

# RIETVELD REFINEMENT OF REAL STRUCTURE PARAMETERS OF DISORDERED CLAY MINERALS IN PHASE MIXTURES

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# clays and hydrocarbons

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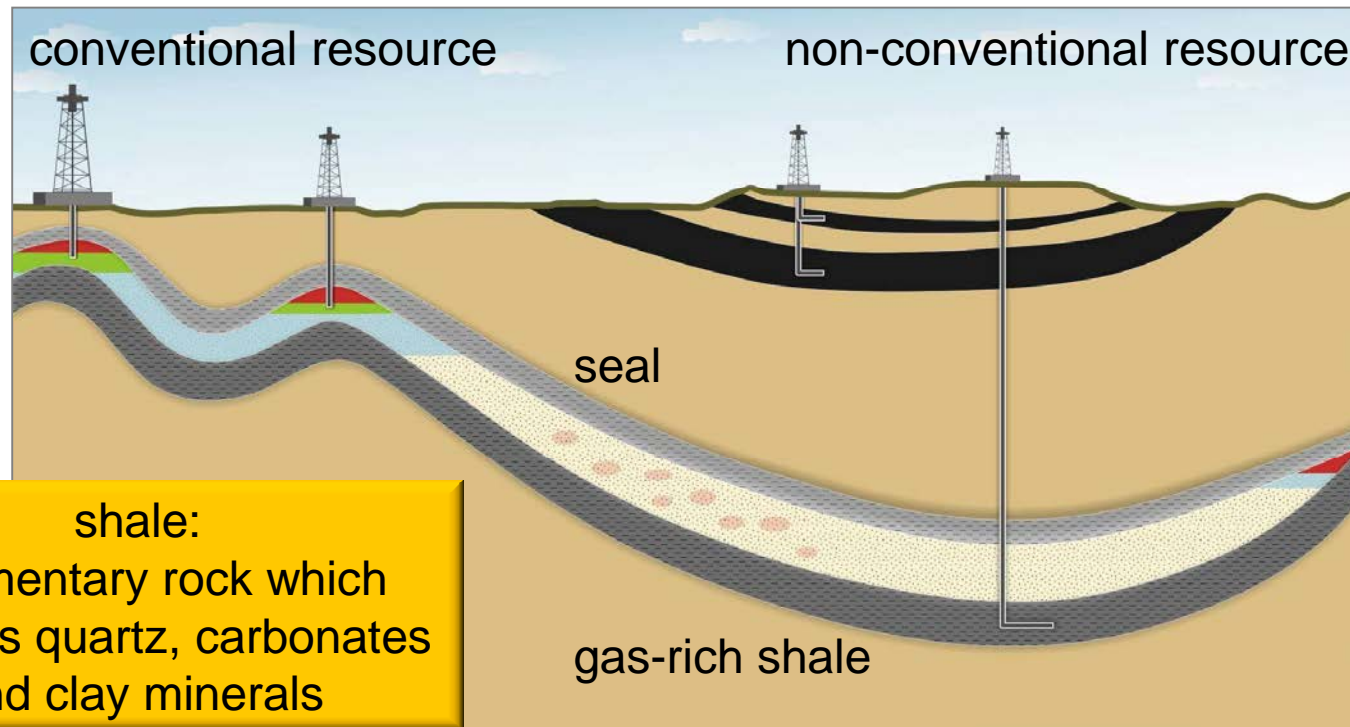


**N**icht-konventionelle **K**ohlenwasserstoffe  
(non-conventional hydrocarbons in Germany)



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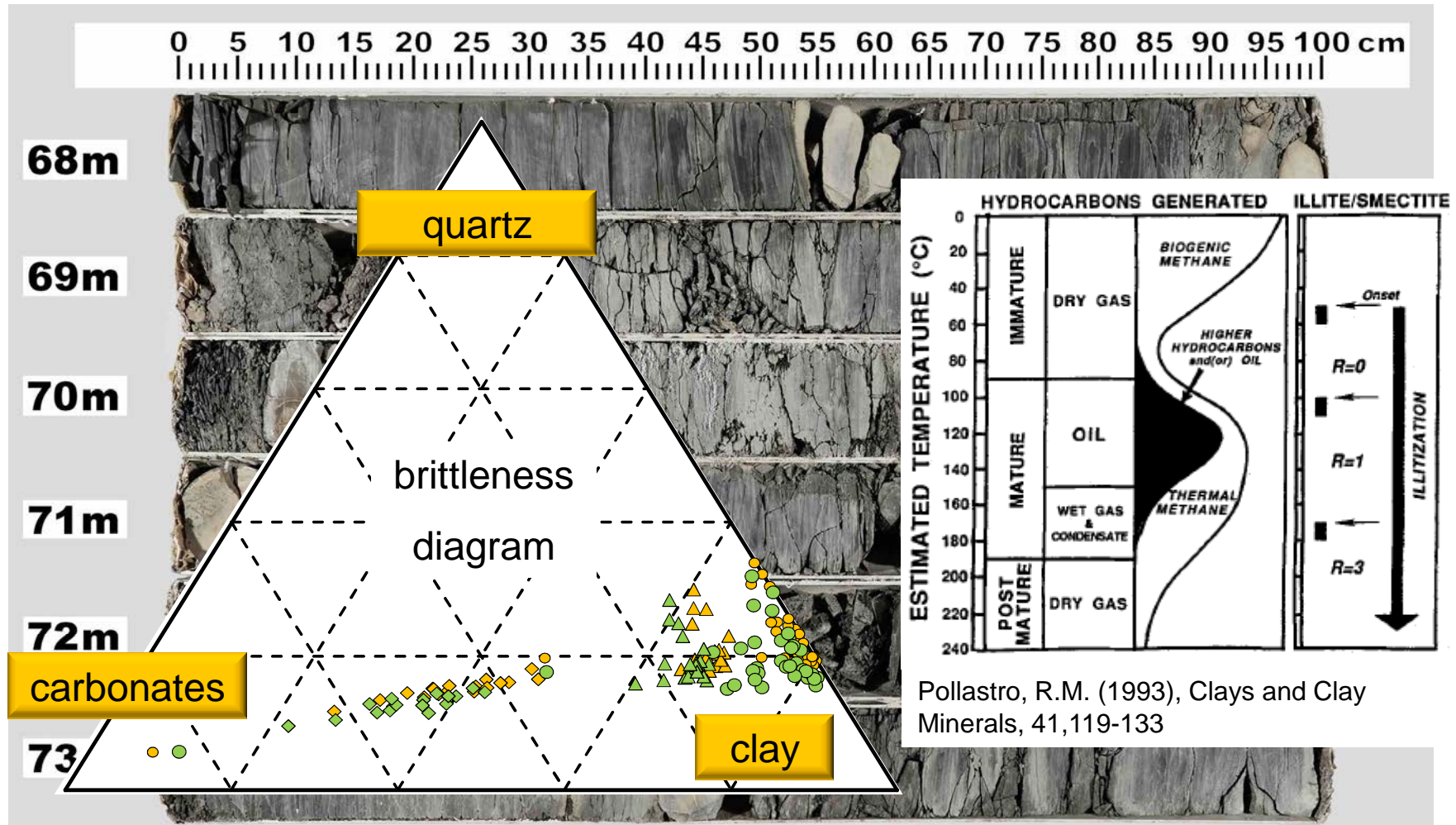
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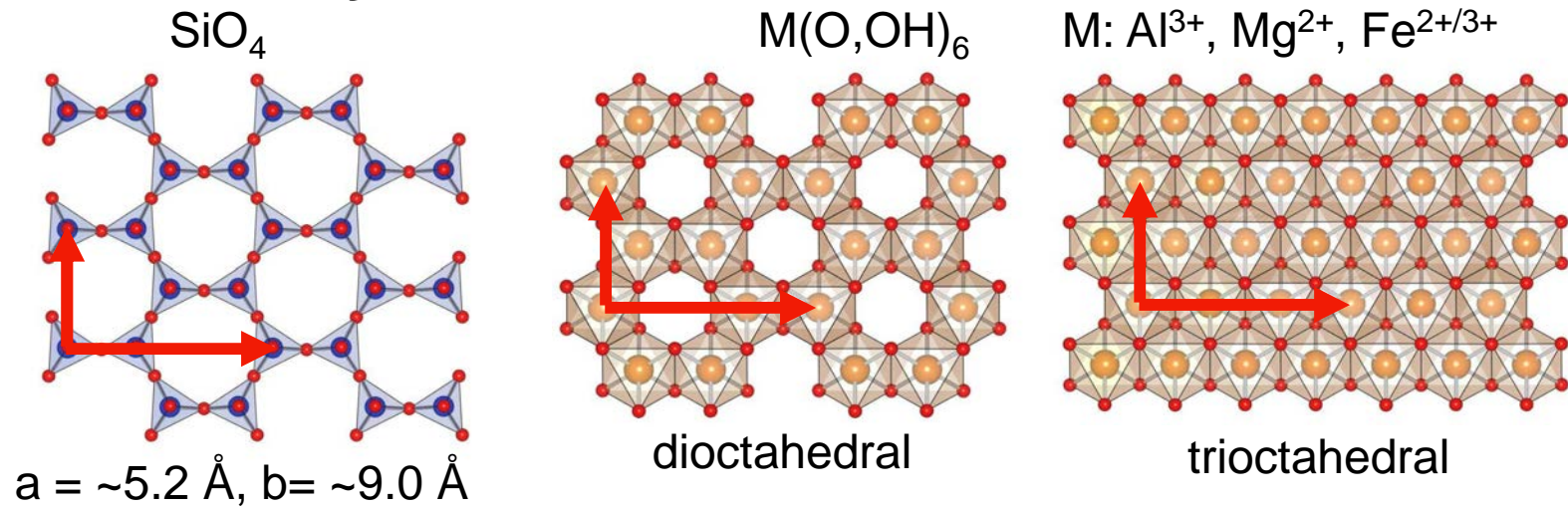
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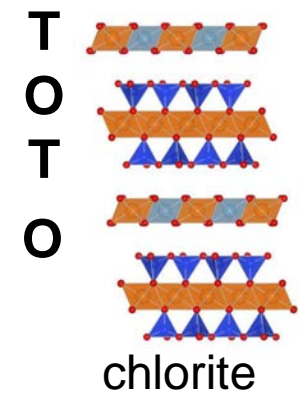
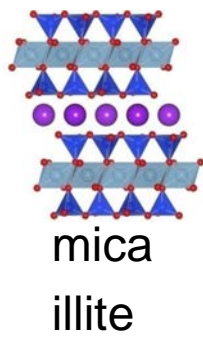
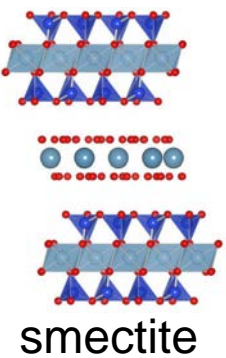
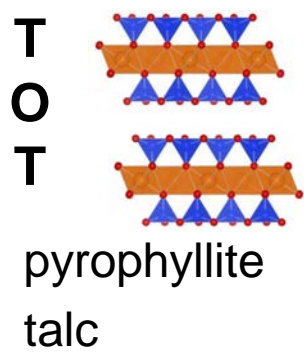
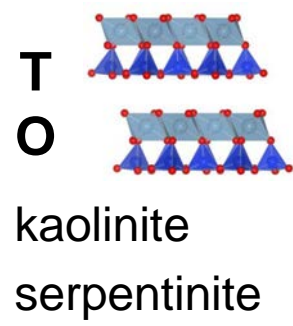
# clay minerals in shales



