Science Project 8: PaNOSC – Dynamics of biological processes using Small Angle Scattering

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PaNOSC: What is it?

- **Photon and Neutron Open Science Cloud** (Grant no. 823852 in EU Horizon 2020 program)
- ExPaNDS (Grant no. 857641, PaNOSC complement for national facilities)
- Neutron (LENS) and synchrotron (LEAPS) facilities in Europe

EOSC Future

panosc photon and neutron open science cloud

ExPaNDS

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PaNOSC: What is it?

Neutron science in Europe:

Photon science in Europe:

35000 researchers

Since 1960s

5000+ publications/year

19 facilities
>300 end-stations
>1 million hours beam time/year

5 Nobel prizes

PaNOSC: The challenge of diversity

- Very diverse scientific communities
- 1000s of individual experiments
- Data and metadata?
  - FAIR data ✓
  - Instrument metadata ✓
  - Experiment metadata ✓ ?
  - Sample metadata ? ✗
  - Other characterization ✗

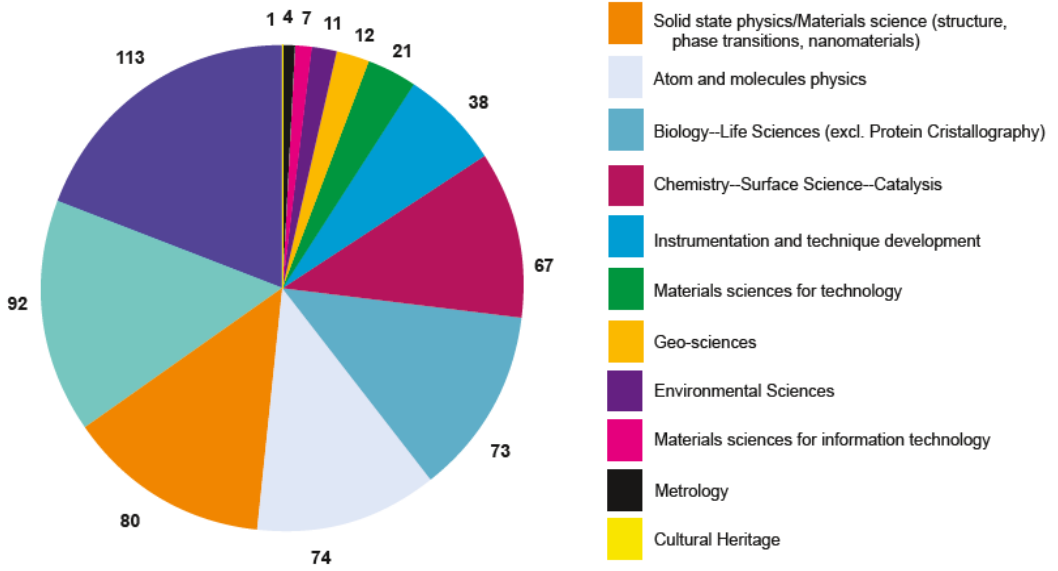
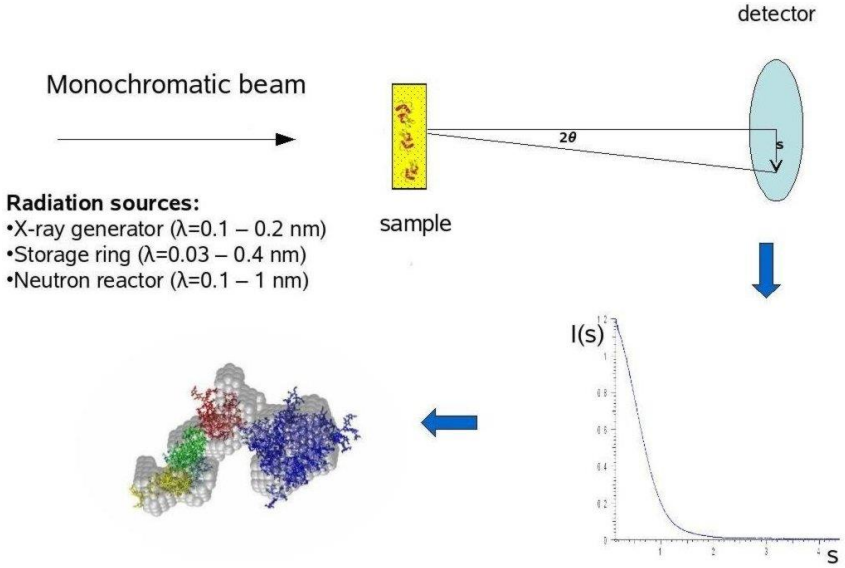
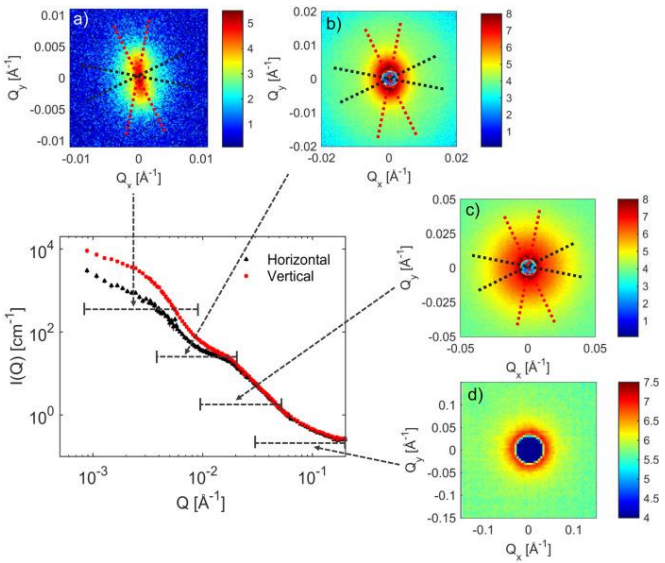


