



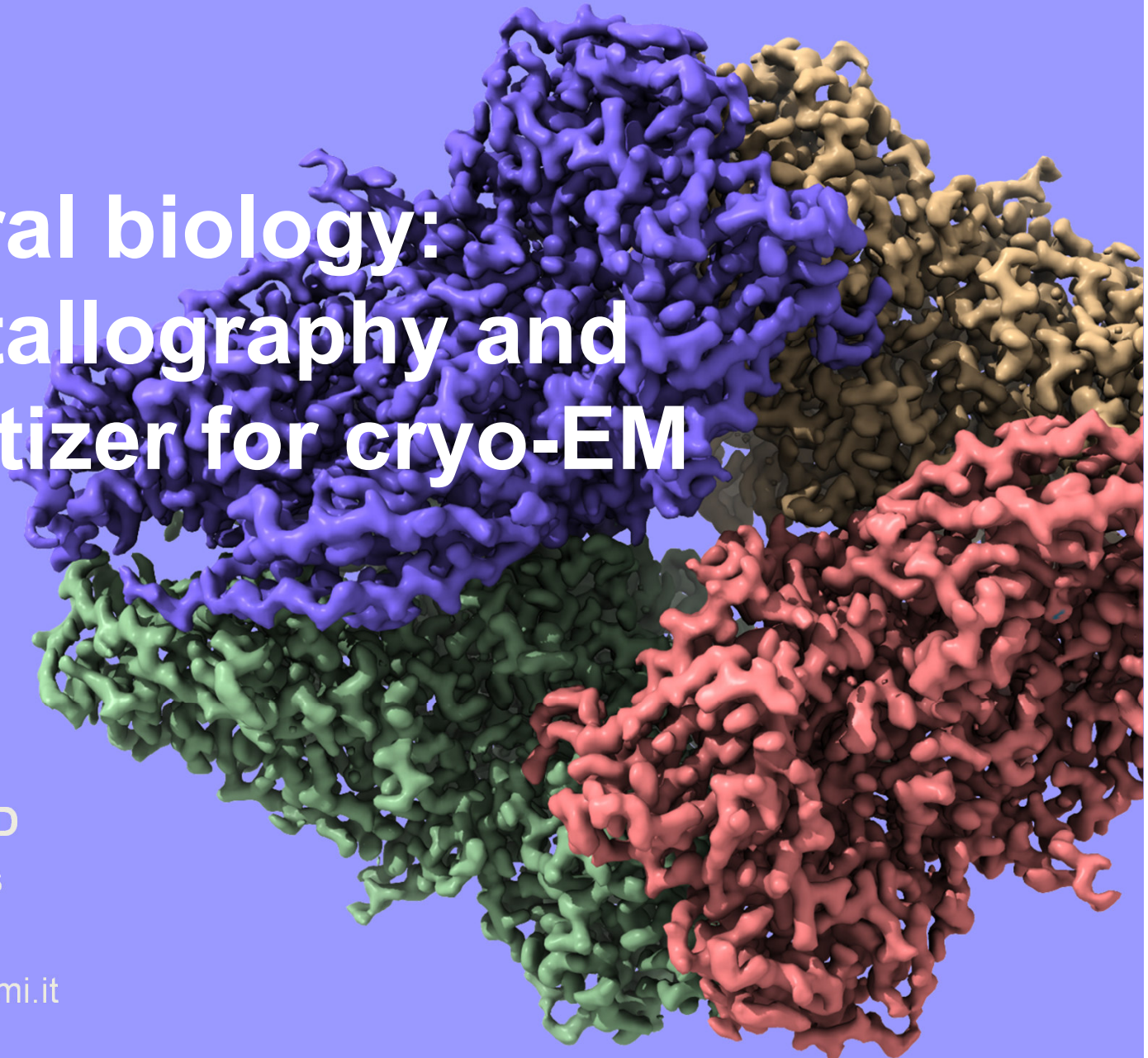
Structural biology: biocrystallography and an appetizer for cryo-EM

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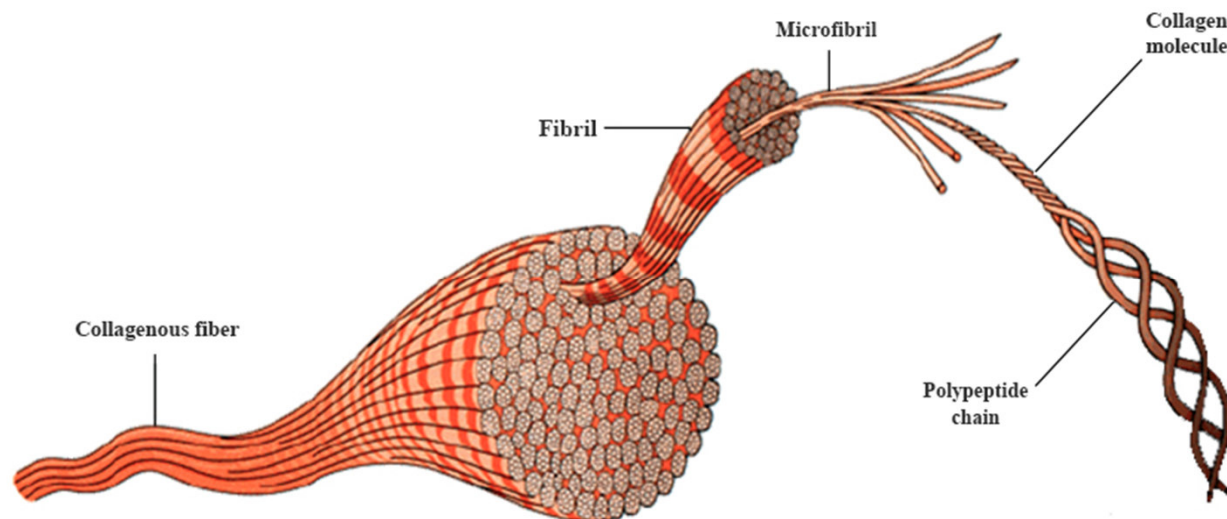


