GENERAL-PURPOSE SANS - SMALL-A

SMALL-ANGLE NEUTRON
SCATTERING DIFFRACTOMETER

The general-purpose SANS diffractometer is optimized for providing information about structure and interactions in materials in the size range of 0.5–200 nm. It has a cold neutron flux on sample and capabilities comparable to those of the best SANS instruments worldwide, including a wide range of neutron wavelengths $\lambda = 4$ –20 Å, resolution $\delta\lambda/\lambda = 9$ –45%, and a 1 m² area detector with 5 × 5 mm² pixel resolution with a maximum counting capability of up to 2MHz. The sample-to-detector distance can be varied from 1 to 19.5 m, and the detector can be offset horizontally by up to 45 cm, allowing a total accessible Q range of from <0.001 to 1 Å-1. The 2 m sample environment area accommodates large, special-purpose sample environments such as cryomagnets, furnaces, mechanical load frames, and shear cells.



APPLICATIONS

- Soft condensed matter: molecular self-assembly and interactions in complex fluids; intermediate order in glassy systems, polymer solutions, gels and blends, colloids, micelles, and microemulsions
- Hard condensed matter: phase separation, grain growth, and orientation in metallurgical alloys, nanocomposites, advanced ceramics, and porous catalytic, adsorbent materials, geophysics and carbon-storage systems
- Magnetic systems: flux lattices in superconductors, ferrofluids, and the relationship between structural and magnetic domains and ordering

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SPECIFICATIONS

Beam spectrum	$\lambda = 4-25 \text{ Å}$ $\Delta \mathcal{N} \lambda = 9-45\%$
Sample- detector distance	1–20 m
Detector offset	0–45 cm
Source-sam- ple distance	1.8–17.4 m
Max flux on sample	>2 × 10 ⁷ n/cm ² /s at λ = 4.75 Å, $\Delta\lambda/\lambda$ = 14%
Detector	2D linear position- sensitive detector
Detector resolution/ pixels	192 x 256
Momentum transfer range	Q = 0.0007 -1 Å ⁻¹ Q_{max}/Q_{min} 10-20

Status: Available to users

