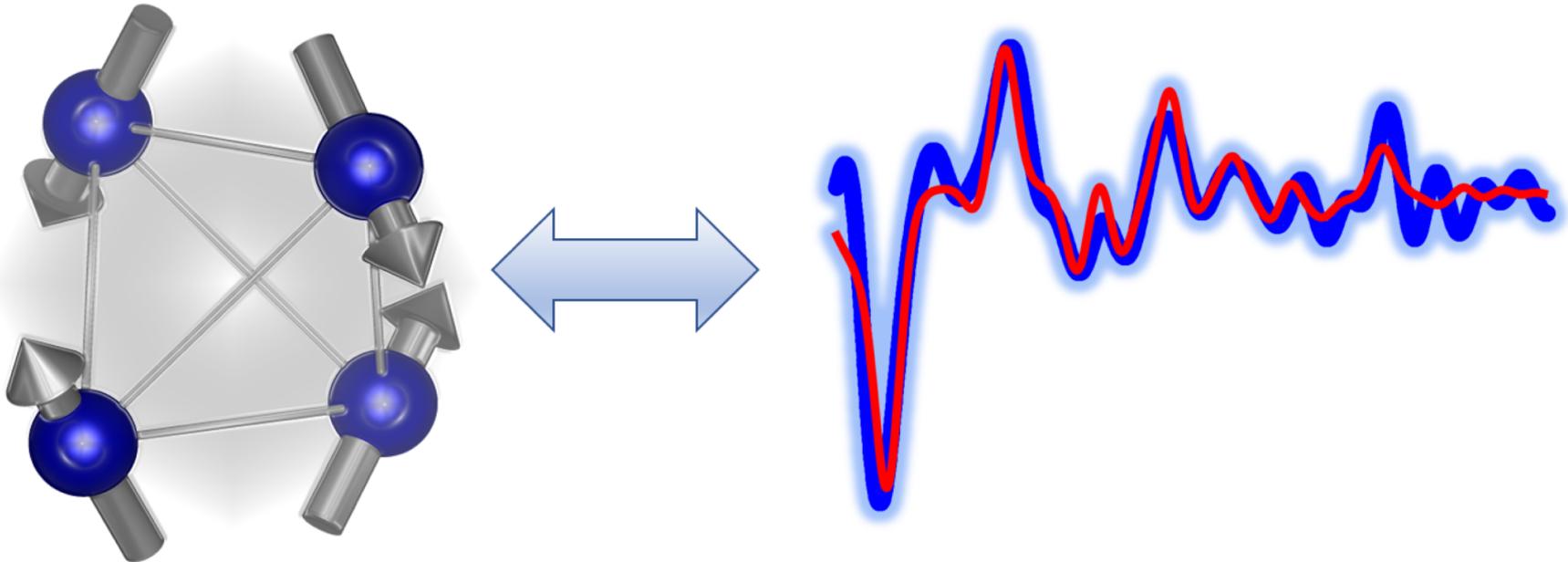


Taking a Spin with the Magnetic Pair Distribution Function



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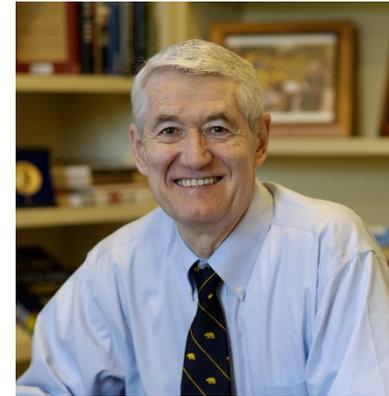


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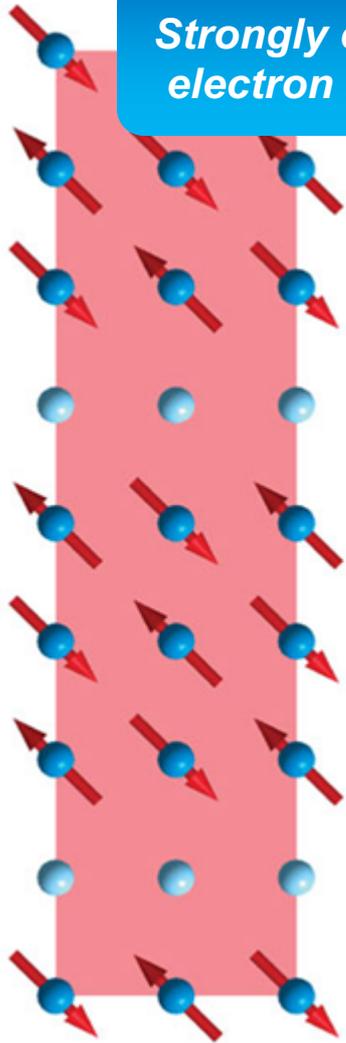


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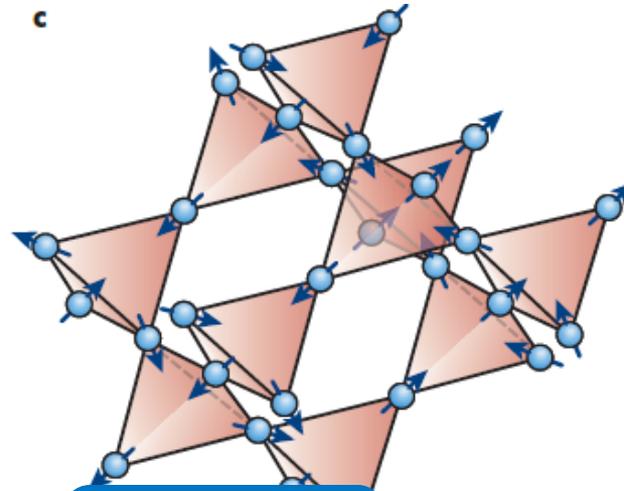
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- Building intuition: Calculated mPDFs from simple systems
- Putting it into practice: mPDF of MnO from two different instruments
- Application to a genuine short-range ordered magnet: $\text{NaCaCo}_2\text{F}_7$
- Sharing the love: diffpy.mpdf open-source software

Short-range magnetic order: ubiquitous in modern magnetism

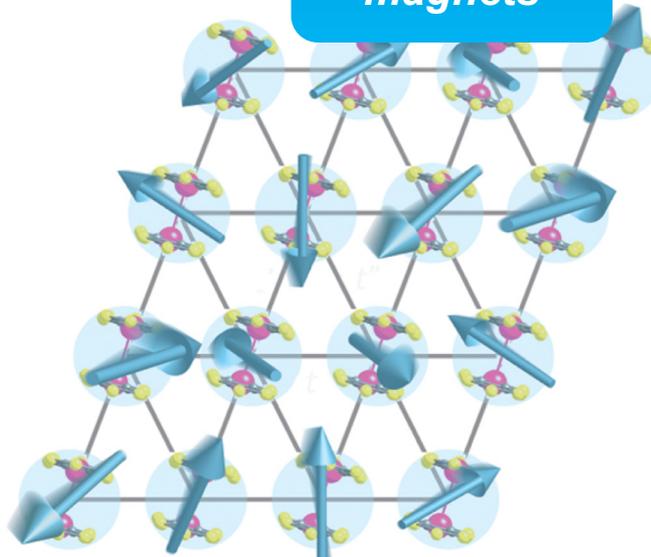
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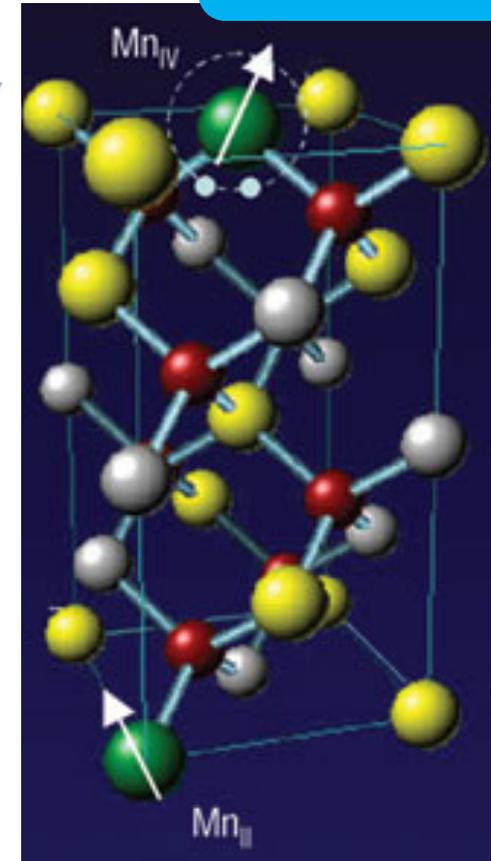
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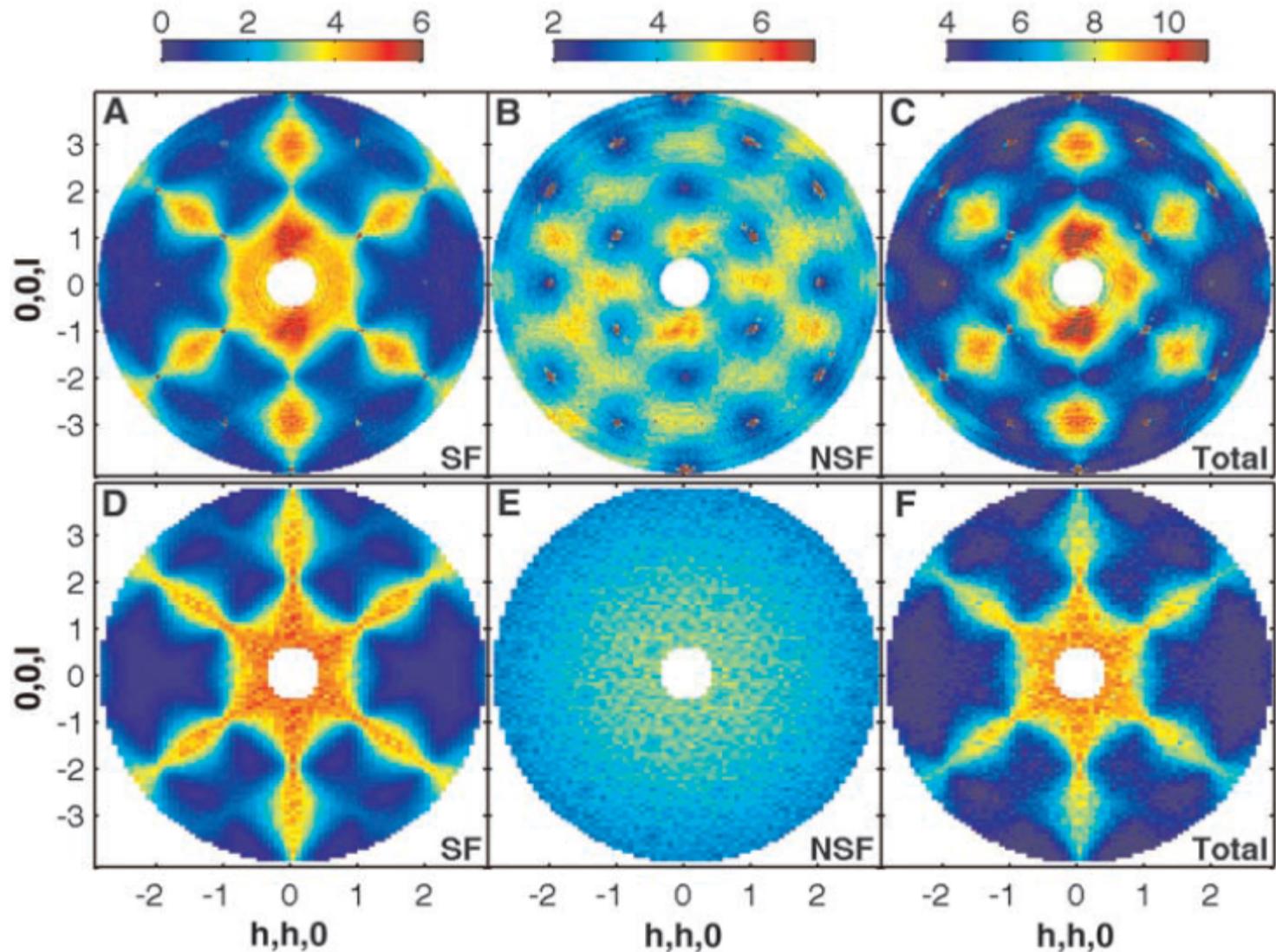


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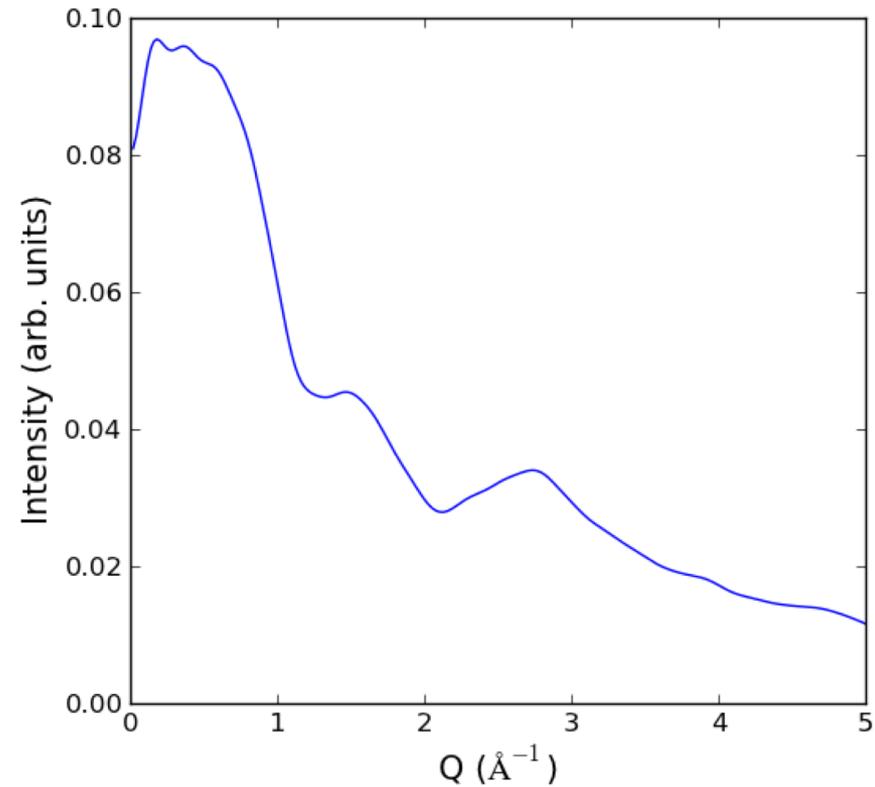
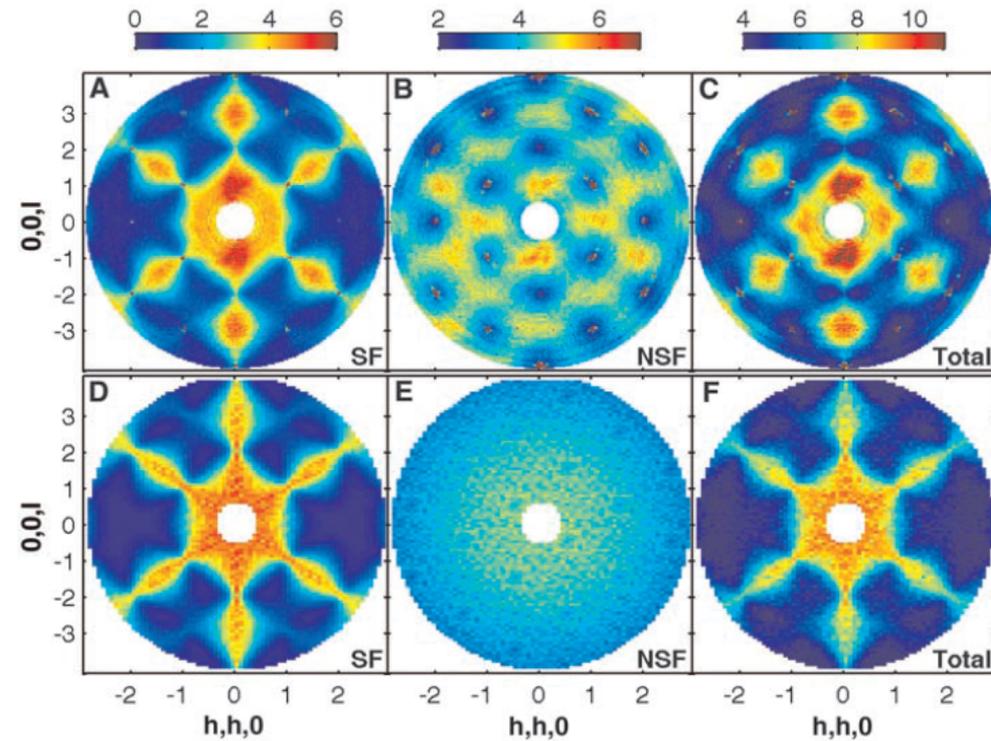
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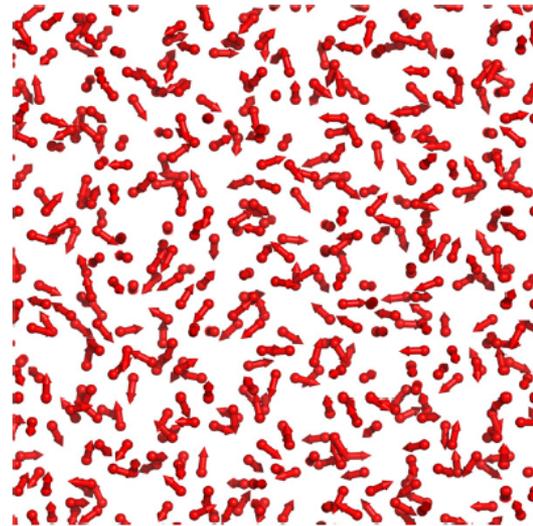
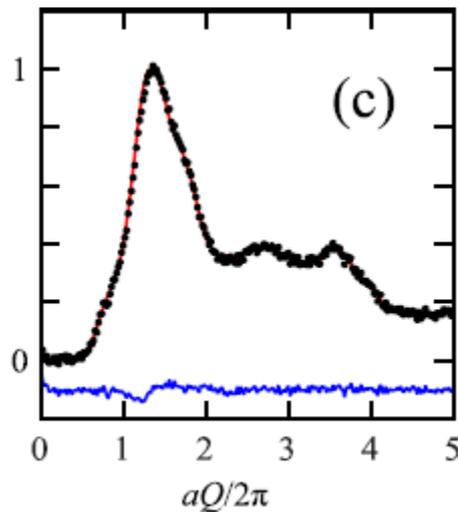
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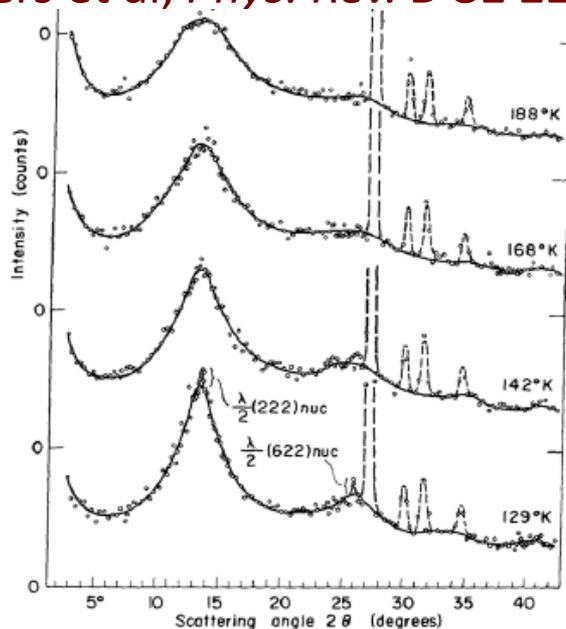
- Model magnetic scattering in momentum space
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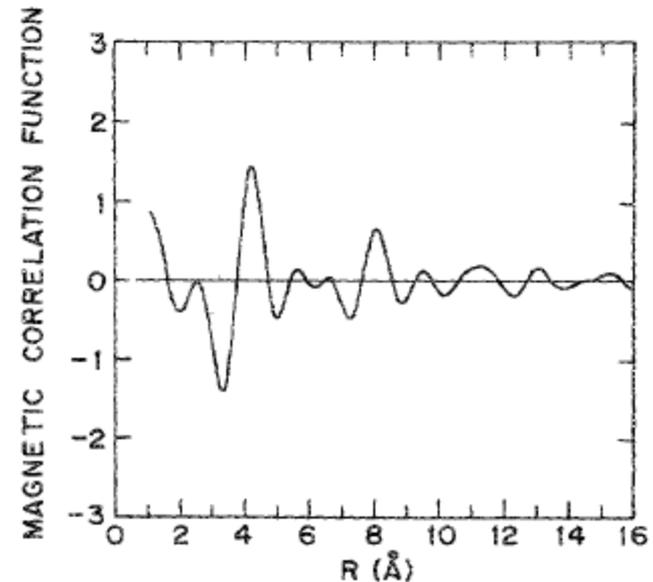
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 - Greedan et al, *J. Appl. Phys.* **67** 5967 (1990)
 - Ehlers et al, *Phys. Rev. B* **81** 224405 (2010)



