

# *Precession enhanced Electron Diffraction applications in TEM for nano crystals.*

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# Precession Electron Diffraction Solutions

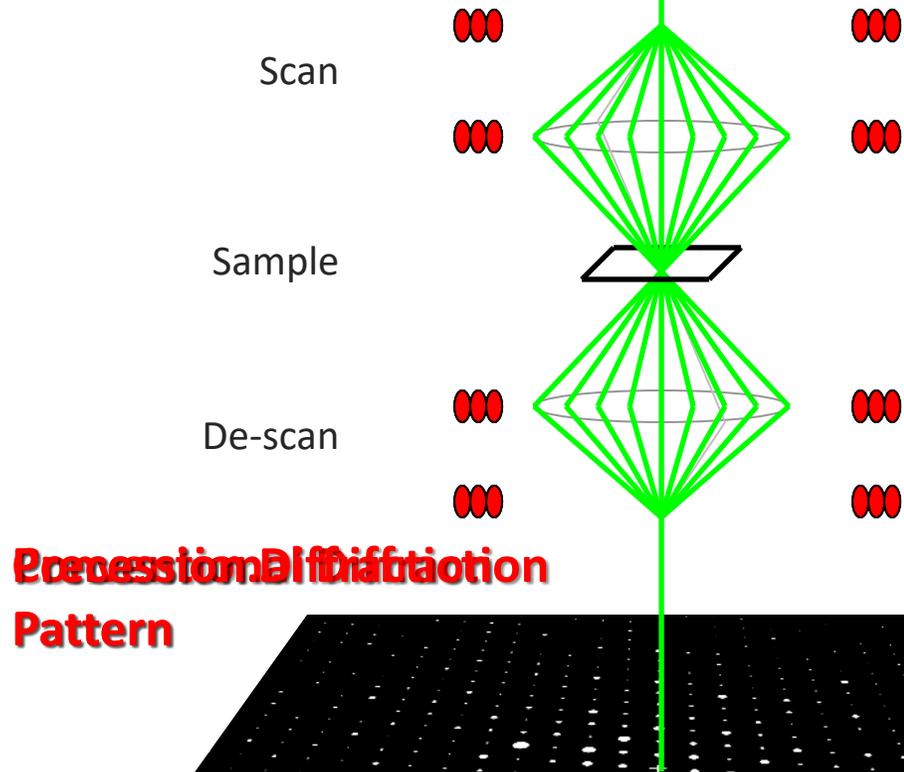
The central image shows a blue and black NanoMEGAS precession electron diffractometer. Surrounding it are several panels illustrating different applications:

- 3D diffraction tomography:** A panel showing a 3D lattice structure of atoms in purple and green, with a diffraction pattern on the left.
- Phase Mapping:** A panel showing a complex, multi-colored (red, blue, white) pattern representing phase information.
- Amorphous materials analysis:** A panel showing a 2D color map of an amorphous material with a blue arrow pointing to a feature, and a line graph to the left.
- Strain Mapping:** A panel showing a 2D color map of strain with a scale bar of 100 nm and the label  $\epsilon_{xx}$ .
- Orientation mapping:** A panel showing a 3D visualization of crystal orientations in various colors (yellow, green, blue, red).

**Hardware & Software based applications**

**topspin**

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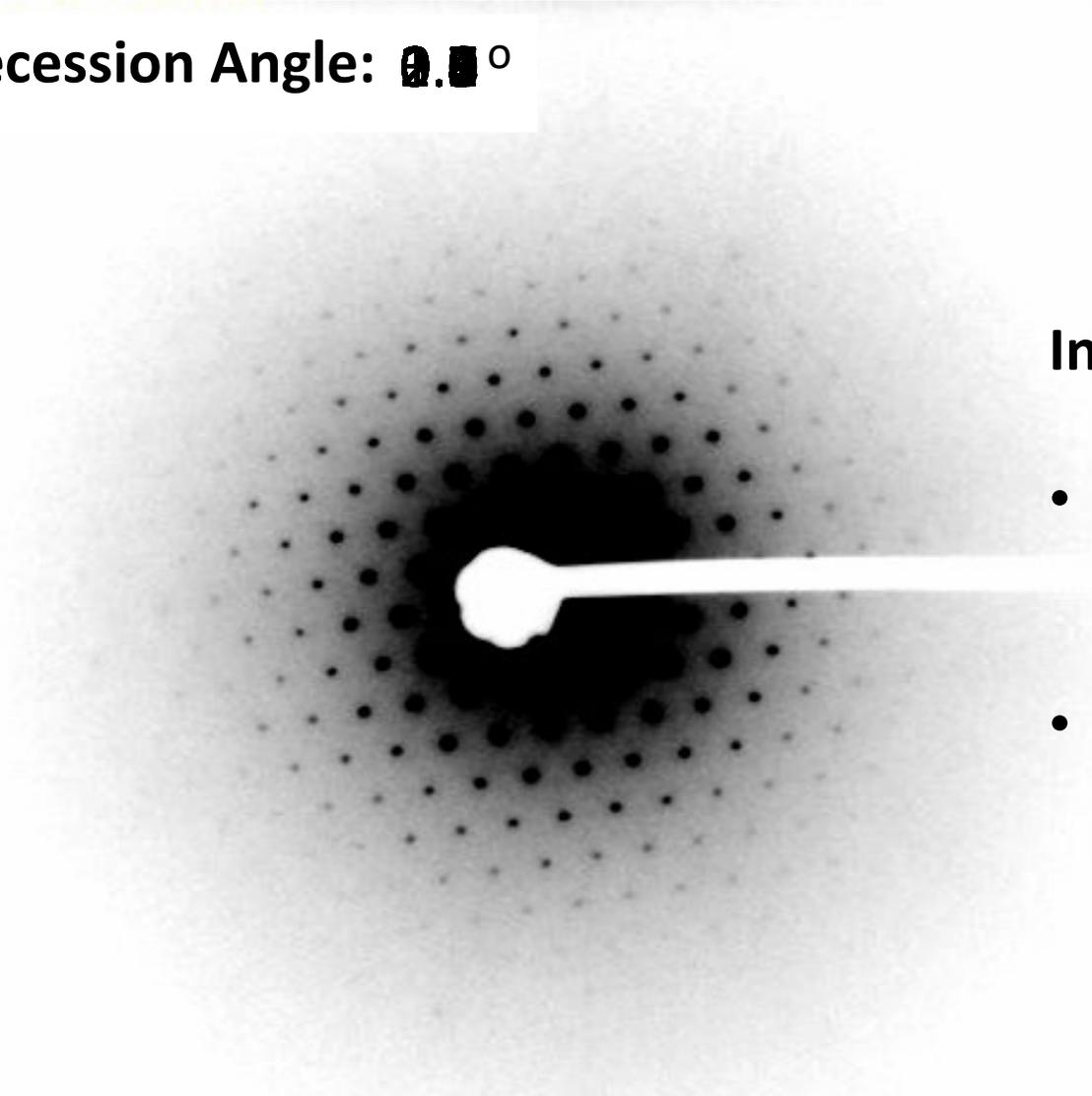


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- **Higher resolution**  
*higher order reflections*
- **Reduce of dynamical effect**  
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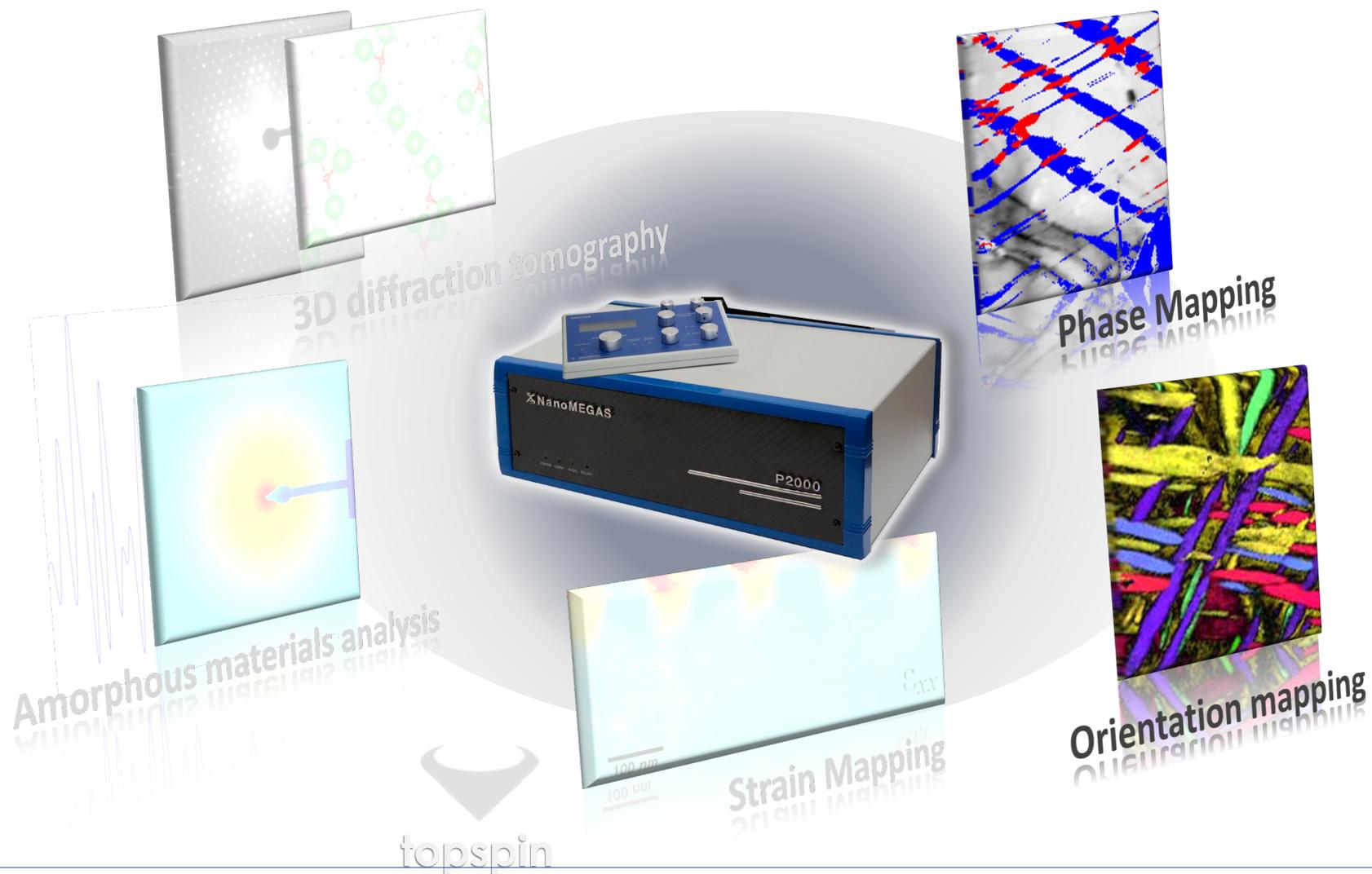
Precession Angle:  $0.1^\circ$



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# ASTAR: Orientation & Phase mapping in nm scale

## ASTAR

Orientation & Phase Mapping in TEM



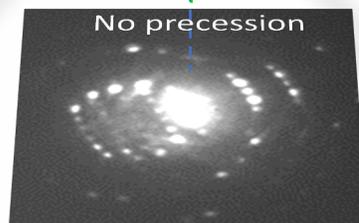
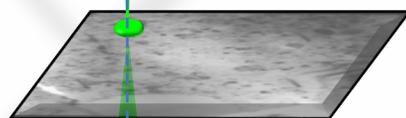
 **NanoMEGAS**  
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Pseudo-Parallel  
beam



