

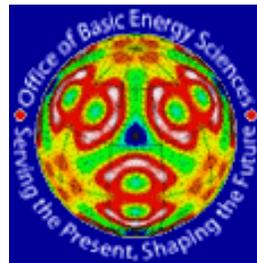
# Recent and future developments in PDF-land

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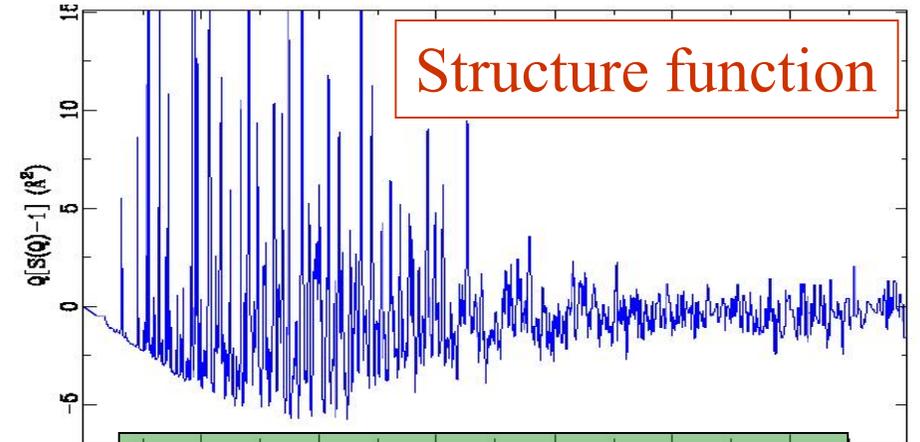
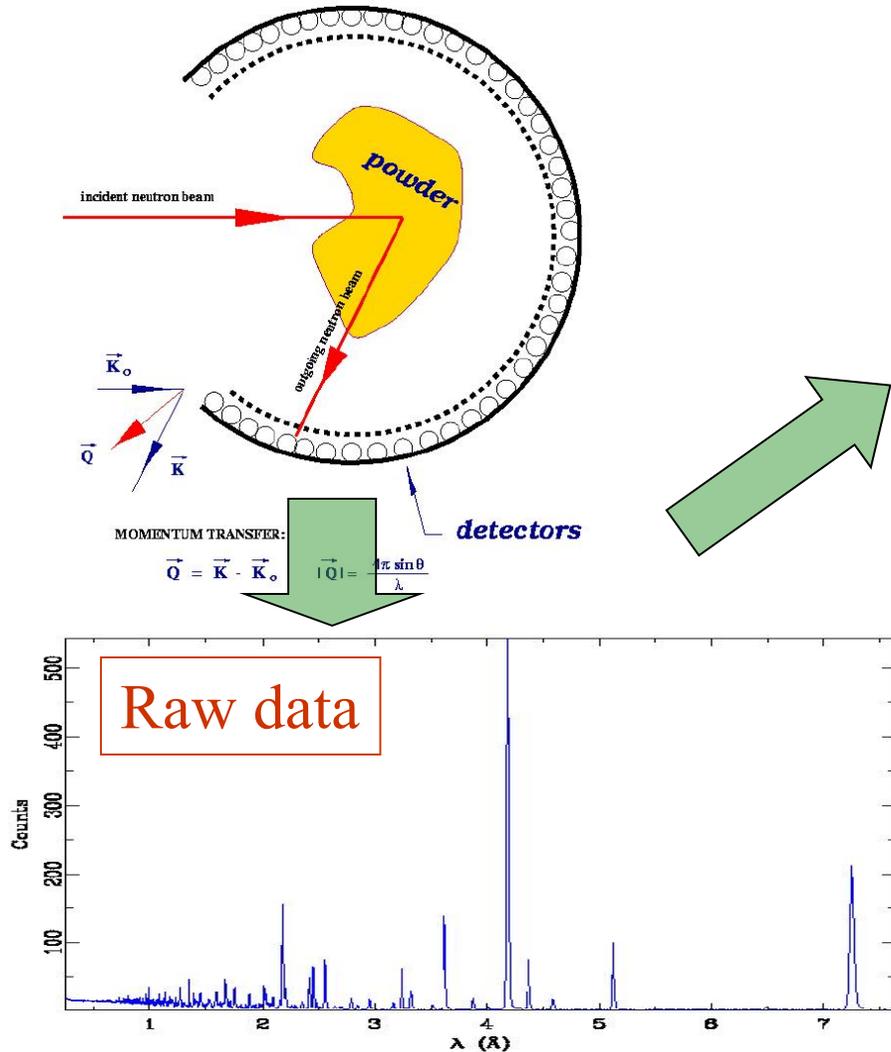


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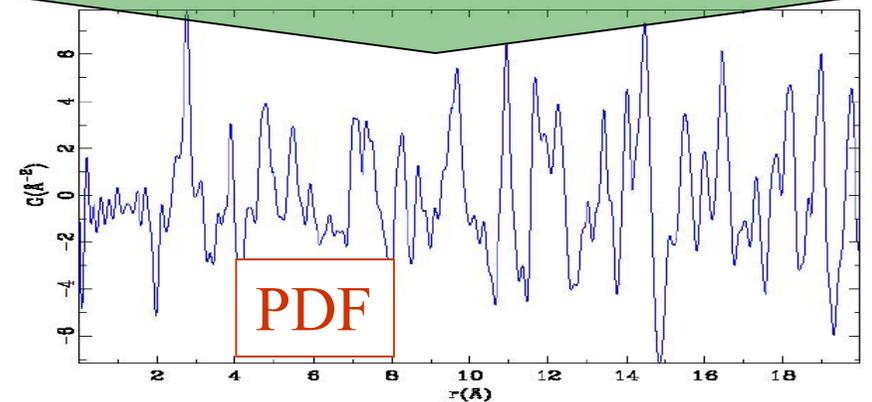
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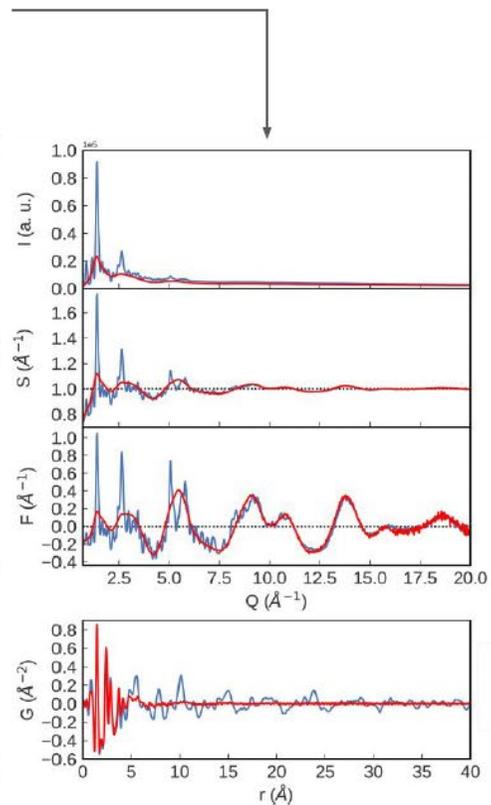
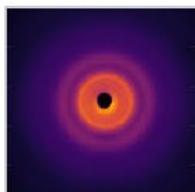
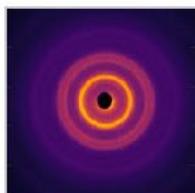
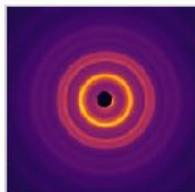
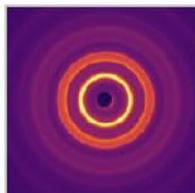
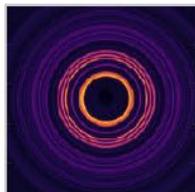
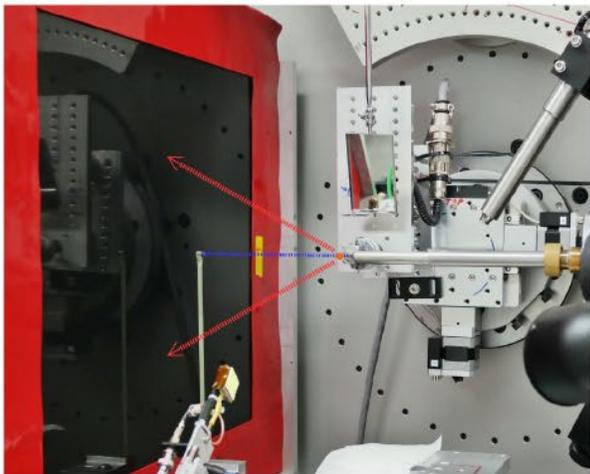
# What is PDF

# The atomic Pair Distribution Function



$$G(r) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} Q[S(Q) - 1] \sin Qr dQ$$





$$S(Q) - 1 = \frac{I(Q)}{N \langle f^2 \rangle} - \frac{\langle f^2 \rangle}{\langle f \rangle^2}$$

Normalize by scattering cross section

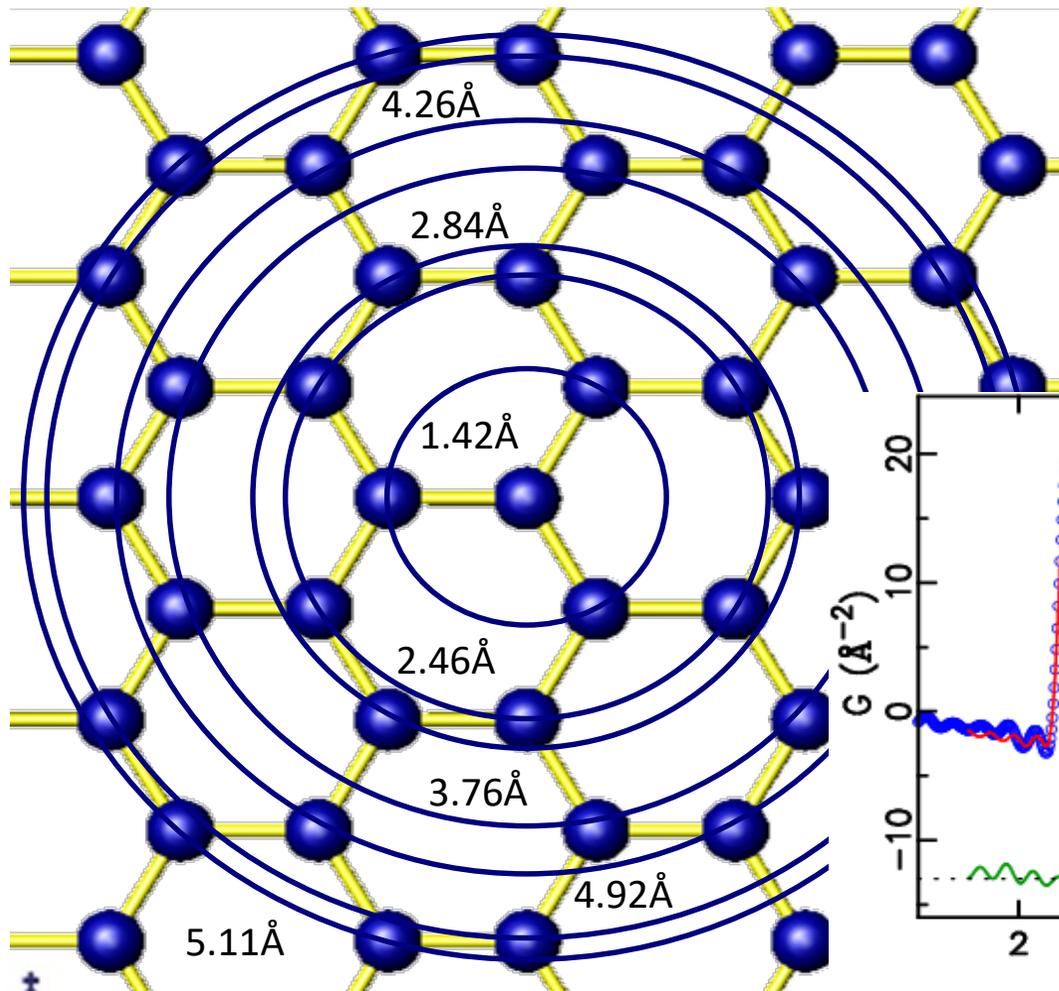
$$F(Q) = Q[S(Q) - 1]$$

Transform to physical units

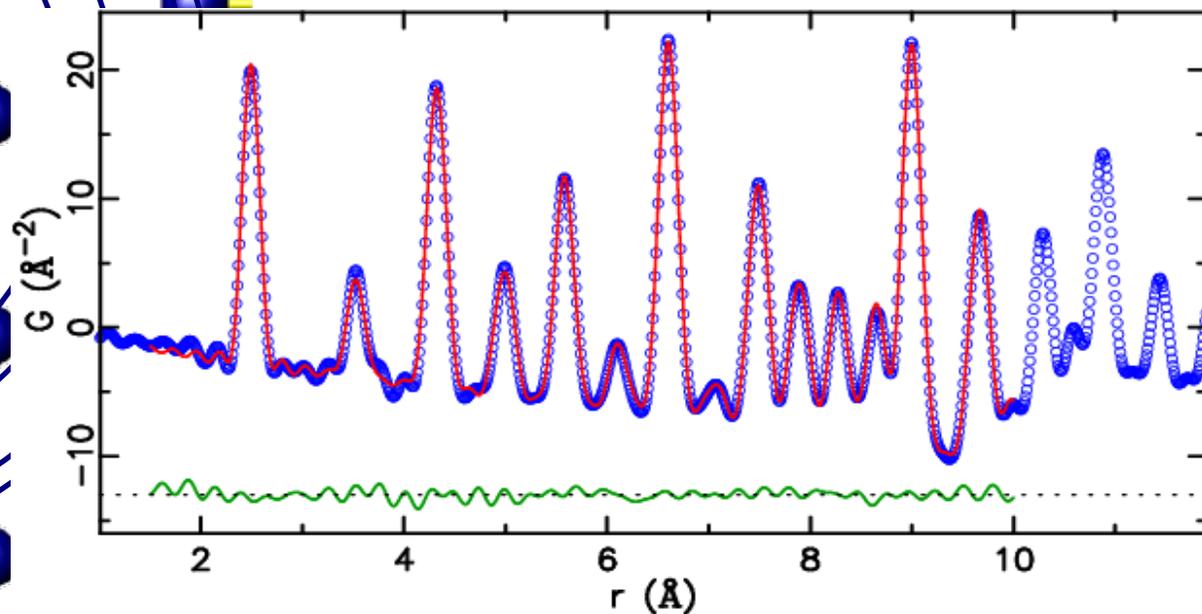
$$G(r) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{Q_{\min}}^{Q_{\max}} F(Q) \sin(Qr) dQ$$

Fourier transform

# Nanostructure refinement



Pair distribution function (PDF) gives the probability of finding an atom at a distance "r" from a given atom.



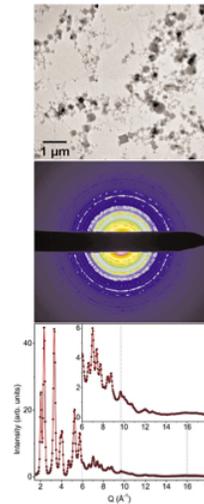
# PDFs from laboratory microscopes



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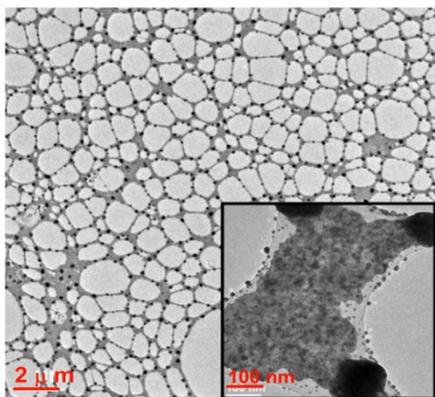
Analysis of Complex Materials

