

# Triplet Correlations in Weakly Disordered Arrays of Flux Lines within Elemental Type II Superconductors

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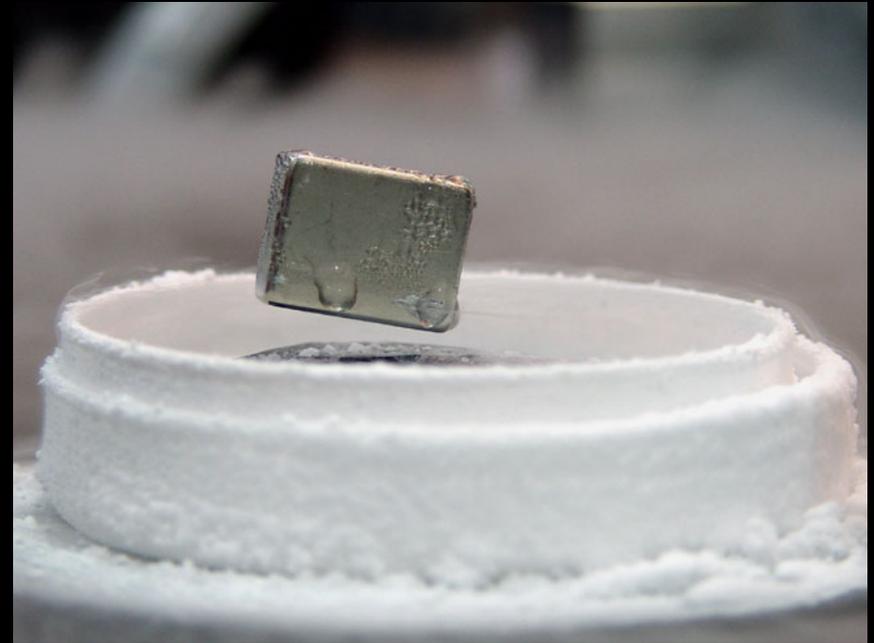
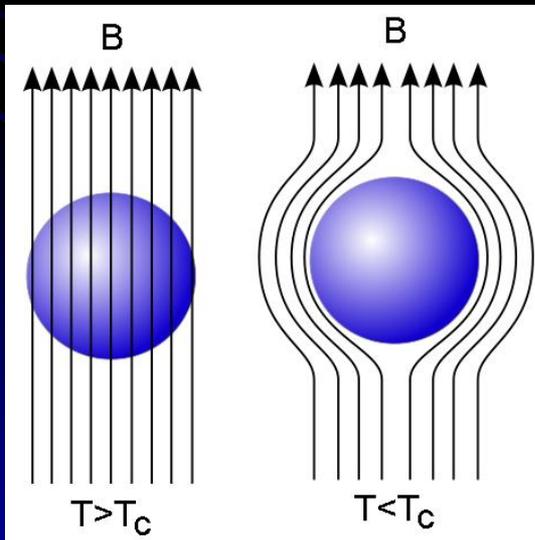
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# Overview of Superconductivity

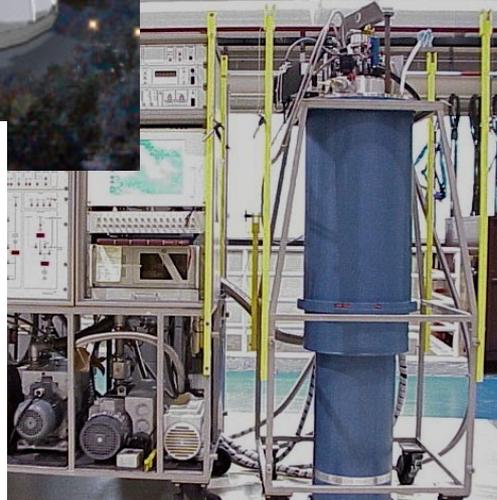
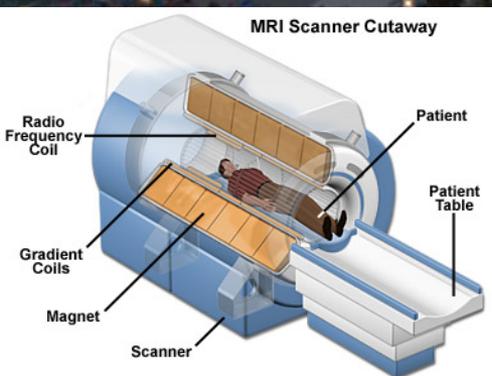
- Critical Temperature and Critical Field
- Electrical Resistivity
- Magnetic Fields
- Limits?



