

SMALL-ANGLE NEUTRON SCATTERING

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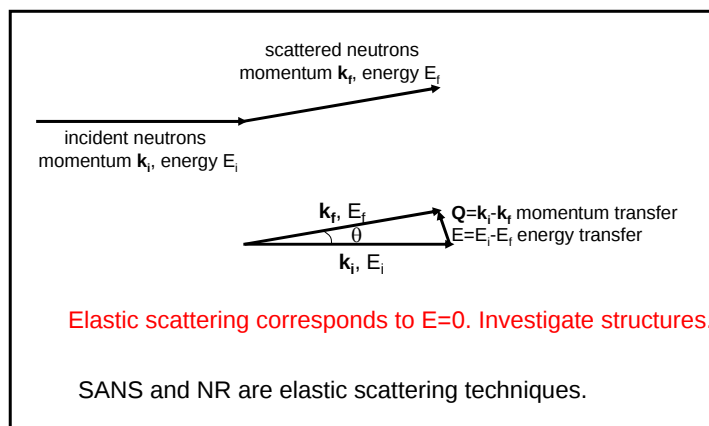
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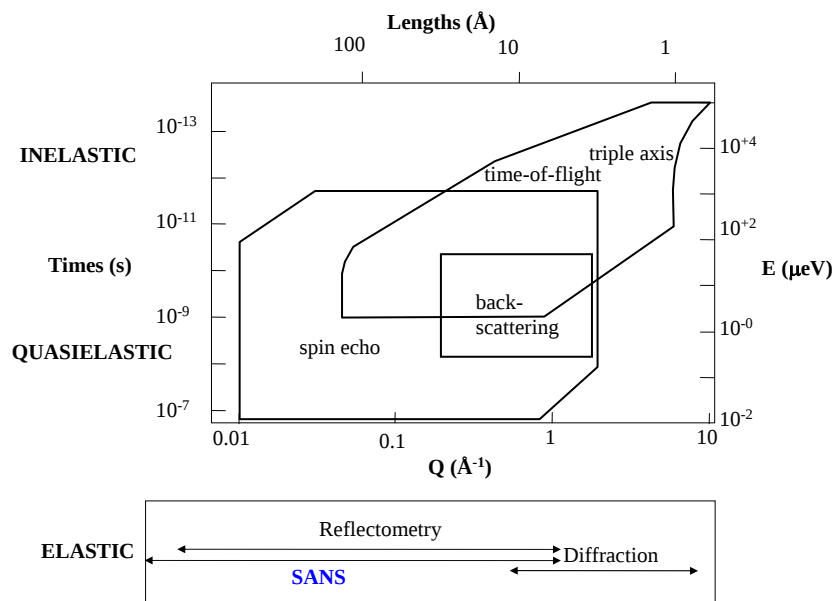
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 - A – Polymer Thermodynamics
 - B – Pluronic Micelles
 - C – Protein Complex
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1. Neutron Scattering

ELASTIC vs INELASTIC NEUTRON SCATTERING

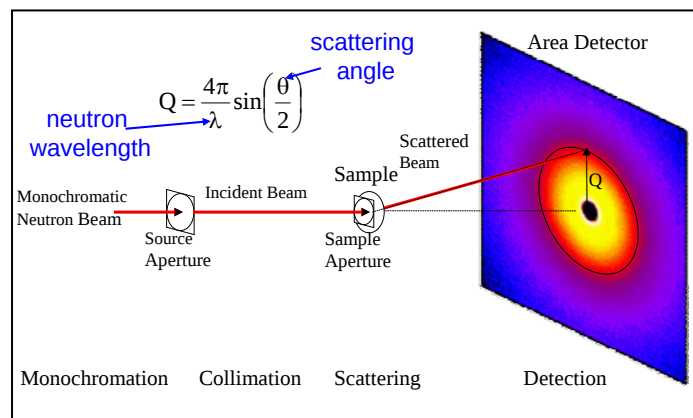


NEUTRON SCATTERING TECHNIQUES



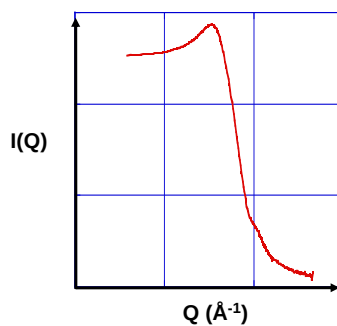
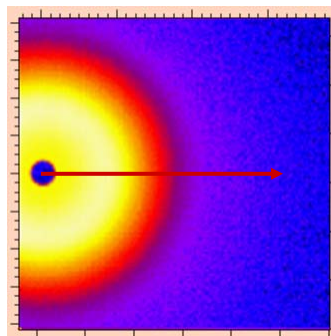
2 – The SANS Technique