# layer silicates – structural units

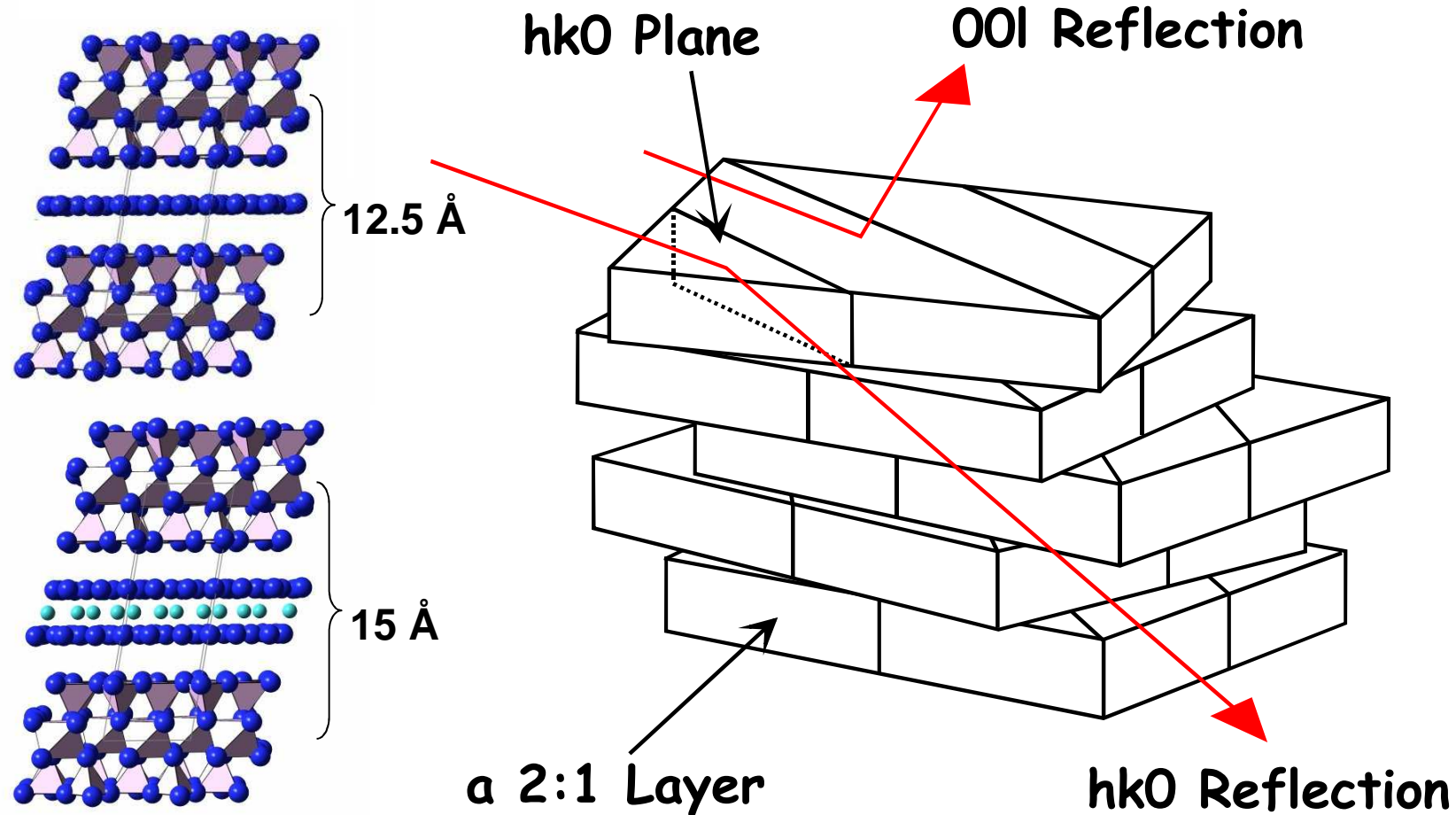


peak overlapping, rotational/translational disorder, mixed layer stacking



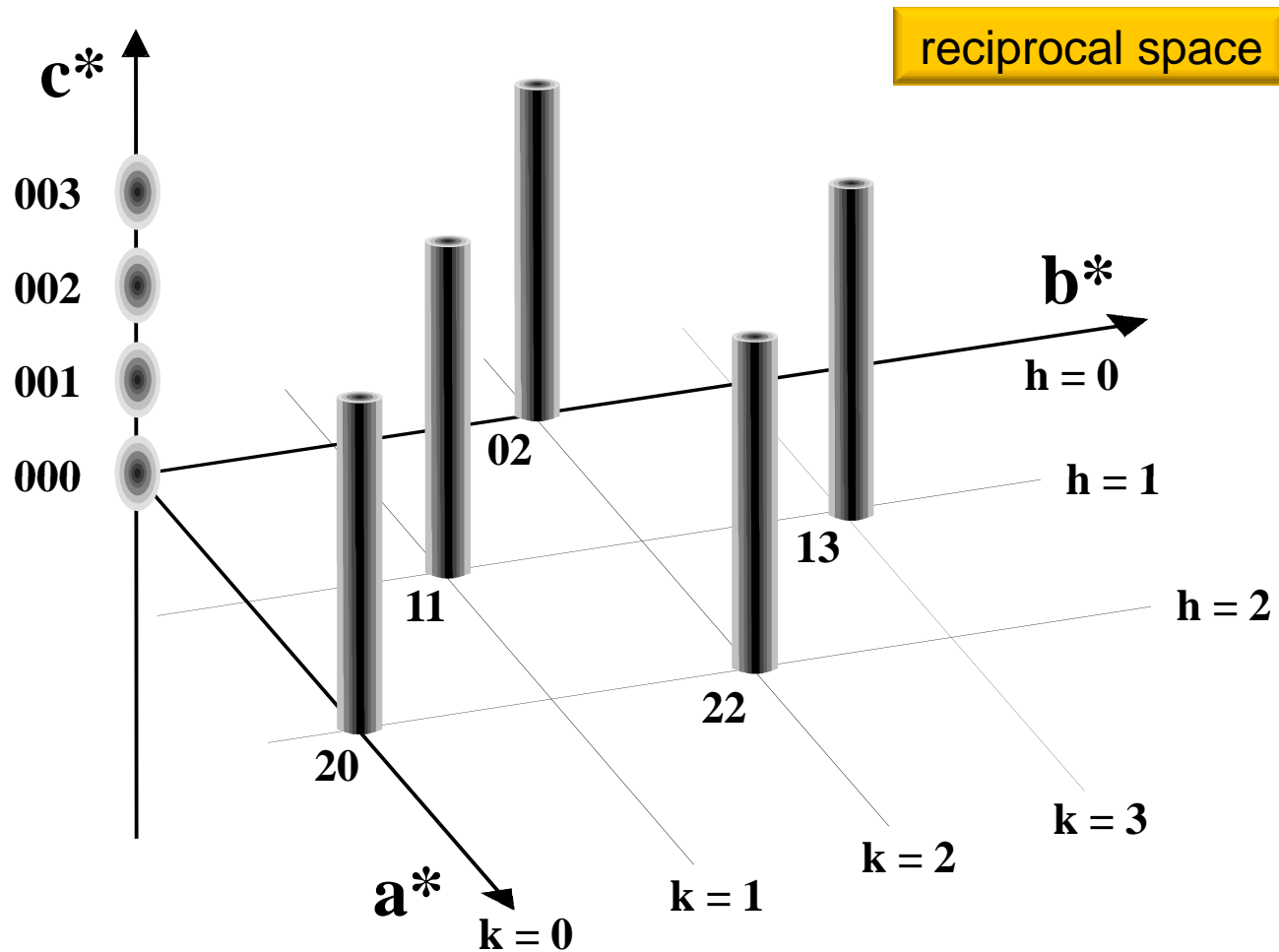
# turbostratically disordered smectite

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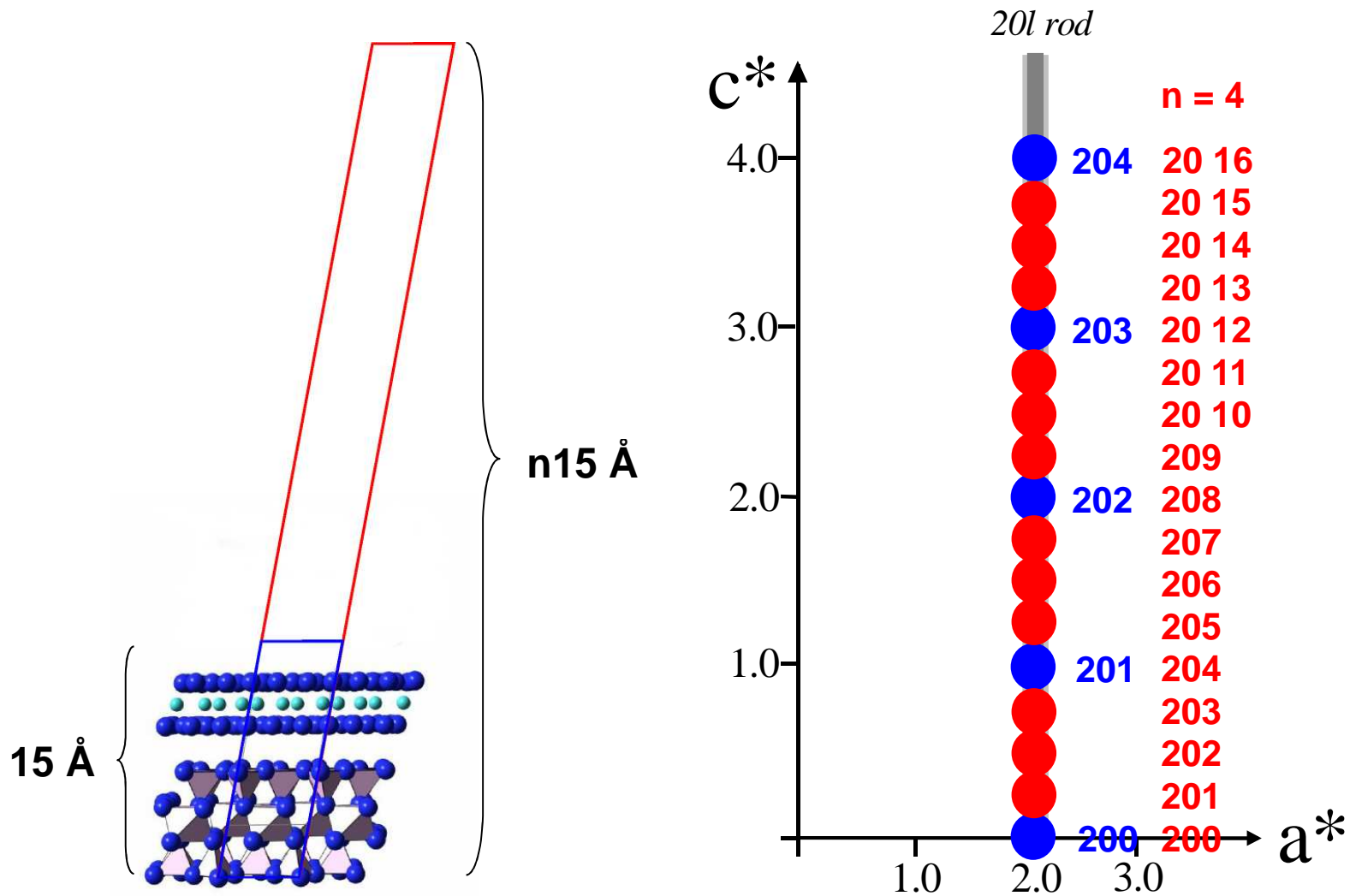


