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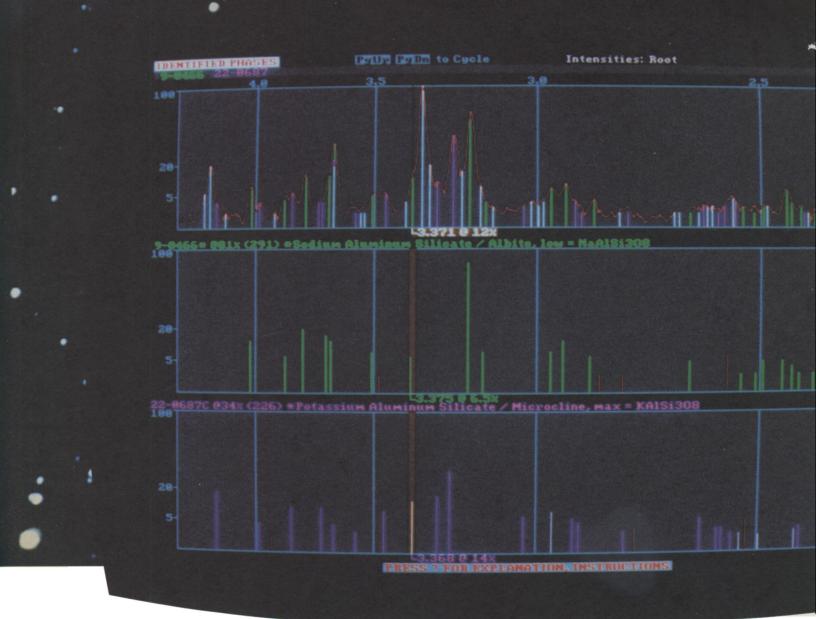
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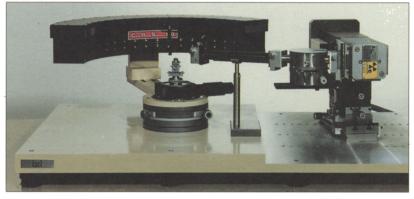
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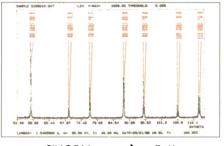
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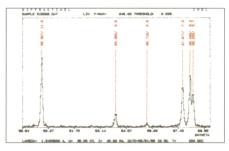
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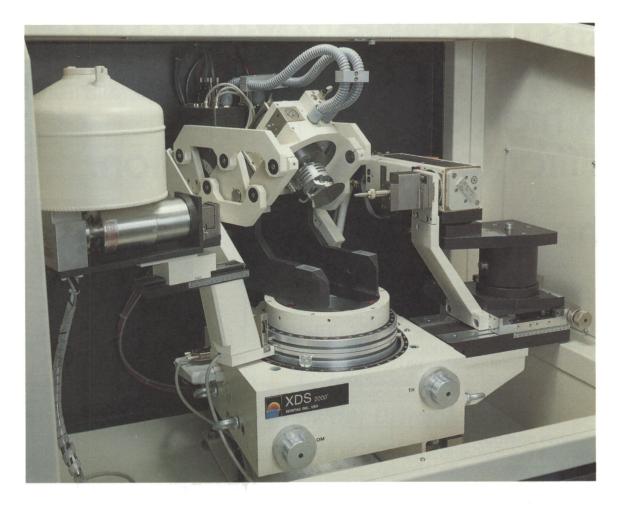
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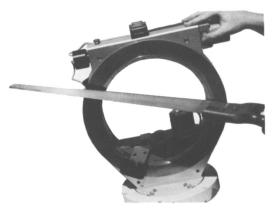
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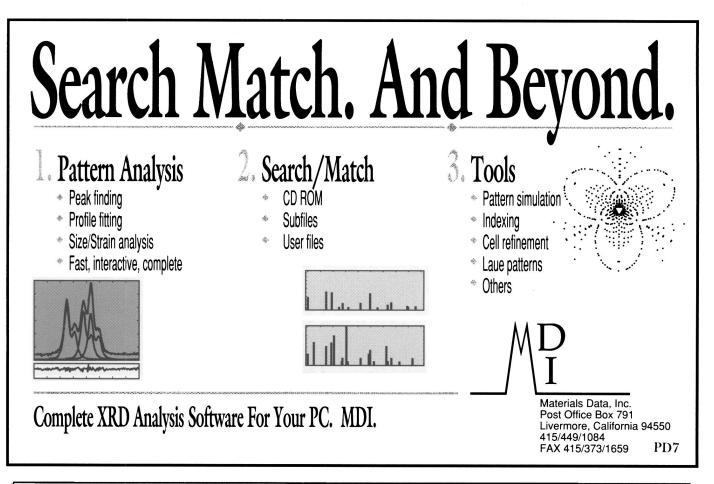
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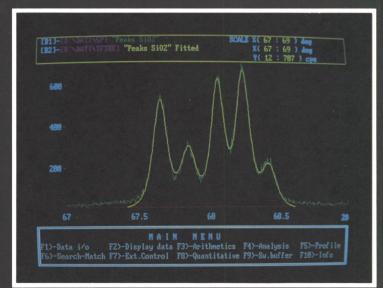
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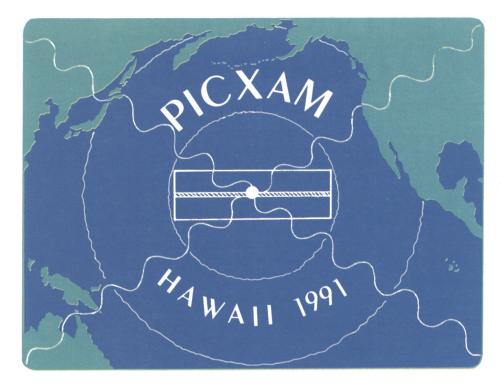
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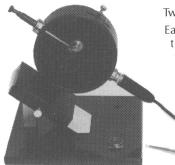
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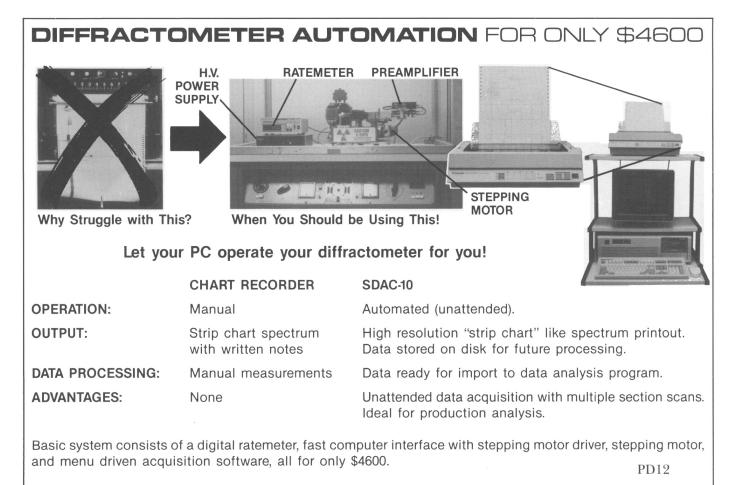


