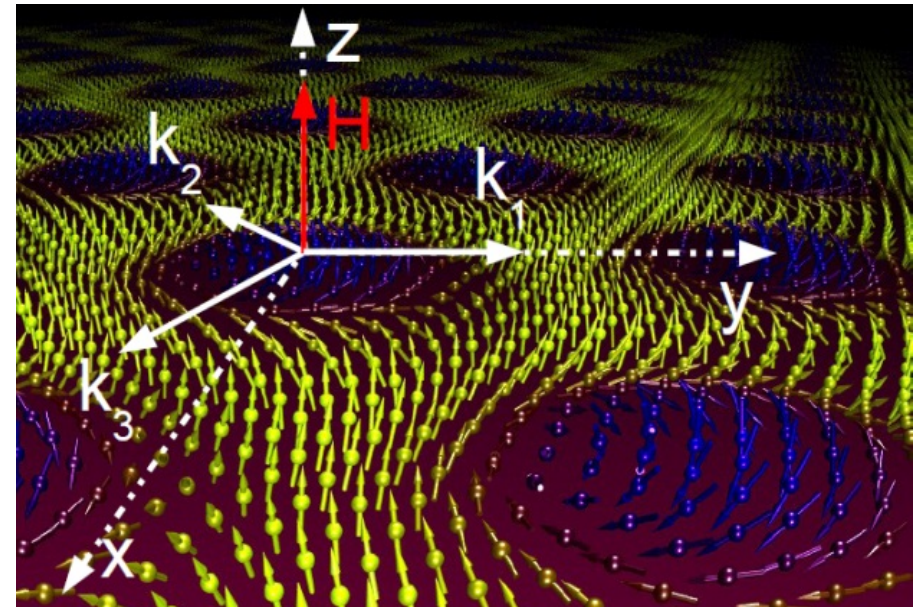
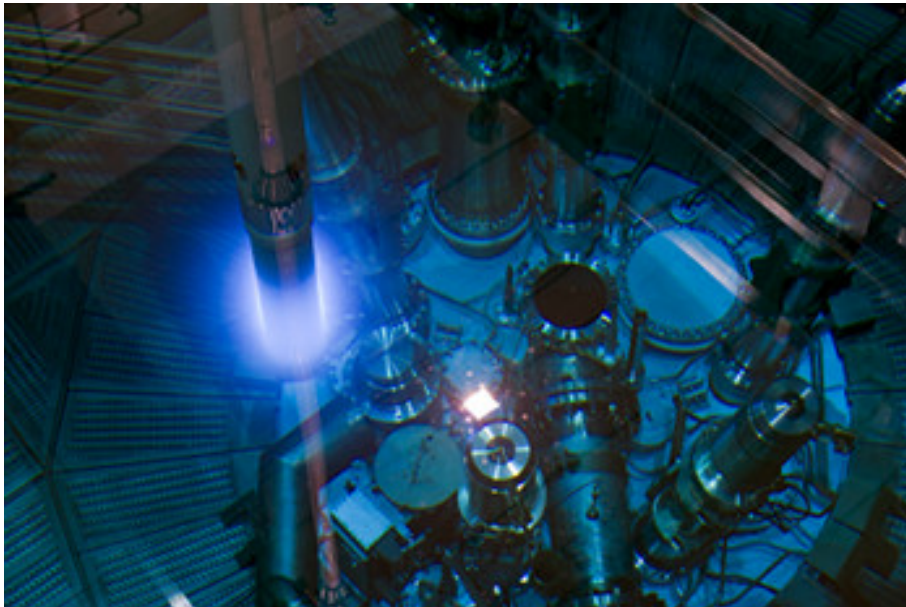


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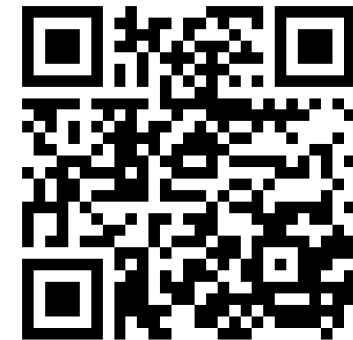
Lecture 1, 19.10.2015

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Suggestion: Seminar Methoden und Experimente in der  
Neutronenstreuung (PH-E21-1), Wednesday 9:00-10:30, PH2224



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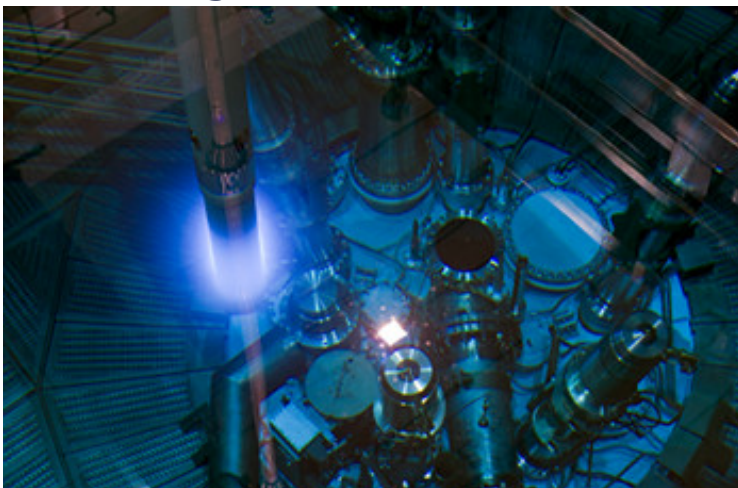
One of the world leading neutron sources



