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Monitoring in situ experiments with RootProf

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OUTLINE

Introduction: PCA, MED, OCCR and kinetics and dynamic analysis in simulated in situ XRPD data

Sub-structure solution by PCA- and OCCR-assisted dynamic analysis of Xe into Y zeolite in situ XRPD data

Kinetics retrieval by PCA-assisted analysis

The real world: three case studies where PCA is applied to real world data

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MOTIVATION

**Back 1999 SNBL@ESRF
in situ experiment
20-100 XRPD patterns**

**Back 2009 SNBL@ESRF
in situ Raman/XRPD experiment
200-1000 Raman and 200-2000 XRPD patterns**

**2019 SNBL (Raman/XRPD) PSI (UV-Vis/Raman/XRPD
BNL(XRPD/PDF) multiprobe experiments:
2000-10000 pattern each probe**

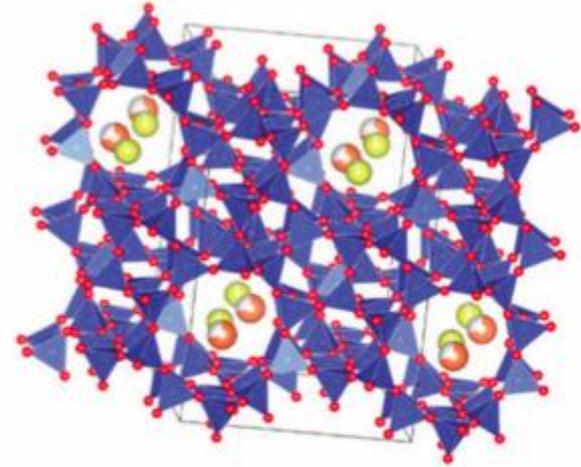
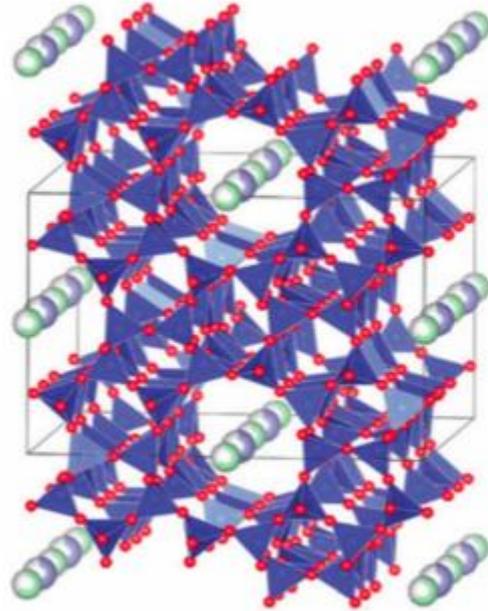
**But also lab XRPD can be used for in situ XRPD
experiment with 1 min time resolution!**

2029? 100000-1000000 patterns each experiment?

**FACE the amount
of incoming data
storming!**

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Are there alternative/complementary approaches to Rietveld refinement?



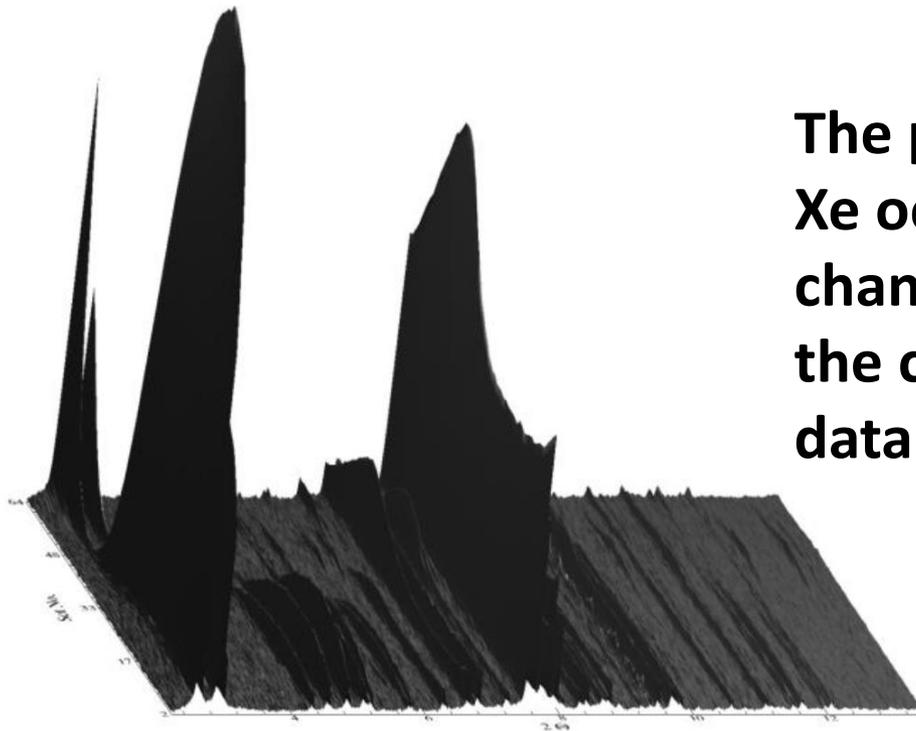
The case study: Xe absorption into an MFI zeolite

The target: speed, efficiency, selectivity, no need of crystal structure, robustness vs. Preferred Orientation, disorder, limited resolution, low data quality...

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PCA, MED, OCCR and kinetics/dynamics in simulated in situ XRPD data

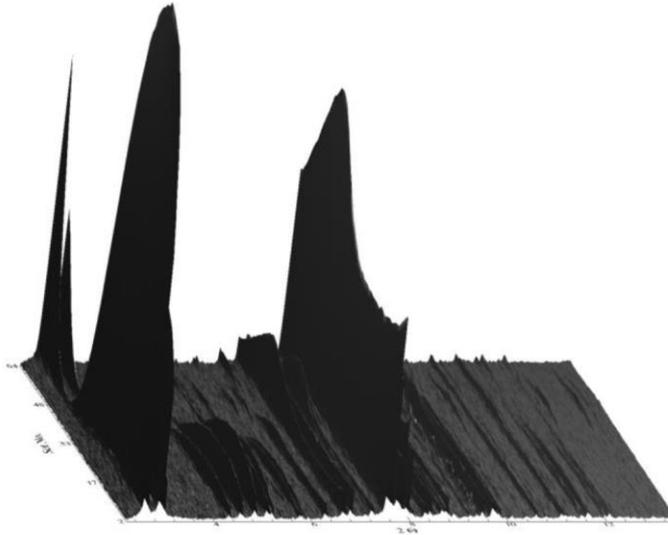


**The playground:
Xe occupancies are
changed from 0 to 1 and
the corresponding XRPD
data calculated**

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Fourier analysis (PSD-MED) can retrieve both kinetics (1Ω) and substructure (2Ω)



The «direct response» to the stimulus →
Kinetic analysis

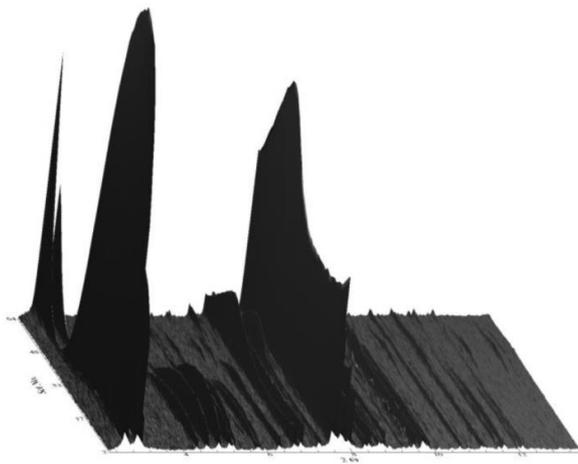


The response of the active part →
Structure solution of the changing part

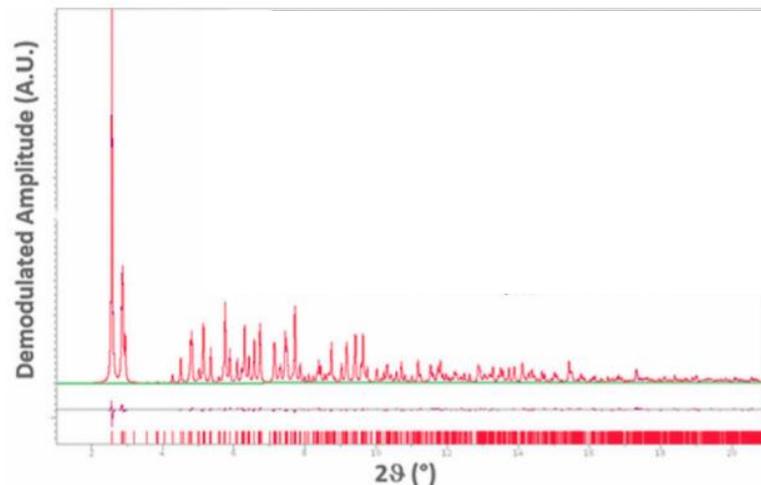
D. Chernyshov, et al. *Acta Cryst. Section A* A67, **2011**, 327-335;
 R. Caliendo et al., *J. Appl. Cryst.*, 45, 2012, 458-470.

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MED analysis of theoretical in situ XRPD data



**Simulated in situ
XRPD data.**



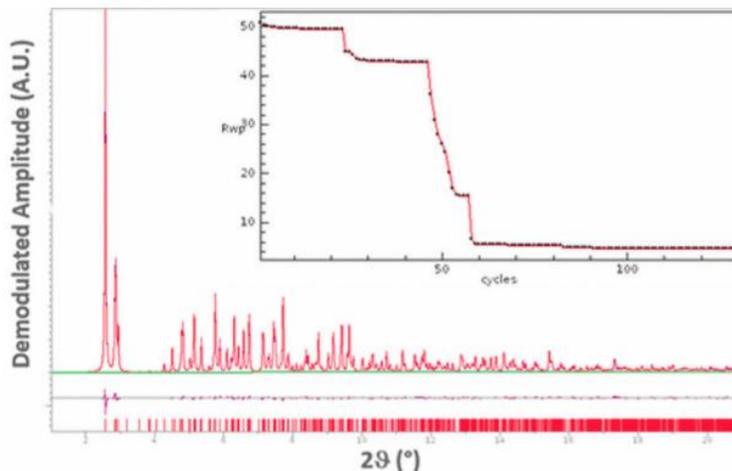
2Ω by MED

PSD-MED analysis of dynamic XRPD data gives a virtual XRPD that can be indexed by EXPO retrieving the original MFI unit cell and space group

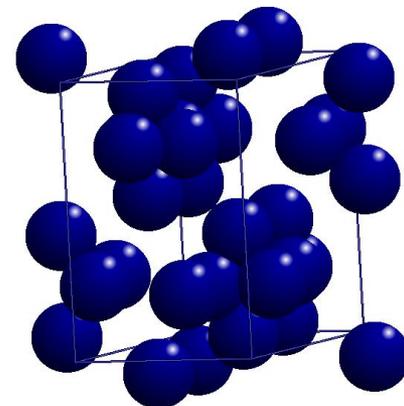
L. Palin et al., *Phys.Chem.Chem.Phys.*, 2015, 17, 17480.

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EXPO on 2Ω pattern



**The model contains
ONLY Xe atoms!**

EXPO can solve the substructure of Xe into a MFI zeolite perfectly: Chemical selectivity in X-ray diffraction!

