Combined texture-structure-microstructure-phase analysis of multi-phased bulks and thin films using x-ray and neutron diffraction: some case studies, Bi2223, Ca3Co4O9, PCT and nano-Si.

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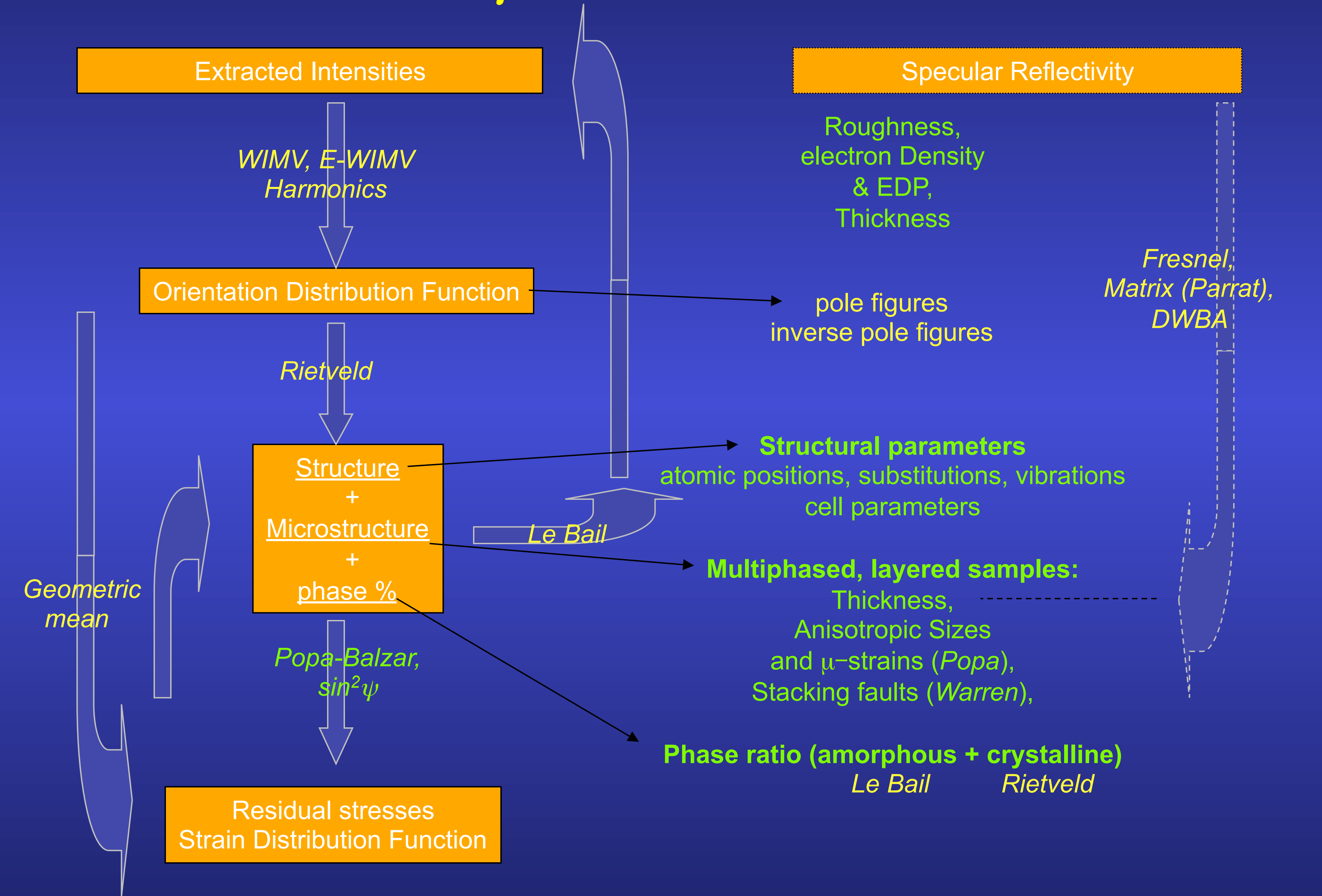
Bi2223
Superconductors

$Ca_3Co_4O_9$
Thermoelectrics

PCT
Ferroelectrics

Nano-Si
thin films

Implemented codes

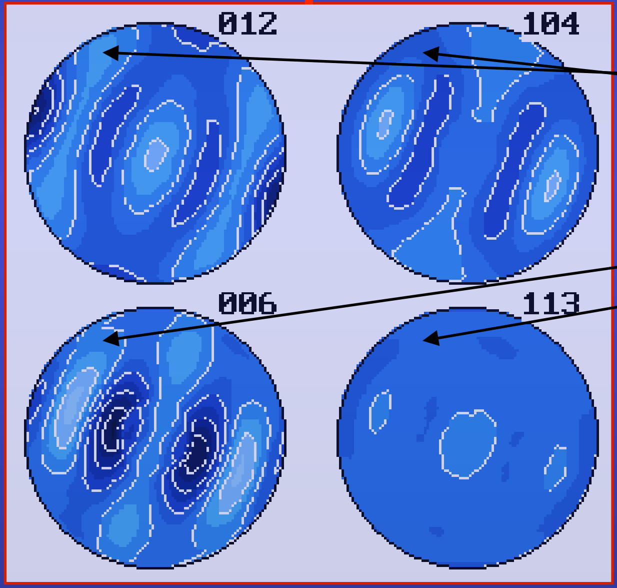


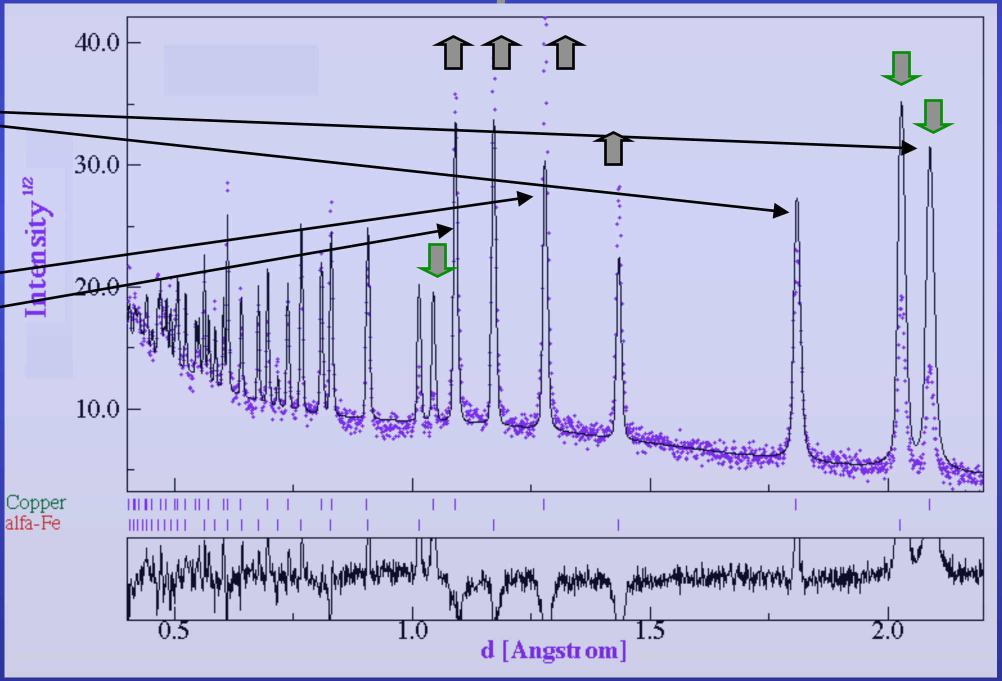
Texture from Spectra

Orientation Distribution Function (ODF)

From pole figures

From spectra





Residual Stresses and Rietveld

- Macro elastic strain tensor (I kind)
- Crystal anisotropic strains (II kind)

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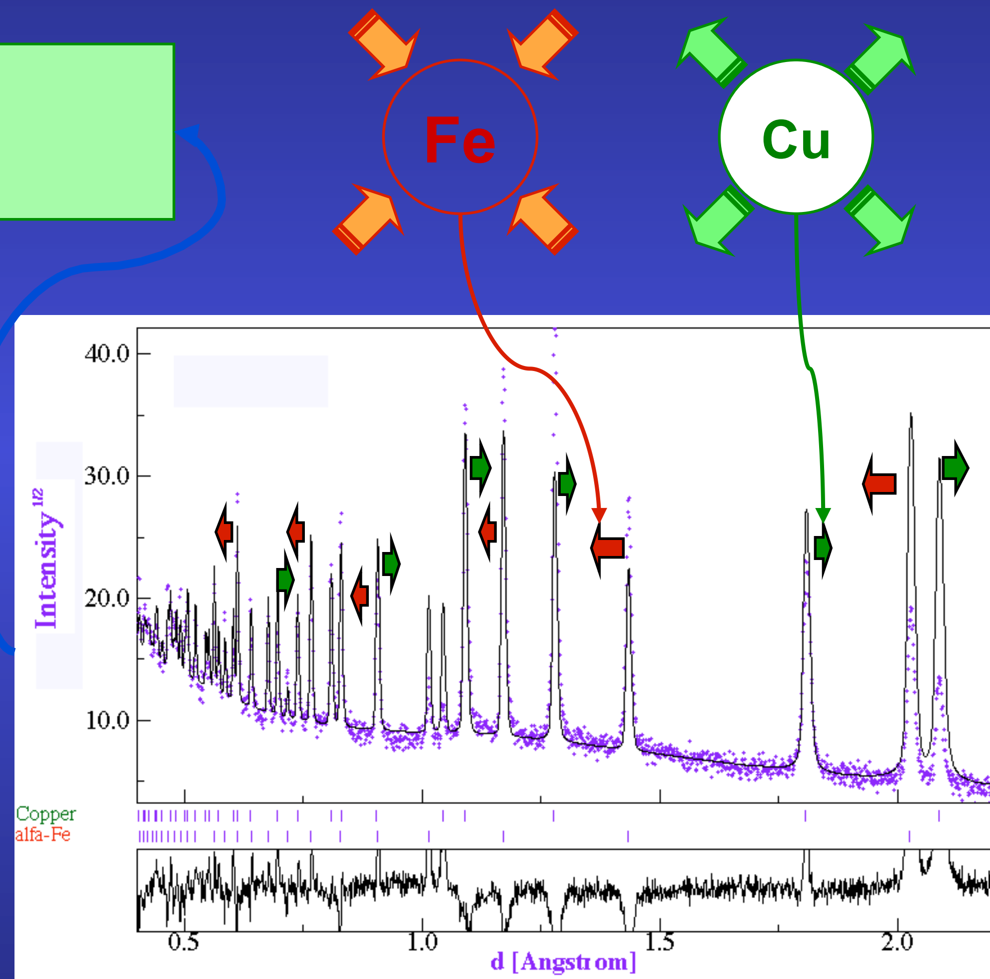
Macro and micro stresses

Applied macro stresses



Textured samples: Reuss, Voigt, Hill, Bulk geometric mean approaches

How it works (Combined)

$$I_i^{calc}(\chi,\phi) = \sum_{n=1}^{Nphases} S_n \sum_k L_k \left|F_{k;n}\right|^2 S\left(2\theta_i - 2\theta_{k;n}\right) P_{k;n}(\chi,\phi) A + bkg_i$$

Texture

$$P_k(\chi,\phi) = \int_{\varphi} f(g,\varphi)\, d\varphi$$

- from Generalized Spherical Harmonics:

$$P_k(\chi,\phi) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2l+1} \sum_{n=-l}^{l} k_l^n(\chi,\phi) \sum_{m=-l}^{l} C_l^{mn} k_n^{*m}\left(\Theta_k \phi_k\right)$$

$$f(g) = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m,n=-l}^{l} C_l^{mn} T_l^{mn}(g)$$

- from the WIMV iterative process:

$$\mathrm{f}^{n+1}(\mathrm{g}) = \mathrm{N}\left[\frac{\mathrm{f}^{n}(\mathrm{g})\,\mathrm{f}^{0}(\mathrm{g})}{\prod_{hkl}\left(\mathrm{P}_{hkl}^{n}(\vec{\mathrm{y}})\right)^{\frac{1}{\mathrm{I}}}}\right]$$

Layering

$$C_{\chi}^{\text{top film}} = g_1\left(1-\exp\left(-\mu T g_2/\cos\chi\right)\right)/\left(1-\exp\left(-2\mu T/\sin\omega\cos\chi\right)\right)$$

$$C_{\chi}^{\text{cov. layer}} = C_{\chi}^{\text{top film}}\left(\exp\left(-g_2\sum\mu_i^{'}T_i^{'}/\cos\chi\right)\right)/\left(\exp\left(-2\sum\mu_i^{'}T_i^{'}/\sin\omega\cos\chi\right)\right)$$

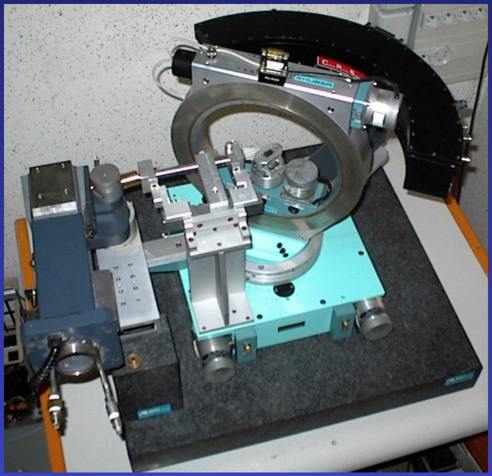
DWBA

$$R(q_z) = \left|\frac{1}{\rho_\infty}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{d\rho}{dz}\,e^{-iq_z z}dz\right|^2$$

Popa anisotropic shapes

$$\langle R_{\mathbf{h}}\rangle = R_0 + R_1P_2^0(x) + R_2P_2^1(x)\cos\varphi + R_3P_2^1(x)\sin\varphi + R_4P_2^2(x)\cos2\varphi + R_5P_2^2(x)\sin2\varphi + \ldots$$

