



# SAXS and SANS data analysis with **SasView**

hands-on session at FASEM school

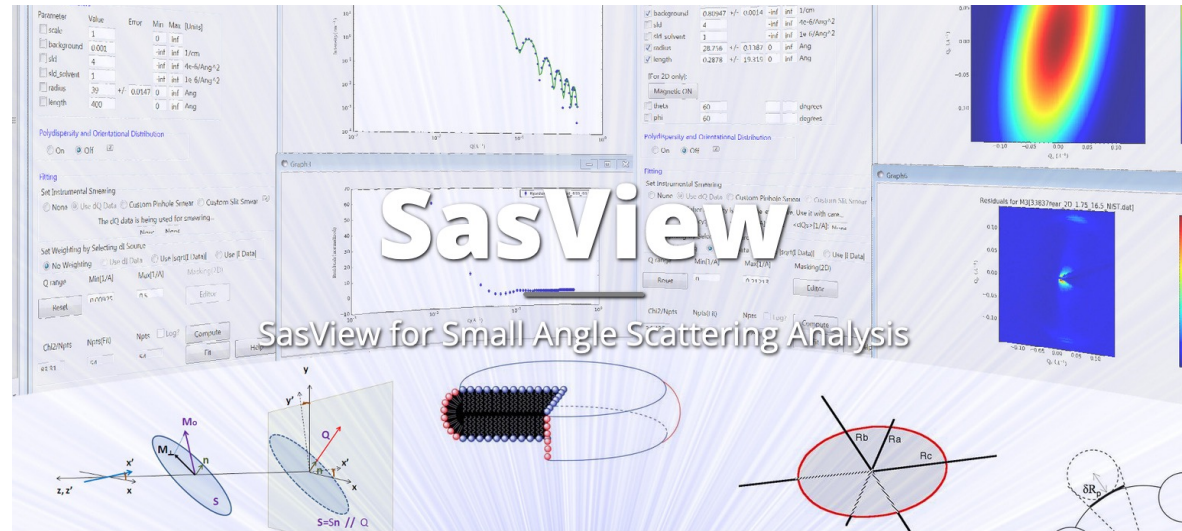
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# It's time to start downloading...

(If you haven't done it yet)



**Download The Latest Release Version of SasView**

**Version 5**

[Download Version 5.0.6](#)

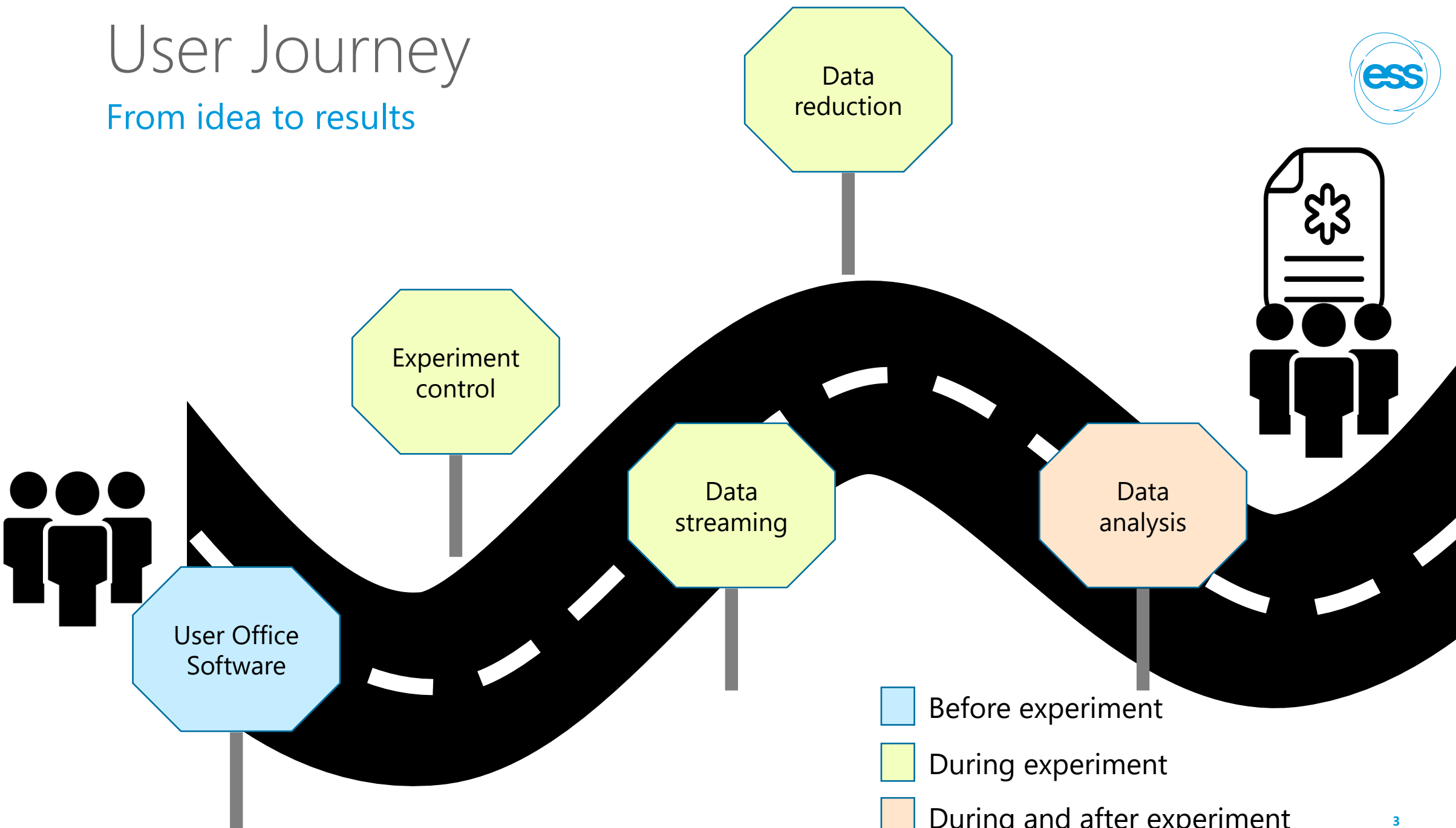
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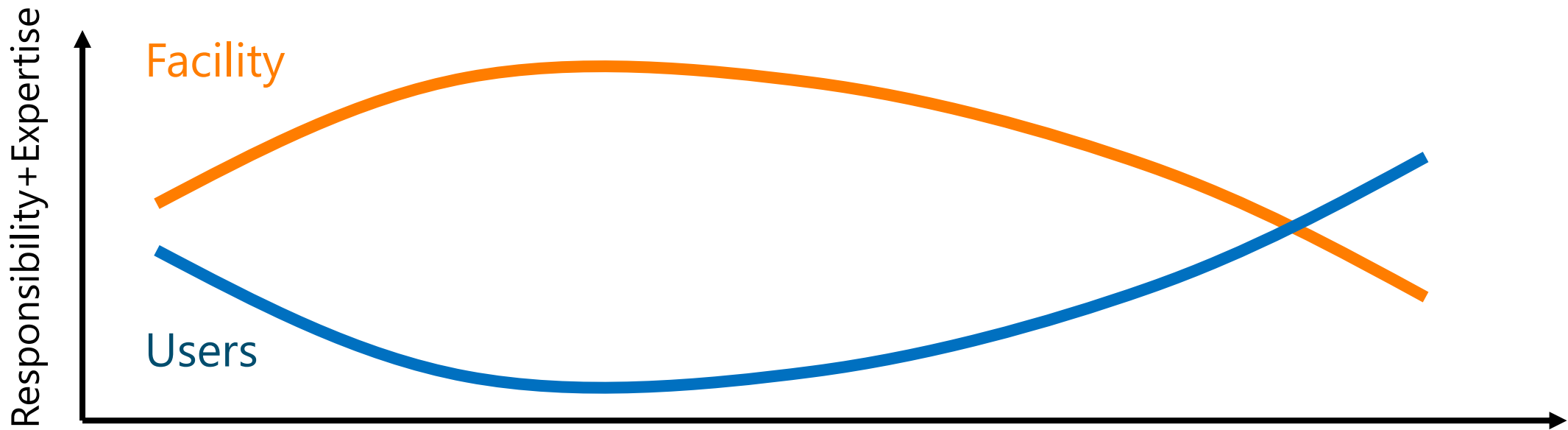
# User Journey

From idea to results



- Before experiment
- During experiment
- During and after experiment

# User Journey



User Office Software

Experiment control

Data streaming

Data reduction

Data analysis



# Data analysis

## Facts of life

Data analysis is part of the processing workflow

Reduced data on the disks is useless

Users expertise is critical for successful data analysis

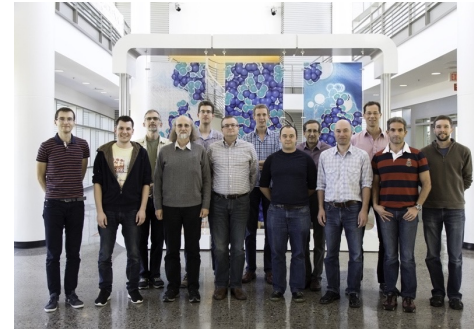
Facilities should support data analysis software but shouldn't fully drive the process

->We need open and collaborative software tools in order to succeed!

