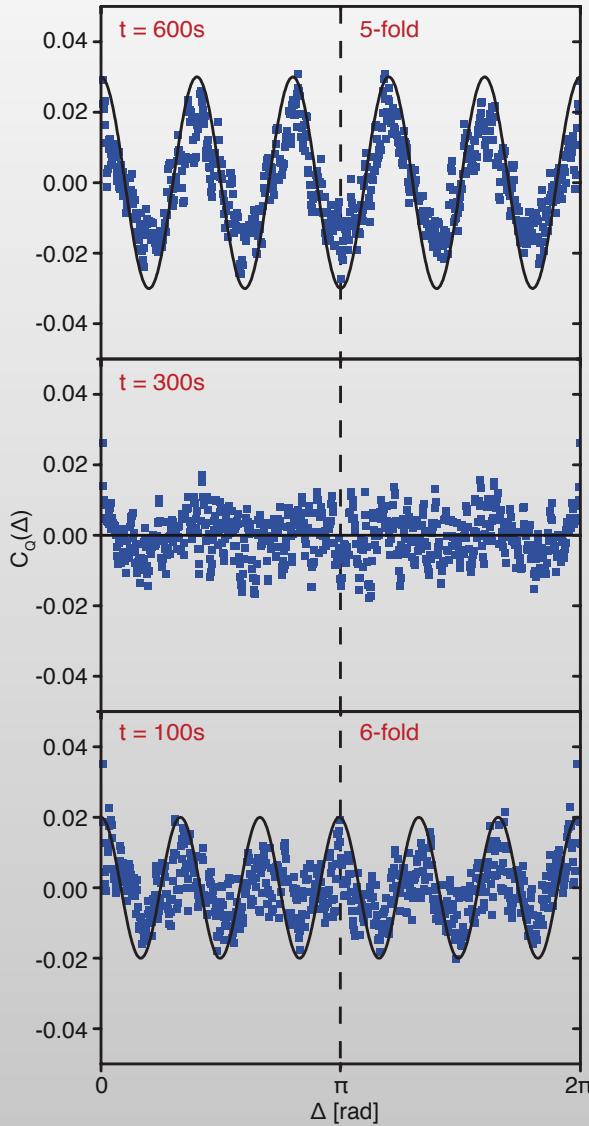


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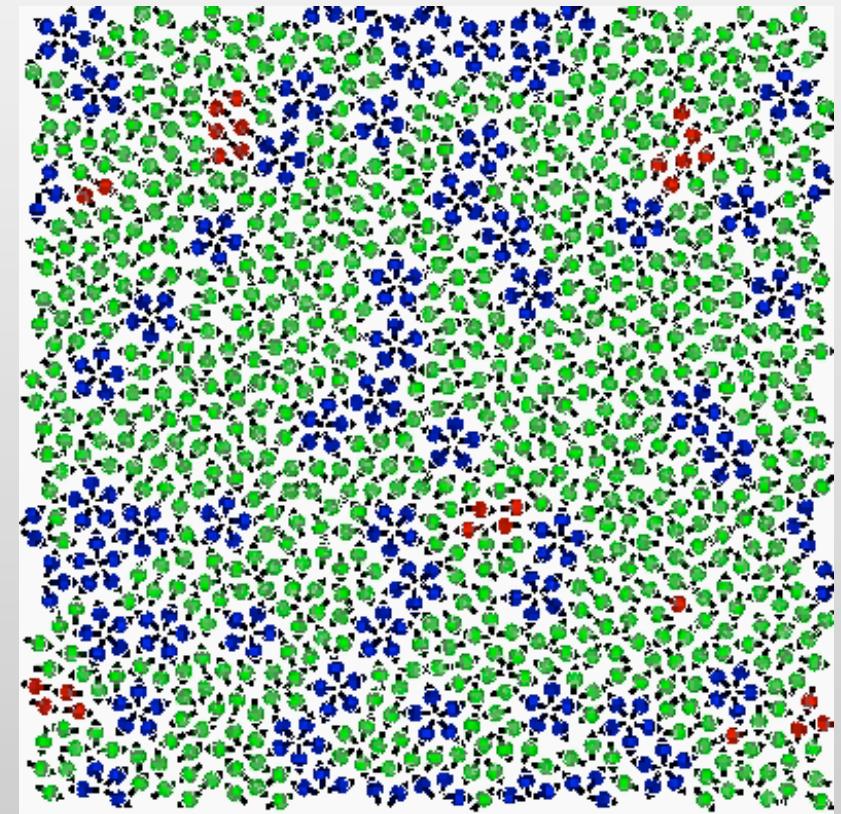
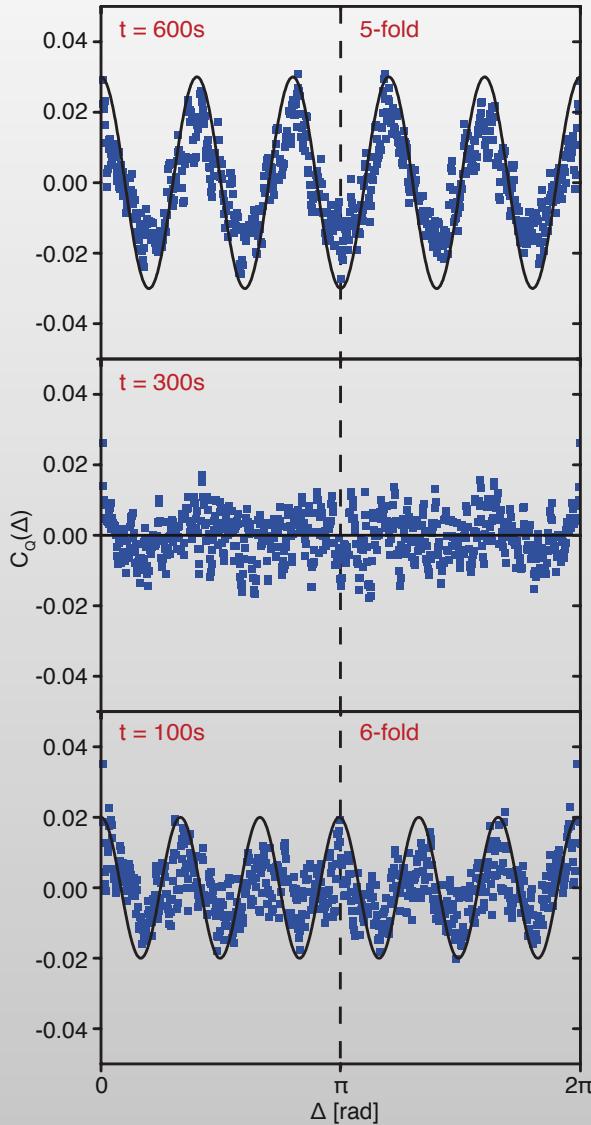


