

# Integrating software: SASview, McStas and Mantid for powerful virtual SANS experiments

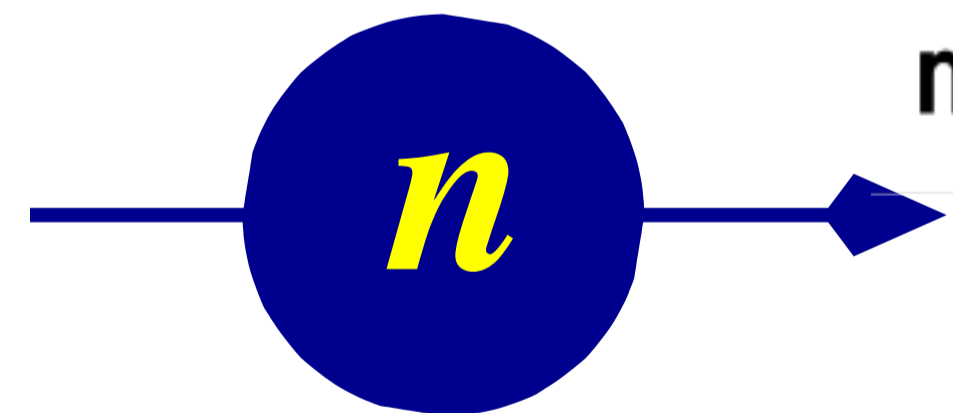
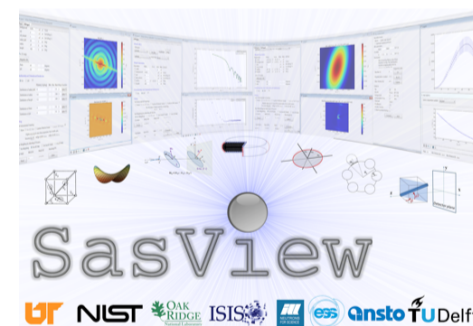
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# McStas

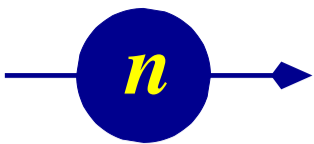


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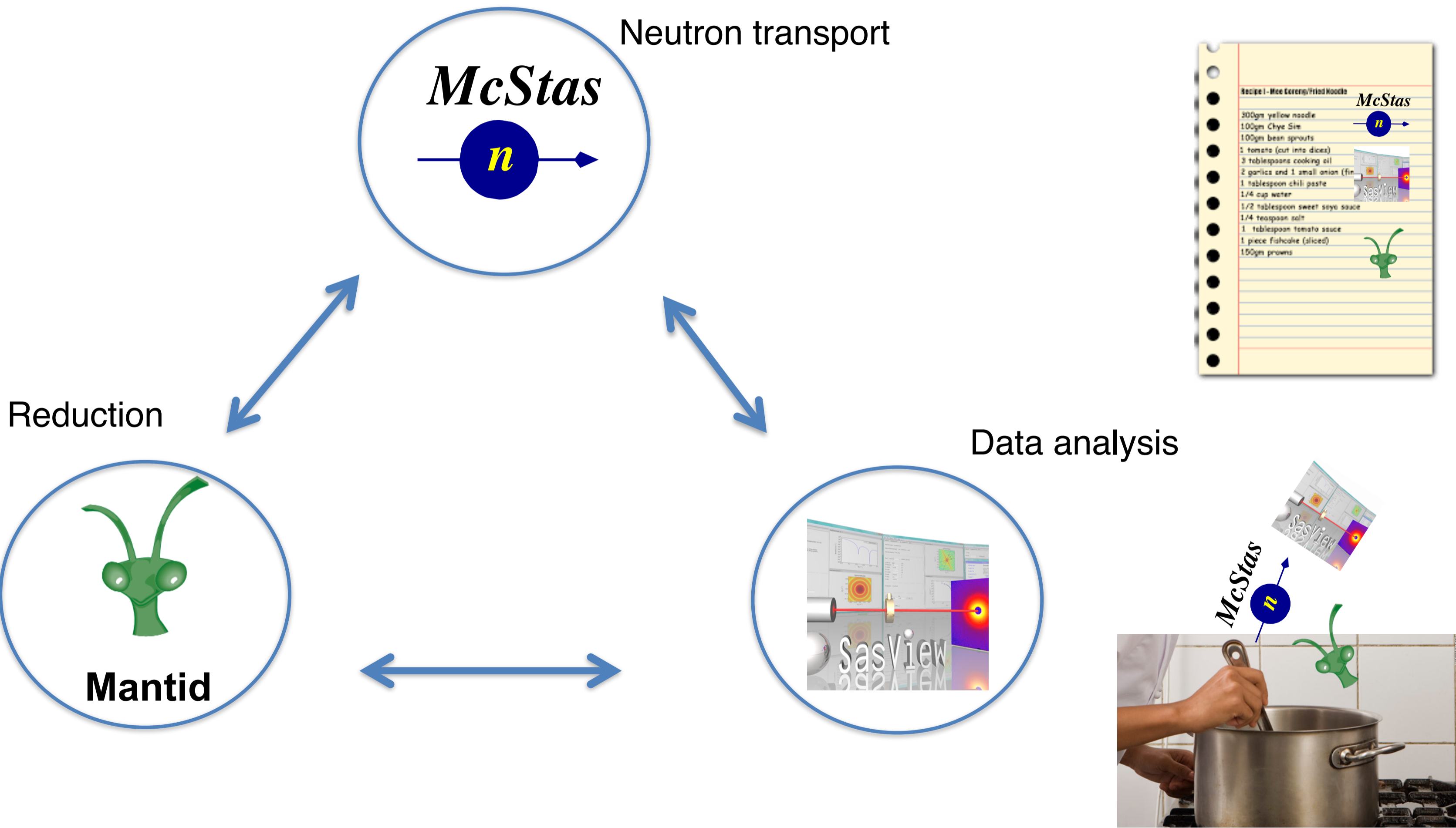


# Agenda

- A brief introduction to the softwares
  - **McStas** - *A neutron Monte Carlo ray-trace simulation package*
  - **SASview** - *Small Angle Scattering Analysis Software Package*
  - **Mantid** - *Manipulation and Analysis Toolkit for Instrument Data*
- The integration
  - Why did we do it?
  - How was it done?
- Future



# “Full-circle” virtual experiment software integration

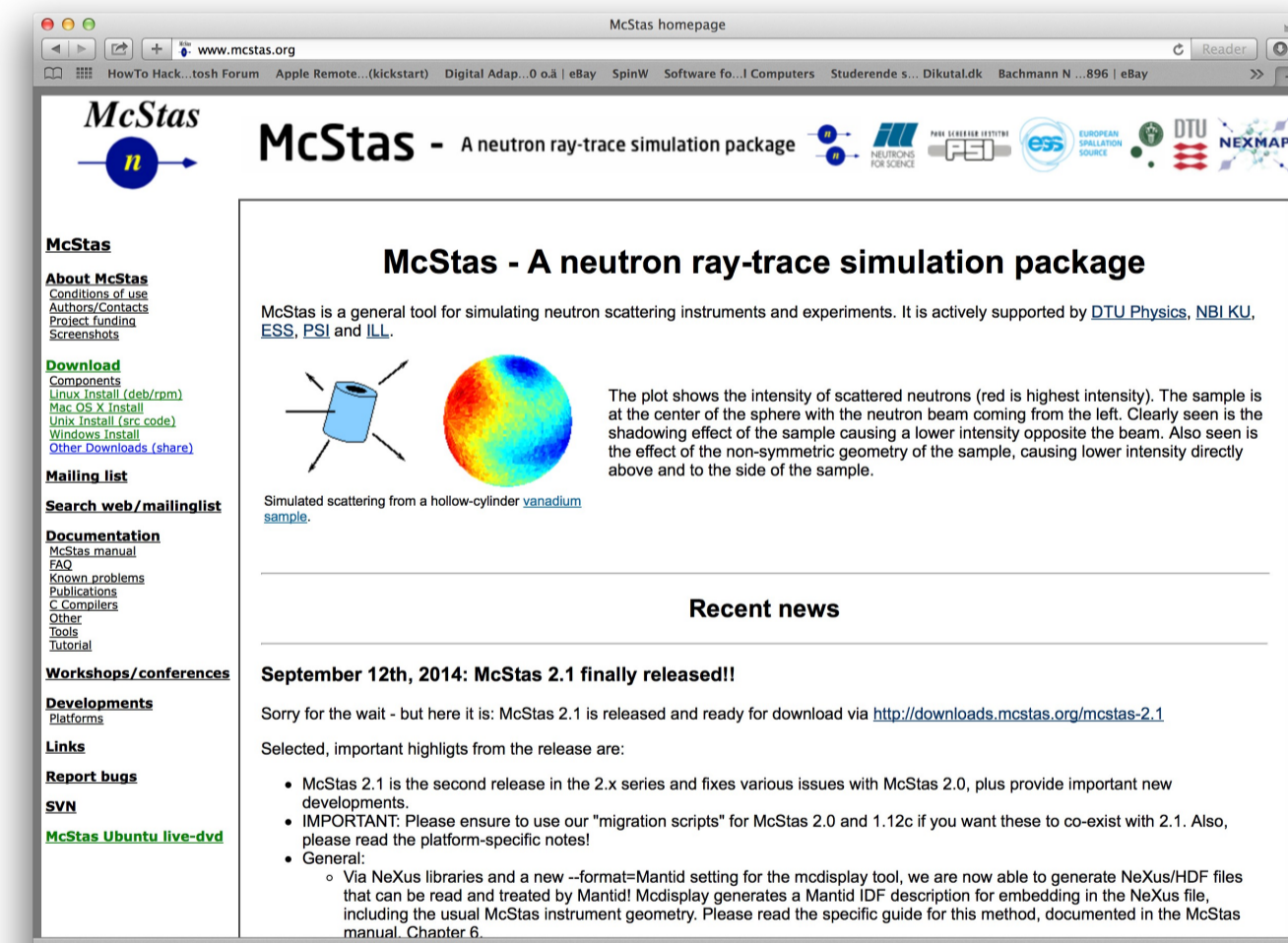


# McStas Introduction

- Flexible, general simulation utility for neutron scattering experiments.
- Original design for Monte carlo Simulation of triple axis spectrometers
- Developed at DTU Physics, ILL, PSI, Uni CPH, **ESS**
- V. 1.0 by K Nielsen & K Lefmann (1998) RISØ
- Currently 2.5+1 people full time plus students

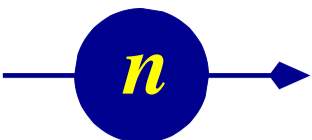


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<http://www.mcstas.org>

[mcstas-users@mcstas.org](mailto:mcstas-users@mcstas.org) mailinglist



# - Not only neutrons, there is also McXtrace...

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www.mcxtrace.org

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**McXtrace** - An X-ray ray-trace simulation package

ESRF SAXS LAB GANESHA DTU

**McXtrace - Monte Carlo Xray Tracing, is a joint venture by**

DTU ESRF SAXSLAB

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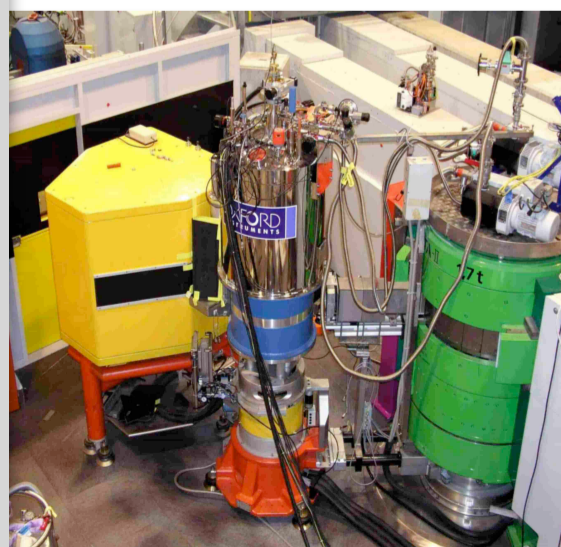
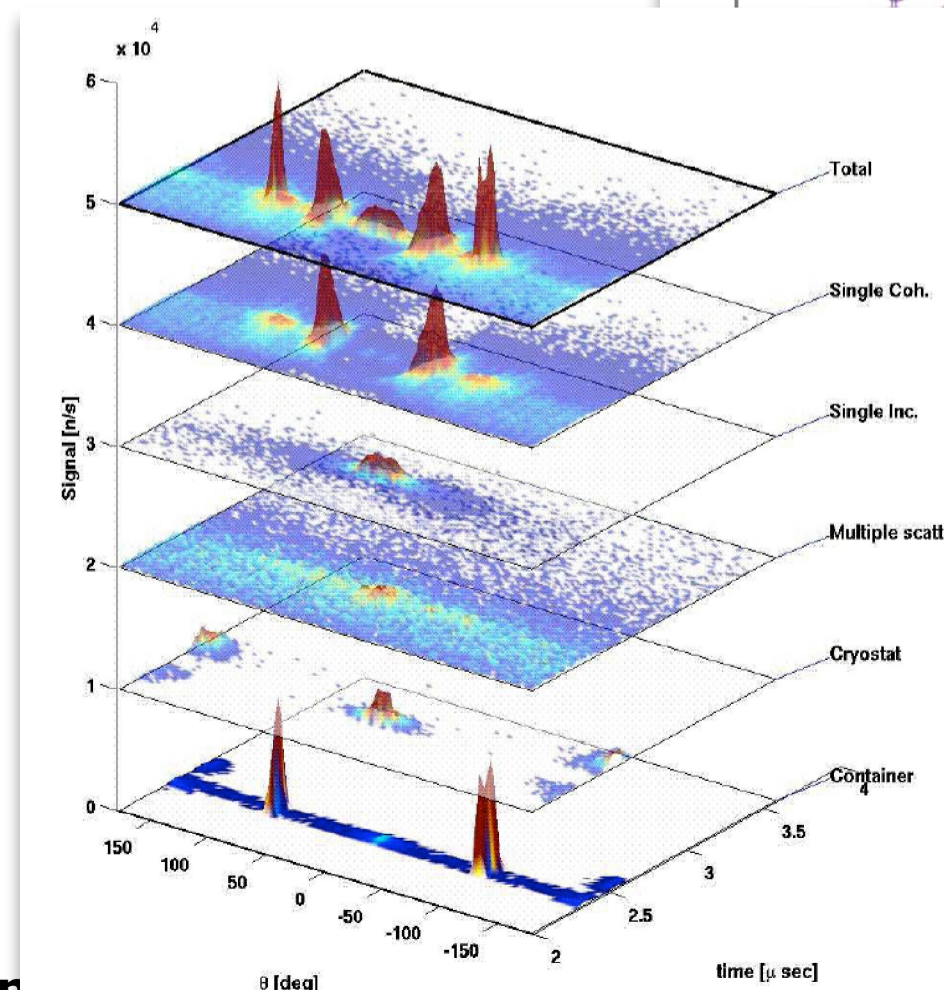
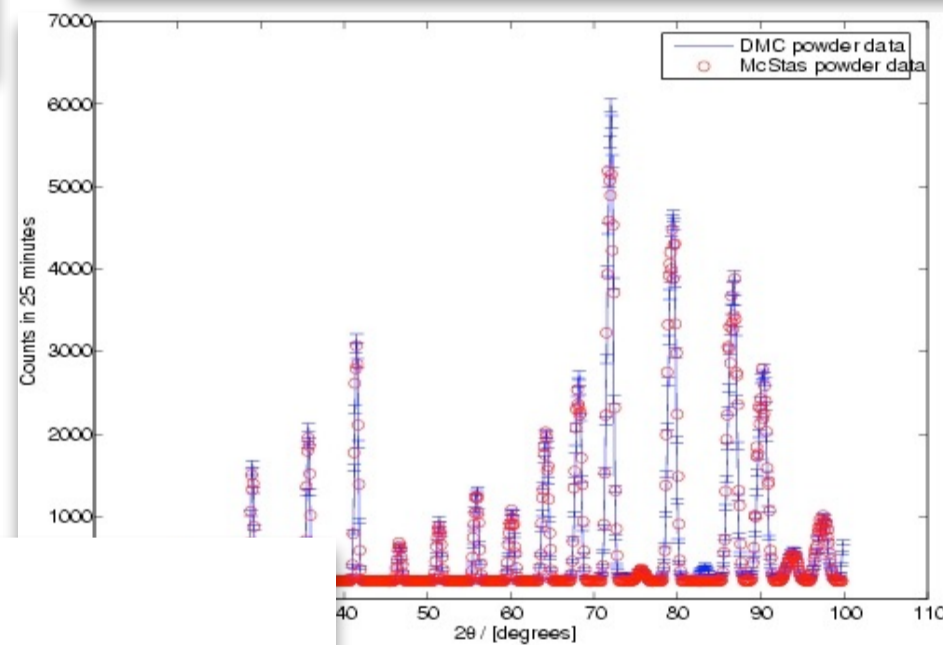
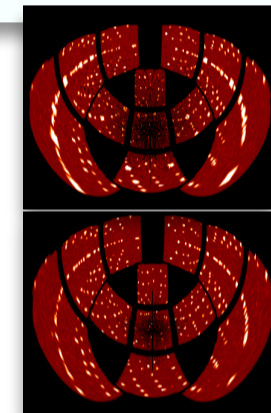
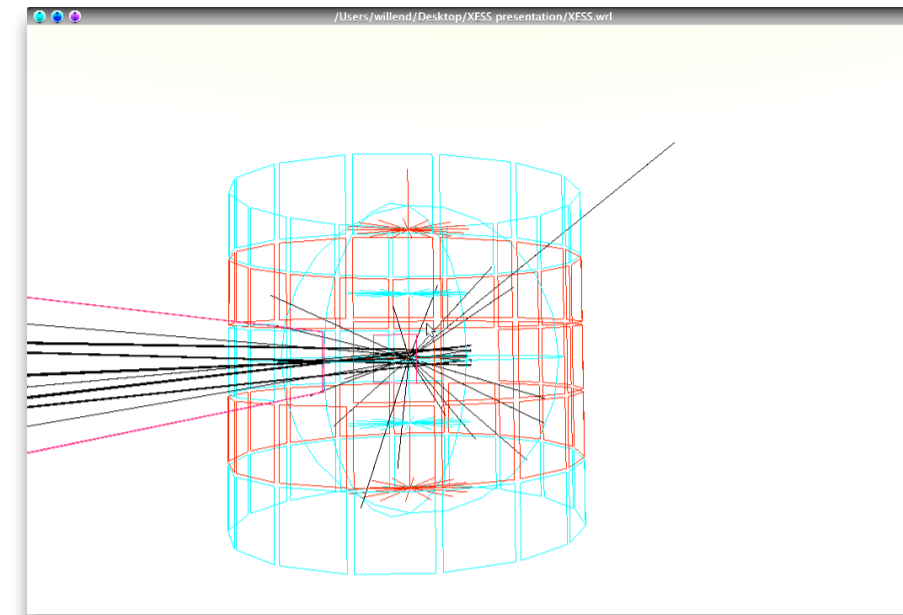
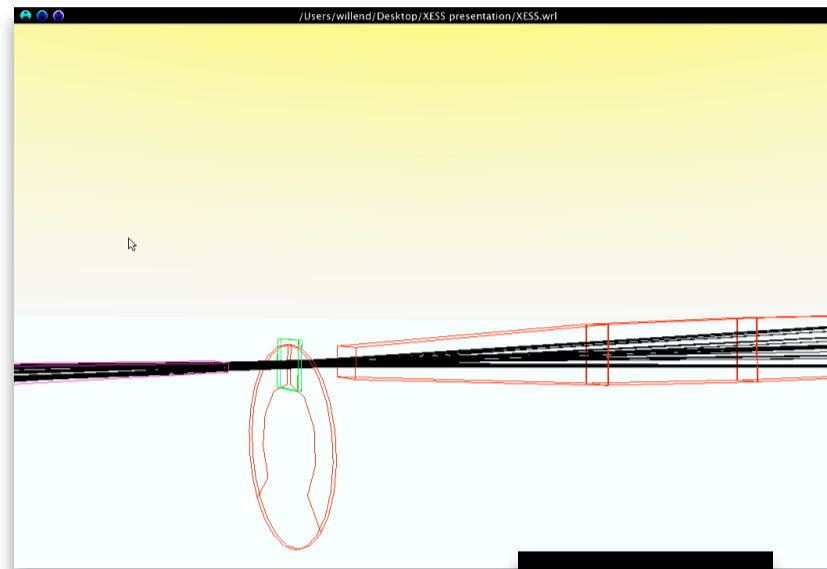
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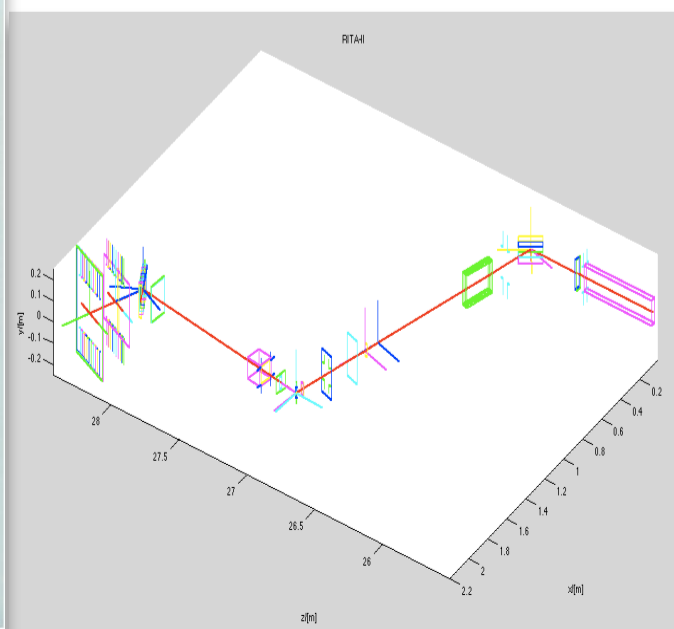
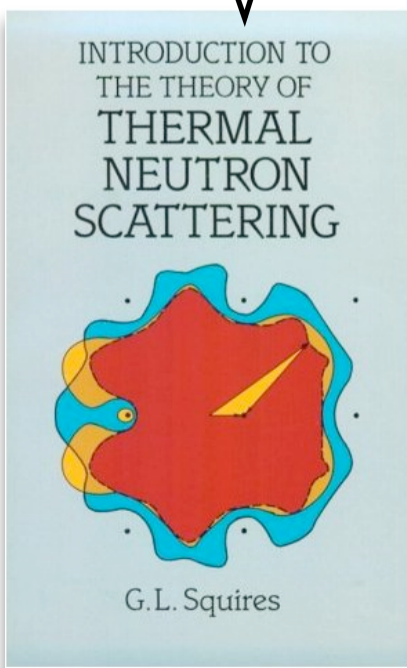
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# What is McStas used for?