Fig. 1: Use of LEAPS labs for a broad science community. Example: number of publications at SOLEIL in 2018, by scientific field

EOSC Future: Scientific project

Focus in a single technique: Small Angle (Neutron/X-ray) Scattering (SANS/SAXS) and a single problem: Conformation of proteins and macromolecular complexes.



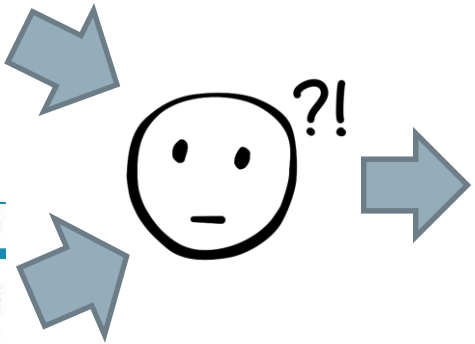


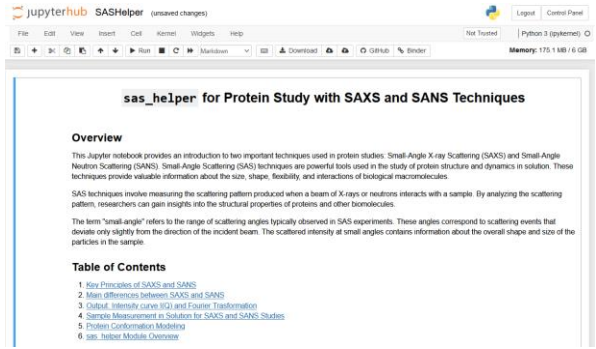
Tian et al, Food hydrocolloids (2020)

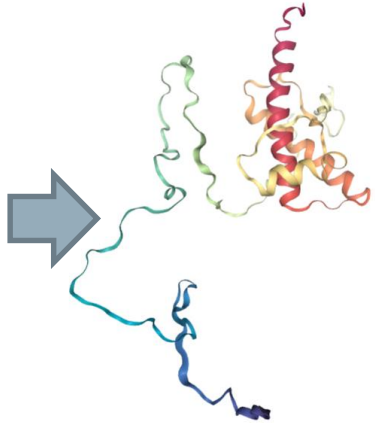
EOSC Future: Scientific project

Goal: Create an easy (semi-)automatic workflow allowing to download **reference structures** of proteins or biomacromolecular complexes and **experimental data** (from user facilities or curated databases) and combine them to obtain a set of plausible molecular conformations.

Uses: Teaching and facilitate use of SANS/SAXS techniques by non-experts.







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STEP 1:
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login e.g. using UmbrellaID

Bitbucket D4SCIENCE sso LOG-IN
B2ACCESS Facebook GitHub Google eduTEAMS
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Replay

Replay offers an easy place to reproduce and share notebooks. It allows users to replay complex calculations, simulations, and visualisations scenarios by importing Notebooks and their runtime environment and share them with a single link. Replay works well with EGI Notebooks: use-cases include workshops, scientific workflows and streamline sharing among teams.

Access requires a valid EGI account and enrolling to the vo.notebooks.egi.eu VO.