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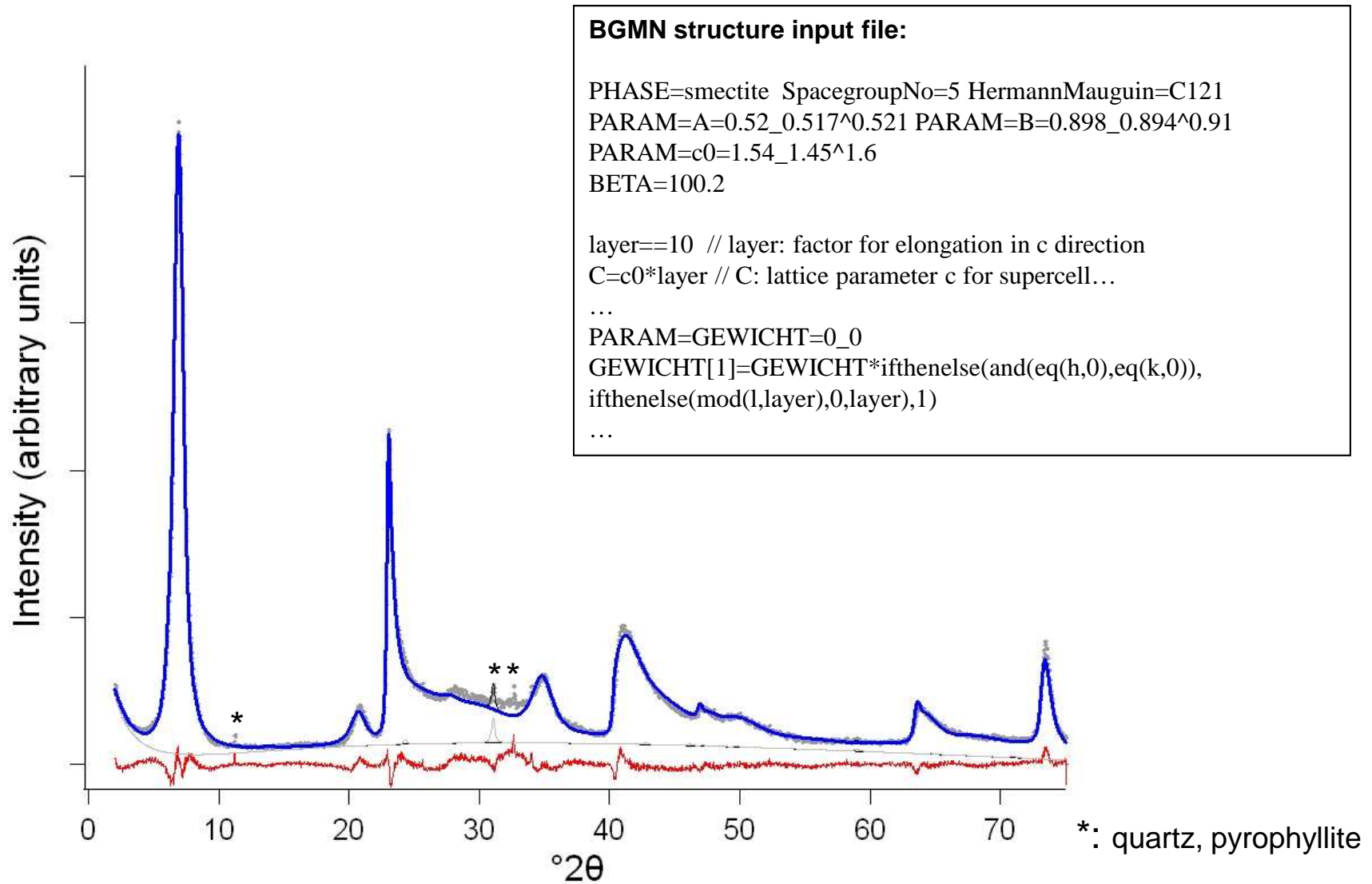
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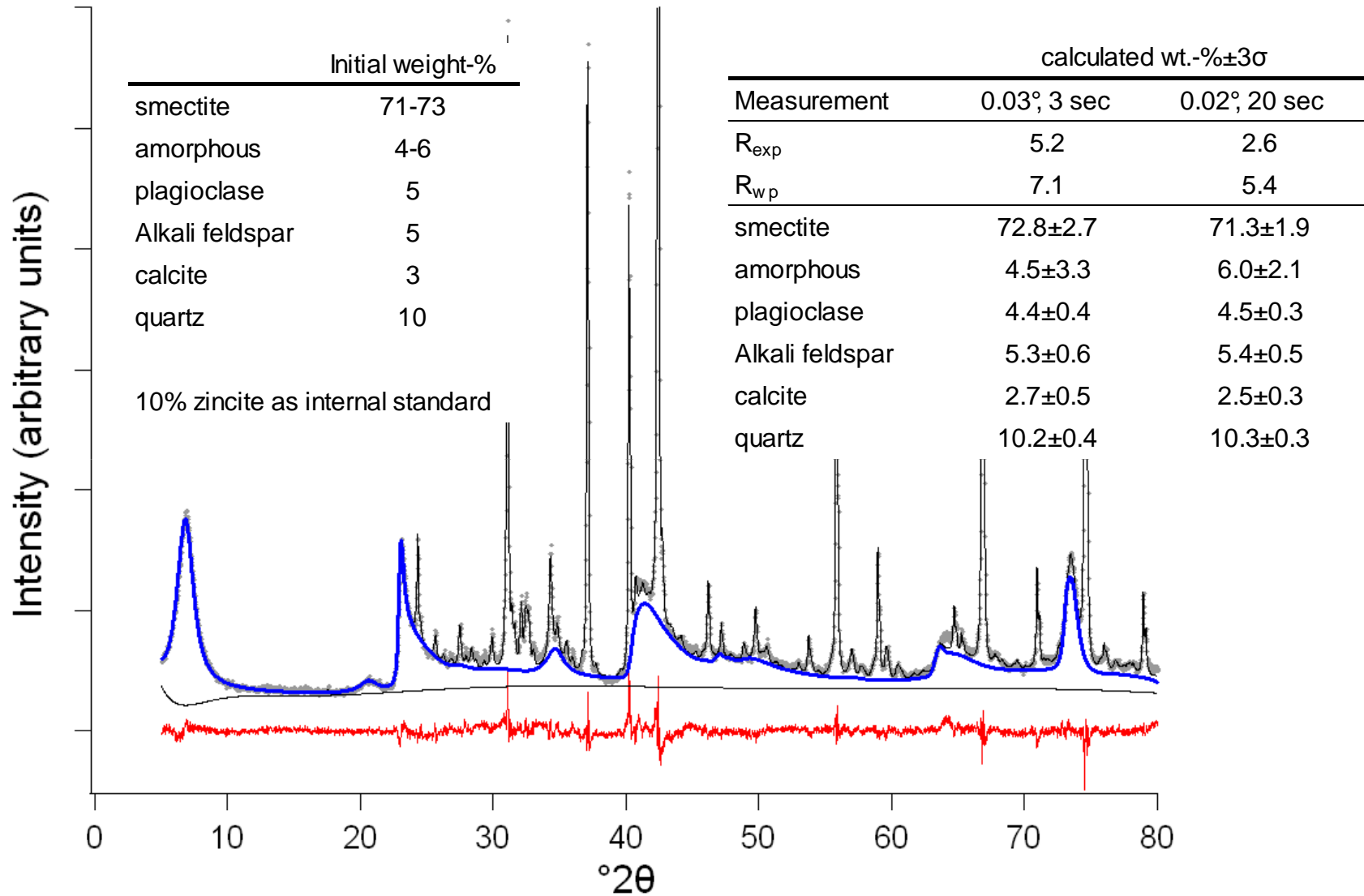




# turbostratically disordered smectite



# artificial mixture “synthetic bentonite”



Ufer, K. et al. (2008), Clays and Clay Minerals, 56, 272-282

# stacking disorder

- different kinds of layers
- different interlayer spacings
- translations/rotations from one layer to the next

ordered

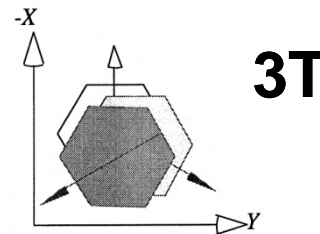
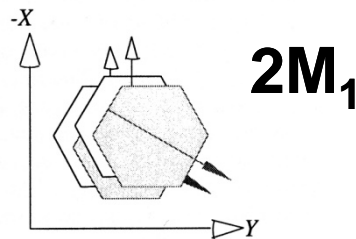
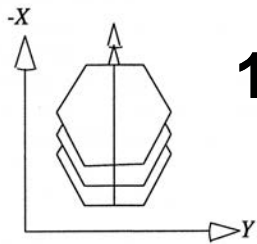
disordered

## polytypism:

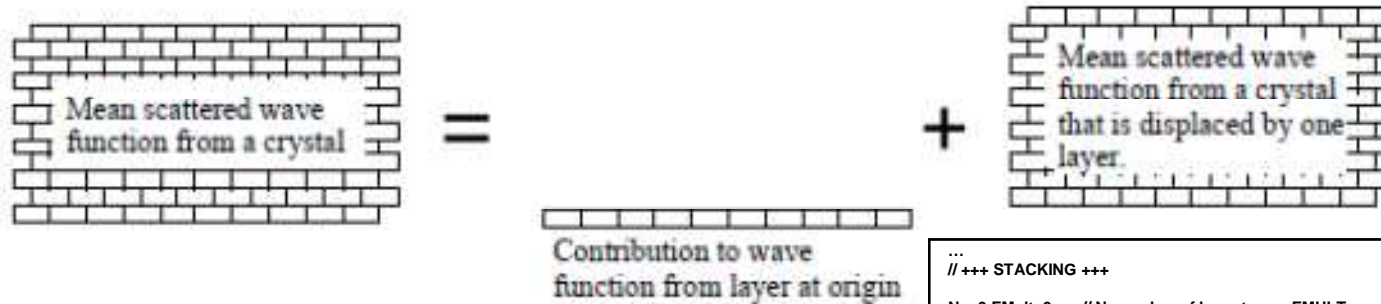
- muscovite 1M, 2M<sub>1</sub>, 3T
- ## new structures:
- corrensite
  - rectorite,...

