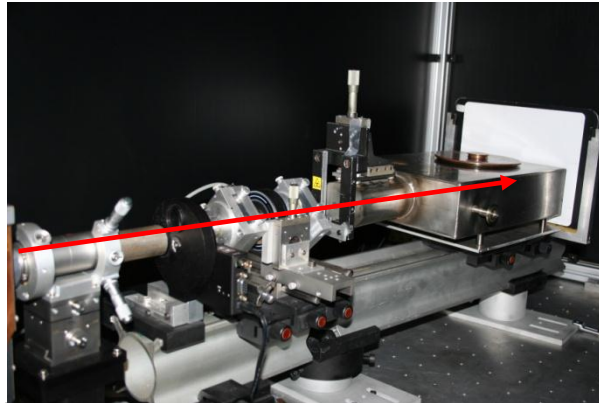


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- Data obtained on different instruments have to be comparable*
- Define a quantity independent of the set-up*
- Define a quantity linked intensively to the structure of the sample*
- Treat the raw data to obtain it*

***1-Scattering cross section***

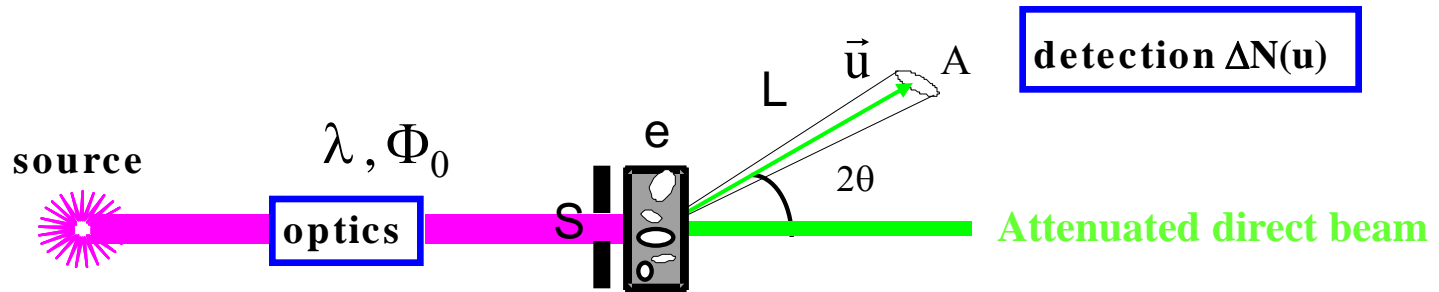
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## Scattering cross section



*Most of incident radiation:*

*transmitted*

*Some part:*

*absorbed*

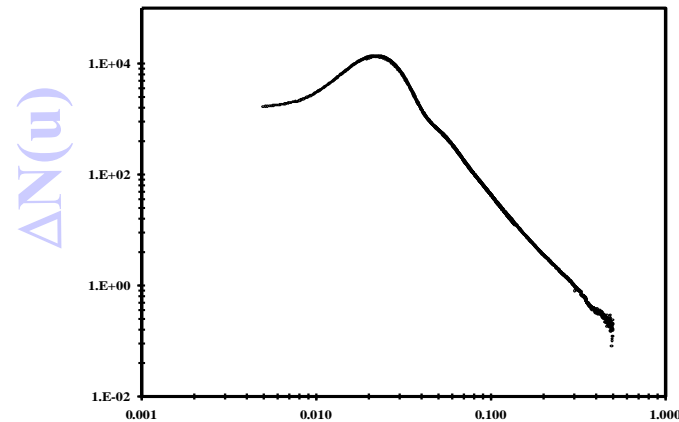
*A certain fraction interacts:*

*scattered ( $2\theta > 0$ )*

*In general: energy transfer ( $\Delta E \neq 0$ )*

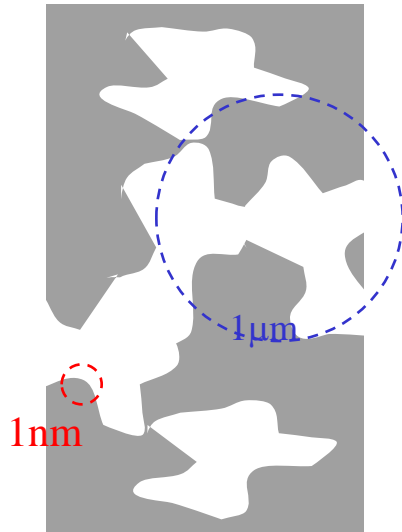
Intensity variation as a function of  $2\theta$  &  $E$ 

*(Here we consider elastic scattering  $\Delta E = 0$ )*

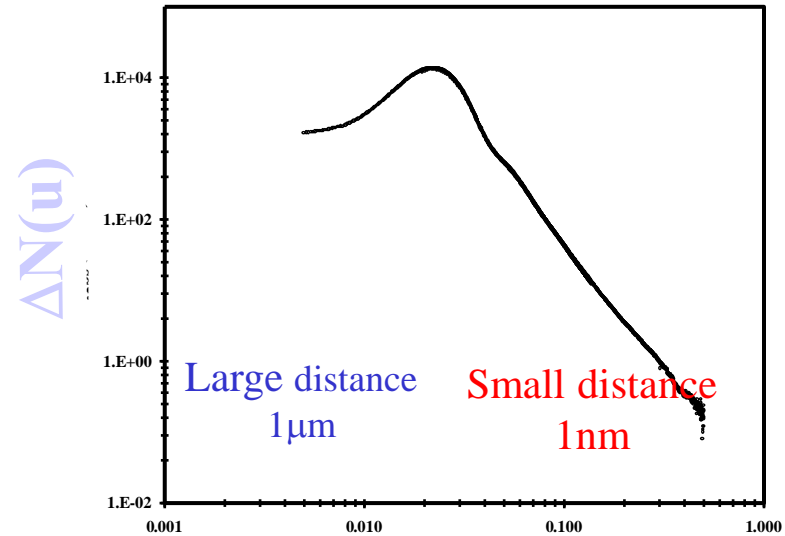


$2\theta$

## Scattering cross section

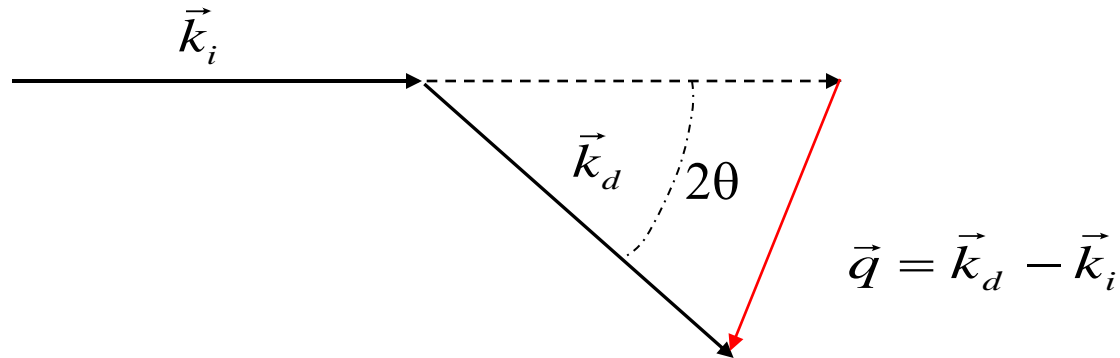


Real space



2θ Scattering diagram

*Need for a two units independent of set-ups and only linked to an intensive characteristic of the sample*

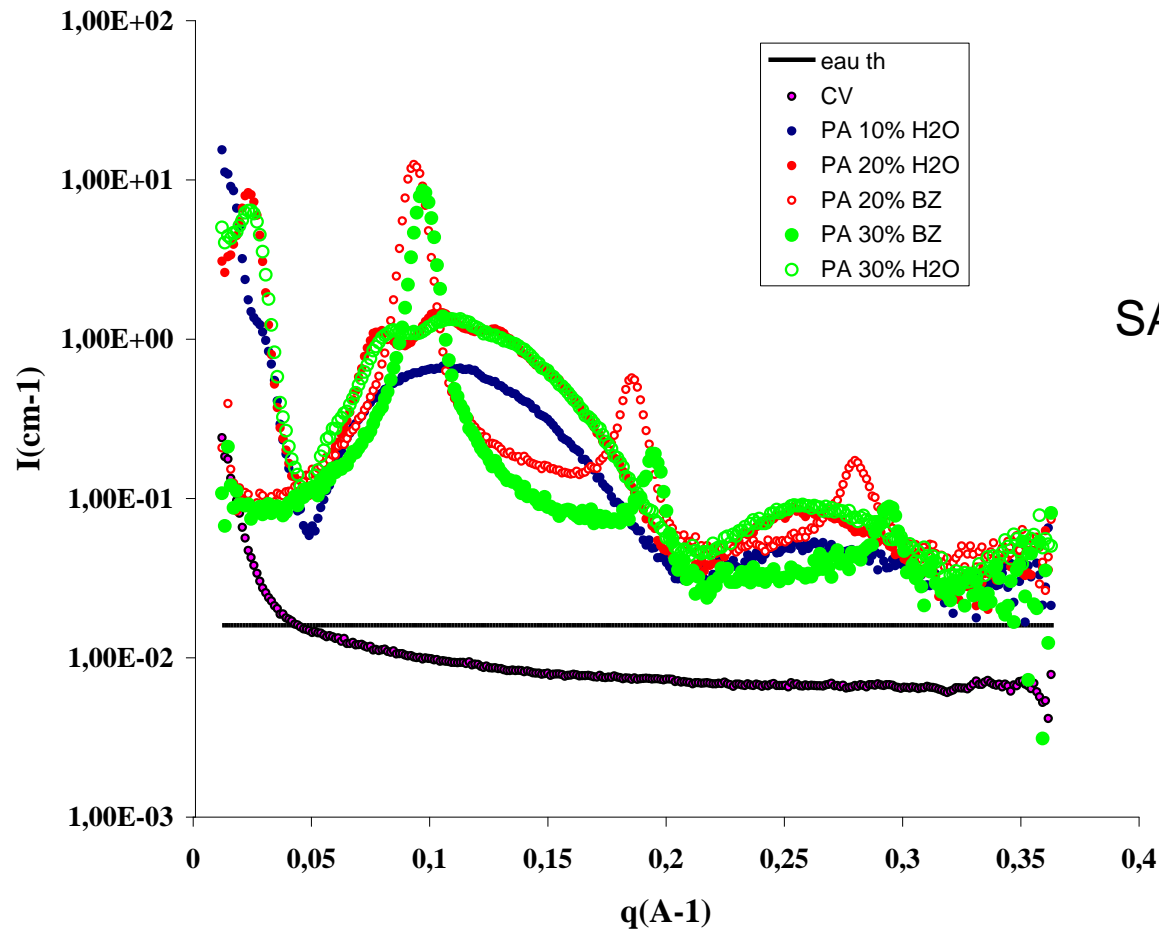


$$q = \frac{4\pi \sin(\theta)}{\lambda}$$

$q$  is classically expressed in  $\text{\AA}^{-1}$  or  $(\text{nm}^{-1})$

SAXS and SANS: Why do we talk of « small angle »?

