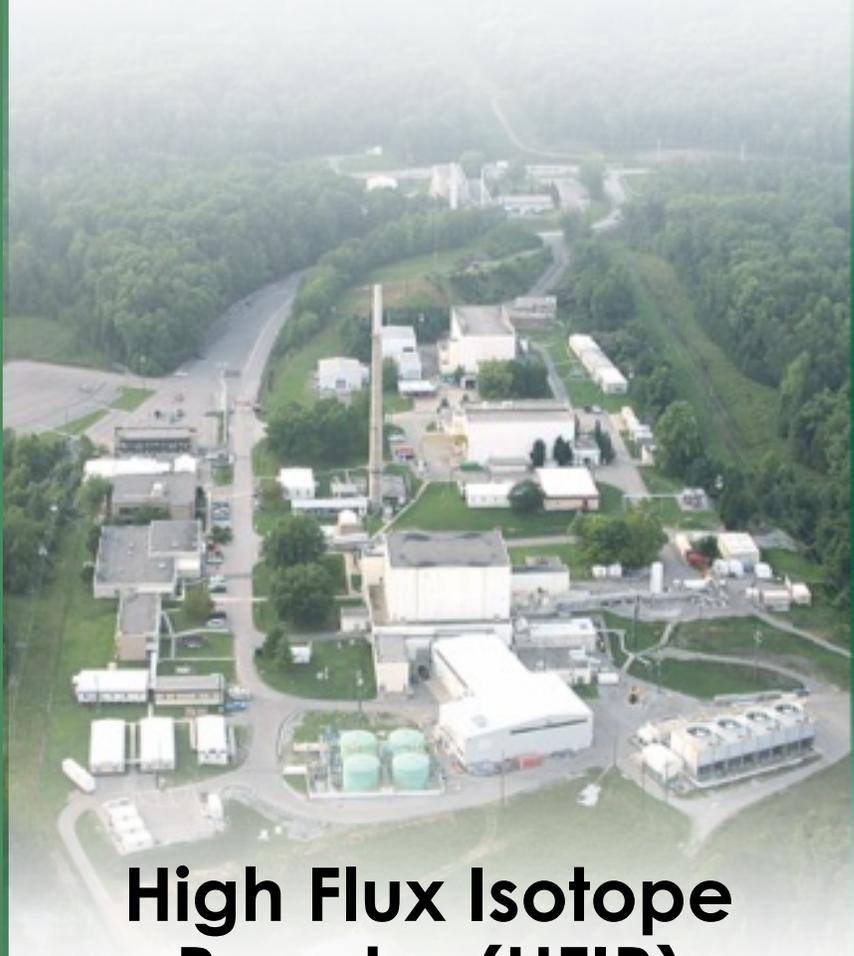


# Artificial Intelligence for Scattering Experiments

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# ORNL is home to two world class neutron sources



**High Flux Isotope Reactor (HFIR)**



  
**690**  
Scientific Publications  
in CY21\*

  
**685**  
Total Unique Users  
in FY21

  
**95,469**  
Hours of Beamtime  
in FY21

  
**1,190**  
Total Experiments  
in FY21

**Spallation Neutron Source (SNS)**

# Materials research crosses facilities



## Opportunities

- Multimodal analysis
- Applied Math. concepts
- Advanced Materials Modeling



**FRONTIERS IN DATA, MODELING, AND SIMULATION**

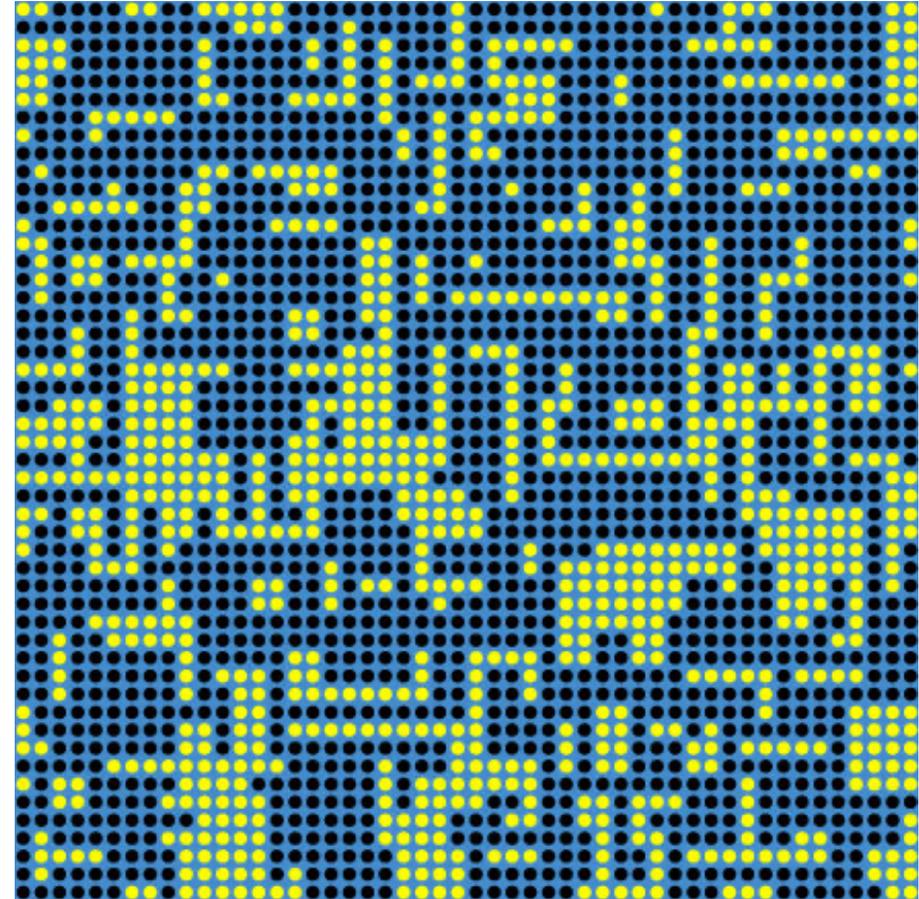
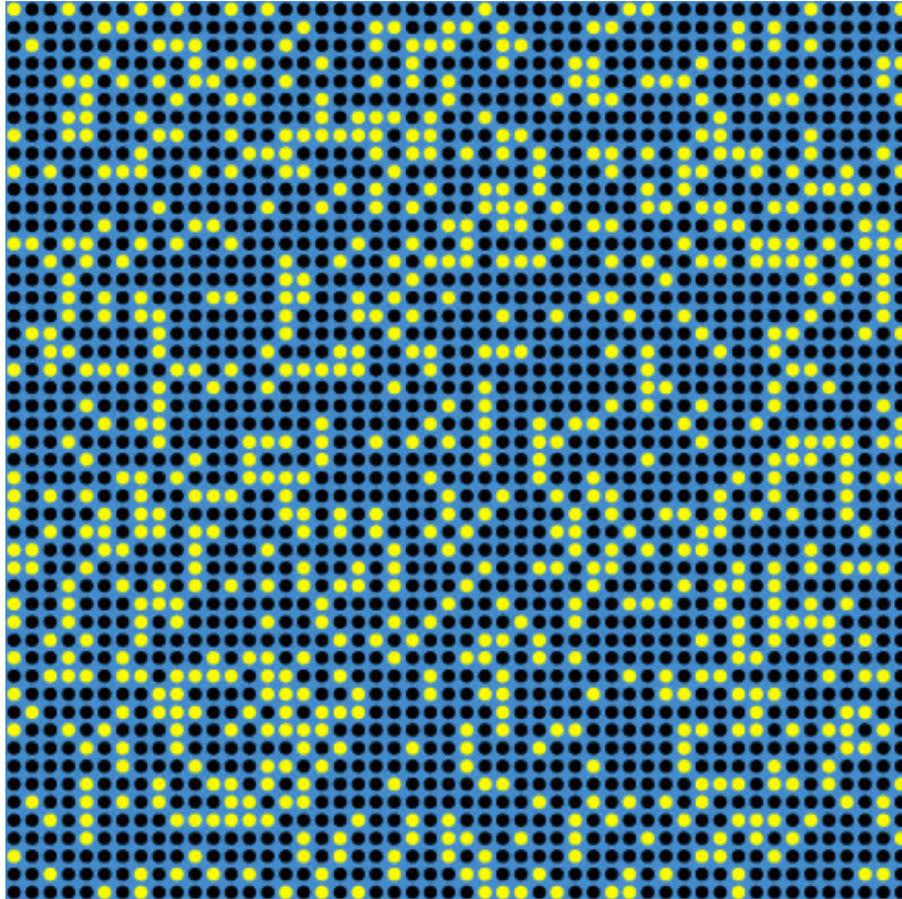
Workshop Report  
Argonne National Laboratory  
March 30-31, 2015

