



# HPC & AI ENABLED MATERIALS CHARACTERIZATION AND EXPERIMENTAL AUTOMATION

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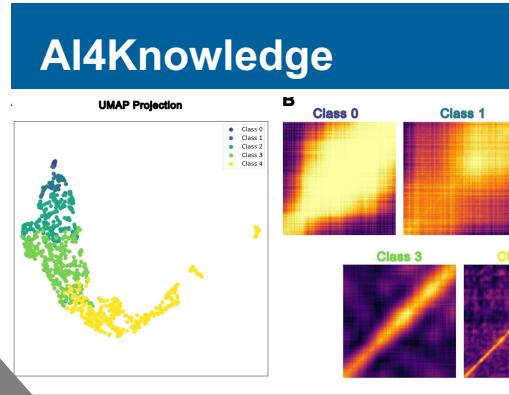
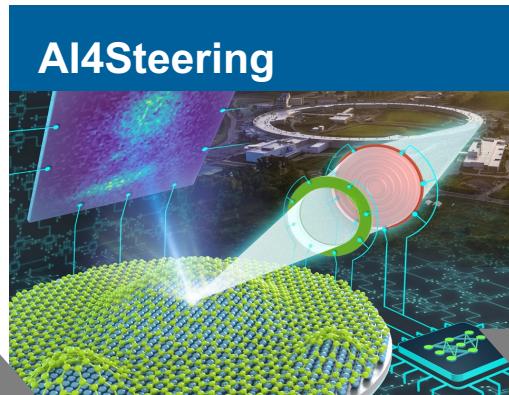
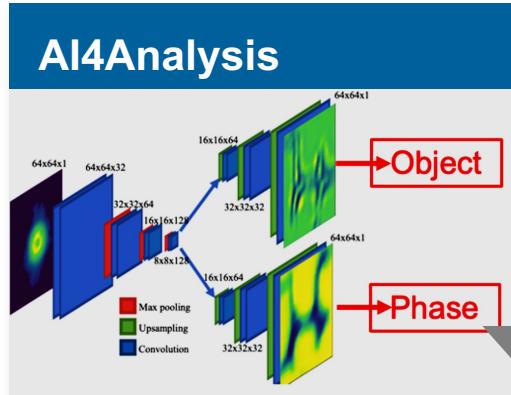
# HPC+AI unlocks new scientific capability from existing instruments



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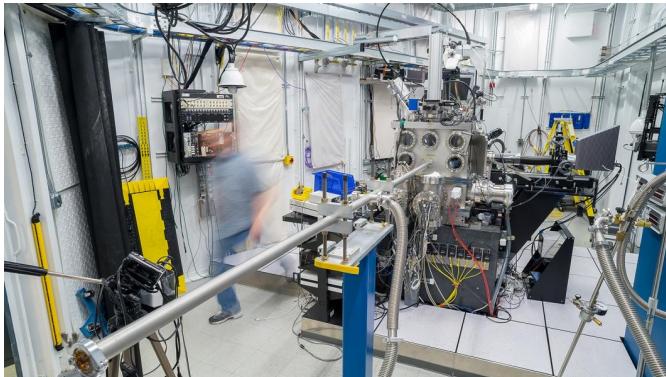
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**68**

X-ray  
beamlines

**5,500**

Unique users  
*in a typical year*

**6,000**  
Experiments  
*per year*

**2,000**  
Publications  
*per year*

Countless  
Societal impacts



# X-RAY LIGHT SOURCES OF THE WORLD



- >50 across the world
- Current and future upgrades to increase brightness and coherence
- APSU >500X coherent flux

**Enable scale-bridging, multi-modal view of materials *operando***

Source: Xu, W., et al. "The complexity of thermoelectric materials: why we need powerful and brilliant synchrotron radiation sources?." Materials Today Physics 6 (2018): 68-82.



