



#### **Outline of Talk**



#### Some connections

Trinity College, Cambridge: 1909 ->

The Royal Institution: 1953 ->

## **Early achievements**



 the structures of diamond, zinc blende, rocksalt and fluorite were determined (and quartz by W.H.B)

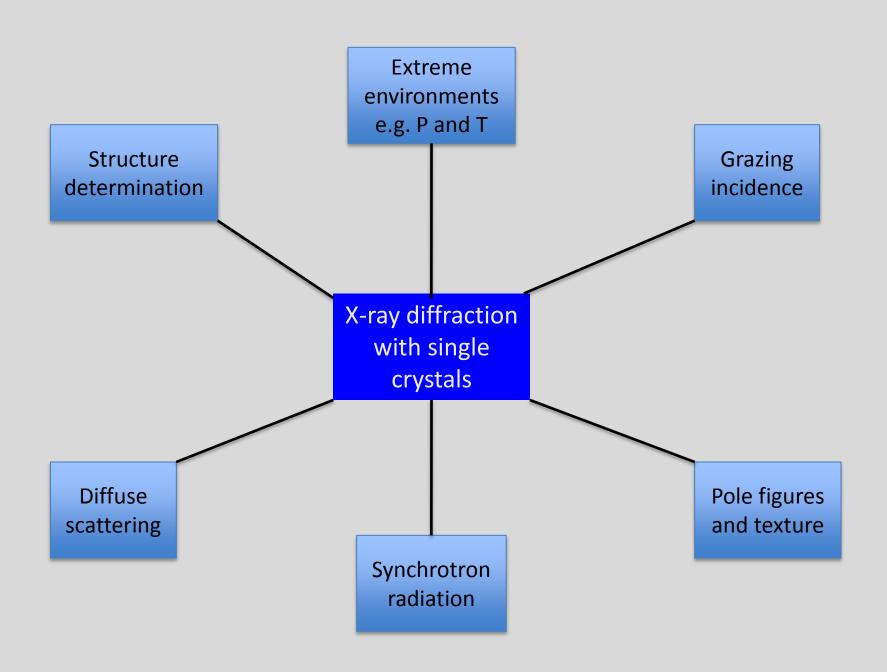
## Materials chemistry with X-rays and neutrons

**Ubiquitous use of single crystal X-rays methods** 

Use of neutrons

Powder methods and Rietveld refinement

Structure determination with powders





## **Impact of Single Crystal Methods**



#### Structure determination

Molecular crystals (organics and inorganics)

**Organometallics** 

Supramolecular compounds

**Coordination compounds** 

**Crystalline polymers** 

**Compound semiconductors** 

Minerals, e.g. aluminosilicates

Metal oxides (ferroelectrics, superconductors, etc)

**Metal-organic frameworks** 

## **Special applications**

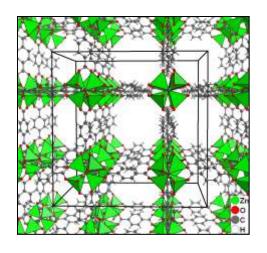
**High pressure studies** 

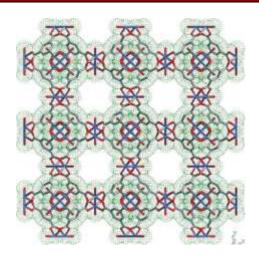
Structure of surfaces

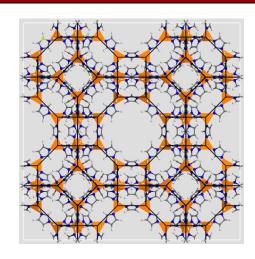


## **Porous Metal-Organic Frameworks (MOFs)**









MOF-5

**HKUST-1** 

ZIF-8

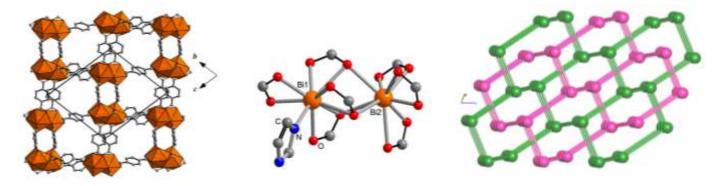
- Porous MOFs are being explored for a wide variety of potential applications, including separations, hydrogen storage, catalysis, sensors and drug delivery
- Many frameworks are based upon simple inorganic structures established by Lawrence Bragg 100 years ago
- Many, such as MOF-5 above, adopt primitive cubic structures (pcu)