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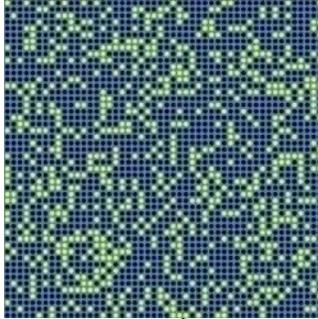
# Diffuse scattering ?



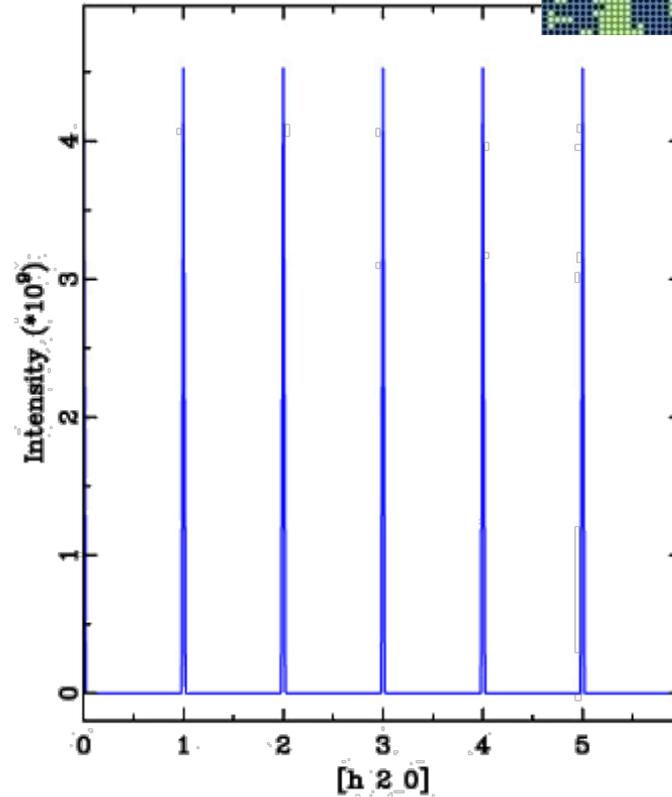
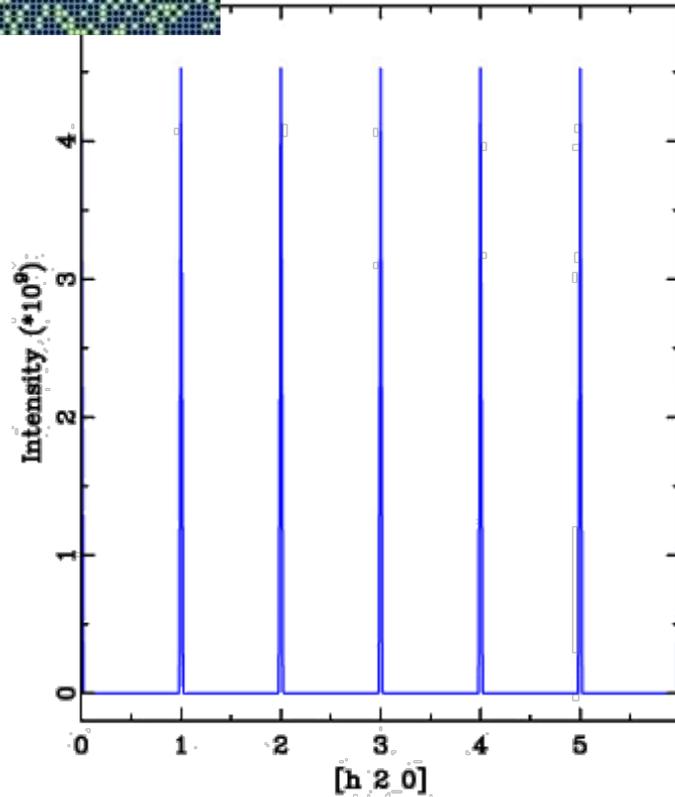
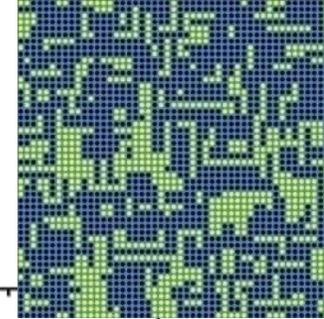
**Cross section of 50x50x50 u.c. model crystal consisting of 70% black atoms and 30% vacancies !**

**Properties might depend on vacancy ordering !!**

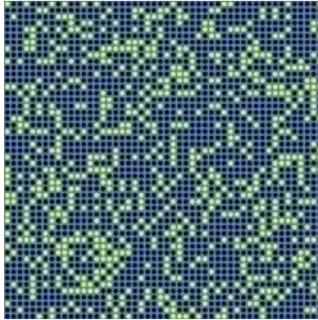
# Bragg peaks are blind ..



