

Three-dimensional pair distribution functions: 3D- Δ PDF

An Introduction



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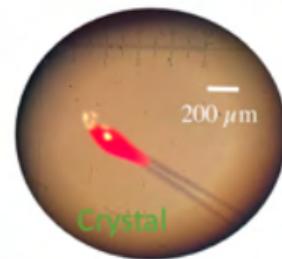
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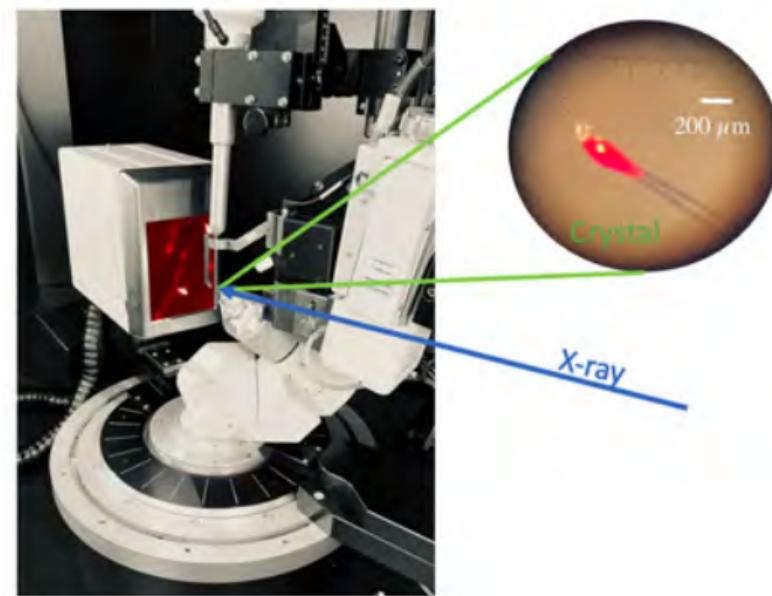
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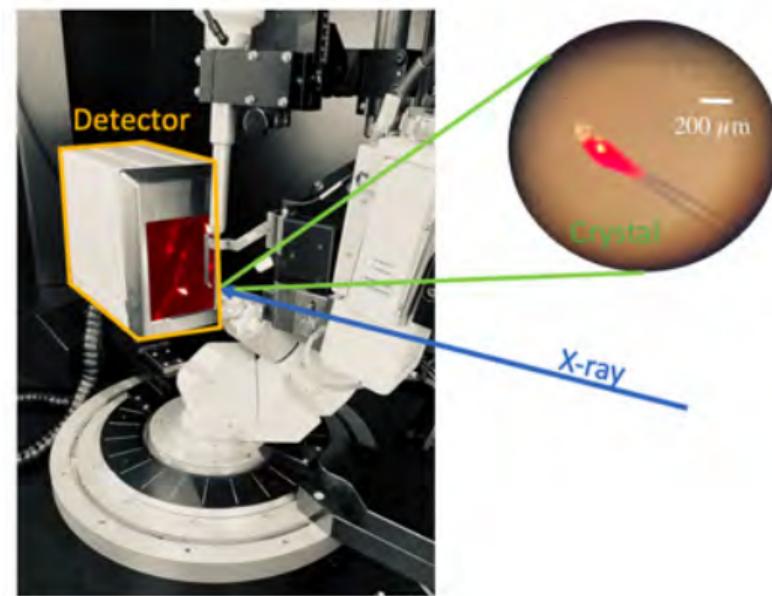
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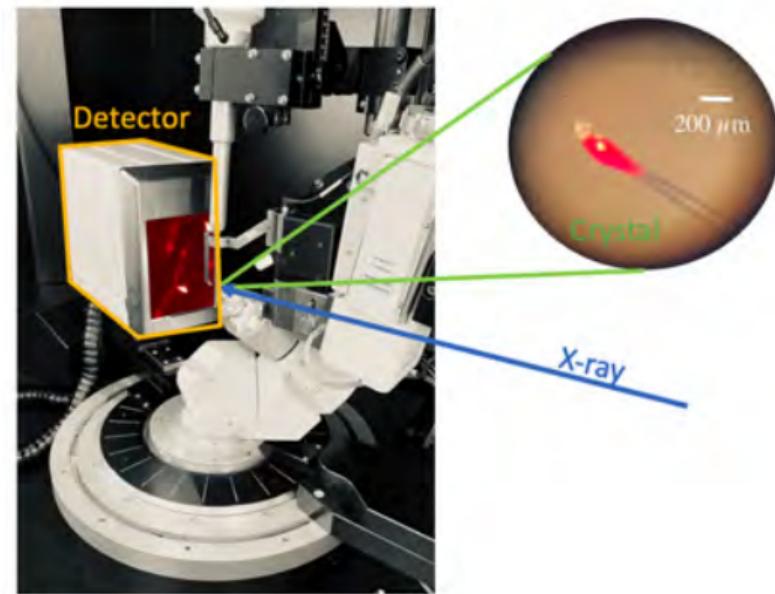
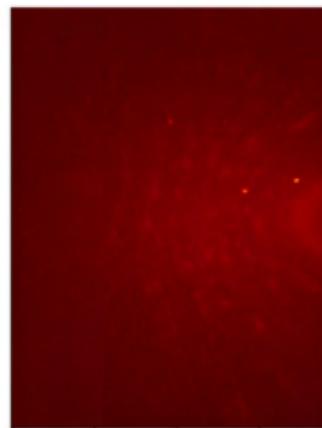
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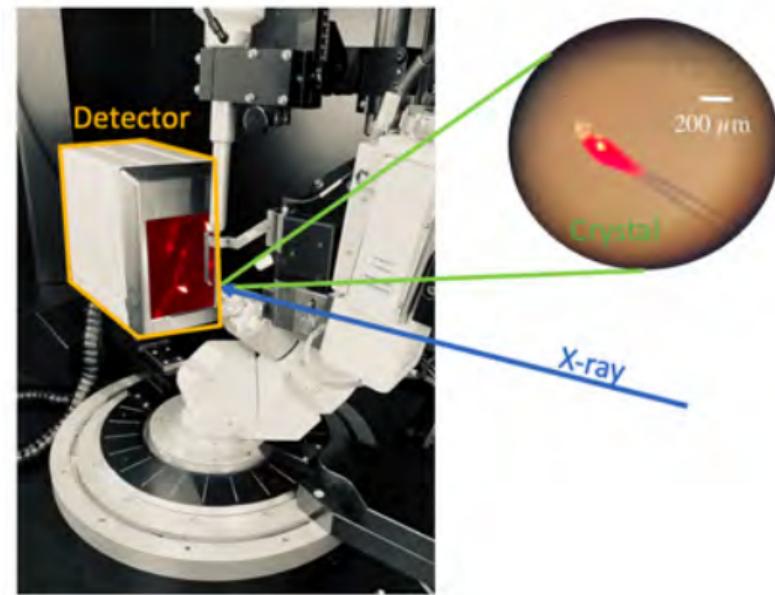
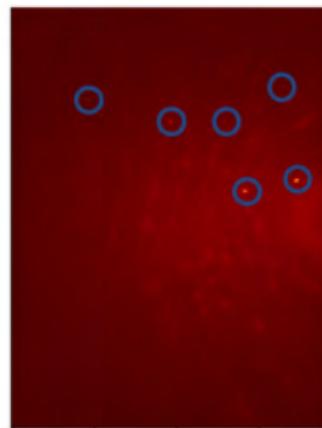


