

Disordered Materials: Glass physics

- > 2.7. Introduction, liquids, glasses
- > 4.7. Scattering off disordered matter:
static, elastic and dynamics structure factors
- > 9.7. Static structures:
X-ray scattering, EXAFS, (neutrons), data interpretation
- > **11.7. Dynamic structures and the glass transition**

Dynamic structure factor:

$$S(q, \omega) = \frac{1}{N} \sum e^{-iq(R-R')} \int \frac{dt}{2\pi} \left\langle e^{iqu(R',0)} e^{-iqu(R,t)} \right\rangle$$

FT of the density-density correlation function

Energy resolved inelastic scattering !



Time correlation: speckle spectroscopy

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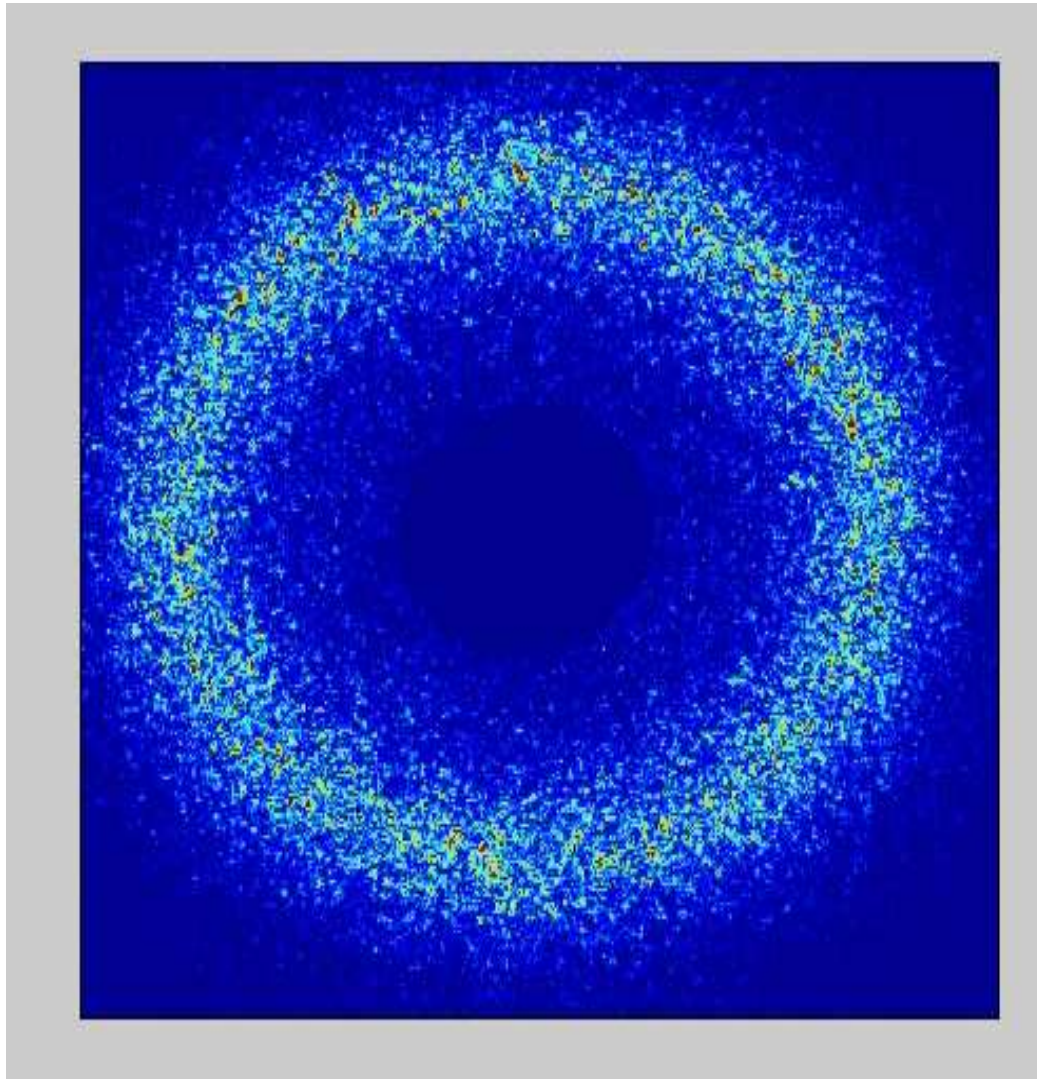
However, we cannot measure the phases

$$S(q, t) \approx \langle I(q,0)I(q,t) \rangle$$

This is – regardless of normalization - the time correlation function (see lecture 10)

$$g_2(Q, t) = \langle I(Q,0)I(Q,t) \rangle / \langle I(Q) \rangle^2$$





**Colloidal glass,
70 nm spheres**

2000 frames

4 GB

400 s exposure

Courtesy Ch. Gutt

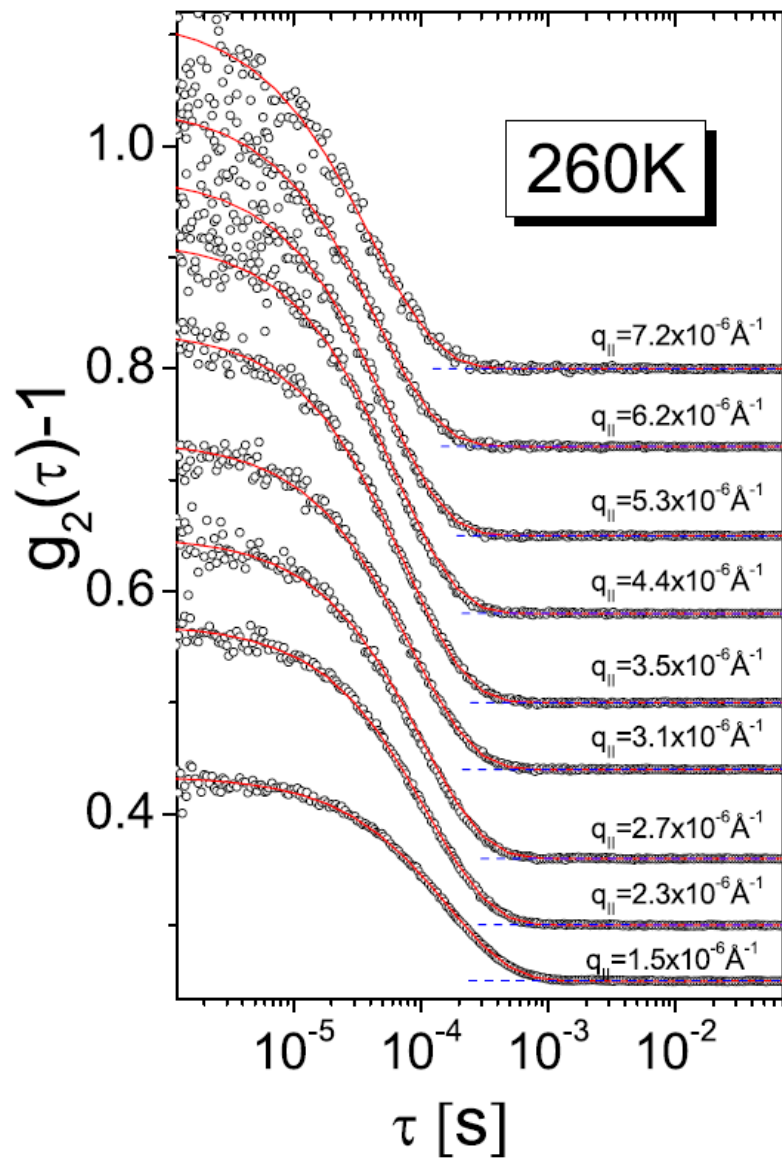


Figure 6.19: Intensity autocorrelation functions $g_2(\tau, q_x)$ recorded on the surface of dibutyl phthalate at 260 K. The origin of the correlation functions have been shifted for clarity and marked with the dashed blue line.