THE SANS TECHNIQUE

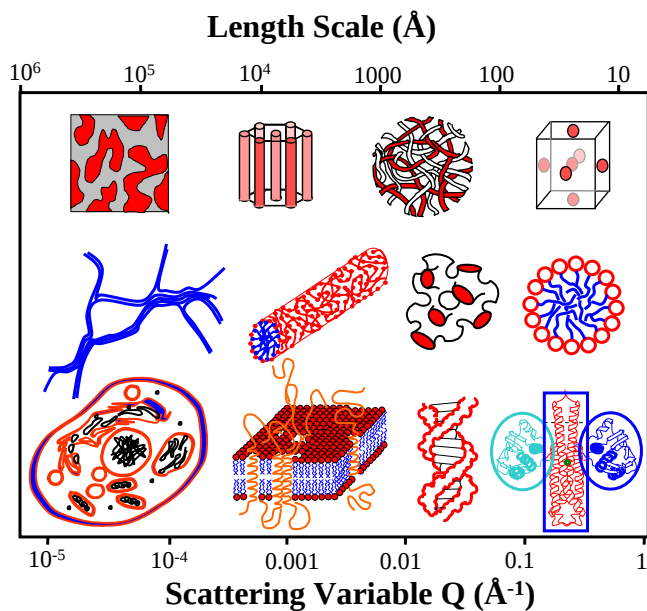


SANS DATA

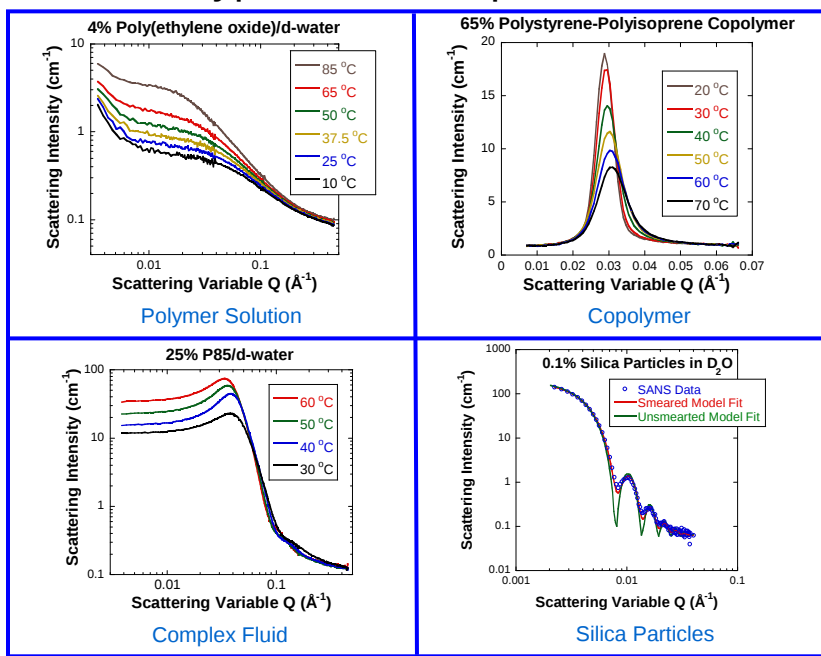
10% P85 Pluronic
in d-water at 60°C



The Nanoscale



Typical SANS Spectra



SANS Cross Sections

$$I(Q) = \frac{d\Sigma_{\text{coh}}(Q)}{d\Omega} + \frac{d\Sigma_{\text{incoh}}}{d\Omega}$$

COHERENT

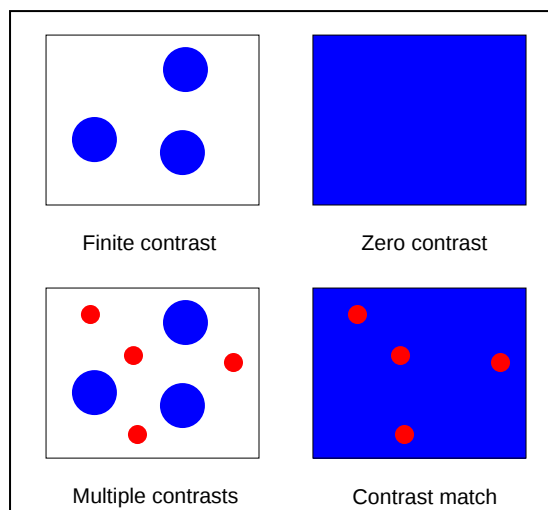
~ Contrast factor = $(\rho_A - \rho_B)^2$
- Info. about structure

INCOHERENT

- Q-independent
- no info. about structure

Scattering length density: $\rho_A = \frac{b_A}{v_A} = \frac{\text{scattering length}}{\text{volume}}$

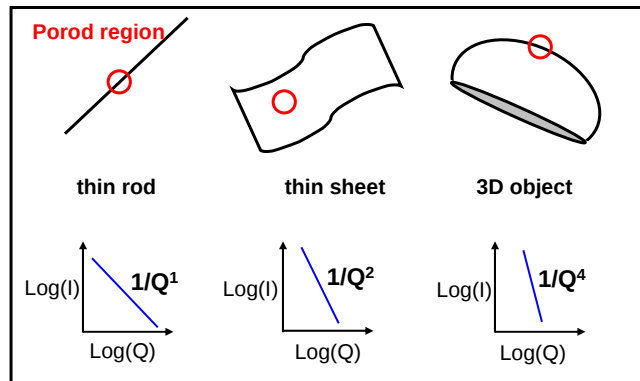
The Contrast Match Method



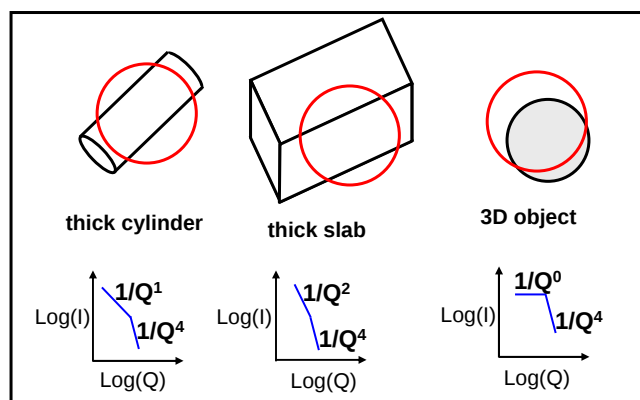
3 –SANS Data Analysis

- Standard Plots (Porod Plot, Guinier Plot)
- SANS Models
- Other Mehods

Assortment of Porod Exponents

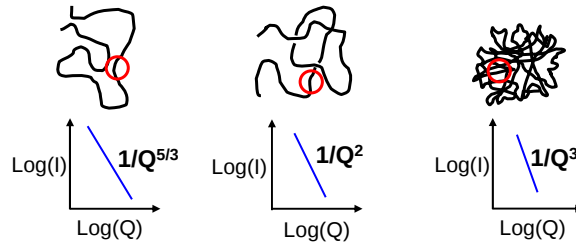


More Porod Exponents

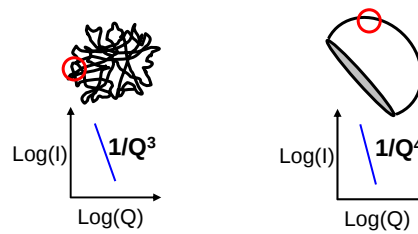


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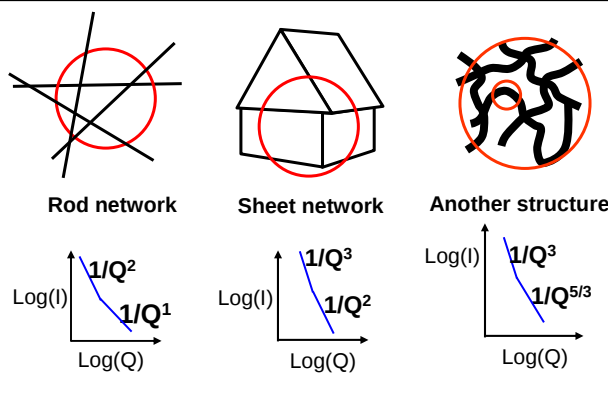
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FRACTALS