# The SasView approach

An open, collaborative, community development

- Community driven project
- Supported by 9 facilities, 40 contributors (~15 active at any one time)
- Small leadership team: Paul Butler (NIST), Steve King (ISIS), Wojciech Potrzebowski (ESS)
- Biweekly calls
- Regular SasView camps and hackathons
- Hosted on github:  
<https://github.com/SasView/sasview>



Pictures from Code Camps: V, VI, VIII, X

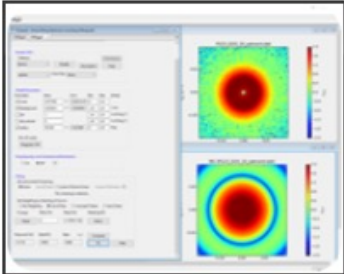
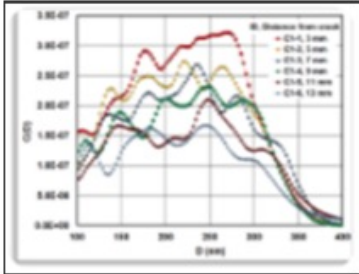
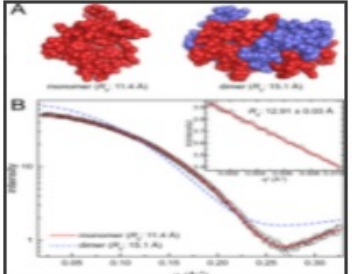
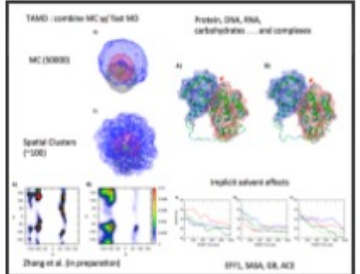
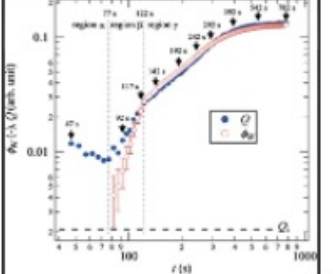
[www.sasview.org](http://www.sasview.org)

# Data analysis

Few different options for SAS data



Not in SasView scope

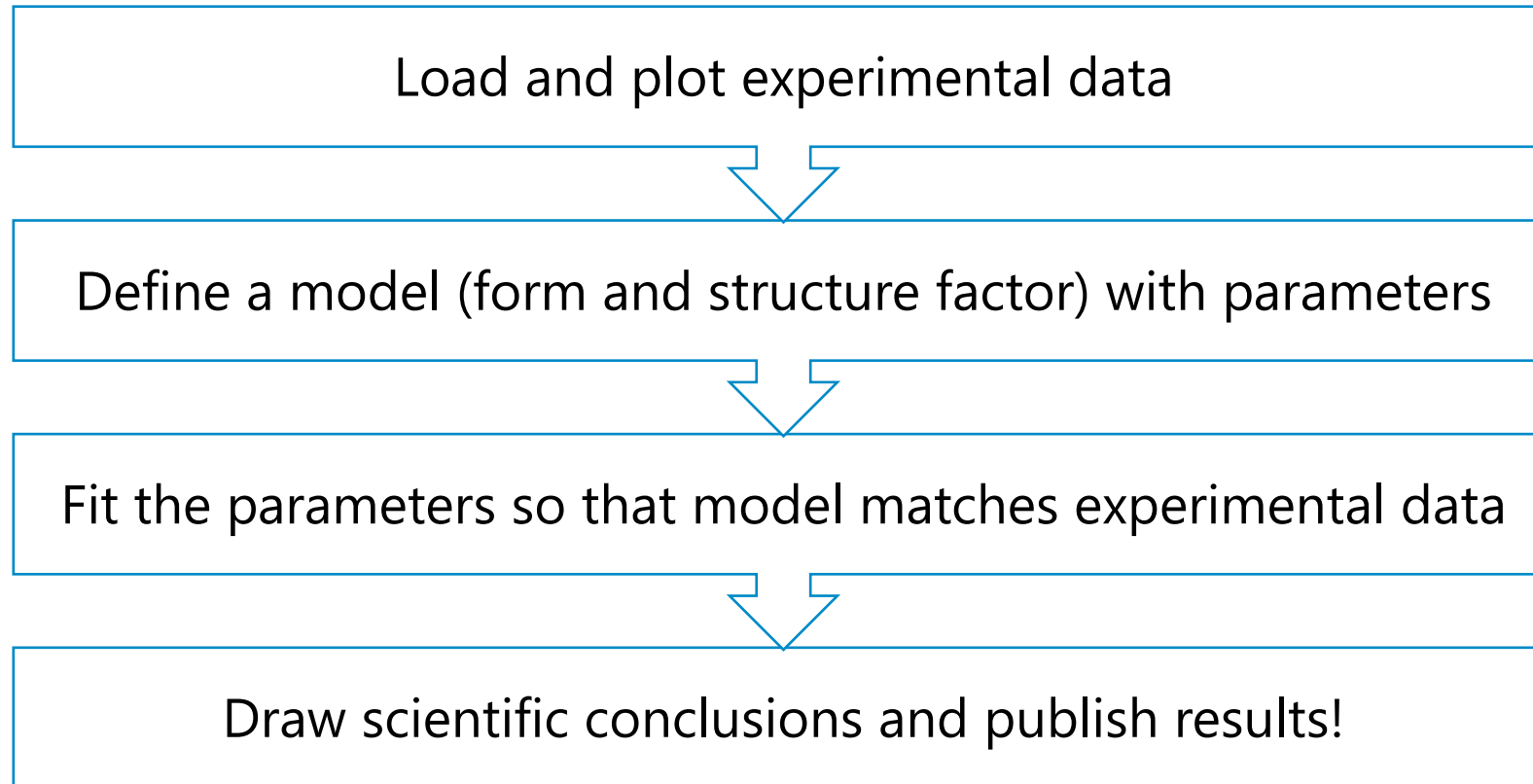
Model-Fitting Methods	Real-Space Methods	Ab-Initio Methods	MC/TMD Methods	Other Methods
 <p>Example of 2D model-fitting using the SasView application</p>	 <p>Cavity size distributions in a steel weldment as derived from SANS 10.1179/1743284714Y.0000000577</p>	 <p>Ab-initio modelling of polcalcicn constrained by SAXS 10.1002/pro.3376</p>	 <p>MC &amp; TAMD modelling of proteins constrained by SANS 10.1016/j.jmgm.2017.02.010</p>	 <p>Time evolution of the invariant during crystallisation of P4MP1 10.1038/pj.2012.204</p>

<https://www.isis.stfc.ac.uk/Pages/SANSdataanalysisOverview.aspx>



# Typical SasView workflow

For reduced data:





# Fitting in SasView

70+ models to explain data

Wide choice of built-in models (> 70)  
F(Q), S(Q) & F(Q)\*S(Q)

Single, batch and simultaneous  
1D and 2D fitting

Data management  
Common data formats supported, including  
NXCansas & cansas1D

Analysis Tool Choice  
&  
Plotting

The screenshot shows the SasView 5.0.6 interface. On the left, the 'Data Explorer' panel shows a list of data files, with '2% SDS in D2O\_SANS' selected. The central 'FitPage3' panel shows the 'Model' selection set to 'ellipsoid' and 'hayter\_msa'. Below this is a table of parameters for the selected models. On the right, the 'Graph4' window displays two plots: the top one is 'Intensity (cm<sup>-1</sup>) vs Q (Å<sup>-1</sup>)' showing a peak fit, and the bottom one is 'Residuals(normalized) vs Q (Å<sup>-1</sup>)' showing the fit residuals.

