DINS to probe nuclear quantum effects

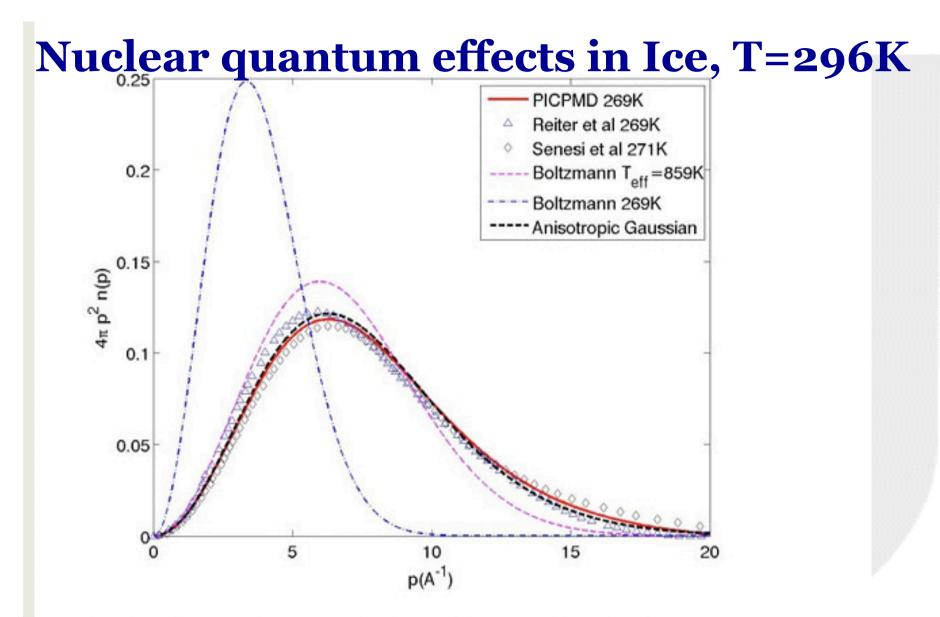
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NQEs DINS (Compton Neutron Scattering) Technique in brief (1985-2016) Results Conclusions

