

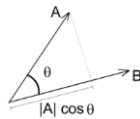
Principles of BioX-ray (diffusion and diffraction)

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Bases in X-rays: mathematical tools

Scalar product:

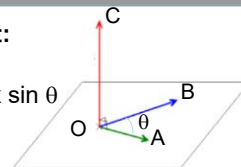
$$\overrightarrow{OA} \cdot \overrightarrow{OB} = OA \times OB \times \cos \theta$$



Vector product:

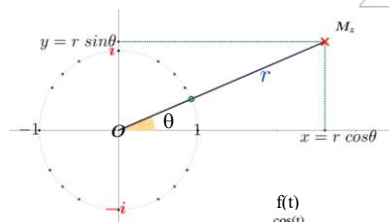
$$\overrightarrow{OC} = \overrightarrow{OA} \wedge \overrightarrow{OB}$$

$$OC = OA \times OB \times \sin \theta$$



Representing vectors with complex number:

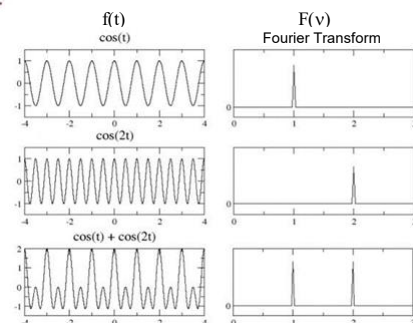
$$\vec{r} = r \cos \theta + i r \sin \theta = r e^{i\theta}$$



Fourier Transform :

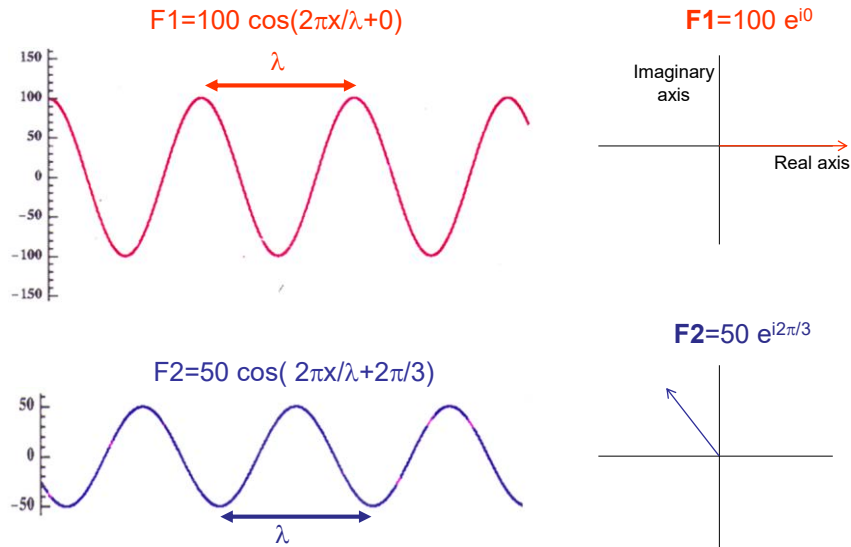
The **Fourier transform (FT)** decomposes a function of time into its constituent frequencies

$$F(v) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i2\pi vt} dt$$



Bases in diffraction: monochromatic waves

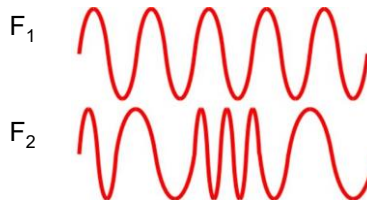
Energy: $E=hc/\lambda$; Equation: $F(x)=A \cos(2\pi x/\lambda+\phi)$ where A is the peak amplitude and ϕ the phase ; structure factor $\mathbf{F}=Ae^{i\phi}$; intensity $I \propto \mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^*=A^2$



Bases in diffraction: adding waves

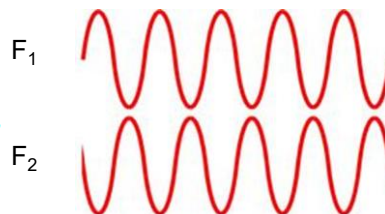
- Incoherent waves**, intensities are added

$$I_{\text{total}} \propto |F_1|^2 + |F_2|^2 \\ = I_1 + I_2$$



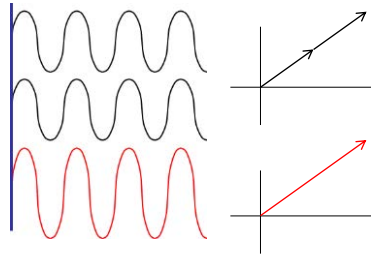
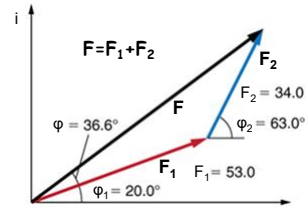
- Coherent waves** (difference in phase remains constant) structure factors are added and **interferences** are observed

$$I_{\text{total}} \propto |\vec{F}_1 + \vec{F}_2|^2 \\ \propto |F_1|^2 + |F_2|^2 + \text{cross terms} \\ \neq I_1 + I_2$$

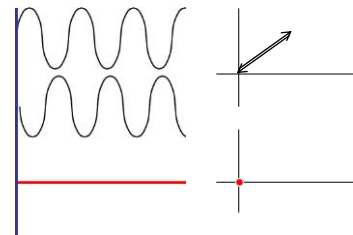


Bases in diffraction: interferences

- Waves with same λ and spatially close to one other
- Structure factors are added $F e^{i\varphi} = F_1 e^{i\varphi_1} + F_2 e^{i\varphi_2}$ and interferences are observed



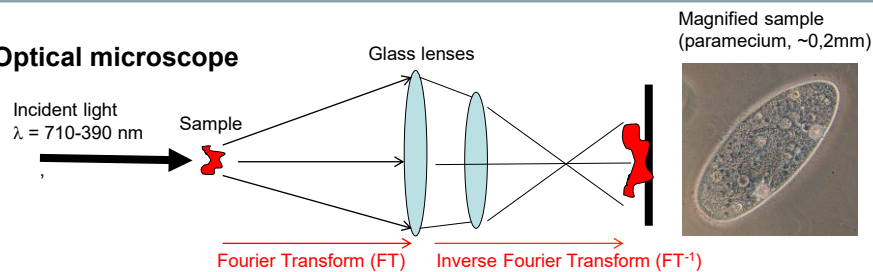
Constructive interference occurs when the phase difference between the waves is equal to $n 2\pi$ and the path difference to $n \lambda$