Neutron guide hall

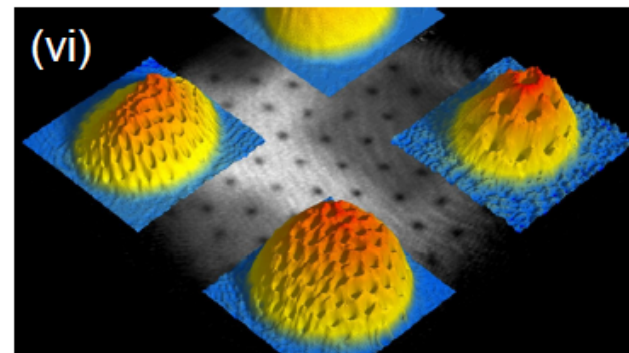
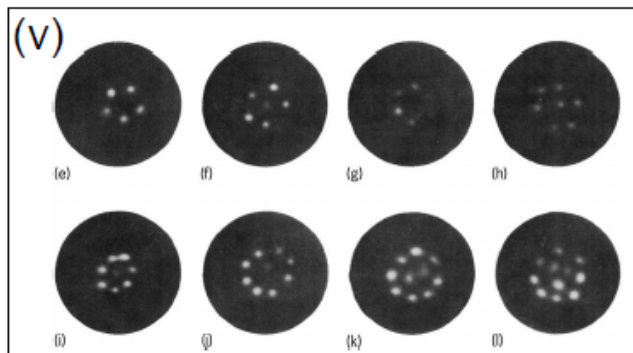
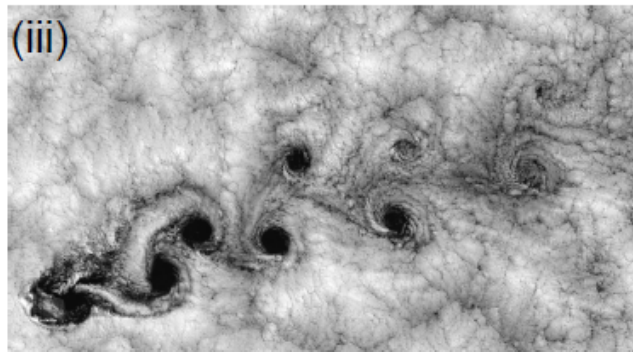


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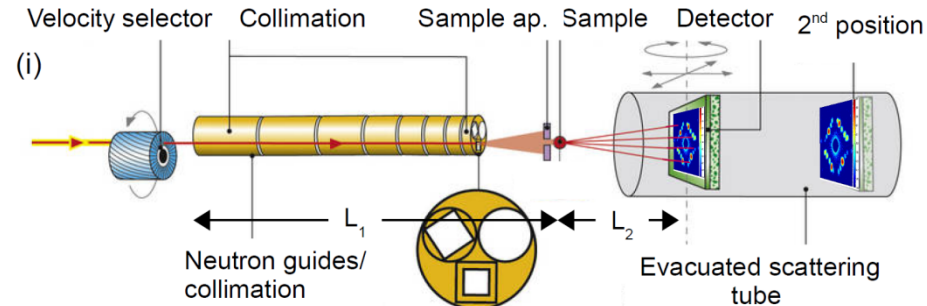
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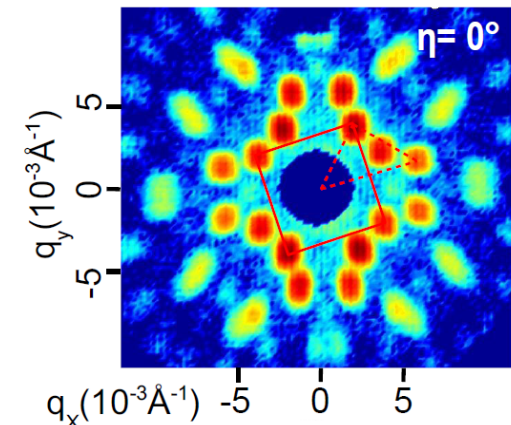
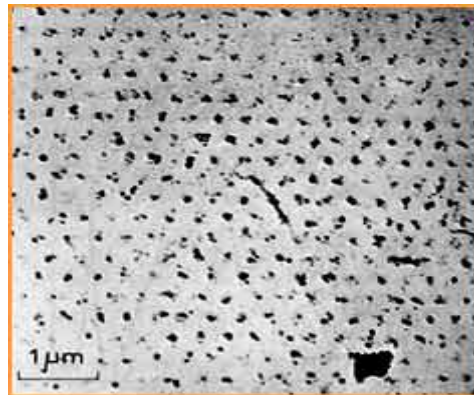