Minimum experimental requirements



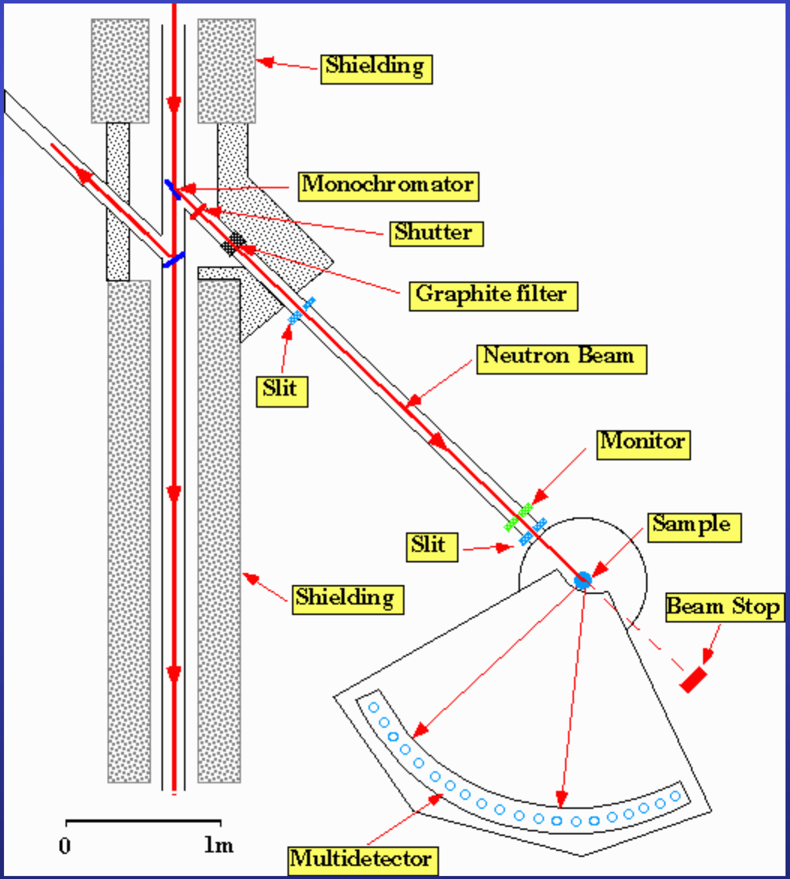
Curved Detector + 4-circle diffractometer
(X-rays and neutrons)
CRISMAT, ILL

+

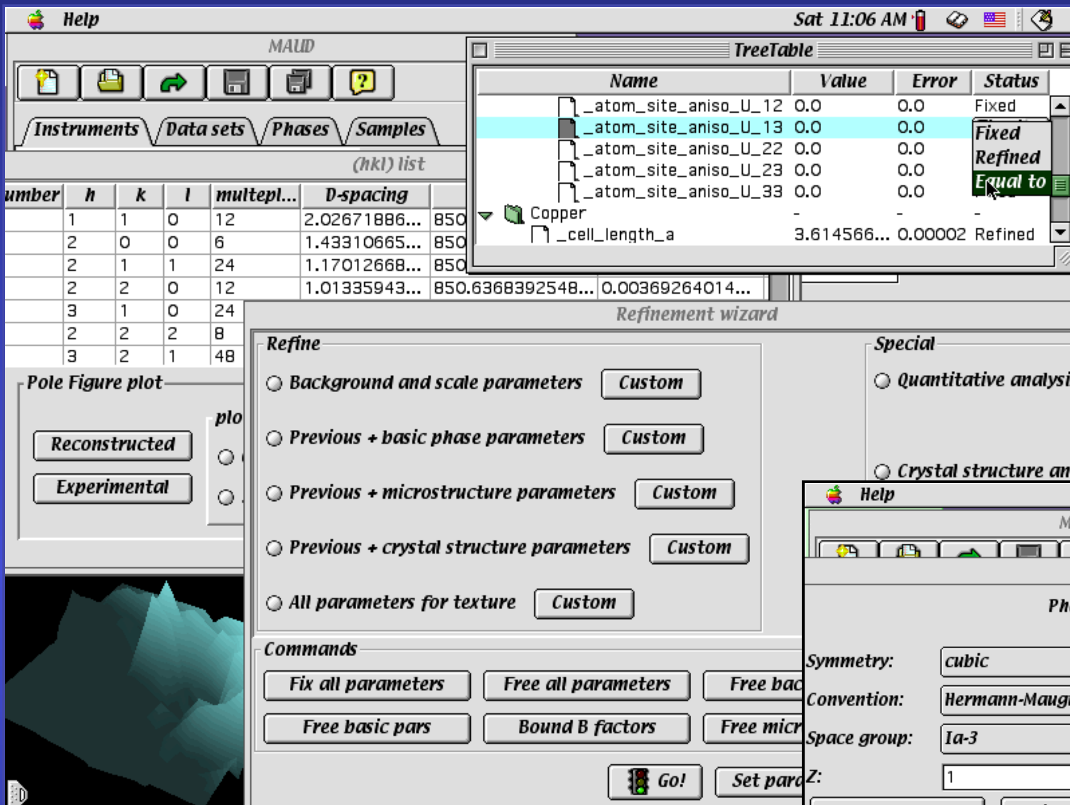
~1000 experiments (2θ diagrams)
in as many sample orientations

+

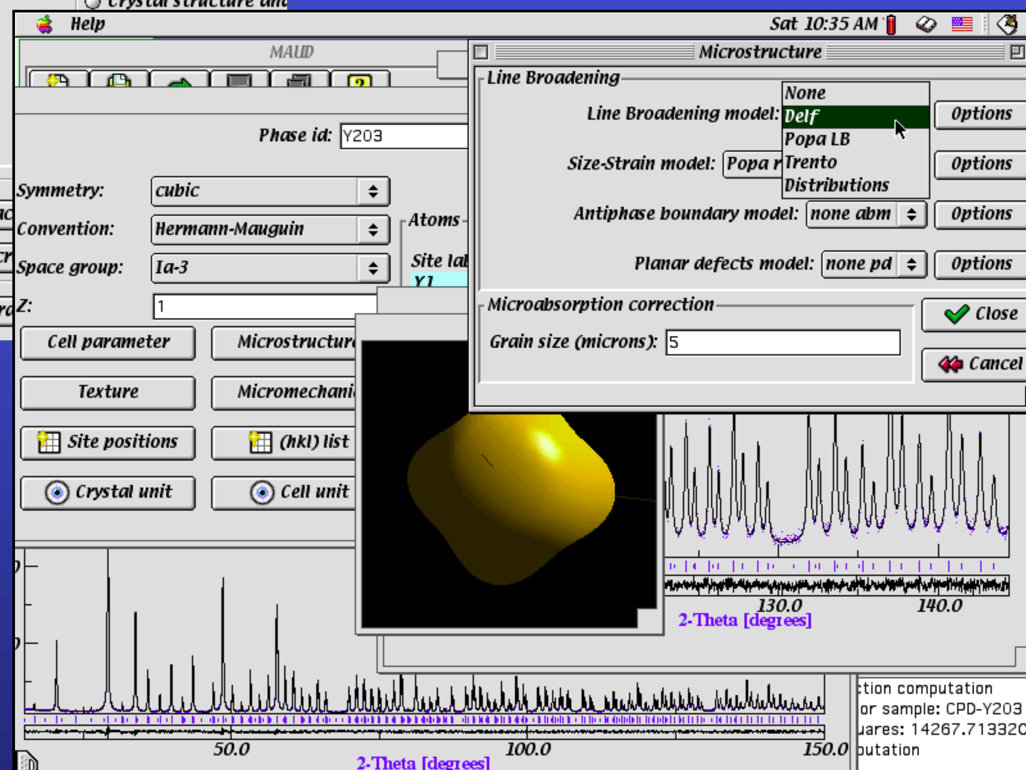
Instrument calibration
(peaks widths and shapes,
misalignments, defocusing …)



