SINGLE CRYSTAL **DIFFUSE SCATTERING**

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OUTLINE

- What is diffuse scattering?
 - What causes it?
- What is it good for?
- A random walk through disordered materials
- How do I model it?
- A few equations
- How do I measure it?
- Case Study 1: Diffuse scattering from vacancies in mullite
- Case Study 2: 3D-ΔPDF in sodium-intercalated V₂O₅
- How do I look at static disorder?
 - Diffuse scattering with elastic discrimination







WHAT IS DIFFUSE SCATTERING?



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SIMPLE EXAMPLE OF DISORDER **Replace 30% of atoms (blue dots) by vacancies (green dots)**

Random Vacancies





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Vacancy Clusters



Model due to Thomas Proffen



BRAGG SCATTERING The average occupancy is unchanged Bragg peaks are identical

Random Vacancies





Vacancy Clusters





DIFFUSE SCATTERING The diffuse scattering is quite different.

Random Vacancies



Laue Monotonic Scattering



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Vacancy Clusters

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WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?



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DIFFUSE SCATTERING FROM METALLIC ALLOYS

Short-range Order in Null Matrix ⁶²Ni_{0.52}Pt_{0.52}





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J. A. Rodriguez, et al., Phys. Rev. B 74, 104115





DIFFUSE SCATTERING FROM A FAST-ION CONDUCTOR Sublattice Melting in Fluorite Compounds



CaF₂

M. T. Hutchings et al J. Phys. C 17, 3903 (1984)











DIFFUSE SCATTERING FROM MOLECULAR SOLIDS Molecular Flexibility in Benzil X-RAY

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2001

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T. R. Welberry et al J. Appl. Cryst. 36, 1400 (2003) 11





DIFFUSE SCATTERING FROM JAHN-TELLER POLARONS



B. J. Campbell, et al., Phys Rev B 65, 014427 (2002).



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INCOMMENSURATE MODULATIONS IN Sr_{0.5}Ba_{0.5}NbO₆

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-10

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Acknowledgements: Bixia Wang and Daniel Phelan



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Sr_{0.5}Ba_{0.5}Nb₂O₆ L=0.5 300K





MAGNETIC MONOPOLES IN SPIN ICE Diffuse Magnetic Scattering in Dy₂Ti₂O₇





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D. J. P. Morris, et al., Science **326**, 411 (2009).



HOW DO I MODEL IT?



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DIFFUSE SCATTERING THEORY **A Few Equations** $I = \sum \sum b_i b_j \exp(i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij})$

- Laue Monotonic Diffuse Scattering $I = \bar{b}^2 \sum_{i,i} \exp(i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij}) + N(\bar{b}^2 - \bar{b}^2); \ \bar{b}^2 = (c_A b_A + c_B b_B)^2; \ \bar{b}^2 = c_A c_B (b_B - b_A)^2$
- Cowley Short-Range Order

 $I_{diffuse} = Nc_A c_B (b_B - b_A)^2 + \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} c_B c_A (b_B - b_A)^2 \exp[(b_B - b_A)^2] \exp[(b_B - b_A)^$

Warren Size Effect /

 $I_{diffuse} = Nc_A c_B (b_B - b_A)^2 \left(1 + \sum_{ij} \alpha_{ij} \exp(i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij}) \right)$

Borie and Sparks Correlations

$$I = \sum_{i} \sum_{j} b_{i} b_{j} \exp\left(i\mathbf{Q} \cdot (\mathbf{R}_{i} - \mathbf{R}_{j})\right) \left[1 + i\mathbf{Q} \cdot (\mathbf{u}_{i} - \mathbf{u}_{j}) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbf{Q} \cdot (\mathbf{u}_{i} - \mathbf{u}_{j})\right)^{2} + \dots\right]$$

T. R. Welberry *Diffuse X-ray Scattering and Models of Disorder* (2022)



$$p(i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij}); \ \alpha_{ij} = \left(1 - \frac{P_{ij}}{c_j}\right)$$
$$+ \beta_{ij} \exp(i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij}) \ ; \ \beta_{ij} = f(\epsilon_{AA}^{ij}, \epsilon_{BB}^{ij})$$

