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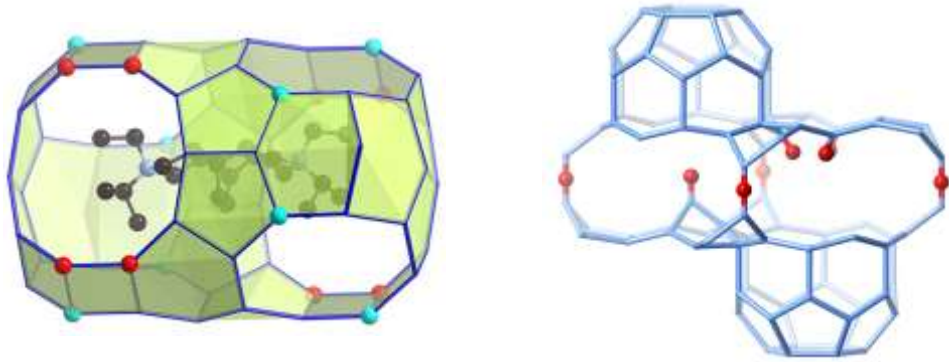


# Glue it all together with Python: Automating electron diffraction data collection

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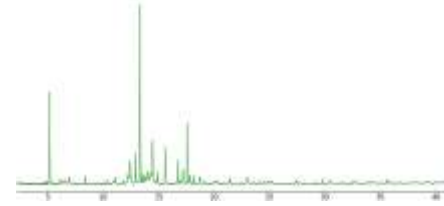
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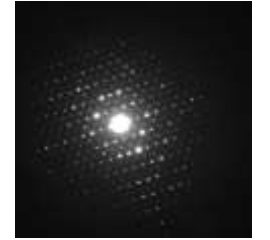


Structure determination and characterization

## *Method development*



Powder diffraction



Electron diffraction

## *Crystallography*

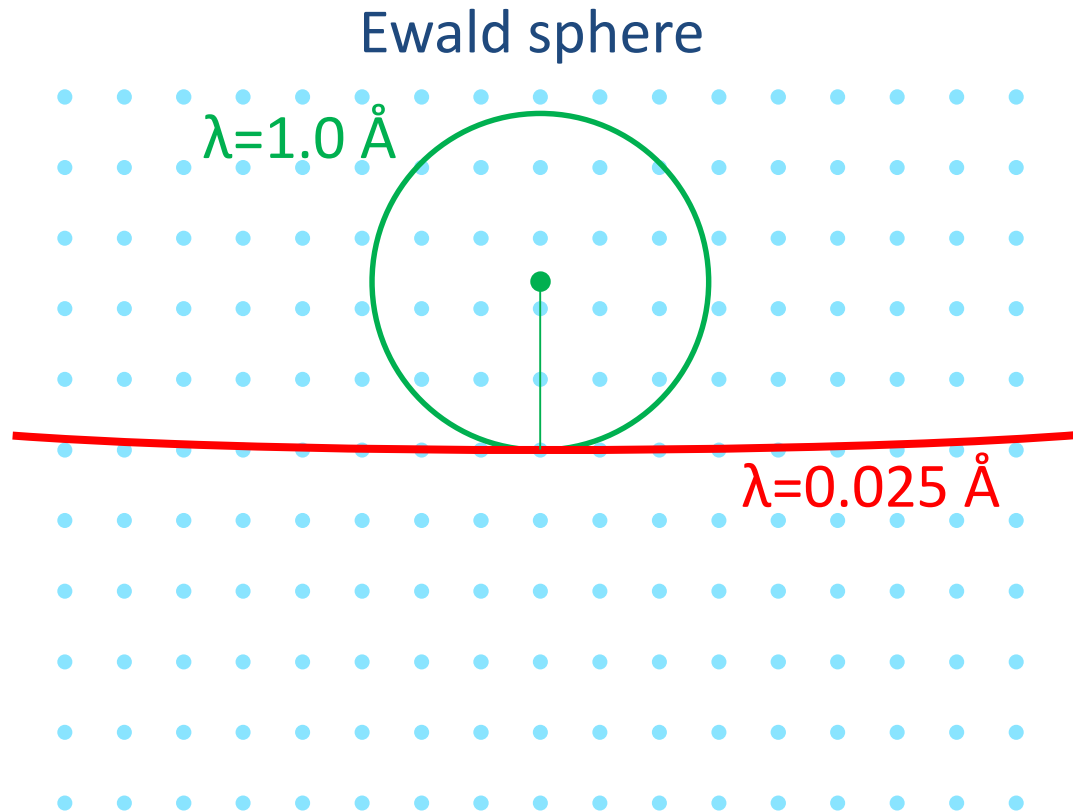


## *Programming*

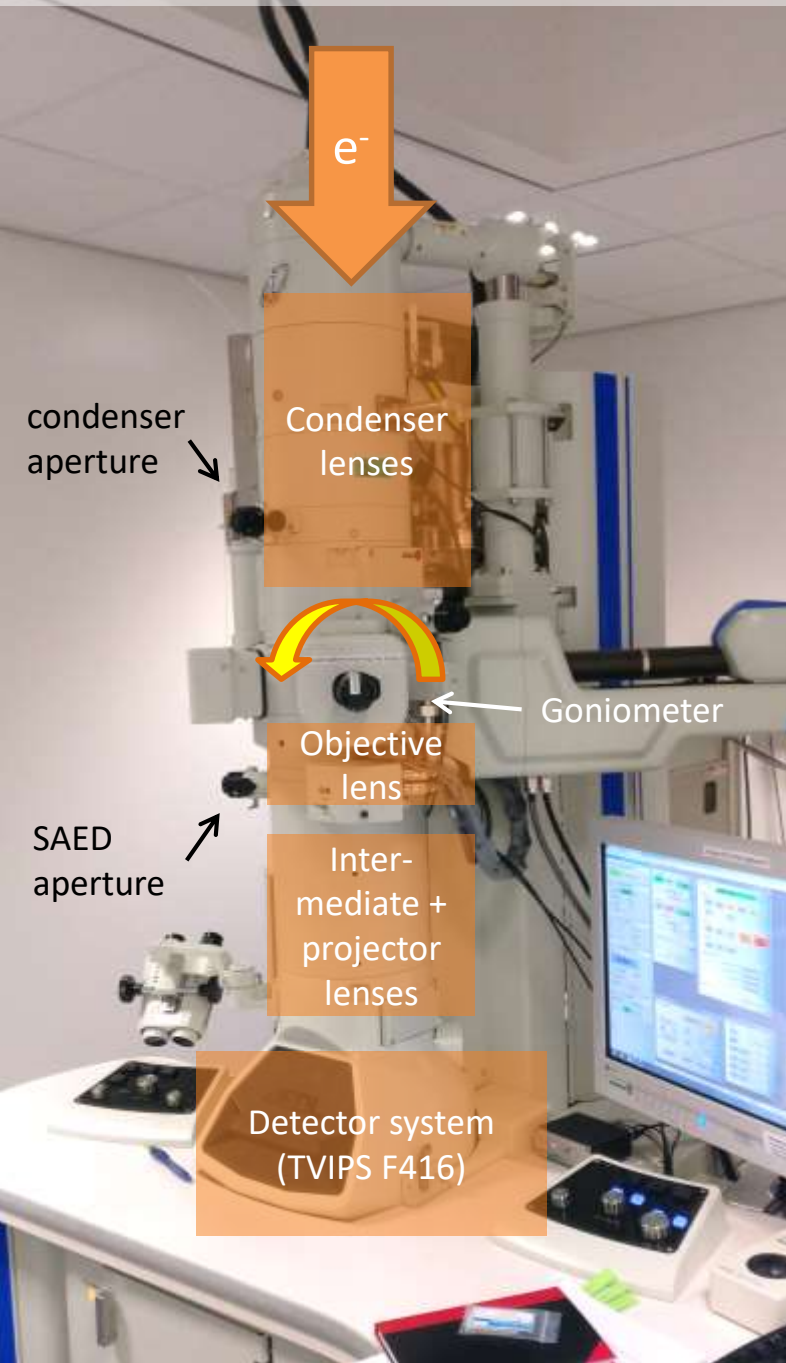


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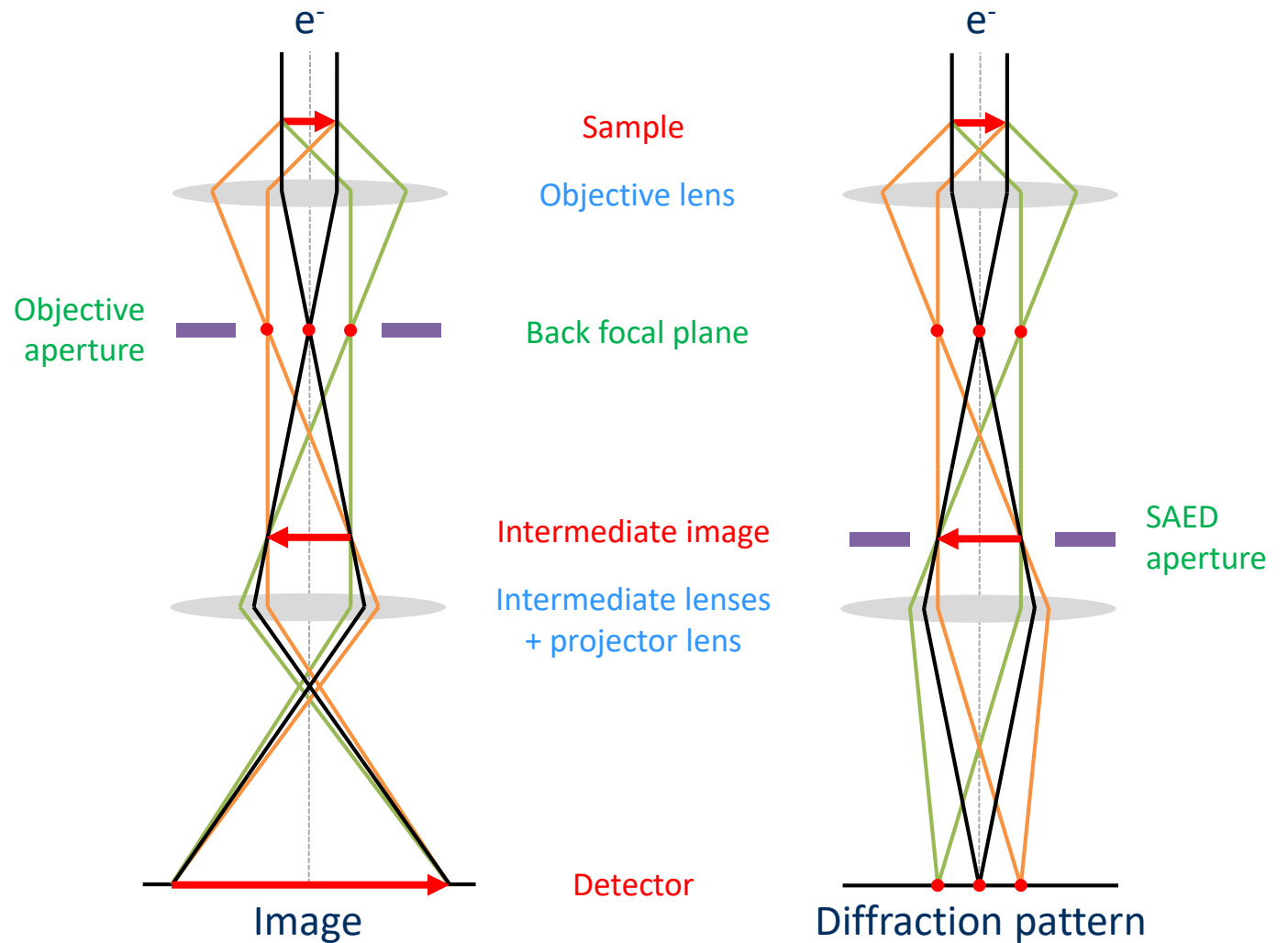
# Electrons as a radiation source



