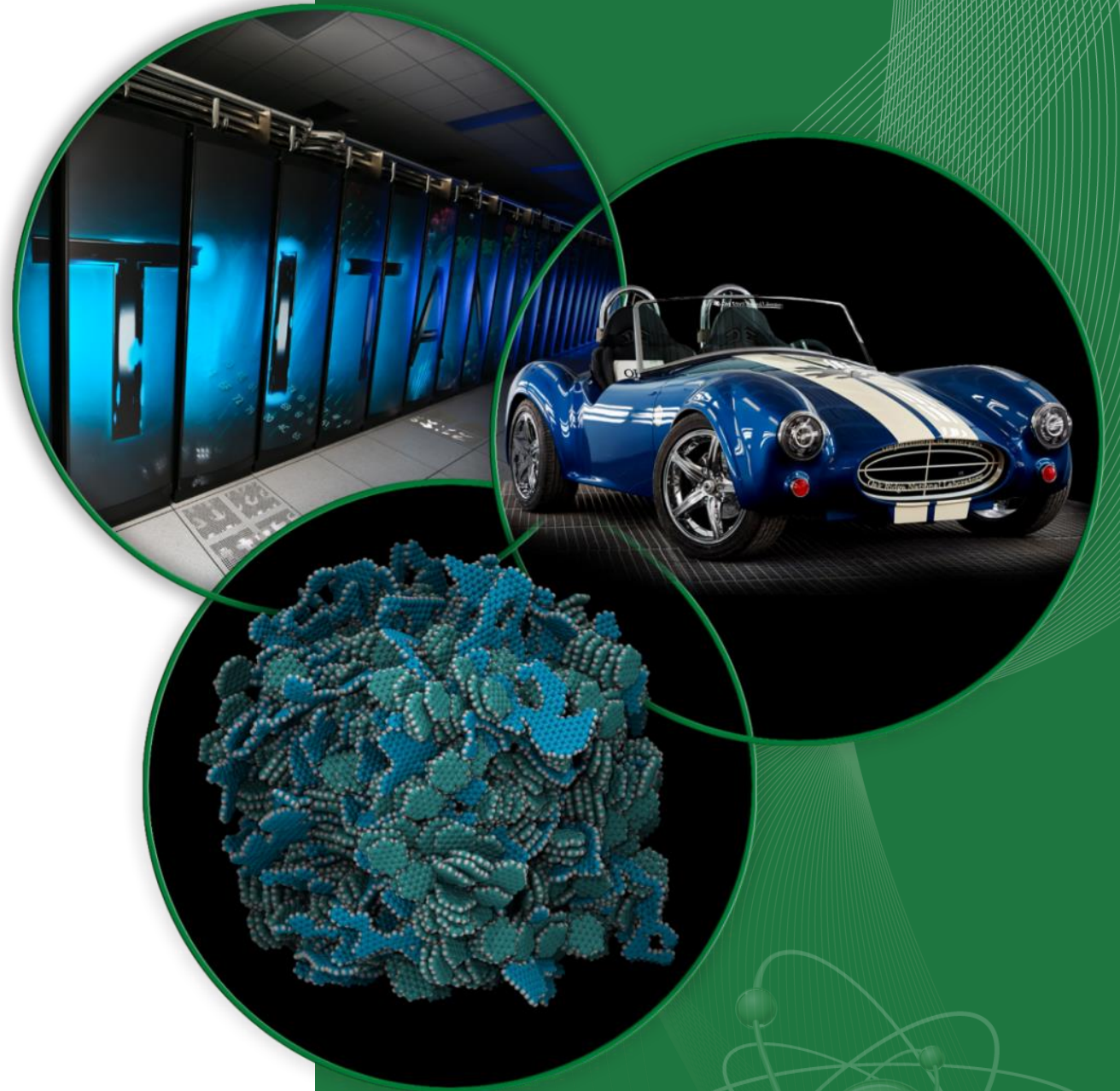


Intro to Polarized Neutron Reflectivity

Timothy Charlton

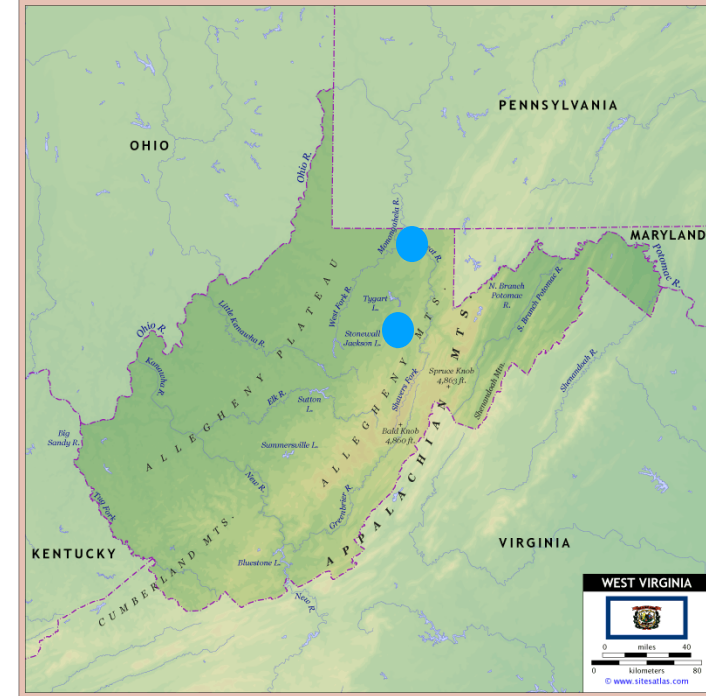
Neutron Scattering Division
ORNL

BL4A instrument



How did I get here?

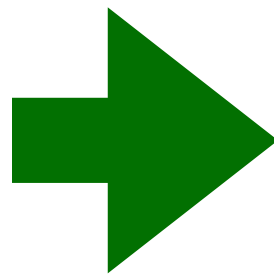
- Start: Small Appalachia coal mining town.
- PHD: WVU in Physics (2001)
- DOE Neutron PostDoc stationed at Rutherford Appleton Lab. Oxfordshire UK
- Transitioned to instrument scientist (2004)
- Moved to ORNL (2015)



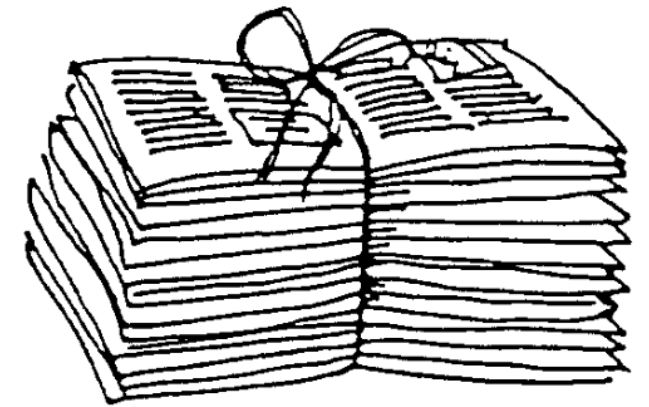
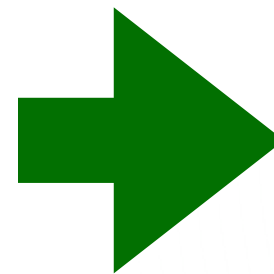
Work Flow



Idea / Problem



**Experiment
and Analysis**



Scientific Understanding

Why use neutron reflection?

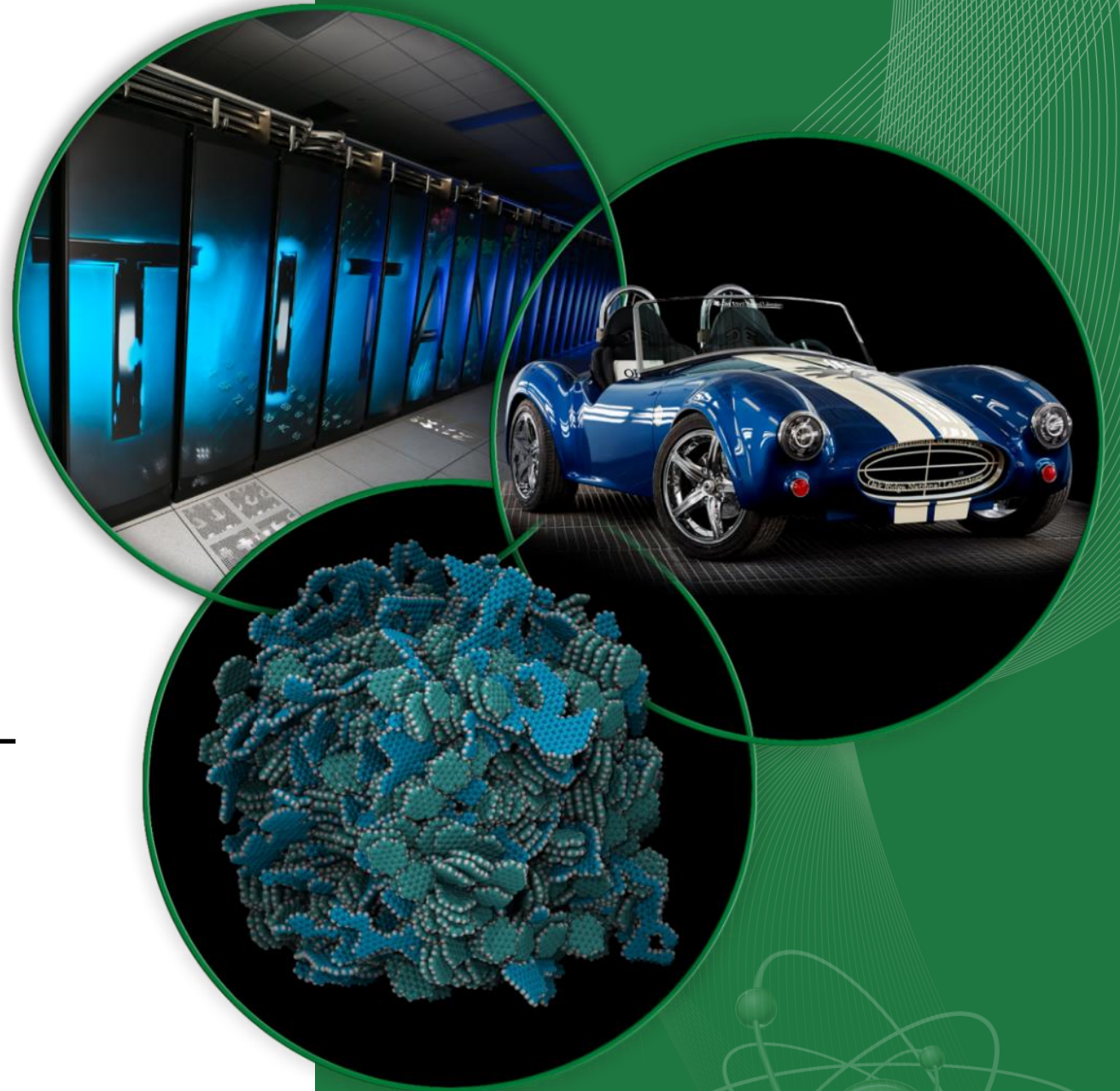
Start with building intuition.

Science examples to motivate.

Math & physics description.

Reading the tea leaves.

Nuts & bolts.



Reflections Come in Many Types

Perfect reflections



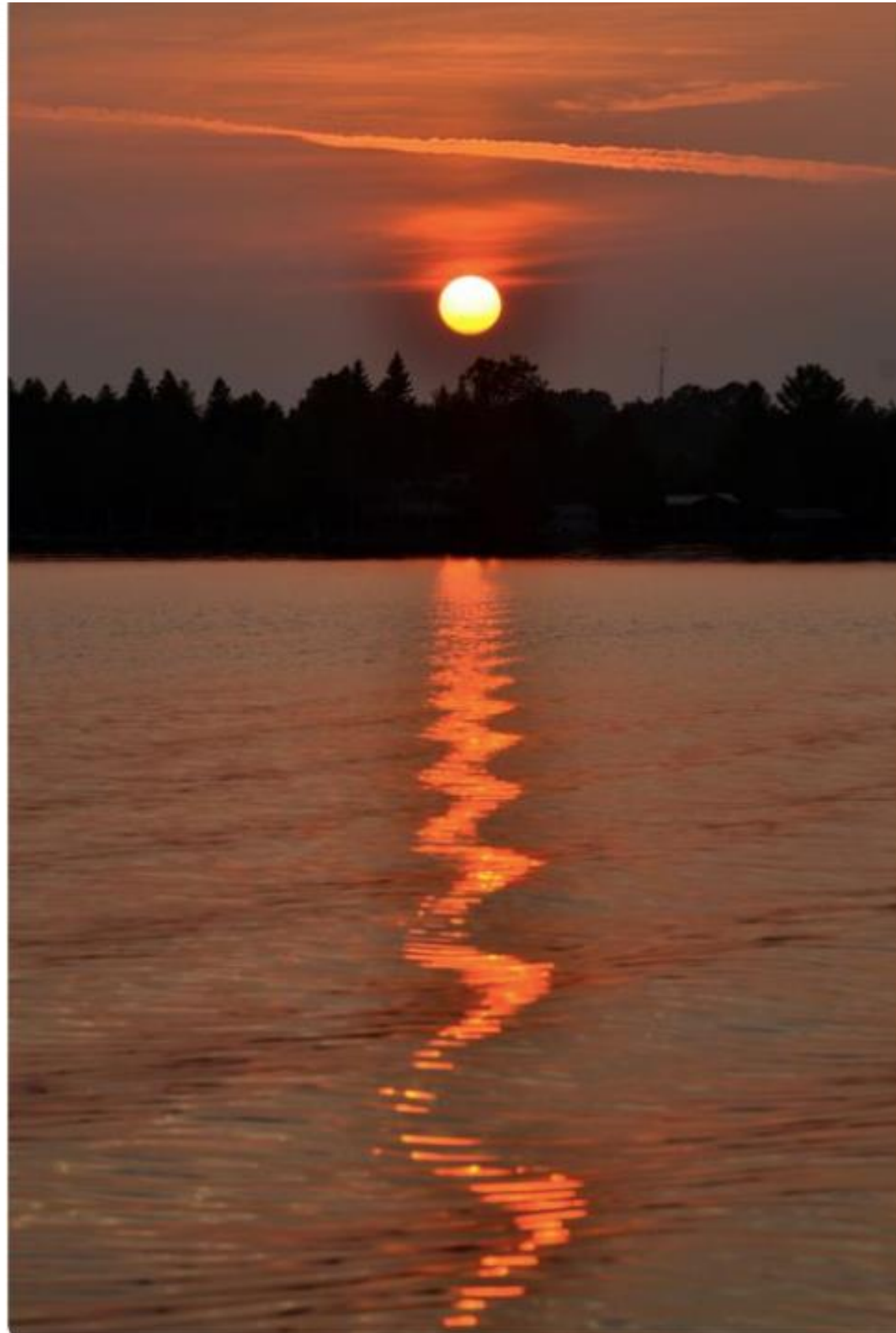
Reflections Come in Many Types

Imperfect reflections



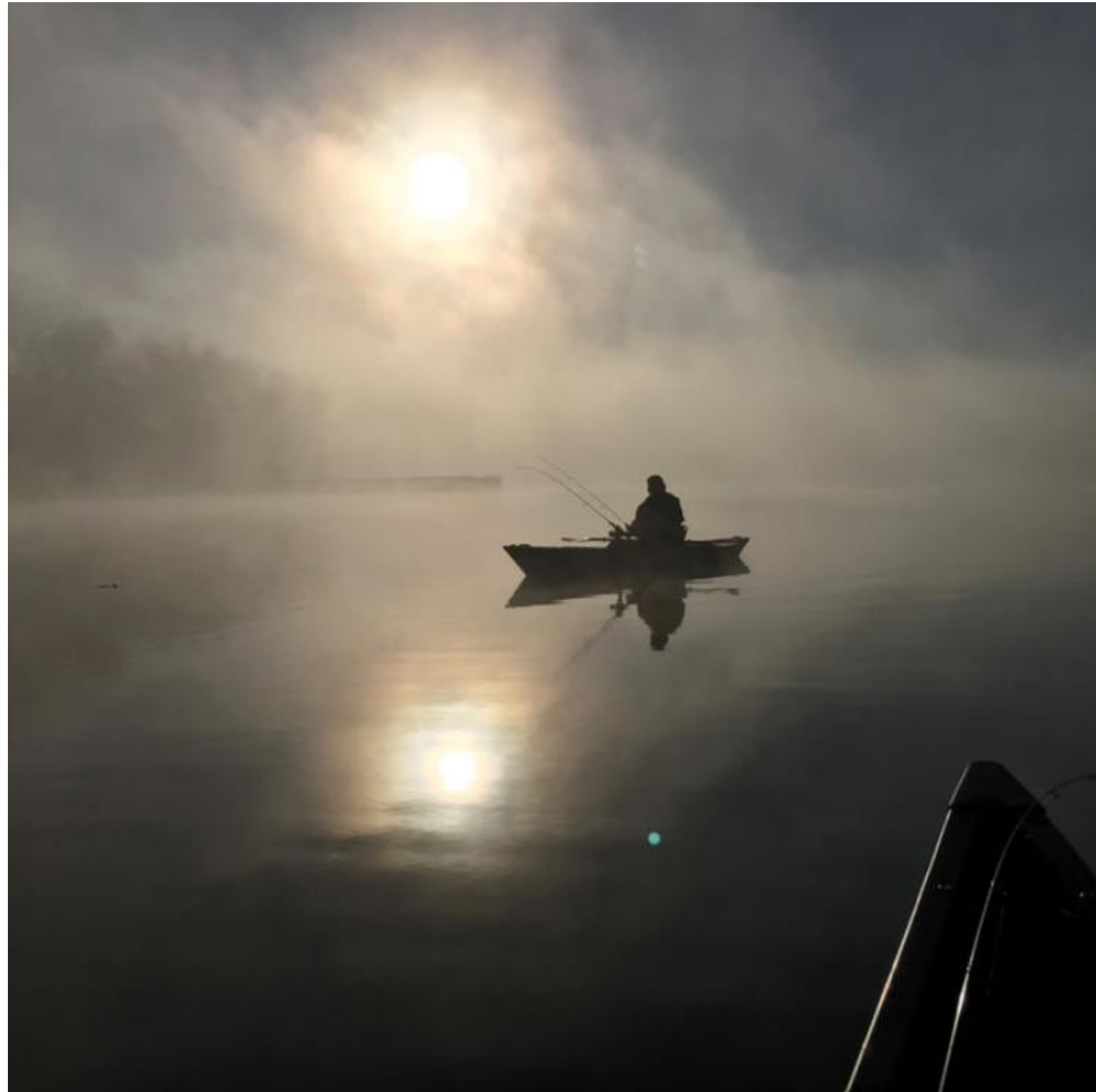
Reflections Come in Many Types

Reflections from an imperfect surface with structure



Reflections Come in Many Types

Reflections with some dispersion



Reflections Come in Many Types

Reflections from curved objects



Reflections Come in Many Types

Reflections where below surface features are visible



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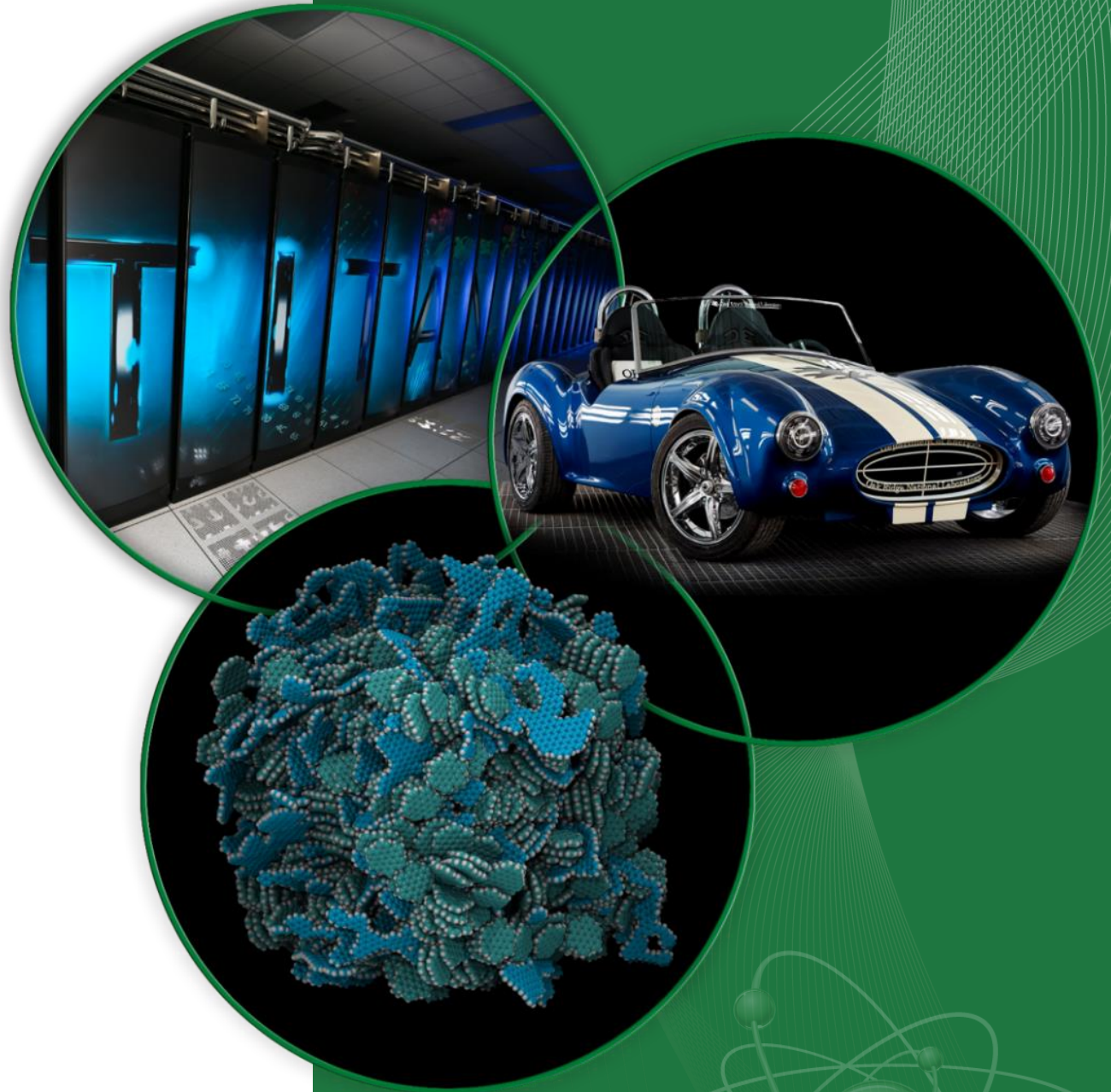
Why use neutron reflection