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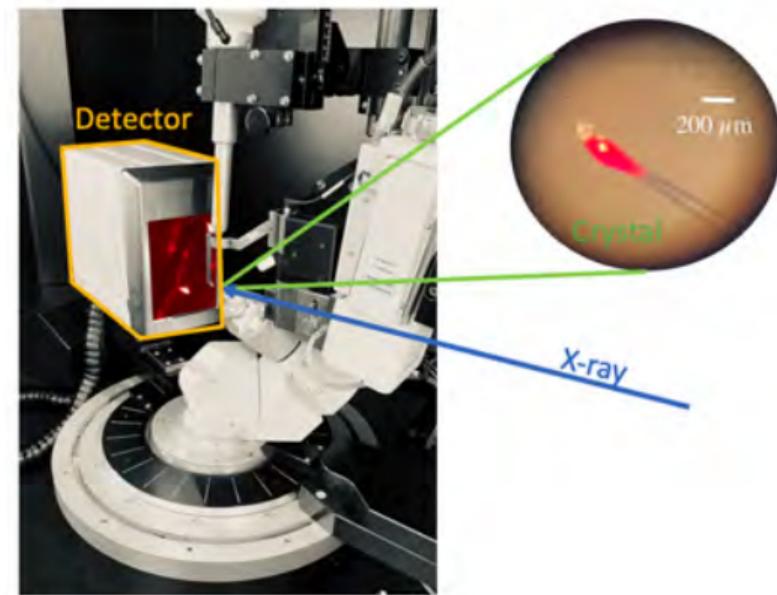
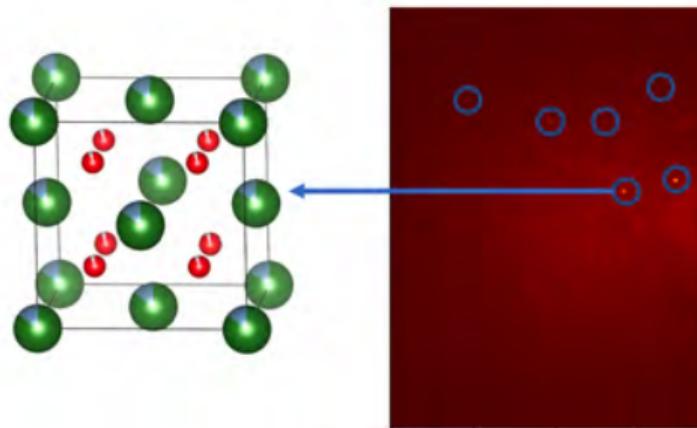
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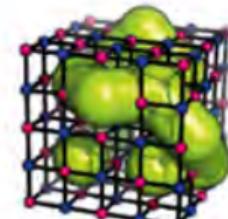
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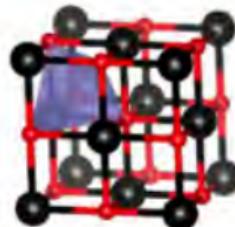
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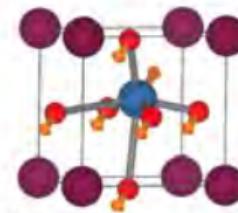


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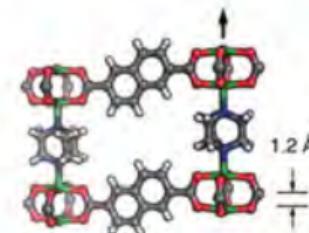


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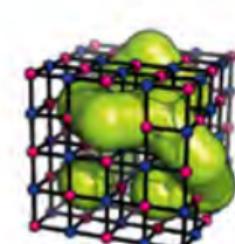
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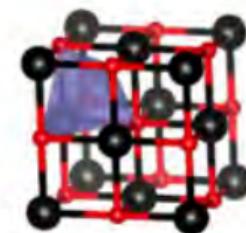
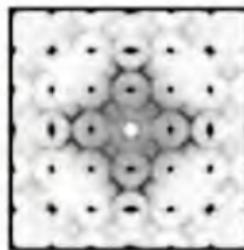
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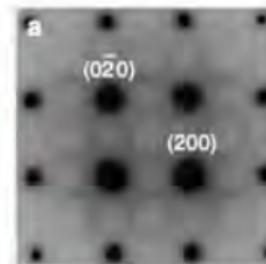
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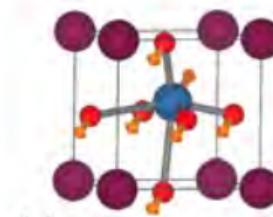
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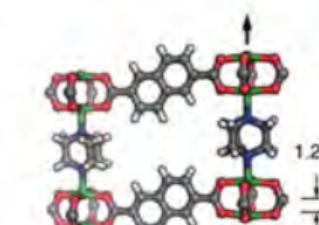
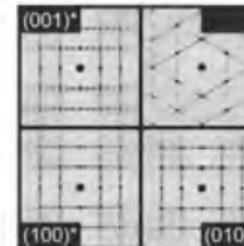
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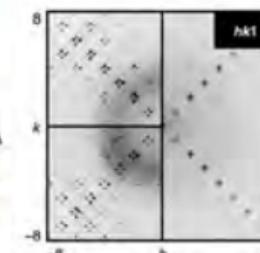
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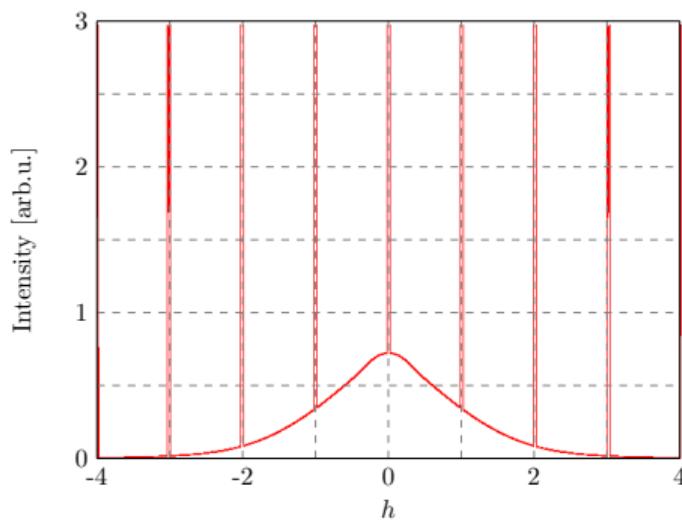
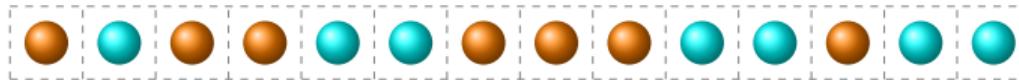
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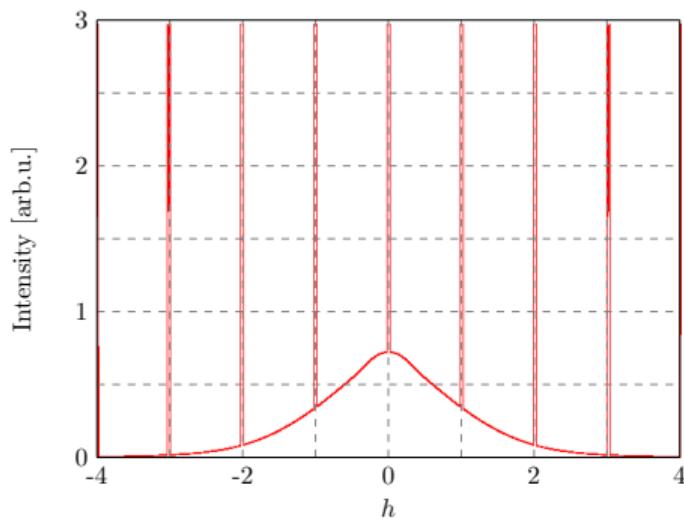
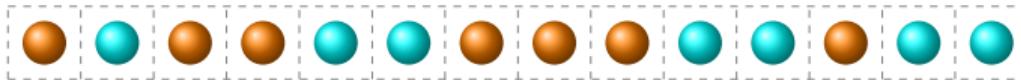
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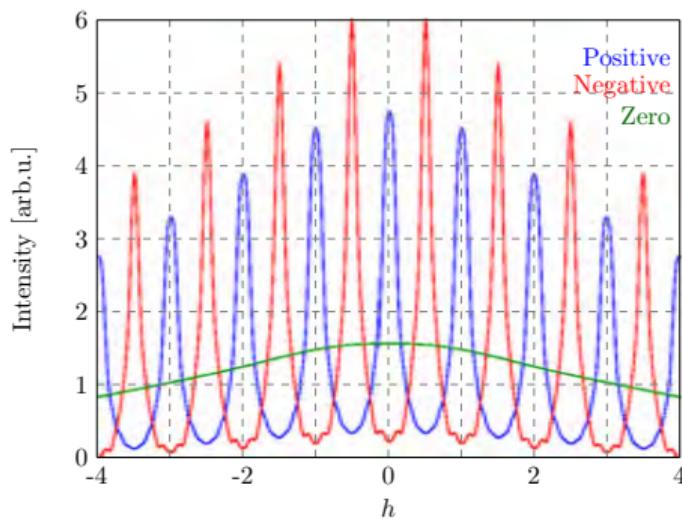
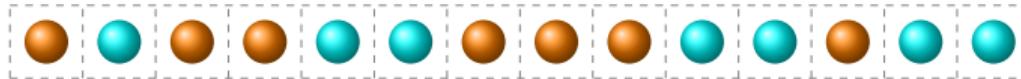


