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# Pattern Estimation in Electronic Materials Epitaxy Data

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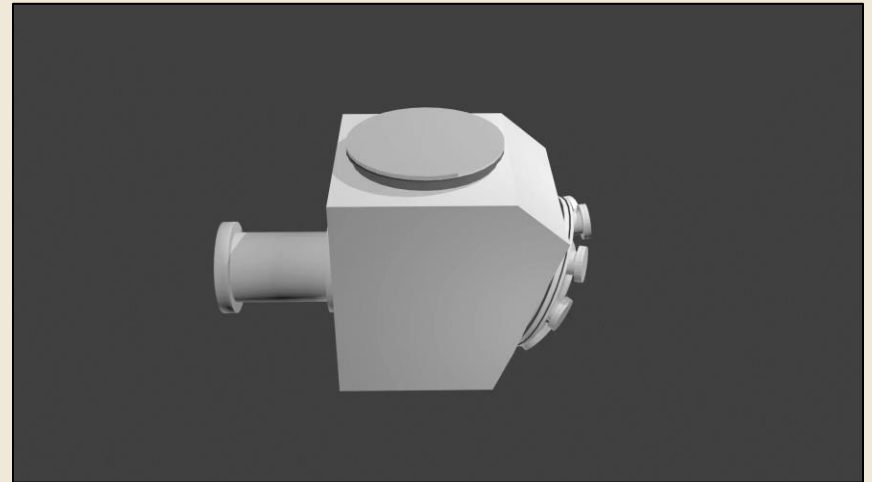
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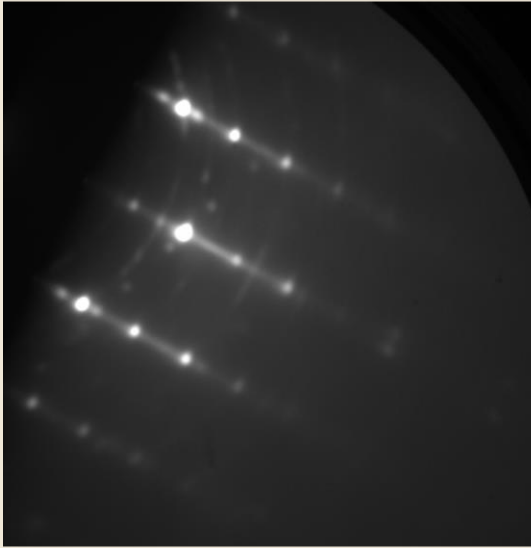
- Ultra–high vacuum synthesis technique
- Bottom–up growth of thin film crystals
- Offers high purity and atomic level control and precision during growth



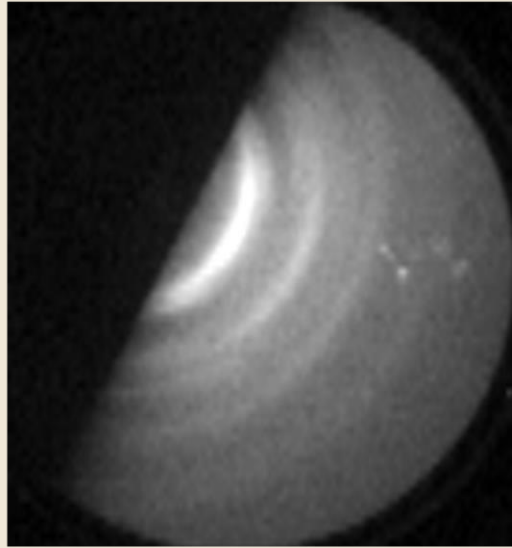
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# Characterization Data