Cluster

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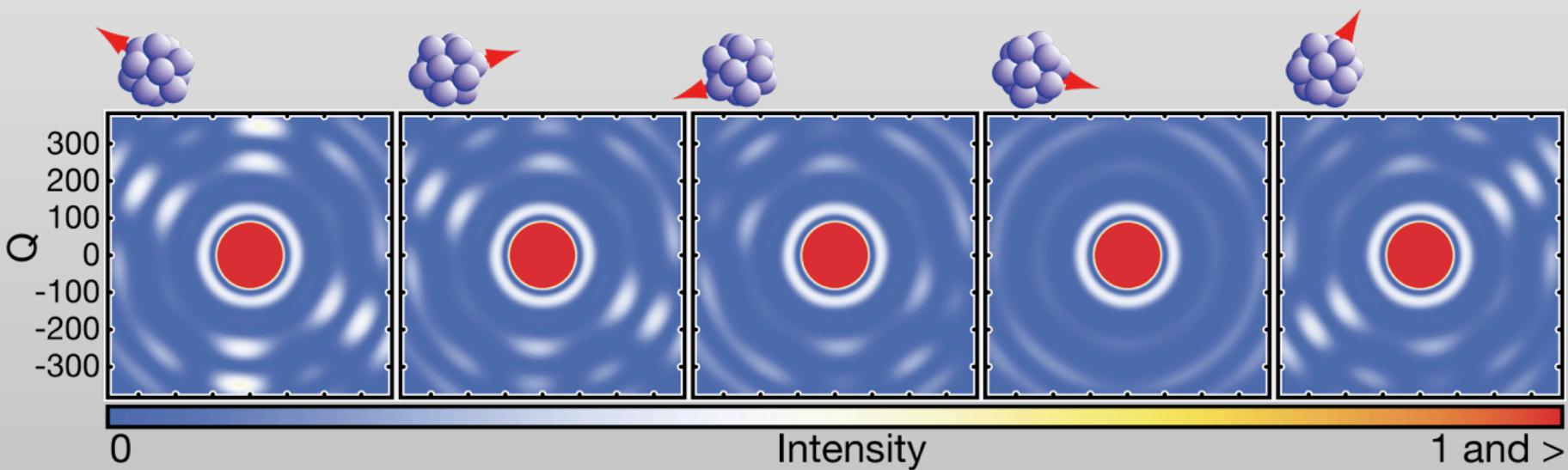
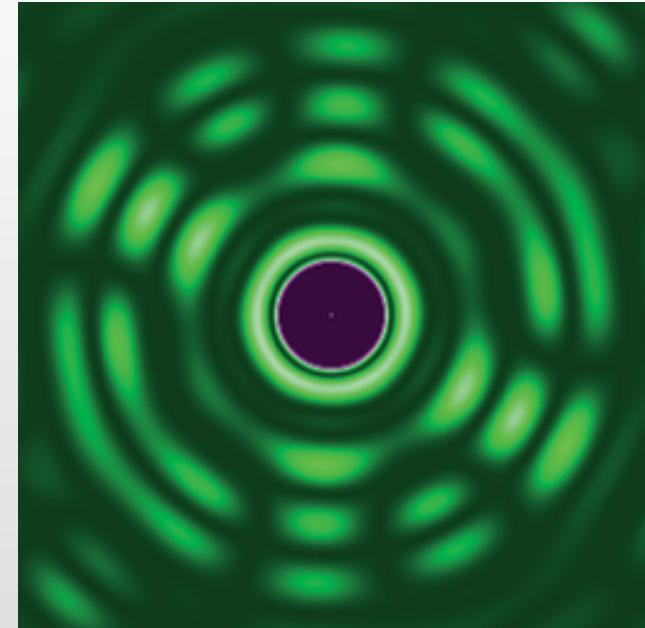


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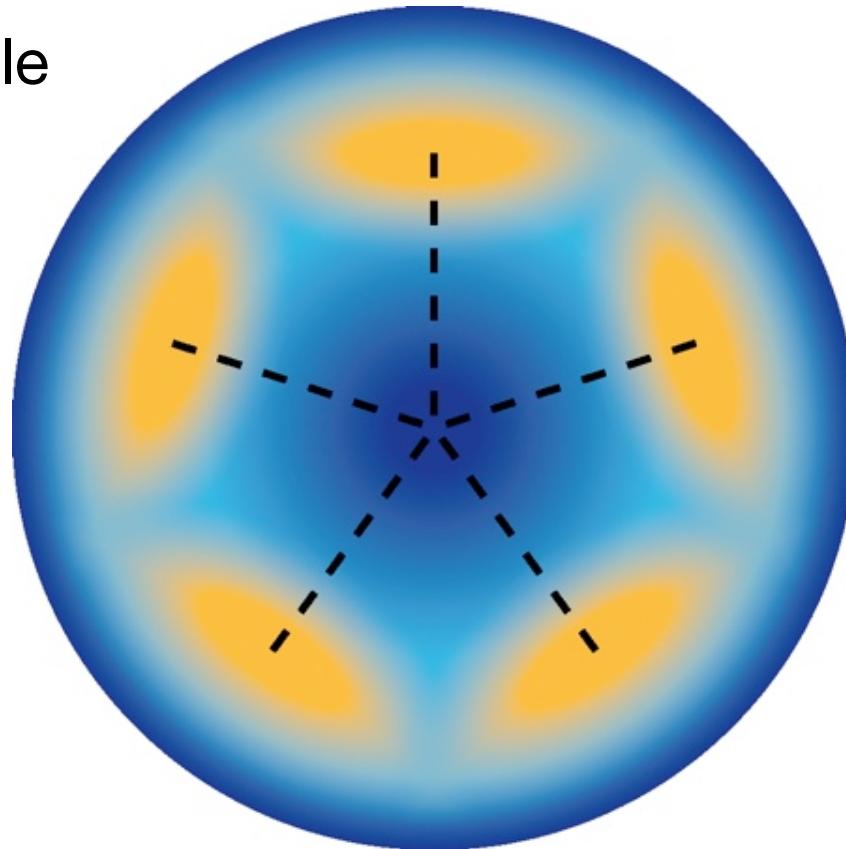
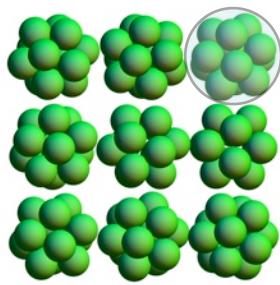
# Very simplified Interpretation

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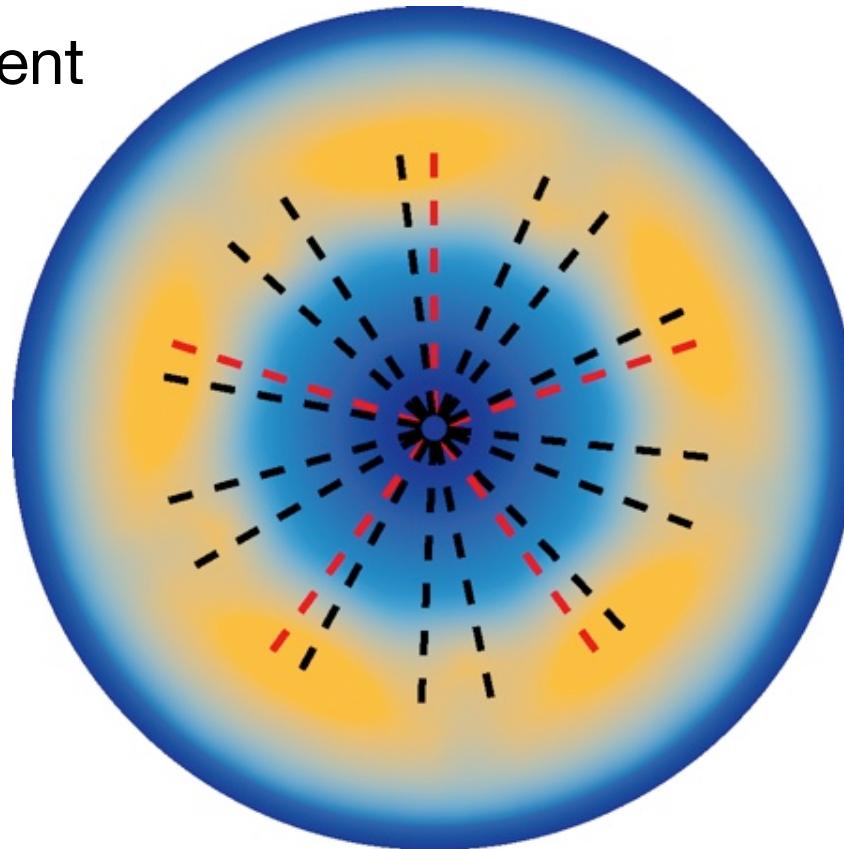
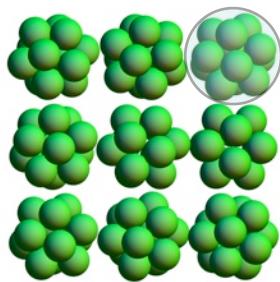
- Single icosahedral cluster
  - Intensity in  $Q_x$ - $Q_y$  plane
- Wanted:  $\langle I(\varphi)I(\varphi + \Delta) \rangle_{\varphi}$