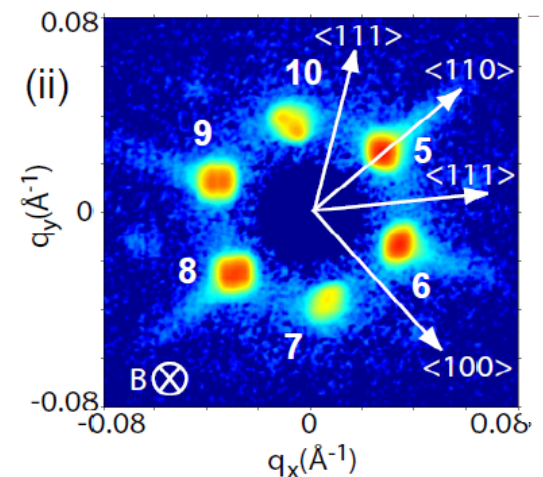
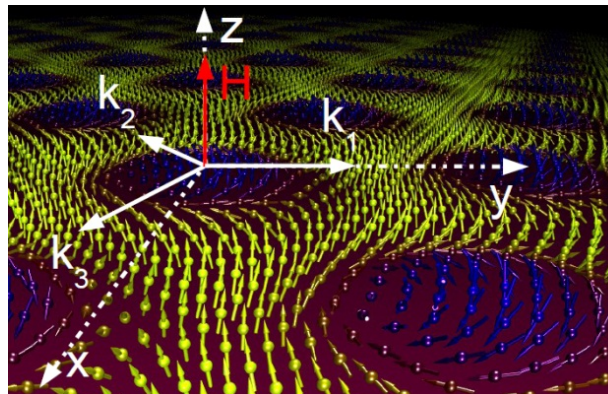
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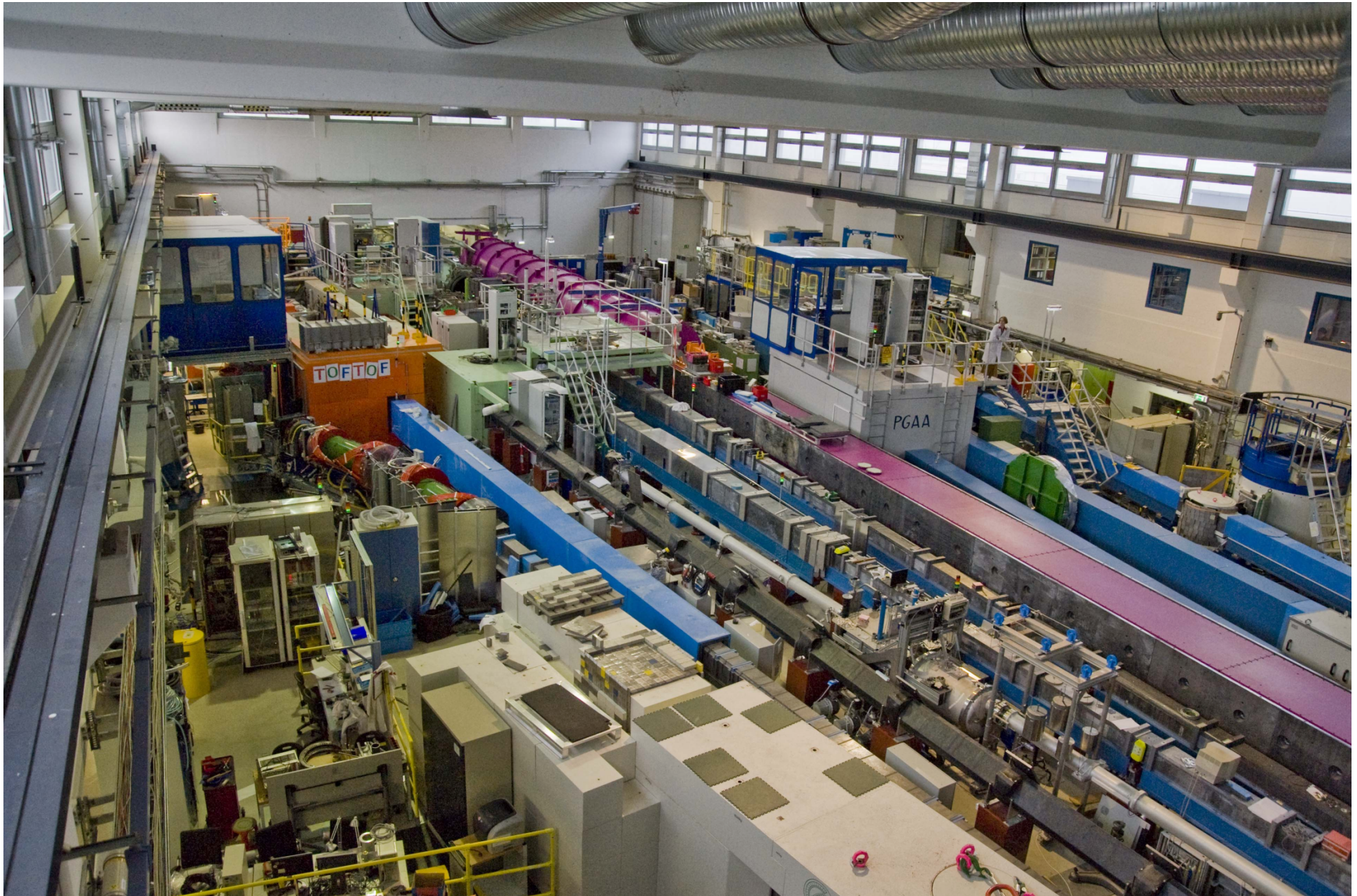
## Properties of superconducting vortices



## Skyrmion lattices in chiral magnets (MnSi & Co.)









## Lecture 1: 19.10.2015

1. Organizational Stuff
2. Introduction into neutron scattering
  - 2.1. Essence of a neutron scattering experiment
  - 2.2. Basic properties of neutrons

## Lecture 2: 26.10.2015

- 2.3. Overview on neutron sources
- 2.4. Neutron moderation
- 2.5. Detecting neutrons
- 2.6. Overview on neutron instrumentation part I: Powder diffraction, single X-tal diffraction, reflectometry & SANS

## Lecture 3: 2.11.2015

- 2.7. Overview on neutron instrumentation part II: Triple axis spectroscopy, time-of-flight(TOF), backscattering and NRSE

## Lecture 4: 9.11.2015

3. Basic neutron scattering theory
  - 3.1. Definition of a scattering cross-section
  - 3.2. Fermis Golden rule

## Lecture 5: 16.11.2015

- 3.3. Coherent and incoherent scattering
- 3.4. Isotope and spin incoherence

## Lecture 6: 23.11.2015

- 4. Elastic neutron scattering on crystals
- 4.1. Bragg scattering from a single crystal
- 4.2. Types of crystal lattices
- 4.3. Ewald sphere construction & reciprocal space