Structural biology

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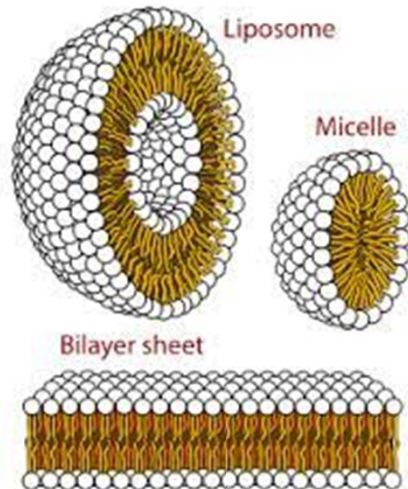
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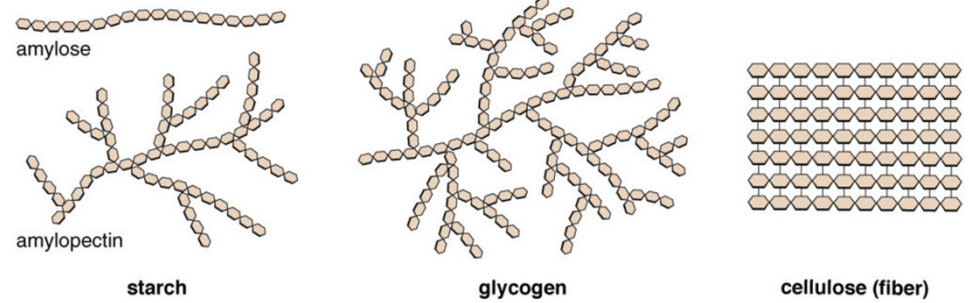


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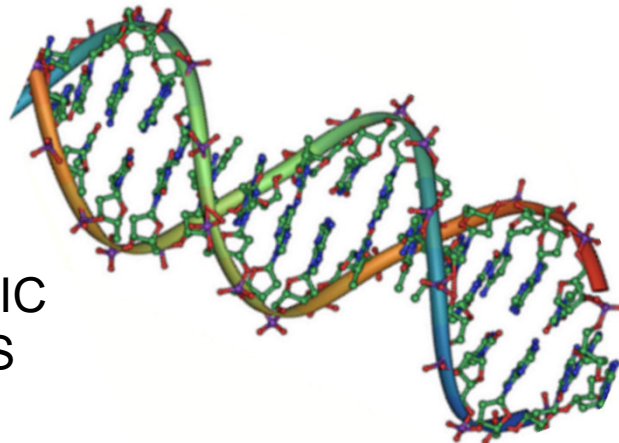
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NUCLEIC ACIDS



