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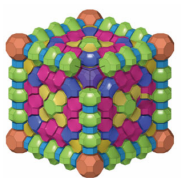
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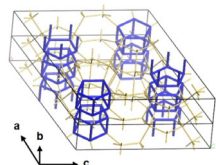
Electron Crystallography Research in My Lab

Materials

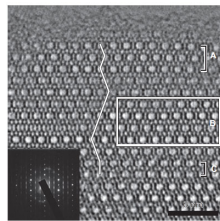
Zeolite



Nature 2015

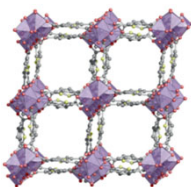


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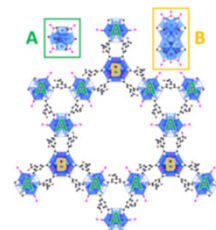


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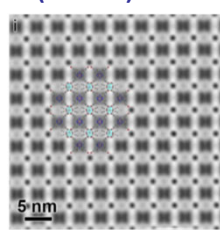
Metal-Organic Framework (MOF)



Nat Comm 2019

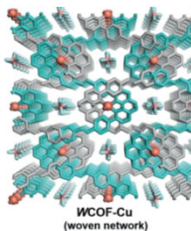


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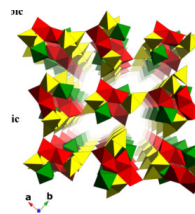


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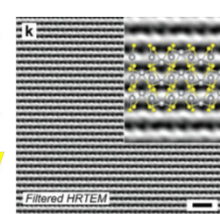
Other Materials



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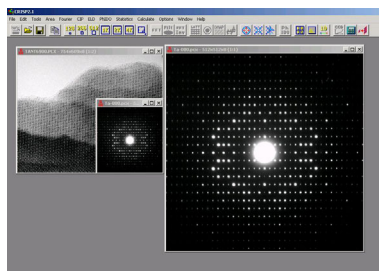
Cryst. Growth Des. 2014



Adv. Mater. 2021

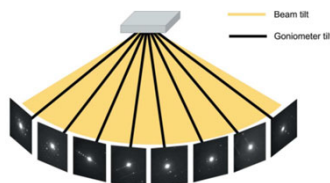
Method Development

Crystallographic Image Processing

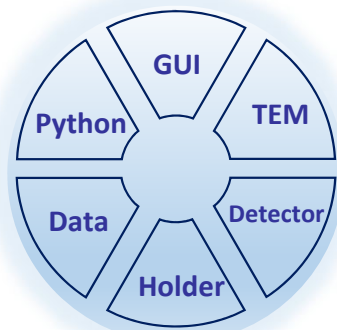


CRISP
QFocus
STEM
iDPC-STEM

3D ED (RED, cRED, SerialED, SerialRED)



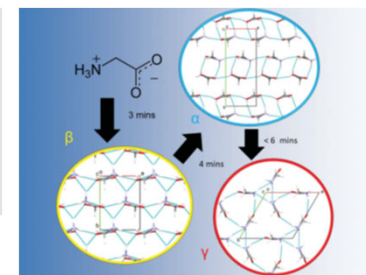
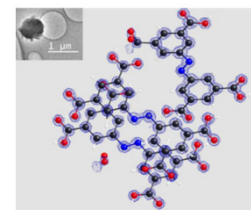
ELD, Trice
CrystDiff
REDc
REDp
Instamatic
InsteaDMatic



Instamatic

Biomolecules

Small Molecules & Pharmaceuticals

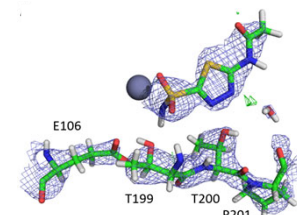


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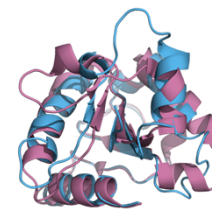
Protein



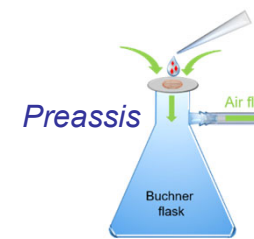
Sci. Adv. 2019



Commun Bio 2020



MyD88^{TR} X-ray structure
Nat Comm. 2021



Preassis

Nat. Comm.. 2021



Electron Microscopy Centre (EMC) at MMK, SU



*Knut och Alice
Wallenbergs
Stiftelse*



JEOL 2100LaB6 & 2100F

FEI Themis Z

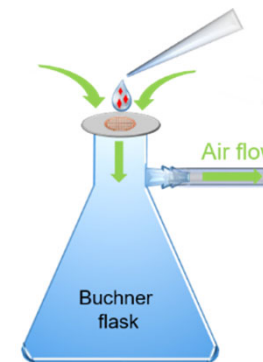
TEMs



JEOL Cross-section polisher



Vitrobot



Preassis

Ultramicrotome for sectioning

SEMs



JEOL JSM7000F & 7401F



Hitachi TM3000



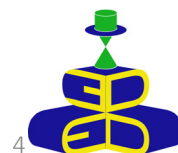
Fischione TEM Mill 1050

A large collection of holders:
Heating, cooling, cryo-transfer, high tilt, double tilt

Two TEMs at SciLifeLab

Titan Krios G3i with a Ceta-D camera and a
Gatan K3 BioQuantum detector with EPU-D

Talos Arctica with Falcon III, Gatan K2 & Ceta

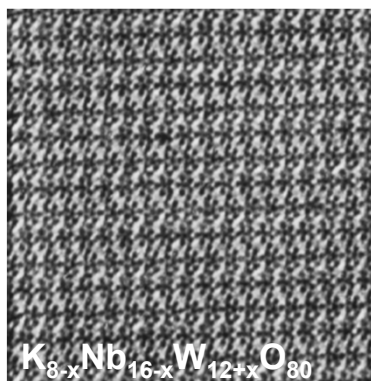


1982- : Electron crystallography on 3D inorganic crystals

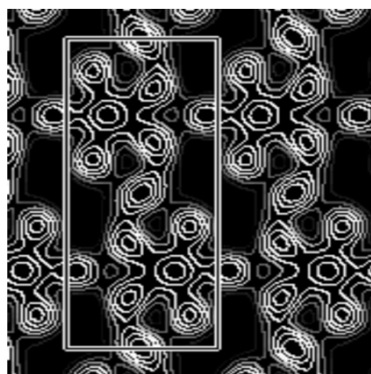


Sven
Hovmöller

From HRTEM image

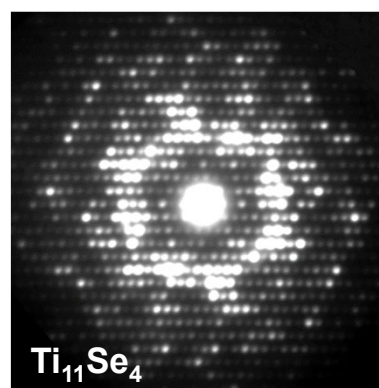
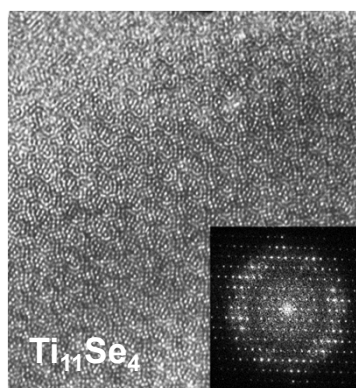


Resolution 2.5 Å

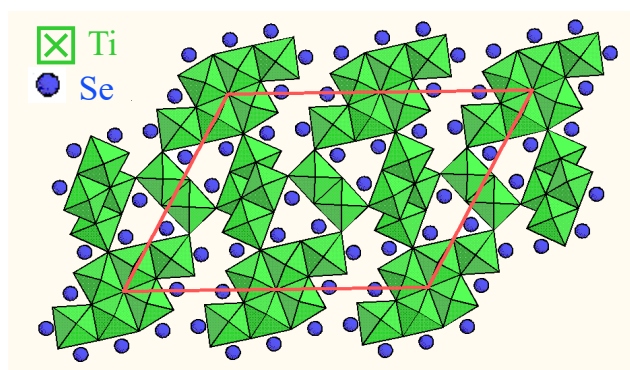


Hovmöller et al. *Nature*, 1984

Combining HRTEM image and ED pattern

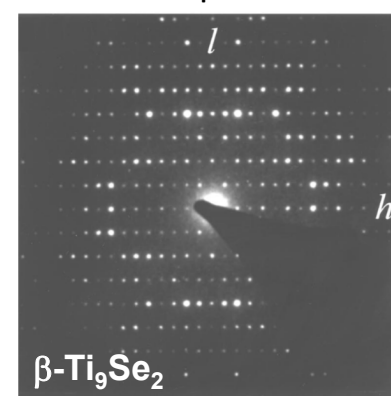


2.0 Å → 0.75 Å ($R1 = 0.147$)

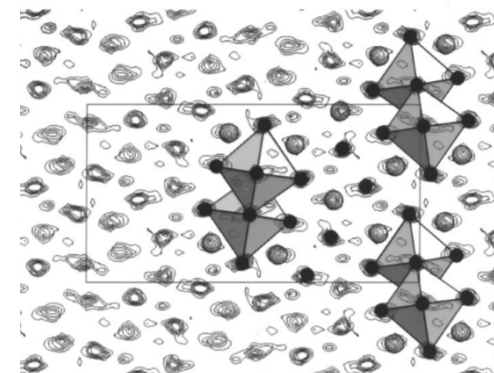


Weirich et al. *Nature* 1996

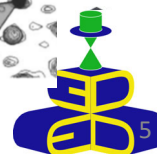
From ED pattern



0.77 Å ($R1 = 0.239$)

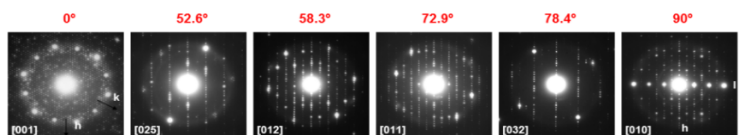
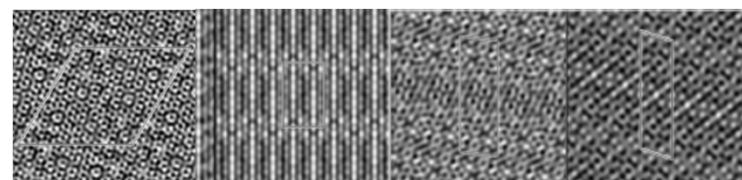


Weirich et al. *Acta Cryst. A*, 2000

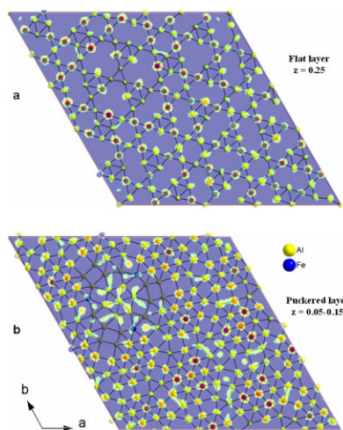


Atomic structures from HRTEM images along several projections

v-AlFeCr **13** projections

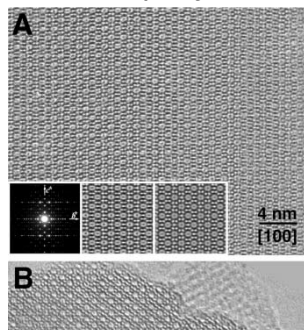


7 years

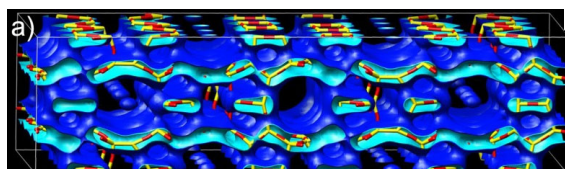
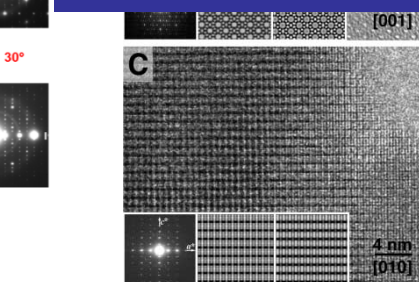


