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# Crystal and magnetic structure of advanced metal oxides: neutron diffraction studies.

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# Presentation Outline

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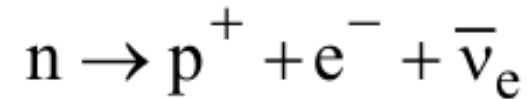
Relation between temperature and bond angle.

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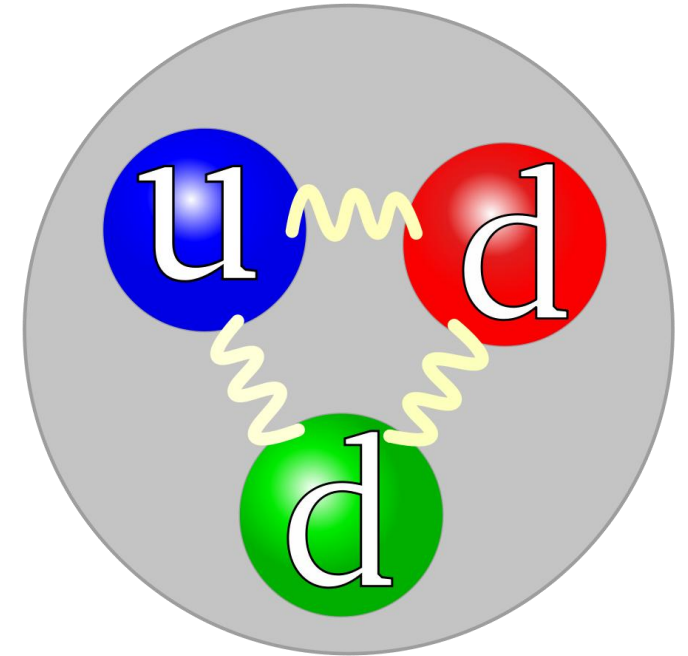
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# What are neutrons?

- ▶ Neutrons are subatomic particle with no net electric charge.
- ▶ Free neutrons are unstable; they under  $\beta$  decay, lifetime  $\sim 885.6 \pm 0.8$  sec.
- ▶ They can't be stored for long free;

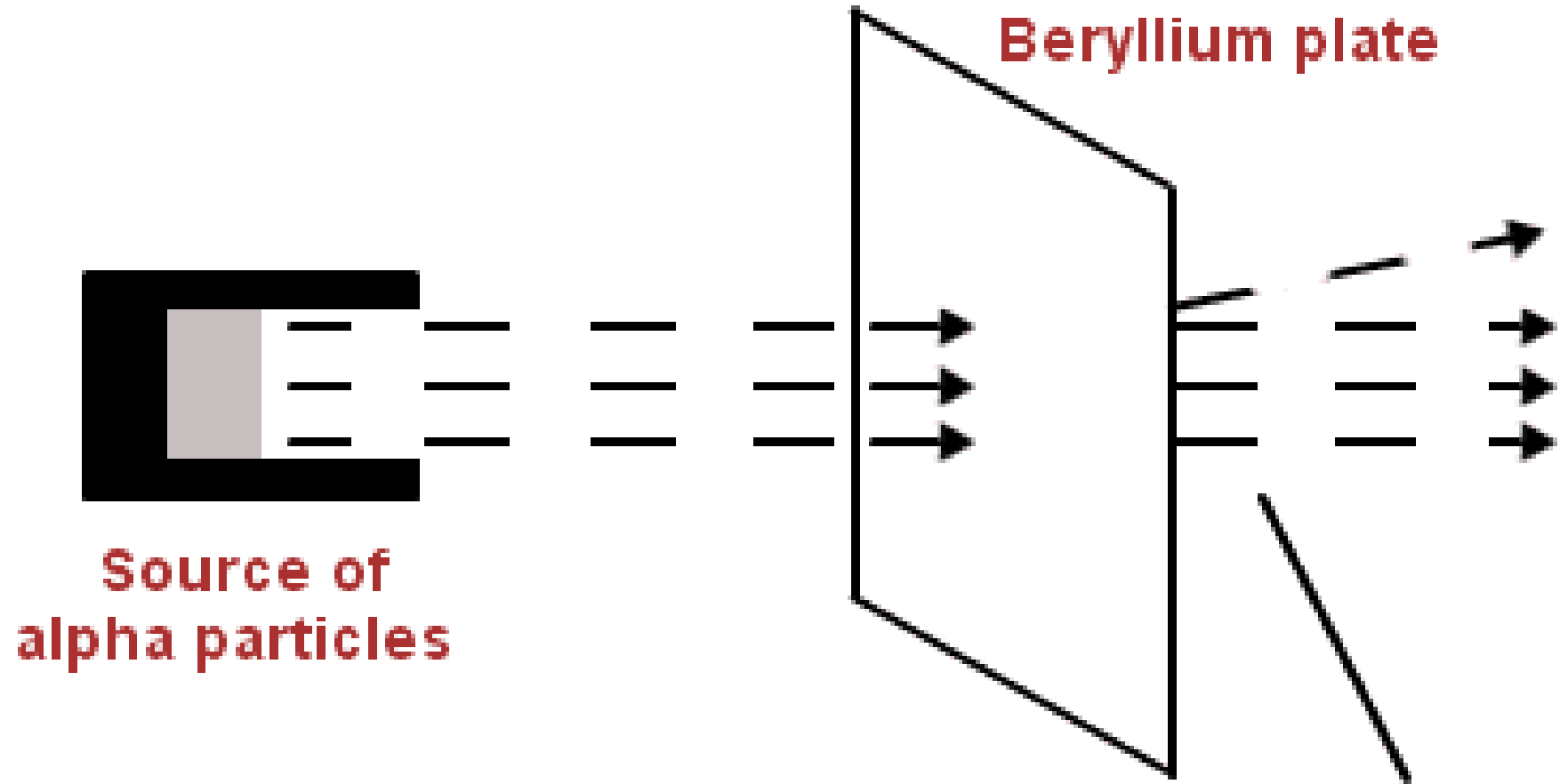


- ▶ It has Particle wave.
- ▶ Mass, Spin 1/2, Magnetic dipole moment.
- ▶ Neutrons interact with the nucleus.



schematic illustration for the neutron

# Discovery of neutrons



Source of  
alpha particles

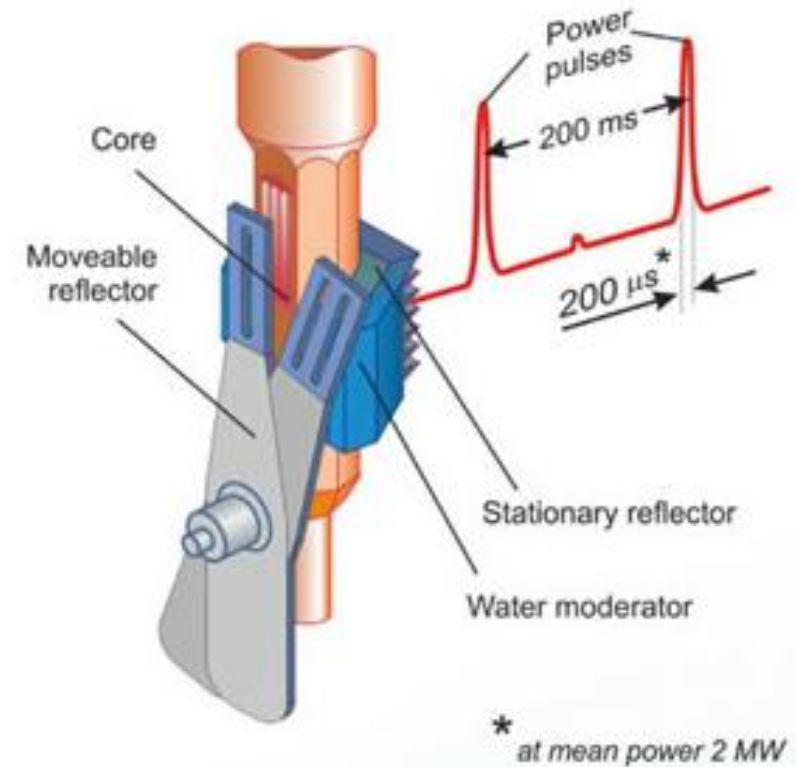
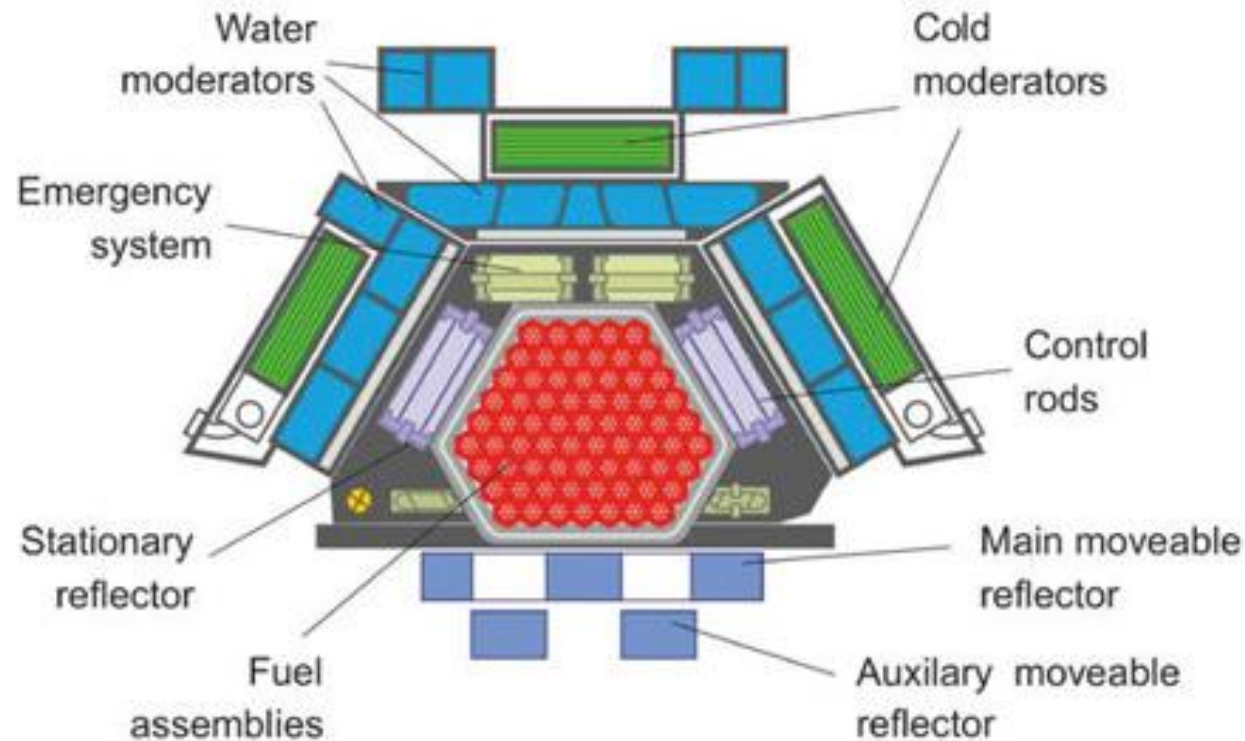
Beryllium plate

