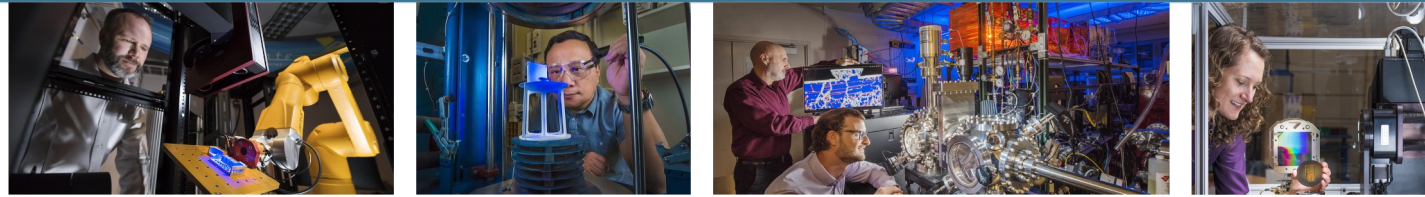




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Simulated X-ray Diffraction and Machine Learning for Interpretation of Dynamic Compression Experiments



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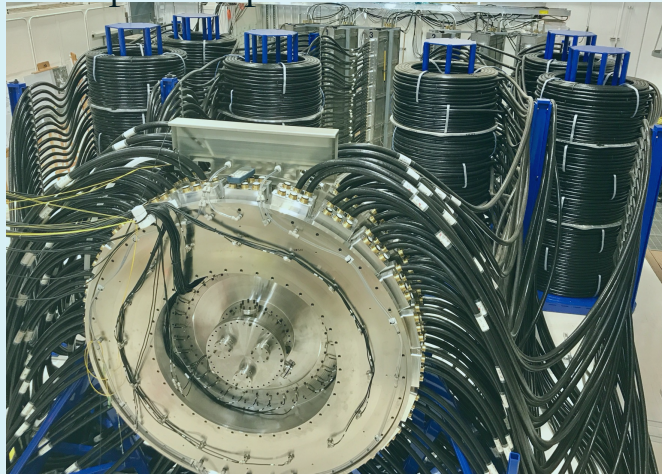
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Dynamic compression experiment analysis using XRD: understanding the behavior of materials in extreme environments.

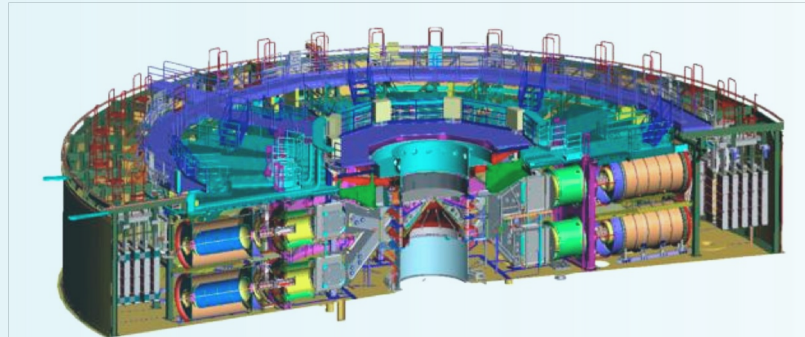


Thor and Z are pulsed-power accelerators which can drive shockless ramp waves to pressures of 10s and 100s of GPa, respectively.