**4D-SPED Data Acquisition**  
Scanning Precession Electron Diffraction

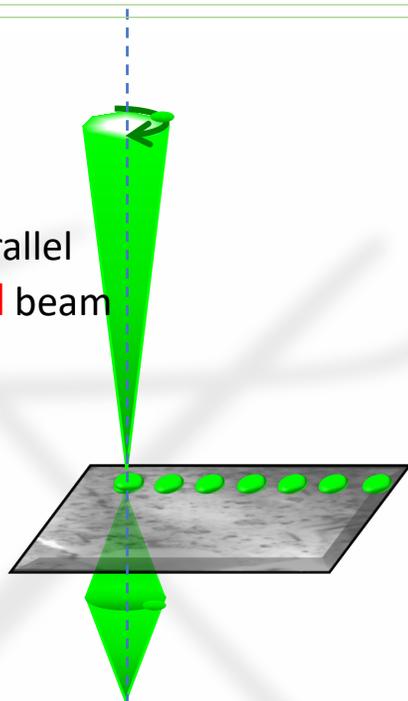


Electron Diffraction pattern

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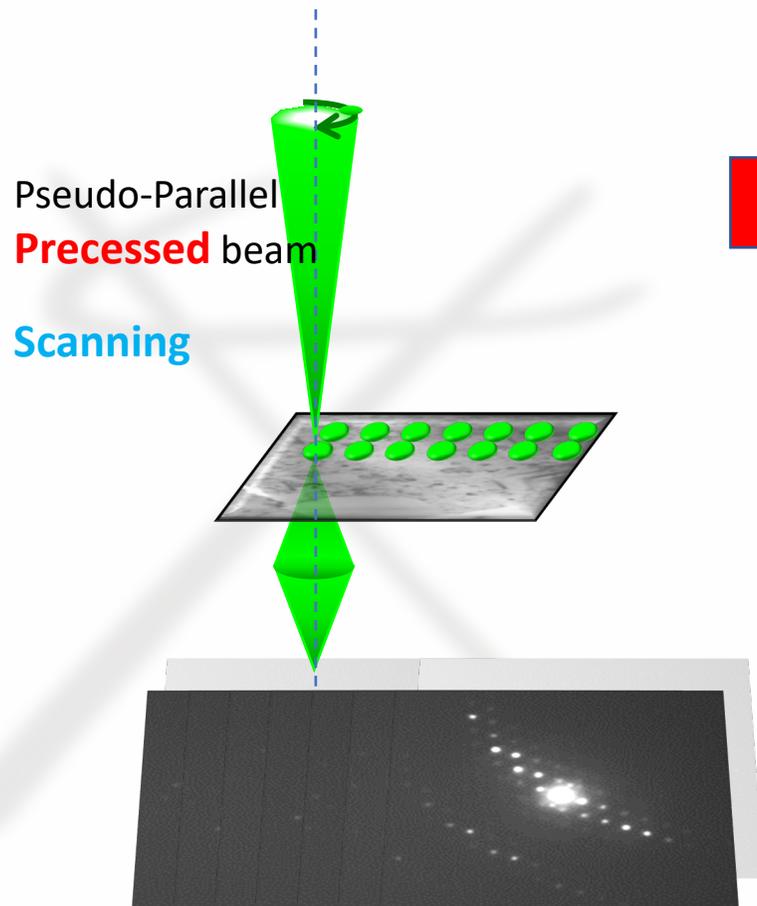
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Precession: 0.6°

**Precession** Enhanced  
Electron Diffraction pattern

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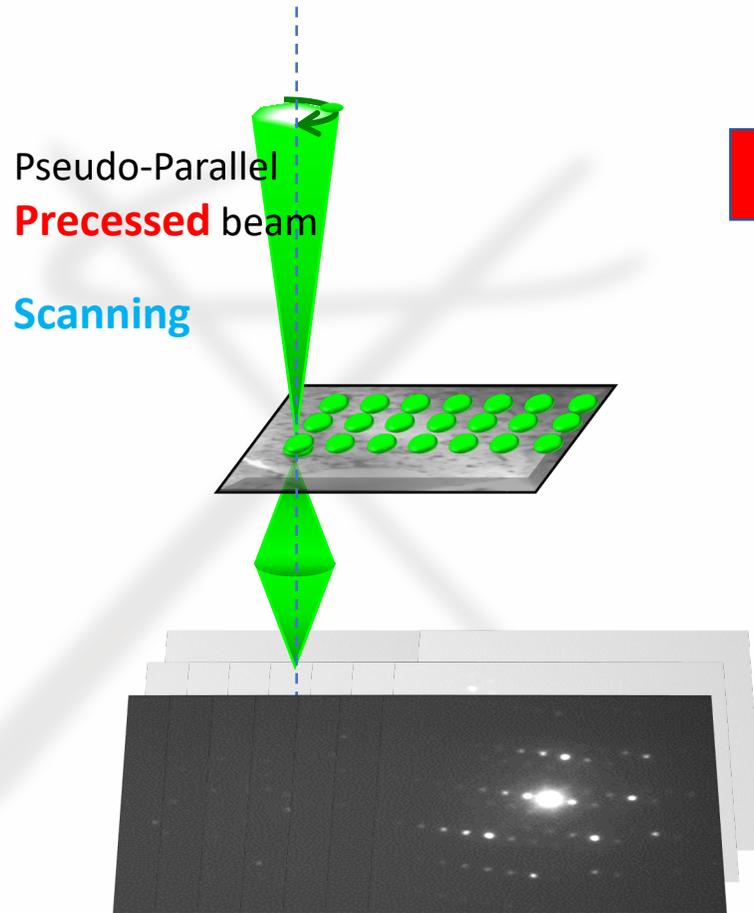


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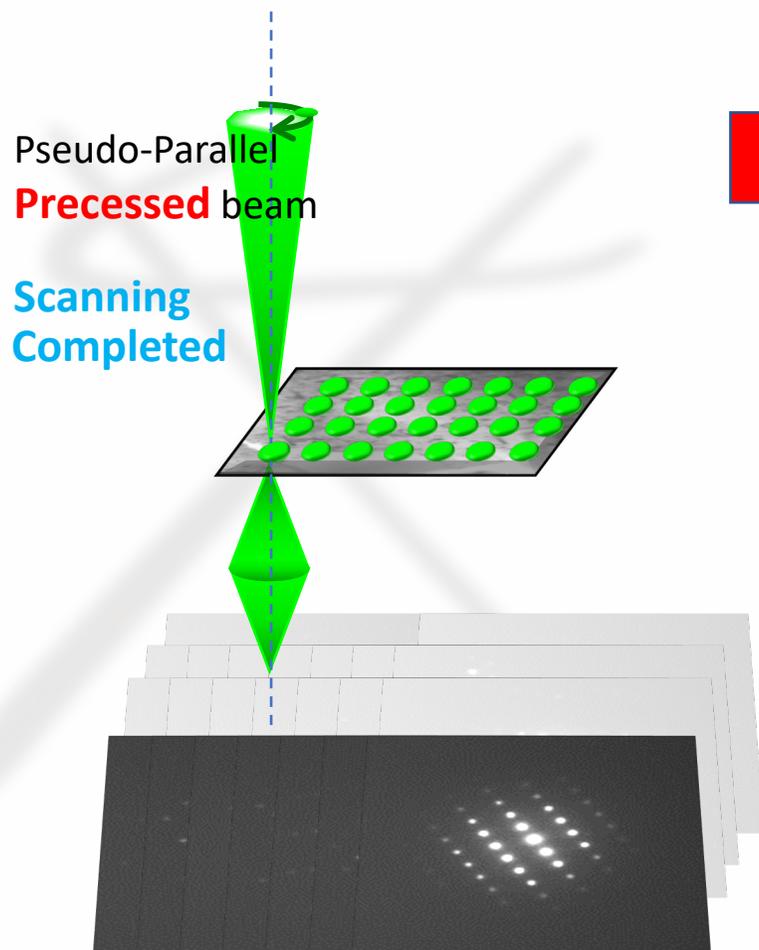


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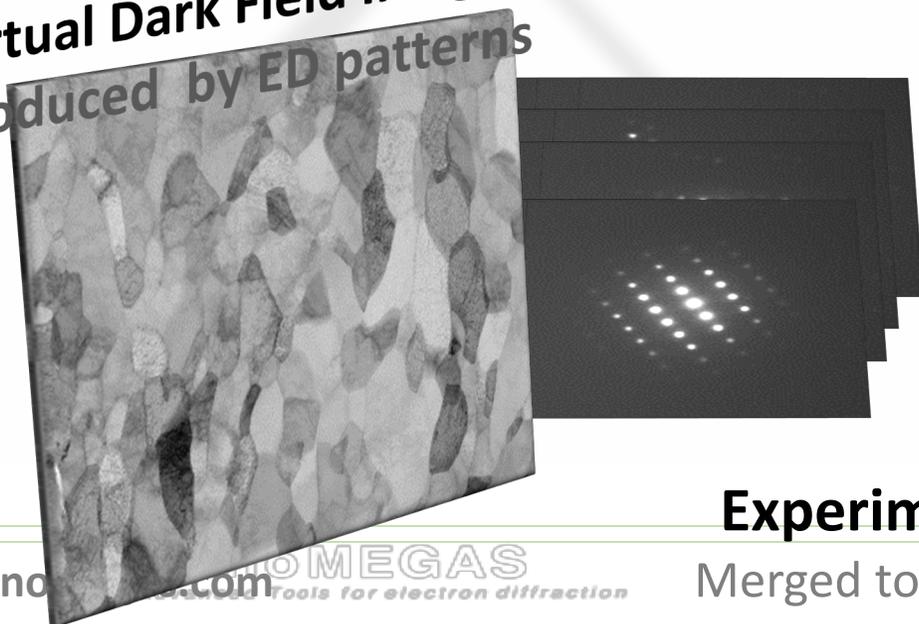


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Virtual Dark Field Image  
Produced by ED patterns



Experimental ED data

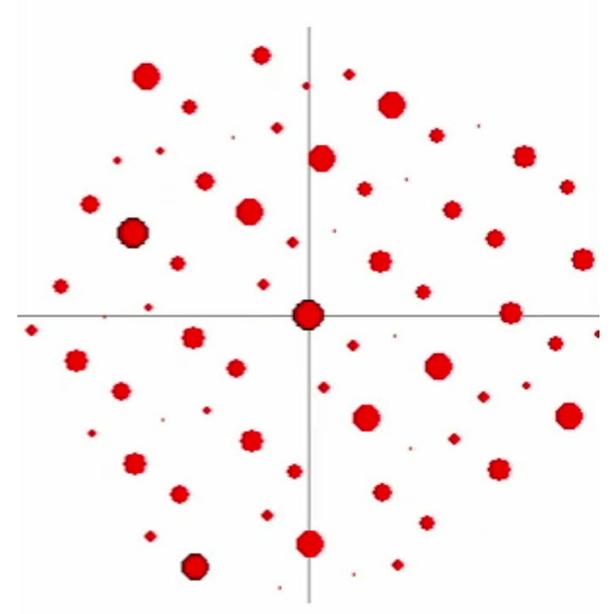
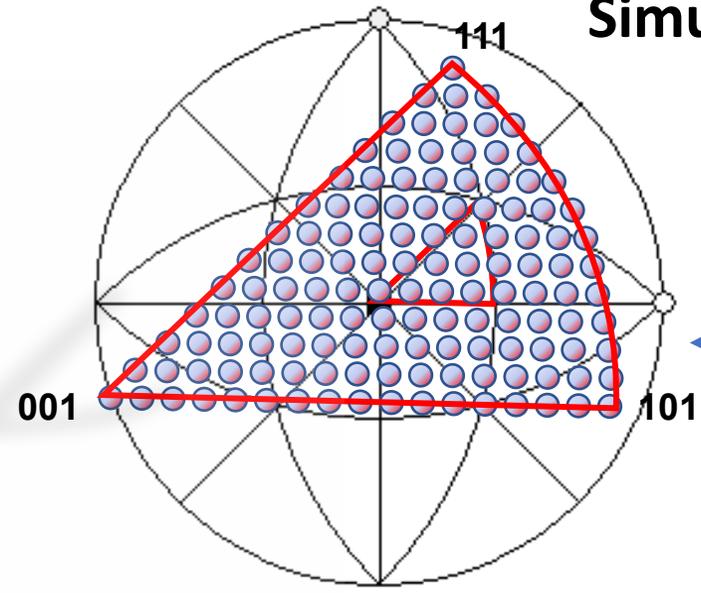
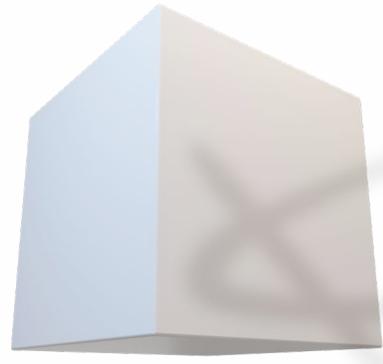
Merged to generate block file