Scattering cross section



SAXS diagram

For these samples, relevant  $q$  are from  $0,01$  to  $0,6 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$

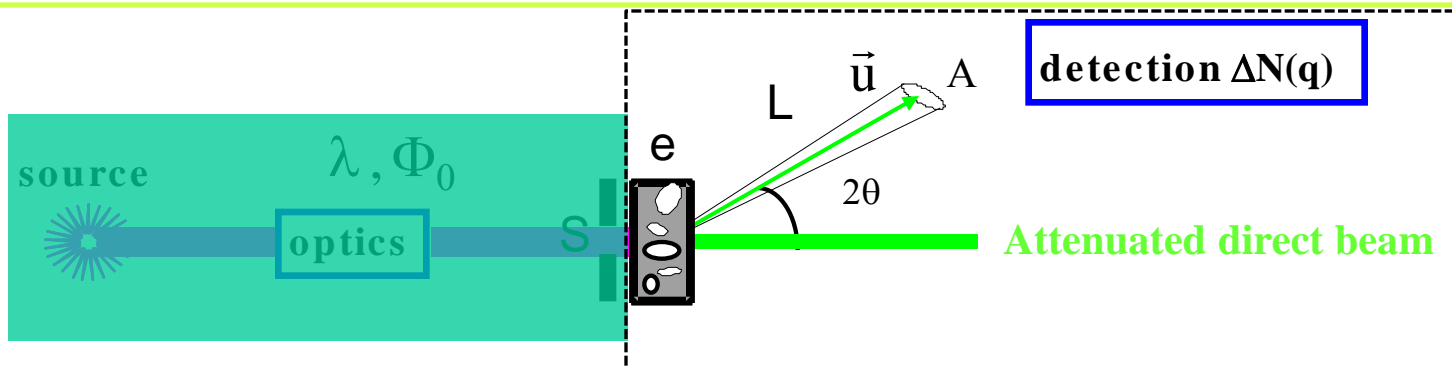
$$\vec{q} \cdot \vec{k}_i \approx 0$$

$$\lambda = 1,54 \text{ \AA}$$

This corresponds to angles  $2\theta$  going from  $0,15^\circ$  to  $8^\circ$

**SMALL ANGLES**

## Scattering cross section



$$N_0 = S \Phi_0$$

*Total counts/s in the direct beam*

$$N_T = T N_0 \quad \text{Total counts/s in the transmitted beam}$$

*Transmission of the sample*

$$N_T = S \phi_T \quad \phi_T: \text{Counts per sec/m}^2$$

*On a detector of extension A at a distance L : counts per sec*

$$\Delta N = \Phi_L A \quad \Phi_L \text{ Counts per sec/m}^2$$

*Looking for an intrinsic property of the sample*

$$\frac{\Phi_L}{\Phi_T} \quad \text{depends on } L$$

$$\Phi_L = \frac{\Phi}{L^2}$$

$$\frac{\Phi}{\Phi_T}$$

*Independent of A, L*

*Homogeneous to a surface => Scattering cross section*

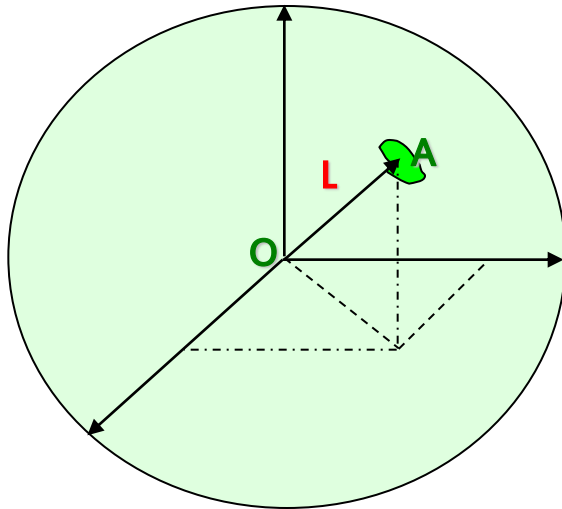
*$\Phi$  Counts per sec  
independent of L and A*

## Scattering cross section

*Scattering cross section  
of the whole sample  
per unit solid angle*

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\Phi}{\Phi_T}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\Delta N}{\Phi_T} \frac{L^2}{A} = \frac{\Delta N}{\Phi_T} \frac{1}{\Delta\Omega}$$



$$\Delta\Omega = \frac{A}{L^2}$$

**Solid angle under which  
the object **A** is seen from the centre **O****

**expressed in steradian**

**For the whole sphere :  $S = 4\pi L^2$**

$$\Omega = \frac{A}{L^2} = 4\pi$$



## Scattering cross section

*Scattering cross section  
per unit volume  
per unit solid angle*

$$\frac{1}{V} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{e} \frac{\Delta N}{S \phi_T \Delta\Omega}$$

***"Scattered intensity"***  
**cm<sup>-1</sup>**

$$\frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{eT N_0} \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta\Omega}$$

*All these quantities can be measured*

*Probability to be scattered  
by the whole sample*

$$p(\vec{u}) = e \frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega}$$

*1-Scattering cross section*

*2-Sample requirements*

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## Sample requirements

Counts/s  
in the direction  
 $\vec{u}$  in the solid angle  $\Delta\Omega$

$$\Delta N = \overset{\text{Incident Flux}}{\Phi_0} \overset{\text{Transmission}}{S} \overset{\text{Solid angle of the detector}}{T} p(\vec{u}) \Delta\Omega$$

Surface  
of  
the sample

Probability of being  
Scattered in the direction  $u$

$N_0$

Probability increases with thickness

$$p(\vec{u}) = e \frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega} \quad \text{Intensive property of the material}$$

$$\Delta N = N_0 \underbrace{T e}_{\text{Need to be maximized, depends of the sample}} \frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega} \Delta\Omega$$

Need to be maximized, depends of the sample

Using  $\Delta N = T N_0 p(\vec{u}) \Delta\Omega$

Calculate the numbers of eyes that would be lost every year  
if one opens champagne bottles at random !

$$N_0 = 200 \cdot 10^6 \text{ bottles / year}$$

$$\Delta\Omega = N_p (0.02 / 2)^2 = N_p 10^{-4}$$

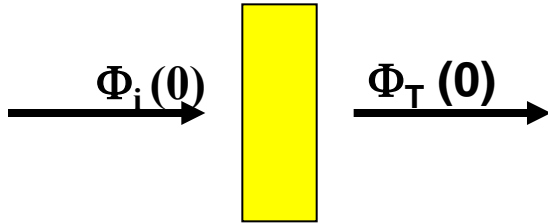
$$T = 1$$

$$N_p = 5$$

$$N = 8000$$

$$\int \Delta N = N_0 = \int N_0 p(\vec{u}) \Delta\Omega$$

$$p(\vec{u}) = 1 / 4\pi$$



$$T = \frac{\phi_T(0)}{\phi} = e^{-\mu e}$$

linear attenuation coefficient

**Light:**  $\mu = \text{turbidity} \sim \lambda^2$   
 attenuation due to coherent scattering in  $4\pi$   
 $1/\mu = 1 \text{ m} \rightarrow 1000 \text{ m}$

**X-rays:**  $\mu = \text{absorption coefficient } \mu_{\text{abs}}$   
 absorption is essential part of attenuation  
 $1/\mu = 0.01 \text{ mm} \rightarrow 1 \text{ mm}$

**Neutrons:**  $\mu = \mu_{\text{coh}} + \mu_{\text{abs}} + \mu_{\text{inc}}$   
 absorption + coherent + incoherent scattering  
 $\mu = \Sigma$  “total scattering cross section”  
 $1/\mu = 0.5 \text{ mm} \rightarrow 10 \text{ mm}$