Thor pulsed-power driver



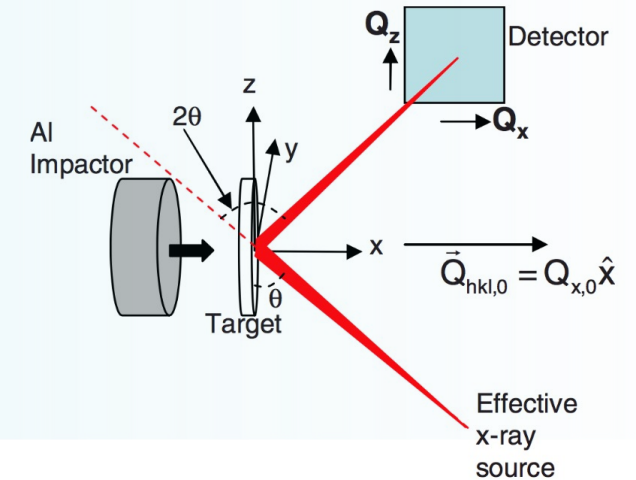
Z-machine at Sandia National Labs



33 m in diameter, 3 stories tall

22 MJ stored energy
25 MA peak current
100-600 ns rise time

X-ray diffraction geometry

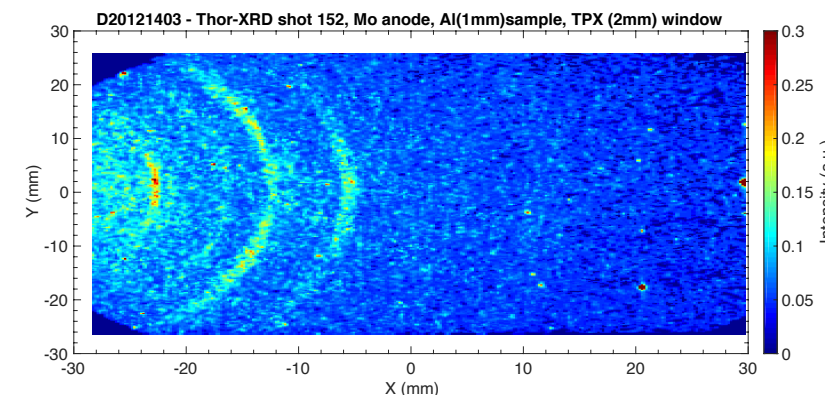
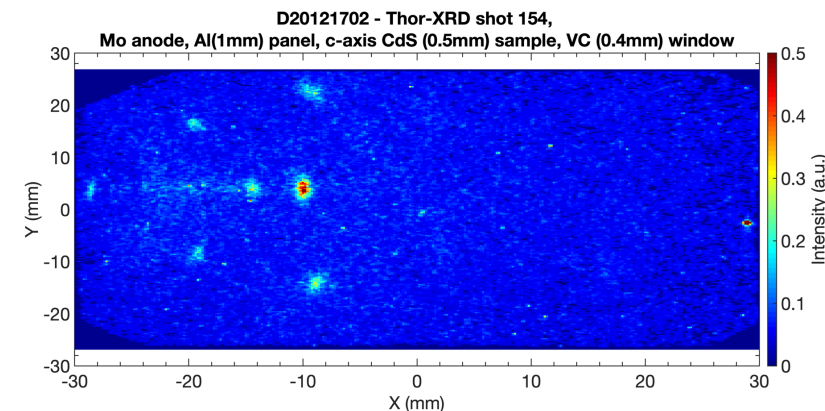
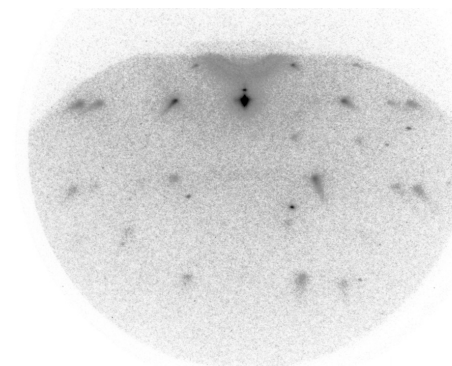
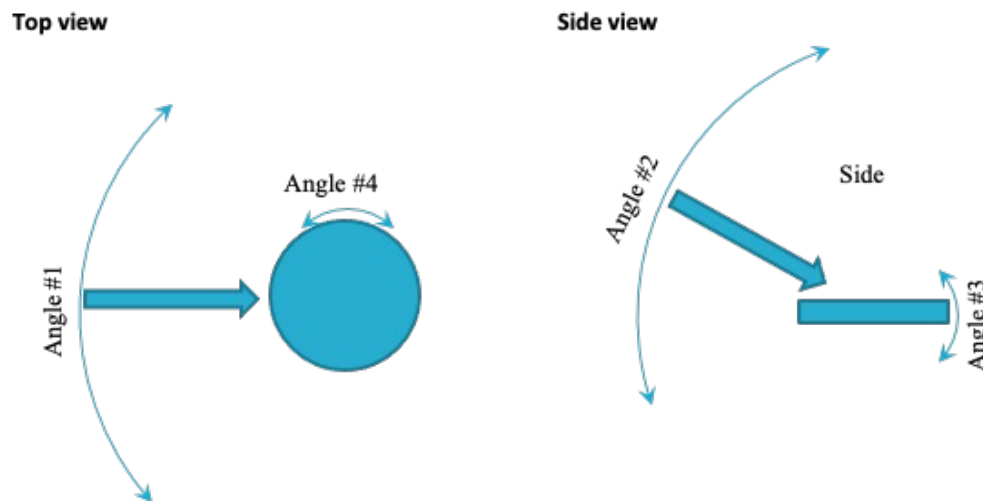
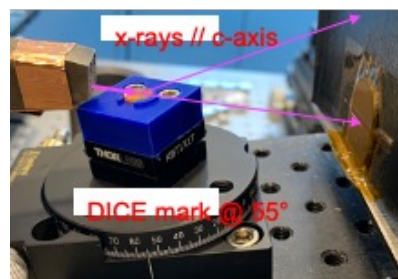


X-ray diffraction is key to deciphering the dynamic mechanisms and kinetics of phase transformation, because **it gives atomistic detail, structure & orientation.**

Dynamic compression experiment analysis using XRD: challenges associated with in-situ XRD



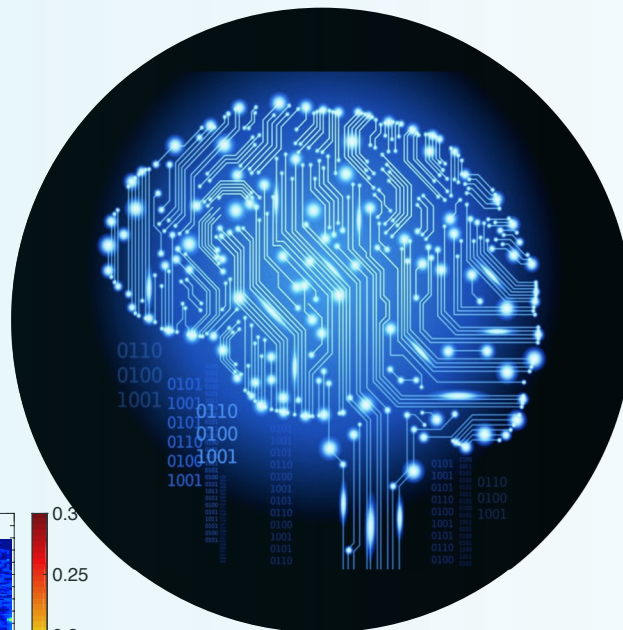
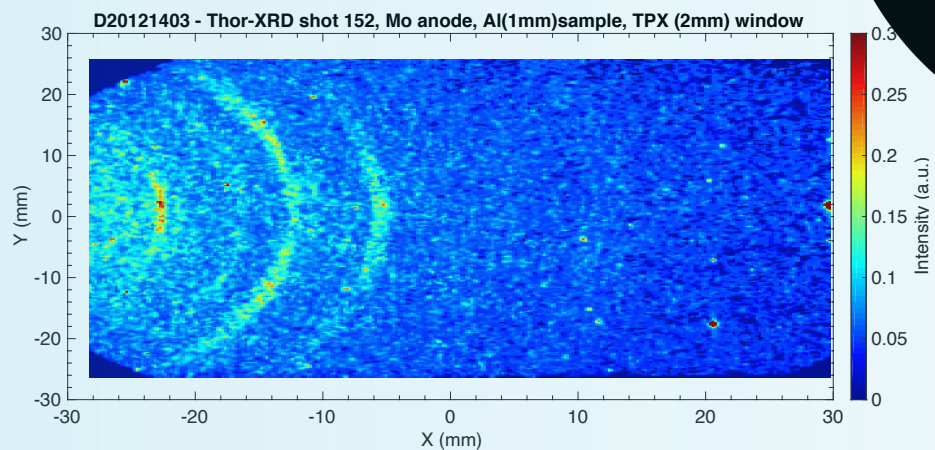
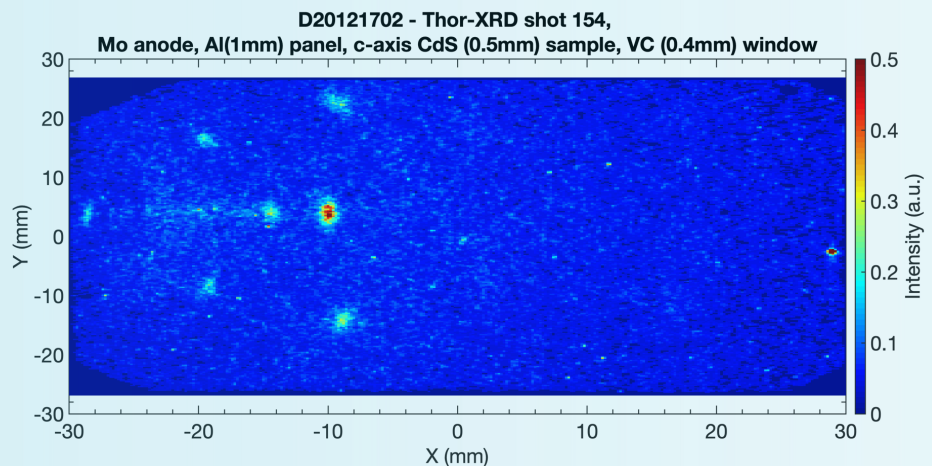
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Analyzing XRD data is not trivial for many reasons:

- X-ray source can present collimation and has relatively broad spectra.
- The data obtained is sparse (one shot from Thor/Z generates one pattern).
- Noise is present in the obtained patterns from various sources (e.g., window, tamper, machine produced, etc.) .

Data-driven paradigm shift: optimizing interpretation of experimental XRD data .



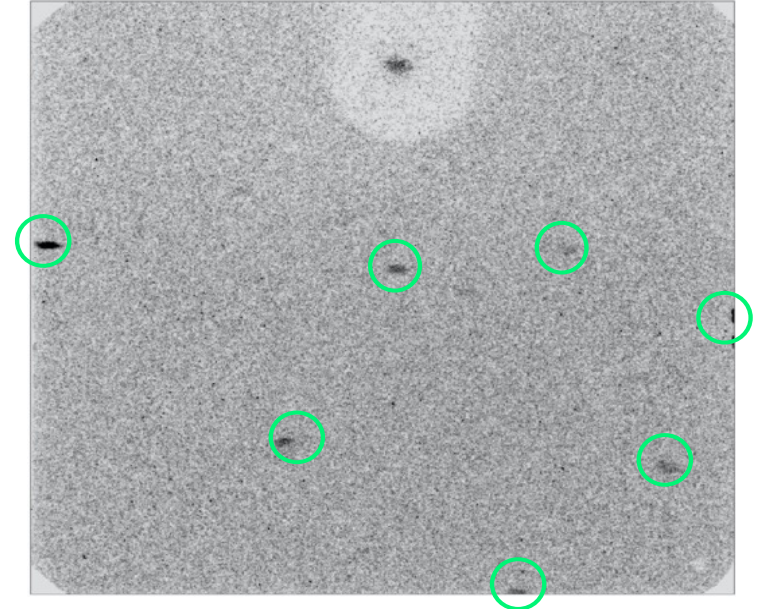
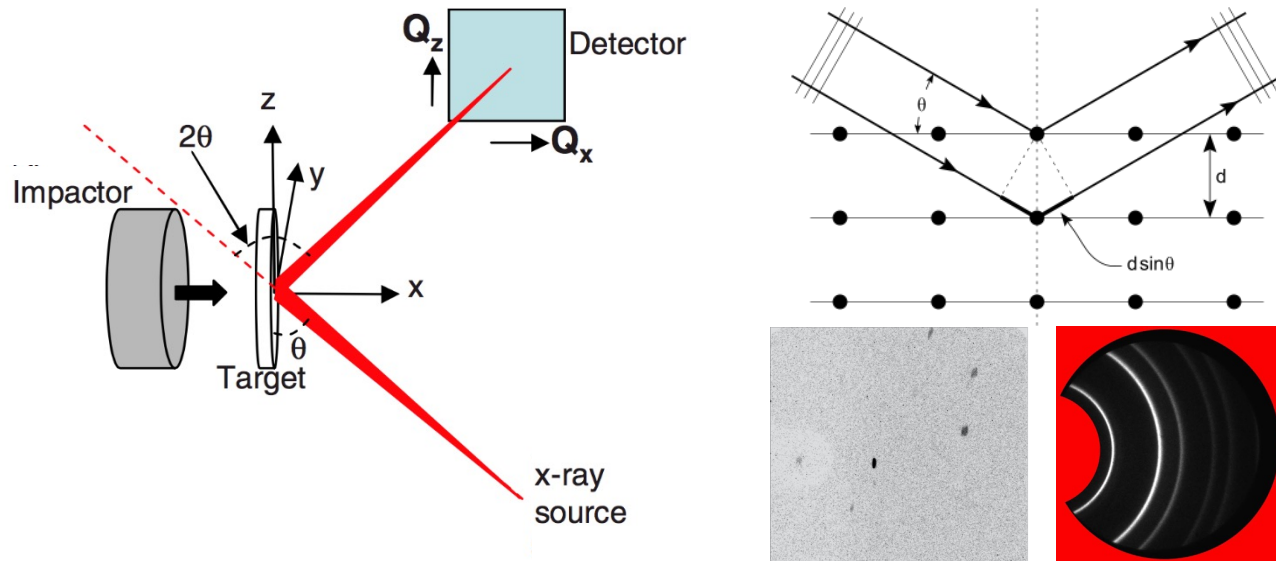
1) Orientation and lattice identification.

2) Denoising of Experimental Data.

LAMP



Simulated XRD: using LAMMPS to obtain realistic XRD patterns.