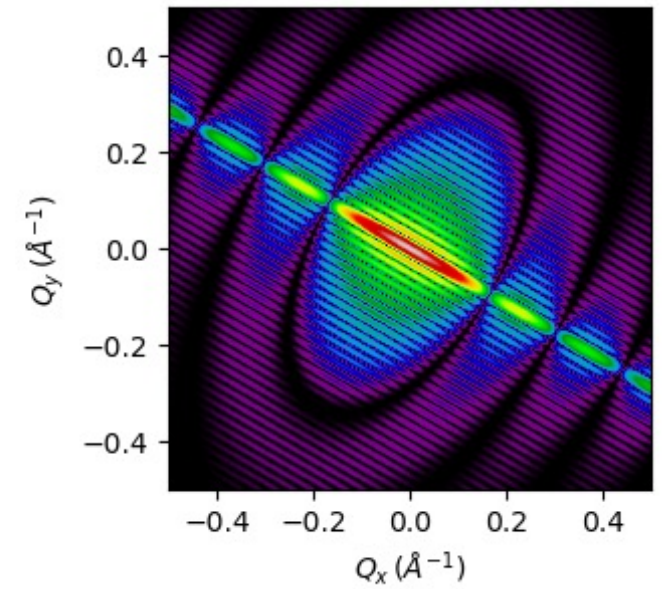
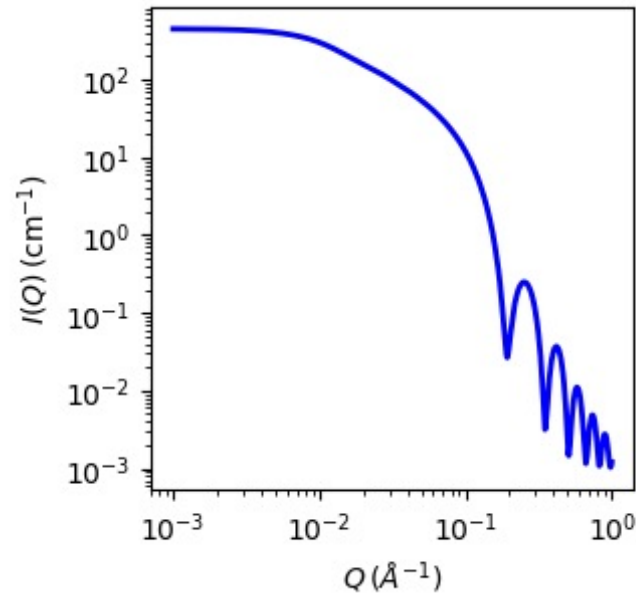
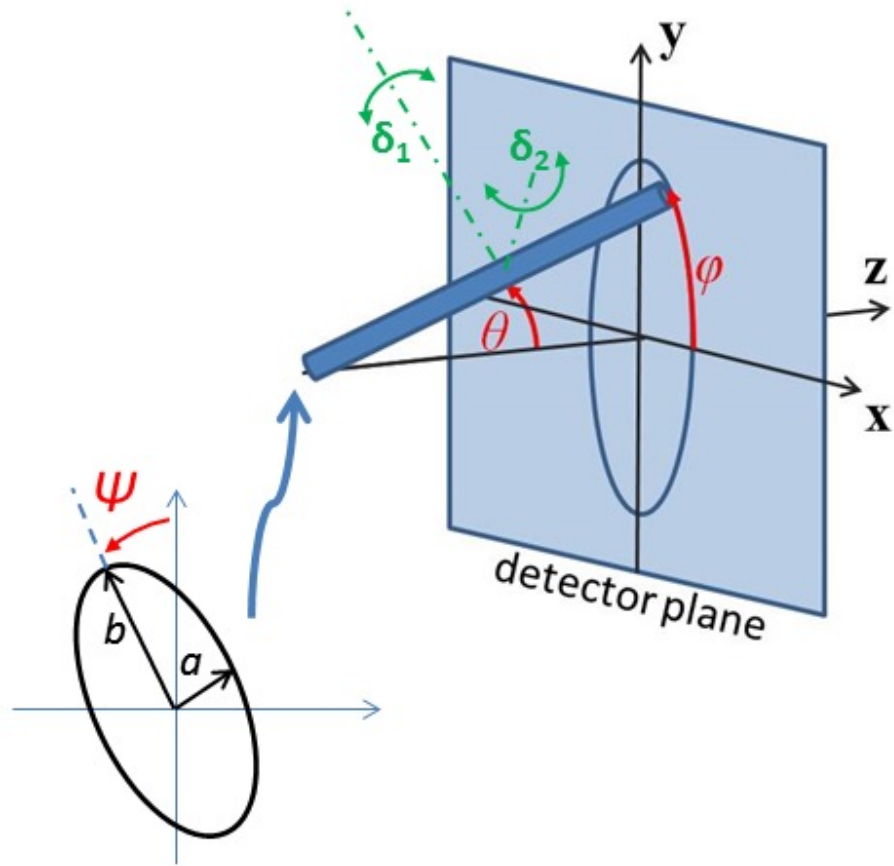
Model	Parameter	Value	Error	Min	Max
ellipsoid	<input type="checkbox"/> sld	2.2256		-∞	∞
	<input type="checkbox"/> sld...	6.39		-∞	∞
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> radi...	17.22	1.0248	0.0	∞
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> radi...	21.14	0.58958	0.0	∞
hayter_...	<input type="checkbox"/> radi...	19.817		0.0	∞
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> volfr...	0.016792	0.00018291	0.0	0.74
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> char...	20.607	0.40757	1e-06	200.0
	<input type="checkbox"/> tem...	298		0.0	450.0
	<input type="checkbox"/> con...	0.0		0.0	∞
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> diel...	78.06		-∞	∞

Polydispersity (choice of distribution and distribution parameters)

Resolution smearing (pinhole and slit)  
Automatically from data or provide parameters

# 2D fitting

For oriented or magnetic particles

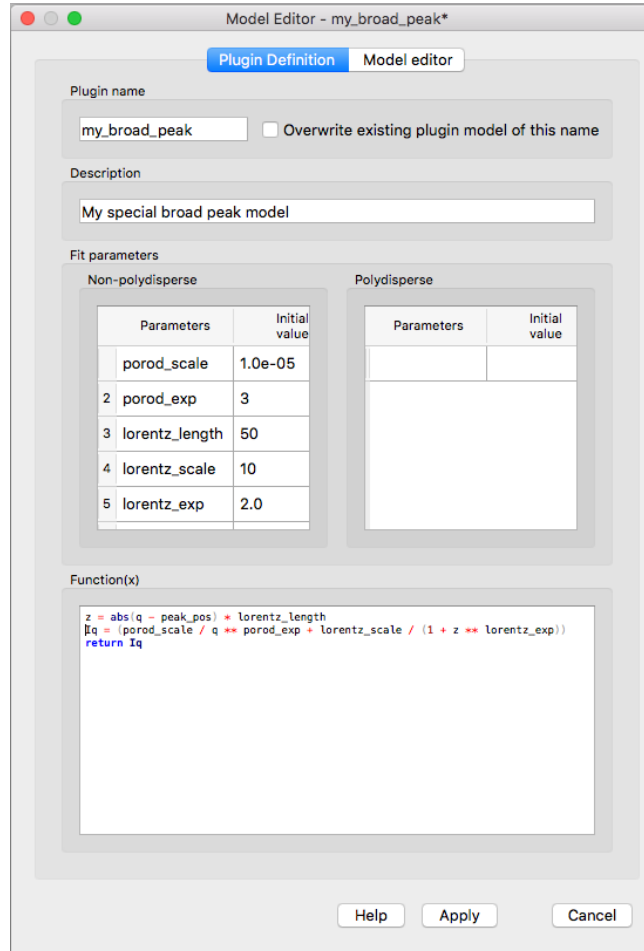


1D and 2D cylinder model

# Plugin models

SasView provides tools and infrastructure for custom/plugin models

- Dedicated editor
- Syntax and performance testing
- Directly available in SasView ecosystem
- Community developed models can be deposited to marketplace: <https://marketplace.sasview.org/>