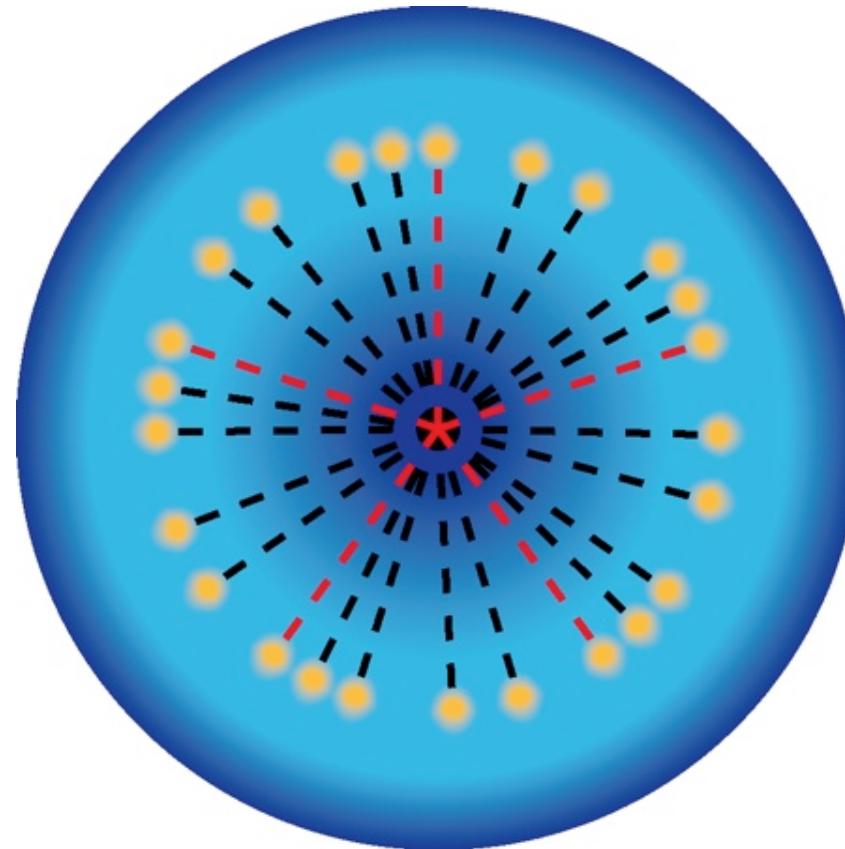
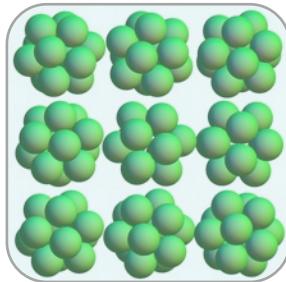
Single-molecule  
diffraction



Partially coherent  
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Coherent  
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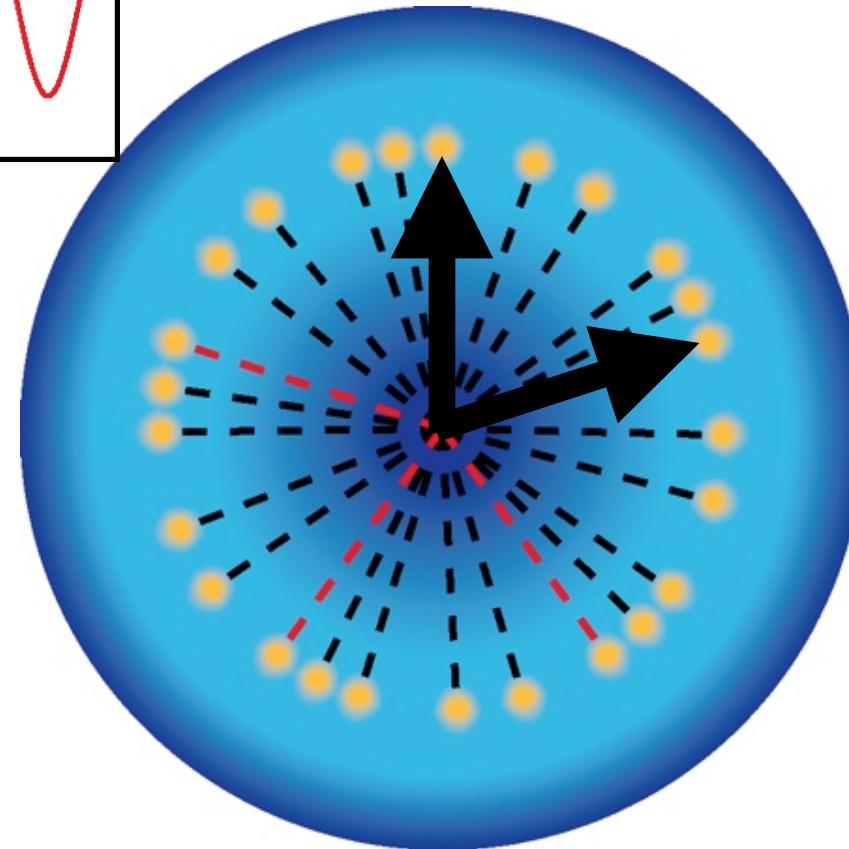
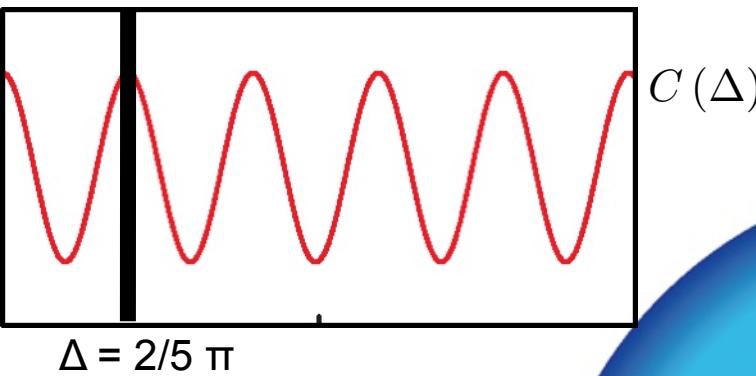


