



# *Nanopowder crystallite sizes and shapes from diffraction experiments*

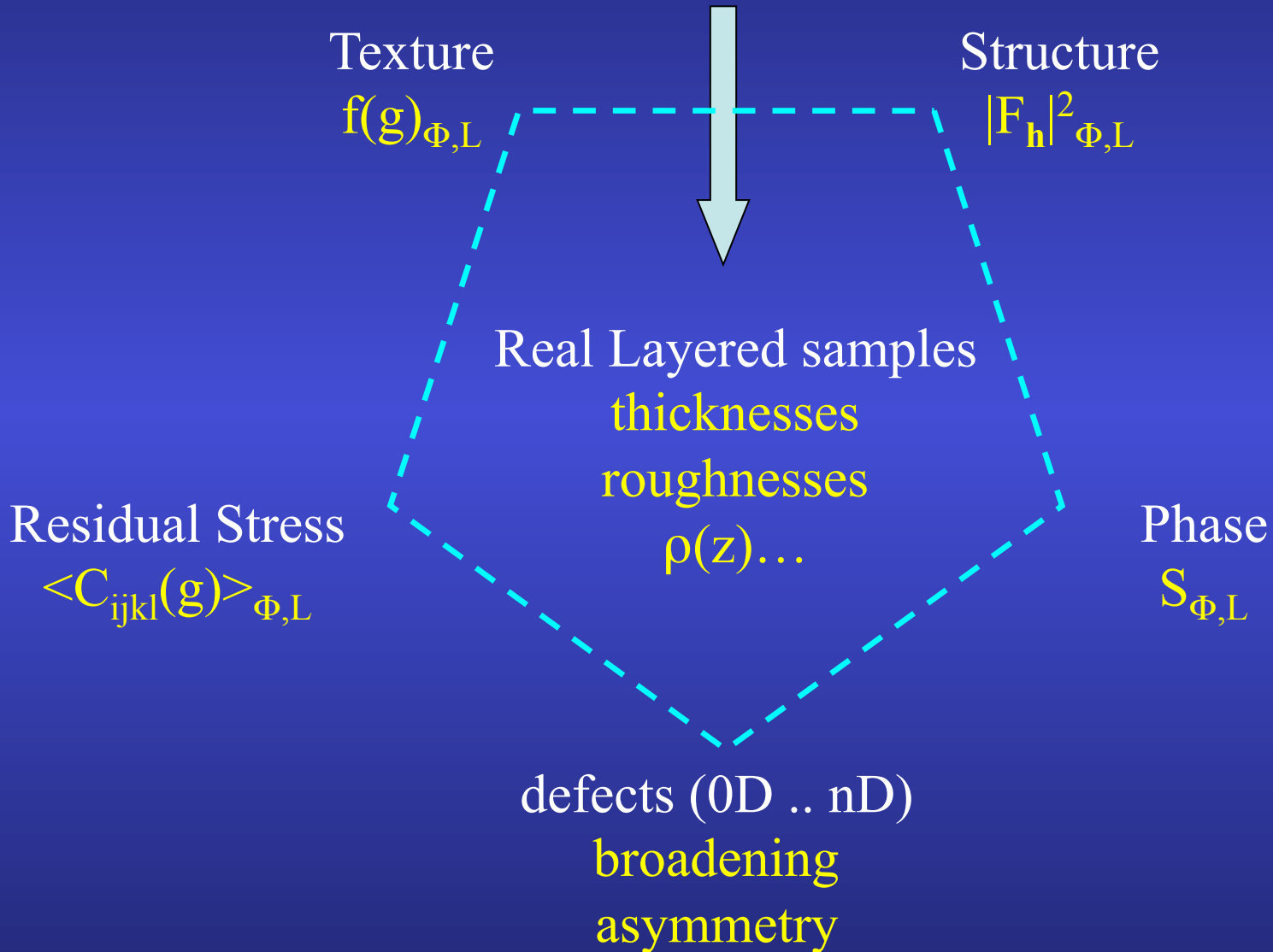
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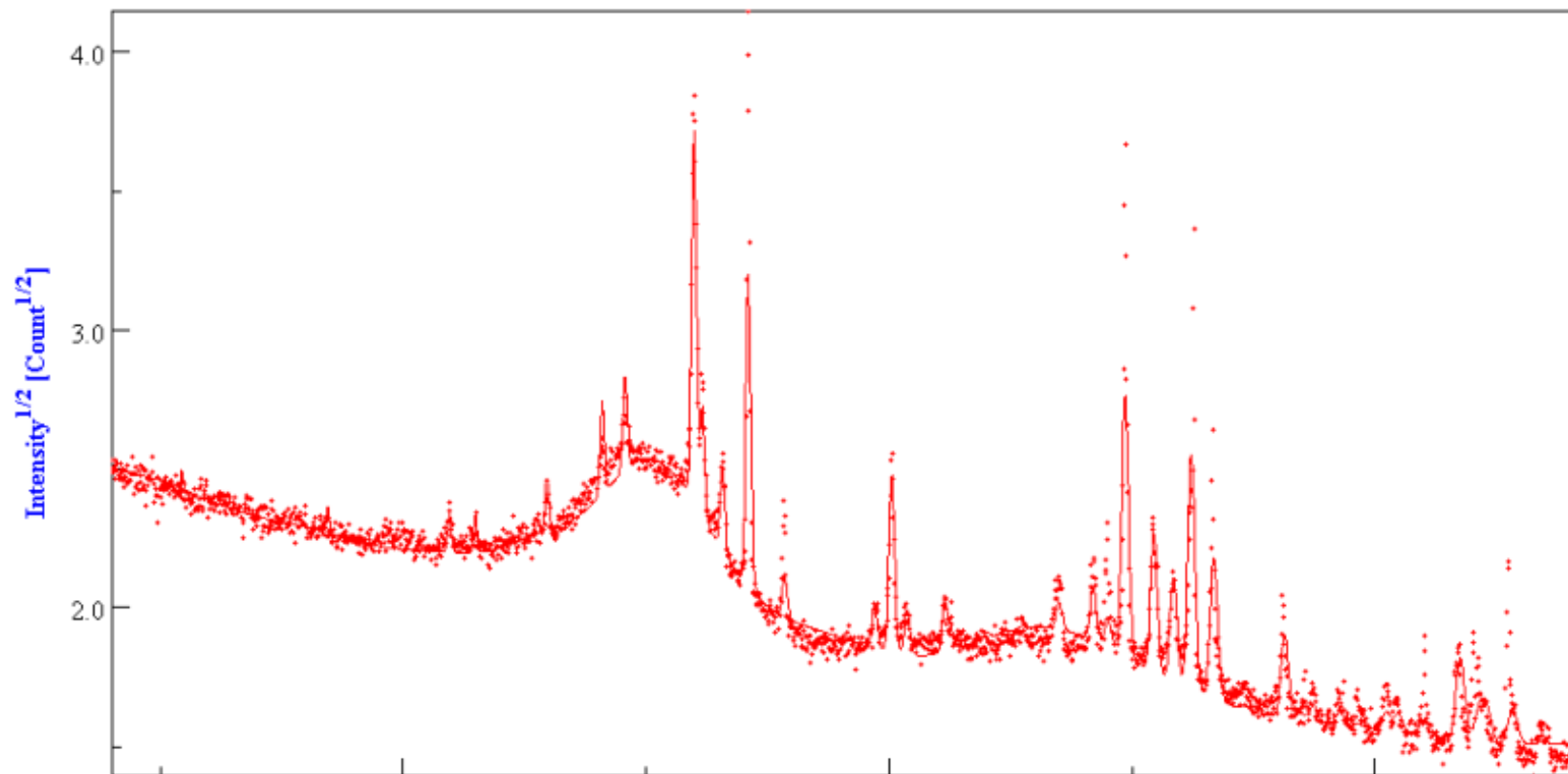
# Diffraction "sees"