## **MOFs** with the Diamond Topology (dia)



[Bi<sub>4</sub>(1,4-BDC)<sub>7</sub>(HIm)].(DMA)<sub>2</sub>(DMF)<sub>2</sub> adopts a 2-fold interpenetrated **dia** structure



[Bi(1,4-BDC)<sub>2</sub>].(DMA)(DMF) forms a 3-fold interpentrated **dia** 



• There are around 500 such MOF structures

W. H. Bragg and W. L. Bragg, *Proc. Roy. Soc.* A 89, 277 (1913)

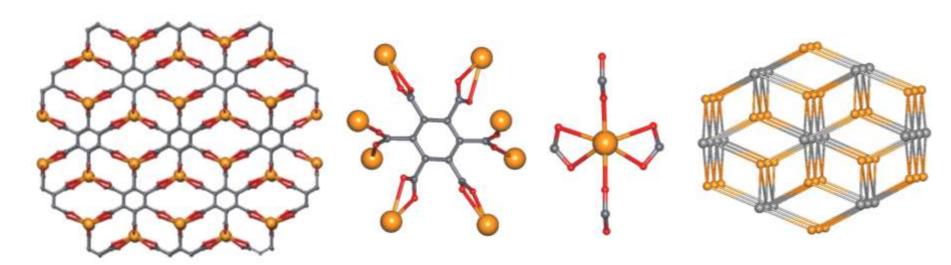
A. Thirumurugan and A. K. Cheetham, Eur. J. Inorg. Chem. 2010, 3823



## **MOFs** with the Fluorite Topology (flu)



#### La<sub>2</sub> (mellitate)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>3</sub> flu net



There are 8- and 4- connected nodes

• There are around ~35 such structures

W. L. Bragg, *Proc. Roy. Soc.* A 89, 248 (1913)

SS-Y. Chui, A. Siu, X. Feng, ZY Zhang, TC-W. Mak and ID Williams, Inorg. Chem. Commun., 2001, 4, 467

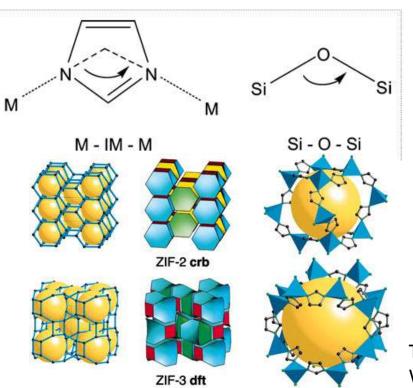


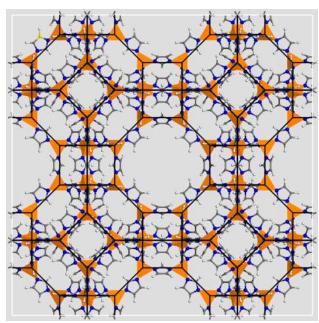
## **ZIFs: Zeolitic Imidizolate Frameworks**



 In ZIFs, the Si-O-Si linkages found in silicates are replaced by Zn-Imidazolate-Zn linkages:

 Zn(IM)<sub>2</sub> is neutral and forms a range of zeolite analogues, such as LTA