Speckle-Size  $\sim 1 / \text{Beam-Size}$

= Volume of coherently  
illuminated sample

# X-ray cross correlation analysis

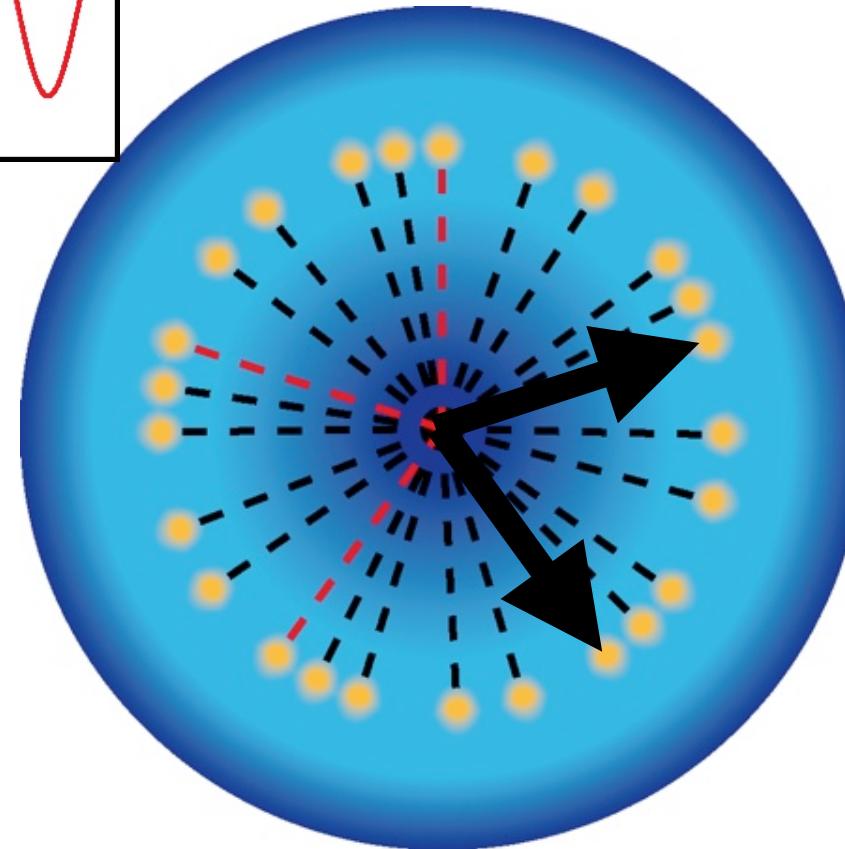
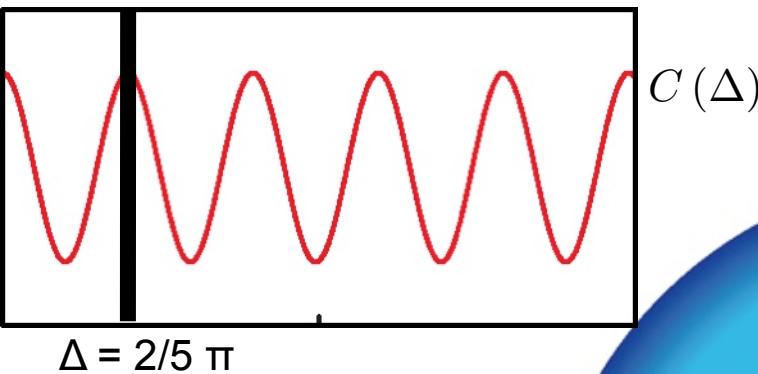
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$\Delta = 2/5 \pi$

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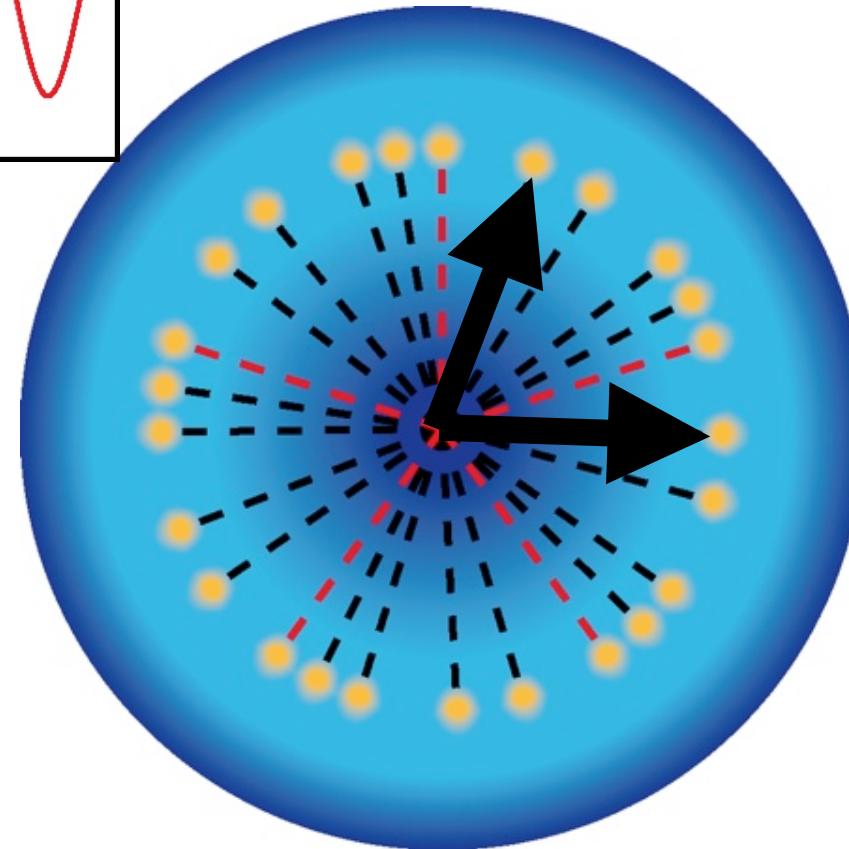
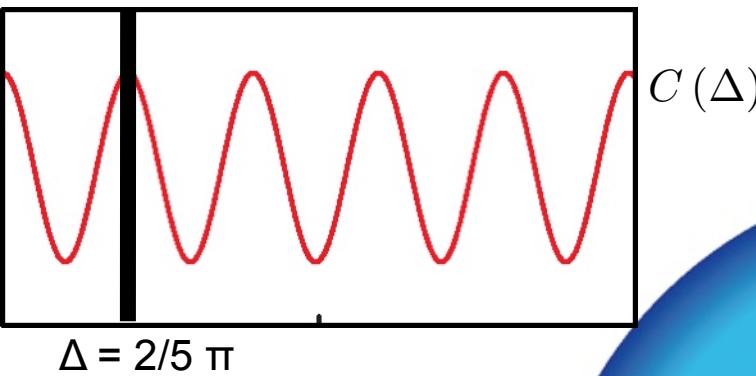
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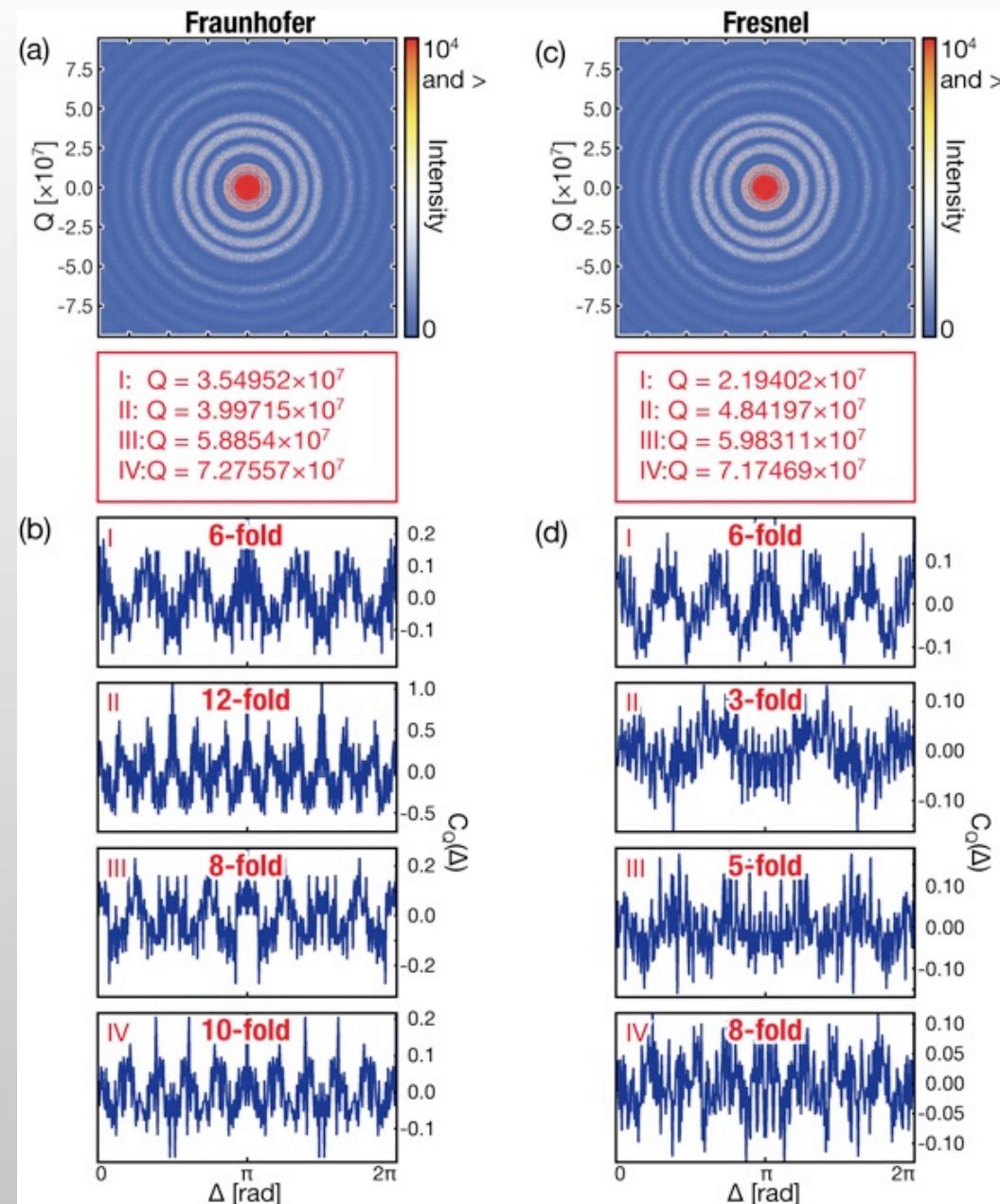
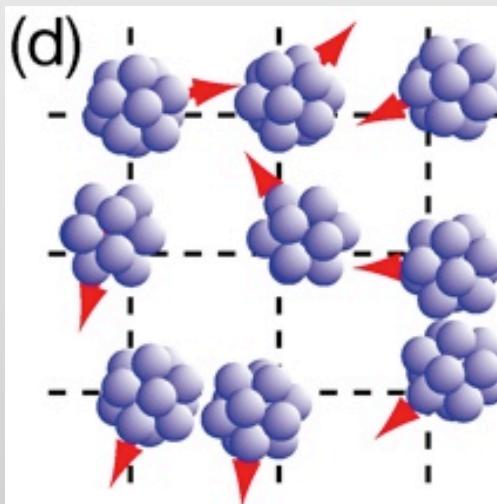
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- Illuminated volume:
  - $10 \mu\text{m} \times 10 \mu\text{m} \times 800 \mu\text{m} \sim 6 \times 10^6$  PMMA particles
  - max. 500000 Icosahedra
- XCCA symmetries: only subset of n-fold axes in beam direction contribute
- Analogy Powder Diffraction: Angular average selects subset of states lying on Debye-Scherrer Cone