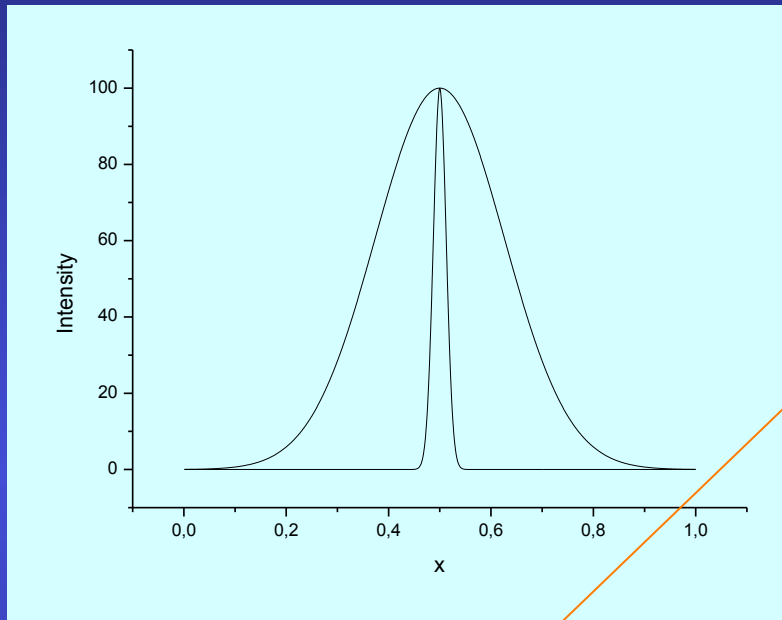
# Line Broadening causes

- Instrumental broadening
- Finite size of the crystals  
acts like a Fourier truncation: size broadening
- Imperfection of the periodicity  
due to  $d_h$  variations inside crystals: microstrain effect
- Generally: 0D, 1D, 2D, 3D defects
- All quantities are average values over the probed volume  
electrons, x-rays, neutrons: complementary  
distributions: mean values depend on distributions' shapes

# Irradiated Fluorapatites



# Instrumental broadening



$$g(x) = g_{\lambda}(x) \otimes g_g(x)$$

Energy dispersion

Geometrical aberrations

$$h(x) = f(x) \otimes g(x) + b(x) = b(x) + \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(y)g(x - y)dy$$

Measured profile

Sample contribution

Background

## Back on diffraction expression

$$A_{\vec{h}} = F_{\vec{h}} T_{\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}}(\vec{h})$$

$$T_{\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}}(\vec{h}) = \frac{\sin[\pi(n+1)\vec{a}\cdot\vec{h}]}{\sin[\pi\vec{a}\cdot\vec{h}]} \frac{\sin[\pi(p+1)\vec{b}\cdot\vec{h}]}{\sin[\pi\vec{b}\cdot\vec{h}]} \frac{\sin[\pi(q+1)\vec{c}\cdot\vec{h}]}{\sin[\pi\vec{c}\cdot\vec{h}]}$$

