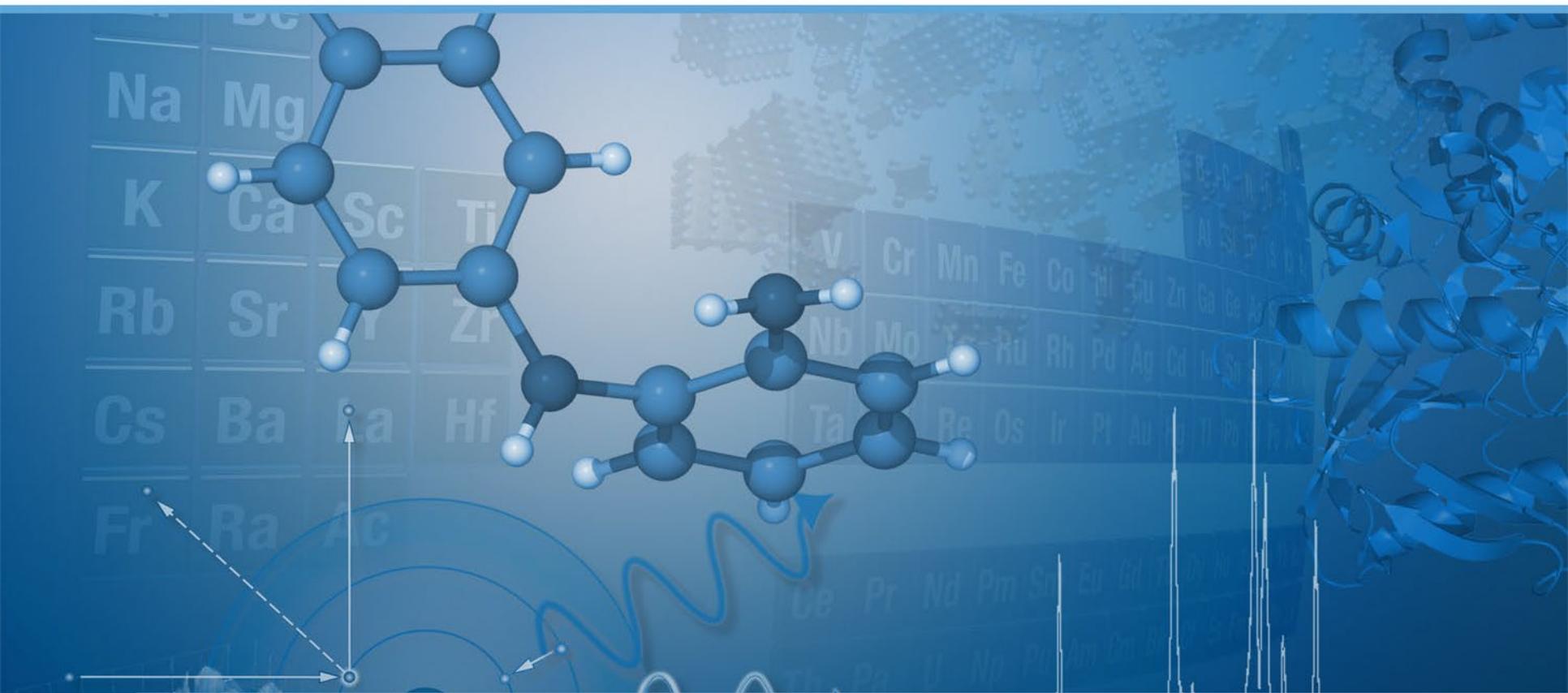




Bruker digital EPDIC luncheon



Welcome to our webinar today:

“Digital EPDIC luncheon”

We will start at 01:30 (CET)

Welcome to today's webinar from our Bruker AXS office in Karlsruhe, Germany!



Karsten Knorr
Product Manager
Industrial XRD



Martin Zimmermann
Product Manager
Thin-Film Analysis

Agenda – our EPDIC presentations

- In-operando characterization of $\text{LiNi}_x\text{Mn}_y\text{Co}_z\text{O}_2$ pouch cells
- Joint PDF - Rietveld refinements of LiMn_2O_4 from laboratory data
- An efficient Rietveld compatible approach to (an)isotropic micro-strain broadening introduced by linearly correlated metric distributions
- Structural characterization of ultra-thin metallic films using coplanar and non-coplanar grazing incidence diffraction geometries
- Application of machine learning to XRD phase identification
- Q&A



In-operando Characterization of $\text{LiNi}_x\text{Mn}_y\text{Co}_z\text{O}_2$ Pouch Cells



Dr. Christina Drathen
Product Manager XRD



Motivation

- Energy from renewable sources stored in batteries is a crucial building block for distributed electricity supply
- New cathode and anode materials are tested during charge- and discharge conditions
- XRD can directly monitor the compositional and structural changes
 - Structure of new cathode/ anode materials
 - In-situ studies of reactions during cycling
- Example: $\text{LiNi}_x\text{Mn}_y\text{Co}_z\text{O}_2$ (NMC) a cathode material





Testing Batteries with XRD

Key Components – Transmission geometry



Versatile configuration

- Structure solution and refinement
- Non-ambient or in-situ experiments

Mo tube

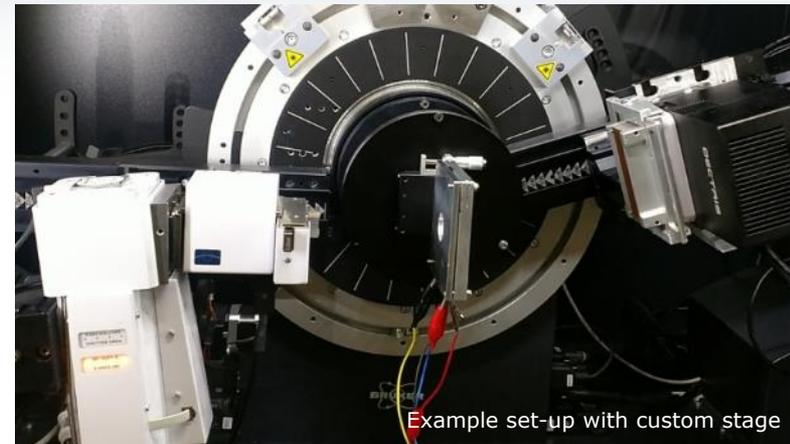
- Higher penetration through metal foils in pouch cells with Mo
- XRD pattern compressed in 2θ : more peaks in same angular range

Focusing mirror

- Maximize intensity and best resolution in transmission

EIGER2 R 500K

- Large active detector area for rapid data collection in snapshot mode
- Suitable for all wavelengths (Cr-Ag)

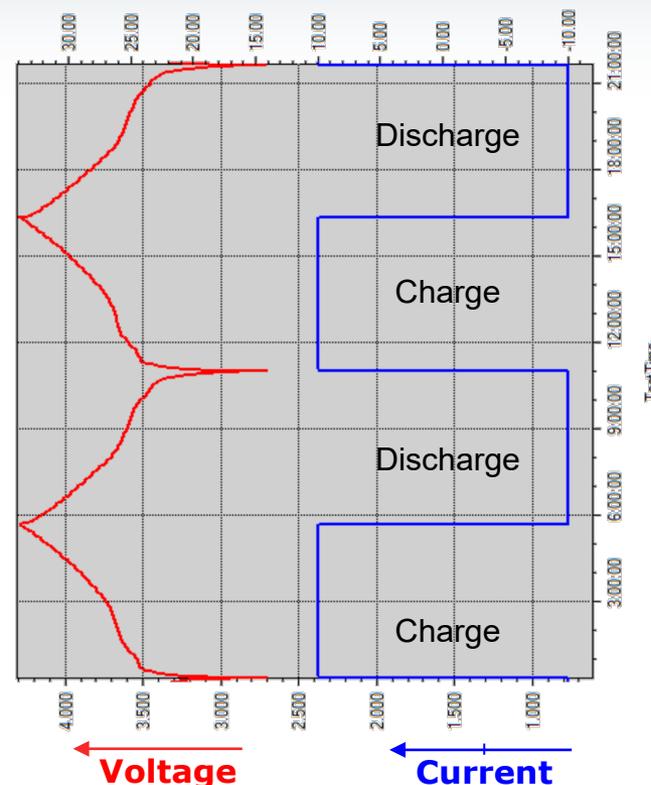
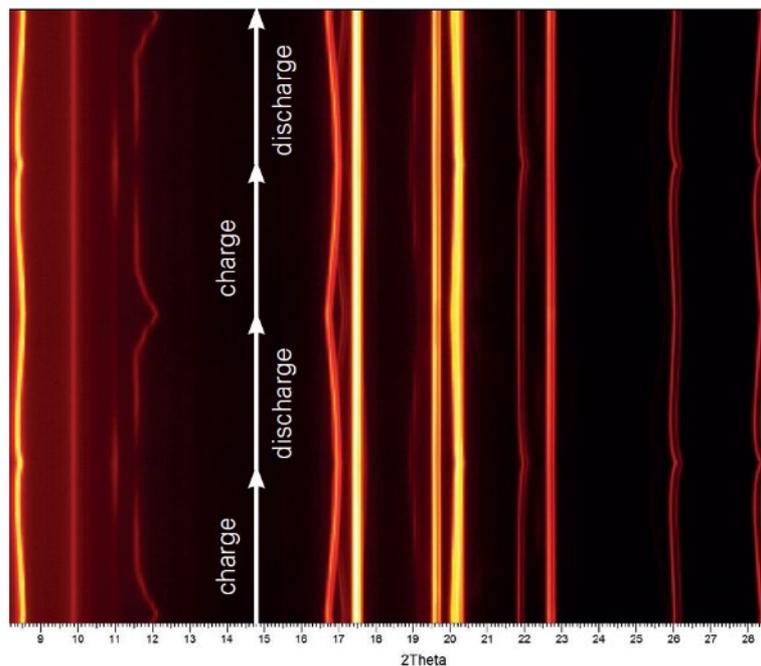


Transmission set-up for in-situ studies

| | |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Source | Mo sealed tube or TXS |
| Optic | Focusing Goebel mirror |
| Stage | Compact UMC or custom stage |
| Accessories | (UBC collimators) Panoramic Soller |
| Detector | EIGER2 R 500K |



NMC Battery Pouch Cell Charge/ Discharge cycles

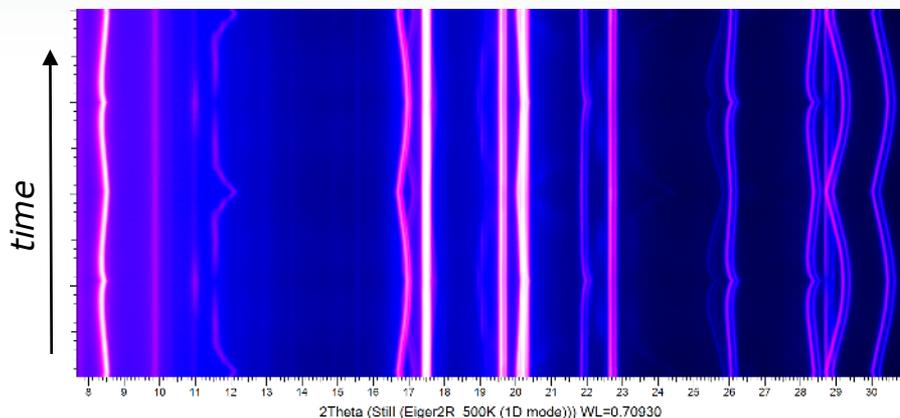


- Analysis of both anode and cathode
- Follow phase-composition and structural changes of NMC ($\text{LiNi}_x\text{Mn}_y\text{Co}_z\text{O}_2$) battery with 3min data collection ($7-32^\circ 2\theta$) during C/5 charge/discharge conditions

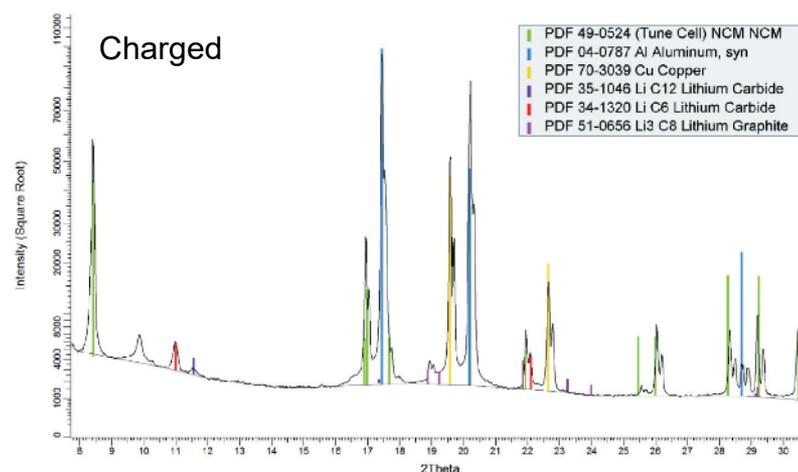
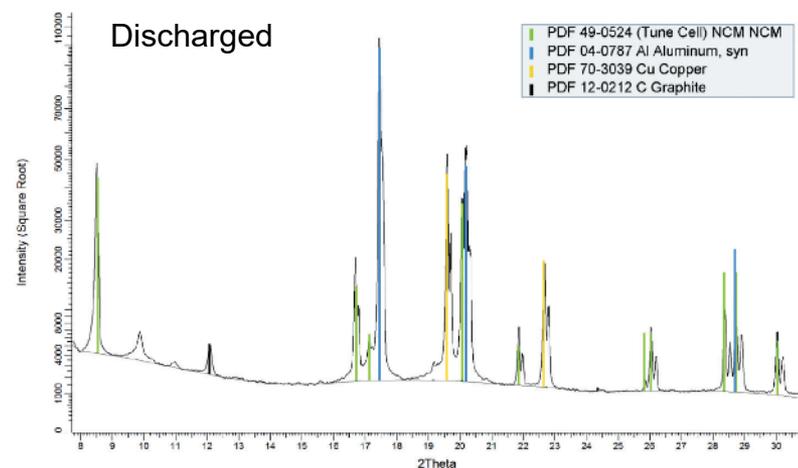


NMC Battery Pouch Cell

Data visualization & analysis in DIFFRAC.EVA

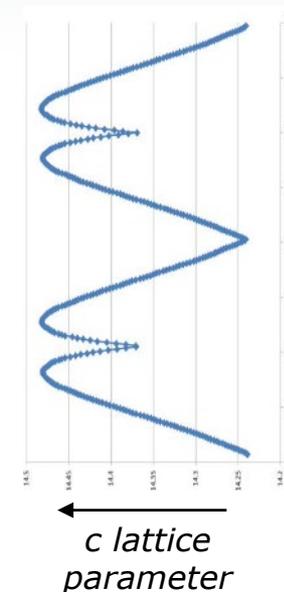
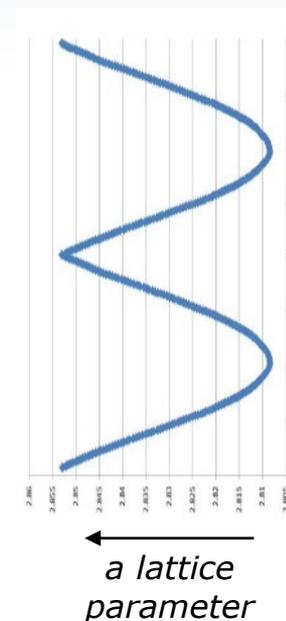
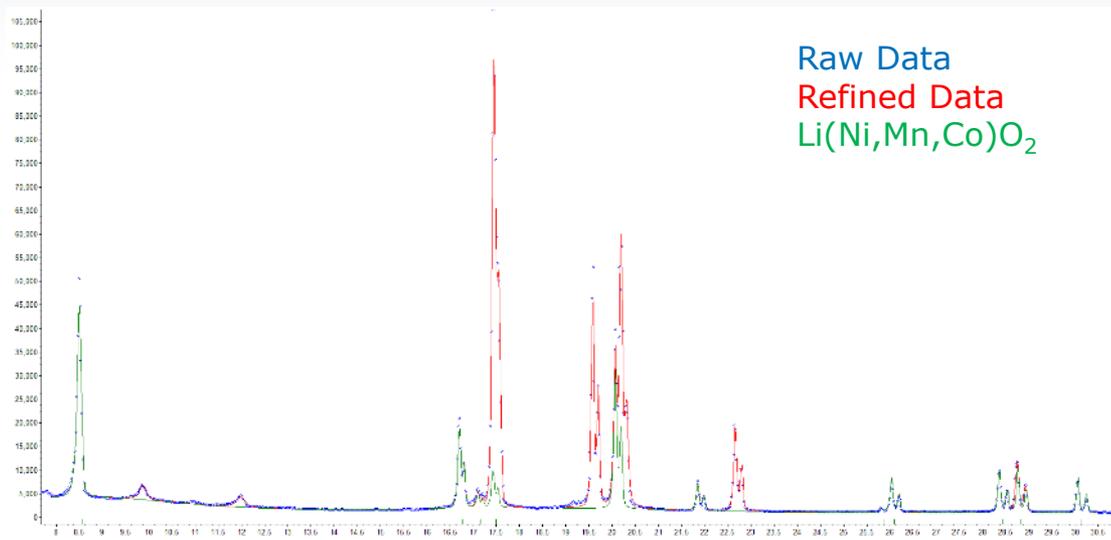


- Iso-intensity (2D) plots and Waterfall plots for data visualization
- Cluster analysis tools for identifying new phases during battery cycling
- Individual scans can be highlighted in the 2D plot and analyzed in more detail





NMC Battery Pouch Cell Structure analysis in DIFFRAC.TOPAS



- Fast refinement of large datasets with customizable output of desired parameters using serial (batch) or parallel processing in TOPAS
- In thicker cells, different parts are at different positions → peak shift in XRD can be treated **correctly** in TOPAS¹

[1] Rowles, M.R. & Buckley, C.E. (2017), J. Appl. Cryst. 50, 240-251

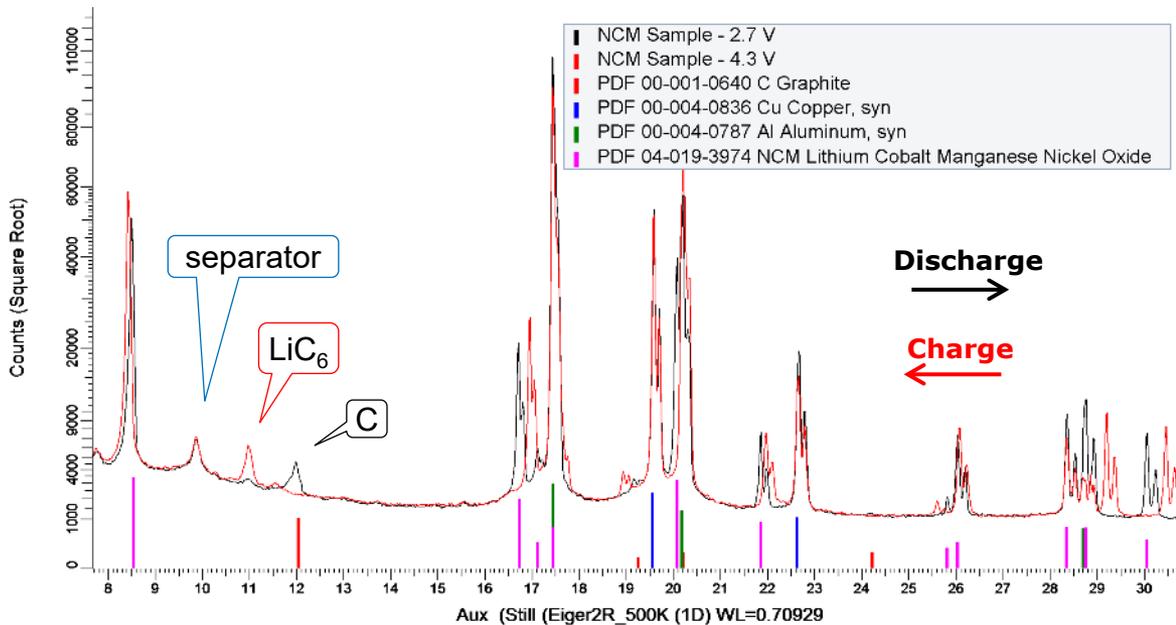
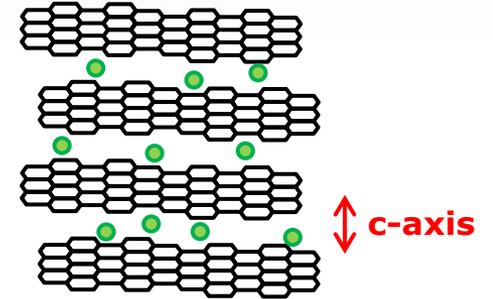


What's happening in the battery? Anode

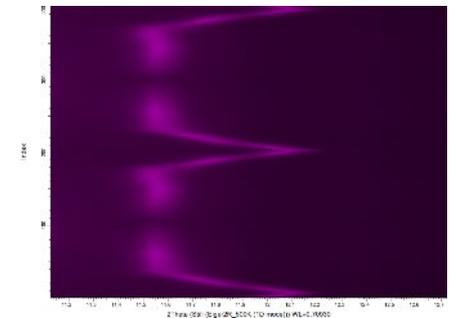


- Intercalation of Li in graphite:

$$\text{Li} + \text{C} \rightarrow \text{LiC}_x \quad (x = 24, 12, 6)$$
- c-lattice parameter increases



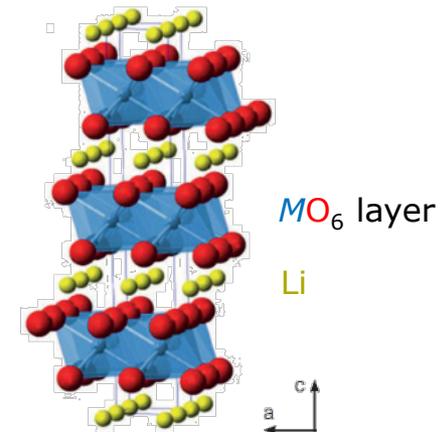
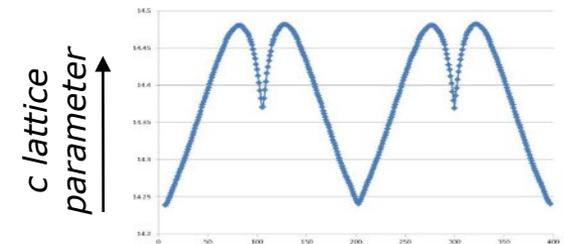
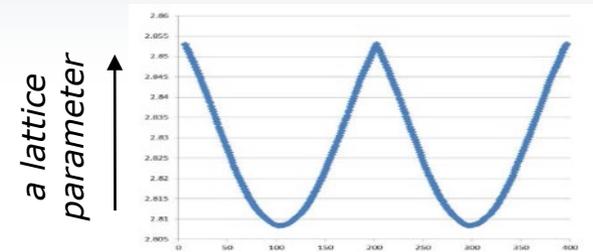
Graphite (002) reflection



What's happening in the battery? Cathode



- Li is removed from Li(NMC):
$$\text{LiNi}_x\text{Mn}_y\text{Co}_z\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Li} + \text{Ni}_x\text{Mn}_y\text{Co}_z\text{O}_2$$
- Oxidation of Ni^{2+} to Ni^{3+} \rightarrow smaller radius; (contraction of a -axis)
- Higher charge of metal oxide layer \rightarrow higher electrostatic repulsion (c -axis increases)
- At higher charge states ($> 4\text{V}$) possible charge-transfer from oxygen to metal \rightarrow reduce electrostatic repulsion (c -axis decreases)





NMC Battery Pouch Cell Summary



- Hard **Mo-radiation** to penetrate metal foils of pouch-cell and investigate entire battery at the same time
 - ✓ Diffraction pattern compressed (more peaks in same 2θ compared to Cu-radiation)
- Large **EIGER2 R 500K** detector for large 2θ coverage
 - ✓ Flexible positioning of detector increase 2θ range to 25°
- Large datasets are visualization rapidly in **DIFFRAC.EVA**.
 - ✓ EVA's clustering algorithms for efficient evaluation of hundreds or thousands of patterns.
- Correct description of geometrical effects (e.g. position of battery cell) with Rietveld analysis in **DIFFRAC.TOPAS**
 - ✓ Extremely fast serial and parallel refinements with 64bit version and multi-threading.

