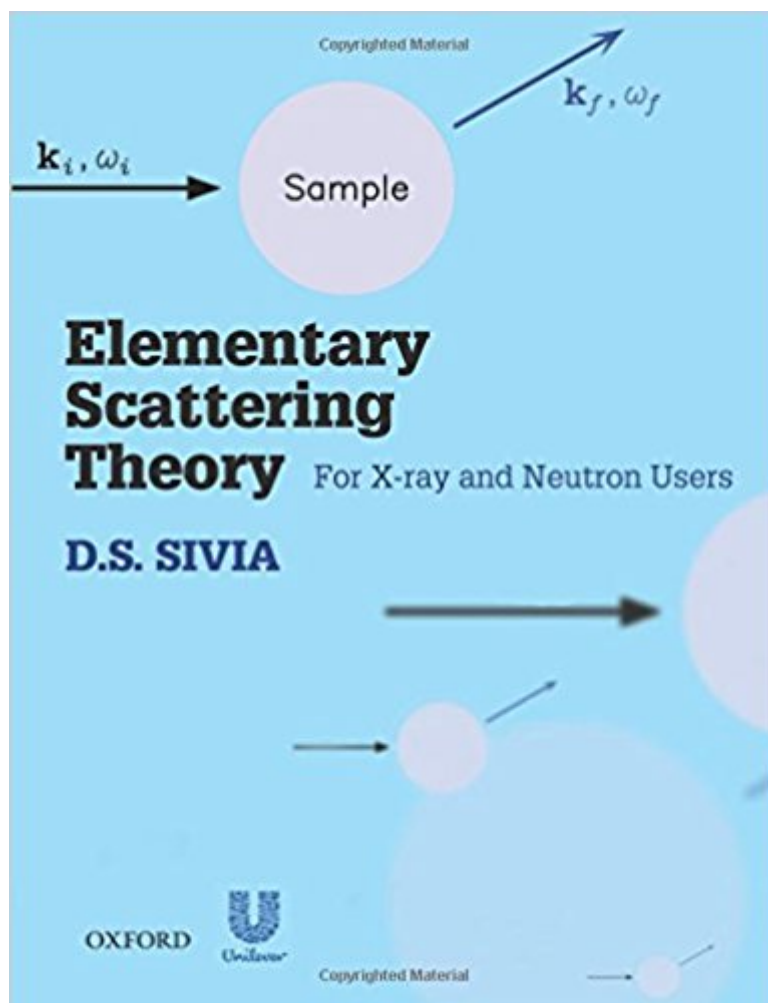


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# Elementary Scattering Theory: For X-ray And Neutron Users



## Synopsis

The opportunities for doing scattering experiments at synchrotron and neutron facilities have grown rapidly in recent years and are set to continue to do so into the foreseeable future. This text provides a basic understanding of how these techniques enable the structure and dynamics of materials to be studied at the atomic and molecular level. Although mathematics cannot be avoided in a theoretical discussion, the aim has been to write a book that most scientists will still find approachable. To this end, the first two chapters are devoted to providing a tutorial background in the mathematics and physics that are implicitly assumed in other texts. Thereafter, the philosophy has been one of keeping things as simple as possible.

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"This book offers a fresh approach to scattering theory which emphasises geometric

principles over quantum mechanical recipes. It demonstrates how scattering measurements can be understood in a simple and intuitive way via wave interference phenomena. Great care is taken to explain all the necessary mathematics, and the presentation is crystal clear. The book will be particularly useful for individuals using X-ray and neutron scattering to investigate the structure of materials in chemistry, biology, physics, materials science and engineering." --Andrew Boothroyd, Oxford University

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This book is excellent. Gives a clear and detailed explanation of the basic principles behind X-ray and neutron scattering. I was particularly interested in elastic small-angle neutron scattering and started reading it without having any background in scattering theory. The organization of the chapters and the way they were written made it easy to follow and understand.

Good reference value.

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Dr. Sivia does an excellent job of introducing both the theoretical and experimental background required to understand the complex field of small angle scattering, reflectometry, and scattering in general. Beginning with an accessible chapter on the mathematical background and leading through both elastic and inelastic scattering, this text instructs simultaneously with mathematical derivations and visual examples, granting the reader insight that may not be gained through derivations alone. For an introduction to scattering theory, you will find no better text.

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