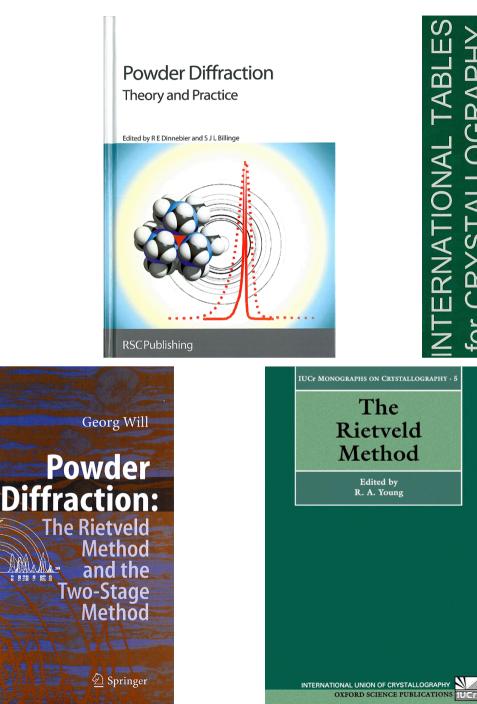
X-ray powder diffraction – a practical guide



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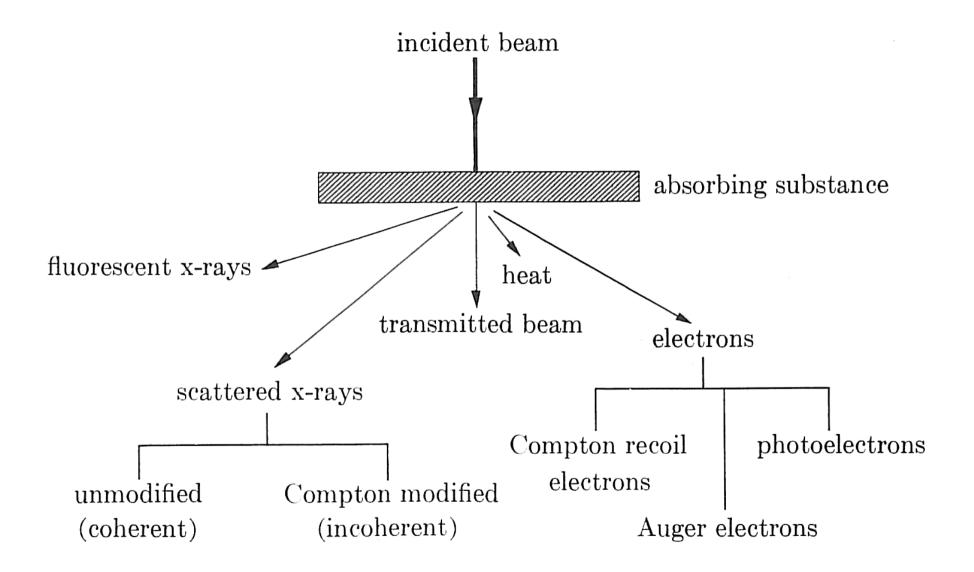
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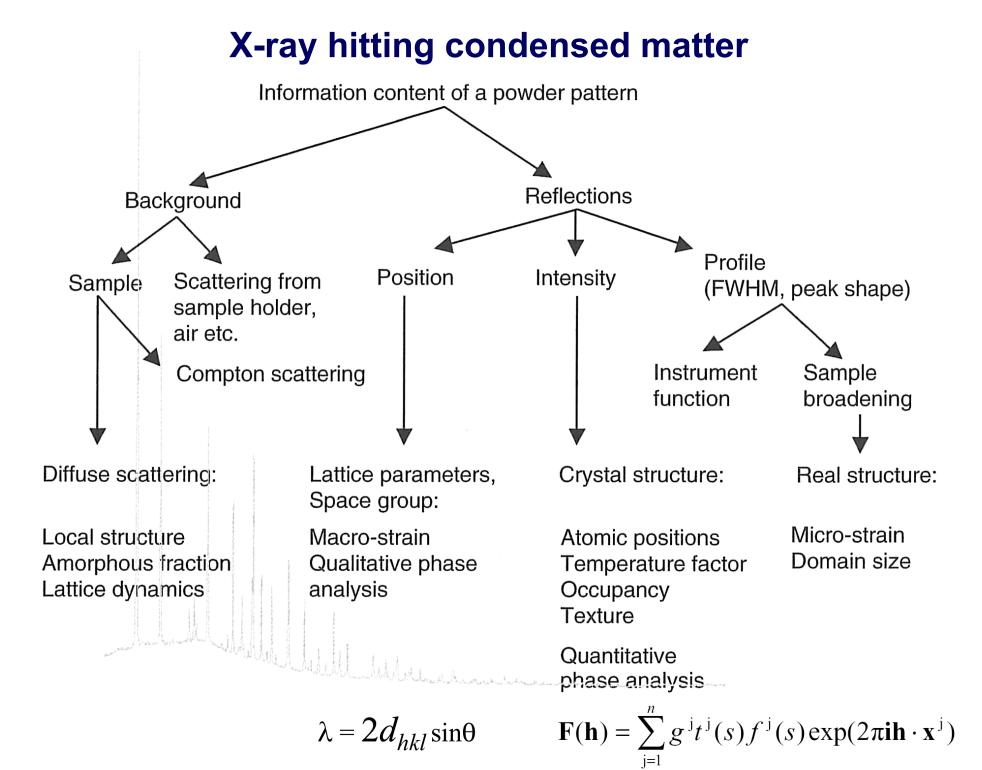
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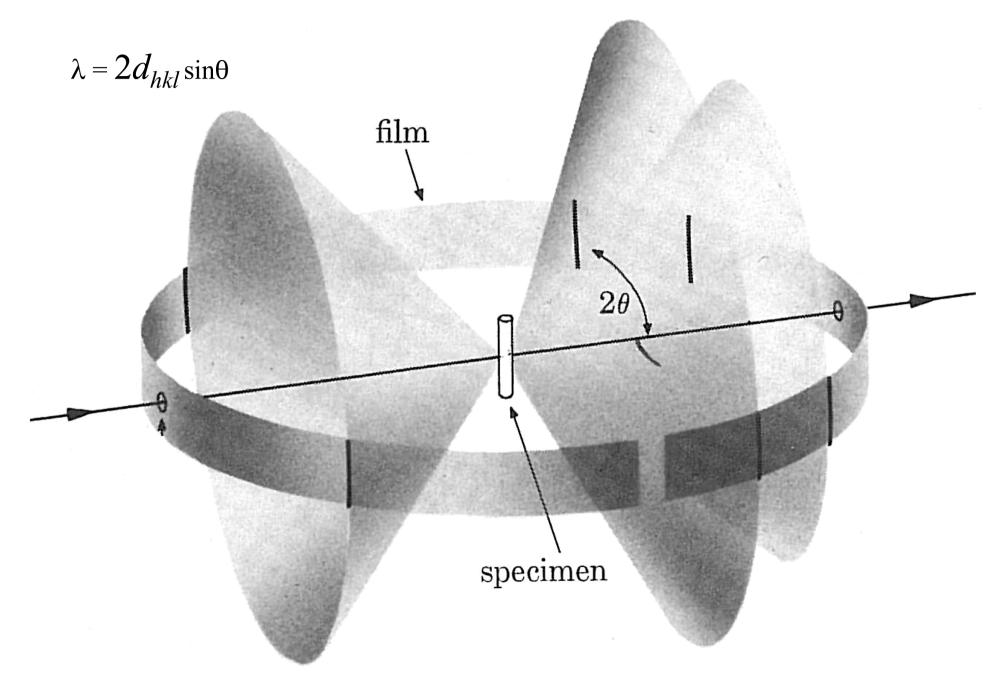
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Penetration depth	~ cm	~ μm	~ nm			
Typical flux	10 ¹¹ s ⁻¹ m ⁻²	10 ²⁴ s ⁻¹ m ⁻²	10 ²⁶ s ⁻¹ m ⁻²			
Beam size	mm-cm	μm-mm	nm-µm			
Typical sample	Any bulk sample	Small crystals, powders, surfaces	Surfaces, thin films, grains, gases			
Techniques	Diffraction Inelastic scattering Reflectivity	Diffraction Photon absorption Photoemission Inelastic scattering	Microscopy Diffraction Emission spectroscopy EELS			
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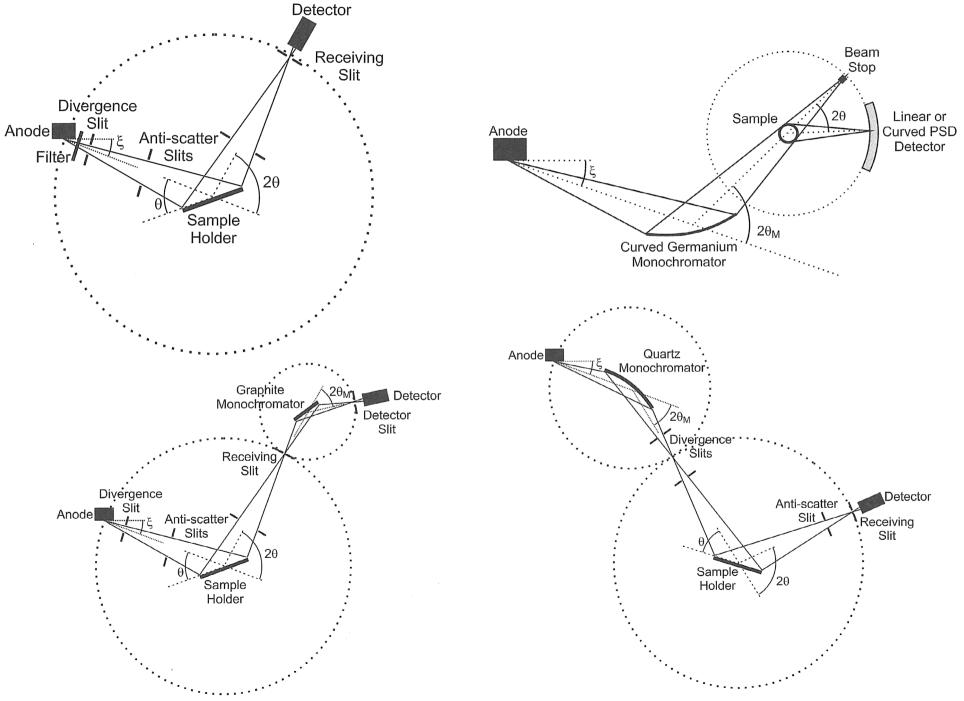