## Lecture 7: 30.11.2015

- 4.4. Structure factors
- 4.5. Miller indices

## Lecture 8: 7.12.2015

- 4.6. Application of elastic neutron scattering on crystals: Powder diffraction
- 4.7. Application of elastic neutron scattering on crystals: Single crystal diffraction
- 4.8. Application of elastic neutron scattering on crystals: Protein crystallography

## Lecture 9: 14.12.2015

- 4.9. Thermal motion, Debye Waller factor with Einstein and Debye approximation

 After the lecture: Visit to FRM II

## Lecture 10: 21.12.2015

- 5. Inelastic neutron scattering
- 5.1. Lattice dynamics and phonons



## Lecture 11: 11.1.2016

- 5.2. Cross-section for phonon emission and absorption
- 5.3. Techniques for inelastic scattering: TAS and TOF

## Lecture 12: 18.1.2016

- 6. Correlation functions of neutron scattering

## Lecture 13: 25.1.2016

- 7. Neutron scattering on liquids

## Lecture 14: 1.2.2016

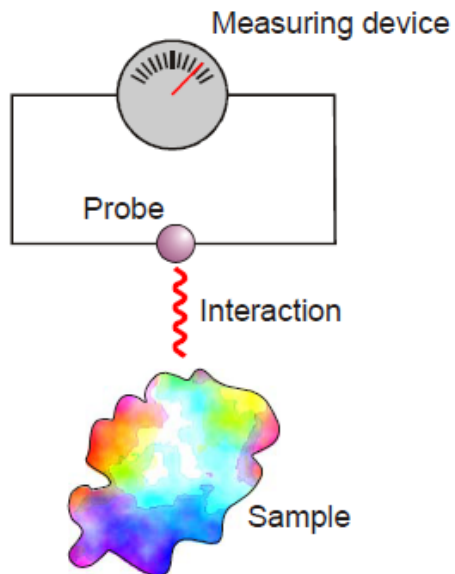
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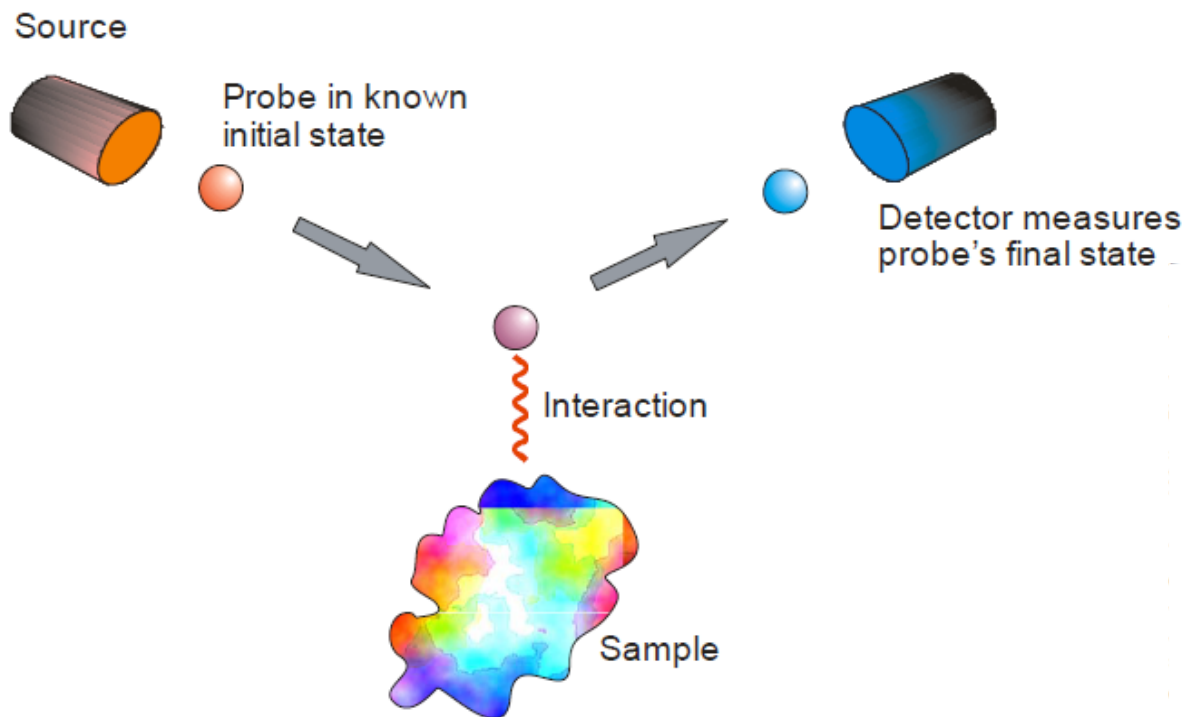