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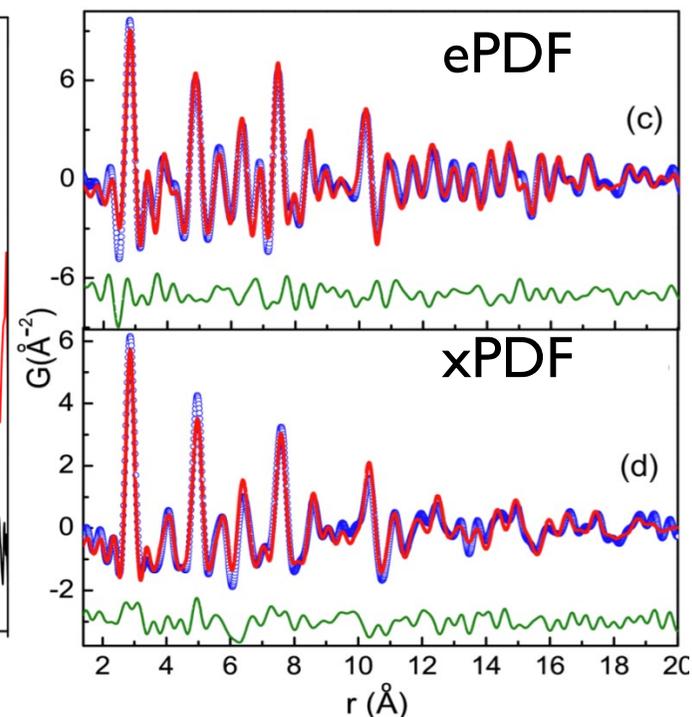
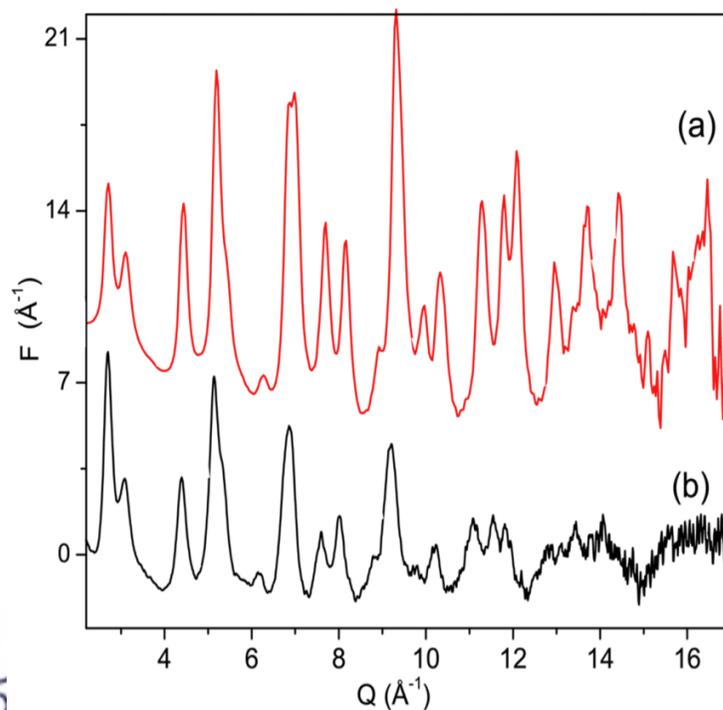
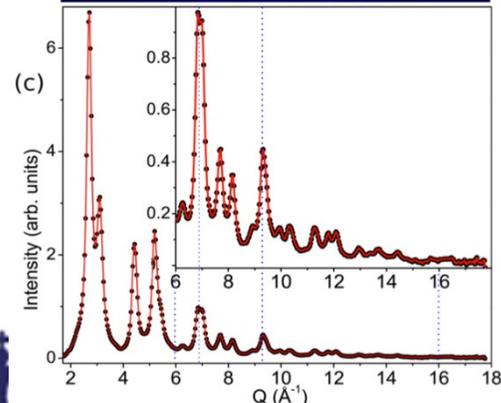
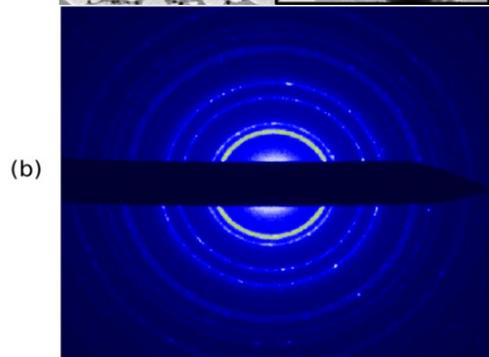
# Au (1000) Å particles



	ePDF (film)	ePDF (NP)	xPDF
$Q_{\max}$ ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	15.25	15.25	15.25
Fit range ( $\text{\AA}$ )	1–20	1–20	1–20
Cell parameter ( $\text{\AA}$ )	4.075(3)	4.076(2)	4.058(1)
$U_{\text{iso}}$ ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )	0.033(4)	0.006 (3)	0.014(1)
Diameter ( $\text{\AA}$ )	$\sim 27^a$	$\sim 1000^b$	24.51(9)
$Q$ -damp ( $\text{\AA}^{-1}$ )	0.095(5)	0.095(5)	0.047(2)
$R_w$ (%)	17	24	20

a: film thickness measured during deposition

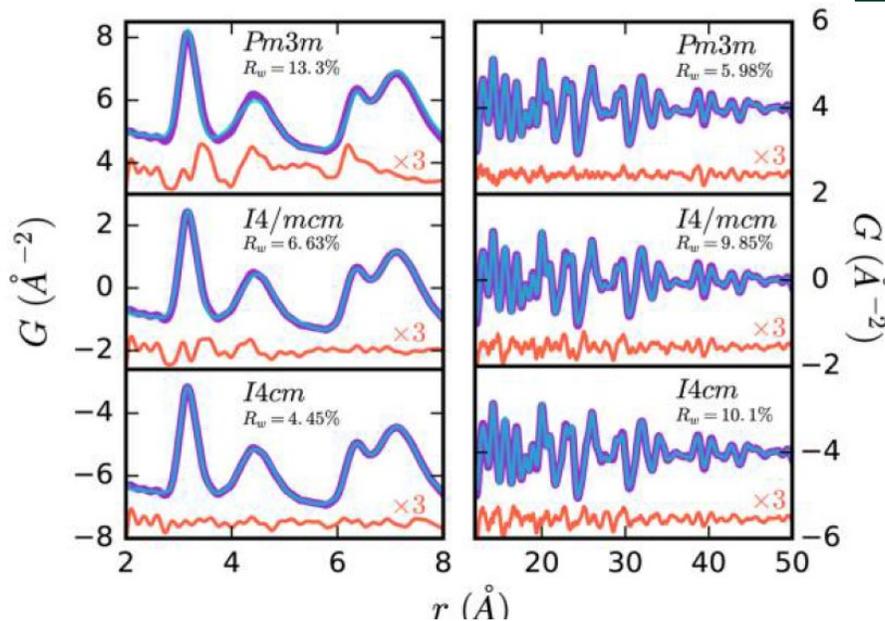
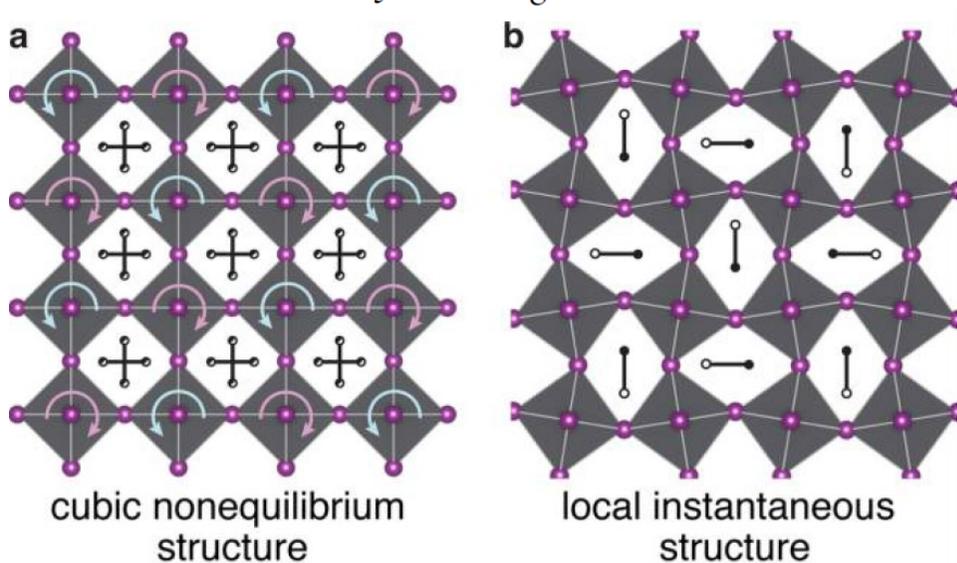
b: NP diameter estimated directly from the TEM image



What science can be done with PDF?

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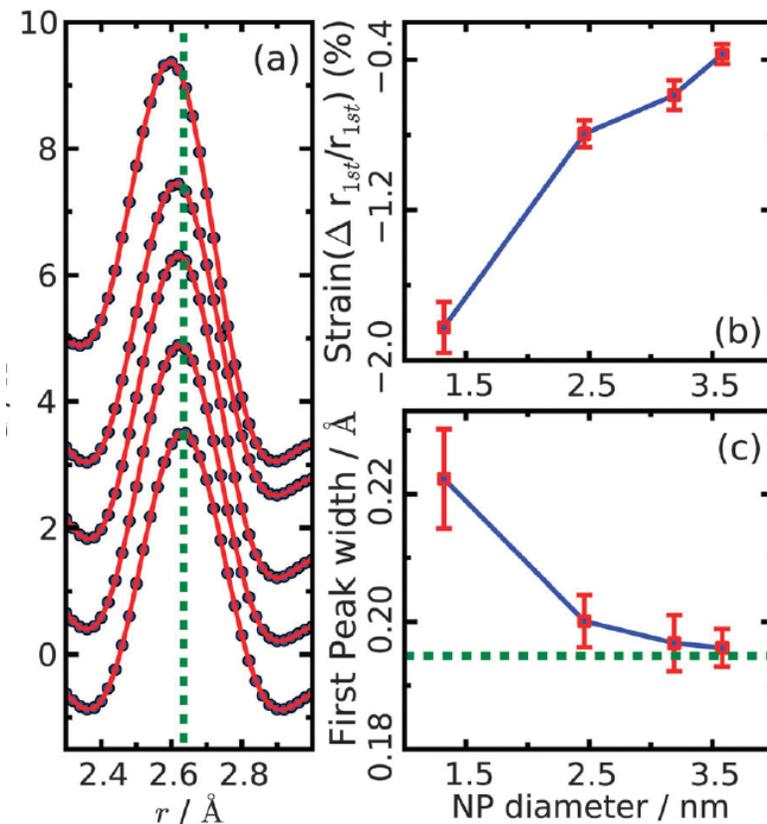
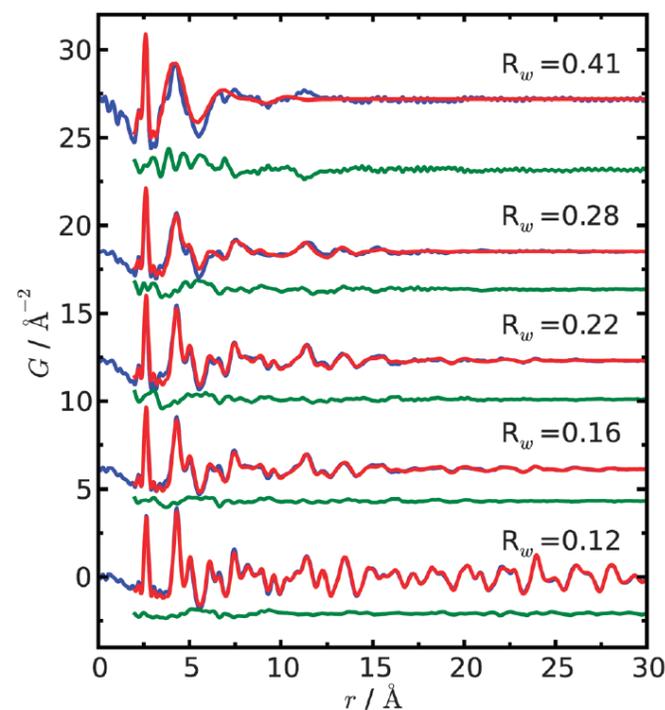
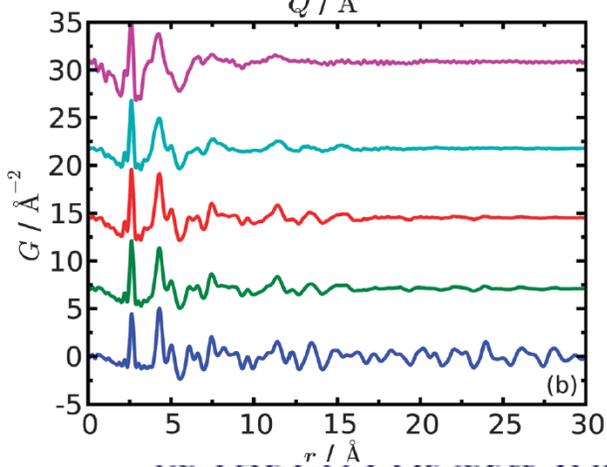
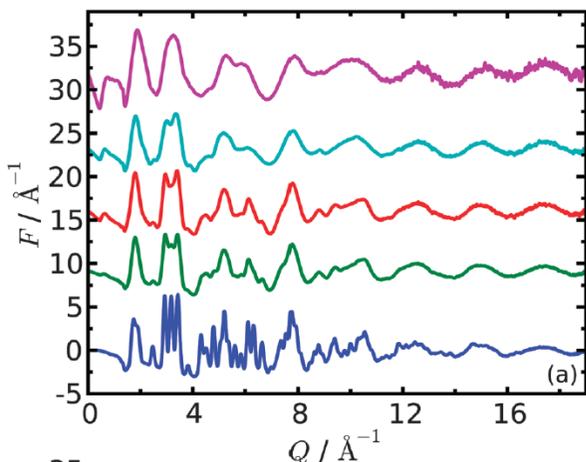
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# Confirmation of disordered structure of ultrasmall CdSe nanoparticles from X-ray atomic pair distribution function analysis