Blech & Averbach 1964



Wu et al 1987

Missing up until now: Analytical expression for the real-space magnetic pair distribution function

Derivation of the mPDF equations

Magnetic

Atomic

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$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = (\gamma r_0)^2 \sum_{i,j} f_i(\mathbf{Q}) f_j^*(\mathbf{Q}) e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j)} \mathbf{S}_{\perp i} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\perp j}$$

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Effect of finite Q_{\min} on Fourier transform

Atomic PDF: $G_{\text{nuc}}(r) = 4\pi r [\rho(r) - \rho_0]$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{Q_{\min}}^{\infty} F_{\text{nuc}}(Q) \sin Qr dQ$$
$$\neq \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} F_{\text{nuc}}(Q) \sin Qr dQ = 4\pi r \rho(r) = f_{\text{nuc}}(r)$$

(see CL Farrow & SJL Billinge, *Acta A* 65 (2009) 232)

Magnetic PDF: $G_{\text{m}}(r) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{Q_{\min}}^{\infty} F(Q) \sin Qr dQ$

$$= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} F(Q) \sin Qr dQ - \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{Q_{\min}} F(Q) \sin Qr dQ$$
$$= f(r) - C \langle m \rangle r$$

Net magnetization

- Zero for antiferromagnets
- Nonzero for ferro/ferrimagnets

A closer look

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Normalize by form factor,
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Peaks at spin separation distances,
overall $1/r$ envelope

Baseline term linear in r

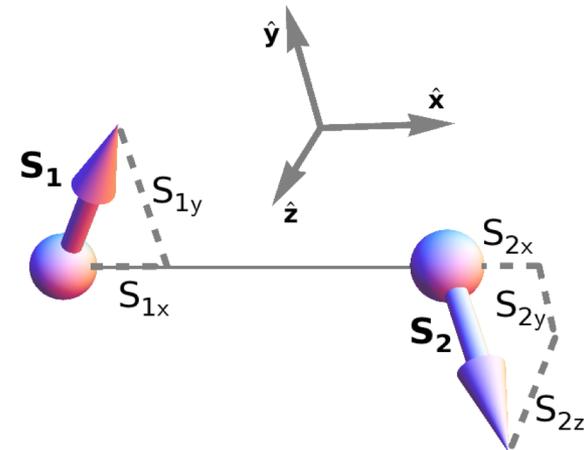
Sign and strength determined by
local spin correlations:

Transverse correlations
(peak height)

$$A_{ij} = S_i^y S_j^y$$

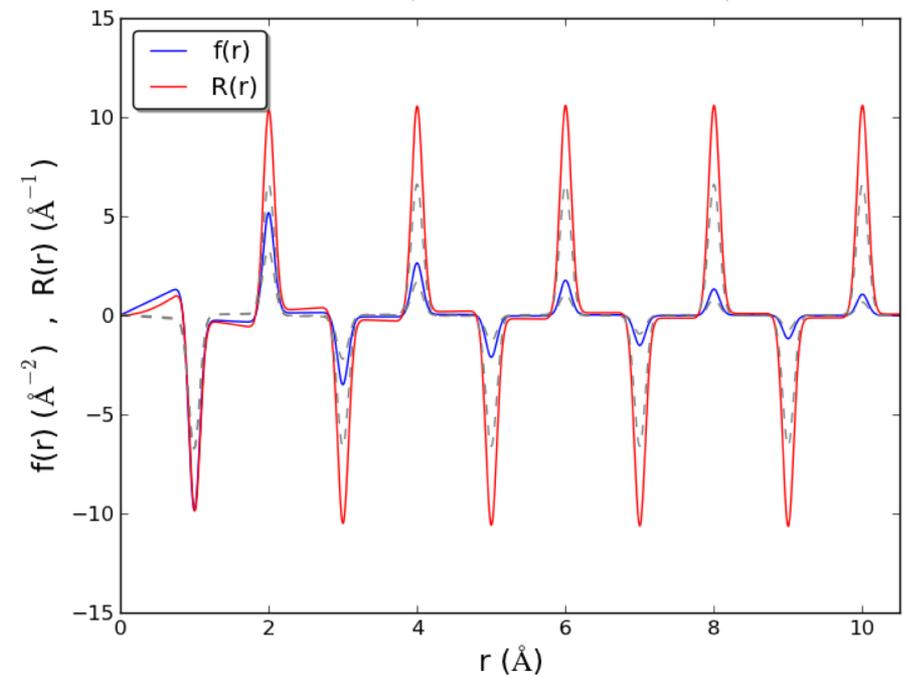
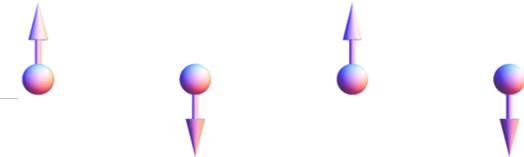
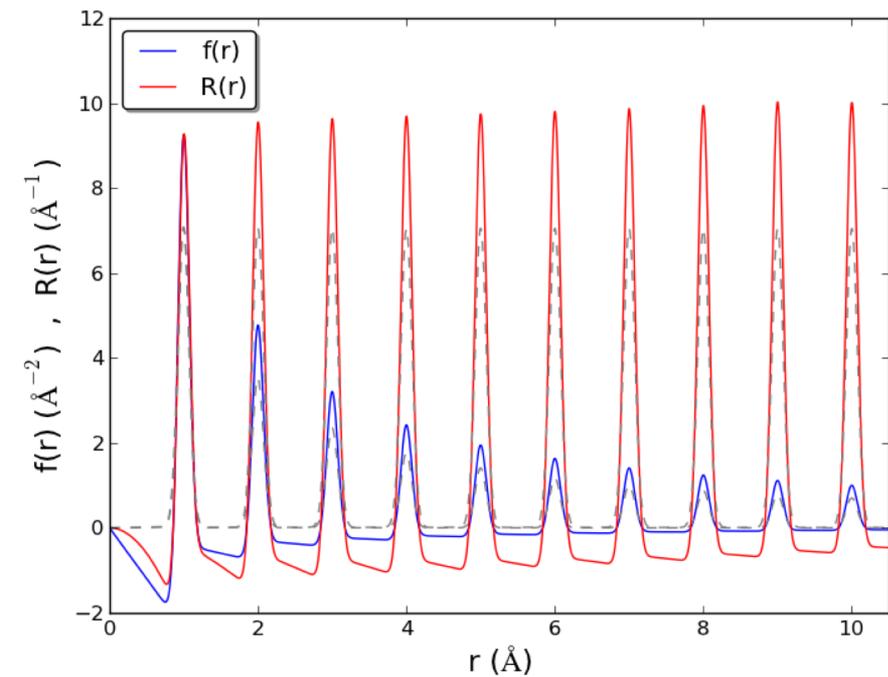
Transverse and longitudinal
correlations (baseline)

$$B_{ij} = 2S_i^x S_j^x - S_i^y S_j^y$$

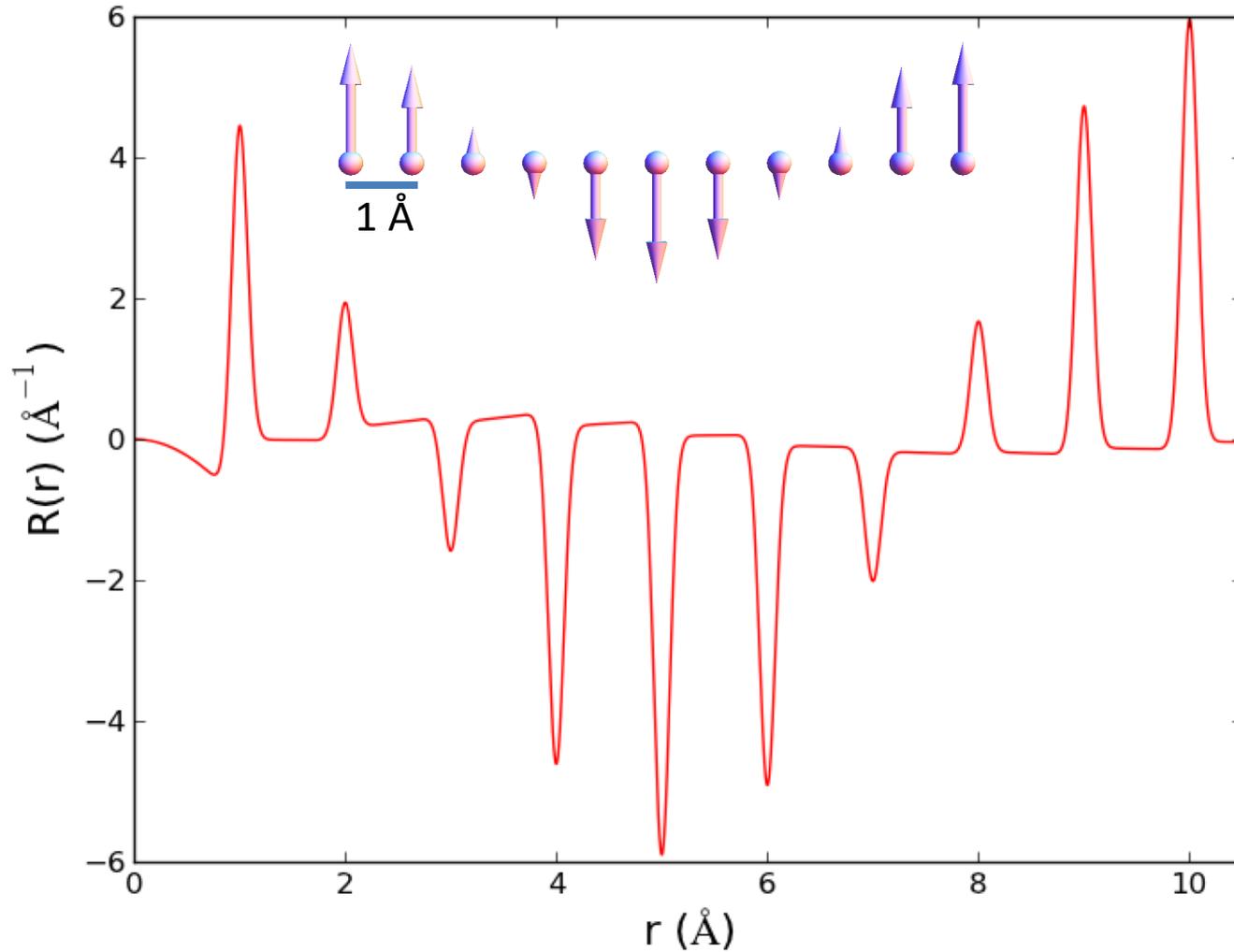


Example: One-dimensional chain

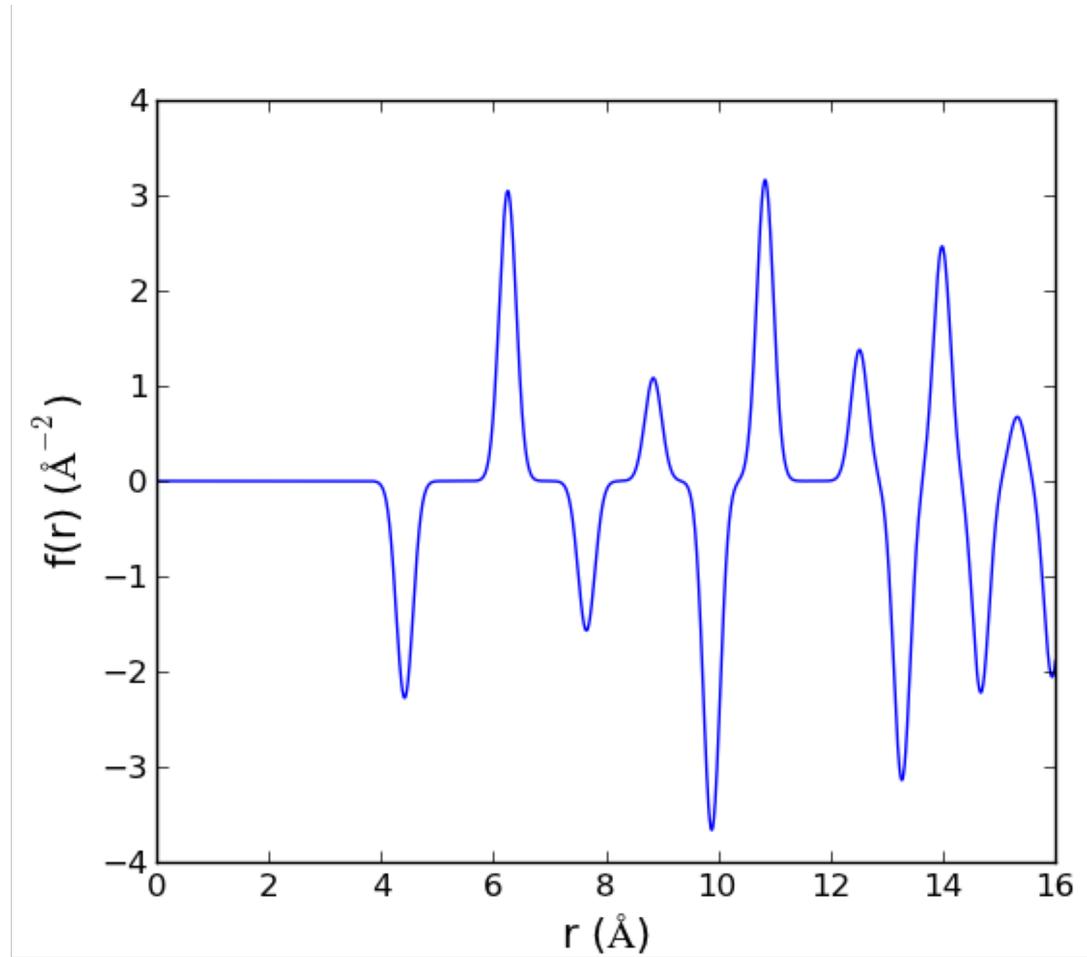
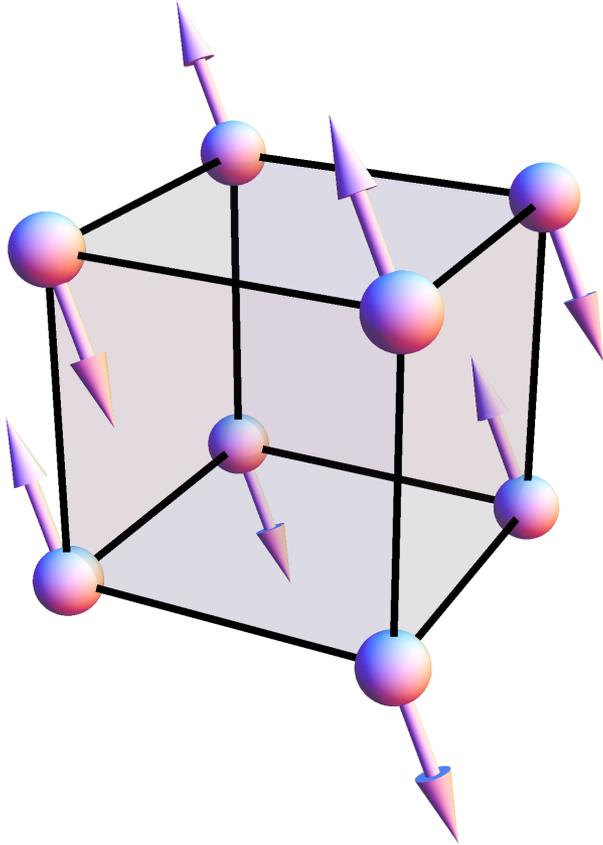
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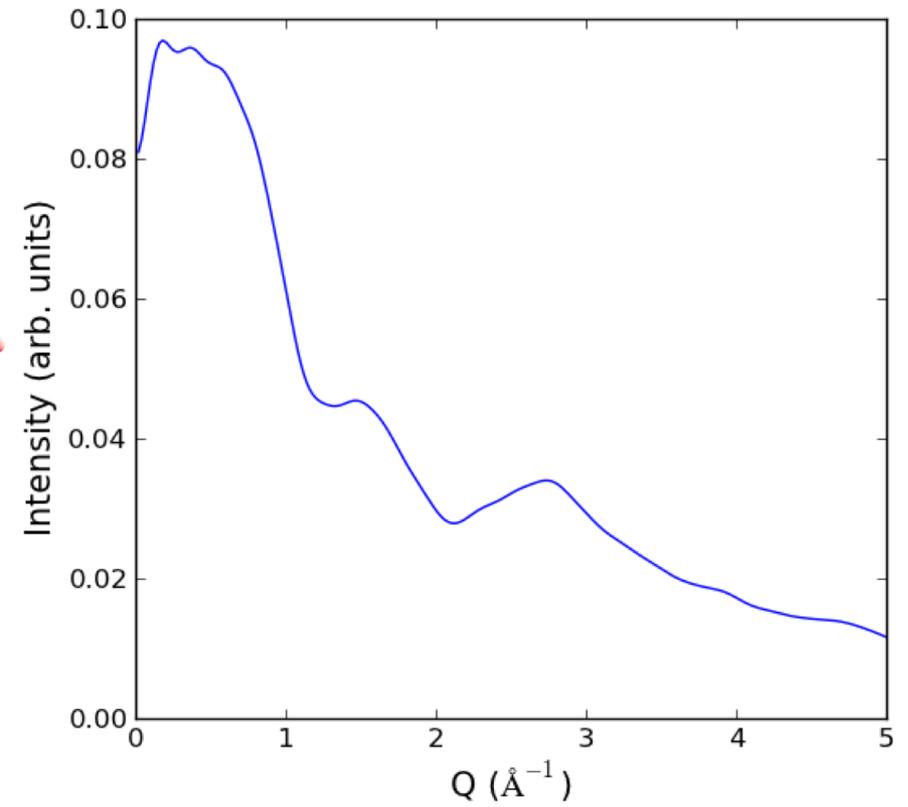
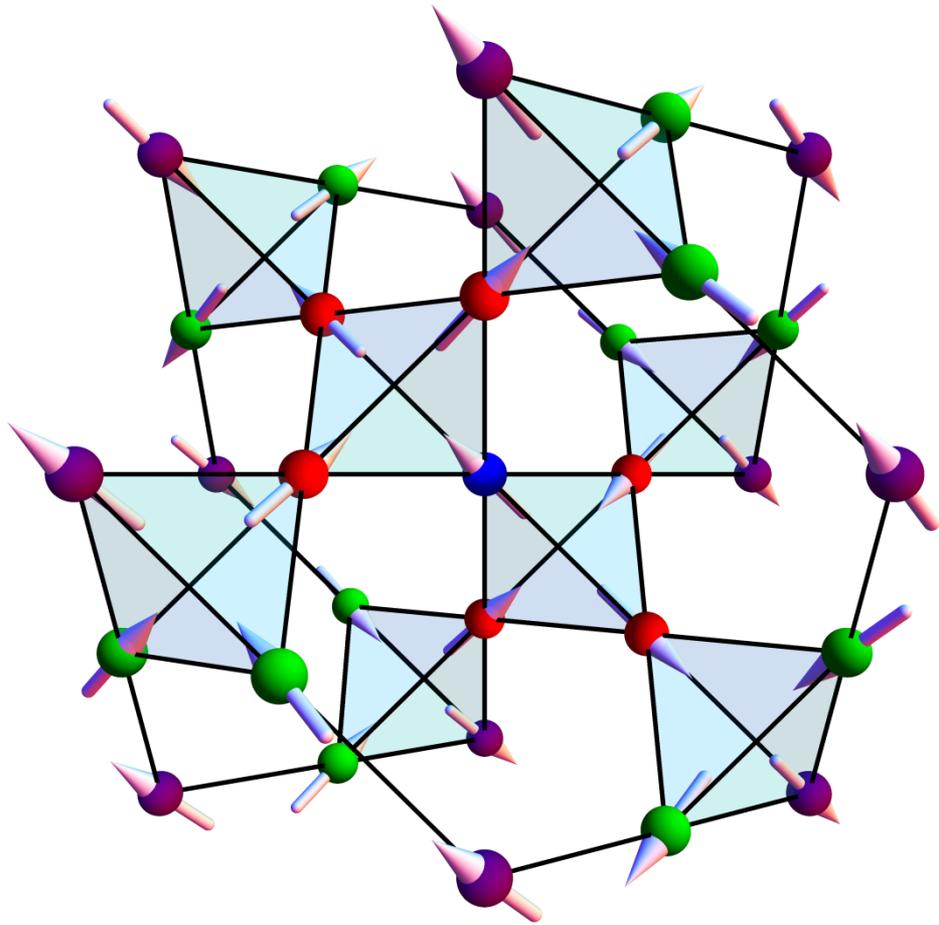
Example: One-dimensional SDW