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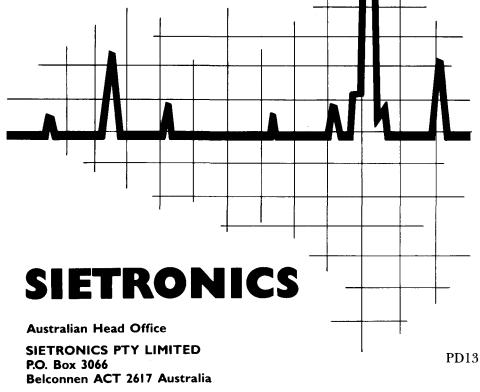


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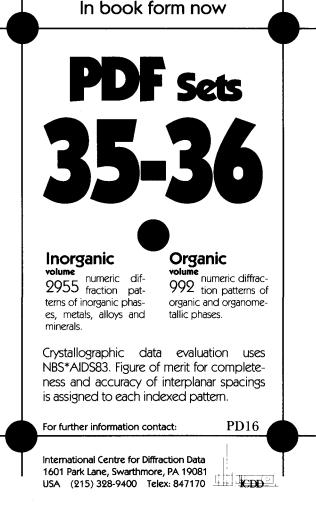
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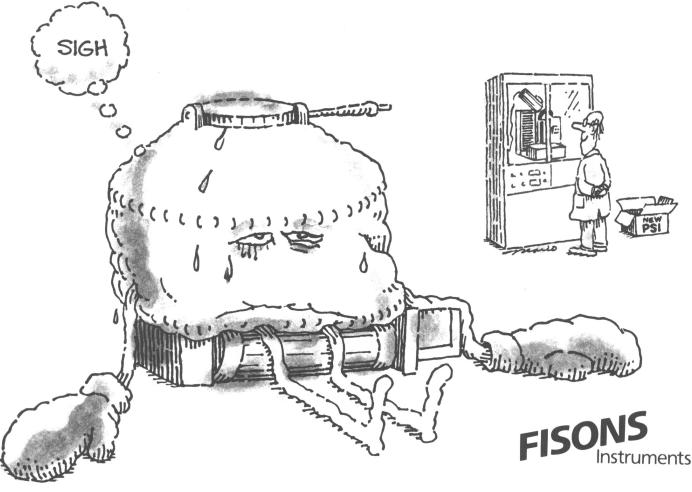
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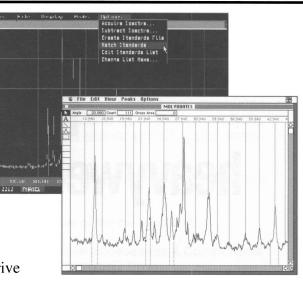
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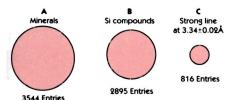




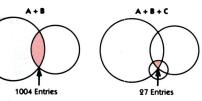


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The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, through its Analytical Chemistry Division on Spectrochemical and Other Optical Procedures for Analysis, has labored faithfully for more than two decades to bring order to a chaotic situation. The latest of their series of recommendations is "Part VIII – Nomenclature system for X-ray Spectroscopy". Their report is reprinted in this issue of Powder Diffraction on pages 95-101.

Current difficulties in the use of the Siegbahn notation for X-ray lines are well known, and stem mainly from problems in attempting to define closely a system not yet completely understood. After all, Siegbahn, who introduced his wavelength nomenclature system in the 1920's can hardly be blamed for not having the foresight to allow for recently resolved multiplets and multipole lines. The fact remains, however, that complications with the use of the Siegbahn system do abound and for a period of almost ten years, Commission V4 of the IUPAC struggled to come up with a more logical system. The result of their labors is called the *IUPAC Notation.* It is to be hoped that the X-ray community as a whole will be swift to implement the new system.

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