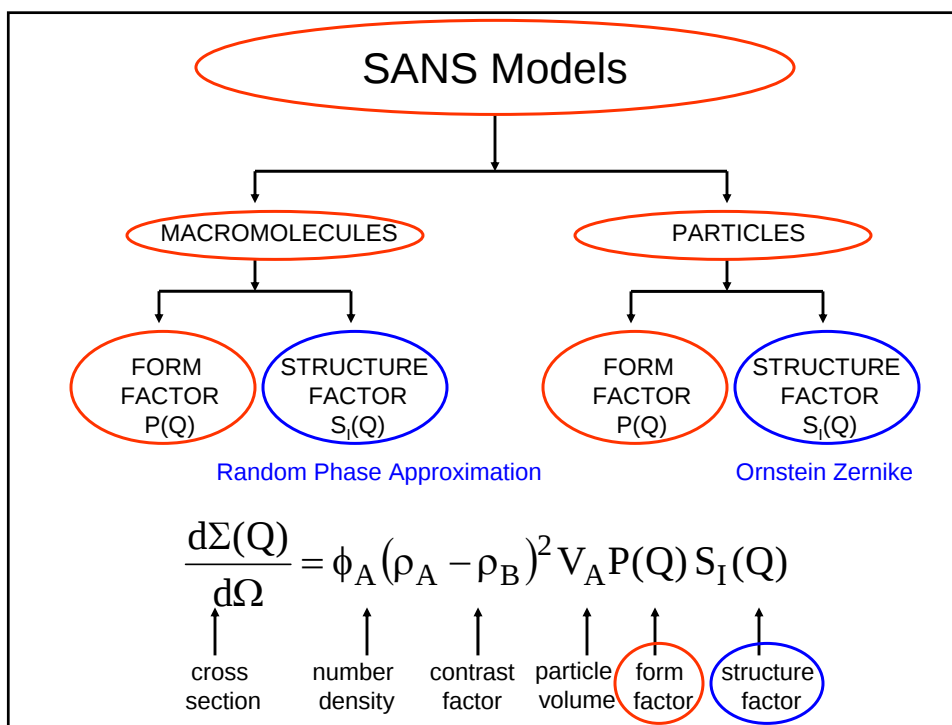
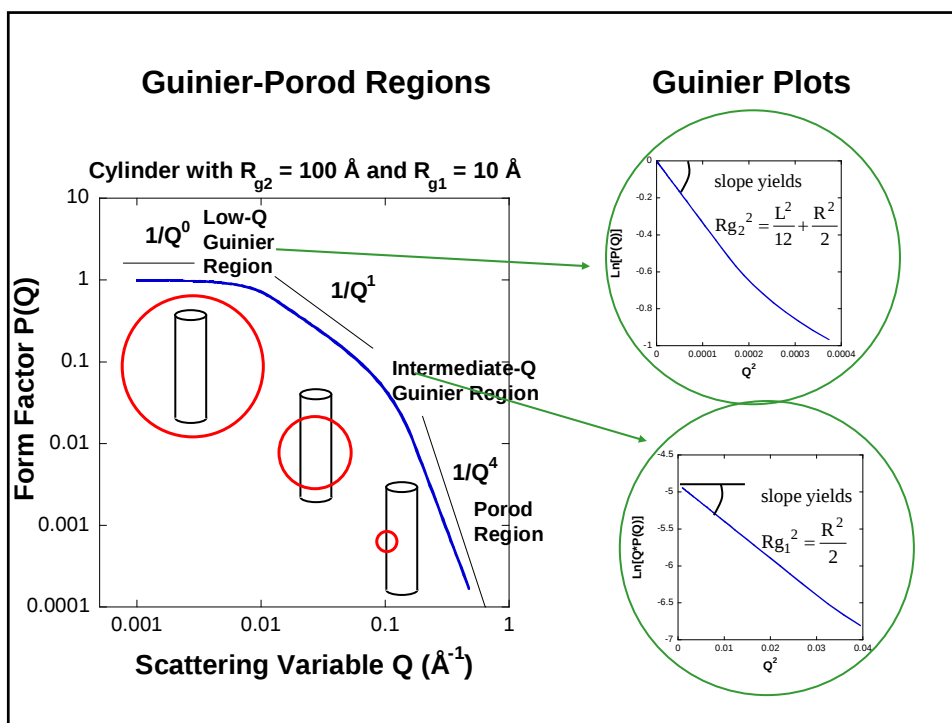


