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LIQUID METALS - STRUCTURE

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Long-wavelength structure factors

From electroneutrality in liquid metal (as "alloy" of ions and electrons):

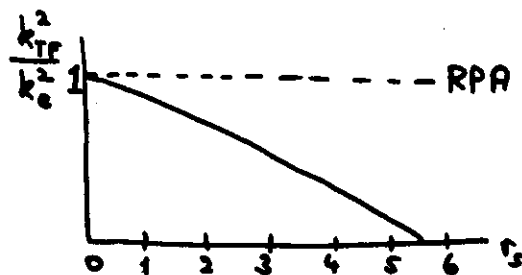
$$\begin{cases} -Ze = Ze \int d\mathbf{r} n_i g(r) - e \int d\mathbf{r} n_e g_{ie}(r) \\ +e = -e \int d\mathbf{r} n_e g_{ee}(r) + Ze \int d\mathbf{r} n_i g_{ie}(r) \end{cases}$$

(Stillinger and Lovett 1968, Watake and Hanganawa 1973, Chihara 1973)

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lim_{k \rightarrow 0} \left[Z^{-1/2} S_{ei}(k) = Z^{-1} S_{ee}(k) = S(k) \right] \\ = n_i k_B T K_T \end{aligned}$$

Compressibility of liquid alkalis by long-waves method ($k \rightarrow 0$)

$$\epsilon(k) \rightarrow 1 + \frac{k_e^2}{k^2} \quad k_e^2 \propto K_e$$



$$\epsilon_{ocp}(k) \rightarrow 1 + \frac{k_i^2}{k^2} \quad k_i^2 \propto K_{ocp}$$

$$\therefore S_{ocp}(k) \rightarrow \frac{k^2/k_D^2}{1 + k^2/k_i^2} \quad k_D^2 = \frac{4\pi p e^2}{k_B T} \text{ (Debye-Hückel)}$$

k_i^2 strongly negative (strong ion-ion coupling!)

$k \rightarrow 0$

$$S(k) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\frac{k_0^2}{k_e^2} + \frac{k_0^2}{k_i^2} + k_0^2 R_c^2}$$

take R_c from phonon curves of solid alkalis

$$-\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial T} \bigg|_P$$

	Na (200°C)	K (64°C)	Rb (39°C)	Li (28°C)
K_T				
th	18.7	39.3	53.1	68.2
expt	19.9-20.8	38.2-41.9	49.5	68.7
$-\frac{\partial \epsilon}{\partial T} \bigg _P$				
th	0.69	0.56	0.40	0.38
expt	0.52	0.53	~0.4	~0.3

For liquid Na at 200°C:

$$S(k) \rightarrow \frac{1}{10 - 60 + 80} = 0.029 \quad (\text{expt. } 0.032)$$

↑
40 in RPA!

LIQUID METAL ALLOYS: THERMODYNAMICS

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \rho(\mathbf{k}, t) &\propto M_1 \rho_1(\mathbf{k}, t) + M_2 \rho_2(\mathbf{k}, t) \\ \chi(\mathbf{k}, t) &\propto \chi_2 \rho_1(\mathbf{k}, t) - \chi_1 \rho_2(\mathbf{k}, t) \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow \text{matrix of structure factors}$$

Kirkwood and Buff (1951): for short range forces, thermodynamic properties of a two-component mixture are related to $\lim_{k \rightarrow 0}$ of structure factors:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} [S_{pp}(k), S_{xx}(k), S_{cp}(k)] \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{\partial \chi}{\partial \rho_i} \right|_{T, V, \rho_j} (\mathbf{r}, \mu_p) \quad (\alpha, \beta: 1, 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow [K_T, \frac{1}{V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial c} \Big|_{T, p}, \frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial c} \Big|_{T, p}]$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} S_{xx}(k) = \frac{(1-\alpha)k_B T}{(\partial \rho_2 / \partial c)_{T, p}}$$

With electroneutrality:

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow 0} [S_{e1}(k) = \left(\frac{n_1}{n_e}\right)^{1/2} Z_1 S_{11}(k) + \left(\frac{n_2}{n_e}\right)^{1/2} Z_2 S_{12}(k)]$$

(Blatt et al (1973))

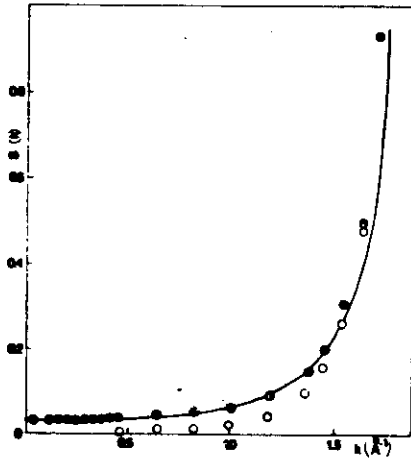


Fig. 99. Structure factor $S(k)$ of liquid sodium at 200°C in the small angle scattering region. The curve reports the X-ray data of A. J. Greenfield et al.³⁴, while the dots show the theoretical results obtained by screening the structure factor of the bare ionic plasma (shown by the circles).