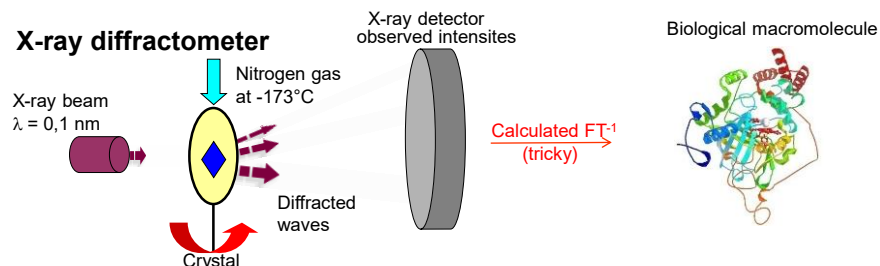
Destructive interference occurs when the phase difference is equal to $\pi + n 2\pi$ and the path difference to $\lambda/2 + n \lambda$

Bases in diffraction: optical microscopy and X-ray diffraction

Optical microscope



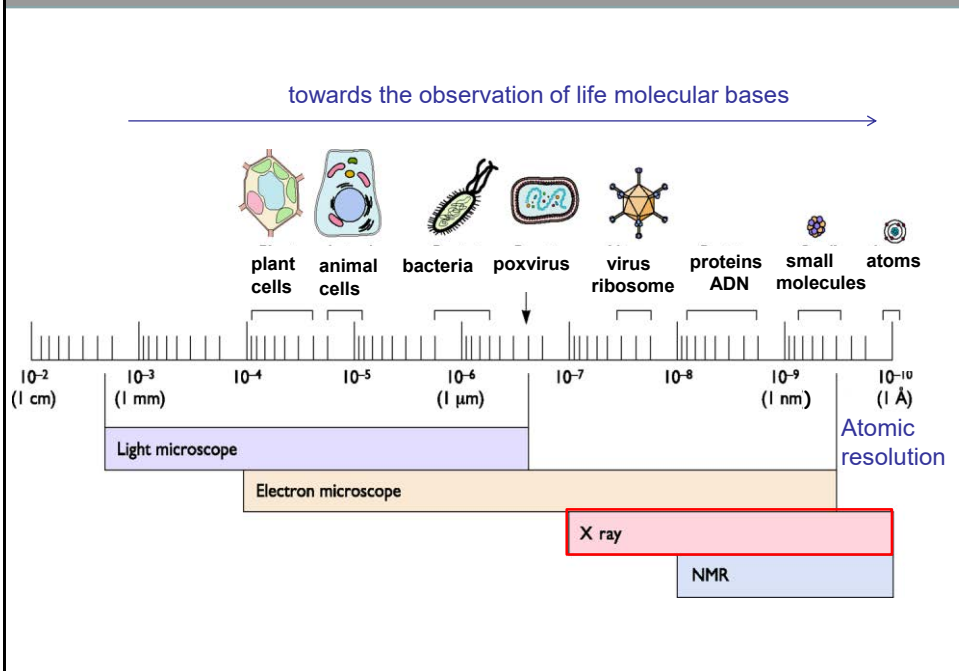
X-ray diffractometer



Hard X-rays ($\lambda < 2 \text{ \AA}$) are high energy waves with a wavelength comparative to interatomic spacing. Once scattered, no physical way to change their trajectories to directly observe a magnified image

→ **Phasing problem** in SAXS and X-ray crystallography ($I_{\text{obs}} = A^2$ measured, φ lost)

X-rays in Structural Biology



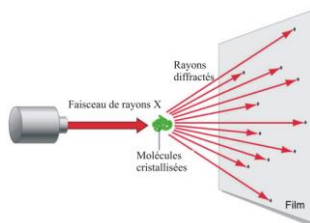
Invention of X-ray crystallography

1901, Nobel Prize in physics for Wilhelm Röntgen for the **discovery of X-rays** and its use in **medicine**

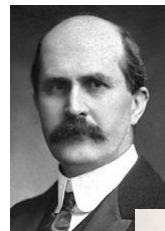


X-ray of hand, 1896

1914, Nobel Prize in Physics for Max Von Laue for the discovery of **X-ray diffraction** by crystals



1915, Nobel Prize in Physics for Sir William Henry Bragg and his son, William Lawrence Bragg, for their work of **analyzing crystal structures** using X-rays



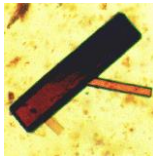
Diamond and atomic model of its structure, 1913

1946-1962 Development of X-ray bio-crystallography

1946, Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the discovery of **protein crystallization**

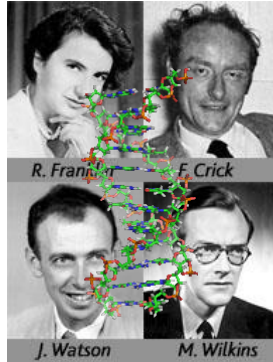


J. Sumner, W. Stanley, J. Northrop

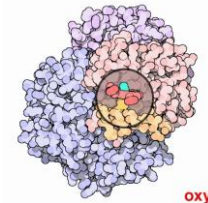


Protein crystal

1962, Nobel Prize in medicine for the molecular structure **of nucleic acids** and their function of transferring information in living matter

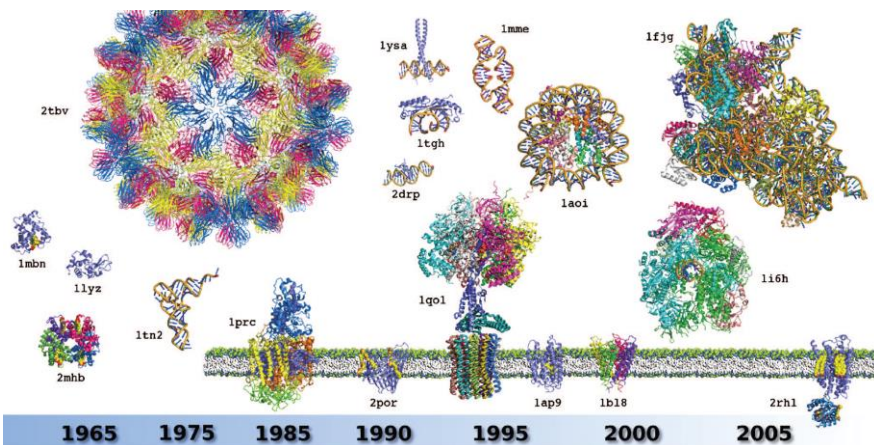


1962, Nobel Prize in chemistry for the structure of hemoglobin and globular proteins



→ The structures of DNA and hemoglobin are two essential discoveries that have used crystallography and X-ray diffraction.