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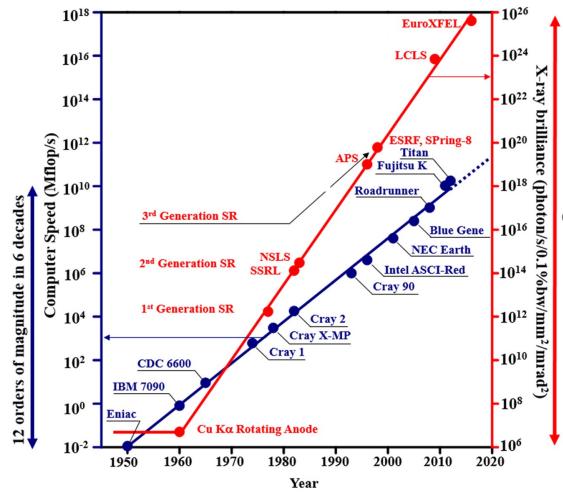
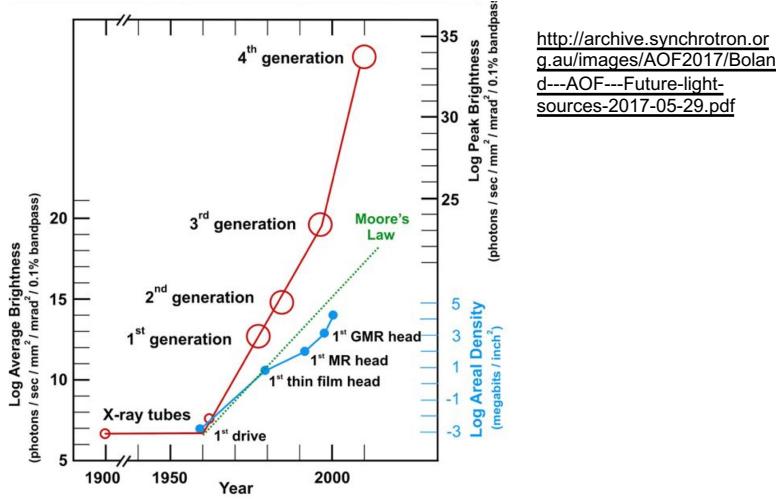
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**2 days to acquire, 2 months to reconstruct**

# WHY HPC+AI?

## Light source Compute needs outpace Moore's law



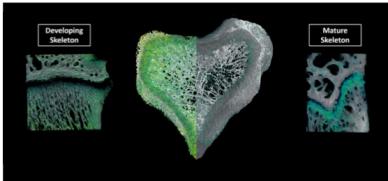
We need to rethink how we do data analysis

NN models 100-1000X faster than conventional methods

# INVERSE PROBLEMS IN MATERIALS CHARACTERIZATION

## 1 IMAGING TAKING A SNAPSHOT

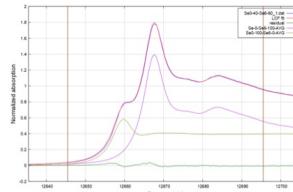
Synchrotron X-rays allow us to take an image of a sample. By studying the interaction of light with an object, we are able to get information about the structure or the function of whatever we are imaging. Our beamlines can take a picture of the tiny airways in a lung or get a three-dimensional image of materials like steel pipelines.



E.g.: Projections -> 3D image

## 2 SPECTROSCOPY ANALYZING THE CHEMISTRY

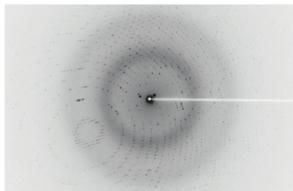
We can see how different wavelengths of light interact with matter, allowing us to analyze what the sample is made of. With spectroscopy we can look at the matter inside of a lentil or model the molecules that exist in space.