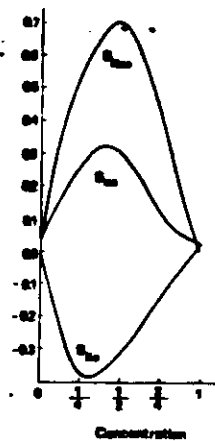
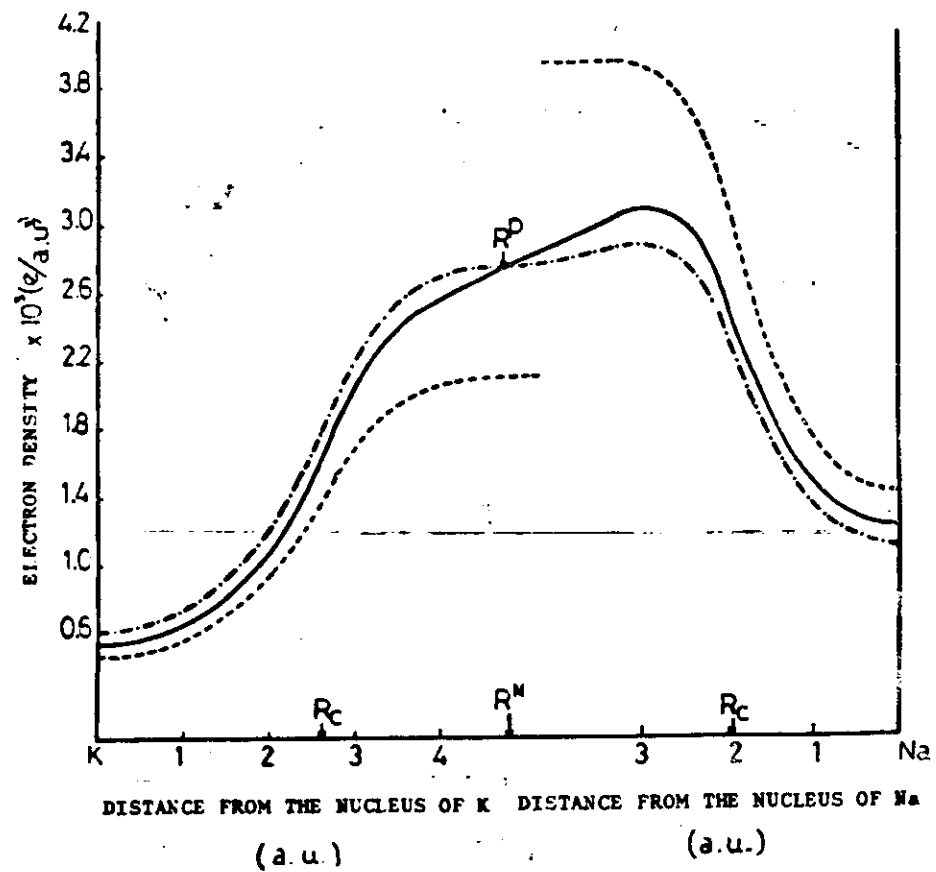


Fig. 66. Electron-ion and electron-electron structure factors versus concentration in a liquid Na-K alloy. From N. H. March et al.¹⁰⁷



Miedema scheme for heat of mixing of alloys

$$\Delta H_{mix}(c) = c(1-c_s) \frac{2U_A^{2/3}}{(n_A^{-1/3} + n_B^{-1/3})} \left[-P(\Delta\phi)^2 + Q(\Delta n^{1/3})^2 \right]$$

empirical numbers

difference in electron densities at boundary of bulk cells

difference in metallic electronegativities

$$c_s = \frac{cU_A^{2/3}}{cU_A^{2/3} + (1-c)U_B^{2/3}}$$

LIQUID STRUCTURE

$$S(k), g(r); \quad c(k), c(r)$$

$$g(r) - 1 \equiv h(r) = \int \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^3 n} [S(k) - 1] e^{ik \cdot r}$$

$$c(k) = 1 - \frac{1}{S(k)}, \quad h(r) = c(r) + n \int d\mathbf{r}' c(|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|) h(\mathbf{r}')$$

random phase (RPA): $c(r) = -\phi(r)/k_B T$ (Debye-Hückel)

mean spherical (MSA): $\begin{cases} c(r) = -\phi(r)/k_B T & (r > \sigma) \\ g(r) = 0 & (r < \sigma) \end{cases}$

Percus-Yevick (PY): $c(r) = g(r) [1 - e^{\phi(r)/k_B T}]$

hypernetted chain (HNC): $g(r) = \exp \left[-\frac{\phi(r)}{k_B T} + h(r) - c(r) \right]$

generalized mean spherical (GMSA)

modified hypernetted chain (MHNC)

optimized random phase (ORPA)

MHNC (Rosenfeld and Ashcroft 1979)

From diagrammatic analysis:

$$g(r) = \exp \left[-\frac{\Phi(r)}{k_B T} + h(r) - c(r) - b(r) \right]$$

$\hookrightarrow g(r) = 1$

HNC sets $b(r) = 0$. "Bridge" graphs:

$$b(r) = \text{bridge diagram} + \dots$$

$\nearrow b^{(u)}(r)$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} n^2 \int d\mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{r}'' h(r') h(r'') h(r'-r'') h(r-r') h(r-r'') + \dots$$

MHNC: estimate $b(r)$ from Percus-Yevick theory of neutral-hard-sphere liquid, with packing fraction η used to force thermodynamic consistency.

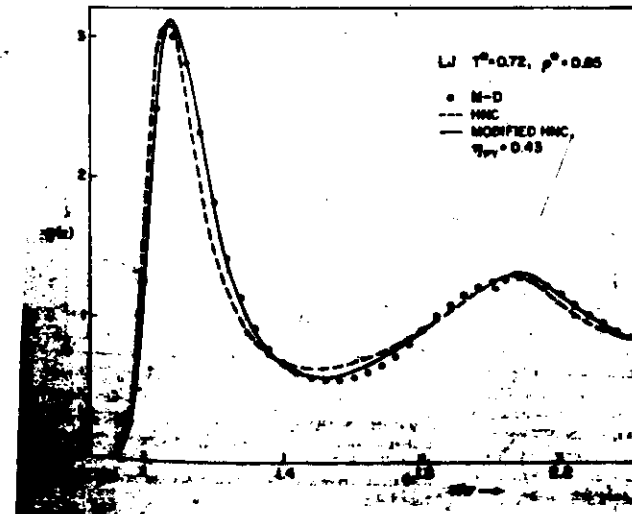


FIG. 14. Radial distribution function for the Lennard-Jones system near the triple point. The molecular dynamics data are from Verlet (Ref. 81).

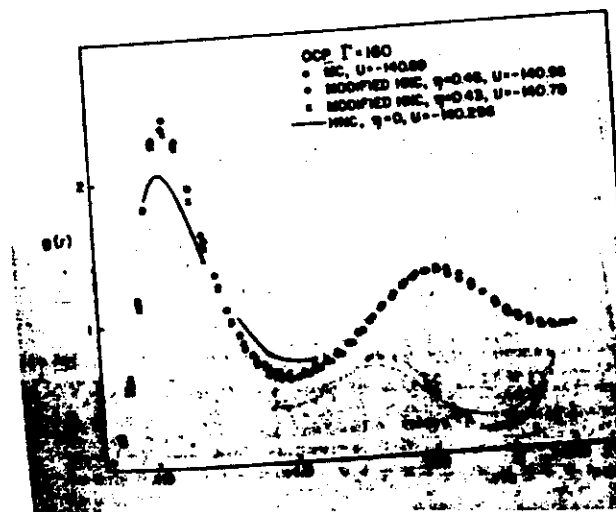


FIG. 15. OCP $g(r)$ at $\Gamma = 180$ (near crystallization). The Monte Carlo $g(r)$ is from Hansen (Ref. 81) (see caption to Fig. 8).

