

Sketchnote summary of “50 years of neutron backscattering”

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Abstract. A celebration to commemorate 50 years of neutron backscattering spectroscopy was held in Garching September 2–3, 2016. This event was marked with a series of exciting and informative presentations by practitioners of backscattering spectroscopy from around the world. This sketchnote summary presents highlights in visual form from the following topical sessions: *Historical Talks on Neutron Backscattering*, *Innovations in Backscattering*, and *Major Sciences Fields tackled with Backscattering*. This sketchnote is not meant to be a concise summary of the presentations but merely to include impressions, highlights, an important quote, something amusing and/or memorable, or anything that gives a small flavor of the presentation.

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ANTON HEIDEMANN

BACKSCATTERING SPECTROSCOPY: HOW IT ALL BEGAN EXACTLY 50 YEARS AGO

ALFELD IS THE FATHER OF BACKSCATTERING SPECTROSCOPY.

MANFRED AND MYSELF... CONSIDER OURSELVES LUCKY GUYS WHO PARTICIPATED IN OPENING A NEW FIELD. THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN VERY FREQUENTLY TO THESE STUDENTS.

"THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW METHOD, WHENEVER ITS PRECISION, SENSITIVITY OR RESOLUTION IS MUCH BETTER THAN EVERYTHING THAT EXISTED IN THIS FIELD BEFORE, CREATES NEW PHYSICS."
- HEINRICH MAIER-LEIBNITZ

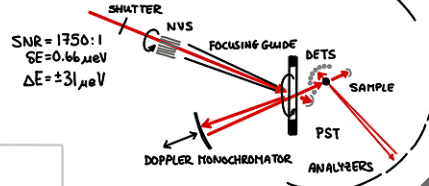
BIRR HEIDEMANN

JOACHIM WUTKE

SPHERES: THE SPECTROMETER FOR HIGH ENERGY RESOLUTION AT FRM II

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL PRAGER (1945-2008)

CATASTROPHIC FAILURE OF PST WHEN SPINNING UP TO 300 M/S | NOW PST SPINS AT X-TAL SPEED OF 225 M/S



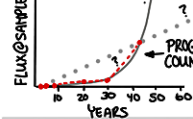
SNR = 1750:1
SE = 0.66 μeV
ΔE = ± 31 μeV

ANDREAS MAGERL

THE PATHWAY OF NEUTRON BACKSCATTERING: FROM GARCHING TO GRENoble

JOINED ILL BSS GROUP

LEARNED ROTATIONAL TUNNELING FROM NIST'S NORM BERK



COLIN CARLIE

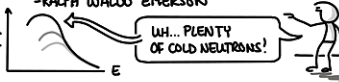
BACKSCATTERING ON PULSED SOURCES: A PERSONAL ACCOUNT

... BUT THERE ARE NO COLD NEUTRONS ON PULSED SOURCES!



"IF A MAN CAN WRITE A BETTER BOOK, PREACH A BETTER SERMON, OR MAKE A BETTER MOUSETRAP THAN HIS NEIGHBOR, THOUGH HE BUILDS HIS HOUSE IN THE WOODS, THE WORLD WILL MAKE A BEATEN PATH TO HIS DOOR."
- RALPH WALDO EMERSON

IRIS@ISIS "IN0 ON END OF A LONG GUIDE"
"Backscatter Kindness"



KAORU SHIBATA

A TIME-OF-FLIGHT TYPE NEAR-BACKSCATTERING SPECTROMETER DNA IN J-PARC

NEAR BACKSCATTERING TOF W/Si ANALYZER SPRING 2012 - AVAILABLE

ANALYZER 16 Si111 10 UNITS + 11 Si 311 UNITS ≈ 2014

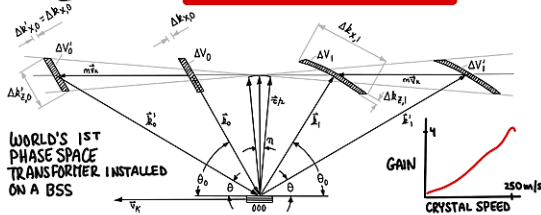
ΔE (μeV) 1.6, 2.4, 3.5
ΔQ (Å⁻¹) < 1.92

ΔE (μeV) 12
ΔQ (Å⁻¹) < 3.79

SNR > 10⁵

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NEUTRON BACKSCATTERING AT NIST



WORLD'S 1ST PHASE SPACE TRANSFORMER INSTALLED ON A BSS

KEN HERWIG

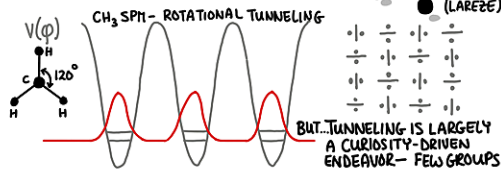
THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SNS NEAR-BACKSCATTERING SPECTROMETER BASIS



WERNER PRESS

HISTORY < 50 Y: ROTATIONAL TUNNELING WITH HIGH RESOLUTION NEUTRON SCATTERING

PEOPLE ARE AS IMPORTANT AS SPECTRA!
ALFELD, PRAGER, MORRISON, HEIDEMANN, CLOUGH, HUELLER, YAMAMOTO, ...