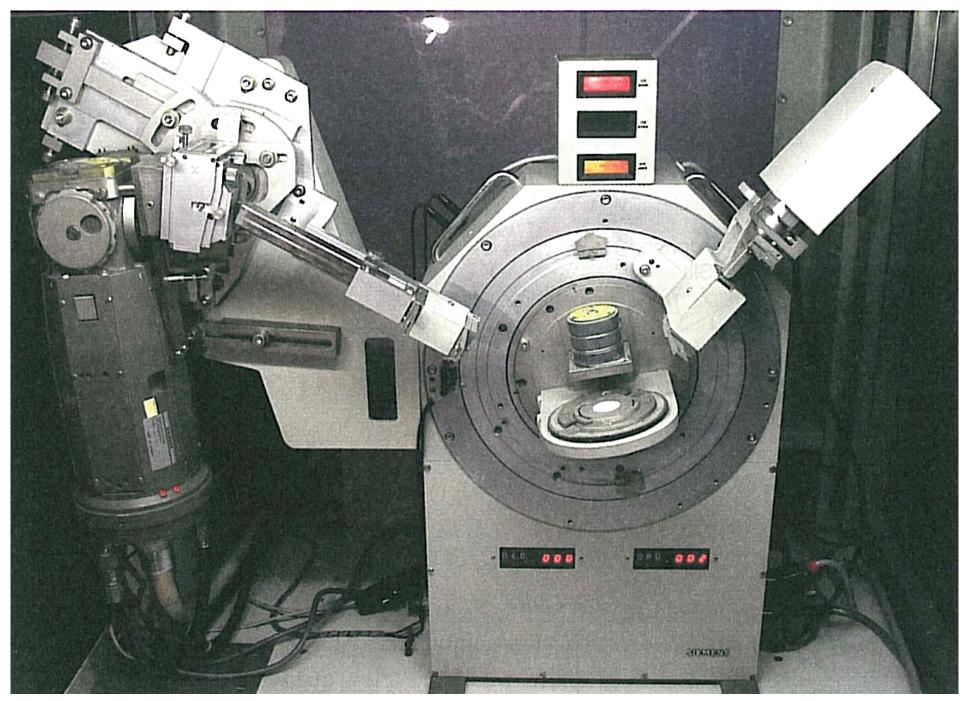
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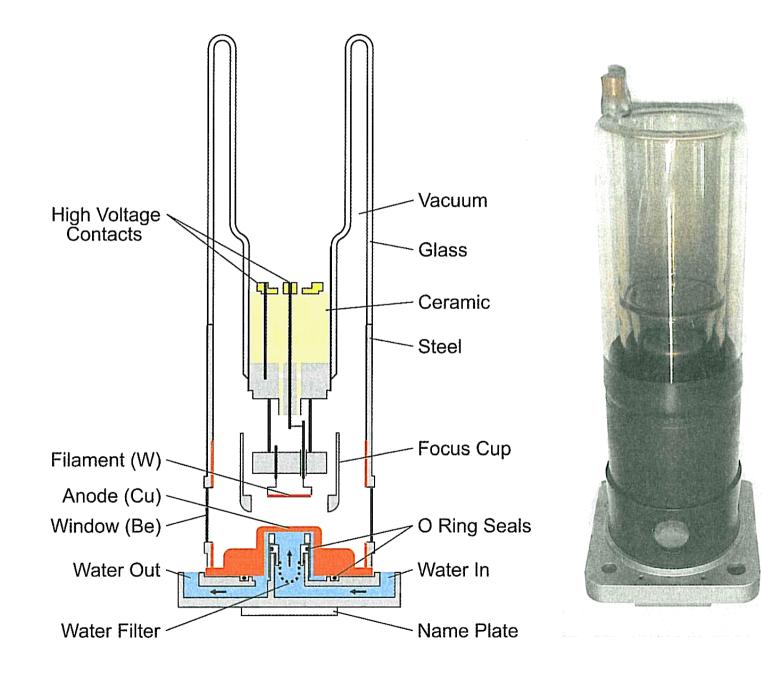
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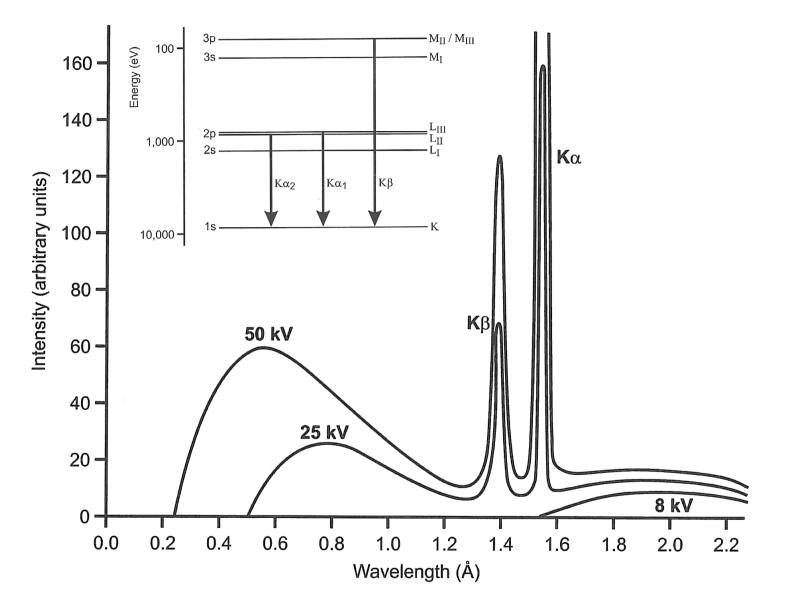
Bragg-Brentano diffractometer with monochromator