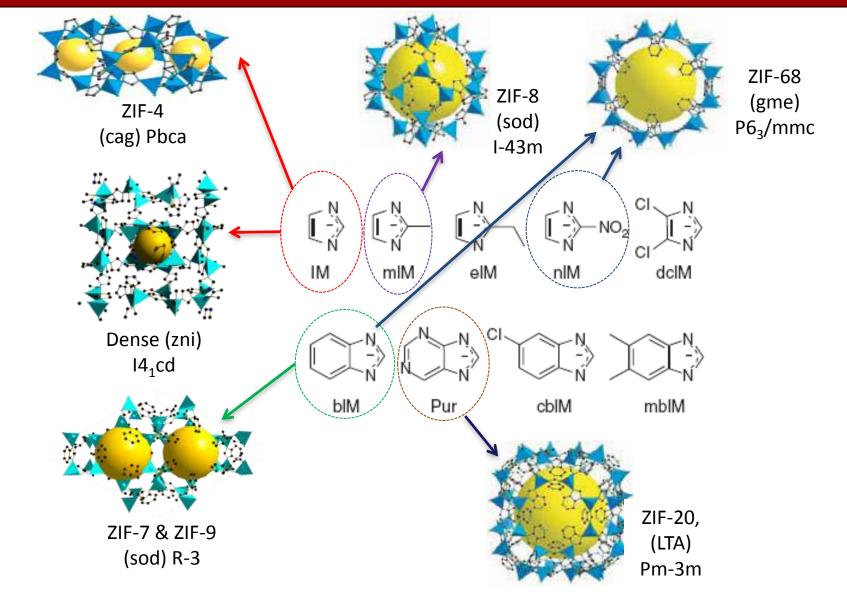
ZIF LTA-type structure (i.e. zeolite-A)

The structure of  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -quartz W. H. Bragg and R. E. Gibbs, *Proc. Roy. Soc.* A 109, 405 (1925)



# ZIF Topologies are Controlled by Substituents on the Imidazoles





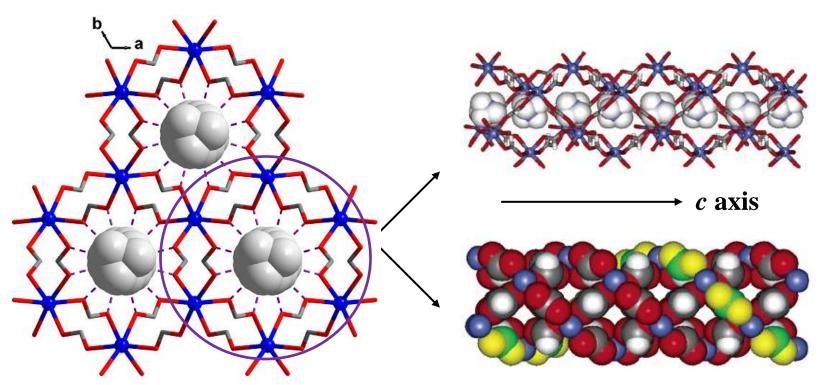


## $[NH_4][Zn(HCOO)_3]$



## Highly anisotropic crystal structure, reported in 2006

Homochiral 3D framework



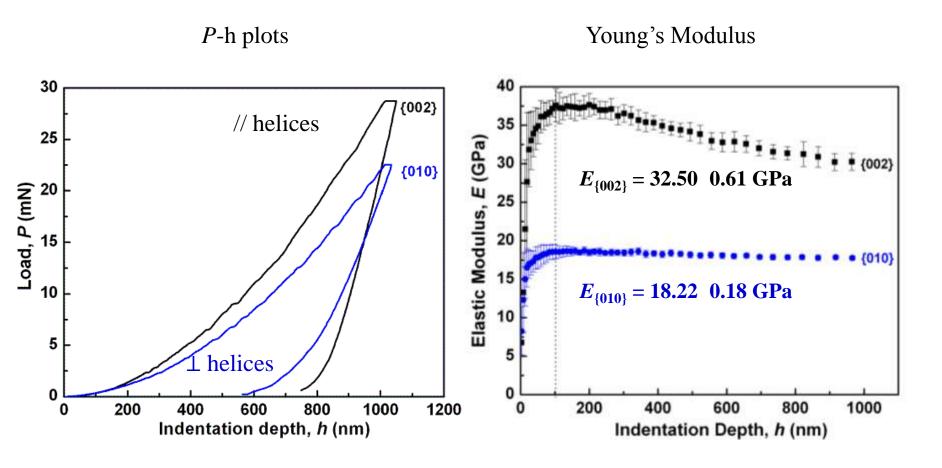
Triple helices along c axis



# Mechanical Properties of [NH<sub>4</sub>][Zn(HCOO)<sub>3</sub>]



### ■ Nanoindentation Study: high mechanical anisotropy



Li, Probert, Kosa, Bennett, Thirumurugan, Burwood, Parrinell, Howard & Cheetham, JACS (2012)



