



A satellite workshop of the 26<sup>th</sup> European Crystallographic Meeting ECM Darmstadt (Germany), September 3-4 (2010)

**Single-crystal diffraction** provides the most accurate structural data on the compression mechanisms of solids. Its methods for **high-pressure studies** developed over the last three decades are mature and easy to use in both the laboratory and at synchrotron sources.

The **aim of this workshop** is to demonstrate how to perform single-crystal high-pressure X-ray diffraction measurements in diamond anvil cells, to complete the data reduction and analysis, and to obtain the highest-quality data. The workshop will include both lectures and hands-on exercises. It will be suitable for researchers at all levels.

Experience in single-crystal X-ray diffraction will be assumed, but no previous experience in high-pressure methods is necessary. Participants who have already collected high-pressure data are encouraged to bring their own problematic datasets for discussion and analysis. Different data processing strategies and programs will be presented. The workshop will be interactive through informal discussions and small round tables of specific interest groups, e.g., the software fayre.

#### **CONVENORS:**

Andrzej Grzechnik and Ronald Miletich

#### SPEAKERS:

Matteo Alvaro (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA)

**Ross Angel** (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA)

Tonci Balic-Zunic (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

Tiziana Boffa-Ballaran (University of Bayreuth, Germany)

Karen Friese (University of the Basque Country, Spain)

Diego Gatta (University of Milan, Italy)

Andrzej Grzechnik (University of the Basque Country, Spain)

Clivia Hejny (University of Innsbruck, Austria)

Ronald Miletich (University of Heidelberg, Germany)

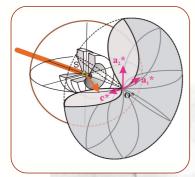
Fabrizio Nestola (University of Padova, Italy)

Benedetta Periotto (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

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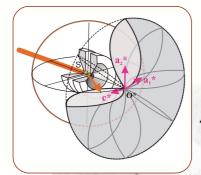
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### topics and program

### Morning session (September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010; 8:30-12:00)

# Introduction to high-pressure single-crystal x-ray diffraction (Ross Angel) 45 minutes

### **Designing the experiments** (Ronald Miletich, Benedetta Periotto) *2 hours*

- Types of diamond anvil cells (ETH, Almax, Ahsbahs, Merrill-Bassett, etc.)
- Preparing single crystals and loading diamond anvil cells
- Pressure transmitting media and pressure calibration
- Laboratory and synchrotron facilities
- The choice of CCD, image plate, and point detectors for different crystallographic problems: molecular systems, inorganic materials, modulated structures, superstructures, diffuse scattering, twinning, polytypes

#### **Data collection strategies using area and point detectors** (Clivia Heiny) *45 minutes*

- Crystal orientation and centering
- Optimization of data collection parameters
- Data coverage, redundancy

#### Afternoon session (September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010; 13:30-∞)

# Software fayre: going from raw data to hkl file (Matteo Alvaro)

#### Area detectors:

- Oxford Diffraction (Diego Gatta, Fabrizio Nestola)
- Bruker (Tonci Balic-Zunic)
- STOE (Andrzej Grzechnik, Karen Friese)
- XDS (Andrzej Grzechnik, Karen Friese)

#### **Point detectors**:

WinIntegrStp (Ross Angel)

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#### Equations of state (Tiziana Boffa-Ballaran) 2 hours

**Data reduction and analysis** (Karen Friese, Ross Angel) *1.5 hours* 

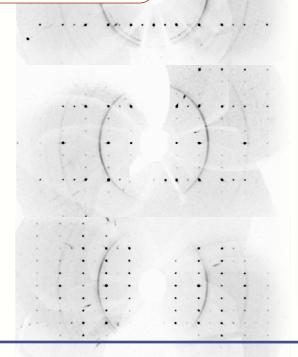
- Systematic errors and data quality
- Absorption corrections, averaging
- Structure refinement methods and tricks

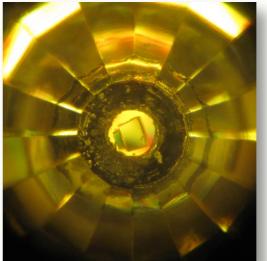
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**Structure validation** (Tonci Balic-Zunic, Karen Friese) *1 hour* - cif, crystal chemistry

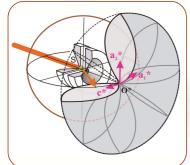
**Open session: more tutorials, exercises & discussions** (all speakers) *4 hours* 

...after hard work we all deserve to relax (starting 18:30)





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### important informations

#### LOCATION:

The workshop will be held at the Technical University (TU) Darmstadt Fachbereich Materialwissenschaften Fachgebiet Strukturforschung

From the main station (Darmstadt Hbf) take the bus "K" to the

Petersenstrasse 23 64287 Darmstadt

Campus area "TU Lichtwiese" **Building L2/01** 

TRANSPORTATION:

final destination "TU Lichtwiese"

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