



McStas: dynamics in single crystals

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**Simulation of Inelastic
Neutron Scattering
using McStas and
material dynamics models**

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10 Phonon_simple <i>McStas team / Kim Lefmann</i>	Single-branch acoustic phonon in FCC lattice	Inelastic scattering phonons	✗	✗	✗	✓ (phonon, at this point FCC lattice only)	✗	✗



***Phonon_simple is inelastic only....
(and BCC only...)***



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14 Spot_sample <i>Garrett Granroth,</i> SNS/ORNL	Resolution-oriented sample component Dirac delta-functions in (Q and energy)	Inelastic scattering	✗	✗	"✓"	"✓"	✗	✗

Spot_sample is “not a material”, provides δ -functions in Q, ω only





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15	Union components, Mads Bertelsen, NBI/KU	A set of components that allows to build a complex sample/sample environment from basic geometries and physics/material properties	Generic	✓	✓	✓ Single crystalline or Powder crystalline	(✓ - single acoustic phonon being included 2018)	✓	(✓ - if built from cylinders, spheres, boxes, ...)

Union components allow to combine features of Single_crystal and Phonon_simple + adds phonon polarisation





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17	"4D S(\vec(Q),\omega)" Duc Le - soon at ISIS STFC?	Ala Isotropic_Sqw, but with crystal lattice	Elastic and inelastic experiments with crystals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	?¿?



Contribution from Duc Le, ISIS STFC is not in the code tree yet: It is unfortunately McStas 2.0 specific.

Provides a “4D equivalent” of Isotropic_Sqw - and has flat sampling in that 4D-space: relatively slow, big files, requires lots of statistics



But - could we do a hack maybe?

- | *How about using Monte Carlo to choose between the different components? :-)*
- | *I.e.:*



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... there is a hack, recipe:

```
INITIALIZE %{
    declare select_sample;
%}
```

Arm ()

...

```
EXTEND %{
    select_sample = rand01();
%}
```

COMPONENT SX= Single_crystal(...)

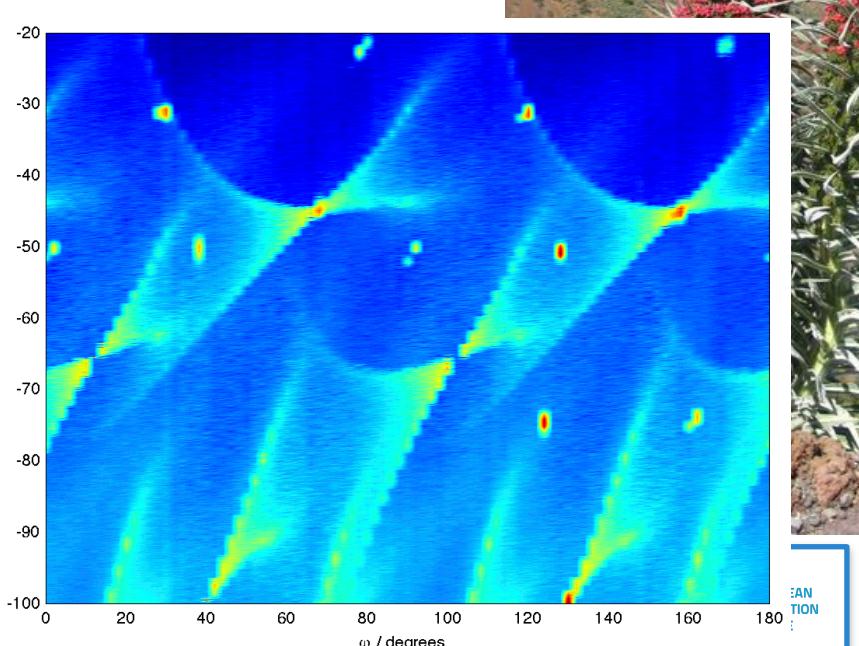
WHEN (select_sample < 0.3)

...

COMPONENT Phonon = Phonon_simple(...)

WHEN (select_sample >= 0.3)

...





*In this exercise you will have access
to an instrument that uses this type of hack*

The instrument is found on the DropBox:

Magnon_bcc_visualisation.instr

and needs the .lau and .comps also found there:

BCC_fake.lau

Magnon_bcc.comp

Sqq_w_monitor.com

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media/sf_Shared_folder CAN CAUSE ISSUES !!