# Applications for Superconductivity

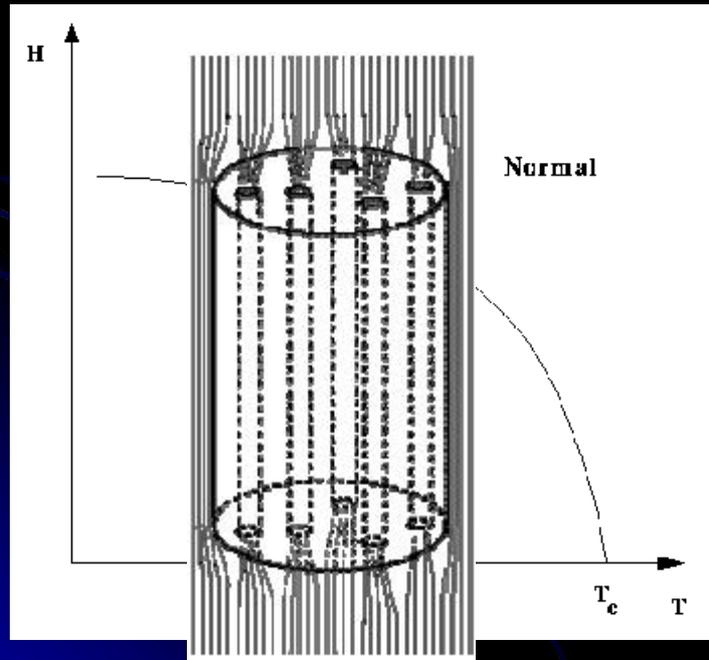


- Power Generation and Storage
- RF filters (e.g. Mobile Phone Towers)
- Ultrasensitive Magnetometers
- Strong Magnets (11.5T)

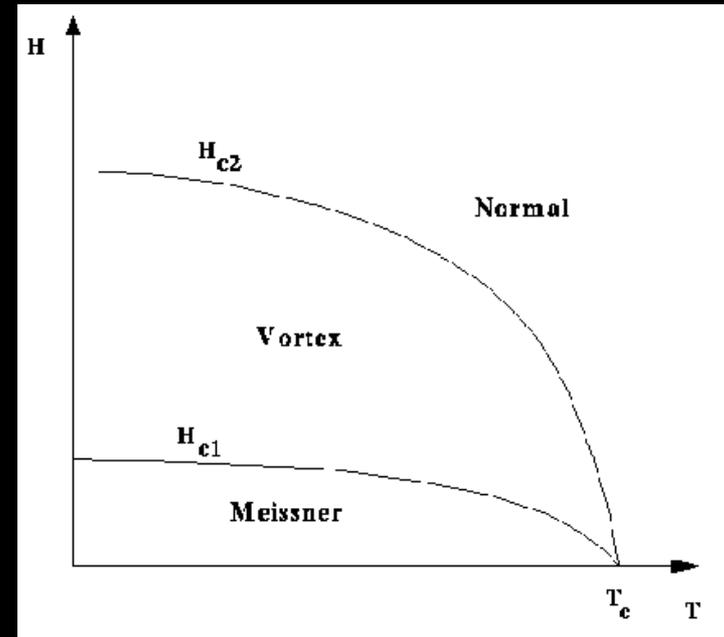


# Type I vs. Type II Superconductors

- L He vs. L N<sub>2</sub>
- Meissner Ochsensfeld State vs. Mixed State
- Resistance in the Vortex State