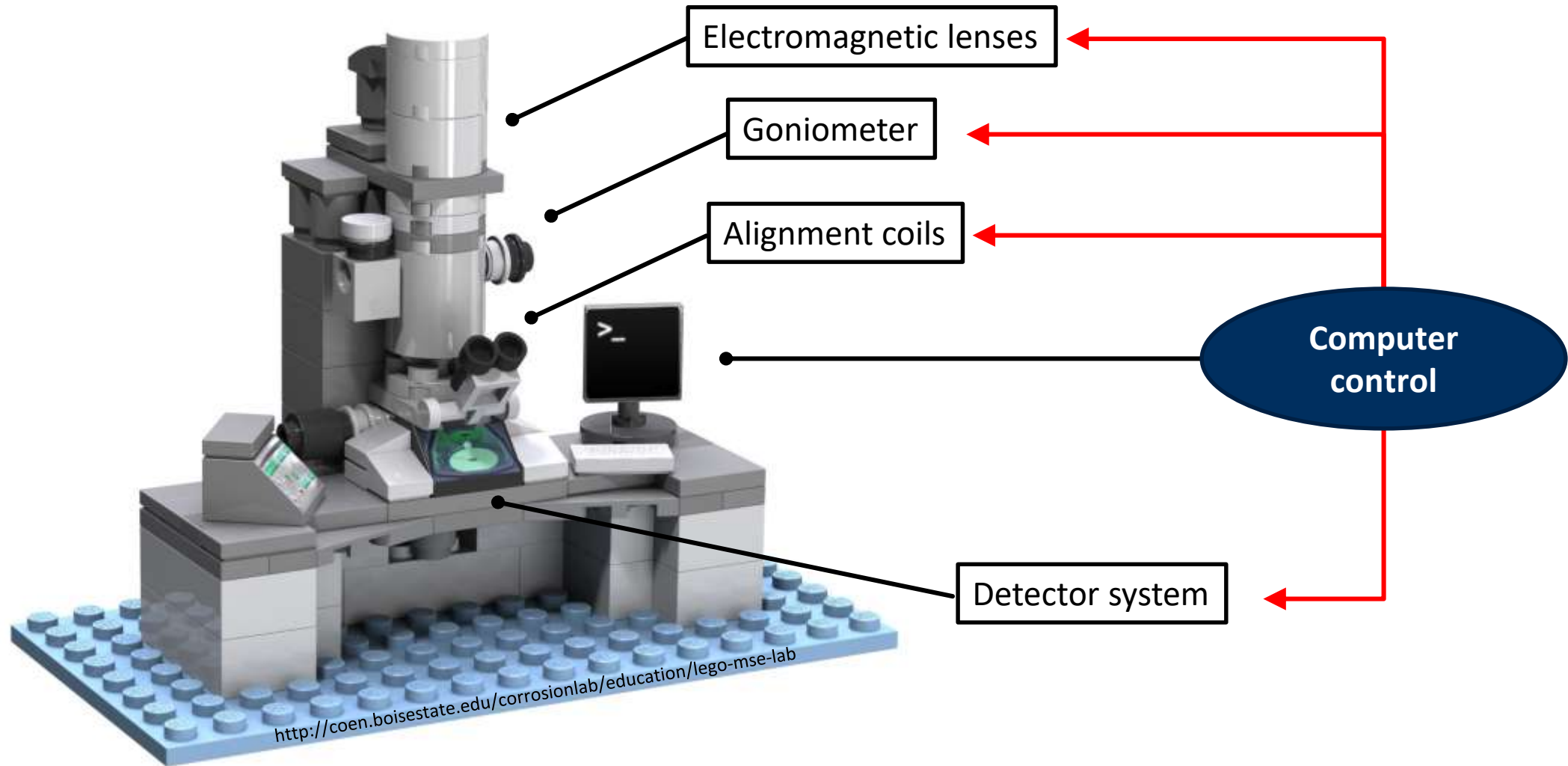
- Accelerating voltage: 100 to 300 keV
- Wavelength:  $0.0251 \text{ \AA}$  @ 200 keV
- Probe electrostatic potential
- Strong interaction ( $10^6$  stronger than X-rays)
- Require small samples ( $< 1 \text{ \mu m}$ )
- High vacuum ( $< 10^{-3} \text{ mbar}$ )

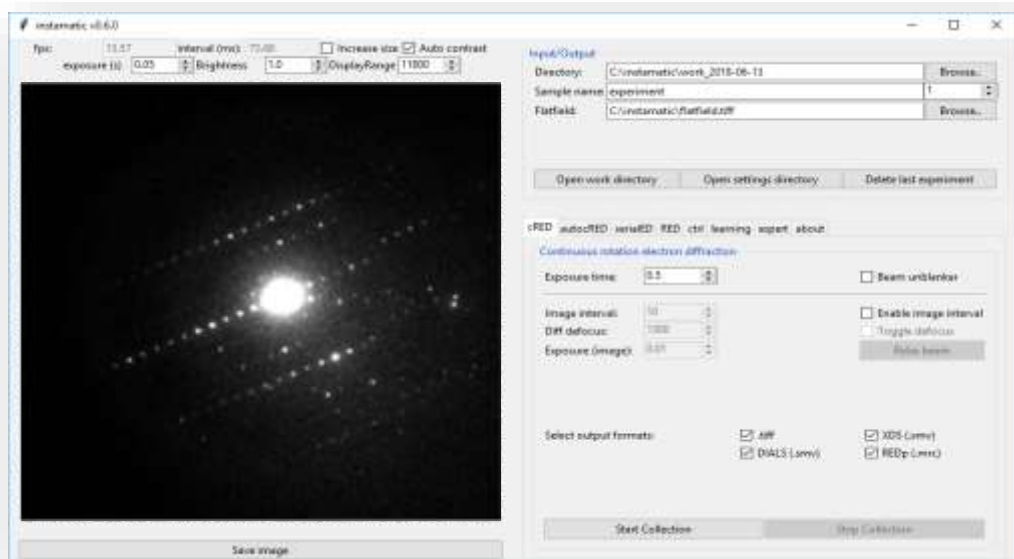


## Electron 'diffractometer'



# The electron microscope as a giant toy for nanoscience





- Modular GUI
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(Python3.6+)

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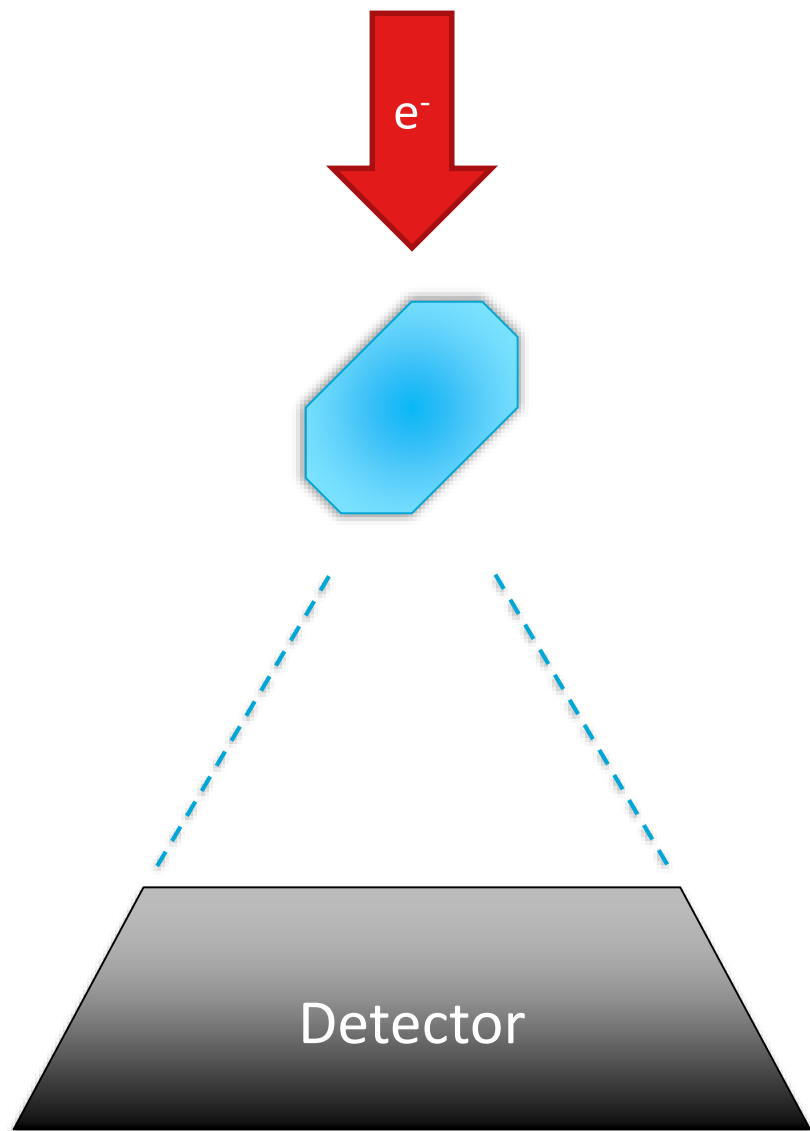


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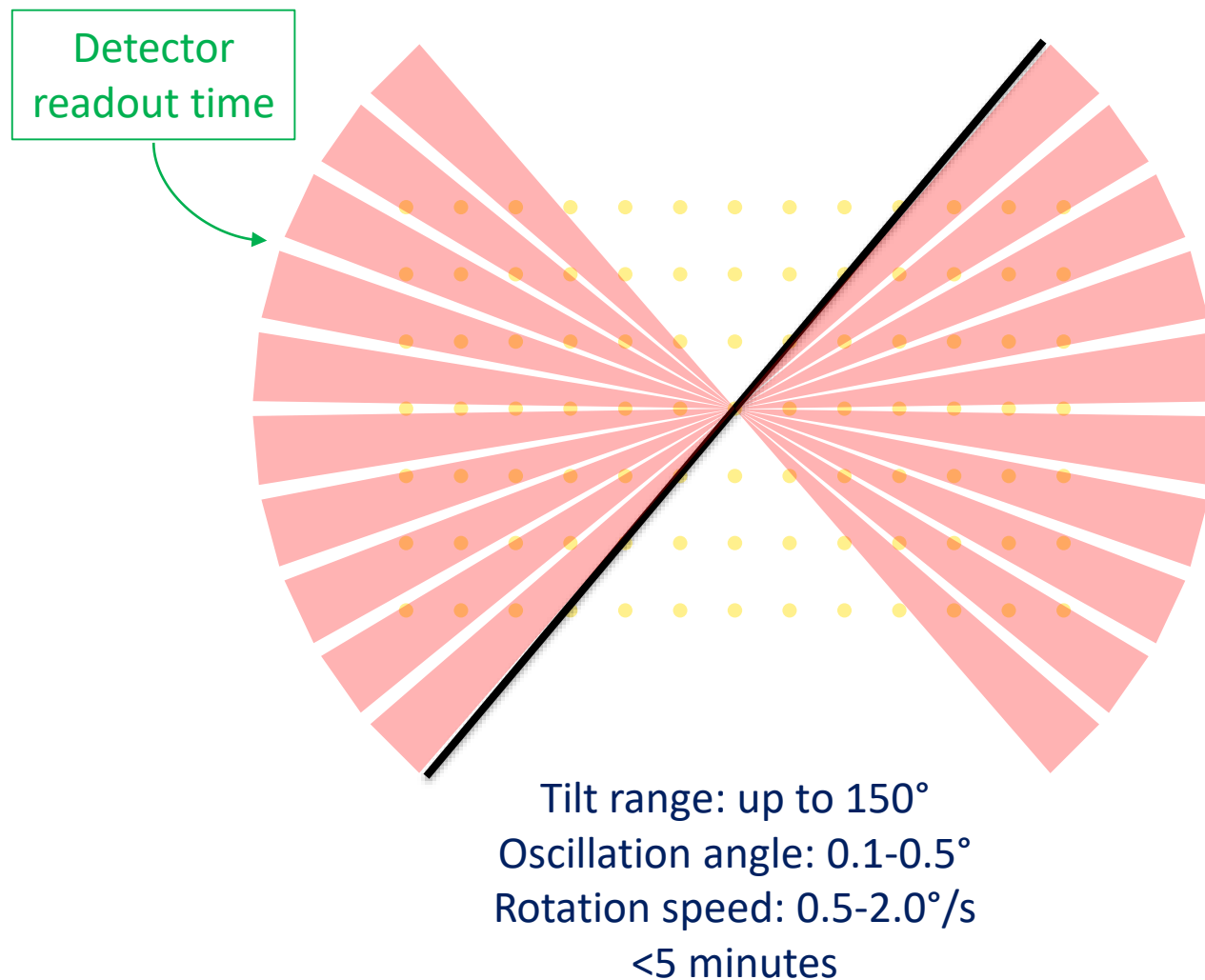
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# 3D Electron diffraction



