

Colloidal Interactions in Solutions

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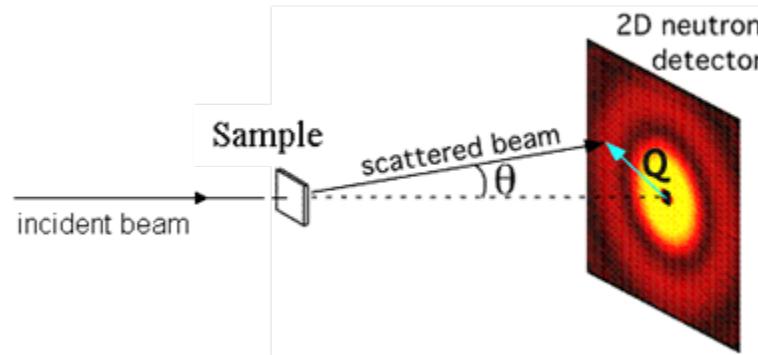
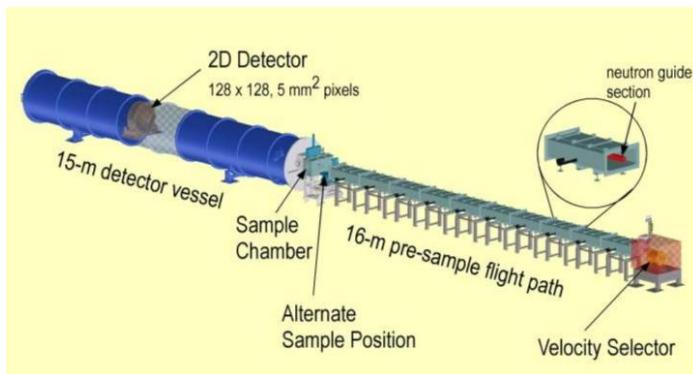
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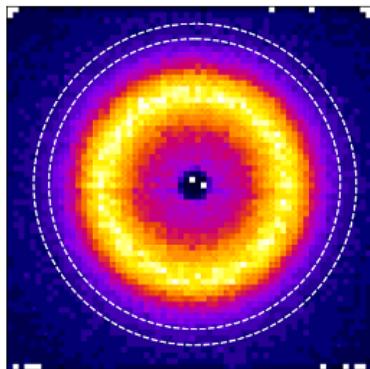
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1. Introduction: Small Angle Neutron Scattering Spectrometer



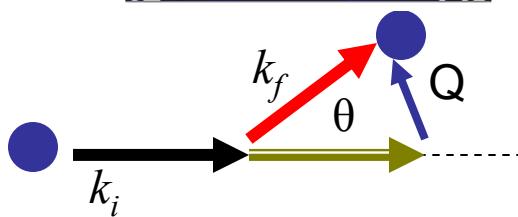
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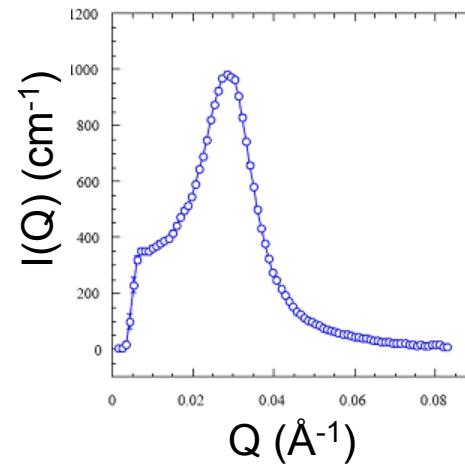


$I(Q_x, Q_y)$: intensity distribution

Annulus average

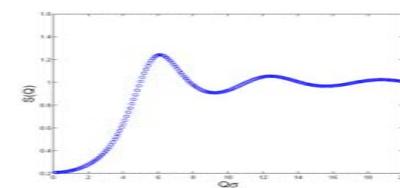
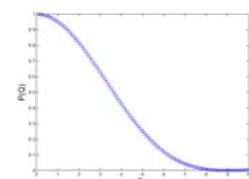
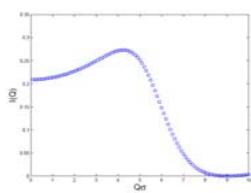
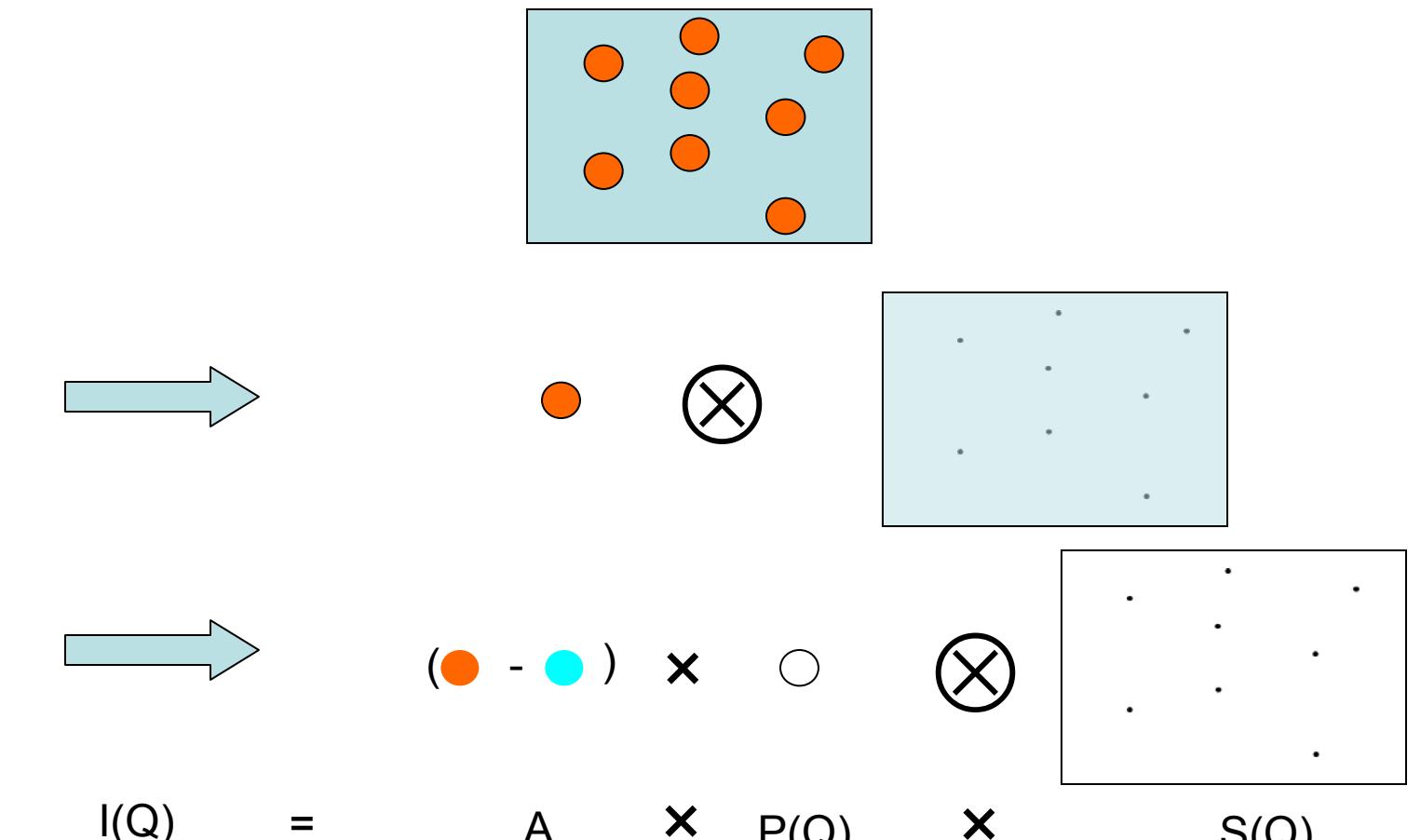


1D data



1. Introduction: What SANS measures?

I(Q) (Scattered neutron intensity distribution)



1. Introduction: Factorization Approximation

$$I(Q) = A \times P(Q) \times S(Q)$$

A: contrast term $A = nv^2 \Delta\rho^2$

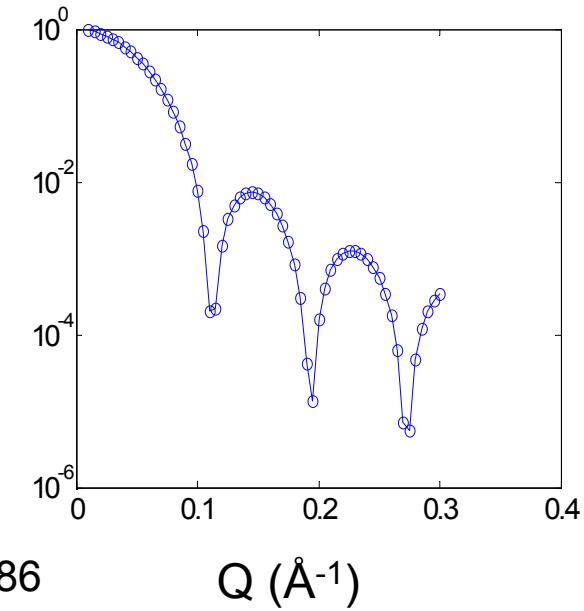
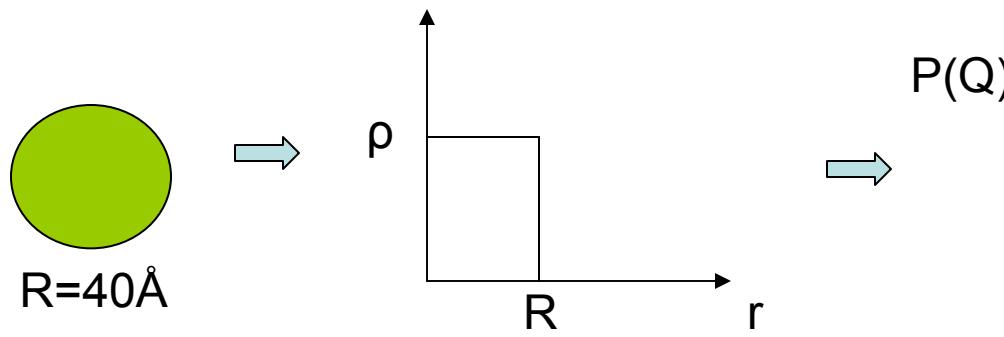
n : number density

v : volume of a colloidal particle

$\Delta\rho$: scattering length density difference

P(Q): Normalized form factor (or intra-particle structure factor)

$$P(Q) = \left| \int \rho(r) e^{-iQ \cdot r} dr^3 \right|^2 / \left| \int \rho(r) dr^3 \right|^2$$



1. Introduction: Factorization Approximation

$$I(Q) = A \times P(Q) \times S(Q)$$

$S(Q)$: Inter-particle structure factor determined by inter-particle potential.

$$\begin{aligned} S(Q) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j,k} e^{-iQ \cdot r_j} e^{iQ \cdot r_k} \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \neq k} e^{-iQ \cdot r_j} e^{iQ \cdot r_k} \\ &= 1 + n \int (g(r) - 1) e^{iQ \cdot r} dr^3 \end{aligned}$$

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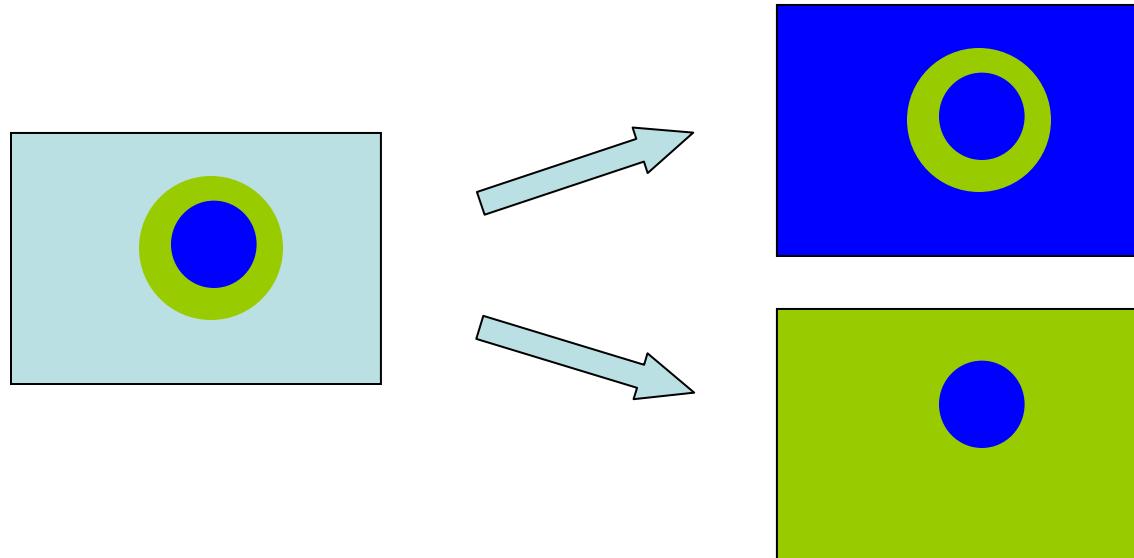
$g(r)$: pair distribution function

2. Contrast: Selectively observe a structure

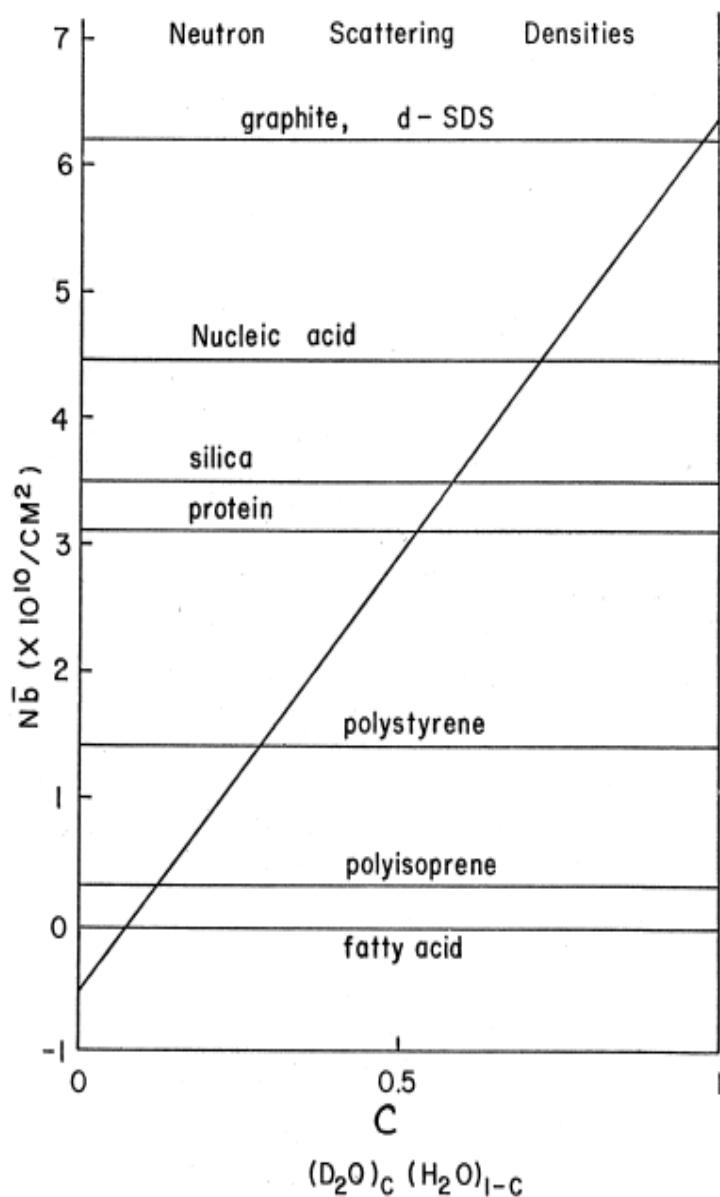
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1. A: Contrast term $A = nv^2 \Delta\rho^2$

Change scattering length density: isotope replacement



2. Contrast: Selectively observe a structure



$$I(Q) = A \times P(Q) \times S(Q)$$

By changing relative ratio of $\text{D}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, the scattering length density can vary in a large range to match the scattering length density of different materials.

View graph from Charles Glinka

http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/programs/sans/pdf/SANS_dilute_particles.pdf

3. Form factor: shape, volume, density profile

$$I(Q) = A \times P(Q) \times S(Q)$$

P(Q): Normalized form factor (or intra-particle structure factor)

At dilute concentration, $S(Q) \approx 1$.

Therefore, $I(Q) = A \times P(Q)$.

Shape, volume, density profile
(Not necessarily spherical particles)

1. J. S. Pederson, Adv. Colloid Interface Sci. **70**, 171-210 (1997).
(Form factors of 26 models are presented in this paper).

