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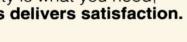
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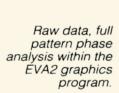
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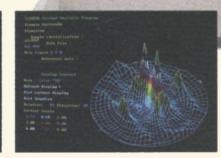
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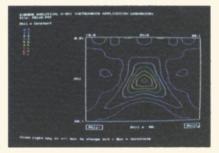






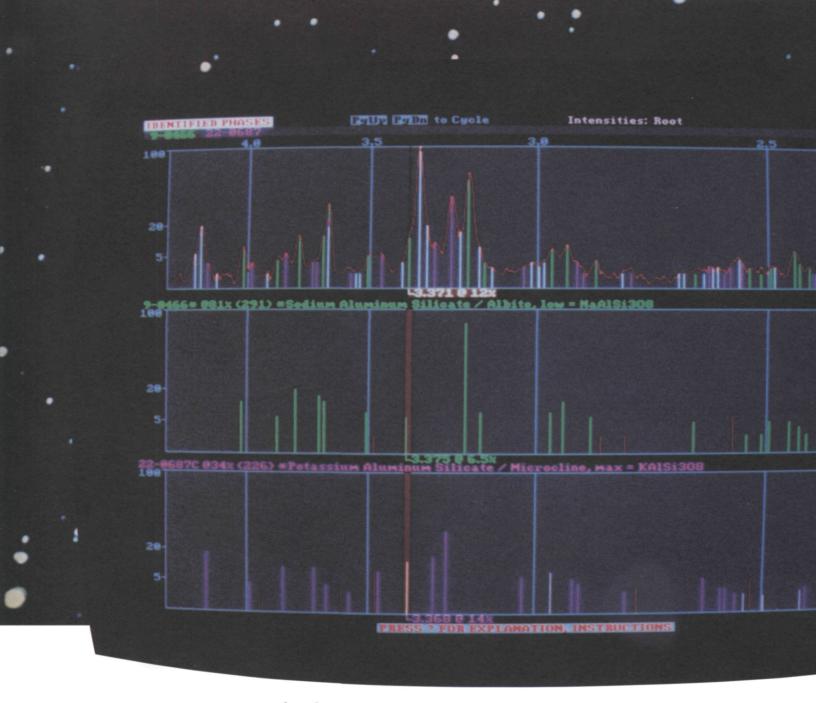
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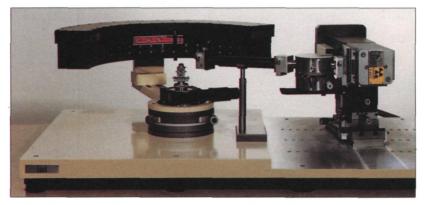
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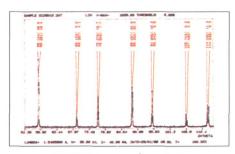


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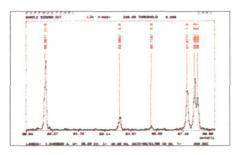


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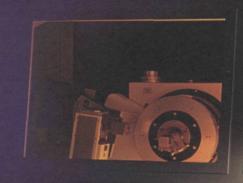


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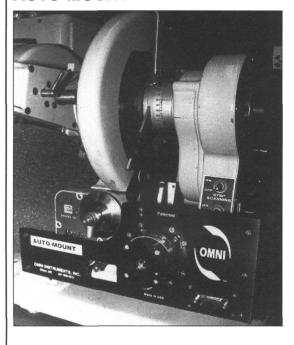
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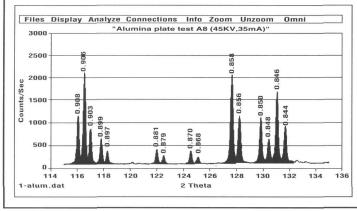
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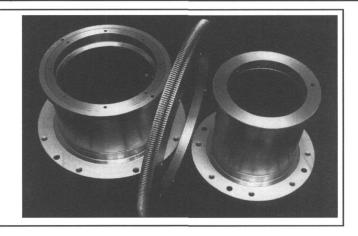


