

# RootProf: principles, workflow and new graphical user interface



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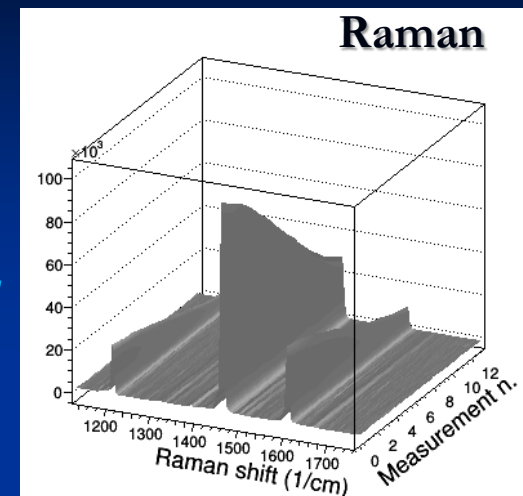
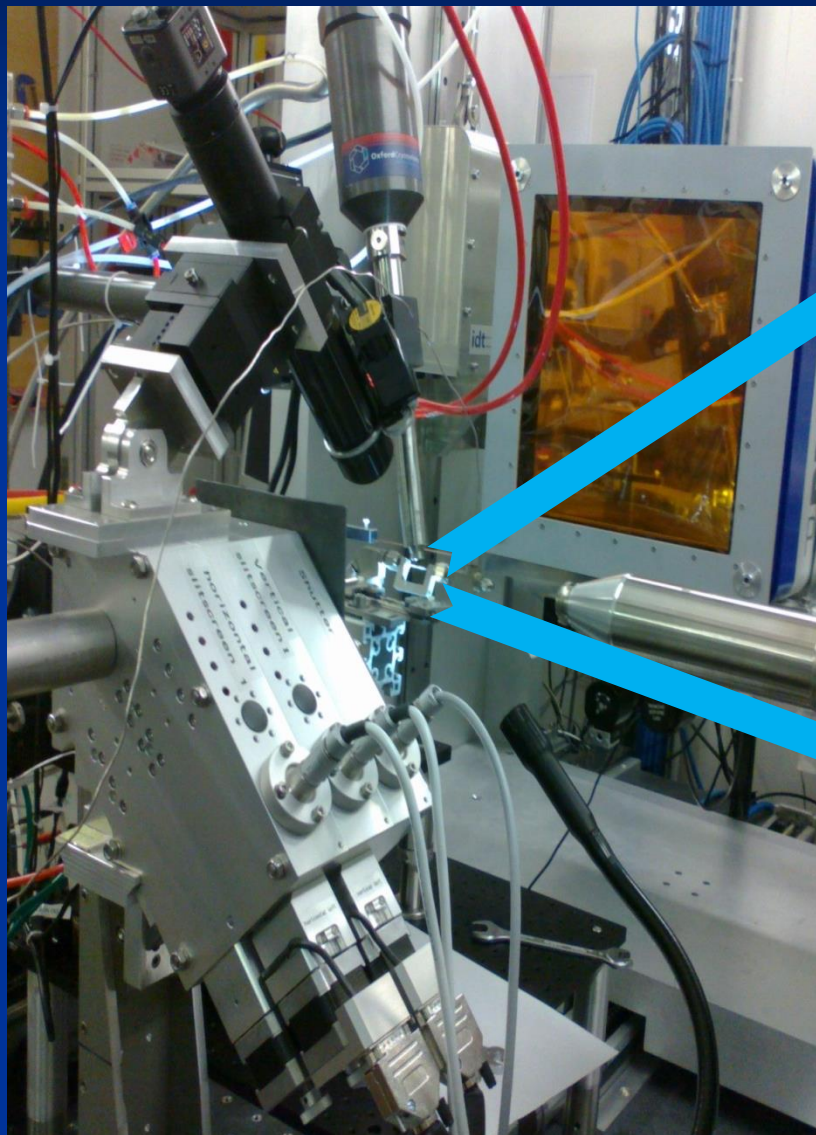


# Multi-technique *in situ* experiments

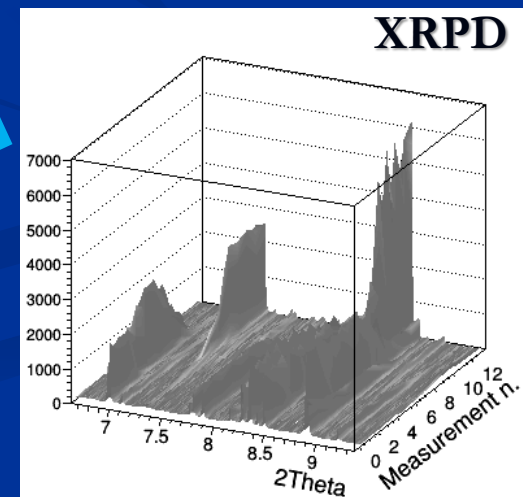
New generation  
X-ray sources

Multi-probe  
experimental setups

Sensitive and fast  
detectors



Monitor  
structural dynamics



# Multiple measurements

Same technique  
Different times

Same time  
Different techniques

Statistical  
methods

Extract relevant  
information

Combine  
information

Qualitative and quantitative  
analysis

Covariance analysis

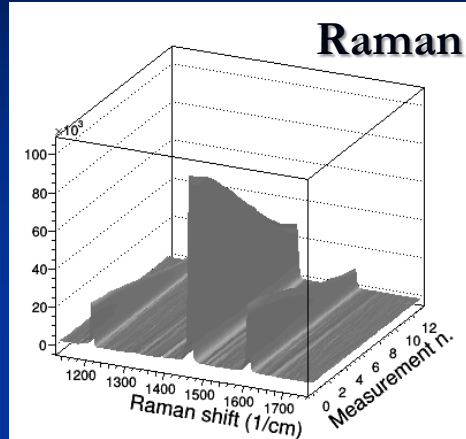
Multivariate analysis

Analysis of interdependence relationships among variables  
Unsupervised (clustering, PCA)

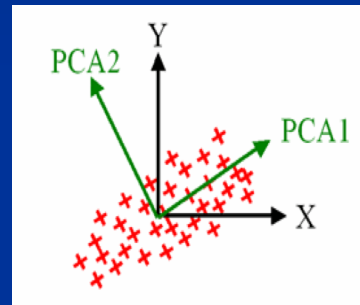
Analysis of dependence dependent variables are explained  
or predicted by other variables (PLS, Least squares)

Simultaneous analysis of more  
than one variable

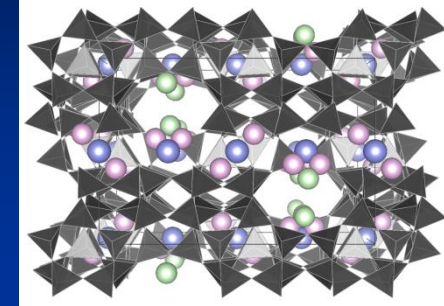
# New data analysis methods



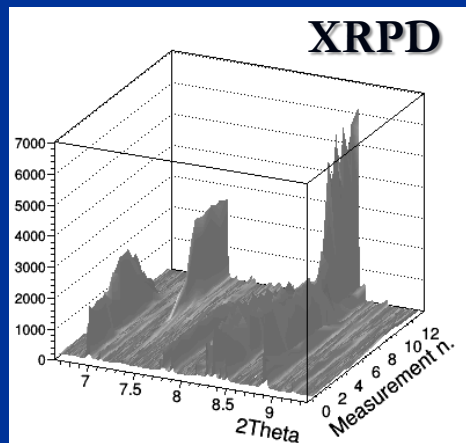
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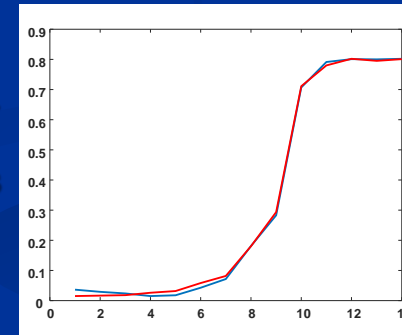
Prompt location of active atoms



Data Matrices

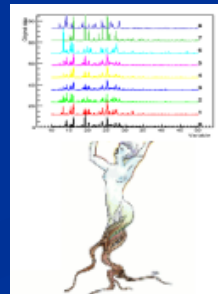


Fast extraction of structural kinetics

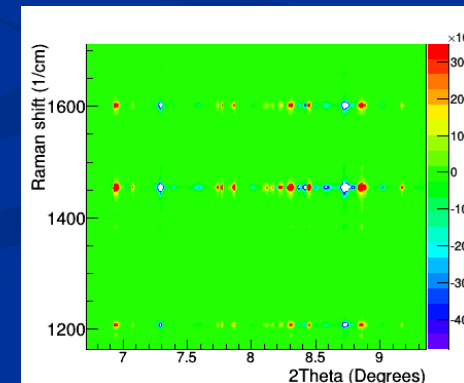


- ✓ All profiles processed at the same time
- ✓ Probe-independent processing
- ✓ Adapted variants of existing methods

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Combined information from different techniques

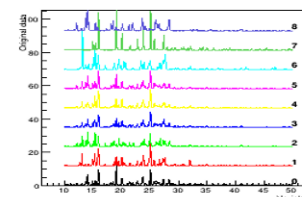


# RootProf

Availability: [www.ba.ic.cnr.it/softwareic/](http://www.ba.ic.cnr.it/softwareic/)

Documentation: [www.ba.ic.cnr.it/softwareic/rootprof](http://www.ba.ic.cnr.it/softwareic/rootprof)

Forum: [groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/RootProf](https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/RootProf)



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**RootProf: software for multivariate analysis of  
unidimensional profiles**

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[www.ba.ic.cnr.it/softwareic/rootprof](http://www.ba.ic.cnr.it/softwareic/rootprof)

Overview

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Qualitative analysis

Unsupervised quantitative analysis

Supervised quantitative analysis

Covariance analysis

Size analysis

Analysis of FT-IR spectra

Analysis of XAS spectra

Analysis of SAXS profiles

Analysis of single-crystal patterns

# ROOT



Developed at CERN for the data analysis  
of High-Energy Physics experiments

Freely available from <https://root.cern.ch/releases>

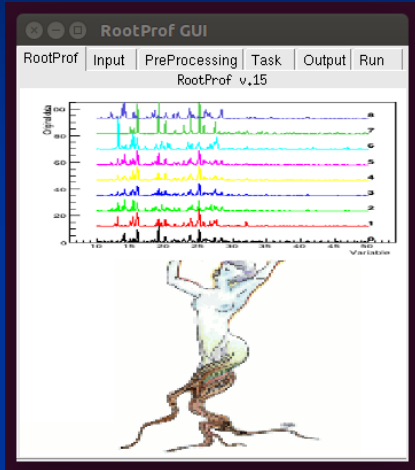
Version 6 (Linux, Mac) → RootProf v15

Version 5 (Windows) → RootProf v14

Besides the specific RootProf documentation, users can take advantage of the documentation and discussion of the wide community of ROOT users

# RootProf

Root script, driven by the user  
through a GUI or a command file



**Run ROOT**

**Run RootProf GUI**

**Prepare command file & Run RootProf from GUI**

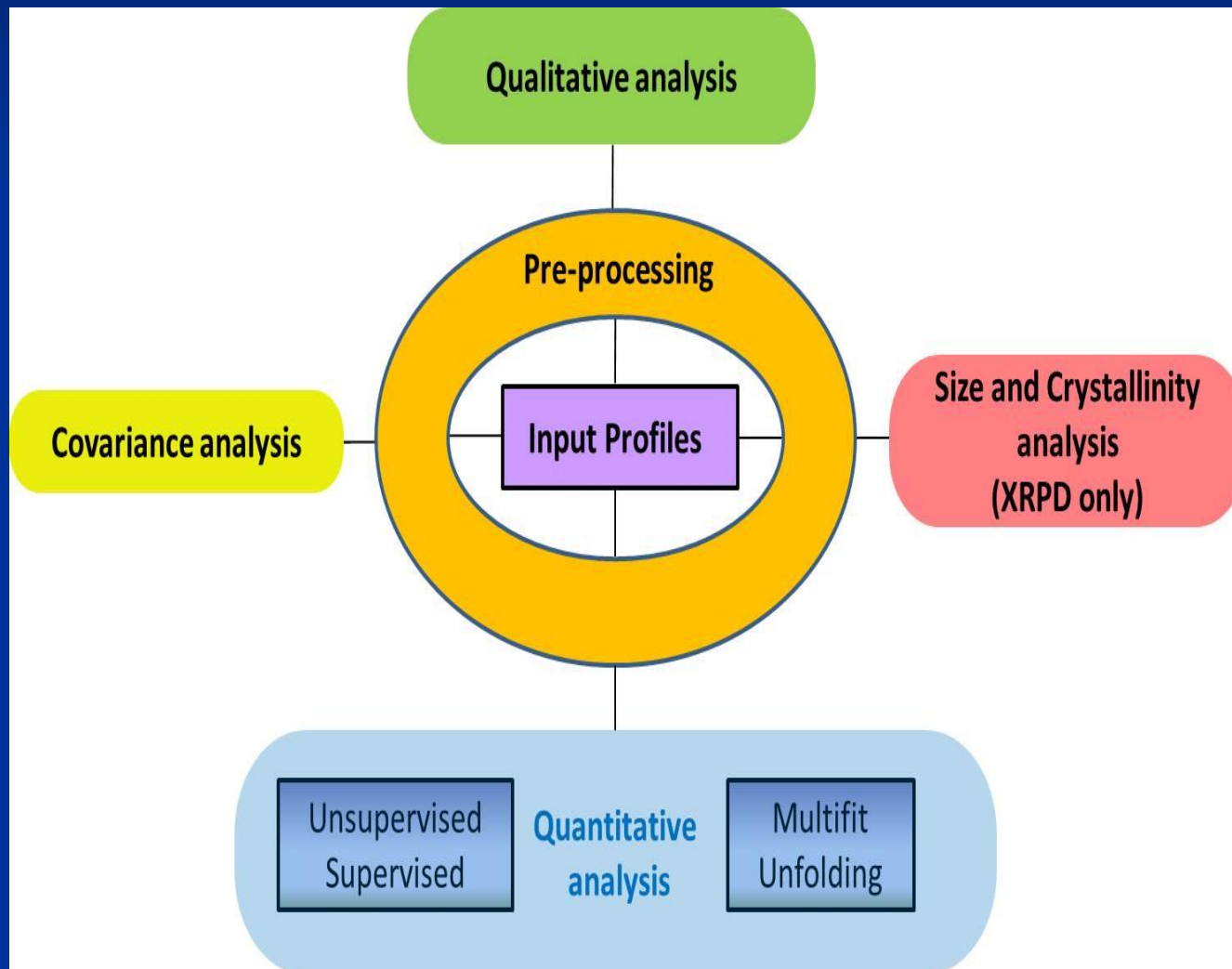
**Inspect text output and editable graphic windows**

RootProf can be modified to introduce new developments (C++ code)

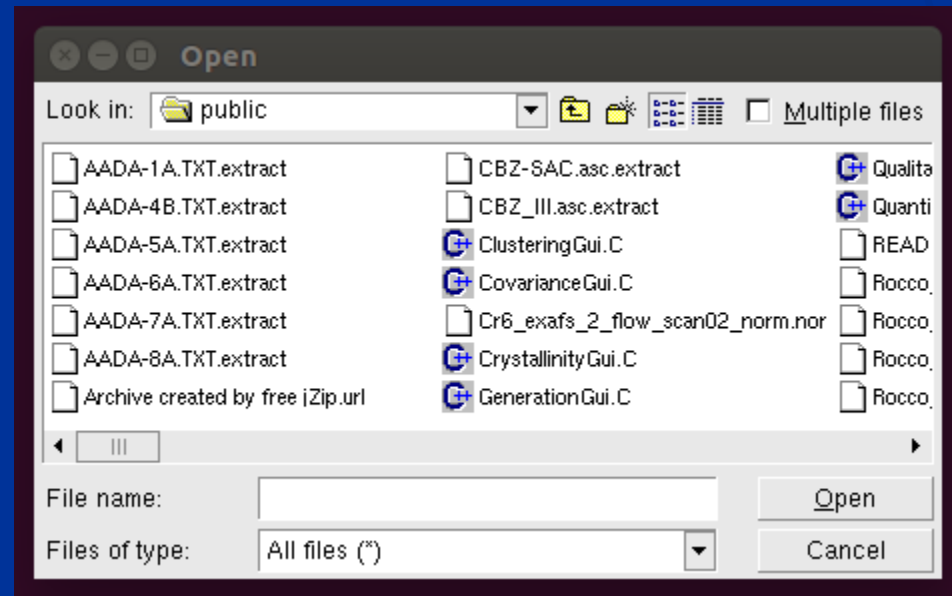
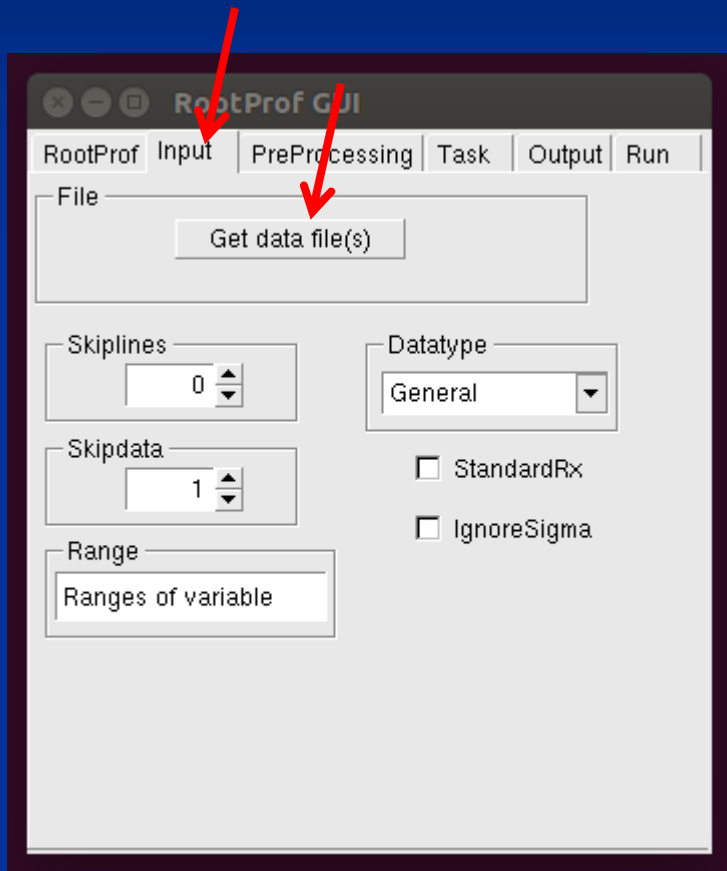


