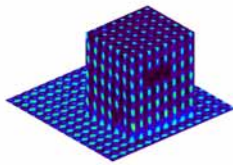


# Scattering Techniques in Soft Condensed Matter



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# Scattering of waves

- Scattering occurs whenever a medium is *inhomogeneous*
- Waves scatter from “obstacles” called *scatterers*:
  - **Water waves (0.1 – 10 m):** ships, ducks
  - **Sound (0.1 – 1000 mm):** sea floor, fish, earth structure, tissue
  - **X-rays (0.1 – 10 nm):** atoms
  - **Neutrons (0.1 – 10 nm):** atomic nuclei
  - **Light (0.1 – 1  $\mu\text{m}$ ):** water drops (fog), fat globules (milk), interstellar dust
- Scattering most effective if *obstacle size*  $\sim$  *wavelength*
- All forms of scattering are analogous

# Light scattering

Why does *light* (an EM wave) scatter?

- EM waves accelerate charges (electrons) in a medium
- Accelerating charges radiate new EM waves
- Conversion to heat, fluorescence,...

↓  
*Absorption*

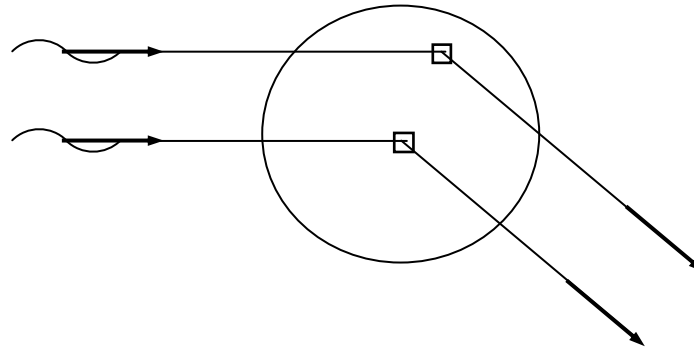
↓  
*Scattering*

*Absorption + Scattering = Extinction*

# Interference

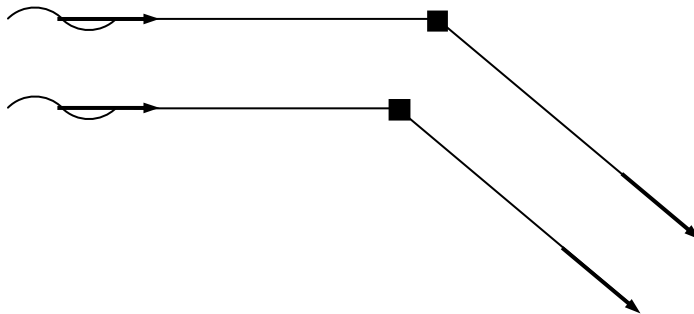
Scattered waves *interfere*:

*Intra particle*



*size, shape*

*Inter particle*



*particle ordering (SLS)*  
*particle dynamics (DLS)*

# Some other scattering terms

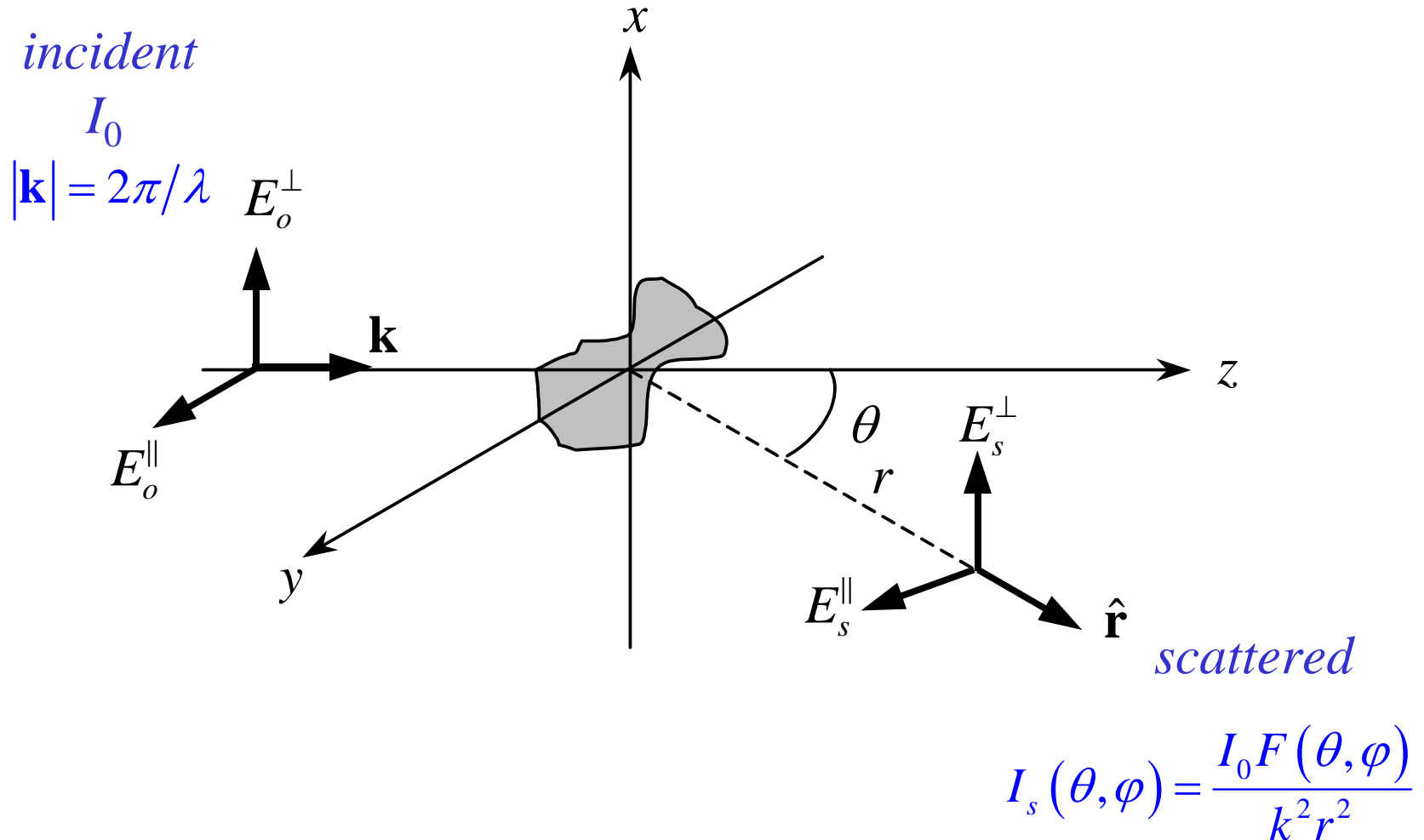
*Multiple scattering:* particle scatters sum of incident and scattered waves

*Single scattering:* particle scatters only incident wave  
(weak scattering or particles far apart)

*Elastic scattering:* frequency of scattered wave equals frequency of incident wave

*Inelastic scattering:* frequencies differ

# The scattering geometry



# Measuring scattered light

As a function of angle: 
$$I_s(\theta, \varphi) = \frac{I_0 F(\theta, \varphi)}{k^2 r^2} \quad [\text{J}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}]$$

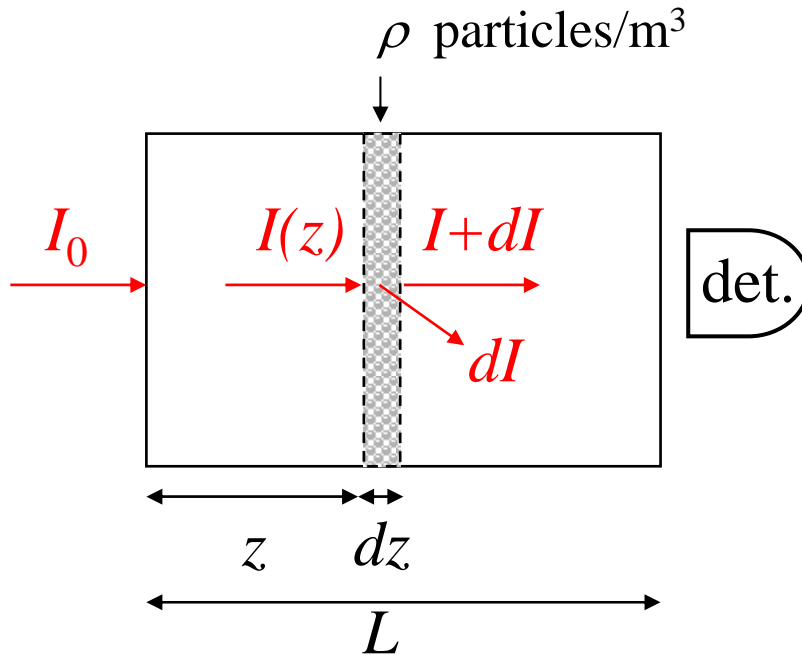
Scatt. cross section: 
$$C_{sca} = \frac{P_s}{I_0} = \frac{1}{k^2} \int_{4\pi} F(\theta, \varphi) \sin \theta d\theta d\varphi \quad [\text{m}^2]$$

↑  
*total scattered power*  
*(per unit incident intensity)*

$$C_{abs} = \frac{P_{abs}}{I_0}$$

$$C_{ext} = C_{sca} + C_{abs}$$

Cross sections are obtained from transmission measurements:



$$dI = -\rho C_{ext} I(z) dz$$

$$I_t = I_0 \exp(-\rho C_{ext} L)$$



# Scattering – our approach

- Point particle
- Large particle
- Ensembles of (large) particles
- Moving particle
- Ensemble of (large) moving particles

# Scattering by one small particle

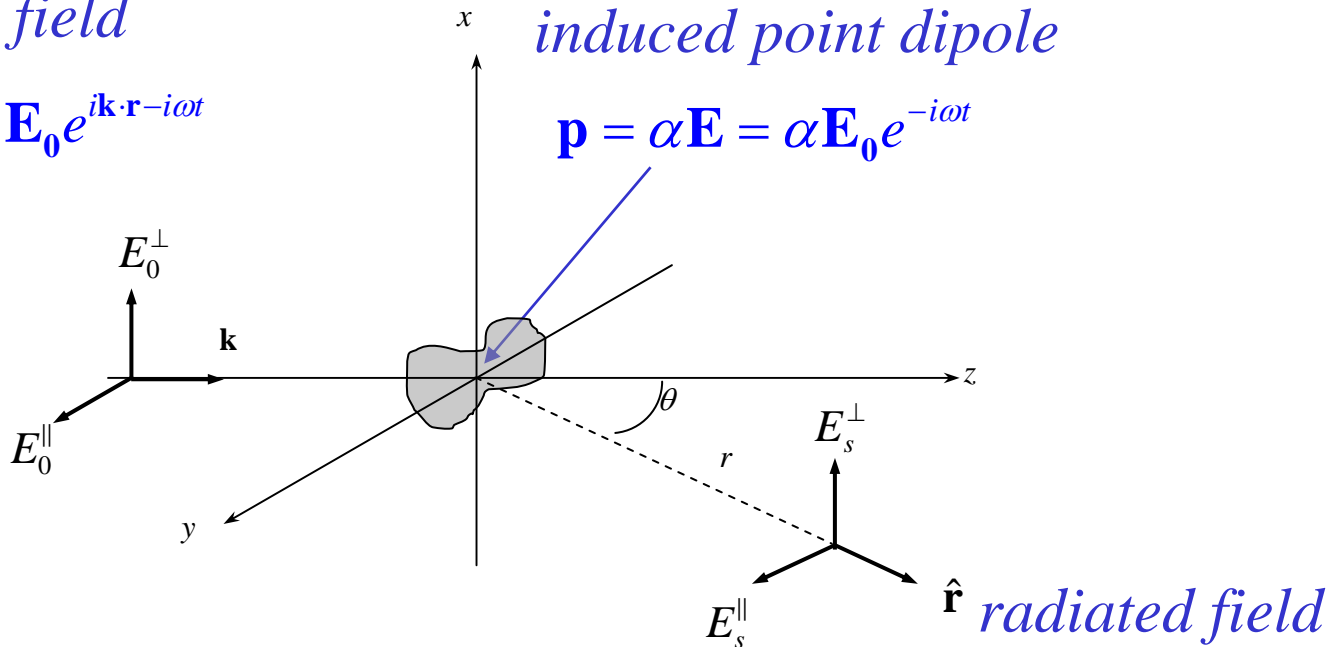
Size  $\ll \lambda$  (*Rayleigh scattering*)