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Going to real data, the good news are finished! - I

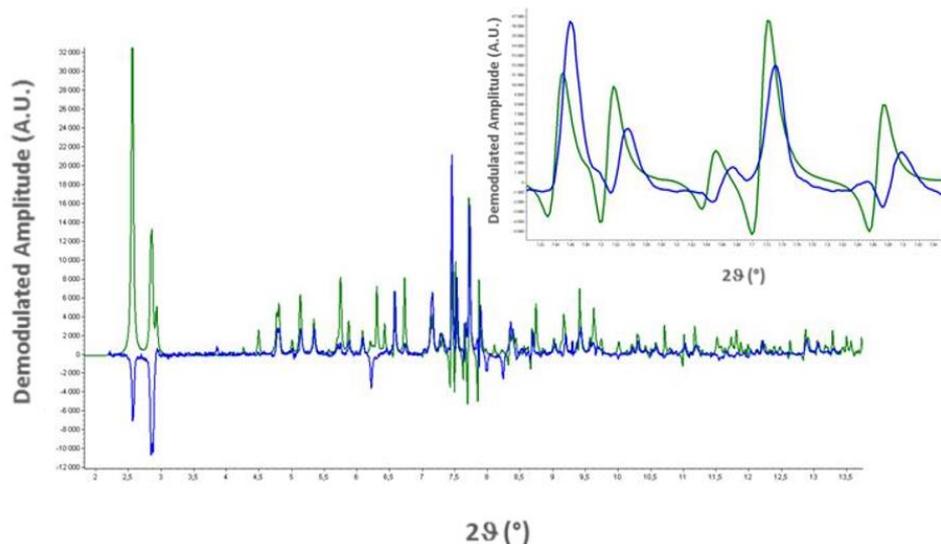


Figure SI-5: Simulated by a sinus stimulus (green) vs. experimental (blue) 2Ω demodulated pattern from the T1 experiment.

MED 2Ω (Blue) fails in real world data on Xe-MFI case study: real data 2Ω is different from simulated 2Ω .

L. Palin et al., *Phys.Chem.Chem.Phys.*, **2015**, 17, 17480.

We realized that some theoretical requirement of MED:

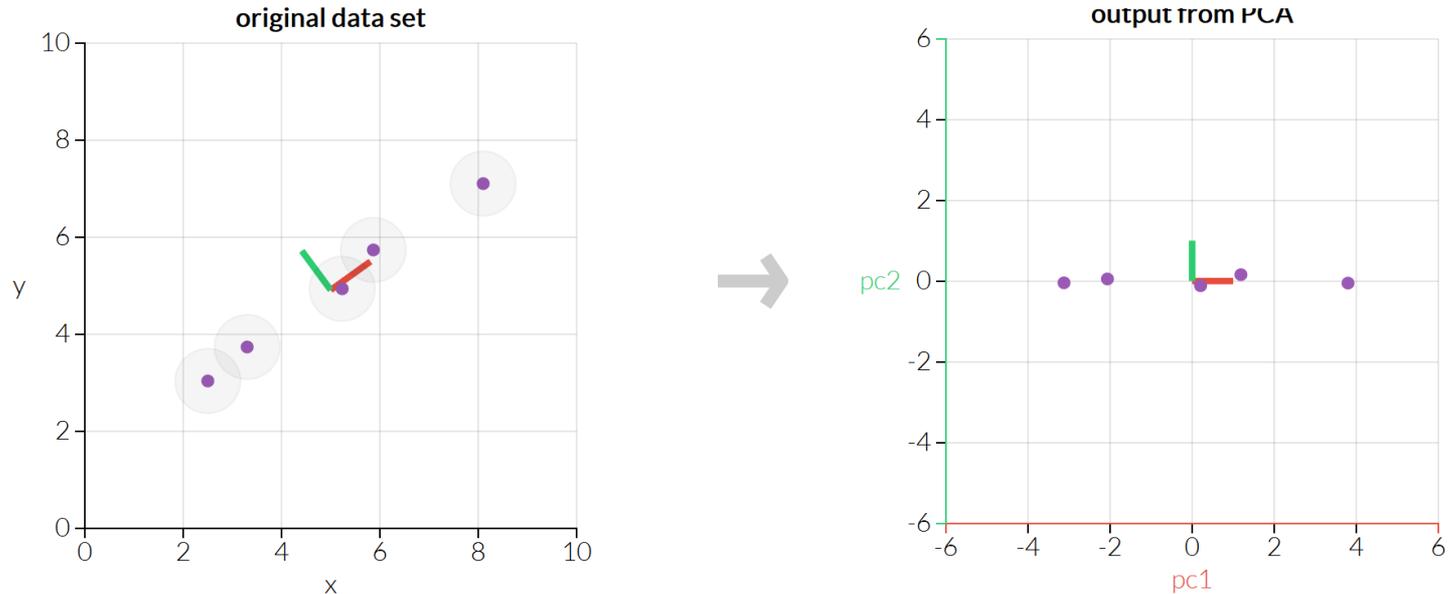
-) **Clear distinction between active (Xe) and spectator part (MFI zeolite)**
-) **Linear response of the system to the stimulus**
-) **Absence or limited lattice variations**
-) **Stimulus shape should be sinusoidal**

Not easy to implement in the real world on real samples. Many limitations.

Other routes than Fourier-based PSD-MED? analysis?

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Principal Component Analysis (PCA) as alternative to PSD-MED approach



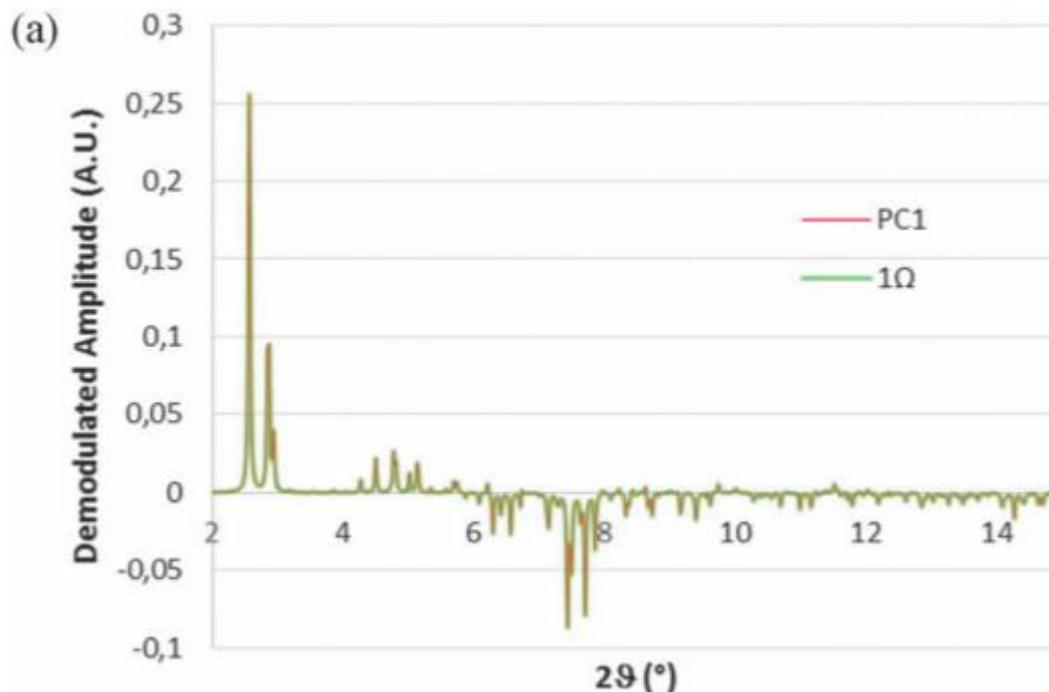
“Only” a coordinate change able to reduce dimensionality, BUT with huge power of unraveling trends in large dataset

<http://setosa.io/ev/principal-component-analysis/>



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PCA vs. MED on in situ XRPD SIMULATED data



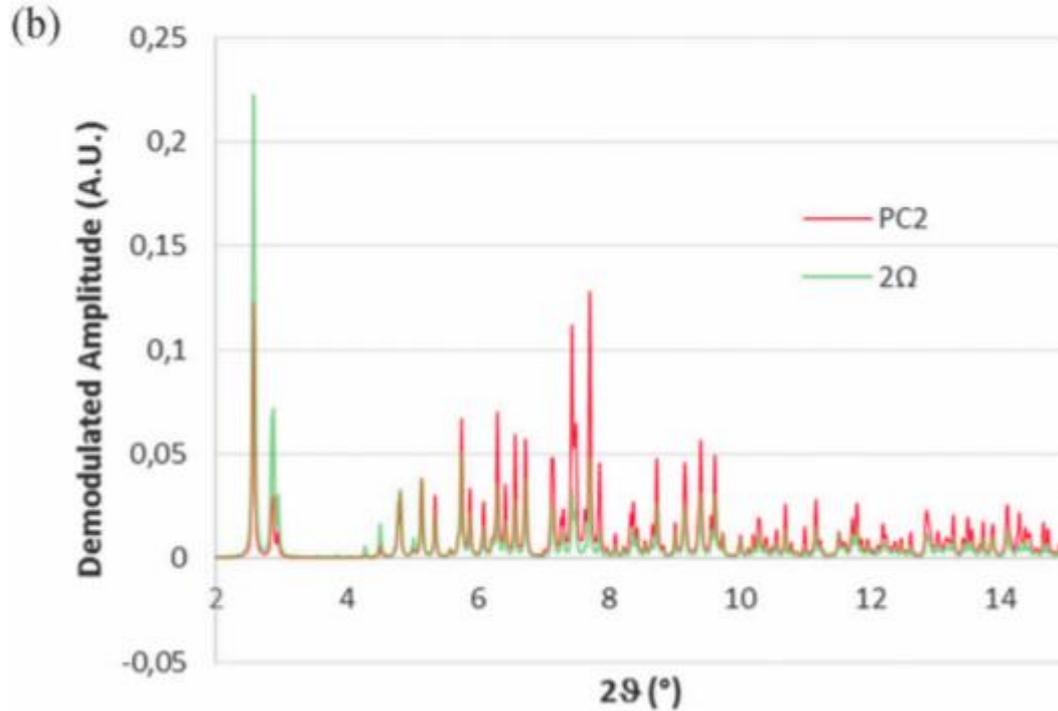
PC1 = 1Ω (PSD-MED) \rightarrow PCA can be interesting for kinetic analysis

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P. Guccione et al., *Phys.Chem.Chem.Phys.*, **2018**, 20, 19560 – 1957

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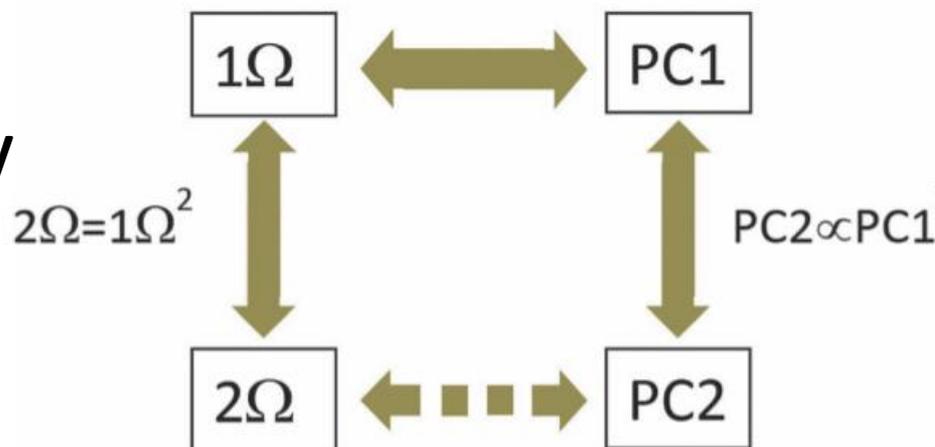
PC2 ≠ 2Ω in simulated data

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Modulated Enhanced Diffraction (MED) vs Principal Component Analysis (PCA) for (sub)structure solution

PSD-MED:
Fourier
Analysis by
Phase
Sensitive
Detection



PCA:
Variance
analysis
and data
dimens.
reduction

MED can in principle retrieve a kinetic and solve the «active» substructure in a dynamic experiment.

