

X-ray CoreLab Facilities at HZB

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X-Ray CoreLab at HZB

- Methods and instruments
- Registration and booking

Susan Schorr
Chair of the X-Ray CoreLab Steering Committee

Mission statement

The **mission** of the X-Ray CoreLab is to use and to anchor the methods of lab-scale X-ray diffraction on an institutional and cross-cutting level in the HZB's strategy.

The X-ray CoreLab is supervised by a **Steering Committee**

Susan Schorr, chair (EM-ASD)

Christoph Genzel (EM-AME)

Roel van de Krol (EE-IF)

Bella Lake (EM-AQM)

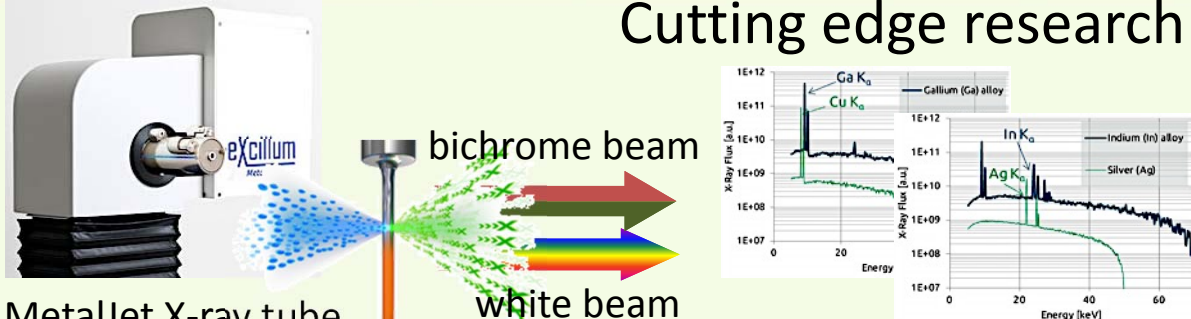
LMC
Michael Tovar
(9 instruments)



WCRC
Christoph Genzel
(3 instruments)

The fundamental pillars of the X-ray corelab

Cutting edge research

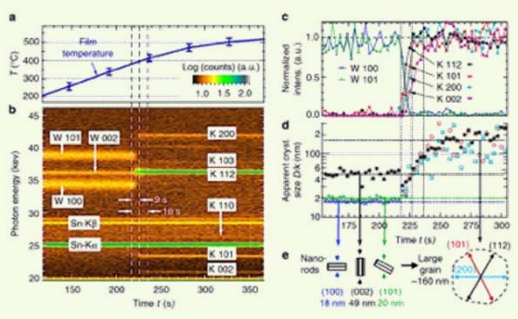


MetalJet X-ray tube

bichrome beam

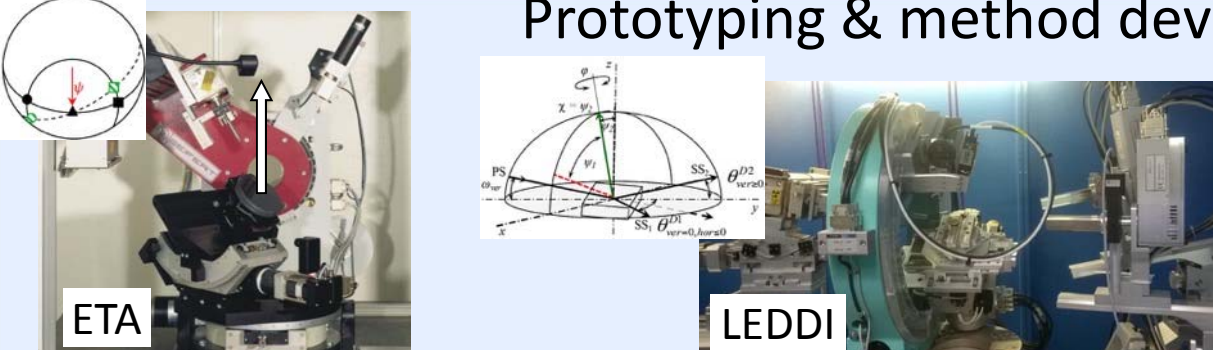
white beam

$\text{Ga K}\alpha$
 $\text{Cu K}\alpha$
 Gallium (Ga) alloy
 $\text{In K}\alpha$
 $\text{Ag K}\alpha$
 Indium (In) alloy
 Silver (Ag)



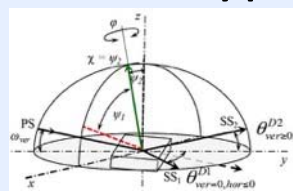
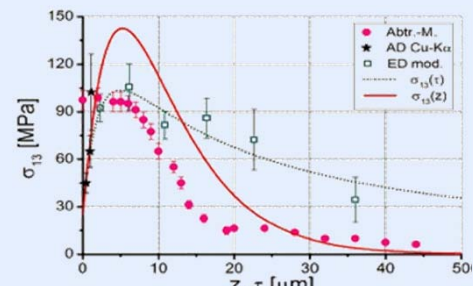
a Film temperature
 b Log (counts) (a.u.)
 c Normalized intensity (a.u.)
 d Apparent crystal size (nm)
 e Nano rods
 Large grain
 Mainz et al., Nature Comm. 4133 (2014)

Prototyping & method development




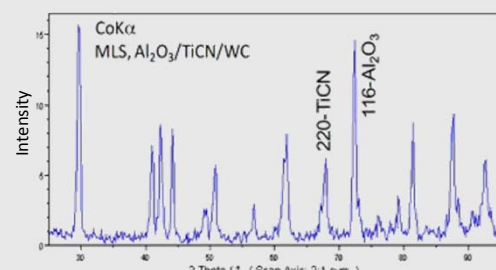
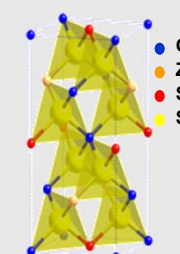
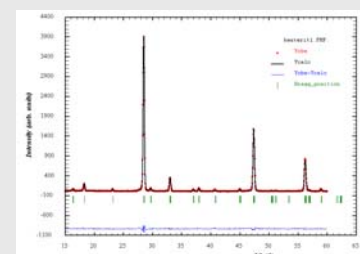
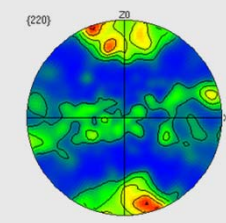
ETA

LEDDI

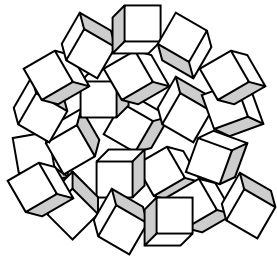
σ_{13} [MPa]
 z, τ [μm]
 Abtr.-M.
 AD Cu-K α
 ED mod.
 $\sigma_{13}(1)$
 $\sigma_{13}(2)$

'Bred & butter business'

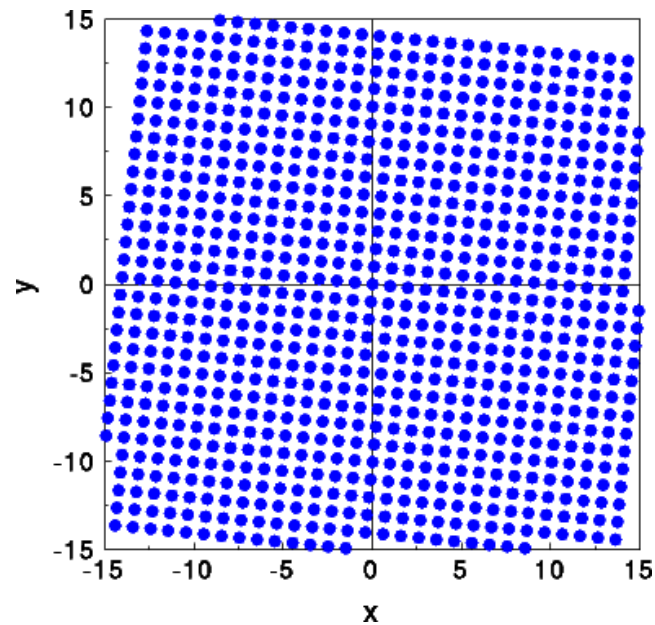
X'Pert
 CoK α
 MLS, $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3/\text{TiCN}/\text{WC}$
 220-TiCN
 116- Al_2O_3
 Cu
 Zn
 Sn
 Se
 Intensity
 2θ / $^\circ$ (Scan Axis: 2.1 sym.)
 Intensity (arb. units)
 2θ / $^\circ$
 (220)

Investigation of polycrystalline samples



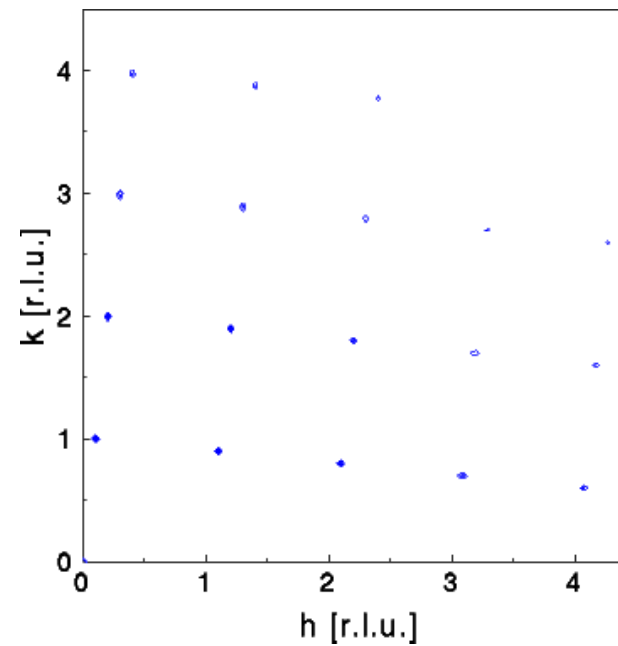
What is a polycrystalline material?

real space



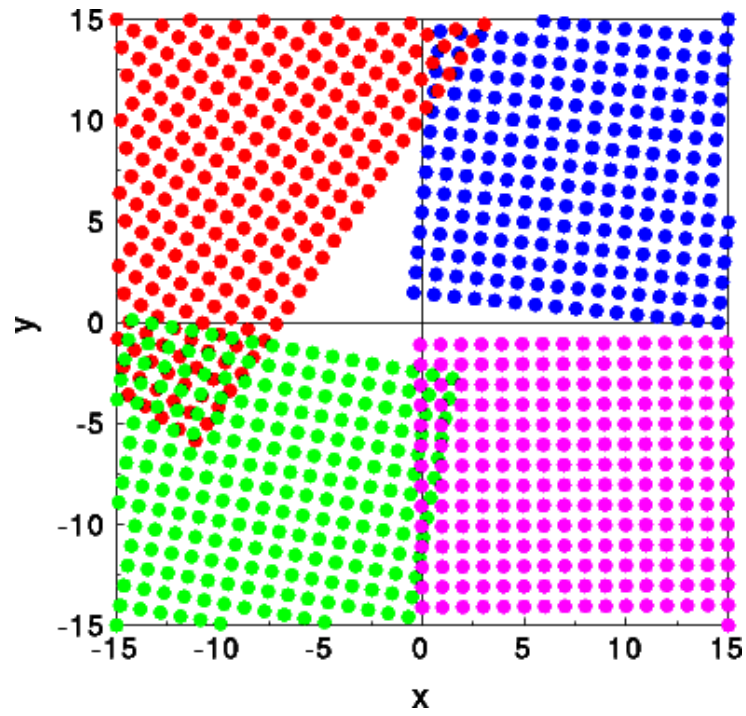
3D periodic arrangement
of atoms/ions/molecules