- Instrumentation
  - Virtual experiments
  - Data analysis
  - Teaching
- (KU, DTU, e-Learning...)



SASview, McStas and Mantid



# McStas overview

- Portable code (Unix/Linux/Mac/Windows)

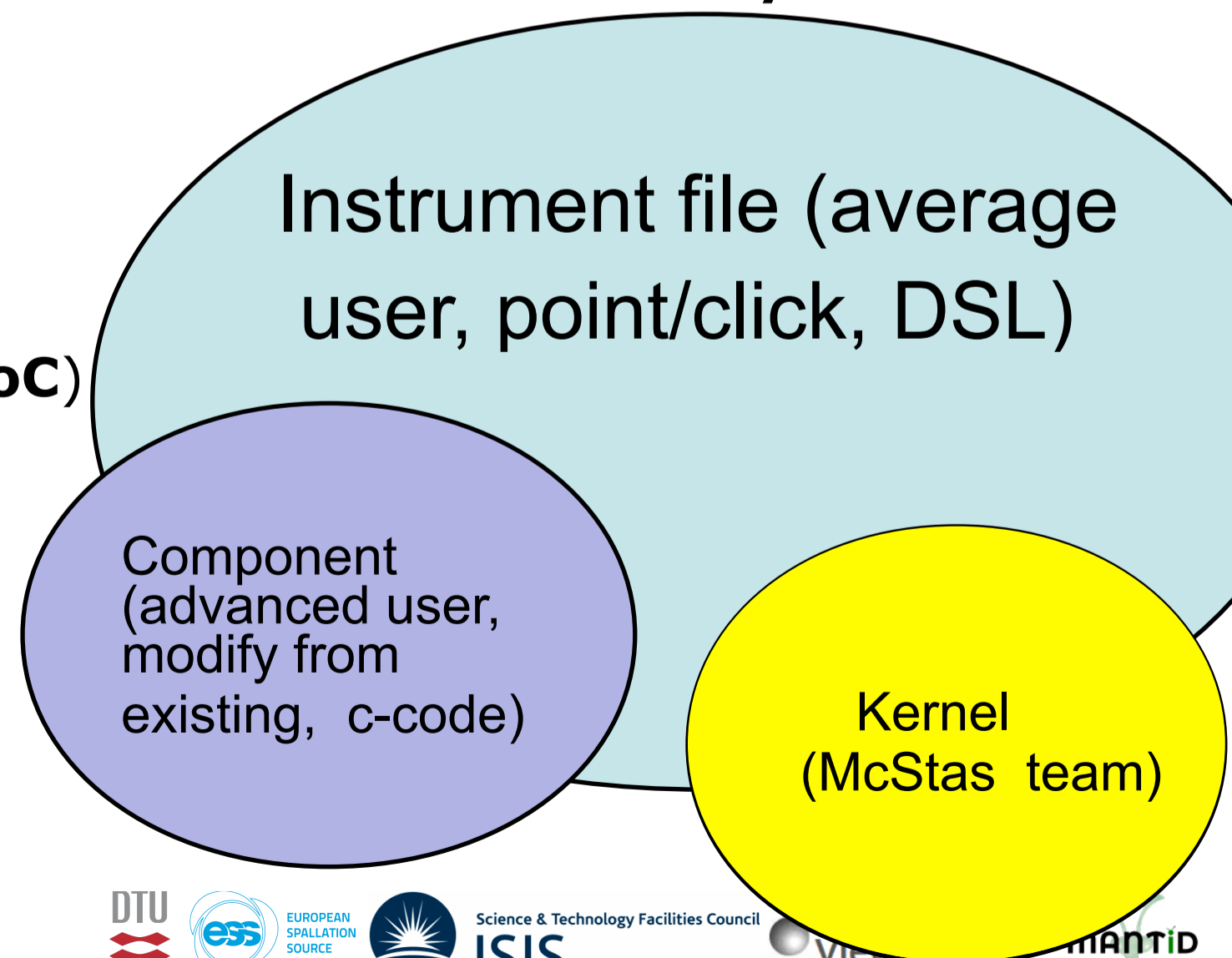
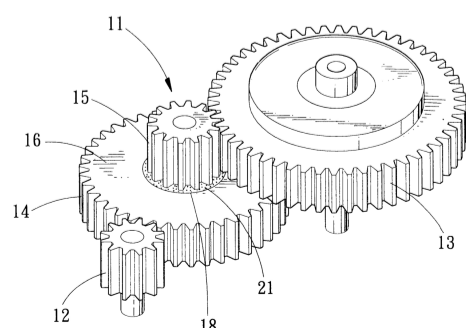


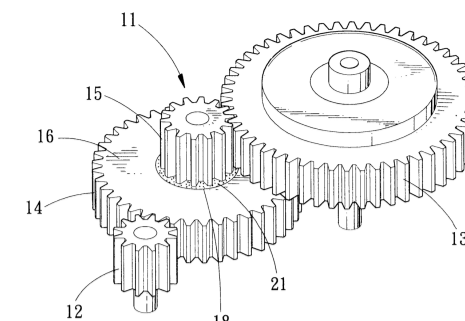
- Ran on everything from iPhone to 1000+ node cluster!

- 'Component' files (~150) inserted from library

- Sources
- Optics
- Samples
- Monitors
- If needed, write your own comps (**short ~200 LoC**)

- DSL + **ISO-C** code gen.



DSL + **ISO-C** code gen.