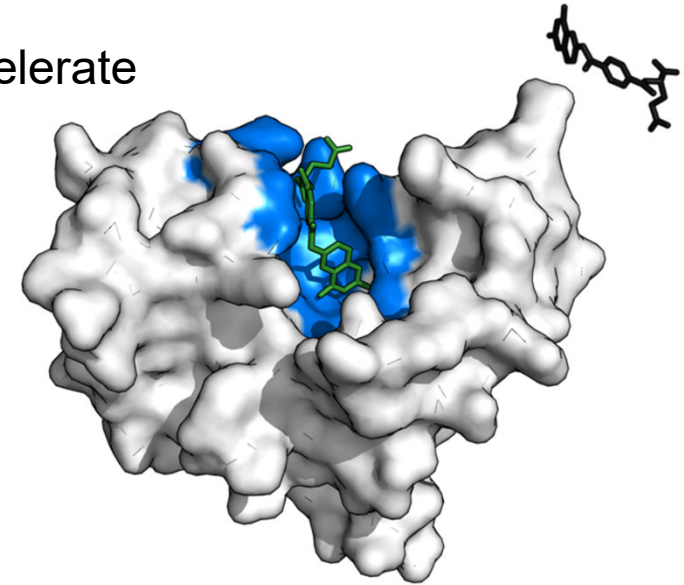
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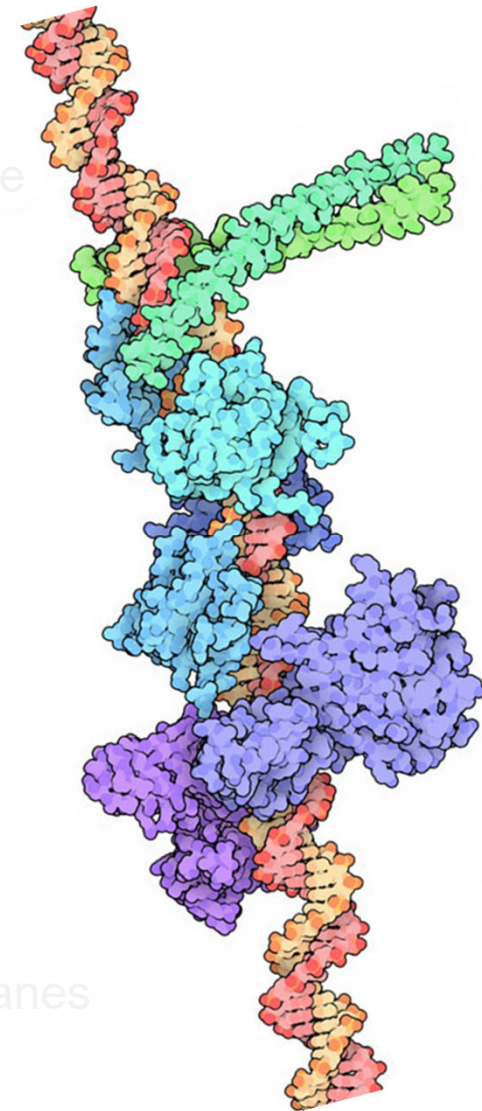
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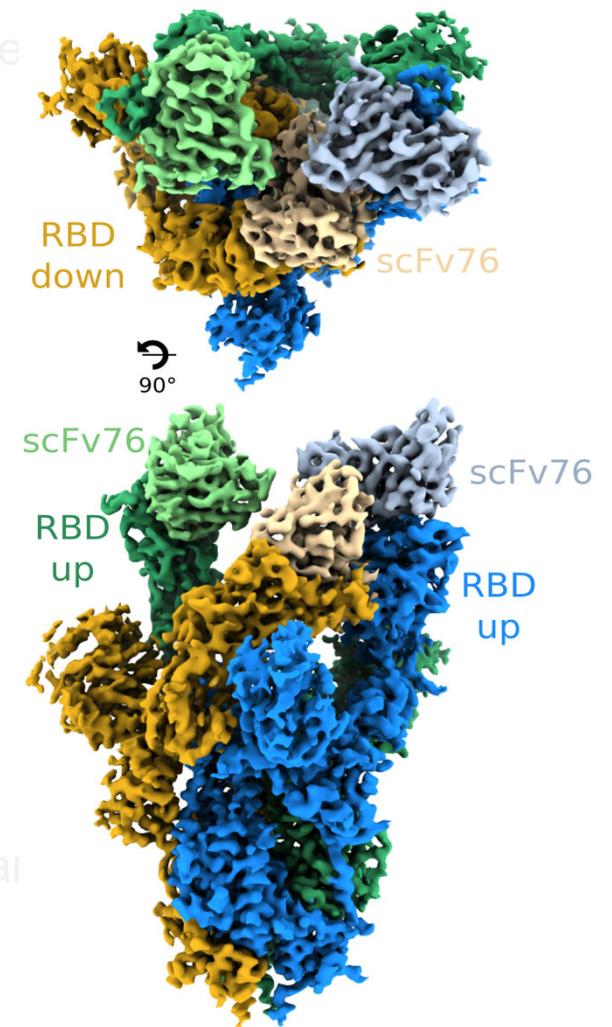
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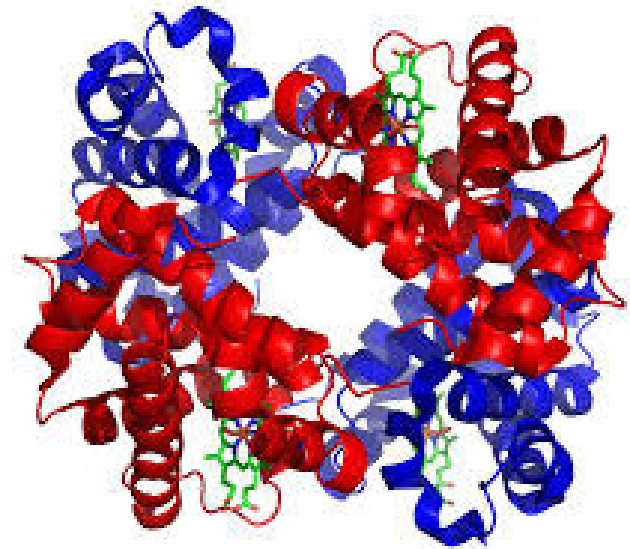
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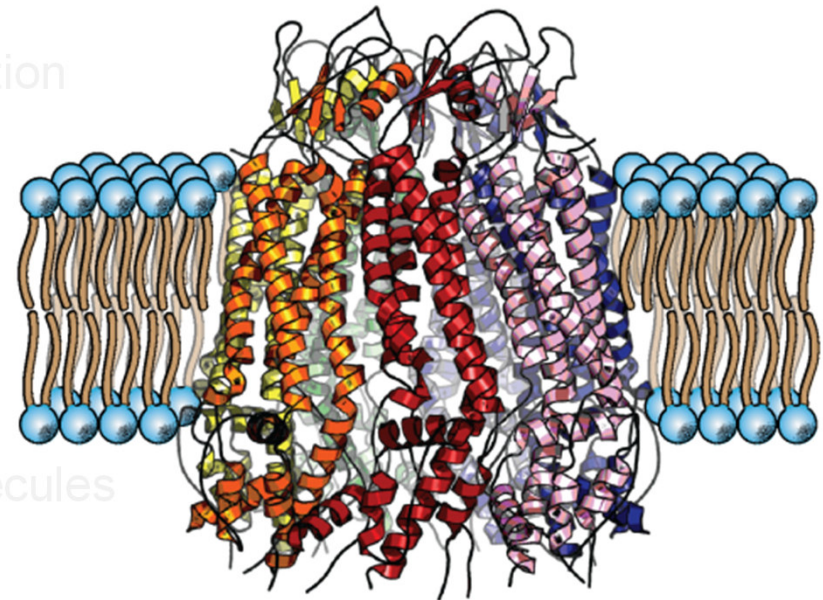
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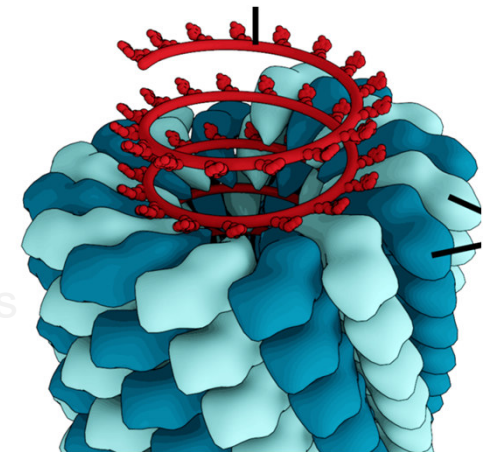
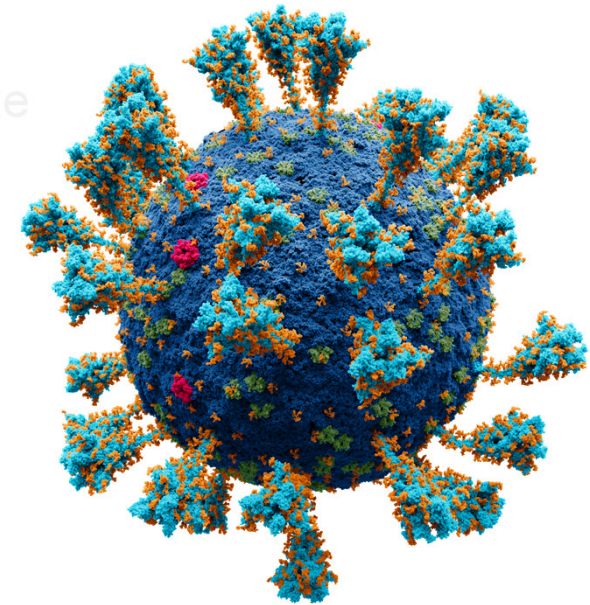
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Applications of structural biology