Equimolar mixture of $+e$ and $+2e$ charges on
neutralizing background - $\Gamma = 40$

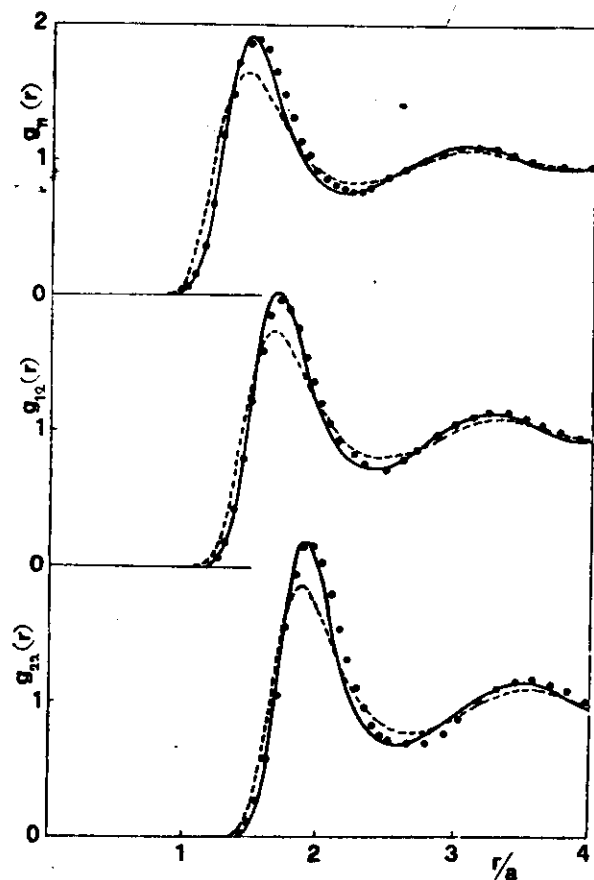


Fig.1

(Ballone et al 1984)

NaCl near freezing (Ballone et al 1984)

— theory
..... simulation (Singer et al 1975)
oooo neutron diffraction (Briggins Enderby 1982)

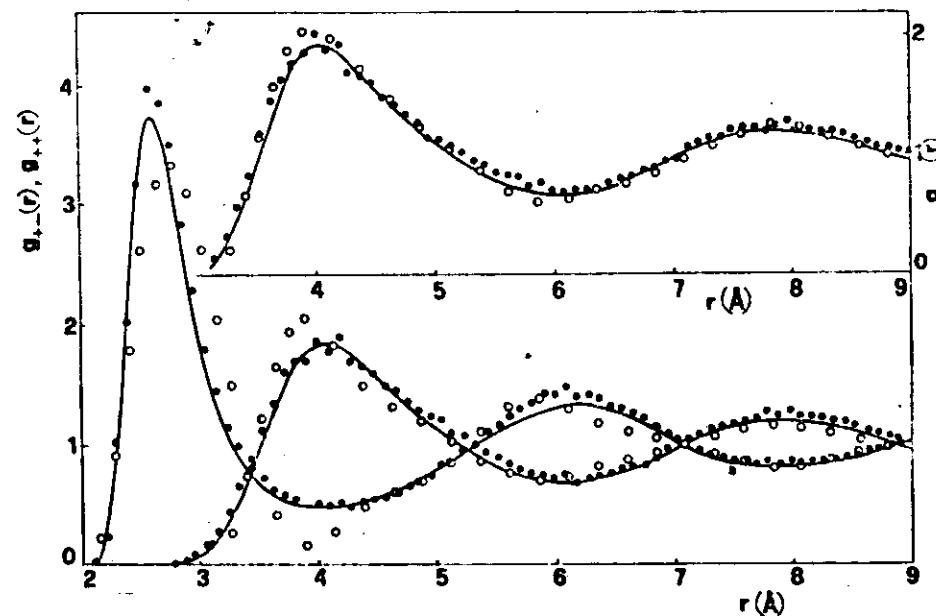


Fig.2

Other recent approaches to classical plasma structure
(strong coupling)

- MHNC variant by Ichimaru et al (1982):
take $b(r) \propto b^{(H)}(r)$ with rescaling

- GMSA (Chelidze et al 1981):

construct $c(r)$ so that

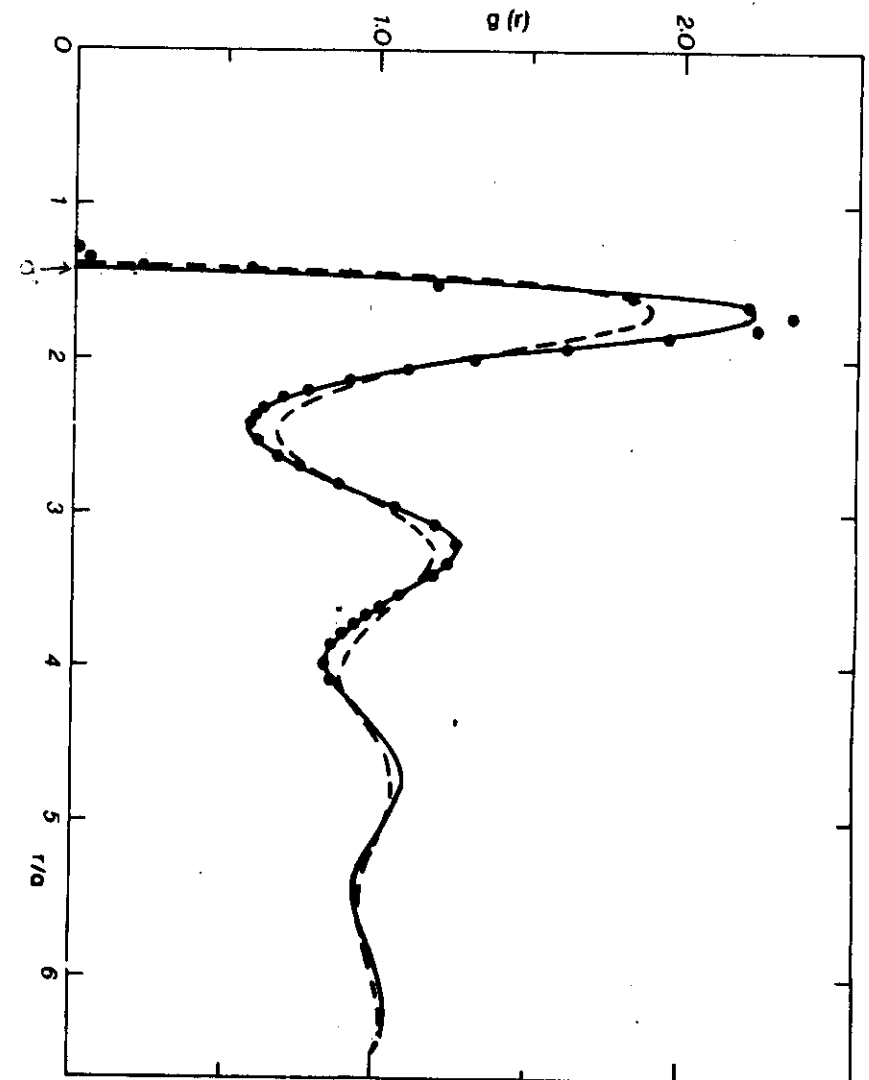
(a) $g(r) \approx 0$ within excluded volume
region ($r < r_0$)

