



# Incorporation of the Beta Approximation in SasView

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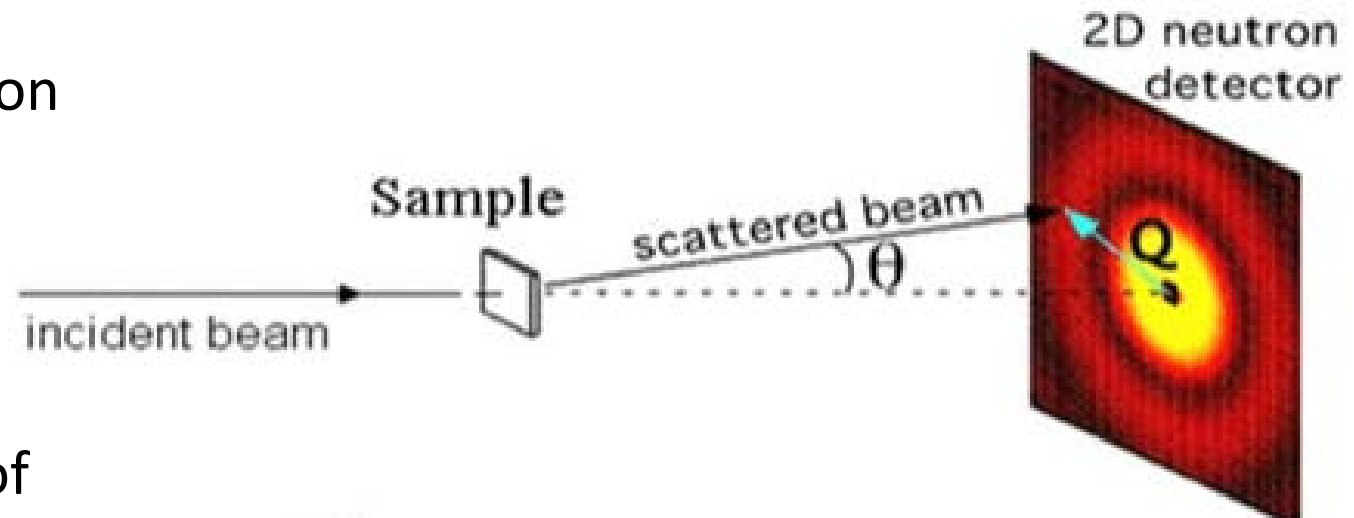