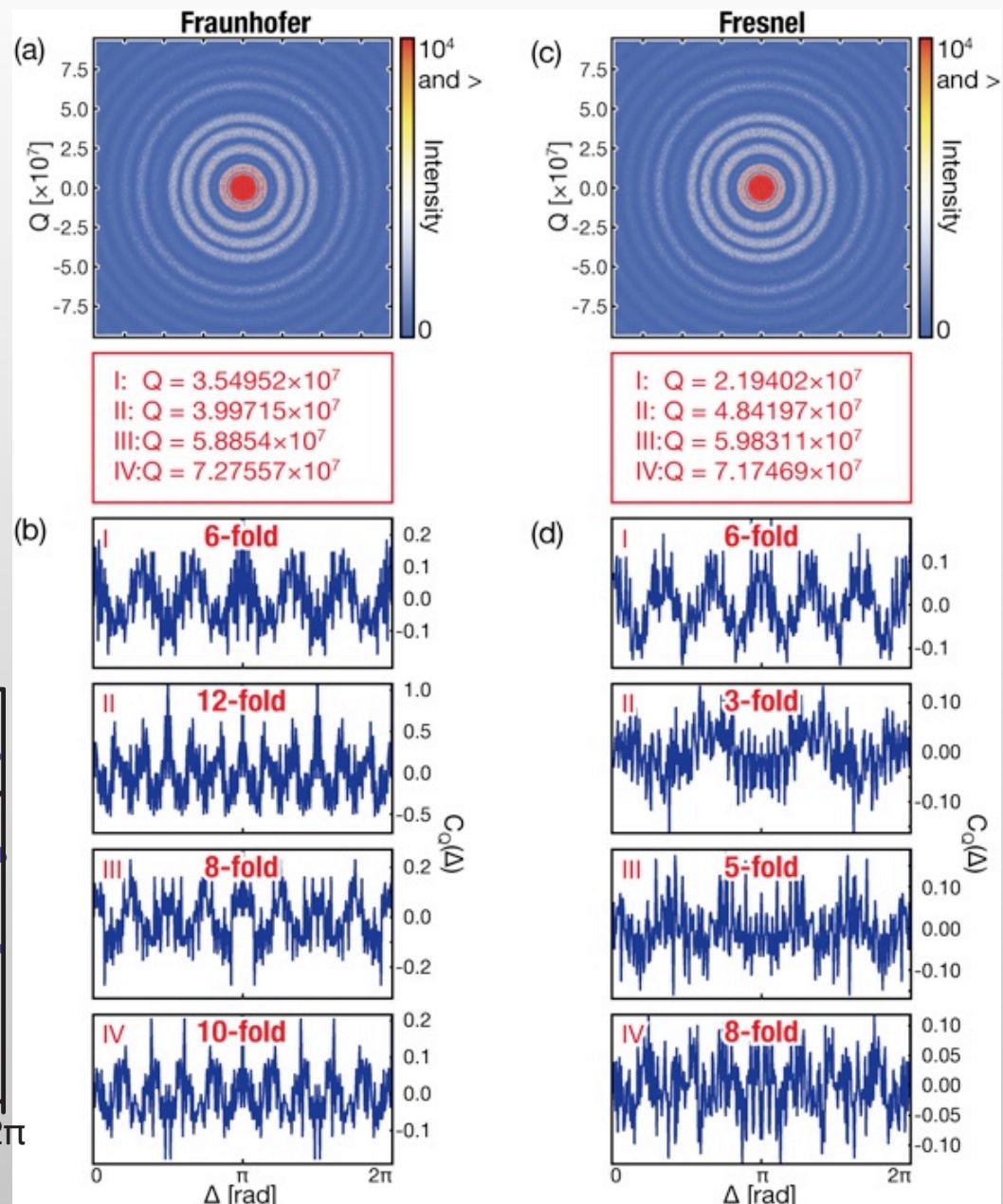
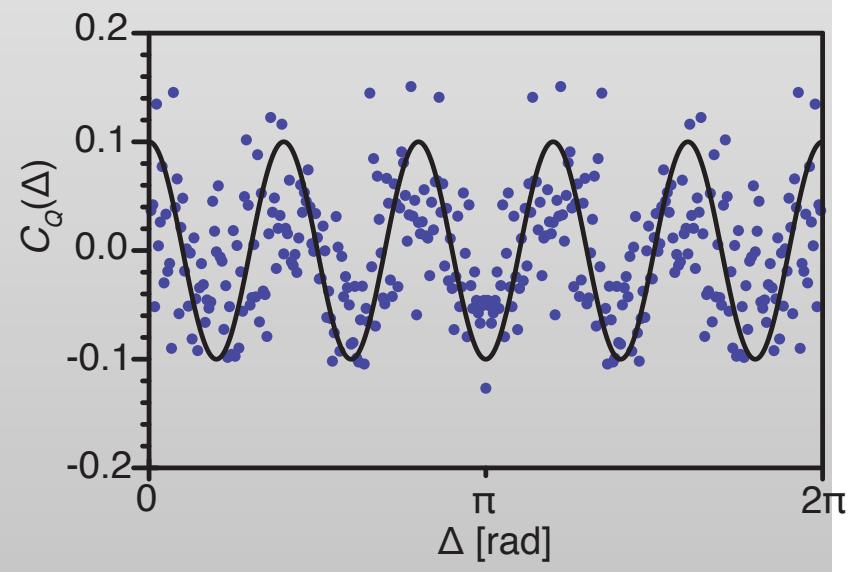
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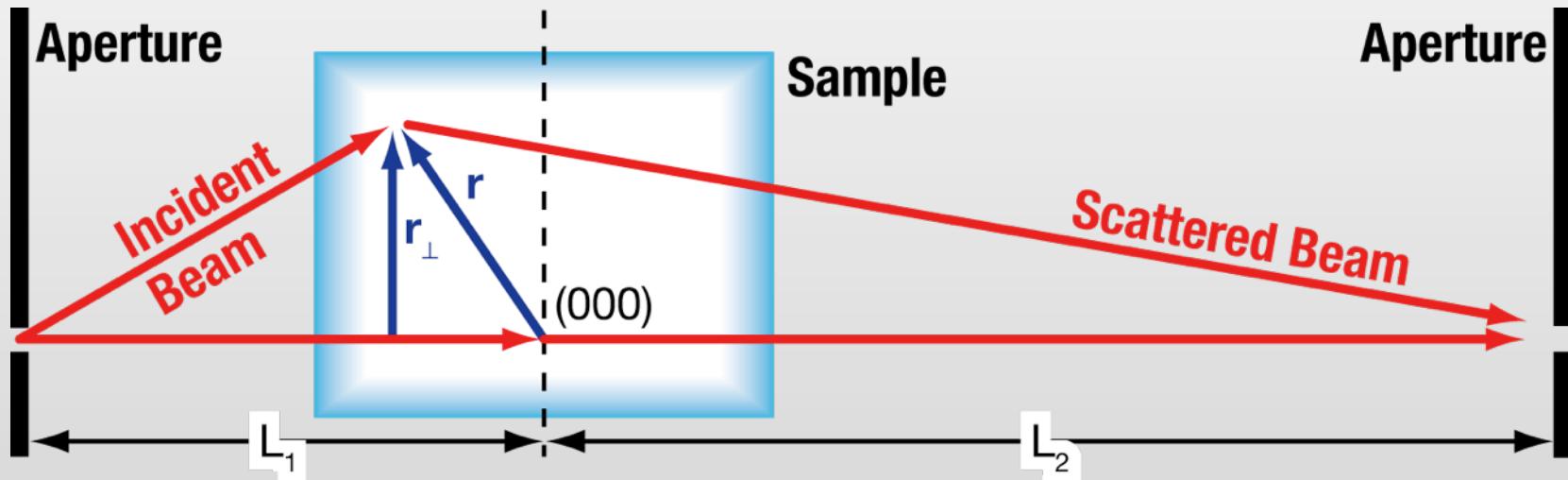
# Numerical Simulation

