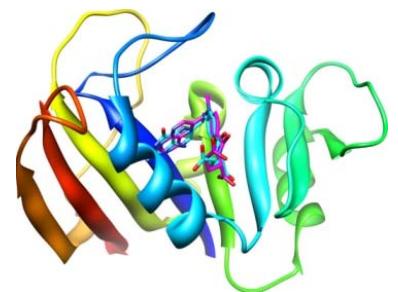
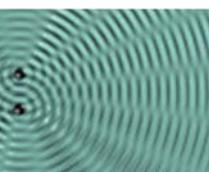


# Nove fizickohemijeske metode

Metode zasnovane na sinhrotronskom zracenju  
(Difrakcione metode)



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# Metode zasnovane na sinhrotronskom zracenju (Difrakcione metode)

## ➤ Plan predavanja:

- Difrakcione metode strukturne karakterizacije materijala
- Eksperimentalni aspekti difrakcije sinhrotronskog X-zracenja
- Oblasti primene difrakcije sinhrotronskog X-zracenja
- Prednosti (i mane) u odnosu na laboratorijski XRD
- Primeri studija neorganskih funkcionalnih materijala

## ➤ Preporuceni prag znanja:

- Osnovne kristalografske definicije
- Kristalografska simetrija, prostorne grupe
- Difrakcija kao fizicka pojava
- Bragg-ov zakon
- Rasejanje sa jedinicne celije: strukturni faktor

# Why Study Structures of Solids?

## ➤ Proof of molecular structure

- Quick analytical tool for the synthetic chemist
  - What molecule have I made?

## ➤ Determination of crystal structure

- Task for the crystallographer
  - How are the atoms/molecules in this solid arranged in 3D?

## ➤ Insight into structure-property relationships

- Key characterisation method for the materials chemist
  - Why is my material an ionic conductor?
  - Why does my material exhibit negative thermal expansion?
  - How can I make a better superconductor?

# Structure Determination: Typical Output

- Table of determined (refined) structural parameters

Table 1. Structural Parameters for  $\text{Bi}_8\text{La}_{10}\text{O}_{27}$  at Room Temperature:

$$a = 12.0640(3) \text{ \AA}, b = 16.3564(4) \text{ \AA}, c = 4.09871(6) \text{ \AA}, \text{ and } V = 808.77(4) \text{ \AA}^3$$

atom <sup>a</sup>	site	x	y	z	occ	$U_{\text{eq}} (\text{\AA}^2)$
Bi1	4e	0.3110(1)	0	0	1	0.009
Bi2	4g	0	0.3310(1)	0	1	0.010
La1	8n	0.3417(2)	0.3257(1)	0	1	0.013
La2	2a	0	0	0	1	0.018
O1	4h	0	0.0888(5)	0.5	1	0.005
O2	4h	0	0.2759(3)	0.5	1	0.016
O3	8n	0.1894(5)	0.0879(3)	0	1	0.024
O4	8n	0.1523(3)	0.2638(3)	0	1	0.010
O5	8n	0.186(1)	0.458(1)	0	0.349(5)	0.036(2) <sup>b</sup>
O6	4h	0	0.32(1)	0.5	0.08(1)	0.036(2) <sup>b</sup>

unit cell parameters

atomic coordinates

atomic displacement  
parameters (ADPs), or  
thermal parameters

atomic site occupancies

- From these parameters, conclusions about the atomic connectivity and coordination environments (bond lengths and angles) can be drawn

# Diffraction Patterns

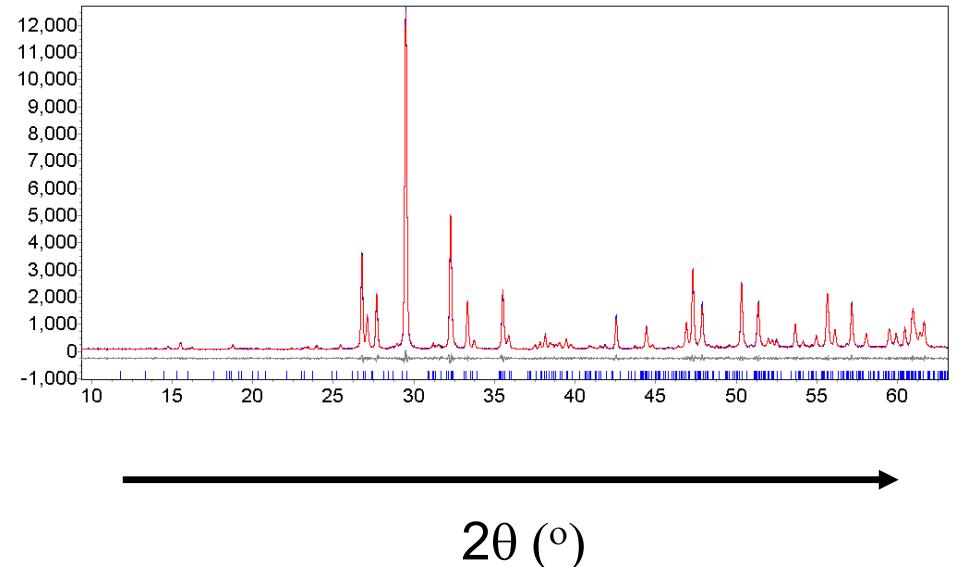
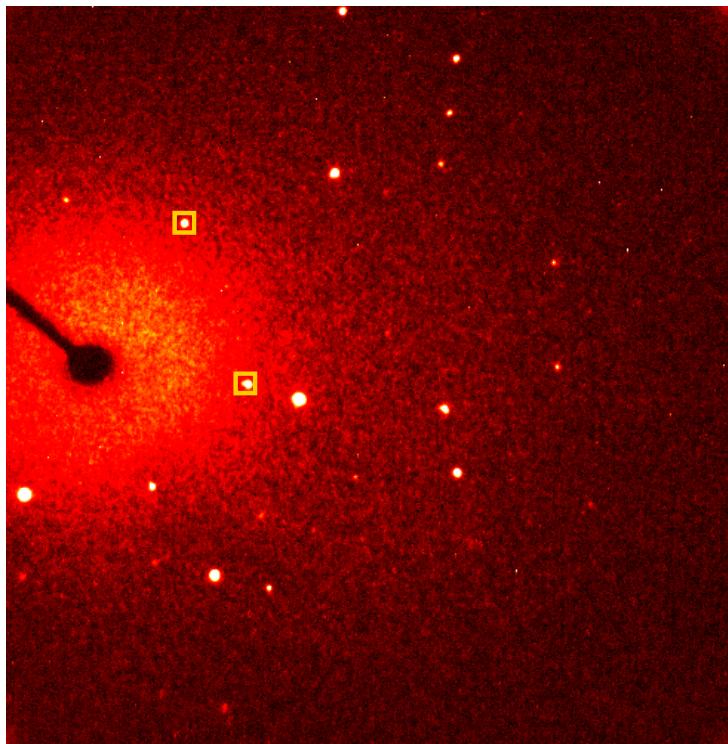
- Experimentally observed diffraction patterns



Single crystal diffraction



Powder diffraction



# Diffraction by Crystalline Solids

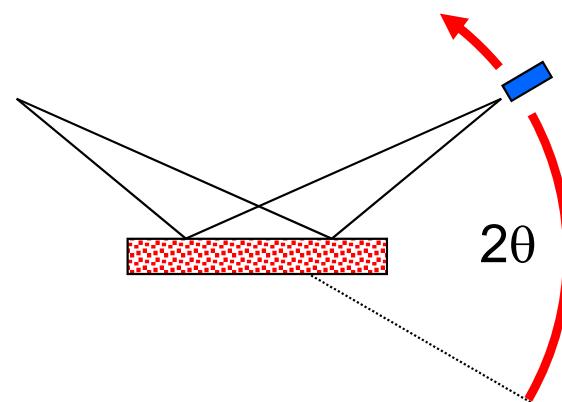
- Crystalline materials = long-range 3D periodic atomic arrays
  - Interatomic distances  $\sim 0.5 - 2.5 \text{ \AA}$
- Waves of comparable wavelengths will be diffracted
  - X-rays = EM radiation,  $\lambda \sim 0.1 - 100 \text{ \AA}$
  - Neutrons
  - Electrons
$$\lambda = h / mv$$

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- X-rays, neutrons and electrons are diffracted by crystals

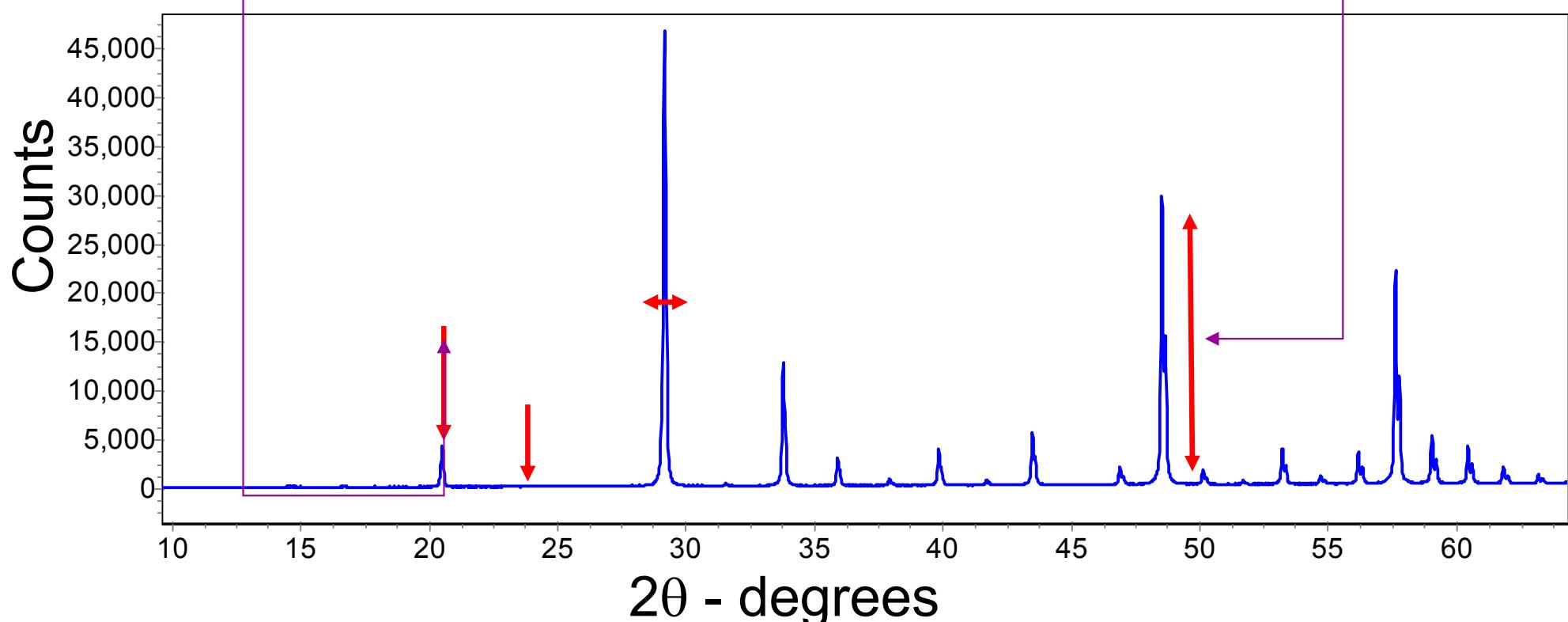
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- X-ray, neutron and electron diffraction patterns contain information about 3D arrangement of atoms in crystals