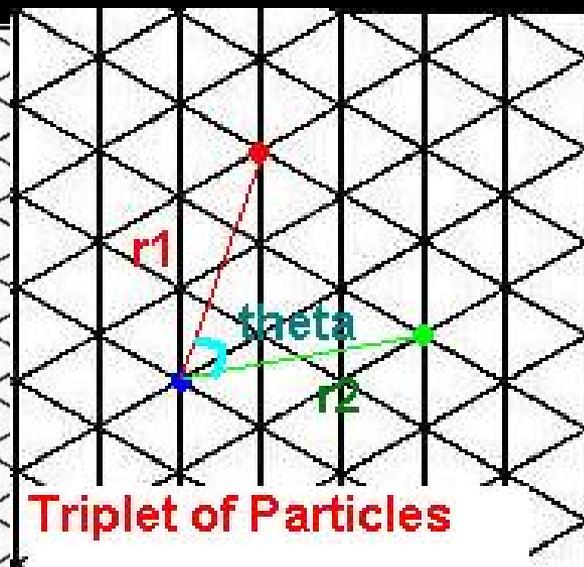
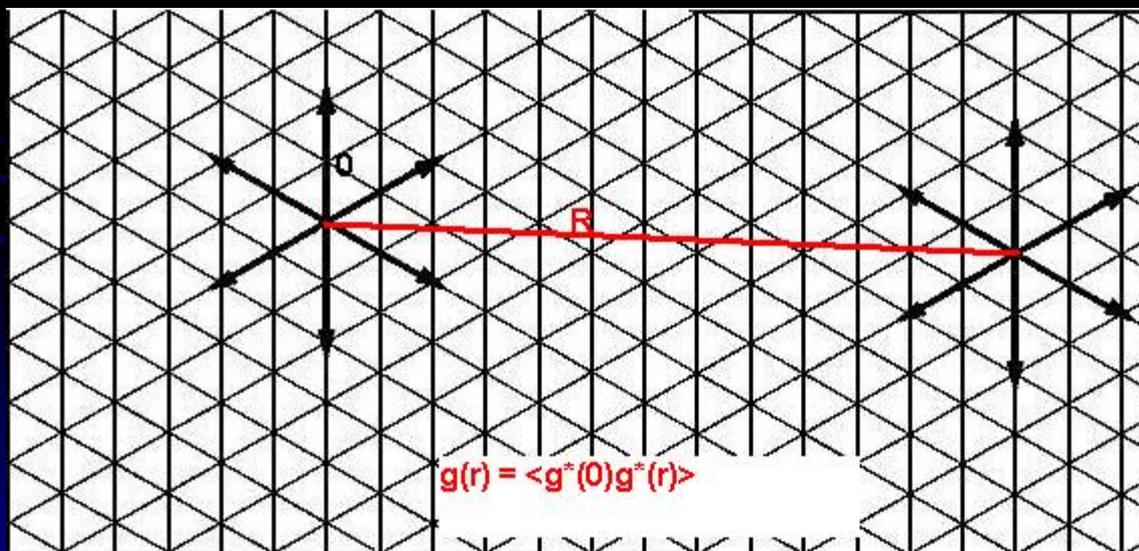
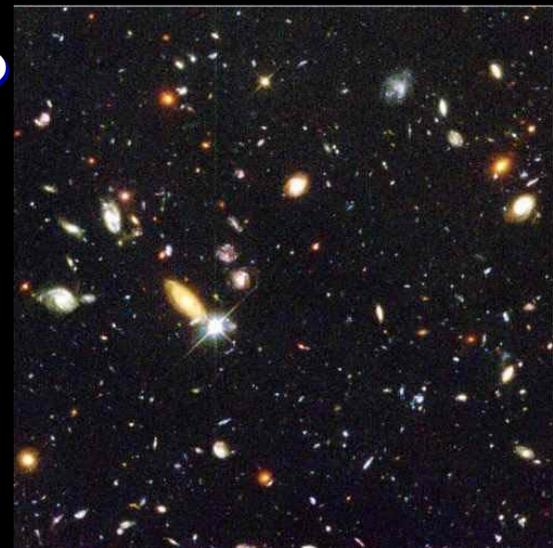