Strange "radiation" of high energy that  
turned out to be a beam of neutrons

# Neutron sources

- Small-scale neutron sources.
- Fission reaction.
- Neutron sources based on accelerators:
  - I. Synthesis reaction
  - II. Photonuclear reaction
  - III. Spallation reaction

# Fast pulsed reactor IBR-2



# Neutron Deacceleration

Materials for  
deaccelerating neutrons

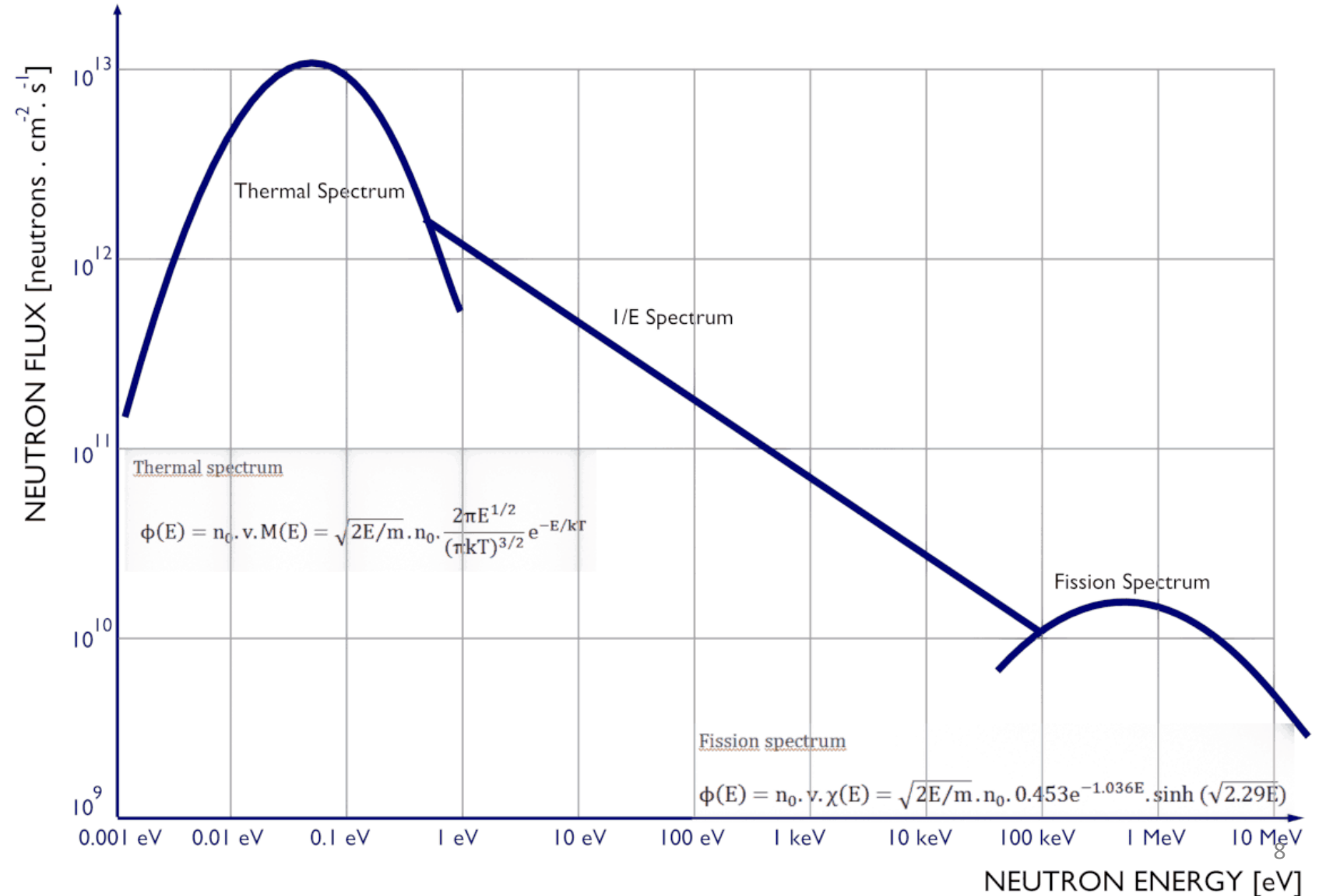
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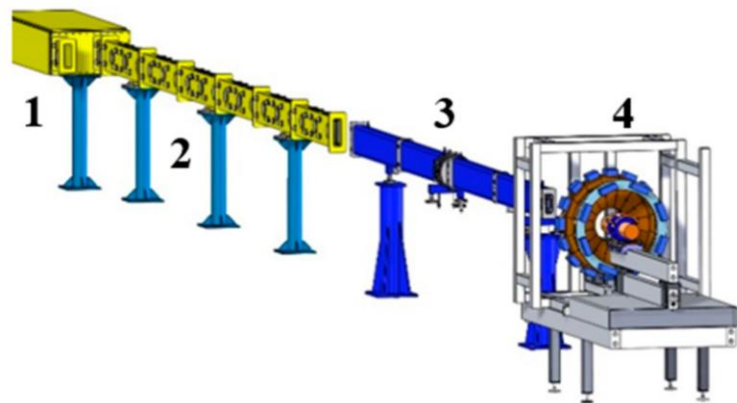
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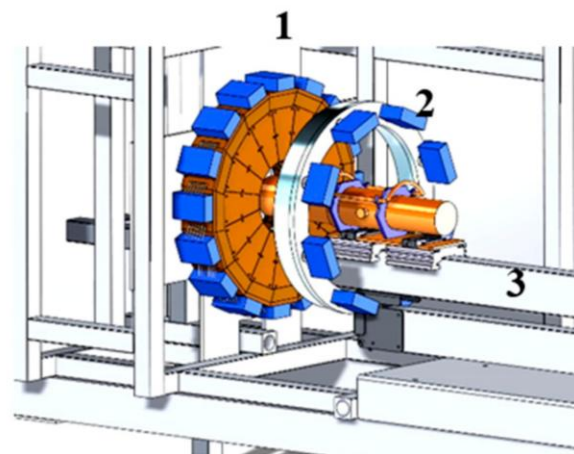