# Relevant new feature: automatic C-lib dependency linking

- Automatic generation of c-lib dependencies

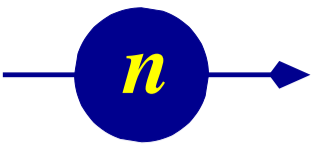
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ISIS_CRISP.instr:148
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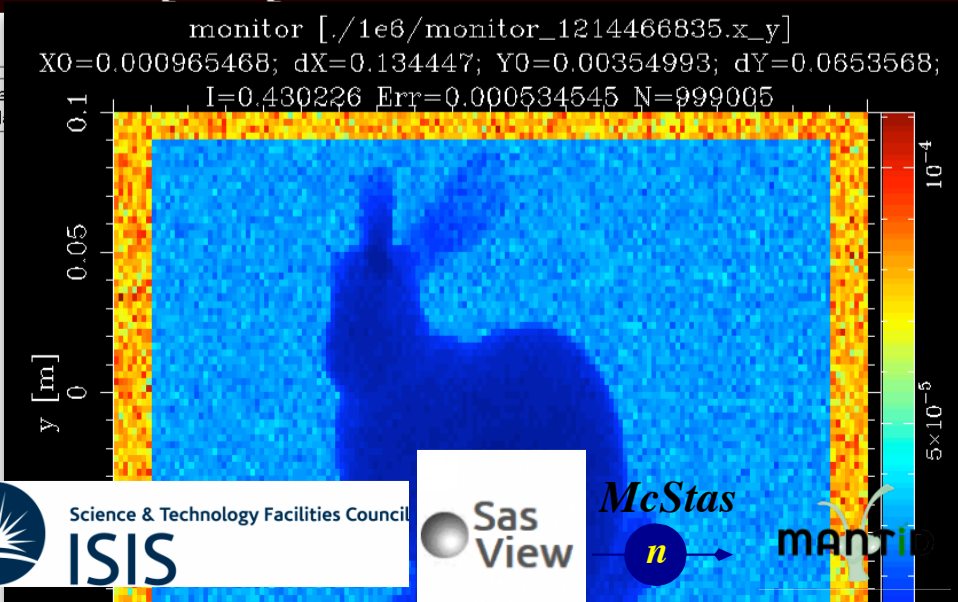
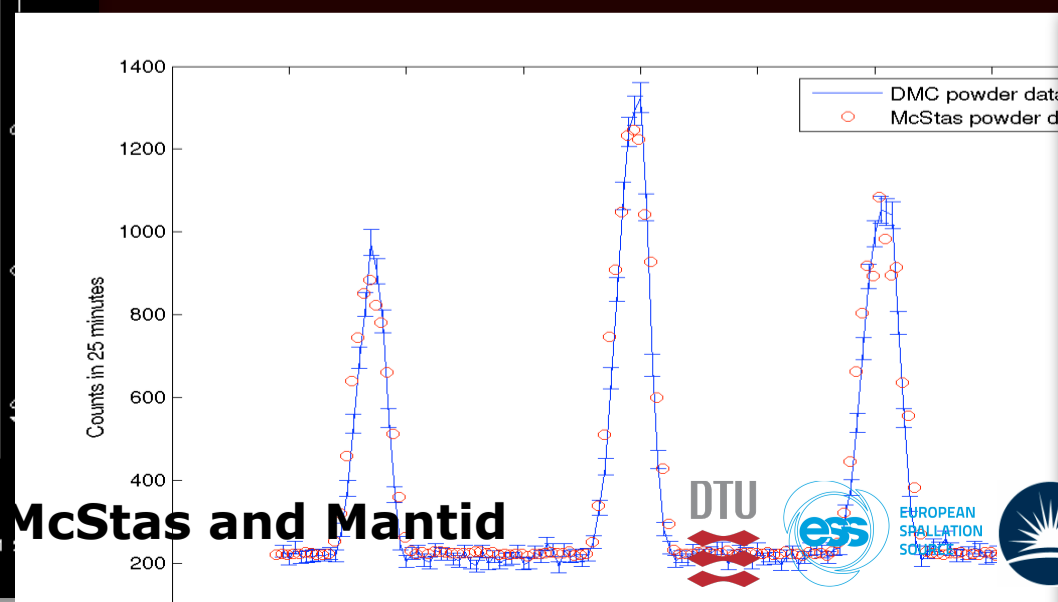
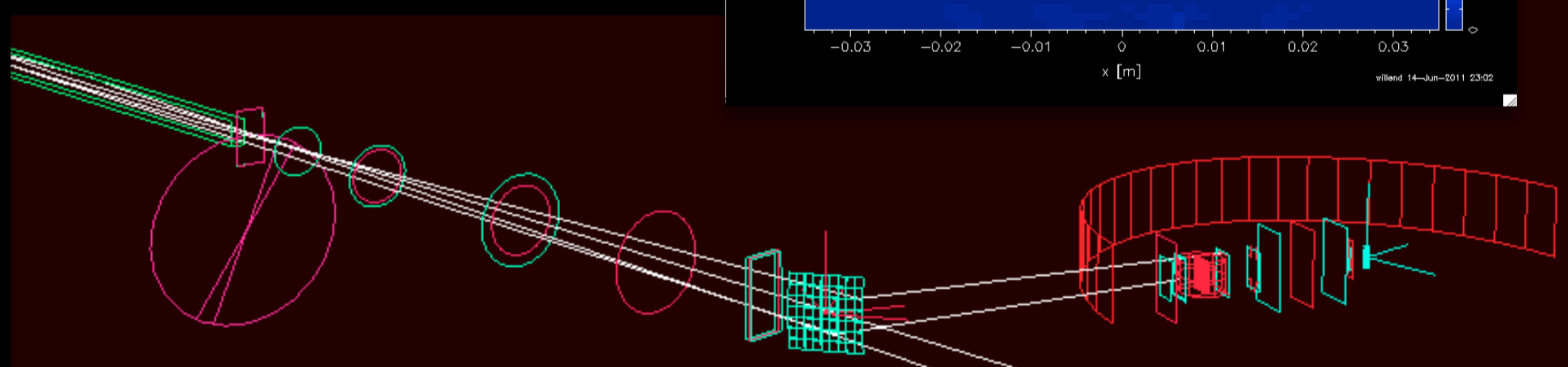
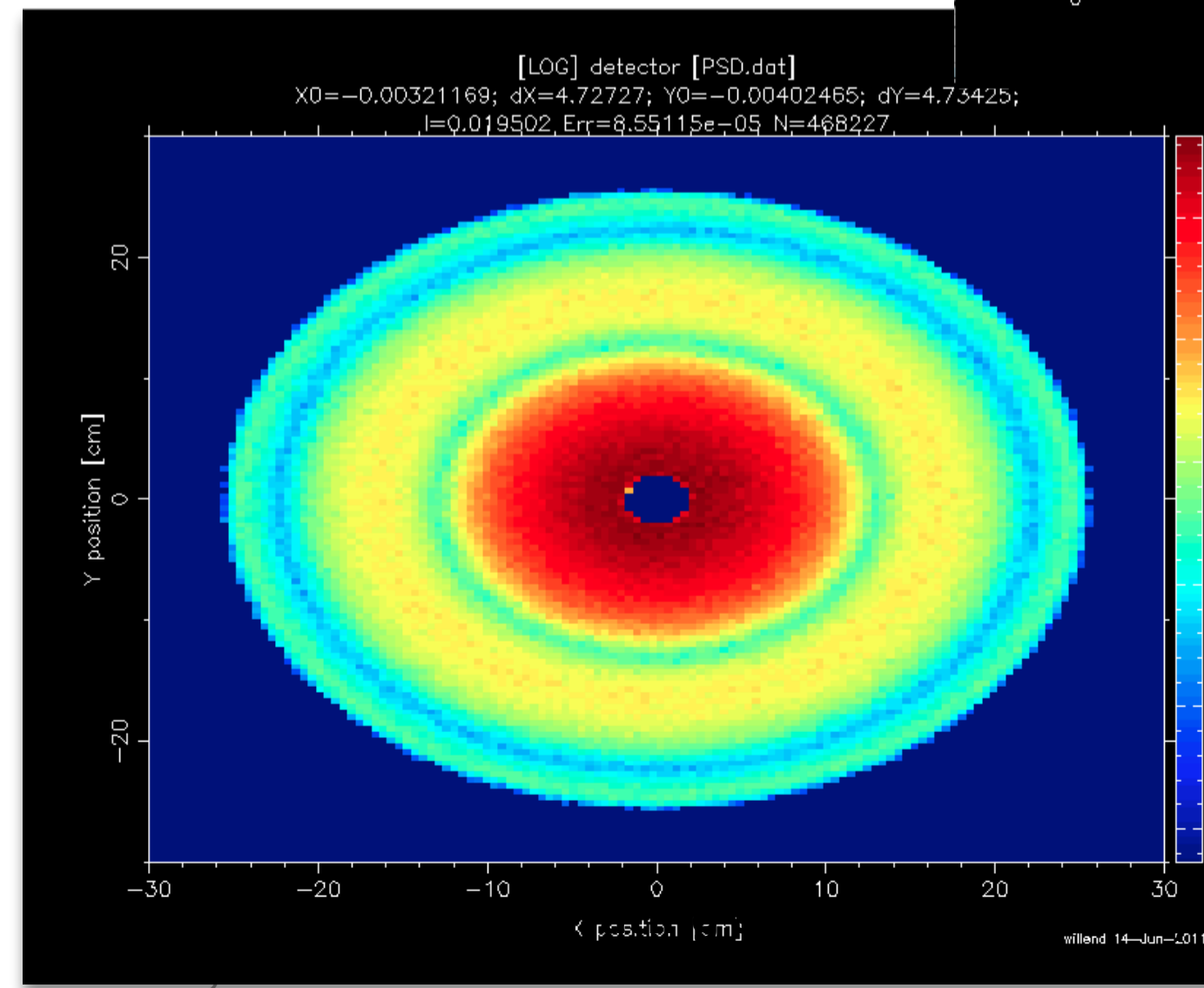
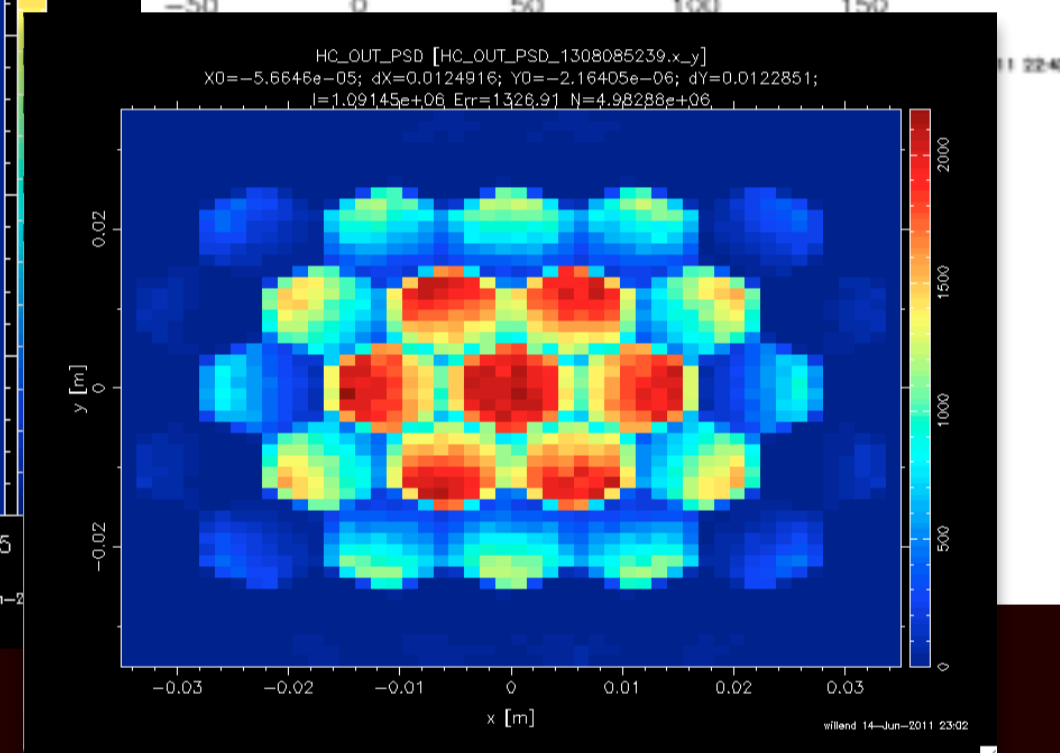
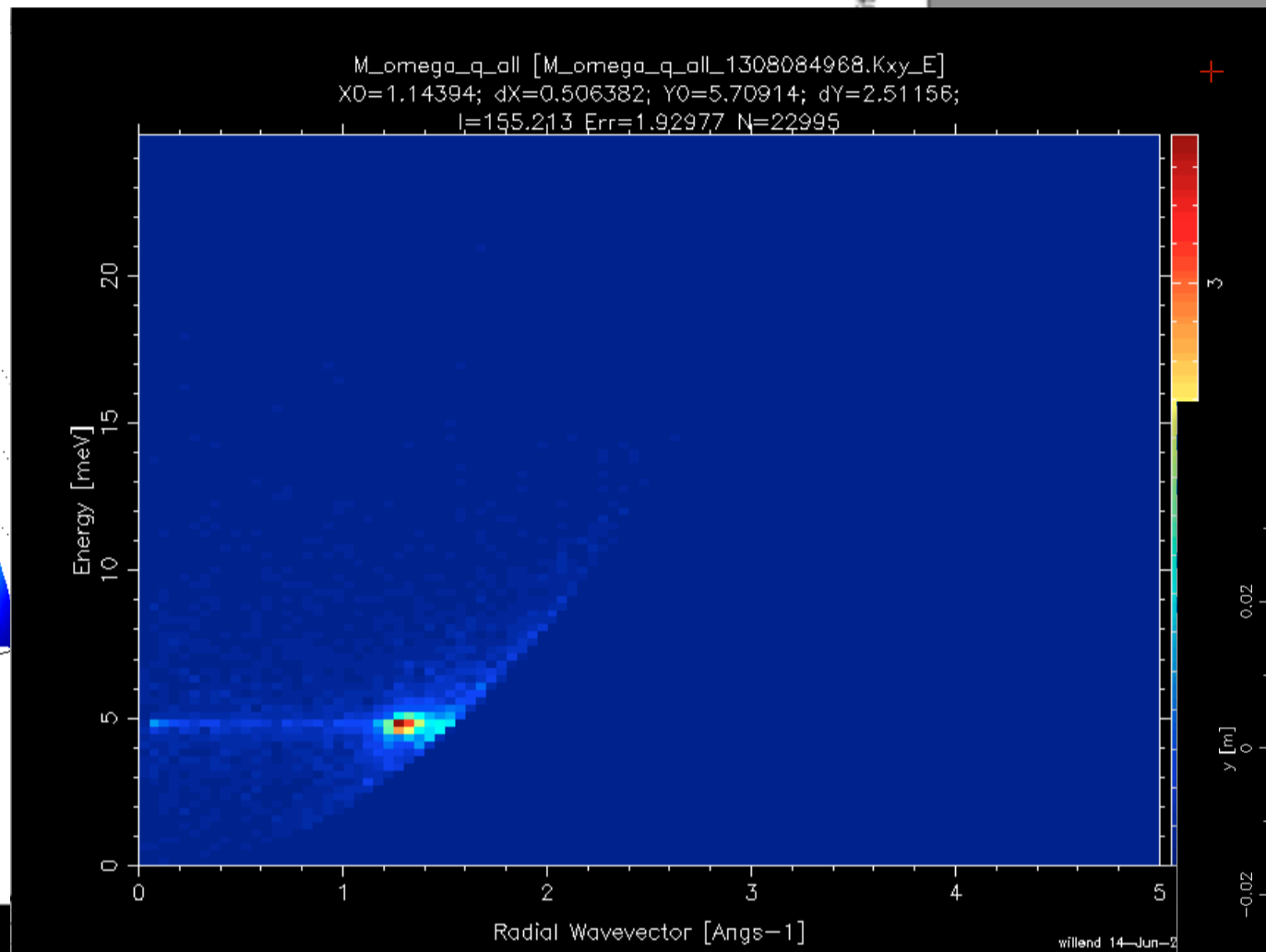
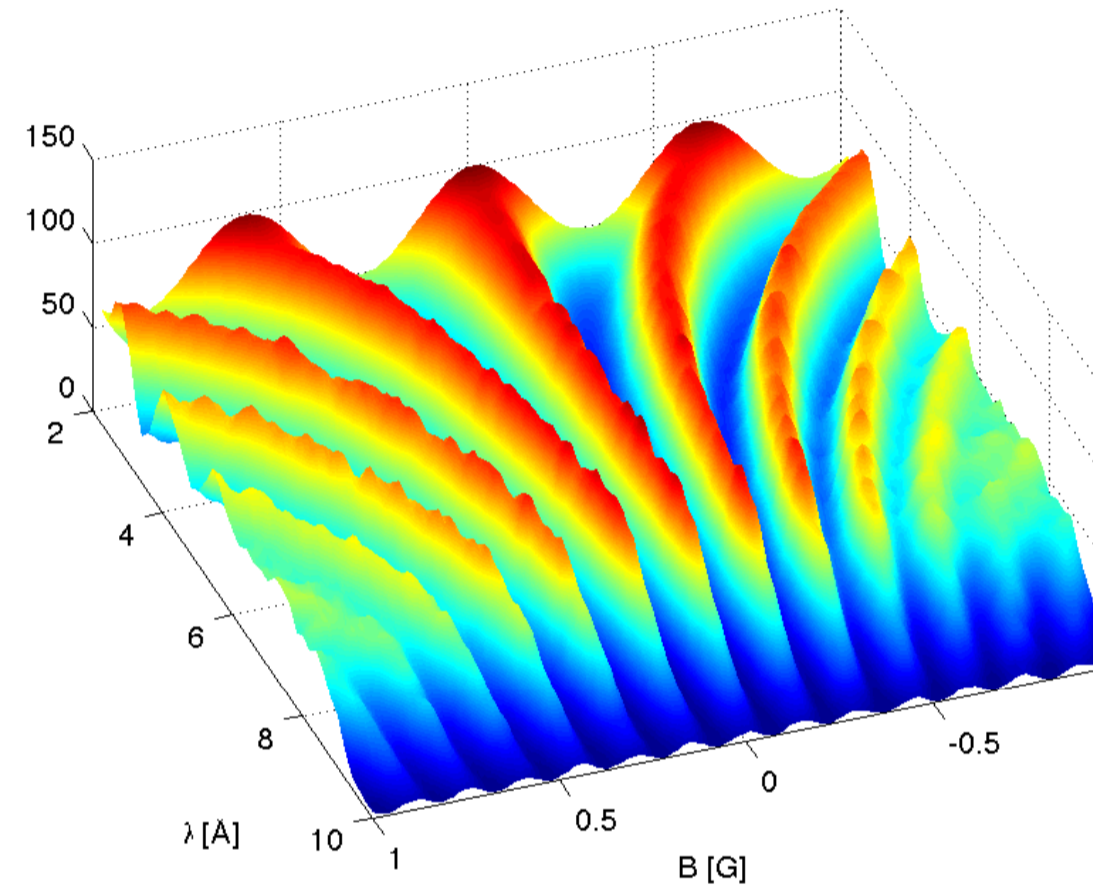
- For allowing components and instruments relying on external libs to link these automatically - ease of use
  - SASview sample comp: DEPENDENCY "-std=c99"
  - NeXus could be done with DEPENDENCY "-DUSE\_NEXUS -INeXus" (so far avoided because of need to distribute libs...
- Will be picked up by mcrun / mcgui on the fly and passed to the compiler

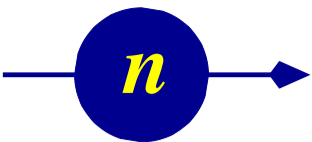




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Spin-echo B scan dependence of wavelength





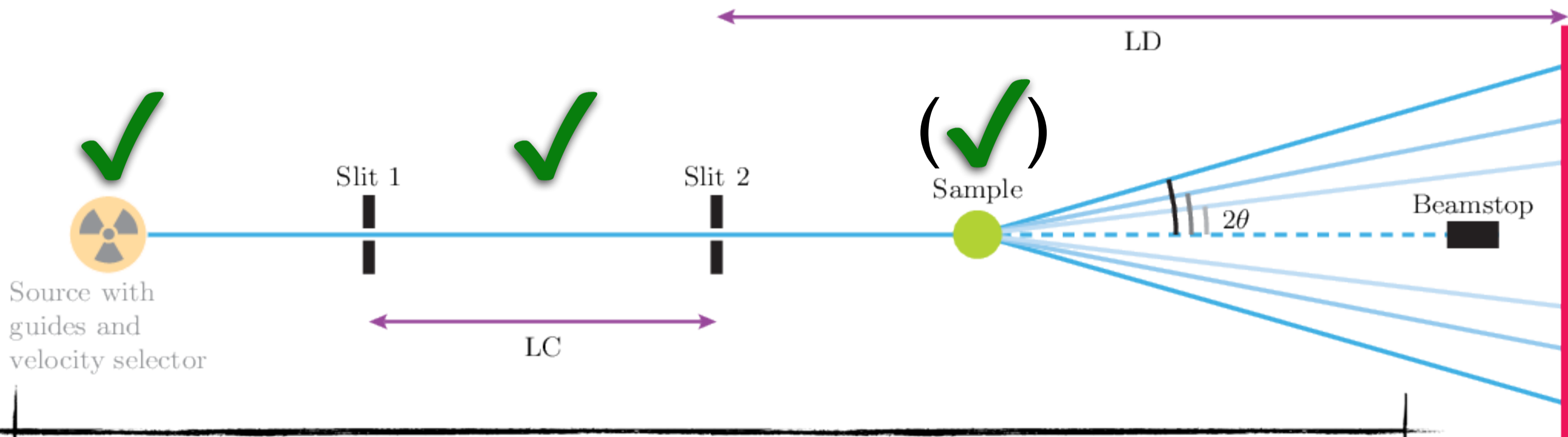
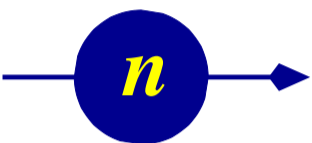
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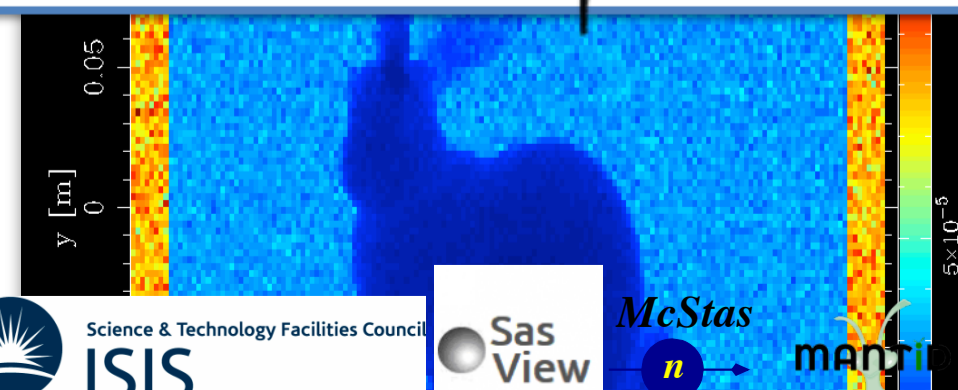
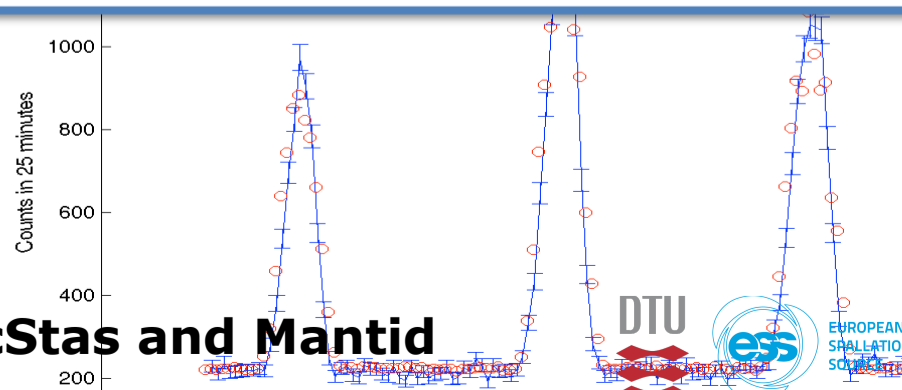
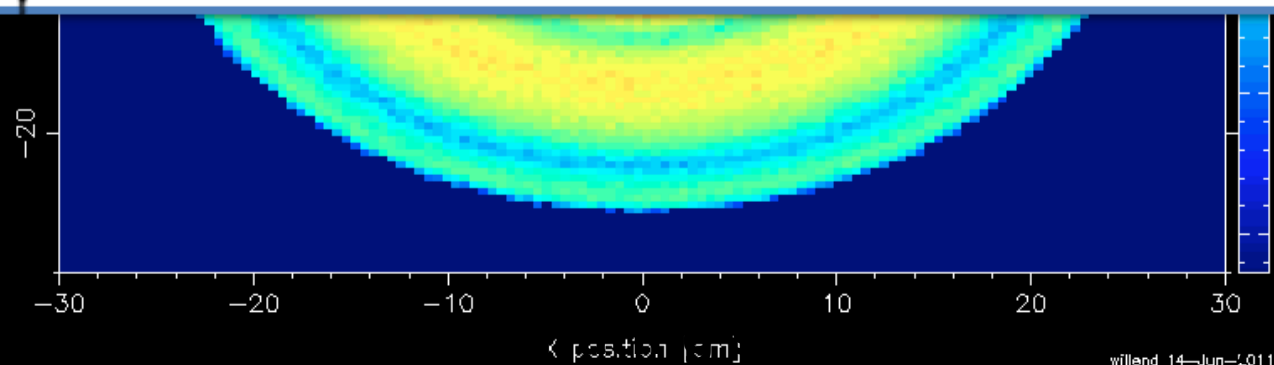
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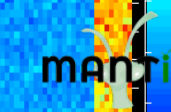
McStas



McStas includes "everything" to simulate "anything" at a neutron scattering instrument