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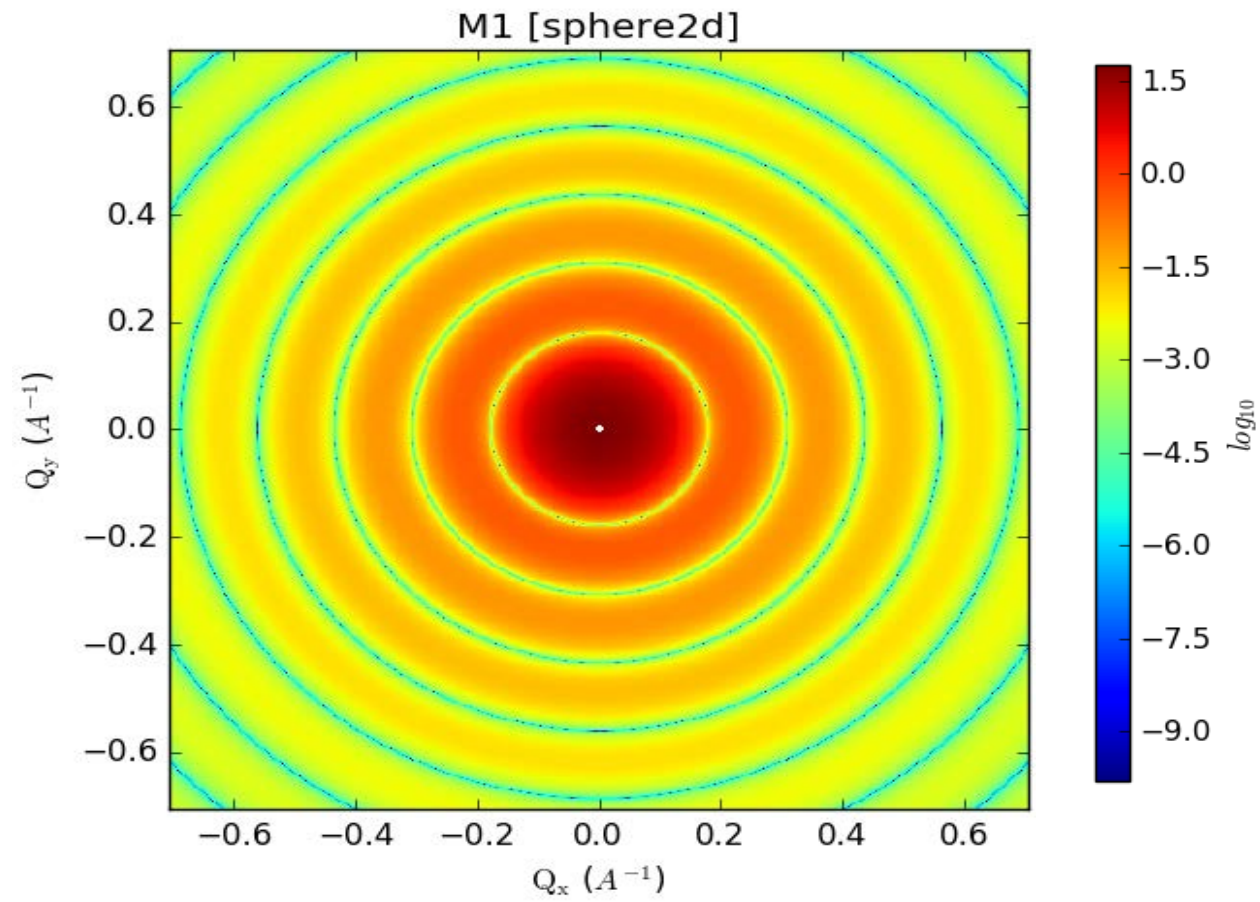
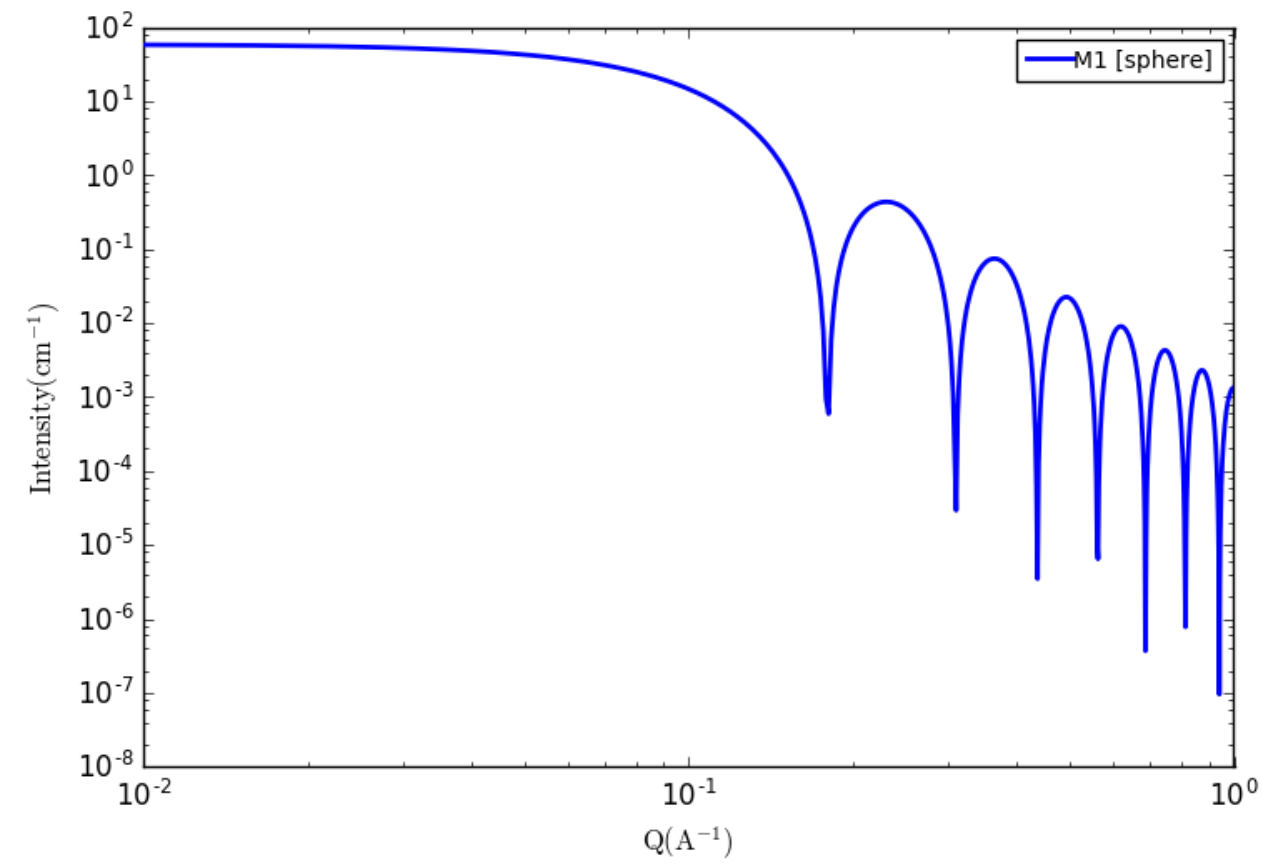
# What is Small Angle Neutron Scattering?

Steps:

1. Produce free neutrons (nuclear fission with  $^{235}\text{U}$ )
2. Select speed of neutrons and direct beam towards sample
3. Neutrons diffract through sample
  - Interactions are with the nuclei of sample
  - Scatters neutrons at different angles
4. Neutrons are recorded by a detector



Gallego, Nidia & Burchell, Timothy & He, Lilin & Kirkham, Melanie & Contescu, Cristian. (2016). Neutron Irradiation Effects on the Structure of Highly Oriented Graphite: A XRD and SANS Study.

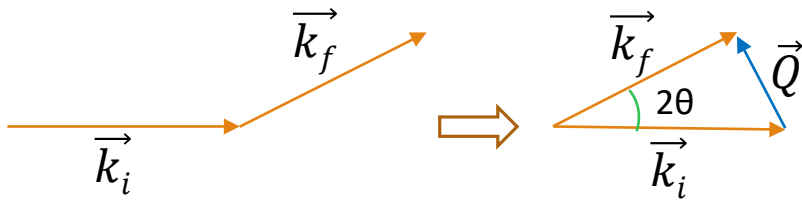


Elastic (no energy loss):

$\vec{k}_i$  : incident wavevector

$\vec{k}_f$  : scattered wavevector

$\vec{Q}$  : scattering vector



$$\vec{Q} = \vec{k}_f - \vec{k}_i, \quad |\vec{k}_f| = |\vec{k}_i| = k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}, \quad 1 - \cos 2\theta = 2 \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \sqrt{(\vec{k}_f - \vec{k}_i) \cdot (\vec{k}_f - \vec{k}_i)}$$

$$= \sqrt{k_f^2 + k_i^2 - 2k_i k_f \cos 2\theta}$$

$$= k \sqrt{2(1 - \cos 2\theta)} = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \sin \theta$$

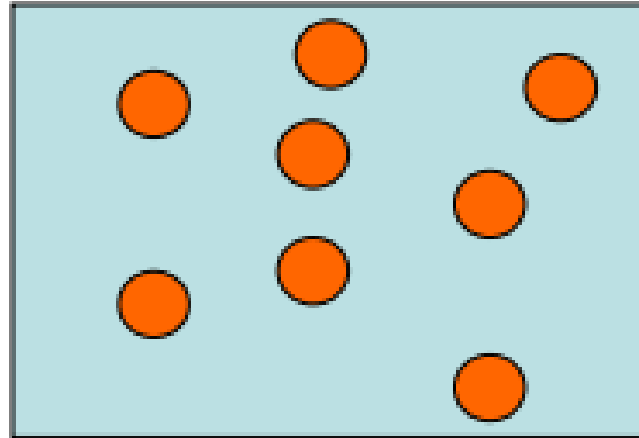
# SasView is a program used worldwide that simulates intensity patterns and fits experimental data



<http://freesongs.us>

# The scattering patterns are determined by the properties and characteristics of the sample

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$I(Q)$  :



Liu, Yun. Static scattering techniques (SLS, SAXS, and SANS) – theories and applications.