V. M. Nield and D. A. Keen *Diffuse Neutron Scattering From Crystalline Materials* (2001)



J. M. Cowley, J. Appl. Phys. 21, 24 (1950)



SOME RULES OF THUMB Acknowledgment: Hans Beat Bürgi

Reciprocal space

- Sharp Bragg reflections
 - no defects
- Sharp diffuse rods
 - no defects
- Sharp diffuse planes
 - no defects
- Diffuse clouds
- no defects





- 3D-periodic structure
- no defects
- 2D-periodic structure
- perpendicular to the streaks
- disordered in streak directions
- ID-periodic structure
- perpendicular to the planes
- disordered within the plane
- OD-periodic structure
 - no fully ordered direction



THERMAL DIFFUSE SCATTERING M. Holt, et al, Phys Rev Lett 83, 3317 (1999).

- Lattice vibrations produce deviations from the average structure even in perfect crystals
- X-ray scattering intensity is given by the integral over all the phonon branches at each Q







$$I_0 \propto f^2 e^{-2M} \sum_{j=1}^6 \frac{|\mathbf{q} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j|^2}{\omega_j} \operatorname{coth}\left(\frac{\hbar \omega_j}{2k_k}\right)$$



HOW DO I MEASURE IT?



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MEASURING X-RAY DIFFUSE SCATTERING Continuous Rotation Method



Cryocooler



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Sample

Incident Beam



X-RAY SCATTERING GEOMETRY Continuous Rotation Method

- The sample is continuously rotated at 1°s⁻¹
- Frames are collected at 10Hz
 - 3600 x 8MB frames
 - 30GB every 6 minutes
 - 3TB per day



Incident Beam

Sample

Pilatus 2M Cd le Detector



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Reciprocal Space Argonne



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Q-RANGE IN ROTATION METHOD ON SECTOR 6

- With the following parameters, we cover -15Å⁻¹<Q<15Å⁻¹
- E_i ~ 87 keV
- λ ~ 0.14 Å
- Detector distance ~650 mm
- Pilatus 2M CdTe: 1679x1475 pixels
- Pixel size ~170 µm
- This Q-range includes thousands of Brillouin zones.
- e.g., for a ~ 10 Å, ~60,000 Bragg peaks











EXPERIMENT WORKFLOW







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291	1280	1637	2447	2.01	13.15	1.8e+07	1.00	-0.00	0.00	0.000
403	1269	1639	3371	2.01	9.14	2.12e+07	-0.00	0.00	1.00	0.001
76	1203	1636	652	2.01	-13.70	3.89e+06	-1.00	-0.00	-0.00	0.001
336	1083	1522	2824	2.01	-73.81	2.35e+08	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.001
116	1401	1523	960	2.01	73.36	1.99e+08	-0.00	-1.00	0.00	0.000
342	1402	1428	2894	2.01	106.43	2.37e+08	-0.00	-1.00	0.00	0.000
126	1083	1426	1030	2.02	-107.25	2.36e+08	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.000
78	1282	1313	672	2.02	166.43	1.95e+07	1.00	0.00	-0.00	0.001
406	1215	1311	3391	2.02	-170.57	2.74e+07	-0.00	0.00	-1.00	0.001
196	1271	1311	1595	2.02	170.31	1.49e+07	-0.00	0.00	1.00	0.001
296	1204	1313	2468	2.03	-166.77	1.99e+07	-1.00	0.00	-0.00	0.001
84	1362	1676	718	2.83	30.83	3.35e+07	-0.99	-1.00	0.00	0.003
302	1120	1675	2530	2.83	-31.44	3.53e+07	0.99	1.00	-0.00	0.002
306	1364	1275	2563	2.84	148.77	4.44e+07	-0.99	-1.00	0.00	0.002
90	1122	1274	751	2.84	-149.17	2.49e+07	0.99	1.00	-0.00	0.003
181	1373	1670	1443	2.84	33.83	8.12e+07	0.00	-1.00	-1.00	0.000
215	1055	1616	1732	2.84	-53.13	1.23e+08	0.00	1.00	-1.00	0.001
274	1440	1602	2288	2.85	57.29	1.25e+08	1.00	-1.00	0.00	0.001
421	1429	1618	3506	2.85	52.51	1.32e+08	0.00	-1.00	1.00	0.001
391	1109	1669	3256	2.85	-34.45	6.54e+07	-0.00	1.00	1.00	0.000
58	1043	1601	518	2.85	-57.74	1.13e+08	-1.00	1.00	0.00	0.001
64	1441	1349	571	2.85	122.40	1.08e+08	1.00	-1.00	0.00	0.000
394	1375	1281	3290	2.85	145.75	8.31e+07	-0.00	-1.00	-1.00	0.000
220	1430	1333	1779	2.86	127.17	1.31e+08	-0.00	-1.00	1.00	0.001
427	1056	1331	3553	2.86	-127.69	9.27e+07	-0.00	1.00	-1.00	0.001
186	1112	1279	1477	2.86	-146.36	8.88e+07	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.000
23	1254	1240	232	2.86	177.08	2.57e+07	1.00	0.00	-1.00	0.000
280	1045	1346	2341	2.86	-123.16	1.37e+08	-1.00	1.00	0.00	0.001
Score: 0.0007 Threshold 0.05 Save Orientation Close Window										