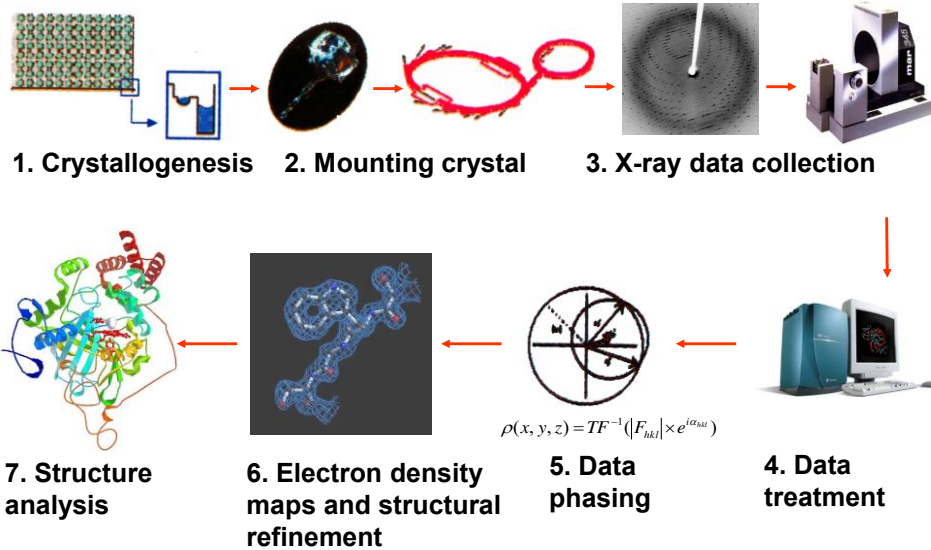
« Protein Data Bank » >150,000 atomic structures



Why water boils at 100°C and methane at -161°C, why blood is red and grass is green, why diamond is hard and wax is soft... The answers to all these problems have come from structural analysis.

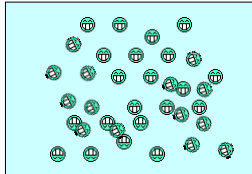
Max Perutz, July 1996, Churchill College, Cambridge

Structural studies by X-ray bio-crystallography

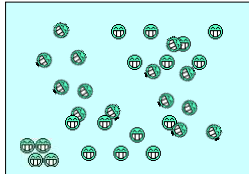


1. Crystallogeneses

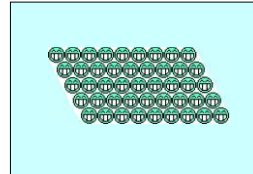
Purified protein in solution



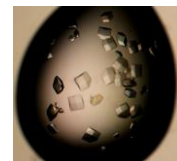
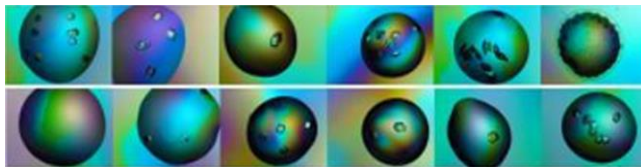
Nucleation



Crystal growth



Crystals generally obtained by an evaporation method (**slow concentration**) in an aqueous medium that promotes crystallization (salt, pH ...)



Protein crystals are often **fragile** and **difficult** to obtain

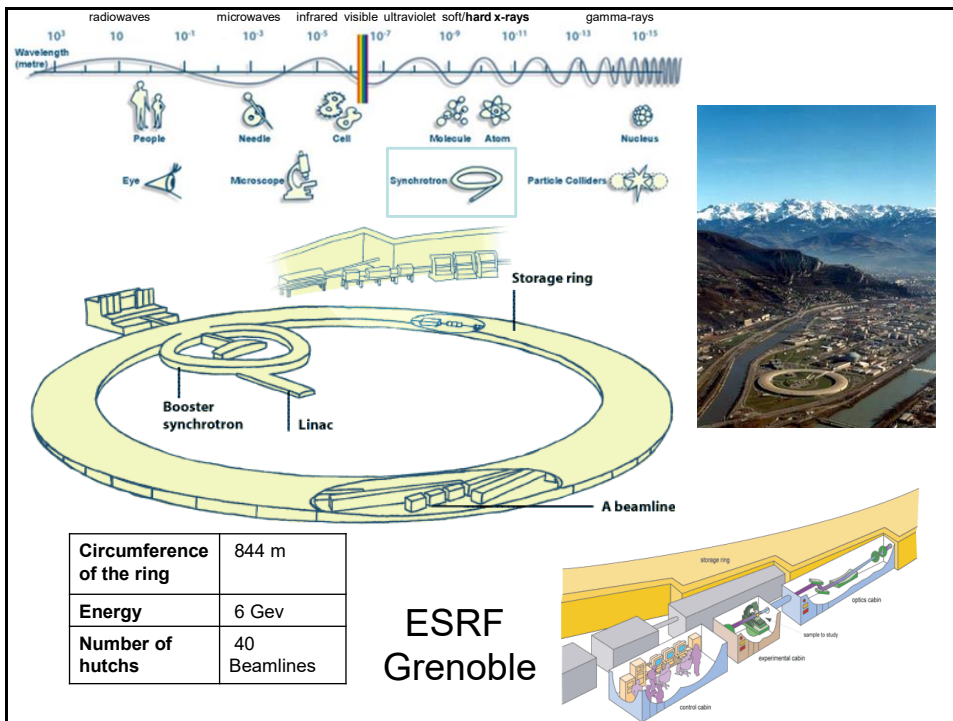
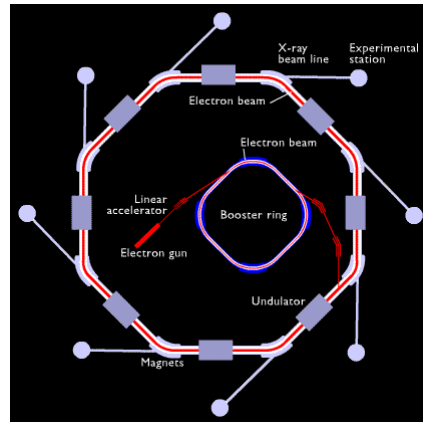
Thousands of trials may be required to obtain crystals of sufficient size 1mm to 10 μ m that grow in 1h to 1year

2. Using a synchrotron light source for X-rays

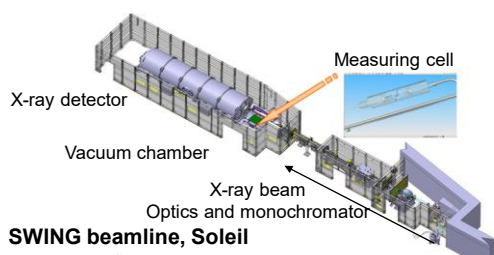
Principle:

- Electrons are accelerated to high speeds to achieve a final energy that is typically in the gigaelectronvolt range
- Electromagnets inserted along the storage ring bend their trajectory
- Electromagnetic radiation (X-rays) emitted during the change of trajectory
- A wavelength of $0.1 \text{ nm} = 1 \text{ \AA}$ is often selected in biocrystallography (monochromator)