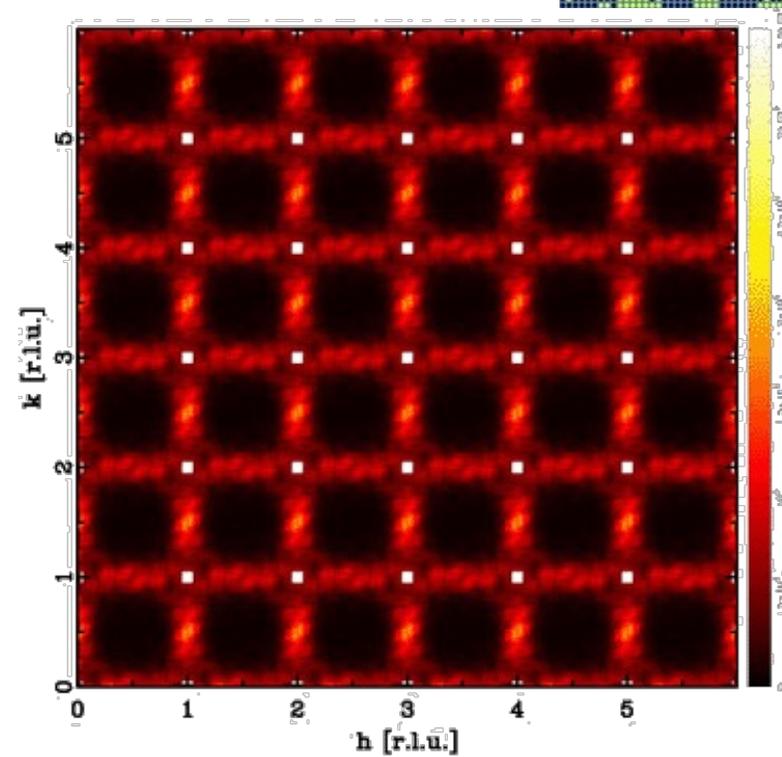
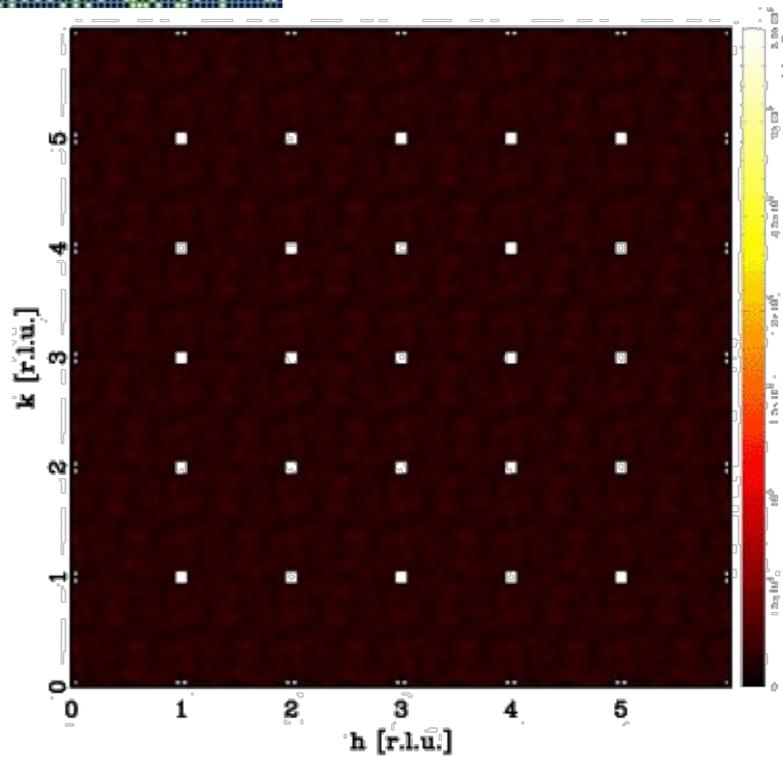
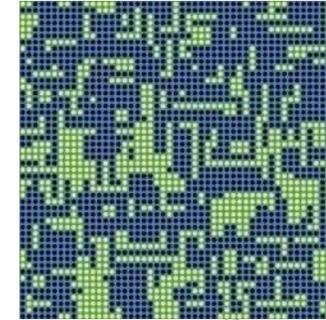
**Bragg scattering:** Information about the average structure, e.g. average positions, displacement parameters and occupancies.



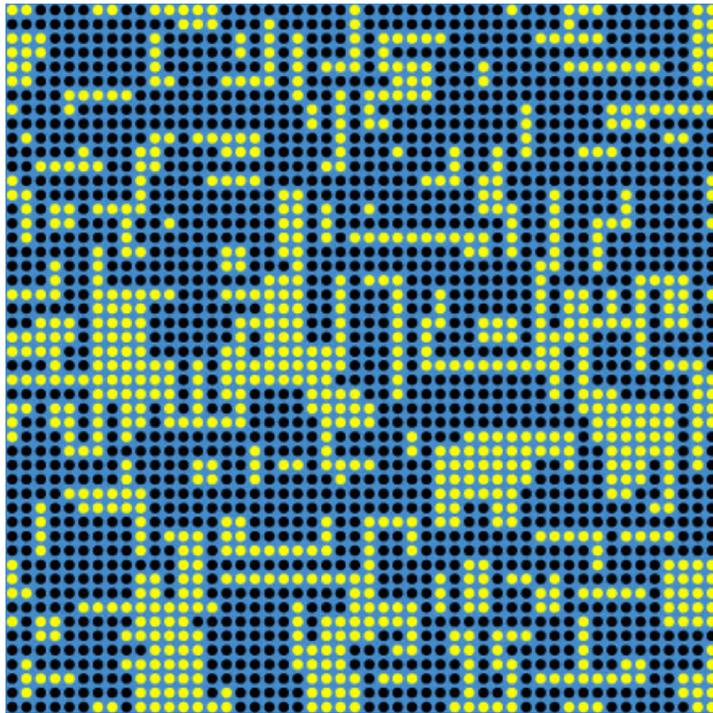
# Diffuse scattering to the rescue ..



**Diffuse scattering:** Information about *two-body correlations*, i.e. chemical short-range order or local distortions.

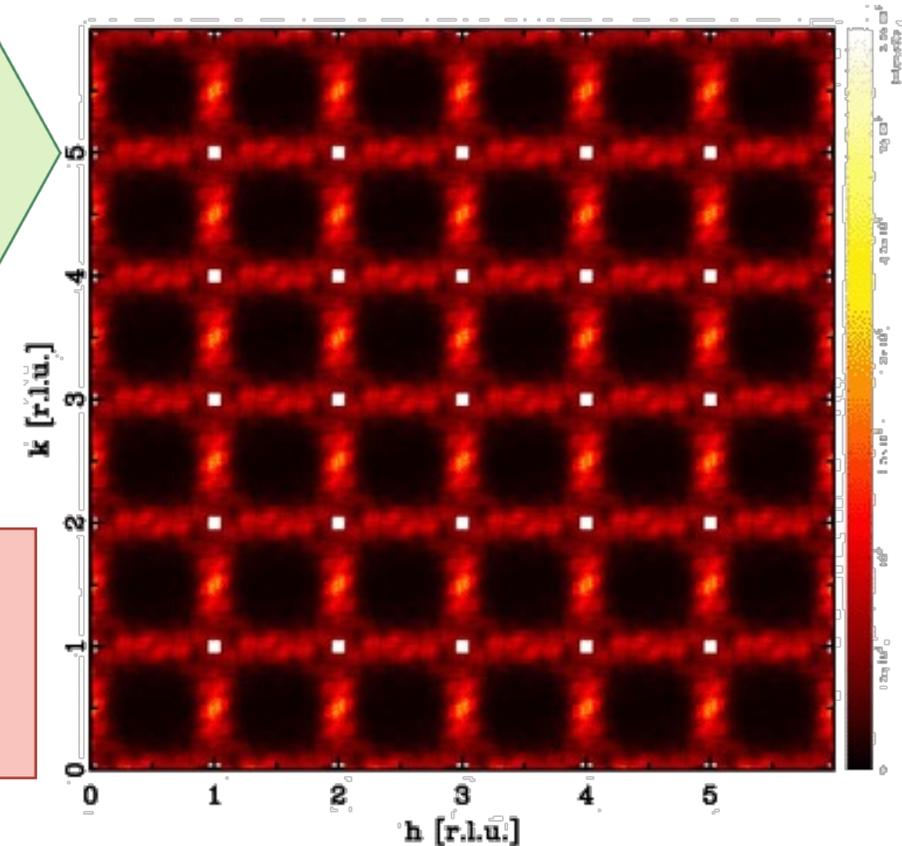


# Inverse Problem aka Crystallographic Phase Problem



$$F(\mathbf{h}) = \sum_{i=1}^N f_i(\mathbf{h}) e^{2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{r}_i}$$