3D structures of macromolecules allow us to understand **biological processes and interactions** at atomic resolution (i.e. how a particular macromolecule accomplishes its various functions)

- macromolecule to macromolecule interactions
- macromolecule to small molecules (substrates, cofactors, inhibitors, ions ...) interactions
- structural-functional studies on enzymes
- **rational drug design** (how drug lead compounds interact with their protein targets)
- **biotech applications**





Structural biology techniques

- **Biocrystallography (or macromolecula crystallography, MX)**
- **Single particle cryo-electron microscopy (or cryo-EM)**
- **Nucleic magnetic resonance (or NMR)**
- **Small angle X-ray scattering (or SAXS)**



"INTEGRATED" Structural biology

	PROS	CONS	RESOLUTION
MX	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any molecular weight• Precise atomistic details	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High amount of highly pure protein• Sample in a crystalline state• Statistic structure	High (1-2 Å)
Cryo-EM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structure in solution• Small amount of highly pure protein• Acceptable heterogeneity level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Target above 150 kDa• Expensive	Medium/high (2-5 Å)
NMR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structure in solution• Dynamic structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High amount of highly pure (marked) protein• Target below 35 kDa• Expensive• Very slow data processing	High (1-2 Å)
SAXS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structure in solution• Dynamic structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highly pure and homogeneous protein• No atomistic details	Low (20 Å)



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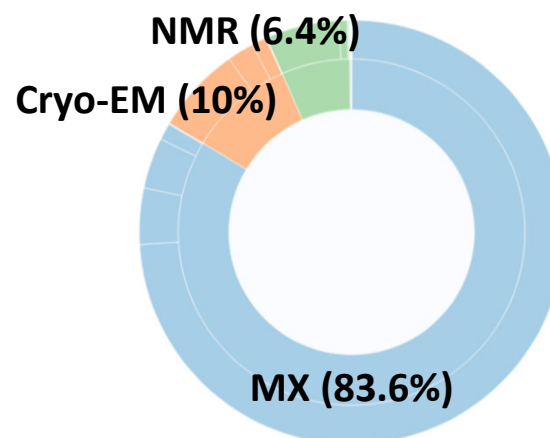
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Molecular Type	X-ray	EM	NMR	Multiple methods	Neutron	Other	Total
Protein (only)	166,454	15,112	12,490	208	77	32	194,373
Protein/Oligosaccharide	9,618	2,576	34	8	2	0	12,238
Protein/NA	8,675	4,593	286	7	0	0	13,561
Nucleic acid (only)	2,864	137	1,505	14	3	1	4,524
Other	170	10	33	0	0	0	213
Oligosaccharide (only)	11	0	6	1	0	4	22
Total	187,792	22,428	14,354	238	82	37	224,931