SURFACE
FRACTALS

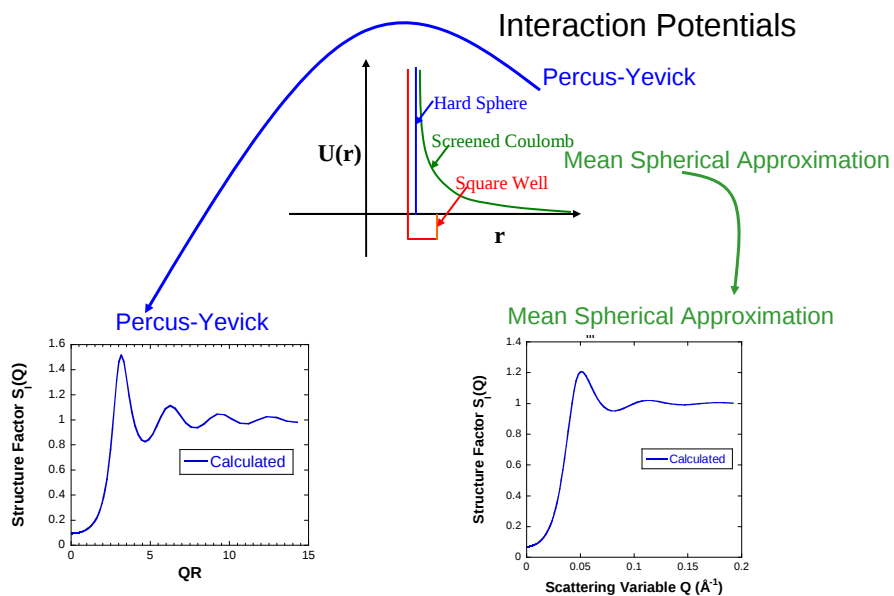


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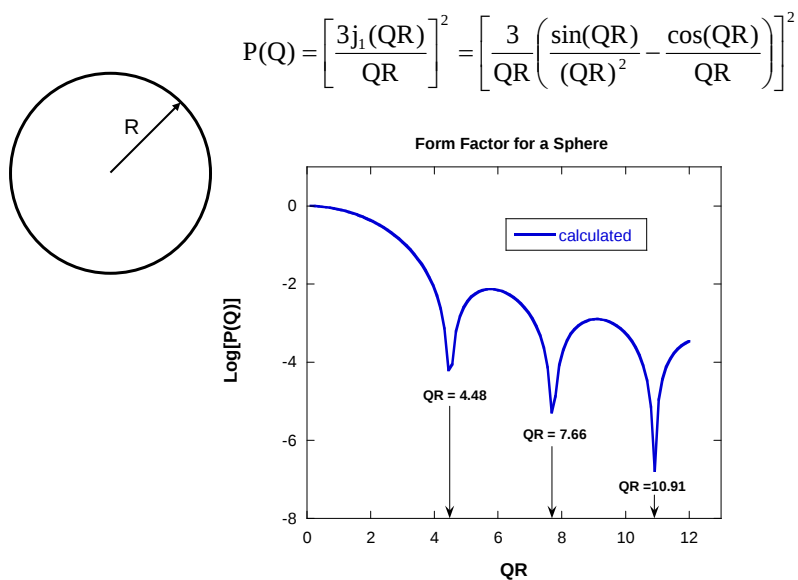




The Ornstein-Zernike Equation



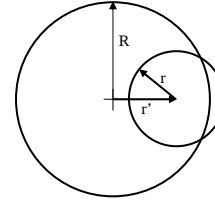
FORM FACTOR FOR A SPHERE



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Density-density correlation function:

$$P(Q) = \frac{\langle n(-Q)n(Q) \rangle}{n^2} = \int d\vec{r} \int d\vec{r}' \frac{\langle n(\vec{r})n(\vec{r}') \rangle}{n^2} \exp[i\vec{Q} \cdot (\vec{r}' - \vec{r})]$$

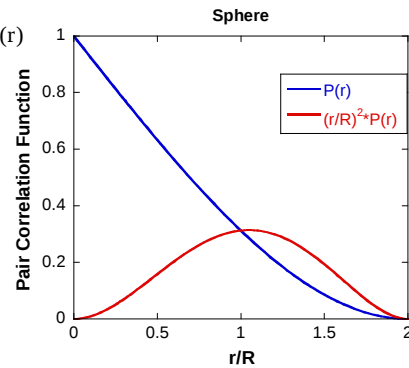


Fourier transform:

$$P(Q) = \int d^3r \exp[-i\vec{Q} \cdot \vec{r}] P(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{V_P} \int_0^\infty dr 4\pi r^2 \frac{\sin(Qr)}{Qr} P(r)$$

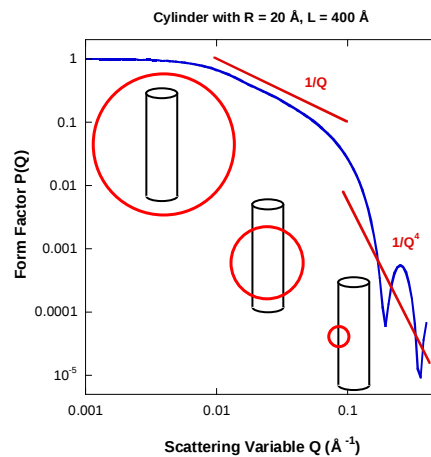
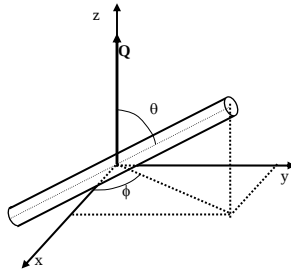
Radial pair correlation function:

$$P(r) = 1 - \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{r}{R} \right) + \frac{1}{16} \left(\frac{r}{R} \right)^3$$

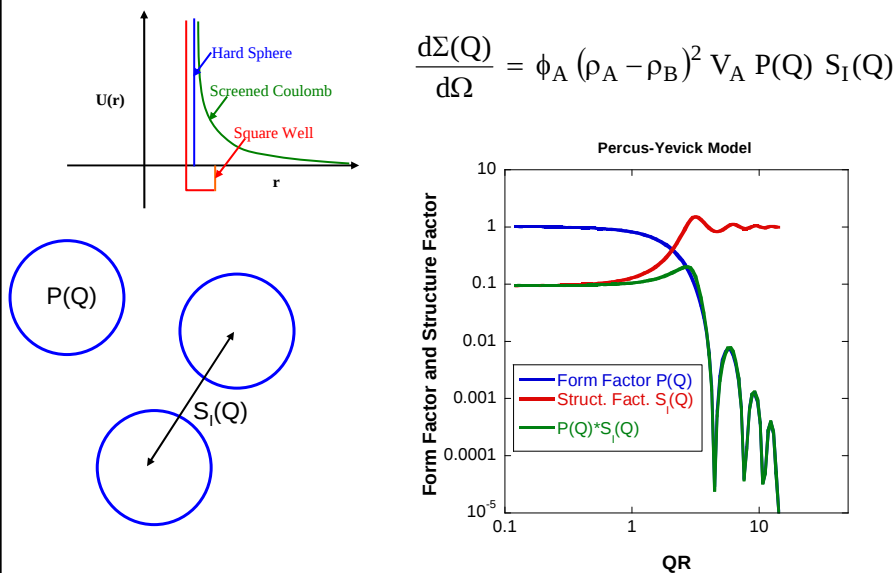


FORM FACTOR FOR A CYLINDER

$$P(Q) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 d\mu \left[\frac{\sin(Q\mu L/2)}{Q\mu L/2} \right]^2 \left[\frac{2J_1(Q\sqrt{1-\mu^2}R)}{Q\sqrt{1-\mu^2}R} \right]^2$$



STRUCTURE FACTOR – THE ORNSTEIN-ZERNIKE EQUATION

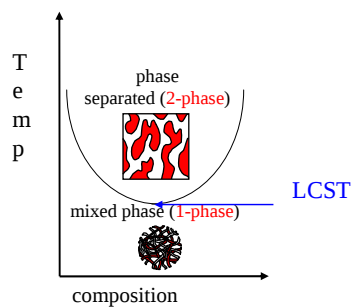


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- B – Pluronic Micelles
- C - Protein Complex