## Continuous rotation method

Nederlof *et al.*, Acta Cryst. D (2013), 69:1223  
Nannenga *et al.*, Nat. Methods (2014), 11:927  
Gemmi *et al.*, J. Appl. Cryst. (2015), 48:718  
Cichocka *et al.*, J. Appl. Cryst. (2018), 51:1652

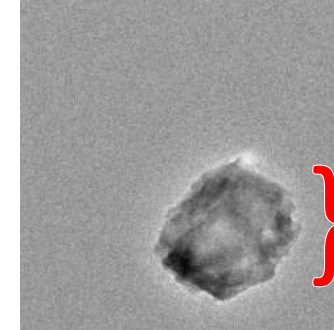




# Zeolite mordenite

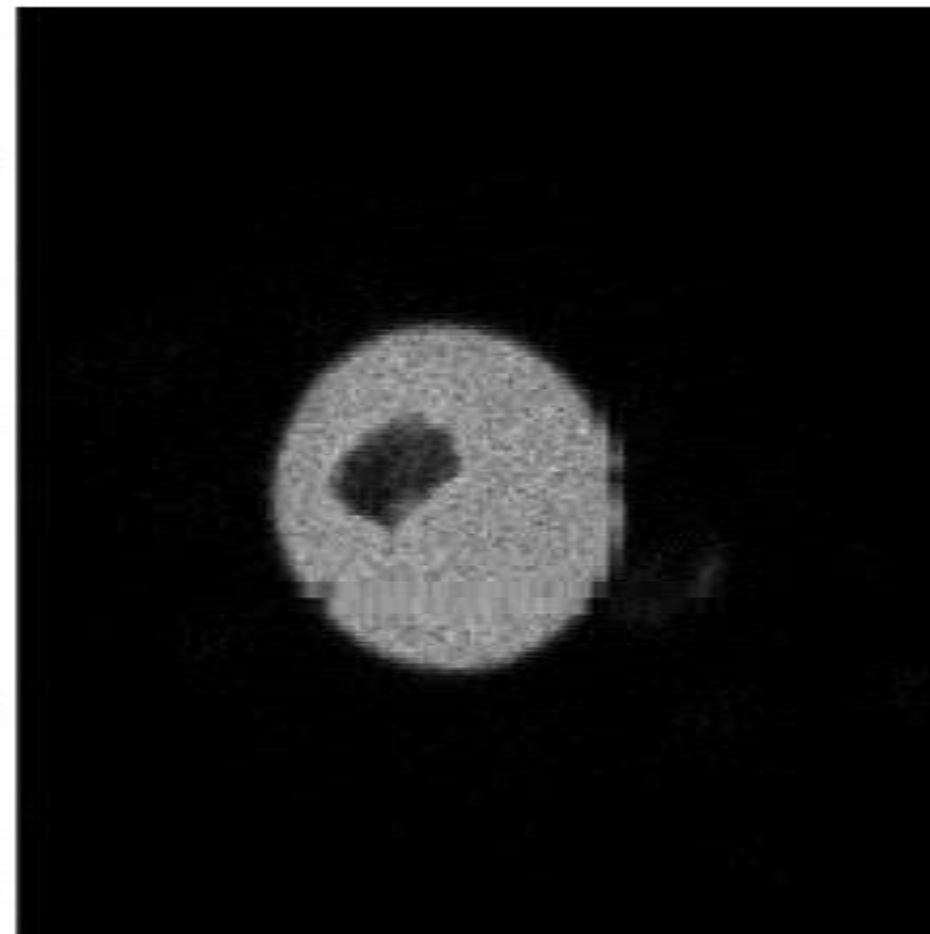
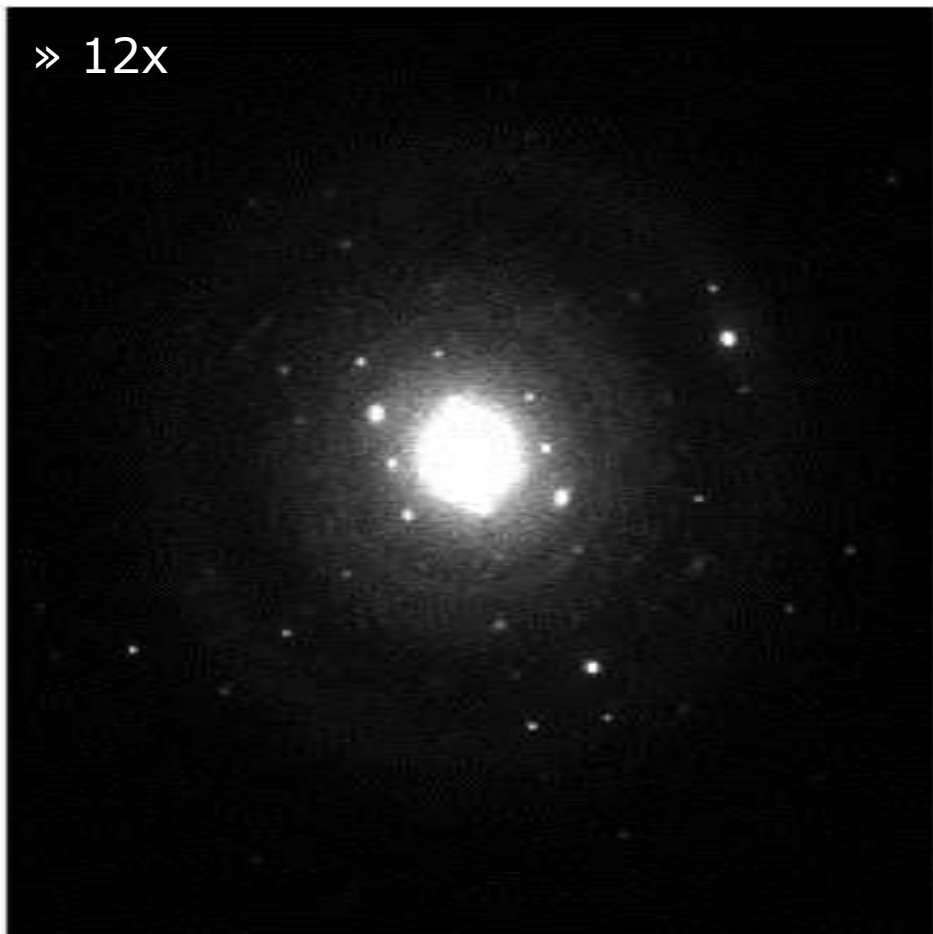
Rotate:  $-43.90^\circ$  to  $58.65^\circ$  @  $0.45^\circ/\text{s}$  ( $102.55^\circ$ )