3. Form factor: Guinier plot

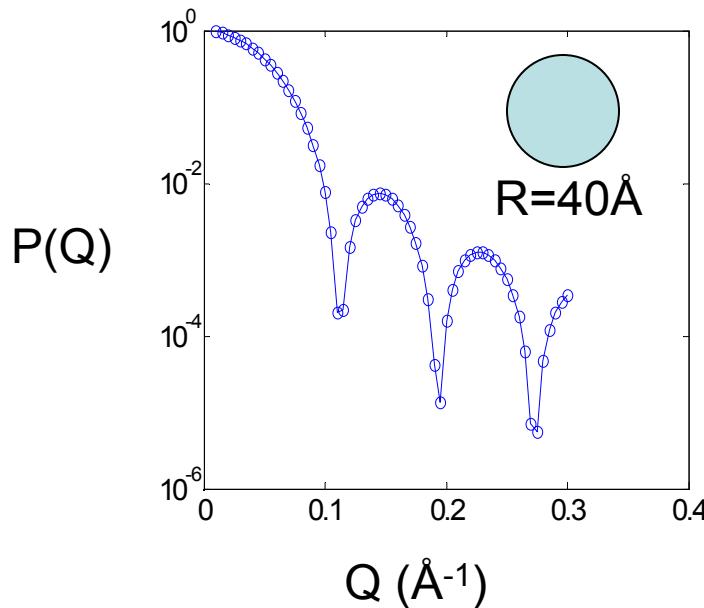
Radius of gyration R_G : a measure of size of an object

$$R_G^2 = \sum_i \gamma_i (r_i - \bar{r})^2$$

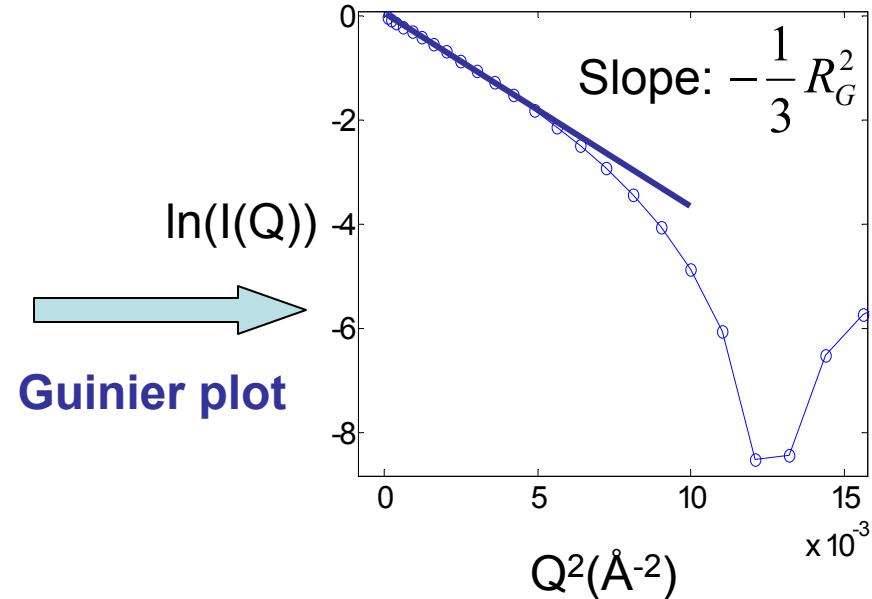
(Weighted by the neutron scattering length)

When $Ql \ll 1$, where l is the largest length scale in a measured object,

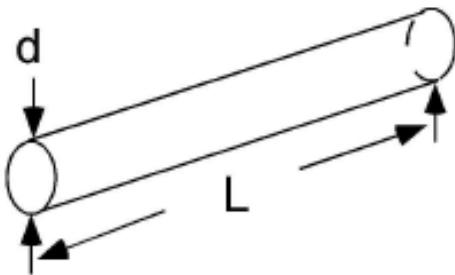
$$I(Q) = A \exp\left(-\frac{1}{3} R_G^2 Q^2\right) \quad \text{or} \quad \ln(I(Q)) = \ln(A) - \frac{1}{3} R_G^2 Q^2$$



$\ln(I(Q))$
Guinier plot



3. Form factor: Guinier plot (cont'd)



1) $QL \ll 1$ (Guinier region)

$$I(Q) = A \exp\left(-\frac{1}{3} R_G^2 Q^2\right)$$

$$R_G^2 = \frac{L^2}{12} + \frac{d^2}{8}$$

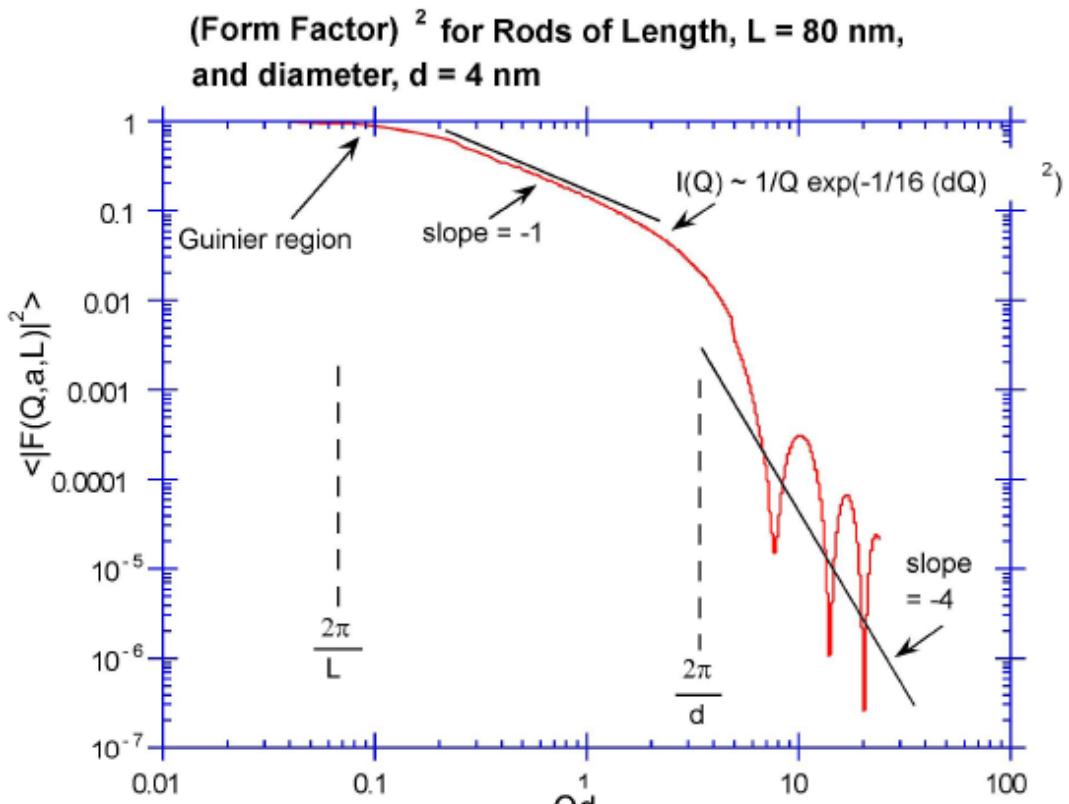
2) $QL \gg 1$ & $Qd \ll 1$

$$I(Q) \propto \frac{\pi}{QL} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{16} Q^2 d^2\right),$$

3) $Qd \gg 1$

$$I(Q) \propto \frac{8 \cos^2(Qd)}{Q^4 L d^3}$$

(Porod law: Q^{-4} decay)



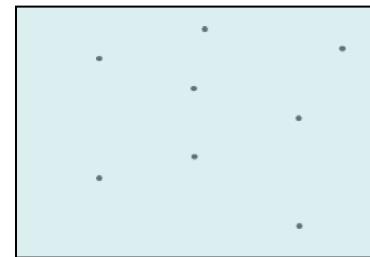
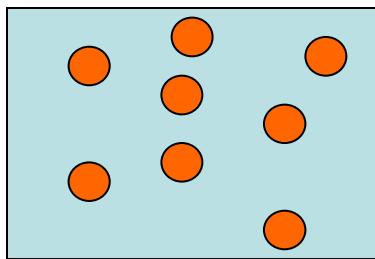
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4. Structure factor $S(Q)$: inter-particle potential

$$I(Q) = A \times P(Q) \times S(Q)$$

1. A : Contrast terms
2. $P(Q)$: Form factor (or intra-particle structure factor)
3. $S(Q)$: Inter-particle structure factor

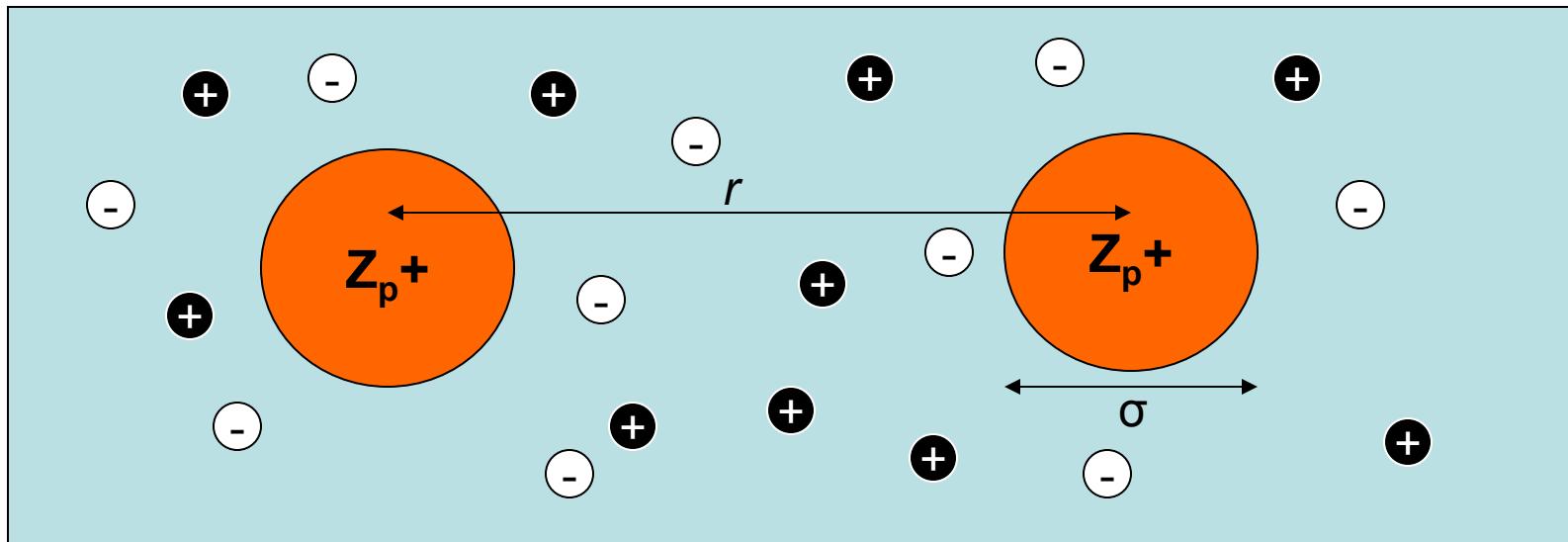


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5. Colloidal interactions: effective potential

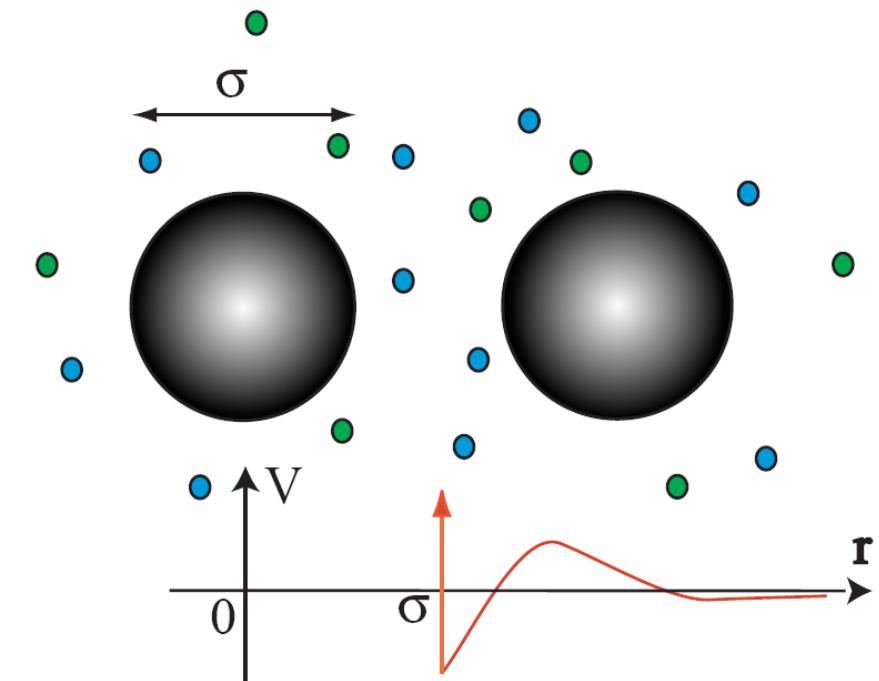


Coloumb interaction: $U(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \frac{Z_p Z_p}{r}$ >0, repulsive

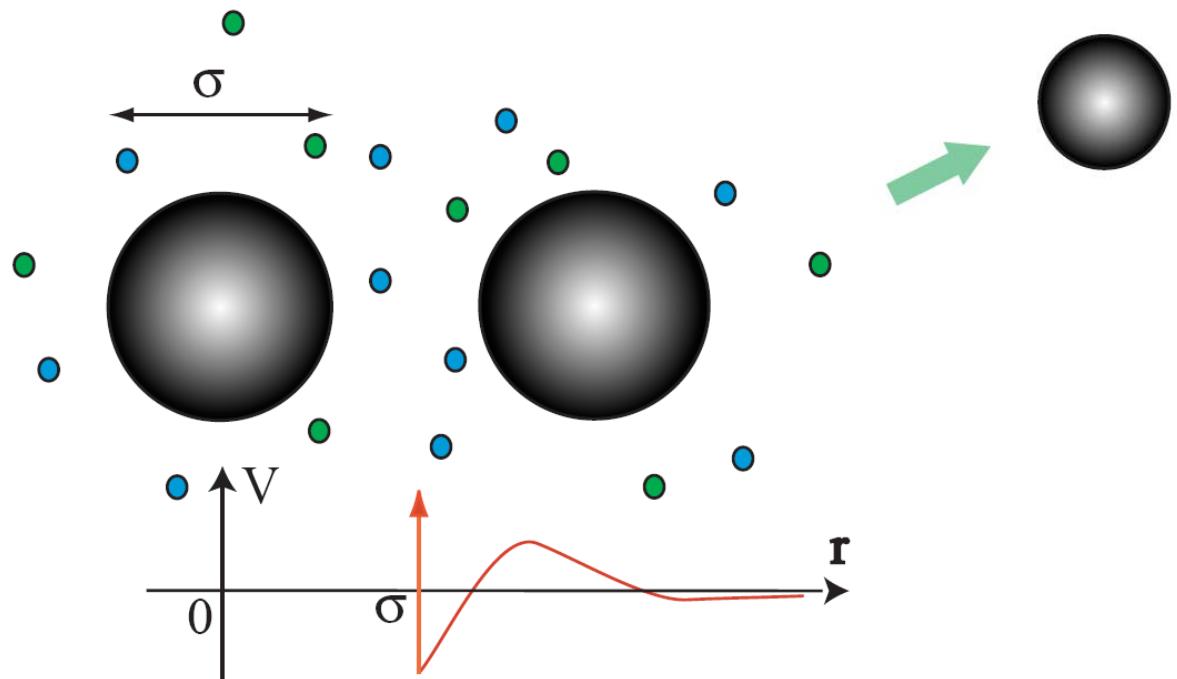
Screened Coloumb interaction: $U(r) = K \frac{e^{-\kappa(r-\sigma)}}{r}$ >0, repulsive
(Yukawa potential form)

The Coloumb interaction is screened by counterions and coions in solutions and decays much faster than the bare interaction.

5. Colloidal interactions: Why study effective potential

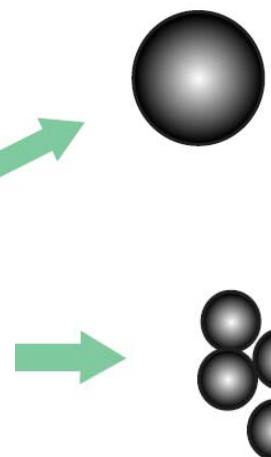
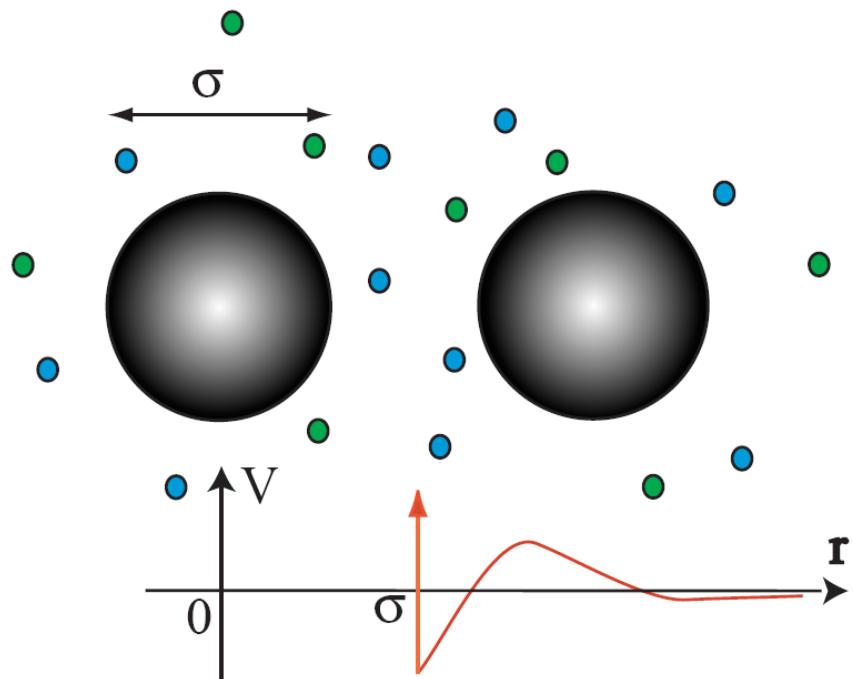


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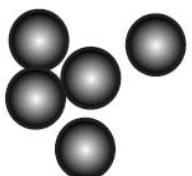


Single Particle Information:
Charge, Surface Properties, ...