$\Delta N \sim e T$  is maximum for  $e = 1/\mu$  and therefore  $T=1/e=0.37$

but multiple scattering is minimum for  $e \ll 1/\mu$

$\Rightarrow$  look for a compromise

Specific to each atom

$$(\mu / \rho)_{mix} = \sum (m_i / m_{tot}) (\mu / \rho)_i$$

$$\mu_l = \rho_{mix} (\mu / \rho)_{mix}$$

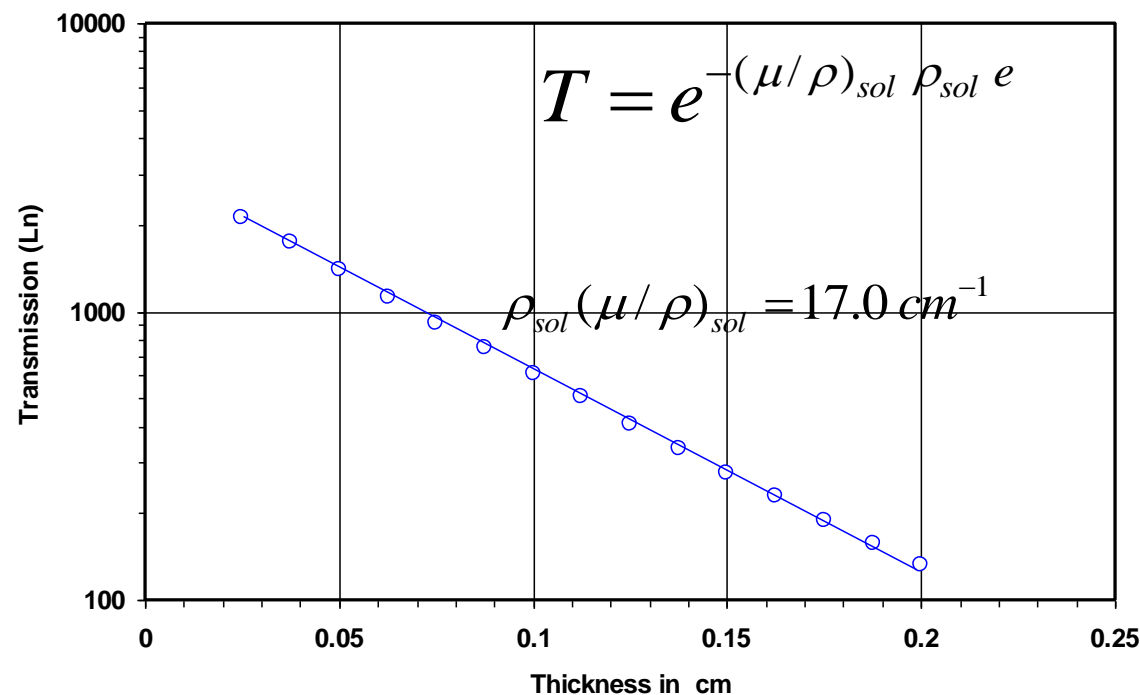
## Sample requirements

	<i>Cu K<sub>α1</sub></i> <i>8.047 keV</i>	<i>ID02 ESRF</i> <i>11.9 keV</i>	<i>Mo K<sub>α1</sub></i> <i>17.48 keV</i>
<i>H<sub>2</sub>O</i> $\mu / \rho$ (cm <sup>2</sup> / g)	<i>9.78</i>	<i>3.38</i>	<i>0.936</i>
<i>d=1</i> $e = 1 / \mu_l$ (mm)	<i>1.02</i>	<i>2.96</i>	<i>10.7</i>
<i>CeO<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>280.32</i>	<i>112.32</i>	<i>38.99</i>
<i>d=7.15</i>	<i>0.005</i>	<i>0.012</i>	<i>0.036</i>
<i>SiO<sub>2</sub></i>	<i>35</i>	<i>12.53</i>	<i>3.72</i>
<i>d=2.3</i>	<i>0.124</i>	<i>0.347</i>	<i>1.17</i>
<i>Polystyrene</i>	<i>3.862</i>	<i>1.289</i>	<i>0.353</i>
<i>d=1</i>	<i>2.59</i>	<i>7.76</i>	<i>28.3</i>
<i>Polybromostyrene</i>	<i>39.95</i>	<i>8.72</i>	<i>21.28</i>
<i>d=1.41</i>	<i>0.178</i>	<i>0.813</i>	<i>0.333</i>
<i>Gold</i>	<i>197.6</i>	<i>12.26</i>	<i>95.26</i>
<i>d=19.3</i>	<i>0.003</i>	<i>0.042</i>	<i>0.005</i>

Depends on elements

Decrease with energy but close to absorption threshold Au: (L3) 11.919keV Br: (K1s) 13.474

## Sample requirements

Experimental  
determination

$$(\mu/\rho)_{sol} = x_{CeO_2} (\mu/\rho)_{CeO_2} + (1 - x_{CeO_2}) (\mu/\rho)_{H_2O}$$

$$(\mu/\rho)_{CeO_2} = 282 \text{ cm}^2 / \text{g} \quad \rho_{sol} (\mu/\rho)_{sol} = \rho_{sol} (\mu/\rho)_{H_2O}$$

$$(\mu/\rho)_{H_2O} = 9.83 \text{ cm}^2 / \text{g}$$

$$\rho_{sol} = 1.16 \text{ g} / \text{cm}^3$$

$$+ c_{CeO_2} [(\mu/\rho)_{CeO_2} - (\mu/\rho)_{H_2O}]$$

Leads to

$$C_{CeO_2} = 20 \text{ g} / \text{l}$$



## Sample requirements

$V$  must be the total volume of the sample interacting with the beam

Total volume of the sample  $V$

*for homogeneous solution or solids*

$$I = \frac{1}{V} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{eT N_0} \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta\Omega}$$



**For powders**, material volume of the sample  $V_s$

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{V_s} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{e_b T N_0} \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta\Omega}$$

$V_s$  solid volume of the powder interacting with the beam



*1-Scattering cross section*

*2-Sample requirements*

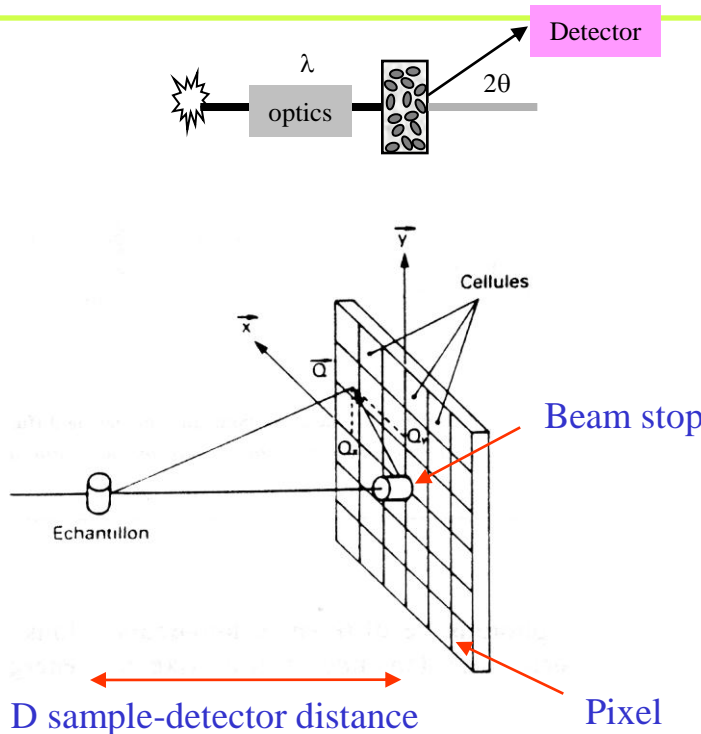
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# 2D position sensitive detector

## Protocol of measure



X-ray : ionizing rays

Gas detector

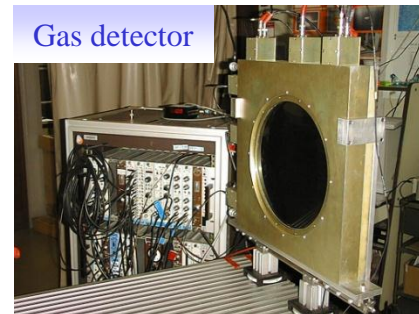
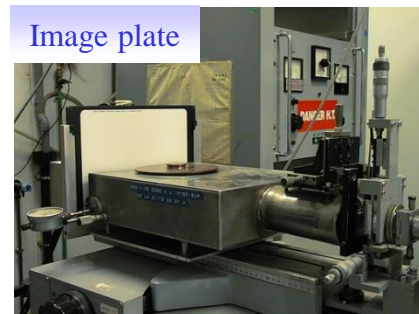
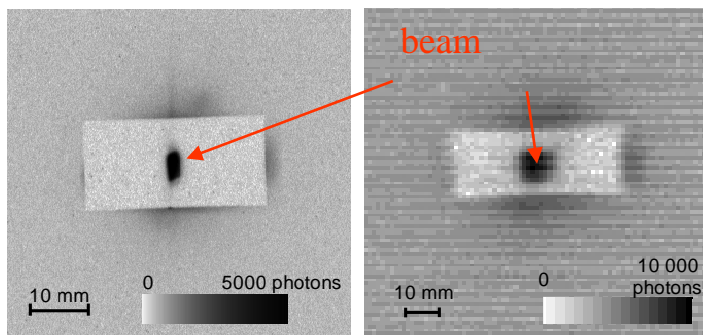


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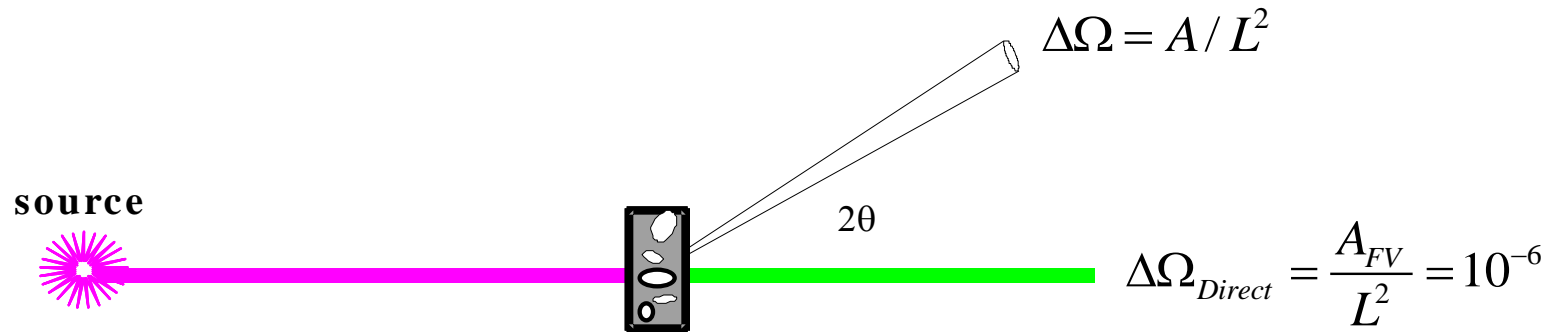


