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Part 1. Structural Analyses of Polymers by Small Angle Neutron Scattering

Part 2. Contrast Variation SANS - The basics and applications -

Part 3. Rheo-SANS Studies on Structure Evolution in Polymer-particle Aqueous Solutions



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silica dispersions polyrotaxane solutions





Contrast matching







Contrast variation

Scattering Analyses for Multi-Component System "How can we extract the structure information?"











"Cross Terms"



Multicomponent BABINET principle

Endo, et al., J. Chem. Phys., 2004, 120, 9410.

the relationship between $S_{ii}(Q)$ s

By assuming non-compressibility, one obtains



 $S_{WW}(Q) = F_{W}^{2} = (-F_{C} - F_{P})^{2} = S_{CC}(Q) + S_{PP}(Q) + 2S_{CP}(Q)$ $S_{CW}(Q) = F_{C}F_{W} = F_{C}(-F_{C} - F_{P}) = -S_{CC}(Q) - S_{CP}(Q)$ $S_{PW}(Q) = F_{P}F_{W} = F_{P}(-F_{C} - F_{P}) = -S_{CP}(Q) - S_{PP}(Q)$ $S_{CP}(Q)$ $S_{CP}(Q)$ $S_{PP}(Q)$

Multicomponent BABINET principle





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Contrast variation SANS

Colloidal spheres

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Endo, et al., PRL, 85, 102 (2000). Pedersen, et al., PRE, 63, 061406 (2001).

Biological macromolecules

Willumeit, et al., J. Mol. Struct. 383, 201(1996). Niimura, et al., J. Cryst. Growth, 200, 265 (1999) contrast variation AND SANS



Problems (difficulties)

(1) highly model dependent

(2) accurate determination of the scattering length densities





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Scattering intensity of multi-component systems







$$F(Q) = 2\pi\Delta\rho_0 \int_0^R dr I_1(r)r^2$$

$$= 4\pi\Delta\rho_0 \int_0^R dr \frac{\sin(Qr)}{Qr}r^2$$

$$Qr = u, \quad dr = du/Q$$

$$F(Q) = 4\pi\Delta\rho_0 \int_0^R dr \frac{\sin(Qr)}{Qr}r^2$$

$$= 4\pi\Delta\rho_0 \int_0^R \frac{du}{Q} \frac{\sin(u)}{u} \left(\frac{u}{Q}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{4\pi\Delta\rho_0}{Q^3} \int_0^R duu \sin u = \frac{4\pi\Delta\rho_0}{Q^3} [\sin U - U\cos U]$$

$$= \frac{4\pi R^3\Delta\rho_0}{3} \frac{3}{U^3} [\sin U - U\cos U] = V\Delta\rho_0 \Phi(U)$$

$$U = QR, \quad \Phi(U) = \frac{3}{U^3} [\sin U - U\cos U]$$
The scattering amplitude is proportional to the volume of the sphere V, and the scattering length density, $\Delta\rho_0$.



The scattering amplitude for a sphere

$$F(Q) = (\rho - \rho_0) \int_0^R e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r} = (\rho - \rho_0) V_R \Phi_R(Q)$$

$$\Phi_R(Q) = \frac{3[\sin(QR) - (QR)\cos(QR)]}{(QR)^3}, \quad V_R = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3$$

[cm⁻¹]

 $\rho, \, \rho_{\rm 0}$; the scattering densities of the sphere and the matrix [cm^-2] R; the radius of the sphere

The scattering intensity from a sphere

$$I(Q) = (\rho - \rho_0)^2 V_R^2 \Phi_R^2(Q)$$

[cm⁻²]² x [cm³]² [-] = [cm²]

The scattering intensity from an assembly of spheres

$$V(Q) = (\rho - \rho_0)^2 n V_R^2 \Phi_R^2(Q)$$

n; the number density of the sphere [cm-³]