reciprocal space

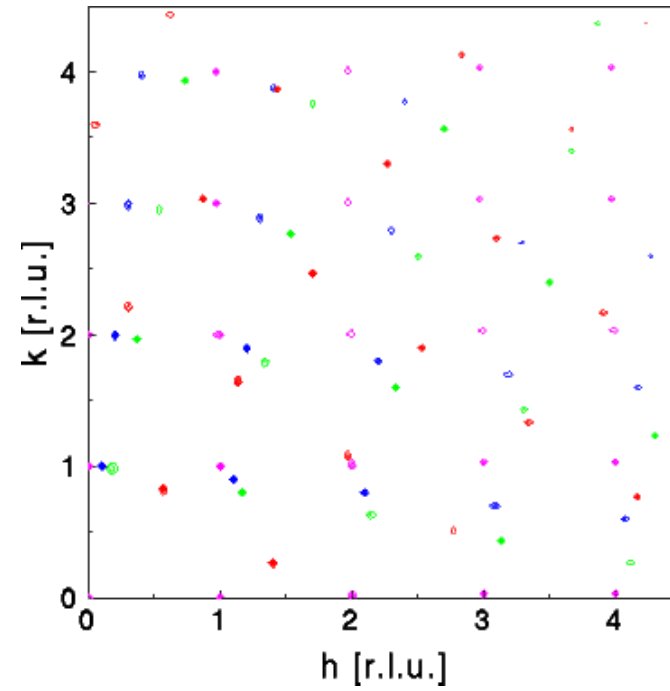


single crystal

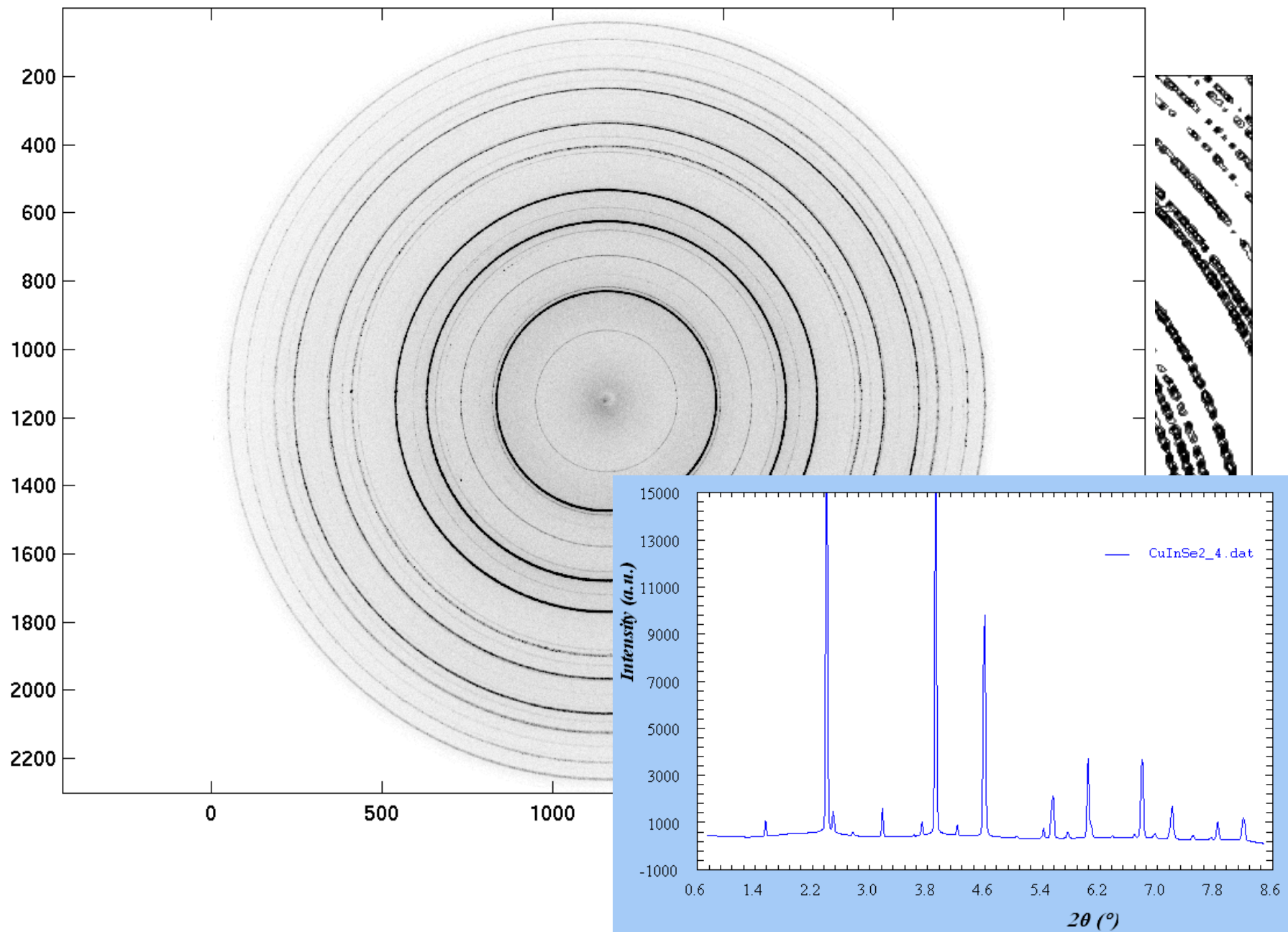
real space



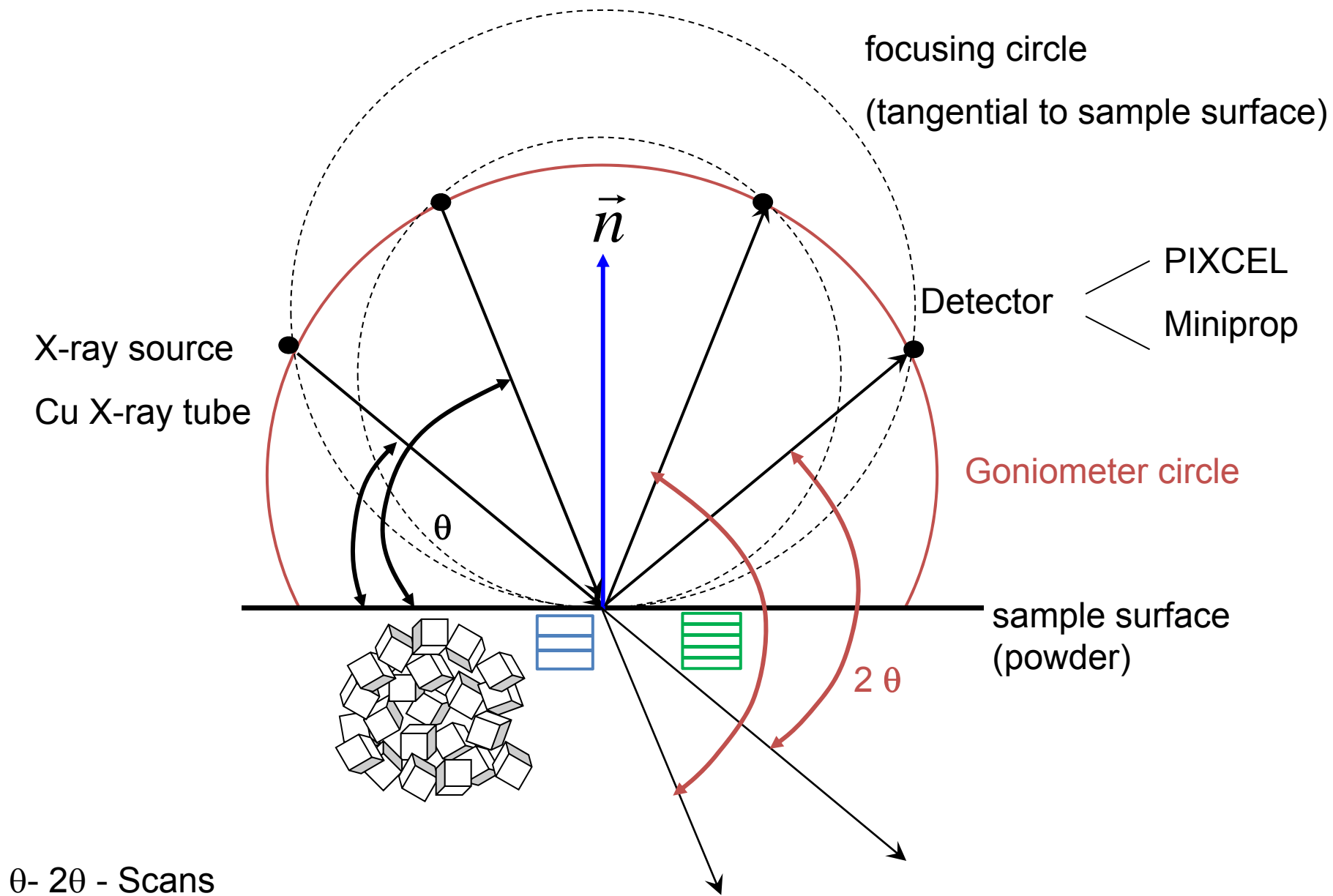
reciprocal space



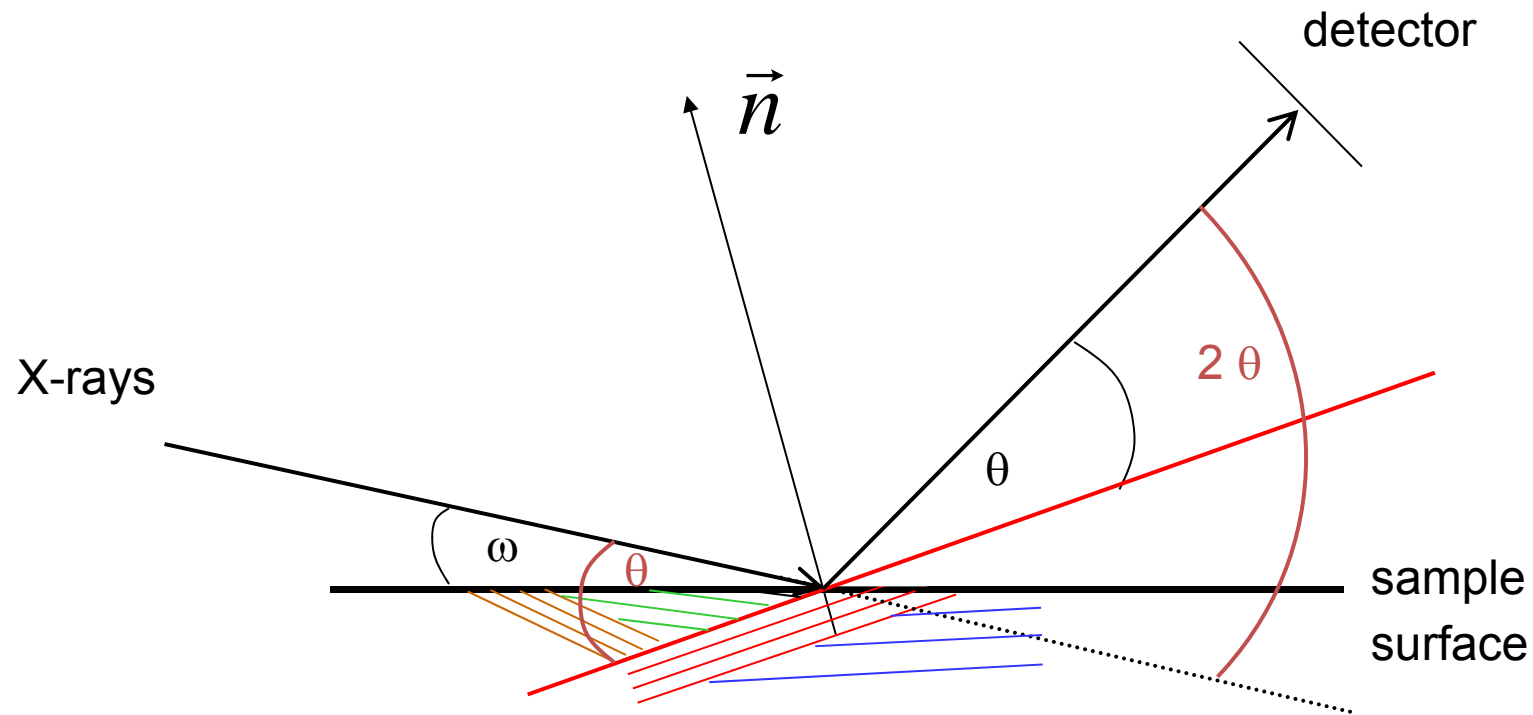
four single crystals



Powder Diffraction (Bragg – Brentano – Geometry)



grazing incidence X-ray diffraction - GIXRD



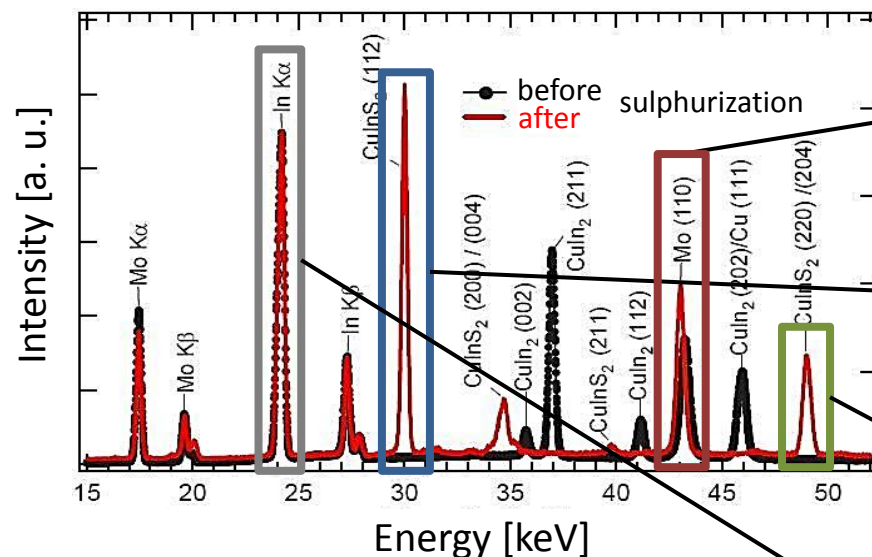
sample: polycrystalline thin film

- parallel beam
- fixed incidence angle ω
- detector - scan

Information content of X-ray diffractograms

Features of diffraction methods:

- non-destructive
- phase selective
- information depth nm ... cm



Line position and line shift:

- crystal structure
- residual stress

Line width and line shape

- micro strain, defects

Line intensity:

- crystallographic texture
- reaction kinetics

Fluorescence lines:

- element distribution

High energies >20 keV for:

- ... High information depth
- ... XRF close to K-edges of many elements

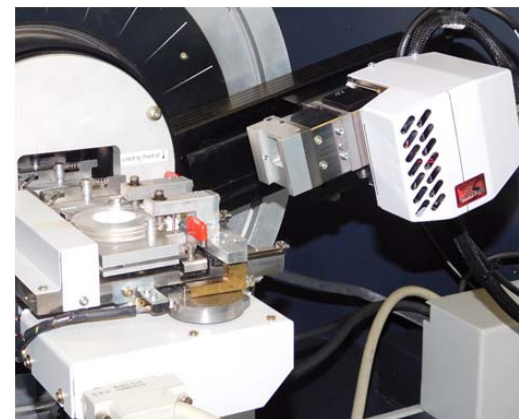
Instrumentation @ LMC

Bruker D8 Advance for analysis of thin films (l.) and powders (r.)



powder diffraction

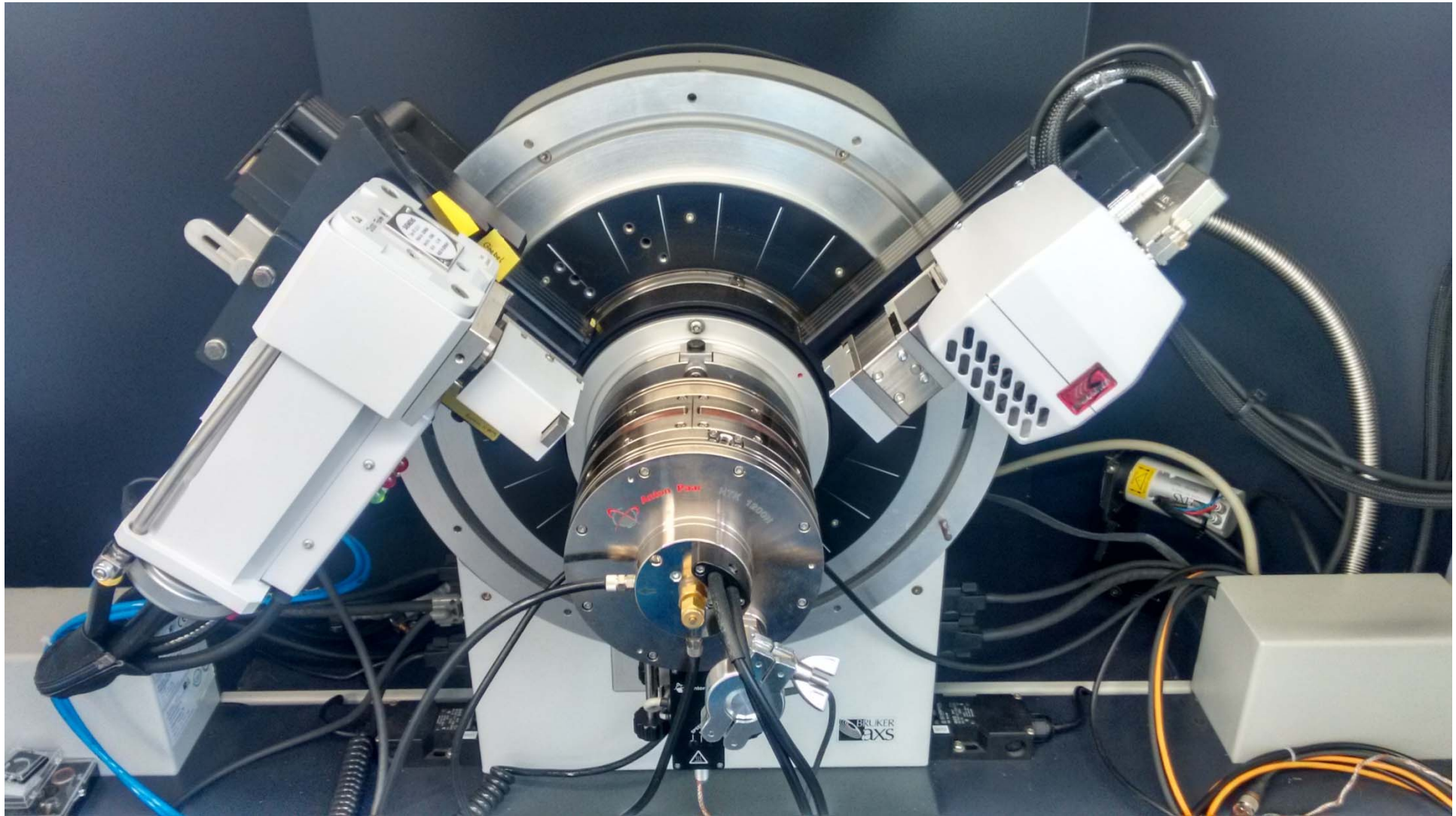
- fast scans with LYNX Eye 1D detector (~5-10 min)
- sample changer for high throughput
- *in situ* high temperature sample environment
- *Bruker EVA* and *TOPAS* for phase analysis
- ICDD-PDF-2 for phase analysis, upgrade to PDF-4 in progress
- web access to FIZ-ICSD



What can be done?