## Compressibility of [NH<sub>4</sub>][Zn(HCOO)<sub>3</sub>]



## ■ High-Pressure Single-Crystal X-ray Diffraction

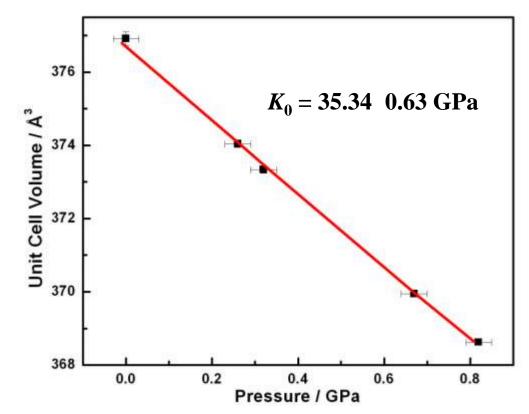


0.26 GPa



0.95 GPa

Birch-Murnaghan fitting



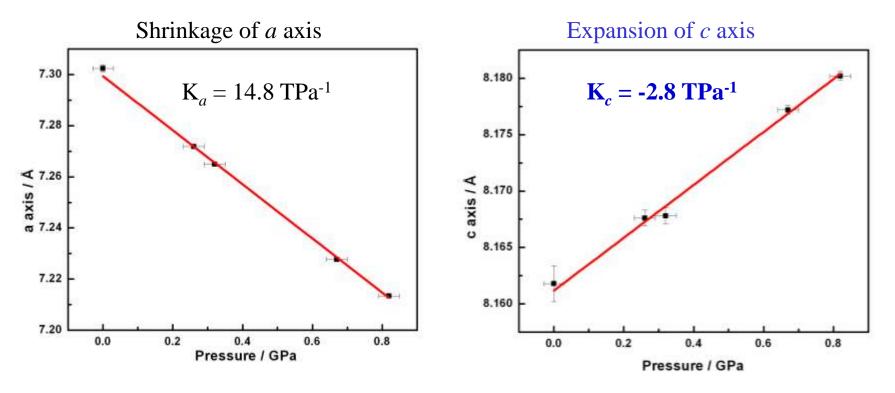
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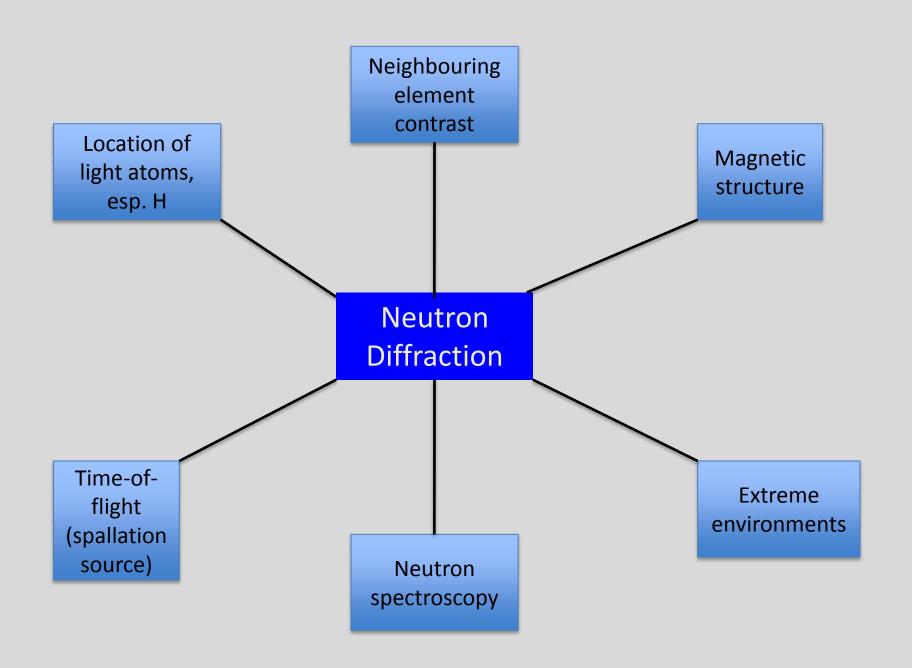
# Negative Linear Compressibility in [NH<sub>4</sub>][Zn(HCOO)<sub>3</sub>]