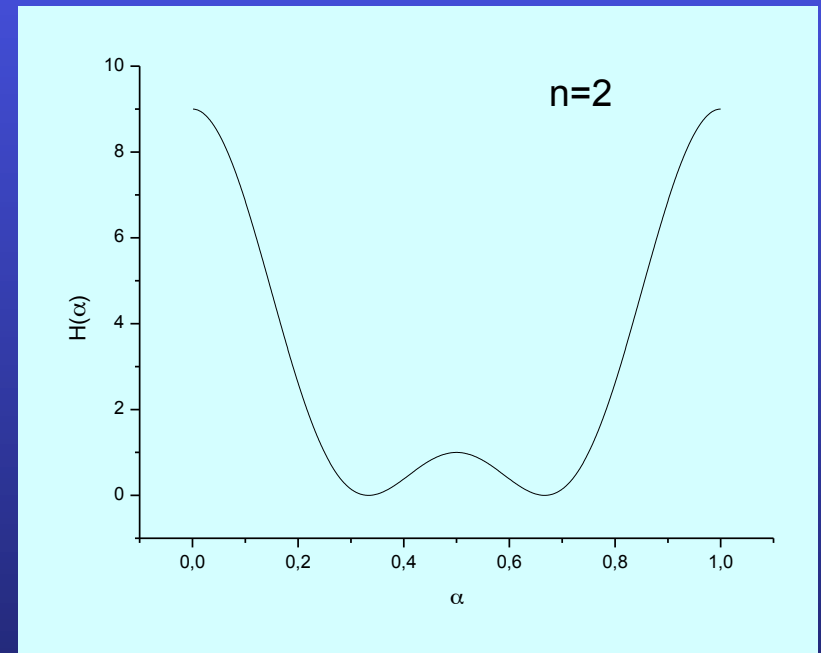
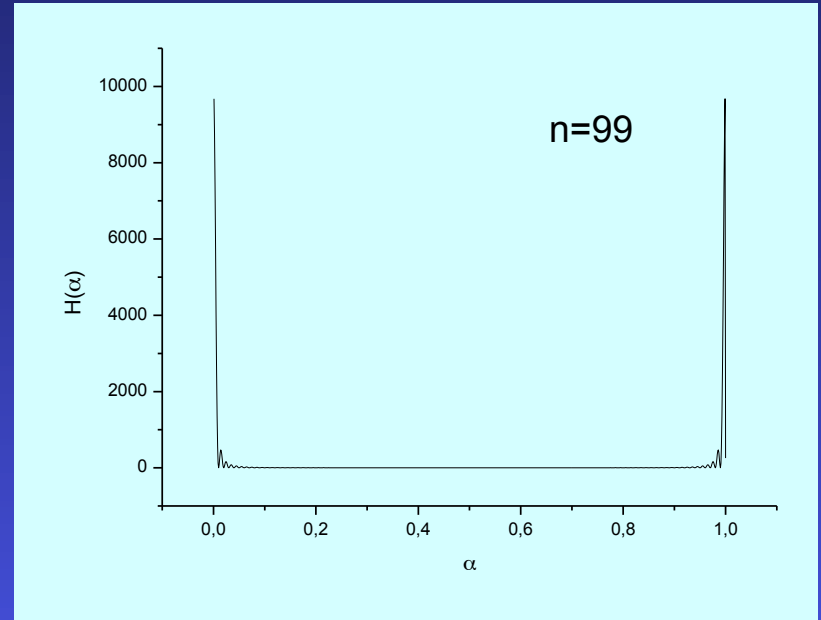
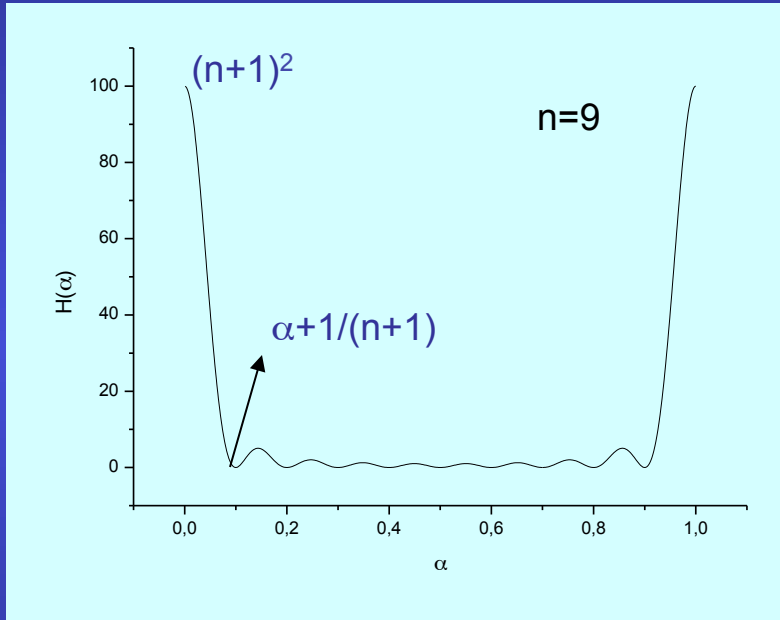
$A_{\vec{h}}$  : scattered amplitude

$F_{\vec{h}}$  : structure factor

$T_{\vec{a}\vec{b}\vec{c}}(\vec{h})$  : interference function

$n, p, q$  : number of periods in the  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  directions

$$H(\alpha) = \frac{\sin^2[\pi(n+1)\alpha]}{\sin^2[\pi\alpha]}$$



infinite crystal:

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \vec{a} \cdot \vec{h} = h \\ \vec{b} \cdot \vec{h} = k \\ \vec{c} \cdot \vec{h} = l \end{array} \right.$$

# Crystallite's size-shape effect

Scherrer analysis:

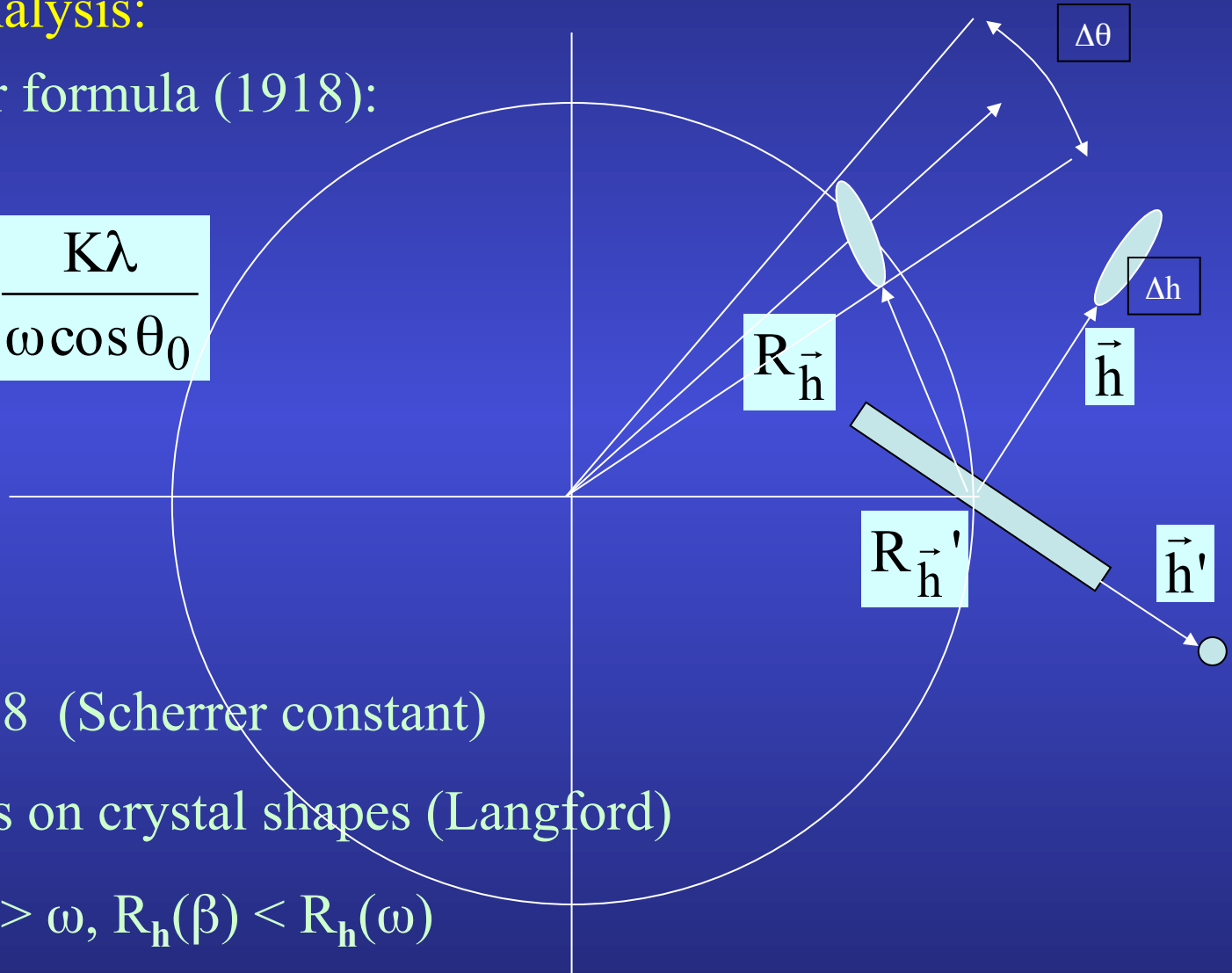
Scherrer formula (1918):

$$R_{\vec{h}} = \frac{K\lambda}{\omega \cos \theta_0}$$

$K = 0.888$  (Scherrer constant)

Depends on crystal shapes (Langford)

Since  $\beta > \omega$ ,  $R_h(\beta) < R_h(\omega)$





After Scherrer analysis ...

Williamson-Hall (1949)

Warren-Averback-Bertaut (1952)

Whole-Pattern analysis: Langford (1978), de Keijser (1982), Balzar et Ledbetter (1982) ...

But deconvolution of contributions (Stokes 1948) !

Rietveld (1969): convolution !

More infos: [http://www.ecole.ensicaen.fr/~chateign/formation/course/Classical\\_Microstructure.pdf](http://www.ecole.ensicaen.fr/~chateign/formation/course/Classical_Microstructure.pdf)

# Rietveld: extended to lots of spectra

$$y_c(\mathbf{y}_S, \theta, \eta) = y_b(\mathbf{y}_S, \theta, \eta) + I_0 \sum_{i=1}^{N_L} \sum_{\Phi=1}^{N_\Phi} \frac{v_{i\Phi}}{V_{c\Phi}} \sum_h L_p(\theta) j_{\Phi h} |F_{\Phi h}|^2 \Omega_{\Phi h}(\mathbf{y}_S, \theta, \eta) P_{\Phi h}(\mathbf{y}_S, \theta, \eta) A_{i\Phi}(\mathbf{y}_S, \theta, \eta)$$

Texture:

$$P_h(\mathbf{y}_S) = \int_{\tilde{\varphi}} f(\mathbf{g}, \tilde{\varphi}) d\tilde{\varphi}$$

E-WIMV, components ...