CCD Camera



**Detectors are sensitive to the intensity not to the field  
(or the probability wave function in case of neutrons)**

## Protocol of measure



Attenuated direct beam

*in the direct beam*

$$\Delta N(2\theta \approx 0) = TN_0 \frac{\Delta\Omega}{\Delta\Omega_{Direct}}$$

*in the scattered beam*

$$\Delta N(2\theta) = TN_0 e \frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega} \Delta\Omega$$

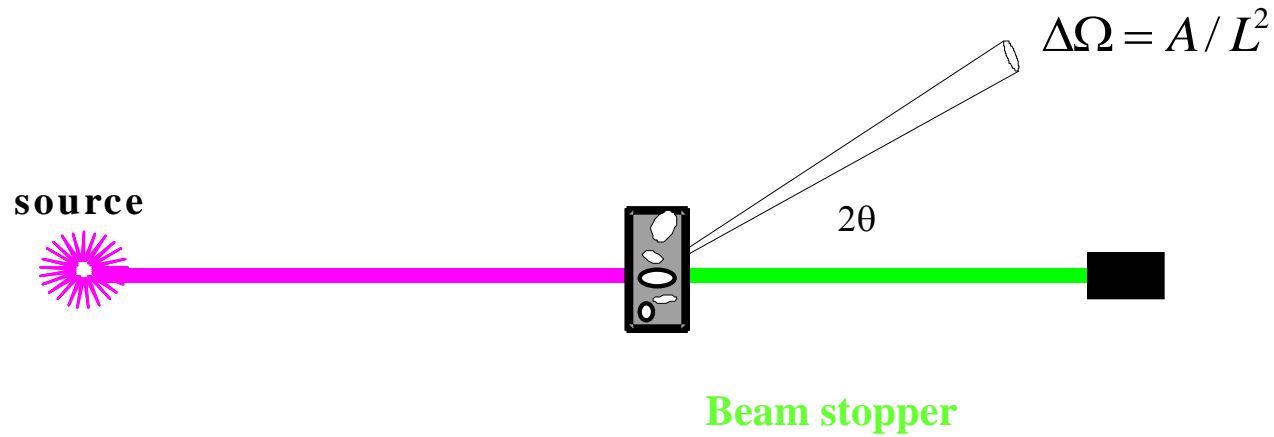
*Ratio of counts on the detector*

$$r = e \frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega} \Delta\Omega_{Direct}$$

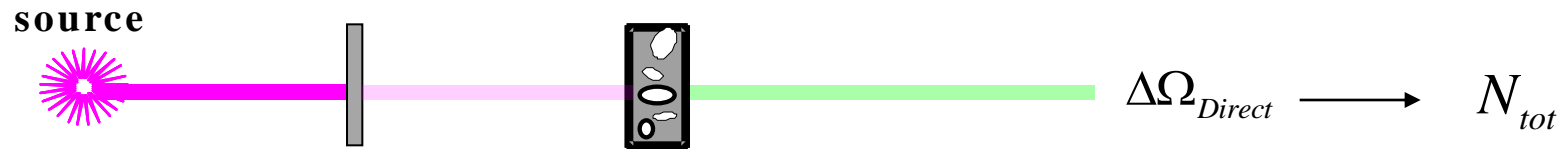
$$r = 0.1 * 0.016 * 10^{-6} = 1.6 * 10^{-9}$$

**The two signals cannot be measured in one shot**

## Protocol of measure



Beam stopper withdrawn  
Attenuator in

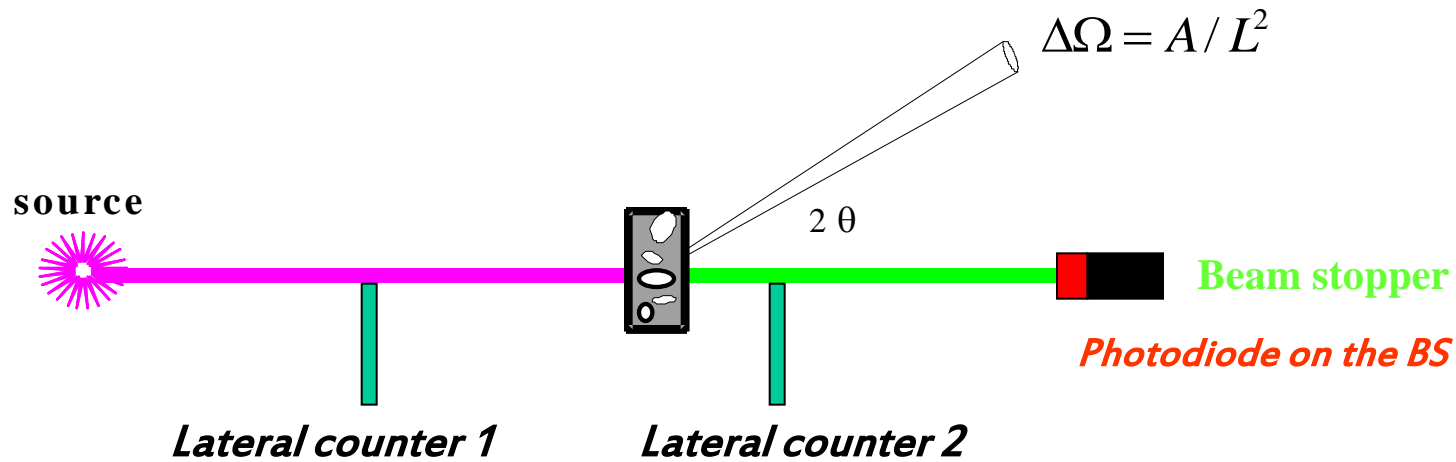


Beam center

2-D detectors:  $\sum I$  (central window)  
 -> 1st moment of int. distribution  
 ->  $x_0, y_0$  for circ. averaging



$$T = \frac{N_{tot}}{N_{tot,FD}}$$



$$T = \frac{L_2}{L_1}$$

$$T = \frac{PD(\text{with sample})}{PD(\text{without sample})}$$

*1-Scattering cross section*

*2-Sample requirements*

*3-Protocol of measure*

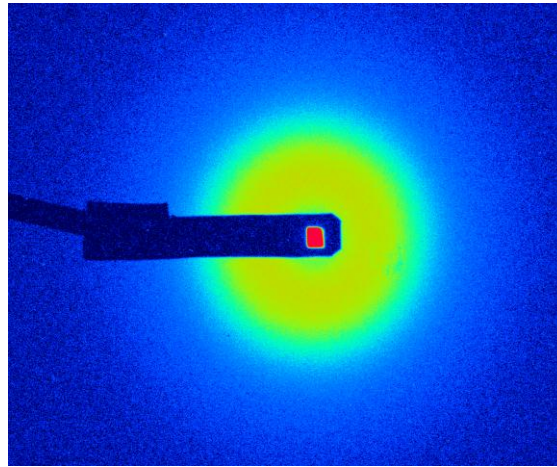
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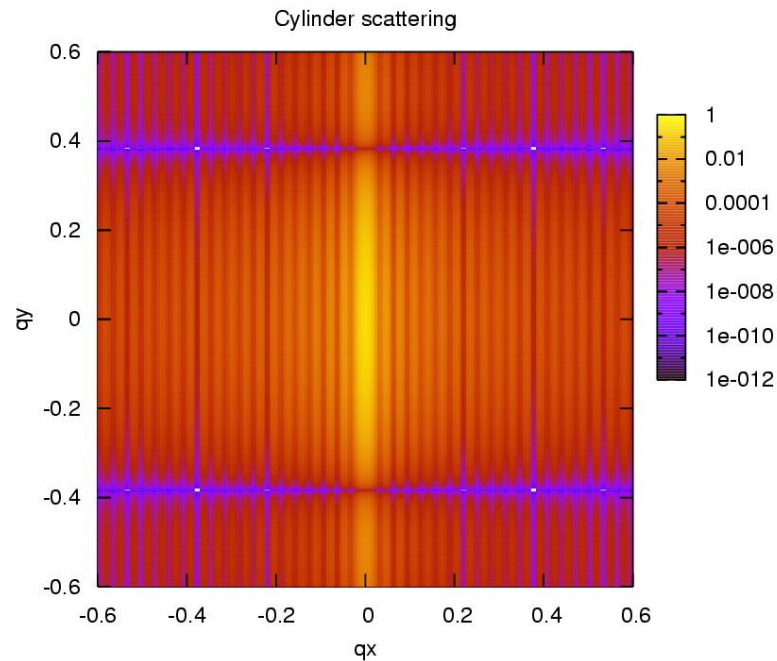