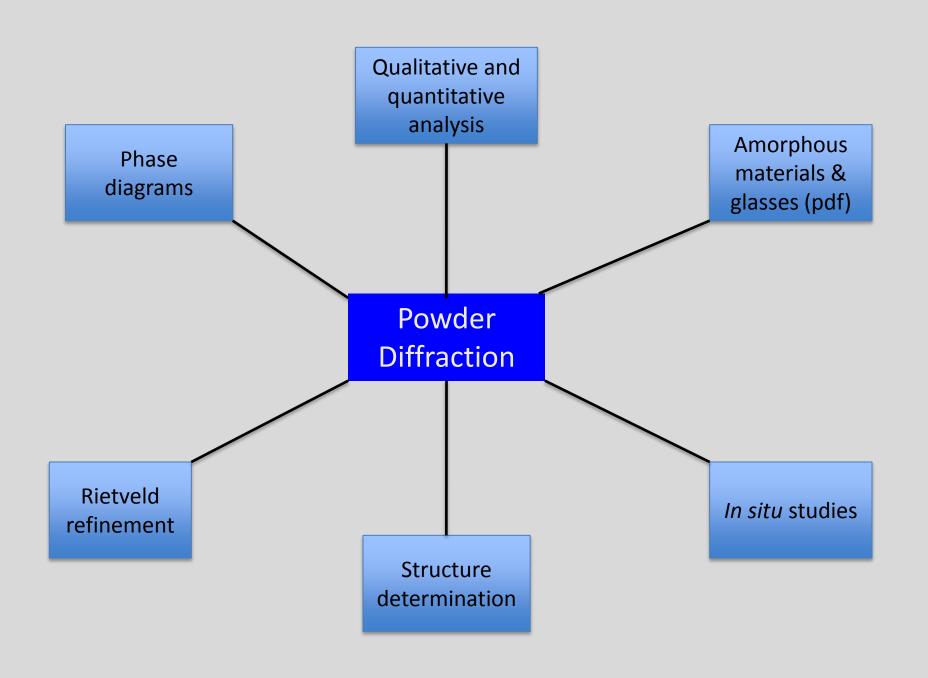


Li, Probert, Kosa, Bennett, Thirumurugan, Burwood, Parrinello, Howard & Cheetham, J. Amer. Chem. Soc. 134, 11940 (2012)



**Other examples**: Inorganic materials: trigonal Se (-1.2 TPa<sup>-1</sup>);  $\alpha$ -cristobalite structured BAsO<sub>4</sub> (-2.0 TPa<sup>-1</sup>); Ag<sub>3</sub>[Co(CN)<sub>6</sub>] (-5.0 TPa<sup>-1</sup>); KMn[Ag(CN)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>3</sub> (-12.0 TPa<sup>-1</sup>) Organic materials: CD<sub>3</sub>DO $\bullet$ D<sub>2</sub>O (-3.8 TPa<sup>-1</sup>) *Science* **2011**, *331*, 742; *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2012**, DOI: ja20490







#### Powder Diffraction – a Poor Man's Tool!



## Pre-1970:

Table 1. Experimental and calculated structure factors

h, k, l	F.*.	Feete	
111	21.04 ± 0.21	20.80	
200	23.60 ± 0.64	24.10	
220	$70.81 \pm 0.18$	70.81	
311	23.07 ± 0.14	23.15	
222	22.72 ± 0.37	22.86	
400	$62.60 \pm 0.81$	63.63	
331	$21.95 \pm 0.37$	21.64	
420	22.36 ± 0.39	22.07	
422	$61.50 \pm 1.03$	60.68	
440	$55.60 \pm 0.60$	55.55	
531	19.79 ± 0.65	19.49	
620	$51.37 \pm 0.46$	51.47	

<sup>\*</sup> Error given is a standard deviation arising from the counting statistics except for the (311), (222), (331), (420) and (531) peaks which also include an estimate of the error introduced in separating overlapping peaks.