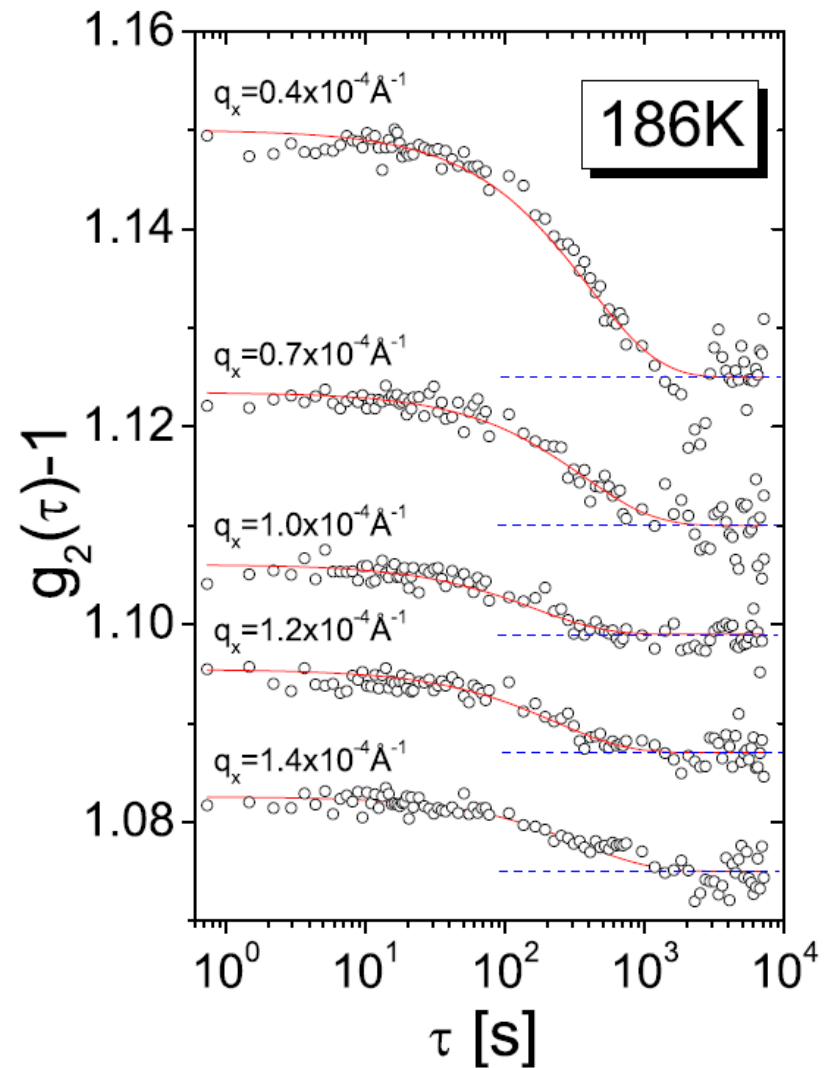
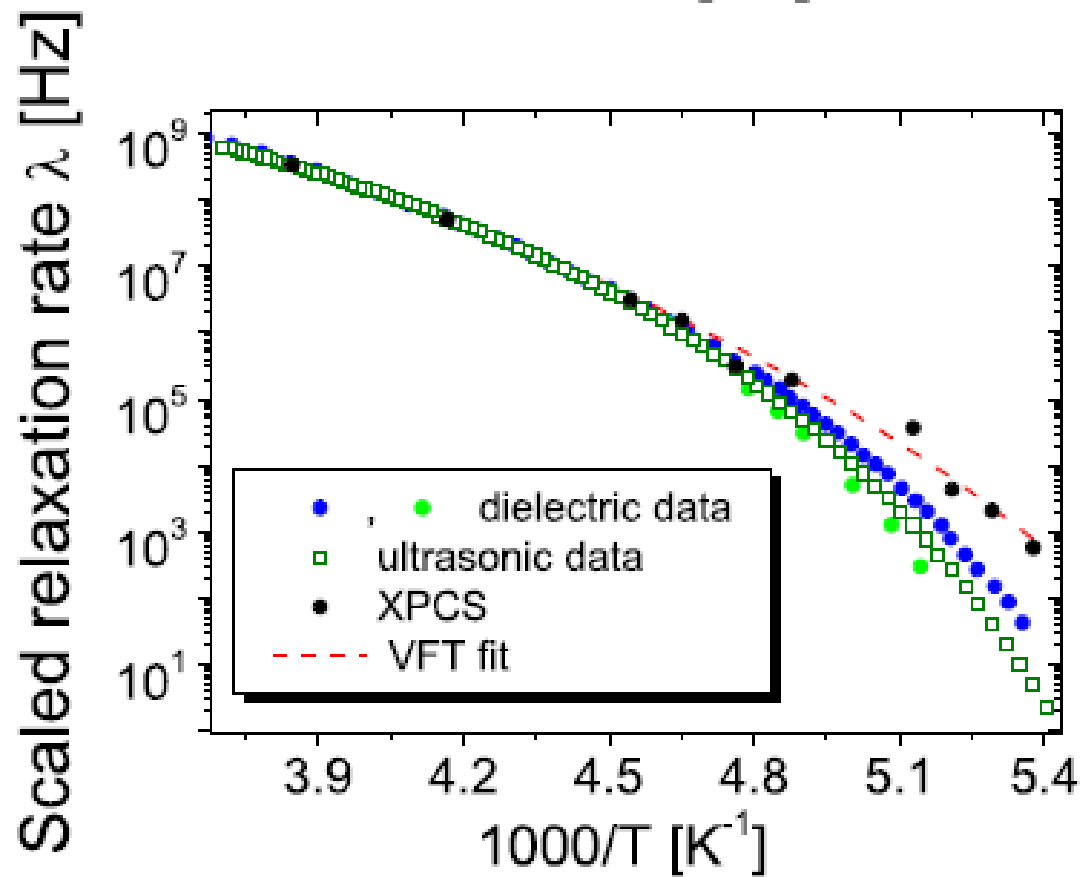


Figure 9.9: Selected intensity autocorrelation functions $g_2(\tau, q_x)$ recorded on the surface of dibutyl phthalate at 186 K. The origin of the correlation functions have been shifted for clarity and marked with the dashed blue line.

$$g_2(Q,t) = 1 + \beta(Q) |f(Q,t)|^2 \quad \text{and} \quad f(Q,t) = \exp(-\Gamma t) = \exp(-t/\tau)$$