### 2.1. Essence of a neutron scattering experiment

#### Sensor measurement

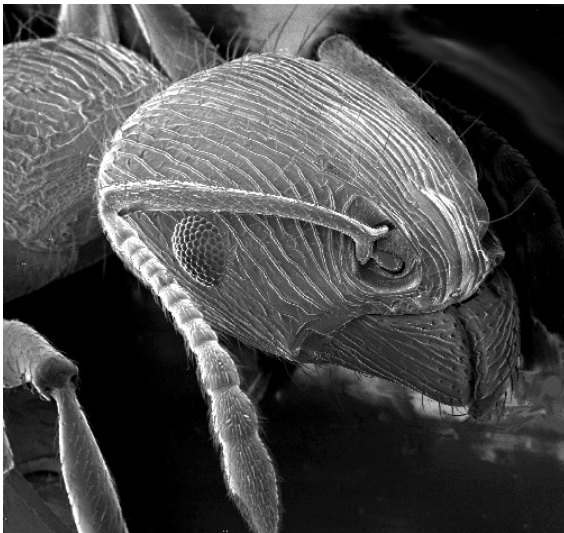


#### Scattering measurement

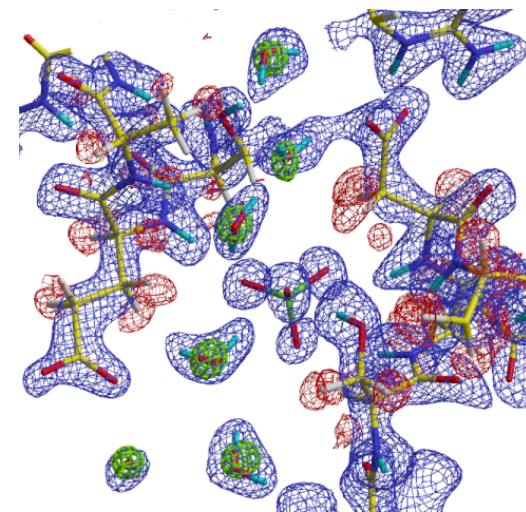
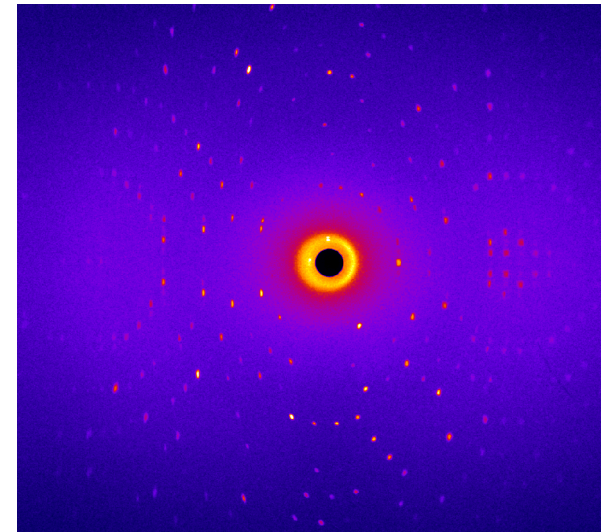


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*Particle scattering measurement*  
 $\lambda \ll A$

