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Structure analysis of polycrystalline materials with electrons and X-rays

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Outline

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- Structure determination of polycrystalline materials
- Structure completion using XRPD



Serial electron crystallography





X-ray powder diffraction











X-ray microdiffraction

zeolite SSZ-57 ID-11 @ ESRF (FR)



Electron diffraction

zeolite SSZ-45 JEOL JEM-2100 LaB₆

High-resolution Electron microscopy

zeolite SSZ-61 JEOL JEM-2100 FEG

Laue microdiffraction

zeolite ZSM-5 12.3.2 @ ALS (Berkeley, CA)

3D electron diffraction

Limitations

- Dynamical scattering
- Beam damage
- Missing wedge

XRPD and ED data have similar problems

	XRPD	3D-ED
Data completeness	100%	40-100%
Extracted intensities	Not	kinematical
Reflection overlap	Yes	No
Sample	Bulk	Single crystal



Automated Diffraction Tomography (ADT): Kolb, *et al.* (2007) *Ultramicroscopy*, 107(6–7):507 Rotation Electron Diffraction (RED): Zhang, *et al.* (2010) *Z. Krist.*, 225(2–3):94;

Structure determination from 3D-ED data

- ShelXS/ShelXT
- SIR2017

Can FOCUS be used with ED to overcome problems with reflection intensities? (E. Mugnaioli & U. Kolb, Mainz University, DE)

- FOCUS?
 - Developed for XRPD
 - Use chemical information
 - Ab-initio, dual-space method
 - Automated model building





FOCUS: R. W. Grosse-Kunstleve et al., J. Appl. Cryst., 1997

Application to test samples

- Modify FOCUS to work with ED
- Test with ED data on different zeolites (Smeets *et al.*, *J. Appl. Cryst.*, 2013)

	Space group	Vol. (ų)	uniq. T atoms
natrolite	Fdd2	2245	3
ZSM-5	Pnma	5375	12
ITQ-43	Cmmm	14038	11
IM-5	Cmcm	16260	24

- Application to new zeolites
 - SSZ-45 (Smeets et al., Chem. Mater., 2014)
 - SSZ-87 (Smeets *et al.*, *JACS*, 2015)
 - CIT-13 (Kang *et al.*, *Chem. Mater.*, 2016)
 - SSZ-27 (With Lukas Palatinus, FZU Prague)



FOCUS Example 1: ZSM-25

The three-dimensional (3D) RED data revealed that ZSM-25 is body-centred cubic (unit-cell edge length a = 42.3 Å) with Laue symmetry $m\bar{3}m$. However, electron beam damage causes low data resolution and prevents structure solution using direct methods.

<i>Im-3m</i>	a = 42.3 Å	
Unique T-atoms	16	
Composition	Si ₁₄₄₀ O ₂₈₈₀	
RED data	d _{min} = 2.5 Å Compl. = 100%	

ZSM-25



Guo & Shin et al., Nature, 2015 'A zeolite family with expanding structural complexity and embedded isoreticular structures'

FOCUS Example 1: ZSM-25

ZSM-25 Paulingite "strong reflections approach" *a* = 42.3 Å Im-3m FOCUS Unique T-atoms 16 Guo & Shin et al., Nature, 2015 Composition $Si_{1440}O_{2880}$ *d*_{min} = 2.5 Å **RED** data Compl. = 100%

FOCUS Example 2: SSZ-45

• Smeets et al., Chem. Mater., 2014



5 min (coffee break)

100%

XRPD

Combine XRPD and ED data

	XRPD	3D-ED
Data completeness	100%	40-100%
Reflection intensities	Kinematical	Dynamical
Reflection overlap	Yes	No
Sample	Bulk	Single crystal



Equipartitioned

Correctly partitioned

Combine XRPD and ED data (SSZ-45)





Continuous rotation electron diffraction (2017)

Fast electron diffraction tomography Gemmi *et al.,* J. Appl. Cryst. (2015). 48, 718-727



ASI Timepix Camera @ 120 hz



Continuous rotation electron diffraction (2017)



150 images 1.5 minutes Tilt range: ±55°



Structure completion





20 [deg.]

