

# Time-of-Flight Inelastic Neutron Scattering

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### Direct Geometry vs Indirect Geometry



### Direct Geometry Chopper Spectrometer

e.g., IN4 (ILL), MARI, MERLIN, MAPS (ISIS), ARCS, SEQUOIA (SNS)

ARCS - A wide Angular Range Chopper Spectrometer



D. L. Abernathy et al., Review of Scientific Instruments. 83, 015114 (2012).



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### ARCS T<sub>0</sub> Chopper

The T<sub>0</sub> chopper to suppress neutrons from the prompt pulse

- 175kg of Inconel 718 can spin up to 180 Hz



## **ARCS Fermi Choppers**

- Fermi choppers monochromate the incident beam
  - Two choppers at a time are mounted on a sliding transition stage
  - Four different slit packages are optimized for different energy bands







### **ARCS Detector Tank**

- ARCS has 115 detector modules containing 8 <sup>3</sup>He linear PSDs of 128 pixels
  - Total = 117,760 pixels
- The secondary flight path is evacuated
  - L2 = 3 to 3.5 m
  - A gate value isolates the sample area
  - A radial collimator reduces background





### cf MERLIN PSDs





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### **Chopper Resolution**



$$\frac{\Delta\varepsilon}{E_i} = \left[ \left\{ 2\frac{\Delta t_{ch}}{t_{ch}} \left( 1 + \frac{L_{ms}}{L_{sd}} \left[ 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{E_i} \right]^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \right\}^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} + \left[ \left\{ 2\frac{\Delta t_m}{t_{ch}} \left( 1 + \frac{L_{cs}}{L_{sd}} \left[ 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{E_i} \right]^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \right\}^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

#### Other SNS Direct Geometry Spectrometers

| Parameter  | CNCS  | HYSPEC         | SEQUOIA              | ARCS                 |
|--|-------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Moderator  | c-lH  | c-lH           | apd-H <sub>2</sub> O | apd-H <sub>2</sub> O |
| Source-beam monitor distance (m)                 | 34.85 | 37.38          | 18.23                | 11.831               |
| Source-downstream monitor distance (m)           | n/a   | n/a            | 29.003               | 18.5                 |
| Source-sample distance (m)                       | 36.26 | 40.77          | 20.01                | 13.6                 |
| Height of beam at sample (cm)                    | 5     | 3.5            | 5                    | 5                    |
| Width of beam at sample (cm)                     | 1.5   | 3.5            | 5                    | 5                    |
| Detector tube diameter (cm)                      | 2.54  | 2.54           | 2.54                 | 2.54                 |
| Detector tube length (m)                         | 2     | 1.2            | 1.2                  | 1                    |
| Mean sample-detector distance (m)                | 3.54  | 4.54           | 5.53                 | 3.21                 |
| Minimum equatorial scattering angle (deg.)       | 3.8   | 0 <sup>a</sup> | 2.0                  | 2.4                  |
| Maximum equatorial scattering angle (deg.)       | 135   | 135            | 59.3                 | 136.0                |
| Maximum out of plane scattering angle (deg.)     | 16    | 7.5            | 19.4                 | 27                   |
| Solid angle detector coverage <sup>b</sup> (Sr.) | 1.606 | 0.226          | 0.863                | 2.196                |
| Incident energy range (meV) <sup>c</sup>         | 1-80  | 4-60           | 8-2000               | 15-1500              |
| Range of energy resolution $(\% E_i)^d$          | 1-5   | 3-5            | 1-3                  | 3-5                  |
| Radial collimator                                | Yes   | Yes            | No                   | Yes                  |
| Entry into user program                          | 2009  | 2013           | 2010                 | 2008                 |
| Reference  | 19    |                | 20, 34               | 21                   |





### ARCS vs SEQUOIA

- ARCS and SEQUOIA are designed to be complementary
  - ARCS has a wide angular range with moderate resolution
  - SEQUOIA has a more limited angular range with high resolution
- This complementarity efficiently utilizes the limited space between SNS beamlines



### HYSPEC

- The hybrid spectrometer, HYSPEC, combines a Fermi chopper with a crystal monochromator.
- The monochromator focuses the beam from 150x40mm to 20x20mm.
- The detector (160 linear PSDs 1.2 m long), which covers 60°, can rotate about the sample axis.
- The design gives greater sample environment flexibility and allows full polarization analysis (with Heusler monochromator).