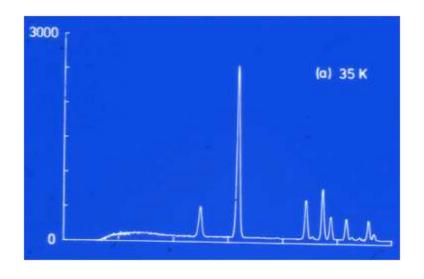


Table 2. (Ca/Y) F2,10: Structure parameters of average cell

atom	co-ordinates in average cell			in (Ca/Y) F <sub>2+x</sub>	
	x	У	z		
lattice F	0.25	0.25	0.25	1.88	(0.04)
interstitial F'	0.5	v	v	0.14	(0.03)
interstitial F"	w	w	w	0.08	(0.03)

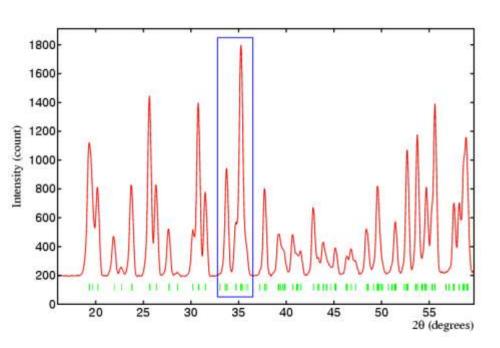
 $v = 0.36 \ (0.01), \ w = 0.42 \ (0.01), \ R_{index} = 0.85\%.$  Estimated standard deviations in parentheses.

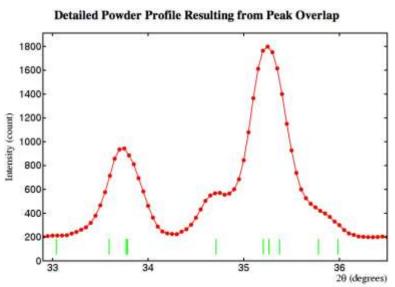


## **Powder Diffraction – Complex Patterns???**



## How to proceed with overlapping peaks?





There are 10 peaks in the highlighted region!

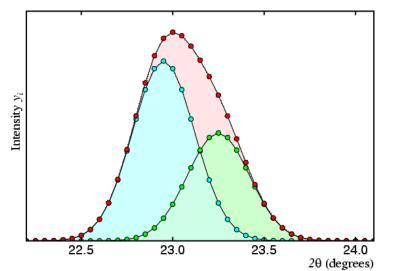


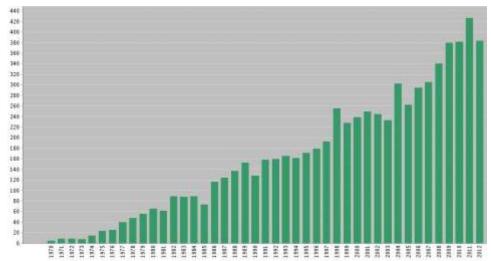
### Rietveld Method - 1969



#### **Available 1972 onwards:**

The Rietveld method analyses powder diffraction data by a curve-fitting procedure, rather than measuring individual I<sub>hkl</sub> values. Initially used a Gaussian shape function for neutron data, it was extended in 1977 to X-ray data (with more complex shape functions).





H. M. Rietveld, *J. Appl. Cryst.* 2, 65 (1969) – 7099 citations

11,355 papers have Rietveld in the abstract or key words!



# Rietveld Method Refinement of Complex Structures: TiNb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> and Ti<sub>2</sub>Nb<sub>10</sub>O<sub>29</sub>



### Post-1972:

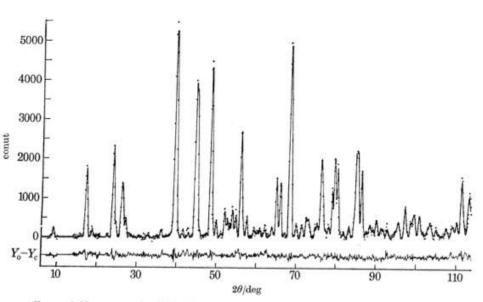


FIGURE 3. Neutron powder diffraction profile for TiNb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Lines and points represent calculated and observed profiles, respectively. A difference curve is shown.