Understanding diffuse scattering



- Bragg data analysis still yields an average unit cell
- Information about local order is only encoded in the diffuse scattering

Substitutional disorder

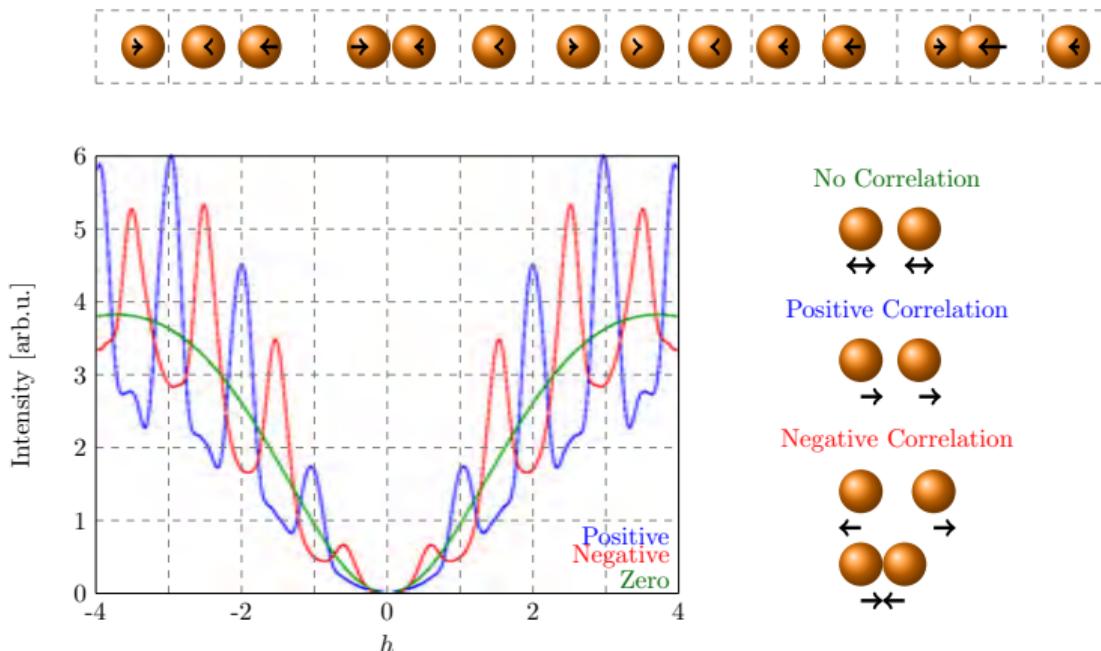


Warren-Cowley short-range order parameter

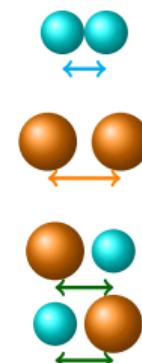
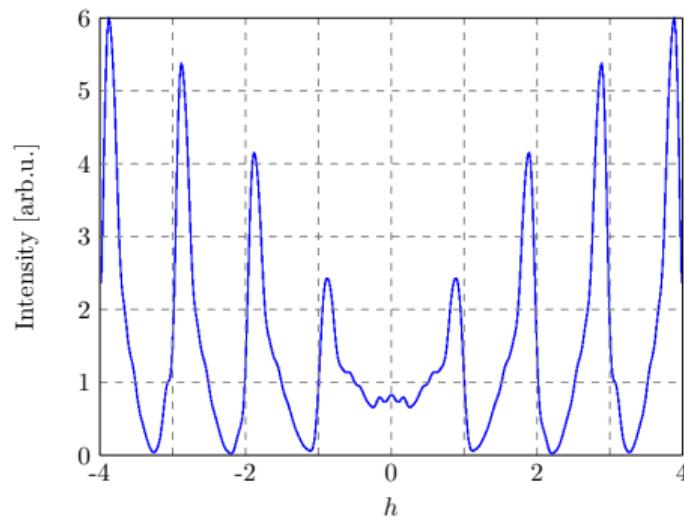
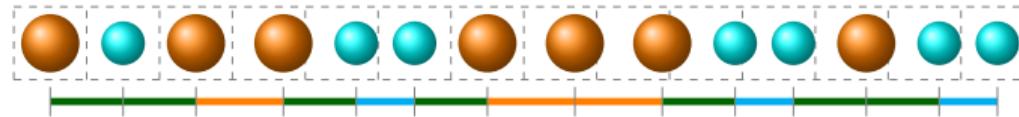
$$\alpha_{\vec{v}} = 1 - \frac{p_{\vec{v}}^{AB}}{m_A m_B}$$

$$\begin{cases} > 0 & \text{Positive correlation} \\ = 0 & \text{No correlation} \\ < 0 & \text{Negative correlation} \end{cases}$$

Displacement disorder



Atomic size effect



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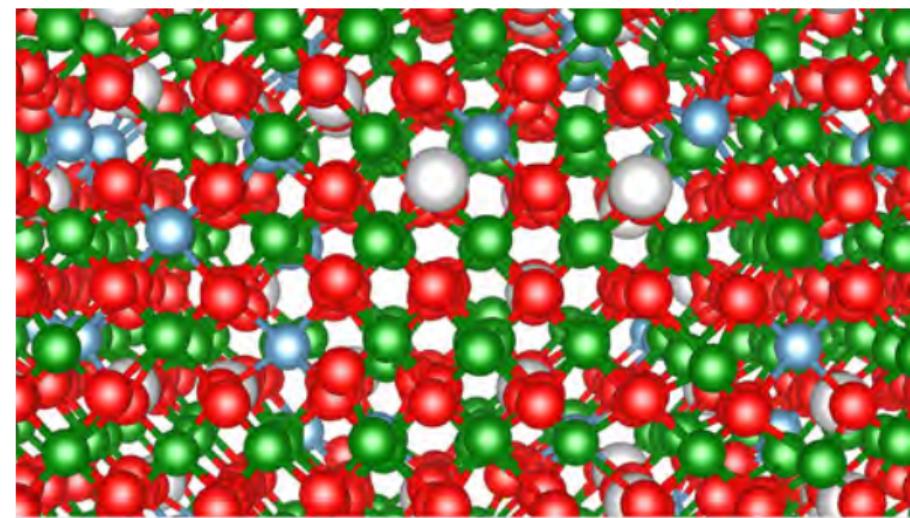
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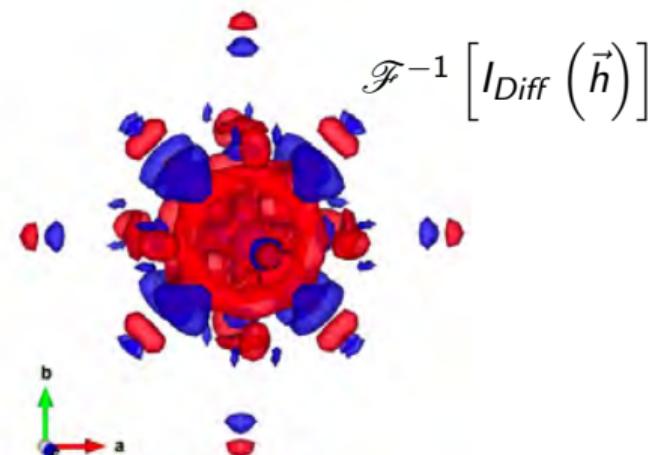
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$$\mathcal{F}^{-1} \left[I_{Diff} (\vec{h}) \right] = \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left[I_{Tot} (\vec{h}) - I_{Bragg} (\vec{h}) \right]$$

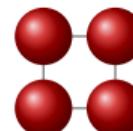
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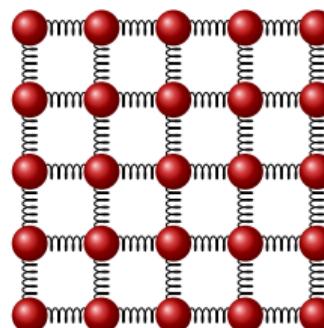
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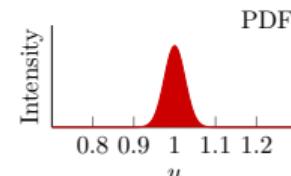
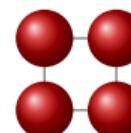