Type I



# Overview of Correlation Functions

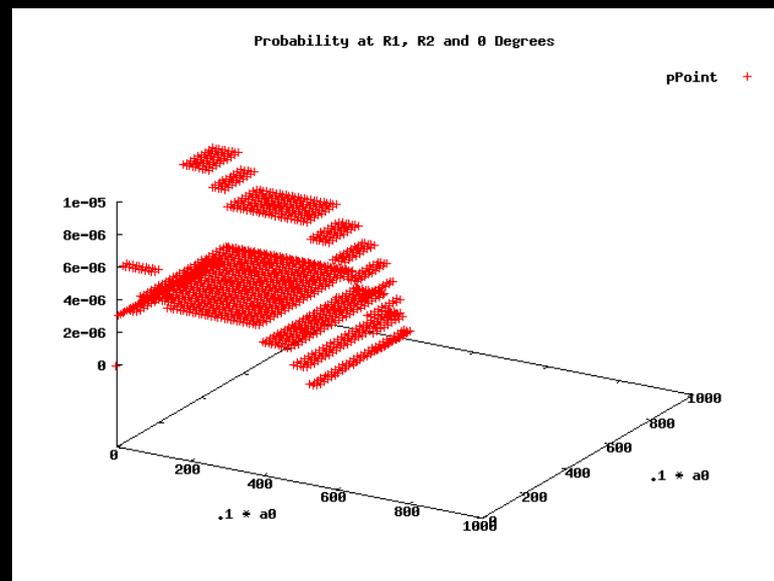
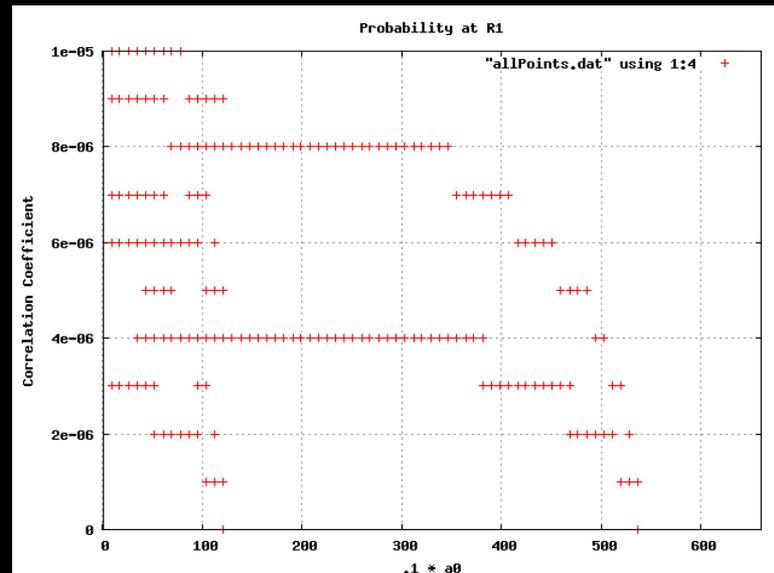
- What is a Correlation Function?
- Pairs vs. Triplets
- How we use them now



$$e^3(r_1, r_2, \theta) = \langle e^*(r_{1i}, r_{2i}, \theta_i) e^*(r_{1j}, r_{2j}, \theta_j) \rangle$$

# Triplet Correlation Function

- Potential to be more accurate in describing and predicting trends
- Much more complexity in both computing and interpretation
- Motivation: Muons



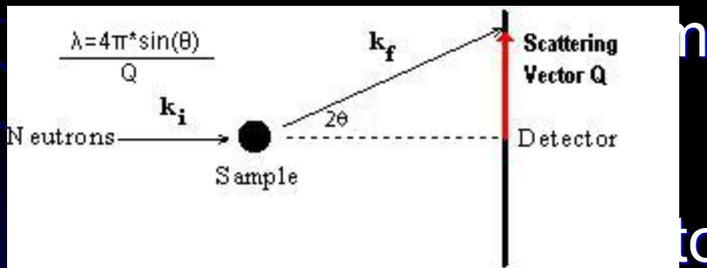
Top: Density<sup>2</sup> Function

Bottom: Density<sup>3</sup> function (time resolved theta)