# Workflow

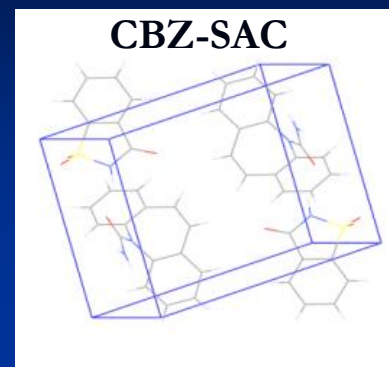
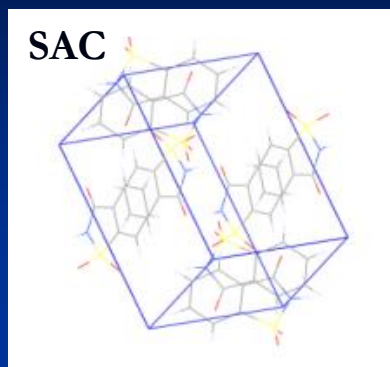
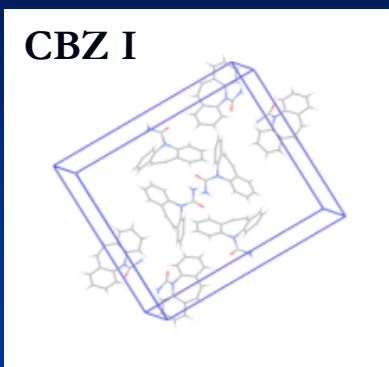
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# Step 1: Input



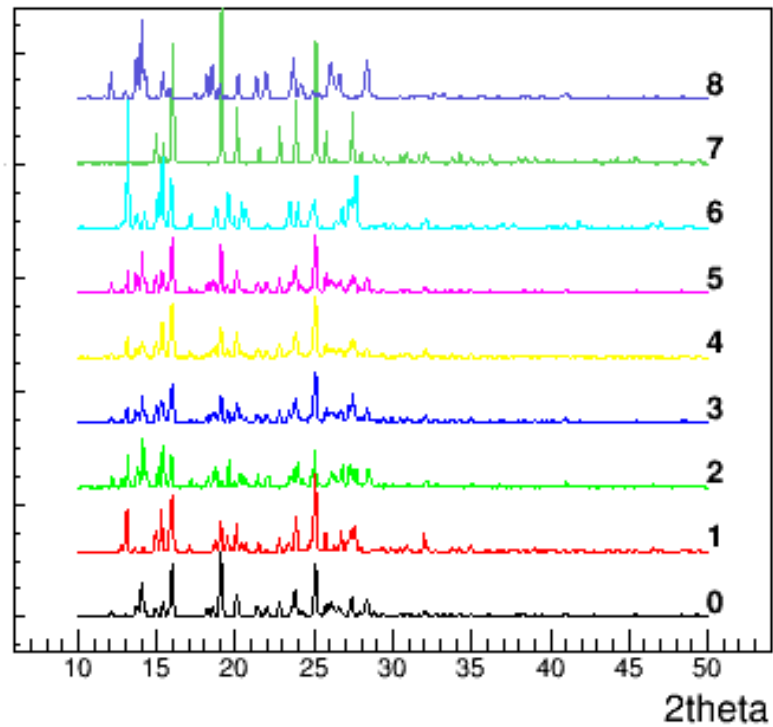
# CBZ-SAC mixtures



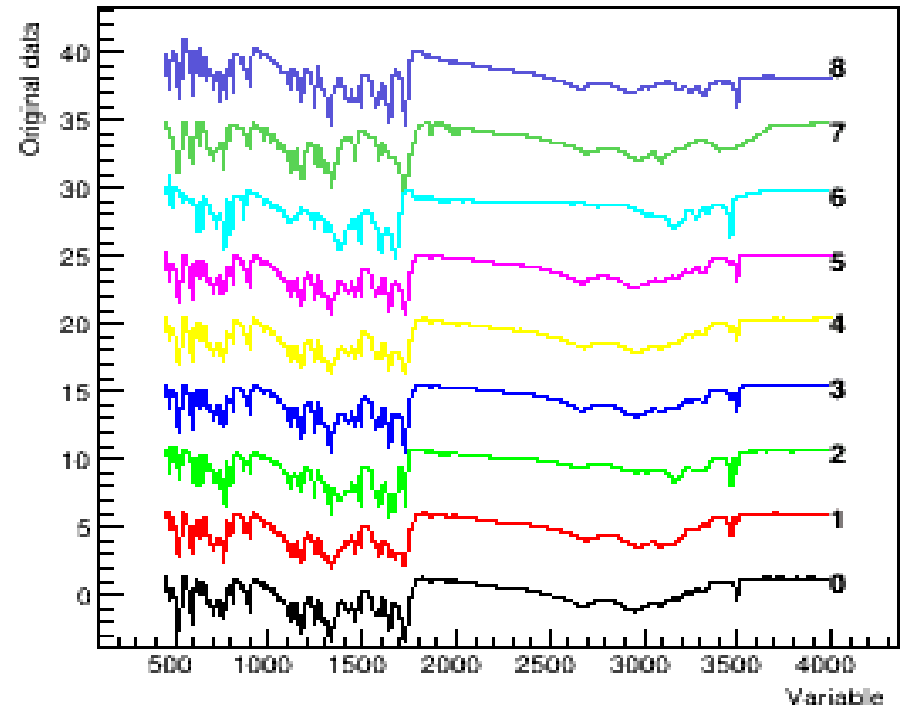
Sample n.	CBZ III	SAC	CBZ-SAC	File name
0	0	0.565	0.435	Rocco_S3_mac.txt
1	0.500	0.500	0	Rocco_S5_mac.txt
2	0.500	0	0.500	Rocco_S7_Como.txt
3	0.347	0.334	0.319	Rocco_S11_mac.txt
4	0.263	0.482	0.255	Rocco_S21_mac.txt
5	0.238	0.364	0.399	Rocco_S22_mac.txt
6	1	0	0	Rocco_CBZ_III_nomac.txt
7	0	1	0	Rocco_SAC_pura_nomac.txt
8	0	0	1	Rocco_CBZSAC_90511_n.txt

# Measurements

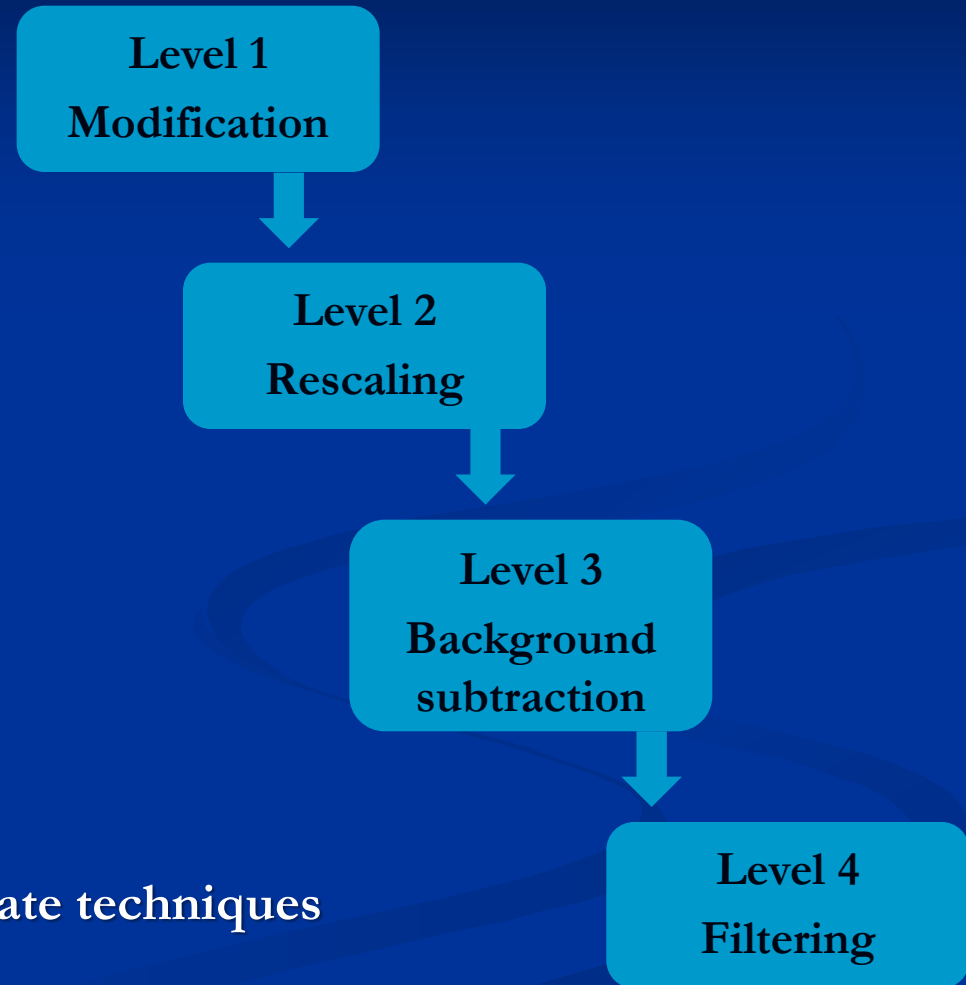
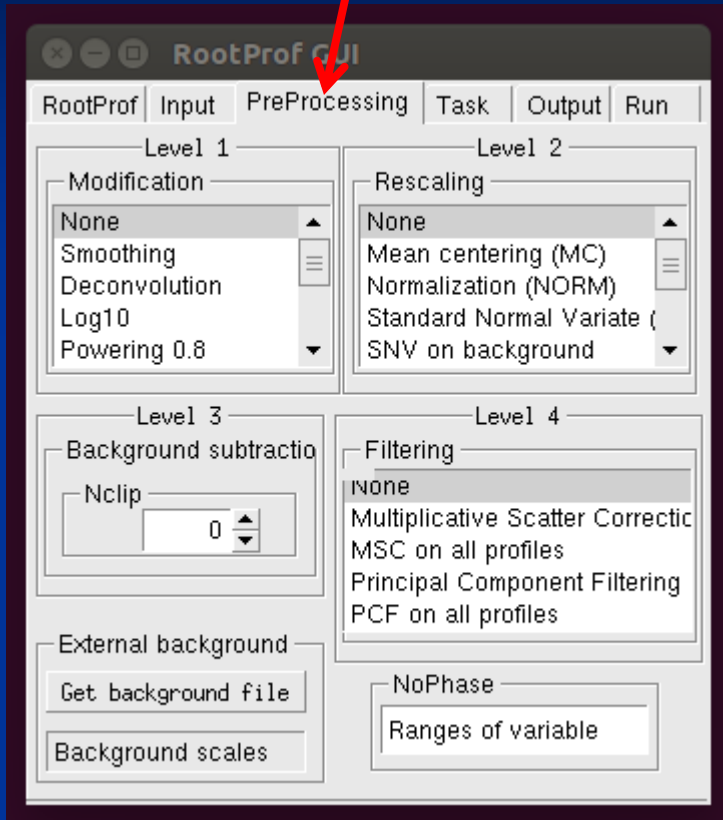
## XRPD



## FT-IR



# Step 2: Pre-processing



- Enhances the performances of multivariate techniques
- Depends on the type of data
- Produces rescaled profiles from original ones:  $y(i) \longrightarrow \hat{y}(i)$

# Background subtraction

Enhances: - the signal in each profile  
- differences among profiles

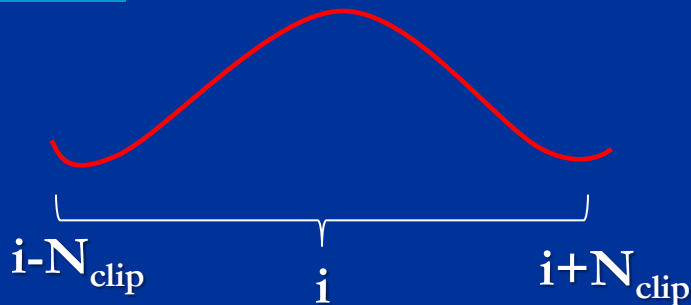
$$\hat{y}'(i) = \hat{y}(i) - b(i)$$

→ Background

Can be estimated by:

Sensitive Nonlinear Iterative Peak (SNIP) clipping algorithm

$$b(i) = \hat{y}_{N_{clip}}(i)$$



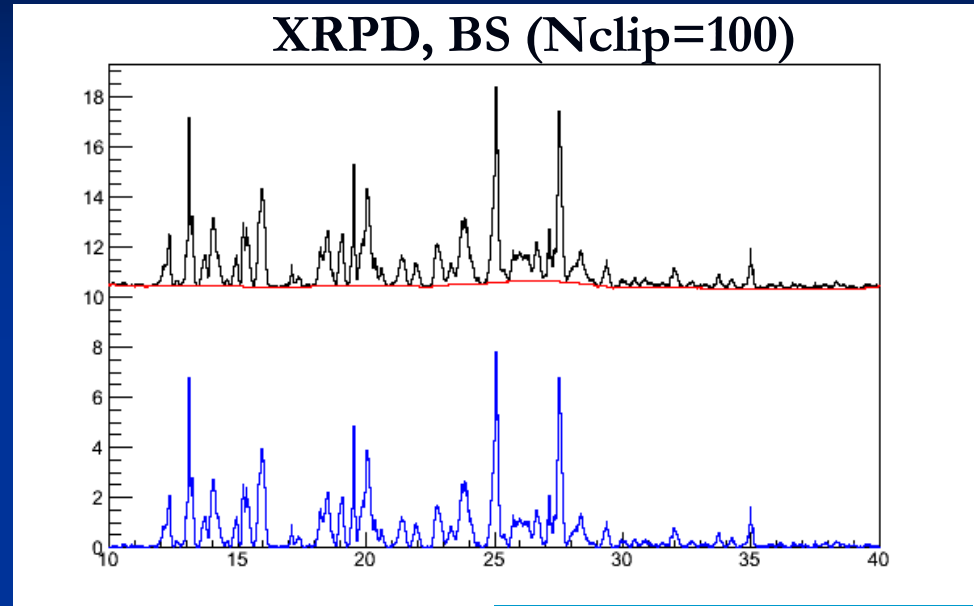
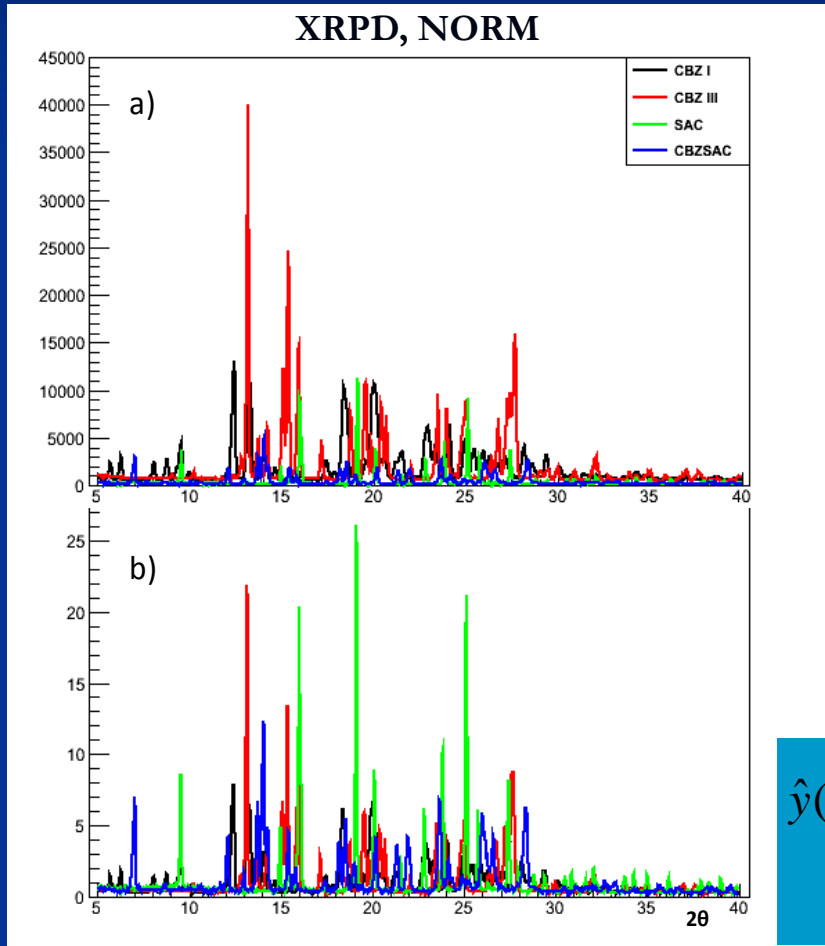
$$\hat{y}_1(i) = \hat{y}(i)$$

$$\hat{y}_2(i) = \text{Min} \left[ \hat{y}_1(i), \frac{\hat{y}_1(i+2) + \hat{y}_1(i-2)}{2} \right]$$

$$\hat{y}_p(i) = \text{Min} \left[ \hat{y}_{p-1}(i), \frac{\hat{y}_{p-1}(i+p) + \hat{y}_{p-1}(i-p)}{2} \right]$$