*incident field*

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \mathbf{E}_0 e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t}$$

*induced point dipole*

$$\mathbf{p} = \alpha \mathbf{E} = \alpha \mathbf{E}_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$



$$\mathbf{E}_s = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_m v^2 r} \left[ \hat{\mathbf{r}} \times (\hat{\mathbf{r}} \times \ddot{\mathbf{p}}(t - r/v)) \right]$$

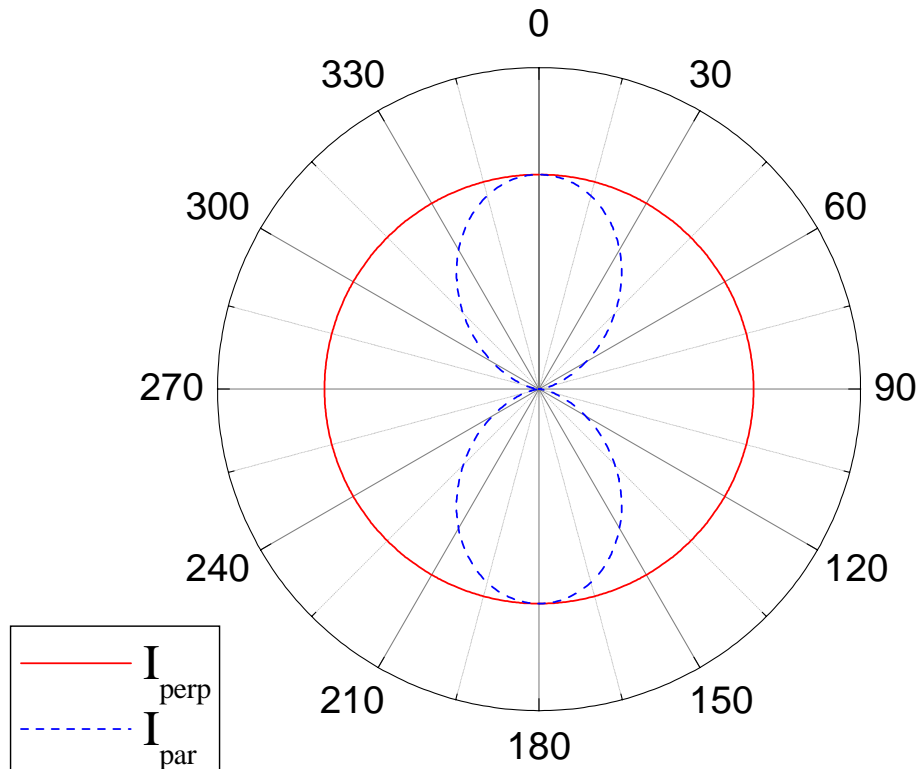
$$\begin{pmatrix} E_s^{\parallel} \\ E_s^{\perp} \end{pmatrix} = \alpha \frac{k^2}{4\pi\epsilon_m r} e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} - i\omega t} \begin{pmatrix} E_0^{\parallel} \cos \theta \\ E_0^{\perp} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$I_s(\theta) = I_0 \frac{k^4}{32\pi^2 \epsilon_m^2 r^2} |\alpha|^2 (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$\alpha = 3\epsilon_m \frac{\epsilon_p - \epsilon_m}{\epsilon_p + 2\epsilon_m} V_p$$

$$= 3\epsilon_m \frac{m^2 - 1}{m^2 + 2} V_p \quad \left( m = \frac{n_p}{n_m} \right)$$

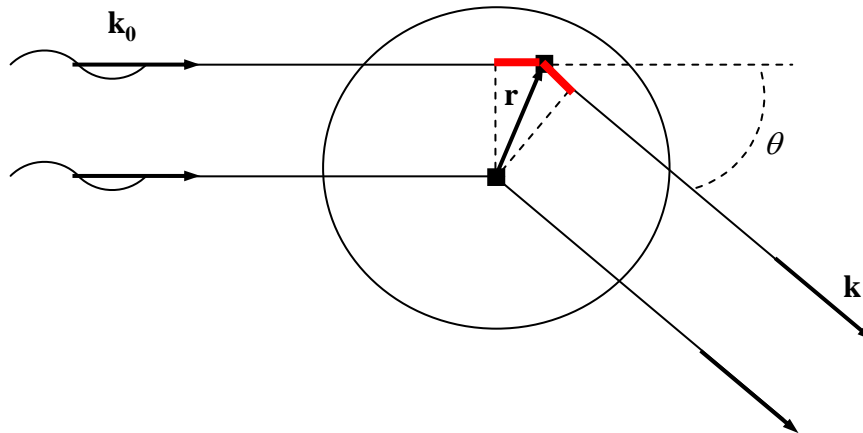
$$= I_0 \frac{9\pi^2}{2\lambda^4 r^2} \left| \frac{m^2 - 1}{m^2 + 2} \right|^2 V_p^2 (1 + \cos^2 \theta) \quad (\text{Rayleigh})$$



# Scattering by a large particle

Rayleigh-Gans-Debye approximation:

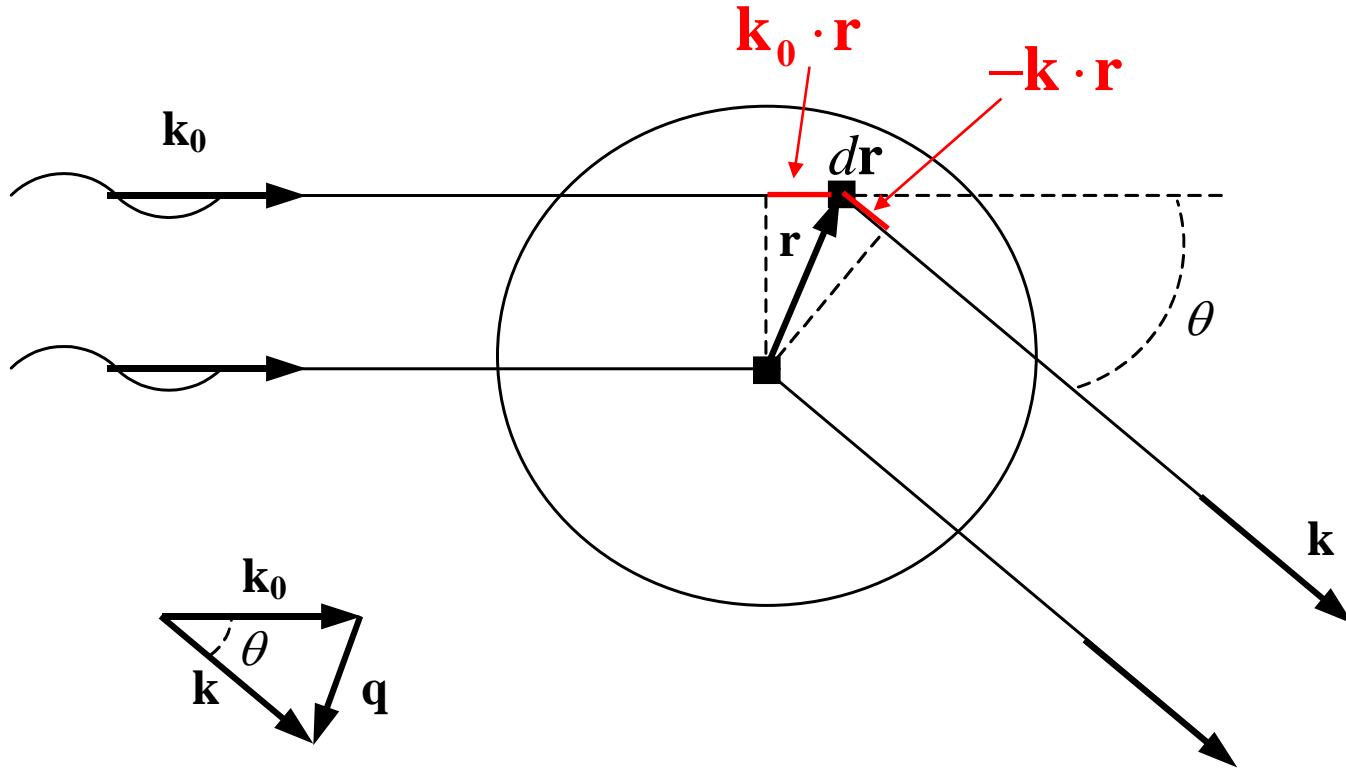
*Divide particle into pointlike subunits and sum all wavelets.*



Valid if:

- *each subunit responds only to incident field:*  $|m - 1| \ll 1$
- *wave inside particle suffers no phase lag relative to a wave passing the particle by:*  $kd |m - 1| \ll 1$

$$\Delta\phi = -\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{k}_0 \cdot \mathbf{r} = -(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_0) \cdot \mathbf{r} \equiv -\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}$$



$$q = |\mathbf{q}| = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin(\theta/2)$$

$$dE_s^\perp = \frac{k^2}{2\pi R} (m(\mathbf{r}) - 1) E_0^\perp e^{ikR - i\omega t - i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r}$$

$$(m^2 - 1)/(m^2 + 2) \approx \frac{2}{3}(m - 1)$$

Integrate over the particle:

$$E_s^\perp = \frac{k^2}{2\pi R} E_0^\perp e^{ikR - i\omega t} f(\mathbf{q})$$

$$f(\mathbf{q}) = \int_{V_p} (m(\mathbf{r}) - 1) e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r}$$

Take the modulus squared:

$$I_s = I_0 \frac{k^4 V_p^2 |\bar{m} - 1|^2}{8\pi^2 R^2} P(\mathbf{q}) (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$P(\mathbf{q}) = \left| \frac{f(\mathbf{q})}{f(\mathbf{0})} \right|^2 = \left| \frac{\int_{V_p} (m(\mathbf{r}) - 1) e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r}}{\int_{V_p} (m(\mathbf{r}) - 1) d\mathbf{r}} \right|^2$$

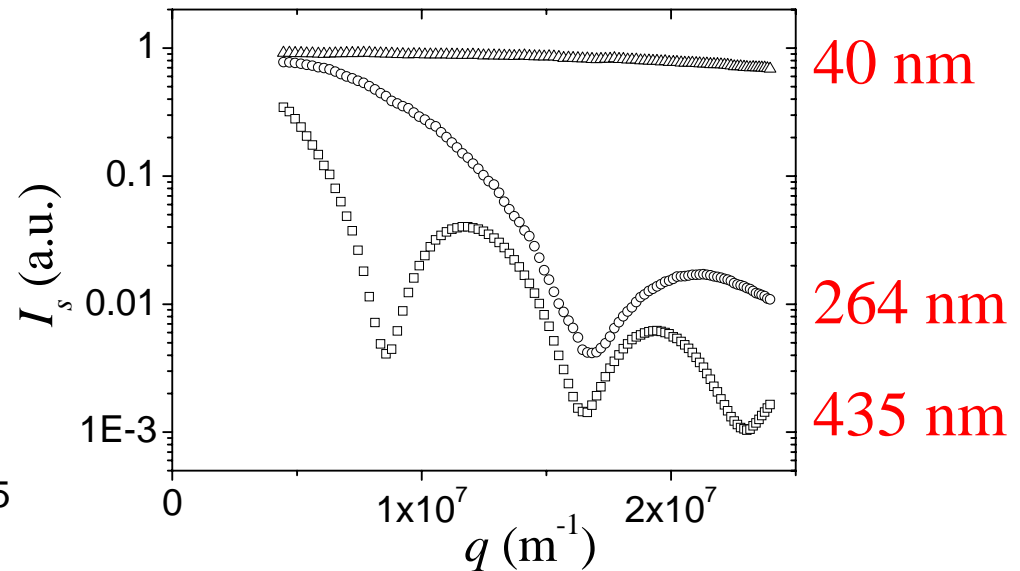
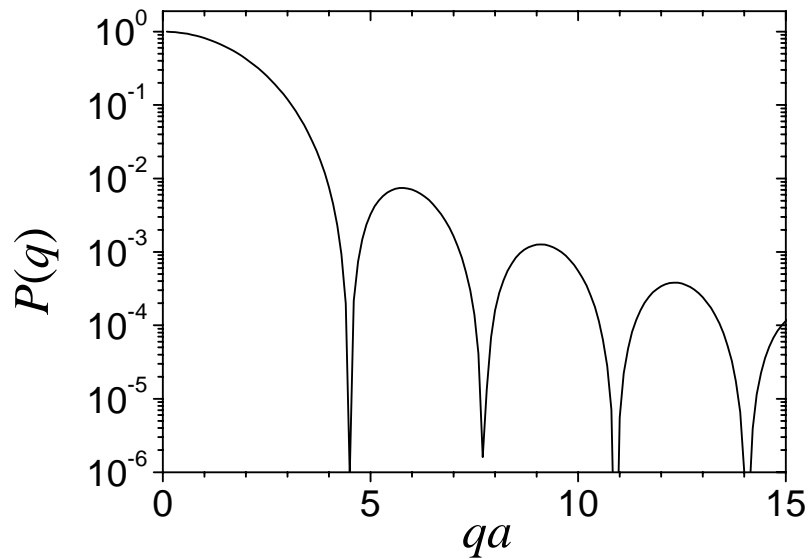
*Particle  
form  
factor*

Compare with a model.

