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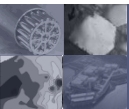
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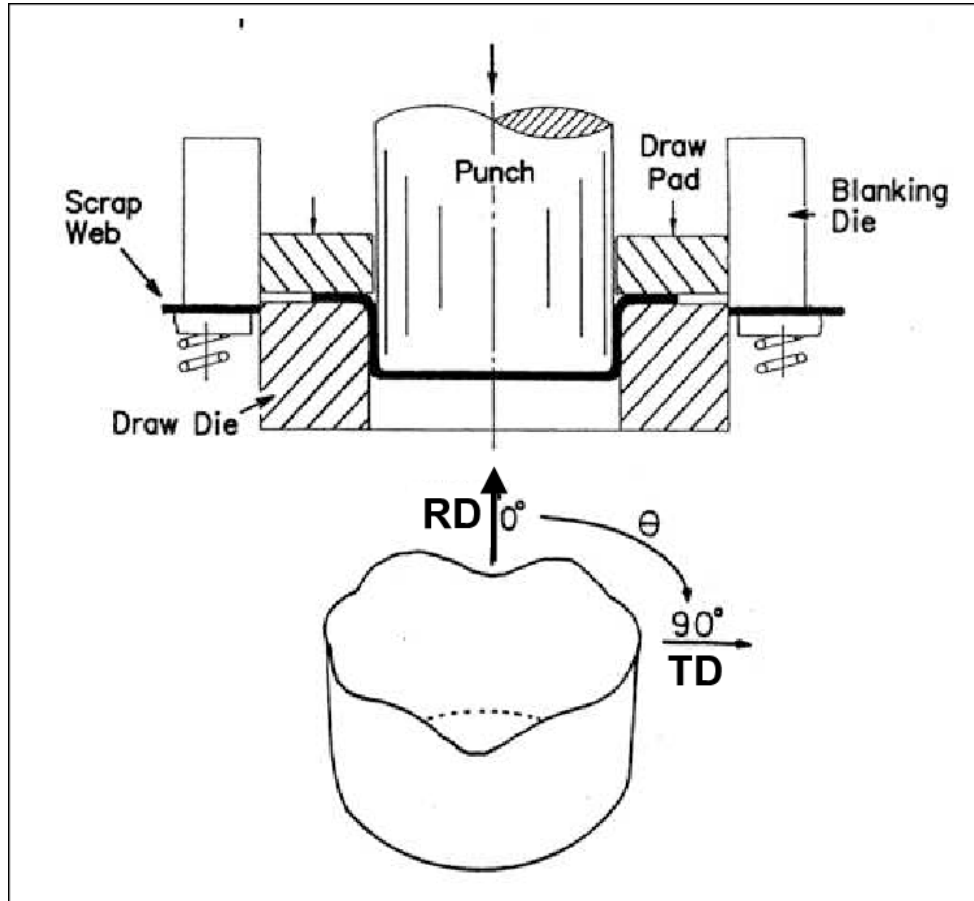
# Outline

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- What is Crystallographic Texture?
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- Visualise Texture: Pole Figures
- Quantifying texture:
  - Euler angles
  - ODF: Orientation Distribution Function
- How can one measure crystallographic texture?
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# Crystallographic texture: makes materials anisotropic

Earing formation during the deep drawing of cups made from circular blanks which were cut from a rolled Al plate

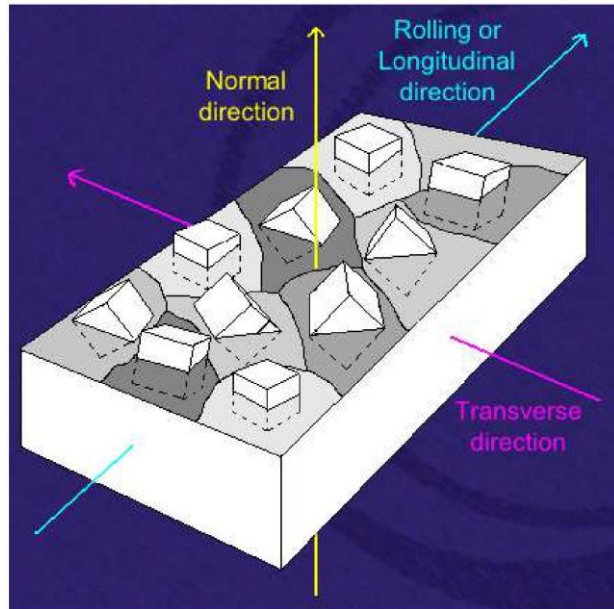


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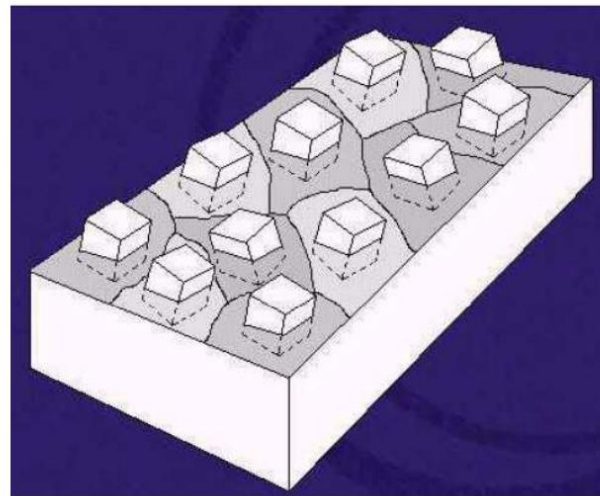


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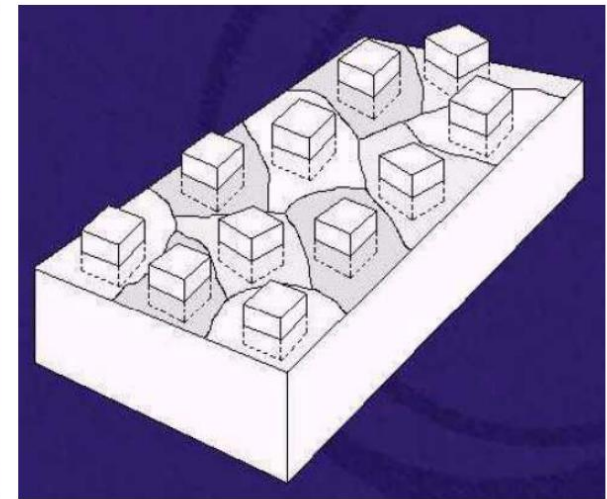
# Crystallographic texture: preferred orientation of crystallites with respect to the sample coordinate system



Random orientation

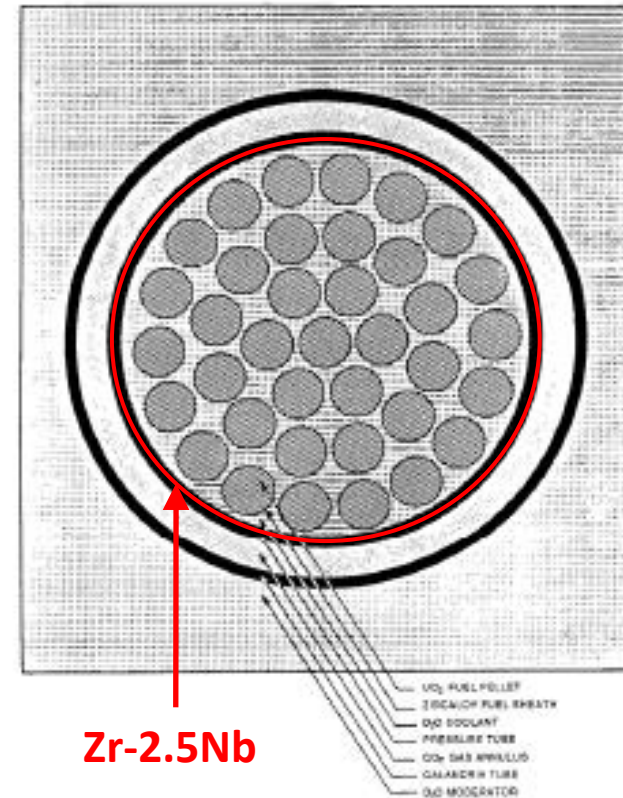
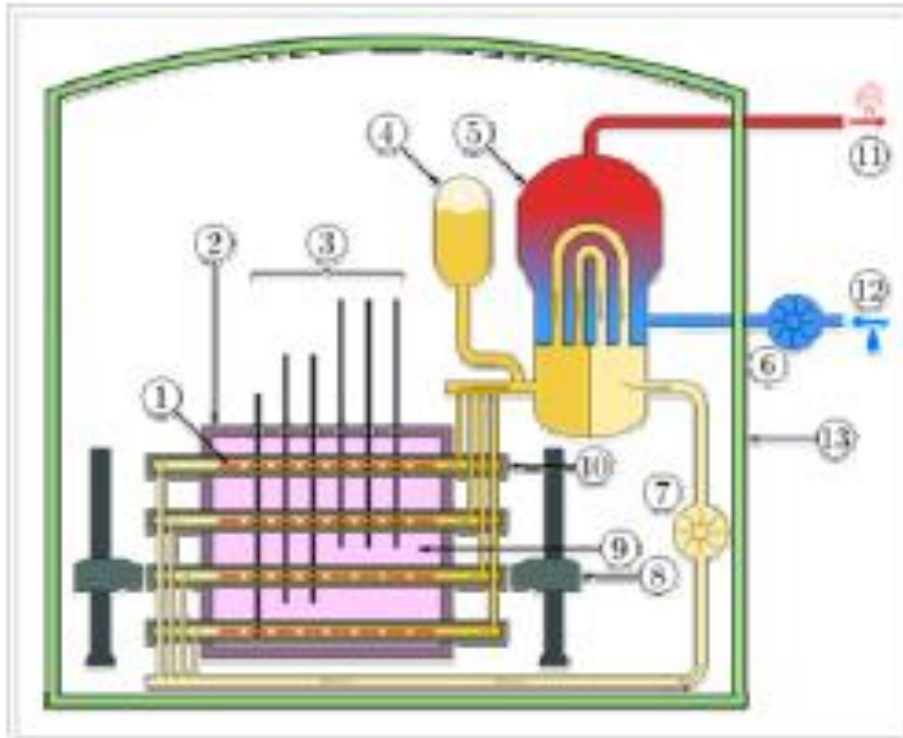


Preferred orientation



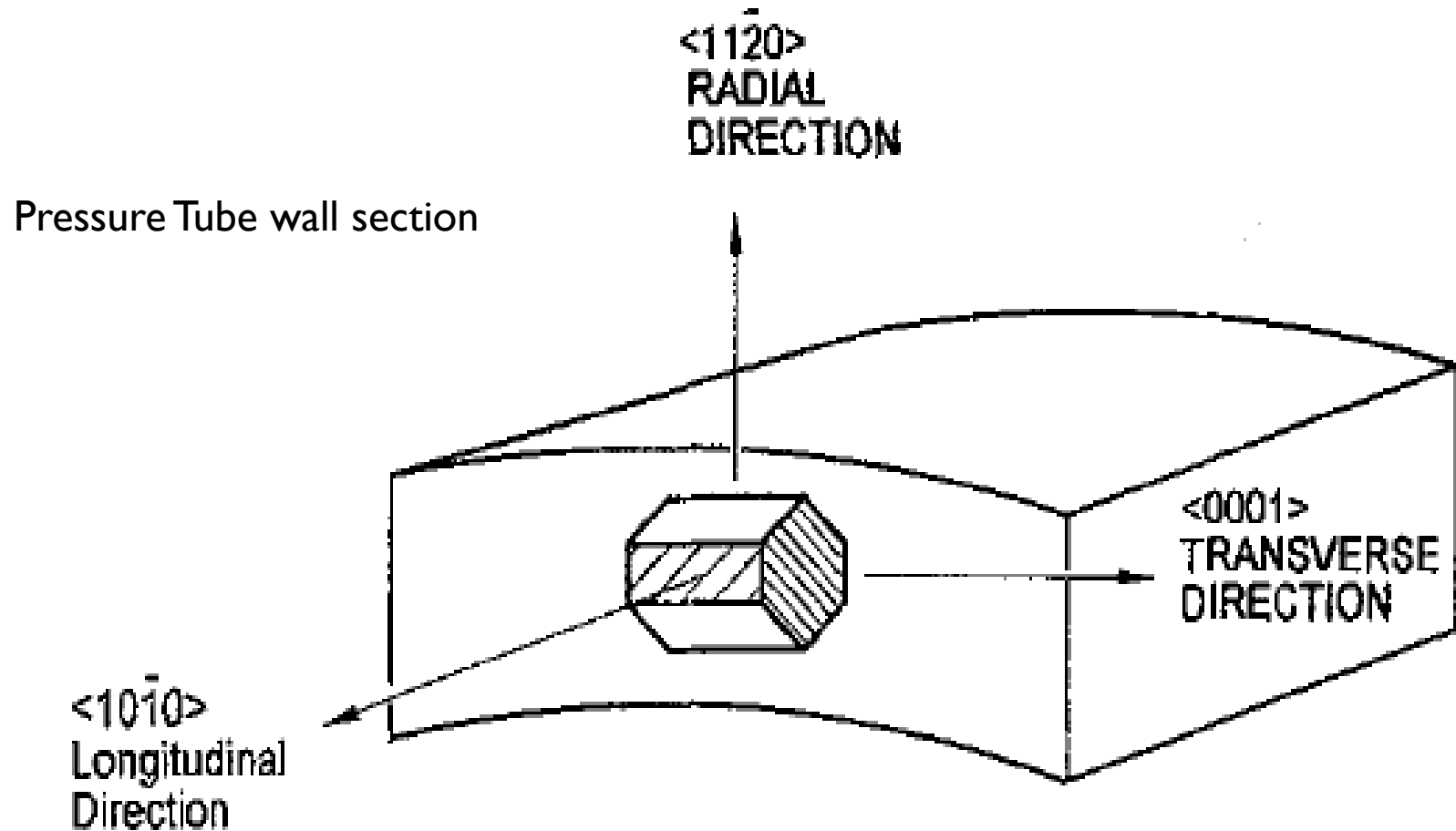
Highly oriented - close to a single crystal