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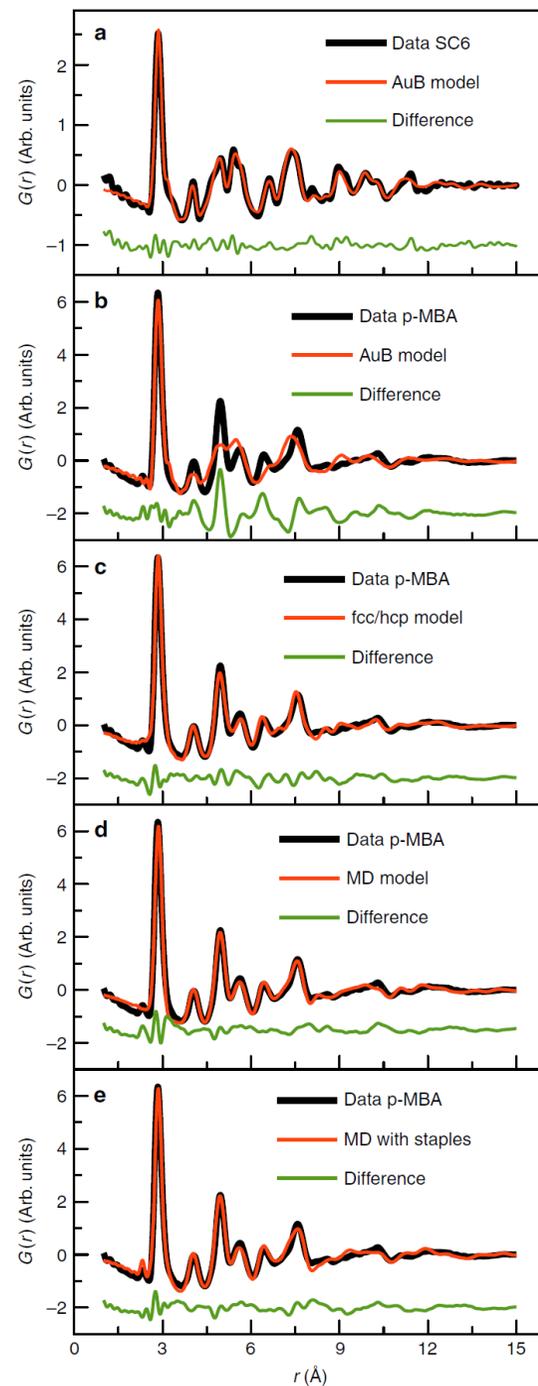
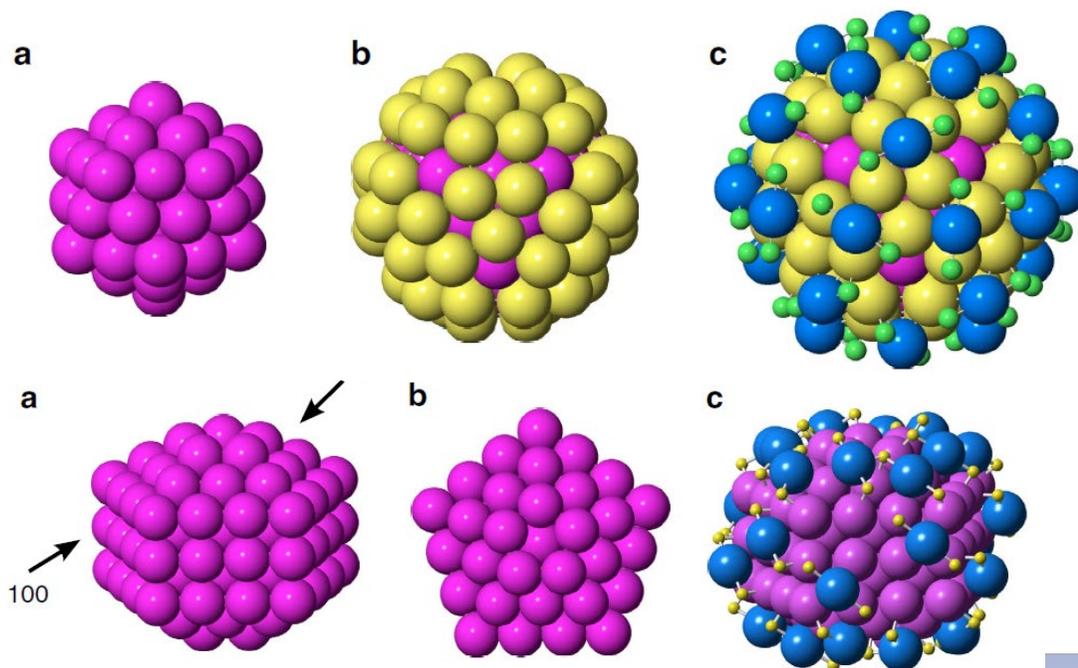
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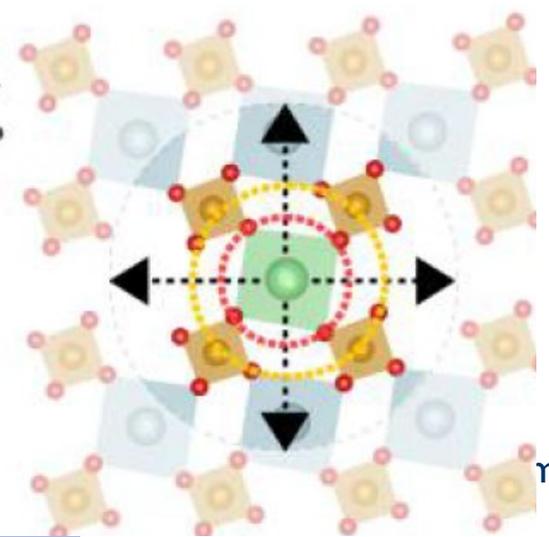
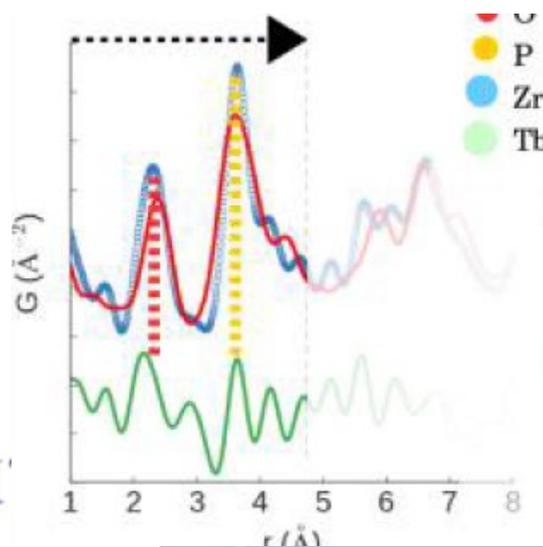
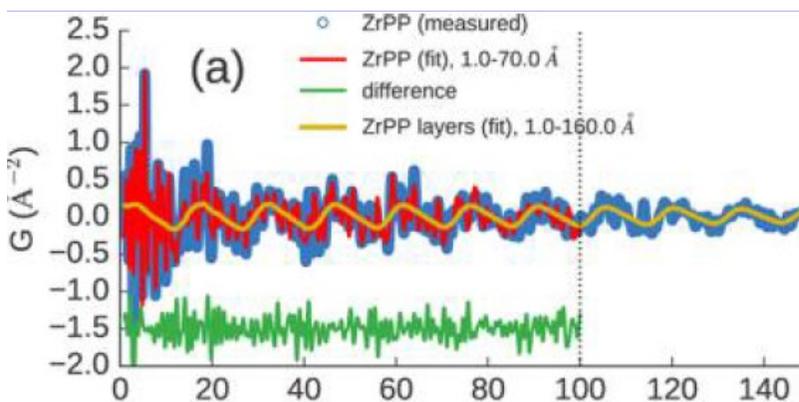
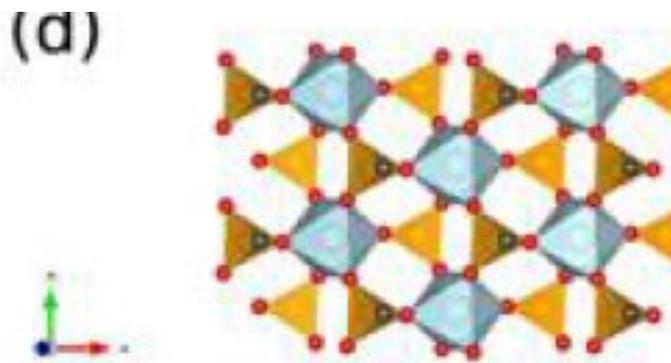
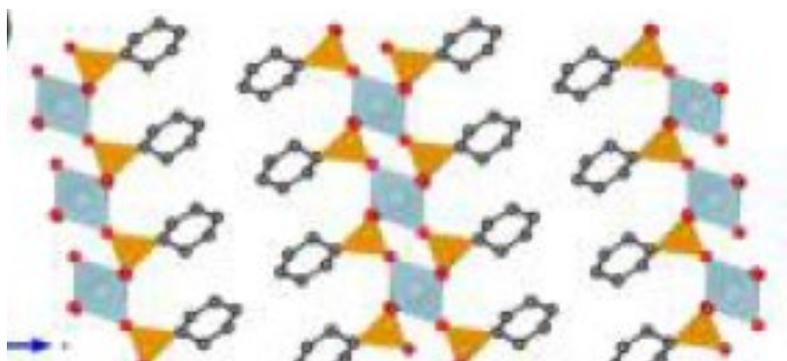
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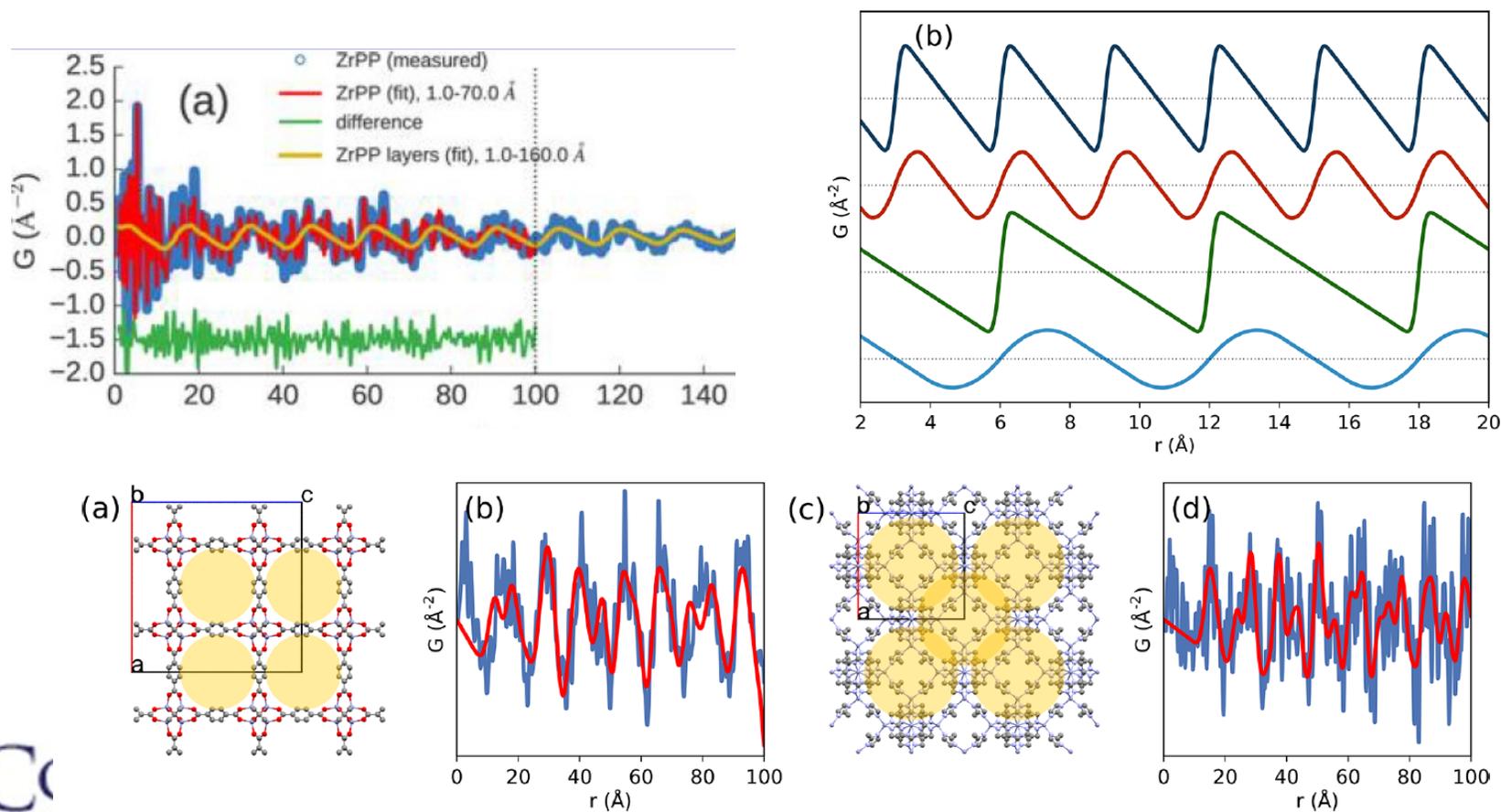
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## Structural Analysis of Molecular Materials Using the Pair Distribution Function

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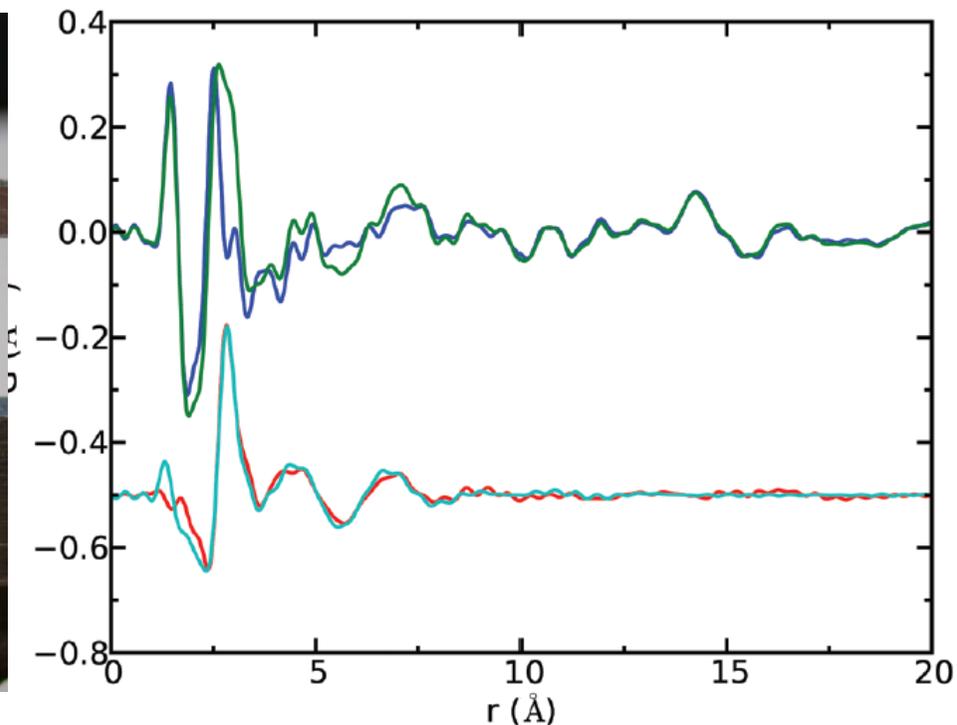
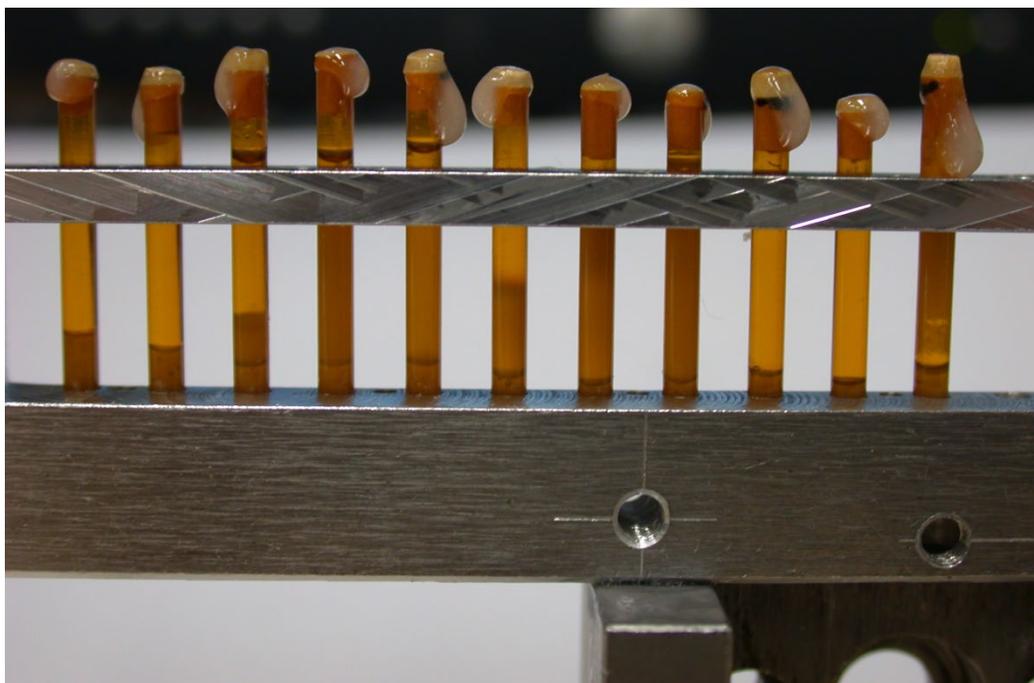


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## Detection and characterization of nanoparticles in suspension at low concentrations using the X-ray total scattering pair distribution function technique

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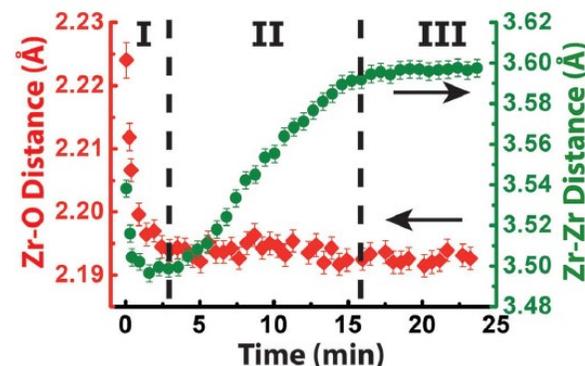
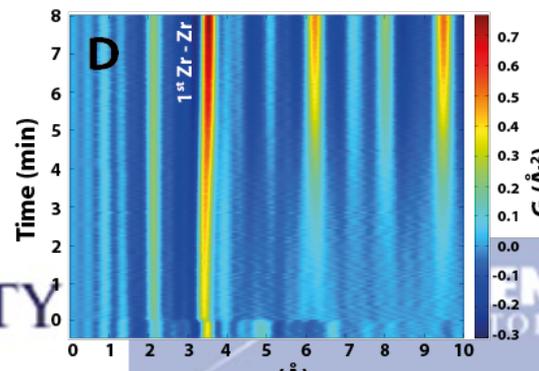
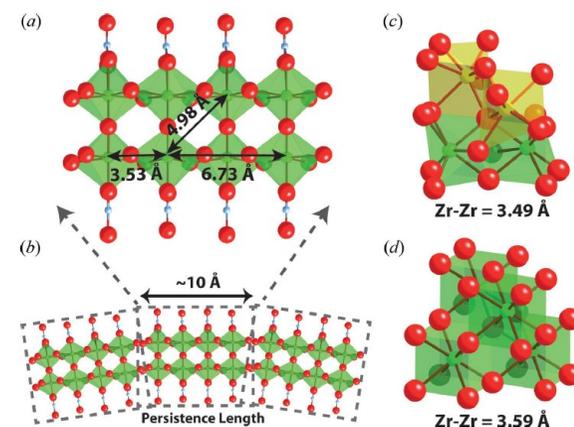
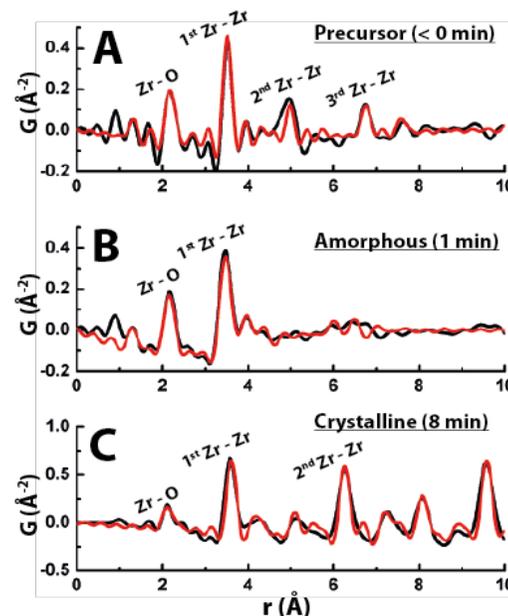
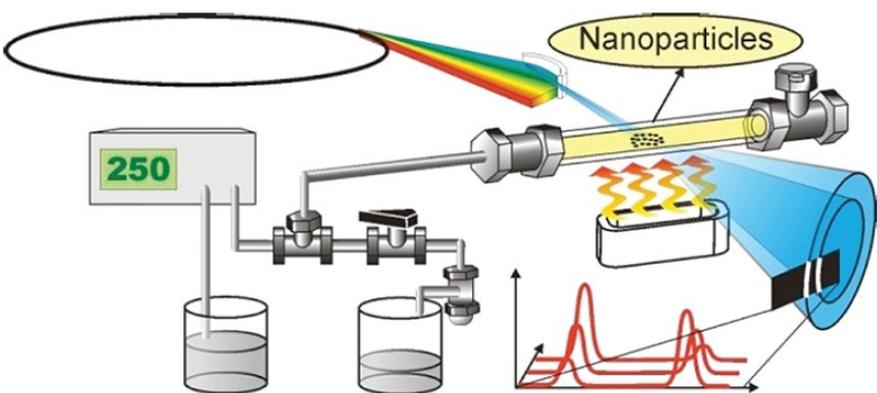


