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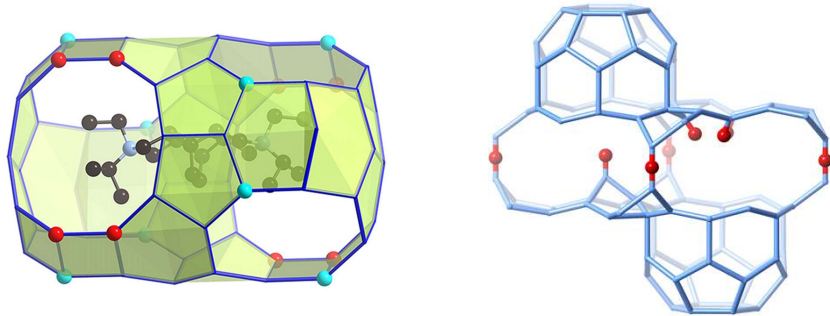
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Think big about life at the smallest scale

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

Stef Smeets

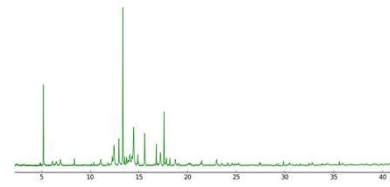
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## *Zeolites*

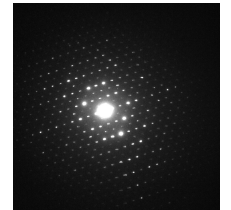


Structure determination and characterization

## *Method development*



Powder diffraction



Electron diffraction

## *Crystallography*

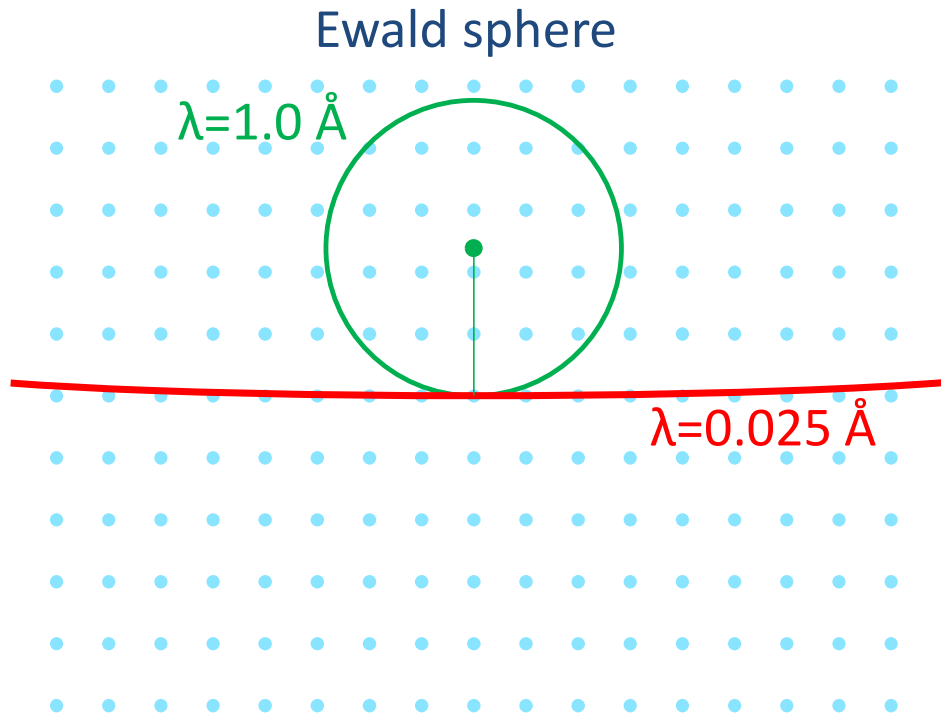


## *Programming*



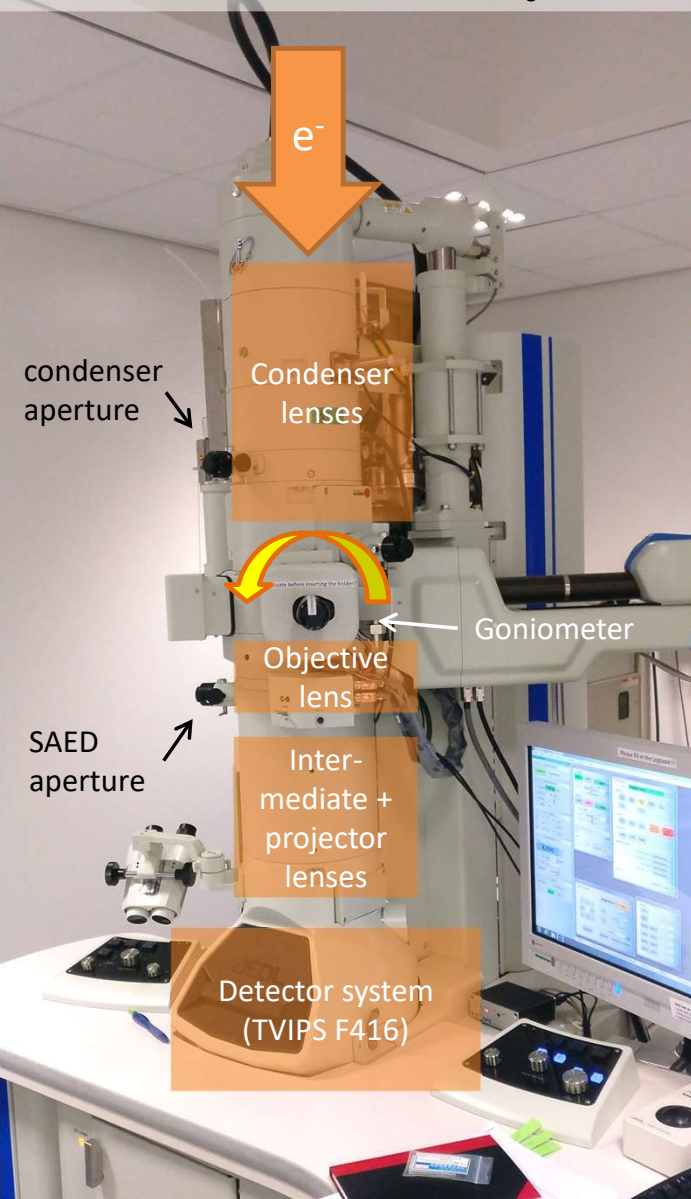
<https://github.com/stefsmeets>

# Electrons as a radiation source

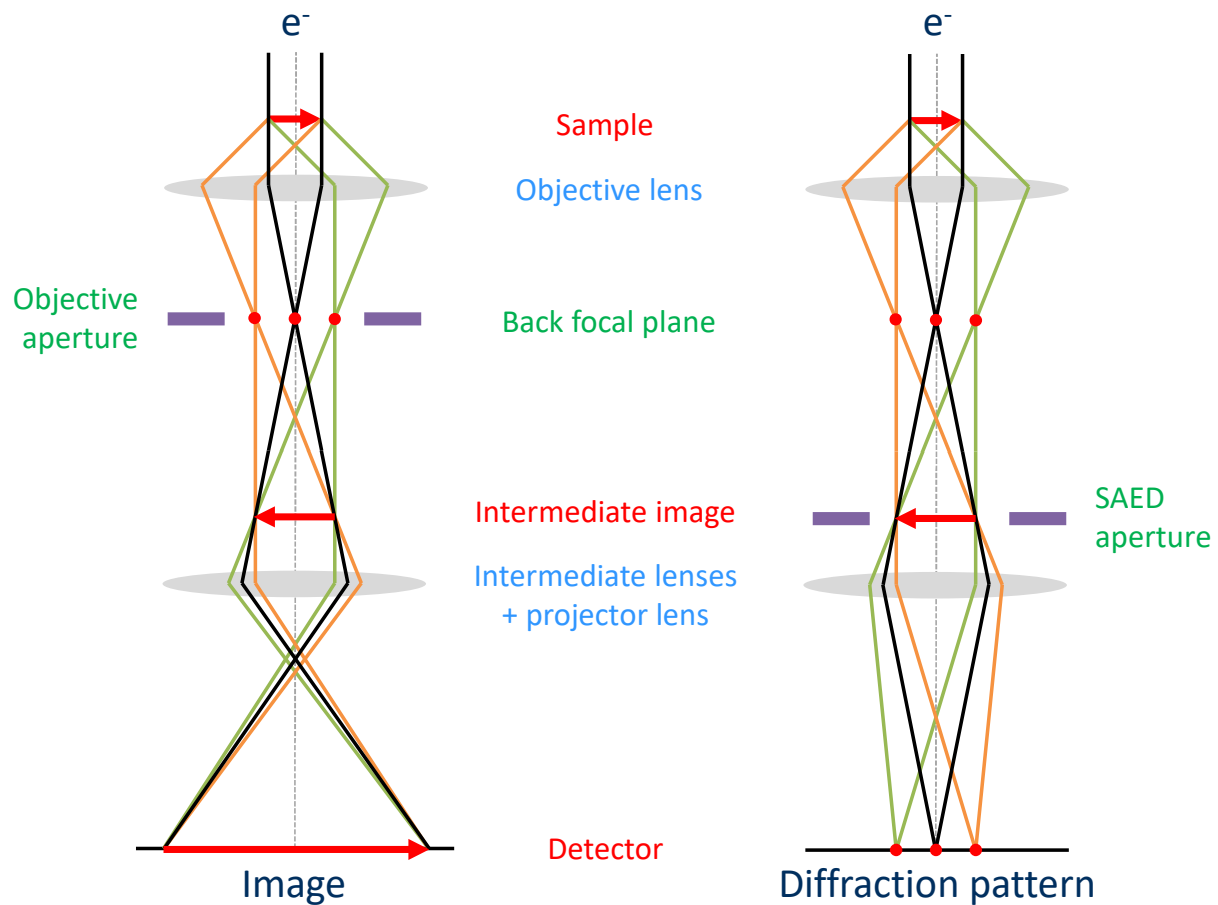


- Accelerating voltage: 100 to 300 keV
- Wavelength:  $0.0251 \text{ \AA}$  @ 200 keV
- Probe electrostatic potential
- Strong interaction ( $10^6$  stronger than X-rays)
- Require small samples ( $< 1 \text{ \mu m}$ )
- High vacuum ( $< 10^{-3}$  mbar)