$I(Q)$  :

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$I(Q)$

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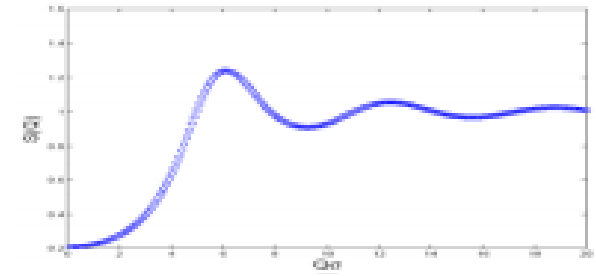
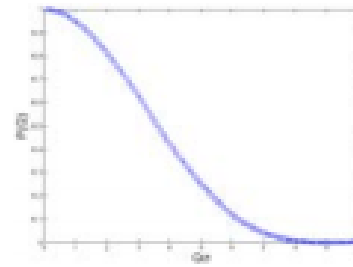
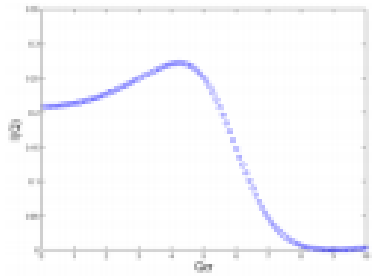
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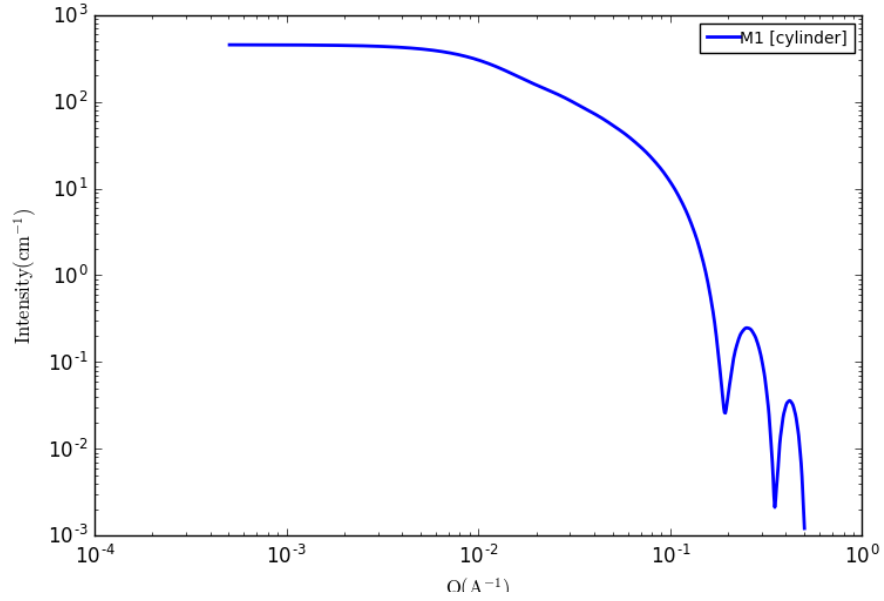
$P(Q)$

×

$S(Q)$

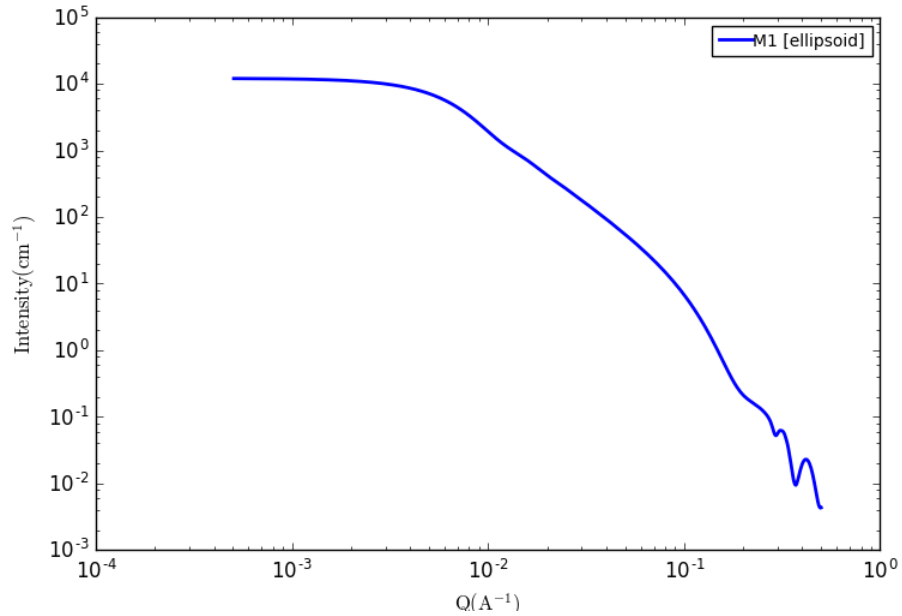
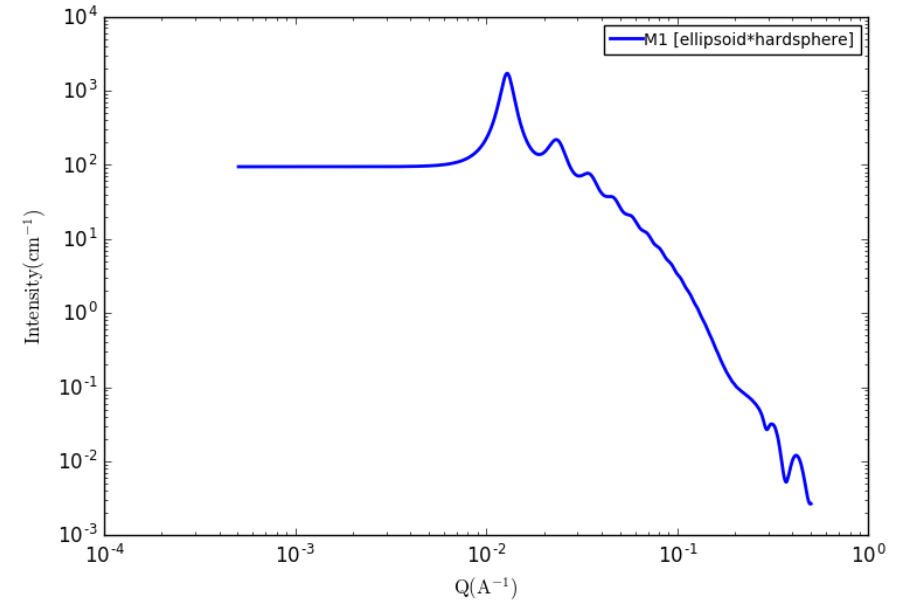