Continue with EGI Check-in

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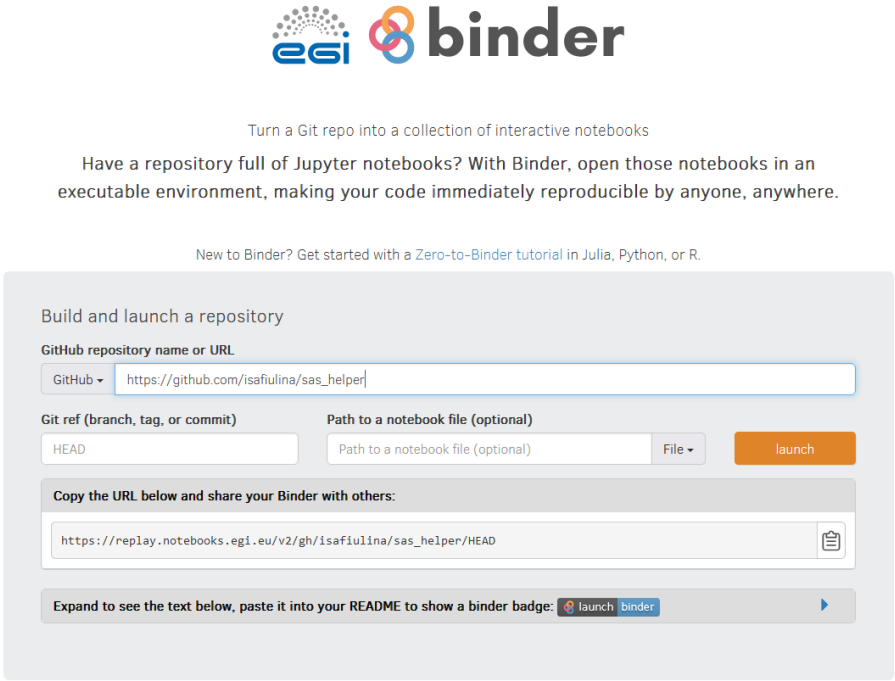
STEP 2:
https://github.com/isafiulina/sas_helper
binder

TO DO: Findable in EOSC Marketplace!



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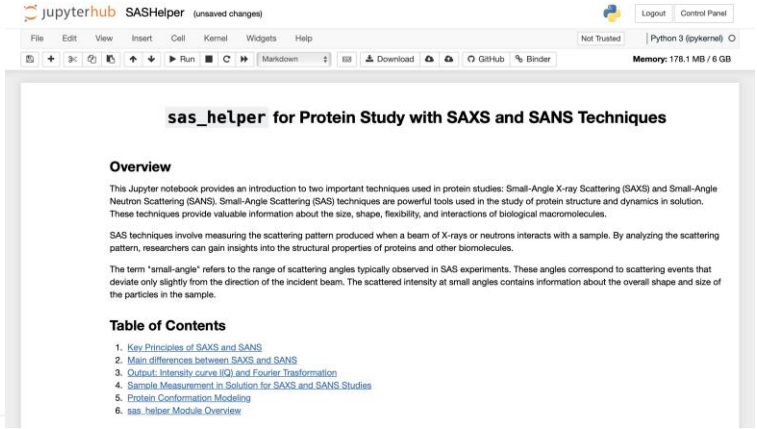
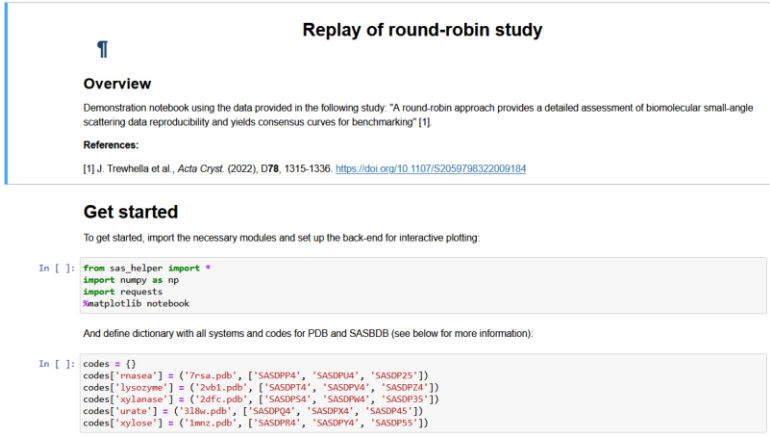
STEP 3:
Jupyter Notebook environment
(upload data or go to Notebook)





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A round-robin approach provides a detailed assessment of biomolecular small-angle scattering data reproducibility and yields consensus curves for benchmarking