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In Operando XRD of Battery Pouch Cells

- Characterization of an NMC pouch cell with the EIGER2 R 500K

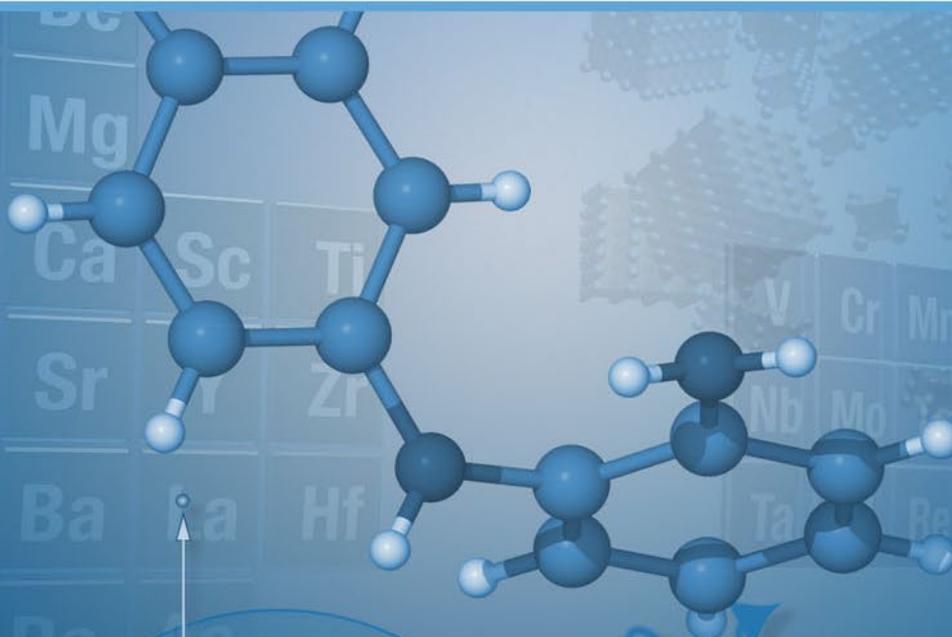
Pouch cells have become an industry standard battery design due to their efficient shape and lightweight construction. In operando measurements allow simultaneous monitoring of the cathode and anode for cycling effects which effect energy storage performance. This lab report describes in operando characterization of an NMC pouch cell using XRD with the DR ADVANCE equipped with Mo radiation and the EIGER2 R 500K detector.

The pouch cell used in the experiment was made of a single NMC $3(Ni_{0.4}Mn_{0.2}Co_{0.4})$ layer (87 μm , coated on Al foil (15 μm), a separator (40 μm , and graphite (82 μm) coated on Cu foil (5 μm). The electrodes were immersed in a LiPF_6 electrolyte solution, and sealed in a polymer-Al composite bag. The pouch cell was positioned in the center of the diffractometer, held by two clamps. The total thickness of the pouch cell was about 320 μm . Mo radiation rather than the more common Cu radiation was used for the transmission measurements to reduce the effects of X-ray absorption by the pouch cell. The thick Si sensor of the EIGER2 R 500K is well suited for wavelengths ranging from Cr to Mo, producing high signal while reducing the background by minimizing the effects of charge sharing.

Innovation with Integrity XRD

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Joint PDF – Rietveld refinements of LiMn_2O_4 from laboratory data



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XRD



Joint PDF-Rietveld refinements

Motivation



Problem

- LiMn_2O_4 is used as a cathode material
- Based on its stoichiometry and room temperature structure, average valence of $\text{Mn}^{3.5+}$
 - Physical properties, like electrical resistivity, do not fit this picture
- Local ordering of Mn^{3+} and Mn^{4+} ions at RT not visible in average structure?*

Solution

- Analyze structure across different length scales using Rietveld and PDF refinements
- Is there a convenient lab instrument to do this?

*Kodama, K. et al., J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 82, 094601 (2013)

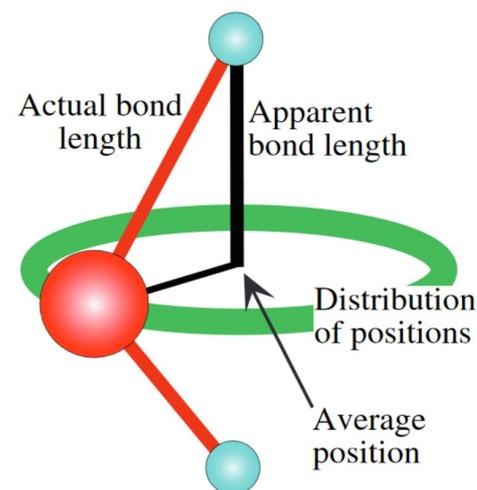
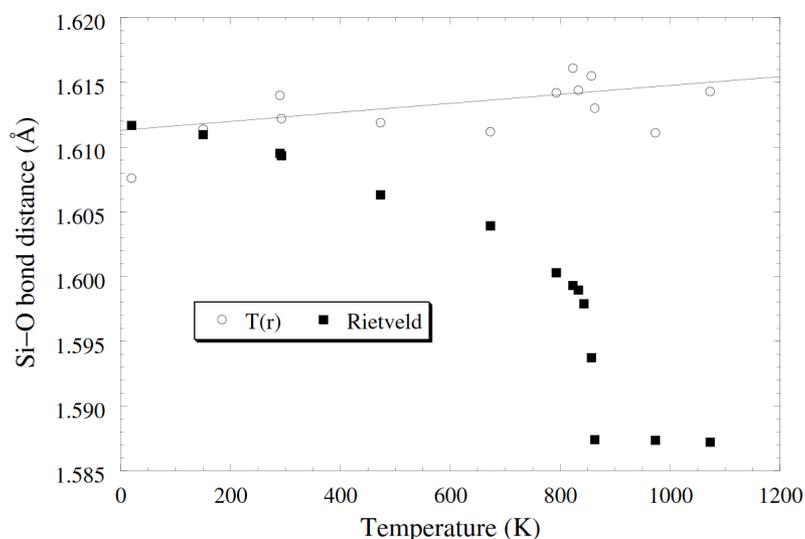


Why joint Rietveld-PDF refinements?

Average vs. local structure



Si-O bond in α -quartz



- **Classic diffraction**

Distance between averaged positions of pairs of atoms

- **Pair Distribution Function**

Average distance between pairs of atoms

M.G. Tucker, D.A. Keen and M.T. Dove; Miner. Mag. **65** (2001) 489-507

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Joint PDF-Rietveld Refinements

Key Components – Transmission geometry



Versatile configuration

- Structure solution and refinement
- Non-ambient or in-situ experiments

Mo source

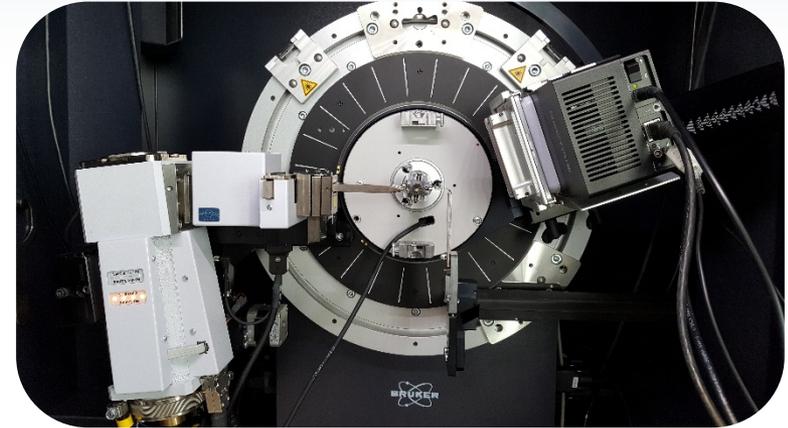
- Higher accessible Q range necessary for PDF measurements
- Higher d-space resolution for structure refinement

Focusing Goebel mirror

- Maximize intensity and high resolution in transmission

EIGER2 R 500K

- Large active detector area for faster data collection and best statistics
- Suitable for all wavelengths (Cr-Ag)

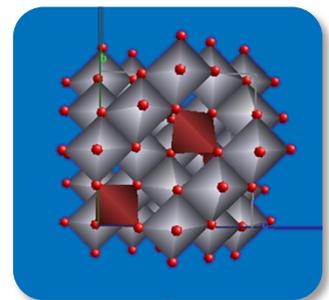
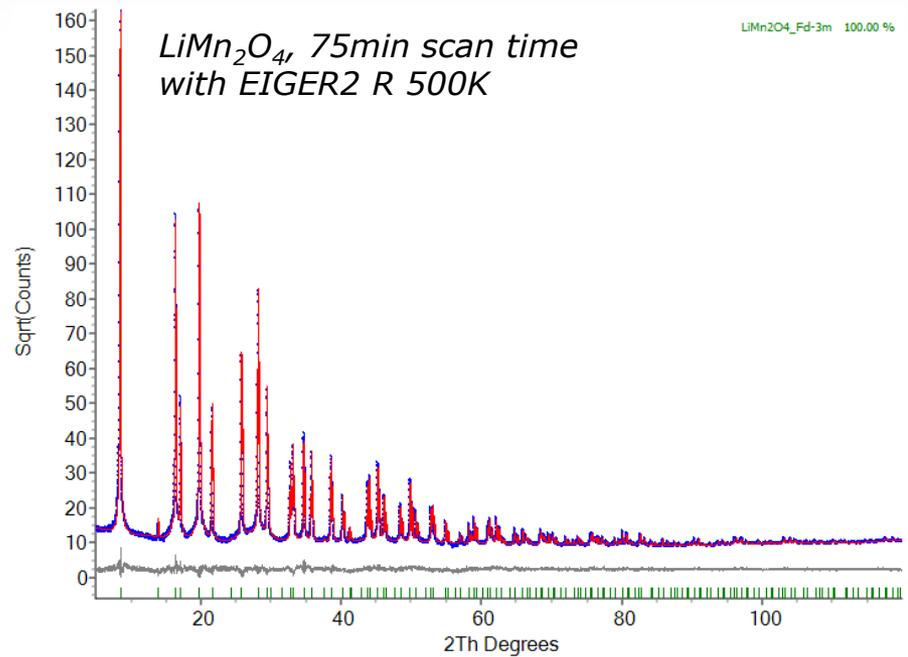


Configuration for joint refinements

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Source | Mo sealed tube |
| Optic | Focusing Goebel mirror |
| Stage | Capillary stage |
| Accessories | UBC scatter guard Beam stop Panoramic Soller |
| Detector | EIGER2 R 500K |
| Collection time | 75 min |



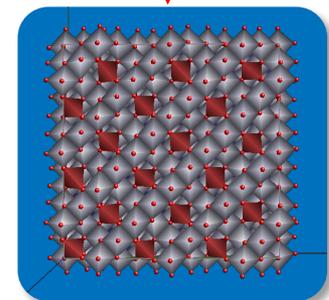
Cathode Material LiMn_2O_4 Rietveld Analysis at RT



Room Temperature

- Cubic $Fd-3m$
- Average valence $\text{Mn}^{3.5+}$
- 6 equivalent Mn-O bonds = 1.951 Å

260 K



Low Temperature

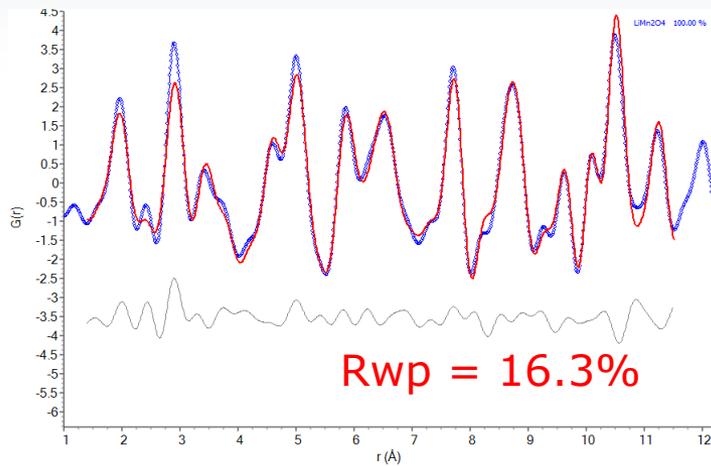
- Orthorhombic $Fddd$
- $\text{Mn}^{3+}/\text{Mn}^{4+}$ ordering
- Mn-O bonds between 1.82 to 2.23 Å
- Superlattice reflections, $(3a \times 3a \times a)$ cell

| Atom | x | y | z | B (Å ²) |
|------|-----------|--------|--------|---------------------|
| Li | 1/8 | 1/8 | 1/8 | 1.55(9) |
| Mn | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0.688(5) |
| O | 0.2641(1) | 0.2641 | 0.2641 | 1.49(2) |

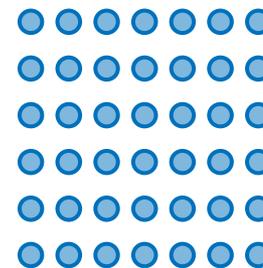
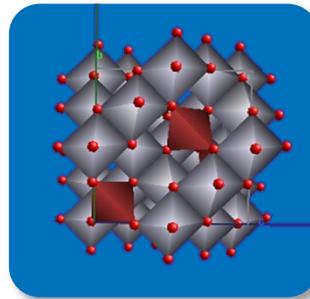


Cathode Material LiMn_2O_4

Local Structure at RT

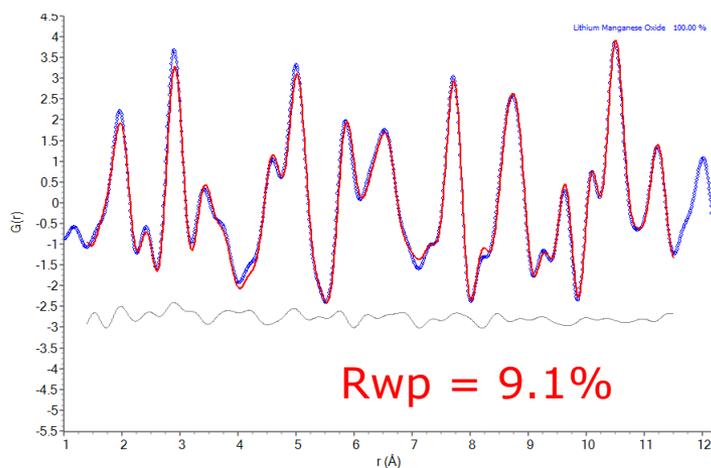


Cubic Fd-3m – disordered Mn^{3.5+}

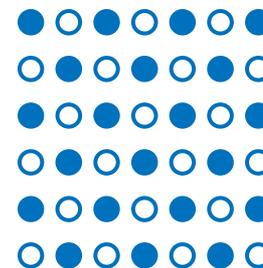
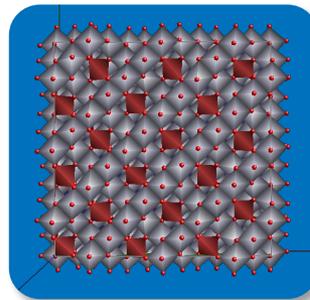


○ Mn^{3.5+}

Mn-O bonds: 1.951 Å



Orthorhombic Fddd – ordered Mn³⁺/ Mn⁴⁺



○ Mn³⁺

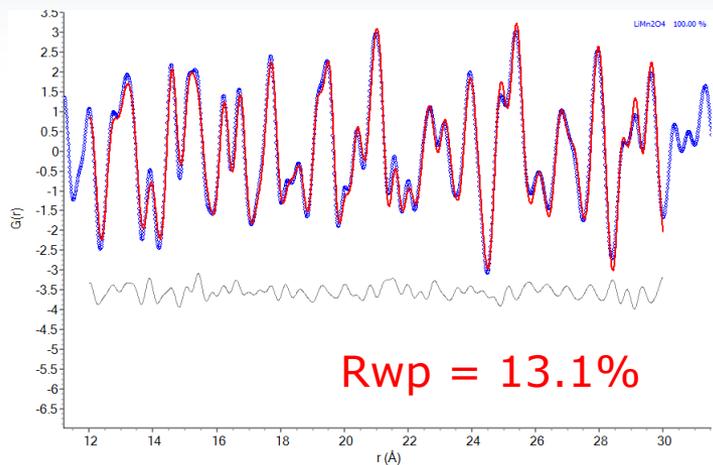
● Mn⁴⁺

Mn-O bonds: 1.82 – 2.28 Å

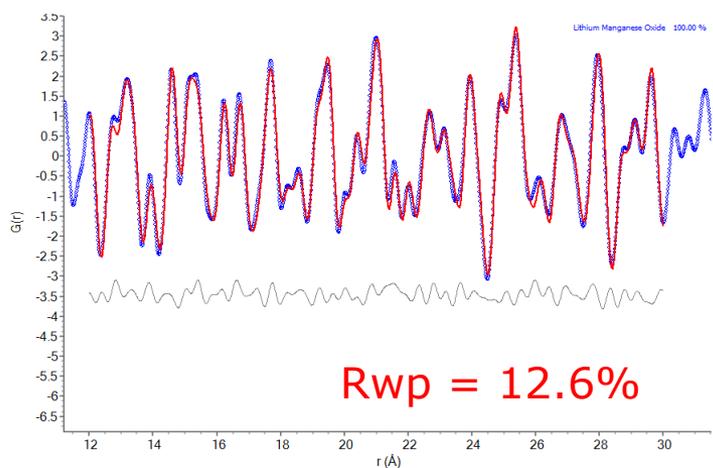
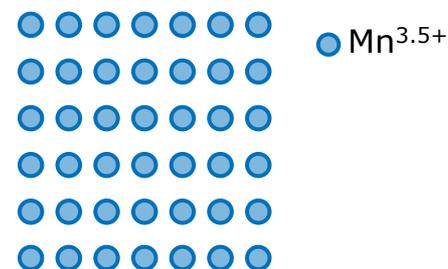
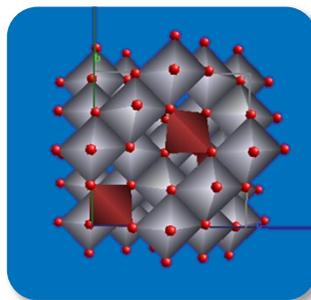


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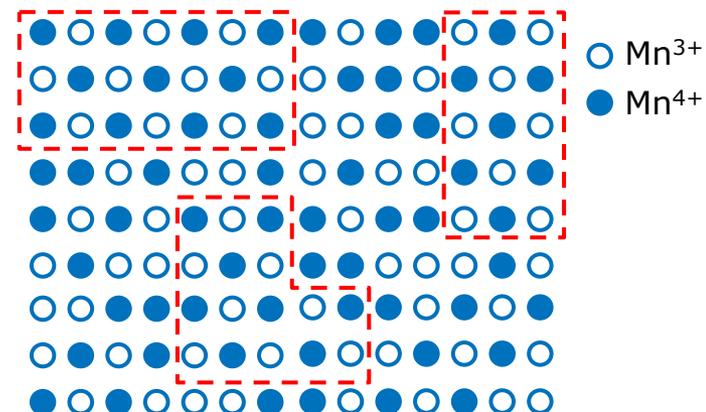
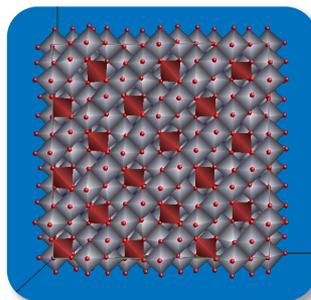
Local Structure at RT