$N_{clip}$ : width of clipping window & number of iterations

# Pre-processing on XRPD

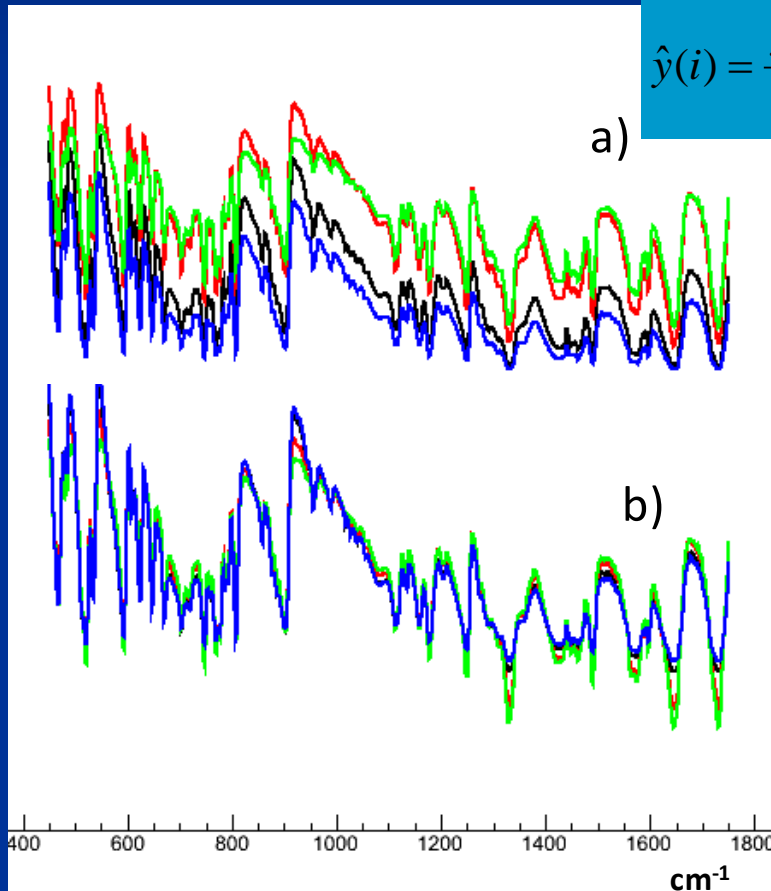


$$\hat{y}(i) = \frac{y(i)}{\sum_{j=1}^N y(j)}$$

# Pre-processing on FTIR

FTIR, SNV

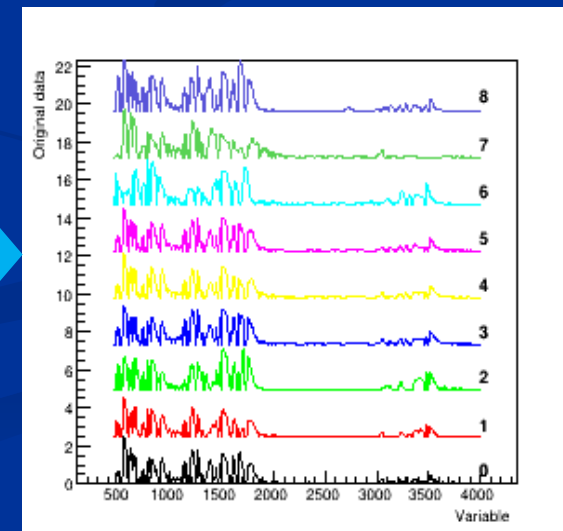
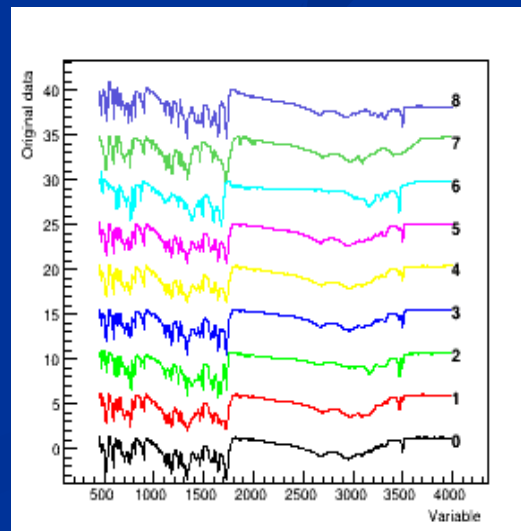
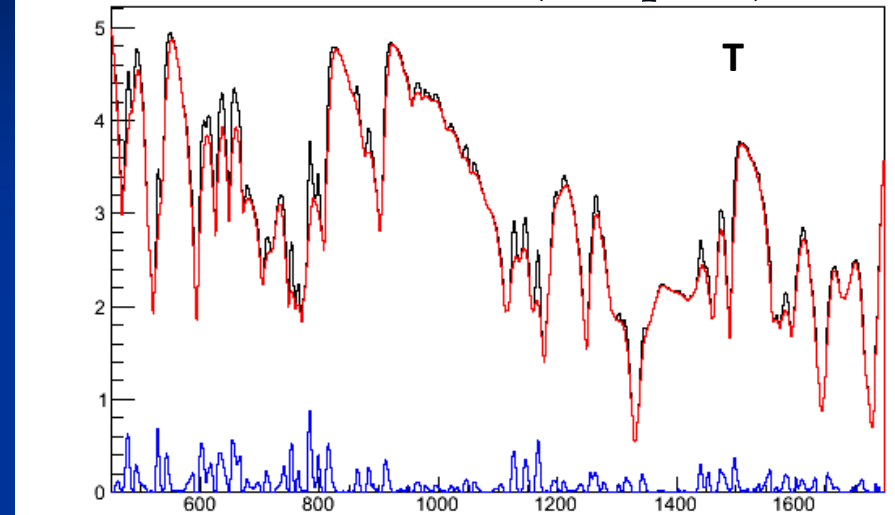
same spectrum with different amount of KBr pellet



$$\hat{y}(i) = \frac{y(i) - \langle y(i) \rangle}{\sigma_y}$$

a) Before → b) After

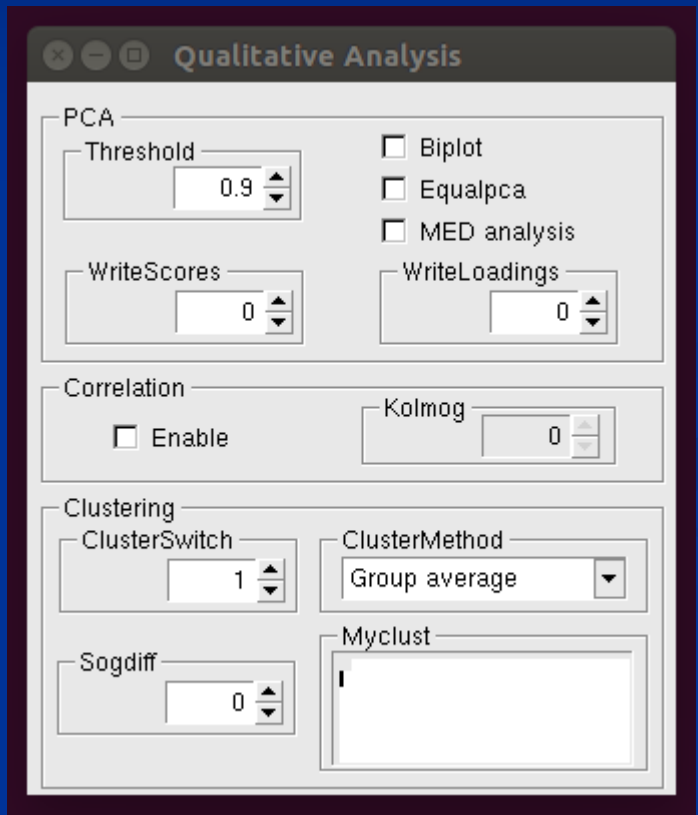
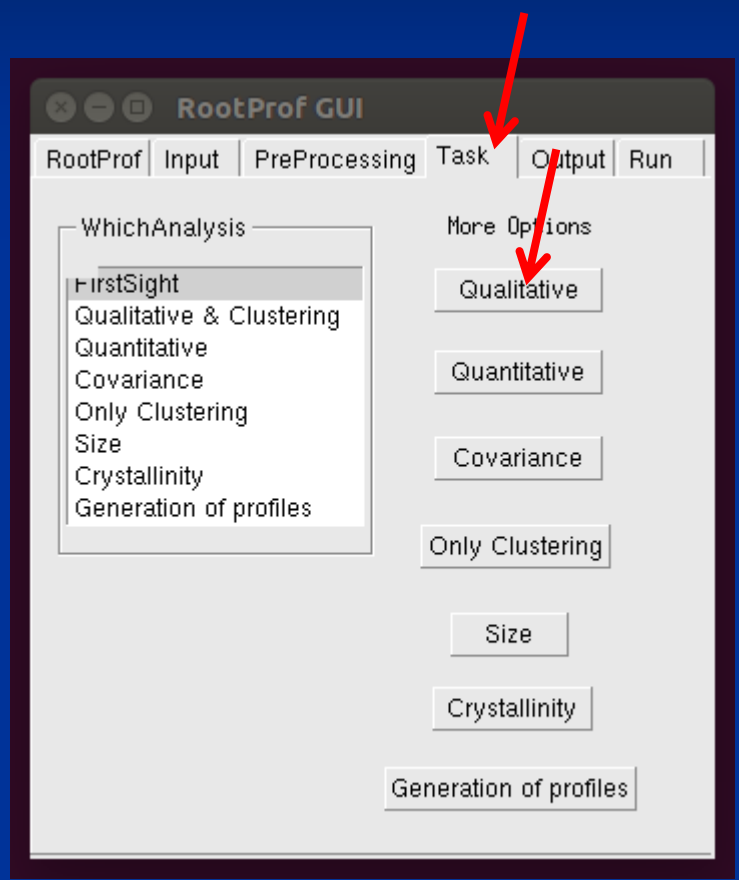
FTIR, BS (Nclip=10)





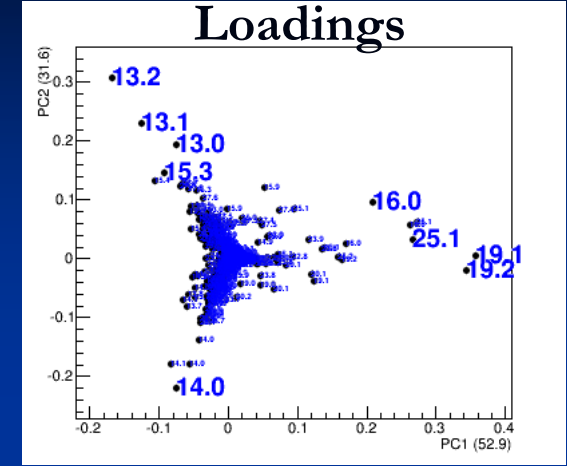
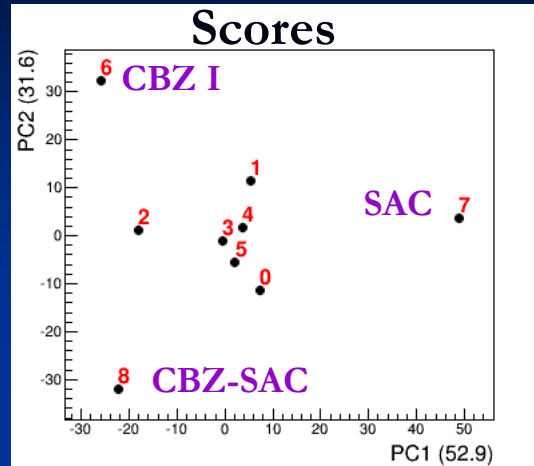
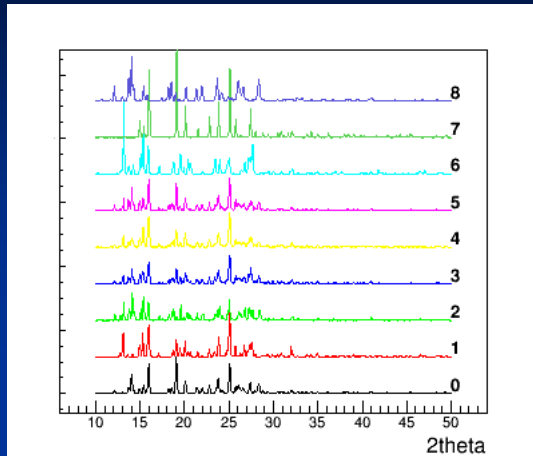
# Step 3: Task

## Qualitative analysis

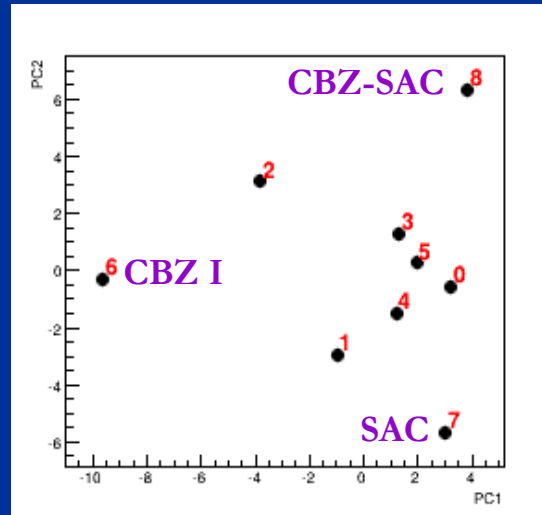
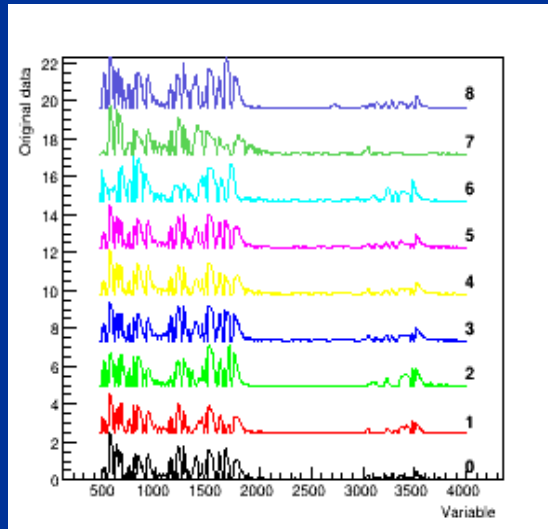