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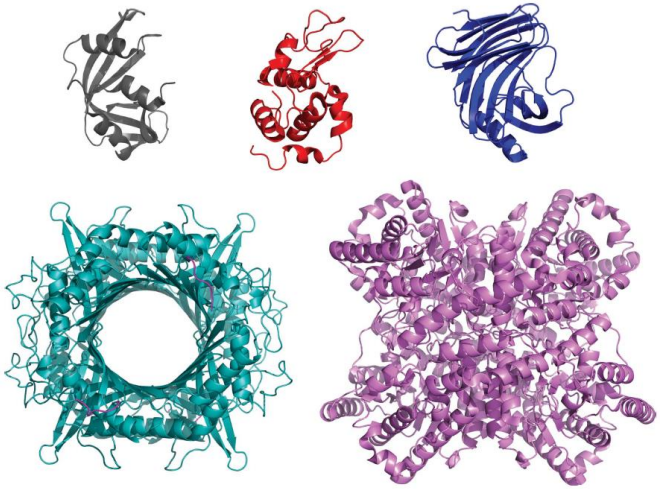

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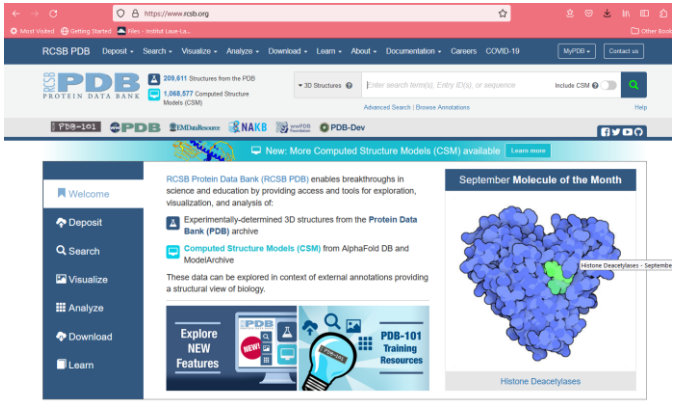
STEP 4:
Get protein reference structure from Open Data Base



Load the PDB files

Crystal structures for the five proteins studied in [1] are available in the Protein Data Bank (PDB) https://www.rcsb.org and their respective codes are:

- RNaseA: PDB entry = 7rsa
- Lysozyme: PDB entry = 2vb1
- Xylanase: PDB entry = 2dfc
- Urate oxidase: PDB entry = 3l8w
- Xylose isomerase: PDB entry = 1mnz

They can be downloaded easily using the `download_pdb` function:

```
download_pdb(link, pdb_file)
```

where link = `https://files.rcsb.org/download/entry-code` provides the reference to the PDB file in the database.

Let's load the reference structure of the five systems analysed in [1]:

In [4]:
```
for key in codes.keys():
    url = 'https://files.rcsb.org/download/' + codes[key][0]
    download_pdb(url, key + '.pdb')
```

```
File rnasea.pdb has been successfully downloaded
File lysozyme.pdb has been successfully downloaded
File xylanase.pdb has been successfully downloaded
File urate.pdb has been successfully downloaded
File xylose.pdb has been successfully downloaded
```

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STEP 5:
Visualize loaded structure

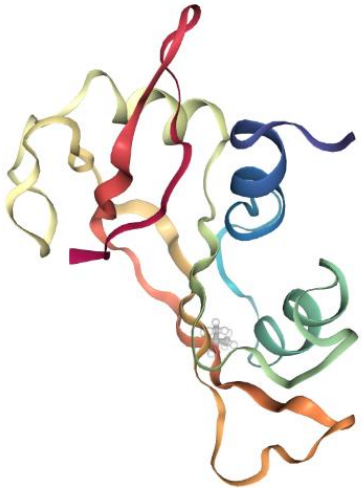
Protein visualisation

Use the `show_pdb` command to visualize the loaded structures:

```
show_pdb(pdb_file)
```

Use the interactive 3D visualization of the protein structure to explore the structure. You can rotate the protein, zoom in and out, and explore different parts of the model.

```
In [5]: pdb_file = system + '.pdb'
show_pdb(pdb_file)
```