Cubic $Fd-3m$ – disordered $\text{Mn}^{3.5+}$ on long range



Orthorhombic $Fddd$ – ordered $\text{Mn}^{3+}/\text{Mn}^{4+}$ domains



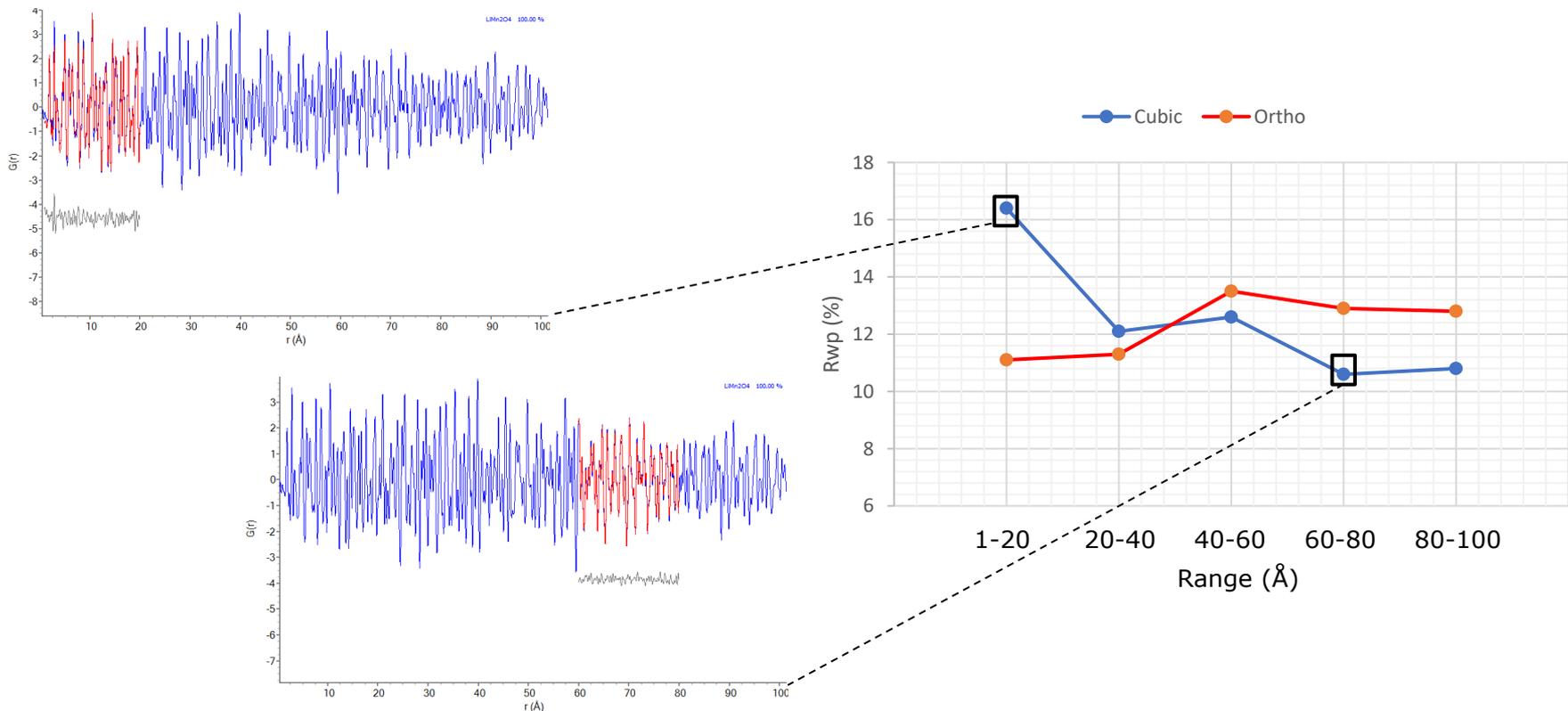


Box Car Refinement

Modelling over various r-range



- Box-car refinements: fixed length box and performing sequential refinements from low to high r-ranges
 - PDF fit to the cubic model gets better at higher r-range → closer to average structure



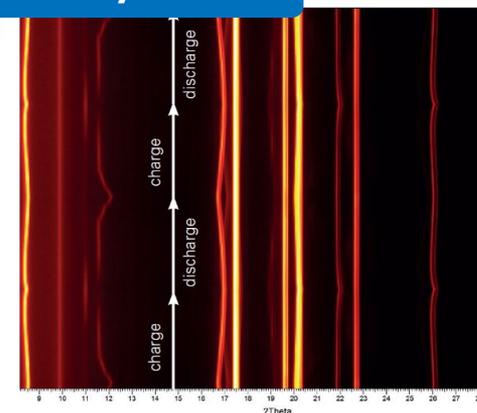


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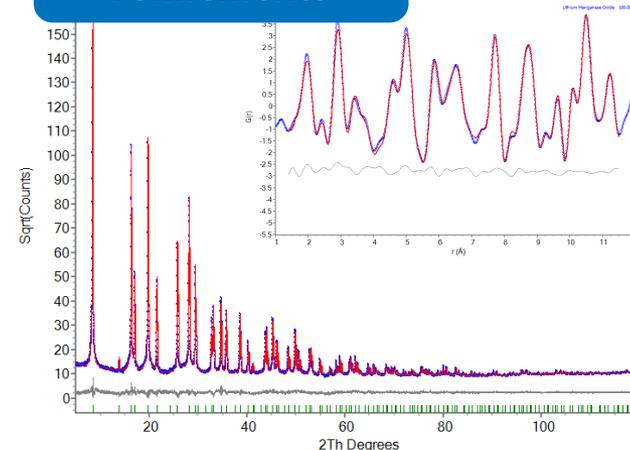


- **D8 ADVANCE** with Mo source and EIGER2 R 500K is a versatile solution for many applications
- Hard radiation (Mo)
 - Larger accessible Q-space data for PDF analysis
 - Higher penetration into heavier materials
- Large **EIGER2 R 500K** detector
 - Large 2theta coverage ideal for monitoring changes in battery cells
 - Fast data collection
- Joint PDF-Rietveld refinements with **DIFFRAC.TOPAS** for investigations at different length scales

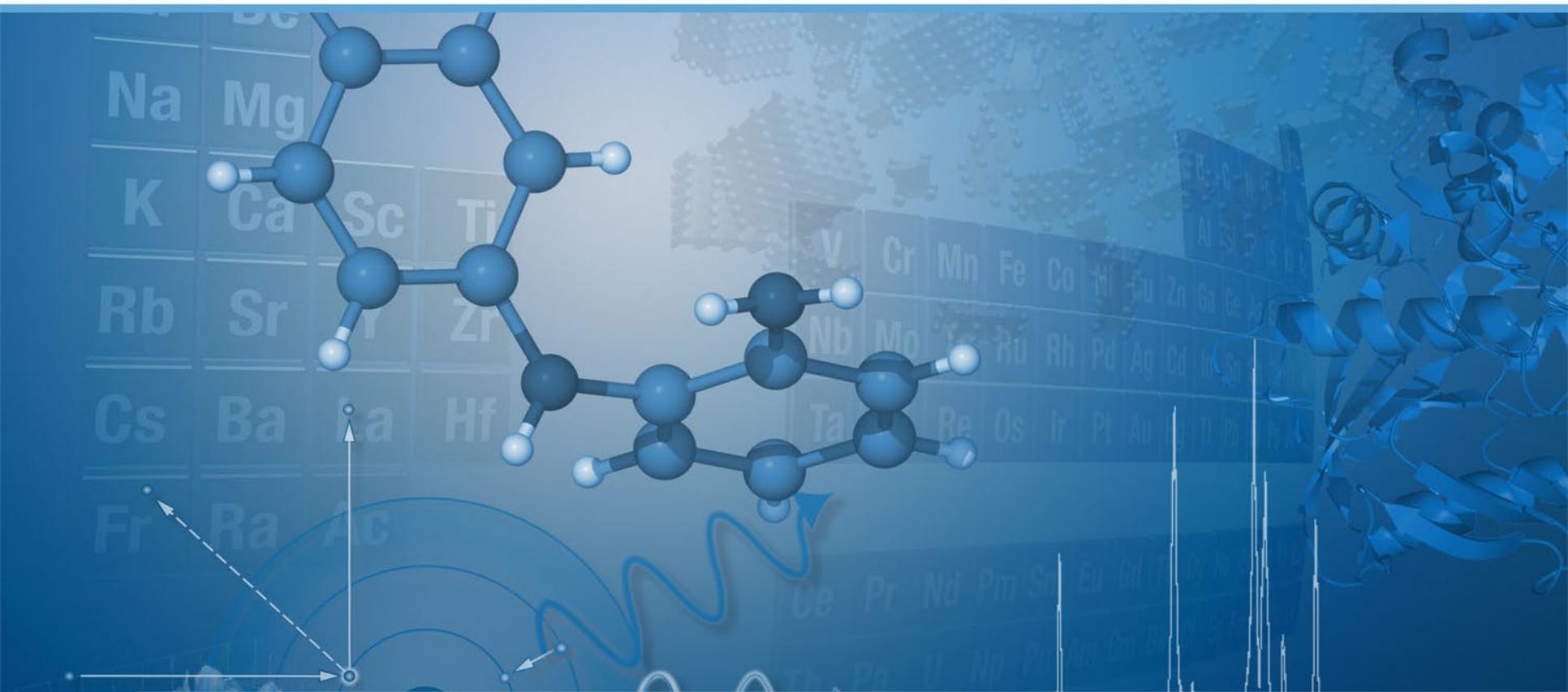
Battery Cells



Rietveld and PDF refinements



What's new in XRD





EIGER2 R 500K for the D8 Family



One detector for all applications

**Available as an upgrade for D8
ADVANCE and D8 DISCOVER**

Key benefits of EIGER2

- Leading Sensor Design
- Dynamic Detector Optimization
- Solution level integration into
DIFFRAC.SUITE



EIGER2 for the D8 Family

Leading Sensor Design



Outstanding Active Area

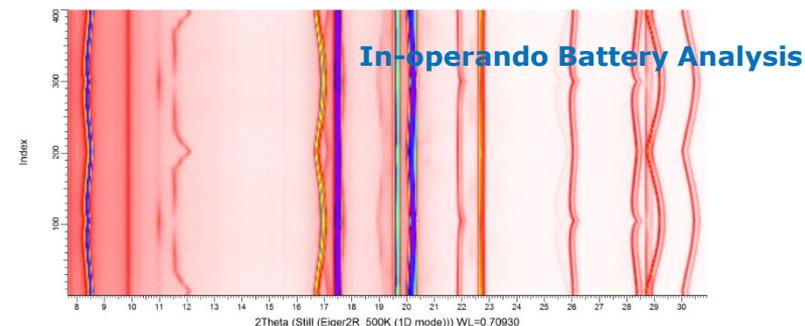
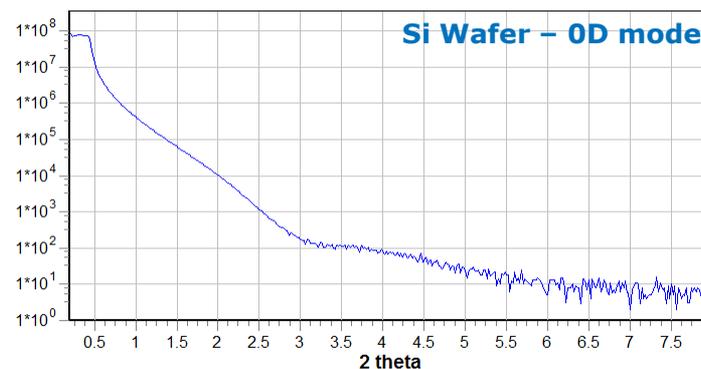
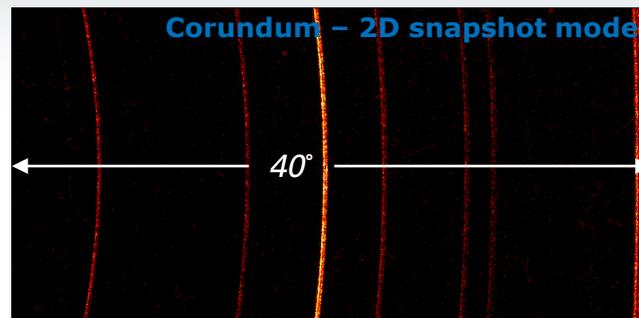
- 77.2 mm x 38.6 mm
- >529,000 pixels of 75 μm size
- Panoramic Optics for full Field-Of-View

Highest Dynamic Range

- Ultra-high count rate (3.6×10^8 cps/mm²)
- Dual threshold for lowest background

Compatible with Cr-Ag Radiation

- Covers the full range of applications from Stress analysis (Cr) over In-Operando Battery Analysis (Mo) to Pair Distribution Function (Ag)



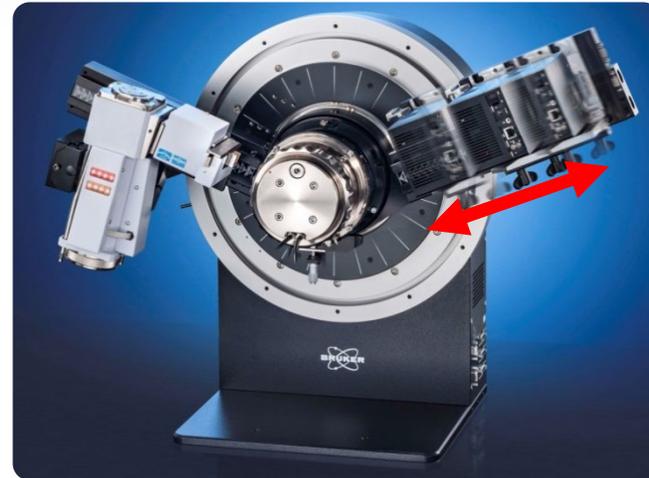
EIGER2 for the D8 Family

Dynamic Detector Optimization



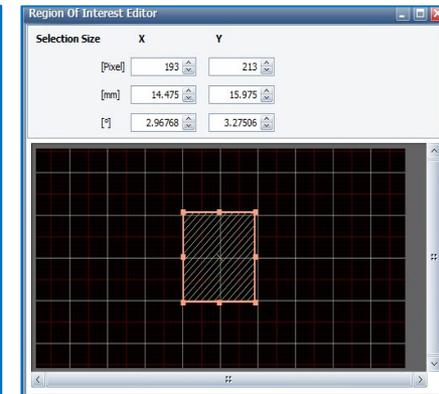
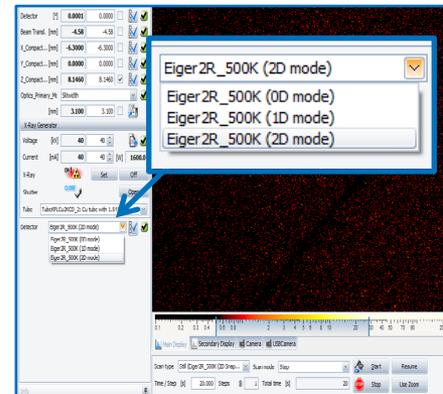
Tool and Alignment-free Coverage Adjustment

- Sample to detector distance
 - Continuously variable
- Detector orientation
 - 2θ or Gamma optimized
- D8 DISCOVER: Automated Distance Detection & Calibration



Seamless Software Integration

- Push-button detector mode selection
- Region of Interest (ROI) definition



EIGER2 R 500K for D8 Family

Full integration into DIFFRAC.SUITE



Plan

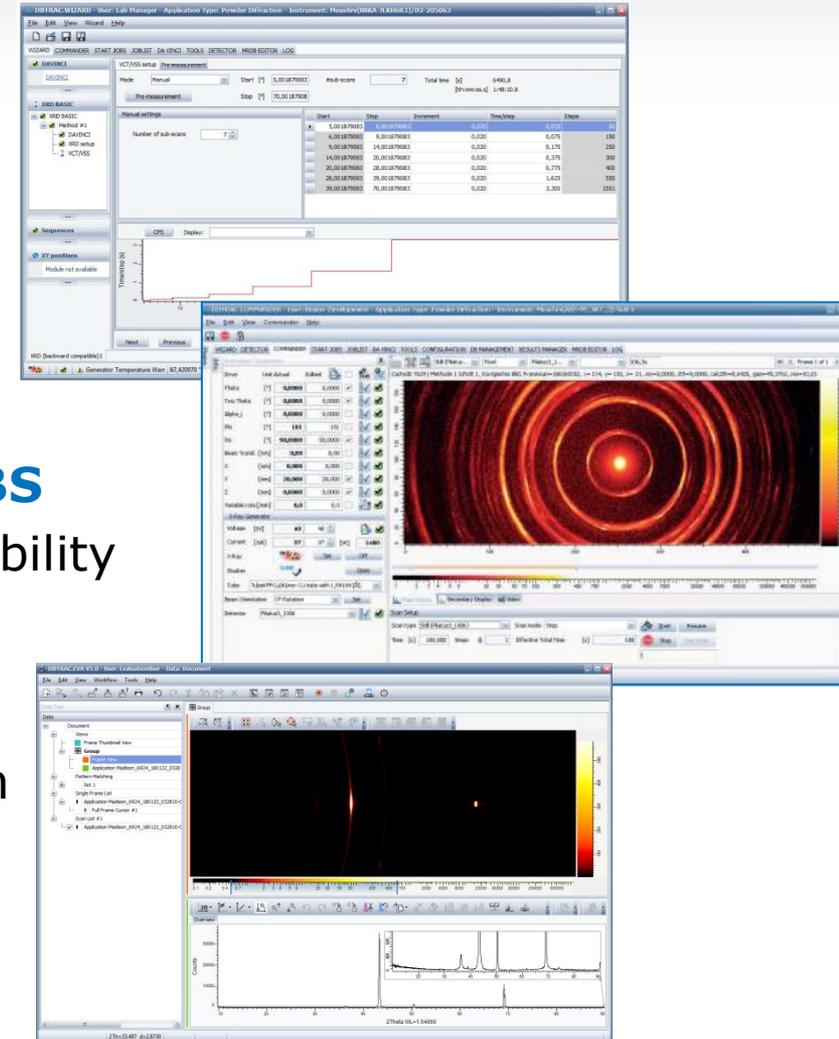
- Real time recognition in **DAVINCI**
- **WIZARD** for Method Creation

Measure

- Push Button execution in **START JOBS**
- **COMMANDER** for measurement flexibility

Analyze

- 0D, 1D and native 2D data evaluation



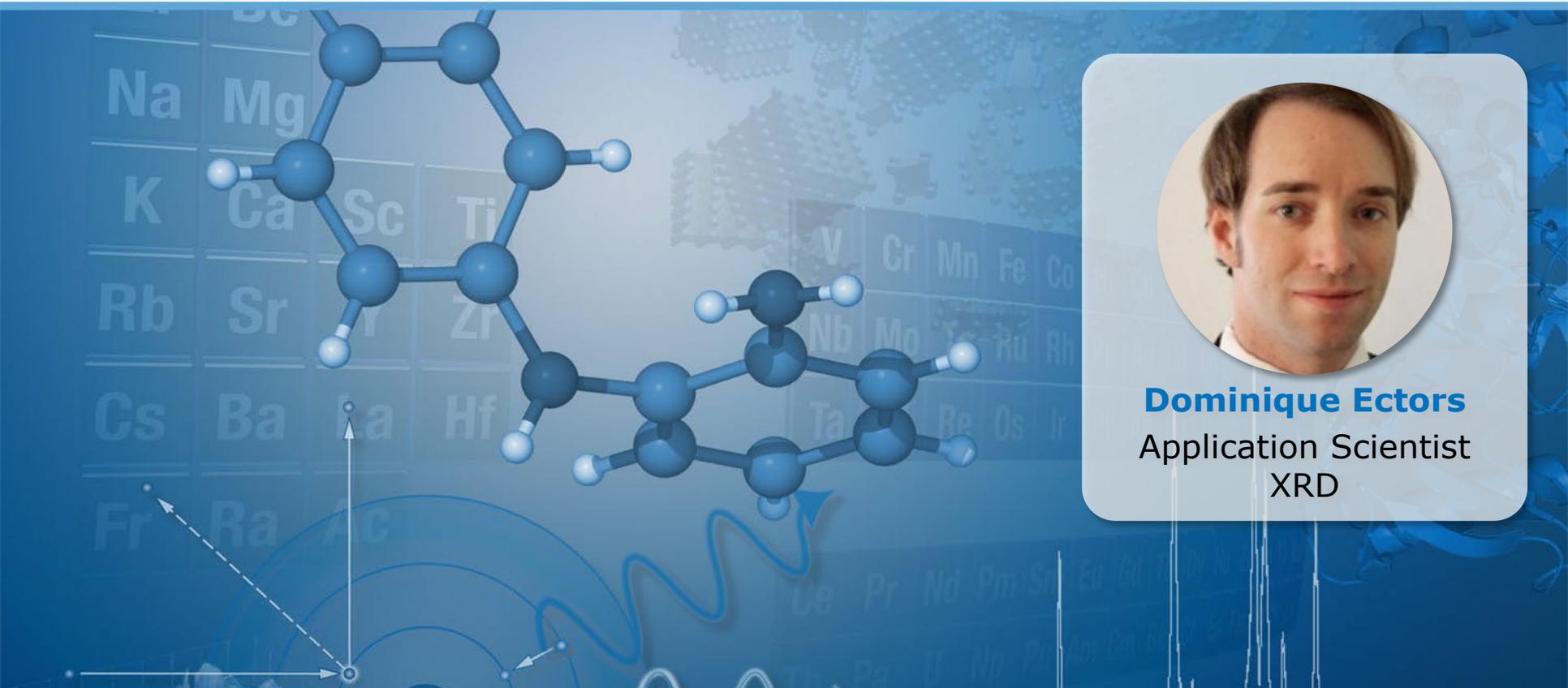
EIGER2 R 500K Upgrade for D8 Family Summary



- Market leading EIGER2 is available as upgrade package for your D8 ADVANCE and D8 DISCOVER.
- The EIGER2 will expand your application range significantly, makes your work easier and faster.
- For further information please contact your local Bruker AXS representative or contact us at