Initial data treatment

## 1- Isotrope scattering

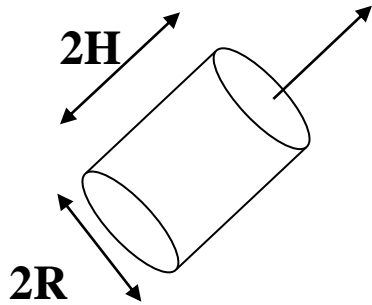


## 2- Anistrophe scattering



**1- Homogeneous sphere of radius  $R$** 

$$P(q) = 9 \frac{(\sin(qR) - qR \cos(qR))^2}{(qR)^6}$$

**2- Orientated cylinders**

$$P(\vec{q}, \vec{u}) = 4 \frac{\sin(q_\perp H)^2}{(q_\perp H)^2} \frac{J_1(q_\parallel R)^2}{(q_\parallel R)^2}$$

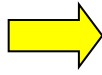
$$\vec{q}_\perp = \vec{q} \cdot \vec{u}$$

$$\vec{q}_\parallel = \vec{q} - \vec{q}_\perp$$

**3- Disorientated cylinders**

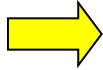
$$P(q) = 4 \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sin^2(qH \cos(\alpha))}{[qH \cos(\alpha)]^2} \frac{J_1^2(qR \sin(\alpha))}{[qR \sin(\alpha)]^2} \sin(\alpha) d\alpha$$

**External**



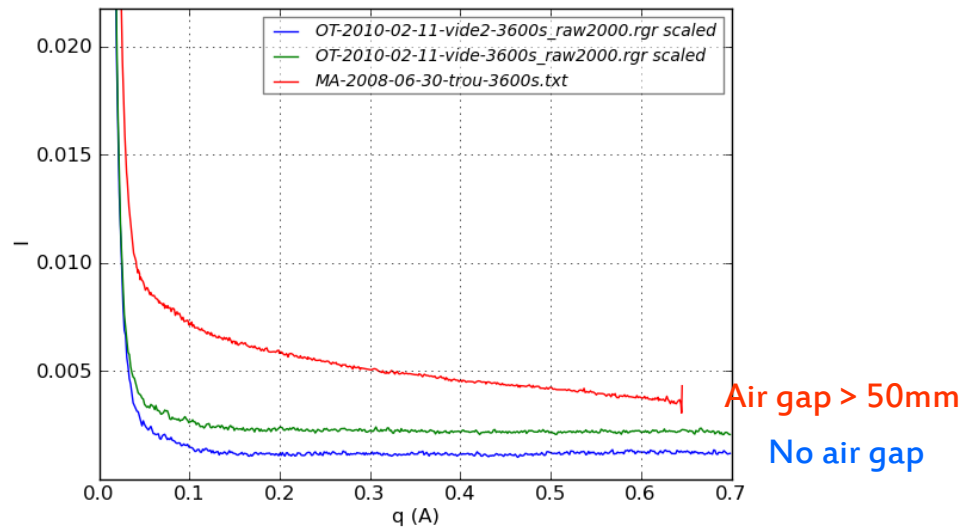
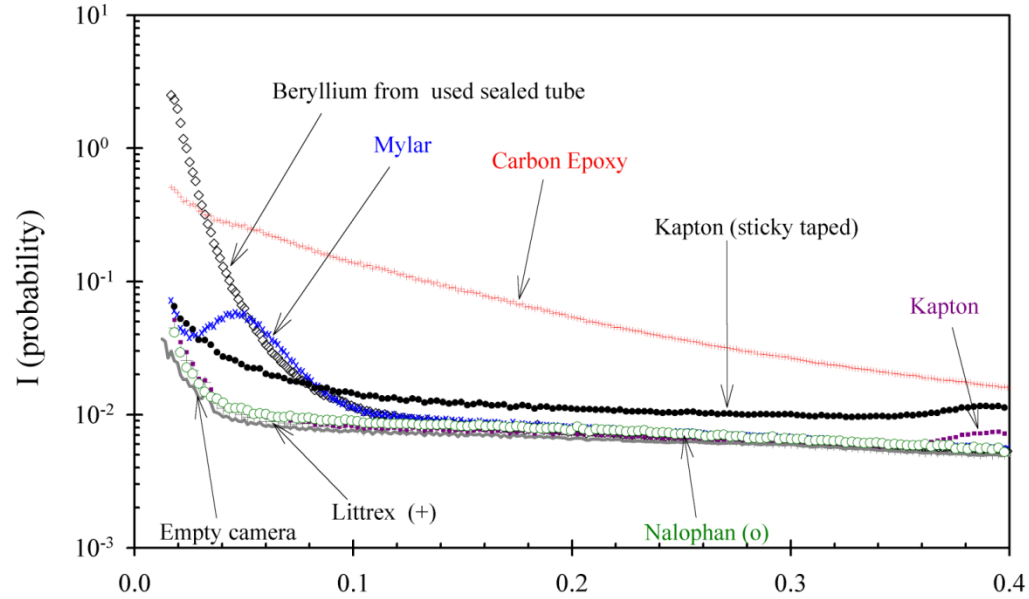
- ✓ Room background
- ✓ Electronic noise
- ✓ Tails of direct beam, close to beamstop
- ✓ Sample container, "windows"

**Internal**

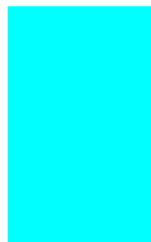


**Sample itself**  
e.g. incoherent background for neutrons  
Fluctuation in the solvent

## Initial data treatment

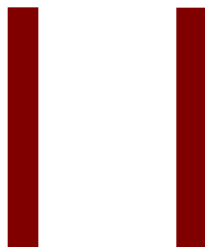


Sample  
 $T_S e_s$



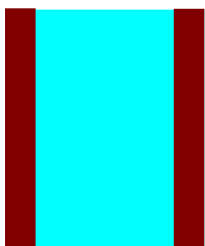
$$\frac{\Delta N_S}{\Delta \Omega} = EB + N_0 T_S e_s I_S$$

Windows  
 $T_{EC}$



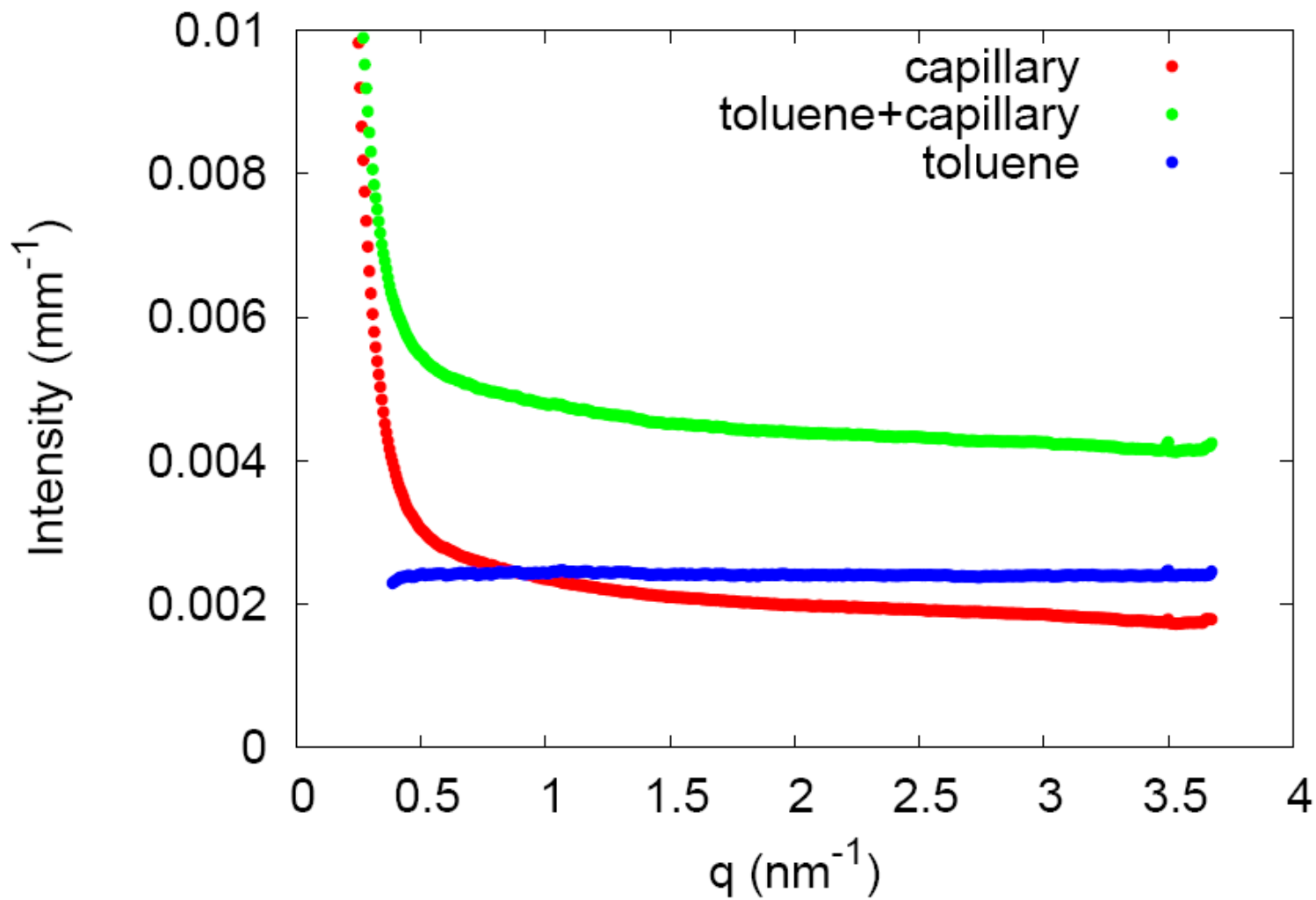
$$\frac{\Delta N_{EC}}{\Delta \Omega} = EB + N_0 T_{EC} e_{EC} I_{EC}$$