DIFFUSE SCATTERING IN 3D THE RELAXOR PbMg1/3Nb2/3O3 M. J. Krogstad, et al, Nature Materials 48, 1 (2018).



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DIFFUSE GALLERY









CASE STUDY 1: MULLITE



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MULLITE - A CASE STUDY

B. D. Butler, T. R. Welberry, & R. L. Withers, Phys Chem Minerals 20, 323 (1993)

- Mullite is a ceramic that is formed by adding O²⁺ vacancies to Sillimanite
- Sillimanite has alternating AlO₄ and SiO₄ tetrahedra
- Mullite has excess Al³⁺ occupying Si²⁺ sites for charge balance
- This results in strong vacancy-vacancy correlations





Sillimanite: Al₂SiO₅



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3D DIFFUSE SCATTERING IN MULLITE

- There is strong diffuse scattering throughout reciprocal space The shape of the diffuse scattering is strongly dependent on the value of L



L=0.16



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L=0.5

L=0.75



MONTE CARLO ANALYSIS

B. D. Butler, T. R. Welberry, & R. L. Withers, Phys Chem Minerals 20, 323 (1993)

- In a classic analysis, Richard Welberry and colleagues developed a set of interaction energies to model mullite disorder
- Interaction energies were initialized:
- insights from chemical intuition
- insights from the measured diffuse scattering
- The diffuse scattering was calculated using a Monte Carlo algorithm to generate vacancy distributions first in 2D slices and then in 3D





Interatomic vector	α_{lmn}	Interatomic vector	α_{lmn}
$\frac{1}{2}$ <1 1 0>	-0.24	<0 2 0>	+0.13
[1 1 0]	-0.23	$\frac{1}{2}$ <3 1 0>	+0.22
[1 - 1 0]	-0.05	$\frac{1}{2}$ (1 3 0)	-0.01
$\langle 1 0 0 \rangle$	-0.06	$\langle 1 0 1 \rangle$	+0.07
$\langle 0 1 0 \rangle$	+0.22	$\langle 0 1 1 \rangle$	-0.12
$\langle 0 0 1 \rangle$	-0.03	$\frac{1}{2}$ (3 3 0)	+0.17
$\frac{1}{2}[1 - 1 2]$	+0.12	$\langle 1 1 1 \rangle$	-0.01
$\frac{1}{2}$ [112]	+0.12	$\frac{1}{2}\langle 3 2 \rangle$	-0.11
$\langle \overline{2} 0 0 \rangle$	-0.12	$\frac{1}{2}\langle 3 3 2 \rangle$	-0.07





MONTE CARLO ANALYSIS RESULTS





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VACANCY ORDERING IN MULLITE





 $\mathbf{q} = \pm$



$$\pm \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{c}^* \pm \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{a}^*$$



CASE STUDY 2: SODIUM-INTERCALATED V₂O₅ **3D-APDF**



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PAIR DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION ANALYSIS





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Emil Bozin (ADD 2013)