Zou et al. Acta Cryst. A, 2003

Zeolite: **3** projections

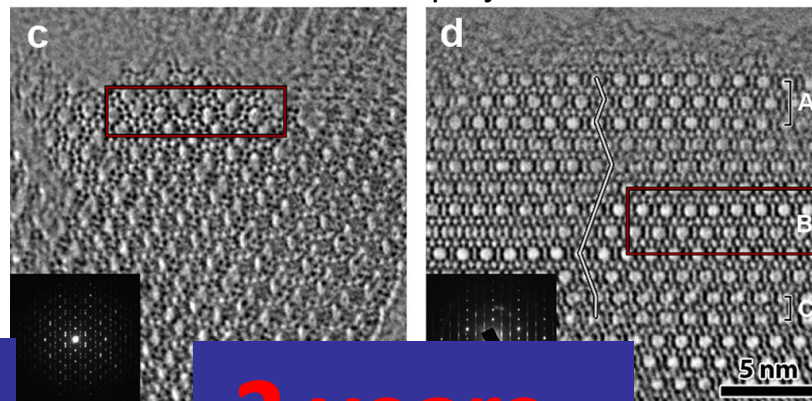


4 years

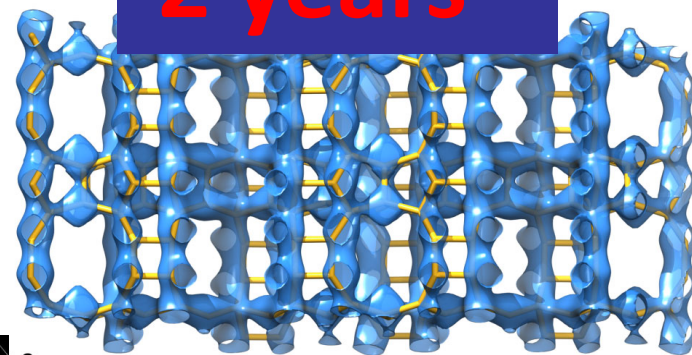


Baerlocher et al. Science, 2007

Zeolite: **2** projections + nanosize



2 years



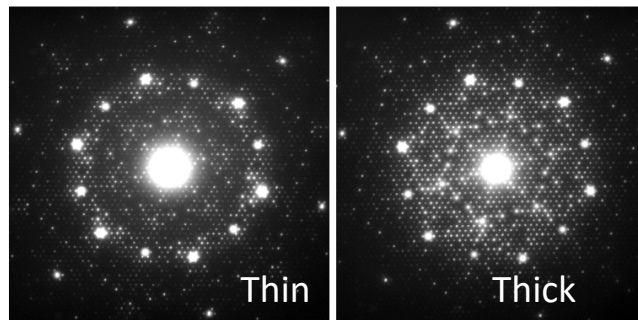
Willhammar et al. Nat Chem, 2012

3D electron diffraction from zone axes

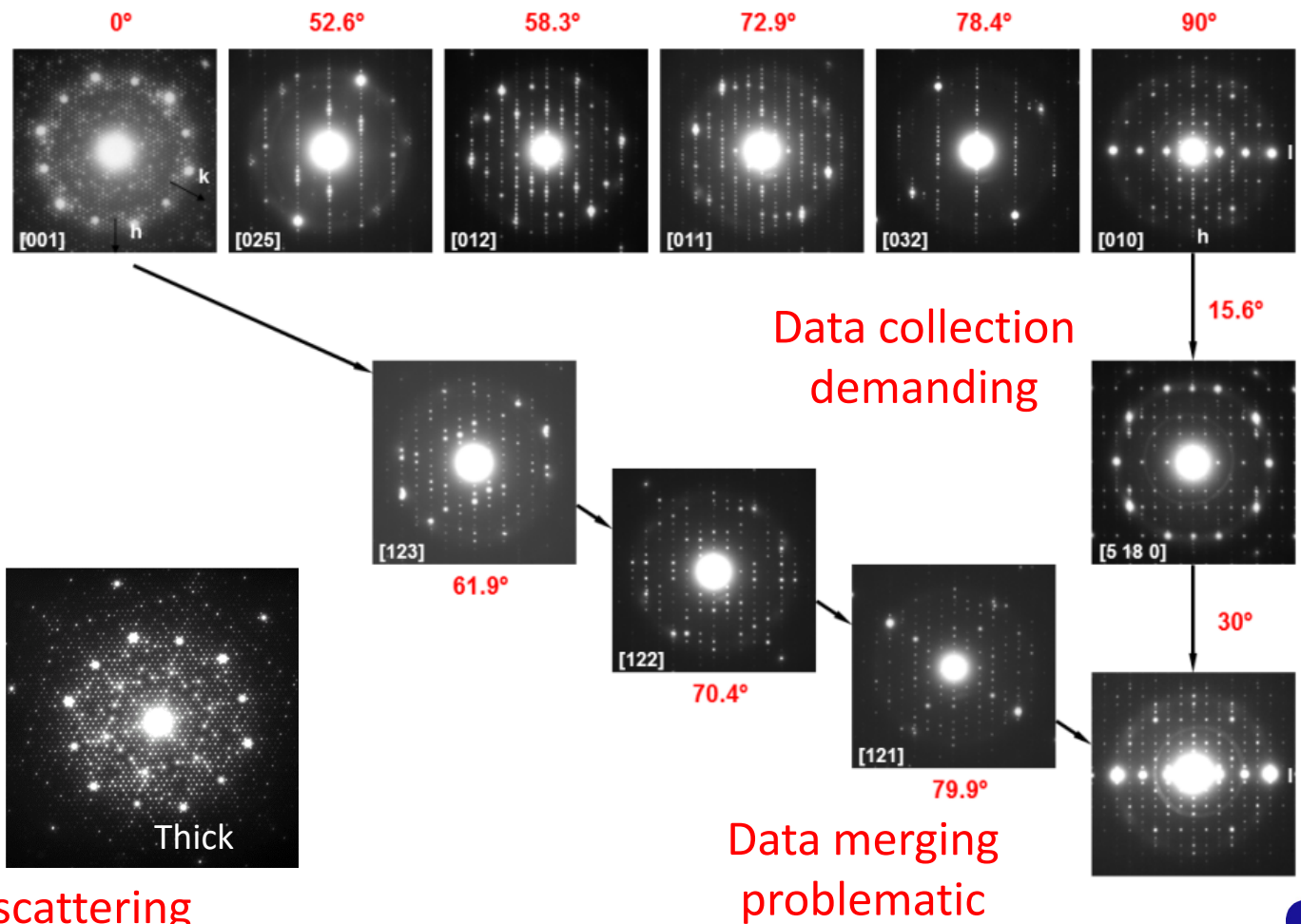
- Sub-Å resolution
- 3D data
- Low dose

Not affected by

- Spherical aberration
- CTF/Defocus
- Sample drift



Dynamical scattering



Many groups developed 3D electron diffraction ED data

Precession Diffraction Tomography (ADT/PEDT)

FEI Tecnai
STEM

Stepwise goniometer tilt
e⁻ beam precession



Ute Kolb



Tatiana Gorelik

Ultramicroscopy 2007

Ultramicroscopy 2008

Ultramicroscopy 2009

Rotation Electron Diffraction (RED)

JEOL JEM2100
TEM

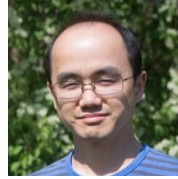
Stepwise goniometer tilt
e⁻ beam tilt



Sven
Hovmöller



Daliang
Zhang



Wei Wan

Patent, WO/2008/060237 A1, 2008

Z. Kristallogr. 2010

J. App. Crystallogr. 2013

Microcrystal electron diffraction on proteins (MicroED)

FEI Tecnai
TEM

Stepwise & continuous goniometer tilt



Tamir Gonen



Dan Shi



Brent Nannenga

eLife, 2013, *Nat Methods*, 2014



Jan Pieter
Abrahams



Chikashi
Toyoshima



Koji
Yonekura

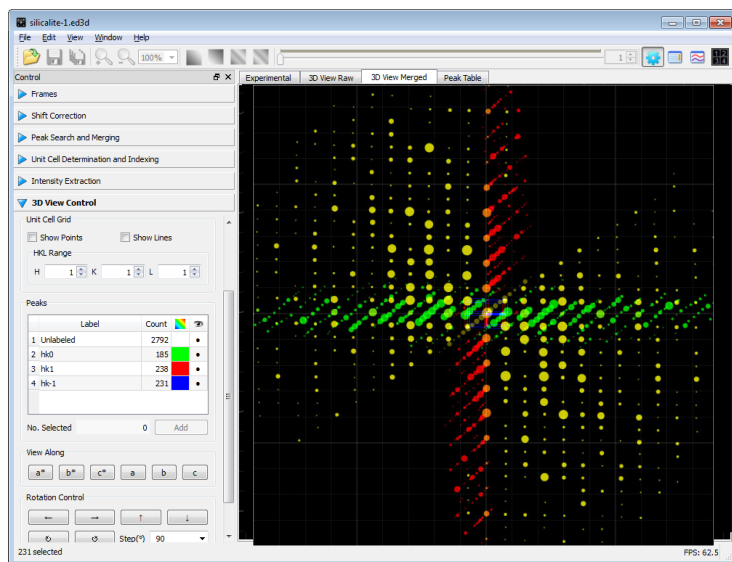
Acta Cryst. D, 2013

PNAS, 2015



Data processing and structural analysis

Data processing: **REDp**, XDS, Dials



Unit cell determination

Space group determination

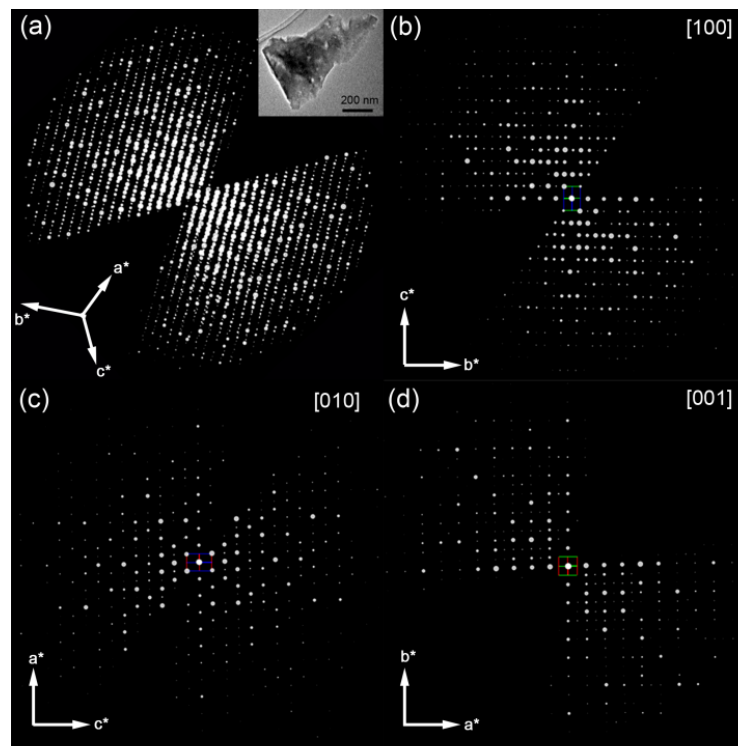
Indexing the diffraction spots

Extract ED intensities

Wan et al. *J. App. Crystallogr.* 46 (2013) 1863

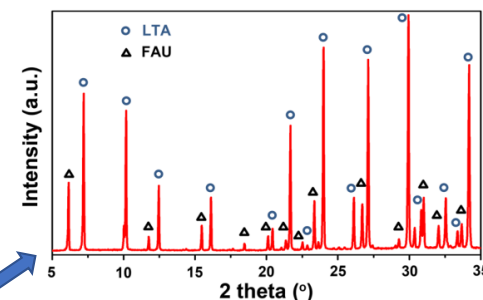
Su et al. *Micro- Mesoporous Mater.* 189 (2014) 115

Space group determination

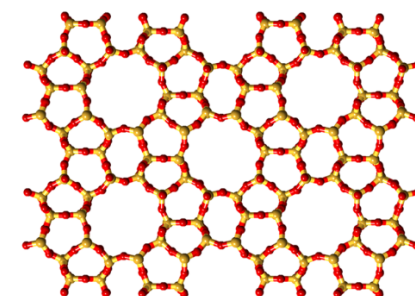


Space group can be determined from the systematic absences

Phase identification



Structure determination



Structure solution:

SHELXS/T, SIR

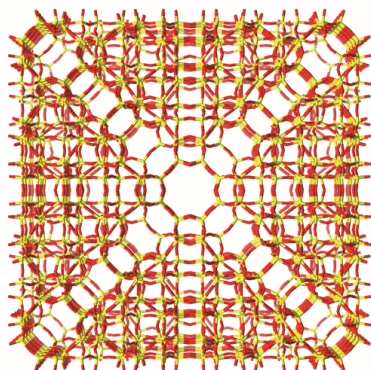
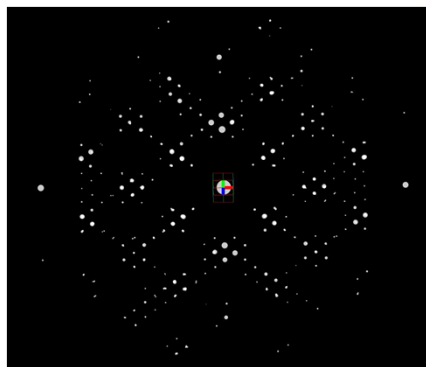
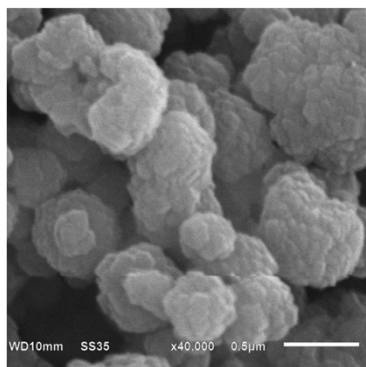
Structure refinement:

SHELXL, JANA

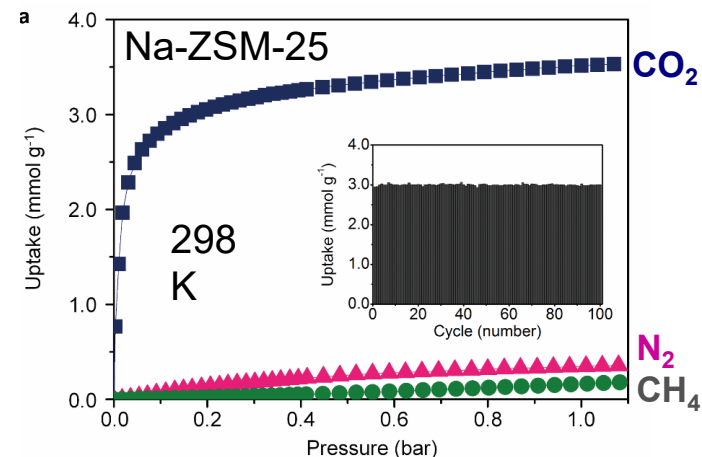
Zeolite: from structure to new discovery

First reported in 1981 by Mobil

Structure determination



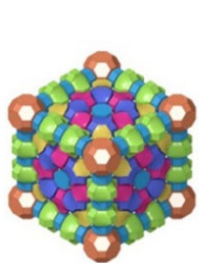
CO₂ uptake property



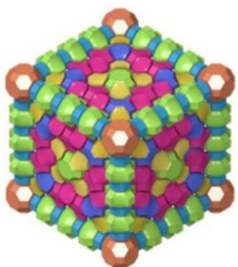
Doherty et al., US patent, 1981

Guo et al. *Nature* 2015

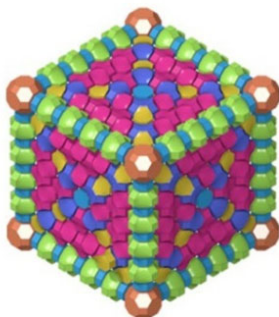
Discovery of new zeolites



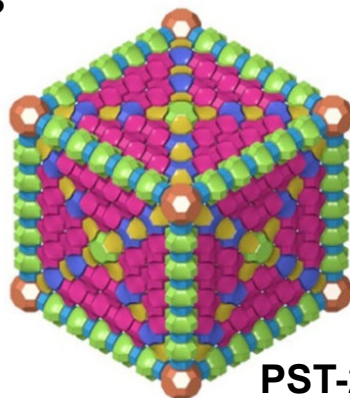
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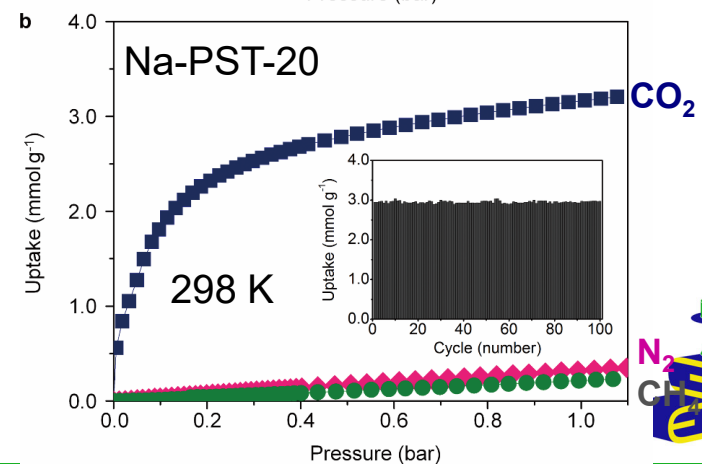
ZSM-25



PST-20

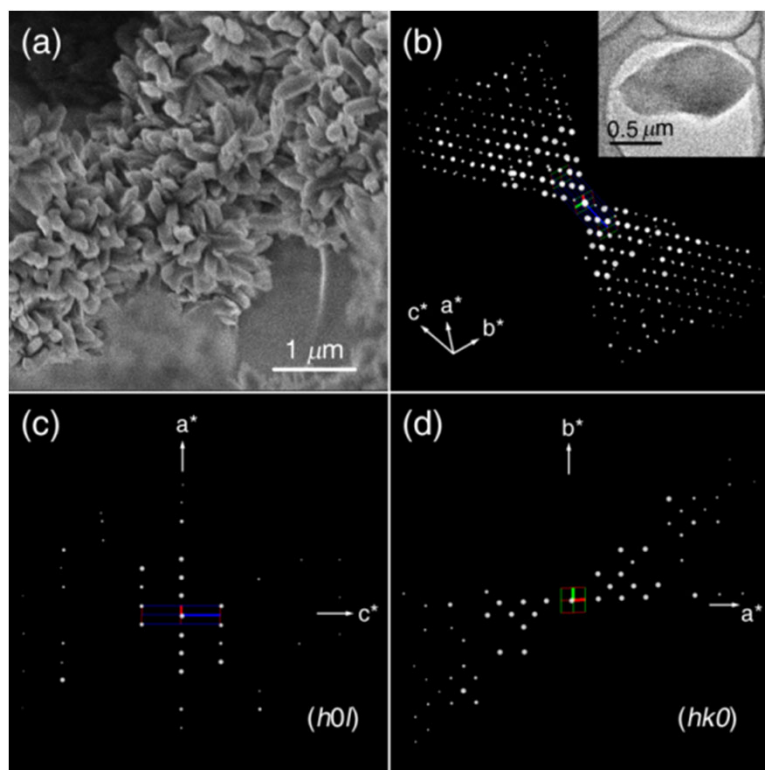


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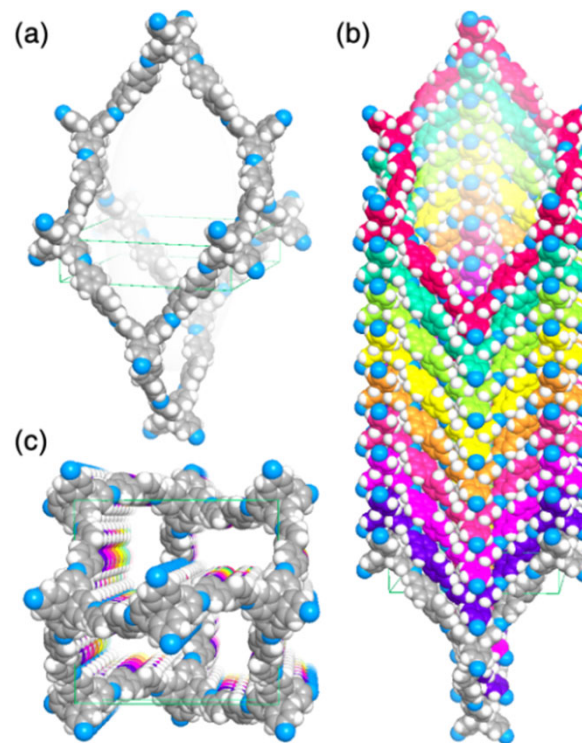


First single crystal COF structure determined from RED data

RED data with 1.5 Å resolution



$I-42d$, $a = 30.17 \text{ Å}$, $c = 7.28 \text{ Å}$



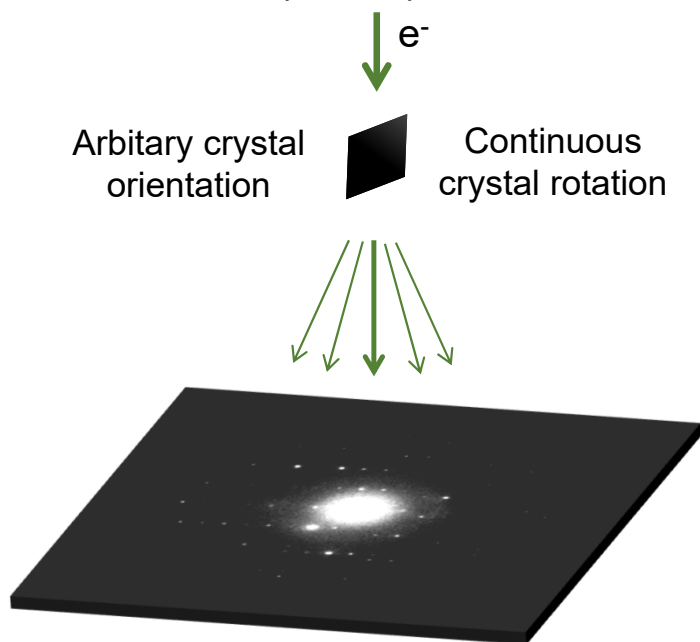
9-fold interwoven diamond net

The structure was solved using simulated annealing parallel tempering algorithm using FOX. All non-H atoms were refined using SHELXL ($R1 = 0.31$).



Fast data collection and crystal tracking during continuous crystal rotation

Continuous rotation electron diffraction (cRED)



Fast detector in 'movie' mode

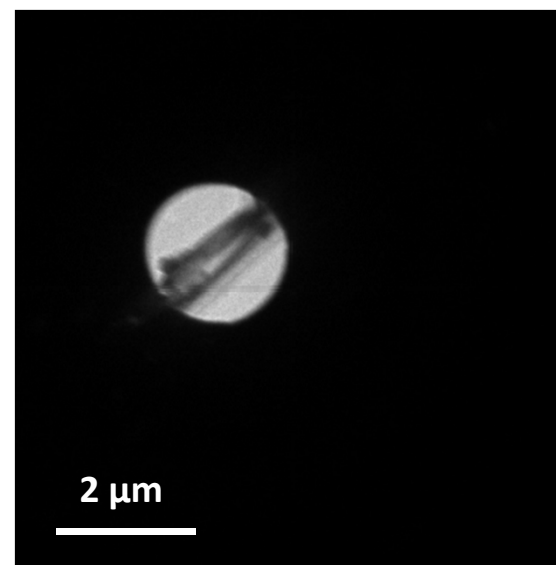
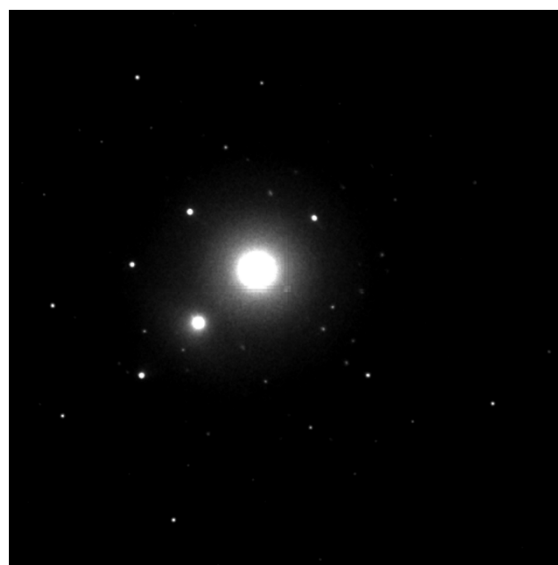
Nederlof et al. *Acta Crystallography D*, **2013**

Nannenga et al. *Nature Methods*, **2014**

Gemmi et al. *J. Applied Crystallogr.*, **2015**

cRED data acquisition by software ***Instamatic***:

- crystal tracking by defocusing every 10th diffraction pattern



- Rotation range: : -44.0 to 47.4° (91.4°)
- Rotation speed: 0.76°/s
- Exposure time 0.5 s/frame

Cichocka et al. *J. Appl. Cryst.*, **2018**, 51, 1652-1661



Magdalena Cichocka



Bin Wang

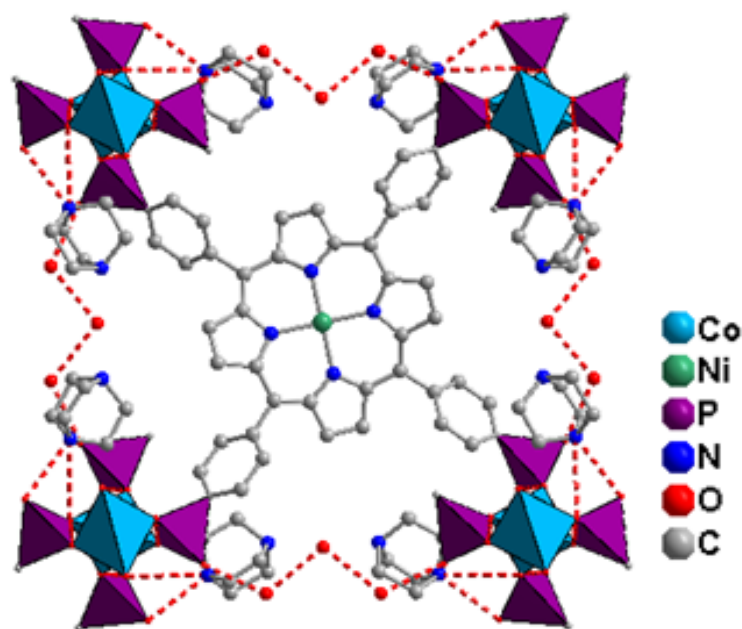


Robustness of structure determination by cRED

CAU-36 (Co): $[\text{Co}_2(\text{Ni-H}_4\text{TPPP})]\cdot 2\text{DABCO}\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$