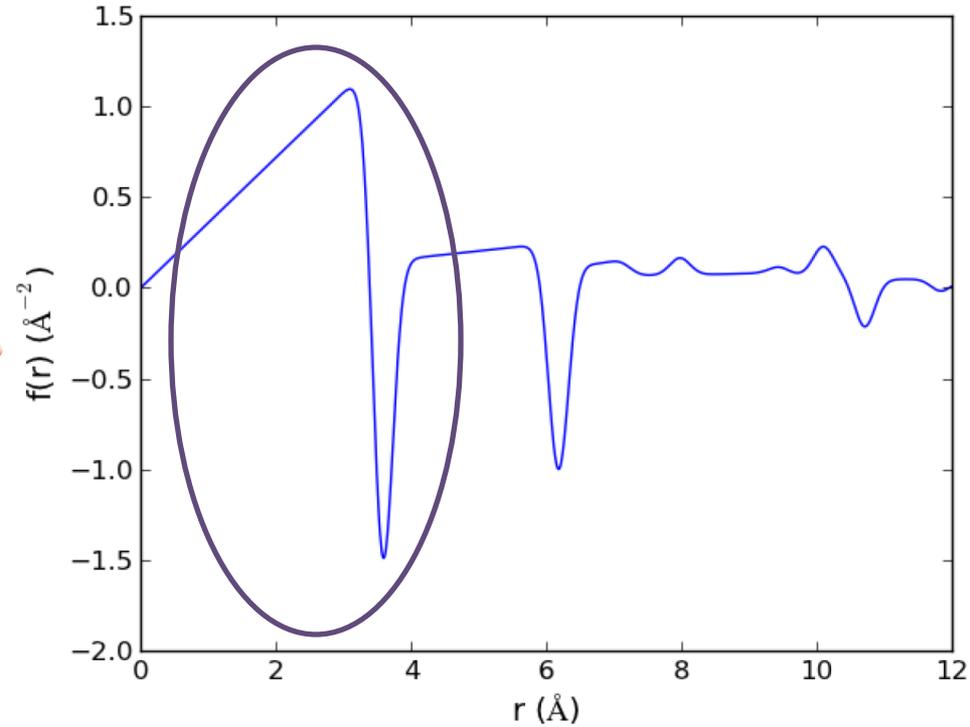
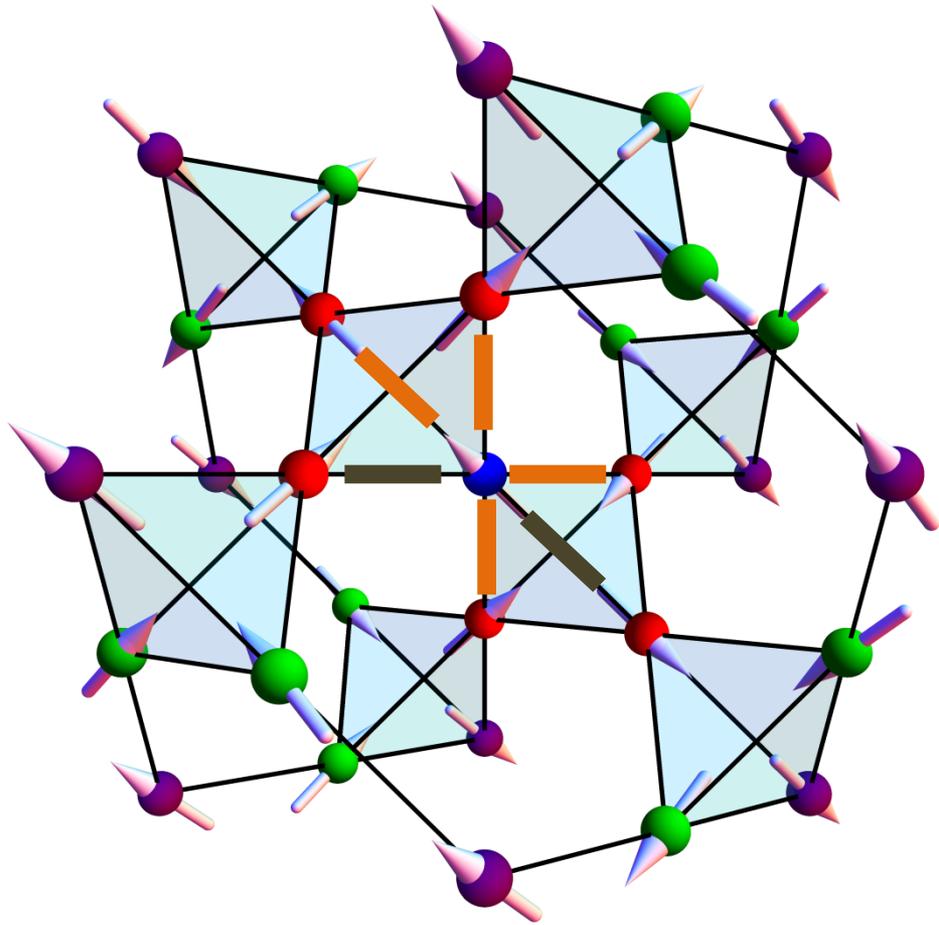
Example: Cubic antiferromagnet



Spin ice

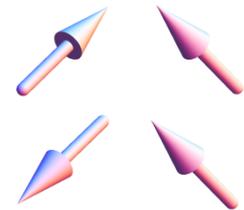


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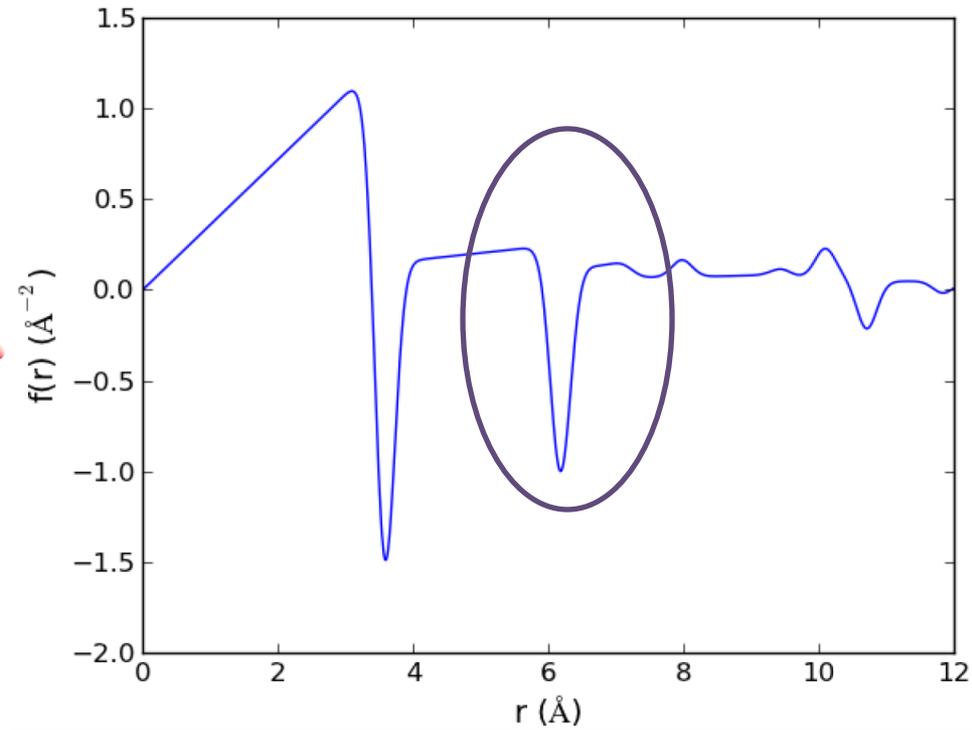
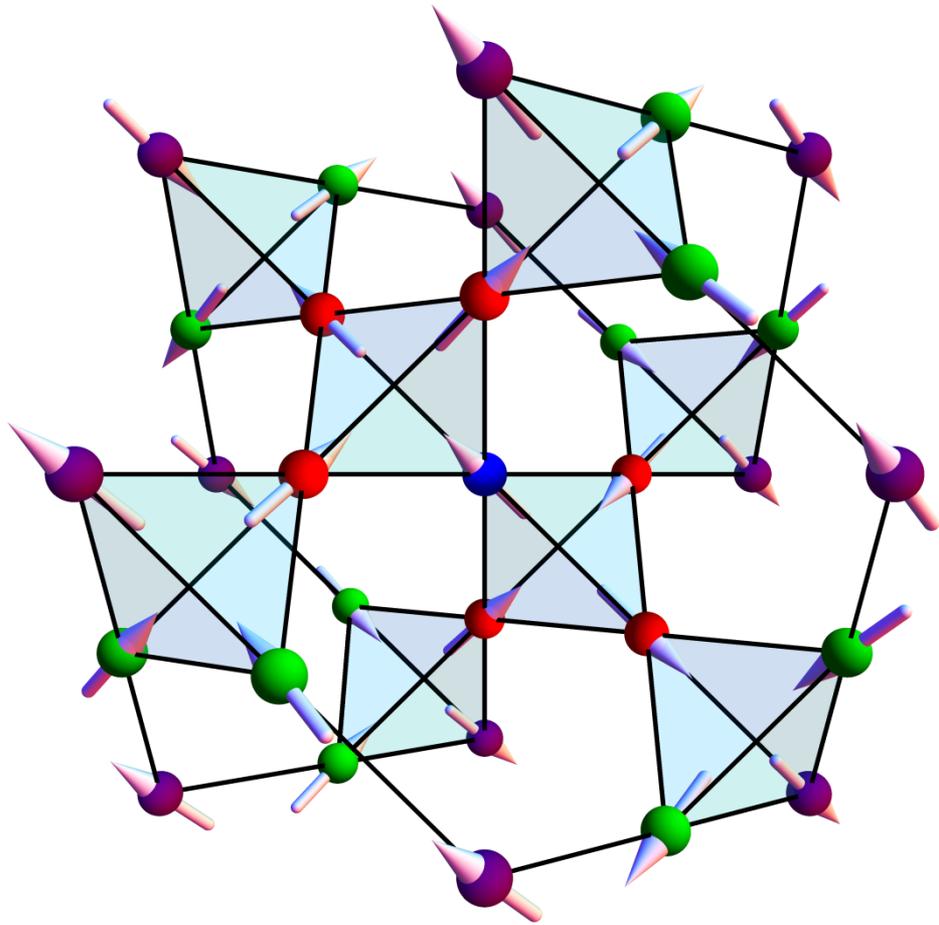


**2 partners: positive peak,
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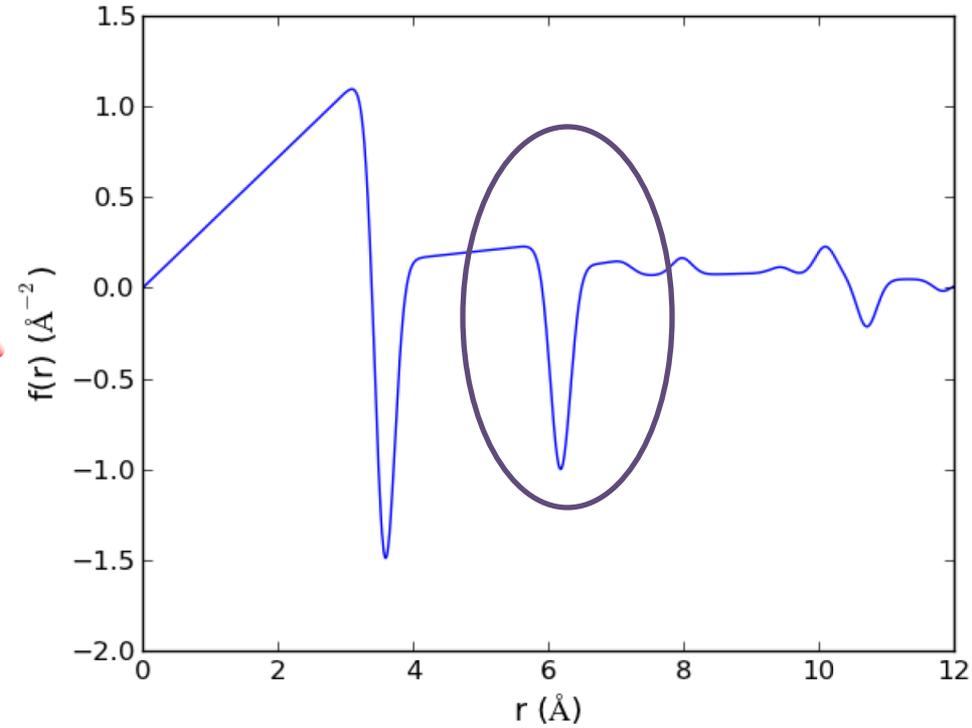
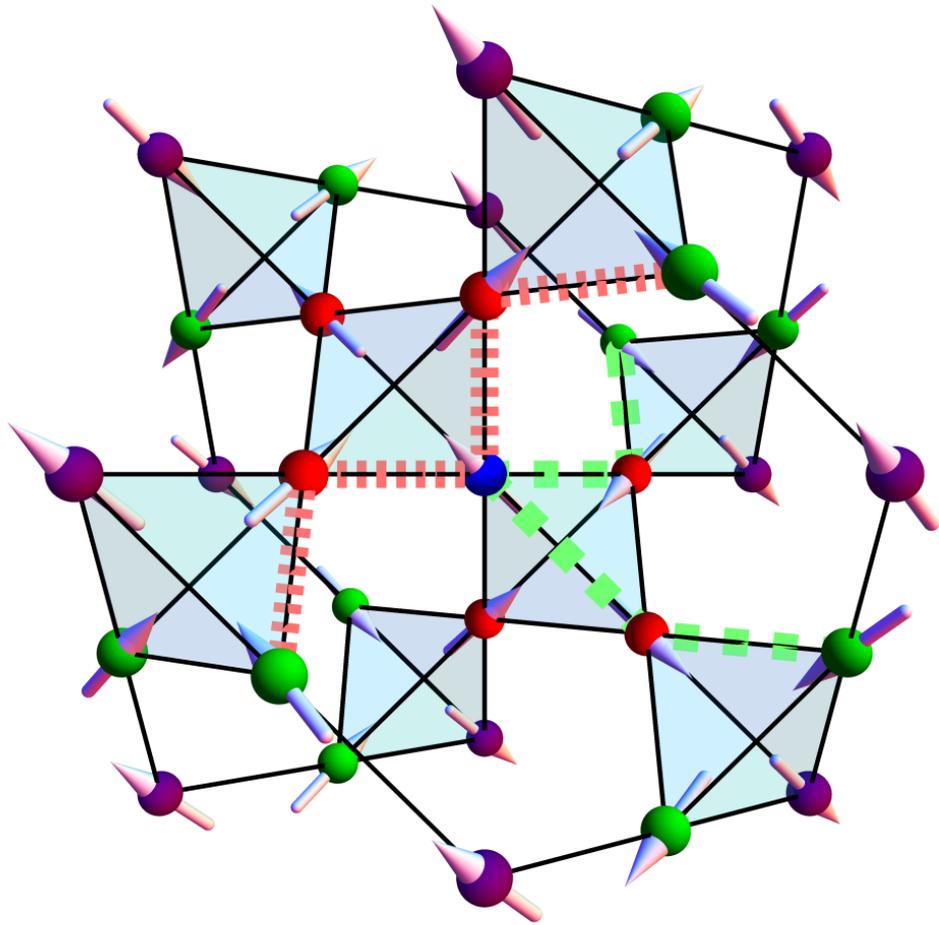
**4 anti-partners: negative
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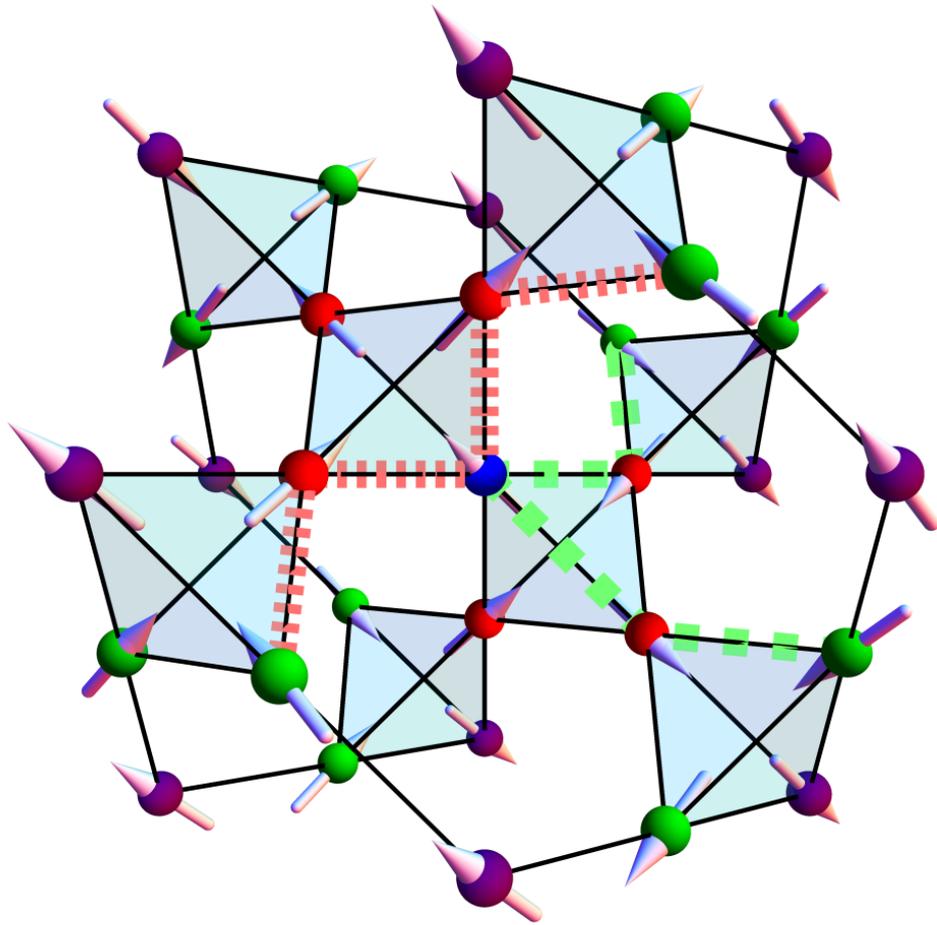
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Types of 3-spin chains:

O-P-A, O-A-P: positive peak

O-P-P, O-A-A: negative peak

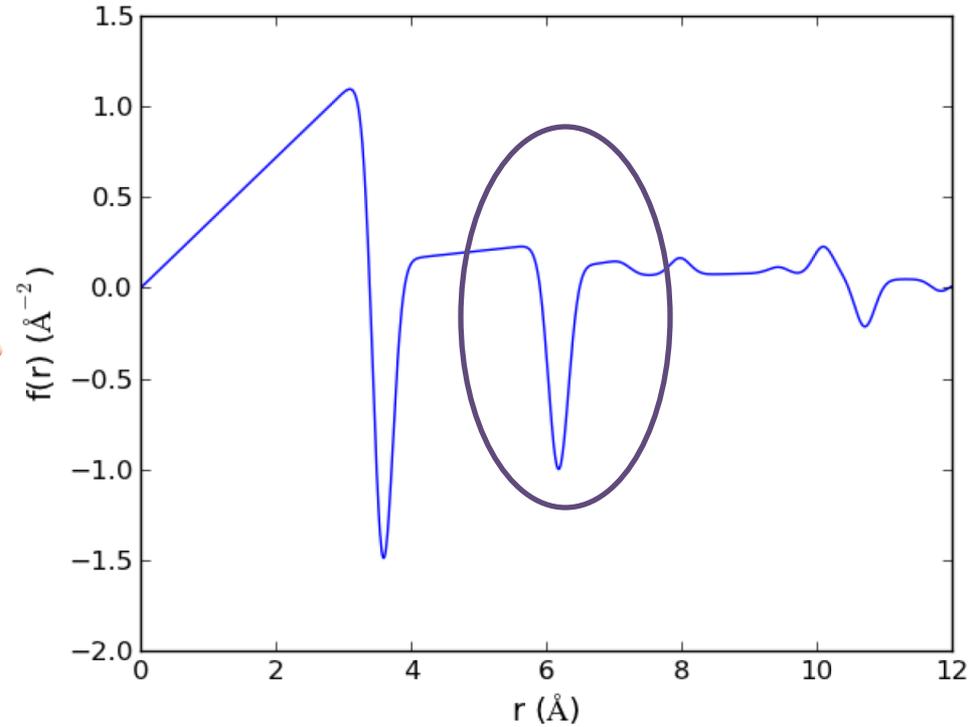
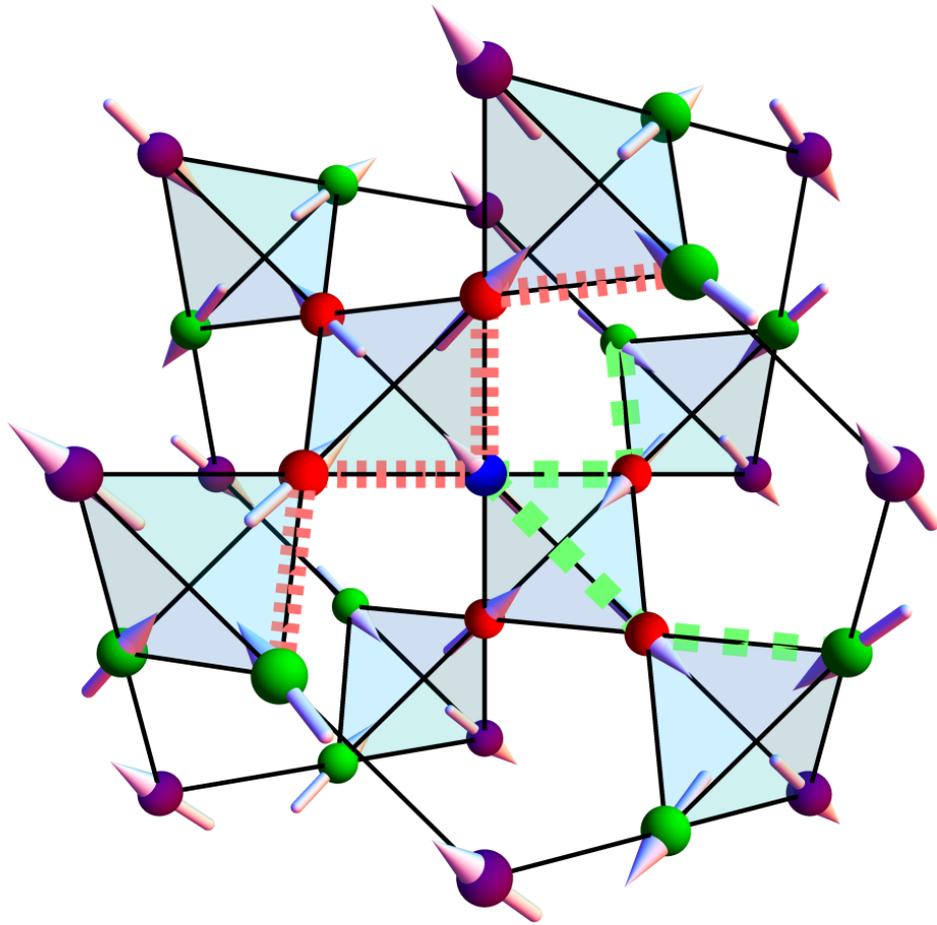
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36 possibilities:

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20 O-A-A or O-P-P (negative peak)

Spin ice



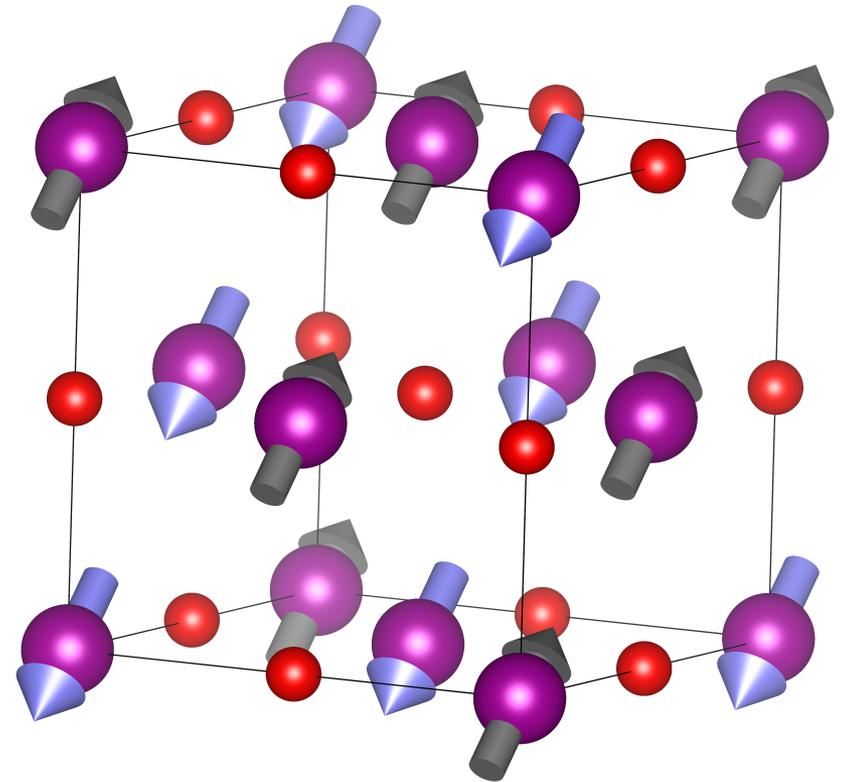
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Obtaining the experimental mPDF

Test case: MnO

- $T_N = 118$ K
- Spins aligned within (111)-type sheets, anti-aligned between sheets
- Rhombohedral contraction along [111]
- First material to have its magnetic structure determined! (Schull et al 1951)



The challenge

- Accurately isolate the full magnetic scattering intensity over a sufficient Q-range
 - Polarized neutrons (i.e. xyz/10-pt polarization)
 - Fit to and subtract out nuclear structure
 - More sophisticated approaches: field-dependent measurements, combined x-ray/neutron, etc.
- Sequential/simultaneous nuclear and magnetic PDF analysis

mPDF analysis of MnO



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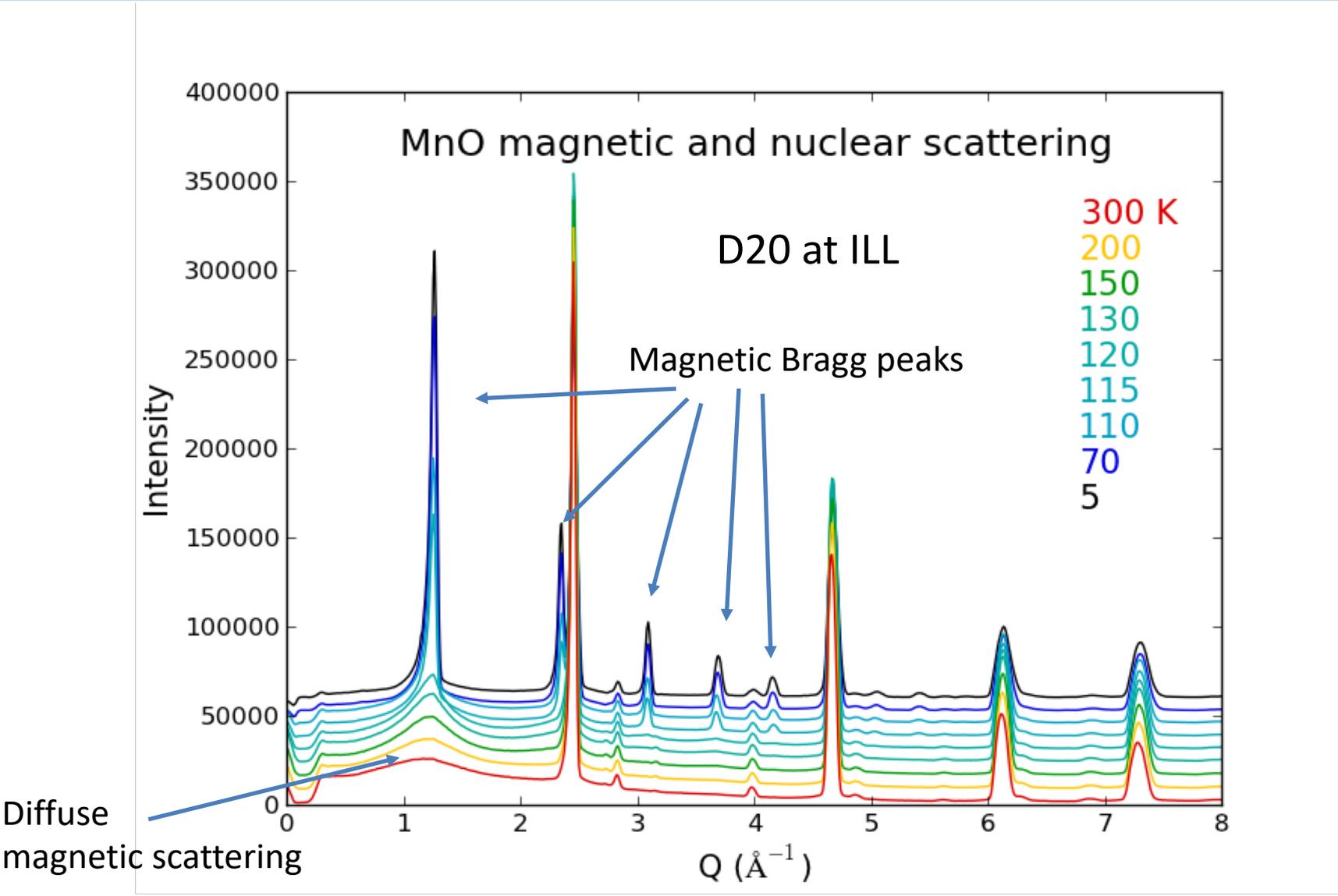
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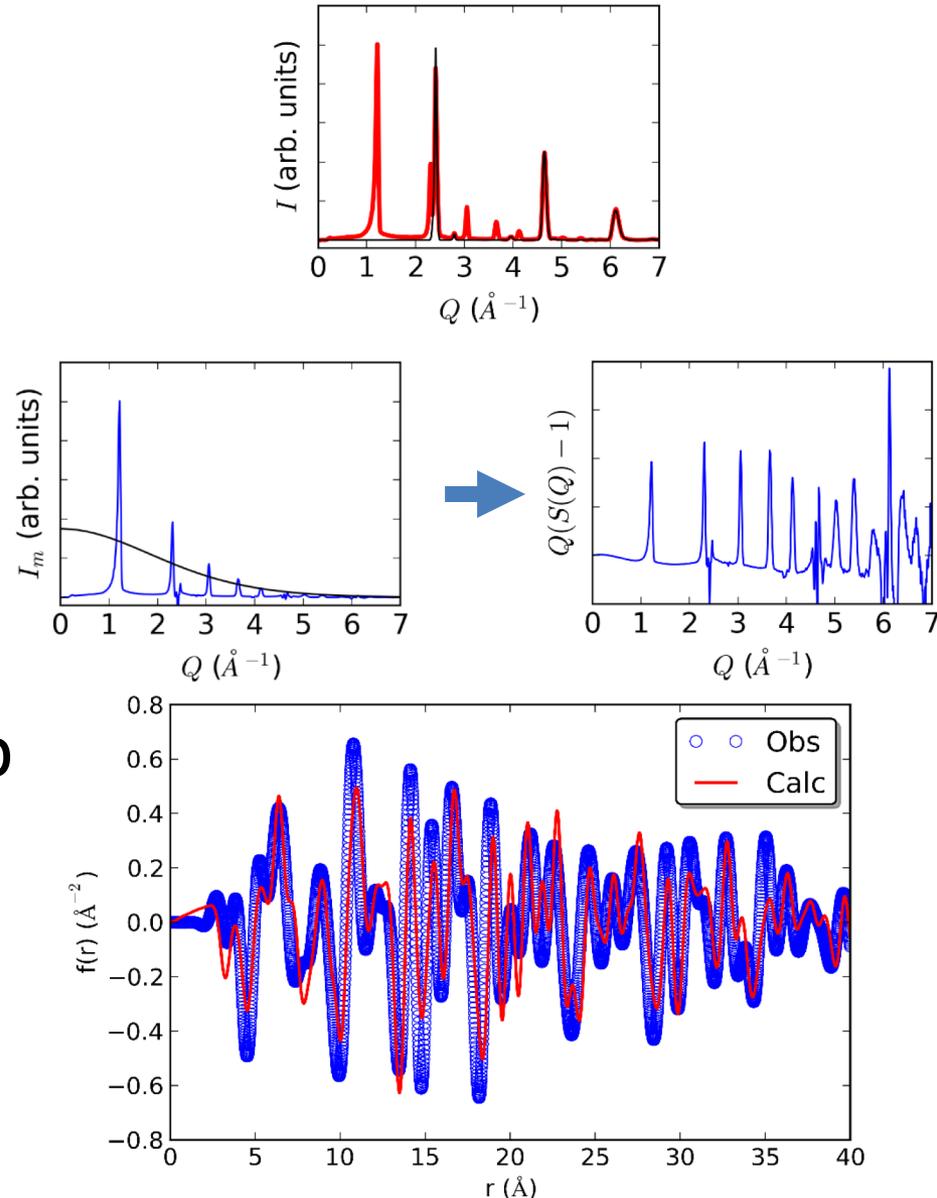
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Conventional neutron scattering from MnO



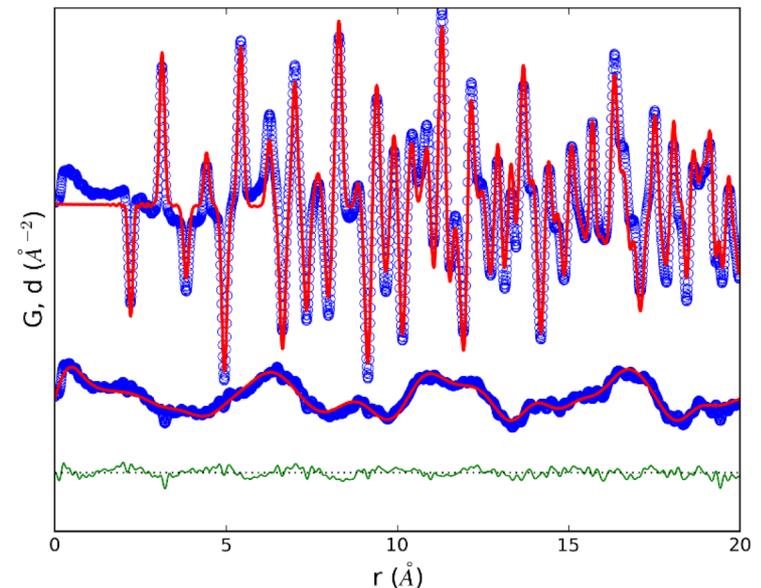
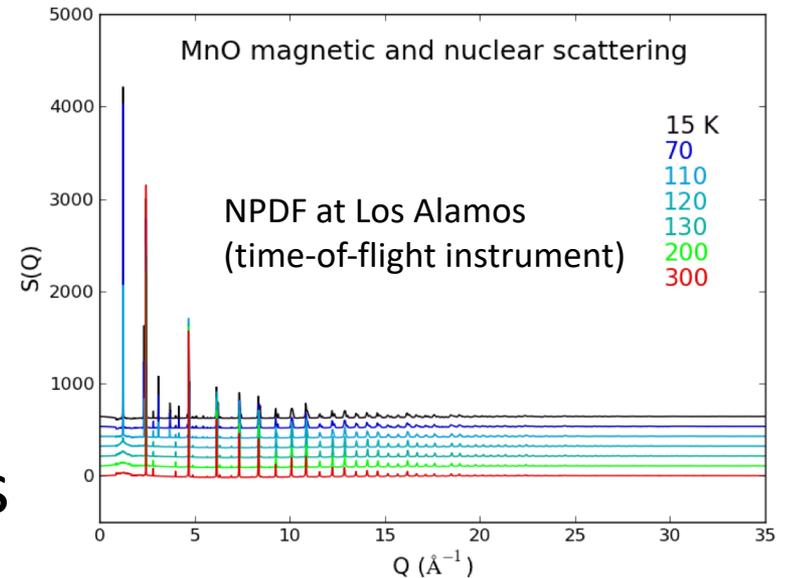
Obtaining the experimental mPDF

- Fit to and subtract out the nuclear Bragg peaks
- Normalize by the magnetic form factor
- Fourier transform to obtain the real-space mPDF
- Quite noisy due to amplification of small errors in normalization step
- Sufficient to verify mPDF equations and encourage future developments
- Is there another way?



Simultaneous atomic and magnetic PDF

- Perform neutron total scattering experiment just like usual atomic PDF
- Process data according to standard atomic PDF protocols
- Result: additive combination of the usual atomic PDF and the (unnormalized) mPDF
- Model the atomic and magnetic PDFs together



Total PDF: nuclear PDF + mPDF

$$G_{tot}(r) = \mathcal{F} [Q(S_{tot}(Q) - 1)]$$

$$S_{tot}(Q) - 1 = \frac{I_{tot}}{N \langle b \rangle^2} - \frac{\langle b^2 \rangle}{\langle b \rangle^2}$$

$$I_{tot} = I_n + I_m$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_{tot}(r) &= \mathcal{F} \left[Q \left(\frac{I_n}{N \langle b \rangle^2} - \frac{\langle b^2 \rangle}{\langle b \rangle^2} \right) \right] + \mathcal{F} \left[Q \frac{I_m}{N \langle b \rangle^2} \right] \\ &= G_n(r) + \boxed{d(r)} / N \langle b \rangle^2 \end{aligned}$$

$d(r)$: “unnormalized” mPDF

$$d(r) = \mathcal{F} [Q I_m(Q)] \quad \text{cf.} \quad f(r) \sim \mathcal{F} \left[Q \left(\frac{I_m(Q)}{f^2(Q)} - 1 \right) \right]$$

Properly normalized mPDF

$$d(r) = f(r) * S(r) = \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{dS}{dr}$$

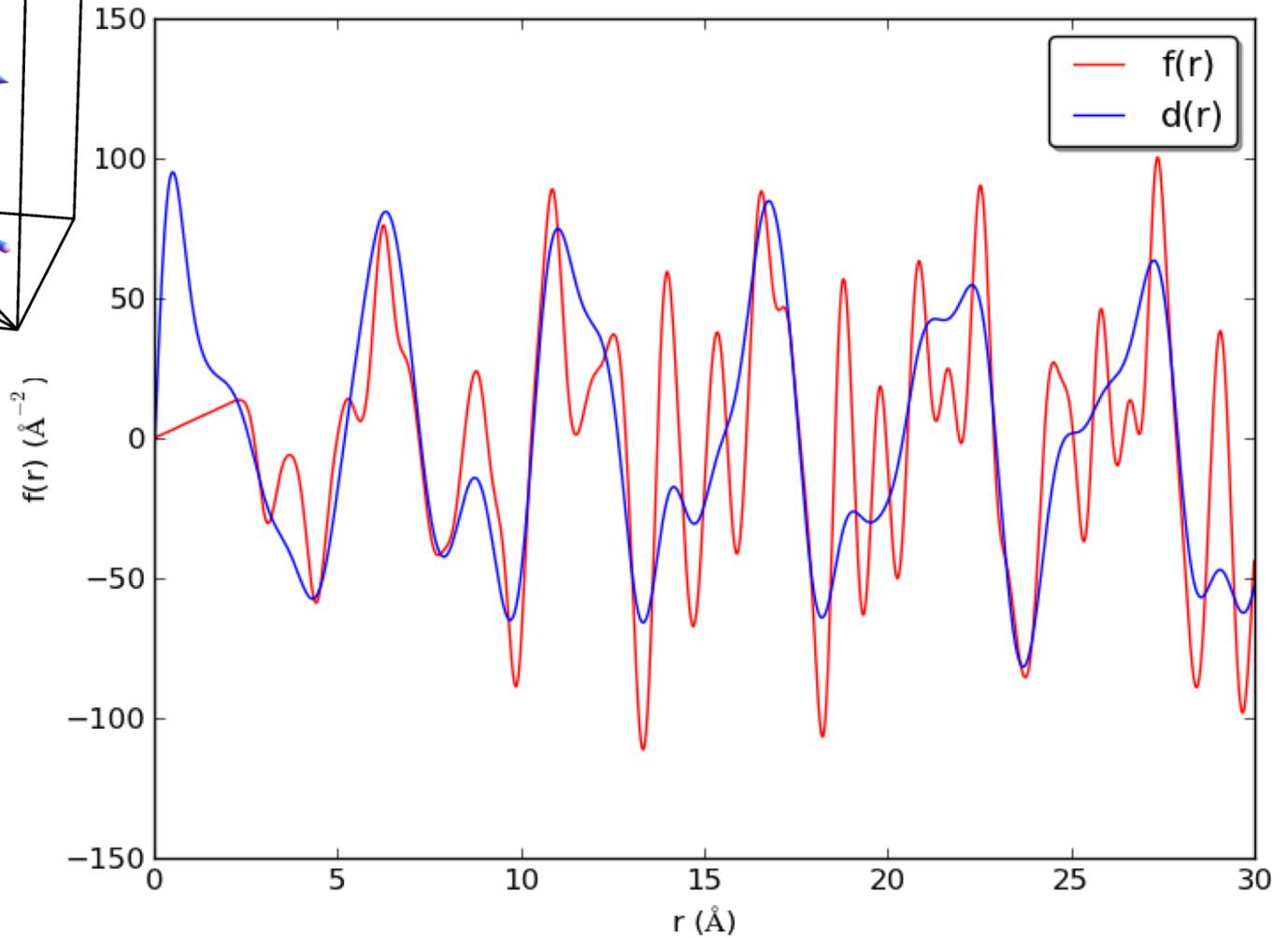
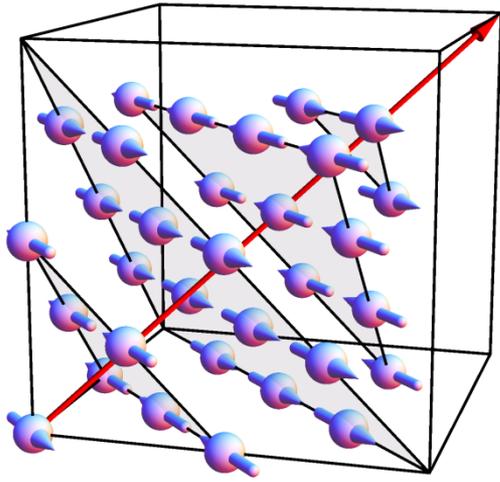
$$S(r) = s(r) * s(r) = \int dr' s(r') s(r - r')$$