# Information in a Powder Pattern

1. Peak positions determined by size and shape of unit cell – internal structure

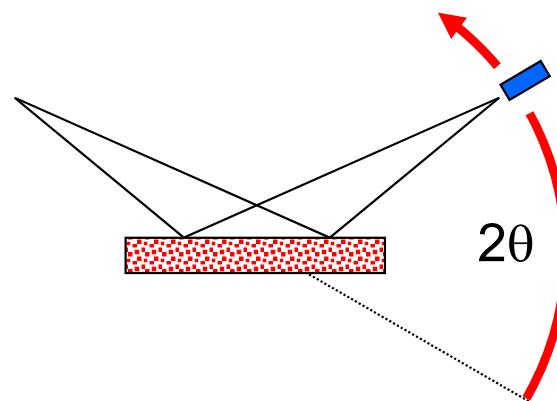


2. Peak Intensities determined by where atoms sit in unit cell – internal structure

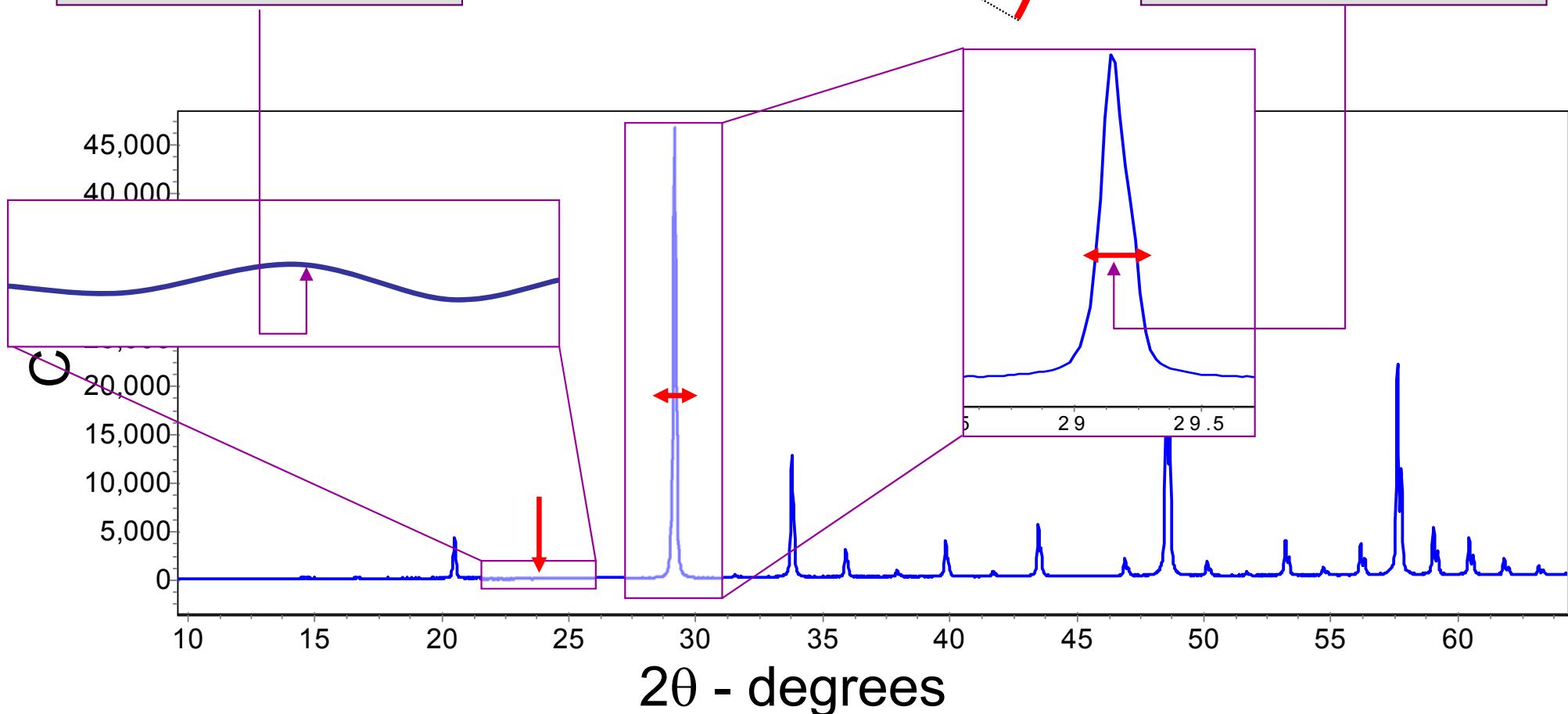


# Information in a Powder Pattern

4. Background oscillations may contain information about short range order in material

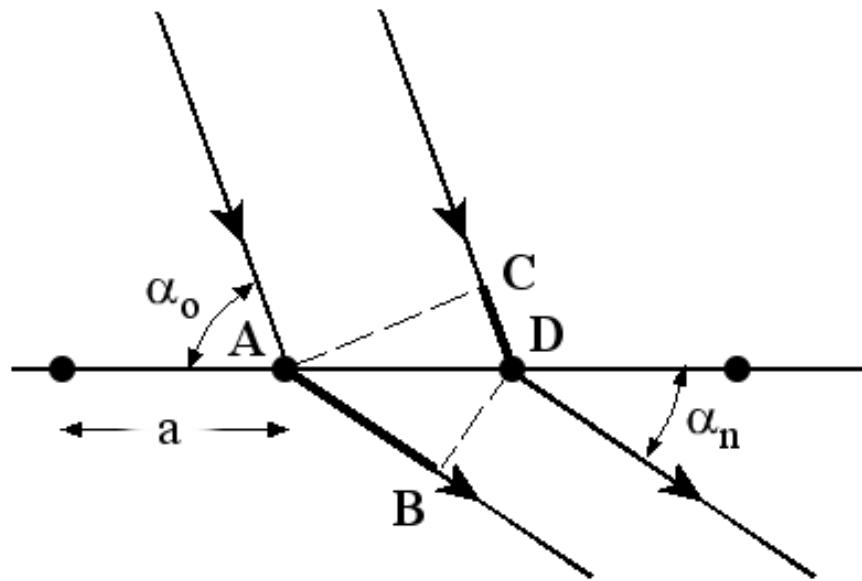


3. Peak widths determined by size/strain of crystallites - microstructure.



# Diffraction by Crystalline Solids

- 1D periodic array of atoms (unit cell parameter  $a$ )

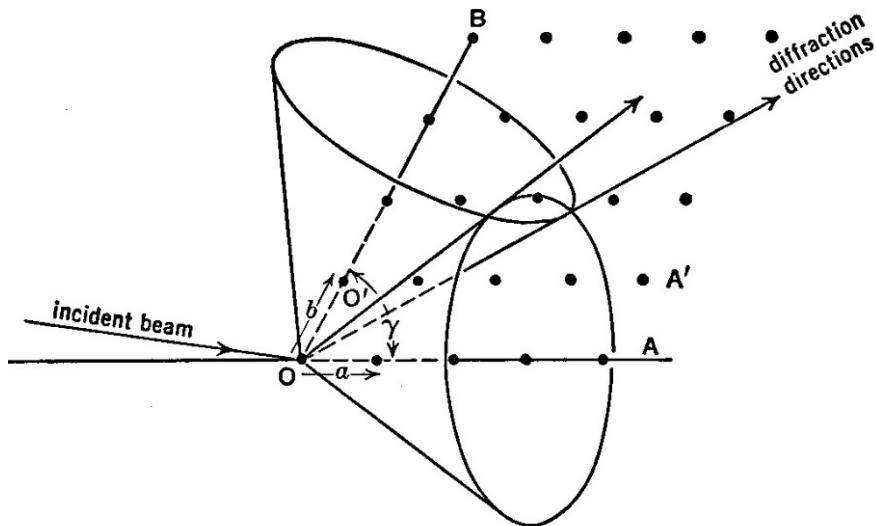


Constructive interference:

$$(AB - CD) = a(\cos \alpha_n - \cos \alpha_o) = h\lambda$$

# Diffraction by Crystalline Solids

- 2D periodic array of atoms (unit cell parameters  $a$ ,  $b$ )
- Maxima in two directions



Constructive interference:

$$a(\cos \alpha_n - \cos \alpha_o) = h\lambda$$

$$b(\cos \beta_n - \cos \beta_o) = k\lambda$$

# Diffraction by Crystalline Solids

- 3D periodic array of atoms (unit cell parameters  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ )
- Maximum in one direction

Constructive interference:

$$a(\cos \alpha_n - \cos \alpha_o) = h\lambda$$

$$b(\cos \beta_n - \cos \beta_o) = k\lambda$$

$$c(\cos \gamma_n - \cos \gamma_o) = l\lambda$$

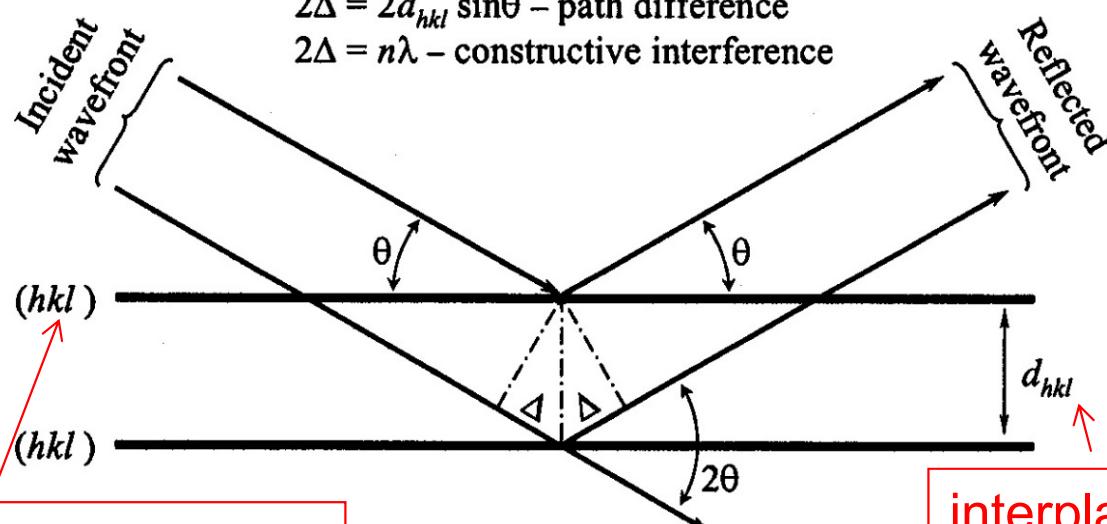
Laue  
equations

# Bragg's Law

## ➤ Simplistic, but useful view of diffraction

- Atoms arranged in parallel planes in a crystal
- Incident X-rays reflected off the planes
- Peaks in diffraction patterns referred to as “reflections”

$\theta, 2\theta$  – Bragg angles  
 $2\Delta = 2d_{hkl} \sin\theta$  – path difference  
 $2\Delta = n\lambda$  – constructive interference



Miller indices

interplanar spacing,  
d-spacing

$$2\Delta = n\lambda$$

(n=order of diffraction\*)

$$2d_{hkl} \sin\theta = \lambda$$

\* $n=1$ , because  $n^{\text{th}}$  order diffraction from  $(hkl)$  planes with spacing  $d$  can be treated as 1<sup>st</sup> order diffraction from  $(nh, nk, nl)$  planes with spacing  $d/n$

# d-spacings and Cell Parameters

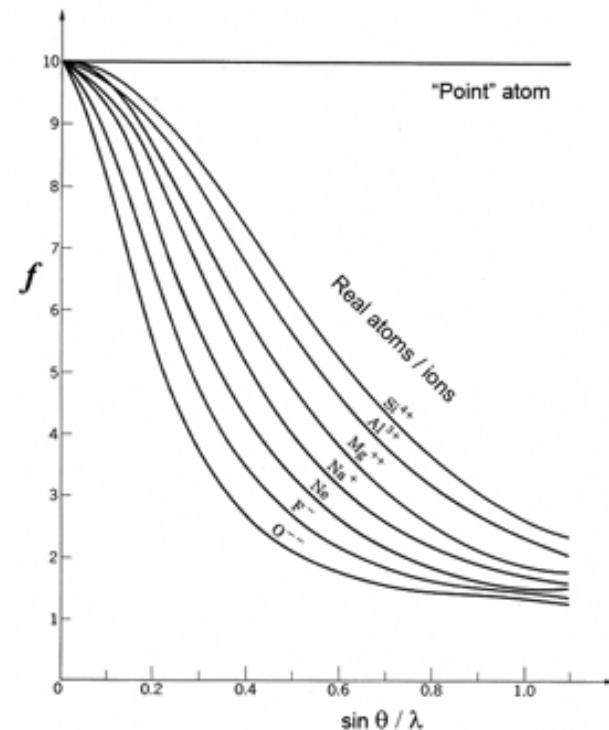
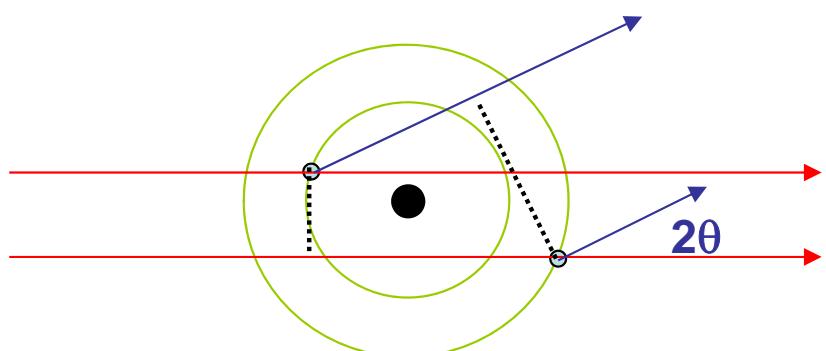
- d-spacings in crystals are related to the unit cell parameters  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$
- For orthogonal crystal systems:

$$\frac{1}{{d_{hkl}}^2} = \frac{h^2}{a^2} + \frac{k^2}{b^2} + \frac{l^2}{c^2}$$

- Applications:
  - From known unit cell parameters, we can predict diffraction patterns (peak positions)
  - From experimentally observed peak positions, we can determine unit cell parameters

# Scattering of X-rays by Atoms

- X-rays are scattered by electrons  $f = \frac{\text{amplitude of the wave scattered by an atom}}{\text{amplitude of the wave scattered by one electron}}$
- Thomson (elastic) scattering
- The atomic scattering factor  $f = Z$  for any atom in the forward direction ( $2\theta = 0$ ):
- As  $\theta$  increases  $f$  decreases  $\rightarrow$  functional dependence of the decrease depends on the details of the distribution of electrons around an atom
- $f$  is calculated using quantum mechanics