Strain-Stress:

$$\langle S \rangle_{\text{geo}}^{-1} = \left[ \prod_{m=1}^N S_m^{v_m} \right]^{-1} = \prod_{m=1}^N S_m^{-v_m} = \prod_{m=1}^N (S_m^{-1})^{v_m} = \langle S^{-1} \rangle_{\text{geo}} = \langle C \rangle_{\text{geo}}$$

Geometric mean, Voigt, Reuss, Hill ...

Layering:

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

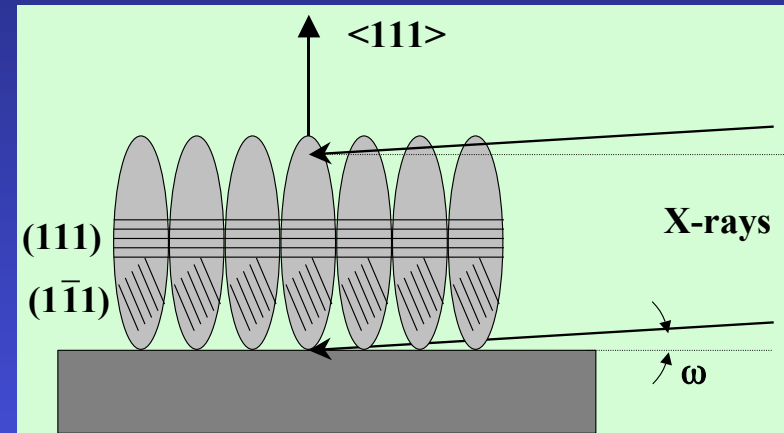
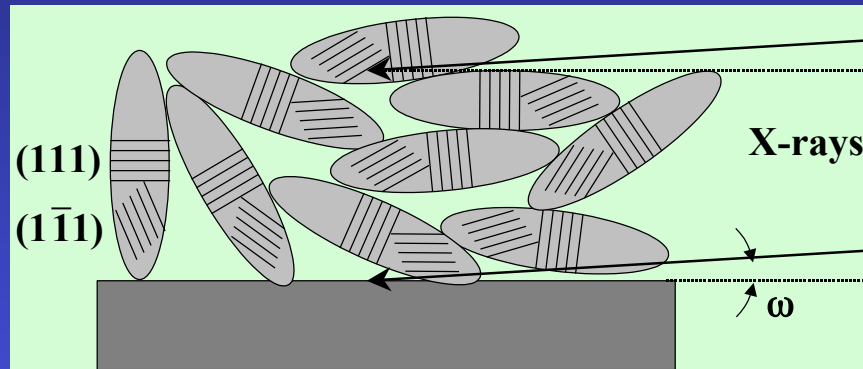
XRR:

Parrat, DWBA, EDP ...

XRF, PDF ...

# Popa Line Broadening model

Crystallite sizes, shapes,  $\mu$ strains, distributions



- Texture helps the "real" mean shape determination

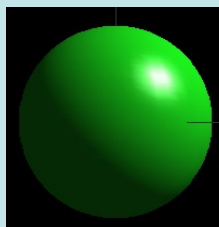
$$\langle R_{\vec{h}} \rangle = \sum_{\ell=0}^L \sum_{m=0}^{\ell} R_{\ell}^m K_{\ell}^m(\chi, \varphi)$$

Symetrised spherical harmonics

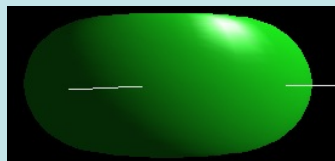
$$K_{\ell}^m(\chi, \varphi) = P_{\ell}^m(\cos\chi) \cos(m\varphi) + P_{\ell}^m(\cos\chi) \sin(m\varphi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle R_{\vec{h}} \rangle &= R_0 + R_1 P_2^0(x) + R_2 P_2^1(x) \cos\varphi + R_3 P_2^1(x) \sin\varphi + R_4 P_2^2(x) \cos 2\varphi + R_5 P_2^2(x) \sin 2\varphi + \\ \langle \epsilon_{\vec{h}}^2 \rangle E_{\vec{h}}^4 &= E_1 h^4 + E_2 k^4 + E_3 \ell^4 + 2E_4 h^2 k^2 + 2E_5 \ell^2 k^2 + 2E_6 h^2 \ell^2 + 4E_7 h^3 k + 4E_8 h^3 \ell + 4E_9 k^3 h + \\ & 4E_{10} k^3 \ell + 4E_{11} \ell^3 h + 4E_{12} \ell^3 k + 4E_{13} h^2 k \ell + 4E_{14} k^2 h \ell + 4E_{15} \ell^2 k h \end{aligned}$$

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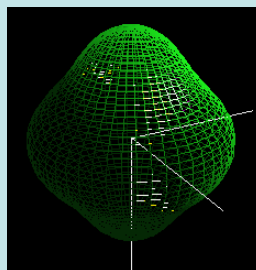
$R_0$