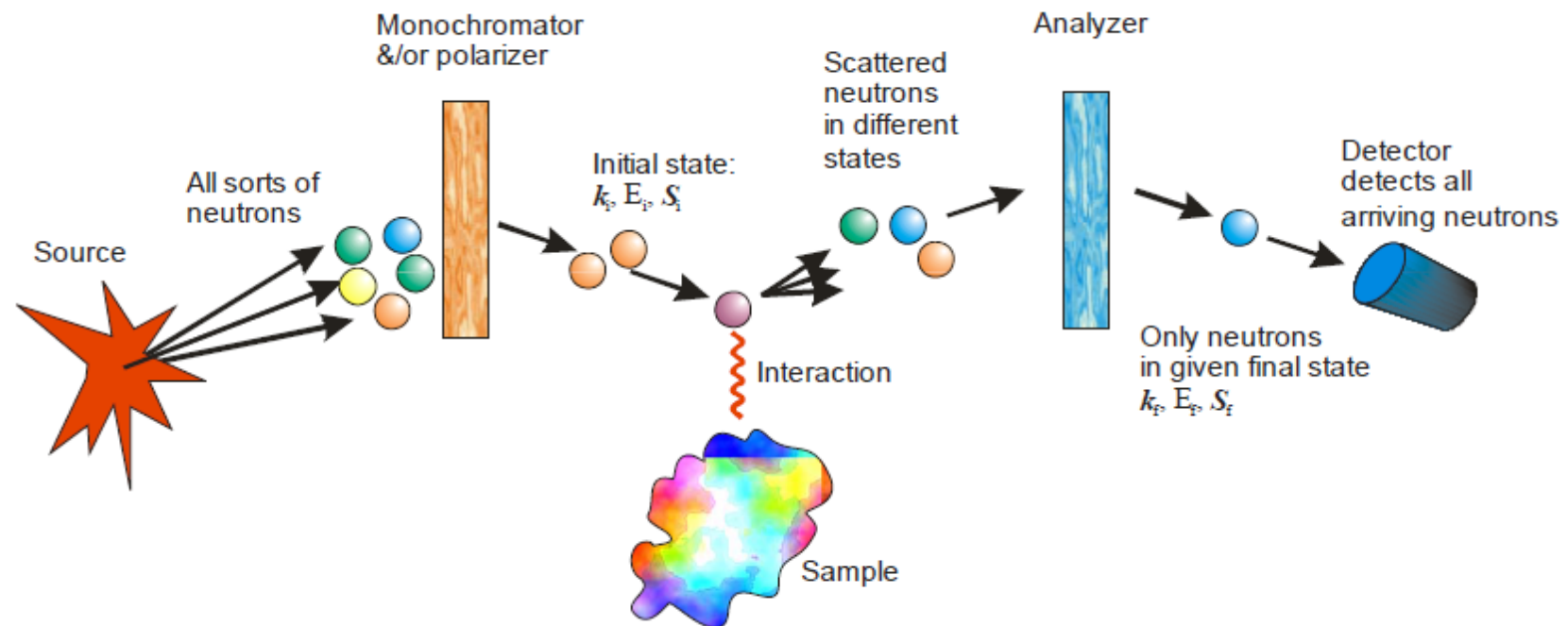


*Wave scattering measurement*  
 $\lambda \sim A$



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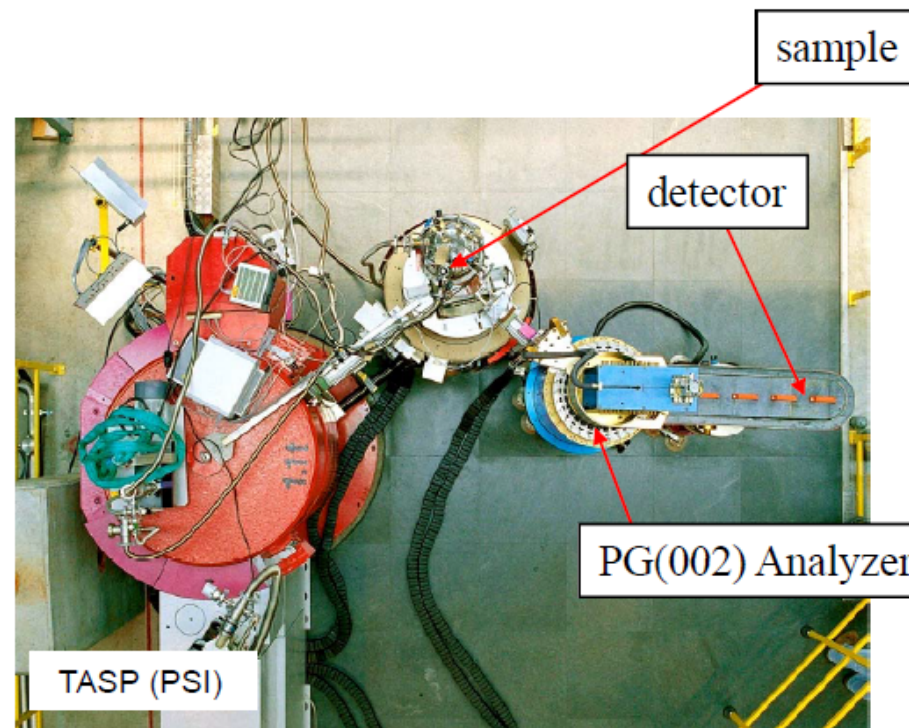
#### Fundamental principle of a neutron scattering experiment





### 2.1. Essence of a neutron scattering experiment

Example: Triple axis spectrometer



### 2.2. Basic properties of neutrons

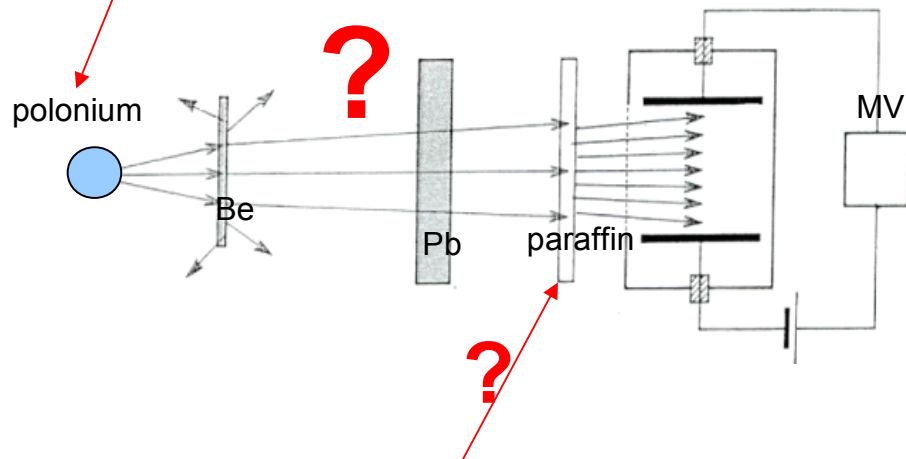
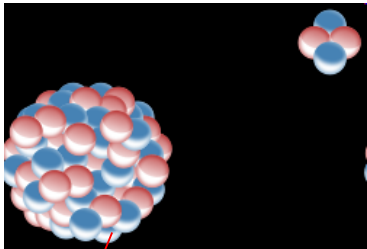
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### 2.2. Basic properties of neutrons - How was the neutron „invented“?

Bothe, Becker 1930  
Curie, Joliot

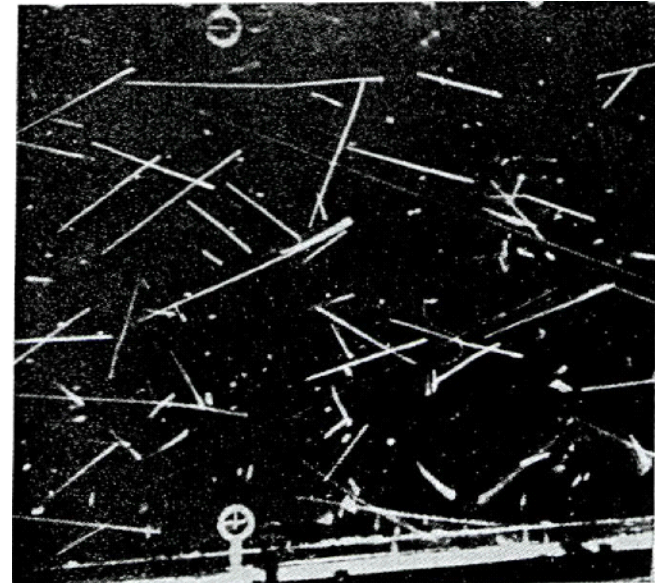


Generation of proton beams in a layer of paraffin by  $\gamma$ -rays from Be.

W. Bothe und H. Becker, Z. Phys. **66**, 289 (1930).

Chadwick 1932:

Be emits neutrons!