\*Application example: cubic; all crystal systems can be used

# Simulated ED patterns for each orientation

generated by crystallographic file

## Crystal Cubic System



Stereographic Projection of all possible Crystal Orientations

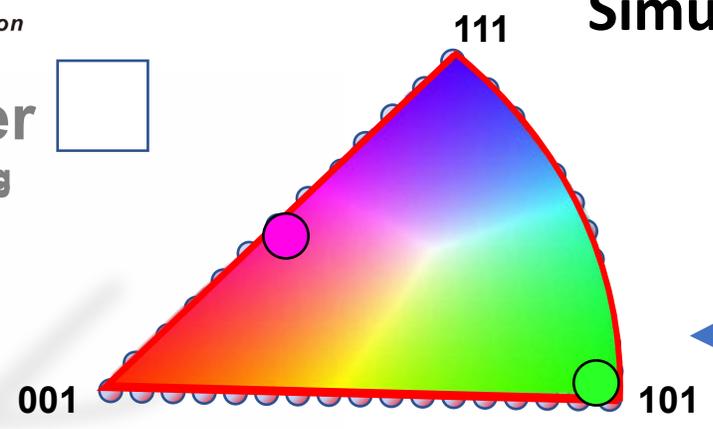
## ASTAR Templates



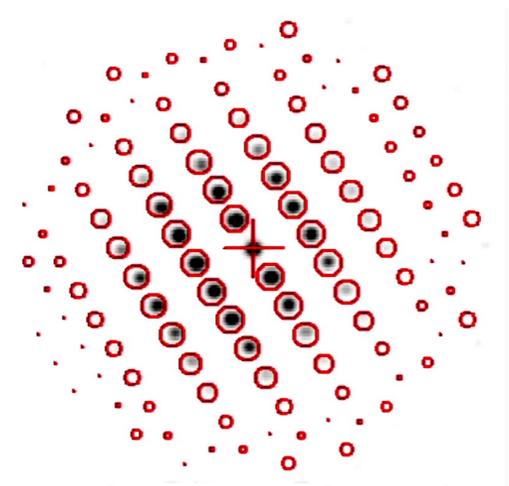
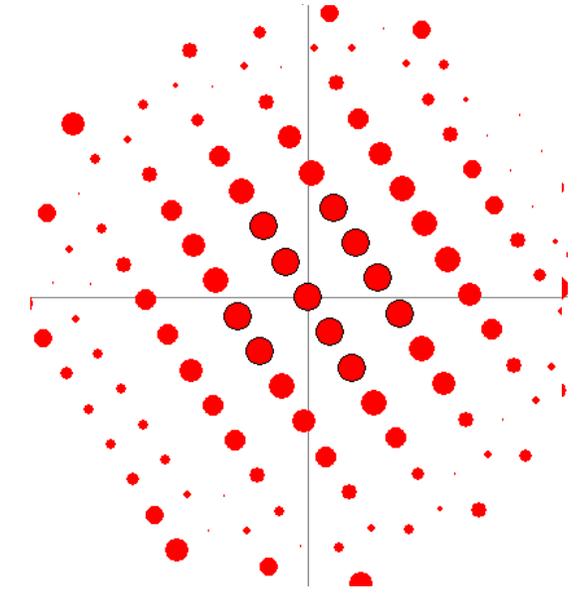
Simulated ED patterns generation

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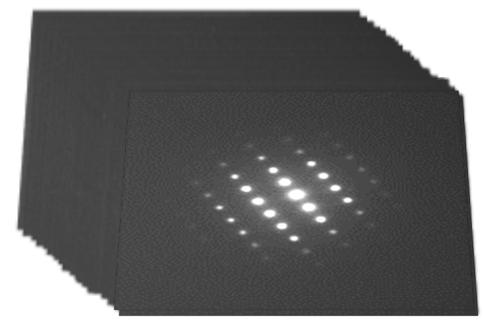


Color wheel of all possible orientations in Cubic Crystal system



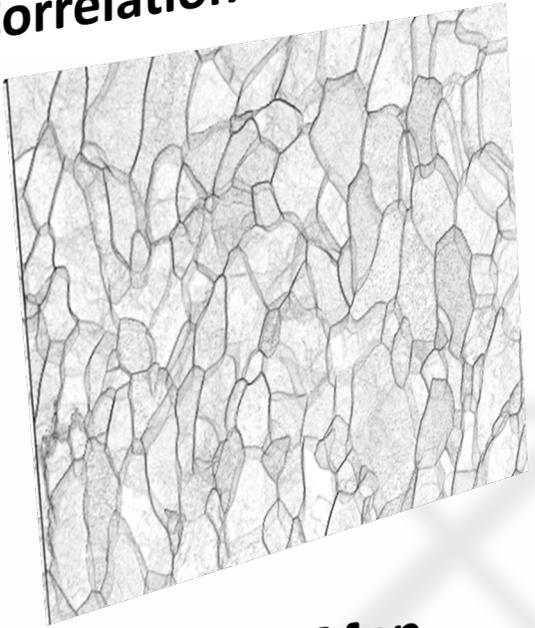
Experimental & simulated patterns

Matching procedure

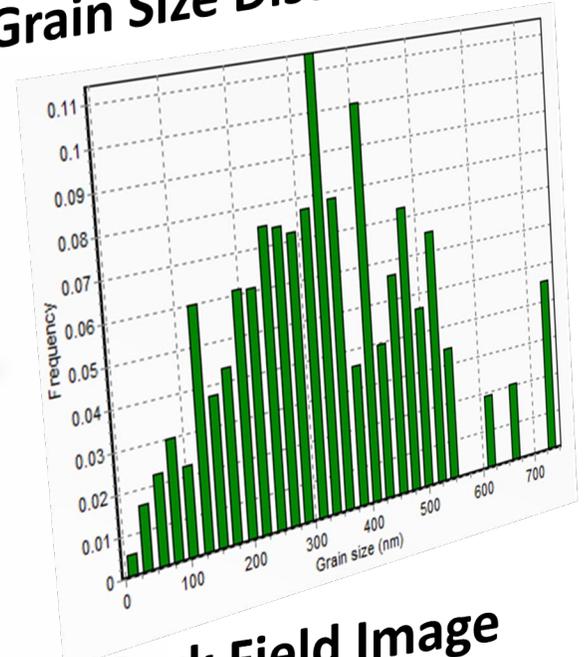


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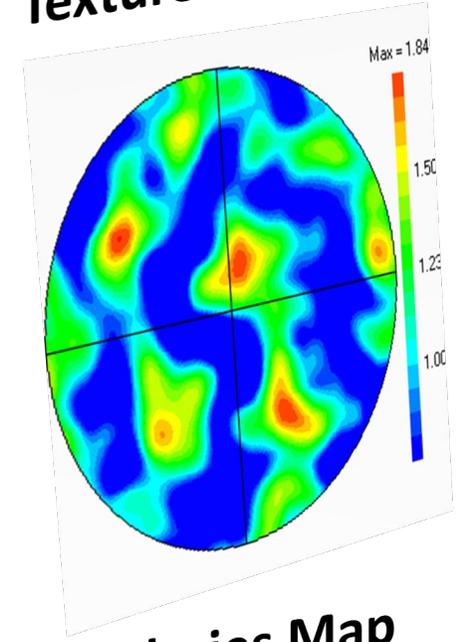
### Correlation Coefficient Map



### Grain Size Distribution



### Texture Analysis



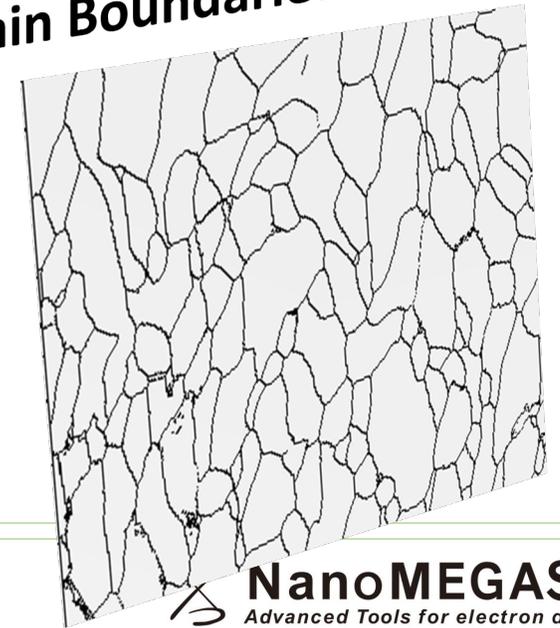
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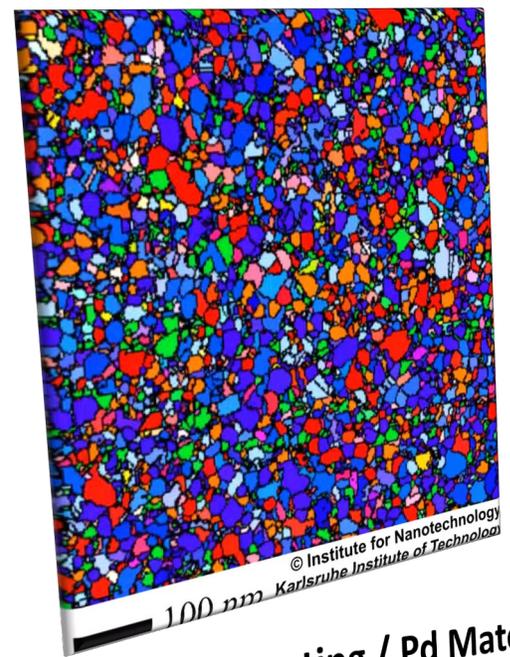
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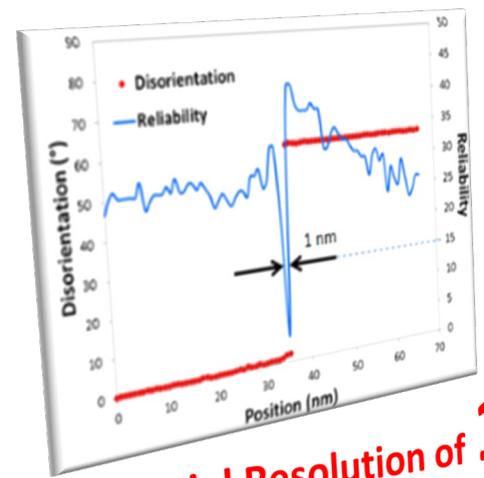
### Grain Boundaries Map



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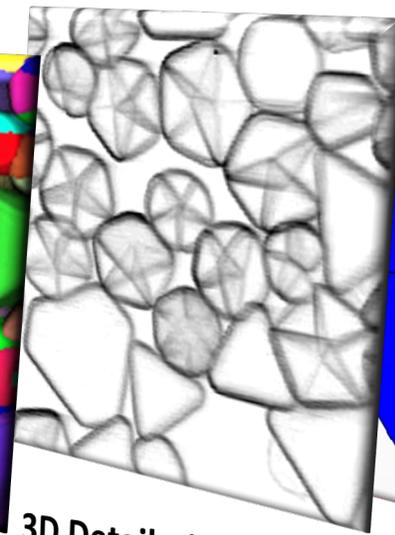
In Situ Heating / Pd Material