Related to real-space extent of magnetic moment

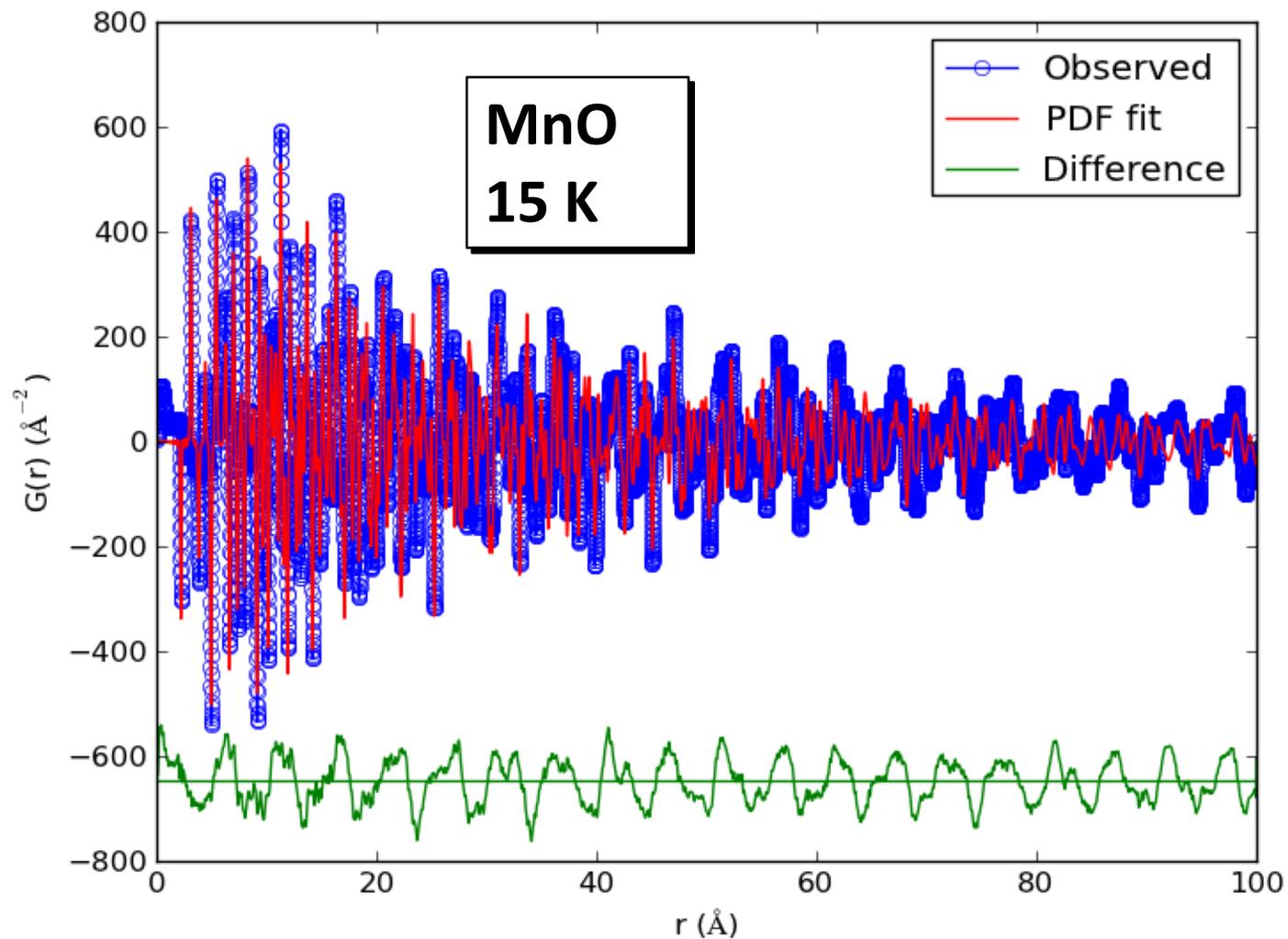
$$s(r) = \mathcal{F} [f(Q)] = \int dQ \exp iQr f(Q)$$

Magnetic form factor

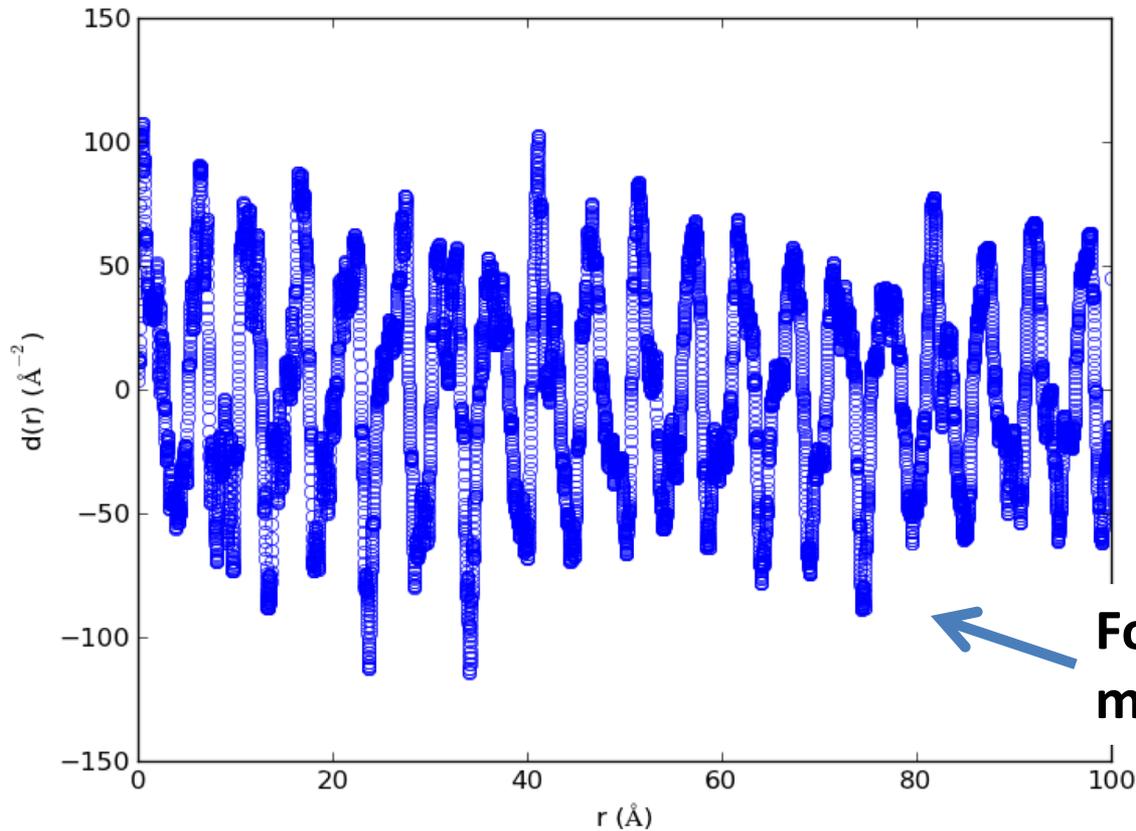
“Unnormalized” mPDF: MnO



Atomic PDF fits

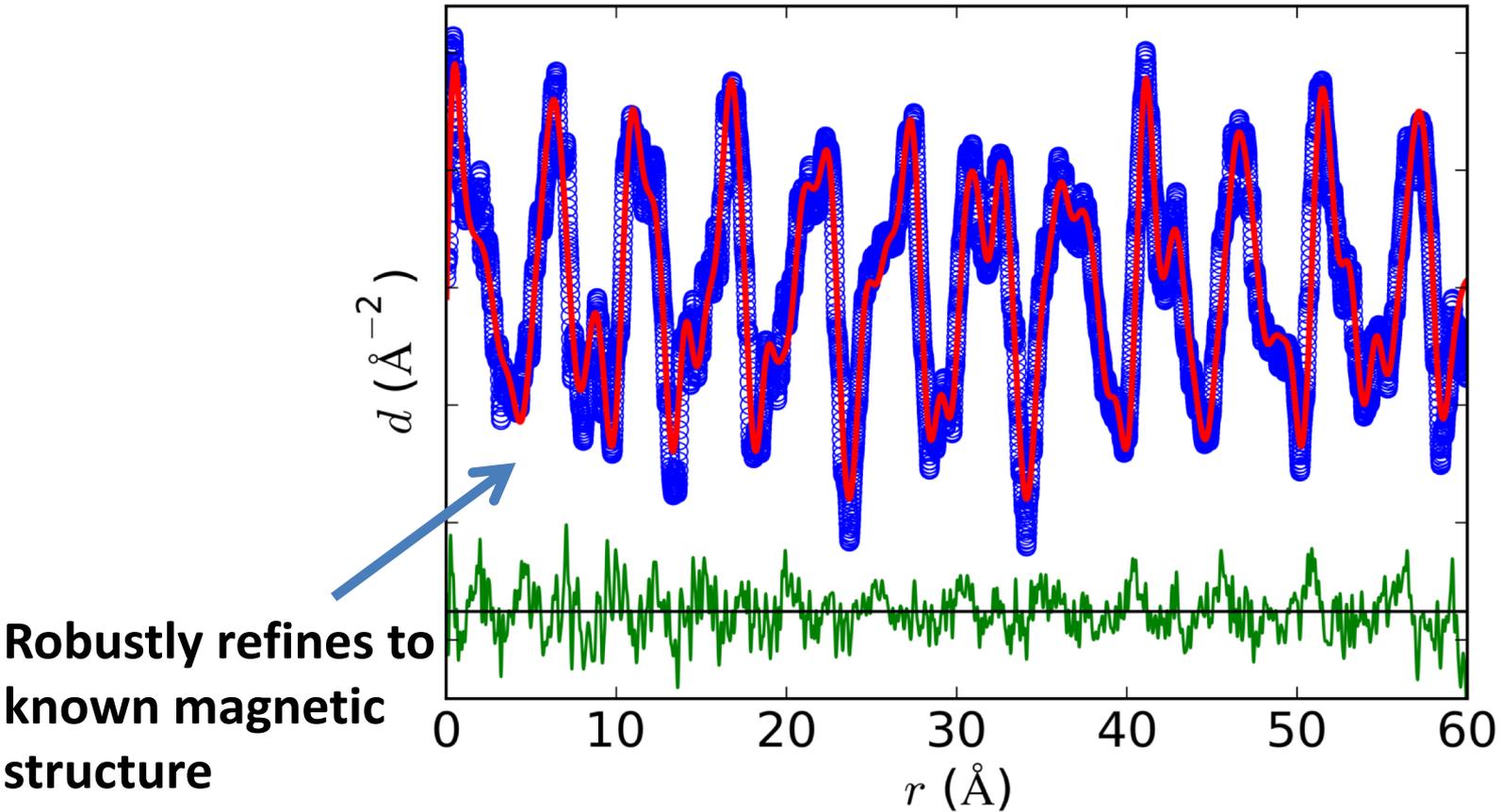


Atomic PDF fit: difference curve



Fourier transformed
magnetic signal $d(r)$

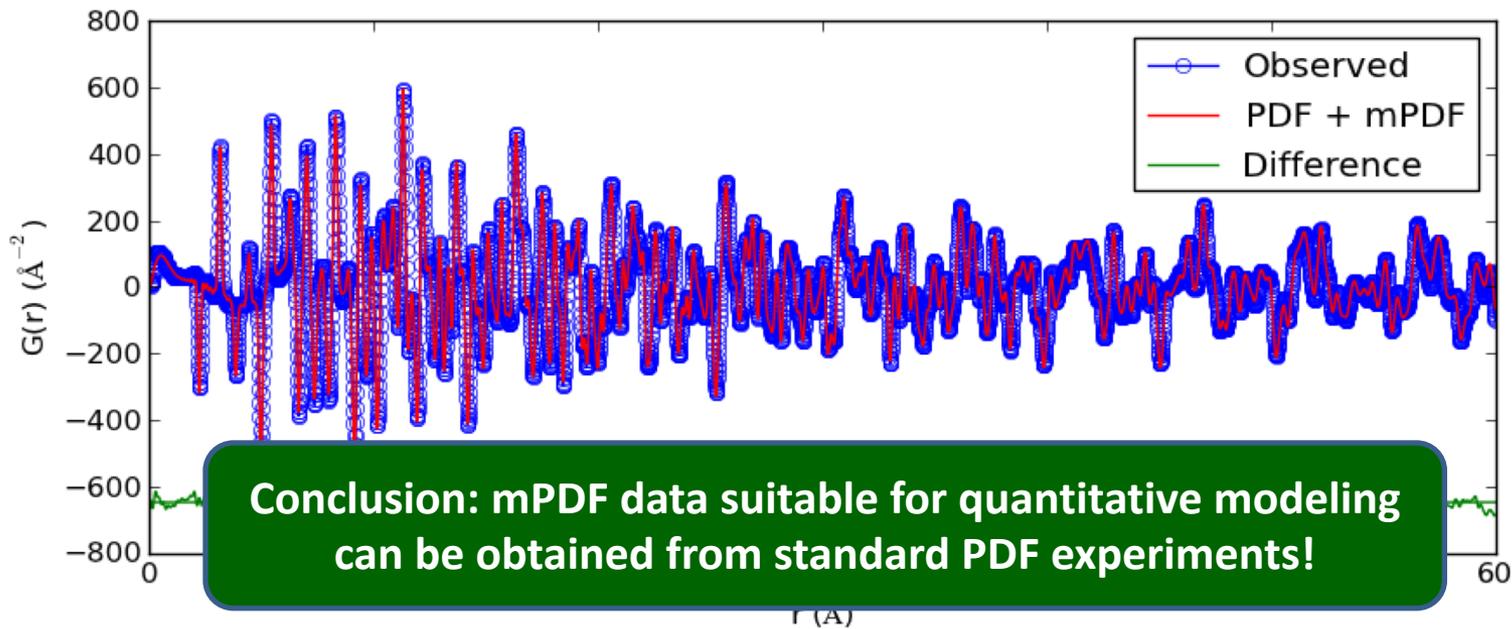
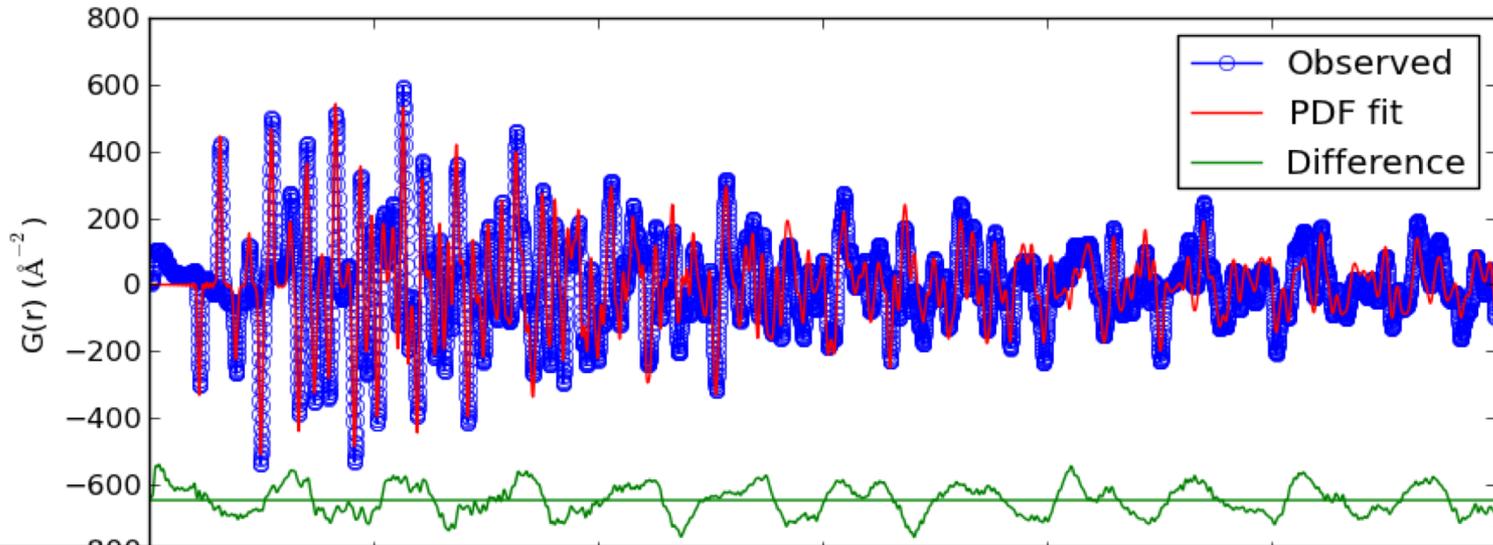
Atomic PDF fit: difference curve



$$G_{\text{tot}}(r) = G_{\text{n}}(r) + d(r)/N_{\text{a}} \langle b \rangle^2$$

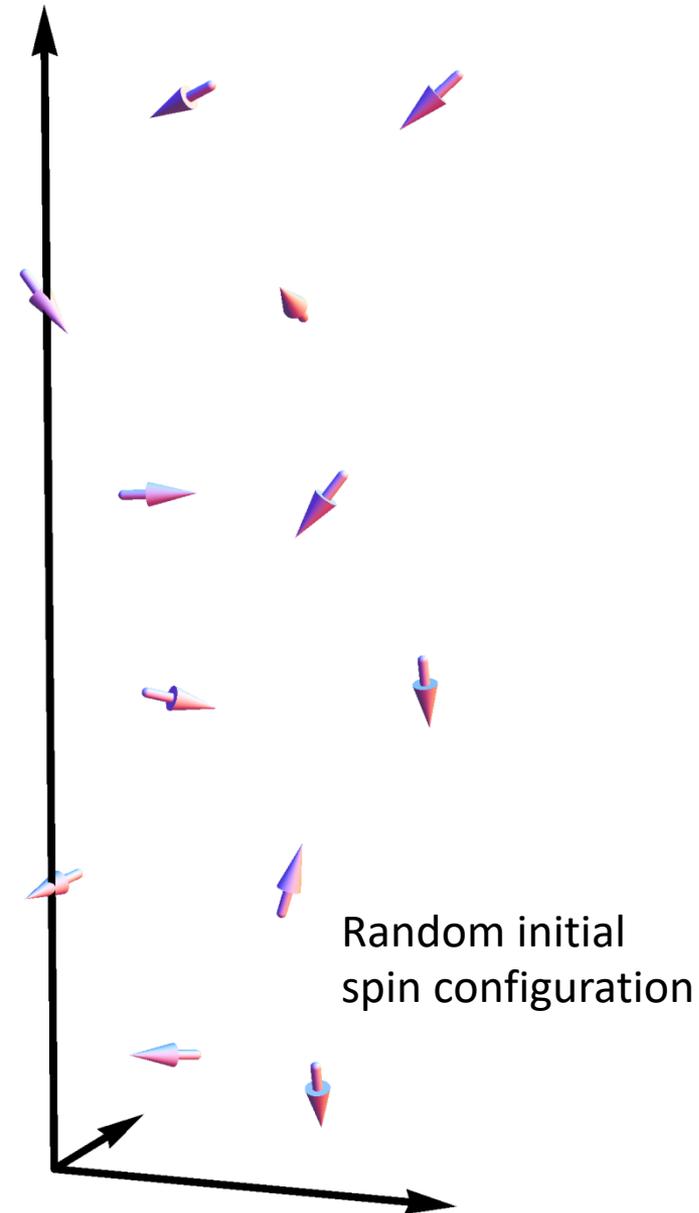
$$d(r) = C_1 \times f(r) * S(r) + C_2 \times \frac{dS}{dr}$$

Including the mPDF contribution

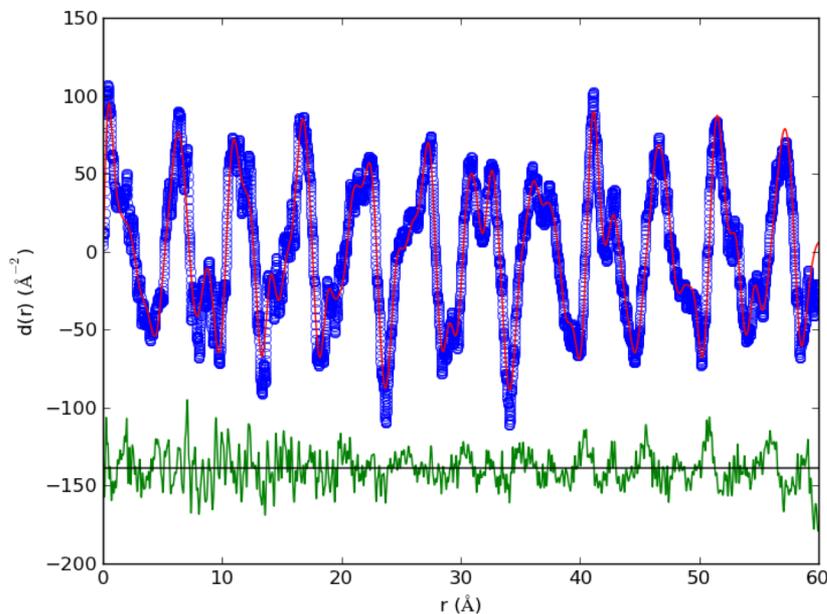


Conclusion: mPDF data suitable for quantitative modeling can be obtained from standard PDF experiments!