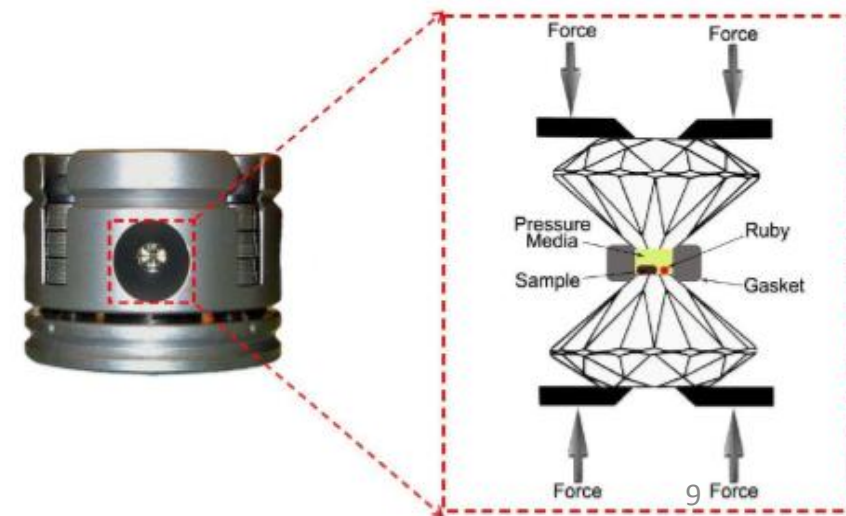
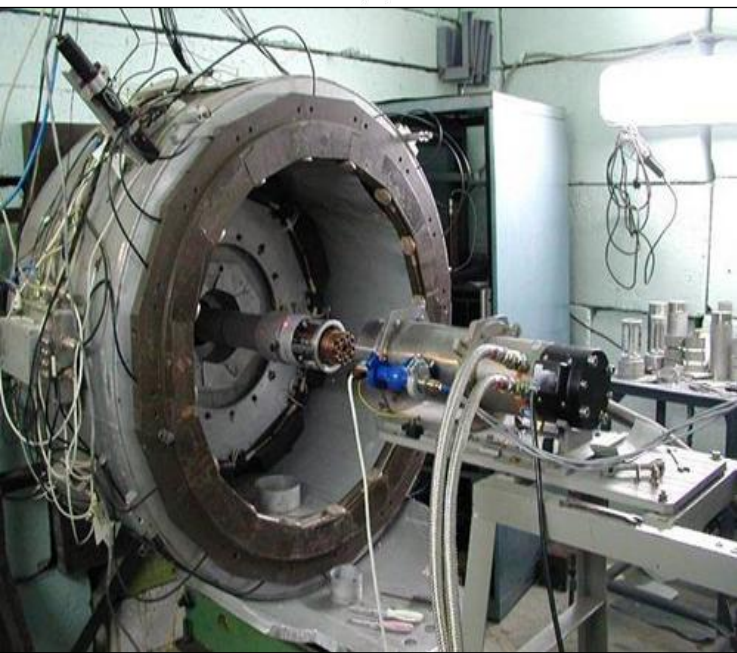
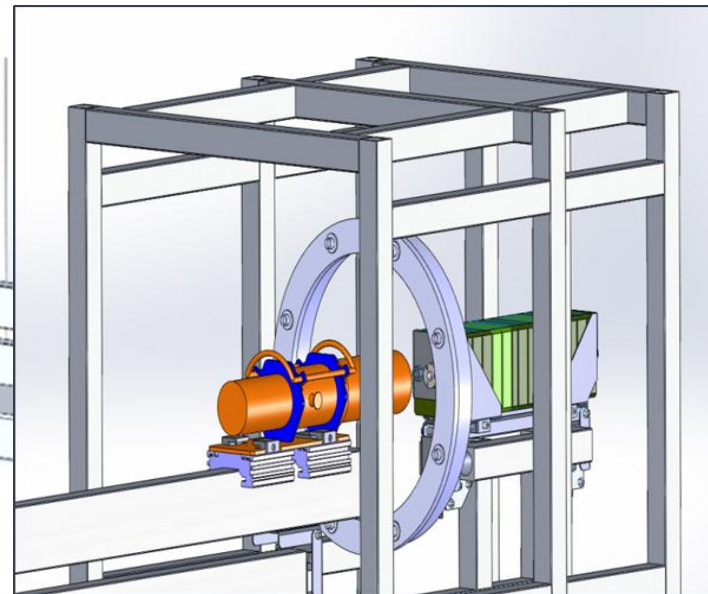
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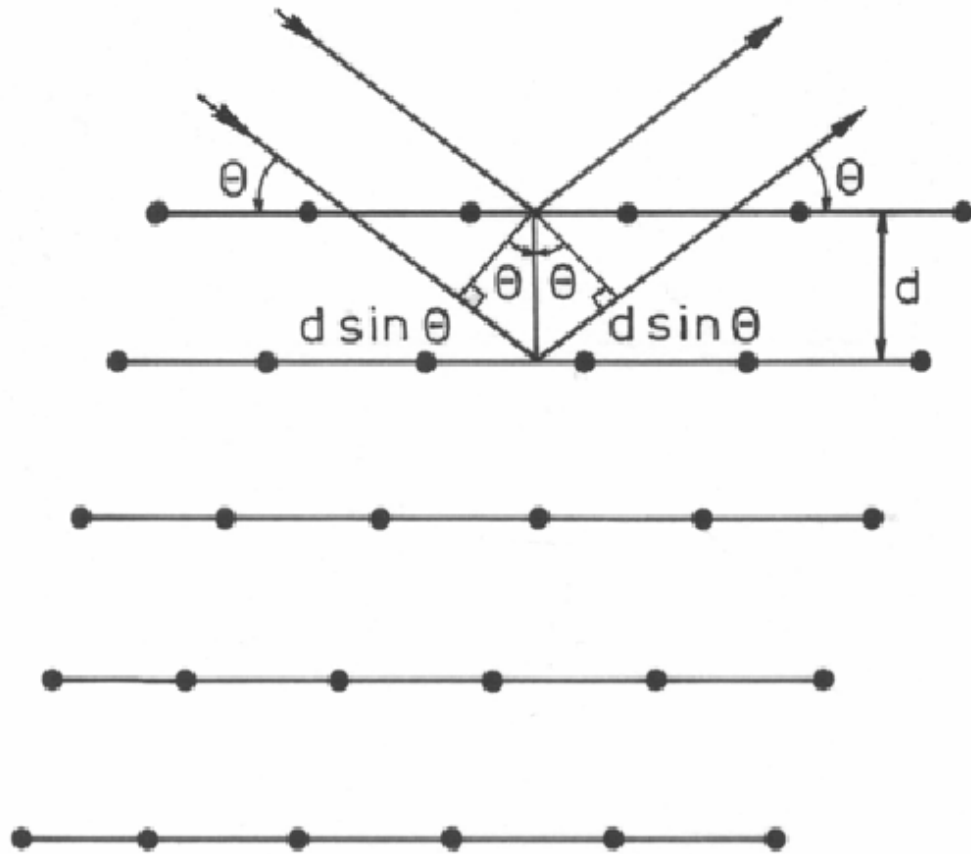
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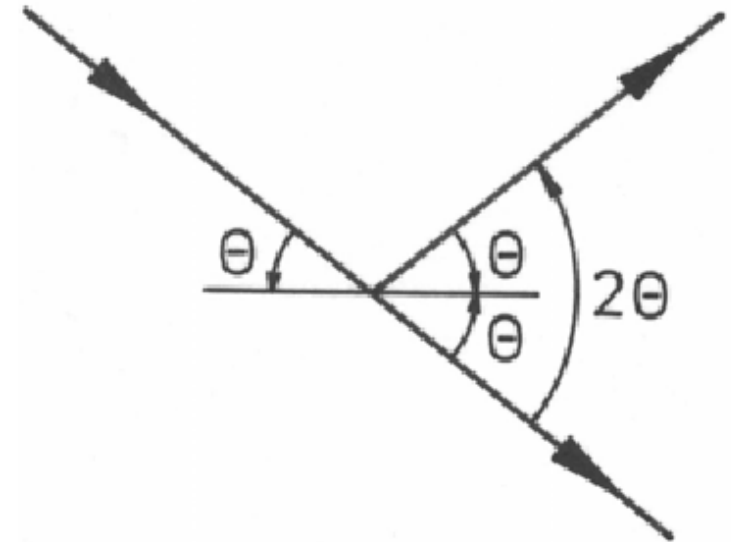
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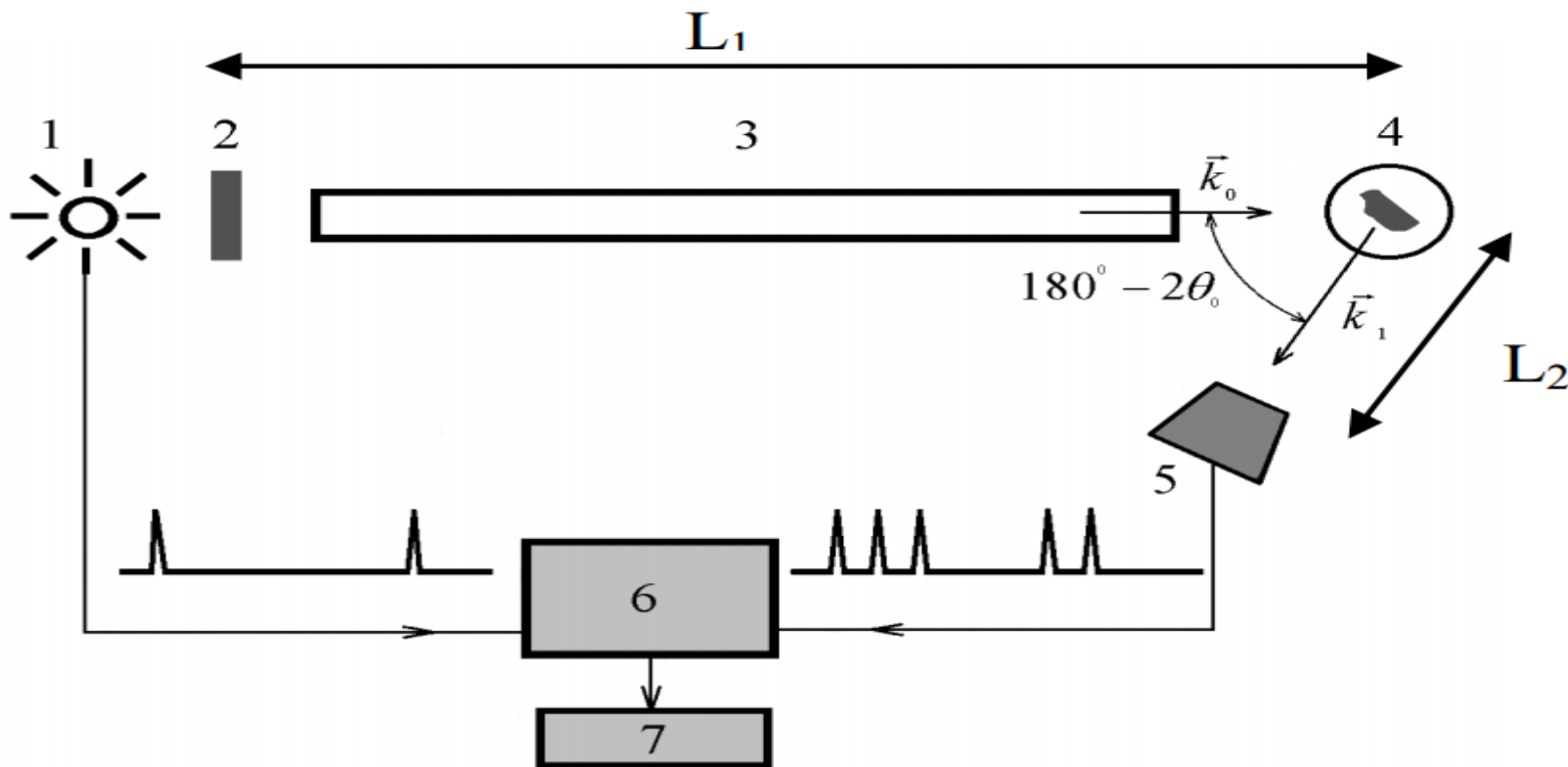
# Neutron diffraction



$$2d_{hkl} \sin \theta_0 = \lambda$$



# Time of fly method



The lay-out of a TOF diffraction experiment:

- 1 – pulsed neutron source.    2 – moderator.    3 – flight path of the primary beam.  
 4 – sample.    5 – detector.    6 – time analyzer.  
 7 – RW memory

$$p = mv = \frac{h}{\lambda}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{mv}$$

$$v = \frac{L_0 - L_1}{t}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{ht}{m(L_0 + L_1)}$$