# Time resolved PDF

In situ studies

# Evolution of atomic structure during nanoparticle formation

Christoffer Tyrsted,<sup>a</sup> Nina Lock,<sup>a,b</sup> Kirsten M. Ø. Jensen,<sup>a,c</sup> Mogens Christensen,<sup>a</sup> Espen D. Bøjesen,<sup>a</sup> Hermann Emerich,<sup>d</sup> Gavin Vaughan,<sup>e</sup> Simon J. L. Billinge<sup>c,f,\*</sup> and Bo B. Iversen<sup>a,\*</sup>





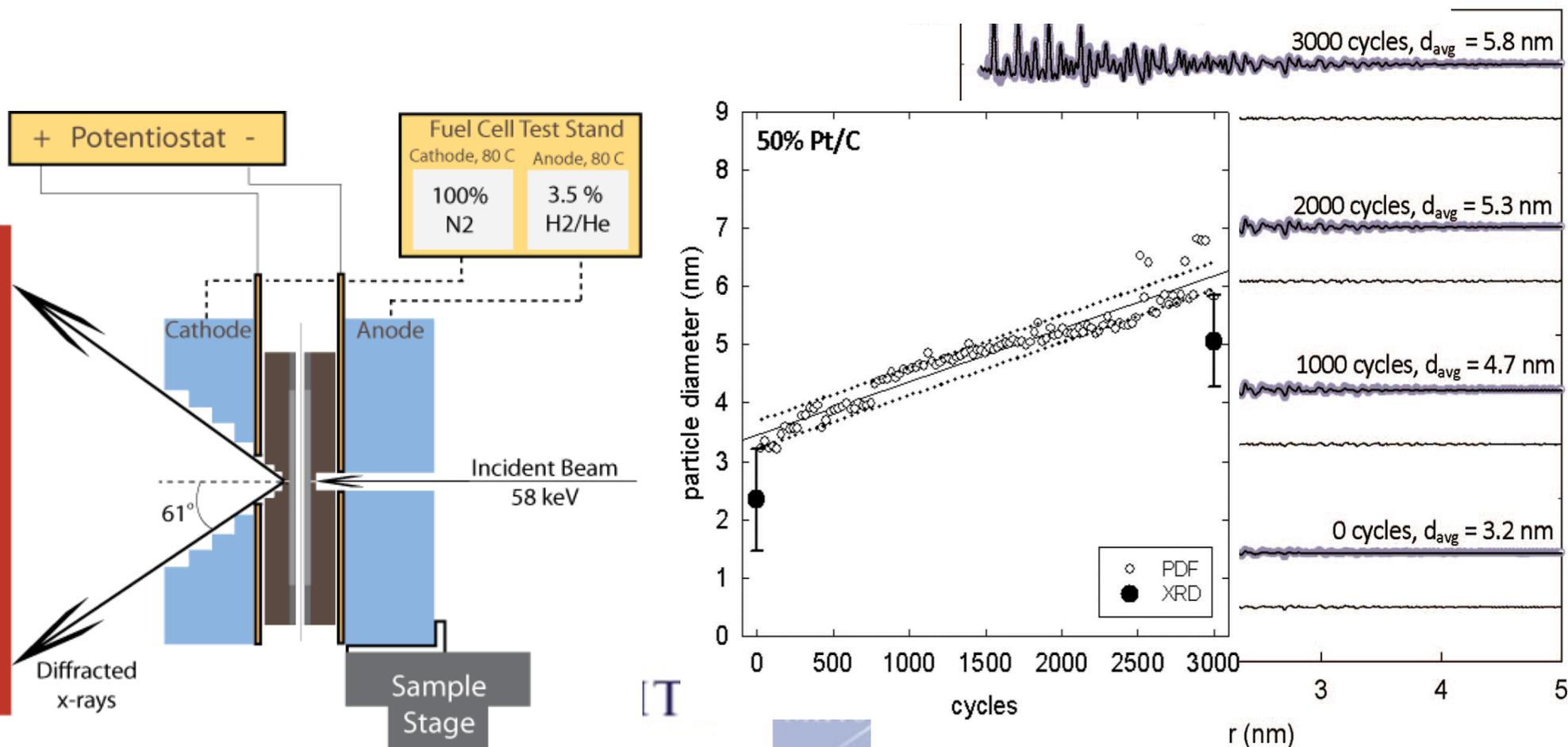
## In-Situ Monitoring of Particle Growth at PEMFC Cathode under Accelerated Cycling Conditions

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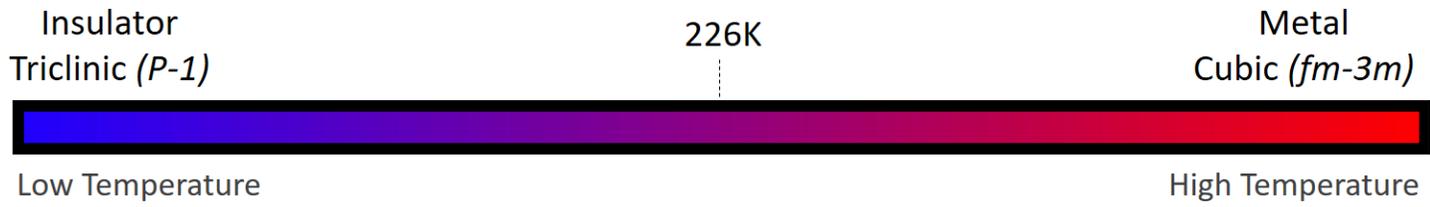
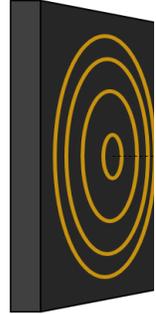
Ultra-fast PDF

# Set-Up

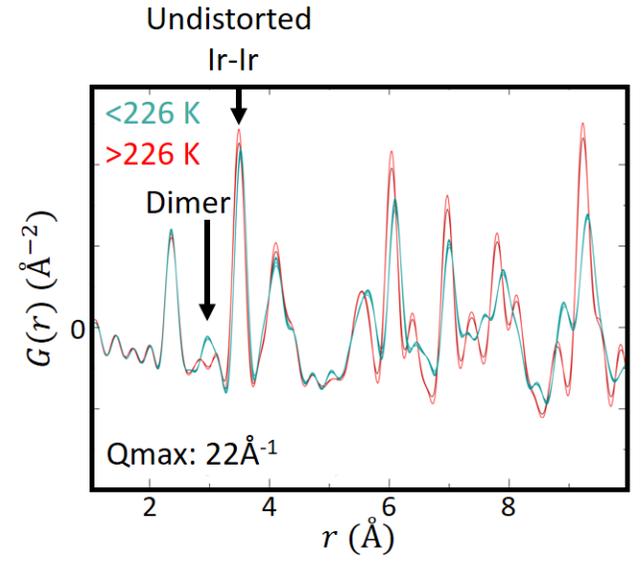
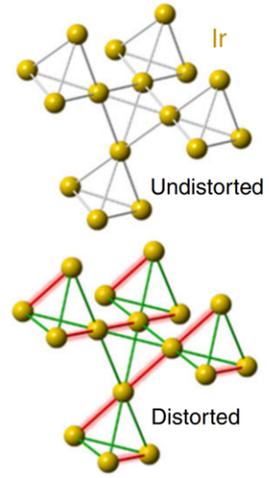
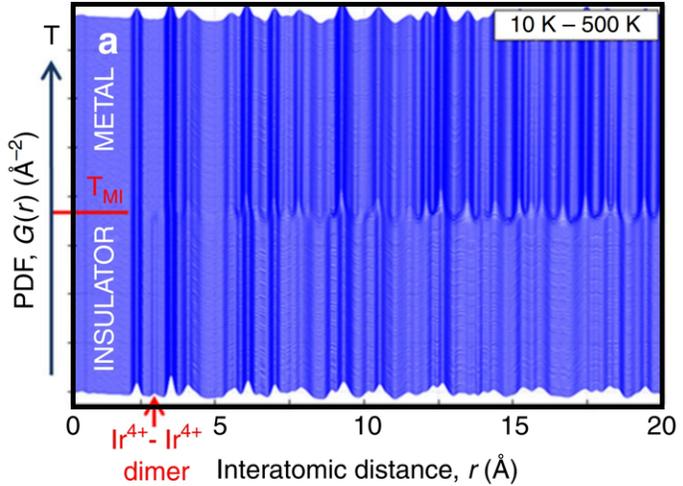
- **MXF** instrument at **LCLS** at **SLAC**
  - $Q_{max} \sim 10 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$
  - Laser delay order non-sequential
- Cooled with cryo-N<sub>2</sub> stream
- Sample on Kapton tape with cryogen from the side
  - Blows away ice

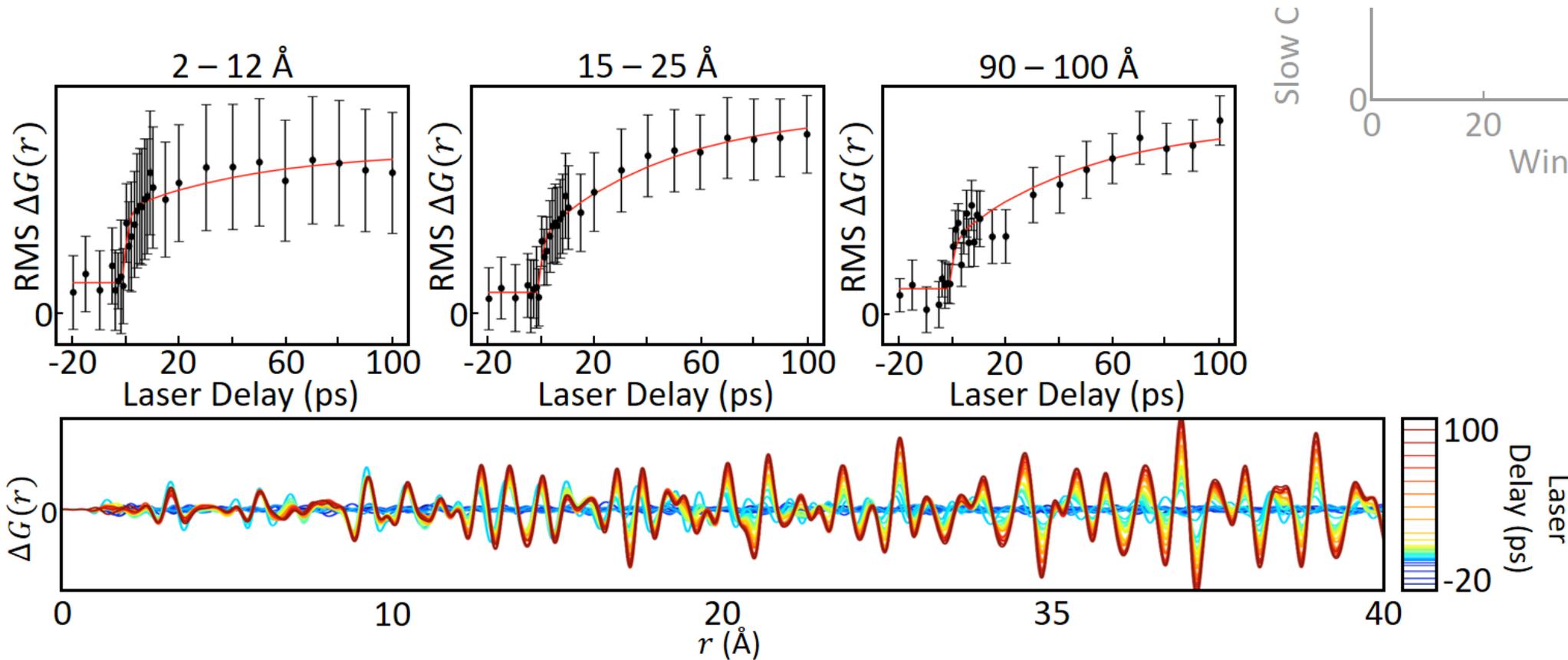


Rayonix MX3



- Ir-Ir dimer formation in low-temperature phase
  - Clear PDF peak



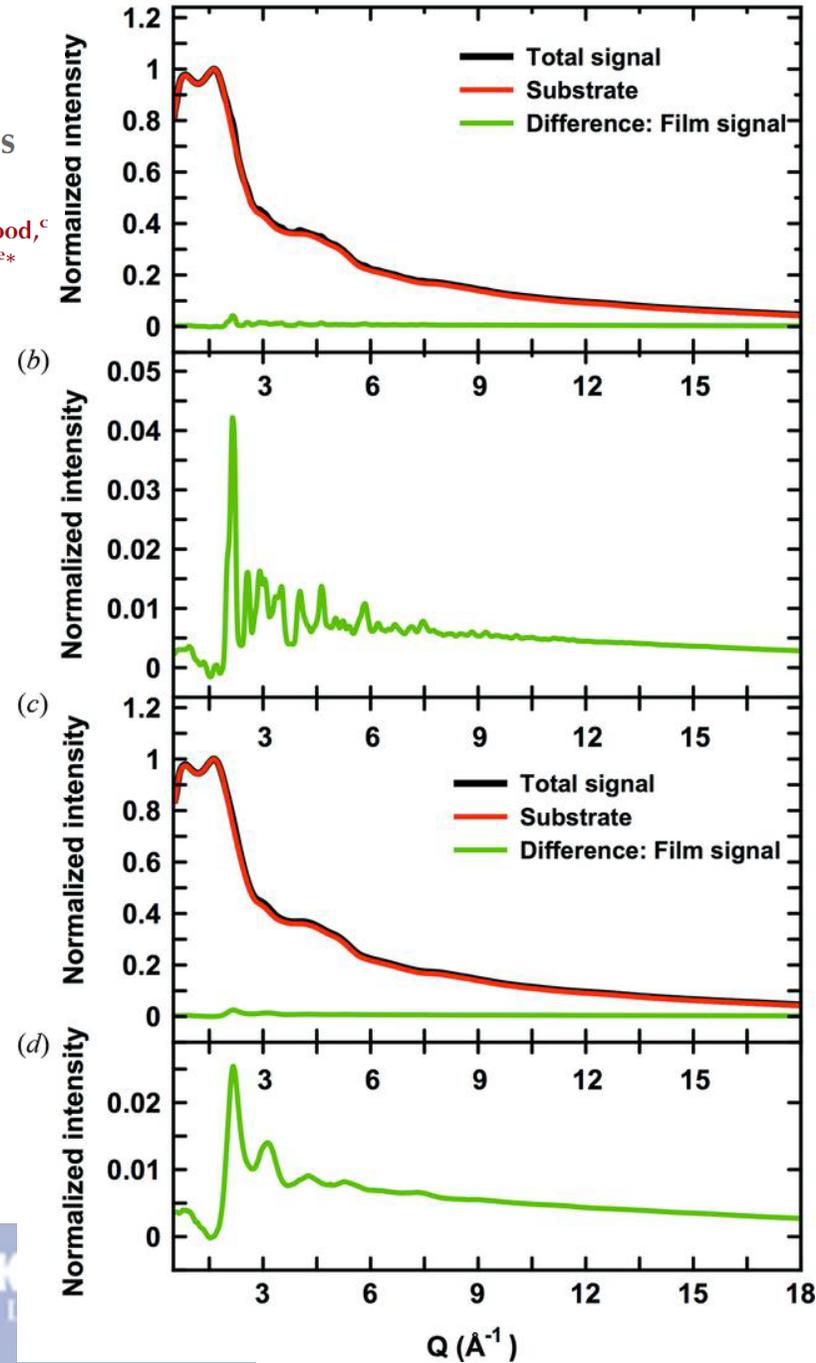
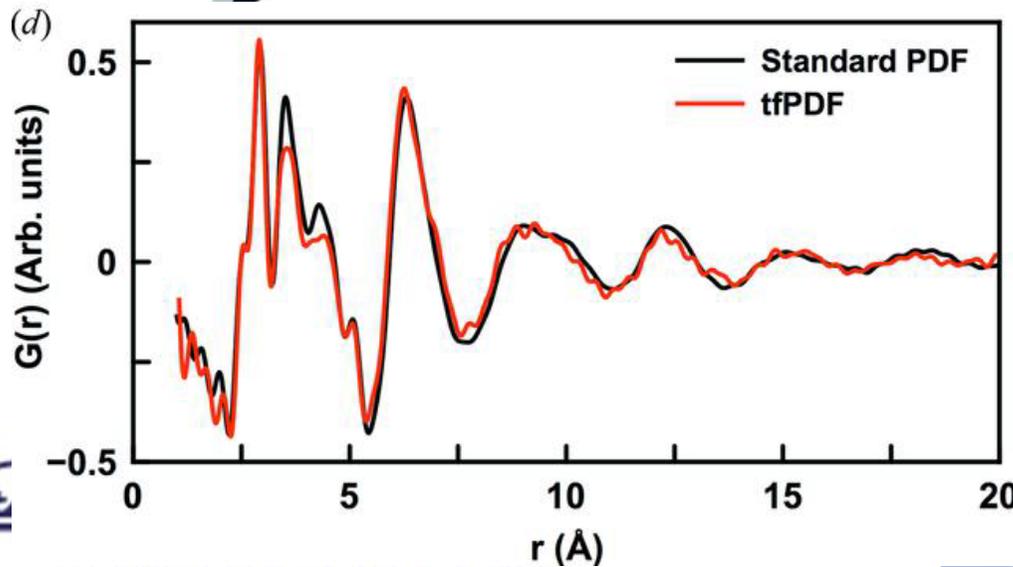
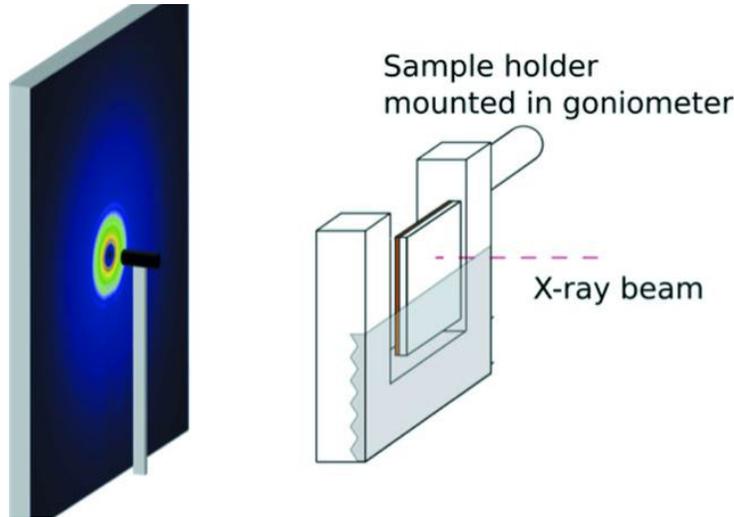