Ab initio magnetic structure solution

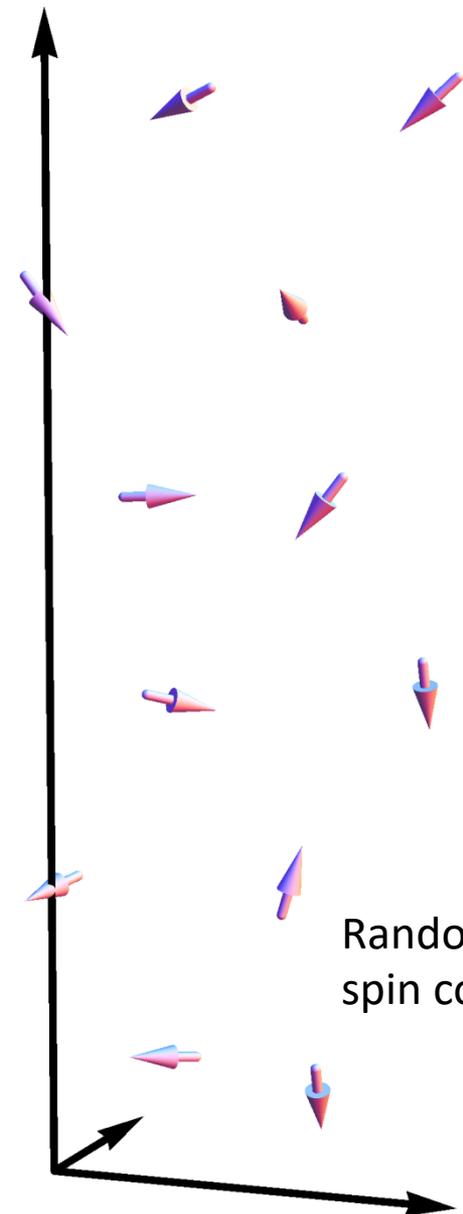


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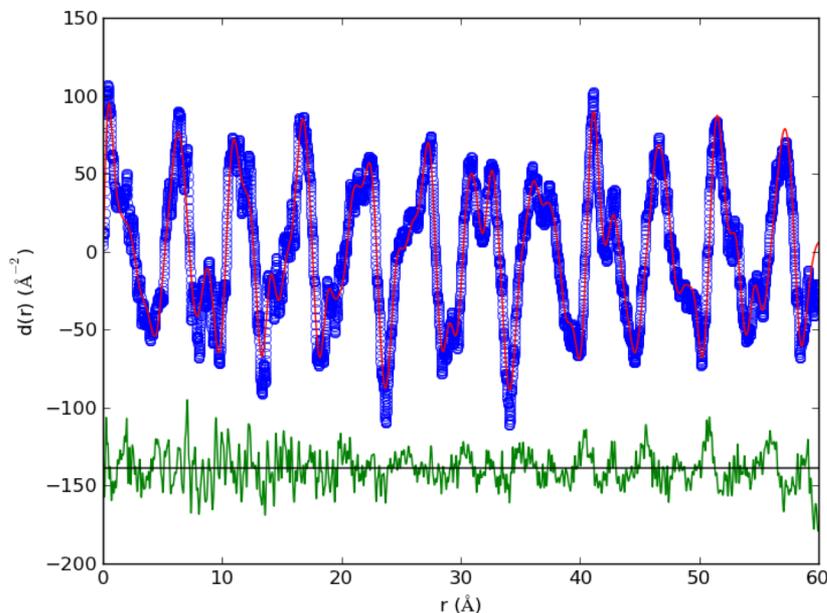


Refine all spins
independently against
experimental data

Random initial
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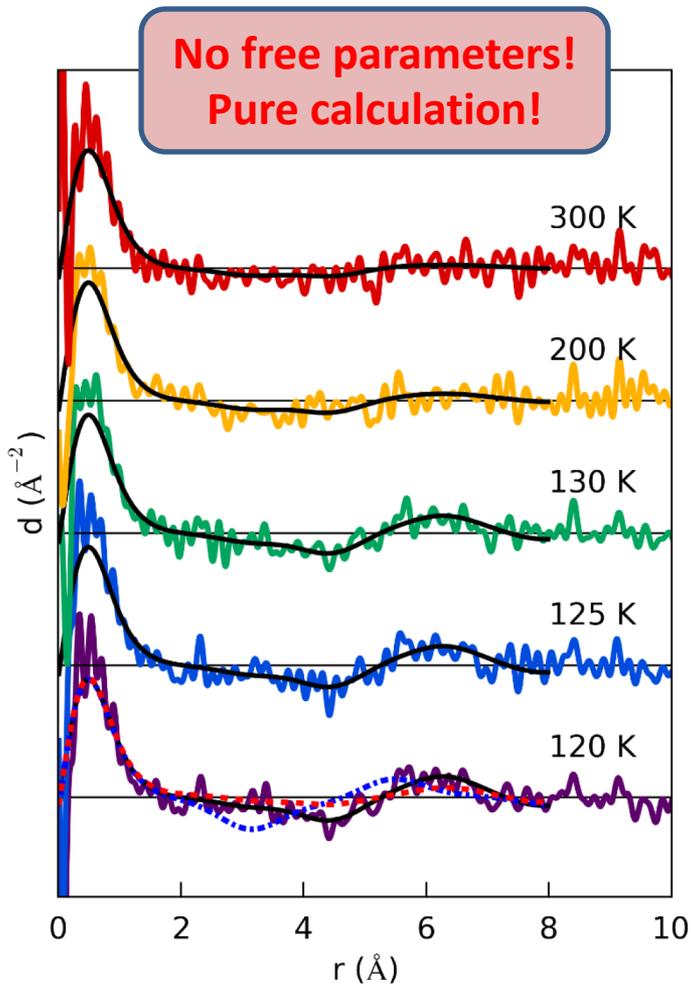


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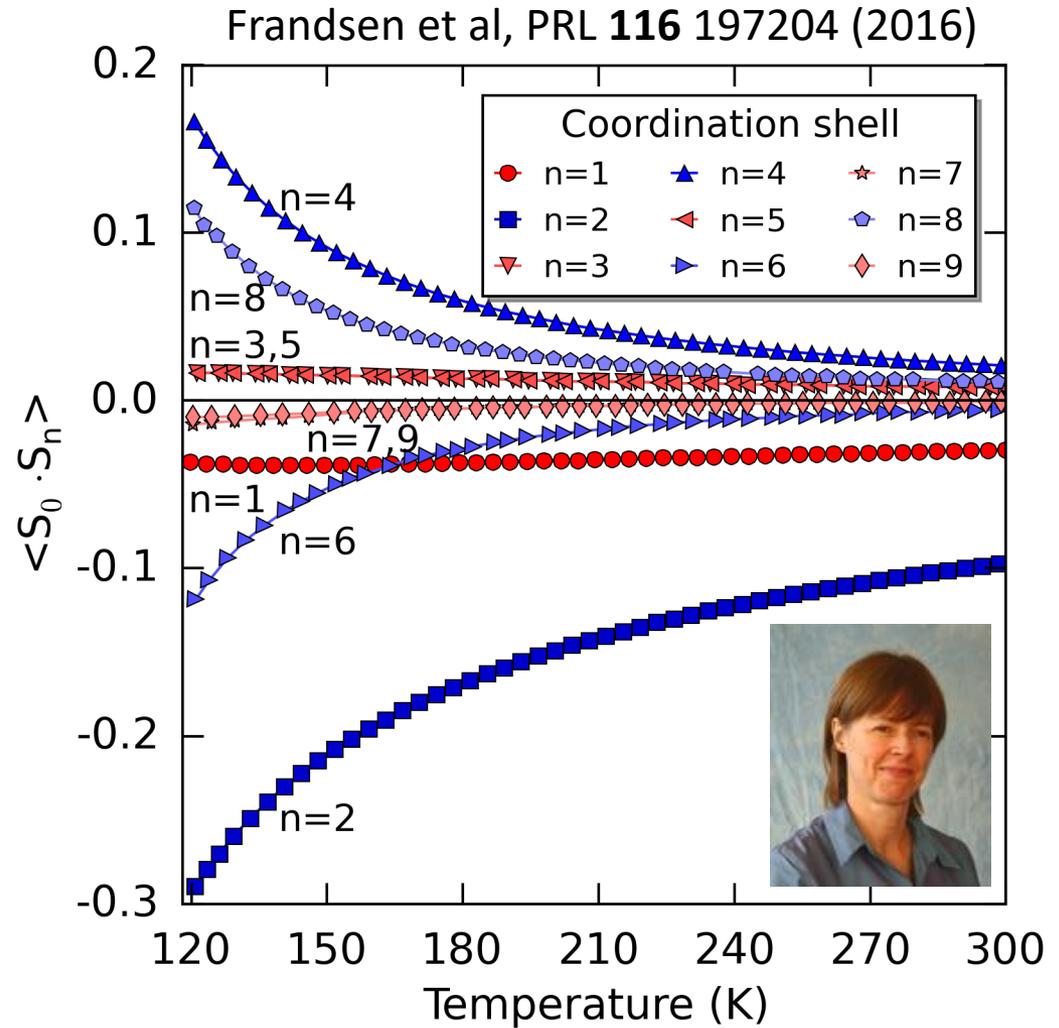
Random initial
spin configuration

Correct AF
arrangement quickly
produced

mPDF from MnO in paramagnetic phase



**Superexchange dominates
over direct exchange**



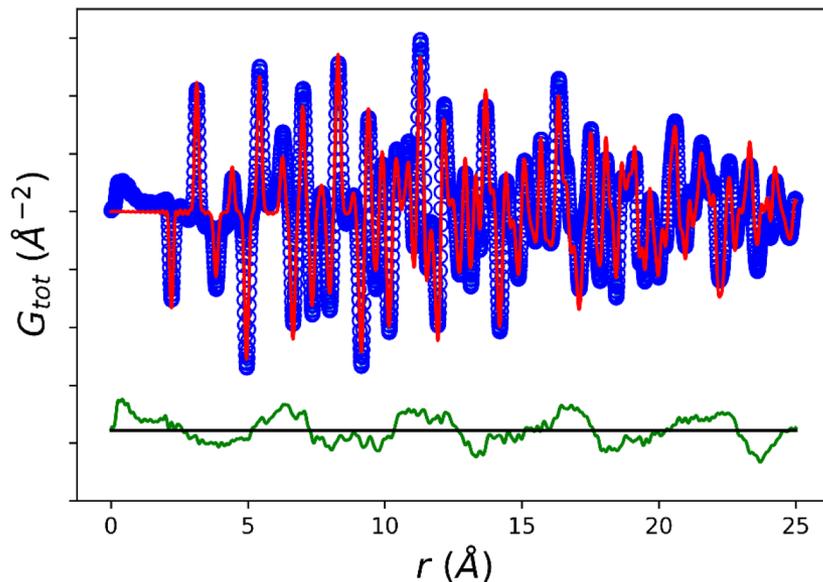
Density functional theory (SIC-LSDA/DLM approach), with Julie Staunton at U. Warwick

Summary of methods to obtain the mPDF

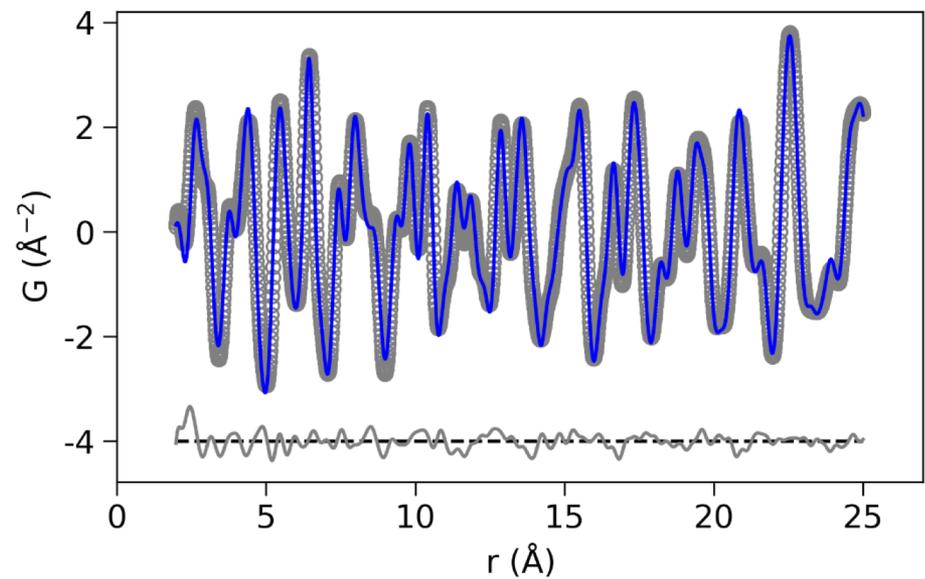
- Separate magnetic/nuclear scattering in reciprocal space and do proper normalization
 - Potential for high-resolution mPDF data
 - Data must be treated carefully
 - Should be developed further!
- Perform standard PDF experiment and get nuclear and (unnormalized) magnetic PDFs together
 - Easy and practical; no special effort required!
 - Lower real-space resolution
 - Easiest entry-point for PDF practitioners looking to do mPDF analysis

Handling sub-optimal mPDF data

- What if the mPDF is much smaller than the nuclear PDF?
- What if your model for the atomic structure is of limited quality?



MnO



NaCaCo₂F₇

Relative scales of magnetic/atomic PDFs

Ratio of mPDF scale factor to nuclear PDF scale factor:

$$\frac{N_s}{N_a} \frac{\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{\gamma r_0}{2} \right)^2 (gJ)^2}{2\pi \langle b \rangle^2}$$

MnO

- $N_s/N_a = 1/2$
- $\langle b \rangle$ is quite small due to negative scattering length of Mn
- Very large mPDF signal!

NaCaCo₂F₇:

- $N_s/N_a = 2/11$
- $\langle b \rangle$ is much larger
- Greatly reduced mPDF signal

(Side note: This gives us a way to determine the ordered moment from mPDF measurements!)

mPDF Analysis of $\text{NaCaCo}_2\text{F}_7$



Kate Ross



Bob Cava



Jason Krizan

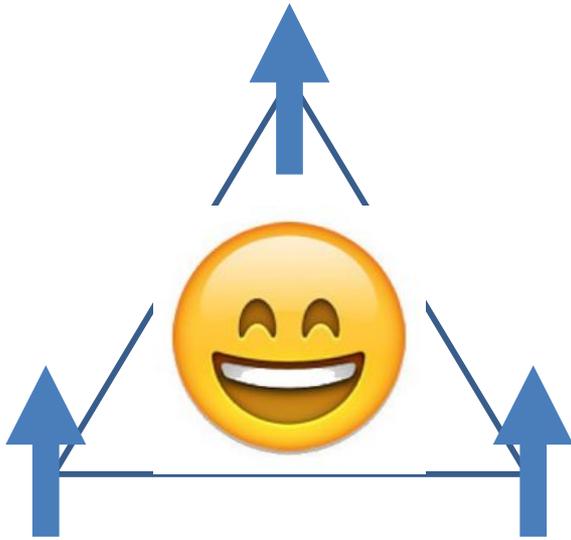
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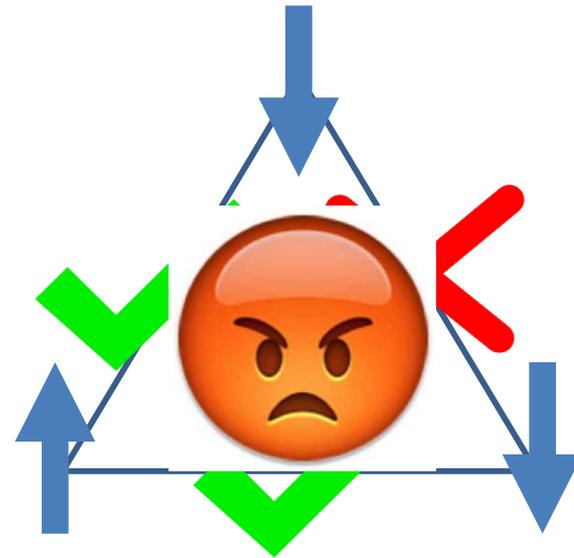
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Geometrically Frustrated Magnets

Spins on a triangular lattice

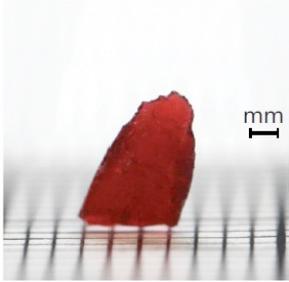


Case 1:
Ferromagnetic interactions



Case 2:
Antiferromagnetic interactions

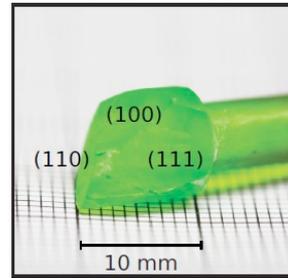
Transition Metal Fluoride Pyrochlores



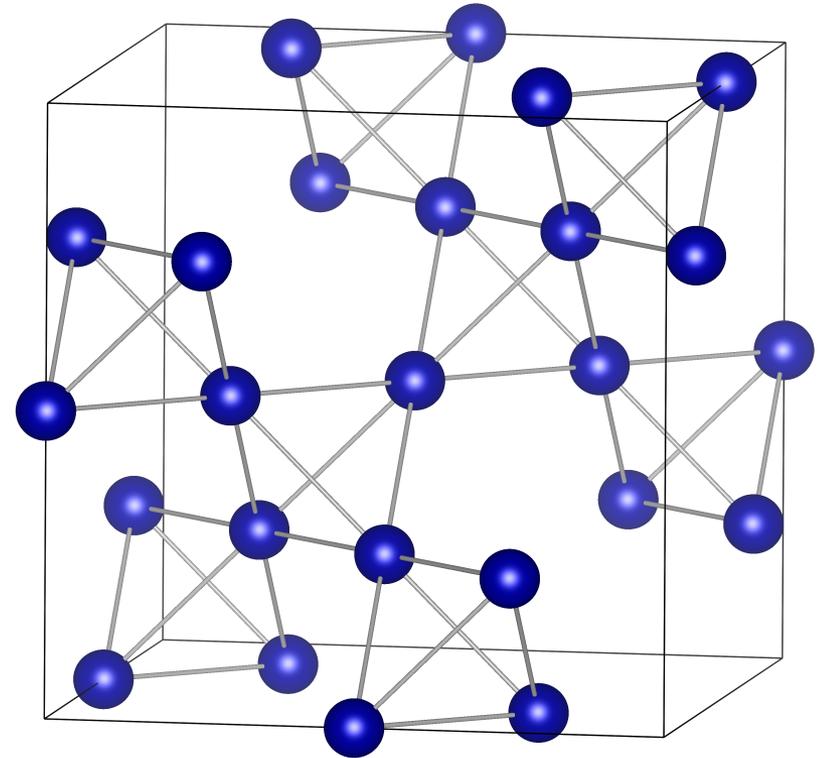
$\text{NaCaCo}_2\text{F}_7$



$\text{NaSrCo}_2\text{F}_7$

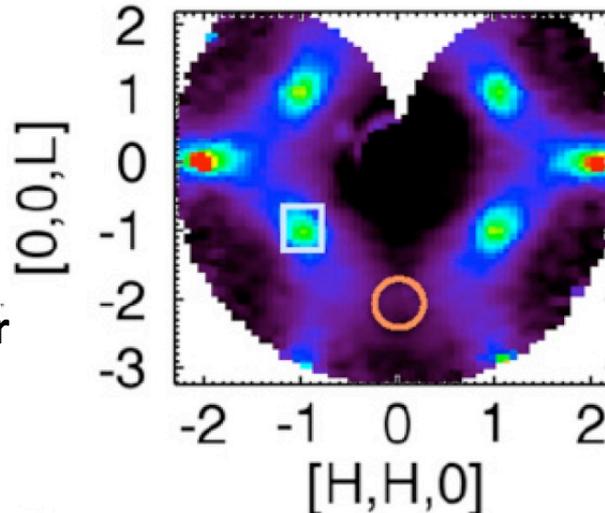


$\text{NaCaNi}_2\text{F}_7$



Pyrochlore network: Corner-sharing tetrahedra, **HIGHLY FRUSTRATED!**

Co compounds:
Spins freeze into
short-range order
below 5 K, remain
correlated at higher
temperatures