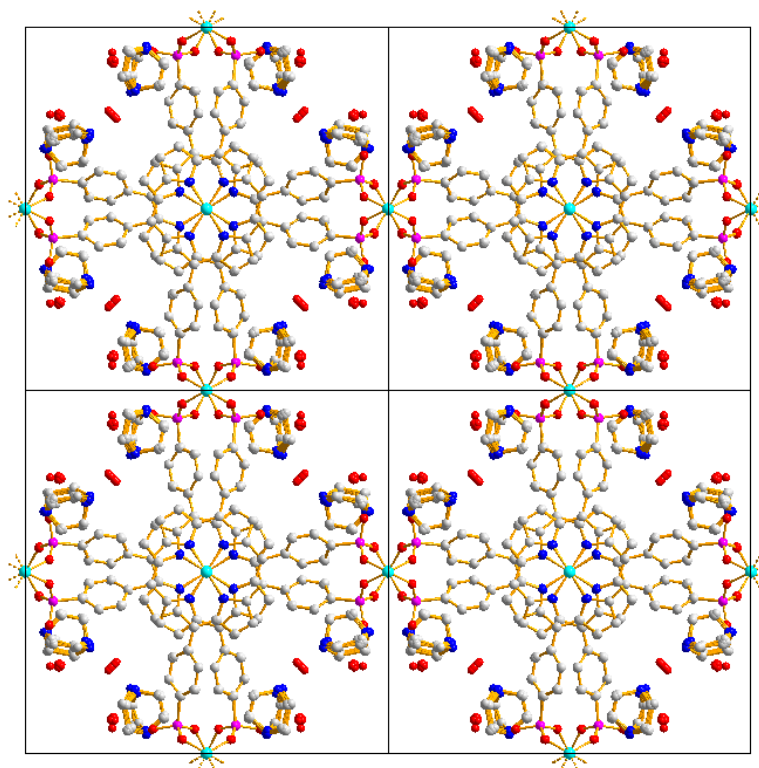
8 datasets collected at 96 K, tilt range: $\sim 100^\circ$

Crystal size: ~ 500 nm, time/dataset: ~ 3 min



$P-4c2$, $a = 21.98$, $b = 8.96$ Å

8 structural models superimposed



Average deviations: Framework (18) $0.03(2)$ Å,
DABCO (8) $0.09(6)$ Å, water (2) $0.12(11)$ Å



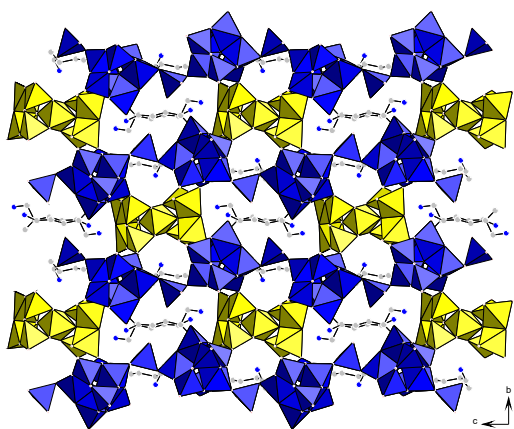
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Can accurate atomic positions of guest molecules be determined from cRED data?



Meng Ge

Open-framework germanate SU-8 determined by SC-XRD



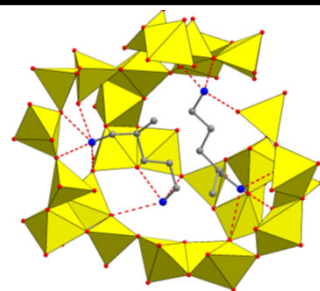
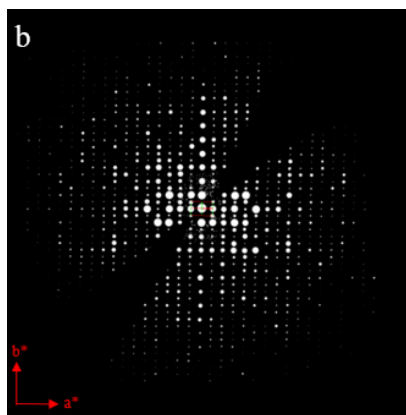
$P2_1/c$

$a = 12.169(2) \text{ \AA}$

$b = 19.442(4) \text{ \AA}$

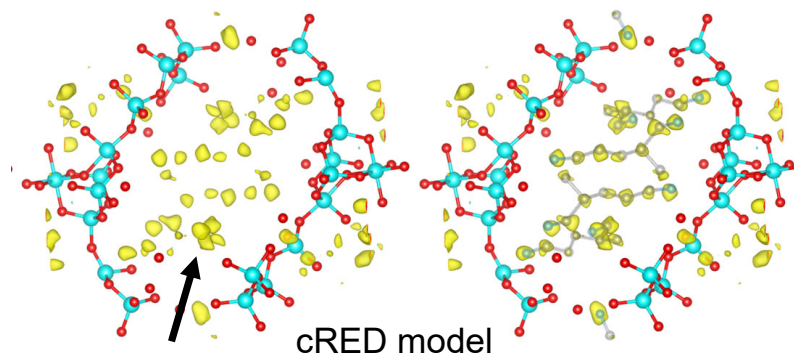
$c = 19.289(4) \text{ \AA}$

$\beta = 92.45(3)^\circ$

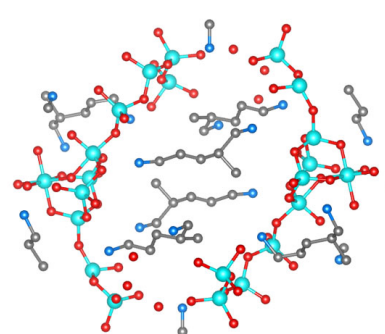


Strong H-bonding between
OSDAs and framework

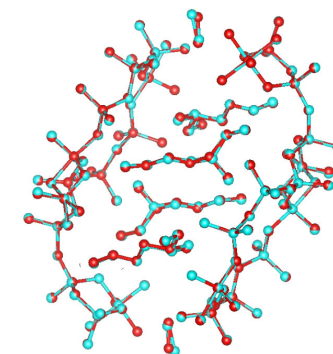
Atomic positions of OSDAs in the difference map



cRED model

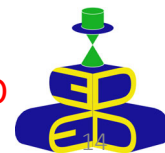


SC-XRD model



Comparison of SC-XRD
and cRED models

Christensen, Zou et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2006**, 128, 14238. Meng, Huang, Zou et al. *unpublished*

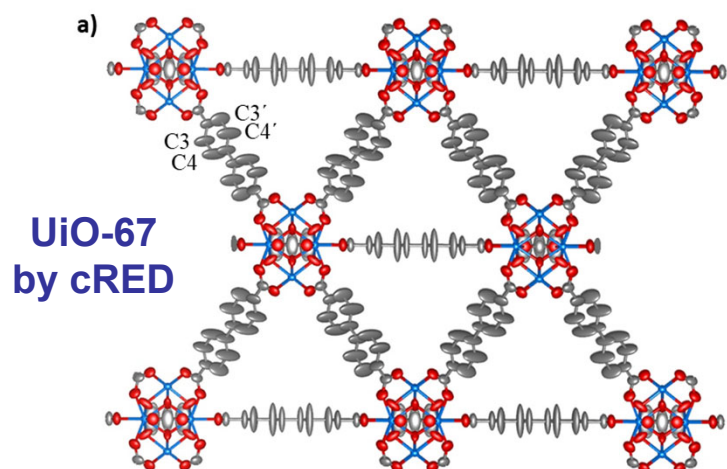


Probing molecular motions and disorders

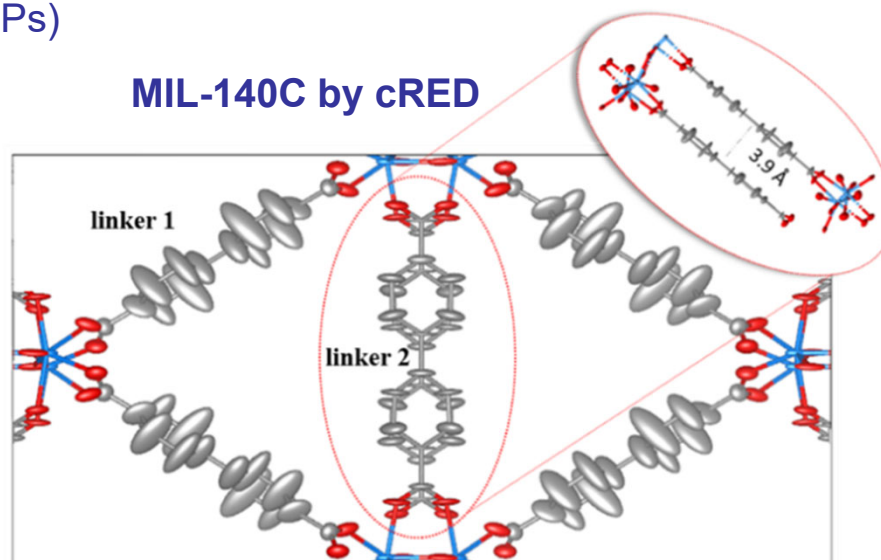
Molecular motions/disorders can be identified by anisotropic atomic displacement parameters (ADPs)



Laura Samperisi



MIL-140C by cRED

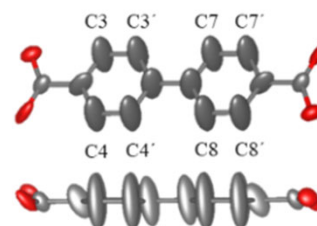


Comparison of SC-XRD and cRED models

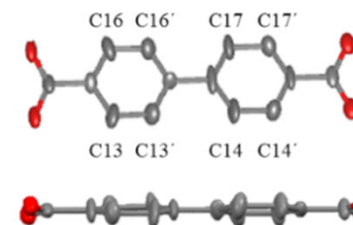


Dark: SC-XRD; Light: cRED

Linker 1



Linker 2

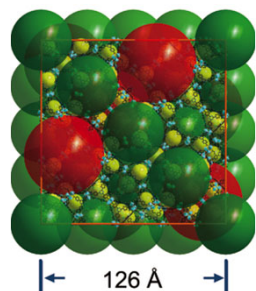


Linker 1 exhibits larger motions than linker 2

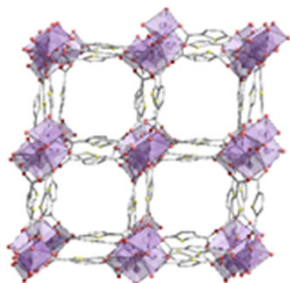


> 200 structures determined using cRED data

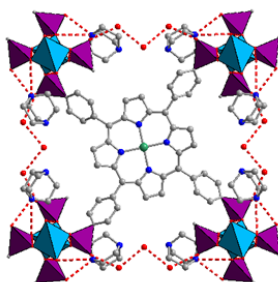
Metal-organic frameworks



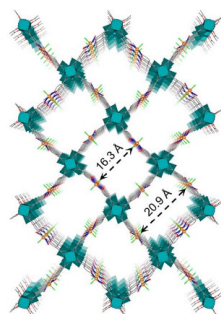
PCN-333
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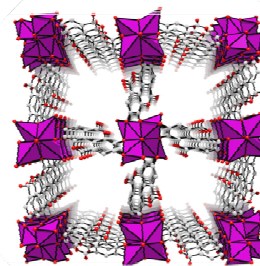
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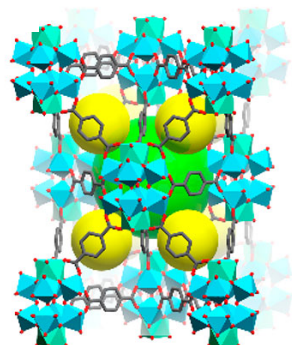
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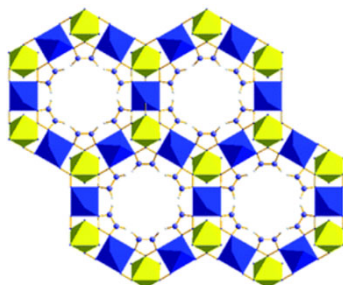
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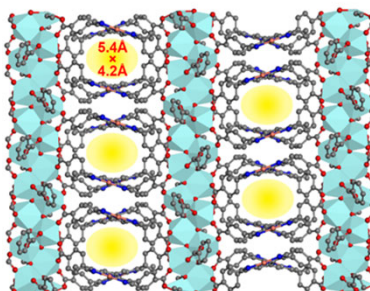
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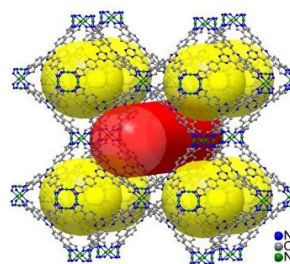
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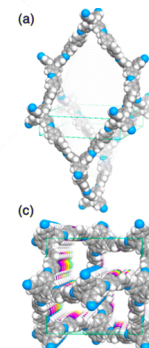


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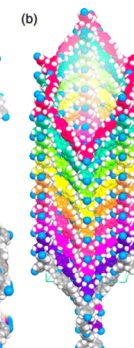


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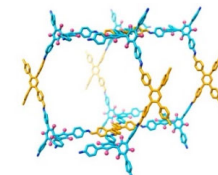
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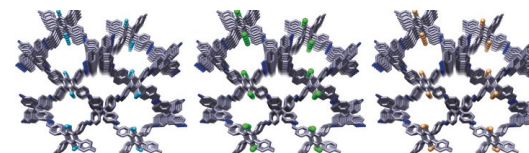
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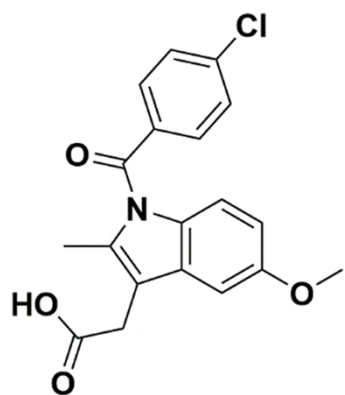