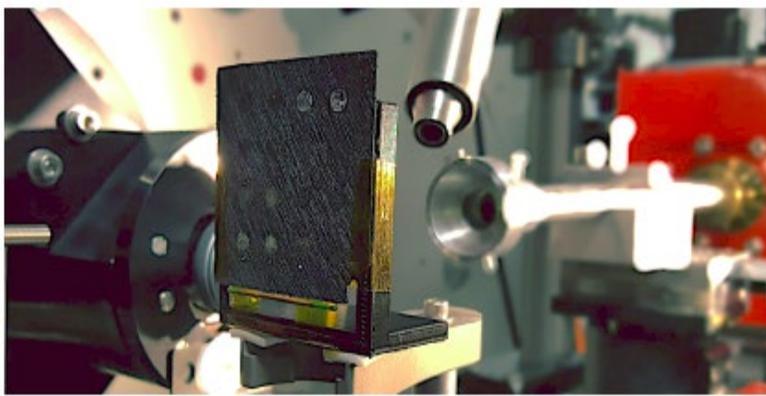
# Spatially resolved PDF

Thin-film PDF and SNXM

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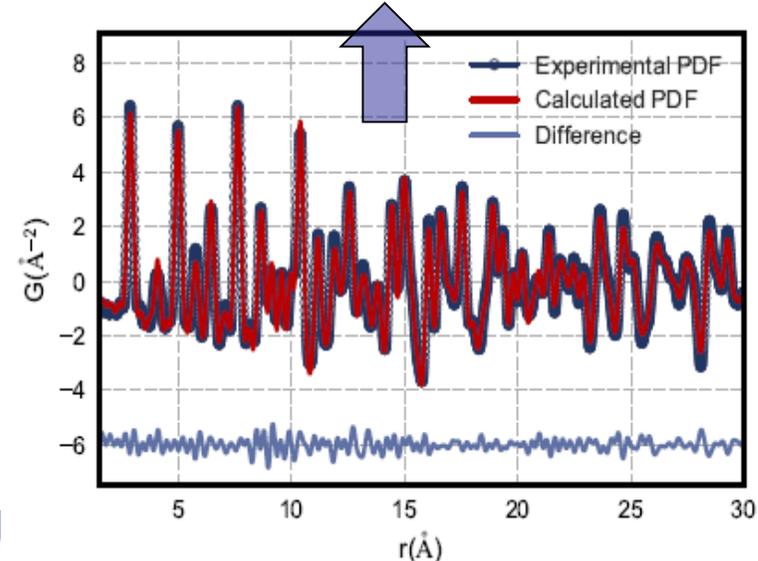
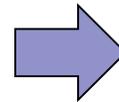
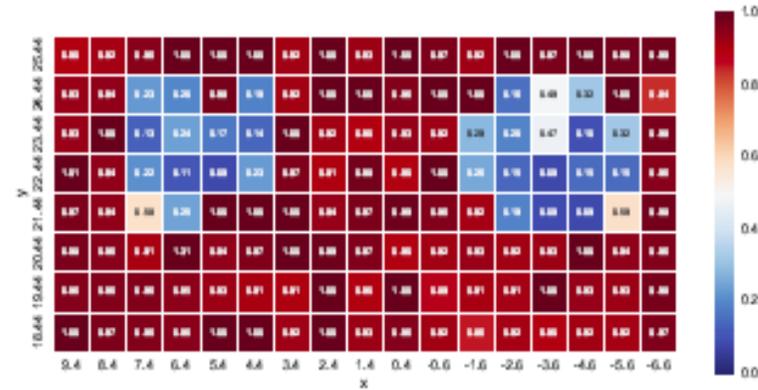
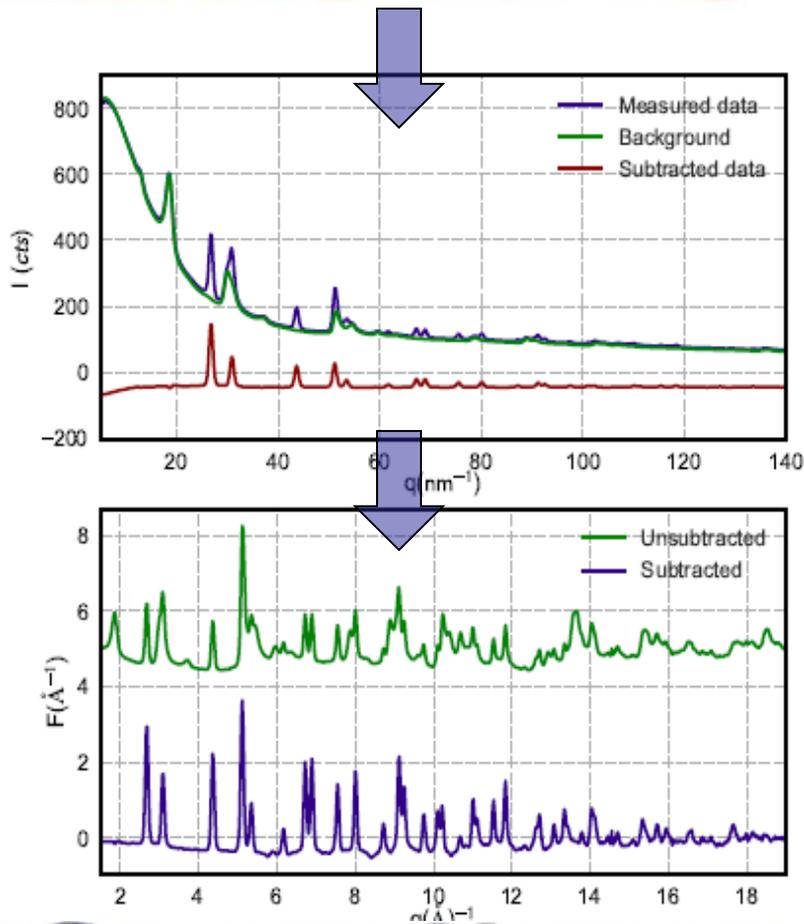
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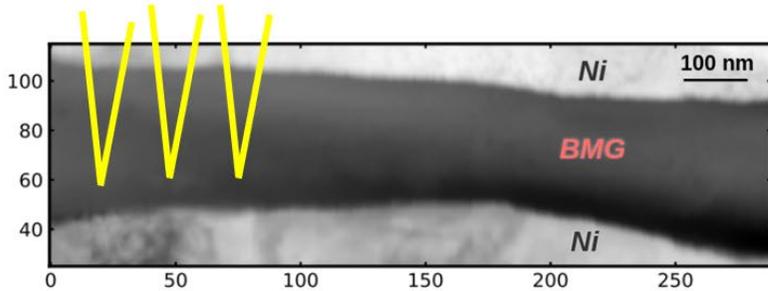
# Spatially Resolved PDFs

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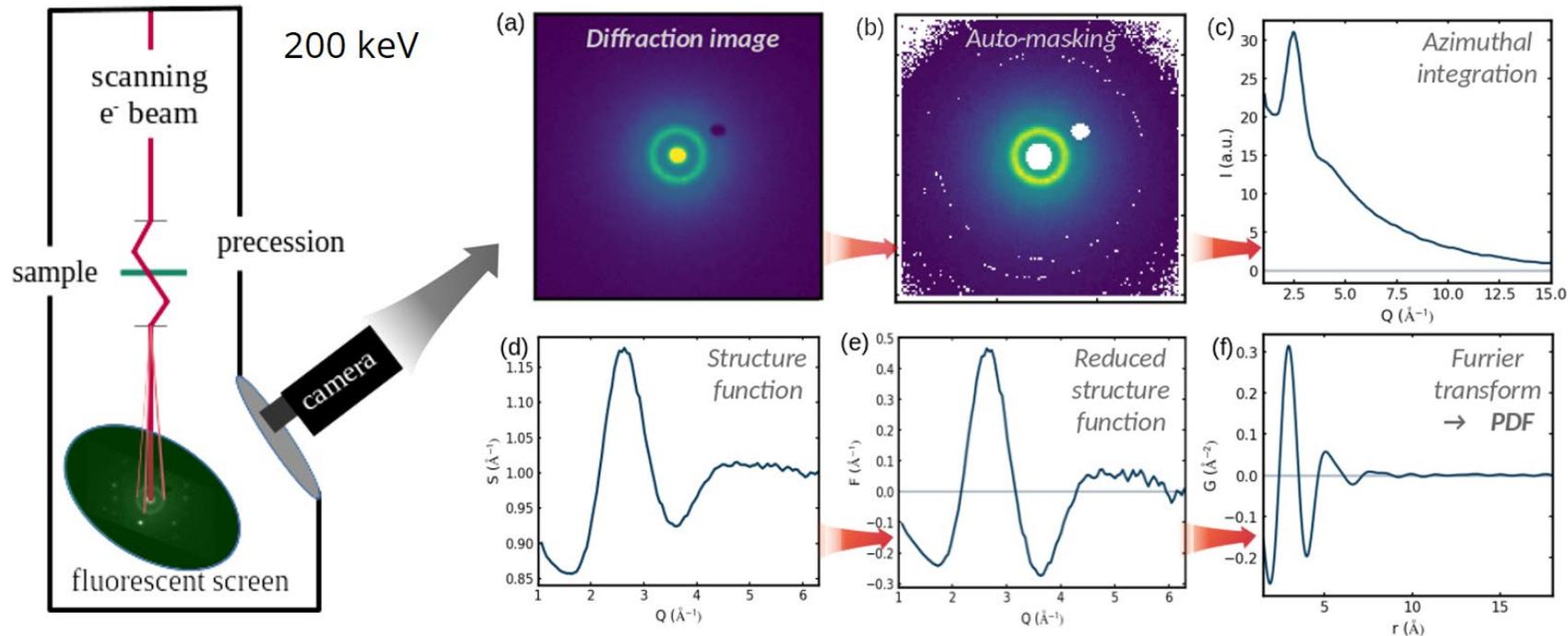
SNEM



## Probe: 4D-STEM

+ precession

→ to get a quasi-kinematical (x-ray-like) scattering



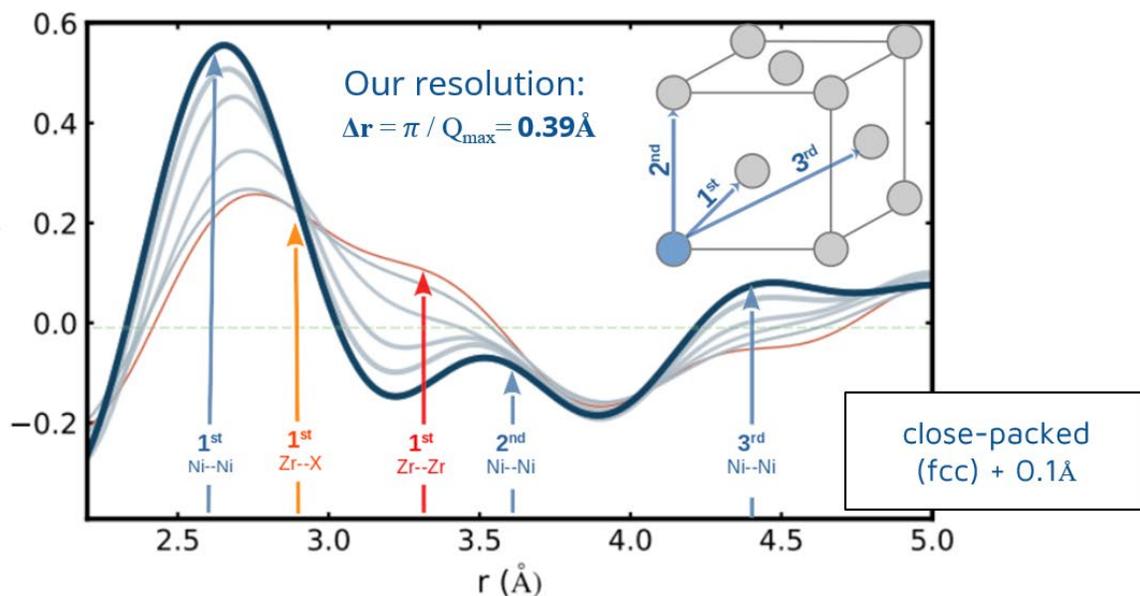
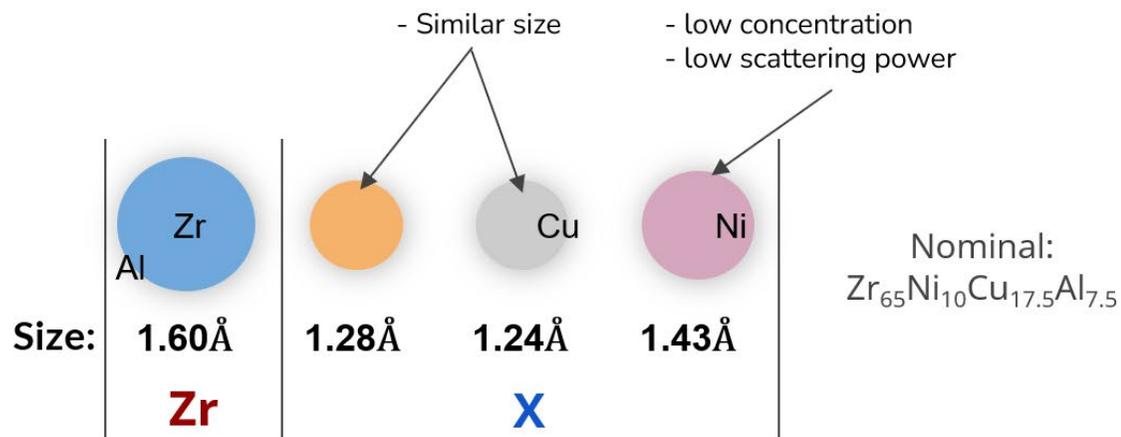
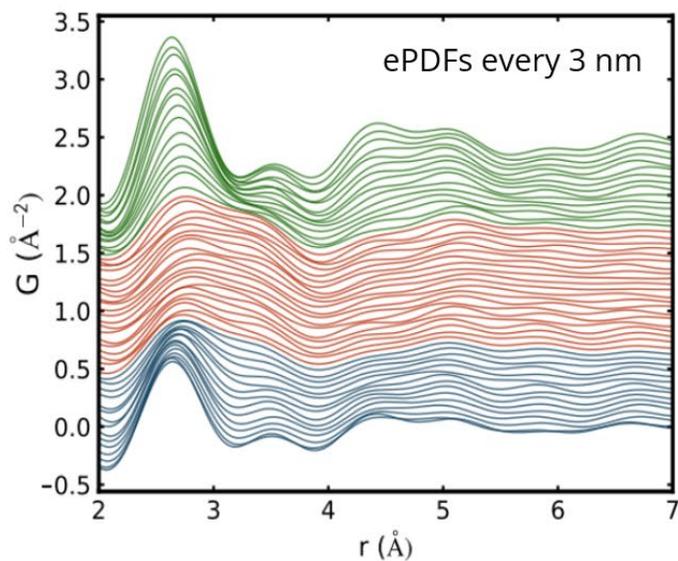
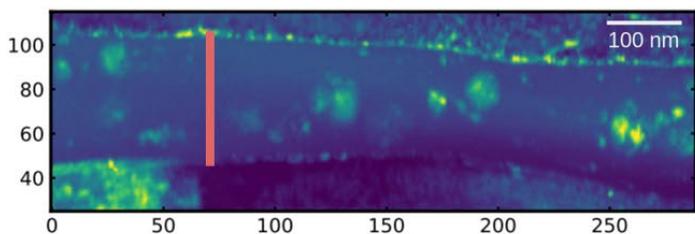
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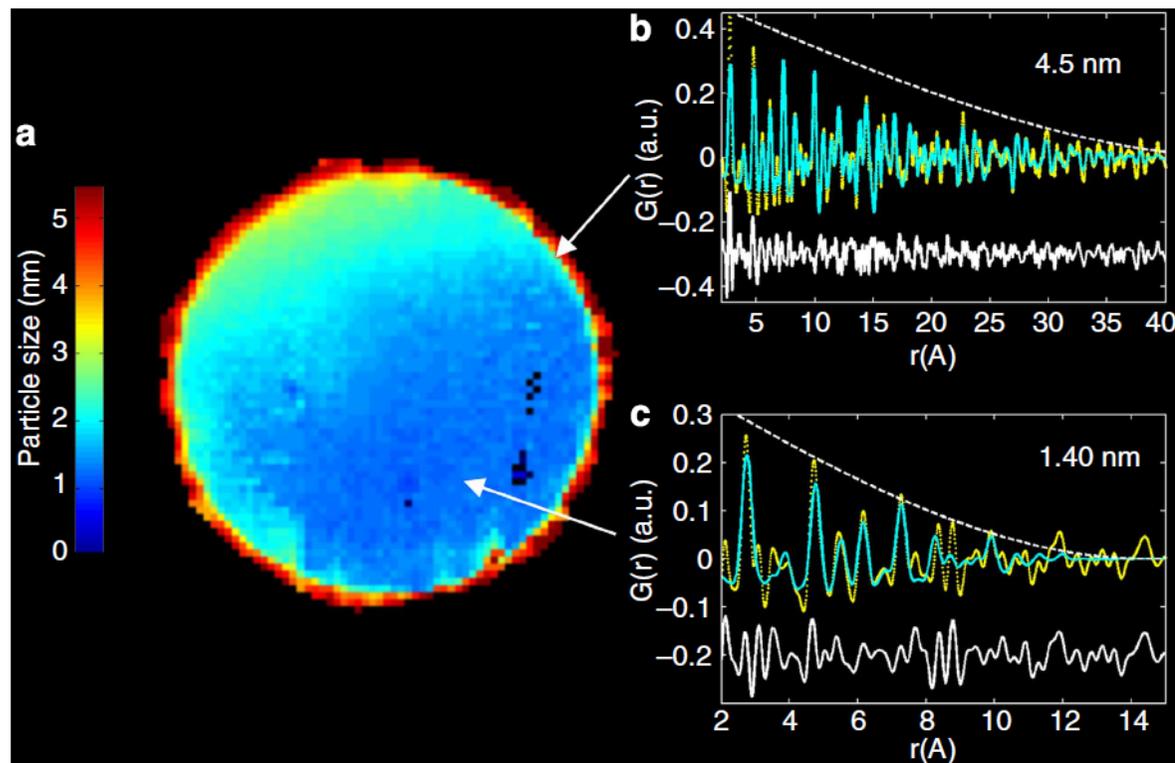
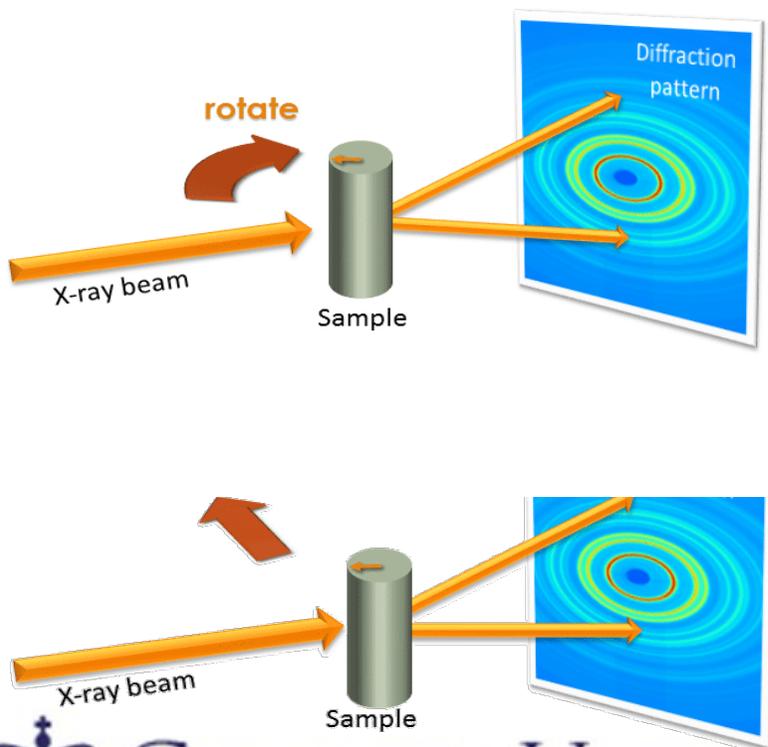
# Reading the PDF's (qualitatively)