# Scattering of X-rays by the Unit Cell

- Peak intensities,  $I_{hkl}$ :  $I_{hkl} \propto |F_{hkl}|^2$ 
  - $|F_{hkl}| \sim$  the collective scattering power of the atoms in the unit cell
  - Other factors: absorption, thermal vibrations, site occupancies, ...
- Structure factor,  $F_{hkl}$

$$F_{hkl} = \sum_1^N f_n e^{2\pi i(hx_n + ky_n + lz_n)}$$

Electronic property of the atom  
Information about atom types

Structural property of the unit cell  
Information about atomic positions

- $F_{hkl}$  is a complex number:  $F_{hkl} = |F_{hkl}| e^{i\phi_{hkl}}$

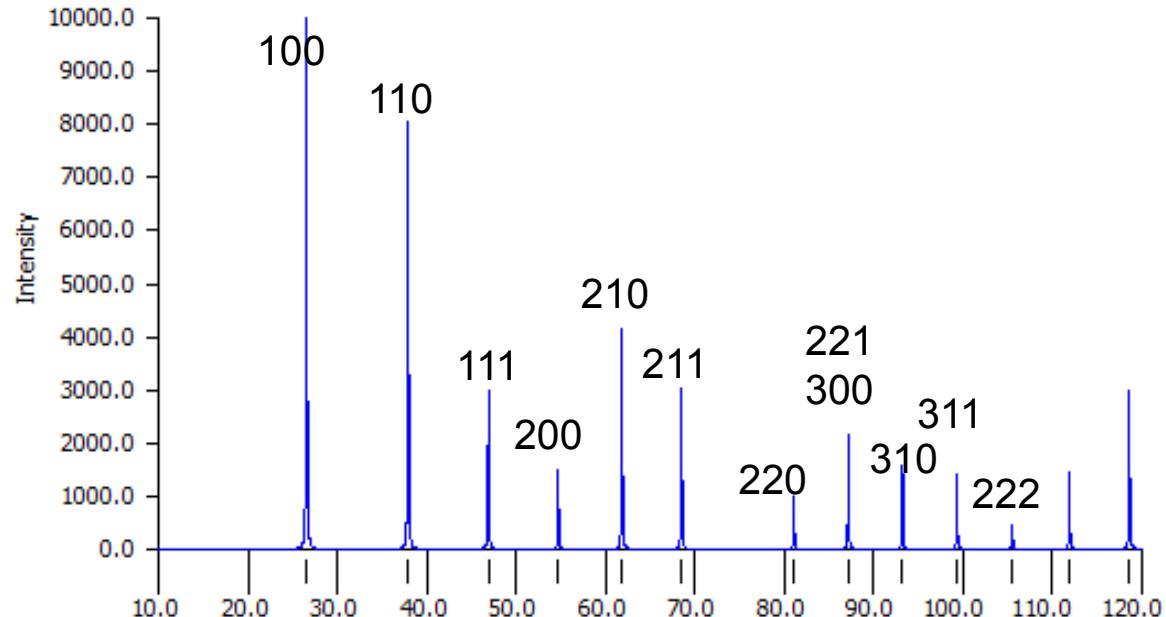
\* $x_n$ ,  $y_n$  and  $z_n$  are atomic fractional coordinates:  $x_n = x/a$ ,  $y_n = y/b$ ,  $z_n = z/c$

# Systematic Absences

## ➤ Example: Po

- Primitive cubic ( $Pm\text{-}3m$ )
- $a = 3.352 \text{ \AA}$

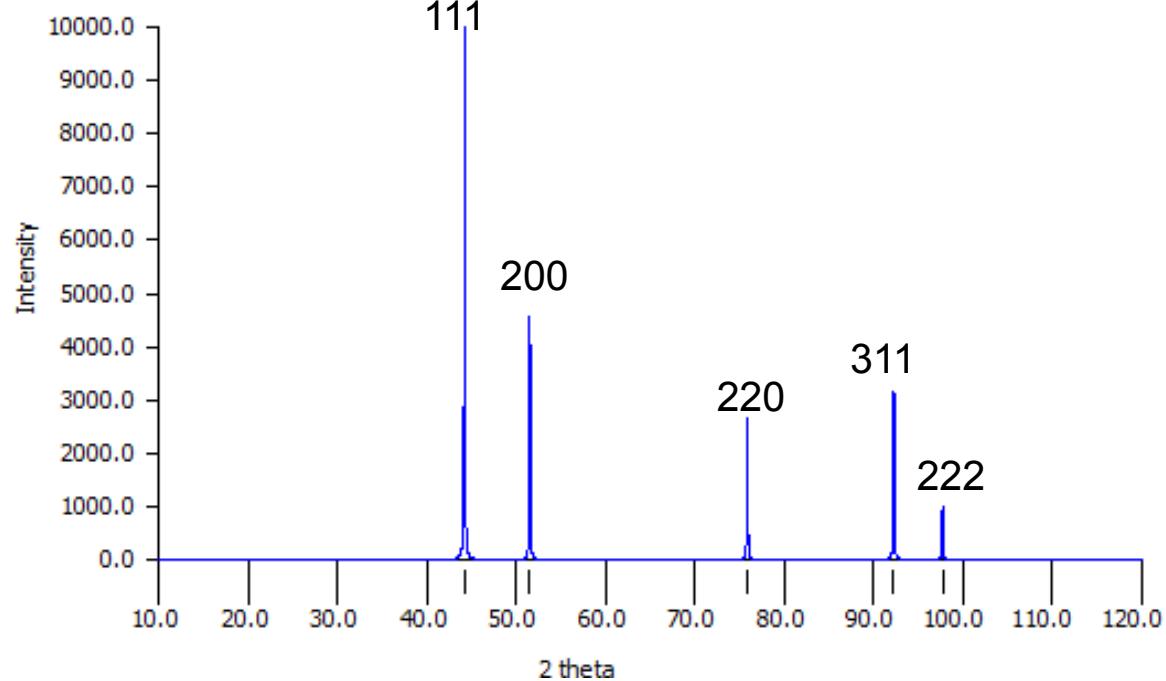
$a (\text{\AA})$	$a^2 (\text{\AA}^2)$	$h$	$k$	$l$	2-theta (deg)
3.352	11.236	1	0	0	26.570
3.352	11.236	1	1	0	37.929
3.352	11.236	1	1	1	46.909
3.352	11.236	2	0	0	54.722
3.352	11.236	2	1	0	61.840
3.352	11.236	2	1	1	68.511
3.352	11.236	2	2	0	81.078
3.352	11.236	2	2	1	87.164
3.352	11.236	3	0	0	87.164
3.352	11.236	3	1	0	93.218



## ➤ Example: Co

- Face-centred cubic ( $Fm\text{-}3m$ )
- $a = 3.544 \text{ \AA}$

$a (\text{\AA})$	$a^2 (\text{\AA}^2)$	$h$	$k$	$l$	2-theta (deg)
3.544	12.560	1	0	0	25.107
3.544	12.560	1	1	0	35.802
3.544	12.560	1	1	1	44.229
3.544	12.560	2	0	0	51.532
3.544	12.560	2	1	0	58.157
3.544	12.560	2	1	1	64.334
3.544	12.560	2	2	0	75.868
3.544	12.560	2	2	1	81.392
3.544	12.560	3	0	0	81.392
3.544	12.560	3	1	0	86.836



# Systematic Absences

➤ Cell centring:

Centring	Reflection condition
I	$h + k + l = 2n$
F	$h, k, l$ all even/all odd
A	$k + l = 2n$
B	$h + l = 2n$
C	$h + k = 2n$

➤ Translational symmetry elements:

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No. 14

$P2_1/c$

Generators selected (1);  $t(1,0,0)$ ;  $t(0,1,0)$ ;  $t(0,0,1)$ ; (2); (3)

Positions

Multiplicity,  
Wyckoff letter,  
Site symmetry

Coordinates

Reflection conditions

4 e 1 (1)  $x, y, z$  (2)  $x, y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$  (3)  $x, y, z$  (4)  $x, y + \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2}$

General:  
 $h0l : l = 2n$   
 $0k0 : k = 2n$   
 $00l : l = 2n$

Special: as above, plus

$hkl : k + l = 2n$

2 d I  $\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0$

2 c I  $0, 0, \frac{1}{2}$   $0, \frac{1}{2}, 0$

2 b I  $\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0$   $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$

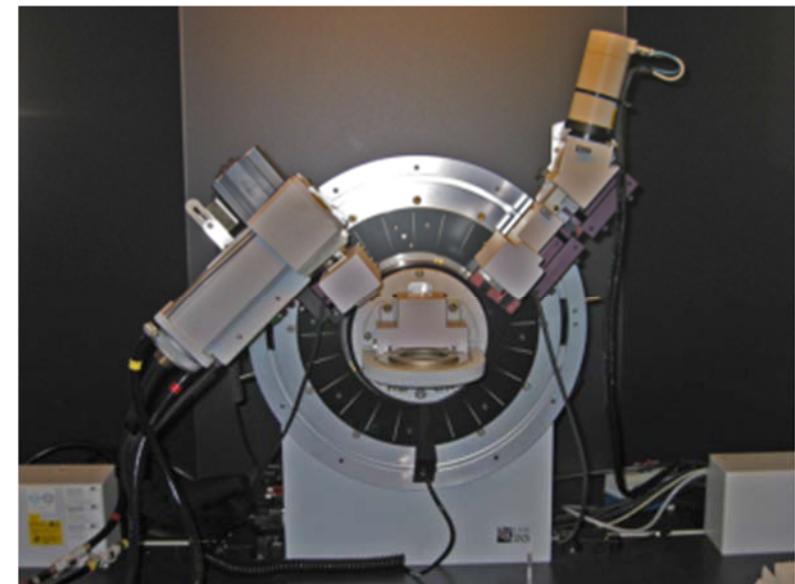
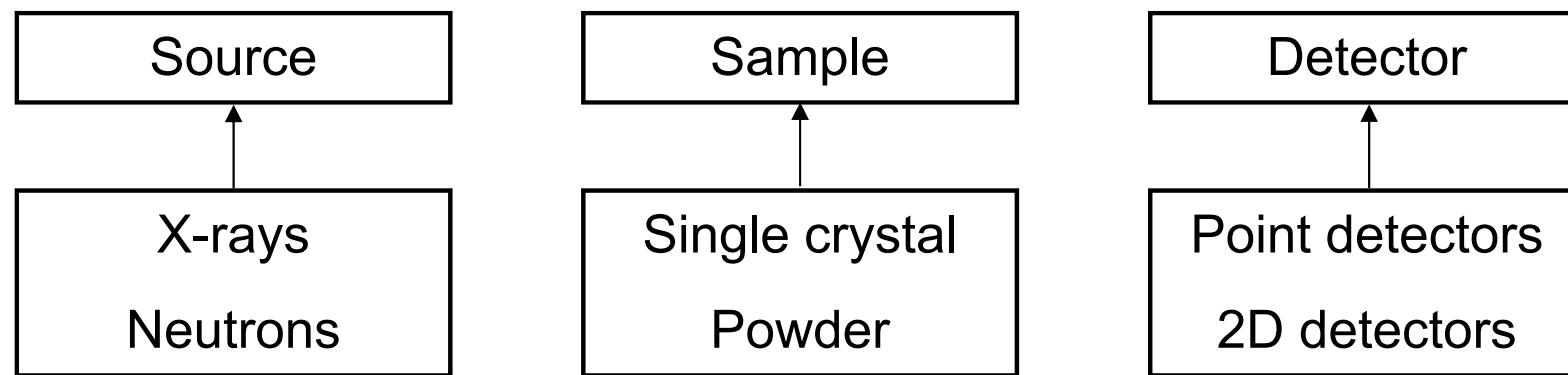
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reflection conditions  
due to translational  
symmetry elements

# Structure Determination

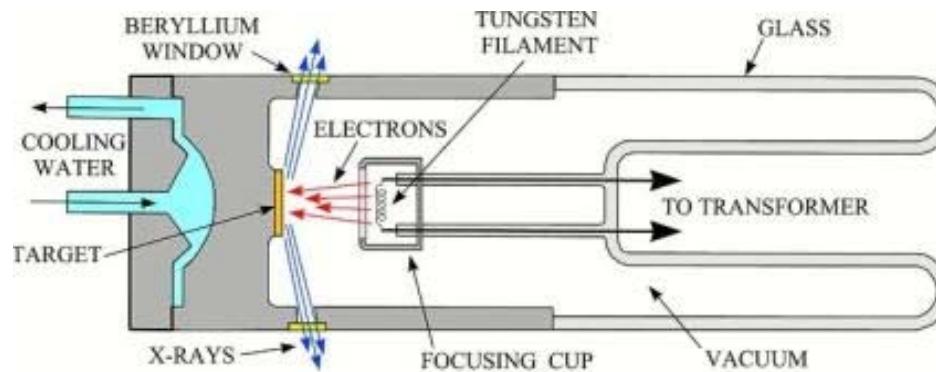
1. Diffraction pattern indexing  $\Rightarrow$  unit cell
2. Systematic absences/ reflection conditions  $\Rightarrow$  space group
3. Structure solution  $\Rightarrow$  finding approximate atomic positions
  - solution of the phase problem (approximate phases)
4. Structure refinement  $\Rightarrow$  final structure
  - iterative improvement of the fit between the observed and calculated intensities (by adjustment of structural parameters)
  - non-linear least squares
  - R-factor (%): measure of the agreement

# Experimental Aspects



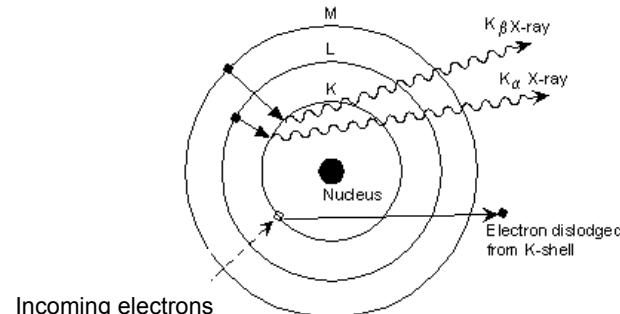
# Laboratory X-ray Diffraction

## ➤ Laboratory source: X-ray tube



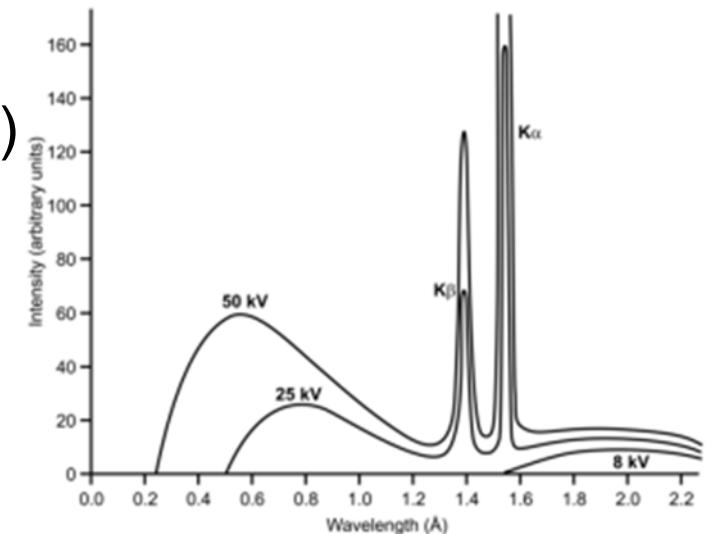
## ➤ Electrons accelerated from a filament (W) into a metal target (Cu, Mo)

