

## Accelerator based facilities as tools for Materials Science

#### IAEA School on Pulsed Neutron Sources: Enhancing the Capacity for Materials Science



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## **Neutrons and Neutron Sources**

#### 1932

The neutron was discovered in by Chadwick in the UK

#### 1936

Coherent neutron diffraction (Bragg scattering by crystal lattice planes) was first demonstrated by two groups in Europe in order to better understand neutrons themselves

#### > 1945

The possibility of using the scattering of neutrons as a probe of materials developed with the availability of copious quantities of slow neutrons from reactors. Enrico Fermi's group in Chicago used Bragg scattering to measure nuclear cross-sections.

**1994** Nobel Prize in Physics – B Brockhouse and C Shull







## The neutron..

Mass	1.674928 · 10 <sup>-27</sup> kg
Spin	- ħ/2
Magnetic Moment	-9.6491783 · 10 <sup>-27</sup> J/T
Lifetime	885.9 ± 0.9 s
Confinement radius	0.7 fm
Quark structure	udd



 $n \rightarrow p^+ + e^- + v$ 



## **Three forms of carbon – very different materials**



Graphite

Diamond

### Buckyballs



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Superconductors or organic ferromagnets

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#### Imaging, Microscopy, Diffraction $\rightarrow$ Structure















$$\lambda = \frac{\mathbf{h}}{\mathbf{m} \cdot \mathbf{L}} \cdot \mathbf{t} \qquad \qquad \left| \frac{\mathbf{k}}{\mathbf{k}} \right| = \frac{2 \cdot \pi}{\lambda}$$





Using time of flight

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{m \cdot L} \cdot t \qquad \qquad \left| \underline{k} \right| = \frac{2 \cdot \pi}{\lambda}$$





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## **Neutrons : weak source strength – powerful tool for science!**



# **Uniqueness of Neutrons**



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2. Neutrons see Elementary Magnets



3. Neutrons see light Atoms next to Heavy Ones



4. Neutrons measure the Velocity of Atoms



5. Neutrons penetrate deep into Matter



## 6. Neutrons are Elementary Particles



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# **Neutron Scattering Length [fm]**





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## Isotopic contrasting.

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Small Angle Neutron Scattering

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# **Contrast Variation**

- A different fraction of hydrogen leads to a different scattering length density
- Solvent contrast variation: H<sub>2</sub>O/D<sub>2</sub>O mixtures match different material at different D<sub>2</sub>O percentage







matching of core

matching of shell



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# **Poly(D,L-lactide)** Nanocapsules

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Einschluss von lipophilen Wirkstoffen in die innere Ölphase möglich
Tensidschicht umgibt Nanokapseln, um sie im Wasser zu stabilisieren





## **Drug Targeting: Core-Shell Structure of**

# **Poly(D,L-lactide)** Nanocapsules



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## **Poly(D,L-lactide)** Nanocapsules





 $\sigma$  = 0.394,  $R_0$  = 84 nm,  $\Delta R_{PLA}$  = 9.8 nm  $\Delta R_{Polo-sh}$ =17 nm Poloxamer concentration in outer shell of 7%.

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Self assembled polyrotaxanes (polymer complexes)



The cell membrane, showing the location of proteins and other cellular material within the phospholipid bilayer





Schematic representation of Phospholipase A2 interacting with a phospholipid bilayer, derived from neutron reflectometry.



#### **Natural Antibiotics**



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Molecular structure showing the location of an integral membrane protein.



Schematic representation of the proposed mechanism of the MscL channel.

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# Biomimetics – functional surfaces

Dynamically Controlled Surface Properties (T, pH, Light, V, etc.)



Applications:

- Biosensors
- Microfluidic devices (valves, reservoirs)
- Structural templates for tissue engineering
- Drug delivery
- Study of cell/cell and cell/protein interactions





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# **Biomembranes and Interfaces**



**Reflectivity of two interfaces** 

$$R(Q) = \frac{r_1^2 + r_2^2 + 2r_1r_2\cos(2Q_1d)}{1 + r_1^2r_2^2 + 2r_1r_2\cos(2Q_1d)}$$

with thickness  $d = 2\pi/\Delta Q$ 

in kinematic theory

$$r = \frac{(k_c^2)^2}{Q_0^4} \left| \int \frac{d\rho}{dz} \cdot \exp(iQ_0 z) dz \right|^2$$