PCA can retrieve with a good approximation 1Ω and only roughly estimate 2Ω

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Problems and solutions

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PSD-MED has limitations in real world

PC2 \neq 2Ω in simulated data

Adapt PSD_MED to real data Escape Lane n. 1

Use PCA to analyze the data instead of PSD-MED, especially for kinetics dynamics Escape Lane n. 2

Use OCCR, i.e. a constrained PCA «instructed» to search for « 2Ω like» information and use it for structure solution Escape Lane n. 3

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Escape lane n. 1: Real world low amplitude modulation and PSD-MED

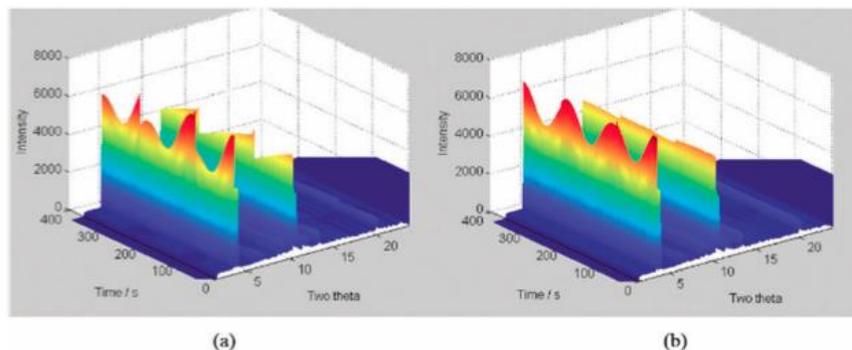


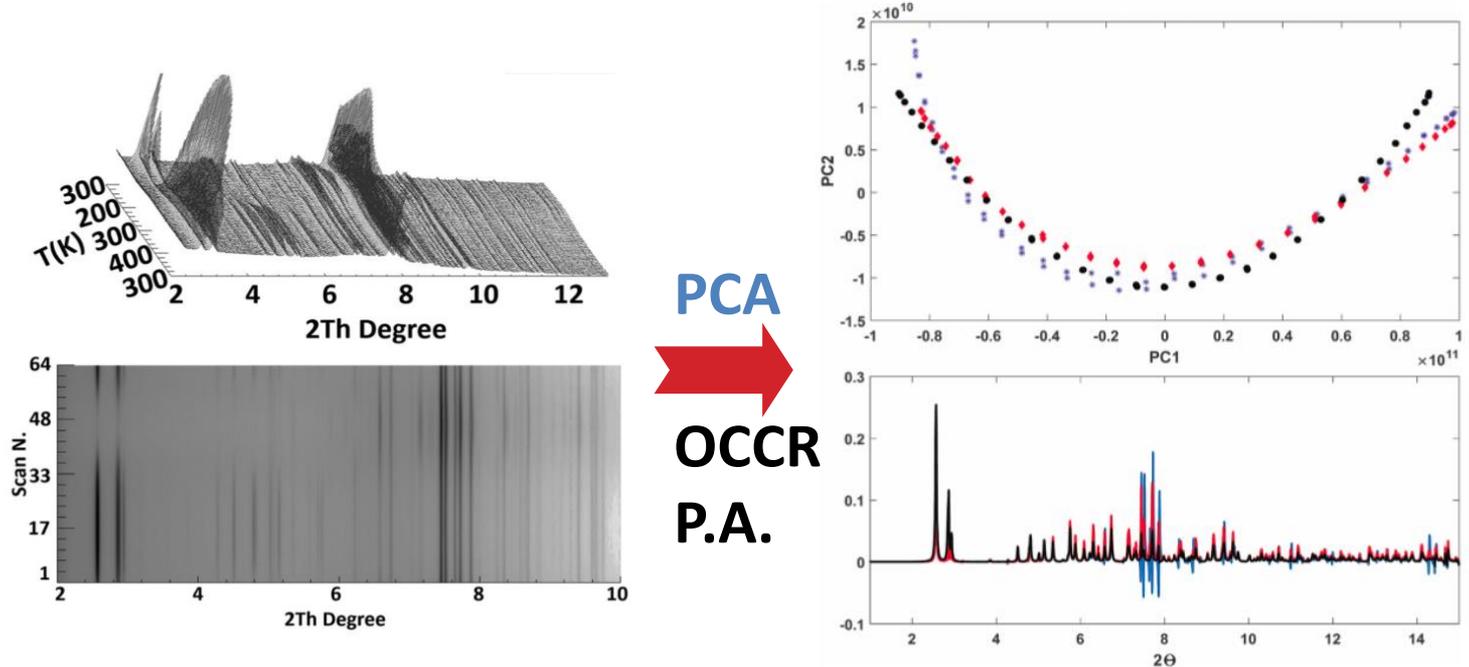
Fig. 7 Real MED data powder diffraction data on Xe occupancy variation inside a TS-1 zeolite, by a triangular small amplitude stimulus (experiment T3 in Table 1), before (a) and after (b) normalization toward beam decay.

MED 2Ω succeeded in real world data on Xe-MFI case study as in simulated data BUT unique success → we moved to PCA!

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Escape lane n. 2: OCCR can reveal structural details with improved selectivity from in situ powder and single crystal

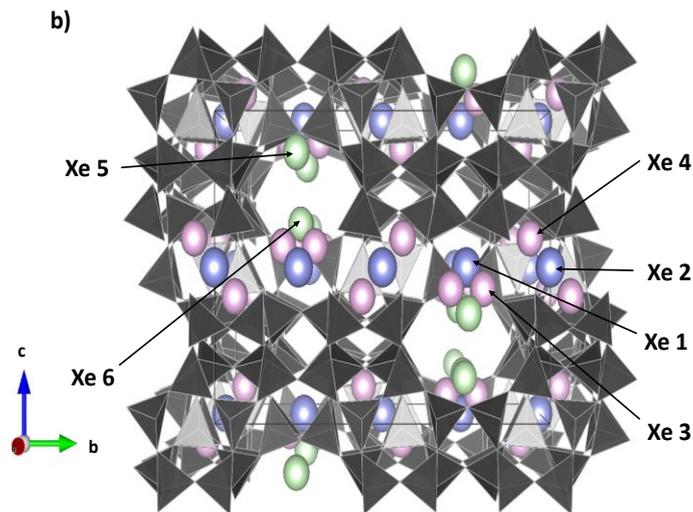


Scores from PCA or OCCR vs. 2θ are a virtual XRPD pattern containing the information active atoms only
 Guccione, L. et al., PCCP, 2018, 20, 2175-2187. From themed collection [2018 PCCP HOT Articles](#);

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The OCCR virtual pattern was refined by Topas TA and gives experimental information on Xe only with improved chemical selectivity from in situ powder XRPD data

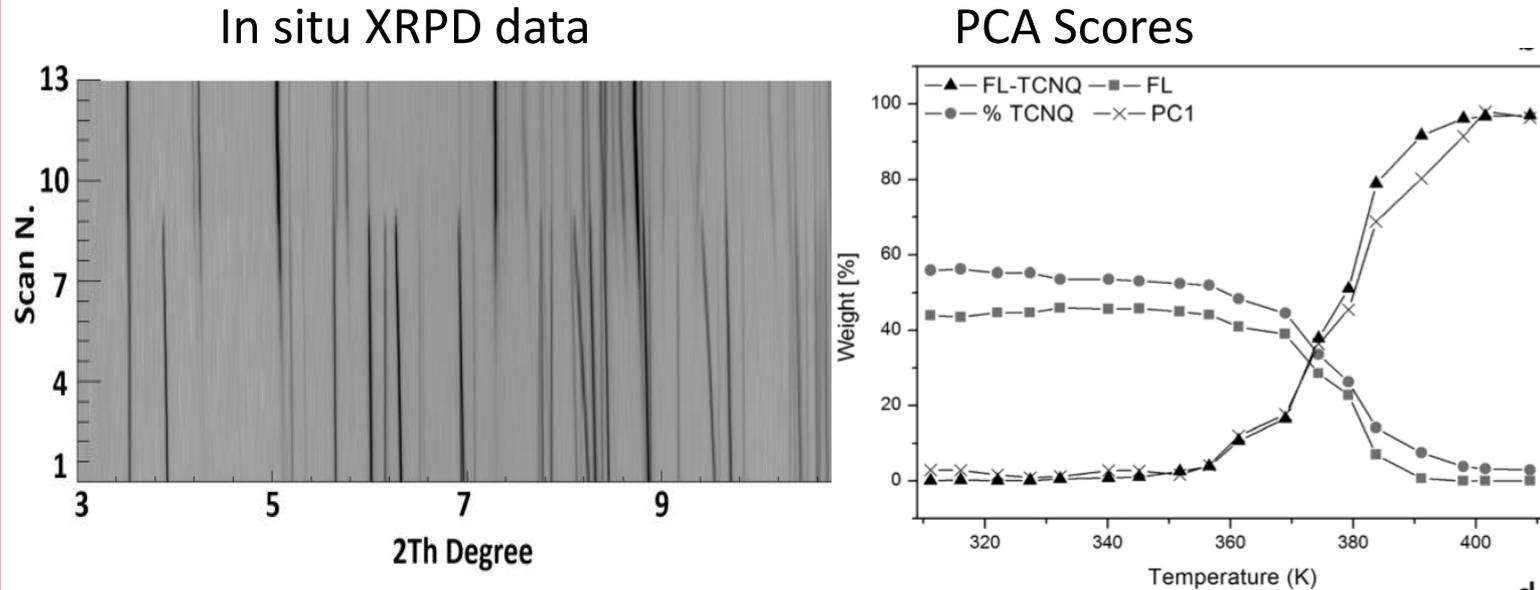
Two new Xe adsorption sites unraveled by PCA-OCCR assisted XRPD data analysis



POWDERS: Guccione, L. et al., *PCCP*, 2018, 20, 2175-2187. From themed collection [2018 PCCP HOT Articles](#);

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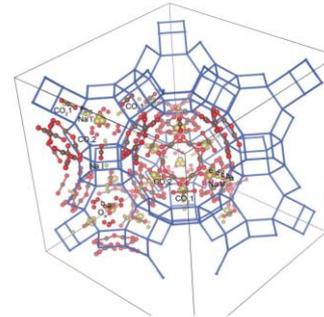
Escale lane n. 3: PCA can be used to analyse in situ XRPD data



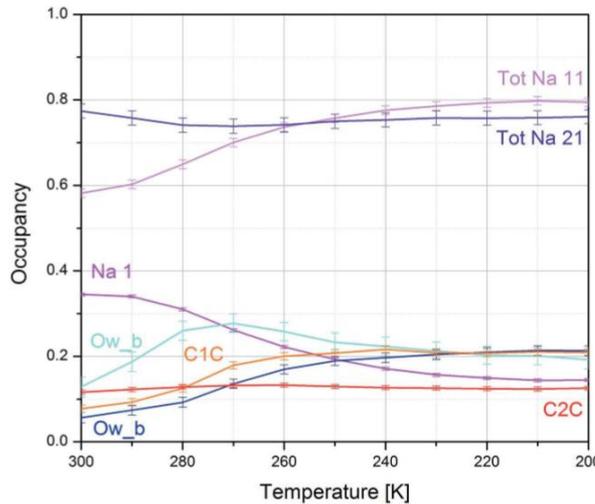
Scores from PCA give the reaction kinetics of the solid-state reactions with good agreement with Rietveld refinement

Palin L. et al. *Cryst. Eng. Comm.*, **2016**, 18, 5930.