Table 3. Fractional atomic coordinates for ortho-Ti<sub>2</sub>Nb<sub>10</sub>O<sub>29</sub>
(Value in parentheses is the estimated standard deviation in the last place.)

atom	$\boldsymbol{x}$	$\boldsymbol{y}$	z
M 1	0.0503(6)	0	0.0387 (11)
M 2	0.0496 (12)	0	0.6758 (18)
M 3	0.0497 (5)	0	0.8492 (10)
M 4	0.1812(7)	0	0.8546 (9)
M 5	0.1833 (7)	0	0.6688(8)
M 6	0.1827 (7)	0	0.0366 (10)
01	1	0	0.0370 (15)
02	1	0	0.6624 (15)
03	ł	0	0.8497 (15)
04	0.0363(5)	0	0.5594 (11)
05	0.0424 (6)	0	0.1493 (10)
06	0.0436 (6)	0	0.7582 (10)
07	0.0307(6)	0	0.3488 (12)
0.8	0.0249 (6)	0	0.9490 (11)
09	0.1079 (6)	0	0.0419 (11)
O 10	0.1155 (7)	0	0.6673 (9)
011	0.1116 (6)	0	0.8571 (9)
O 12	0.1824 (6)	0	0.5620(10)
O 13	0.1788 (7)	0	0.1401(8)
0 14	0.1854 (6)	0	0.7547(8)
O 15	0.1771 (7)	0	0.3514 (12)
O 16	0.1758 (6)	0	0.9478 (10)

Remember that the Rietveld method is for *refinement* only and does not *solve* structures. It requires prior knowledge of the unit cell, space group, and approximate starting coordinates for the least

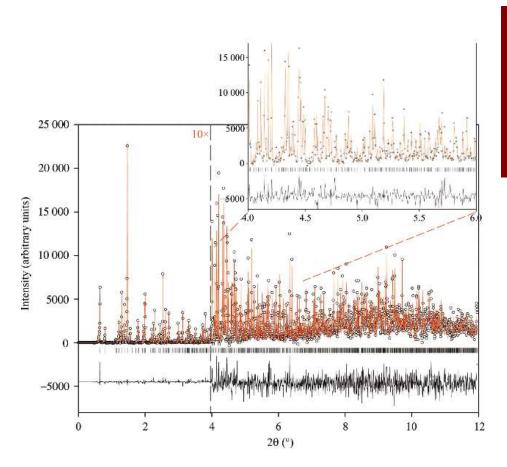
Von Dreele & Cheetham, *Proc. Roy. Soc.* A 338, 331 (1974)



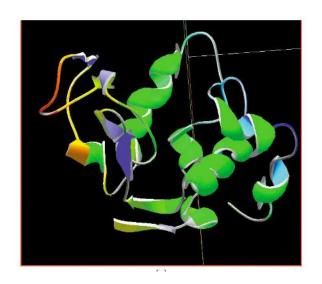
## **Very Complex Structures – Proteins!**



## 2005: Synchrotron X-ray diffraction with proteins



Solution and refinement of the structure of hexagonal turkey egg-white lysozyme: hexagonal, space group  $P6_122$ , unit-cell parameters a=71.0862 (3), c=85.0276 (5) A



Margiolaki, Wright, Fitch, Fox & Von Dreele, Acta Cryst. D61, 423 (2005)



## Can we make Amorphous ZIFs?

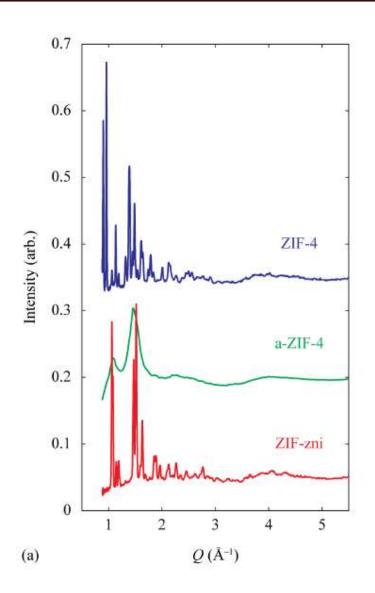


Silica is well-known as a glass-forming material. Can we do the same thing with a ZIF?