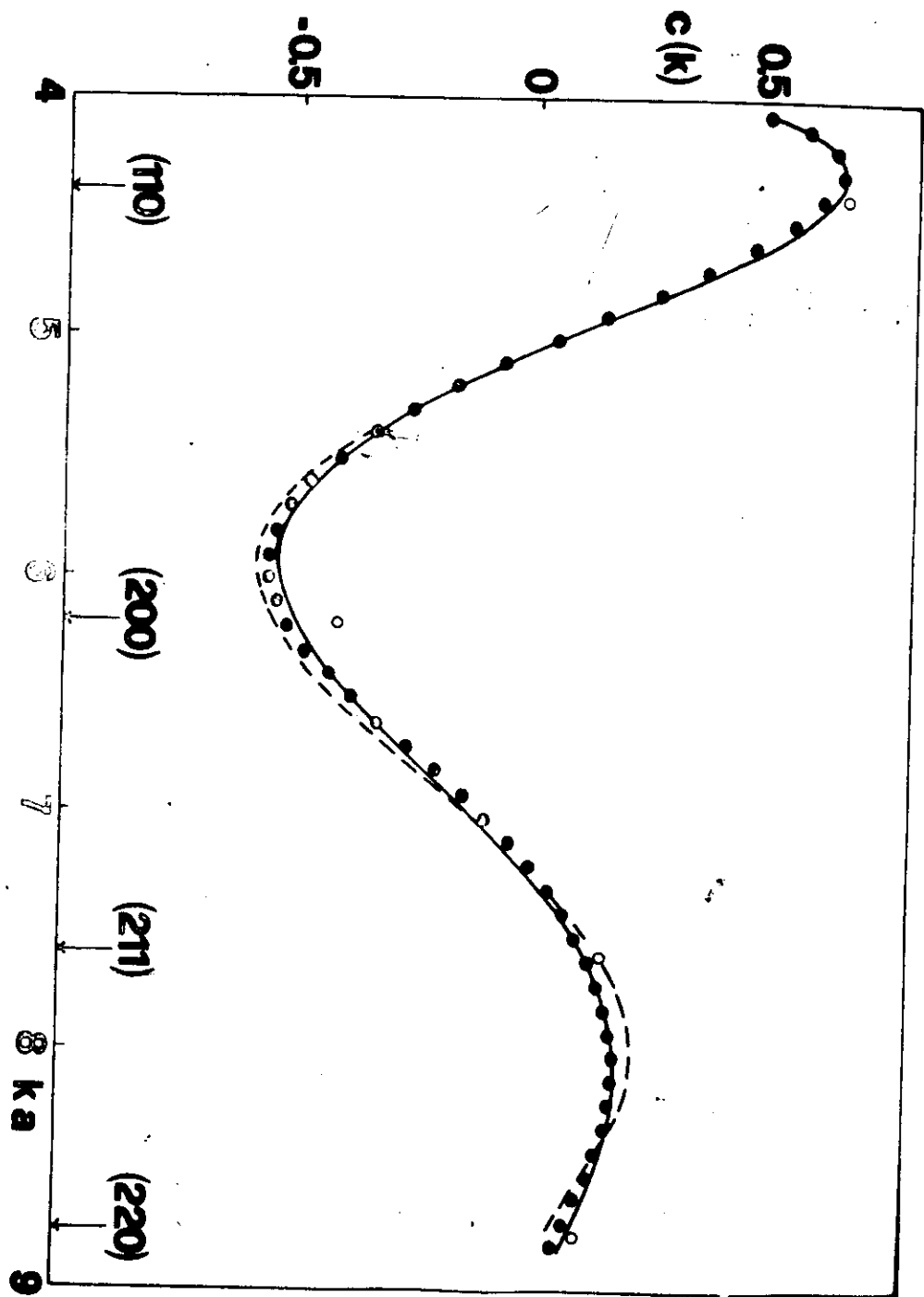
(b) approach smoothly Debye-Hückel limit
 $c(r) \xrightarrow{r \rightarrow \infty} -e^2/rk_B T$

