Detailed guide on Unit Cell, periodicity and utilities

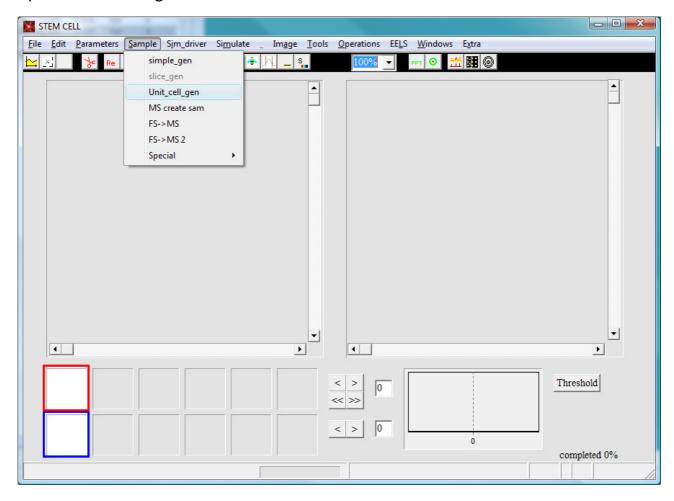
This short guide explains how to create a unit cell and use it in different application

- 1) For the creation of a supercell
- 2) To study periodicity and diffraction pattern geometry

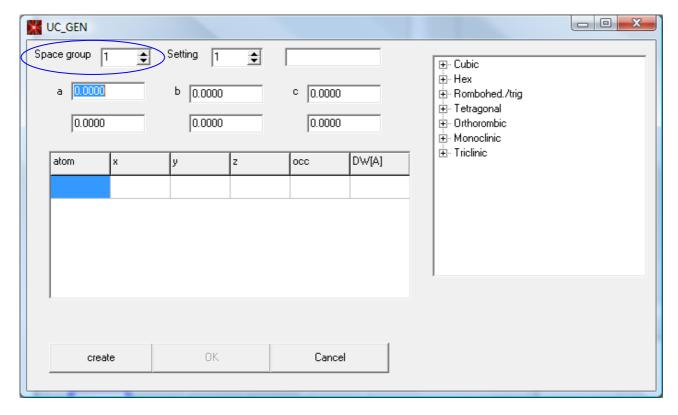
Load and save of the unit cell are also explained

How to create a Unit Cell

Open the unit cell generator



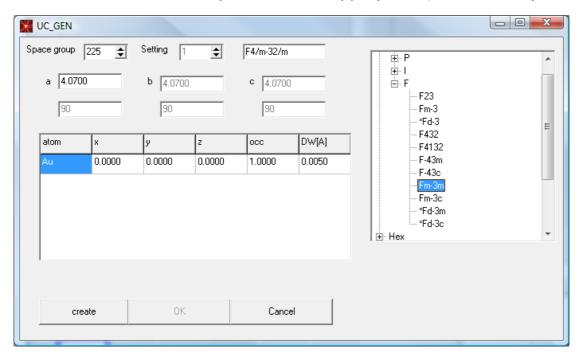
This should open the unit cell creation window



If you know the space group number you can write it in the blue box. You can also specify the setting , you should read the name of the space group in the box on its side.

Alternatively you can browse the desired space group in the right tree (some space group are not implemented at the moment). Double click the group name. This will automatically fill the space group window.

You can then fill the lattice parameters as appropriate (for cubic only one number).

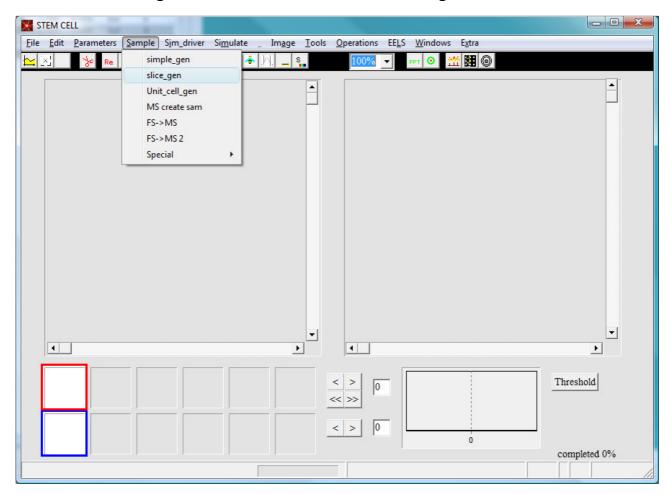


In the example the cell for Au.