Examples: ESRF-Grenoble, SOLEIL-Saclay

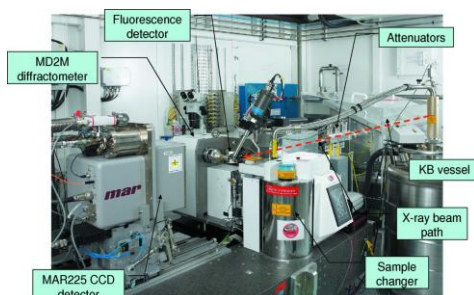


2. Two types of beamline to study biological macromolecules



SAXS (Small angle X-ray Scattering) beamline for macromolecules in solution

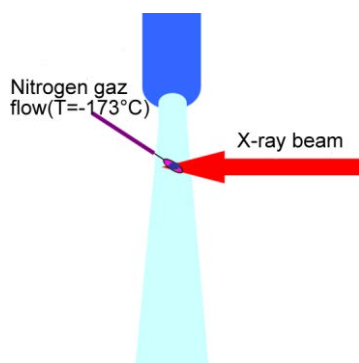
→ Talk on Sunday, TP on Thursday



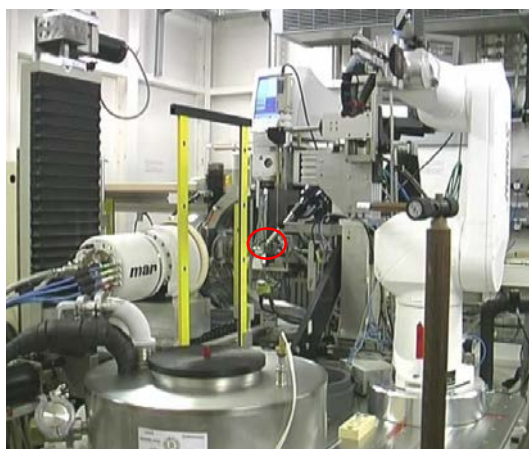
Macromolecular crystallography beamline

→ Talks and TP on Sunday

2. Crystal fishing and mounting on a goniometer head

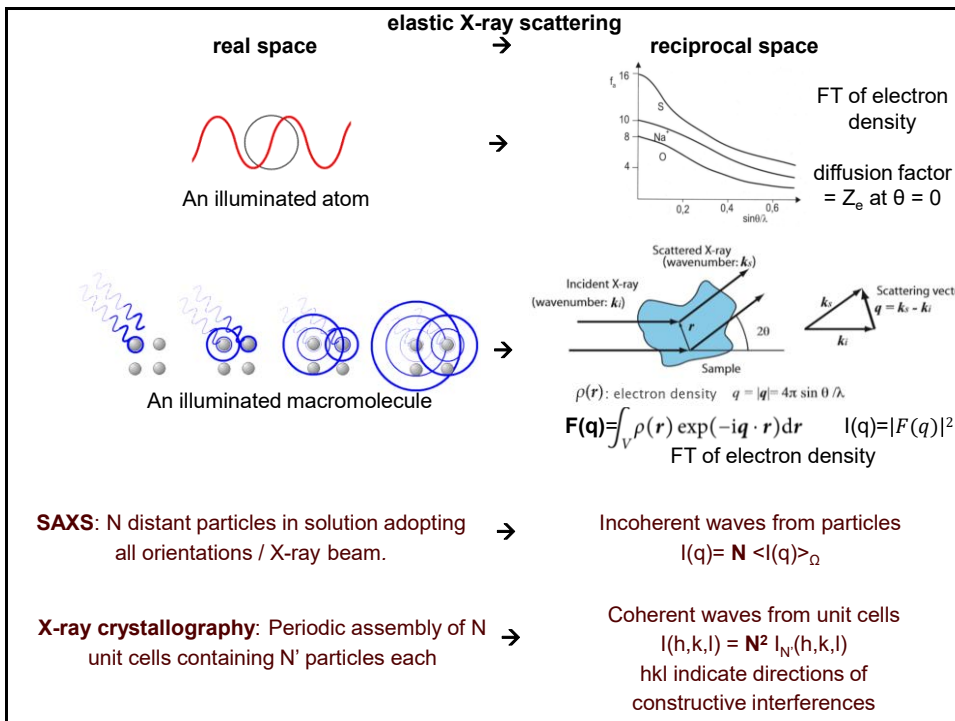
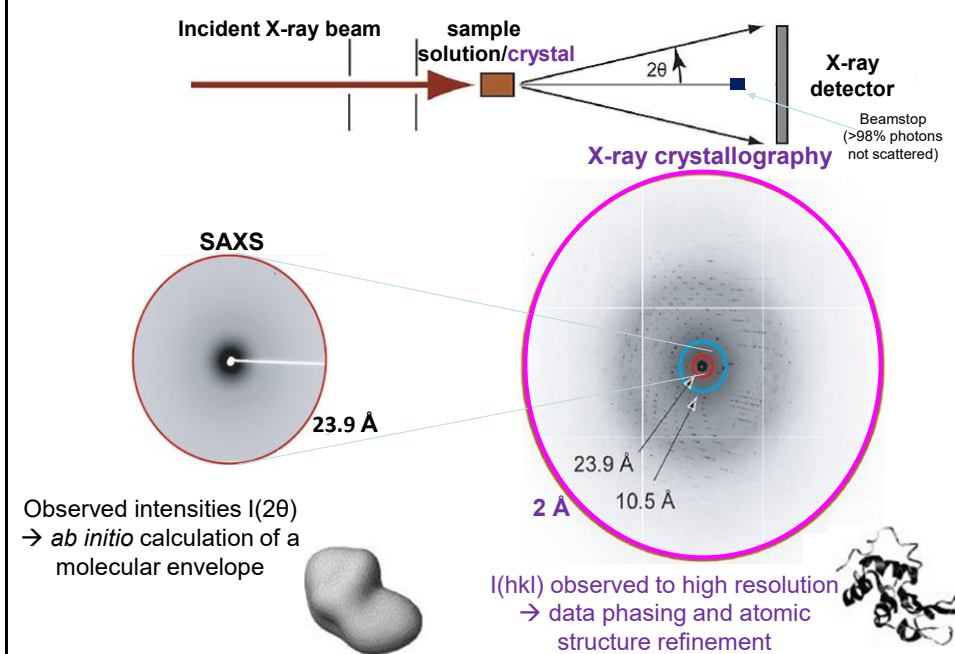


Crystal **fishing** with a cryo-loop and **freezing** to preserve the crystal (dehydration, radiation damage)



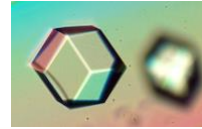
Automated crystal mounting at the ESRF beamline **FIP BM30A**, Grenoble