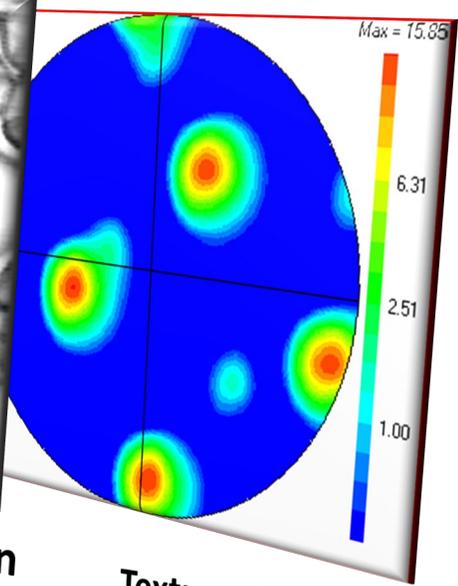
Spatial Resolution of 1nm



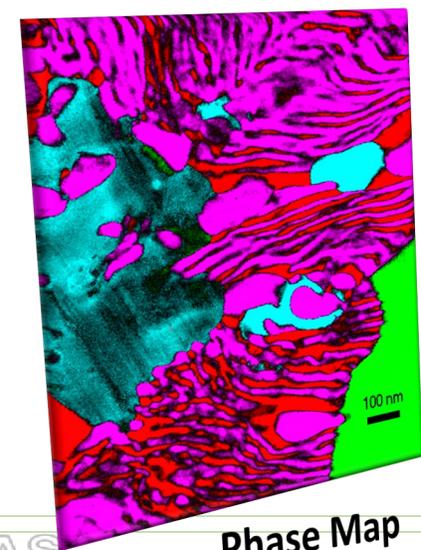
Orientation Map



3D Detailed Projection

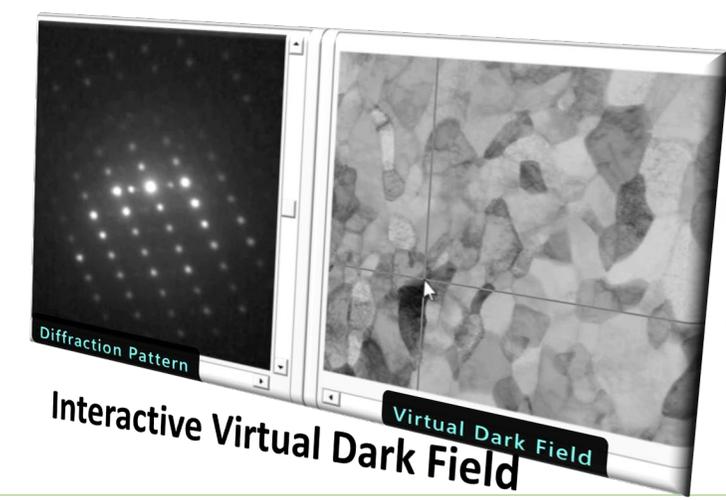


Texture Analysis



- Fe
- Fe<sub>14</sub>Nd<sub>2</sub>B
- Fe<sub>2</sub>B
- NdH<sub>2</sub>

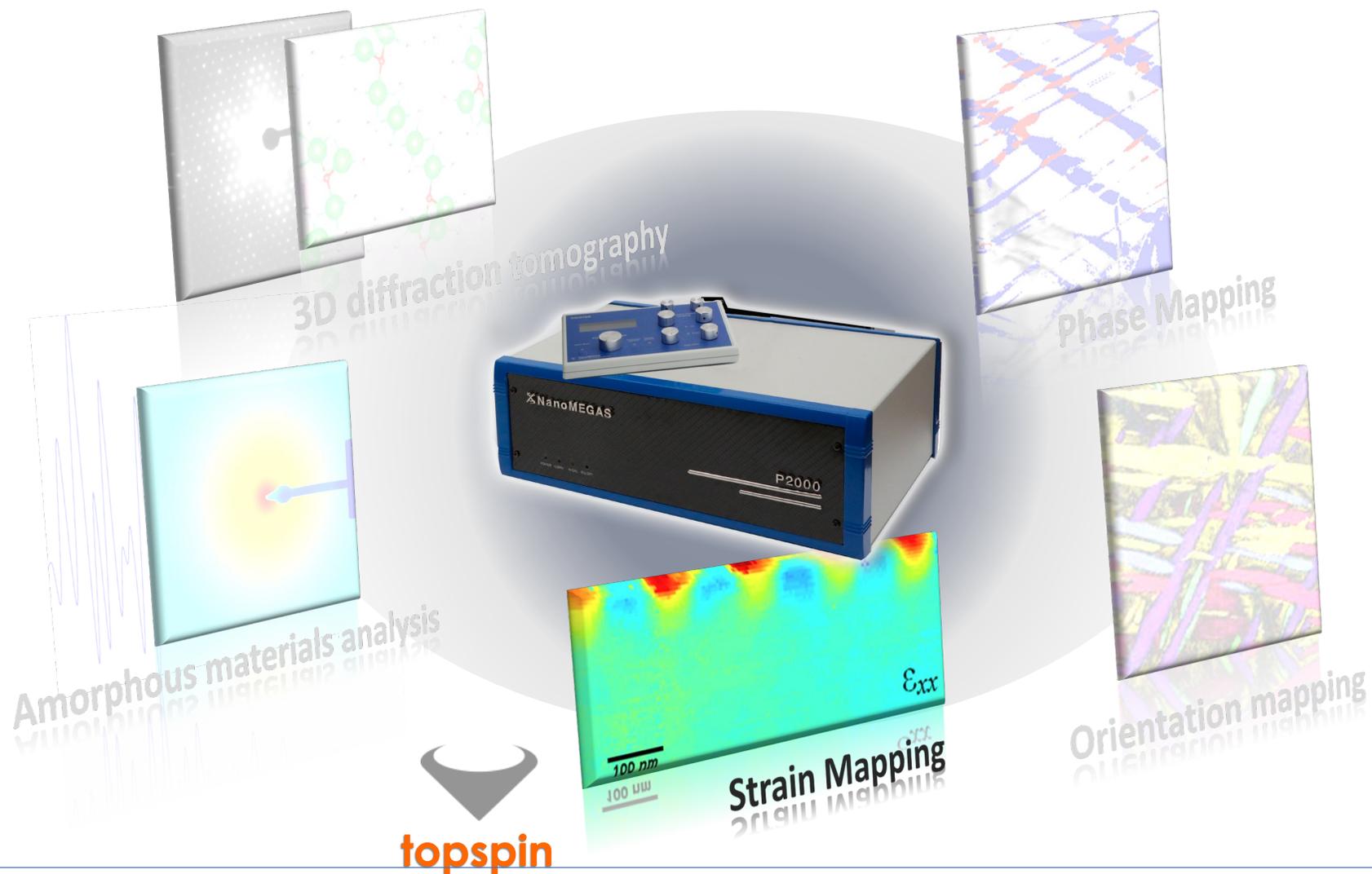
Phase Map



Interactive Virtual Dark Field

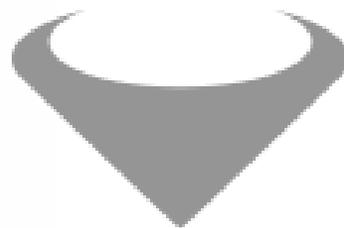


# Precession Electron Diffraction Solutions



# TopSPIN: Strain mapping in nm scale and high sensitivity

## TopSPIN PED Strain Analysis in TEM



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Pseudo-Parallel  
beam



**4D-SPED Data Acquisition**  
Scanning Precession Electron Diffraction



Zone Axis Oriented  
Single Crystal Grain

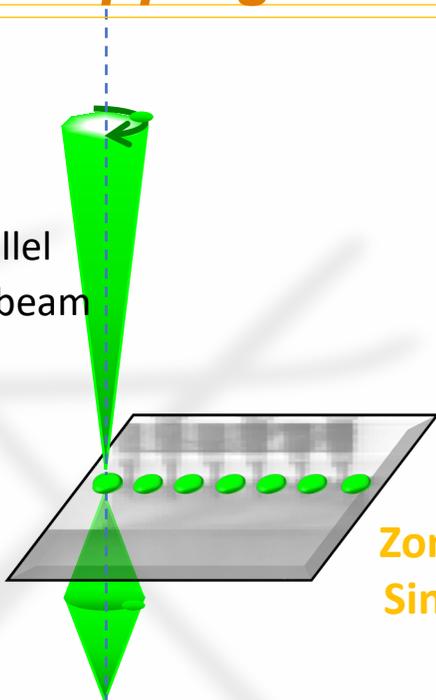


Electron Diffraction pattern

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Pseudo-Parallel  
**Precessed** beam

Scanning



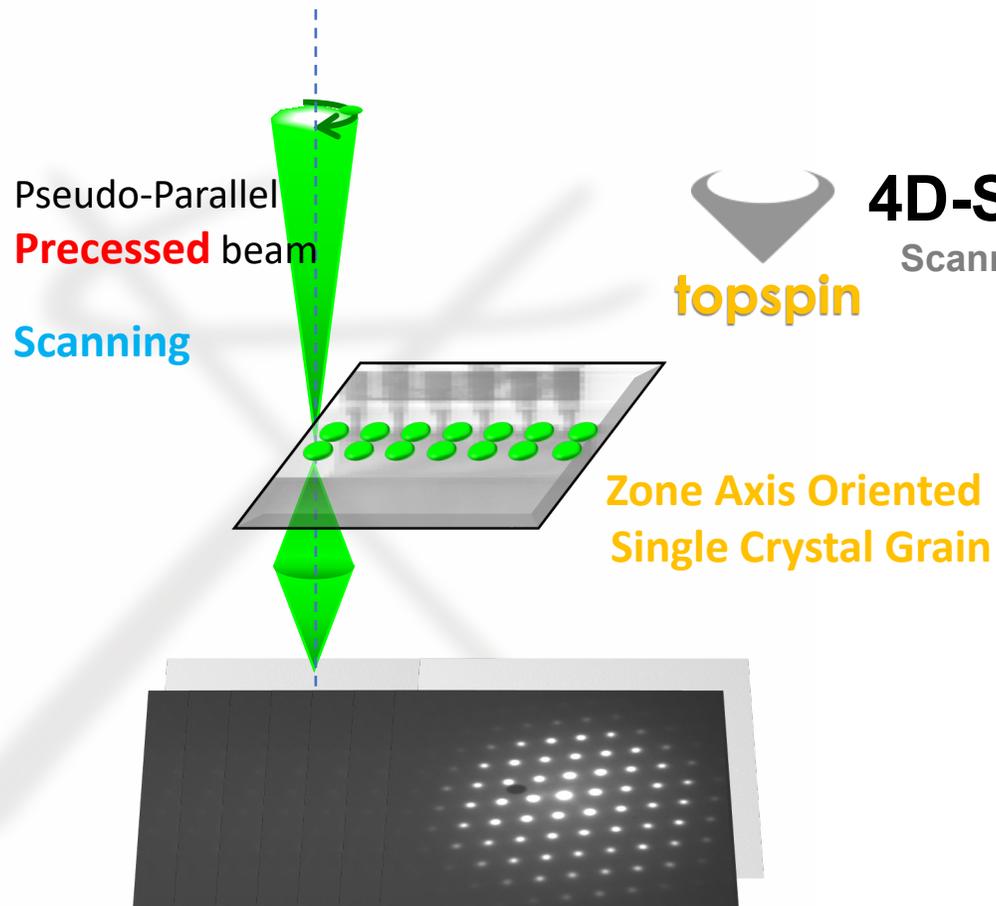
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**Precession** Enhanced  
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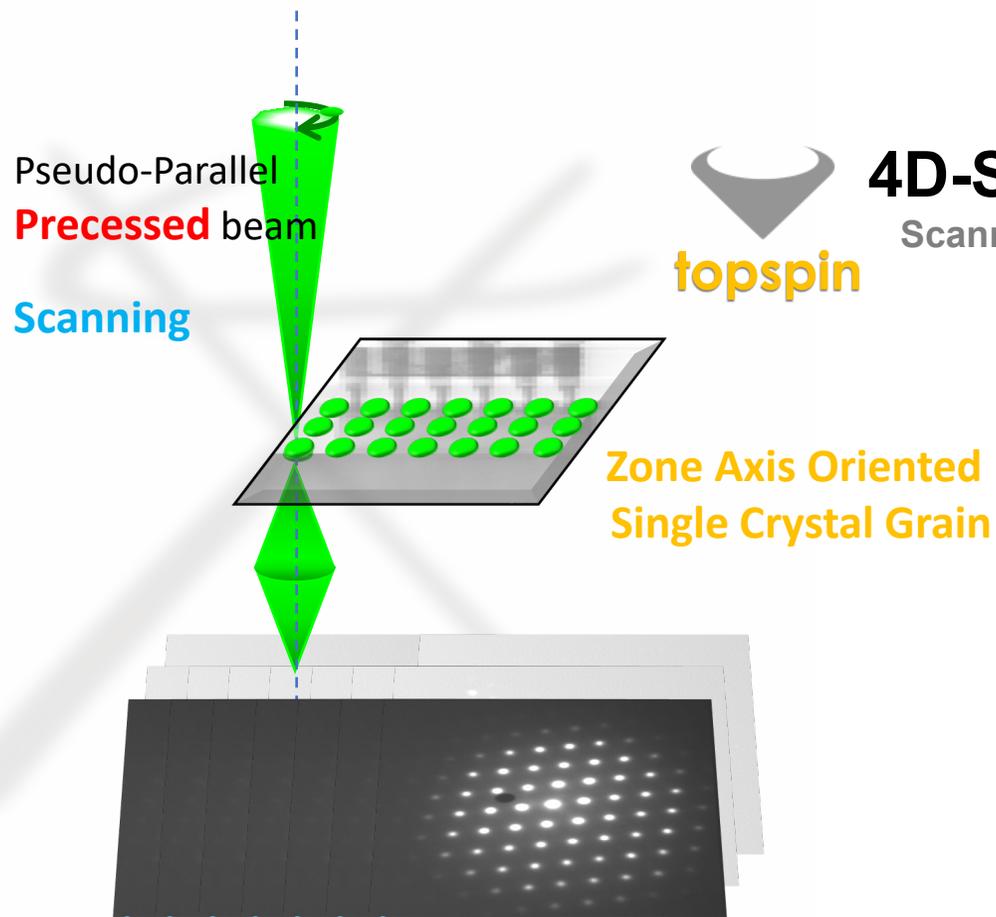
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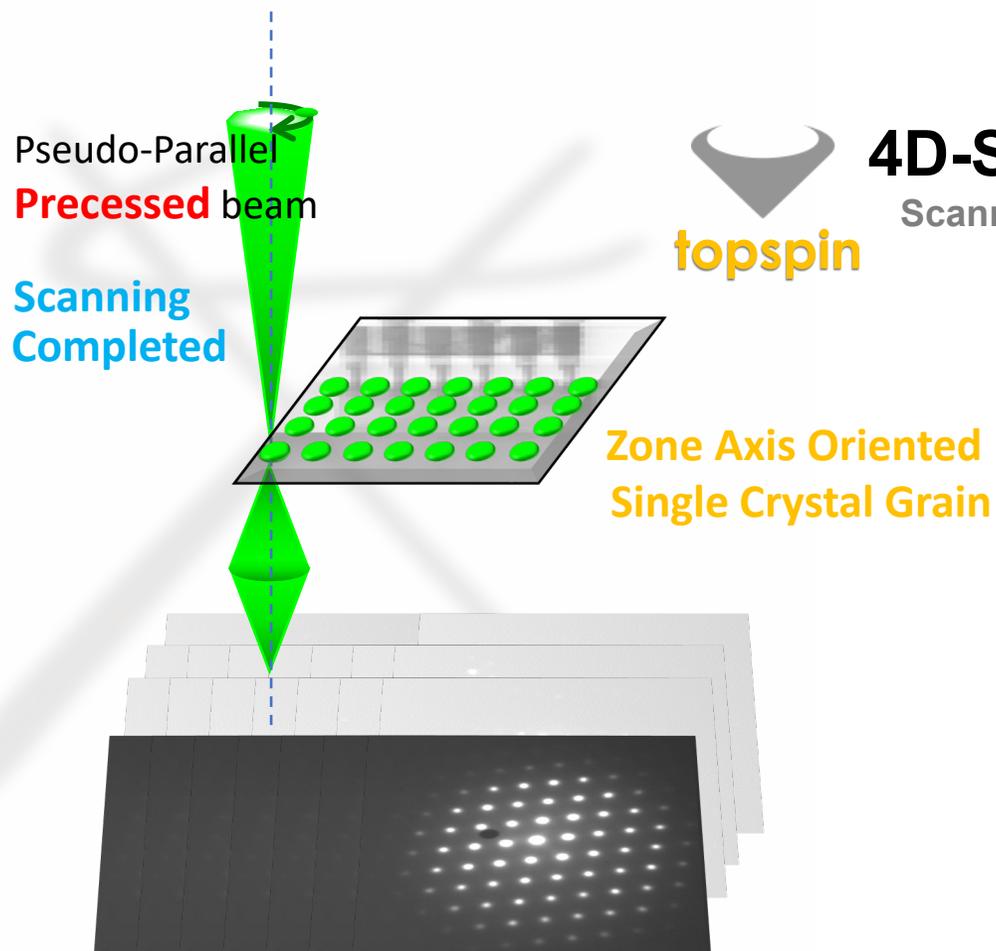