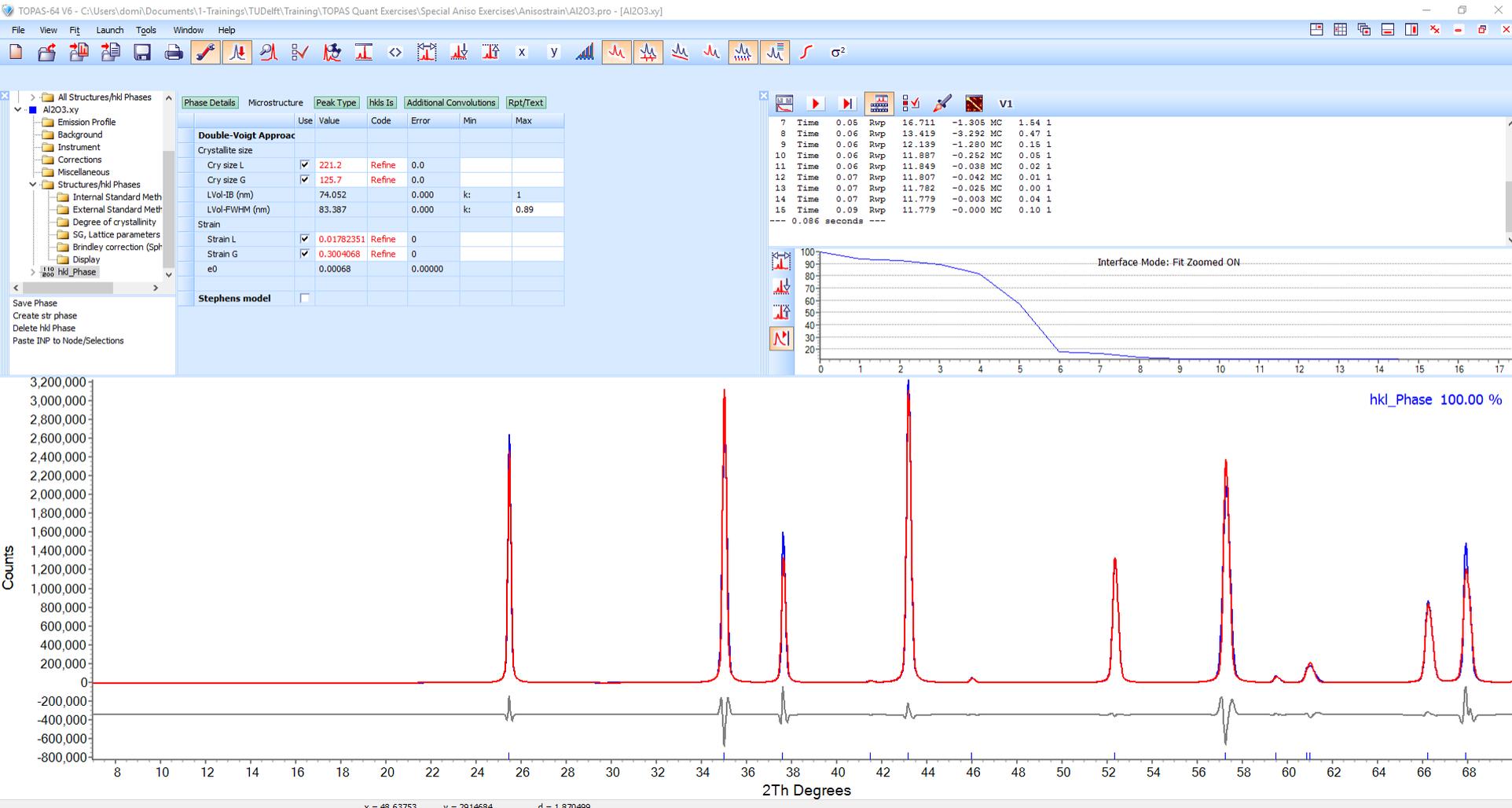
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An efficient Rietveld compatible approach to (an)isotropic microstrain broadening introduced by linearly correlated metric distributions



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The problem – Anisotropic line broadening





A popular solution – Stephens model

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Stephens model – Yes but what does this mean ?



The screenshot shows a software interface with a table of parameters. On the left, there is a sidebar with a tree view containing items like "Meth", "ward Meth", "crystallinity", "ce parameters", "y correction (Spl", "y", "e", and "elections". The main area displays a table with the following data:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--------|---------|--|--|
| Strain G | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0.3004068 | Refine | 0 | | |
| e0 | | 0.00068 | | 0.00000 | | |
| Stephens model | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | | | | |
| Type | | Stephens_trigonal_lc | | | | |
| eta | | 5.031729e-009 | Refine | 0 | | |
| S400 | | 507.0417 | Refine | 0 | | |
| S004 | | 50.9111 | Refine | 0 | | |
| S220 | | -788.5731 | Refine | 0 | | |
| S202 | | 197.9616 | Refine | 0 | | |
| S310 | | -290.4988 | Refine | 0 | | |

The idea

- *Stephens (J. Appl. Cryst. (1999))*
 - *Multivariate distribution of reciprocal metric tensor values.*

$$\mathbf{G}^* = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{a}^* \cdot \mathbf{a}^* & \mathbf{a}^* \cdot \mathbf{b}^* & \mathbf{a}^* \cdot \mathbf{c}^* \\ \mathbf{b}^* \cdot \mathbf{a}^* & \mathbf{b}^* \cdot \mathbf{b}^* & \mathbf{b}^* \cdot \mathbf{c}^* \\ \mathbf{c}^* \cdot \mathbf{a}^* & \mathbf{c}^* \cdot \mathbf{b}^* & \mathbf{c}^* \cdot \mathbf{c}^* \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a^{*2} & a^* b^* \cos \gamma^* & a^* c^* \cos \beta^* \\ b^* a^* \cos \gamma^* & b^{*2} & b^* c^* \cos \alpha^* \\ c^* a^* \cos \beta^* & c^* b^* \cos \alpha^* & c^{*2} \end{pmatrix}$$

- *Problem interpretation is not easy, will depend also on the absolute values of the reciprocal lattice parameters / Different parametrization approaches see Leineweber (2011) Z. Kristallogr. 226 905-923*
- *Let start with something simpler*
 - *Distribution of real or reciprocal lattice parameters*
 - *Relative deviations from the average lattice parameters as refinement parameters*

How it works, in essence

For a symmetric distribution we can define the microstrain as

$$e_{50_X} = \left| \frac{\Delta d_X}{d_{0_X}} \right| = \left| \frac{d_{Strain_X} - d_{0_X}}{d_{0_X}} \right|$$

d_0 for each HKL-Vector X is

$$d_{0_X} = \sqrt{\mathbf{X}^T * \mathbf{G}_0^* * \mathbf{X}}^{-1}$$

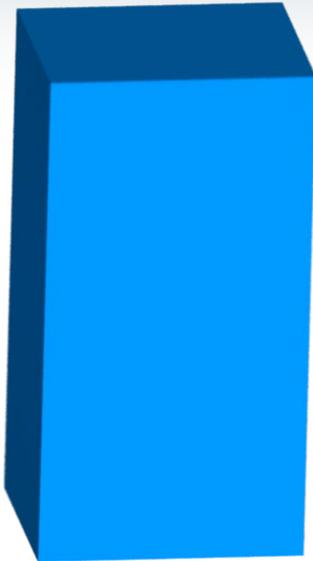
d_{Strain} for each HKL-Vector X is

$$d_{Strain_X} = \sqrt{\mathbf{X}^T * \mathbf{G}_{Strain}^* * \mathbf{X}}^{-1}$$

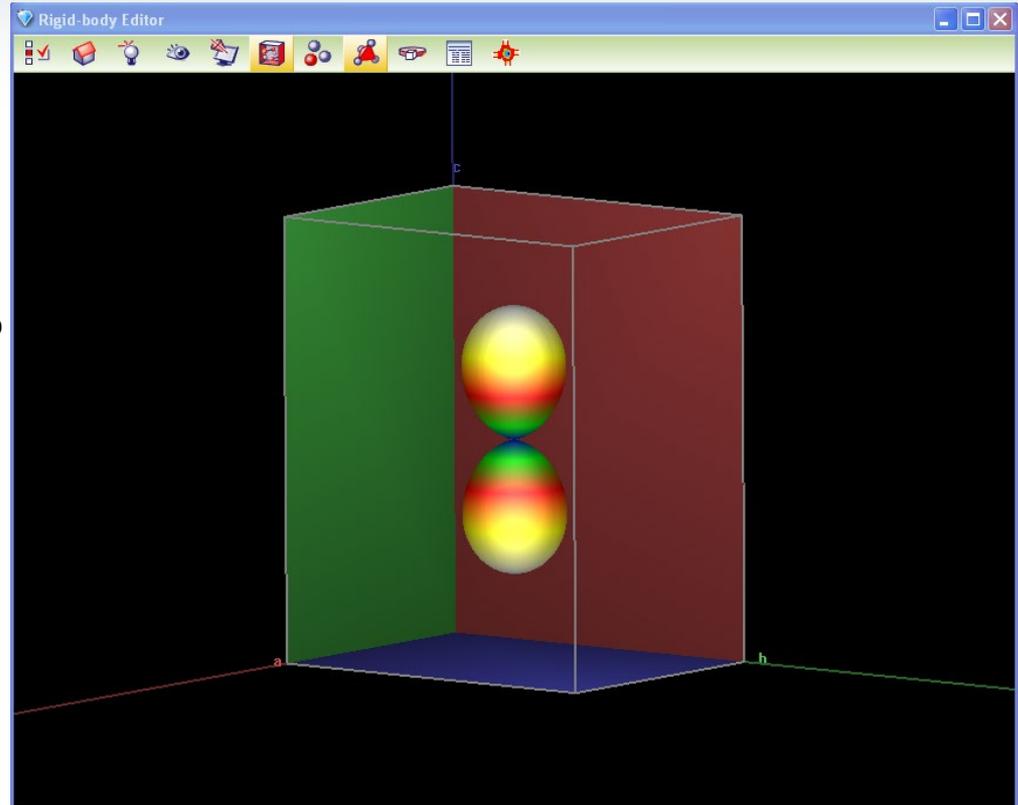
The reciprocal metric tensor is calculated from the refinable parameters $\delta a, \delta b, \delta c, \delta \alpha, \delta \beta, \delta \gamma$. So e.g.

$$a_{Strain} = a_0 * \Delta a = a_0 * (1 + \delta a)$$

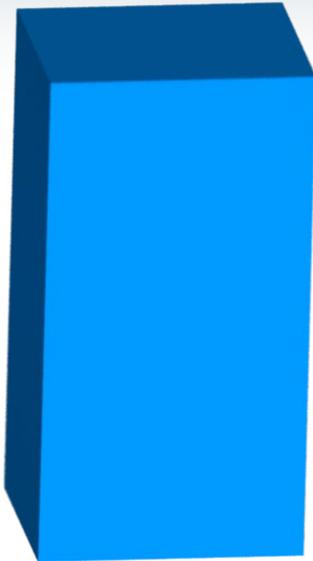
Anisotropic strain broadening & Lattice parameters



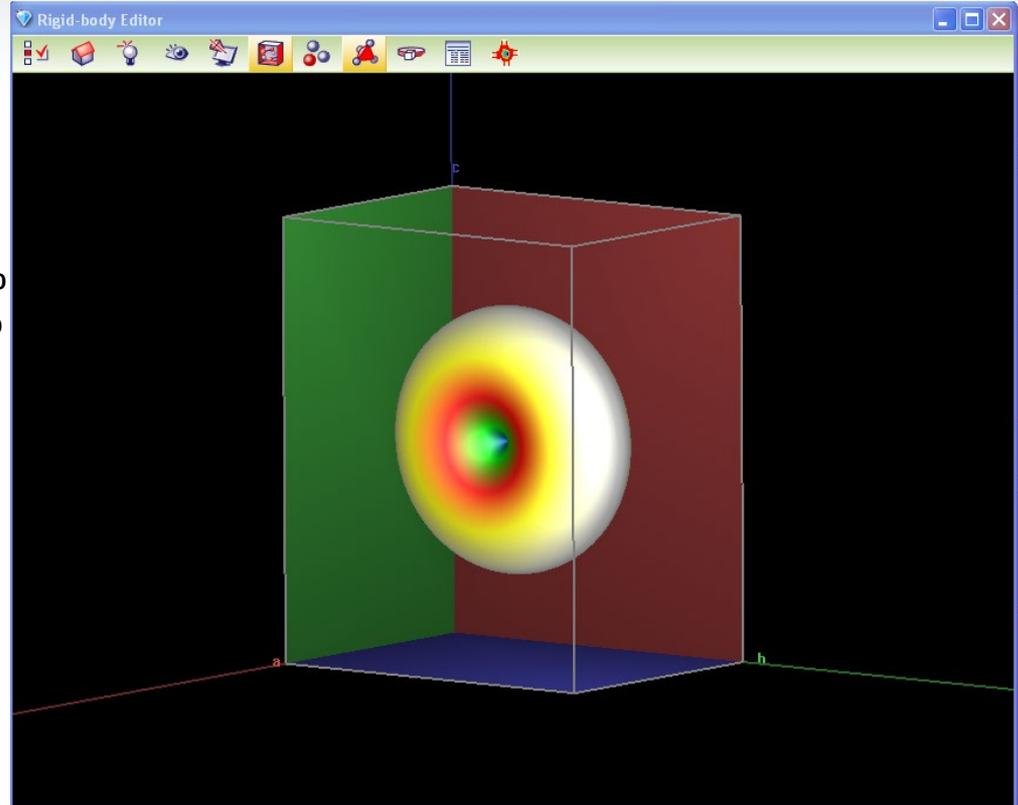
$a=3\text{\AA}$
 $b=4\text{\AA}$
 $c=5\text{\AA}\pm 0.1\%$



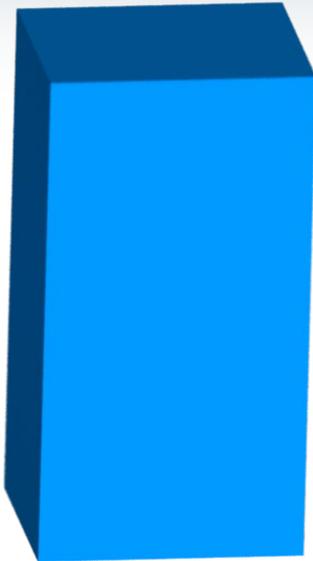
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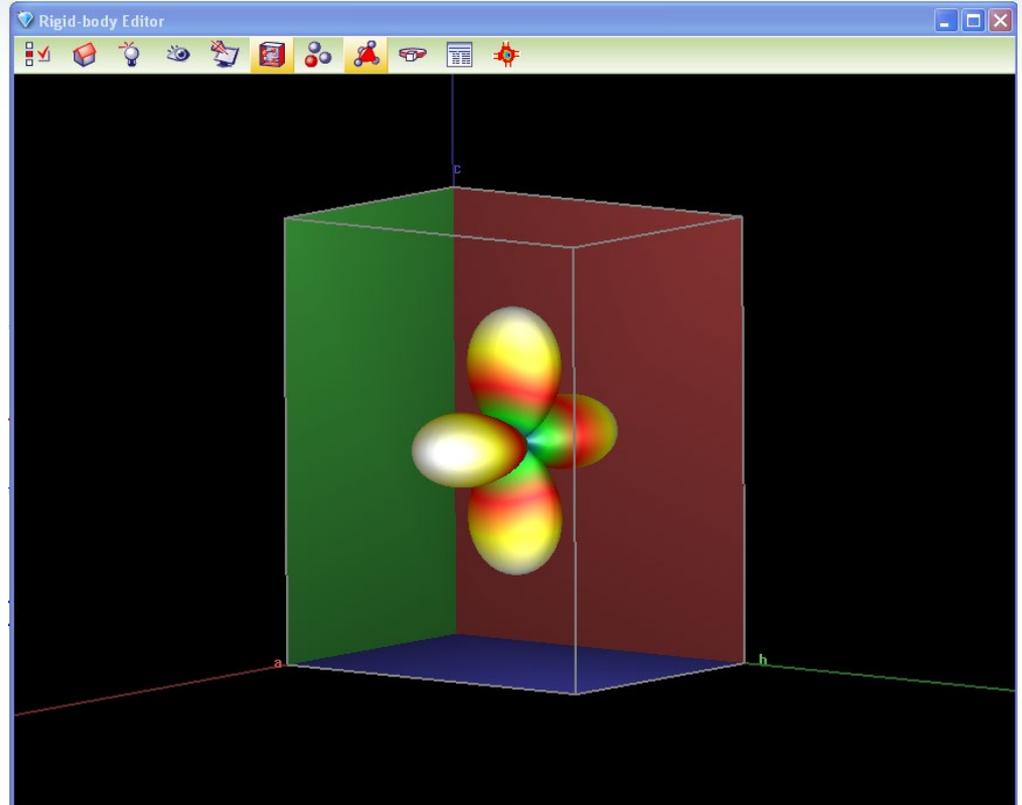
$a = 3\text{\AA}$
 $b = 4\text{\AA} \pm 0.1\text{\textperthousand}$
 $c = 5\text{\AA} \pm 0.1\text{\textperthousand}$



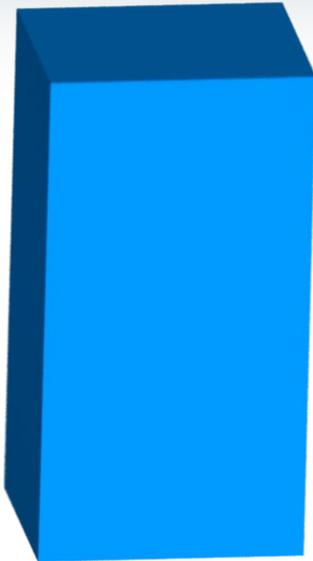
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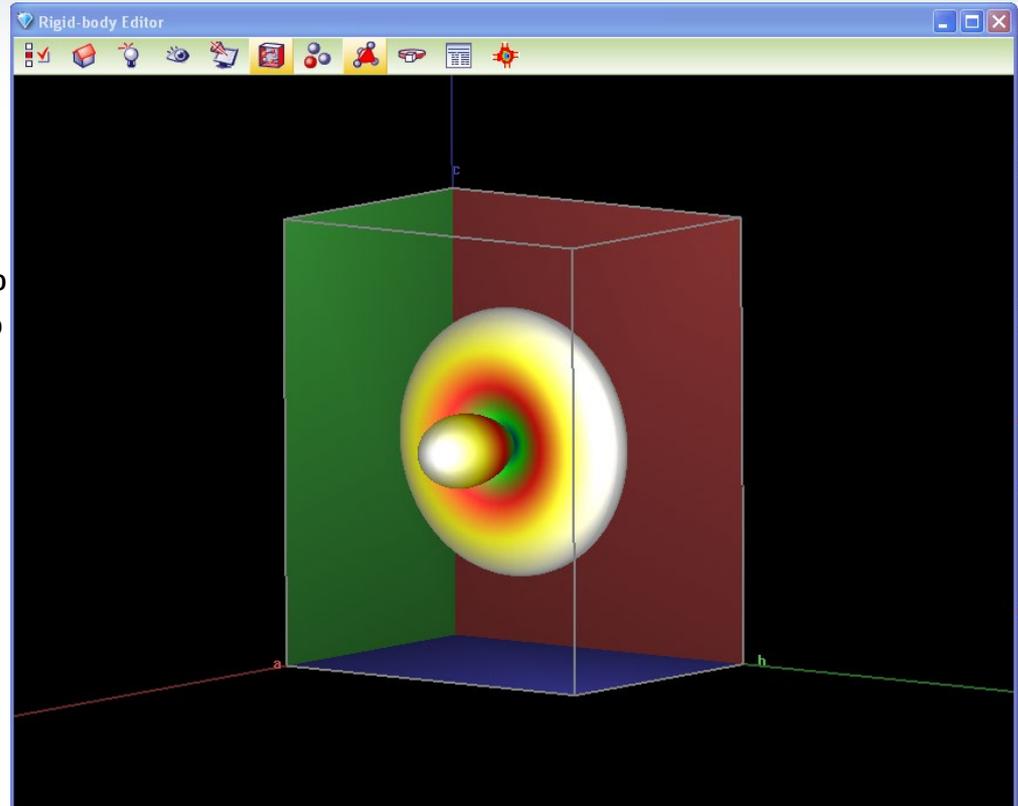
$a = 3\text{\AA} \mp 0.1\%$
 $b = 4\text{\AA}$
 $c = 5\text{\AA} \pm 0.1\%$



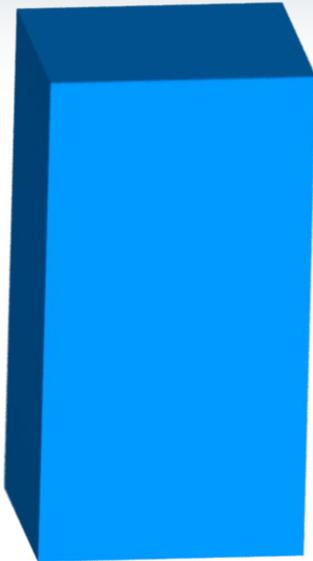
Anisotropic strain broadening & Lattice parameters



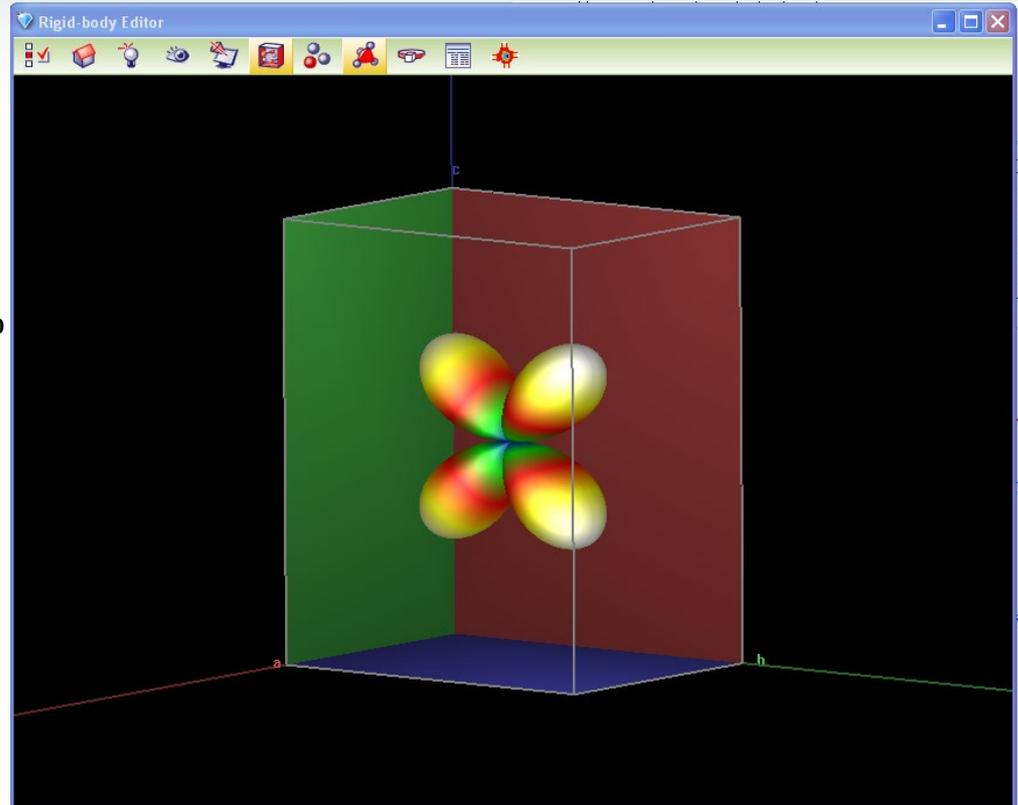
$$\begin{aligned} a &= 3\text{\AA} \mp 0.1\% \\ b &= 4\text{\AA} \pm 0.1\% \\ c &= 5\text{\AA} \pm 0.1\% \end{aligned}$$