# Form factor of a sphere

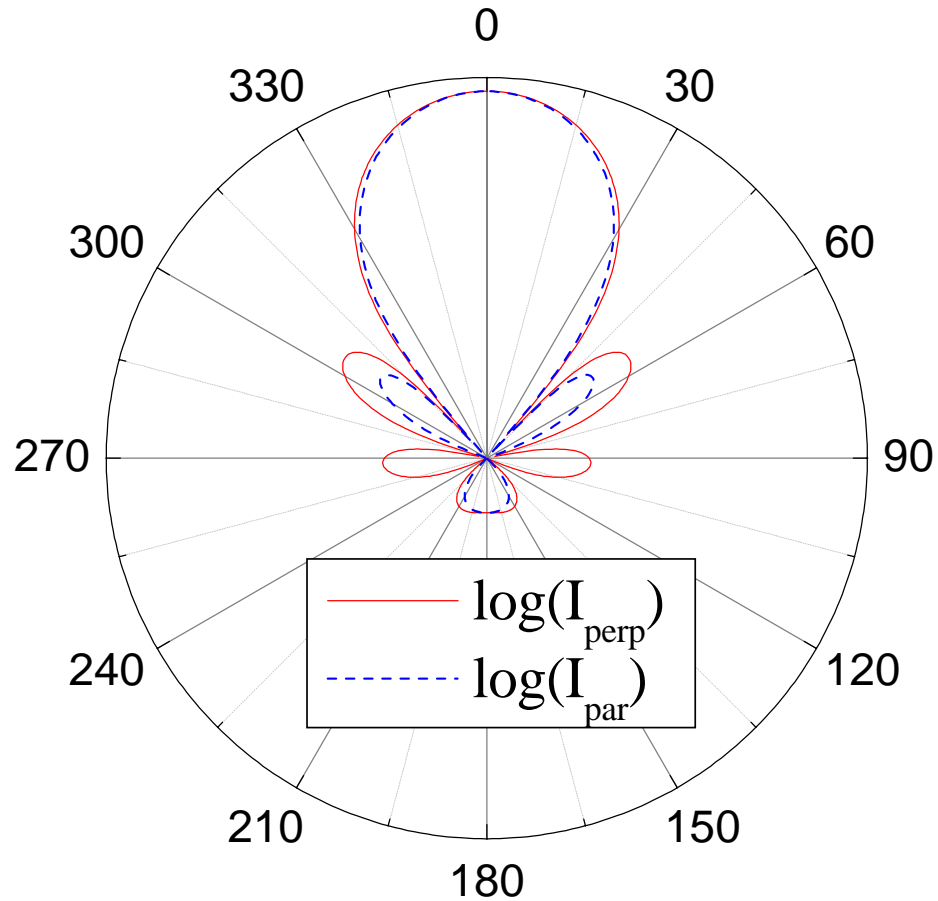
$$P(q) = \left[ 3 \frac{\sin(qa) - qa \cos(qa)}{(qa)^3} \right]^2$$

$$q = |\mathbf{q}| = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin(\theta/2)$$



# Homogeneous sphere

( radius  $a = \lambda$  )





# Radius of gyration

At small angles or for small particles:  $e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \approx 1 - i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r} - \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r})^2 + \dots$

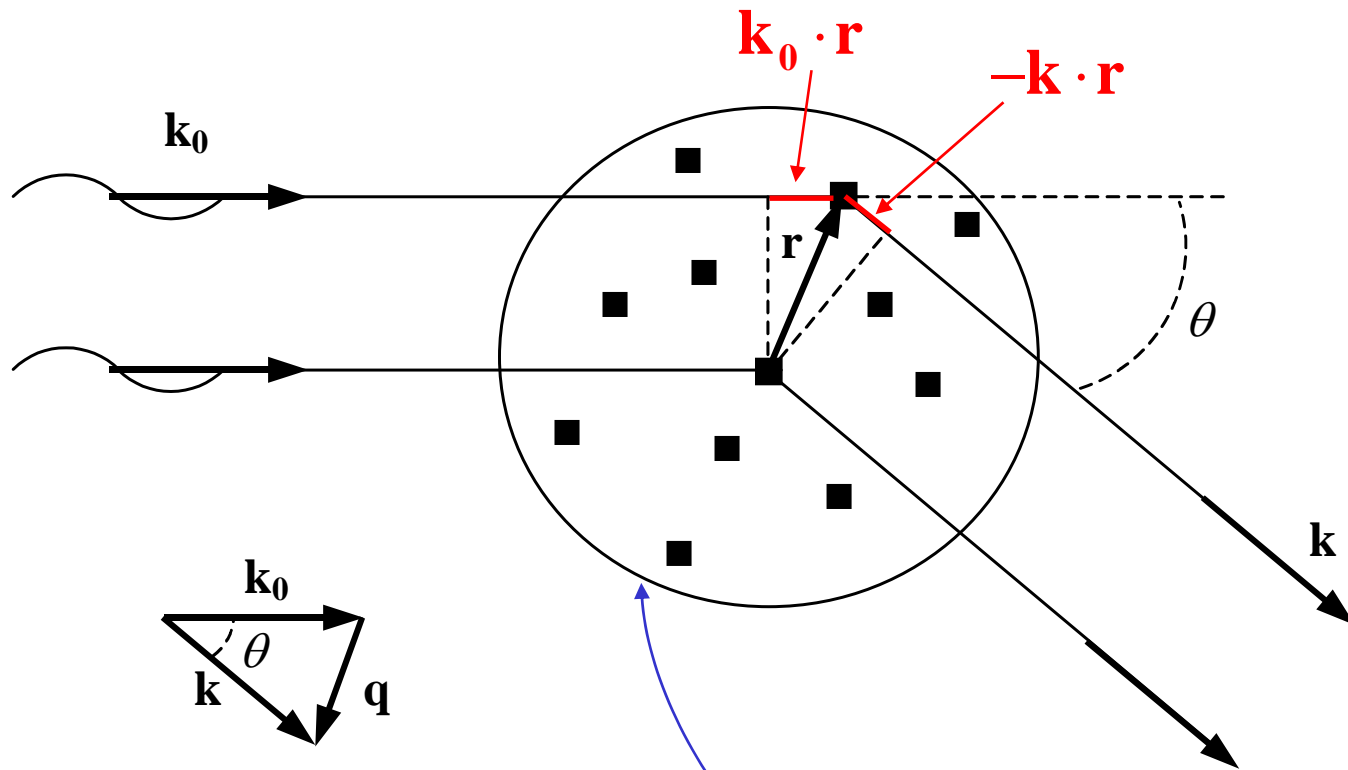
$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\mathbf{q}) &\approx \left| 1 - \frac{\int_{V_p} (m-1) i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r} \, d\mathbf{r}}{\int_{V_p} (m-1) \, d\mathbf{r}} - \frac{1}{2} \left\langle \frac{\int_{V_p} (m-1) (\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r})^2 \, d\mathbf{r}}{\int_{V_p} (m-1) \, d\mathbf{r}} \right\rangle \right|^2 \\
 &= 1 - \frac{\int_{V_p} (m-1) q^2 r^2 \langle \cos^2 \theta \rangle \, d\mathbf{r}}{\int_{V_p} (m-1) \, d\mathbf{r}} \\
 &= 1 - \frac{1}{3} q^2 R_g^2 + \dots \qquad R_g^2 = \frac{\int_{V_p} (m-1) r^2 \, d\mathbf{r}}{\int_{V_p} (m-1) \, d\mathbf{r}}
 \end{aligned}$$

*Sphere:*  $R_g = \sqrt{3/5} a$

*Rodlike:*  $R_g = L / \sqrt{12}$

*Polymer:*  $R_g = l \sqrt{n/6}$

# Scattering by many particles



$$E_s^\perp \sim E_0^\perp \int_{V_s} (m(\mathbf{r}) - 1) e^{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r}$$

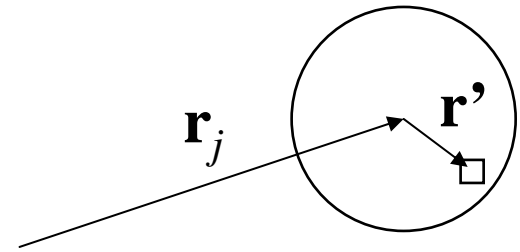
$= 0$  if  $\mathbf{r}$  in medium

$$E_s^\perp \sim E_0^\perp \int_{V_s} (m(\mathbf{r}) - 1) e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r}$$

$$= E_0^\perp \sum_{j=1}^N \int_{V_j} (m(\mathbf{r}) - 1) e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r}$$

$$= E_0^\perp \sum_{j=1}^N e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}_j} \underbrace{\int_{V_j} (m(\mathbf{r}') - 1) e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}'} d\mathbf{r}'}_{\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_j + \mathbf{r}'}$$

$$= E_0^\perp \sum_{j=1}^N e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}_j} f_j(\mathbf{q})$$



$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_j + \mathbf{r}'$$

$$I_s^\perp \sim \left\langle \left| E_s^\perp \right|^2 \right\rangle = I_0 \left\langle \left| \sum_{j=1}^N f_j(\mathbf{q}) e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}_j} \right|^2 \right\rangle = NI_0 P(\mathbf{q}) S(\mathbf{q})$$

*Identical particles*

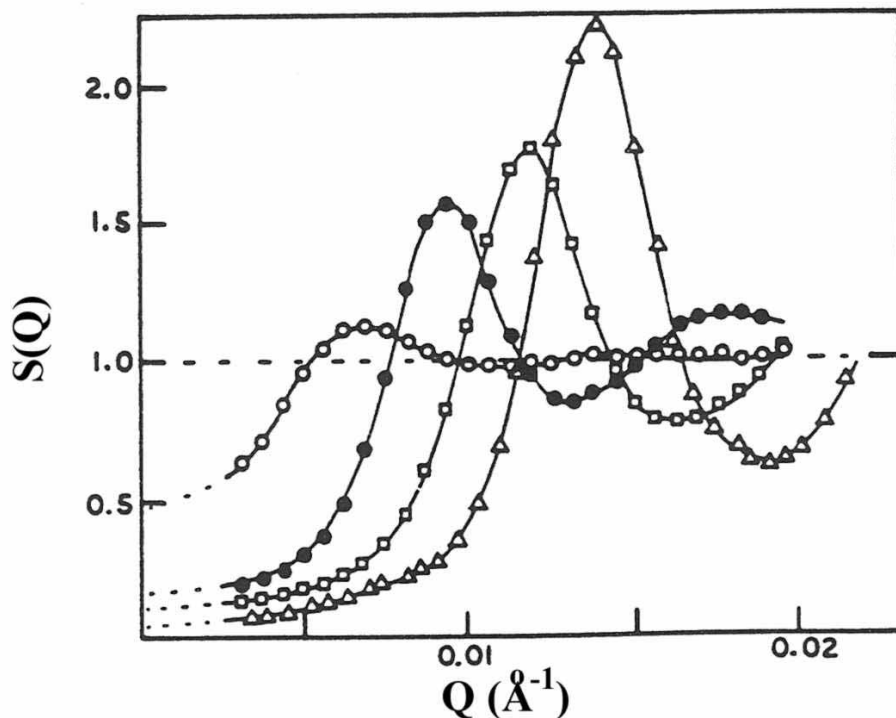
$$S(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{N} \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^N e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{r}_k - \mathbf{r}_j)} \right\rangle \quad \text{Structure factor}$$

$$= 1 + \rho \int [g(r) - 1] e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r}$$

*Radial distribution function*

# Measuring structure factors

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Dilute sample:} \quad I_{\text{dil}}(\mathbf{q}) \sim \rho_{\text{dil}} P(\mathbf{q}) \\ \text{Concentrated sample:} \quad I(\mathbf{q}) \sim \rho P(\mathbf{q}) S(\mathbf{q}) \end{array} \right\} S(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{\rho_{\text{dil}}}{\rho} \frac{I(\mathbf{q})}{I_{\text{dil}}(\mathbf{q})}$$