Exposure: 0.5 s, oscillation angle:  $0.23^\circ$

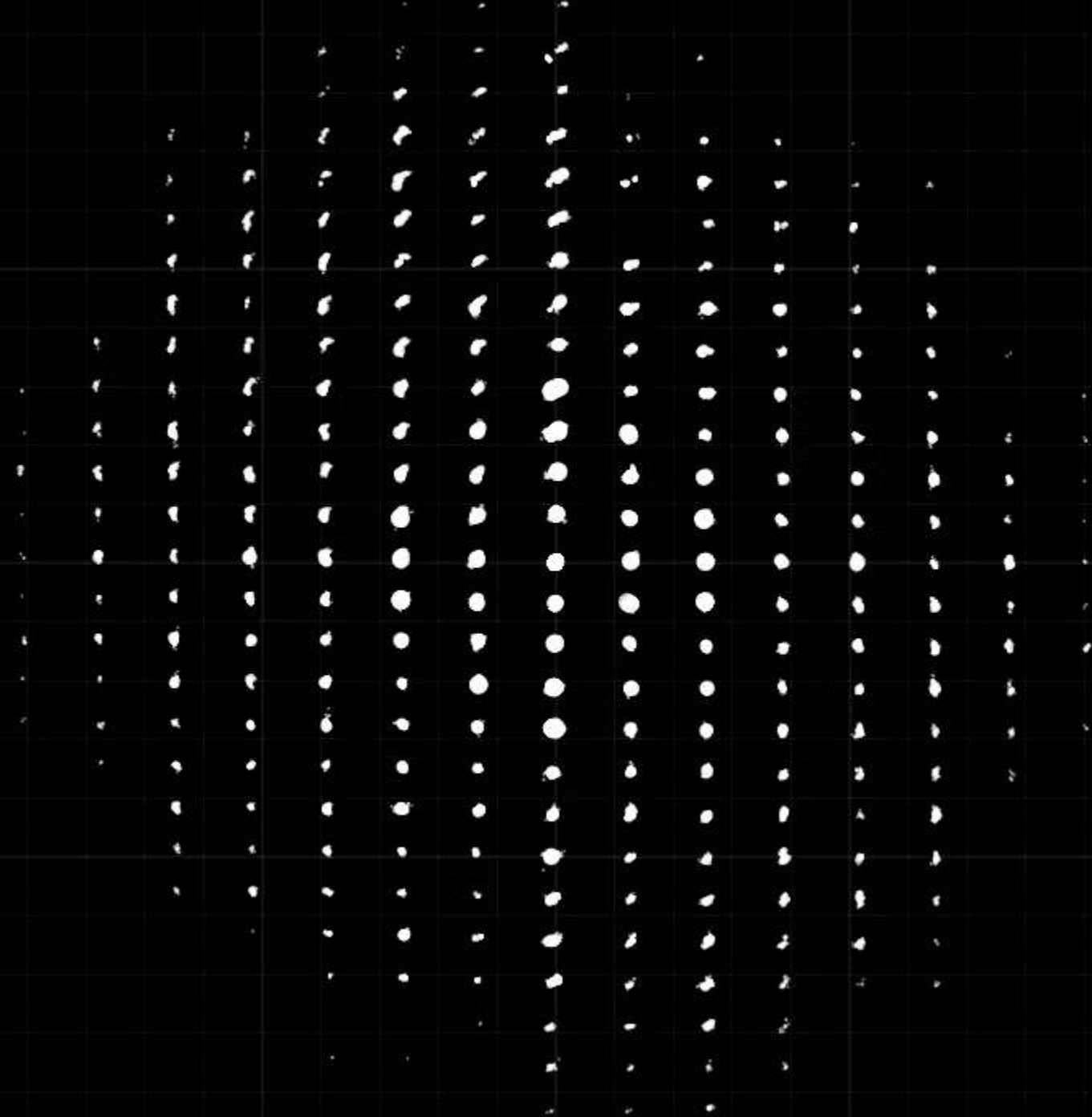


} 250 nm

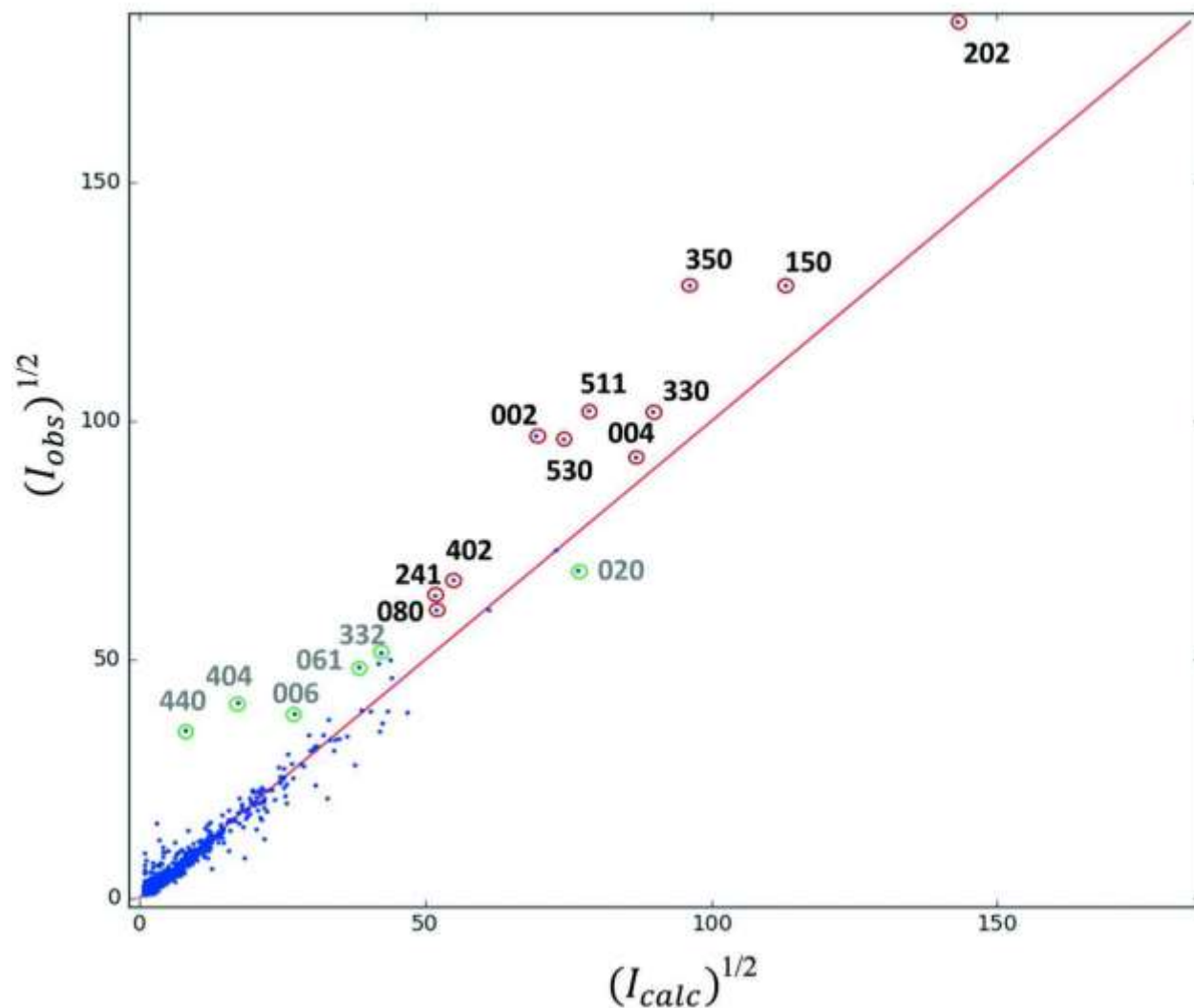
» 12x







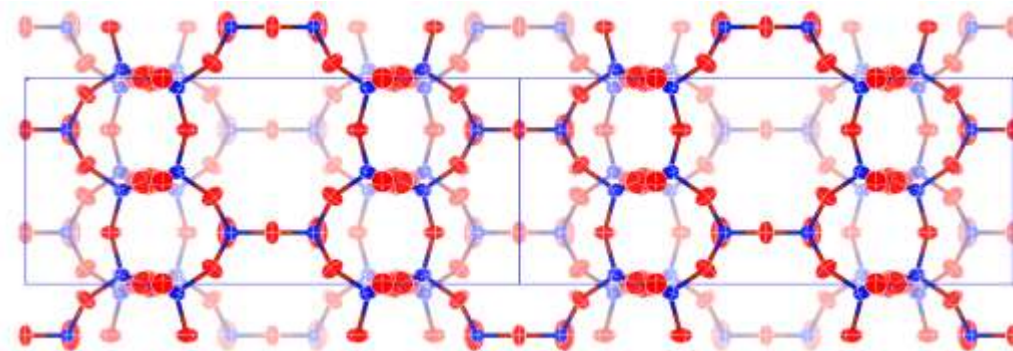
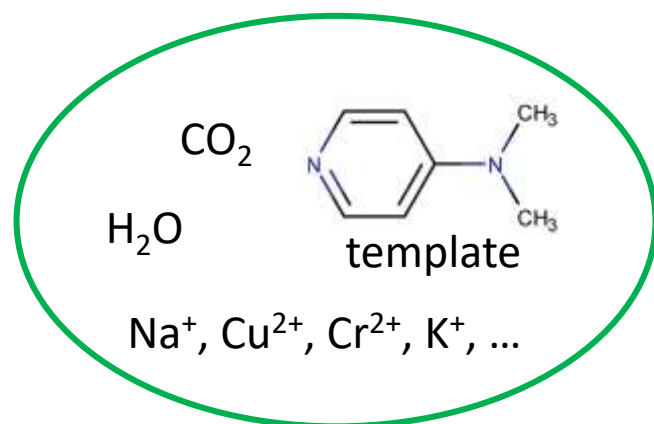
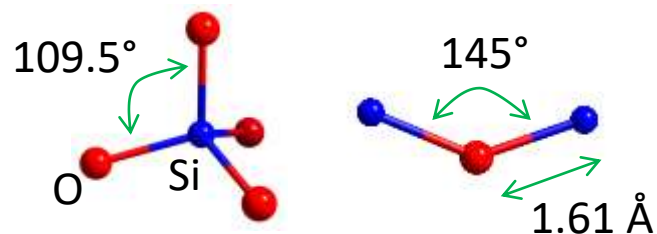
# Refinement



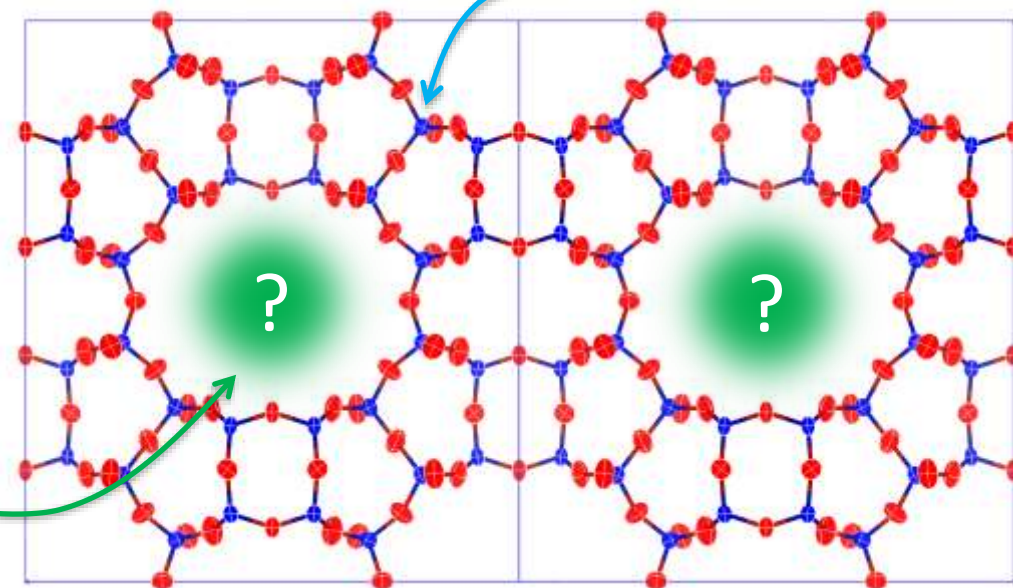
|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Chemical formula (refined)                         | $\text{Si}_{48}\text{O}_{96}$ |
| Space group  | <i>Cmcm</i> (63)              |
| $a$ (Å)  | 18.110                        |
| $b$ (Å)  | 20.530                        |
| $c$ (Å)  | 7.528                         |
| Resolution (Å)                                     | 0.80                          |
| No. of total reflections                           | 5244                          |
| No. of unique reflections (all)                    | 1585                          |
| No. of unique reflections [ $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$ ] | 1140                          |
| Refined parameters                                 | 96                            |
| Restraints   | 0                             |
| $R_{\text{int}}$                                   | 0.0878                        |
| $R1$ for $F_o > 4\sigma(F_o)$                      | 0.1602                        |
| $R1$ for all data                                  | 0.1769                        |
| Goodness of fit                                    | 1.610                         |

# Framework structure

|         |                               |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| Si—O    | $1.614 \pm 0.012 \text{ \AA}$ |
| Si—O—Si | $109.5 \pm 1.9^\circ$         |
| O—Si—O  | $153.3 \pm 12.0^\circ$        |



Si? Al? Ge? B? □?