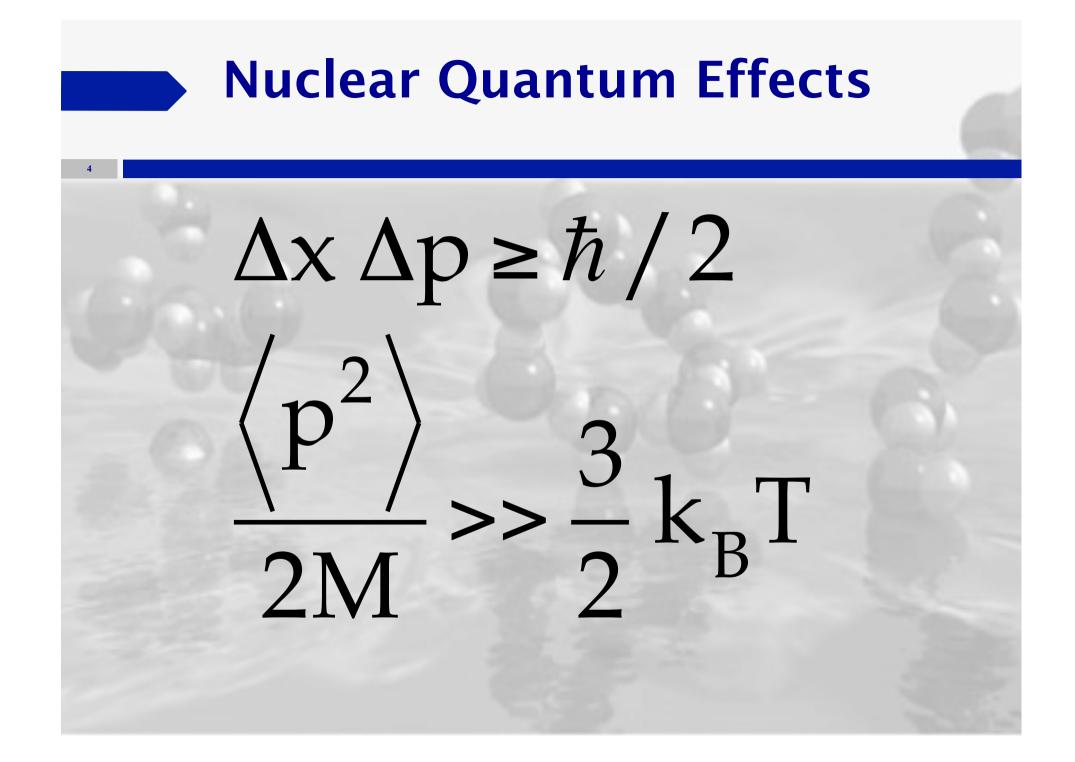
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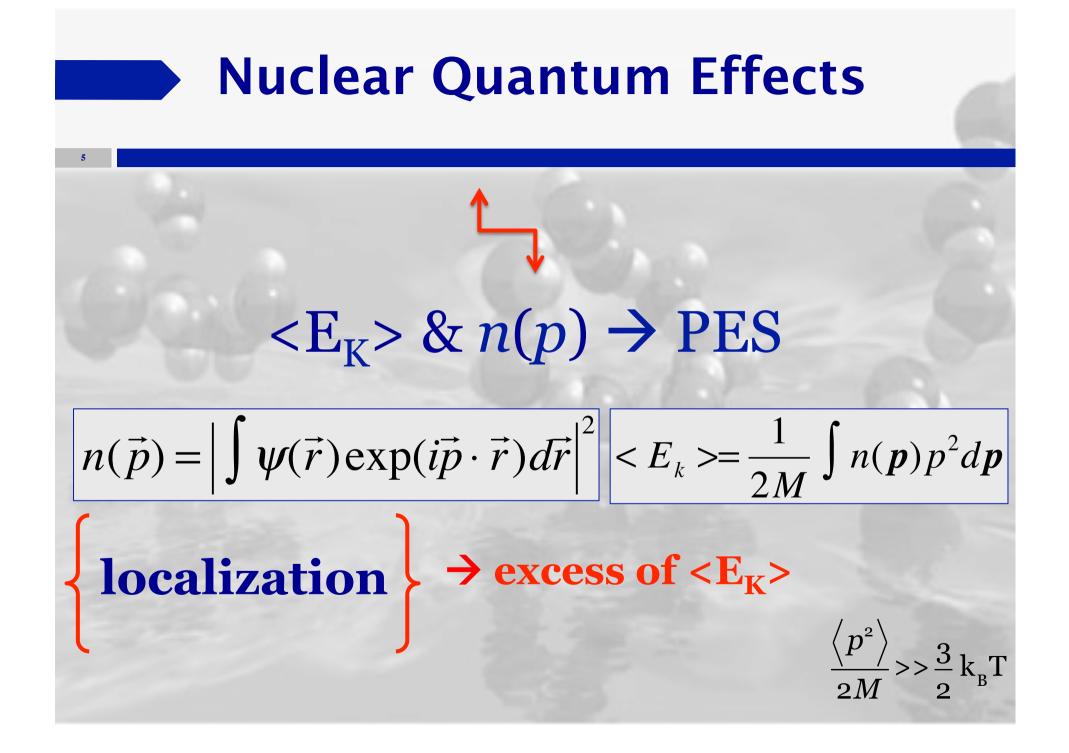
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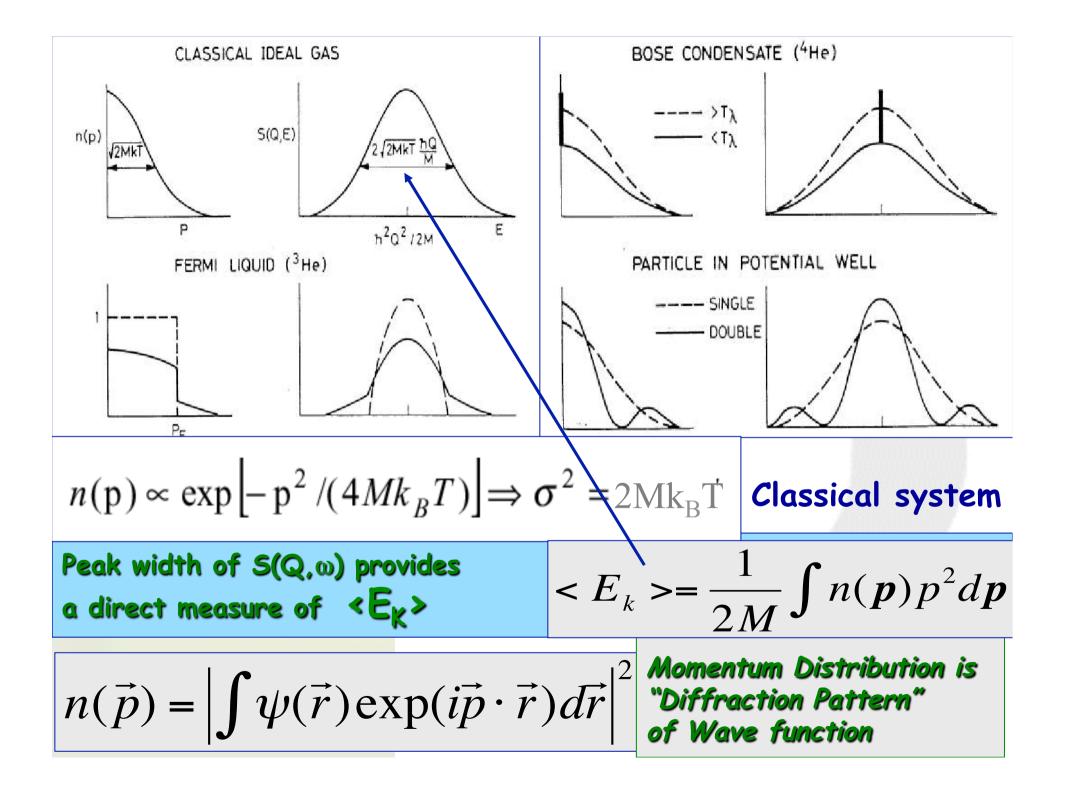


The spherically averaged momentum distribution of the protons (shown here for ice at T=296 K) is guite different from the classical Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution at the same temperature. The path integral ab-initio molecular dynamics (PICPMD) result agrees well with two experiments (Reiter and Senesi). The Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution that fits better the PICPMD data has T=859 K. An even better fit is obtained with an anisotropic (multivariate) Gaussian distribution.