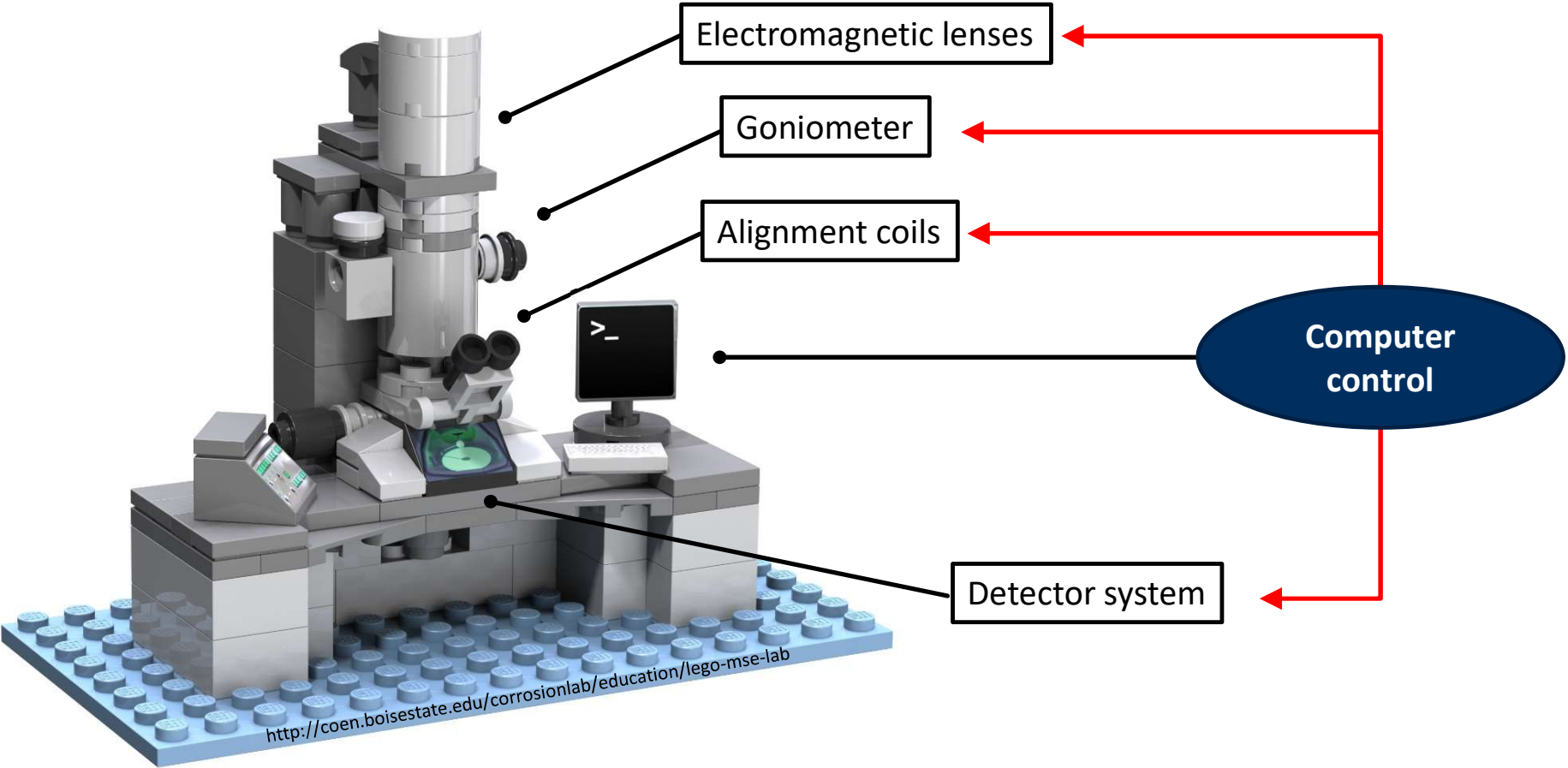
JEOL JEM-1400-LaB<sub>6</sub>

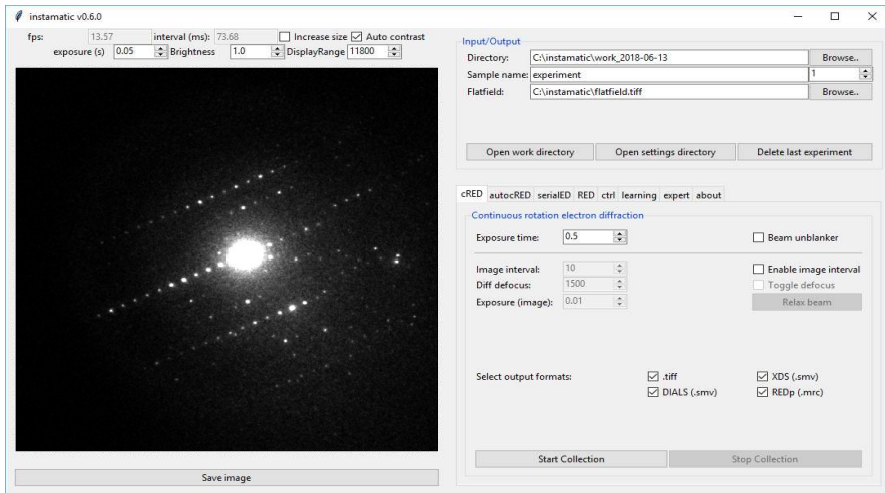


## Electron 'diffractometer'



# The electron microscope as a giant toy for nanoscience





- Modular GUI
- Crystal finder
- Crystal tracking
- Neural network
- Calibrations

**Instamatic**  
(Python3.6+)

Serial rotation  
electron diffraction

Serial electron  
diffraction

Continuous rotation  
electron diffraction

Data reduction  
server

- .tiff (patterns + images)
- REDp (.ed3d, .mrc)
- XDS (XDS.INP, .smv)
- DIALS (.bat files)

- .hkl files
- Phase analysis
- Input files

### Microscope control



TFS Titan/Themis Z




JEOL 1400/2100/3200



Simulated

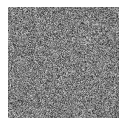
### Camera interface




ASI Cheetah



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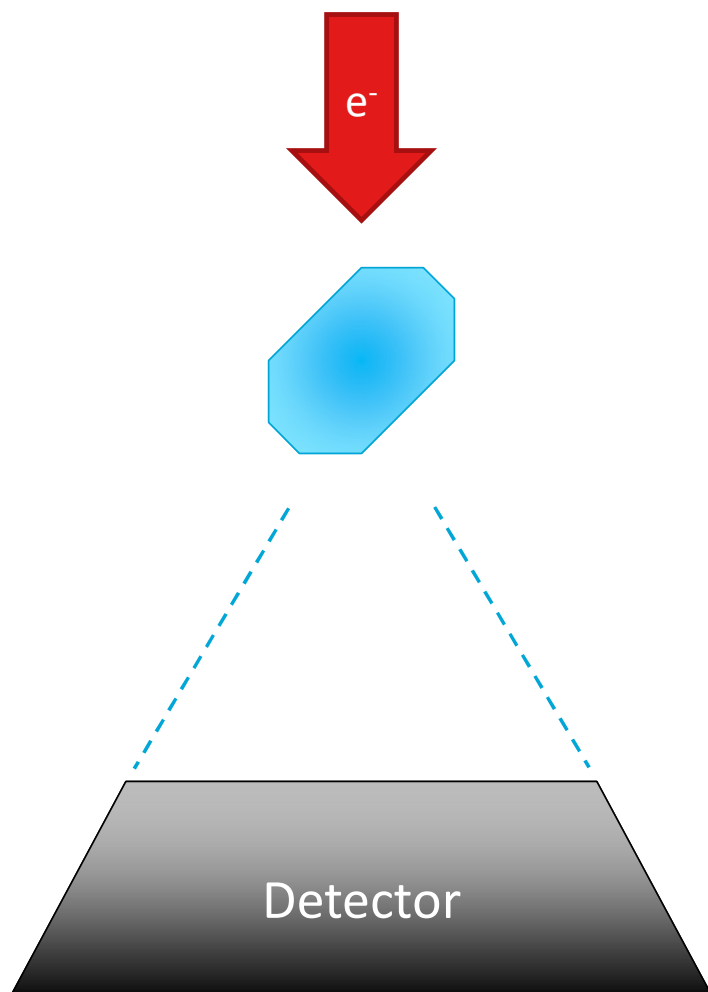
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Source code:  
<http://github.com/stefsmeets/instamatic>

# 3D Electron diffraction



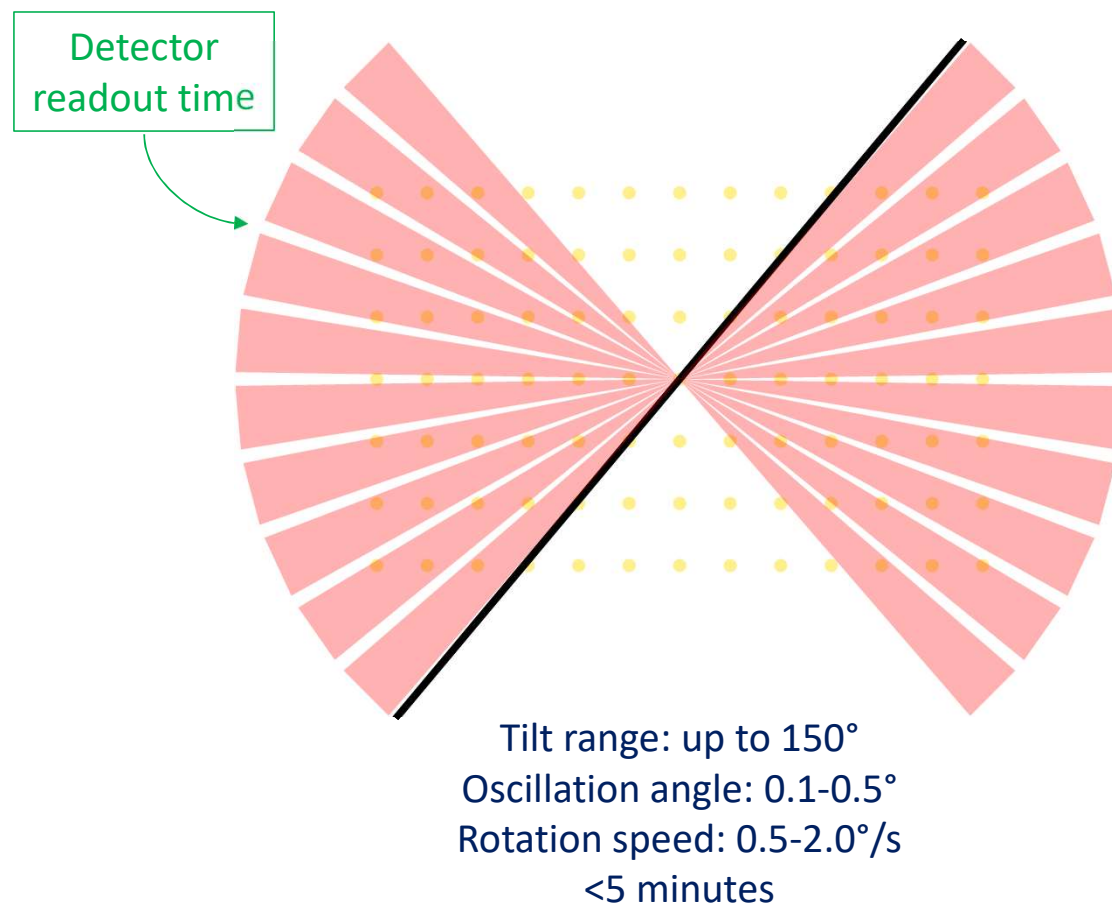
## Continuous rotation method

Nederlof *et al.*, Acta Cryst. D (2013), 69:1223

Nannenga *et al.*, Nat. Methods (2014), 11:927

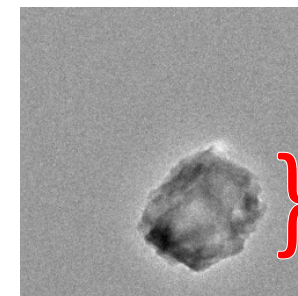
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Cichočka *et al.*, J. Appl. Cryst. (2018), 51:1652

