

X-Pert High Score Plus (ICC Database)

We will use the X-Pert Philips Diffractometer in ERC 333 today. This instrument is equipped with a program that searches the International Tables for Crystallography database. The program is called "X-Pert High Score Plus". A procedure to search for a crystal structure using this program is given below. *You should use this program to identify one unknown sample such as a piece of mounting clay or any crystalline material that you want.*

- 1) Run X-Pert High Score Plus.
- 2) File Open => Get .xrdml file from the diffractometer.
- 3) Treatment
 - Determine Background
 - Recalculate
 - (Subtract if you think you need to i.e. especially if you used a glass coverslip under the sample.)
- 4) Treatment
 - Search Peaks
 - Adjust to the peaks you think are correct.
- 5) Peak list
 - Delete peaks that you don't think are correct by hand
- 6) a) Reference Patterns
 - Retrieve patterns by restrictions
 - Chemistry Periodic Table if you know the elements in the material

or

 - b) Analysis
 - Search and M.
 - Execute (This finds any peaks that seem to match from the ITC database.)
- 7) Click to pick patterns
 - Right click to accept
- 8) Select the pattern tab at the bottom of the plot and select the best match
- 9) Double click for the pdf for the best pattern and save as to save the pdf.

You make the plot the top level and save as ASC to read the files in excel. Bring a flash drive to transfer the data to your pc.