Total  
 $T = T_{EC} T_S$



$$\frac{\Delta N_{Tot}}{\Delta \Omega} = EB + T_{EC} \left( \frac{\Delta N_S}{\Delta \Omega} - EB \right) + T_S \left( \frac{\Delta N_{EC}}{\Delta \Omega} - EB \right)$$

$$I_S = \frac{1}{N_0 e_s} \left[ \frac{1}{T} \left( \frac{\Delta N_{Tot}}{\Delta \Omega} - EB \right) - \frac{1}{T_{EC}} \left( \frac{\Delta N_{EC}}{\Delta \Omega} - EB \right) \right]$$



$$I = \rho b^2 S(0)$$

Number of molecules  
per unit volume

Scattering length  
of a molecule

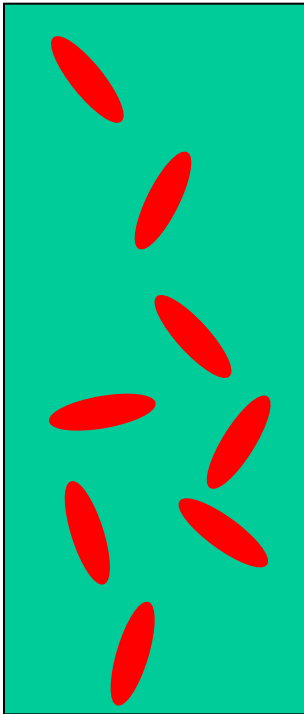
$$S(0) = \rho kT \chi_T$$

$$I = \rho^2 b^2 kT \chi_T$$

Solvent	$\rho$ (molecules / cm <sup>3</sup> )	$b$ (cm)	$\chi_T$ (Pa <sup>-1</sup> )	$I$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
water	3.3 10 <sup>22</sup>	2.82 10 <sup>-12</sup>	4.57 10 <sup>-10</sup>	<b>0.0162 (25°C)</b>

*Hexane*  $I = 0.0287 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

*Toluene*  $I = 0.0236 \text{ cm}^{-1}$



$$I_{solv} = \rho^2 b^2 kT \chi_T$$

$$I_{total} = I_{Part} + (1 - \phi_{Part}) I_{Solv}$$

*Valid when the dispersed phase is incompressible*



## Initial data treatment

neutrons:  $d\Sigma/d\Omega$  contains *sample inherent background*

origin: incoherent scattering cross section ( $^1\text{H}$  samples !)

**Internal/background : incoherent scattering (case of neutrons)**

it can be shown:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \langle b \rangle^2 \sum_{i,j} \langle e^{i\vec{q}(\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j)} \rangle + N(\langle b^2 \rangle - \langle b \rangle^2)$$

$$= (\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega})_{\text{coherent}} + (\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega})_{\text{incoherent}}$$

q-dependent

not q-dependent

(interference of scattered waves  
at different nuclei i and j with sc. length  $\langle b \rangle$ )

**structure**

+

**flat background**

Like before

$$I = I_{Part} + (1 - \phi_{Part}) I_{Solv}$$

*Total scattering cross section*

$$\sigma_{coh} = 4\pi \langle b \rangle^2$$

$$\sigma_{incoh} = 4\pi (\langle b^2 \rangle - \langle b \rangle^2)$$

Isotope (nuclear spin)	$\sigma_{coh}$ in $10^{-28} m^2$	$\sigma_{incoh}$ in $10^{-28} m^2$
$^1\text{H}$ (1/2)	1.8	79.7
$^2\text{H}$ (1)	5.6	2
$^{12}\text{C}$ (0)	5.6	-
$^{14}\text{N}$ (1)	11.6	0.3
$^{16}\text{O}$ (0)	4.2	-

*For light water, incoherent scattering dominates*

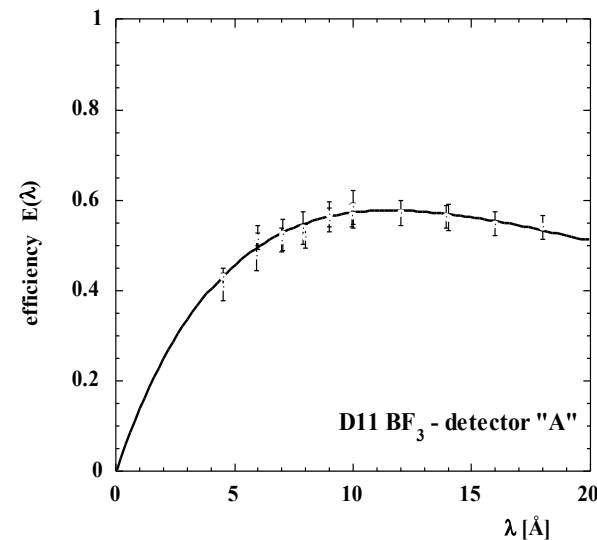
Camera distortion: measure with grids, set-up dependent

Camera efficiency: measure a flat fields with a flat scatterer

Convolution: due to finite divergence (SAXS)  
and non monochromaticity (neutrons)

*see lecture J S Pedersen*

**detector efficiency**  
*depends on  $\lambda$*



*1-Scattering cross section*

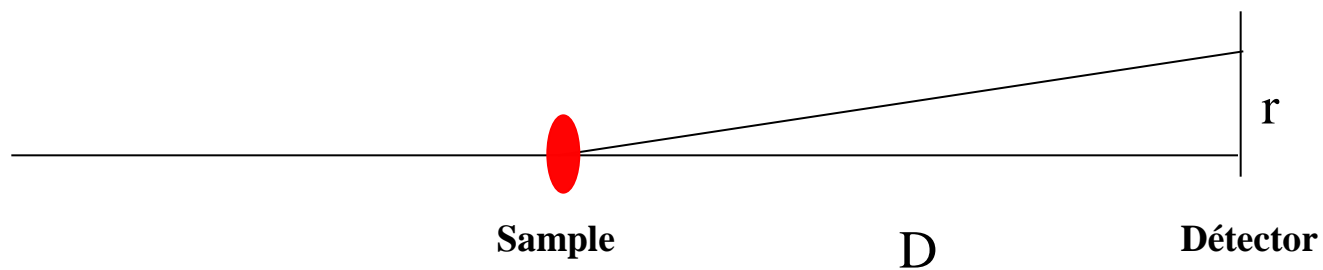
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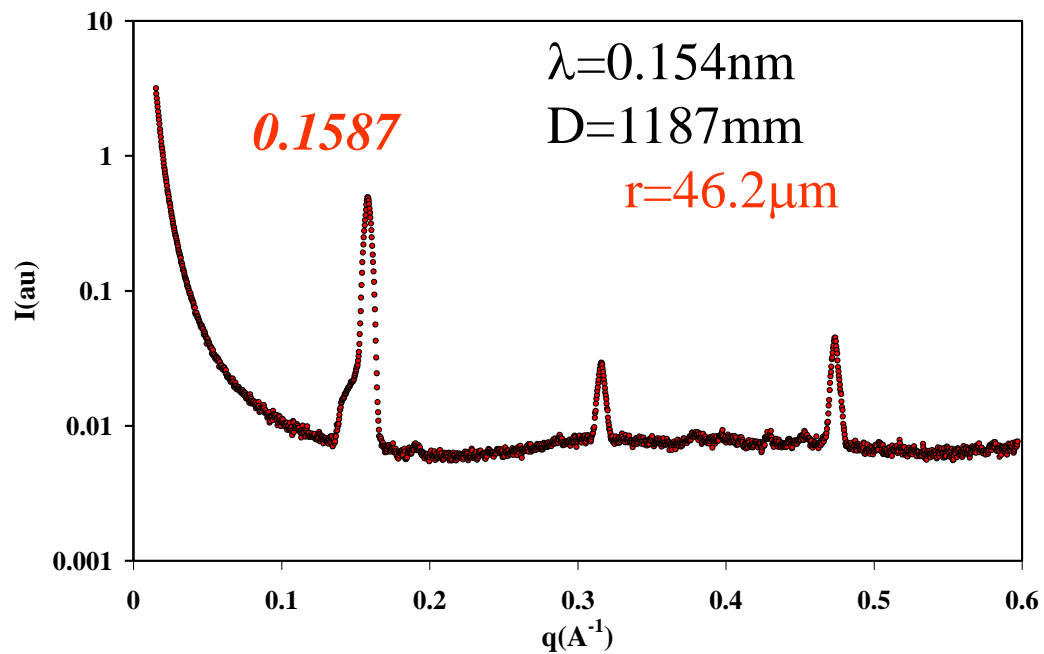
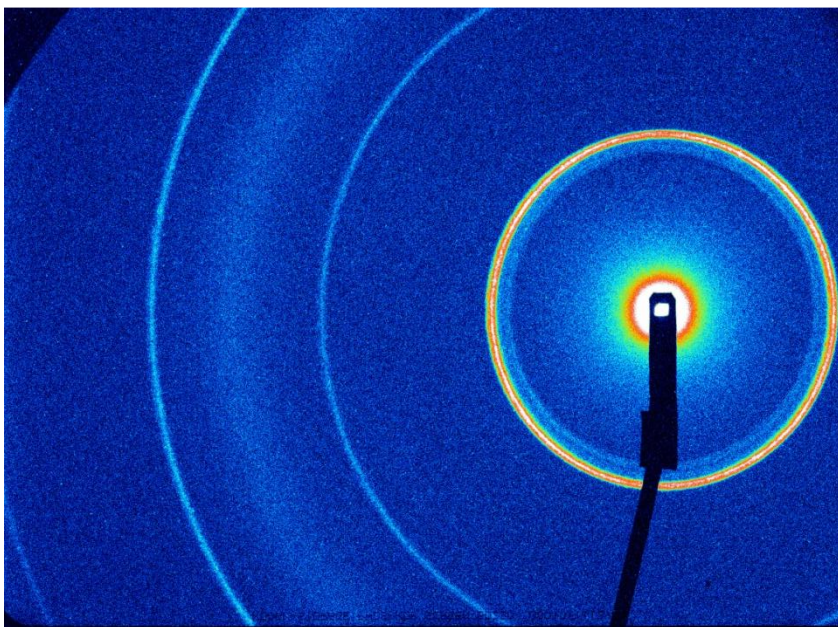
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## Normalization



$$q = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \frac{r}{D}$$



*Scattering by reference  
like tetradecanol  
Silver behenate*

$$\frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{eT N_0} \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta\Omega}$$

$$N_0 = k_0 N_0^{mes}$$

$$\Delta N = k_1 \Delta N^{mes}$$

Efficiency of the  
detector

$$\frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{eT k_0 N_0^{mes}} \frac{k_1 \Delta N^{mes}}{\Delta\Omega}$$