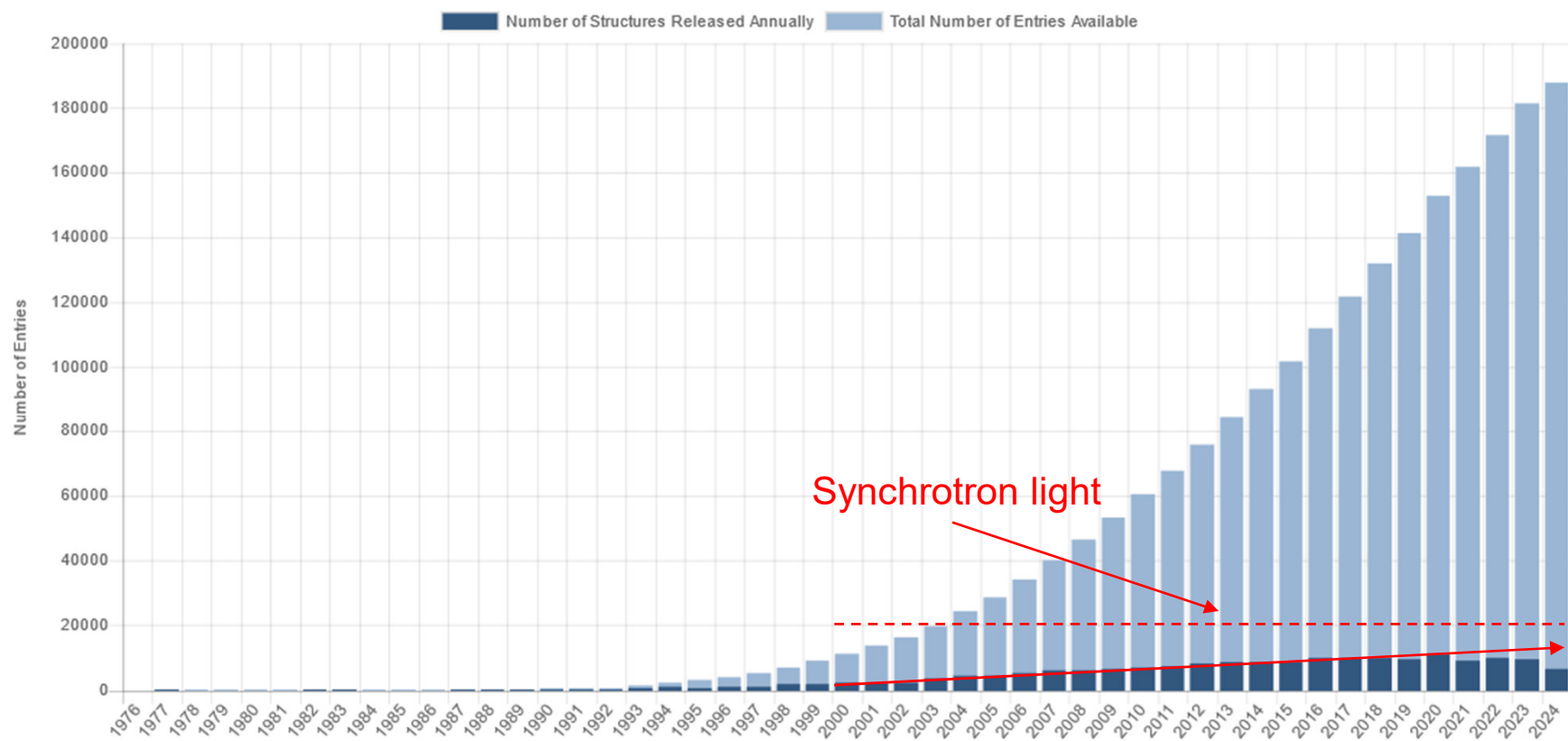


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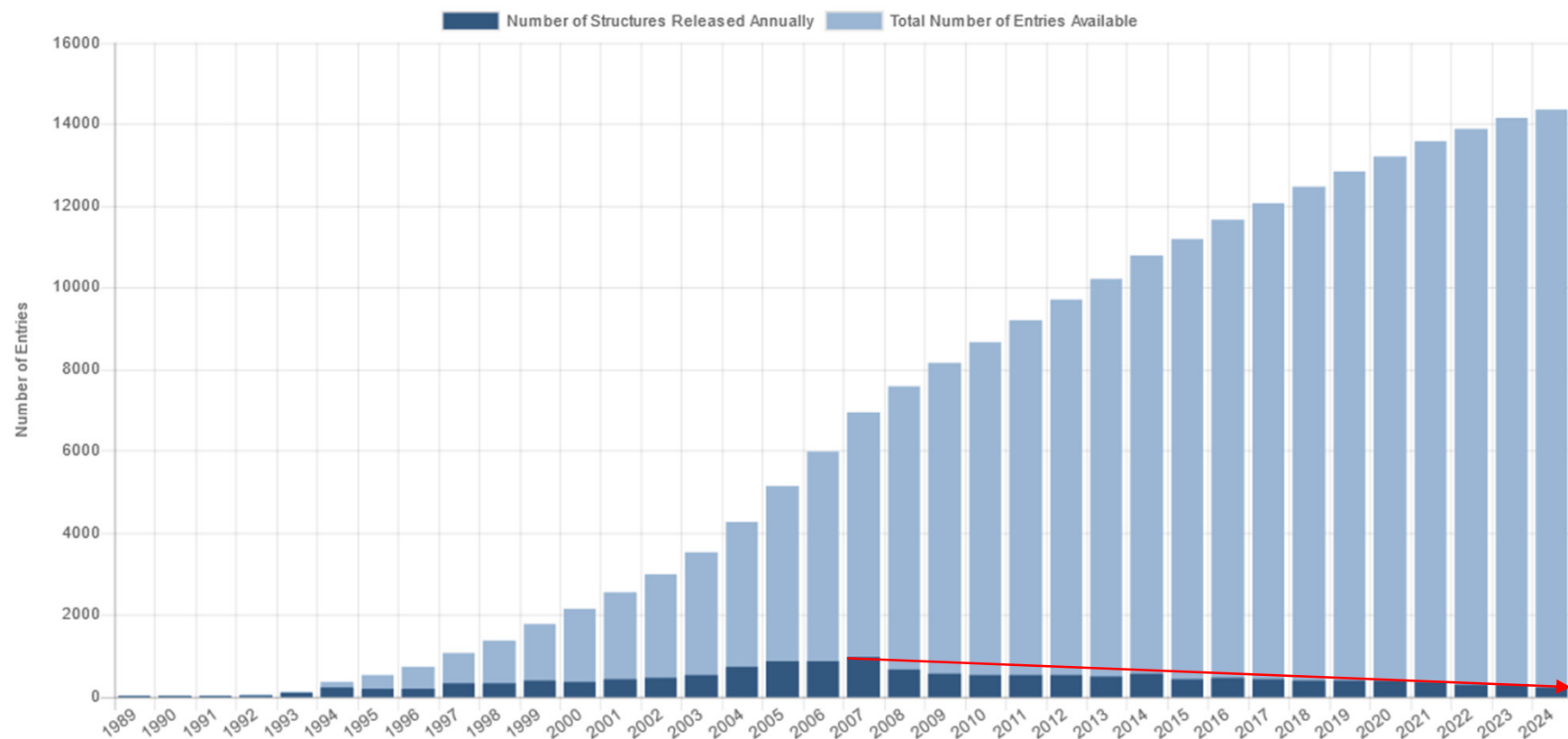