Spin 1/2

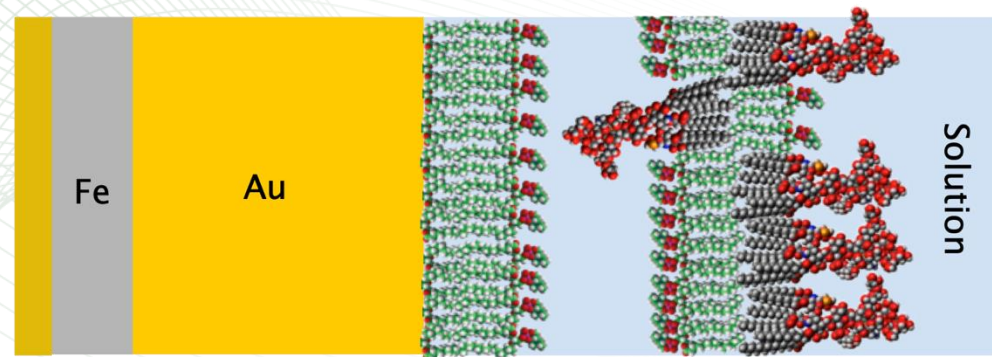
Convenient energies, speeds, wavelength

Great complement to x-ray and other large facility measurements (slow muons)

Great complement to lab based imaging & magnetic measurements

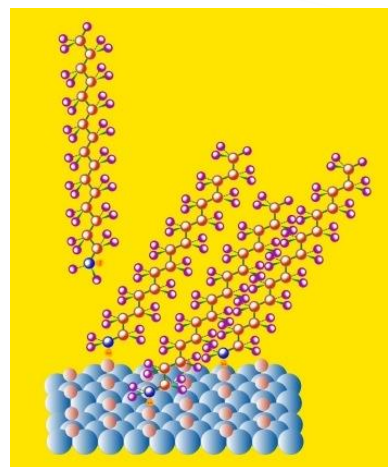
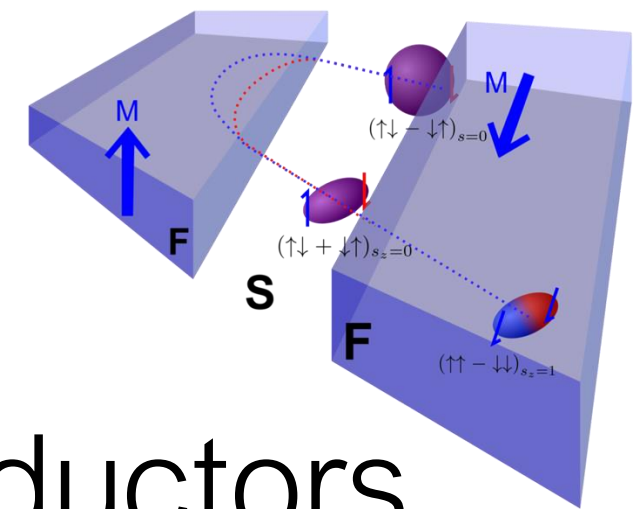


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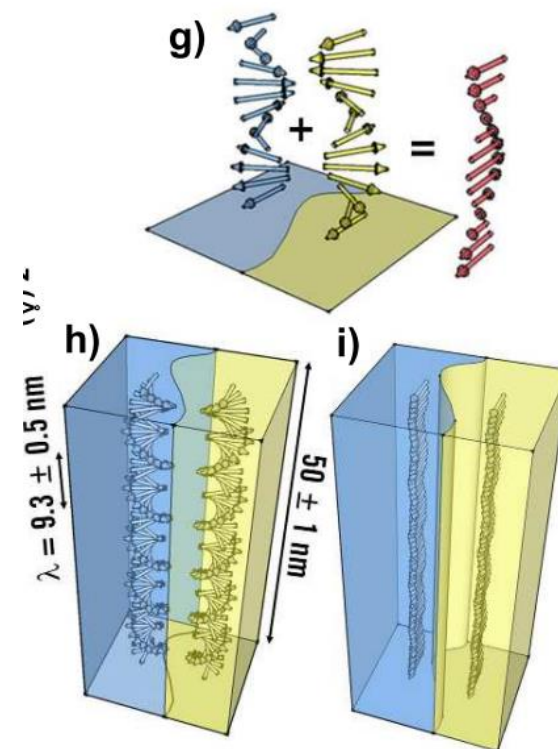
Biology

Superconductors



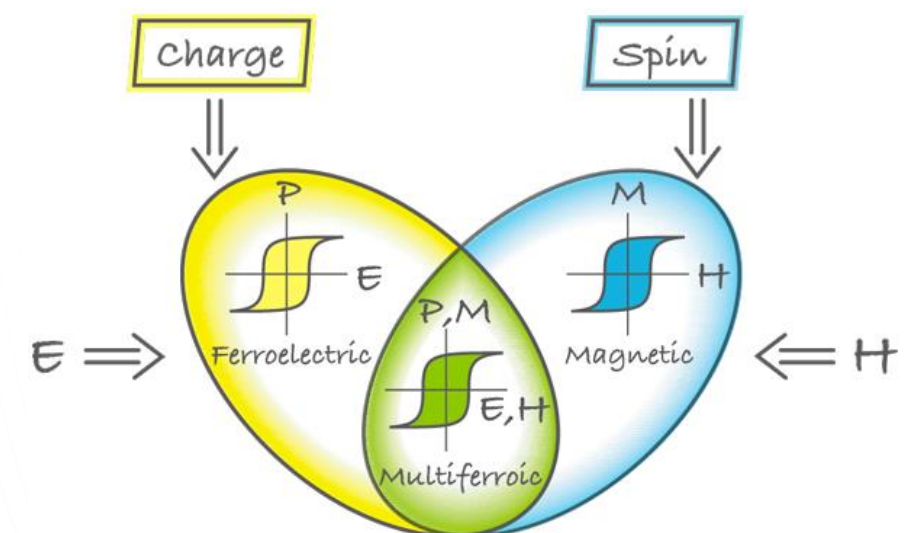
Langmuir 2013, 29,
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Soft Matter



Magnetism

Multiferroics

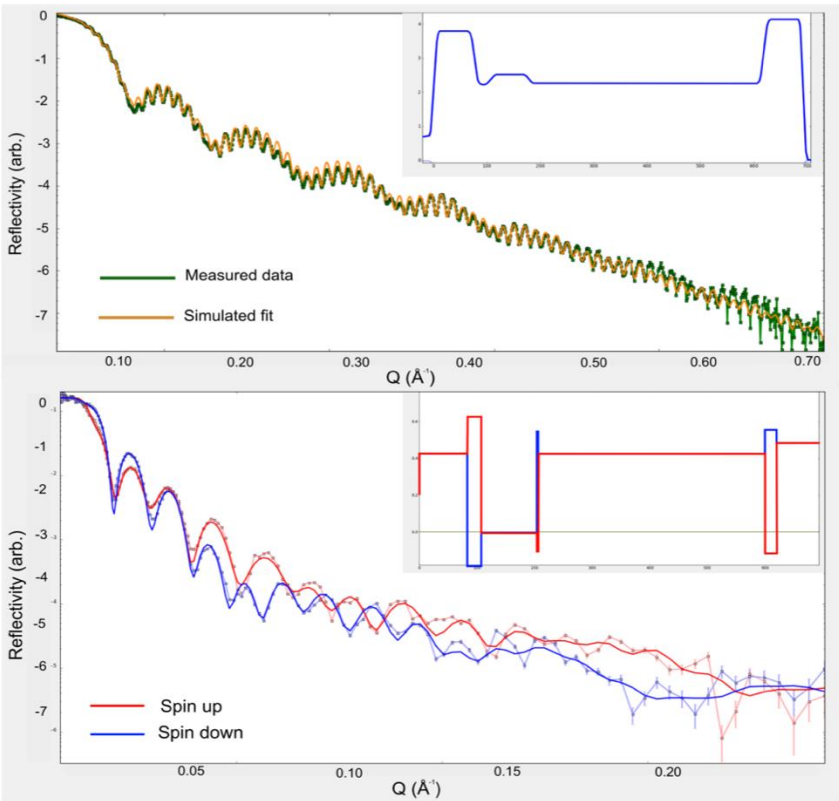


Physics 2, 20 (2009)

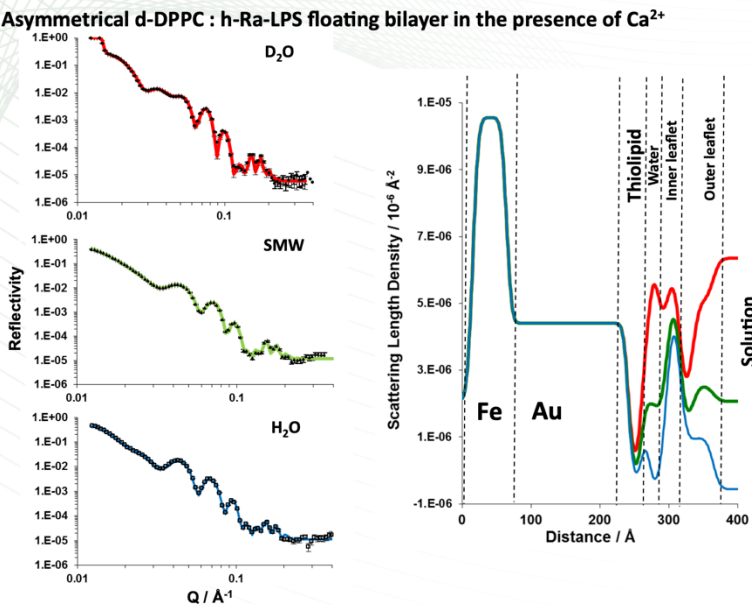
Illustration: Alan Stonebraker

Data Examples

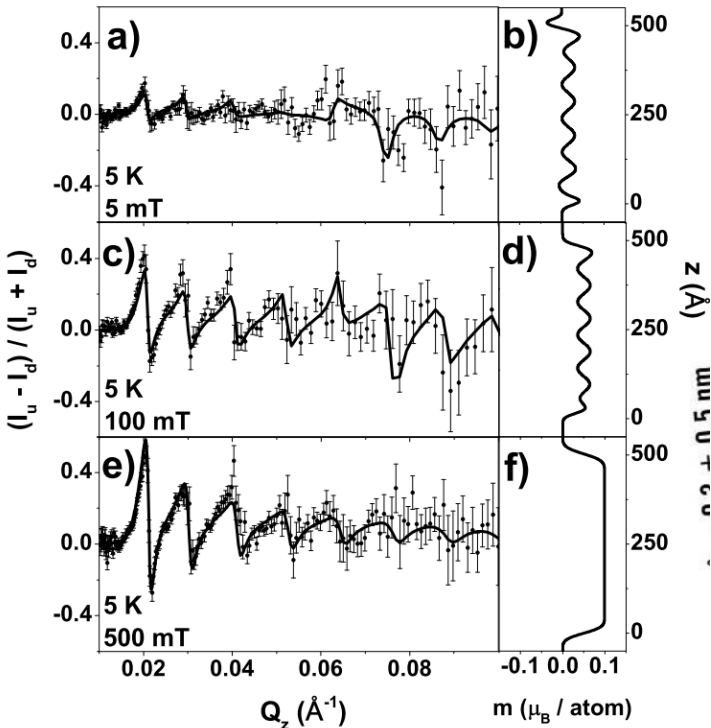
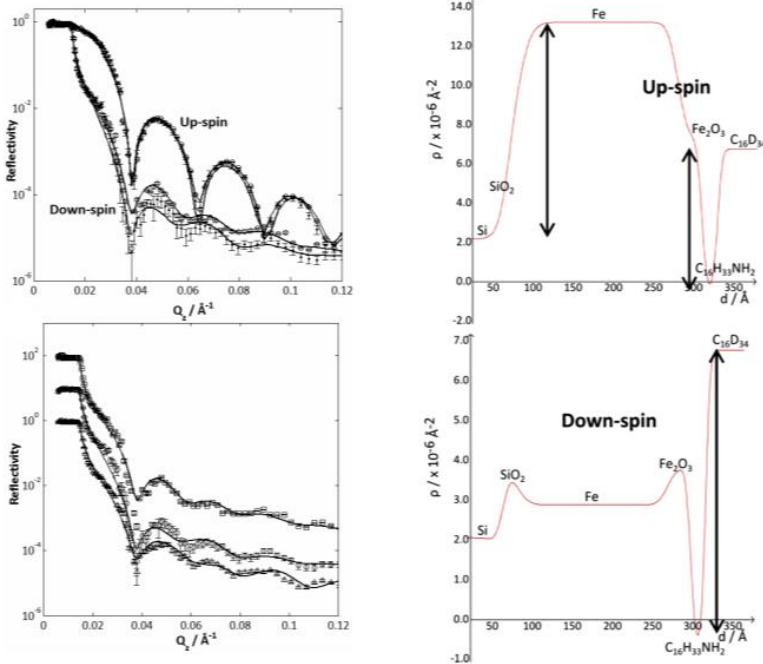
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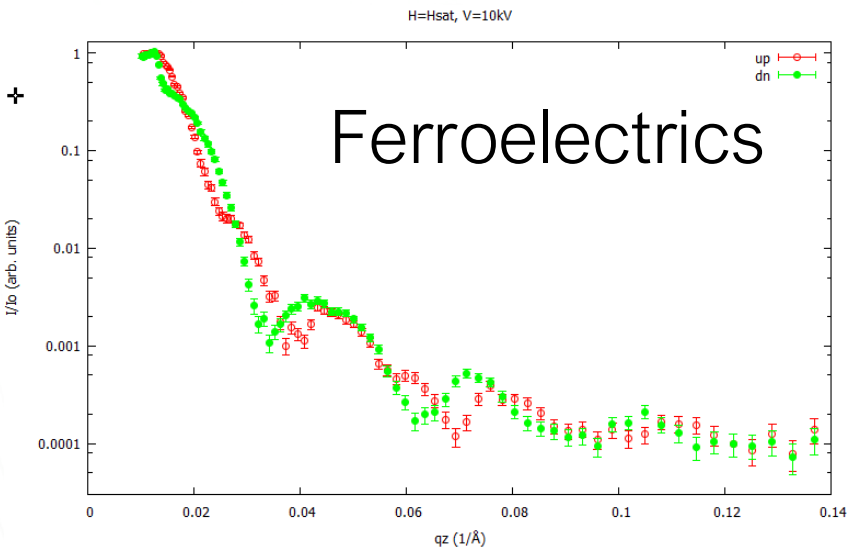
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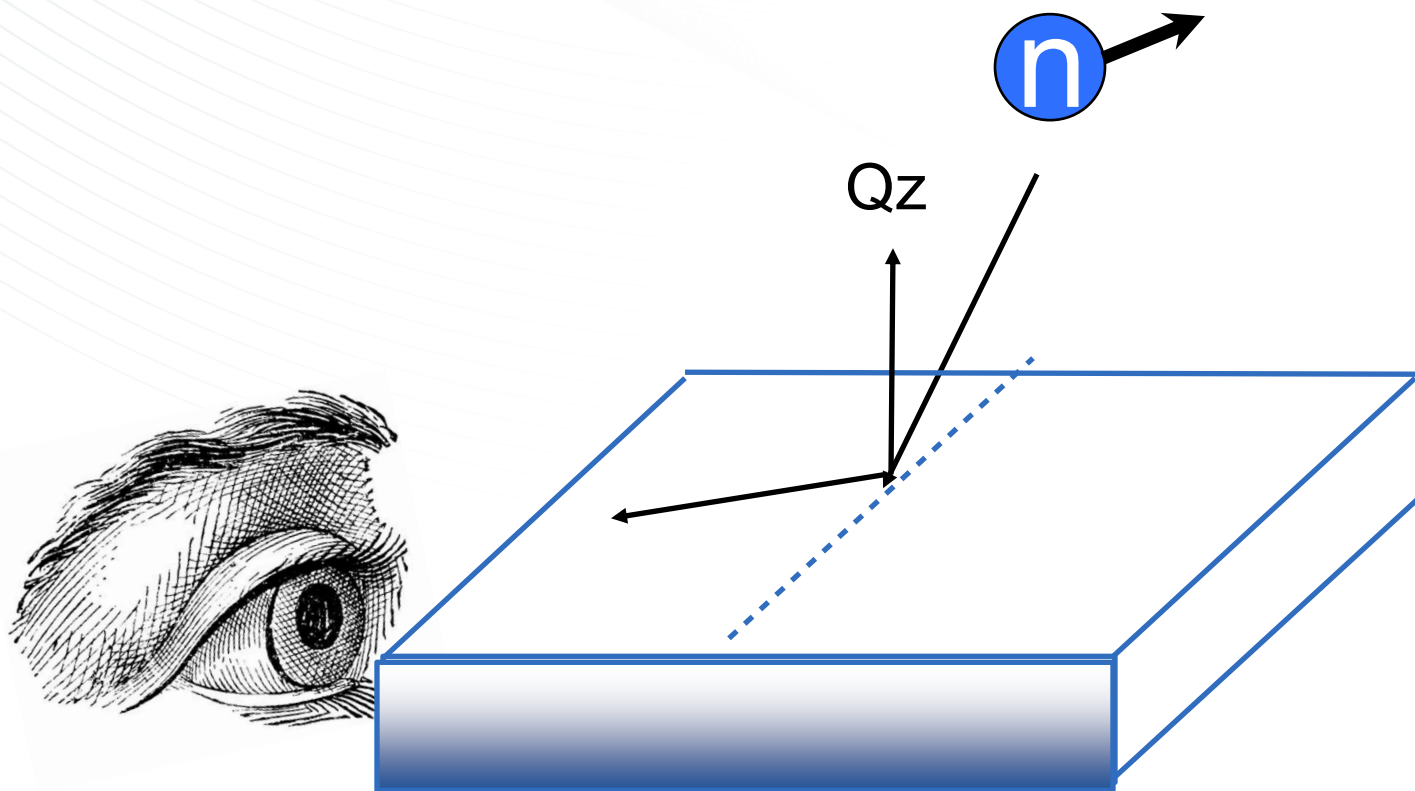
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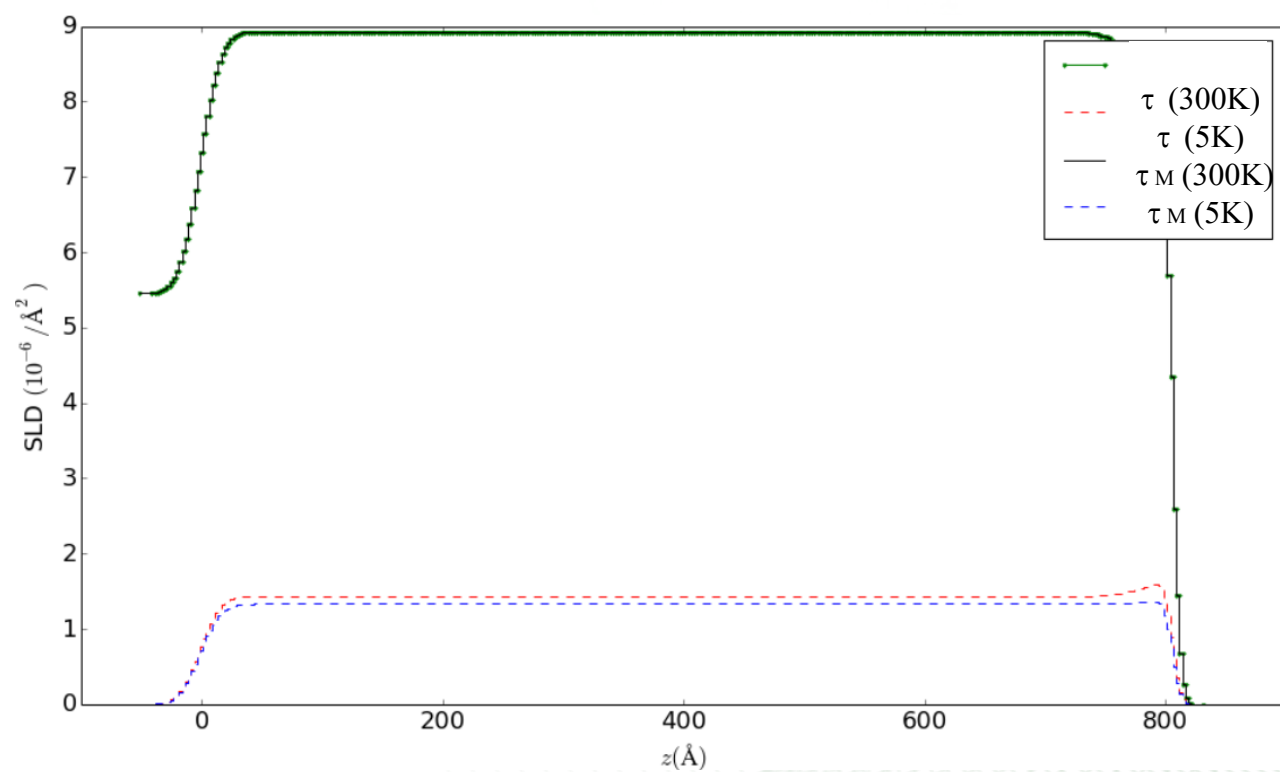
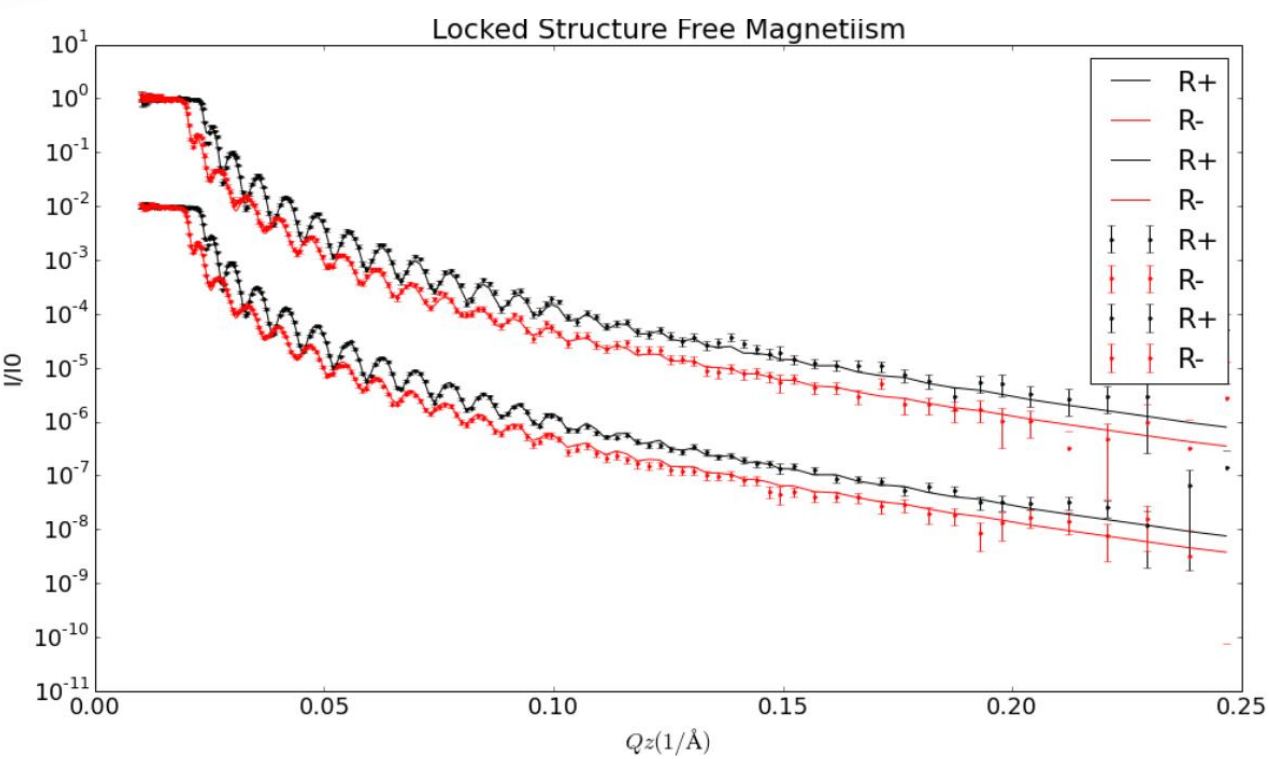
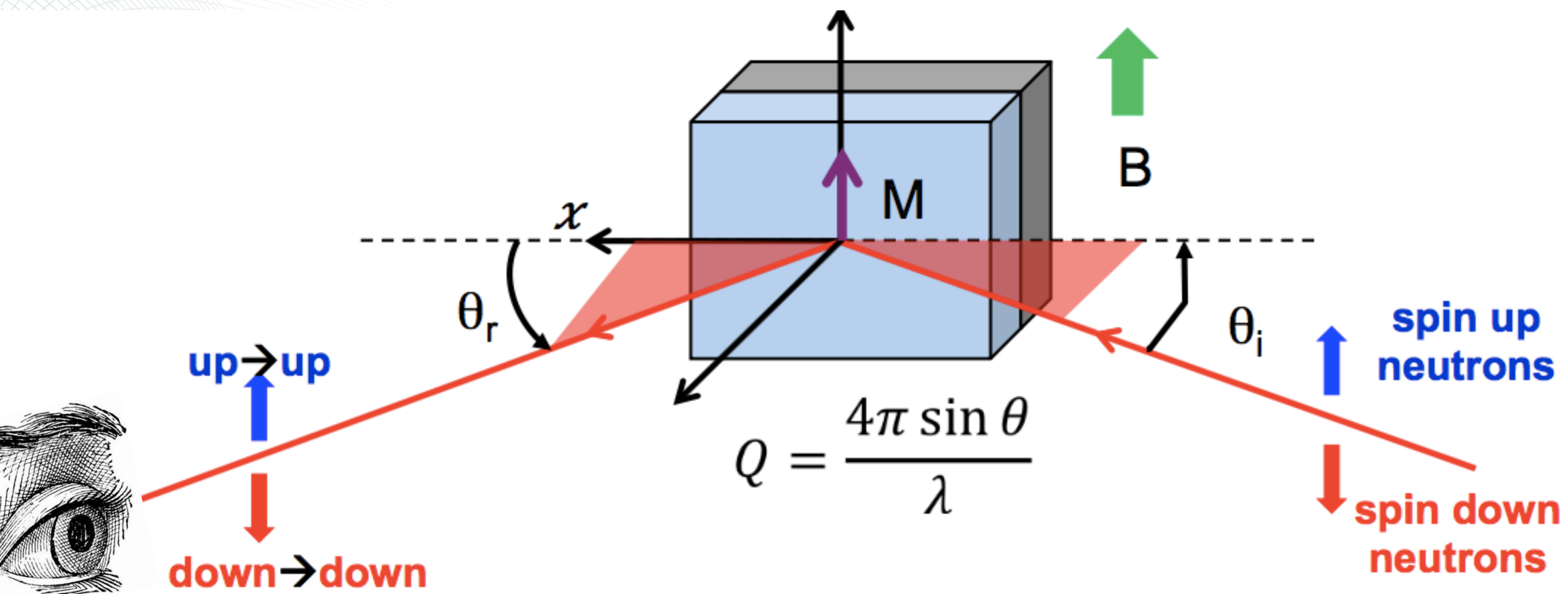
Ferroelectrics