$$S(Q) = 1$$

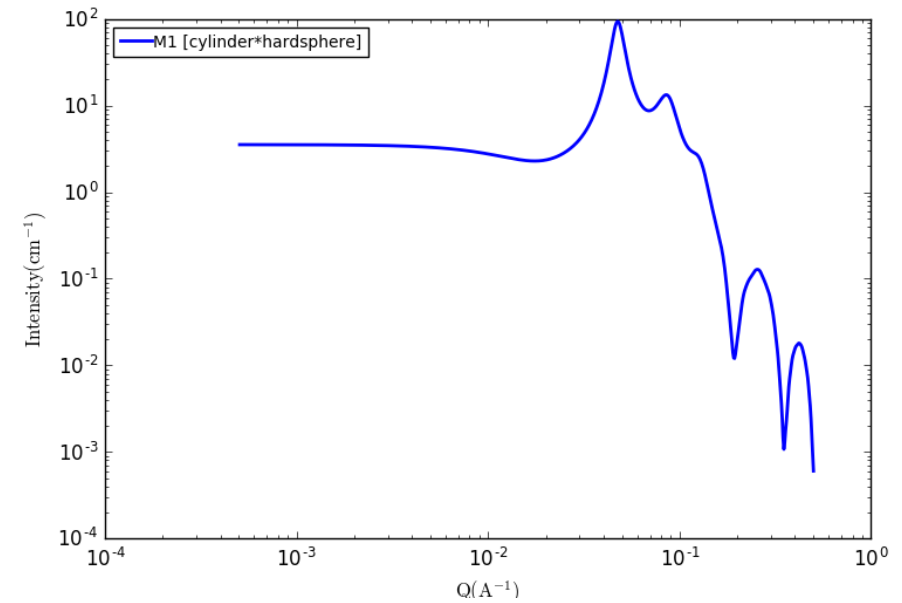


Cylinder:

$$S(Q) = \text{Hardsphere}$$



Ellipsoid:



# Simulating Intensity Patterns

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## Dilute Case (without structure factor):

$$I(Q) = P(Q)$$

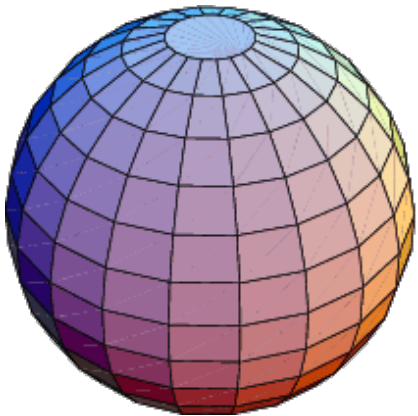
↳  $P(Q) = F^2(Q)$  where  $F(Q)$  is dependent on the shape of the constituents

ex. Sphere: 
$$F(Q) = \left[ V \Delta\rho \frac{\sin(qr) - qr \cos(qr)}{(qr)^3} \right]$$