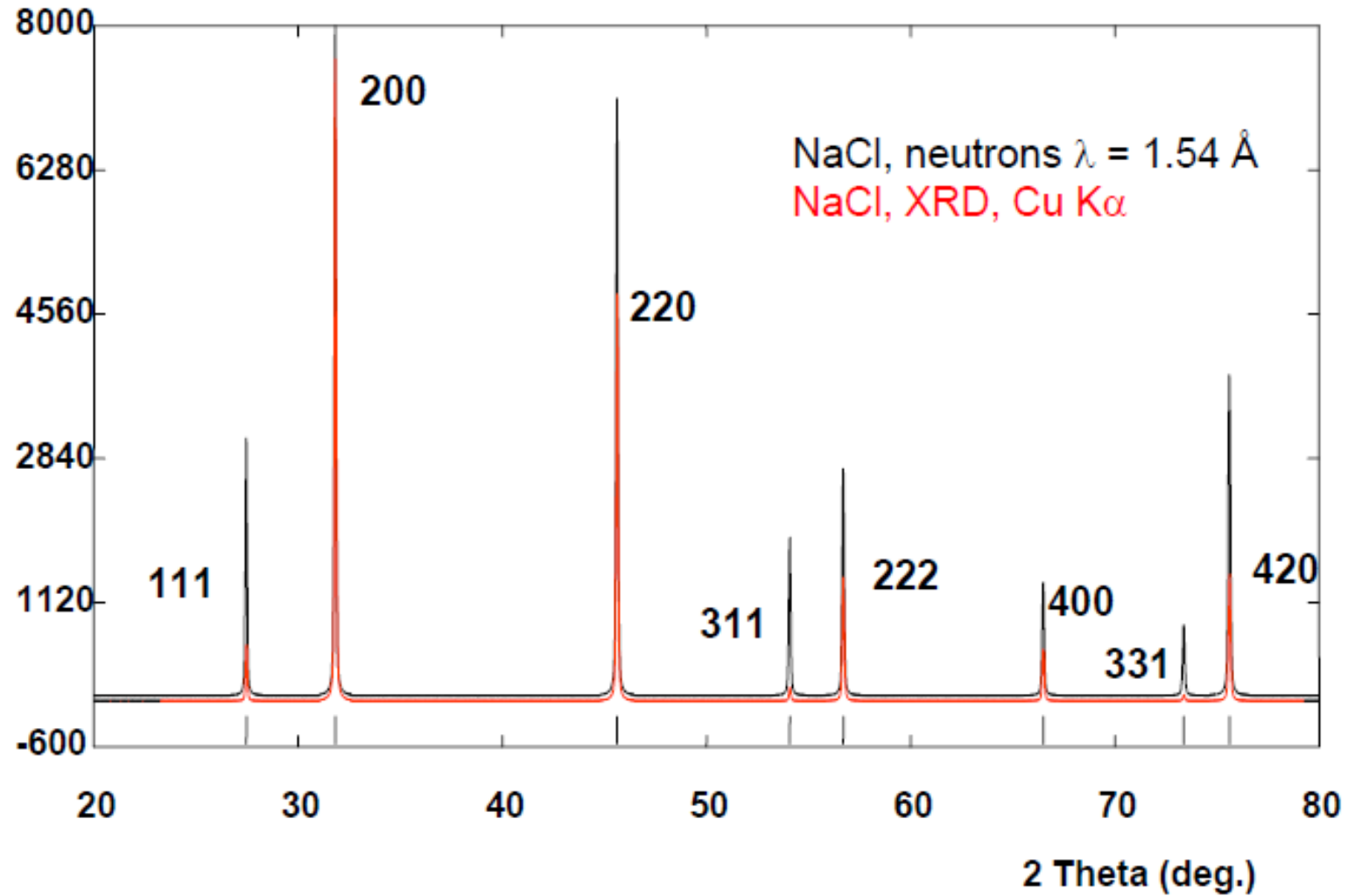
$$2d_{hkl}\sin\theta_0 = \lambda$$

$$d_{hkl} = \frac{ht}{2m(L_0 + L_1)\sin\theta_0}$$

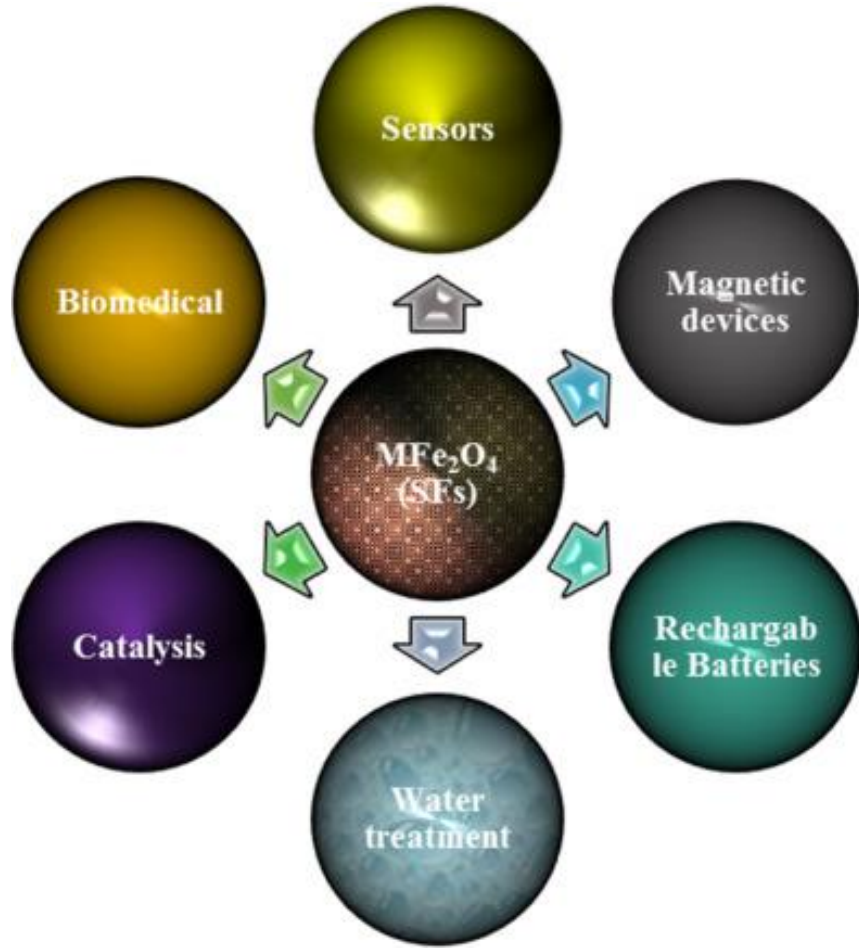
# Neutron Vs. X-ray diffraction

Neutron diffraction	X-ray diffraction
Lower absorption	Stronger absorption
Large amounts of sample needed	Lower amounts of sample needed
Neighbors and isotopes can be discriminated	Neighbors and isotopes cannot be discriminated
Light elements can be seen	Light elements hard to detect
Low availability (nuclear reactor)	High availability (lab instrument)
Magnetic structures can be investigated	
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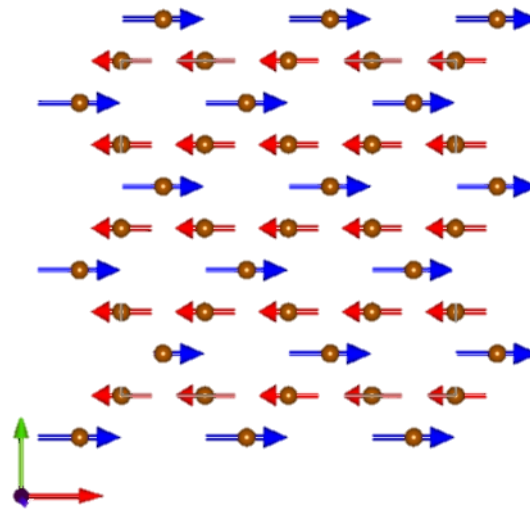
# Example; Neutron Vs. XRD pattern



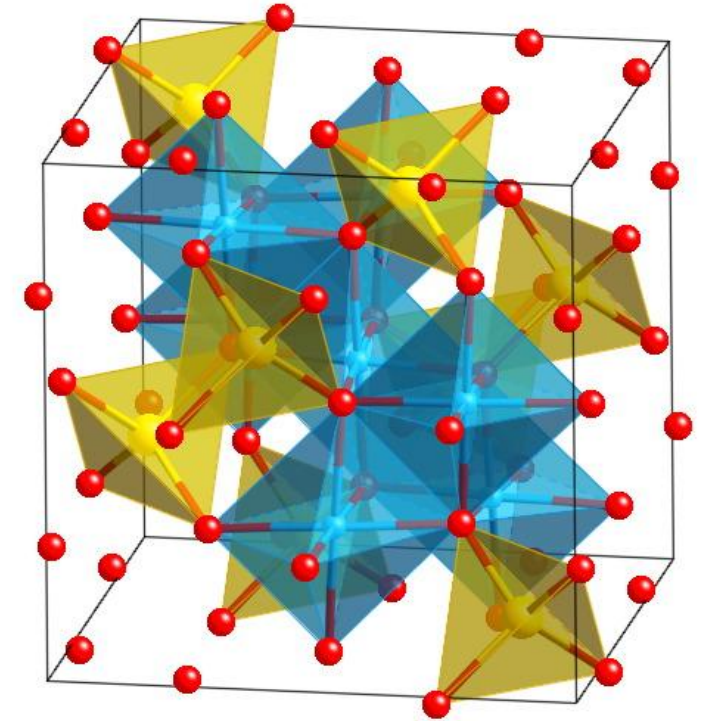
# $\text{Zn}_{0.3}\text{Cu}_{0.7}\text{Fe}_{1.5}\text{Ga}_{0.5}\text{O}_4$ spinel ferrites



Application fields

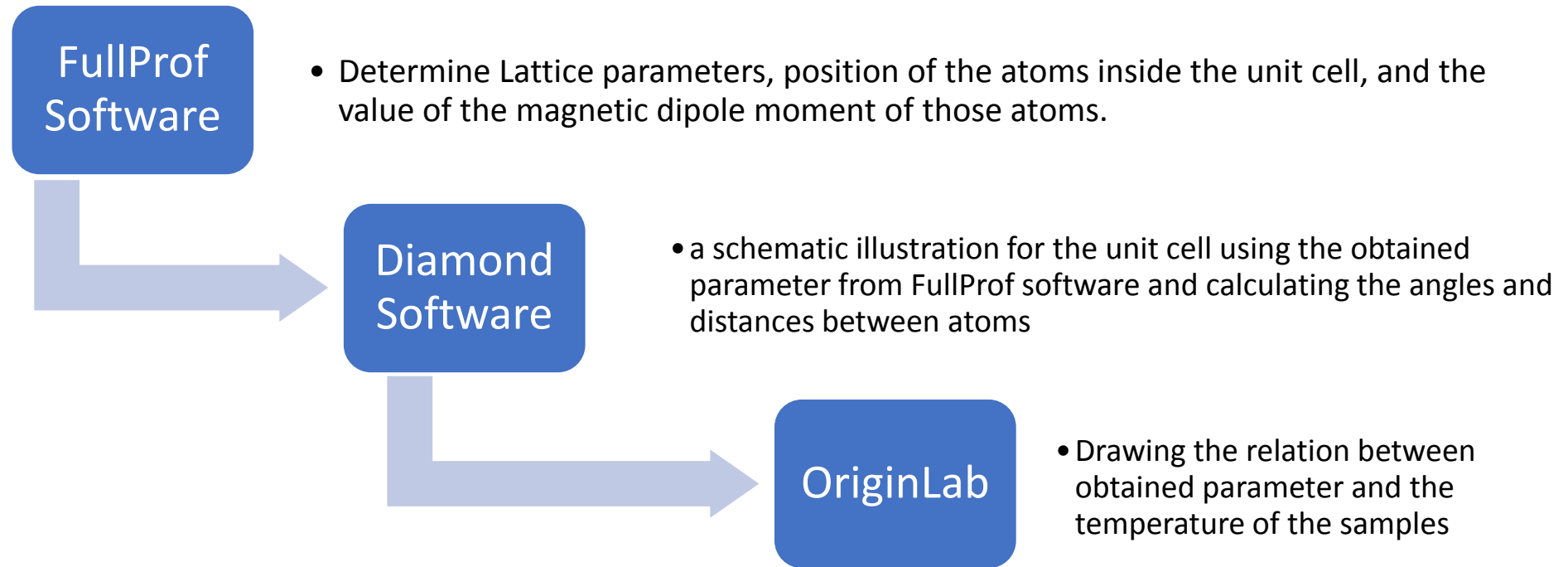


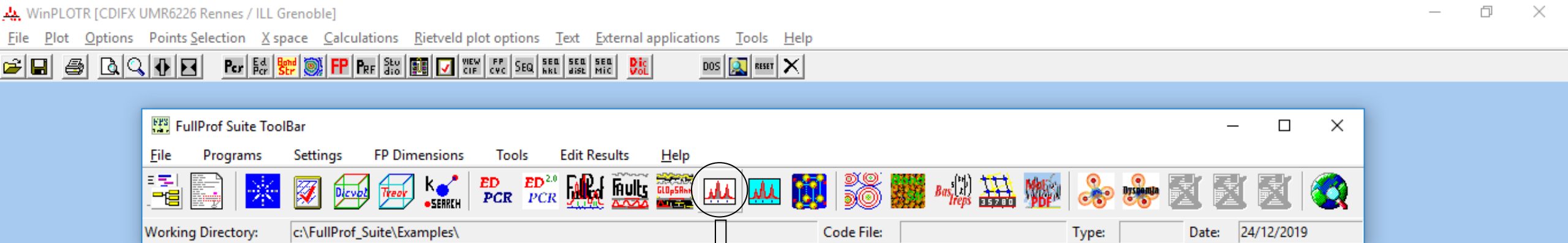
Ferrimagnetic structure



Cubic structure

# Scientific software for data refinement



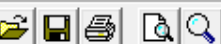


# ***WinPLOTR,***

*a graphic tool for powder diffraction*

[Version: April 2019]