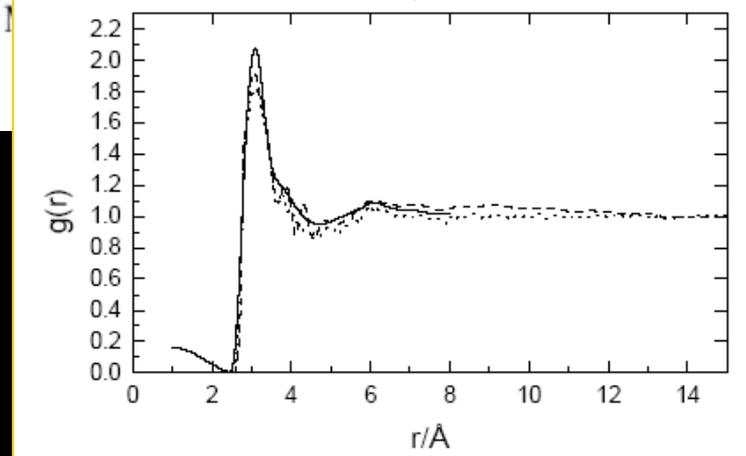
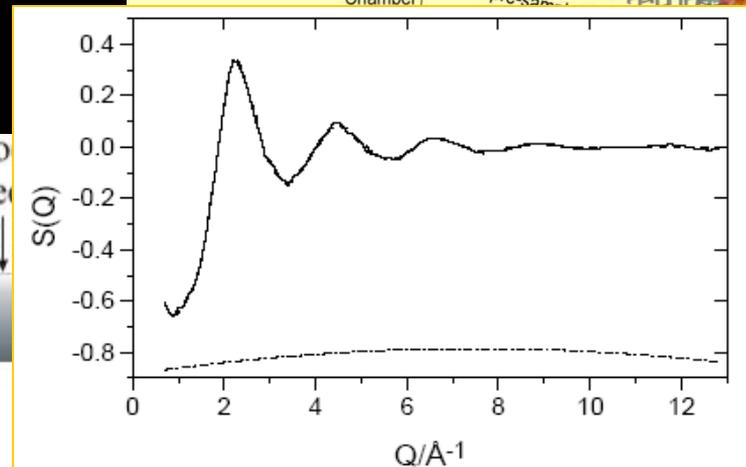
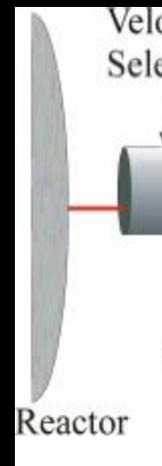
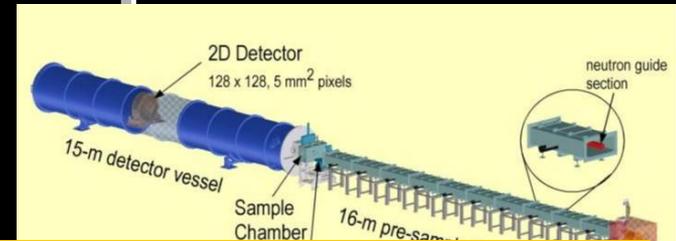


# Experiment Description

- A Small Niobium Crystal placed in a 200mT field and 2.6K in a Small Angle Neutron Scattering (SANS) machine
- Measurement with Neutrons