Methodology implementation

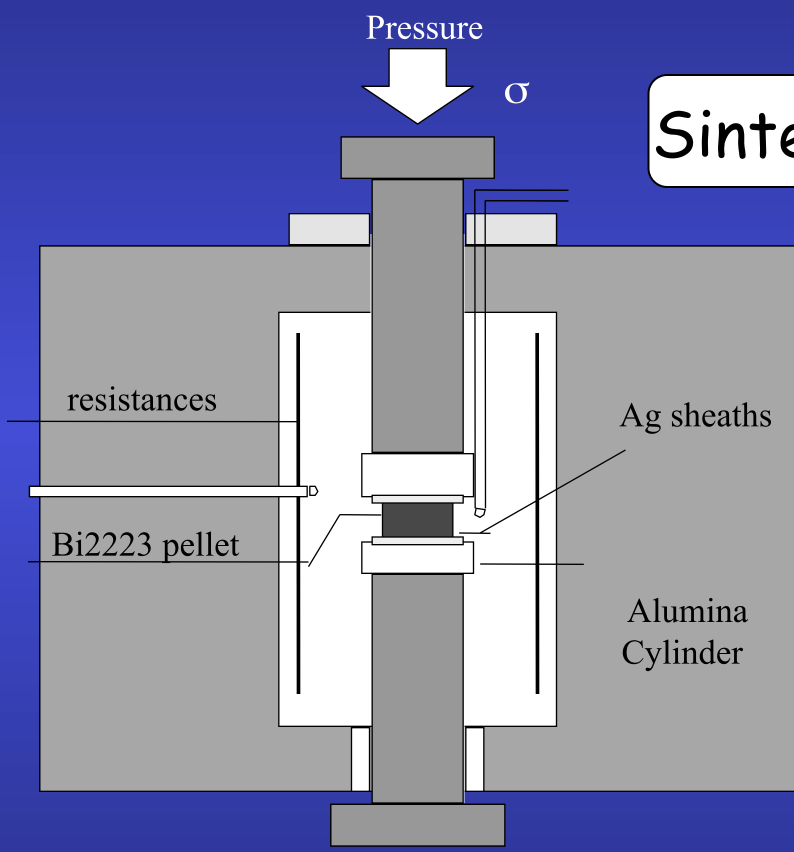


User friendly interface

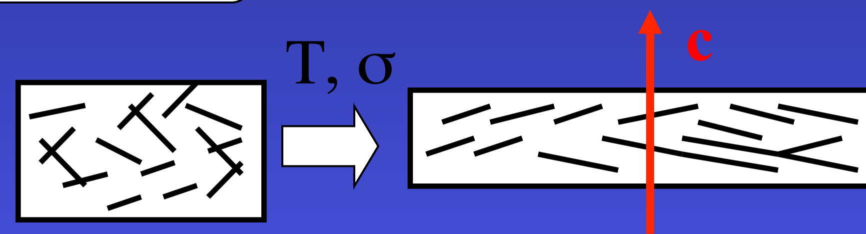


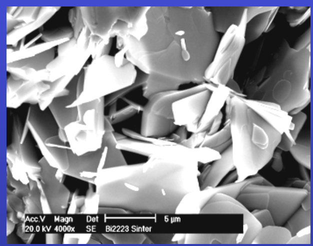
Java codes
Java web start updates

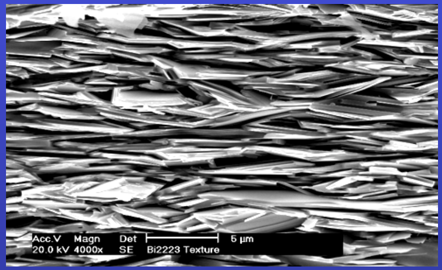
Bi2223 compounds



Sinter-Forging

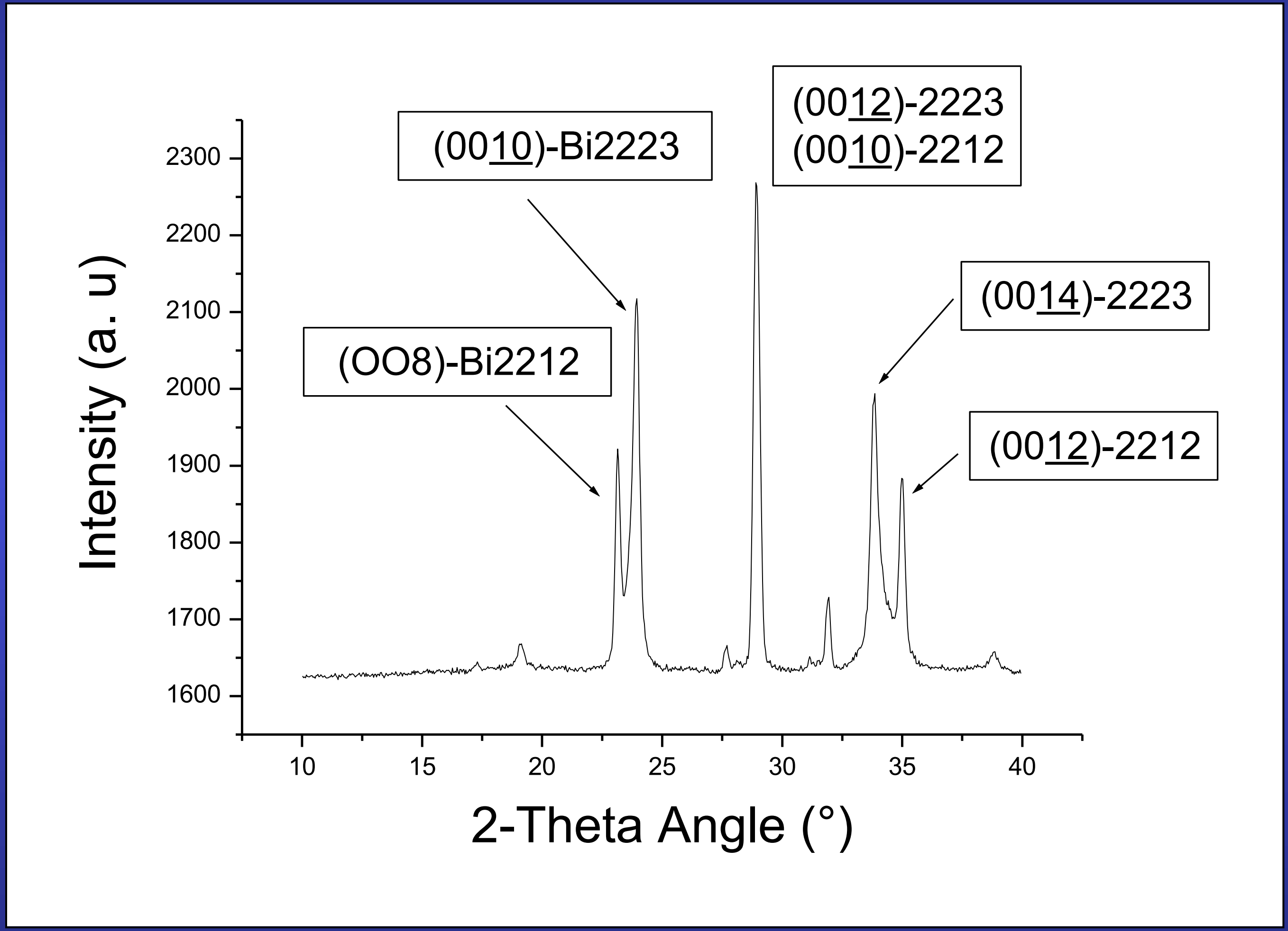






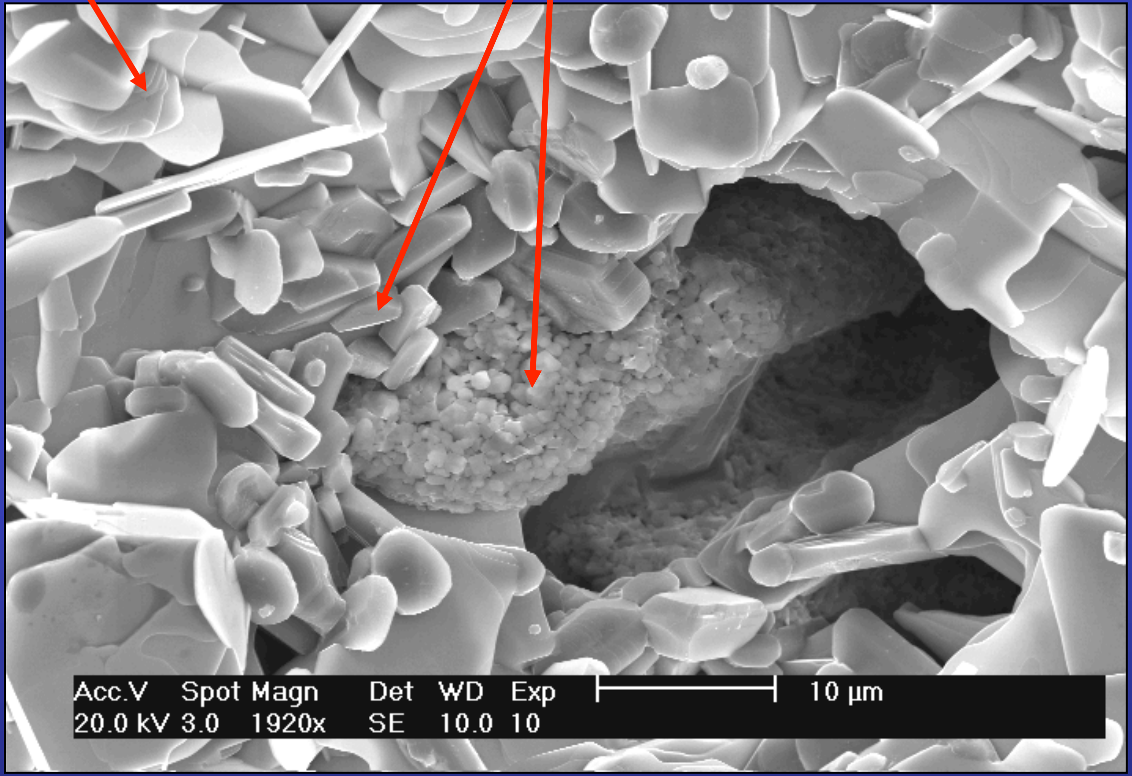
Grain alignment ⇒ ↗ Jc

(00ℓ) Texture

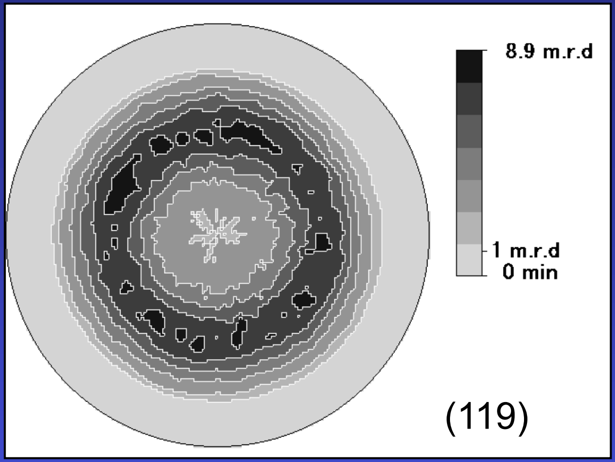


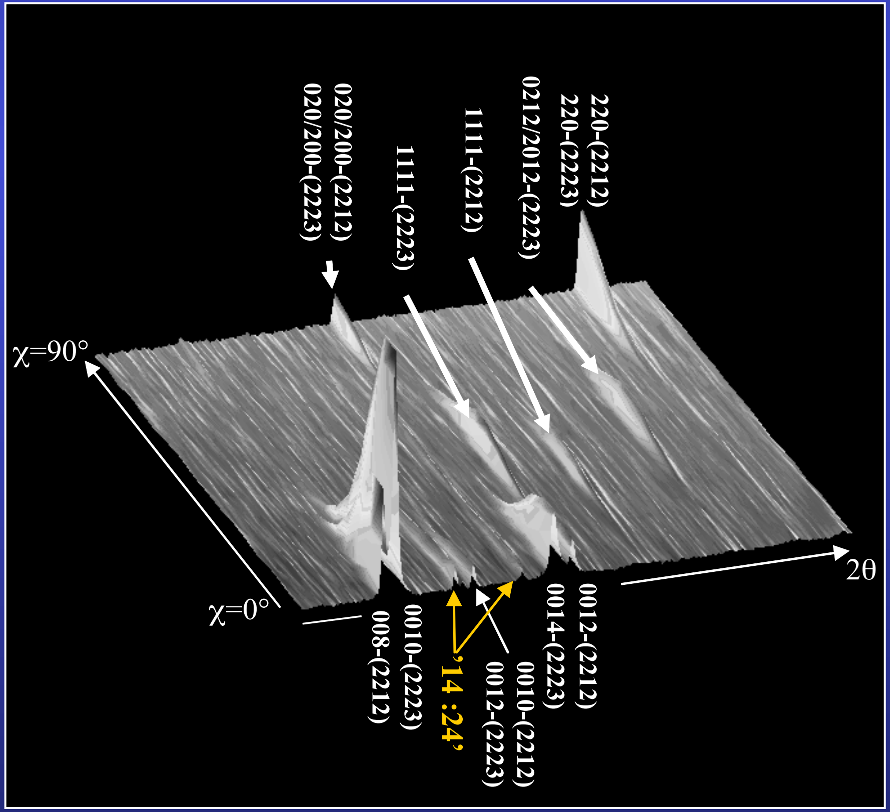
(0010)-Bi2223
(0012)-2223
(0010)-2212
(0014)-2223
(OO8)-Bi2212
(0012)-2212
Intensity (a. u)
2300
2200
2100
2000
1900
1800
1700
1600
10
15
20
25
30
35
40
2-Theta Angle (°)

Bi2212 + Secondary phases ⟶ Bi2223

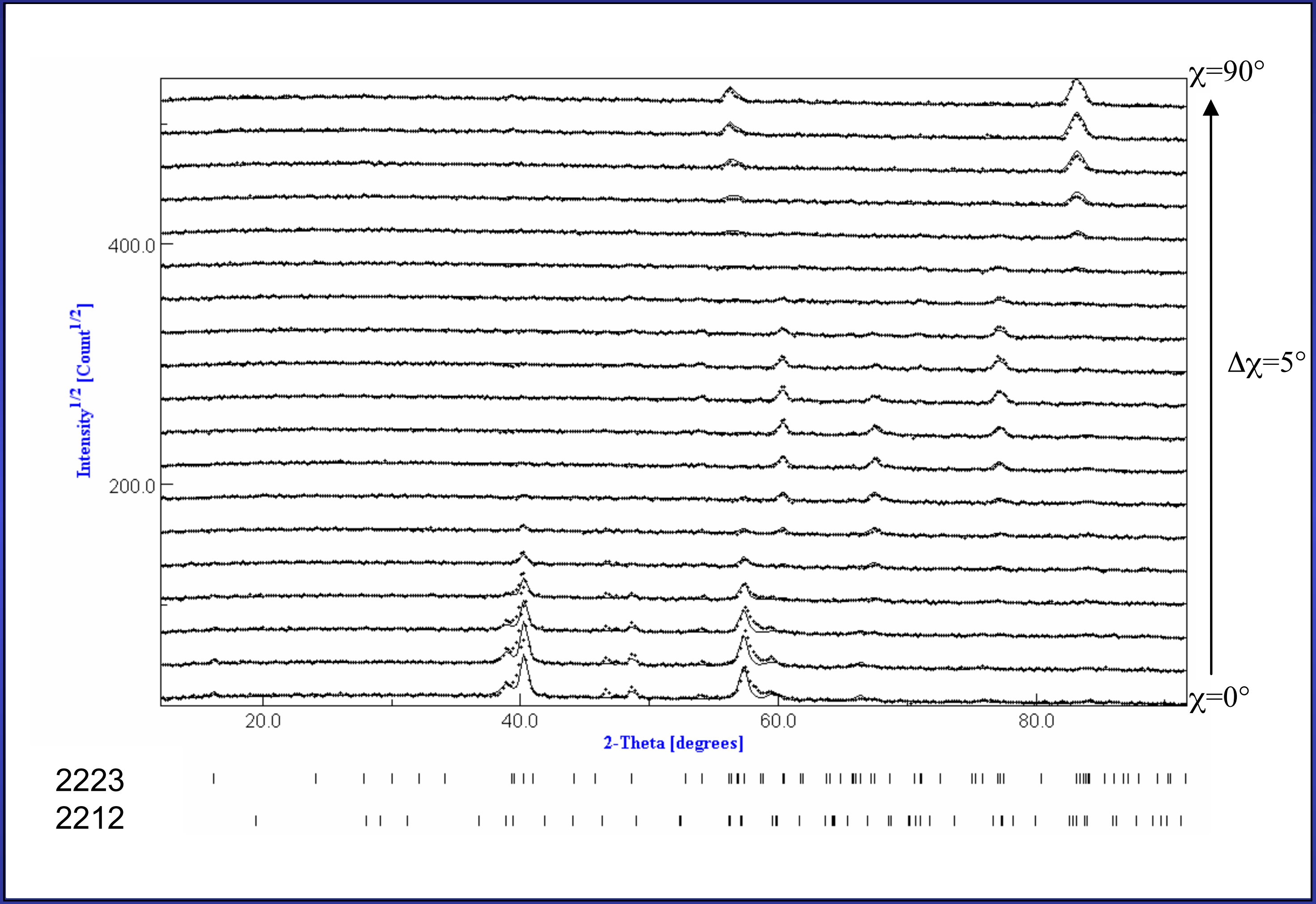


Combined Analysis

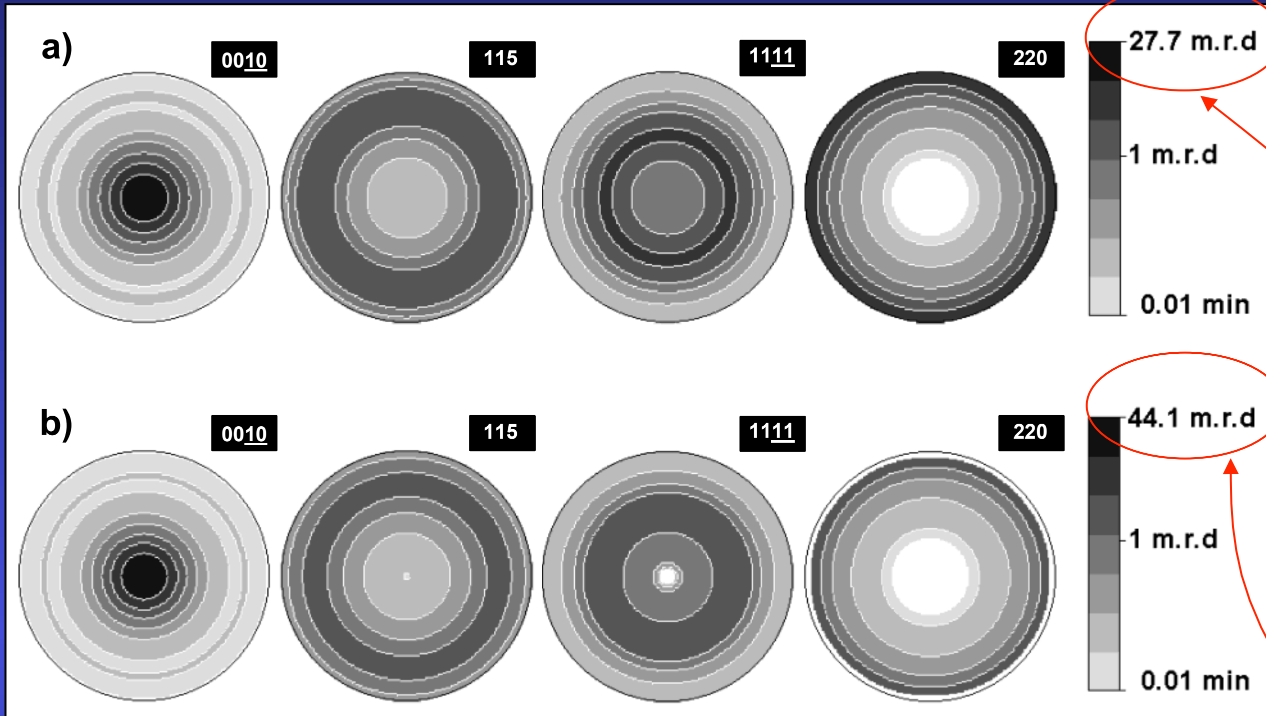




- Neutrons
- Sample: ~70 mm^3
- 2θ patterns for χ=0° to 90°
- No φ rotation (fibre texture).