Experimental Geometry



Experimental Geometry

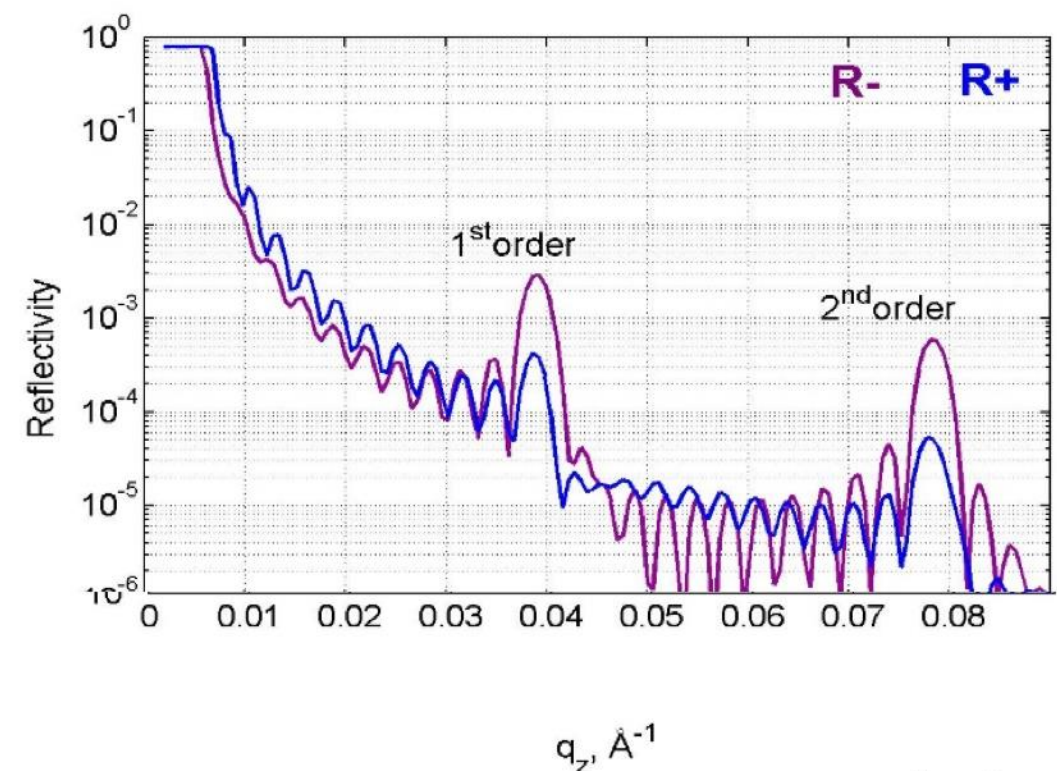
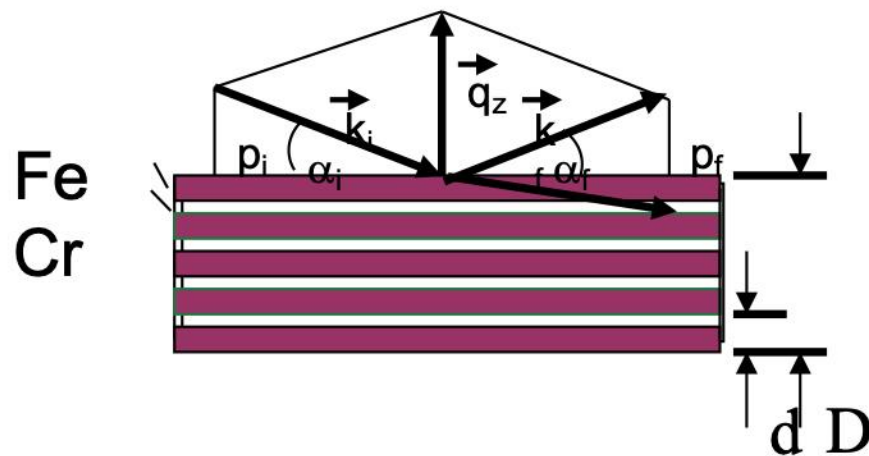


What we get from reflectometry

- Magnetic & chemical profile along the thickness (z).
- Great at uncovering non-uniform distributions in density and magnetization near interfaces.

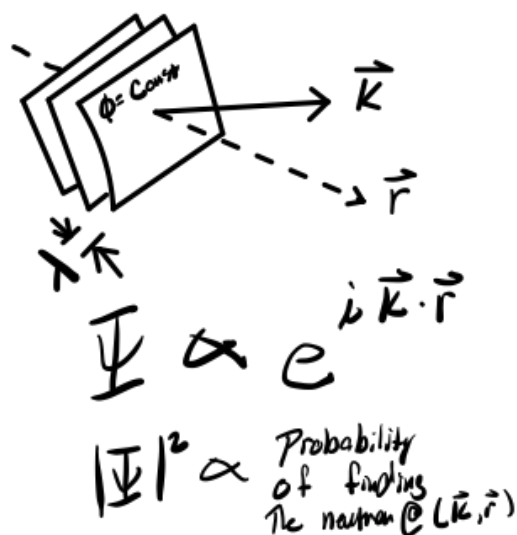
How do we get it

$$V(z) = \frac{\hbar N b(z)}{2\pi m} - \mu \cdot B_{\perp}(z) \quad [\text{\AA}^{-2}]$$



- Solve Schrodinger's eq. for a guessed potential $V(z)$ and compare with the measured data

Reminder: solving Schrodinger's Eq.



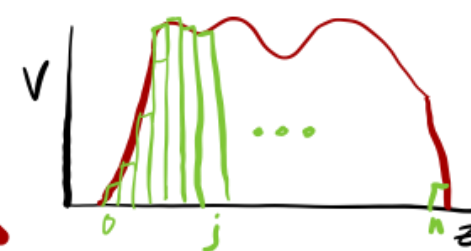
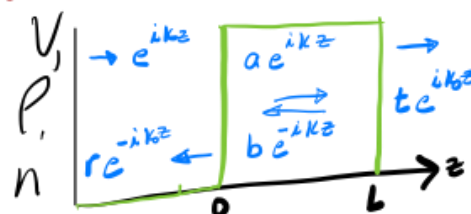
Potential Scattering

How to represent $V(\vec{r})$

For a "uniform" material

$$V = \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m} \sum_n N_n b_n = \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m} \rho$$

$\rho(b)$ - scattering
 $\text{Im}(b)$ - absorption



$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & b_0 \\ c_0 & d_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{pmatrix} \dots \begin{pmatrix} a_j & b_j \\ c_j & d_j \end{pmatrix} \dots$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_j & b_j \\ c_j & d_j \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos k_j \Delta_j & \frac{1}{k_j} \sin k_j \Delta_j \\ -k_j \sin k_j \Delta_j & \cos k_j \Delta_j \end{pmatrix}$$

Conservation of momentum & particle #

$\Rightarrow \partial \Psi / \partial z$ & $\Psi(z)$ must be continuous @ boundary $z=0$ & $z=L$

$$\begin{pmatrix} t \\ it \end{pmatrix} e^{i k_0 L} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1+r \\ i(1-r) \end{pmatrix}$$

Born Approx. $\Psi \rightarrow e^{i k_0 z}$ (incident wave fn)

$$r(Q) = \frac{4\pi}{iQ} \int \rho(z) e^{iQz} dz \quad (\text{Fourier Transform})$$

Note: this fails at low $Q \Rightarrow \Psi$ must be "distorted" in the material

Units & magnetic SD

$$\rho = \rho_n \pm \rho_m \left[\frac{1}{A^2} \right]$$

$$\rho_m = C \sum N \mu = C m$$

μ = magnetic moment / FU

m = magnetization density

Conversion factors "C"

$$2.645 \times 10^{-5} \text{ A} / \mu_B$$

$$2.9109 \times 10^{-5} / 4\pi \text{ A}^{-2} \text{ T}^{-1}$$

$$2.853 \times 10^{-9} \text{ A}^{-2} \text{ cm}^3 / \text{emu}$$

Assume:
Elastic Interactions

$$\text{Total } E = KE + PE = \text{constant}$$

$$E \Psi = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\vec{r}) \right] \Psi$$

$$\text{Vacuum } E_0 = KE = \frac{\hbar^2 k_0^2}{2m}$$

$$\text{Material } E = KE + PE = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{m} \rho$$

Conservation of energy $\rightarrow E_0 = E$

$$k^2 = k_0^2 - 4\pi\rho \quad \& \quad [\nabla^2 + k^2] \Psi = 0$$

$$\text{Define refractive index } n = k/k_0 = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4\pi\rho}{k_0^2}}$$

$$\text{From wave eq. } \Rightarrow r(Q) = \frac{4\pi}{iQ} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi(z) \rho(z) e^{iQz} dz ; \Psi = ?$$

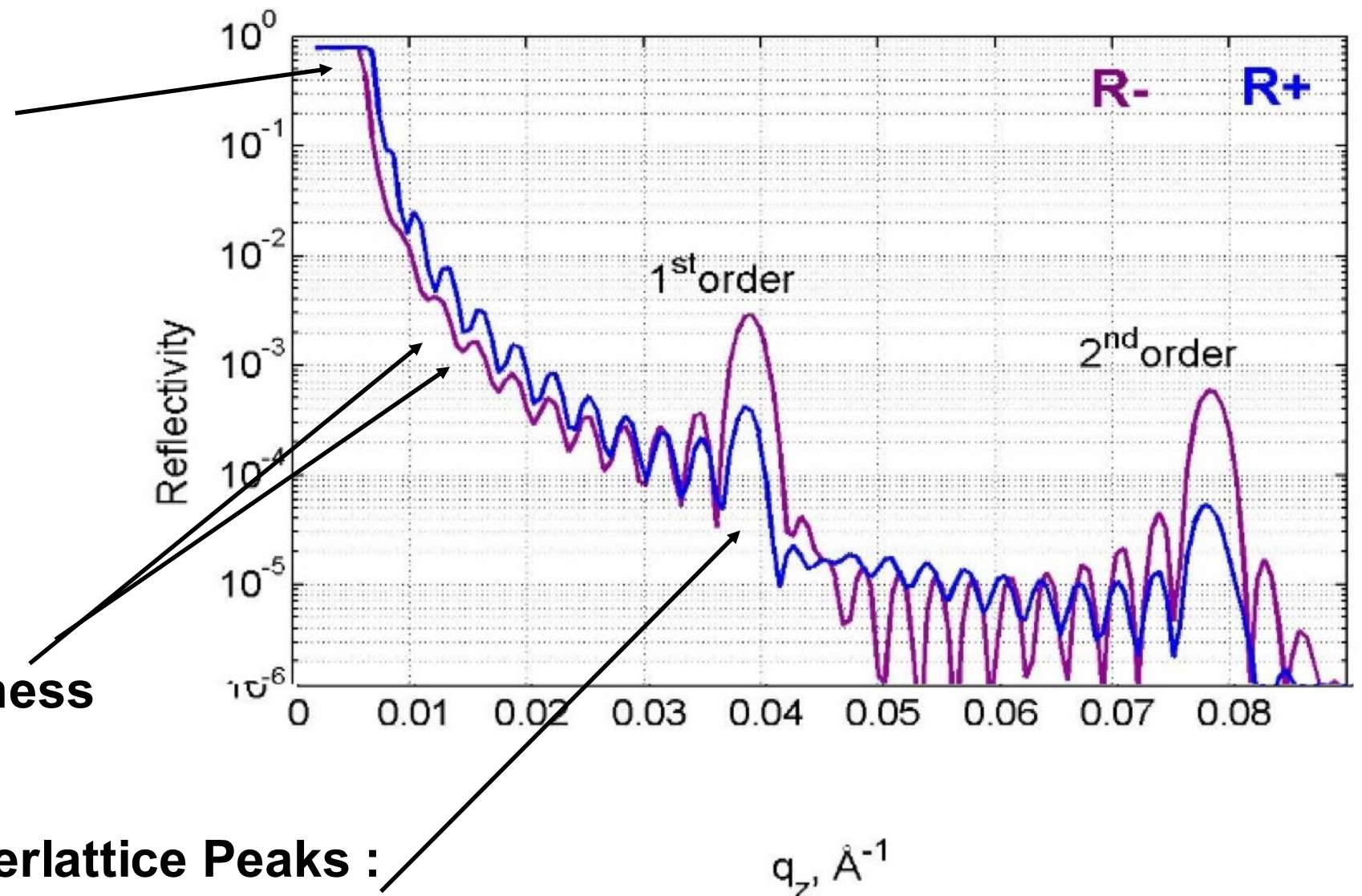
How to Read a Specular Reflectivity Curve

Total reflection region:
Ability to normalize
to a common scale.

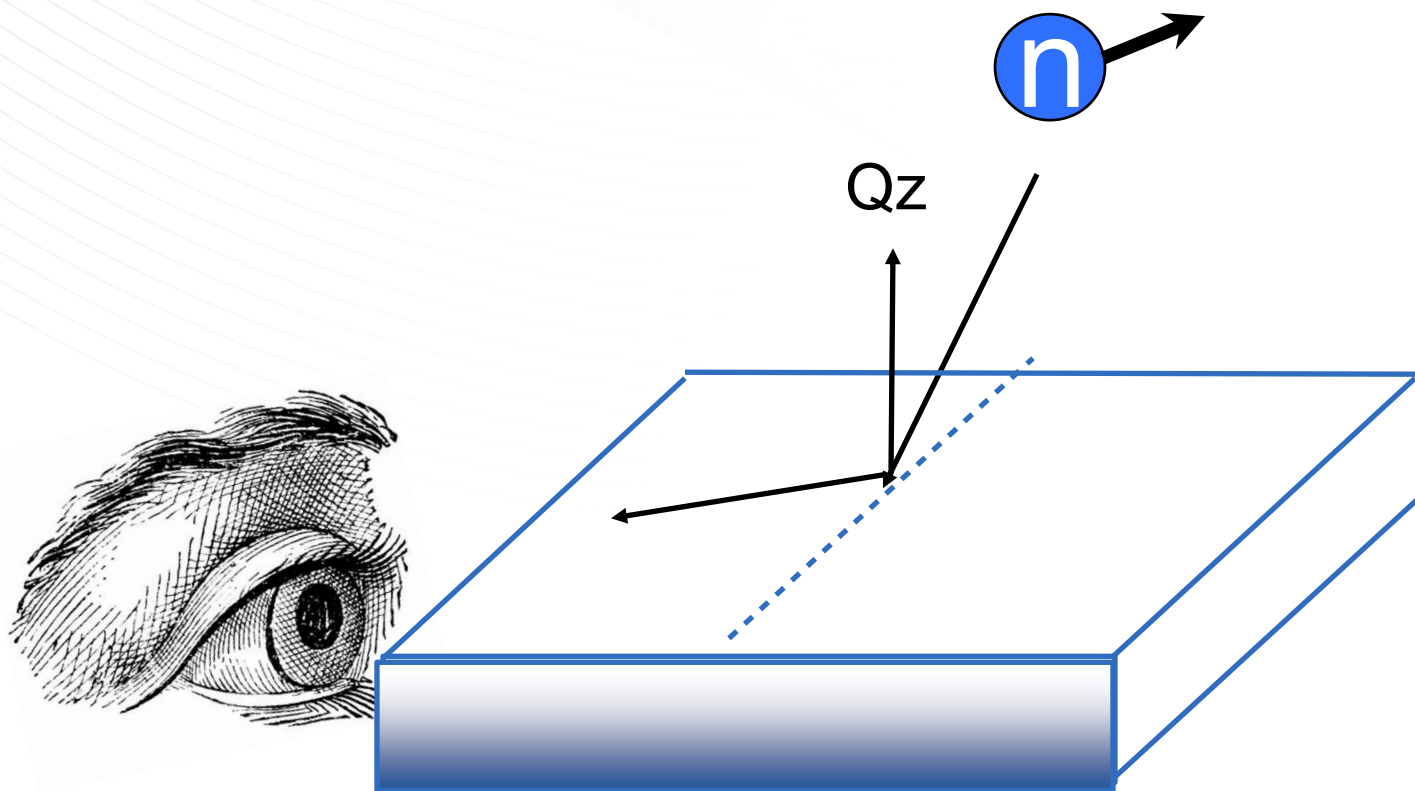
Position of the turn over:
average chemical and
magnetic composition