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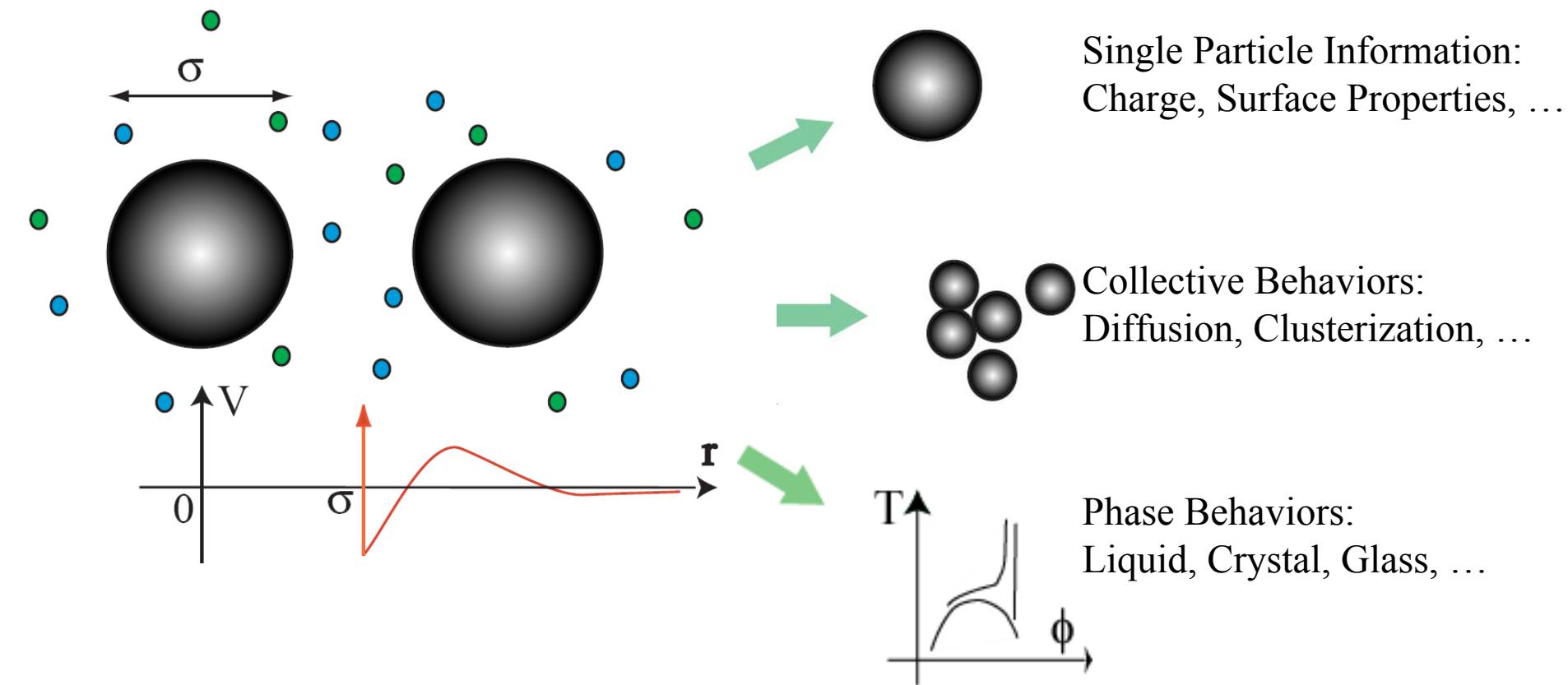


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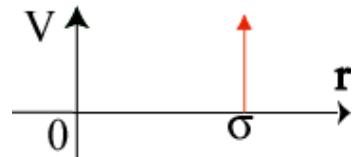
Collective Behaviors:
Diffusion, Clusterization, ...

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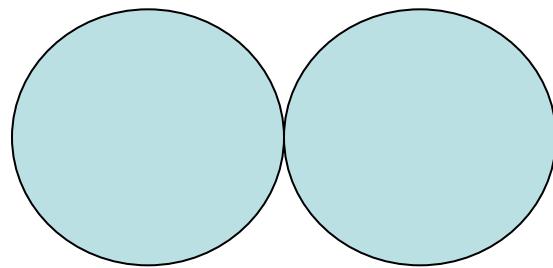


5. Colloidal interactions: typical colloidal interaction potential

1. Hard Sphere Potential (Excluded volume effect)



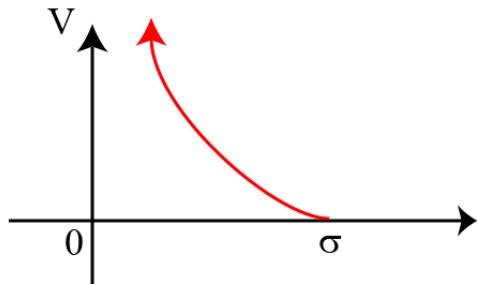
$$V(r) = \begin{cases} +\infty & r < \sigma \\ 0 & r > \sigma \end{cases}$$



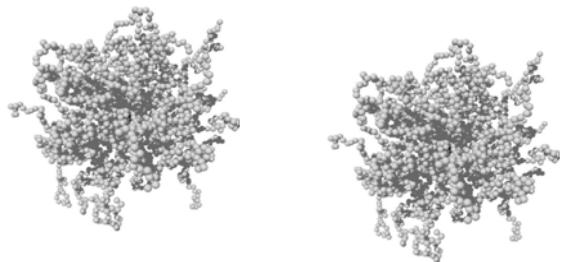
Most colloids are rigid objects: proteins, silicon nano-particle, ...

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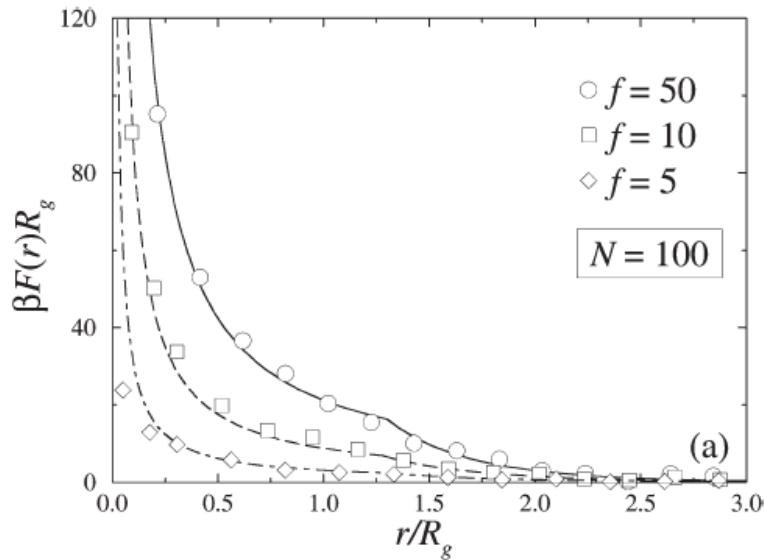
2. Soft Core Potential



$$V(r) = \begin{cases} f(r) & r < \sigma \\ 0 & r > \sigma \end{cases}$$

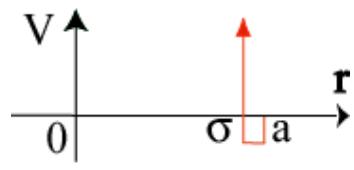


Star polymers, dendrimers



5. Colloidal interactions: typical colloidal interaction potential

2. Sticky Hard Sphere, Short-Range Attraction



$$\beta V(r) = \begin{cases} -\ln\left[\frac{1}{12\tau}\left(\frac{\infty}{a-\sigma}\right)\right] & r < \sigma \\ 0 & \sigma < r < a \\ 0 & r > a \end{cases}$$

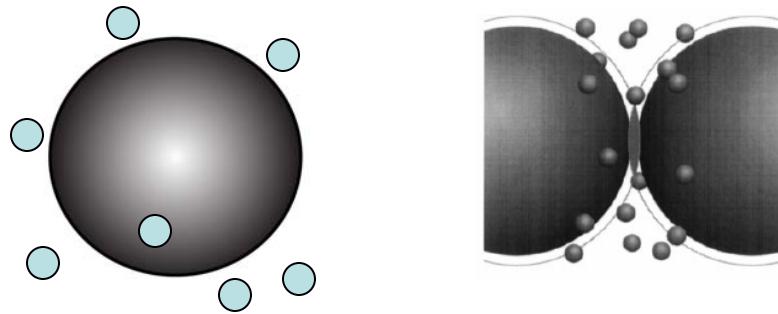
Van der Waals attraction, depletion force (entropic force)

Van der Waals attraction: momentary attraction due to unevenly distributed electrons in an atom or molecule. Exists between any two atoms or molecules under any circumstances.

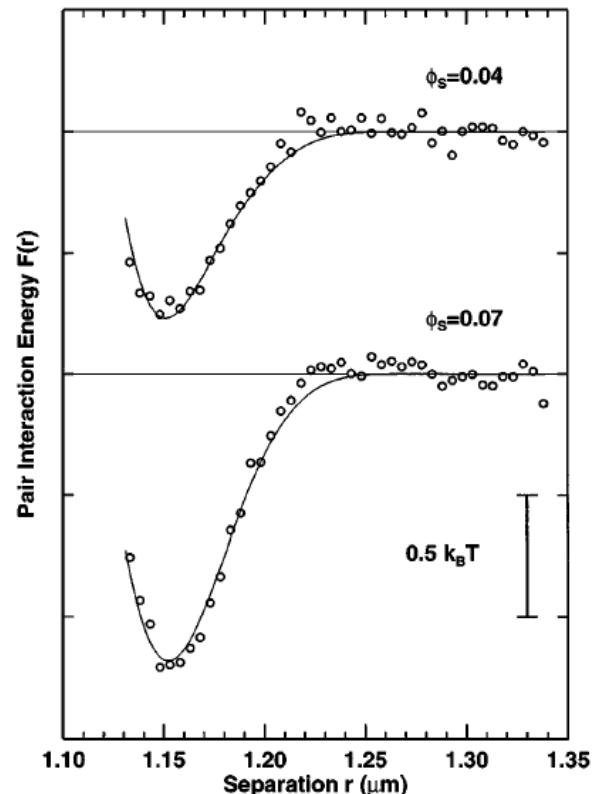
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2. Sticky Hard Sphere, Short-Range Attraction

Depletion force: the overlap of the depletion zones between large particles Increases the system entropy and thus generates the effective attraction.



Large particle: 1.1 μm diameter
Small particle: 0.083 μm diameter



5. Colloidal interactions: typical colloidal interaction potential

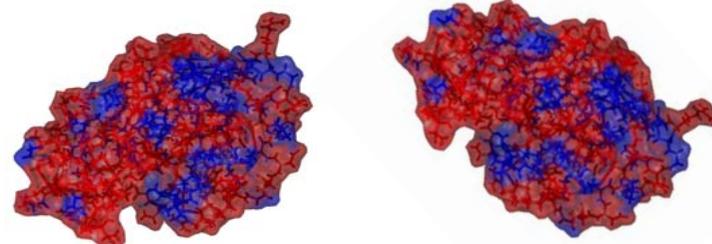
3. Electrostatic interaction

Screened Coulomb interaction:
$$U(r) = K \frac{e^{-\kappa(r-\sigma)}}{r} \quad (\text{Yukawa potential form})$$

The Coulomb interaction is screened by counterions and coions in solutions and decays much faster than the bare interaction.

Proteins, charged micelles, silica particles, ...

Reliably to extract **EFFECTIVE CHARGE** of a particle!



Lysozyme protein

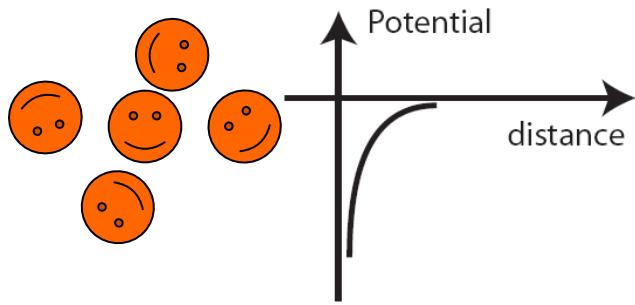
5. Colloidal interactions:

DLVO potential (Interaction between charged colloidal particles)

Derjaguin-Landau-Verwey-Overbeek potential

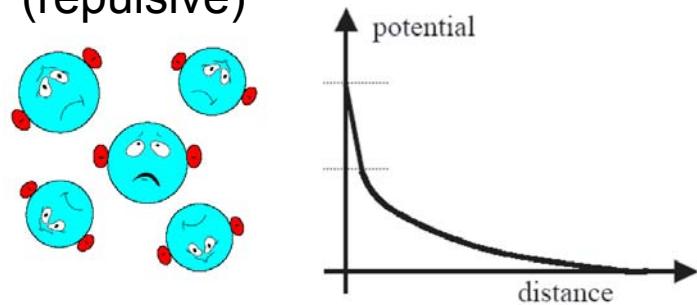
(E. J. W. Verwey and J. TH. G. Overbeek, *Theory of the Stability of Lyophobic Colloids*, Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1948)

1. Van der Waals force (attractive)



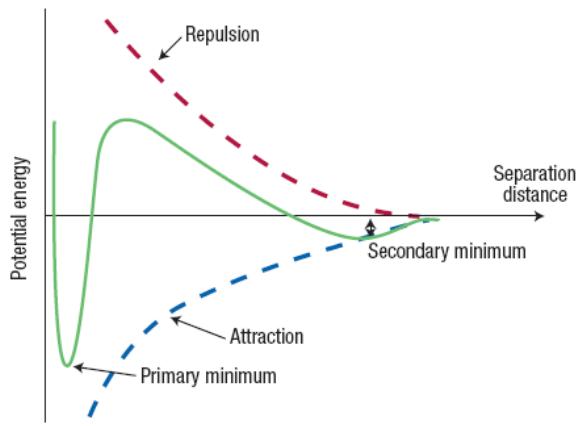
$$U_A = -\frac{A}{12} \left[\frac{1}{r^2 - 1} + \frac{1}{r^2} + 2 \ln(1 - \frac{1}{r^2}) \right]$$

2. Screened Coulomb interaction (repulsive)

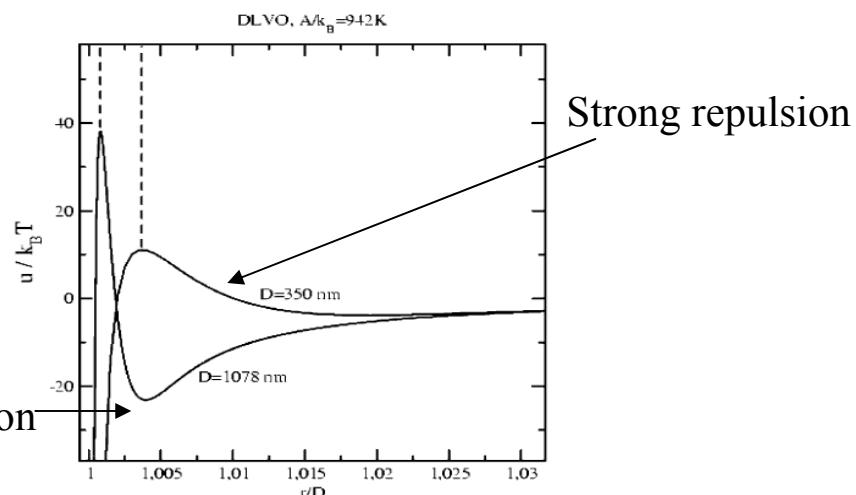


$$U_R = K \frac{e^{-\kappa(r-\sigma)}}{r} \text{ where } K = Z^2 \lambda_B \frac{\exp(\kappa\sigma)}{(1+\kappa\sigma)^2}$$

3. DLVO potential: $U_{DLVO} = U_A + U_R$

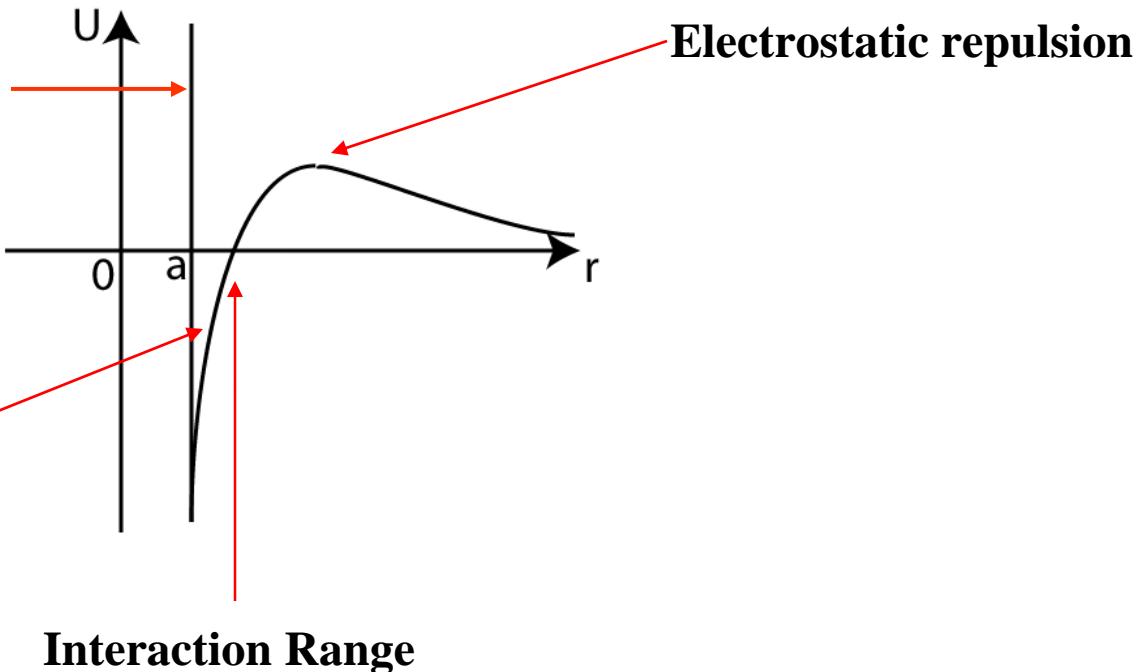


Weak repulsion



5. Colloidal interactions: A general feature

Hard/Soft core potential:
Dendrimer,
Star polymers



6. Calculate the structure factor $S(Q)$: Ornstein-Zernike equation

$$\begin{aligned} S(Q) &= 1 + n \int (g(r) - 1) e^{iQ \cdot r} dr^3 \\ &= 1 + n \int h(r) e^{iQ \cdot r} dr^3 \end{aligned}$$

Ornstein-Zernike equation:

$$h(r) = c(r) + n \int c(|r - r'|) h(r') dr'^3$$

Closures: link pair interaction potential with $h(r)$ and $c(r)$.