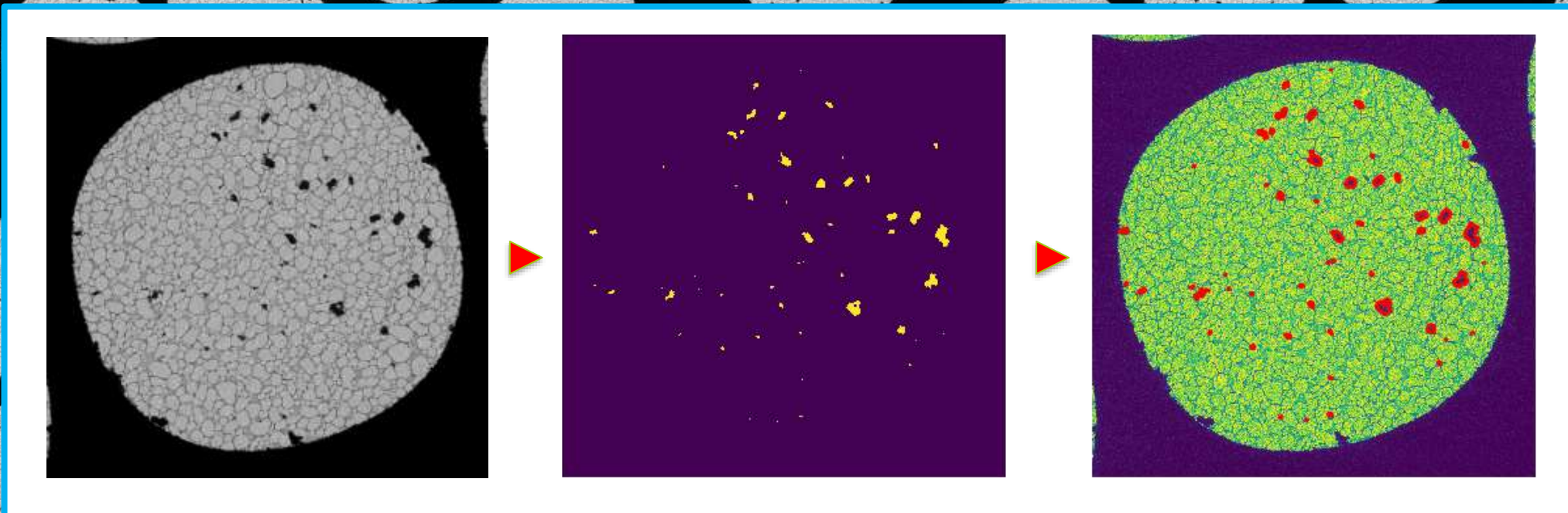


$R1=0.160 (0.80 \text{ \AA})$



# Serial electron crystallography

## Segmentation

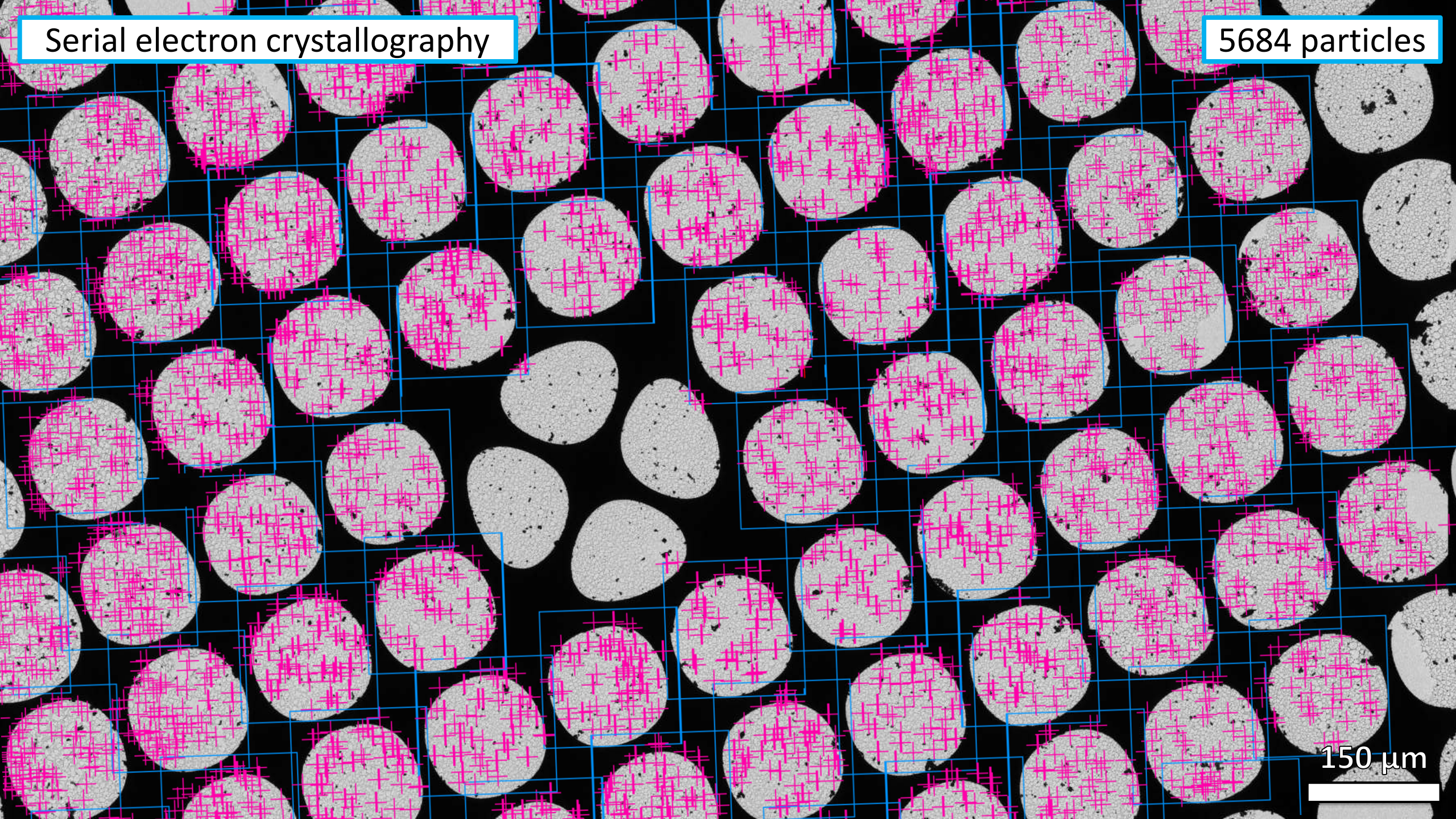


150  $\mu\text{m}$



Serial electron crystallography

5684 particles



150  $\mu\text{m}$



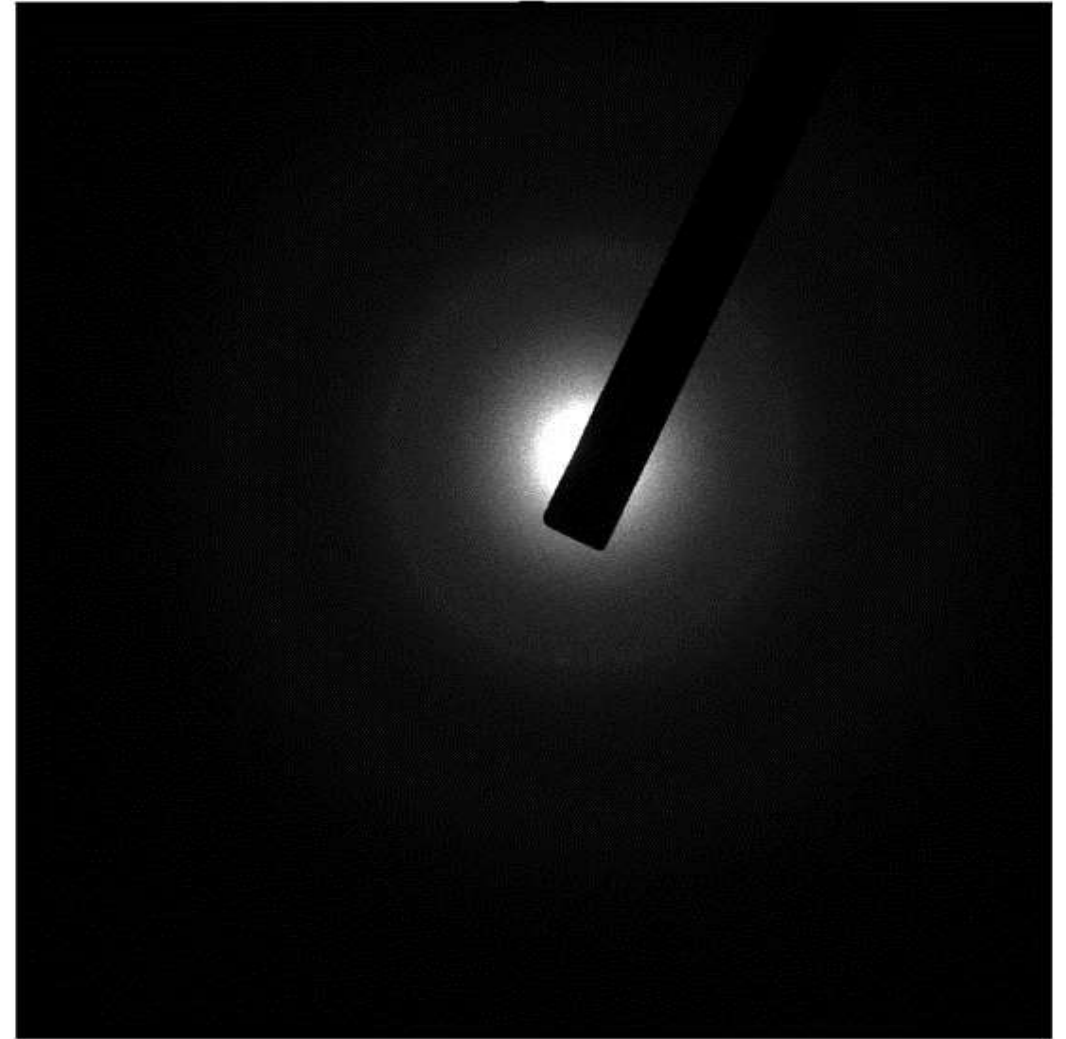
# Serial electron diffraction (SSZ-45)

JEOL 1400 LaB<sub>6</sub> @ 120 kV  
401 images @ 400 ms/frame

diff\image 121.tiff

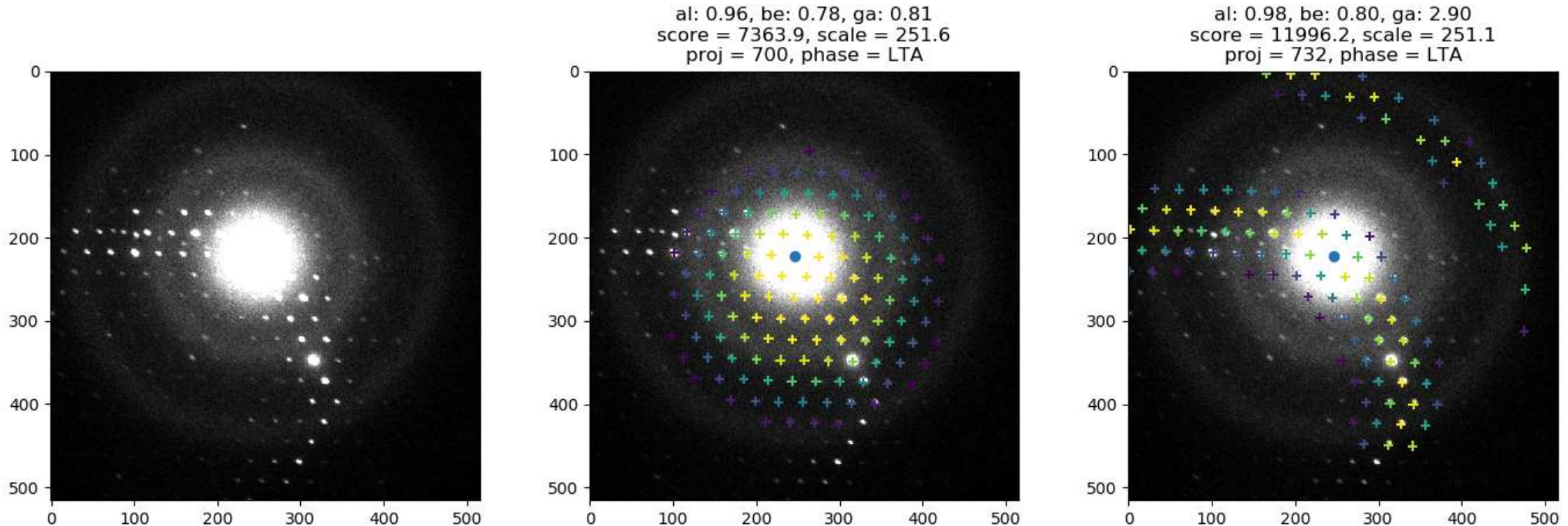


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# Orientation finding

- Forward projection model using known lattice parameters
- Generate pattern library of all possible orientations ( $\sim 1.5\text{M}$  in  $P1$ )
- Match best orientation and index data

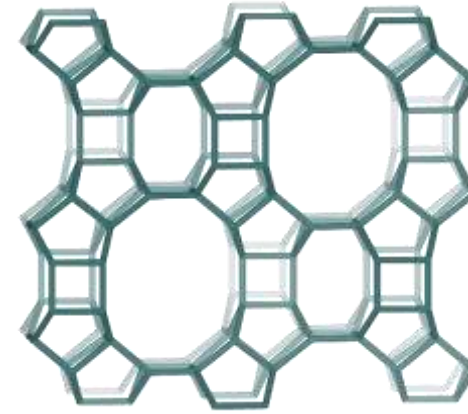


Smeets *et al.*, *J. Appl. Cryst.*, 2018, 51:1262

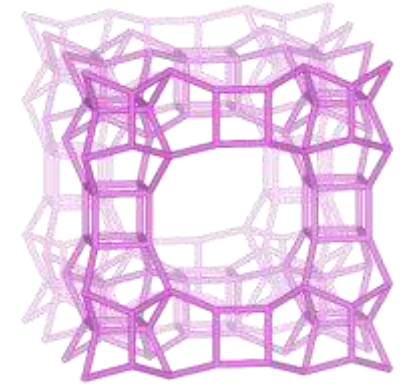


# Structure determination

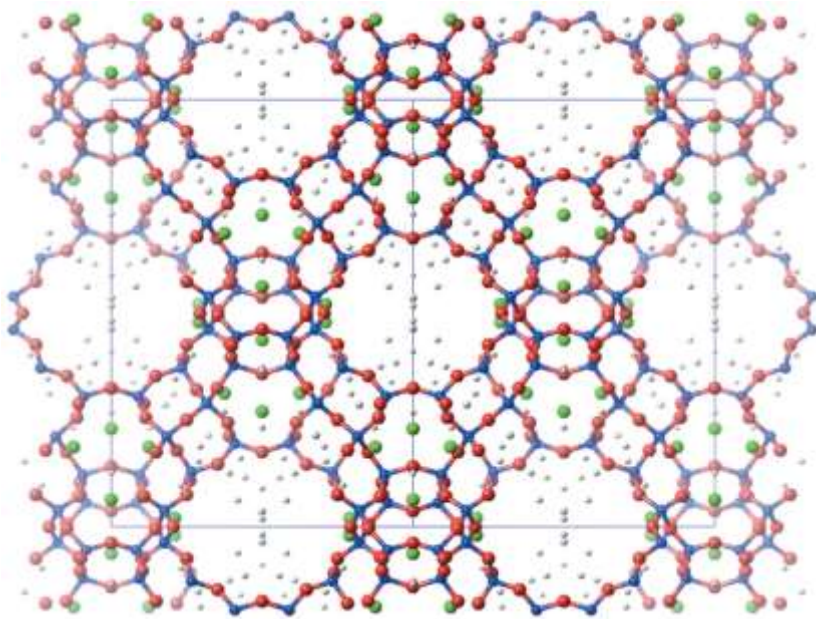
- Merge *hkl*-files using rank aggregation
- Combine data from many frames