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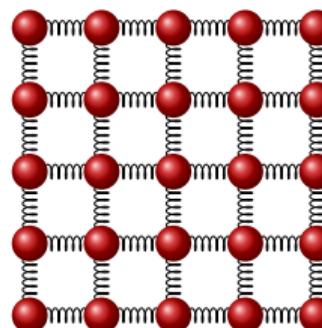
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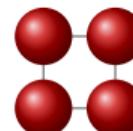


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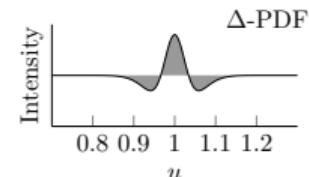
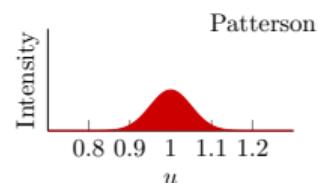
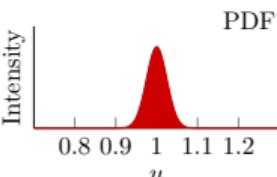
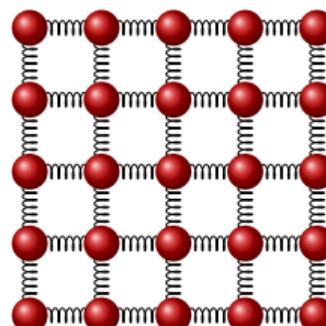
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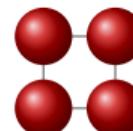


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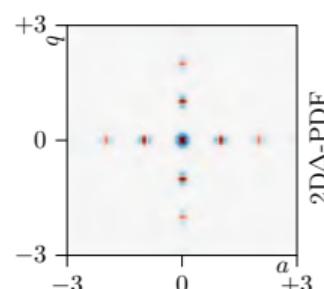
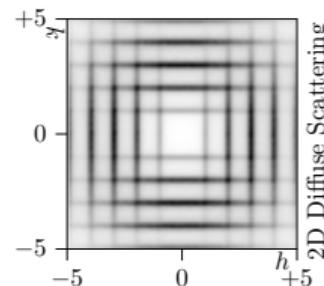
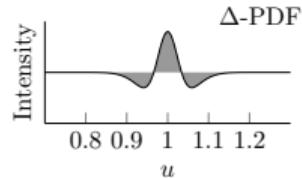
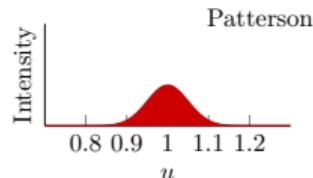
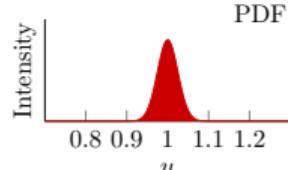
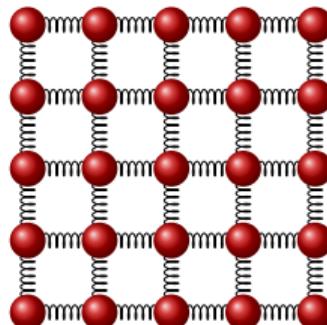
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n_{AB} : # of AB pairs