## Not Dilute (with structure factor):

$$I(Q) = P(Q)S(Q)$$

↳ ex. Hardsphere, sticky hardsphere, hayter-penfold model

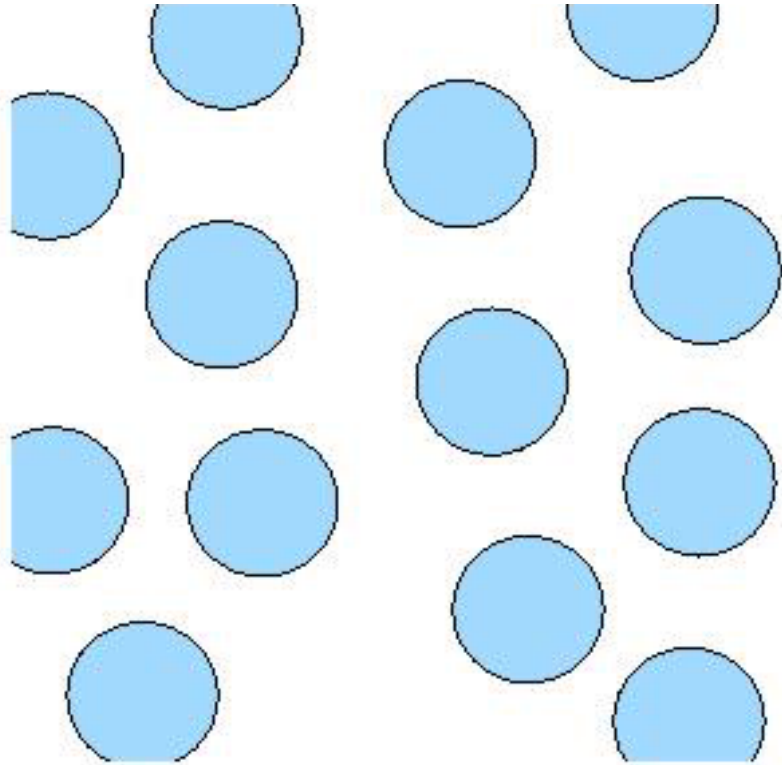


<http://mathworld.wolfram.com/Sphere.html>

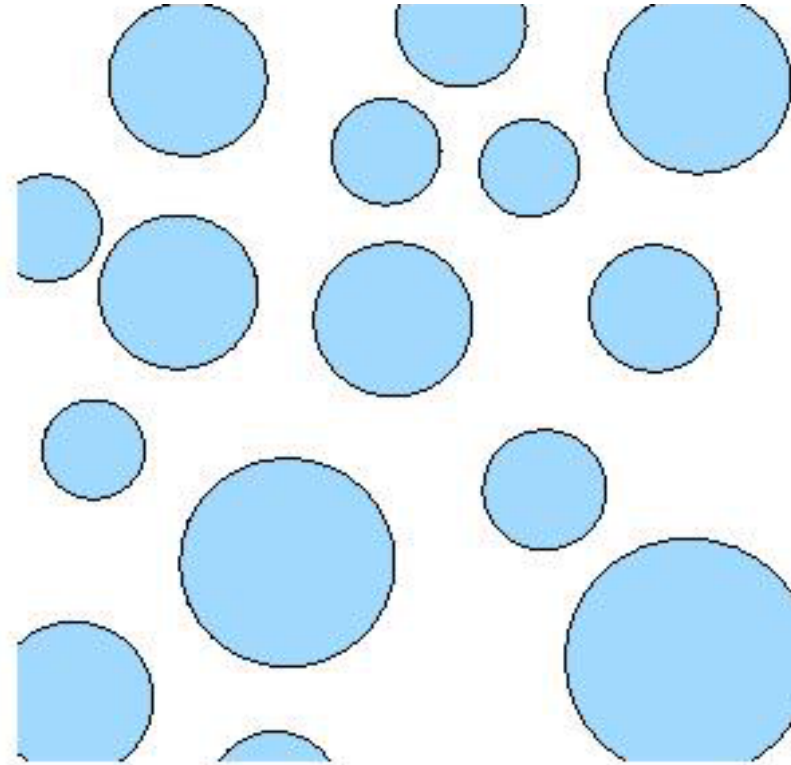


# WHAT IF THERE IS POLYDISPERSITY?

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**Monodisperse**

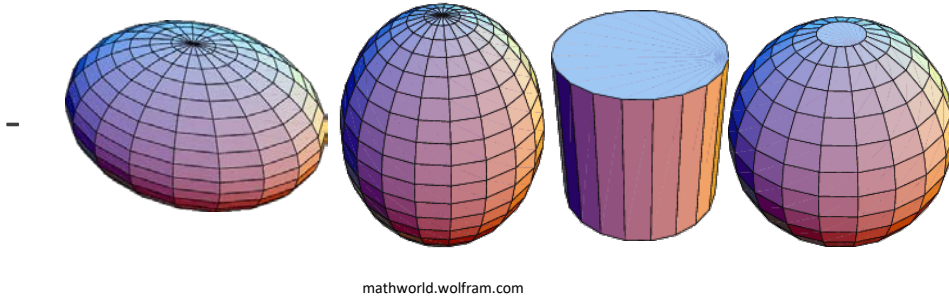


**Polydisperse**

# Existing code

**VS.**

# Dense colloids



- DILUTE samples with POLYDISPERSE particle size and orientation

- o i.e.  $I(Q) = \langle P(Q) \rangle$

- DENSE samples with MONODISPERSE particle size and orientation

- o i.e.  $I(Q) = P(Q) S(Q)$



-DENSE colloids with POLYDISPERSE particle size and shape

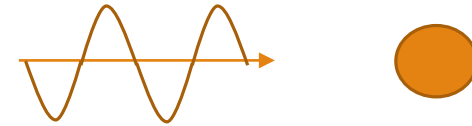
How can we study these materials more accurately?

# BETA APPROXIMATION

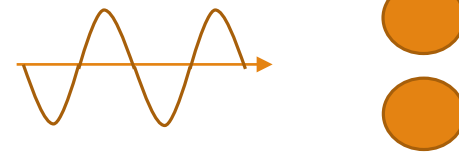
(Not currently implemented in SasView)

$$\begin{aligned} I(Q) &= \langle P(Q) \rangle S_{\text{eff}}(Q) \\ &= \langle F^2 \rangle \left[ 1 + \frac{\langle F \rangle^2}{\langle F^2 \rangle} (S(Q) - 1) \right] \\ &= \langle F^2 \rangle + \langle F \rangle^2 (S(Q) - 1) \end{aligned}$$