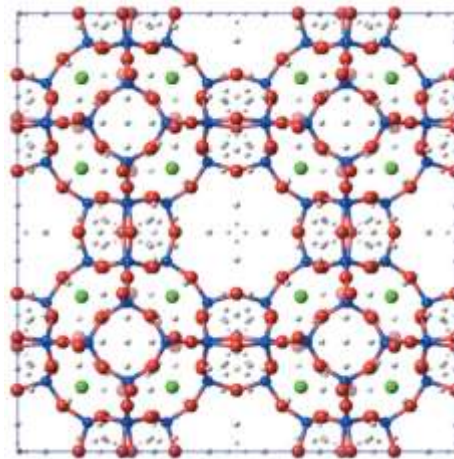
Mordenite



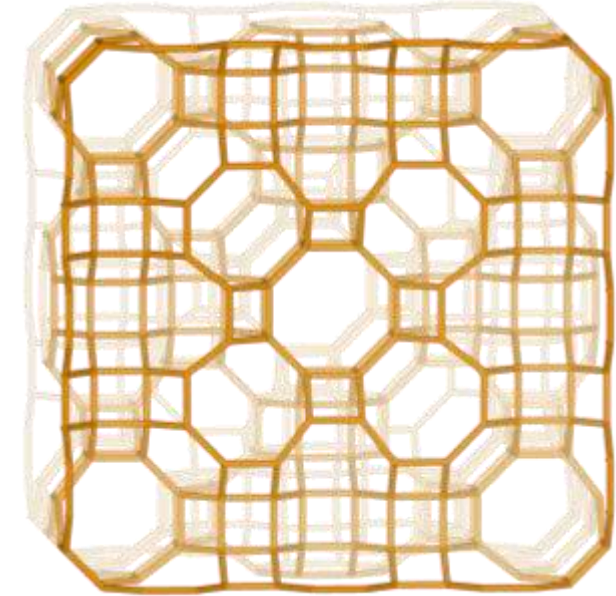
GeSi-BEC



Zeolite Y  
(using 99 / 2506 frames)

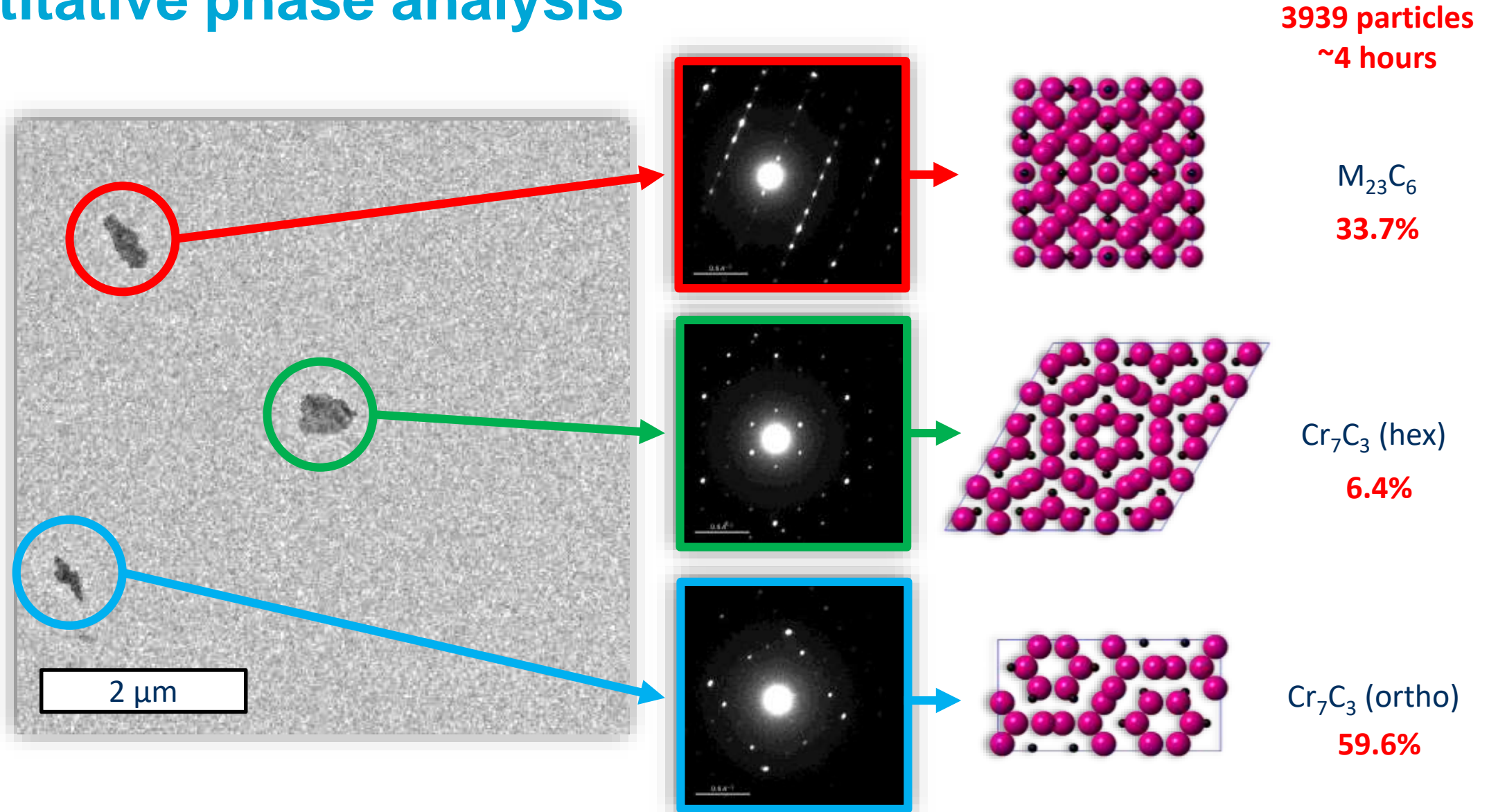


Zeolite A  
(using 200 / 1107 frames)



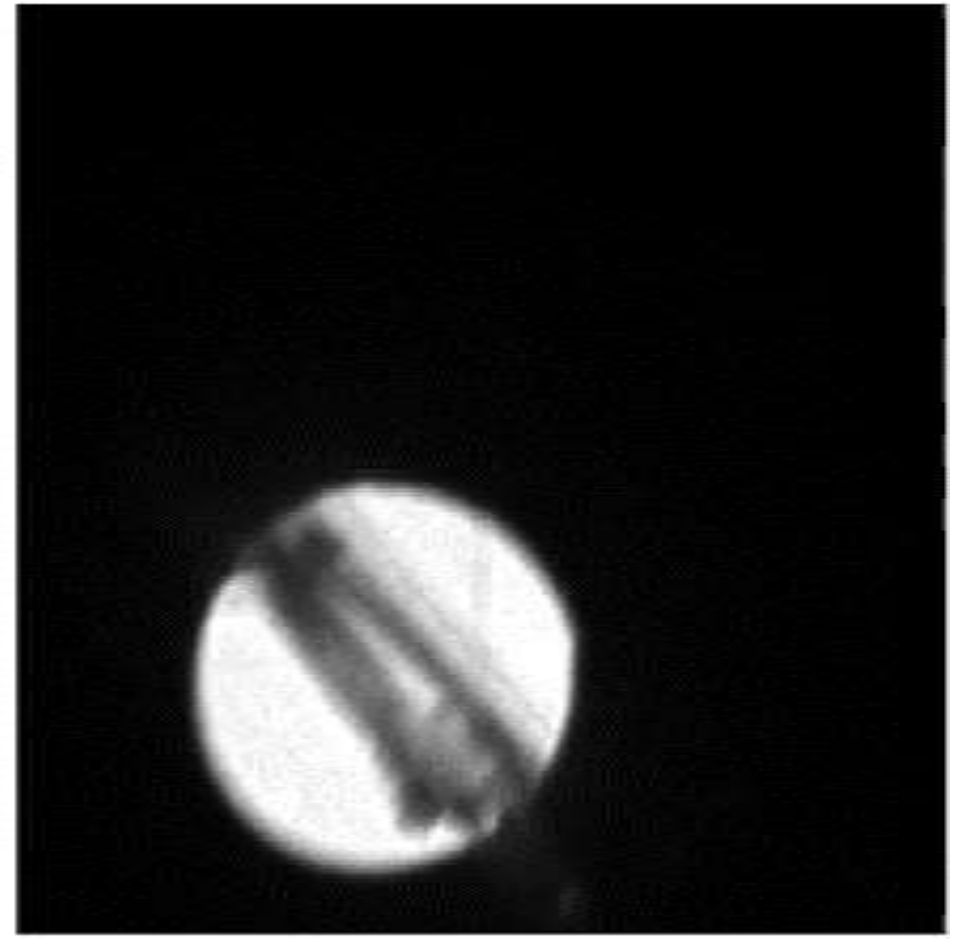
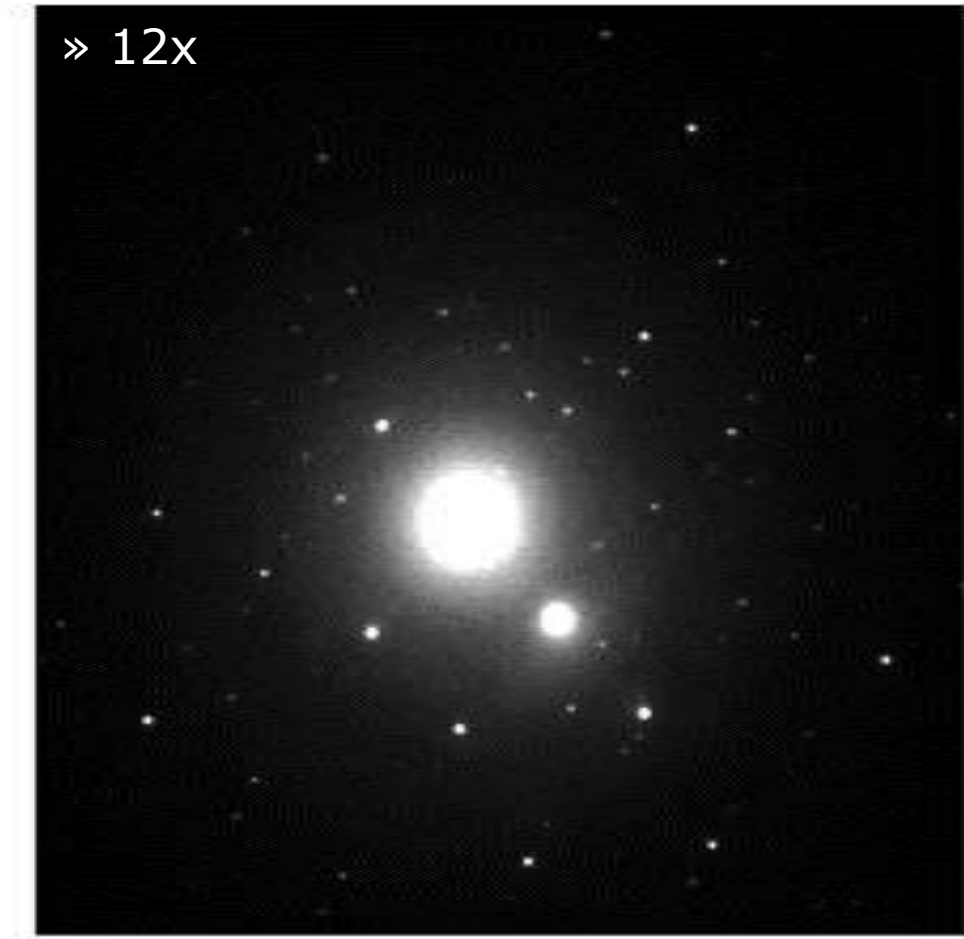
ECR-18

# Quantitative phase analysis



# Automated crystal tracking

Rotation:  $-44.0$  to  $47.4^\circ$  @  $0.76^\circ/\text{s}$  ( $91.4^\circ$ )  
Exposure:  $0.5$  s, oscillation angle:  $0.39^\circ$