n_t : total # of pairs

f_A : Scattering factor A

f_B : Scattering factor B

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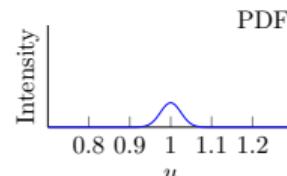
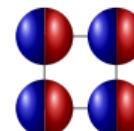
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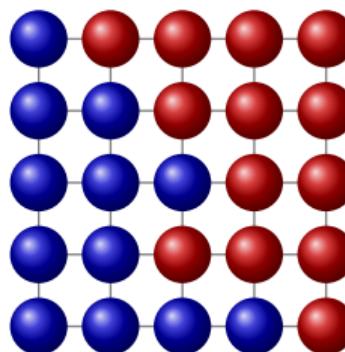
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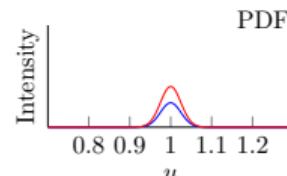
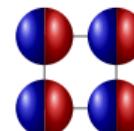
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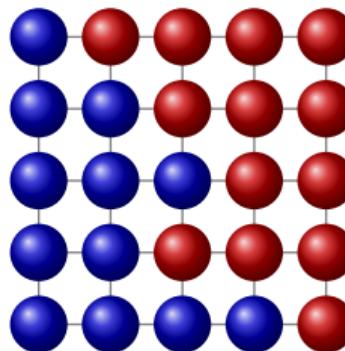
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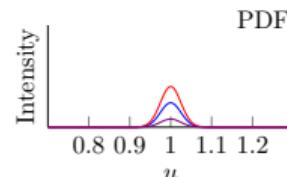
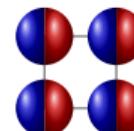
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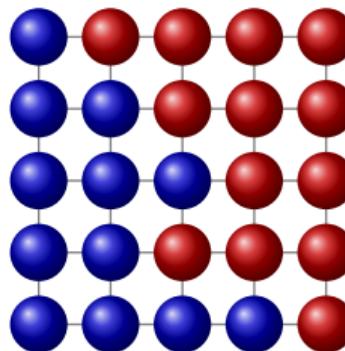
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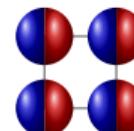
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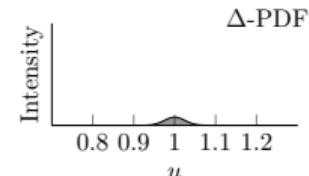
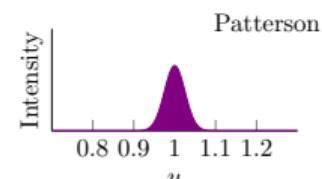
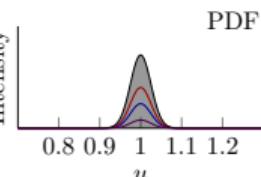
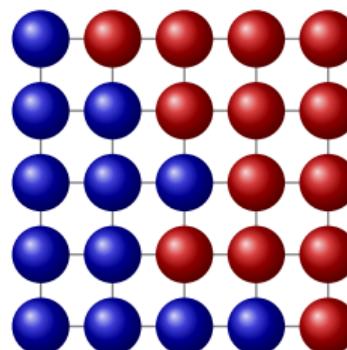
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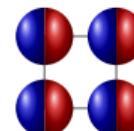
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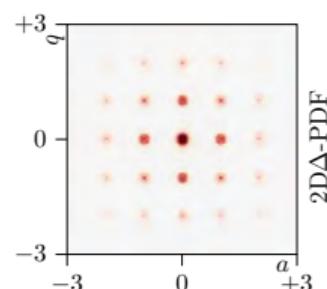
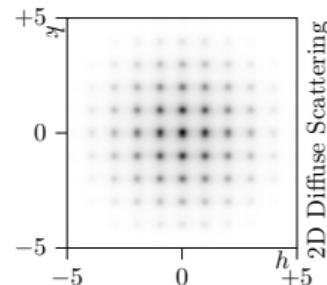
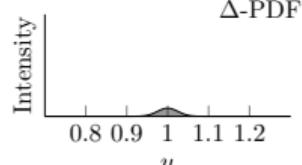
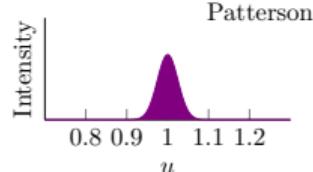
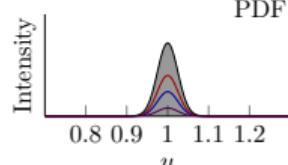
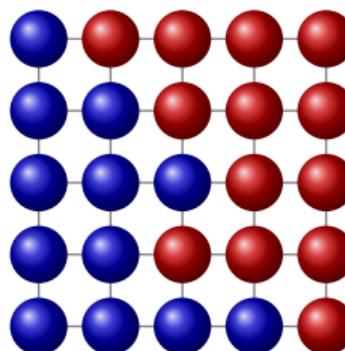
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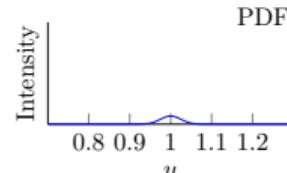
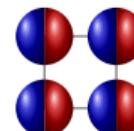
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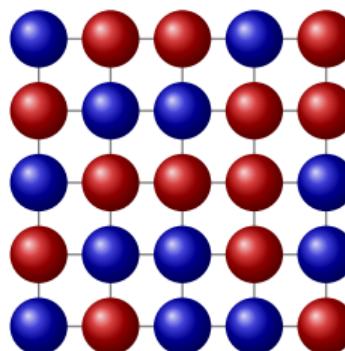
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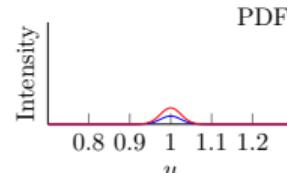
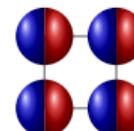
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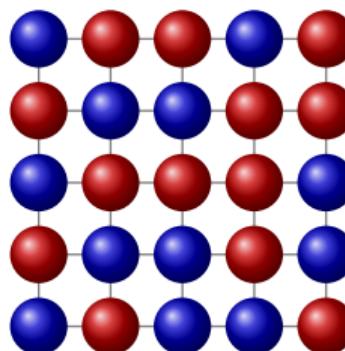
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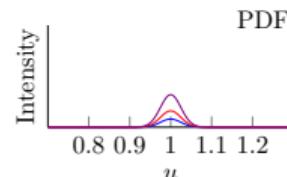
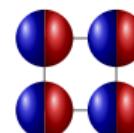
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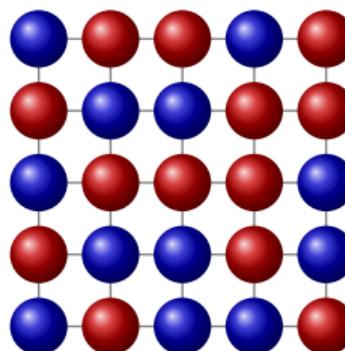
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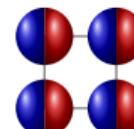
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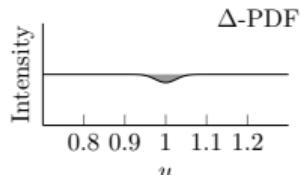
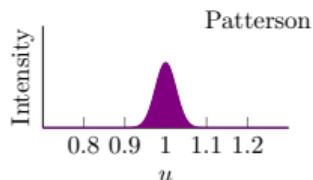
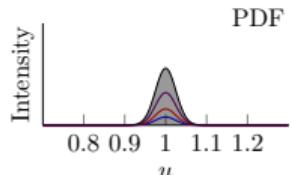
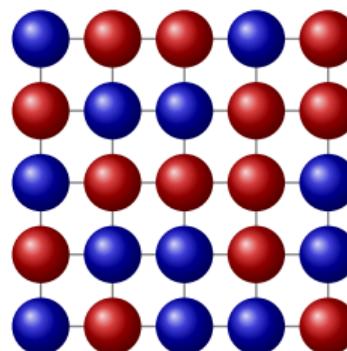
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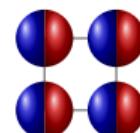
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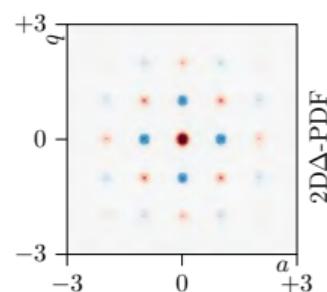
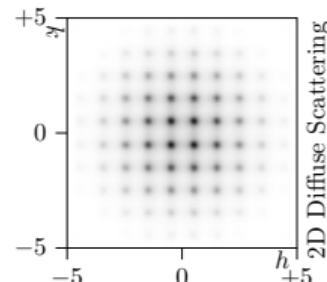
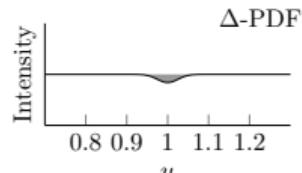
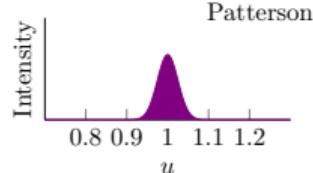
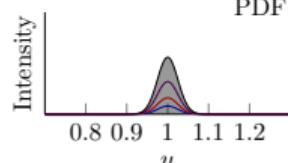
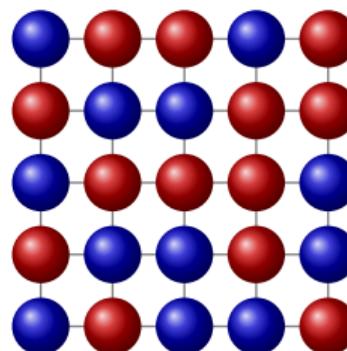
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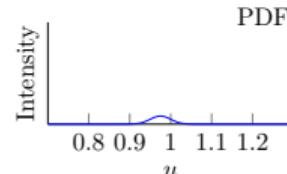
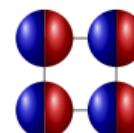
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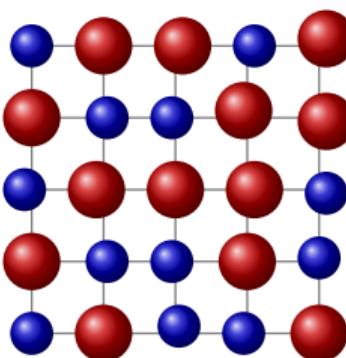
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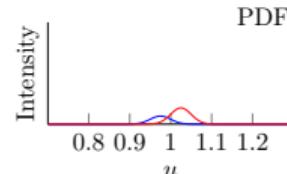
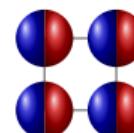
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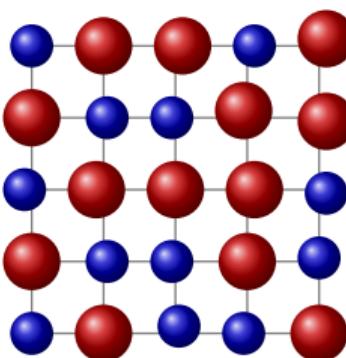
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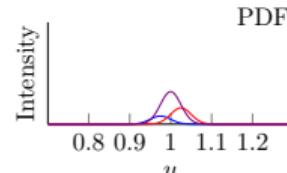
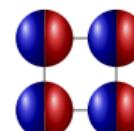
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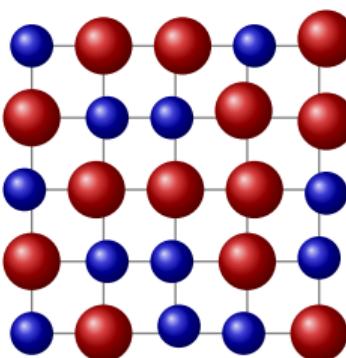
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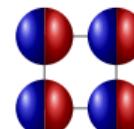
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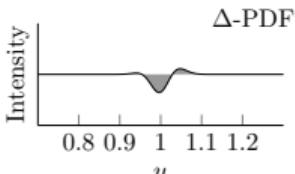
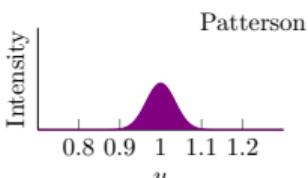
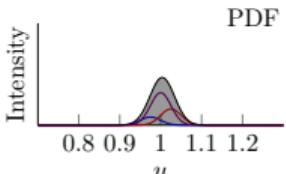
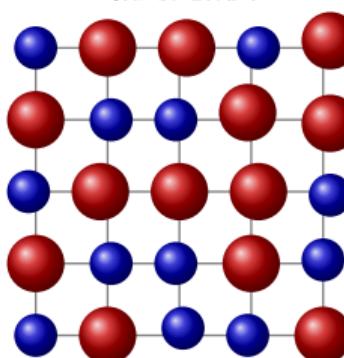
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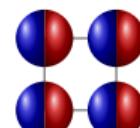
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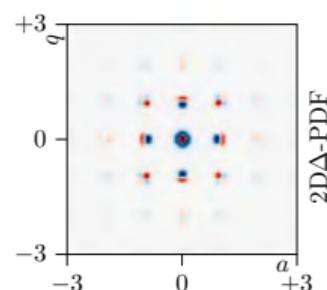
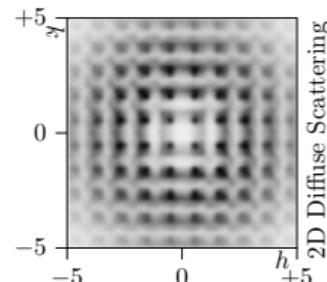
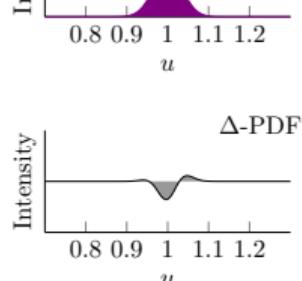
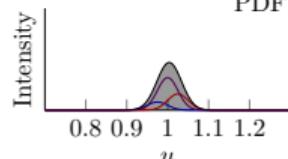
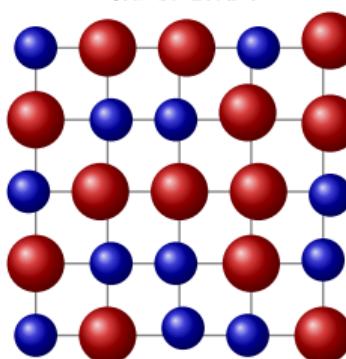
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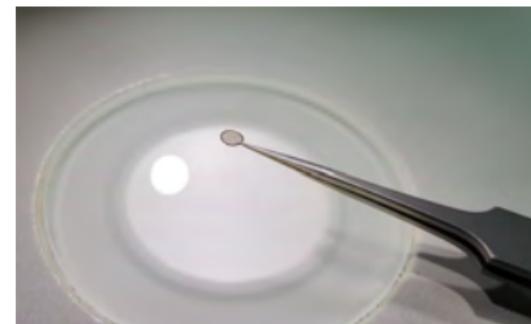