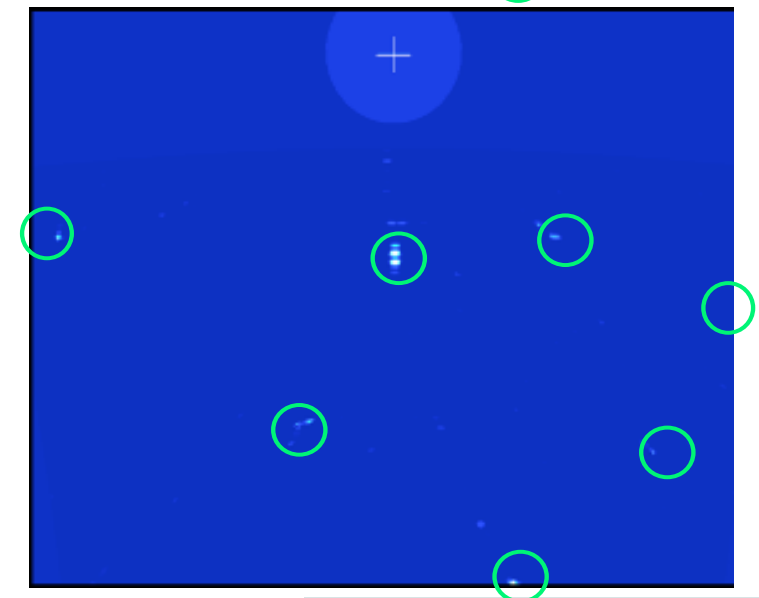
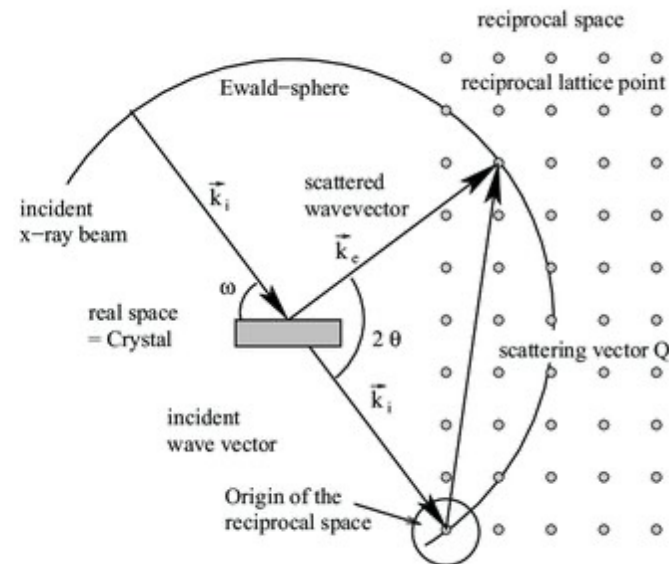


Constructing the Reciprocal space lattice in LAMMPS

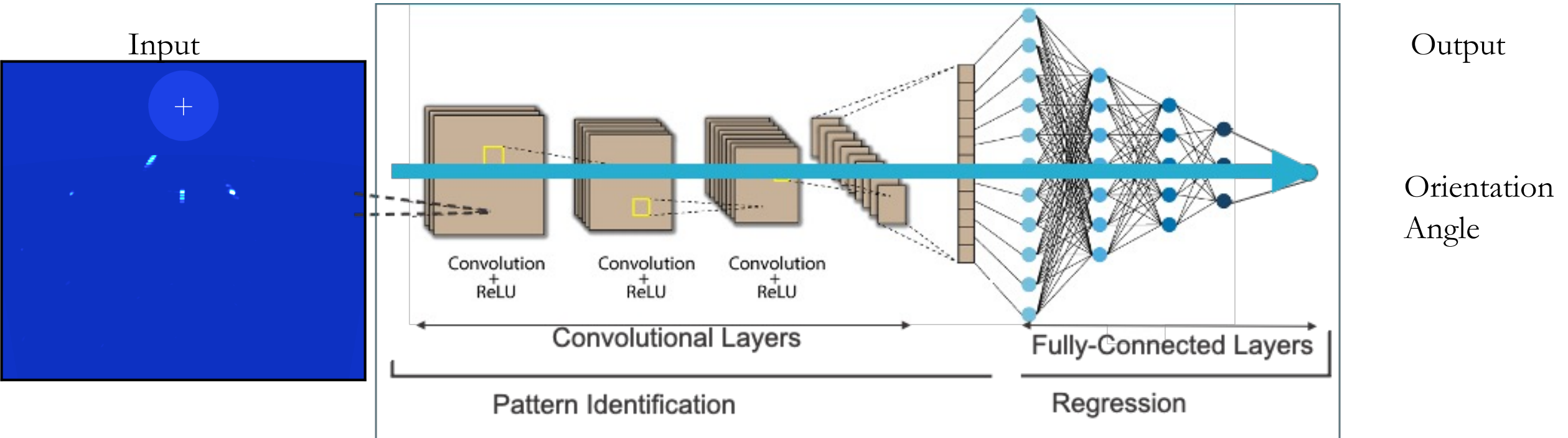
$$F(\mathbf{K}) = \sum_{j=1}^{\text{\#atoms}} f_j(\theta) \exp(2\pi i \mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{r}_j)$$

$$I_x(\mathbf{K}) = Lp(\theta) \frac{F(\mathbf{K}) F^*(\mathbf{K})}{N}$$

$Lp(q)$ is the Lorentz-polarization factor
And f_j are the atomic scattering factors