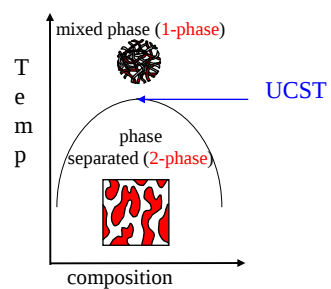
A – Polymer Thermodynamics

POLYMER DEMIXING TRANSITIONS



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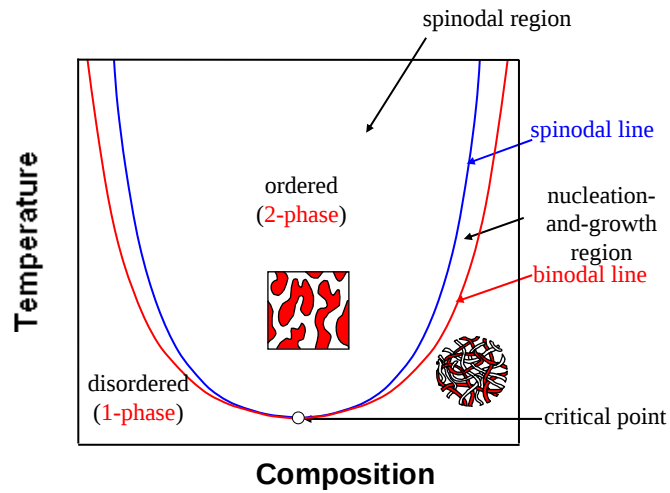
Lower Critical Solution Temp.



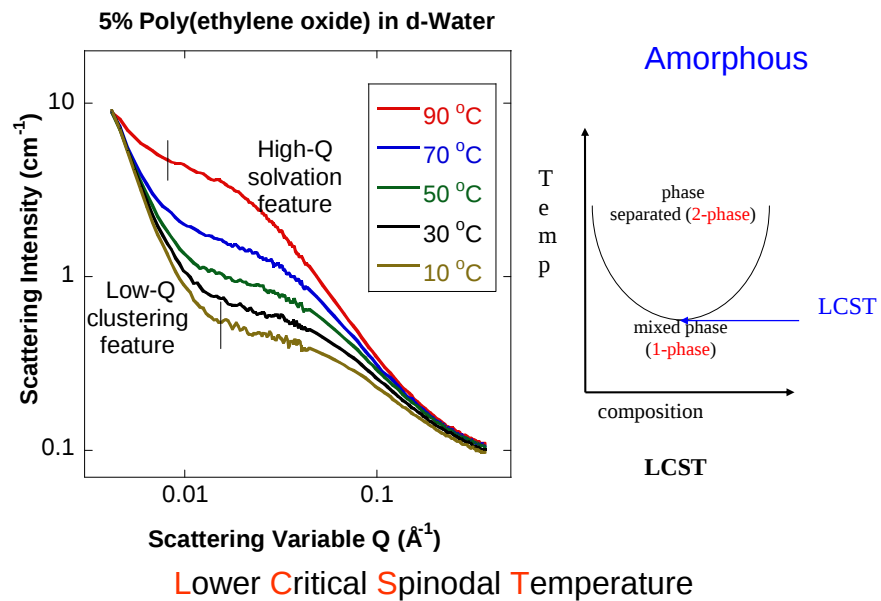
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Upper Critical Solution Temp.