Intensities measured only give  $|\mathbf{F}|$  and not the phase



# Analyzing diffuse scattering

- **Correlation approach:** Expansion of kinematic scattering equation in terms of displacement. Yields set of two-body correlations.
- **Monte Carlo based computer simulations:** Scientist might “win” solution to the problem ..
  - Minimize total energy E: AMC
  - Minimize (observed – calculated)<sup>2</sup>: RMC
- More: “Diffuse Neutron Scattering from Crystalline Materials” by Niels and Keen, Oxford University Press

**Table 1.** Summary of the properties of the different components of the diffuse intensity.

| Term                                | I <sub>0</sub>               | I <sub>1</sub>  | I <sub>2</sub>   | I <sub>3</sub>   |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Description                         | Short-range order (SRO) term | Warren Size-effect                                    | Huang Scattering 1st order TDS                                   | 3rd order size term  |
| Lattice averages involved           | SRO parameters $\alpha^{ij}$ | $\langle X^{ij} \rangle, \langle Y^{ij} \rangle$ etc. | $\langle (X^{ij})^2 \rangle, \langle X^{ij} Y^{ij} \rangle$ etc. | $\langle (X^{ij})^3 \rangle, \langle (X^{ij})^2 Y^{ij} \rangle$ etc. |
| Type of Summation                   | cosine                       | sine  | cosine   | sine   |
| Symmetry                            | symmetric                    | anti-symmetric  | symmetric  | anti-symmetric   |
| Variation in $k$ -space             | nil                          | linear, <i>i.e.</i> with $h_1, h_2$ etc.              | quadratic, <i>i.e.</i> with $h_1^2, h_1 h_2$ etc.                | cubic, <i>i.e.</i> with $h_1^3, h_1^2 h_2$ etc.                      |
| Dependence on $f_A, f_B$ for binary | $(f_A - f_B)^2$              | $f_A (f_A - f_B), f_B (f_A - f_B)$                    | $f_A^2, f_A f_B, f_B^2$  | $f_A^2, f_A f_B, f_B^2$  |
| Number of components for binary     | 1                            | 6   | 18   | 30   |

# The Automatic Monte Carlo Method

## Input:

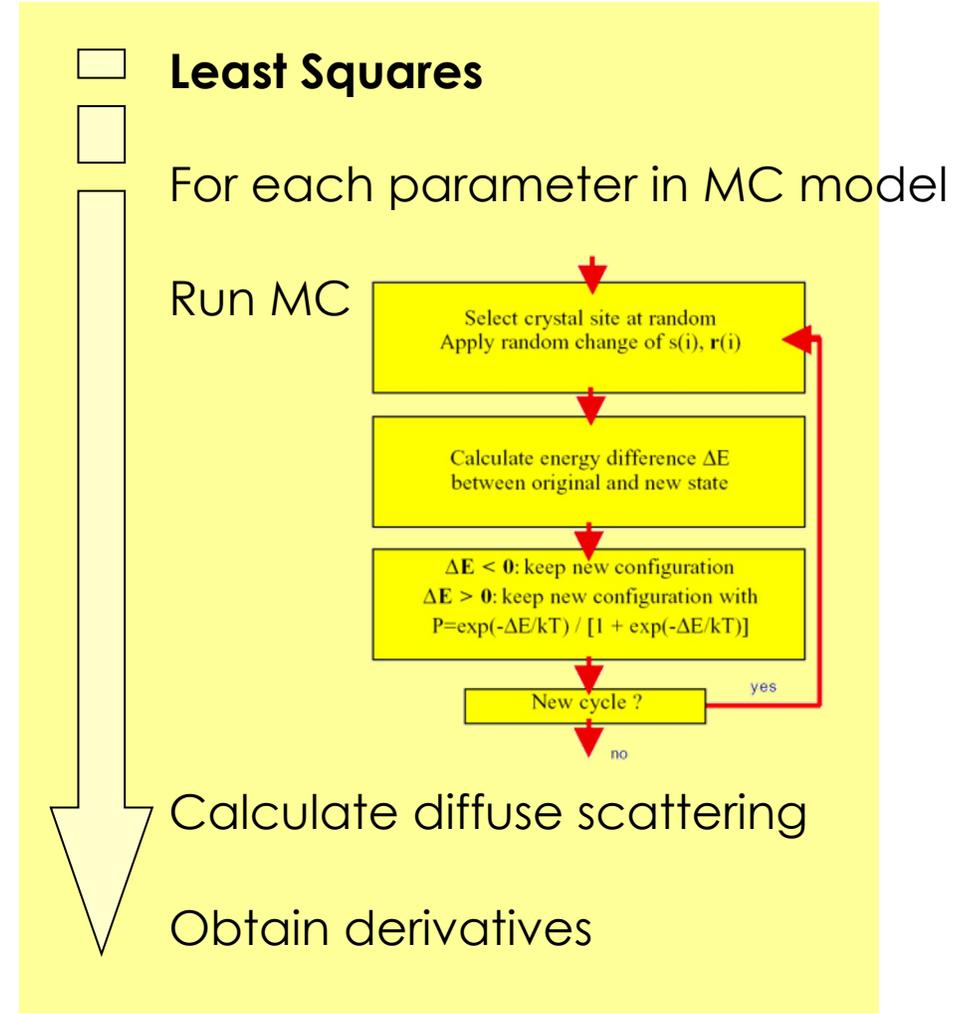
- Observed diffuse scattering
- Starting structure (e.g. average)
- Model for disorder in terms of interaction energies for MC simulation.

## Result:

- Set of interaction energies for given model that best match the data.

## Questions:

- Finding the right model ..
- It is very slow ..