- continuous spectrum (bremsstrahlung)
- characteristic X-rays (electronic transitions)



Cu K $\alpha$ : 1.54184 Å

Mo K $\alpha$ : 0.711445 Å



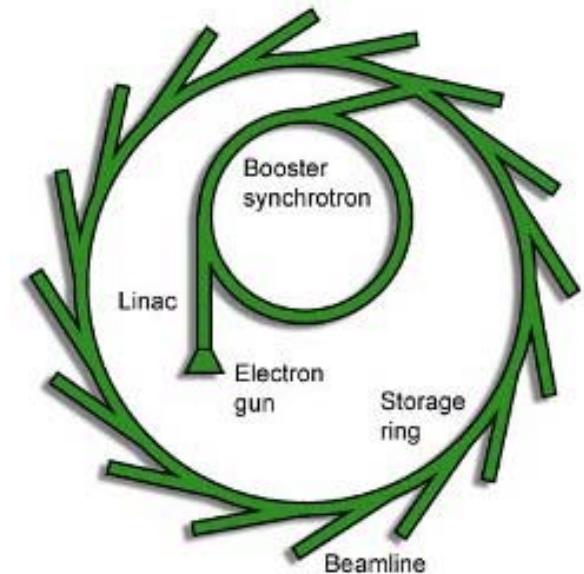
# Synchrotron X-ray Diffraction (SXRD)

## ➤ Synchrotron radiation

- Electrons moving at relativistic speed along a curved path

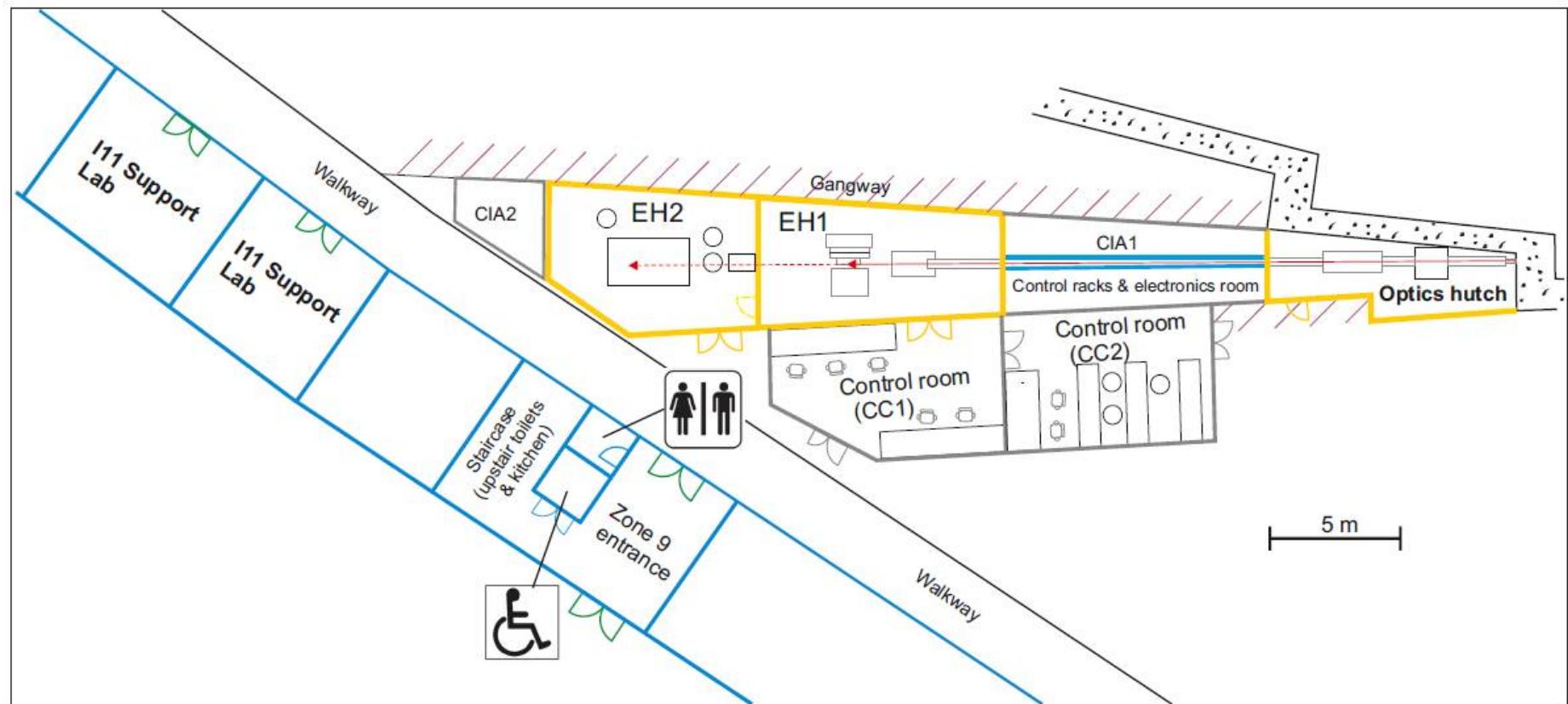
## ➤ Advantages over lab sources

1. Tunable  $\lambda$
2. High intensity
3. Highly monochromatic  $\lambda$  and highly collimated beam



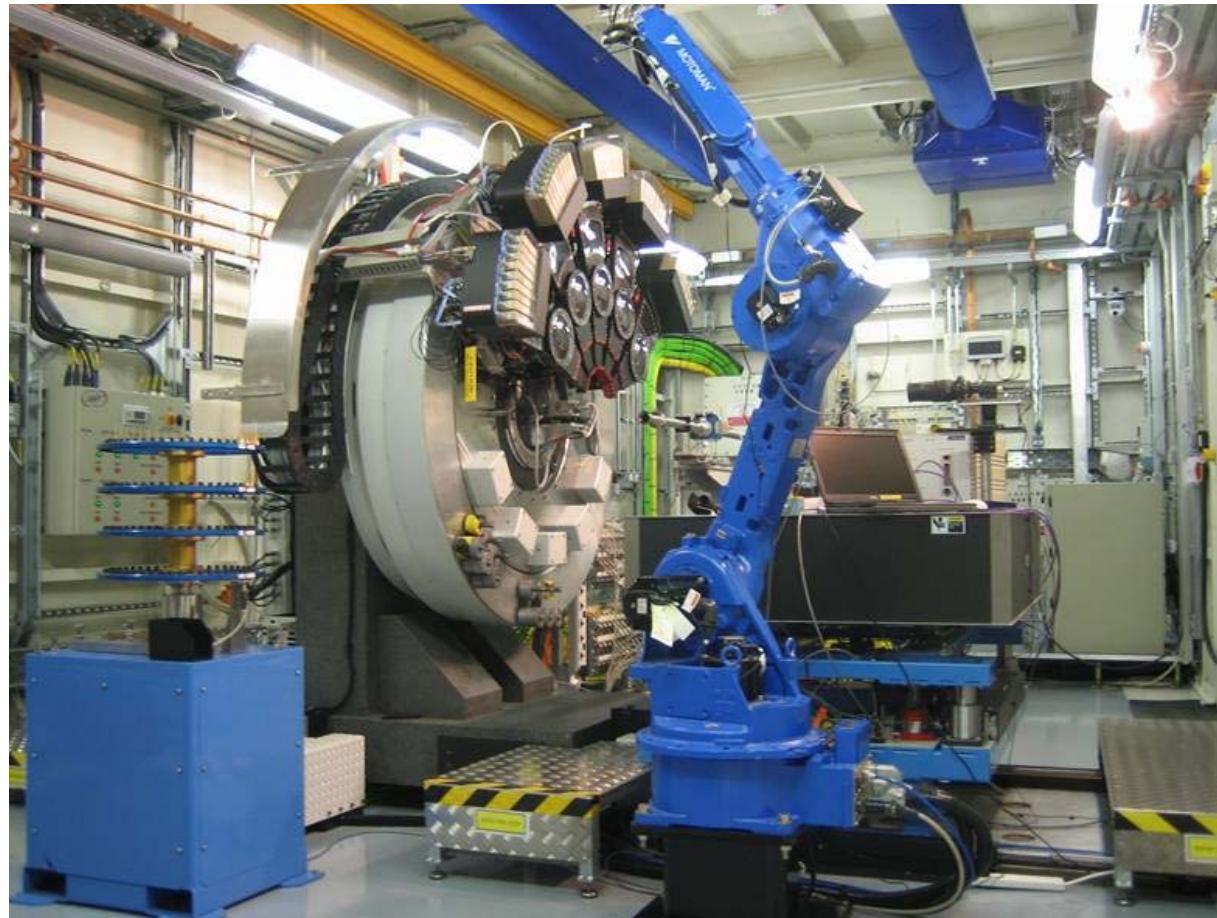
# Synchrotron X-ray Diffraction (SXRD)

- Powder diffraction beamline I11, Diamond Light Source, UK
  - Layout and area plan



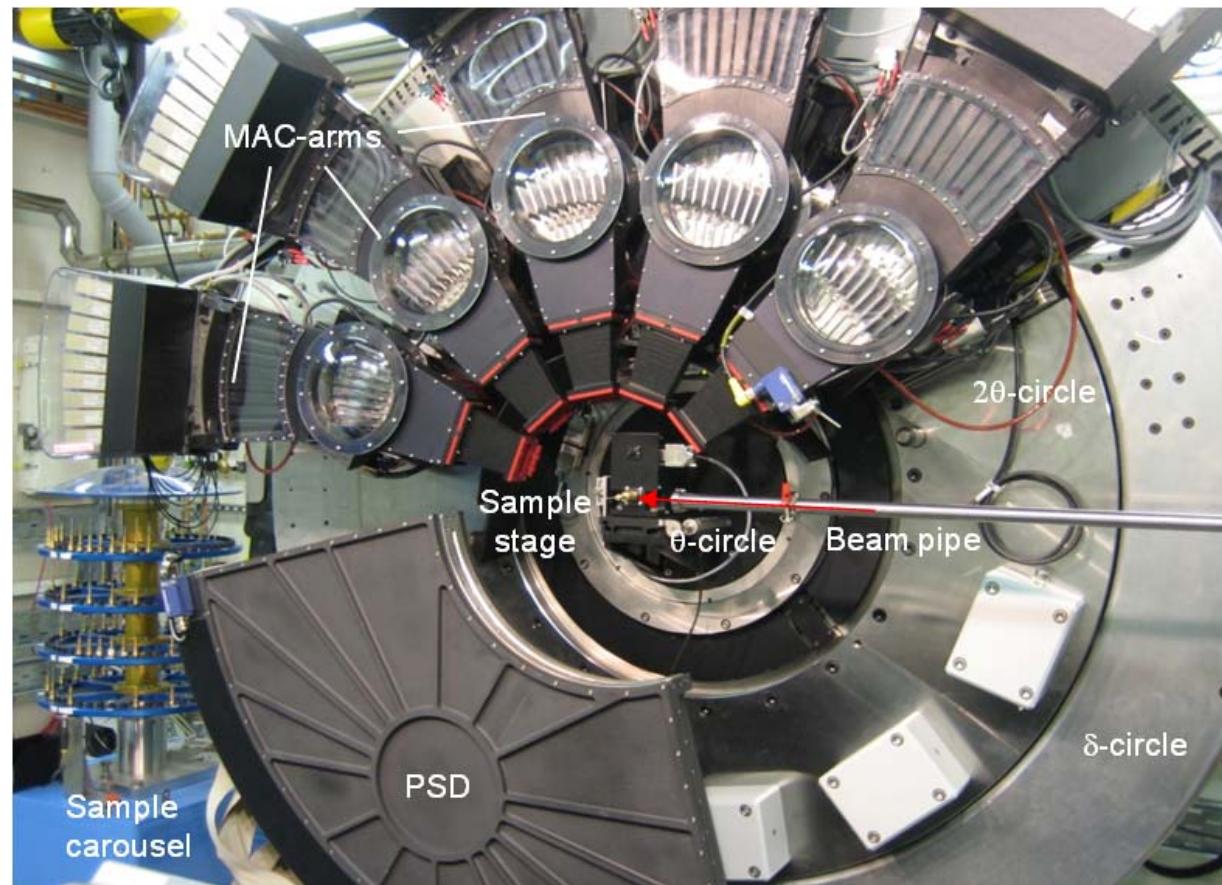
# Synchrotron X-ray Diffraction (SXRD)

- Powder diffraction beamline I11, Diamond Light Source, UK
  - Experimental hutch 1 (EH1): the diffractometer