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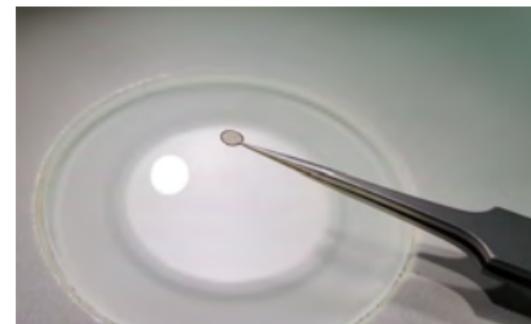
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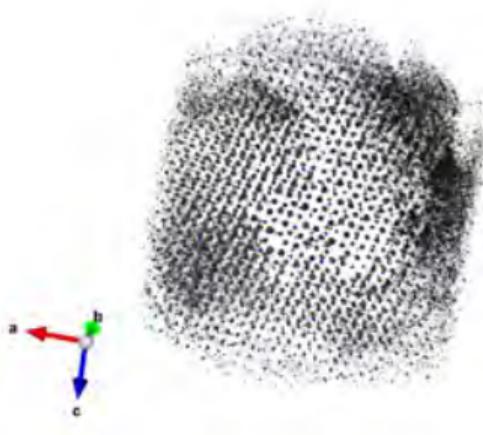
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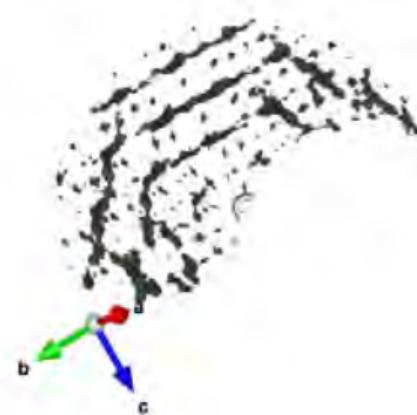
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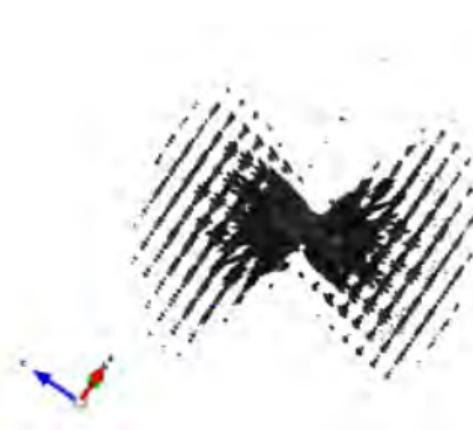
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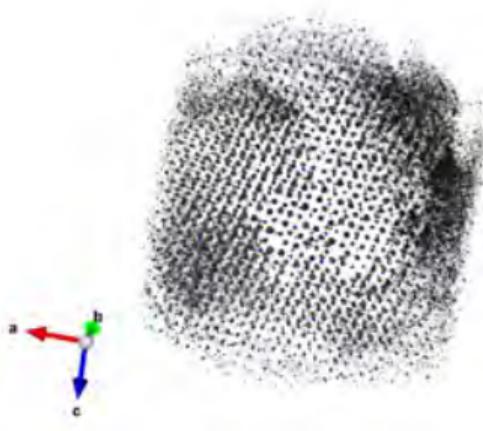
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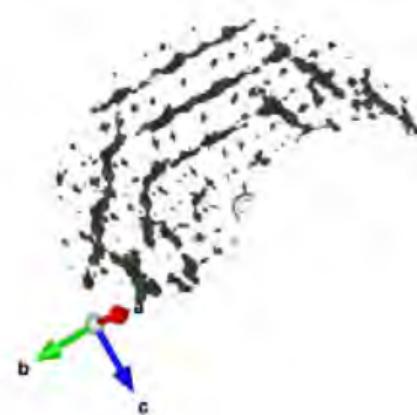
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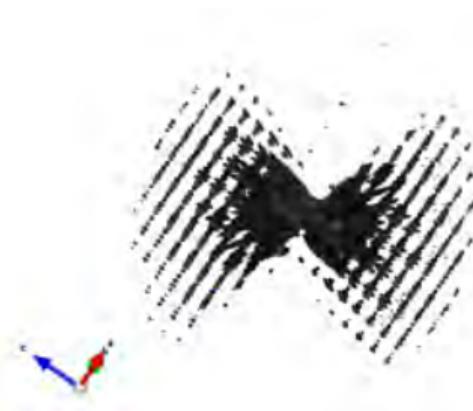
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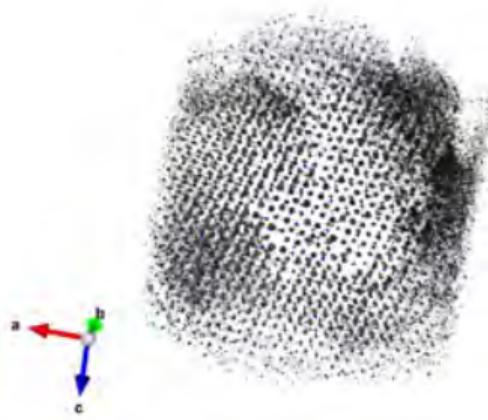
\approx 2 days

\approx 4 days

\approx 2 min

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Step 2: 3D-Data reconstruction



Software options:

- X-ray data: Meerkat [13], works with orientation matrix from XDS
- Neutron data: Mantid [14]
- 3D-ED data: Pets2 [15], soon eADT
- Customized solutions

[13] <https://github.com/aglie/meerkat>

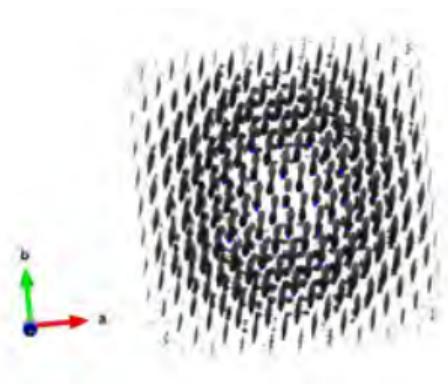
[14] <https://www.mantidproject.org/>

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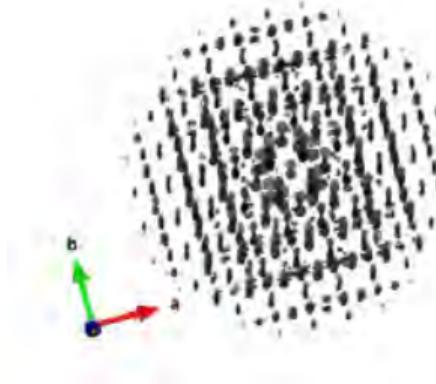
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Step 3: Symmetry averaging