(c) obtain thermodynamic consistency
and equation of state from simulation
data

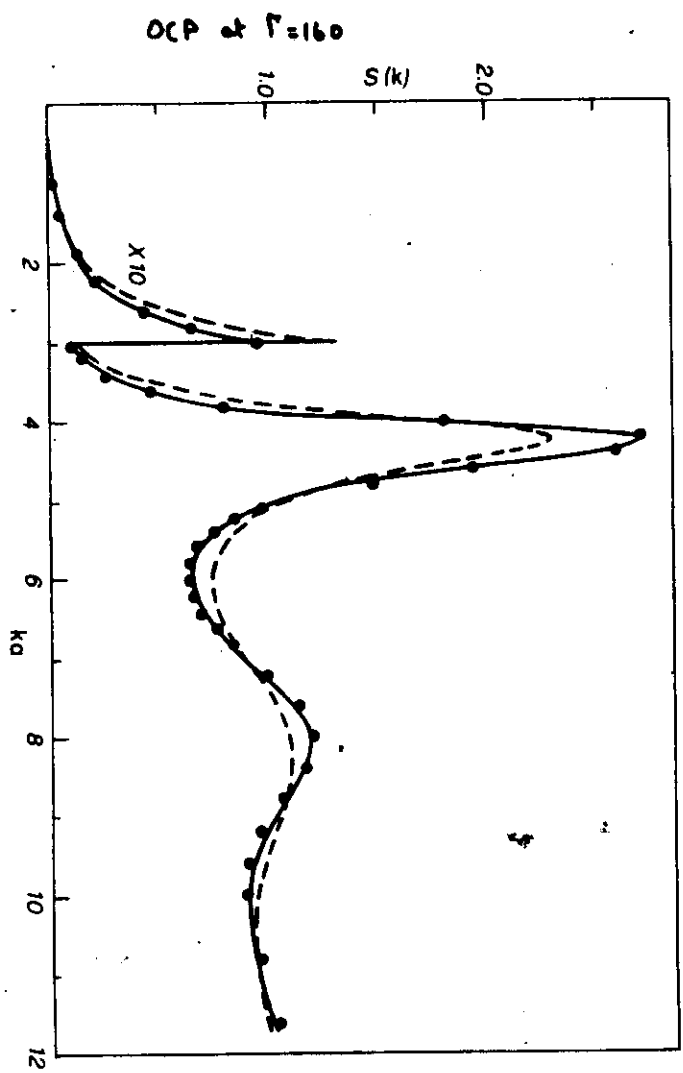
OCP at $\Gamma = 160$

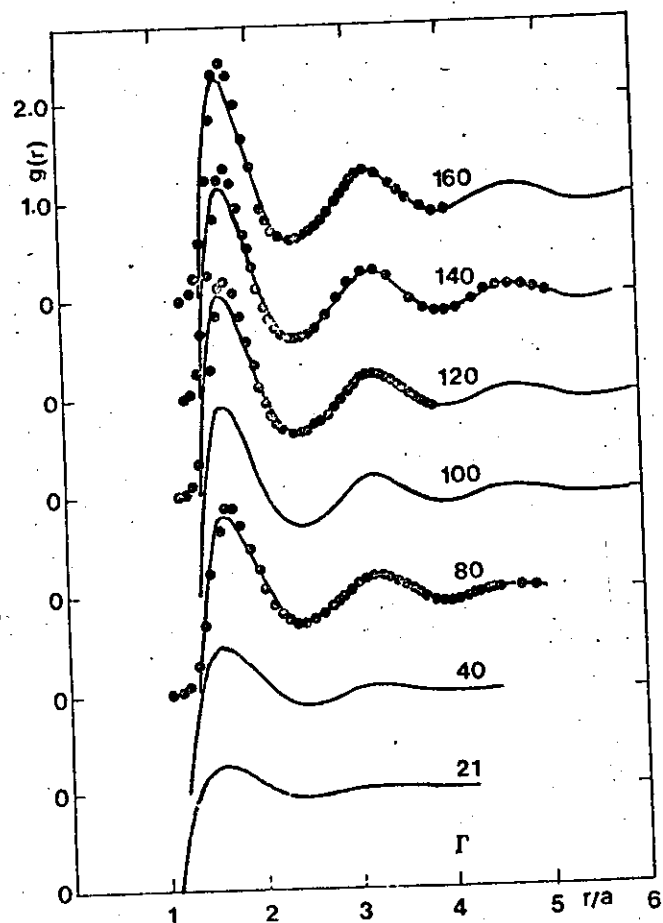
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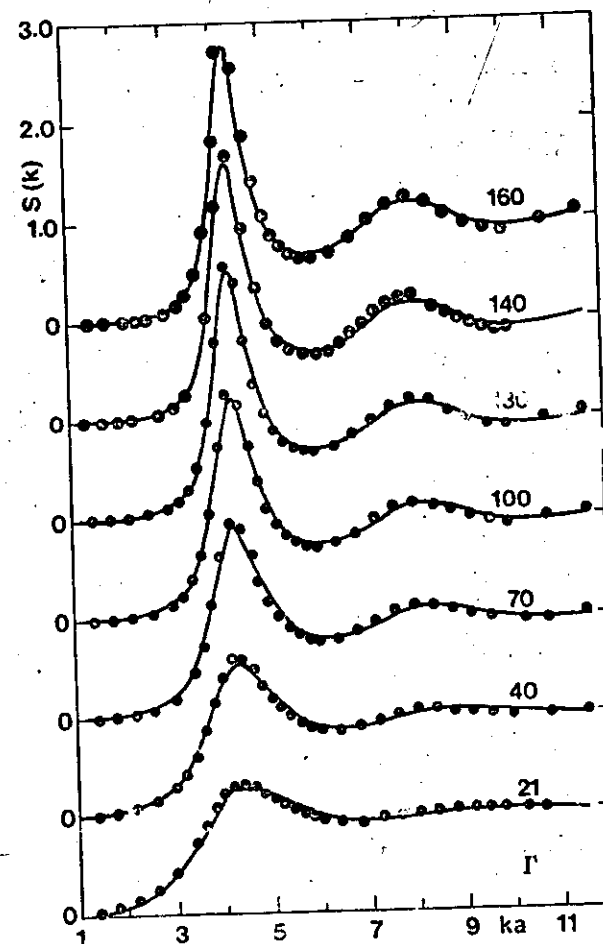




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OCP: comparison between self-consistent HSA
and computer simulation

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$$I(k) = N |f(k)|^2 S(k) \quad k = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin \theta$$

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ORPA for liquid alkali metals (Pastore & Tori 1984)

Chandler, Weeks and Andersen (1971): perturbation theory on hard-sphere reference liquid. ORPA scheme for including attractive potential. Rb (liquid.)

Classical plasma reference for liquid alkalis:

$$\Phi(r) = \frac{e^2}{r} + u(r) \quad u(k) = -\frac{v^2(k)}{4\pi e^2 \epsilon(k)} \left[1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon(k)} \right]$$

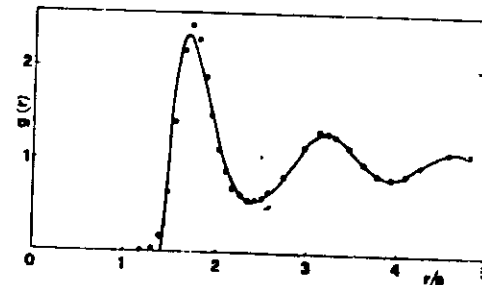
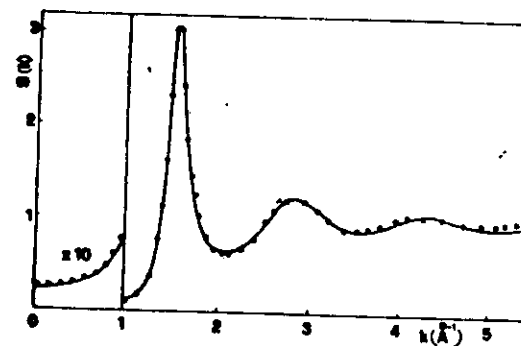
$$\text{RPA: } \epsilon(k) = \epsilon_{\text{OCP}}(k) - \frac{n u(k)}{k_B T}$$