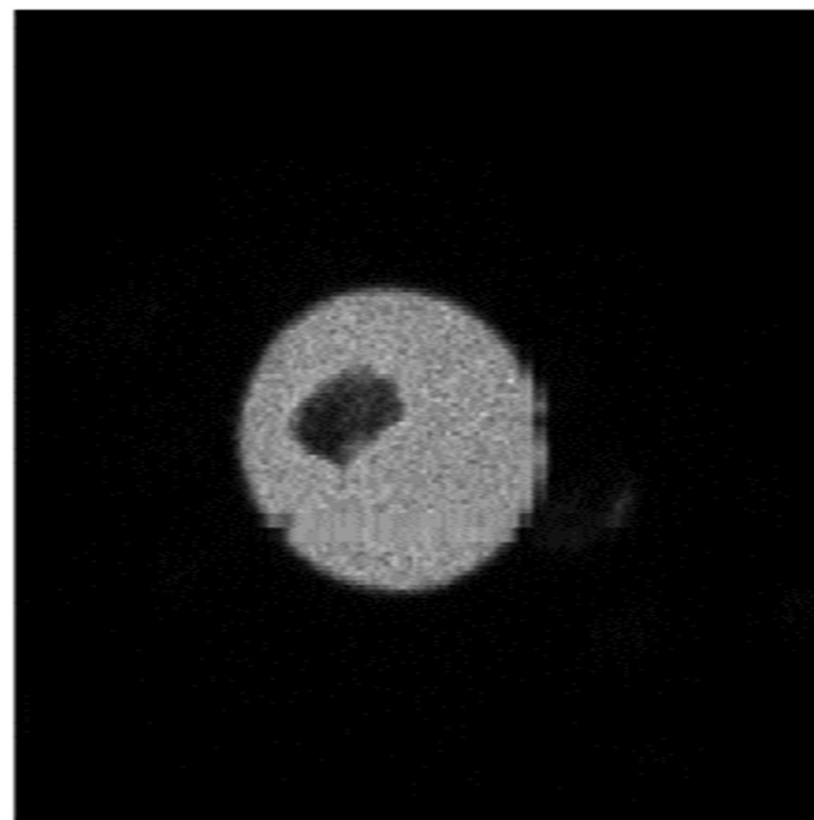
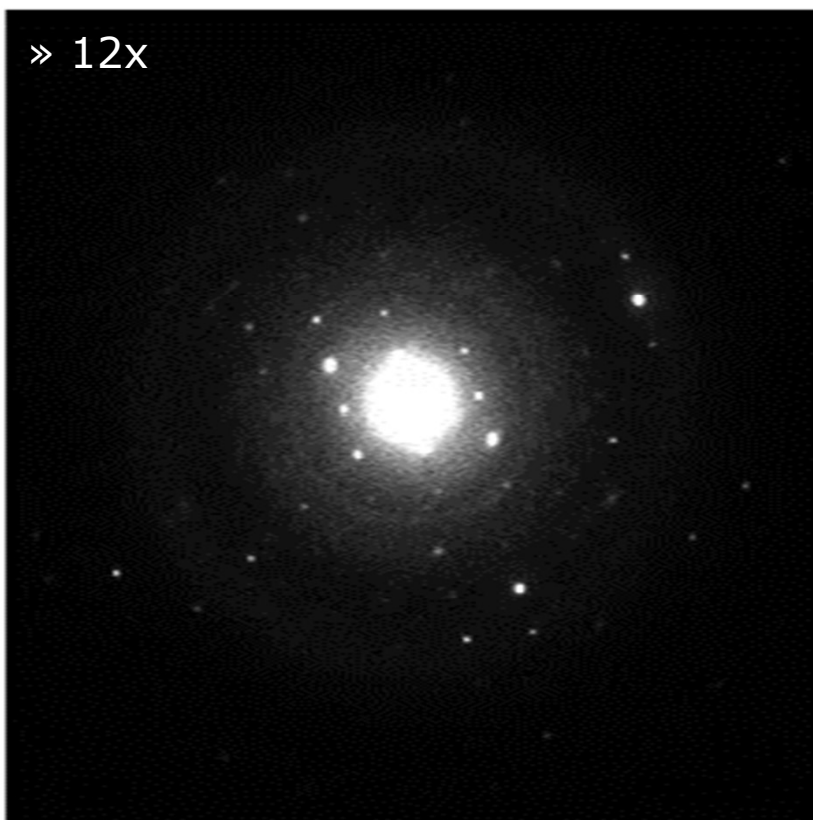


# Zeolite mordenite

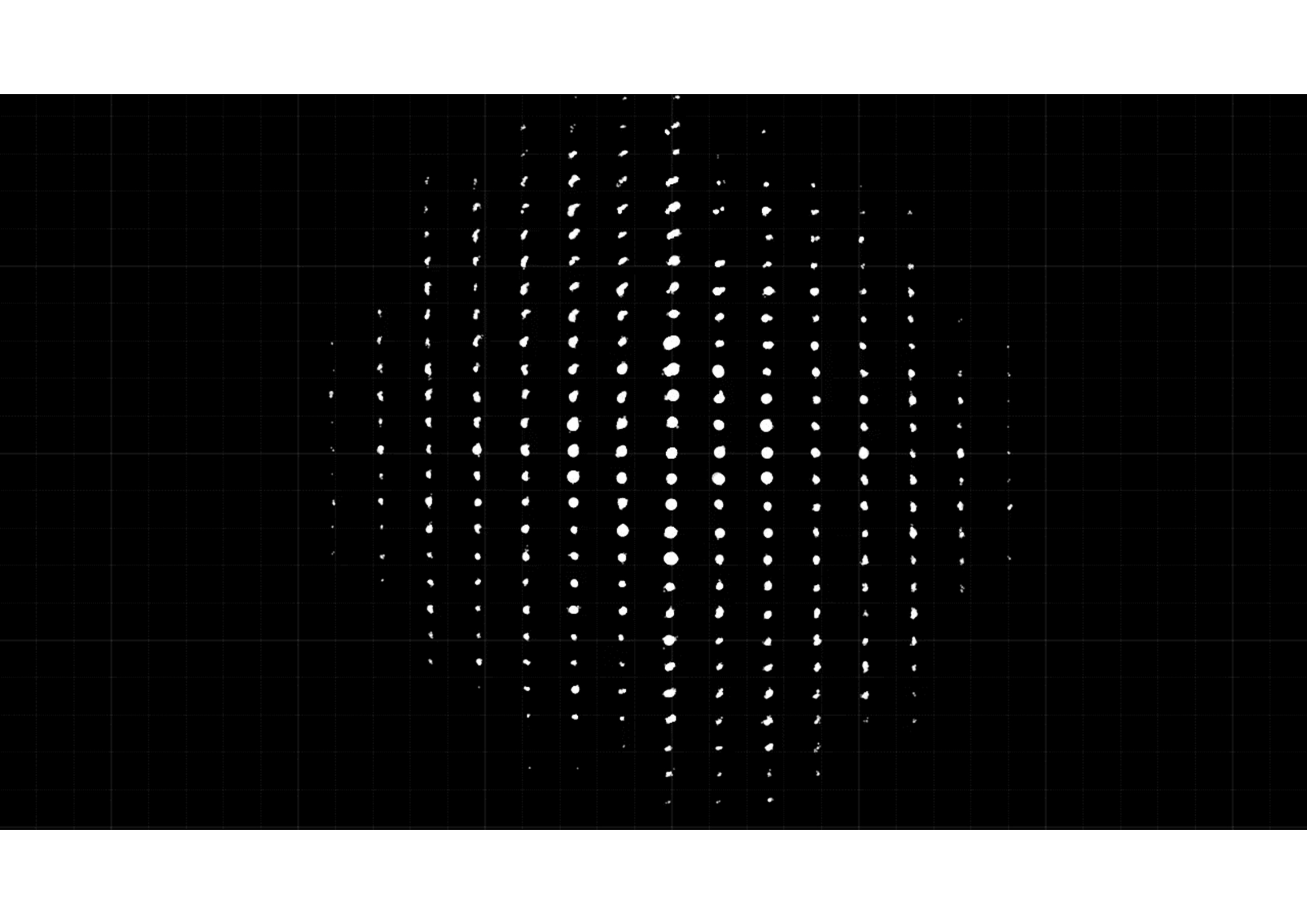
Rotate:  $-43.90^\circ$  to  $58.65^\circ$  @  $0.45^\circ/\text{s}$  ( $102.55^\circ$ )  
Exposure: 0.5 s, oscillation angle:  $0.23^\circ$