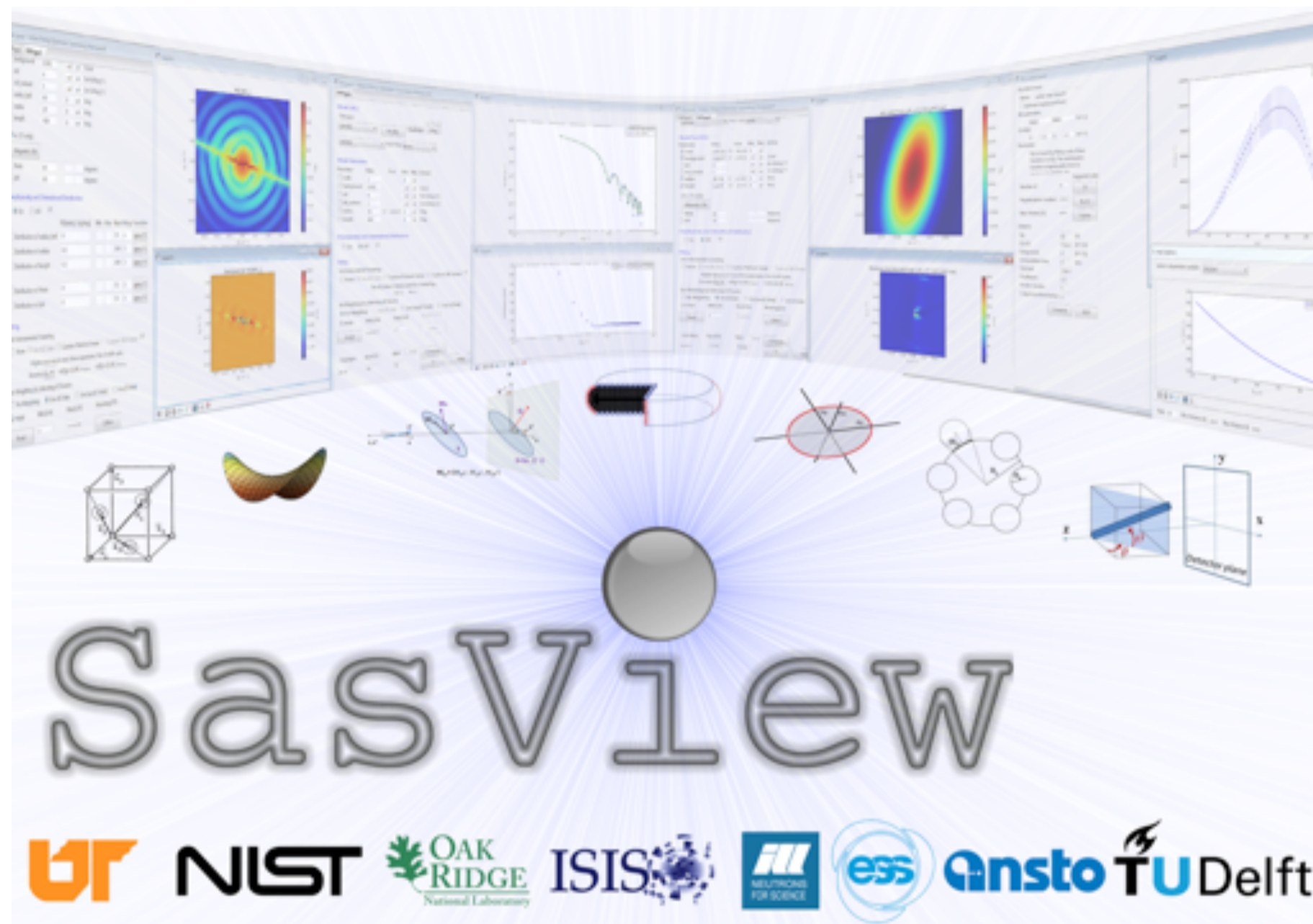


McStas and Mantid



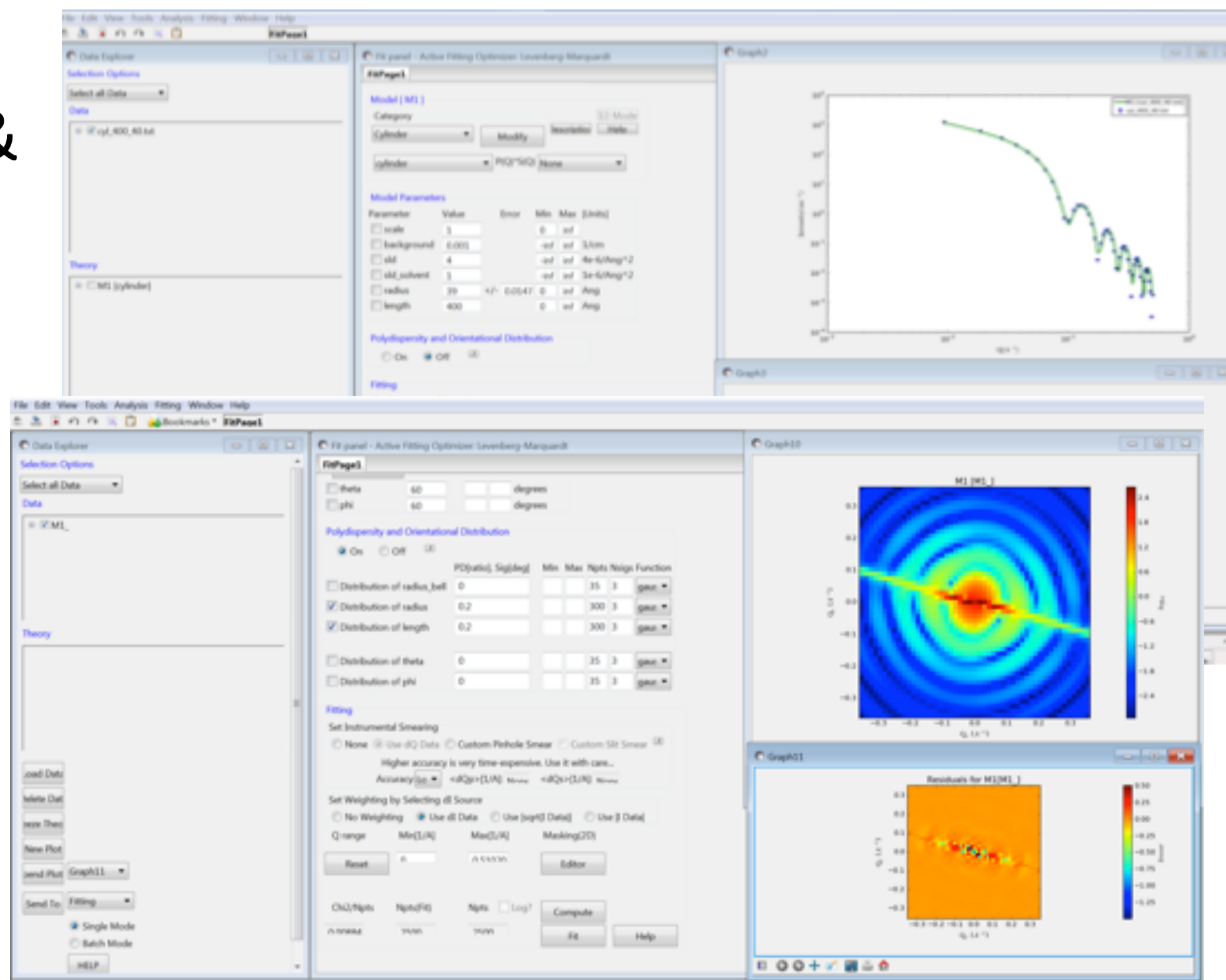
# SasView - Small Angle Scattering Analysis Software Package

- Operates on reduced scattering data
- **Performs modeling in inverse space**
- Data analysis toolbox:
  - Fitting **models** to data
  - P(r) inversion
  - Model-independent analysis
- Other useful tools



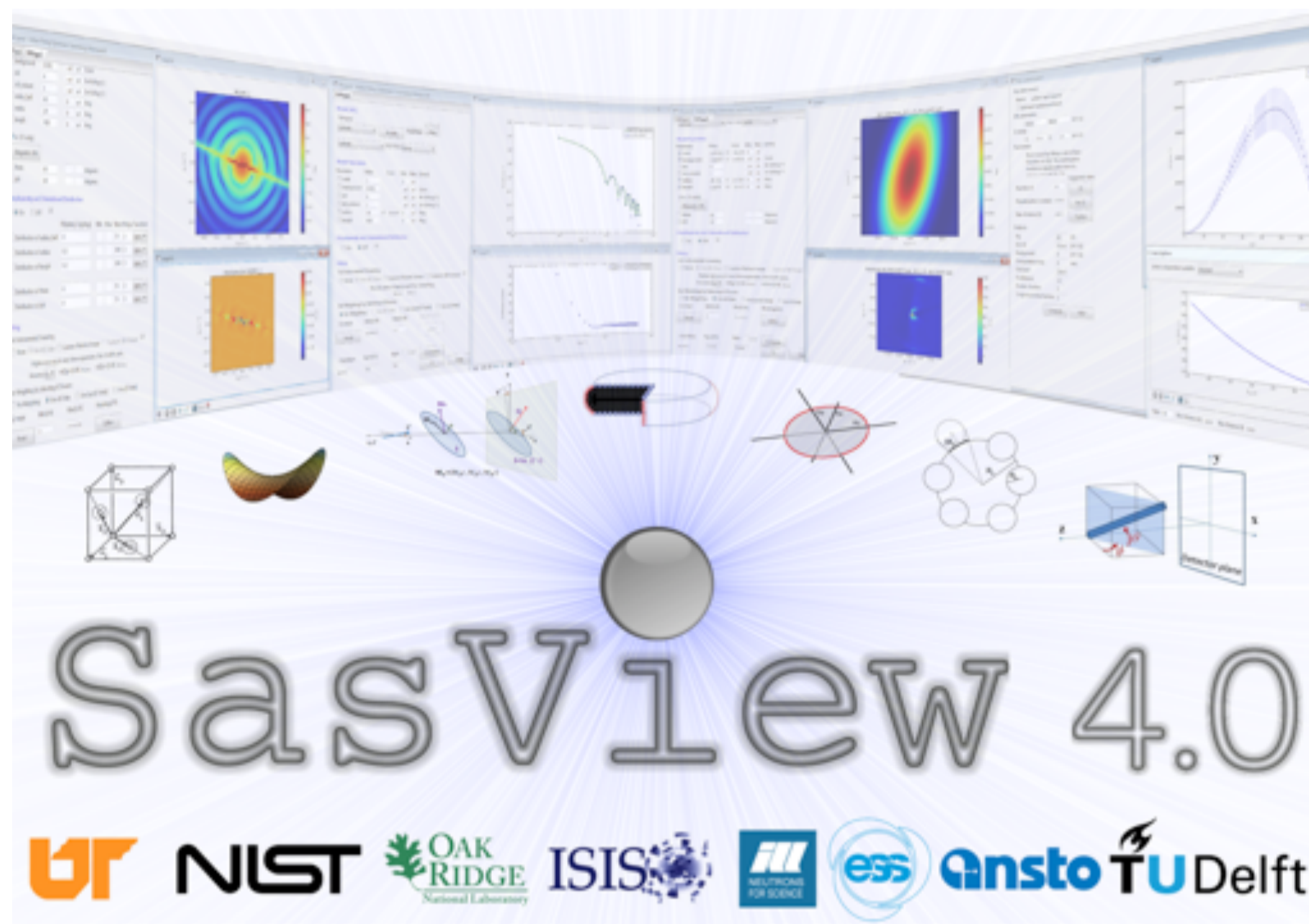
# SasView - Fitting

- Handles 1D and 2D data
- support for canSAS XML & NXcanSAS formats
- **Form and structure factors for various particle shapes**
- Different optimizers (Bayesian Statistics)
- Allows polydispersity
- Simultaneous and batch fitting



# SasView 4.0 is out

- SasView "built-in" models have been separated out into an **independent package (aka SASmodels)**
- Easy to add custom user models (including advanced)
- Support for OpenCL
- All model documentation has been reviewed and updated
- Number of minor bugs fixed

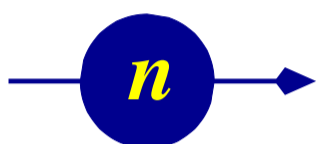


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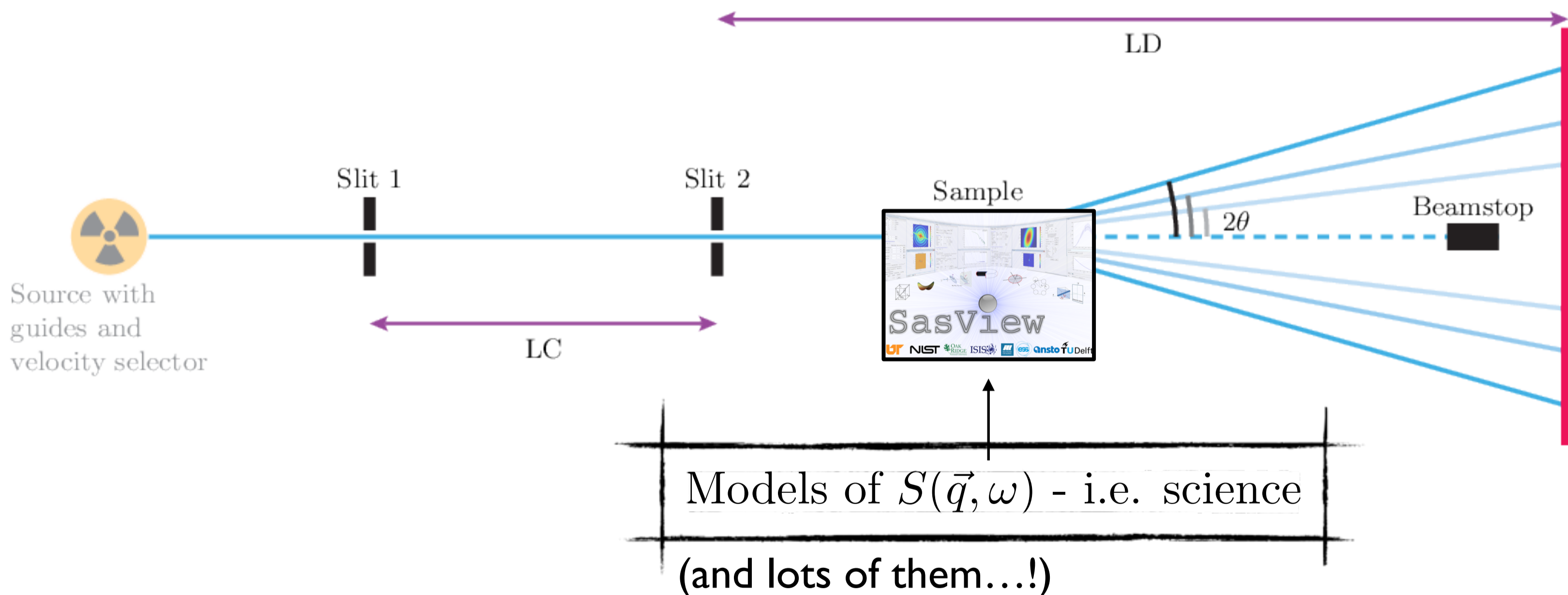
<https://github.com/SasView/sasview/releases/tag/v4.0>

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McStas



What will access to SASview give McStas?



# What is Mantid?

- A Framework for Reduction and Analysis of Neutron and Muon Data
  - Can Be accessed by
    - MantidPlot
    - Python Interface
    - C++ API
  - Has a set of data objects, methods and Algorithms well suited towards scattering science

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# Partners and Contributors

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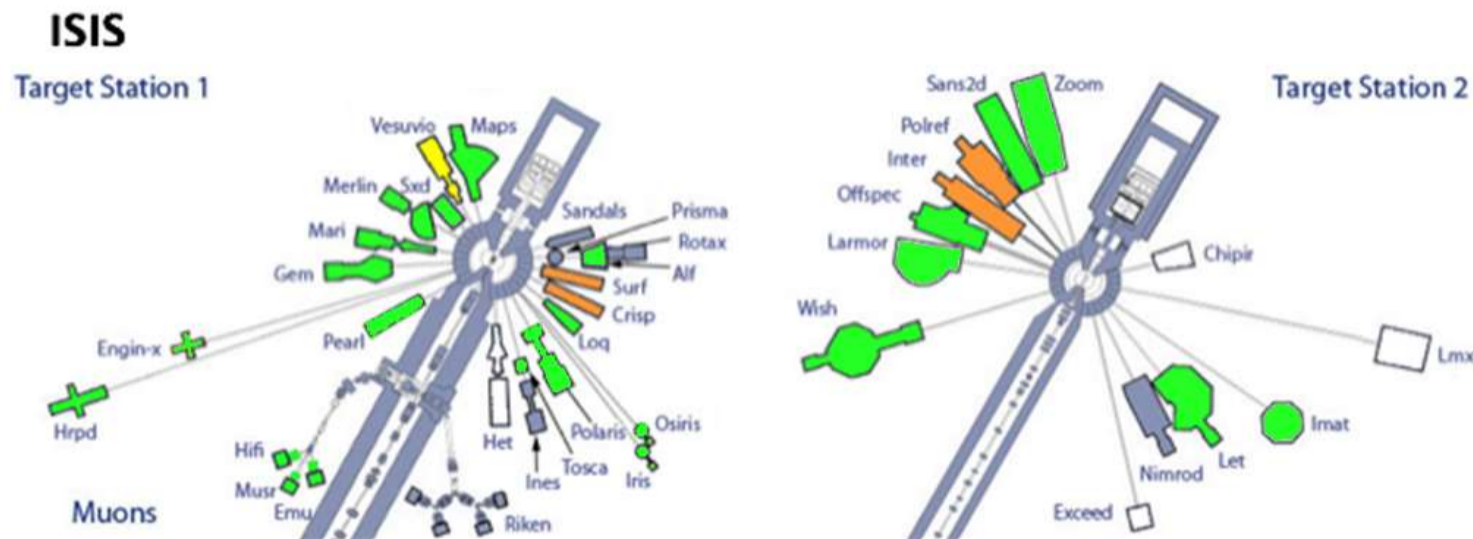
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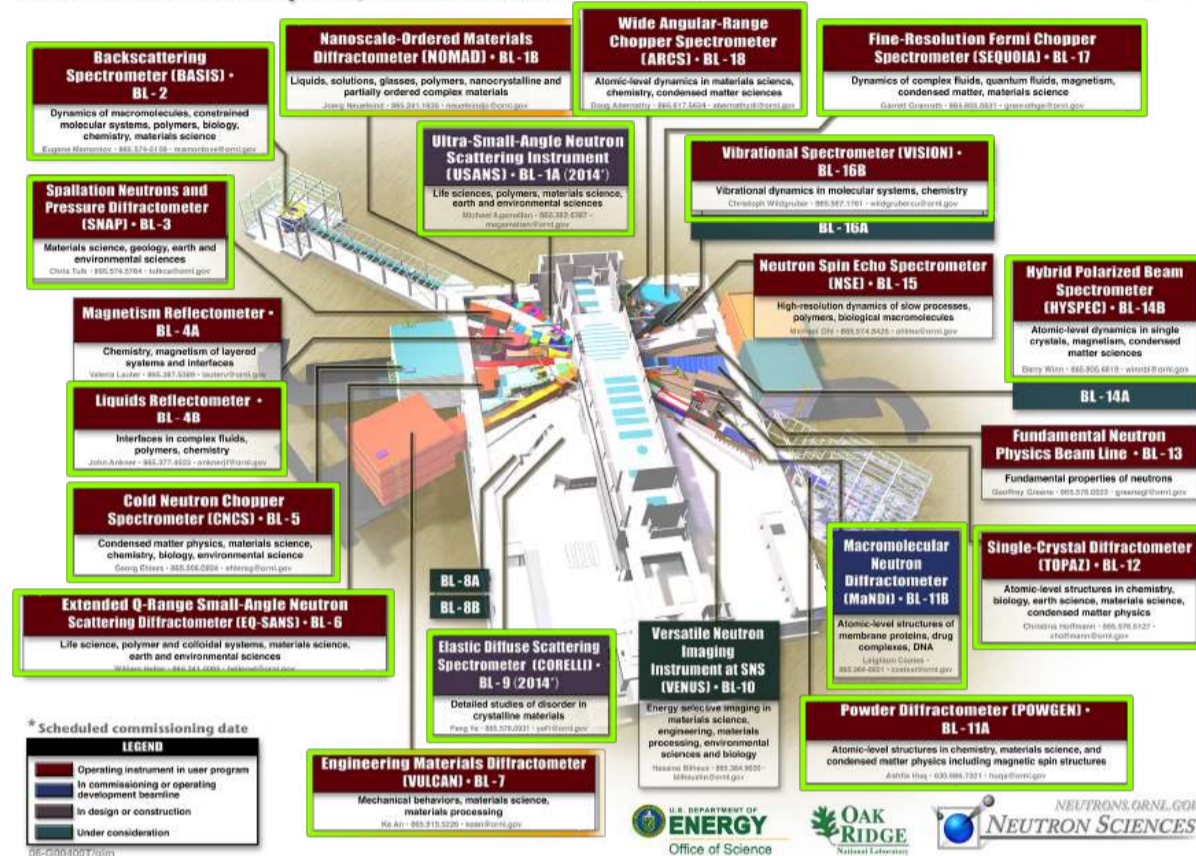
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# Other instruments