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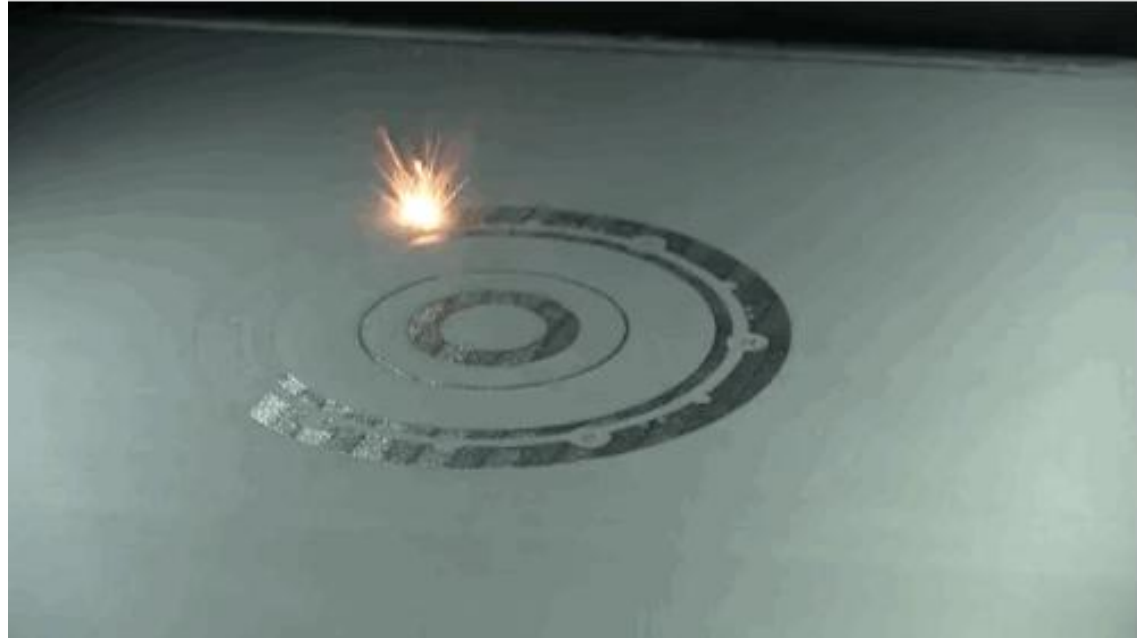
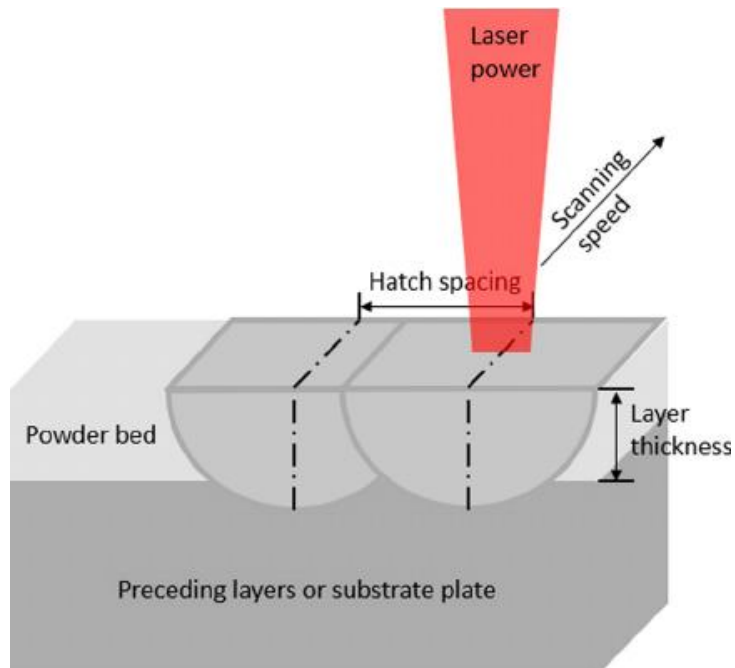
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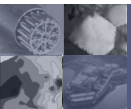
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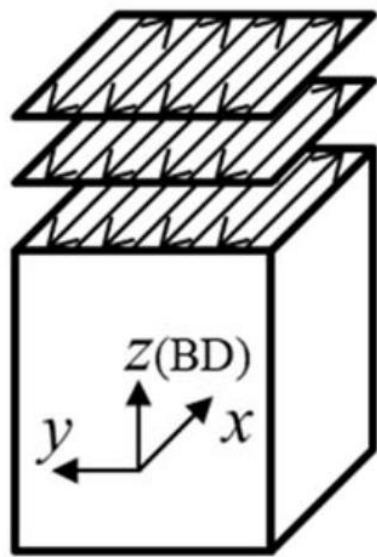
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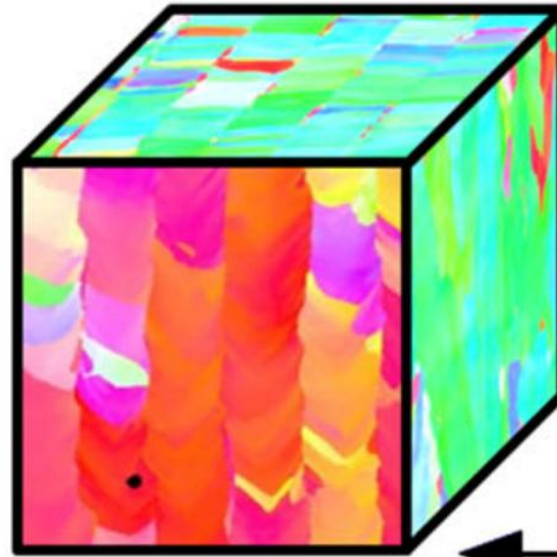




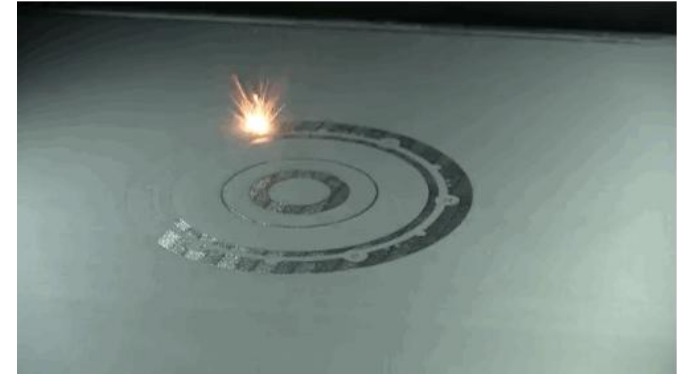
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BD: building direction



$\langle 110 \rangle$   
 $\langle 00\bar{1} \rangle$   
 $\langle \bar{1}10 \rangle$



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Z // building direction  
 X // scanning direction  
 Y

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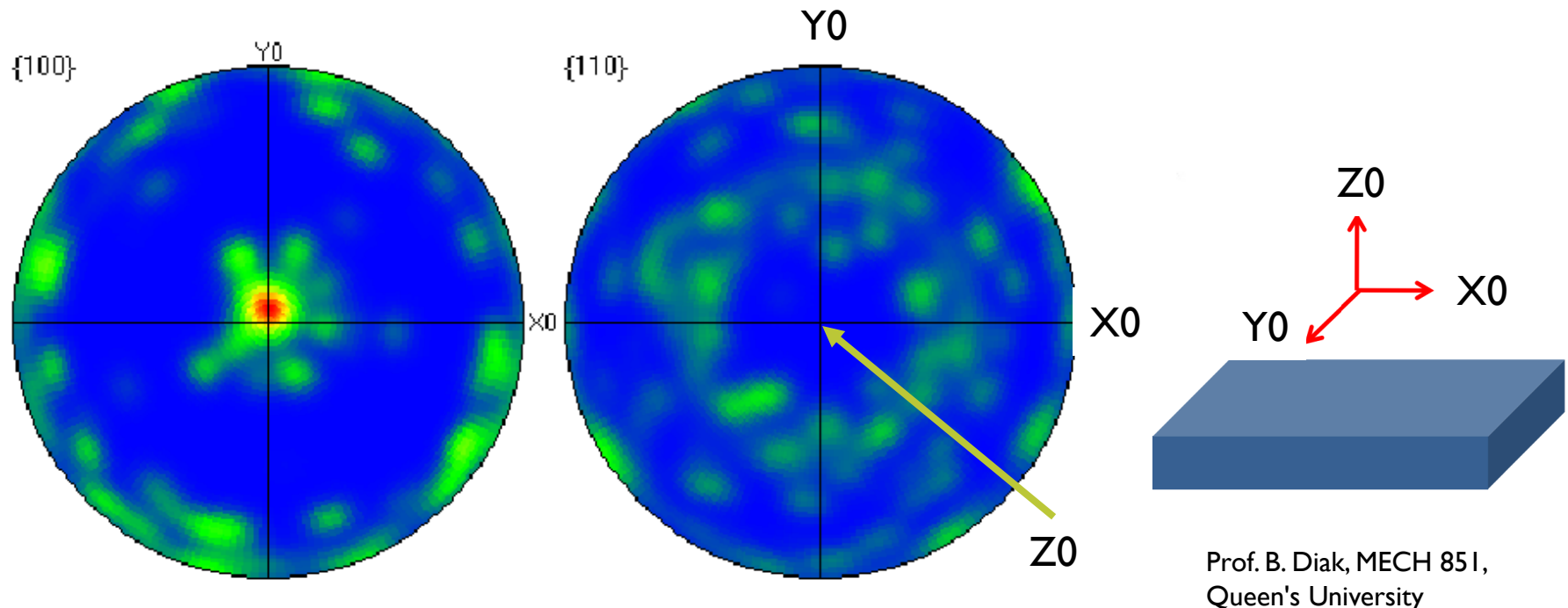
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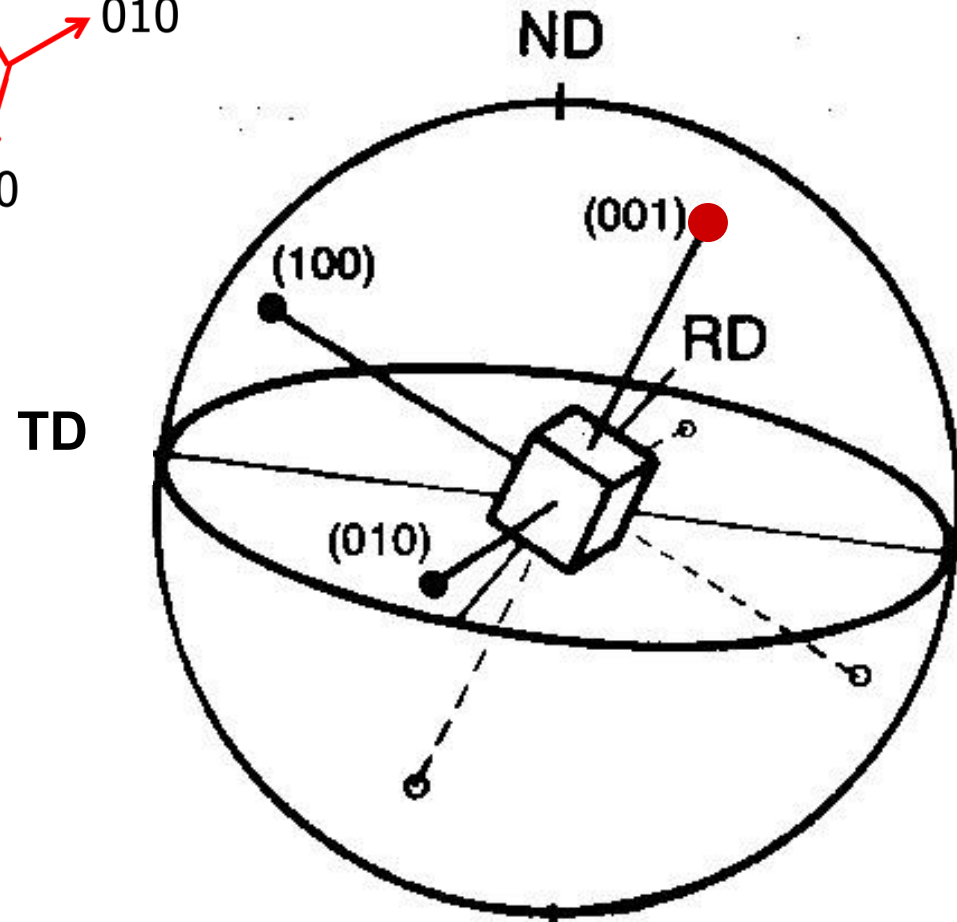
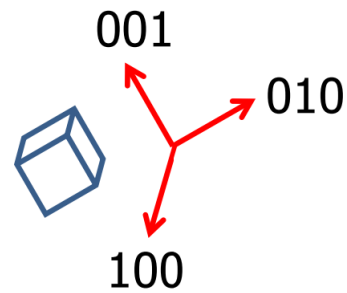
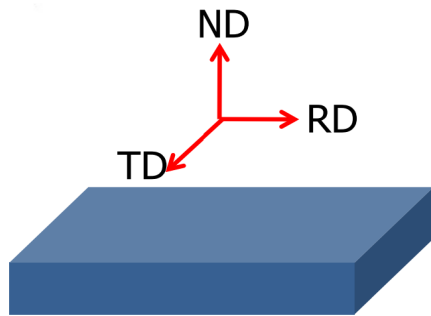
# Pole Figures: a method (from many) to visualize the crystallographic texture of polycrystals

A **Pole Figure** plots the distribution of crystallographic directions/planes in the sample coordinate system.