### Cold Direct Geometry Spectrometers





D. Schmidiger, et al. Phys Rev Lett 111, 107202 (2013).

**Neutron Conversion Factors** 

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m\lambda^2} = \frac{m}{2\tau^2}$$

where  $\tau$  is the time of flight, or inverse velocity ( $\tau = 1/v$ ).

### **Inelastic Scattering Processes**



 $\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega \, dE_{f}} = \frac{k_{f}}{k_{i}} \, S(Q,\varepsilon)$ 

Conservation of energy  $\varepsilon = E_i - E_f$ 

Conservation of "momentum"  $\vec{Q} = \vec{k}_i - \vec{k}_f$ 

#### **Reciprocal Space Construction**

The scattering triangle



#### **Kinematic Range**

From the scattering triangle, we can see that



$$\begin{aligned} Q^2 &= k_i^2 + k_f^2 - 2k_i k_f \cos(\psi) \\ \text{from which it follows that} \\ \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} Q^2 &= E_i + E_f - 2\sqrt{E_i E_f} \cos(\psi) \end{aligned}$$

and so putting  $E_f = E_i - \epsilon$ 

we get 
$$\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}Q^2 = 2E_i - \epsilon - 2\sqrt{E_i(E_i - \epsilon)}\cos(\psi)$$

This equation gives us the locus of (Q,  $\epsilon$ ) for a given scattering angle  $\psi$ .

(N.B. we can write  $\hbar^2/2m=2.072$  for E(meV) and Q in Å<sup>-1</sup>).

#### Locus of Neutrons in (Q,ε) Space





In general, the neutron can excite n phonons at once

$$S(Q,\omega) = \exp\{-2W(Q)\}\sum_{n} \left(\frac{hQ^2}{4mn\omega_0 \sinh \phi}\right)^n \exp(n\phi)\delta(\omega - n\omega_0)$$
  
where  $\phi = (h\omega_0/2k_BT)$  and  $W(Q) = hQ^2 \coth \phi/4m\omega_0$ 

## Scattering in $ZrH_2$



### $(Q, \varepsilon)$ -Dependence of $ZrH_2$



#### Quantum Oscillations in UN



Aczel, A. A. et al. Nat Comm 3, 1124 (2012).

### **Coherent Phonons**

If the atoms are coupled, the spectrum of lattice vibrations is a function of energy and wave vector



Transverse mode



e.g. simple linear chain of atoms, mass m, coupled together by bonds ("springs") with stiffness S. Elementary excitations are wave-like with  $\lambda = 2\pi/q$ ;

Displacement of n th atom is:  $x_n = A \exp[i(qna - \omega_q t)]$ 





FCC Brillouin zone

#### Phonon Dispersion in MgB<sub>2</sub>









### Phonon Density-of-States



When single crystals are available, phonon dispersion relations ( $\omega$  vs **q**) can be measured.

However, it is often useful to measure the phonon density-of-states i.e. the sum over all phonon modes at each energy

In the incoherent approximation,

$$S(Q,\omega) = \exp\left[-2W(Q)\right] \left[\delta(h\omega) + \frac{hQ^2}{2M} \frac{Z(\omega)}{\omega} \left\{n(\omega) + 1\right\} + L\right]$$

Strictly speaking, we measure a sum of the partial densities-of-state of each element weighted by  $\sigma_i/M_i$ 

#### Vanadium: A Perfect Incoherent Scatterer

$$S(Q,\omega) = \sum_{i} \sigma_{i} \frac{\hbar Q^{2}}{2M_{i}} \exp(-2W_{i}) \frac{Z_{i}(\omega)}{\omega} [n(\omega) + 1]$$

$$W_i = \frac{1}{2} < (\mathbf{Q}.\mathbf{u})^2 > = \frac{\hbar Q^2}{2M_i} \int \frac{Z_i(\omega)}{\omega} [2n_B(\omega) + 1] d\omega$$



### Multi-phonon Scattering

#### **Vanadium Cross Section**



Energy [meV]

Multi-phonon (n > 1) scattering becomes larger with increasing Q. Eventually, the different terms merge into a single recoil peak.  $\langle \mathbf{h}\omega \rangle = \mathbf{h}Q^2/2M$  $N.B. S(Q) = \int S(Q,\omega)d\omega = 1$  for all values of Q (theoretically)

#### MgB<sub>2</sub>: A Strongly Coherent Scatterer

With a coherent scatterer, it is necessary to sum over a wide range of Q to generate an accurate phonon density-of-states

$$S(Q,\omega) = \exp\left[-2W(Q)\right] \left[\delta(h\omega) + \frac{hQ^2}{2M} \frac{Z(\omega)}{\omega} \left\{n(\omega) + 1\right\} + L\right]$$