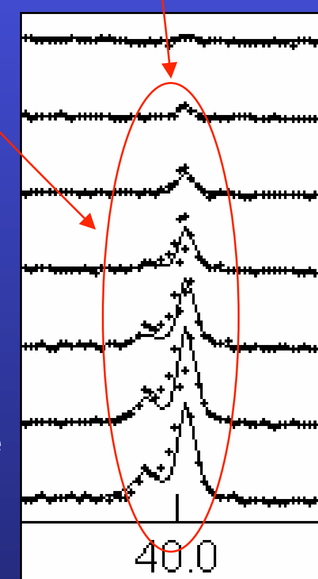
Rw=9.12
RP=16.24

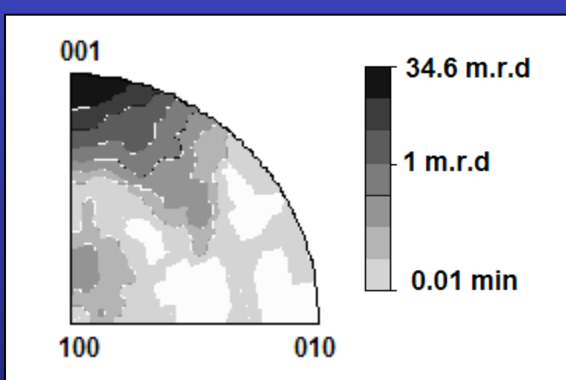


Logarithmic density scale, equal area projection

Recalculated (WIMV)

Extracted (Le Bail)





Logarithmic density scale, equal area projection

Stacking faults and/or intergrowth on the c-axis →New periodicities and peaks characterized with intermediate c parameters.

However, no algorithm is included to solve intergrowths in the combined approach.

Effect of the sinter-forging treatment on the texture development, crystal growth, transport properties

Sinter-forging dwell time (h)	Orientation Distribution Max (m.r.d.)		% Bi2223	Cell parameters (Å)		Crystallite size Bi2223 (nm)	Rb (%)	Rw (%)	Rexp (%)	RP0 (%)	RP1 (%)	J_c (A/cm^2)
	Bi2212	Bi2223		Bi2223	Bi2212							
20	21.8	20.7	59.9±1.3	a=5.419(3) b=5.391(3) c=37.168(3)	a=5.414(3) b=5.393(3) c=30.800(3)	205±7	7.56	11.1	4.55	17.74	10.56	12500
50	24.1	24.4	72.9±2.9	a=5.419(3) b=5.408(3) c=37.192(3)	a=5.416(3) b=5.396(3) c=30.806(3)	273±10	7.54	11.37	4.58	17.05	11.04	15000
100	31.5	25.2	84.4±4.6	a=5.410(3) b=5.405(3) c=37.144(3)	a=5.412(3) b=5.403(3) c=30.752(3)	303±10	5.4	8.04	3.69	13.54	9.31	19000
150	65.4	27.2	87.0±4.1	a=5.417(3) b=5.403(3) c=37.199(3)	a=5.413(3) b=5.407(3) c=30.792(3)	383±13	6.13	9.12	4.8	16.24	12.25	20000

↗ *Sinter-forging Time* ⇒ ↗ Texture strength; ↗ % Bi2223; ↗ Crystallite Size ⇔ ↗ J_c

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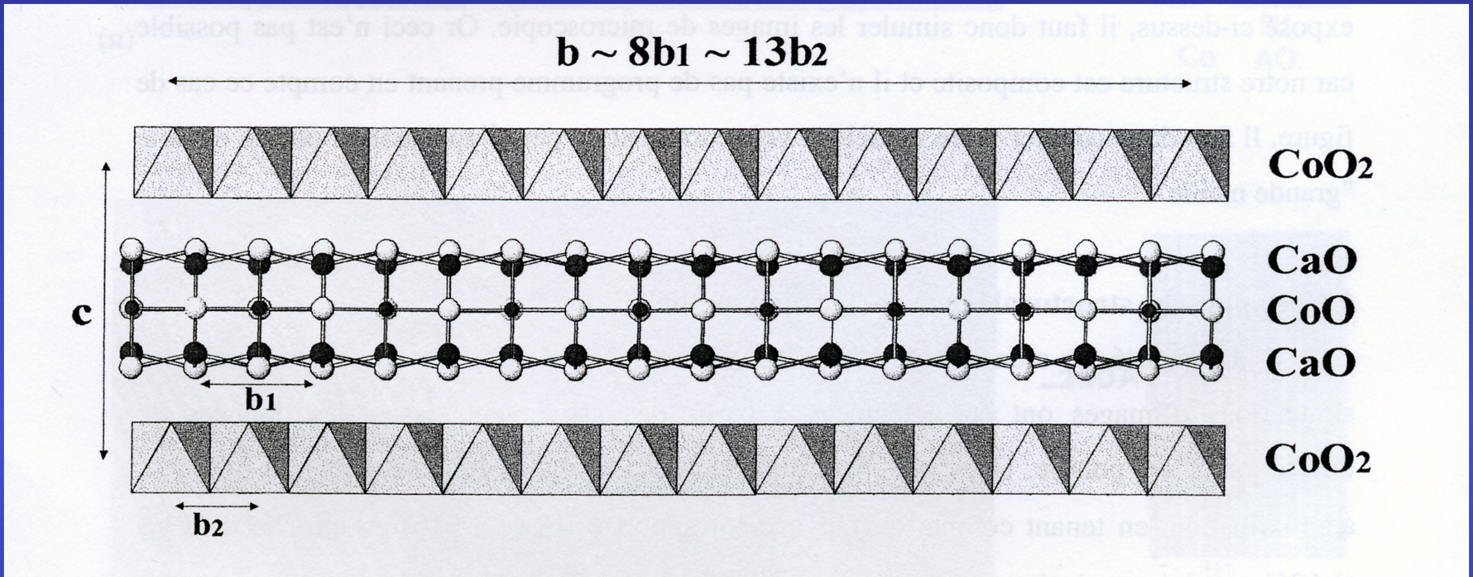
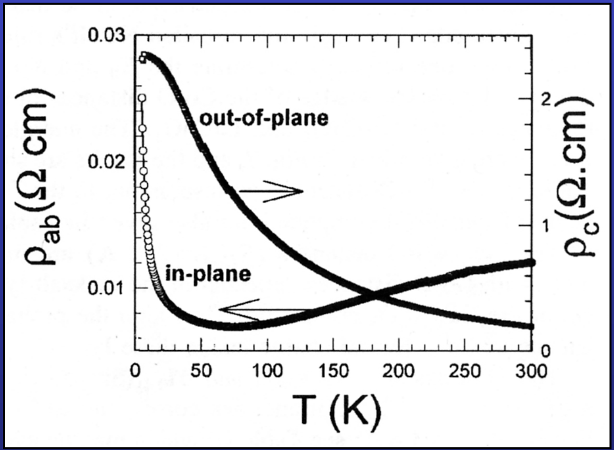
$Ca_3Co_4O_9$ thermoelectrics

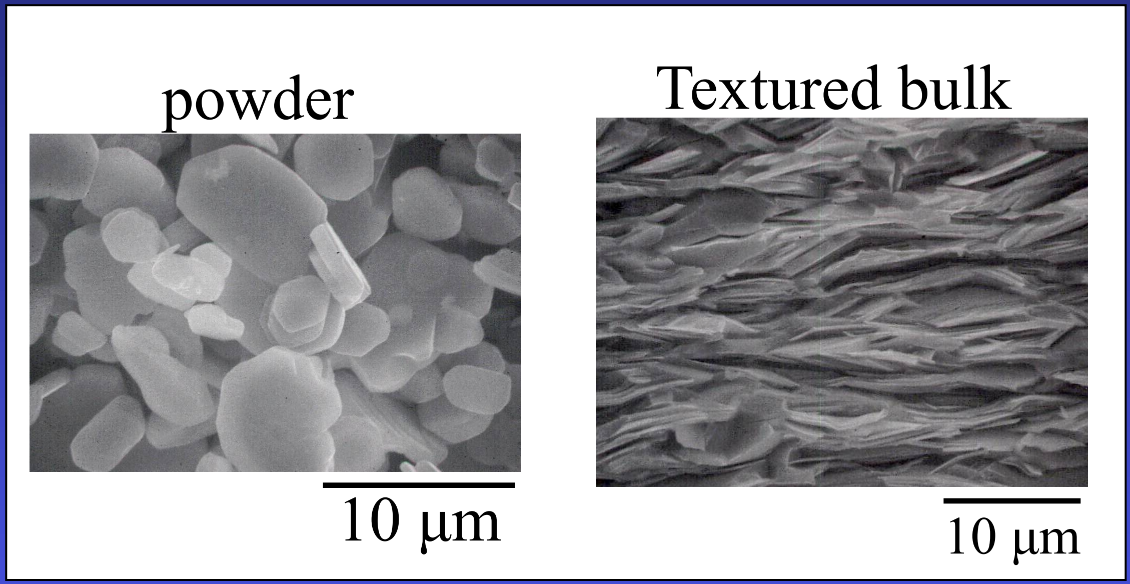
$Ca_3Co_4O_9$: Misfit lamellar and modulated Structure, with high thermopower



Two monoclinic sub-systems:
S1 with a ~ 4.8Å, b_1 ~ 4.5Å, c ~ 10.8Å et β ~ 98° (NaCl-type)
S2 with a ~ 4.8Å, b_2 ~ 2.8Å, c ~ 10.8Å et β ~ 98° (CdI_2-type)



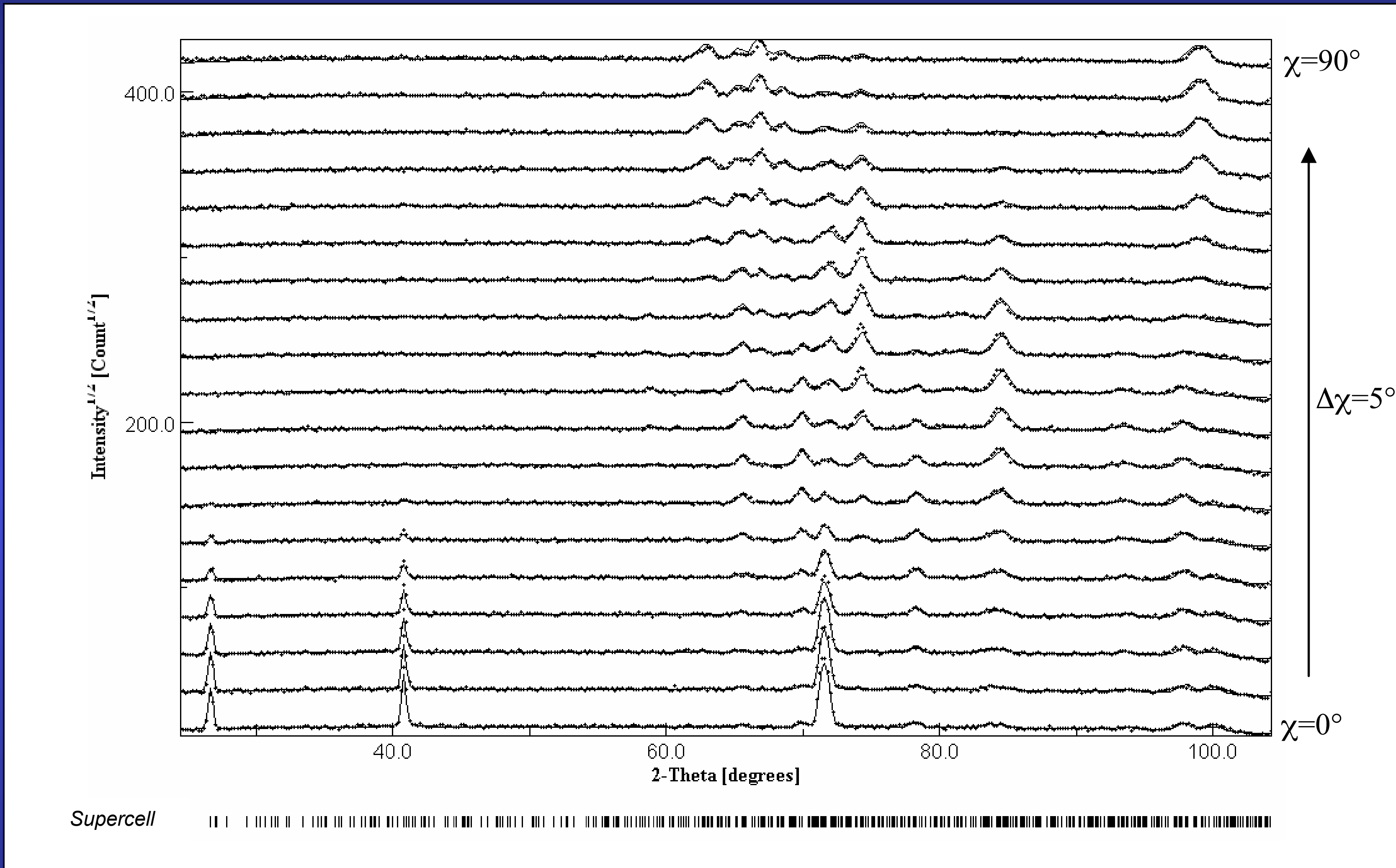
$\Gamma=\sigma_{ab}/\sigma_c \sim 10$ → Texture



Magnetic alignment
and
Templated Growth
method

Analysis:

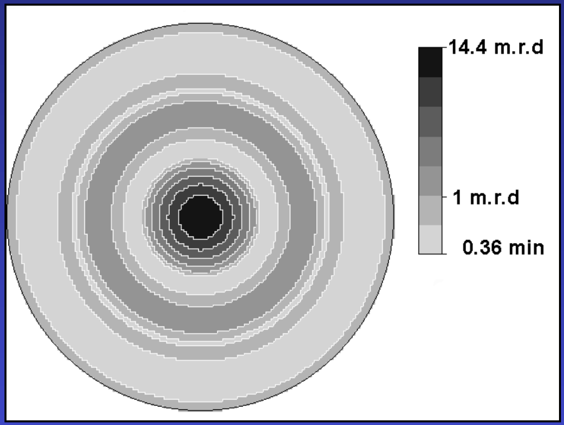
- *neutrons*
- *3D Supercell: a=4.8309Å, b~8b1~13b2~36.4902Å, c=10.8353Å, β=98.13°*
174 atoms/cell
-Sample : 0.6 cm^3



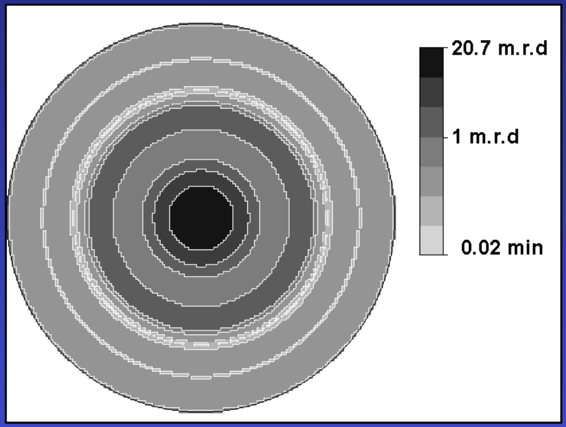
400.0
200.0
Intensity$^{1/2}$ [Count$^{1/2}$]
40.0
60.0
80.0
100.0
2-Theta [degrees]
χ=90°
Δχ=5°
χ=0°
Supercell

RP=19.7%, Rw=11.9%

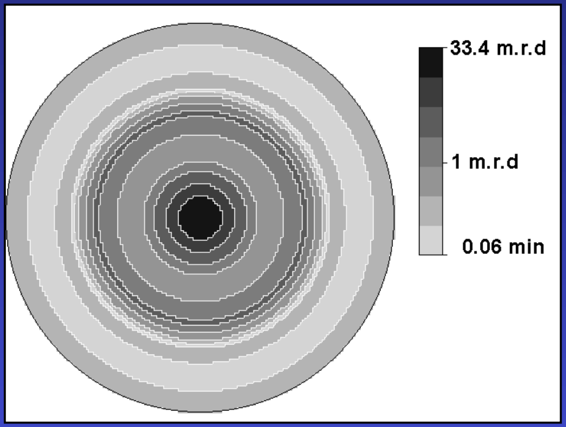
9.8 MPa for 2 h

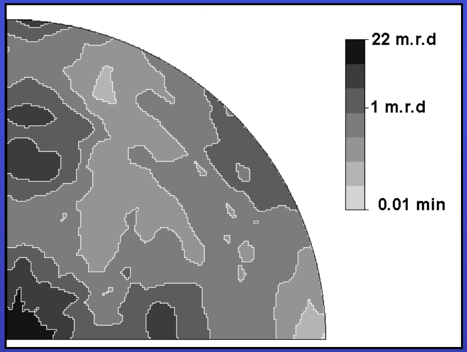


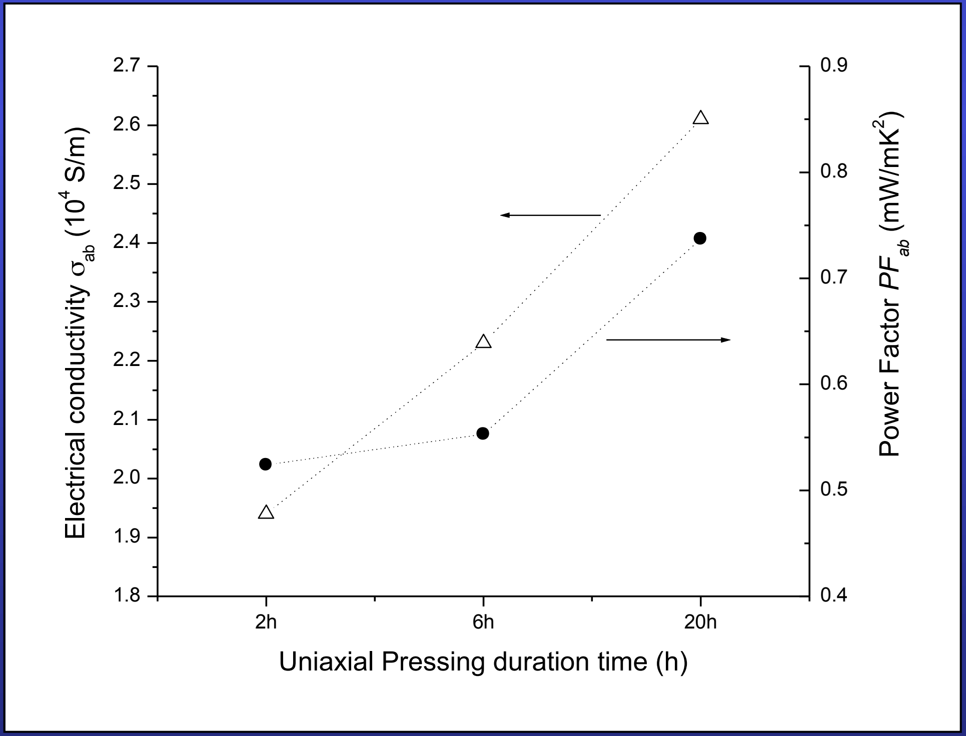
19.6 MPa for 6 h



19.6 MPa for 20 h

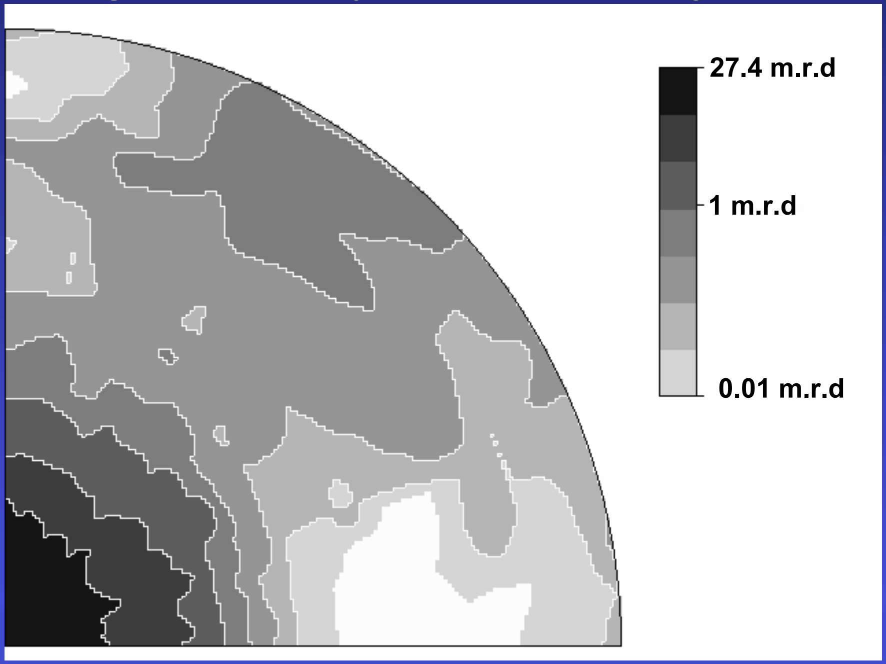






Templated Growth Method

Logarithmic density scale, equal area projection



Magnetic Alignment

- magnetic alignment really efficient to obtain strong textures

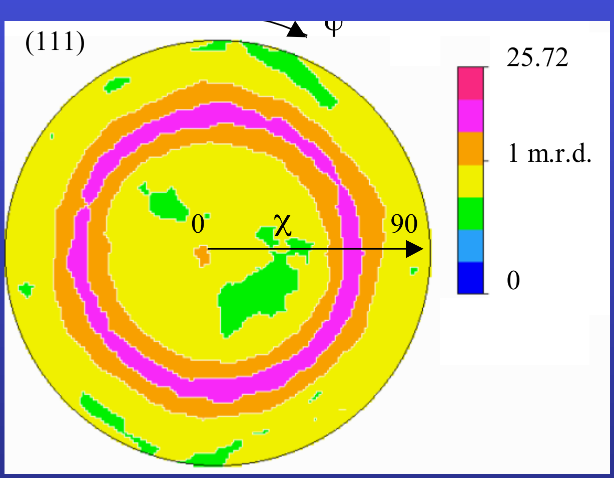
- combined analysis of modulated structures possible

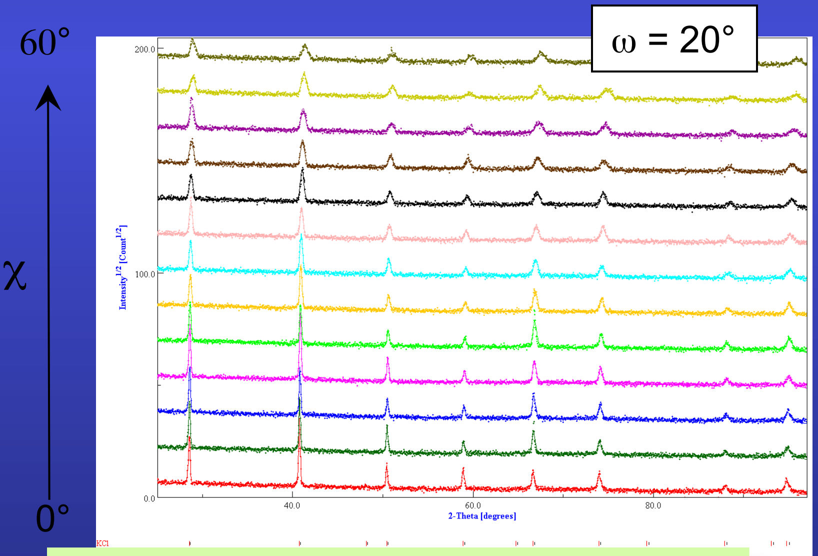
Ferroelectric PCT films

thin films:

$(Ca_{0.24}Pb_{0.76})TiO_3$ sol-gel synthesised solutions deposited by spin coating on a substrate of $Pt/TiO_2/Si$, with and without a treatment at 650ºC for 30 min.

All films are crystallised at 700ºC for 50 s by Rapid Thermal Processing (RTP; 30ºC/s).
A series is also recrystallised at 650ºC for 1 to 3 h.





