



# Introduction to Pair Distribution Function

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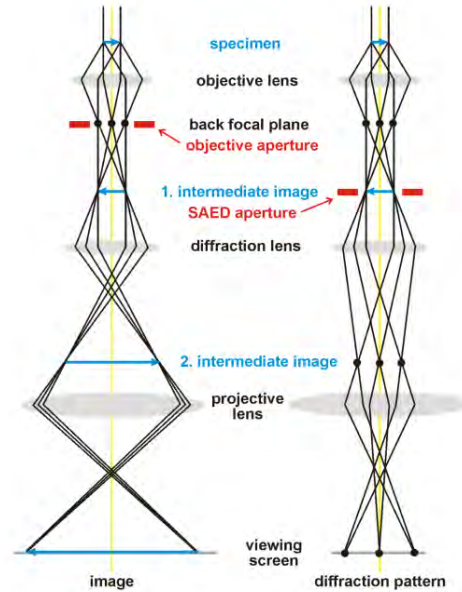
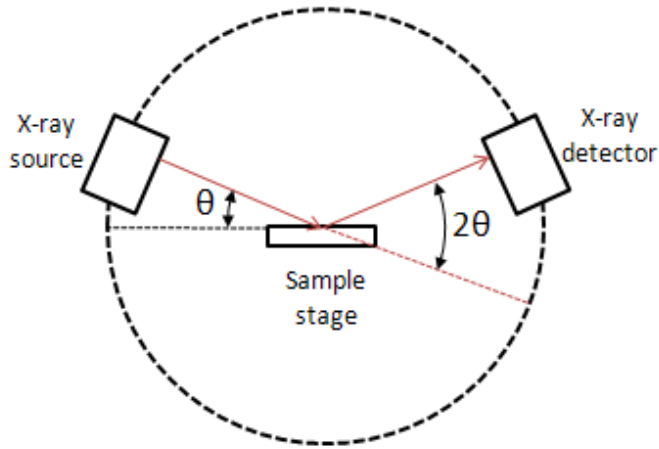


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# Vocabulary

- $S(Q)$  - Structure Function
- $F(Q)$  - Reduced Structure Function
- $G(r)$  - Reduced pair distribution function
- $g(r)$  - Pair distribution function

# Specimen $\longrightarrow$ Pattern



$$F_{hkl} = \sum_{j=1}^n f_j e^{2\pi i[hx+ky+lz]}$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) \propto |F_{hkl}|^2$$

$$I_{obs} = I_0 N \Delta\Omega \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)$$