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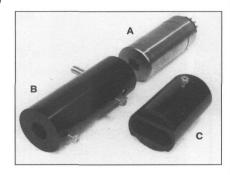
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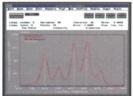




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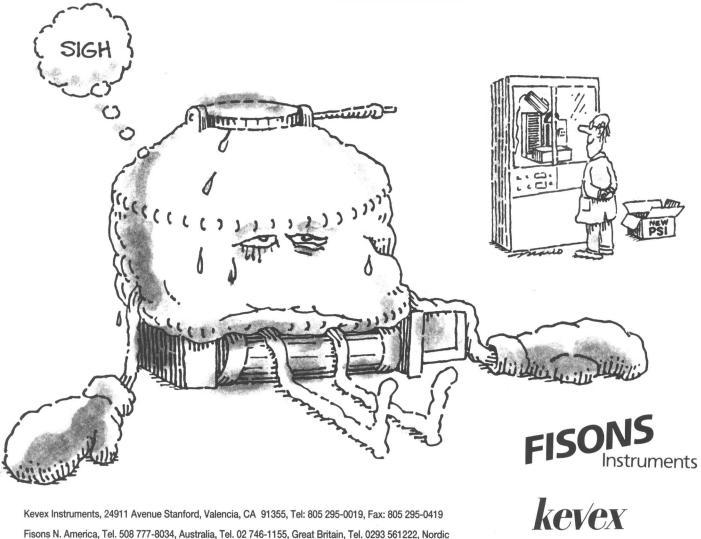
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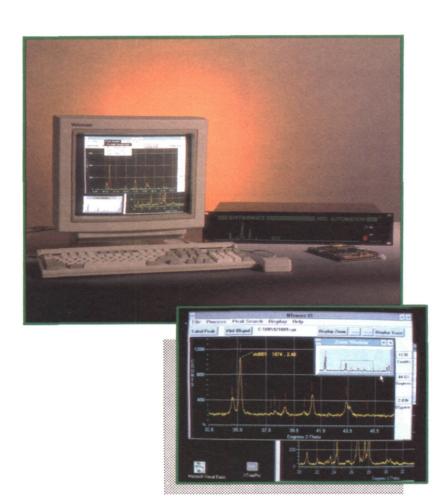
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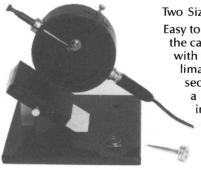
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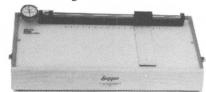
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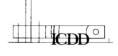


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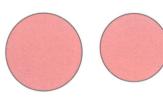
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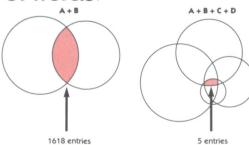


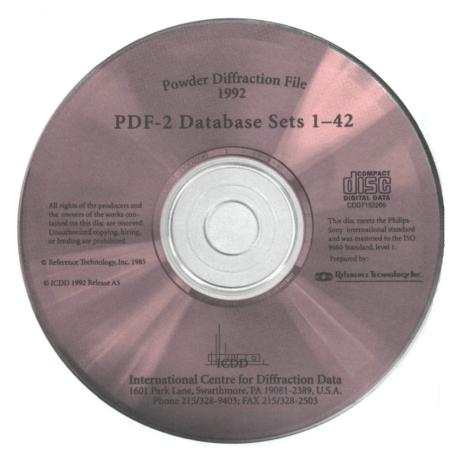






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Editorial

New Notes for Authors

With this issue you should have received the new, revised, Notes for Authors. These notes are the result of our new association with the American Institute of Physics and seven years of experience with the preparation, editing and evaluation of manuscripts by the *Powder Diffraction* staff. The Editors urge all authors to read these Notes and to follow the guidelines closely in preparing future manuscripts. Together with the AIP Style Manual, all the questions which authors encounter may be answered.

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