Discover new polymorphs of pharmaceuticals

- δ -Indomethacin
- Misunderstood for 47 years

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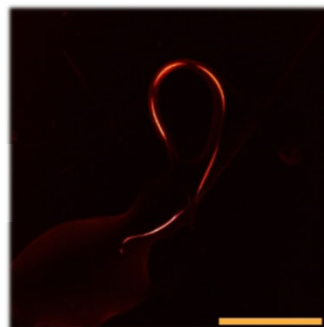
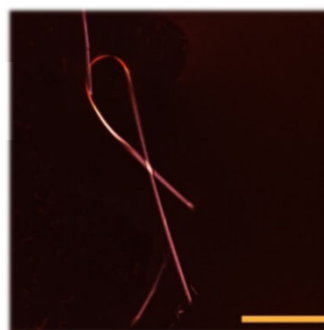
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Melt-crystallization

Form- δ

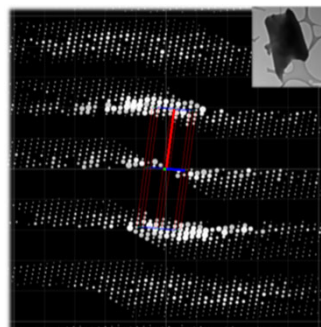
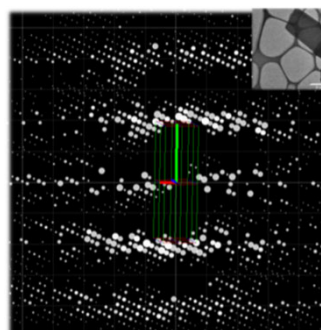
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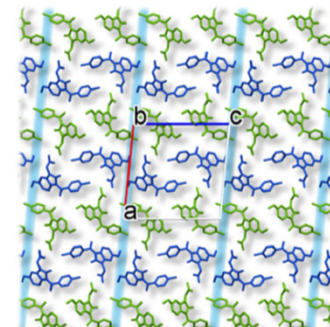
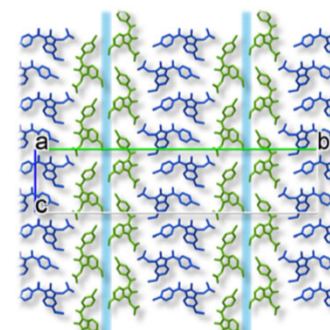
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New!

Form- θ (Melt δ)



Form- δ (Solution δ)



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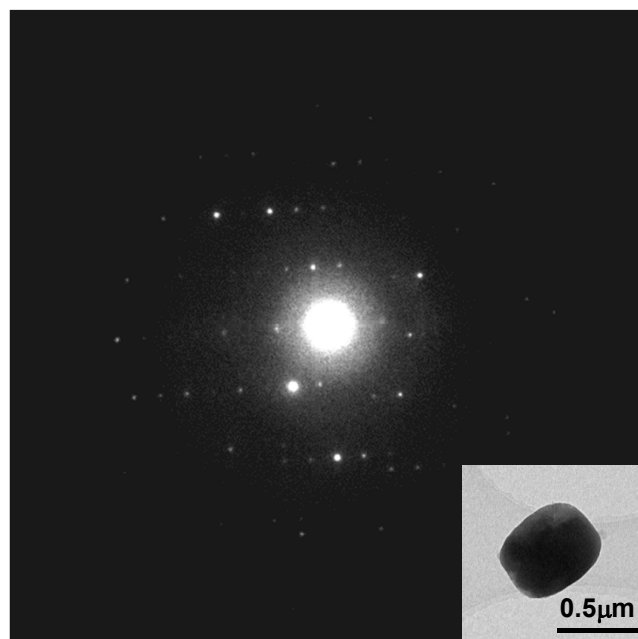
M. Lightowler et al. *ChemRxiv* **2021**. <https://doi.org/10.33774/chemrxiv-2021-s9fhf>

PCN-415: a photoactive MOF built from mixed metal $\text{Ti}_8\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_{12}(\text{COO})_{16}$ cluster



Zhehao Huang

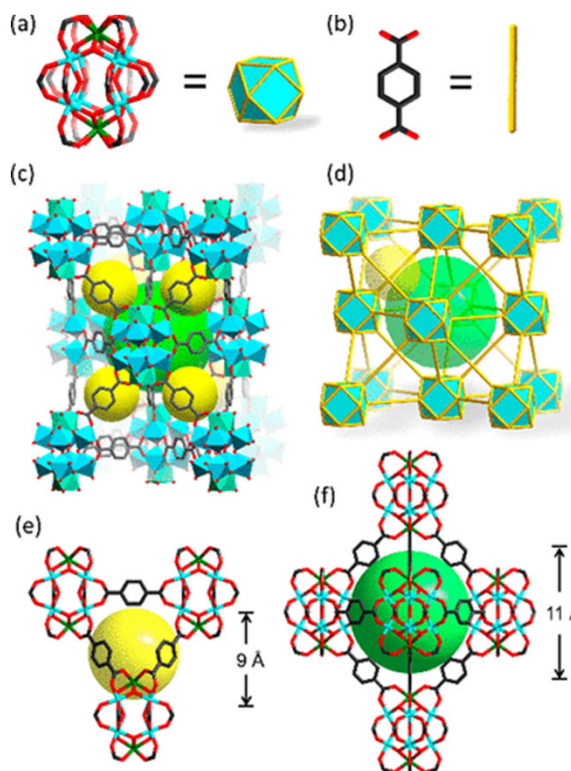
Fast data collection
Low electron dose



Resolution **0.82 Å**

Total data collection time: **17 s**

$\text{Ti}_8\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_{12}(\text{COO})_{16}$ Cluster



PCN-415	
Data Processing	
Software	XDS
Wavelength (Å)	0.0251
Space group	/ 4/mmm
a, b, c (Å)	14.7, 14.7, 27.4
α, β, γ (°)	90, 90, 90
Resolution (Å)	0.82
R_{sym}	0.26
I / Sigma I	4.52
Completeness (%)	94.5
Redundancy	6.2
Structure Solution and Refinement	
Software	Shelx
Scattering factors	Electrons
R(Int)	0.2256
R1	0.2022

Yuan et al. ACS Cent. Sci. **2018**, 4, 105

All **Zr**, **Ti**, **O** and **C** atoms were found by **SHELXS**.
Kinematic refinement was applied using **SHELXL**.



Automated data collection, data processing and structure solution pipeline

- Crystal screening
- Selection of suitable crystals using machine learning
- Data collection assisted by auto-crystal tracking
- Data processing pipeline integrated with existing software for X-ray diffraction
- Online structure solution using SHELXT
- **SerialED & SerialRED**



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Magdalena Cichocka



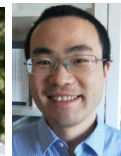
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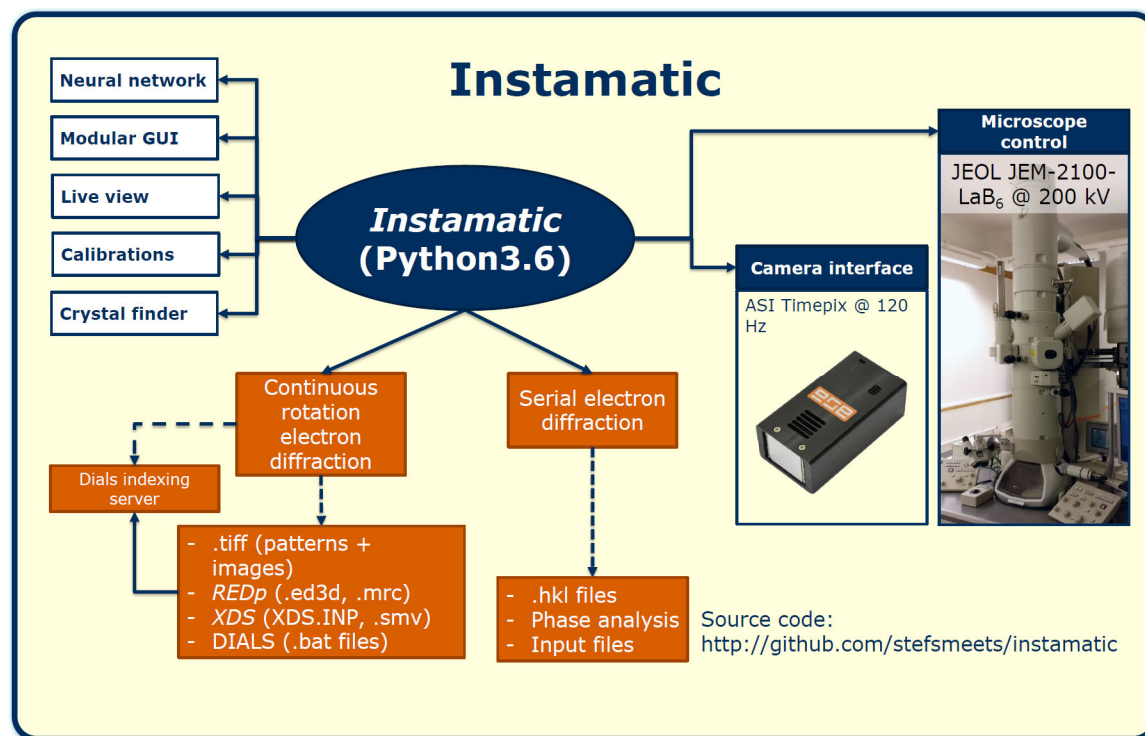
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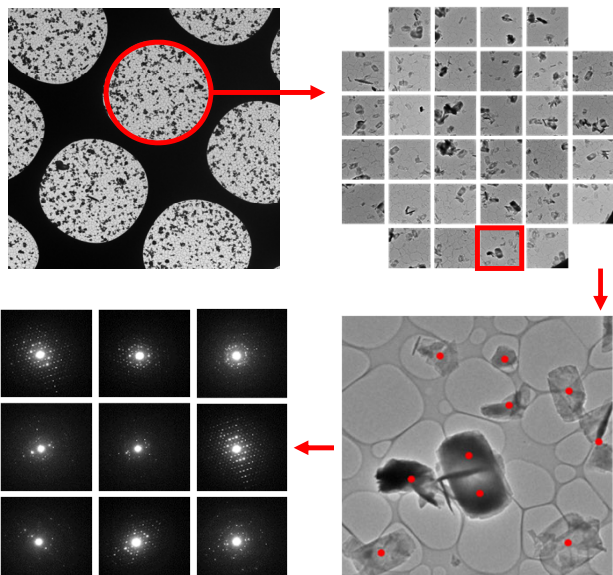
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Towards high-throughput structure determination and phase analysis

Serial ED

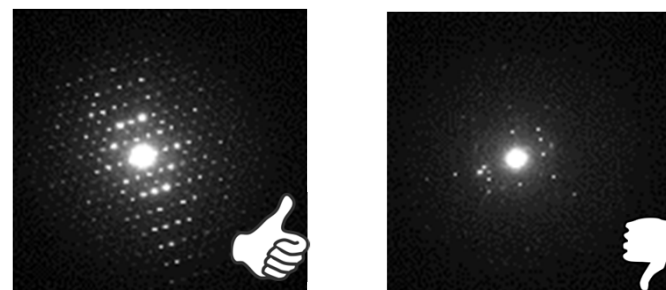


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Automated data processing and structure solution pipeline

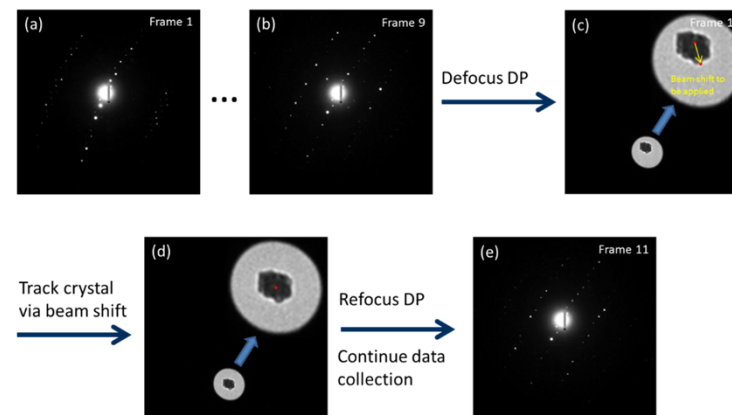


Machine learning for selecting "good" crystals



Cichocka, Ångström, Wang, Zou, Smeets, *J. Appl. Crystallogr.* **2018**, 51, 1652.

SerialRED



Wang, Zou, Smeets, *IUCrJ*, **2019**, 6, 1.



SerialRED: automated cRED data collection



Bin Wang

instamatic v0.6.0

fps: 12.51 interval (ms): 79.94 ☐ Increase size ☒ Auto contrast
exposure (s) 0.05 Brightness 1.0 DisplayRange 11800

Input/Output
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Flatfield: C:\instamatic\flatfield.tiff Browse..
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cRED autocRED **serialRED** RED ctrl learning expert about

Automated Continuous rotation electron diffraction

Exposure time: 0.5 ☒ Beam unblinker

Image interval: 10 ☒ Enable image interval
Diff defocus: 1500 ☐ Toggle defocus
Exposure (image): 0.01 ☒ Enable Auto Tracking
Scan Area (um): 100 ☒ Enable Full AutocRED Feature
☒ Enable Full AutocRED + crystal finder Feature
☐ Enable auto z height adjustment

Now you can start to rotate the goniometer at any time.
Click STOP COLLECTION BEFORE removing your foot from the pedal!

