

# ASSIGNMENT 11: SOLUTION

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# BAYESIAN FITTING

## PREREQUISITES

The chapter *Scattering Functions* from the *Theory Handbook*.

## INTRODUCTION

In this tutorial, we will explore how we can use the intermediate scattering functions (ISFs) measured in a spin echo experiment to determine the parameters of an adsorbate-substrate system.

## THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

We will begin the theory section with an example system. Consider a Ru(0001) surface. This is a close-packed plane. On this surface, a substrate undergoes jump diffusion between the two different types of hollow site. The approach that we will use to determine the system parameters is:

1. Find a theoretical model for the ISF (as a function of momentum transfer  $\Delta\mathbf{K}$  and spin-echo time  $t$ ) that accurately describes the system we are measuring.
2. Use an appropriate fitting technique to fit the experimental ISF measurements to the theoretical model, determining which model parameters provide the best fit.

In the following text, we will, in turn, discuss how to perform these two steps.

### Analytical Model for Jump Diffusion in Non-Bravais Lattices

How do we progress towards our objective of finding the system parameters? We first require a theoretical model; this model must describe diffusion in the adsorbate-substrate system. When the system displays weak interactions between adsorbates, and high atomic scale friction, analytical models often exist to describe the intermediate scattering function [1]. It should be emphasised that this is very useful. For most systems, the forces present are too complicated to model;

thus it is usually impossible to produce an analytical solution. Therefore we can fit the model used to some data, allowing us to obtain the system parameters.

In this tutorial, we will consider a close-packed plane. On this plane, an adsorbate can undergo jump diffusion between two different types of sites. We will describe the ISF of this system using the model developed in [2]. The key result from this model, which we can apply to any surface, is that for a adsorbate-substrate system where there are  $m$  different types of adsorption sites, the ISF can be written as a sum of  $m$  exponentials. Here the result of evaluating the model will be summarised for the system considered in this tutorial.

The system that we are interested in is a close-packed plane on iron. For this system, there are two site types, denoted 1 and 2, with total exit jump rates for the two site types being given by  $1/\tau_{12}$  and  $1/\tau_{21} \equiv 1/\lambda\tau_{12}$  respectively. The adsorbate concentrations on each site type are given by  $c_1$  and  $c_2 \equiv \lambda c_1$  respectively. The lattice constant is denoted  $a$ . We will only consider the analytic form of the ISF along the high-symmetry  $[1\bar{1}0]$  and  $[11\bar{2}]$  directions (see Figure 1).

For the  $[1\bar{1}0]$  direction, the ISF is given by:

$$I(\Delta\mathbf{K}, t) = \frac{c_1}{n_1} \left| 1 - \lambda \frac{4 \cos\left(\frac{\Delta K a}{2}\right) + 2}{3\lambda - 3 + z} \right|^2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{6\lambda\tau_{12}}(3\lambda + 3 + z)t\right);$$

$$+ \frac{c_1}{n_2} \left| 1 - \lambda \frac{4 \cos\left(\frac{\Delta K a}{2}\right) + 2}{3\lambda - 3 - z} \right|^2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{6\lambda\tau_{12}}(3\lambda + 3 - z)t\right).$$

The constants  $n_{1,2}$  and  $z$  are given by:

$$n_{1,2} = 1 + \lambda \left( \frac{4 \cos\left(\frac{\Delta K a}{2}\right) + 2}{3\lambda - 3 \pm z} \right)^2;$$

$$z = \sqrt{9\lambda^2 + 16\lambda \cos^2\left(\frac{\Delta K a}{2}\right) + 16\lambda \cos\left(\frac{\Delta K a}{2}\right) - 14\lambda + 9}.$$

For the  $[11\bar{2}]$  direction, the ISF is given by:

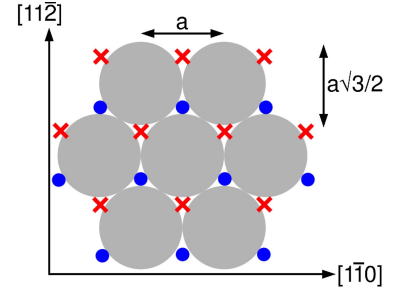
$$I(\Delta\mathbf{K}, t) = \frac{c_1}{m_1} \left| 1 - 2\lambda \frac{\exp\left(i\frac{\Delta K a}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 2 \exp\left(-i\frac{\Delta K a}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)}{3(\lambda - 1 + y)} \right|^2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\lambda\tau_{12}}(\lambda + 1 + y)t\right);$$

$$+ \frac{c_1}{m_2} \left| 1 - 2\lambda \frac{\exp\left(i\frac{\Delta K a}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 2 \exp\left(-i\frac{\Delta K a}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)}{3(\lambda - 1 - y)} \right|^2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\lambda\tau_{12}}(\lambda + 1 + y)t\right).$$