MSA closure (Mean Spherical Approximation) $c(r) = -\frac{u(r)}{k_B T}$

PY closure (Percus-Yevic) $c(r) = (1 - e^{-\frac{u(r)}{k_B T}})(h(r) + 1)$

HNC closure (Hypernetted-Chain) $c(r) = -\frac{u(r)}{k_B T} + h(r) - \ln(1 + h(r))$

RY closure (Rogers-Young)

Other closures: Zerah-Hansen, SMSA, SCOZA, HMSA, ...

Reference: C. Caccamo, Integral Equation Theory Description of Phase Equilibria in Classical Fluids, *Physics Report* **274**, 1-105 (1996).

J. P. Hansen, I. R. McDonald, Theory of Simple Liquids (Academic Press, London)
1976

6. Calculate the structure factor $S(Q)$: Some Analytical Solutions to OZ Equation

1. Hard sphere system: J. K. Percus, G. J. Yevick, Phys. Rev. **110**, 1 (1958)

J. P. Hansen, I. R. McDonald, Theory of Simple Liquids (Academic Press, London) 1976
(PY Closure)

2. Sticky hard sphere system: R. J. Baxter, J. Chem. Phys. **49**, 2770 (1968)
(PY Closure)

3. Short-range attraction system:

Y. C. Liu, S. H. Chen, J. S. Huang, Phys. Rev. E **54**, 1698 (1996)
(PY Closure)

4. Hard-core Yukawa Interaction:

One Yukawa: E. Waisman, Mol. Phys. **25**, 45 (1973).

Two Yukawa: J. S. Høye, G. Stell, and E. Waisman, Mol. Phys. **32**, 209 (1976)

Multiple Yukawa: J. S. Høye and L. Blum, J. Stat. Phys. **16**, 399 (1977)

(MSA Closure)

Implementing the algorithms is sometimes non-trivial.

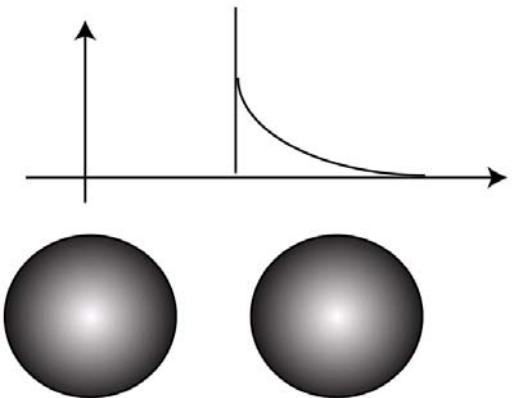
6. Calculate the structure factor S(Q):

One Yukawa Hard-Core Potential: Hayter-Penfold Method

J. B. Hayter and J. Penfold, Mol. Phys. **46**, 651 (1981).

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One Yukawa Hard-Core Potential



It is a powerful method for charged colloidal system.

Combining with other theories, the effective charge of a colloidal particle could be obtained.

1. The DLVO theory:

$$U_R = K \frac{e^{-\kappa(r-\sigma)}}{r} \text{ where } K = Z^2 \lambda_B \frac{\exp(\kappa\sigma)}{(1 + \kappa\sigma)^2}$$

It works at the dilute concentrations.

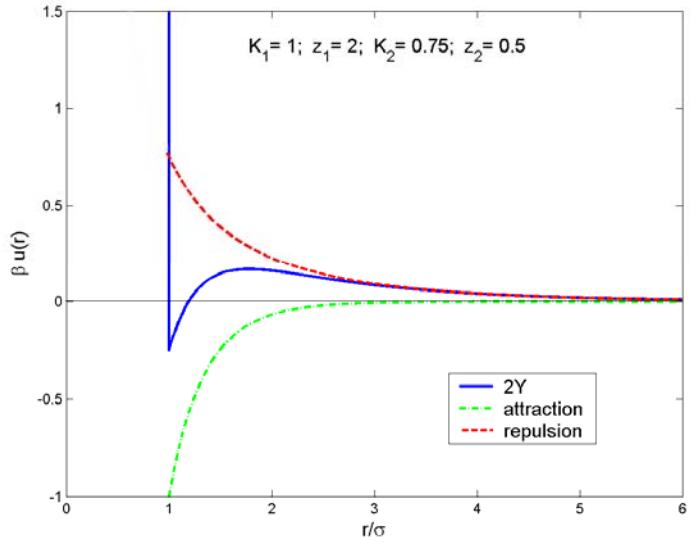
2. The Generalized One Component Macroion (GOCM) theory
(Or Rescaling Mean Spherical Approximation (RMSA) theory)

Belloni, L. J. Chem. Phys. **1986**, 85, 519-526

Chen, S.-H.; Sheu, E. Y. In *Micellar Solutions and Microemulsions-Structure, Dynamics, and Statistical Thermodynamics*; Chen, S.-H., Rajagopalan, R., Eds.: Springer-Verlag: New York, 1990

6. Calculate the structure factor $S(Q)$: Two Yukawa Hard-Core Potential

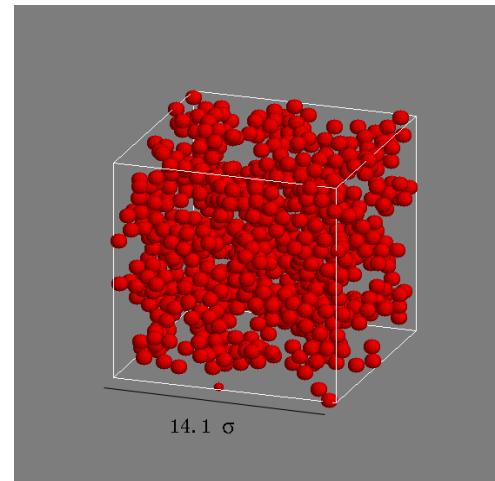
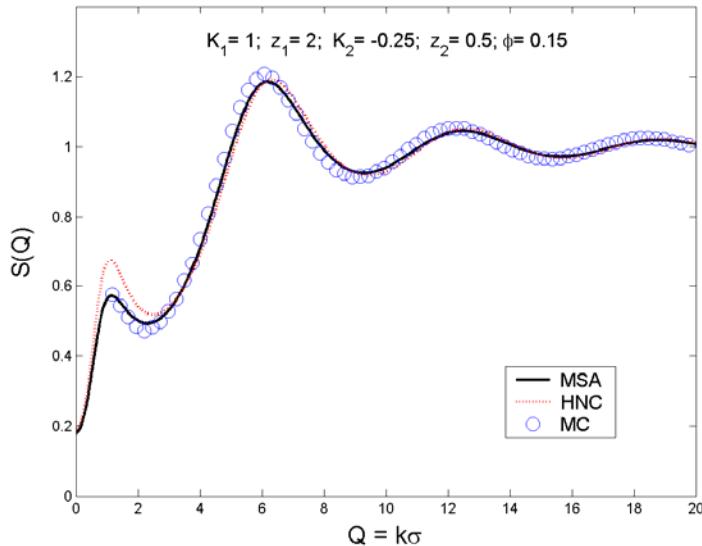
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$$\beta u(r) = \begin{cases} \infty, & 0 < r \leq 1 \\ -K_1 \frac{e^{-z_1(r-1)}}{r} + K_2 \frac{e^{-z_2(r-1)}}{r}, & r > 1 \end{cases}$$

It is useful for system with complicated potential.

1. Charge colloidal particles with a short-range attraction.
2. Charge colloidal particles with a soft-core.
3. Simulate the Lennard-Jones potential.



6. Calculate the structure factor $S(Q)$: Numerical Solutions to OZ Equation

Numerical Solutions

The development of powerful computer

Advantage of a numerical methods:

- Trivial to extend the method to more complicated potential
- Easy to extend to all kinds of different closures (HNC, RY, Zerah-Hansen, SCOZA,...)
- The validity of new methods could be easily verified by computer simulations
- Relatively easy to implement the thermodynamic consistency

Application of numerical solution to analyze the scattering results of colloidal systems becomes more and more important.

Many Examples ! Such as

DLVO (HNC), One Yukawa (HNC) (protein solutions)

A. Tardieu, S. Finet, and F. Bonnete', J. Cryst. Growth **232**, 1 (2001).

Two Yukawa (HNC) (protein solutions, micellar systems)

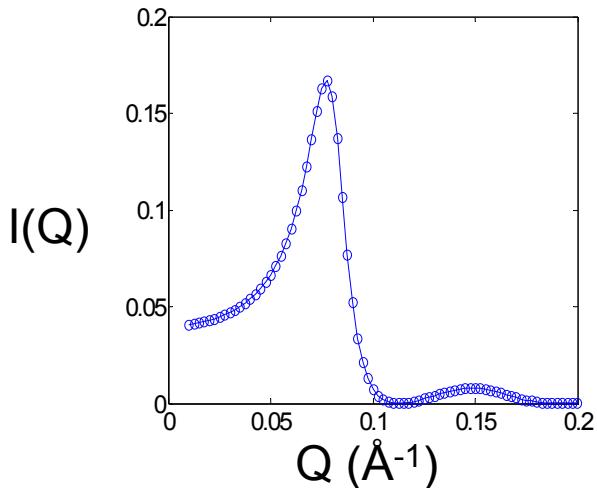
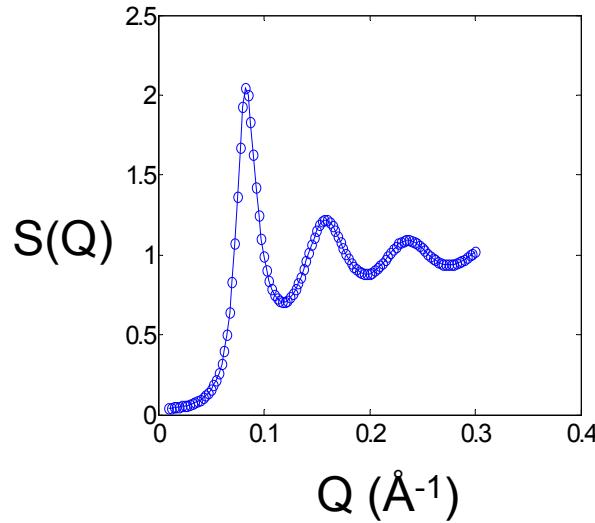
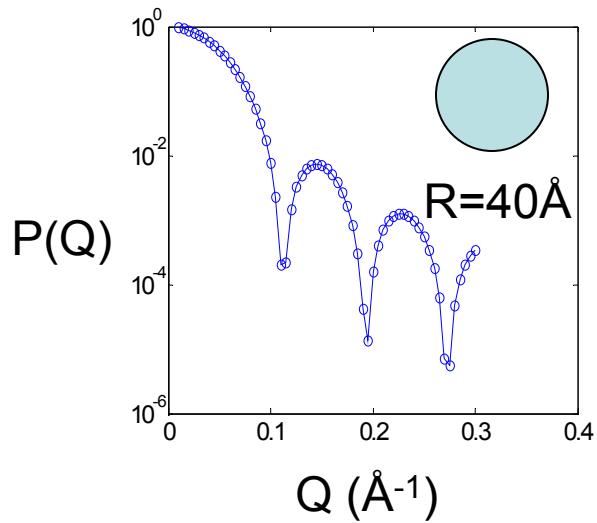
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7. Example 1: Hard Sphere Systems

$$I(Q) = A \times P(Q) \times S(Q)$$

(Assume A=1)



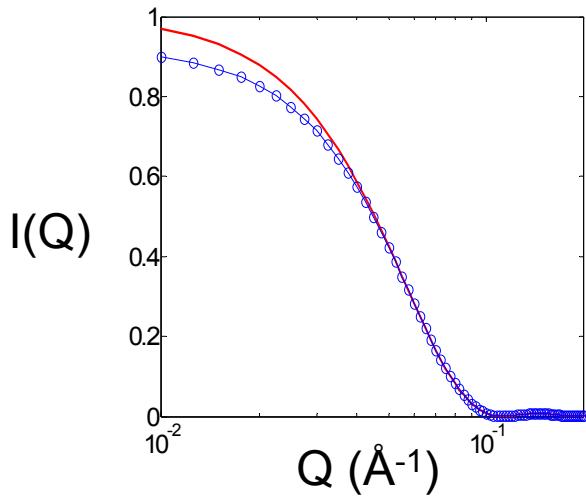
Volume fraction: $\Phi=40\%$

$S(Q)$ is calculated using PY closure.