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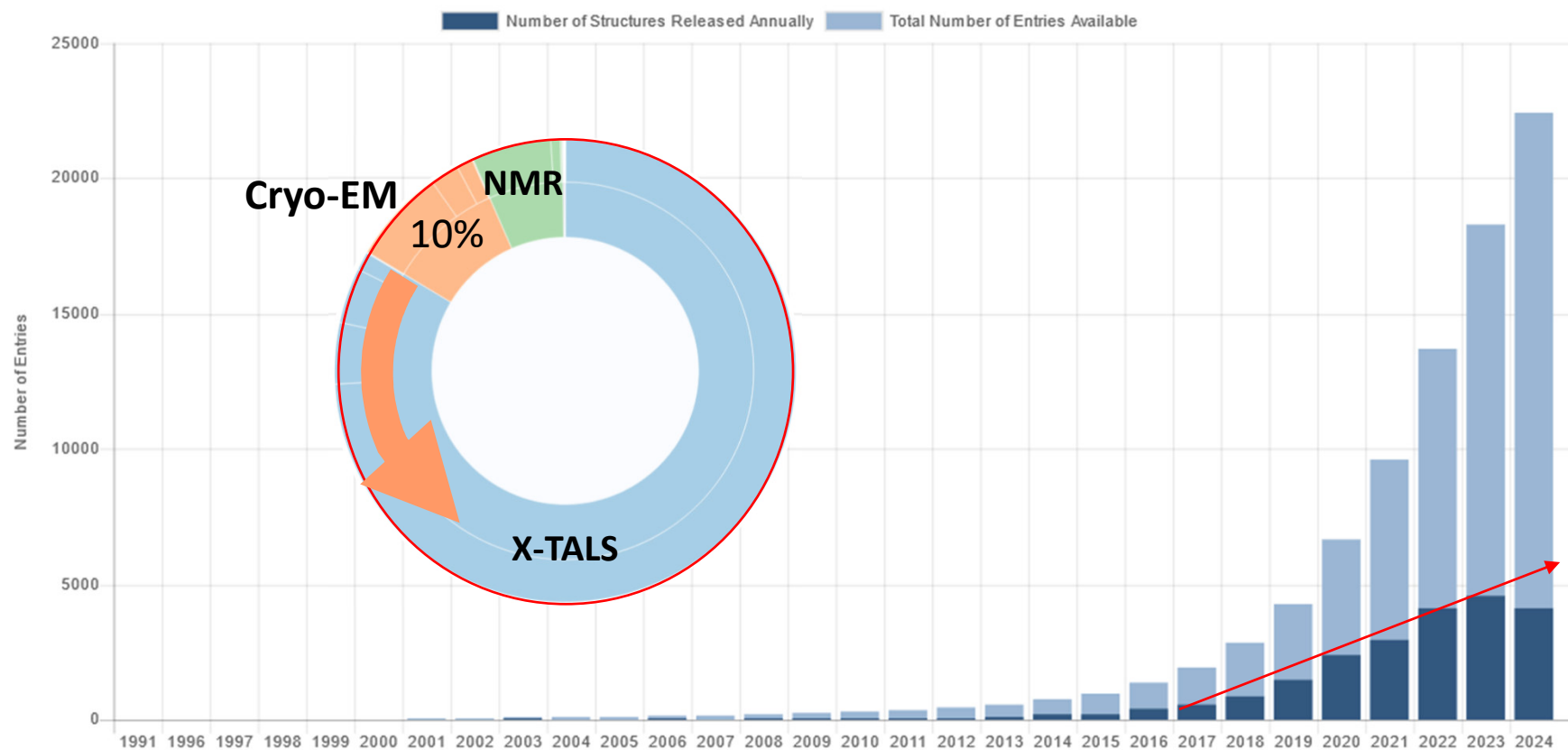


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X-ray crystallography is the science of determining the arrangement of atoms within a **crystal** from the manner in which X-rays are scattered by the crystal.

Aim:

3D structure determination of biological macromolecules at **atomic resolution** (x, y, z positions for each atom of the macromolecule), but ...

"strictly speaking", X-ray crystallography measures only the **density of electrons** within the crystal, from which the atomic positions can be inferred.

Object: **real system** (proteins, DNA, RNA, and their complexes)

- the specimen should not be damaged during the experiment (the **sample** is **X-ray sensitive**)
- the system is usually big (the smallest proteins have well **over 1000 atoms** and the largest proteins may have **between 10000 and 100000 atoms**)



Biocrystallography (MX)



The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2009

"for studies of the structure and function of the ribosome"



Photo: MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology

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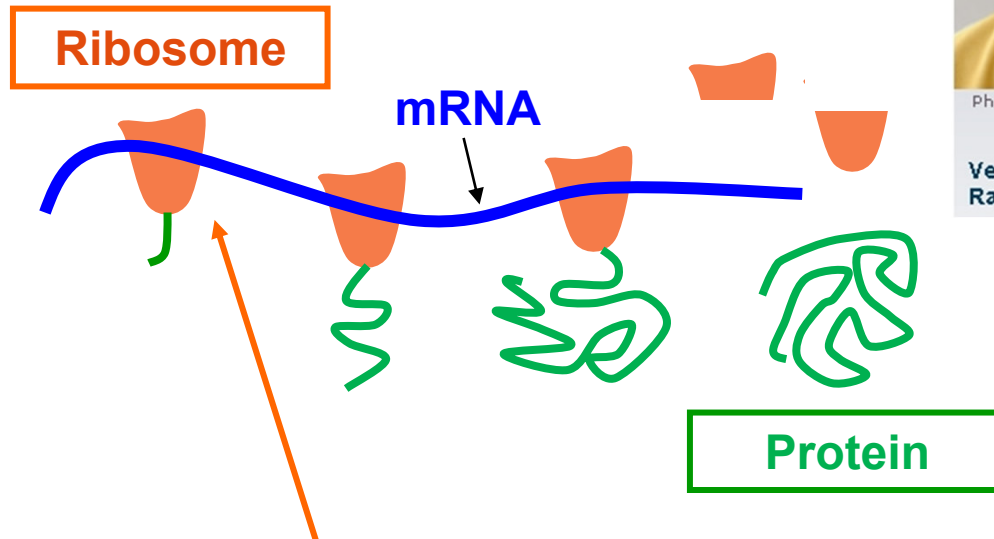
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Ribosome: 19198 protein atoms, 32470 RNA atoms (>50000 atoms)