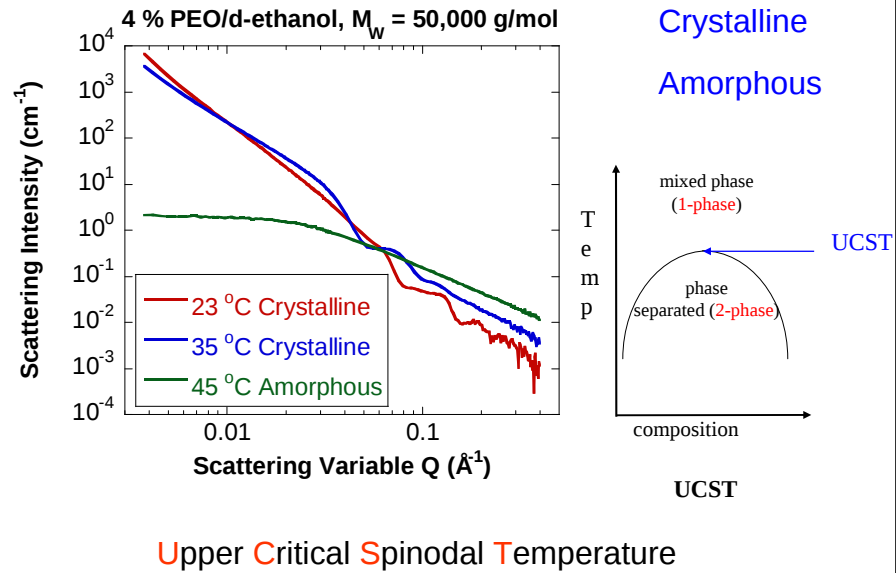
LOWER CRITICAL **SPINODAL** TEMPERATURE



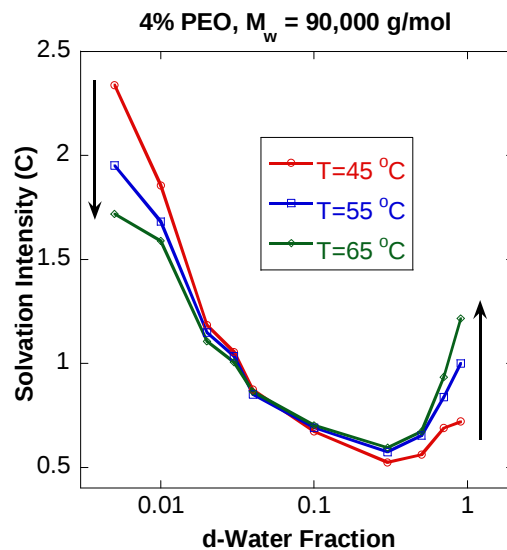
POLY(ETHYLENE OXIDE) IN **D-WATER**



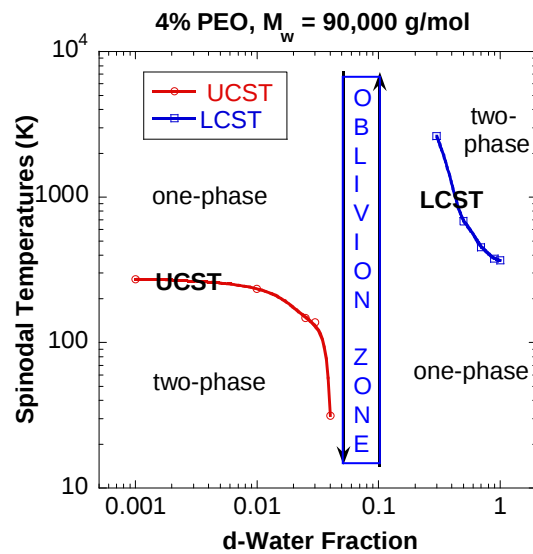
POLY(ETHYLENE OXIDE) IN D-ETHANOL



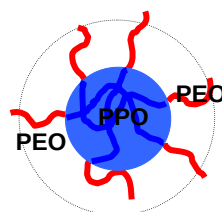
POLY(ETHYLENE OXIDE) IN SOLVENT MIXTURES



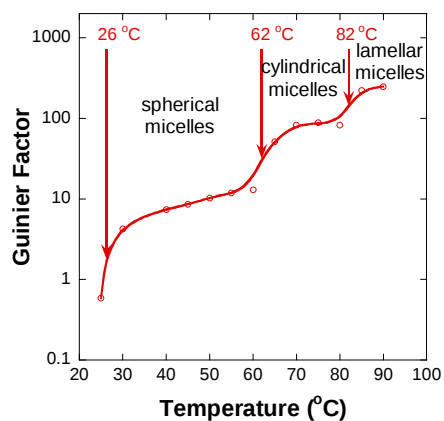
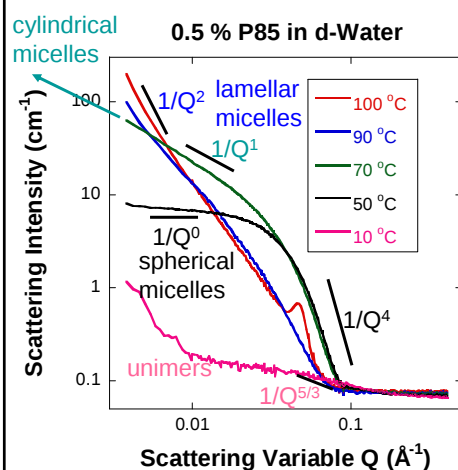
POLY(ETHYLENE OXIDE) IN MIXED SOLVENTS



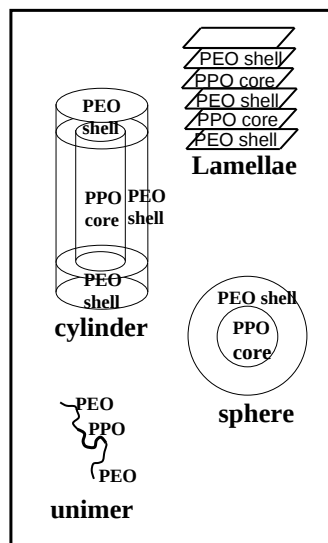
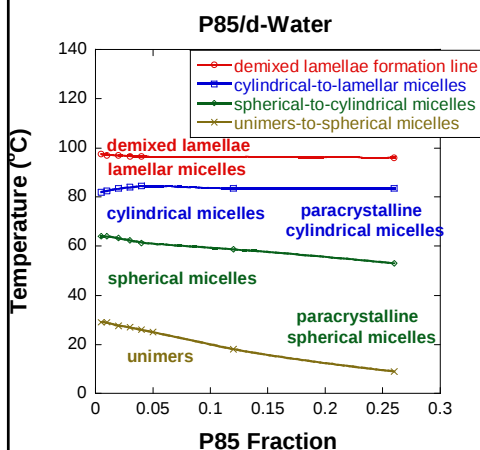
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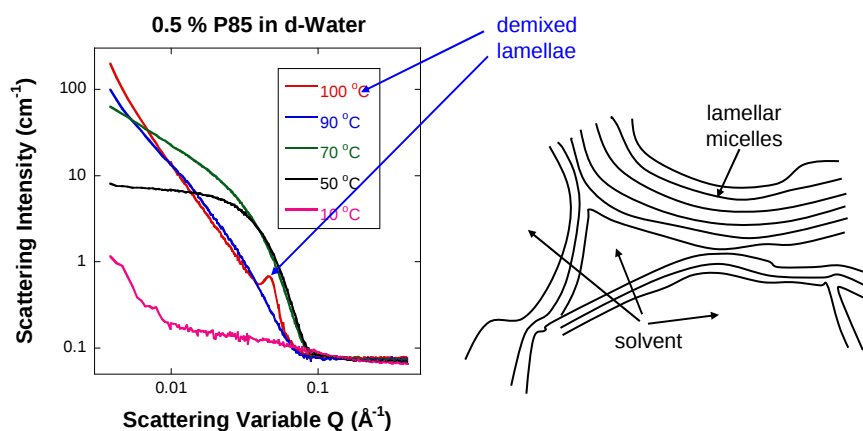
Micelles Phases