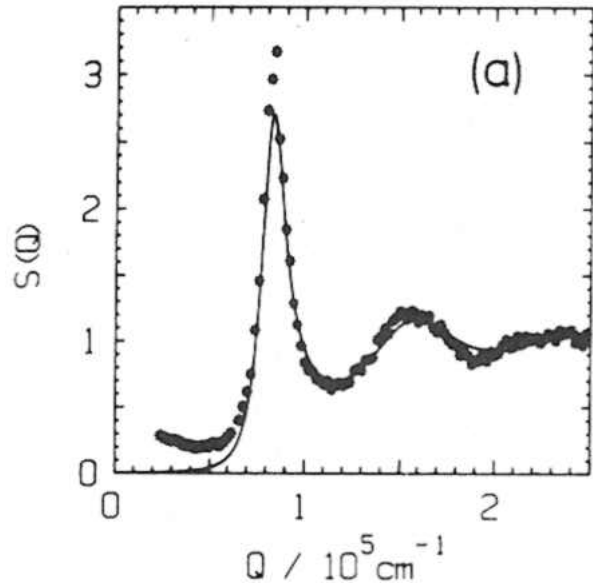


*31 nm polystyrene spheres +  
0.1 mmol/L NaCl*

*Volume fractions:  
0.01, 0.04, 0.08, 0.13*

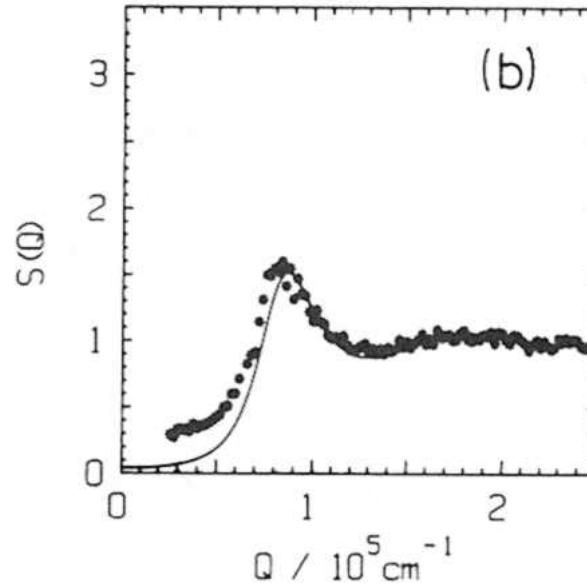
*(SANS, Ottewill et al.)*

*80 nm polystyrene spheres with  $-SO_3H$  surface groups  
(SLS, Härtl and Versmold, 1992)*



**3.1  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  NaOH**

model fits:  $Z_{\text{eff}} = 503 e^-$   
 $\kappa\sigma = 0.21$

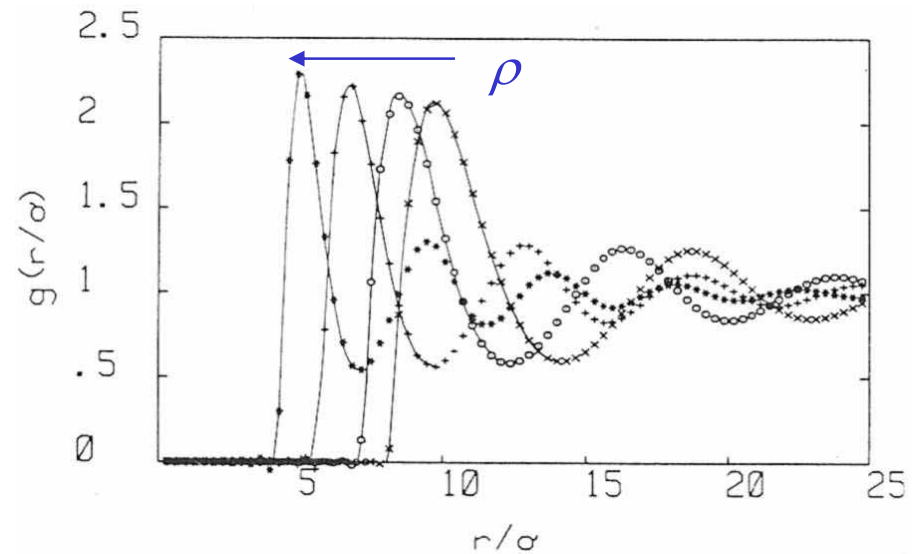
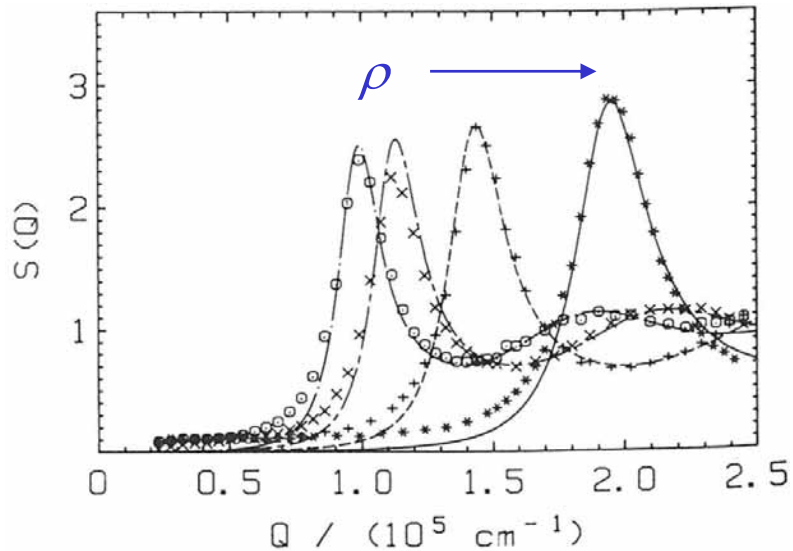


**3.1  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  NaCl**

$Z_{\text{eff}} = 474 e^-$   
 $\kappa\sigma = 0.50$

# Inverting structure factors

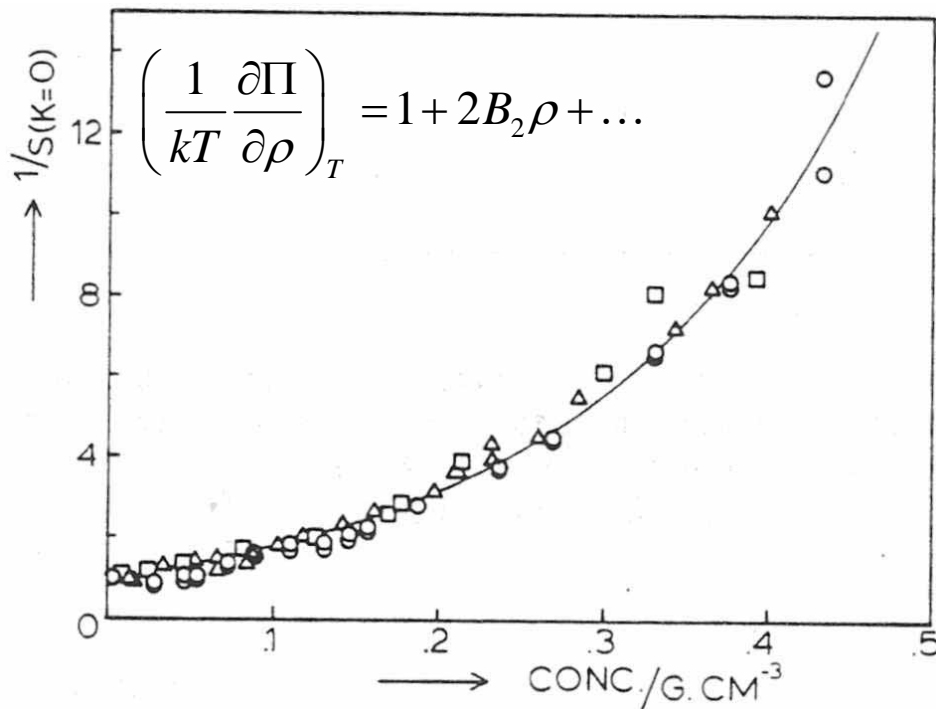
- 1) Fourier inversion (limited  $q$ -range)
- 2) Fit with model; then Fourier invert the fit curve



*(80 nm PS spheres, deionized, Härtl and Versmold, 1992)*

# Low $q$ scattering

$$S(q=0) = kT \left( \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \Pi} \right)_T \rightarrow \text{Equation of state}$$



Hard-sphere particles

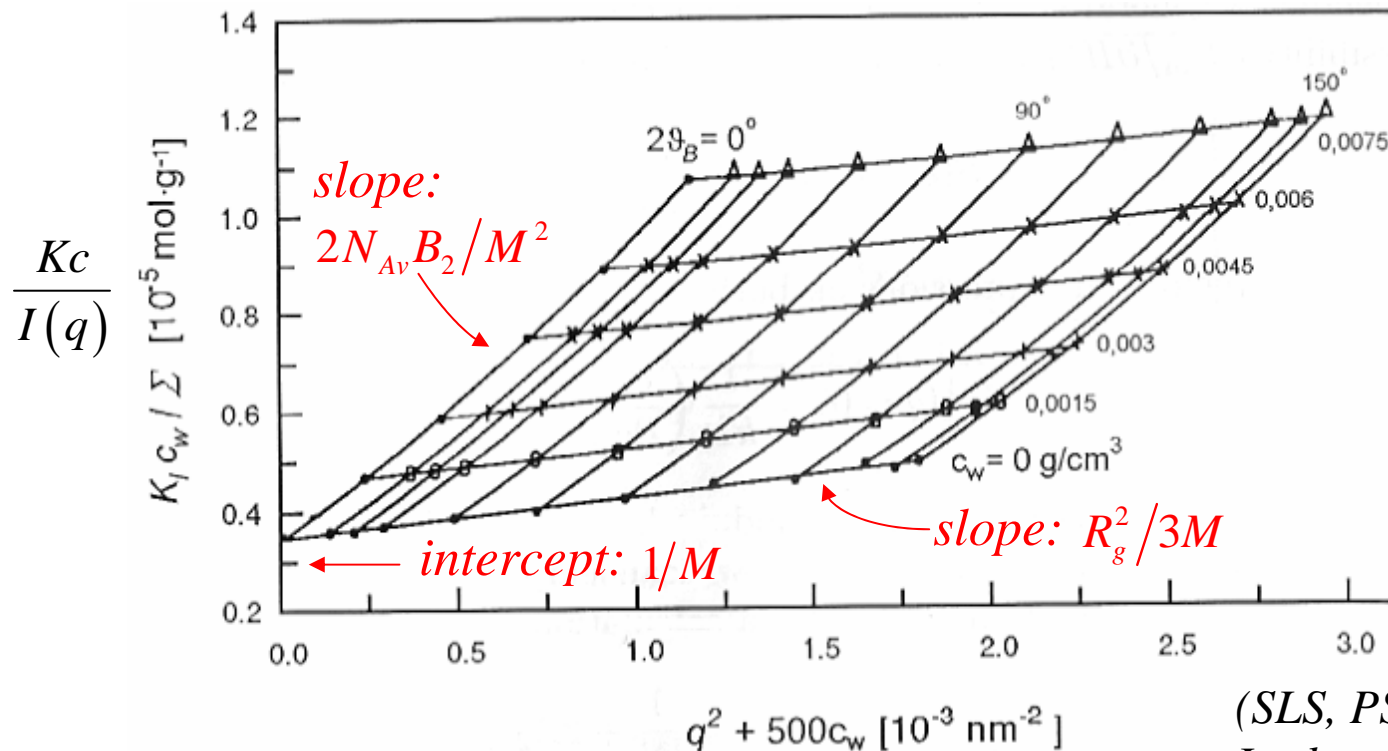
*(silica coated with stearyl alcohol, suspended in cyclohexane)*