# Qualitative analysis by PCA

XRPD

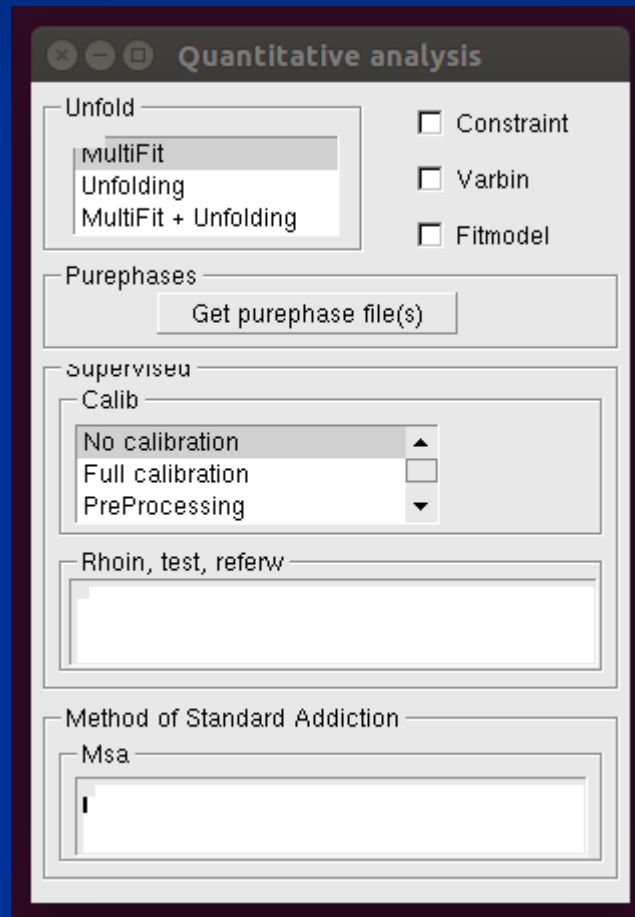
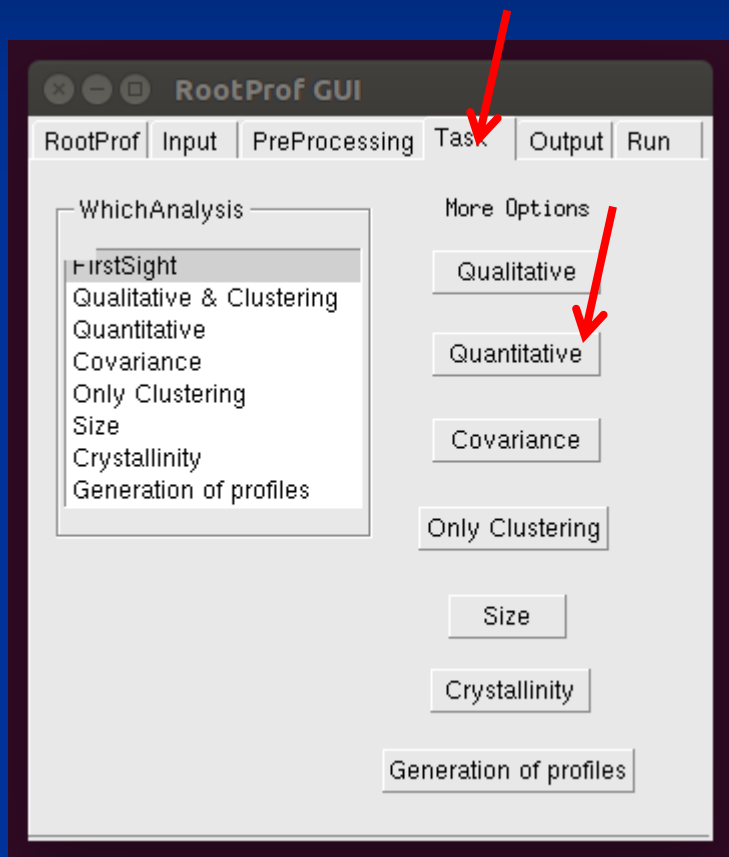


FTIR



# Step 3: Task

## Quantitative analysis



# The MultiFit approach

Fit model:

$$f(i) = \sum_{j=1}^M p_j \hat{f}_j(i)$$

$\hat{f}_j(i)$  Pre-processed spectrum of j-th pure phase

M = number of pure phases in the sample

$$w_j = p_j$$

For IR

$$w_j = \frac{p_j}{\sum_{t=1}^M p_t}$$

or

$$w_j = \frac{\frac{p_j}{\mu_i^*}}{\sum_{t=1}^M \frac{p_t}{\mu_t^*}}$$

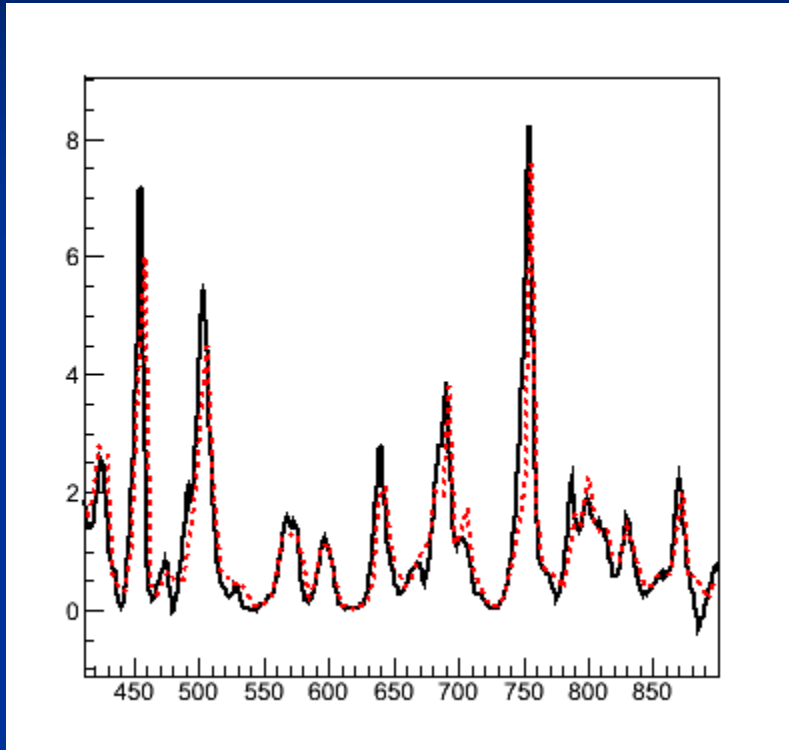
For XRPD

$$Sum = \sum_{t=1}^M p_t$$

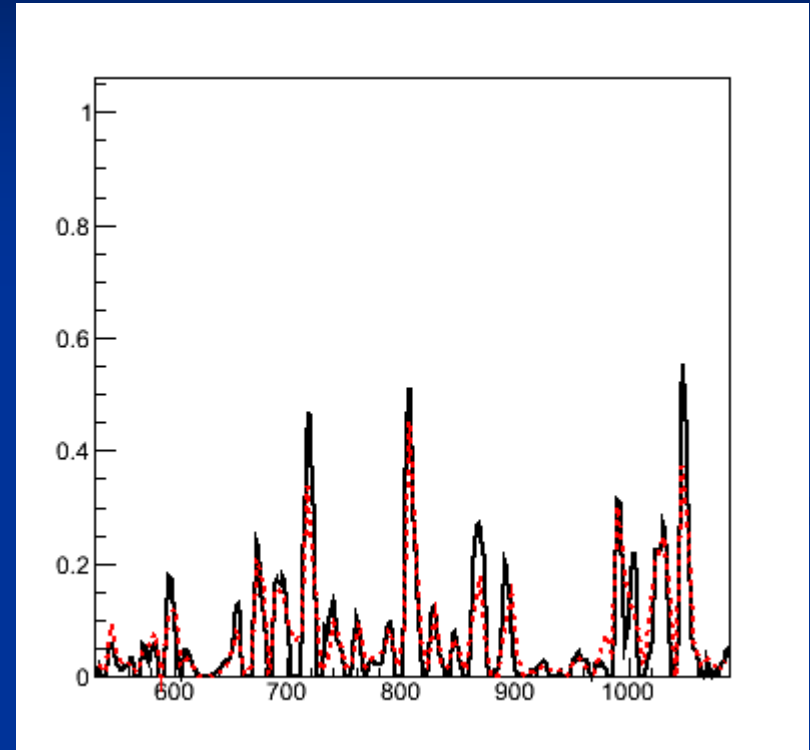
Deviation from 1 indicates phases not included in the fit or amorphous content

# MultiFit

XRPD



FTIR



Experimental (pre-processed) pattern

Calculated (best fitted) profile  $f(x)$

# MultiFit vs Rietveld

- Can be applied to profiles from any technique
- Can be applied if pure-phases profiles are measured
- A priori information of mixture composition not strictly necessary
- Specific for XRPD
- Can be applied if pure-phases crystal structures are known
- A priori information of mixture composition needed

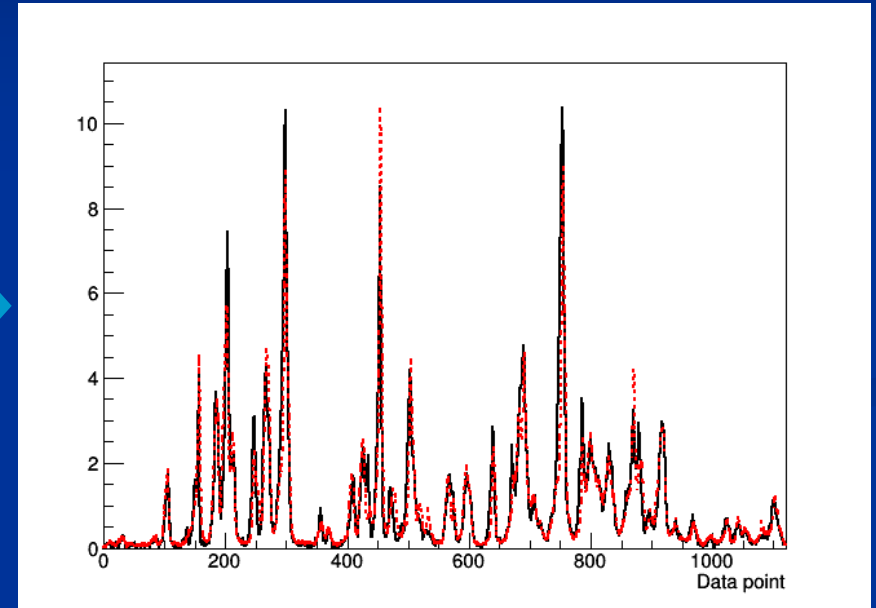
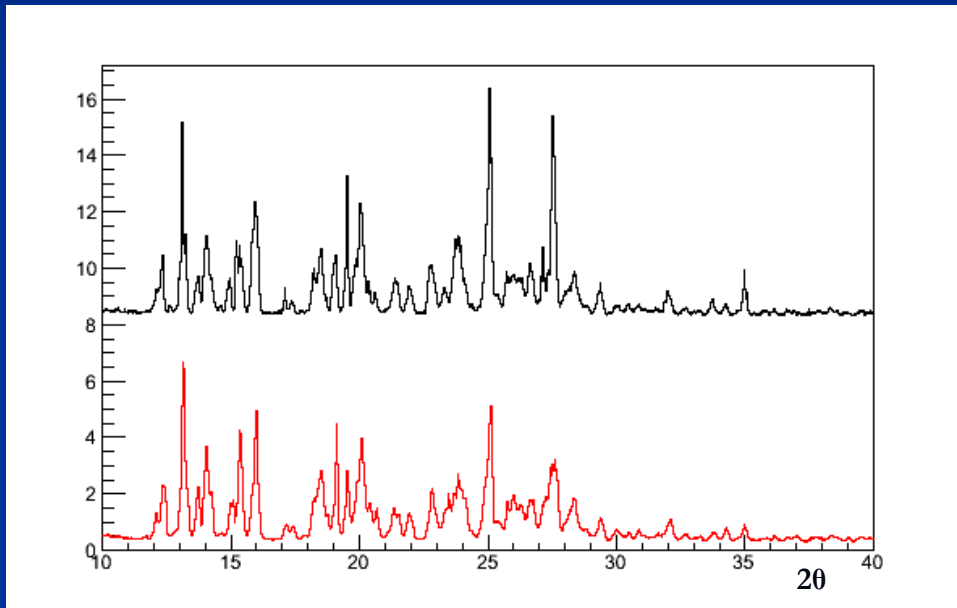
free parameter

$$Sum = \sum_{t=1}^M w_t$$

set to 1

# PCA filtering

Profiles reconstructed by using 3 PCs → Effect on quantitative analysis



- ✓ The dimensionality reduction minimize the experimental error
- ✓ Main features of the original spectra preserved

Experimental (pre-processed) pattern

Calculated (best fitted) profile  $f(x)$

# Quantitative analysis by unfolding

MultiFit

$$\hat{y}(i) = \sum_{j=1}^M p_j \hat{f}_j(i)$$

Iterative LSQ

$\hat{f}_j(i)$

Pre-processed profile of the j-th pure phase

M = number of pure phases in the sample

N = number of 2theta values

Unfolding

$$p_j = \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{f}_j(i) \hat{y}(i)$$

Iterative Gold deconvolution

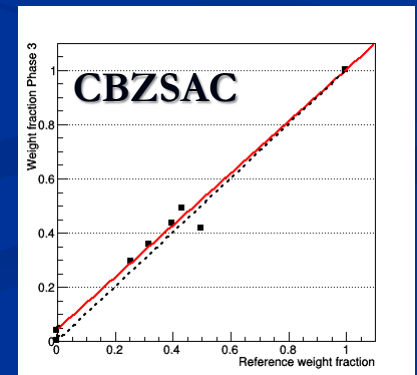
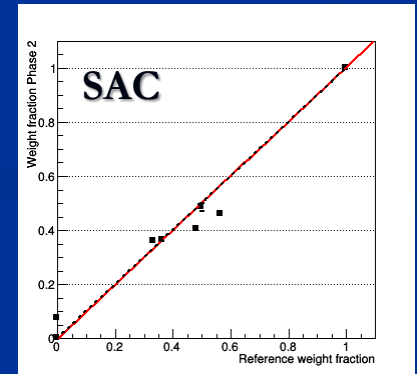
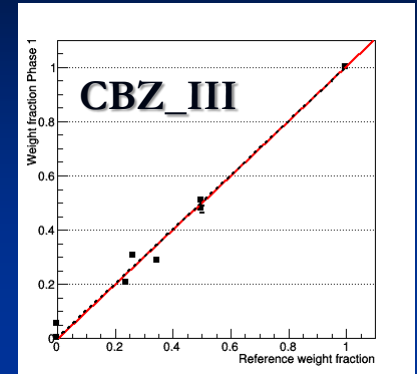
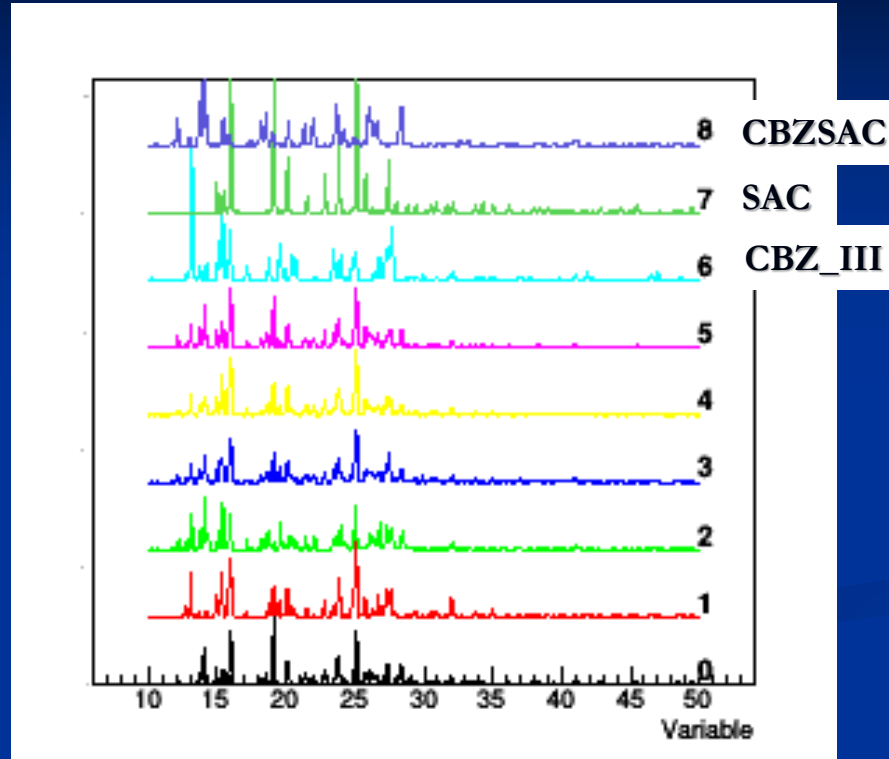
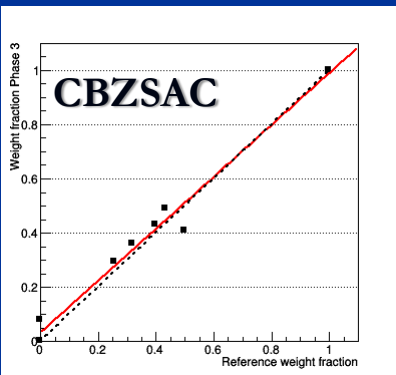
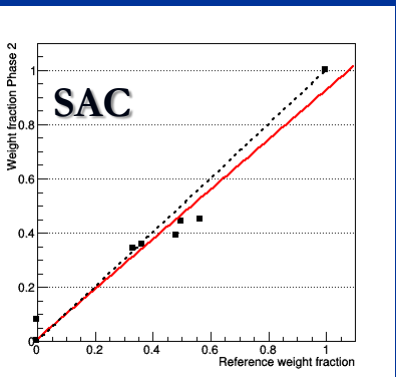
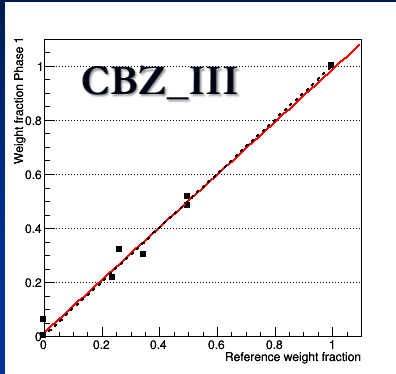
$\hat{f}_j(i)$