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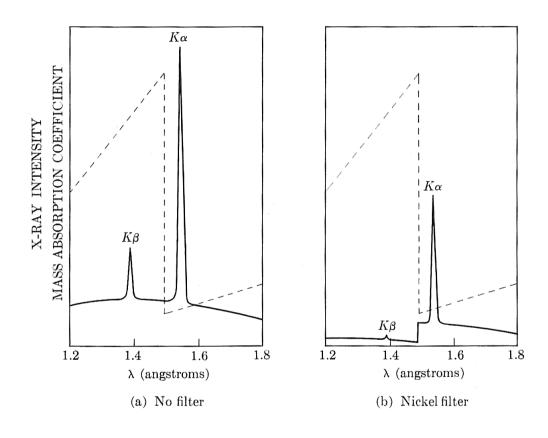


Generation of x-ray



Optimum voltage ~4 times characteristic energy (~30 kV for Cu anodes)

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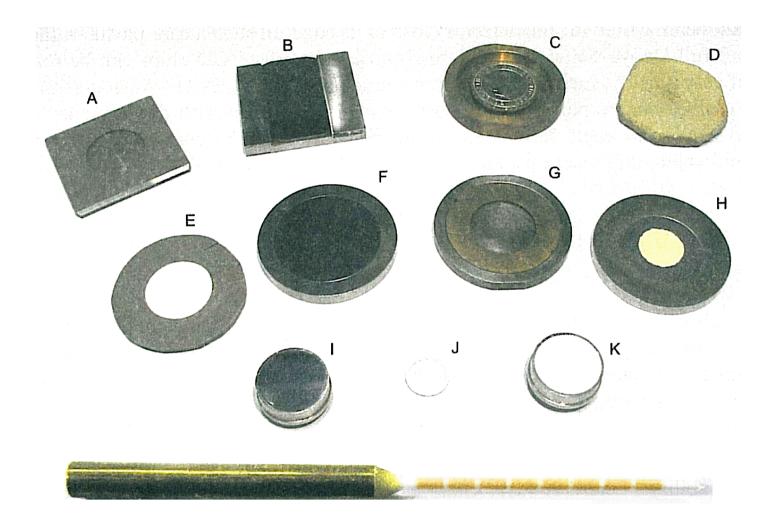


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* This is the intensity ratio at the target [G.11, Vol. 3, p. 71]. This ratio outside the x-ray tube will be changed somewhat by the differential absorption of $K\alpha$ and $K\beta$ by the tube window, typically beryllium, 0.01 inch (0.25 mm) thick.

Suppression of $K\beta$ radiation by filter with lighter neighbor element in periodic table

Samples for x-ray powder diffraction



Well prepared samples at the right sample holder is the key for success!!!

Samples for x-ray powder diffraction



Hygiene in preparing the powder is the second key for success!!!

Samples for x-ray powder diffraction

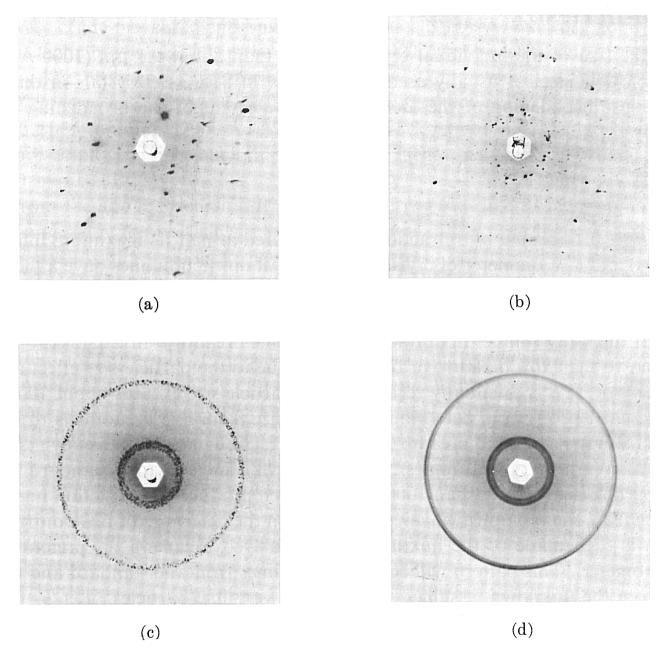
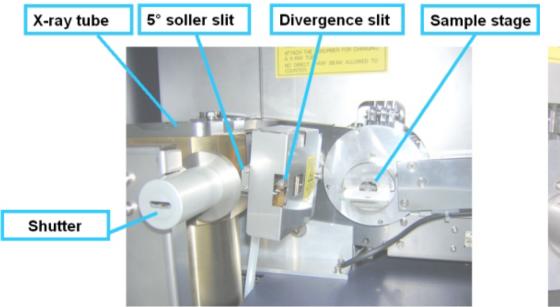


Fig. 9–1 Back-reflection pinhole patterns of recrystallized aluminum specimens; grain size decreases in the order (a), (b), (c), (d). Filtered copper radiation.

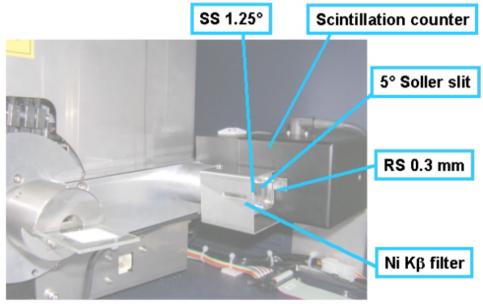
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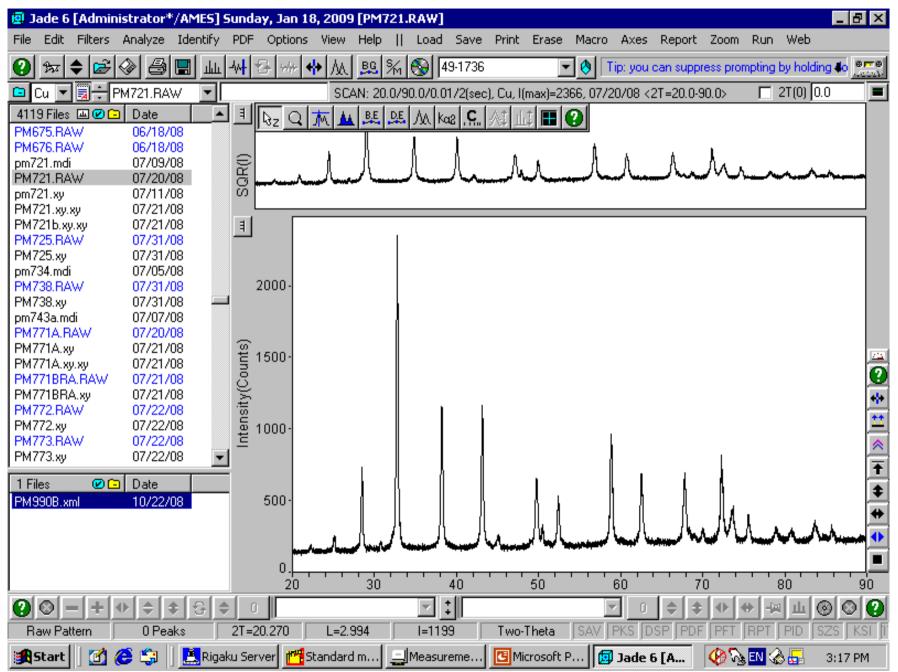
Goniometer & optics (incident)



Goniometer & optics (receiving)



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Which phases are present?