Model Editor - my\_broad\_peak\*

Plugin Definition | Model editor

Plugin name: my\_broad\_peak  Overwrite existing plugin model of this name

Description: My special broad peak model

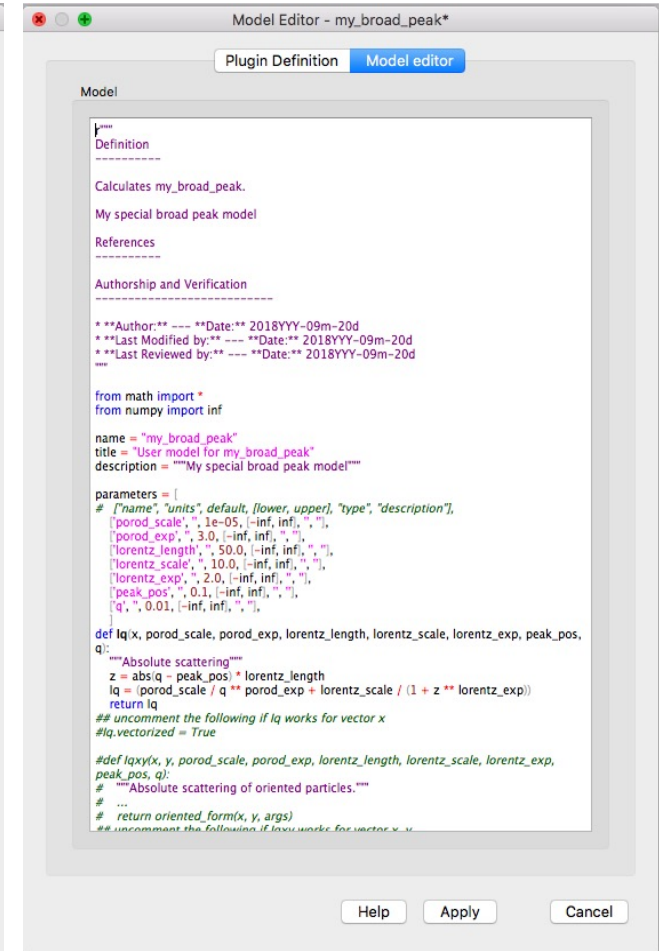
Fit parameters

Non-polydisperse		Polydisperse	
Parameters	Initial value	Parameters	Initial value
porod_scale	1.0e-05		
2 porod_exp	3		
3 lorentz_length	50		
4 lorentz_scale	10		
5 lorentz_exp	2.0		

Function(x)

```
z = abs(q - peak_pos) * lorentz_length
Iq = (porod_scale / q ** porod_exp + lorentz_scale / (1 + z ** lorentz_exp))
return Iq
```

Buttons: Help, Apply, Cancel



Model Editor - my\_broad\_peak\*

Plugin Definition | Model editor

Model

```
"""
Definition
-----
Calculates my_broad_peak.
My special broad peak model

References
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Authorship and Verification
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**Author:** --- **Date:** 2018YYY-09m-20d
**Last Modified by:** --- **Date:** 2018YYY-09m-20d
**Last Reviewed by:** --- **Date:** 2018YYY-09m-20d
"""

from math import *
from numpy import inf

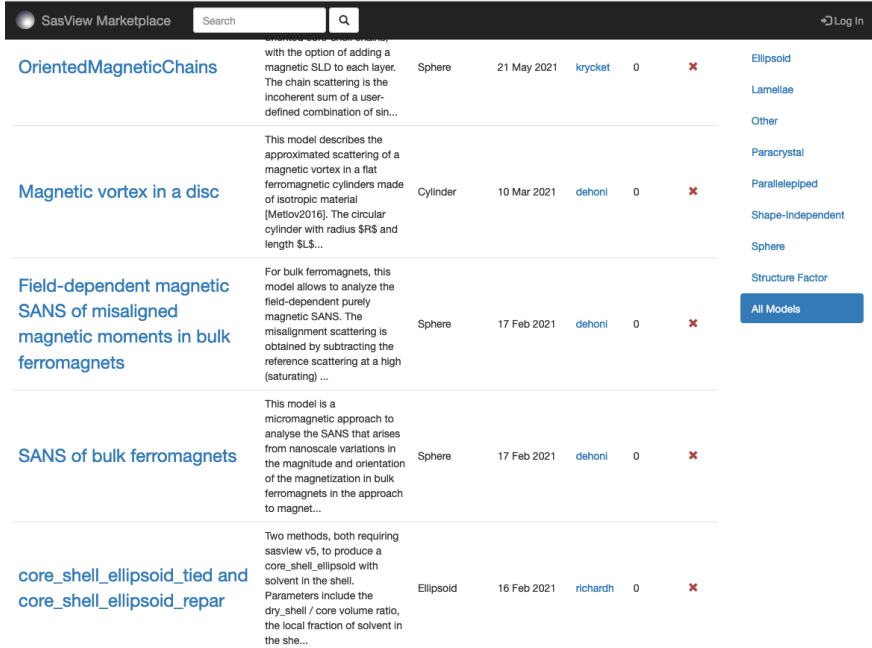
name = "my_broad_peak"
title = "User model for my_broad_peak"
description = ""My special broad peak model""

parameters = [
    # ["name", "units", "default", "lower", "upper"], "type", "description",
    ["porod_scale", "1e-05", [-inf, inf], "1", "1"],
    ["porod_exp", "3.0", [-inf, inf], "1", "1"],
    ["lorentz_length", "50.0", [-inf, inf], "1", "1"],
    ["lorentz_scale", "10.0", [-inf, inf], "1", "1"],
    ["lorentz_exp", "2.0", [-inf, inf], "1", "1"],
    ["peak_pos", "0.1", [-inf, inf], "1", "1"],
    ["q", "0.01", [-inf, inf], "1", "1"],
]

def Iq(x, porod_scale, porod_exp, lorentz_length, lorentz_scale, lorentz_exp, peak_pos, q):
    """Absolute scattering"""
    z = abs(q - peak_pos) * lorentz_length
    Iq = (porod_scale / q ** porod_exp + lorentz_scale / (1 + z ** lorentz_exp))
    return Iq
    ## uncomment the following if Iq works for vector x
    ##Iq.vectorized = True

    #def Iq(x, y, porod_scale, porod_exp, lorentz_length, lorentz_scale, lorentz_exp,
    #    peak_pos, q):
    #    """Absolute scattering of oriented particles."""
    #    # ...
    #    return oriented_form(x, y, args)
    #    ## uncomment the following if Iq works for vector x, y
```

Buttons: Help, Apply, Cancel



SasView Marketplace Search Log In

Model Name	Description	Author	Date	Status	Category
OrientedMagneticChains	with the option of adding a magnetic SLD to each layer. The chain scattering is the incoherent sum of a user-defined combination of sin...	krycket	21 May 2021	0	Ellipsoid, Lamellae, Other
Magnetic vortex in a disc	This model describes the approximated scattering of a magnetic vortex in a flat ferromagnetic cylinders made of isotropic material [Metov2016]. The circular cylinder with radius SRS and length SLS...	dehoni	10 Mar 2021	0	Paracrystal, Parallelepiped, Shape-Independent, Sphere
Field-dependent magnetic SANS of misaligned magnetic moments in bulk ferromagnets	For bulk ferromagnets, this model allows to analyze the field-dependent purely magnetic SANS. The misalignment scattering is obtained by subtracting the reference scattering at a high (saturating) ...	dehoni	17 Feb 2021	0	Structure Factor, All Models
SANS of bulk ferromagnets	This model is a micromagnetic approach to analyse the SANS that arises from nanoscale variations in the magnitude and orientation of the magnetization in bulk ferromagnets in the approach to magnet...	dehoni	17 Feb 2021	0	
core_shell_ellipsoid_tied and core_shell_ellipsoid_repar	Two methods, both requiring sasview v5, to produce a core_shell_ellipsoid with solvent in the shell. Parameters include the dry_shell / core volume ratio, the local fraction of solvent in the she...	richardh	16 Feb 2021	0	Ellipsoid

# Which model should I use?

One needs to start somewhere...