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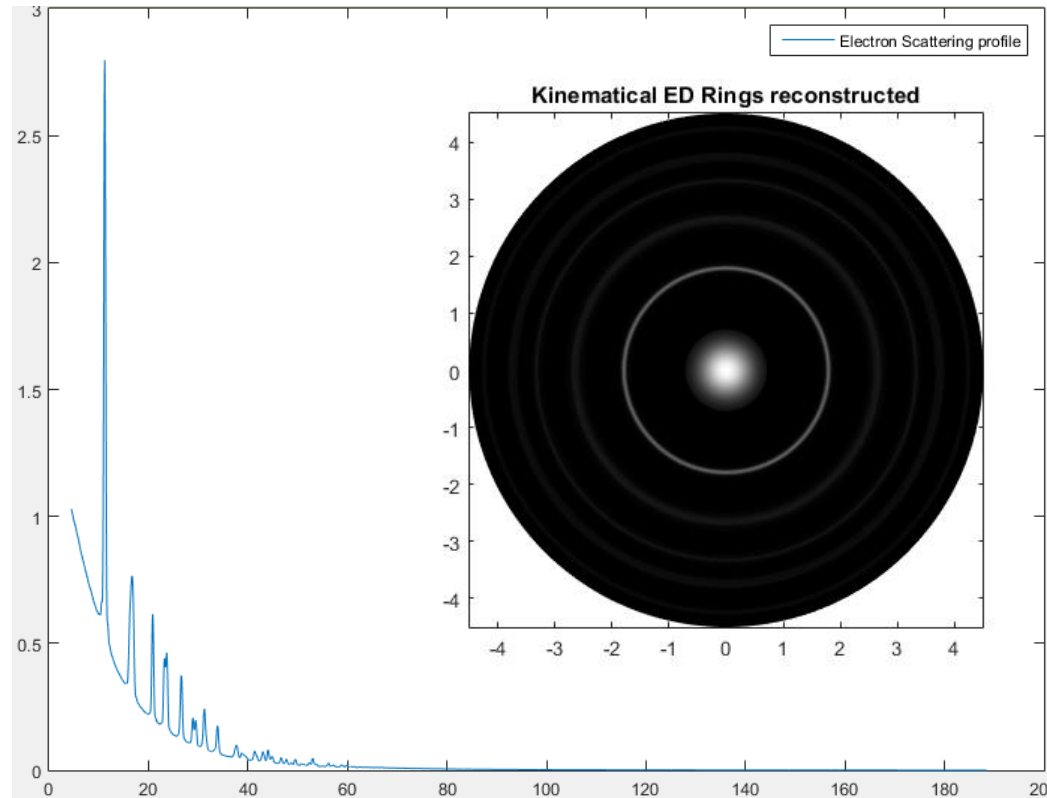
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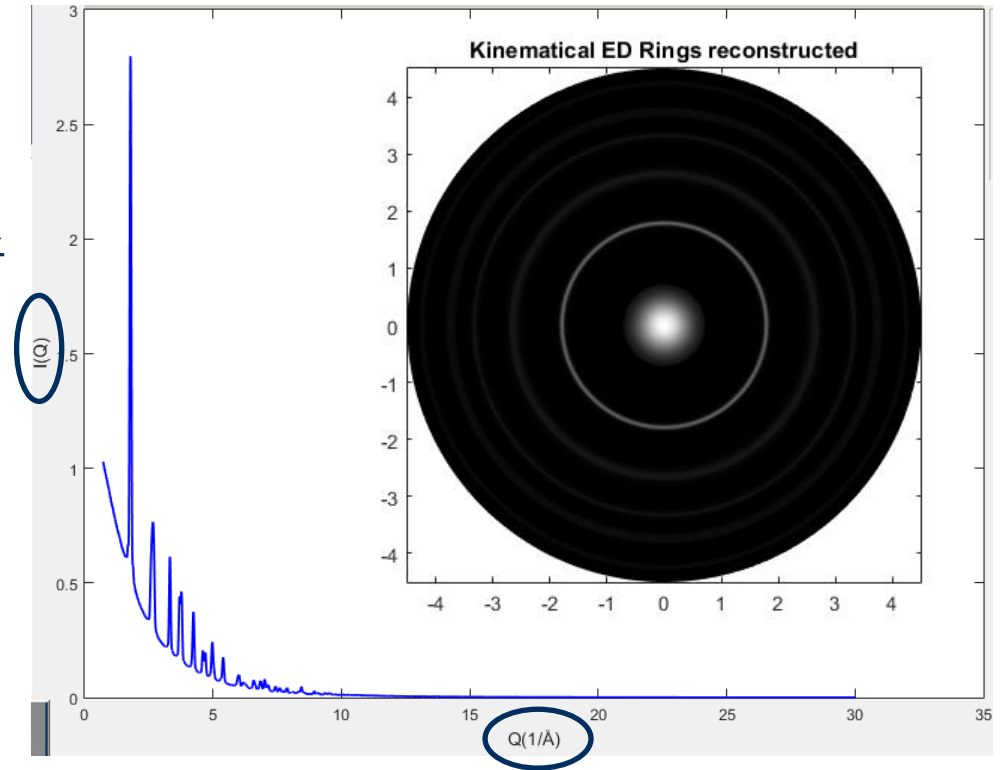