# PDF tomography (ctPDF)

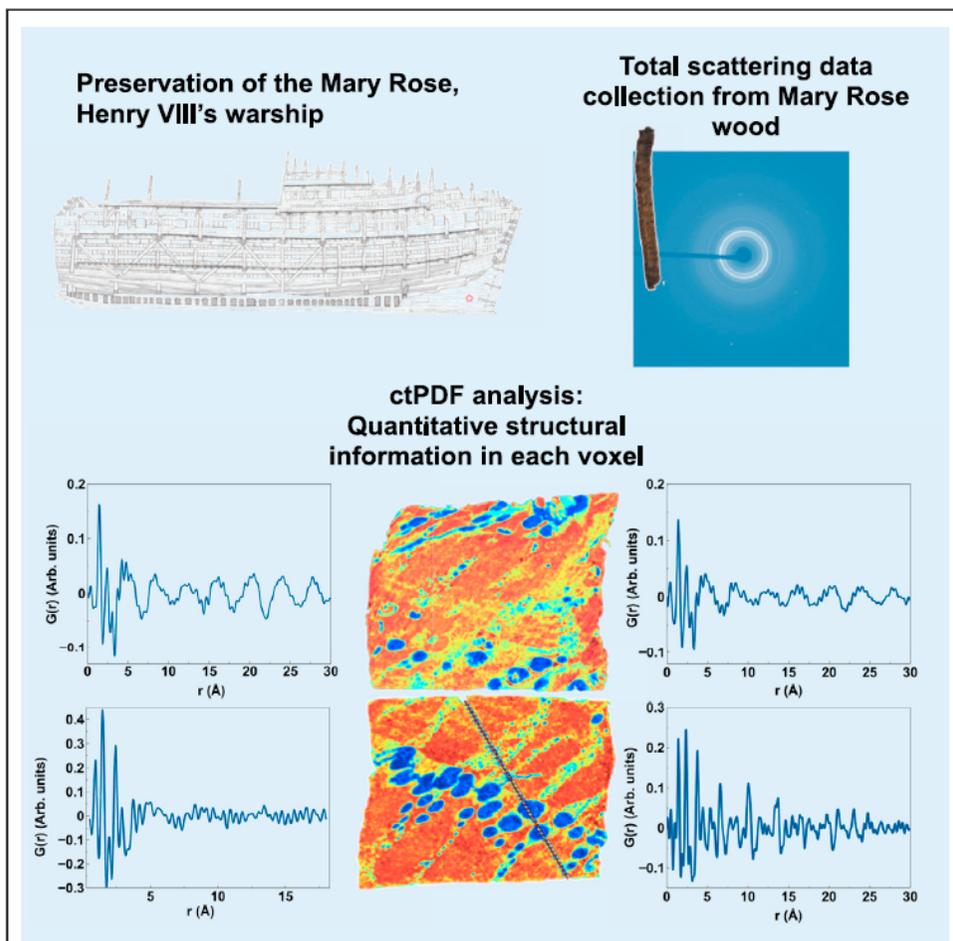
# Pair distribution function computed tomography

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## Article

# Location and characterization of heterogeneous phases within *Mary Rose* wood



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### Highlights

Wood from the *Mary Rose* is characterized with computed tomography total scattering

Polyethylene glycol from previous conservation treatments is identified and mapped

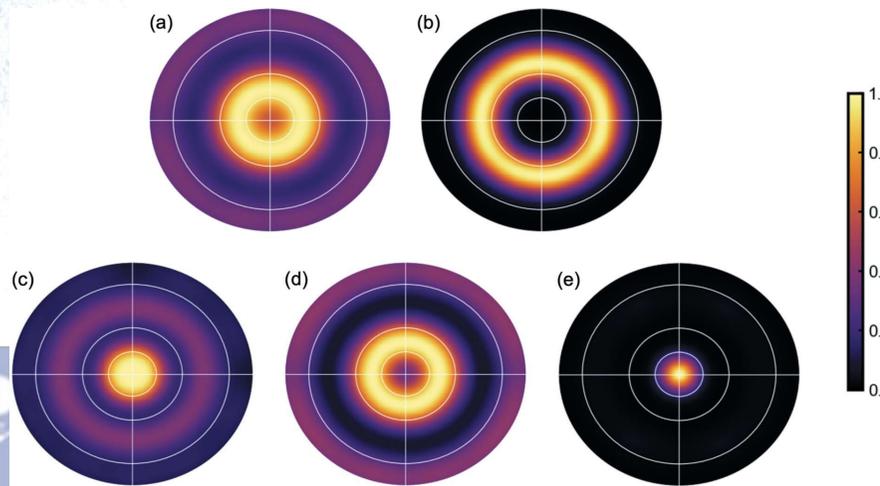
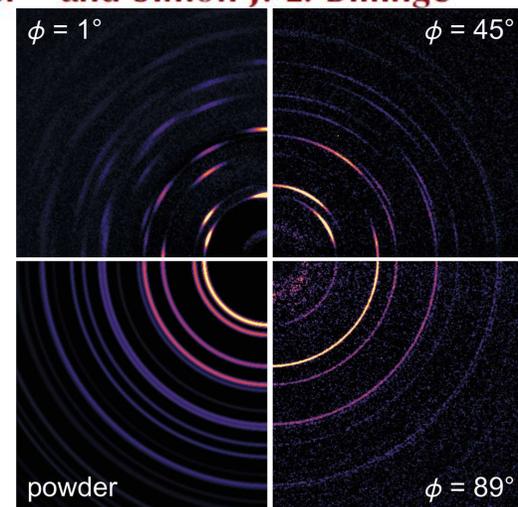
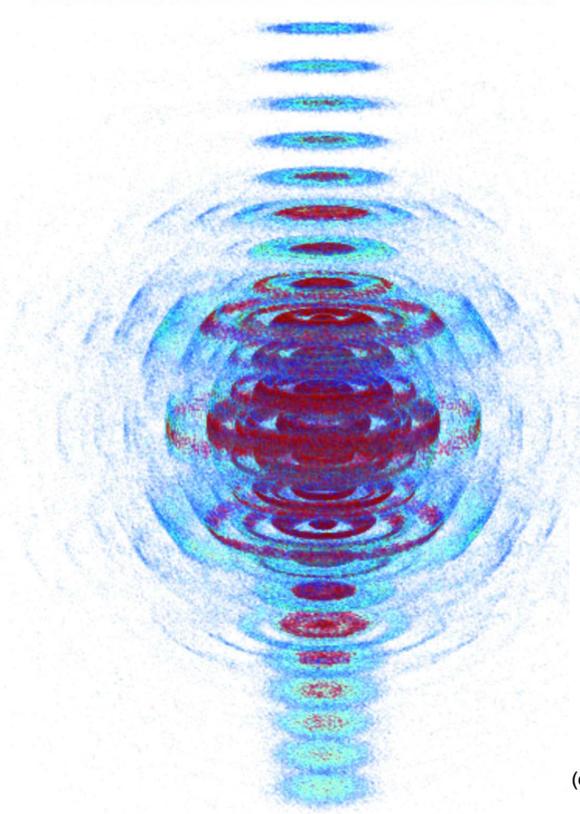
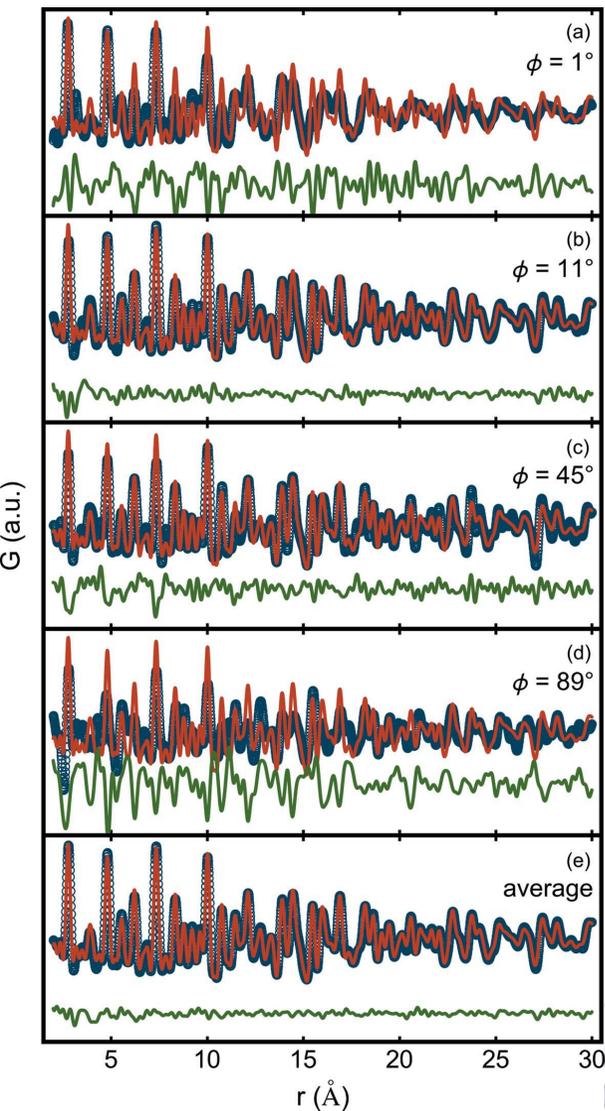
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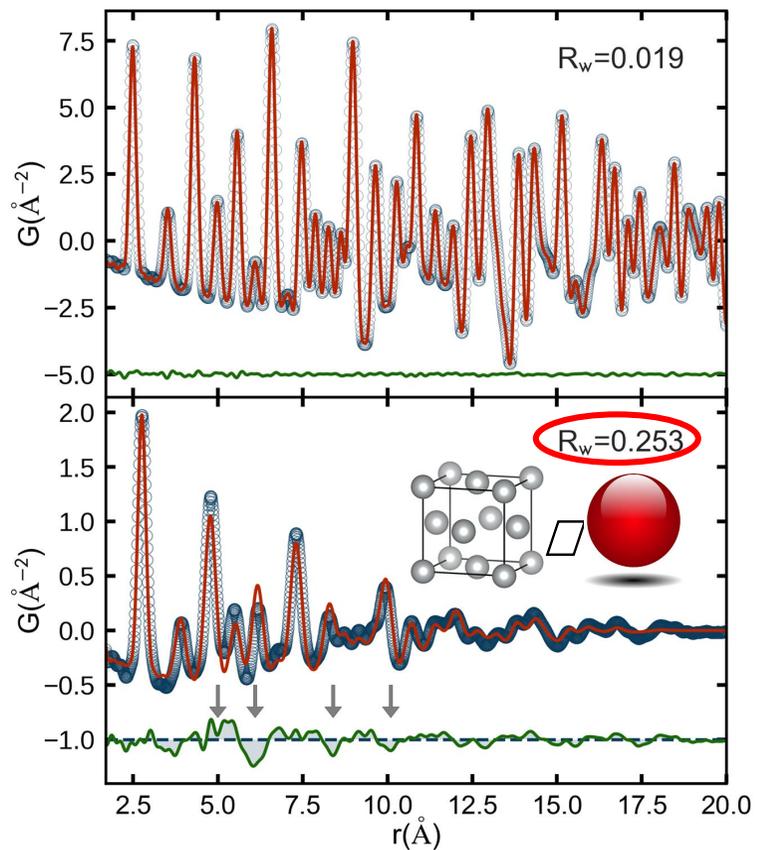
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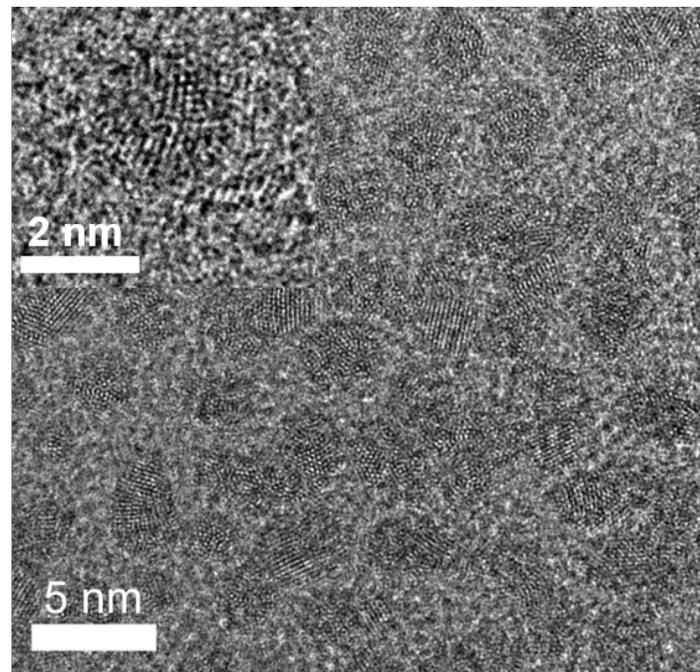
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# High throughput data analysis and modeling methods