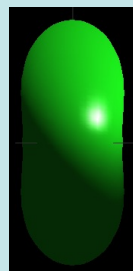
$R_0, R_1 < 0$



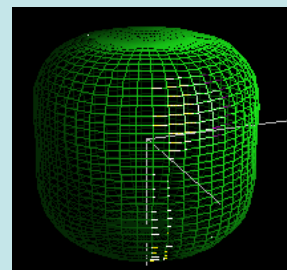
$R_0, R_1 > 0$



$R_0, R_6 > 0$

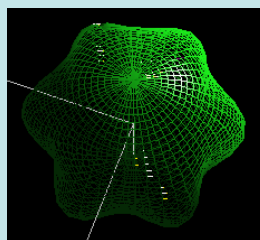


$R_0,$   
 $R_2$  and  $R_6 > 0$

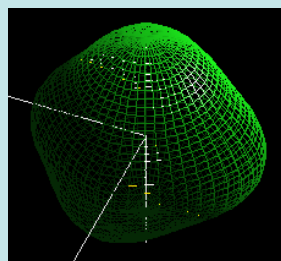


$R_0, R_6 < 0$

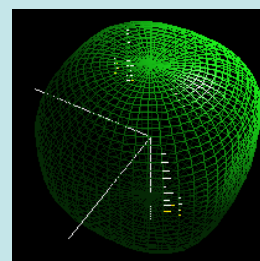
$6/m$



$R_0, R_4 > 0$



$R_0, R_1 > 0$

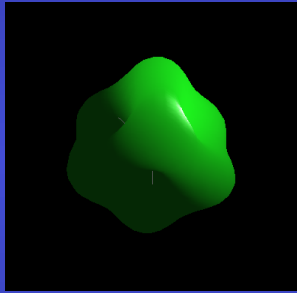


$R_0, R_1 < 0$

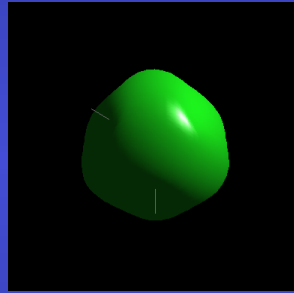
$m\bar{3}m$

## Gold thin films

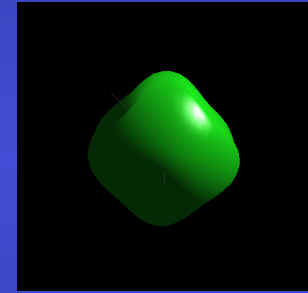
Crystallite size (Å) along	Film thickness					
	10nm	15nm	20nm	25nm	35nm	40nm
[111]	176	153	725	254	343	379
[200]	64	103	457	173	321	386
[202]	148	140	658	234	337	381