**Spacing is related
to the total film thickness**

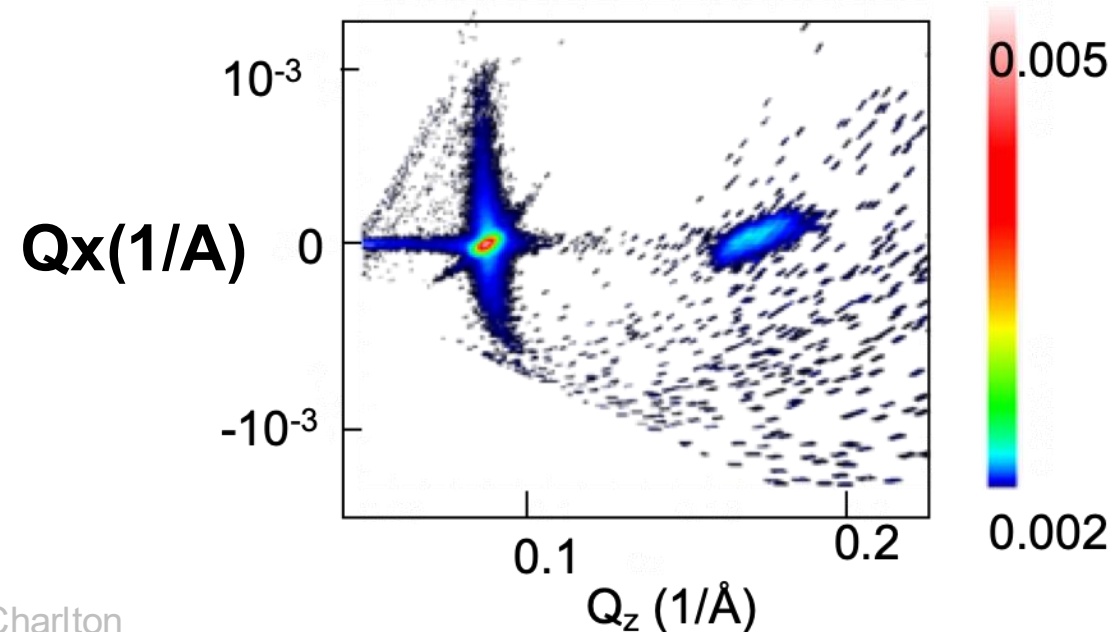
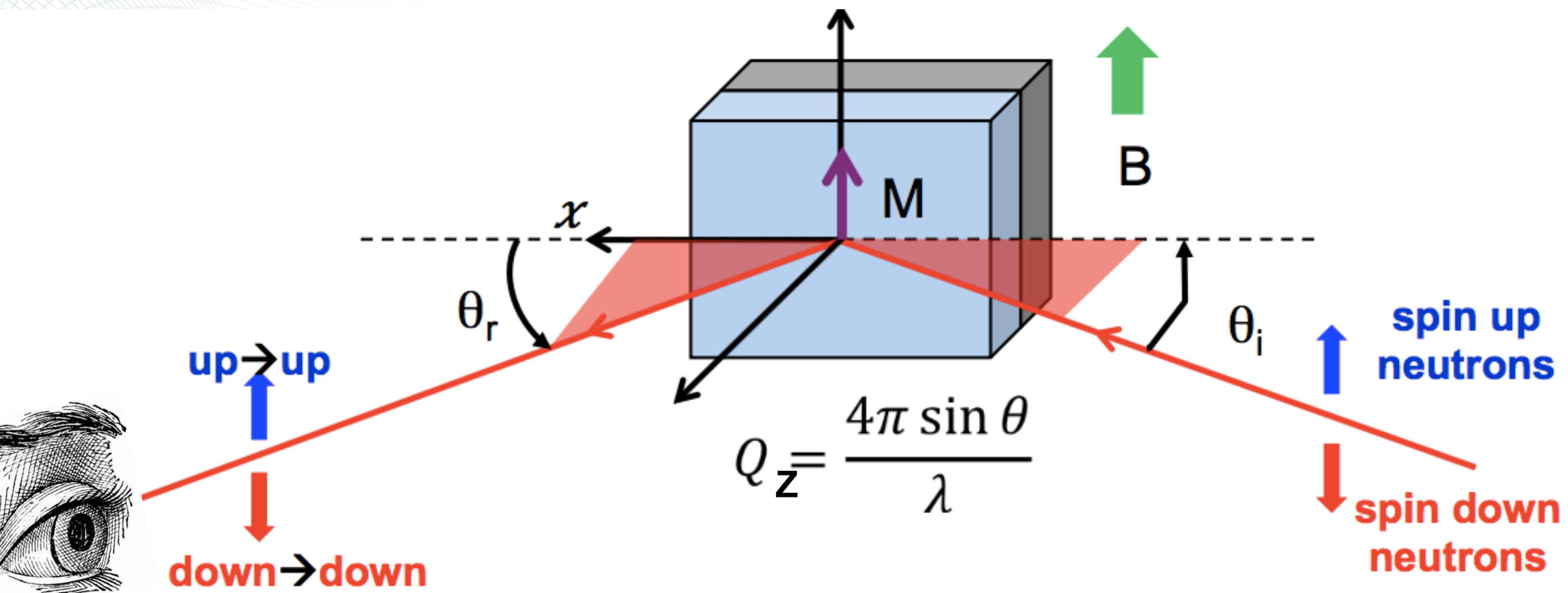
Superlattice Peaks :
Superlattice spacing.
Ratio of peak intensities
can be related to roughness
in the layers.



Experimental Geometry



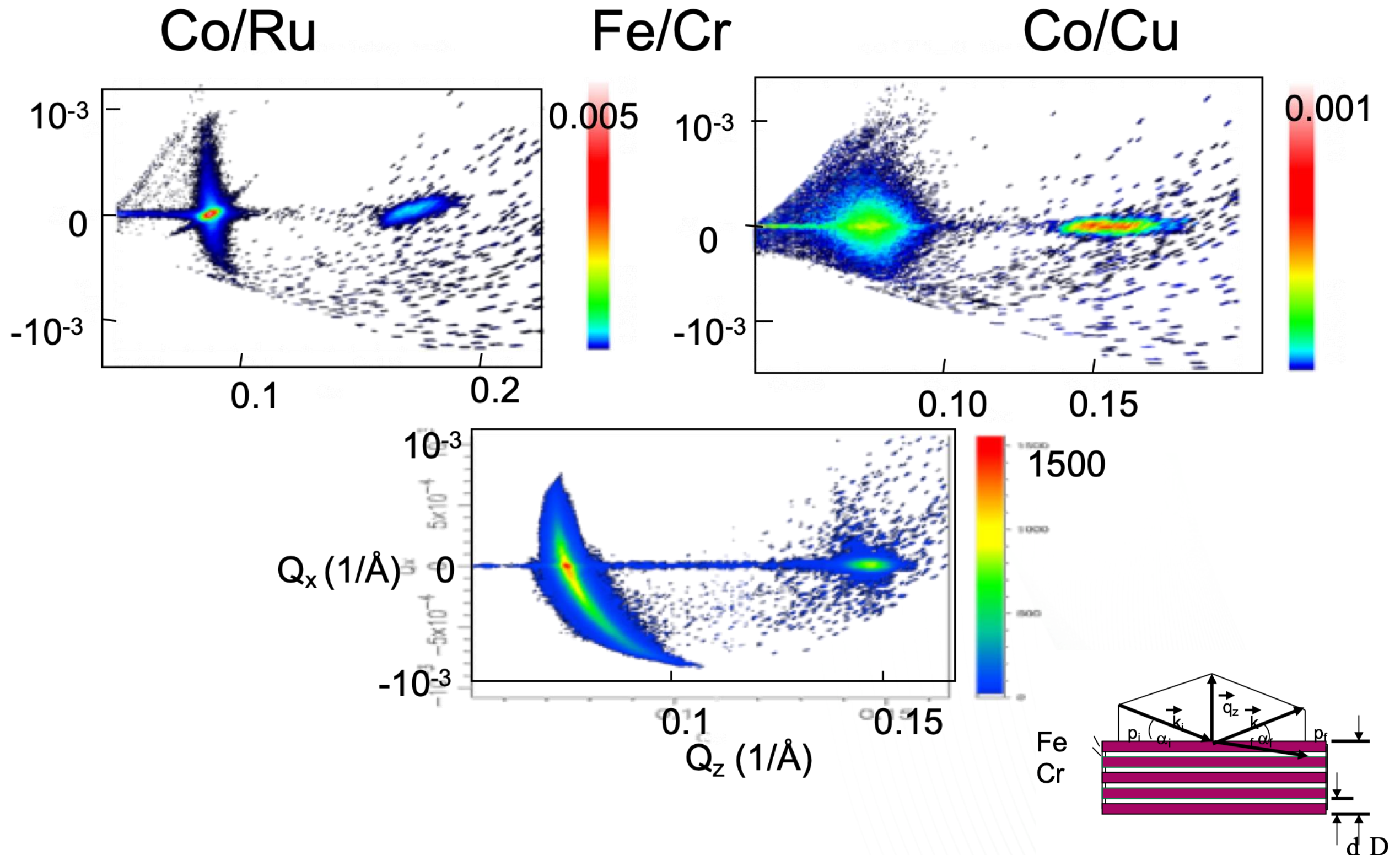
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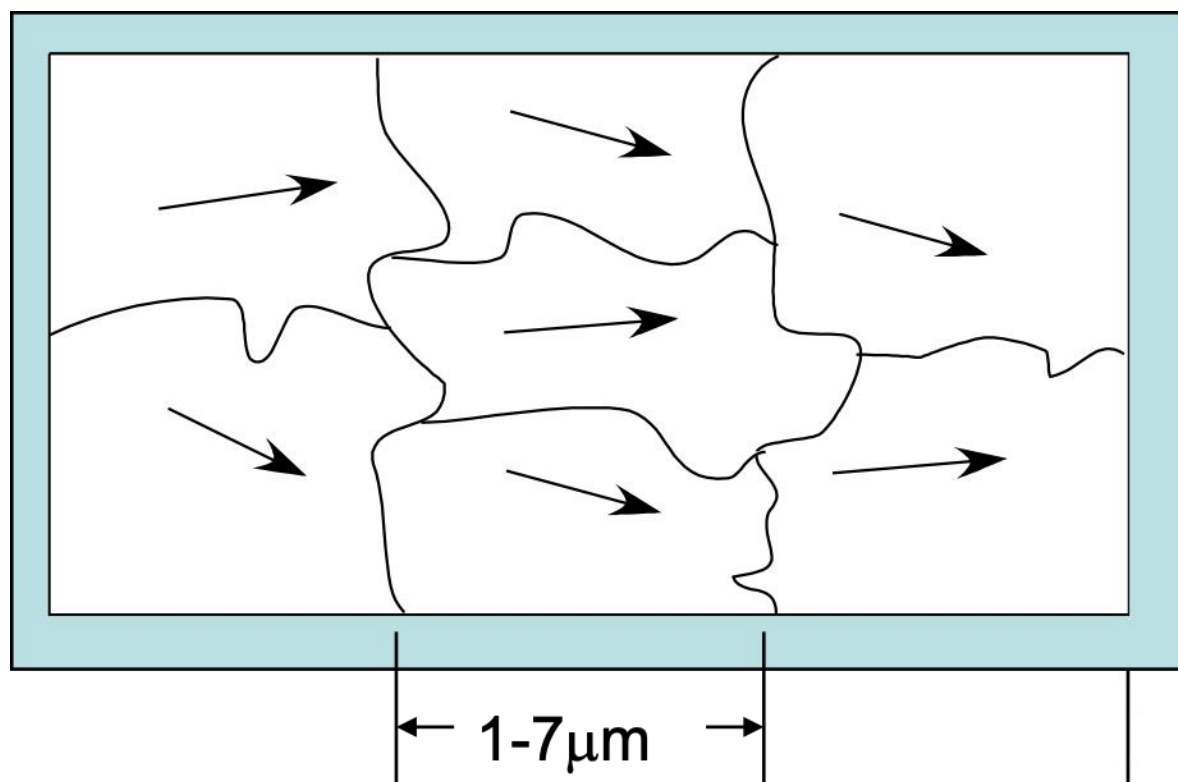


$$Q_x = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\cos \theta_r - \cos \theta_i)$$

$$Q_z = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} (\sin \theta_r + \sin \theta_i)$$

How to read the tea leaves.





Little or no anisotropy

AF coupled superlattice

Angular spread : $\pm 30^\circ$

$Q_x (1/\text{\AA})$ 0

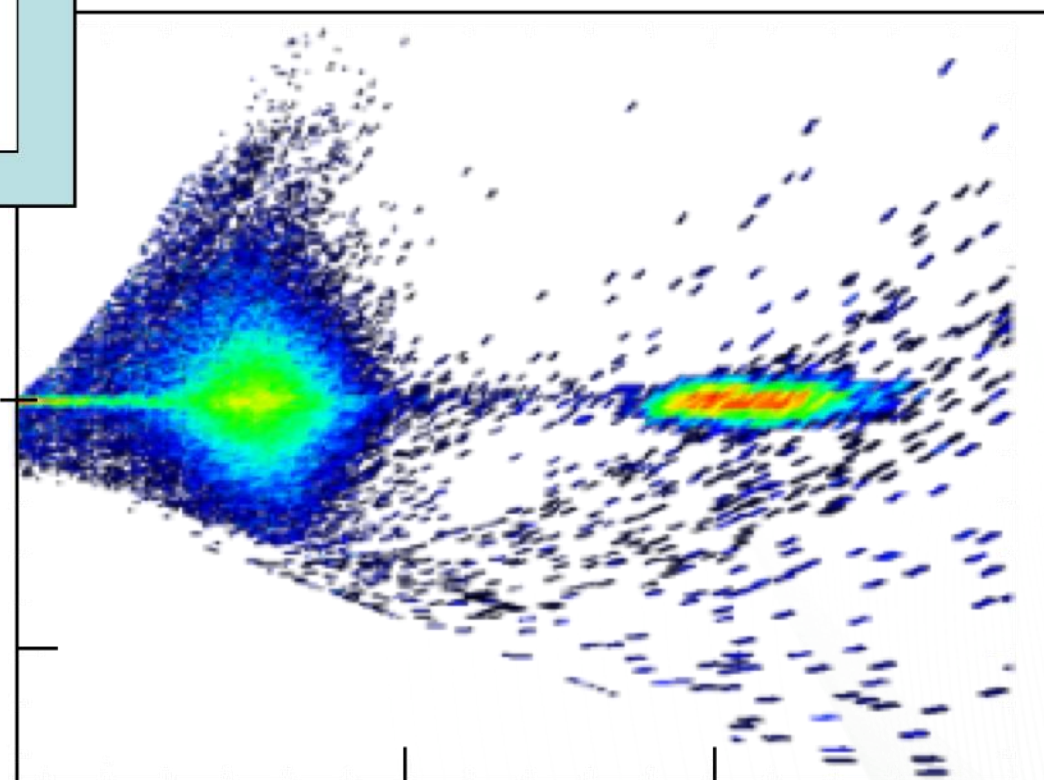
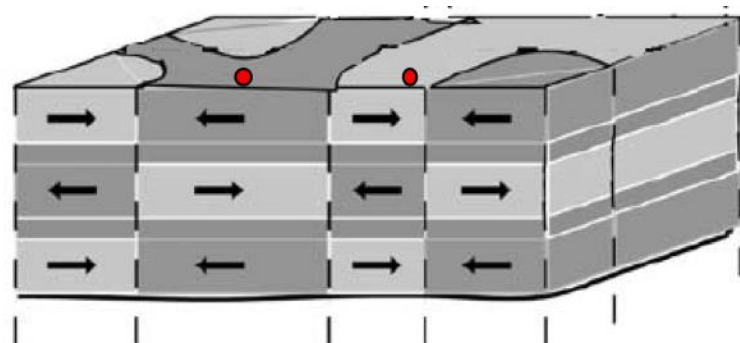
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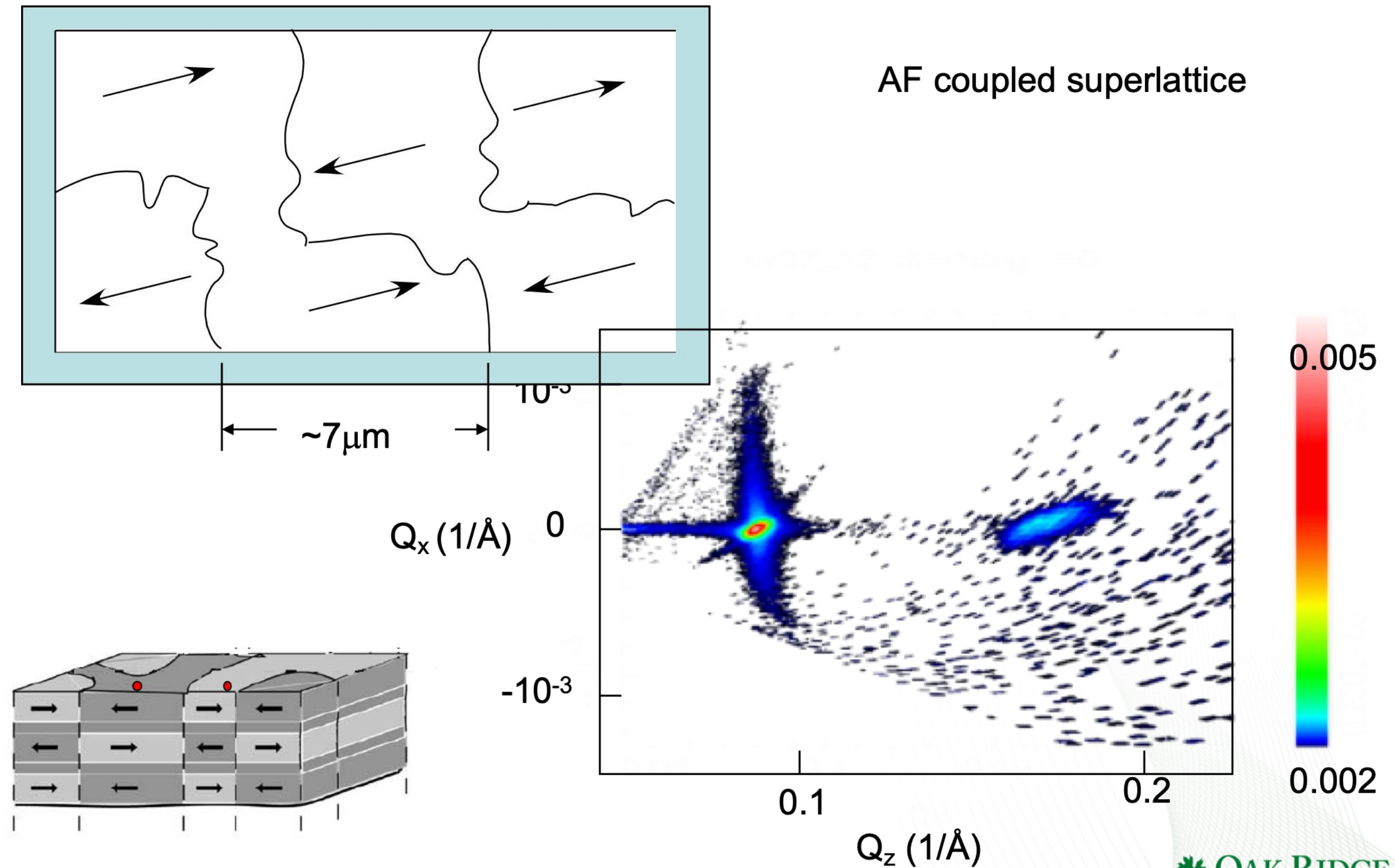
0.10

0.15

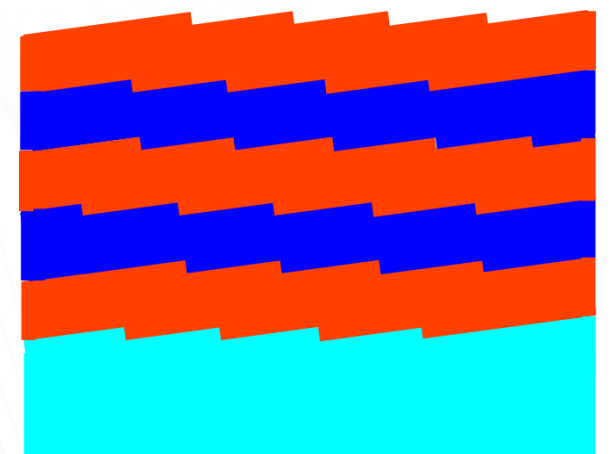
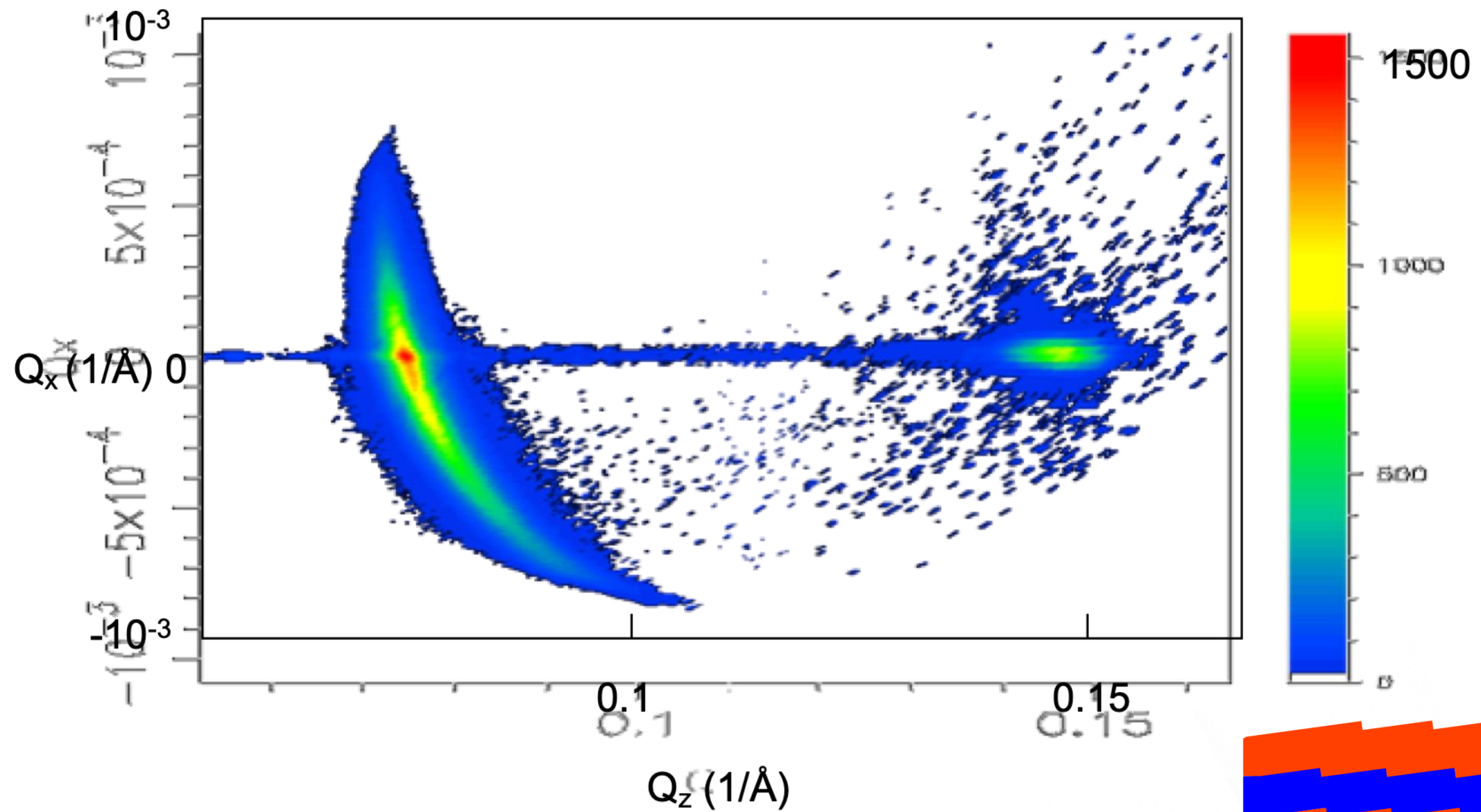
$Q_z (1/\text{\AA})$