Prior knowledge

Literature search

SasView documentation

Usually, more than one model fits

Model-free analysis

Machine Learning

## multilayer Vesicle

Calculate form factor for a multi-lamellar vesicle

Parameter	Description	Units	Default value
scale	Scale factor or Volume fraction	None	1
background	Source background	cm <sup>-1</sup>	0.001
volfraction	volume fraction of vesicles	None	0.05
radius	radius of solvent filled core	Å	60
thick_shell	thickness of one shell	Å	10
thick_solvent	solvent thickness between shells	Å	10
slid_solvent	solvent scattering length density	10 <sup>-6</sup> Å <sup>-2</sup>	6.4
slid	Shell scattering length density	10 <sup>-6</sup> Å <sup>-2</sup>	0.4
n_shells	Number of shell plus solvent layer pairs (must be integer)	None	2

The returned value is scaled to units of cm<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup>, absolute scale.

### Definition

This model is a trivial extension of the core\_shell\_sphere function where the core is filled with solvent and is surrounded by  $N$  shells of material (such as lipids) interleaved with  $N - 1$  layers of solvent. For  $N = 1$ , this returns the same as the vesicle model, except for the normalisation, which here is to outermost volume. The shell thicknesses and SLD are constant for all shells as expected for a multilayer vesicle.

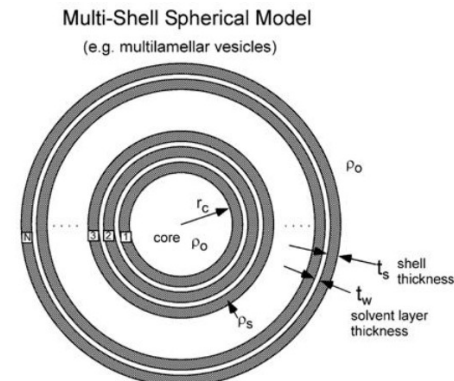
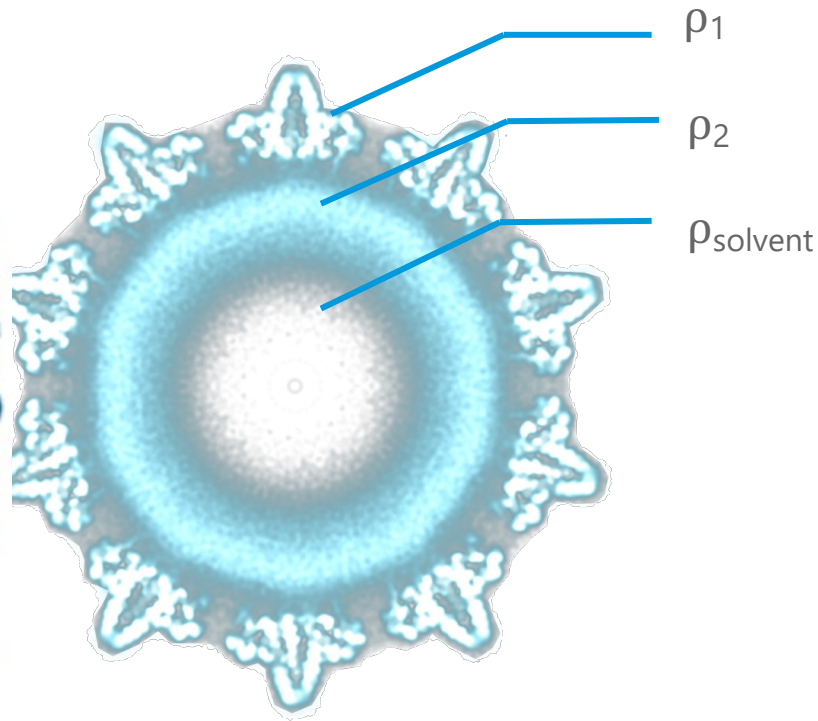
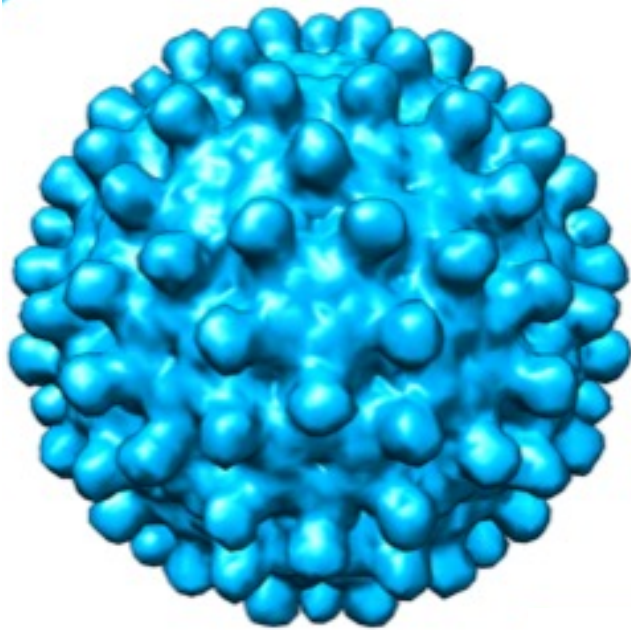


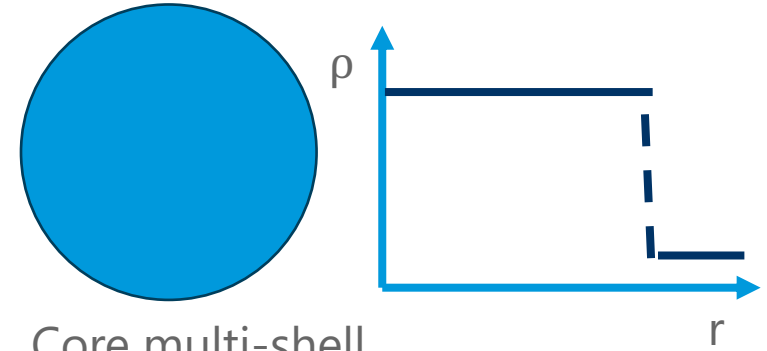
Fig. 83 Geometry of the multilayer\_vesicle model.

# Which model should I use?

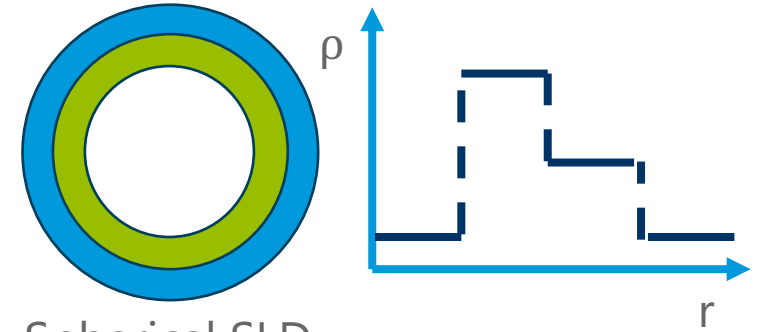
How to represent a virus capsid?