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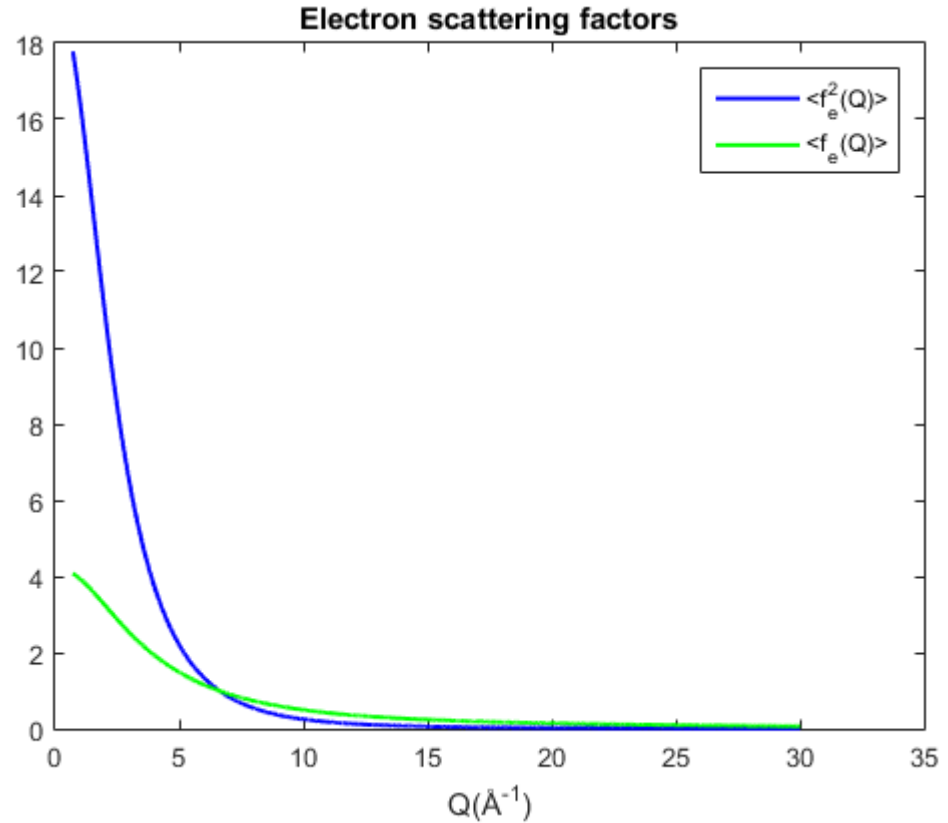
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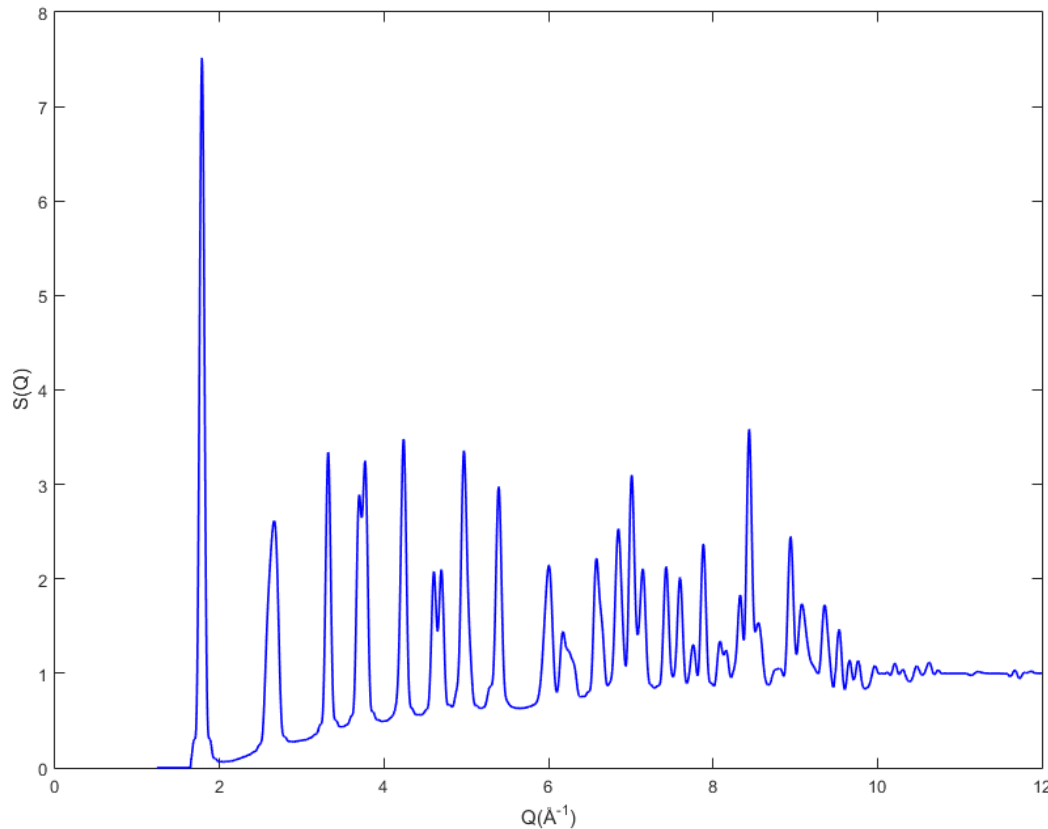