- NMI3 supported evaluation
- IN4,5 & 6
- D33



- Focus
- Poldi



- Mibemol



- Pelican
- Bilby

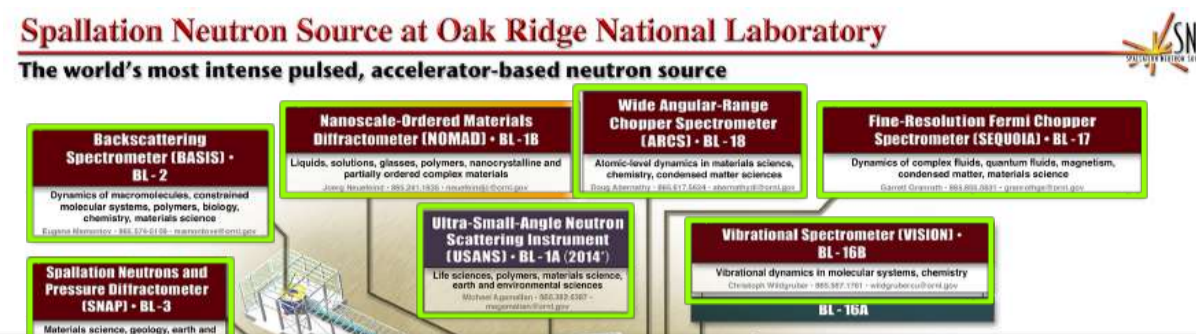


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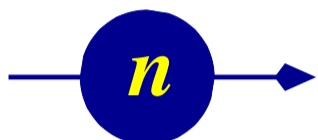
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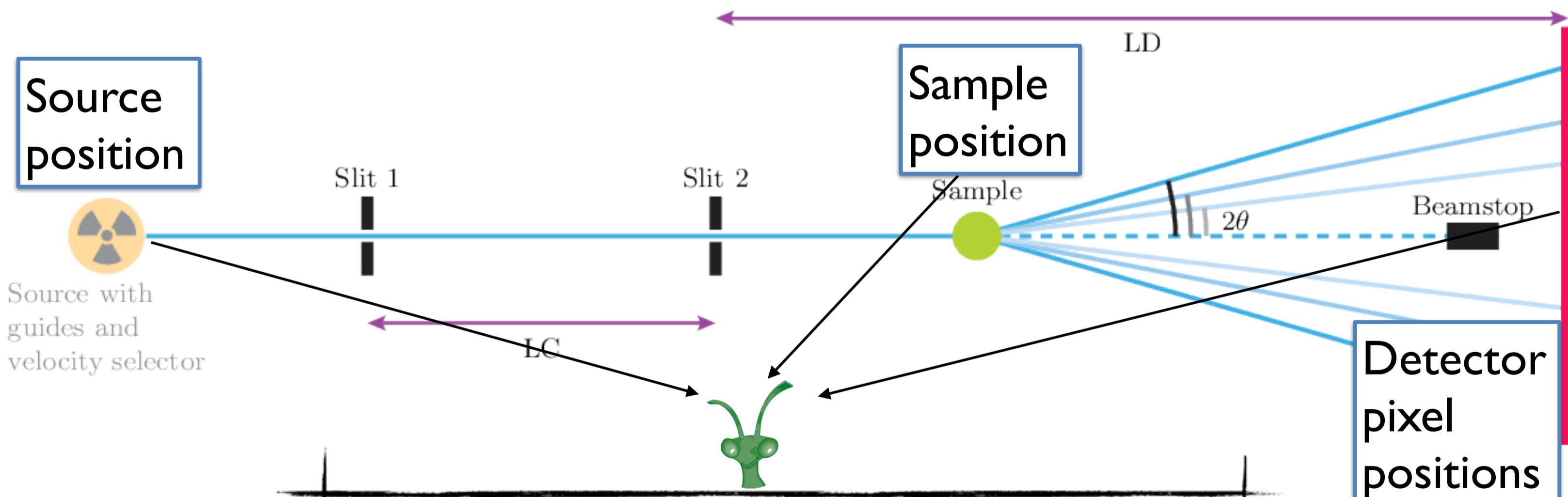
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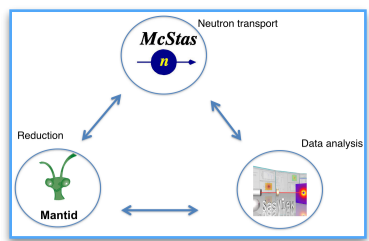


What will access to Mantid give McStas?



$$+ \text{ToF}_n \rightarrow \vec{k}_i, \vec{k}_f, \vec{q}, \hbar\omega, \rightarrow S(\vec{q}, \omega) \rightarrow \text{science}$$

(Presentation and handling of simulation data ala non-virtual ToF instruments...)



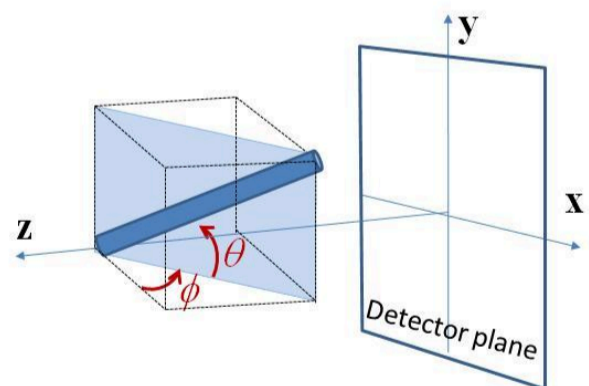
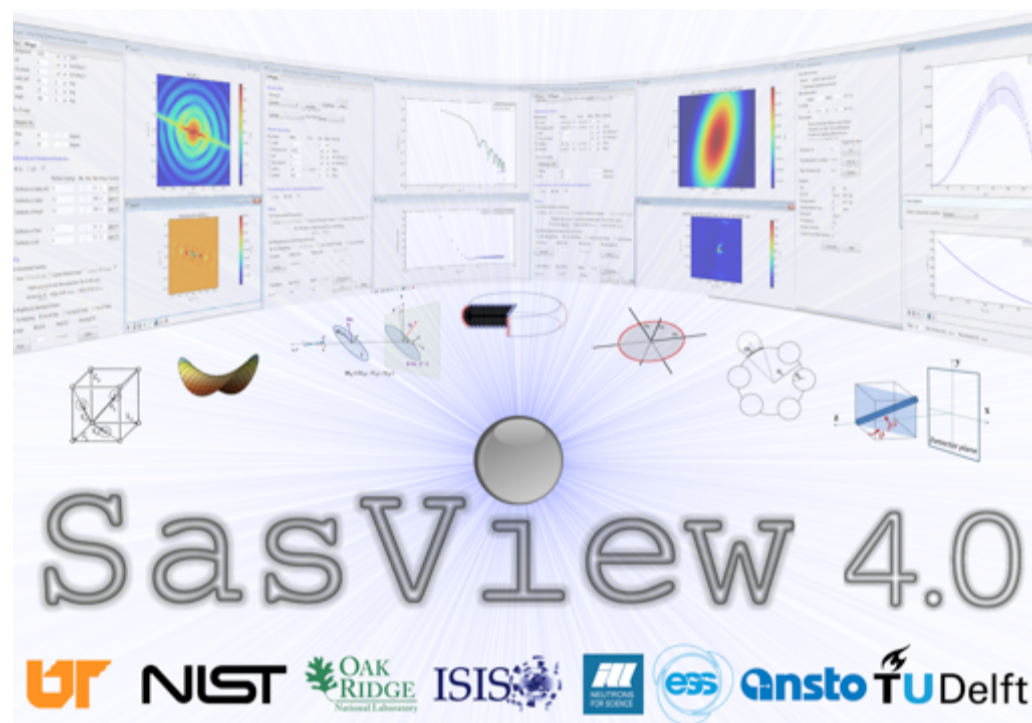
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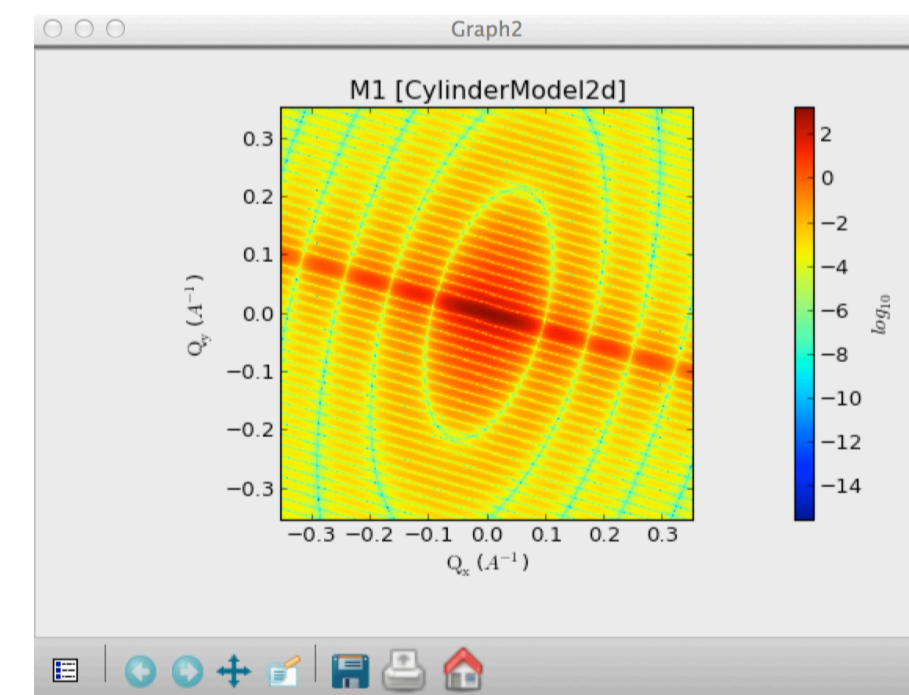
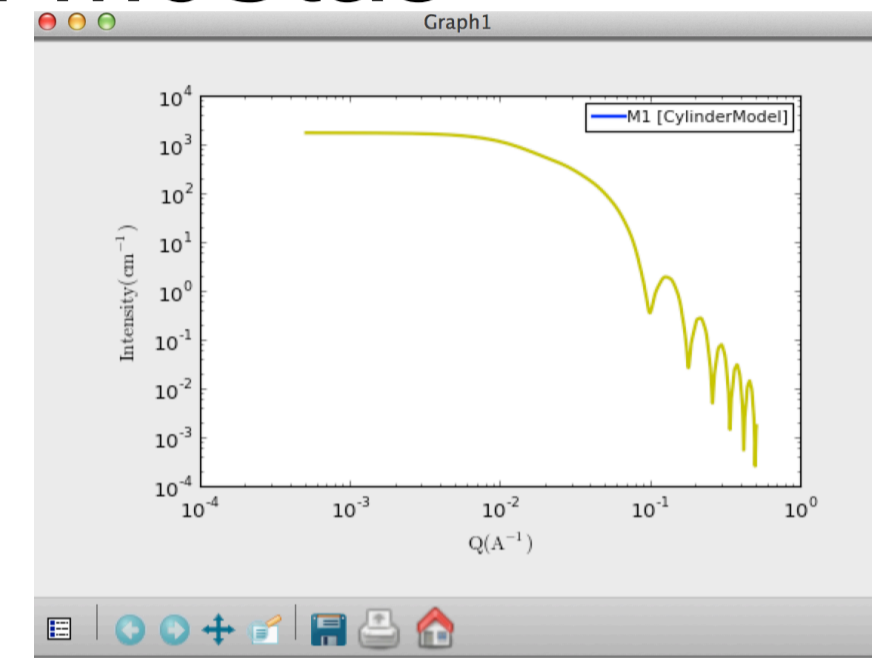
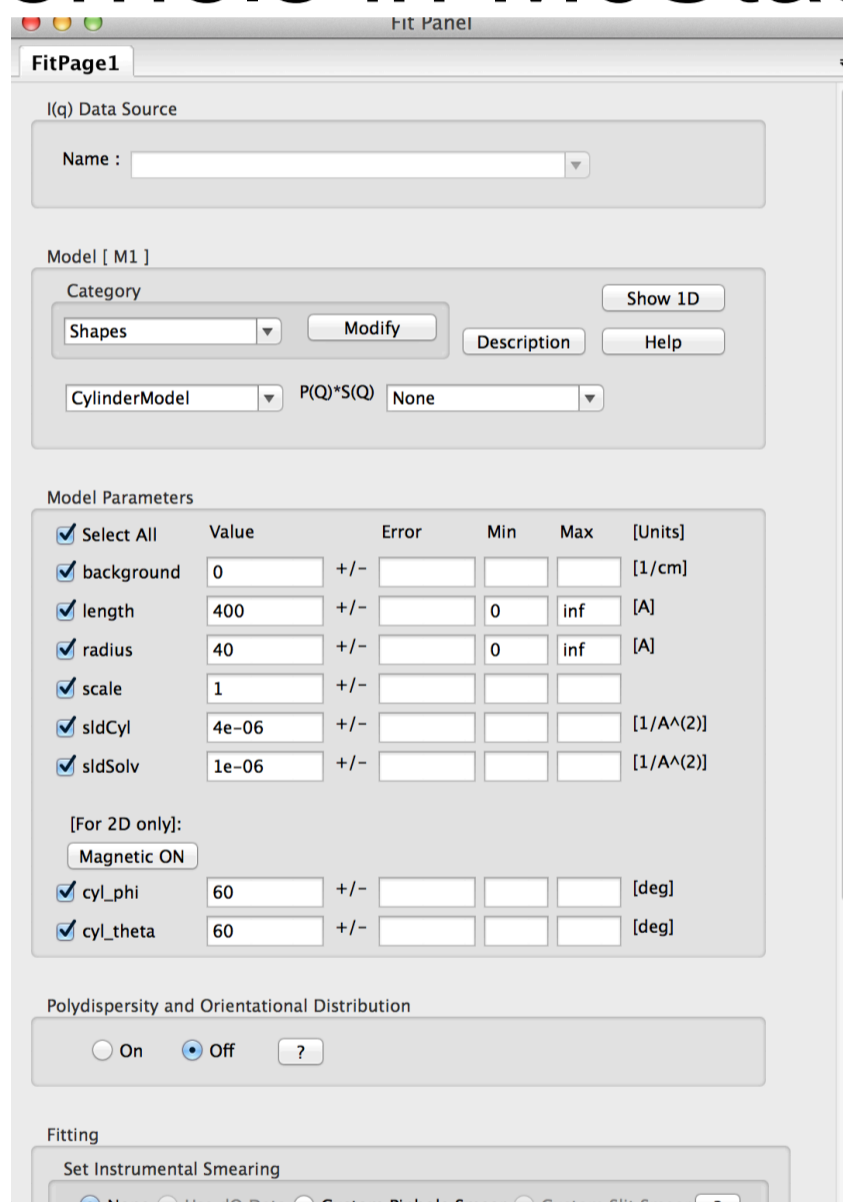
✓❖ McStas used for instrument design work at

✓❖ LoKI team needed 2D scattering kernels in McStas

✓❖ Use SasView scattering kernels in McStas



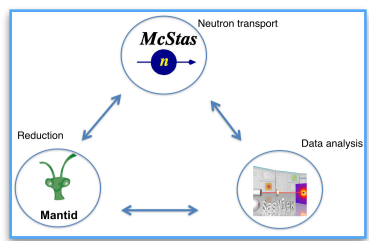
SasView scattering kernel: Orientated cylinder



✓❖ Mantid is reduction software for



❖ Make solution with all 3 for bootstrapping the analysis pipeline!



# McStas ~~generator~~ SasView model

Generator .py scripts.

## The sasView\_m

This SANS sample exposes [Sas](#)

### Identification

- **Author:** Jakob Garde, To
- **Origin:** SasView, DTU, I
- **Date:** 03.02.2016
- **Version:** 0.5

### Description

Sample for use in SANS ins

Shape: - A filled b  
- A cylinder  
- A filled s

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Example using spheres in t  
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Or, add the flag "-std=c99

The list of scattering mod

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McStas does currently not

The 2D scattering scatter

Input:

Folder with SASmodels

Output:

c-code snippets

McStas component interface

Linked documentation

Result distributed with McStas

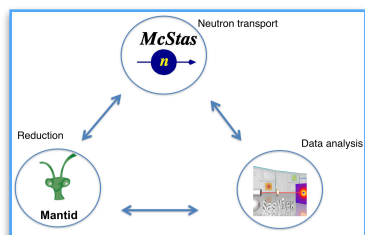
User has tools to (re-)generate

ne shape:

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ble below.

index=10 to use cylinder\_xy.