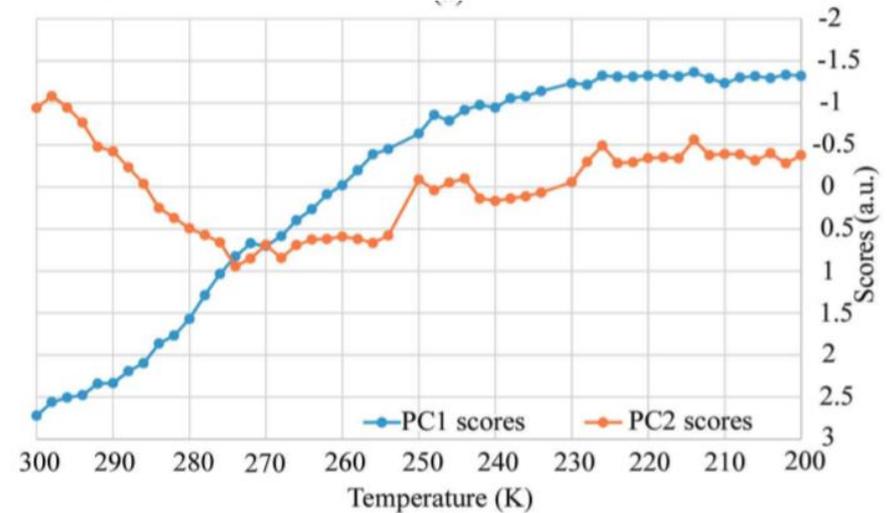
By the way, PCA can be applied also to in situ single crystal of CO₂ into a Y zeolite



Standard refinement



PCA scores



SINGLE CRYSTAL: Conterosito E. et al., *Acta Crys. Sect. A, Foundation and Advances*, 2019, 75(2), 214-222.

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Three real world case studies about the PCA-assisted retrieval of the kinetics in in situ experiments

Case 1: in situ XRPD study of BaSO₄ sedimentation during epoxy resin curing

Case 2: Evolution of MOF phases whose structure is unknown

Case 3: Transformation of low ordered phases, a multitechnique approach

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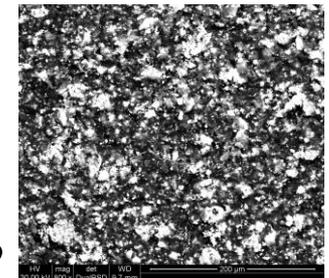
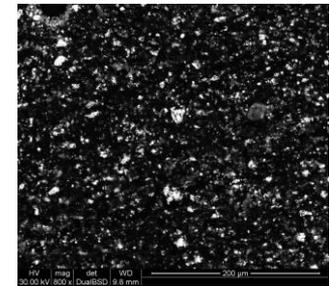
Case study n. 1: in situ XRPD study of BaSO₄ sedimentation during epoxyresin curing

Radiopaque composites made of an epoxy resin additivate with BaSO₄



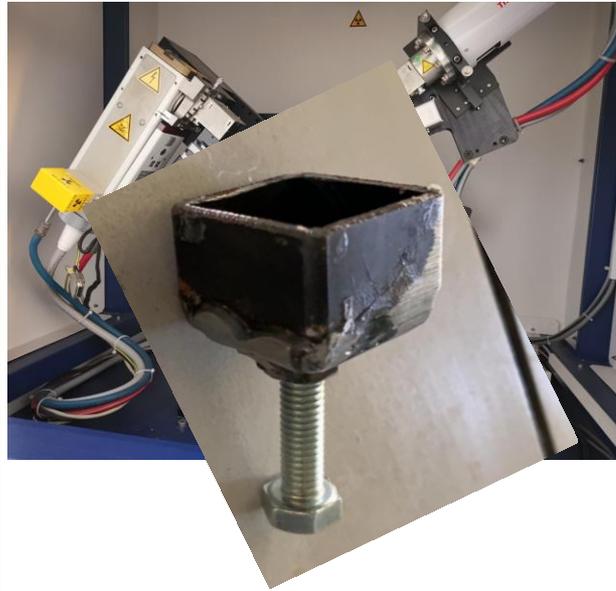
During curing (24 hours), because of gravity, BaSO₄ stratifies

SEM top slice
SEM bottom slice

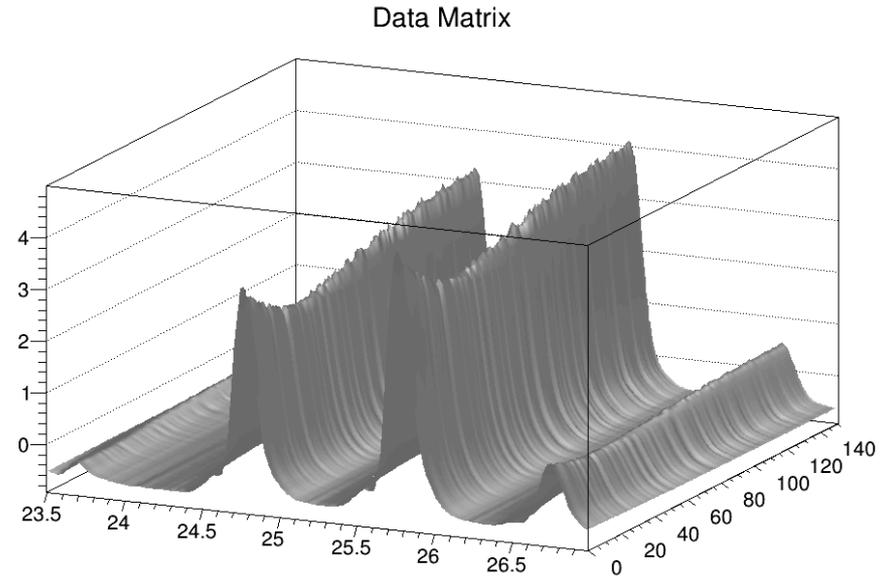


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XRPD data collection on lab diffractometer



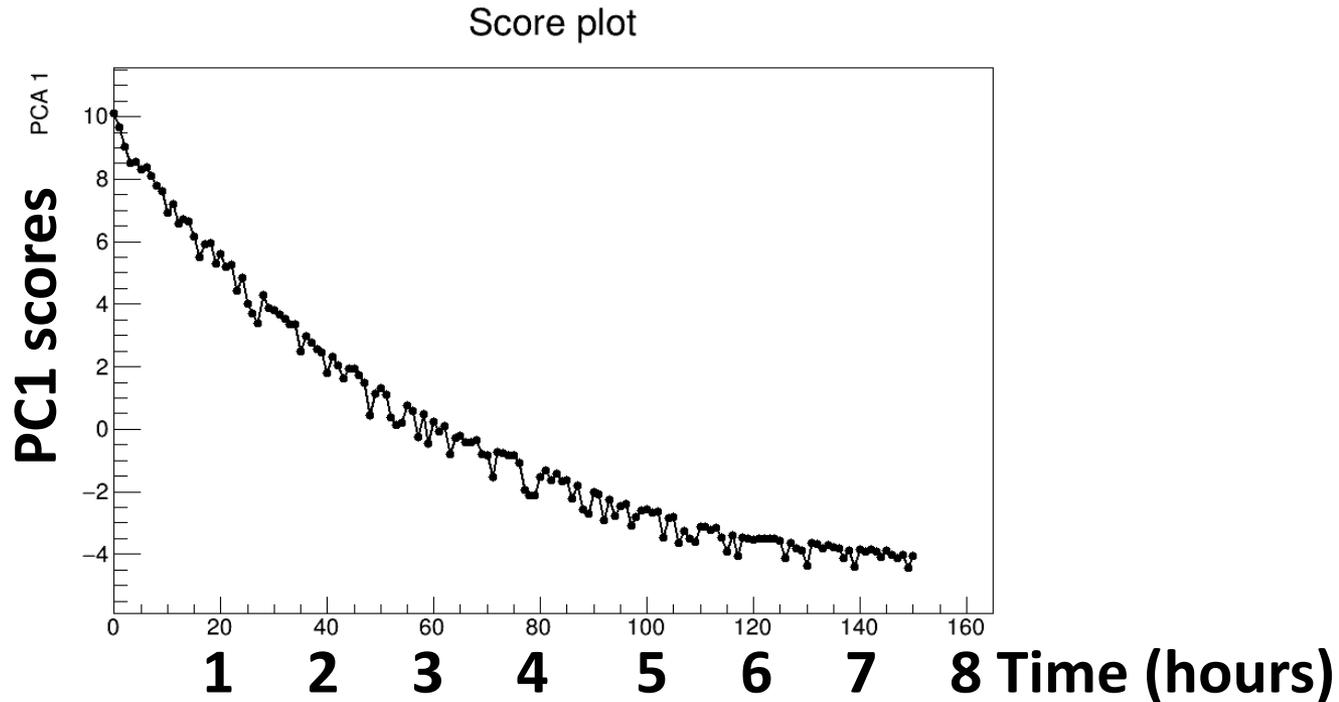
Ad hoc sample holder
(courtesy of Panero Elevatori srl)



In situ XRPD lab data. Limited angular range to collect data in 3 min/pattern

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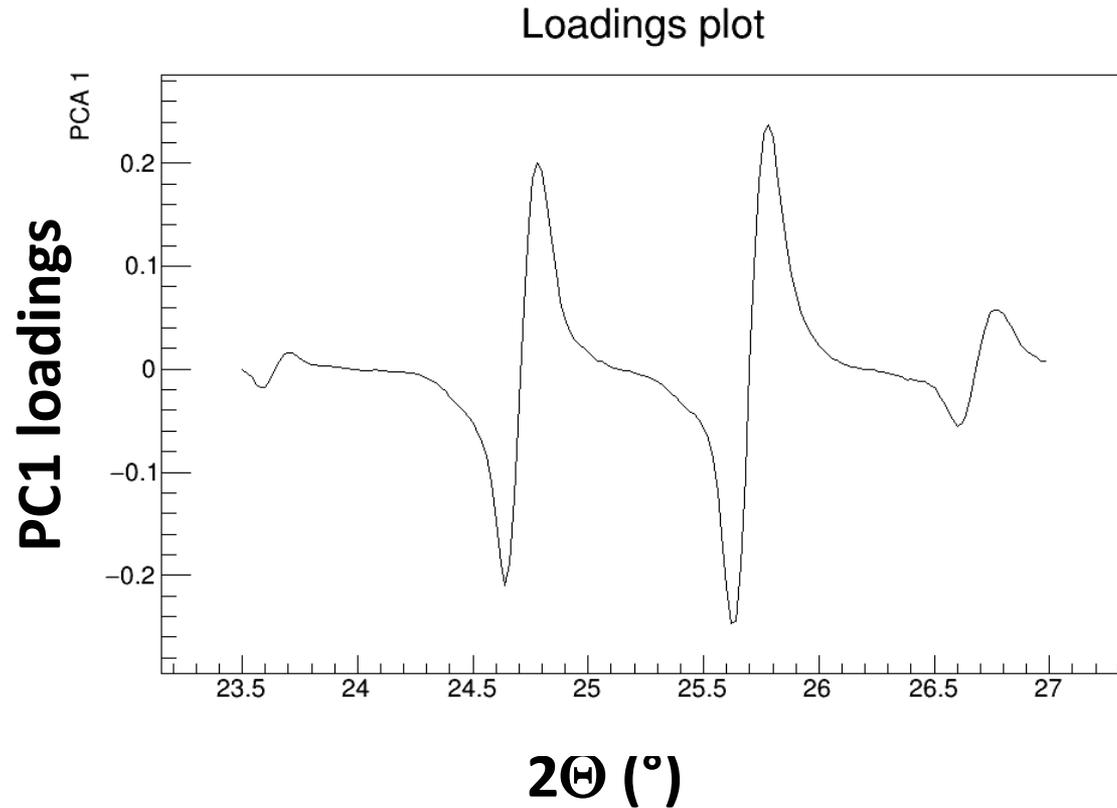
PCA analysis of in situ XRPD: scores describes the dynamics of the event i.e. process advancement vs time



No structure needed, no problems about limited angular range, few minutes after data collection