Automatic peak search

Automatic satellites search (on .PRF file)

Save peaks

Save peaks as .PRN file

Automatic background

Select background points

Save background points

Select points

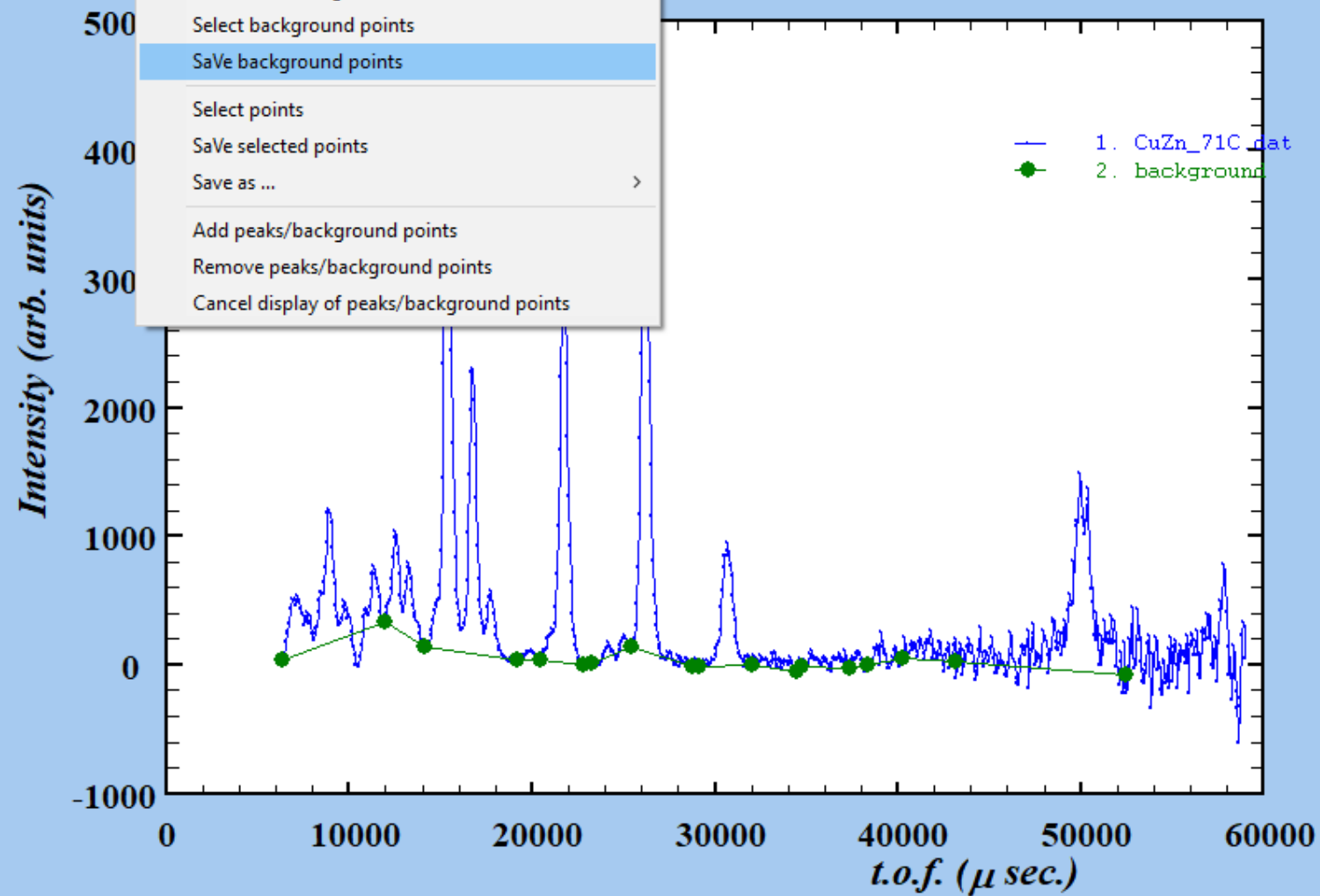
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Add peaks/background points