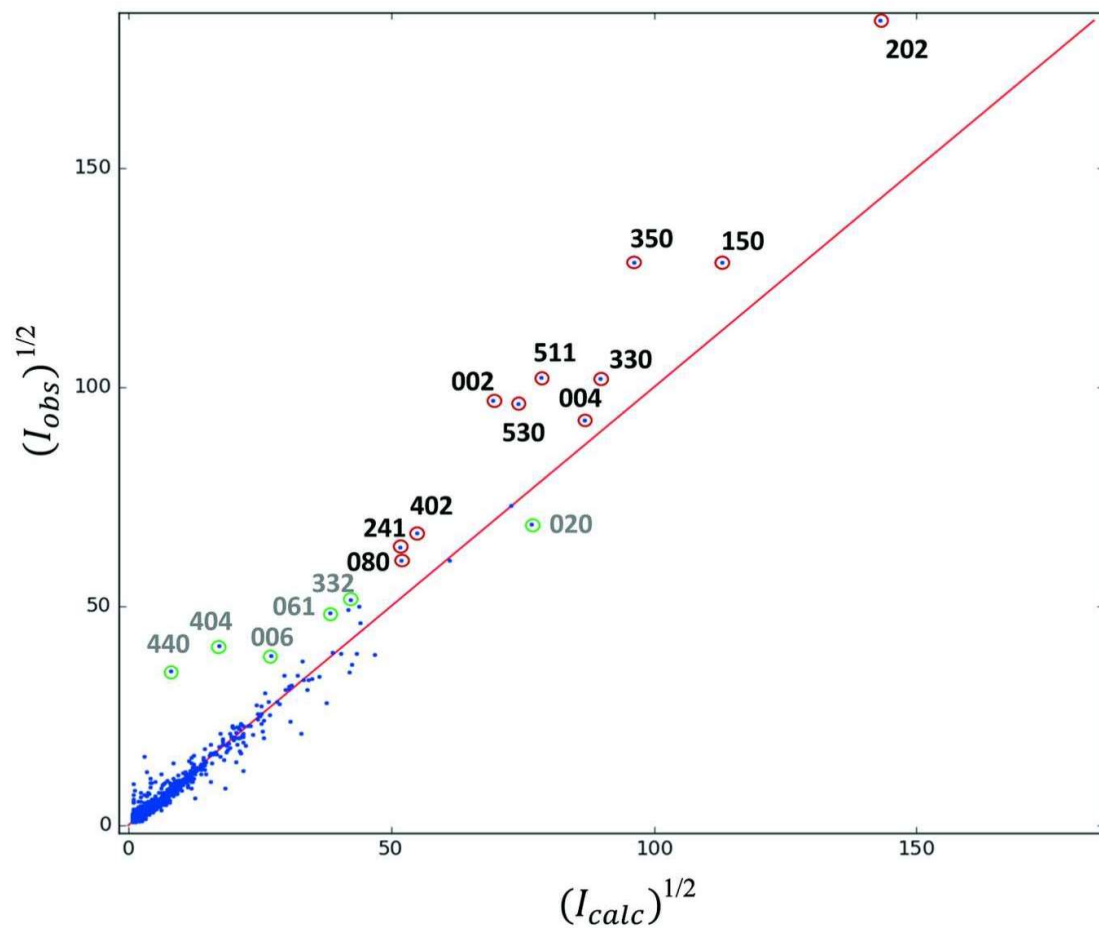
250 nm







# Refinement



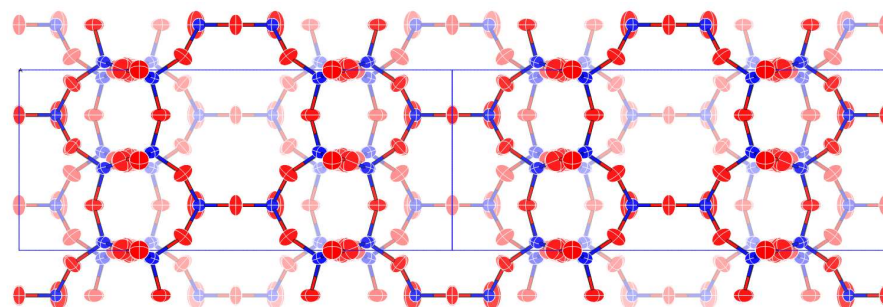
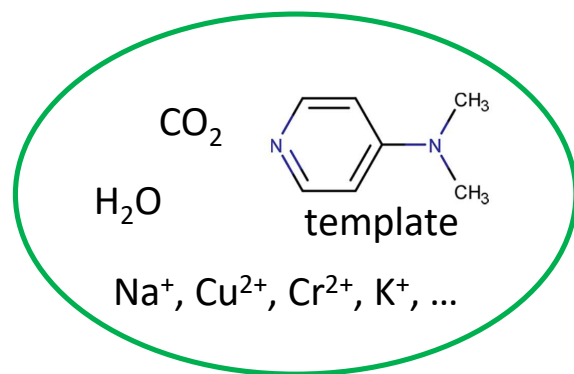
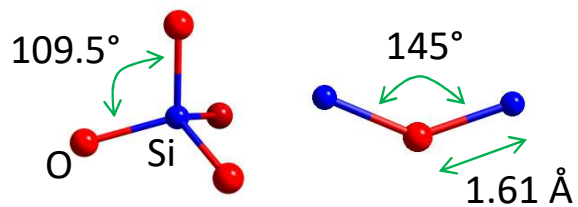
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Chemical formula (refined)	Si <sub>48</sub> O <sub>96</sub>
Space group	<i>Cmcm</i> (63)
<i>a</i> (Å)	18.110
<i>b</i> (Å)	20.530
<i>c</i> (Å)	7.528
Resolution (Å)	0.80
No. of total reflections	5244
No. of unique reflections (all)	1585
No. of unique 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

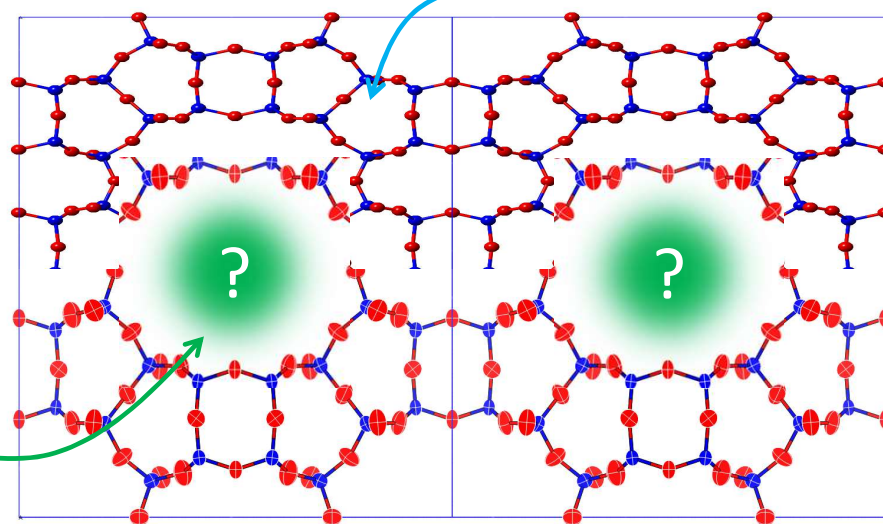
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# Framework structure

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

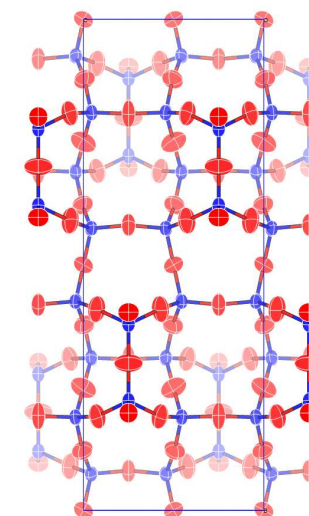


Si? Al? Ge? B? □?