Spectra -> chemical composition

## 3 DIFFRACTION AND SCATTERING UNDERSTANDING THE STRUCTURE

Sometimes light can bounce off a sample and create a unique pattern. This pattern allows us to gain insight into the structure of the object. With diffraction and scattering we are able to understand the shapes of proteins inside of living things or visualize the structure of crystallized materials.



Diffraction -> atomic structure

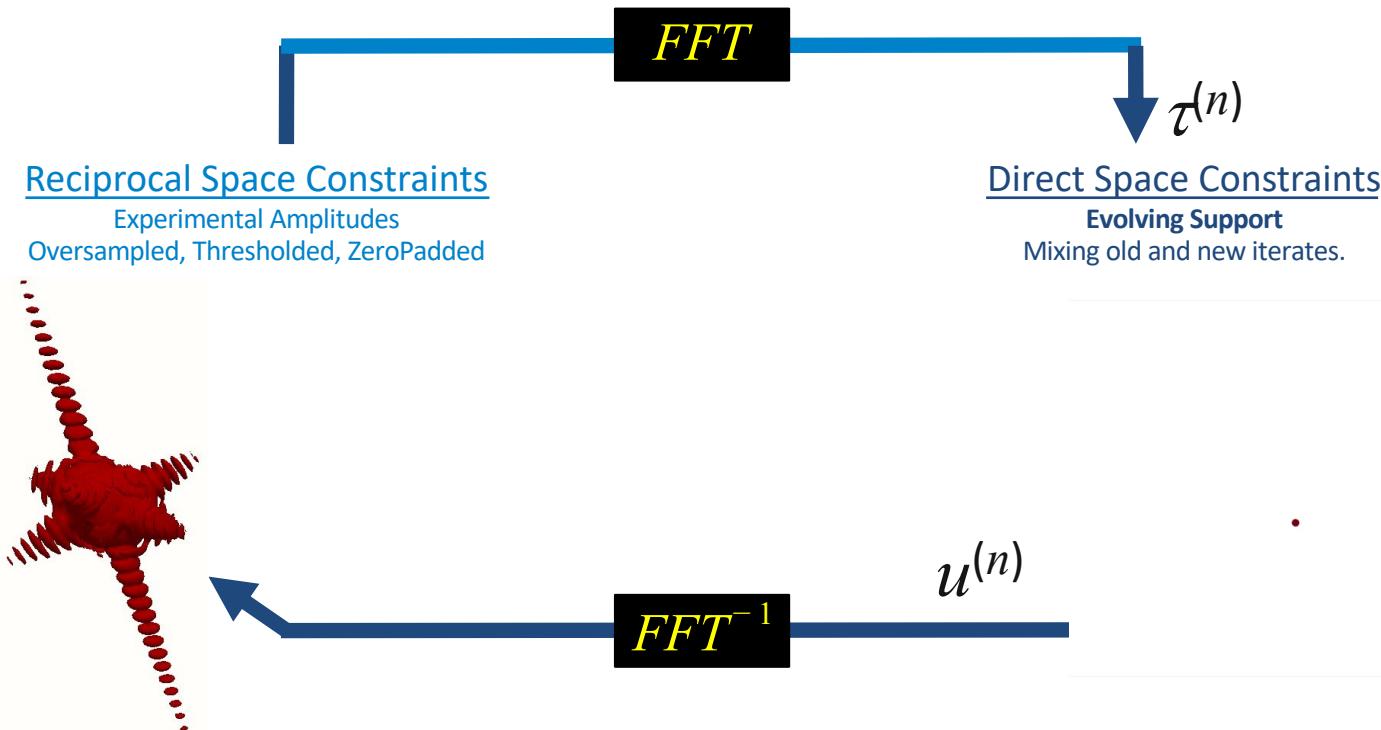


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# CURRENT STATE: ITERATIVE METHODS