3. Scattering function for a spherical core-shell model



$$I(Q) = n \left[(\rho_2 - \rho_0) V_{R_2} \Phi_{R_2}(Q) + (\rho_1 - \rho_2) V_{R_1} \Phi_{R_1}(Q) \right]^2$$
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 η (*r*); a function representing the scattering amplitude of polymer solution which satisfies

$$\left[\int \eta(\mathbf{r})e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}\,d\mathbf{r}\right]^2 = \frac{I(0)}{1+\xi^2Q^2}$$
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$$S_{11}(Q) = n_1 F_1^2 = n_1 V_{R_1}^2 \Phi_{R_1}^2(Q)$$

$$S_{22}(Q) = n_1 F_2^2$$

= $n_1 \Big[(\phi_{12} - \phi_2) \int_0^{R_2} -\phi_{12} \int_0^{R_1} +\phi_2 \int \eta(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r} \Big]^2$
 $\approx n_1 \Big[(\phi_{12} - \phi_2) \int_0^{R_2} -\phi_{12} \int_0^{R_1} \Big]^2 + \frac{n_1 \phi_2^2 A}{1 + \xi^2 Q^2}$

 n_1 ; the number density of the sphere [cm⁻³] A; a constant with the dimension of [cm³]²

Here, we assumed no correlation between polymer and particle.

$$S_{12}(Q) = n_1 F_1 F_2$$

= $n_1 \Big[(\phi_{12} - \phi_2) \int_0^{R_2} -\phi_{12} \int_0^{R_1} +\phi_2 \int \eta(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r} \Big] V_{R_1} \Phi_{R_1}(Q)$
= $n_1 \Big[(\phi_{12} - \phi_2) V_{R_2} \Phi_{R_2}(Q) - \phi_{12} V_{R_1} \Phi_{R_1}(Q) + \phi_2 \int \eta(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r} \Big] V_{R_1} \Phi_{R_1}(Q)$
 $\approx n_1 (\phi_{12} - \phi_2) V_{R_2} \Phi_{R_2}(Q) V_{R_1} \Phi_{R_1}(Q) - n_1 \phi_{12} V_{R_1}^2 \Phi_{R_1}^2(Q)$

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Contrast variation







Singular value decomposition

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An arbitrary matrix A (n_xm) can be decomposed to UD_{λ}V^T, where U and V are (n_xr) and (m_xr) matrixes having orthonormal

vectors of rank r. Hence, $UU^{T} = VV^{T} = E.$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}_{\lambda}\mathbf{V}^{\mathrm{T}}$$
$$\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{A} = \left(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}_{\lambda}\mathbf{V}^{\mathrm{T}}\right)^{\mathrm{T}}\left(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}_{\lambda}\mathbf{V}^{\mathrm{T}}\right) = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{D}_{\lambda}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{U}^{\mathrm{T}}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}_{\lambda}\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{D}_{\lambda^{2}}\mathbf{V}^{\mathrm{T}}$$
$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}} = \left(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}_{\lambda}\mathbf{V}\right)\left(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}_{\lambda}\mathbf{V}\right)^{\mathrm{T}} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}_{\lambda^{2}}\mathbf{U}^{\mathrm{T}}$$

The eigenvector of A^TA is the row vector of V.

The eigenvector of AA^T_{20} is the row vector of U.





Singular value decomposition (2)



 $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{W}^{-1}\mathbf{U}^{\mathrm{T}}$ (m \times r) (r \times r) (r \times n) = (m \times n)

Hence, \mathbf{C}^{-1} is a $(m \ge n)$ matrix.

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Singular value decomposition (3)

1. Define contrast matrixes and intensity vector

$$\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{CS}$$
$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{1m} \\ & & \\ C_{n1} & C_{nm} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} I_1(q) \\ & \\ I_n(q) \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Decompose C

 $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{V}^{\mathrm{T}}$

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & 0 \\ u_{22} & \\ 0 & u_{rr} \\ & & \\ 0 & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad V^{\mathrm{T}} = \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ v_{11} & & \\ 0 & v_{rr} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad w = (w_{11} \quad w_{22} \quad \dots \quad w_{rr})$$

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{C}^{-1} = \left(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{W}\mathbf{V}^{\mathrm{T}}\right)^{-1} = \left(\mathbf{V}^{\mathrm{T}}\right)^{-1}\mathbf{W}^{-1}\mathbf{U}^{-1} = \mathbf{V}w_{0}\mathbf{U}^{\mathrm{T}}$$

4. Examine c

5. Obtain S

 $\mathbf{c}\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{C}^{-1}\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{S}$

6. Reconstruct I

 $\mathbf{CS} = \mathbf{c}^{-1}\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{I}_{\text{reconst}}$