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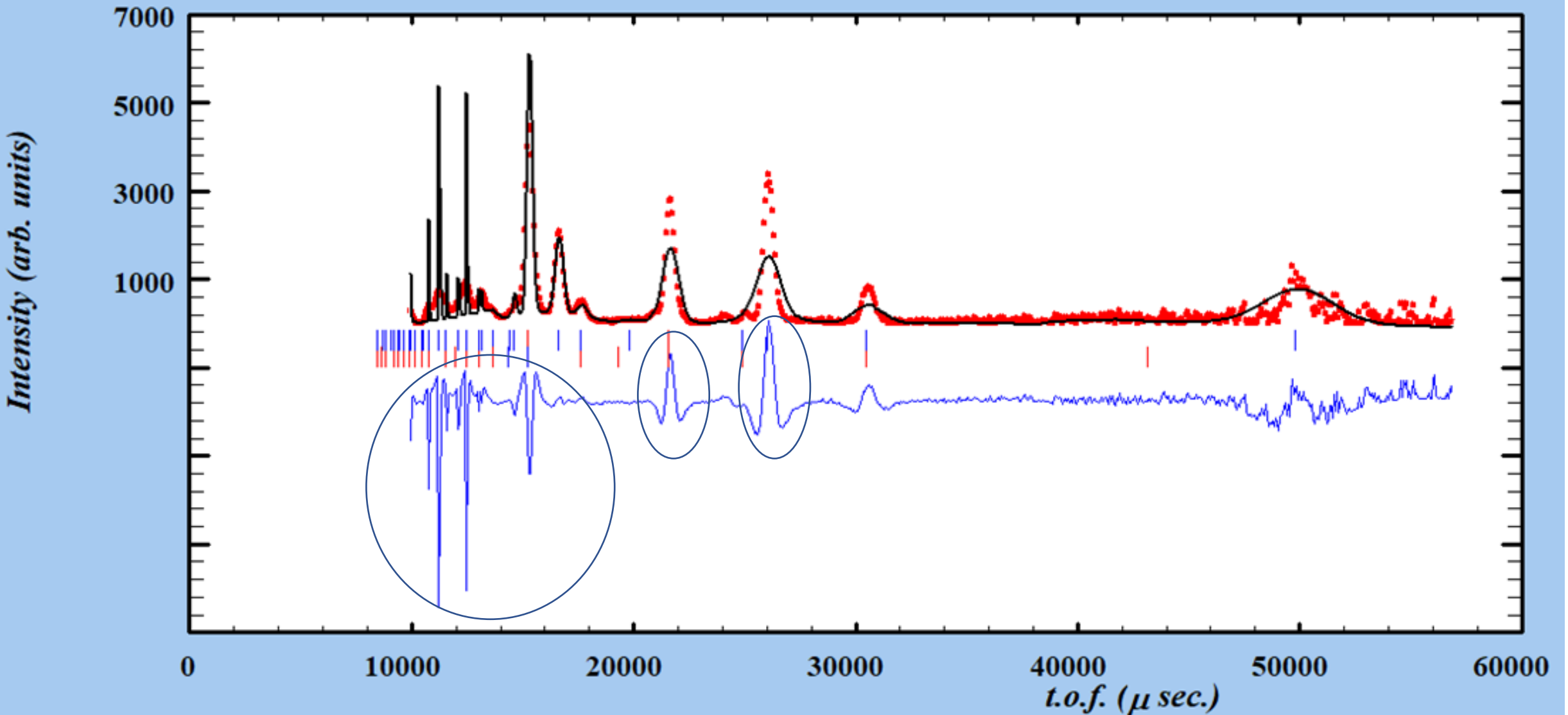
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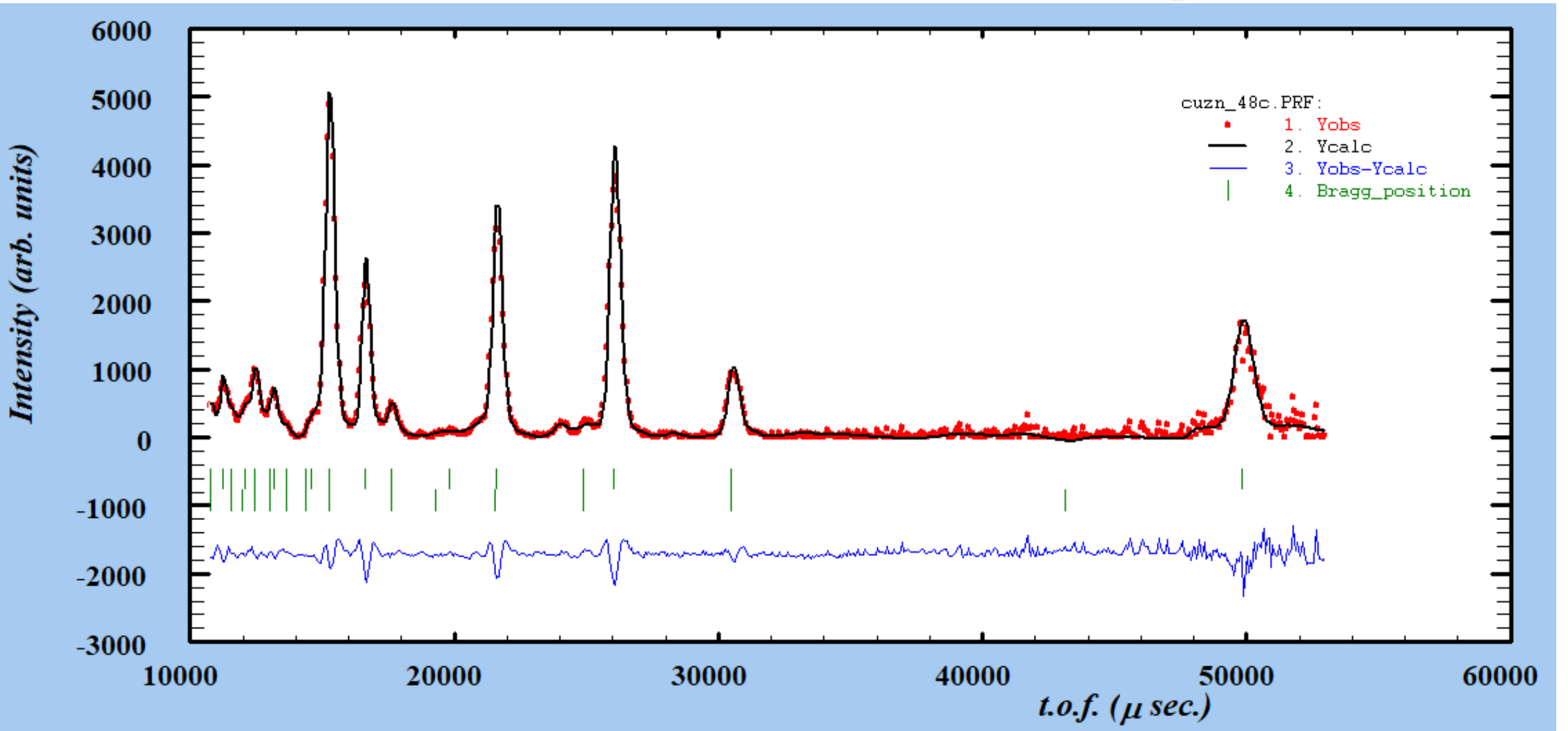
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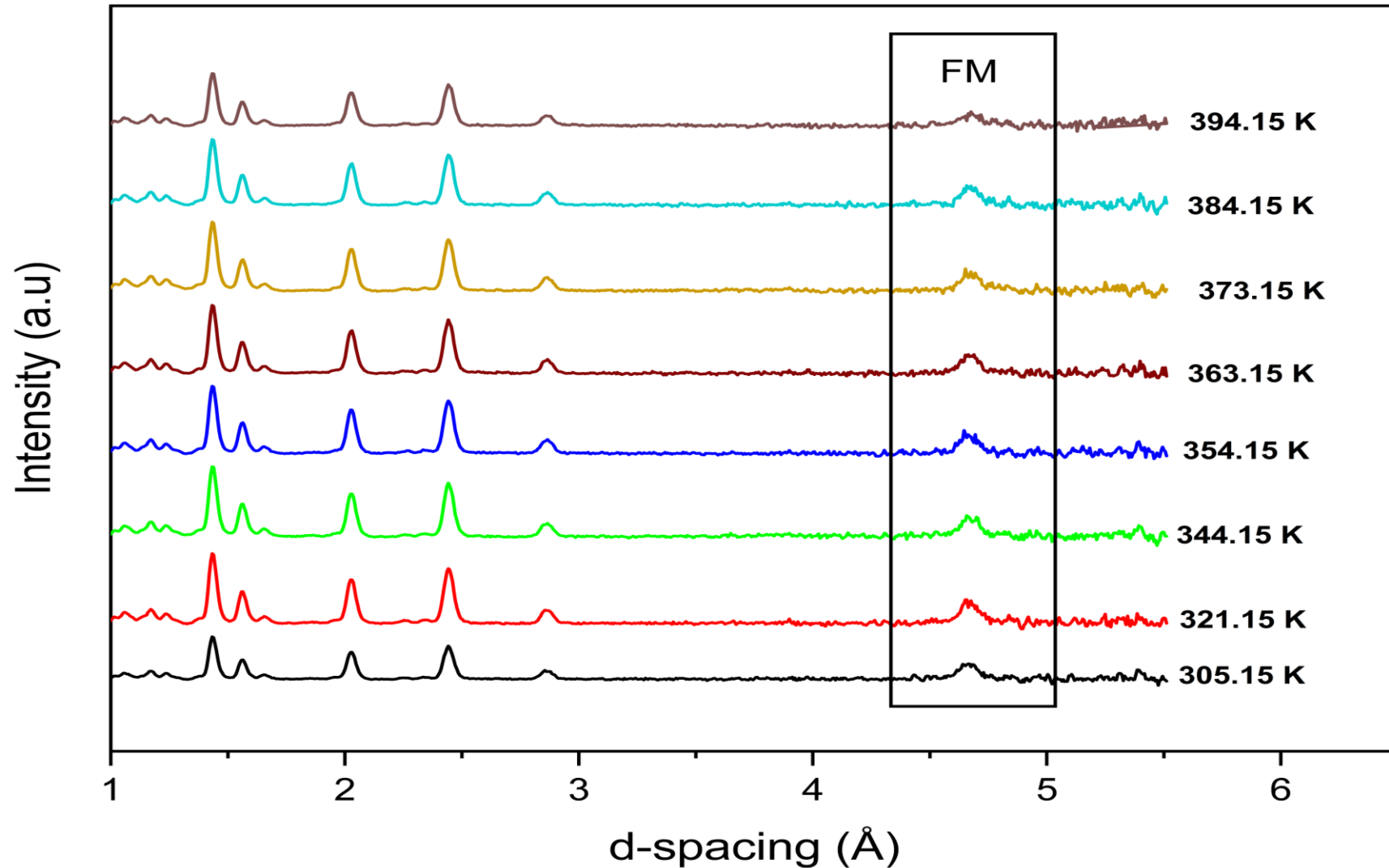
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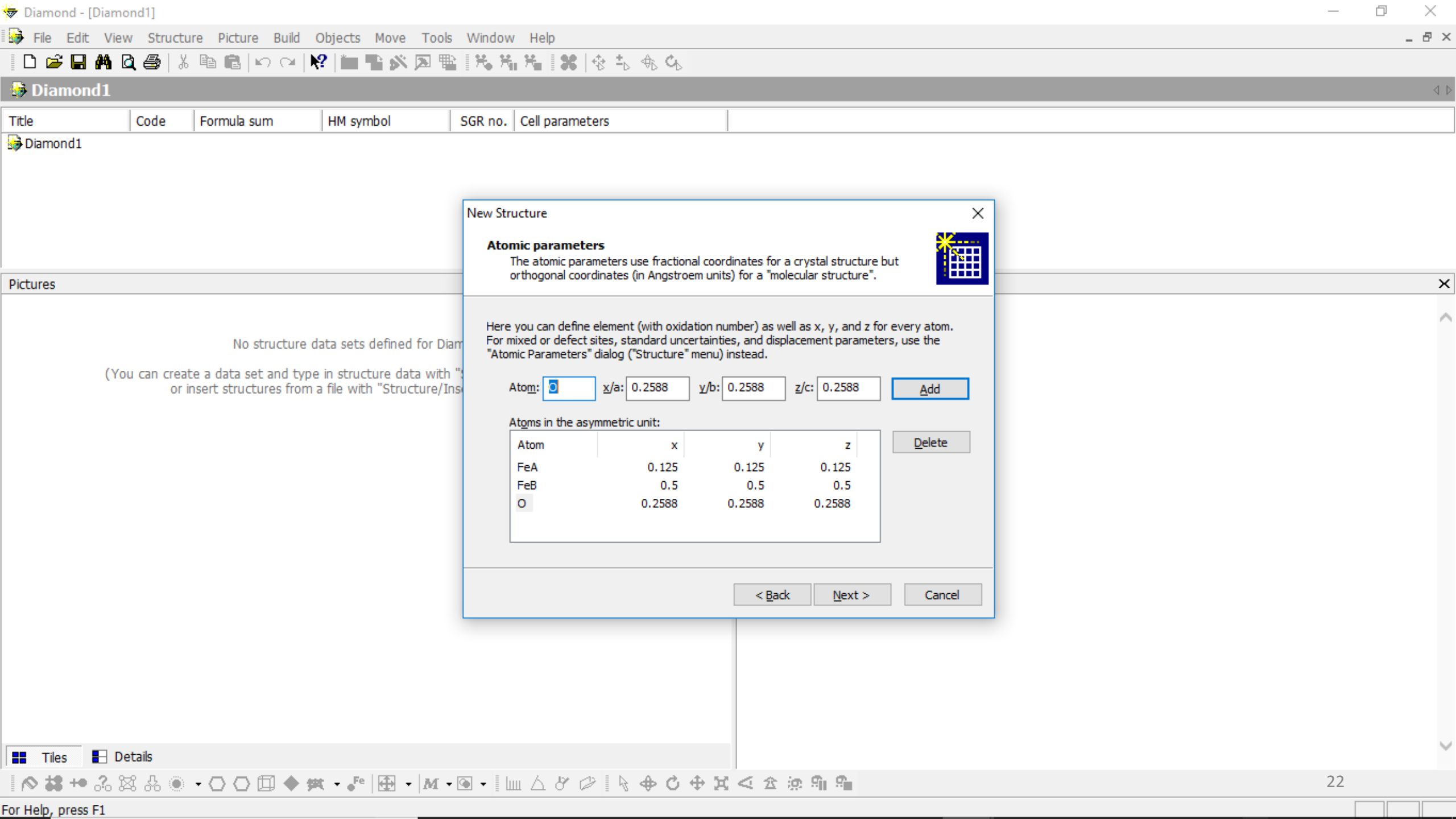


# Better data fitting



# Neutron diffraction patterns for $\text{Zn}_{0.3}\text{Cu}_{0.7}\text{Fe}_{1.5}\text{Ga}_{0.5}\text{O}_4$ measured at different temperatures.