Start Collection Stop Collection
Show calib_is Show calib_beamshift
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☒ Enable auto center of SMV files

Save image

Wang, Zou, Smeets, *IUCrJ*, 2019, 6, 854.

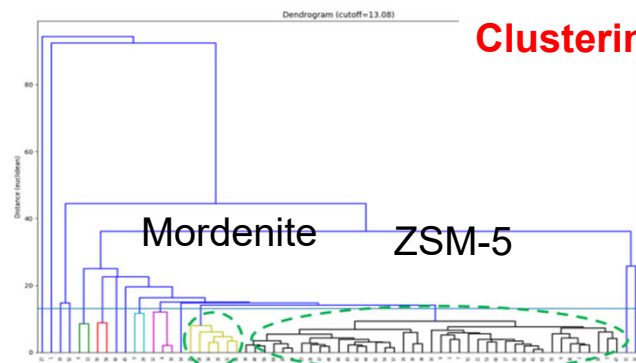
- automated crystal finding
- crystal tracking
- data conversion
- data processing

Edtools: Hierarchical clustering for high throughput phase analysis and data merging



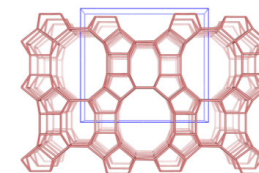
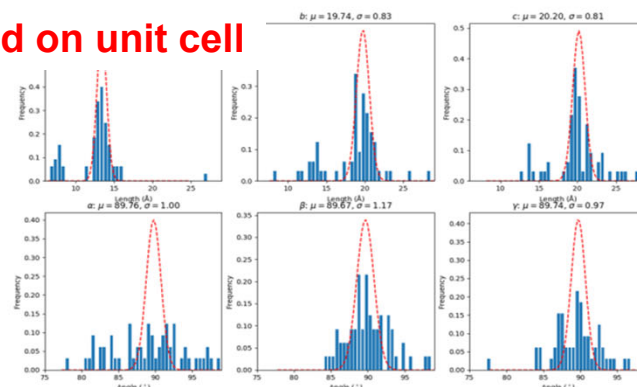
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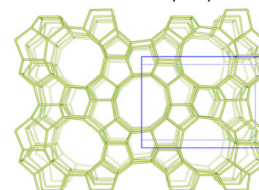


Clustering based on unit cell

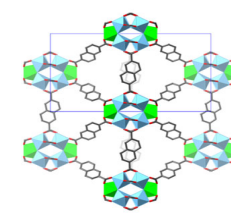
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Mordenite (001)



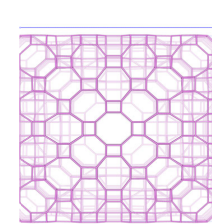
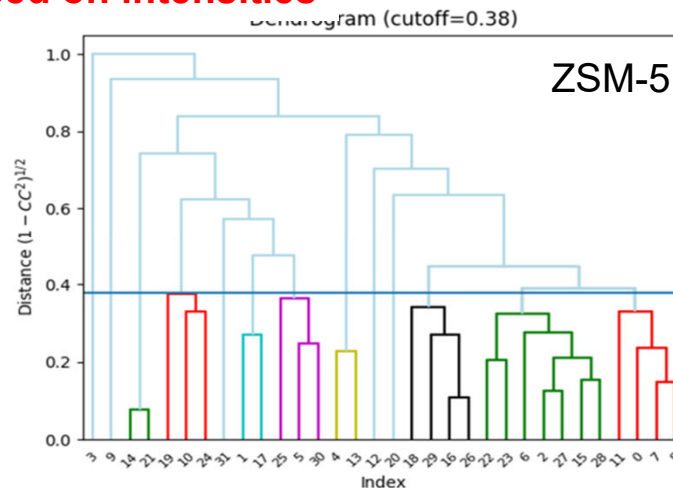
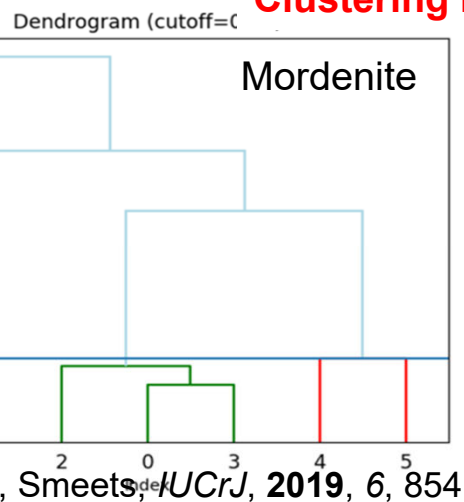
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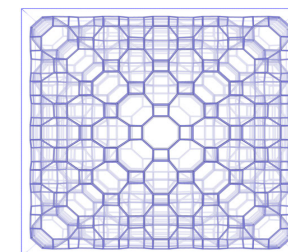
PCN-416 (100)

(d)

Clustering based on intensities



ZSM-25 (100)



PST-20 (100)

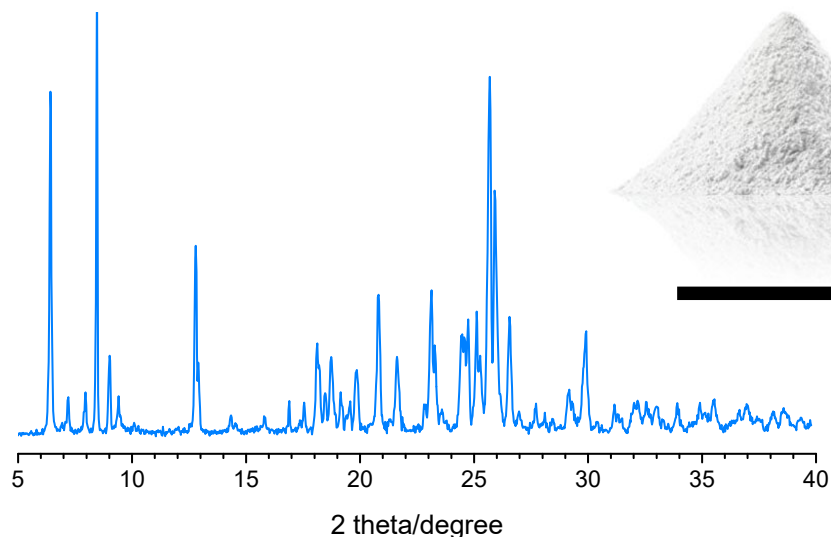
Structures solved using SerialRED



Wang, Zou, Smeets, *IUCrJ*, 2019, 6, 854

SerialRED: high-throughput phase analysis of polycrystalline samples

High-throughput synthesis screening combining multiple T elements (Si, Al, B, and Ge)



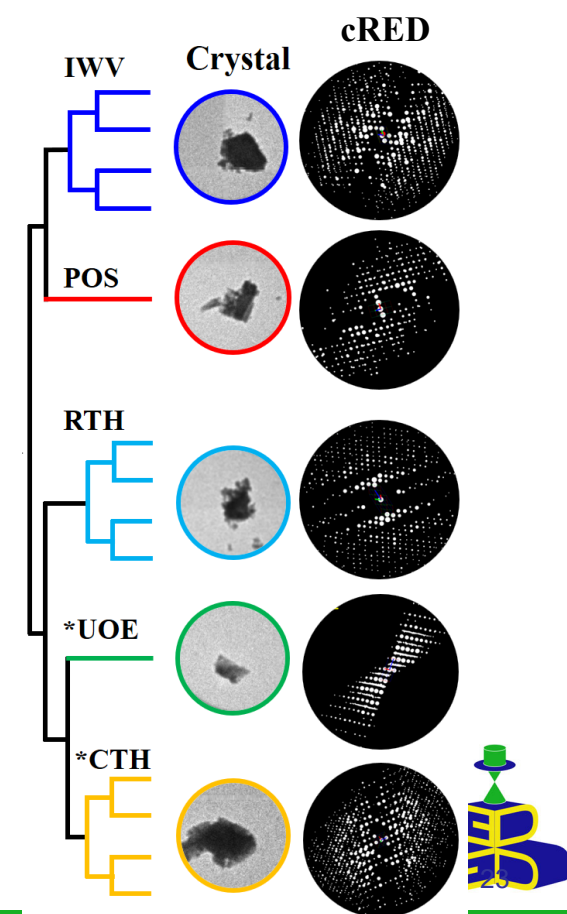
cRED datasets from 340 crystals collected in 6 hours

Five different zeolites found:
Major phases: **RTH**, **IWV**, ***CTH**
Minor phases: **POS**, ***UOE**

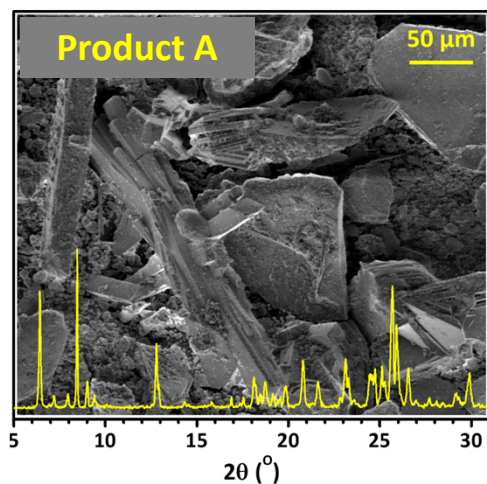


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Hierarchical cluster analysis