Courtesy of Roberto Car (Princeton University)

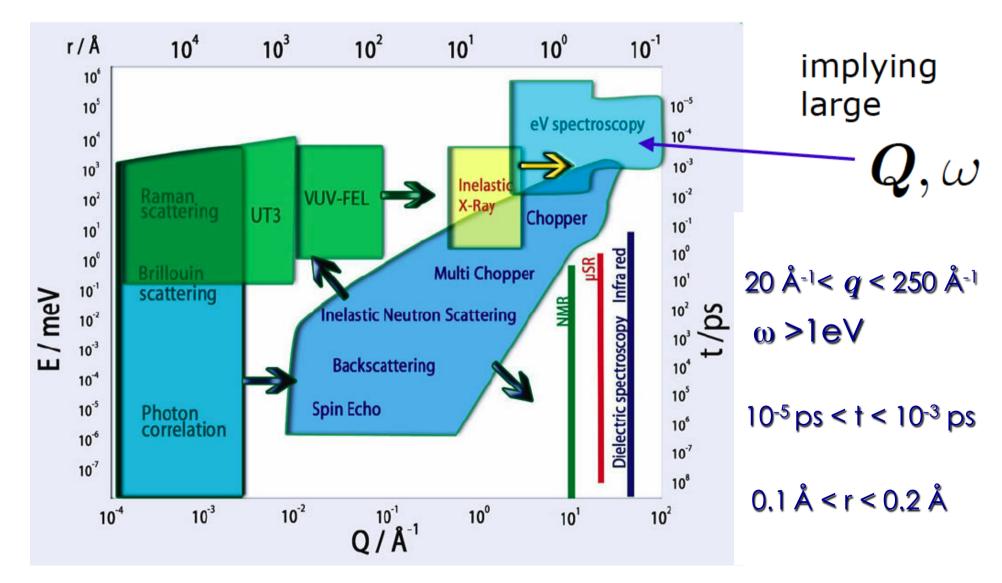




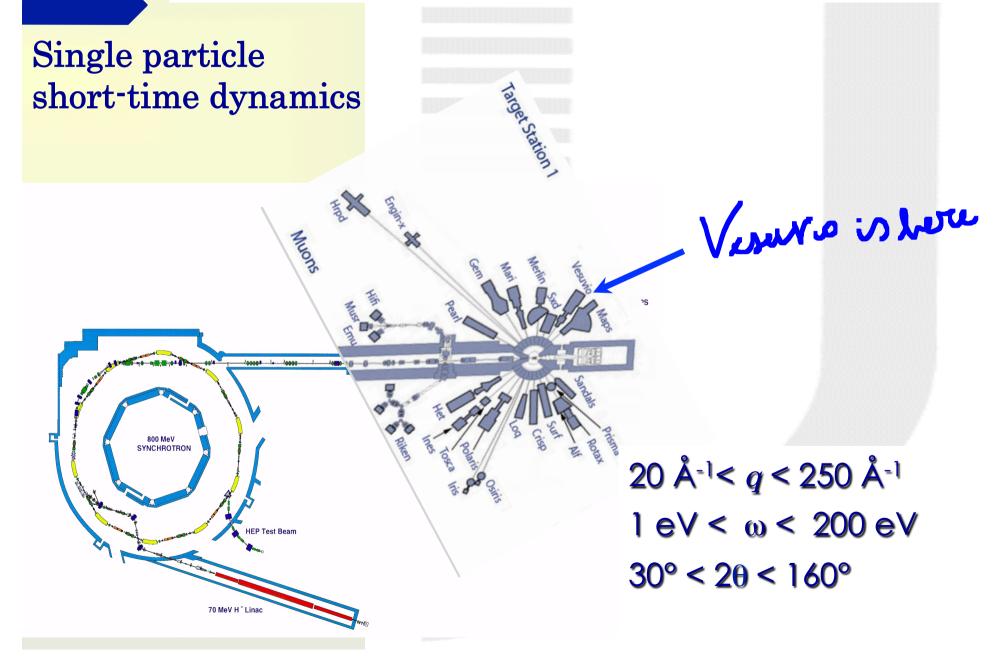


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Struck Atoms travel only a short time- small distance