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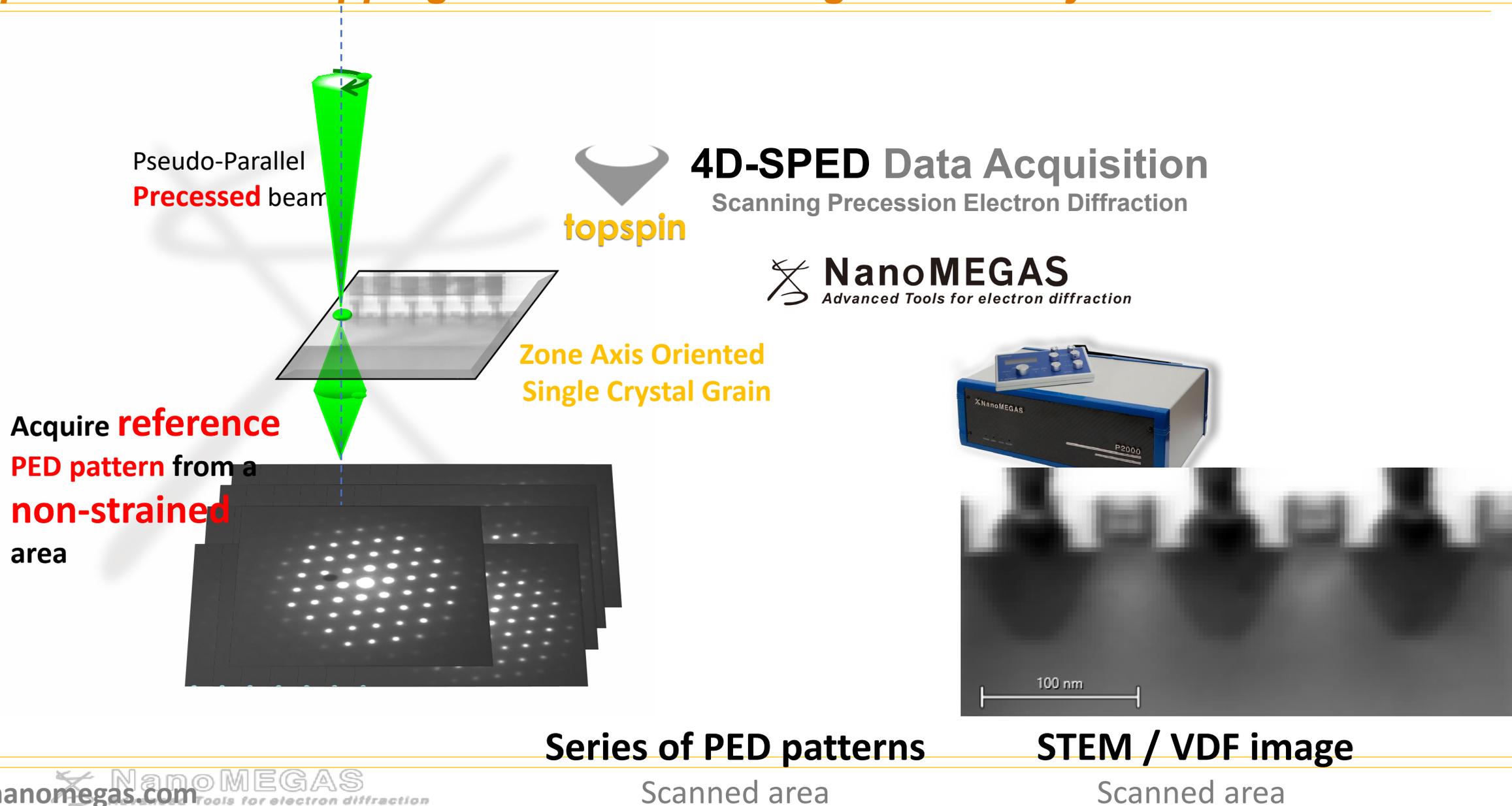
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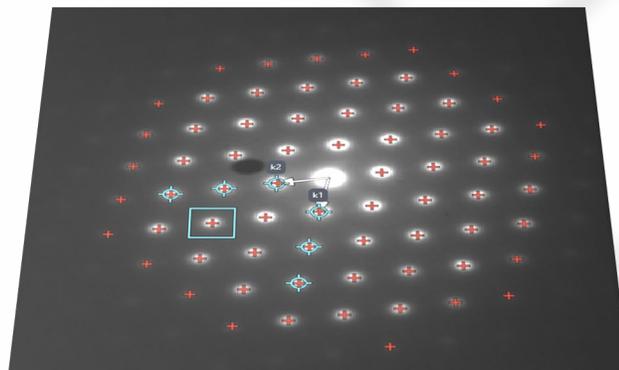
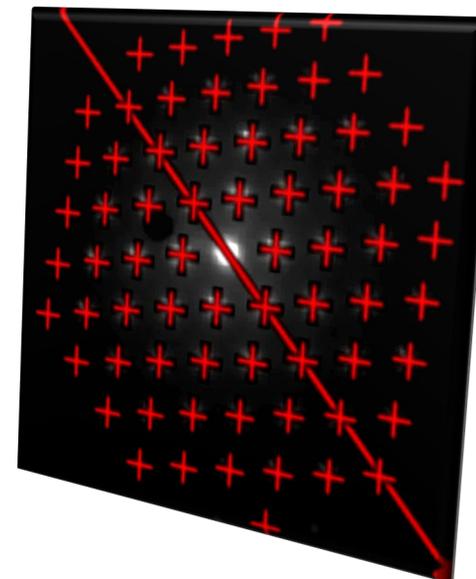
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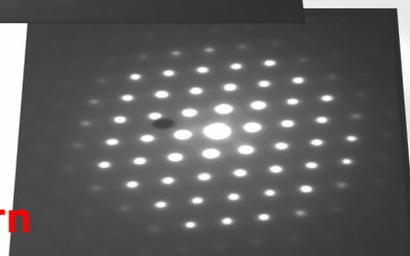
## TopSPIN strain mapping



**Strain Calculation:**  
PED series patterns are matched against the **reference pattern**.

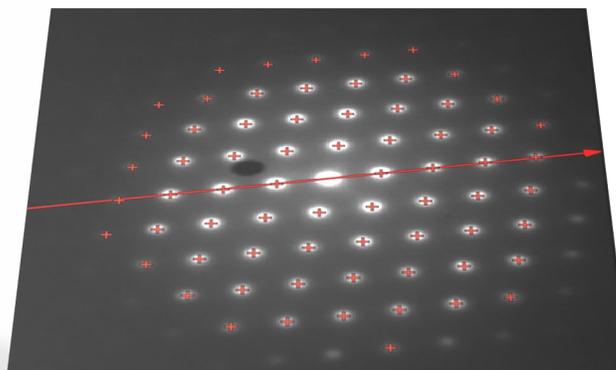


Localize the center of each reflection in **Reference pattern**



**Reference PED pattern**

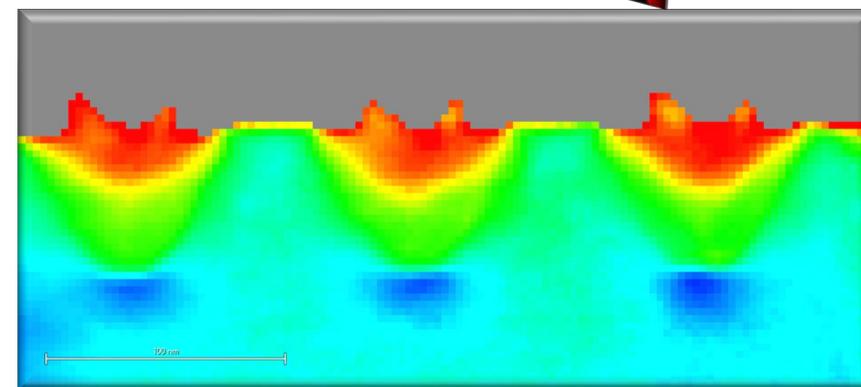
non-strained area



Localize the center of each reflection in **PED patterns series** of the studied area