3. Small Angle X-ray Scattering vs X-ray crystallography

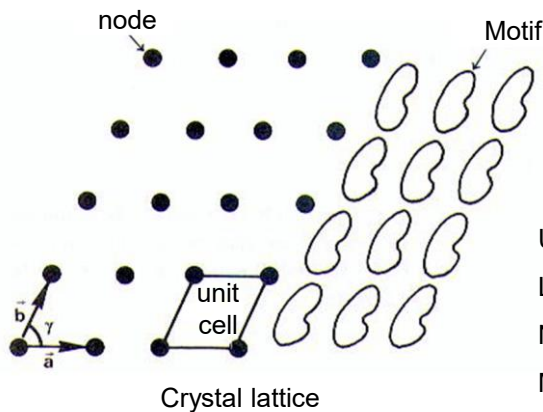


3. The case of X-ray protein crystallography

- A **crystal structure** describes the ordered arrangement of molecules in a crystalline material



- The smallest group of particles in the material that constitutes the pattern repeated by translation is the **unit cell**



Unit cell = «maille»

Lattice = «réseau»

Node = «nœud»

Motif: can be >1 in the unit cell

Convolution

Convolution: take one function, $f(\mathbf{r})$, and put it down at every point of a second function, $g(\mathbf{r})$

$$f(\mathbf{r}) \otimes g(\mathbf{r}).$$

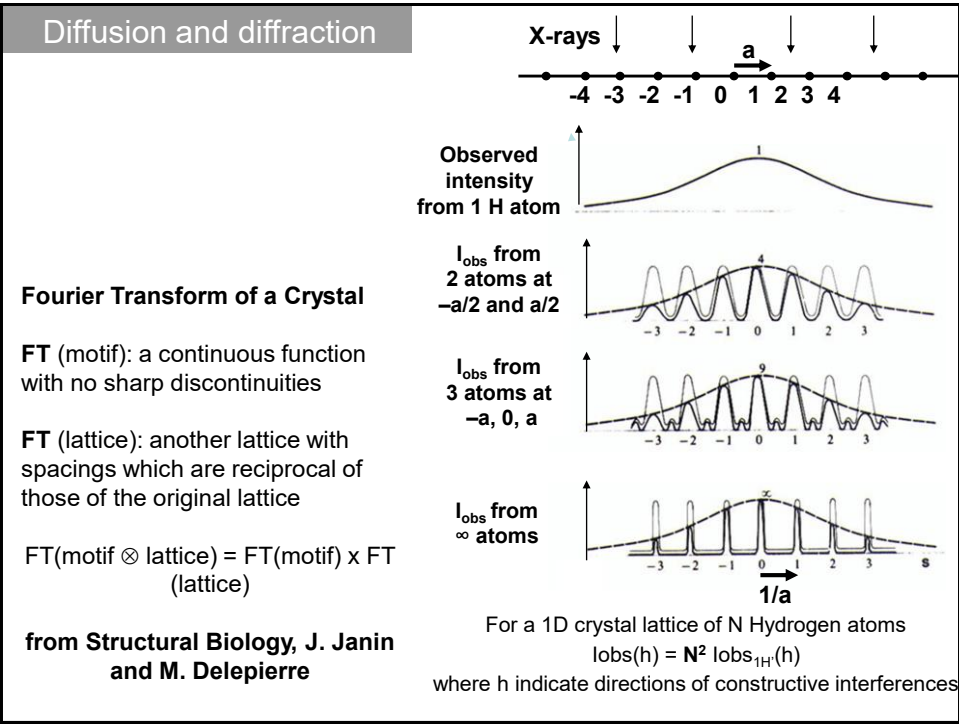
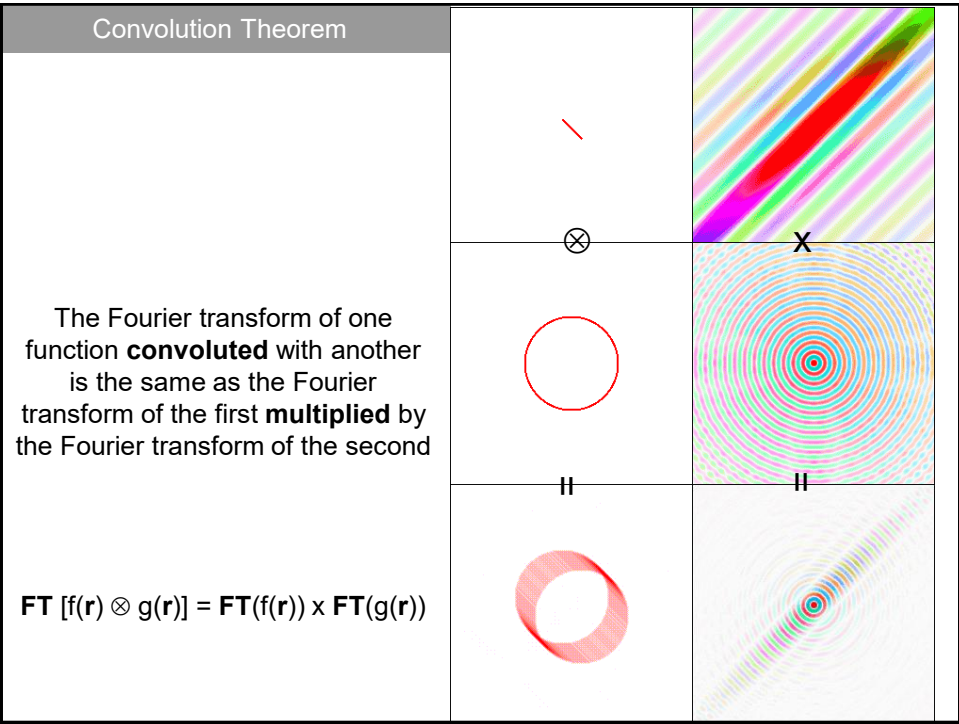
Here \otimes is the convolution operator

A crystal is a convolution of one function (a motif) with another (a lattice)

