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Resonance filters -- Bragg-scattering filters -- Absorbers -- Spectrometer alignment -- Initial optical alignment -- Experimental alignment -- Goniometers -- Two-circle goniometer -- Four-circle goniometer -- Translation of the sample -- Super holder -- New developments -- Inelastic scattering and the resolution function -- Notation and definitions -- Definition of the resolution function -- Constant-Q scans -- Focusing -- Selection of collimators and energies -- Bragg tails -- Constant-E scans -- Vertical resolution -- Harmonics in the incident beam.

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Sommario/riassunto

Neutron scattering is an extremely powerful tool in the study of elemental excitations in condensed matter. This book provides a practical guide to basic techniques using a triple-axis spectrometer. Introductory chapters summarize useful scattering formulas and describe the components of a spectrometer, followed by a comprehensive discussion of the resolution function and focusing effects. Later sections include simple examples of phonon and magnon measurements, and an analysis of spurious effects in both inelastic and elastic measurements, and how to avoid them. Finally, polarization analysis techniques and their applications are covered. This guide will allow graduate students and experienced researchers new to neutron scattering to make the most efficient use of their experimental time.

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