#### reflectivity of two interfaces

$$R(Q) = \frac{(k_c^2)^2}{Q^4} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \rho_1 \cdot \exp\left(-Q^2 \sigma_1^2\right) + \Delta \rho_2 \cdot \exp\left(-Q^2 \sigma_2^2\right) \\ + \Delta \rho_3 \cdot \exp\left(-Q^2 \left(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2\right)/2\right) \cdot \cos(Qd) \end{bmatrix}$$

with parameters d,  $\sigma$ ,  $\Delta \rho$ 

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#### **Membrane Binding of Lipidated N-ras Peptide**



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# Biomembranes and Interfaces

#### Anchoring of Recombinant Proteins to Functionalized Phospholipid Monolayers



**Figure 1.** Reflectivity data obtained during the adsorption of LuSy to a Ni Chelator covered surface. The lines correspond to the best fits of the neutron reflectivity data sets, plotted over wavelength. The time distance between two sets of data is one hour.



Figure 4. Model of multilayers to fit the data of biotin Lusy adsorbed to a streptavidin interface

M. Tristl et al., LLB Scientific Report 1999-2000, 100

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# Nearly all what we know about magnetic structures comes from neutrons.

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Magnetic and crystal structures

Sr<sub>2</sub>MnGaO<sub>5</sub>





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## From the classical to the quantum world





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#### Classical phase transitions



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#### Our quantum model system

#### Dimer spin system TlCuCl<sub>3</sub>



- antiferromagnetic
- fluctuating moments
- no magnetic order
- "singlet" ground state

SPIN LIQUID





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Magnetic excitations



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## Above the quantum phase transition







BOSE-EINSTEIN CONDENSATE

The first time observed in a magnetic system

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# **Magnetic Architecture**



Two dimensions: border between classical and quantum world Henrik Rönnow ETH/PSI













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# **Coherent Neutron Scattering Length [fm]**





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# Crucial oxygen positions revealed by neutrons

# High temperature superconductors for the technology of tomorrow.

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Order-Disorder phase transition due to reorientation of BD<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> tetrahedra in **NaBD**<sub>4</sub>



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Density maps showing the positions of hydrogen atoms in protein crystals as determined by neutron crystallography



Density maps from neutron high-angle fibre diffraction reveal the hydrogen bonding network in cellulose.





- Hydrogen storage materials.
- Fuel cell components; oxide ion conductors.
- Clathrate hydrates for energy sources.
- Light, high energy density batteries.
- Energy efficient transport; superalloys, ceramics, fuel additives.



In situ studies of functioning H storage or Battery.



In-situ neutron diffraction during charging of a Ni-MH battery

The crystal structure of Mg<sub>2</sub>FeH<sub>6</sub>







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#### **Ionic Conducting Materials: SOFCs, Ceramic Membranes**



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#### **Diffusion in Zeolites – Quasielastic Neutron Scattering (QNS)**







## Benzene motion in a zeolite based catalyst

### Neutrons follow catalysts in action.





## Mechanism of proton pumping

## Transport through a biological membrane.

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#### **Neutrons measure Motion of Elementary Magnets**



# The motions of elementary magnets tell us on the origins of magnetic properties.

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Lattice distortion and magnetic structure in NiO under high pressures (up to 130kbar)









Sample environment – Magnetic fields

The neutron is highly penetrating -

enabling studies of samples in containers and complex sample environment...













#### Proton Exchange Membrane fuel cell ~ 80 C, polymer electrolyte - thin permeable sheet.











The reaction product is water

Today's electrolyts require water for high conductance

Under low stochiometries the saturation pressure is easily reached and liquid blocks the gas supply









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#### CCD-camera detector

neutrons are hitting the scintillator and the emitted light will be detected by the high sensitive camera.





Li<sup>6</sup> doped ZnS (better yield and less gamma sensitive)

or Gd oxy sulfide (for simultanous neutrons and gamma/x-ray measurements.

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FC under load  $I_B = I_0 \cdot \exp\left\{-\left(\sum a_{cell} + \Delta\right)\right\}$ 

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**PEFC flooding** – Total amount of Oxygen in the inlet gas / Amount of Oxygen



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## Experiment



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### **Future perspectives**

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## A burned fuse!

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## The aircraft of tomorrow: welding instead of rivets.

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# **Useful Neutrons**



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The key web-site for information on and links to neutron and muon sources Worldwide is:

## http://www.neutron-eu.net/

This site also contains information on how to get access to the European Facilities

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