Response matrix formed by the pure phase profiles,

Less accurate, but faster and less dependent on pre-processing



# Unfolding vs Multifit



AKLD=0.121

Time=0.4 s

AKLD=0.110

Time=54.4 s

Kullback-Leibler  
distance

$$AKLD = \left| \sum_{i=1}^K w'_i \ln \frac{w'_i}{w_i} \right|$$

# Supervised quantitative analysis

Subset of samples, with known weight fractions, used for calibration

Automatic choice of best pre-processing option

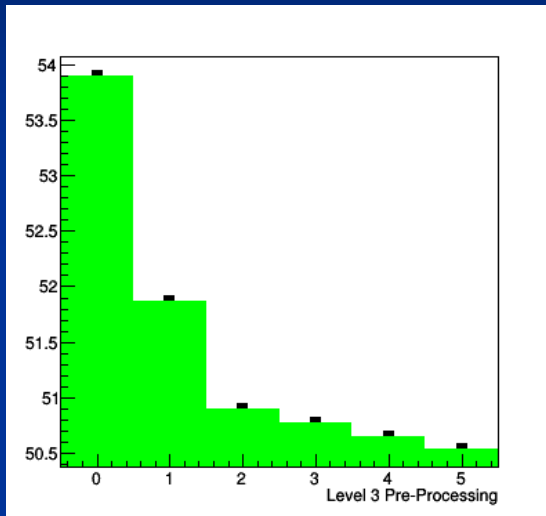


Table 1: Pre-processing values considered for automatic calibration

Pre-Processing type	0	1	2	3	4	5
Level 1: Modifications	no-modification	Smoothing	Deconvolution	Log10	Powering by 0.8	Powering by 1.2
Level 2: Rescaling	No-rescaling	Mean centering	Normalization	Standard Normal Variate		
Level 3: Background subtraction	No-background subtraction	Clipping window=16	Clipping window=20	Clipping window=40	Clipping window=60	Clipping window=100
Level 4: Filtering	No-filtering	Multiplicative Scatter Correction	Multiplicative Scatter Correction, all profiles	Principal component filtering	Principal component filtering, all profiles	

Best-fit determination of pure phase rescaling

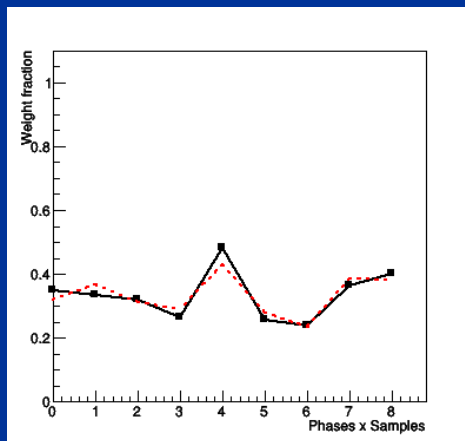
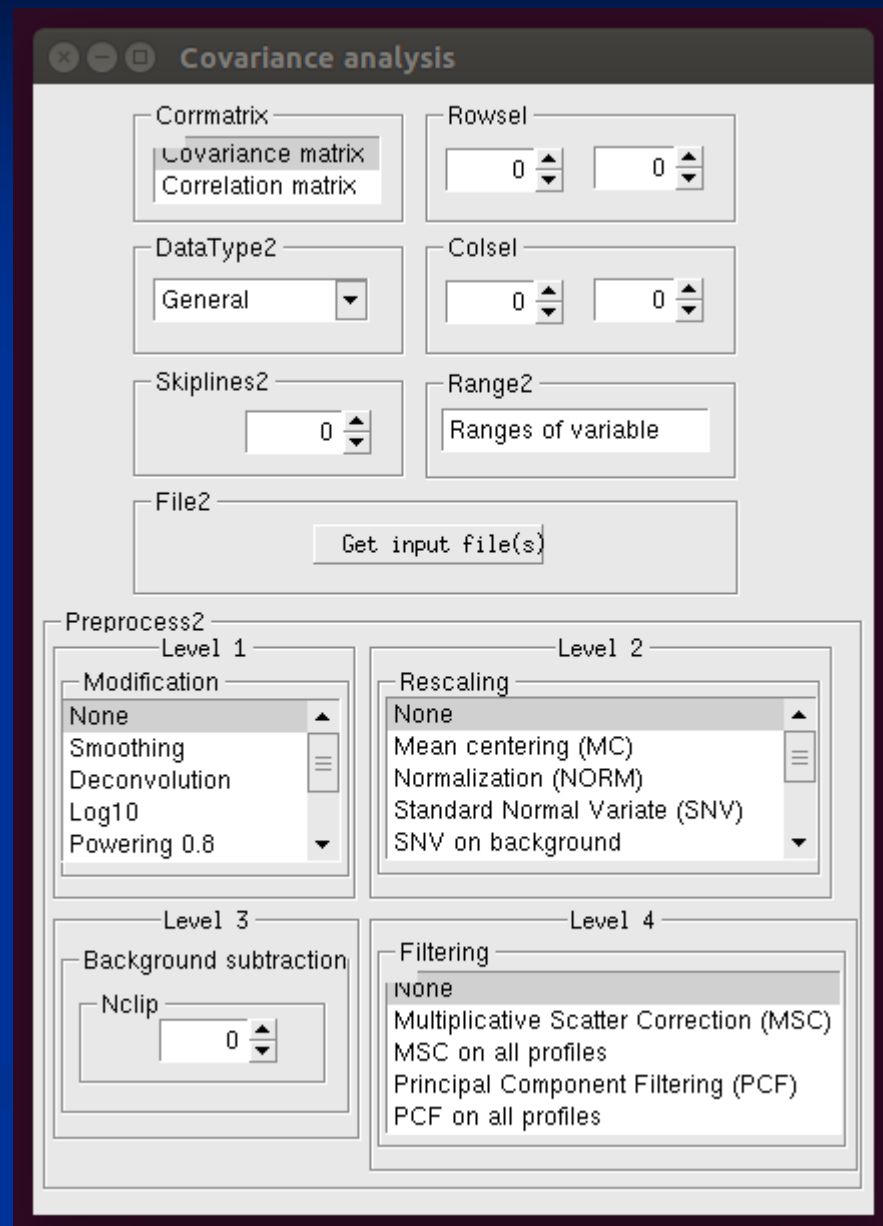
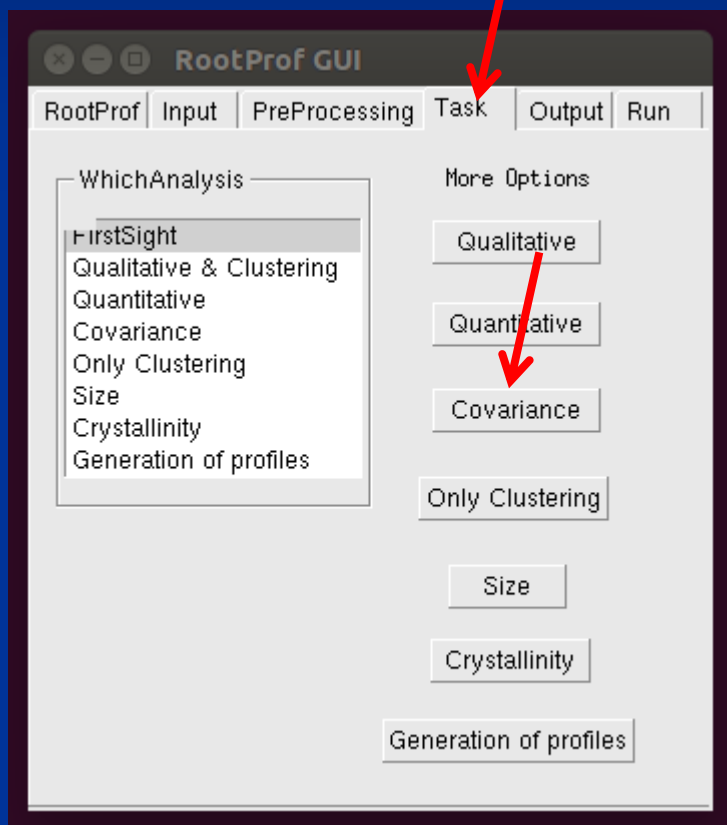


Table 1: Results of the calibration procedure by using different compositions of the calibration set.

Samples in Calibration Set	Calibration Parameters	Overall AKLD
--	1.00, 1.00, 1.00	0.108
0,1,2	1.00, 0.88, 0.98	0.104
3,4,5	1.00, 1.02, 1.16	0.094
0,1,2,3,4,5	1.00, 0.93, 1.05	0.097
6,7,8	1.00, 1.00, 1.00	0.108
0,1,2,6,7,8	1.00, 0.87, 0.97	0.104
3,4,5,6,7,8	1.00, 1.02, 1.16	0.094
0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	1.00, 0.93, 1.05	0.097

# Step 3: Task

## Covariance analysis

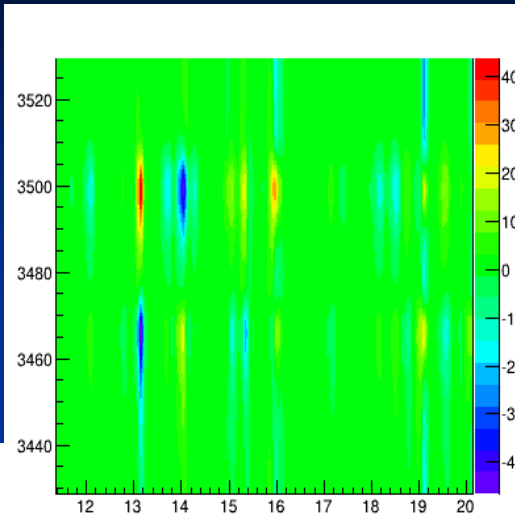


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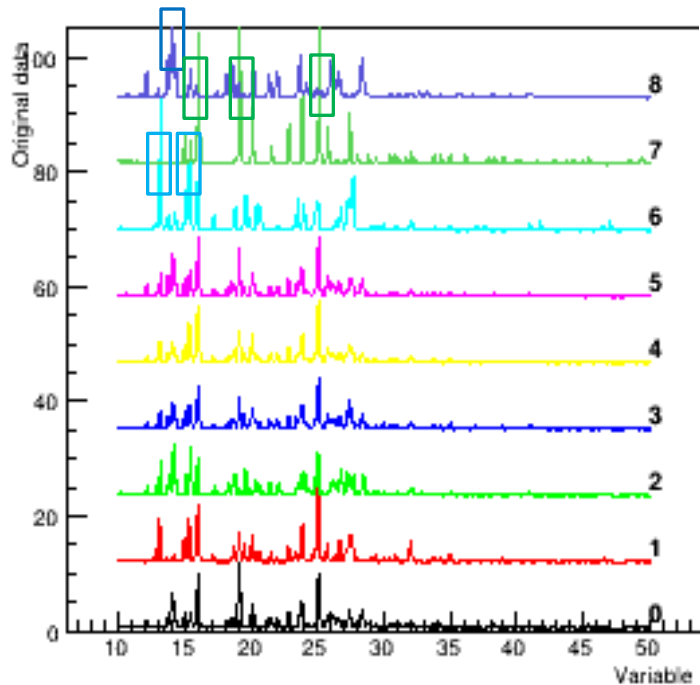
Averages calculated over the samples

$$COV_{AB}(i, j) = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^K (\hat{y}_t(i) - \langle \hat{y}(i) \rangle_A) (\hat{y}_t(j) - \langle \hat{y}(j) \rangle_B)}{K-1}$$

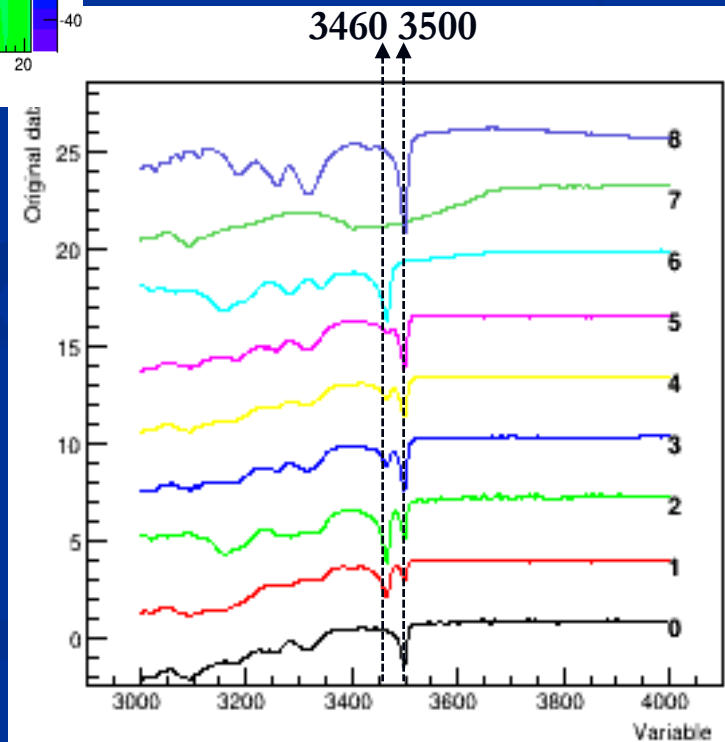
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B=FTIR

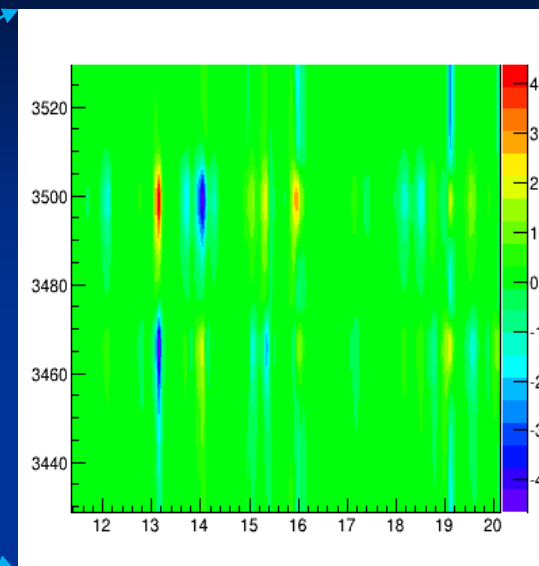
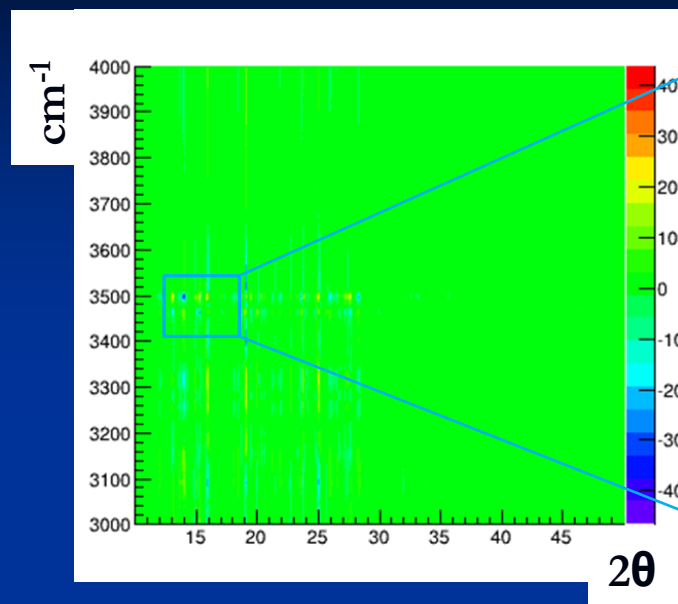


CBZ-SAC  
SAC  
CBZ III



$$C_{ij}(\theta) = \sum_k (I_k(\theta) - \langle I(\theta) \rangle) (I_k(\theta) - \langle I(\theta) \rangle)_j$$