## statistical description:

- muscovite 1M<sub>d</sub>
- illite / smectite ML



# recursive calculation of structure factors: DIFFaX



$$\Psi(\mathbf{u}) = F(\mathbf{u}) + \exp(-2\pi i \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{R}) \Psi(\mathbf{u})$$

$$\Psi_i(\mathbf{u}) = F_i(\mathbf{u}) + \sum_{j=1,2} \alpha_{ij} \exp(-2\pi i \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{R}_{ij}) \Psi_j(\mathbf{u})$$

translations

probabilities

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...
// +++ STACKING +++
N=3 FMult=3 // N: number of layer types, FMULT: number of subphases
// rotated layers must be introduced as additional subphase
// 0 deg, 120 deg, 240 deg for tv layer types: total of 3 different subphases

tl=1 // translation in c for illite (absolute scale)
tatv=0.39 // stacking vector to compensate monoclinic shift

// probabilities for different stackings
p0=0.75 // p0: probability of 1M "ordered" stacking
p120=(1-p0)/2 p240=(1-p0)/2 // 120 deg and 240 deg rotations are equiprobable

// translation matrix t[n,m]: stacking vector from layer n to layer m
// [p[n,m]: probability for the occurrence of translation t[n,m]

tx[1,1]==tatv ty[1,1]==0.0 tz[1,1]==tl/C p[1,1]==p0 // 0 deg tv-tv
tx[1,2]==tatv ty[1,2]==0.0 tz[1,2]==tl/C p[1,2]==p120 // 120 deg tv-tv
tx[1,3]==tatv ty[1,3]==0.0 tz[1,3]==tl/C p[1,3]==p240 // 240 deg tv-tv

tx[2,1]==0.5*tatv ty[2,1]==tatv*A*cos(30*pi/180)/B tz[2,1]==tl/C p[2,1]==p240 // 240 deg tv-tv
tx[2,2]==0.5*tatv ty[2,2]==tatv*A*cos(30*pi/180)/B tz[2,2]==tl/C p[2,2]==p0 // 0 deg tv-tv
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p[1]==1/3 p[2]==1/3 p[3]==1/3 // proportion of subphases

// recursive structure factor calculation
F=cat(i==1,while(le(i,N),j==1,while(le(j,N),
FT=detune*p[i,j],phi=2*pi*(h*tx[i,j]+k*ty[i,j]+l*tz[i,j]),
Treal[i,j]==FT*cos(phi),Timag[i,j]==-FT*sin(phi),j=j+1),
Treal[i,j]==Treal[i,j]+1,
Freal[i]==F[i]*cos(phi[i]*pi/180),Fimag[i]==F[i]*sin(phi[i]*pi/180),i=i+1),
cgauss(Treal,Timag,phireal,phiimag,Freal,Fimag,1E-6,N),
f2=0,i=1,while(le(i,N),
f2=f2+p[i]*(2*(Freal[i]*phireal[i]+Fimag[i]*phiimag[i])
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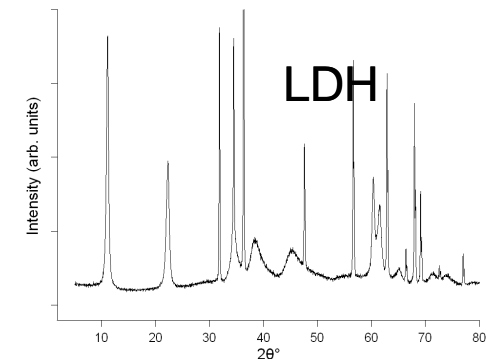
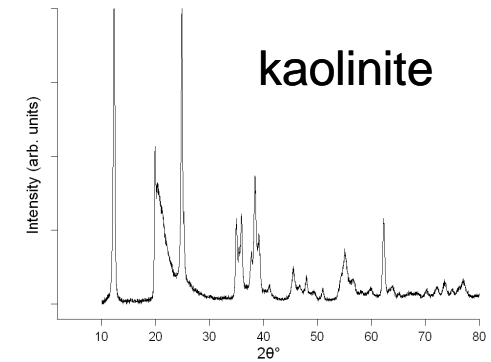
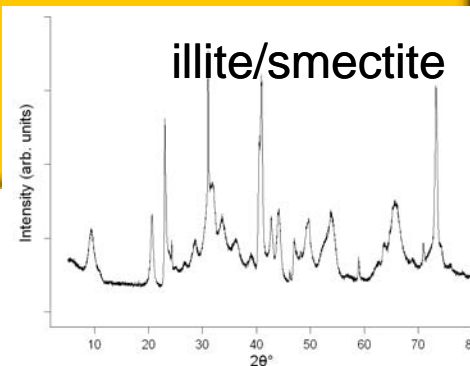
# disorder models

## applicable for:

- stacking of different kinds of layers (even with different thicknesses)
- translations of layers parallel to each other
- rotation of layers parallel to each other

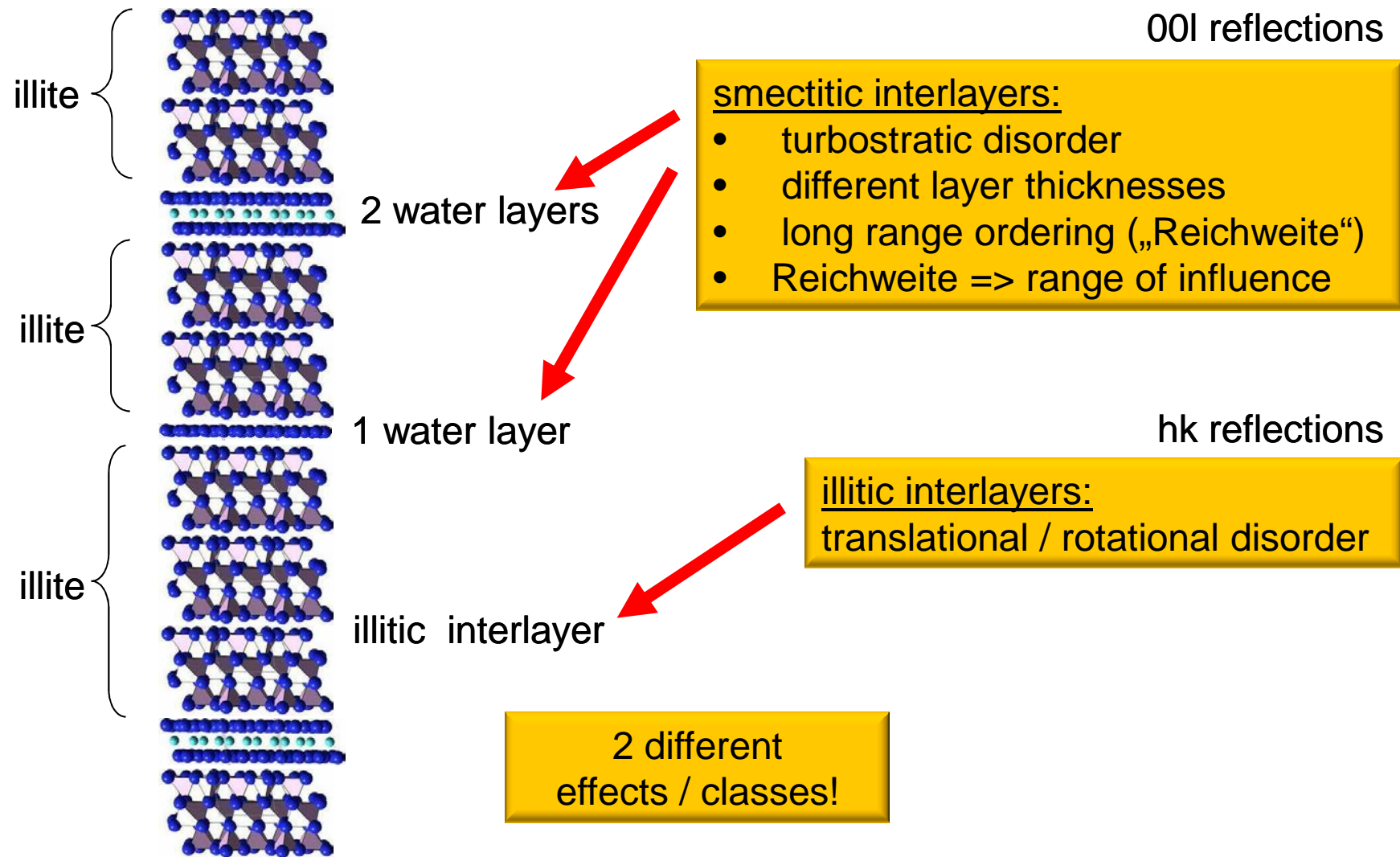
## existing models:

- illite and glauconite (rotational disorder)\*
- illite/smectite mixed layering\*
- kaolinite (enantiomorph layers, b/3 translations)
- pyrophyllite (different translation vectors)
- talc (rotational disorder)
- chlorite (b/3 translations)
- opal-ct
- layered double hydroxides\*

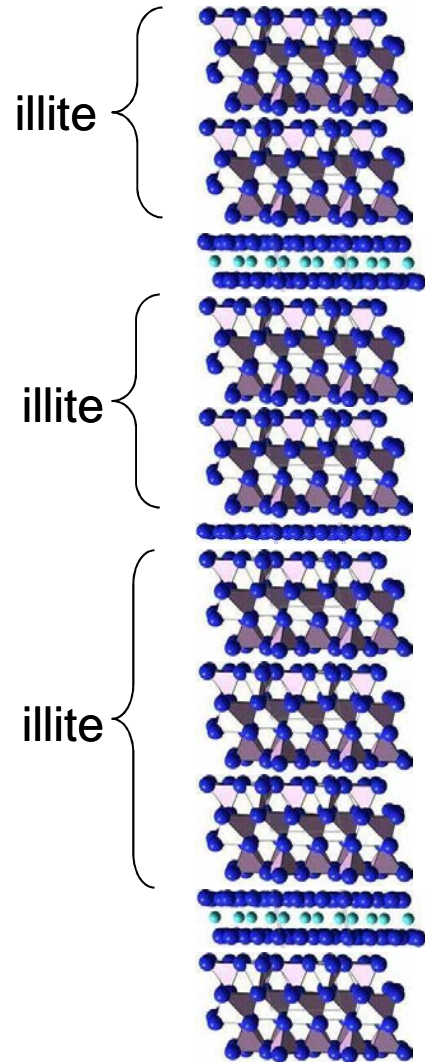


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# illite/smectite mixed layered minerals



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## model for 00l reflections:

- different junctions of illite, smectite(1w), smectite(2w)
- short- or long-range ordering; Reichweite R0-R3
- proportions (wI, wS) and stacking probabilities (pII, pIS,..)