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Simple models

- Core-shell model
- Sphere + polymer matrix (no correlation)
- Sphere + polymer matrix with excluded volume effect



$$I(Q) = n [(\rho_2 - \rho_0) V_{R_2} \Phi_{R_2}(Q) + (\rho_1 - \rho_2) V_{R_1} \Phi_{R_1}(Q)]^2$$







Partial structure factors







Examples 2 and 3

Ex.2 sph. + polymer (no correlation)

Ex.3 sph. + polymer (with excluded-vol. effect)







$$I(q) = (\rho_C - \rho_S)^2 S_{CC}(Q) + (\rho_P - \rho_S)^2 S_{PP}(Q) \iff \begin{array}{l} \text{Simple addition of} \\ \text{the partial scattering} \\ \text{functions ("intensity").} \end{array}$$
$$S_{CC}(Q) = n_C F_C^2 = n_C V_R^2 \Phi_R^2(Q)$$
$$S_{PP}(Q) = n_C [\int \eta(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} d\mathbf{r}]^2 \approx \frac{n_C A}{1 + \xi^2 Q^2}$$

Ex.3

$$I(q) = (\rho_{C} - \rho_{S})^{2} S_{CC}(Q) + 2(\rho_{C} - \rho_{S})(\rho_{P} - \rho_{S})S_{CP}(Q) + (\rho_{P} - \rho_{S})^{2} S_{PP}(Q)$$

$$F_{C}(Q) = V_{R}\Phi_{R}(Q) \qquad F_{P}(Q) = \frac{\phi_{P}\int\eta(\mathbf{r})e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}\,d\mathbf{r} - \phi_{P}\int_{0}^{R}e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}\,d\mathbf{r} = -\phi_{P}V_{R}\Phi_{R} + \phi_{P}\int\eta(\mathbf{r})e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}\,d\mathbf{r}$$

$$\left[\int\eta(\mathbf{r})e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}\,d\mathbf{r}\right]^{2} = \frac{I(0)}{1 + \xi^{2}Q^{2}} \qquad Babinet rule (in the "scattering amplitude")$$

$$S_{CC}(Q) = n_{C}F_{C}^{2} = n_{C}V_{R}^{2}\Phi_{R}^{2}(Q) \qquad S_{PP}(Q) = n_{C}[\phi_{P}\int\eta(\mathbf{r})e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}\,d\mathbf{r} - \phi_{P}\int_{0}^{R}e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}\,d\mathbf{r}]^{2} \approx n_{C}\phi_{P}^{2}V_{R}^{2}\Phi_{R}^{2} + \frac{n_{C}\phi_{P}^{2}A}{1 + \xi^{2}Q^{2}}$$

$$S_{CP}(Q) = n_{C}F_{C}F_{P} = n_{C}\left[-\phi_{P}V_{R}\Phi_{R}(Q) + \phi_{P}\int\eta(\mathbf{r})e^{i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}\,d\mathbf{r}\right]V_{R}\Phi_{R}(Q) \approx -n_{C}\phi_{P}V_{R}^{2}\Phi_{R}^{2}(Q)$$







Re-construction







Partial structure factors















<contrast variation=""> (continued)</contrast>			
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Contrast matching









 10°

10⁻¹

10⁻² 0.001

 H_2O 0.0

0.5

 $\phi_{D,O}$

1.0



Q [Å⁻¹]

0.01

0.1



Cross-term









I(0)

沅 the University of Tokyo **Partial scattering functions** Cylinder: $F_{cyl}(R,H,\beta)$ $F_{cyl}(R,H,\beta) = 2V \frac{\sin(qH\cos\beta)}{qH\cos\beta} \frac{J_1(qR\sin\beta)}{qR\sin\beta} \qquad \qquad \left(\begin{array}{c} V = 2\pi R^2 H, \\ \beta \text{; azimuthal angle} \end{array} \right)$ For a disc ($R_{\rm C}$ = 150Å, $2H_{\rm C}$ = 10Å), $S_{\rm CC}(q)$ $S_{\rm CC}(q) = \frac{N_{\rm C}}{2} \int_{\beta=0}^{\pi} F_{\rm cyl}(R_{\rm C}, H_{\rm C}, \beta)^2 \sin\beta d\beta$ 2R_c 2H_c