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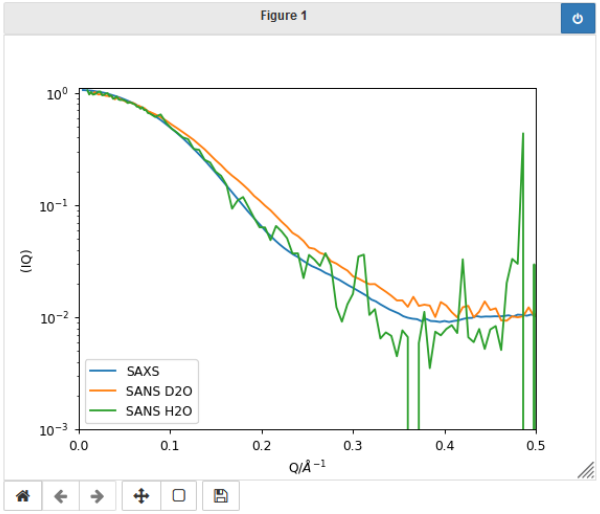
STEP 6:
Load experimental data
and plot them



Load the SANS/SAXS data

Consensus SANS (in both D2O and H2O) and SAXS data used in [1] are available in the SASBDB database. They can be downloaded manually or as shown below. The codes corresponding to each data set are given in [1] and have been defined before in the `codes` dictionary, where they are available as `codes[system key][1][#]`, where # = 0 (SAXS data), 1 (SANS data taken in D2O), or 2 (SANS data taken in H2O).

SASBDB
Small Angle Scattering Biological Data Bank

In [6]:
```
requests.packages.urllib3.disable_warnings()

API_BASE = 'https://www.sasbdb.org/rest-api/'
URL_BASE = 'https://www.sasbdb.org/media/intensities_files/'

# Check codes to use and download SANS/SAXS data curves locall
for key in codes.keys():
    for code in codes[key][1]:

        try:

            resp = requests.get(API_BASE + 'entry/summary/', params={'code': code},
                    headers={"Accept": "application/json"}, verify=False)
            if resp.status_code != 200:
                resp.raise_for_status()
            else:
                json_data =  resp.json()
                print(json_data['code'], ':', json_data['experiment']['sample']['name'])

            url = URL_BASE + code + '.dat'
            resp = requests.get(url, allow_redirects=True, verify=False)
            file = code + '.dat'
            open(file, 'wb').write(resp.content)

        except requests.exceptions.HTTPError:
            resp.raise_for_status()
```

```
SASDPP4 : Consensus SAXS Profile - Ribonuclease A
SASDPU4 : Consensus SANS Profile - Ribonuclease A in 100% v/v D2O buffer
SASDP25 : Consensus SANS Profile - Ribonuclease A in H2O buffer
SASDPT4 : Consensus SAXS Profile - Lysozyme
SASDPV4 : Consensus SANS Profile - Lysozyme in 100% v/v D2O buffer
SASDPZ4 : Consensus SANS Profile - Lysozyme in H2O buffer
SASDPS4 : Consensus SAXS Profile - Xylanase
SASDPW4 : Consensus SANS Profile - Xylanase in 100% v/v D2O buffer
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SASDP45 : Consensus SANS Profile - Urate oxidase in H2O buffer
SASDPR4 : Consensus SAXS Profile - Xylose Isomerase
SASDPY4 : Consensus SANS Profile - Xylose isomerase in 100% v/v D2O buffer
SASDP55 : Consensus SANS Profile - Xylose isomerase in H2O buffer
```

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STEP 7:
Calculate SAXS and SANS profiles.
For SANS check differences between H/D.

Calculation of SAXS Profiles

To calculate SAXS profiles, you can use either the `foxs` or `Pepsi-SAXS` software. There is no critical difference between them, except for the intensity scale. The `saxs_profile` function will calculate the SAXS profile for a given PDB file. By default, the function uses the `foxs` software, so the call:

```
saxs_profile(pdb_file)
```

is equivalent to

```
saxs_profile(pdb_file, core="foxs")
```

To calculate the SAXS profile using the `Pepsi-SAXS` software, use the following command:

```
saxs_profile(pdb_file, core="pepsisaxs")
```

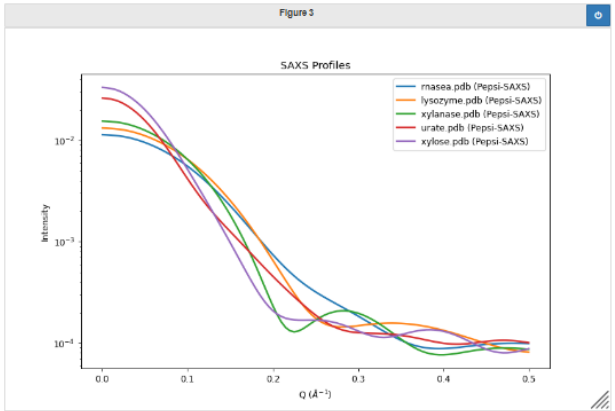
Or:

```
saxs_profile(pdb_file, core="both")
```

to calculate the profile with both programs.