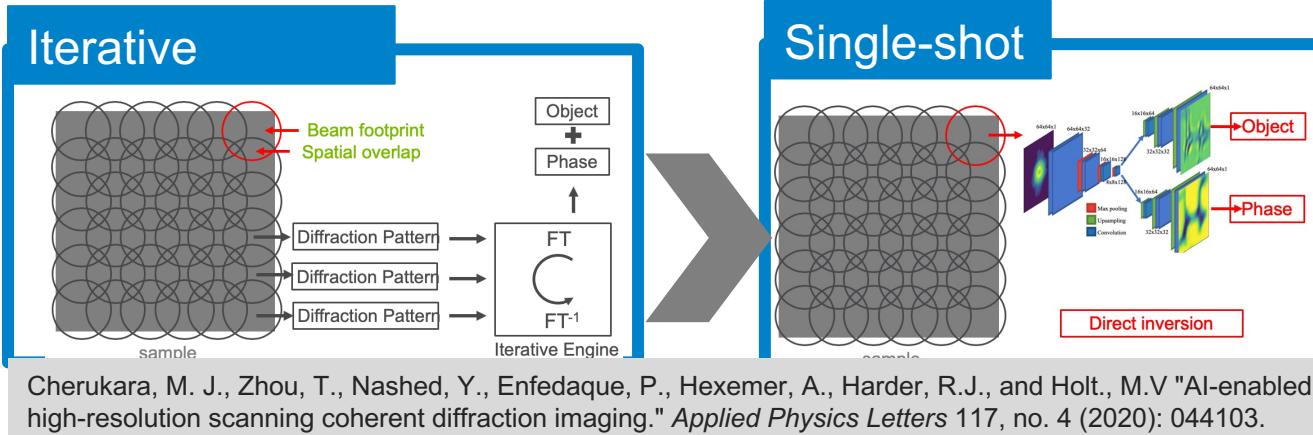


100-1000's of iterations and multiple random starts required for high fidelity data!

- Sensitive to choice of parameters: need multiple tries and expert input

# REINVENTING X-RAY DATA ANALYSIS WITH AI

## AI4Analysis



Cherukara, M. J., Zhou, T., Nashed, Y., Enfedaque, P., Hexemer, A., Harder, R.J., and Holt., M.V "AI-enabled high-resolution scanning coherent diffraction imaging." *Applied Physics Letters* 117, no. 4 (2020): 044103.

Sinogram  
Diffraction  
Spectra



3D image  
Structure  
Composition, Oxidation  
state etc.

# GENERALIZABILITY VS THROUGHPUT

## AI4Analysis

### Application Specific

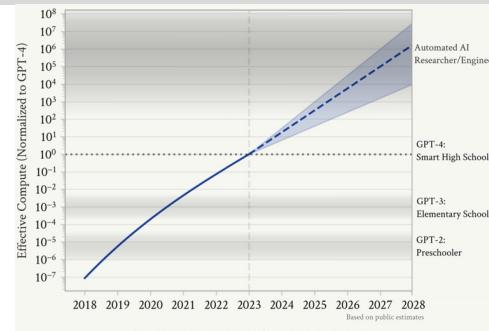
- < 1 million parameters
- Fast inference: > 1000 fps
- Poor generalizability
- Trained *online* on experiment specific data

"It shouldn't take quadrillions of operations to compute  $2 + 2$ "

