GIXStapose: An interactive structure-viewer alongside its simulated diffraction pattern

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INTRO

- GIXStapose enables grazing incidence X-ray scattering (GIXS) patterns to be visualized while interactively rotating chemical structures, especially periodic simulation volumes generated from molecular simulations.
- This functionality is useful for interactively identifying real-space chemical features that correspond to bright diffraction peaks and the rotation matrices that generate them.
- We hope this tool simplifies the process of understanding and creating publication-quality scattering patterns

PROJECT GOALS

- Create a tool for image creation that aids in reproducibility
- 2. Collaborate with open-source software community to build on already existing frameworks

FUTURE WORK

- Use machine learning to automate the detection of bright peaks
- Integrate the diffractometer package as a module in the <u>Freud analysis</u> <u>suite</u>

High-quality, reproducible images help users see the connection between morphology and bright diffraction peaks





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How is GIXS calculated?

Scattering patterns are calculated in a sequence of matrix transformations: rotations, shears, and Fourier transforms that are implemented in Numpy.

An in-depth explanation of the diffractometer package is given <u>here</u>.

How are the pictures made?

The real-space morphology images are created with <u>Fresnel</u>, a ray tracer with a convenient Python API that uses C or CUDA under the hood. The scattering patterns are displayed using <u>Matplotlib</u>.

How can I use this tool?

GIXStapose can be used through a GUI, but all the functionality is modular and can be used as part of any simulation workflow.

Check out our <u>example</u> <u>notebook</u> to see a walkthough of creating figures and diffraction patterns from a perfect crystal and messy simulation data.

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