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$$\rho(\underline{r}) = b_e n(\underline{r}) \quad (\text{no polarization factor})$$

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Let  $\underline{u}' = \underline{u} + \underline{r}$  After some algebra:

$$\begin{aligned} I(\underline{q}) &= \int \left[ \int \rho(\underline{u+r}) \rho(\underline{u}) d\underline{u} \right] \exp(-i\underline{q} \cdot \underline{r}) d\underline{r} \\ &= \int \Gamma_p \exp(-i\underline{q} \cdot \underline{r}) d\underline{r} \end{aligned}$$

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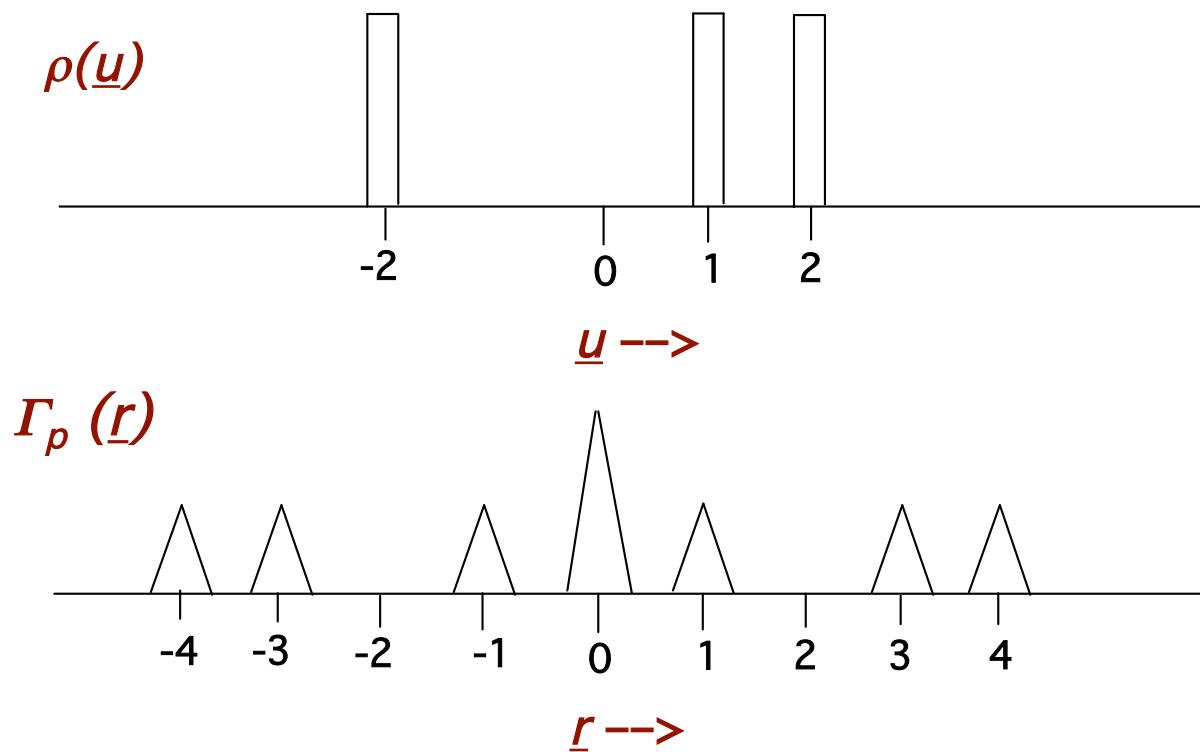
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But, whatever it's called, it represents correlation betwn  $\rho(\underline{u}')$  and  $\rho(\underline{u})$  on avg.

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Simple example:



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This means must model in some way to get  $\rho(r)$  from  $I(\underline{S})$  or  $\Gamma(r)$

Saxs uses  $\Gamma(r)$