Illia Polosukhin, Co-author of  
"Attention is all you need" paper

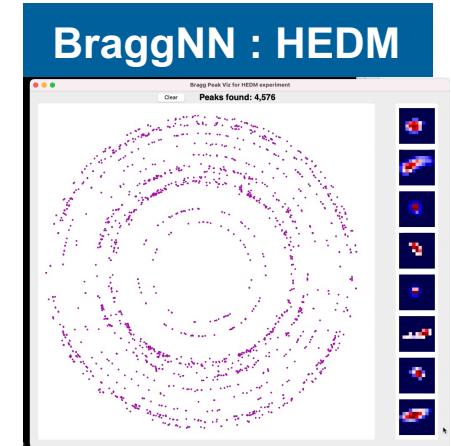
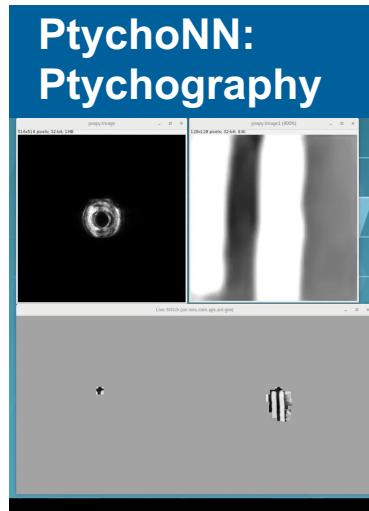
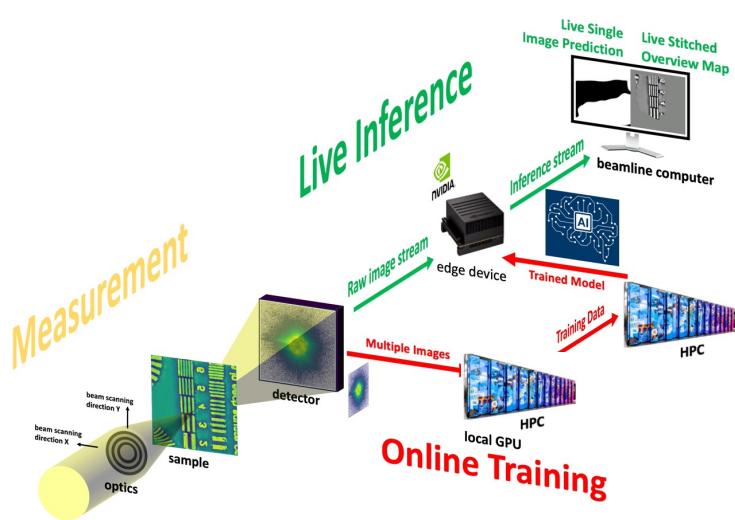
### 'Foundation'-like

- > 1 billion parameters
- Slow inference
- Generalizes across experiments
- Pre-trained (often unsupervised) on large corpus of simulated or experimental data



# AI@EDGE ENABLES REAL-TIME ANALYSIS

## Train AI @ ALCF, deploy AI @ beamline



**Real-time imaging: >100X faster than phase retrieval**  
Live inference at **8 KHz** on 128x128 detector images (8 Gb/s)

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# HPC+AI@EDGE TRANSFORMS EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCE

## AI4Analysis

### No HPC



- Reconstruction time: days-weeks
- Data needed: full

### HPC



- Reconstruction time: minutes-hours
- Data needed: full

### HPC+AI@Edge

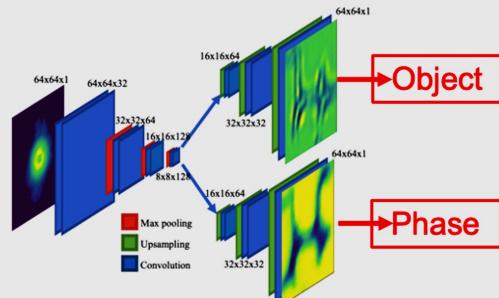


- Reconstruction time: **milliseconds**
- Data needed: >25X less

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# REAL-TIME ANALYSIS ENABLES SMARTER EXPERIMENTS

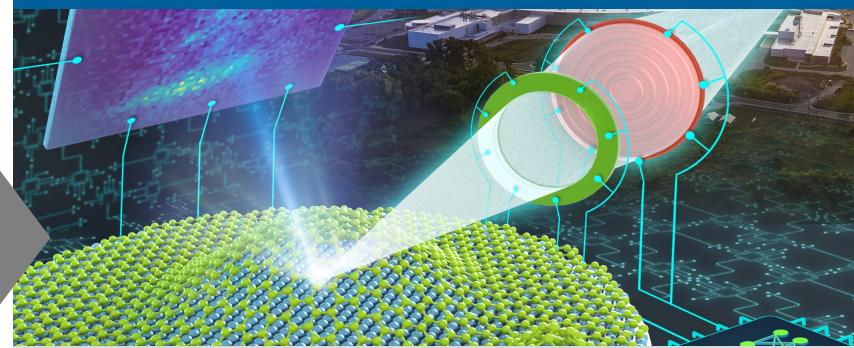
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## AI4Steering

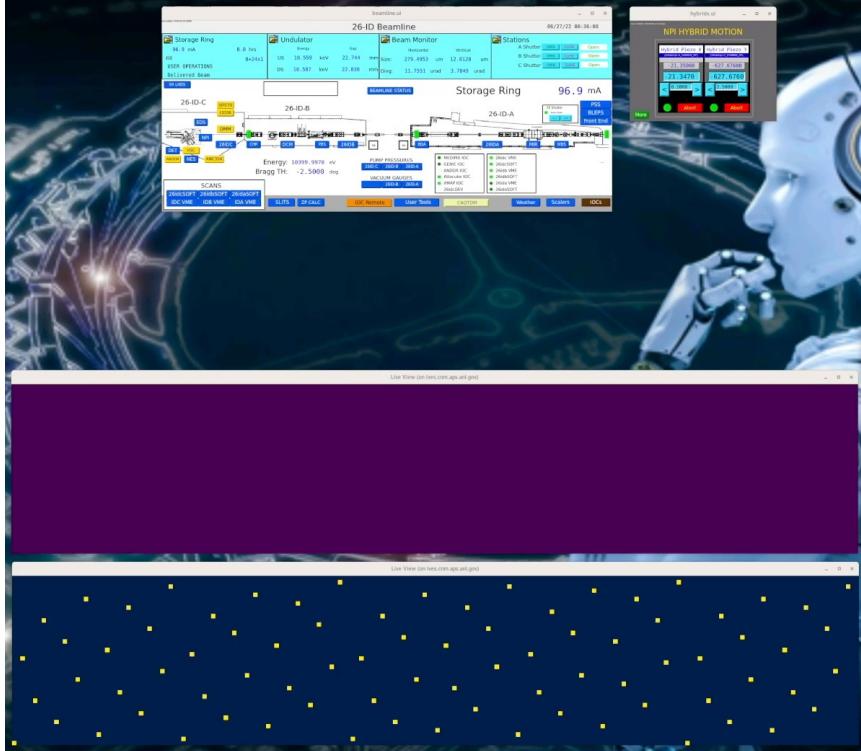


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# AI@EDGE DRIVES EXPERIMENTS

## FAST: Fast Autonomous Scanning Toolkit



### FAST

- Beamline control turned over to NN
- Decision time < 1 s
- 4.3X less time/dose

Kandel, S., Zhou, T., Babu, A.V., Di, Z., Li, X., Ma, X., Holt, M., Miceli, A., Phatak, C. and Cherukara, M., Demonstration of an AI-driven workflow for autonomous high-resolution scanning microscopy, *Nature Communications*, 14(1), p.5501 (2023)

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# Early experiments with LLMs as scientific co-pilots



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# TOWARDS A COMPLETE SCIENTIFIC AI ASSISTANT

## Experiment planning

**User input:** What technique has been used at the APS to study butterfly wings?

**LLM:** The pinhole **small-angle x-ray scattering technique** has been used at the X-ray Science Division **8-ID-I beamline** at the APS to determine the three-dimensional internal structure of scales in the wings of five butterfly species. Additionally, researchers used a powerful x-ray microscope at the APS to study the organization of the photonic crystals in the scale of the Kaiser-i-Hind butterfly, *Teinopalpus imperialis*, at the X-ray Science Division **2-ID-B beamline**.