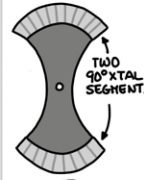
BUT... TUNNELING IS LARGELY A CURIOSITY-DRIVEN ENDEAVOR - FEW GROUPS

BERNHARD FRICK

A PERFORMANCE BOOST FOR REACTOR BACKSCATTERING - IN16B AT ILL

OLD IN16 - 336 PUBS / 18 YEARS
1999 - BEGAN LOBBYING FOR PST
2007 - GREEN LIGHT FOR PST

$$IN16B = 16 \times IN16$$

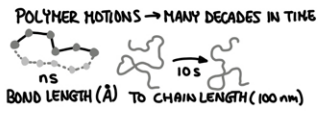


PST - THE HEART OF IN16B

GAIN ~ 2.1-2.5
SAMPLE ~ 3.8×10^5 n/cm/s
ANALYZER X-TALS (Si111)
COATED ON BACKSIDE w/ Gd_2O_3
 Q_{MAX} (Si 311) ~ 3.7 \AA^{-1}
SE (Si 311) ~ 1.9 μ eV
SE (Si 111) ~ 0.7 μ eV

VALERIA ARRIGHI

USING BACKSCATTERING TO STUDY DYNAMICS OF SOFT MATTER AND COMPLEX SYSTEMS



EARLY QENS

EXTRACTED LINEWIDTHS DEPENDED ON RESOLUTION AND DYNAMIC RANGE LEADS TO INAPPROPRIATE MODELING

USE DISTRIBUTION OF ROTATIONAL FREQUENCIES - NOT JUST ONE

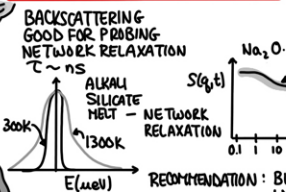


KIND OF GAUSSIAN DISTRIBUTION HETEROGENEITY MATTERS!

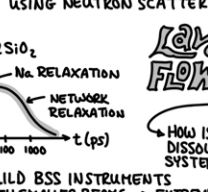


ANDREAS MEYER

INTRINSIC PROTON DYNAMICS IN HYDROUS SILICATE MELTS AS SEEN BY QENS AT ELEVATED TEMPERATURE AND PRESSURE



WANT TO UNDERSTAND LAVA FLOWS & MELTS ON A MOLECULAR LEVEL USING NEUTRON SCATTERING → QENS

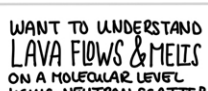


HOW IS WATER DISSOLVED IN SYSTEM? → IN MOLECULAR H_2O & OH GROUPS

NH_3 STORAGE IN METAL HALIDE SALTS
IN $HgCl_2$, NOT ALL NH_3 POSITIONS ARE EQUIVALENT

DEVELOP MATERIALS TO HARVEST, STORE, AND CONVERT ENERGY

COMPUTATIONAL (DFT) AND EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH



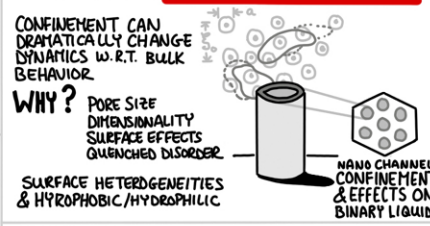
H₂ STORAGE IN BOROHYDRIDES

COMBINING DFT & QENS AIDS INTERPRETATION



DENIS MORINEAU

ON THE CONFINEMENT OF LIQUIDS IN MESOPOROUS HOSTS: RECENT AND LESS RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS FROM NEUTRON STUDIES

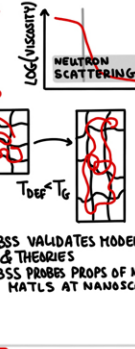


CHRISTINE ALBA-SIMONECO

HOW NEUTRONS PERCEIVE THE FORMATION OF A GLASS, OR, HOW TO BECOME A NEUTRON SCATTERING USER THANKS TO BACKSCATTERING!

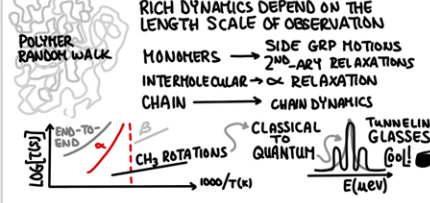


POLYMERS & PLASTICITY
PMMA STRETCHED AT $T < T_g$
ON MONOMER SCALE, PLASTIC DEFORMATION REMAINS
BSS VALIDATES MODELS & THEORIES BSS PROBES PROPS OF NEW MATLS AT NANOSCALE



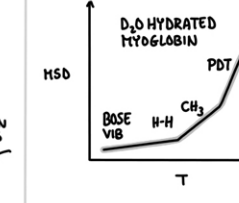
ARANTYA ARBE

POLYMER DYNAMICS: HIGHLIGHTS FROM NEUTRON BACKSCATTERING



WOLFGANG DOSTER

THE PROTEIN DYNAMICAL TRANSITION FROM BACKSCATTERING DISPLACEMENTS



APPLICATION OF BSS TO MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
PDT IS A WATER (SOLVENT) TRANSITION - MUST CHANGE WATER AMT TO SEE IT
PROTEIN DYNAMICS & FUNCTION 2 MAJOR COMPONENTS

PROTEIN DYNAMICAL TRANSITION | PDT
INTERNAL ROT TRANSITIONS OF SIDE CHAINS, CH₃ INDEP OF PROTEIN ENV. & VISCOSITY
SOLVENT VISCOSITY DEPENDENT DISPLACEMENTS COUPLED TO TRANS DIFFUSION OF HYDRATION WATER