- qualitative phase analysis (search/match with database)
- quantitative phase analysis (Rietveld refinement with e. g. TOPAS)
- single peak fits: lattice parameter (rectangular crystal system)
peak width (FWHM)
- structure refinement
 - LeBail refinement (lattice parameter)
 - Rietveld refinement (all structural parameters)

Anton Paar HTK 1200N High-Temperature Furnace-Chamber



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Specifications:

- $RT \leq T \leq 1200^{\circ}\text{C}$, $dT/dt \approx 1\text{K s}^{-1}$
- oscillating sample holder for enhanced grain statistics
- motorized z-alignment stage to compensate for sample thicknesses and thermal expansion
- $p_{\text{min}} = 10^{-4}$ mbar, air and inert gas atmosphere*
- sample carriers for powders and thin films ($\varnothing_{\text{max}} = 20$ mm)
- X-ray window: graphite/Kapton (10 mm width)

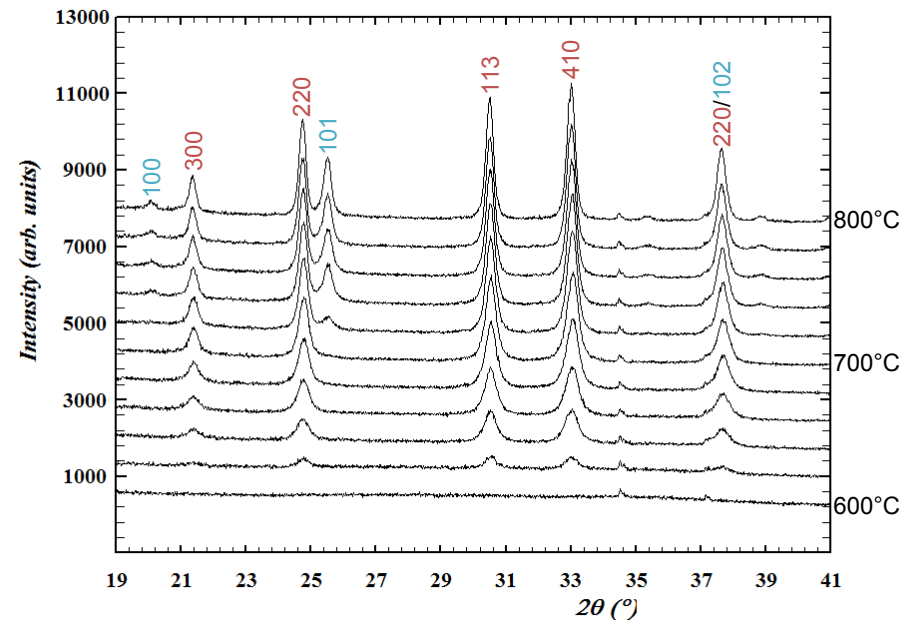
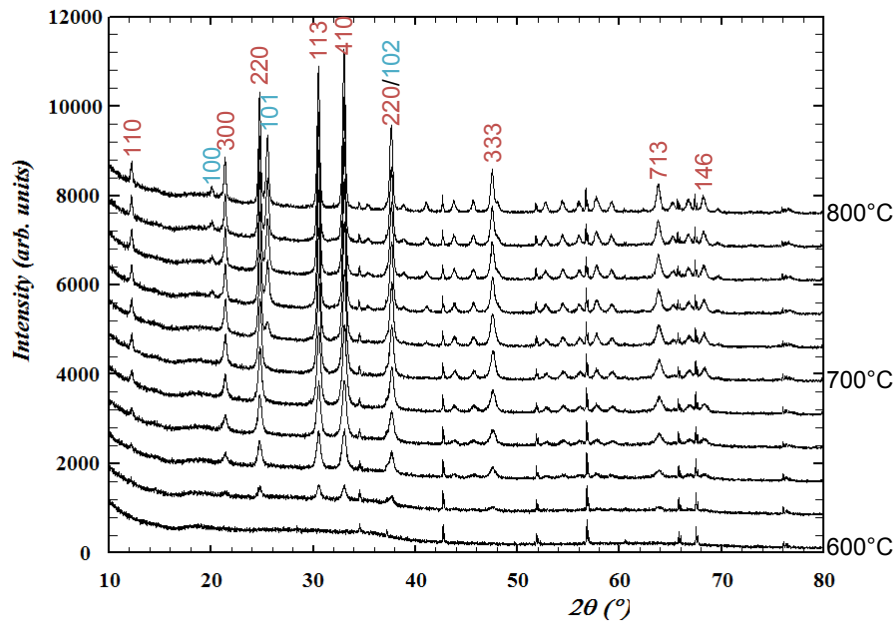


* vacuum (scroll pump, $\approx 10^{-4}$ bar) and Inert gas atmosphere (e.g. N_2 or user supplied gas mixtures) available

in situ temperature-dependent diffraction

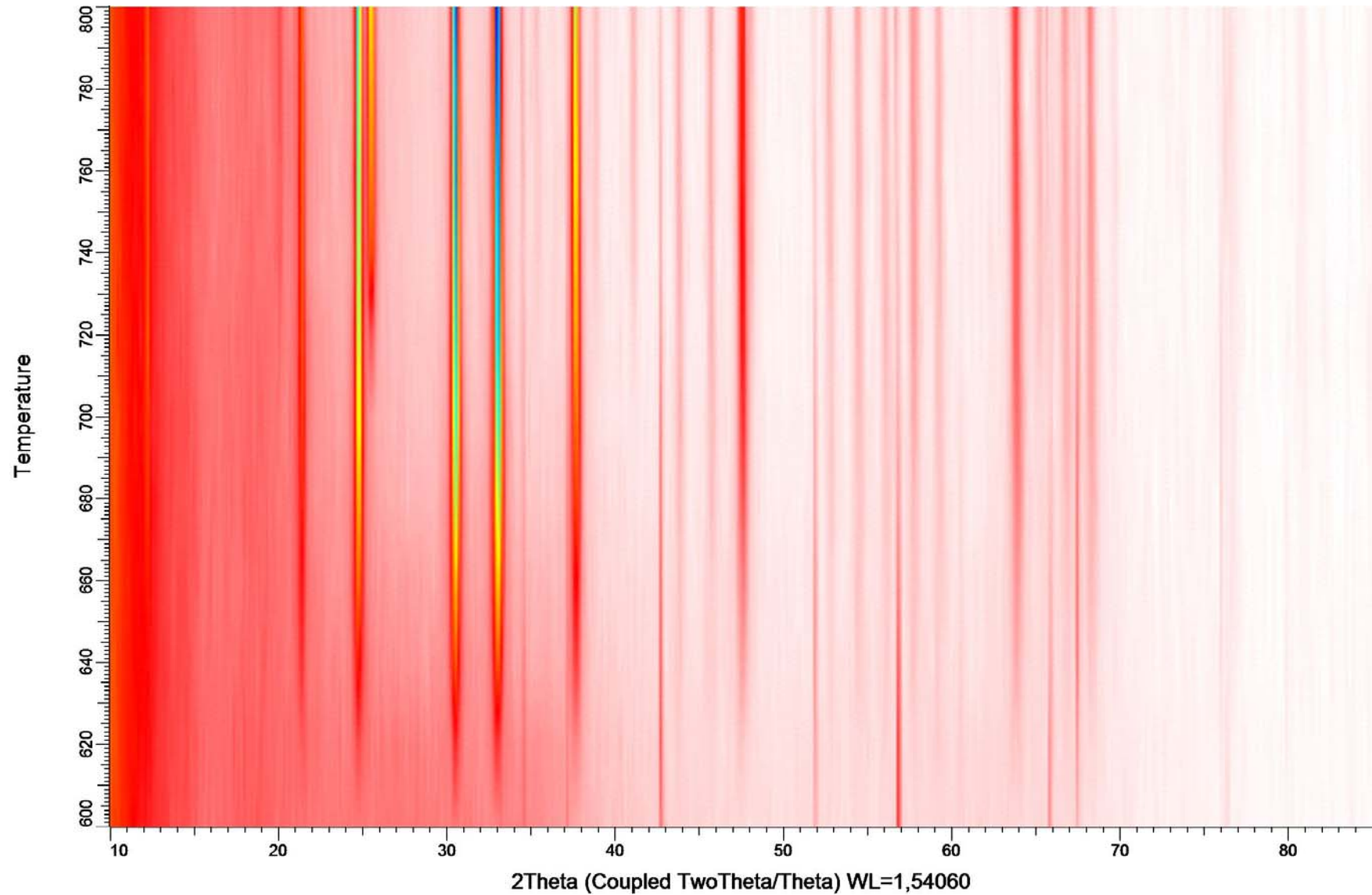
monitoring of crystallization of ZnGe_2O_4

- *in situ* XRD measurements performed on Bruker D8 equipped with Anton Paar HTK1200N
- 2θ range = $10^\circ - 80^\circ$
- temperature range = $600 - 800^\circ\text{C}$; 20 K steps; $dT/dt \approx 1 \text{ K s}^{-1}$; 20 min delay before measurements
- air atmosphere
- phases: ZnGe_2O_4 , GeO_2 (α -quartz-type)



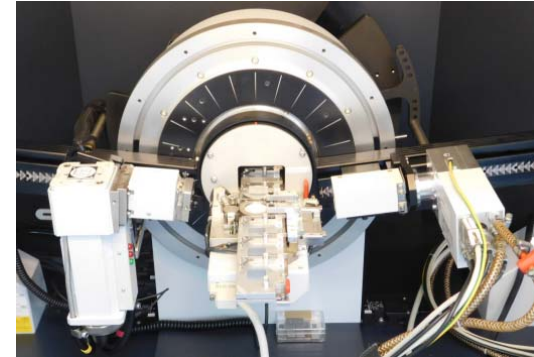
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grazing incidence diffraction (GIXRD)

- low background energy dispersive SOL-X detector
- sample changer for high throughput
- *Bruker EVA* for phase analysis
- sample height cannot be adjusted (necessary for pattern refinement)



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Instrumentation @ LMC

PANalytical MRD (l.) and MPD (r.) for analysis of thin film and powders, for texture and epitaxy analysis and micro-diffraction



Instrumentation @ LMC

PANalytical MPD (multi purpose diffractometer)

- precise **GIXRD** measurements of thin films: parallel X-ray beam (X-ray mirror and Xe single counter), sample height can be adjusted (z-scan)
- sample table for x-y scans allows scanning
- **reflectivity** option for film thickness and roughness
- fast **powder diffraction** with 1-D PIXcel detector



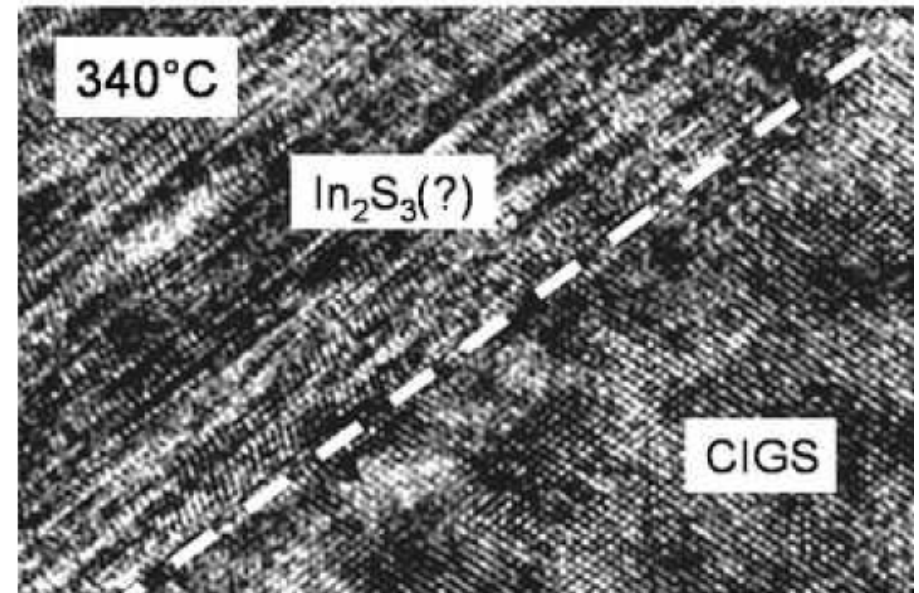
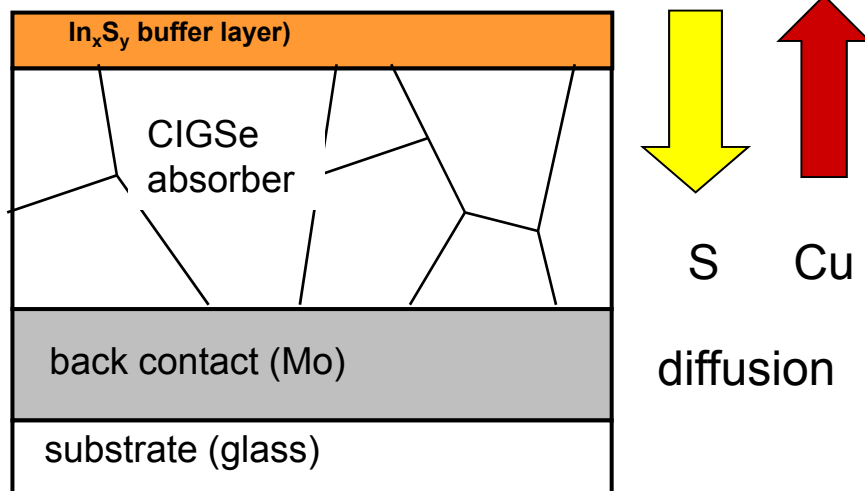
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With both XRD and
GIXRD
measurements!

Example: Depth-resolved phase analysis (qualitative)

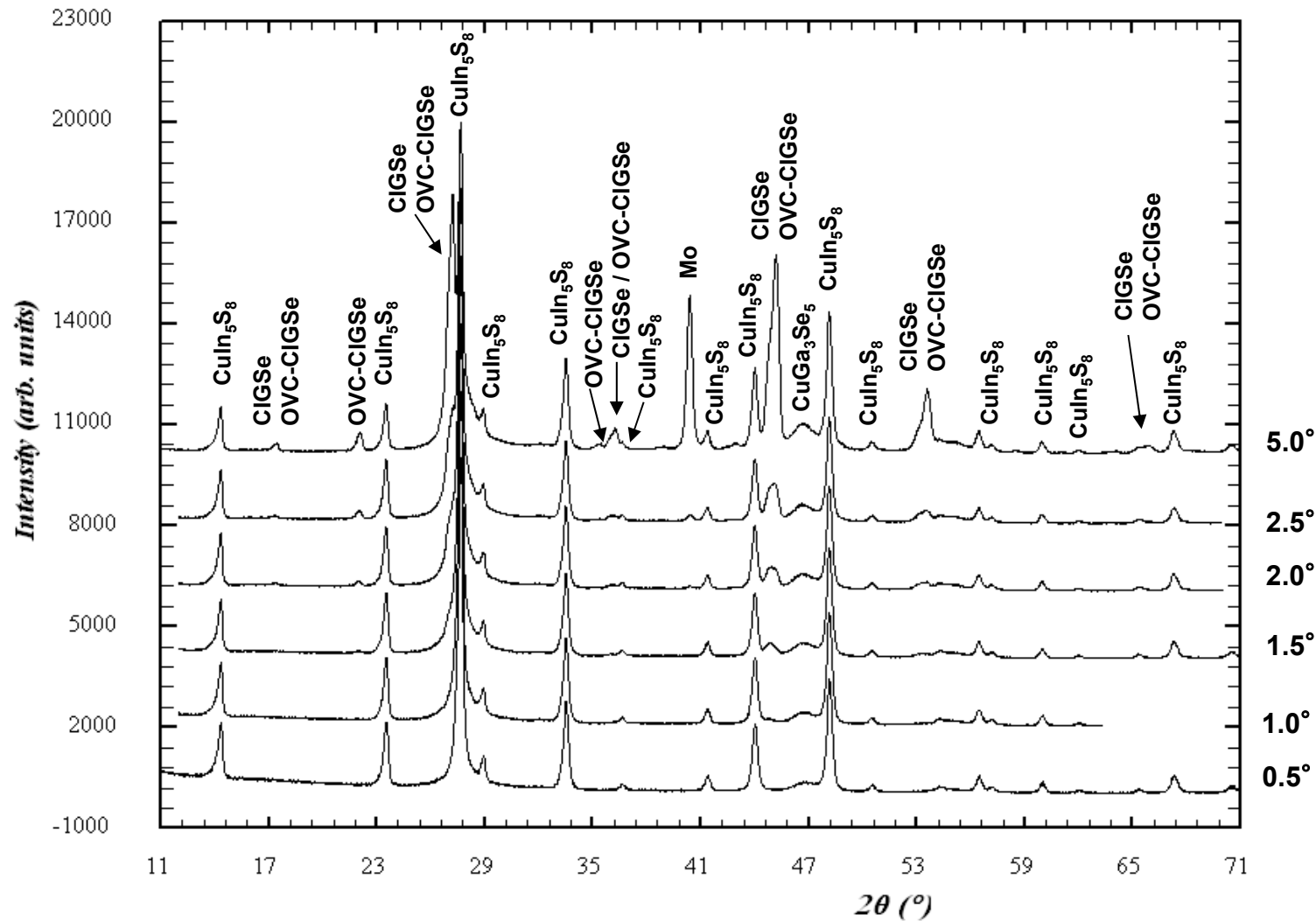
sputtered In_xS_y layer
 $T_{\text{sub}} = 230^\circ\text{C}, 340^\circ\text{C}, \text{no heating}$



What happened with the sputtered In_xS_y layer?