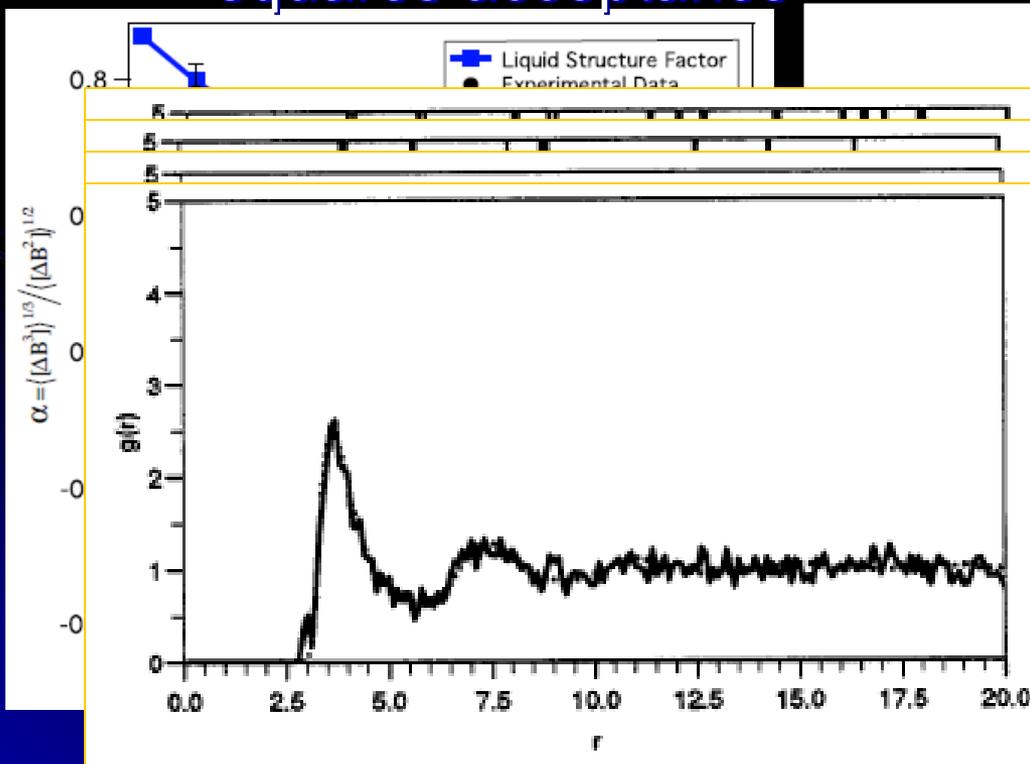


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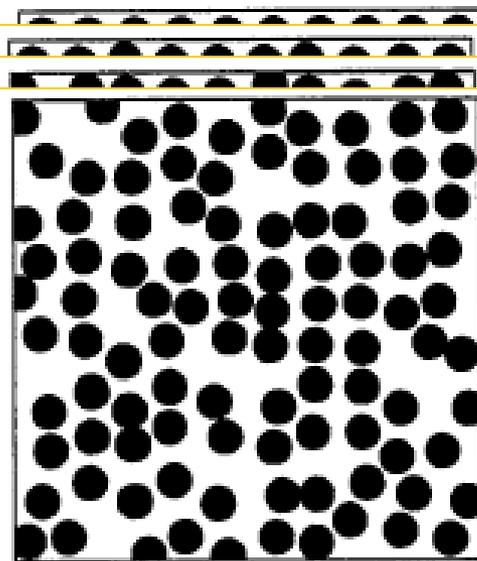


# RMC Analysis

- Reverse Monte Carlo (RMC):
  - Enables representative calculation of correlation functions and observation of trends
  - Random Perturbations of the lattice with a least-squares acceptance