Phase analysis with the PDF database

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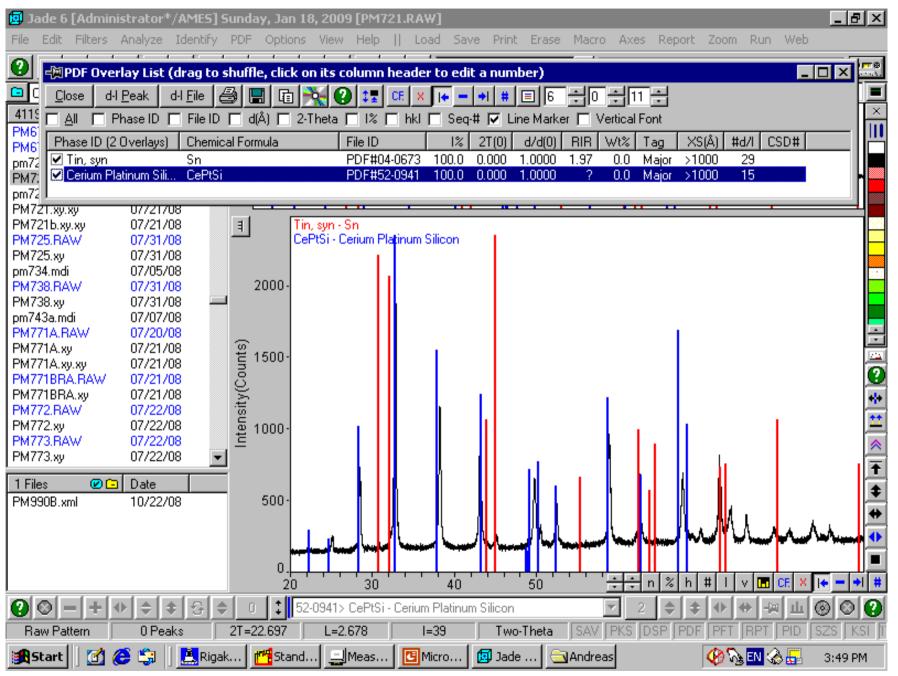
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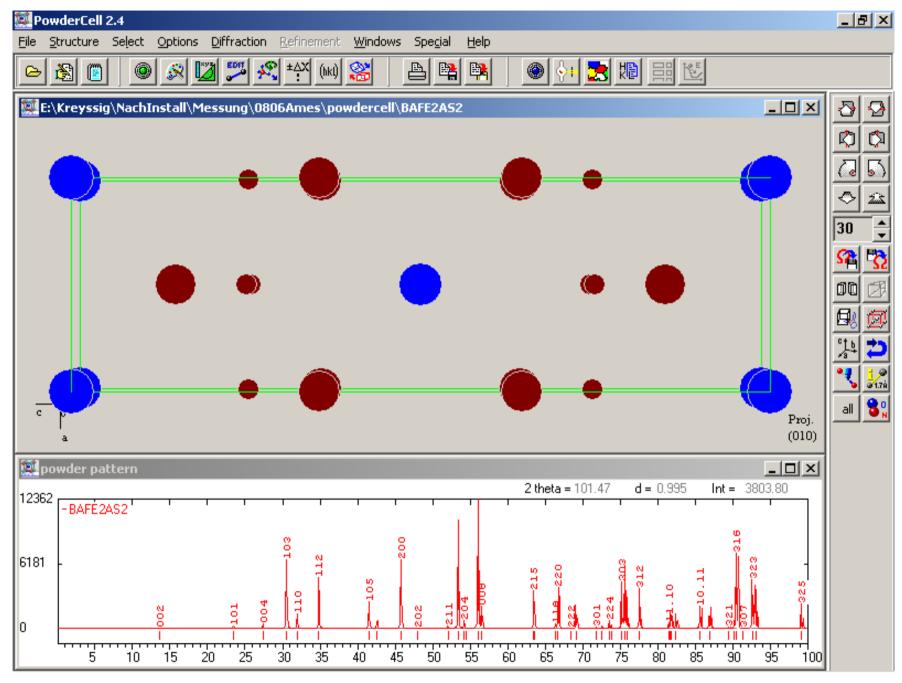
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Which elements can/must be present?

Example: growth of PrAuSi out of Sn flux



If your phase is not in the database – search for isostructural compounds...



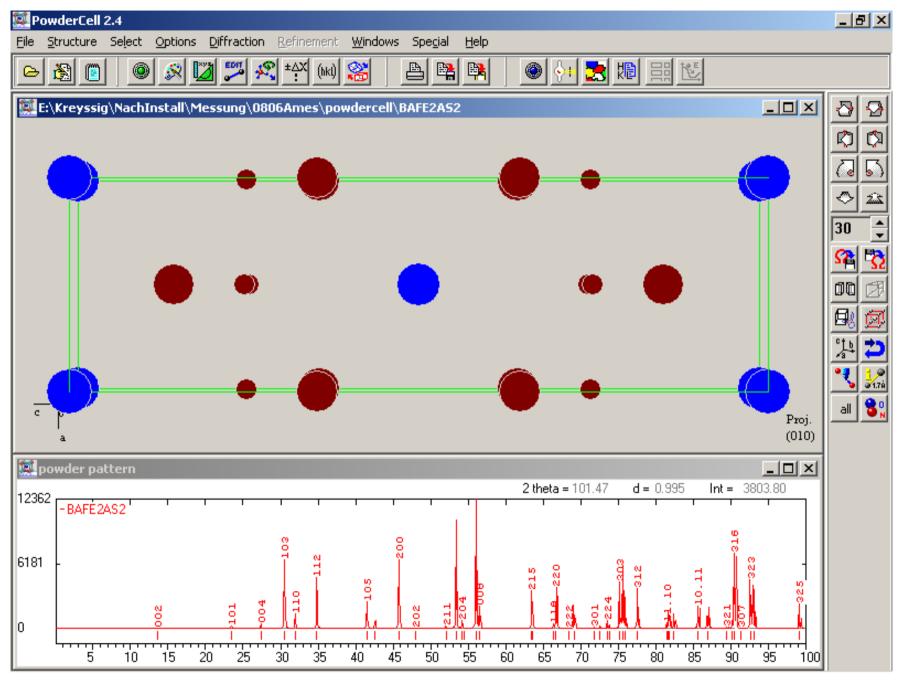
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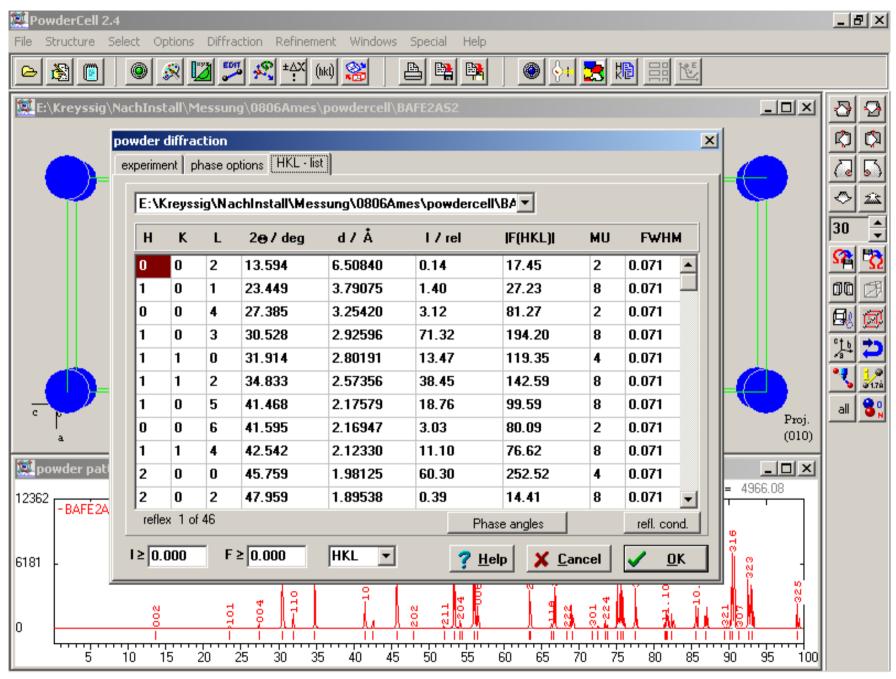
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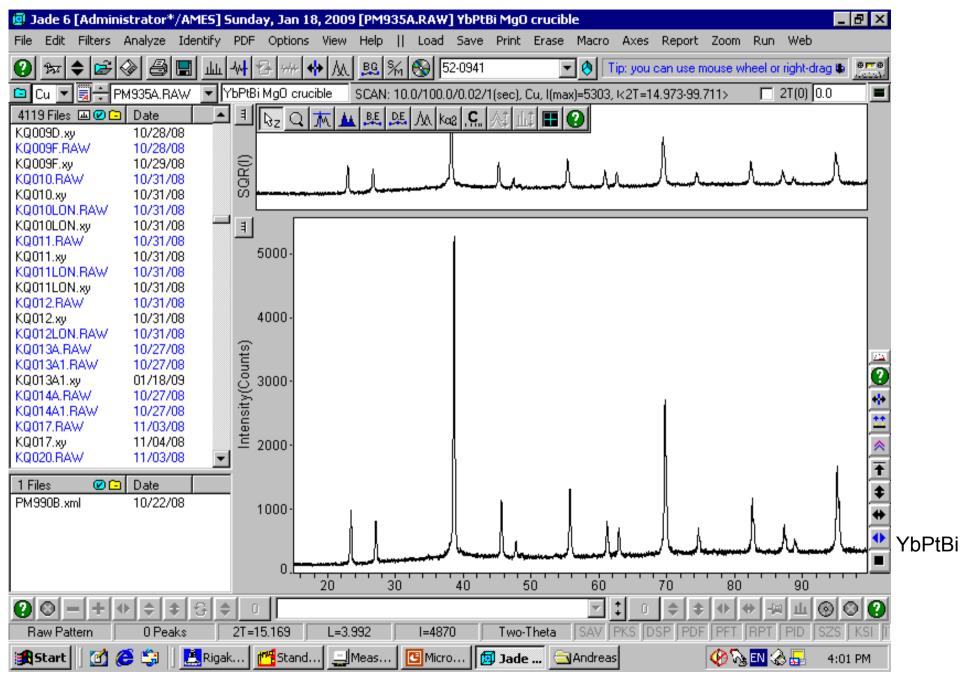


Verify the structure data visually and via plausible bonding length!!!