**New Structure**

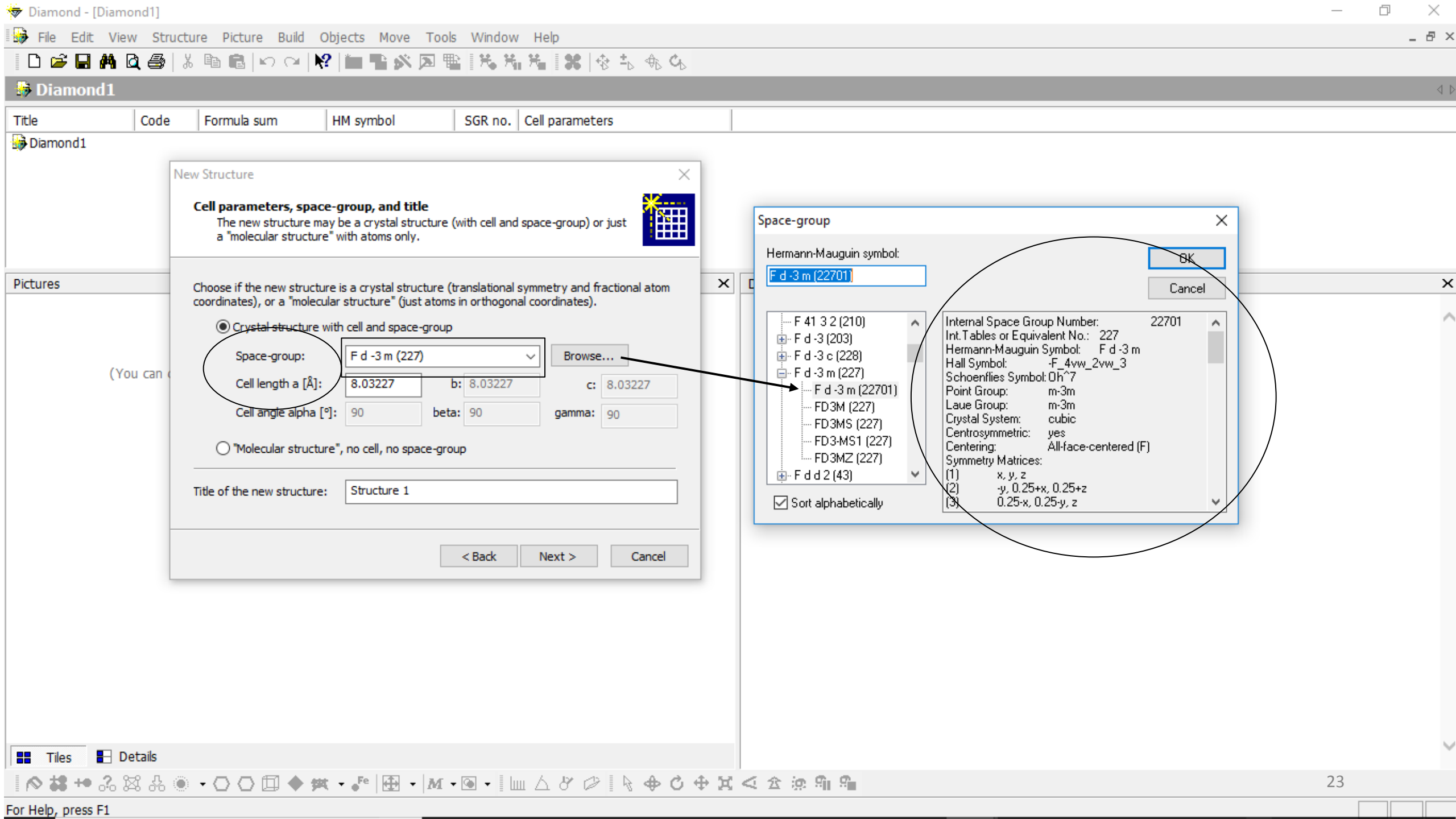
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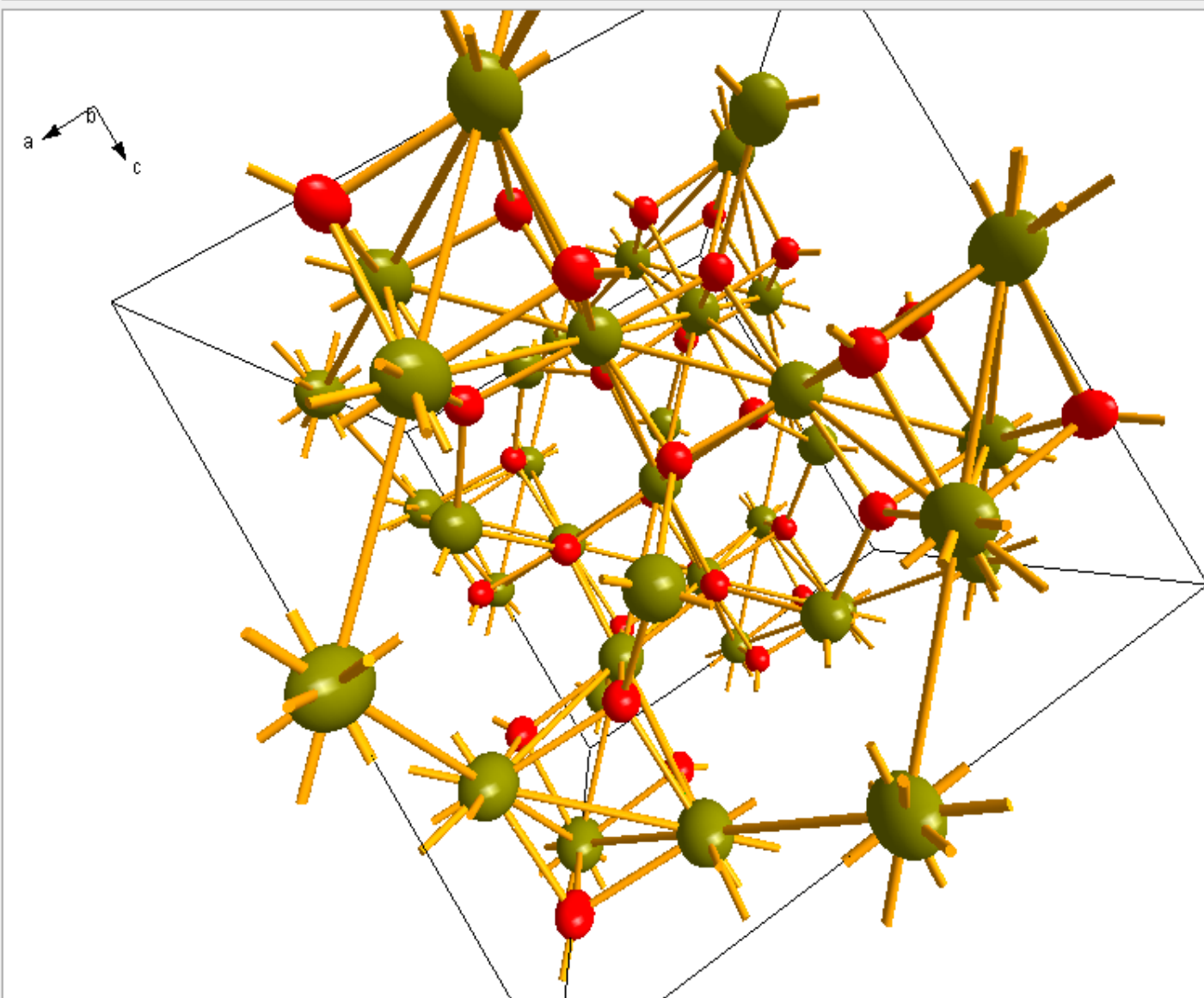
Here you can define element (with oxidation number) as well as x, y, and z for every atom. For mixed or defect sites, standard uncertainties, and displacement parameters, use the "Atomic Parameters" dialog ("Structure" menu) instead.

Atom:  x/a:  y/b:  z/c:

Atoms in the asymmetric unit:

Atom	x	y	z
FeA	0.125	0.125	0.125
FeB	0.5	0.5	0.5
O	0.2588	0.2588	0.2588





Data brief

## General

## Bibliographic data

## Phase data

Space-group F d -3 m (227) - cubic

a=8.0332 Å

Cell V=518.40 Å<sup>3</sup>

## Atomic parameters

Atom	Ox.	Wyck.	Site	S.O.F.	x/a	y/b	z/c	U [Å <sup>2</sup> ]
Fe1		8a	-43m		1/8	1/8	1/8	
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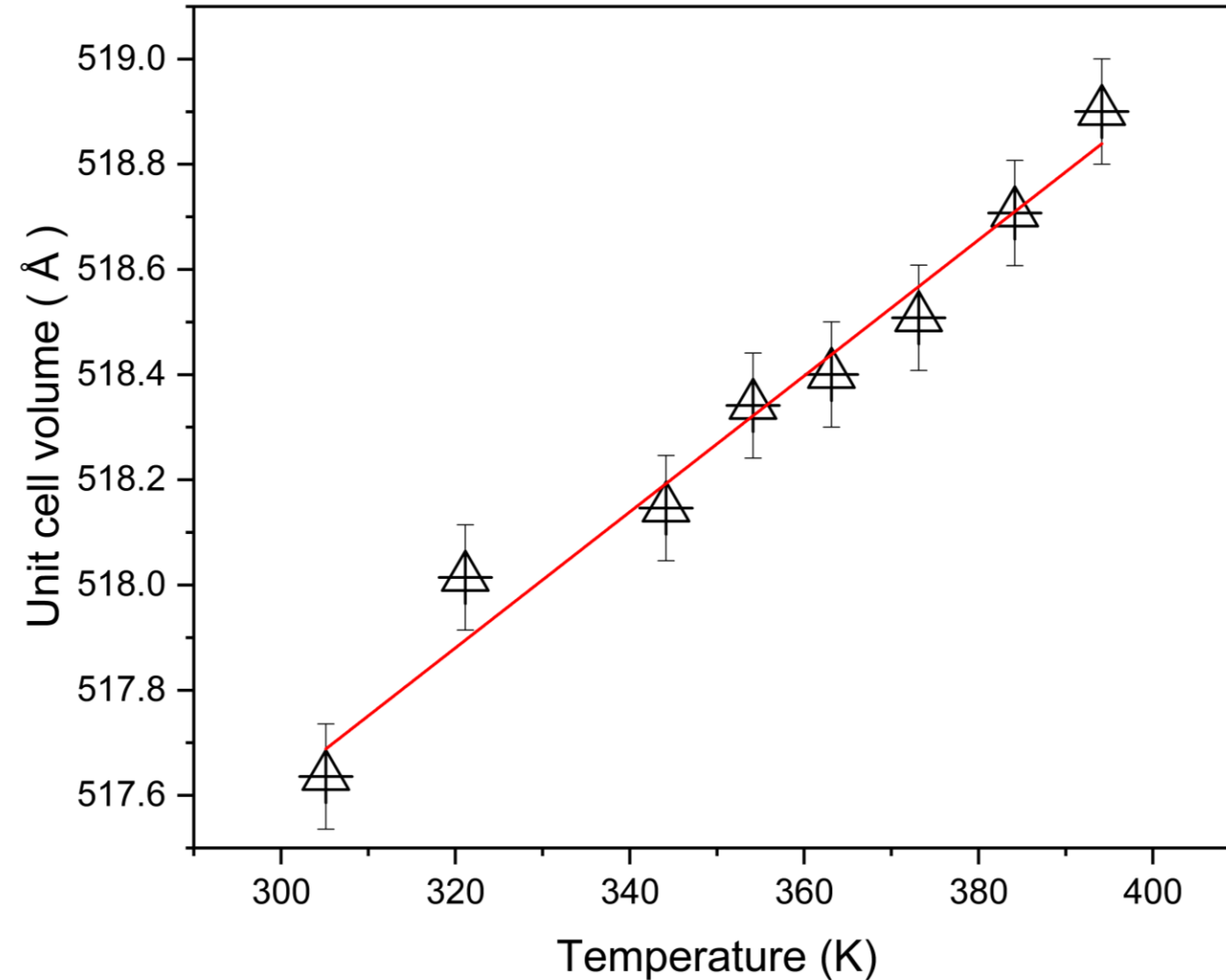
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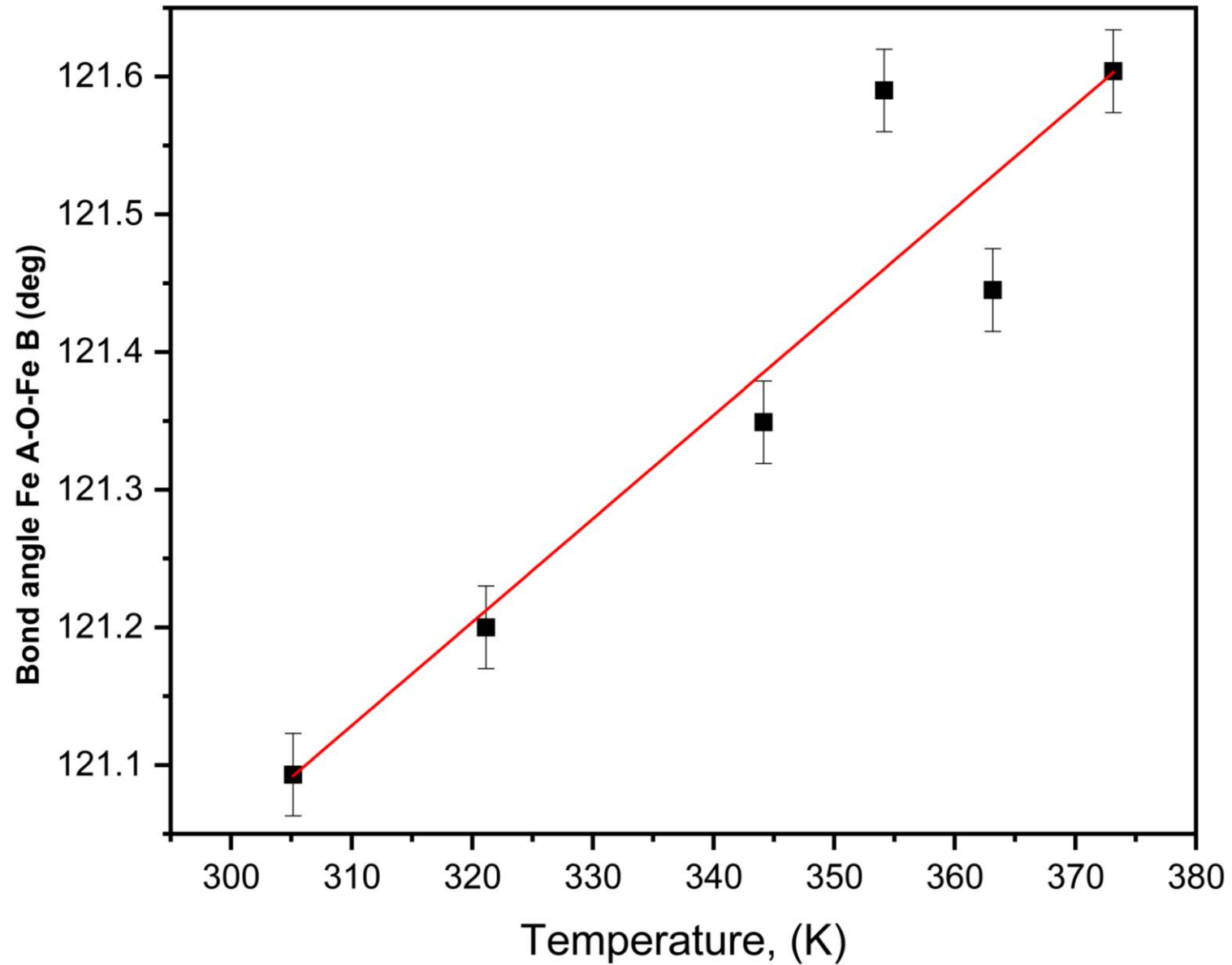