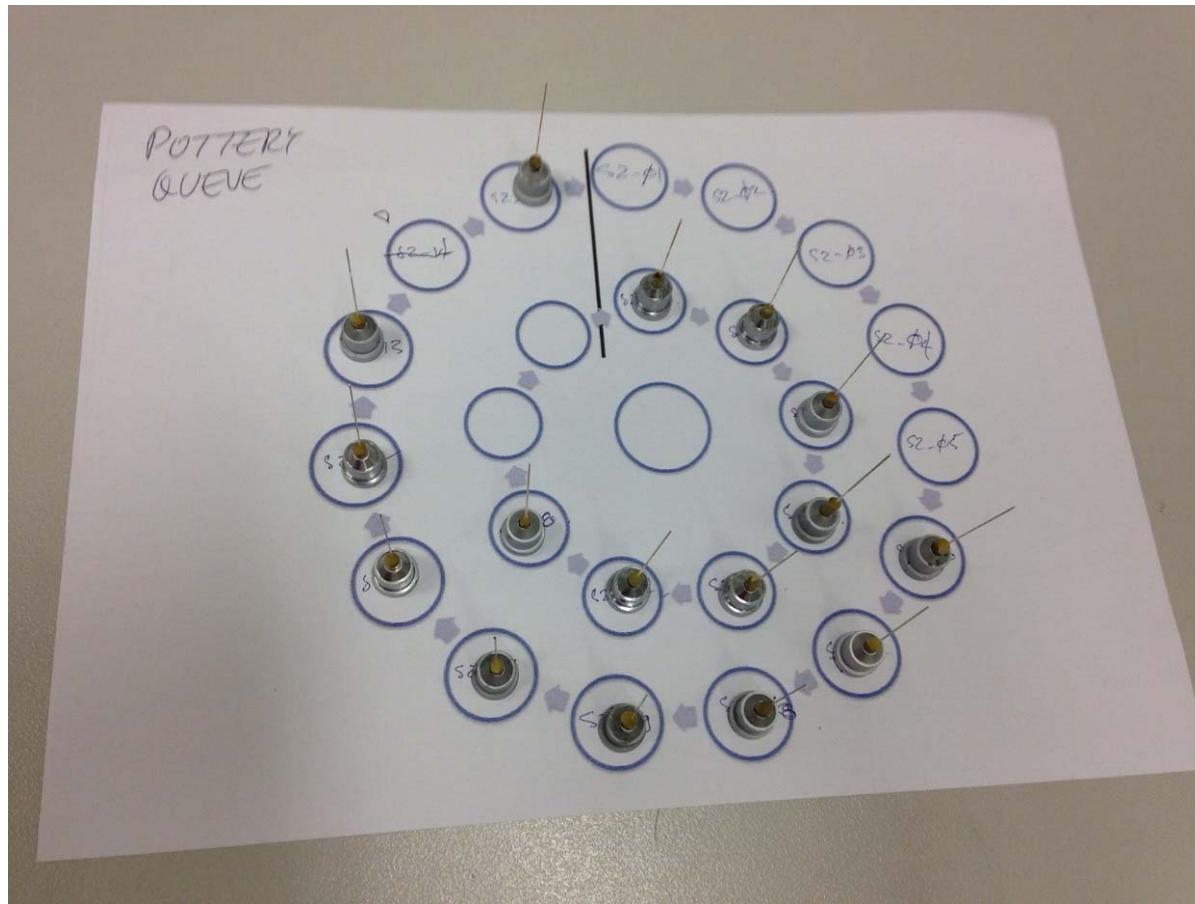
# Synchrotron X-ray Diffraction (SXRD)

- Powder diffraction beamline I11, Diamond Light Source, UK
  - Sample stage and detectors



# Synchrotron X-ray Diffraction (SXRD)

- Powder diffraction beamline I11, Diamond Light Source, UK
  - Prepared samples in capillaries



# Synchrotron X-ray Diffraction (SXRD)

- Powder diffraction beamline I11, Diamond Light Source, UK
  - Operation

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# SXRD: Tunable Wavelength

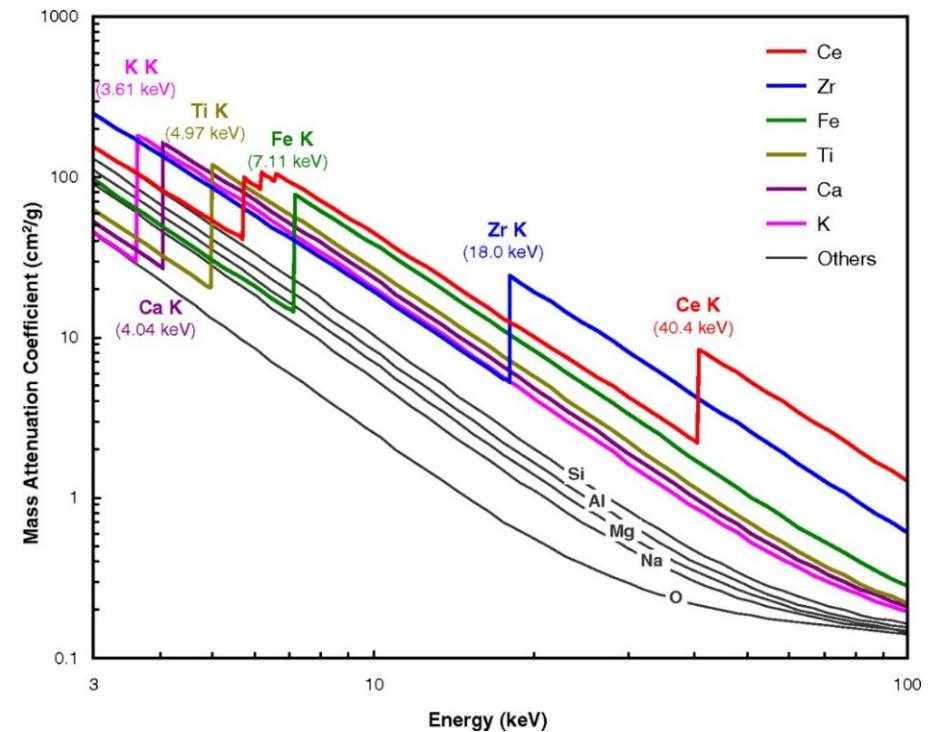
## ➤ Flux vs. energy

- I11 at Diamond: 6-25 keV (0.4-2.1 Å), optimised at 15 keV

$$I_x \propto I_o e^{-\mu x} \quad \mu = f(E)$$

## ➤ Optimising absorption

1. Minimising absorption (hard X-rays)
2. Experiments away from absorption edges
3. Experiments at absorption edges



## ➤ Applications of resonant (anomalous) scattering

- Macromolecular xtl: multiple anomalous diffraction (MAD) phasing
- Physics: exotic magnetism (skyrmions)

# SXRD: Tunable Wavelength

## ➤ Example 1: Minimising absorption

- Choose  $\lambda$  and capillary size so that:  $\mu^*r < 1.5$
- What capillary size would you use to measure  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3$  with  $\lambda = 0.410 \text{ \AA}$  and  $0.825 \text{ \AA}$ ?

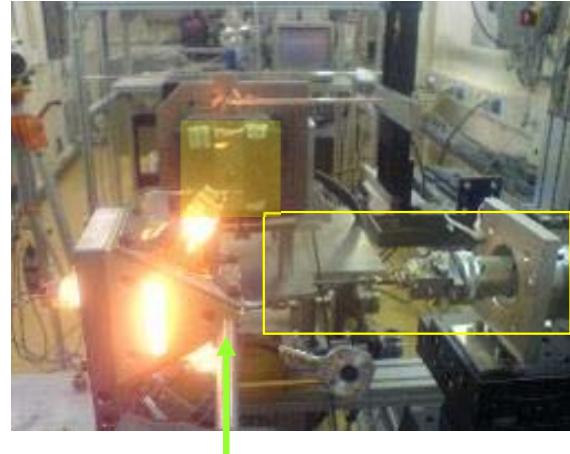
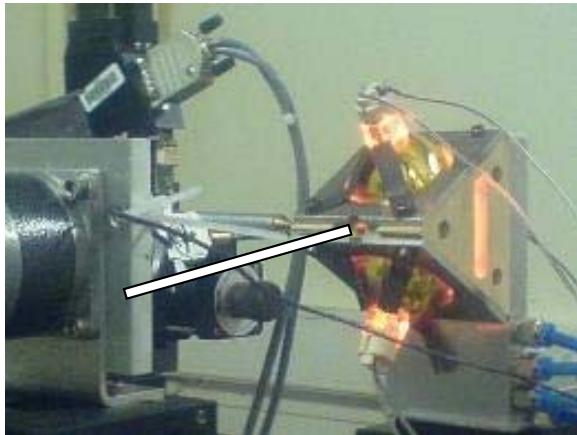
Information:  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3$  density  $8.9 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ; powder packing density 60%; RMM ( $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3$ ) = 466.0; mass absorption coefficients for  $\lambda = 0.41 \text{ \AA}$ : Bi  $31.520 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ , O  $0.378 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ ; for  $\lambda = 0.825 \text{ \AA}$ : Bi  $156.000 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ , O  $1.836 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$ .

# SXRD: Intensity

- Intensity  $\sim 10^3$  lab X-ray source
  - Small samples
  - Rapid data collections
  - Excellent statistics
  - In-situ experiments, complex sample environments
- Example 2:  $\text{ZrMo}_2\text{O}_8$  ultra-rapid synthesis/in-situ SXRD
  - Negative thermal expansion (NTE) material
  - Cubic  $\gamma$ - $\text{ZrMo}_2\text{O}_8$  shows smooth NTE ( $\alpha = -8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ) over a wide temperature range
  - Previously produced under kinetic control (e.g. dehydration of  $\text{ZrMo}_2\text{O}_7(\text{OH})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )
  - Metastable

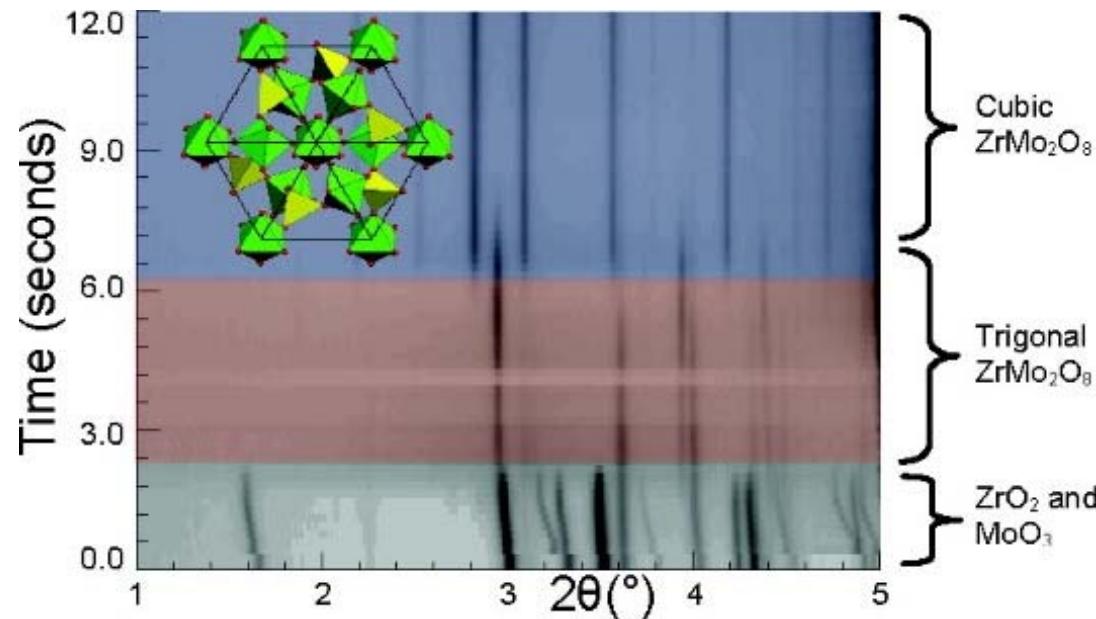
# SXRD: Intensity

- Example 2: ZrMo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> ultra-rapid synthesis/in-situ SXRD
  - Beamline ID11 at ESRF, Grenoble
  - $\lambda = 0.19902(2)$  Å
  - Stoichiometric amounts of ZrO<sub>2</sub> and MoO<sub>3</sub> packed into Pt capillaries (0.57 mm diameter, 0.04 mm wall thickness)