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- 8000 random icosahedral cluster on a lattice



- Near field approximation for entrance wave front
- Far field for exit wave front



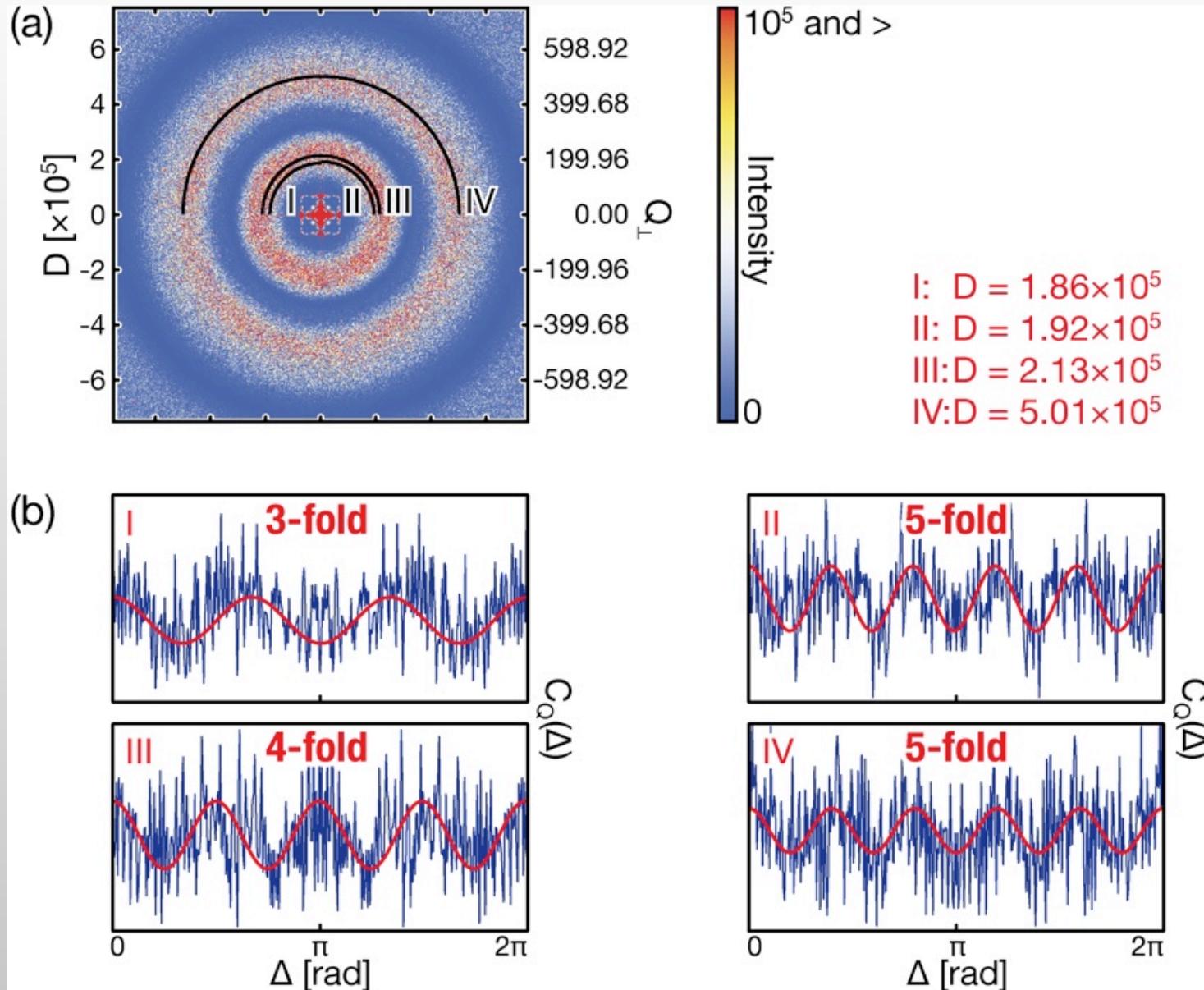
- Fresnel Density: add **imaginary phase factor** to real density

$$\rho_F(\mathbf{r}) = \rho(\mathbf{r}) \exp \left\{ i \frac{\Omega}{2} k_0 \left( \frac{r^2}{L_1} + \frac{r_{\perp}^2}{L_2} \right) \right\}; \quad \Omega = 1 + \Delta\lambda / \lambda$$