**Series of PED patterns**

Scanned area



**STEM image**

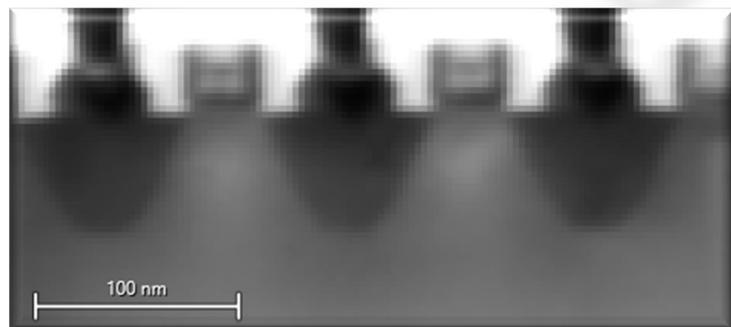
Single crystal area is marked

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 PED Strain Mapping  
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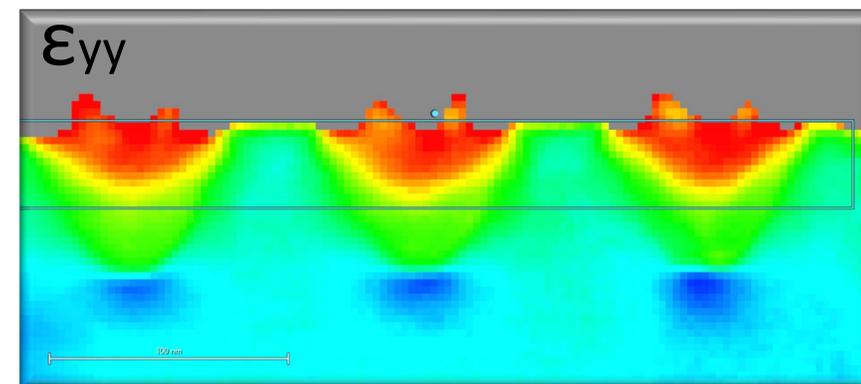
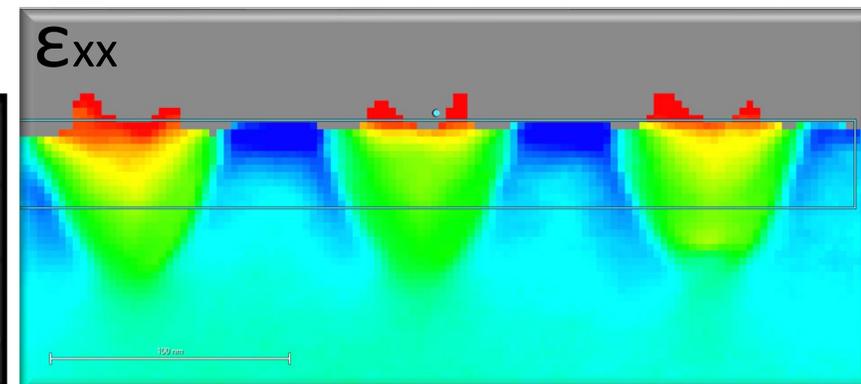
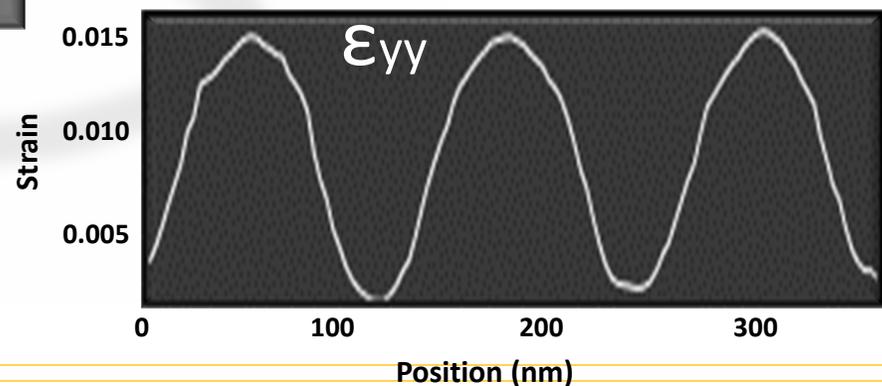
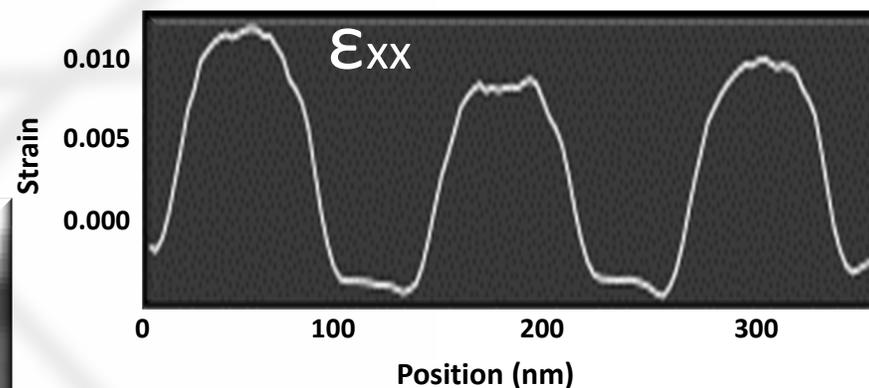
**pMOS device**



Spatial resolution: **1-5 nm**

Strain Sensitivity: **>0.02%**

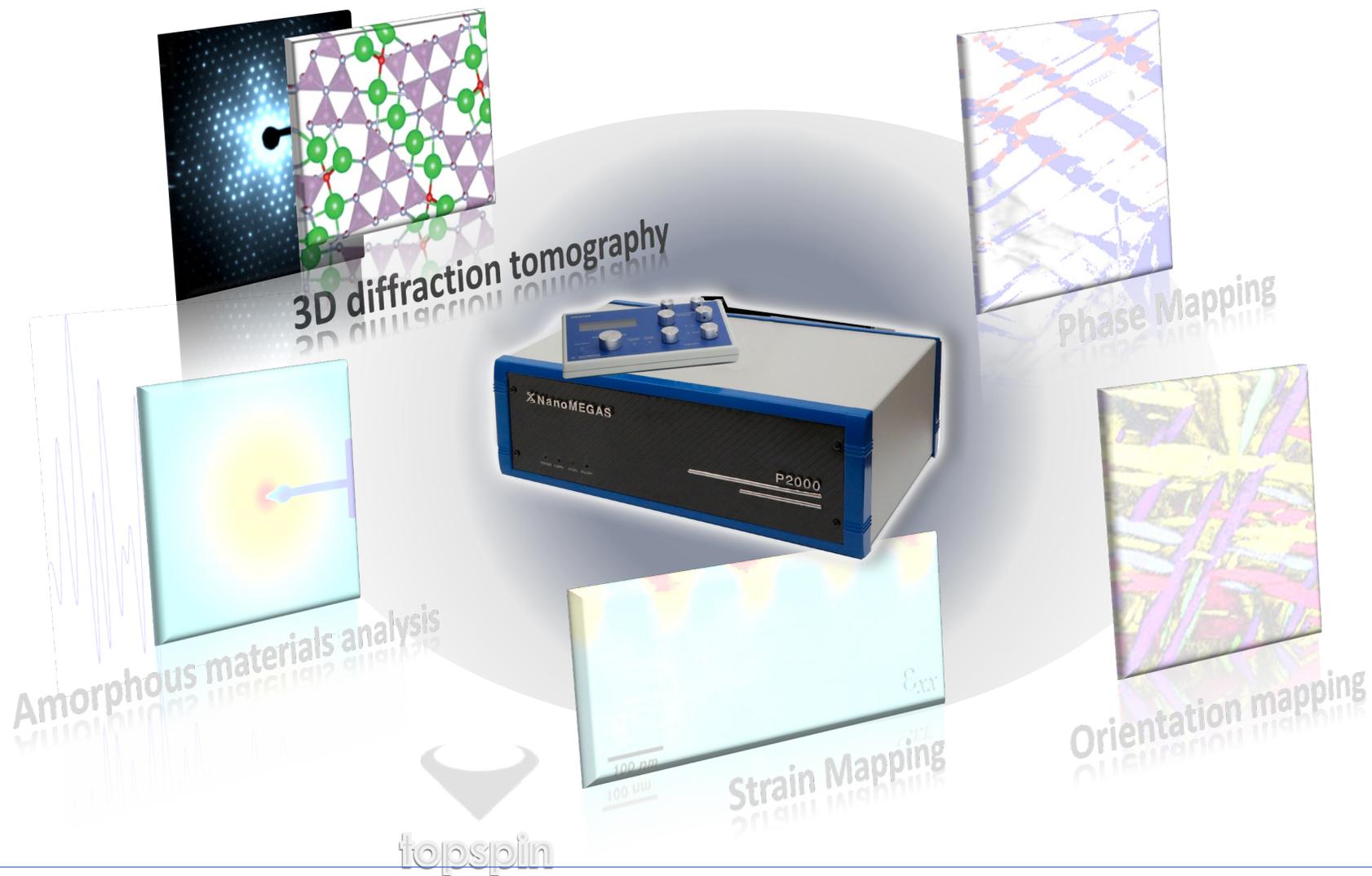
## Strain Profile



## Strain Mapping

Single crystal grain area calculated

# Precession Electron Diffraction Solutions

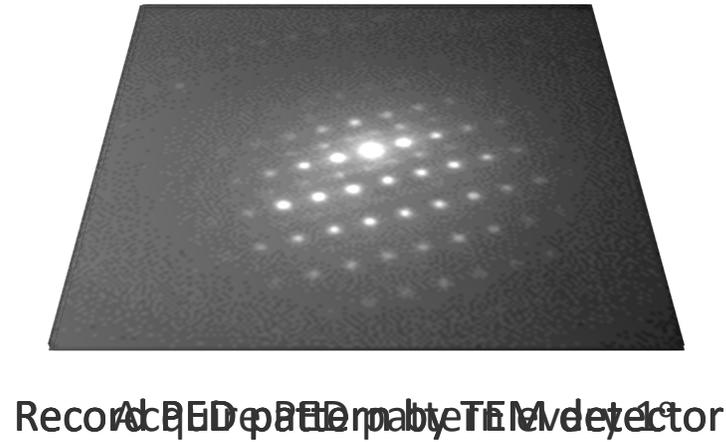
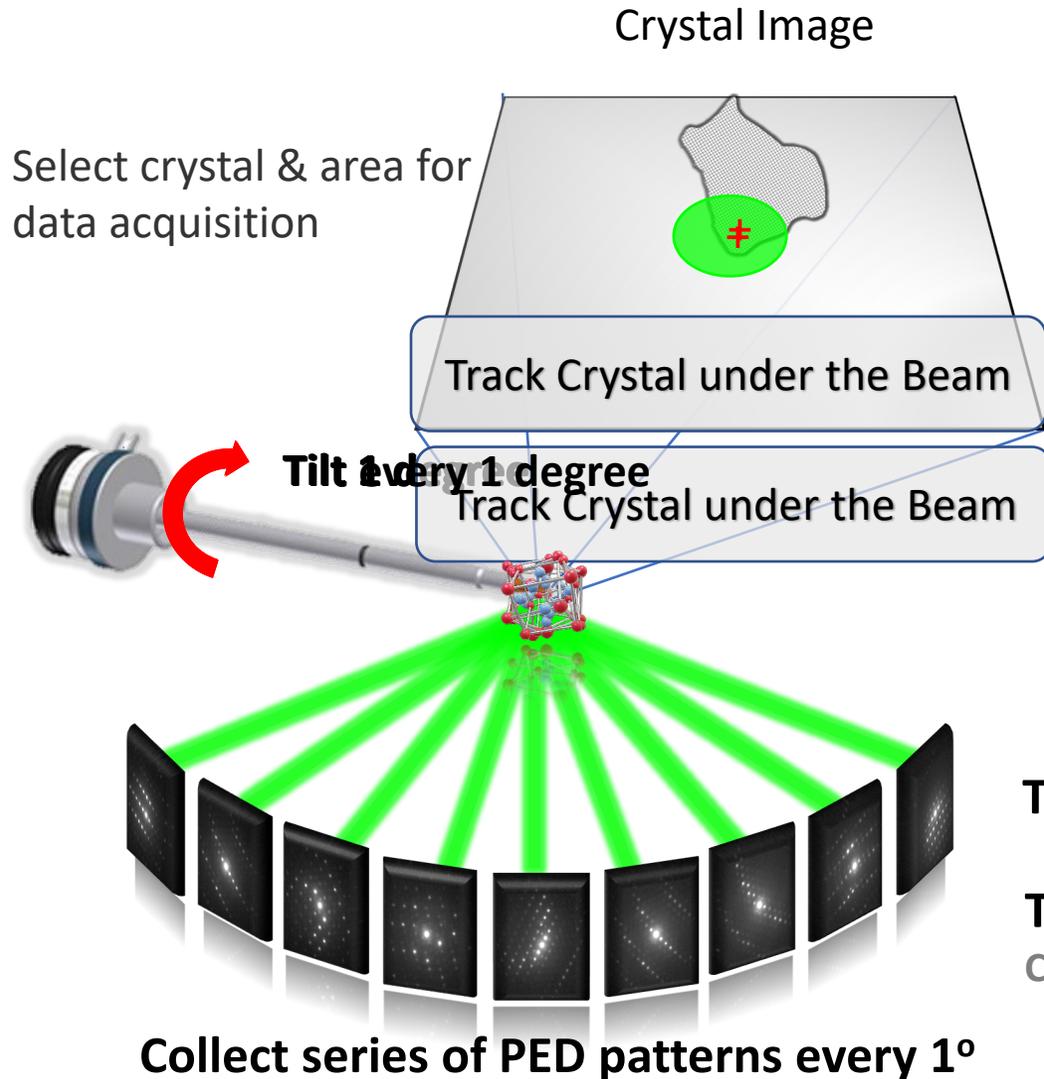