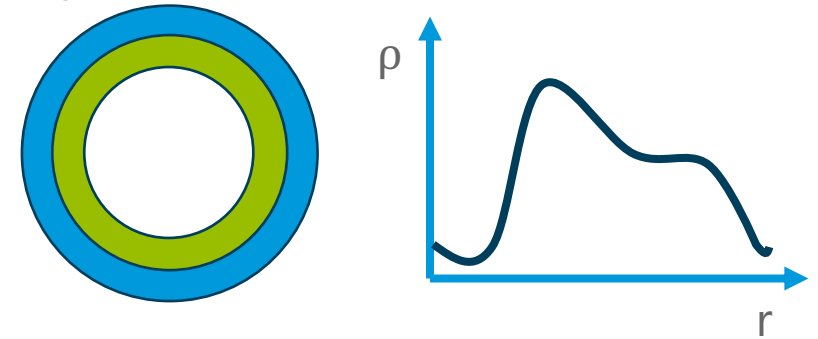
- Sphere



- Core multi-shell



- Spherical SLD

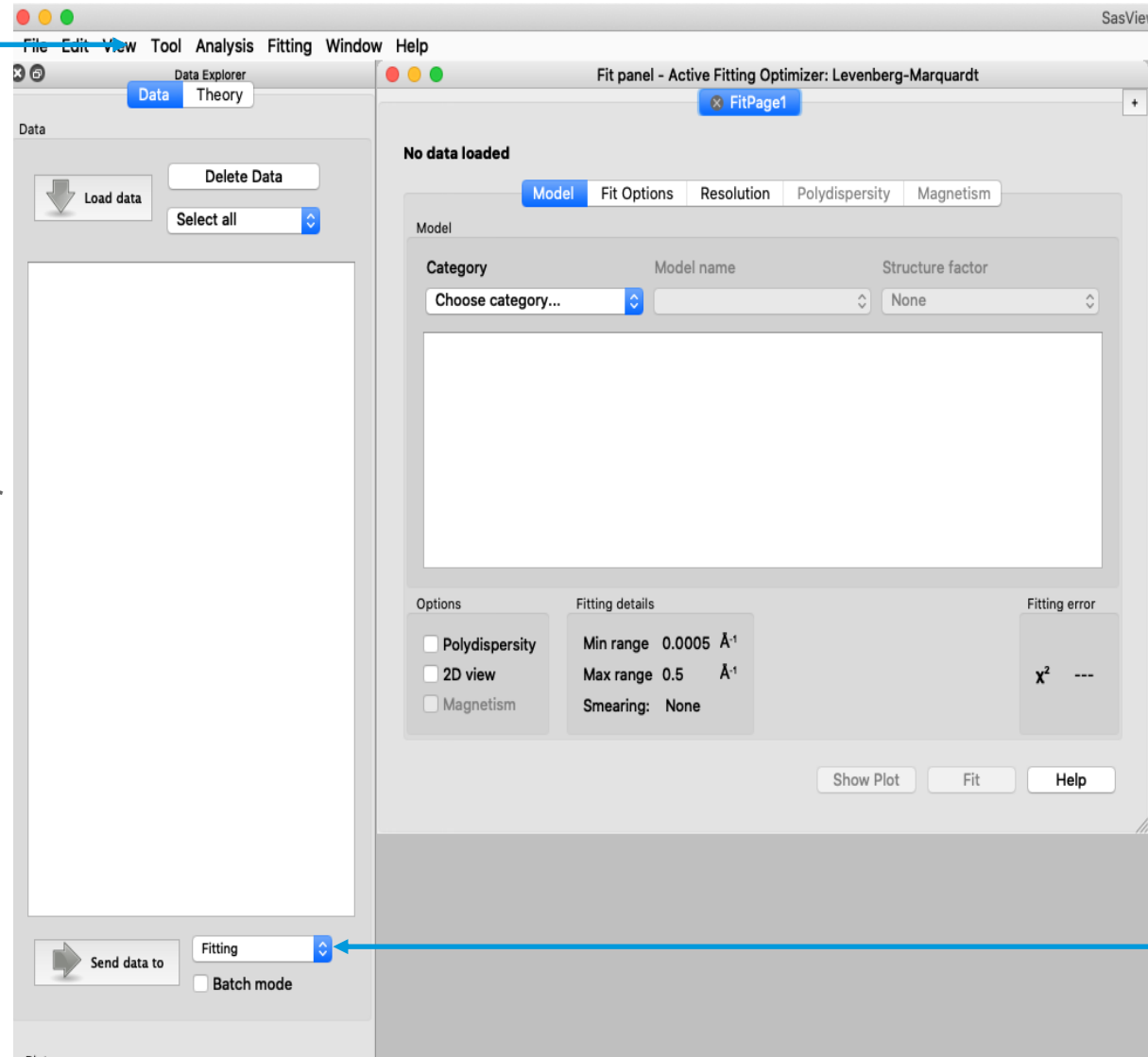


# Other SasView functionality

## Various utility tools and calculators

### Tools

- Data Operation
- SLD calculator
- Density/Volume calculator
- Slit Size Calculator
- Kiessig Thickness Calculator
- Q Resolution Estimator
- Generic Scattering calculator
- Orientation Viewer
- Python Shell/Editor
- Image Viewer
- File Converter



### Analysis

- Fitting
- Invariant
- Pr Inversion
- Correlation Function

# Beyond Graphical User Interface (GUI)



## Running SasView from script

- Useful for batch jobs and reproducibility
- Scripts can be run on computer cluster

```
import pylab
from bumps.names import *
from sasmodels.core import load_model
from sasmodels.bumps_model import Model, Experiment
from sasmodels.data import load_data

from bumps.fitters import fit
from bumps.formatnum import format_uncertainty

test_data = load_data('cyl_400_20.txt')
kernel = load_model('cylinder')

test_data.dy = 0.2*test_data.y

pars = dict(radius=35,
            length=350,
            background=0.0,
            scale=1.0,
            sld=4.0,
            sld_solvent=1.0)
model = Model(kernel, **pars)

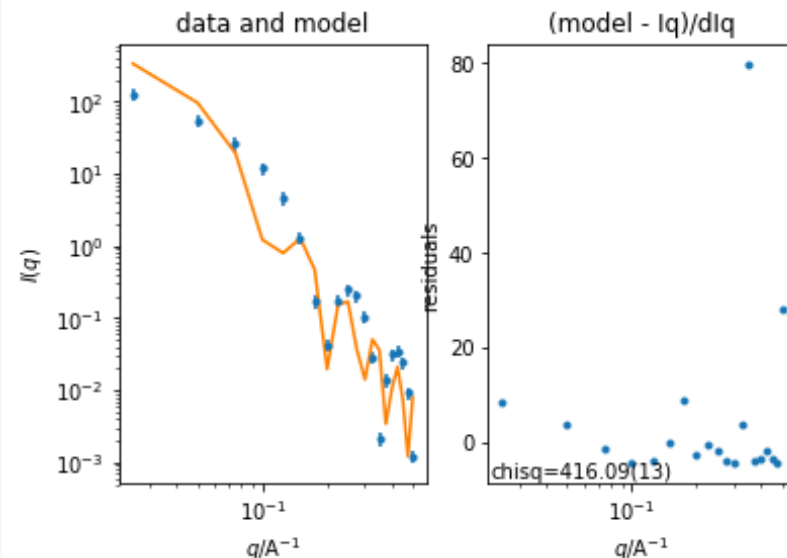
# SET THE FITTING PARAMETERS
model.radius.range(1, 50)
model.length.range(1, 500)

M = Experiment(data=test_data, model=model)
problem = FitProblem(M)
print("Initial chisq", problem.chisq_str())
problem.plot()
pylab.show()

result = fit(problem, method='amoeba')
print("Final chisq", problem.chisq_str())
for k, v, dv in zip(problem.labels(), result.x, result.dx):
    print(k, ":", format_uncertainty(v, dv))
problem.plot()
pylab.show()
```

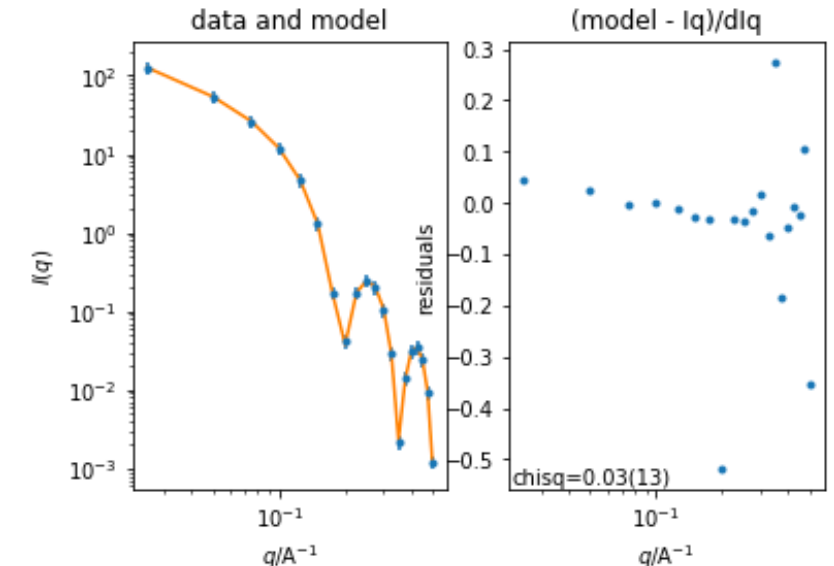
Before fit

Initial chisq 416.09(13)



After fit

Final chisq 0.03(13)  
length : 464.9(55)  
radius : 19.977(64)





# Beyond Graphical User Interface (GUI)

How to start?