(For the time being, skip the TAS_Magnon.instr
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New, purely inelastic component
from Kim Lefmann 2018.

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Magnons are related to spin-waves, but there are subtle differences - Sylvain? :-)

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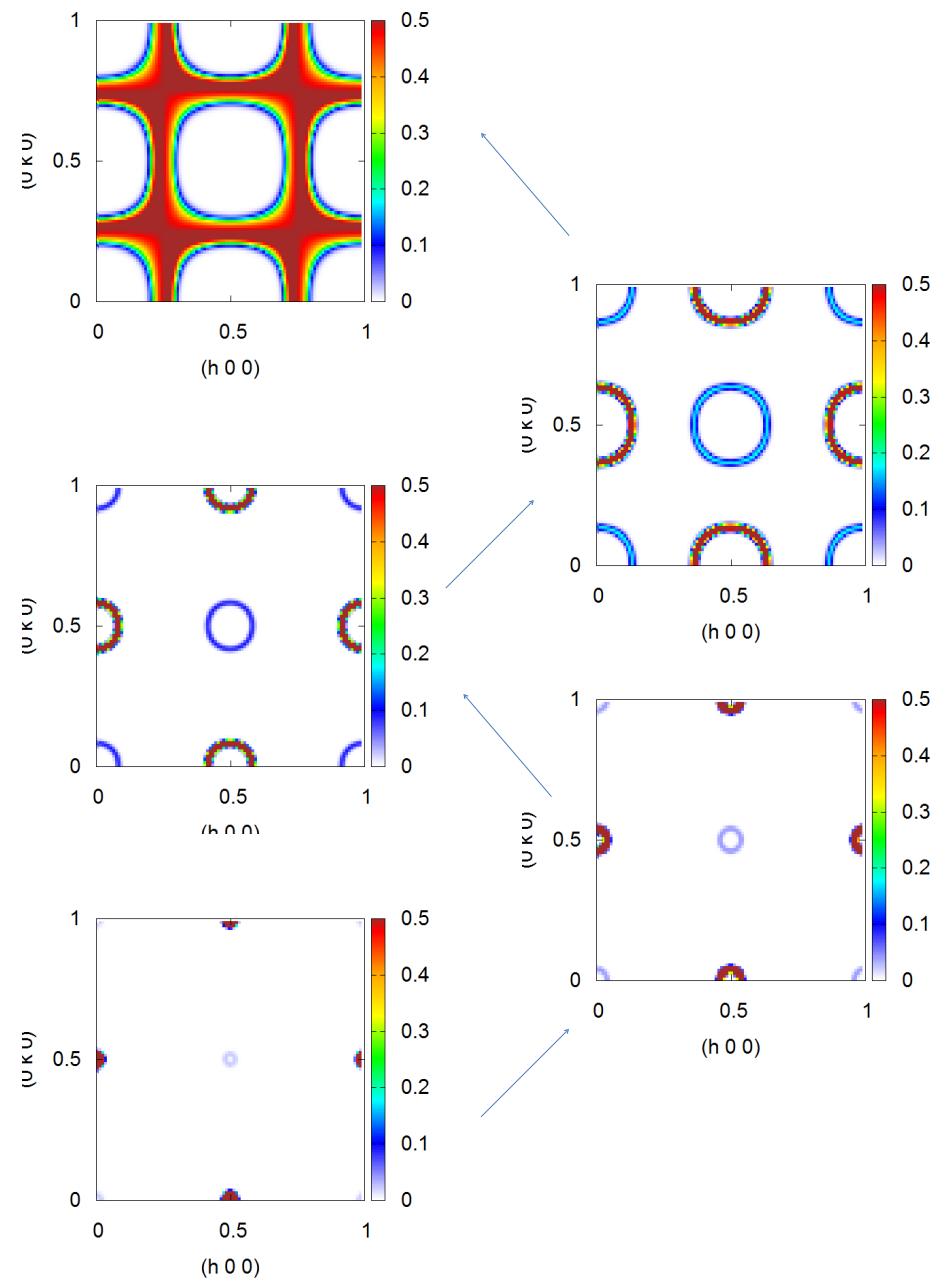
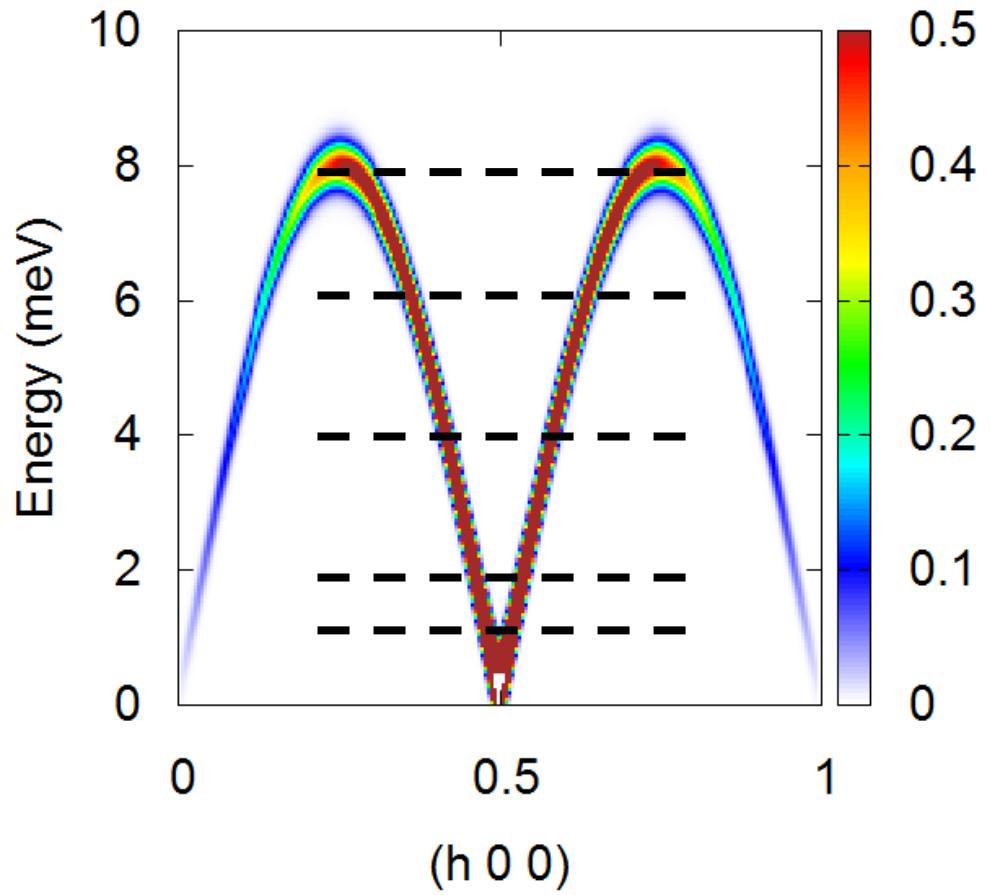