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Dielectric spectroscopy

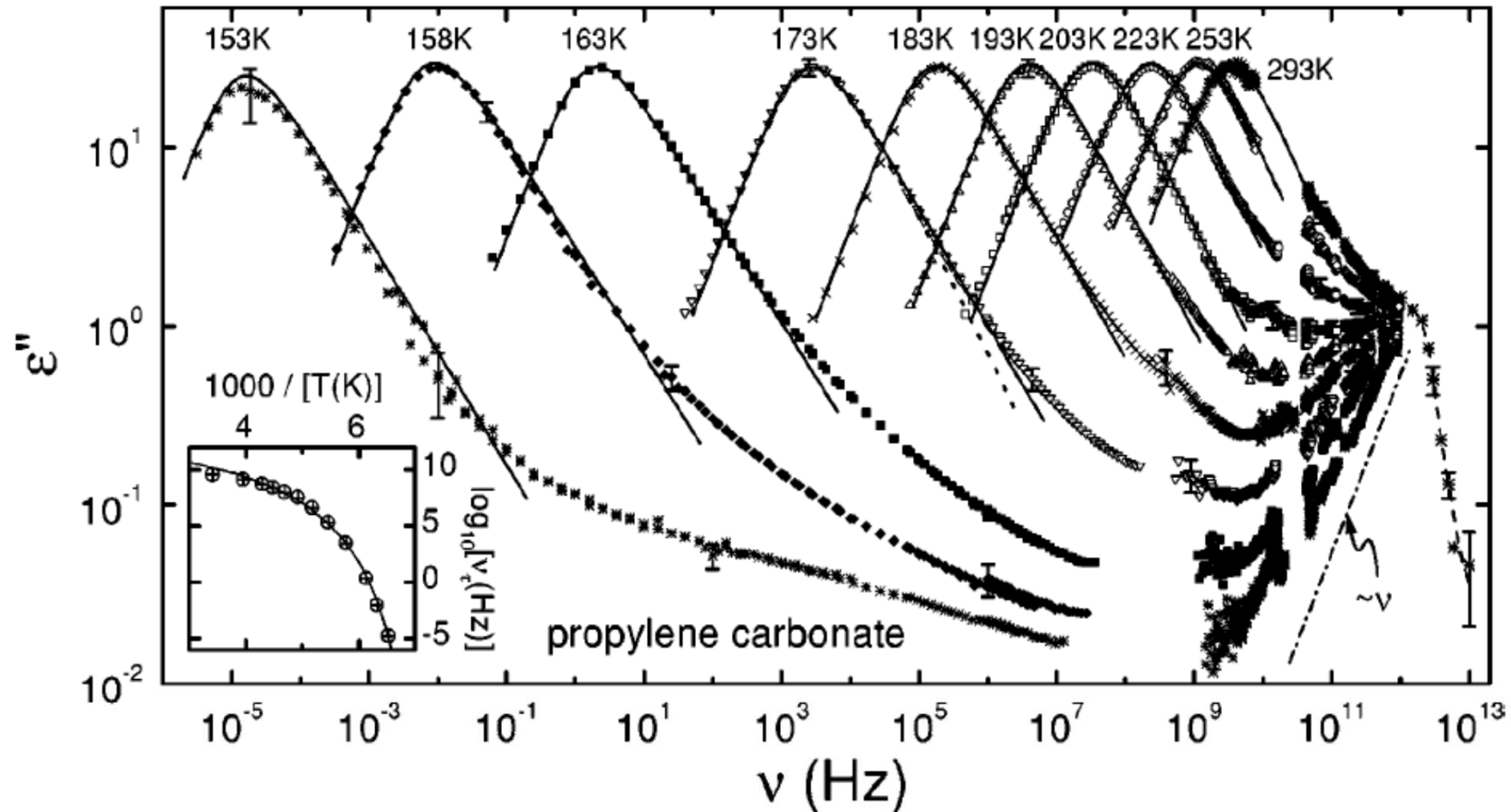


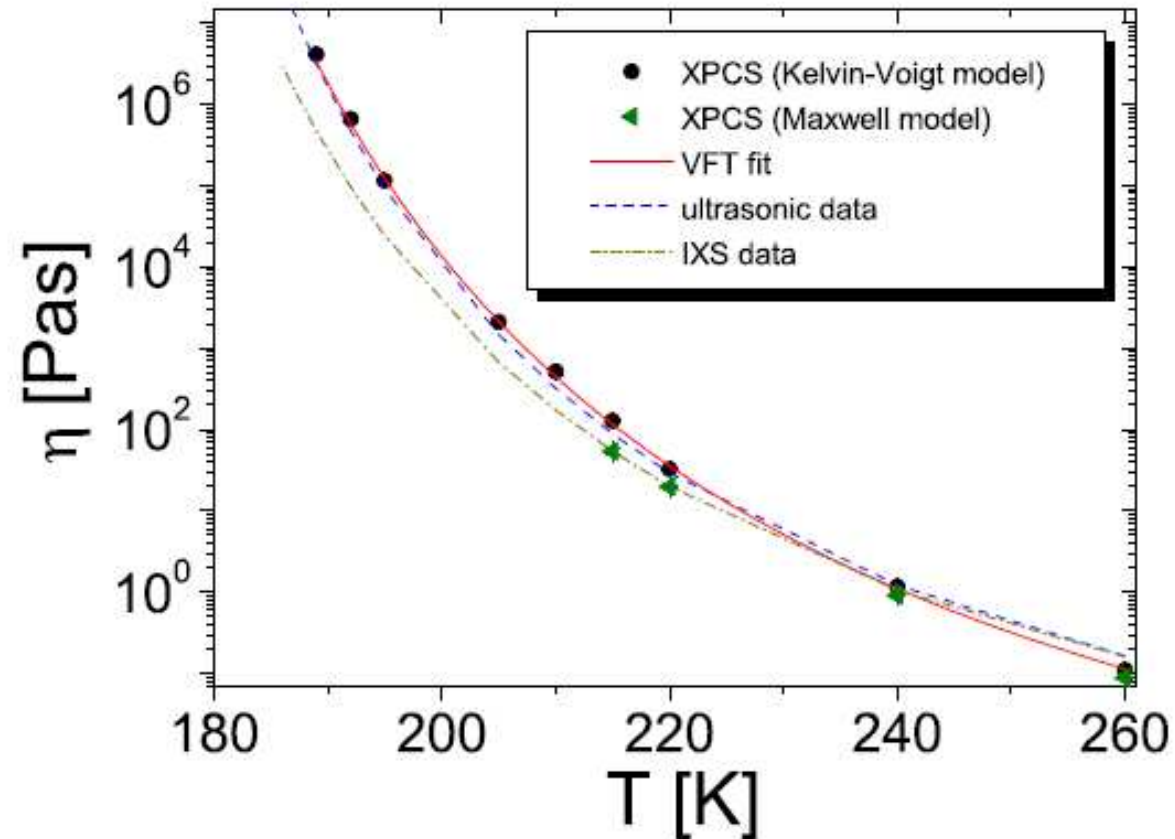
FIG. 2. Frequency dependence of the dielectric loss in propylene carbonate at various temperatures. The solid lines are fits with the CD function, the dotted line is a fit with the Fourier transform of the KWW law, both performed simultaneously on ϵ' . The dash-dotted line indicates a linear increase. The FIR results have been connected by a dashed line to guide the eye. The inset shows $\nu\tau=1/(2\pi\langle\tau\rangle)$ as resulting from the CD (circles) and KWW fits (pluses) in an Arrhenius representation. The line is a fit using the VFT expression, Eq. (1), with $T_{VF}=132$ K, $D=6.6$, and $\nu_0=3.2\times 10^{12}$ Hz.

U. Schneider et al. PRE (1999)



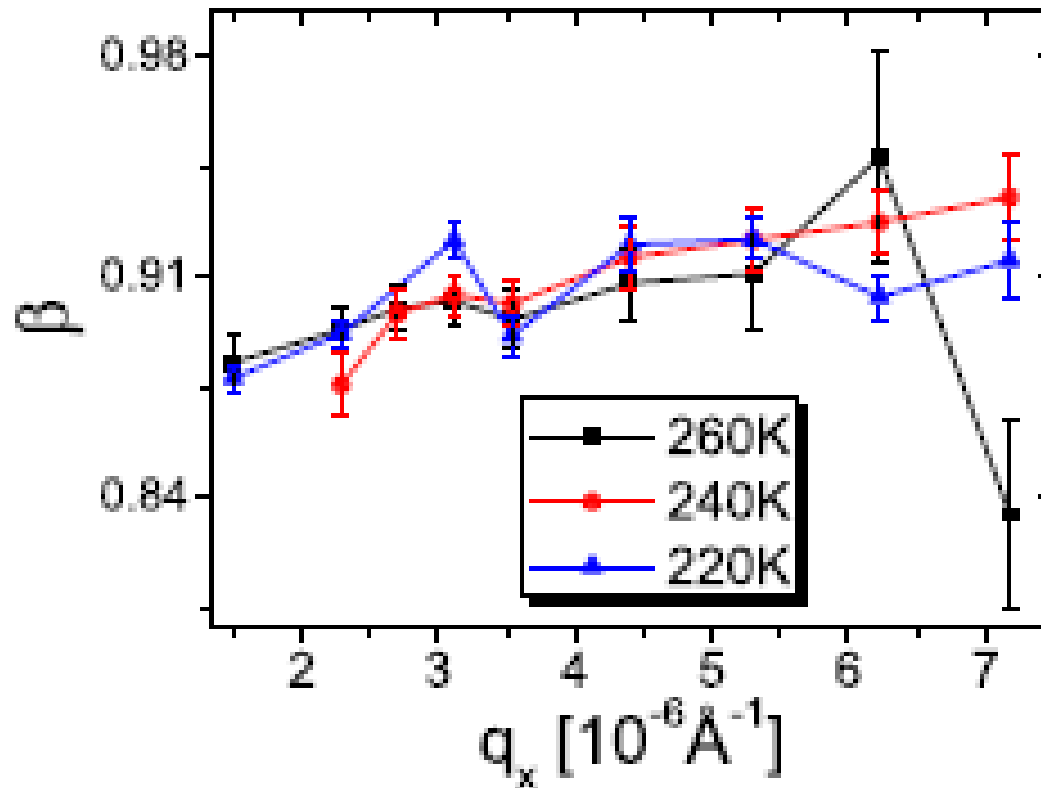
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Nuclear resonant scattering



Up to now all lectures treated scattering from **electrons**

$$r_e = \frac{e^2}{mc^2} = 2.818 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ m} = 2.818 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ \AA}$$

electron : nucleus : 511 keV : 938,280 keV

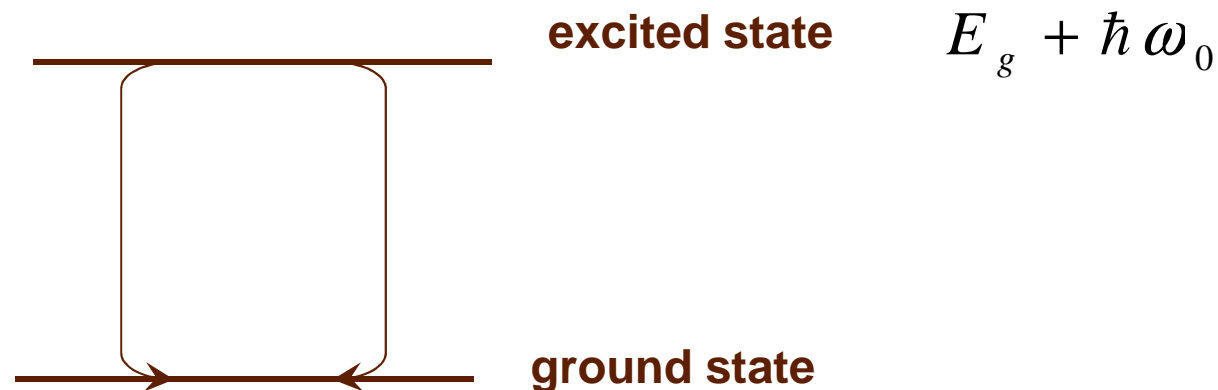
Thompson scattering of nuclei is negligible
0.0005 effect in the amplitude



Resonant scattering

$$f(\omega) = \sum_n \frac{\hat{\lambda}_0 \Gamma_R}{(E_n - E_g) - \hbar\omega - i\Gamma_T / 2}$$

$$f(\omega_0) = \frac{\hat{\lambda}_0 \Gamma_R}{\Gamma_T / 2}$$



holds for (any) resonance

Resonant scattering

electrons: $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \cong 0.2\text{\AA}$ $\Gamma_R \approx 0.005\Gamma_T$ (eV)

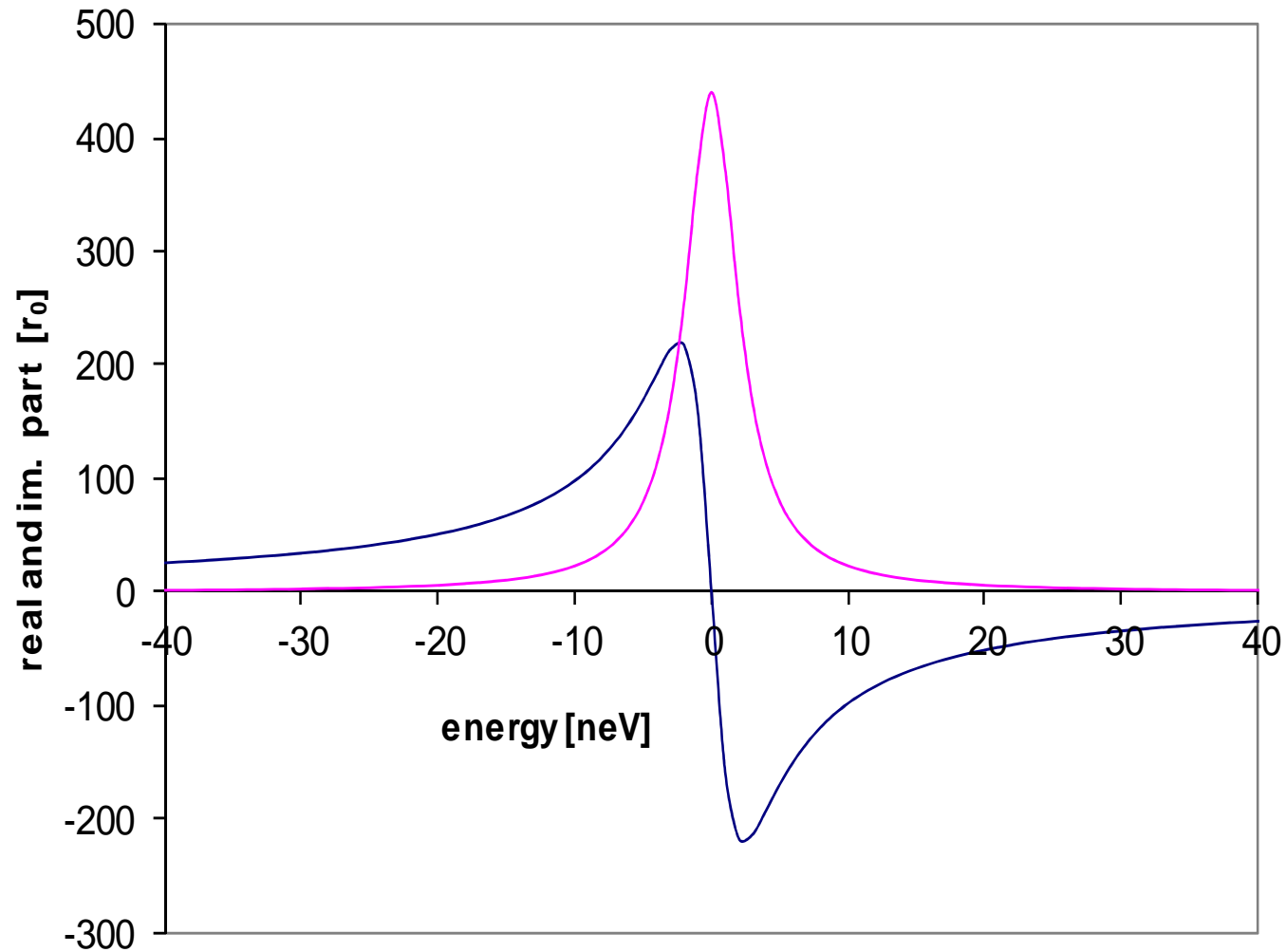
nuclei: $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \cong 0.2\text{\AA}$ $\Gamma_R \approx 0.1 - 0.8\Gamma_T \approx \text{neV} - \mu\text{eV}$