## model for hk reflections:

- $n120^\circ$  rotational disorder ( $0^\circ$ ,  $120^\circ$ ,  $240^\circ$ )
- different translation vectors

## global (shared) parameters

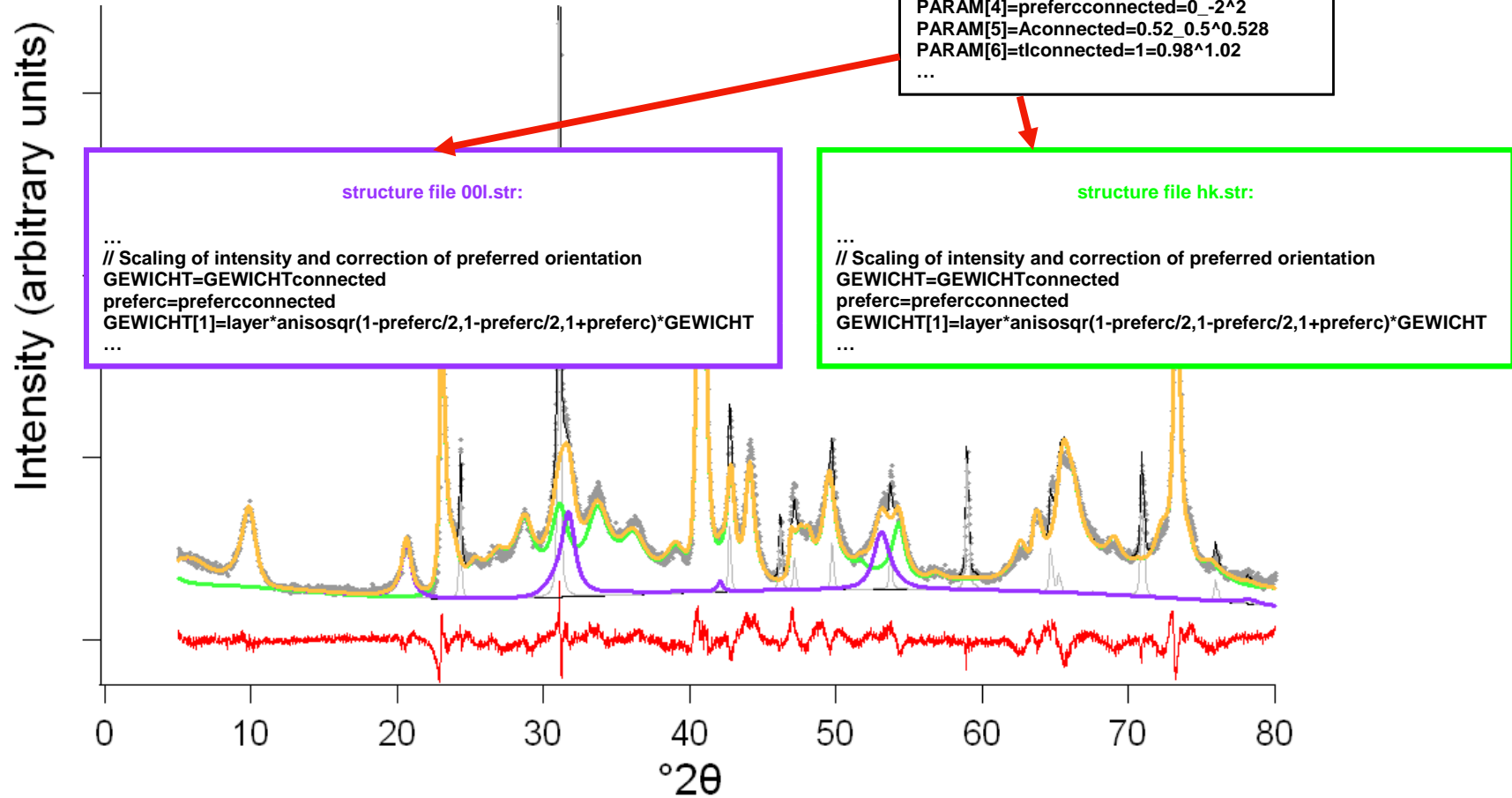
- lattice parameter
- atomic positions
- occupancies
- scaling factor, P.O. factor

# illite/smectite pure sample

separate but connected models:

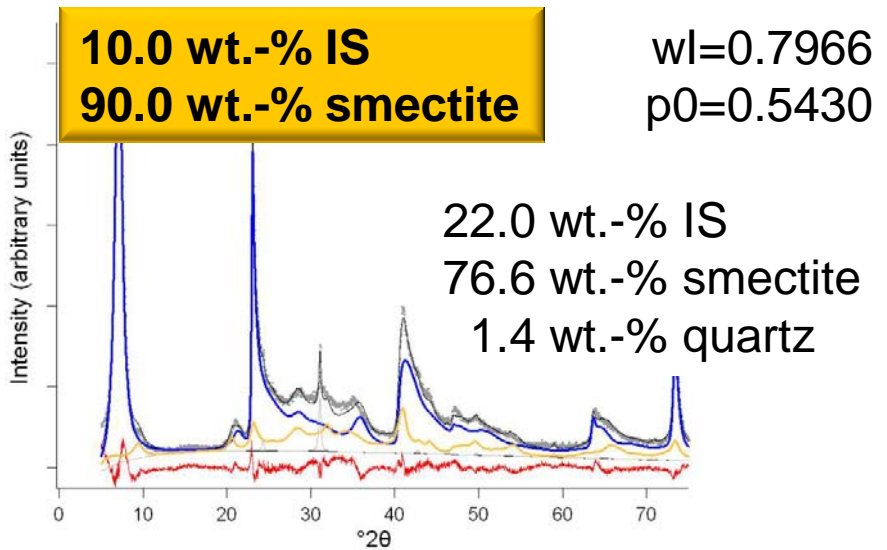
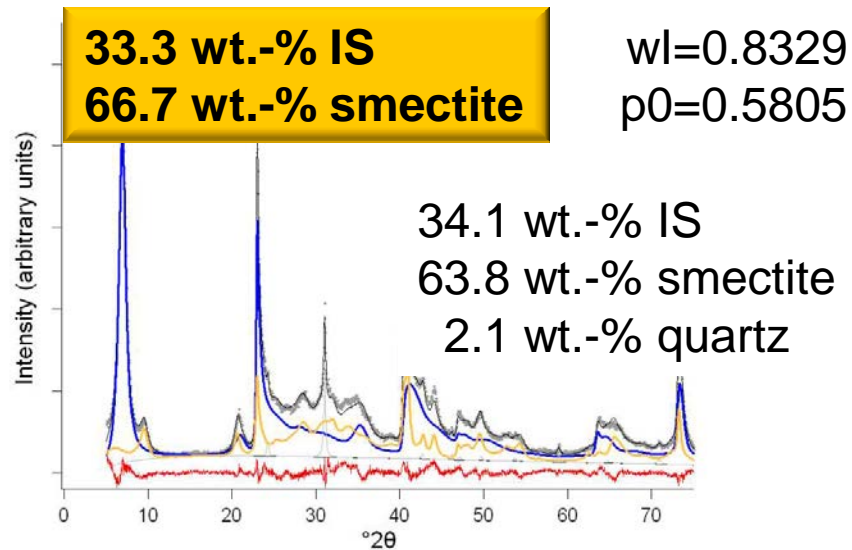
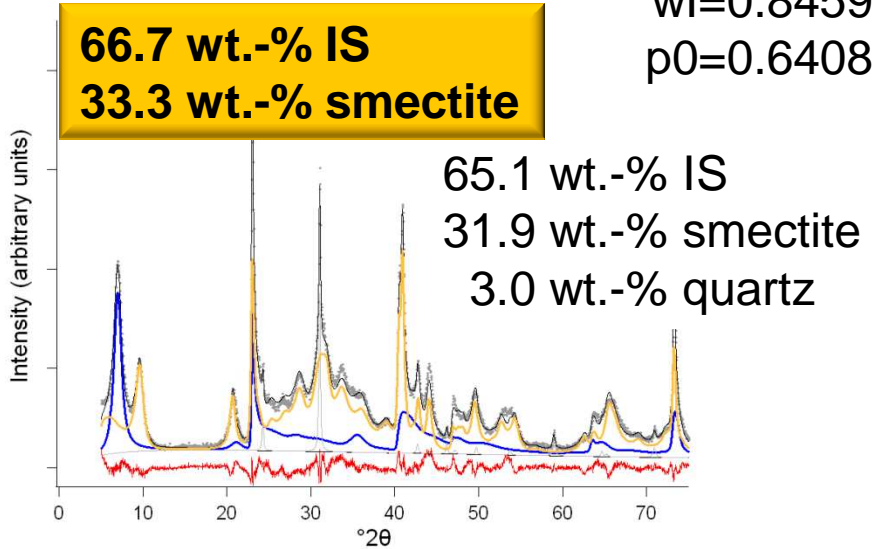
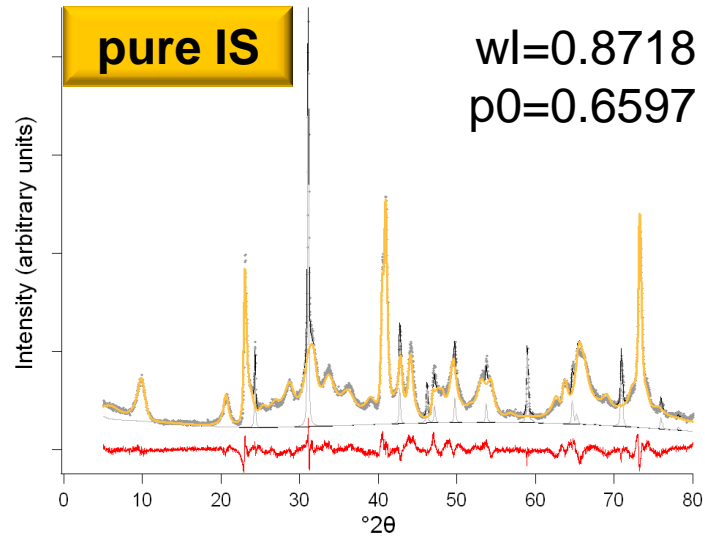
n120° rotational disorder