sasview

sasdata

sasmodels

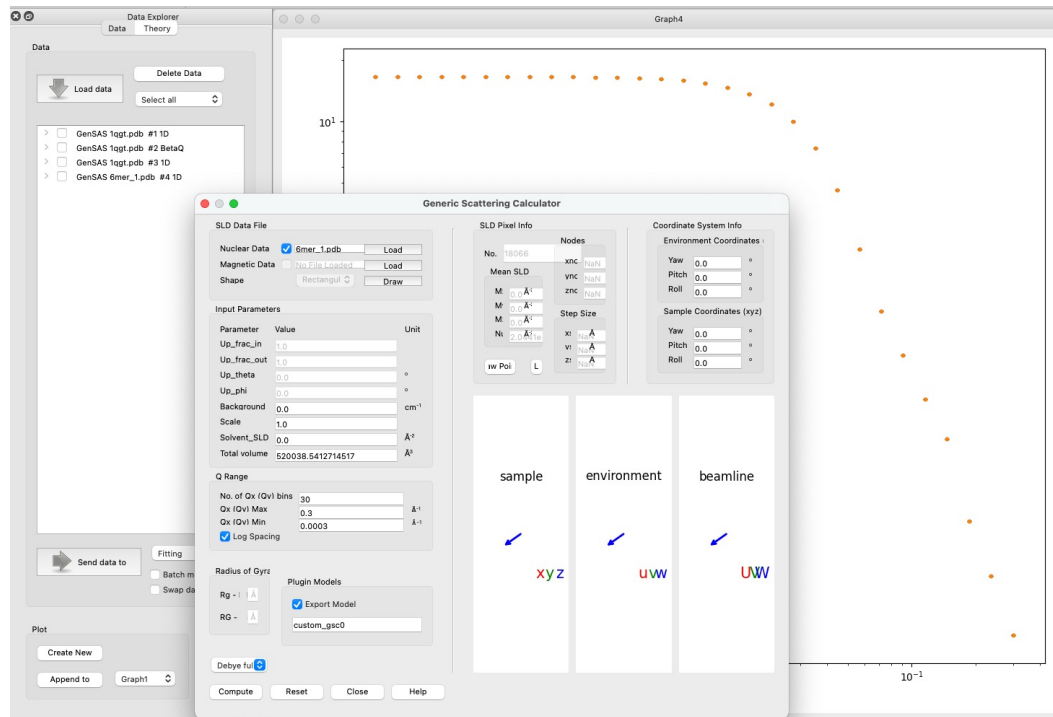
bumps

- Python installation
- For fitting, there is no need to install sasview
- *Pip install sasmodels sasdata*
- It can be run on computer clusters (also with GPU)



# Generic Scattering calculator improvements

Available in SasView 6.0.0



## Interacting bio-molecules

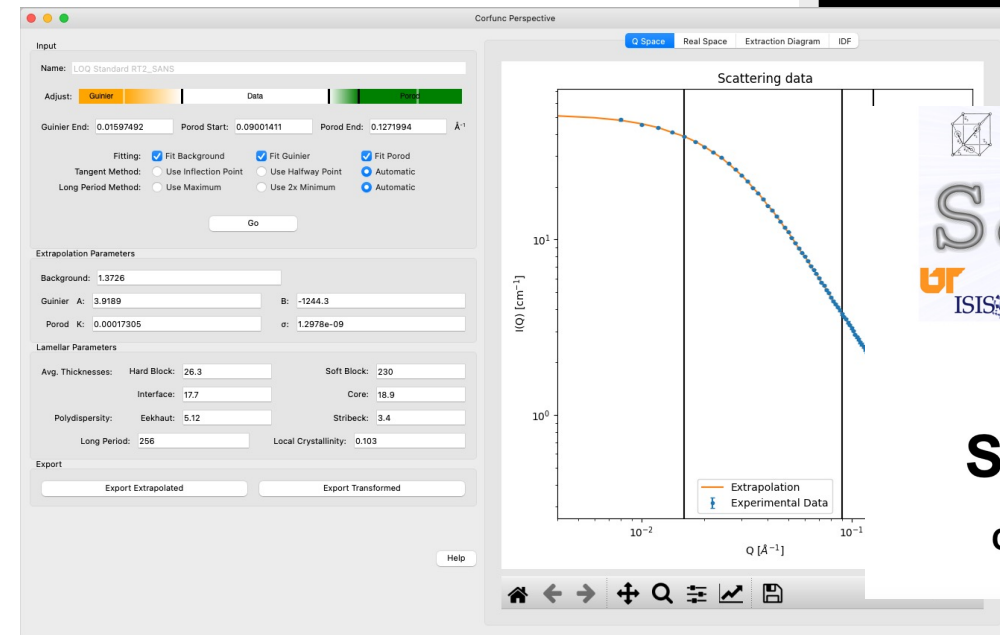
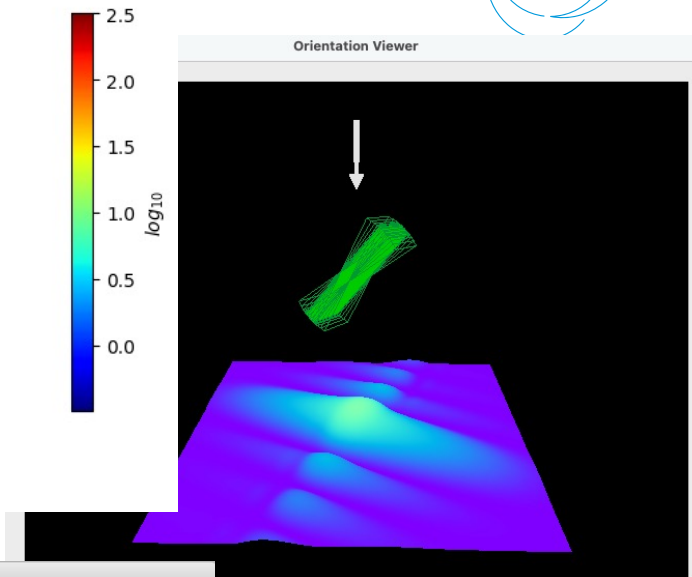
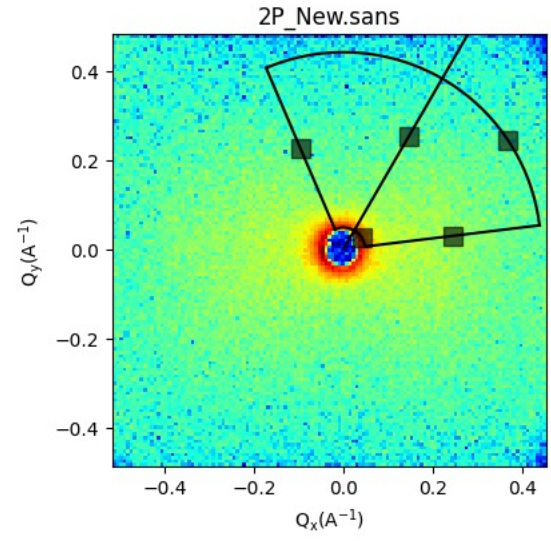
- Generate scattering profile from PDB file
- Save as a custom/plugin model
- Use for fitting with structure factors (including beta approximation)
- (PDB reader and engine refactored)
- (No hydration layer)

<https://github.com/SasView/sasview/releases/tag/v6.0.0-alpha>

# SasView 6.0.0-alpha release

Test at your own risk

- Orientation viewer available
- Corfunc perspective refactored
- Simultaneous fitting allows for a weighting scheme
- Preferences panel with display and plotting options
- Improved label handling on plots
- Residuals plots refactored
- PDB reader refactored
- Wedge slicer added
- Sasdata package separated
- Custom Model writing tutorial



## SasView Tutorials

Creating Custom Fitting Models in SasView Version 5.x

# Particle Editor



## Features beyond SasView-6.0.0

The screenshot shows the Particle Editor interface with the following components:

- Code Editor:** Contains Python code for defining SLD and magnetism functions. The code defines `sld(x,y,z)` and `sld(r,theta,phi)`, and includes a simple example of a cube with a 100 Angstrom side length.
- Visualizations:** Two 3D plots on the right. The top plot shows a total projected density, and the bottom plot shows a slice. The plots are labeled as "sld / magnetism 'x-ray' projection" and "sld / magnetism cross section".
- Controls:** A panel on the right contains controls for "Depth", "SLD" (selected) vs "Magnetism", "B Field (display)", and angles  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ . It also has "X", "Y", and "Z" buttons.
- Buttons:** "Load", "Save", "Build", and "Scatter" buttons are located at the bottom of the code editor.
- Log:** A "Particle Editor Log" window at the bottom shows a successful build message: "Built Successfully at 2023-05-16 02:43:28".