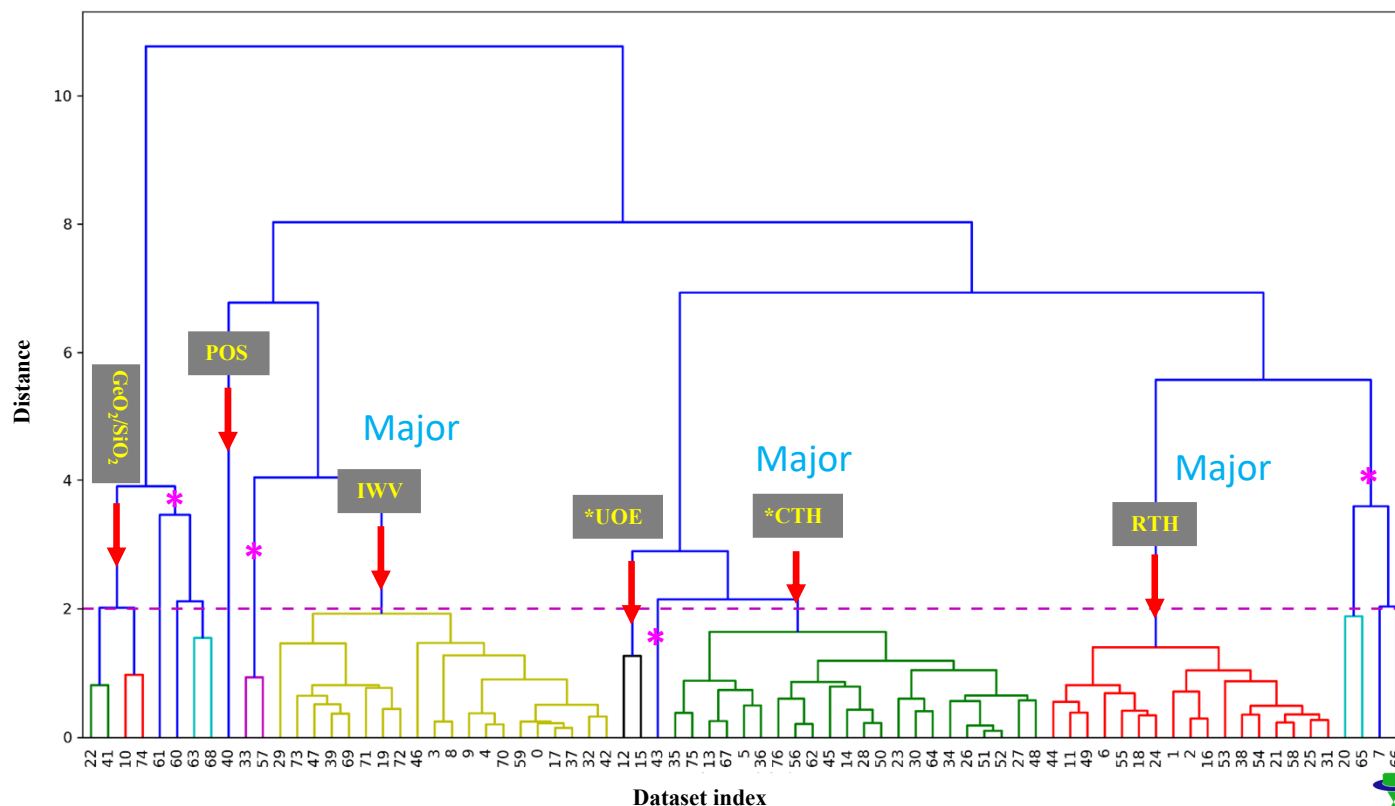


SerialRED: high-throughput phase analysis of polycrystalline samples



- Mixture
- Needle- and plate-like crystals

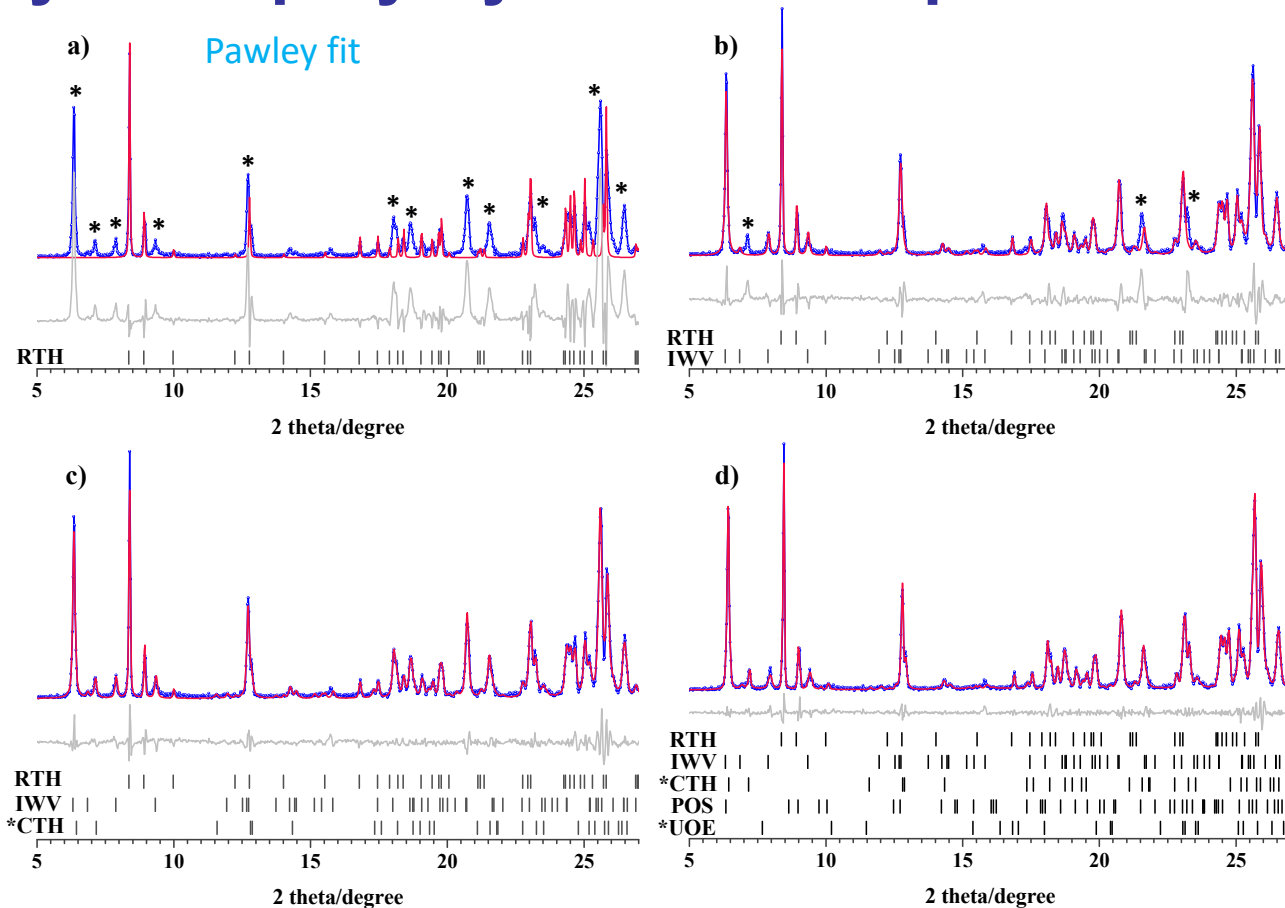
Bi-phase mixture?



Five distinct zeolite phases in one batch, the most complex mixture in zeolite chemistry



SerialRED: high-throughput phase analysis of polycrystalline samples



- RTH, IWV and *CTH are the major phases
- The contents of POS and *UOE are too low to be detected by PXRD
- POS, *UOE, and RTH share the same morphology
- IWV and *CTH have similar unit cells



Complex synthesis system of polycrystalline materials (zeolites)

OSDA/Si=0.6, HF/Si=0.6, H ₂ O/Si=10				
		Si/Ge		
		15	10	5
(Si+Ge)/T ^{III} =∞		TON	TON+POS	POS
(Si+Ge)/Al	100	NON	Amor. +Den.+*UOE	Amor.+Den.+*UOE
	20	Amor.	Amor. +RTH+IWV+*CTH	RTH+*UOE+POS+IWV+*CTH
	15	Amor.+Den.+*UOE+IWV	Den.+RTH+*UOE+POS+IWV+*CTH	RTH+*UOE+POS+IWV+*CTH
	10	RTH	RTH+*UOE+POS+IWV+*CTH	RTH+IWV+*CTH
	5	Amor.	Amor.	RTH
(Si+Ge)/B	100	NON	Amor.	Amor.+POS
	20	Amor.+SFE	SFE	SFE+TON
	15	Amor.+SFE	SFE	SFE+TON
	10	SFE	SFE	SFE
	5	SFE	SFE	SFE

Complex product



Pore-filing OSDA

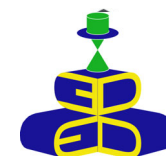
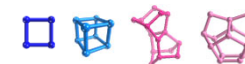


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Multiple T atoms
(Si, Ge, B, and Al)



Diverse building units

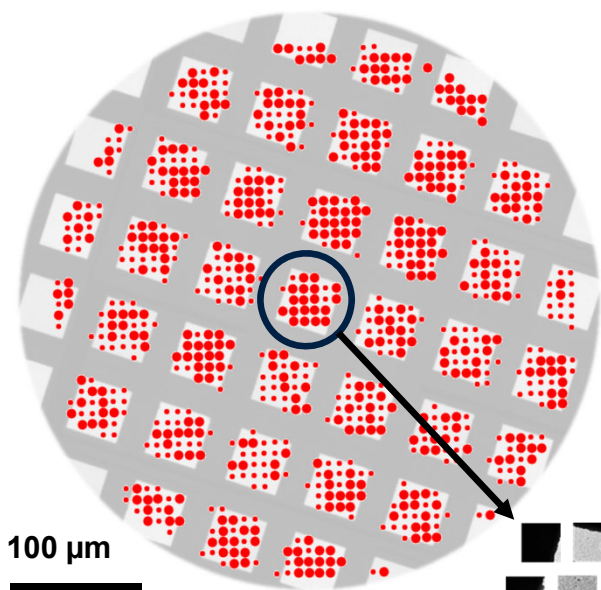


SerialED: automated high-throughput ED data collection

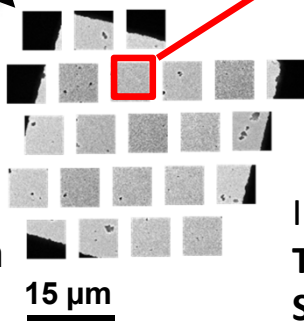


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Automatically collect diffraction data on **> 3500** crystals/h

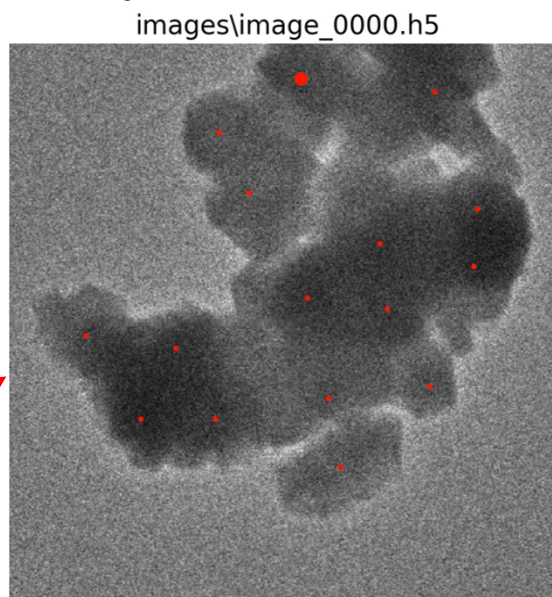


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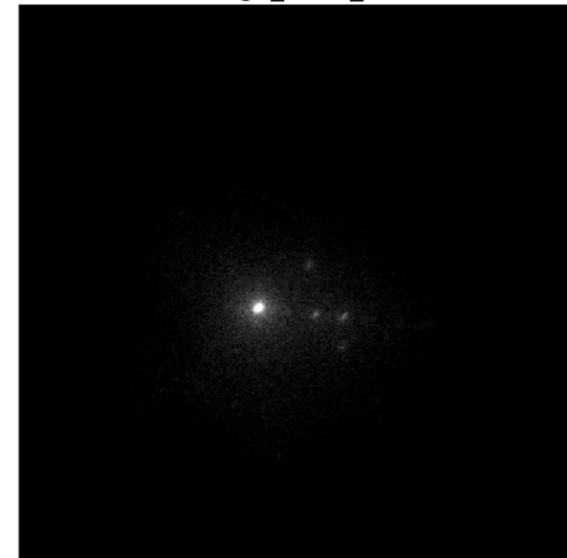


15 μm

Randomly oriented crystals
1 crystal = 1 diffraction pattern



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Implementations:

TEM Map/Small Molecules: Smeets *et al.*, *J. Appl. Cryst.* 51 (2018): 1262.

STEM Map/Proteins: Bücker *et al.*, *Nat. Comm.* 11 (2020): 996.

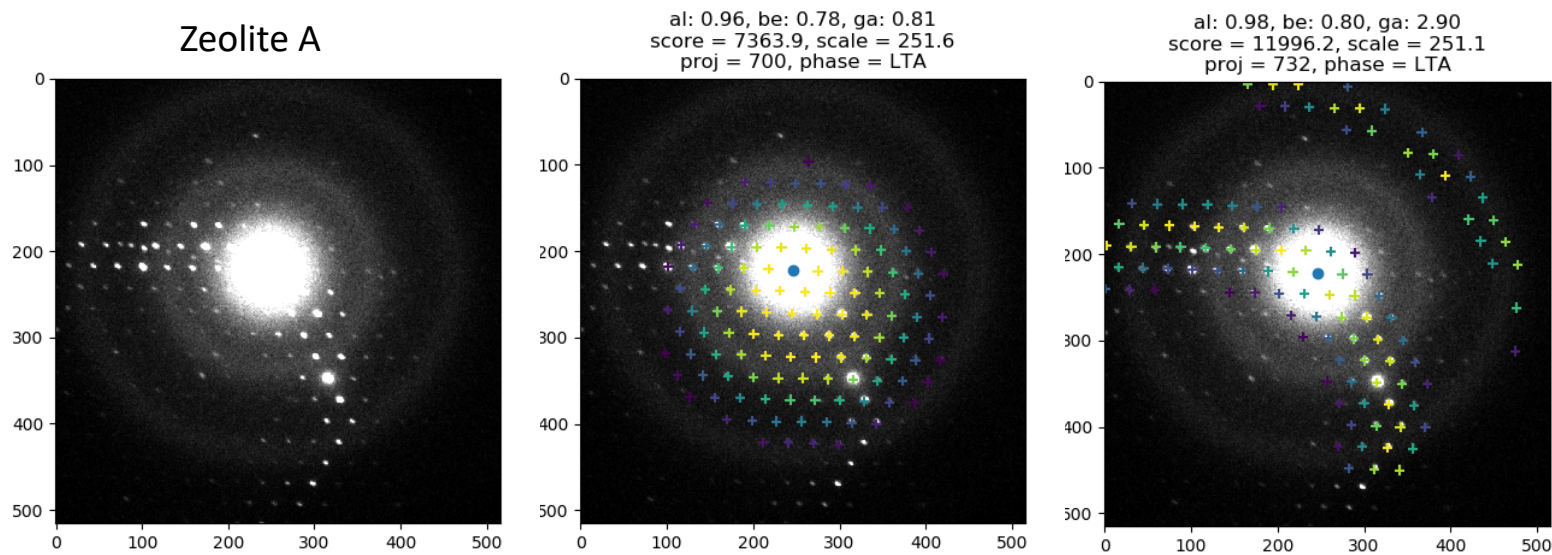
Source code: www.github.com/stefsmeets/instamatic



Structure determination using SerialED data

Orientation determination & reflection indexation

- Forward projection model using known lattice parameters
- Generate pattern library of all possible orientations (~1.5 Million in $P1$)
- Match best orientation and index data



Smeets, Zou, Wan, *J. Appl. Cryst.* 51, 1262-1273.

Source code: [www.github.com/stefsmeeets/problematic](https://github.com/stefsmeeets/problematic)

Courtesy Stef Smeets

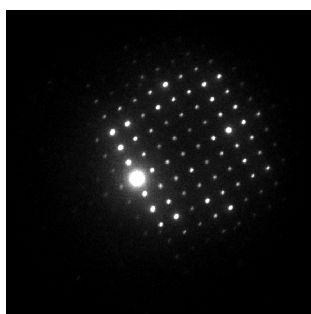


Automatic crystal selection using machine learning

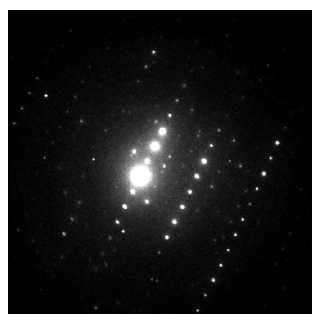
- A deep convoluted neural network (CNN) was used to distinguish between *good* and *bad* diffraction patterns.
- ~78.000 diffraction patterns were used to train the CNN.
- Each diffraction pattern is passed through the CNN, a prediction score between 0.0 and 1.0 is given (any value >0.5 corresponds to a *good* quality diffraction pattern).