SPIN WAVES = MAGNONS

MORE GENERALY

MAGNONS : $\Delta S = 1$ EXCITATIONS

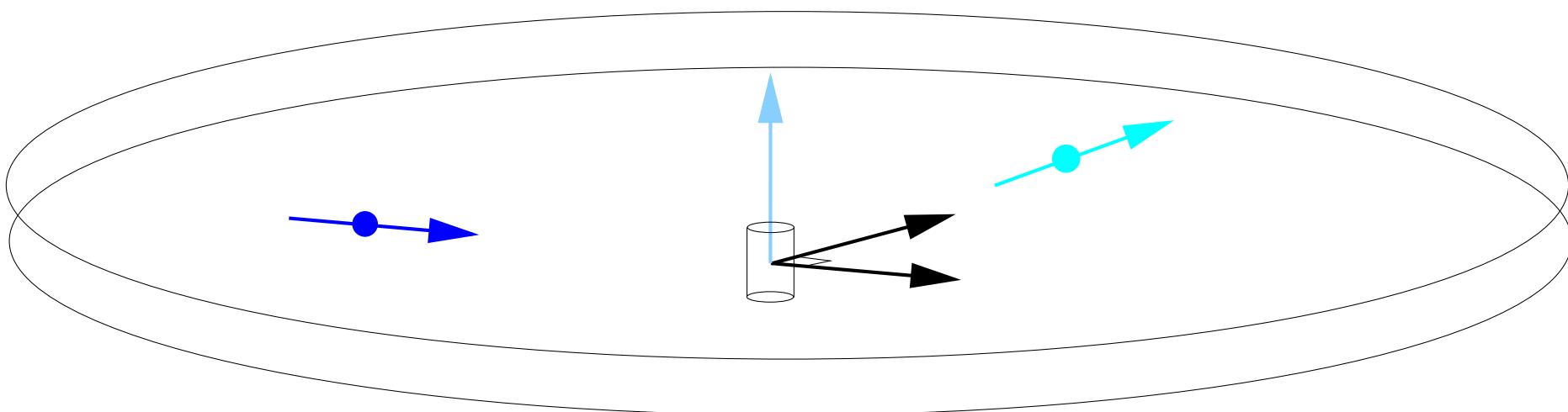
« Slicing a cone »