$$\text{Re}(f(\omega_0, {}^{57}\text{Fe})) \approx 440r_0$$

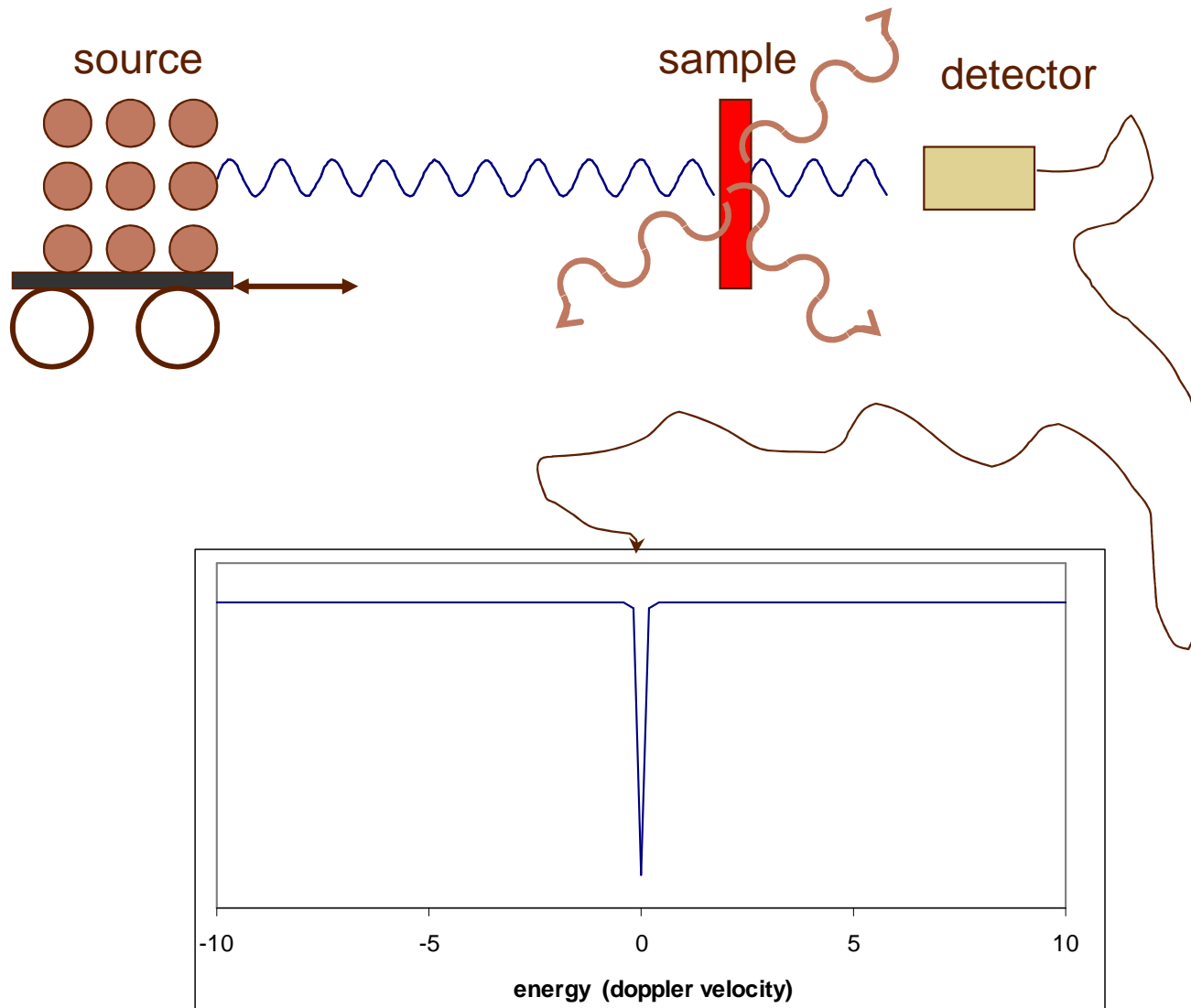
under resonance conditions the cross-section of nuclei exceeds the scattering from electrons