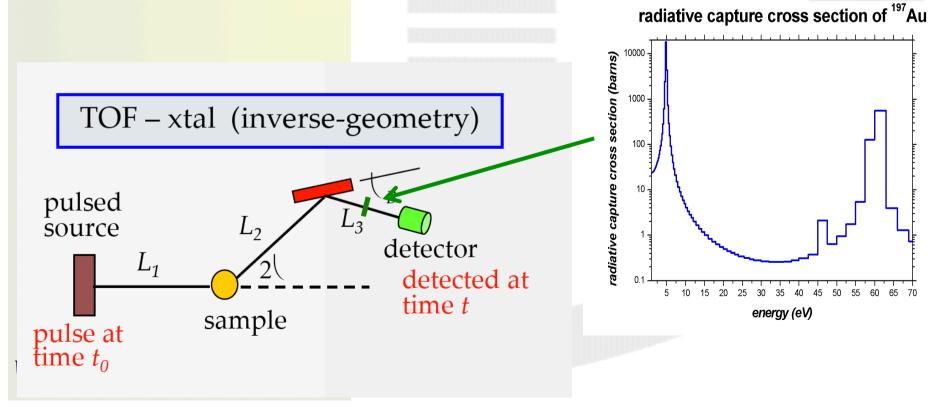


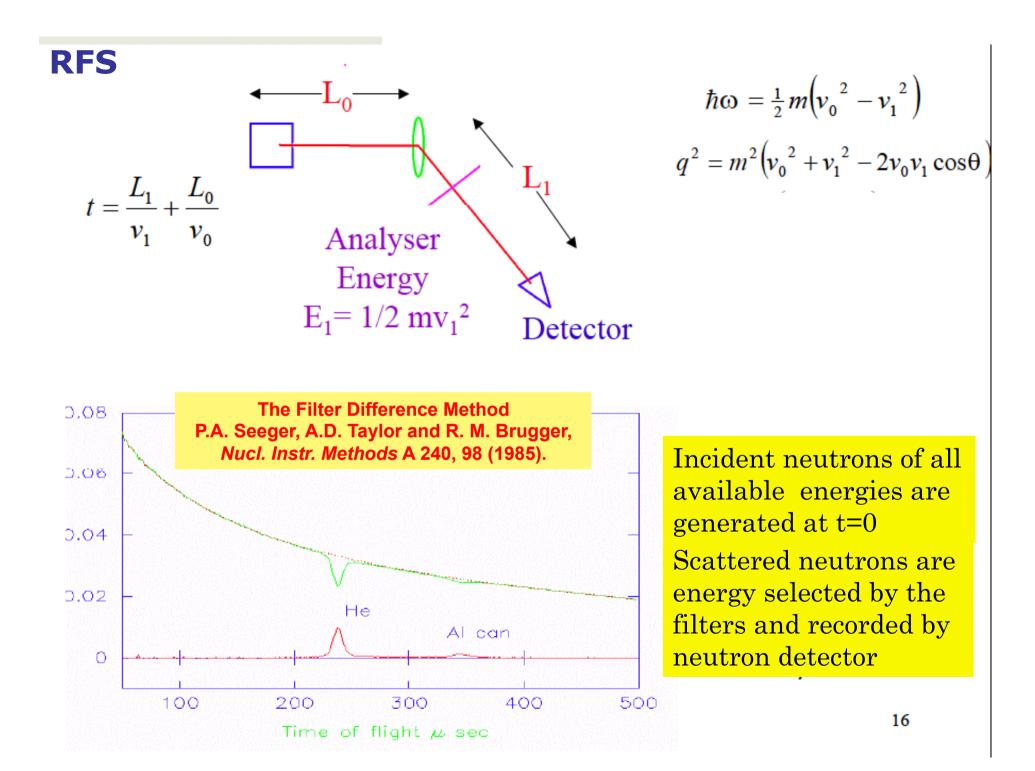
VESUVIO at ISIS Neutron Source (UK)



VESUVIO is a filter spectrometer (at eV energy)

- Indirect geometry spectrometer
- Scattered neutron energy is selected by filters
- Incident neutron energy is determined by time-of-flight







 Inelastic neutron scattering cross section expressed in terms of n(p) → Impulse Approximation

$$\frac{\hbar q}{m} S_{\rm IA}(\mathbf{q},\omega) = J_{\rm IA}(y,\hat{\mathbf{q}}) = \int n(\mathbf{p})\delta\left(y-\mathbf{p}\cdot\hat{\mathbf{q}}\right)d\mathbf{p}$$

Responce Function or *Neutron Compton Profile*

$$y = \frac{m}{\hbar q} \left[\omega - \frac{\hbar q^2}{2m} \right]$$

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Neutron Compton Profile

$$J_{\rm IA}(y) = 2\pi \int_{|y|}^{\infty} pn(p) dp$$

NCP broadened by:

- Terms at finite-q, due to departure from IA;
- Experimental resolution function

$$F(y,q) = [J_{\mathrm{IA}}(y) + \Delta J(y,q)] \star R(y,q)$$

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VESUVIO (eVS upgrade)

The Resonance Filter Spectrometer (1982-2003)

- Filter Difference technique (D)
- Double Difference Filter technique (DD)

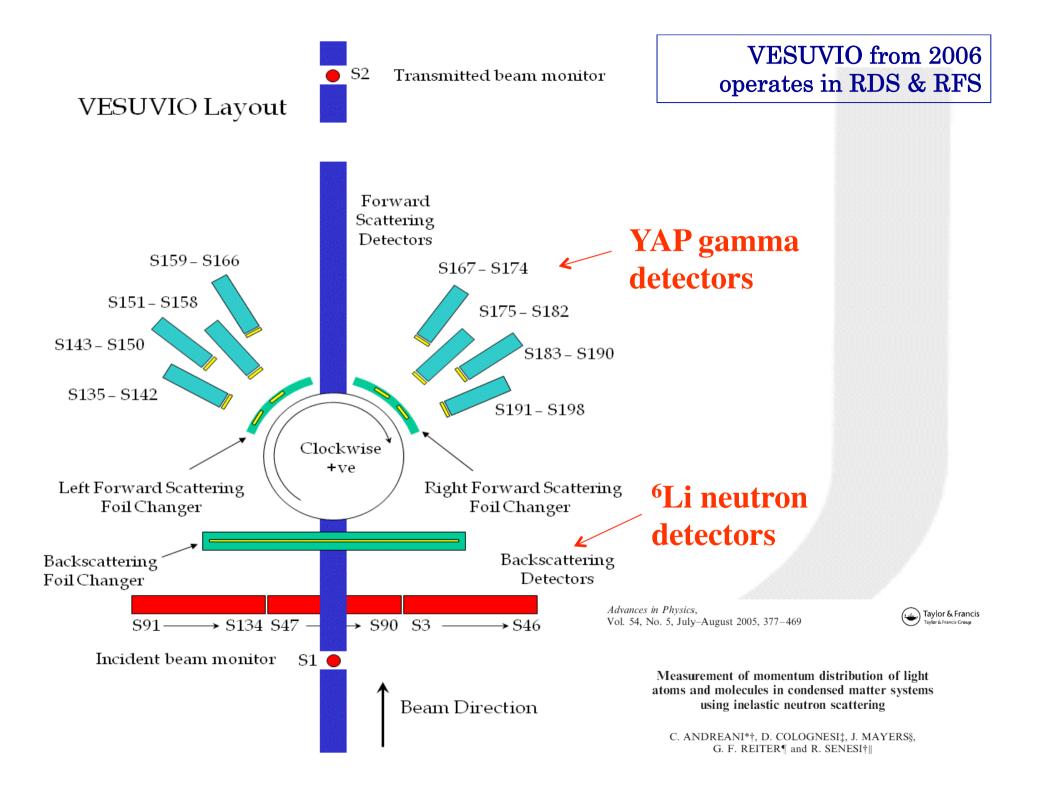
Resonance Detector Spectrometer (2002)