Anisotropic strain broadening & Lattice parameters

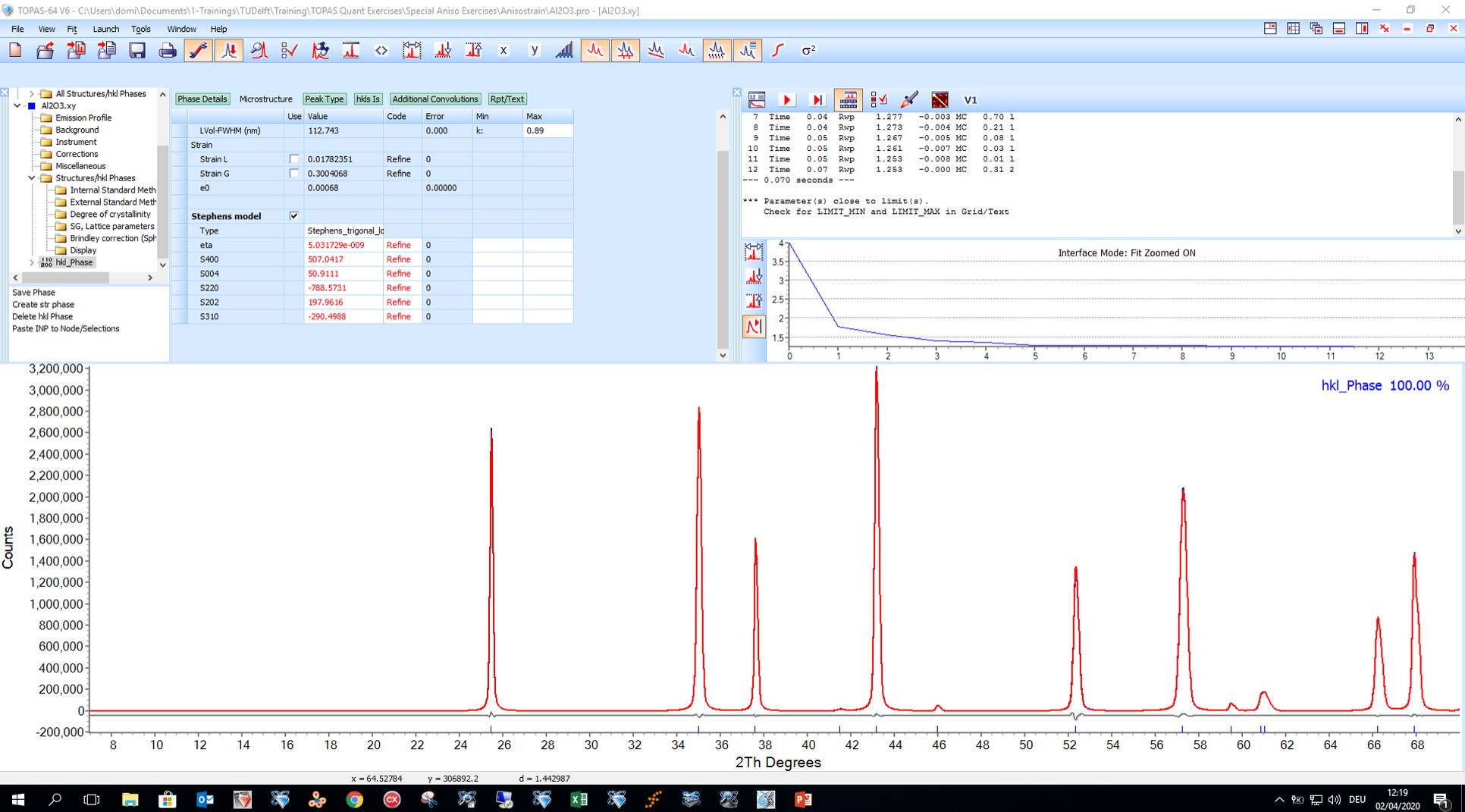


$a=3\text{\AA}$
 $b=4\text{\AA}$
 $c=5\text{\AA}$
 $\alpha=90\pm 0.1\%$

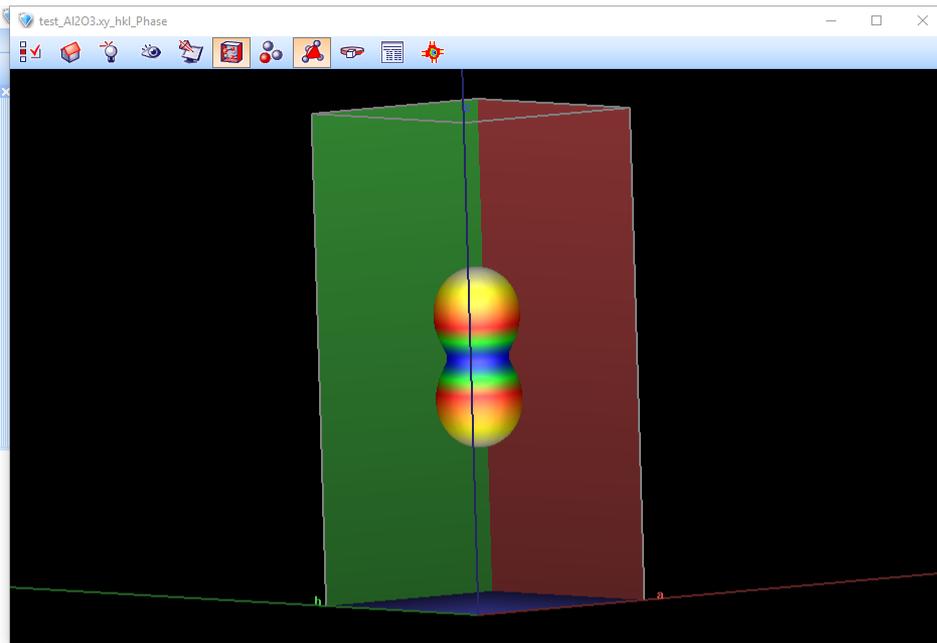




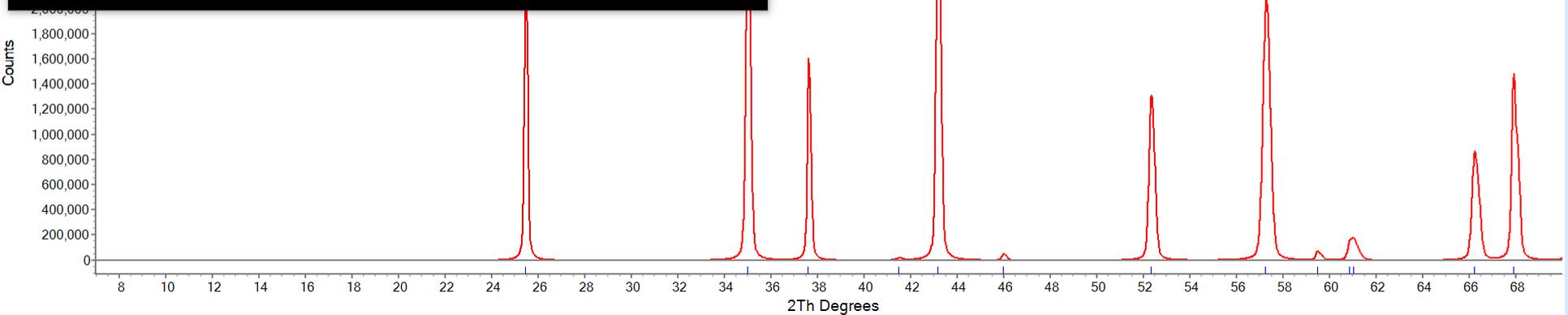
A popular solution – Stephens model



Proposed model



| Time | Rwp | MC |
|------|-------|-----------|
| 10 | 0.541 | -0.242 MC |
| 11 | 0.378 | -0.168 MC |
| 12 | 0.272 | -0.105 MC |
| 13 | 0.160 | -0.112 MC |
| 14 | 0.129 | -0.031 MC |
| 15 | 0.110 | -0.019 MC |
| 16 | 0.099 | -0.011 MC |
| 17 | 0.094 | -0.005 MC |
| 18 | 0.092 | -0.002 MC |
| 19 | 0.091 | -0.001 MC |



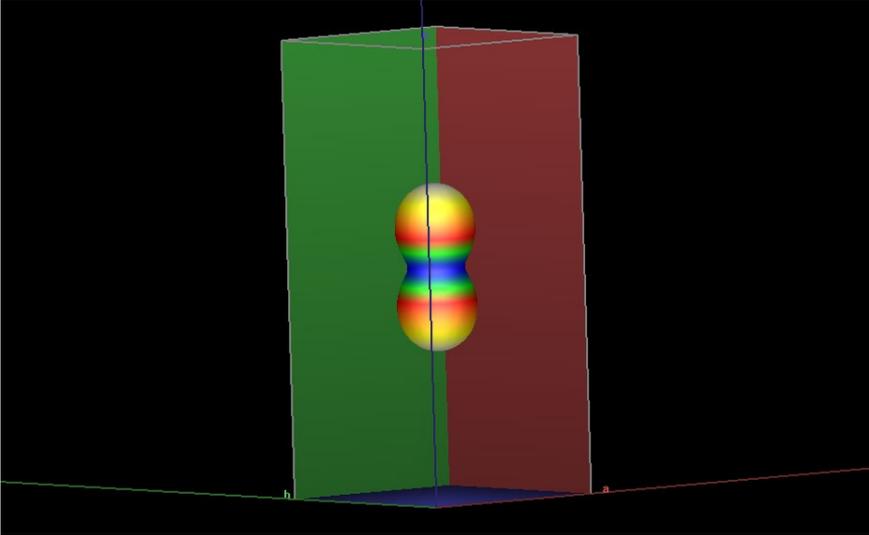
x = 39.48218 y = -426108.2 d = 2.28053

Proposed model

```
Trigonal(@ 4.778000`,@ 13.046004`)  
AnisoST( eta, 0.00010`, ac, 0.99969`, ac, 0.99969`, cc, 2.99917`, !alc, 0, !bec, 0, !gac, 0)
```

Mixing parameter
Voigt function

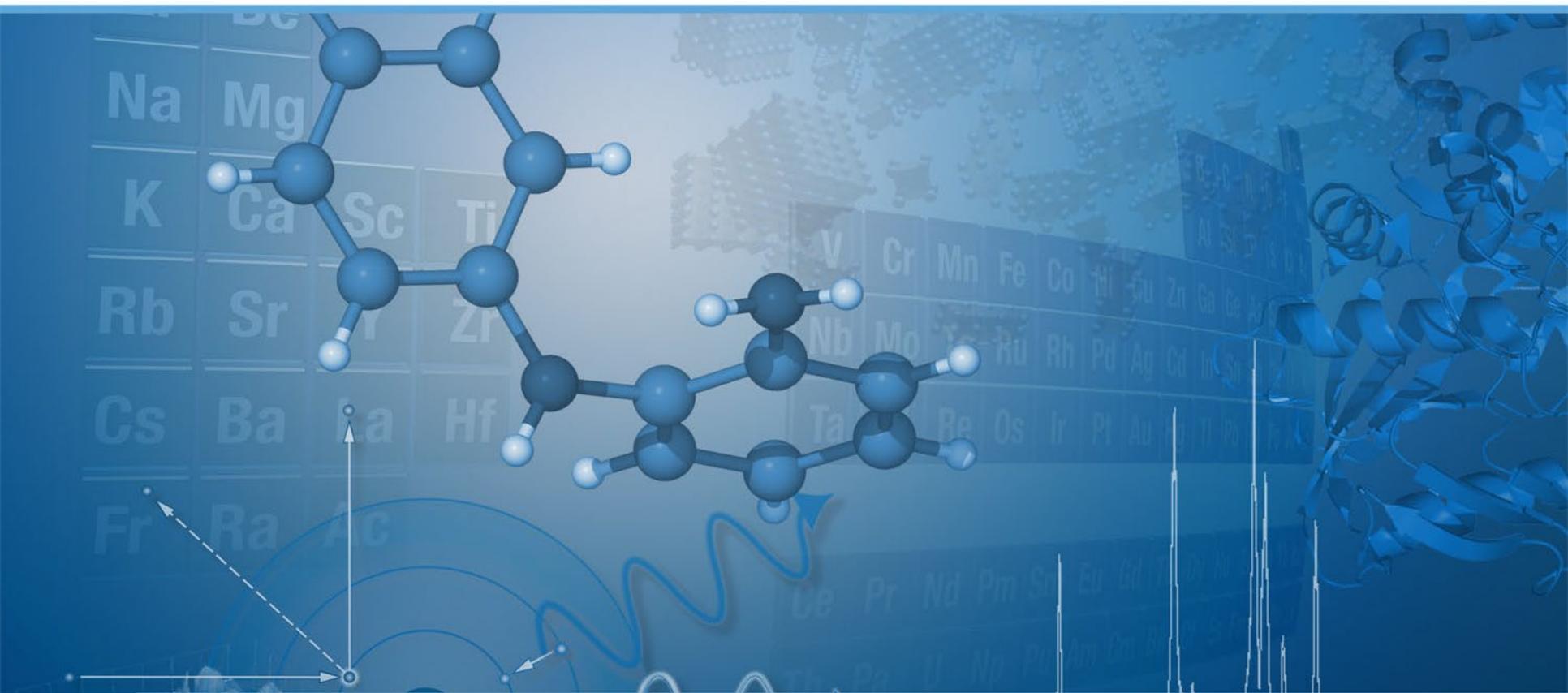
$$a = 4.778 \text{ \AA} \pm 1\text{‰}$$
$$c = 13.046 \text{ \AA} \pm 3\text{‰}$$



Conclusions

- *An efficient anisotropic microstrain approach for approximately linearly correlated lattice parameter distributions is presented*
- *Looking forward to see you at EPDIC 17 in 2021 and at the TOPAS User meeting*

What's new in XRD DISCOVER plus





D8 DISCOVER Plus

Premium Class X-ray Diffraction Solution



ATLAS™
for TXS / ST / I μ S



**Non-Coplanar
Secondary Arm**





D8 DISCOVER Plus Solid Foundation of **ATLAS**

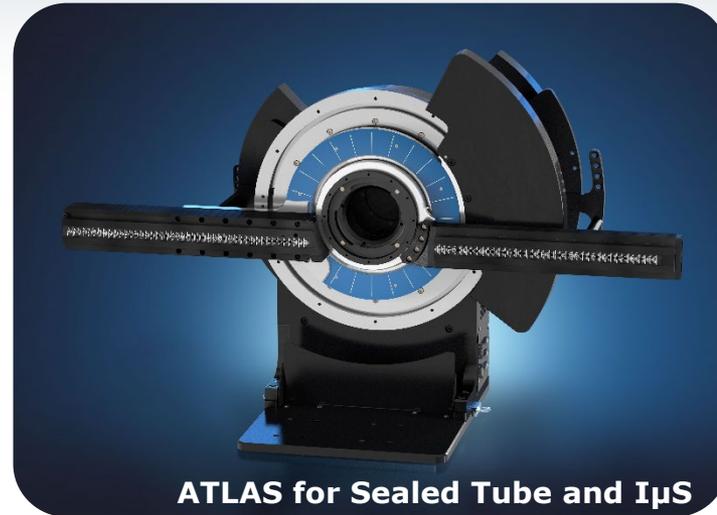


Vertical θ/θ configuration

- Horizontal sample handling
- More options for sample stages

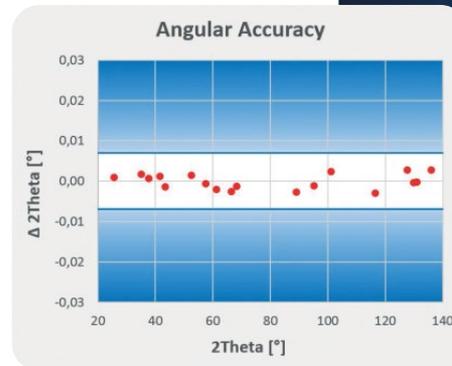
Based on proven **D8 goniometer**

- Long lifetime
- Maintenance-free



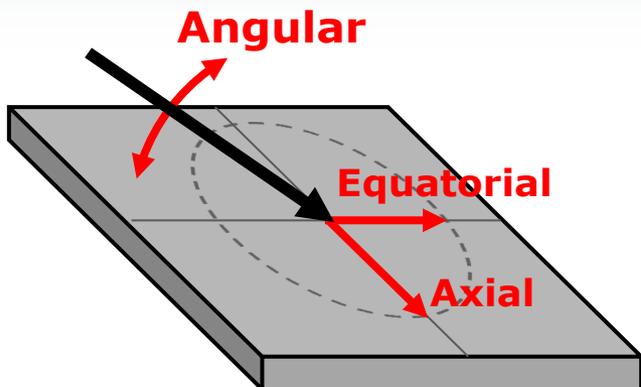
Enhanced to support **R&D**

- Enhanced load capability
- Enhanced mechanical stability
- Enhanced Accuracy Guarantee
 - $\Delta 2\theta \leq \pm 0.007^\circ$



D8 DISCOVER Plus

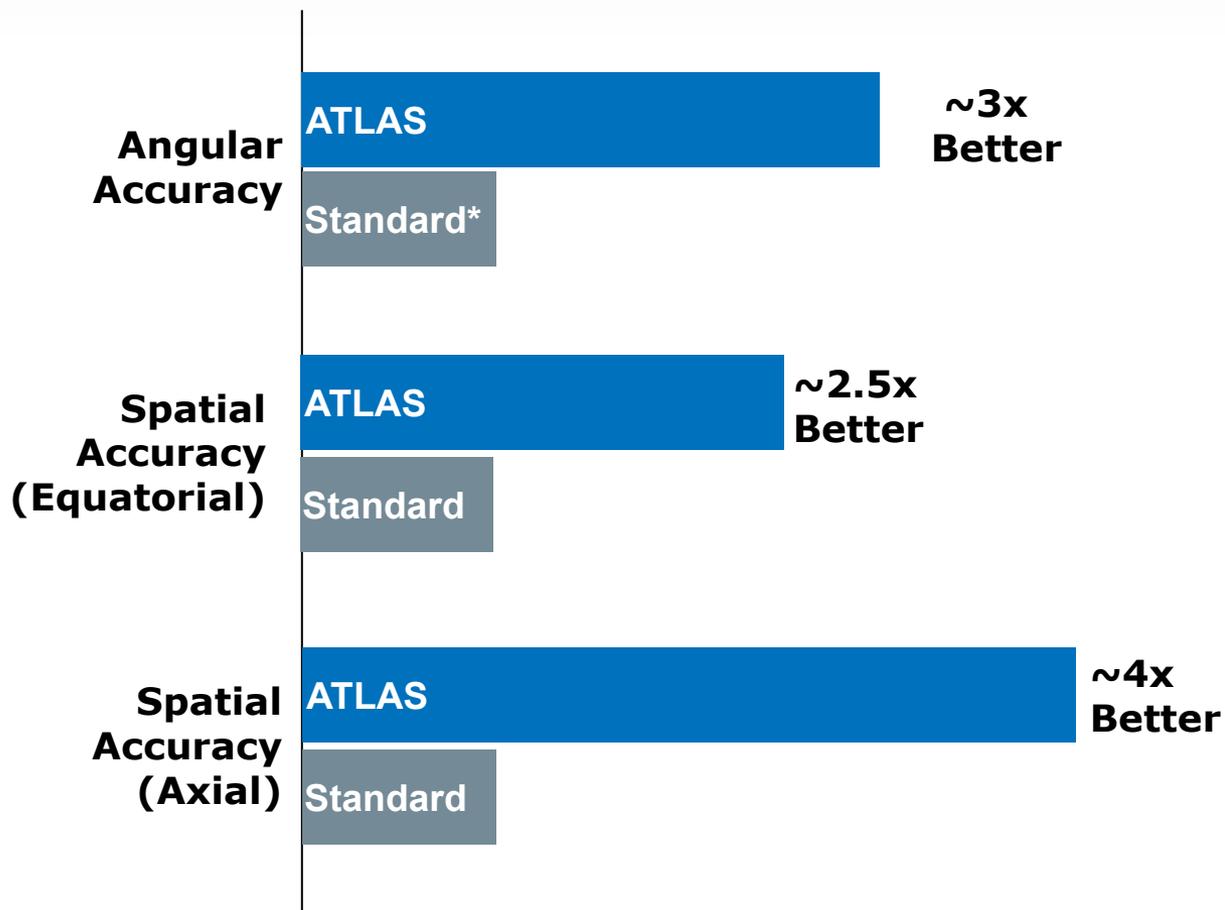
Benefit of ATLAS goniometer



Alignment Guarantee
 All NIST 1976x Peak Position

Standard D8 Goniometer
 $\Delta 2\theta \leq \pm 0.01^\circ$ (for 150mm height)
 $\Delta 2\theta \leq \pm 0.02^\circ$ (for 258mm height)