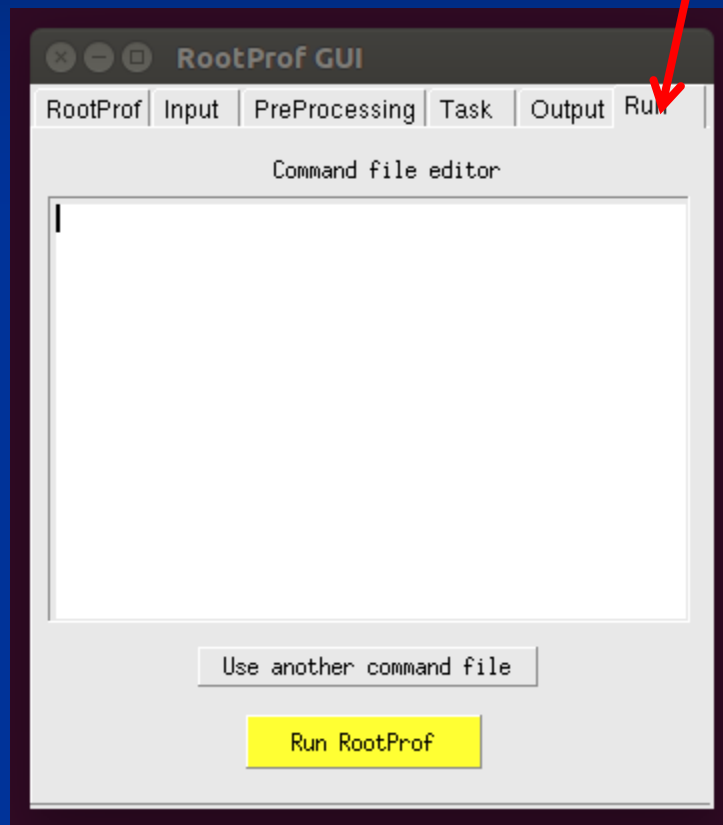
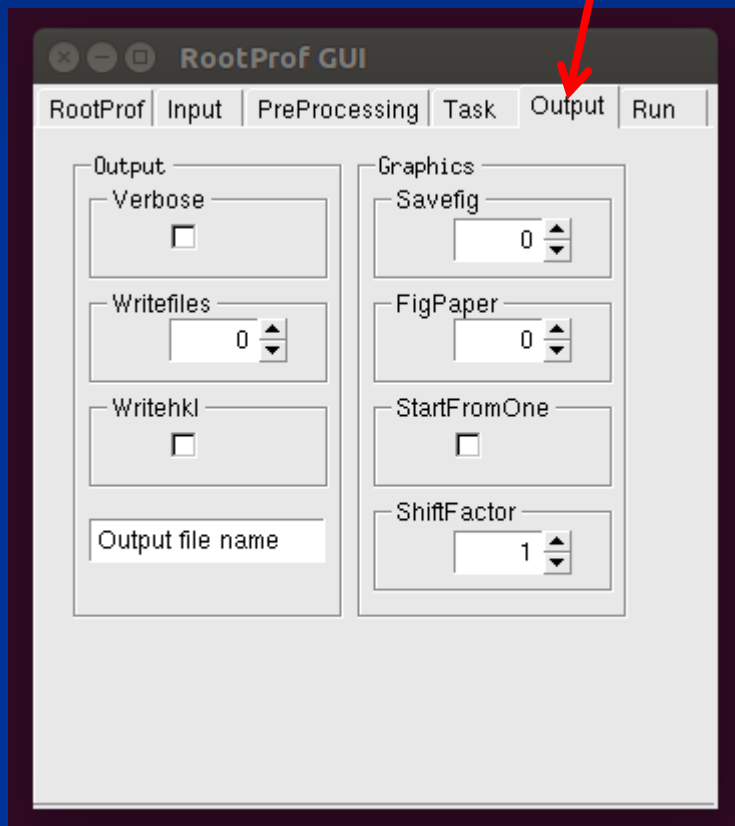
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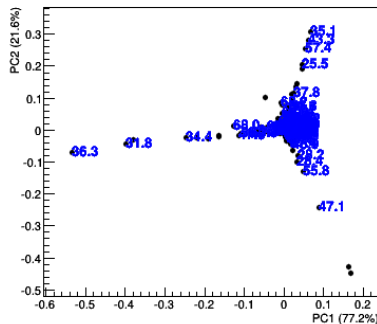
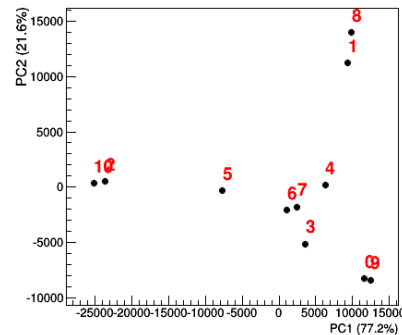
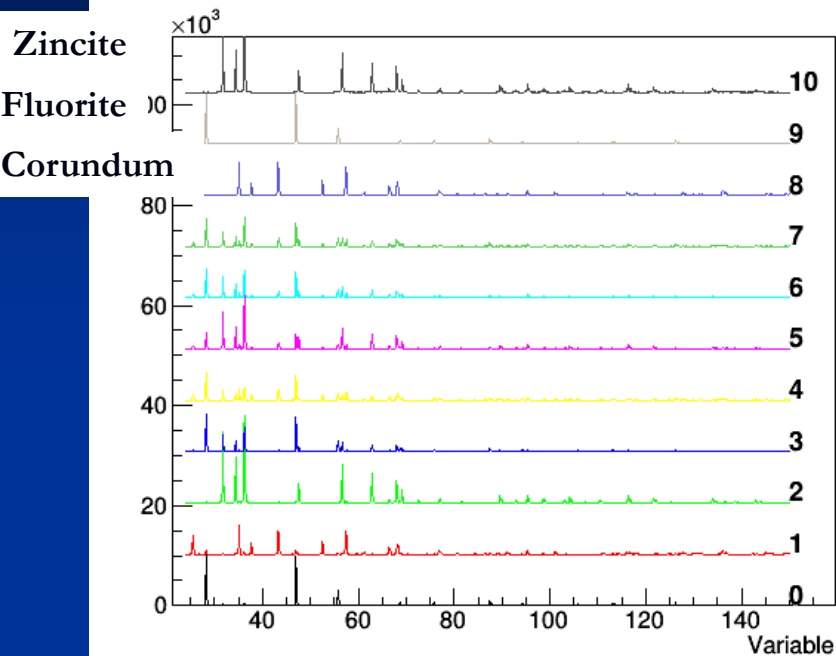
Crystal phase	XRPD signal (2θ)	FTIR signal (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Correlation
CBZ-SAC	14.0	3460	Positive
		3500	Negative
SAC	16.0, 19.5	3460	Positive
		3500	Positive
CBZ III	13.2, 15.5	3460	Negative
		3500	Positive

3460 and 3500 cm<sup>-1</sup> FTIR peaks very sensitive for discrimination of CBZ III, SAC and CBZ-SAC

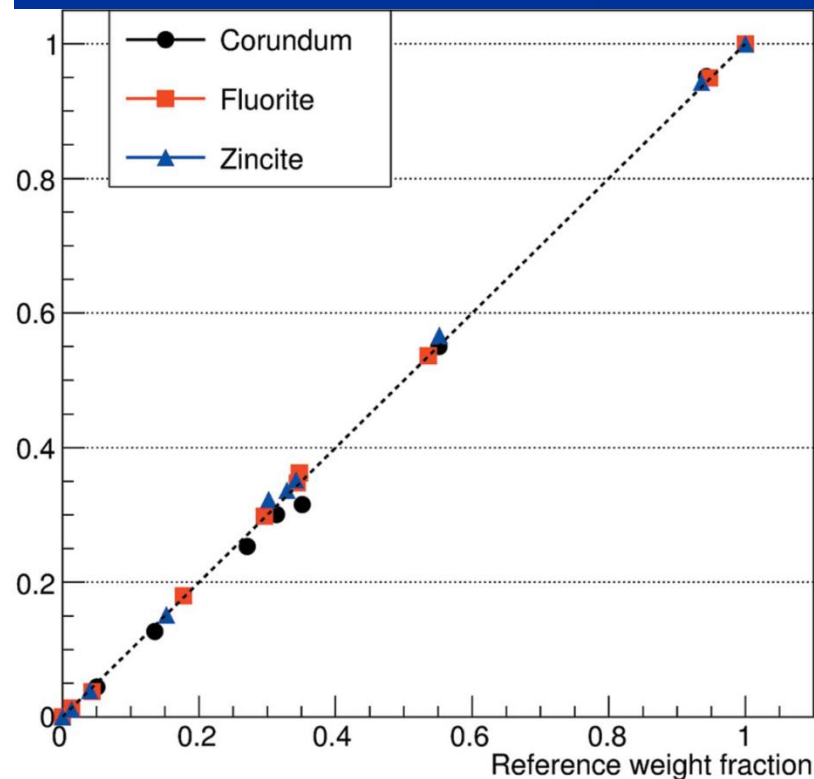
# Step 4: Output & Step 5: Run



# Round-robin mixtures



Known x-ray attenuation coefficient

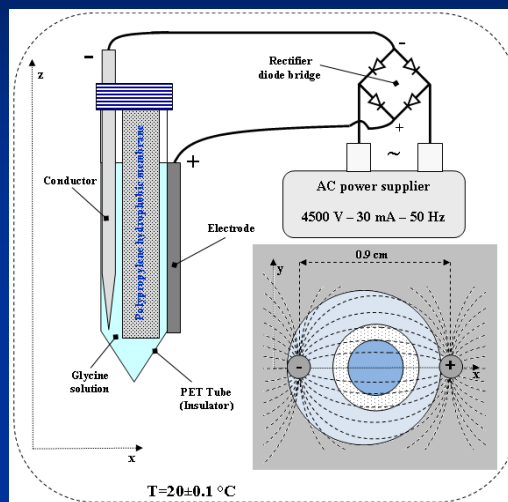
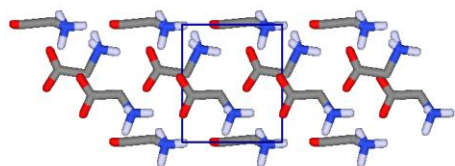


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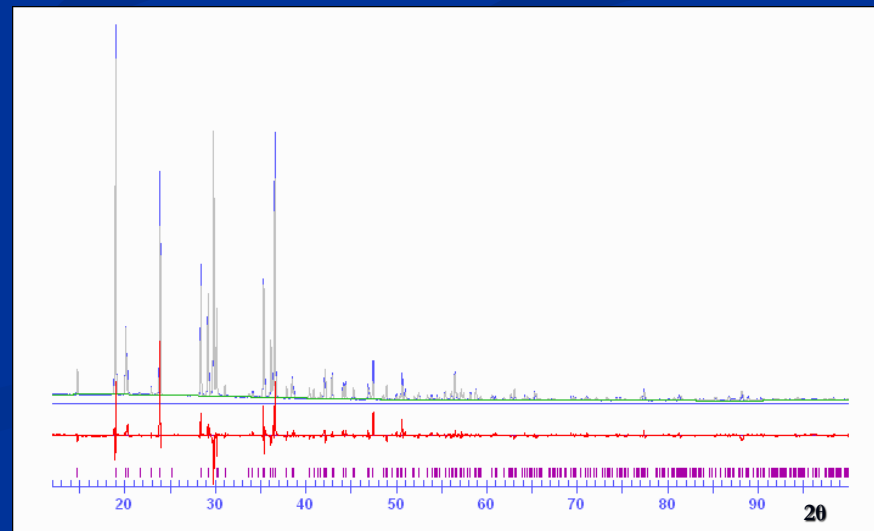
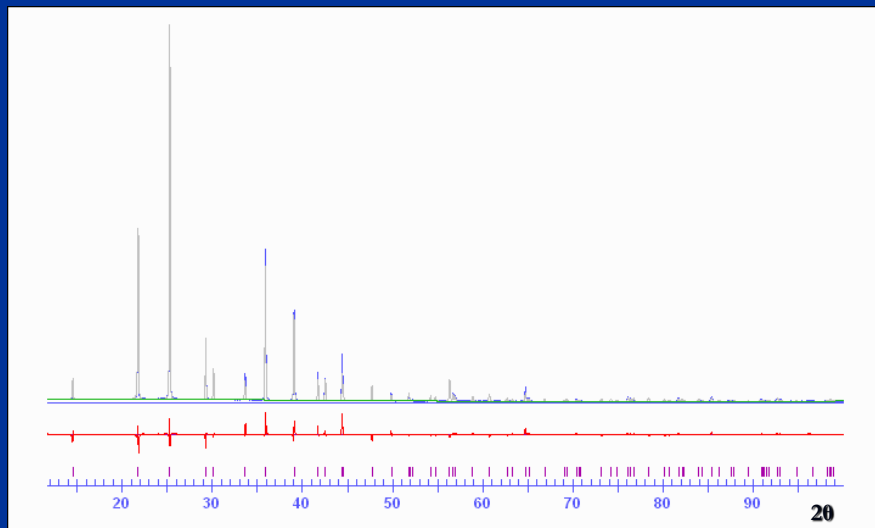
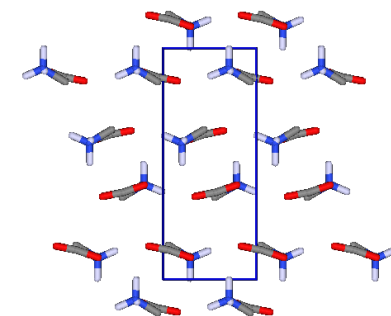
comparable results obtained by the Rietveld method

# Polymorphism of glycine

$\gamma$ -glycine

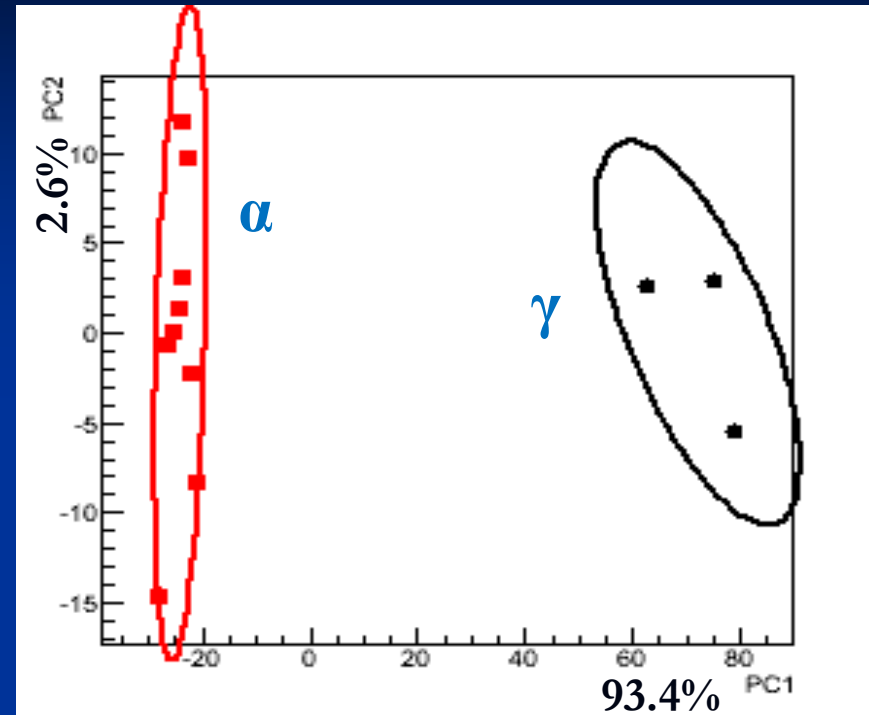
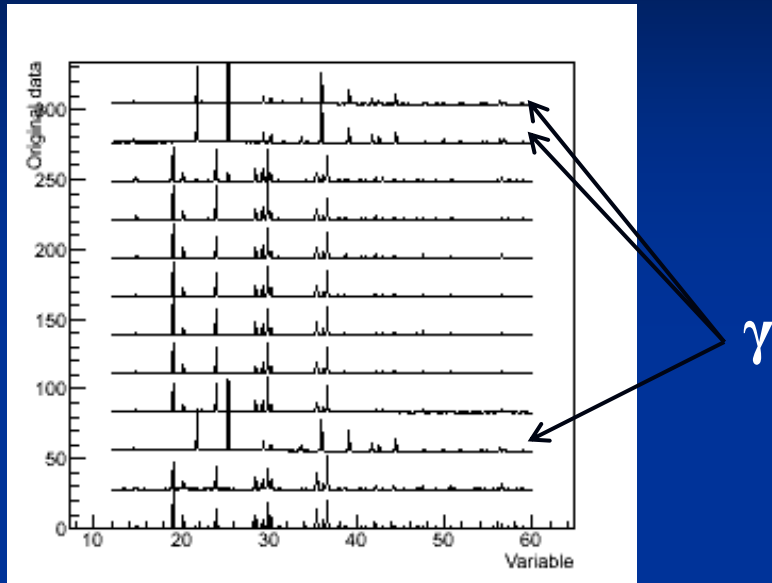