THREE-DIMENSIONAL PAIR DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS

Z. Kristallogr. 2012, 227, 238-247 / DOI 10.1524/zkri.2012.1504

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The three-dimensional pair distribution function analysis of disordered single crystals: basic concepts

Thomas Weber* and Arkadiy Simonov

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Laboratory of Crystallography, ETH Zurich Wolfgang-Pauli-Str. 10, 8093 Zurich, Switzerland

- The 3D PDF technique was pioneered by Thomas Weber and colleagues at ETH
 - Philippe Schaub, Walter Steurer, Arkadiy Simonov
 - See Yell A. Simonov, et al, J Appl Cryst 47, 1146 (2014).
- The ability to measure three-dimensional S(Q) over a large volume of reciprocal space provides the 3D analog of PDF measurements.
- Total PDFs if Bragg peaks and diffuse scattering can be measured simultaneously
- $-\Delta PDFs$ if the Bragg peaks are eliminated
- This allows a model-independent view of the measurements in real space.







"PUNCH AND FILL"

 $I = \sum \sum b_i b_j \exp(i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij})$





Symmetrize

A. Simonov, T. Weber, and W. Steurer, Journal of Applied Crystallography 47, 1146 (2014).



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$P_{tot}(\mathbf{r}) = FT\left[I(\mathbf{Q})\right] = FT\left[|\bar{F}(\mathbf{Q})|^2\right] + FT\left[|\Delta F(\mathbf{Q})|^2\right] = P_{hkl}(\mathbf{r}) + \Delta P(\mathbf{r})$

Punch





SODIUM-INTERCALATED V₂O₅



M. J. Krogstad, S. Rosenkranz, J. M. Wozniak, G. Jennings, J. P. C. Ruff, J. T. Vaughey, and R. Osborn Nature Materials 19, 63 (2020).



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SUBLATTICE MELTING IN Na_{0.45}V₂O₅ **Order-Disorder Transition in the Half-Filled Sodium Sublattice** K=0.5





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3D-APDF ANALYSIS OF Na_{0.45}V₂O₅



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REAL SPACE vs 3D-APDF







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Diffuse X-Ray Scattering and Models of Disorder

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REAL EXAMPLE - SODIUM-INTERCALATED V2O5.

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24.3.3 Ordering of Na within the two-leg ladders.

Fig. 24.10(a) shows a small region near the origin of the x = 0 plane of the ΔPDF map obtained from the 50K X-ray data. The strong white origin peak indicates perfect positive correlation for an atom with itself. Other white peaks also indicate a positive correlation between an atom at the origin with another at a position given by the vectors A, B or C (and the reverse vectors -A, -B and -C). Conversely the dark peaks indicate strong negative correlations. It is quite straightforward to deduce from the observed pattern of white and dark peaks that the local arrangement of the Na ions must follow a pattern like that shown in Fig. 24.10(b), where the occupancy of the two Na sites on each rung of the two-leg ladders tends to alternate between $(Na\Box^{T})$ and $(\Box Na)$ producing a zig-zag chain of occupied sites. Neighbouring ladders at $z = \pm 1.0$ have the same occupancy pattern which is in phase with the ladder at z = 0.



Fig. 24.10 A comparison of (a) the $\triangle PDF$ peak intensities at 50K in the x = 0 plane of Na_{0.45}V₂O₅ with (b) the derived real-space model of sodium ions. Data used in this figure are reproduced with kind permission of Dr Ray Osborn.

24.3.4 $\triangle PDF$ peak intensities in the z = 0 plane.

Fig. 24.12 shows the z = 0 plane of the Δ PDF map observed at three different temperatures. Fig. 24.11(b) shows an enlargement of part of Fig. 24.11(a) where white arrows (labelled A – F) have been used to identify different interatomic vectors. The same set of vectors is shown in Fig. 24.11(e) which is a plot of the z = 0 plane of the average structure. The maps are dominated by the same alternating correlations of Na occupancy along the ladder direction parallel to y. Similarly neighbouring chains at $x = \pm 1$ are instep with that at x = 0 for temperatures 50K and 150K but at 250K these correlations have been lost.