# Polymer solutions – Zimm plot

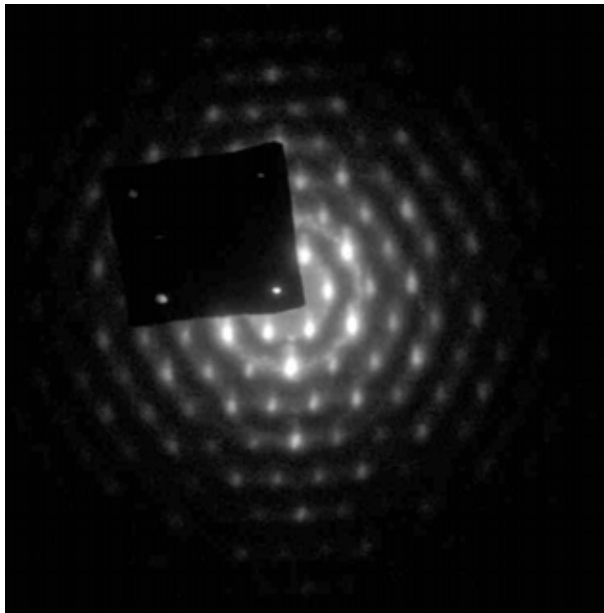
$$I_s(q) = KM^2 \rho P(q) S(q) \Rightarrow \frac{K\rho}{I(q)} = \frac{1}{M^2} \frac{1}{P(q)} \frac{1}{S(q)} \approx \frac{1}{M^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} R_g^2 q^2\right) (1 + 2B_2 \rho)$$

$$\text{with: } \rho = \frac{cN_{Av}}{M} \Rightarrow \frac{Kc}{I(q)} \approx \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} R_g^2 q^2\right) \left(\frac{1}{M} + \frac{2N_{Av}B_2}{M^2} c\right)$$

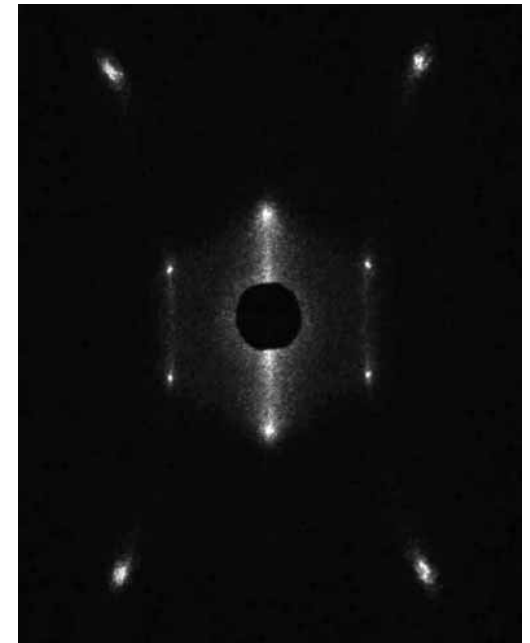
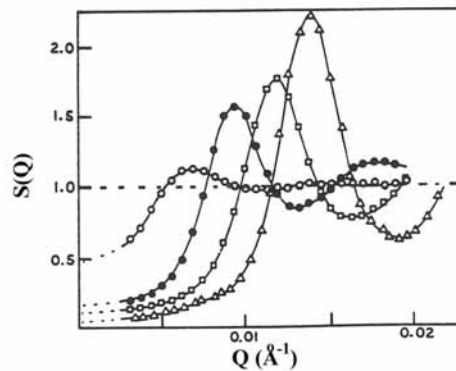
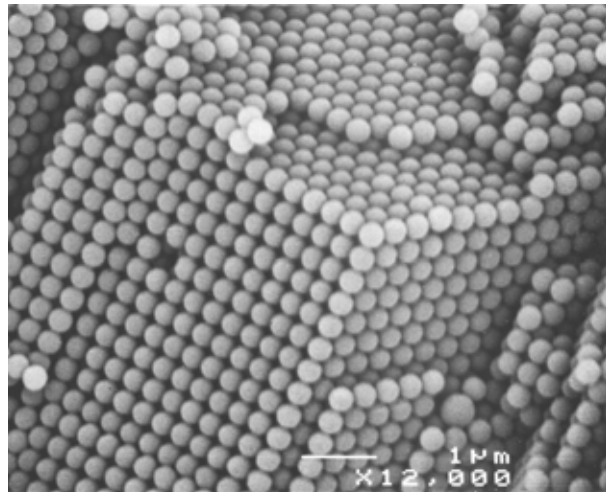


(SLS, PS in toluene, Lechner 1993.)

# Scattering from crystals



SAXS



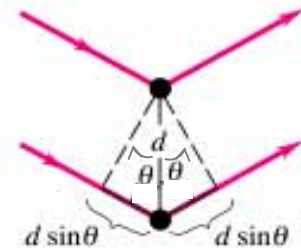
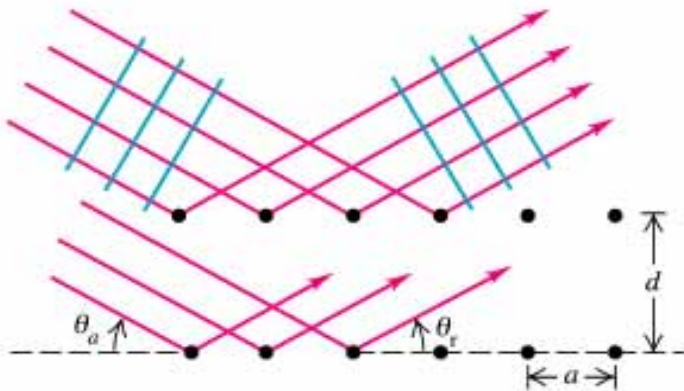
Light scattering

- Opals and colloidal crystals:



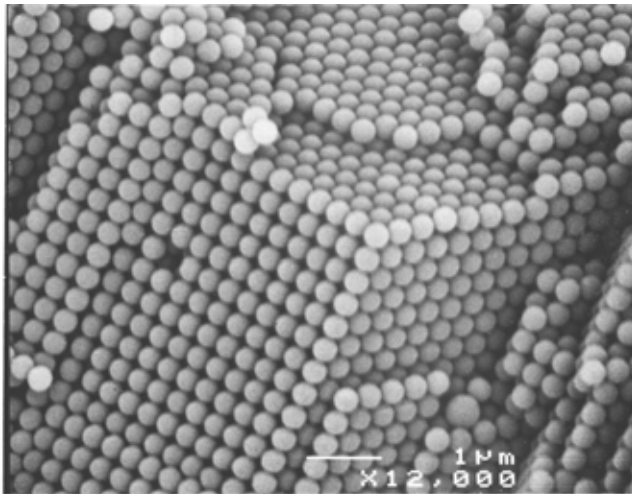
The Bragg law:

$$2d \sin \theta = m\lambda$$

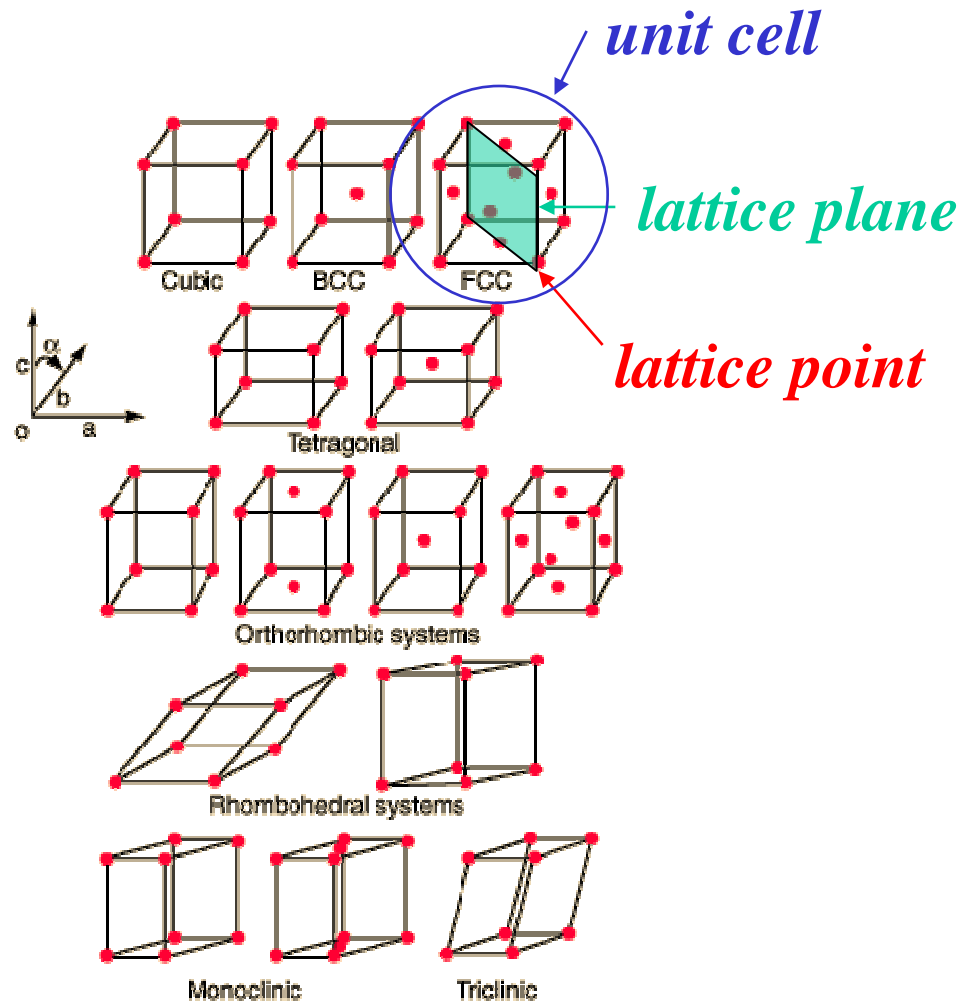


# Crystal lattices

- Crystal: periodic lattice of equivalent points



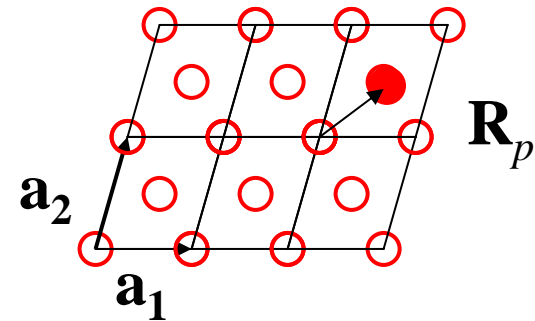
*diameter* ~ 300 nm



# Diffraction

- Position of particle  $p$  in unit cell number  $m_1, m_2, m_3$ :

$$\mathbf{r}_j = \mathbf{R}_p + m_1 \mathbf{a}_1 + m_2 \mathbf{a}_2 + m_3 \mathbf{a}_3$$



- Substitute in structure factor ( $N=nM_1M_2M_3$  particles):

$$\sum_{j=1}^N e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}_j} = \sum_{p=1}^n e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{R}_p} \sum_{m_1=0}^{M_1-1} e^{-im_1\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{a}_1} \sum_{m_2=0}^{M_2-1} e^{-im_2\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{a}_2} \sum_{m_3=0}^{M_3-1} e^{-im_3\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{a}_3}$$