**All the terms  
are measurable experimentally.  
 $k_0$  and  $k_1$  have to be determined in dedicated experiments**

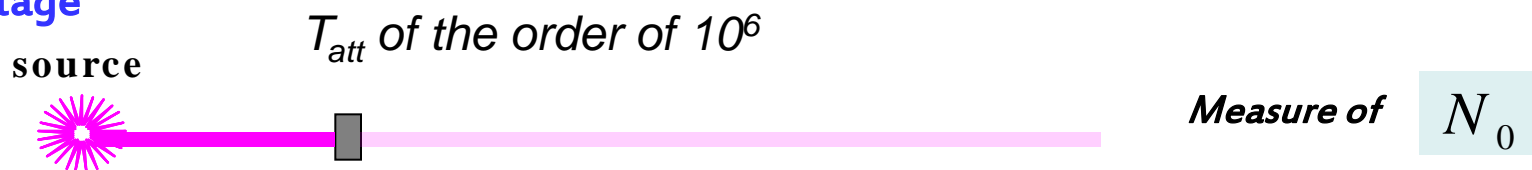
**Nevertheless, we simply need their ratio**

**Direct calibration: Measure of the direct and scattered flux with the same detector**

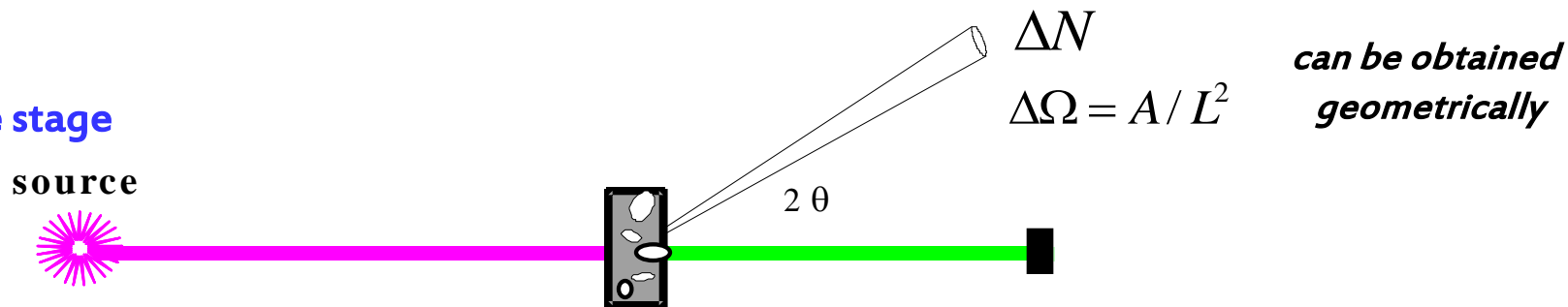
$$k_0 = k_1$$

**The direct beam has to be attenuated by a calibrated amount**

**Initial stage**

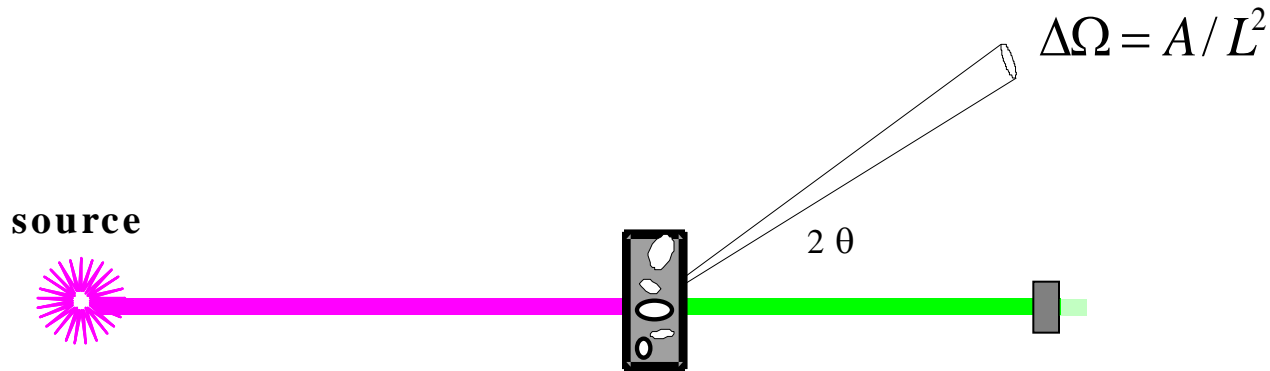


**Sample stage**



- The method requires a good spectral purity because of the strong attenuation of the direct beam
- It requires the measure of the transmission

$$\frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{eT} \frac{1}{T_{att} N_0} \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta\Omega}$$



$$k_0 = k_1 \quad \frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{e k_1 T_{att} N_T^{mes}} \frac{k_1 \Delta N^{mes}}{\Delta\Omega}$$

✓ Semi transparent Beam stopper  
of attenuation  $10^6$

-No need to measure the transmission

$$k_0 \neq k_1 \quad \frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{e k_0 N_T^{mes}} \frac{k_1 \Delta N^{mes}}{\Delta\Omega}$$

✓ Photo diode

-requires to measure  $k_1/k_0$



## Standard of calibration for X-rays

- Lupolen<sup>TM</sup>
- Water
- other solvents

### Initial stage : measuring the standard

$$\frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega}(ref) = \frac{1}{eT} \frac{1}{k_0 N_0^{ref}} \frac{k_1 \Delta N^{ref}}{\Delta\Omega} = \frac{1}{eT} K \frac{\Delta N^{ref}}{N_0^{ref}}$$

*Measure of the constant K*

### Sample stage : measure direct beam monitor and the transmission

$$\frac{d\Sigma}{d\Omega}(sample) = \frac{1}{e_s T_s} K \frac{\Delta N^{sample}}{N_0^{sample}}$$

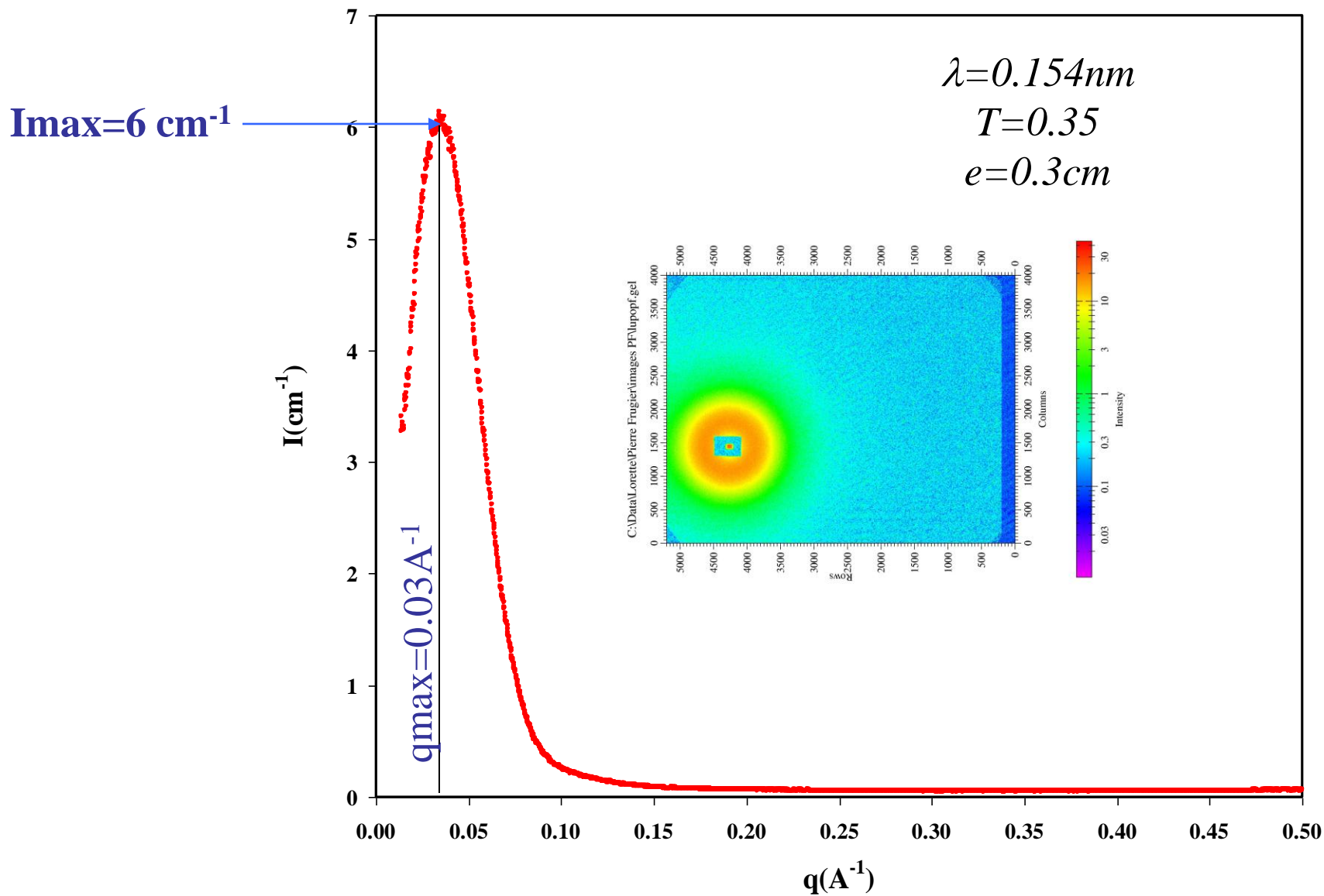
Requires -the measure of the transmission  
-to monitor the direct beam