R3 illite/smectite(1w)/smectite(2w)

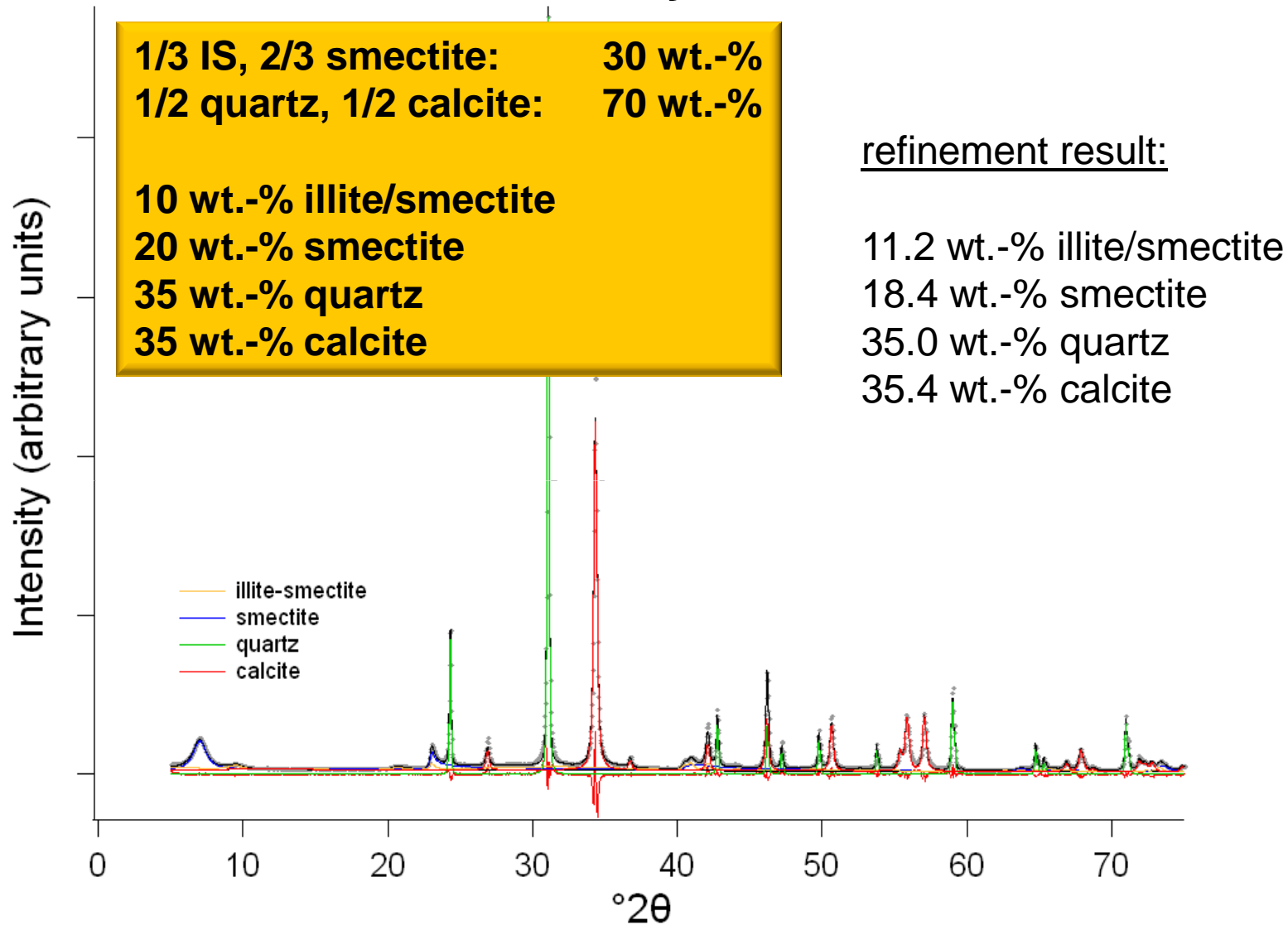




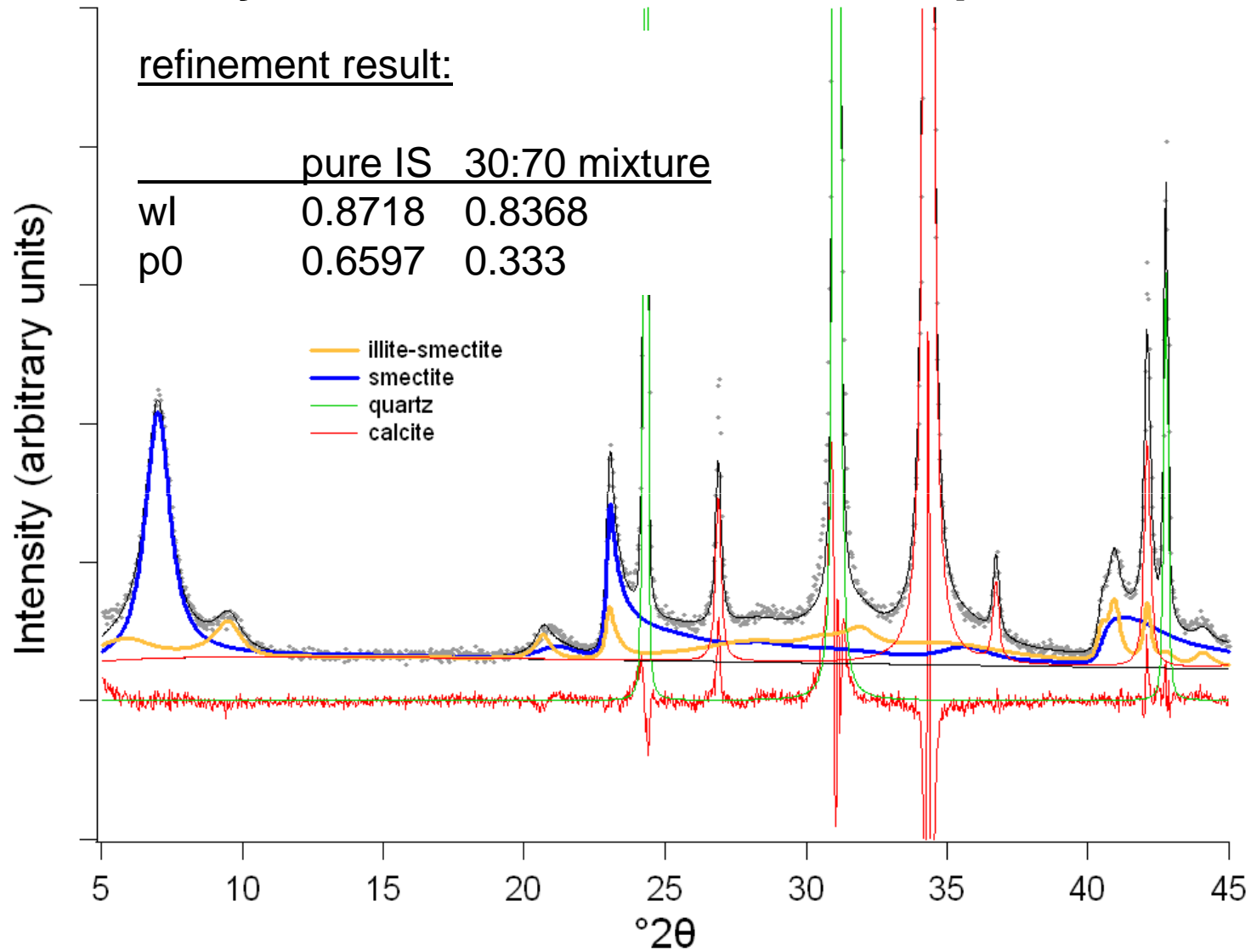
# smectite / IS mixtures



# artificial mixture “synthetic shale” - QPA



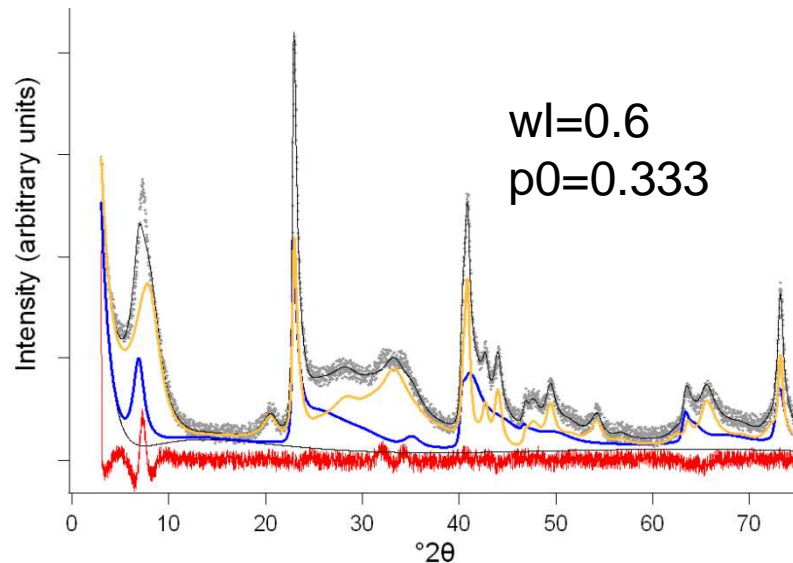
# “synthetic shale” – structural parameters