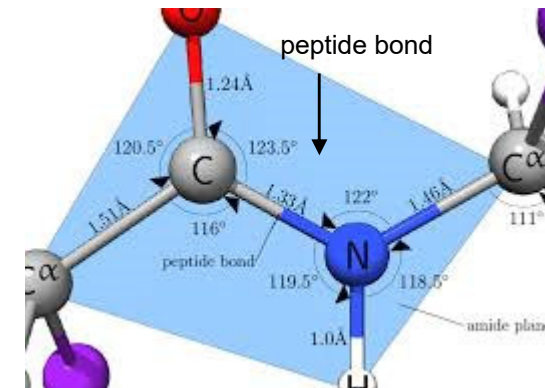
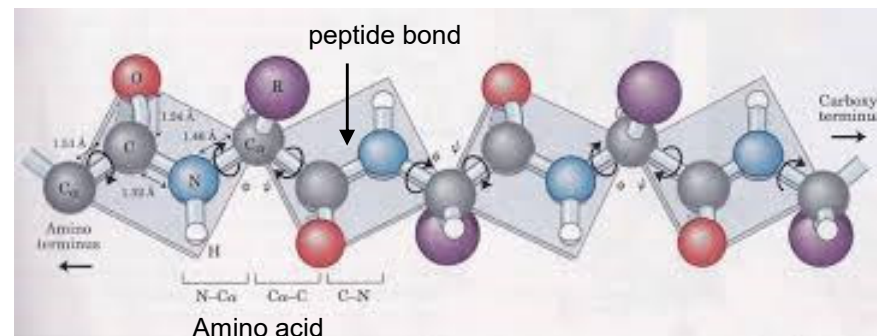
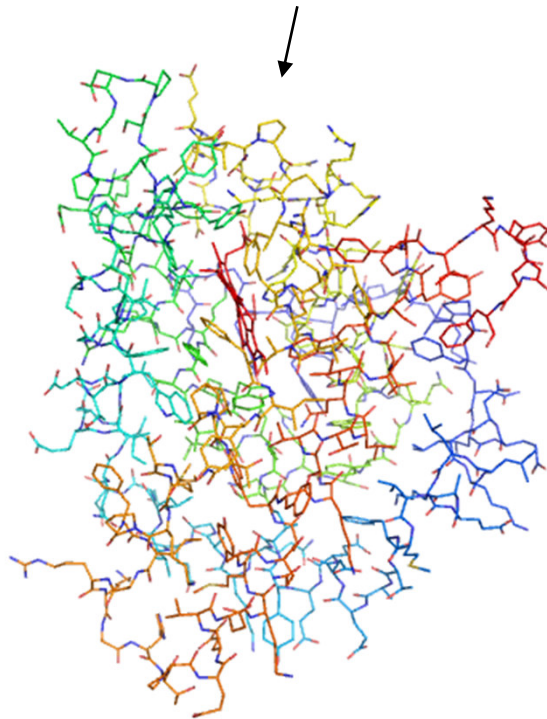


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protein = polypeptide chain made by **covalently bound amino acids**