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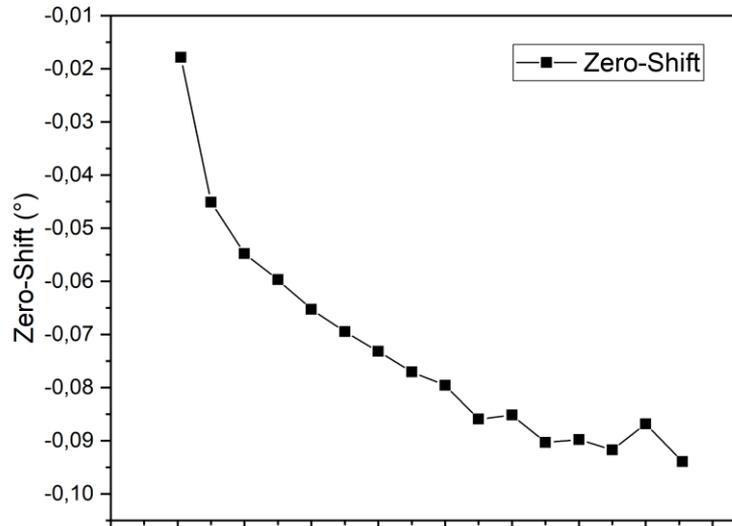
PC loadings tell us WHAT is happening



A clear drift of the peak is observed that BaSO₄ is decanting down in the sample

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Rietveld refinement by Mattia@EXPO hands on session after knowing the result by PCA analysis



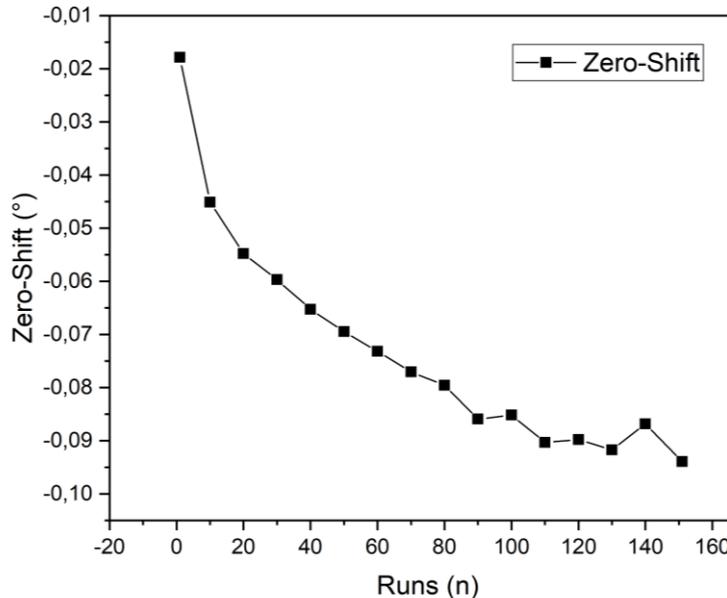
The zero shift measure the BaSO_4 decantation during curing

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Time (hours)

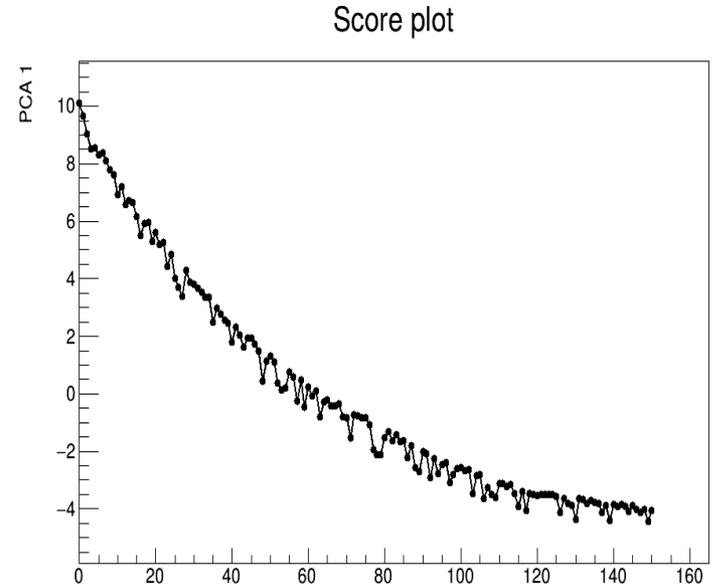
Rietveld refinement is difficult because of the limited 2Θ range and correlation between sample transparency and displacement

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EXPO refinement of 16 pattern (1 out of 10) half an hour. Clear physical meaning



PCA analysis of 150 patterns: few minutes Dynamic extracted **no direct physical meaning**

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Case study n. 1 TAKE HOME message

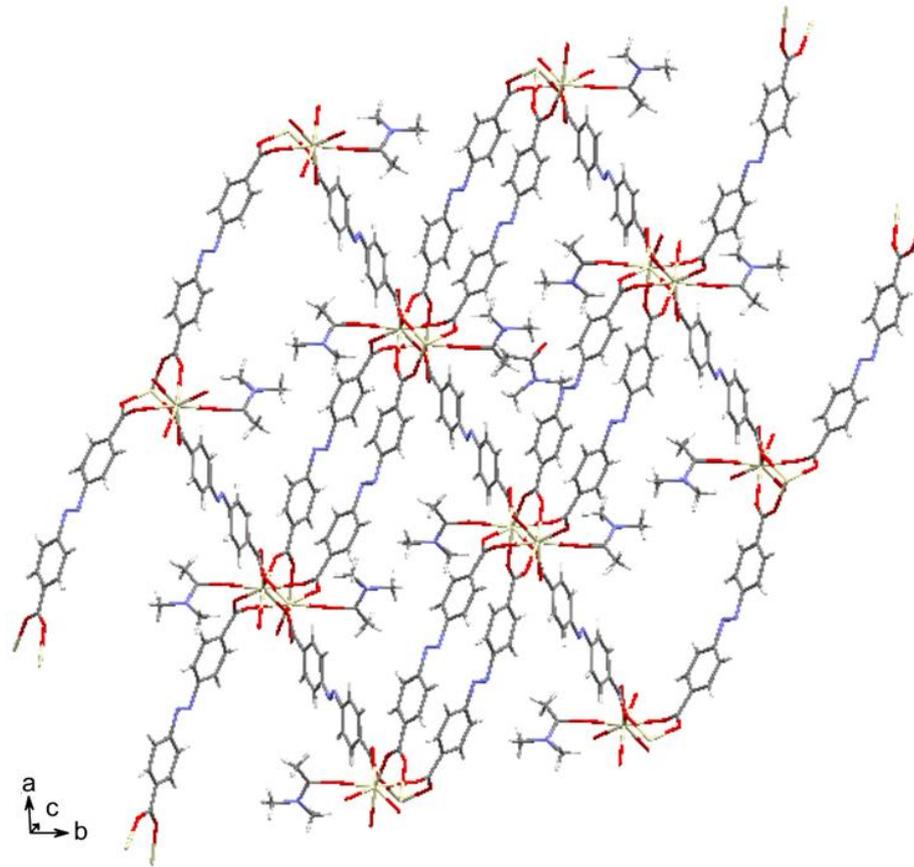
PCA analysis is much faster and more efficient in extracting the kinetics from the whole pattern changes (peak position and intensity) BUT no physical meaning can be obtained directly, only inferred

EXPO refinement require more time but a clear physical meaning (limited to zero shift) is obtained

PCA is then a powerful analysis method to be used for online experiment monitoring and optimization. Besides PCA can highlight which pattern and what effect to look for in the post experiment traditional experiment

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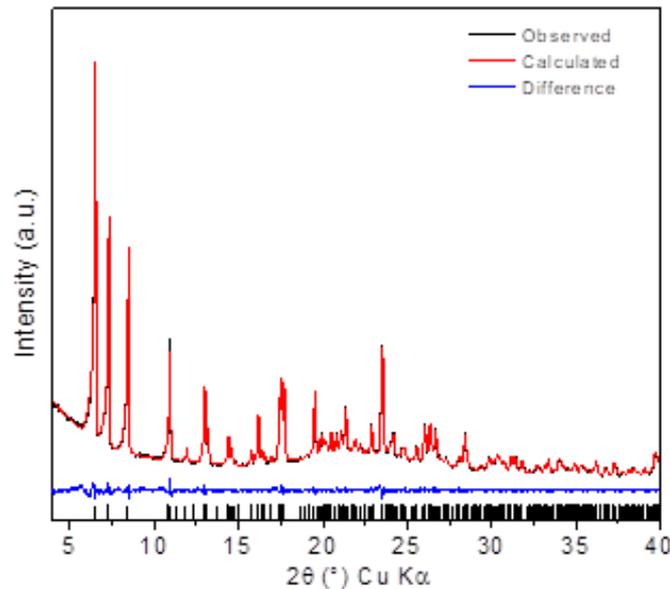
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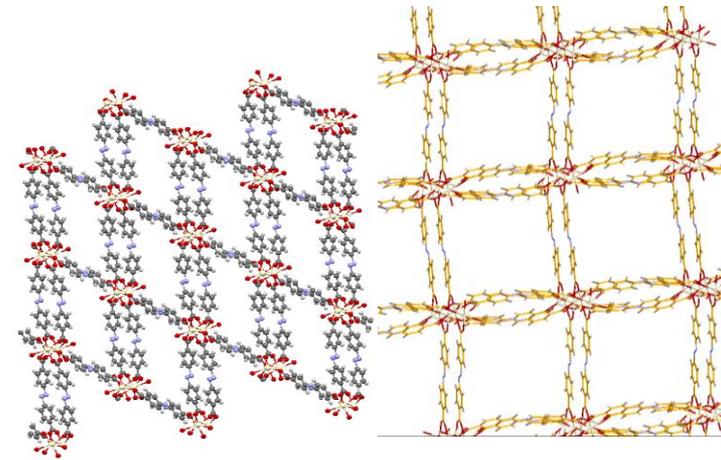
Structure and topology in the $P2_1/n$ stable polymorph was solved

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Pure $P_{21/n}$ product with high area expected



XRPD refined against SC structure

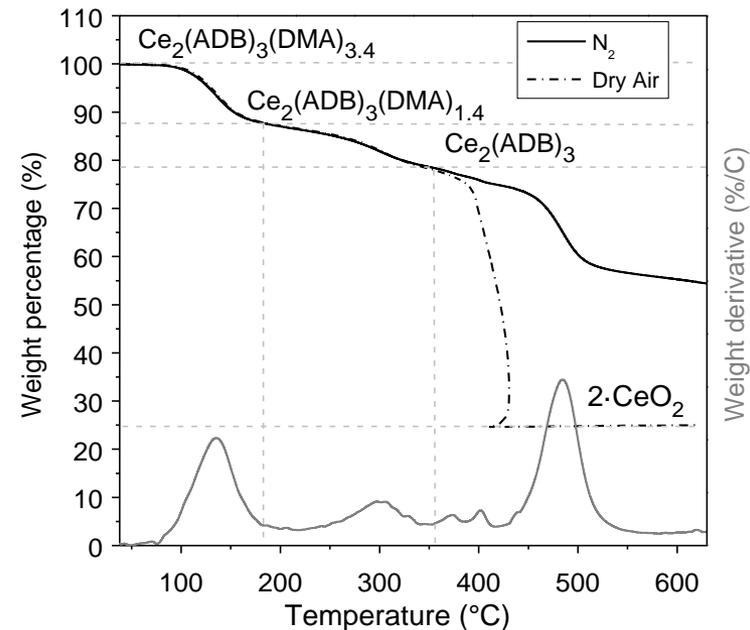


$P_{21/n}$
structure after
«graphic»
DMA removal

In silico
optimized
structure
after DMA
removal

The bad... or good (for the crystallographer only) news

-) Thermal activation gave mixtures of phases **with small or no surface area**
-) Chemical exchange of DMA produced new phases
-) Exposure to air moisture or water impregnation cause new phases together with degradation



TGA inert atmosphere

A magic space – **the polymorph landscape** -, was studied by **oven treatments, TGA, SC- and P-XRD@Lab**