If instead of a single file we provide a list of them, the profiles of all the systems in the list is calculated and compared in the output plot. For example we can compare the profiles of the five crystal structures in [1]:

```
In [9]: saxs_profile([`{}.pdb`.format(key) for key in codes.keys()], core='pepsisaxs')
```




```
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Calculated profile saved in file  lysozyme_PepsiSAXS.csv
Calculated profile saved in file  xylanase_PepsiSAXS.csv
Calculated profile saved in file  urate_PepsiSAXS.csv
Calculated profile saved in file  xylose_PepsiSAXS.csv
```

Calculation of SANS Profiles

SANS profiles are modeled in a similar way, but in this case we need to indicate the H/D levels of the protein and the buffer, so the function `sans_profile` has some additional keywords:

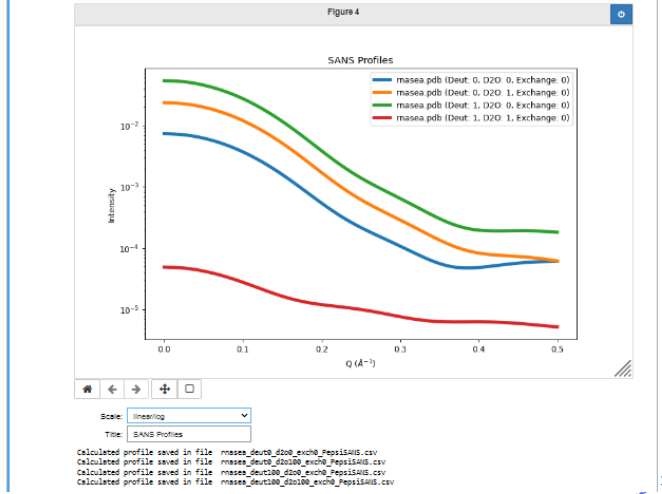
```
sans_profile(pdb_files, deut_level=[0], d2o_level=[0], exchange=[0])
```

- **deut_level** stands for Molecule deuteration. It represents the level of deuteration in the molecules under investigation. Deuteration refers to the replacement of hydrogen atoms with deuterium atoms. The **deut_level** value should be in the range from 0 to 1.
- **d2o_level** stands for Buffer deuteration. It represents the level of deuteration in the solvent or buffer used in the experiment. The **d2o_level** value should be in the range from 0 to 1.
- **exchange** stands for Exchange rate. It represents the rate at which hydrogen atoms in the molecule exchange with deuterium atoms. Higher exchange rates indicate faster exchange between hydrogen and deuterium atoms. The **exchange** value should be in the range from 0 to 1.

Default values are: deut_level=0, d2o_level=0, and exchange=0.

To explore how different parameter values affect the SANS profiles, you can provide a list of different numbers for each parameter. The `sans_profile` function will calculate all the combinations of those numbers, for example:

```
In [10]: pdb_file = system + '.pdb'
         sans_profile(pdb_file, deut_level=[0,1], d2o_level=[0, 1], exchange=0)
```




```
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Calculated profile saved in file  rnasea_deut100_d2o100_exch0_PepsiSANS.csv
```

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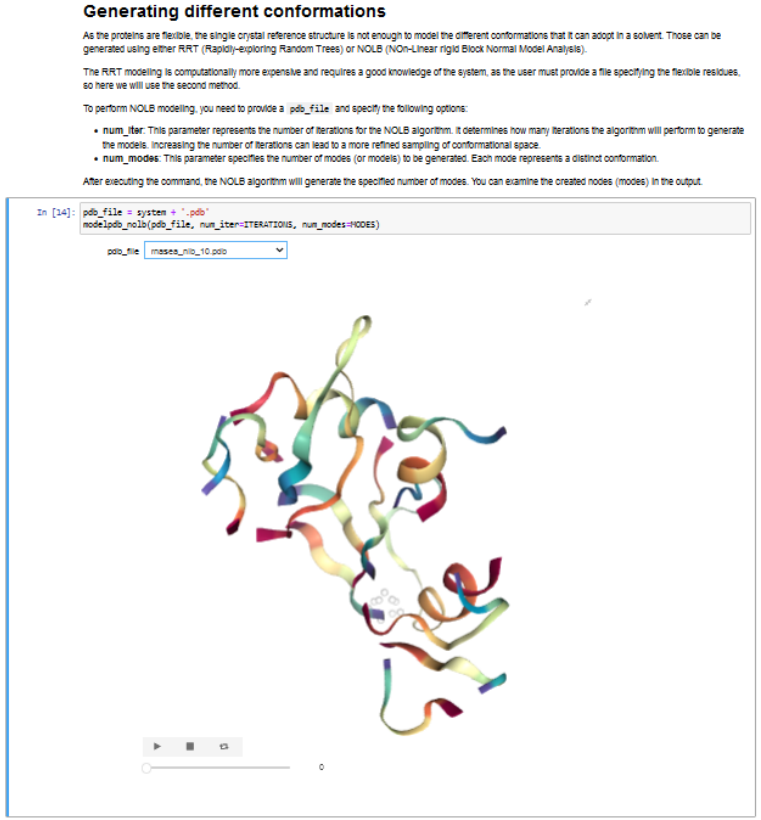
STEP 8:
Generate alternative conformations from the reference structure by moving smartly the flexible residues of the protein