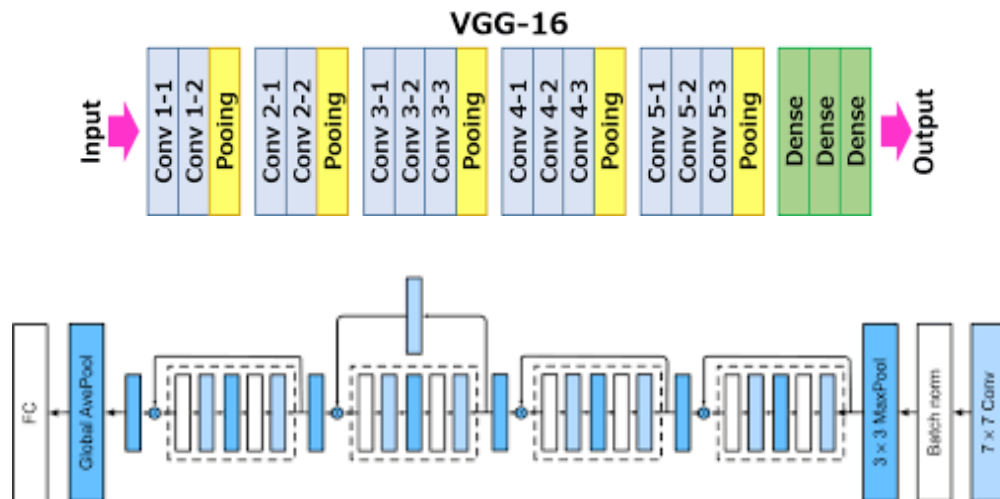
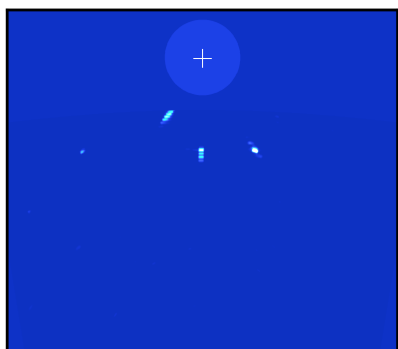
Data-Driven Analysis I: Determining the Crystal Lattice and Orientation Angle using Deep Learning (DL).



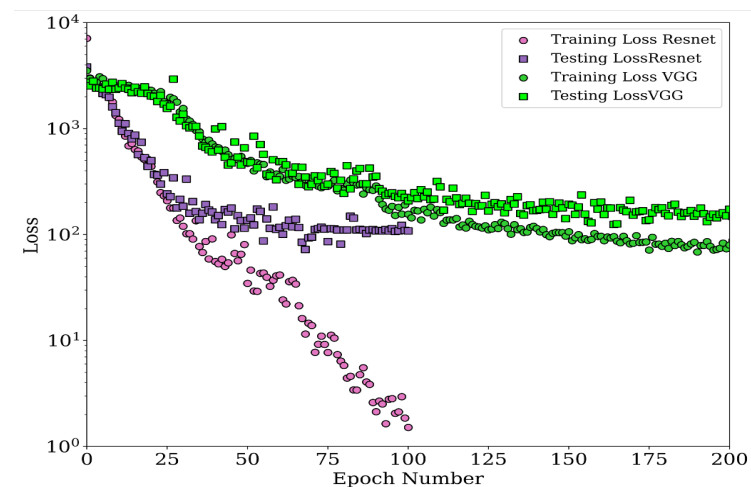
Data-Driven Analysis I: Incorporating Physics into the DL-based model.



Input:
20k+ images – four angle



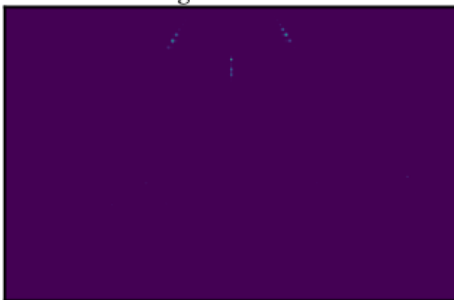
$$\text{Loss} = \text{mean}(\text{angle}_{\text{predicted}} - \text{angle}_{\text{true}})^2$$