$\alpha$ -glycine





# Classification of XRPD patterns



Mahalanobis distance



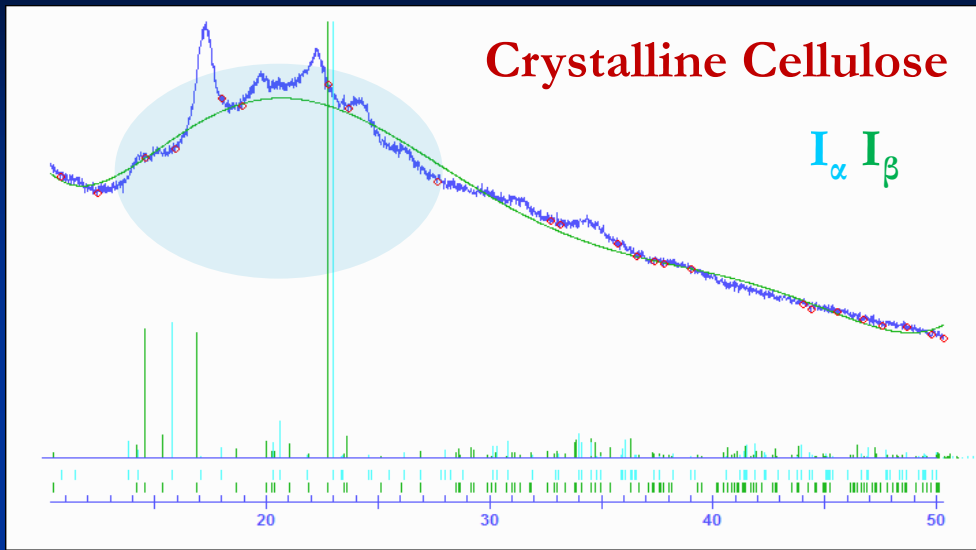
95% confidence ellipses and P-values

$$dist = \sqrt{(\mathbf{u}_j - \mathbf{u}_i)^T COV(\mathbf{u}_j - \mathbf{u}_i)}$$

$\mathbf{u}_i$  = sample mean of group  $i$

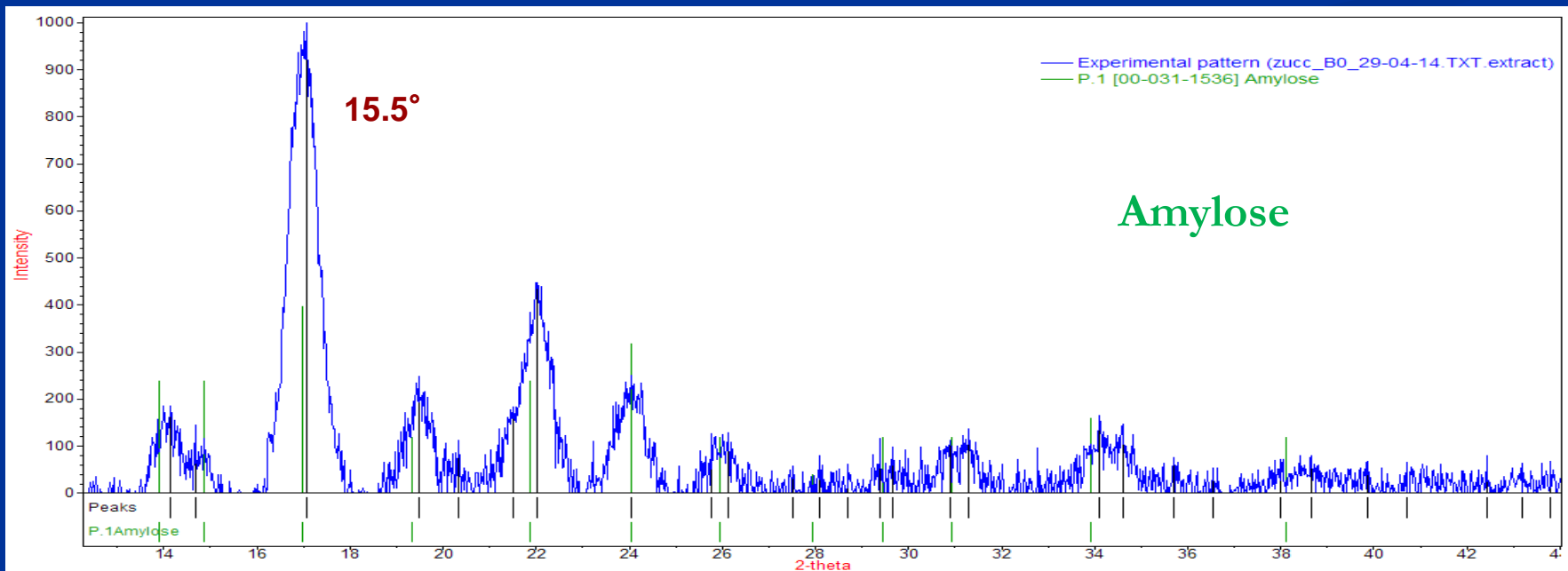
**P-value =  $5.2 \times 10^{-10}$**

# Characterization of zucchini fruits

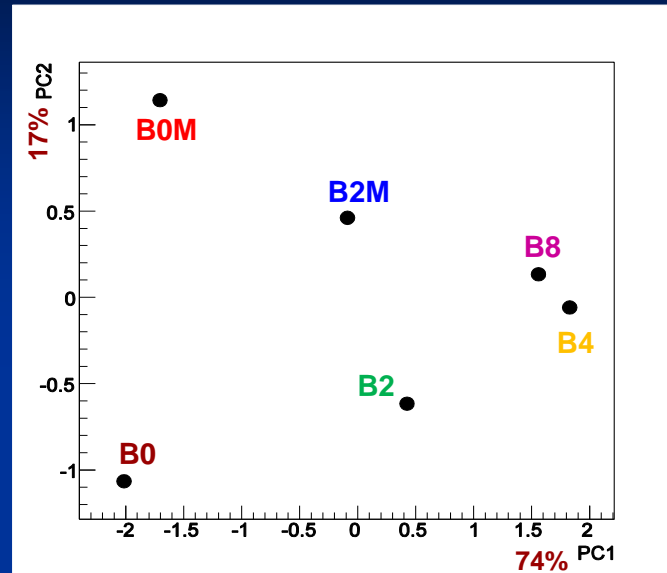
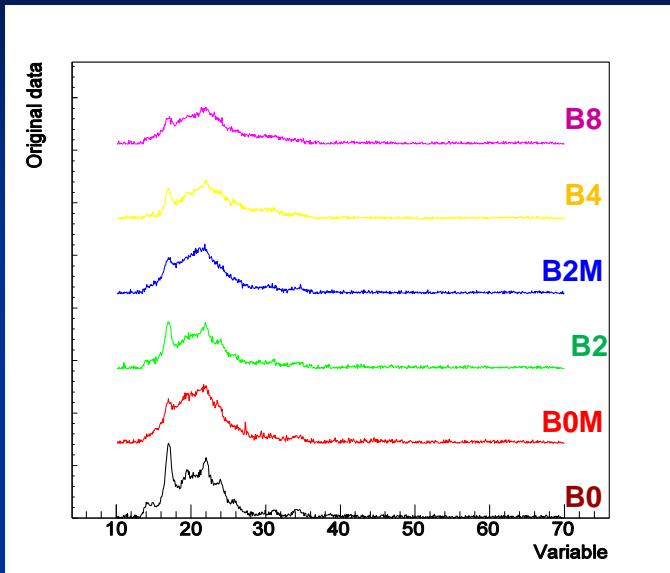


Biochar added to soil:  
0% (B0), 2% (B2), 4% (B4), 8% (B8)

Mychorrhizial product addition:  
B0M, B2M

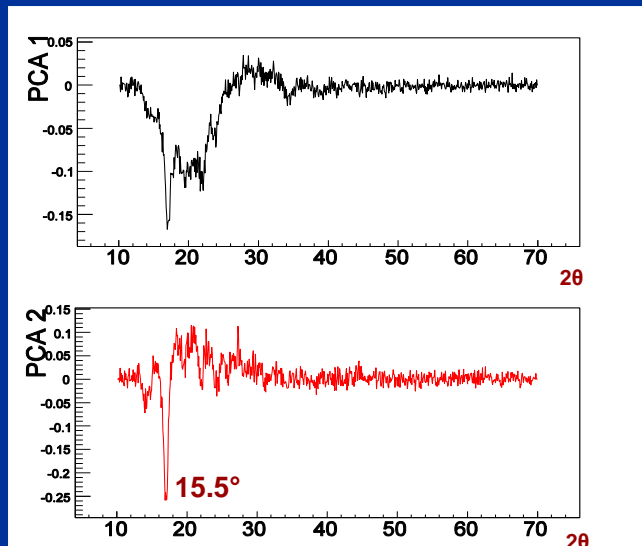


# PCA analysis of fruits



Sensitive to biochar addition (PC1)

Recognize mycorrhizial product addition (PC2)



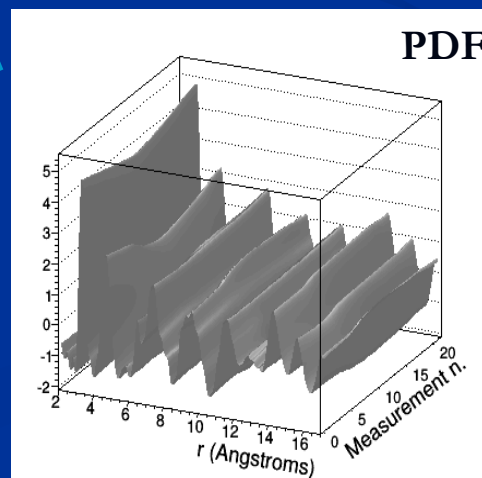
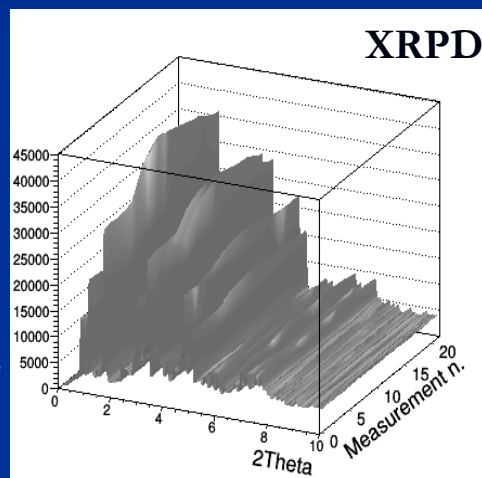
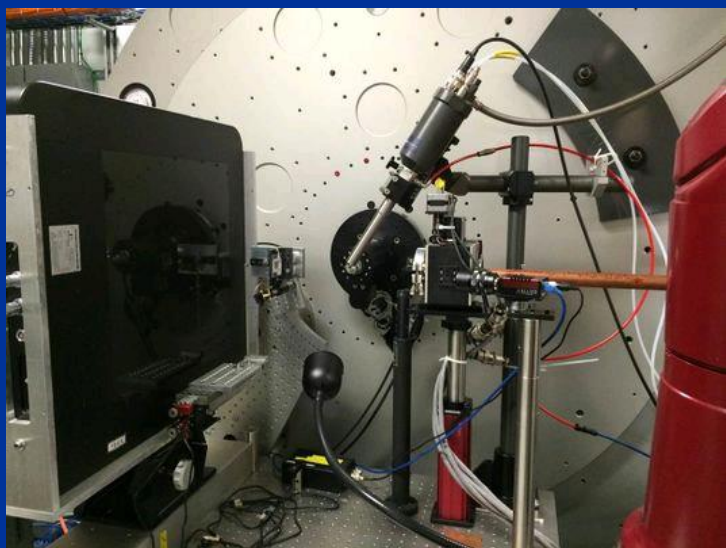
PC1: relative abundance of crystalline cellulose

PC2: relative abundance of amylose (15.5°)

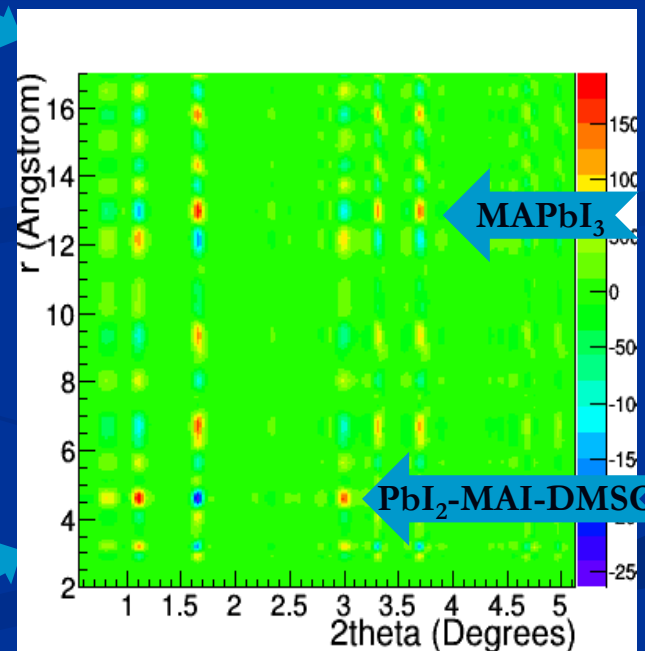
# Structural characterization of halide perovskites

Temperature varied in situ  $300 \rightarrow 400 \rightarrow 300$  ° C

Tetragonal-to-cubic phase transition monitored



Covariance matrix  
calculated by RootProf

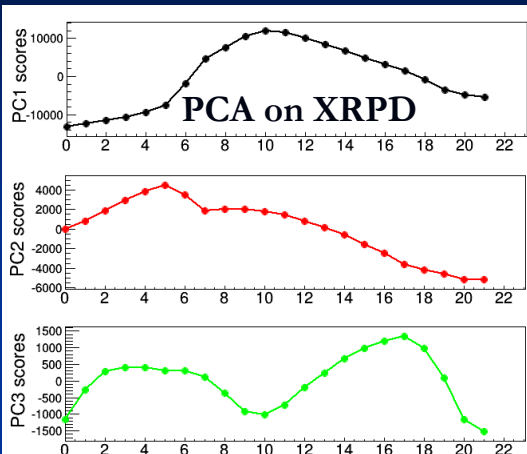


MAPbI<sub>3</sub> and PbI<sub>2</sub>-MAI-DMSO  
peaks anticorrelated

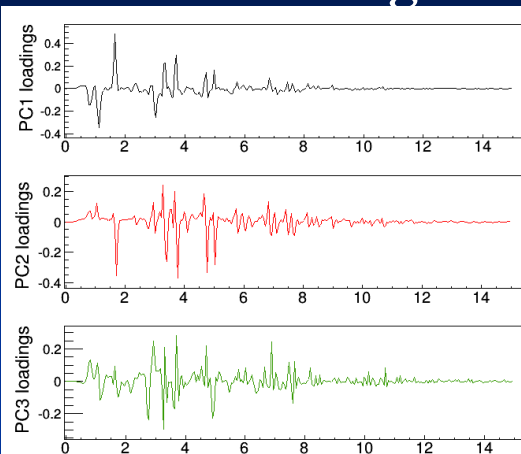
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# Trends in time and space domains