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STEP 9:
Fit calculated profiles to SAXS and SANS data, in order to select more likely/abundant conformations.

Fit each of the conformations to the experimental SAXS data

This is done using `fitsaxs` and either `foxs` or `pepsisaxs`.

If you choose `core="foxs"`, the following options are taken into account:

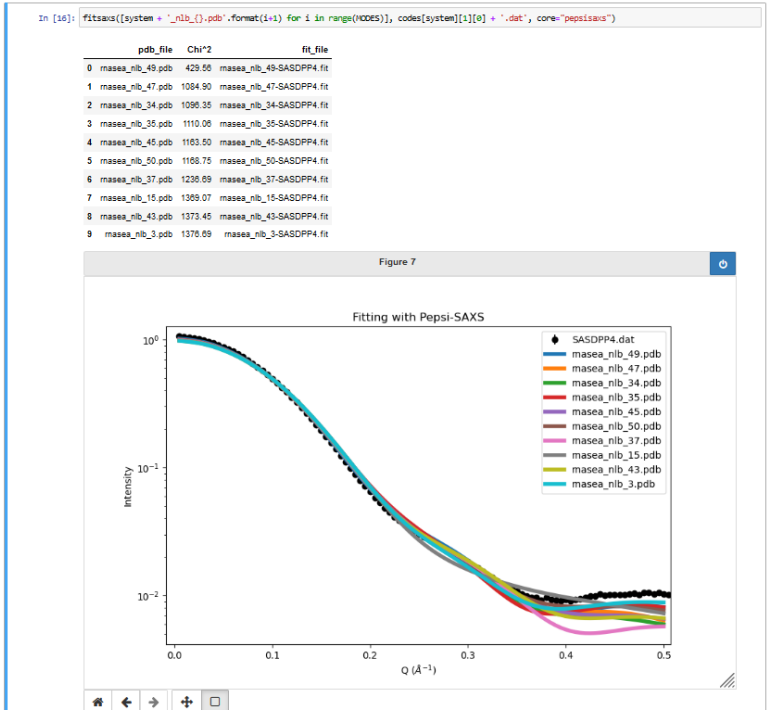
```
fitsaxs(pdb_files, data_file, core="foxs", c1_low=0.99, c1_up=1.05, c2_low=-2, c2_up=4, bg=0,
        hyd=False)
```

- **c1** is the scaling of the atomic radius, which controls the excluded volume of the molecule. The default value is c1 = 1.0. During fitting, a range of values is allowed, with a 1% decrease and up to a 5% increase in the radius (0.99 ≤ c1 ≤ 1.05). The **c1_low** and **c1_up** parameters define this range.
- **c2** is used to adjust the difference between the densities of the hydration layer and the bulk water. It controls the density of the water layer around the molecule. The default value is c2 = 0.0. The value of c2 can vary from 0 to 4.0, representing up to four water molecule neighbors for an exposed solute atom. Negative values are also allowed (-2.0 ≤ c2 ≤ 4.0) to account for a lower hydration shell density. The **c2_low** and **c2_up** parameters define this range.
- **bg** is an option for background adjustment, which is not used by default.
- **hyd** is a boolean flag that indicates whether to explicitly consider hydrogens in the PDB files. The default value is False. If you want to use hydrogens, set `hyd=True`, assuming that all hydrogen atoms are listed in the PDB file.