Angle1=0

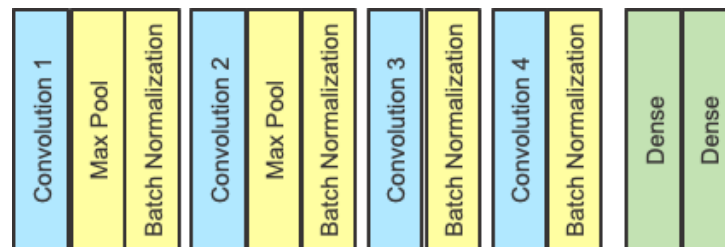


Angle1=360

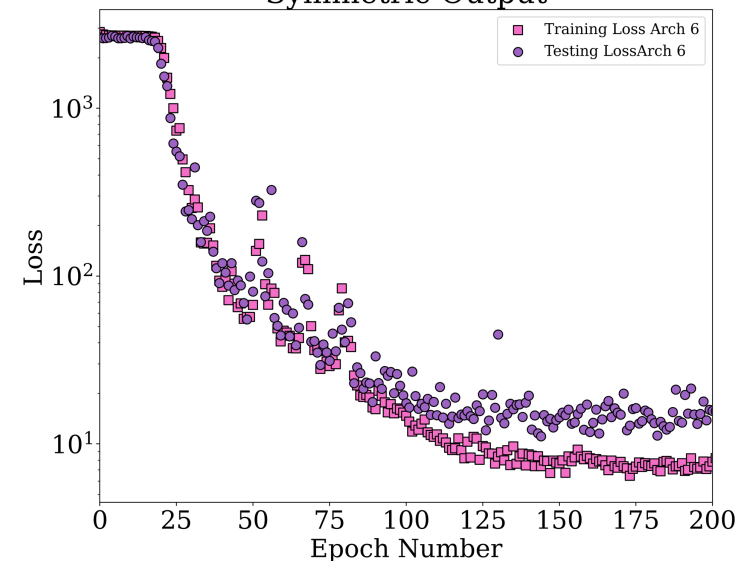


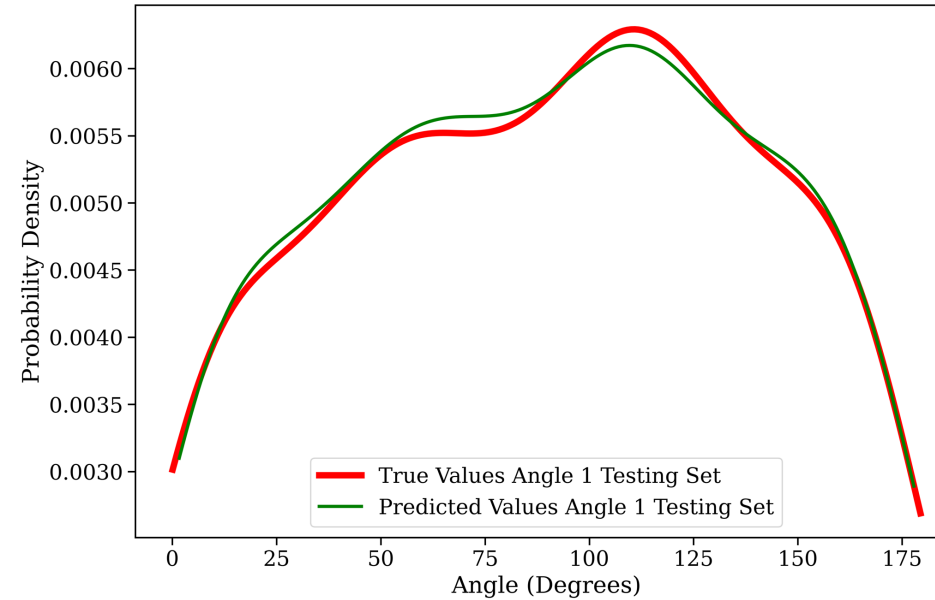
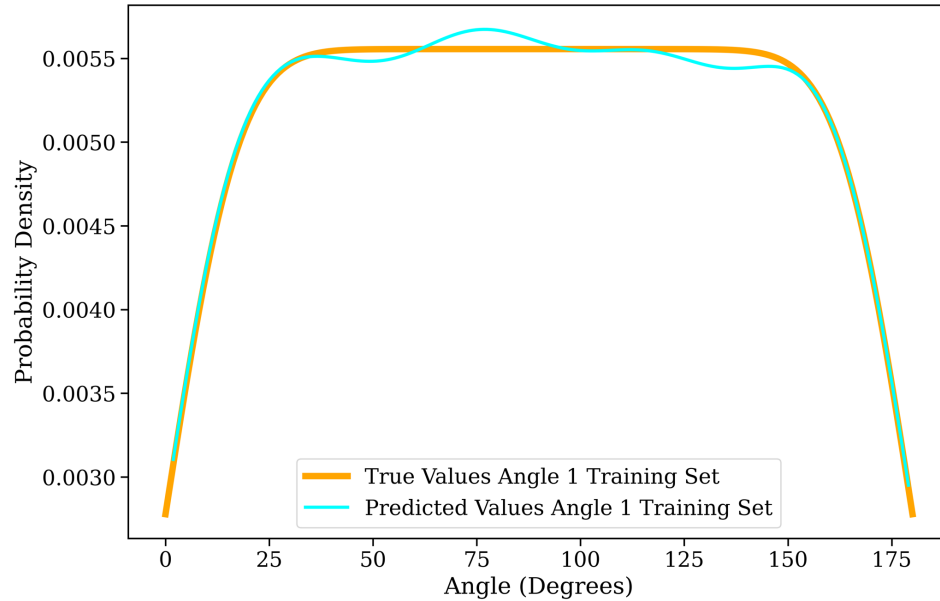
Input:

- 720 images – one angle
- Manually incorporate symmetry
- Constrain model to predict value between 0 and 180