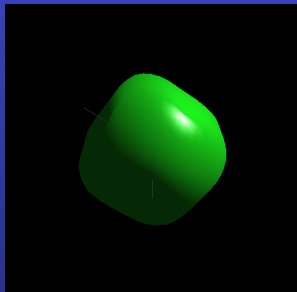
10 nm



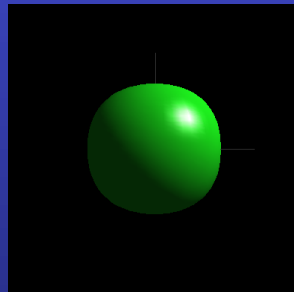
15 nm



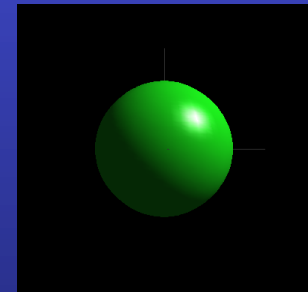
20 nm



25 nm

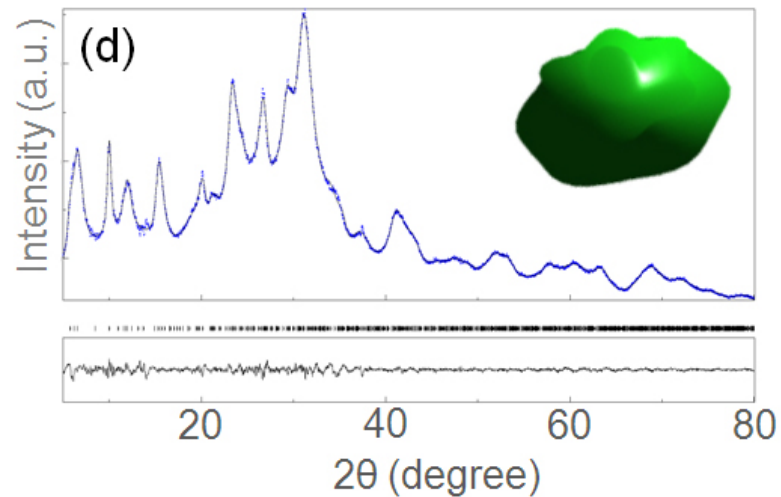
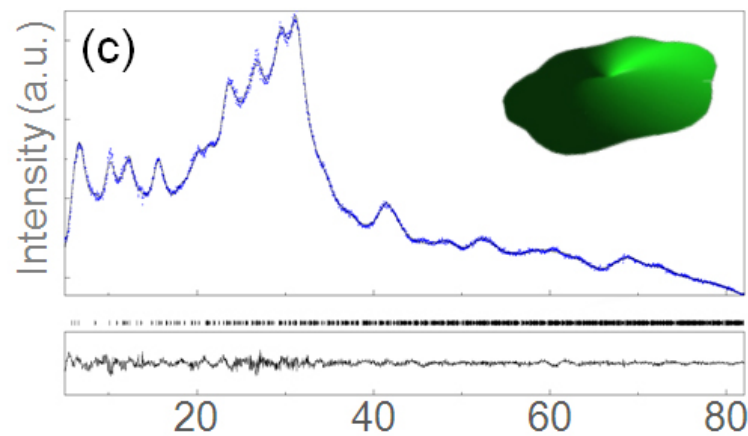
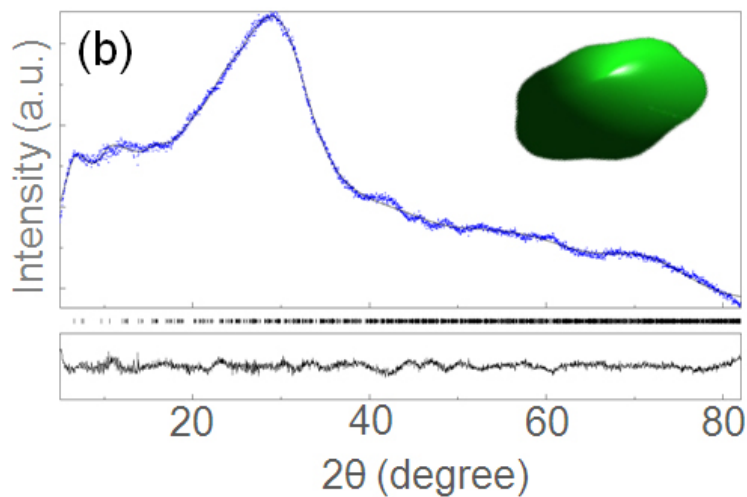
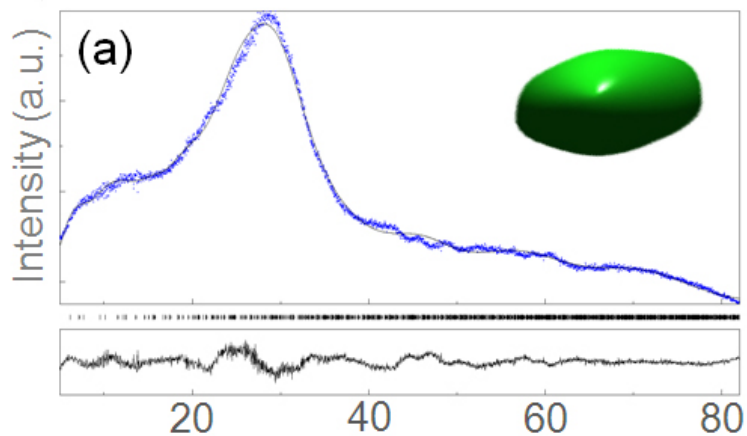