0.001

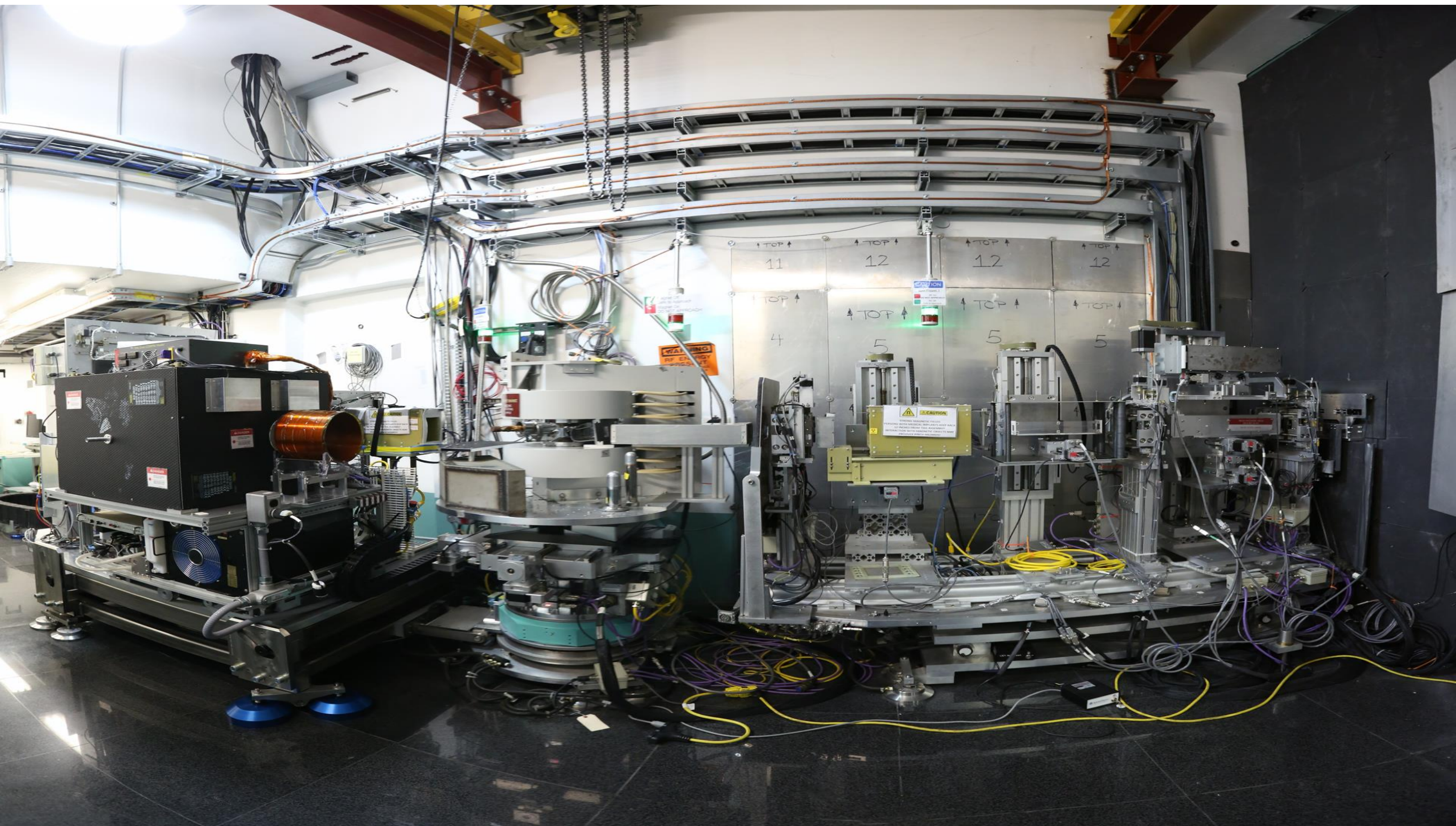




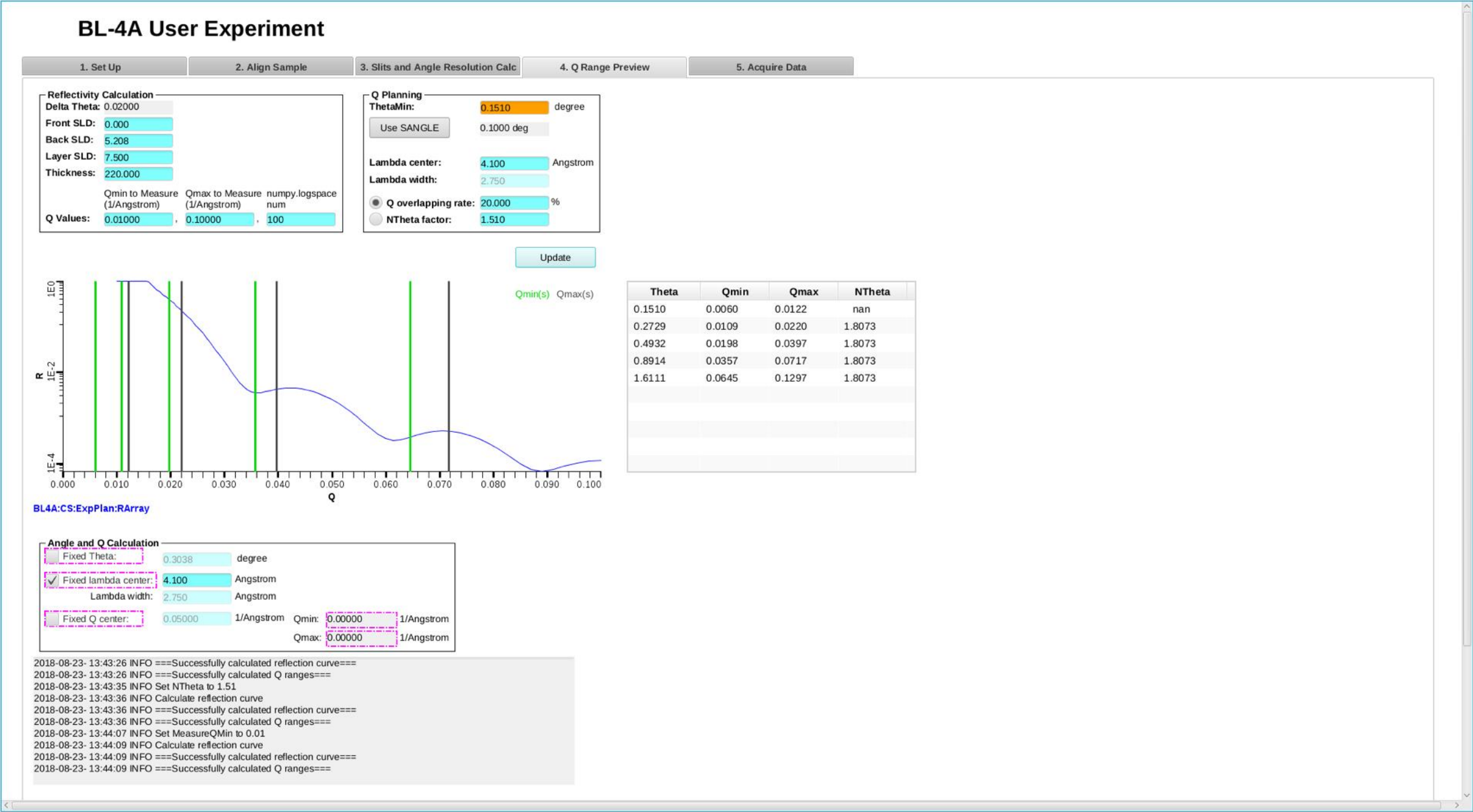
Fe/Cr on a jagged substrate



Instrument: BL4A RefM



Driving the instrument



Driving the instrument

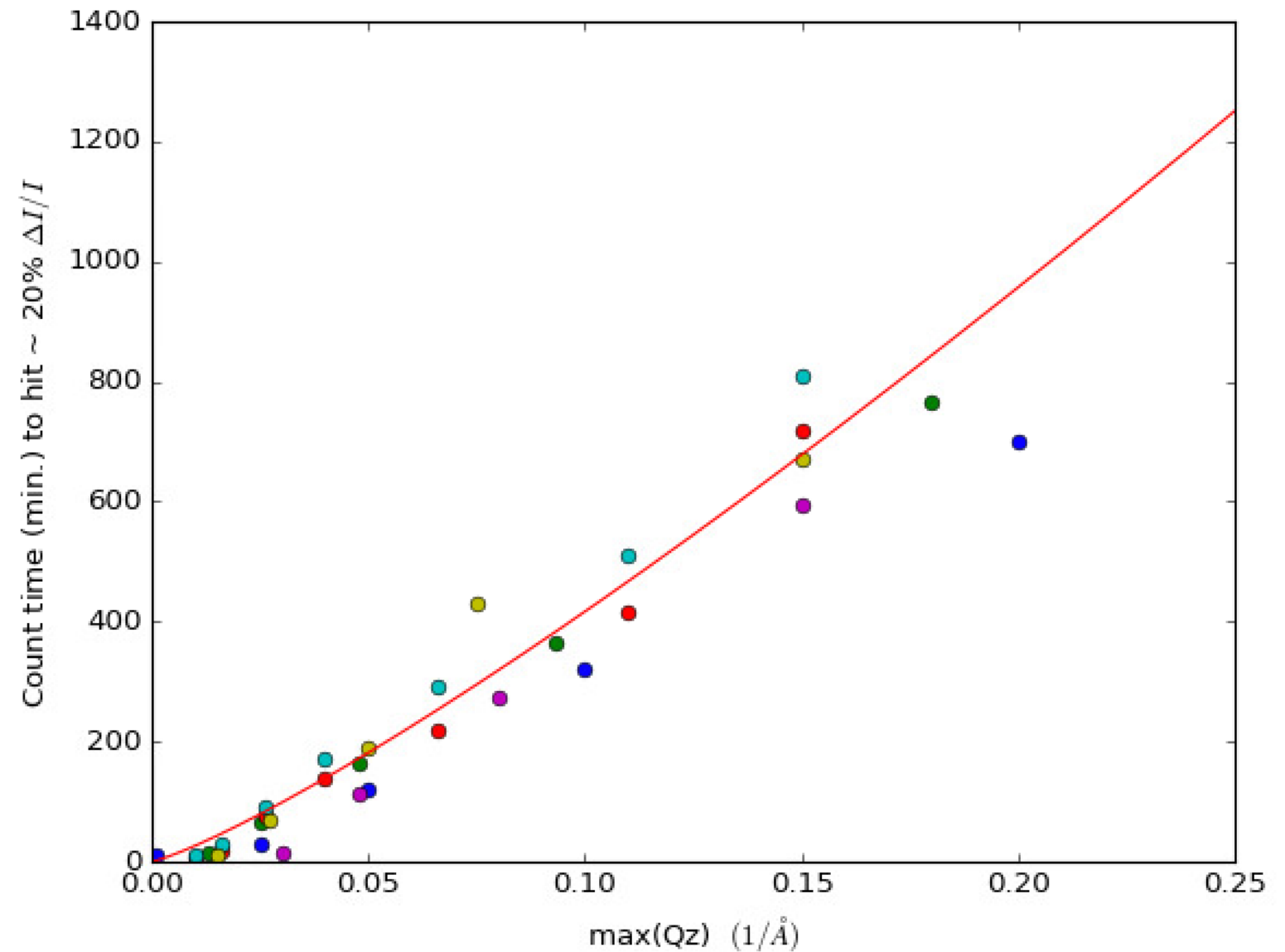
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Experiment length estimate

- Polarized Beam
- No Polarization Analysis
- Sample size: 1cm x 1cm
- Errorbar at Q max: $\Delta I/I \sim 20\%$
- No rebinning
- Normalized Slit Settings

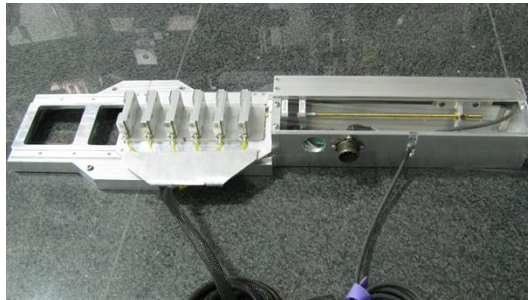
$$t = 6000 Q_{z_max}^{1.2}$$

where t is time in min. and
 Q_{z_max} is in $1/\text{\AA}$

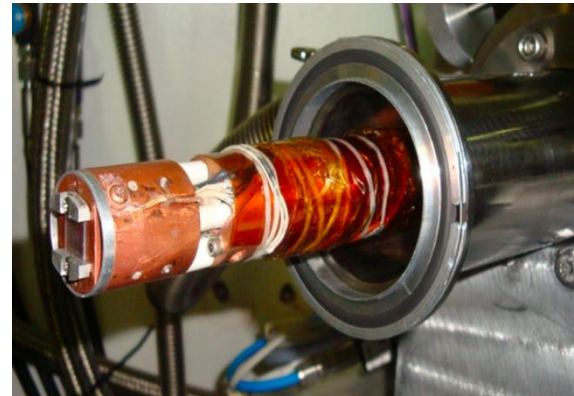


Sample environment & polarization handling

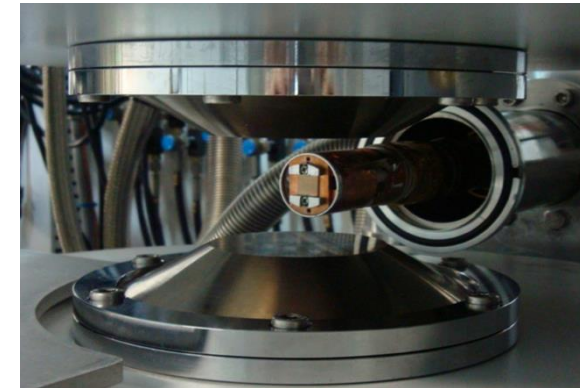
Sample Environments



Room temperature
sample changer



Displex: 5K to 750K, E-
field +/- 200V, 360 axial
rotation



Electromagnet:
50mm gap,
 $H_{\text{max}}=1.15\text{T}$

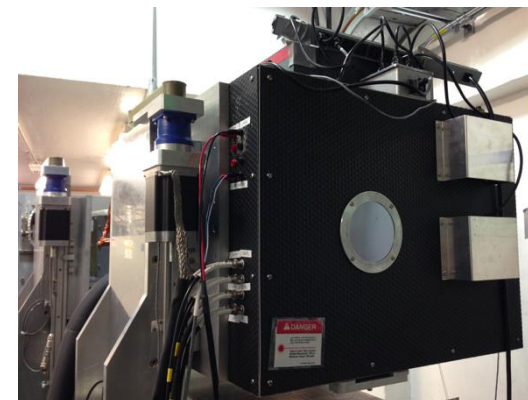
Polarization Capability



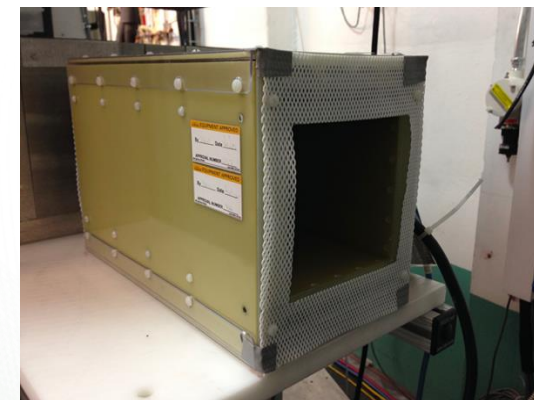
Incident polarizer:
reflection or
transmission V-Cavity



Fan analyzer



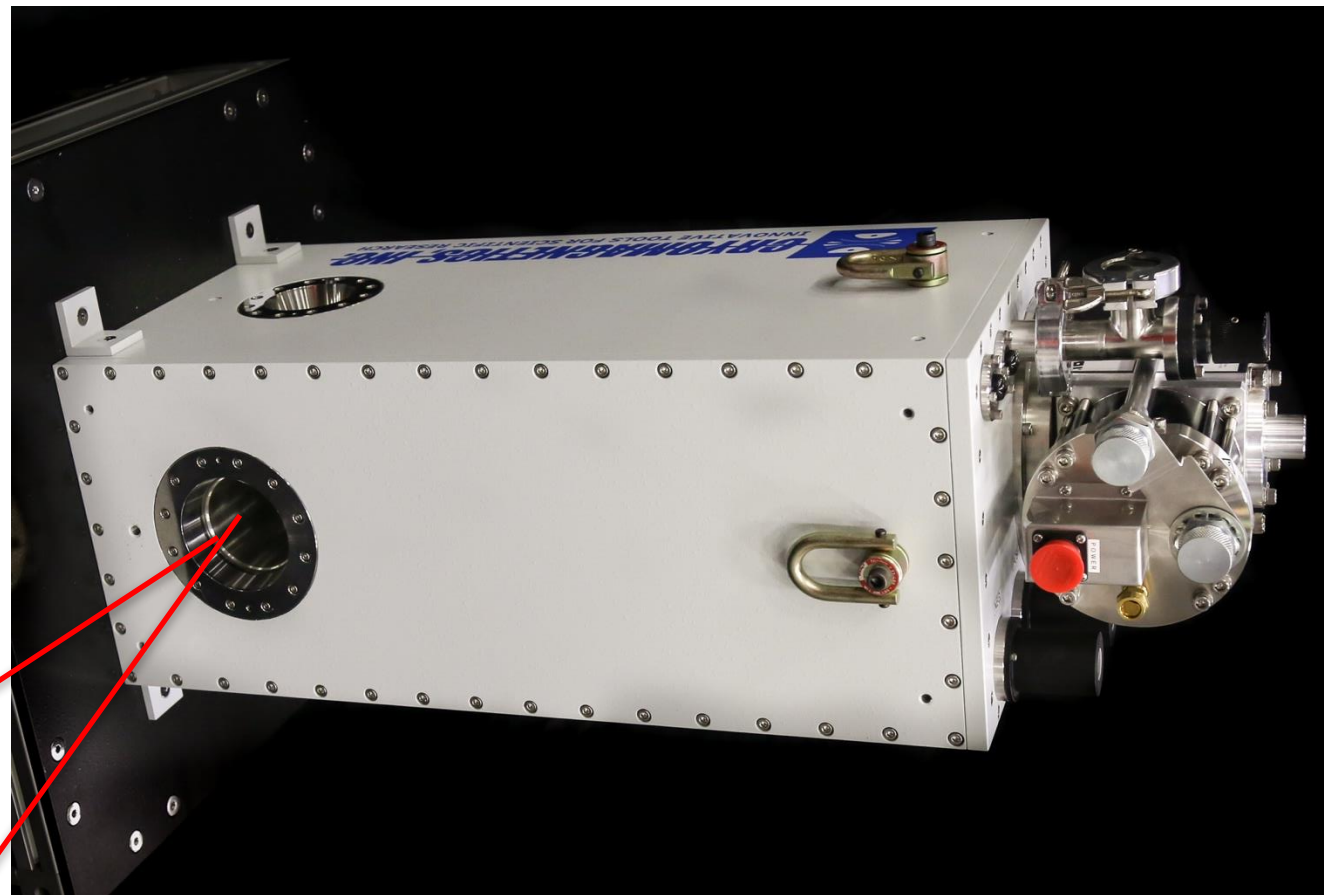
In situ 3He Analyzer



RF Flipper

MAG-H is part of the solution! (We have this part already.)

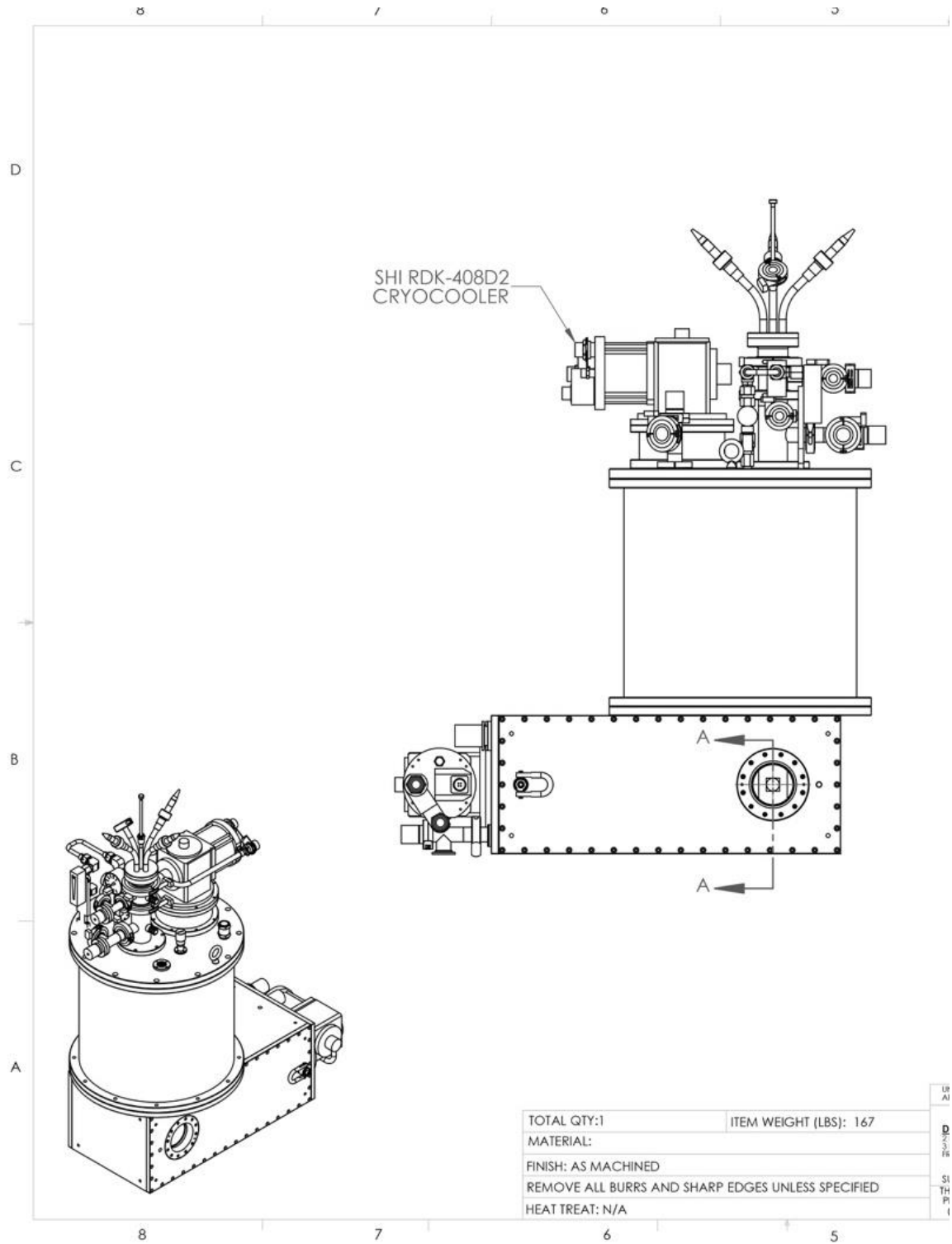
Two open (hollow) bores. Magnet does not produce scattering.