$\text{In}_x\text{S}_y / \text{CIGSe}$ ($T_{\text{sub}} = 340^\circ \text{C}$)

diffusion of Cu and Ga from CIGSe into the buffer (In_xS_y) \rightarrow formation of vacancy compounds

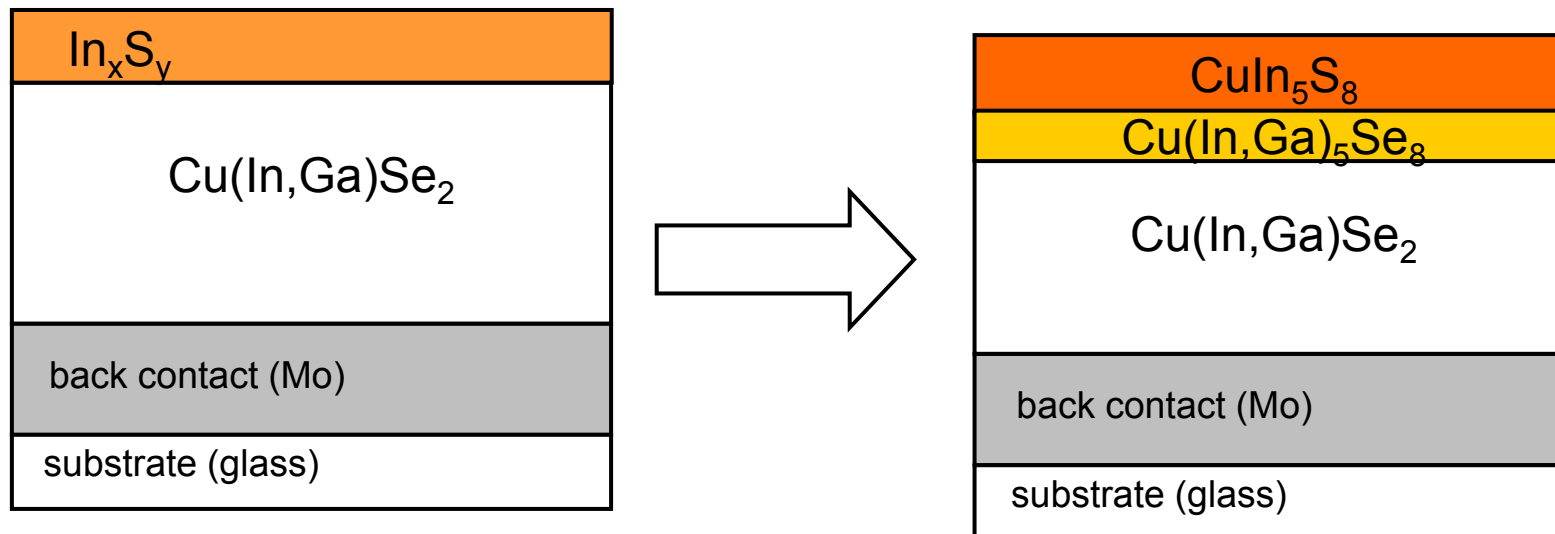


$\text{In}_x\text{S}_y / \text{CIGSe}$ ($T_{\text{sub}} = 340^\circ \text{C}$)

→ layer stacking:

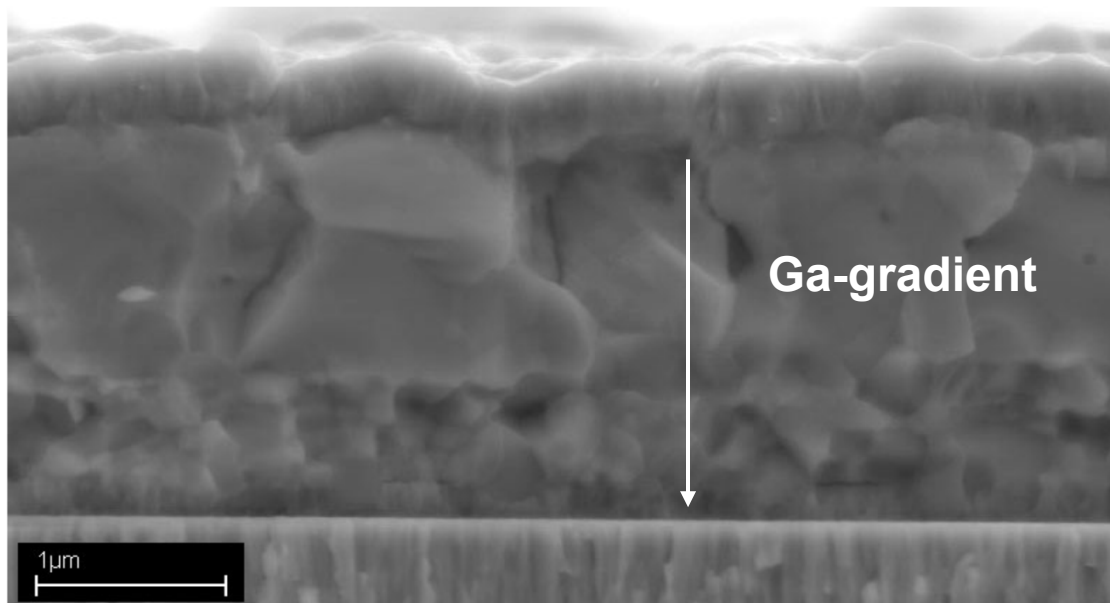
CuIn_5S_8
 $\text{Cu}(\text{In},\text{Ga})_5\text{Se}_8$
 $\text{Cu}(\text{In},\text{Ga})\text{Se}_2$

additional:
 CuGa_3Se_5
thin layer
or
small crystallites



Example: depth-resolved phase analysis (semi-quantitative)

Ga-gradient in $\text{Cu}(\text{In,Ga})\text{Se}_2$ absorber layers



ZnO window layer

CdS

CIGSe absorber

Mo back contact

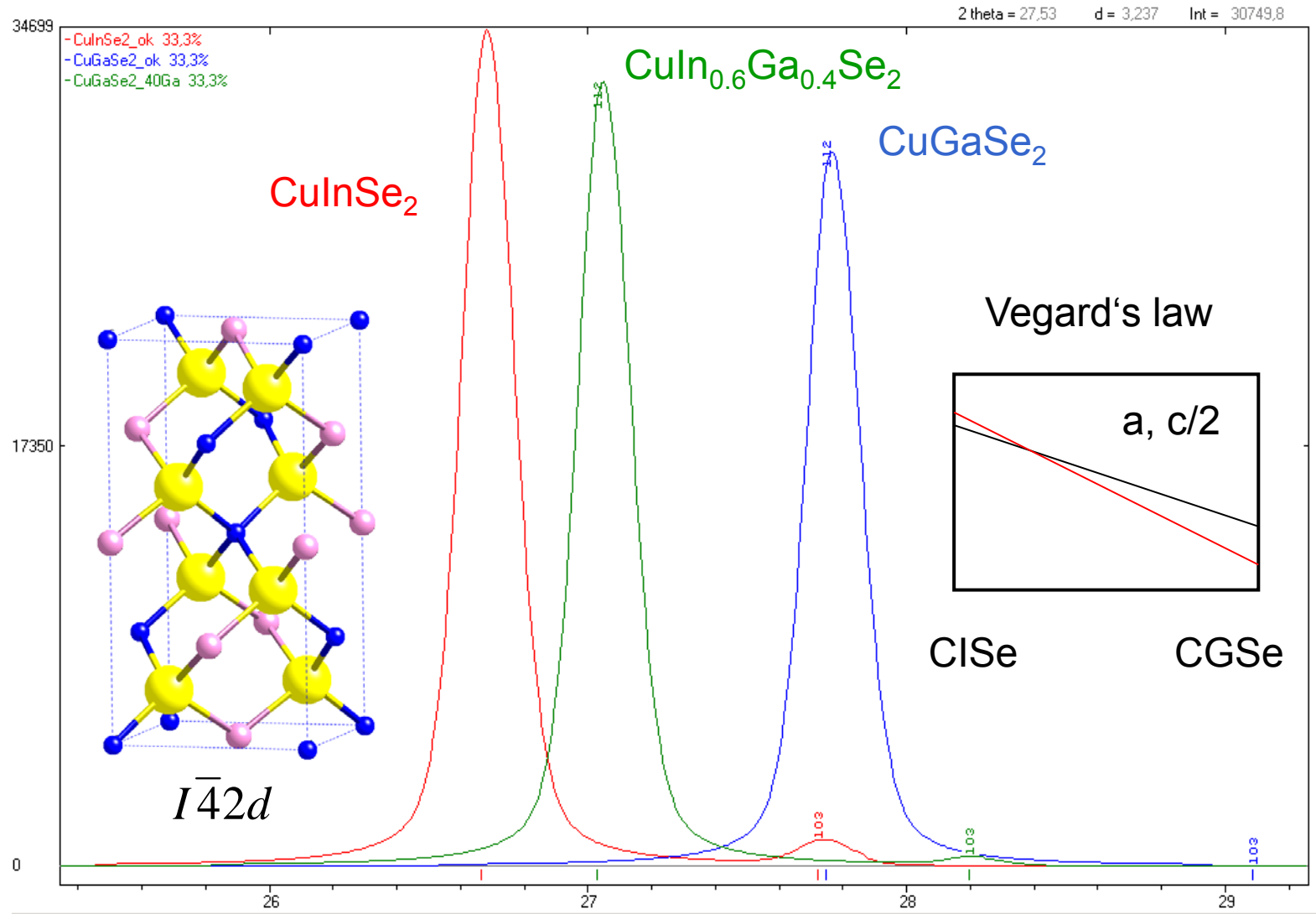
glass substrate

cross-sectional SEM image

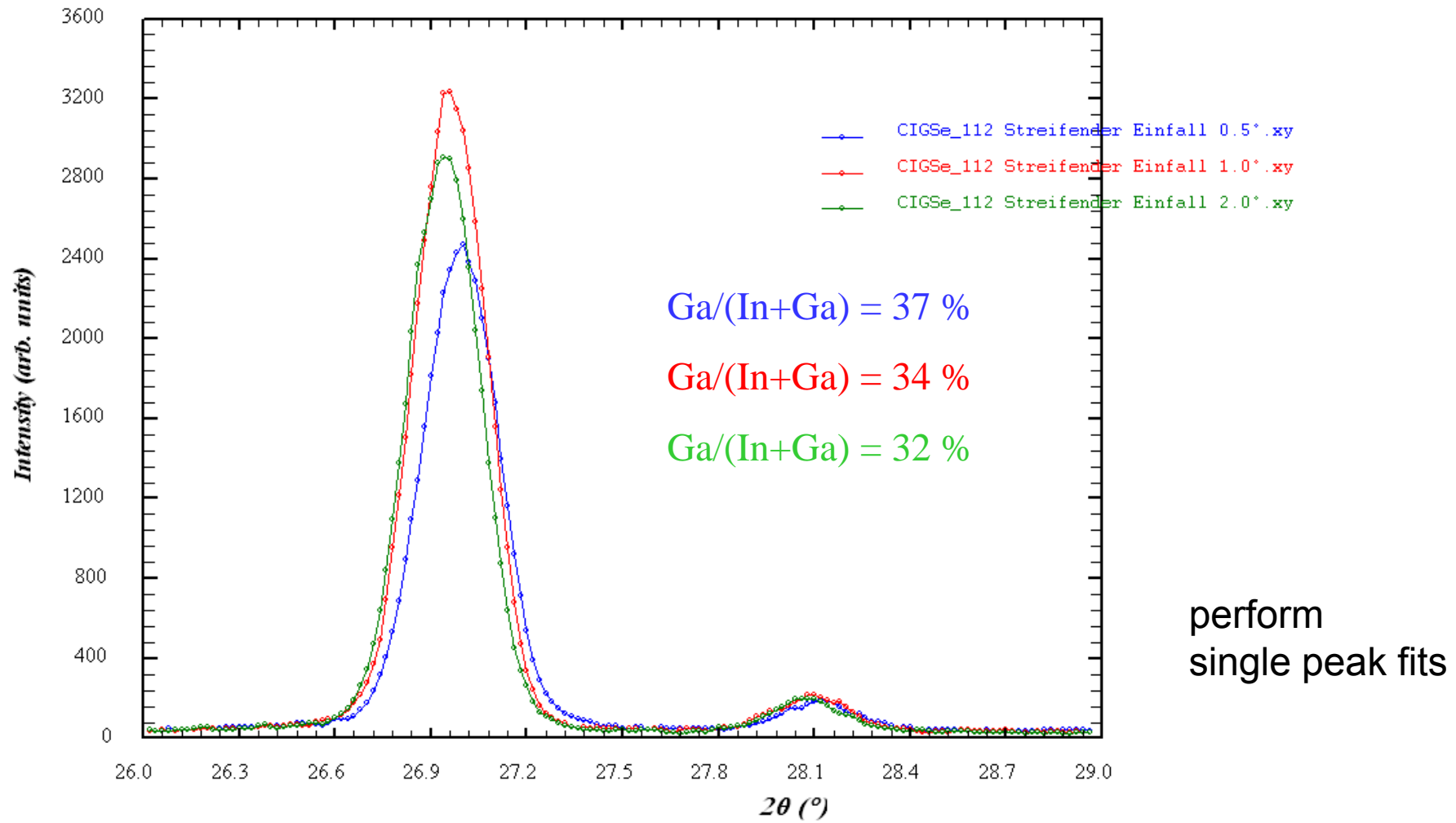
Ch. A. Kaufmann, R. Caballero, T. Unold, R. Hesse S. Schorr, M. Nichterwitz, H.-W. Schock, Sol. Energy Mat. & Sol. Cells (2008)

Simulated powder pattern: Cu(In,Ga)Se₂

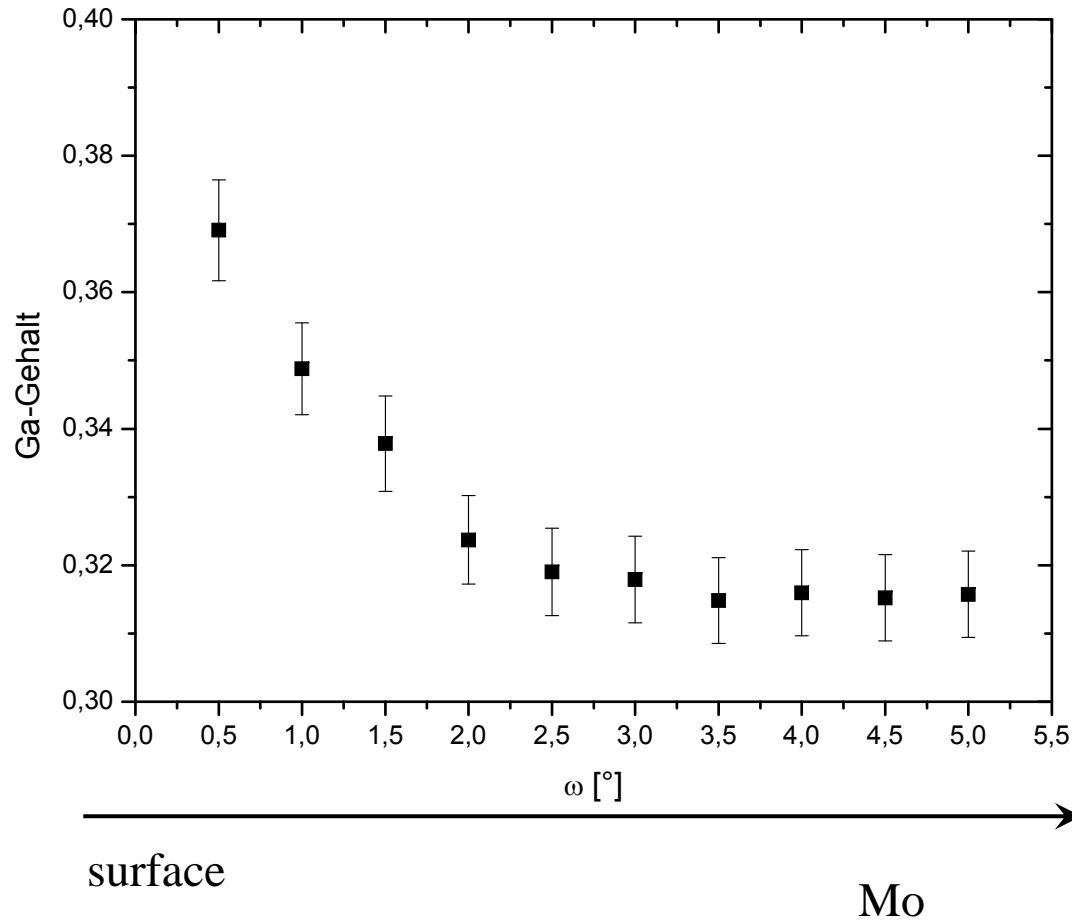
112 Bragg peak



depth profiles of CIGSe thin films



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Bragg equation:

$$\lambda = 2d_{hkl} \sin \theta$$

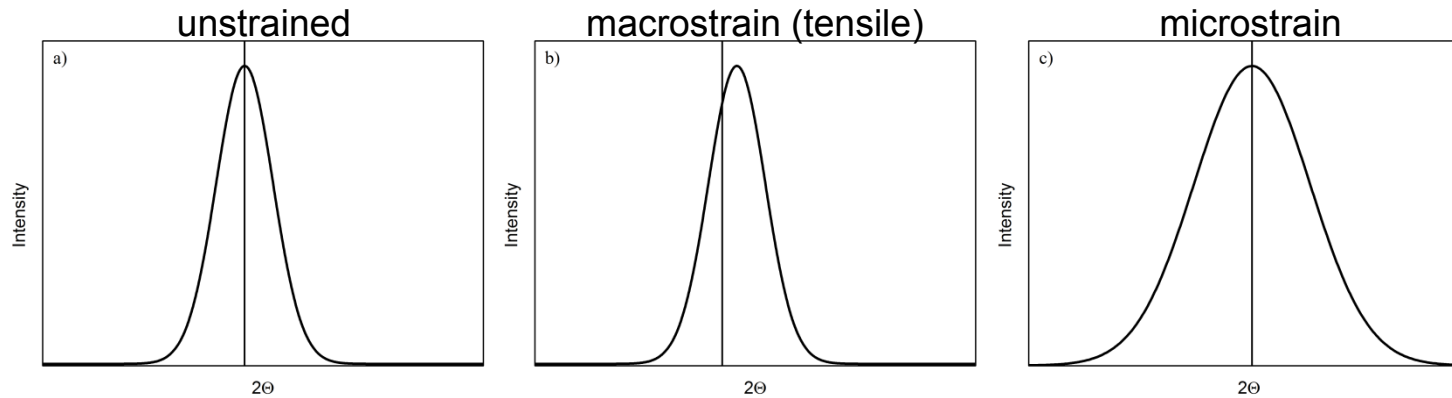
tetragonal crystal system:

$$\frac{1}{d_{hkl}^2} = \frac{h^2 + k^2}{a^2} + \frac{l^2}{c^2}$$

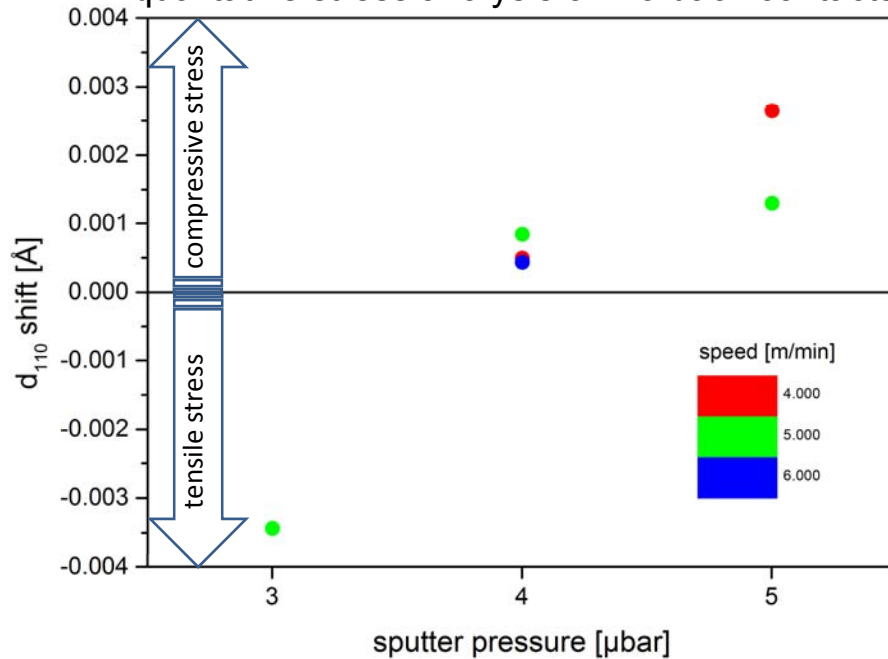
Vegard's law:

$$a_{AB} = a_A (1 - x_B) + a_B x_B$$

macrostrain and microstrain in thin films

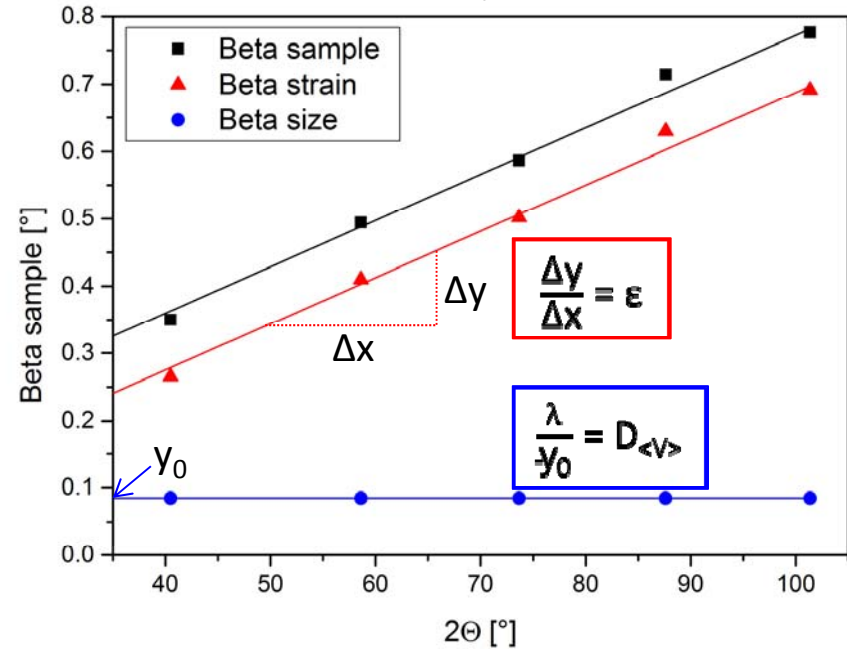


qualitative stress analysis of Mo back contacts



→ shift in peak position reveals stress regime

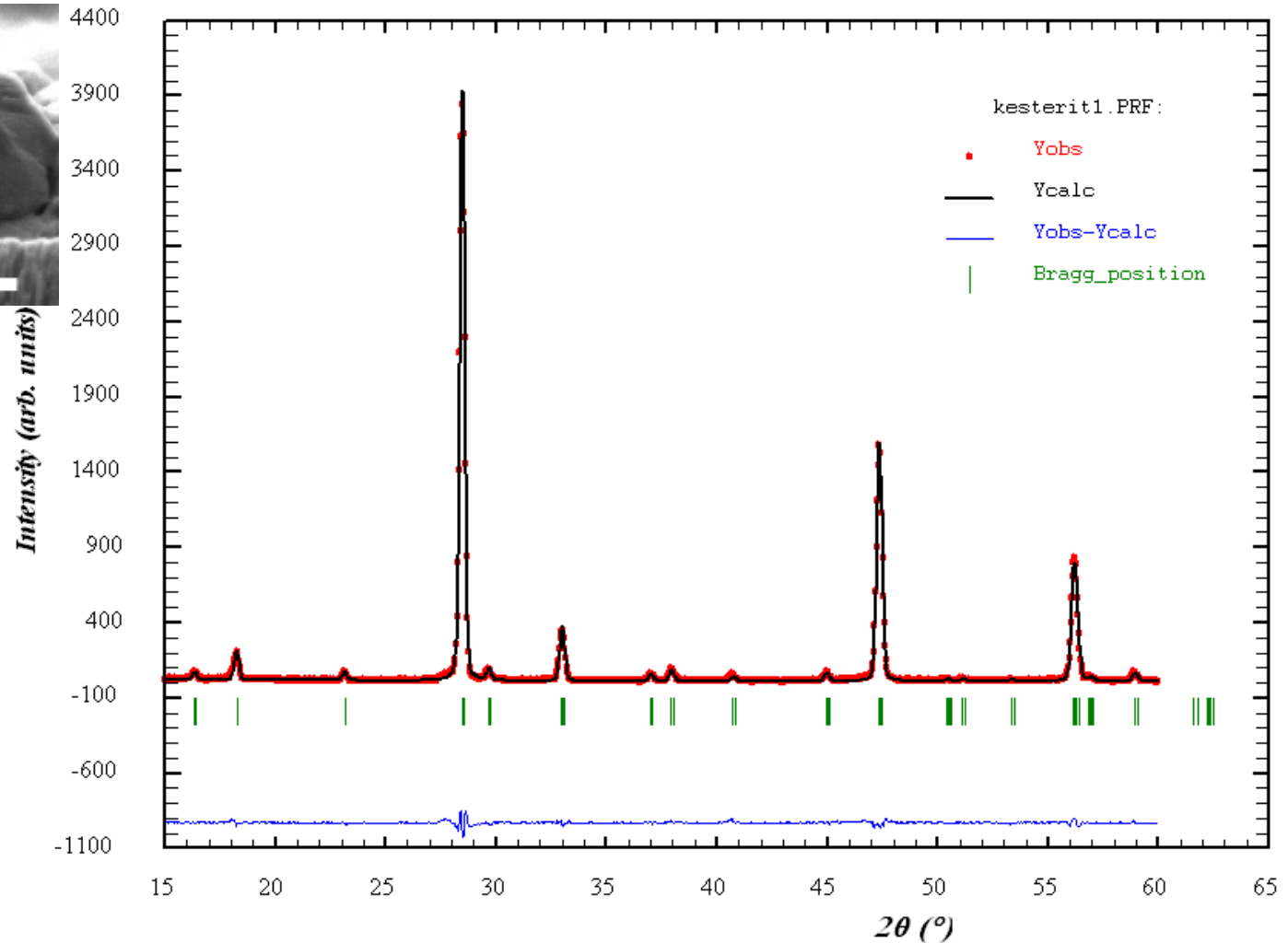
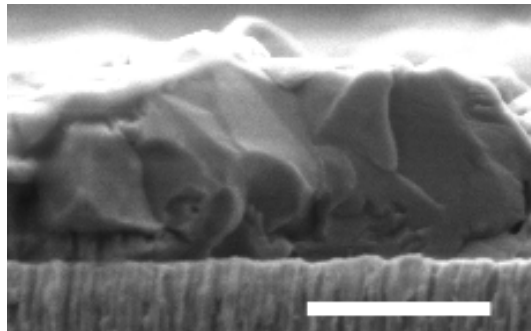
microstructure (WH) analysis of Mo back contacts



→ based on individual peak profile parameters
 → separation of size and strain broadening

Rietveld refinement of GIXRD data

$\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSnS}_4$ thin film grown by co-evaporation



single phase

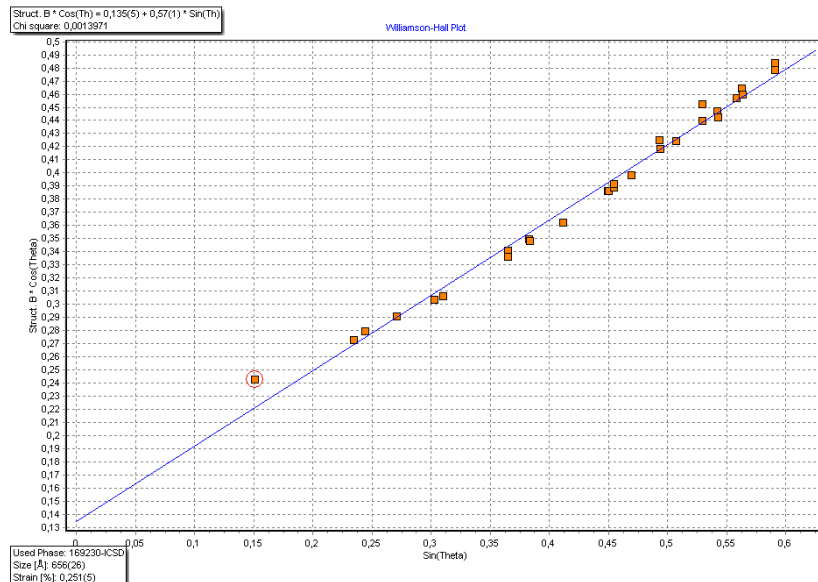
no texture

determination of
structural
parameters

microstructure analysis of thin films

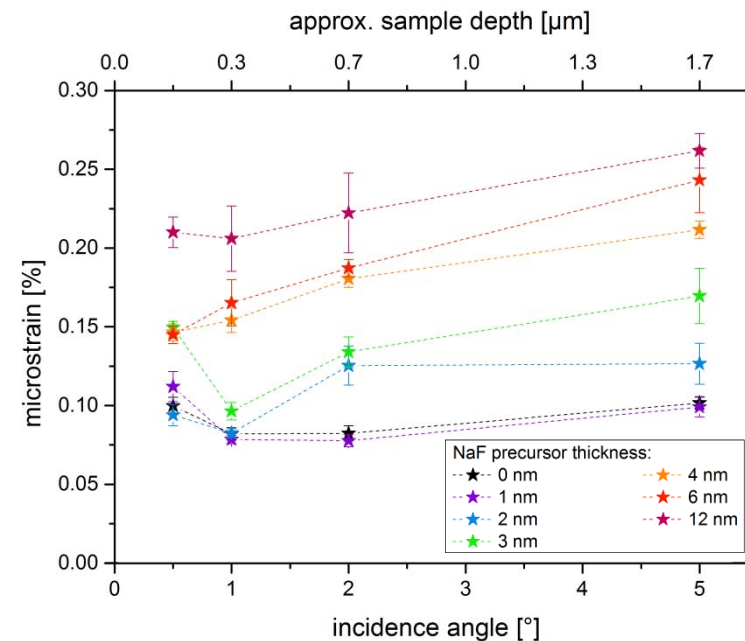
- microstructure analysis of CISE thin film absorber layers
- broadening of integral peak breadths β used to deduce microstrain and domain size
- depth-resolved characterization possible by varying incidence angles

Williamson-Hall analysis of CISE using pseudo-Voigt profile function to obtain β
(done with Highscore Plus, PANalytical)



→ linear equation used to obtain size and strain

microstructure analysis of CISE using Thompson-Cox-Hastings pseudo-Voigt profile function to obtain β
(done with Fullprof Suite software package)



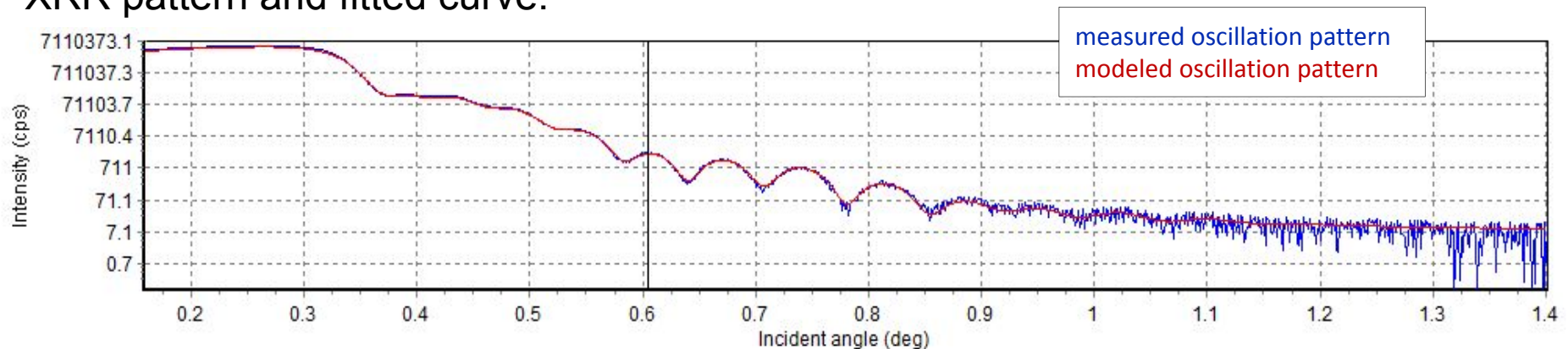
→ size and strain directly calculated from corresponding profile parameters

X-ray reflectivity (XRR)

estimation of thickness, density and roughness of thin films

- X-ray reflectometry is based on varying reflectivities of X-rays when traversing interfaces between dissimilar media (differing optical constants)
- resulting interference fringes allow modeling of thickness, density and roughness of thin layers
- higher contrasts in optical constants (for multi-layer systems) cause stronger oscillations
- layer thickness is inferred by the period of the oscillations

XRR pattern and fitted curve:

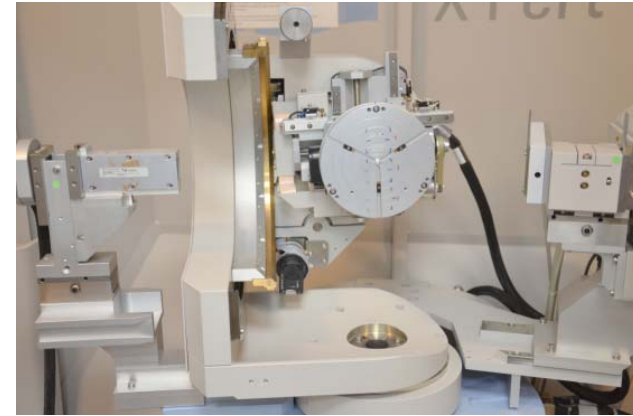


Results from modeling:

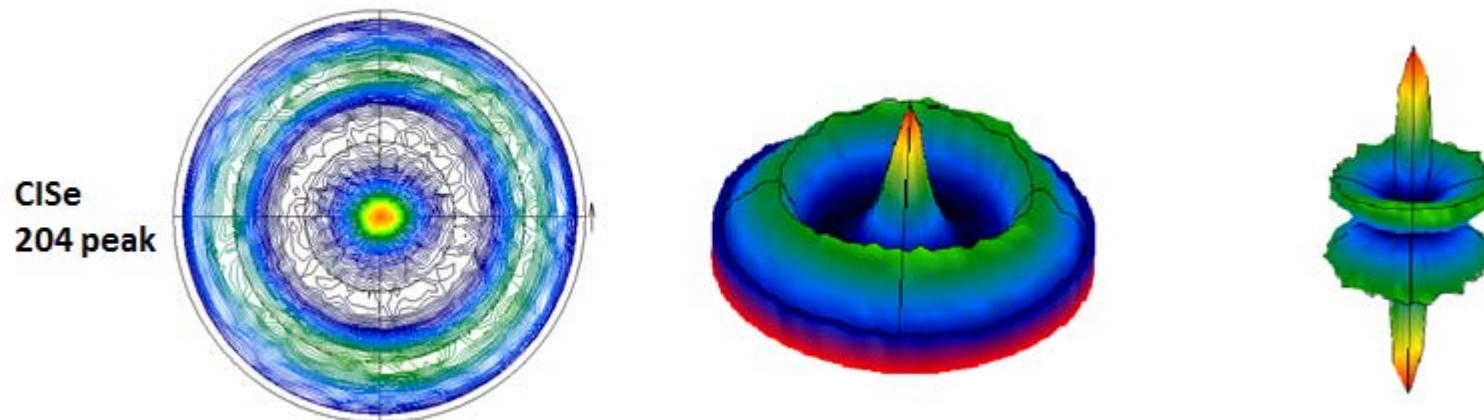
Layer	Layer Description	Density (g/cm ³)	Thickness (nm)	Roughness (nm)
2, 0	DensityOnly, Fe ₃ O ₄	5.18	12.845	2.173
1, 0	DensityOnly, CoO	6.45	44.143	1.862
Substrate	DensityOnly, SrTiO ₃	5.1	600000	0.993

PANalytical MRD for texture analysis:

- X-ray lens for high intensive parallel beam
- Eulerian cradle for 3D sample orientation
- Xe single counter
- *X'Pert Texture* to create pole figures and orientation distribution functions (ODF)



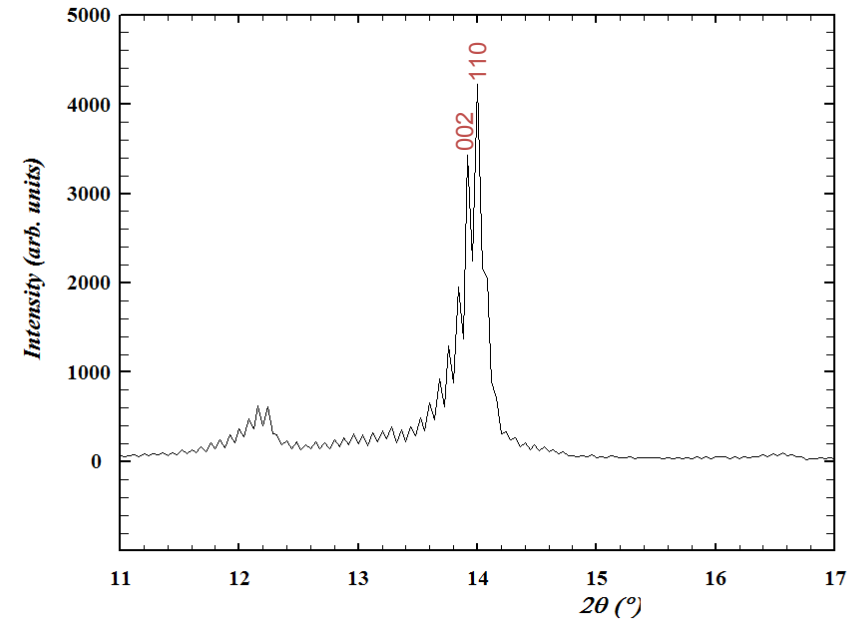
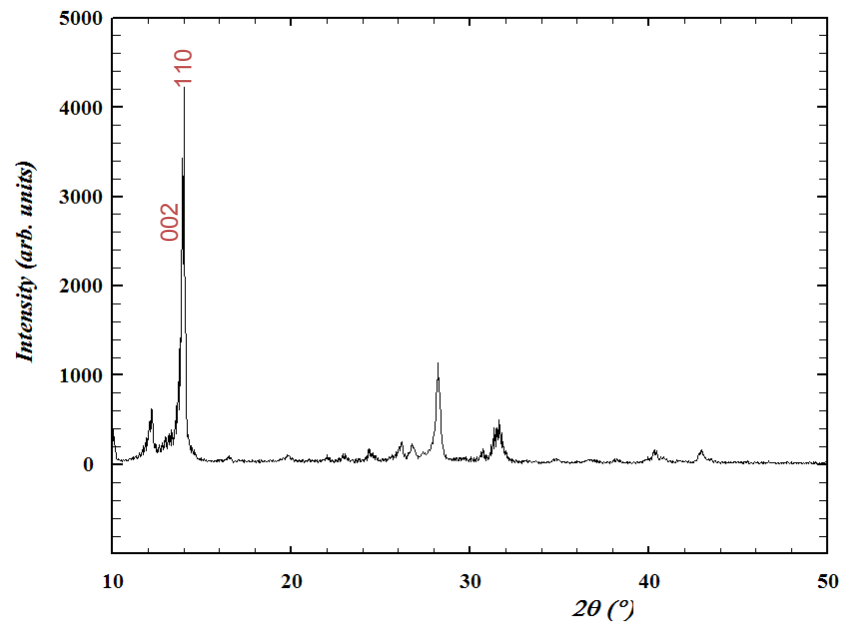
Pole figures recorded on CuInSe_2 (CISe) chalcopyrite-type thin film absorber layer



Orientation distribution functions (ODF) shown as contour plot and 3D plot for CISe Bragg peaks 112 and 204

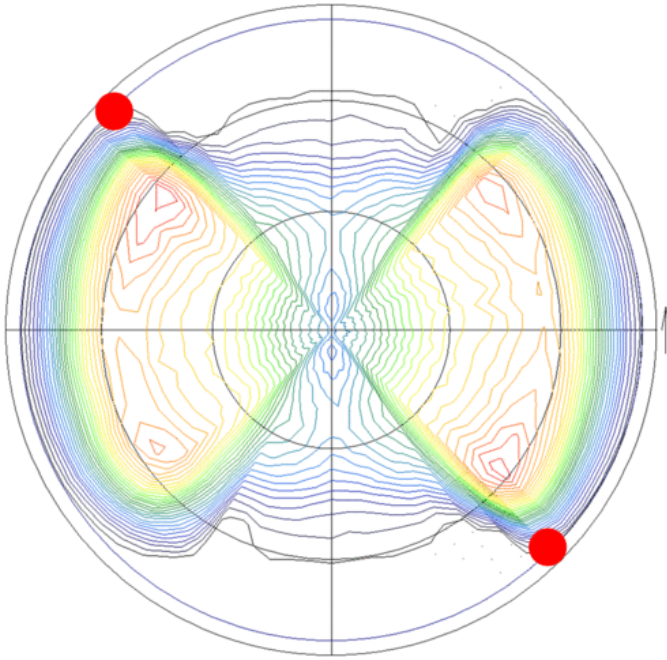
texture of thin films

hybrid perovskite MAFAcCsPb(I_xBr_{1-x})₃ on glass substrate (C. Rehermann)



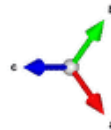
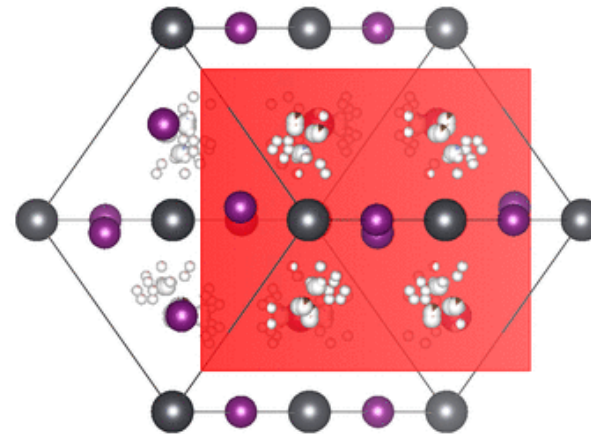
- accidental sample rotation during GIXRD measurement
- „sawtooth“ pattern due to highly textured thin film

texture of thin films



110 pole figure @ $2\theta = 14.0756^\circ$

→ nearly epitaxial thin film



Panalytical MRD for epitaxy analysis and micro-diffraction

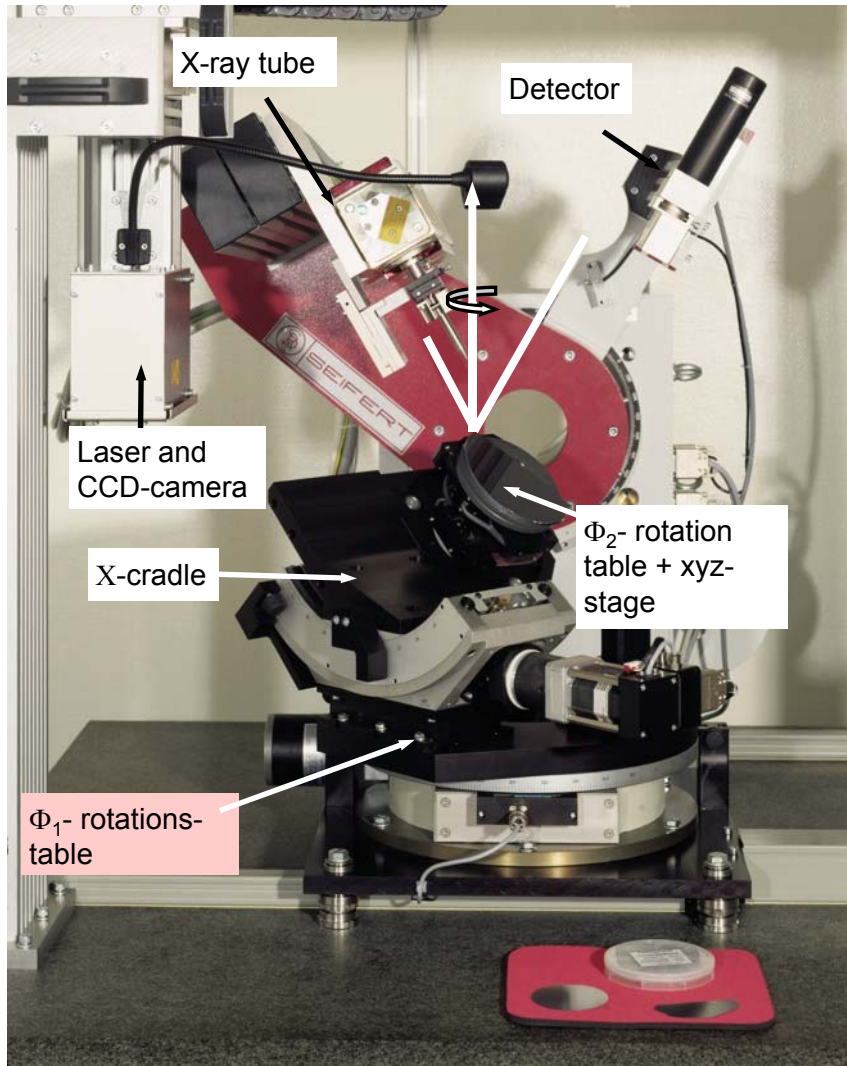


Monocrapillary 230 x 0,1

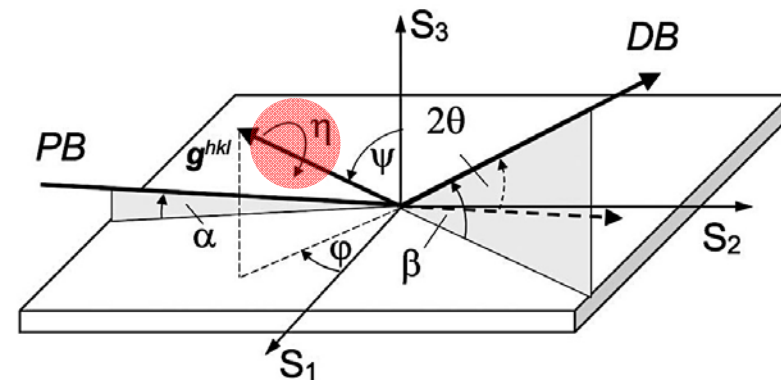
- length 230 mm
- thickness 0,1 mm
- divergence 0,3°

Instrumentation @ WCRC

The 5-axes diffractometer ETA for surface gradient analysis



- ❑ direct sample rotation around the scattering vector
- ❑ polycapillary optics and soller + secondary monochromator for thin film analysis



Principle of residual stress analysis by diffraction methods

$$\{\varepsilon_{\varphi\psi}^{hkl}\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\cot \theta^{hkl} \Delta\theta^{hkl} \\ -\Delta E^{hkl} / E^{hkl} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \langle \overline{\sigma^s} \rangle$$