ATLAS Goniometer
 $\Delta 2\theta \leq \pm 0.007^\circ$ (for 258mm height)



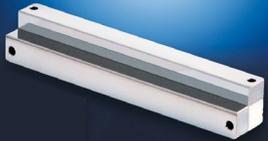
* Standard vertical D8 Goniometer

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MONTEL^{Plus}



ATLASTM
with $1\mu\text{S}$



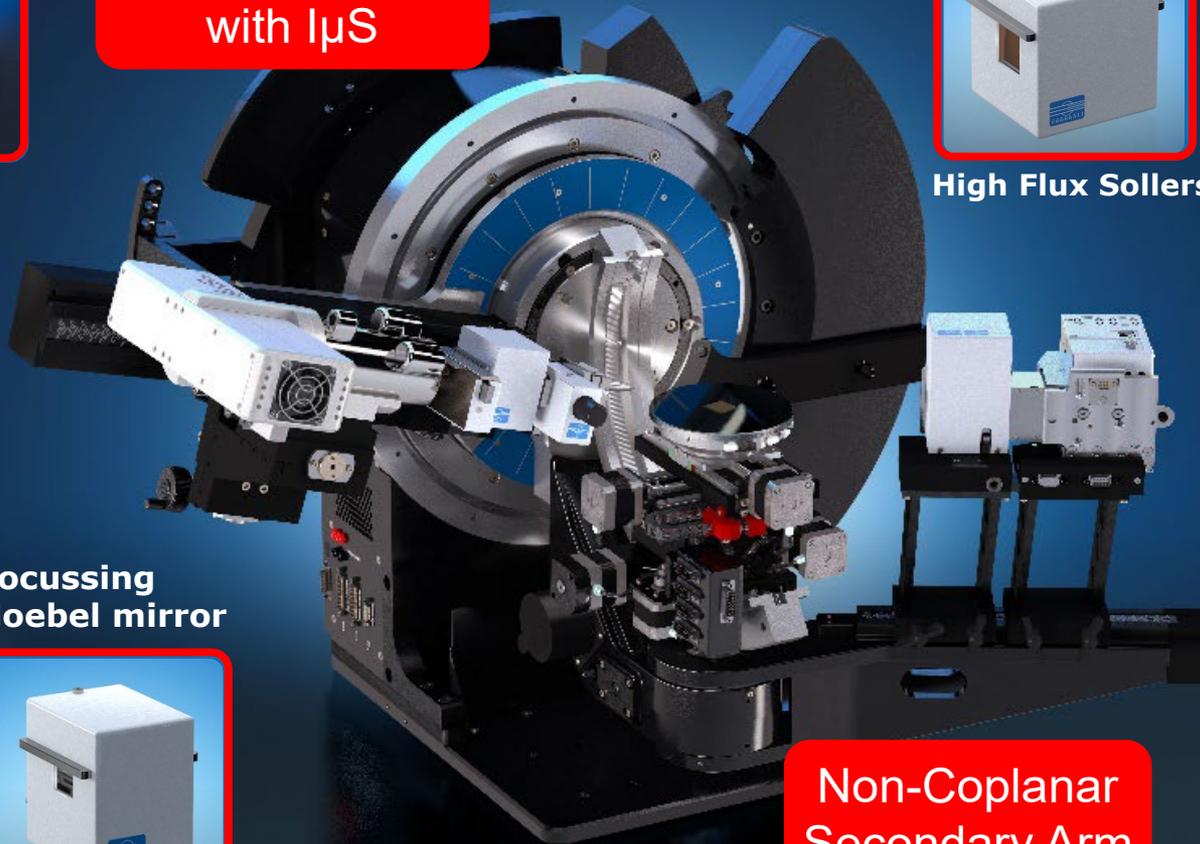
High Flux Sollers



Focussing
Goebel mirror

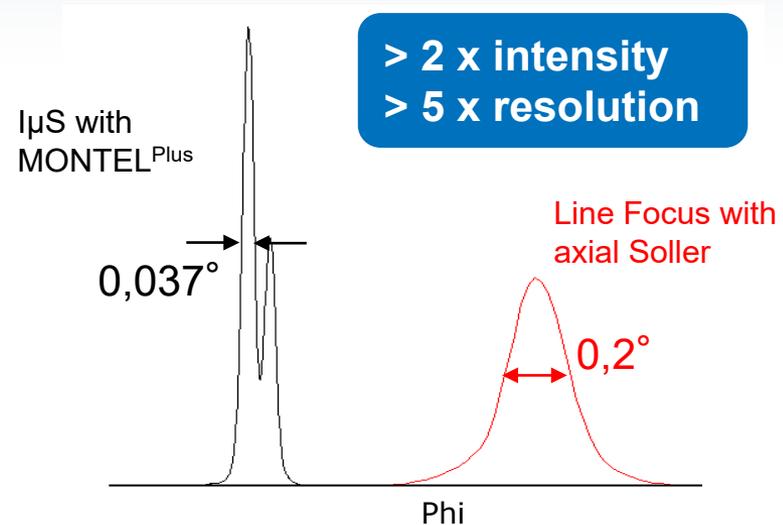
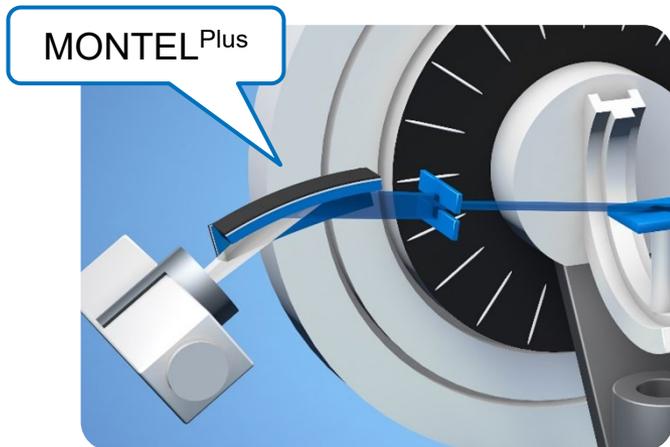
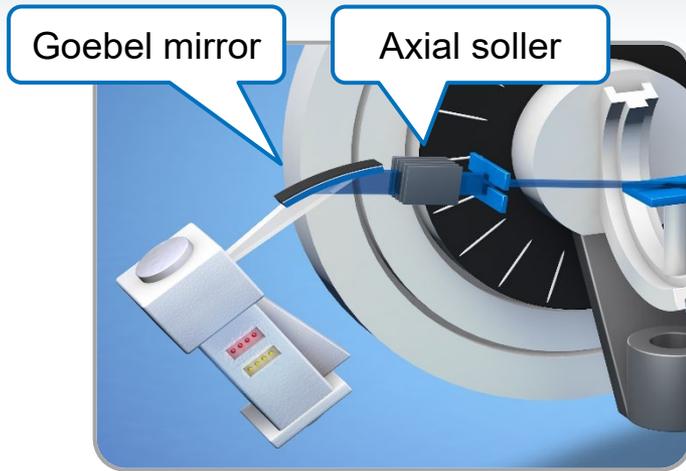


Non-Coplanar
Secondary Arm



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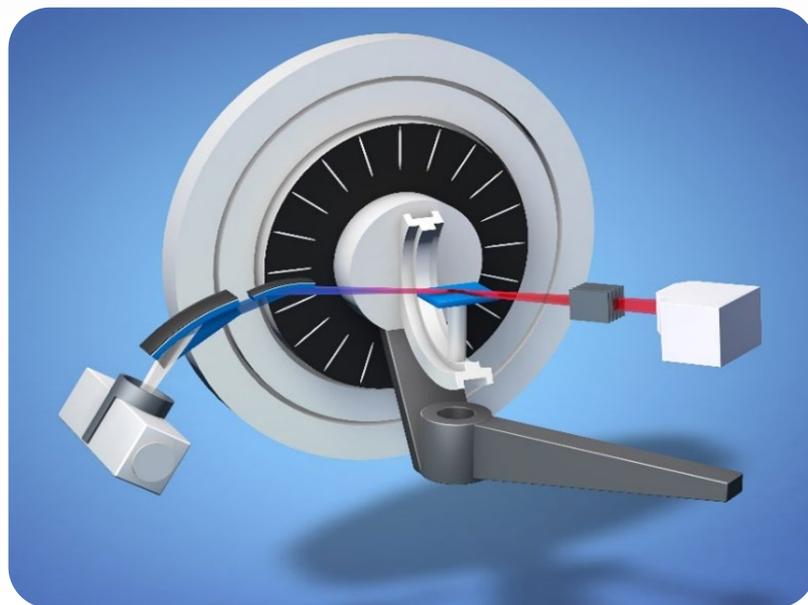
Innovative $I\mu S$ beampath for IP-GID



- $I\mu S$ with MONTEL^{Plus} has an **exceptional In-Plane resolution** of $<0,039^\circ$.
- $I\mu S$ solution can be **more intense** than line focus setups.

D8 DISCOVER Plus

Innovative $I\mu$ S beampath for IP-GID



MONTEL^{Plus}

- Longer optics
- > 2 x intensity



Focusing Mirror

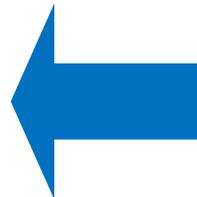
- Increased flux density
- 2-3 x intensity



High Flux Sollers

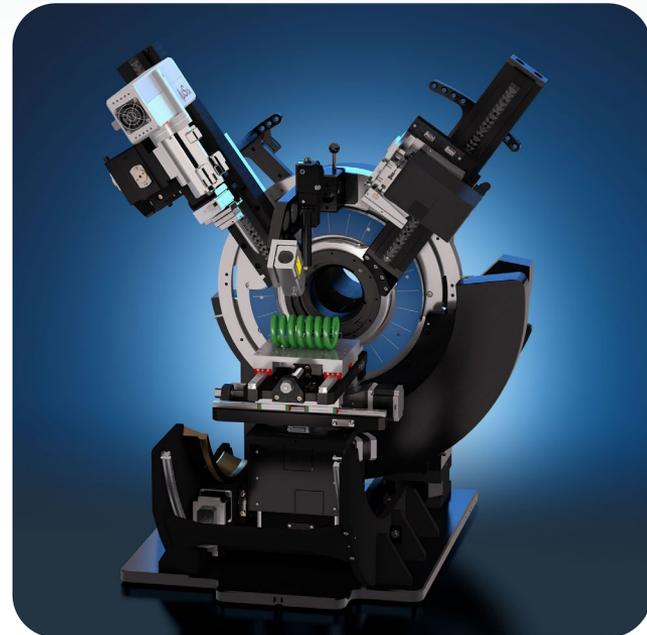
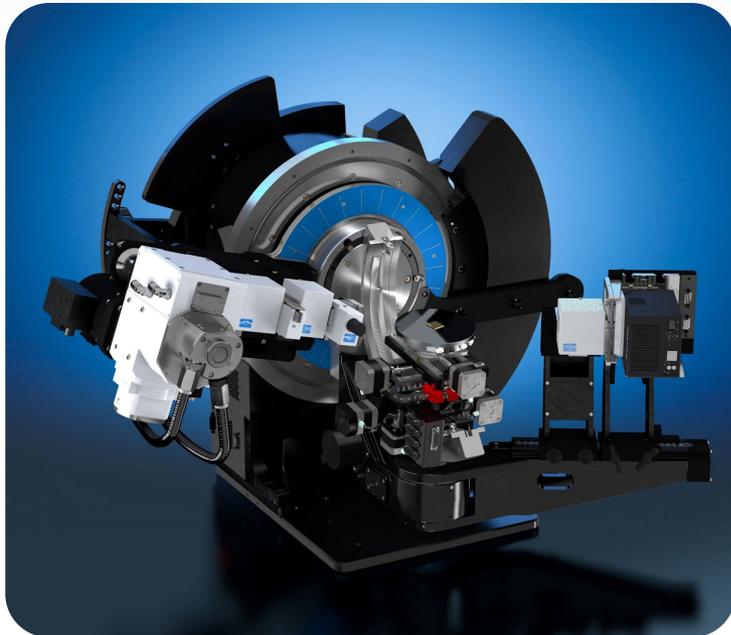
- Larger Field of View
- 2 x intensity

**Total solution:
> 8 x intensity**



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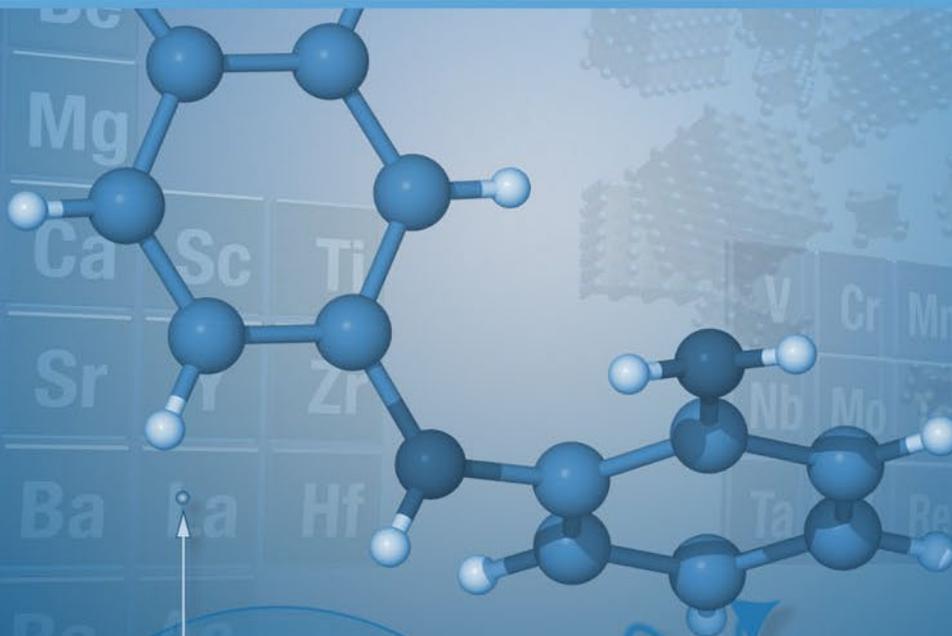
X-ray diffraction beyond expectations



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Structural Characterization of ultra-thin metal films using coplanar and non-coplanar grazing incidence diffraction



Hugues Guerault
Head of Applications

Outline



- Challenges in thin film diffraction - Hardware requirements
- Benefits of wide angular scanning range
- Structural model for the refinement of thin film data

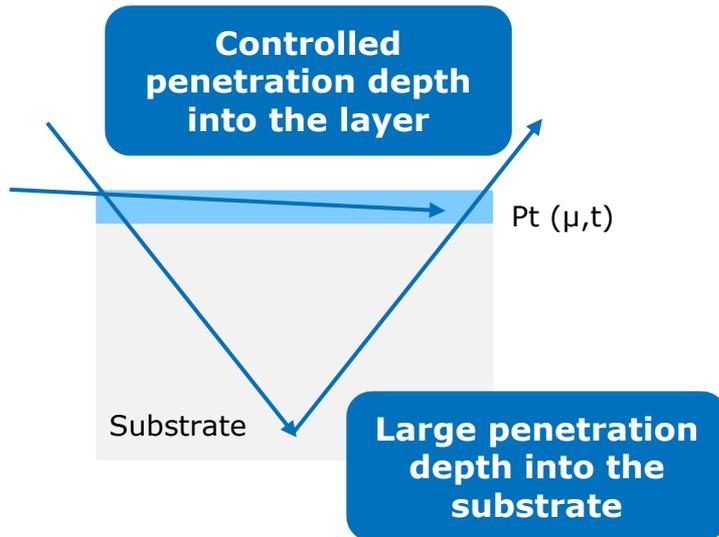
Challenges in Thin Film Diffraction

Focus on the Film



Grazing Incidence Diffraction (GID)

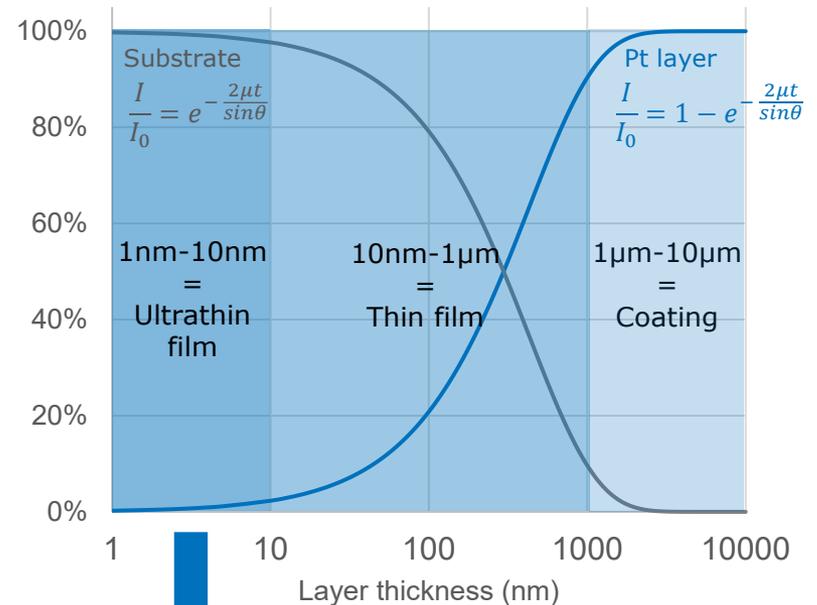
- Layer signal emphasized
- Substrate signal minimized



Symmetric diffraction (θ/θ)

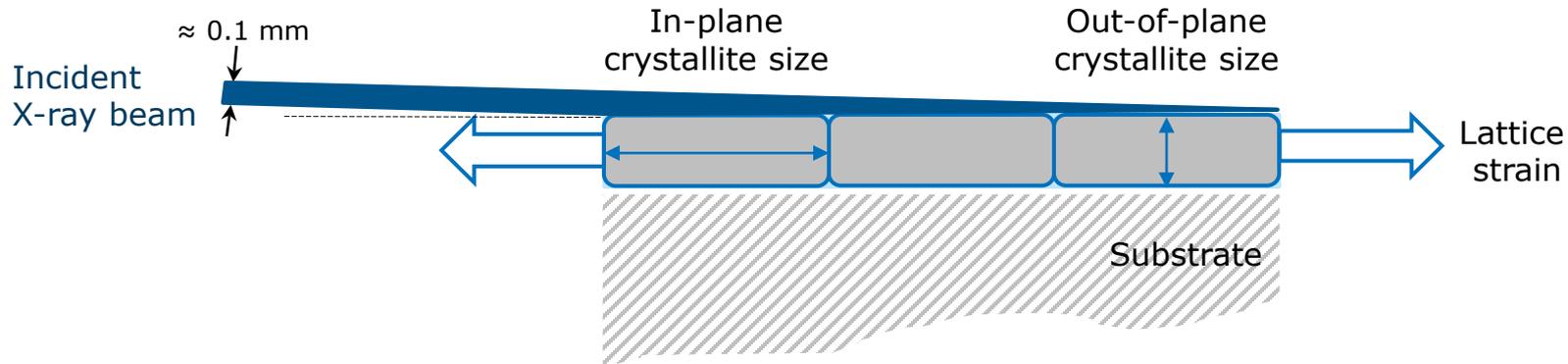
- Low contribution from layer
- Substrate signal dominant

Diffracted intensity in symmetric diffraction



Intensity loss
 \approx
2 orders of magnitude

Challenges in Thin Film Diffraction Hardware Requirements



Compounding issues

- Low grain statistic (weak signal)
- Beam conditioning (reduced flux)

**Need for X-ray components
delivering high flux density**

Anisotropic film properties

- Anisotropic crystallite shape
- Anisotropic strain

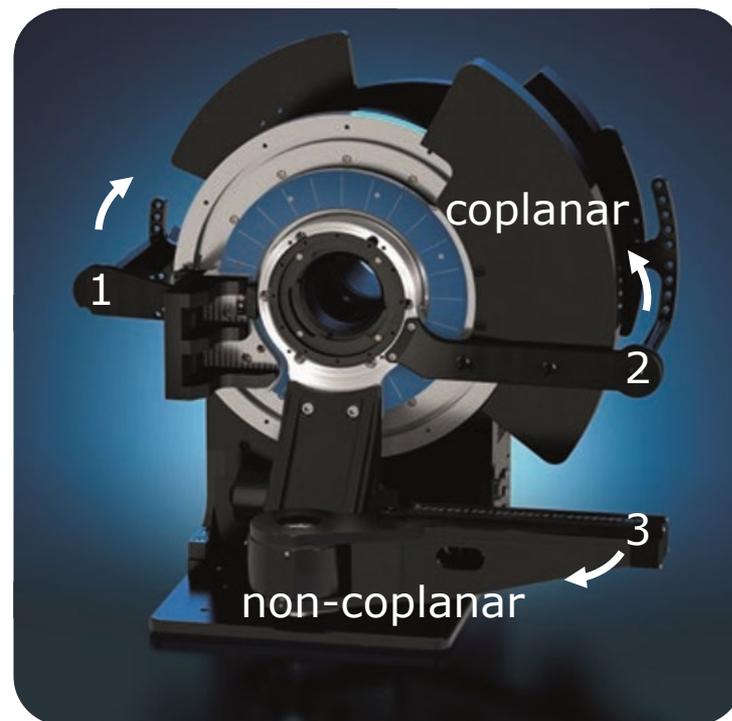
**Need for goniometer accessing
specific diffraction geometries**