# McStas mcdoc: SasView\_model

[ [Identification](#) | [Description](#) | [Input parameters](#) | [Output parameters](#) | [Links](#) ]

## The SasView\_model Component

This SANS sample exposes [SasView's](#) scattering kernels to McStas. In this way SasView's monodisperse scattering kernels can be call from McStas.

### Identification

- **Author:** Jakob Garde, Torben Nielsen, Peter Willendrup
- **Origin:** SasView, DTU, European Spallation Source ERIC
- **Date:** 03.02.2016
- **Version:** 0.5

### Description

Sample for use in SANS instruments. The models describe mono disperse particles in thin solution. The sample geometry may have the shape:

- Shape:
- A filled box with dimensions xwidth, yheight and zdepth.
  - A cylinder with dimensions radius and yheight.
  - A filled sphere given by radius.

These parameters are mutually exclusive.

Example using spheres in thin solution, with radius=200 AA and a delta\_sld=0.6 fm/AA<sup>3</sup>:

```
SasView_model(model_index=47, model_scale=1.0, model_pars={1, 7, 200}, model_abs=0.0,
              xwidth=0.01, yheight=0.01, zdepth=0.005,)
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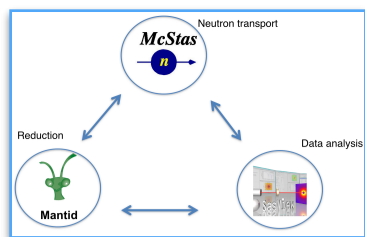
The algorithm of this component requires use of the ISO C standard c99. You could use MCSTAS\_CFLAGS like MCSTAS\_CFLAGS = -std=c99 -g -O2 -lm. Or, add the flag "-std=c99" to "C flags" in the mcgui or mcgui-py config.

The list of scattering models in SasView is called sasmodels. The list of McStas available [SasView sasmodels](#) are found in the table below.

A few models may require manual documentation lookup using the above link to the SasView site.

McStas does currently not support multiplication of formfactor models with structure factor models.

The 2D scattering scattering kernels are denoted by modelname\_xy. I.e. to evalulate scattering from aligned cylinders use model\_index=10 to use cylinder\_xy.



# McStas mcdoc: SasView\_model

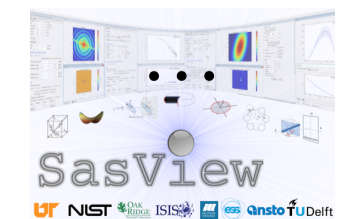
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0	None	None
1	<a href="#">barbell</a>	(sld, solvent_sld, bell_radius, radius, length)
2	<a href="#">barbell_xy</a>	(sld, solvent_sld, bell_radius, radius, length, theta, phi)
3	<a href="#">bcc_paracrystal</a>	(dnn, d_factor, radius, sld, solvent_sld)
4	<a href="#">bcc_paracrystal_xy</a>	(dnn, d_factor, radius, sld, solvent_sld, theta, phi, psi)
5	<a href="#">capped_cylinder</a>	(sld, solvent_sld, radius, cap_radius, length)
6	<a href="#">capped_cylinder_xy</a>	(sld, solvent_sld, radius, cap_radius, length, theta, phi)
7	<a href="#">core_shell_cylinder</a>	(core_sld, shell_sld, solvent_sld, radius, thickness, length)
8	<a href="#">core_shell_cylinder_xy</a>	(core_sld, shell_sld, solvent_sld, radius, thickness, length, theta, phi)
9	<a href="#">cylinder</a>	(sld, solvent_sld, radius, length)
10	<a href="#">cylinder_xy</a>	(sld, solvent_sld, radius, length, theta, phi)
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58	<a href="#">triaxial_ellipsoid_xy</a>	(sld, solvent_sld, req_minor, req_major, rpolar, theta, phi, psi)

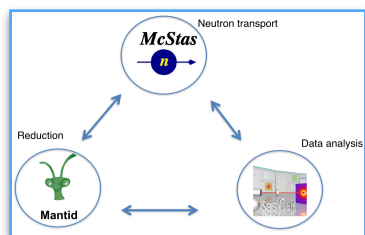
McStas  
  
 Normal  
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 interface  
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Available SasView sasmodels - Extended paramet

sasmodels name	Parameters	Units	Range
<a href="#">barbell</a>	{ 4, 1, 40, 20, 400 }		
<a href="#">barbell_xy</a>	{ 4, 1, 40, 20, 400, 60, 60 }		
	Parameters:		
	Barbell scattering length density	4e-6/Ang <sup>2</sup>	[-inf, inf]