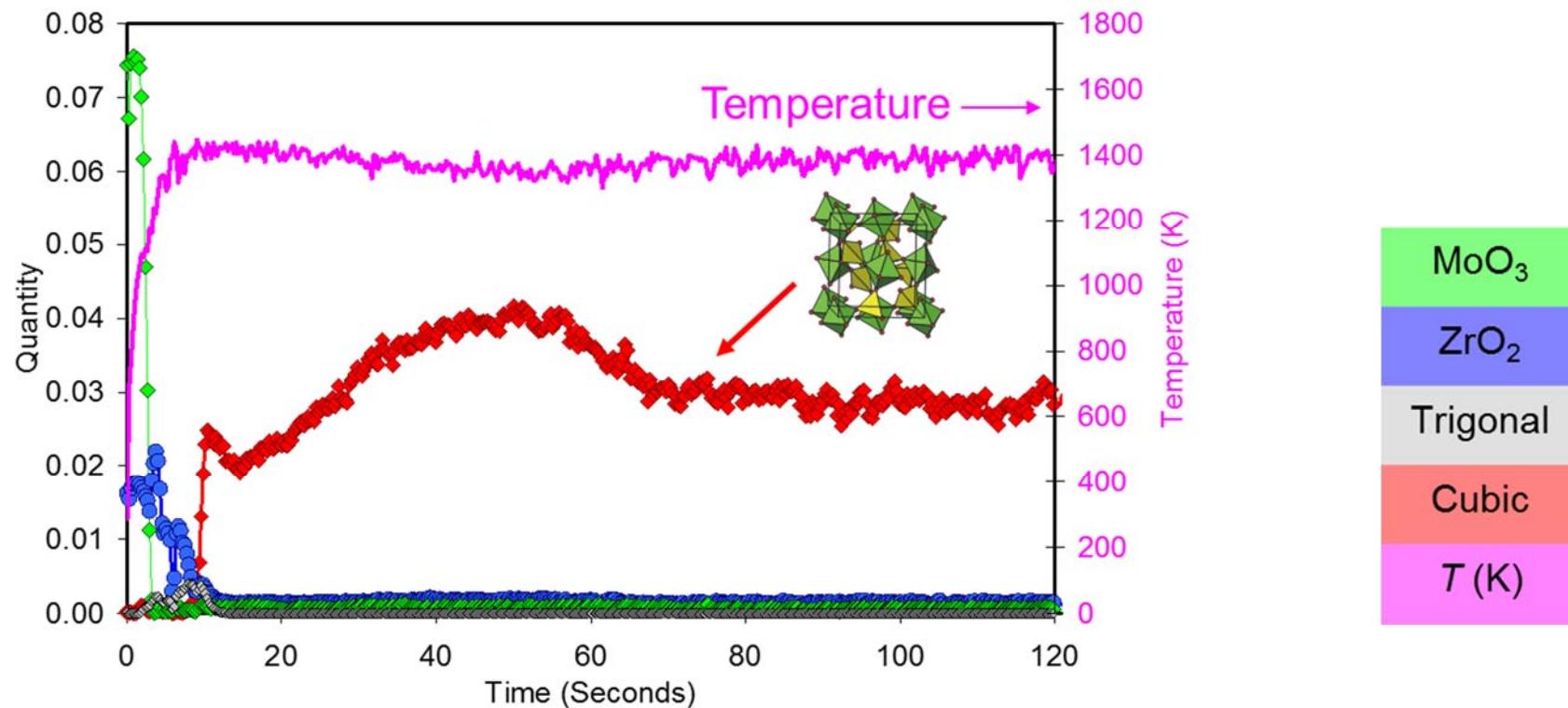
# SXRD: Intensity

- Example 2:  $\text{ZrMo}_2\text{O}_8$  ultra-rapid synthesis/in-situ SXRD
  - 0.25 s data collections; 480 patterns in 120 s



# SXRD: Intensity

- Example 2:  $\text{ZrMo}_2\text{O}_8$  ultra-rapid synthesis/in-situ SXRD
  - Cubic  $\gamma\text{-ZrMo}_2\text{O}_8$  formed directly from oxides at 1400 K
  - Can be quenched to room temperature
  - Insight into the reaction pathways from quantitative analysis by Rietveld refinement (5 phases)

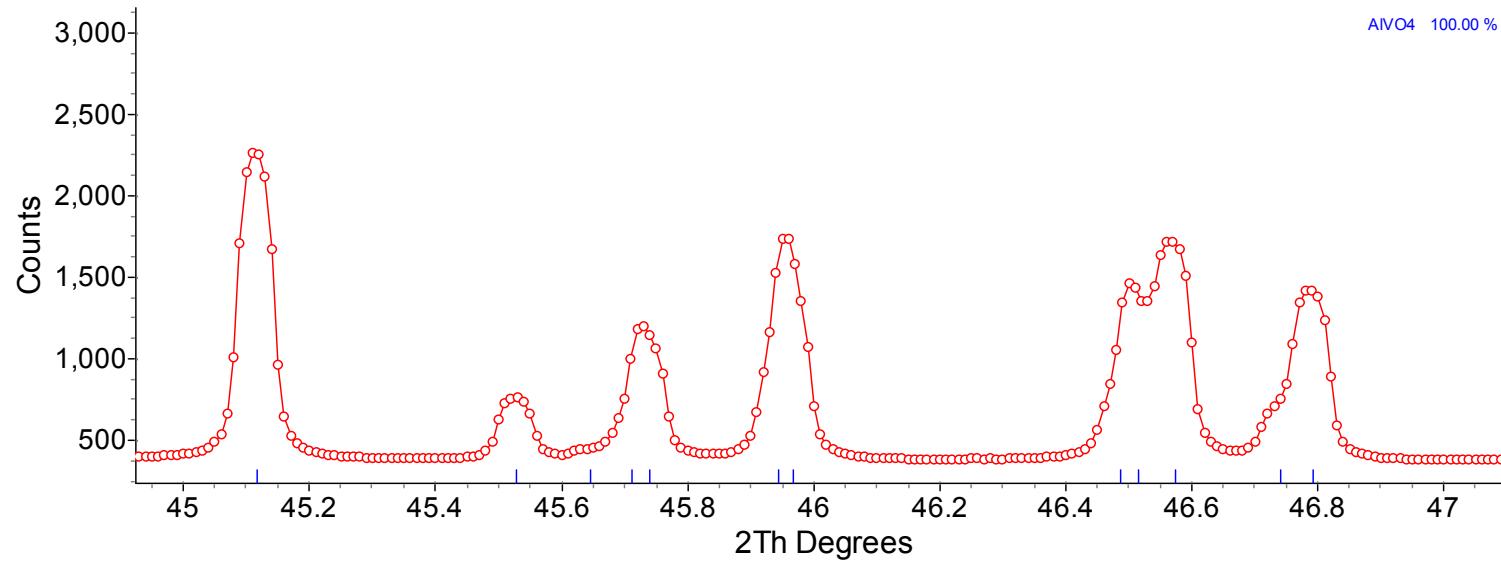


# SXRD: High Resolution

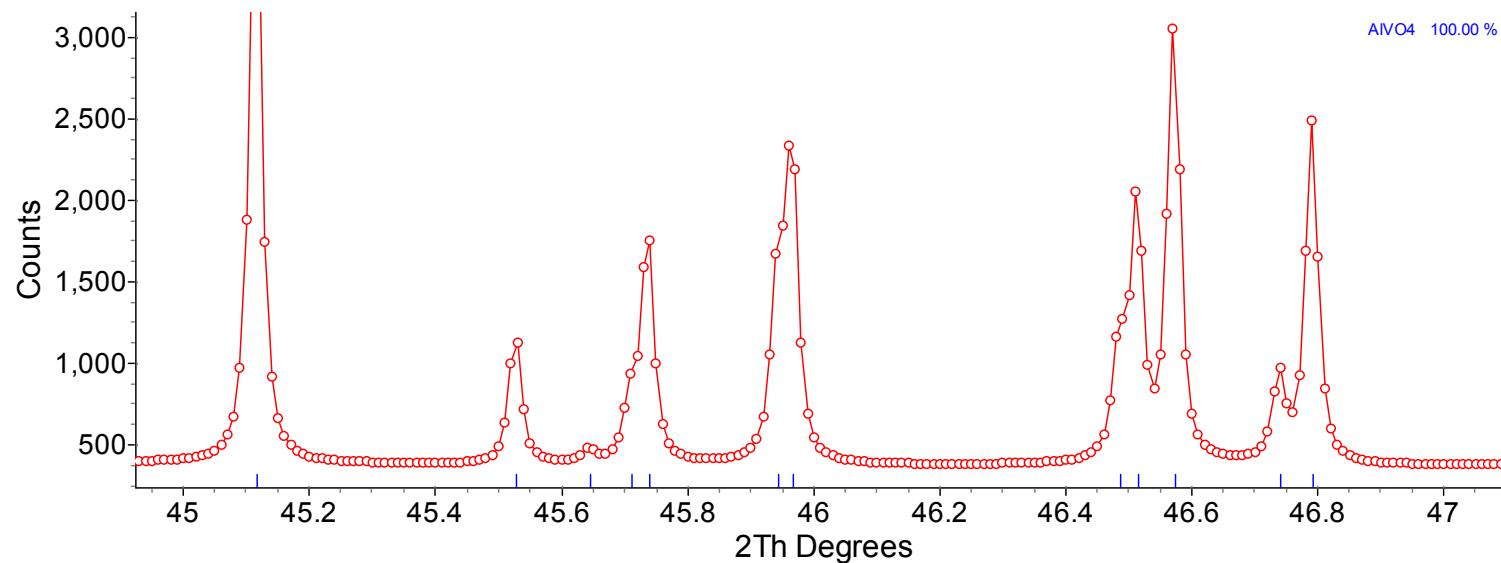
- Resolution:  $\Delta d/d$
- Highly monochromatic  $\lambda$  and highly collimated beam
  - Narrow instrumental peak shape
  - Best resolution instruments:  $\Delta d/d \sim 10^{-4}$
- Peak widths depend on:
  - Source
  - Instrument (optics)
  - Sample

$$Y(2\theta) = (\text{Source} \otimes \text{Instrument}) \otimes \text{Sample}$$

# High vs Medium Resolution

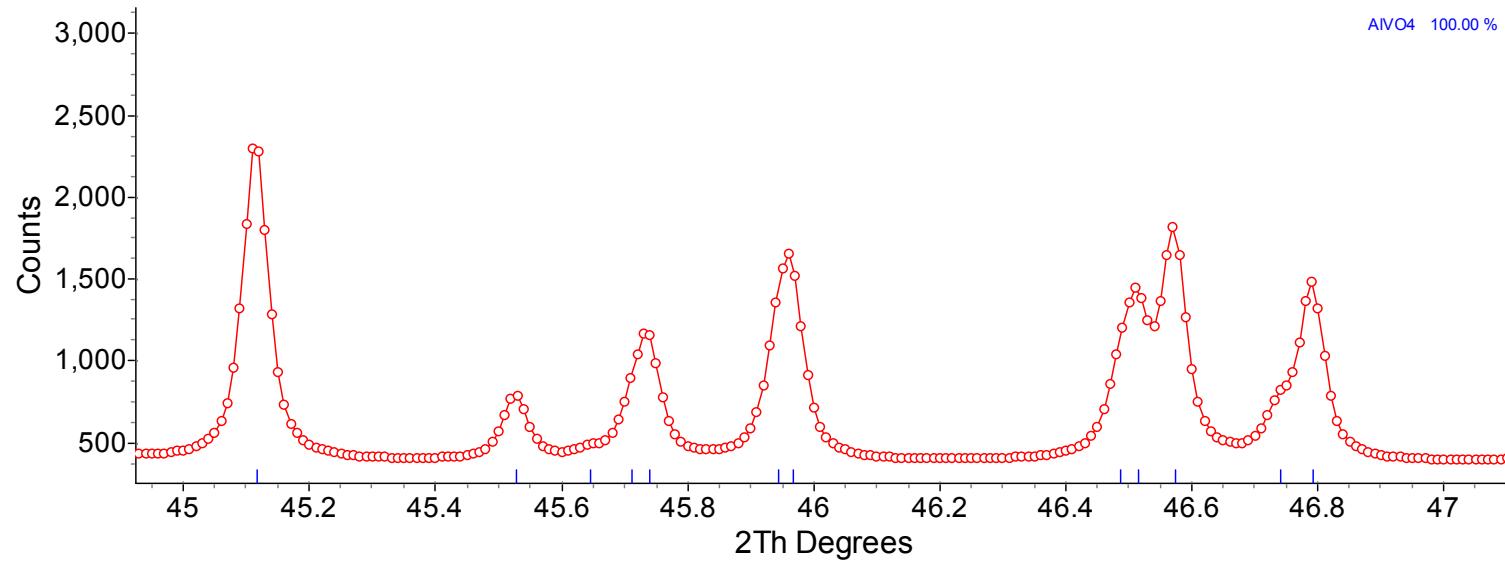


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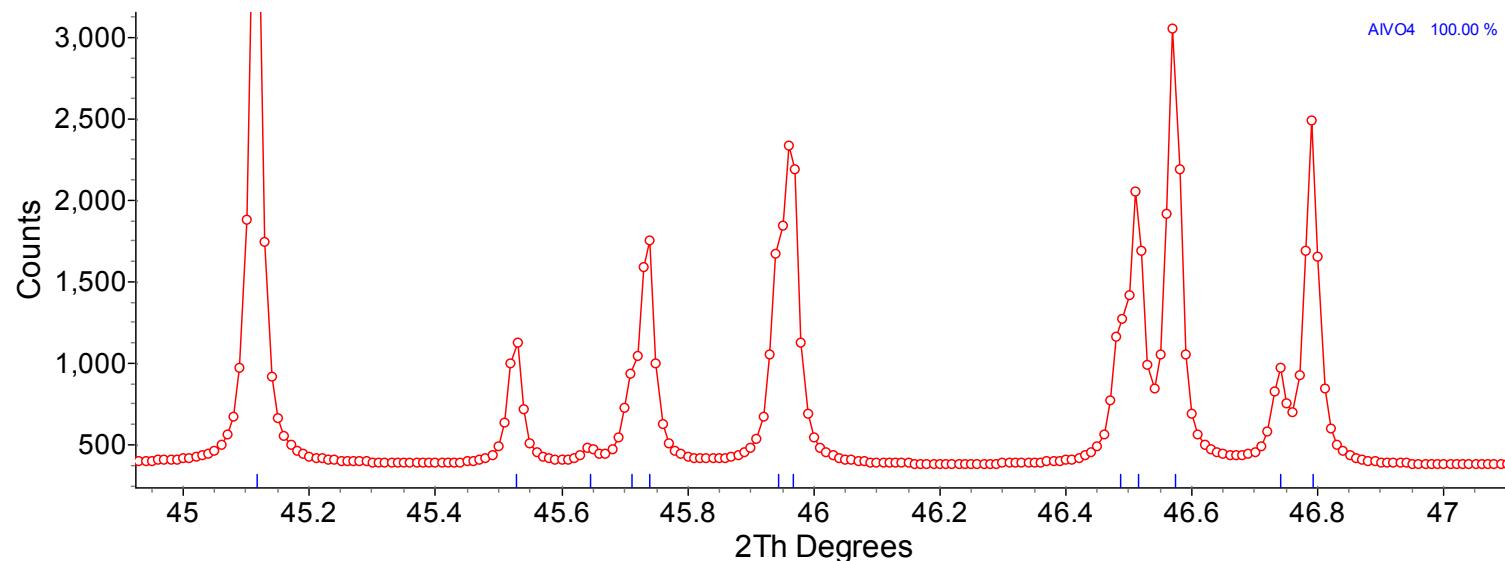