D8 DISCOVER Plus - Thin film analysis ATLAS™ Goniometer w/ Non-Coplanar Arm



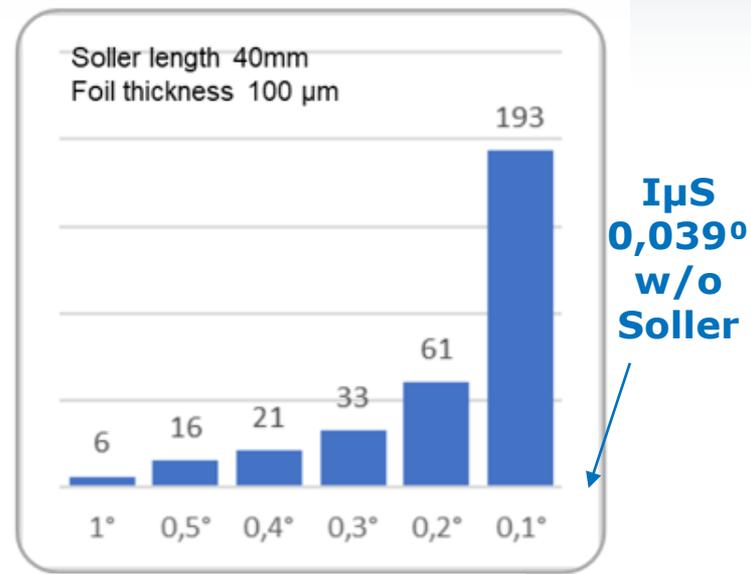
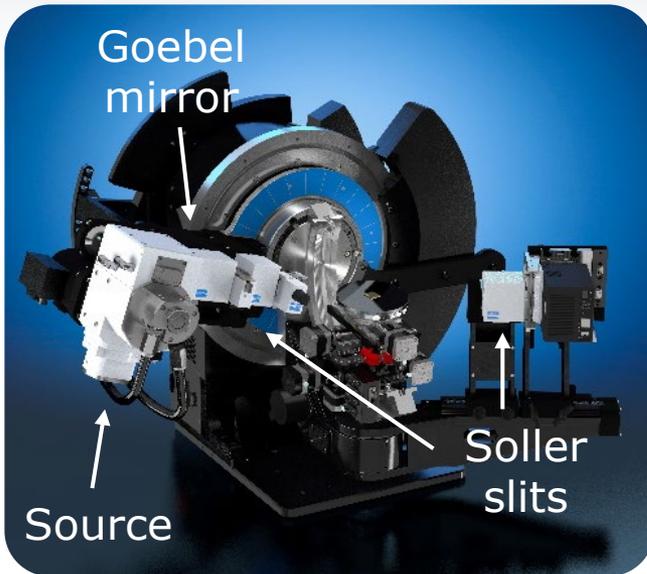
| Specification Table ¹ | ATLAS w/ NC | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | Coplanar | Non-Coplanar |
| Number of Axes | 3 | |
| Goniometer to beam [mm] | 258 | |
| Angular Range [°] | -5, ... +150 | -3, ... +150 |
| Minimum Stepsize [°] | 0.0001 | 0.001 |
| Max. Scan Speed [°/min] | 400 | 360 |
| Max. Detector Distance [mm] | 370 | |
| Detector Distance Recog | Yes | |
| Counterweight | Dual + ATC | |
| Compatible Sources | ST, I μ S, TXS-HE | |
| Global Angular Accuracy [°] | ±0.007 | ±0.015 |
| Reproducibility [°] | 0.0002 | 0.0002 |

¹ Specifications dependent on absolute configuration



D8 DISCOVER Plus - Thin film analysis

High Flux Components



X-ray source

- $I_{\mu S}$ for best IPGID resolution
- Ceramic sealed tube
- Rotating anode generator **x5**

Primary beam conditioning

- Parallel beam Goebel mirror **x3**
- Focusing beam Goebel mirror

Intensity loss factor of axial Soller slit

Soller slits

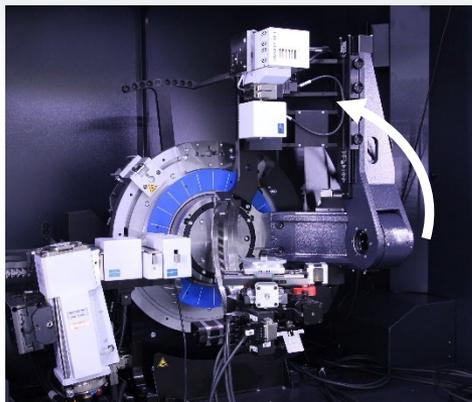
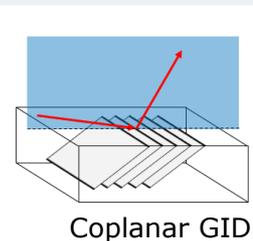
- Adjust resolution to sample
- For ultrathin films favor flux rather than resolution

Phase Analysis

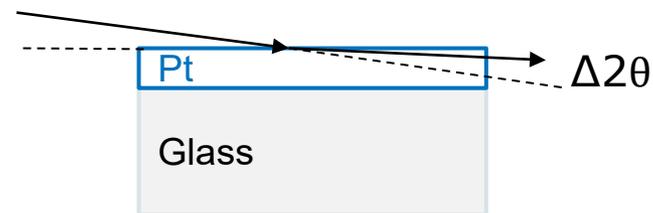
10 nm Pt on Glass



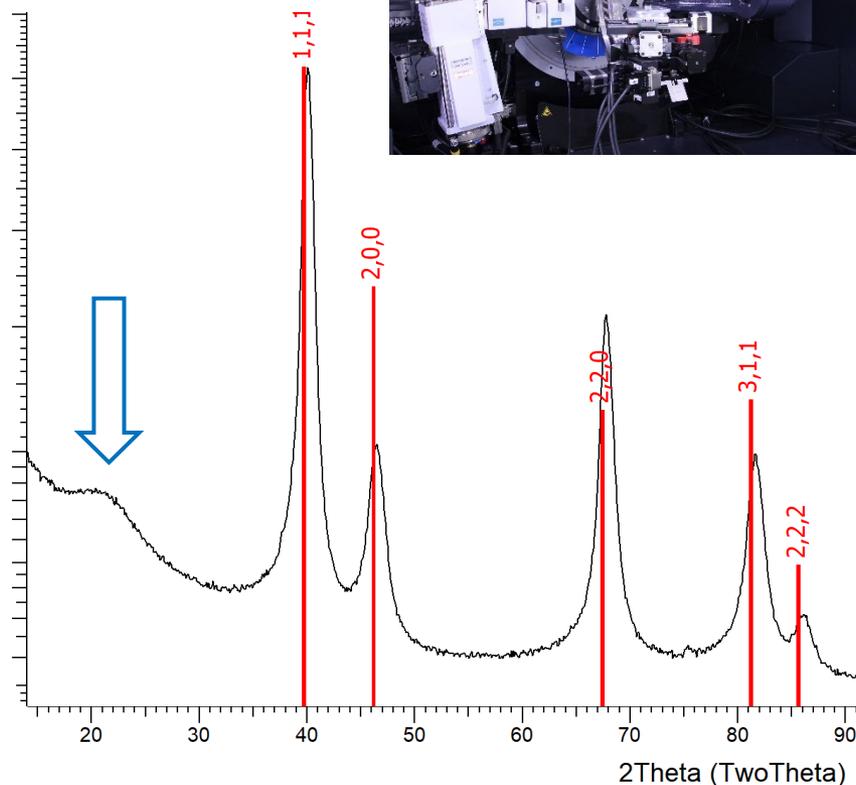
$$\theta_i = 0.54^\circ$$



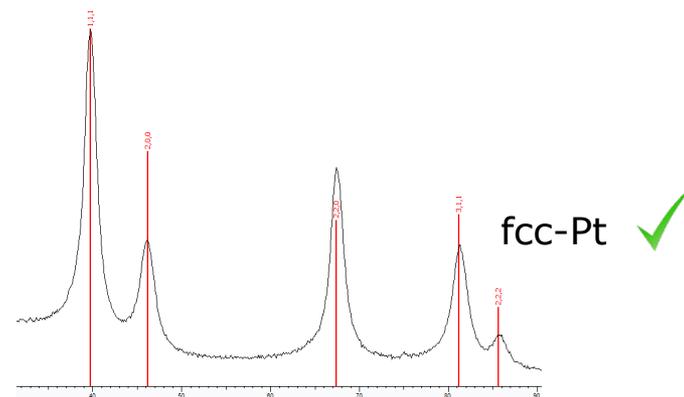
Slight peak shift due to refraction at sample surface



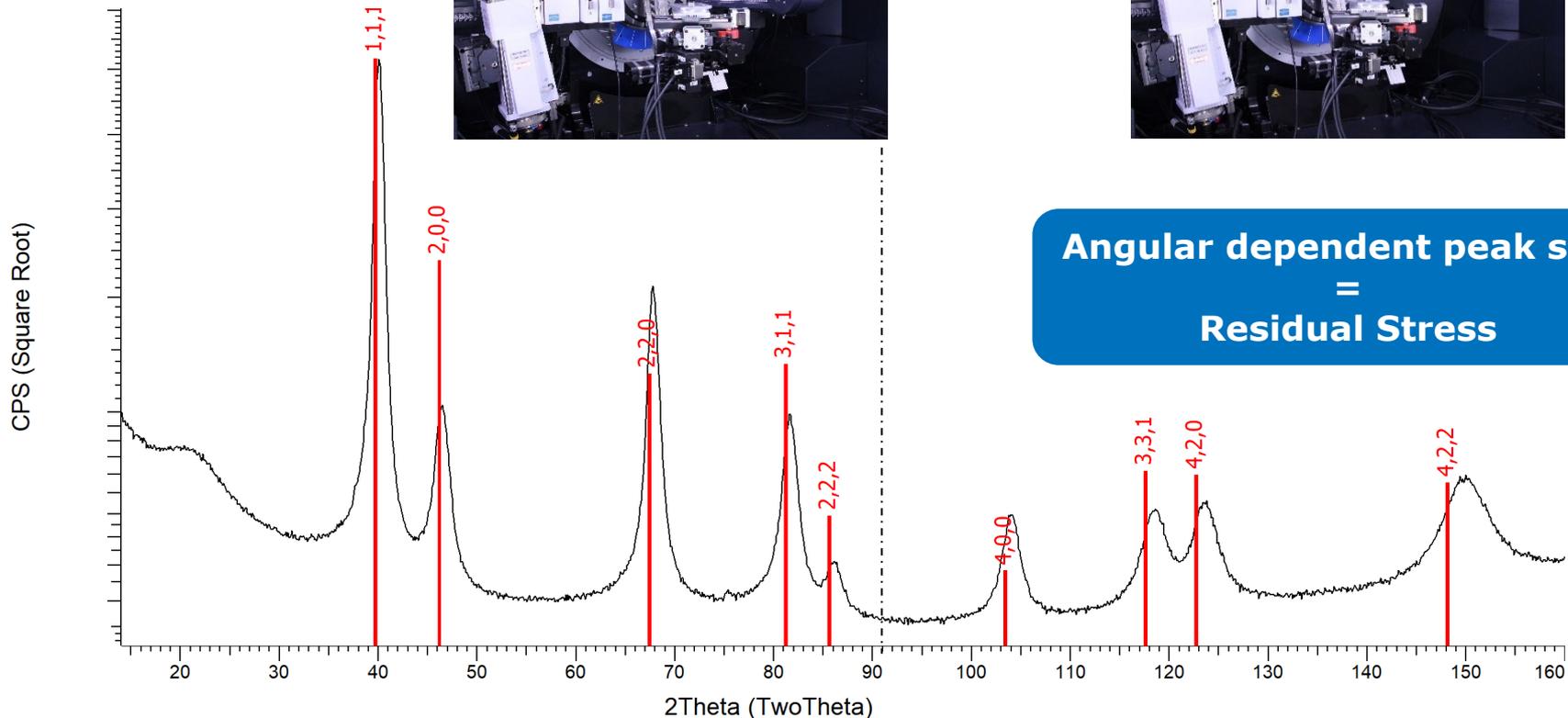
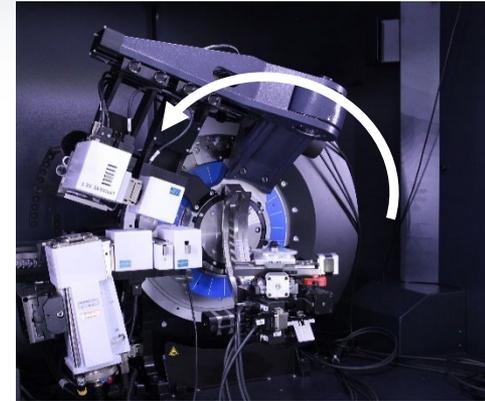
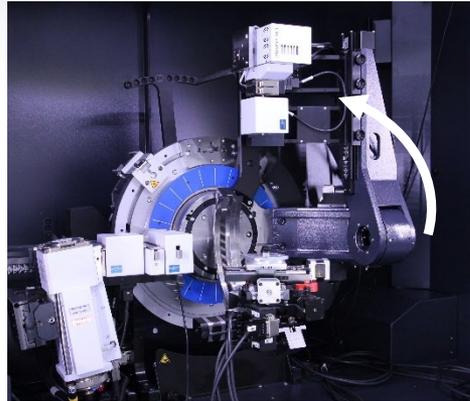
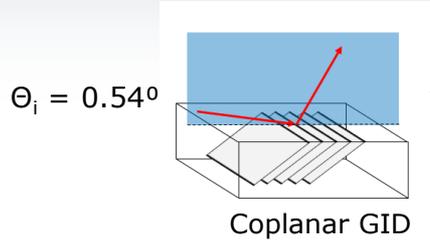
CPS (Square Root)



After offset correction



Extended Scan Range 10 nm Pt on Glass



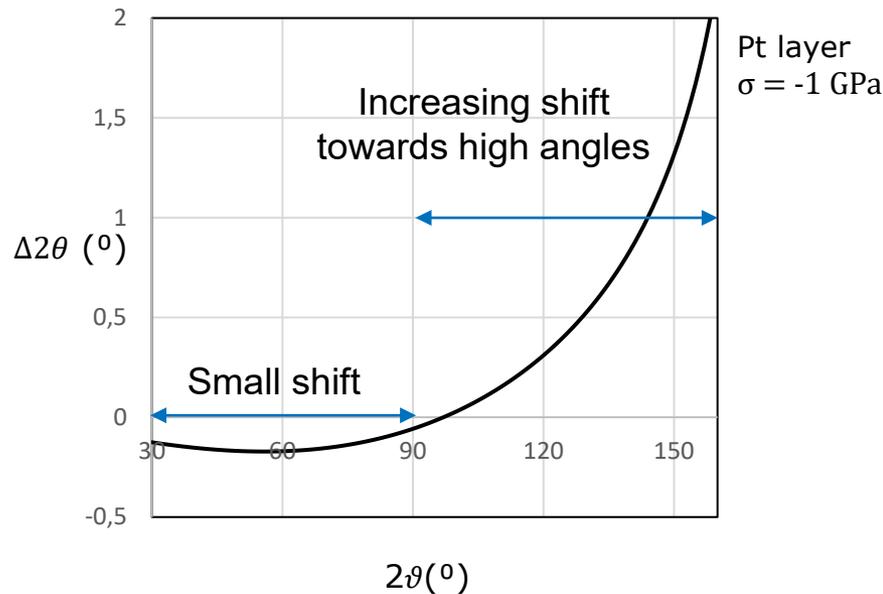
Angular dependent peak shift
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Residual Stress

Why Do High Angle Data Matter? Structural Parameters



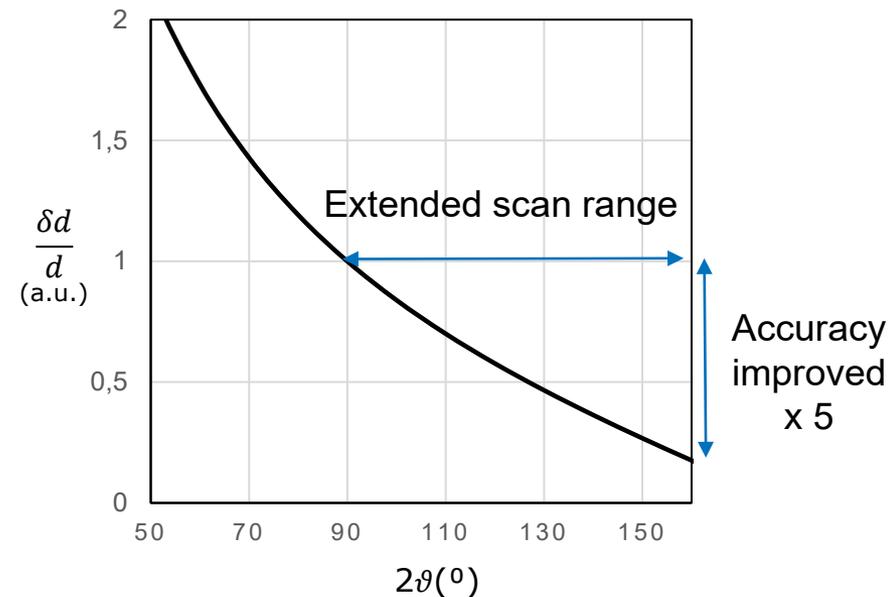
Angular shift due to residual stress

$$\Delta 2\theta = -\frac{2 \sigma \tan\theta}{E} ((\nu + 1) \sin^2\psi - 2\nu)$$



Accuracy on lattice parameter

$$d = \frac{\lambda}{2 \sin\theta} \Rightarrow \frac{\delta d}{d} \sim \cotan\theta \delta\theta$$



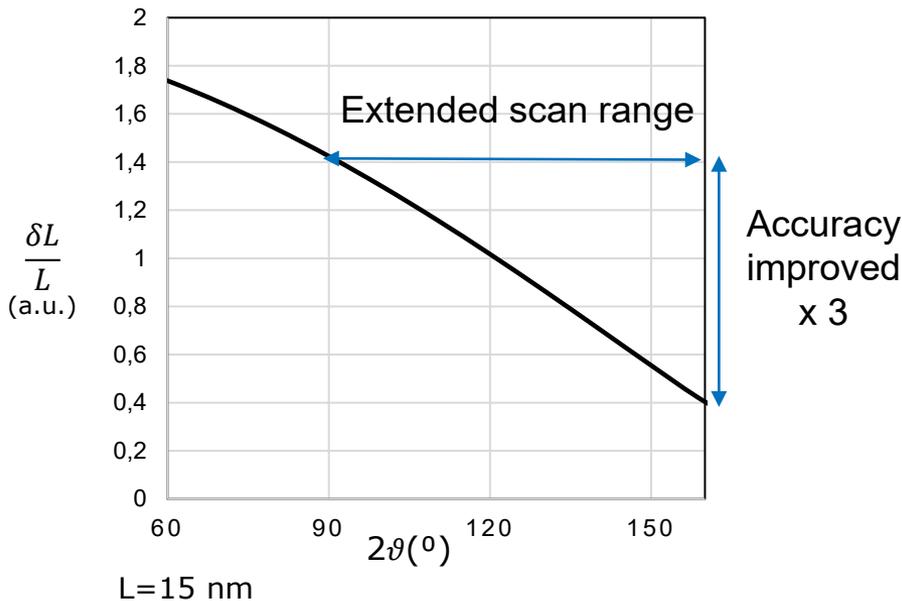
- **Wide angular range essential in residual stress analysis**
- **High angle data improves lattice parameter accuracy (x5)**

Why Do High Angle Data Matter? Microstructural Parameters



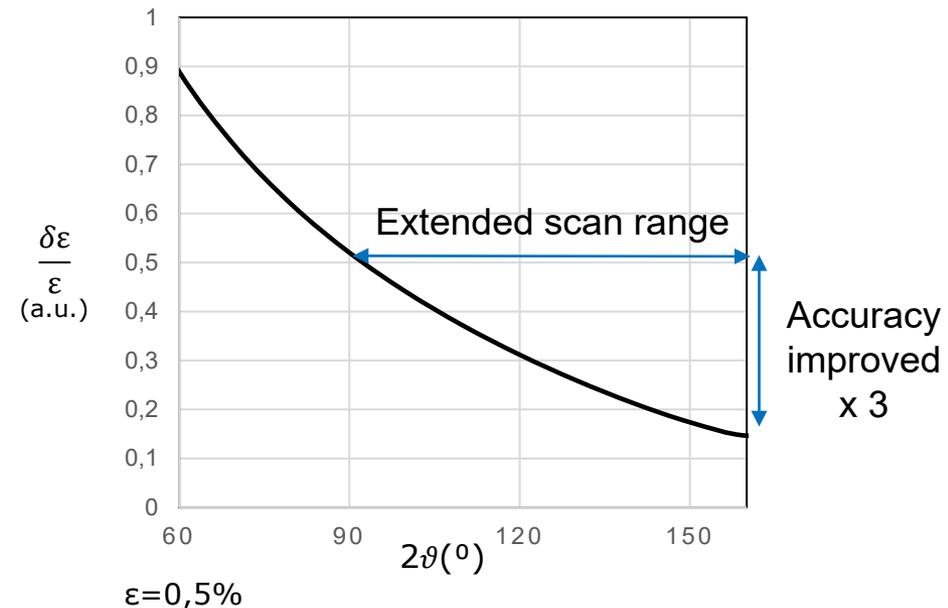
Accuracy on crystallite size L

$$L = \frac{k\lambda}{\beta_L \cos\theta} \Rightarrow \frac{\delta L}{L} = \frac{\partial \beta_L}{k\lambda} L \cos\theta + \tan\theta \delta\theta$$



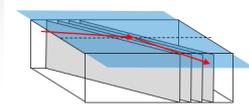
Accuracy on microstrains ϵ

$$\epsilon = \frac{\beta_{\epsilon}}{4 \tan\theta} \Rightarrow \frac{\delta \epsilon}{\epsilon} = \frac{\delta \beta_{\epsilon}}{4 \epsilon \tan\theta} + \frac{2 \delta\theta}{\sin(2\theta)}$$

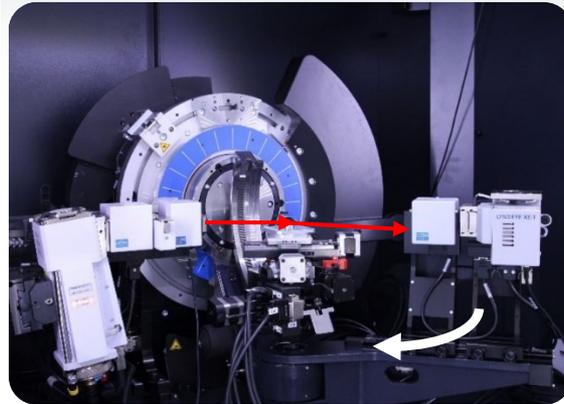


- Wide angular range = better Size/Strain deconvolution
- High angle data improve microstructure accuracy (x3)