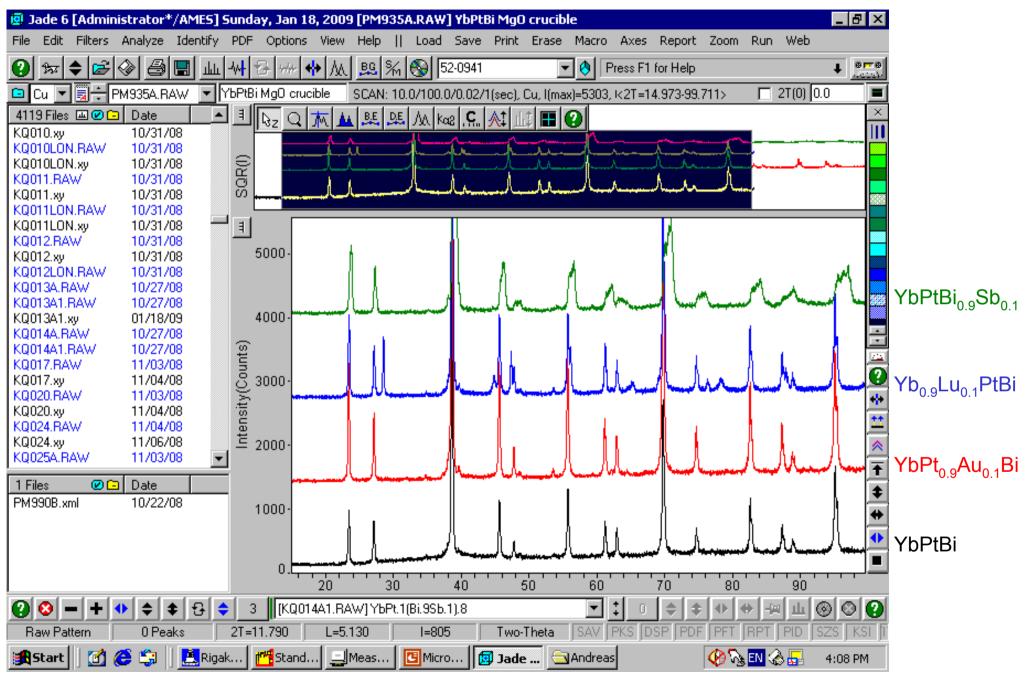
Extract the reflection list: (hkl) – position - intensity

Example: growth of YbPtBi with partial element substitution



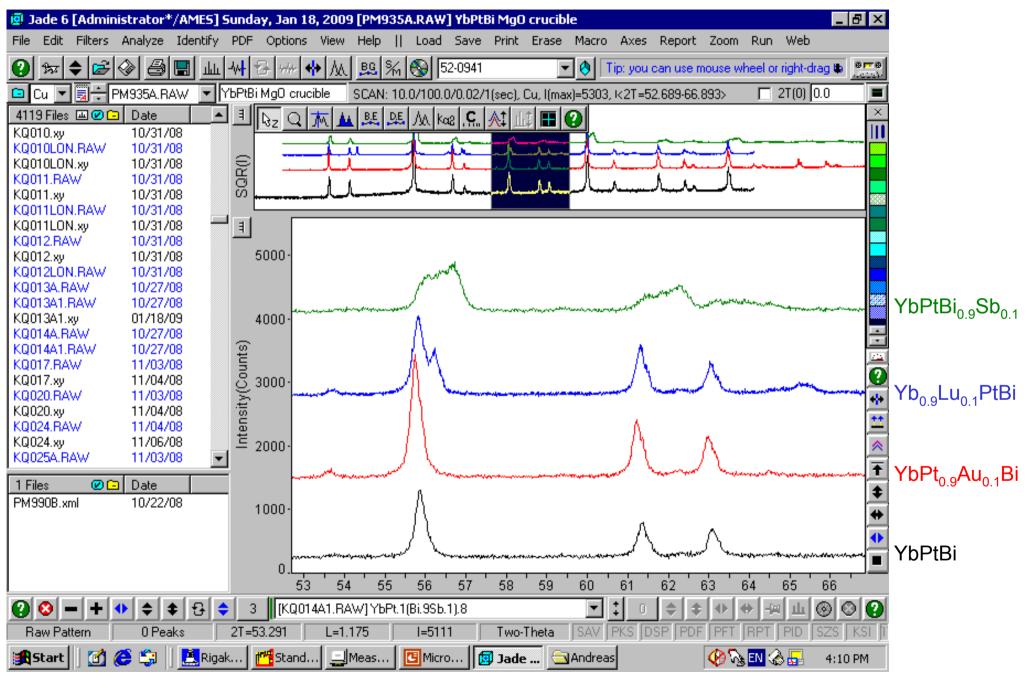
Nice crystals of parent compound

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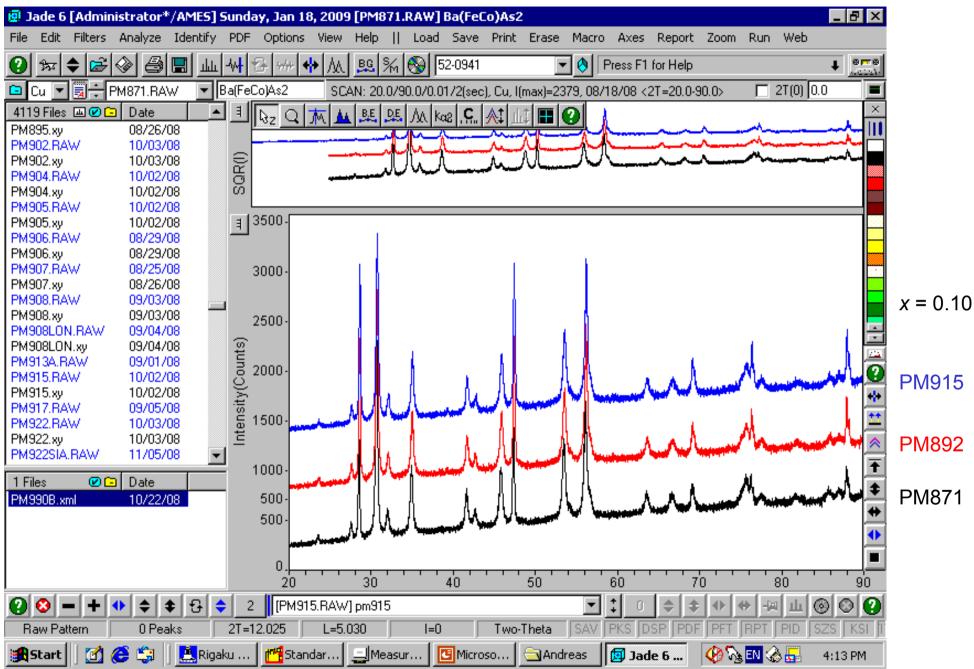


Which phases were grown successfully?