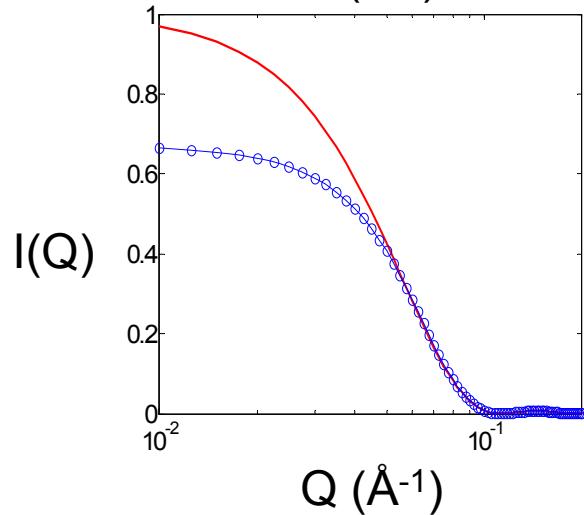
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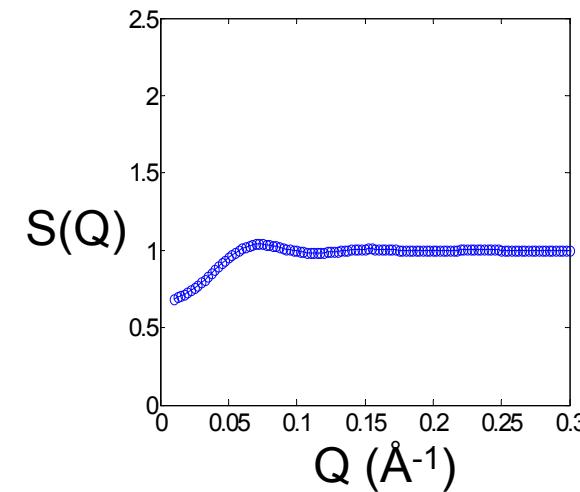
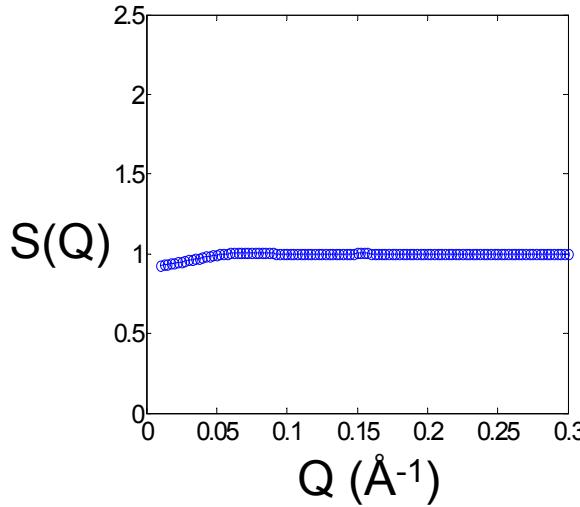
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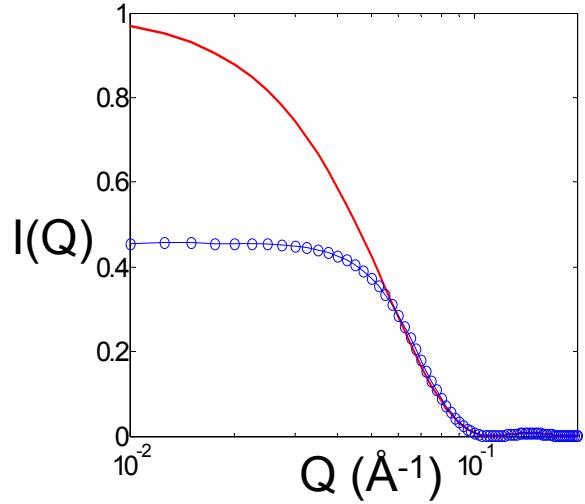
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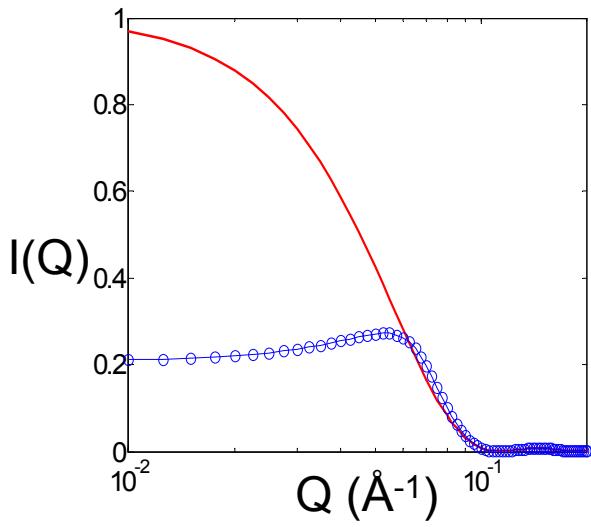
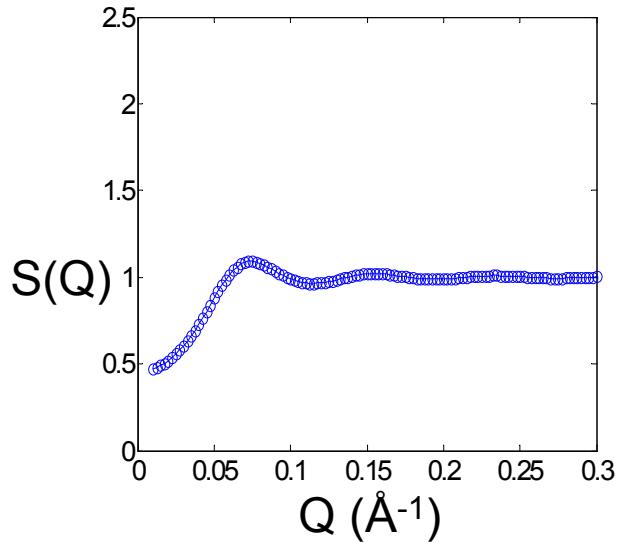
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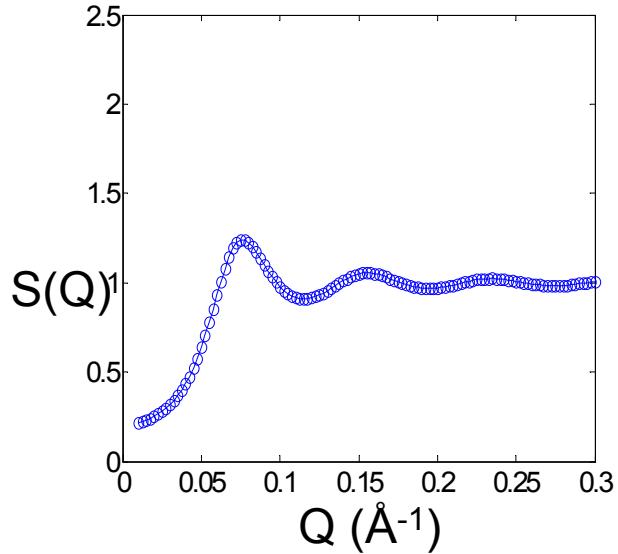
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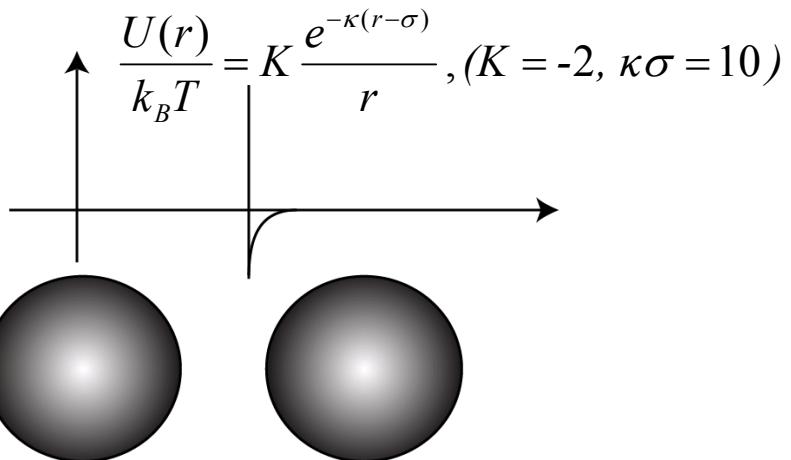
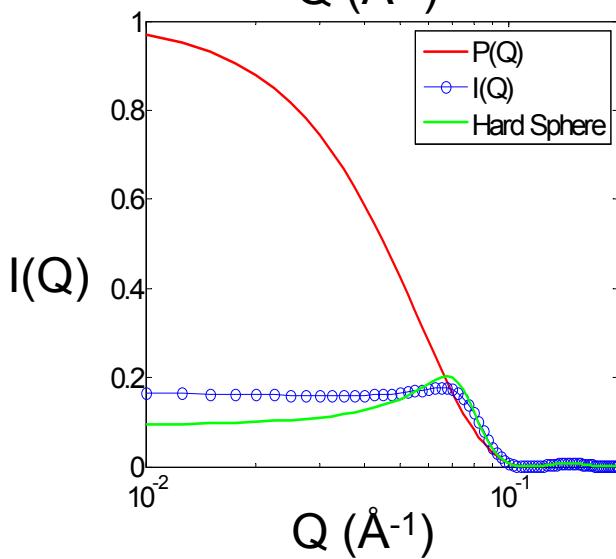
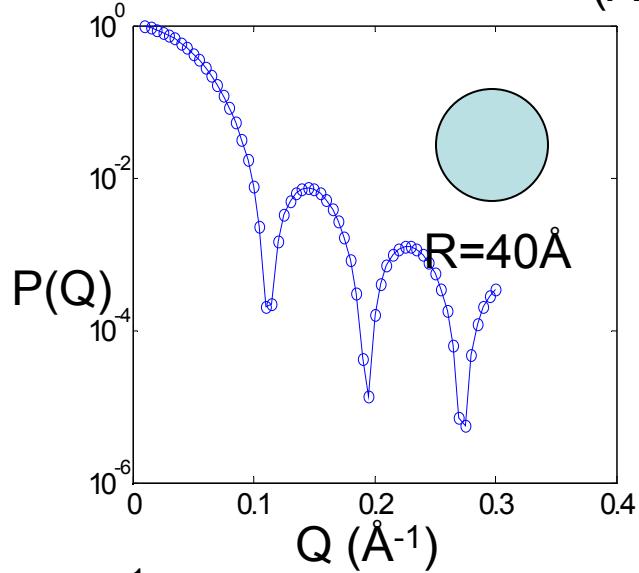
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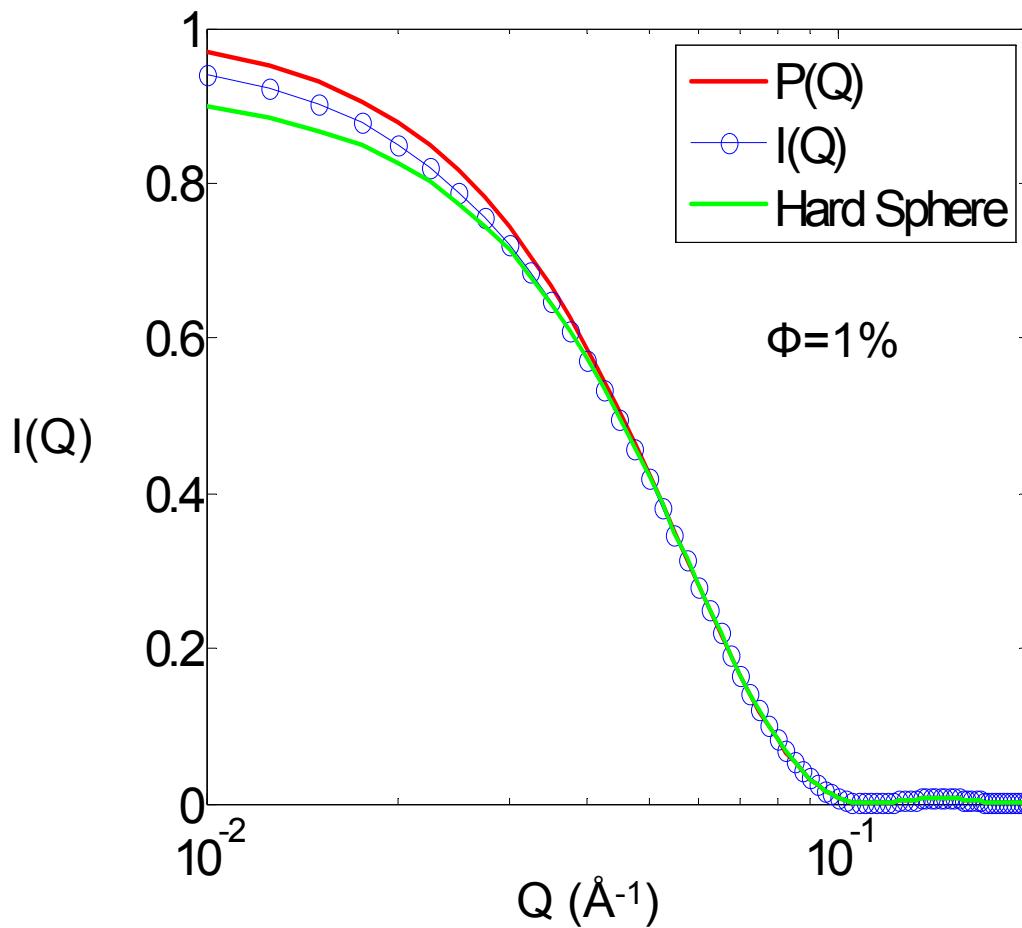
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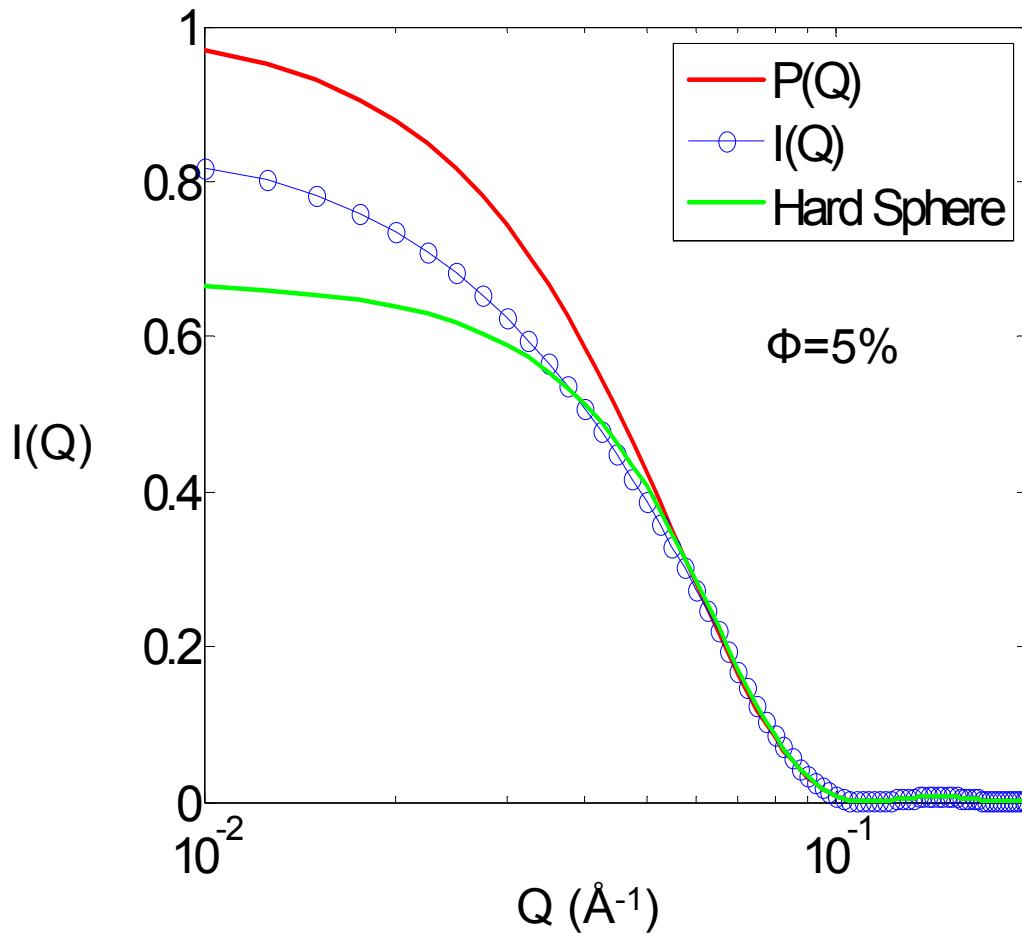
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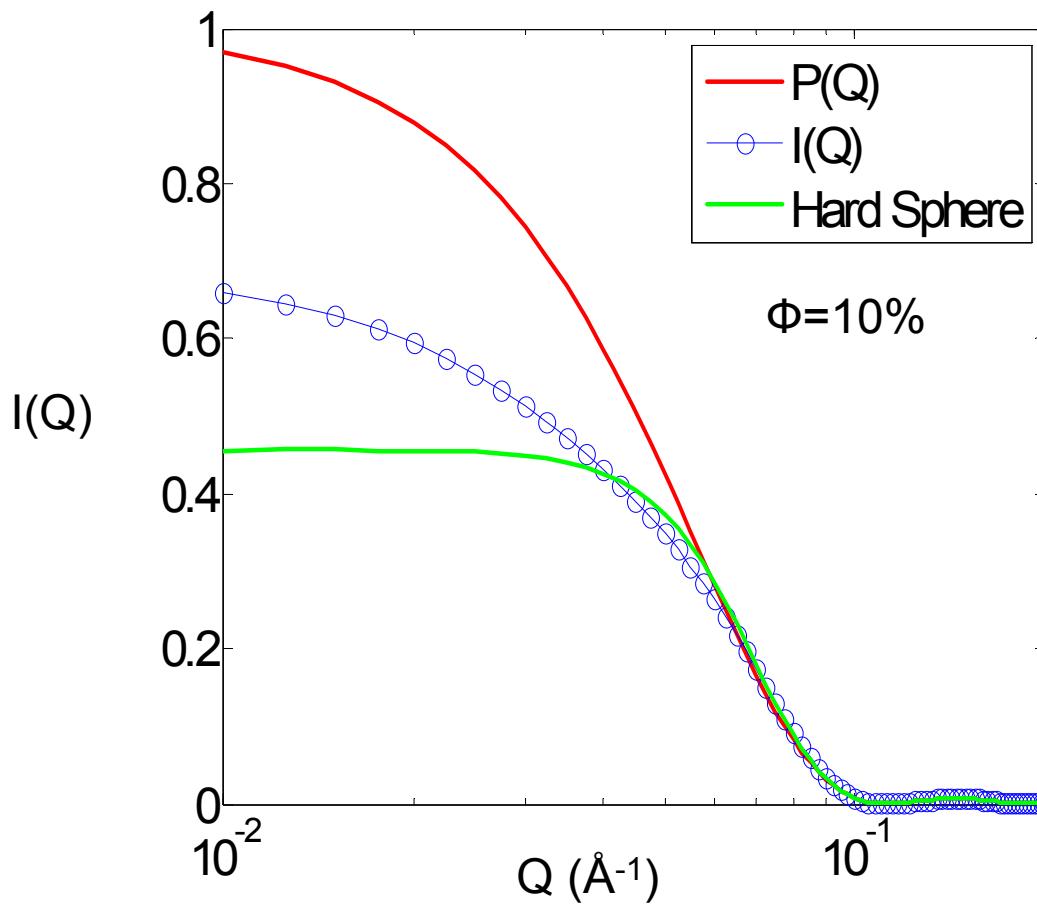
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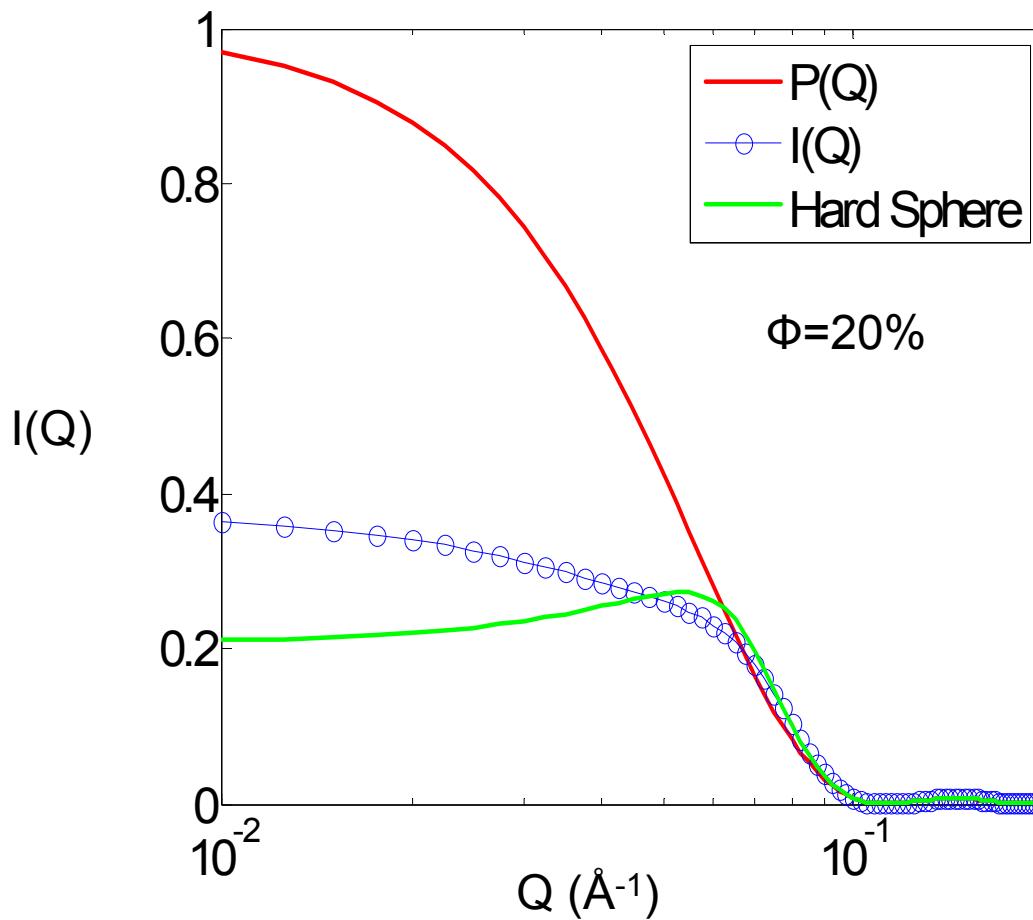
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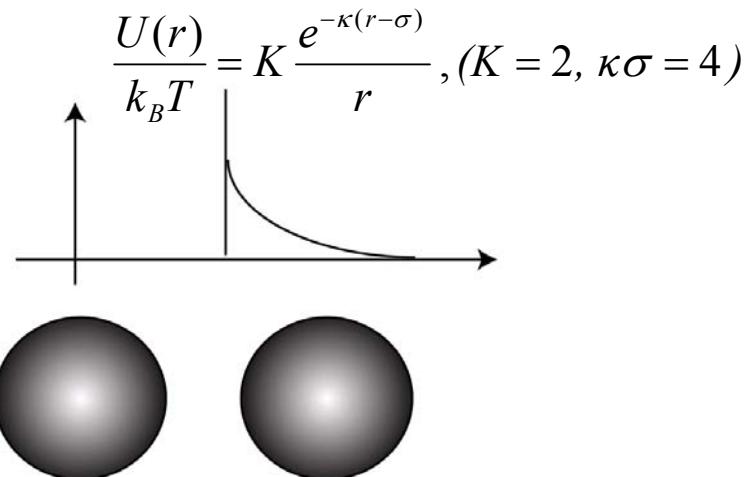
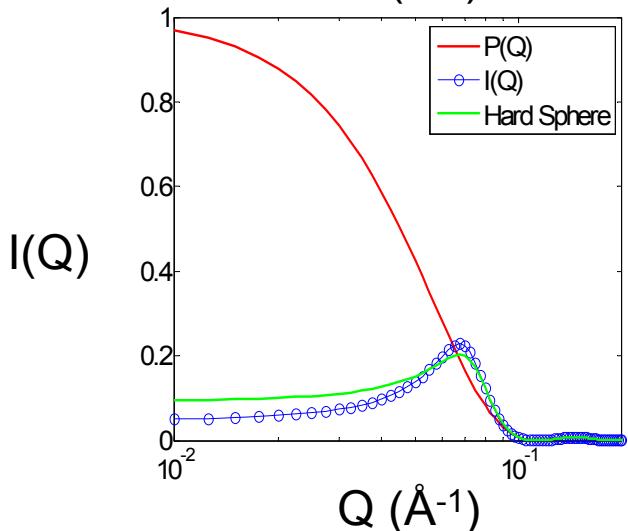
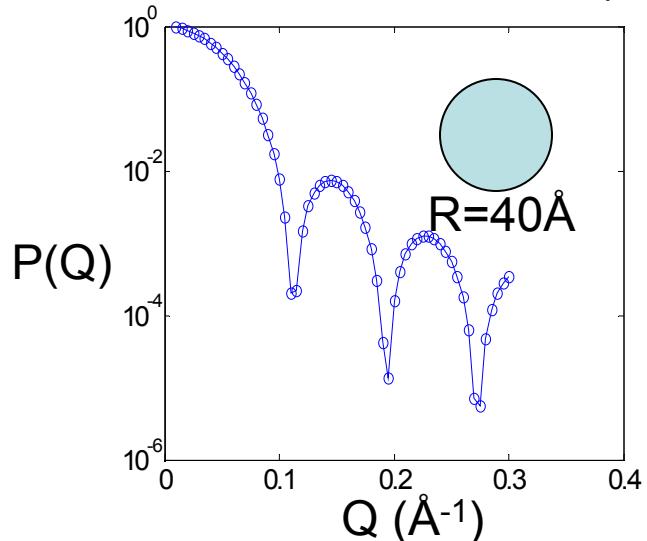
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Volume fraction = 30%