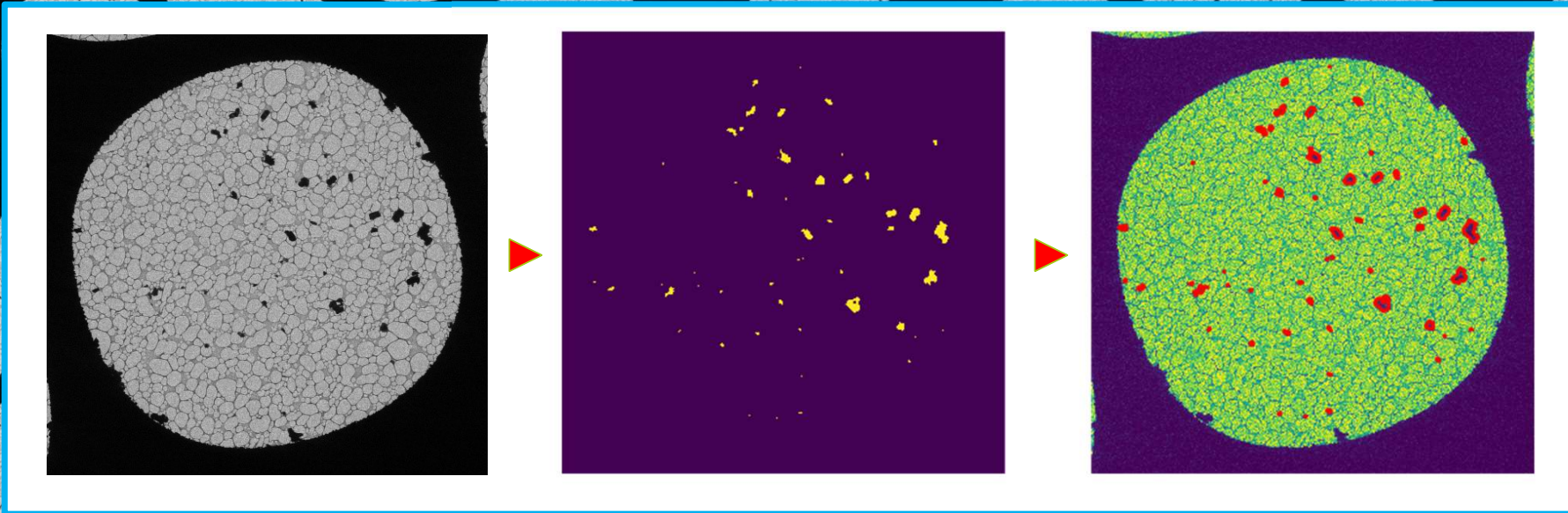
$R1=0.160 (0.80 \text{ \AA})$

Cichocka et al., *J. Appl. Crystallogr.* 51 (2018): 1652–61

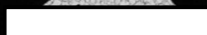


# Serial electron crystallography

## Segmentation

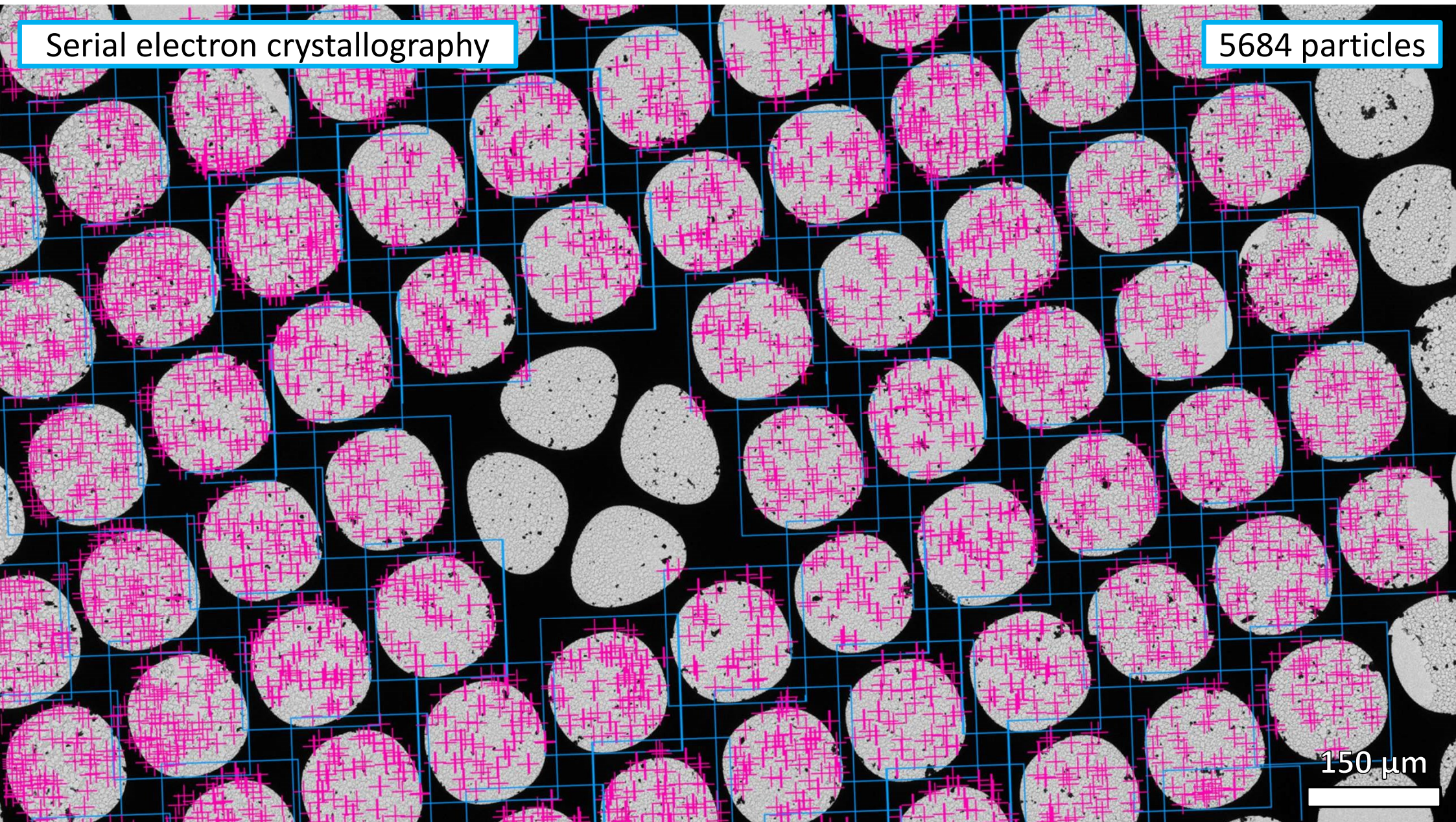


150  $\mu\text{m}$



Serial electron crystallography

5684 particles



150 μm

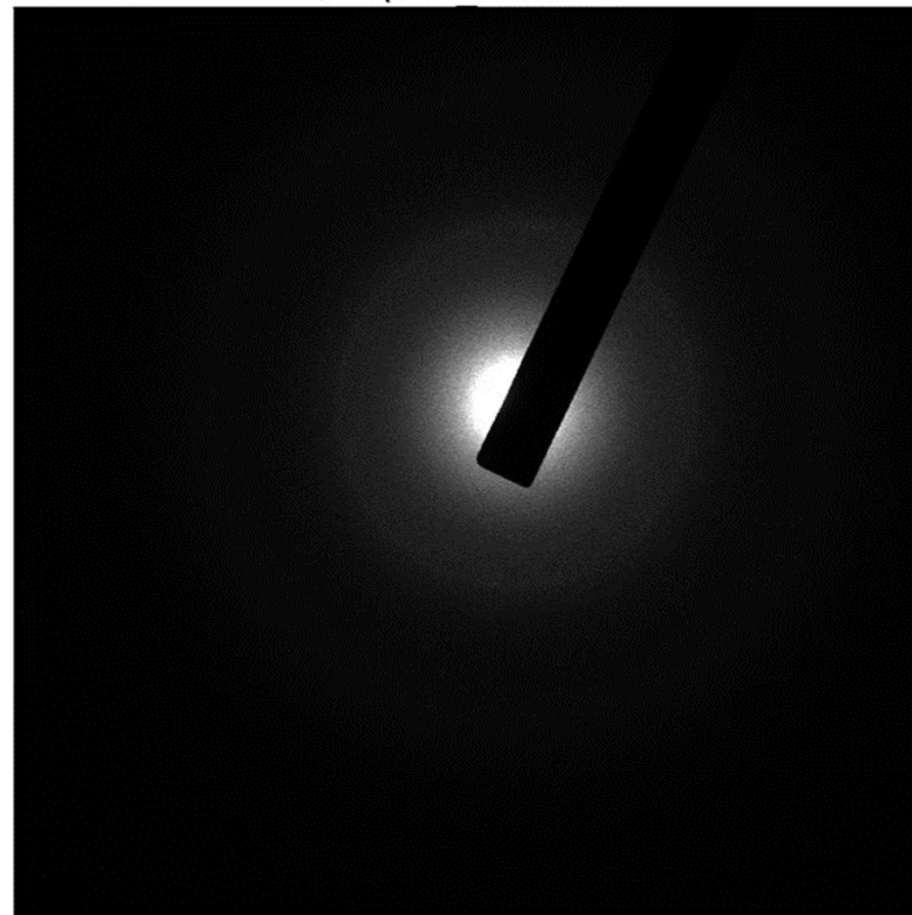
# Serial electron diffraction (SSZ-45)

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

diff\image 121.tiff

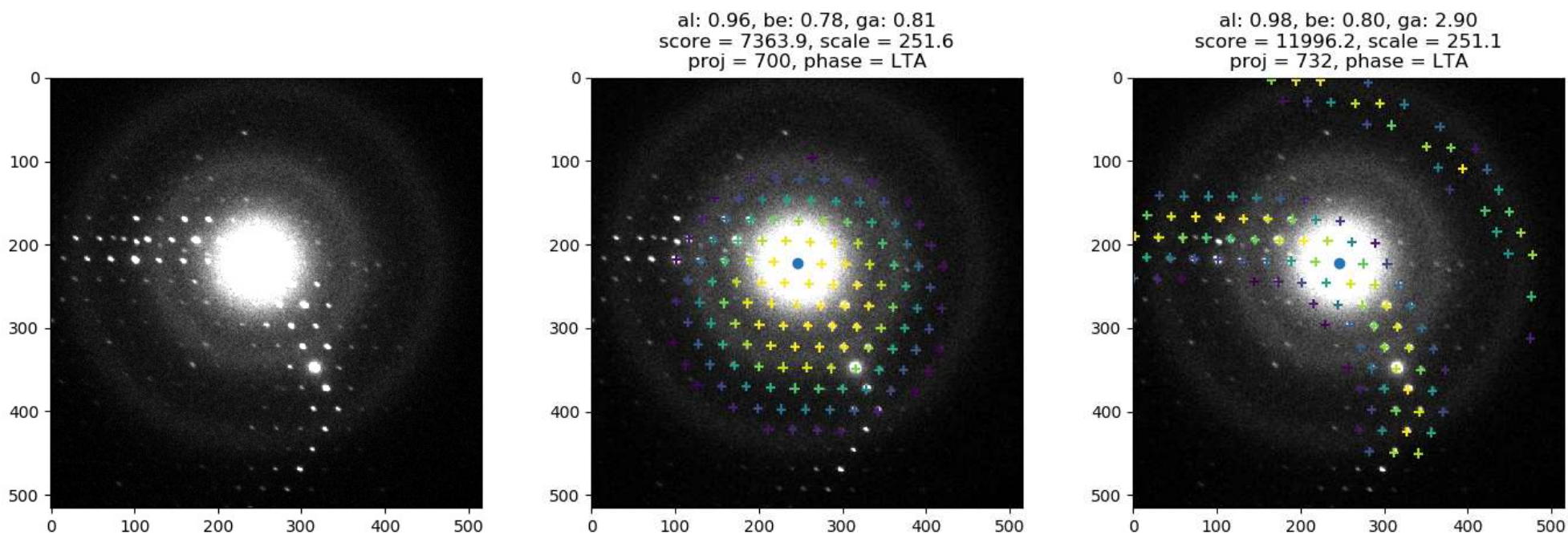


diff\diff 121.tiff



# Orientation finding

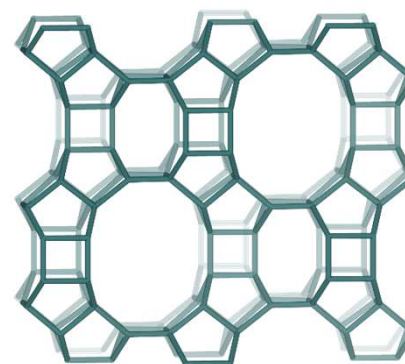
- Forward projection model using known lattice parameters
- Generate pattern library of all possible orientations ( $\sim 1.5\text{M}$  in  $P1$ )
- Match best orientation and index data



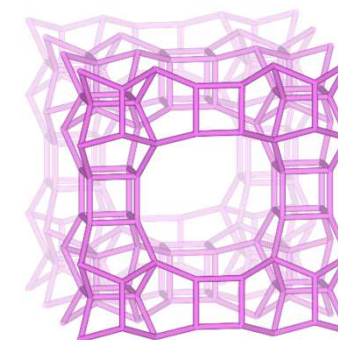
Smeets *et al.*, *J. Appl. Cryst.*, 2018, 51:1262

## Structure determination

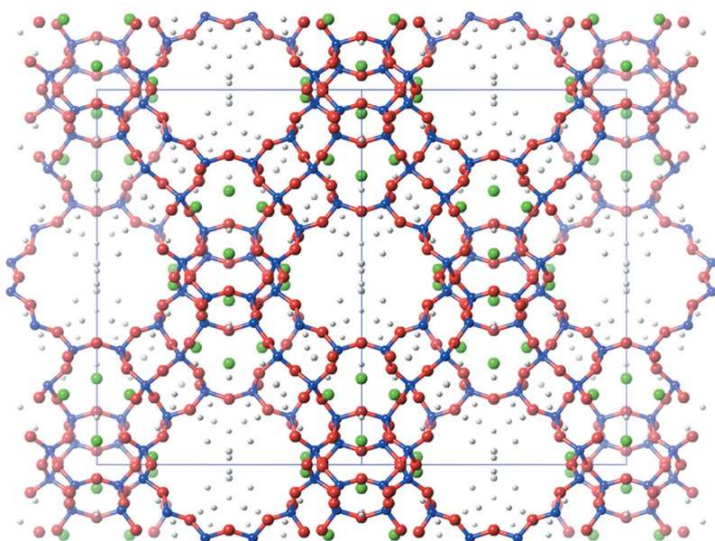
- Merge *hkl*-files using rank aggregation
- Combine data from many frames



Mordenite

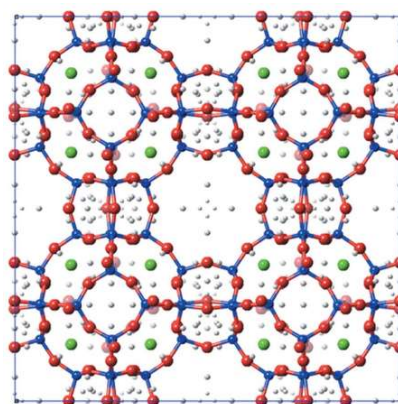


GeSi-BEC



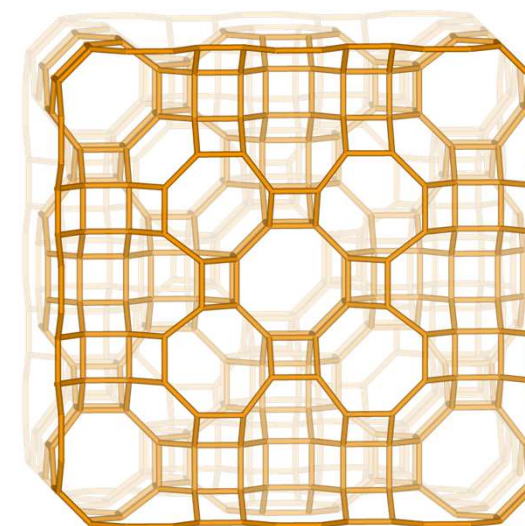
Zeolite Y

(using 99 / 2506 frames)