- Breaks inversion symmetry of  $I(Q)$  (Friedel's Law)

# XCCA on Ewald sphere in the far field limit

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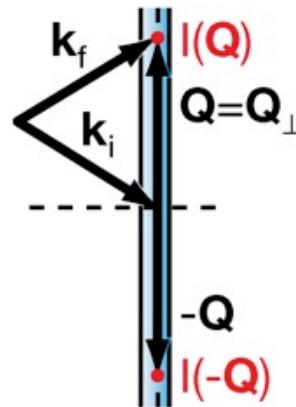


# Ewald sphere vs. plane through Origin

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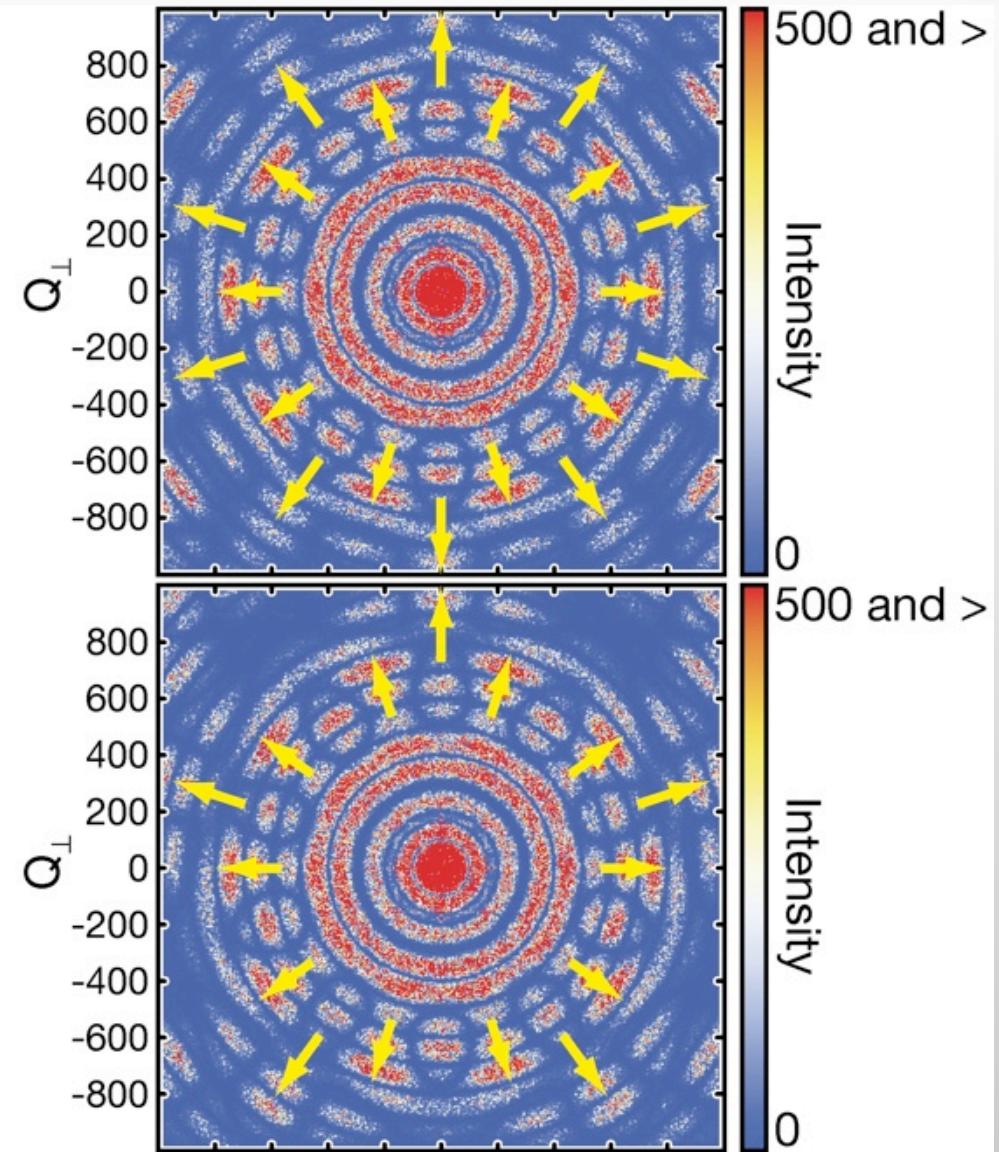
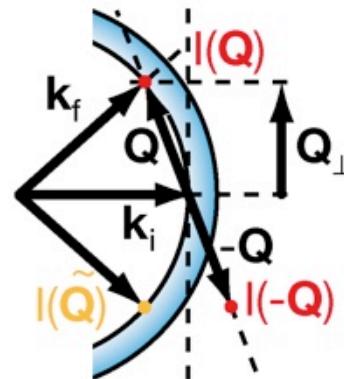
(a)