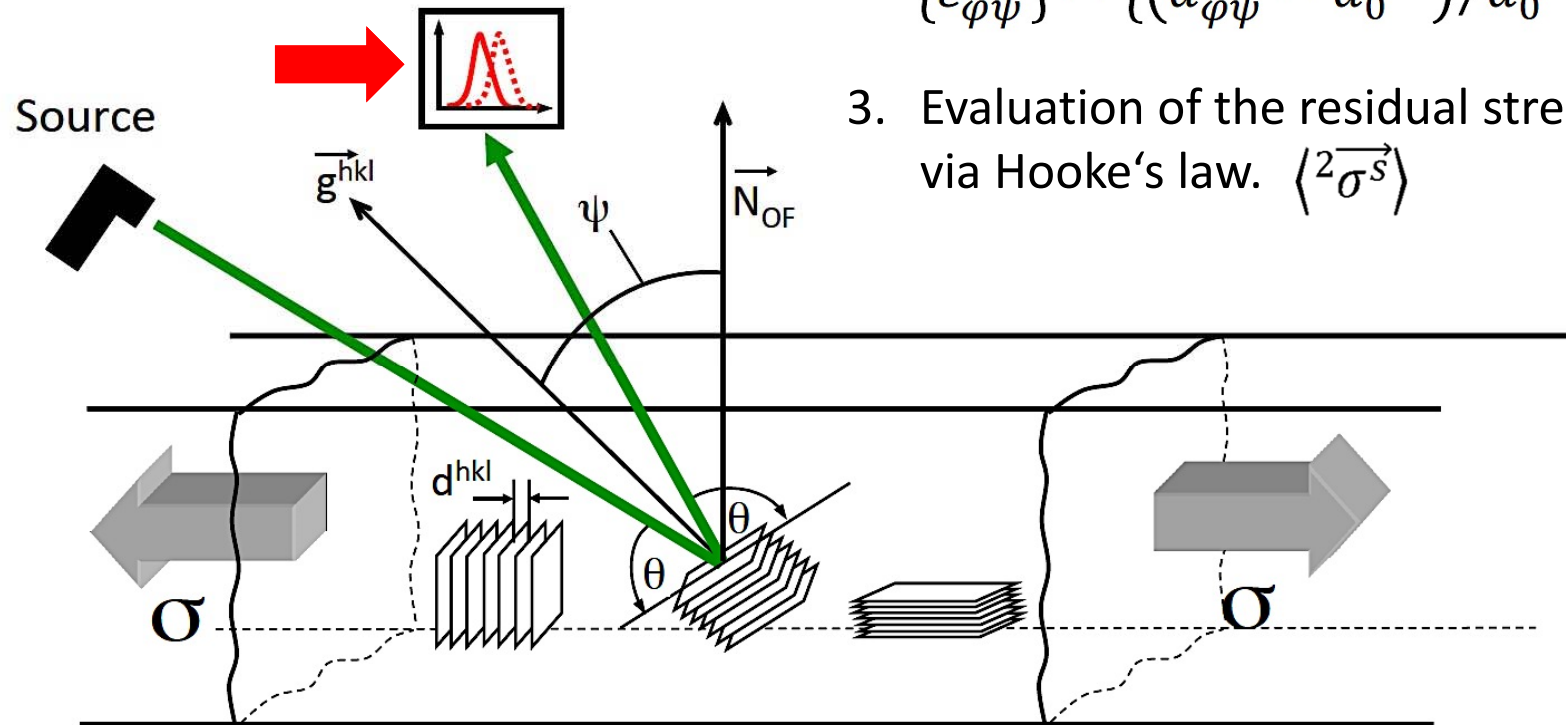
angle-/energy-dispersive

1. Measurement of the diffraction line shift for various orientations (φ, ψ)

2. Evaluation of the lattice strain

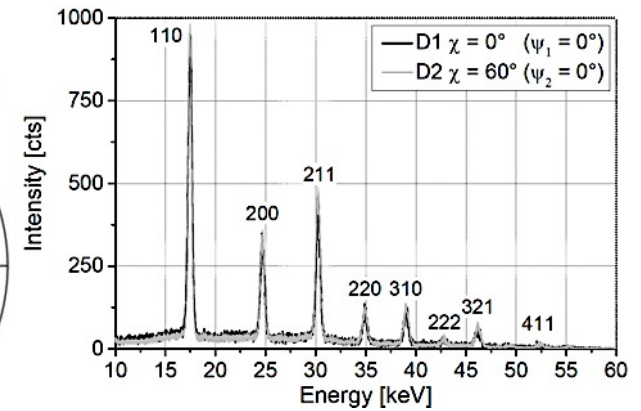
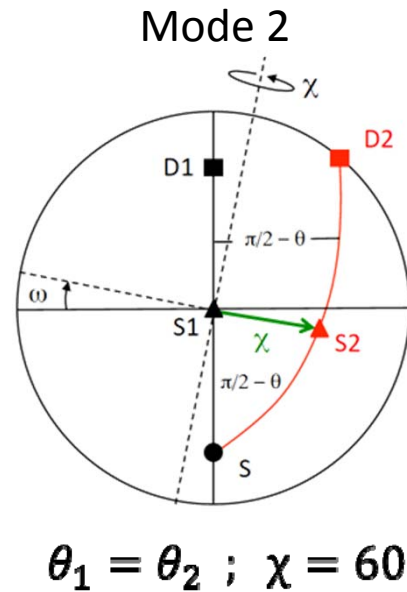
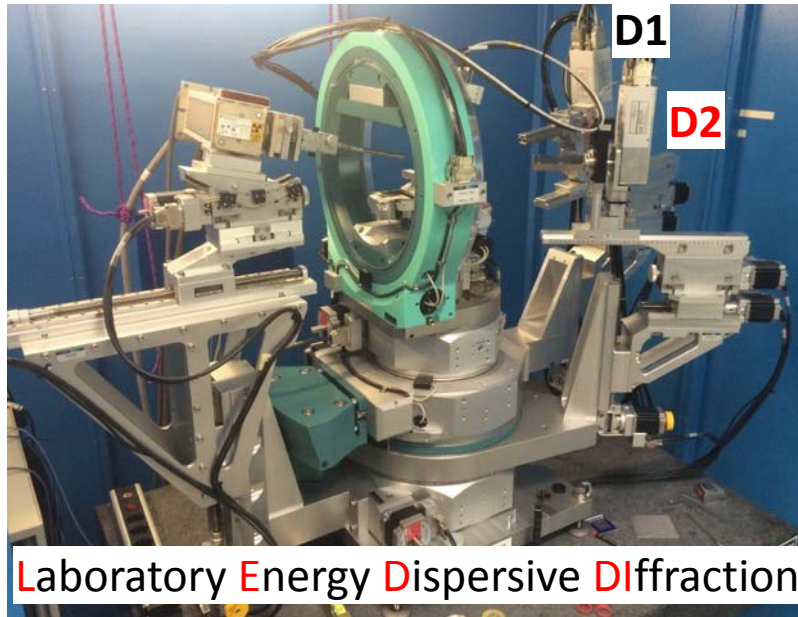
$$\{\varepsilon_{\varphi\psi}^{hkl}\} = \left\{ (d_{\varphi\psi}^{hkl} - d_0^{hkl}) / d_0^{hkl} \right\}$$

3. Evaluation of the residual stress tensor via Hooke's law. $\langle \overline{\sigma^s} \rangle$

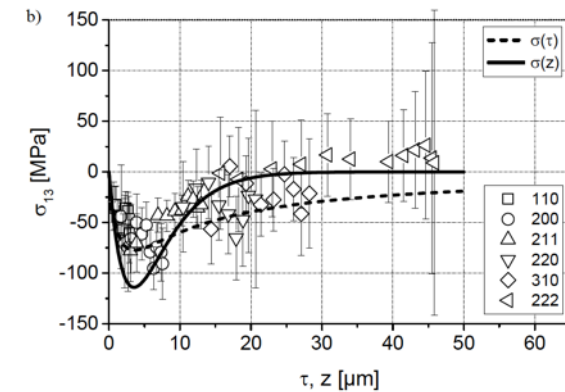
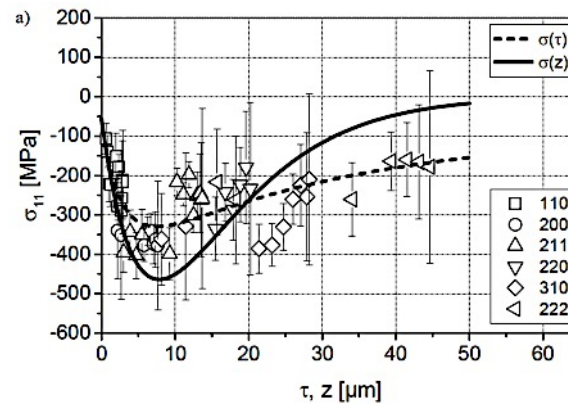
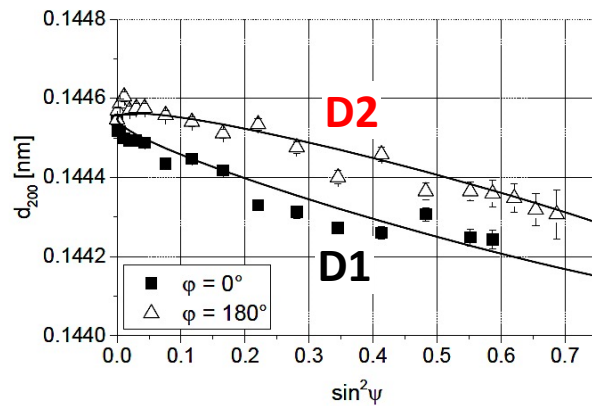


Instrumentation @ WCRC

The energy-dispersive 8-circle diffractometer LEDDI



simultaneous data acquisition with two detectors



in- and out-of-plane residual stress depth profiles from a single χ -scan

Full support : Planning and conducting experiments & data evaluation

EDDI-LEDDI

Ein MATHEMATICA®-Programmssystem zur energiedispersiven Eigenspannungsanalyse

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Listen mit diffraktionselastischen Konstanten (DEK)

EDDI

Radioaktives Präparat

Detektor im Labor

Nützliche Tools ...

Vorbereitung von ED-Messungen an EDDI

Auswertung von ED-Biegungsspektren

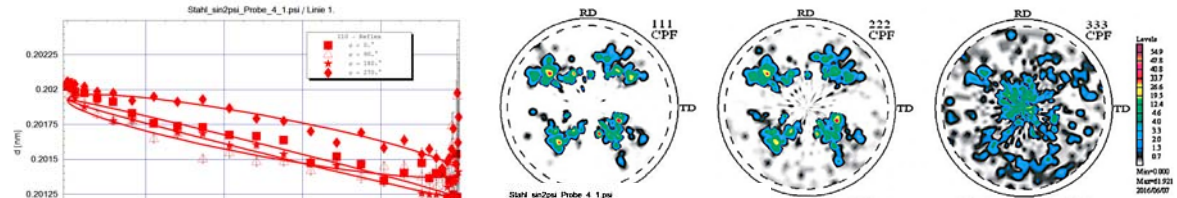
Linienlagenkorrekturen

Darstellung von Ergebnissen

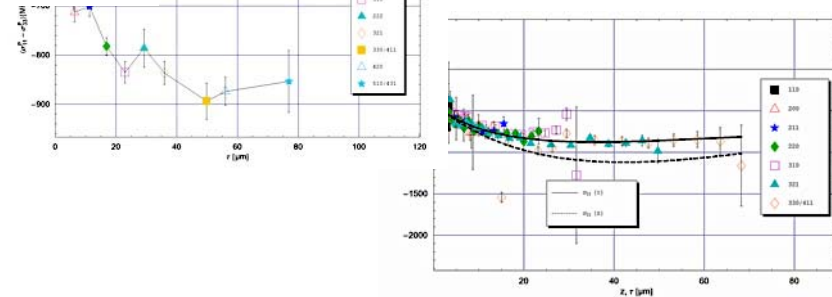
Quantitative Phasenanalyse zweiphasiger Gefüge

Texturmessungen

Ermittlung von Eigenspannungen und Eigenspannungstiefenverteilungen



Residual stress analysis



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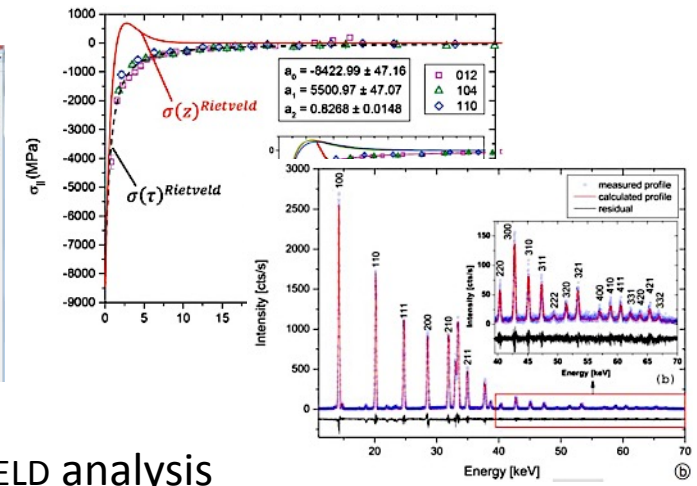
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1 = clear all
2
3 % Create a sample
4 % Please enter the elemental formula of the material/sample. When "Fe" is
5 % the abbreviation of the element and "m" for microstructure, the formula has
6 % the form like this: "Fe100 Zn02 Km3 ..." e.g. "Al2 O3, Ni Cl, Fe Cl Ni"
7 % ElementalFormula = "Fe1"
8 % Since the name of the .mpd file (without .mpd) which stores the material
9 % information (e.g. LatticeParameter, crystal structure etc.)
10 % MPDFileName = "Fe"
11 % Additionally show the peaks of the substrate or any other second phase.
12 % If yes = true, if not = false
13 % ShowSubstratePeaks = false
14 % If (P.ShowSubstratePeaks)
15 % Please enter the elemental formula of the substrate or second phase etc.
16 % It is also possible now to plot diffraction peaks of additional phase
17 % from within the "PlotCurrentHeadData" figure, the diffraction lines can
18 % be deleted from the plot, whereas the peaks are always visible.
19 % SubstrateFormula = "Ni Cl2"
20 % Enter the name of the substrate .mpd file (without .mpd) which stores
21 % the material information (e.g. LatticeParameter, crystal structure etc.)
22 % P.SubstrateMPDFileName = "NiCl"
23 % end
24 % Clean up all temporary variables
25 % P.CleanUpTemporaryVariables = false
26 % Create a sample object
27 %
28 % Material = Sample.Material()
29 % T.MaterialElementalFormula = P.ElementalFormula
30 % T.MaterialGetElementFormula()
31 % Import and read the mpd file
32 % T.MaterialInfo = T.MaterialInfo.FromMPDFile(P.MPDFileName)
33 % Assign the respective property of the material.
34 % T.MaterialMaterialDensity = T.MaterialInfo.MaterialDensity
35 % T.MaterialLatticeParameter = T.MaterialInfo.LatticeParameter
36 % T.MaterialCrystalStructure = T.MaterialInfo.CrystalStructure
37 % T.MaterialMolecularWeight = T.MaterialInfo.MolecularWeight
38 % T.MaterialHKLSpacing = T.MaterialInfo.HKLSpacing
39 % T.MaterialShowSubstratePeaks = P.ShowSubstratePeaks
40 % T.MaterialName = P.MPDFileName
41 % Default value for maximum energy.
42 % T.MaterialEnergyMax = 100
43
44 % T.Substrate = Sample.Substrate()
45
46 % If (P.ShowSubstratePeaks)
    
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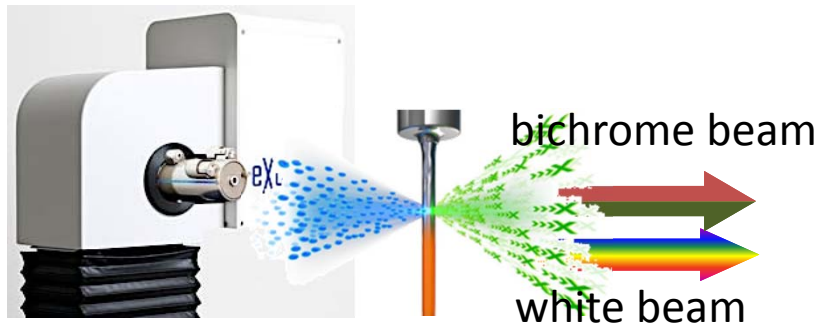
Preparation of data evaluation

Fit results

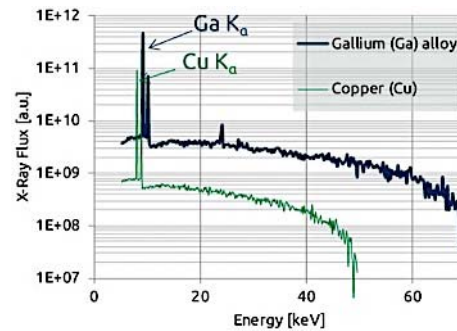
Script based evaluation program



Synchrotron-like conditions in the lab?

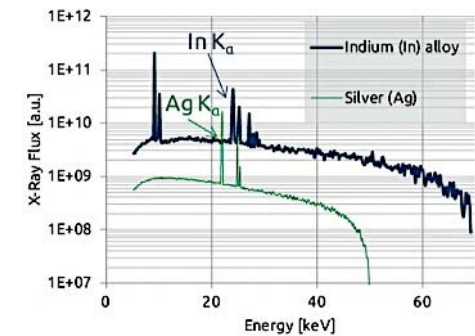


MetalJet X-ray tube



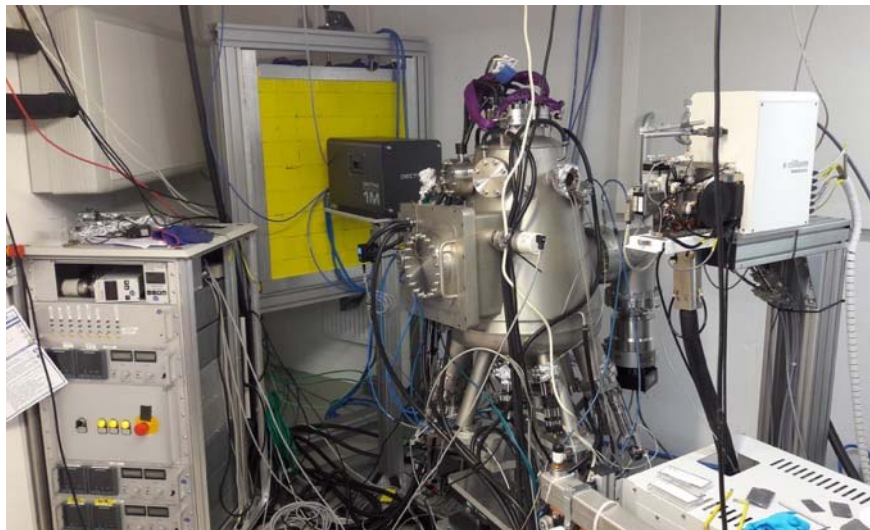
Ga-K α : 9.2 keV

+



In-K α : 24.2 keV

WCRC/EMIL: 160 kV source

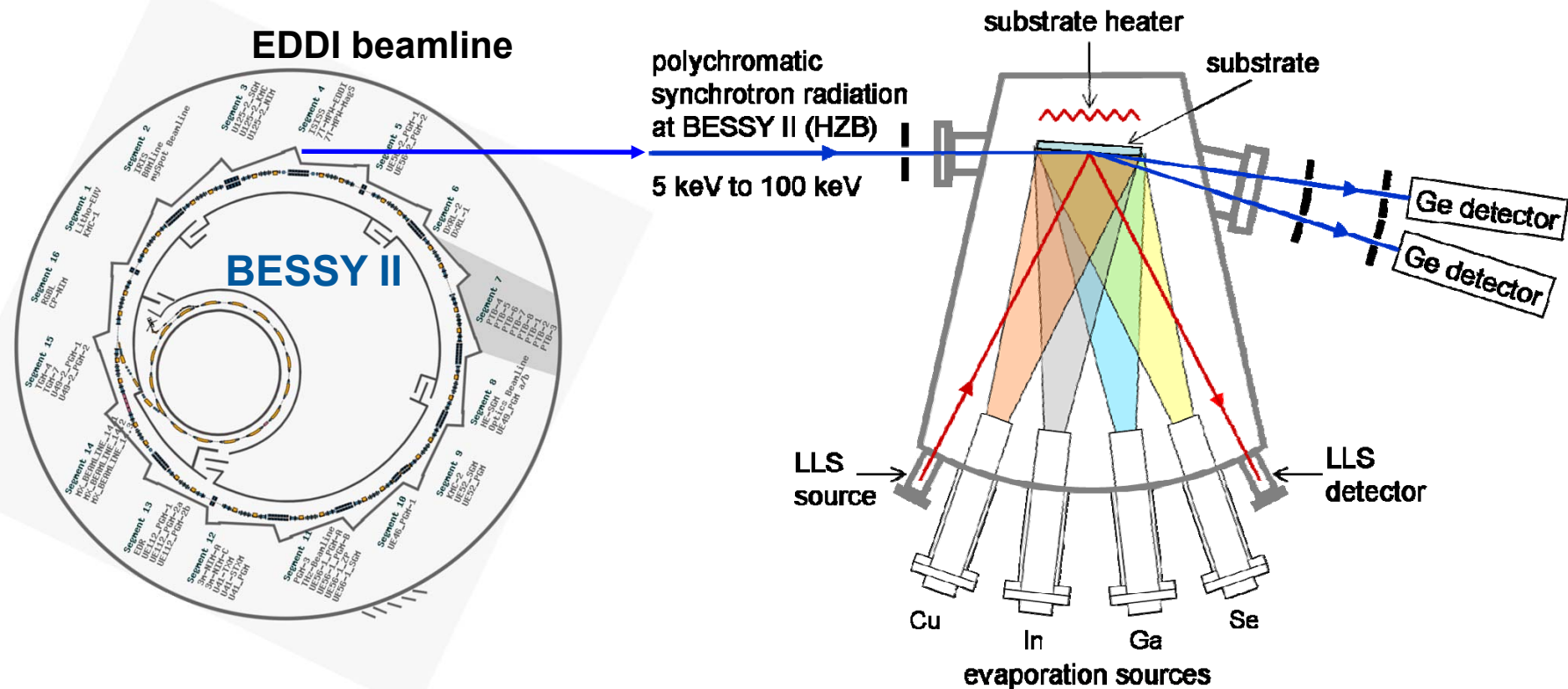


LMC: 70 kV source



in situ EDXRD/XRF during thin film growth

Energy-dispersive X-ray diffraction and fluorescence (EDXRD/XRF)