Pole Figures typically use **Stereographic Projection** to represent vector directions on a plane

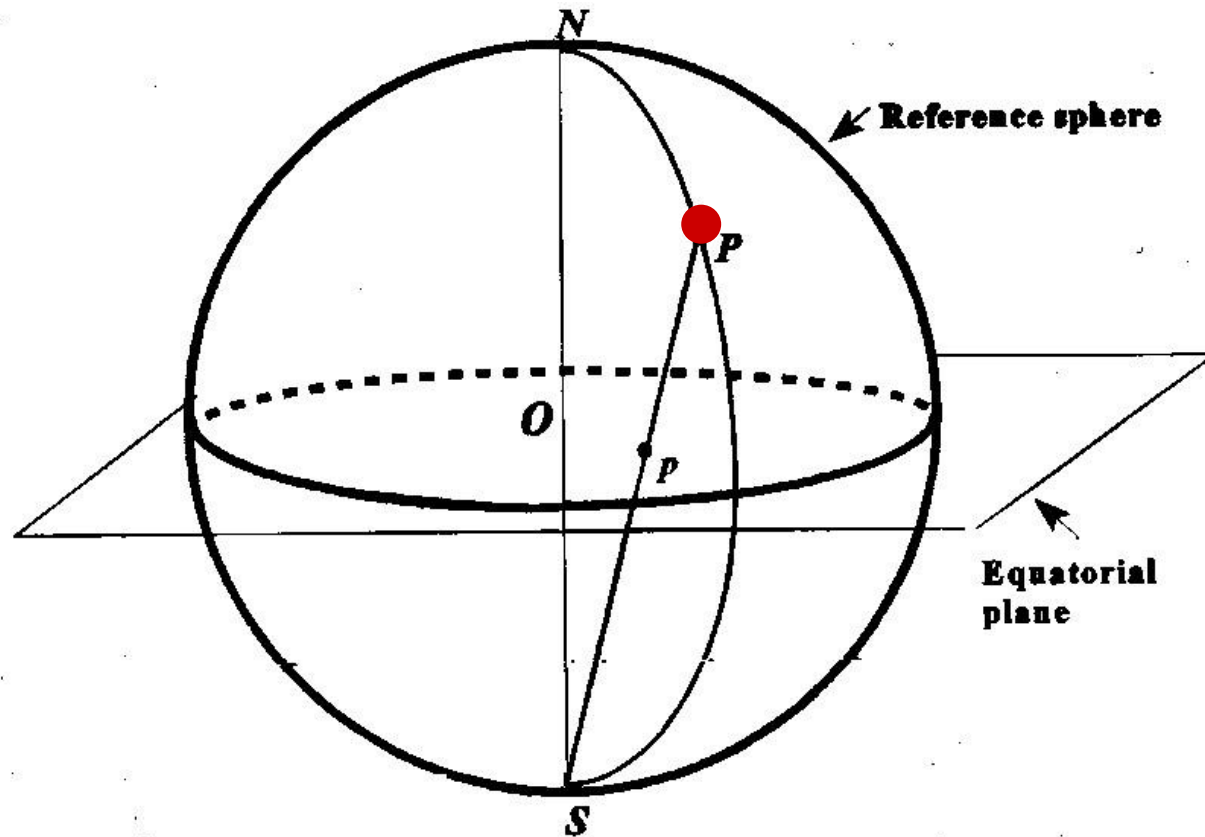


# Constructing a Stereographic Projection



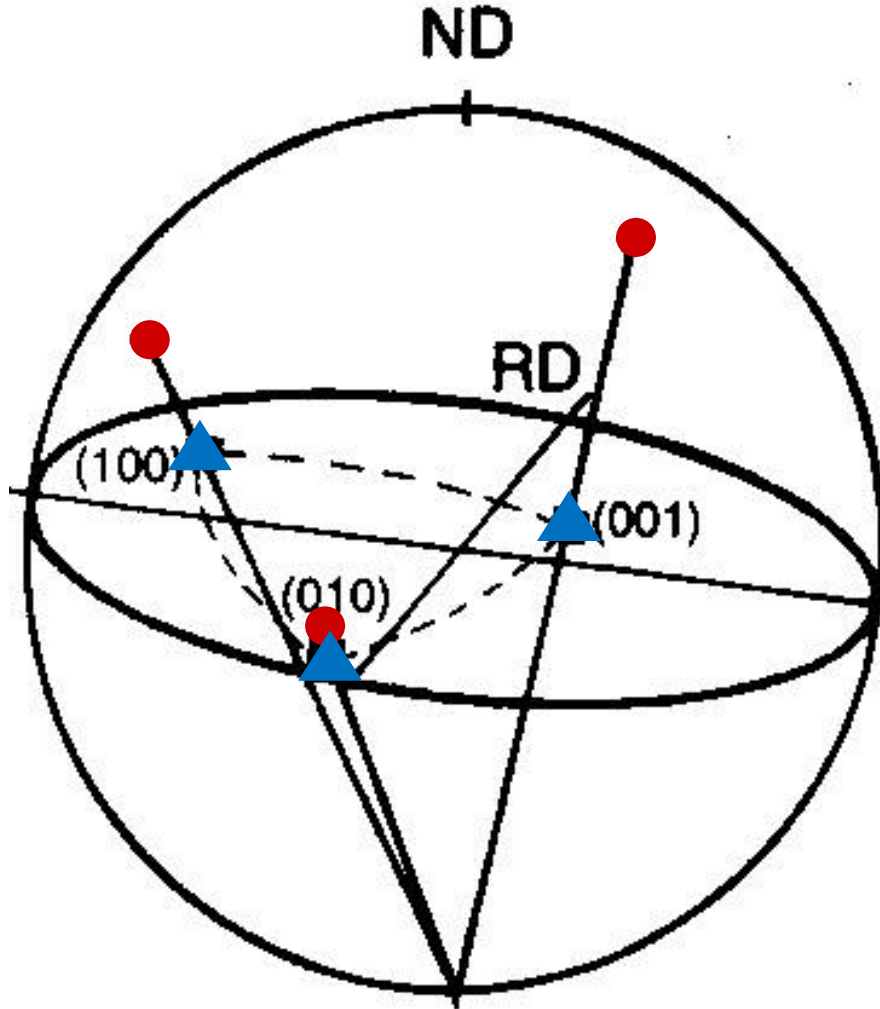
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# Constructing a Stereographic Projection



**Stereographic Projection-** Plane normal  $P$  is projected towards the south pole onto the equatorial plane at  $p$ . Angular relations are preserved in the projection and traditionally measured by a Wulff net.

# Constructing a Stereographic Projection

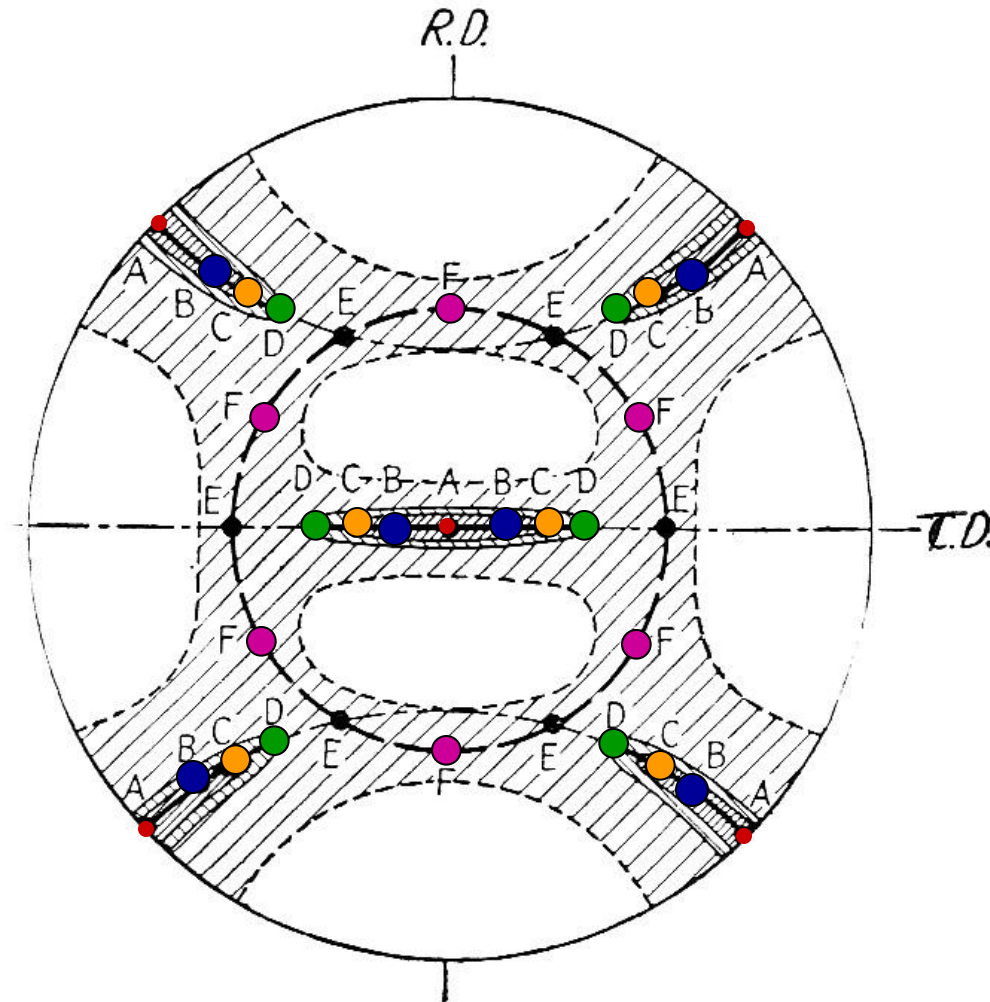


Projection of all the  $\{100\}$  poles onto the equatorial plane using the stereographic projection.

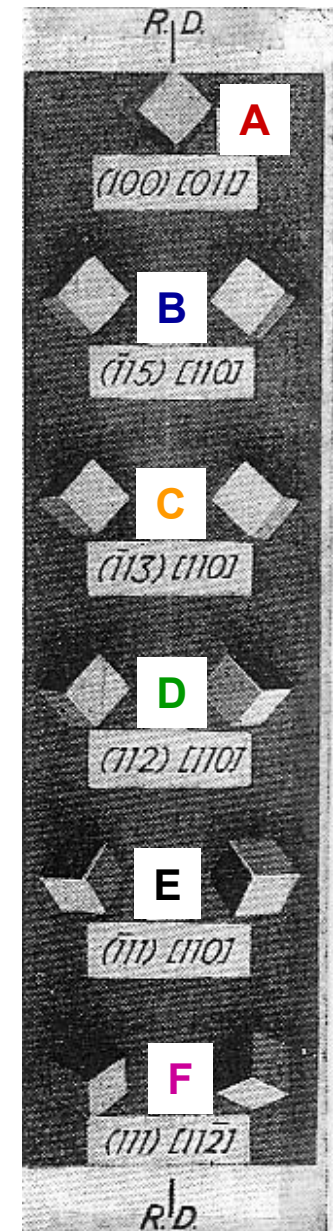
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# Pole Figures constructed with Stereographic Projection

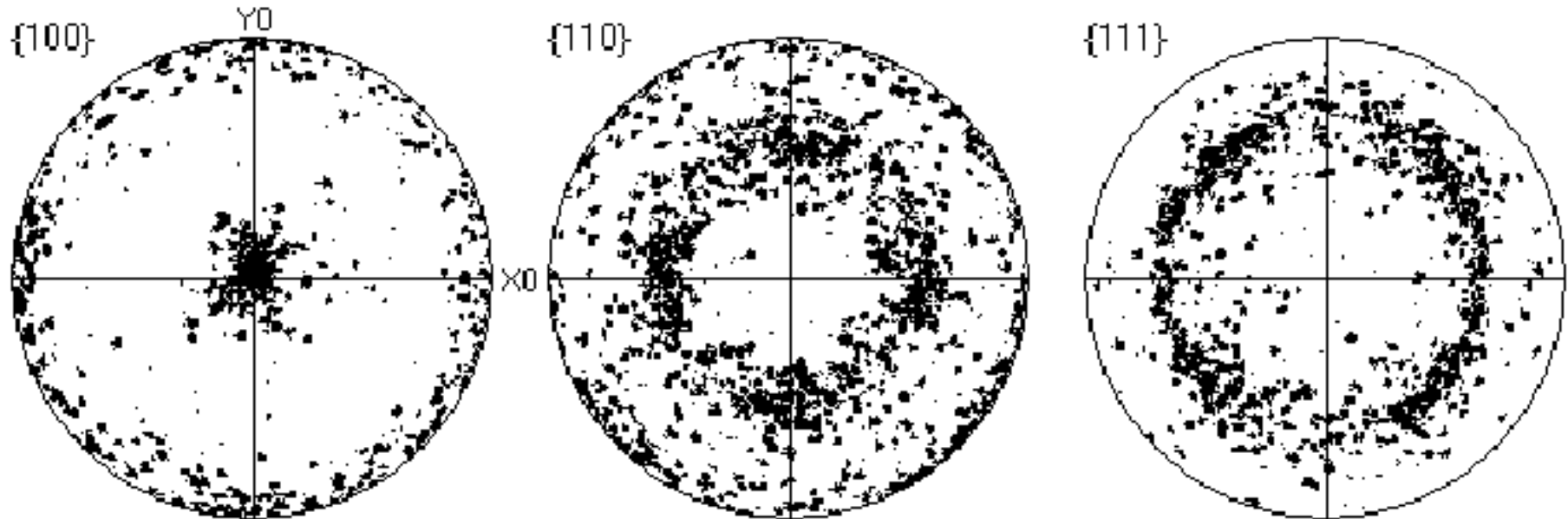
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## Pole Figures: visualize the crystallographic texture of polycrystals