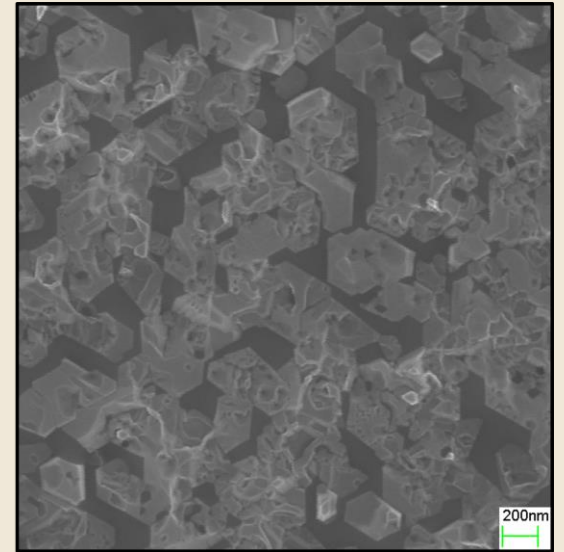
Single Crystalline



Polycrystalline

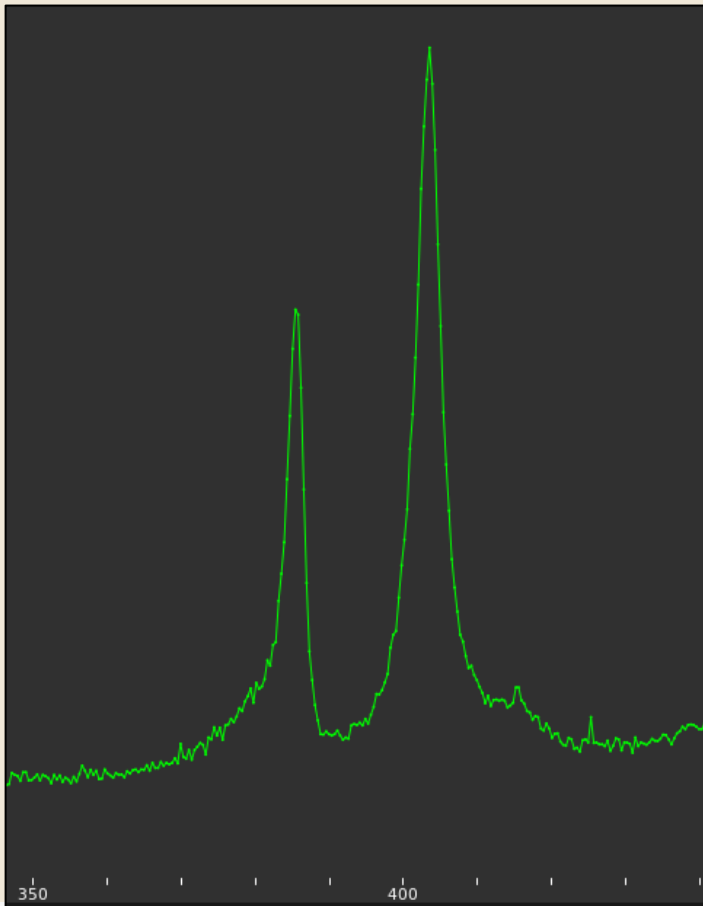


Scanning Electron Micrograph

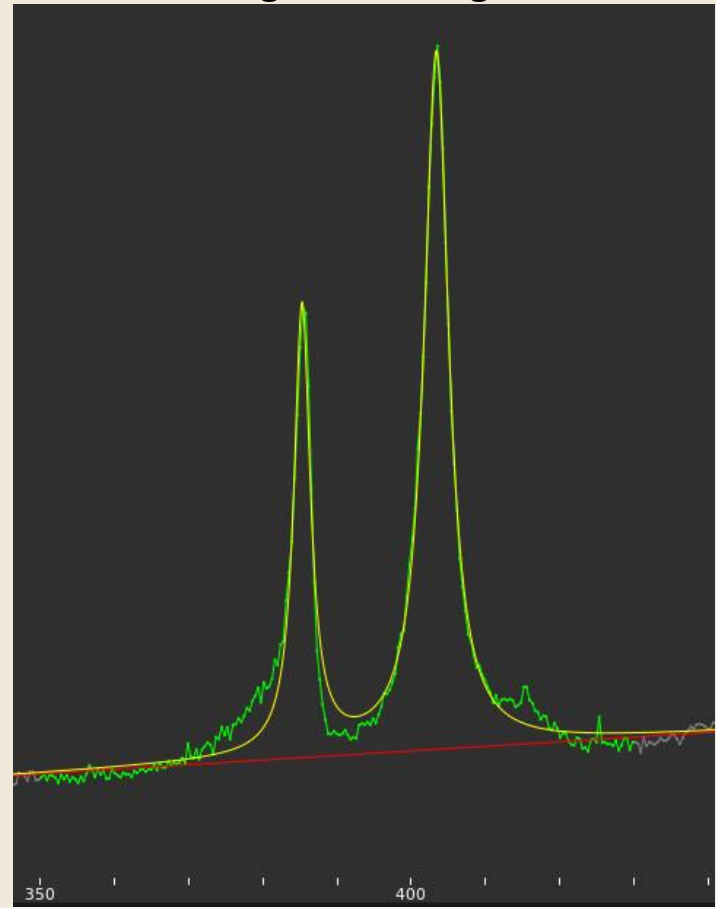


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## Fitting E<sub>2g</sub> and A<sub>1g</sub> Modes