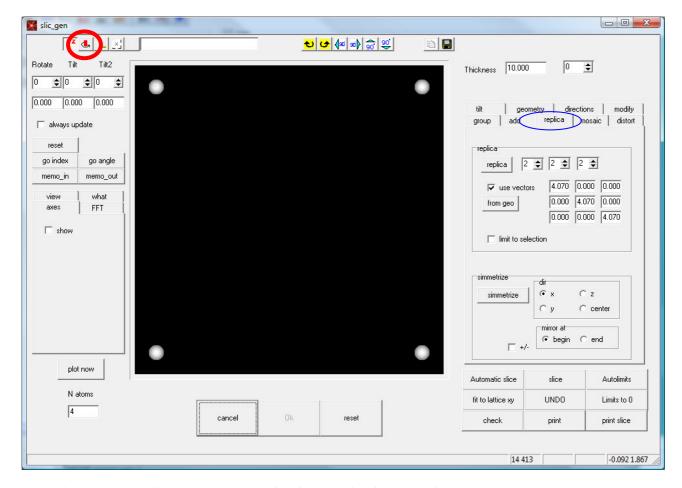
When ready press "create" this will create the cell and also a supercell (SC) based on this (in future version the SC creation will have a separate button). Close the window

A quick look at the cell

It can be interesting to take a look at the unit cell. Let 's go then at



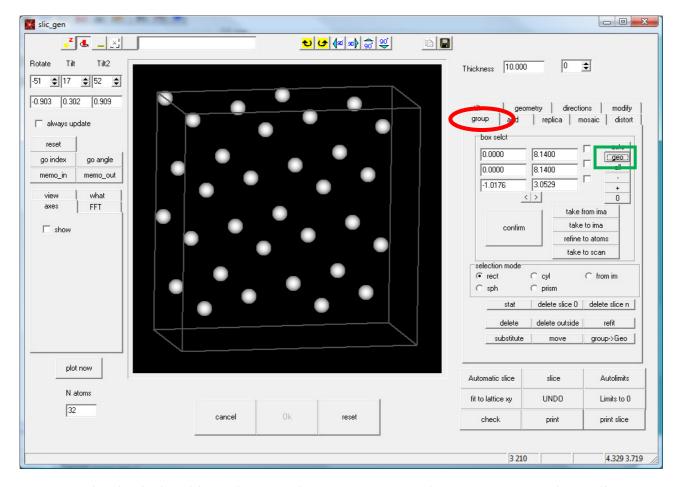
This will show the 4 basis atom as follows



For a better visualisation we can duplicate the basis at least once.

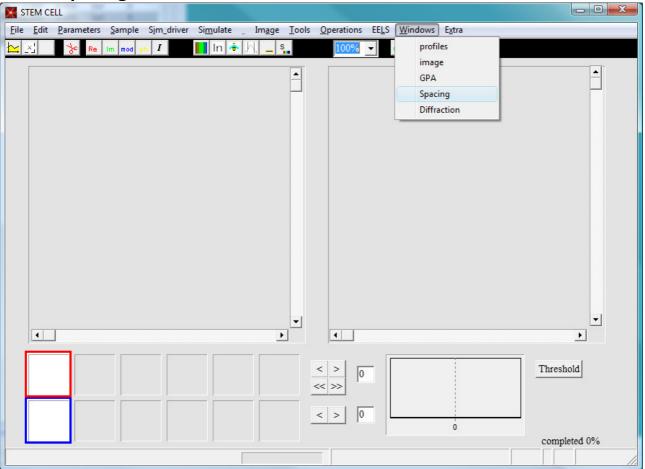
Press the Replica Tab and select 2,2,2 (the default)

Pres then the button here in red to activate the drag and drop rotation of the cell



We can also be helped by selecting the group TAB and pressing GEO. This will highlight a rectangular prism containing the cell. This unit is usefull for many supercell manipulation but is not the topic of this description.