Zeolite A

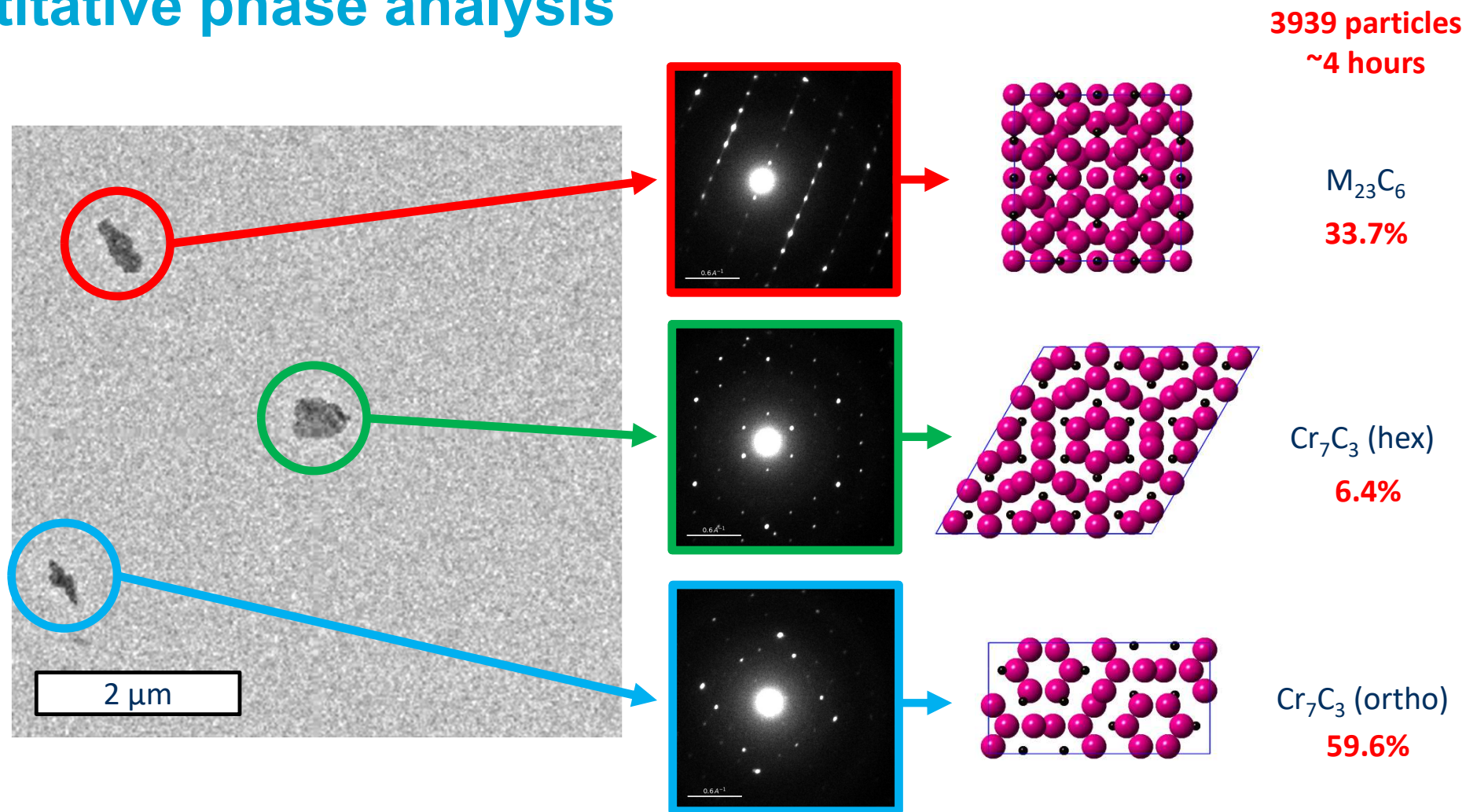
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ECR-18



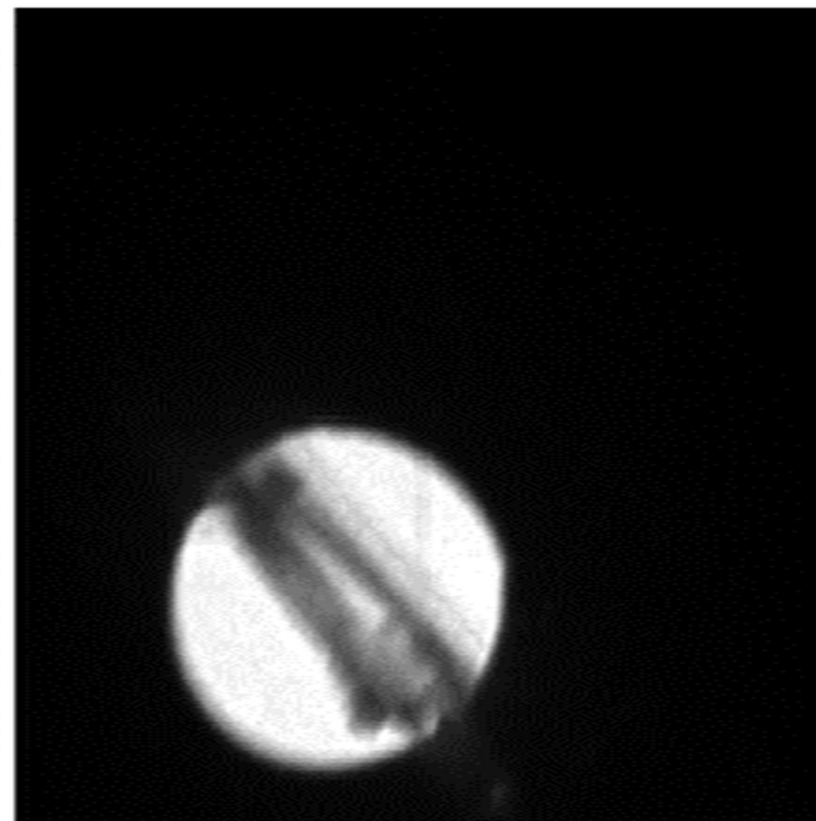
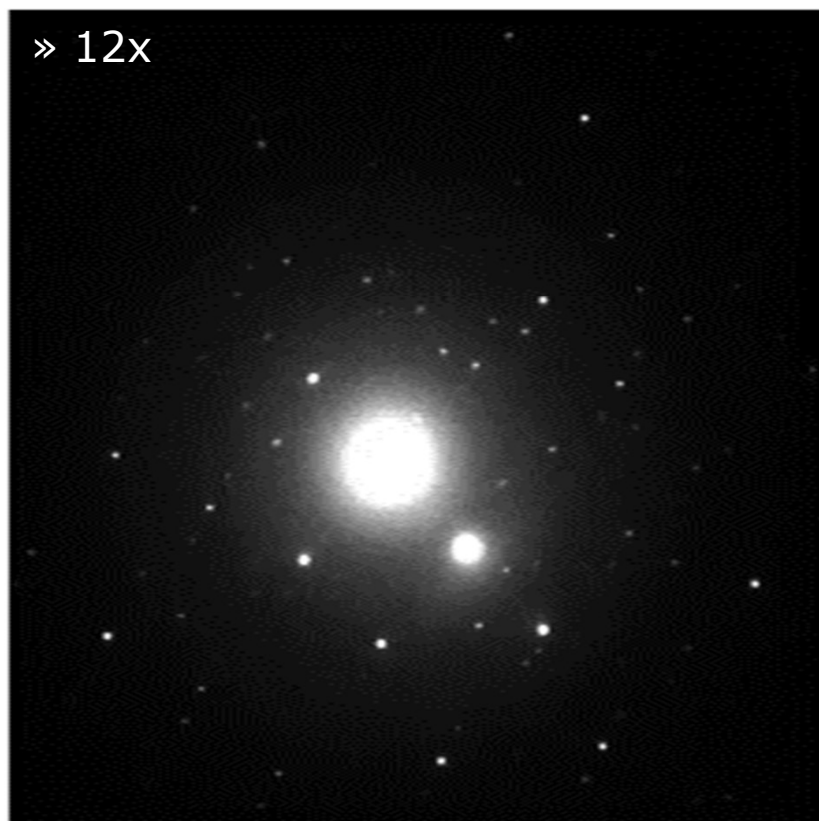
# Quantitative phase analysis



With Claes Olsson (Sandvik Materials Technology)  
Smeets et al., *Steel Res. Int.* 90 (2019), 1800300