Zeolite SSZ-87



Locating the OSDA



Locating the OSDA using simulated annealing



S. Smeets, L. B. McCusker, C, Baerlocher, S. Elomari, D. Xie, and S. I. Zones, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **138**, 7099-7106 (2016)



Locating the OSDA using simulated annealing

Using simulated annealing:

A systematic approach to locate the OSDA in zeolites from XRPD data



Increasing flexibility

Smeets & McCusker. Location of Organic Structure-Directing Agents in Zeolites using Diffraction Techniques in Structure and Bonding (2017), doi: 10.1007/430_2017_7

Serial electron crystallography

SwissFEL broad bandpass diffraction Can the 4% bandpass beam mode be used for structure analysis?

(C. Dejoie, ETH Zurich)





548 reflections (9 crystals)

Yes! Dejoie, Smeets, *et al.*, *IUCrJ*, **2**, 361-37 (2015)



Serial electron crystallography



Randomly oriented crystals 1 crystal = 1 diffraction pattern Combine data from many crystals

Serial electron crystallography

Why use a TEM?

- Electron beam is very intense
- Crystals can be located from images
- TEMs can be programmed
- There is one in many labs

Advantages

- Beam damage is avoided
- Simple alignment, no rotation
- Fully automatic data collection
- Obtain bulk information







Data collection (Zeolite Y)

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data\image_0000_0000.h5



Data collection (zeolite A)



200 x 200 μm 484 images 35 minutes



Locate crystals



Diffraction

Collect data

Total: 1107 patterns

Data processing





Data Merging

Challenges

- Scaling
- Dynamical effects
- Reflection partiality

SerialMerge – rank-based merging

- Avoid scaling
- Avoid modelling intensities
- Robust with low quality data



S. Smeets & W. Wan, *J. Appl. Cryst.* (2017). **50**, 885-892 www.github.com/stefsmeets/serialmerge

Structure determination

Olex2 File Edit View Structure Mode Tools Model Select Help shelx SiO₂ S a = 24.61 a = 90° b = 24.61 β = 90° c = 24.61 V = 90° ShelX Solution Program O Solution Method Reflection File Chemical Composition O Z and Z' O Space Group Suggest SG Solution Settings Extra Toolbox Work C Labels Labels OFF/ON O Si O º 🛛 🖓 🖌 🖓 Split atoms you click next with Electron Density Map 1 Peak & Uiso Sliders G Growing Finishing History Select Naming TREF tries: Sorting CFOM NQual Try# Sem 00 637735 0.19 0 0009 0 0 . 001740419 0.197 0 0.234 0 253587 0003 0.268 0 465507 00004074641 0.274 0 367727 00268435455 0.276 0 00268435455 There are 46 more tries



Zeolite A $Fm\bar{3}c$ a = 24.61 Å $Si_{96}Al_{96}O_{384}$ Z = 192

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200 frames

 Reflections

 Total:
 19804

 Unique:
 227

 d_{\min} :
 1.03 Å

 Compl.:
 100%

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Structures solved



 $\frac{\text{Zeolite A}}{Fm\overline{3}c}$ a = 24.61 Å $\text{Si}_{96}\text{Al}_{96}\text{O}_{384}$ Z = 192



 $\frac{\text{Mordenite}}{Cmcm} \\ a = 18.11 \text{ Å} \\ b = 20.53 \text{ Å} \\ c = 7.53 \text{ Å} \\ \text{Si}_{40}\text{Al}_8\text{O}_{96} \\ Z = 16 \\ \end{cases}$

<u>Ge-BEC</u>

 $P4_2/mmc$

a = 12.82 Å

c = 13.35 Å

Si/Ge₃₂O₆₄

Z = 16



Paulingite $Im\overline{3}m$ a = 35.08 Å $Si_{672}O_{1344}$ Z = 96Dual-space methods FOCUS



Zeolite Y

 $Fd\overline{3}m$

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Phase analysis (Ni-Se-O-Cl)

Stage map



400 x 400 μm 925 images 6171 patterns ~90 minutes



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Conclusions

- Use electrons for structure determination of polycrystalline materials
- Use XRPD for structure completion and fine details
- Flexibility of simulated annealing is ideal for structure completion
- Serial ED data can be collected routinely & automatically
 - Applications
 - Structure determination (of beam-sensitive materials)
 - Crystal identification (screening, phase analysis, polymorphism)