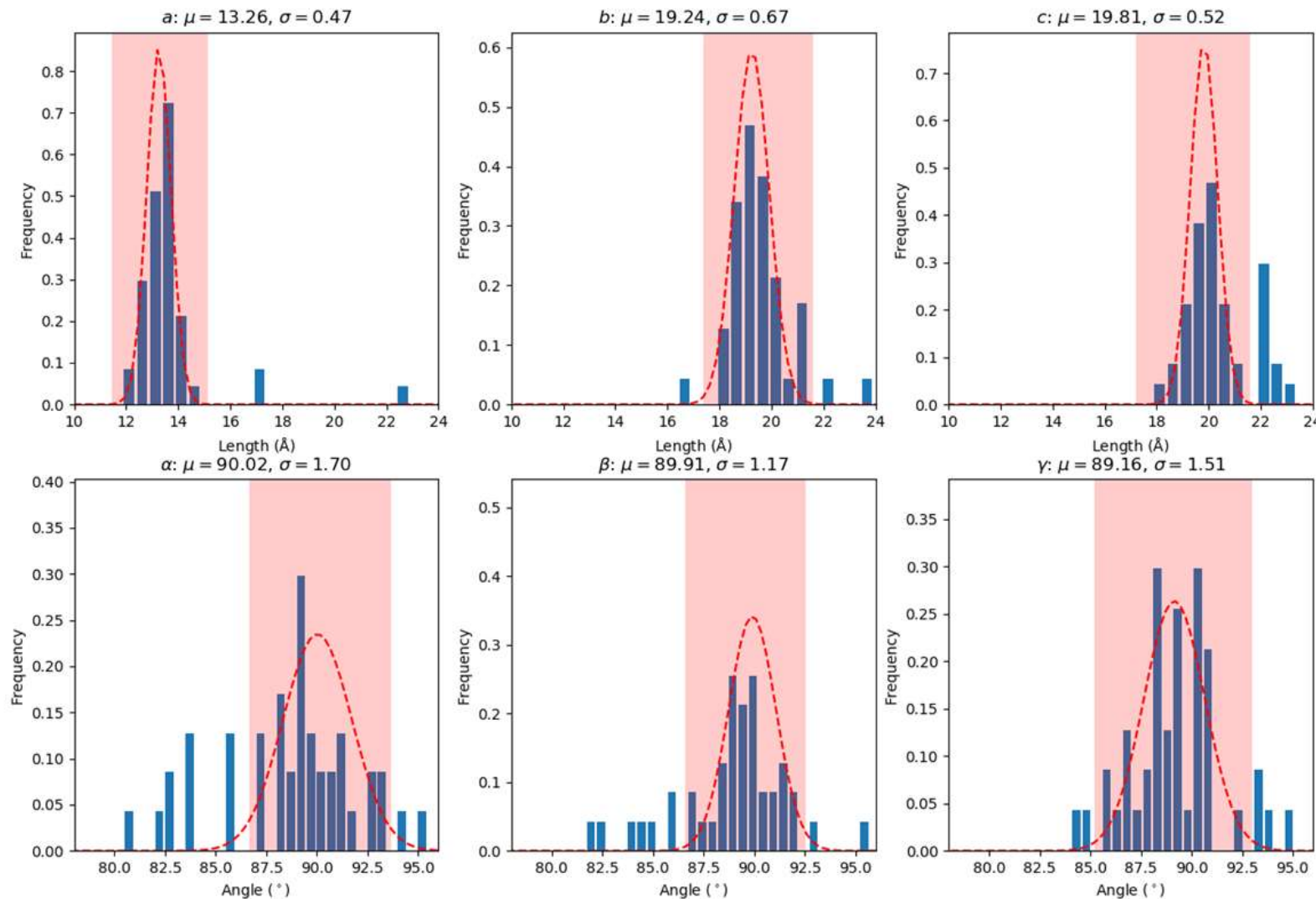


Bin Wang (Stockholm University)

Wang *et al.*, *IUCrJ* 6 (2019), doi: 10.1107/S2052252519007681



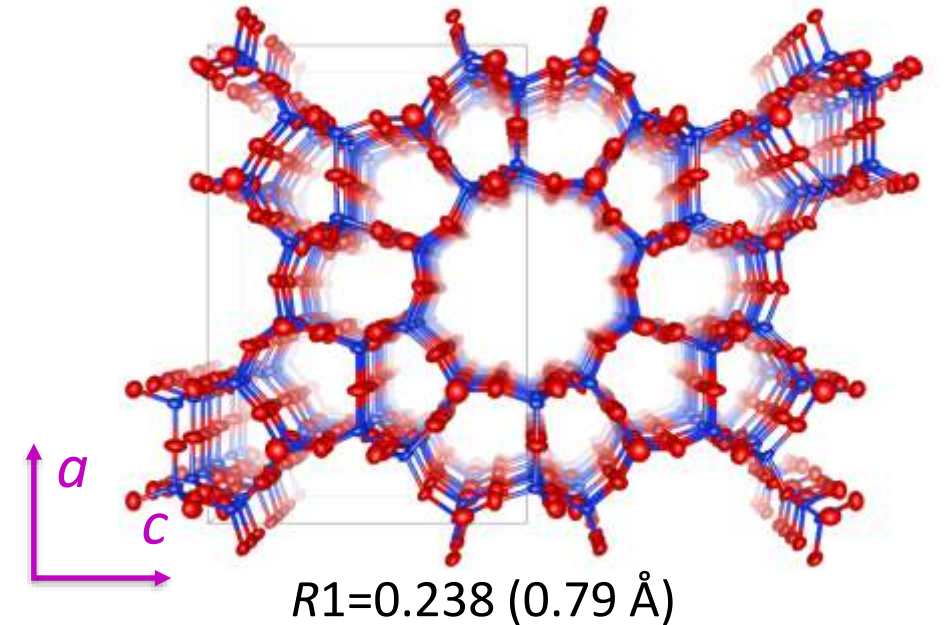
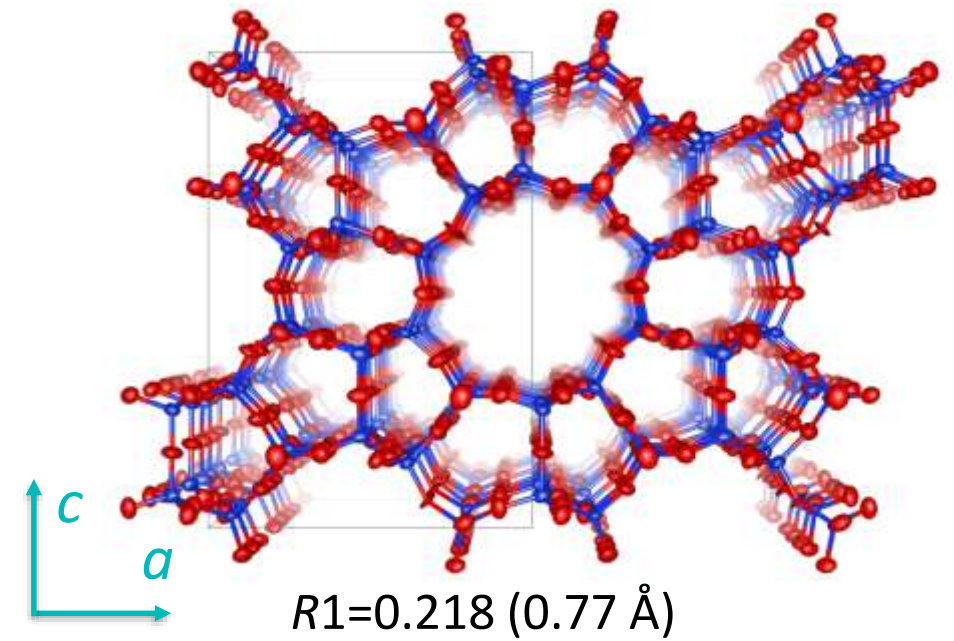
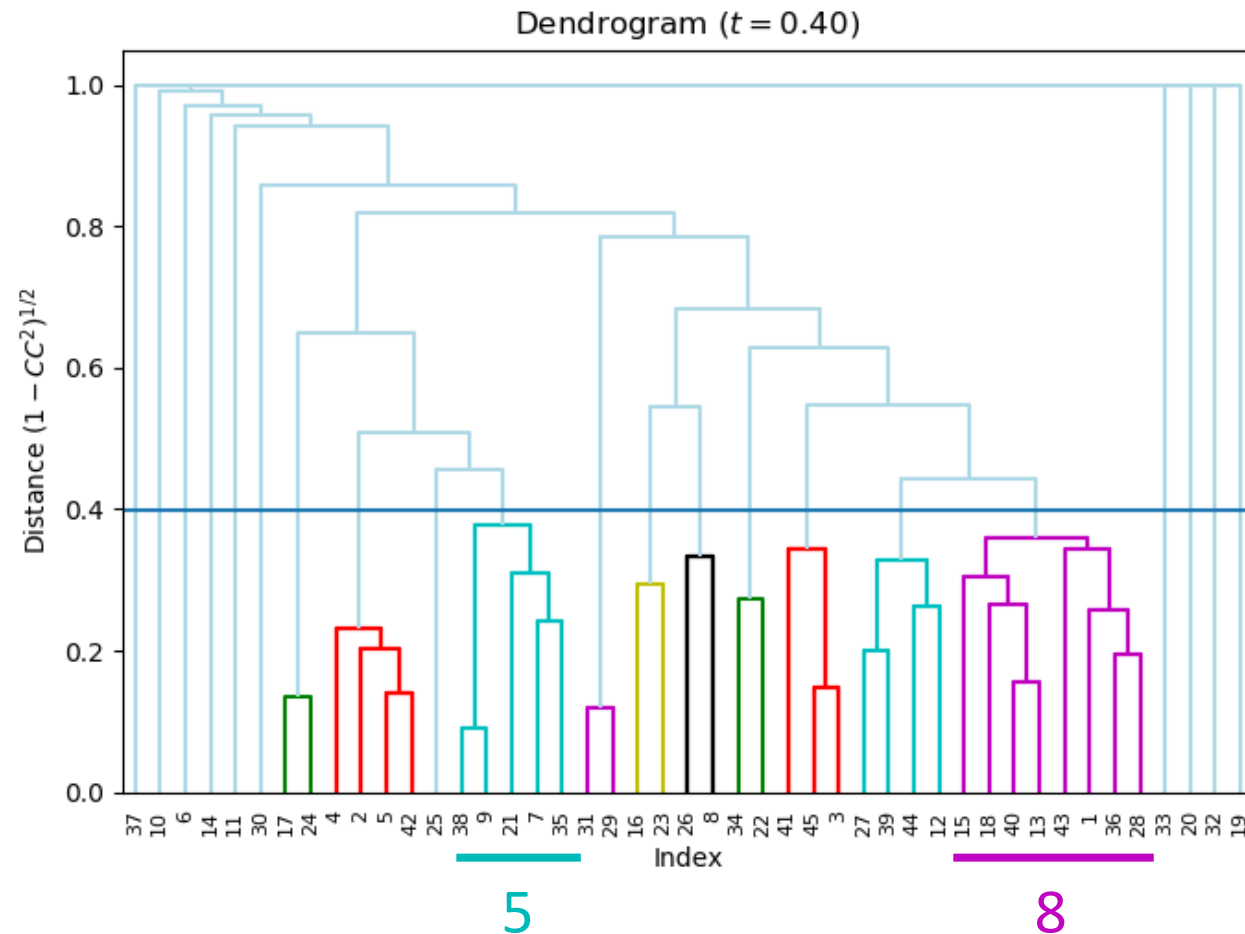
# Find average unit cell (ZSM-5)

