

The application of single crystal X-ray diffraction

— beyond simple structure characterization

X-ray Crystallography and Materials Characterization

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Electromagnetic Spectrum





X-Rays (0.071 & 0.154 nm)

UV-Vis-NIR (175 to 1800 nm)

FT-NIR (1000 to 2500 nm)

FT-IR (2500 to 25000 nm)

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Facility



Materials Characterization



TA Instruments Q500 TGA Thermogravimetric analysis

- Temperature range: ambient to 1000°C
- Gases: Air or Nitrogen



Mettler-Toledo DSC1 Differential Scanning Calorimeter

- Temperature range: -90°C to 600°C
- Gases: Air or Nitrogen

Facility



X-ray Crystallography





Rigaku XtaLAB Synergy-S X-ray diffractometer

- 4-circle Kappa goniometer
- Dual PhotonJet sources (Cu and Mo)
- HyPix-6000HE Hybrid Photon Counting (HPC) detector
- Oxford Cryosystems 800 Series Cryostream.

Facility



X-ray Crystallography





Rigaku XtaLAB Synergy-S X-ray diffractometer

- Collection temperature from 80 to 400 K.
- Single crystal diffraction (crystal size as small as 20 µm)
- Transmission-mode (in capillaries or Kapton loops) **powder** diffraction

Crystalline or Amorphous











Single-crystal vs. Polycrystals







continuous and unbroken

aggregate of crystals

Credit to Carole Smile and Scott McCulloch on Unsplash

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction (XRD)





Single-crystal XRD vs. Polycrystals XRD





Single-crystal vs. polycrystals XRD







PXRD collected from single-crystal diffractometer





No prefered orientation Micro-gram sample



Single-crystal faces index

0.1-0.3 mm

In-situ loading of molecule

C = compound m = molecule

Lin, J.-B. et al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2010, 6654.

In-situ loading of CO₂ in a single crystal

~ 0.1 mm

characterize a catalysis mechanism

The difference electron density map

The environment of CO₂

Lin, J.-B. et al. Chem. Commun. 2011, 926-928.

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