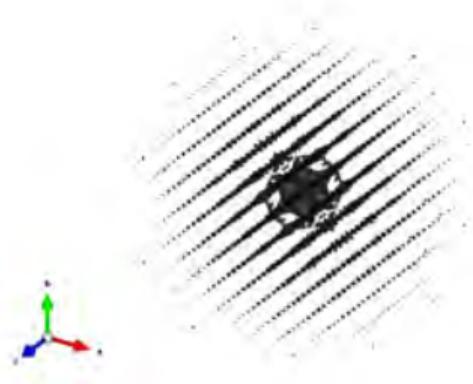
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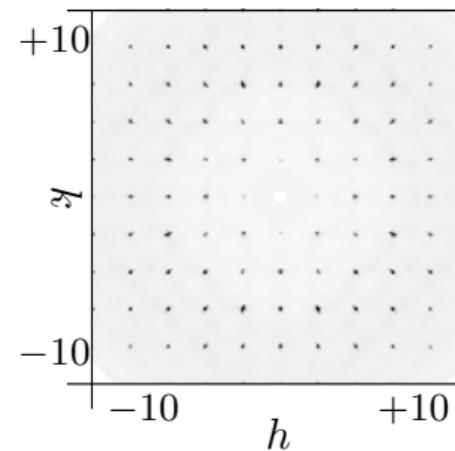
→ Full reciprocal space coverage is needed for the Fourier transform!

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Step 4: Bragg peak elimination