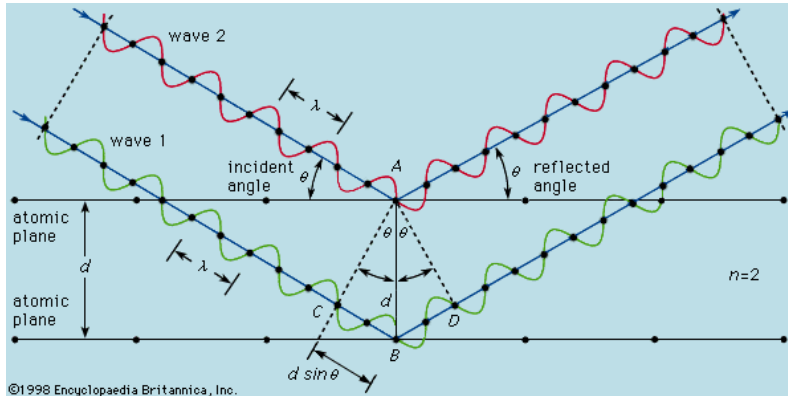
1. Motif is any object; e.g. a protein molecule, duck etc.
2. Lattice is an array of regularly spaced mathematical points

$$\text{Lattice} \otimes \text{Motif} = \text{Crystal}$$





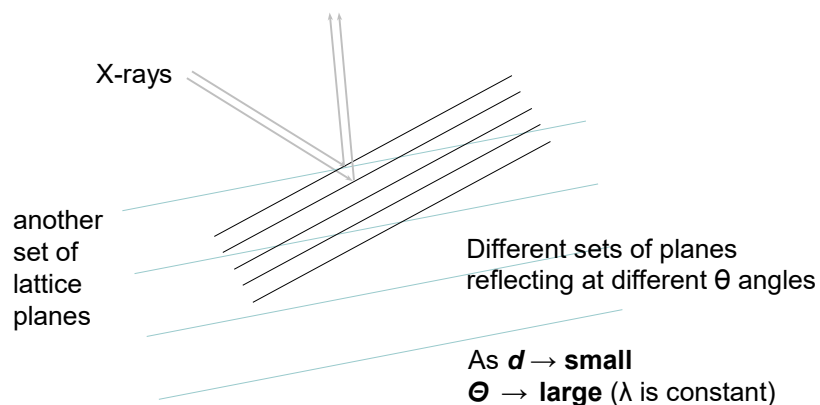
The Bragg's law



- For a crystal, waves are scattered from atomic planes separated by d
- The path difference between two waves undergoing interference is given by $2d \sin \theta$, where θ is the scattering angle.
- The effect of constructive or destructive interference intensifies in successive crystallographic planes
- This leads to Bragg's law, which describes the condition on θ for the **constructive interference** to be at its **strongest**: $2d \sin \theta = n \lambda$

The notion of resolution in X-ray diffraction

Bragg's law $\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$



Waves scattered at a **high angle** contain **high resolution** details on the illumine

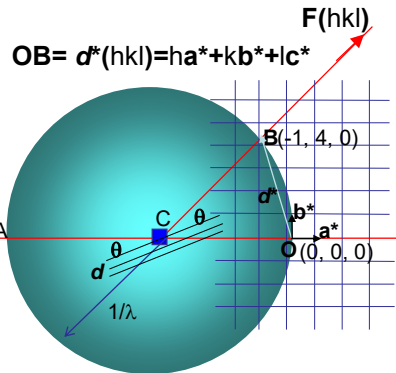
The Ewald construction

Let's imagine that a crystal centered in a sphere of radius $1/\lambda$.

The origin **O** of the reciprocal lattice defined by the vectors \mathbf{a}^* , \mathbf{b}^* , \mathbf{c}^* lies at the intersection between the incident beam and the sphere surface

$$\mathbf{a}^* = \mathbf{b} \wedge \mathbf{c} / V ; \mathbf{b}^* = \mathbf{c} \wedge \mathbf{a} / V ; \mathbf{c}^* = \mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b} / V$$

If $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$, $\mathbf{a}^* = 1/\mathbf{a}$, $\mathbf{b}^* = 1/\mathbf{b}$, $\mathbf{c}^* = 1/\mathbf{c}$ and \mathbf{a} , \mathbf{b} , \mathbf{c} and \mathbf{a}^* , \mathbf{b}^* , \mathbf{c}^* are // respectively



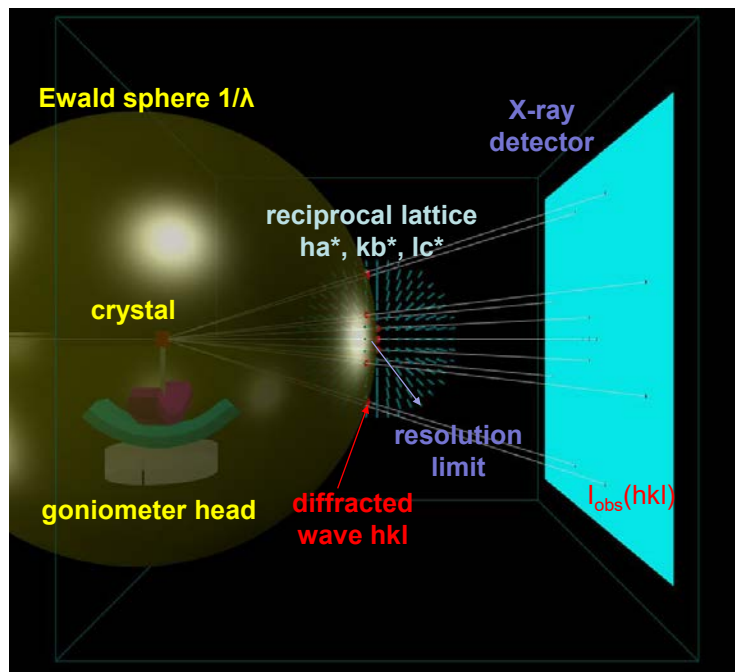
With respect to Bragg's law, constructive interferences occur in a 2θ direction only for reciprocal lattice points $\mathbf{d}^*(\mathbf{hkl})$ that intersects with the Ewald sphere.