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# Large vs Small Domains



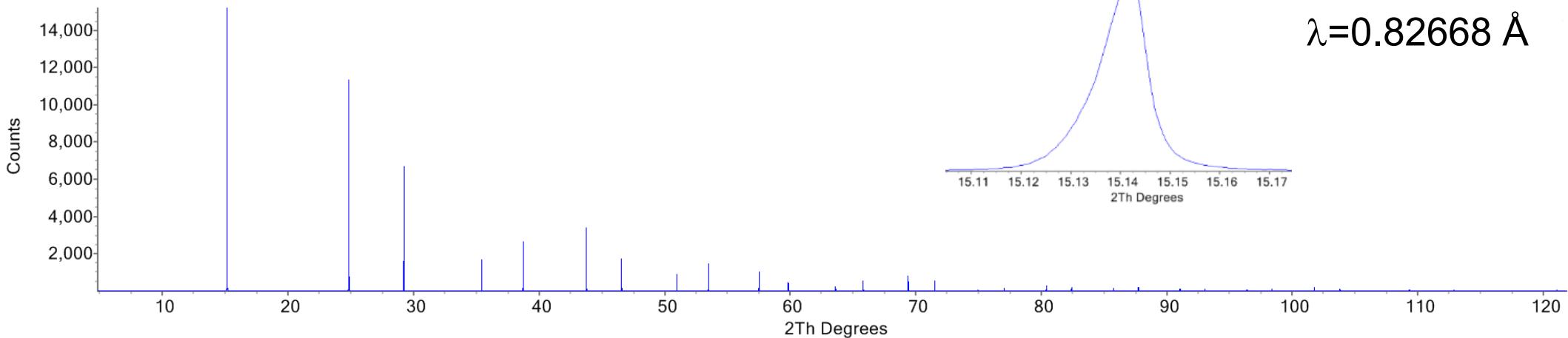
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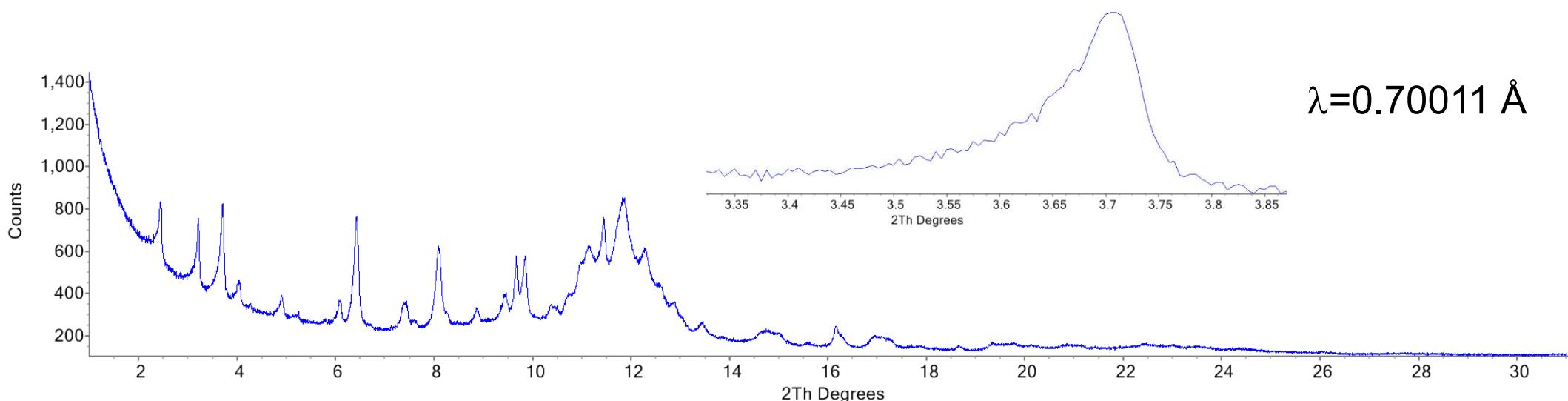
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# SXRD: High Resolution

## ➤ Si pattern



## ➤ Mechanochemically prepared small organic



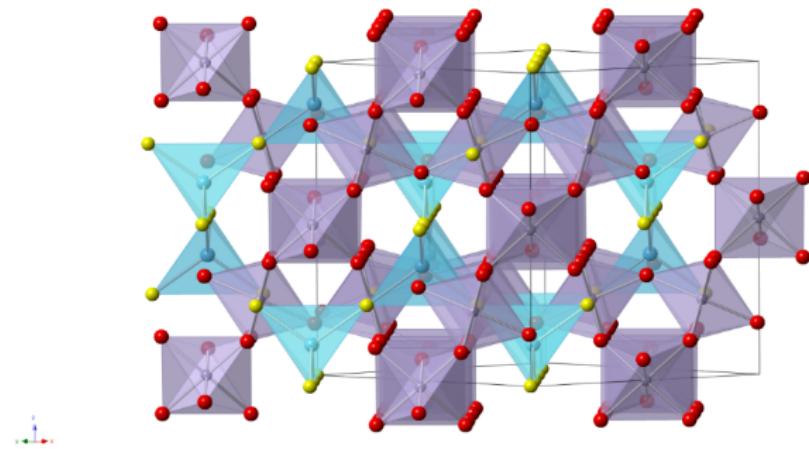
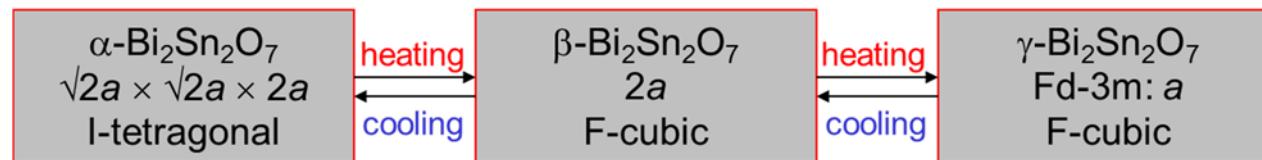
# SXRD: High Resolution

- Example 3: Analysis of Egyptian eye make-up (2000 BC)
- Lab XRD suggested:
  - Galena ( $\text{PbS}$ ) and cerussite ( $\text{PbCO}_3$ ) – naturally occurring
  - Laurionite ( $\text{PbOHCl}$ ) and phosgenite ( $\text{Pb}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) – very rare in nature
- High-resolution synchrotron XRD used for quantification
  - Laurionite and phosgenite up to 75%
- SEM used for particle morphology analysis
  - Particle morphology consistent with wet chemistry production
- Wet chemistry products
  - Purified ( $\text{PbO}$ ,  $\text{NaCl}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ )<sub>aq.</sub>
  - Multiple solution reactions, filtrations, pH control
- Conclusion: Egyptians used wet chemistry ~2000 BC
  - Chemical technology in Ancient Egypt very sophisticated

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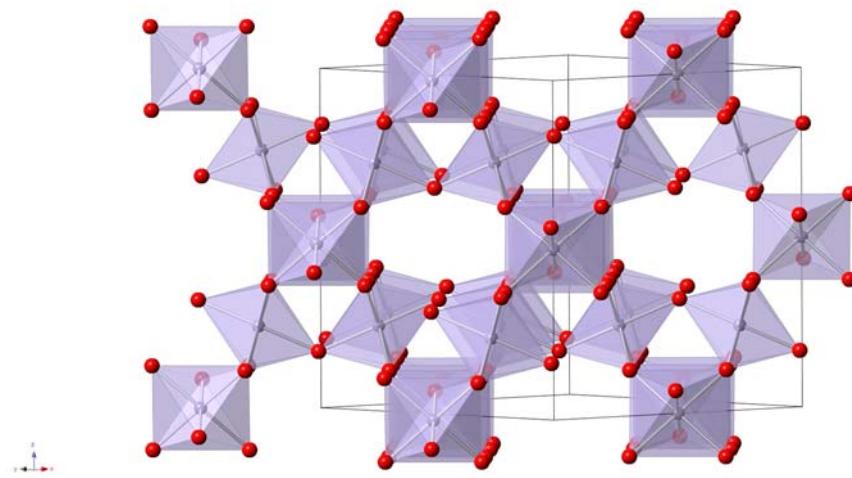
## ➤ Example 4: $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_7$ structure solution

- Phase diagram (old)



Cubic  $\gamma\text{-Bi}_2\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_7$

$Fd\text{-}3m$   
 $a = 10.72 \text{ \AA}$

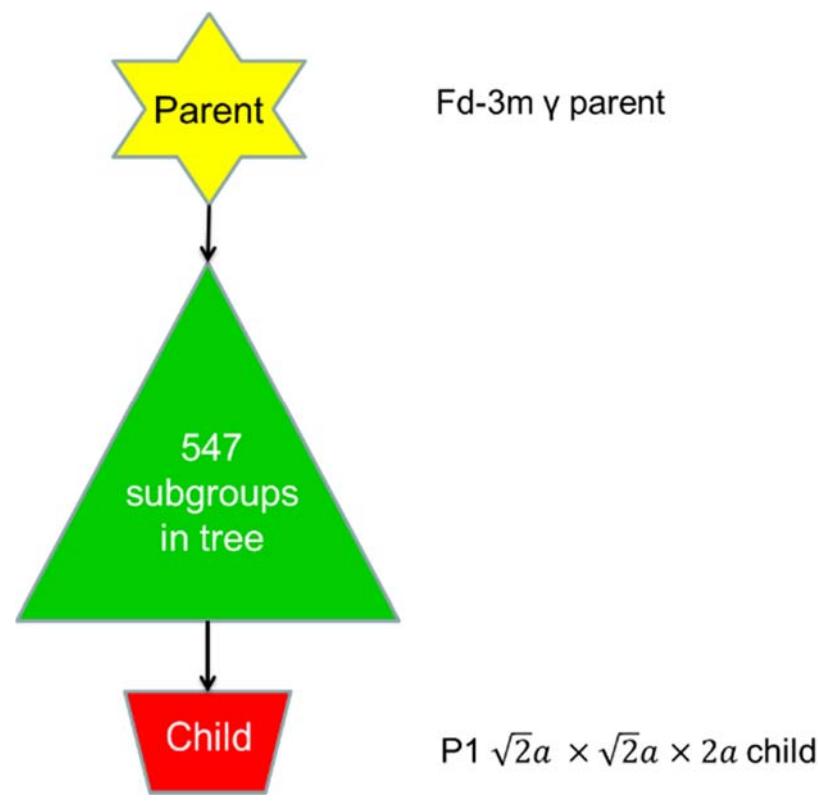
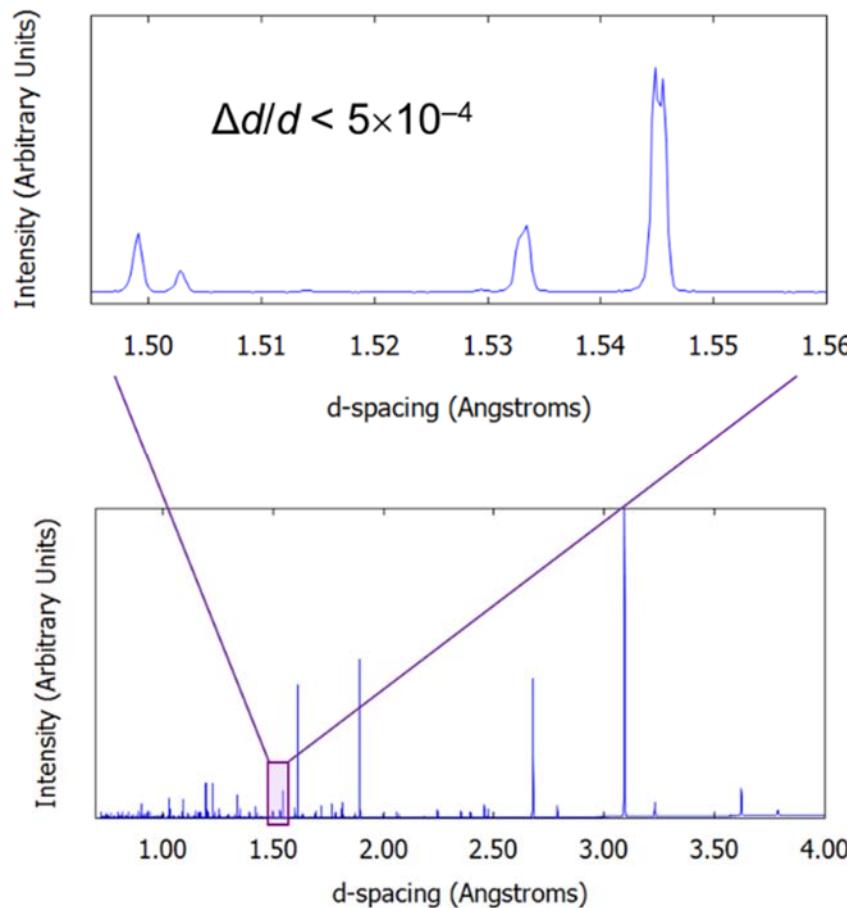