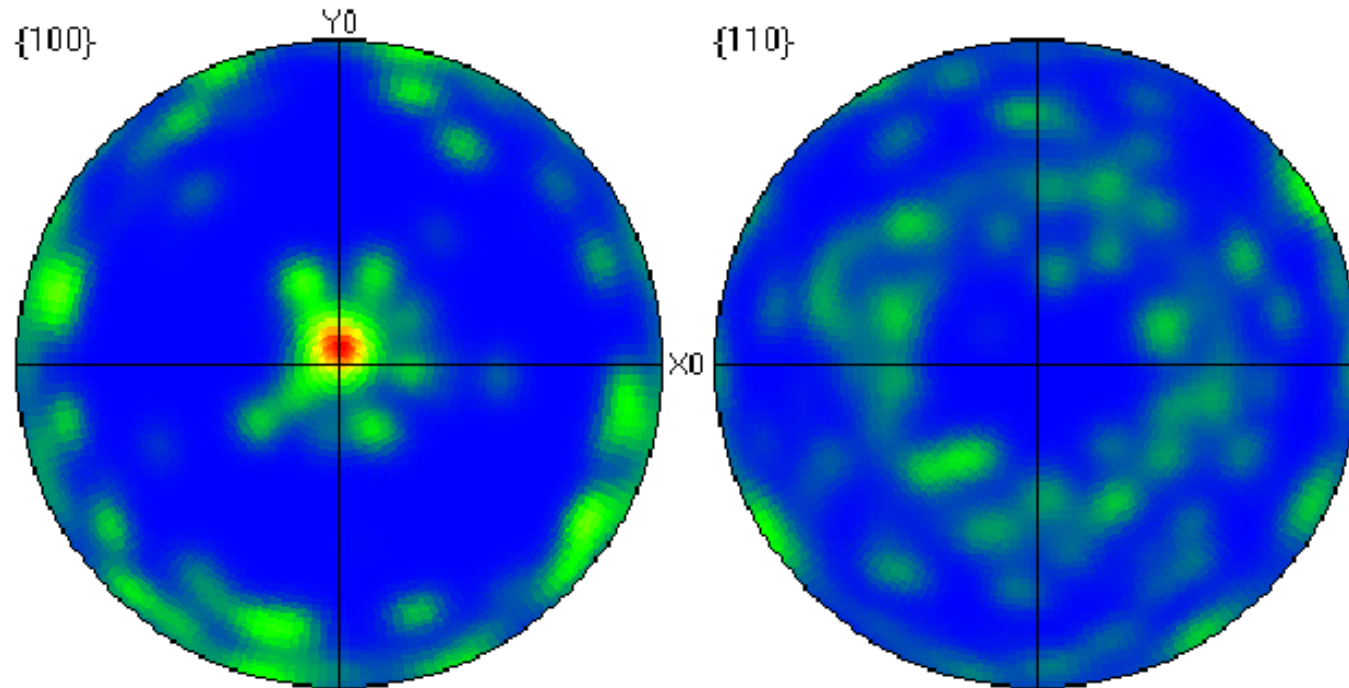


Stereographic projections of  $\{100\}$ ,  $\{110\}$  and  $\{111\}$  discrete pole figures for Al.

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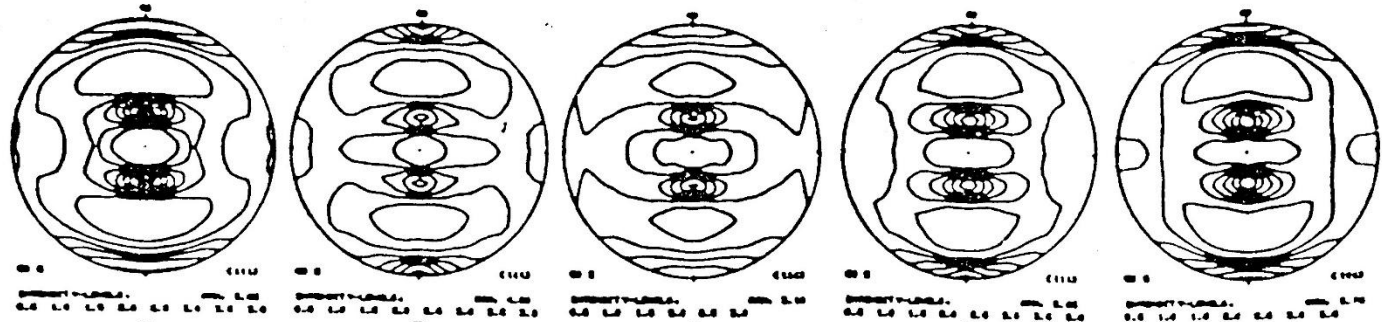


Stereographic projections of  $\{100\}$  and  $\{110\}$  contoured pole figures for Al  
Compare to the discrete ones on previous slide.

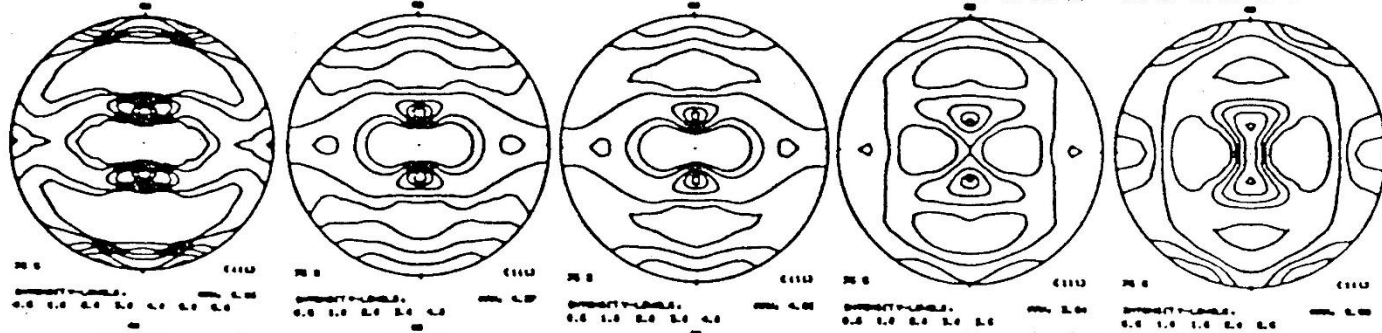
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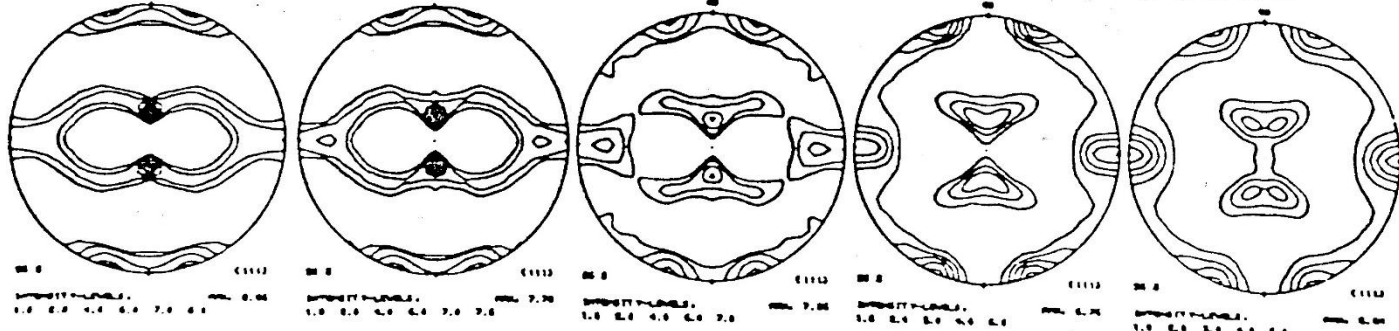
50% roll



75% roll



95% roll

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II-2 Cu-2.5%Zn

II-3 Cu-5%Zn

II-4 Cu-10%Zn

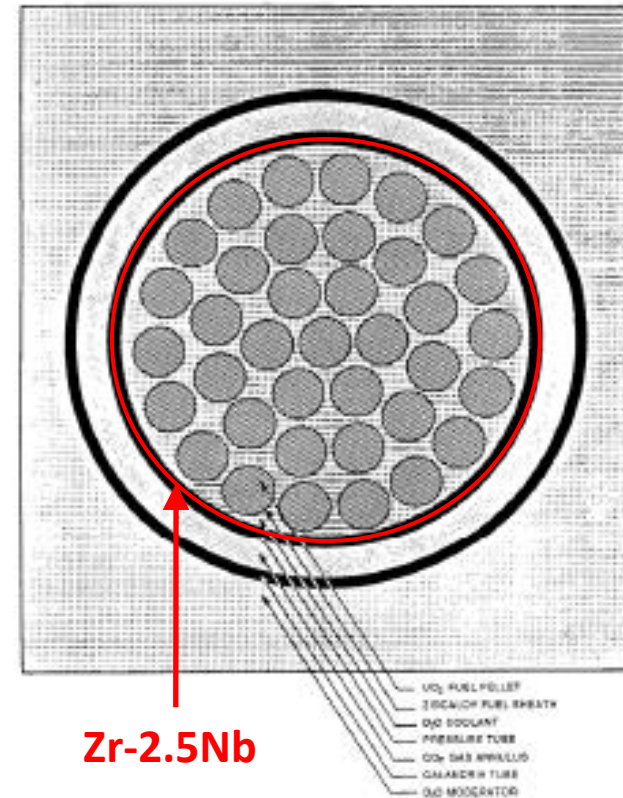
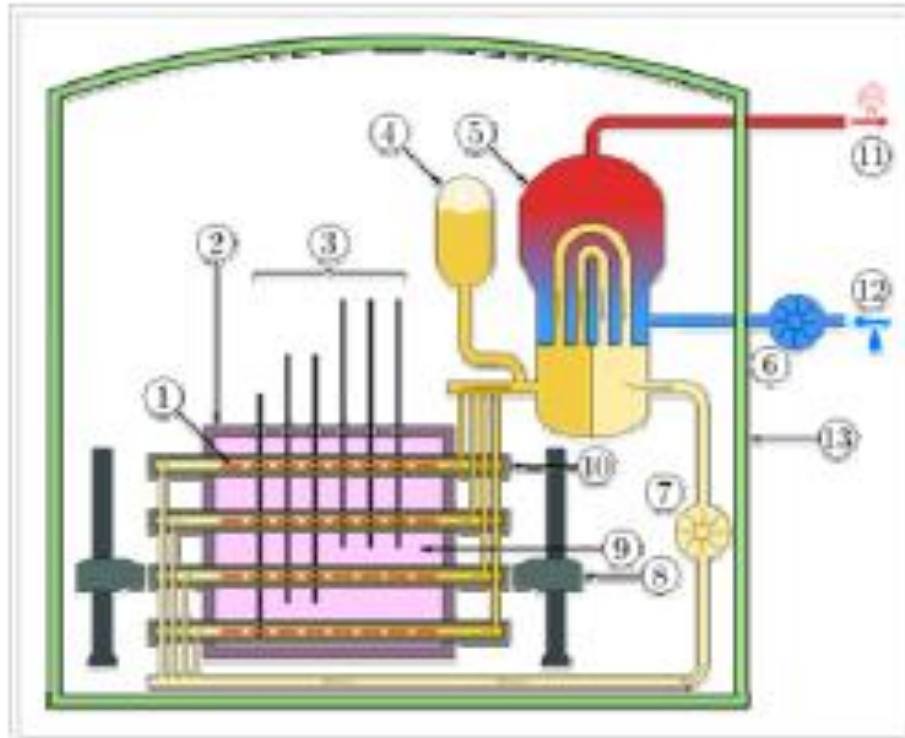
II-5 Cu-30%Zn