	Solvent scattering length density	1e-6/Ang <sup>2</sup>	[-inf, inf]
	Spherical bell radius	Ang	[0, inf]
	Cylindrical bar radius	Ang	[0, inf]
	Cylinder bar length	Ang	[0, inf]
	In plane angle	degrees	[-inf, inf]
	Out of plane angle	degrees	[-inf, inf]

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 SASview  
 models  
 and their  
 docs





# McStas mcdoc: SasView\_model

- Links to SasView documentation

## 2.1.14. CylinderModel

This model provides the form factor for a right circular cylinder with uniform scattering length density. The form factor is normalized by the particle volume.

For information about polarised and magnetic scattering, click [here](#).

### 2.1.14.1. Definition

The output of the 2D scattering intensity function for oriented cylinders is given by (Guinier, 1955)

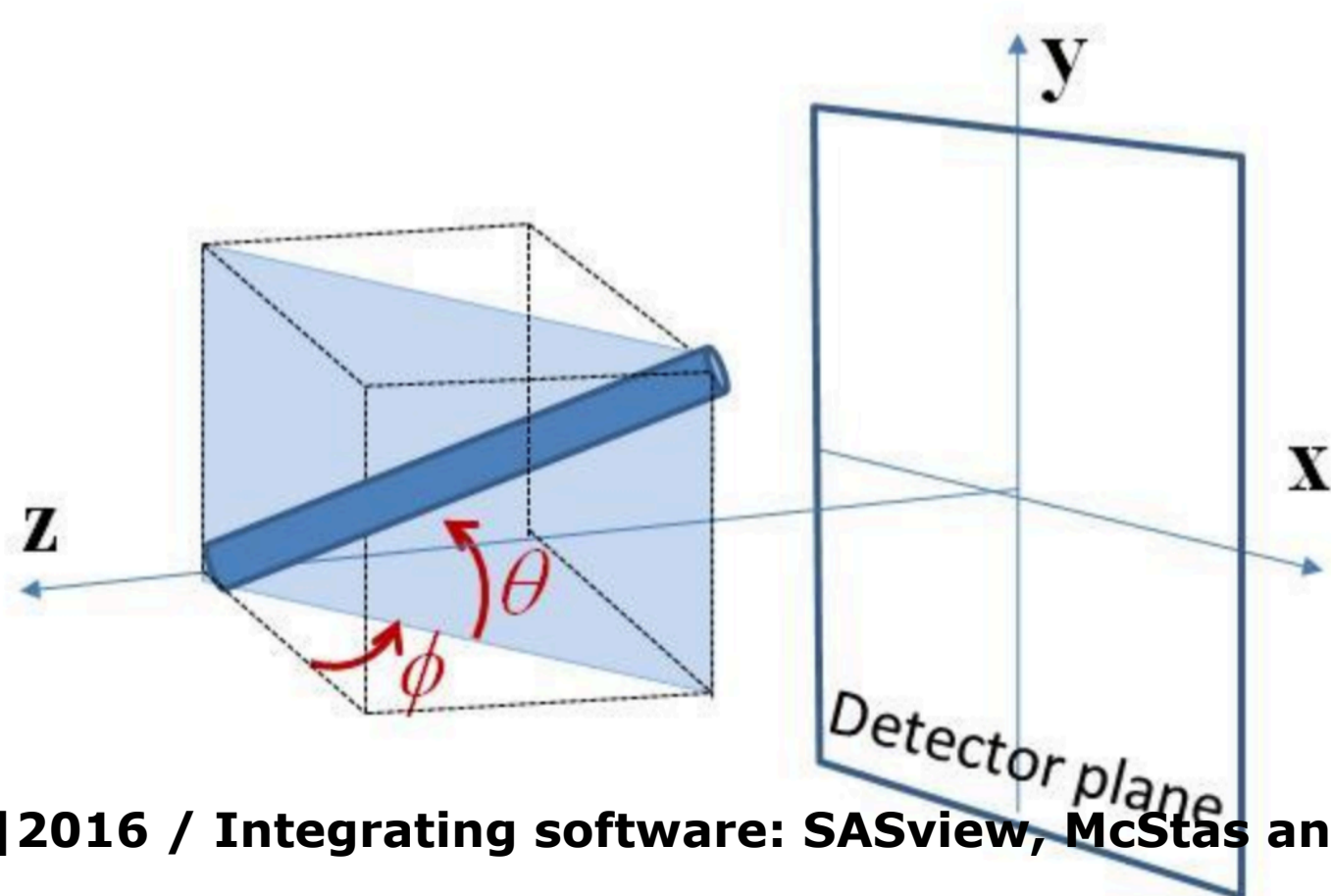
$$P(q, \alpha) = \frac{scale}{V} f^2(q) + bkg$$

where

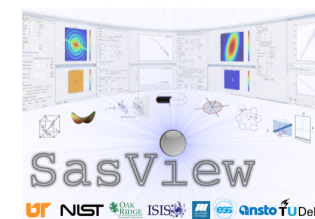
$$f(q) = 2(\Delta\rho)V \sin(qL \cos \alpha / 2) / (qL \cos \alpha / 2) \frac{J_1(qr \sin \alpha)}{(qr \sin \alpha)}$$

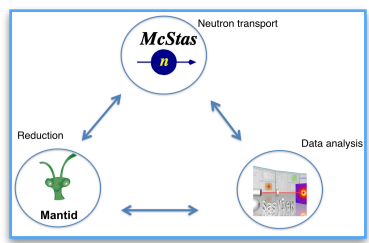
and  $\alpha$  is the angle between the axis of the cylinder and the  $q$ -vector,  $V$  is the volume of the cylinder,  $L$  is the length of the cylinder,  $r$  is the radius of the cylinder, and  $\Delta\rho$  (contrast) is the scattering length density difference between the scatterer and the solvent.  $J_1$  is the first order Bessel function.

To provide easy access to the orientation of the cylinder, we define the axis of the cylinder using two angles  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ . Those angles are defined in Figure 1.



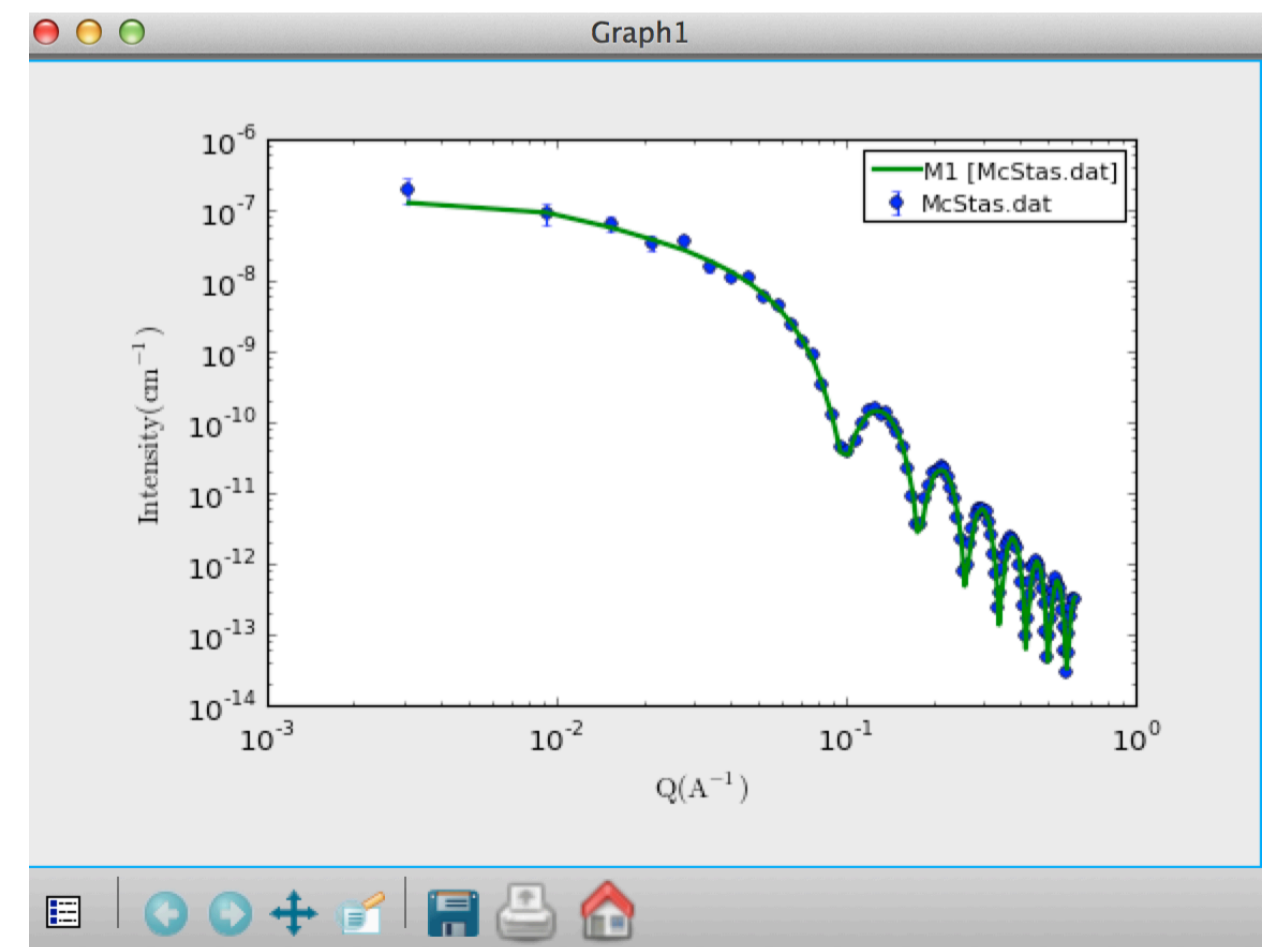
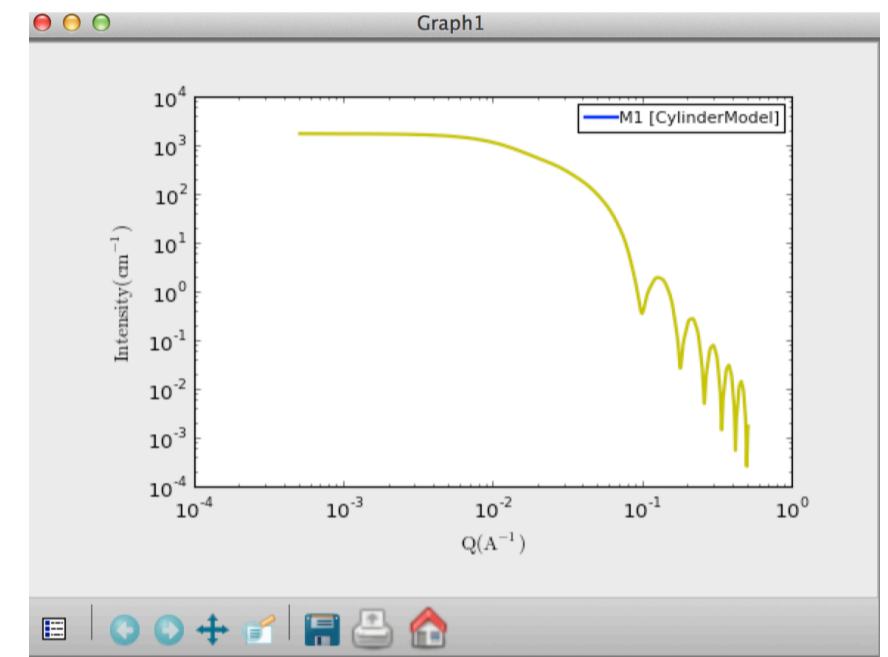
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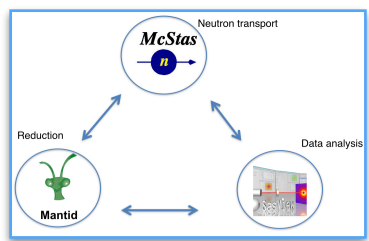


## SasView -> McStas -> SasView

- SasView cylinder model (1D) scattering kernel used in McStas
- radius = 40 Å, length = 400 Å
- McStas event data saved as I(q)
- SasView reads McStas I(q) data
- SasView fit engine gives:
  - radius = 40 Å
  - Length = 401 Å

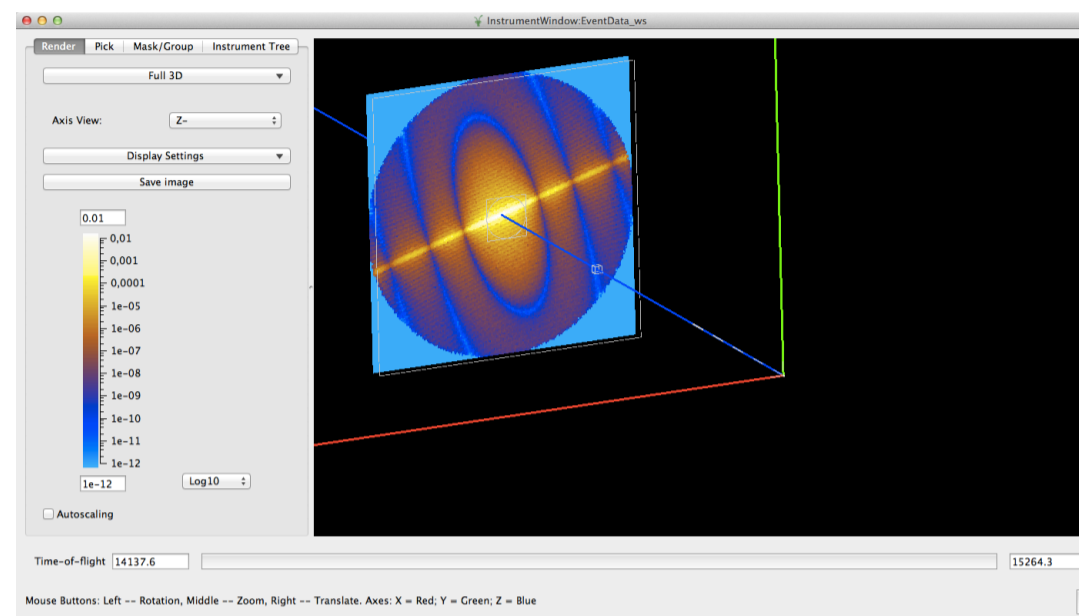
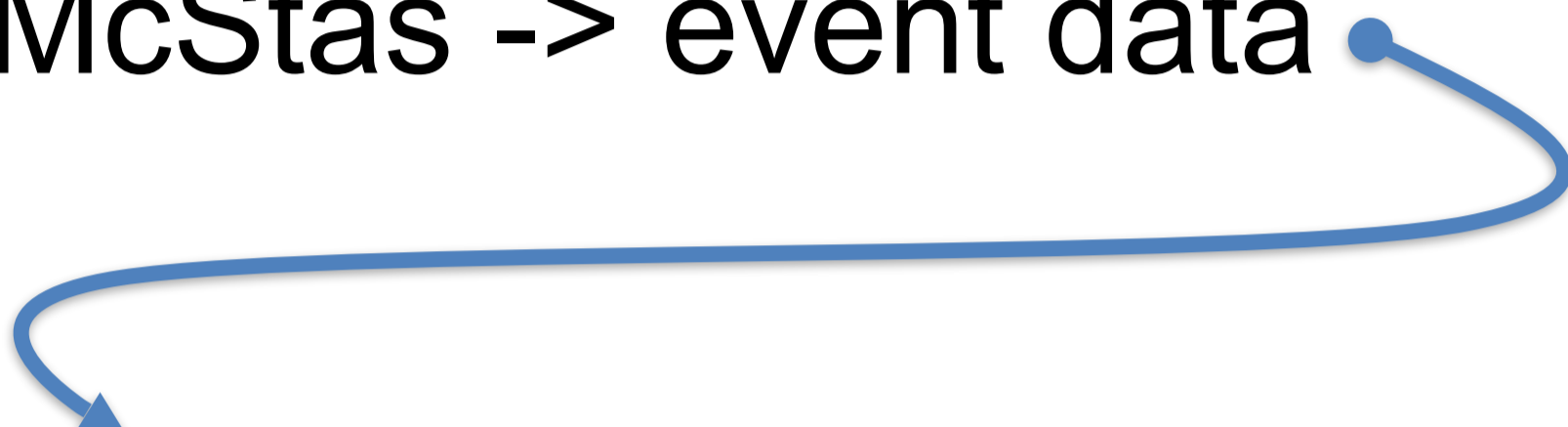




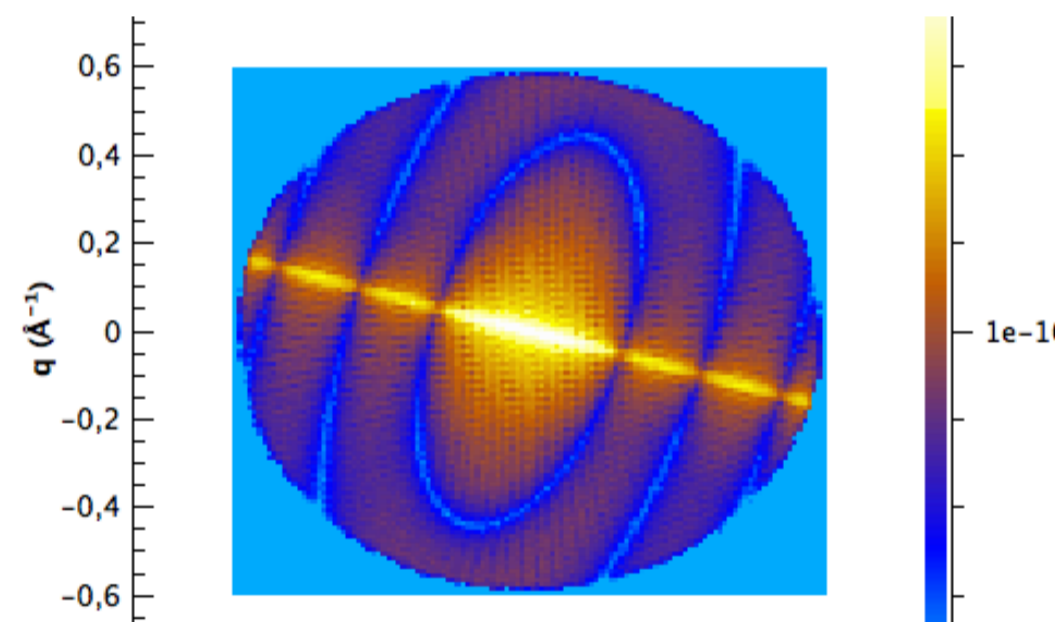
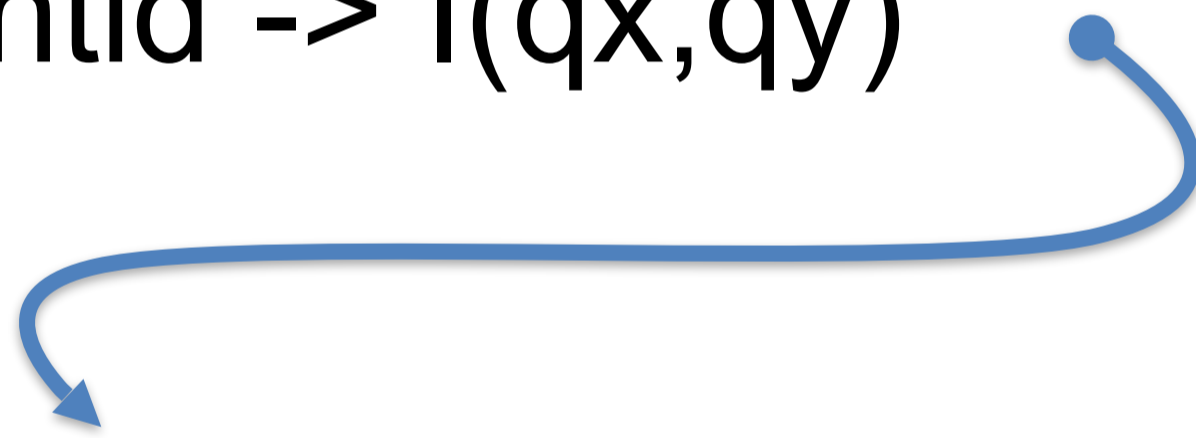


# SasView -> McStas -> Mantid -> SasView

McStas -> event data

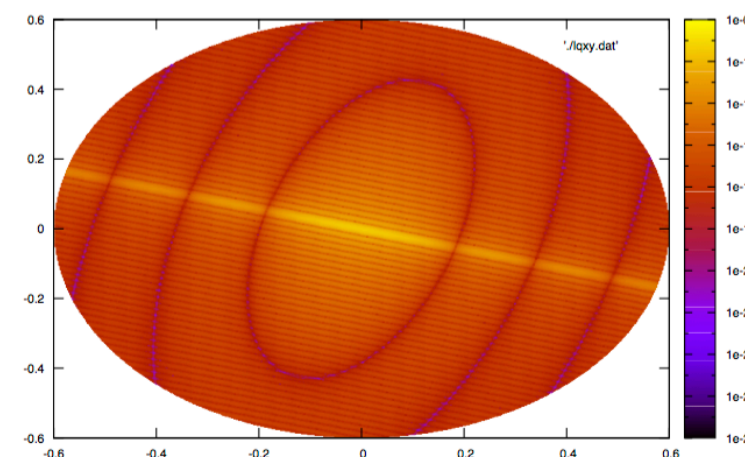


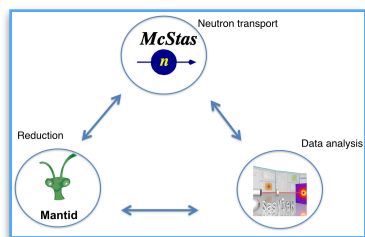
Mantid ->  $I(q_x, q_y)$



SasView -> model parameters

2D scattering kernel: Orientated cylinder





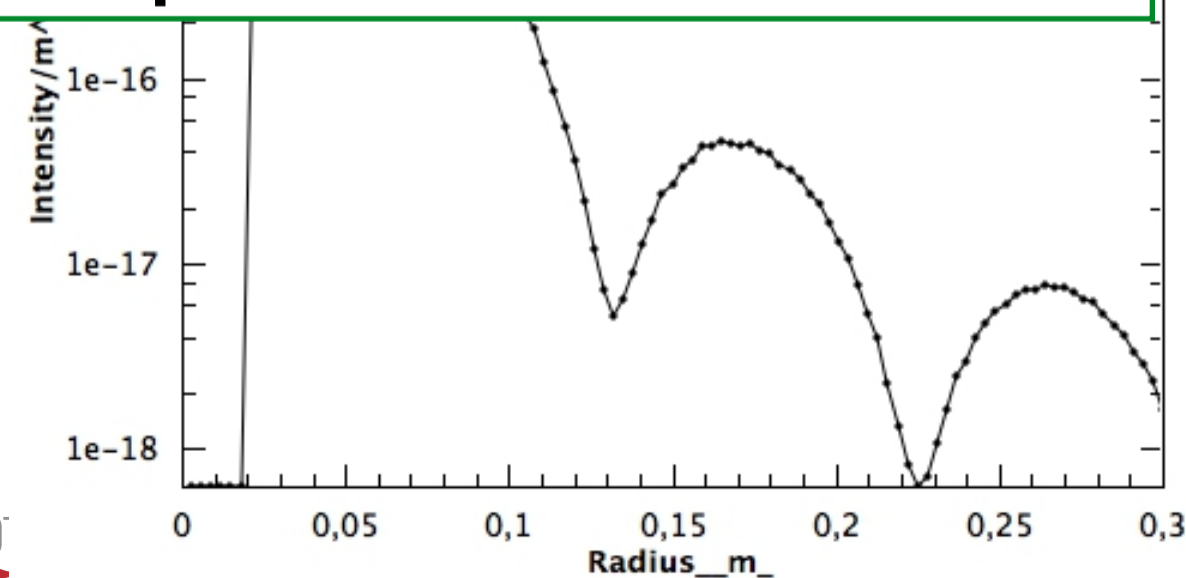
# McStas data in Mantid

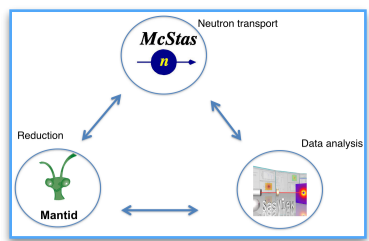
- mcdisplay 3d-visualiser modified to generate Mantid IDF xml file
- Monitor\_nD (E. Farhi) output event data with “Pixel ID” and ToF
  - Rectangular geometry
  - Cylindrical geometry
  - “Freeform” OFF surface geometry

- McStas > 2.1 on machine, NeXus libs, Mantid
- Special component naming, defines source, sample and detectors for Mantid geometry
- Generate XML using mcdisplay --format=Mantid
- Run with mcrun/mcgui selecting NeXus output

X\_position\_cm\_

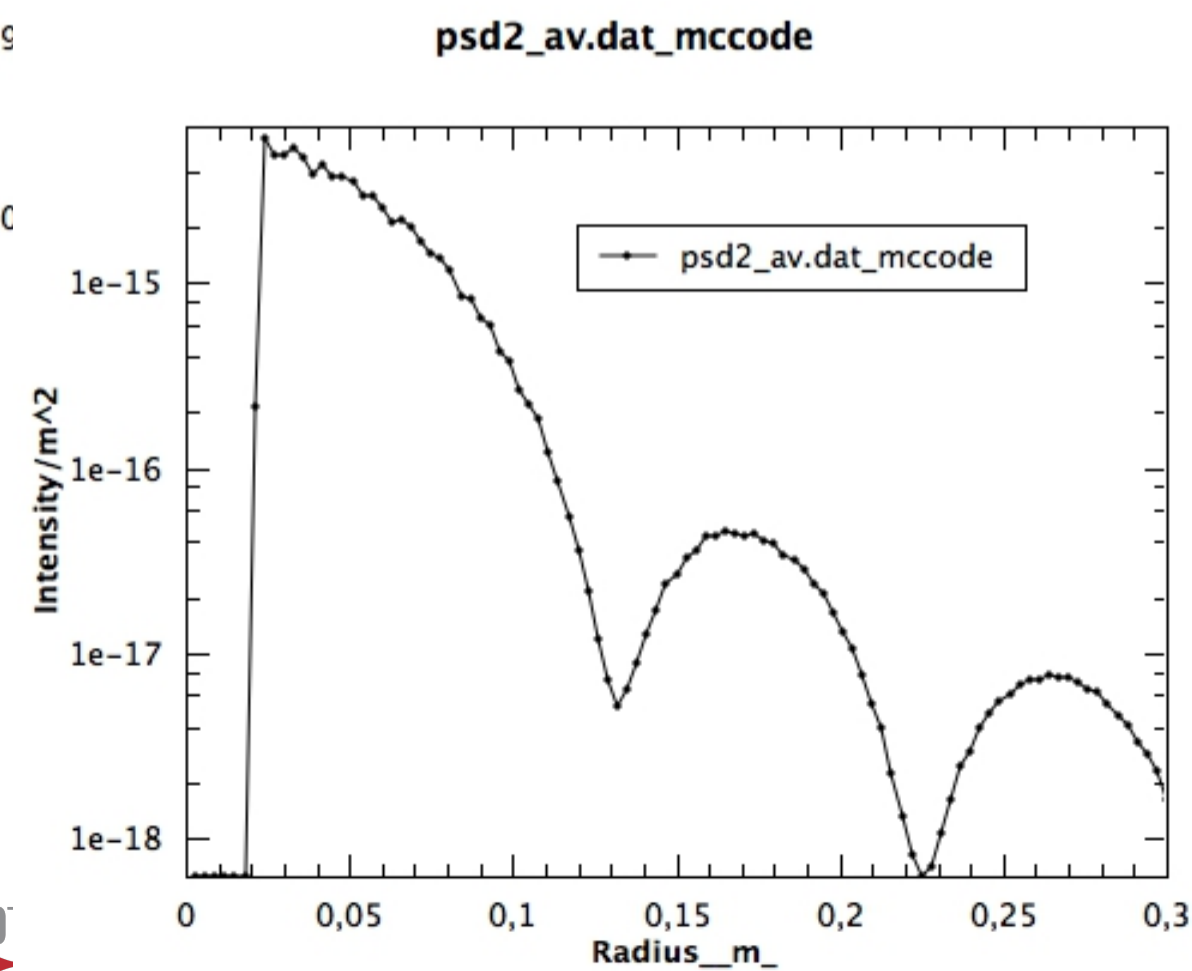
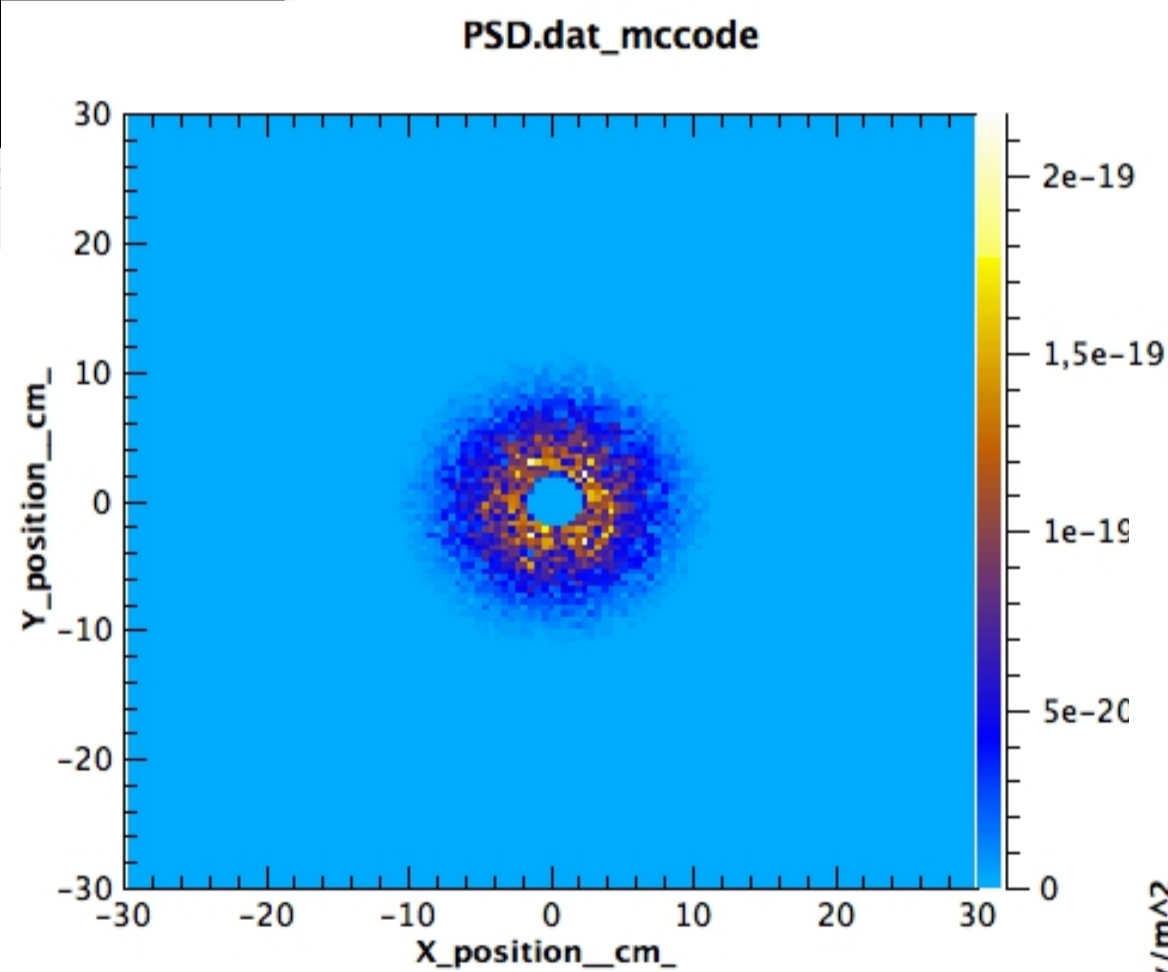
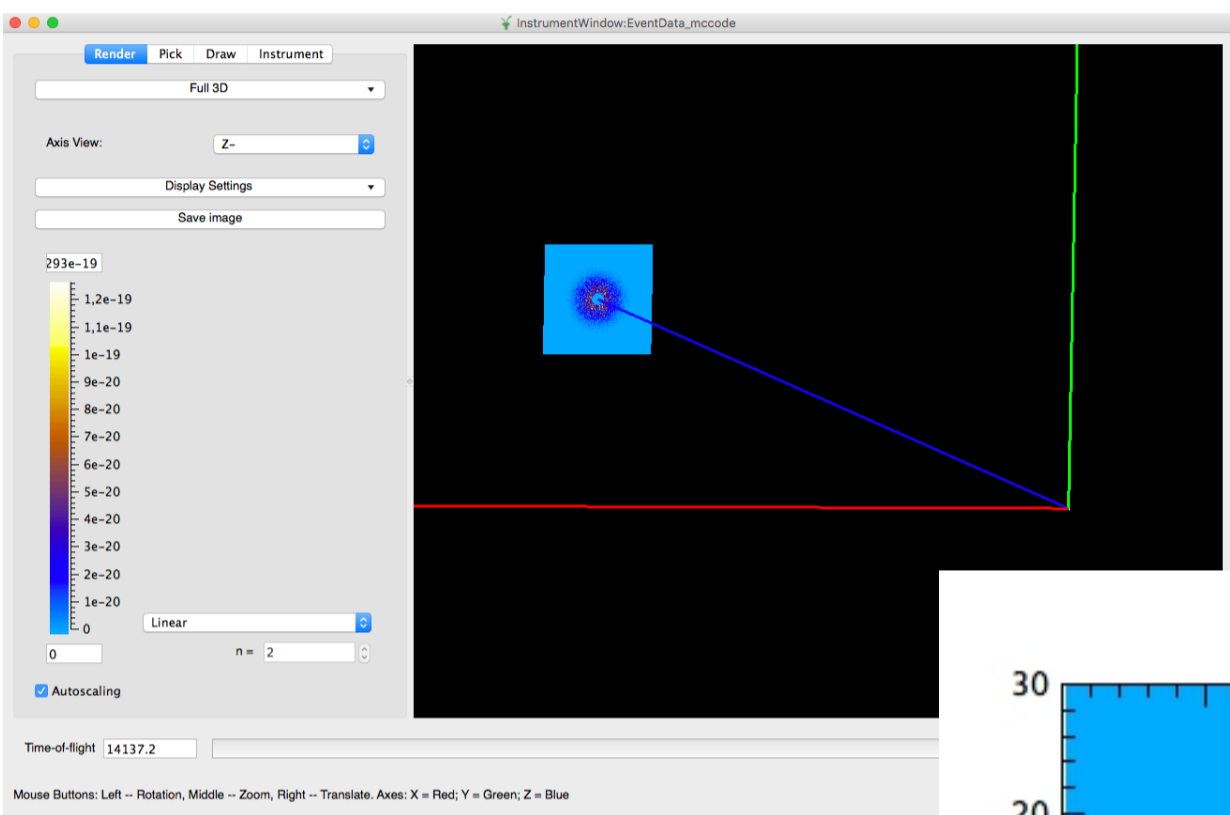
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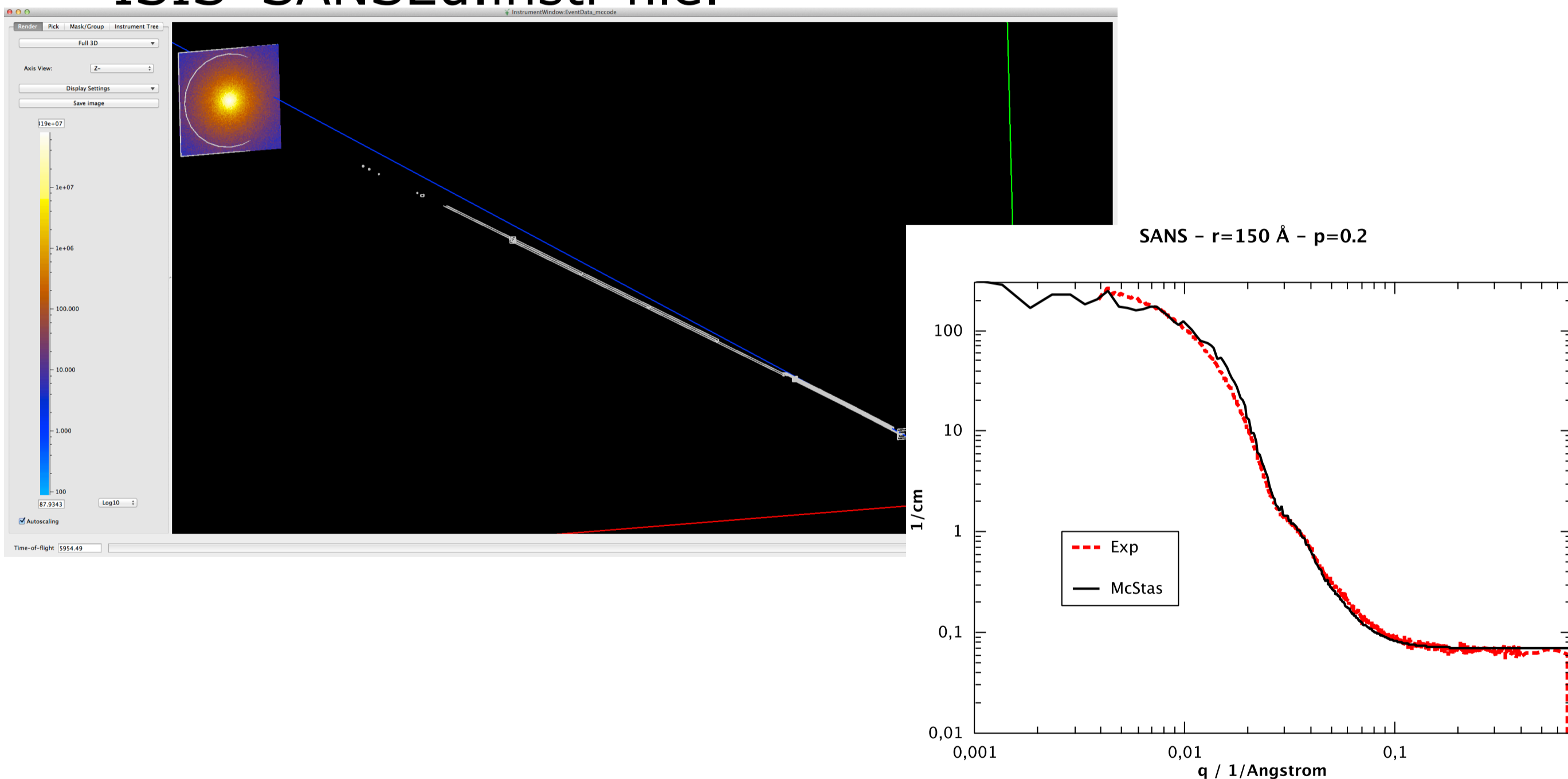
# McStas data in Mantid

templateSANS\_Mantid.instr

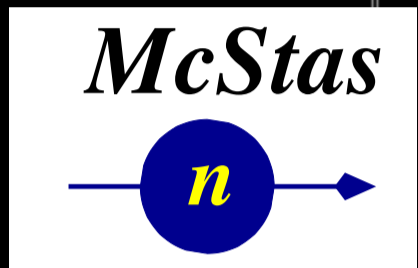
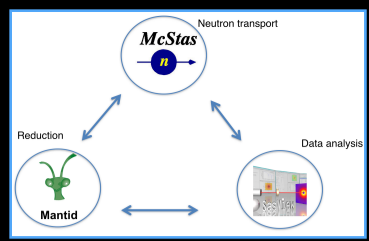