The constants  $m_{1,2}$  and  $y$  are given by:

$$m_{1,2} = 1 + 4\lambda \left| \frac{\exp\left(i\frac{\Delta K a}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + 2 \exp\left(-i\frac{\Delta K a}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)}{3(\lambda - 1 \pm y)} \right|^2;$$

$$y = \sqrt{\lambda^2 + \frac{2\lambda}{9} \left( 8 \cos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}\Delta K a}{2}\right) + 1 \right) + 1}.$$



**Figure 1** | A schematic of the fcc-(111) surface that we are measuring, with the two different types of hollow site labelled with circles and crosses. Taken from [2]

We can see that this provides an analytical model that is parameterised by two variables: the constants  $\tau_{12}$  and  $\lambda$ . By fitting experimental ISF measurements to this model ISF, we can estimate the values of these parameters for the system that we are measuring. The constant  $\tau_{12}$  will be denoted  $\tau$  for the remainder of the document.

### Fitting ISF measurements to the analytical model

In order to find the model that best describes a given set of data, we want to maximise the quantity denoted  $P(M|D)$ . This represents the probability that the model  $M$  is accurate given that the dataset  $D$  was obtained. By Bayes' Theorem, this probability can be written as:

$$P(M|D) = \frac{P(D|M)P(M)}{P(D)}$$

where  $P(D|M)$  is the probability of obtaining the dataset given that the model is accurate,  $P(M)$  is the probability that the model is accurate prior to obtaining the dataset, and  $P(D)$  is the probability of obtaining the dataset. We know that choosing different values for the parameters in our model does not change  $P(D)$ , so this is a constant in our fitting problem. We also make the assumption that there is no *a priori* preference for any particular values for the model parameters, meaning that  $P(M)$  is also a constant. Therefore, the task of maximising  $P(M|D)$  is equivalent to the task of maximising  $P(D|M)$ .

Assuming that each datapoint  $d_i$  within the dataset  $D$  is measured with a random error chosen from a Gaussian distribution, of mean 0 and standard deviation  $\sigma_i$ , then we can find the probability that the datapoint  $d_i$  is obtained from a model point of  $m_i$ ; this is

$$P(d_i|m_i) = \frac{1}{\sigma_i\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(d_i - m_i)^2}{2\sigma_i^2}\right).$$

This means that we can equivalently express the conditional probability  $P(D|M)$  as

$$P(D|M) = \prod_i P(d_i|m_i).$$

The model described above gives an analytical form for the ISF; this is due to the motion of dynamic scatterers. In order to fully model a spin echo measurement, we also need to add a term, denoted  $C$ , that accounts for the signal due to static scatterers [3]. This means that the model to which we are trying to fit our experimental data can be written in the form:

$$M(t) = Af(t) + C,$$

where  $f(t)$  is the model given above, parameterised by  $\tau$  and  $\lambda$ , and  $A$  and  $C$  are further parameters (although we are not interested in their values for this exercise).

This means that  $P(D|M)$  can be considered to be a function of  $A$ ,  $C$ , and  $f(t)$ . If we wish to find the  $P(D|M)$  as a function of just one of these variables, we need to 'marginalise' (i.e. integrate) over the other variables to obtain  $P(D|M)$  as a function of the desired variable only. Therefore

$$P(D|M) = P(f(t)) = \iint P(A, C, f(t)) dA dC,$$

where the integration must be carried out over all possible values of  $A$  and  $C$ . It would, in principle, be possible to use this equation to find the most likely values of the parameters  $\tau$  and  $\lambda$  in  $f(t)$ . However, given that this would be very difficult to achieve computationally, there is an analytic way of marginalising over  $A$  and  $C$  such that we can obtain an expression for  $P(f(t))$ . We can then evaluate this expression at many points in model parameter space and find the maximum of the probability distribution, thus finding the most likely values of  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$ .

This method discussed above will not be reproduced here - it is beyond the scope of this document. However, the code that carries it out is provided for you. If the reader is interested, they may read about the method in [3], or the supplementary material of [1].

## TASK

1. Generate data to simulate a spin-echo measurement on an adsorbate-substrate system. In this system, the substrate is a Ru(0001) surface, and the adsorbate may attach to either of the two types of hollow site. The data should contain ISFs along the  $[1\bar{1}0]$  and  $[11\bar{2}]$  azimuths, for a reasonable range of values of the parallel momentum transfer  $\Delta K$ .
2. Use the Bayesian fitting method, and the analytic model outlined above, to find the best estimate for the values of the constants  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$  that correspond to your experimental data
3. Plot a graph in  $\tau - \lambda$  space to illustrate your results

The code that uses the marginalised Bayesian fitting method to give the conditional probability  $P(D|M)$  is provided below.