Cu

{111} POLE FIGURES

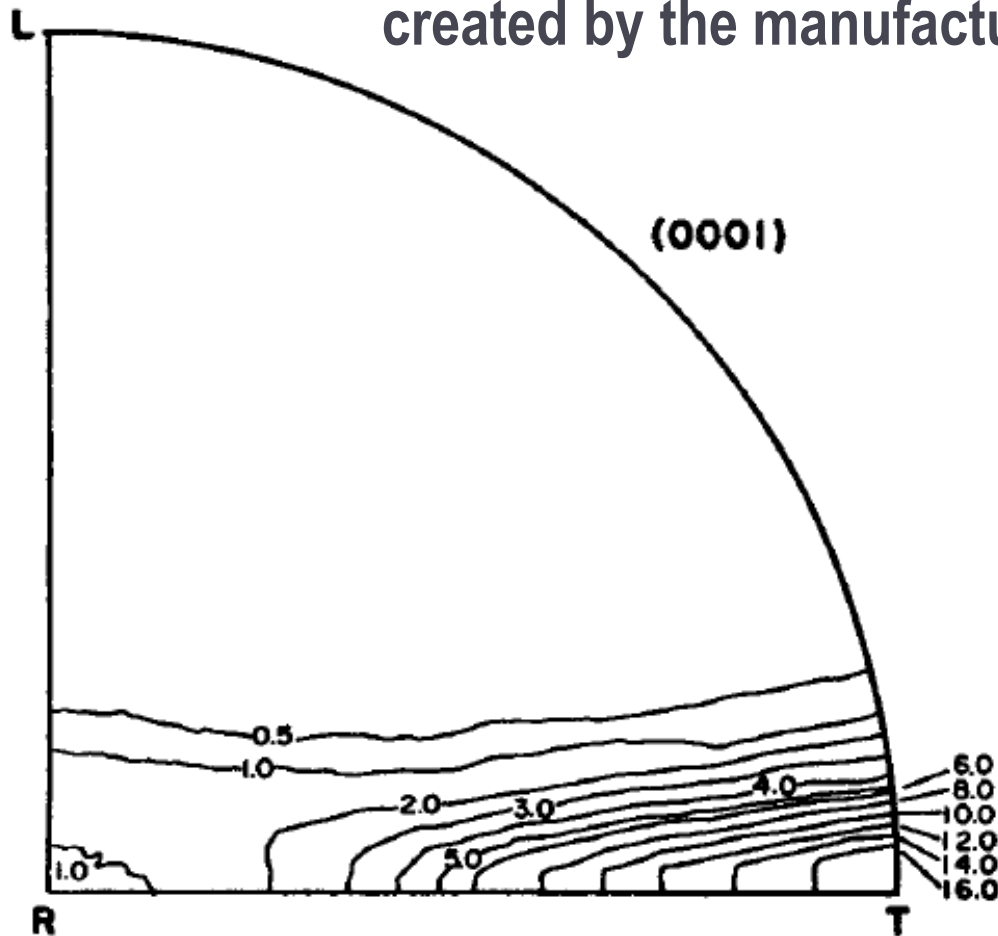
Brass

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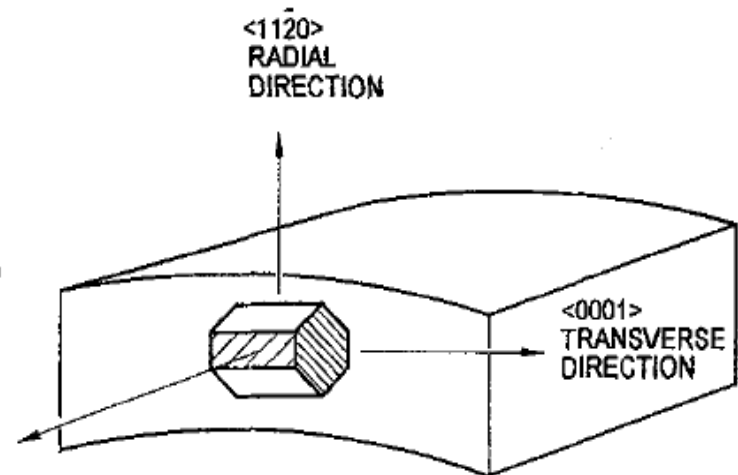
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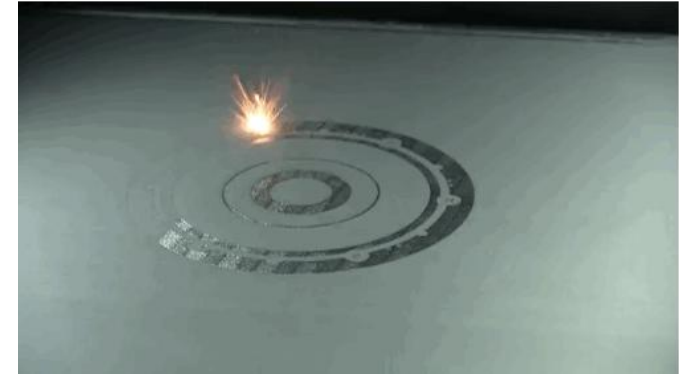
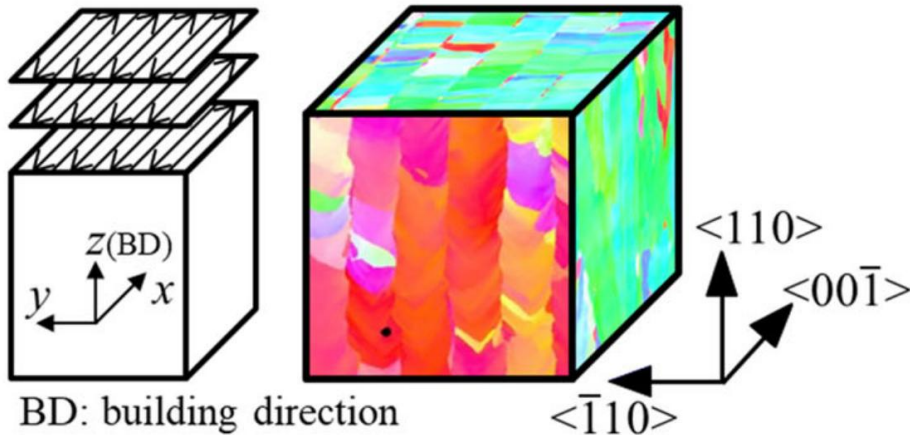
$\langle 10\bar{1}0 \rangle$   
Longitudinal  
Direction



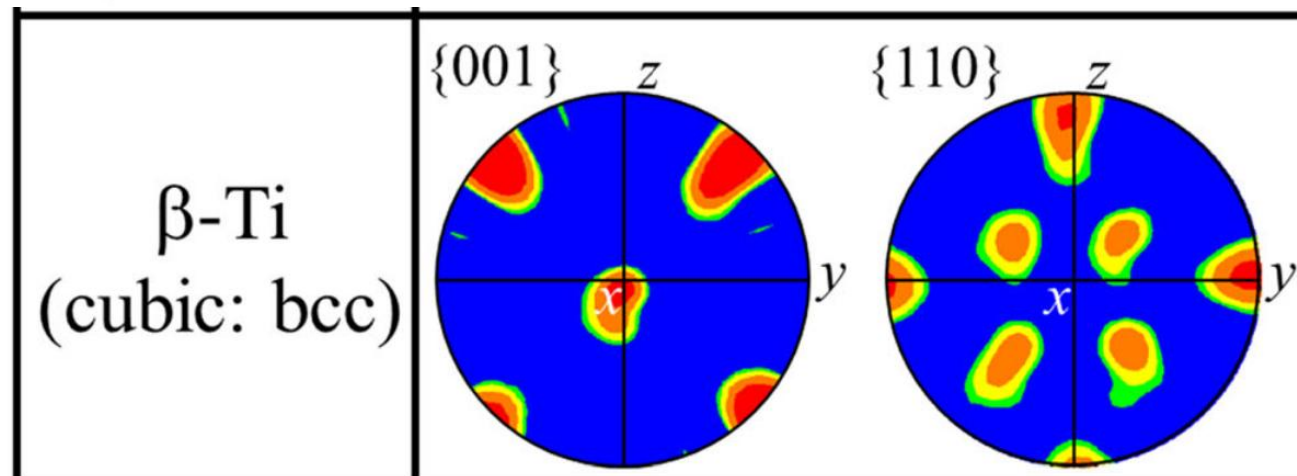
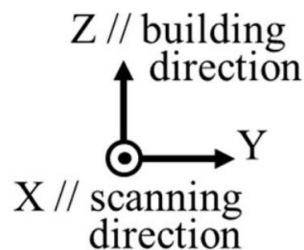
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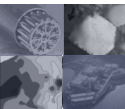
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## Describe the orientation of one grain/crystallite mathematically

The orientation of a crystal, i.e., a 3D object, can be described by the same mathematical framework as 3D rotations. Such a description needs 3 parameters:

- Euler angles ( $\phi_1, \phi_2, \Phi$ ) – most popular
- Quaternions





# Describe the orientation of one grain/crystallite mathematically: Quaternions

- In mathematics, **the quaternion number system extends the complex numbers.**
- **Quaternions** are used in pure mathematics, but also have practical uses in applied mathematics, particularly for calculations involving **three-dimensional rotations**, such as in three-dimensional computer graphics, computer vision, robotics, magnetic resonance imaging and **crystallographic texture analysis.**

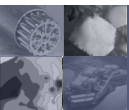
$$a + b\mathbf{i} + c\mathbf{j} + d\mathbf{k}$$

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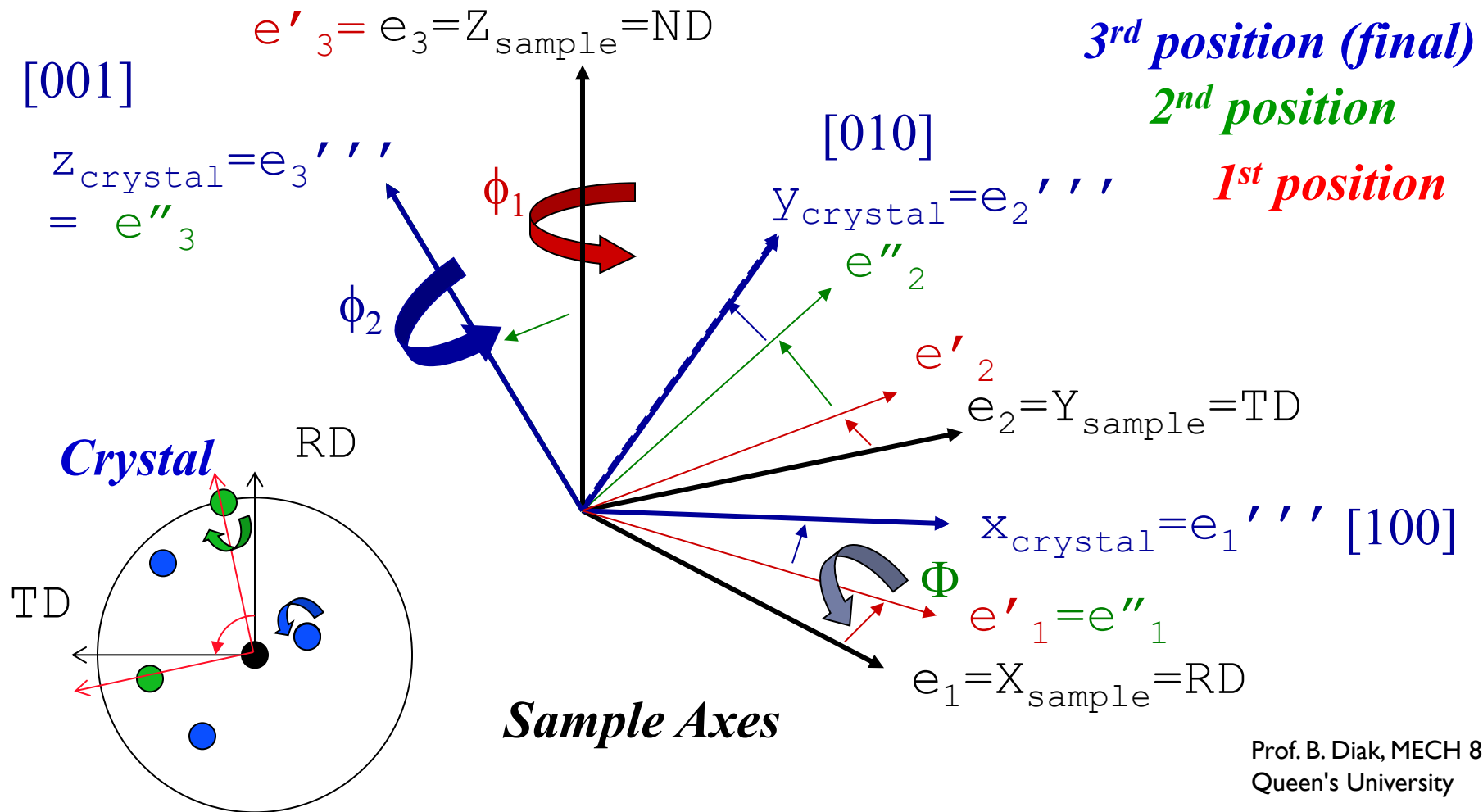
## Multiplication table

Non commutativity  
is emphasized by  
colored squares

×	1	i	j	k
1	1	i	j	k
i	i	-1	k	-j
j	j	-k	-1	i
k	k	j	-i	-1



# Describe the orientation of one grain/crystallite mathematically: Euler angles ( $\phi_1$ , $\phi_2$ , $\Phi$ )



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Describe the orientation of one grain/crystallite mathematically:

Euler angles ( $\phi_1, \phi_2, \Phi$ )