ORPA: replace $u(r)$ by $\bar{u}(r)$ such that

$$(a) \quad \bar{u}(r) = u(r) \quad \text{for } r > \sigma$$

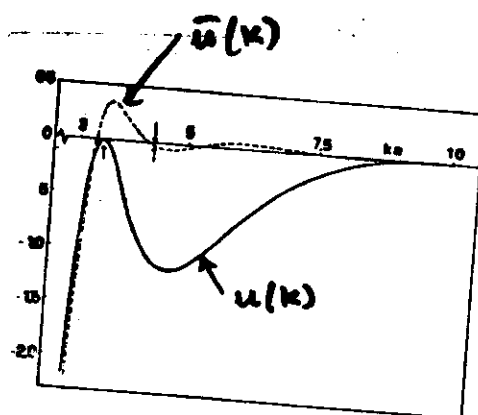
$$(b) \quad g(r) = 0 \quad \text{for } r < \sigma$$

(b) is equivalent to variational condition on RPA free energy.



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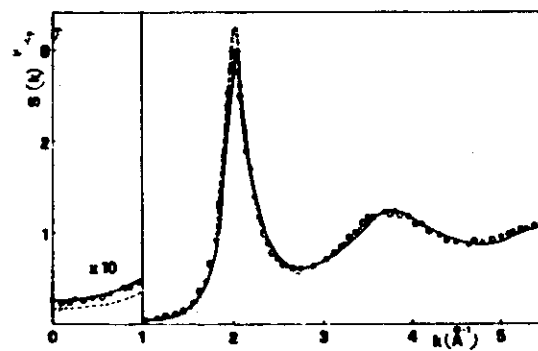
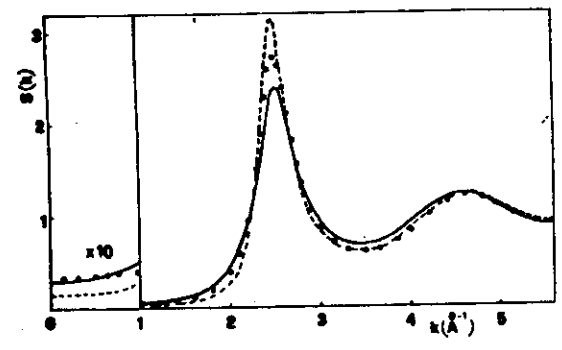
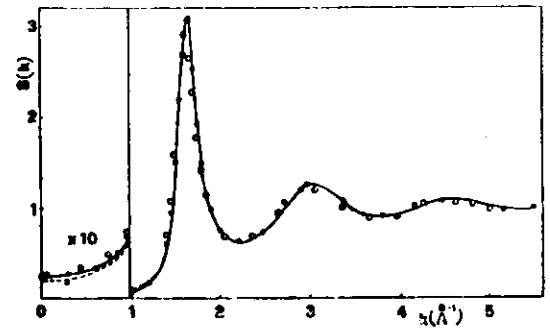