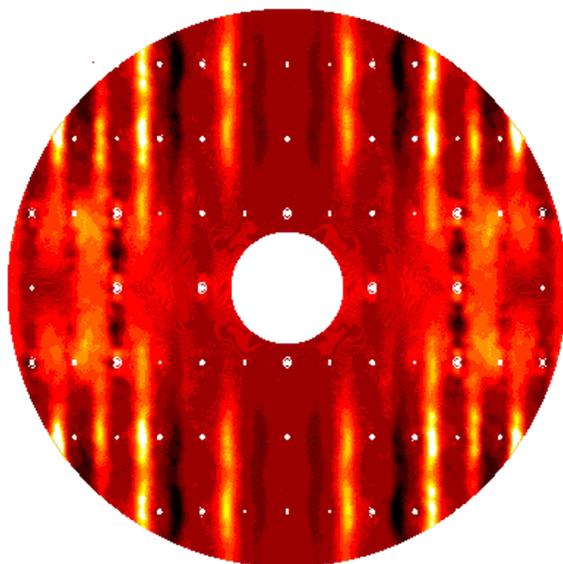
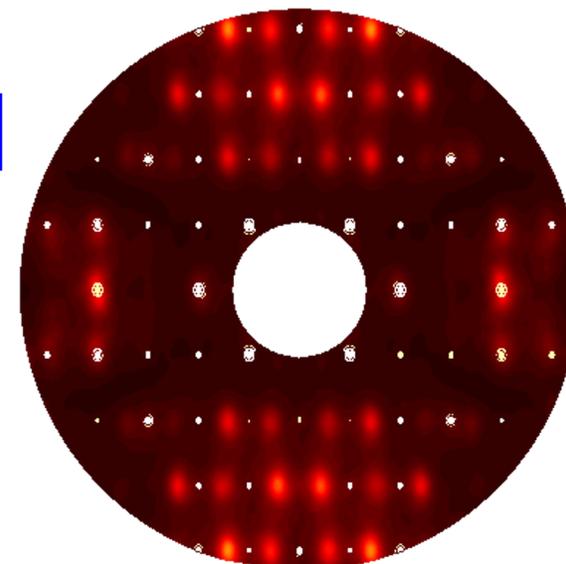
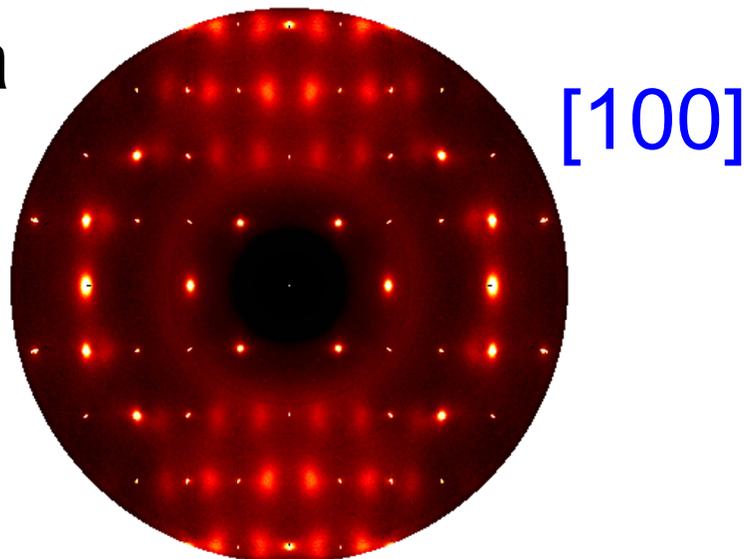
# Disorder in $\text{Fe}_3(\text{CO})_{12}$ – AMC refinement

calculated

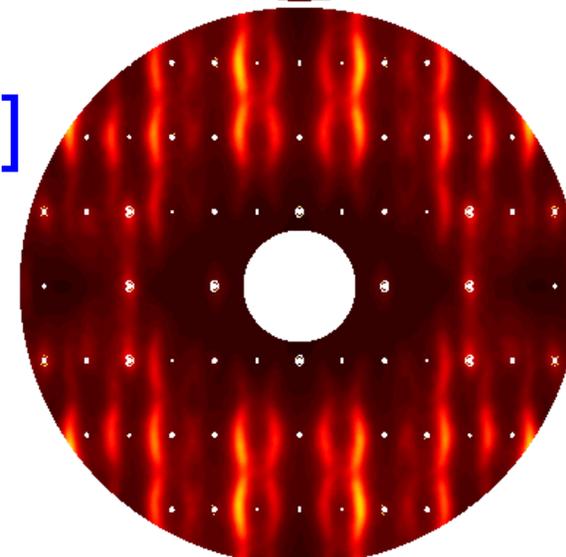
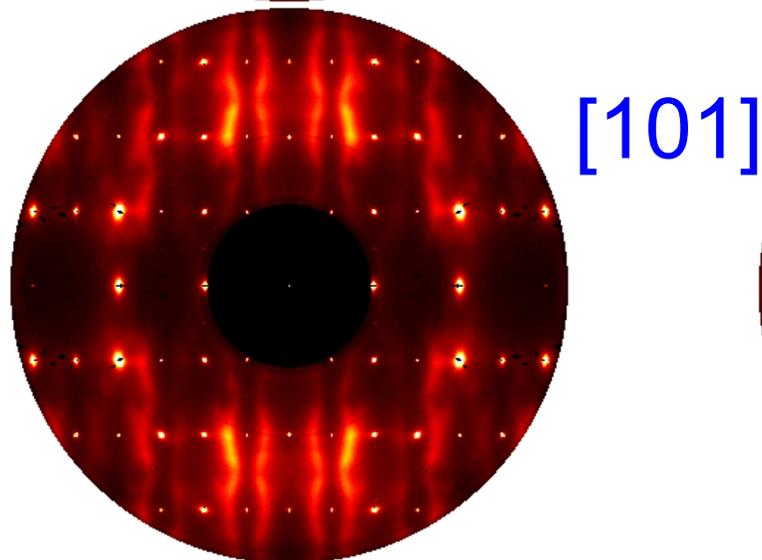
Numerical estimates  
of Differentials

$$\frac{\partial \Delta I}{\partial p_i} = \sum_{hklm} \frac{(\Delta I_{p+} - \Delta I_{p-})}{2\delta_i}$$

Data



Difference between two  
calculated diffraction patterns

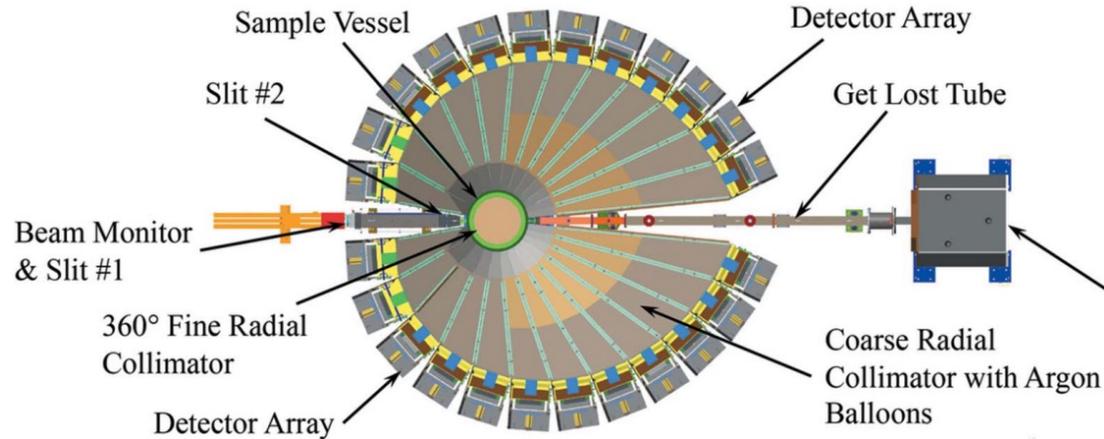


# Opportunities using Machine Learning

*AI is about how we use and process data. It will be, and is, transformative in knowledge-based disciplines. AI will not replace scientists, but scientists who use AI will replace those who don't\*.*