Specularly reflected beam

Transmitted beam

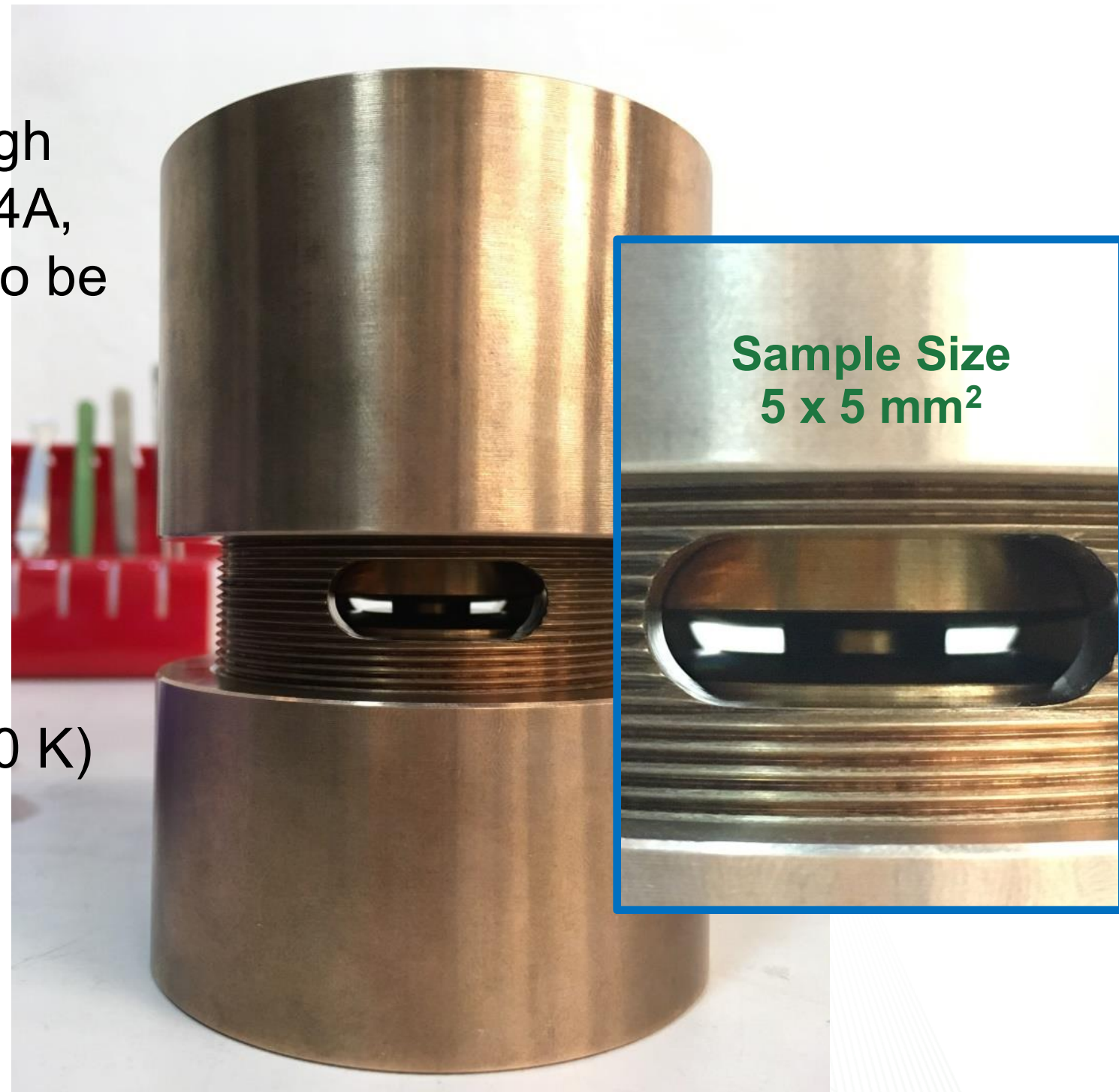
Top Loading Cryostat



Ultra large volume pressure cell

To achieve the goal of performing high pressure reflectometry on beamline 4A, certain engineering constraints had to be considered.

- Capability of reaching ≥ 2 GPa
- Low neutron absorption
- Low thermal contraction
- Good thermal conduction
- Accessible temperatures (20-400 K)
- Polarized neutron compatible

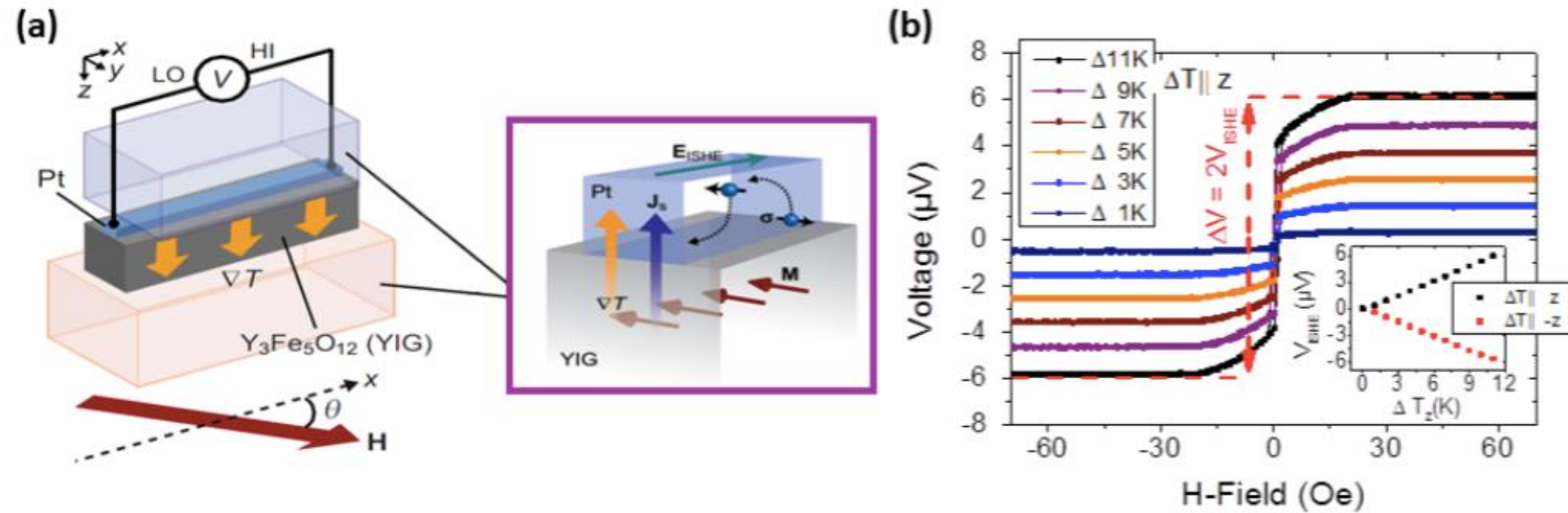


Copper Beryllium

Thermal Gradient Cell

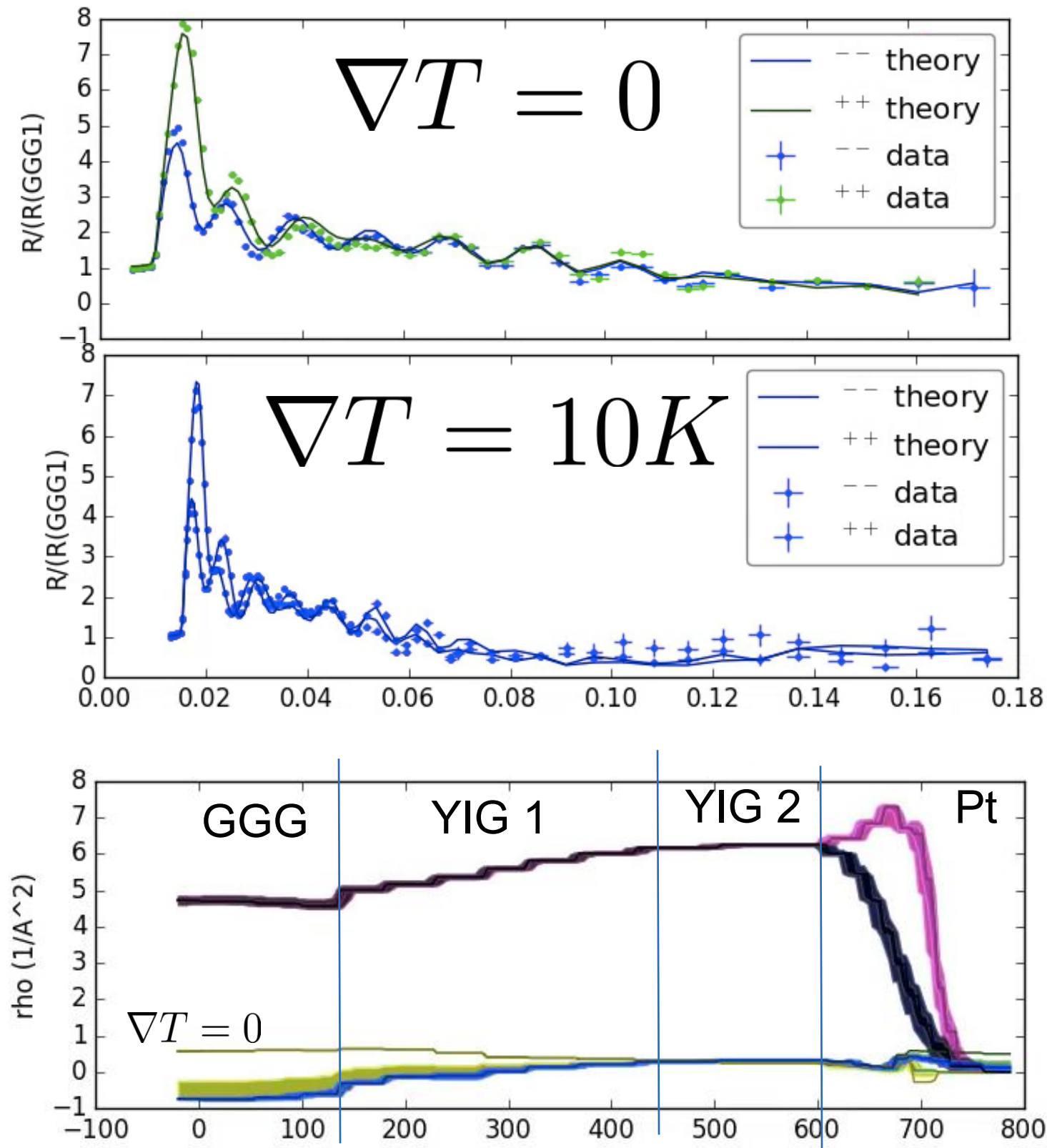
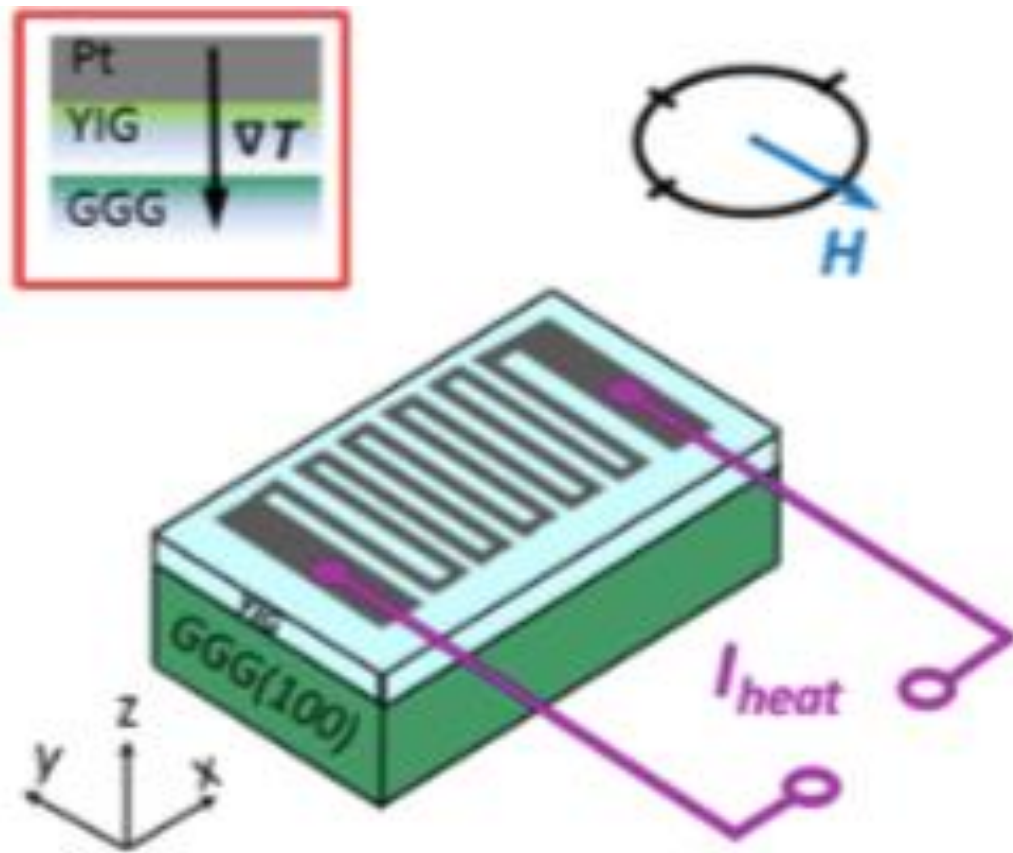


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Prep work before the PNR experiment

Spin Seebeck Effect



Fitting Options

Refl1d. (NIST, DANSE. project). reflectometry.org

SimulReflec: <http://www-llb.cea.fr/prism/programs/programs.html>

Parratt: http://www.hmi.de/bensc/instrumentation/instrumente/v6/refl/parratt_en.htm

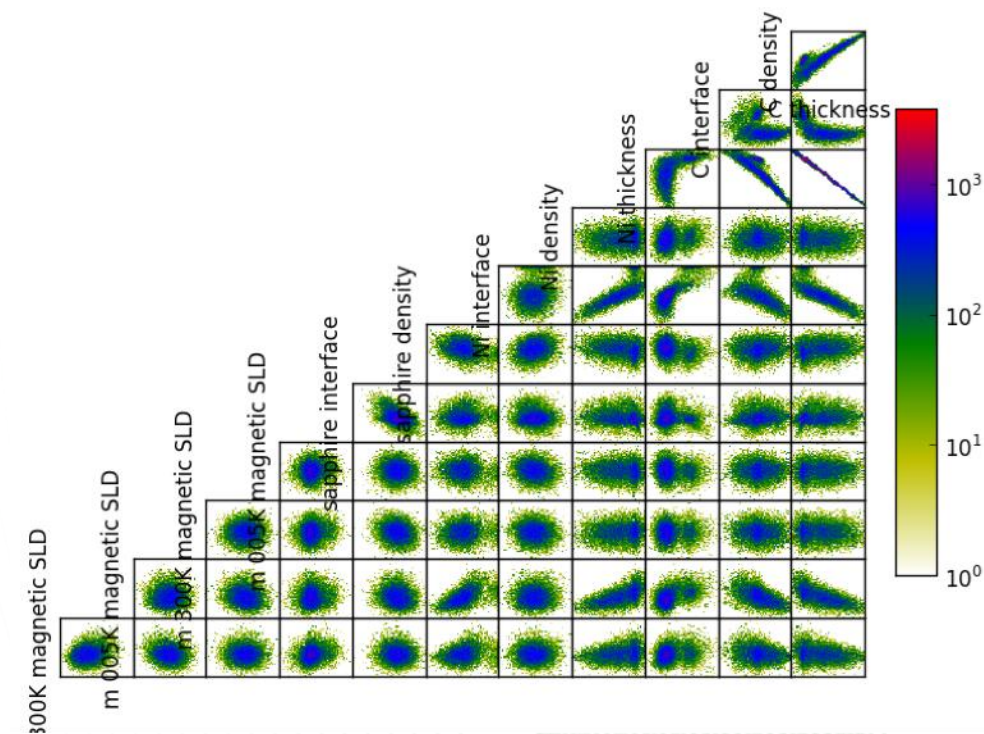
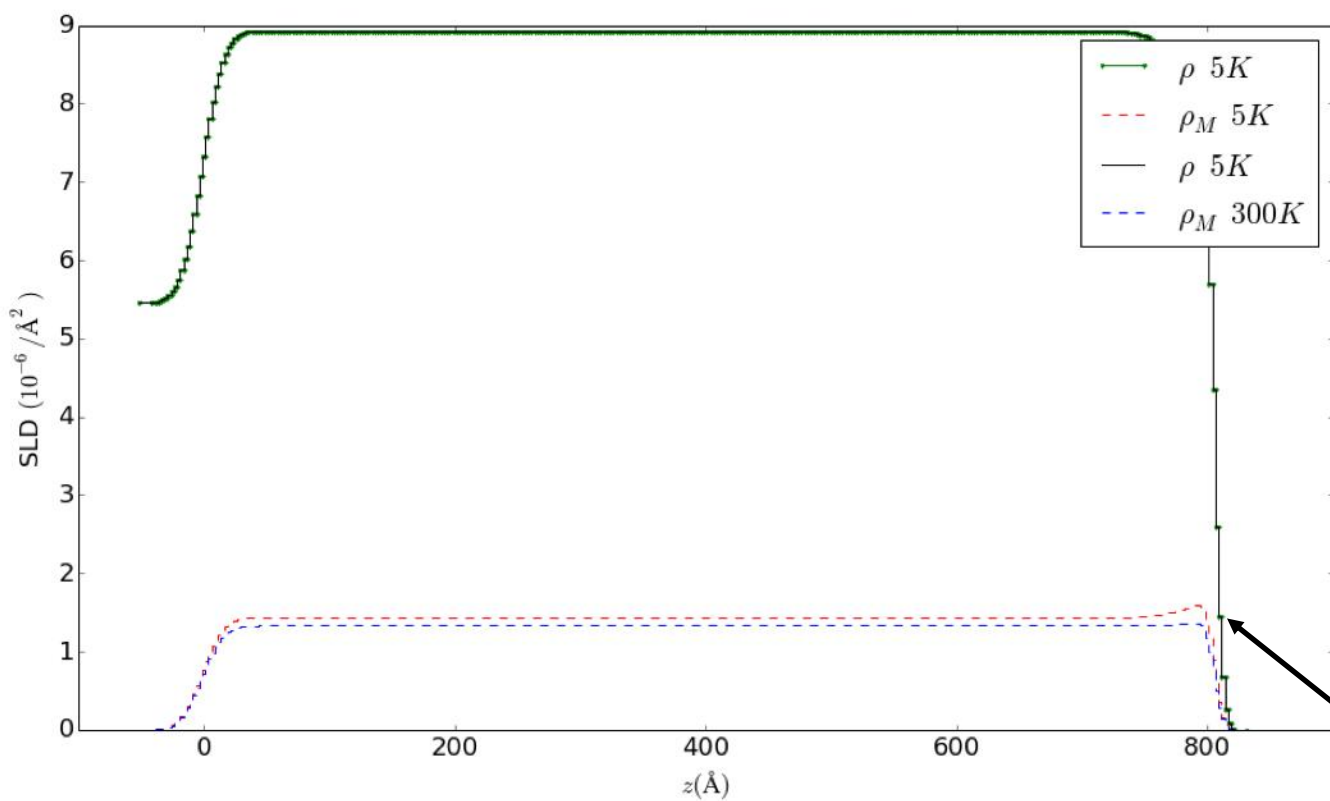
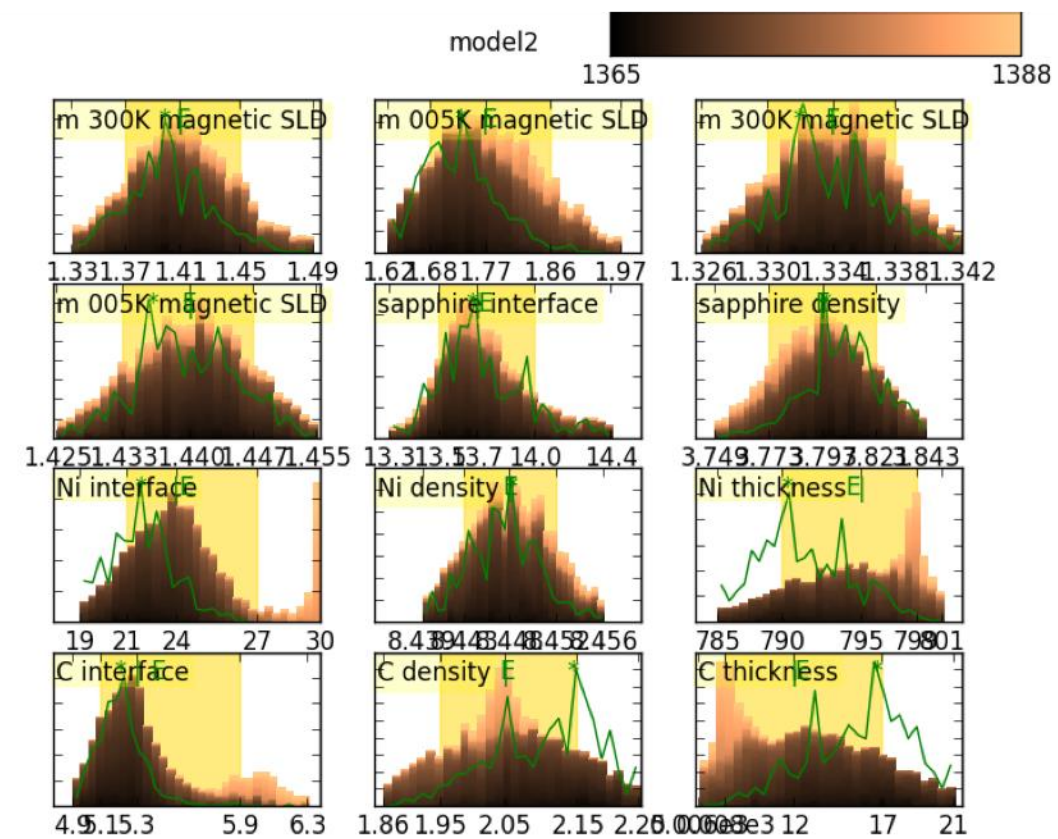
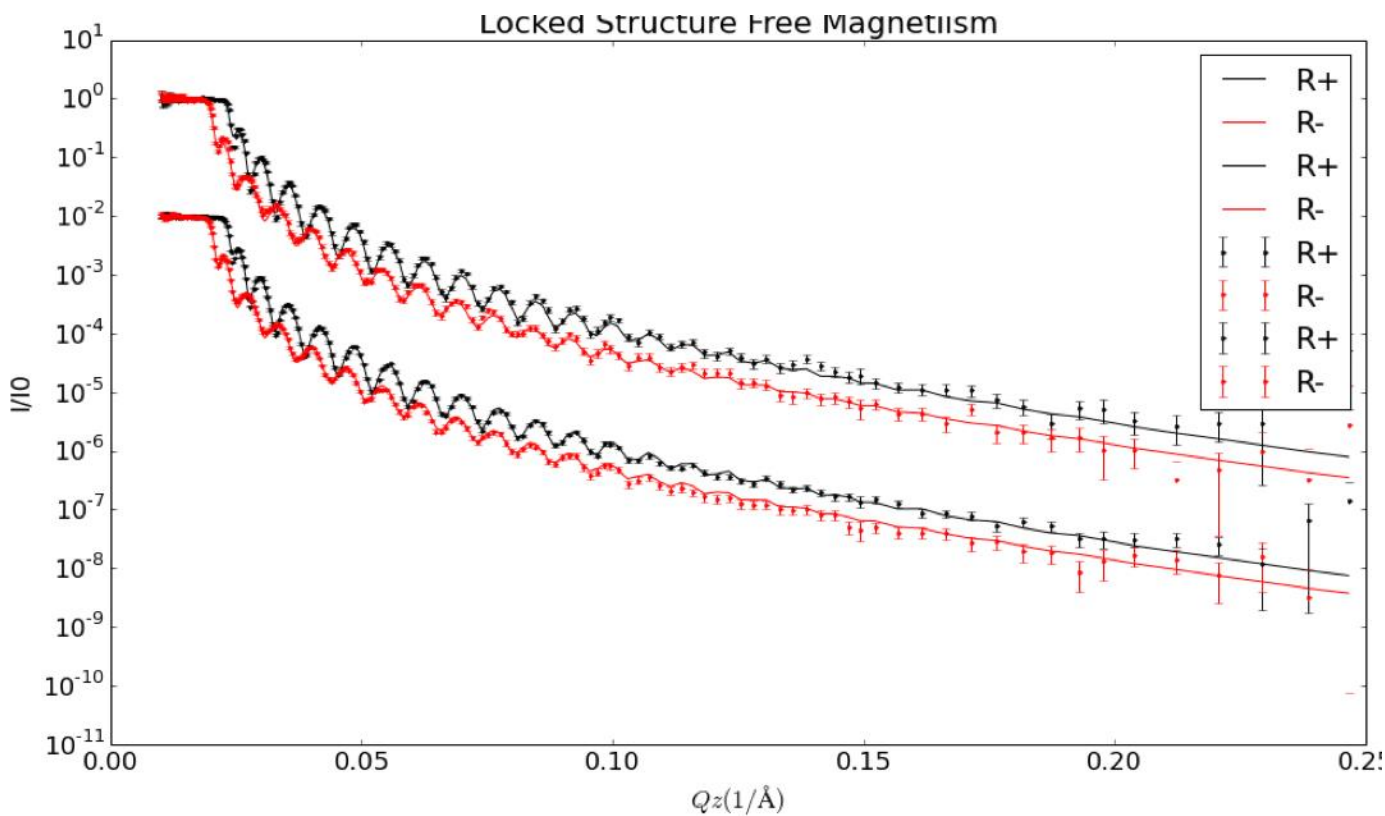
IMD: <http://www.rxolc.com/idl/>