# Data reduction and analysis

Mantid view of the McStas event data generated for the ISIS SANS2d.instr file.



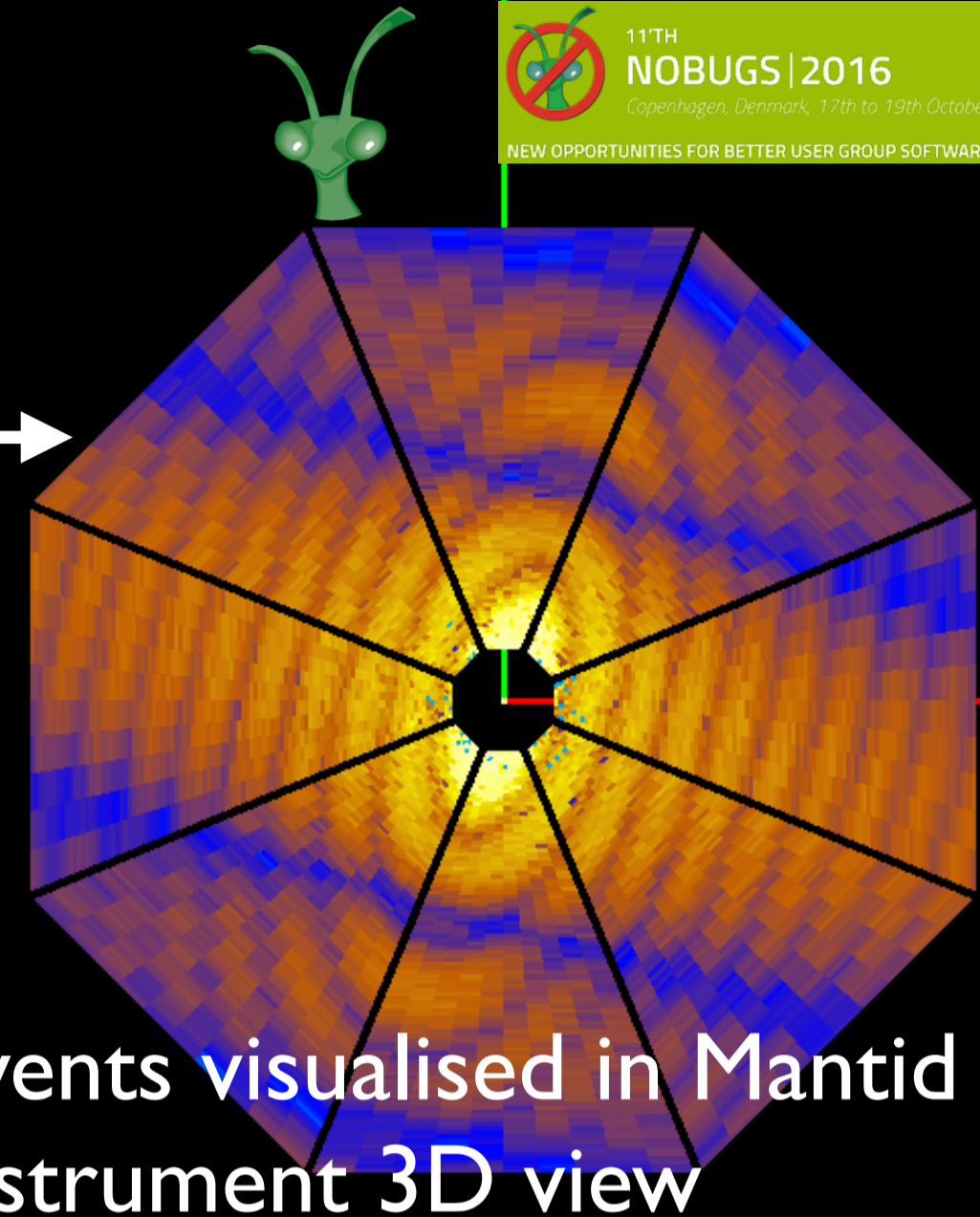
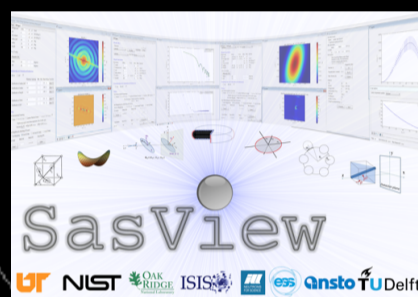
Comparison of rescaled scattering intensity  $I(q)$  derived from the experimental data and a McStas simulation.



McStas simulation

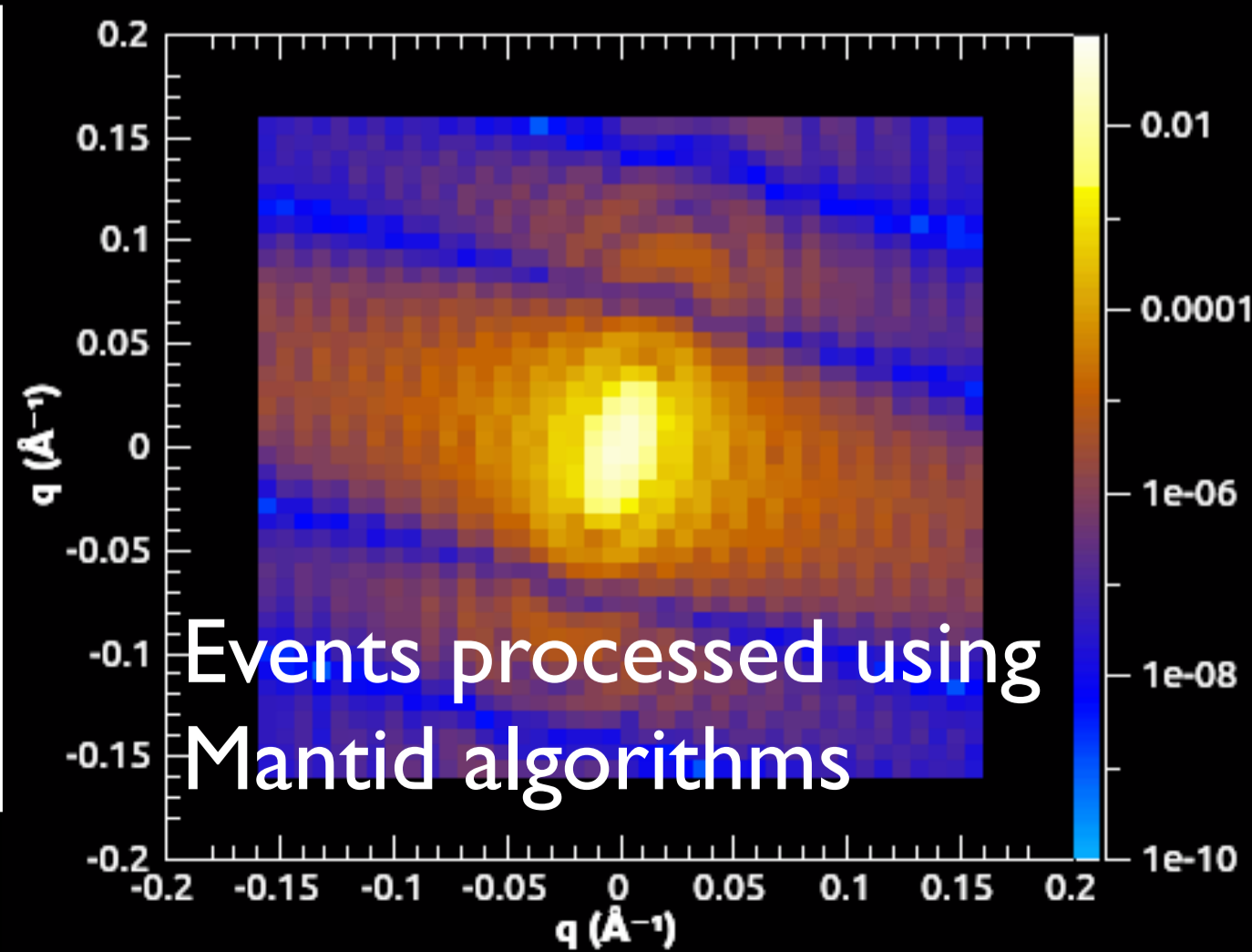
LoKI detector in OFF file

2D scattering kernel from



Events visualised in Mantid instrument 3D view

$lqxqy\_delta=0.008$



Events processed using Mantid algorithms

Future:

- Reduction uses McStas, e.g. for multiple scattering corrections
- Modeling & analysis includes instrument resolution effects from McStas
- Links to other “sample” oriented codes



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## New developments in the McStas neutron Monte Carlo ray-tracing package

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The [McStas][1] neutron ray-tracing simulation package is a versatile tool for producing accurate simulations of neutron scattering instruments at reactors, short- and long-pulsed spallation sources such as the European Spallation Source. McStas It is extensively used for design and optimization of instruments, virtual experiments, data analysis and user training. McStas was founded as an scientif ... [More](#)

Presented by **Mr. Peter WILLENDRUP** on **17 Oct 2016** at **17:00**

*McStas*



## Latest results and features with McXtrace 1.3

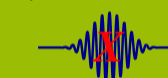
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[McXtrace][1] [1][2] is a Monte Carlo Ray tracing package for performing simulations of any kind of X-ray optical instrumentation or scattering experiment. We present the latest results obtained using the new release McXtrace version 1.3. Some highlights of simulations using McXtrace include: 1. McXtrace in space - simulations of an X-ray telescope satellite ATHENA [3]. (See image) McXt ... [More](#)

Presented by **Dr. Erik KNUDSEN** on **17 Oct 2016** at **17:00**

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**McStas** Says  - but we'll do a little  also if you want :)

**Abstract:** The McStas Monte Carlo ray-trace simulation package is a well established tool for simulation of neutron optics, instrument and scattering experiments. McStas is an open source (GPL) code, developed in collaboration between DTU Physics, Institut Laue-Langevin, Paul Scherrer Institute, Niels Bohr Institute and the ESS Data Management and Software Centre.

At the 2016 McStas school held in connection with NOBUGS in Copenhagen, a group of McStas developers and expert users will lead your way through carefully chosen lecture material and hands-on exercises, thereby introducing you to the most important aspects of the package and its use. The covered topics range from basic installation and use of the code to advanced language features and possibilities for self-development of McStas components, all with the aim of allowing you to work independently with the package in the future.

A rough plan for the event includes the following stages:

- \* Thursday morning: McStas for "absolute beginners" - including intro talk and basic use of the package.
- \* Thursday afternoon: Overview of the most important optical components
- \* Friday morning: Samples and "complete instruments"
- \* Friday afternoon: Advanced McStas grammar, interfacing with other codes.

McStas: Thursday 20 October (09:00 - 17:00)

McStas: Friday 21 October (09:00 - 17:00)

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