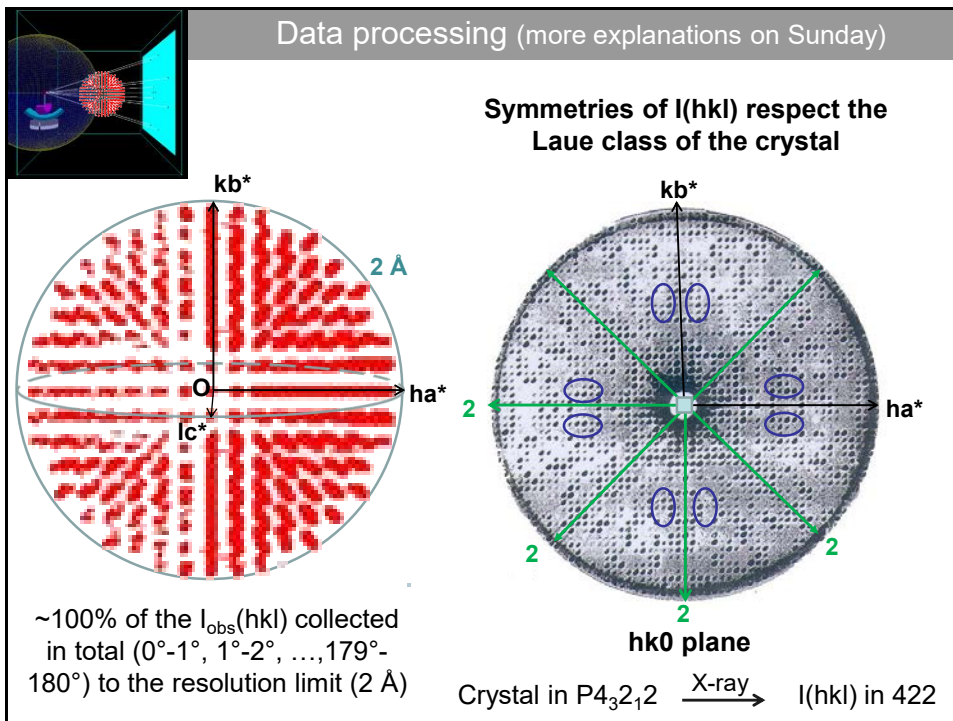
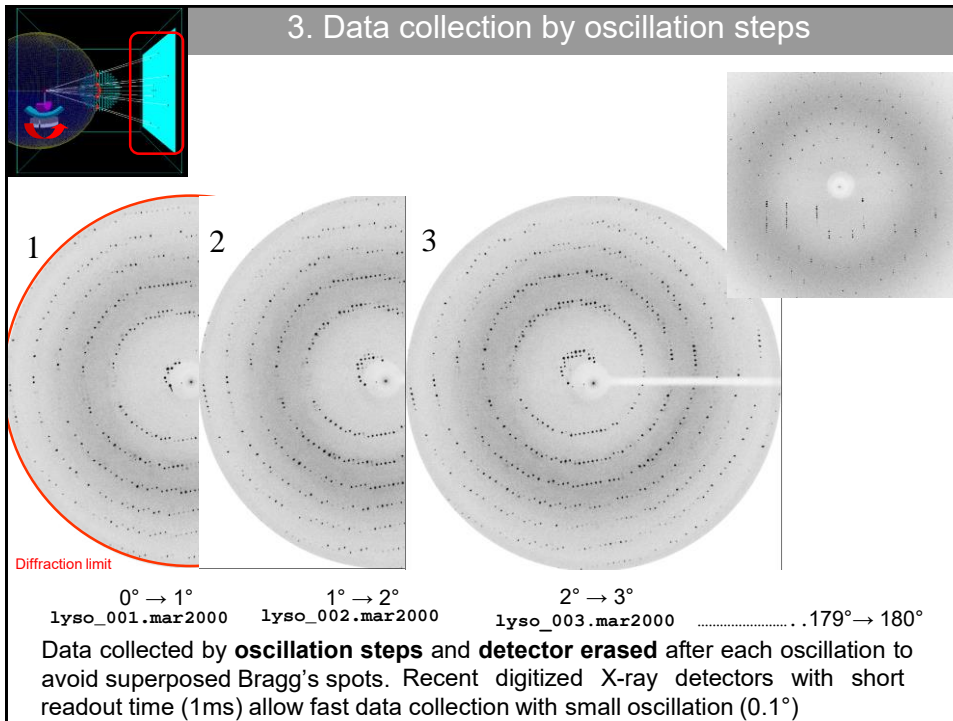
In magnitude $d^*(\mathbf{hkl}) = 1/d(\mathbf{hkl})$ where d is the distance between the reflecting planes

The structure factor $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{hkl})$ of the diffracted wave is equal to the **Fourier Transform** of the crystal assembly:

$$F_{hkl} \exp i\phi_{hkl} = \sum_{j=1}^M f_j [\exp i2\pi(lx_j + ky_j + lz_j)]$$

where M is the number of atoms in the unit cell

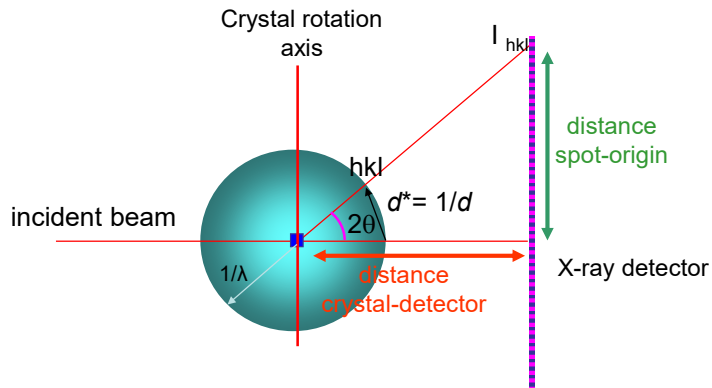




Resolution circles

The resolution of each diffracted wave $I(hkl)$ can be estimated by the Bragg relation : $d = \lambda / 2 \sin\theta$ and **$d = \text{Resolution} = 1/d^*$**

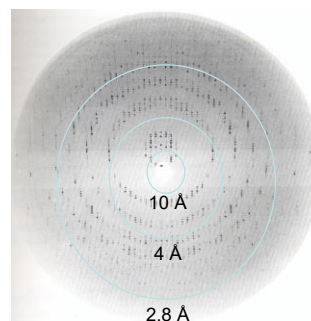
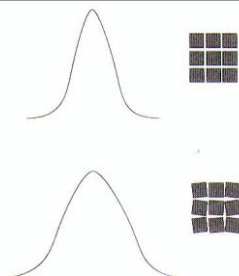
$$\text{Resolution} \approx \lambda (\text{distance crystal-detector}) / (\text{distance spot-origin})$$