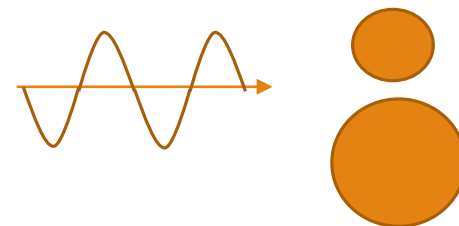
$$I(Q) = P(Q)$$



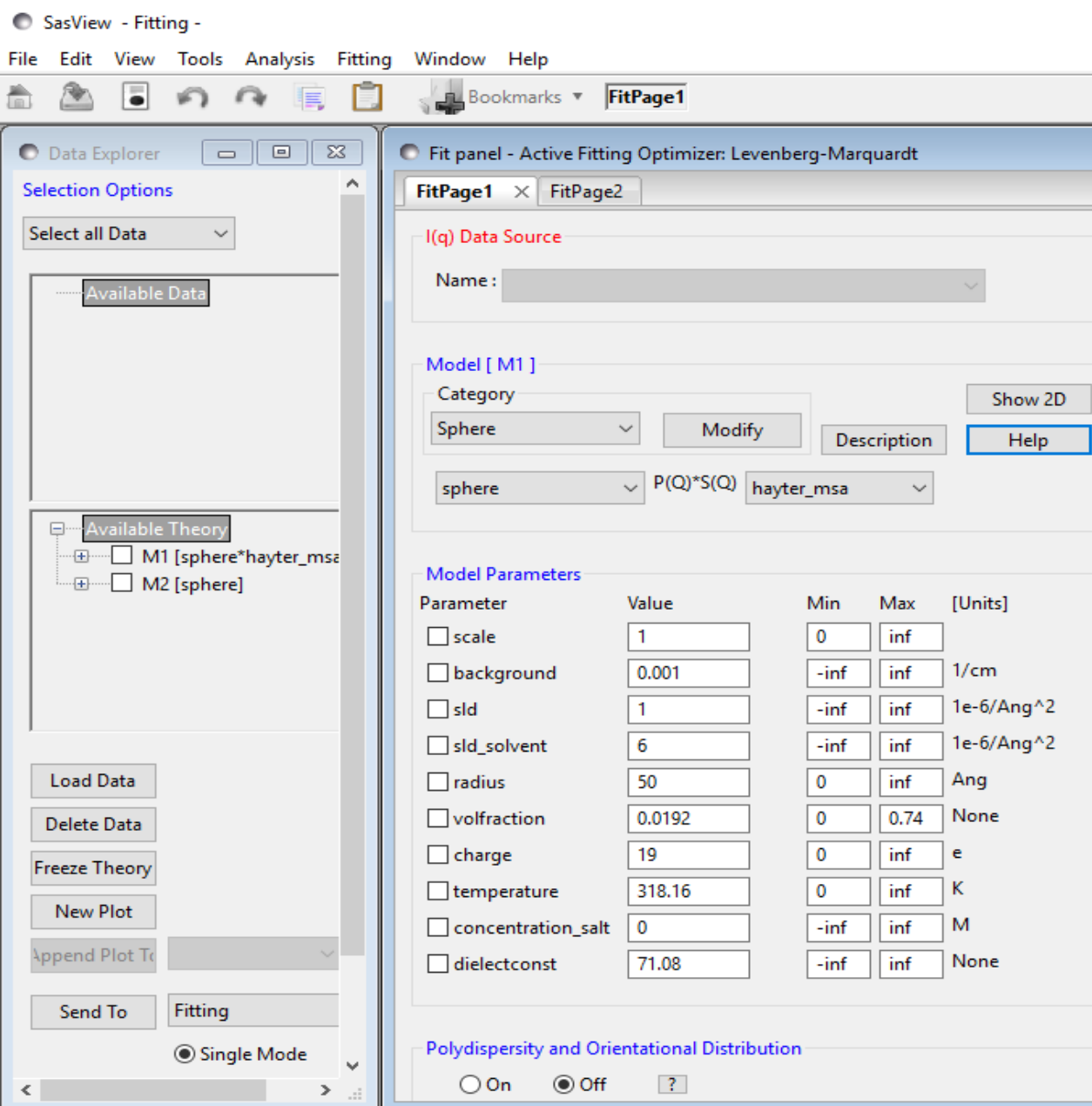
$$I(Q) = P(Q)S(Q)$$



$$I(Q) = \langle P(Q) \rangle S_{\text{eff}}(Q)$$



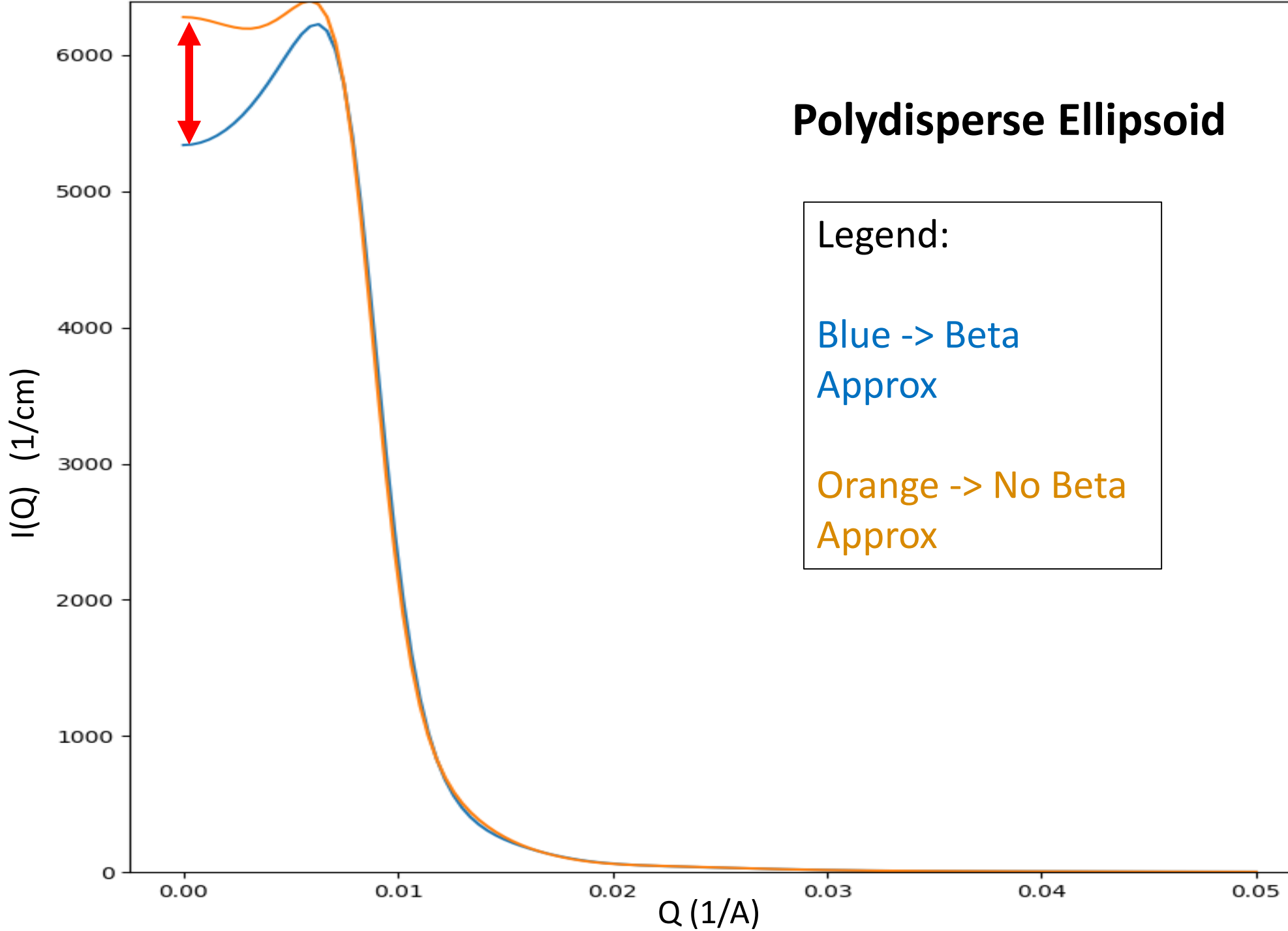
# Graphical User Interface



# Simulating Engine