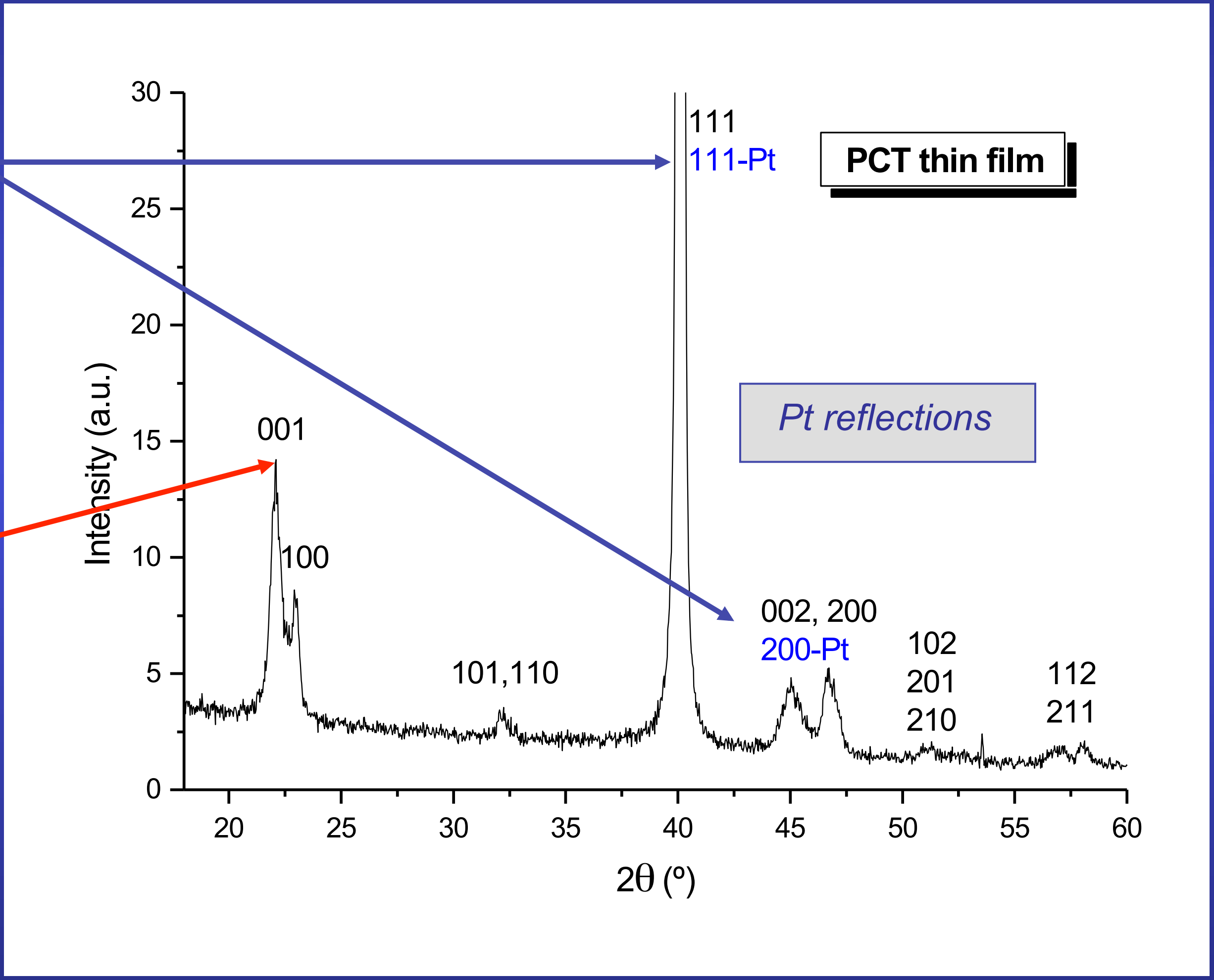
Refinement of individual spectra

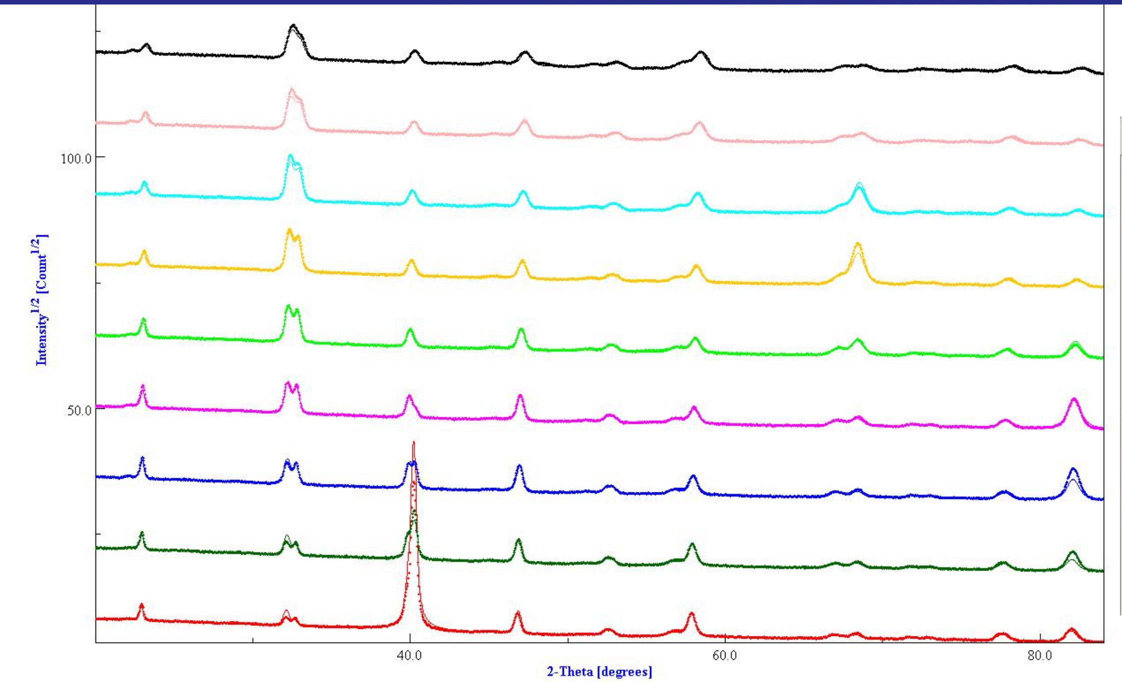
Limitations of the simple Quantitative Texture Analysis

<u>*Structural parameters are difficult to obtain due to:*</u>

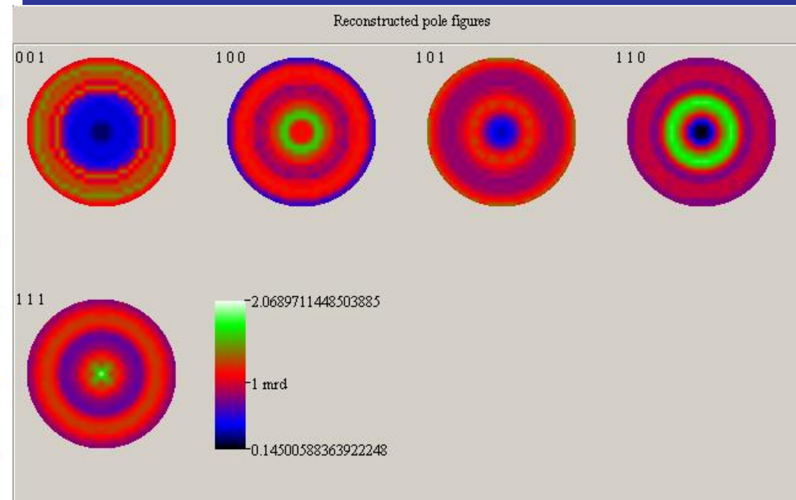
Substrate influence:
overlapping of reflections from the film and the substrate

TEXTURE effects:
peaks that do not appear at low χ angles



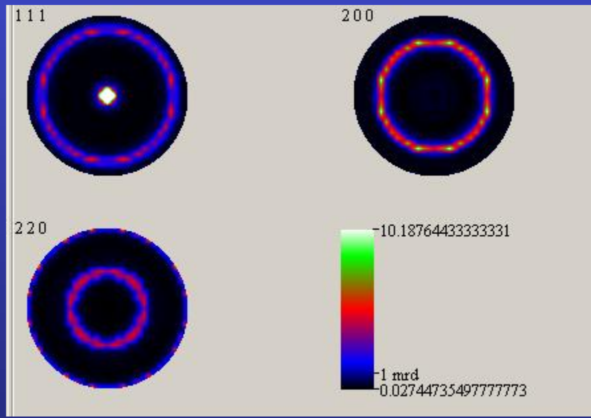


PCT



a = 3.945(1) Å
c = 4.080(1) Å
T = 4080(10) Å
t_{iso} = 390(7) Å
ε = 0.0067(1) rms

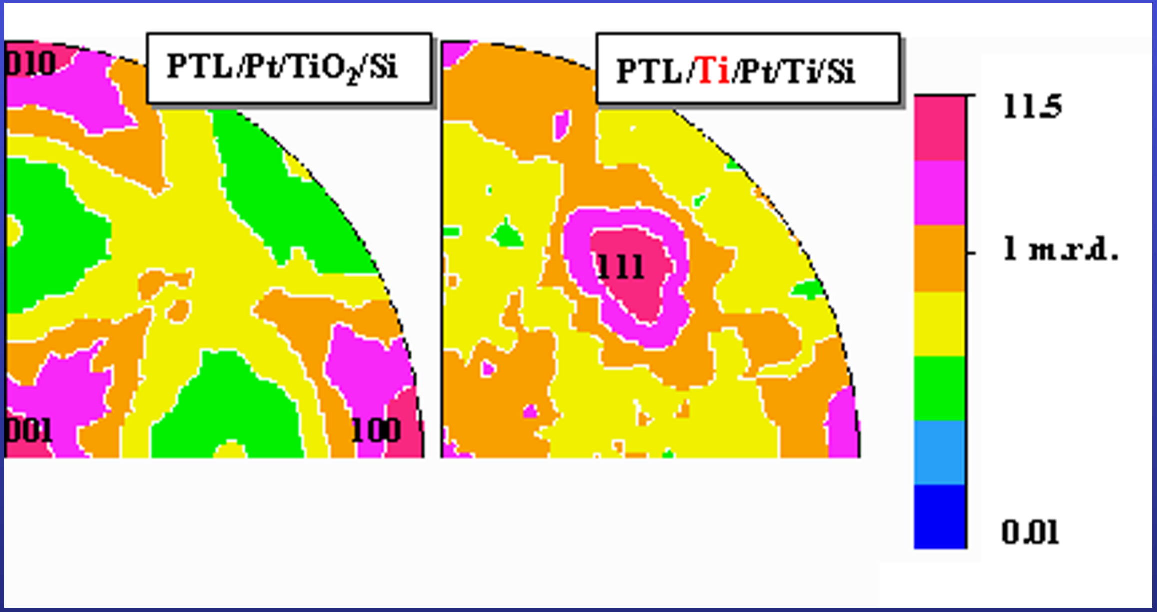
Pt



a = 3.955(1) Å
T = 462(4) Å
t_{iso} = 458(3) Å
ε' = 0.0032(1) rms

R_W = 13%; R_B = 12%; R_{exp} = 22%.(Rietveld)
R_W = 5%; R_B = 6% (E-WIMV)

Atom	Occupancy	x	y	z
Pb	0.76	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ca	0.24	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ti	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.477(2)
O1	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.060(2)
O2	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.631(1)



Structural parameters

Pt layer

	a (Å)	thickness (nm)	R factors (%)
non-treated substrate			
Pt	3.9108(1)	45.7(3)	R_W=13, R_B=12, R_{exp}=22
annealed substrate			
Pt	3.9100(4)	46.4(3)	R_W=8, R_B=14, R_{exp}=21
Pt (Recryst. 1h)	3.9114(2)	47.8(3)	R_W=9, R_B=20, R_{exp}=21
Pt (Recryst. 2h)	3.9068(1)	46.9(3)	R_W=9, R_B=14, R_{exp}=22
Pt (Recryst. 3h)	3.9141(4)	47.5(9)	R_W=27, R_B=12, R_{exp}=21

Annealing of the substrate does not introduce significant variations on the structure of the Pt layer

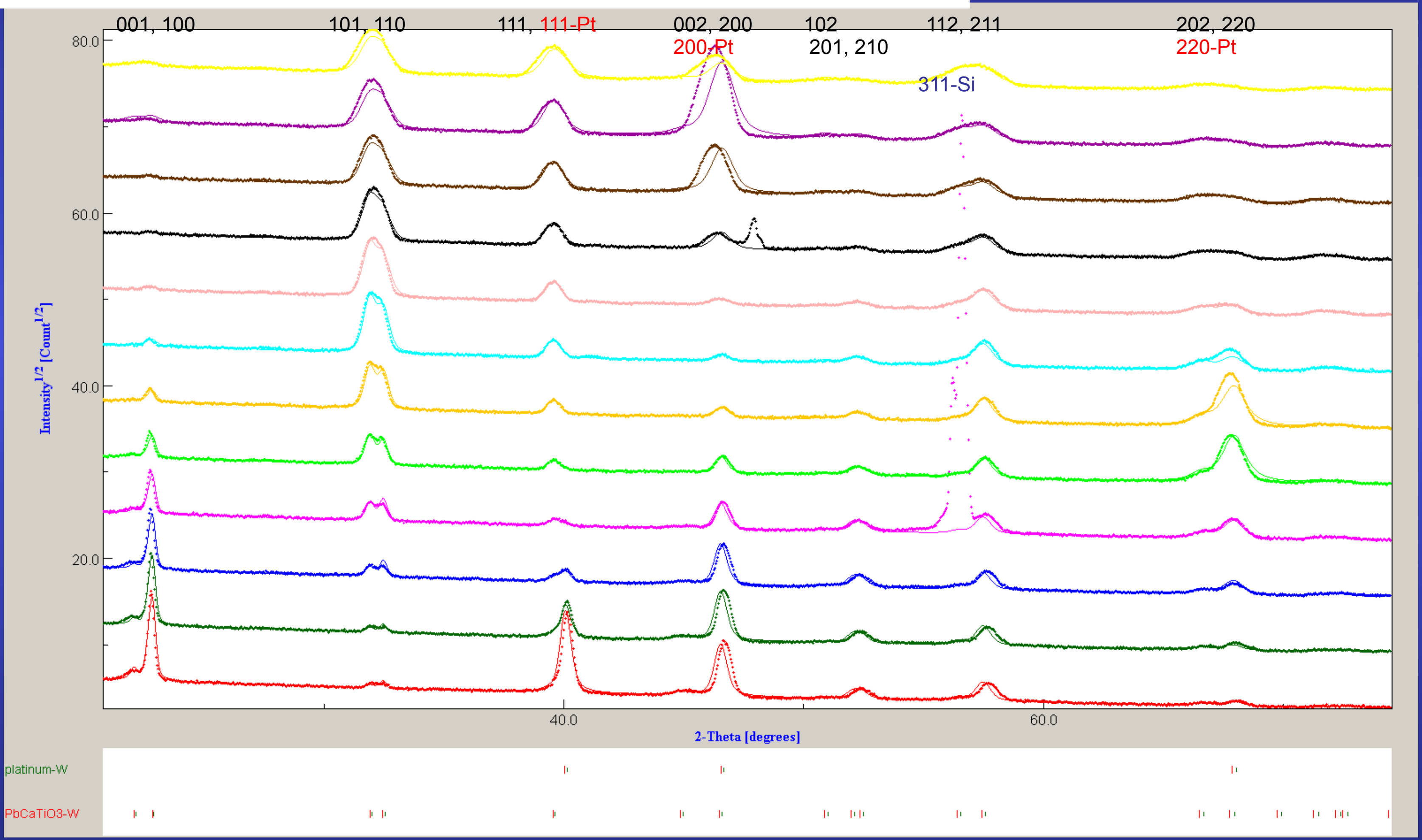
PTC film

	a (Å)	c (Å)	thickness (nm)
on non-treated substrate			
PCT	3.9156(1)	4.0497(6)	272.5(13)
on annealed substrate			
PCT	3.8920(6)	4.0187(8)	279.0(9)
PCT (Recryst. 1h)	3.8929(2)	4.0230(4)	266.1(11)
PCT (Recryst. 2h)	3.8982(2)	4.0227(4)	258.4(9)
PCT (Recryst. 3h)	3.9001(4)	4.0228(11)	253.6(29)

Recrystallisation reduces the stress on the film, and, increases the lattice parameters

Structural, microstructural and texture quantitative characterisation of ferroelectric thin films by the combined method

Analysis of the X-ray diffraction diagrams of a PCT film on $Pt/TiO_2/Si$



R_W = 13%; R_B = 12%; R_{exp} = 22%.(Rietveld)
R_W = 5%; R_B = 6% (E-WIMV)