Jonas
Ångström



Prediction: 1.0



Prediction: 1.0



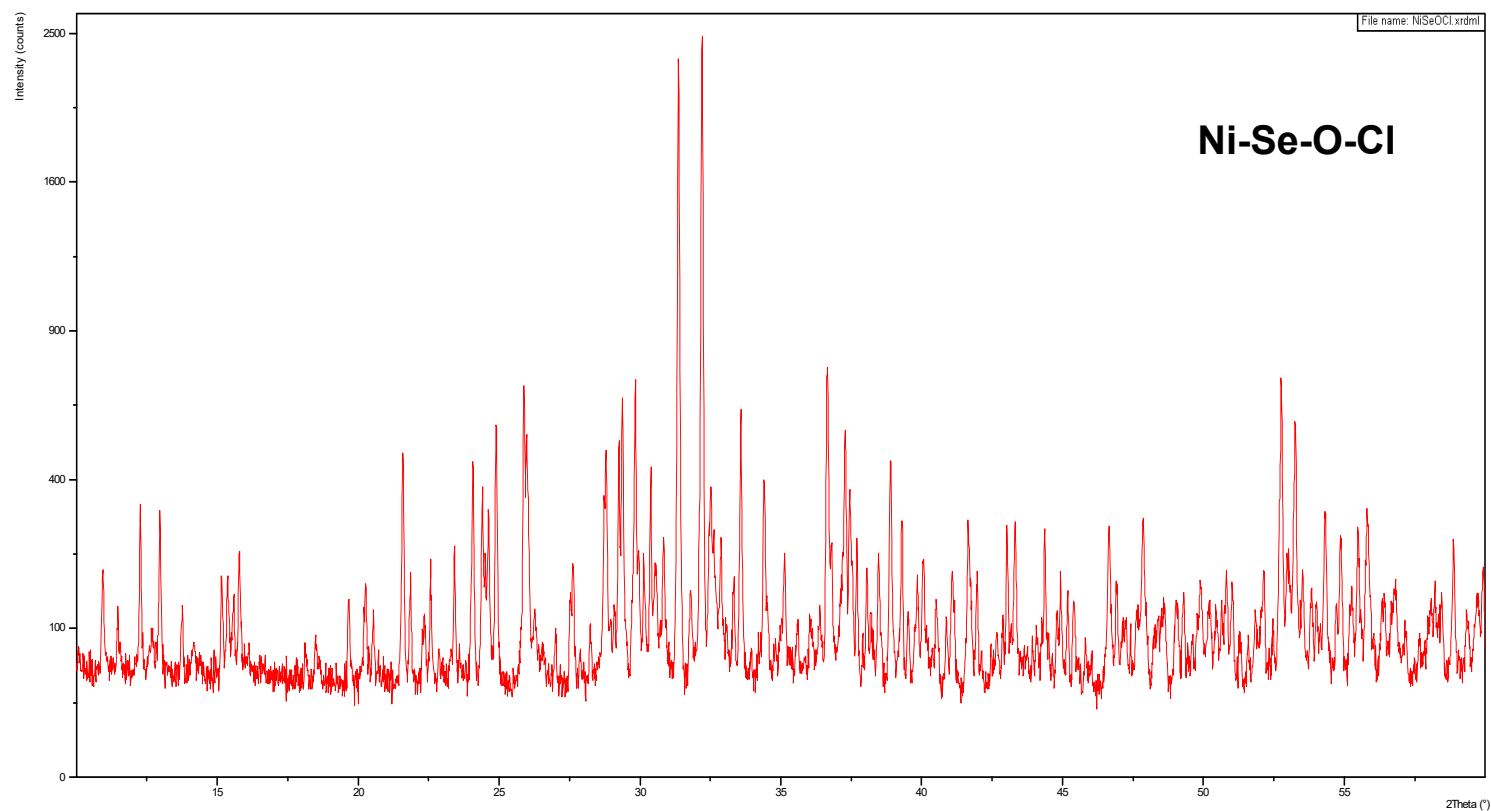
Prediction: 0.26



Prediction: 0.25



A multi-phasic powder sample in the Ni-Se-Cl-O system



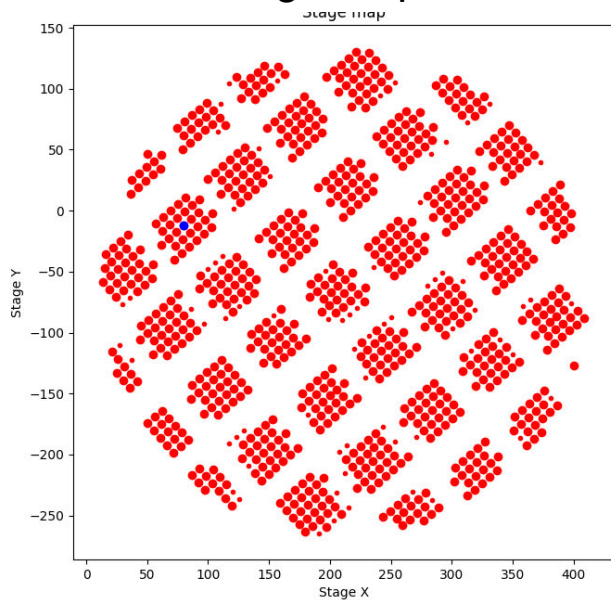
Yun, Wan, Rabbani, Su, Hovmöller, Johnsson and Zou, J. Appl. Crystallogr. **2014**, 47, 2048



SerialED: phase analysis and orientation mapping

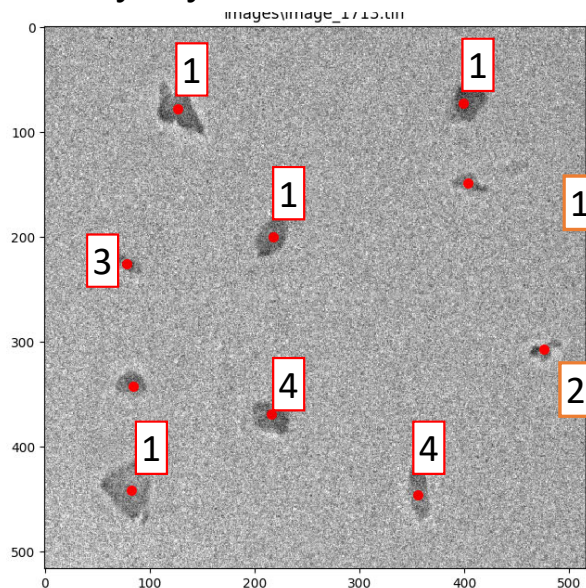
(Search for four phases in Ni-Se-O-Cl system*)

Stage map

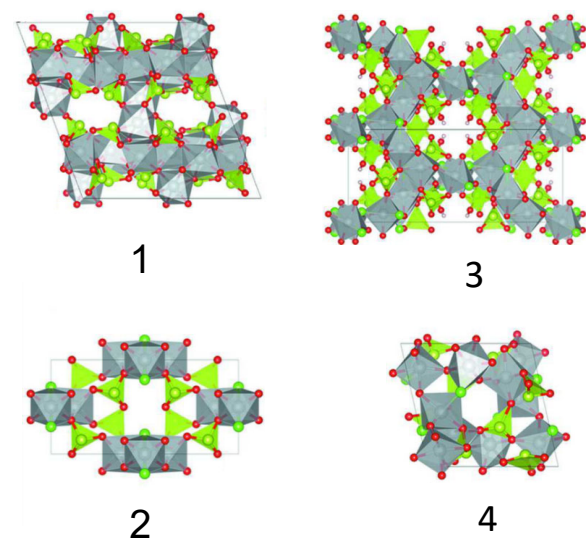


Total scan area: 400 x 400 μm^2
 No. images: 925 images
 No. ED frames: **6171**
 Total data collection time: ~90 min

Identify crystals and orientation



Courtesy Stef Smeets



Searched phases:

- 1: NiSeO_3
- 2: $\text{Ni}_3\text{Se}_4\text{O}_{10}\text{Cl}_2$
- 3: $\text{Ni}_5\text{Se}_6\text{O}_{14}(\text{OH})_2\text{Cl}_4$
- 4: $\text{Ni}_4\text{Se}_4\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}_2$

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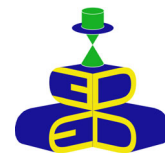
ESR 11 – Overview

- Development of high-throughput serial (rotation) electron diffraction and its application for phase and structural analysis of pharmaceuticals and metal-organic frameworks (MOFs)
 - To establish automation strategies and develop software for high-throughput serial (rotation) electron diffraction (SerialED/RED) data collection
 - To establish high-throughput protocols for data processing
 - To apply machine learning and clustering algorithms for phase analysis and structure determination of pharmaceutical compounds
 - To develop MOFs as new “crystalline sponges” for structural analysis of natural products and molecules with tiny (nano-/pico gram) quantity

Supervisor: Xiaodong Zou

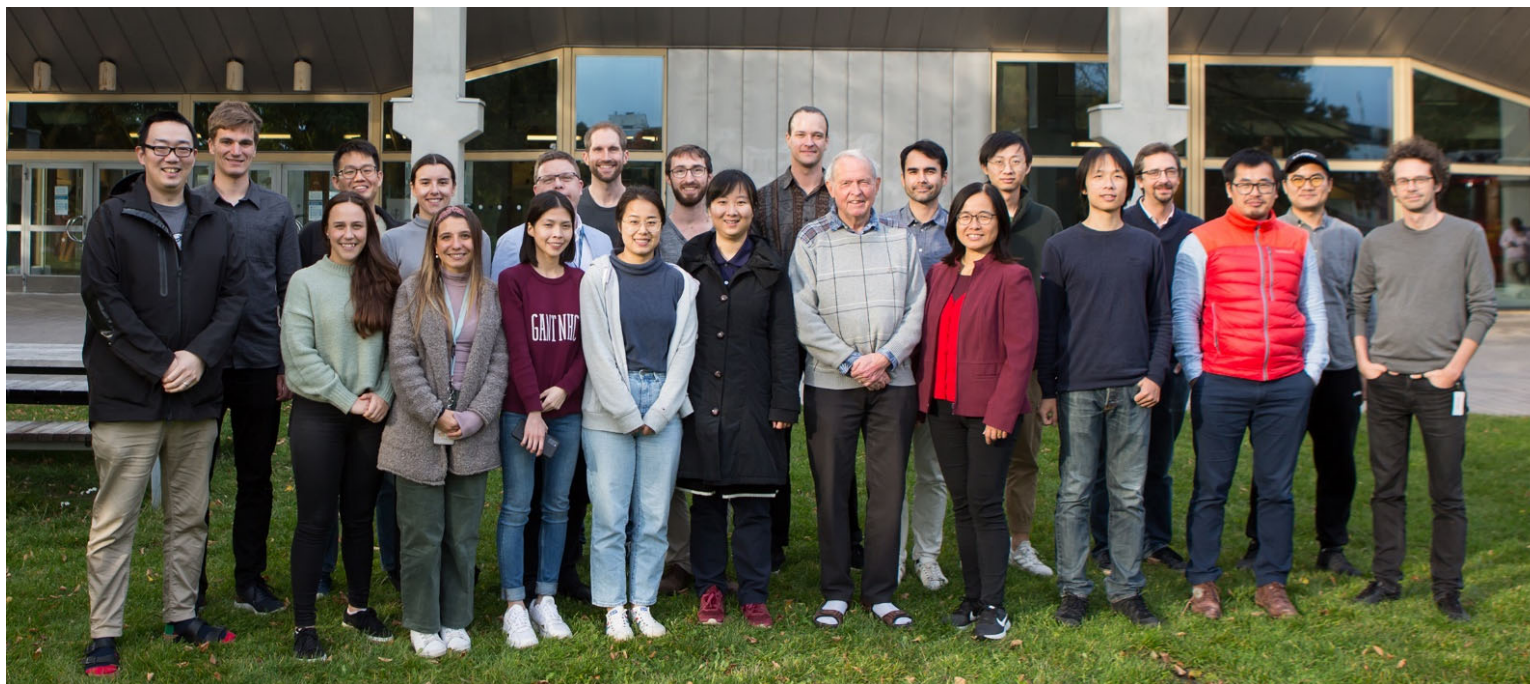
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Free software available at

<https://www.mmk.su.se/zou/electron-crystallography-software>

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QFocus

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Open Positions

Electron Crystallography Software

One of the key research interests of Zou's Group has been developing and applying quantitative electron crystallography methods for the structure determination of unknown electron beam sensitive materials such as zeolite, zeolite-like materials, small organic compounds and proteins. Over the years, a number of electron crystallography software has been developed in Zou's Group.

RED

Two interactive programs for 1) collecting and 2) processing Rotation Electron Diffraction data

CrystDiff

An interactive program for simulating electron diffraction pattern

QFocus

An interactive program for structure projection reconstruction from through-focus HRTEM images

Instamatic

A python program that is being developed with the aim to automate the collection of electron diffraction data.

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Postdoc positions available

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