Bunge notation

**Rotation 1 ( $\phi_1$ ):** rotate axes (anticlockwise) about the (sample) 3 [ND] axis;  $Z_1$ .

**Rotation 2 ( $\Phi$ ):** rotate axes (anticlockwise) about the (rotated) 1 axis [100] axis;  $X$ .

**Rotation 3 ( $\phi_2$ ):** rotate axes (anticlockwise) about the (crystal) 3 [001] axis;  $Z_2$ .

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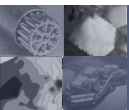
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## ODF:

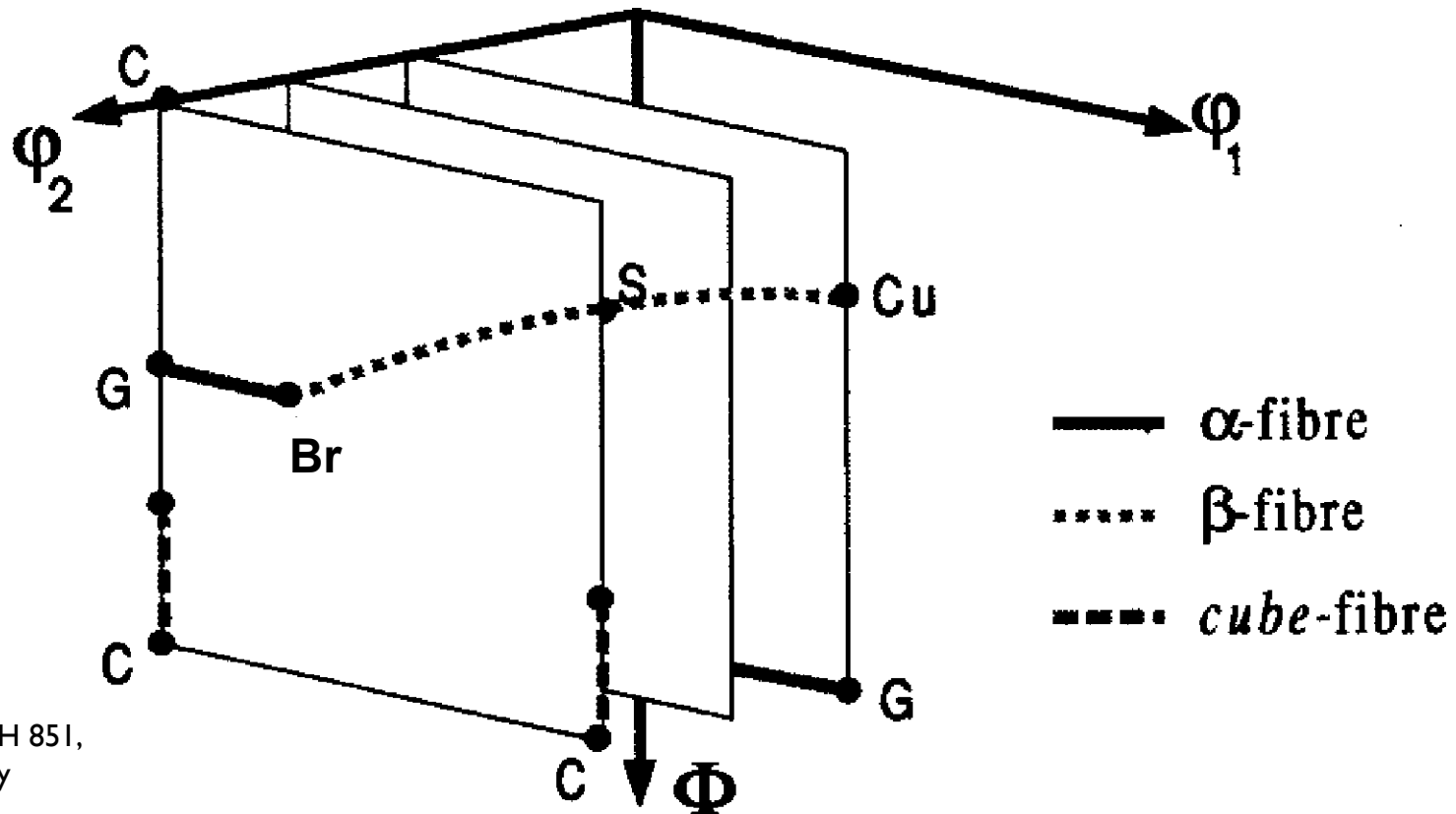
- Assigns to every possible orientation represented by a set of Euler angles  $(\phi_1, \phi_2, \Phi)$  a probability density (e.g., the volume fraction of grains with a certain orientation)
- A statistical distribution, which gives volume fraction  $dV/V$  of crystallites having the orientation  $g$  (i.e.,  $(\phi_1, \phi_2, \Phi)$ ) within the orientation element  $dg$ :

$$dV / V = f(g) dg$$

- The ODF fully/statistically describes the texture of the given polycrystal
  - If the ODF is known a pole figure for any  $(hkl)$  can be derived from it



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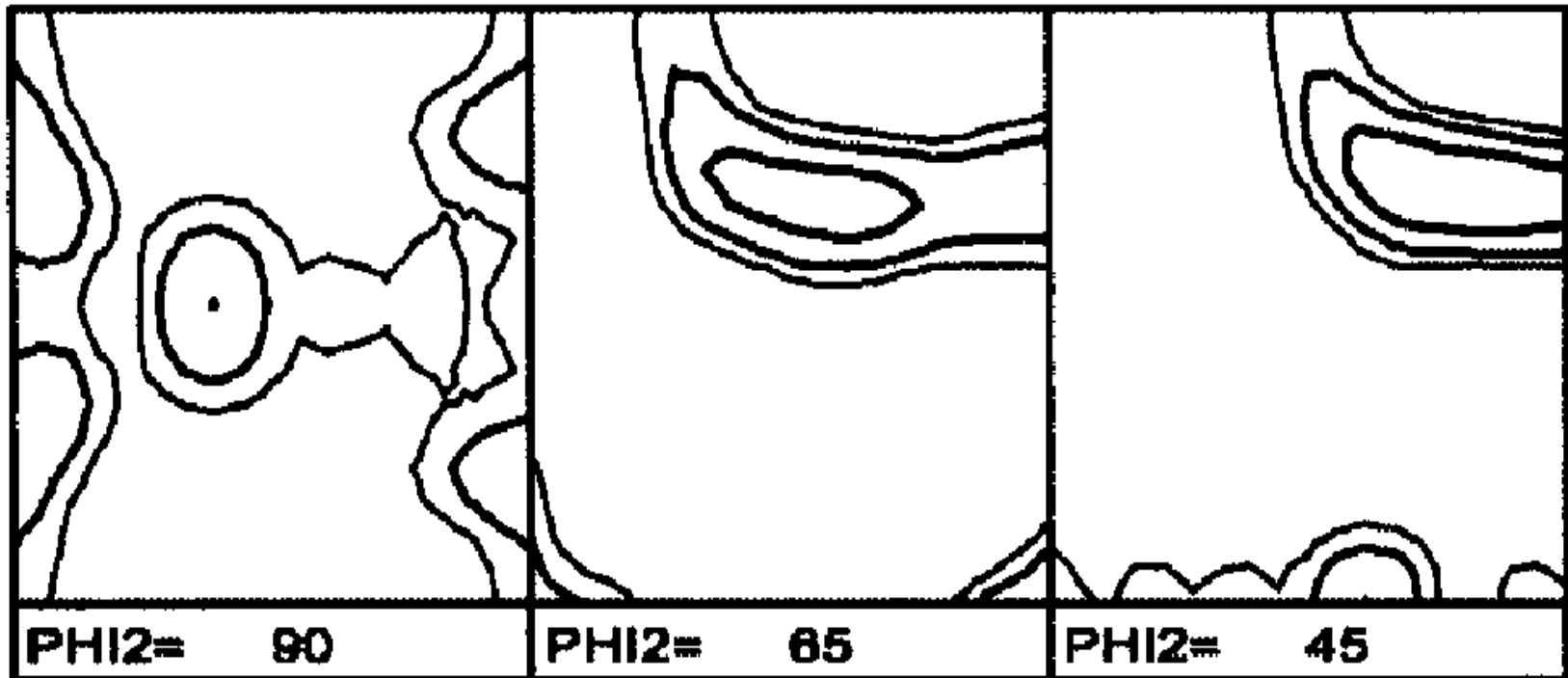


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Identification of some common fcc texture components and fibres in Euler space.

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AA1050 Cold Rolled 60% ODF [from Delannay et al. (2002)]

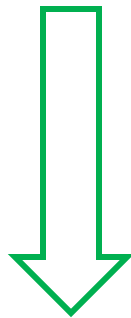




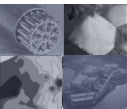
# Measuring the Crystallographic Texture experimentally

One way to approach Texture Measurements:

Measure a sufficient number of **pole figures** experimentally: *XRD, Neutron Diffraction, EBSD*



Calculate the **Orientation Distribution Function (ODF)**



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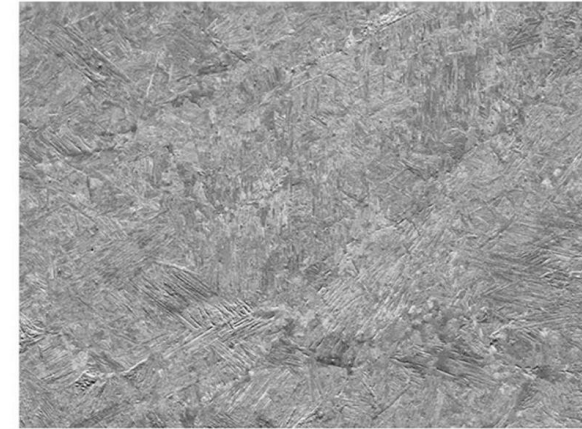
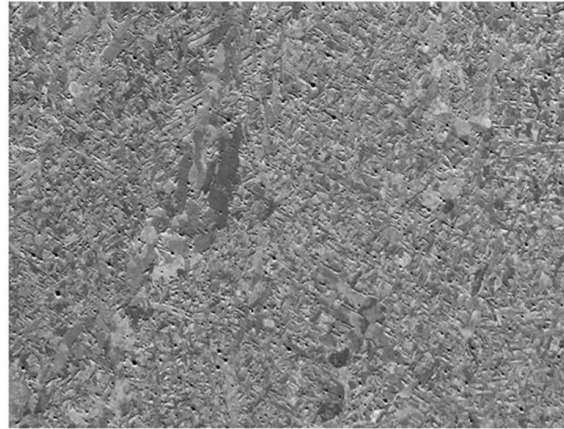
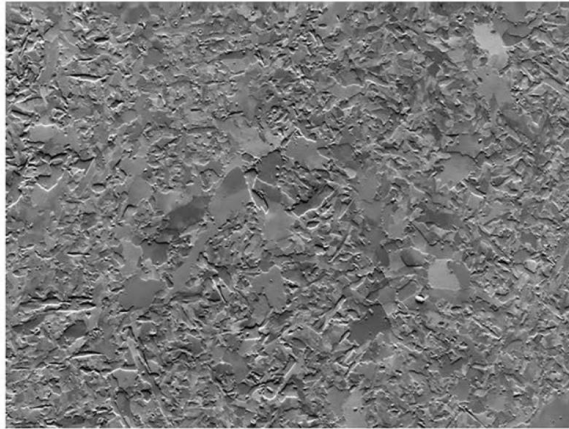
## Electron Backscatter Diffraction (EBSD)

Arc welded

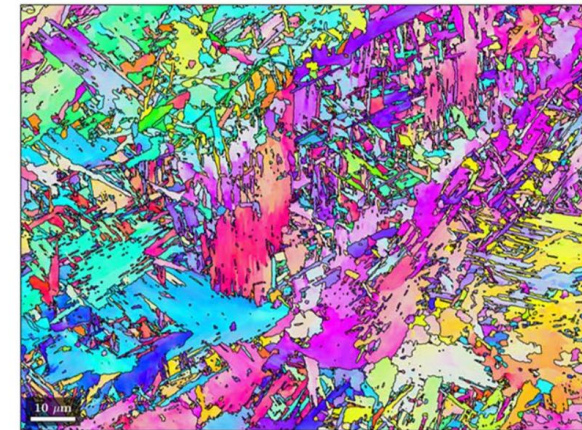
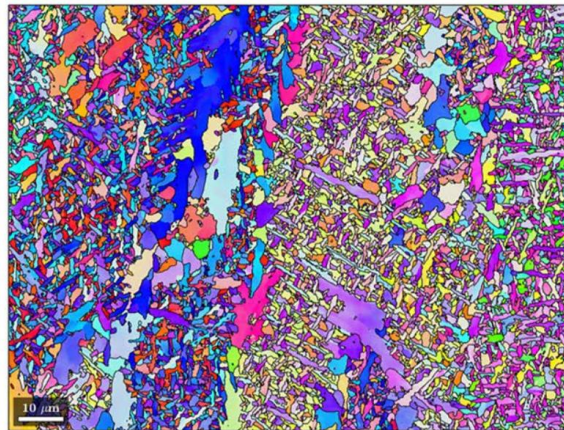
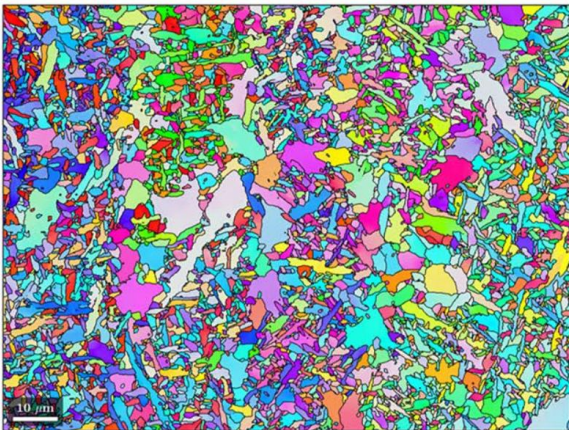
Laser-hybrid welded