## k-space plane



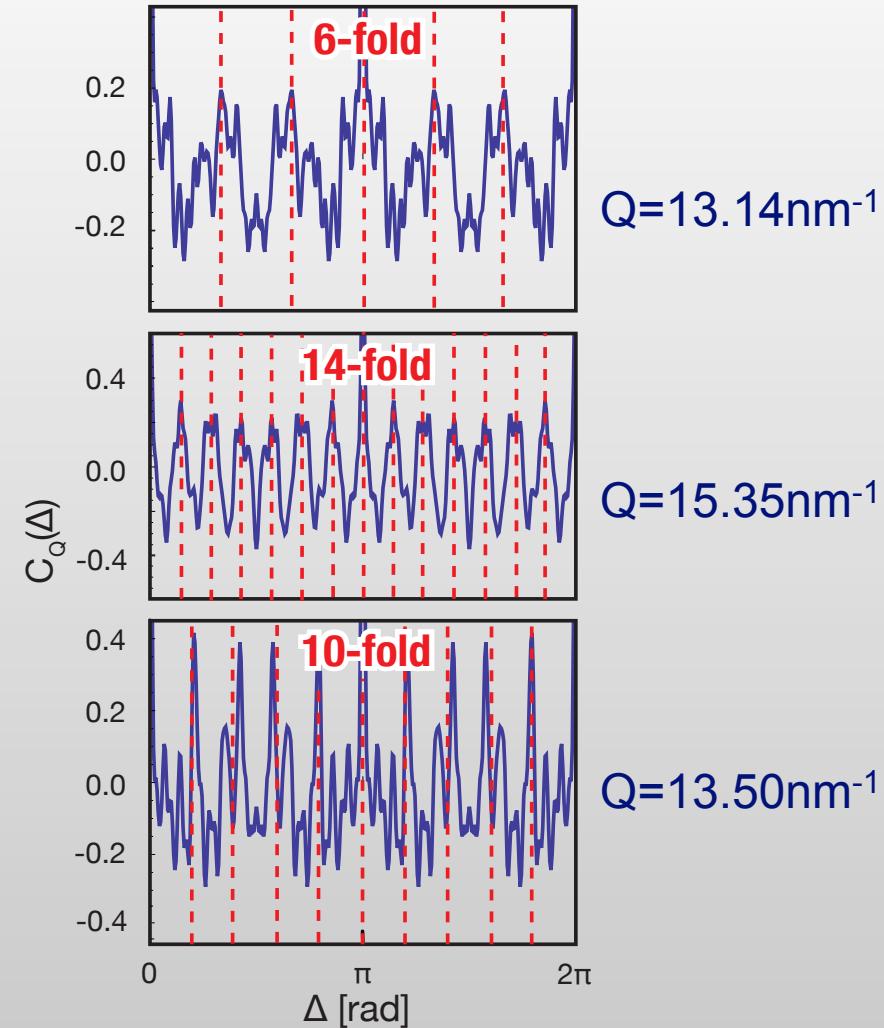
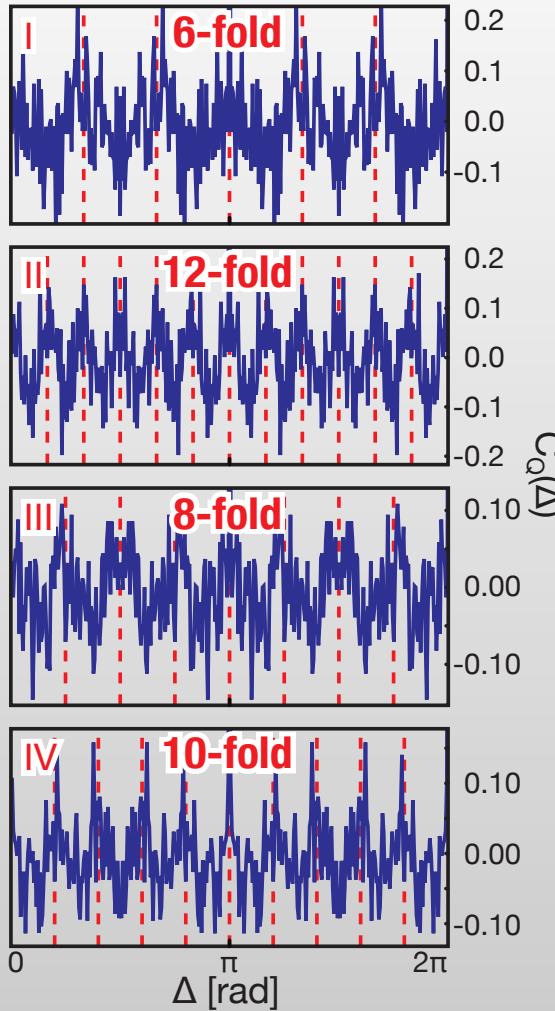
(b)

## Ewald sphere



- $E = 8 \text{ keV}$  and  $\Delta E/E = 10^{-4}$   $\Theta < 0.4^\circ$

- $C_Q(\Delta)$  with Fraunhofer approximation



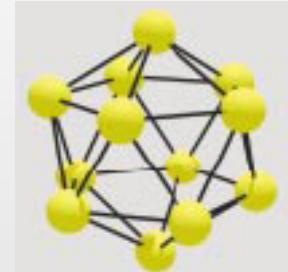
- Monoatomic glass: Dzugutov potential
- $2 \cdot 10^6$  atoms

- liquid H<sub>2</sub>O: 450000 particles SPC

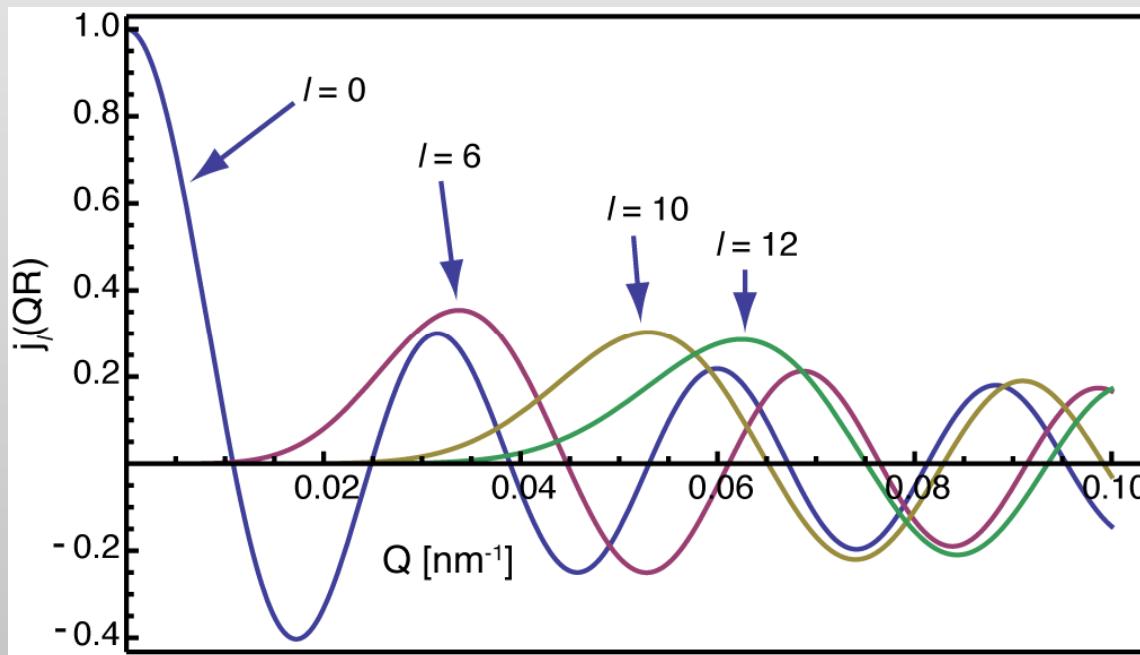
- **Hypothesis:** Icosahedral clusters (LFS)
- **form factor expansion:** in icosahedral harmonics and orthogonal rotator functions
  - e.g. icosahedron:  $l=0, l=6, l=10, l=12 \dots$

$$\rho_i(\mathbf{Q}) = 4\pi f_{sphere}(\mathbf{Q}) \sum_{l,\tau} i^l g_l j_l(QR) \sum_{\gamma} S_l^{\gamma}(\Omega_Q) U_l^{\gamma,\tau}(\omega_i)$$

Q-Range                                    Angular Symmetry



- **Conclusion:**
  - form factor  $g_l$  can select dominant Q-ranges for special symmetry
  - medium-range correlation length will also influence the Q-dependence



Cluster Orientation :  $\omega_i$

Orientation of Q:  $\Omega_Q$

- **XCCA with XFEL will revolutionize studies of liquids ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ):**
  - XCCA with single lasershots (100 fs)
- **XCCA opens a new world for structural analysis of disordered systems**
  - Glasses
  - transient complex molecular solutions and reactions in solutions
  - nano-powders
- **Sophisticated Cross-correlators  $C_{Q,Q'}(\Delta,t)$ :**
  - time-dependent mid-range orientational correlations
- **Q-space Formalism (mode-coupling): Interaction potentials**

**END**



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