Although the maps are dominated by the correlations in the Na ladders there are numerous weaker peaks that correspond to correlations between the ladder Na₁ ions and the interstitial Na₂ ions. These correspond to vectors A, B, C and E in Fig. 24.11(e) and involve one Na1 and one Na2 ion. These peaks are clearly evident in the 50K map, somewhat less evident at 150K and even less evident at 250K. They are weak relative to those involving Na1 ions alone simply because of the low occupancy of the Na2 sites.

[†]here \Box is used to represent a vacant site



ORDER-DISORDER TRANSITION VIEWED IN REAL SPACE Na_{0.45}V₂O₅ 30





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EFFECT OF Q-RESOLUTION

- Finite Q-resolution \Rightarrow Gaussian envelope in real space.
- The width can be determined from the total PDF
- *i.e.*, the transform of the long-range crystal structure.





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FITTING CORRELATION LENGTHS IN REAL SPACE





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 $f(\mathbf{r}) = A \times G(\mathbf{r}) \times \exp(-|\mathbf{r}|/\xi)$



BACK TO MULLITE





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THE NATURE OF STRUCTURAL SOLUTIONS

B. D. Butler, T. R. Welberry, & R. L. Withers Phys Chem Minerals **20**, 323 (1993)







"It is now possible to interpret the short-range order in the crystal structure without a detailed simulation of the disorder, which has in the past often required the optimization of a sometimes large number of model parameters fitted over a substantial volume of reciprocal space. In fact, the $\triangle PDF$ magnitudes directly determined from the reciprocal space data are simply related to the Warren-Cowley SRO parameters that have frequently been used to parametrize diffuse scattering models." Richard Welberry



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HOW DO I LOOK AT STATIC DISORDER?



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COMPARISON OF ELASTIC SCATTERING AND THE STATIC APPROXIMATION

$$G(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{1}{N} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \sum_{j$$

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{coh}^{static} = b_{coh}^{2}$$
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{coh}^{elastic} = b_{coh}^{2}$$



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N $\sum \, \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i(t) + \mathbf{r}_j(0)) \rangle$ =1 $G(\mathbf{r},t)e^{-i\mathbf{Q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}d\mathbf{r} \qquad \hbar\delta(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{i\omega t}d(\hbar\omega)$

 $G_{coh}^2 N \int G(\vec{r},0) e^{iQ.\vec{r}} d\vec{r}$

 $b_{coh}^2 N \int G(\vec{r},\infty) e^{i\vec{Q}.\vec{r}} d\vec{r}$



CROSS CORRELATION CHOPPER

S. Rosenkranz and R. Osborn, PRAMANA- Journal of Physics, 71, 705 (2008).

TOF Laue Diffractometer

- highly efficient data collection
- wide dynamic range in Q

Statistical Chopper

- elastic energy discrimination
- optimum use of white beam

 $\hbar \omega = O$ Elastic scattering:

Inelastic scattering: $\hbar\omega = +E_0$

 $\hbar\omega = - E_0$









SOURCE SPALLATION NEUTRON SOURCE





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Arcangelo Porelli (1653-1713)



Arcangelo Corelli was the greatest violinist of his age and an influential composer who became known as the "Father of the Concerto Grosso". This musical form contrasts music from a small ensemble of solo musicians with the full orchestra. Similarly, the properties of many materials are enriched by the interactions between both short and long-range ordering motifs that the Corelli instrument is designed to explore.



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CORELLI

Instrument Scientists Feng Ye Arianna Minelli







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CROSS CORRELATION IN ACTION





Cross Correlation





ELASTIC DISCRIMINATION WITH CROSS CORRELATION Benzil C₁₄H₁₀O₂

T=300 K, no Cross-Corellation 0 -5 10 0 [H,H,0] (rlu)

T. R. Welberry and R. Whitfield, Quantum Beam Science 2, 2 (2018)



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T=300 K, Cross-Corellation







COMPLEMENTARITY OF NEUTRONS AND X-RAYS Pb(Mg_{1/3}**Nb**_{2/3}**)O**₃**-30%PbTiO**₃ – M. J. Krogstad, *et al.*, Nat Mater **48**, 1 (2018).





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3D-APDF ON CORELLI





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- crystal total scattering over large volumes of reciprocal space.
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- This is enabling new ways of analyzing the data:
 - 1. Unsupervised machine learning
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