Substrate influence on Residual Stress and Texture

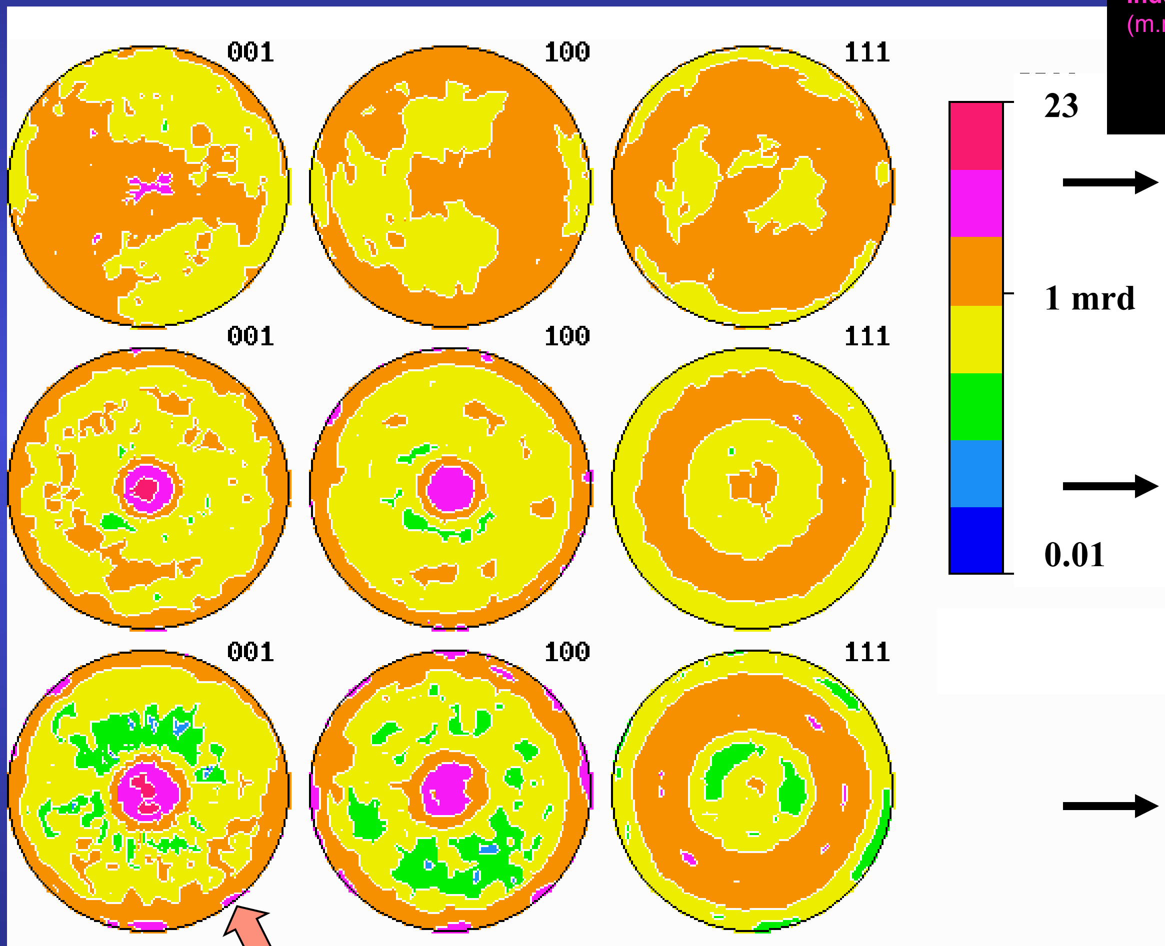
Tensile stress

PCT on $Pt/TiO_2/(100)Si$

PCT on $Pt/(100)MgO$

PCT on $Pt/(100)SrTiO_3$

Compressive stress



Texture Index (m.r.d.^{2})	Pyroelectric Coefficient ($10^{-8}C\ cm^{-2}\ K^{-1}$)
2.1	0.3
5.1	1.5
7.9	1.1

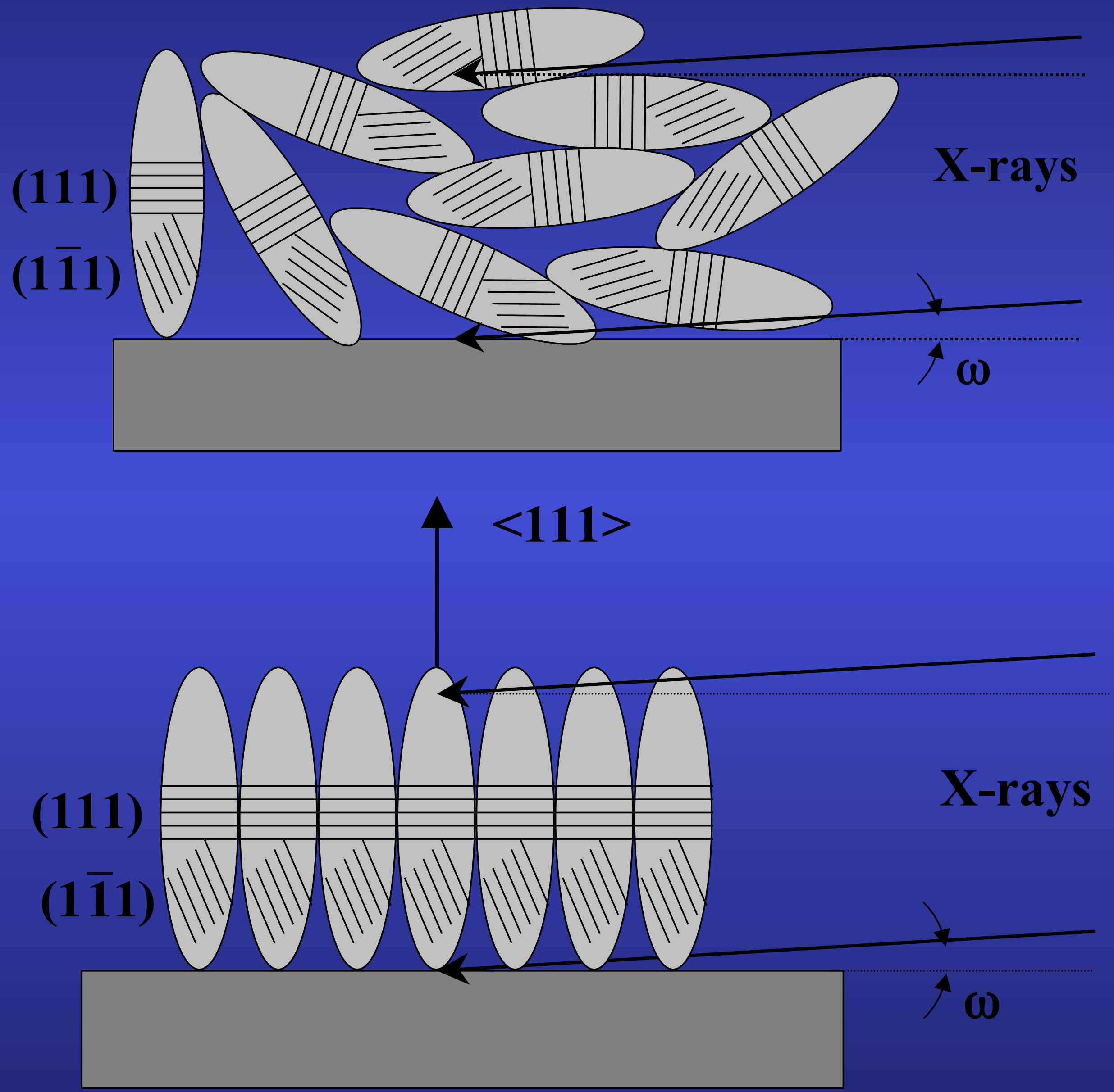
Enhancement of <001> texture

Si nanocrystalline thin films

Silicon thin films deposition by reactive magnetron sputtering:

- power density 2W/cm^2
- total pressure: $p_{total} = 10^{-1}$ Torr
- plasma mixture: H_2 / Ar, pH_2 / p_{total} = 80 %
- temperature: 200°C
- substrates: amorphous SiO_2 (a-SiO_2)
  (100)-Si single-crystals
- target-substrate distance (d)
  - a-SiO_2 substrates: d = 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12 cm
    films A, B, C, D, E, F
  - (100)-Si: d = 6, 12 cm
    films G, H

Aim: quantum confinement, photoluminescence properties



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(1$\bar{1}$1)
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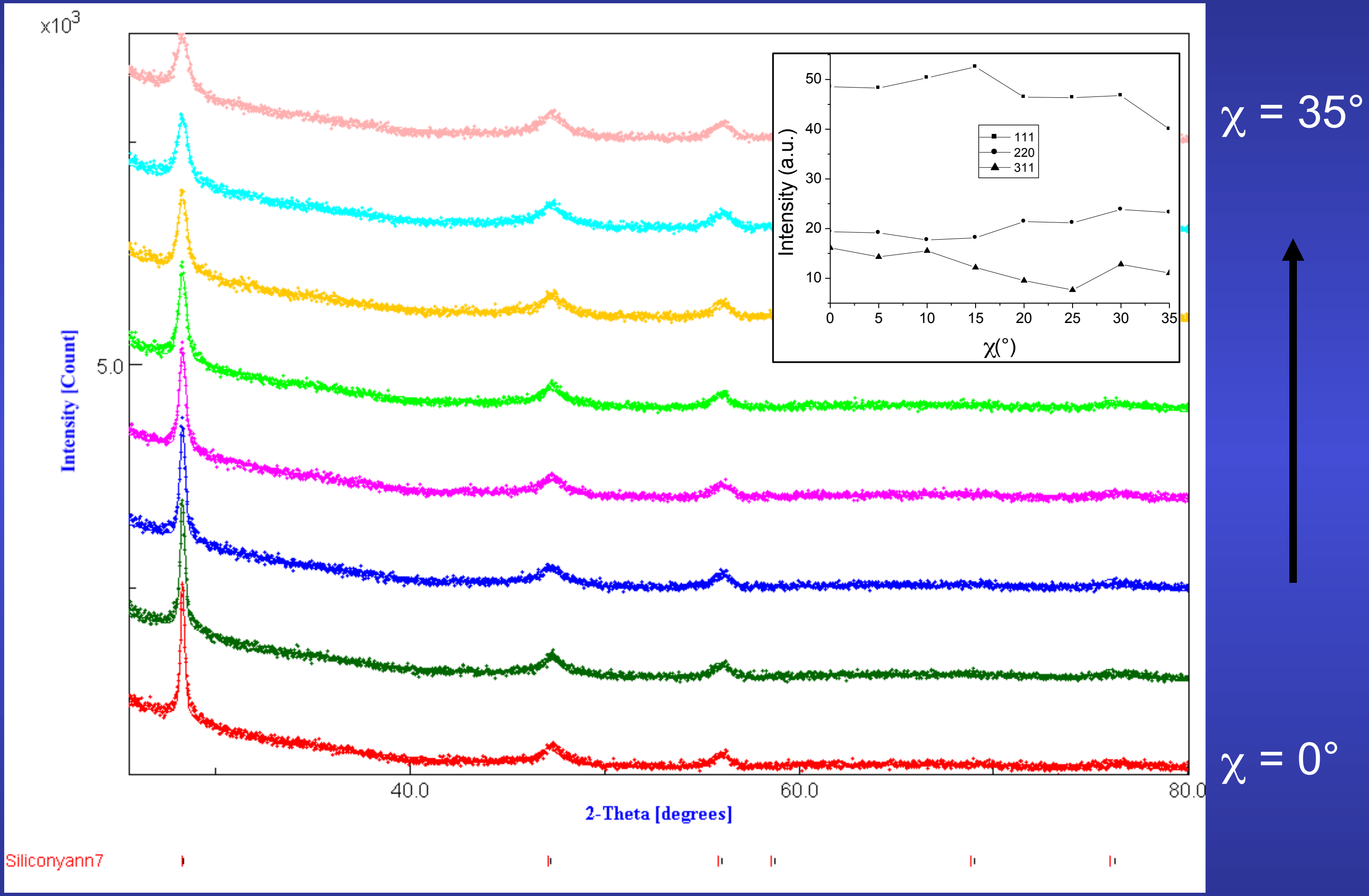
Typical refinement

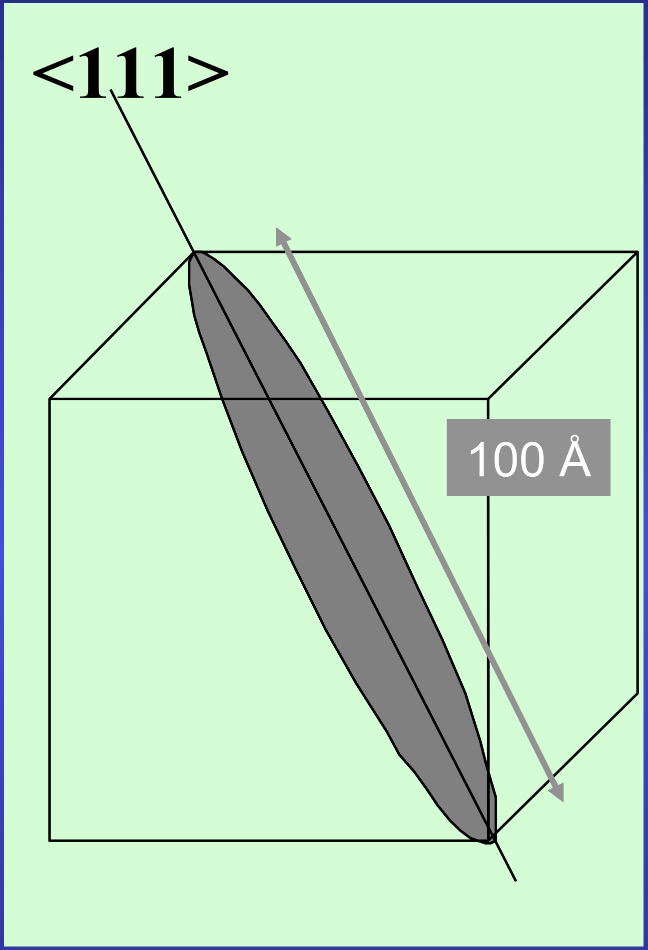


broad, anisotropic diffracted lines, textured samples

Refinement Results

Sample	d (cm)	a (Å)	RX thickness (nm)	Anisotropic sizes (Å)			Texture parameters			Reliability factors (%)			
				<111>	<220>	<311>	Maximum (m.r.d.)	minimum (m.r.d.)	Texture index F^2 (m.r.d^2)	RP_0	R_w	R_B	R_{exp}
A	4	5.4466 (3)	---	94	20	27	1.95	0.4	1.12	1.72	4.0	3.7	3.5
B	6	5.4439 (2)	711 (50)	101	20	22	1.39	0.79	1.01	0.71	4.9	4.3	4.2
C	7	5.4346 (4)	519 (60)	99	40	52	1.72	0.66	1.05	0.78	4.3	4.0	3.9
D	8	5.4461 (2)	1447 (66)	100	22	33	1.57	0.63	1.04	0.90	5.5	4.6	4.5
E	10	5.4462 (2)	1360 (80)	98	20	25	1.22	0.82	1.01	0.56	5.0	3.9	4.0
F	12	5.4452 (3)	1110 (57)	85	22	26	1.59	0.45	1.05	1.08	4.2	3.5	3.7
G	6	5.4387 (3)	1307 (50)	89	22	28	1.84	0.71	1.01	1.57	5.2	4.7	4.2
H	12	5.4434 (2)	1214 (18)	88	22	24	2.77	0.50	1.12	2.97	5.0	4.5	4.3

Mean anisotropic shape



Schematic of the mean crystallite shape for Sample D represented in a cubic cell, as refined using the Popa approach and exhibiting a strong elongation along <111> (see Table).