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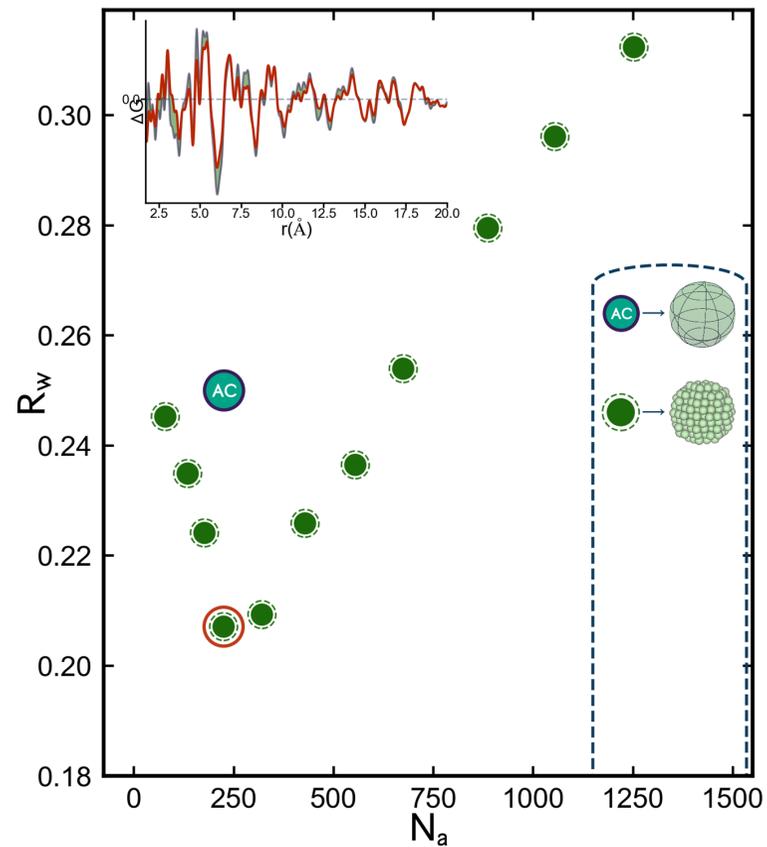


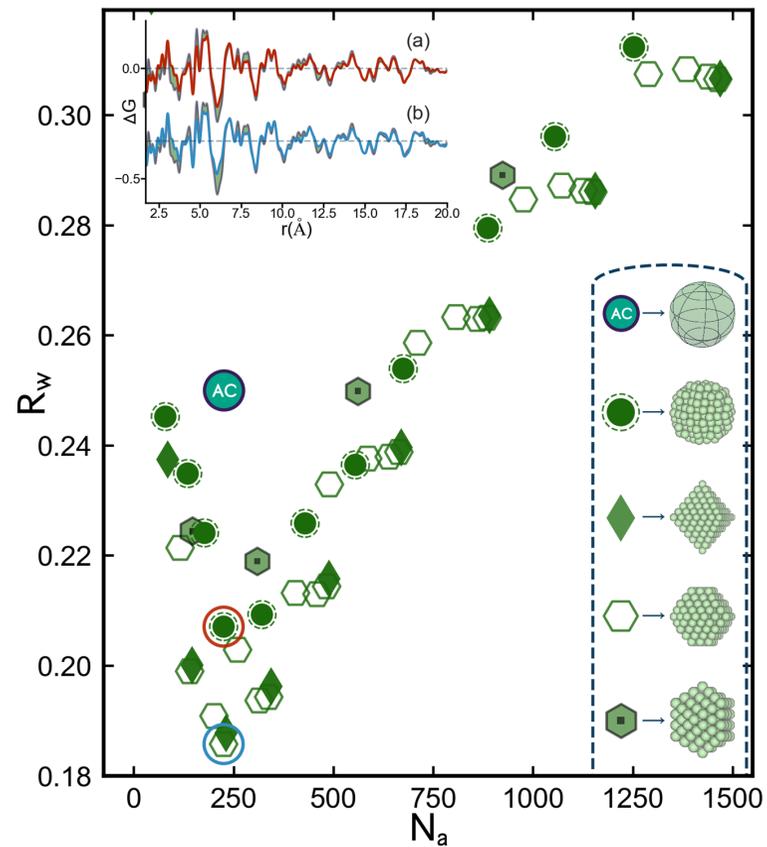
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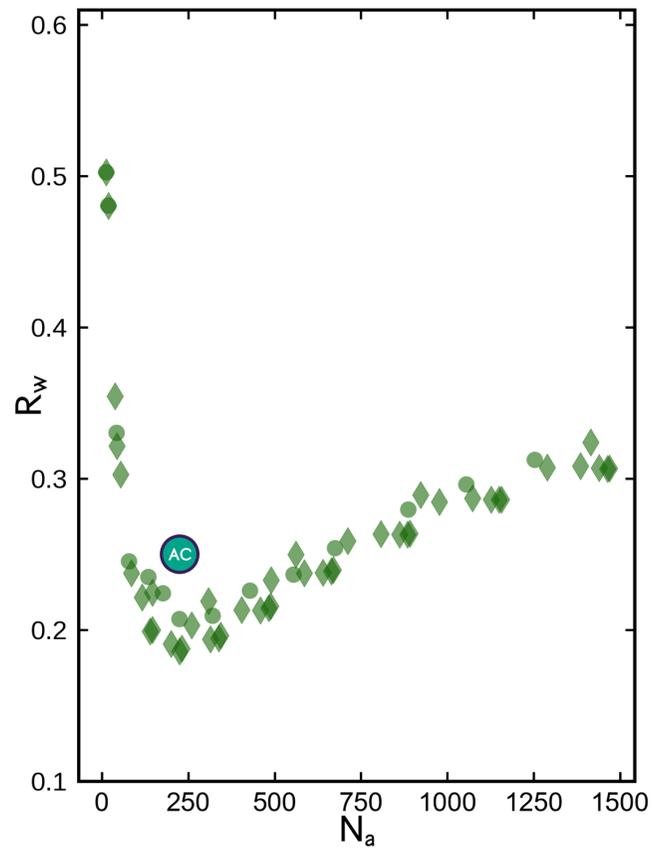
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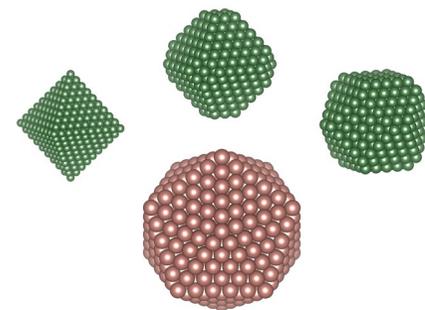
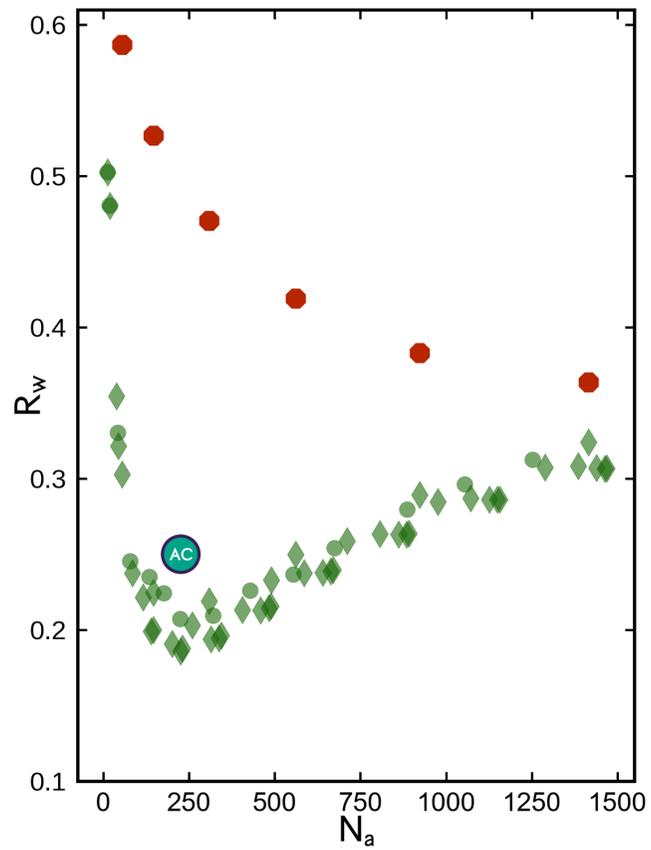


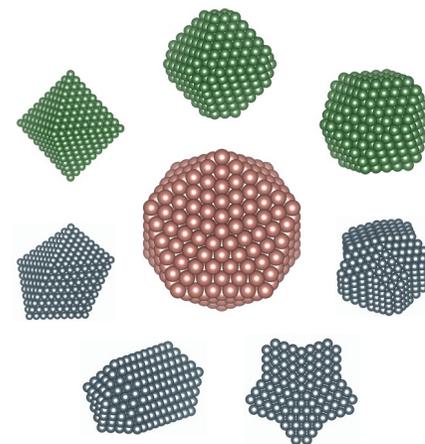
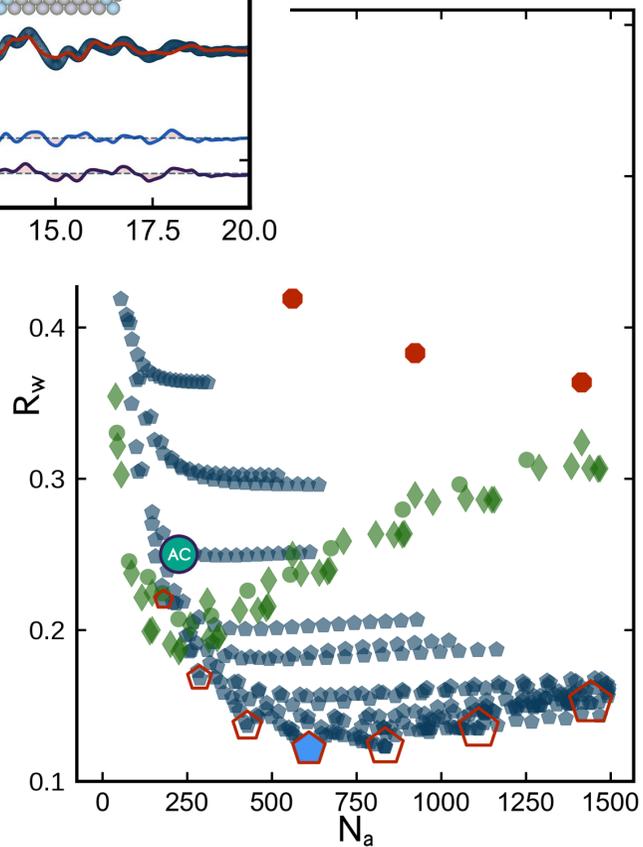
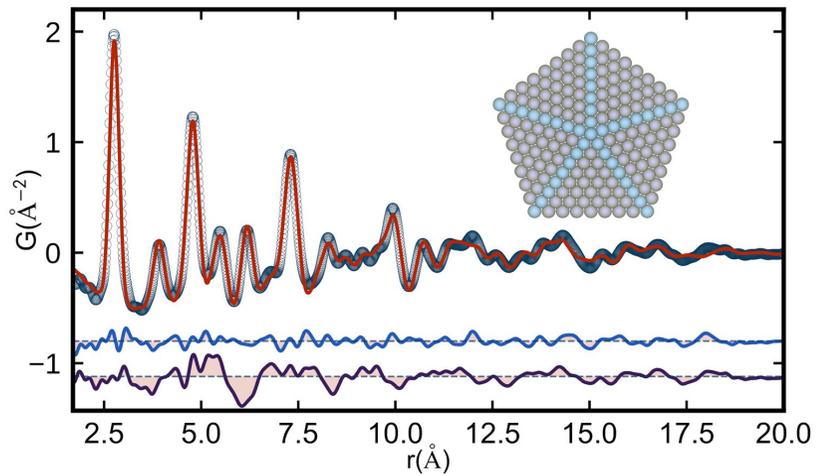
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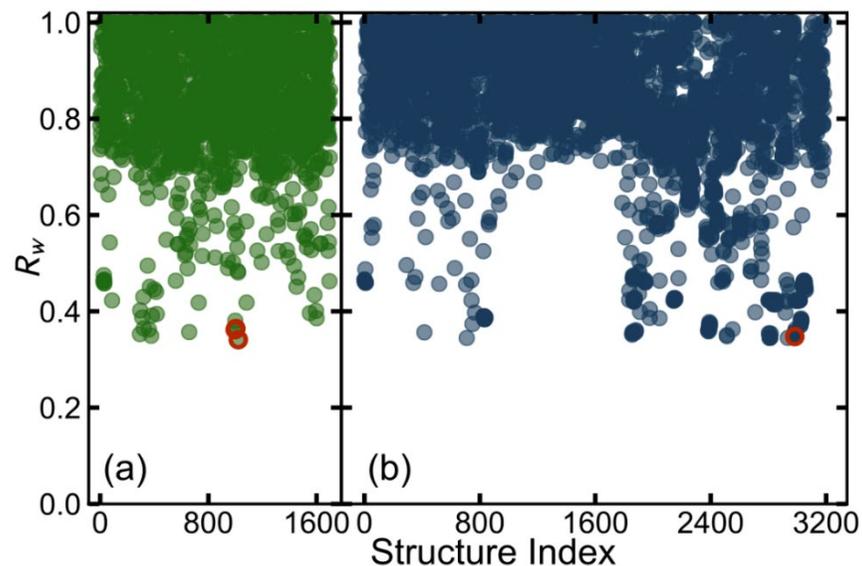








# With databases you can directly do data mining: structureMining



- Upload a PDF and some basic compositional information and search for close matches, e.g.,  $\text{NaFeSi}_2\text{O}_6$  nanowire data
  - Structure-mining found the same model as in prior work, MPD No. 1003 ( $\text{NaFeSi}_2\text{O}_6$ ) and COD No. 2983 ( $\text{NaFeSi}_2\text{O}_6$ ), s.g.: C 2/c.
  - It also returns some structures with space group C 2, such as MPD No. 998 ( $\text{Na}_{0.83}\text{FeSi}_2\text{O}_6$ ), which may be viewed as a very similar structure but with a lowered symmetry and deficient atoms at some sites
  - It also returns some structures substituting at Na or Fe sites by other elements. For example, MPD No. 1021 ( $\text{NaGaSi}_2\text{O}_6$ ).

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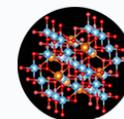
- Web platform developed as part of an NSF funded project, but nmfMapping App is a GENESIS product (Long Yang and Zach Thatcher)
- Upload a set of data (powder diffraction or PDF), get back the structure/space-group/NMF components and weights/Pearson matrix

# Upload a PDF, click go



## PDF IN THE CLOUD

### structureMining



Given a measured (or calculated) PDF, structureMining will search databases to find the best structures to fit it.

Please see the structureMining paper for more information. Please cite the structureMining paper if this helps you get a publishable result:

L. Yang, P. Juhás, M. W. Terban, M. G. Tucker, and S. J. L. Billinge. Structure-mining: screening structure models by automated fitting to the atomic pair distribution function over large numbers of models. *Acta Crystallogr. A.* (2020). 76(3), 395-409. doi:[10.1107/S2053273320002028](https://doi.org/10.1107/S2053273320002028)