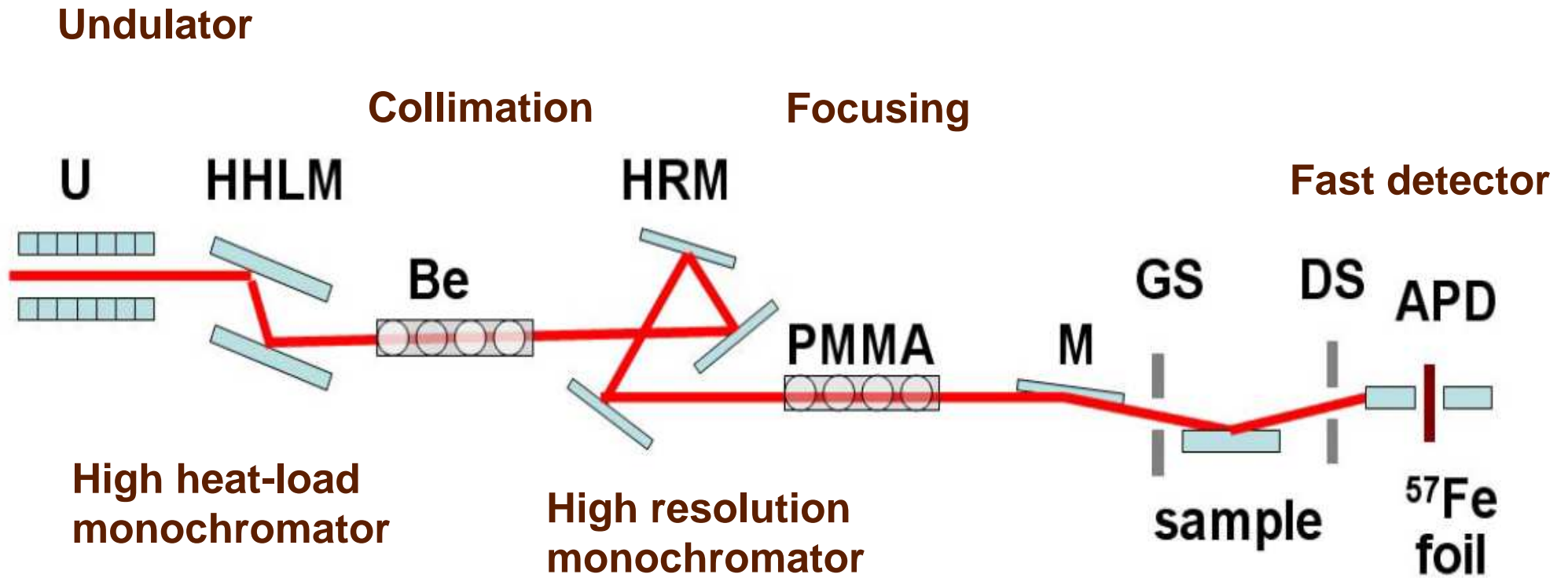
^{57}Fe Resonance



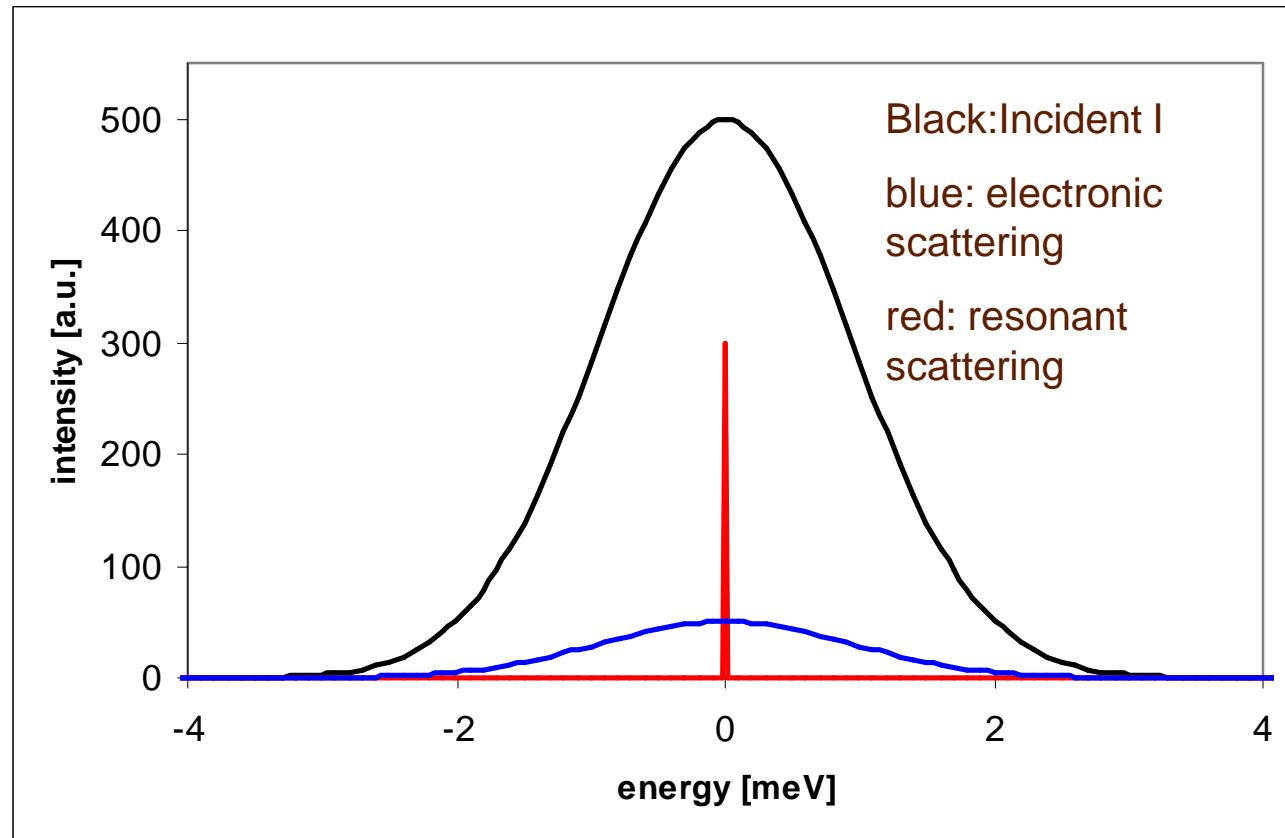
Excursion: The Mössbauer effect



Experimental setup



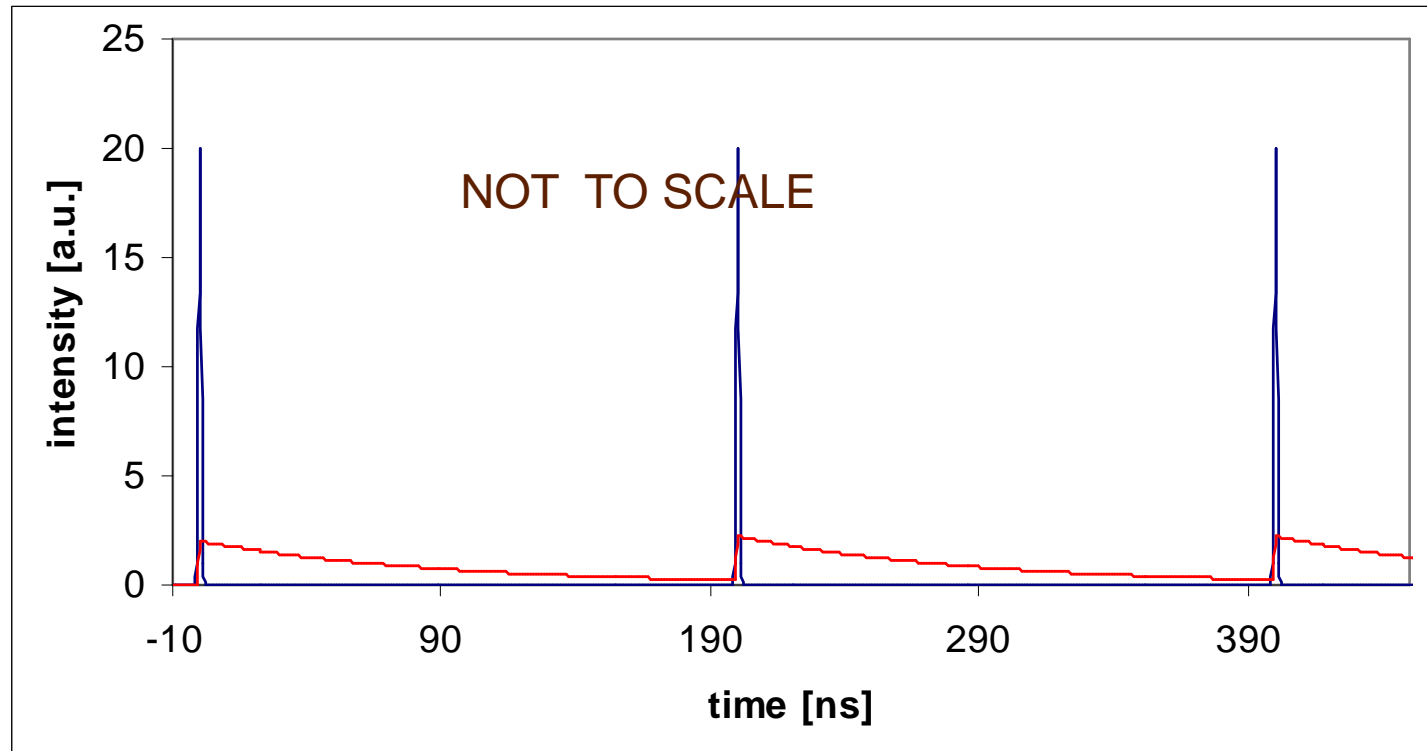
Problem: electronic background



Resonant scattering is strong but limited to extremely narrow bandwidth (neV)

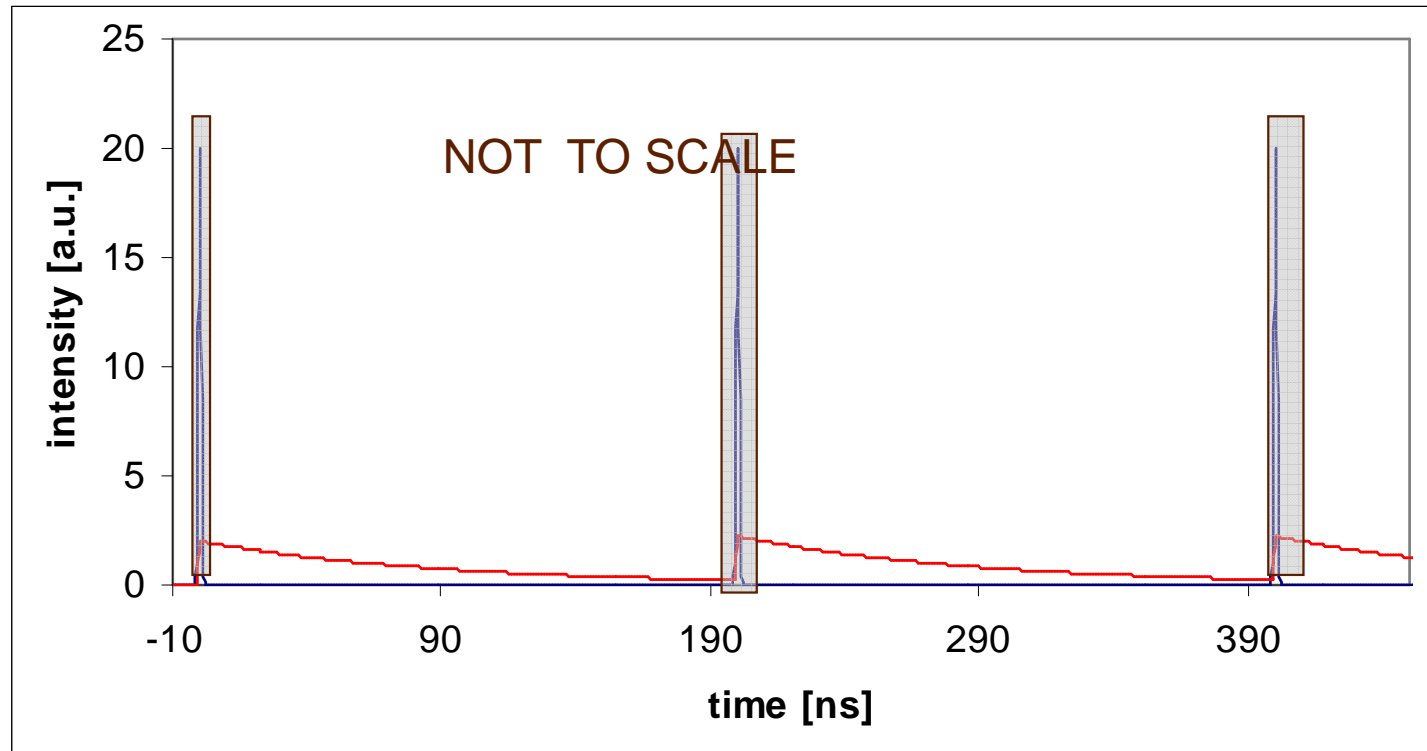


Way out: timing



**Due to the narrow bandwidth the response is slow
(long life time, Heisenberg)**

Way out: timing



Electronic gating (of the detector) takes away the fast scattering off electrons

SO WHAT ???

Is there any advantage in using scattering off the nuclei?