## 3D - Electron Diffraction Tomography

for crystal structure determination



# Precession Electron Diffraction Tomography (PEDt) – Solve crystal structures

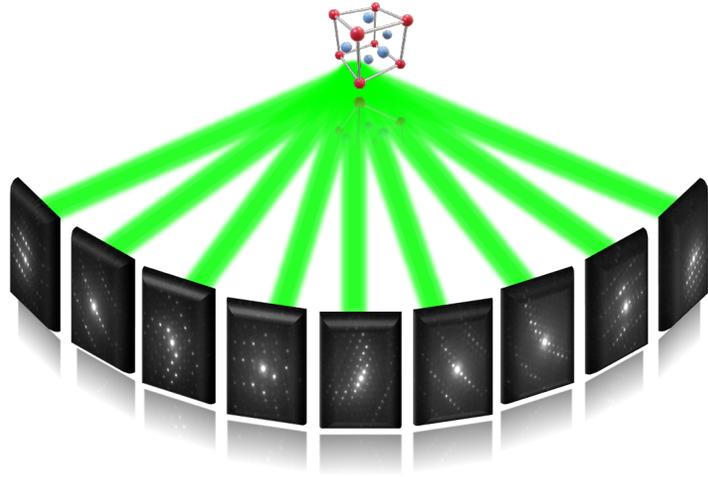


Tilt range for cell parameters determination:  $-30^\circ$  to  $+30^\circ$

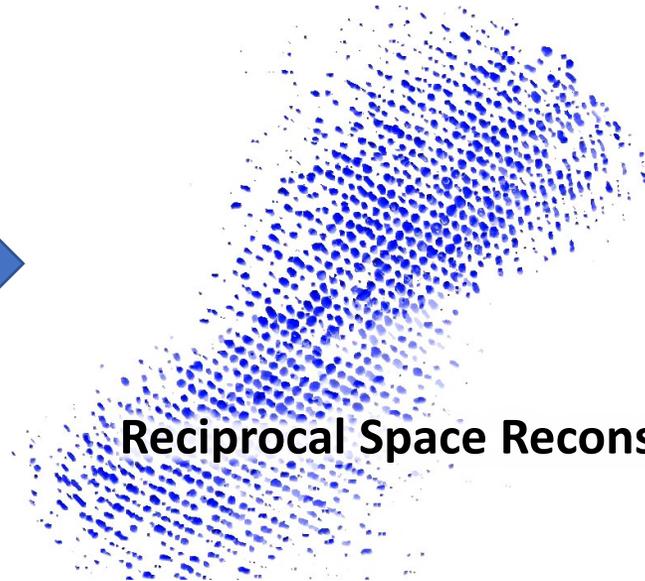
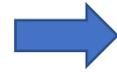
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Completeness of reciprocal space

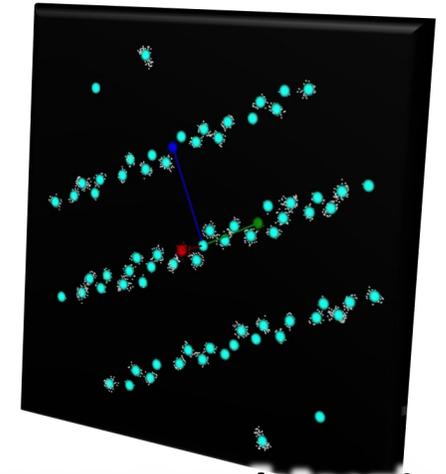
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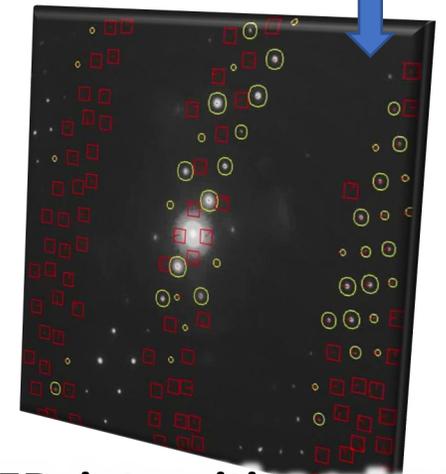
PED patterns every 1°



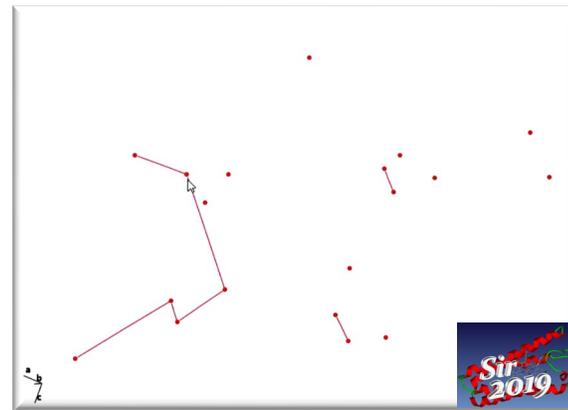
Reciprocal Space Reconstruction



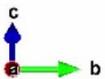
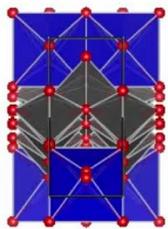
Cell parameters determination



ED intensities extraction



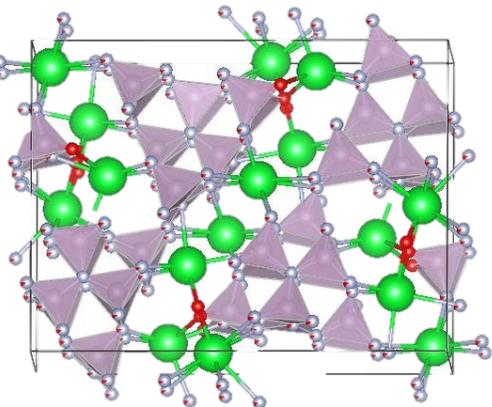
Solving Crystal Structure



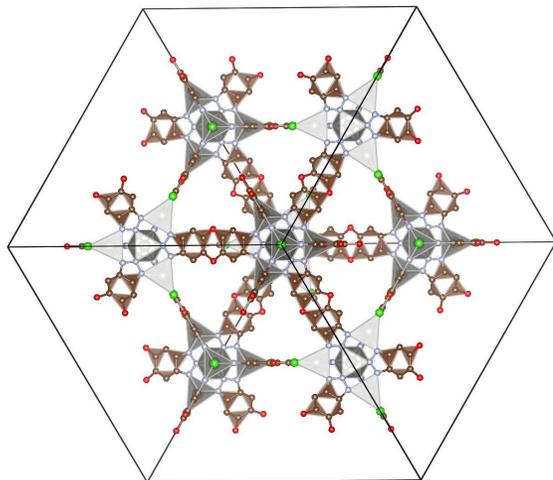
Final Structural Model

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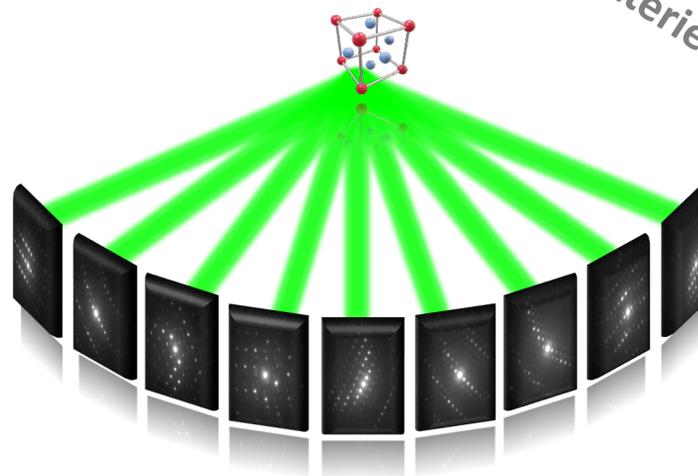
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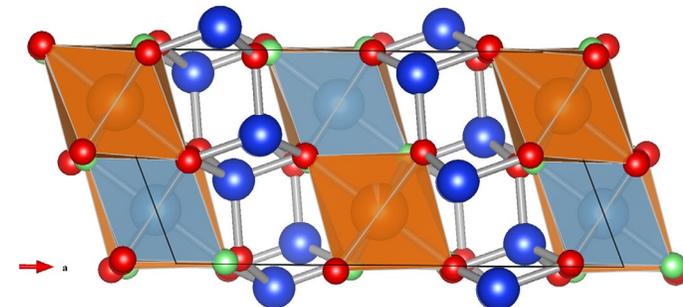
catalysts