Instrument contents

- | White-beam source
- | Selection between Single_crystal and Magnon_bcc.comp
- | A “scattering-plane” inelastic monitor that “cheats” by directly measuring k_i and k_f





Tasks:

1. Locate the *instrument file, compile and visualise “as usual”*
2. In terminal run *mcdoc Magnon_bcc_visualisation.instr*
3. In terminal run *mcdoc Magnon_bcc.comp* and check how *comp* is used in the *instrument file*
4. In terminal run *mcdoc Sqq_w_monitor.comp* check how *comp* is used in the *instrument file*
5. Run a long simulation (1e7-8) and plot the results (log)

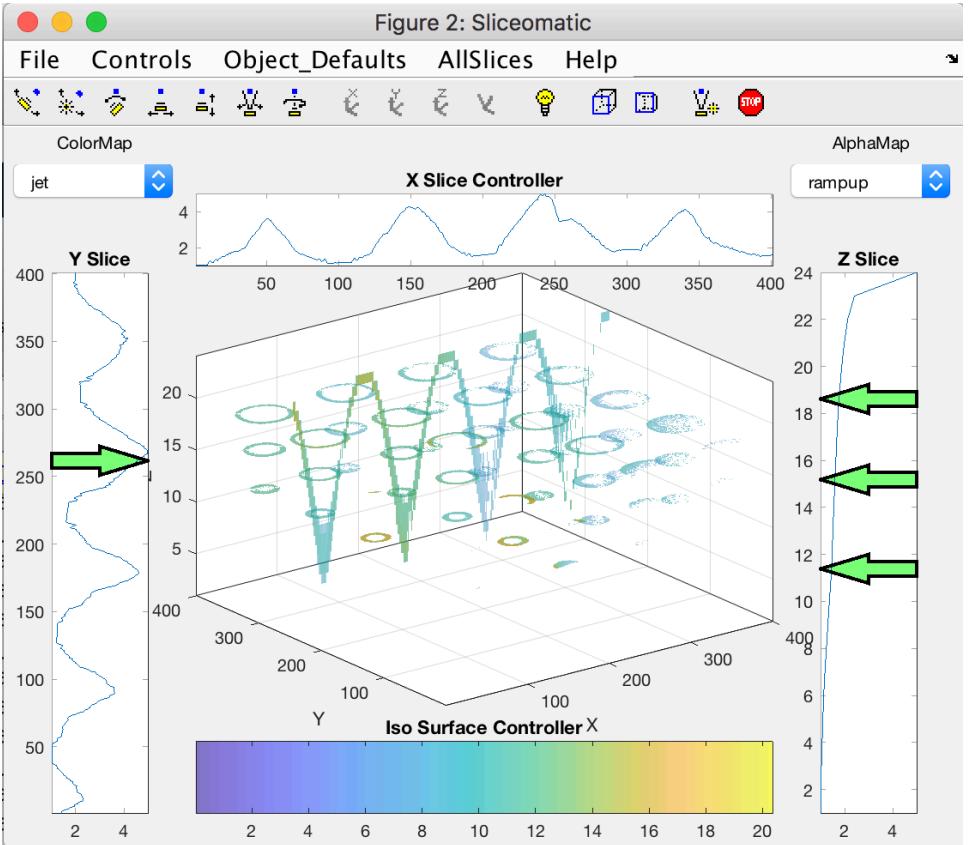


Tasks - 2



5. Load and view in Matlab / iFit using:

- use the `loadvol.m` script from the DropBox
- `Vol=loadvol('your_datadir');`



Optional exercise



6. If you are longing for some more TAS :-)

Try modifying TAS_Magnon.instr for the same Single_crystal and Magnon_bcc setup as found in the visualisation instrument

Make it work and do some nice scans :-)



Optional exercise



- 7. Try including a *Phonon_simple* instead of the *Magnon_bcc* component - use either of the previous instruments