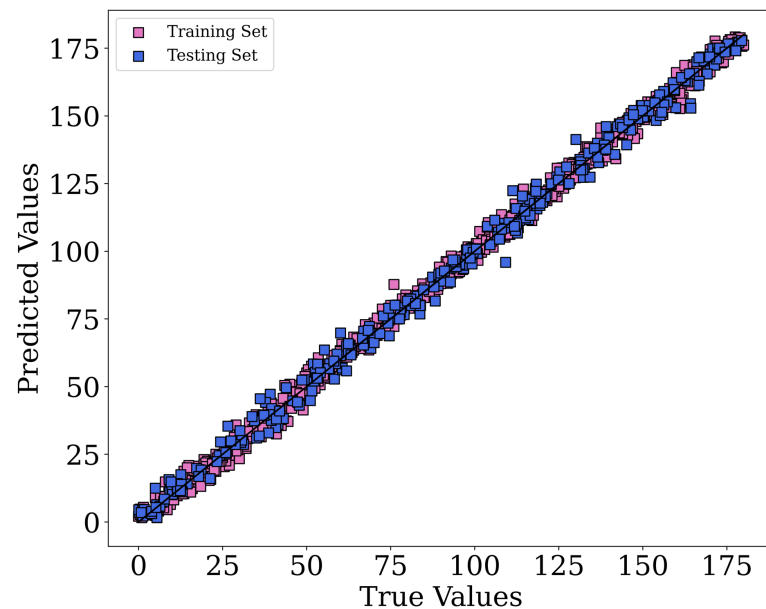


Symmetric Output



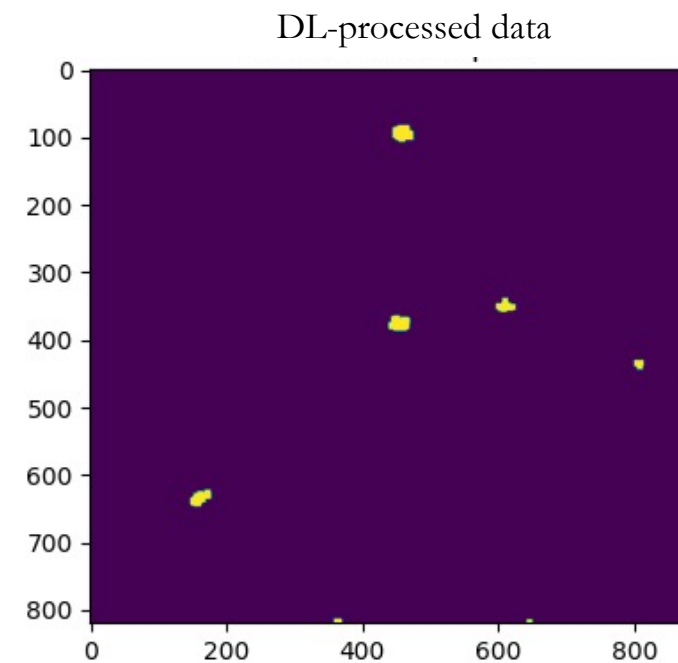
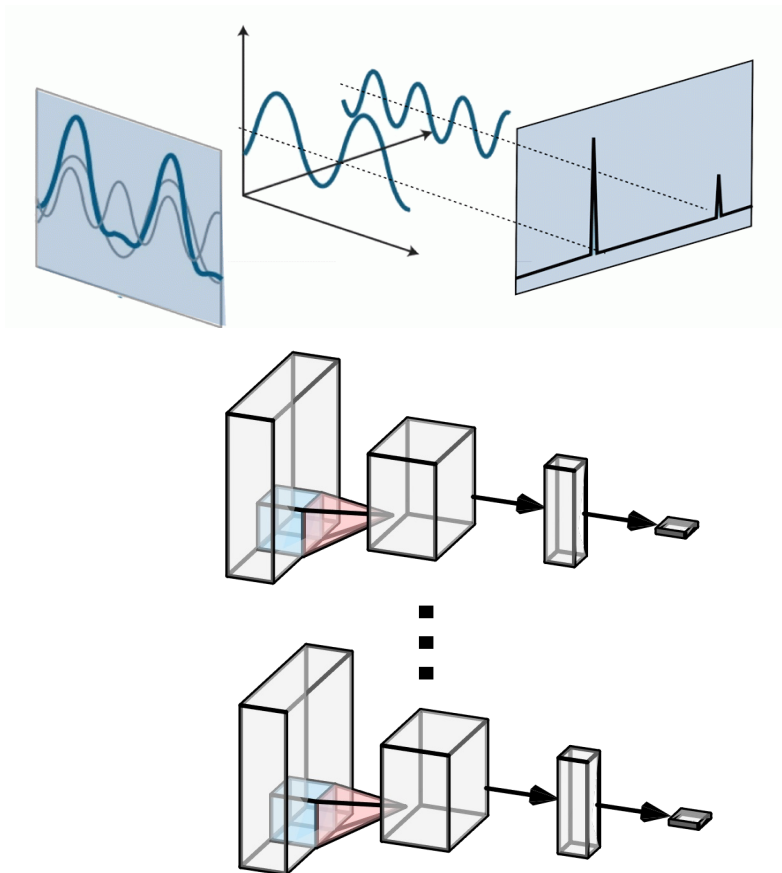
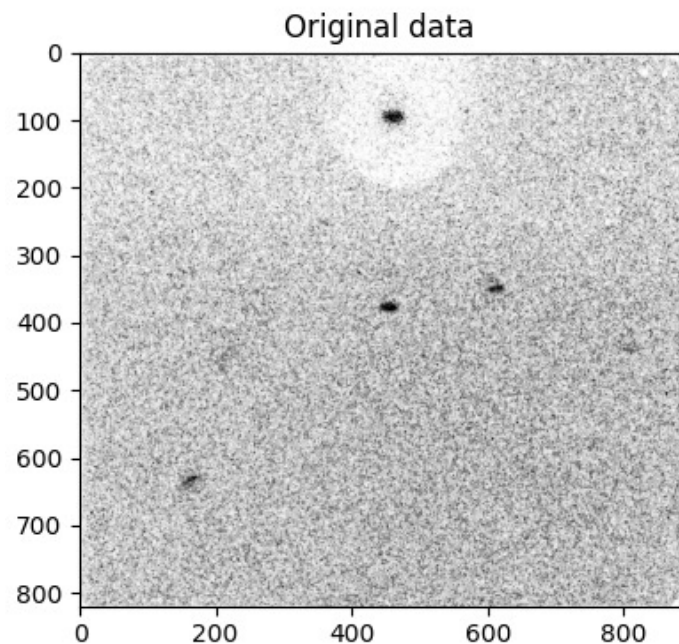


Test Set consists of 300 XRD patterns generated from angles between 0 and 360 on which the model has not been trained.