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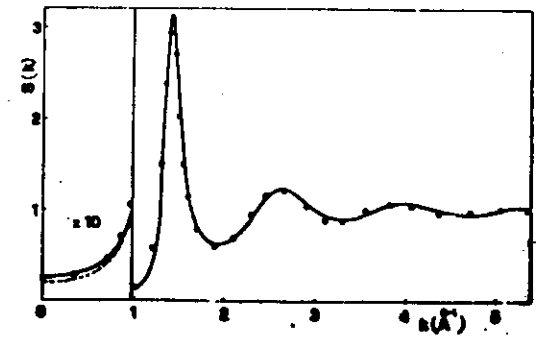
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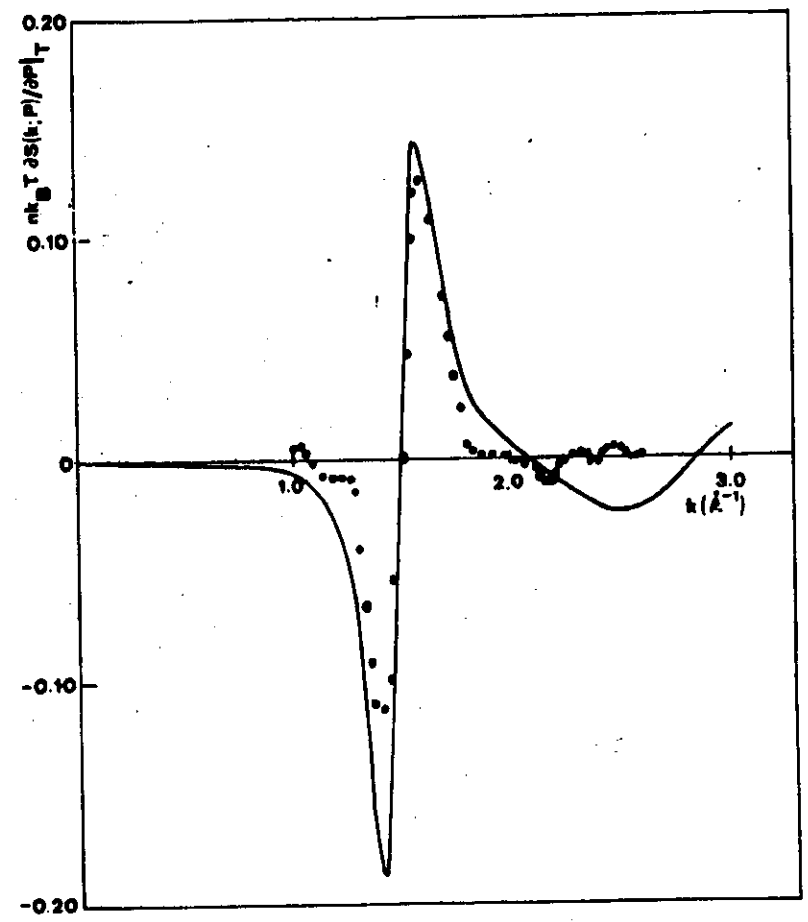
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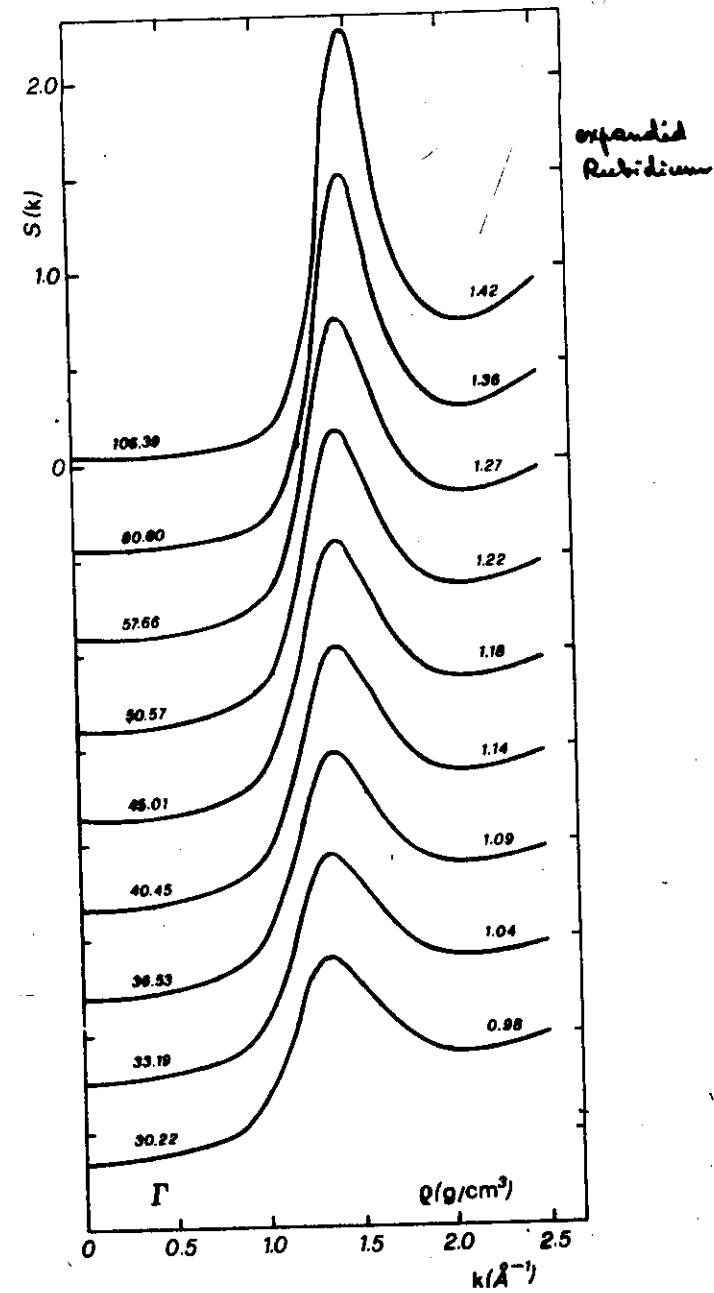
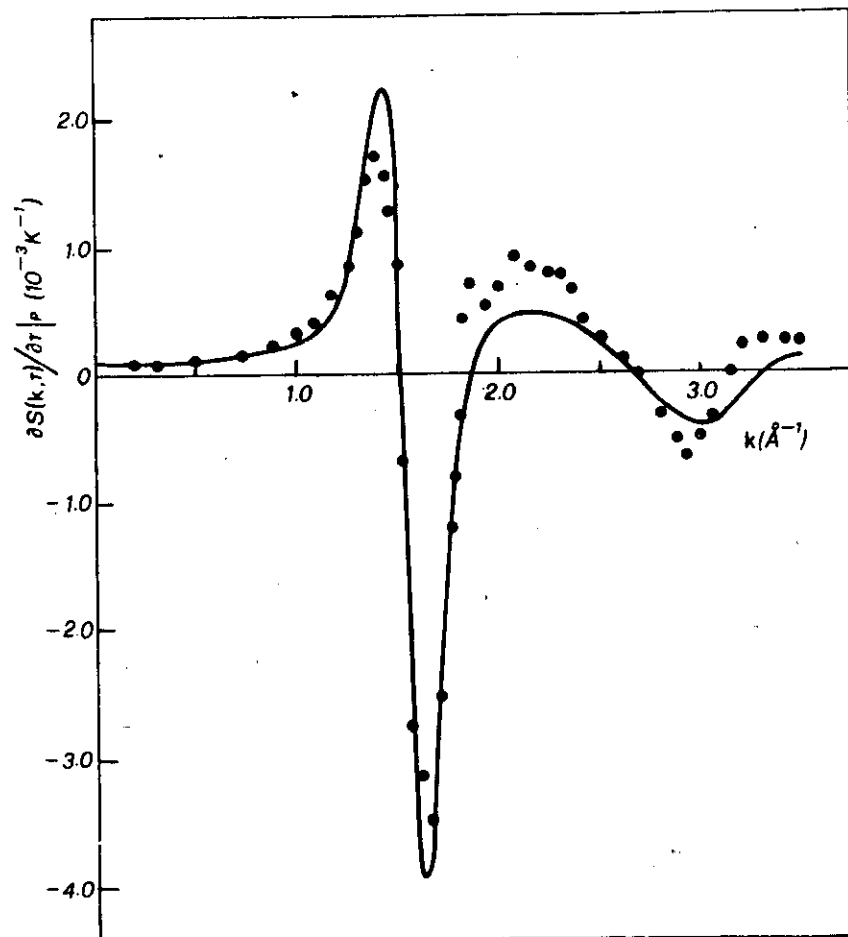
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liquid Rb - theory (full cone) against neutron diffraction data