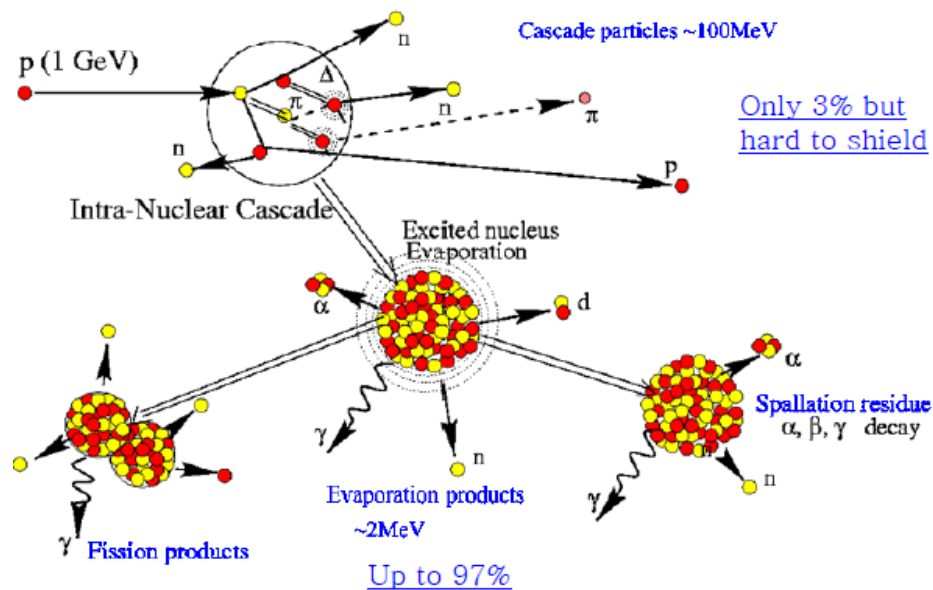
Proton beams in a cloud chamber generated by neutron irradiation

J. Chadwick, Nature **129**, 312 (1932).



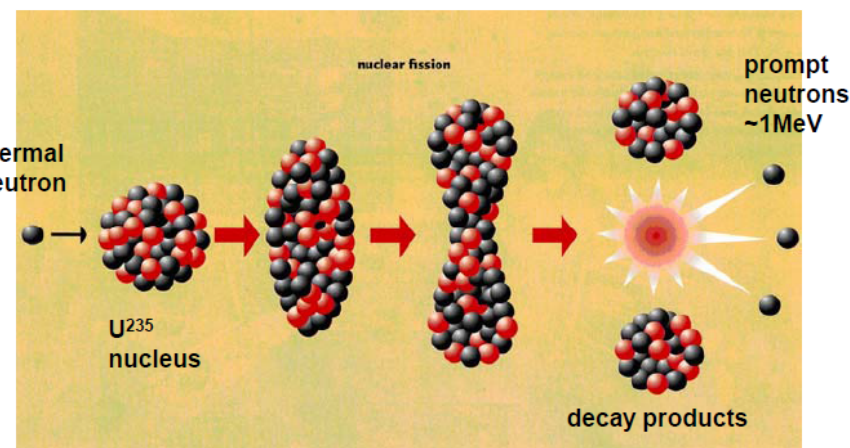
### 2.2. Basic properties of neutrons - How are neutrons generated?

#### Spallation source - Pulsed (mostly)



#### Reactor source - continuous

Thermal fission of  $U^{235}$   $\rightarrow$  2.5 neutrons



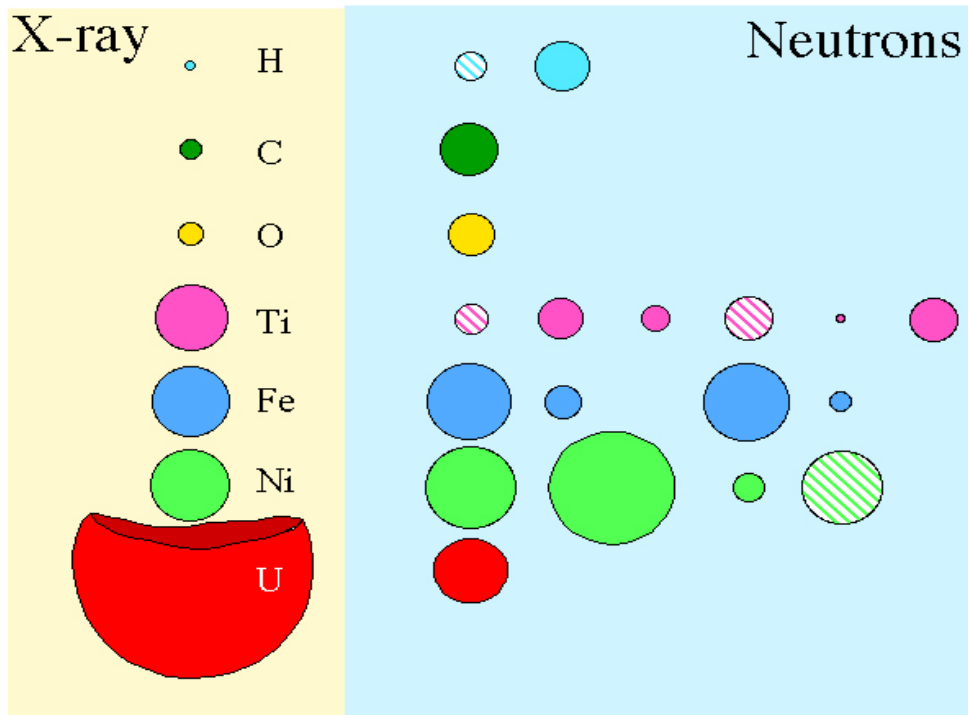
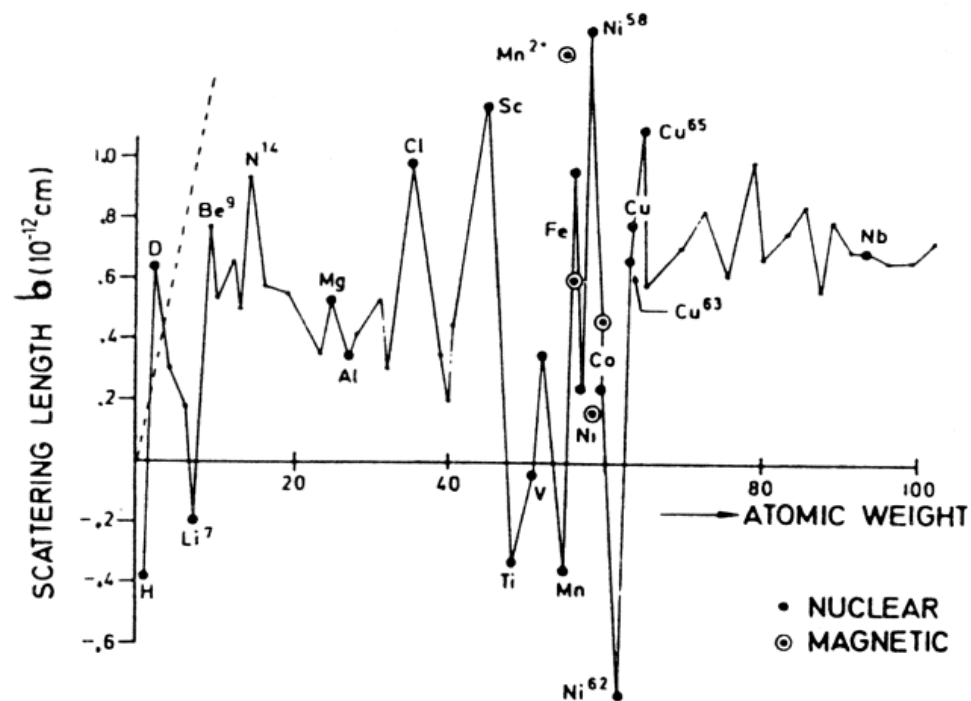
### 2.2. Basic properties of neutrons – What are the basic properties?