### Tip 1

Generate the data by using the analytic model provided to model the system for a particular value of each constant  $\tau$  and  $\lambda$ . Then add white noise (a Gaussian distribution with a fixed standard deviation, and a mean of 0).

## Tip 2

Think carefully about the inputs and outputs of the Bayesian fitting function: as it is written, the function takes a set of data points and a set of model points; it returns  $P(D|M)$ . Given that we want to evaluate the conditional probability  $P(D|M)$  for each possible value of  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$ , our code should:

1. Evaluate the model prediction for the ISF for each value of  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$
2. Input this model prediction, along with the experimental data, into the Bayesian fitting function. This will calculate  $P(D|M)$  for these particular values of  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$
3. Repeat for different values of  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$ , making sure you cover a reasonable range of  $\lambda - \tau$  space
4. Maximise  $P(D|M)$  with respect to both  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$  to find the most likely values of these parameters.

## BAYESIAN FITTING FUNCTION

This function evaluates  $P(D|M)$  for a particular dataset  $D$ , and a particular model  $M$ . It is not necessarily important that you follow every step of the code, but make sure you understand what the inputs and outputs are so that you can use the function properly:

```

1 function [prob_analytical, logprob, prob_exact, A0, C0, flag] =
   BProb2_data(n1, n2, D, error, fitval, flag1, flag2)
2 % The function returns the relative probability that a data set
   D can be fitted by a model function plus a constant
   background offset. The analytical method for this can be
   found in Pepijn's thesis
3 %
4 % Input arguments:
5 %
6 % D:      The 1xn array (where n is at least n2) containing
   the n datapoints
7 %
8 % error:   The 1xn array containing the standard deviation of
   each data point in D
9 %
10 % fitval:  The 1xn array containing the model function
   evaluated at the
11 %         same values of DeltaK and t that each datapoint in D
   was evaluated at
12 %
13 % flag1:   If this is set to 1 then the function will calculate
   the
14 %         numerically integrated marginalised function (
   prob_exact) as well
15 %         as the analytical one (prob_analytical). Otherwise,
   the function simply sets
16 %         prob_exact=prob_analytical
17 %
18 % flag2:   When set to 1, the best fitting value of A is simply
   assumed to

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19 %           be 1. Use this if you know your experimental data is
    of the
20 %           form  $D = \text{model} + C + \text{noise}$  (with no prefactor on
    model)
21 %
22 % n1:       The first element in the arrays D, error and fit to
    be used
23 % n2:       The last element in these arrays to be used in this
    fit.
24 %
25 %
26 % Output arguments:
27
28 % prob_analytical: The (relative) probability that function
    given in the array 'fitval' plus an offset constant will fit
    the data, formed by integrating the probability over (i.e
    marginalising) all possible values of A and C where attempts
    are made to fit the data with:  $D(i)=A*\text{fitval}(i)+C$ .
29 %
30 % 'prob_exact': The same as prob_analytical, except worked out by
    a numerical integration routine (that requires the function
    prob2.m) only over non negative values of A and C
31 %
32
33 global K0 K1 K2 K11 K12 K22 eveck sdum A0 C0
34
35 % nstand is the number of standard deviations away from peak we
    will numerically integrate.
36 % A good value is nstand=4
37
38 % try setting it as 4
39 nstand=4;
40
41
42 if (isrow(fitval) && iscolumn(D)) || (isrow(D) && iscolumn(
    fitval))
43     fitval = fitval';
44 end
45