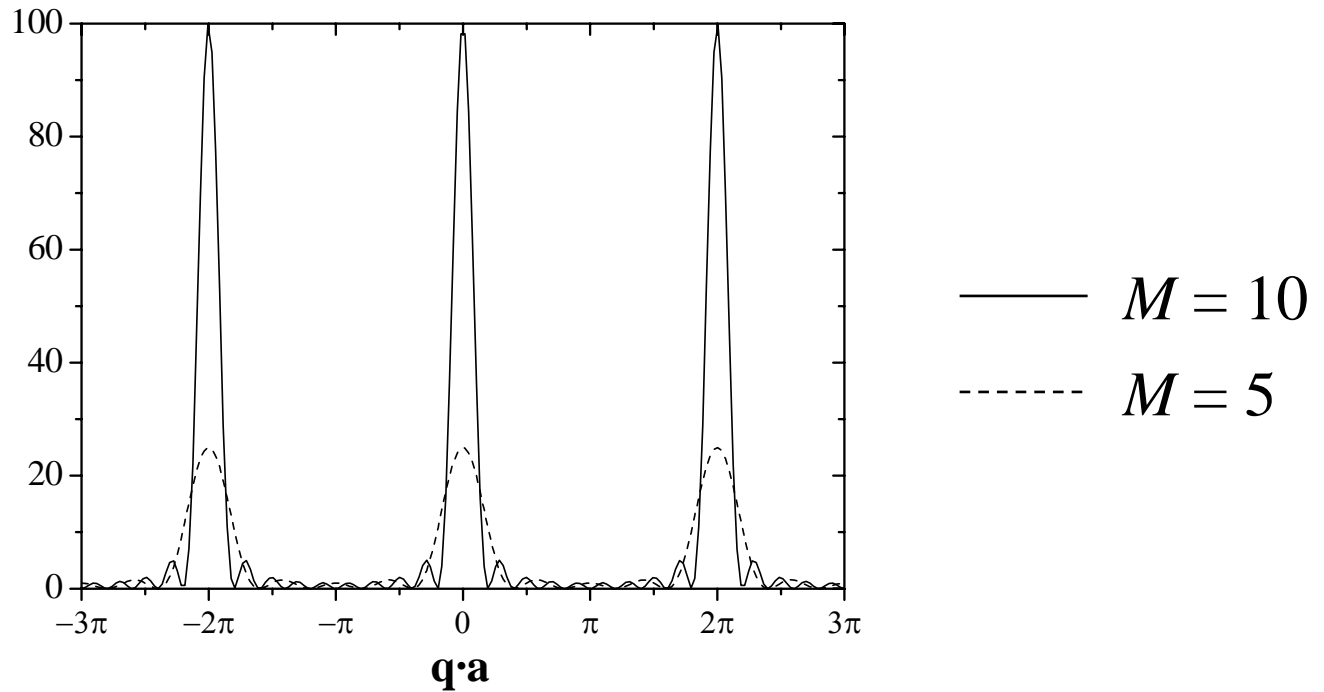
$$\sum_{m=0}^{M-1} x^m = \frac{1-x^M}{1-x} = \frac{1-e^{-iM\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{a}}}{1-e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{a}}}$$

$$I_s = |E_s|^2$$
$$= \frac{1}{M_1 M_2 M_3} F(\mathbf{q}) \frac{\sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2} M_1 \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1\right)}{\sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1\right)} \frac{\sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2} M_2 \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2\right)}{\sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2\right)} \frac{\sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2} M_3 \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3\right)}{\sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3\right)}$$

$$F(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{p=1}^n e^{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{R}_p} \right|^2$$

*Structure factor of a unit cell*

The function  $\frac{\sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2}M\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{a}\right)}{\sin^2\left(\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{a}\right)}$



Only diffraction if:

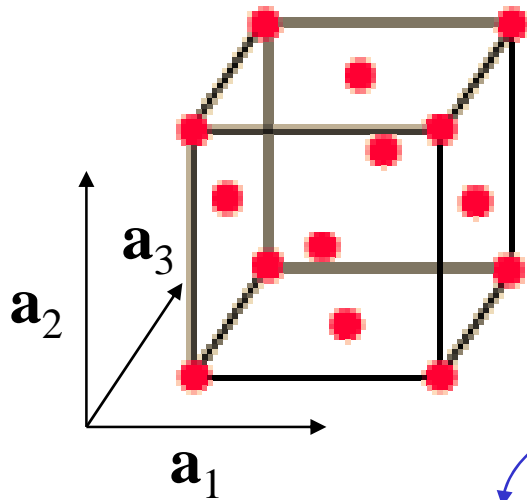
$$\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{a}_1 = 2\pi h$$

$$\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{a}_2 = 2\pi k \quad h, k, l \text{ integers}$$

$$\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{a}_3 = 2\pi l$$

*“Laue conditions”*

# Structure factor of *fcc* lattice



$$\mathbf{R}_p = x\mathbf{a}_1 + y\mathbf{a}_2 + z\mathbf{a}_3$$

$$(x, y, z) = (0, 0, 0) ; (1/2, 1/2, 0) ; (1/2, 0, 1/2) ; (0, 1/2, 1/2)$$

$$\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{R}_p = 2\pi(hx + ky + lz)$$

$$F(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{p=1}^n e^{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{R}_p} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left| 1 + e^{-i\pi(k+l)} + e^{-i\pi(h+l)} + e^{-i\pi(h+k)} \right|^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left( 1 + (-1)^{k+l} + (-1)^{h+l} + (-1)^{h+k} \right)^2$$

$$= \begin{cases} 4 & hkl \text{ all even or all odd} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

“systematic  
vanishings”





# Scattering recap

$$E_s^\perp \propto E_0^\perp \sum_{j=1}^N f_j(\mathbf{q}) e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}_j}$$

“*weak scattering*”

$$I_s(\mathbf{q}) \propto NI_0 P(\mathbf{q}) S(\mathbf{q}) (1 + \cos^2 \theta)$$

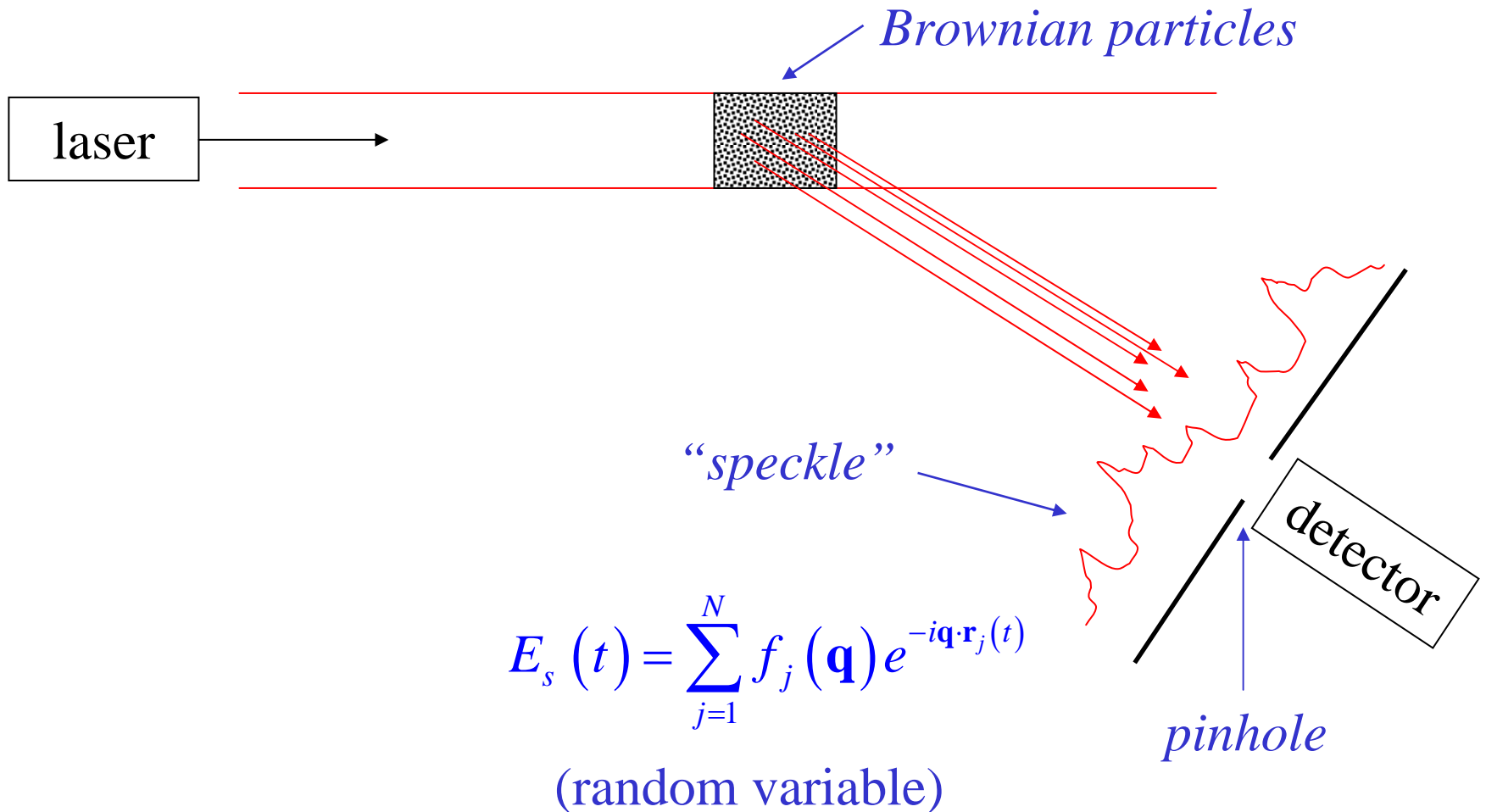
Form factor:

$$P(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{|f(\mathbf{q})|^2}{|f(\mathbf{0})|^2} = \left| \frac{\int_{V_p} (m(\mathbf{r}) - 1) e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r}}{\int_{V_p} (m(\mathbf{r}) - 1) d\mathbf{r}} \right|^2$$

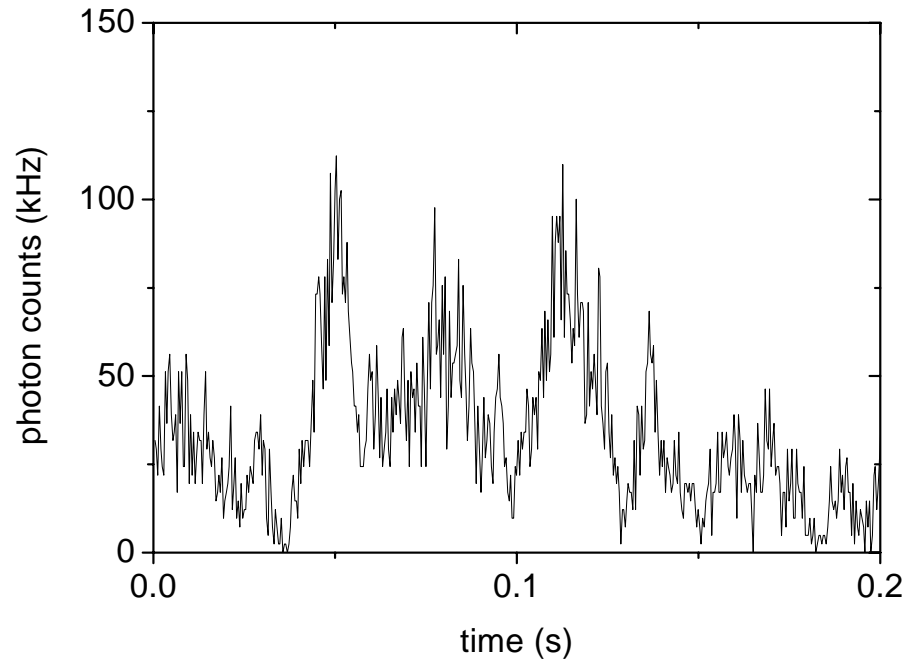
Structure factor:

$$S(\mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{N} \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^N e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot(\mathbf{r}_k - \mathbf{r}_j)} \right\rangle$$

# Dynamic light scattering



# How to quantify fluctuating speckle?

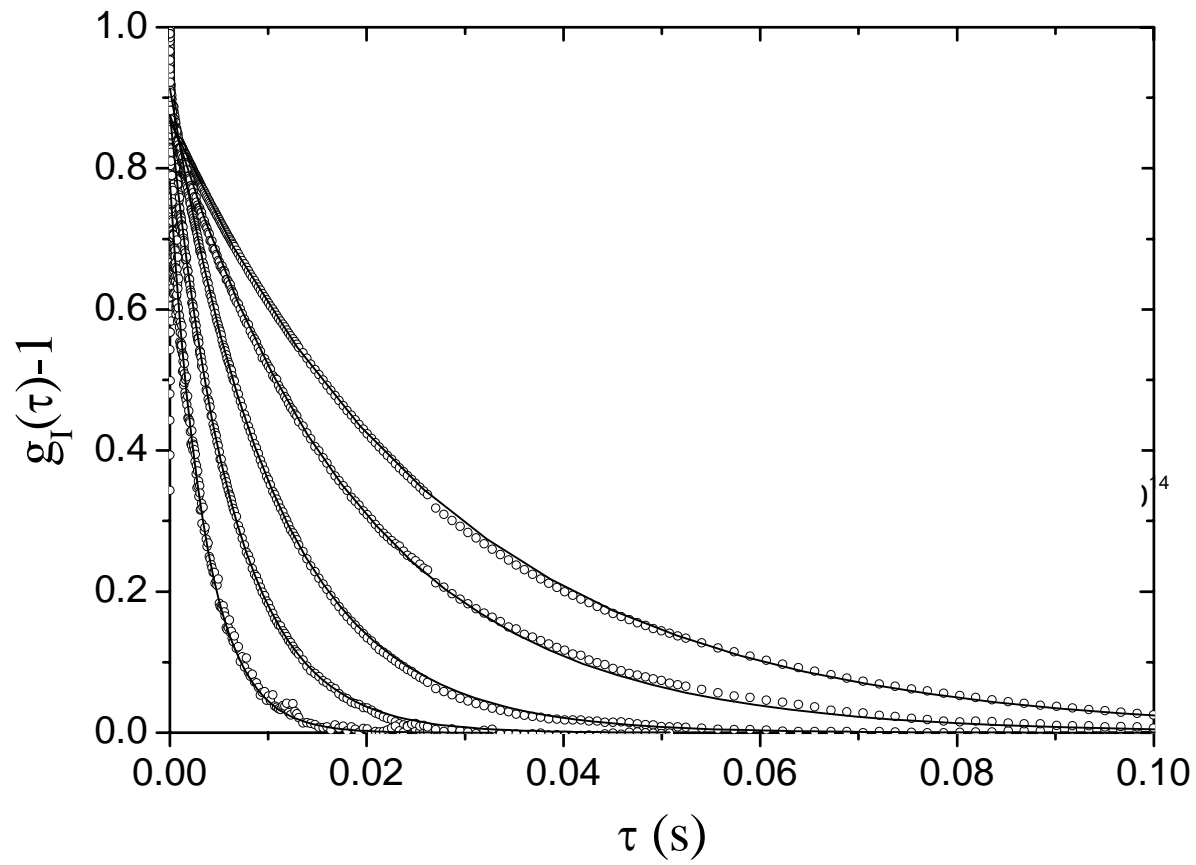


Almost  
random...