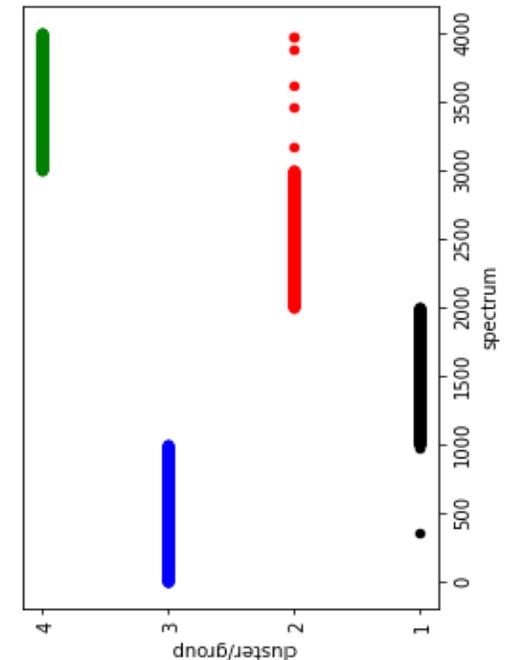
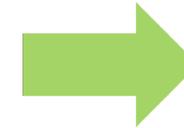
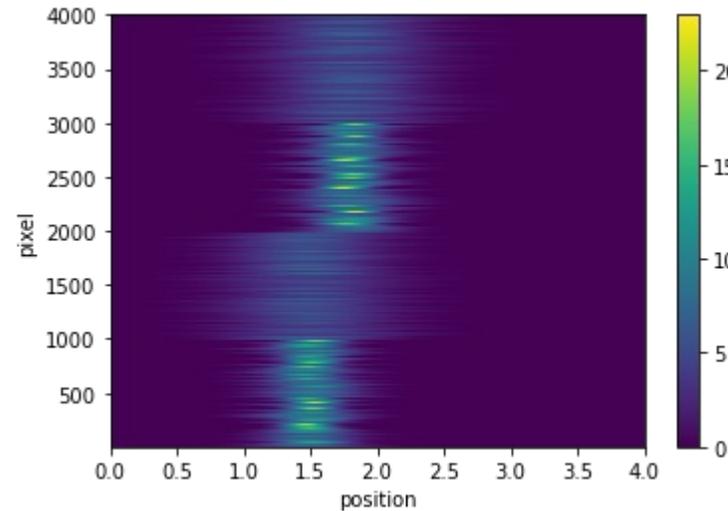
\*Modified from a quote in the Microsoft report, "The Future Computed: Artificial Intelligence And Its Role In Society"

# Unsupervised Machine Learning – Instrument calibration



**Unsupervised clustering algorithm** for Time focusing and selection of groups of detectors with 'similar' features, e.g. resolution

POWGEN



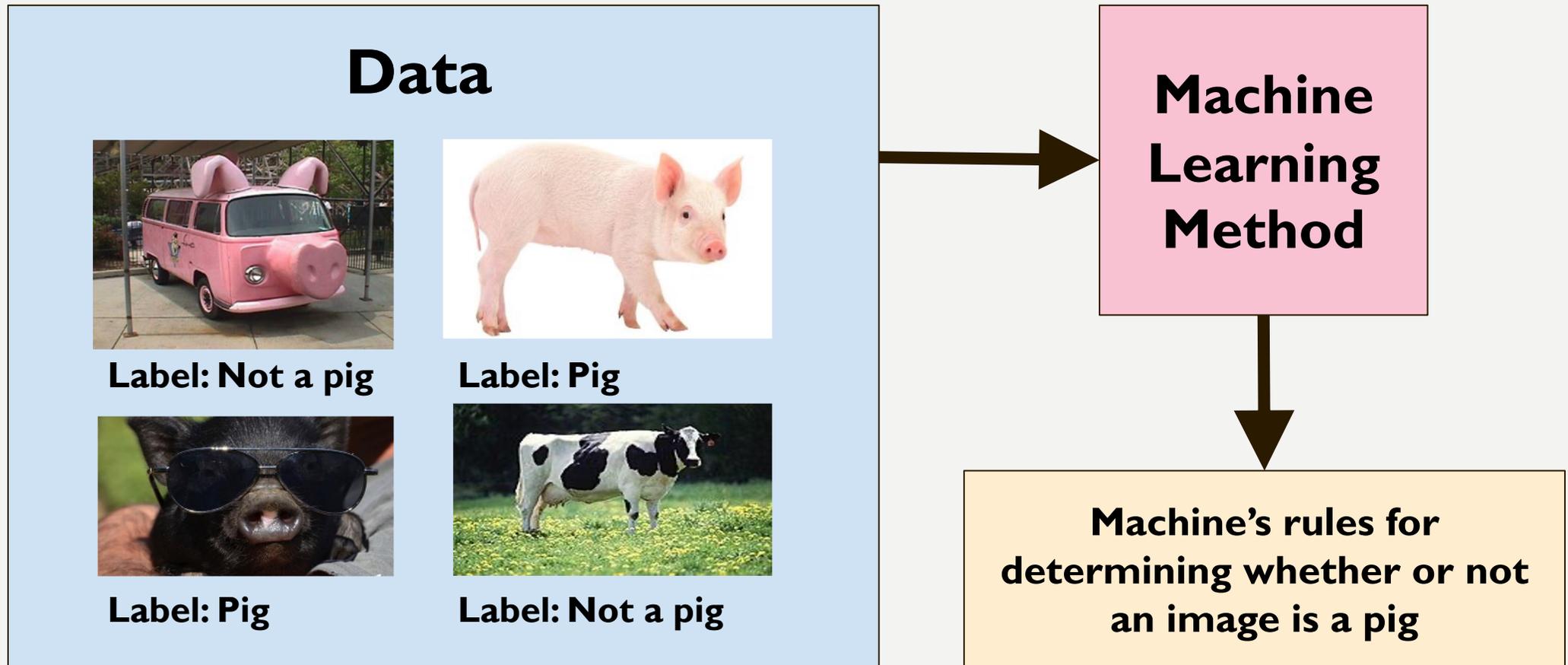
Work by Yuanpeng Zhang

# (SUPERVISED) MACHINE LEARNING



# MACHINE LEARNING

A machine learning method takes a bunch of data and “learns” from it!



# DID IT "LEARN" SOMETHING?



Label: Not a pig



Label: Pig



Label: Pig



Label: Not a pig

## Training Data

The data we give to the machine learning method to learn from



Label: Not a pig



Label: Pig

## Testing Data

The data we hold out and use to check to see if the method actually learned something!