batteries

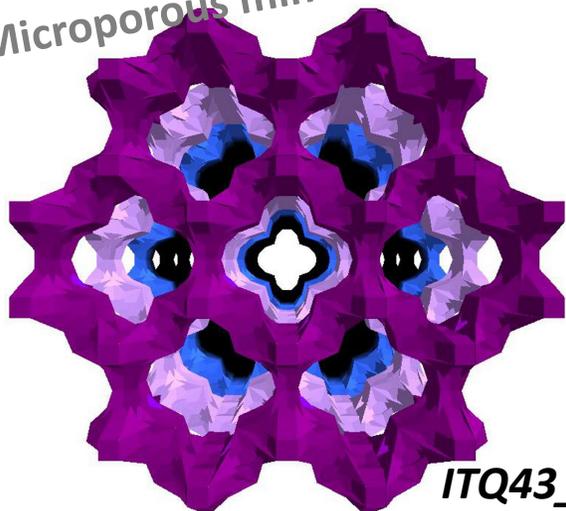


minerals



HAPY\_Mg<sub>2</sub>Al(OH)<sub>2</sub>AlSiO<sub>6</sub>

Microporous minerals

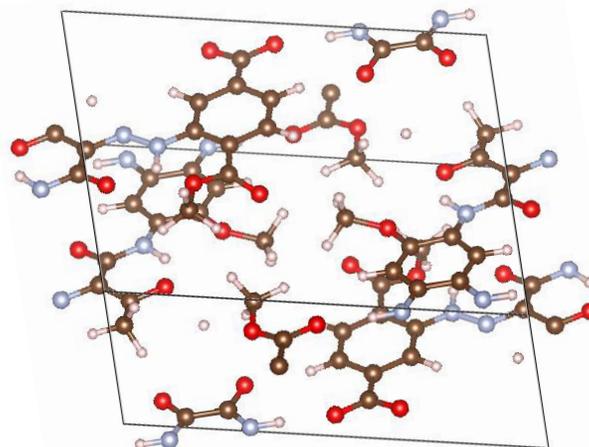


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MFU4L\_MOF

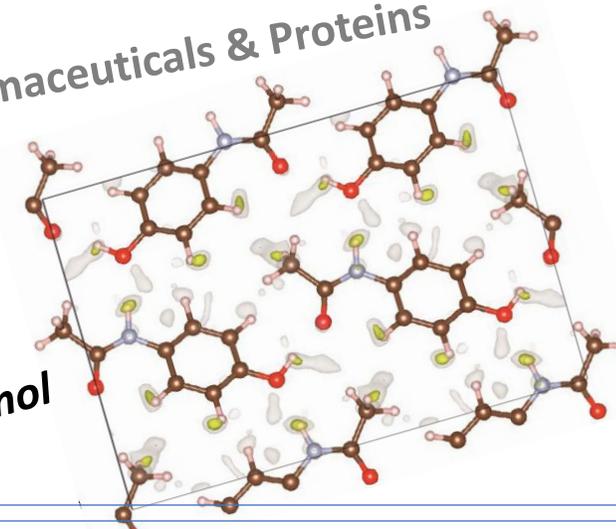
PEDt tomography

pigments



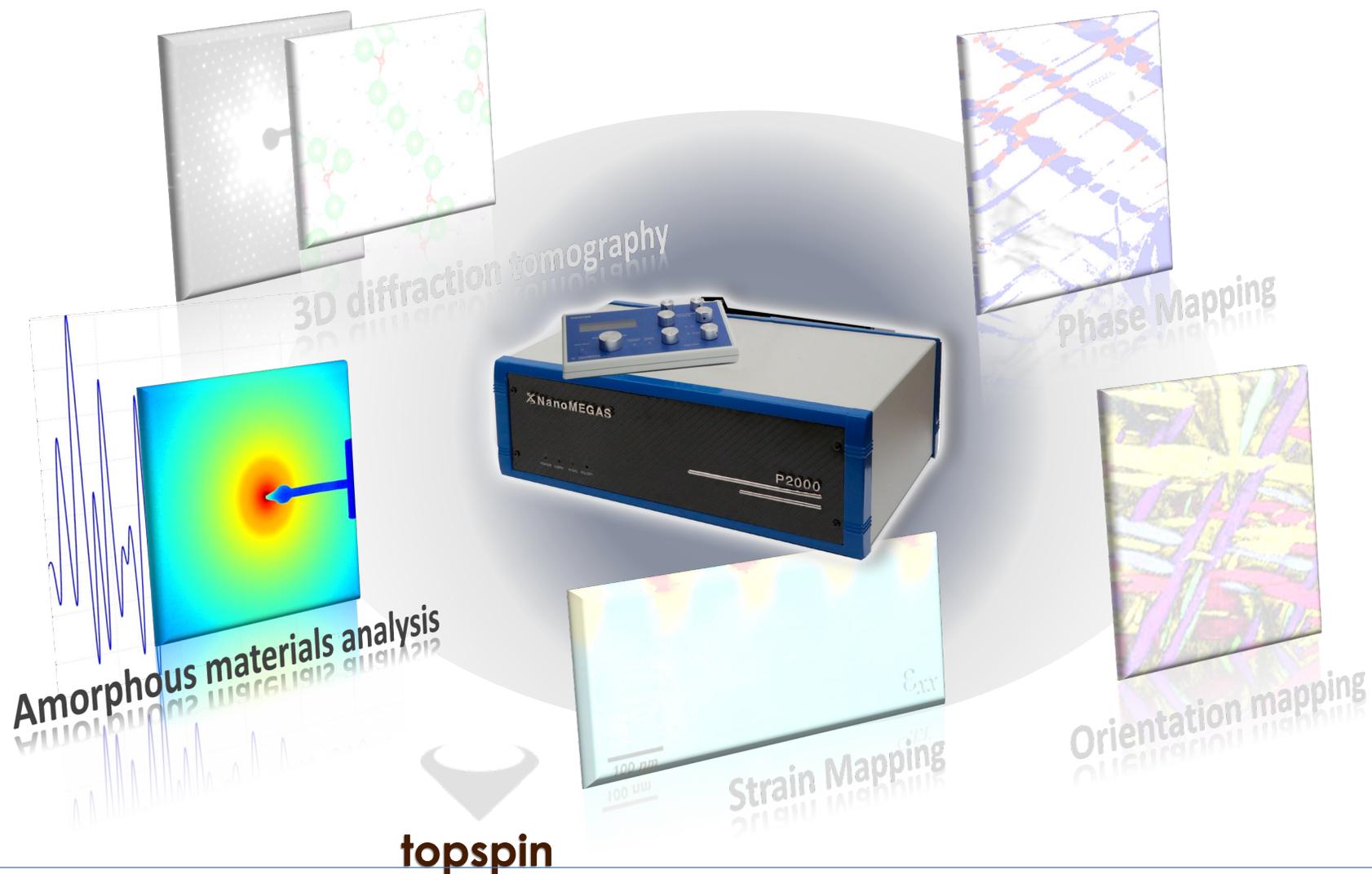
Pharmaceuticals & Proteins

Paracetamol



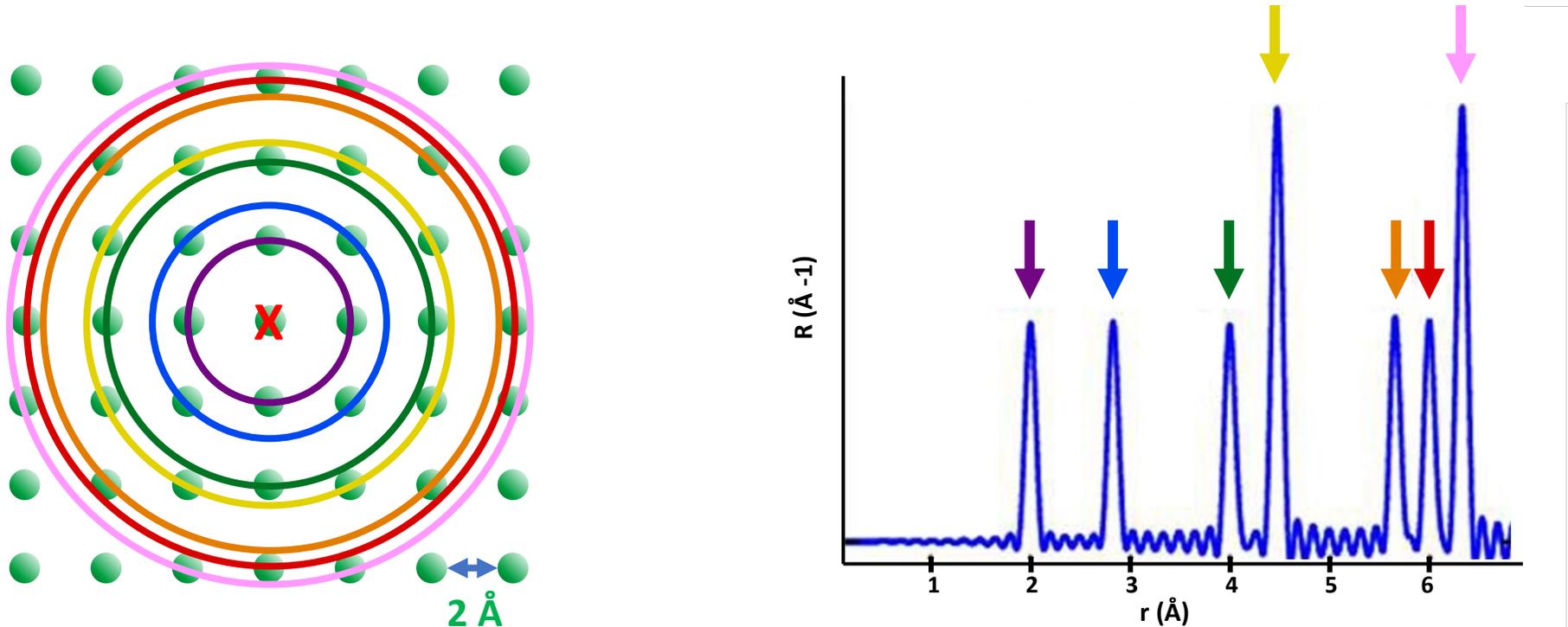
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# Precession Electron Diffraction Solutions



# ePDFsuite: Pair Distribution Function– Characterization of Amorphous materials

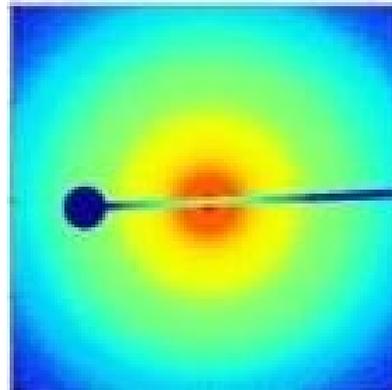
Pair Distribution Function  $G(r)$  is probability of finding an atom in a distance  $r$



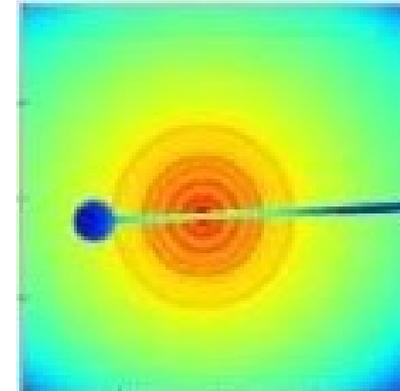
A total pair-distribution function (PDF) is obtained by repeating this process systematically by placing each atom in the origin.

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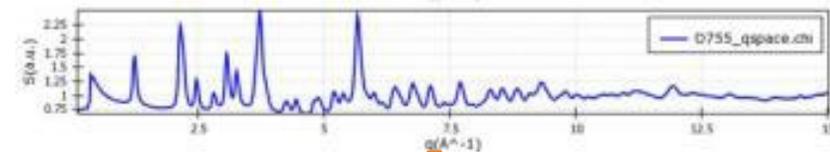
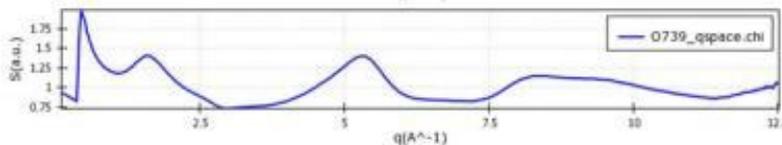
Amorphous material



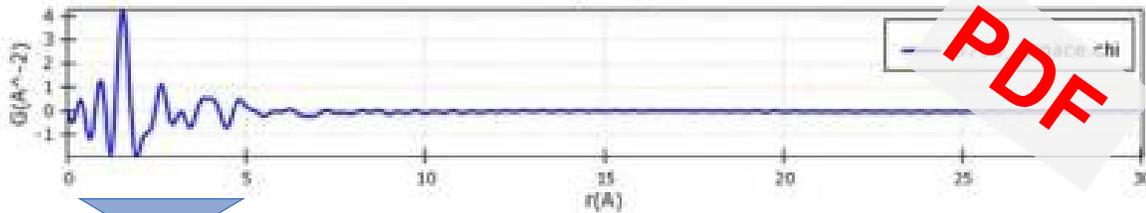
Nanocrystalline



Corrected and Integrated data  $I(q)$   
Normalization to calculate  $S(q)$



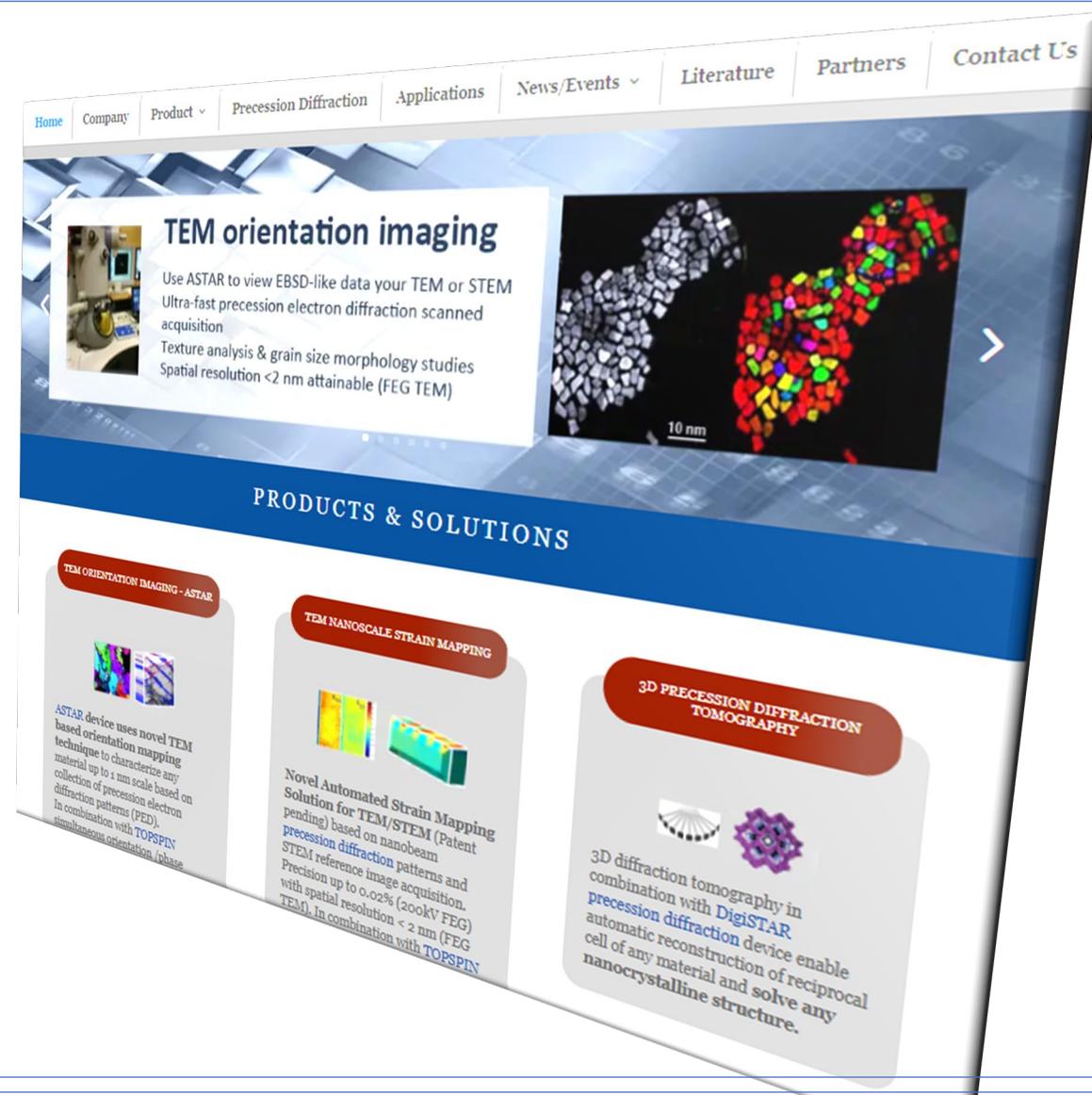
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Short range order

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- Applications details
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