No need to measure the solid angle

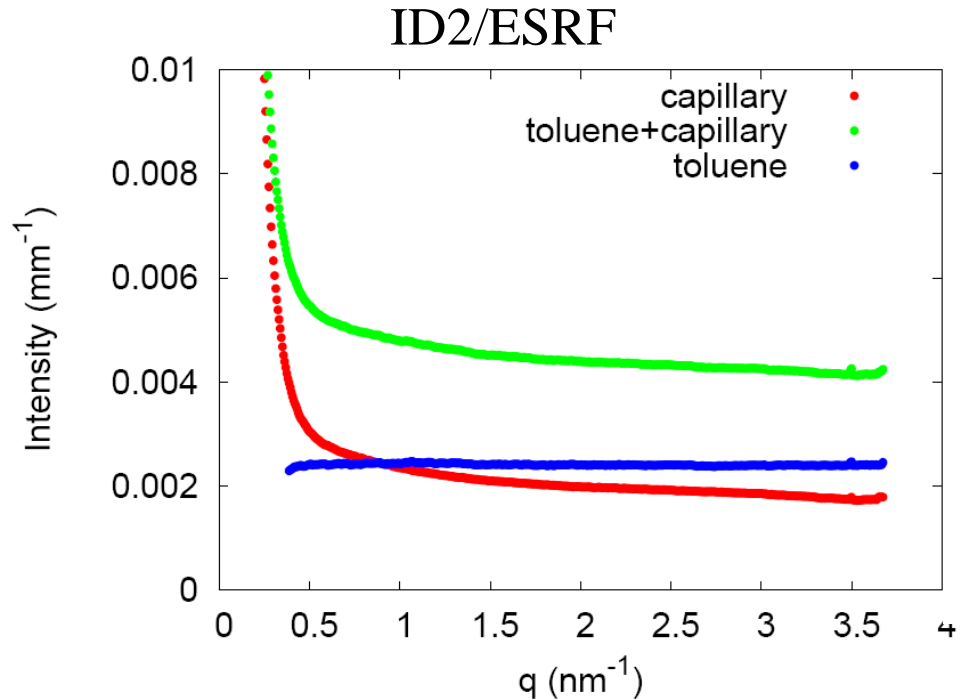
Initial standard measurement

No need to introduce attenuator

## Normalization



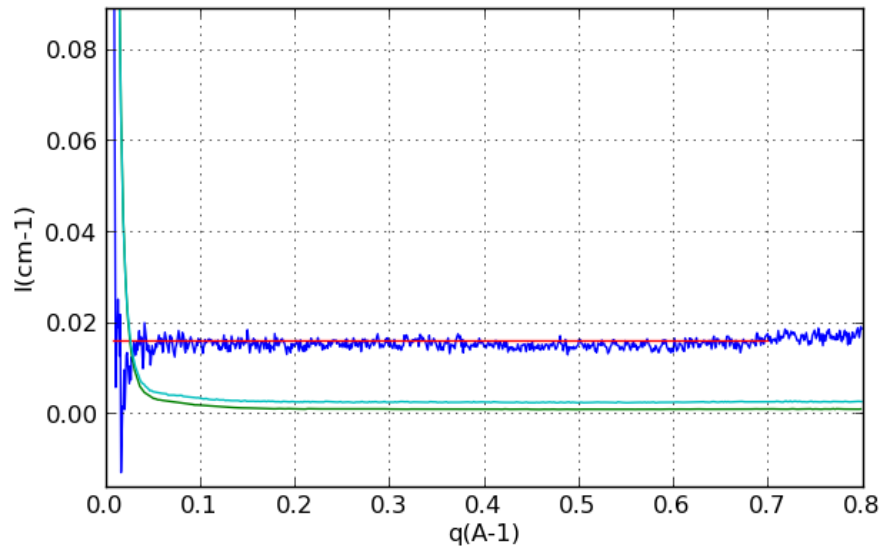
## Normalization



*Toluene*  $I = 0.0236 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

*Hexane*  $I = 0.0287 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

## Laboratory set-up on a Rotating anode



*Water*  $I = 0.0162 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

-The method does not work for neutrons since the coherent scattering is too weak.  
Incoherent scattering of water can serve a secondary standard

A circle of 0.05m on the detector at 2m sample/detector separation  
for a wavelength of 1Å defines :  
 $q=0.157\text{\AA}^{-1}$

Using

$$\Delta N = T e N_0 I \Delta \Omega$$

On ID2 (synchrotron line),  
calculate the numbers of counts (per second) scattered by 1mm of water in this circle  
using a 200microns step resolution

$$N_0 = 2 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ photons / sec at } \lambda = 1\text{nm}$$

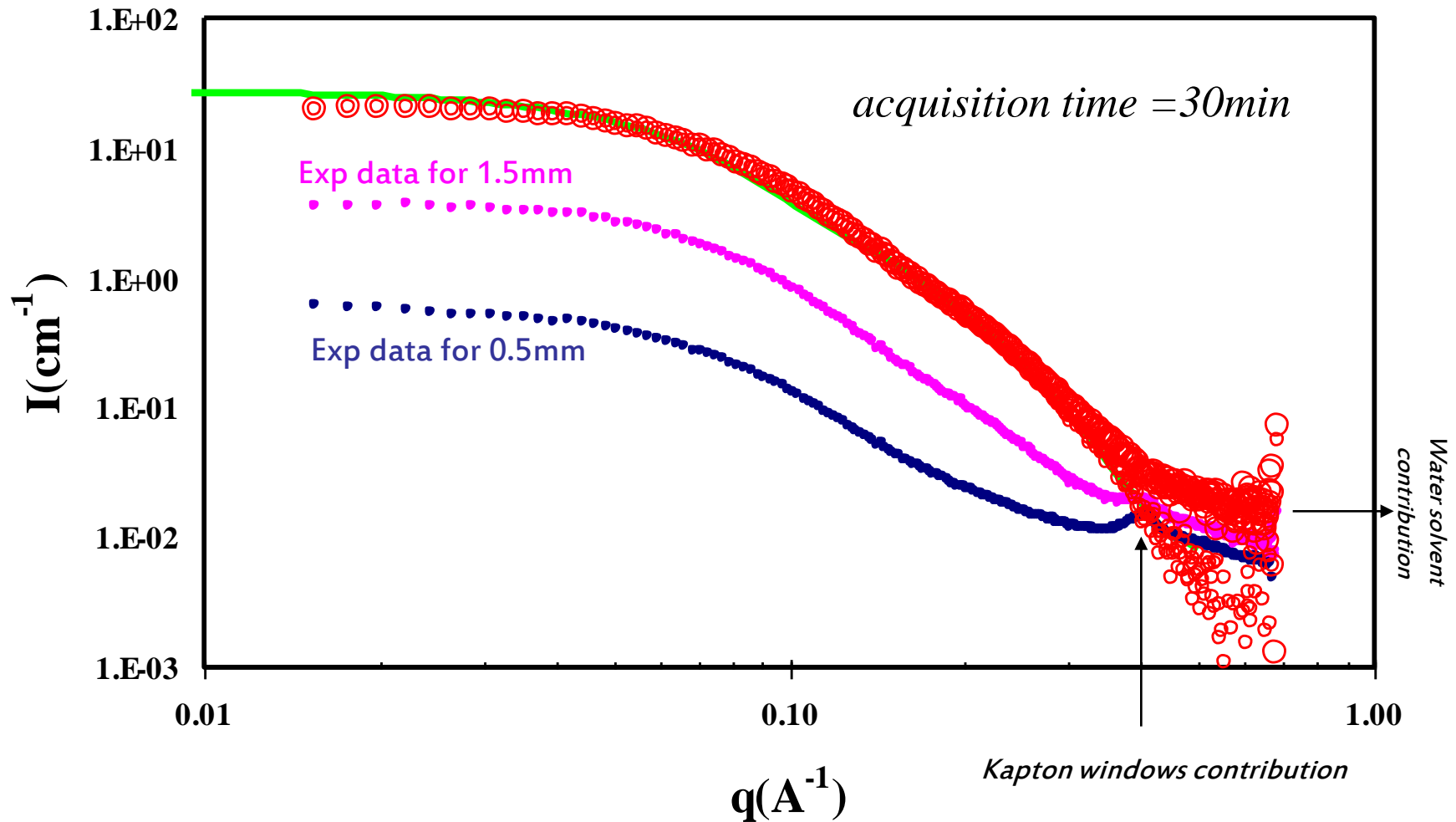
$$\Delta \Omega = (2\pi * 0.05 * 200 \cdot 10^{-6}) / (2)^2 = 1.57 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$e = 1\text{mm} \quad T = 0.71$$

$$I_{H_2O} = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta N_{\text{pixel}} = 3.57 \cdot 10^5 \text{ cps}$$

## Normalization



$$C_{\text{CeO}_2} = 20 \text{ g/l}$$

$$d = 7.13 \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$\rho_{\text{CeO}_2} = 5.27 \cdot 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

$$I = (\rho_{\text{CeO}_2} - \rho_{\text{H}_2\text{O}})^2 \phi v_{\text{part}} P(q)$$