## gensas\_orientational\_average

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This test file is an example of a script which uses the generic scattering calculator functionality.

The generic scattering calculator can create orientation averages for purely nuclear systems and ideally a script should be able to recreate the same results - and extend the idea to magnetic systems.

The default sld data in the calculator describes a 60x60x60 angstrom cube of 10x10x10 pixels, each with sld 6.97e-06 angstrom^-2. This fits very well in the fitting tool to a parallelepiped model.

This script intends to recreate this data using an average of multiple calculations

First of all make the required imports:

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[]: import numpy as np
import math
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from scipy.spatial.transform import Rotation
from IPython.display import clear_output
from sas.sascalc.calculator import sas_gen
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Now we need to set some constants. We want to define the size of the sample - a cube with n pixels in each direction, and a fixed stepsize between each node, as well as the discretisation of rotation space.

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[]: STEPSIZE=6
NODES=10
ANGLESTEP = 10
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We now define a function to create a discretised version of 3D rotation space.

3D rotation space can be defined by three parameters. If the rotation takes the cartesian basis  $\{x,y,z\}$  to  $\{x',y',z'\}$  then we define the euler angles:

- $\phi$ : a rotation about the z axis
- $\theta$ : a rotation about the new y axis
- $\chi$ : a rotation about the new z axis

That is to say that  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  define the direction of the z' axis in polar coordinates from the  $\{x,y,z\}$  basis, and  $\chi$  defines the additional rotation about the z' axis of the x' and y' axes.

The discretised space is returned as a (N,4) numpy array with N elements and columns representing:

- 0: The  $\theta$  value of the element
- 1: The  $\phi$  value of the element

- 2: The  $\chi$  value of the element
- 3: The relative weighting of the element (should sum to 1)

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[]: def create_rotation_grid(theta_step, phi_step, chi_step):
         # create spherical grid
         theta = np.linspace(0, 180, theta_step+1)
         phi = np.linspace(0, 360, phi_step+1)
         chi = np.linspace(0, 360, chi_step+1)
         # first index on theta, second on phi - use "ij"
         THETA, PHI, CHI = np.meshgrid(theta, phi, chi, indexing="ij")
         centre theta = np.zeros((THETA.shape[0]-1, THETA.shape[1]-1, THETA.
      \rightarrowshape [2]-1))
         centre_phi = np.zeros((PHI.shape[0]-1, PHI.shape[1]-1, PHI.shape[2]-1))
         centre_chi = np.zeros((CHI.shape[0]-1, CHI.shape[1]-1, CHI.shape[2]-1))
         solid_angle = np.zeros((THETA.shape[0]-1, THETA.shape[1]-1, THETA.
      \rightarrowshape [2]-1))
         for i in range(THETA.shape[0]-1):
             for j in range(THETA.shape[1]-1):
                 for k in range(THETA.shape[2]-1):
                     centre_theta[i,j,k] = (THETA[i, j, k] + THETA[i+1,j, k])/2.0
                     centre_phi[i,j,k] = (PHI[i, j, k] + PHI[i,j+1, k])/2.0
                     centre_chi[i,j,k] = (CHI[i, j, k] + CHI[i,j, k+1])/2.0
                      \# solid angle = sin(theta)d(theta)d(phi)
                      # chi is evenly distributed so don't include in relative
      \rightarrow weighting
                     solid_angle[i,j, k] = math.sin(np.radians(centre_theta[i,j,__
      →k])) \
                                          * np.radians((THETA[i+1, j, k] -u
      →THETA[i,j, k])) \
                                          * np.radians((PHI[i, j+1, k] - PHI[i,j,__
      →k]))
         return np.column_stack((centre_theta.flatten(), centre_phi.flatten(), \
                                  centre_chi.flatten(), solid_angle.flatten()/(np.
      →sum(solid_angle))))
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We now define the range of Q values at which we want to calculate the average. Here we will choose 30 values from 0 to 0.3 (measured in per angstroms, the sasview default). We also create the data describing the sample, our discretisation of rotation space, and a numpy array to store the output

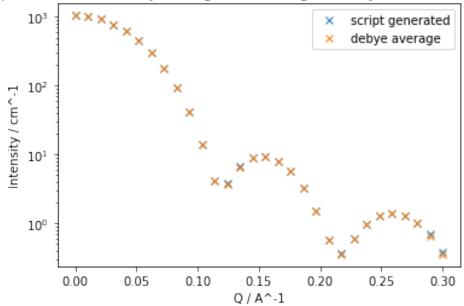
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[]: Qs = np.linspace(3e-4, 0.3, 30)
  points = np.linspace(0, STEPSIZE*NODES, NODES, endpoint=False)
  pos_x, pos_y, pos_z = np.meshgrid(points, points, points)
  pos_x = pos_x.flatten()
  pos_y = pos_y.flatten()
  pos_z = pos_z.flatten()
  data = sas_gen.MagSLD(pos_x, pos_y, pos_z, np.full_like(pos_x, 6.97e-06))
  model = sas_gen.GenSAS()
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model.set_sld_data(data)
angles = create_rotation_grid(ANGLESTEP, 2*ANGLESTEP, 2*ANGLESTEP)
output = np.zeros_like(Qs)
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We can now carry out the actual averaging. We loop over the rotation space and sum together the weighted instensities in each orientation. We take the Q values along the  $Q_x$  axis each time. As the sample is rotated this axis stays fixed in beamline coordinates - and so it sweeps through all the orientations of the sample.

Because our sample is grid type data - with only a nuclear SLD, we can also use the inbuilt debye full average function - and compare the results

## A plot of orientationally averaged scattering intensity at different Q values



In fact a comparison with the analytical result from the fitting calculator in Sasview would show that both of these results differ significantly from the correct value at higher Q values on the graph. This is because the cube has only been discretised in a 10x10x10 grid in real space. by changing the initial parameters to give a better discretisation for the same shape, such as:

We would create a significantly more accurate result.