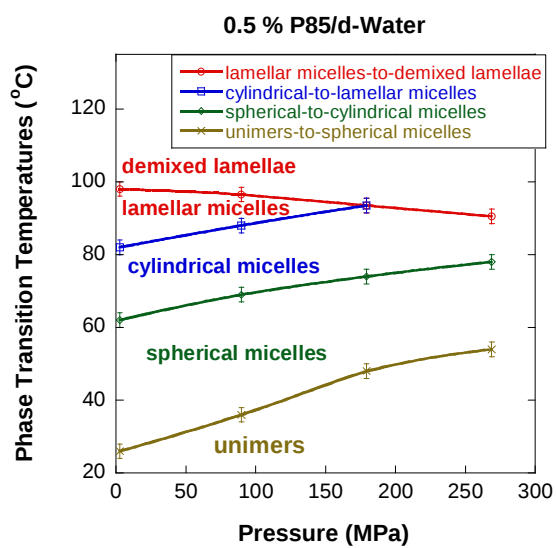
Phase Diagram



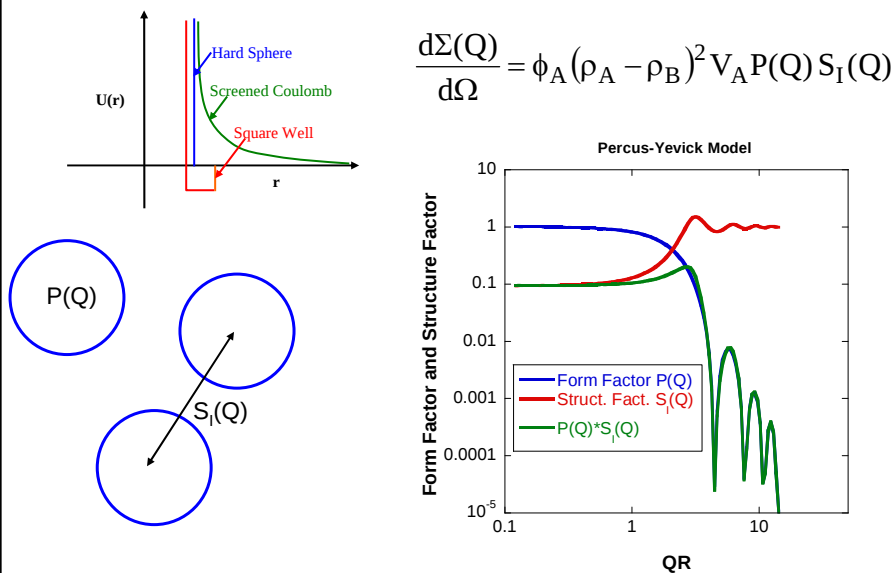
THE DEMIXED LAMELLAE PHASE



P85/D-Water Under Pressure



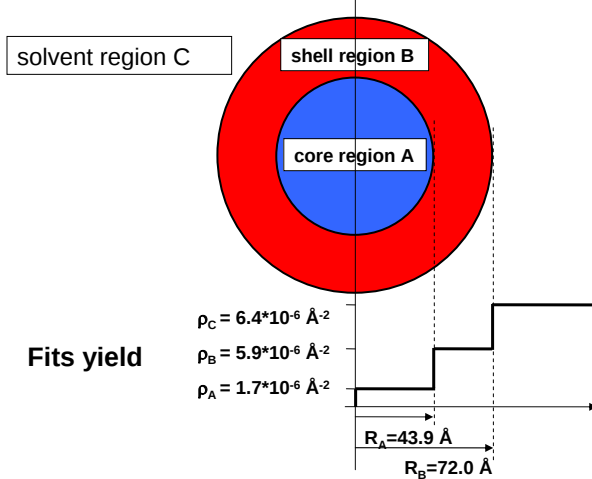
Particle Structure Factor – The Ornstein-Zernike Equation



Core-Shell Spherical Particles

$$\frac{d\Sigma(Q)}{d\Omega} = \frac{N}{V} \left[(\rho_A - \rho_B) V_A \frac{3j_1(QR_A)}{QR_A} + (\rho_B - \rho_C) V_{A+B} \left(\frac{3j_1(QR_B)}{QR_B} \right) \right]^2 S_I(Q)$$

10% P85 Pluronic/D₂O, 40 °C



Core-Shell Spherical Particles

Material Balance Equations:

$$\frac{4\pi}{3} R_A^3 = N_{ag} [40 \cdot v_{PO} + 52 \cdot f \cdot v_{EO} + 52 \cdot f \cdot v_{D_2O} \cdot y_A]$$

$$\frac{4\pi}{3} (R_B - R_A)^3 = N_{ag} [52 \cdot (1-f) \cdot v_{EO} + 52 \cdot (1-f) \cdot v_{D_2O} \cdot y_B]$$

$$\rho_A = \frac{N_{ag} [40 b_{PO} + 52 b_{EO} \cdot f + 52 b_{D_2O} \cdot f \cdot y_A]}{\frac{4\pi}{3} R_A^3}$$

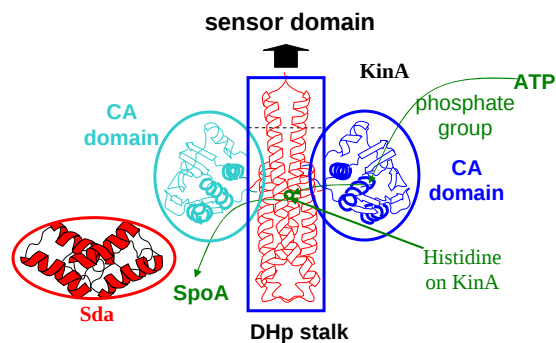
$$\rho_B = \frac{N_{ag} [52 b_{EO} \cdot (1-f) + 52 b_{D_2O} \cdot (1-f) \cdot y_B]}{\frac{4\pi}{3} (R_B^3 - R_A^3)}$$