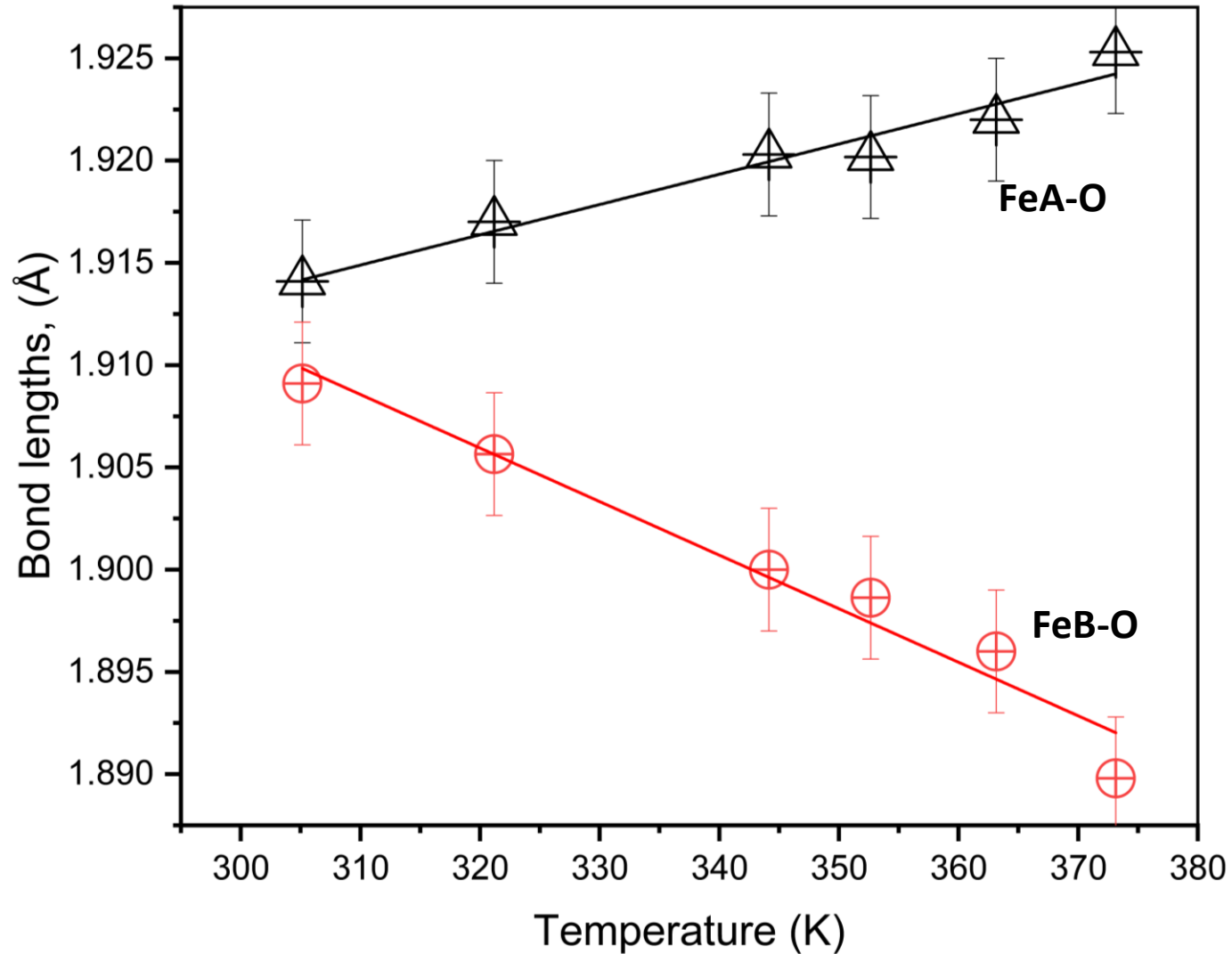
# Relation between temperature and unit cell volume.



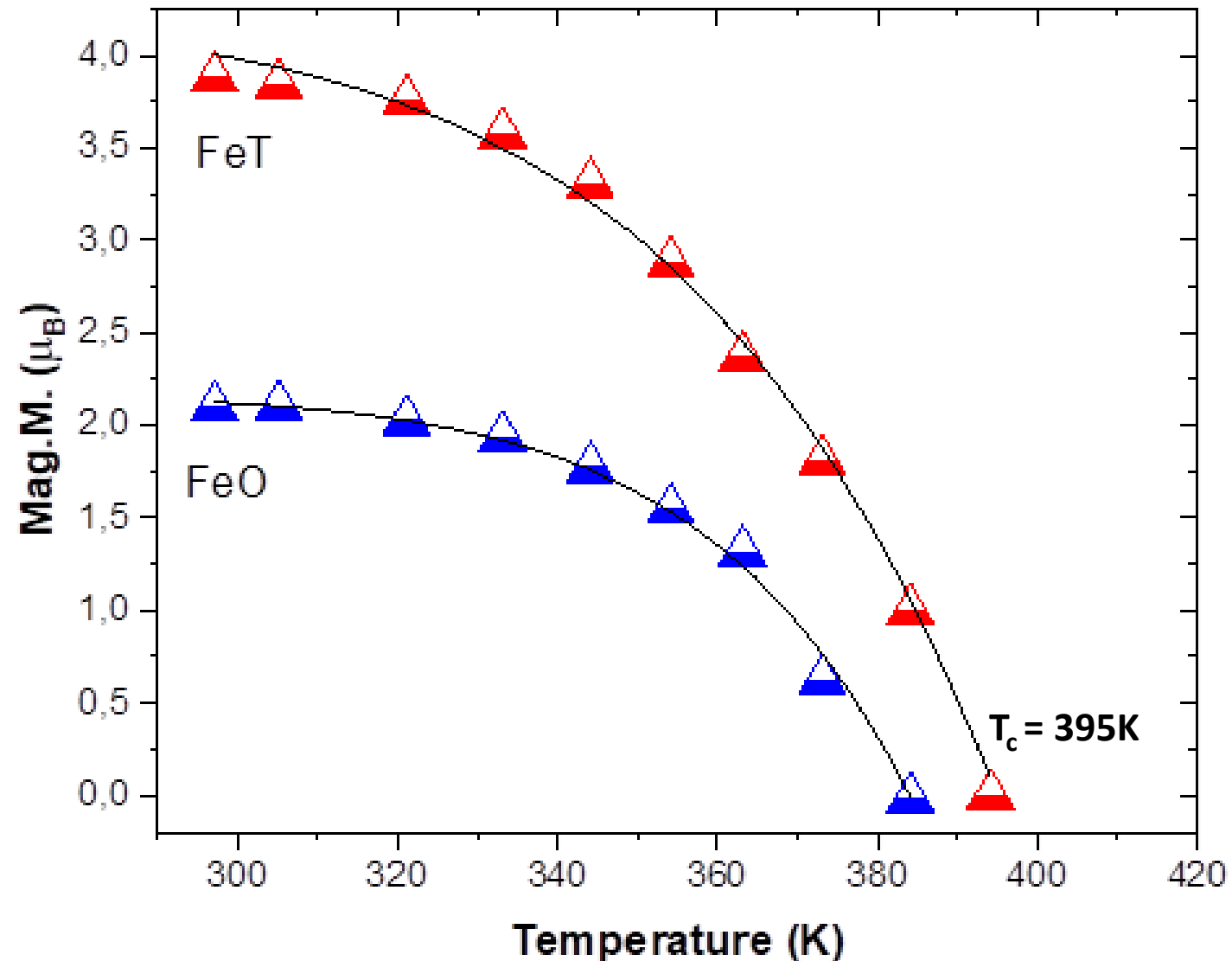
# Relation between temperature and bond Angle



# Relation between temperature and bond length



# Temperature dependences of the magnetic moments of the atoms inside the spinel ferrite structure.



**Thanks!**