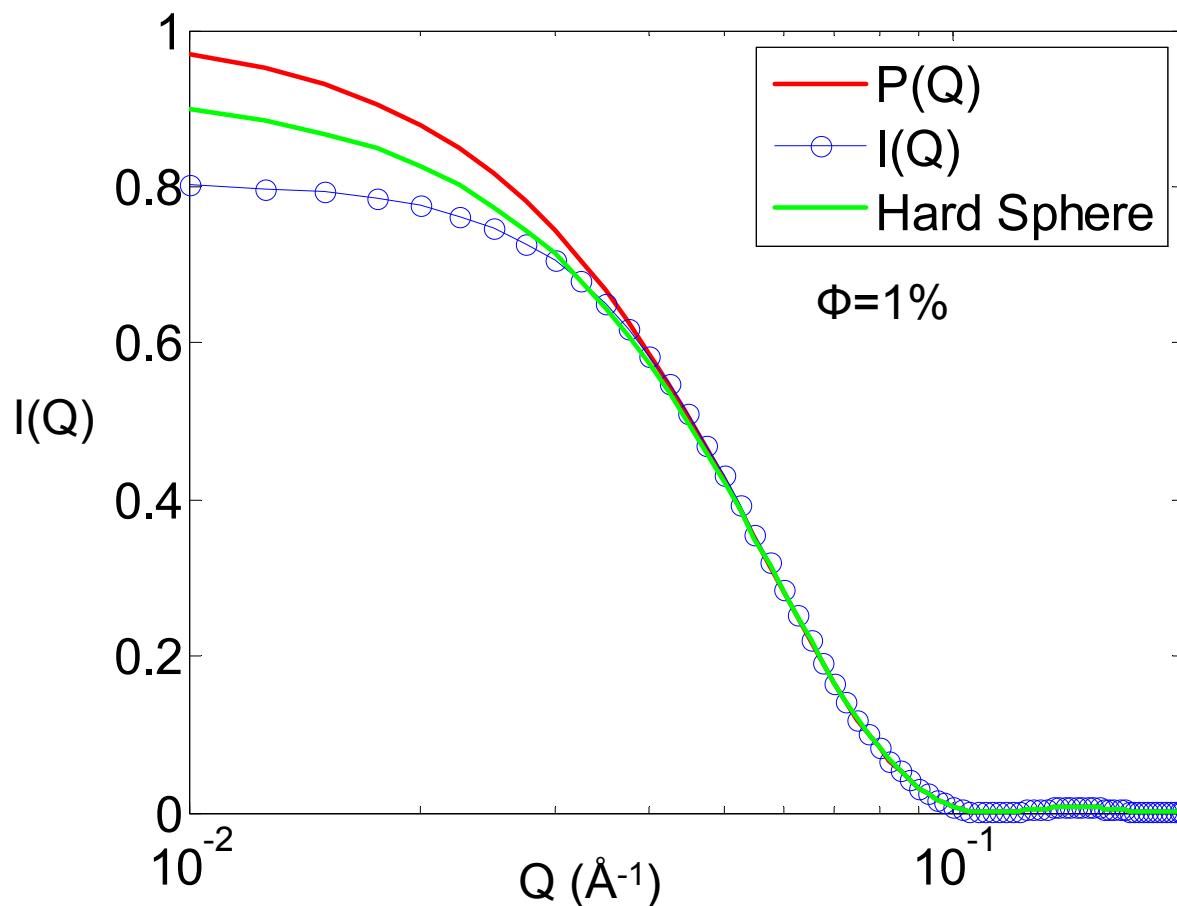
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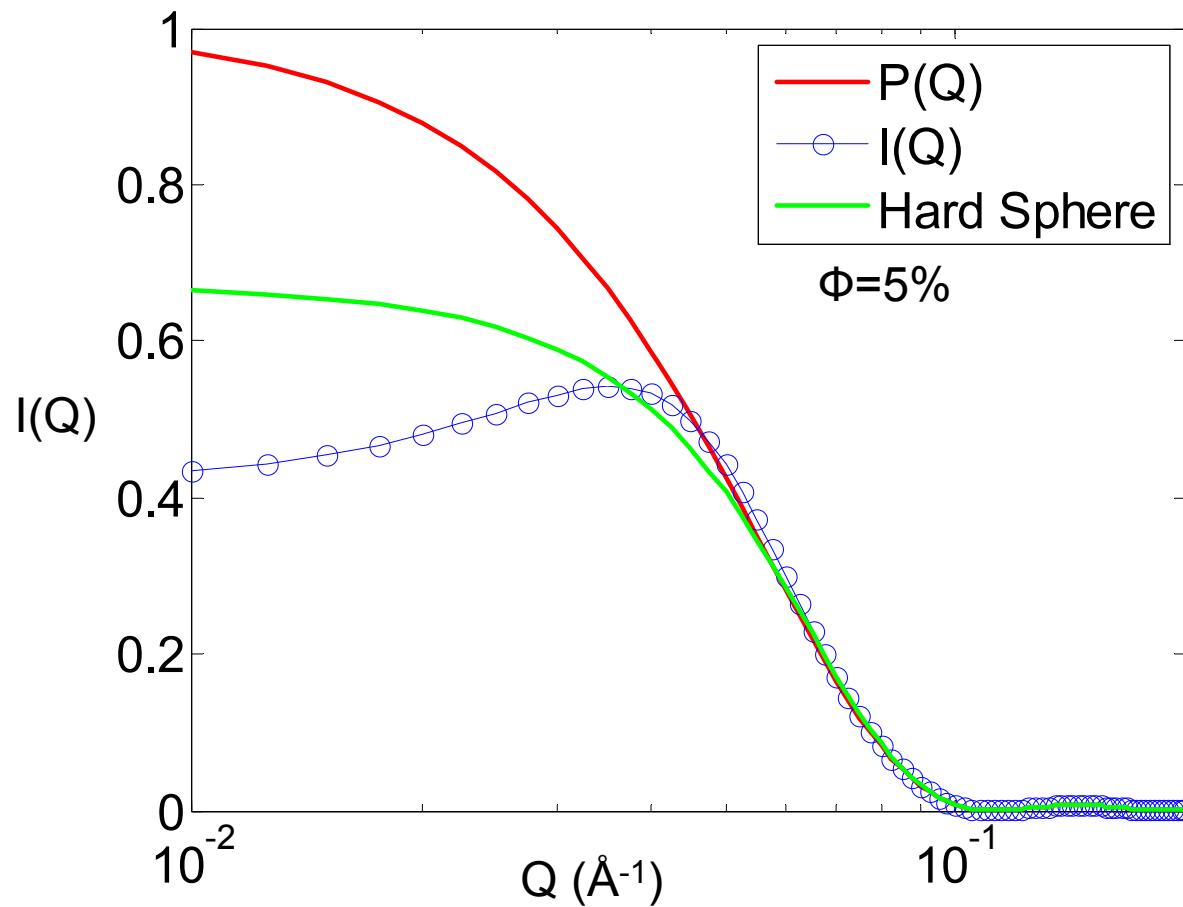


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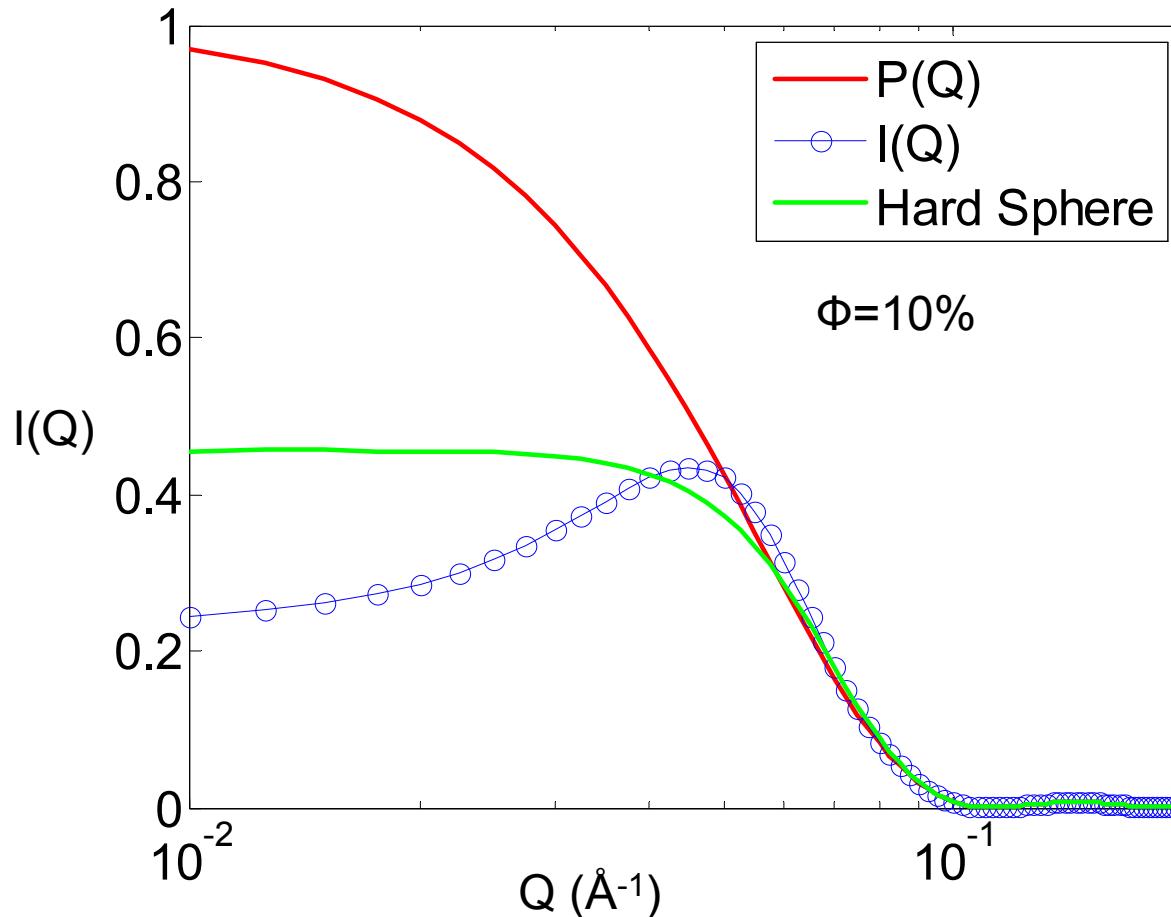


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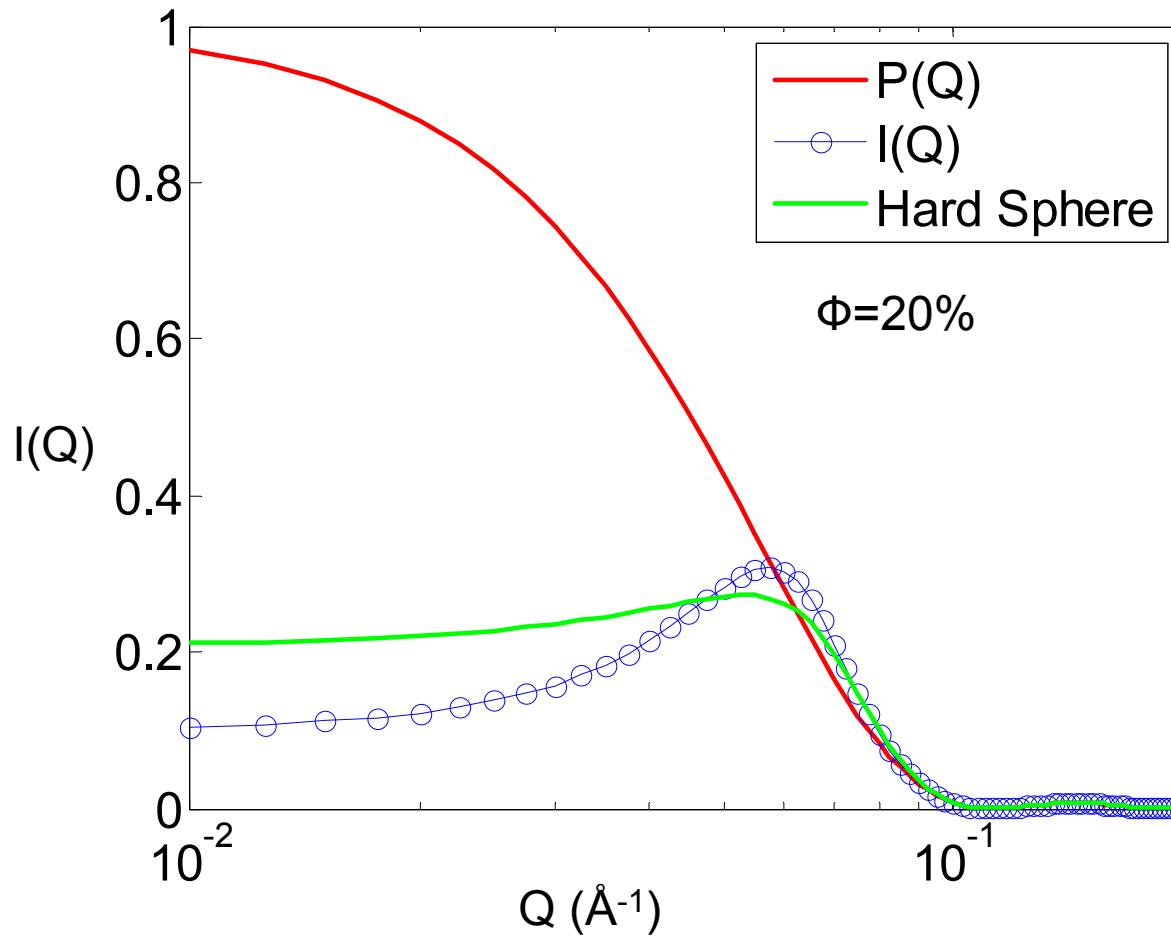