### **High Temperature Neutron Diffraction of ZIF-4**





Data collection with perdeuterated ZIF-4 at ISIS

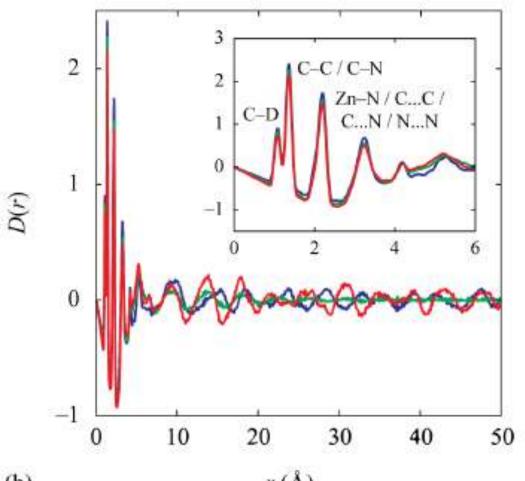
The initial ZIF-4 has an open structure which becomes apparently amorphous at ~300°C and then recrystallises as the dense ZIF (zni) at ~400°C

Bennett, Goodwin, Dove, Keen, Tucker, Barney, Soper, Bithell, Tan & Cheetham *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 104, 115503 (2010)



### **Pair Distribution Functions**





## **Key points:**

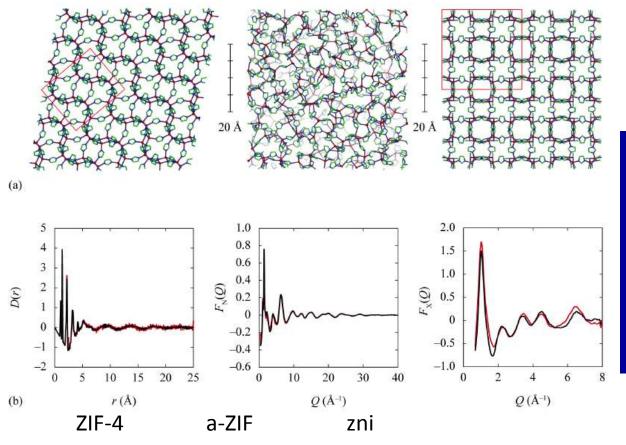
- PDFs of ZIF-4, a-ZIF, and zni are very different at large r
- PDFs are very similar at short
   R (less than 10Å)



## Structure of Amorphous ZIF by RMC



#### Model of the a-ZIF derived from Reverse Monte Carlo simulations



Formation of a-ZIF is irreversible on cooling. It can be brought to room temp.

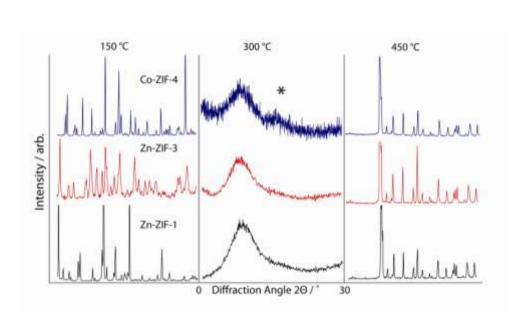
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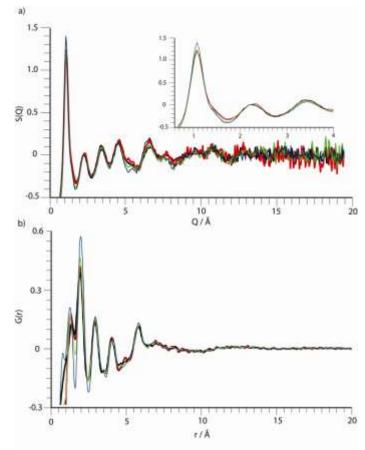
# Can we make Amorphous ZIFs from other ZIF Frameworks by Heating?



The *Unsubstituted* ZIFs – ZIF-1, ZIF-3 and Co-ZIF-4 all undergo amorphization to give *a*-ZIF with the same structure as before, according to the X-ray pdfs and densities



T. D. Bennett, D. A. Keen, J-C. Tan, E. R. Barney, A. L. Goodwin, and A. K. Cheetham, *Angew. Chemie Intl. Ed.* 50, 3067 (2011)





# Major New Classes of Materials in the last 40 years



- Supramolecular materials (1970s) \*
- Quasicrystals (1982) \*
- Conducting polymers (1982) \*
- Lithium electrodes for batteries (1984) ¶
- High temperature superconductors (1986) \*
- Buckeyball, C<sub>60</sub> (1985) \*
- Carbon nanotubes (1991) §
- Quantum dots (1992) §
- GaN semiconductors (1993) #
- Colossal magnetoresistive manganates (1993)
- Inorganic-organic framework materials (1995)
- Graphene (2004) \*







