



Real-space local 3D structure of disordered matter from fluctuation diffraction



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• Background: disordered matter and pair-distribution analysis

• Extracting real-space angular distributions from diffraction data of disordered matter

• Early experimental results



We live in a disordered world!



Metallic glass



Metallic glass ceiling may be smashed with improved technique to treat contaminated water

Amorphous Materials

Glassy carbon (High T crucibles; electrochemistry)



Liquids







Airborne particles (soot) (pollution/respiratory health)



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SAXS and the Pair-distribution function [g(r)]



Fluctuation diffraction

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3D analysis of intensity correlations





Step 1 - obtain $B_l(q, q')$ by numerical inversion

$$\int d\theta \langle I(q,\theta) I(q',\theta+\Delta\theta) \rangle = \sum_{l} \frac{1}{4\pi} P_l \left(\frac{\boldsymbol{q} \cdot \boldsymbol{q}'}{|\boldsymbol{q}||\boldsymbol{q}'|} \right) B_l(q,q')$$

• P_l : Legendre polynomials

Step 2 – transform to real space with a spherical Bessel transform

$$S_{q'r'} \left[S_{qr} \left[B_l(q,q') \right] \right] = B_l(r,r') \qquad \hat{S}_{qr} \left[f(q) \right] = 4\pi \int_0^{q_{\text{max}}} f(q) j_l(2\pi qr) q^2 dq$$

Step 3 – recover angular dependence

$$\Theta(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}',\theta) \equiv 2\pi N_{\rm a} \sum_{l} P_{l}(\cos\theta) \langle B_{l}^{\alpha}(\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}') \rangle_{\alpha}$$
$$= \int \int N_{\rm a} \langle g^{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}) g^{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}') \rangle_{\alpha} \delta\left(\cos\theta - \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r}||\mathbf{r}'|}\right) \mathrm{d}\Omega_{r} \mathrm{d}\Omega_{r'},$$



Molecular dynamics : Nickel





Radial correlations





Resolution filter

At the highest radial resolution, angular resolution is poor.





Sources of noise: shot-noise, diffraction from uncorrelated atoms, background scattering.





XFEL pulses are generated by positive feedback between an electron beam and spontaneously emitted undulator radiation.

Highly intense: up to **10²⁰ W cm⁻²**

Ultrafast: 5 – 100 fs pulse duration

High resolution: **0.1 nm – 40 nm** wavelength

Highly coherent

High repetition rates: up to **100 Hz - 27000Hz**





Serial XFEL data collection



Chapman, et al. *Nature* **470**, 73 (2011)





Data from Loh et al. Nature (2012) 486, 513.

(D = diameter)



Simulated sphere clusters







160

180



Nano sphere clusters measured at LCLS

Data from Loh et al. Nature (2012) 486, 513.







Turkey (1LJN) vs Hen (1vds) Lysozyme differ by a few residues



Full protein structure : >10¹³ photons @ LCLS; 10:1 water:protein (Kirian et al.) Not currently feasible (?)

Angular SAXS: >10¹⁰ photons

 $l_{max} = 12$ 10:1 H₂O:GroEL 20 12 10 = r' (nm) 60 10¹⁰ photons 80 100 120 0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160 180 θ (degrees)

Currently feasible with an XFEL

10k protein

molecules

Beam width:

100 nm



Transient electronic structure in C₆₀ crystals



Abbey et al. Sci. Adv. 2016; 2 : e1601186



C₆₀ 100% XFEL data

"Fluctuation powder diffraction"





10% vs 100% XFEL power





Future application: Lipidic cubic phase

With Peter, Berntsen, Connie Darmanin (La Trobe), Charlotte Conn, Tamar Greaves (RMIT)







+ Dopamine 2 receptor (D2L) Note: lattice is disrupted

Doped LCP Buffer SAXS Australian Synchrotron *Note: angular structure!*



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Electrons:

amorphous solids

Synchrotrons:

nano-scale disorder, soft matter

X-ray free-electron lasers:

Liquids, proteins