# Automated crystal tracking

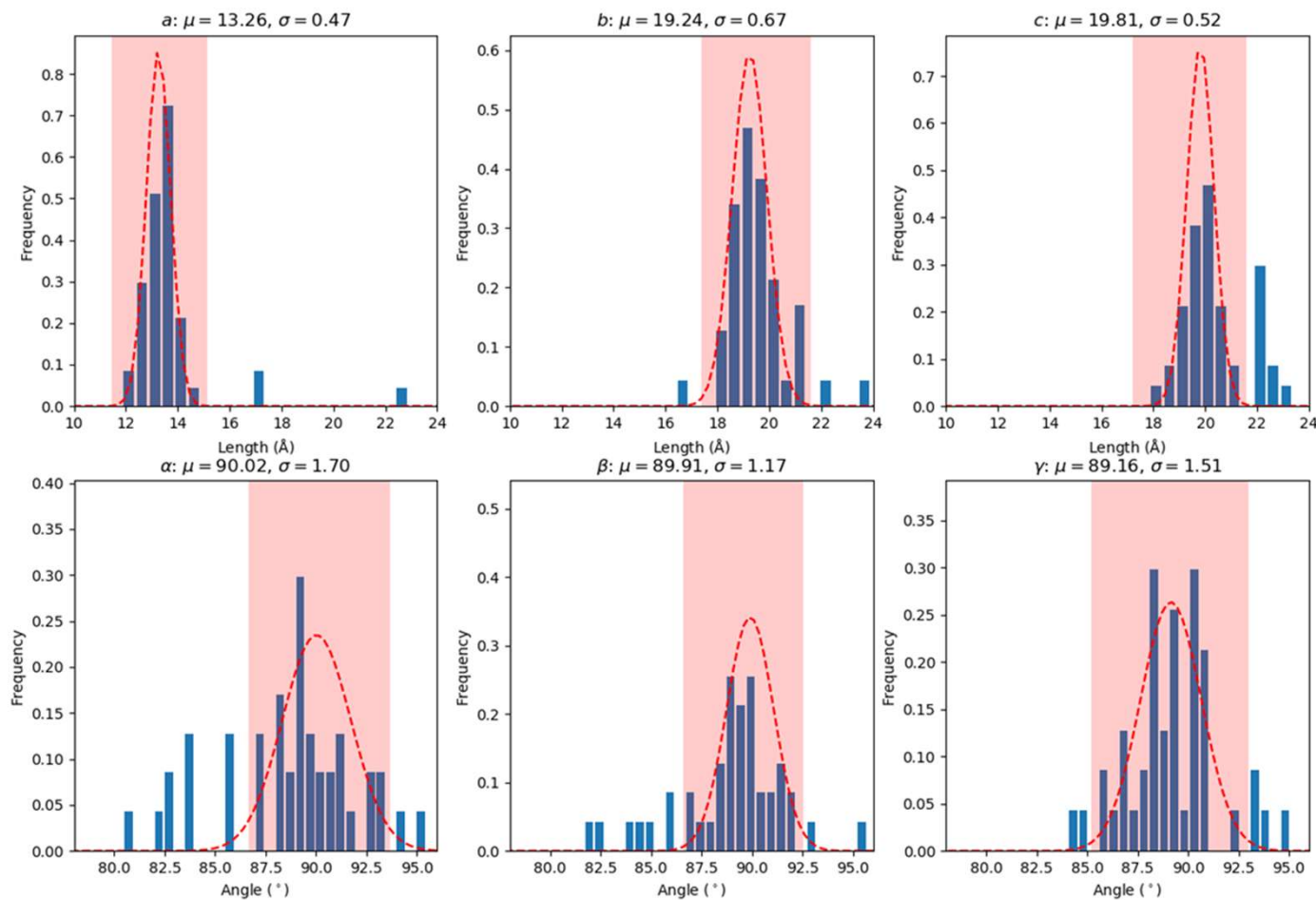
Rotation:  $-44.0$  to  $47.4^\circ$  @  $0.76^\circ/\text{s}$  ( $91.4^\circ$ )  
Exposure:  $0.5$  s, oscillation angle:  $0.39^\circ$



Bin Wang (Stockholm University)

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

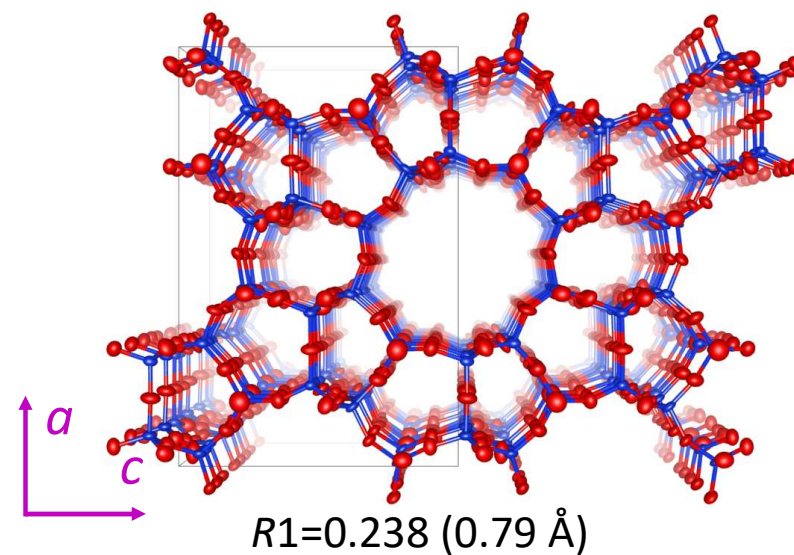
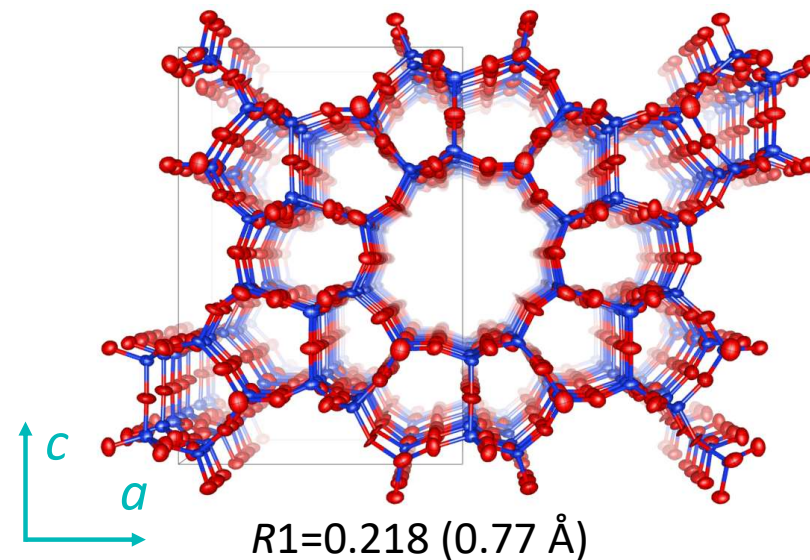
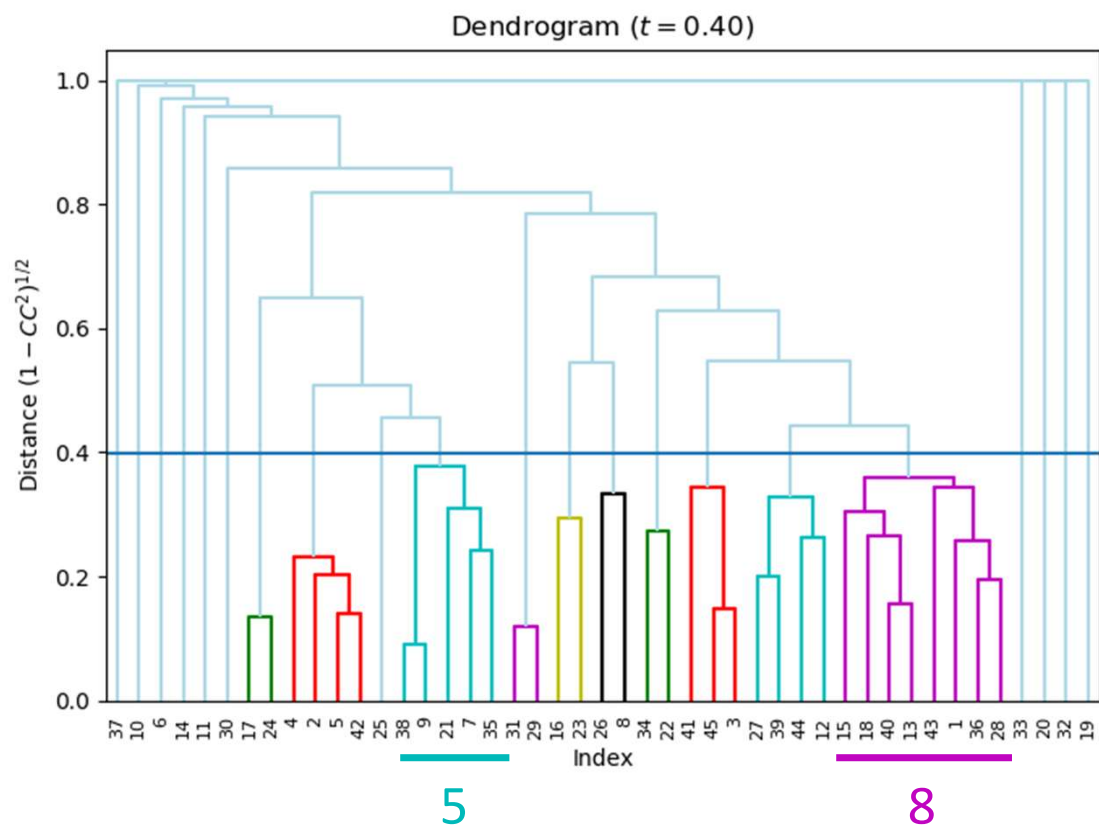
# Find average unit cell (ZSM-5)

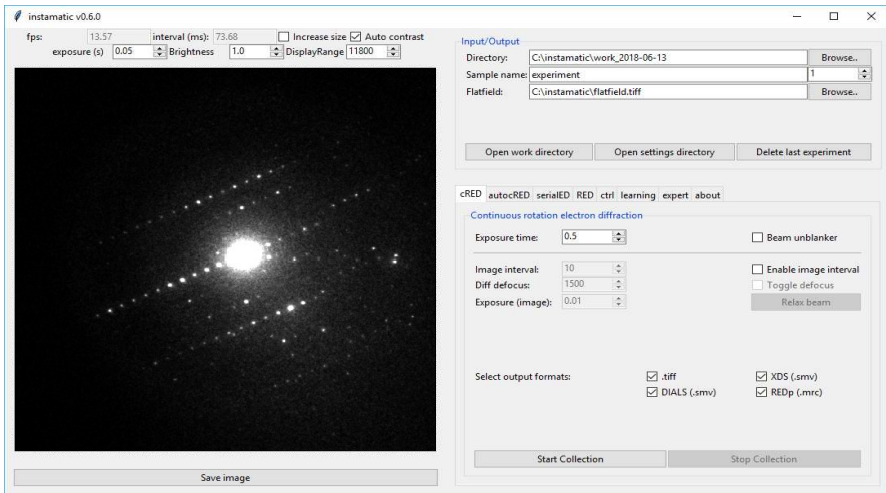


$$\begin{aligned}a &= 13.3(5) \text{ \AA} \\ b &= 19.2(7) \text{ \AA} \\ c &= 19.8(5) \text{ \AA} \\ \alpha &= 90.0(1.7)^\circ \\ \beta &= 89.9(1.2)^\circ \\ \gamma &= 89.16(1.5)^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Orthorhombic  
C-centered