46 [D,fitval,divider] = prep_isf_for_comparison(D,fitval);
47
48
49 % ftol is the fractional tolerance that we wish to integrate
    numerically to
50 % A reasonable value is ftol=1e-4
51 ftol=1e-4;
52
53 % create the sums needed for the least squares fit
54 K0=0.0;
55 K1=0.0;
56 K2=0.0;
57 K11=0.0;
58 K12=0.0;
59 K22=0.0;
60 sdum=0.0;
61
62 variance=error(n1:n2).*error(n1:n2);
63 K0=sum(D(n1:n2).*D(n1:n2)./variance);
64 K1=sum(fitval(n1:n2).*D(n1:n2)./variance);
65 K2=sum(D(n1:n2)./variance);
66 K11=sum(fitval(n1:n2).*fitval(n1:n2)./variance);

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67 K12=sum(fitval(n1:n2)./variance);
68 K22=sum(1./variance);
69 sdum=sum(log(variance));
70
71 sdum=sdum+(1+n2-n1)*log(2*pi);
72
73 % sum from n1 to n2, so the number of terms is 1+n2-n1
74 % the least squares best fit values of A0 and C0
75 A0=(K22*K1-K12*K2)/(K11*K22-K12^2);
76 C0=(K11*K2-K12*K1)/(K11*K22-K12^2);
77 if flag2==1
78     A0=1;
79     C0=0;
80 end
81
82
83 % perform the marginalisation – integrate probability of a fit
    over all (reasonable!) values of A and C
84 flag=1;
85
86 % this piece of code was a rough attempt at eliminating values
    where the fits went out of the acceptable range and uses '
    flag=0' to show when this is occurring – i.e. the most
    likely value of A and C, A0 and C0 have one of the negative
    if(C0 < 0.0)
87 if(C0/(A0+C0) < -0.1)
88     flag=0;
89 end
90 if(A0 < 0.0)
91     flag=0;
92 end
93
94 S0=K0-2*A0*K1-2*C0*K2+A0*A0*K11+2*A0*C0*K12+C0*C0*K22+sdum;
95 tmp = K11*K22-K12^2; if tmp<=0, tmp=eps; end
96 logprob=-S0/2+log(2*pi)-0.5*log(tmp);
97
98 %prob(ialpha)=exp(max(-200,logprob(ialpha)));
99 prob_analytical=exp(logprob);
100 if(flag < 1)
101     prob_analytical=0.0;
102 end
103 if(flag1==1)
104
105 % Calculate the numerical integrated value. Start by working out
    eigenvectors (give the symmetry directions of the pdf in A
    and C space) and values of the K matrix
106 KMat(1,1)=K11;
107 KMat(2,1)=K12;
108 KMat(1,2)=K12;
109 KMat(2,2)=K22;
110 evalK=eig(KMat);
111 [evecK,Dum] = eig(KMat);
112
113 % prob=exp(-S/2) where
114 % S=S0+evalK(1).(evec_coord1)^2+evalK(2).(evec_coord2)^2
115 % eigenvalues are 1/(stdev)^2 in each direction
116 evc1range=1/sqrt(evalK(1))*nstand;
117 evc2range=1/sqrt(evalK(2))*nstand;
118
119 % Integrate exp(-0.5*(S0+(A-A0,C-C0)Kmat(A-A0,C-C0)T)) but in
    eigenvector coordinates over nstand standard deviations in

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        each eigen vector %direction – prob2 works out internally A
        and C, and then sets the integrand to zero if A<0 or if C<0
120 tol=ftol*exp(logprob);
121
122 % use the previous analytical estimate of the probability so as
        to work out an absolute tolerance (tol) as needed by the
        integration routine as opposed to the relative (or
        fractional) tolerance (ftol) that it is more useful to think
        in terms of.
123 prob_exact = dblquad(@prob2,-evc1range,evc1range,-evc2range,
        evc2range,tol);
124 else
125
126 % if flag1 is not set to 1 we do not numerically integrate, but
        just set the exact probability to be equal to the analytical
        one.
127 prob_exact=prob_analytical;
128 end
129 end
130
131 function z = prob2( ec1,ec2 )
132     % ec1 and ec2 are coordinates in eigen vector space
133     global K0 K1 K2 K11 K12 K22 evecK sdum A0 C0
134
135     A=evecK(1,1)*ec1+evecK(1,2)*ec2+A0;
136     C=evecK(2,1)*ec1+evecK(2,2)*ec2+C0;
137     z=(abs(A)+A)./A.*(abs(C)+C)./C/4.*exp(-(K0-2*A*K1-2*C*K2
        +A.*A*K11+2*A.*C*K12+C.*C*K22+sdum)/2));
138 end
139
140 function [isfA,isfB,divider] = prep_isf_for_comparison(isfA,isfB
    )
141     max_A = max(isfA);
142     max_B = max(isfB);
143     if max_A > 1 || max_B > 1
144         max_of_all = max(max_A,max_B);
145         isfA = isfA/max_of_all;
146         isfB = isfB/max_of_all;
147     else
148         max_of_all = 1;
149     end
150
151     divider = max_of_all;
152 end