Table 1.2: Properties of the Neutron.

| Physical quantity        | Quantity               | Dimension                                                                                       |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mass                     | $1.675 \cdot 10^{-27}$ | kg                                                                                              |
| Charge                   | 0                      | C                                                                                               |
| Spin                     | $1/2$                  | $\hbar$                                                                                         |
| magn. dipol moment       | $\mu_n = -1.913 \mu_K$ | $\mu_K = \frac{e\hbar}{2M_p c}$                                                                 |
| nuclear magneton         |                        | $1 \mu_K = 0.505 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ erg/G}$<br>$1 \mu_K = 3.15 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ MeV/T}$ |
| life time (free neutron) | 886                    | s                                                                                               |
| kinetic energy           | $E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$  | meV                                                                                             |

## 2.2. Basic properties of neutrons – Wavelength and interactions

### Interaction with matter



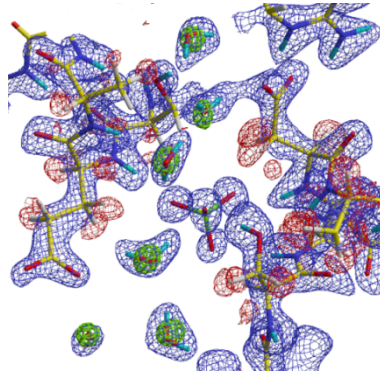
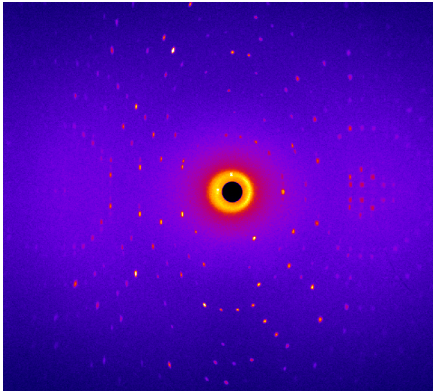


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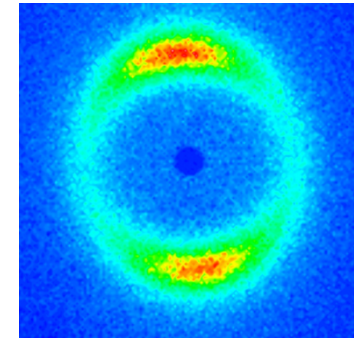
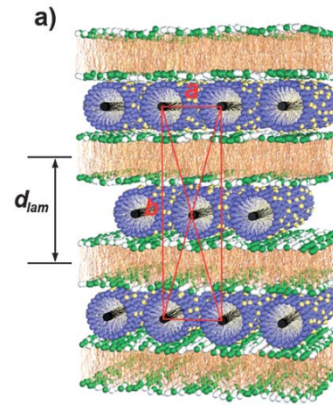
| Energy range (eV)           | Wavelength (Å)      | Classification | Velocity (m/s)    |          |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------|
| $0 - 5 \cdot 10^{-3}$       | $\geq 5$            | cold           | $\leq 1000$       | slow     |
| $5 \cdot 10^{-3} - 10^{-1}$ | $1 < \lambda < 5$   | thermal        | $1000 < v < 4000$ | neutrons |
| $10^{-1} - 1$               | $0.3 < \lambda < 1$ | epithermal     | $4000 < v < 10^4$ |          |
| $1 - 10^2$                  |                     | resonance-     |                   |          |
| $10^2 - 10^5$               |                     | intermediate   |                   | fast     |
| $10^5 - 10^7$               | $\lambda < 0.1$     | fast           | $v > 10^4$        | neutrons |
| $10^7 - 10^{10}$            |                     | ultra fast     |                   |          |
| $10^{10} - \infty$          |                     | relativistic   |                   |          |

## Versatile tool for condensed matter physics

### Crystallography



### Soft Matter



### Materials



### Magnetism & SCES