# smectite / IS mixtures: **simulations**

## input (simulation)

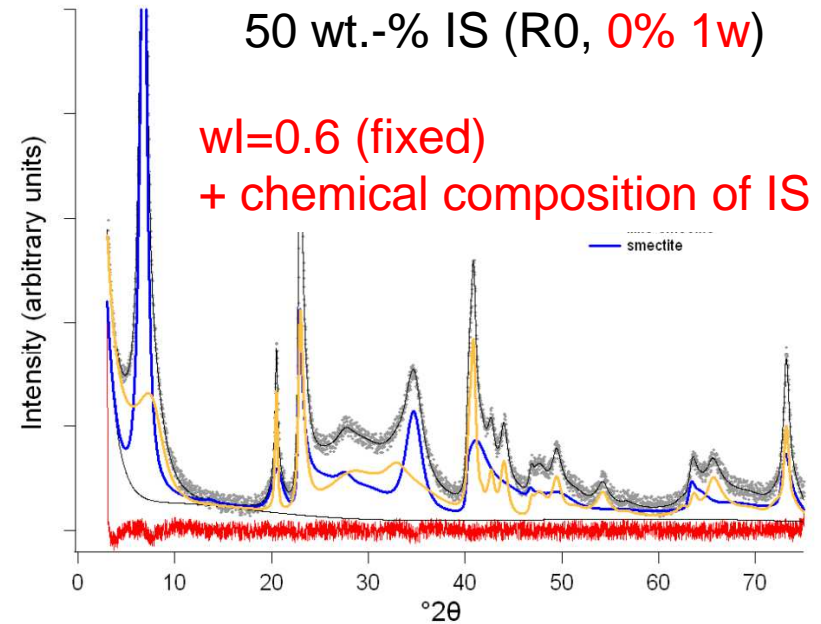
50 wt.-% smectite (40% 1w)  
50 wt.-% IS (R0, 40% 1w)



parameter reduction,  
additional information:

## input (simulation)

50 wt.-% smectite (**0% 1w**)  
50 wt.-% IS (R0, **0% 1w**)



## output (refinement)

42.5 wt.-% smectite  
57.5 wt.-% IS

$wl=0.4765$   
 $p0=0.411$

## output (refinement)

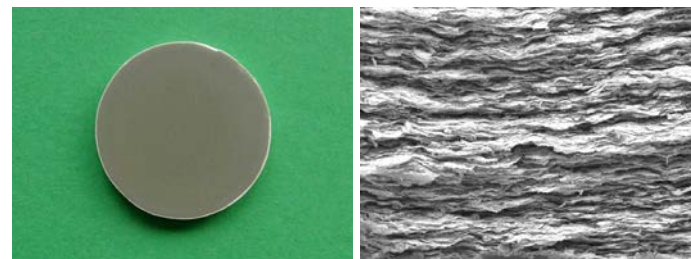
50.5 wt.-% smectite  
49.5 wt.-% IS

$p0=0.334$

# combined refinement

preparation of random powder sample and oriented mounts under different conditions ("multi-specimen")

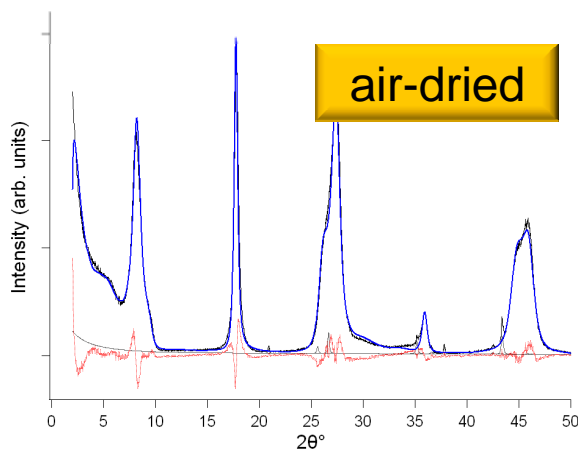
suspension of clay minerals on glas slides or ceramic tiles



15 global parameters

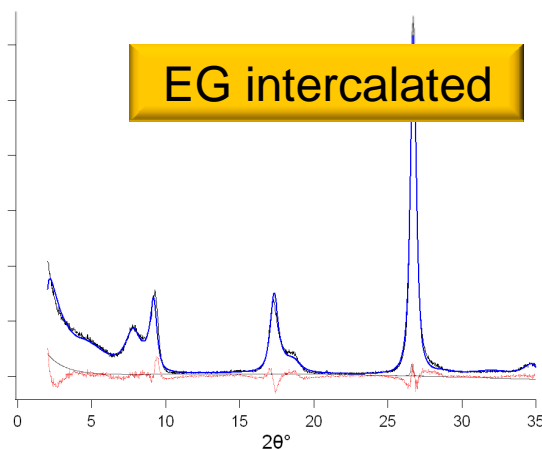
I/S(1w,2w)

6 individual parameters



EG intercalated I/S

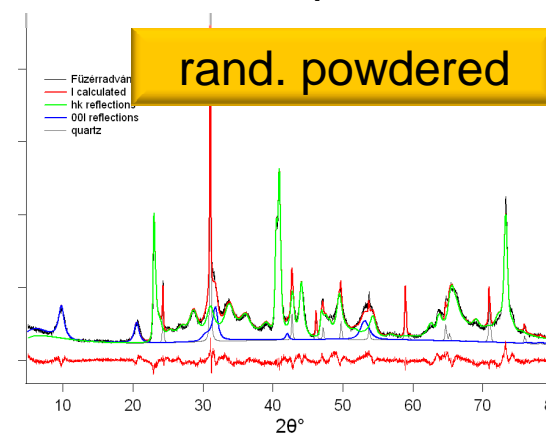
7 individual parameters



I/S1w2w

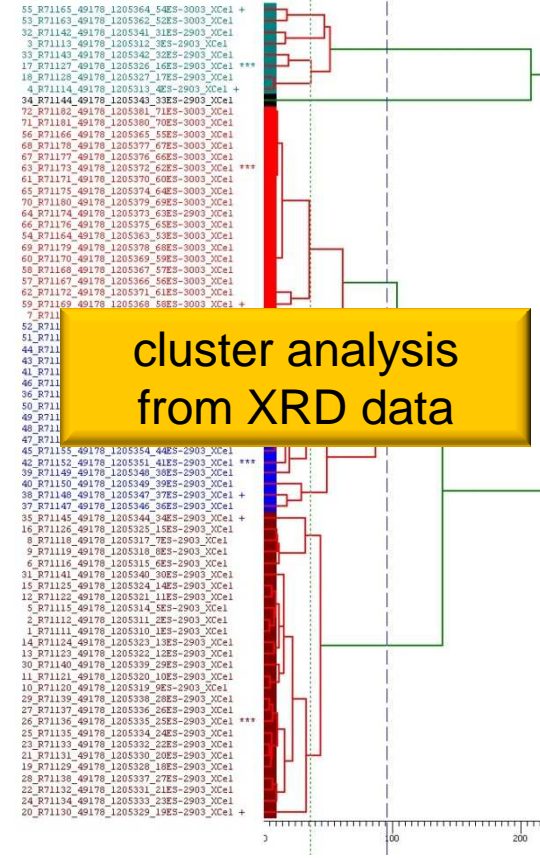
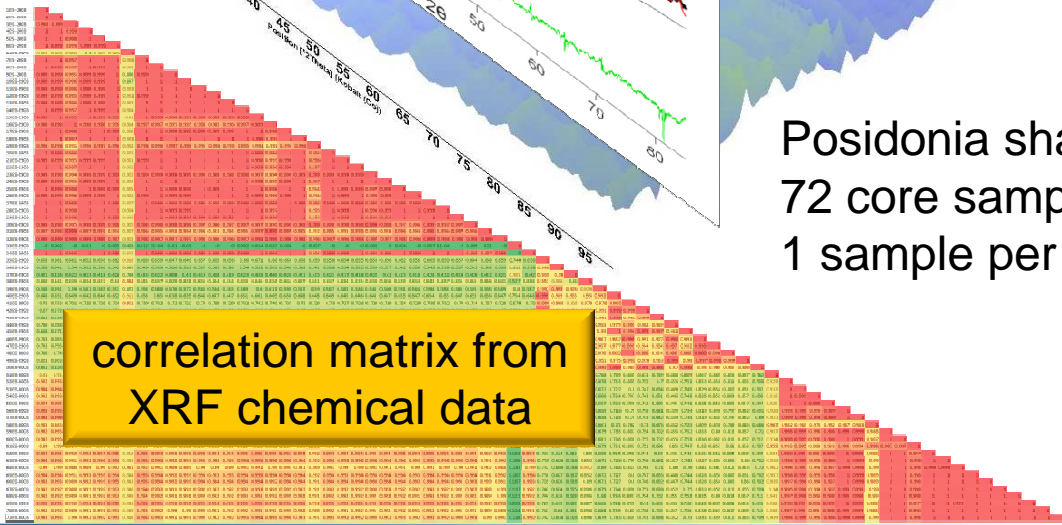
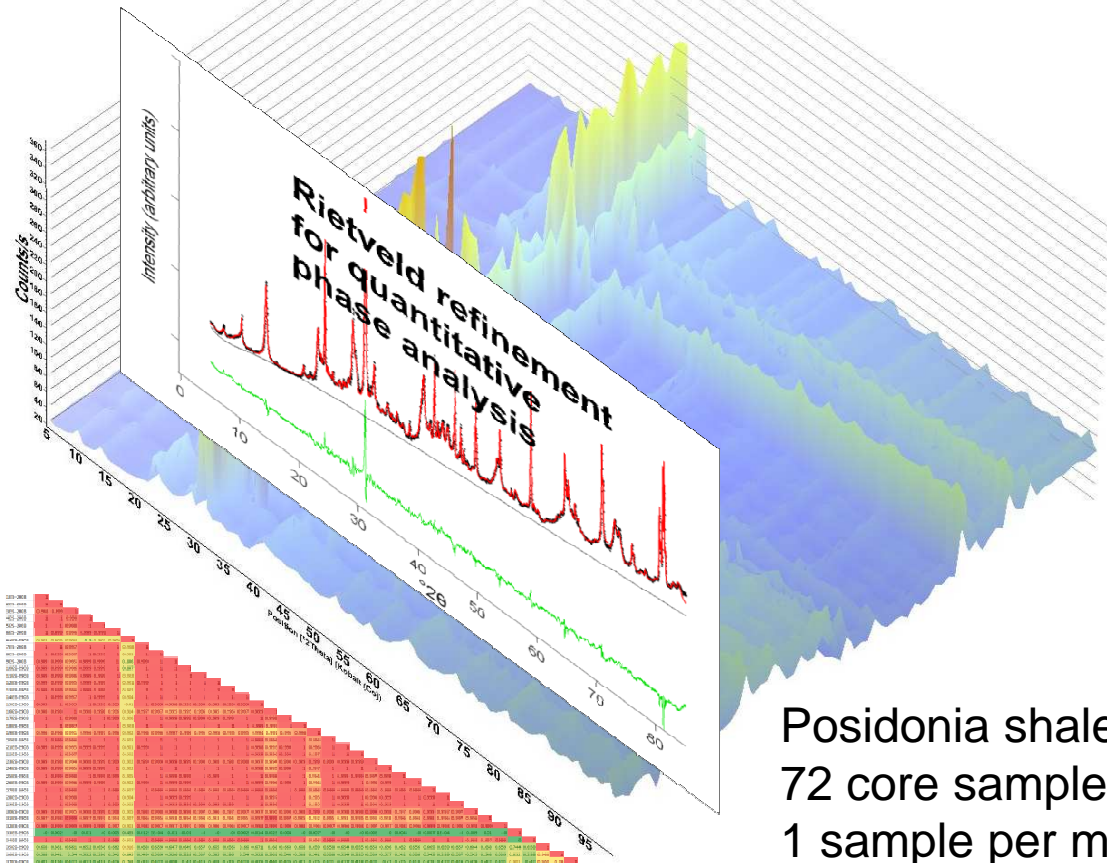
1Md, cv/tv, 120° rot.