Monoclinic P21/n

Air moisture

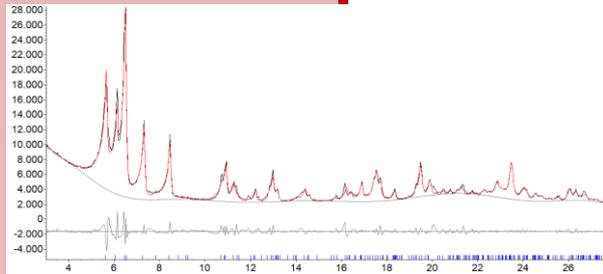
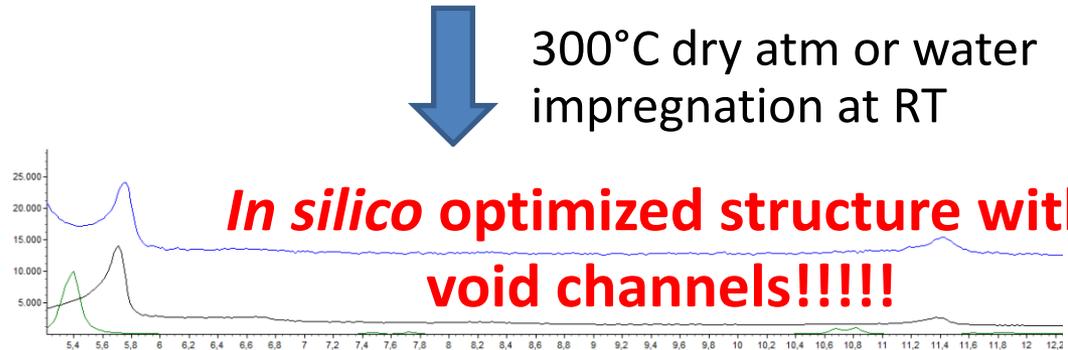
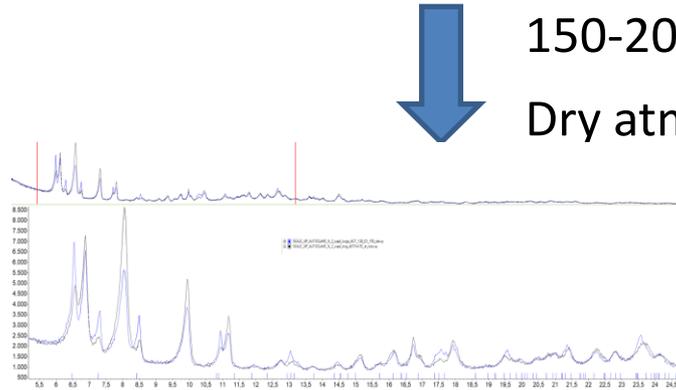
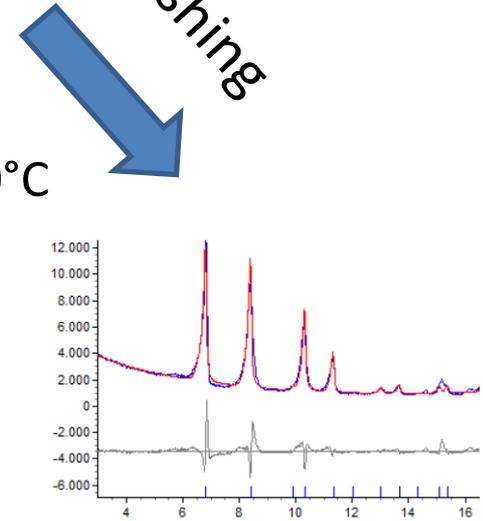
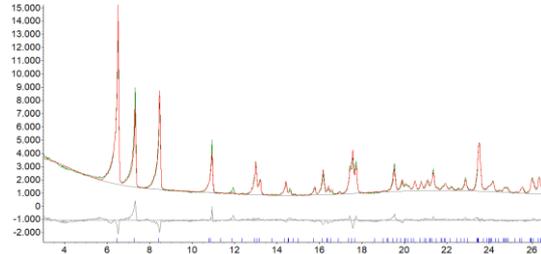
ACN washing

150-200°C

Dry atm

300°C dry atm or water impregnation at RT

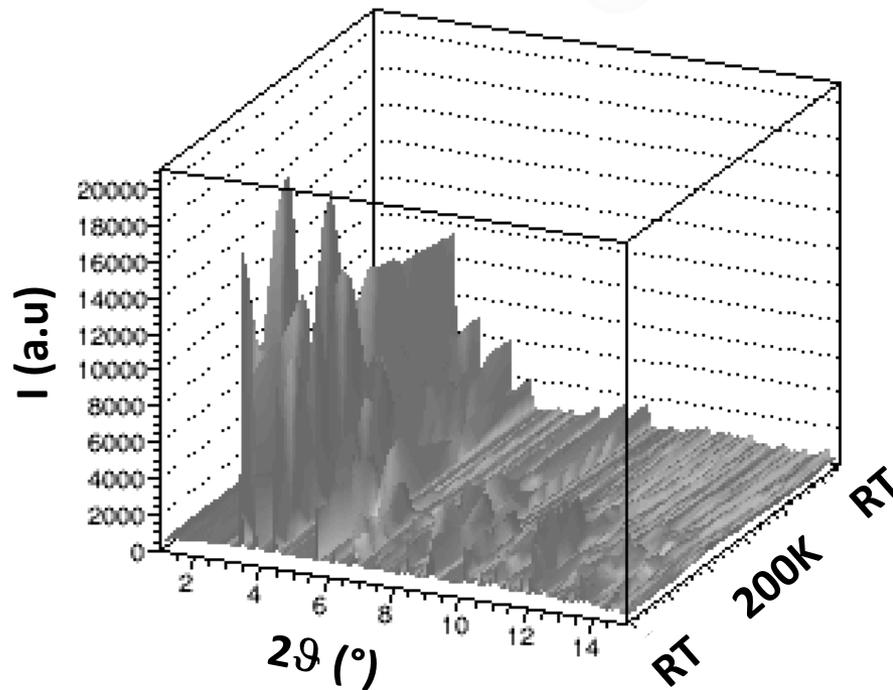
***In silico* optimized structure with void channels!!!!**



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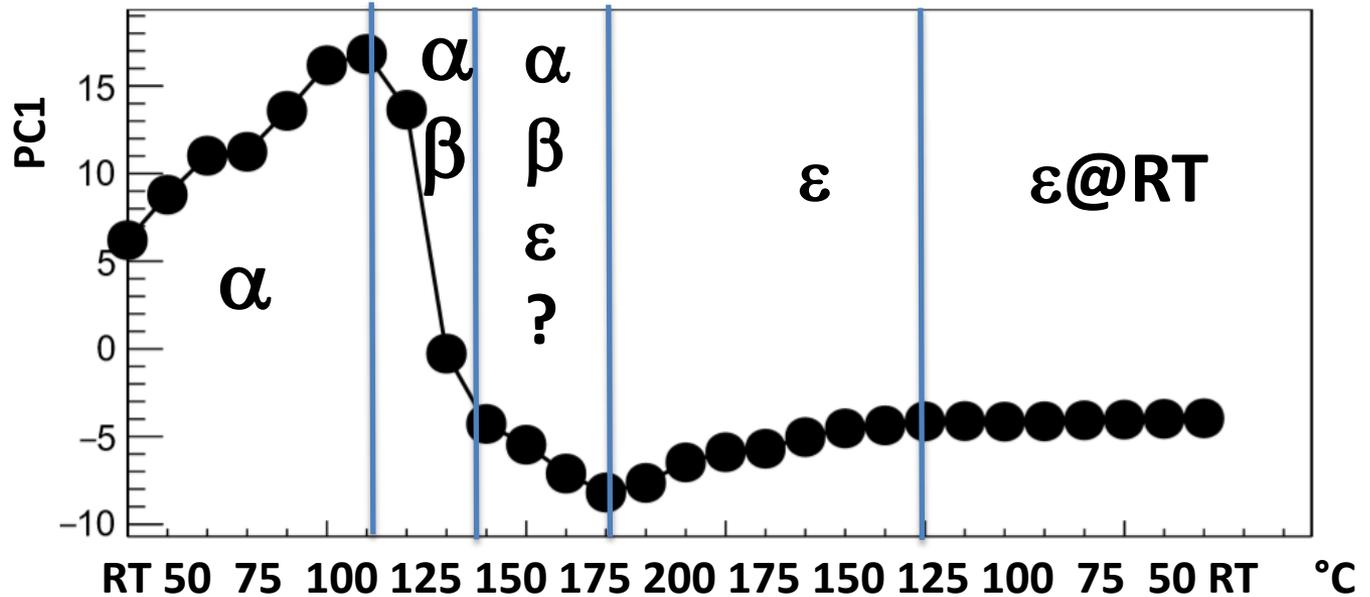
PCA-assisted in situ synchrotron XRPD to study the «intermediate» phase at 120-200 °C



PCA was used to get «online and onsite» the dynamic of the process and to optimize the experiment setup and conditions

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PCA analysis of *in situ* XRPD allowed to obtain the stability range of the phases and find the ϵ phase



The limitation of not knowing the structures is overcome: the phase are now isolated as pure and standard structure solution can be attempted

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PCA analysis is much faster and more efficient in extracting the Dynamic without knowing the crystal structure BUT no physical meaning can be obtained directly, only inferred

Traditional structure solution and refinement approach is needed to characterize the unknown phases

PCA powerful on line analysis method for experiment optimization. PCA can highlight what to look for in the post experiment traditional data analysis

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Case study n. 3: Transformation of low ordered phases, a multitechnique approach

“Musicians and dancers”



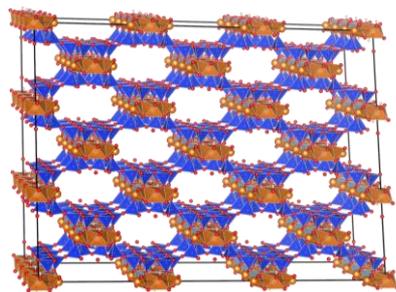
Ancient nanostructured material

The intriguing peculiarities:

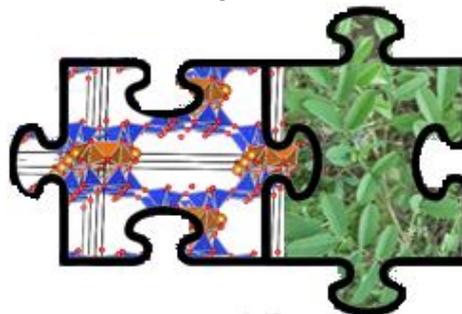
- Brightness
- hue, ranging from a bright turquoise to a dark greenish blue
- remarkable durability
- chemical stability

The MB “technology” went lost and Maya Blue became an intriguing puzzle

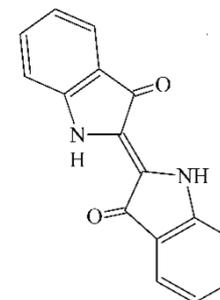
Palygorskite



Maya Blue

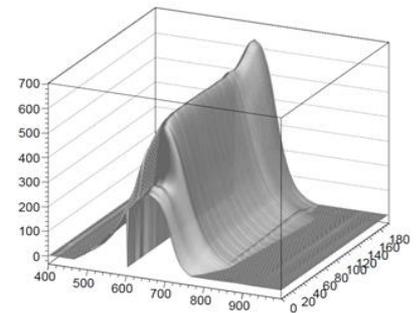
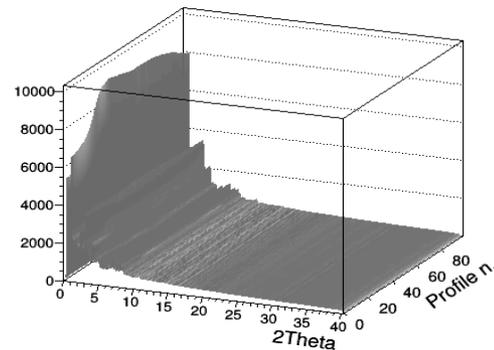
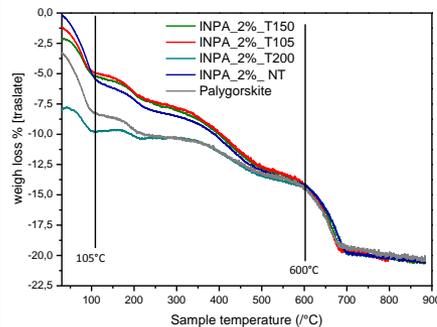