Define functions  
sld and (optionally)  
magnetism

sld / magnetism  
"x-ray" projection

sld / magnetism  
cross section

Feedback on  
code and  
calculations

Magnetic field  
controls for display

"Recompile" and  
update display

Compute  
scattering



# SasView resources

## Documentation and communication channels

- Website
- Documentation
  - in-program & online
- Written Tutorials
- Video Tutorials (YouTube)
- Taught Courses
  - scattering schools/workshops
  - university courses
- Bootcamps & regional workshops
- e-Learning
- Slack
- Twitter
- (Marketplace)
  
- [help@sasview.org](mailto:help@sasview.org)
- [users@sasview.org](mailto:users@sasview.org)

The collage consists of four overlapping screenshots:

- Top Left:** A YouTube channel page for 'SasView' with 5 subscribers. It shows a video upload grid with titles like 'Using the P(r) calculator in SasView' and 'Scattering Length Density Calculator in SasView'.
- Top Right:** A 'FAQ' page from the SasView website, listing common questions such as 'What is SasView?' and 'What platforms does SasView run on?'.
- Bottom Left:** A Twitter profile for '@SasView', featuring a circular profile picture and bio: 'Software for analysis of small angle scattering modelling #SANS #SAXS.' It shows 21 following and 174 followers.
- Bottom Right:** A documentation page titled 'Loading Data' with a 'Table of Contents' sidebar. The main content includes 'The data explorer' and 'Loading data' instructions.



# How to contribute

You don't have to be coding ninja to help out!

Respond to queries posted to [help@sasview.org](mailto:help@sasview.org) or github

Teach others how to get the best from SasView

Write and improve documentation

Write and record tutorials

Test SasView (over and over!) and write bug reports

Provide new plugin models

Deploy and improve automated testing

Review the code contributions of others

Develop code in Python3/C and PyQt/Matplotlib




















# Thank you!

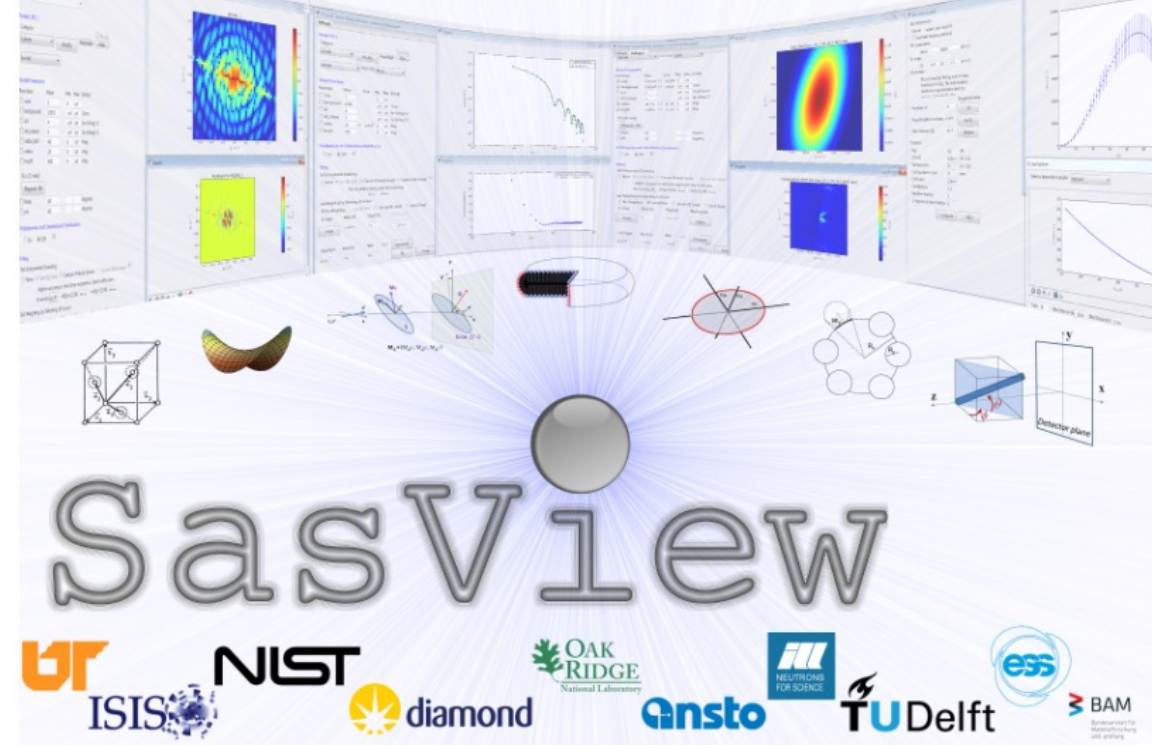
On behalf of SasView community

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# Hands-on session



## SasView Tutorials

Creating Custom Fitting Models  
in SasView Version 5.x

[www.sasview.org](http://www.sasview.org)

# SasView Tutorials



<https://www.sasview.org/documentation/>

## Written Tutorials:

- “Getting started with SasView” (PDF) for [versions 5.x](#)
- “Basic 1D Fitting in SasView” (PDF) for [versions 5.x](#) ← 1
- “Simultaneous 1D Fitting in SasView” (PDF) for [versions 5.x](#) ← 2
- “Creating Custom Fitting Models in SasView” (PDF) for [versions 5.x](#) ← 3
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- “Correlation Function Analysis in SasView” (PDF) for [versions 5.x](#)
- “Subtracting a Model Calculation from Data in SasView” (PDF) for [versions 5.x](#)
- [for earlier versions of SasView](#)

## Web-based Tutorials:

- [“Tutorials on Small-Angle Scattering”](#) - using Shape2SAS & SasView
- [“Advanced SAS Training Course”](#) - using Jupyter & SasView





# Experimenting with SasView

Download SasView 6.0.0 and try out new features

- <https://github.com/SasView/sasview/releases/tag/v6.0.0-alpha>

Run sasview from the script:

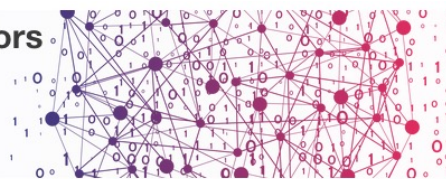
- Setup python environment
- Install required packages
- Play with some of the notebooks:
  - <https://github.com/SasView/documents/tree/master/Notebooks>

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## SasView for new contributors



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### Welcome

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Welcome to the course for new contributors to SasView!  
Before we divide into the details about setting up developers' environment and code architecture, there are sections providing more information about the general setup of the project

Announcements

### SasView project organization

In this section, you can find some information about the overall organization of the SasView project, community, and activities.

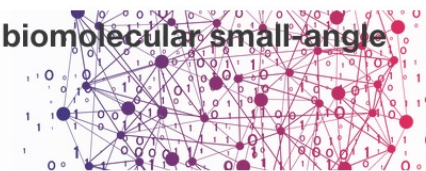
Basic rules

Community

Common activities

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## Publication guidelines for biomolecular small-angle scattering



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### General

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#### What is it about?

By using the guidelines that this article recommends, authors publishing structural biology studies using small-angle scattering (SAXS or SANS) will ensure their readers understand the quality of their data and the validity of models presented. The paper provides explanation for the relevance of the recommended guidelines as well as examples data sets and modelling approaches.

#### Why is it important?

Small-angle scattering is increasingly popular for structure biology studies. The technique can provide structural information that is both accurate and precise and, especially when used in combination with complementary data, of considerable value for studying individual molecules, complexes and assemblies. However, without stringent attention to data and model validation, there is significant potential for over-interpretation or even being misled. Adherence to the publication guidelines will give the experimenter, the reviewer and reader confidence in results.

#### Scope of the course:

1. The required preparation before measurement/beamtime regarding sample quality and sample environment (**Before the measurement** section)
2. What to expect during the beamtime (**During the experiment** section)
3. The necessary step going from raw data to meaningful ones (**Data reduction and correction** section)
4. Analysis approach and validation for data interpretation (**Data analysis** section)
5. Reference link of how to submit to Small Angle Scattering Biological Data Bank (**SASBDB submission** section)
6. Recommended publication-ready reporting format (**Reporting for Publication** section)

#### Entry requirements:

1. Basic understanding of Small Angle Scattering

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