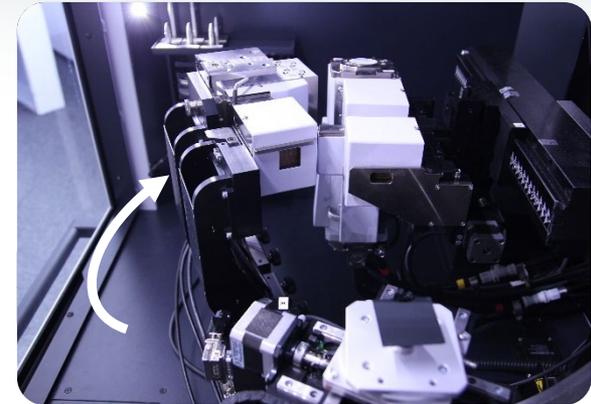
Non-Coplanar Arm A Wide Angular Range



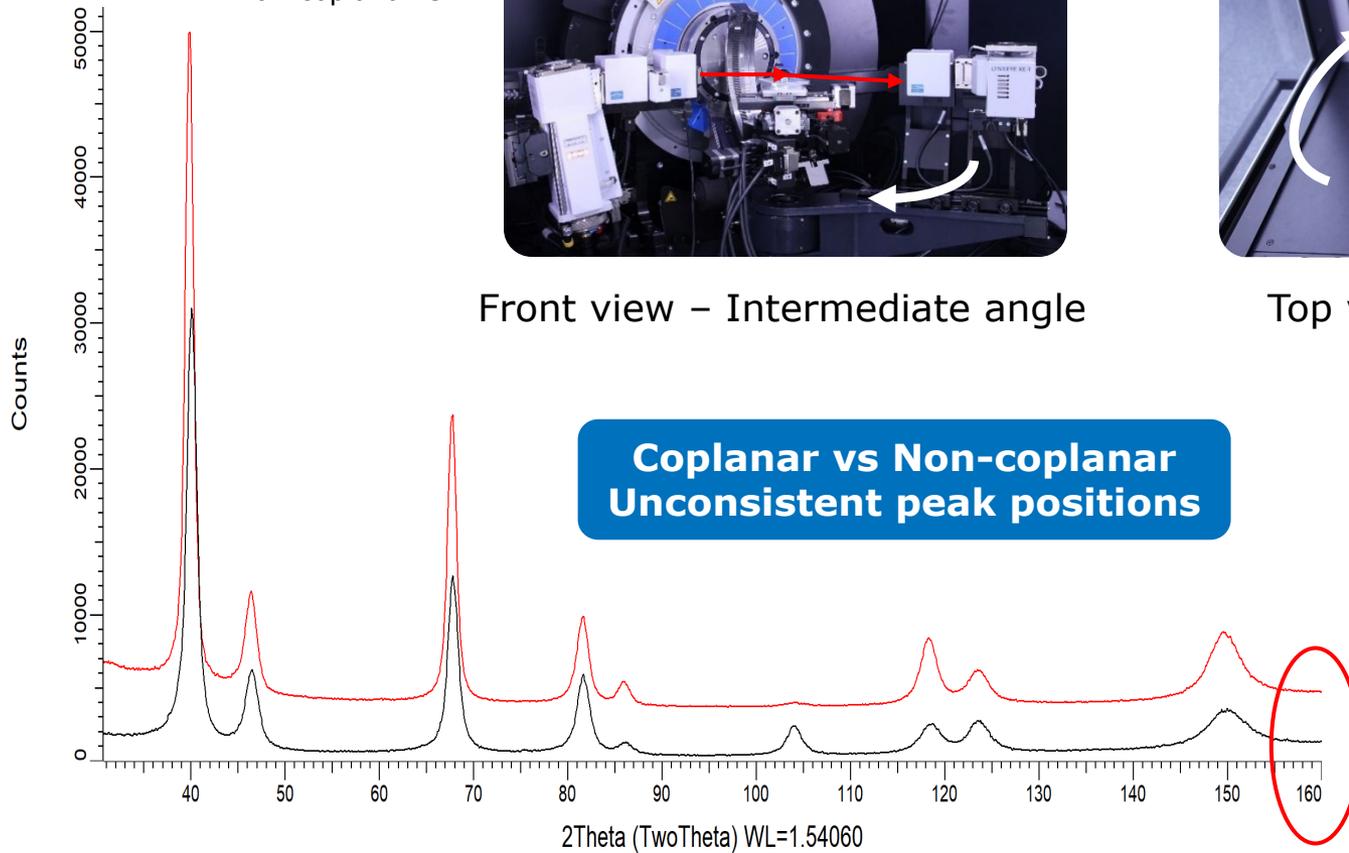
Non-coplanar GID



Front view – Intermediate angle



Top view – Highest angle



non-coplanar (2 hours)
0,5 ° Soller / 1° Soller

coplanar (2 hours)
No Soller / 1° Soller

Data Refinement in TOPAS

Structural model



- Coplanar and non-coplanar data **refined simultaneously with unique model**

| Parameters | GID | IPGID |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Lattice constant | a_0 (stress free) | $a_0 + \frac{1 - \nu}{E} \sigma$ |
| 2θ shift from residual stress | $-\frac{2 \sigma \tan\theta}{E} ((\nu + 1) \sin^2\psi - 2\nu)$ | |
| 2θ shift from refraction | $\theta_i - \sqrt{\theta_i^2 - \theta_c^2}$ | |
| Crystallite size | L_{OP} | L_{IP} |
| Microstrains | ϵ | |

θ_i incident angle

$\psi = 2\theta - \theta_i$

Material constants

θ_c critical angle

ν Poisson ratio

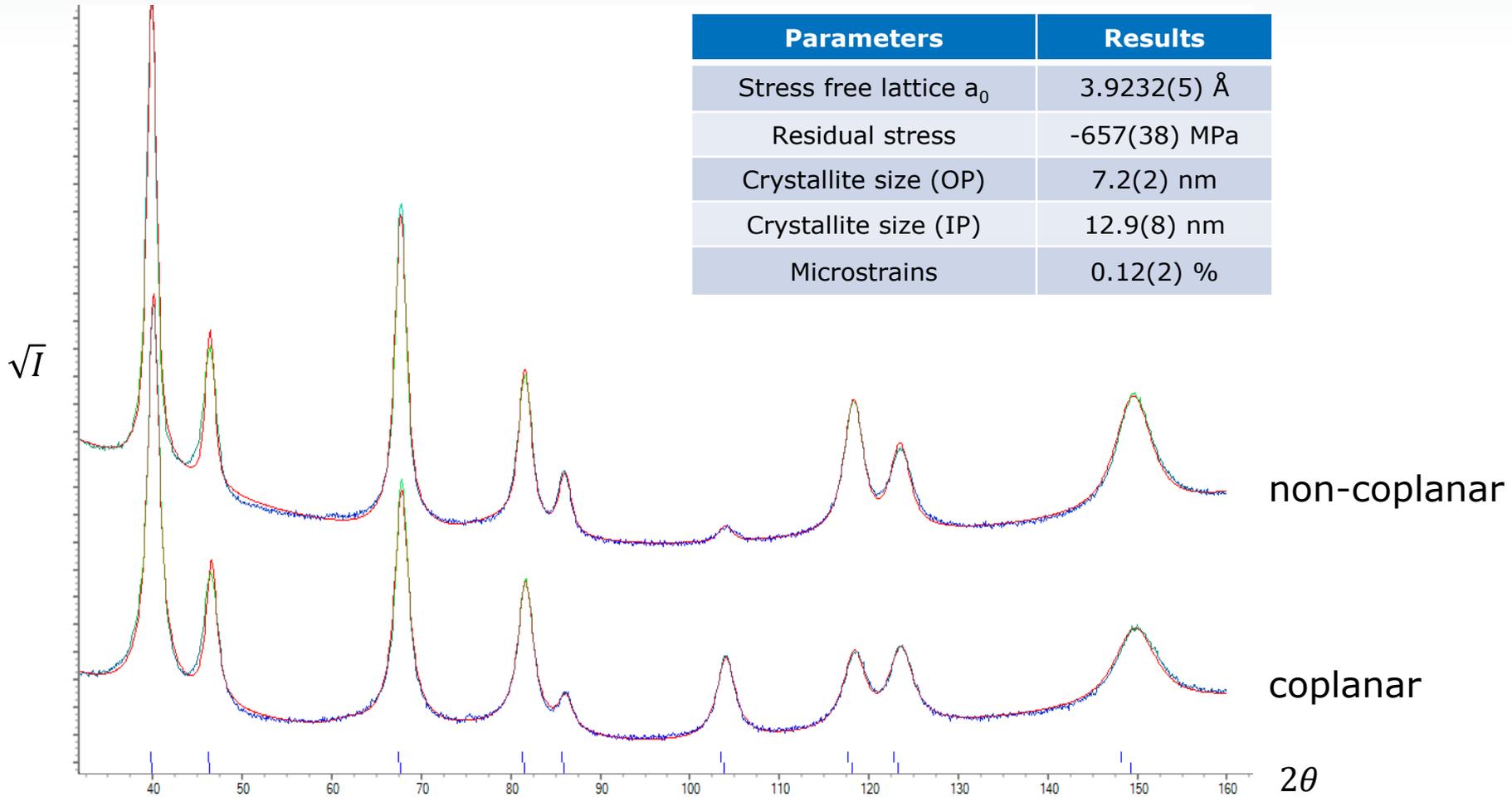
E Young modulus

5 physical parameters

$a_0, \sigma, L_{OP}, L_{IP}, \epsilon$

Data Refinement in TOPAS

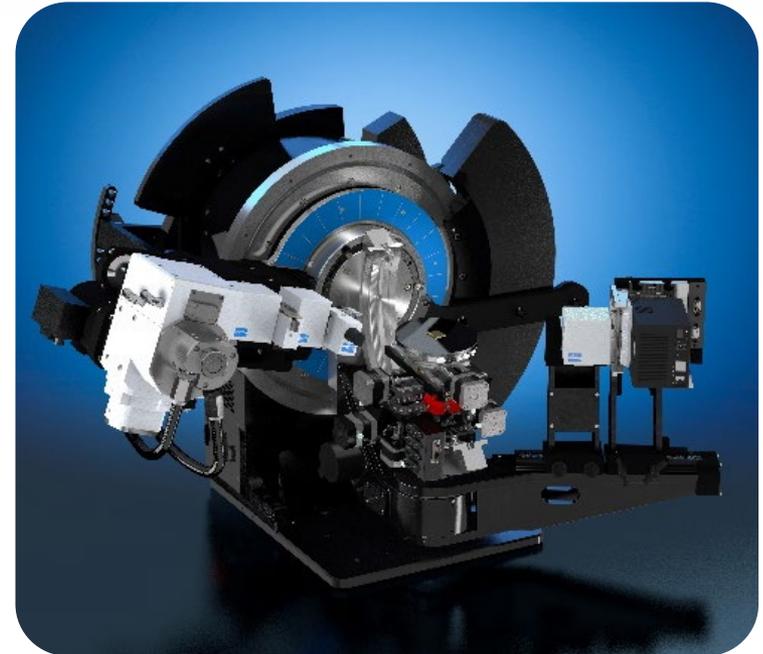
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Summary



- **D8 DISCOVER Plus** offers complete solutions for the analysis of (ultra)-thin polycrystalline films
- **ATLAS™ Goniometer** acquires accurate data on a **wide angular range** for best evaluation results
- Data from both coplanar and non-coplanar geometries are refined simultaneously in **TOPAS** using a **unique structural model**



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Application of Deep Learning to XRD Phase Identification

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Motivation

Fast and objective analysis



Problem:

- Manual Phase Identification (qualitative analysis) for powder XRD scans
 - Require expertise
 - Time-consuming
 - Error prone
 - Not objective (possibly differing results for identical scan)

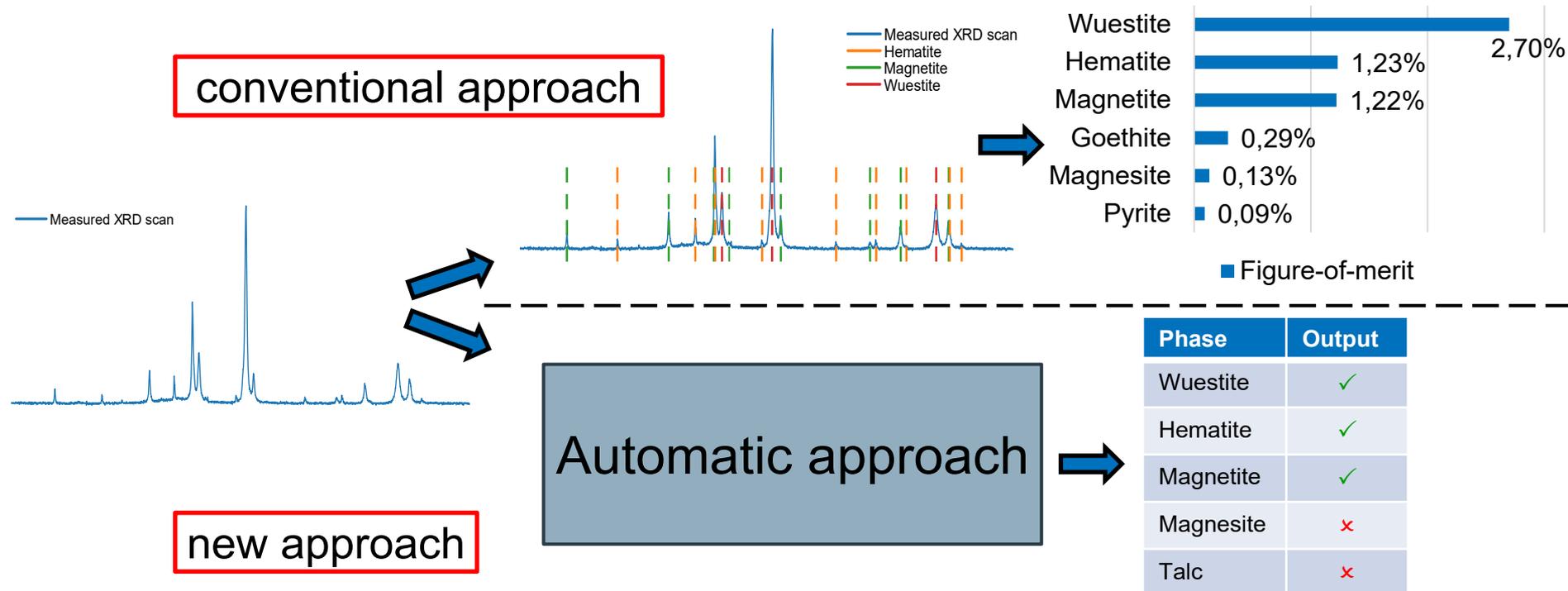
 Automation of phase identification analysis



Concept

Automatic Phase Identification

- Instead of hard-coding all analysis criteria and methods:
Use of trainable approach (Machine learning algorithm)



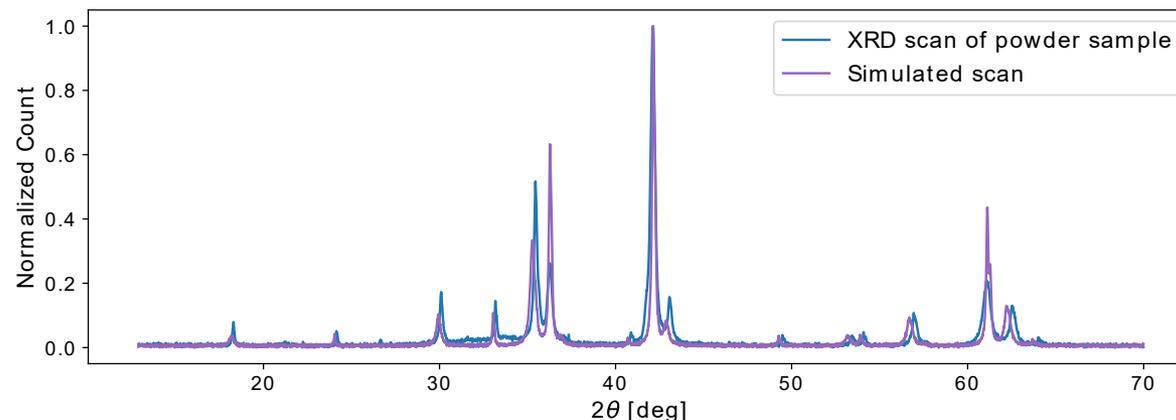
- Desired output of automatic phase identification is binary:
1 for present and 0 for absent phases



Simulation of XRD Scans

Generating Training Data

- Training process of machine learning algorithm requires thousands of samples
- Not enough measured and labelled samples available
- ➔ Simulation of powder XRD scans for training purposes
- Generation of synthetic diffraction patterns through TOPAS
- Mixing of phases with random weight percentages
- Synthetic scan includes background (high-order polynomial function), Gaussian noise and additional effects like air scattering





Application Packages

Arranging Training Sets



- Identification of application packages:
Automatic approach applicable for all phases *but* performs better for a limited number of candidate phases (shown in the results)
- We evaluate the performance for 2 application packages:
 1. Iron ore samples with 28 possible phases
 2. Cement samples with 76 candidate phases
- Generation of *500,000* synthetic mixture scans for training and additional *100,000* validation samples
- Supplementary information for each training sample with target output: 1 for present phases, 0 for absent phases in the mixture



Neural Networks

Structure and Functionality

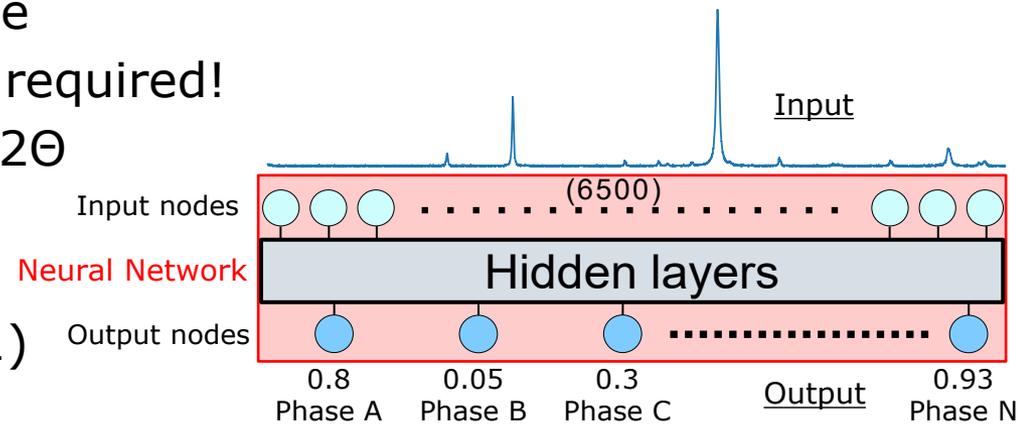
- Usage of neural networks for automatic phase identification approach

- Input: Raw scan as 1D image
- Identical 2θ range and $\Delta 2\theta$ required!

- Here: 5° to 70° with $0.01 \Delta 2\theta$

 6500 datapoints

- Output: Certainty score (0-1) for presence of each phase



- Training of network by optimizing the binary cross-entropy:
 - Propagation of raw scan through network, receiving output
 - Calculation of binary cross-entropy by comparing actual to target output
 - Adaption of weights in hidden layer by backpropagation



Results



| Application Package | Candidates | Accuracy (False-to-Total Ratio) | False-to-Positives Ratio |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Iron Ores | 28 | 99.99% | 99.54% |
| Cements | 76 | 99.99% | 98.60% |
| Combination | 345 | 99.99% | 91.30% |

- We achieve an accuracy of nearly 100% for all tested application packages (iron ores and cements)
- After further evaluation: *More False Positives and False Negatives* for packages with *greater number of candidates*
- Performance validated with measured scans
- Comparison with an expert: Network identifies more phases but also finds more False Positives  close to human performance
- Network model analyzes hundreds of scans per second
- Outlook: One classifier for larger application packages



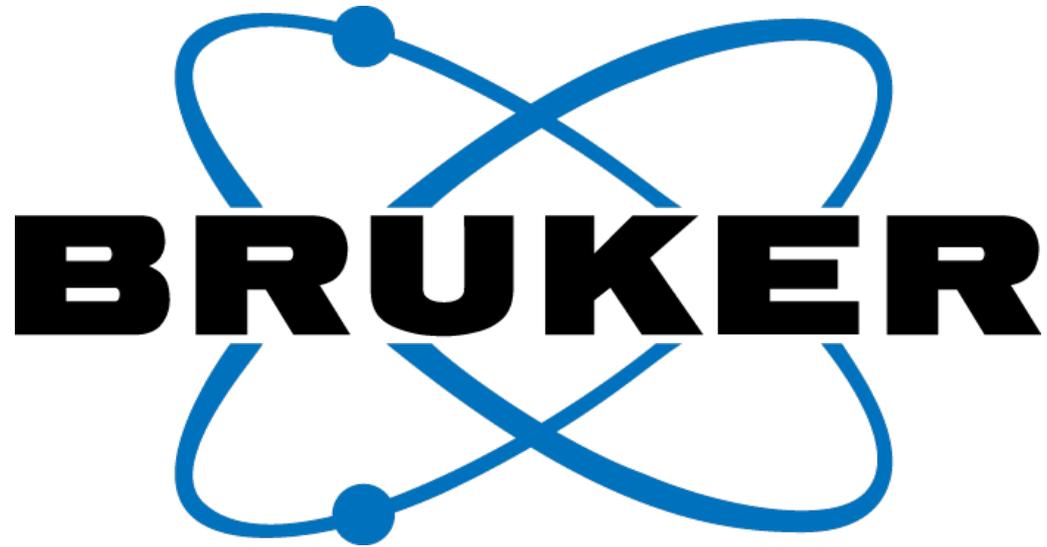
Questions and Answers

Thank you for joining this luncheon!
Feel free to ask your questions now or contact your
local Bruker representative later.

We look forward meeting you at the EPDIC
conference in 2021 and at the TOPAS
users meeting. Stay well!



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