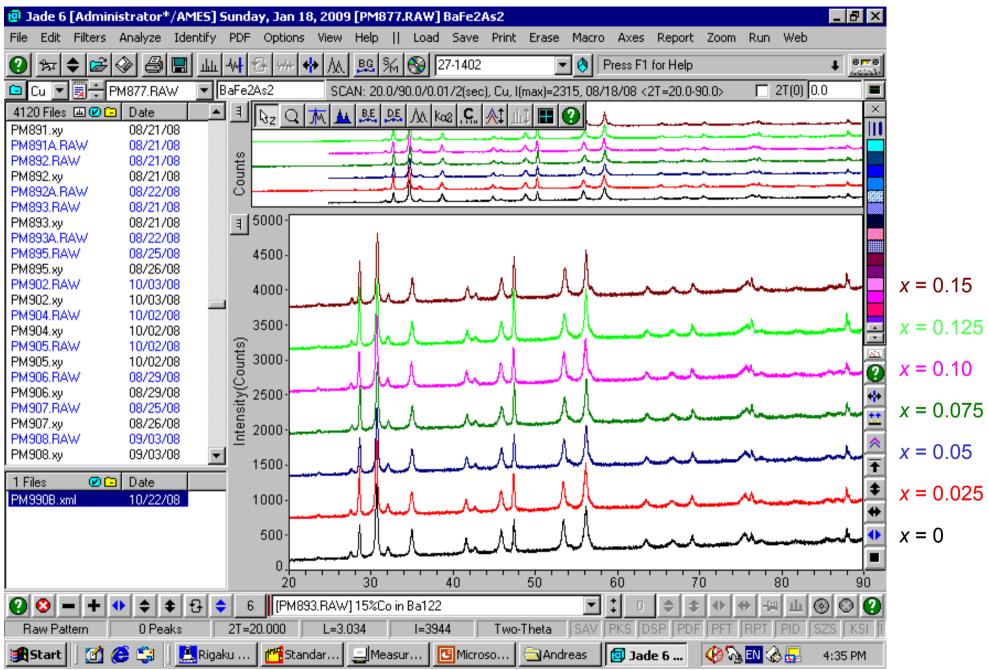
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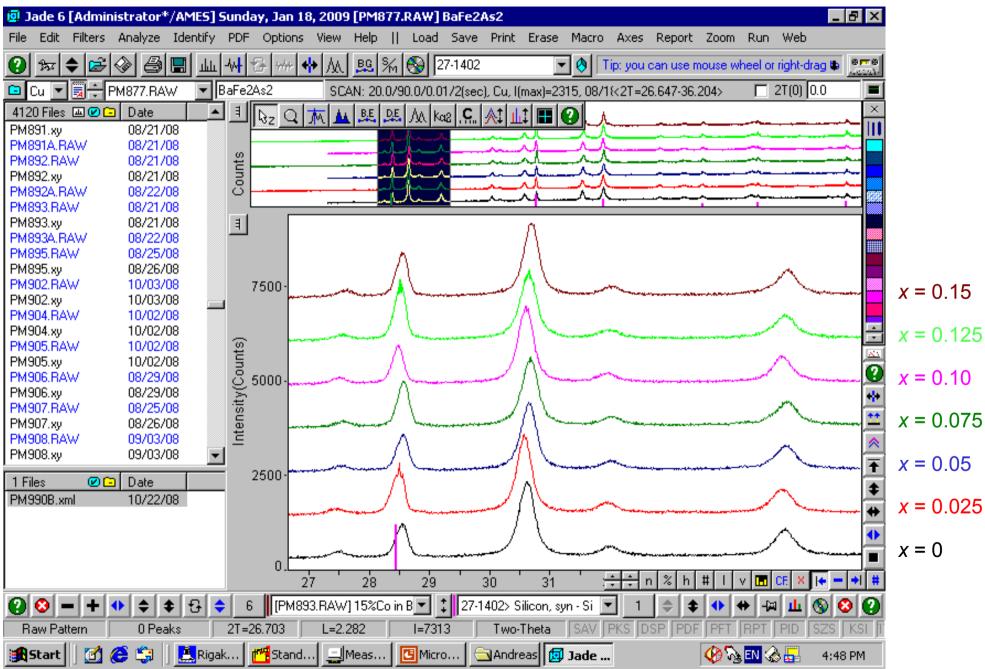
Only YbPt_{0.9}Au_{0.1}Bi was grown successfully.



Preparation of samples with same stoichiometry is reproducible.



Preparation of samples with varying stoichiometry seems also successful.



Use of "inner" standard a MUST.

Position of Bragg reflections in powder pattern

$$\lambda = 2d_{hkl}\sin\theta \quad \frac{1}{d^2} = \frac{1}{V^2} \left(S_{11}h^2 + S_{22}k^2 + S_{33}l^2 + 2S_{12}hk + 2S_{13}hl + 2S_{23}kl \right)$$

$$V = abc\sqrt{1 - \cos^2\alpha - \cos^2\beta - \cos^2\gamma + 2\cos\alpha\cos\beta\cos\gamma}$$

$$S_{11} = b^2 c^2 \sin^2 \alpha$$

$$S_{22} = a^2 c^2 \sin^2 \beta$$

$$S_{33} = a^2 b^2 \sin^2 \gamma$$

$$S_{12} = abc^2 (\cos\alpha \cos\beta - \cos\gamma)$$

$$S_{13} = ab^2 c (\cos\gamma \cos\alpha - \cos\beta)$$

$$S_{22} = a^2 b c (\cos\beta \cos\gamma - \cos\beta)$$

Factors affecting peak positions:

$$\Delta 2\theta = \frac{p_1}{\tan 2\theta} + \frac{p_2}{\sin 2\theta} + \frac{p_3}{\tan \theta} + p_4 \sin 2\theta + p_5 \cos \theta + p_6$$

 $p_3 = -\frac{\alpha^2}{K_3}$

 $p_4 = \frac{1}{2\mu_{eff}R}$ $p_5 = -\frac{2s}{R}$

 $p_1 = -\frac{h^2 K_1}{3R^2}; \quad p_2 = -\frac{h^2 K_2}{3R^2}$

Asymmetry:

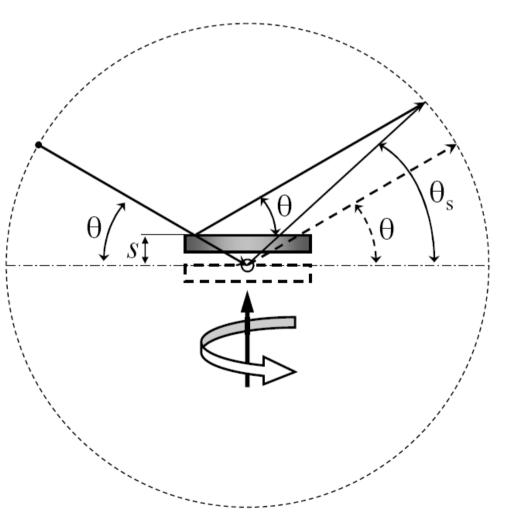
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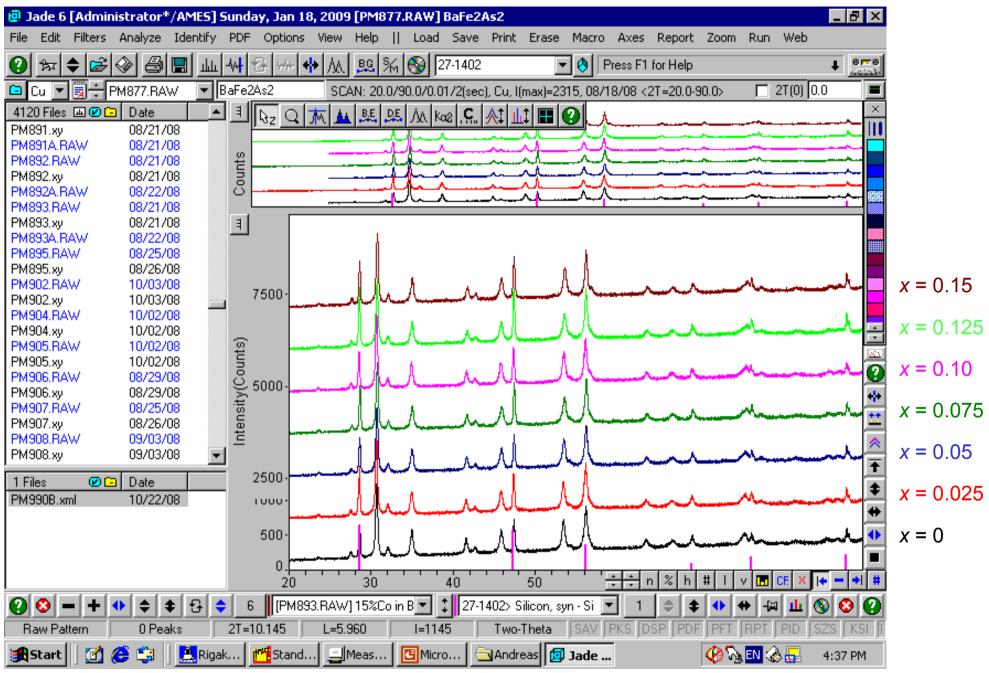
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Sample displacement:

Zero shift:

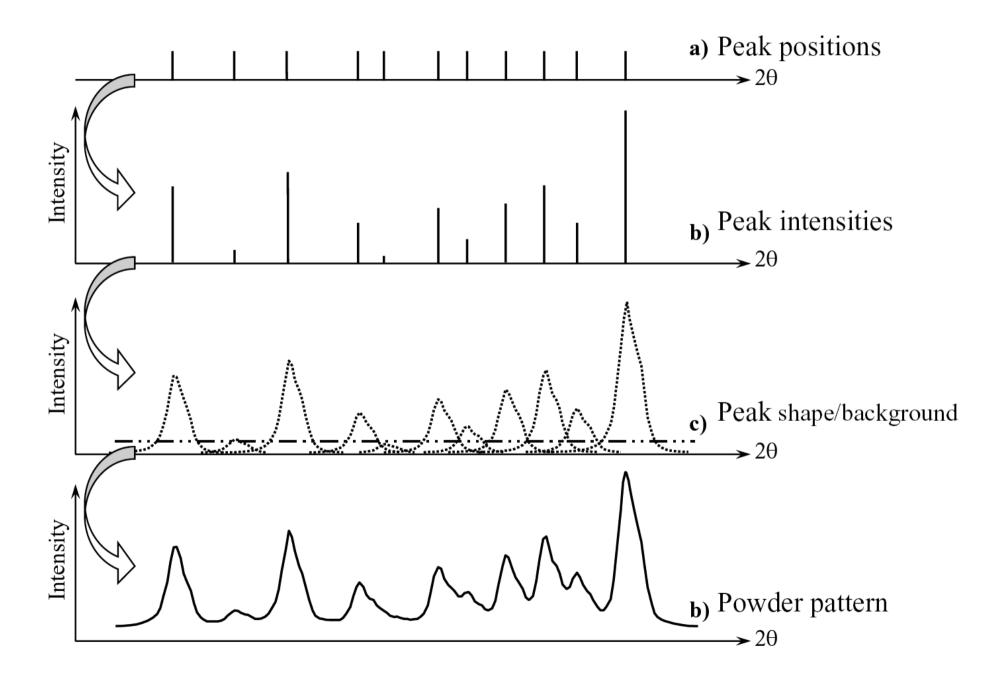
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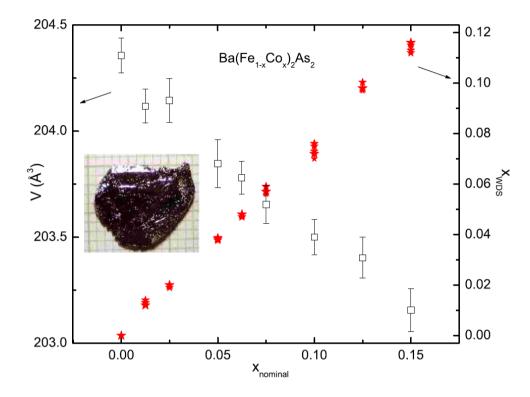


Combined analysis of series of Bragg reflections (main phase + standard) necessary.

Combined fitting of Bragg reflections



Example: growth of $Ba(Fe_{1-x}Co_x)_2As_2$



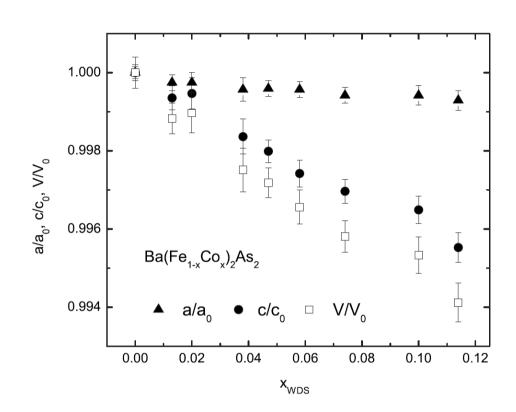
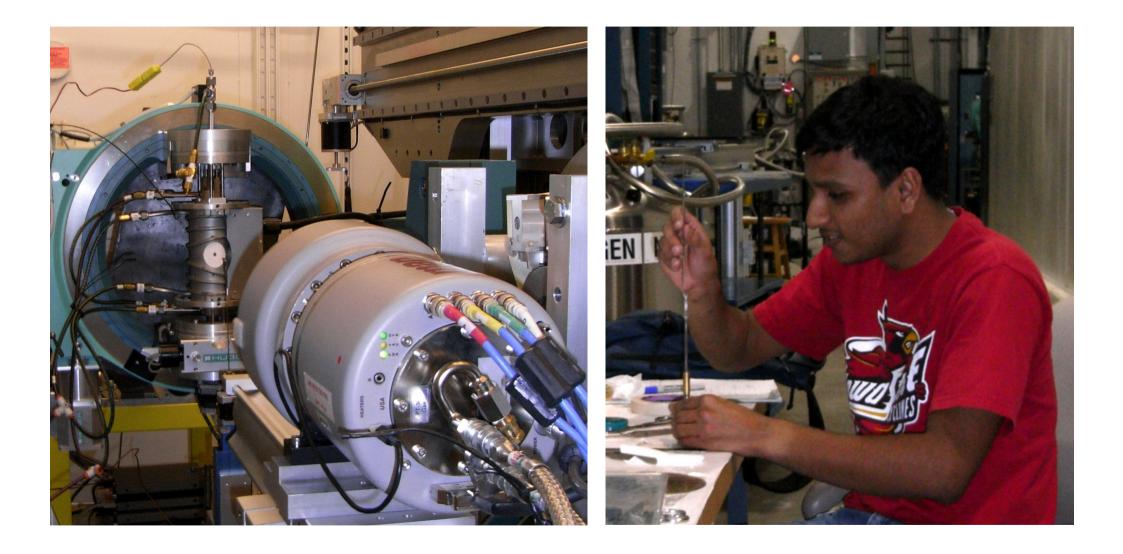


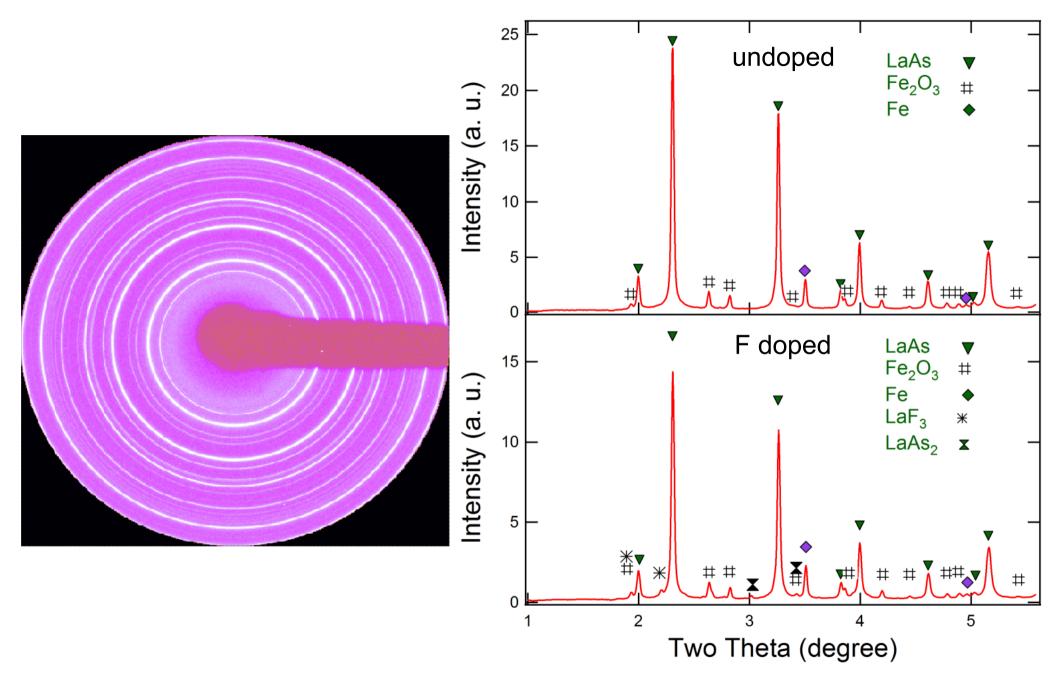
FIG. 2. (Color online) Unit-cell volume and Co concentration determined from WDS measurement as a function of nominal Co concentration. Multiple WDS data points were collected for each nominal x and are each plotted, giving a sense of measured variation in Co concentration. Inset: picture of a representative single crystal over a millimeter grid.