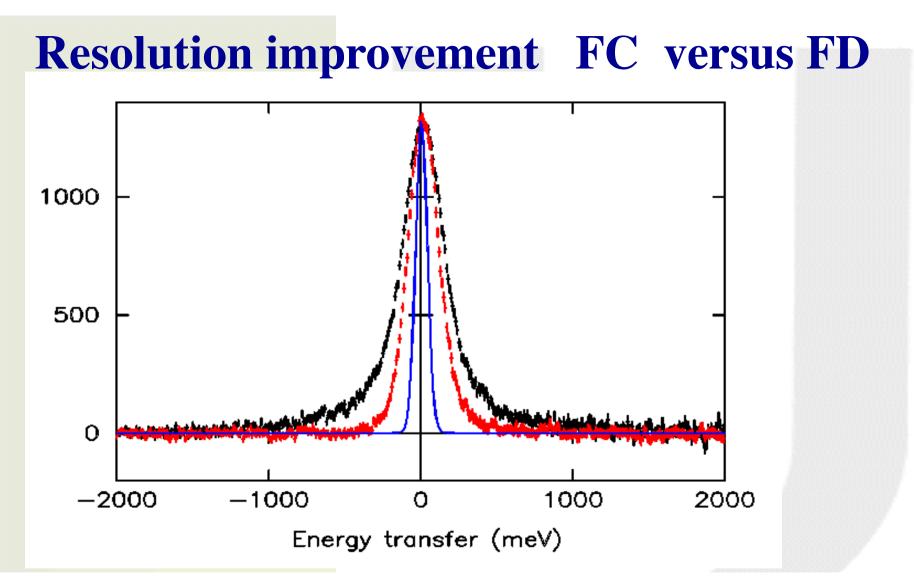
– Foil cycling technique (FC)

RDS & RFS

YAP detector + ⁶Li neutron detectors (2006)

- Due to installation of YAP detectors VESUVIO has gained one order of magnitude better accuracy for proton measurements
- Accuracy in widths of $n_{H}(p)$ is ~ 0.5%



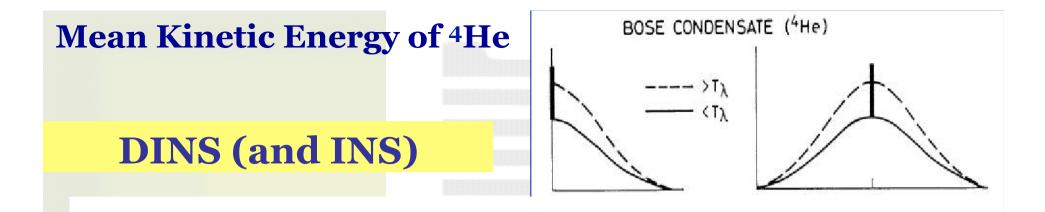


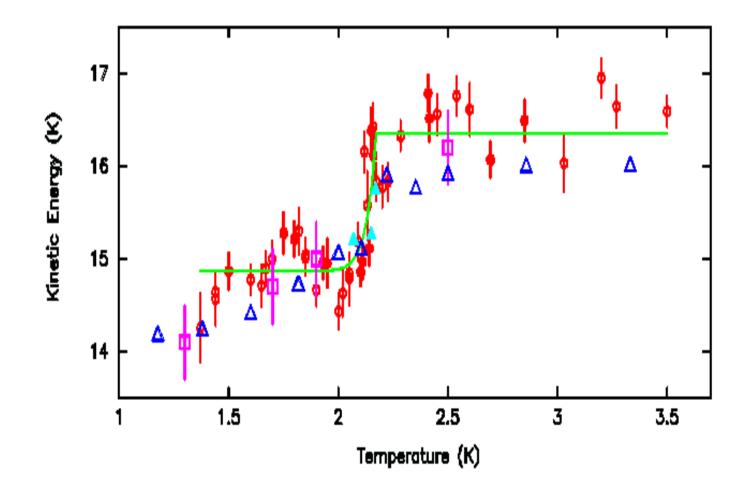
YAP same resolution as Li-glass in DD (< 2006)

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A selection of DINS Measurements