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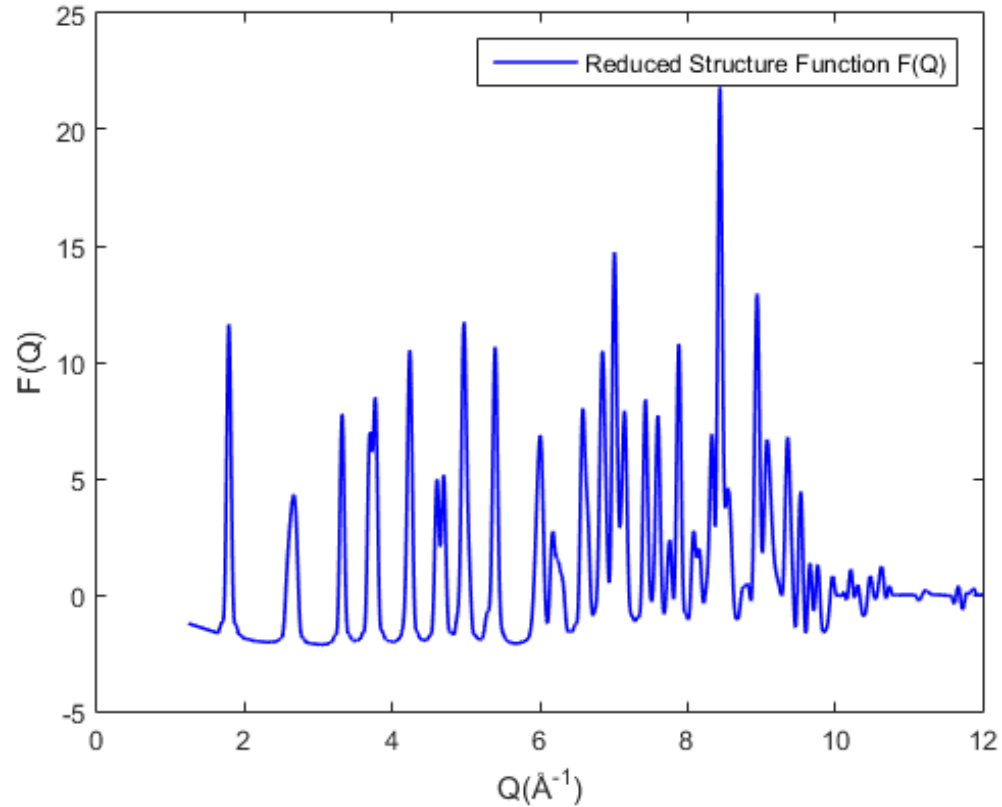
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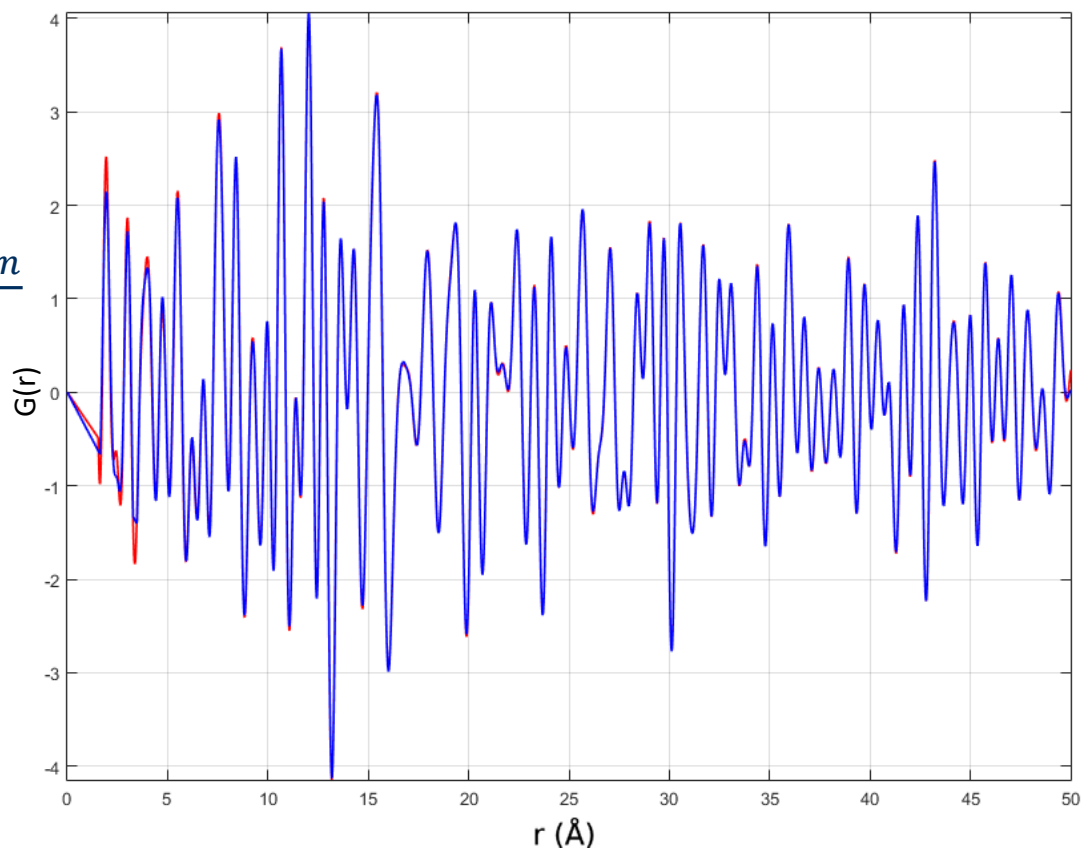