Interpenetrating  $\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_6$  and  $\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_4$  frameworks

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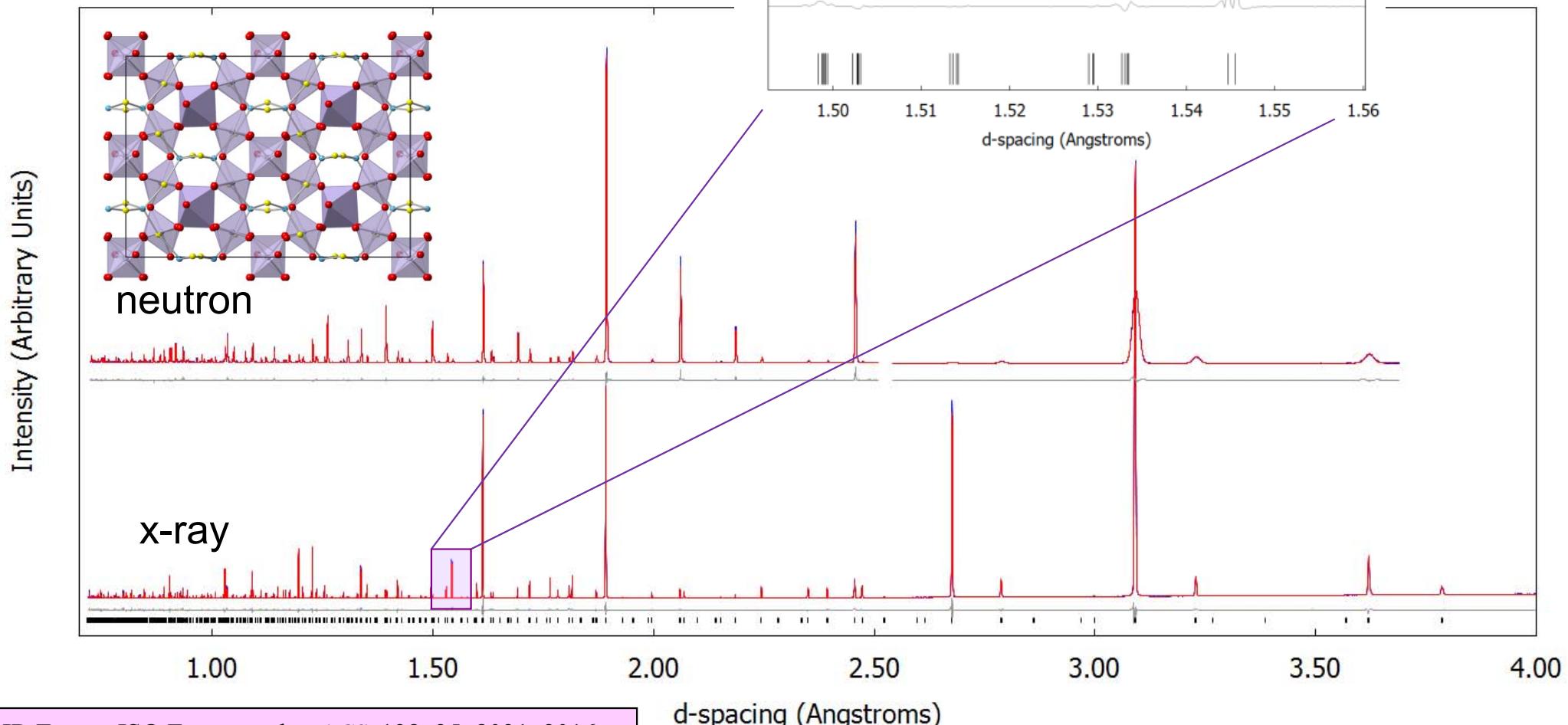
## Example 4: $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_7$ structure solution

- Beamline I11, Diamond Light Source, UK
- $\beta\text{-}\text{Bi}_2\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_7$  is not cubic
- Very important for the structure solution methodology used
- Exhaustive symmetry descent approach



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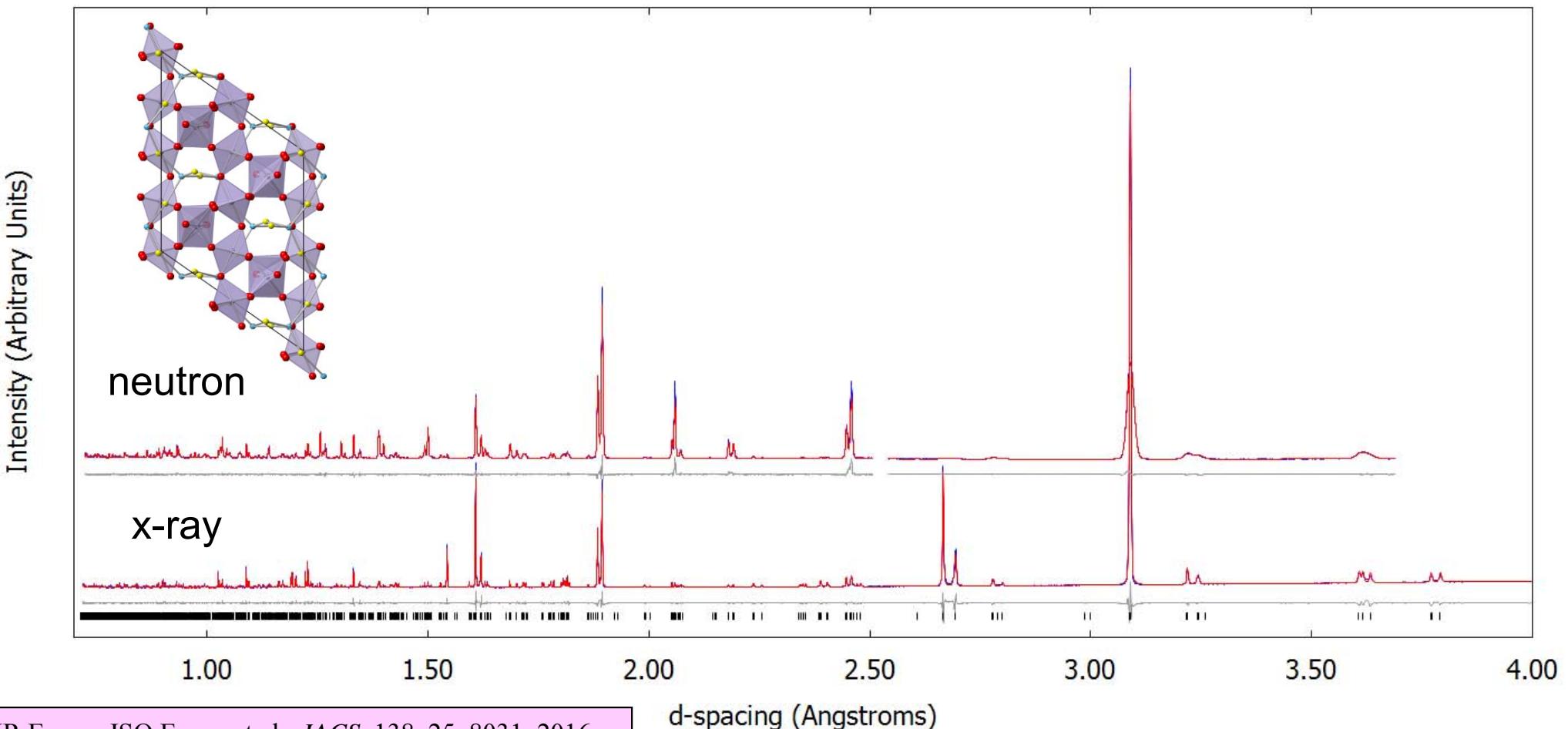
- Example 4:  $\beta\text{-Bi}_2\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_7$ 
  - Orthorhombic *Aba*2
  - $a=7.57$   $b=21.41$   $c=15.13$  Å



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## ► Example 4: $\alpha\text{-Bi}_2\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_7$

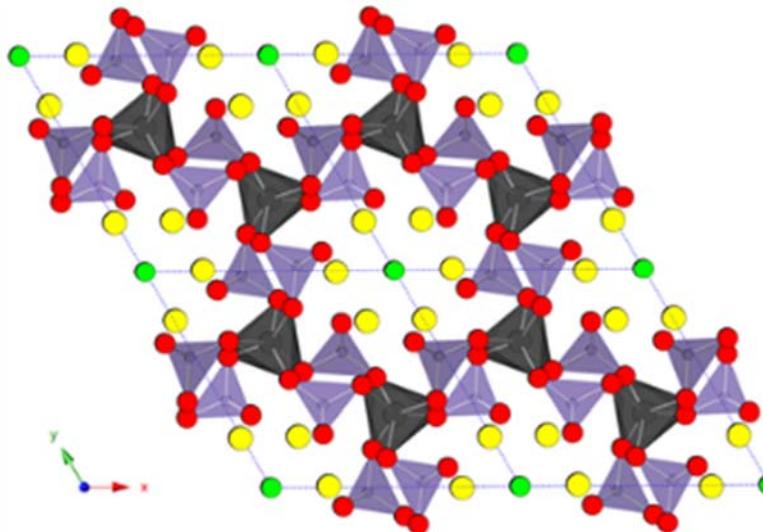
- Monoclinic  $Cc$
- $a=7.57$   $b=21.41$   $c=15.13$  Å  $\beta=125^\circ$



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## ➤ Example 5: $\text{Bi}_2\text{La}_8(\text{GeO}_4)_6\text{O}_3$

- Oxide ion conductor
- Apatite structure type (normally hexagonal)
- $\text{Bi}_2\text{La}_8(\text{GeO}_4)_6\text{O}_3$  triclinic at room temperature

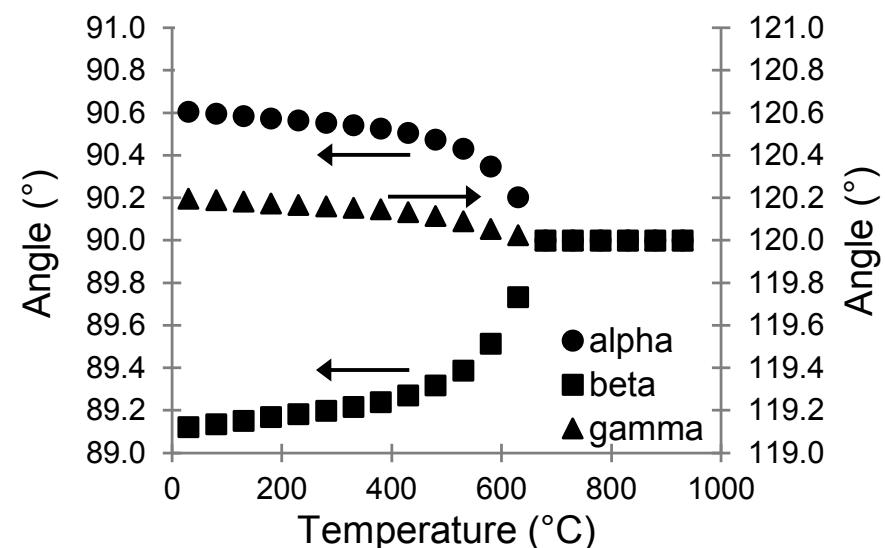
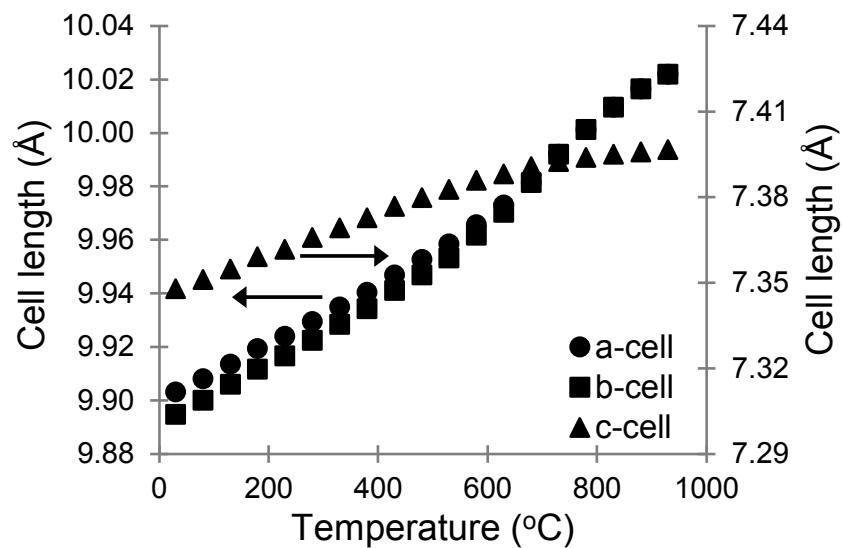


- Very small unit cell distortions:  
 $a = 9.90376(10) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 9.89598(12) \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 7.34622(7) \text{ \AA}$   
 $\alpha = 90.5638(9)^\circ$ ,  $\beta = 89.2007(8)^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 120.1412(7)^\circ$ ,

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## Example 5: $\text{Bi}_2\text{La}_8(\text{GeO}_4)_6\text{O}_3$

- High-resolution PD beamline, Australian Synchrotron, Melbourne
- Phase transition to hexagonal above 700°C
- Unit cell parameters extracted by Rietveld fitting of the data



# Synchrotron X-ray Diffraction (SXRD)

## ➤ Advantages over lab sources

1. Tunable  $\lambda$
2. High intensity
3. Highly monochromatic  $\lambda$  and highly collimated beam

## ➤ Disadvantages

1. Access: proposal, delay, limited beam time, no opportunity to repeat
2. Lack of control over options and conditions