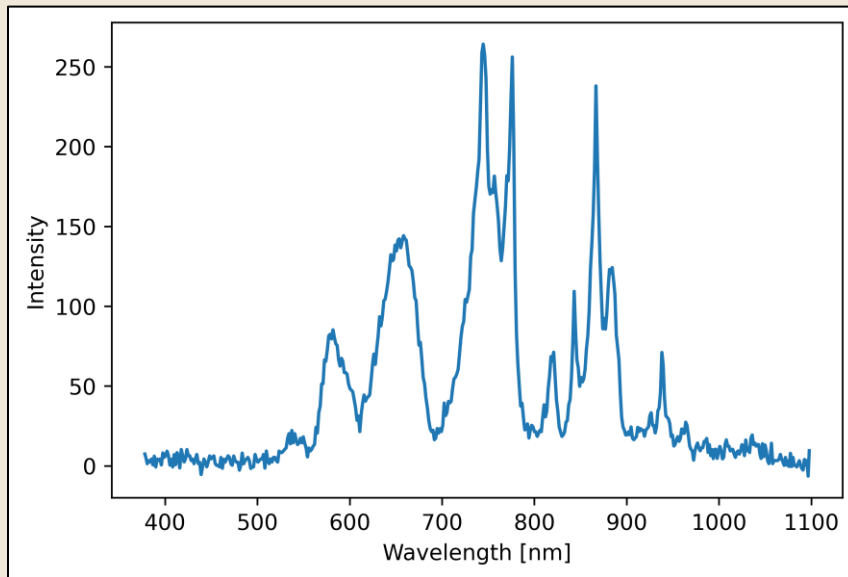
# Additional Data: N<sub>2</sub> Plasma

- Optical Emission Spectra (OES) data have been acquired for a radio frequency nitrogen plasma source specifically designed for the growth of electronic materials.
- OES data allows for measurements of the relative concentrations of different active nitrogen species within the plasma.
- These measurements combined with the operating parameters provide additional data.

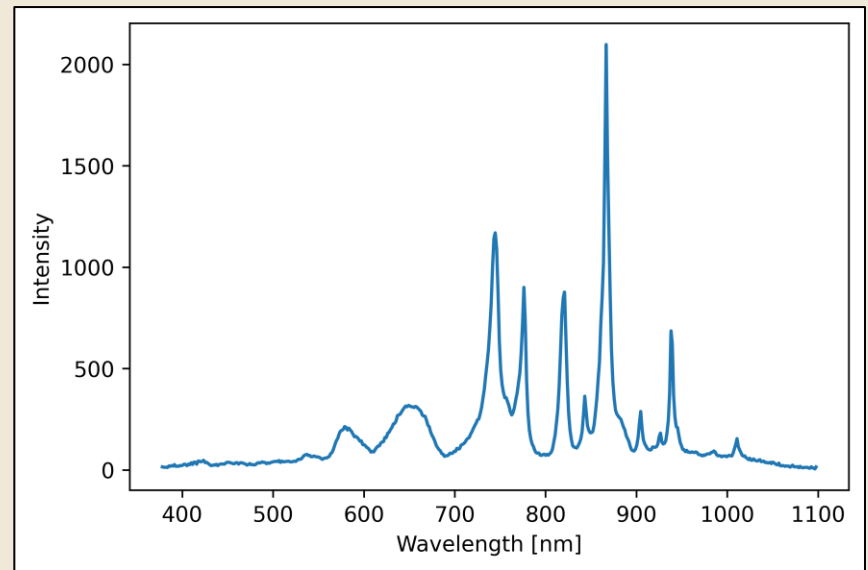


# Optical Emission Spectra of N<sub>2</sub> Plasma

**Low Power: 100W**



**High Power: 500W**



# Python3 Implementation Strategy

- Import libraries and data
- Randomly organize data points into no less than 3 different data sets (train, test, validate).
- Implement generalization strategies for ANNs.
- Log validation performance for comparison.
- Use champion algorithm to generalize to all possible values of operating parameters.
- Compare to literature.