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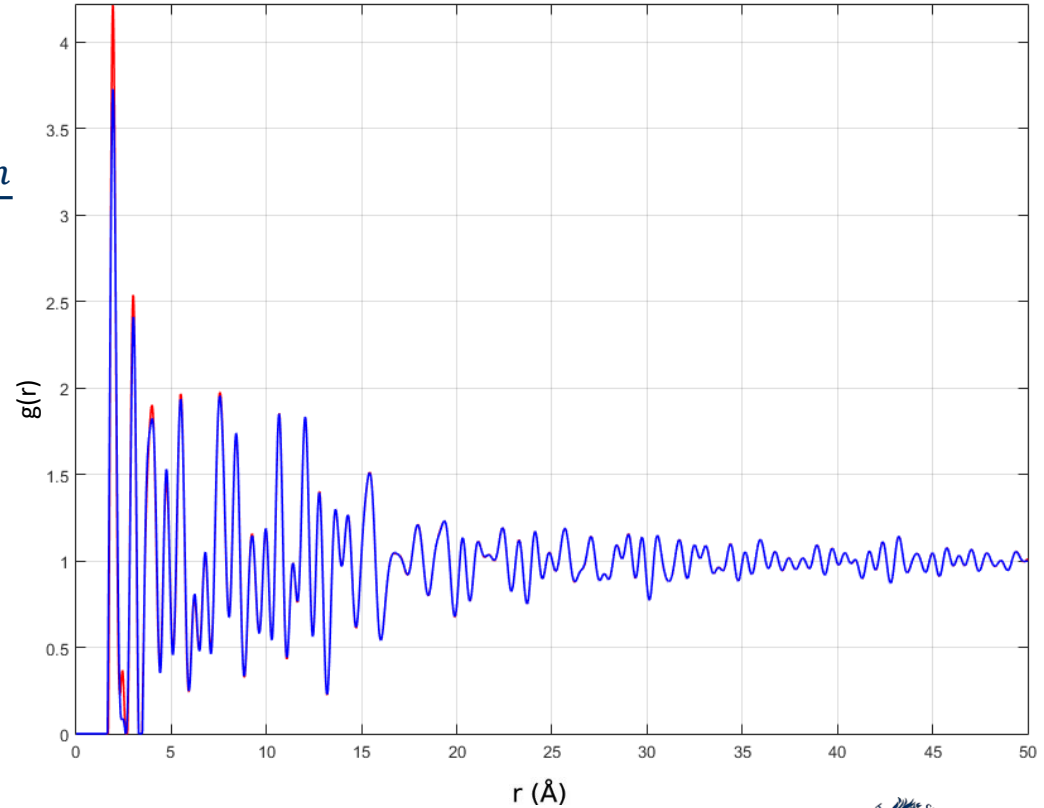
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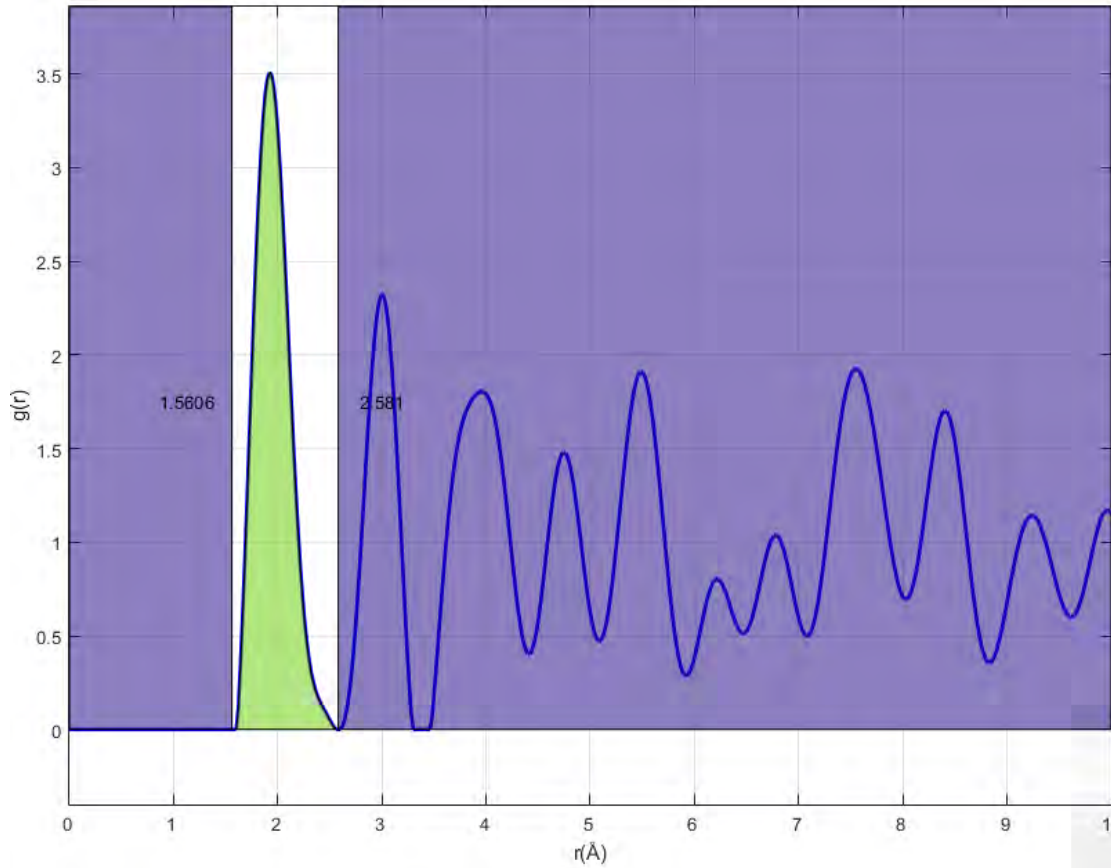
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$$\begin{aligned} N_{\text{Coord}} &= \int_{r_1}^{r_2} R(r) dr \\ &= \int_{r_1}^{r_2} 4\pi\rho_0 r^2 g(r) dr \end{aligned}$$