35 nm



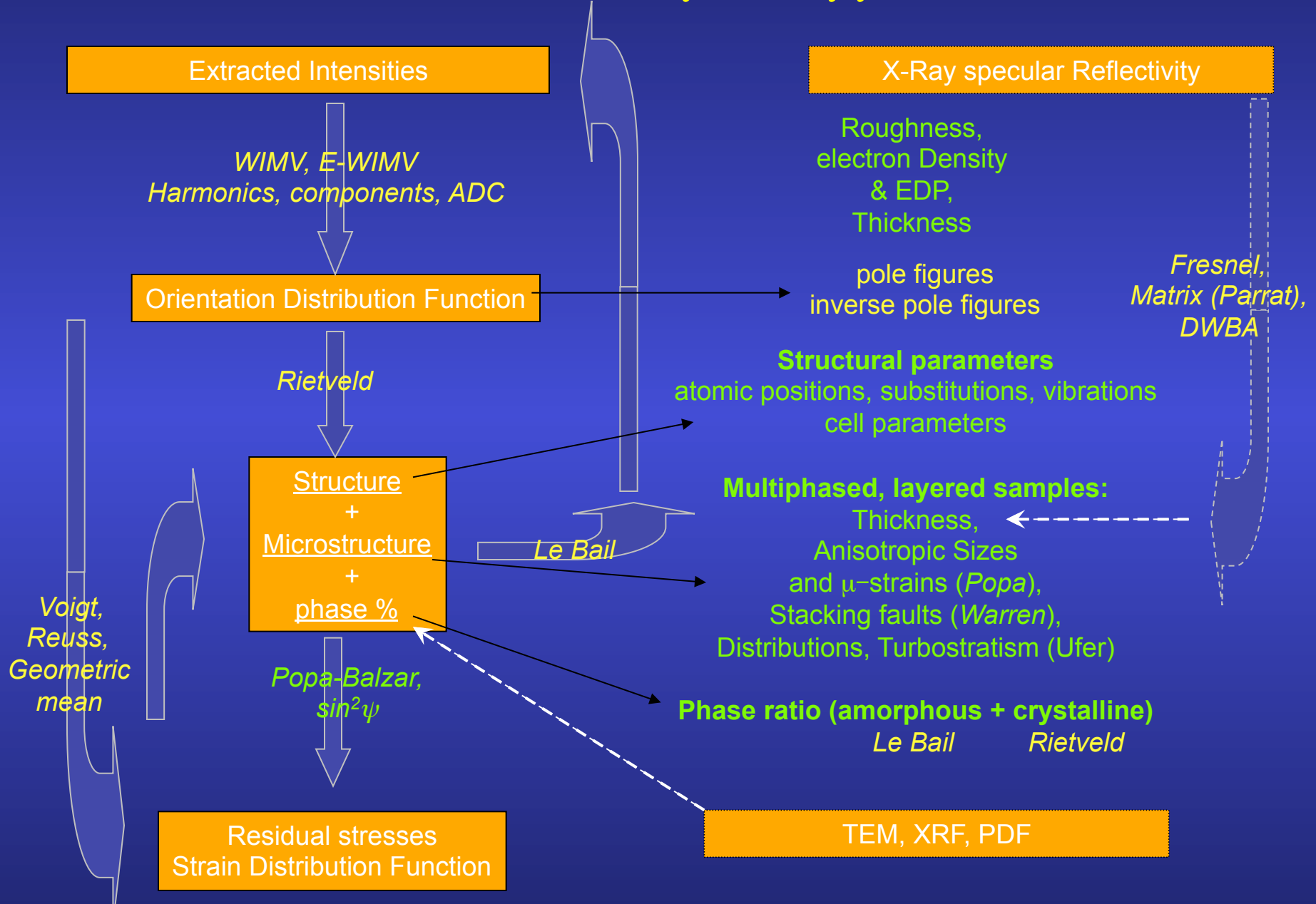
40 nm

## EMT nanocrystalline zeolite

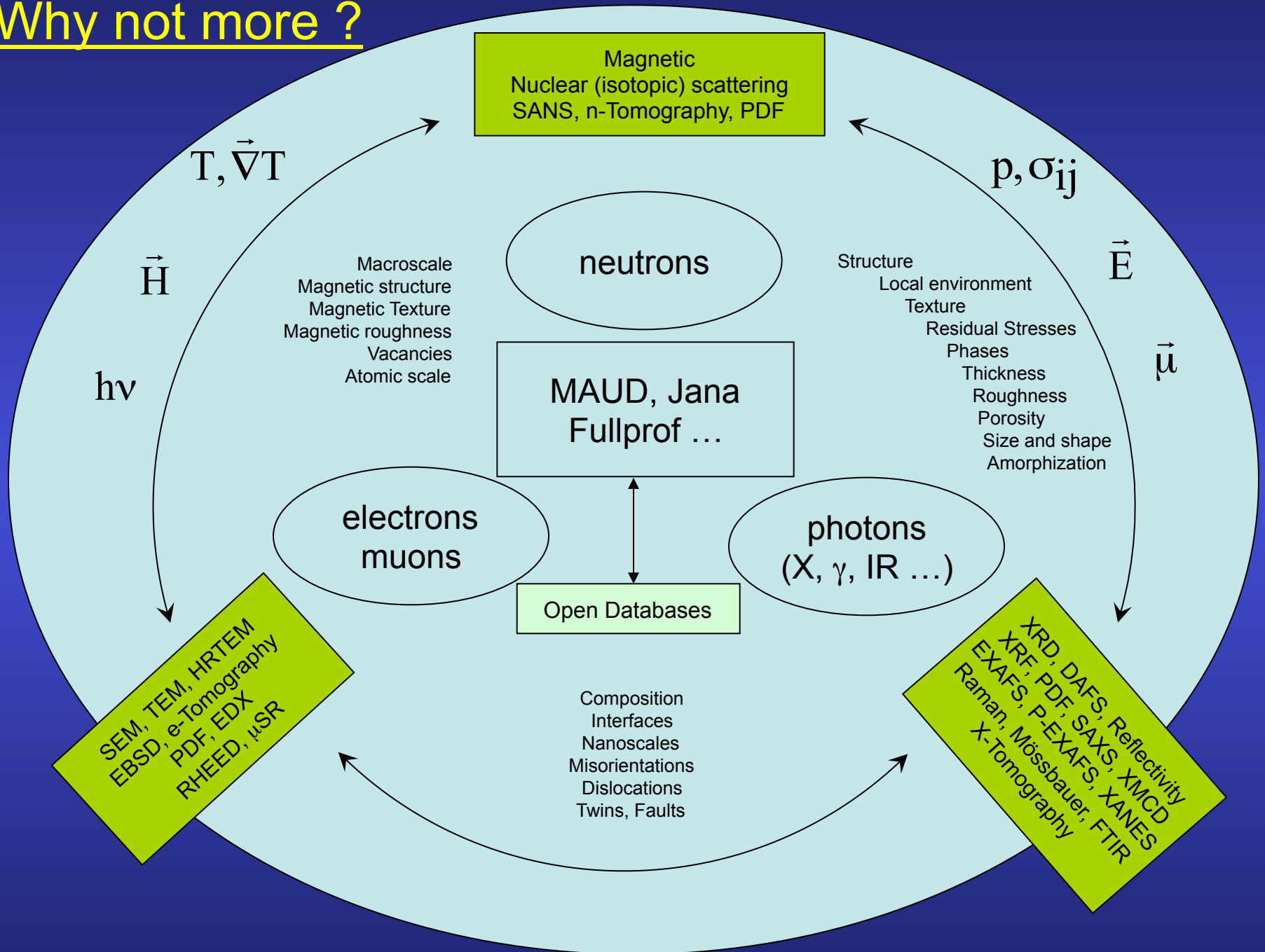


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# Combined Analysis approach



# Why not more ?





Combined Analysis Workshop in Caen:

3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 !

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Thanks !