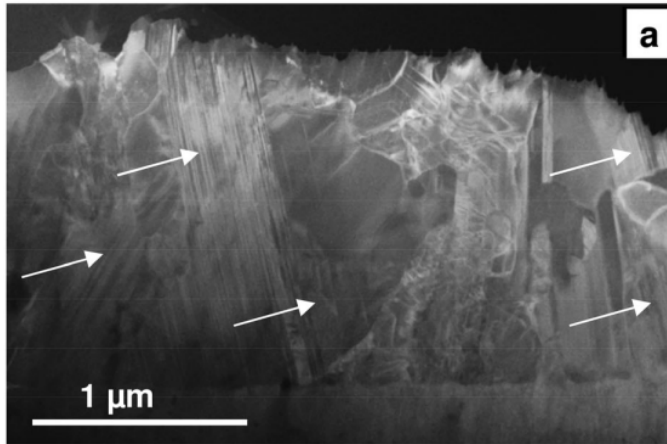


3-stage process for $\text{Cu}(\text{In},\text{Ga})\text{Se}_2$ thin film growth:

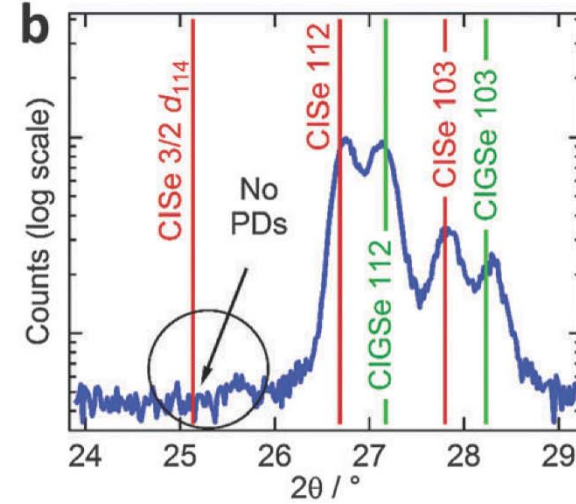
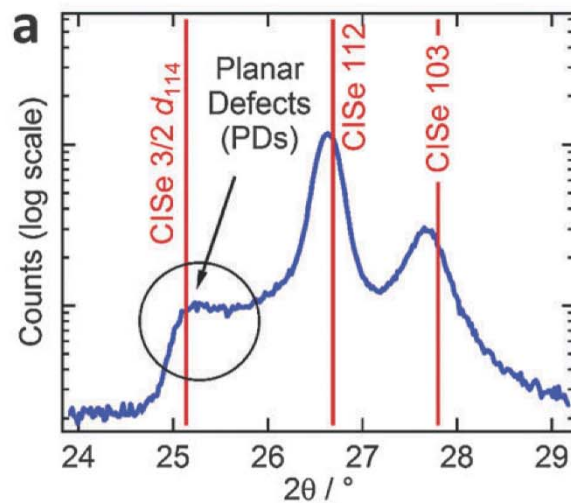
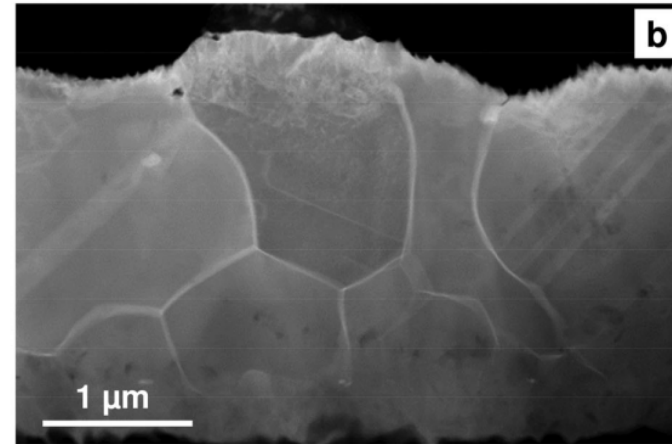
- I) In-Ga-Se co-evaporation
- II) Cu-Se co-evaporation (Cu-rich stage)
- III) In-Ga-Se co-evaporation (Cu-poor stage)

Planar defects in Cu(In,Ga)Se₂ create a diffraction signal

without Cu-rich stage

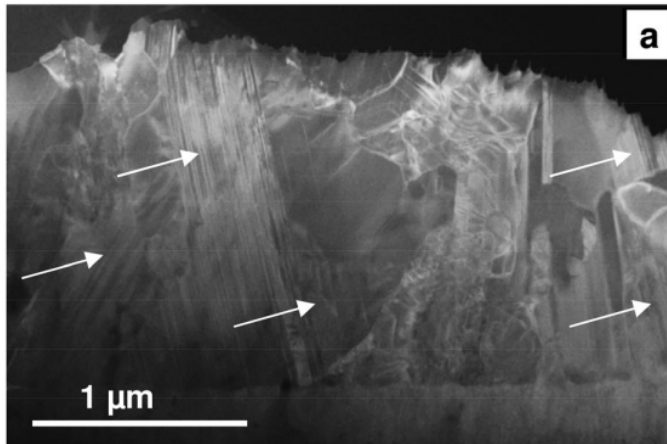


with Cu-rich stage

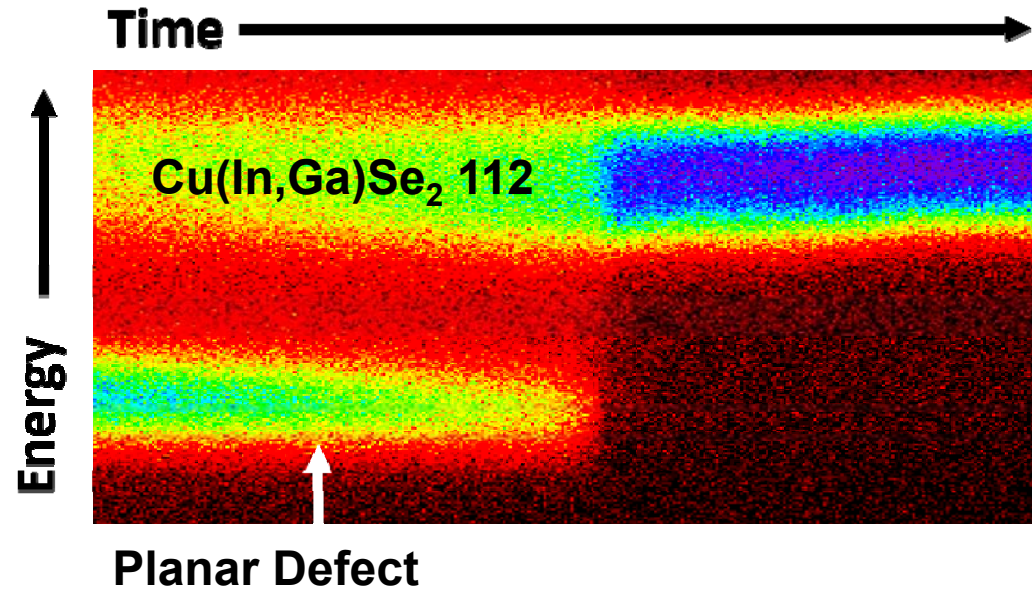
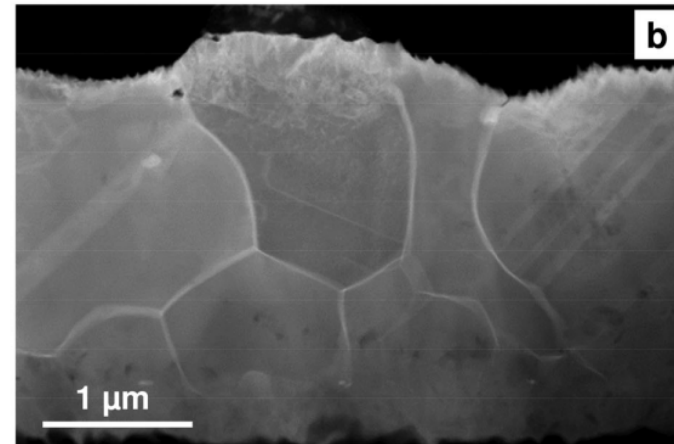


Monitoring PD annihilation by real-time XRD

without Cu-rich stage

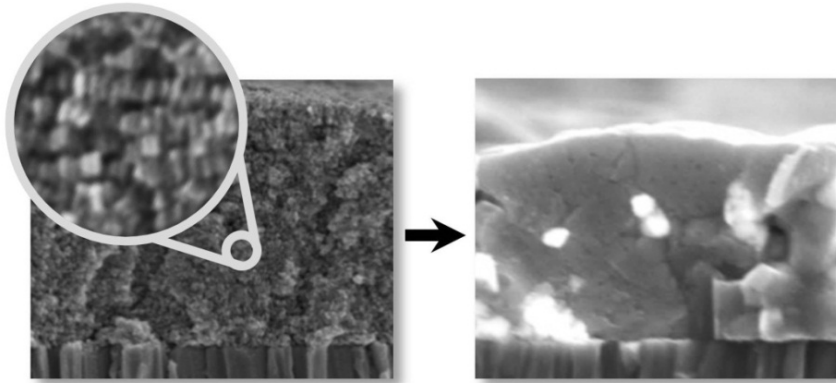


with Cu-rich stage



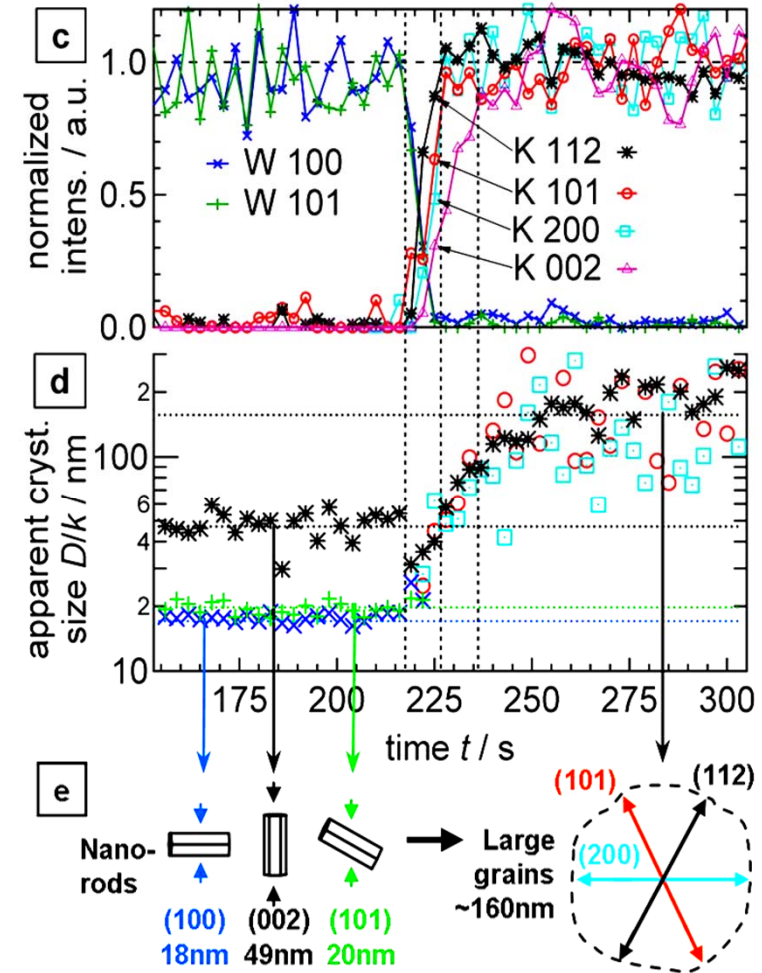
Cu₂ZnSnS₄ film formation from wurtzite nanorods

Wurtzite-type → Kesterite-type
Cu₂ZnSnS₄ Cu₂ZnSnS₄



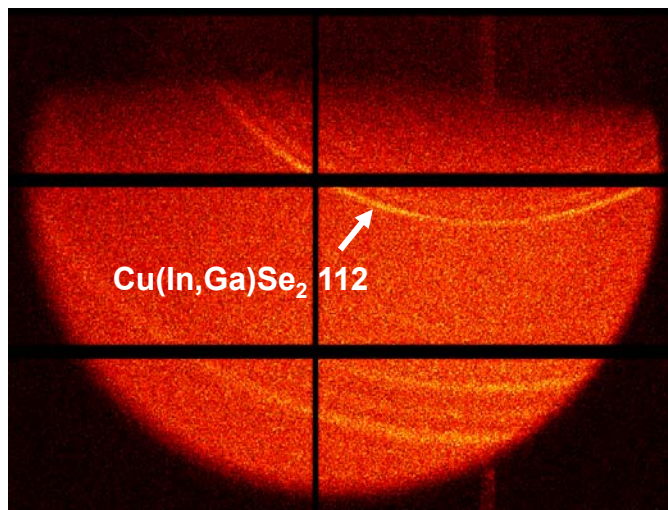
**From nanorods to large grains
within a few seconds!**

- correlation of phase formation and domain growth
- phase-transition-driven grain growth

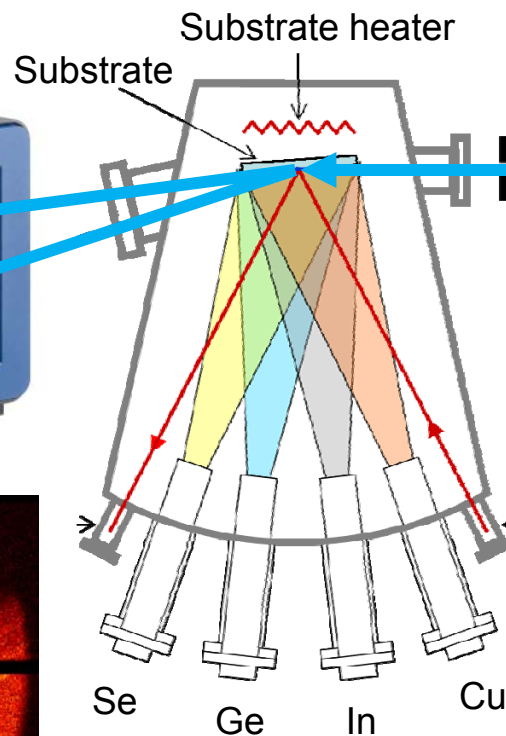


new *in situ* X-ray laboratory

2D photon detection



thin film growth



high-flux X-ray metal-jet source



first in-situ measurement
during Cu(In,Ga)Se_2 film growth
with metal-jet X-ray source

Latest news ...

New X-ray diffractometer for powder diffraction and GIXRD was ordered for WCRC!



course on X-ray diffraction (for PhD students) will be organized next year (June 2018) @LMC

User access – fast and easy!

Scientists from all HZB divisions as well as external users have access to the X-Ray CoreLab.

1st step → each potential user has to register online
the user has to declare to follow the lab rules

2nd step → booking an instrument of the CoreLab via the online calendar system
user should give a short description of the planned experiment
and the samples he/she wants to study

3rd step → check by the scientific lab manager to make sure, that the user has
chosen the suitable instrument for his/her problem

4th step → scientific lab manager confirms the booking and the user gets access
to the X-Ray CoreLab

LMC → after introduction by the lab manager the user can do the experiments

WCRC → user experiments supported by instrument experts



Welcome to the X-Ray CoreLab!

Thank you for your attention!