Lattice spacings



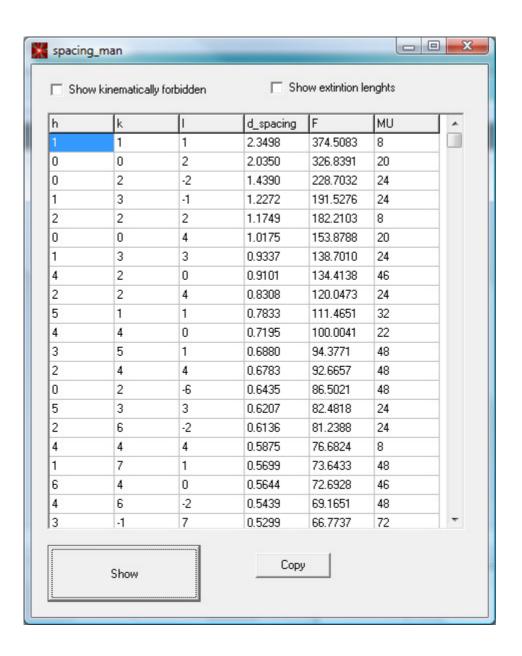
Open the spacing window. When it opens press the button "show".

The reflection with the d-spacing should appear. Also scattering factor F and multiplicity MU should appear.

By checking tehappropriate box you can visualize also kinematically frobidedn reflection and the extension distance instead of F.

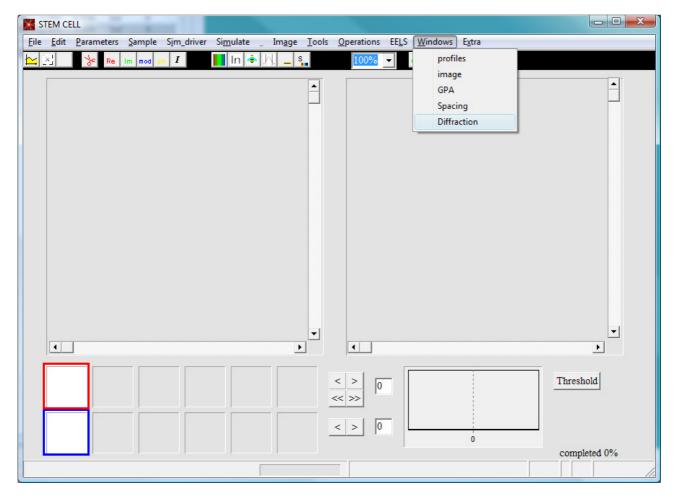
From version 2.3.6.6 another button permits to copy on clipboard (and then paste on MS word) a summarization of reflection and lattice distances.

Close it when ready.



Diffraction

Press window-> diffarction



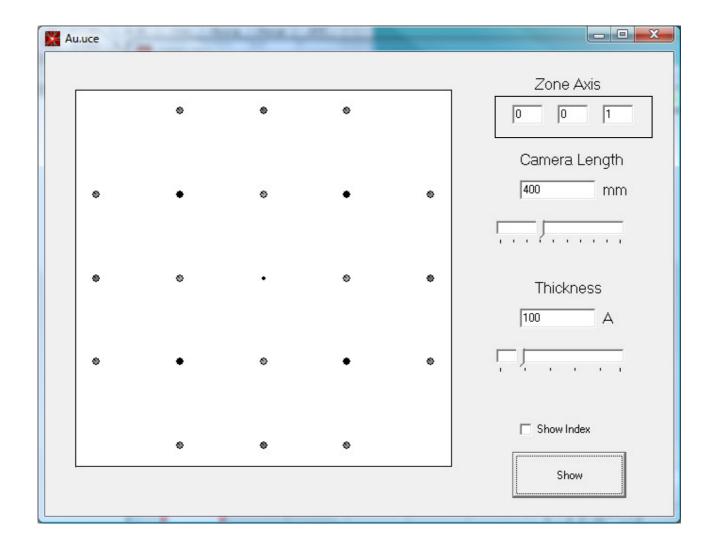
In this way a diffraction windows appears.

The most important number her below indicated by a rectangle can be set to define the zone axis to be visualized.

The camera Length permits to zoom the pattern (use the scroll).

By changing the thickness the intensity of the spot is estimated by 2 beam diffraction equation.

If you thick the "show index2 box and "show2 you can visualize the index of the reflections.



IMPORTANT utility

If you click on a single reflection a number appears on it. Now if you look at the debug window you should see the index name and the relative angle between numbered spots.