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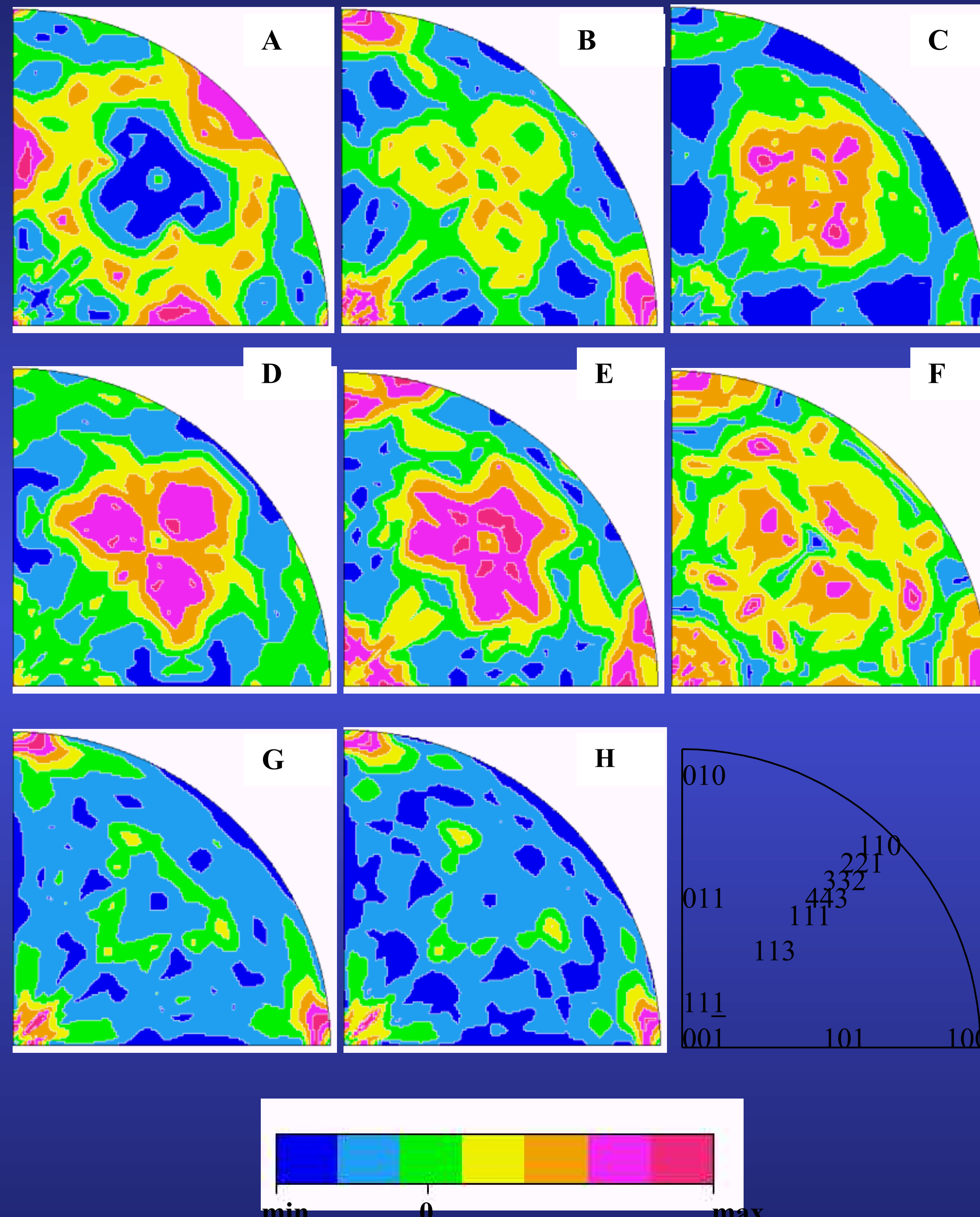
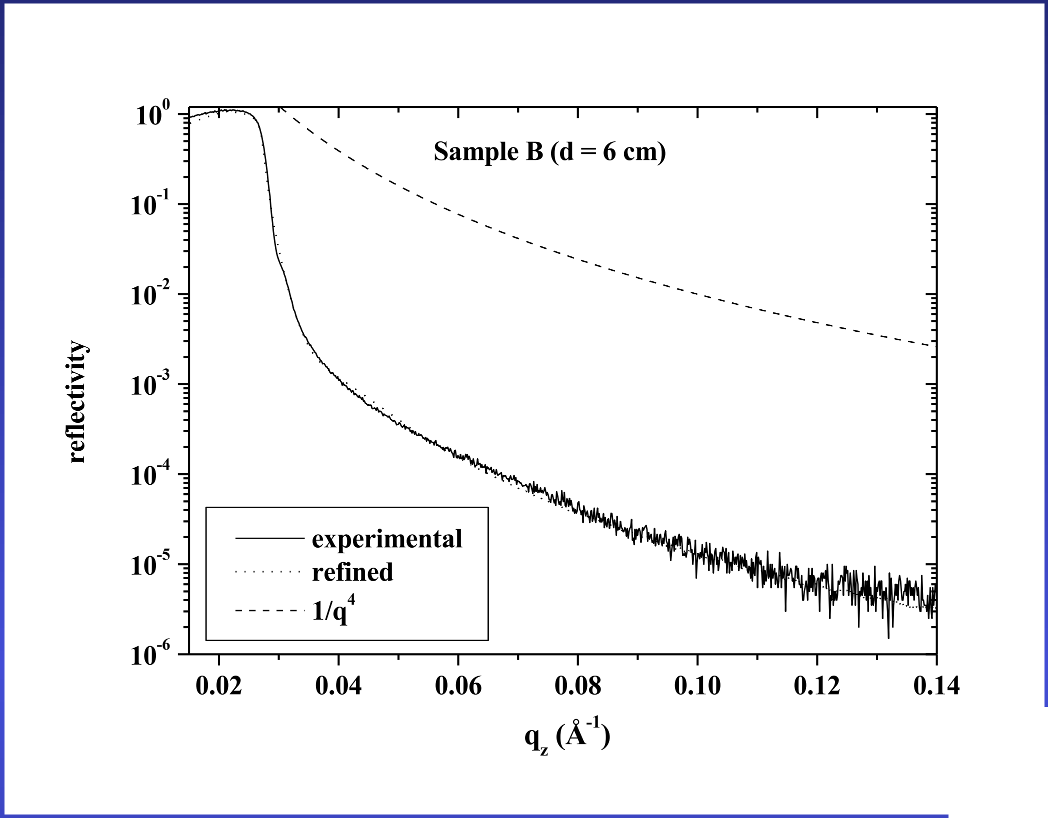
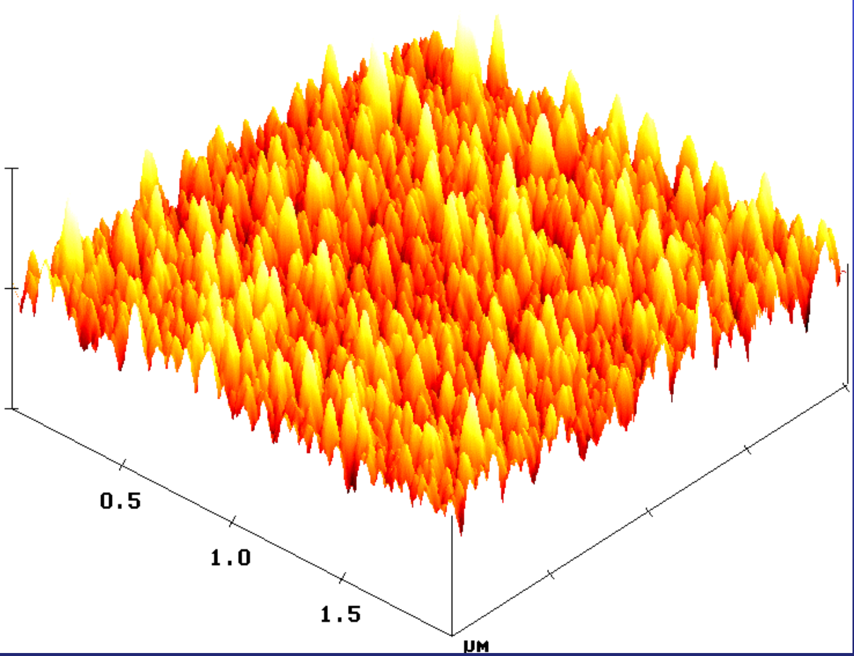
a-SiO_2

(100)-Si

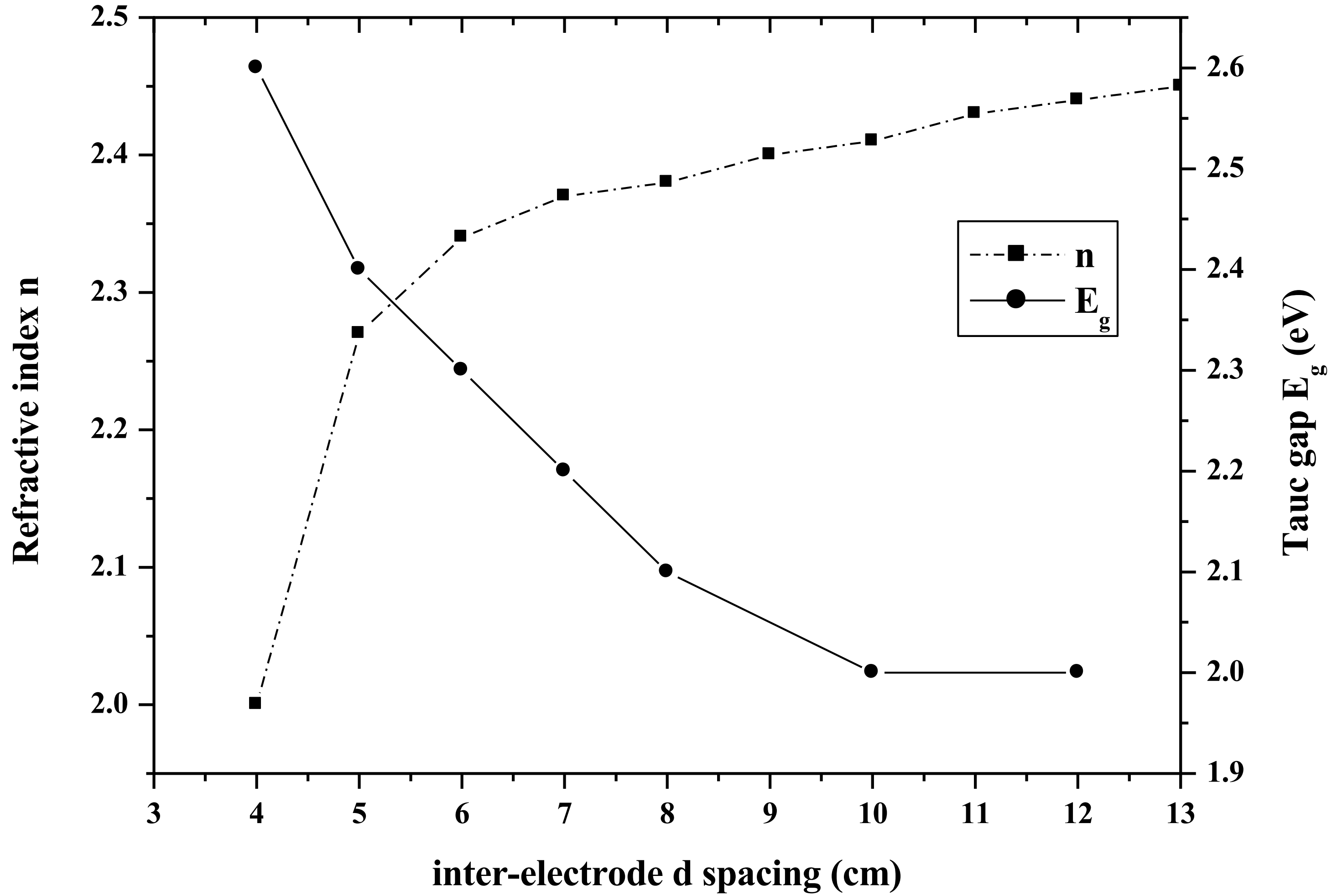




Sample B (d = 6 cm)
reflectivity
10^0
10^{-1}
10^{-2}
10^{-3}
10^{-4}
10^{-5}
10^{-6}
experimental
refined
$1/q^4$
0.02
0.04
0.06
0.08
0.10
0.12
0.14
q_z (Å^{-1})



0.5
1.0
1.5
μm



Refractive index n
Tauc gap E_g (eV)
inter-electrode d spacing (cm)
n
E_g
2.0
2.1
2.2
2.3
2.4
2.5
1.9
2.0
2.1
2.2
2.3
2.4
2.5
2.6
3
4
5
6
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10
11
12
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Conclusions

a) Texture affects phase ratio and structure determination (kept fixed)

b) Microstructure (crystallite size) affects texture (go to a)

c) Stresses shift peaks then affects structure and texture determination

d) Combined analysis may be a solution, unless you can destroy your sample or are not interested in macroscopic anisotropy ...

e) If you think you can destroy it, perhaps think twice

f) more information is always needed: local probes ...

g) www.ensicaen.ismra.fr/~chateign/texture/combined.pdf