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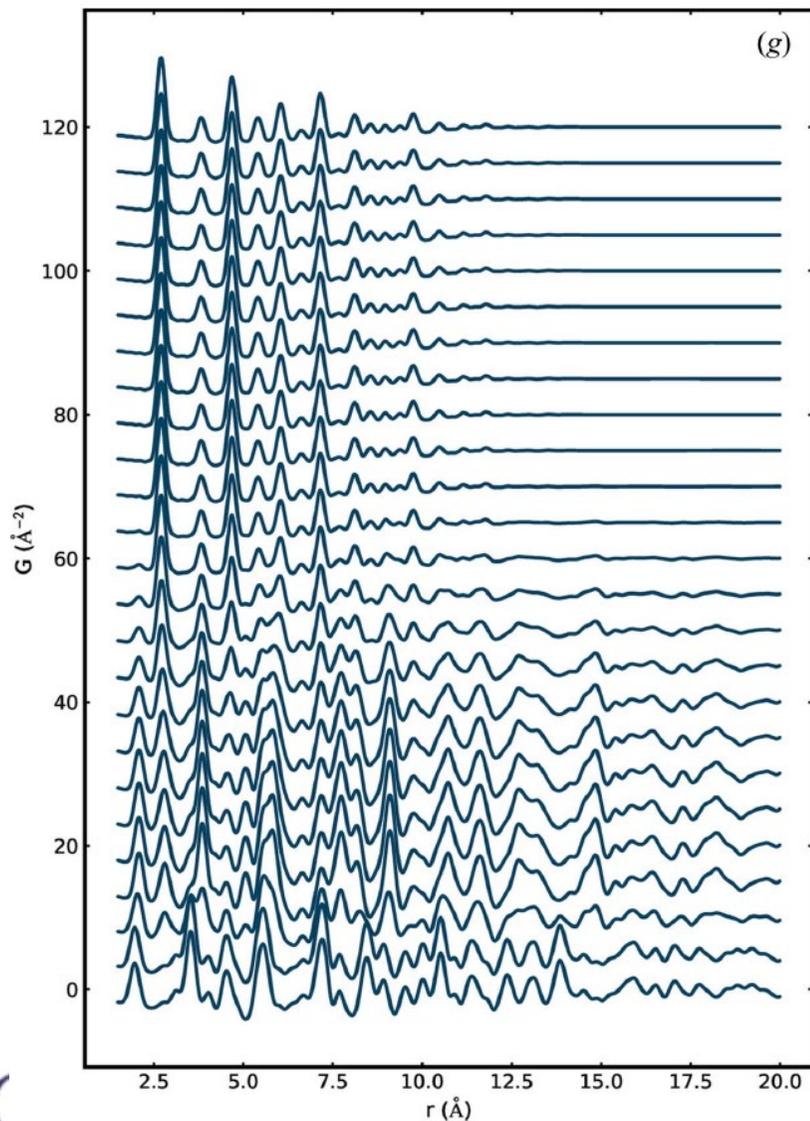
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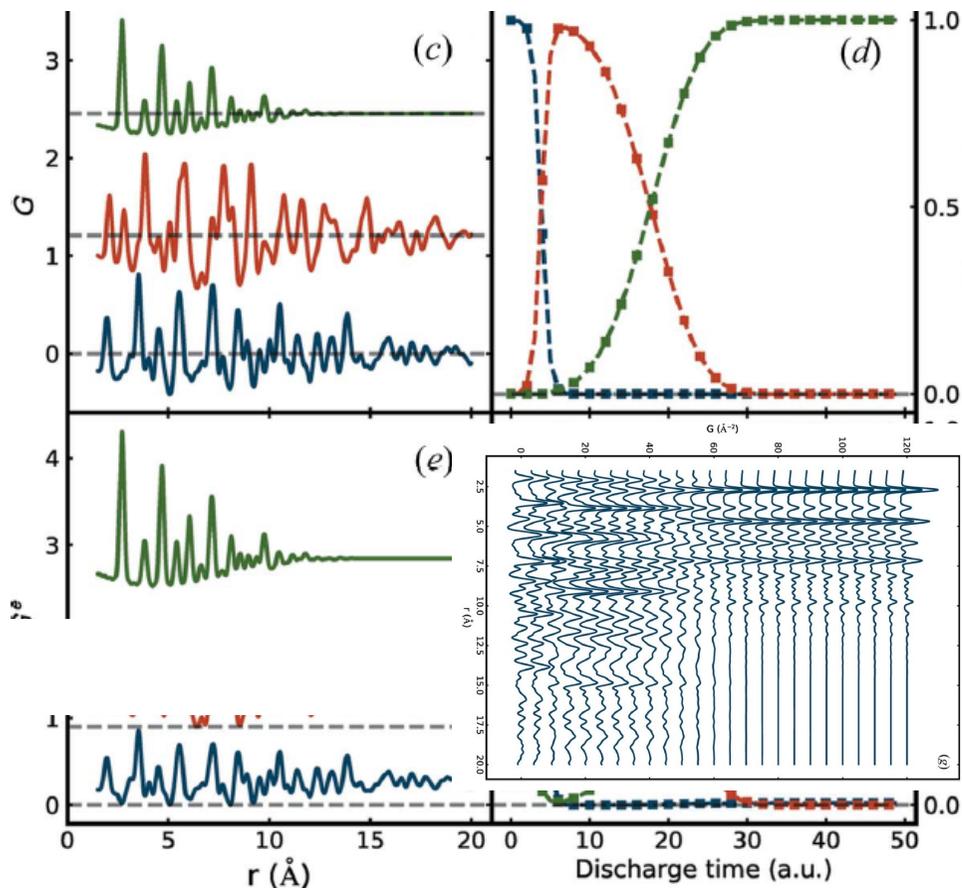
## Extracting meaning from large sets of data



- E.g., 200 datasets from an in situ battery discharge experiment
- Small number of chemical species are coming and going
- Applied Math knows no chemistry, but unsupervised learning methods can find the signals (components) of the different chemical components automatically



# Non negative matrix factorization (NMF)



- Collaboration with Karina Chapman group
- Ground truth
  1. Simulate 3 PDFs of 3 phases of a battery materials
  2. Stipulate how they appear and disappear with time
  3. Make PDFs that are linear combinations with these weights
  4. Run NMF on them
- Liu, SJLB, et al., J. Appl. Cryst. (2021) 10.1107/S1600577521000000



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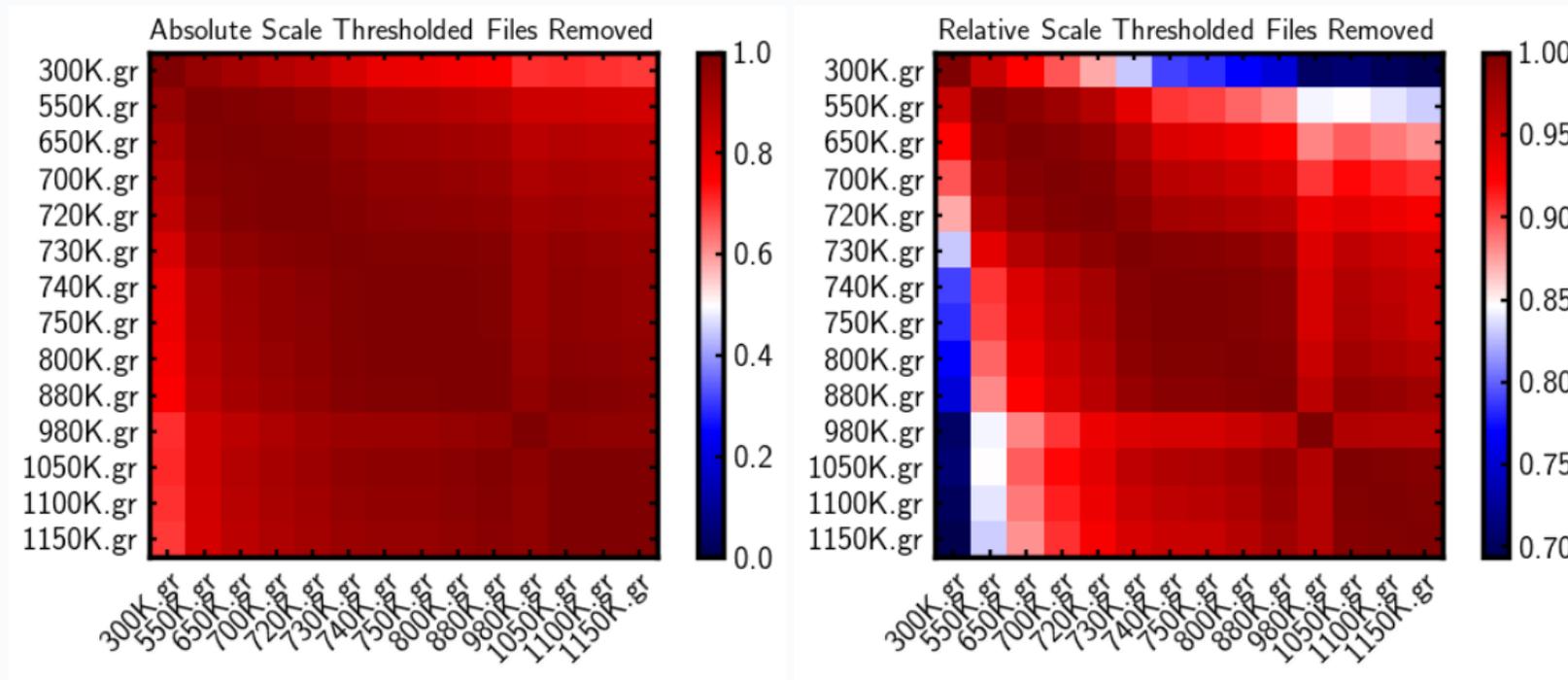
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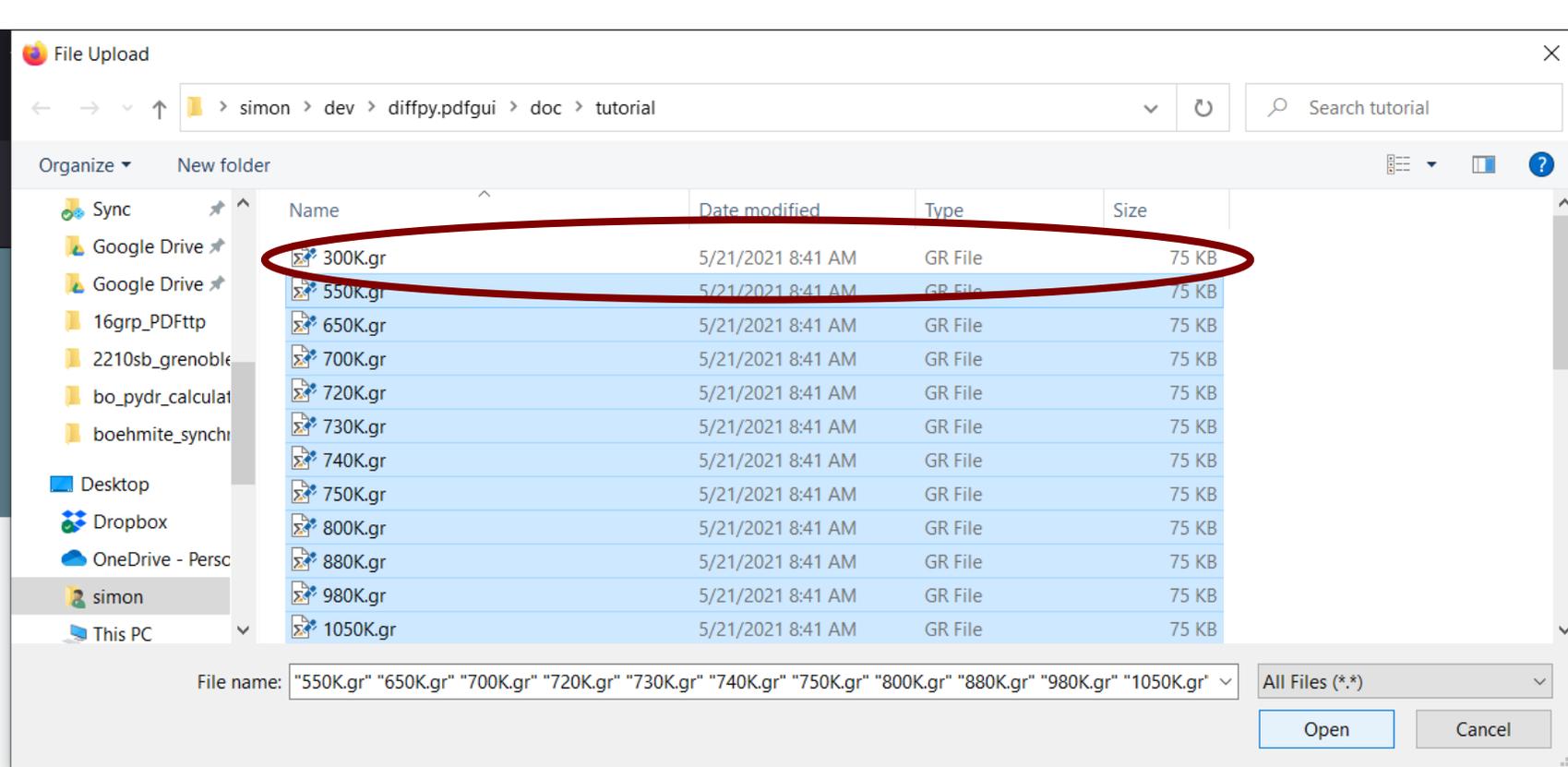
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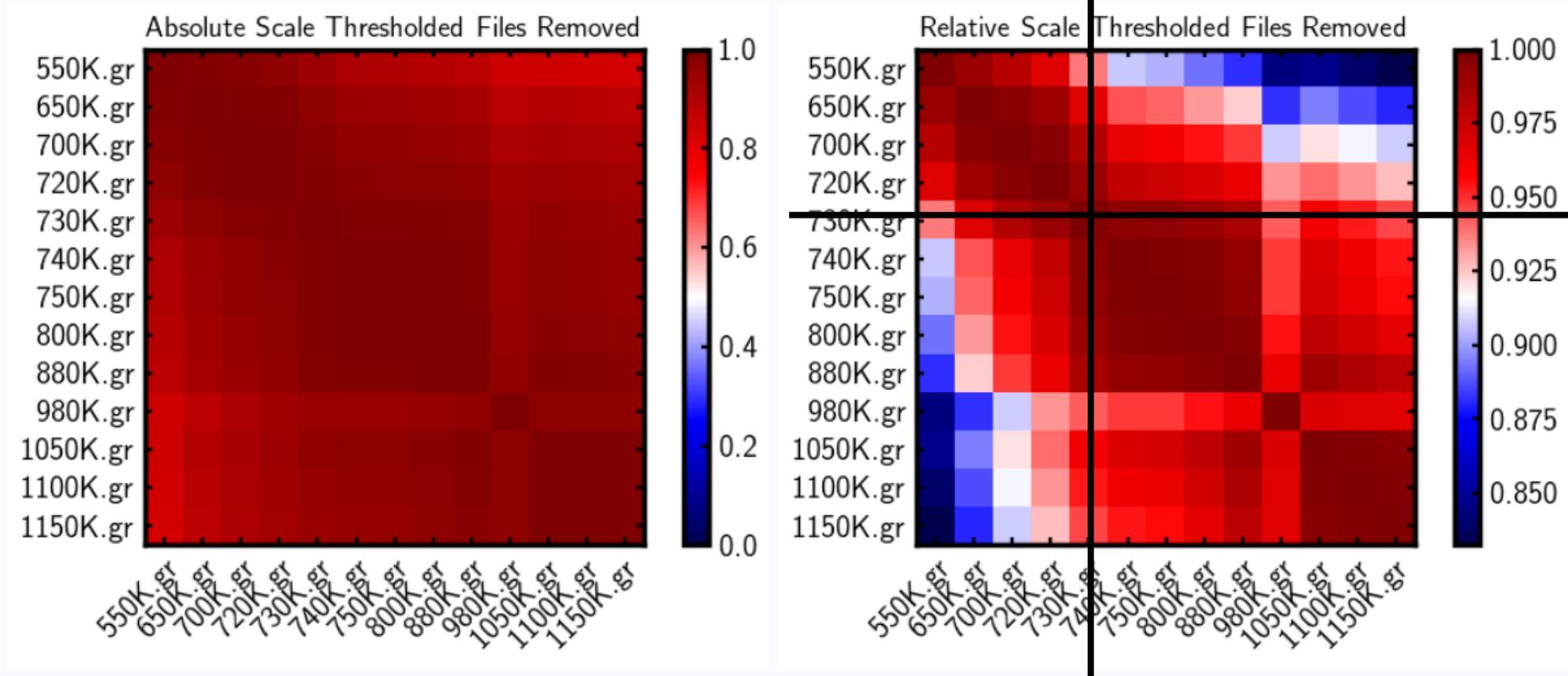
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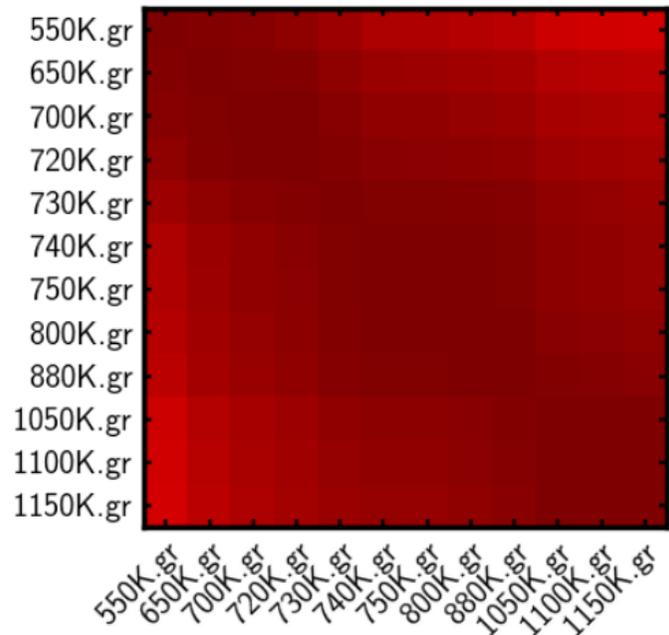
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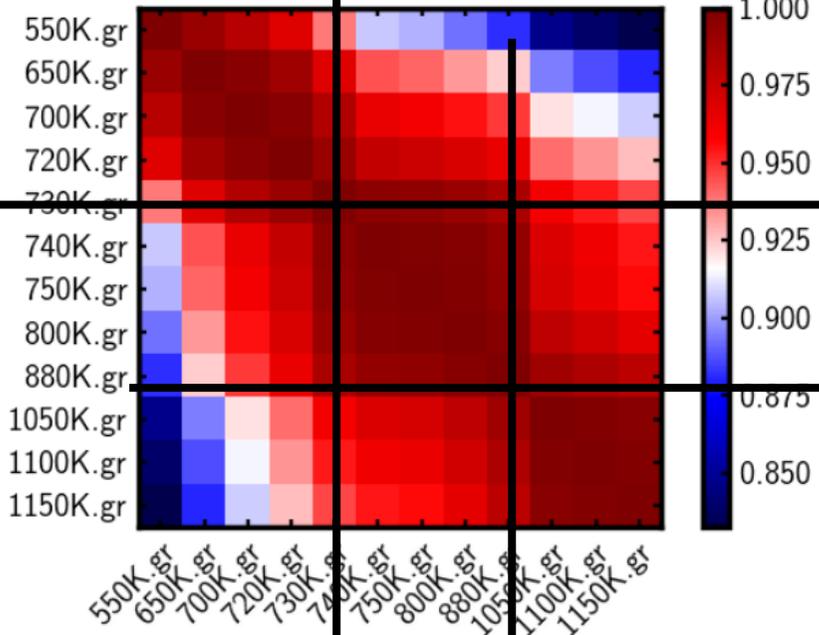
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  - More and more materials of interest are nanostructured or amorphous
- PDF continues to become more powerful with faster measurements
  - In situ, spatially resolved etc.
- ePDF is set to become widely used because of its ease and ability to study very small volumes, and ease of doing spatially resolved at the nanometer lengthscale
- This raises issues with data handling and modeling. These are being addressed with high throughput analysis and modeling methods

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