BornAgain: <http://bornagainproject.org>

MotoFit: http://motofit.sourceforge.net/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

GenX: <http://genx.sourceforge.net/>

Simple fitting example Al2O3/Ni/Gr/Air



Refl1D (reflectometry.org)

70 emu/cc

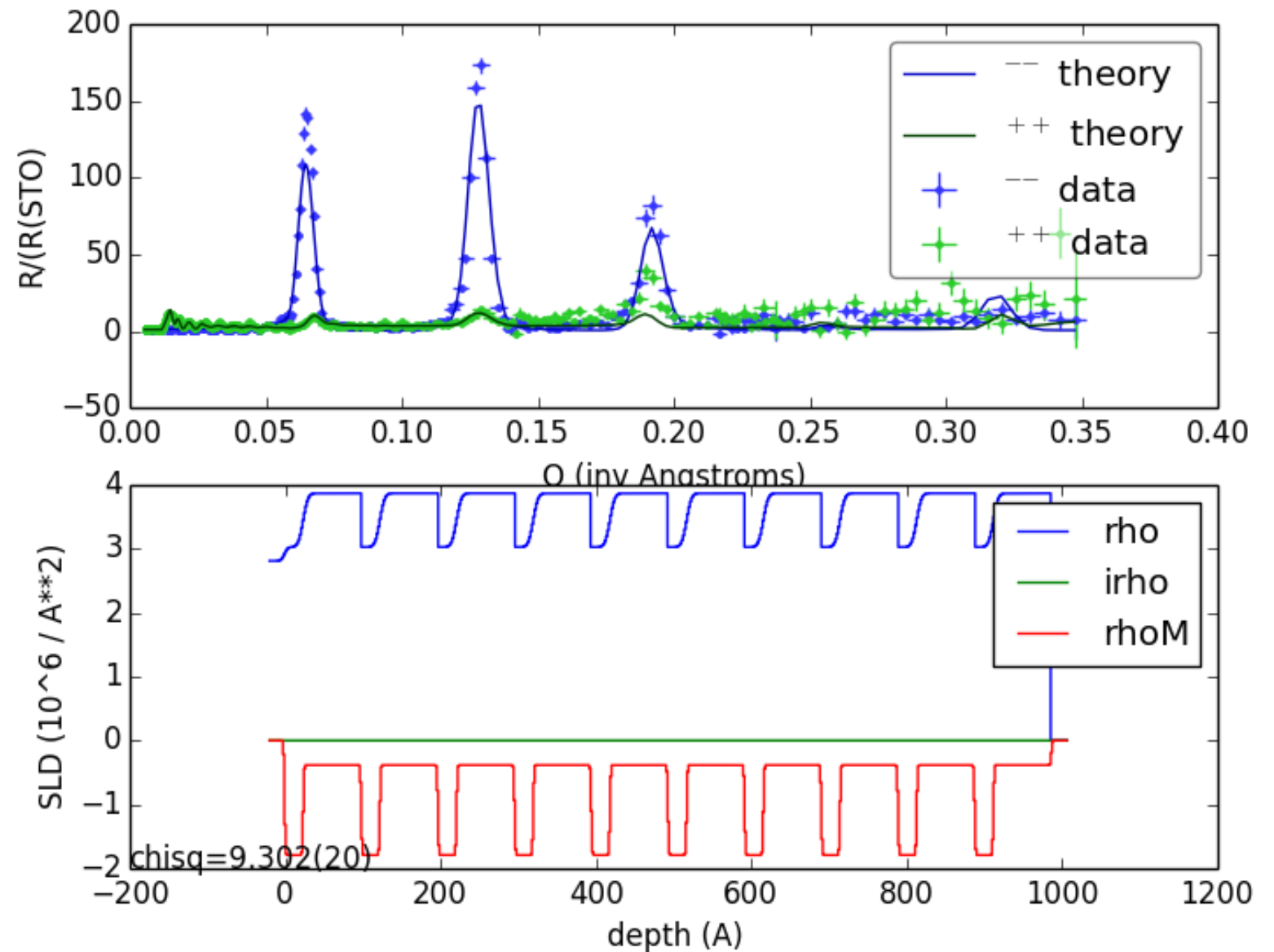
Fitting process: Defining the layered structure

Materials

```
BFO = SLD(name='BFO' , rho=4.400, irho=0.0)
LSMO = SLD(name='LSMO', rho=3.400, irho=0.0)
STO = SLD(name='STO' , rho=3.54, irho=0.0)
```

```
bilayer =(LSMO(16.0,1,magnetism=Magnetism(rhoM=0.1,
      thetaM=90, interface_above=1,
      interface_below=1)) |
      BFO(83.0,1,magnetism=Magnetism(rhoM=0.6,
      thetaM=90,interface_above=1,
      interface_below=1)) )
```

```
sample = (STO(0.5)
|bilayer
|bilayer
|bilayer
|bilayer
|bilayer
|bilayer
|bilayer
|bilayer
| bilayer
| air)
```



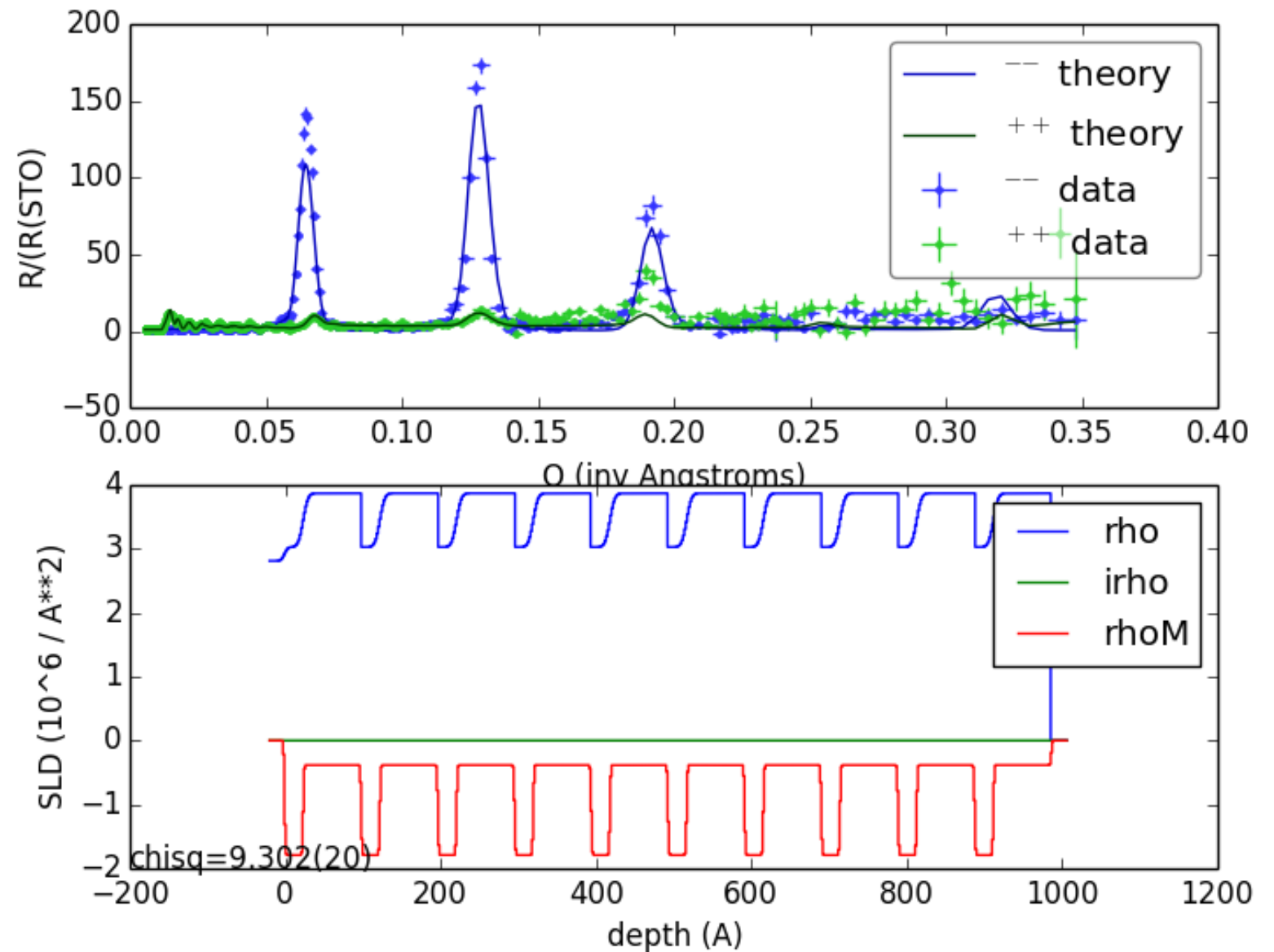
Fitting process: Adding fitting parameters

```
# Fitting parameters
sample['LSMO'].thickness.range(0,100) #
sample['BFO'].thickness.range(0,200) #

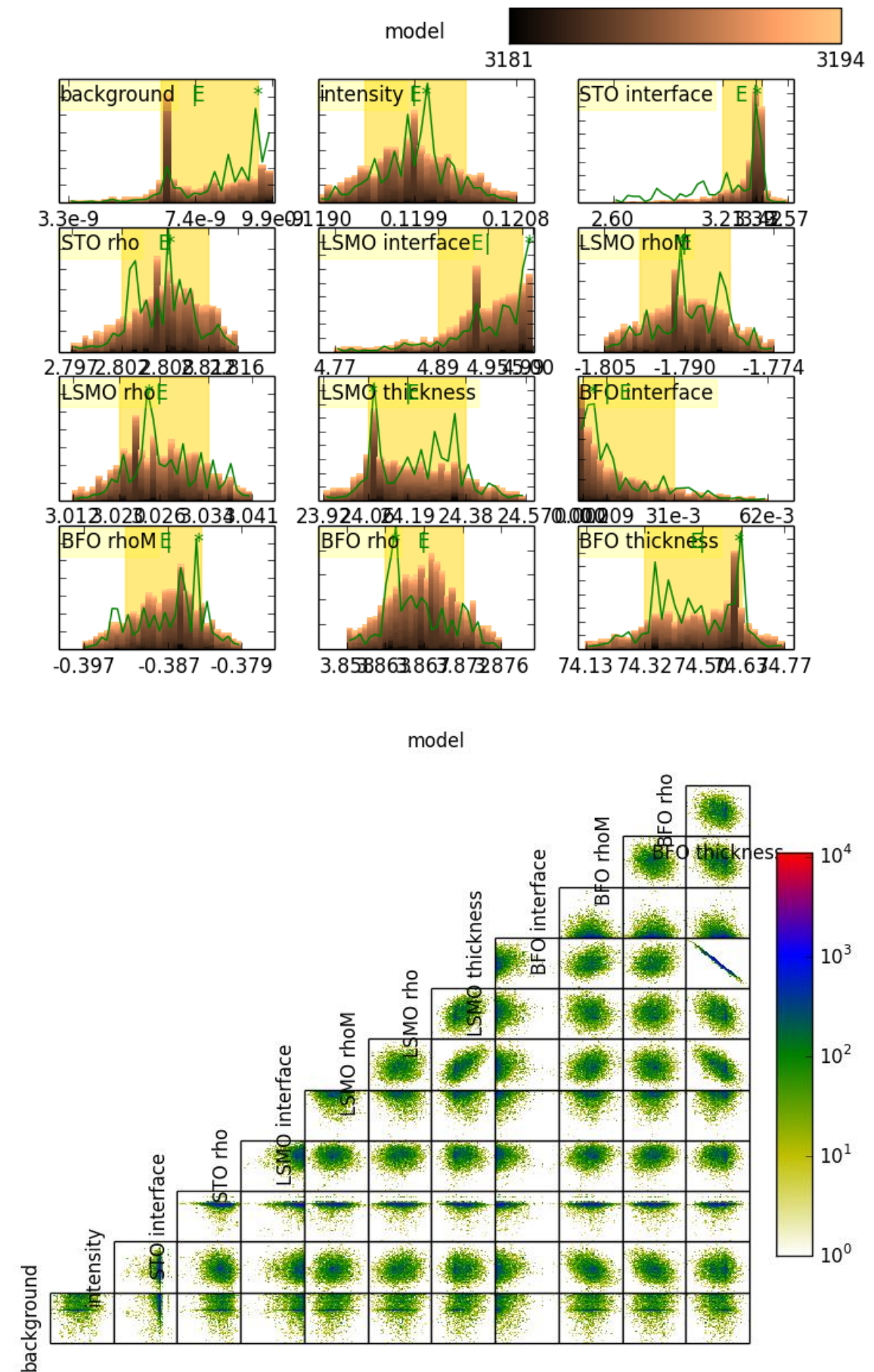
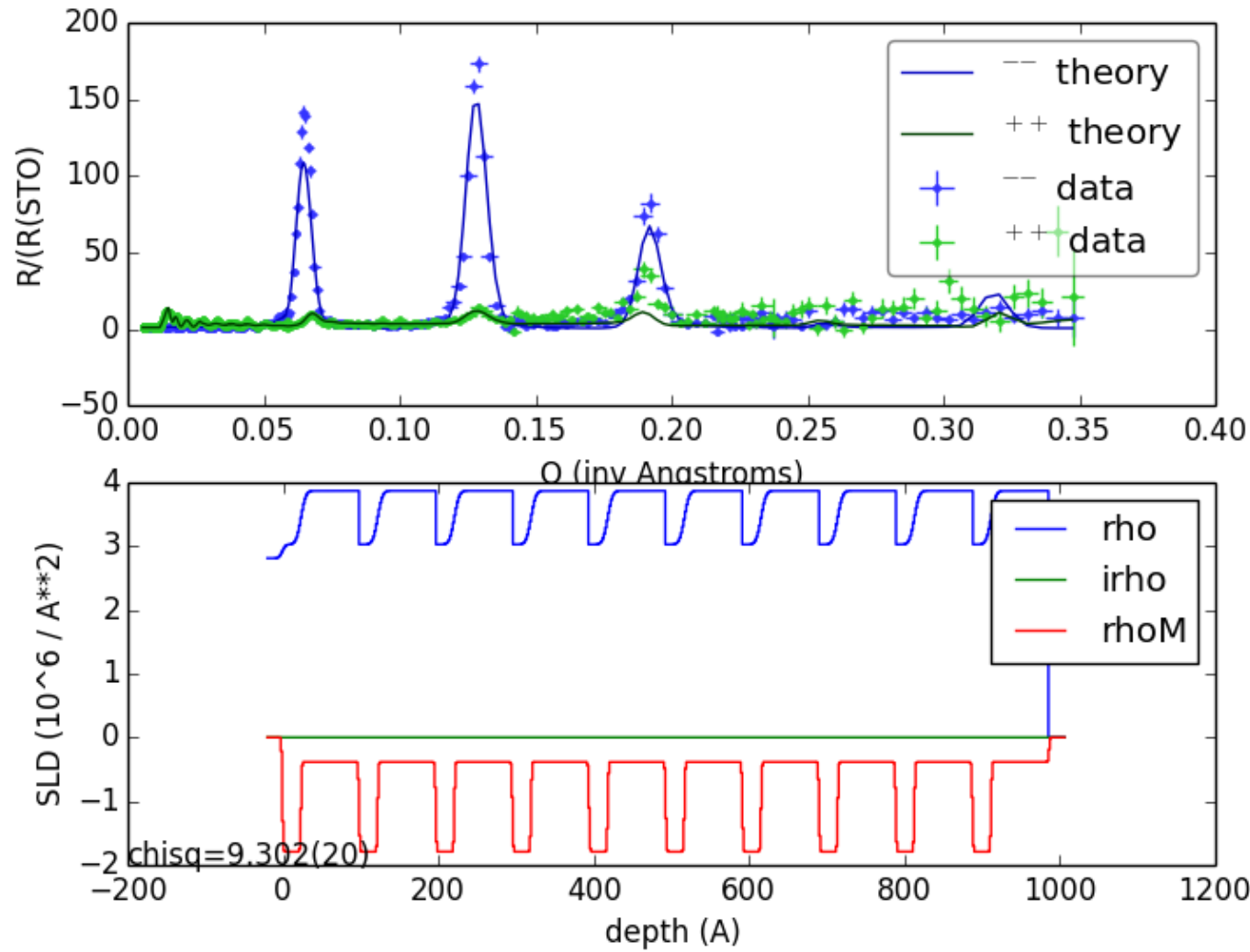
sample['STO'].interface.range(0,30)#
sample['LSMO'].interface.range(0,5)
sample['BFO'].interface.range(0,5)#

sample['STO'].material.rho.range(0,9)#
sample['LSMO'].material.rho.range(0,9)#
sample['BFO'].material.rho.range(0,10)#

sample['LSMO'].magnetism.rhoM.range(-10.1,10.6) #
sample['BFO'].magnetism.rhoM.range(-10.1,10.5) #
```