Yes !

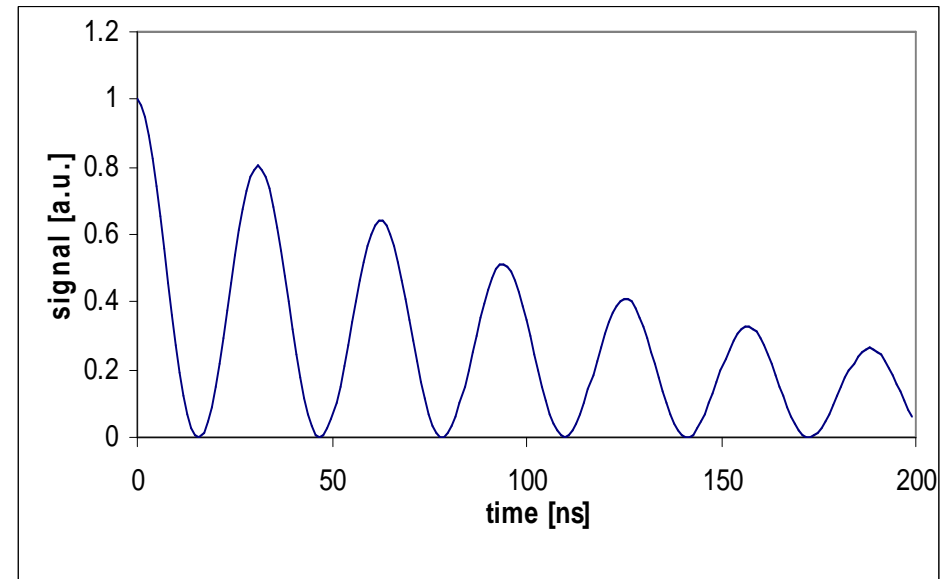
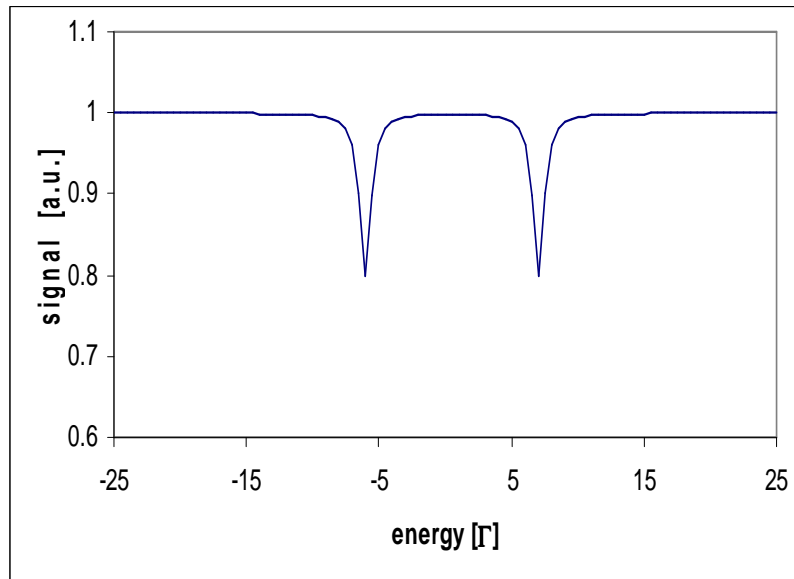
- SR is an ideal source: no line broadening, no back ground (after gating), high brilliance, no radioactive source
- direct observation in time domain
- “white” incident radiation offers the possibility to perform inelastic measurements



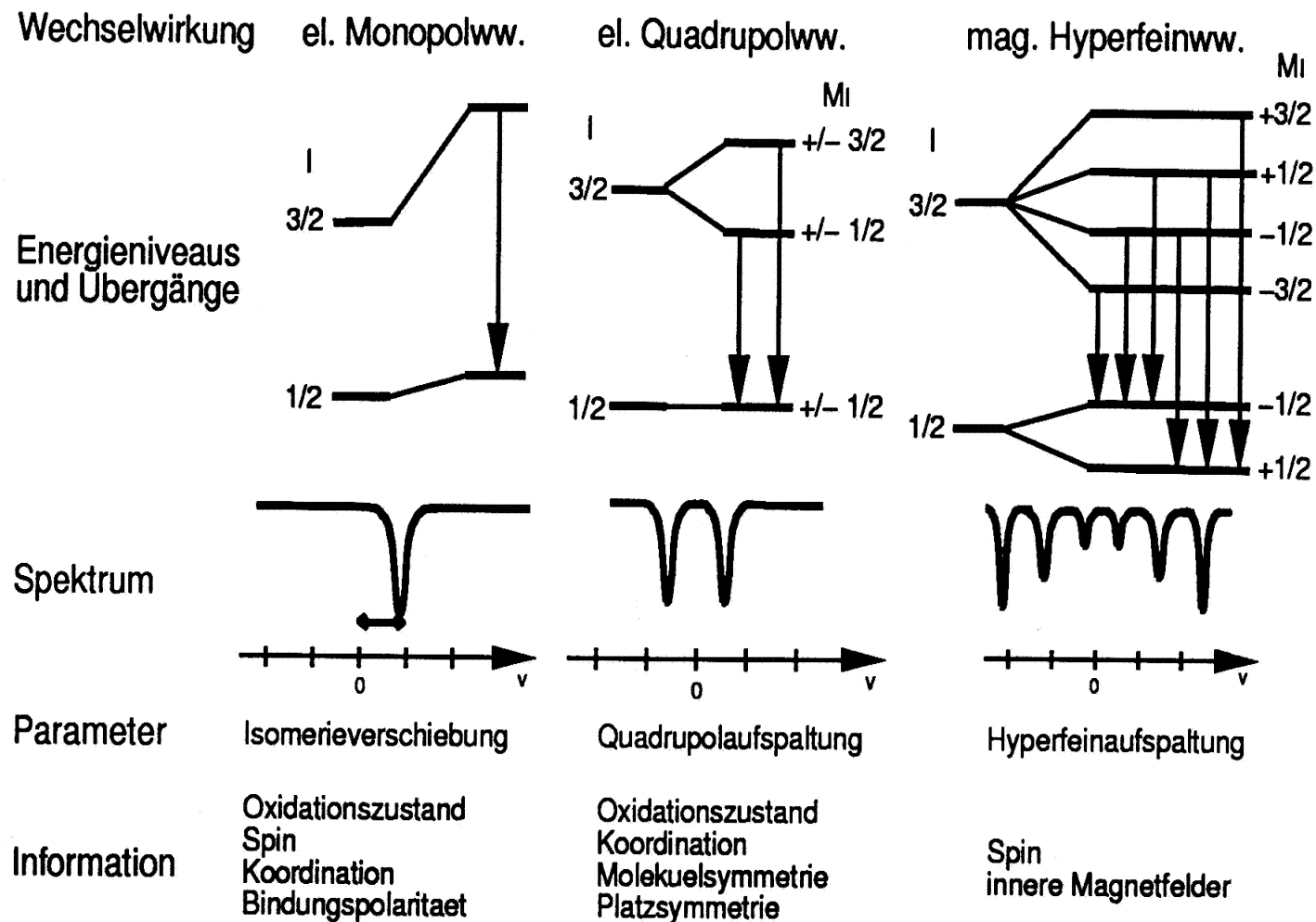
Nuclear exciton

The incident pulse excites all nuclei coherently, no nucleus is distinguished

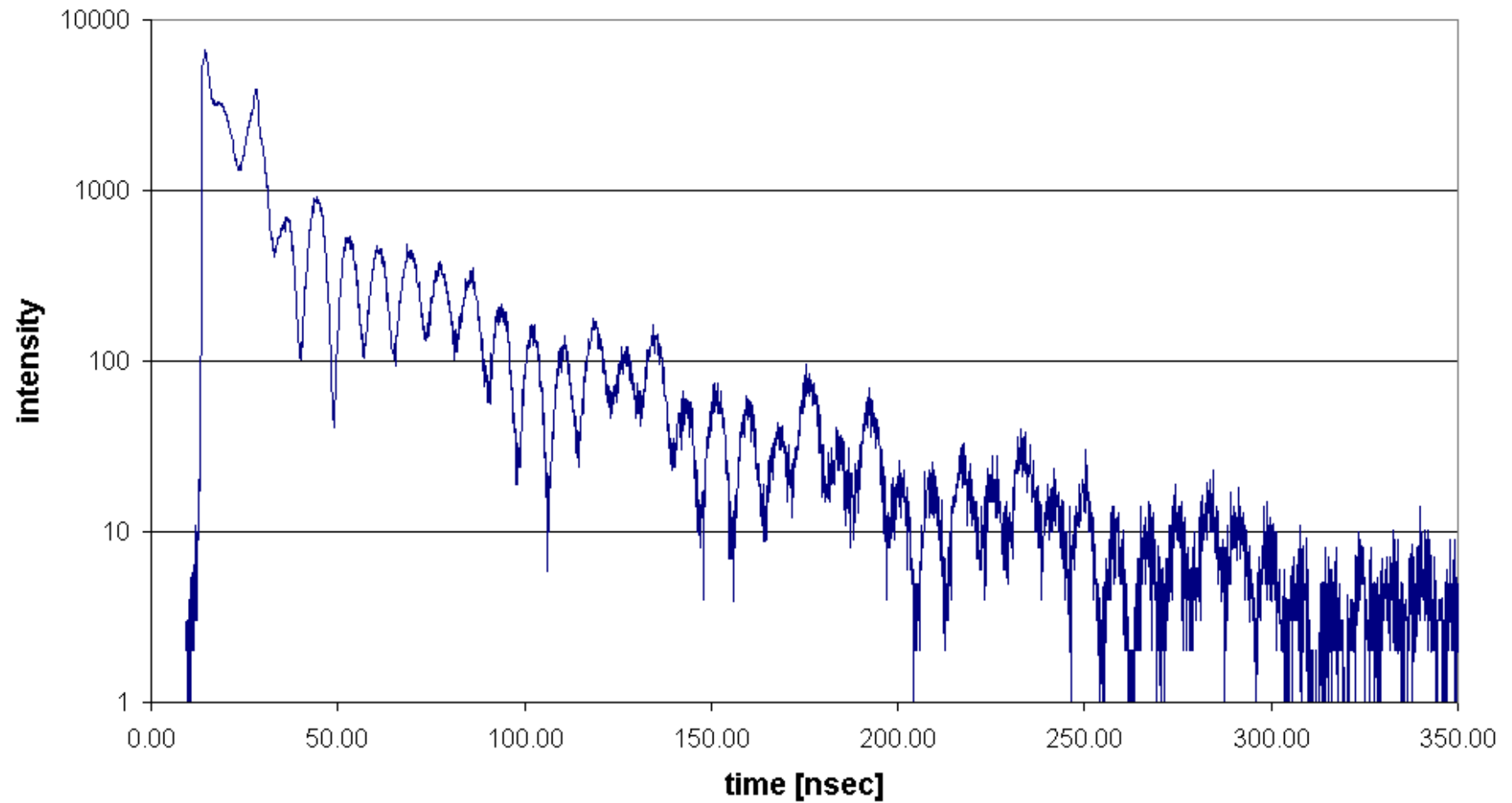
Thus the response is the sum of all scattering **AMPLITUDES**