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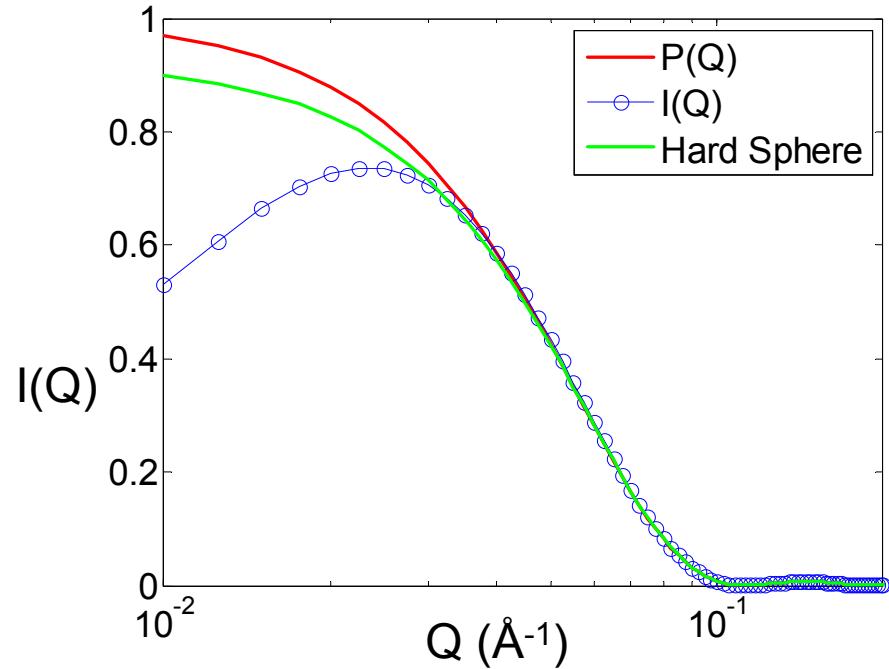
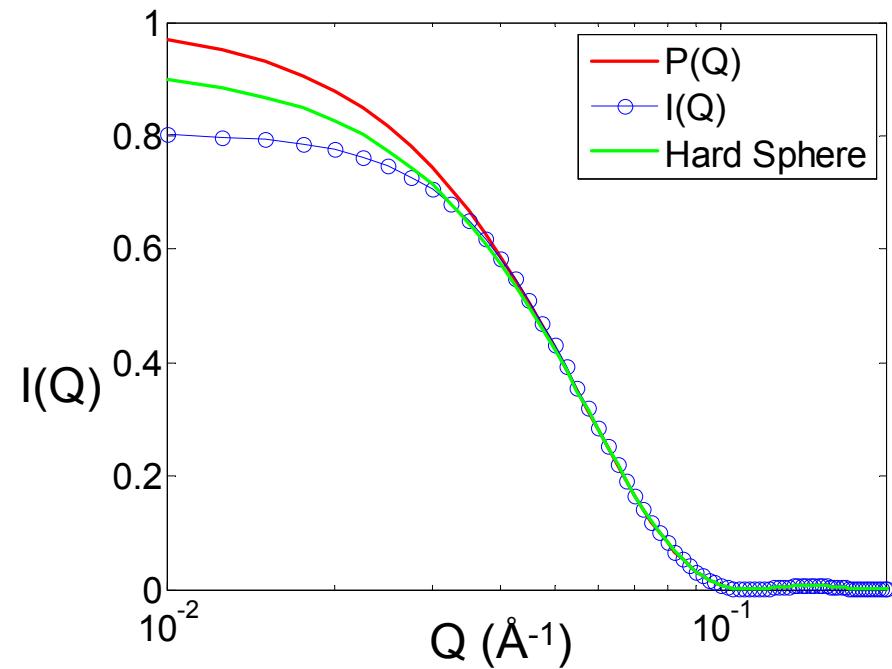
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(Assume A=1)

$\Phi=1\%$



$$\frac{U(r)}{k_B T} = K \frac{e^{-\kappa(r-\sigma)}}{r}, (K = 2, \kappa\sigma = 4)$$

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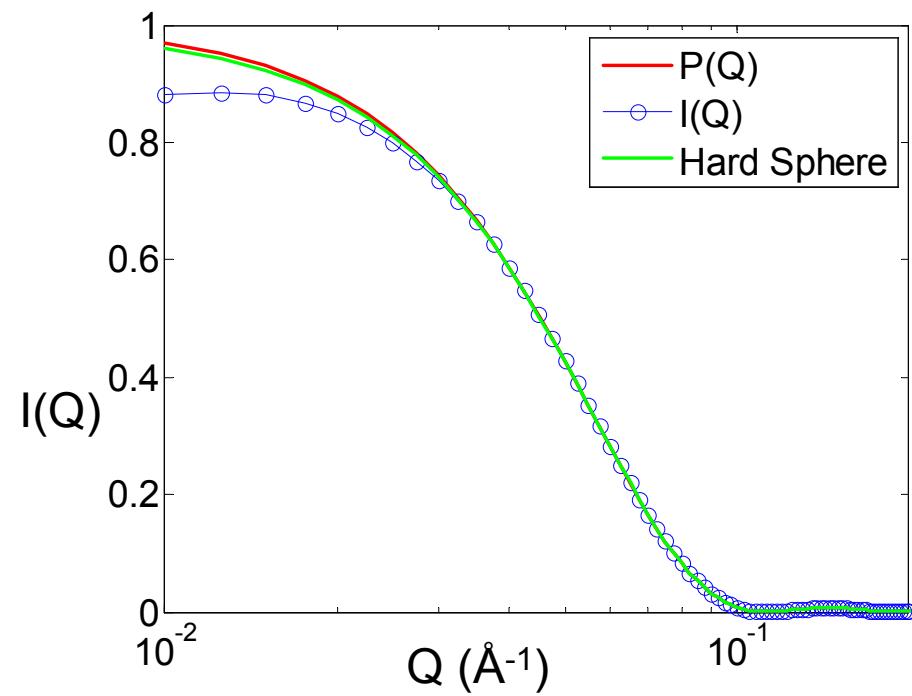
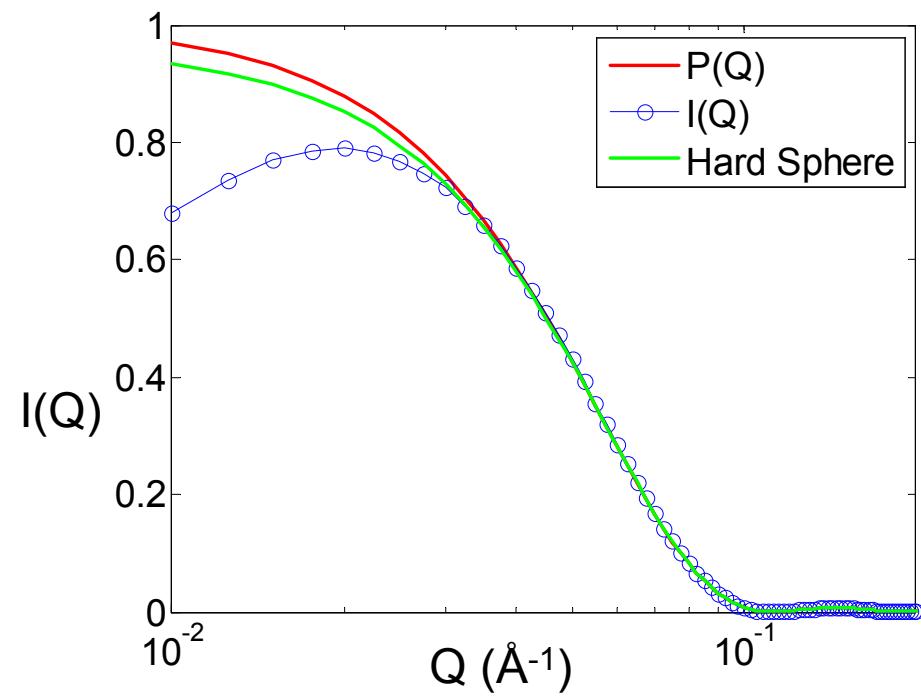
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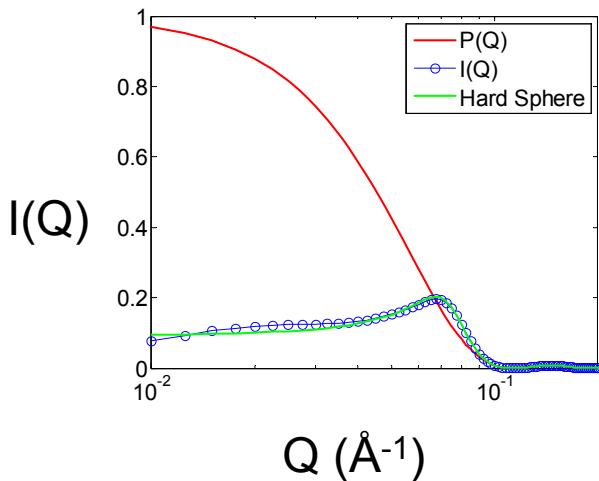
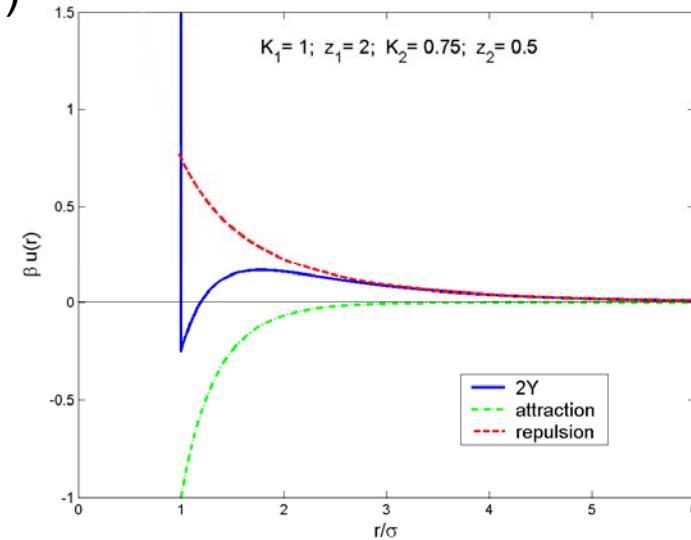
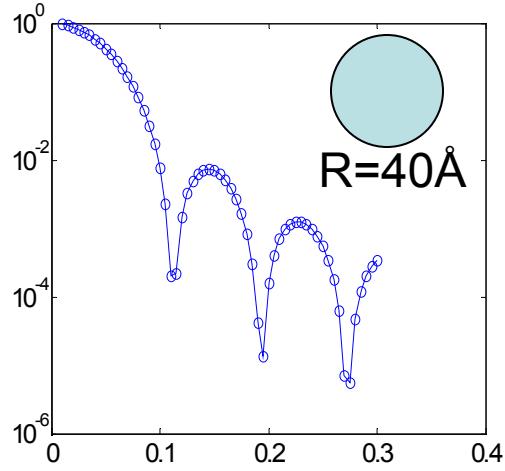
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Electrostatic repulsion systems with short-range attraction

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$$\beta u(r) = \begin{cases} \infty, & 0 < r \leq 1 \\ -K_1 \frac{e^{-z_1(r-1)}}{r} + K_2 \frac{e^{-z_2(r-1)}}{r}, & r > 1 \end{cases}$$