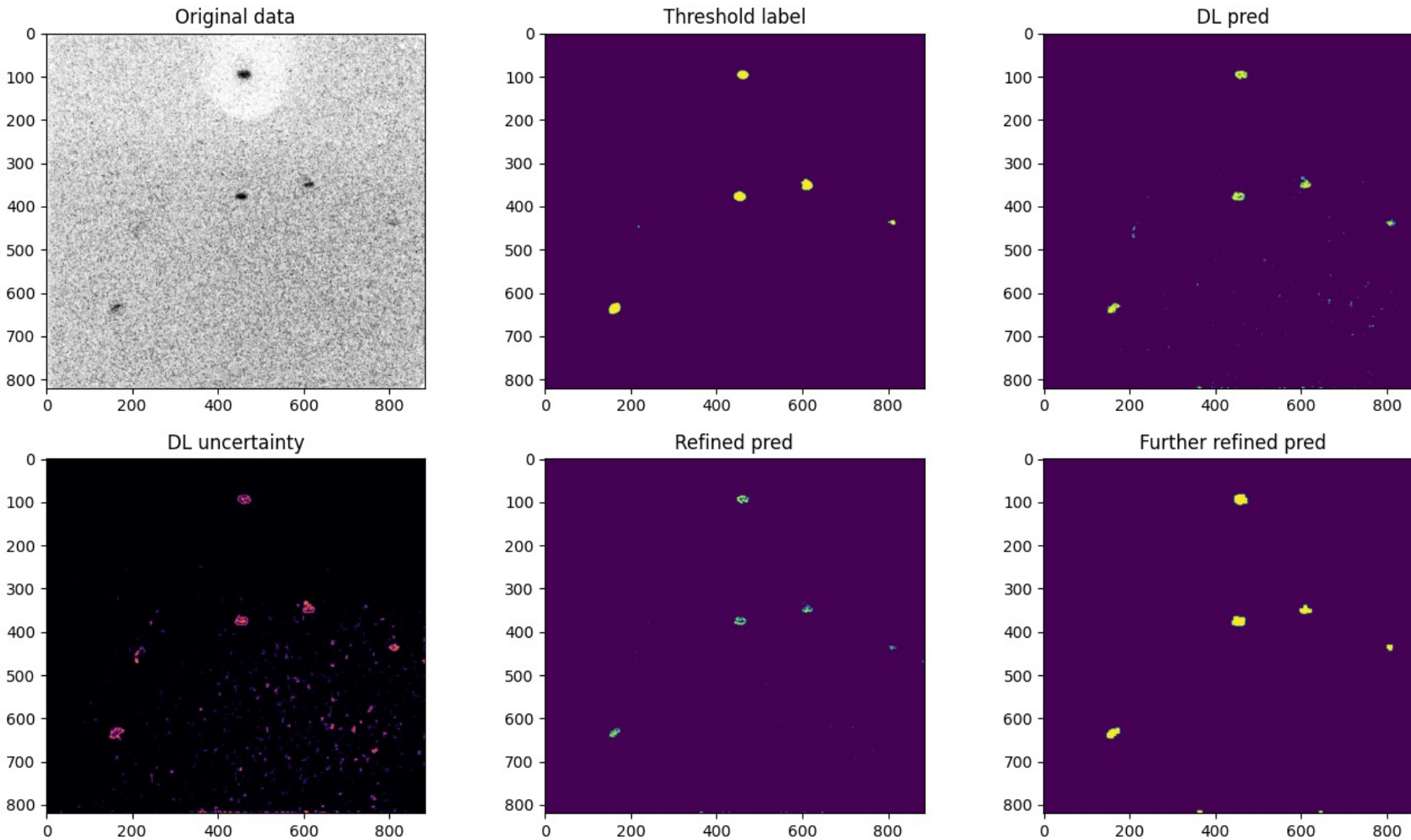


- Successful training of a single-angle ML tool is proof of concept, moving to two and four angle models present scaling challenges.
- Automate symmetry identification to reduce the data necessary.
- Using uncertainty as a our objective we can train an adaptive model that in an automatic way samples the regions of the input domain needed to establish a robust model with an optimal resolution.

Data-Driven Analysis II: Removing experimental noise using Deep Learning.



Data-Driven Analysis II: DL-based de-noising protocol.



- U-Net architecture that predicts class of each pixel in input image.

Olaf Ronneberger, Philipp Fischer, Thomas Brox, "U-Net: Convolutional Networks for Biomedical Image Segmentation", in Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention (MICCAI), Springer, LNCS, Vol.9351: 234–241, 2015.

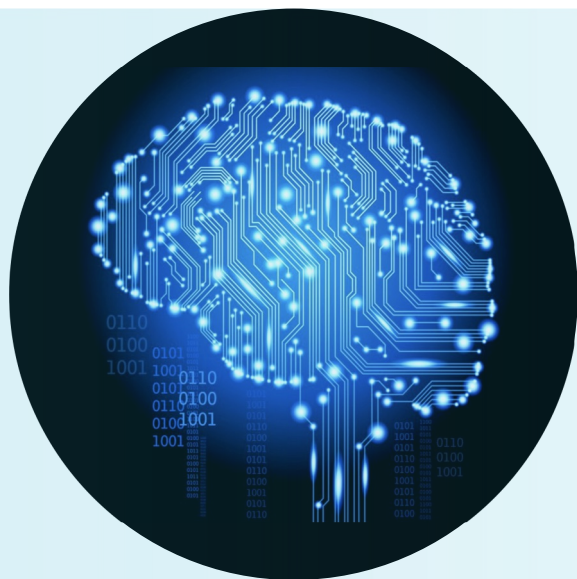
- **DL segmentation predictions provide per-pixel uncertainty estimates.** We remove noise from the prediction by removing pixels whose predictions were uncertain (bottom, center).

Martinez, C., et al. (2019). Segmentation certainty through uncertainty: Uncertainty-refined binary volumetric segmentation under multifactor domain shift. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF CVPRW.

- Gaps in the prediction are filled with standard image processing methods (bottom, right).

Deep learning algorithm learns to separate diffraction signal from noise given ~20 training examples with rough labels.

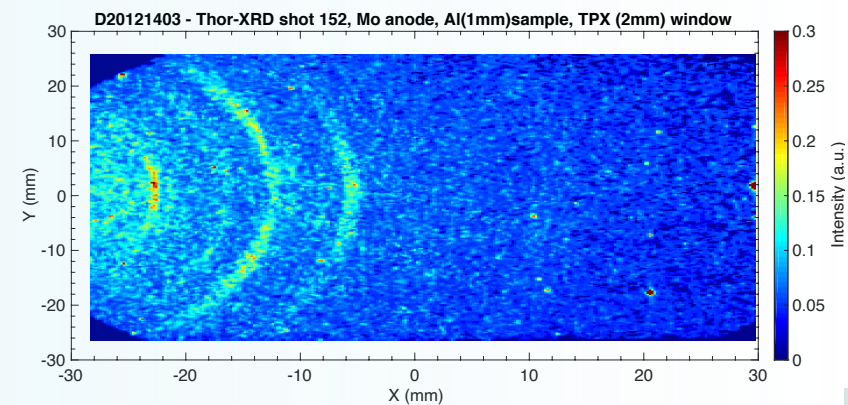
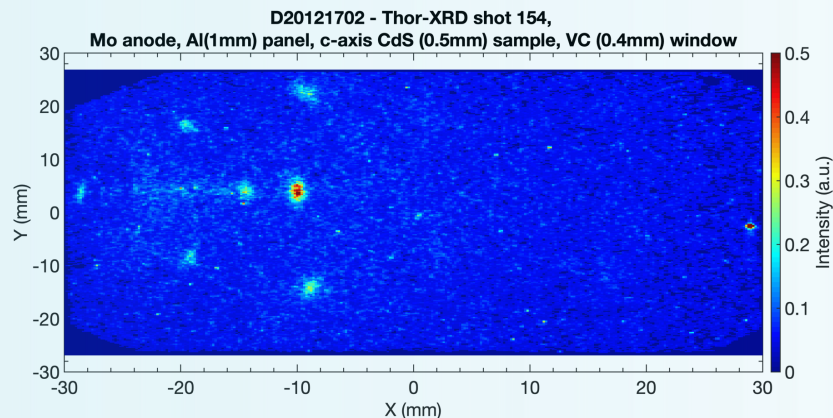
Conclusions: ML-enhanced interpretation of XRD patterns from dynamic compression experiments.



ML and computational data-driven techniques **enable the development of robust tools to enhance and better interpret dynamic X-ray diffraction data** produced from Sandia's Pulsed Power Platforms (Thor and Z).

The developed tools will **dramatically improve our atomic-scale understanding** and predictive capability of phase transition behavior.

Opens new research avenues by **enabling new state-of-the-art experiments** to probe phase transitions, microstructural evolution, and transformation mechanisms.





Questions?