# Summary

- PDF – “FT of scattering intensity”
- No Phase
- Interatomic distances/bond lengths
- Disorder
- Coordination number
- Particle size

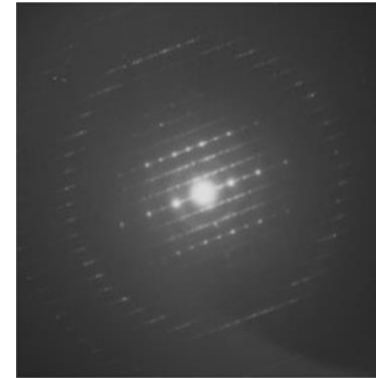
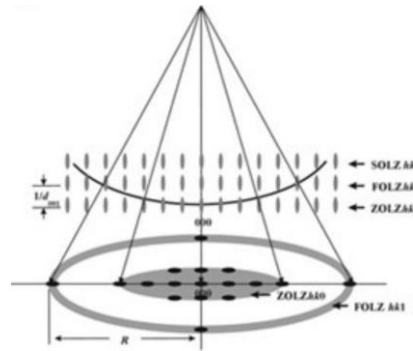
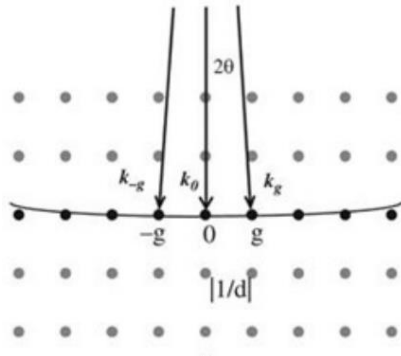
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**Thank you for the  
attention!**

# Few notes

- Electron scattering factors - softwares
- Calibration according to known distance
- Subtract background
- Correct  $S(Q)$  tail (oscillation around 1)
- Nanoparticle form factor (in the softwares for simple ones) – bulk: unity

# Sample $\longrightarrow$ Pattern



- $g - 0 = \mathbf{Q}$  (scattering vector)

Zou, Xiaodong. - Electron crystallography : electron microscopy and electron diffraction / Xiaodong Zou, Sven Hovmöller, Peter Oleynikov. - 2011. - ISBN: 978-0-19-958020-0

# Non Math

- $f(r; Q_{min}) = \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right) \int_{Q_{min}}^{\infty} F(Q) \sin(Qr) dQ;$
- $f(r; Q_{min}) = 4\pi r \rho(r) - \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right) \int_0^{Q_{min}} F(Q) \sin(Qr) dQ;$
- $f(r; Q_{min}) = 4\pi r \rho(r) - L(r); \quad L(r) = 4\pi r \rho_0 \gamma_0(r); \quad \gamma_0(r) = \left(\frac{1}{V}\right) \int s(r') s(r' + r) dr'$
- $f(r; Q_{min}) = G'(r) = 4\pi r [\rho_{obj.} - \rho_0 \gamma_0(r)] \rightarrow$  generalized reduced PDF
  - $F(Q) = Q[S(Q) - 1]$
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- *sdfs*
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  - $\left(\frac{R(r)}{r} = \left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right) \int_0^{\infty} F(Q) \sin(Qr) dQ\right)$



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- Intensity observed
- $I_T = I_C + I_{IC} + I_{MC} + I_{BG}$ 
  - Coherent + incoherent + multiple + background
  - Correct for secondary reffects
  - Num reproduce normalized intensity using a struct. Model
    - It is like fitting (kind of)

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