```

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# SOLUTIONS

## GLOBAL BAYESIAN FITTING: MAIN TASK

The first step is to write a function that using the analytical model from [2] to output a model ISF for particular values of  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$ . This is done below:

```
1 function [ISF, preexp1, preexp2, exp1, exp2] =  
    BProb_hollow_model(an,tau,lambda,dk,setime,azimuth)  
2  
3 % Function to output Fay's model for hollow site adsorption for  
    given  
4 % values of dK, lambda, tau and spin-echo time  
5 %  
6 % Input parameters:  
7 % an:      lattice parameter for respective surface  
8 % tau:     residence time in site 1; >=1  
9 % lambda:  ratio of residence times in two sites; 1 means  
    degenerate sites; >=1  
10 % dk:     magnitude momentum transfer along given azimuth  
11 % setime:  spin-echo time [ps]  
12 % azimuth: direction of momentum transfer; can be 110 or 112  
13 %  
14 % output parameters:  
15 % The model outputs an ISF of the form:  
16 % ISF = preexp1 * e^(exp1 t) + preexp2 * e^(exp2 t)  
17  
18  
19  
20 % Coding in the equation from Tuddenham et al, 2010:  
21  
22 %For the  $[1\bar{1}0]$  direction:  
23 if azimuth == 110  
24  
25     %The value of z (will be included as a variable in the ISF)  
26     z = sqrt(9*lambda.^2 + 16*lambda*((cos(dk*an/2)).^2) + 16*  
        lambda*cos(dk*an/2) - 14*lambda +9);  
27  
28     %The value of n1 (will be included as a variable in the ISF)  
29     n1 = 1 + lambda.*(4*cos(dk*an/2)+2)./(3*lambda-3+z).^2;  
30  
31     %The value of n2 (will be included as a variable in the ISF)  
32     n2 = 1 + lambda.*(4*cos(dk*an/2)+2)./(3*lambda-3-z).^2;  
33  
34     %The value of the ISF is encoded below in the form ISF =  
        preexp1 * e^(exp1 *t) + preexp2 * e^(exp2 * t)  
35
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36     preexp1 = 1/n1.*(abs(1-lambda.*(4*cos(dk*an/2)+2)./(3*lambda
37         -3+z))).^2;
37     preexp2 = 1/n2.*(abs(1-lambda.*(4*cos(dk*an/2)+2)./(3*lambda
38         -3-z))).^2;
38
39     exp1 = -1/(6*lambda*tau)*(3*lambda+3+z);
40     exp2 = -1/(6*lambda*tau)*(3*lambda+3-z);
41
42     %For the $[1\bar{1}0]$ direction:
43     elseif azimuth == 112
44
45         %The value of y (will be included as a variable in the ISF)
46         y = sqrt(lambda.^2 + 2*lambda/9*(8*cos(sqrt(3)*dk*an/2)+1) +
47             1);
47
48         %The value of m1 (will be included as a variable in the ISF)
49         m1 = 1 + 4*lambda*(abs((exp(1i*dk*an/sqrt(3))+2*exp(-1i*dk*
50             an/(2*sqrt(3))))./(3*(lambda-1+y)))).^2;
50
51         %The value of m2 (will be included as a variable in the ISF)
52         m2 = 1 + 4*lambda*(abs((exp(1i*dk*an/sqrt(3))+2*exp(-1i*dk*
53             an/(2*sqrt(3))))./(3*(lambda-1-y)))).^2;
53
54         %The value of the ISF is encoded below in the form ISF =
55         preexp1 * e^(exp1 * t) + preexp2 * e^(exp2 * t)
56
57         preexp1 = 1/m1.*(abs(1-2*lambda*(exp(1i*dk*an/sqrt(3))+2*exp
58             (-1i*dk*an/(2*sqrt(3))))./(3*(lambda-1+y)))).^2;
59         preexp2 = 1/m2.*(abs(1-2*lambda*(exp(1i*dk*an/sqrt(3))+2*exp
60             (-1i*dk*an/(2*sqrt(3))))./(3*(lambda-1-y)))).^2;
61
62         exp1 = -1/(2*lambda*tau)*(lambda+1+y);
63         exp2 = -1/(2*lambda*tau)*(lambda+1-y);
64
65     end;
66
67     %The value of the ISF
68     ISF = preexp1.*exp(exp1.*setime) + preexp2.*exp(exp2.*setime);
69
70 end

```

Moving to our main script, we first need to generate some experimental data that we can fit to the model. As suggested in Tip 1, we will do this by first generating some model data using the `BProb_hollow_model` function above and then adding some noise.

We also need to decide in what form to store this experimental data. There are many ways to do this, but the approach used here is to store the data in an object called a 'structure array'. For each element in a structure array, there are a collection of data containers known as 'fields', which can contain data of any type or size. In our case, we are going to generate  $m$  ISF measurements, which will each be their own element in the structure array (such that the structure array has dimensions of  $1 \times m$ ), and each of these experimental measurements will have associated with it the fields:

- ISF - the value of the experimental ISF 'measurement' (i.e. the generated model value plus some Gaussian noise)

- dK - the value of dK at which the ISF measurement was taken
- azimuth - the direction along which the ISF measurement was taken
- setime - the spin echo time used to take the ISF measurement
- std - the standard deviation of the random error in the ISF measurement
- temperature - the temperature at which the ISF measurement was taken