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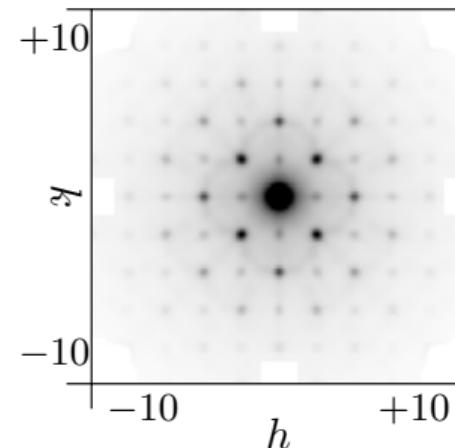
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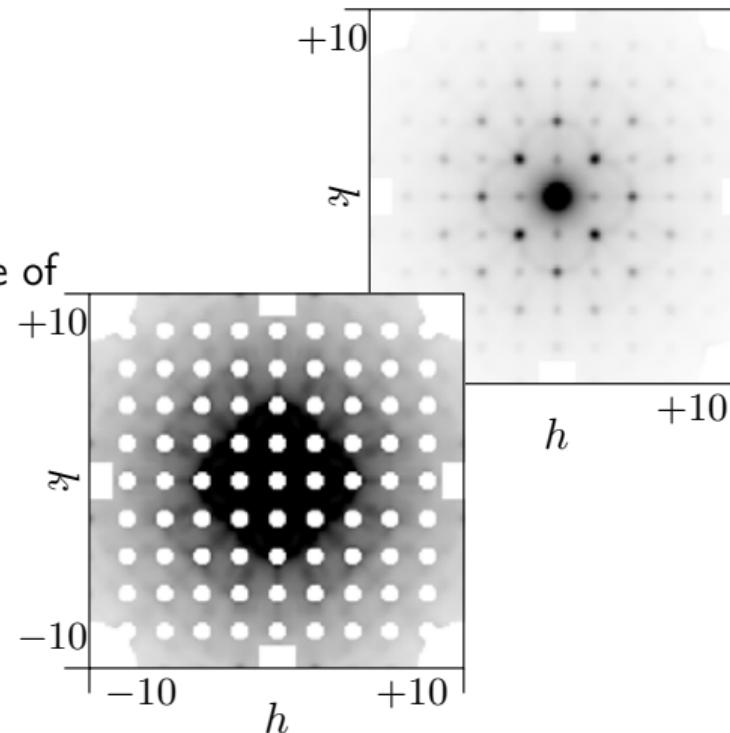
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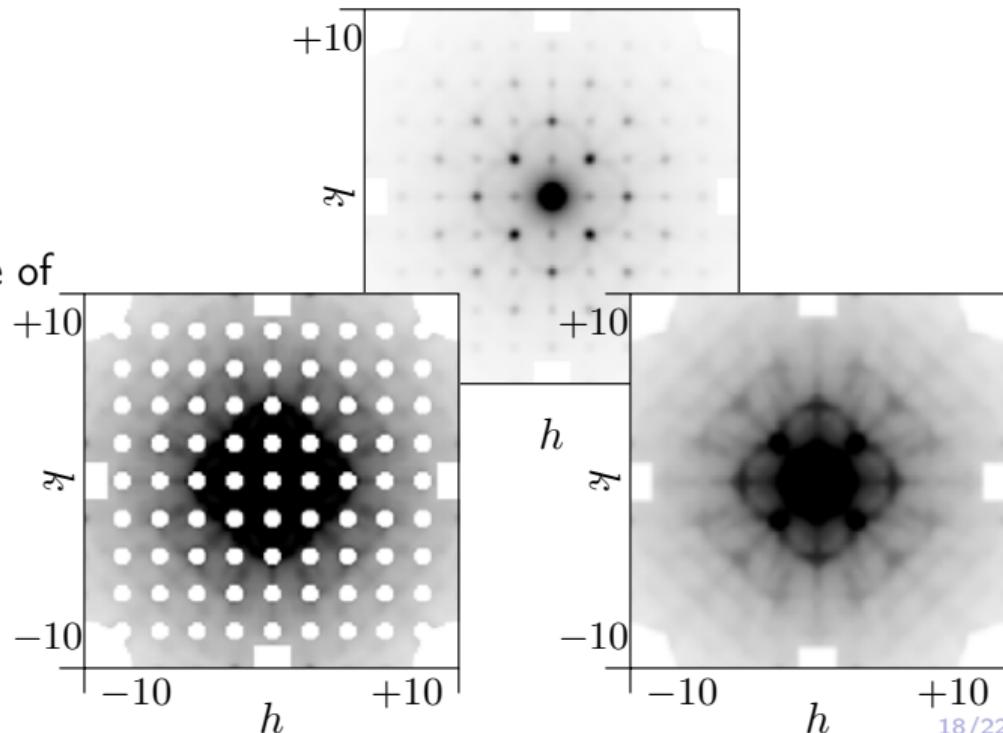
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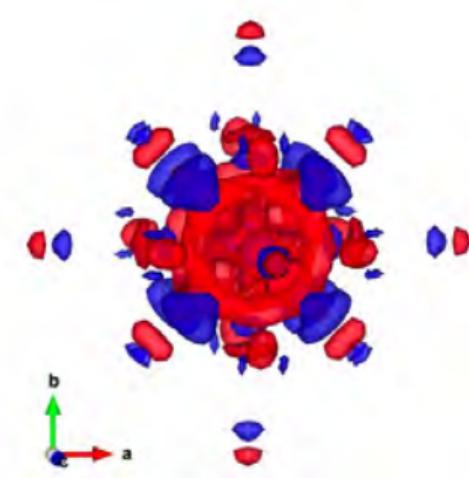
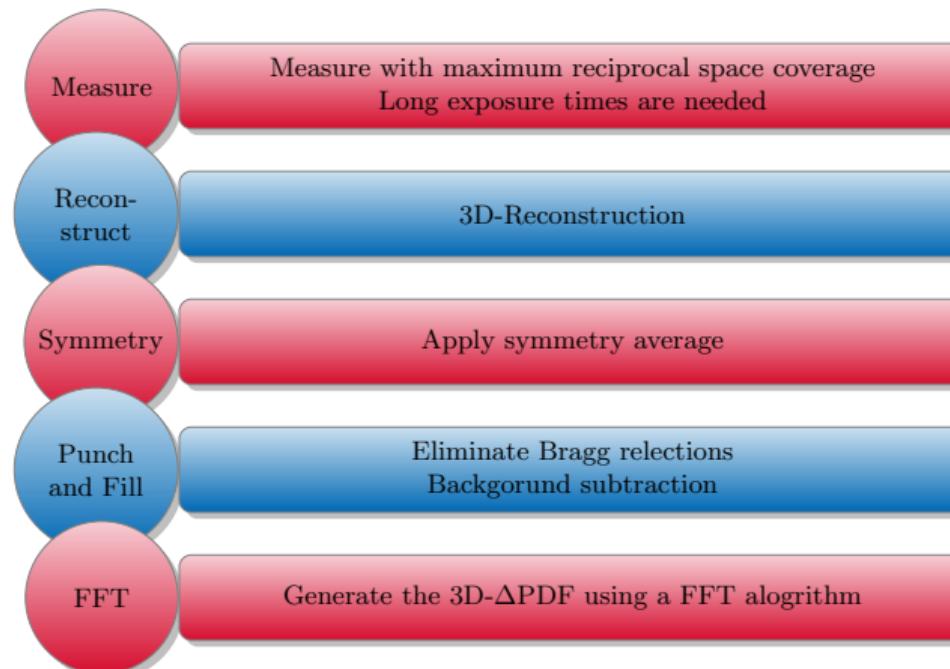
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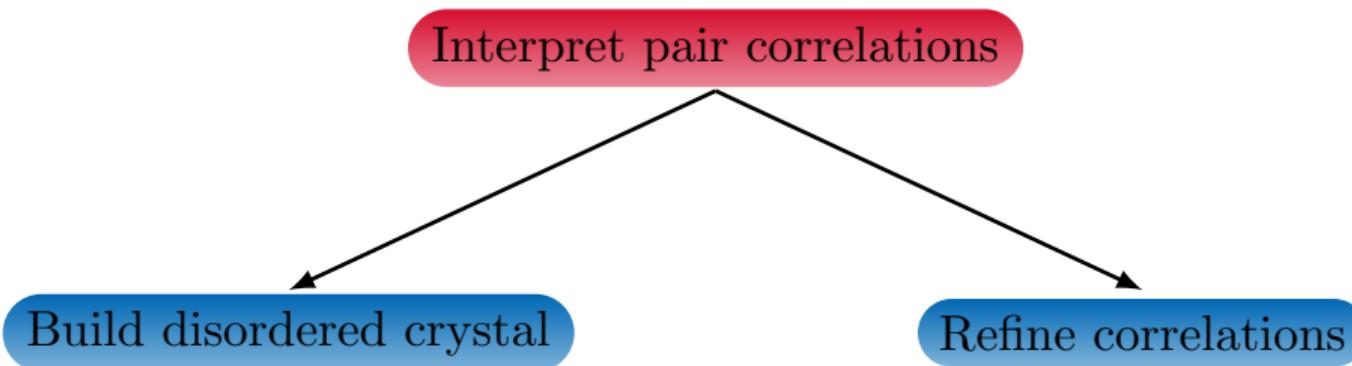
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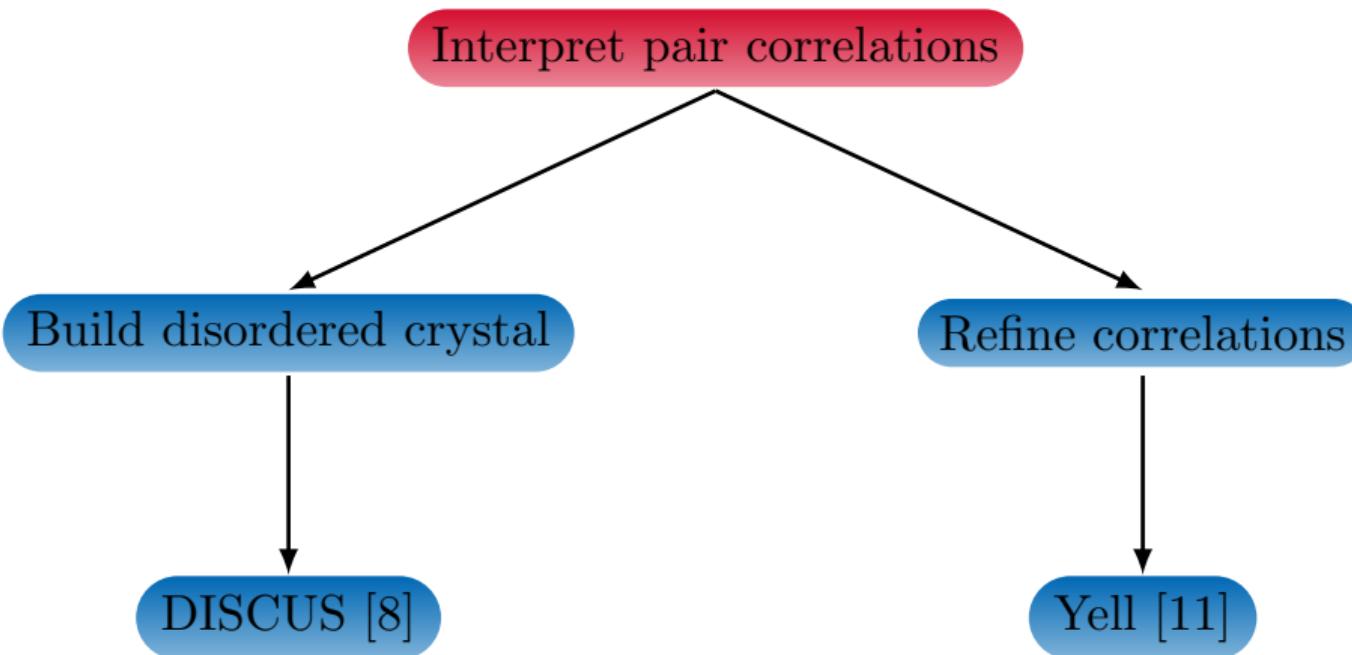
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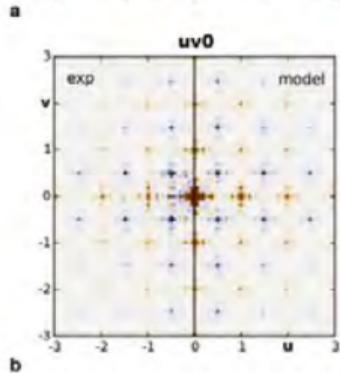
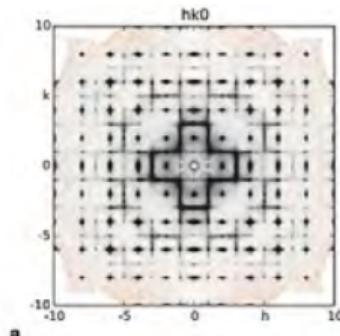
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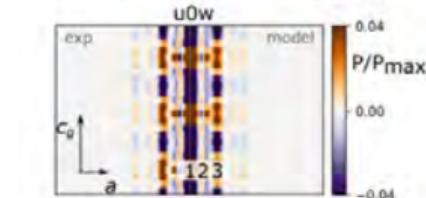
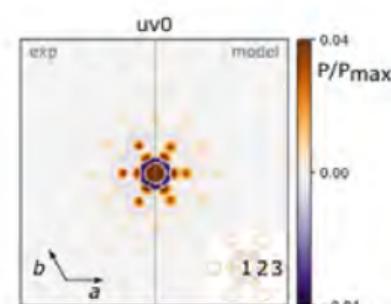
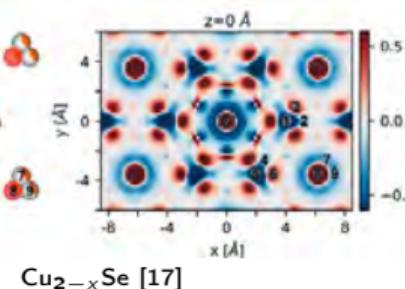
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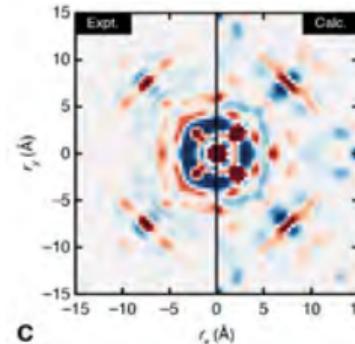
Applications of 3D- Δ PDF



Prussian Blue Analogues [2]



Urea inclusion compounds [19]



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Summary

- 3D- Δ PDFs visualize difference pair correlations
- Positive correlations: More scattering density than suggested by the average structure
- Negative correlations: Less scattering density than suggested by the average structure
- Full reciprocal space coverage is needed from measurement
- Good signal to noise ratio and low background are essential
- Large q_{max} is helpful but not as essential as for 1D-PDF