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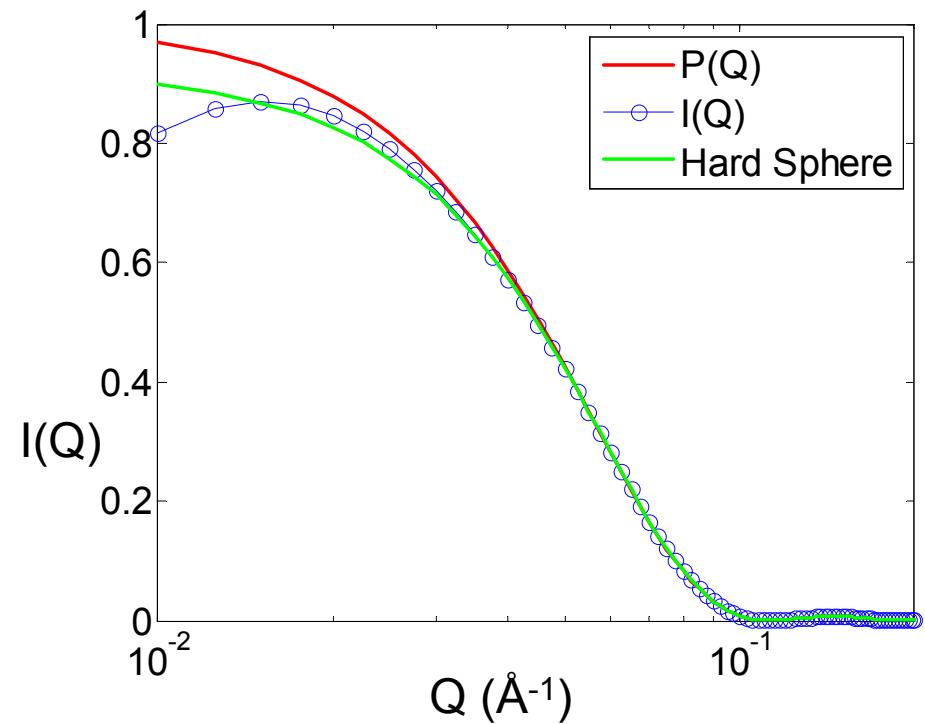
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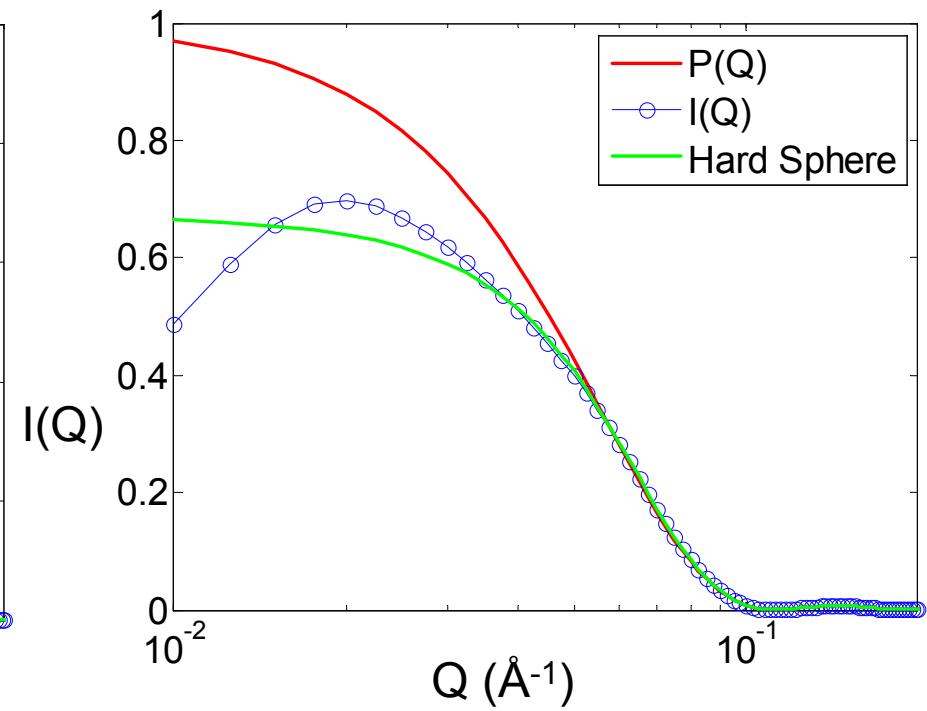
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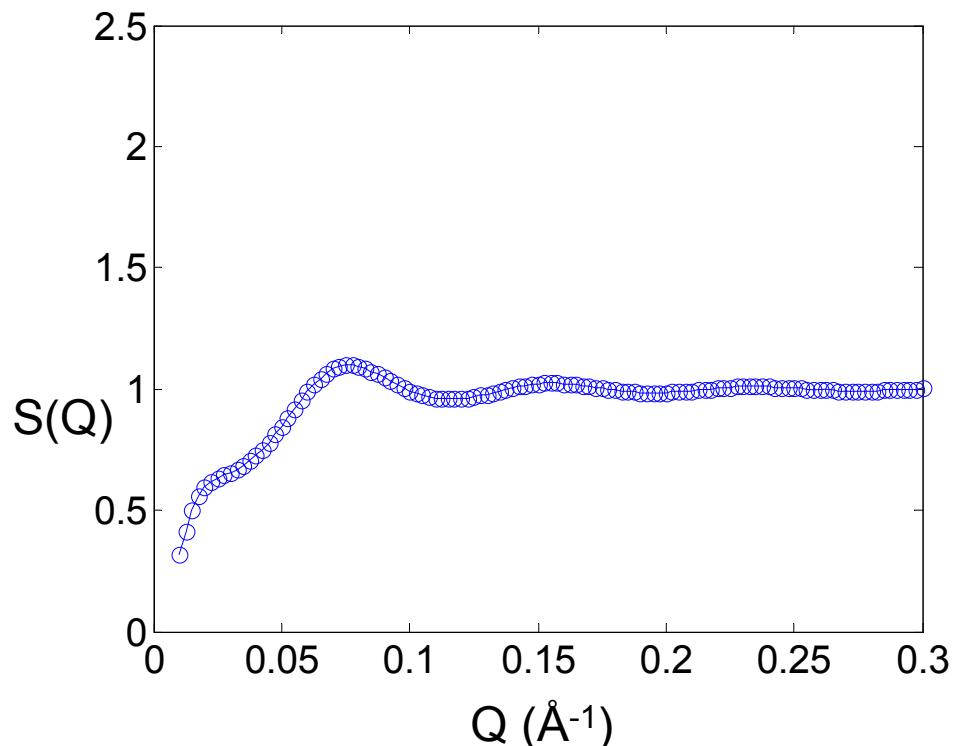
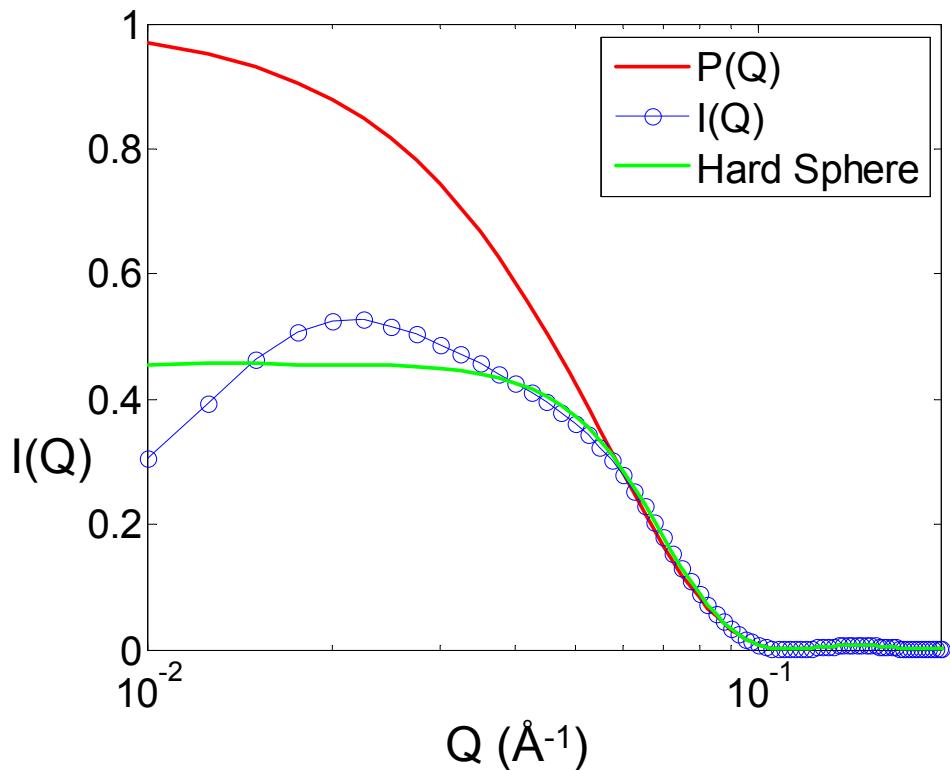
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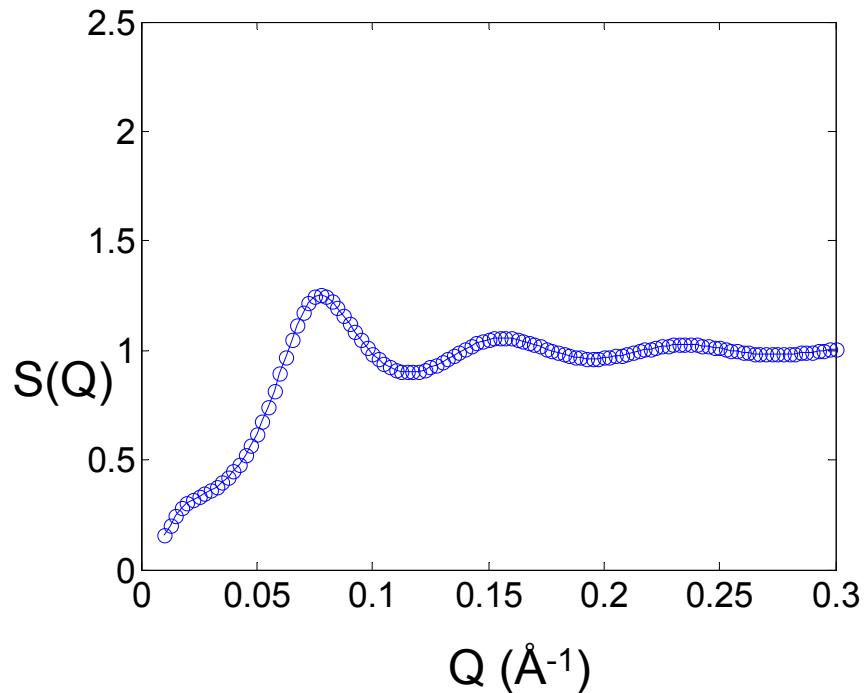
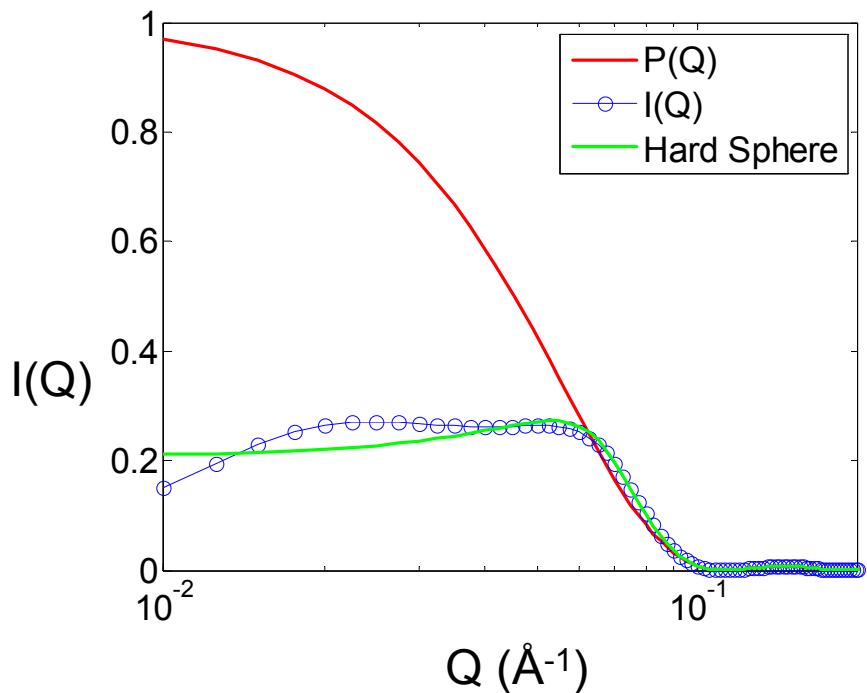
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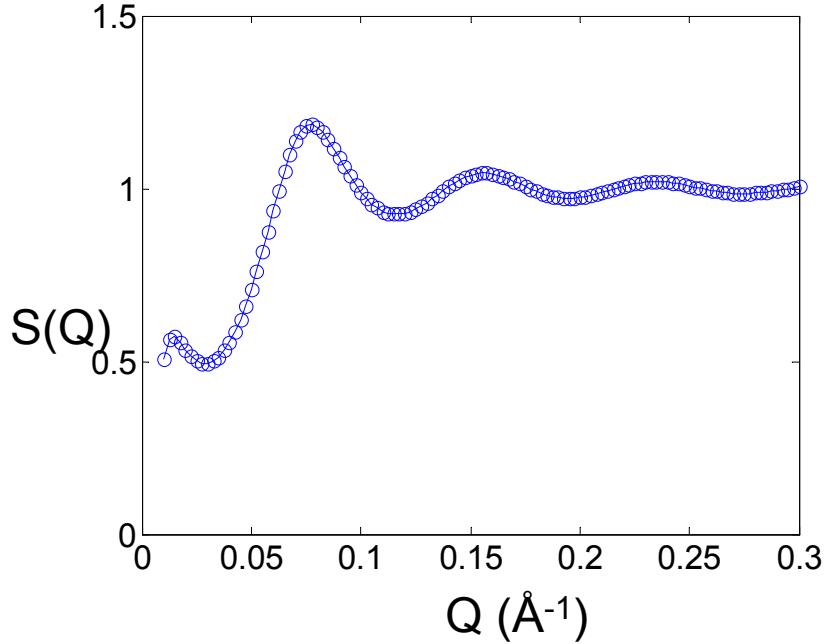
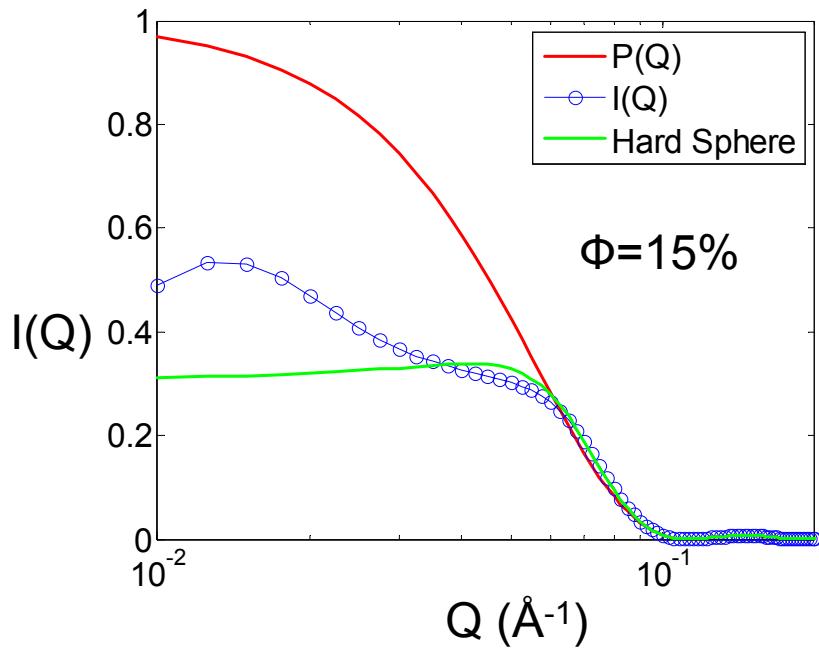


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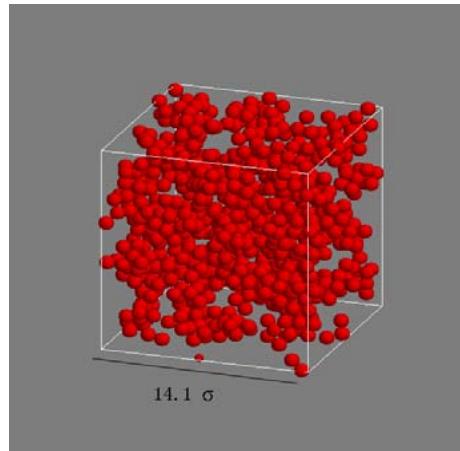
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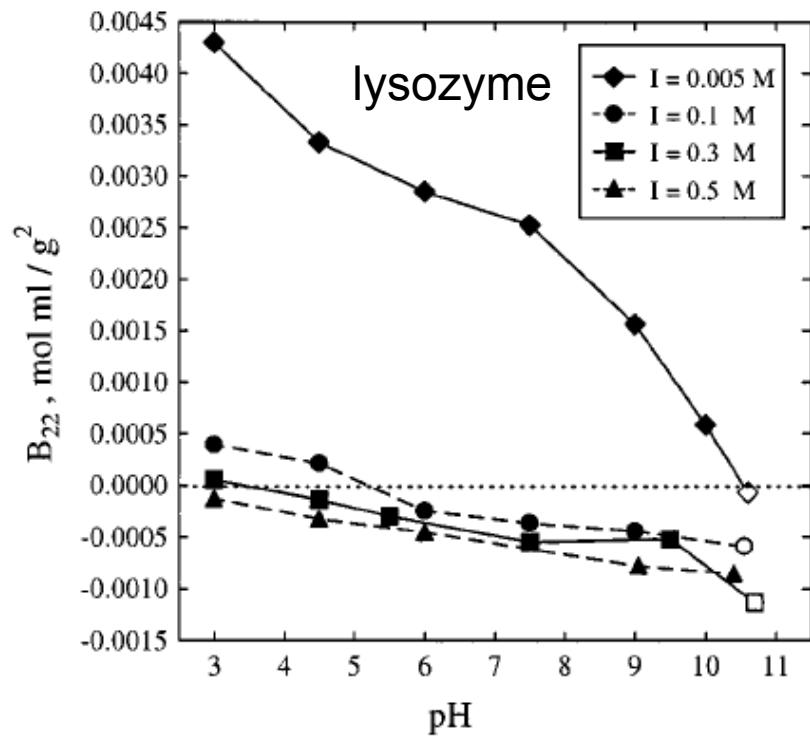
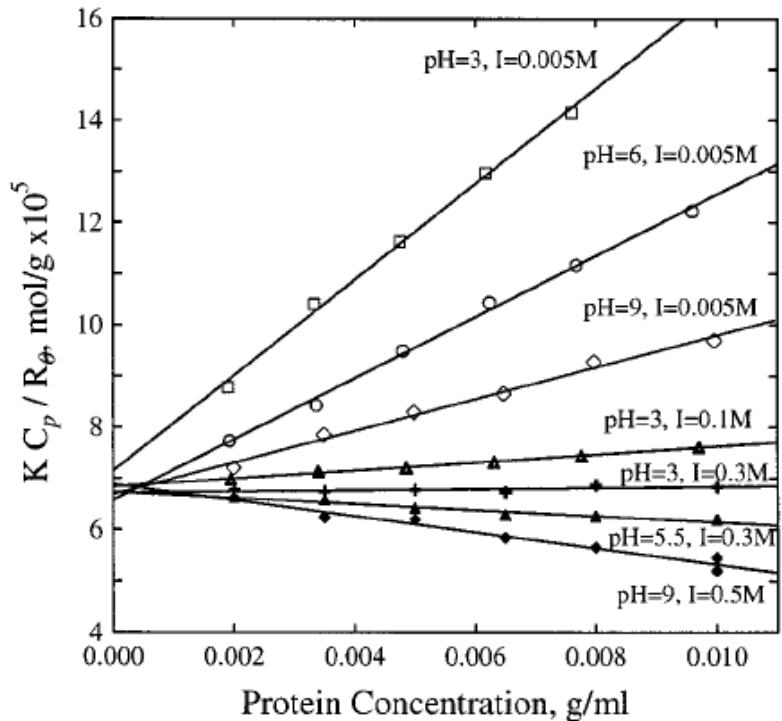
8. Relations with other methods: Light scattering

Obtain the second virial coefficient, B_{22} , using static light scattering:

$$\frac{KC_p}{R_\theta} = \frac{1}{M_w} + 2B_{22}C_p$$

$$B_{22}M_wN_A = -2\pi \int (g(r) - 1)r^2 dr = -2\pi \int (e^{-\frac{U(r)}{k_B T}} - 1)r^2 dr$$

Velev et al., Biophysical Journal 75, 2682 (1998)



8. Summary and β -approximation

$$I(Q) = A \times P(Q) \times S(Q)$$

- Decoupling approximation: one component system with spherical particles
- Given the know information of inter-particle potential, $S(Q)$ can be obtained by solving OZ equation: isotropic interaction

Big trouble!

- Disks, rods, ...
- particles with large polydispersity
- Anisotropic interactions

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$$I(Q) = A \times P(Q) \times S(Q)$$

- When polydispersity is small or the colloidal particle is close to a spherical shape

β -approximation

$$I(Q) = \frac{N}{V} \langle P(Q) \rangle [1 + \beta(Q) (\tilde{S}(Q) - 1)]$$

$$\beta(Q) = |\langle F(Q) \rangle|^2 / \langle |F(Q)|^2 \rangle$$

$$\langle P(Q) \rangle = \langle |F(Q)|^2 \rangle$$

$\tilde{S}(Q)$ can be approximated with one component structure factor.

8. Available resources

1. Available computer codes

SANS & USANS Analysis with IGOR Pro

http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/programs/sans/data/data_anal.html

- Many form factor models
- The structure factor for hard sphere system (PY), sticky hard sphere system (PY), the Hayter-Penfold method (MSA for one Yukawa hard sphere system).

Structure factor for two Yukawa hard sphere system with Matlab codes

- MSA closure. Freely available by contacting Yun Liu (yunliu@nist.gov) or Sow-Hsin Chen (sowhsin@mit.edu)

2. Website lecture notes and tutorials

NCNR SANS Tutorial

<http://www.ncnr.nist.gov/programs/sans/tutorials/index.html>

Lectures by Roger Pynn

<http://www.mrl.ucsb.edu/~pynn/>