Laser welded

FSD



IPF-Z

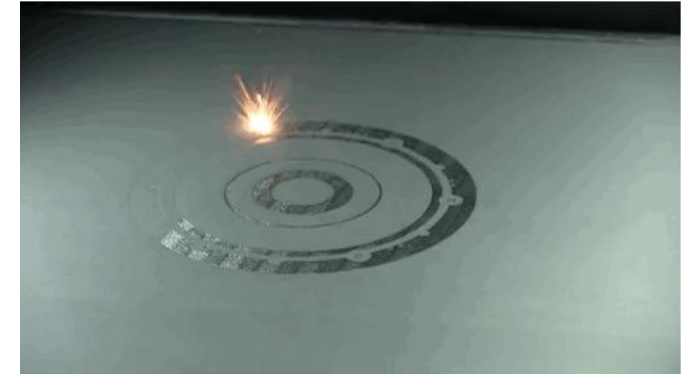
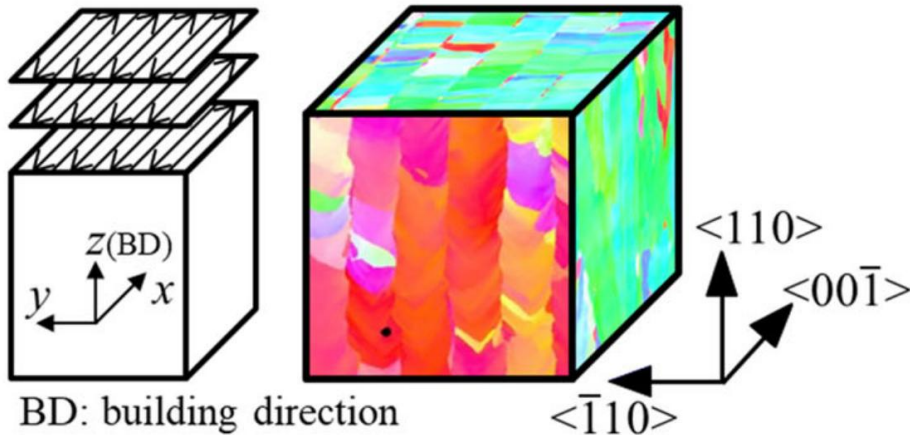


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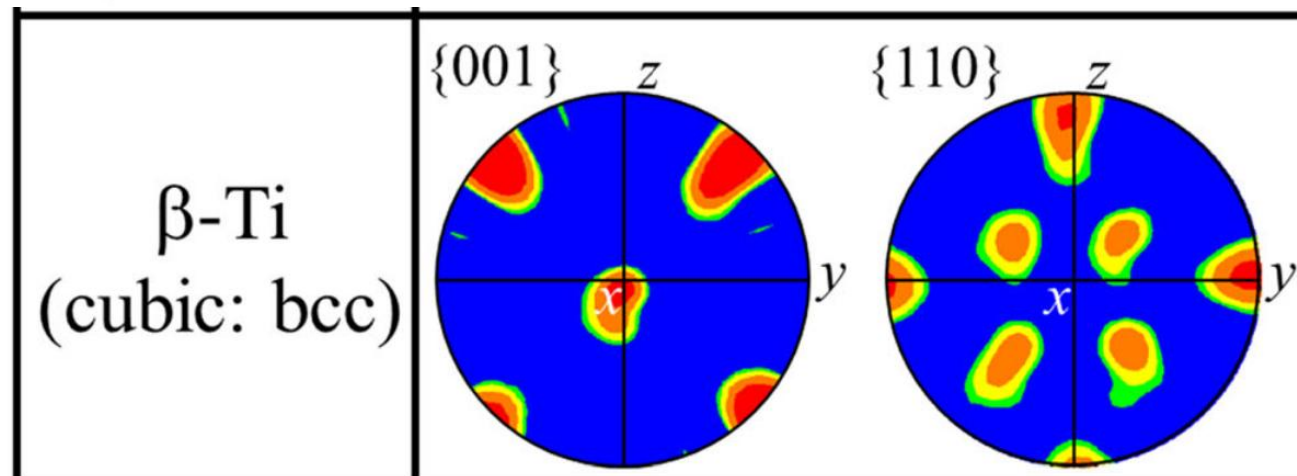
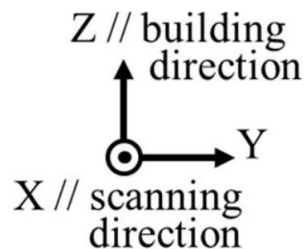


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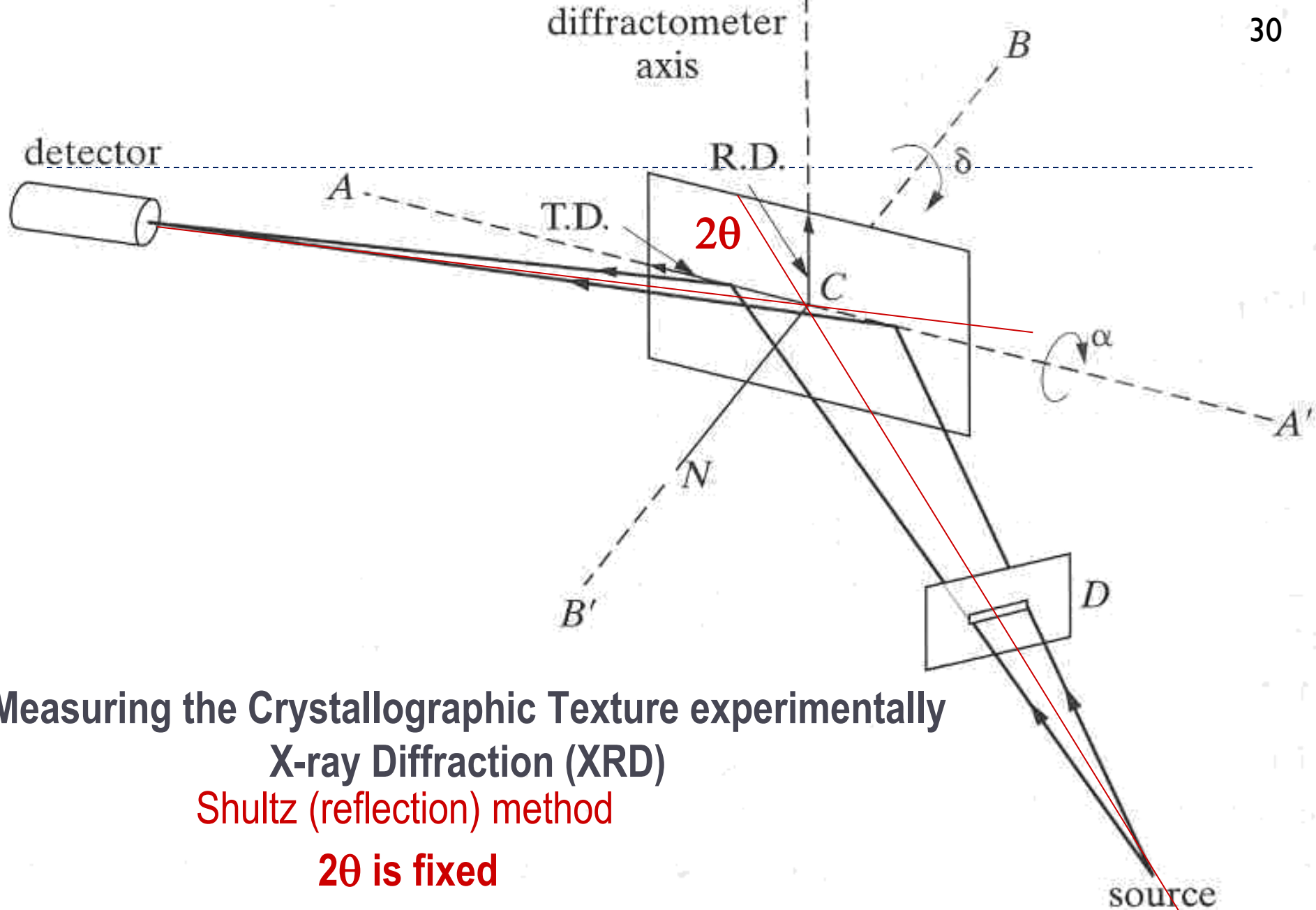


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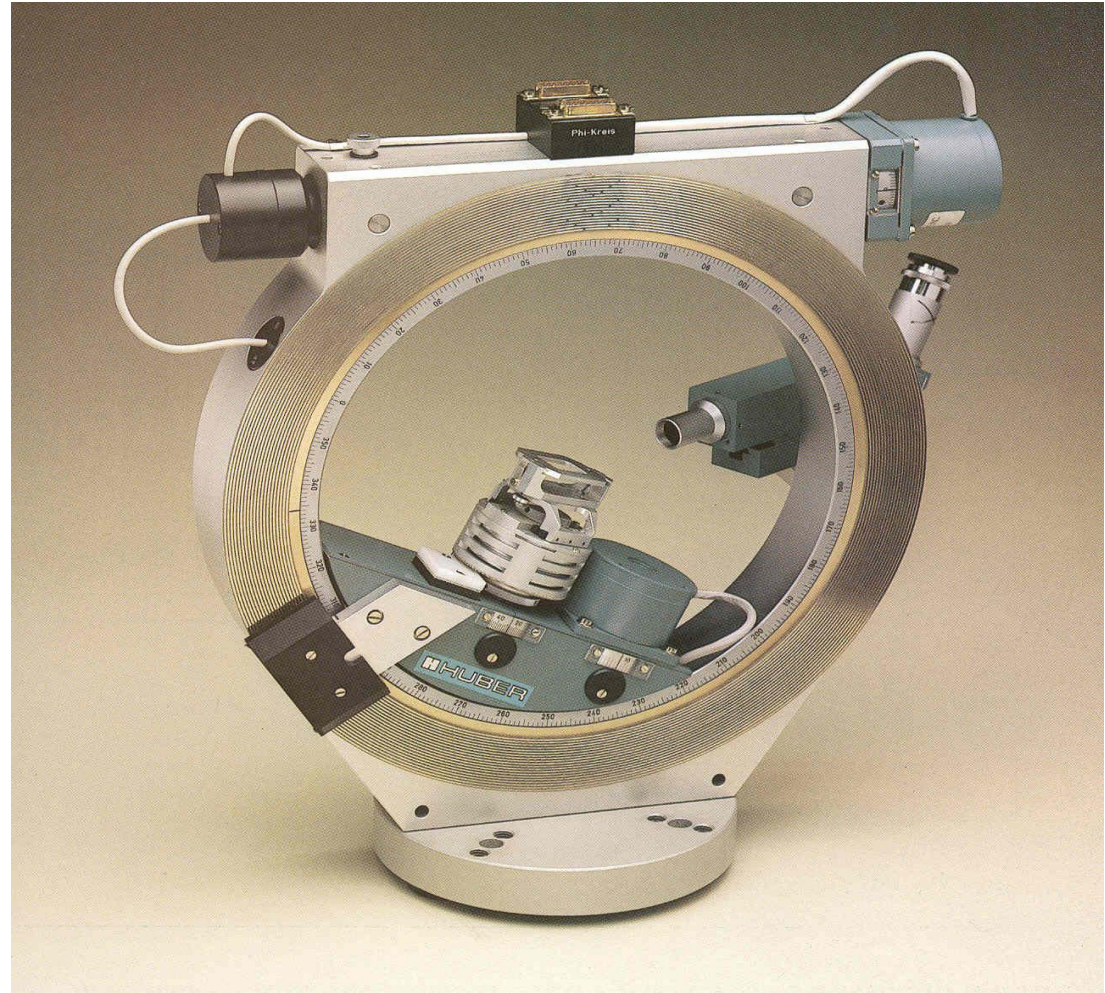
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Shultz (reflection) method