# DEEP LEARNING

## Simulated scattering 'images'

- Small Angle Scattering
- Diffraction
- Diffuse Scattering
- Quasi Elastic Scattering

## Labels

- Relate to model / parameters
- Related to topology
- Good/Bad

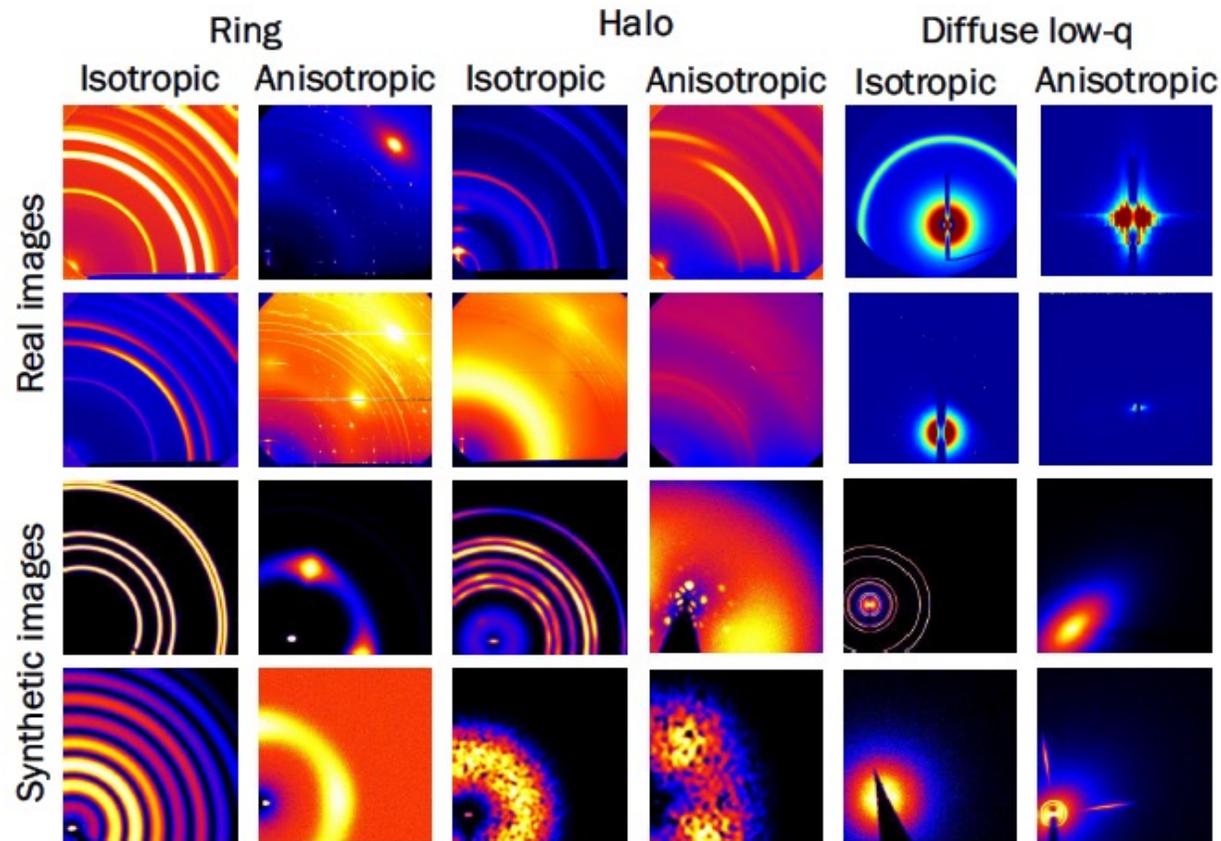
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# Machine Learning for classification



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## X-ray Scattering Image Classification Using Deep Learning

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Figure 2: Comparison between synthetic images and real experimental images. The first and second rows are real experimental images, while the third and fourth rows are synthetic images. Images in the same column have the same attribute. From left to right, the attributes are: Ring: Isotropic, Ring: Anisotropic, Halo: Isotropic, Halo: Anisotropic, Diffuse low q: Isotropic, and Diffuse low q: Anisotropic. Visually, synthetic and real images are indiscernible.

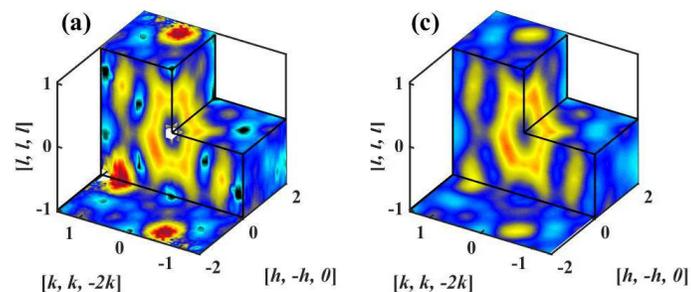
# AI accelerating neutron scattering research

## Automatic model selection for neutron reflectivity

- Prototype allows to automatically detect and refine multi-layer models from experimental neutron reflectivity data.
- Training data set was calculated using **refl1d** for 1-, 2- and 3-layer models.
- Future:
  - Expand to more models and deploy for users.
  - Integrate in automatic reduction and (initial) analysis workflow.

## Machine learning insight into spin ice

- Model Hamiltonians for spin ice were selected from experimental neutron scattering data.
- Approach used machine learning and training data were calculated using forward models.



(a) Scattering data and (b) simulated data of  $\text{Dy}_2\text{Ti}_2\text{O}_7$  [[arXiv:1906.11275](https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.11275)]

## Future opportunities

- Machine learning generated meta-data enabling automation (e.g. marking data from misaligned samples)
- Feature identification in elastic and inelastic neutron scattering data allowing automation and selecting modeling approaches

# Analysis and feature detection in large volumes of diffuse x-ray and neutron scattering from complex materials

**Thomas Proffen**, Ray Osborn, Rick Archibald, Stuart Campbell, Ian Foster, Scott Klasky, Tashin Kurc, Dave Pugmire, Michael Reuter, Galen Shipman, Chad Steed, Chris Symons, Ross Whitfield, Doug Fuller, Guru Kora, Mike Wilde, Justin Wozniak