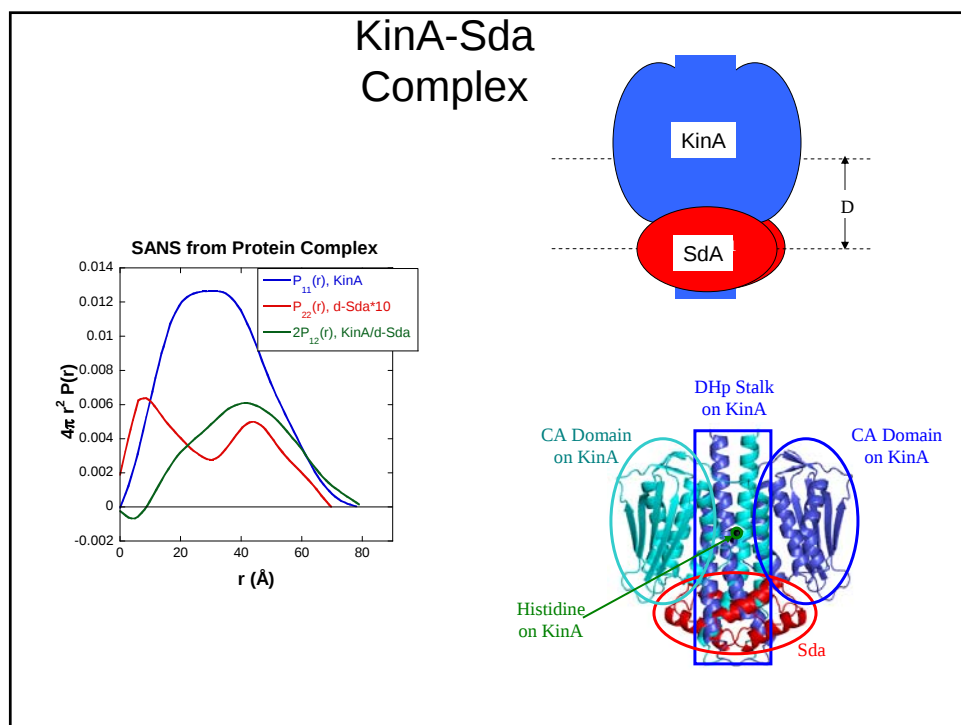
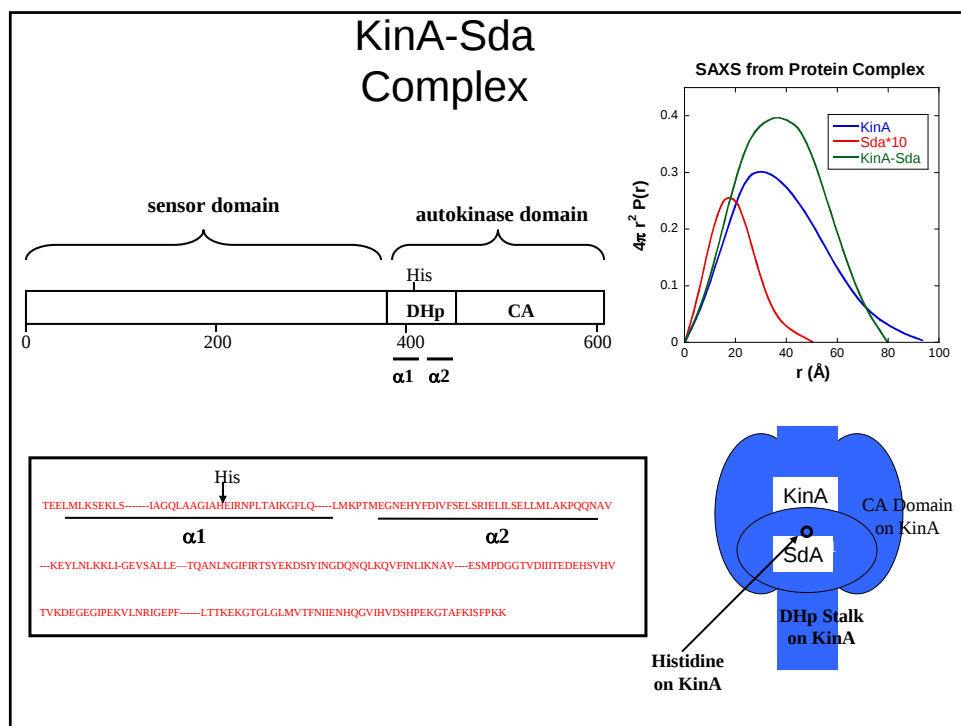
Results for 10% P85 at 40 °C:

In the core:
2,795 PPO monomers
690 PEO monomers
490 D₂O molecules

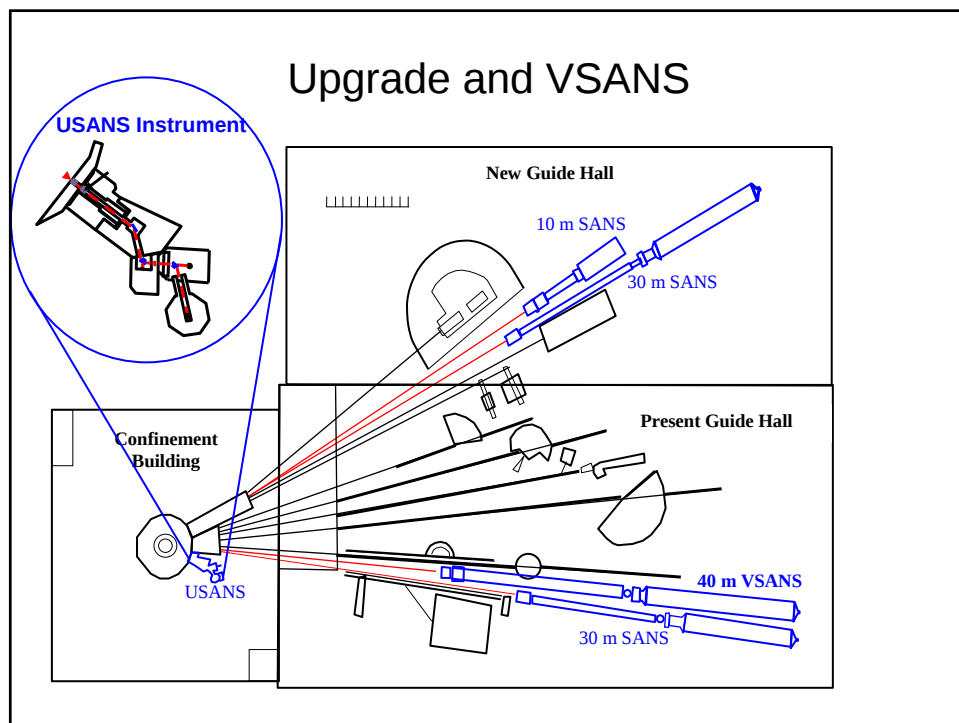
In the shell:
2,943 PEO monomers
34,167 D₂O molecules

C – Protein Complex

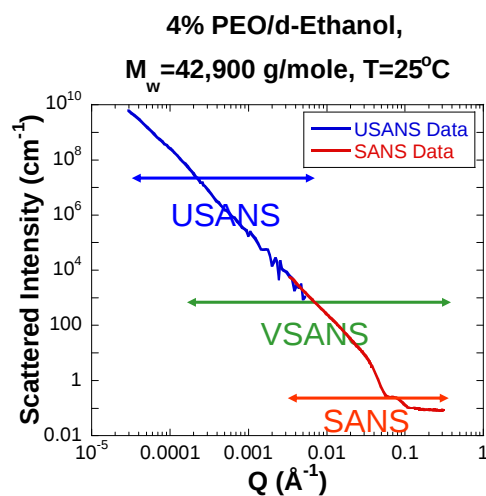




5. FINAL POINTS



SANS, VSANS and USANS Ranges



Final Words

THE SANS PROGRAM AT NIST

200 experiments per year

15 theses per year

80 publications per year

FUTURE OUTLOOK

Past 20 years – NCNR development

Next 20 years – NCNR expansion

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