If a polymer layer is formed at the clay surface (R_{pl} , $2H_{pl}$, ϕ_{pl}), $S_{CP}(q)$ reads

$$S_{\rm CP}(q) = (\phi_{\rm pl} - \phi_{\rm pn}) \frac{N_{\rm C}}{2} \int_{\beta=0}^{\pi} F_{\rm cyl}(R_{\rm pl}, H_{\rm pl}, \beta) F_{\rm cyl}(R_{\rm C}, H_{\rm C}, \beta) \sin\beta d\beta$$

$$- \phi_{\rm pl} \frac{N_{\rm C}}{2} \int_{\beta=0}^{\pi} F_{\rm cyl}(R_{\rm C}, H_{\rm C}, \beta)^2 \sin\beta d\beta$$
Assuming the matrix scattering being equal to semi-dilute polymer solution, $S_{\rm PP}(q)$

$$S_{\rm PP}(q) = \frac{N_{\rm C}}{2} \int_{\beta=0}^{\pi} [(\phi_{\rm pl} - \phi_{\rm pn})F_{\rm cyl}(R_{\rm pl}, H_{\rm pl}, \beta) - \phi_{\rm pl}F_{\rm cyl}(R_{\rm C}, H_{\rm C}, \beta)]^2 \sin\beta d\beta + \frac{I(0)}{1+\xi^2 q^{24} \beta}$$





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Fitting Results for S_{cc} & S_{pp}

>> S_{cc} can be fitted with a disk-model where the radius is 150Å and the thickness is 10Å.

>> S_{pp} consists of two parts; namely, approximately the half volume fraction of polymers is localized at the surface of the clays, and the other half of polymers crosslink between clays.





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Colloidal silica suspension

Suzuki et al., Langmuir, 2008, 24, 4537

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	<i>R</i> s ^{<i>a</i>} (Å) as received	concentration as received (wt %)	d _{silica} (g/cm ³) as received	<i>A</i> _S ^{<i>a</i>} (m ² /g)	φs
Silica-L	100-150	40.7	2.26	120	0.012
Silica-M	40-55	20.3	2.21	290	0.006
Silica-S	20-30	10.6	2.23	540	0.012
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Table 1. Sample Characteristics

^a Provided by the manufacturer.

Topics:		
Three kinds of silica particles,	<i>L, M,</i> S	
CV + Percus-Yevick analysis		
Gradual interface	<──	 Curve fitting
H/D exchange	←	 I(0) intensity





Simultaneous curve fitting with sphere and PY



Table 2. Structural Parameters Obtained by SANS

	Rs (Å)	R _{HS} (Å)	D (Å)	$n \times 10^9$ (Å ⁻³)	A _{5,0} (m ² /g) ^a	As/As,o
Silica-L Silica-M Silica-S	$\begin{array}{c} 165 \pm 0.2 \\ 95.5 \pm 0.4 \\ 71.2 \pm 0.2 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 414 \pm 0.9 \\ 303 \pm 1.9 \\ 173 \pm 0.9 \end{array}$	878 638 385	0.638 1.64 7.94	80.5 142 189	1.49 2.04 2.85

^aCalculated with the structural parameters obtained by SANS by assuming a smooth surface.





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New findings



Table 3. Fitting Parameters Used in Figure 9

	$ ho_{ m core} imes 10^{-10}~(m cm^{-2})$	R _{core} (Å)	t (Å)
Silica-L Silica M	3.57 ± 0.01	146	18
Silica-S	3.63 ± 0.04	35.9	35

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Sliding motion?

interlocked structure?

Topologically

Mechanically Interlocked Structure of Polyrotaxane Investigated by Contrast Variation Small-Angle Neutron Scattering

Mayumi et al., Macromolecules 2009, 42, 6327-6329



Flexible PEG chain

question: How CDs are distributed on the PEG chains?





Sample Preparation







Obtained partial scattering functions





Positive correlation between CD and PEG

CD and PEG are interlocked topologically



CDs disperse randomly on the PEG chain



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Concluding Remark

- 1. CV SANS is a powerful technique for structural analysis of multicomponent systems.
- 2. CV SANS provides the information of the cross-correlation of the components, such as the interface, topological relationship of the components.
- 3. CV SANS is used to study colloidal spheres, polymer aggregates or micelles, microemulsions, biological macromolecules, etc.
- 4. Applications of CV SANS are demonstrated, namely, nanocomposite gels, silica nano-particle dispersions, and interlocked structure of polyrotaxane.

Note: requirements (difficulties)

(1) Highly model dependent

(2) accurate determination of the scattering length densities