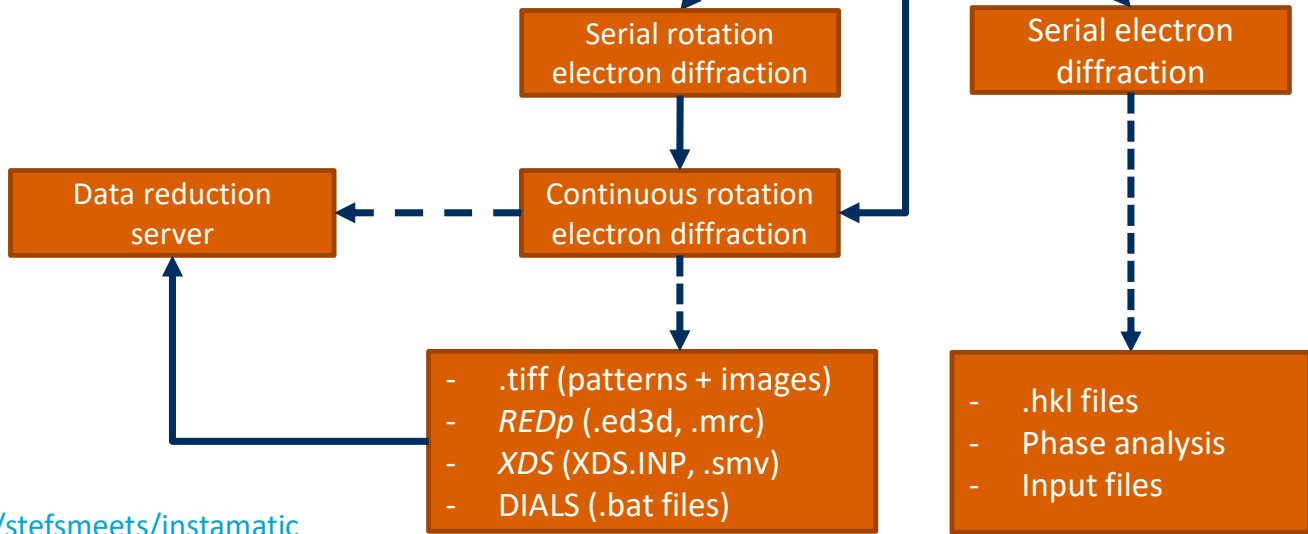
# Cluster analysis (intensities)





- Modular GUI
- Crystal finder/tracking
- Neural network
- Calibrations
- Automated experiments

**Instamatic**  
(Python3.6+)



### Microscope control



TFS Titan/Themis Z



JEOL 1400/2100/3200



Simulated

### Camera interface



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Source code:  
<http://github.com/stefsmets/instamatic>

Python program to collect serial and rotation electron diffraction data

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docs	Tweak calibration routines and update related documentation	2 months ago
instamatic	Merge branch 'pr12'	3 days ago
scripts	Add usage instructions	last month
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readme.md

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## Python as a glue language

“

*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)

*'Python as a glue language'*

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# Python as a glue language

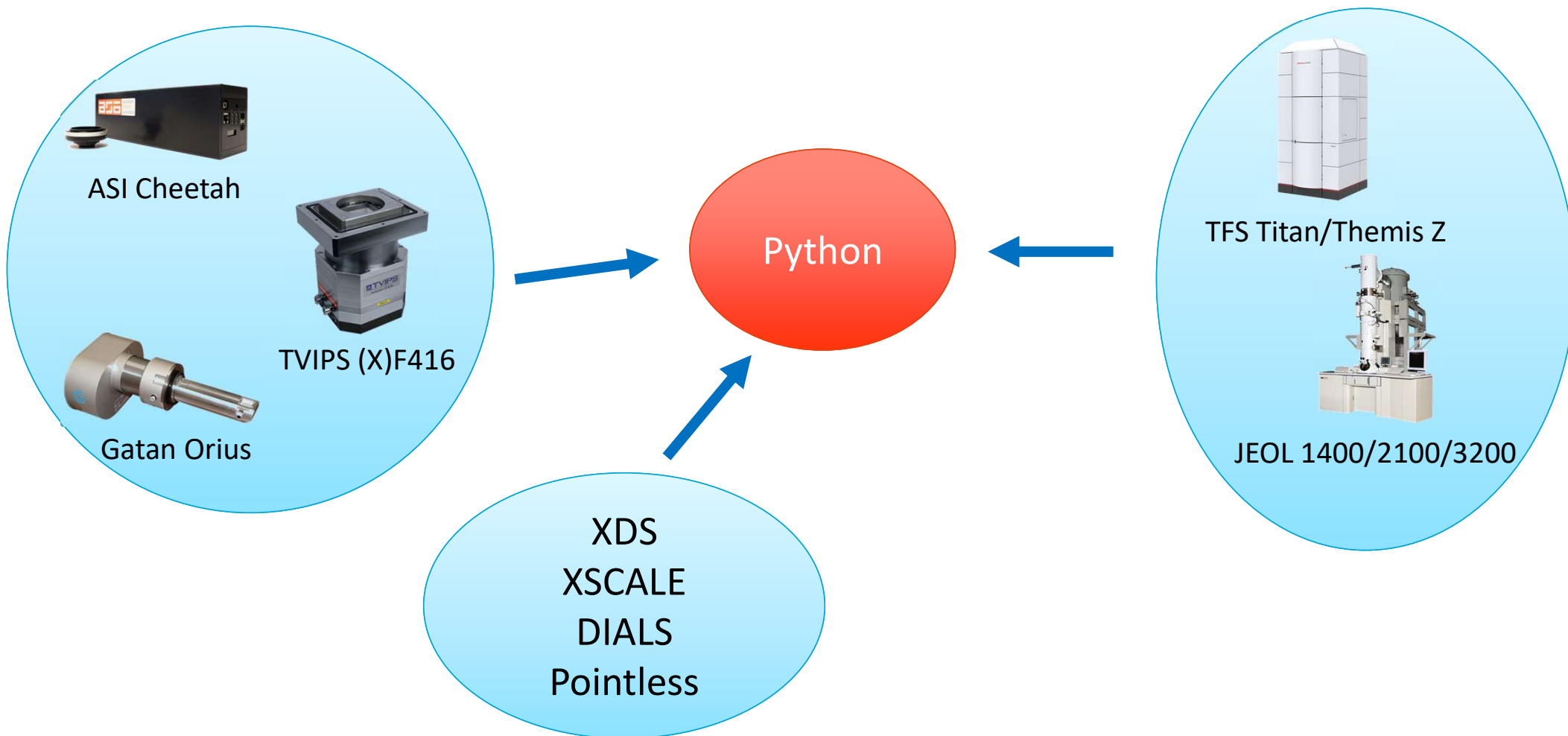
**“** *Python is ideal for oddball integration tasks.* **”**

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# Python as a glue language



# Python as a glue language

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

instamatic.camera.Camera



ASI Cheetah

Through DLL (C++)  
**ctypes**



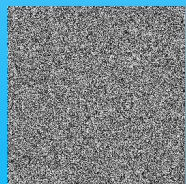
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Through EMMENU  
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Through DM plugin  
COM -> DLL (C++) -> **ctypes**



Simulated

**Python**



Instamatic  
main program

instamatic.server.cam\_server (socket server)

instamatic.camera.Camera



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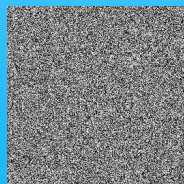
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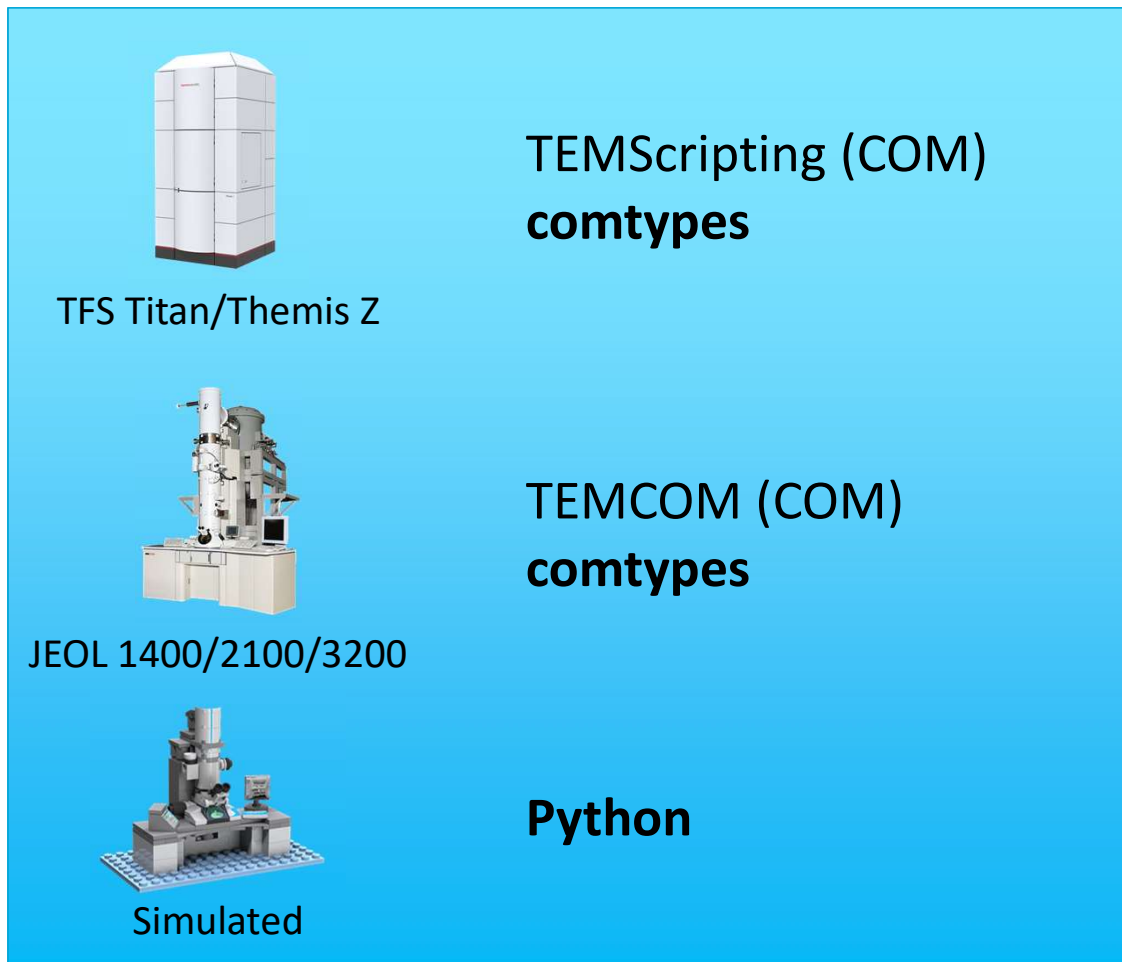





(socket client)

Instamatic  
main program

instamatic.TEMController.Microscope

Instamatic  
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**comtypes**



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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()

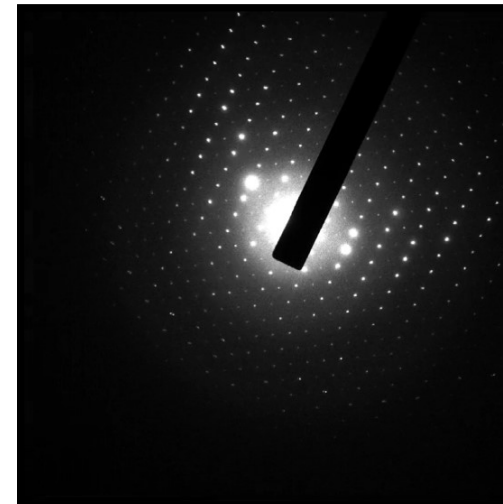
coords = get_list_of_coordinates()

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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