*“intensity autocorrelation function”*

$$g_I(\mathbf{q}, \tau) = \langle I(\mathbf{q}, t) I(\mathbf{q}, t + \tau) \rangle$$

$$g_I(0) = \langle I^2 \rangle \quad > \quad g(\tau \rightarrow \infty) = \langle I \rangle^2$$

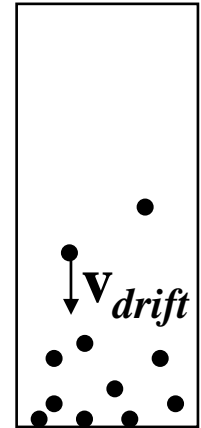


# Brownian motion

Einstein's argument:

System of a particles with external force:  $\mathbf{K} = -\nabla\Phi$

In equilibrium Boltzmann says:  $P(\mathbf{r}) = P_0 \exp(-\Phi / kT)$



*Probability density function ( ~ concentration)*

On the other hand: *drift flux + diffusive flux = 0*

$$P\mathbf{v}_{drift}$$

(friction factor:  $\gamma$ )

$$P\mathbf{K}/\gamma$$

$$\mathbf{J} = -\left(\frac{P}{\gamma}\right)\nabla\Phi - D_0\nabla P = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{D_0 = \frac{kT}{\gamma}} = \frac{kT}{6\pi\eta_0 a}$$

Now remove the external force:

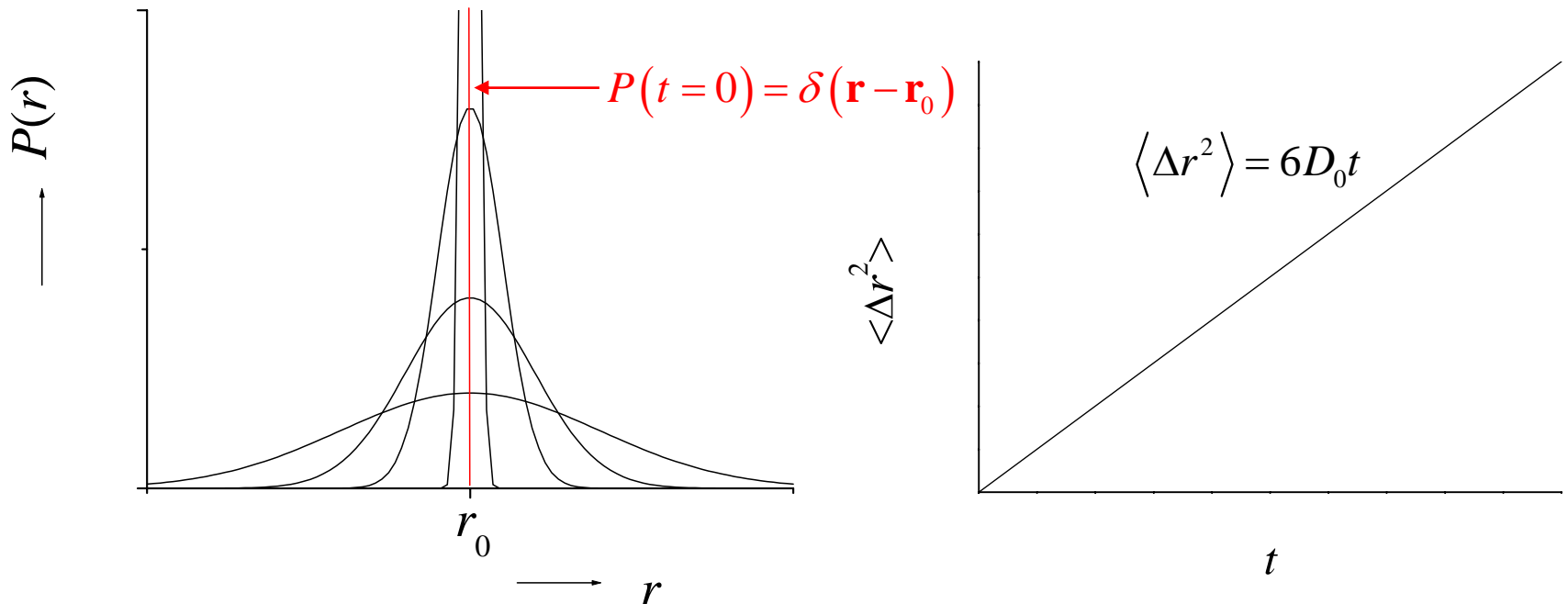
*System will return to equilibrium with flux:*

$$\mathbf{J} = -D_0 \nabla P$$

*Continuity equation (conservation of particles):*

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = D_0 \nabla^2 P$$



# Dilute dispersions

(particles are statistically independent)

$$g_I(\tau) = \left\langle f^4 \sum_{j,k,l,m=1}^N \exp\left(-i\mathbf{q} \cdot [\mathbf{r}_j(0) - \mathbf{r}_k(0) - \mathbf{r}_l(\tau) + \mathbf{r}_m(\tau)]\right) \right\rangle$$

Statistical independence means:  $\langle ABCD \rangle = \langle A \rangle \langle B \rangle \langle C \rangle \langle D \rangle$

But  $\langle \exp(-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_j(\tau)) \rangle = 0$  ...so most terms equal zero!



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Surviving terms are:

i.  $N^2$  terms  $j=k, l=m$

these terms give: 1

ii.  $N^2 - N$  terms  $j=m, k=l, j \neq k$

$$\left\langle \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot [\mathbf{r}_j(\tau) + \mathbf{r}_j(0)]) \right\rangle \left\langle \exp(-i\mathbf{q} \cdot [\mathbf{r}_k(\tau) + \mathbf{r}_k(0)]) \right\rangle = 0$$

iii.  $N^2 - N$  terms  $j=l, k=m, j \neq k$

$$\left\langle \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot [\mathbf{r}_j(\tau) - \mathbf{r}_j(0)]) \right\rangle \left\langle \exp(-i\mathbf{q} \cdot [\mathbf{r}_k(\tau) - \mathbf{r}_k(0)]) \right\rangle$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$   
*particle displacement*

$$g_I(\tau) = N^2 f^4 + (N^2 - N) f^4 \left| \left\langle \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{r}_j(\tau)) \right\rangle \right|^2$$

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$\langle I \rangle = Nf^2$ 
 $\approx N^2$ 
 $\Delta\mathbf{r}_j(\tau) = \mathbf{r}_j(\tau) - \mathbf{r}_j(0)$

$$g_I(\tau) = \langle I \rangle^2 \left[ 1 + \left| \left\langle \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{r}_j(\tau)) \right\rangle \right|^2 \right]$$

Displacements are described by the diffusion equation:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial P(\Delta\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = D_0 \nabla^2 P(\Delta\mathbf{r}, t) \\ P(\Delta\mathbf{r}, t = 0) = \delta(\Delta\mathbf{r}) \end{cases}$$


but we only need:  $\left\langle \exp(-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{r}) \right\rangle = \int P(\Delta\mathbf{r}, t) \exp(-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{r}) d(\Delta\mathbf{r})$

Fourier transformation of diffusion equation:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial P(\mathbf{q}, t)}{\partial t} = -q^2 D_0 P(\mathbf{q}, t) \\ P(\mathbf{q}, t) = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow P(\mathbf{q}, t) = \exp(-q^2 D_0 t)$$

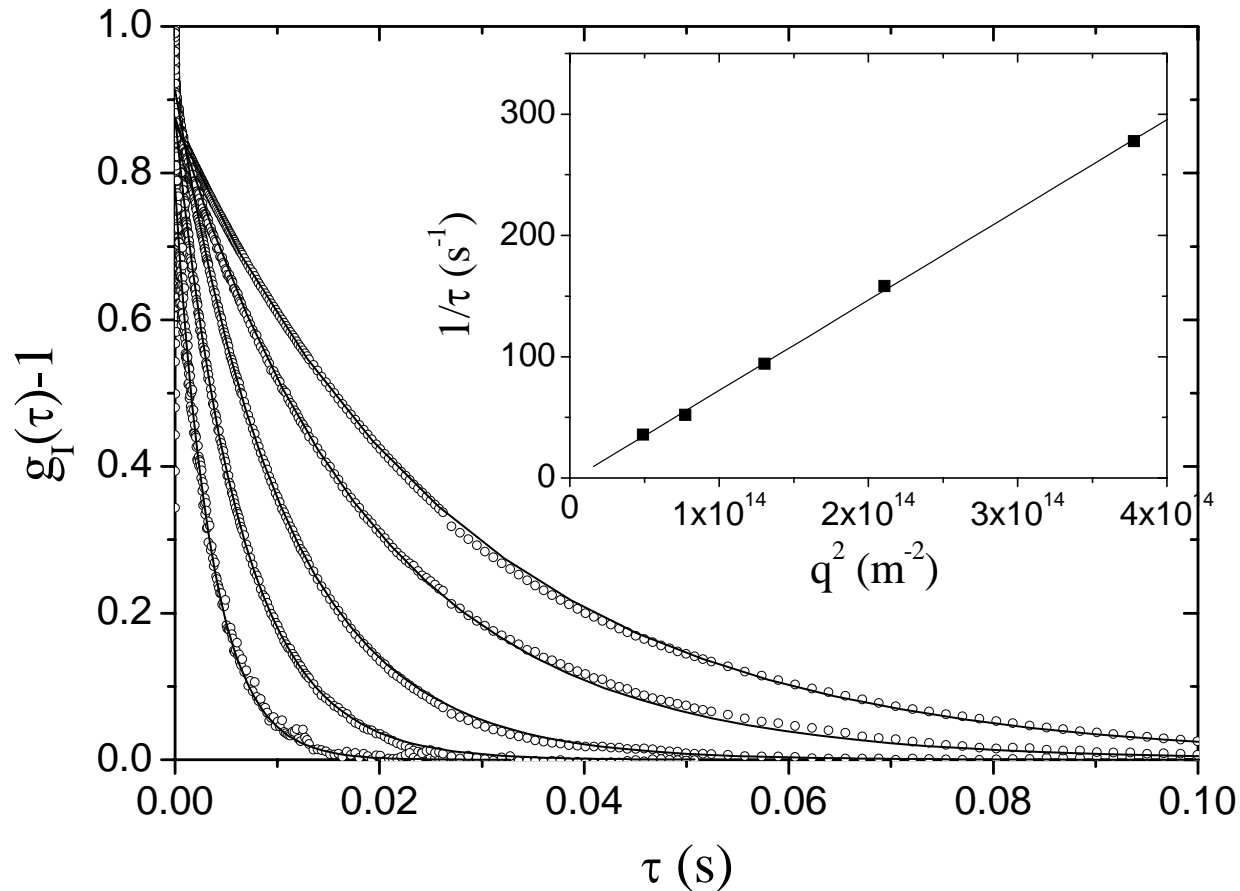
So, finally:  $g_I(\tau) = \langle I \rangle^2 \left[ 1 + \exp(-2q^2 D_0 t) \right]$

“Stokes-Einstein”:  $D_0 = \frac{kT}{6\pi\eta R}$  (for spheres)



# Determination of particle size

$$g_I(\tau) = \langle I \rangle^2 \left[ 1 + \exp(-2q^2 D_0 t) \right]$$



# Concentrated dispersions

(particles are *not* statistically independent)