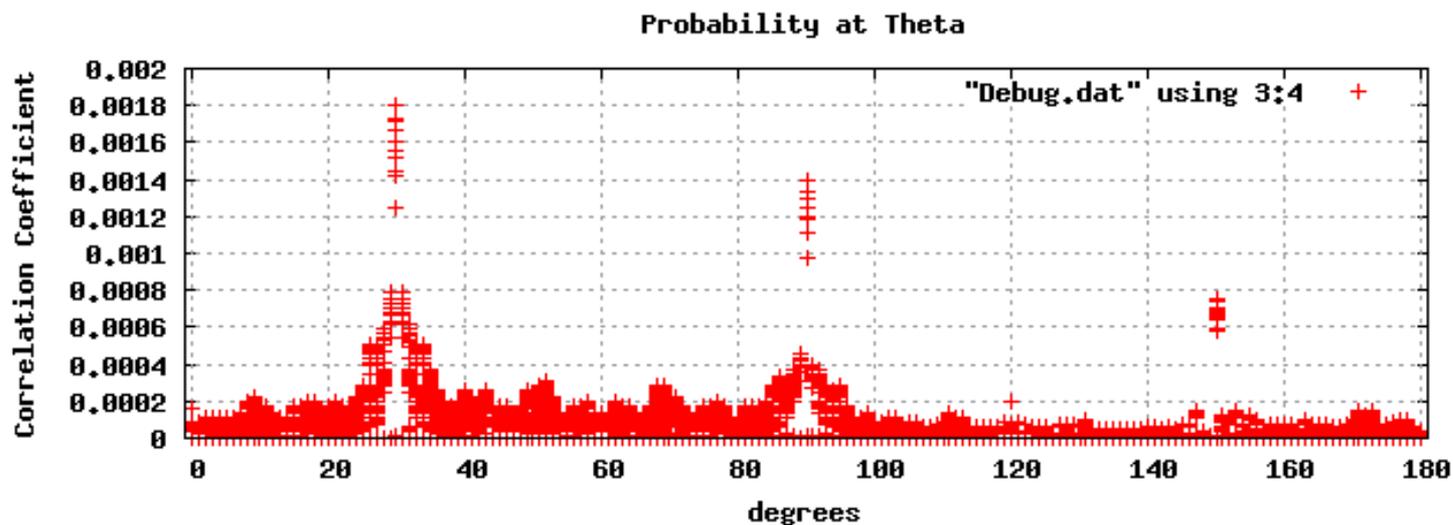
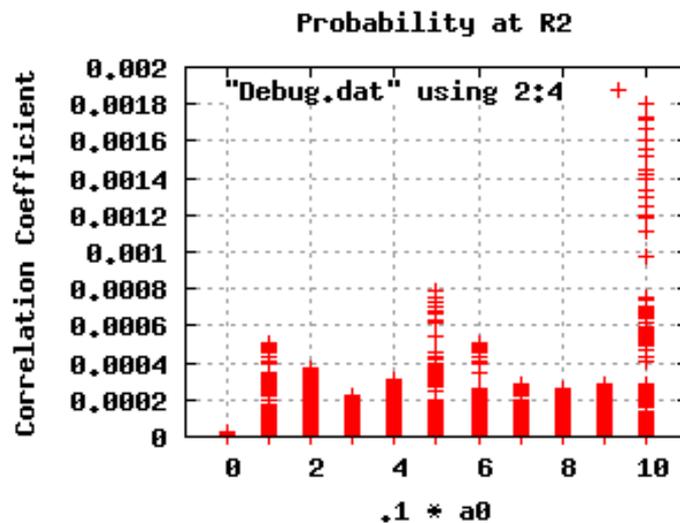
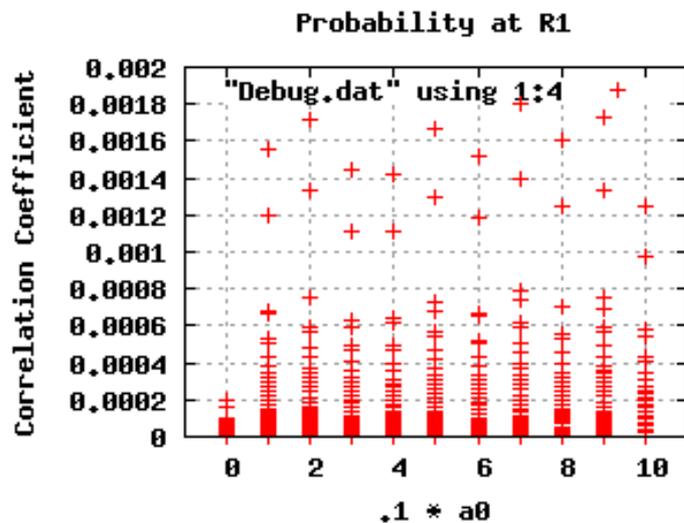
Alpha vs. RMC Runs 200mT



# Calculating Triplet Correlations

- Using Perfect Data:
  - A program was written to generate the perfect lattice and compute the density<sup>3</sup> correlation function.
  - Given the four dimensional nature of the data, time or color resolved graphs are preferred.

# Sample Data



# Questions?