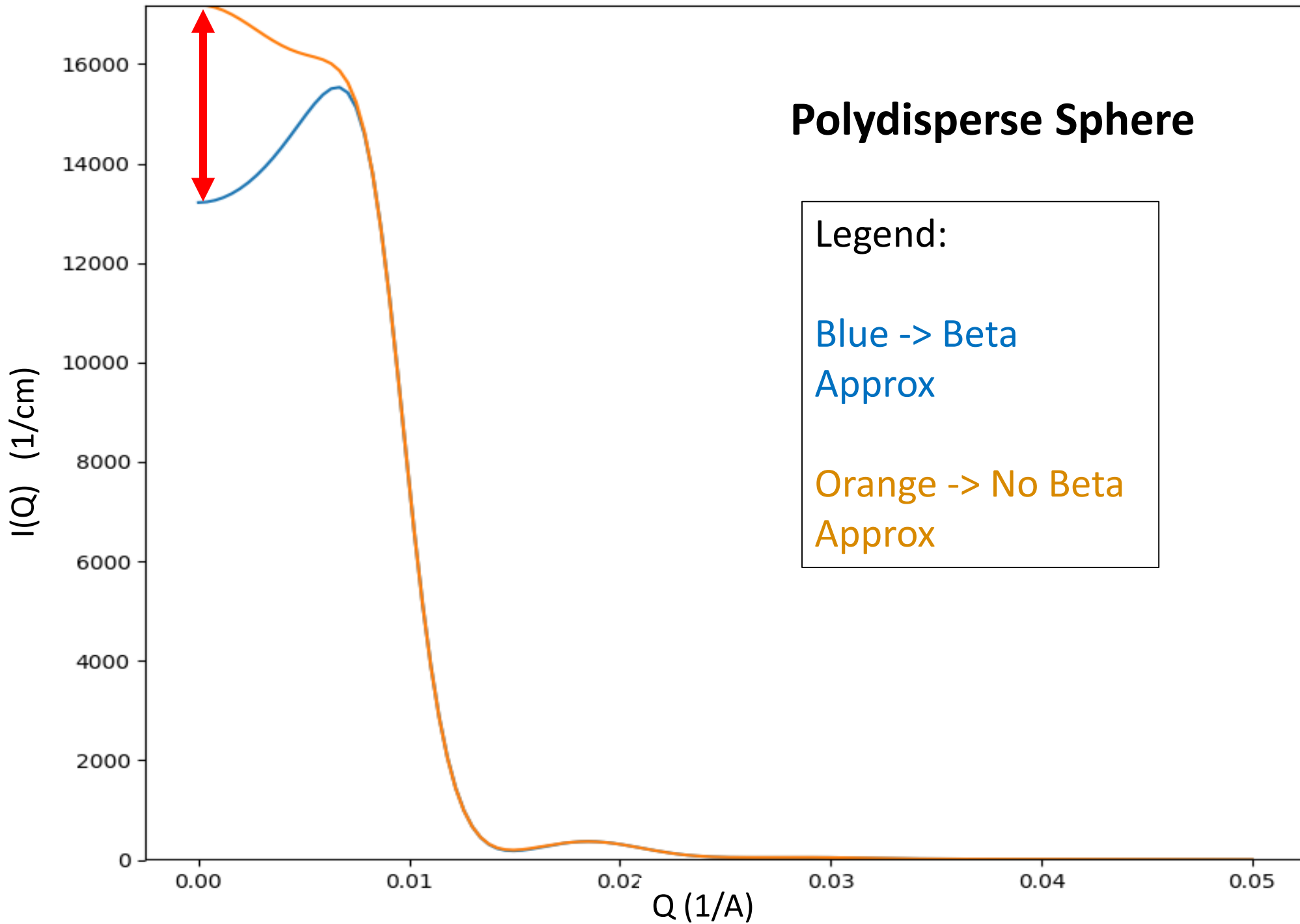
- Build mathematical tools
- Introduce additional parameters
  - Effective radius
  - Beta vs. non-beta
- Easily expandable
- 3 computational engines
  - GPU
  - DLL
  - Pure python
- Update individual models
- Crosschecking