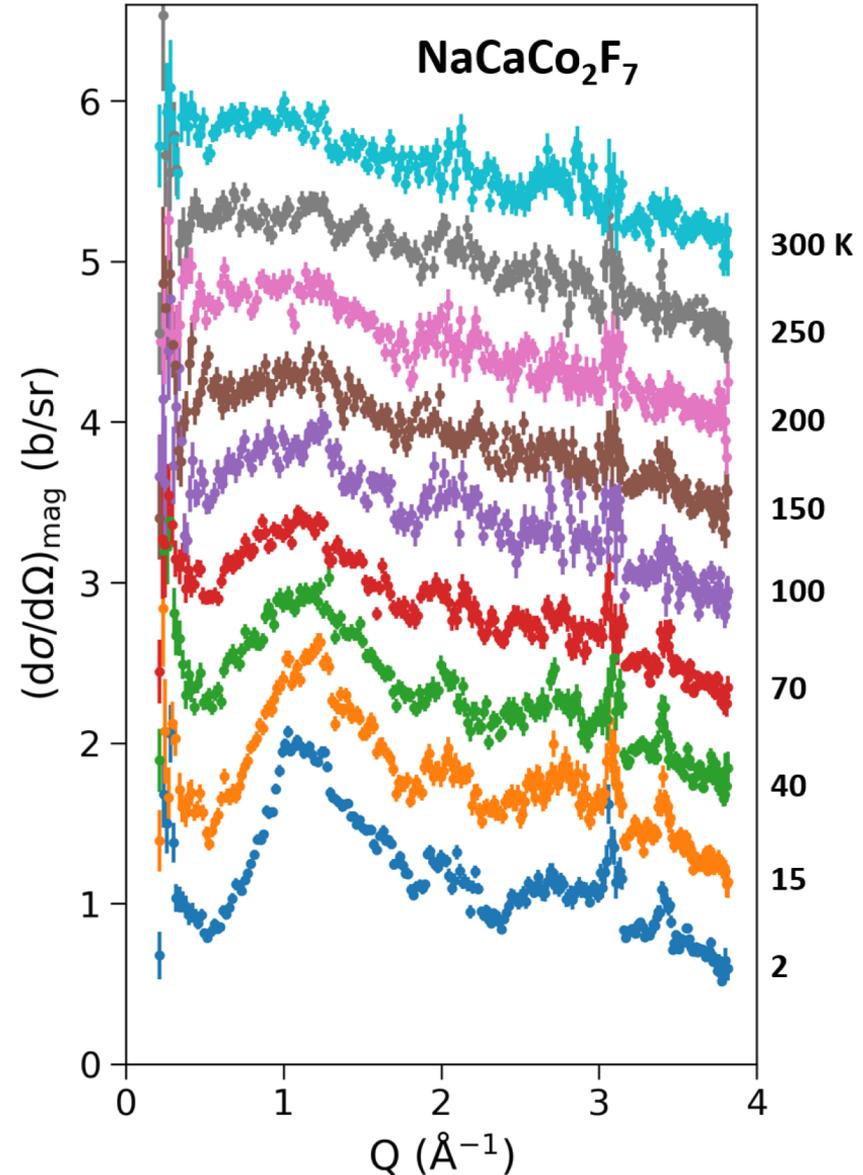
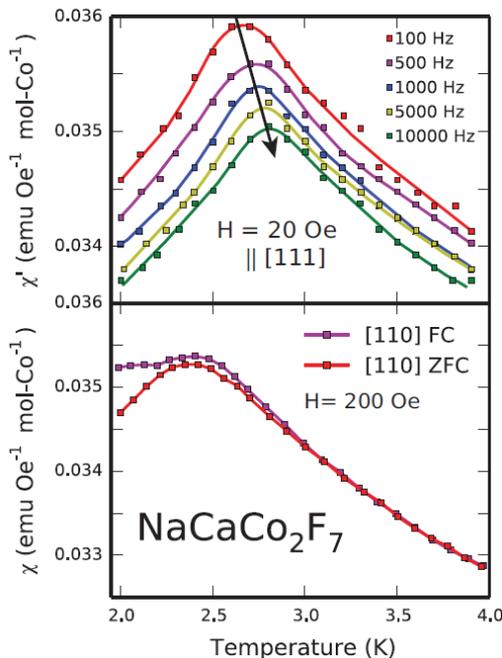


Ross et al, PRB 93, 014433 (2016)

What is the nature of the short-range magnetic correlations?

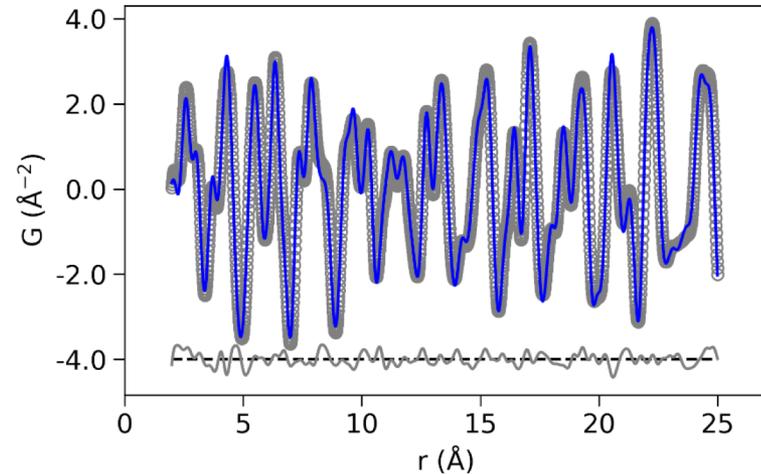
NaCaCo₂F₇

- Magnetic Co²⁺ ions on the highly frustrated pyrochlore lattice
- Short-range magnetic correlations freeze below ~3 K
- Promising material for extending studies of frustrated magnetism to strongly correlated 3d atoms

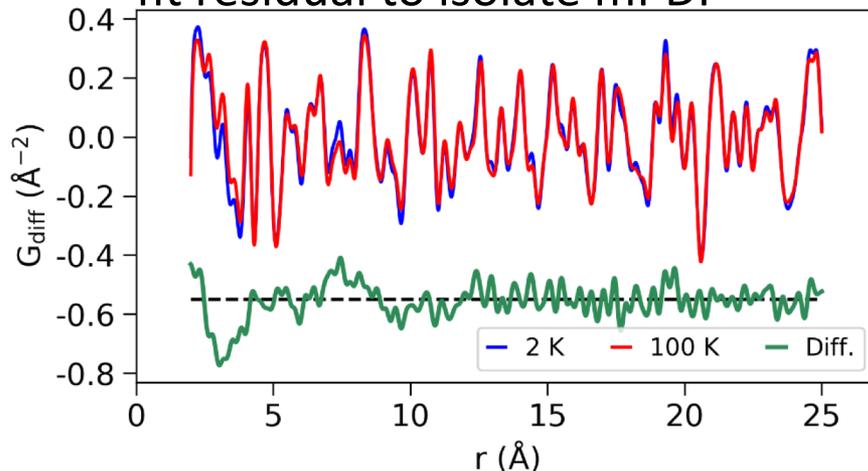


Obtaining the mPDF for NaCaCo₂F₇

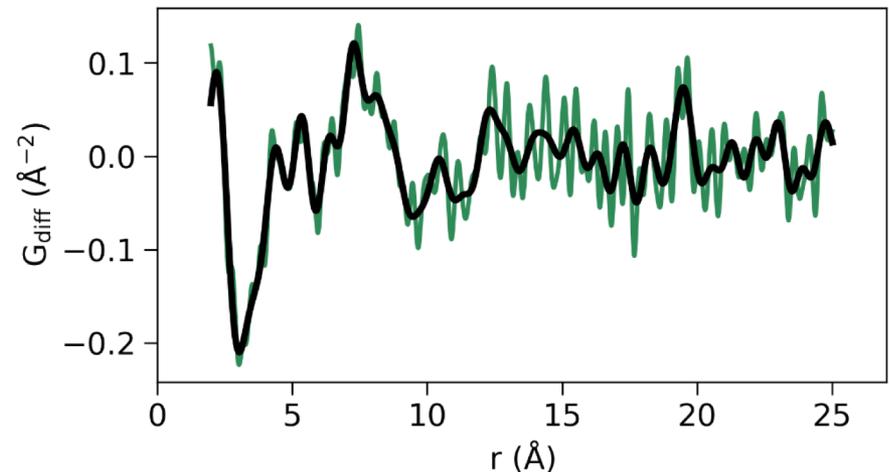
1. Perform standard PDF measurement on NOMAD, collecting atomic and magnetic PDFs together



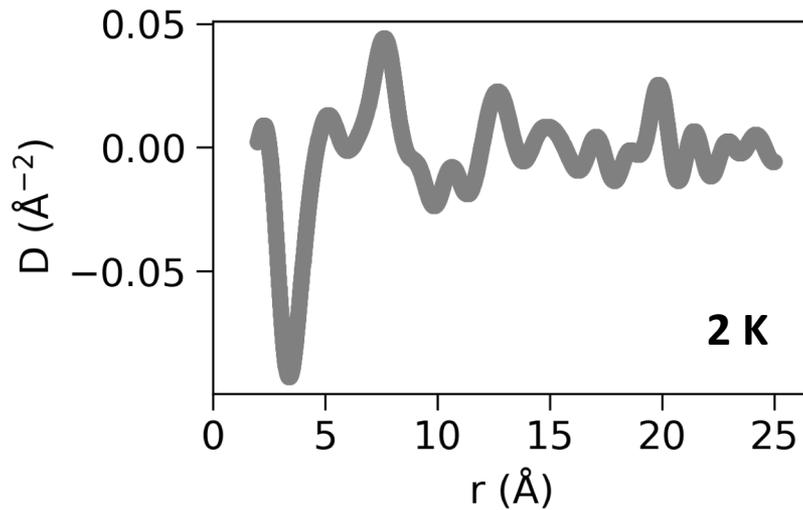
2. Refine the atomic structure, subtract high-temperature atomic fit residual from low-temperature fit residual to isolate mPDF



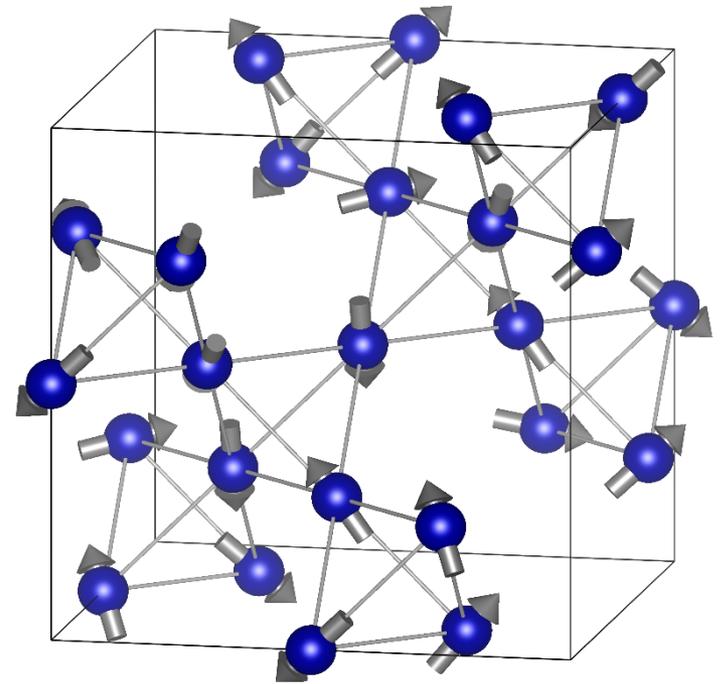
3. Remove high-frequency components that cannot arise from magnetic scattering



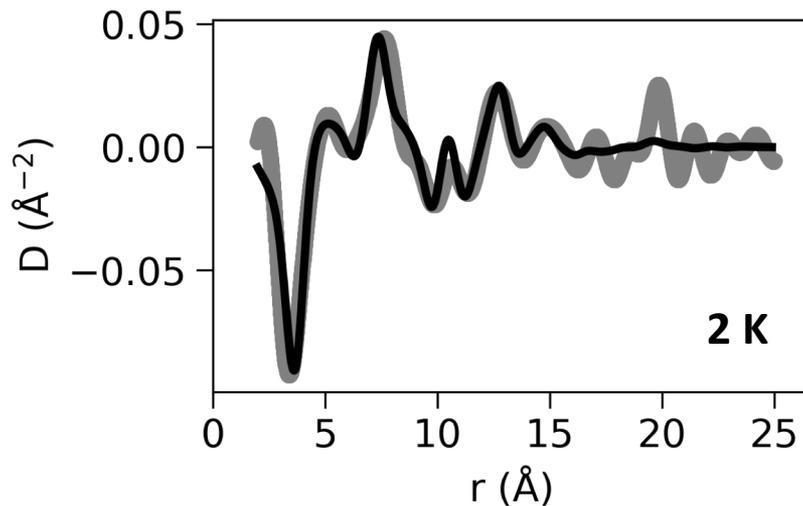
Magnetic PDF analysis of $\text{NaCaCo}_2\text{F}_7$



Modeling Attempt #1: Start with randomly oriented spins on each site and refine each independently, with scale factor and correlation length

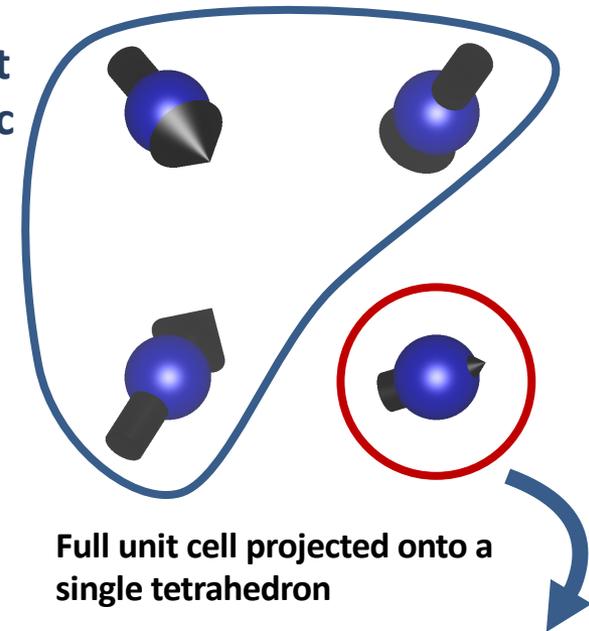


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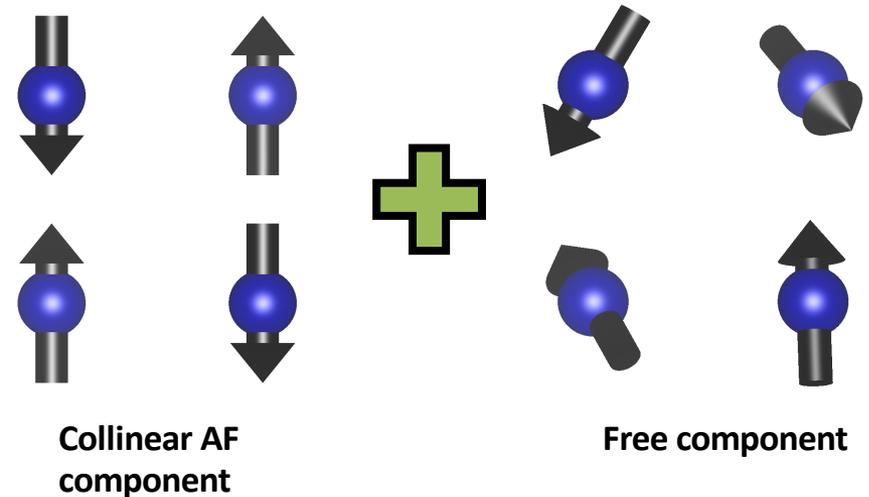
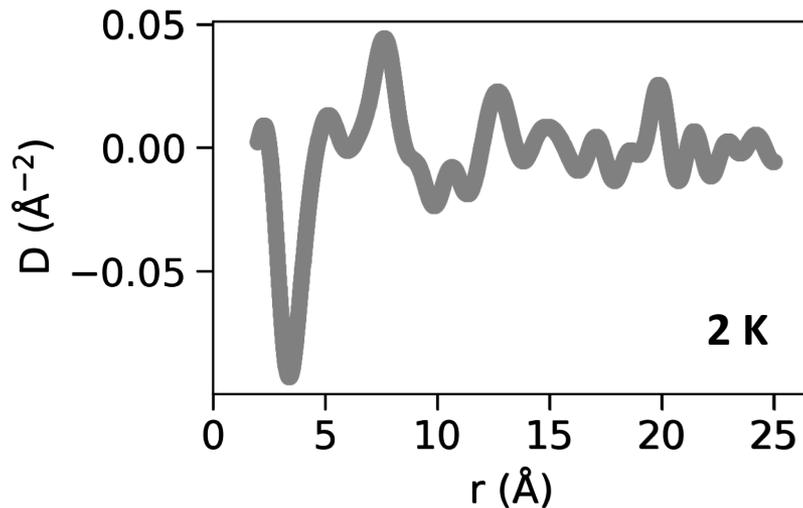
Non-collinear, net antiferromagnetic correlations



Collinear antiferromagnetic correlations between neighboring tetrahedra

$$\uparrow + \downarrow + \uparrow + \downarrow = 0$$

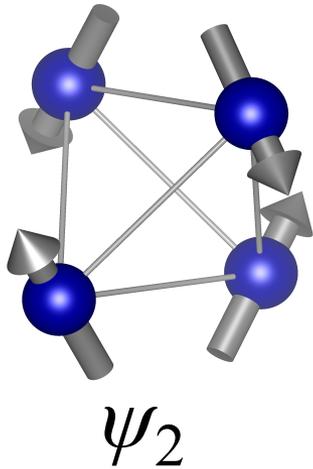
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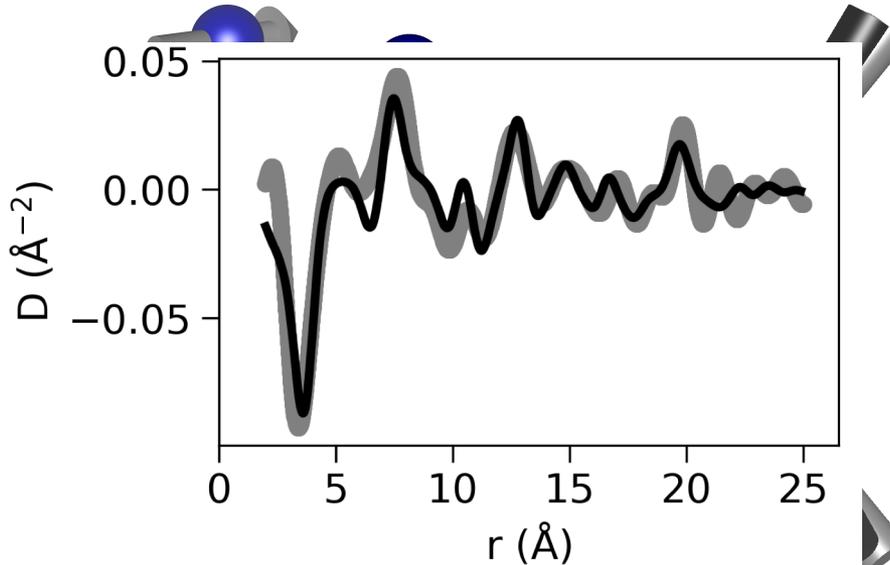
**Modeling Attempt #2: Same as #1,
but with an additional collinear
antiferromagnetic component**

Success!