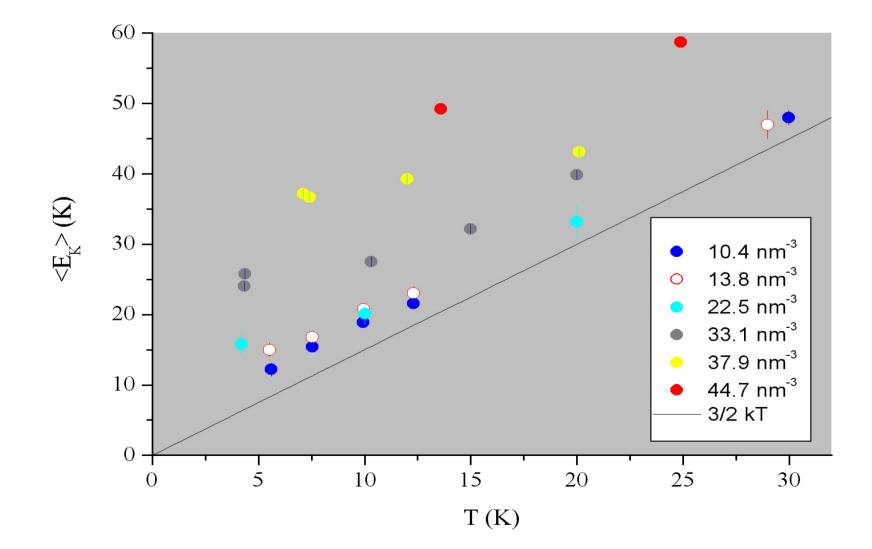
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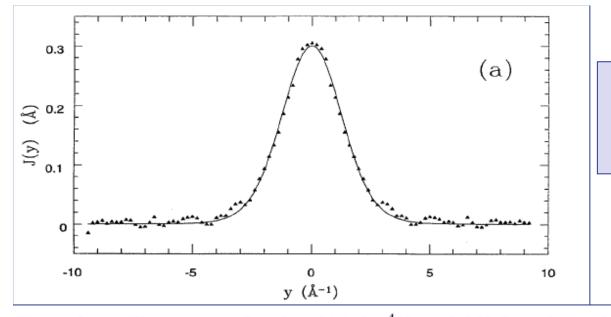




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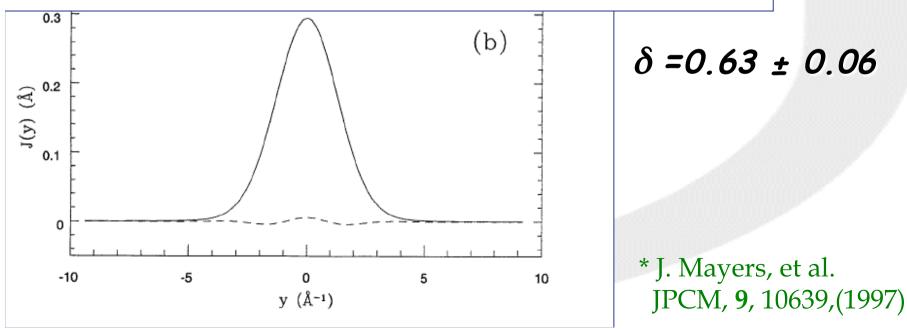
Liquid ⁴He $\langle E_{\kappa} \rangle > 3/2$ KT!