# Polydisperse Ellipsoid



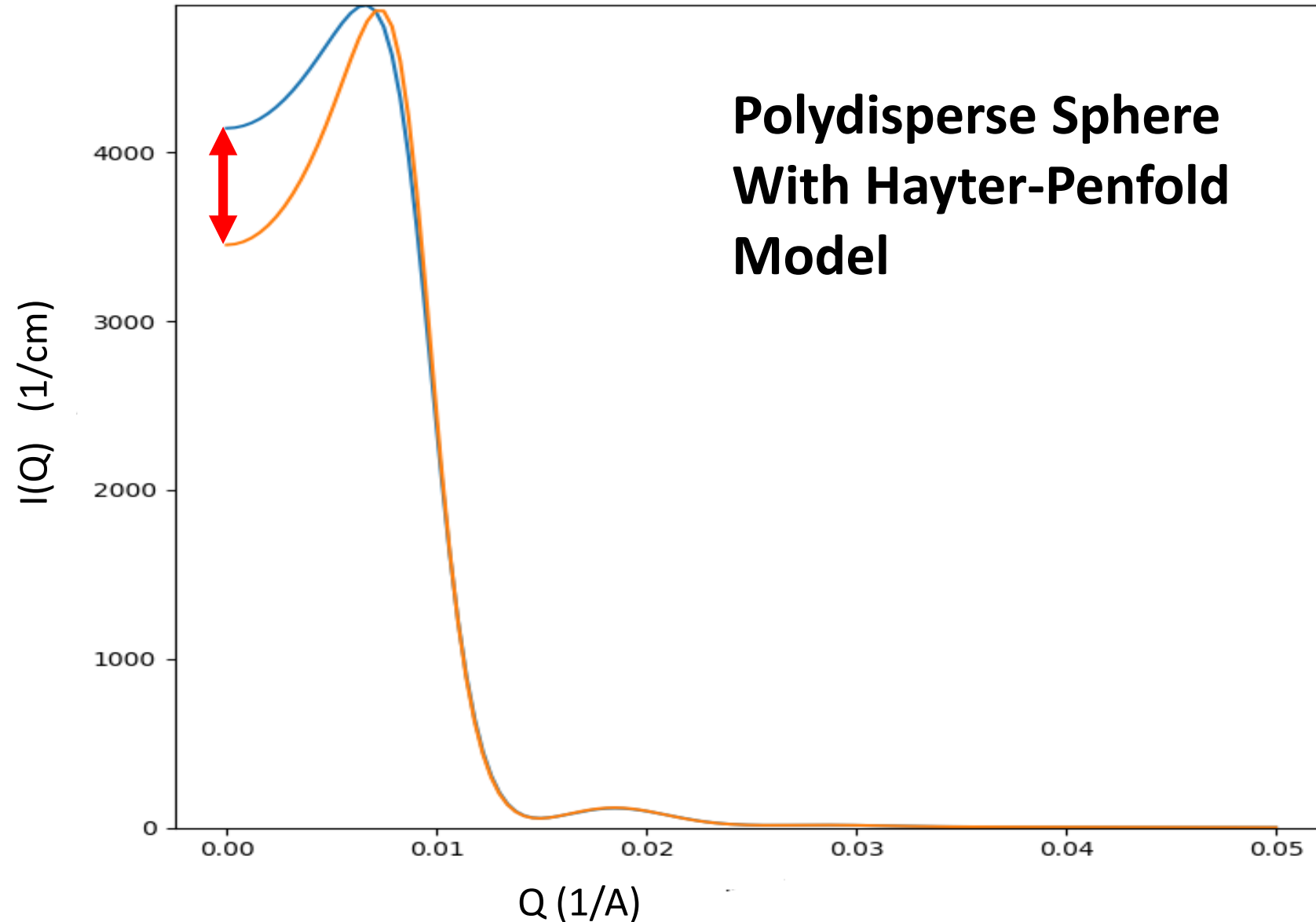
Max Relative Difference:  
15%

# Polydisperse Sphere



Max Relative  
Difference:  
23.1%

To see the importance of these differences, we can look at how much intensity patterns change as we adjust their parameters.



**Max Relative  
Difference:  
20%**

Legend:

Blue -> charge = 10 e

Orange -> charge = 200 e

# CHALLENGES



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<https://www.theodysseyonline.com/30-thoughts-college-students-have-while-studying>

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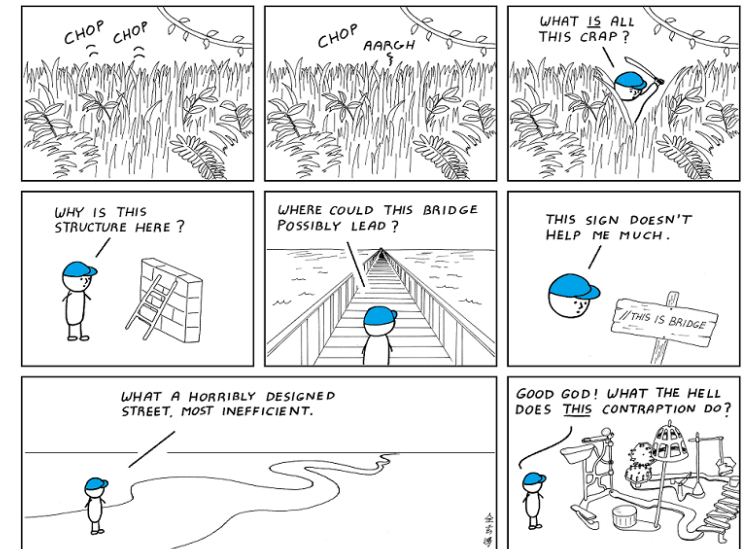
## Programming

<http://www.circuitbasics.com/how-to-write-and-run-a-c-program-on-the-raspberry-pi/>



# python™

<http://blog.klocwork.com/general-coding/python-coding-tips-1-with-statements/>



I hate reading other people's code.

<https://twitter.com/mariofusco/status/603894311177035776>



# Future work

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## NUMERICAL INTEGRATION

- improving Legendre-Gaussian quadrature
- implementing Romberg integration

## ADDING STRUCTURE FACTORS

- local monodisperse approximation
- partial structure factor
- scaling approximation of partial structure factor

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