#### **Magnetic Neutron Scattering**



 $\frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega \, dE_{f}} = \frac{k_{f}}{k_{i}} \, S(Q, \varepsilon)$ 

Phonon Cross Section  $S(Q,\omega) \propto \frac{\hbar Q^2}{2M} \frac{Z(\omega)}{\omega}$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Magnetic Cross Section} \\ S(Q,\omega) \propto F^2(Q) \mbox{Im} \chi(Q,\omega) \end{array}$ 



**Dynamic Magnetic Susceptibility** 

$$\chi^{\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{Q},\omega) = \frac{M^{\alpha}(\mathbf{Q},\omega)}{H^{\beta}(\mathbf{Q},\omega)}$$

#### **Kramers-Kronig Relations**

This dynamic susceptibility is related to the static susceptibility measured in a conventional susceptometer by the Kramers-Kronig relations:

$$\chi'\left(\vec{Q},0\right) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega \frac{\chi''\left(\vec{Q},\omega\right)}{\omega}$$

So the cross section can be rewritten:

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} \propto \frac{k'}{k} S(Q,\omega) \propto \frac{k'}{k} \{n(\omega) + 1\} \chi'(\vec{Q},0) \omega P(\vec{Q},\omega)$$

P(Q, \omega) is just a normalized spectral or "shape" function

- e.g. a delta function or a Lorenzian
- $\chi'(Q \rightarrow 0,0)$  is the bulk static susceptibility

N.B.  $S(Q,\omega)$  is the neutron scattering law here, not the F.T. of the spin.

S(Q, w) of  $BaFe_2As_{2-x}P_x$  (x = 0.3)



#### **Itinerant Theories of the Resonance**





J.-P. Castellan et al, Physical Review Letters 107, 177003 (2011)


# Crystal Field Spectroscopy



- Localized electronic 4f<sup>n</sup> wavefunctions may be split by Coulomb repulsion from neighboring anions
- Neutrons can induce transitions between the energy levels if there is a dipole matrix element



## **Intermultiplet Transitions**

- The rare earths have a rich array of excitations between different LSJ multiplets.
- Most of these transitions are non-dipolar.



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### Intermultiplet Excitations in Thulium



# Fluctuating Moment Systems

Neutron measurements of spin dynamics have been important for measuring relaxation rates of local moments coupled to conduction electrons .

The temperature dependence  $\Gamma(T)$  has distinctive behaviour in heavy fermions, Kondo lattice and intermediate valence materials.

In particular  $\Gamma(T \rightarrow 0)$  gives a measure of the "Kondo temperature", a key parameter in strongly correlated electron systems.





# Single Crystal Experiments



$$k_i = 2\pi / \lambda_i$$
$$k_f = 2\pi / \lambda_f$$
$$Q = k_i - k_f$$

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## Kinematics Again (in a single crystal)

Can also be expressed in terms of the components of  $\mathbf{Q}$  parallel and perpendicular to the incident wavevector  $\mathbf{k}_i$ :



ε

This results in the surface of a paraboloid, with the apex in  $(Q_{//}, Q_{\perp}, \epsilon)$ -space at the point  $(k_i, 0, E_i)$ .

# Kinematics in a Single Crystal (contd)



In a single crystal experiment, we need to superimpose the scattering triangle on the reciprocal lattice.

Locus of constant w is a Q-circle of radius  $k_f$  centered on Q =  $k_i$ 

### **Coherent Spin Waves**

- In most magnetic systems, there is a coupling between neighboring spins
  - e,g, Heisenberg exchange

$$H_{ex} = -\sum_{i,j} J_{ij} \vec{S}_i . \vec{S}_j$$

When one spin changes direction, it induces a wave-like disturbance of all the neighboring spins.