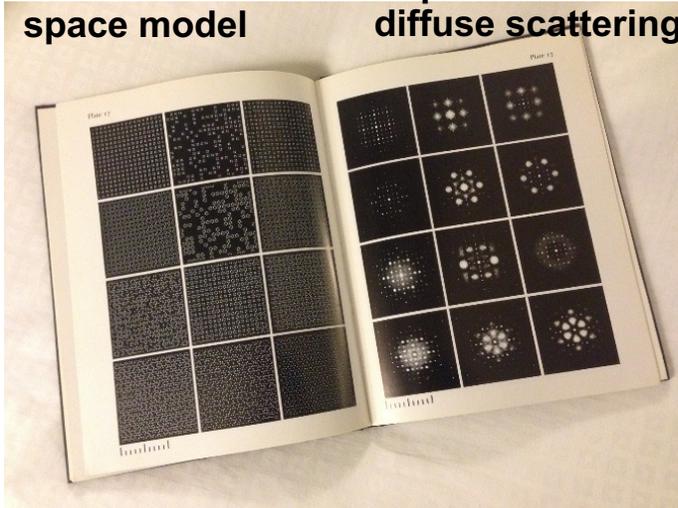
Facilities/Resources

SNS, APS, ALCF; OLCF; and CADES at ORNL

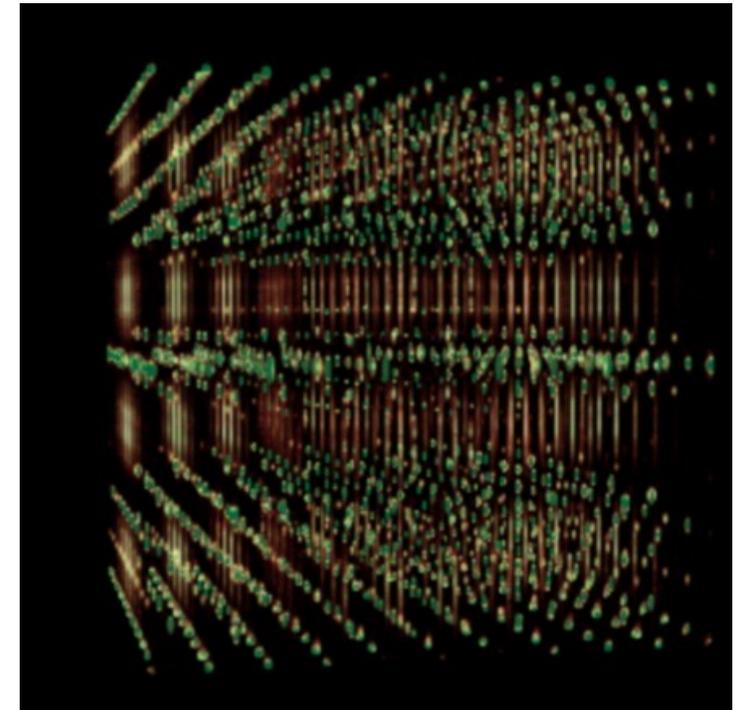
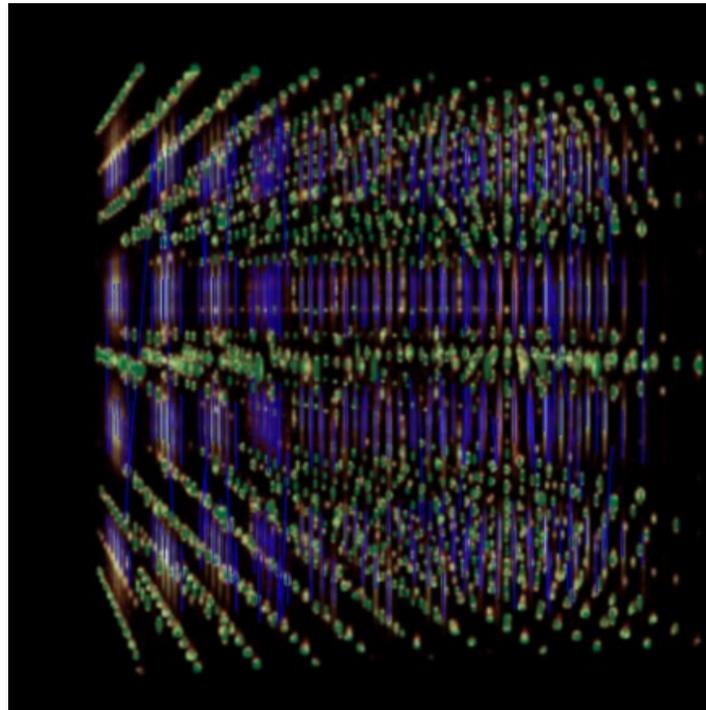
# DOE Science Data Pilot Project

- **Diffuse scattering** contains information about **disorder in materials** which is critical to understand function.
- **Novel approach using pattern recognition and machine learning.**
- Aligned with science needs of CORELLI and TOPAZ.

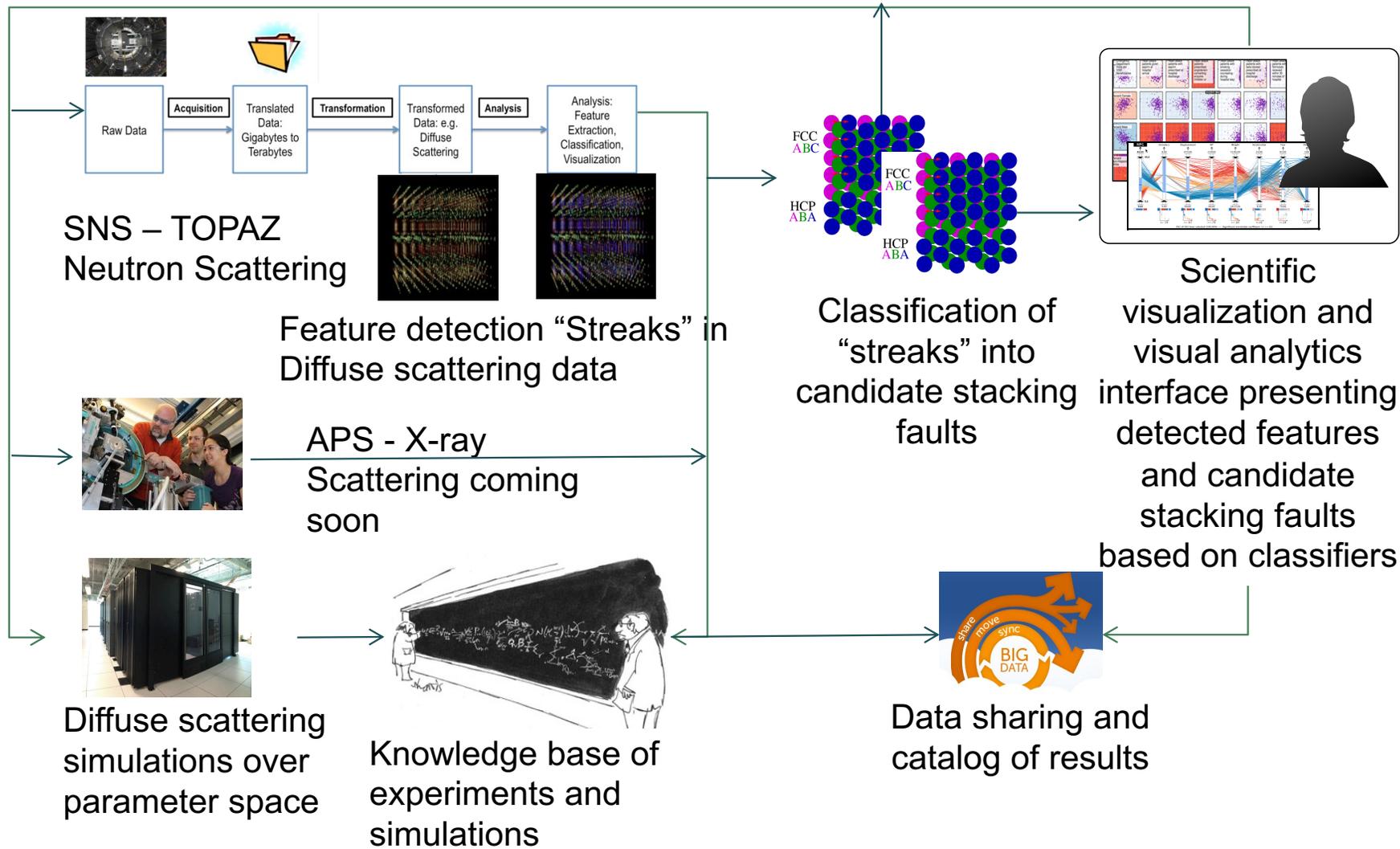
Disordered real space model      Compare to observed diffuse scattering



Atlas of Optical Transforms, Harburn, Taylor and Welberry (1975)



# High Level Demonstration Workflow



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# Challenges

- What are the correct labels?
- Sparse data.
- Data management and 'ML friendly' metadata.
- Correct normalization for scientific data.

# Thank you

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