The structure array, which we have called `res`, is generated in the code below. It should take the form shown in Figure 1.

```

1 % Ru(0001) lattice constant for jump model
2 an = 2.71;
3
4 %-----
5
6 %Creating experimental data (with m ISF values)
7
8 %Value of lambda in our (made up) experimental system
9 lambda = 2;
10
11 %Value of tau in our experimental system
12 tau = 3;
13
14 %Magnitudes of dK at which 'measurements' are taken
15 dK = 0:0.5:4;
16
17 %Temperature at which 'measurements' are taken
18 temperature = 200;
19
20 %Spin echo time at which 'measurements' are taken
21 setime = 3;
22
23 %Standard deviation of random error in 'measurements'
24 std = 0.1;
25
26 %1xm matrix with Gaussian random error for each ISF value
27 noise = normrnd (0, std, [1, 2*size(dK,2)]);
28
29 %Adding ISF measurements for 110 azimuth
30 for i = 1:size(dK, 2)
31
32     %Generating model ISFs using Fay model
33     ISF (1, i) = BProb_hollow_model(an, tau, lambda, dK (i),
34         setime, 110);
35
36     %Adding noise to model ISF to simulate experimental data
37     ISF_wth_noise (1, i) = ISF (1, i) + noise (i);
38
39     %Populating the fields of the 'res' structure
40
41     %ISF measurements
42     res(i).ISF = ISF_wth_noise (1, i);
43
44     %Values of dK at which the measurements were taken
45     res(i).dK = dK (i);
46
47     %Direction along which the measurements were taken

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47     res(i).azimuth = 110;
48
49     %The spin echo time used to take the measurements
50     res(i).setime = setime;
51
52     %Standard deviation of random error in measurements
53     res(i).std = std;
54
55     %Temperature at which measurements are taken
56     res(i).temperature = temperature;
57 end
58
59
60 %Adding ISF measurements for 112 azimuth
61 for i = 1:size(dK, 2)
62
63     %Generating model ISF using Fay model
64     ISF (2, i) = BProb_hollow_model(an, tau, lambda, dK (i),
        setime, 112);
65
66     %Defining an index that starts from where 110 measurements
        left off
67     j = i + size (dK, 2);
68
69     %Adding noise to model ISF to simulate experimental data
70     ISF_wth_noise (2,i) = ISF (2, i) + noise (j);
71
72     %Populating the fields of the 'res' structure
73
74     %ISF measurements
75     res(j).ISF = ISF_wth_noise (2, i);
76
77     %Values of dK at which the measurements were taken
78     res(j).dK = dK (i);
79
80     %Direction along which the measurements were taken
81     res(j).azimuth = 112;
82
83     %The spin echo time used to take the measurements
84     res(j).setime = setime;
85
86     %Standard deviation of random error in measurements
87     res(j).std = std;
88
89     %Temperature at which measurements are taken
90     res(j).temperature = temperature;
91 end

```

We then extract some relevant information from the res structure, which will become useful later:

```

92 %Prepare matrices that will be useful later
93
94 %The number of ISF measurements
95 numISFs = length(res);
96
97 %The magnitudes of momentum transfer for each measurement
98 dK = [res.dK];
99
100 %The temperatures for each measurement
101 T = [res.temperature];
102

```

1x18 struct with 6 fields

Fields	ISF	dK	azimuth	setime	std	temperature											
1	3.0538	0	110	3	0.1000	200											
2	2.9040	0.5000	110	3	0.1000	200											
3	1.9023	1	110	3	0.1000	200											
4	1.7023	1.5000	110	3	0.1000	200											
5	1.3787	2	110	3	0.1000	200											
6	1.1849	2.5000	110	3	0.1000	200											
7	1.4737	3	110	3	0.1000	200											
8	2.0023	3.5000	110	3	0.1000	200											
9	2.9284	4	110	3	0.1000	200											
10	3.2769	0	112	3	0.1000	200											
11	2.5858	0.5000	112	3	0.1000	200											
12	2.4378	1	112	3	0.1000	200											
13	1.7299	1.5000	112	3	0.1000	200											
14	1.4518	2	112	3	0.1000	200											
15	1.5149	2.5000	112	3	0.1000	200											
16	1.4101	3	112	3	0.1000	200											
17	1.3403	3.5000	112	3	0.1000	200											
18	1.4499	4	112	3	0.1000	200											

**Figure 2** | An example of the form that the res structure will take if created using the code in this solution

```

103 %The azimuth for each measurement
104 azimuth = [res.azimuth];