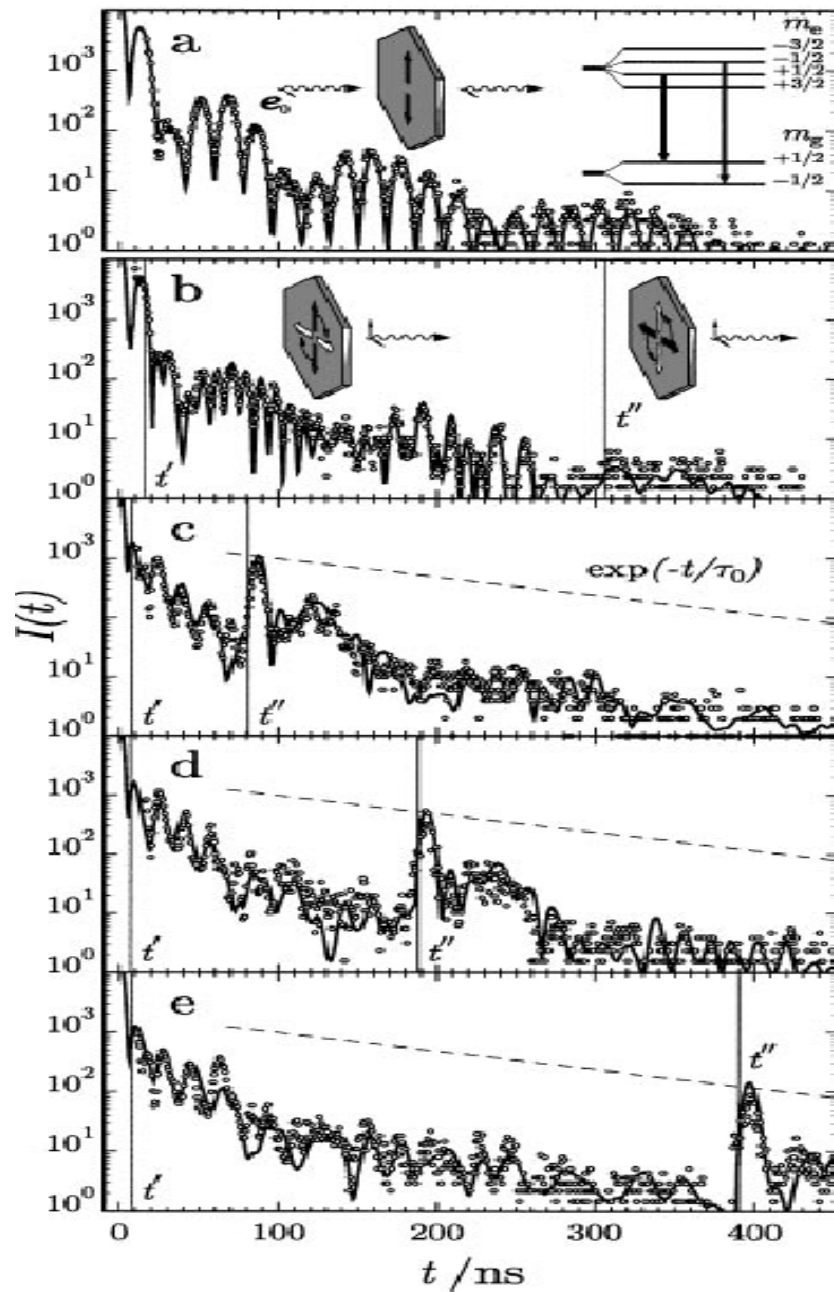
Types of hyperfine interactions



Time spectrum of FeBO₃



Magnetic switching



Determine switching angle and time

Yu. Shvyd'ko et al. PRL 1996

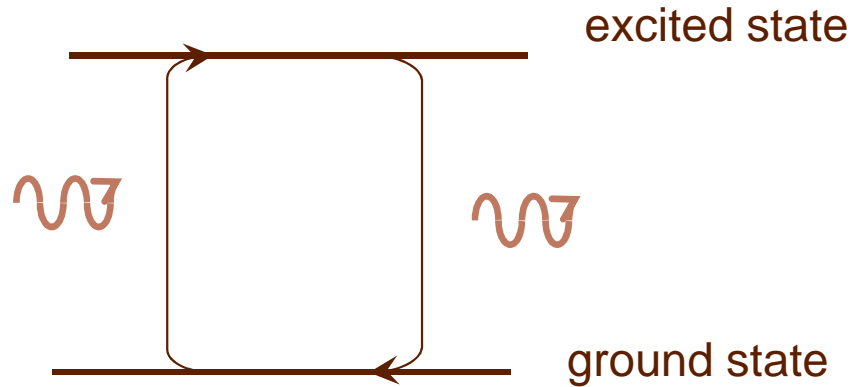
Resonances suitable for NRS

^{57}Fe	14.412 keV	141 ns	4.7 neV
^{151}Eu	21.5 keV	13.7 ns	48.3 neV
^{161}Dy	25.651 keV	39.2 ns	16.2 neV
^{119}Sn	23.88 keV	25.6 ns	25.8 neV
^{61}Ni	67.41 keV	7.6 ns	87 neV