Fitting process: The results

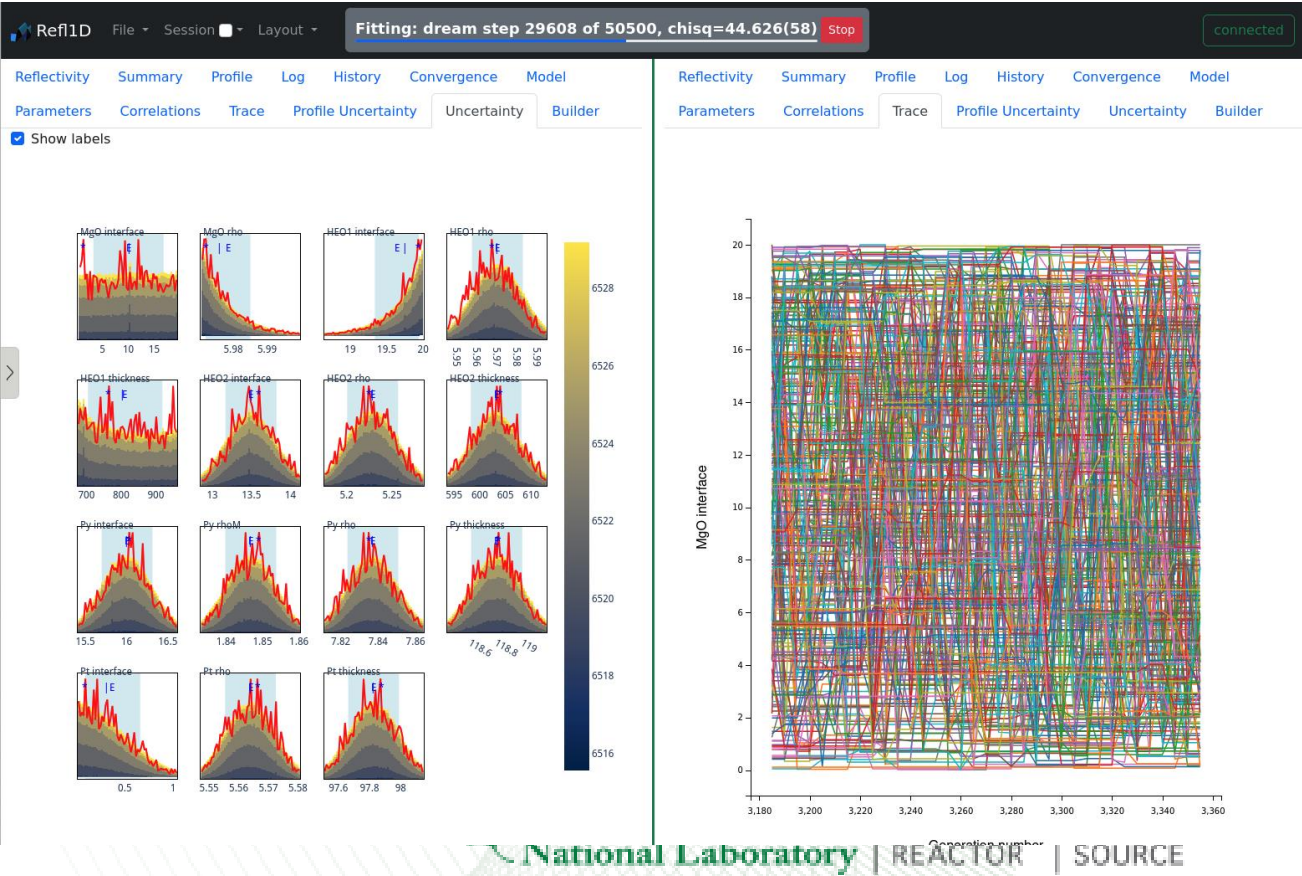
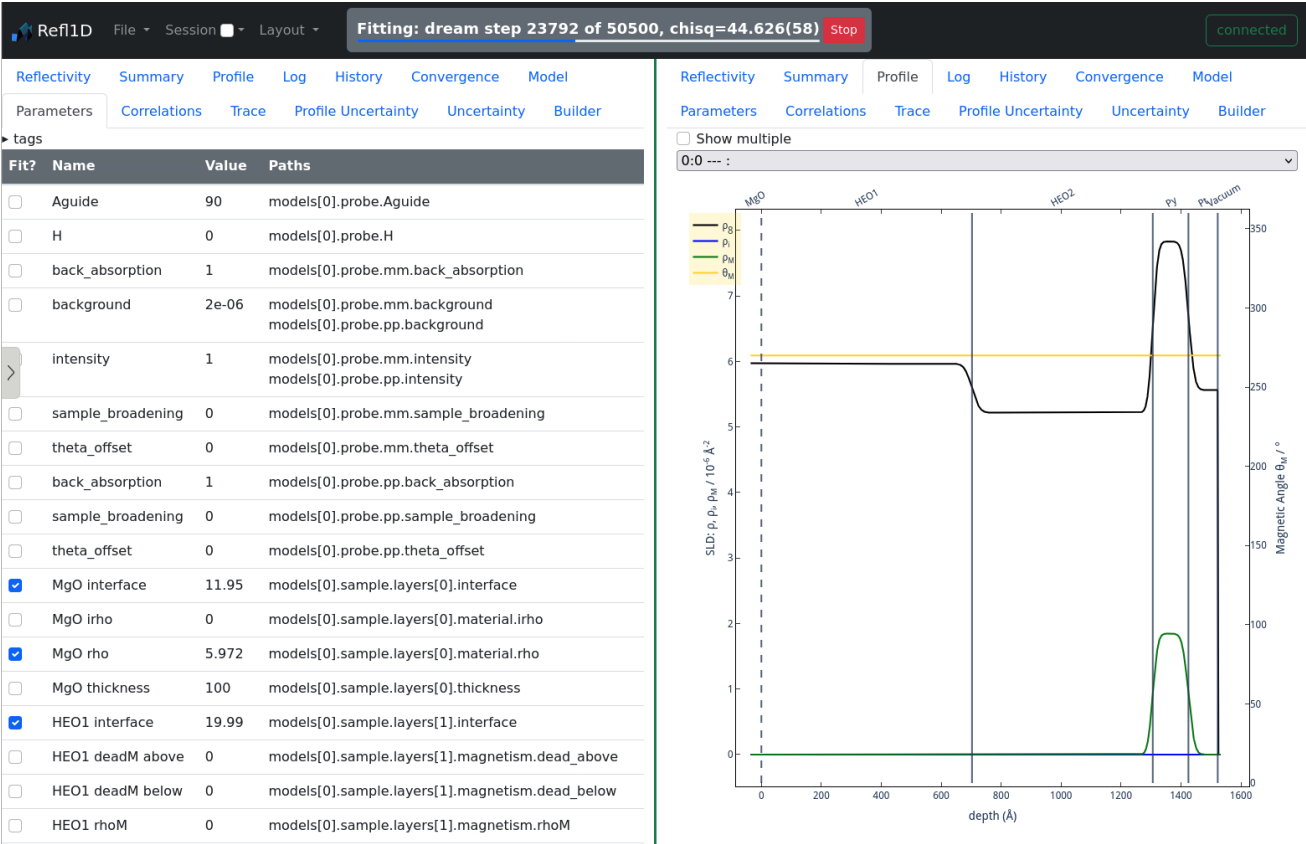
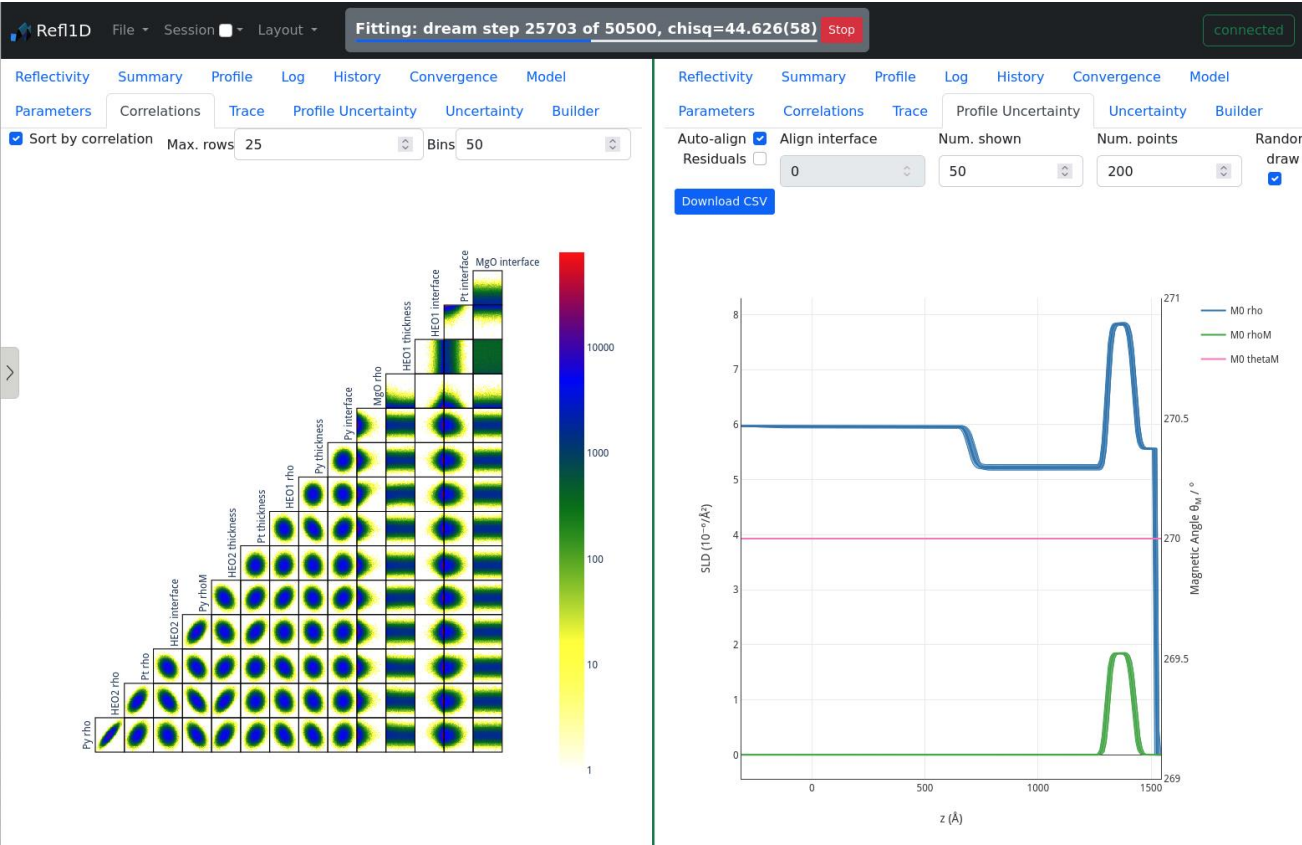
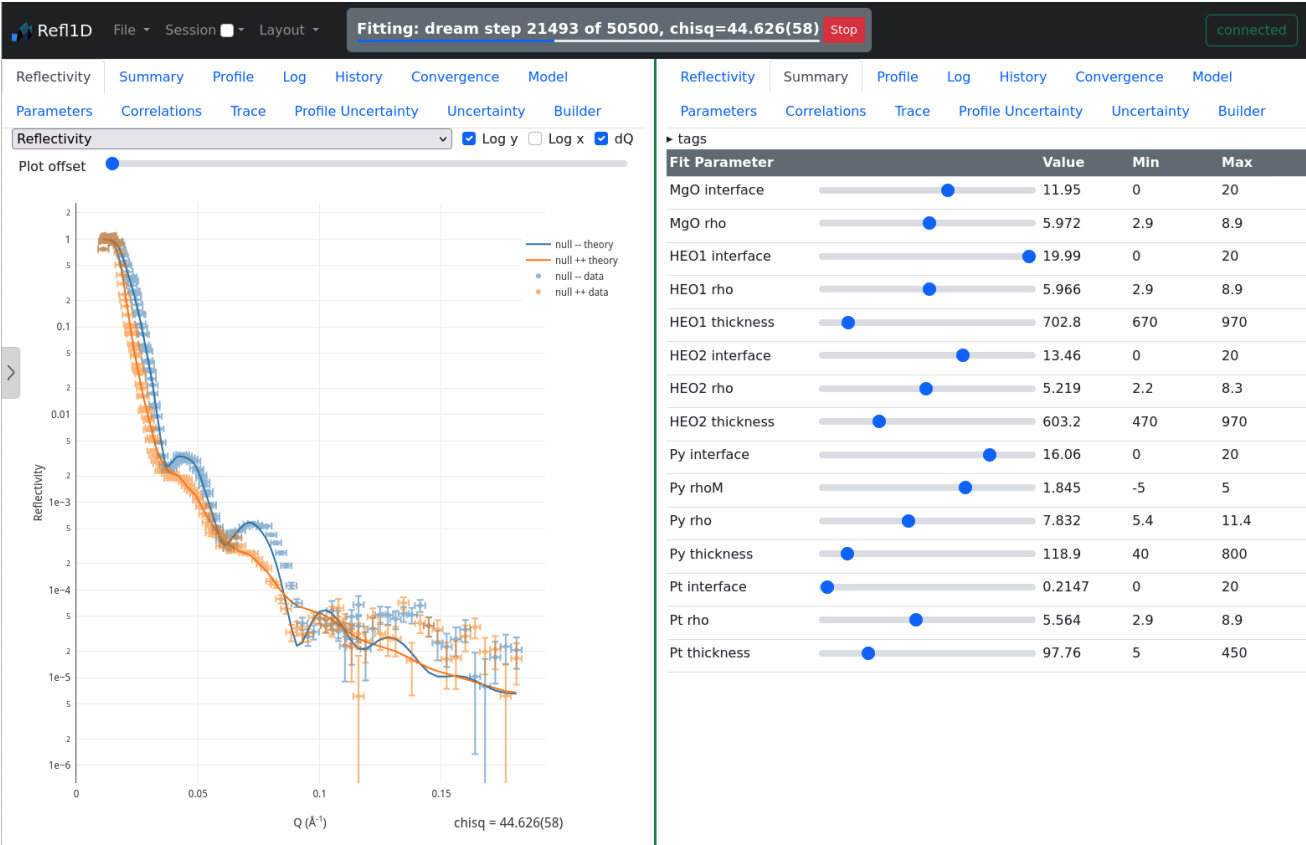


Summary

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Refl1d – Webview



Ref1D

FileSessionLayout

Fitting: dream step 33138 of 50500, chisq=44.626(58)Stopconnected

ReflectivitySummaryProfileLogHistoryConvergenceModel

ParametersCorrelationsTraceProfile UncertaintyUncertaintyBuilder

Save current statechisq: 44.626(58)Auto append10history length

	Label	Chisq	Keep
X	Loaded model: model	2511.139(58)	Load ☒
X	fit complete: amoeba	45.018(58)	Load ☐
X	fit complete: dream	44.641(58)	Load ☐

Simple Slab Model BuilderInstructions

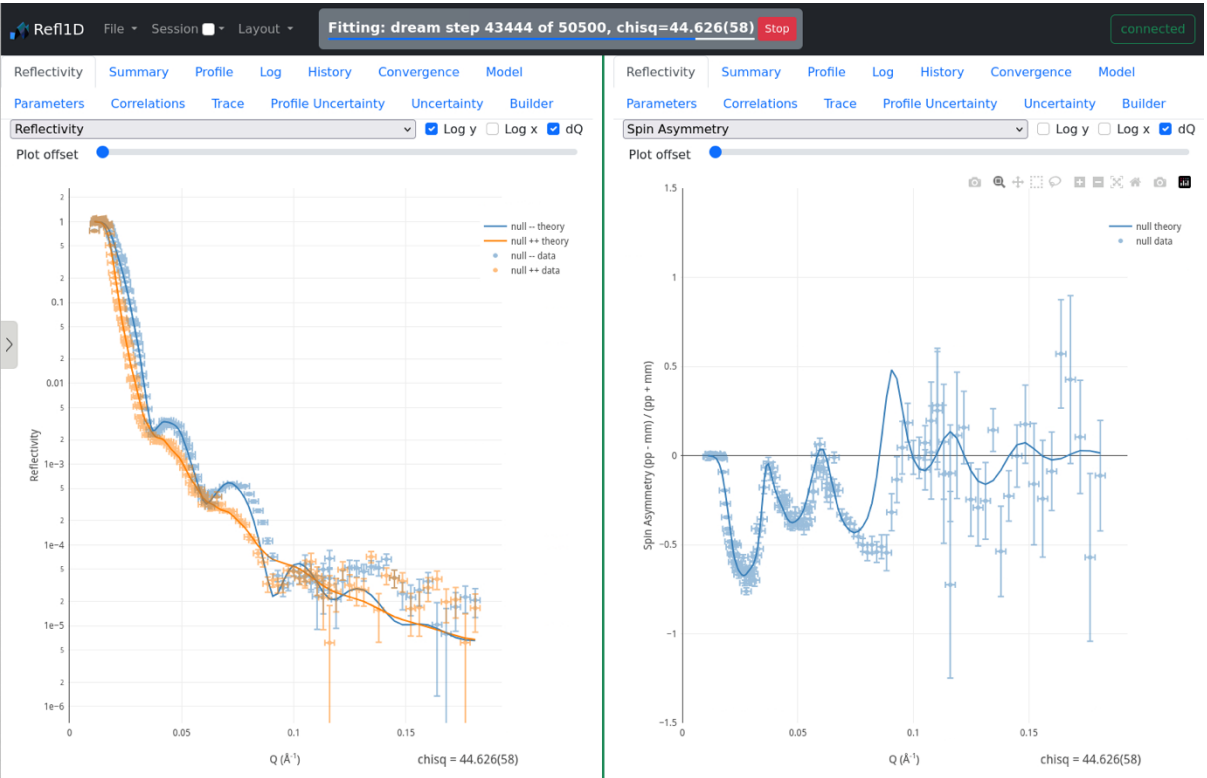
Edit Q-rangeShow imaginary SLDResolution as FWHM

Layer	Thickness	Rho	Interface
MgO	100	5.97162	11.9540783Delete
HEO1	702.829340	5.96622	19.9856575Delete
HEO2	603.206809	5.21882	13.4628929Delete
Py	118.896791	7.83194	16.0633638Delete
Pt	97.7639329	5.56396	0.21470727Delete
	0		0Delete

New modelApply changesAdd layer at index: -1

Limitations and future features

- This builder can currently only do non-magnetic models.
- It can only deal with a single model.



Refl1D in a python notebook

```
[1]: import sys, copy
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
#sys.path.insert(0, '/opt/mantidnightly/bin')
#import mantid
from mantid import plots
from mantid.simpleapi import *
import os as os

%matplotlib inline
#%matplotlib notebook

from SimulationBoilerPlate import *
MyFigSize=[16,9]

from refl1d.names import *
from refl1d.probe import spin_asymmetry
from numpy import sin, pi, log, exp, hstack
from contextlib import contextmanager
@contextmanager
def seed(n):
    state = numpy.random.get_state()
    numpy.random.seed(n)
    yield
    numpy.random.set_state(state)

# Example of generating a "fake data set with a 5% deviation from the simulation
def generate_data(expt, relative_err_min=5.0, relative_err_max=10.0):
    """
    Assigns R(q) and dR(q) according to the supplied errors (percents)
    so that the first q points has a relative error of relative_err_min percent
    the last q points has a relative error of relative_err_max percent.

    The function modifies the Experiment so that the user can access it
    directly.

    From Mathieu -email 3 Dec 2018
    """
    expt.simulate_data(noise=0.00001)

    if isinstance(expt.probe, PolarizedNeutronProbe):
        for _xs in expt.probe.xs:
            indices = np.arange(len(_xs.R))
            _xs.dR = (relative_err_min + (relative_err_max - relative_err_min) / len(_xs.R) * indices) * _xs.R / 100.0
    else:
        indices = np.arange(len(expt.probe.R))
        expt.probe.dR = (relative_err_min + (relative_err_max - relative_err_min) / len(expt.probe.R) * indices) * expt.probe.R / 100.0

    expt.resynth_data()

def FakeIt(Qmin=0, Qmax=0.2, N=1600, dRpR=[5.0, 10.0], Sample=None):
    L=4.75; dL=0.0000475 # pretend like we're HFIR or NIST for hte short term
    dT=0.0001
    T = numpy.linspace(np.degrees(np.arcsin(Qmin*L/4.0/np.pi)), np.degrees(np.arcsin(Qmax*L/4.0/np.pi)), N)
    xs = [NeutronProbe(T=T, dT=dT, L=L, dL=dL) for _ in range(4)]
    probe = PolarizedNeutronProbe(xs)
    M = Experiment(probe=probe, sample=Sample, dz=0.001)
    #with seed(1): M.simulate_data(dRpR) # <----- here M.simulate_data(dR/R) & dR/R = 1%
    generate_data(M, relative_err_min=dRpR[0], relative_err_max=dRpR[1])
    return M, probe
```

```
[56]: def MakeSample(d1,d2):
    Sub = SLD(name="Sub", rho=1.4, irho=0.0)
    Layer1 = SLD(name="Layer1", rho=1.7, irho=0.0)
    Layer2 = SLD(name="Layer2", rho=1.0, irho=0.0)

    sample= (
        Sub(0,3)|
        Layer1(600,1)|
        air
    )

    return sample

#-----
er=0.000001
sample=MakeSample(d1=250,d2=250)
M1,probe1 = FakeIt(Qmin=0.001,Qmax=0.5,N=2000,dRpR=[er,er],Sample=sample)
#MakeReport(M1, probe1,Title="".format(),salim=[-1.2, 1.2],forcefigsize=MyFigSize)
#-----
#You can also extract the simulated curves and plot them using matplotlib/numpy like this.
smm, smp, spm, spp = M1.reflectivity() # UU, UD, DU, DD This is the simulation results.
sQ, sSA,sdSA = spin_asymmetry(spp[0], spp[1], None, smm[0], smm[1], None)

plt.figure(figsize=MyFigSize)
#plt.errorbar(probe1.pp.Q, probe1.pp.R, xerr=probe1.pp.dQ, yerr=probe1.pp.dR,fmt='b-',alpha=0.5)
#plt.errorbar(probe1.mm.Q, probe1.mm.R, xerr=probe1.mm.dQ, yerr=probe1.mm.dR,fmt='g-',alpha=0.5)
plt.subplot(2,1,1)
plt.plot(spp[0],spp[1],'r-'); plt.plot(smm[0],smm[1],'b-')
plt.xlim([0.001,0.5])
plt.yscale('log'); plt.xscale('linear')
plt.ylabel('$Reflectivity\ (Arb. Units)$')
plt.xlabel('$Q_z$')
plt.title('');

plt.subplot(2,1,2)
z,rho,irho = M1.smooth_profile()
plt.plot(z,rho,'b-')
```

[56]: Text(0, 0.5, '\$SLD (10^{-6} \AA^{-2})\$')