If scattering volume  $\gg$  “correlation volume” then the electric field is still a random variable:

*Siegert relation:*  $g_I(\tau) = \langle I \rangle^2 + |g_E(\tau)|^2$

“*electric field autocorrelation function*”  $g_E(\tau) = \langle E_s(t) E_s^*(t + \tau) \rangle$

$$= \langle I \rangle \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j,k=1}^N \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot [\mathbf{r}_j(0) - \mathbf{r}_k(\tau)]) \right\rangle$$

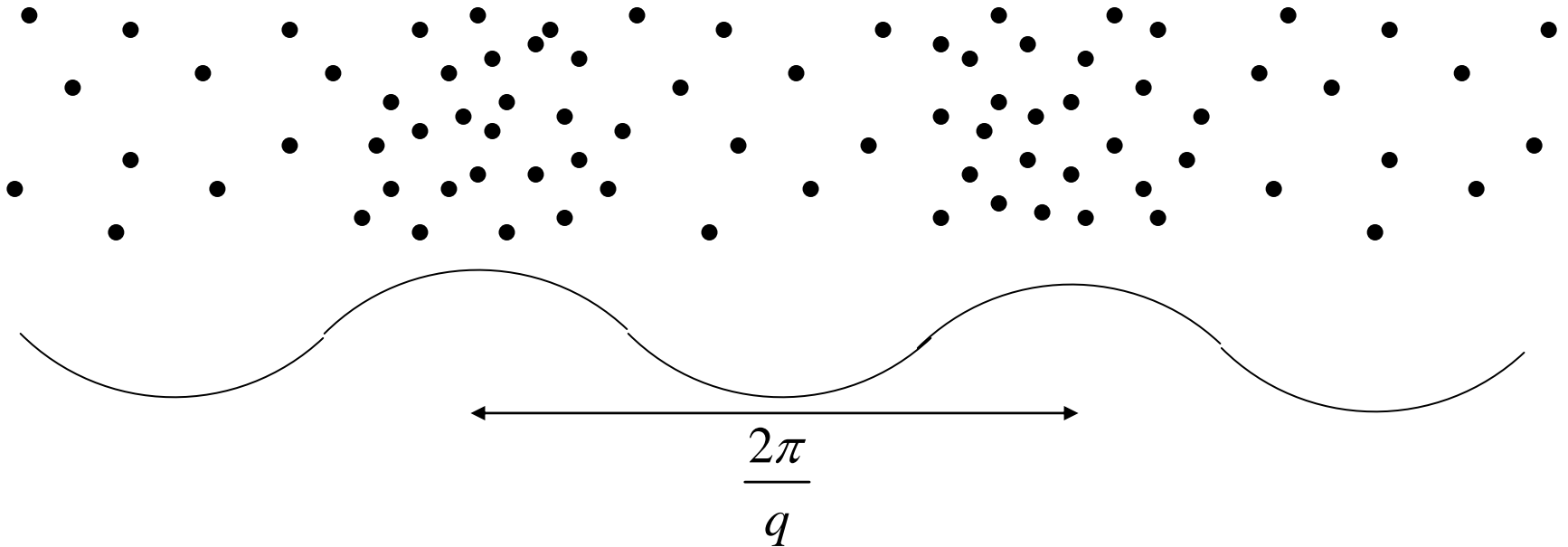
“*dynamic structure factor*”

Let's again write:  $g_I(\tau) = \langle I \rangle^2 \left[ 1 + \exp(-2q^2 D_c(q,t)t) \right]$

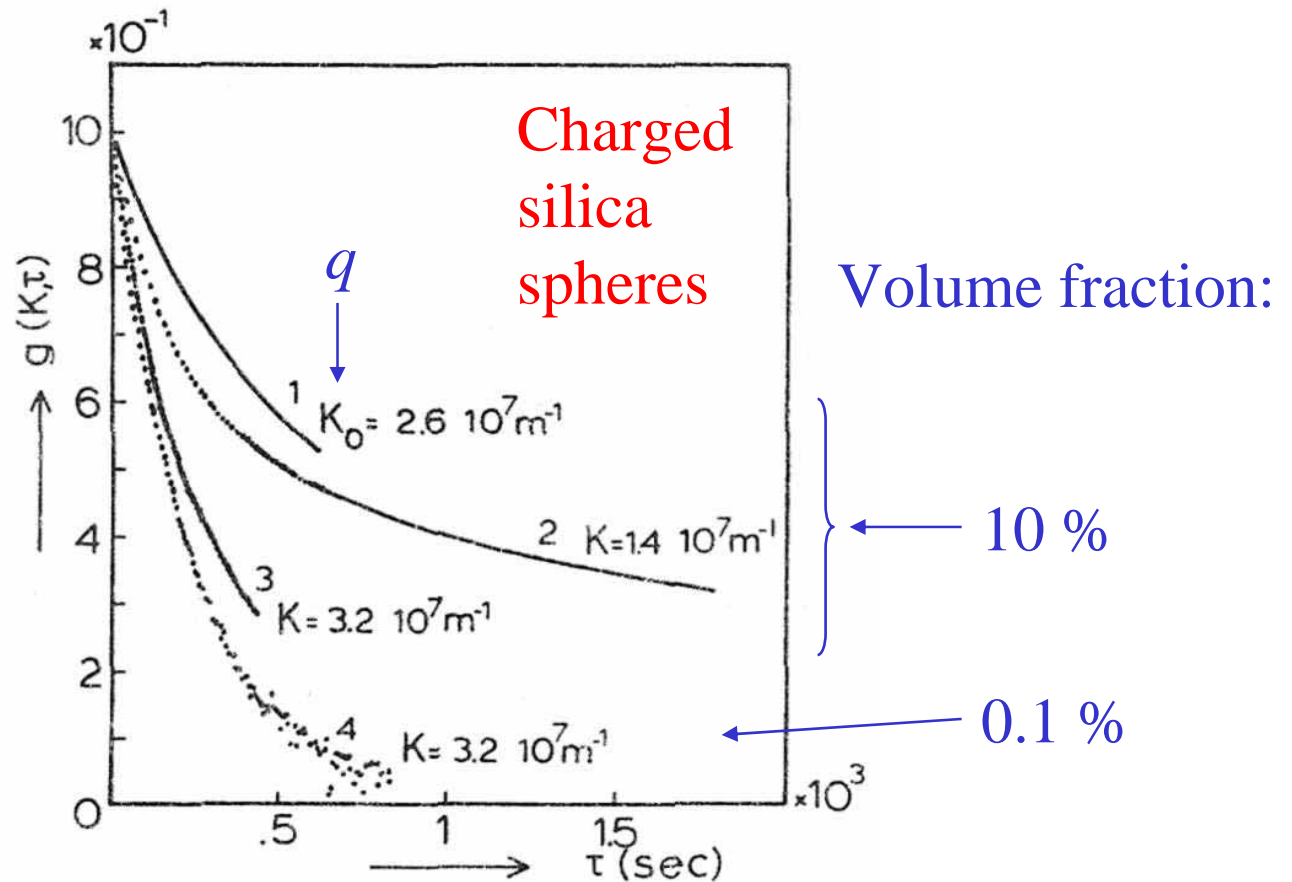


Definition of  $D_c(q,t)$   
(“collective diffusion coeff.”)

Interpretation: *decay of density fluctuations*

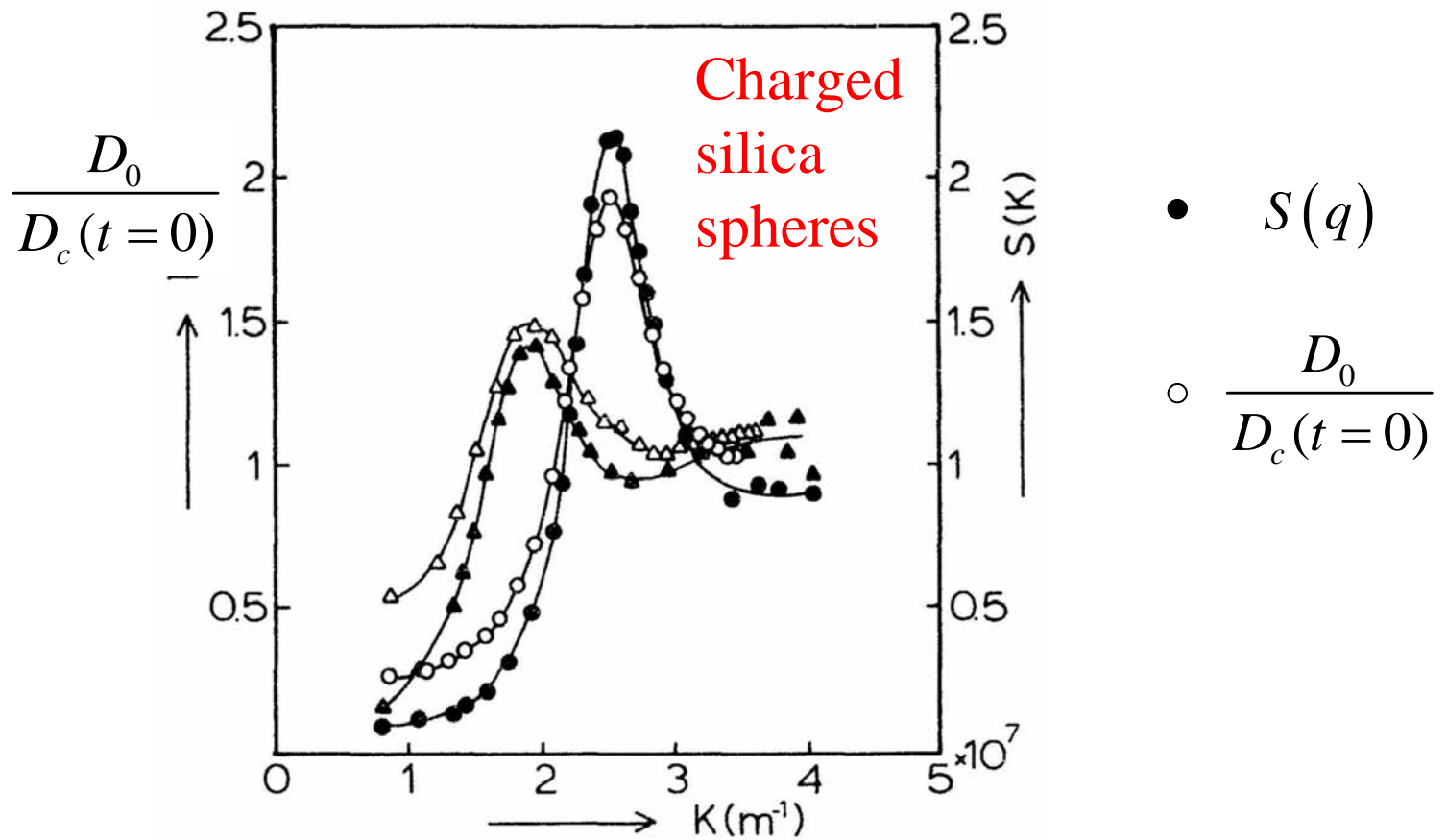


# Time dependence: no longer pure exponential



longer times  $\rightarrow$  slower motion  $\rightarrow$  particles collide

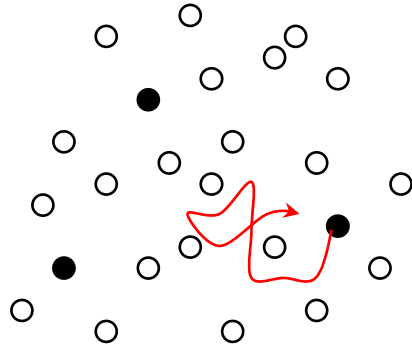
**q-dependence:** no longer pure  $q_2$



$1/D_c(t=0)$  looks like  $S(q)$



# Self-diffusion



Diffusion of  
“*tracer particles*”

$$g_E(\tau) = \langle I \rangle \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j,k=1}^N \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot [\mathbf{r}_j(0) - \mathbf{r}_k(\tau)]) \right\rangle \quad (\text{Sum over tracers})$$

$$= \langle I \rangle \langle \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{r}(\tau)) \rangle$$

$$= \langle I \rangle \exp(-q^2 D_s(t) t)$$

Tracers are independent:  
only terms  $j=k$  survive

↑  
Definition of  $D_s(t)$     no  $q$ -dependence

(*self-diffusion coefficient*)

# Measuring mean-square displacements