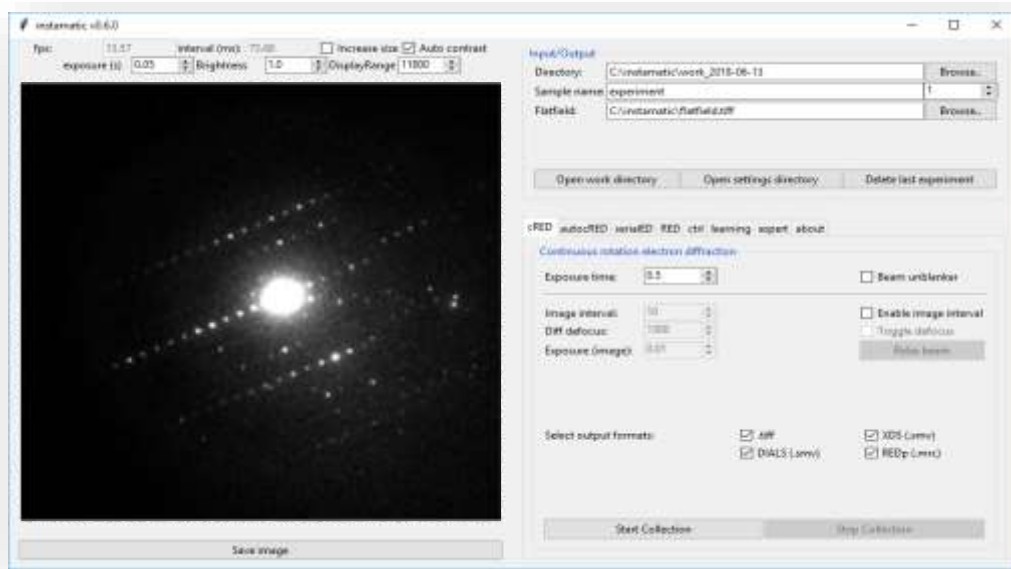


$$\begin{aligned}a &= 13.3(5) \text{ \AA} \\ b &= 19.2(7) \text{ \AA} \\ c &= 19.8(5) \text{ \AA} \\ \alpha &= 90.0(1.7)^\circ \\ \beta &= 89.9(1.2)^\circ \\ \gamma &= 89.16(1.5)^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Orthorhombic  
C-centered

# Cluster analysis (intensities)





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## Python program to collect serial and rotation electron diffraction data

Edit

serial-electron-crystallography

electron-microscope-control

electron-diffraction-data

rotation-electron-diffraction

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| 📁 dmscript         | Fix misnamed variable                                       | 2 months ago  |
| 📁 docs             | Tweak calibration routines and update related documentation | 2 months ago  |
| 📁 instamatic       | Merge branch 'pr12'   | 3 days ago    |
| 📁 scripts          | Add usage instructions                                      | last month    |
| 📄 .gitignore       | ignore db files   | 3 months ago  |
| 📄 AUTHORS          | Update contact details                                      | 6 months ago  |
| 📄 LICENCE          | Change licence to GPLv3                                     | 2 years ago   |
| 📄 MANIFEST.in      | Include all package data                                    | 11 months ago |
| 📄 readme.md        | Add reference   | 29 days ago   |
| 📄 requirements.txt | Update requirements.txt                                     | 3 months ago  |
| 📄 setup.py         | Add tool to generate config files from scratch              | 3 months ago  |
| 📄 setup_win.bat    | Initial commit  | 3 years ago   |

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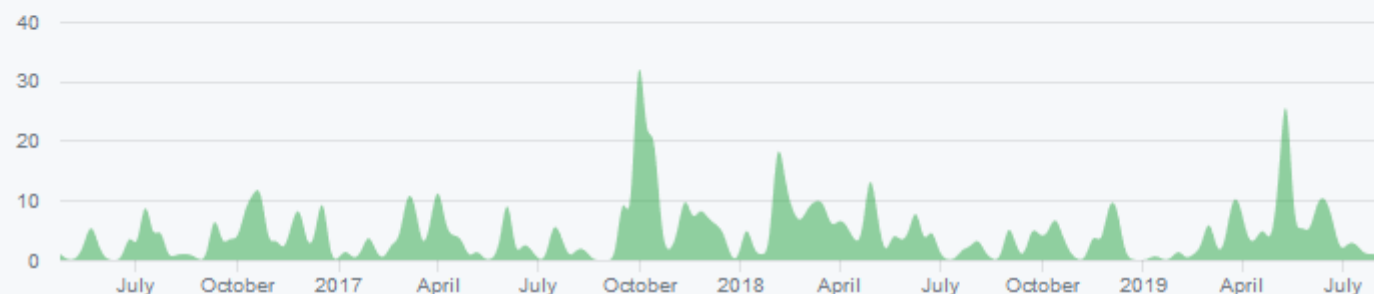
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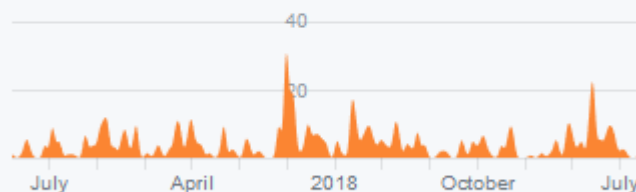
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729 commits 100,966 ++ 88,141 --



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# Python as a glue language

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*Without Python, large amounts of C/C++ code often have to be written just to provide a flexible enough input mechanism so that scientists can feed the program its data, in all the variations that are required for reasons of experimental setup. Python can be used to write a much more flexible input mechanism in a much shorter time.*

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Guido van Rossum (1998)

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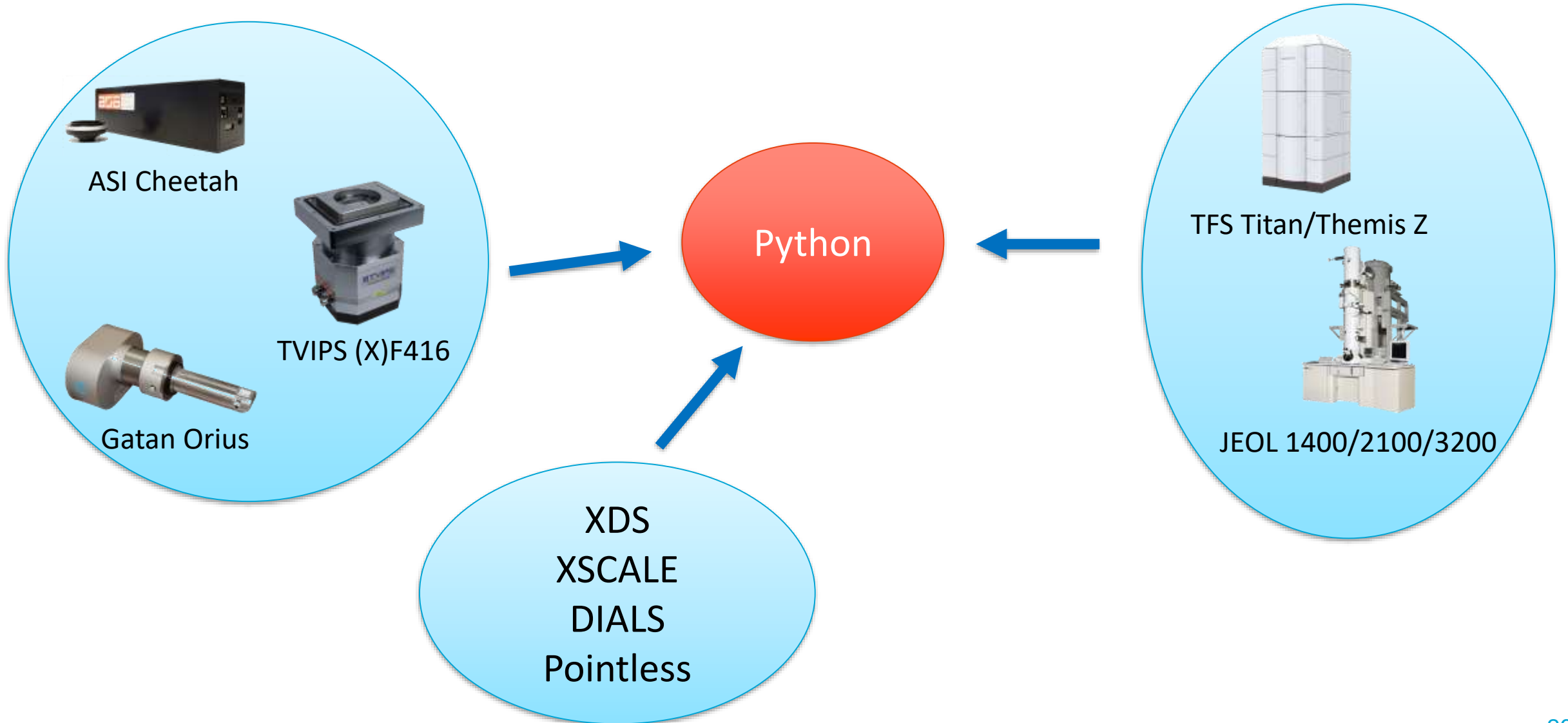
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- Subprocess
- ctypes
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  - call C functions from Python
  - Access Windows API
- Sockets
  - Netcat
  - Echo server
- Windows Subsystem for Linux
- Pyautogui

instamatic.camera.Camera



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Through DLL (C++)  
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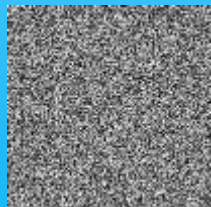
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import

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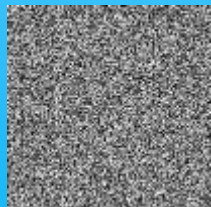
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**Python**

# 3D electron diffraction (discrete rotation)

```
from instamatic import TEMController
from instamatic.formats import write_tiff

ctrl = TEMController.initialize()

angles = range(-60, 60)

for i, angle in enumerate(angles):
    ctrl.stageposition.a = angle
    img, h = ctrl.getImage(exposure=0.5)
    write_tiff(f"diff_{i:4d}.tiff", img, header=h)
```

# 3D electron diffraction (continuous rotation)

```
from instamatic import TEMController
from instamatic.formats import write_tiff

ctrl = TEMController.initialize()

start, end = -60, 60

ctrl.stageposition.set(a=start)
ctrl.stageposition.set(a=end, wait=False)

while ctrl.stageposition.a < end:
    img, h = ctrl.getImage(exposure=0.5)
    write_tiff(f"{i:4d}.tiff", img, header=h)
    print(f"Current angle: {ctrl.stageposition.a:.1f}")
```

# Serial electron diffraction

```
from instamatic import TEMController
from instamatic.formats import write_tiff

ctrl = TEMController.initialize()

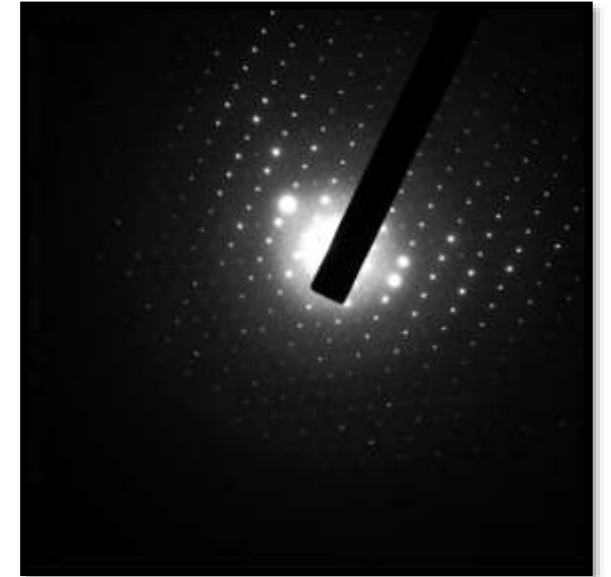
coords = get_list_of_coordinates()

for i, (x, y) in enumerate(coords):
    ctrl.stageposition.set_xy_with_backlash_correction(x=x, y=y)
    img, h = ctrl.getImage(exposure=0.5)
    write_tiff(f"{i:4d}.tiff", img, header=h)

    ctrl.diffocus.defocus(offset=1500)

    img2, h2 = ctrl.getImage()
    write_tiff(f"image_{i:4d}.tiff", img2, header=h2)

    ctrl.diffocus.refocus()
```



# Data reduction server (Windows)

- **DIALS:** Socket server > subprocess > cmd > dials\_script.bat >>> Python2.7

```
cmd = ["dials_script.bat", "./path/to/data"]  
p = sp.Popen(cmd, stdout=sp.PIPE)  
for line in p.stdout:  
    parse(line)
```

- **XDS:** Socket server > subprocess > WSL > XDS

```
path = "./path/to/data"  
p = sp.Popen("bash -ic xds_par 2>&1 >/dev/null", cwd=path)  
p.wait()
```

# Summary

- Python offers many options to interface other programs/libraries
  - The standard library (ctypes, subprocess, sockets, ...)
  - Libraries (comtypes, pyautogui, ...)
- Define common interface to access hardware
- Simplify and unify interaction through high-level interfaces
- Endless flexibility to design new experiments



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