For `core="pepsisaxs"`, the available options are:

```
fitsaxs(pdb_files, data_file, core="pepsisaxs", bg=0, hyd=False, scale=1, int_0=1, neg=False,
        no_smear=False, hyd_shell=5, conc=1, abs_int=0, bulk_SLD=1e-5)
```

- **bg** is an option for background adjustment, which is not used by default.
- **hyd** is a boolean flag that indicates whether to explicitly consider hydrogens in the PDB files.
- **scale** is a scaling factor between the experimental intensity I_{exp} and the theoretical intensity I_{theory}.
- **int_0** sets $I(0)$ to a constant value.
- **neg** is a flag that allows for a negative contrast of the hydration shell upon fitting.
- **no_smear** disables the data smearing during fitting.
- **hyd_shell** represents the hydration shell contrast as a percentage of the bulk value. The default is 5%. If this parameter is omitted, the contrast will be adjusted automatically during fitting.
- **conc** specifies the sample concentration in mg/mL. The default is 1 mg/mL. This parameter is only used when the `abs_int` option is enabled.
- **abs_int** enables the fitting of absolute intensity, in +-%.
- **bulk_SLD** allows for the explicit specification of the bulk SLD (Scattering Length Density) if different from water.



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```
In [24]: mmf = multimodelfit(["nodes{}.pdb".format(i) for i in range(1,101)], "prion_iq.dat")
```

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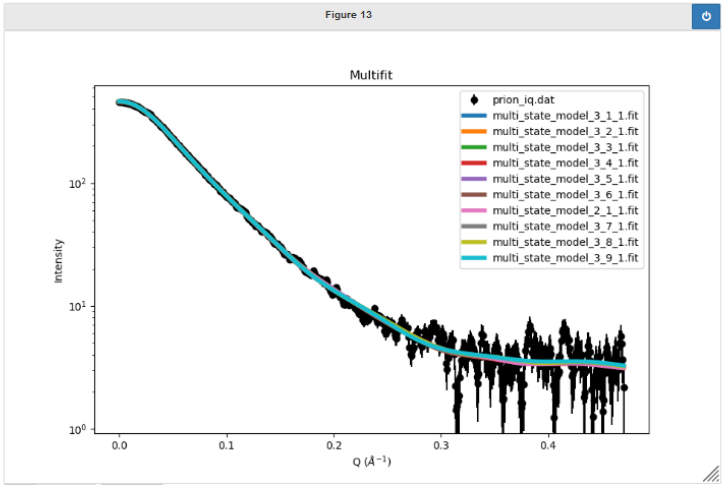
0	1.04807767774437	multi_state_model_3_1_1.fit	nodes38.pdb, nodes28.pdb, nodes80.pdb	0.772, 0.053, 0.175
1	1.05056696426491	multi_state_model_3_2_1.fit	nodes38.pdb, nodes86.pdb, nodes80.pdb	0.774, 0.057, 0.169
2	1.05724878030899	multi_state_model_3_3_1.fit	nodes38.pdb, nodes25.pdb, nodes97.pdb	0.779, 0.109, 0.112
3	1.05894557016541	multi_state_model_3_4_1.fit	nodes38.pdb, nodes80.pdb, nodes97.pdb	0.784, 0.164, 0.052
4	1.05906002436408	multi_state_model_3_5_1.fit	nodes38.pdb, nodes78.pdb, nodes97.pdb	0.779, 0.114, 0.107
5	1.06079025820612	multi_state_model_3_6_1.fit	nodes38.pdb, nodes86.pdb, nodes80.pdb	0.774, 0.054, 0.173
6	1.06328246279523	multi_state_model_2_1_1.fit	nodes38.pdb, nodes57.pdb	0.758, 0.242
7	1.06349604304634	multi_state_model_3_7_1.fit	nodes38.pdb, nodes78.pdb, nodes98.pdb	0.775, 0.143, 0.081
8	1.06355240004047	multi_state_model_3_8_1.fit	nodes38.pdb, nodes25.pdb, nodes98.pdb	0.776, 0.138, 0.085
9	1.06475936398663	multi_state_model_3_9_1.fit	nodes38.pdb, nodes67.pdb, nodes97.pdb	0.765, 0.102, 0.132



STEP 10:

Multi model fit using combinations of most likely conformations.

Get comprehensive output

Interactive plotting

Save the result

EOSC Future and PaNOSC: Conclusions

- Photon and Neutron facilities are committed to FAIR principles and open data.
- Several facilities (but not all) have already on-boarded their data repositories and even provide infrastructures to work with the data. But at present they all require to be a registered user of the facility to have access.
- Big challenges due to the diversity of science done in PaN facilities and the “user facility” status (work mainly on samples provided by users, and whole knowledge of the sample is only available to the external group, not to the facility).
- Need to find ways to open data/resources to “non-users” and improve FAIRness of stored data (electronic logbooks, incentives to users to improve sample description, etc.)
- Proof-of-concept for a well defined case. Hopefully extensible to other communities: powder diffraction, spectroscopy, materials science, etc.

THANK YOU!