and several more

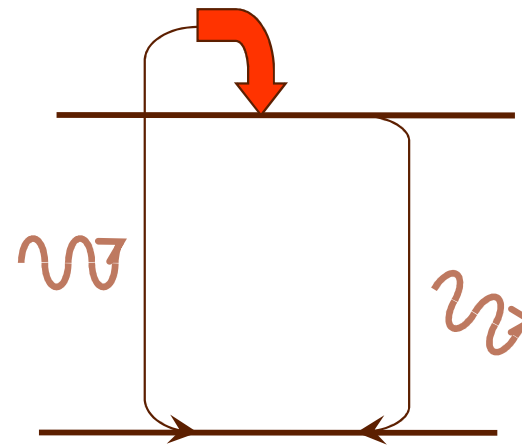


Inelastic scattering



Sample excitation
with energy

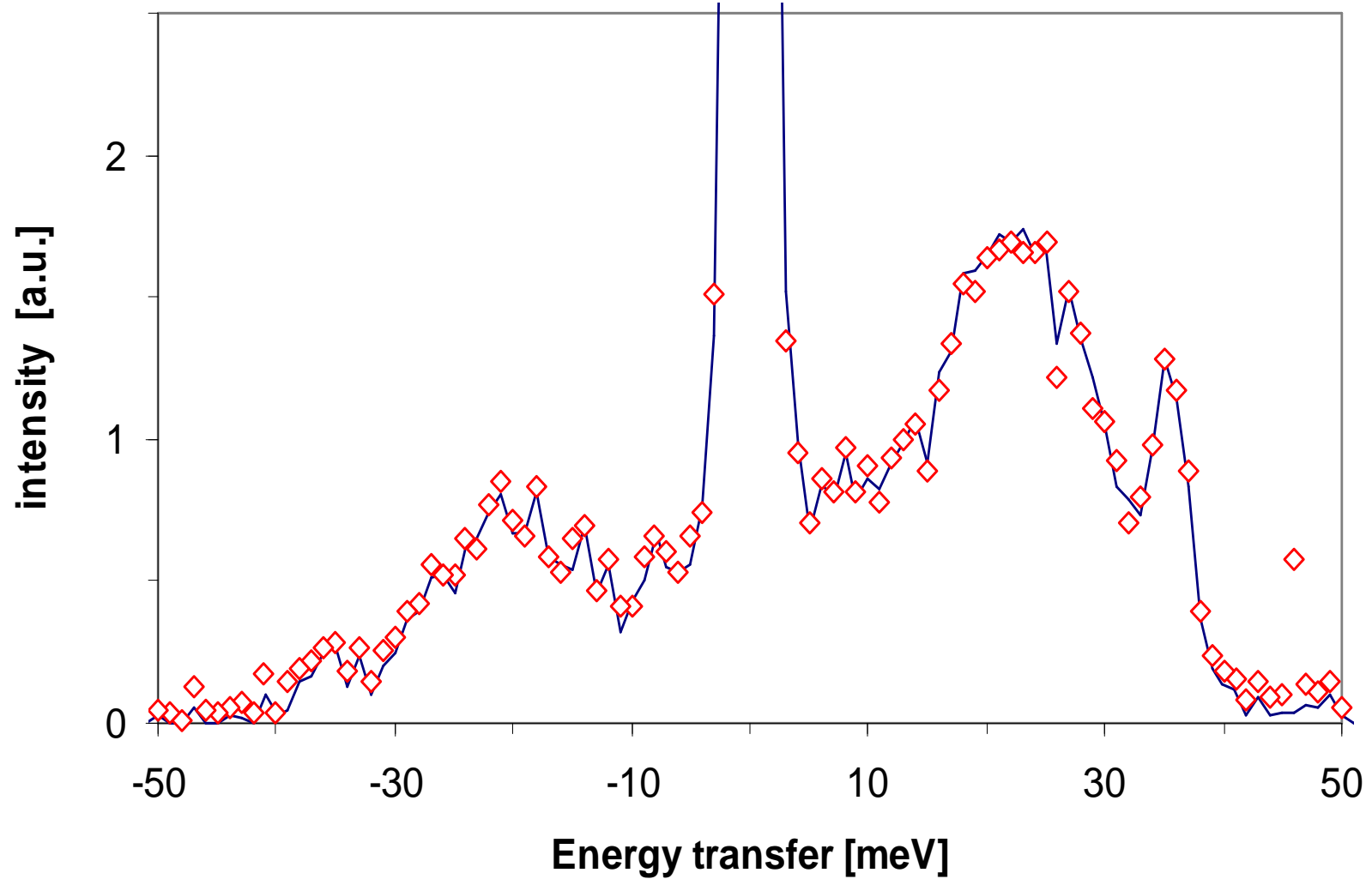
$$E_{\text{ph}} = E_X - (E_e - E_g)$$



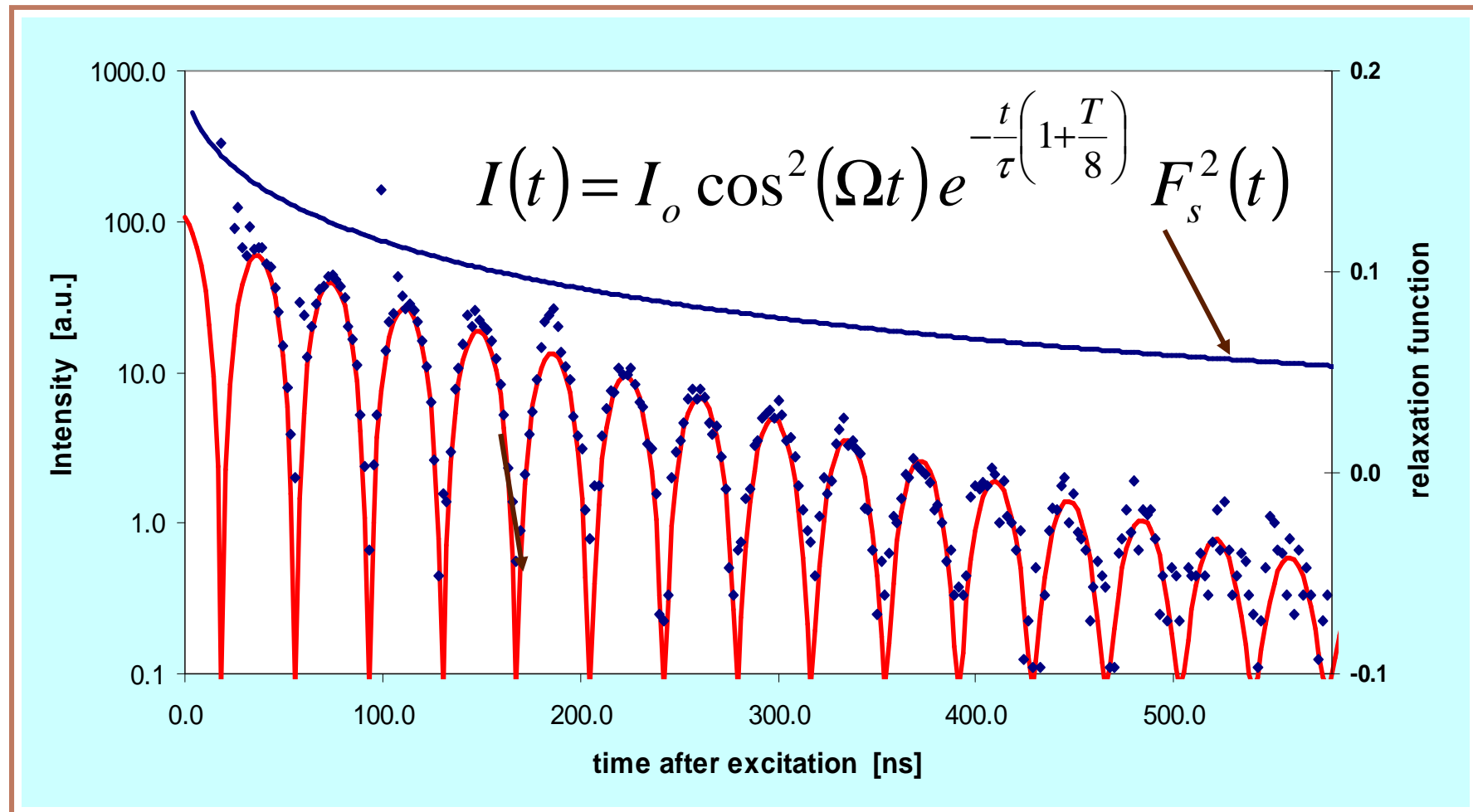
Energies not to scale (keV and meV)



Phonon spectrum of α -iron



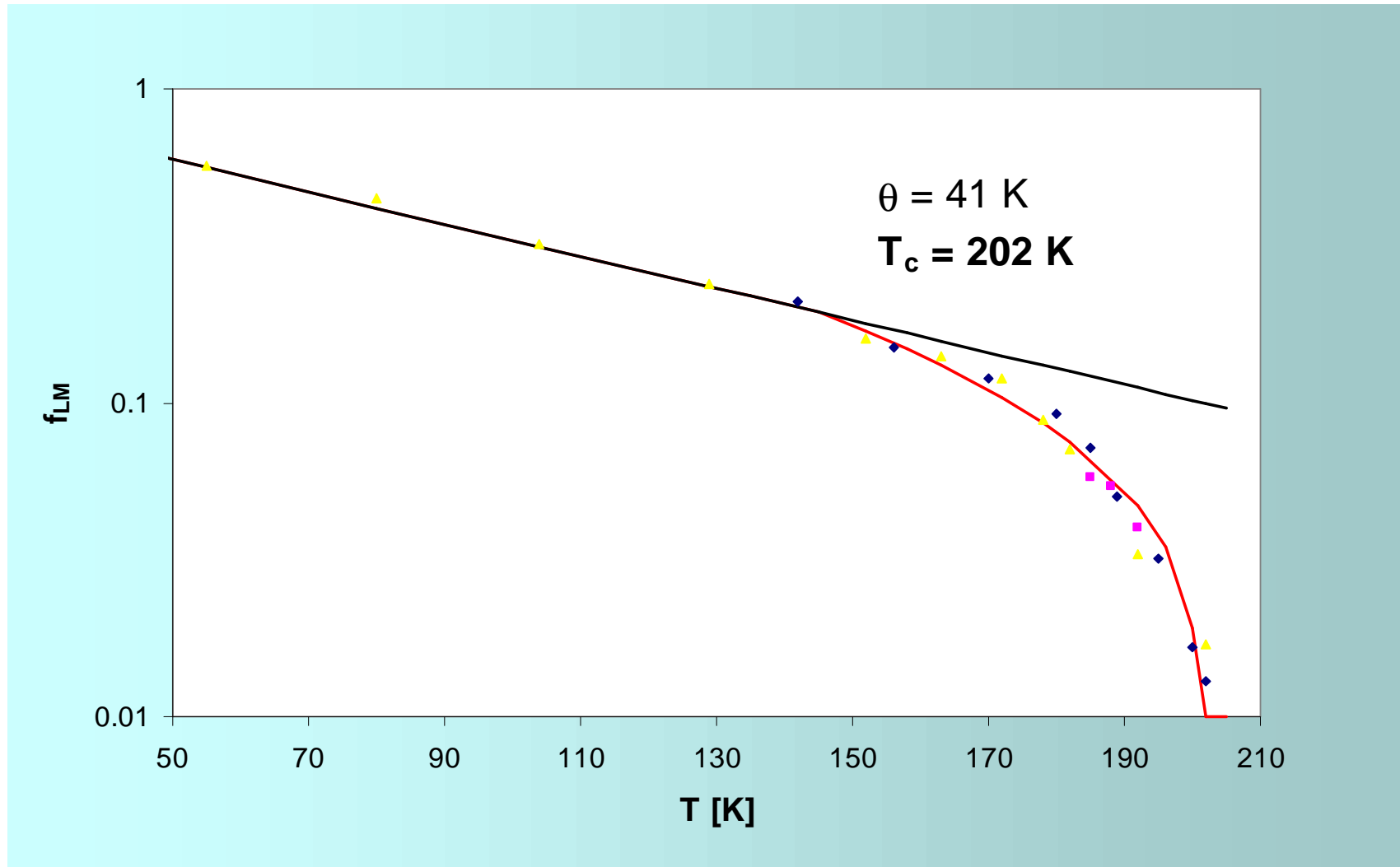
Quasielastic nuclear resonant forward scattering



Butyl phthalate / ferrocene

Exact treatment of QNFS: I. Sergueev, HF,.. PRB 2003

Non ergodicity parameter



Square-root behaviour as predicted by mode-coupling theory

Stretching exponent $\beta = 0.48$, independent of T