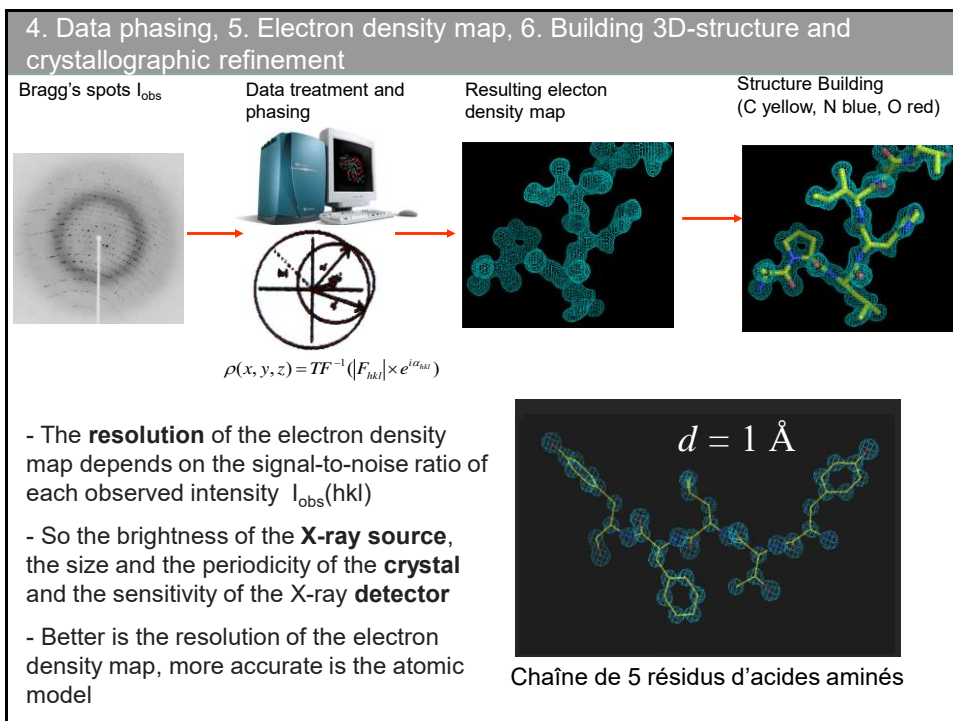
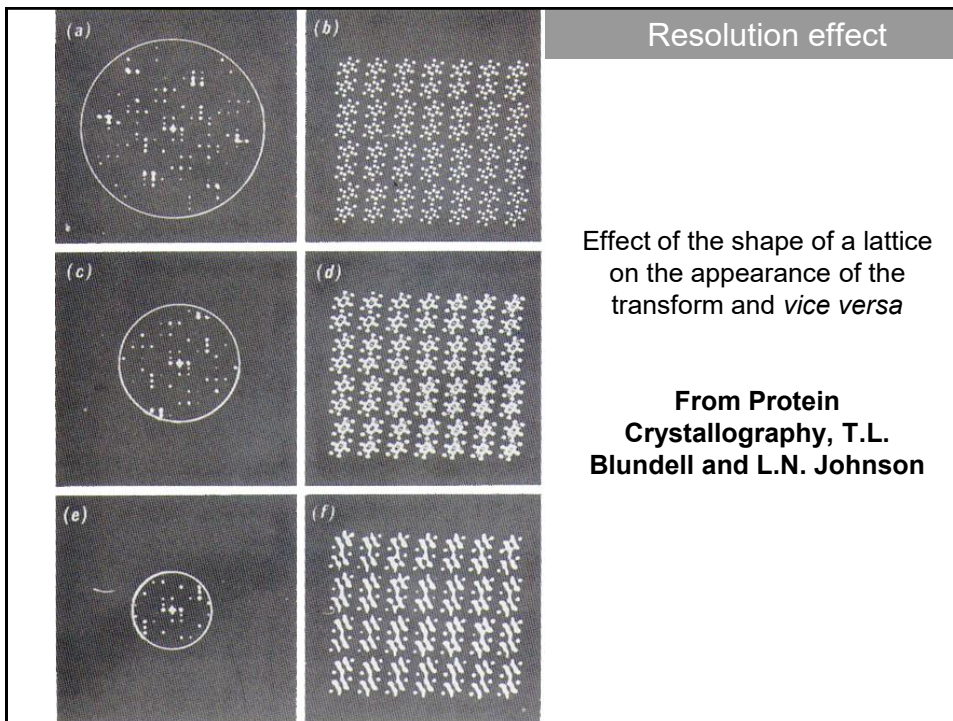


Before data collection, the user **optimizes** the **crystal-detector distance** in order to collect the best possible dataset (well separated spots) to the highest possible resolution (weakest Bragg spots on detector edges)

Resolution and mosaicity

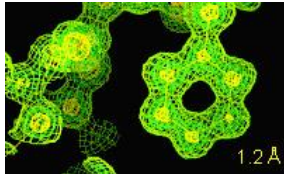
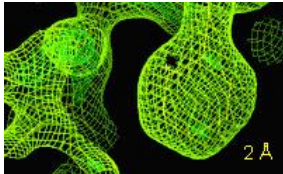
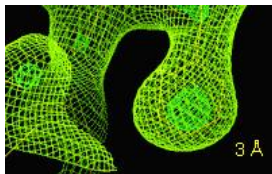
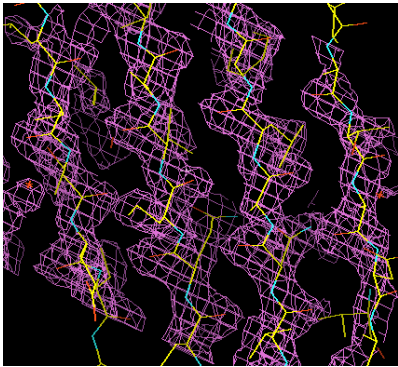
- Macromolecular crystals are imperfect and can be described as a **mosaic** of small blocks.
- The effect on the diffraction pattern is to broaden the diffraction spot profiles and **mosaicity** is defined as the full width at half maximum of diffraction peaks
- A consequence of this mosaicity is the rapid weakening of Bragg spots at high 2θ .
- A low mosaicity crystal generally diffracts to high resolution.
- For macromolecular crystals:
 resolution limit $> 3.5\text{\AA}$, is low
 $3.5\text{\AA} > \text{resolution limit} > 1.5\text{\AA}$, is medium
 $1.5\text{\AA} > \text{resolution}$, is high





Resolution of electron density maps in biocrystallography

Medium resolution 3Å data is good enough to see the backbone with space in between.



Electron density of a phenylalanine residue in a protein crystal structure determined from 3 Å to 1.2 Å resolution (error in position from 0.3 to 0.1 Å)

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Title
REFINEMENT OF AN ENZYME COMPLEX WITH INHIBITOR BOUND AT PARTIAL OCCUPANCY. HEN EGG-WHITE LYSOZYME AND TRI-N-ACETYLCHITOTRIOSE AT 1.75 ANGSTROMS RESOLUTION

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[Abstract]

History
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Experimental Method
Type: X-RAY DIFFRACTION Data: NA

Parameters	Resolution(Å)	R-Value	R-Free	Space Group
1.75	0.229 (obs.)	n/a	P 4 ₃ 2 ₁ 2	

Unit Cell

Length (Å)	a	b	c
78.86	78.86	78.86	38.25

Angles (°)

alpha	beta	gamma
90.00	90.00	90.00

Molecular Description Asymmetric Unit

Polymer: 1 Molecule: HEN EGG WHITE LYSOZYME
Chains: A EC no.: 3.2.1.17
Polymer: 2 Molecule: SUGAR (3-MER)
Structure Weight: 14958.80

Classification
Hydrolase(o Glycosyl)

Source

Polymer: 1 Scientific Name: Synthetic construct Polymer: 2 Scientific Name: Synthetic

SCOP Classification (version 1.73)

Domain Info	Class	Fold	Superfamily	Family	Domain	Species
d1hewa_	Alpha and beta proteins	Lysozyme-like	Lysozyme-like	C-type lysozyme	Lysozyme	Chicken (Gallus gallus)

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