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# La<sub>0.7</sub>Pb<sub>0.3</sub>MnO<sub>3</sub> - CMR Ferromagnet



## Spin Waves in a CMR Ferromagnet



<u>Heisenberg ferromagnet</u> (nearest neighbor) 2JS = 8.8 ± 0.2 meV



W = 1.6 eV (half band-width)  $J_H = 3.2 \text{ eV}$  (intra-site exchange)

Perring et al., Phys Rev. Lett. 77, 711 (1996)



# **MAPS Spectrometer**



Spin Waves in Cobalt



### Spin Waves in Fe<sub>1+y</sub>Te<sub>1-x</sub>Se<sub>x</sub>



M. D. Lumsden, et al. Nat Phys 6, 182–186 (2010).

# KCuF<sub>3</sub> - 1D Spin-1/2 Antiferromagnet



Faddeev and Takhtajan (Phys. Lett 85A 375 1981) suggested excitation spectrum: not spin waves : S=1 but pairs of "spinons" : S=1/2  $\omega = \omega_1(q_1) + \omega_2(q_2)$   $q = q_1 + q_2$  $\rightarrow$  continuum of excitations

> $ω_L = (\pi/2) J | sin(\pi q) |$  $ω_U = \pi J | sin(\pi q/2) |$

#### Numerical and analytic work:



### Low-Dimensional Excitations



k II c



Momentum along chain (units of  $\pi/c$ )



# **KCuF<sub>3</sub> Excitations**



 Broad peak can only be explained by continuum
First clear evidence of continuum scattering in S=1/2 chain

• Intensity scale: A = 1.78 ± 0.01 ± 0.5 c.f. numerical work:

A = 1.43

• Coupling constant: J = 34.1 ± 0.6 meV

D.A. Tennant et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 70 4003 (1993)

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 $\mathbf{k} \perp \mathbf{c}$ 



# KCuF<sub>3</sub> Excitations (again)

Direct observation of the continuum

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### CuGeO<sub>3</sub> 1D Spin-Peierls Compound

10K



M.Arai et al., Phys. Rev. Lett 77 3649 (1996)

50K

# Measurements of 4D $S(Q, \omega)$

"Recent developments at pulsed neutron sources promise the most significant advance in neutron spectroscopy since Brockhouse devised the triple-axis spectrometer."



Magnetic Fluctuations in MnSi R.A.Ewings, T.G.Perring (ISIS)



#### Lattice vibrations in calcite (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) Beth Cope, Martin Dove (Cambridge)

### **Measurement of Electronic Excitations**



### Intersecting the Ewald Spheres



Perring et al., Phys Rev. Lett. 77, 711 (1996)



## 4D S(Q, w) by the Rotation Method: Horace scans



# Measurements of S(Q, w) at ISIS (Horace-mode)

- Experiments at ISIS have already demonstrated the value of measuring four-dimensional volumes of  $S(Q, \omega)$ .
  - Scans typically take 1-2 days: 90 x 1° x 0.5h
  - Similar technique used on NIST's DCS (for a single scattering plane)





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### Asynchronous rotation measurements on ARCS





# Case study: LaSr<sub>2</sub>Mn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>



### Case study: YNi<sub>2</sub>B<sub>2</sub>C



F. Weber, S. Rosenkranz, L. Pintschovius, J.-P. Castellan, E.A. Goremychkin, R. Osborn, W. Reichardt, R. Heid, K.-P. Bohnen, D. Abernathy, PRL **109**, 057001 (2012). XIII Francesco Paulo Ricci School of Neutron Scattering 2015

### La<sub>4</sub>Ru<sub>2</sub>O<sub>10</sub>: An Orbital-Peierls System

С



a

b



# Antiferromagnetic Dimers

$$S^{\alpha\alpha}(\vec{Q},\omega) = \sin^2\left(\frac{\vec{Q}\cdot\vec{R}}{2}\right)\delta(\omega-J)$$

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# **Magnetic Excitations in Coupled Tetramers**





Khomskii Model: H. Wu et al., PRL 96, 256402 (2006)

J.P. Castellan, M.B. Stone, P Khalifah, R. Osborn, S. Rosenkranz, S. Nagler, unpublished

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### Magnetic Fluctuations in CePd<sub>3</sub>



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# DMFT Calculations of the CePd<sub>3</sub> Band Structure



# New approaches to data analysis

- The ability to measure 4D  $S(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)$  enables new modes of data analysis
- For example, the measurement of the overlapping phonon modes in multiple zones, where they have different structure factors, allows them to be untangled.


## Conclusions

- Measurement of 4-dimensional  $S(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)$  are becoming routine.
  - This has the potential for revolutionizing how we do inelastic scattering - not just in 3D systems.
  - The technique would be ideally suited to rep-rate multiplication.
- This allows a much closer coupling of experiment to ab initio theories of electronic structure.
- This should also encourage the development of advanced algorithms for analyzing the data.
  - Advanced data mining, merging rep-rate volumes, four-dimensional optimization





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