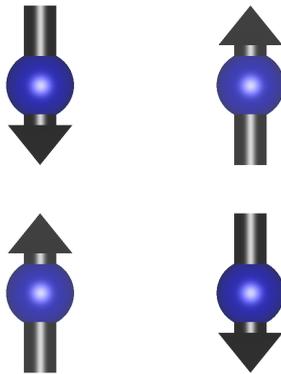
Significance of the refined spin directions



Expected conf
presence of LC

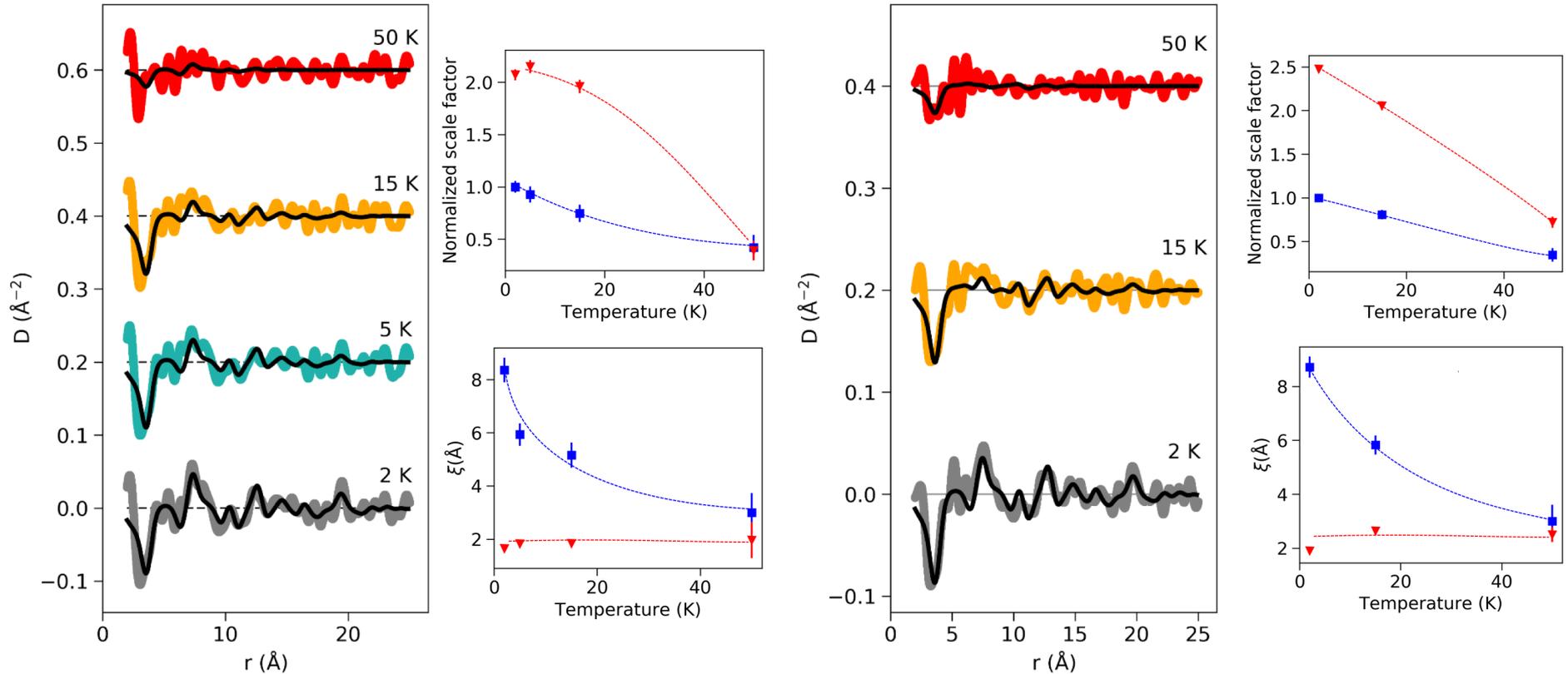


Refined spins closely match
linear combination of ψ_2 and ψ_3 ;
fit with either BV nearly as
good. Correlation length ≈ 1 nm.



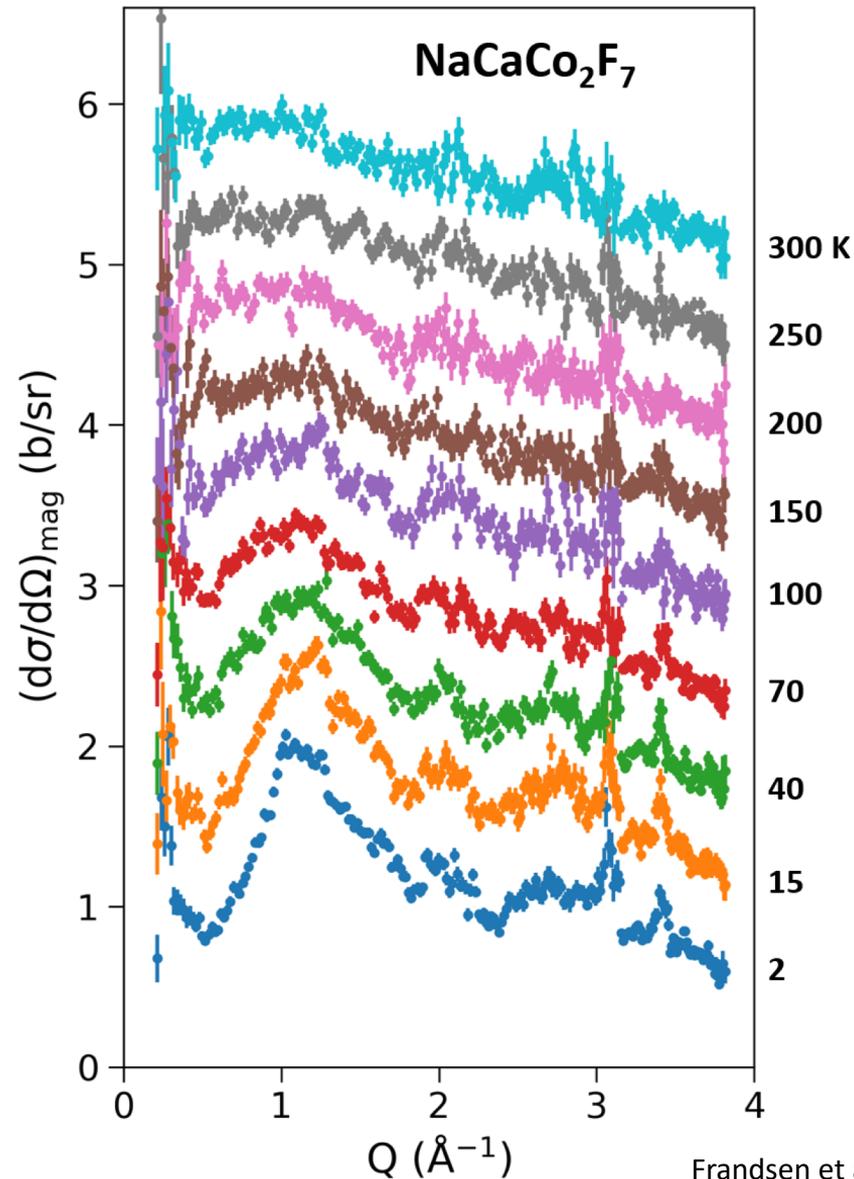
Collinear AF component: low-
energy (< 10 meV) excitations
observed from single-crystal
INS; $\xi \approx 4$ \AA

Temperature Dependent mPDF analysis

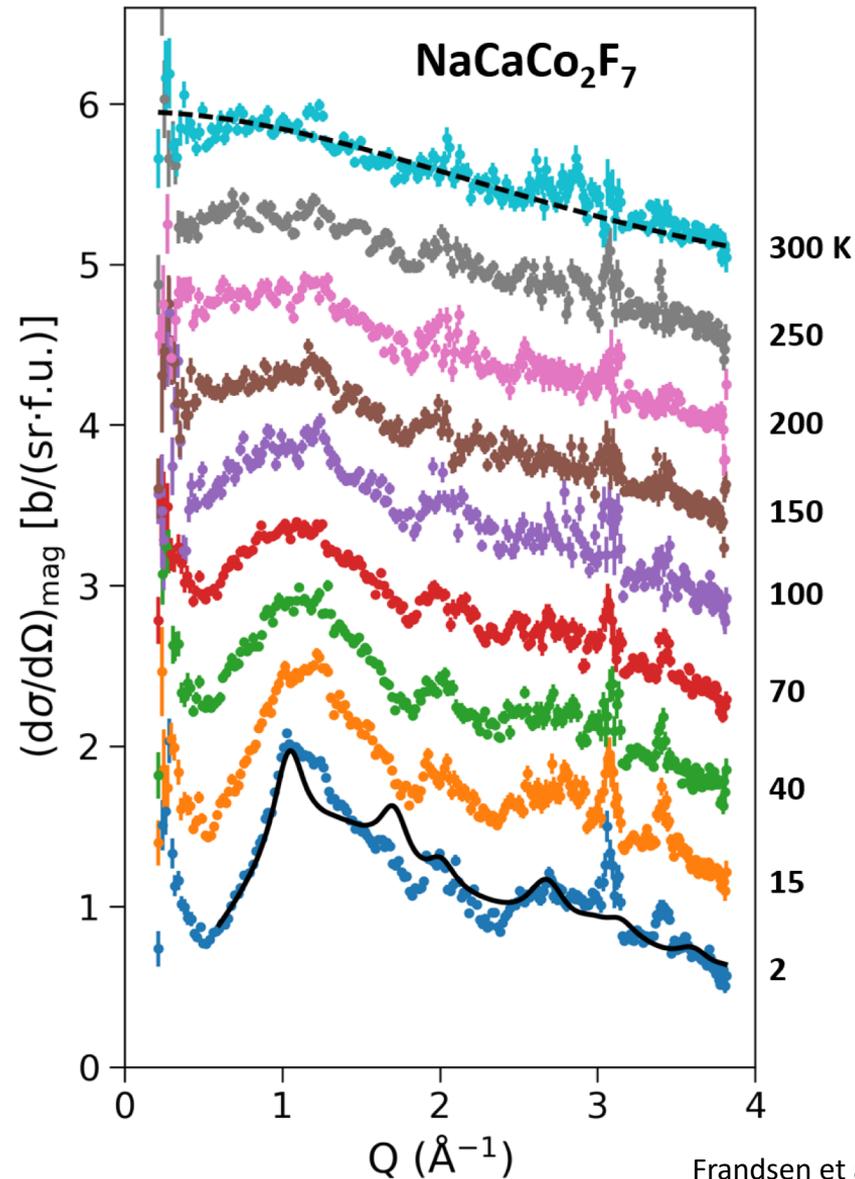


Correlations persist to unusually high temperatures!

Comparison to polarized neutron scattering

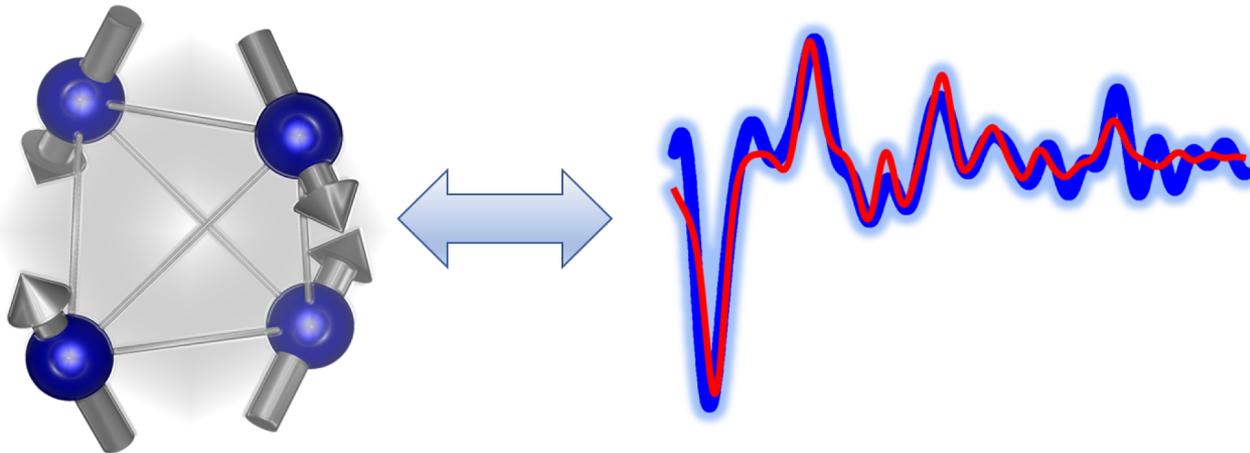


Comparison to polarized neutron scattering



NaCaCo₂F₇ Summary

- Refinement of local magnetic structure against mPDF data confirms single-crystal results: ψ_2/ψ_3 + collinear AF
- New fluoride pyrochlores are promising platform for frustrated magnetism at relatively high temperatures
- mPDF enables real-space inspection and analysis of short-range magnetic correlations in frustrated materials





I WANT YOU
TO START DOING mPDF

Software Overview

- diffpy.mpdf (<http://www.diffpy.org/products/mPDF.html>)
 - Open-source python package
 - Runs on Linux and MacOS
 - Requires other packages in the DiffPy-CMI suite as dependencies
- Features
 - Calculate the normalized and unnormalized mPDF from an arbitrary magnetic structure
 - Build magnetic structures of arbitrary complexity using propagation vectors or a magnetic unit cell
 - Include multiple magnetic species in one structure
 - Easily refine magnetic models against mPDF data
 - Atomic/magnetic PDF co-refinements within DiffPy-CMI, or sequential refinements with convenient interface to PDFgui
 - Easily customizable for your own tailored calculators/refinements
 - Do simple 3D visualizations of your magnetic structure
 - Calculate magnetic scattering pattern from magnetic structure
 - And many more features!

Installation

Conda installation

```
conda config --add channels diffpy  
conda config --add channels benfrandsen
```

```
conda create --name diffpy python=2.7  
source activate diffpy
```

```
conda install diffpy.mpdf
```

Pip installation

```
pip install diffpy.mpdf
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Installation from source

Download source files from
<https://github.com/benfrandsen/diffpy.magpdf>

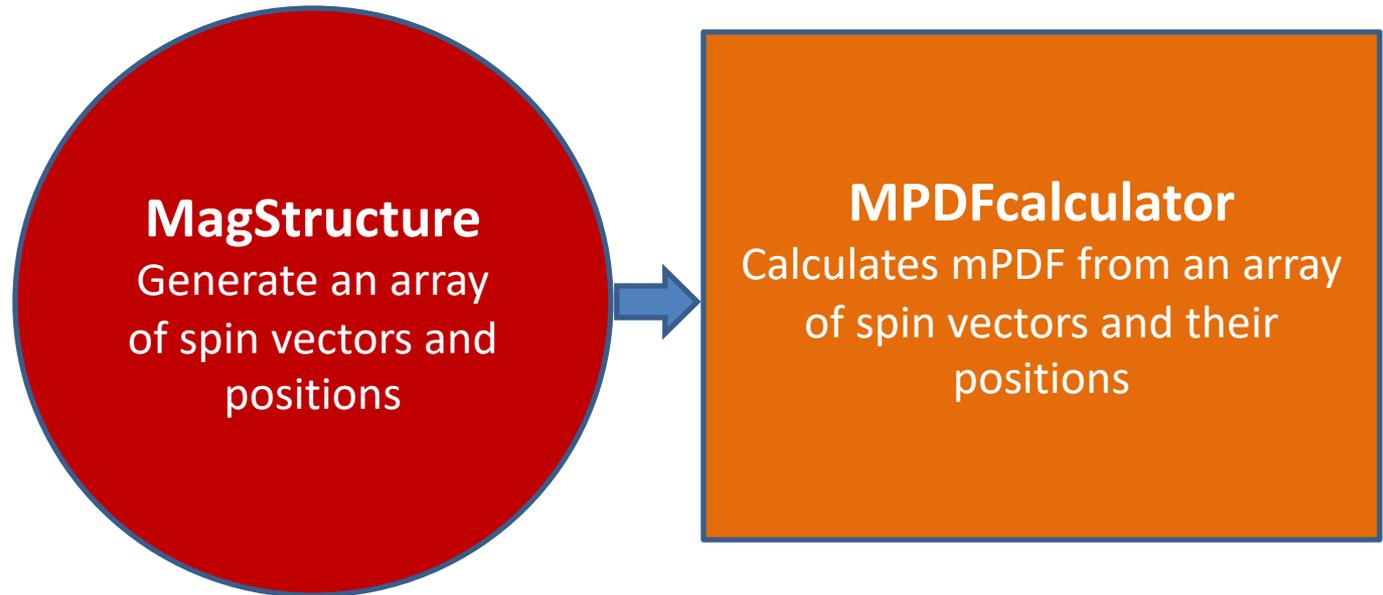
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python setup.py install
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Software Overview

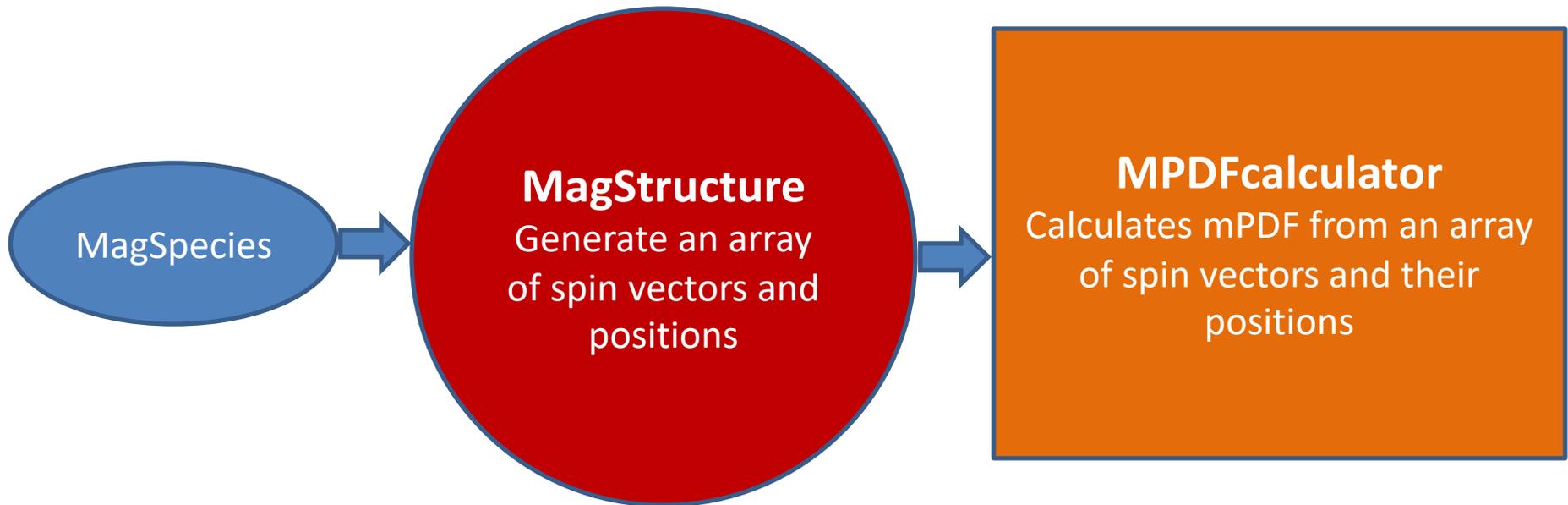
MPDFcalculator

Calculates mPDF from an array
of spin vectors and their
positions

Software Overview



Software Overview



Specify basis vectors,
propagation vectors,
magnetic form factor, etc

Getting started with diffpy.mpdf

Tutorials and example scripts on the CMI Exchange github page:

https://github.com/diffpy/cmi_exchange/tree/master/cmi_scripts/mpdf

Simple example: Calculating the mPDF from a spin dimer

We will now create a very simple magnetic structure consisting of just two spins and then calculate the corresponding mPDF.

```
In [1]: ### Import the necessary Libraries
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from diffpy.mpdf import *

### Set all plots to be inline
%matplotlib notebook

### Create a MagStructure object
mstr = MagStructure()

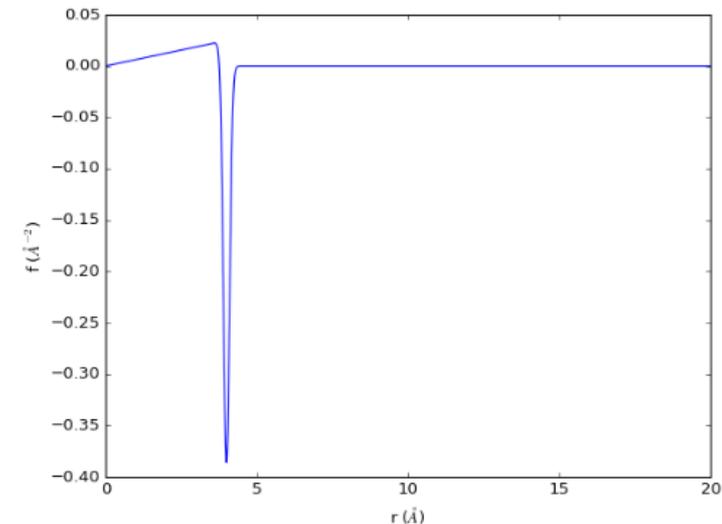
### Create two atoms in the structure
mstr.atoms = np.array([[0,0,0],[4,0,0]])

### Create two spin vectors corresponding to the atoms. Let's make them antiferromagnetic.
S=np.array([0,0,1])
mstr.spins = np.array([S,-S])

### Create the MPDFcalculator object and load the magnetic structure into it
mc = MPDFcalculator(mstr)

### Calculate and plot the mPDF!
r,fr = mc.calc() # Use calc() if you want to extract the numerical results of the calculation
mc.plot() # Use plot() if you just want to plot the mPDF without extracting the numerical arrays.
```

<IPython.core.display.Javascript object>



Email me and I will help you get started!

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Summary

- mPDF method provides a way to inspect and model magnetic correlations in real space
- Data can be obtained from conventional neutron beamlines: both standard diffractometers and PDF-optimized instruments (get the mPDF for free along with your atomic PDF!)
- Protocols for successful treatment of weak and/or noisy mPDF signal
- diffpy.mpdf: free and open-source software for mPDF analysis
- Successful application to a variety of magnetic materials with widely varying correlation lengths

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- More to come...

**Thank
you!**