FIG. 3. Unit cell parameters, *a* and *c*, as well as unit-cell volume, *V*, normalized to $a_0=3.9621$ Å, $c_0=13.0178$ Å, and $V_0=204.3565$ Å³ of undoped BaFe₂As₂ as a function of measured concentration of Co, x_{WDS} .

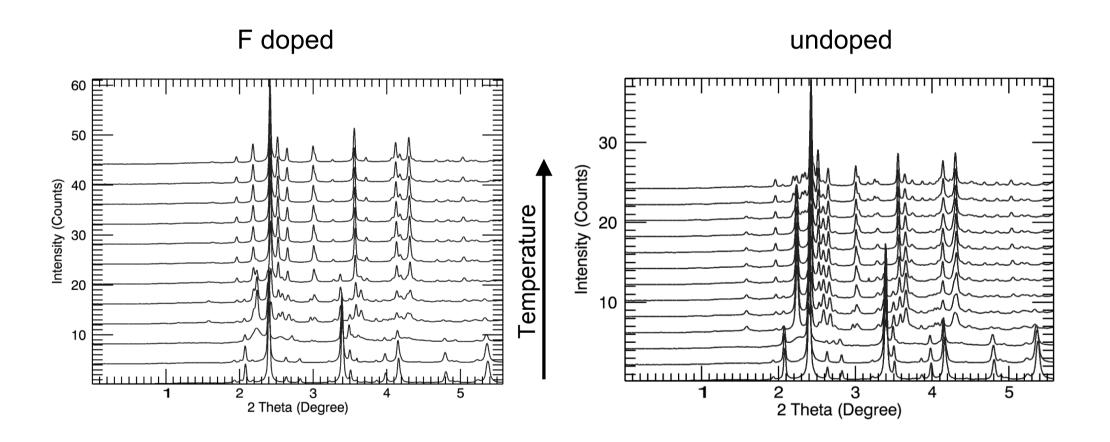
Realized stoichiometry by WDS study; Vegard's law for lattice parameter



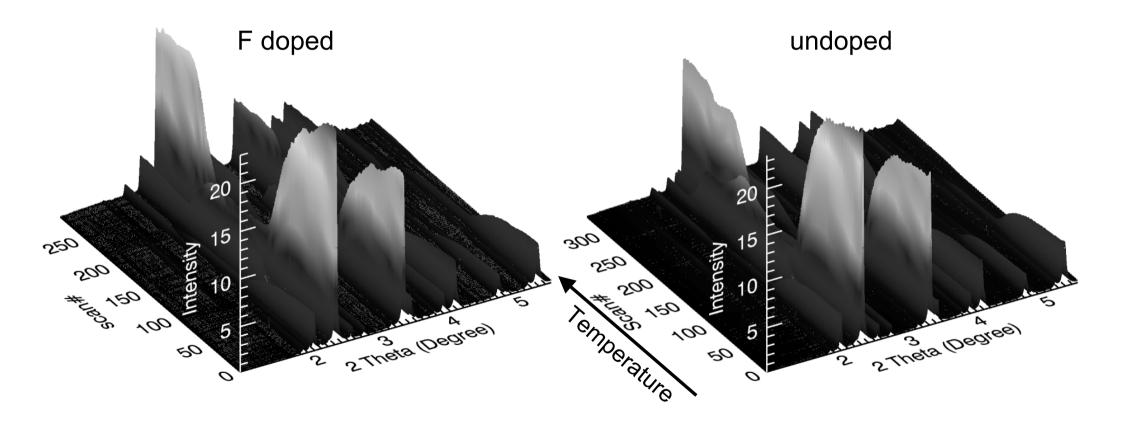
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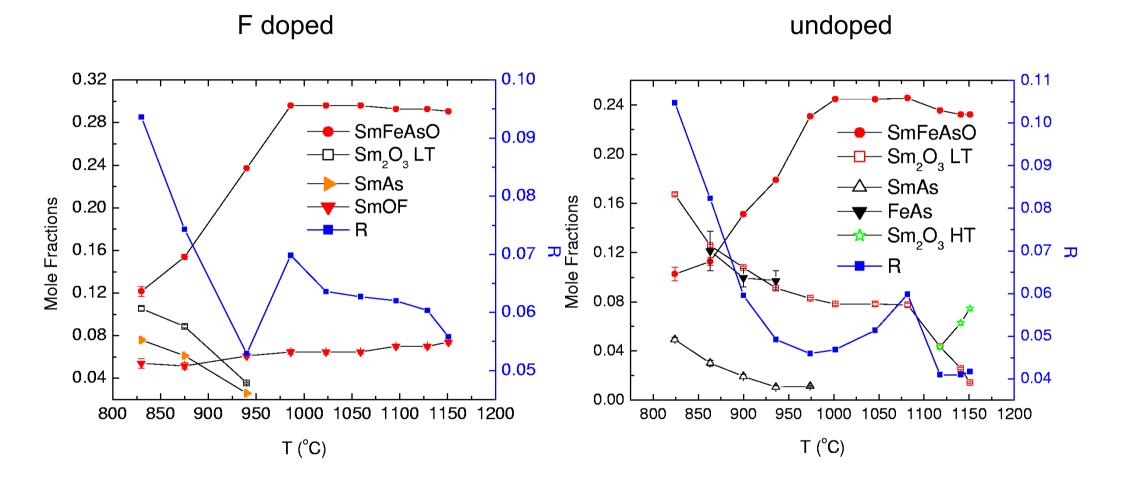
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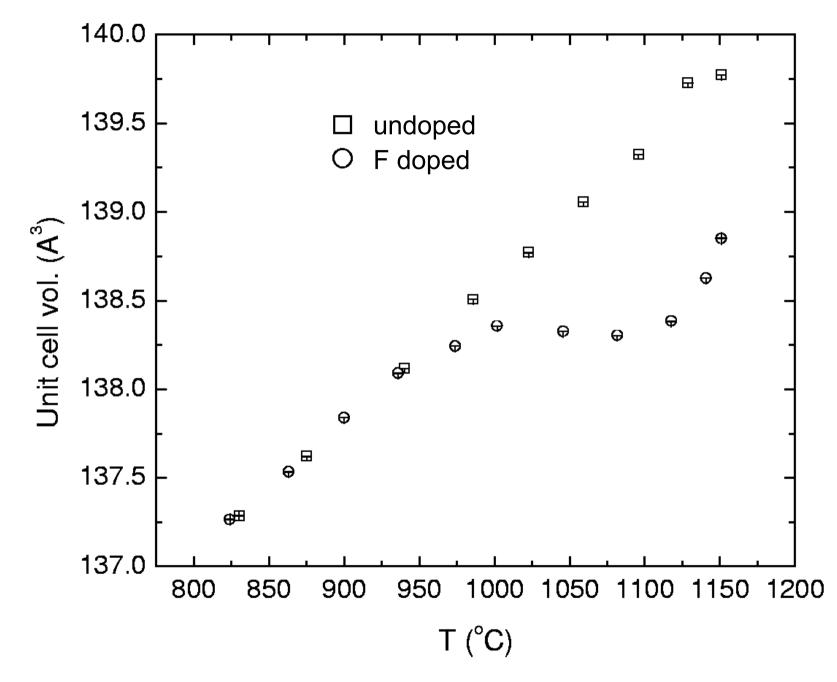
Temperature-dependent x-ray diffraction (20 sec. pattern)



Temperature-dependent x-ray diffraction (20 sec. pattern)



Crystalline phase fraction determined by Rietveld analysis



Unit-cell volume of *R*FeAs(O/F) phase determined by Rietveld analysis