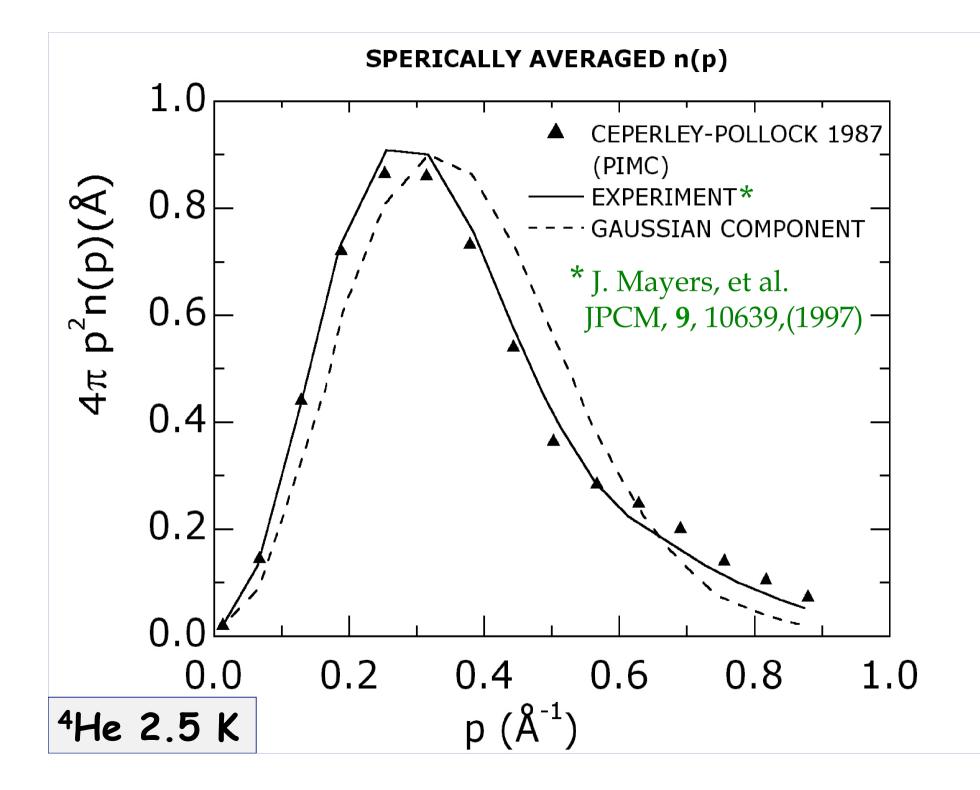




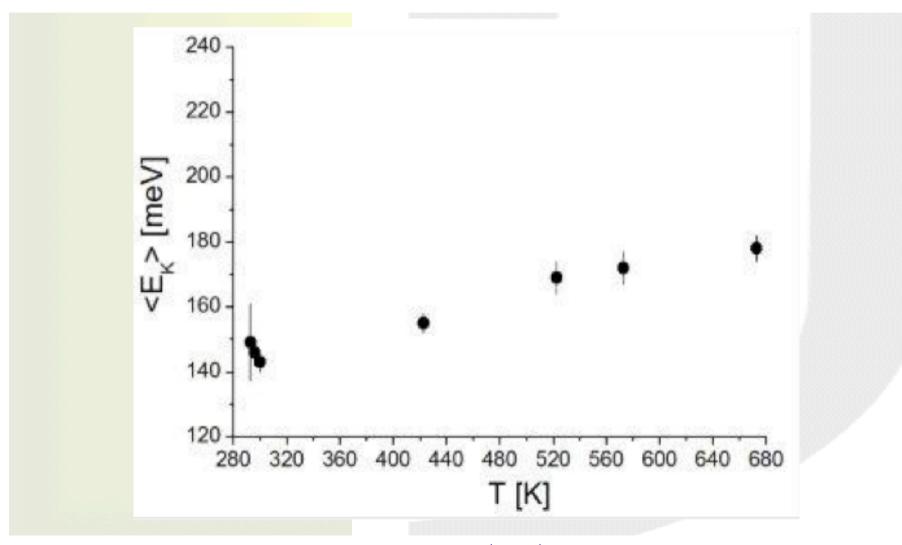
⁴He at 2.5 K

Figure 3. (a) The response function J(y) for ⁴He at 2.5 K from the cooled U filter: triangles are the experimental data; the solid line is the result of the fit. (b) The solid line is the Gaussian component of the fit; the dashed line is the non-Gaussian component, with both including a resolution contribution.



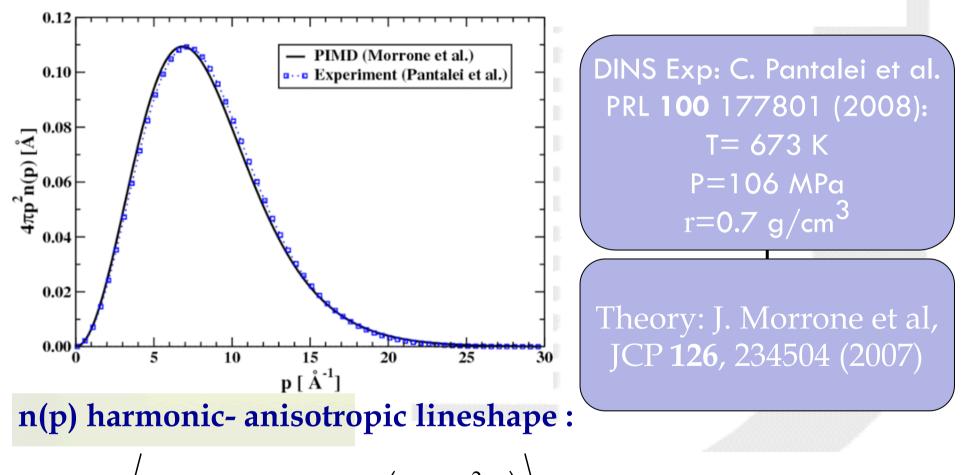


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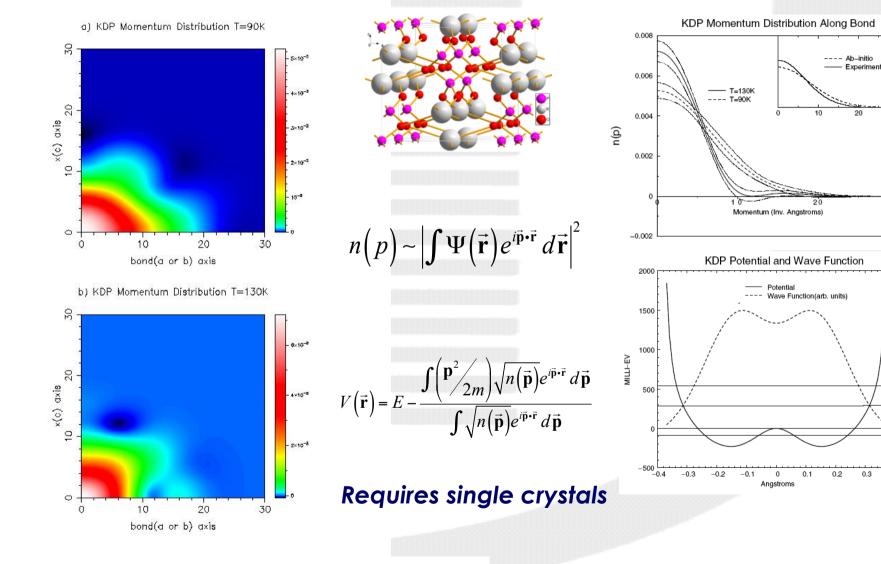
$$n(p) = \left\langle \prod_{i} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \sigma_{i}^{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{p^{2}}{2 \sigma_{i}^{2}}\right) \right\rangle_{G}$$