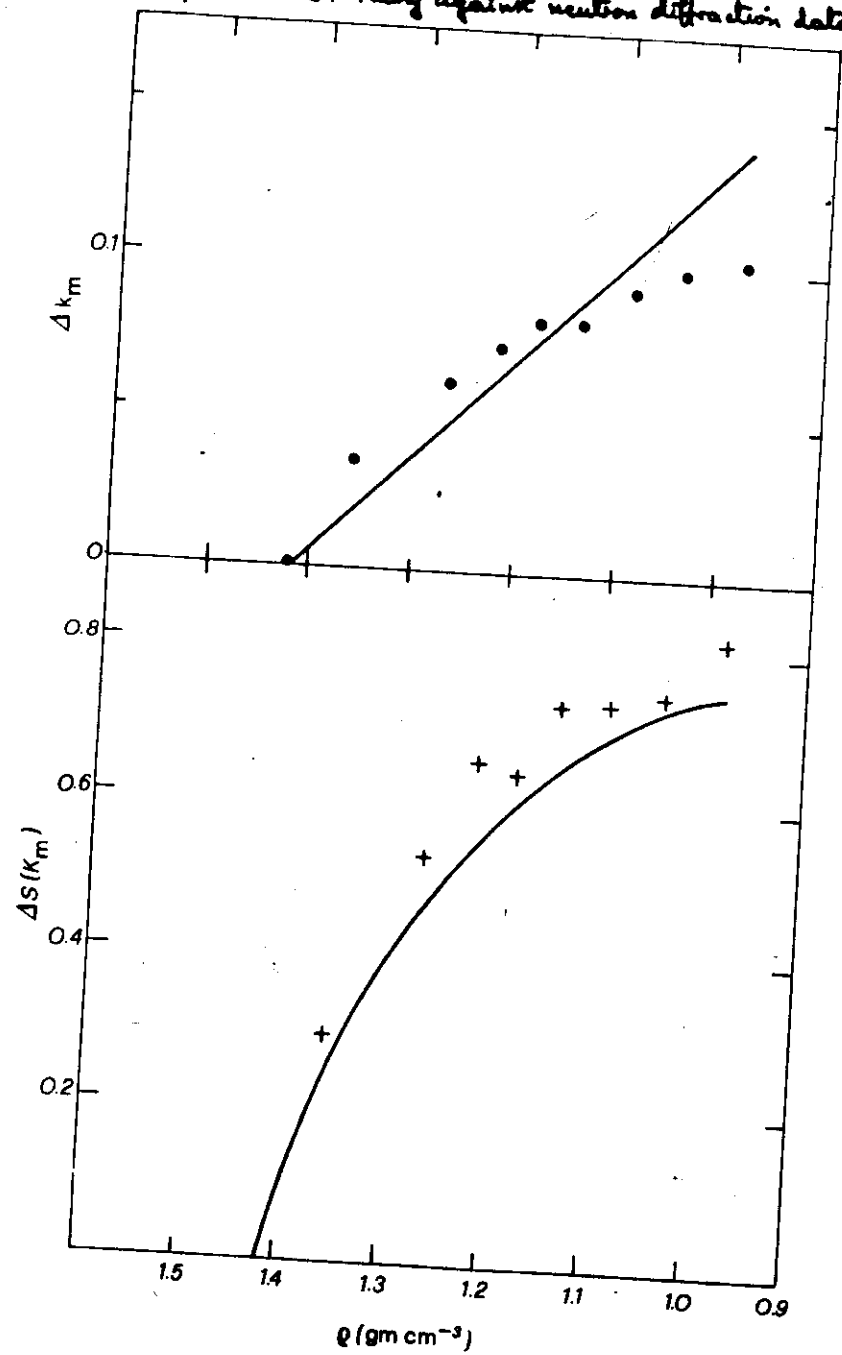
Liquid Na - theory against X-ray diffraction data



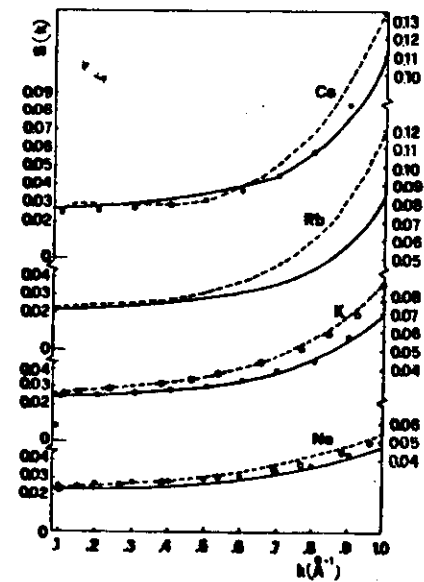
expanded Rb: Heavy against neutron diffraction data

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see also (6)



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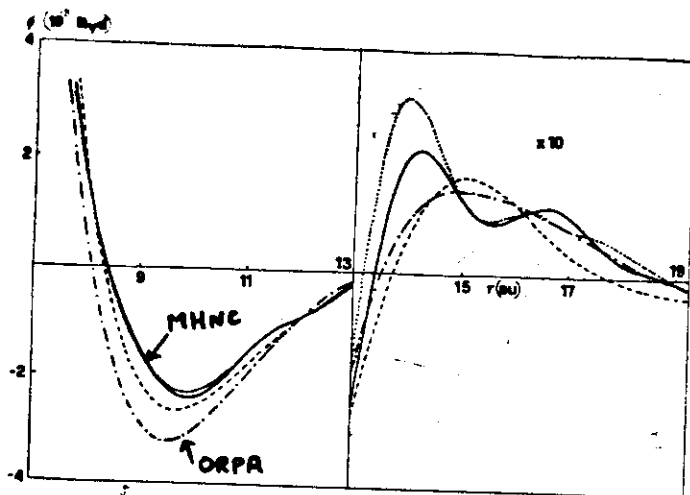


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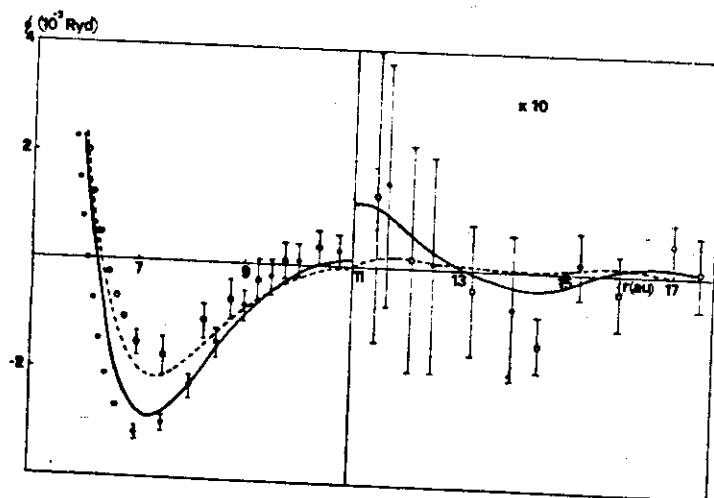


Fig.2

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