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- *Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA):* **water adsorption/desorption, thermal stability**
- *In situ X-ray powder Diffraction (XRPD):* **long range order** of water/indigo into the tunnels
- *In situ Pair Distribution Function (PDF):* **short range order** into the tunnels
- *In situ Fiber Optic Reflectance Spectroscopy (FORS):* **optical properties** of Indigo



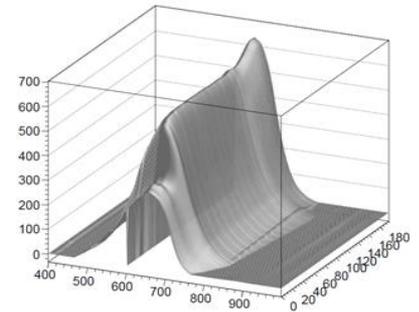
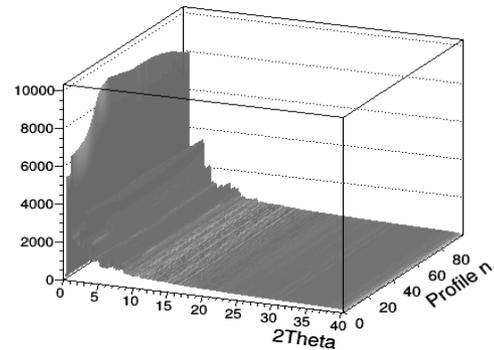
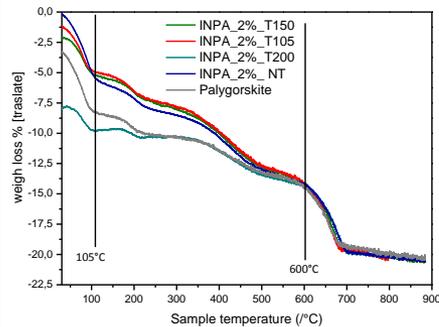
Pre-heating in the range 105-200 C of the mixtures modify tunnel content, ordering and optical features

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The collected data, 2 day@synchrotron, 5 day@lab

- *About 2000 XRPD pattern*
- *About 2000 PDF patterns*
- *About 1000 in situ FORS optical spectra*

HOW TO DEAL WITH?



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Statistical methods to deal with complementary data

- *Principal component analysis to analyse the kinetic trends in a fast and efficient way*
- *Correlation analysis to analyze and «align» data from different probes (XRPD/PDF, XRPD/FORS ...)*

The used tool: Rootprof

“general purpose tool for processing unidimensional profiles with specific applications to diffraction and spectroscopic measurements”

http://users.ba.cnr.it/ic/crisrc25/RootProf/RootProf_help.html

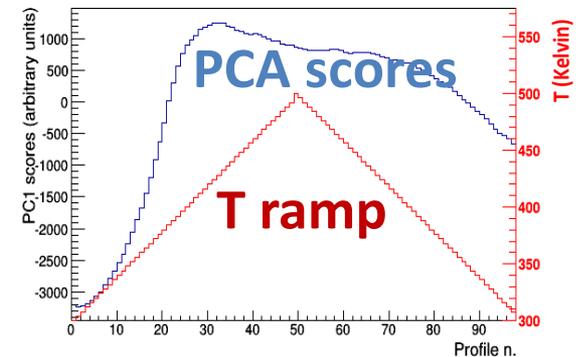
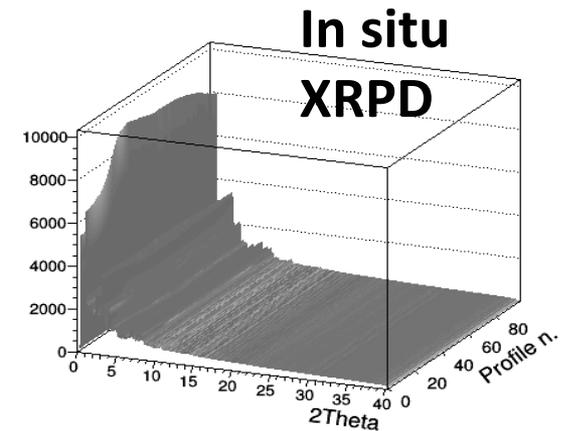
R. Caliendo et al., *J. Appl. Cryst.*, **2014**, 47 1087

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Set A: Mayan materials explored by in situ XRPD to explore long range order

Mixture	sample number
Paly_indigo_2%	0
Paly_indigo_3%	1
Paly_indigo_4%	2
Paly_isatin_4%	3
Paly_isatin_6%	4
Paly_isatin_8%	5
Paly_methblue_2%	6
Paly/fuchsin 2%	7
SAP110A_indigo_4%	8
Zeo-A_indigo_4%	9
HSZ-320_NAA(Y-type)/indigo4 %	10
Halloysite/indigo 4%	11
Cloisite_indigo_4%	12
NaSap(Al)_110/indigo 4%	13

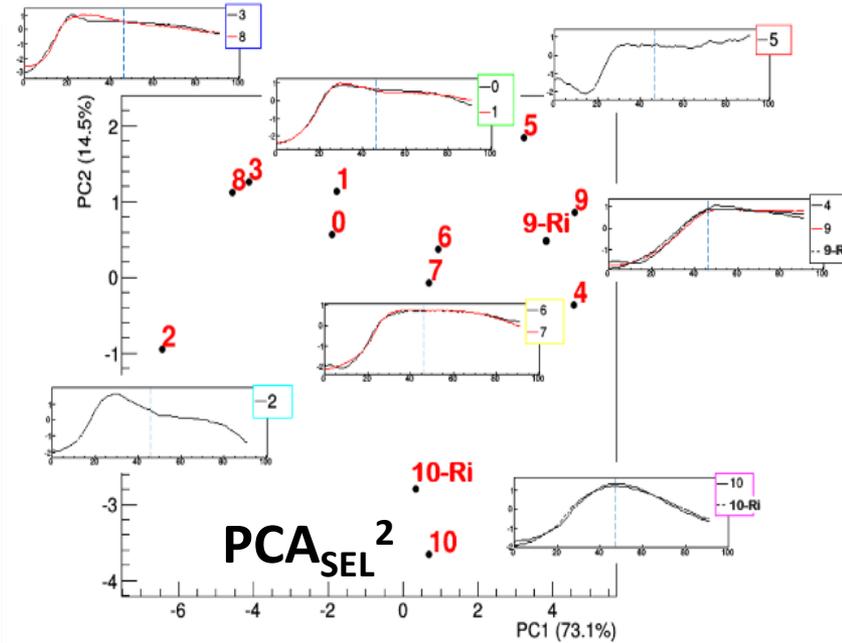
13 In situ XRPD data collected at variable temperature



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After excluding the three outliers, PCA_{SEL}^2 in situ XRPD gave info on Indigo ordering in the channels

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Paly/fuchsin 2%	7
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Zeo-A_indigo_4%	9
HSZ-320_NAA(Y-type)/indigo4 %	10
Halloysite/indigo 4%	11
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0, 1: «typical MayaBlue reaction»

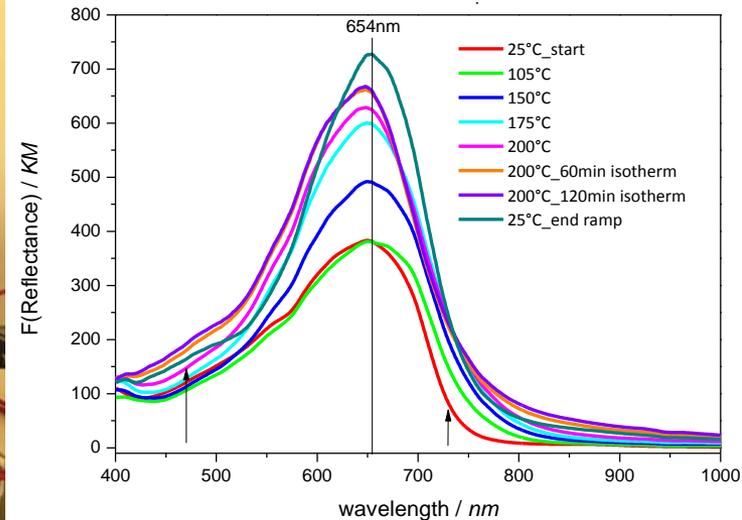
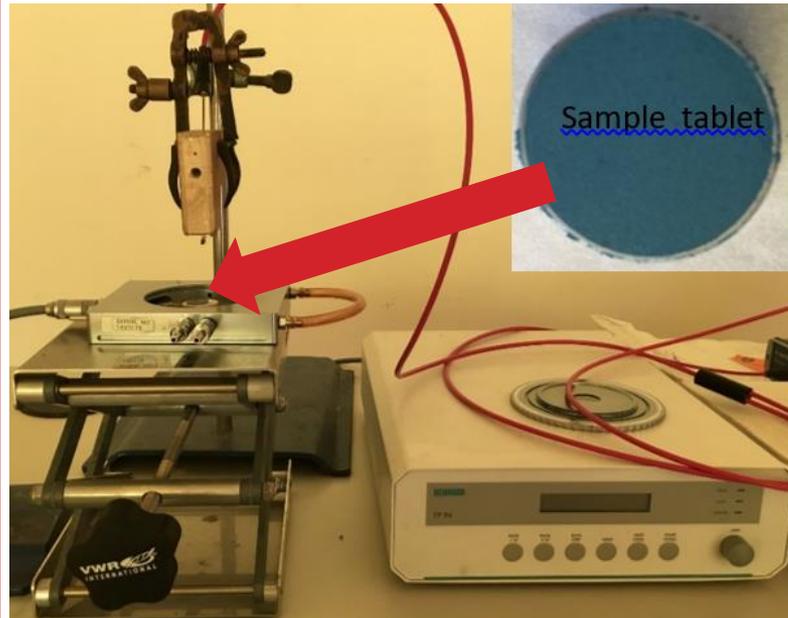
3, 6, 7, 8: similar to 0 and 1