High-energy Neutrons as the Ultimate Wavefunction Diffractometer

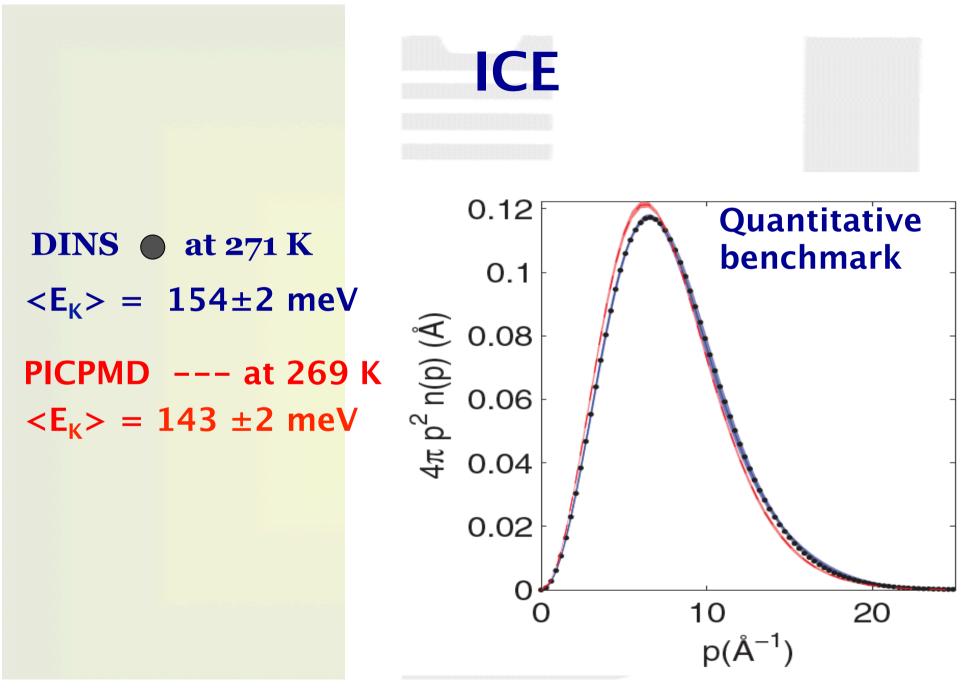
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n(p) and $\langle E_K \rangle$ in H_2O

Spherical average anisotropic Gaussian distribution:

$$4\pi p^2 n(p) = \left\langle \frac{\delta(p - |\mathbf{p}|)}{\sqrt{8\pi^3} \sigma_x \sigma_y \sigma_z} \exp\left(-\frac{p_x^2}{2\sigma_x^2} - \frac{p_y^2}{2\sigma_y^2} - \frac{p_z^2}{2\sigma_z^2}\right)\right\rangle$$

►x,y and z → the three molecular axes of the H₂O molecules

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n(p) and <E_K>

This expression involves three parameters σ_{lpha}^2 related

• to principal frequencies ω_{lpha} by:

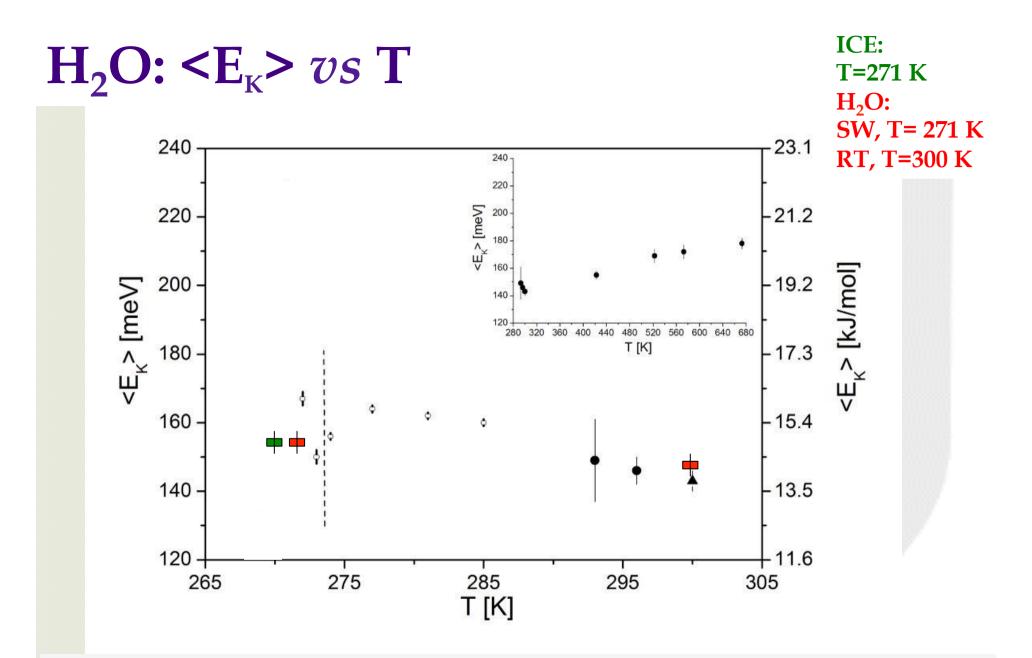
$$\sigma_{\alpha}^2 = \frac{m\omega_{\alpha}}{2\hbar} \coth \frac{\beta\hbar\omega_{\alpha}}{2}$$

 $\langle E_{\alpha} \rangle = \hbar^2 \sigma_{\alpha}^2 / 2m$

$$\alpha = x, y, z$$

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and:



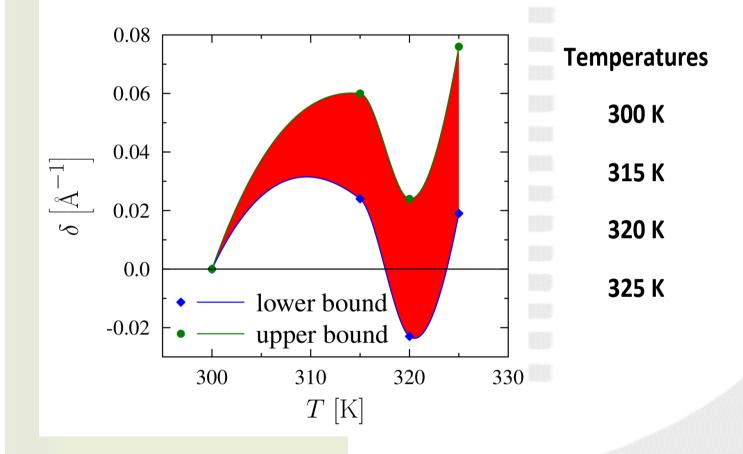
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