18 individual parameters



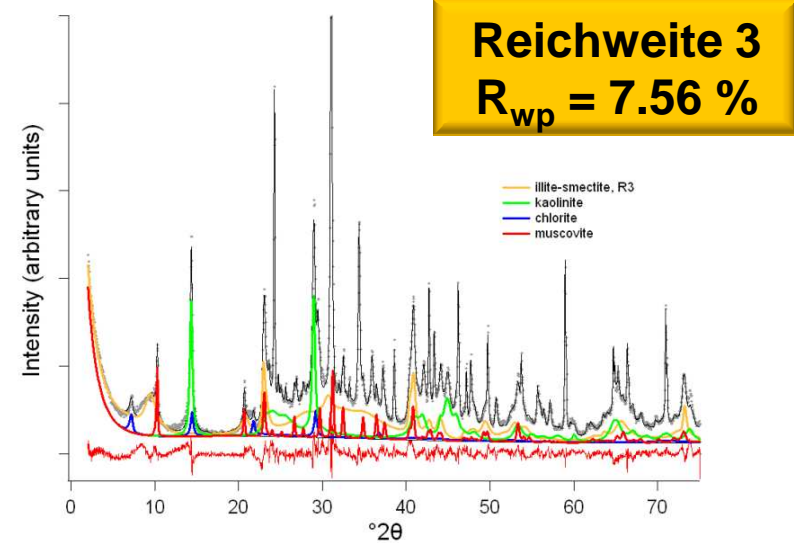
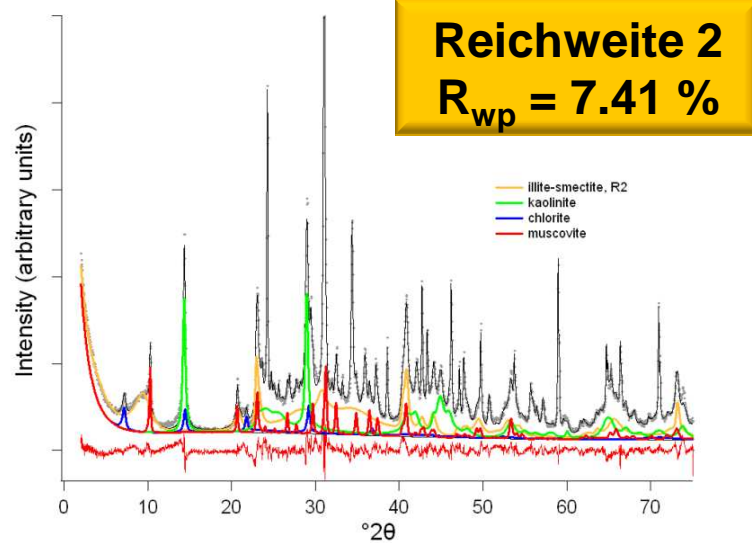
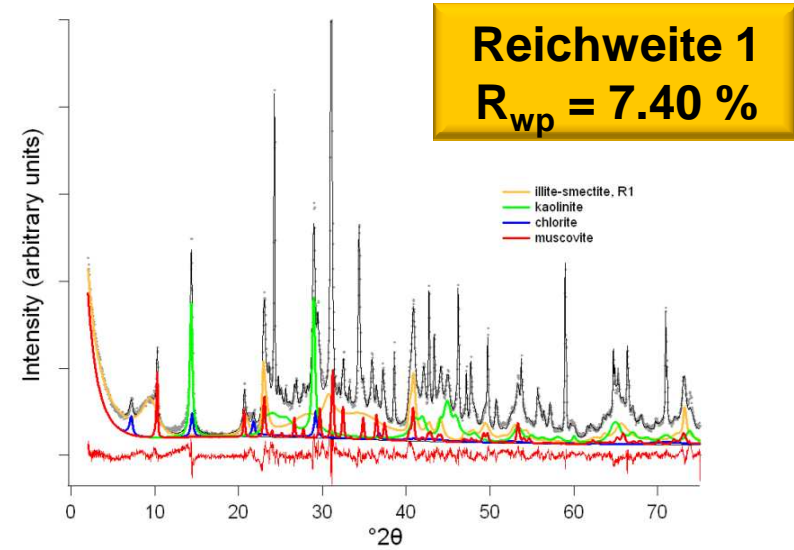
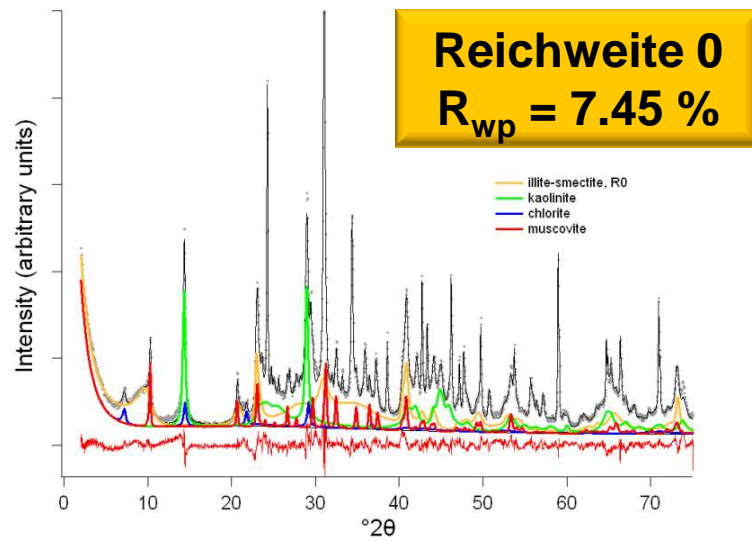
$$w| = 0.86 \pm 0.0012$$

# statistical tools for sample selection



Posidonia shale  
72 core samples,  
1 sample per meter

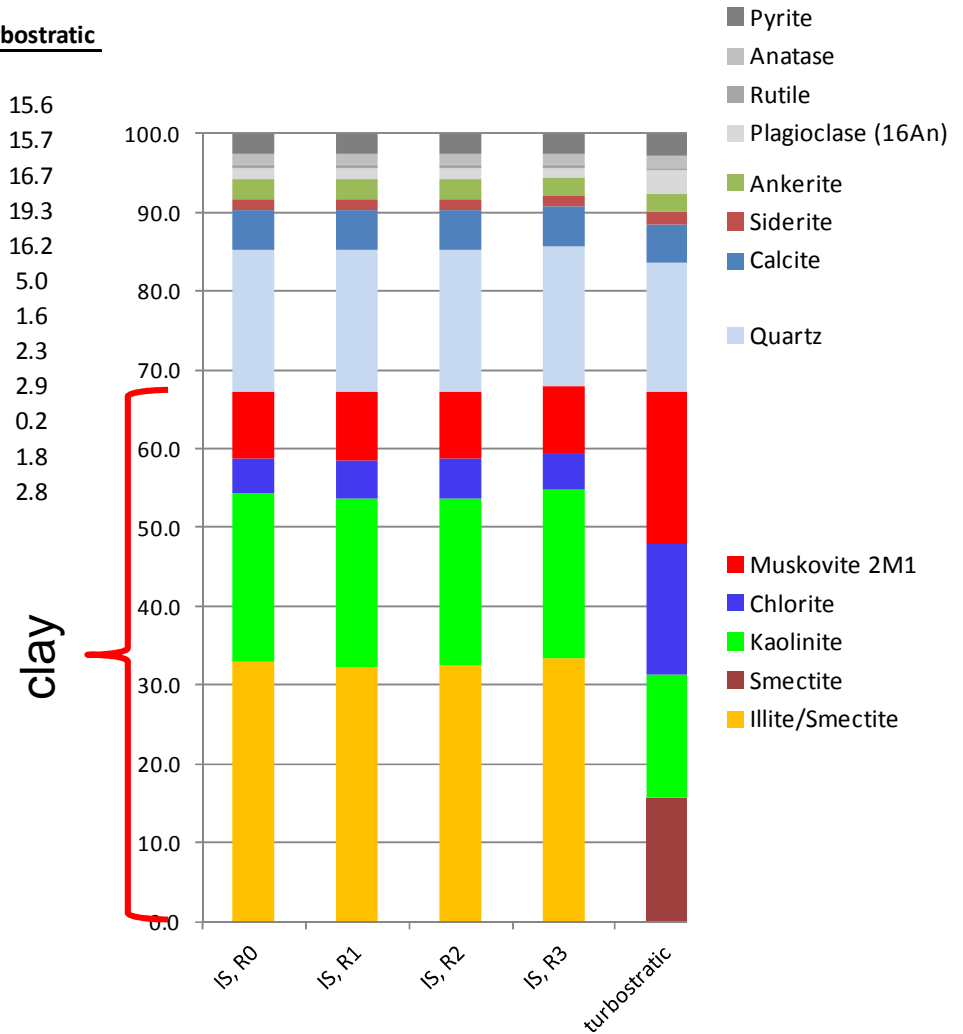
# QPA with 4 different models



# QPA with different models

	MODEL				turbostratic
	IS, R0	IS, R1	IS, R2	IS, R3	
Illite/Smectite	32.9	32.3	32.4	33.4	
Smectite					15.6
Kaolinite	21.5	21.3	21.3	21.4	15.7
Chlorite	4.3	4.7	5.0	4.6	16.7
Muskovite 2M1	8.5	8.7	8.6	8.5	19.3
Quartz	18.0	18.0	17.9	17.8	16.2
Calcite	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.0
Siderite	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.6
Ankerite	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3
Plagioclase (16An)	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	2.9
Rutile	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2
Anatase	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.8
Pyrite	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.8

QPA independant of the choice of model for Reichweite  
even with wrong smectite model the same sum of clay





# conclusion

- disordered clay minerals can reliably be quantified in mixtures with the Rietveld method
- even mixtures of very similar structures like smectite and IS can be quantified, if the degree of disorder is not too high and sensible constraints/fixations were made
- for a reliably structural characterisation detailed examinations are necessary
- the sum of all clay minerals can be achieved even with unfavorable models