2, 10 reversible reaction

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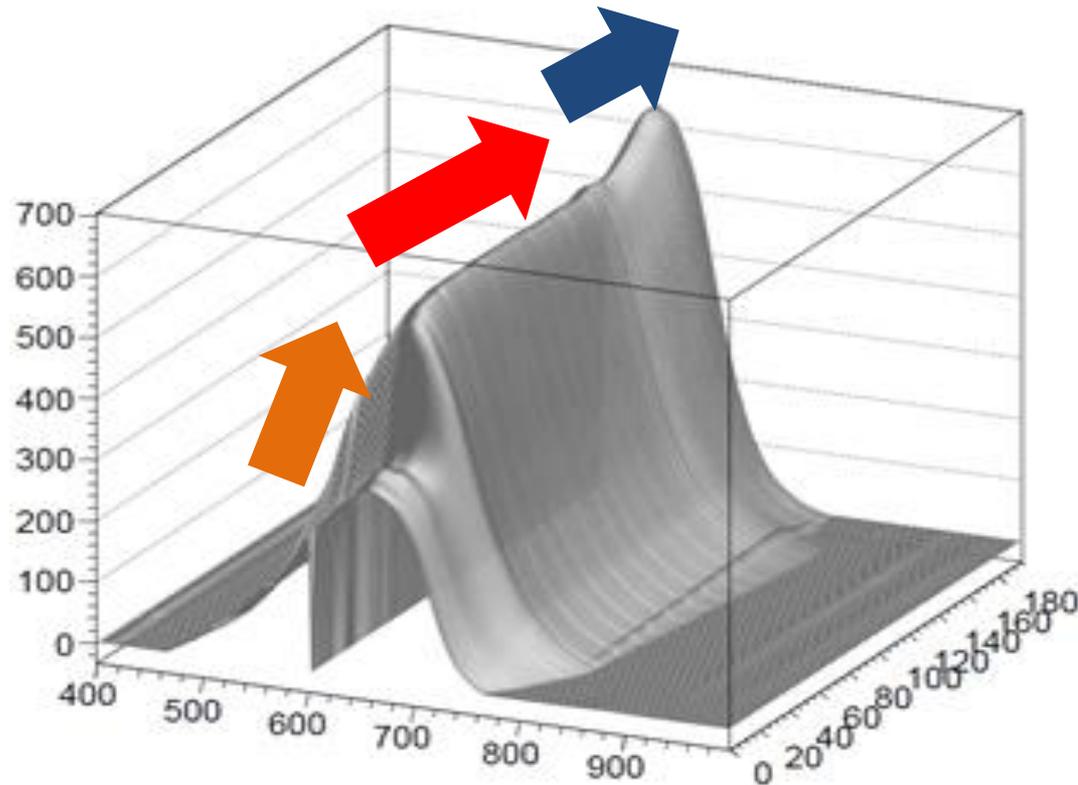
In situ Fiber Optical Reflectance Spectroscopy (FORS) of Palygorskite indigo mixtures

Optical spectroscopy allows evaluating the color of the Maya Blue samples and the environment of Indigo



Preheating in the oven of the mixtures changes the optical features

In situ FORS data

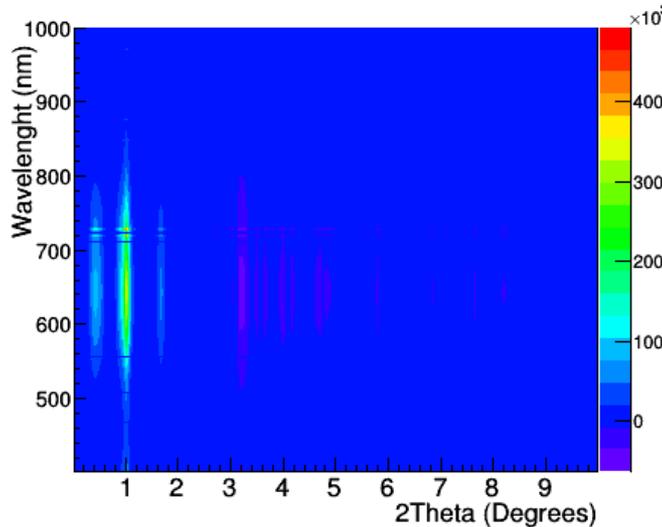


Evolution of Indigo optical reflectance during the **heating dwell at 200C** and **cooling to RT**

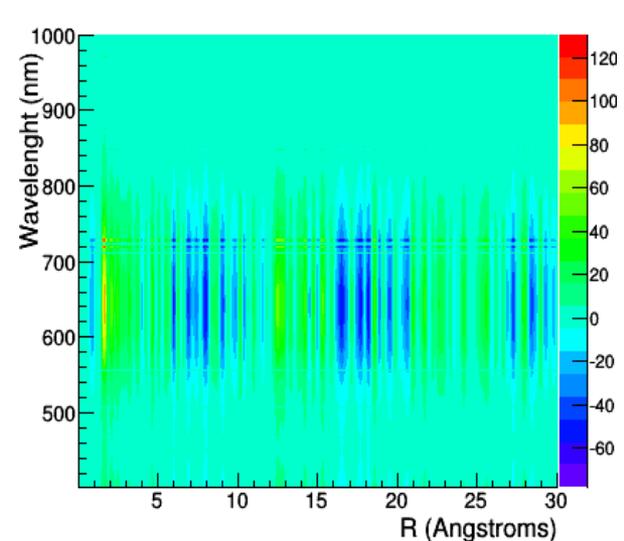
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Are structural (in situ XRPD) and optical (in situ FORS) data correlated for the NT sample treated from RT to 200C?



Low angles XRPD peaks correlate with FORS: water elimination is correlated with optical features

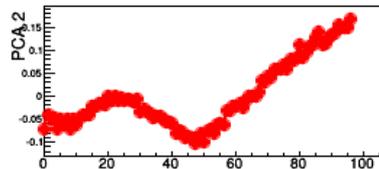
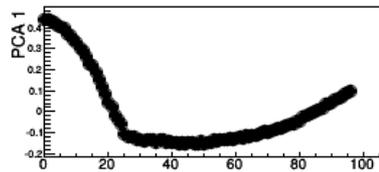
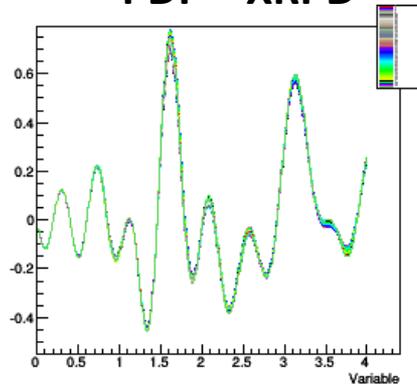


PDF correlates with FORS in region corresponding at about 10, 20, 30 Å, i.e. multiples of indigo molecule length

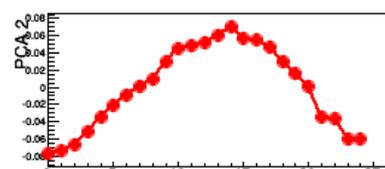
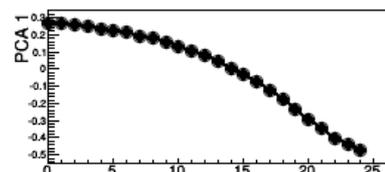
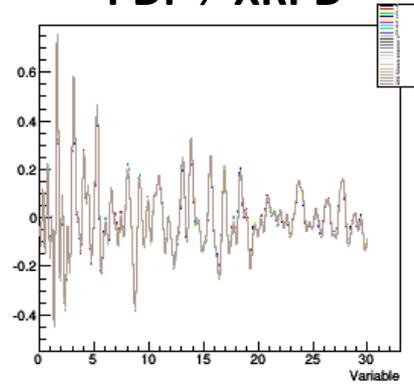
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Long (XRPD) vs. short (PDF) range order by PCA

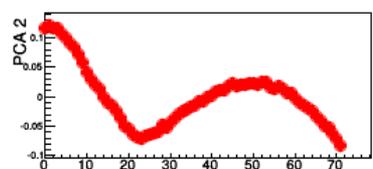
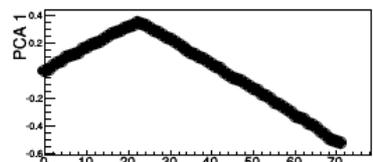
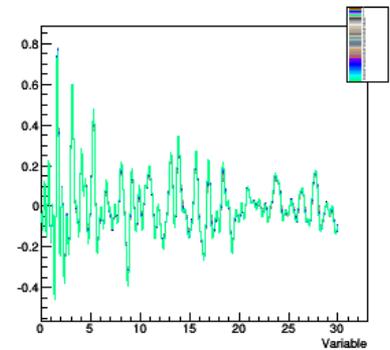
$r < 4 \text{ \AA}$, all T range
PDF = XRPD



$T < 110^\circ$
PDF \neq XRPD



$T < 110^\circ$
PDF: no more variations



Indigo < 110C occupy channels in a disordered behaviour!

R. Caliendo et al., *New hints on Maya Blue formation process by PCA-assisted in situ XRPD and optical spectroscopy analysis*, *Chem Eur. J.* **2019**

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Case study n. 3 TAKE HOME message

PCA and statistical analysis allowed managing successfully 5000 experimental patterns

Correlation analysis allowed to align and correlate signals from different probes (FORS, XRPD, PDF)

Traditional structure refinement is hampered by the inability of tracking the subtle changes of the low crystallinity palygorskite sample

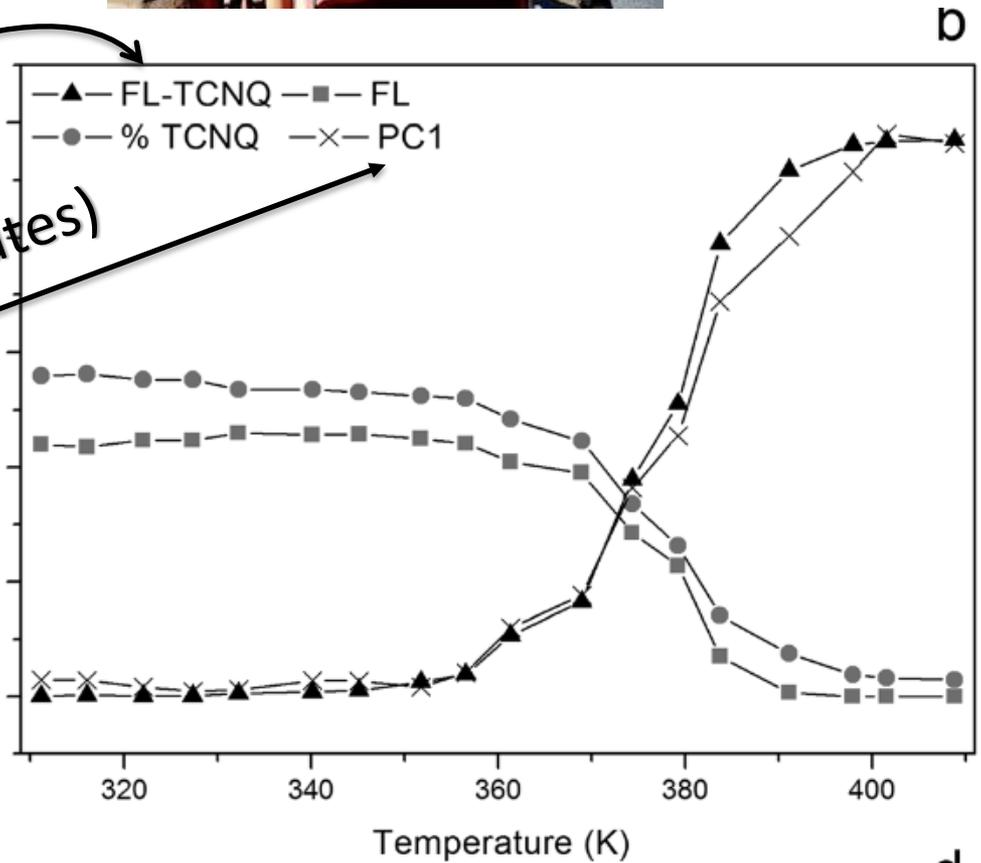
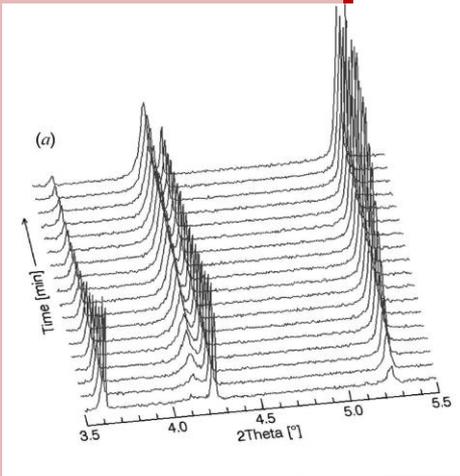
Moreover the traditional «manual» approach is unfeasible with 5000 patterns by different probes



Rietveld (1/2day?)

PCA (1/2 minutes)

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