```

We then need to find  $P(D|M)$  for each value of  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$ . The way we do this here is, for each pair of  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$  values, we find  $P(d_i|M)$  for each datapoint,  $i$ , and then add together the log of the probabilities for each datapoint to find the total  $P(D|M)$  for that particular pair  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$ . Note that, each time we call the BProb2\_data function, we are only inputting a single datapoint (with a single modelpoint), so  $n1$  and  $n2$  (the start and end points for the fit) should simply both be set to 1:

```

105 % Setting up range of tau and lambda over which to try fitting
106
107 %This means that we will try fitting to lambda values between 2
    and 500, with intervals of 30
108 lambda_vector = linspace(2,30,500);
109
110 %This means that we will try fitting to lambda values between
    0.01 and 500, with intervals of 2.5
111 tau_vector = linspace(0.01,2.5,500);
112
113 % Pre-allocate the dimensions of some matrices for speed (the
    values in these matrices will be allocated later):
114 prob = zeros(length(lambda_vector),length(tau_vector),numISFs);
115 prob_exact = zeros(length(lambda_vector),length(tau_vector),
    numISFs);
116 A0 = zeros(length(lambda_vector),length(tau_vector),numISFs);
117 C0 = zeros(length(lambda_vector),length(tau_vector),numISFs);
118 flag = zeros(length(lambda_vector),length(tau_vector),numISFs);
119 S = zeros(length(lambda_vector),length(tau_vector));
120 S2 = zeros(length(lambda_vector),length(tau_vector));
121
122 %Starting point for fit
123 n1 = 1;
124 %Ending point for fit
125 n2 = 1;
126
127 % The loop that finds P(D|M) for each pair of lambda and tau:
128
129

```

```

130 %Adding a waitbar to show progress in fitting
131 h = waitbar(0,'Please wait...'); steps=length(lambda_vector);
132
133
134 %Loop over lambda values
135 for ind1 = 1:length(lambda_vector)
136     %Loop over tau values
137     for ind2 = 1:length(tau_vector)
138         %Loop over ISF measurements
139         for dg = 1:numISFs
140
141
142             % Finding model function for current value of lambda
              and tau using Brop_hollow_model function
143             [fitval{ind1,ind2,dg} preexp1{ind1,ind2,dg} preexp2{
              ind1,ind2,dg}...
144             exp1{ind1,ind2,dg} exp2{ind1,ind2,dg}] =
              BProb_hollow_model(an,...
145             tau_vector(ind2),lambda_vector(ind1),dK(dg),res(
              dg).setime,azimuth(dg));
146
147             % Find P(D|M) for current ISF measurement and
              current lambda and tau using BProb2_data:
148             [prob(ind1,ind2,dg),prob_exact(ind1,ind2,dg),A0(ind1
              ,ind2,dg),...
149             C0(ind1,ind2,dg),flag(ind1,ind2,dg)] =
              BProb2_data(n1,...
150             n2,res(dg).ISF,res(dg).std,fitval{ind1,ind2,dg
              },0,0);
151
152             % Sum over log of probabilities for all ISF
              measurements to get total probability for this
              lambda/tau pair (using max function to avoid 0
              probability values):
153             S(ind1,ind2) = S(ind1,ind2) + log(max(prob_exact(
              ind1,ind2,dg),1e-323));
154             S2(ind1,ind2) = S2(ind1,ind2) + log(max(prob(ind1,
              ind2,dg),1e-323));
155         end
156     end
157     waitbar(ind1/steps)
158 end
159 close(h)

```

The  $S$  and  $S2$  outputs from that process contain the probability that the data fits the model, for each possible pair of  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$ . The two variables contain the same information, except that the `BProb2_data` function calculates  $S$  using an analytic technique and  $S2$  using a numerical technique.

The next step is to plot this probability matrix in  $\lambda$ - $\tau$  space:

```

160 % Plot the probability matrix in lambda/tau space:
161 if length(lambda_vector)>1
162     figure(1)
163     hold on; box on;
164     set(gcf,'windowstyle','docked')
165
166     %Creating a grid at which to sample P(D|M)
167     [X Y] = meshgrid(tau_vector,lambda_vector);
168

```



```

169 %Creating a surf plot of log(P(D|M)) in lambda-tau space
170 surf(X,Y,S);
171 shading interp
172 view(2)
173 xlabel('\tau$')
174 ylabel('\lambda$')
175 title('Log of probability as a function of $\lambda$ and $\tau$');

176
177 % Calculating the relative probabilities:
178
179 %Scaling S
180 S_scale = S - max(max(S));
181
182 %Exponentiating to get P(D|M)
183 rel_prob = exp(S_scale);
184
185 figure(2)
186 hold on; box on;
187 set(gcf,'windowstyle','docked')
188
189 %Creating a grid at which to sample P(D|M)
190 [X Y] = meshgrid(tau_vector,lambda_vector);
191
192 %Creating a surf plot of P(D|M) in lambda-tau space
193 surf(X,Y,rel_prob);
194 shading interp
195 view(3) % 3D view
196 %view(2) % 2D view
197 xlabel('\tau$')
198 ylabel('\lambda$')
199 c=colorbar;
200 ylabel(c,'Relative probability');