**$2\theta$  is fixed**

# Measuring the Crystallographic Texture experimentally Neutron Diffraction (ND)

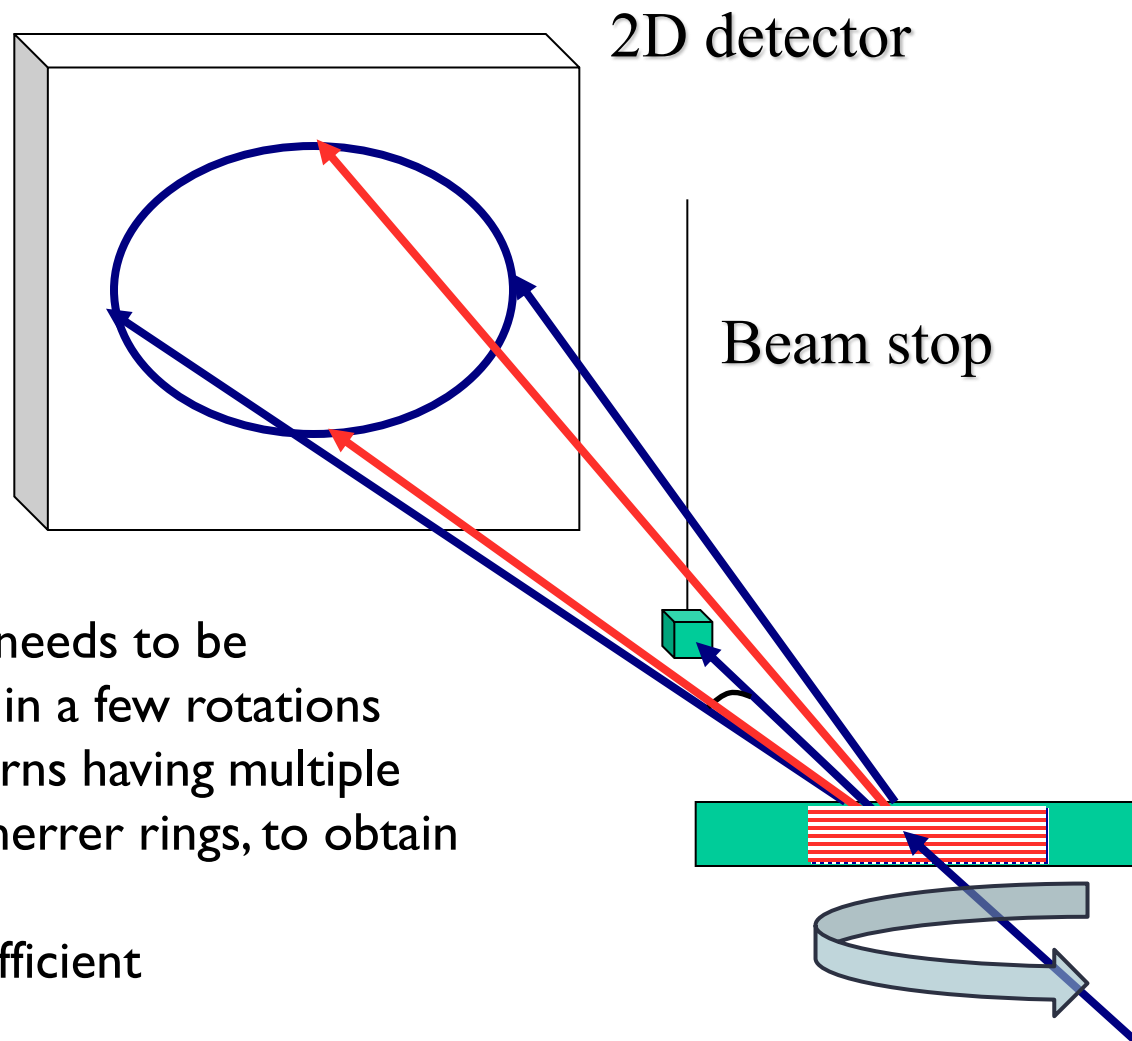
- ▶ Transmission method used
- ▶ Specimen typically  $1\text{cm}^3$
- ▶ Entire PFs from one specimen  $\gg$  ODF
- ▶ Bulk texture measured directly



# Measuring the Crystallographic Texture experimentally

## High Energy Synchrotron XRD

(no direct measurement of Pole Figures)



$$\lambda = 2d\sin\theta$$

$$E = hc/\lambda$$

e.g.  $E = 80\text{keV}$

$$\lambda = 0.15\text{\AA}$$

$$d = 1\text{\AA}$$

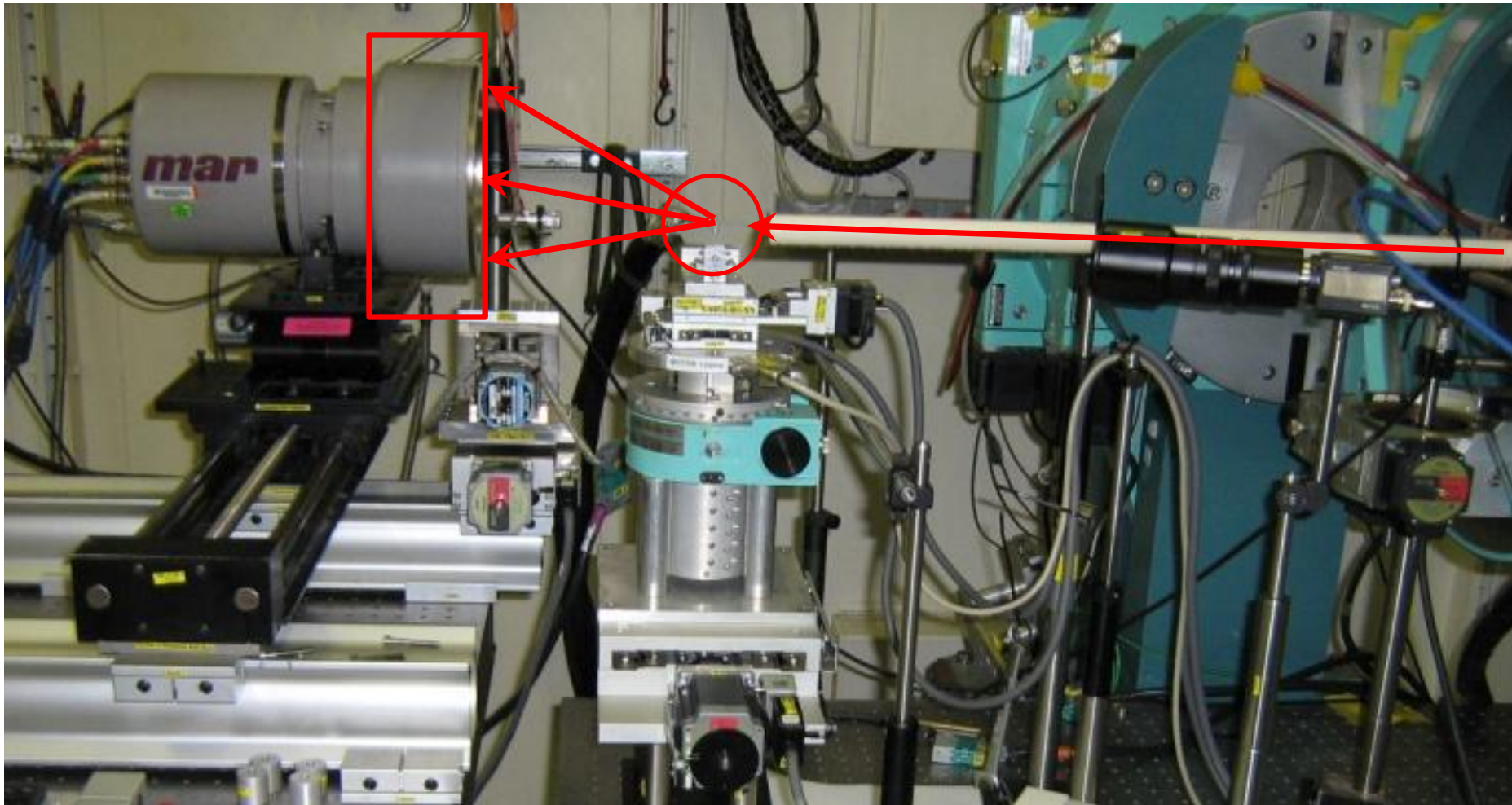
$$\theta \approx 4^\circ$$

- A sample needs to be measured in a few rotations with patterns having multiple Debye-Scherrer rings, to obtain the ODF.
- Fast and efficient

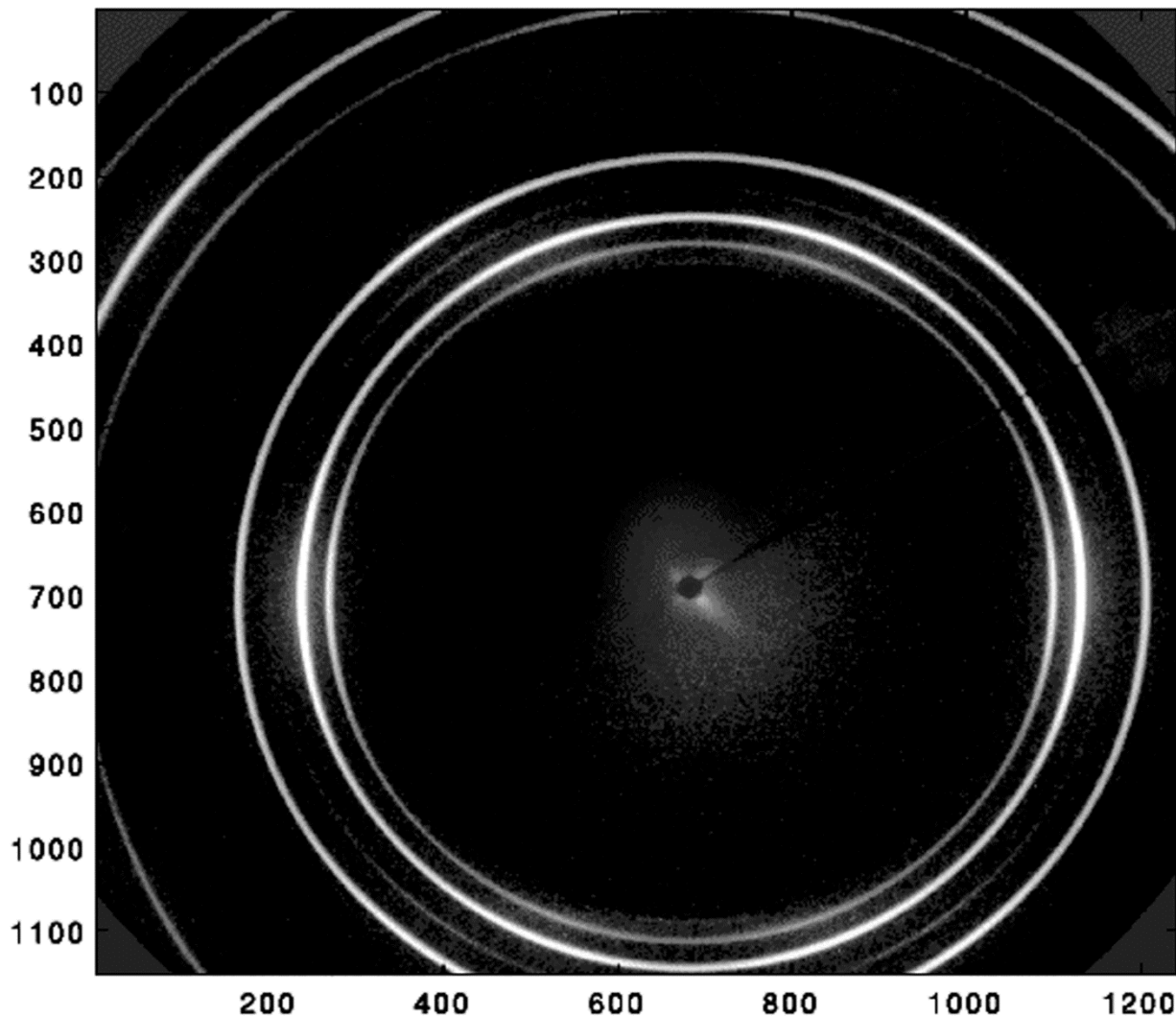


# High energy X-ray diffraction: wavelength much shorter than atomic spacing

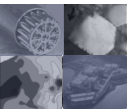
## I-ID beamline, APS ANL



# Example CCD image



Note the effect of texture: the intensity along the Debye-Scherrer rings varies

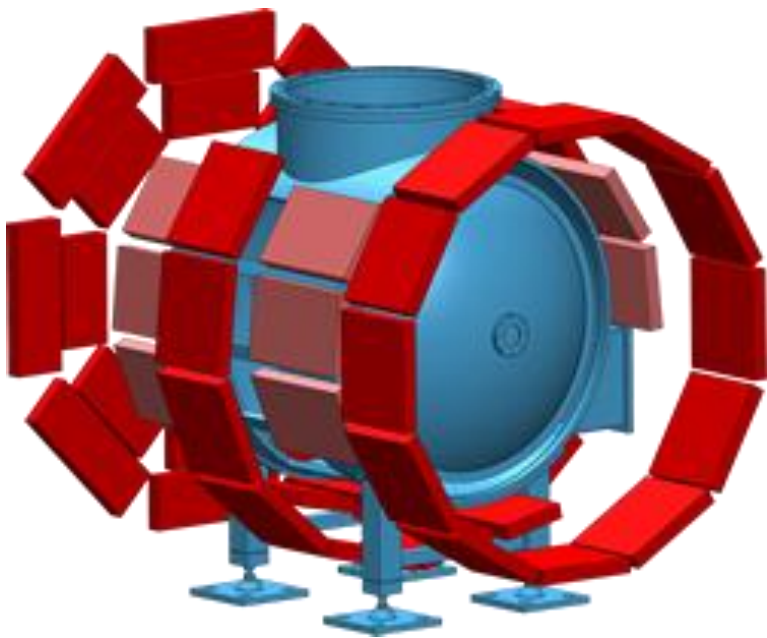


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## Neutron Diffraction (ND)

(no direct measurement of Pole Figures)

**HIPPO** - High-Pressure-Preferred Orientation instrument at the Los Alamos Neutron Science Center (LANSCE)



- Using time-of-flight ND, each detector panel records a full, individual diffraction pattern
- A sample needs to be measured only in 3-4 rotations to obtain the ODF.
- Fast and efficient

<https://lansce.lanl.gov/facilities/lujan/instruments/hippo/index.php>

Thank you for your attention!