## Experiment guidance

**User input:** How do I start a tomography scan?

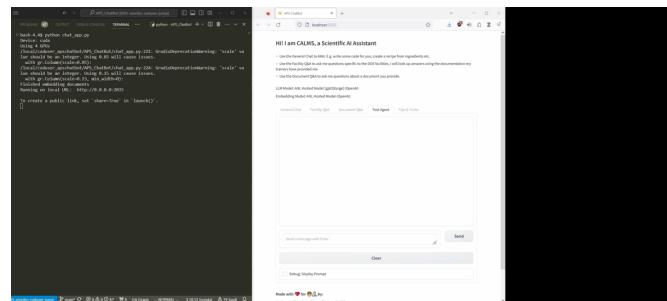
**LLM:** To start a tomography scan, you can enter the acquisition parameters in the **tomoScan** screen and press the green "Start Scan" button. Alternatively, you can run a single scan from the **command line interface** with the command "**tomoscan single**". If you want to do a vertical, horizontal, or mosaic scan, you can use the commands "**tomoscan vertical**", "**tomoscan horizontal**", or "**tomoscan mosaic**" respectively. You can find more details about each of these commands in the **tomoScan** documentation.

## Operation

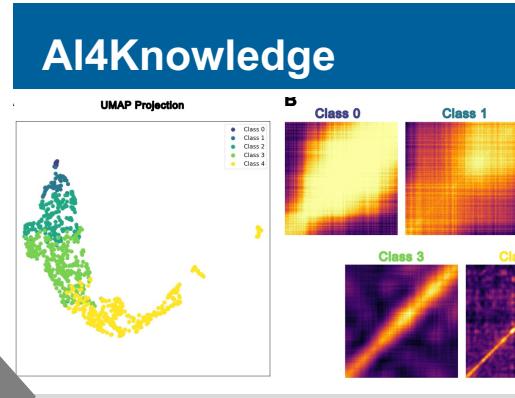
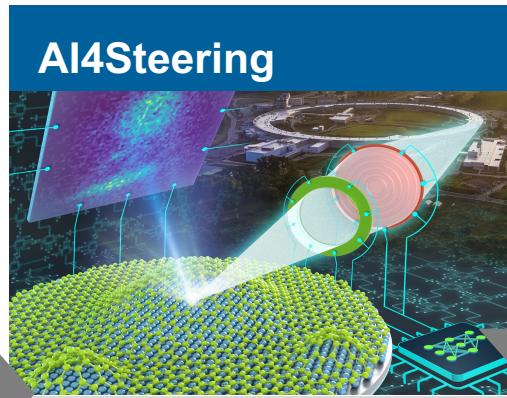
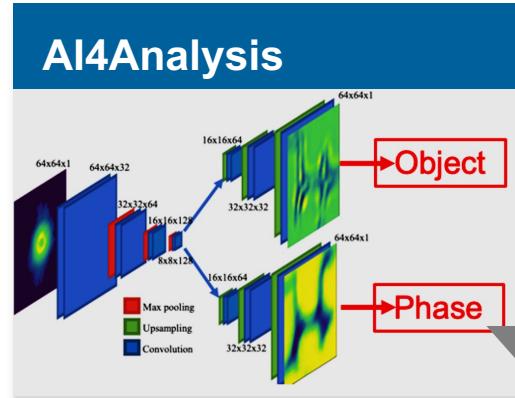
**User input:** Get the lattice parameters of WSe<sub>2</sub> and set the instrument peak to 012

**LLM:**

1. Recognizes material (WSe<sub>2</sub>) and Bragg peak (012)
2. Calls Materials Project to get lattice parameters for WSe<sub>2</sub>
3. Calls instrument control (Spec) and sets the diffractometer to the right location for the 012 peak.



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