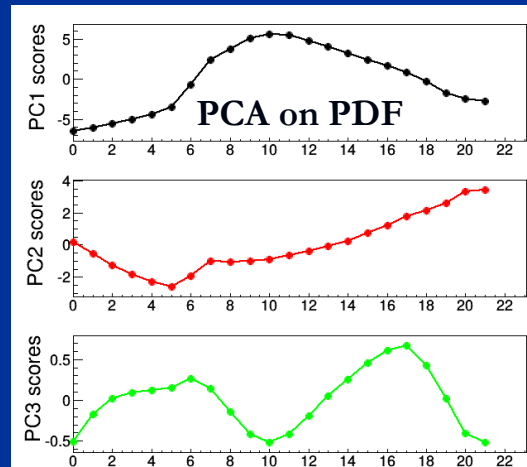
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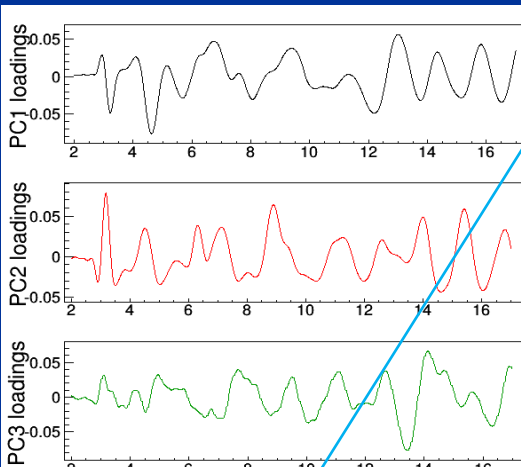
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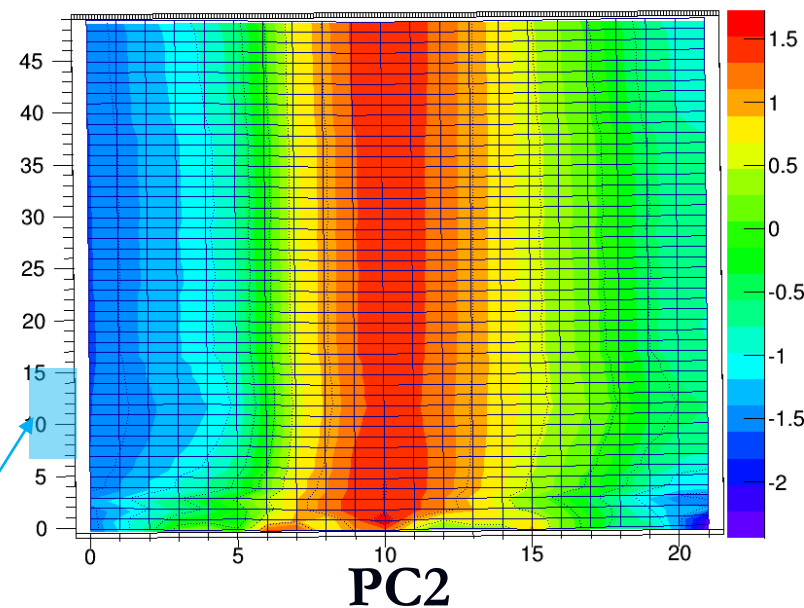
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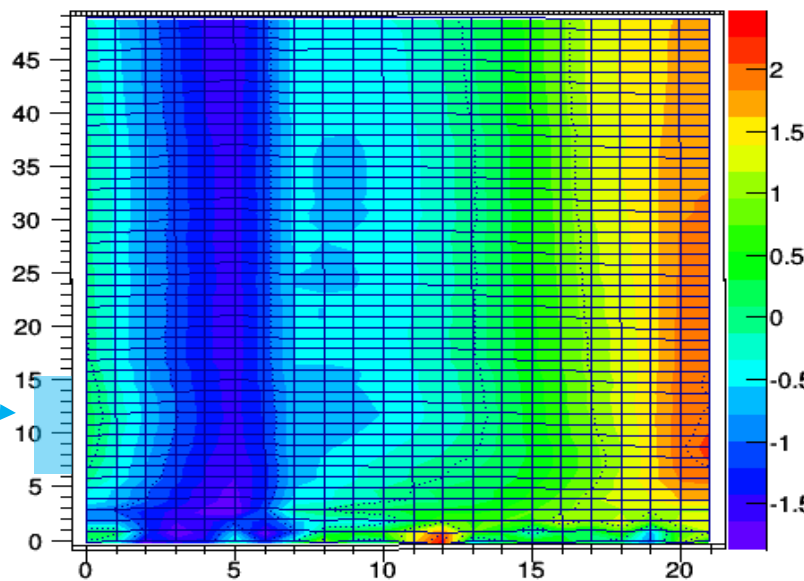
## Loadings



## PC1



## PC2



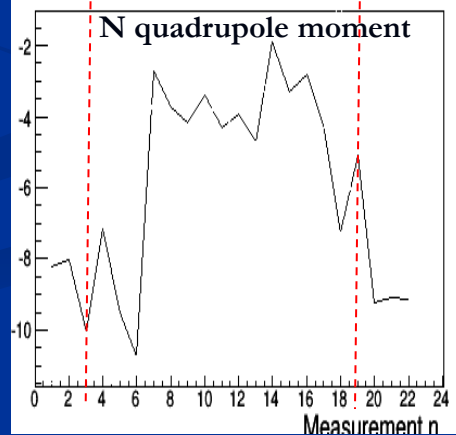
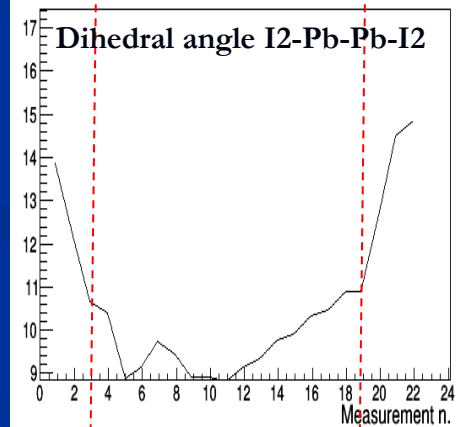
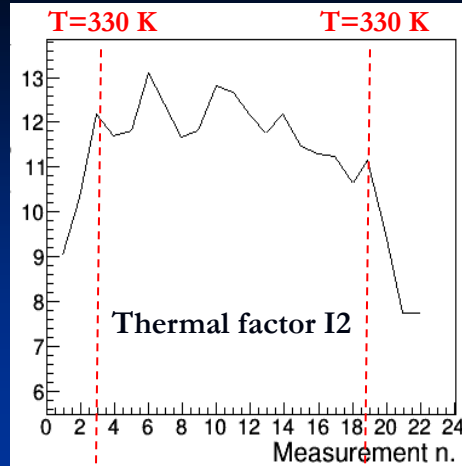
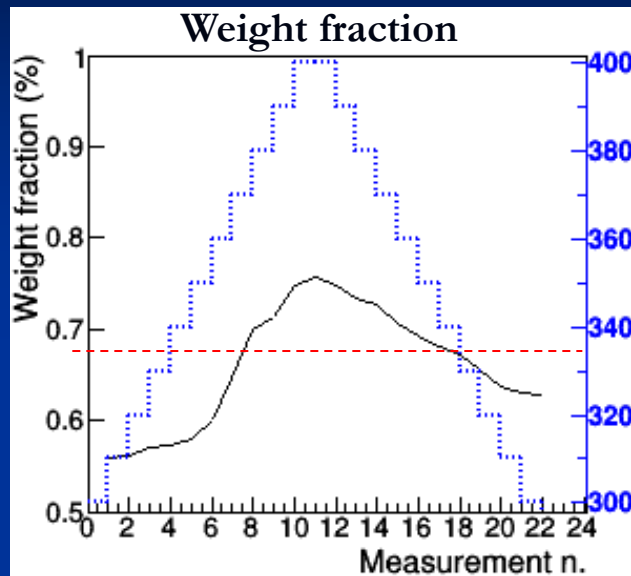
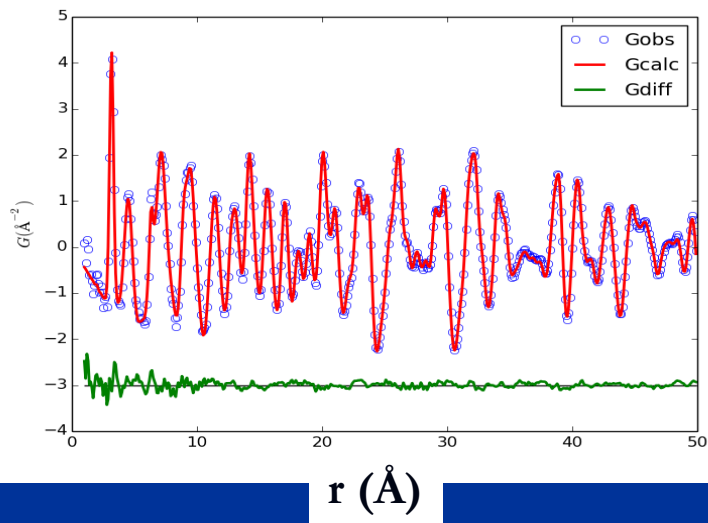
Local disorder from  
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Anomalous contribution  
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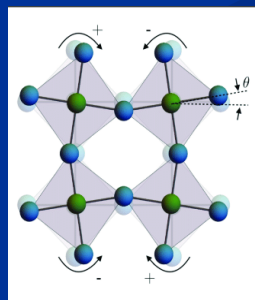
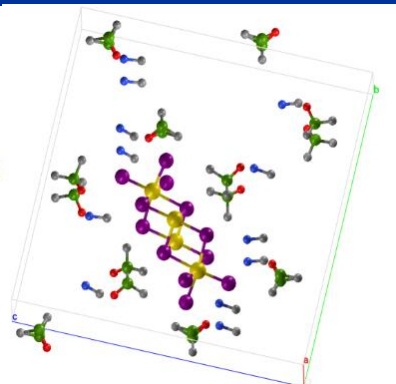
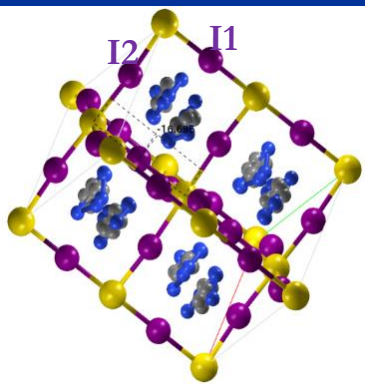
# Fitting of individual profiles

Automatic fitting of individual PDF profiles



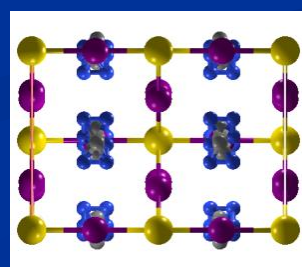
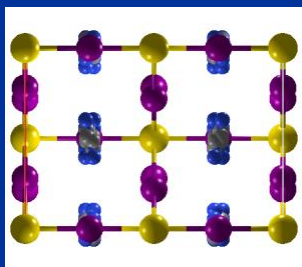
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PbI<sub>2</sub>-MAI-DMSO

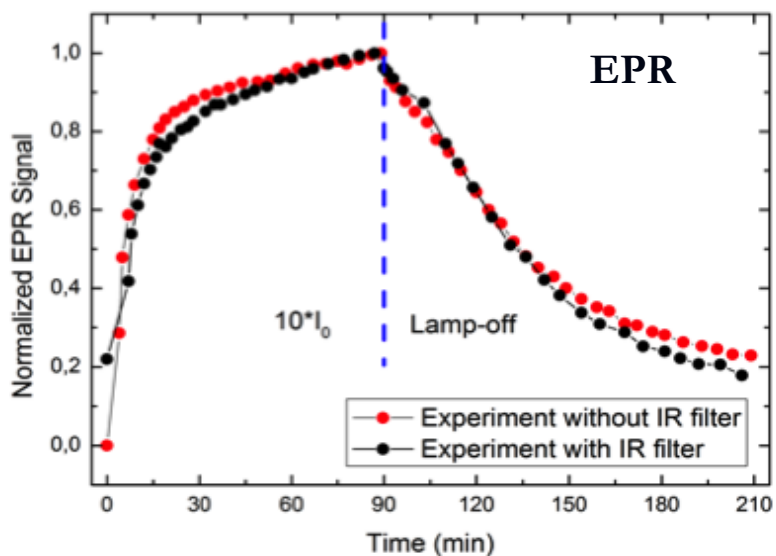


300K

400K



# Dynamic investigations: illumination variations



## Light-Induced Formation of Pb<sup>3+</sup> Paramagnetic Species in Lead Halide Perovskites

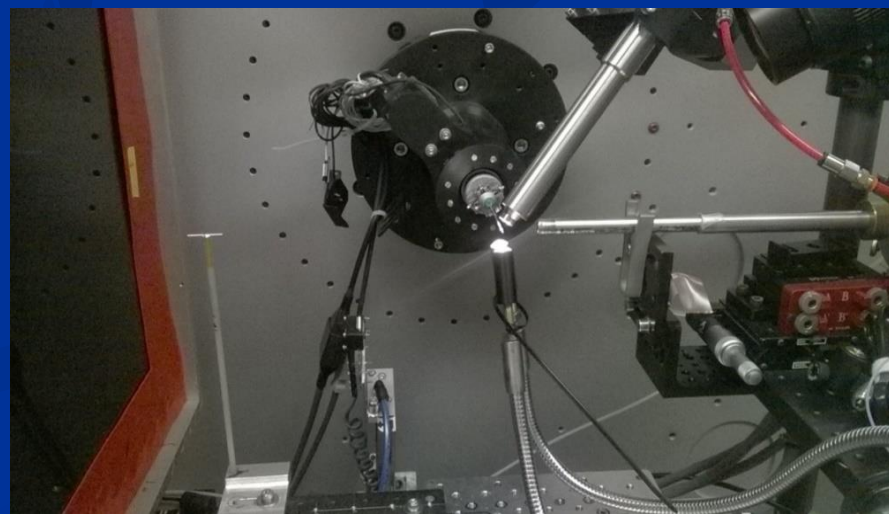
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Reversible generation, under illumination, of electron paramagnetic resonance signal from MAPbI<sub>3</sub> perovskite polycrystalline powder

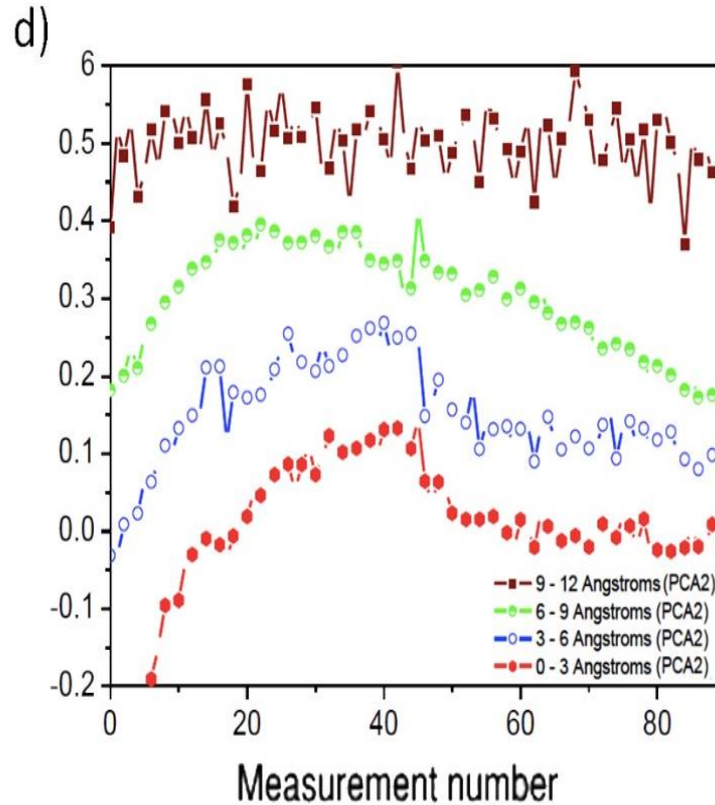
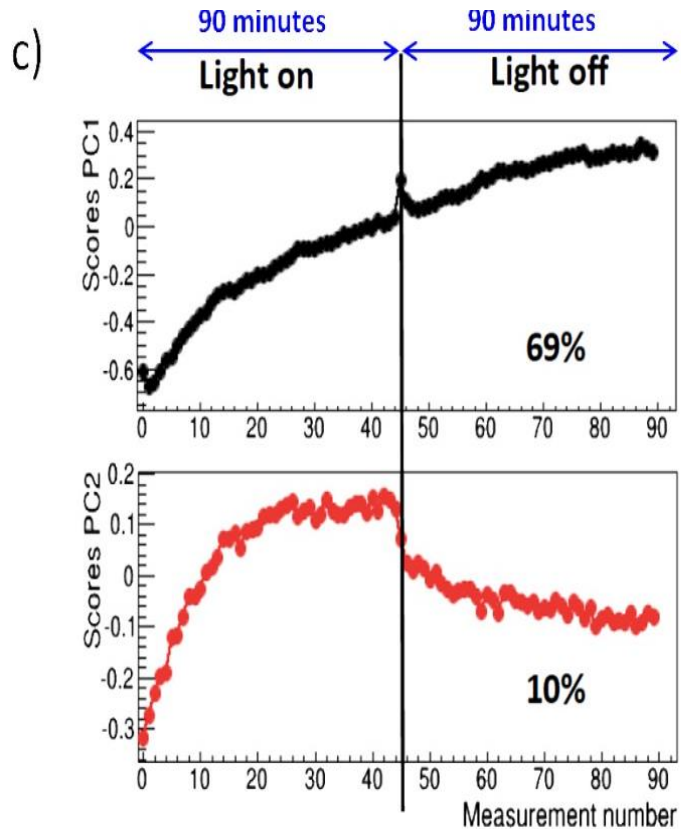
Sample illuminated

Light on for 90 min (profiles 1-44)

Light off for 90 min (profiles 45-90)



# Space-dependent PCA



PC1: structural variations induced by the X-ray illumination (lattice distortion, thermal atomic fluctuations...)

PC2: light-related trend, similar to that observed for the EPR signal

Higher light-induced effect for the shorter interatomic distances ( $R < 3 \text{ \AA}$ ), consistent with the range of Pb-O distances ( $2.25 \text{ \AA}$ )



Generation of paramagnetic  $\text{Pb}^{3+}$  defects under illumination, induced by the presence of Pb-O defects that may trap photogenerated holes



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