```

Finally, we can marginalise (integrate) over  $\tau$  to obtain  $P(D|M)$  as a function of  $\lambda$ , and thus obtain the most likely value of  $\lambda$  (although of course you could do this the other way around by marginalising over  $\lambda$  instead). The code below plots  $P(D|M)$  as a function of  $\lambda$  and outputs the most likely value of  $\lambda$ :

```

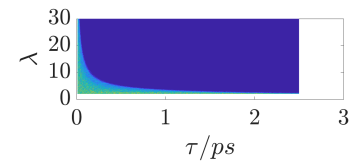
202 % Marginalising over tau:
203 for ind1 = 1:length(lambda_vector)
204     prob_lambda(ind1) = sum(rel_prob(ind1,:));
205 end;
206
207 %Plotting P(D|M) as function of lambda
208 figure(3)
209 hold on; box on;
210 set(gcf,'windowstyle','docked')
211 plot(lambda_vector,prob_lambda,'-*');
212 xlabel('\lambda')
213 ylabel('Relative probability')
214
215 %Displaying most likely value of lambda
216 [lambda_max, lambda_max_ind] = max(prob_lambda);
217 lambda_fit = lambda_vector(lambda_max_ind);
218
219 disp(['max probability found for lambda = ' num2str(
    lambda_fit)]);

```

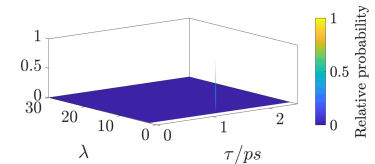
If it is of interest, you may also wish to look at what values you may have assigned to  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$  if you had simply looked at each ISF measurement separately. The code below allows you to do that:

```

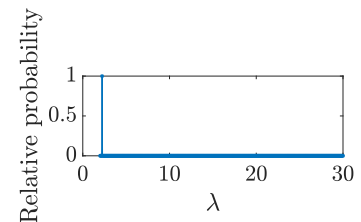
220 %Get optimum tau and lambda for each ISF measurement and plot
    results:
221
222 %Looping over the ISF measurements
223 for dg = 1:numISFs
224     %Find best fit in tau-lambda space:
225
226     %Max of lambda for each tau
227     [maxprob_lambda,maxind_lambdavec] = max(prob(:,:,dg));
228
229     %Max in lambda-tau space
230     [maxprob,maxind_tau] = max(maxprob_lambda);
231     maxind_lambda = maxind_lambdavec(maxind_tau);
232
233     %ind_tau (j) stores most likely value of tau for j^th
        measurement
234     ind_tau(dg) = maxind_tau;
235
236     %ind_lambda (j) stores most likely value of lambda for j^th
        measurement
237     ind_lambda(dg) = maxind_lambda;
238
239     % Plotting alpha(dK):
240     figure(4)
241     set(gcf,'windowstyle','docked')
242     hold on; box on;
243
244     %Plotting the first decay constant associated with each of
        the most likely values of lambda and tau
245     plot(-dK(dg),-exp1{ind_lambda(dg),ind_tau(dg),dg},'r*');
246
247     %Plotting the second decay constant associated with each of
        the most likely values of lambda and tau
248     plot(-dK(dg),-exp2{ind_lambda(dg),ind_tau(dg),dg},'b*');
249     legend('exp1','exp2','Location','southoutside')
250     xlabel('$\Delta K$')
251     ylabel('Decay constant')
252
253     %Plotting preexp (dK):
254     figure(5)
255     set(gcf,'windowstyle','docked')
256     hold on; box on;
257
258     %Plotting the first pre-exponential factor associated with
        each of the most likely values of lambda and tau
259     plot(-dK(dg),preexp1{ind_lambda(dg),ind_tau(dg),dg},'r*');
260
261     %Plotting the second pre-exponential factor associated with
        each of the most likely values of lambda and tau
262     plot(-dK(dg),preexp2{ind_lambda(dg),ind_tau(dg),dg},'b*');
263     legend('preexp1','preexp2','Location','southoutside')
264     xlabel('$\Delta K$')
265     ylabel('Pre-exponential constant')
266 end;
```



**Figure 3** | A colour plot of  $\log(P(D|M))$  as a function of the parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$ . The simulation was run with experimental data for a system where  $\lambda$  is 2,  $\tau$  is 3ps, the random error in the data had a standard deviation of 0.1 and the other system parameters are given in the code provided in this solution.



**Figure 4** | A plot of  $P(D|M)$  as a function of the parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$ . The simulation was run with experimental data for a system where  $\lambda$  is 2,  $\tau$  is 3ps, the random error in the data had a standard deviation of 0.1 and the other system parameters are given in the code provided in this solution.



**Figure 5** | A plot of  $P(D|M)$  as a function of  $\lambda$  only. The simulation was run with experimental data for a system where  $\lambda$  is 2,  $\tau$  is 3ps, the random error in the data had a standard deviation of 0.1 and the other system parameters are given in the code provided in this solution.