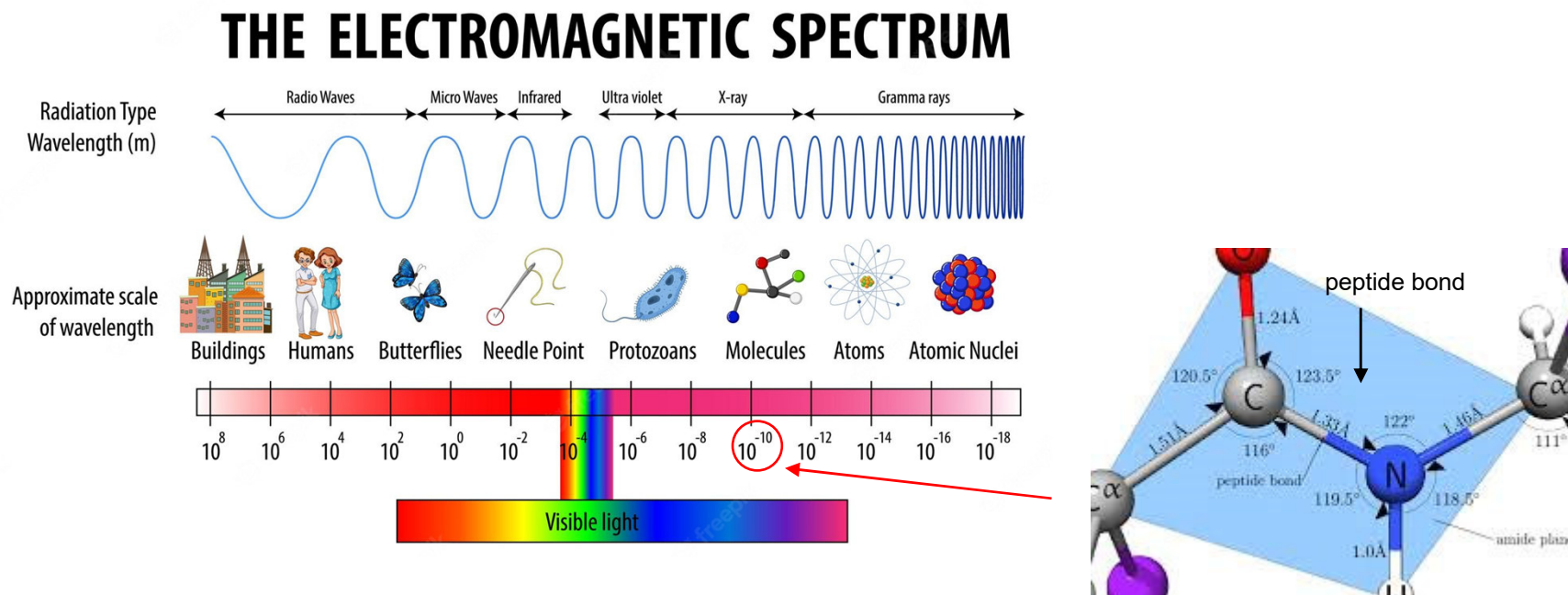


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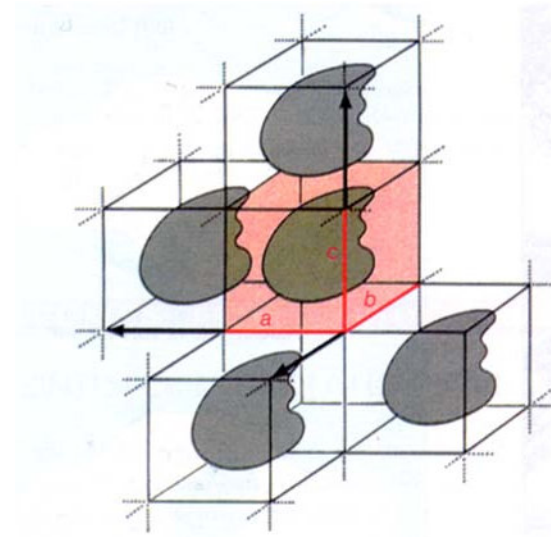
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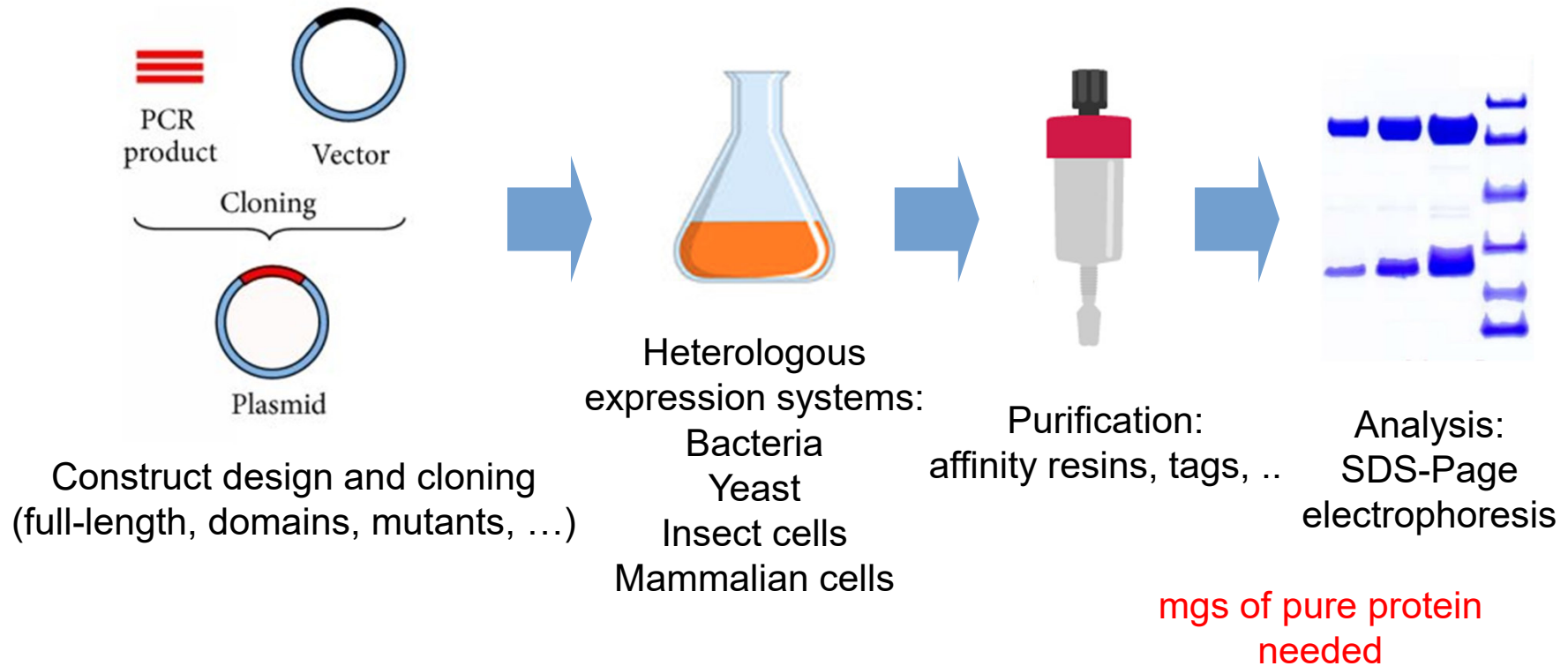
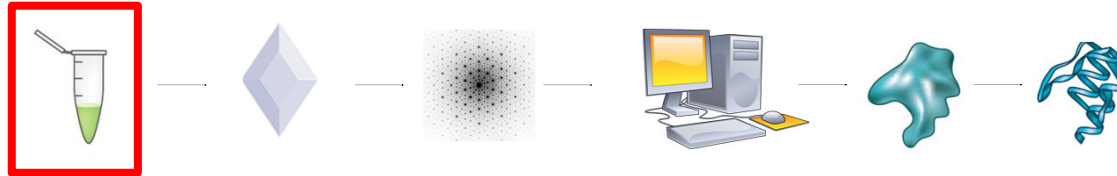
X-ray crystallography requires a crystal to amplify the signal (10^{15} - 10^{16} identical molecules).

The periodicity of the electron density is used to diffract the X-rays with manageable measurement error



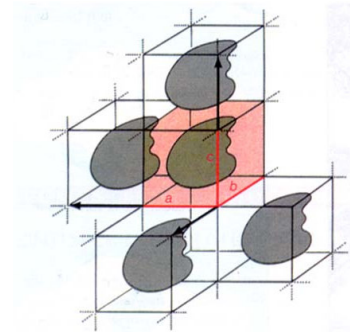
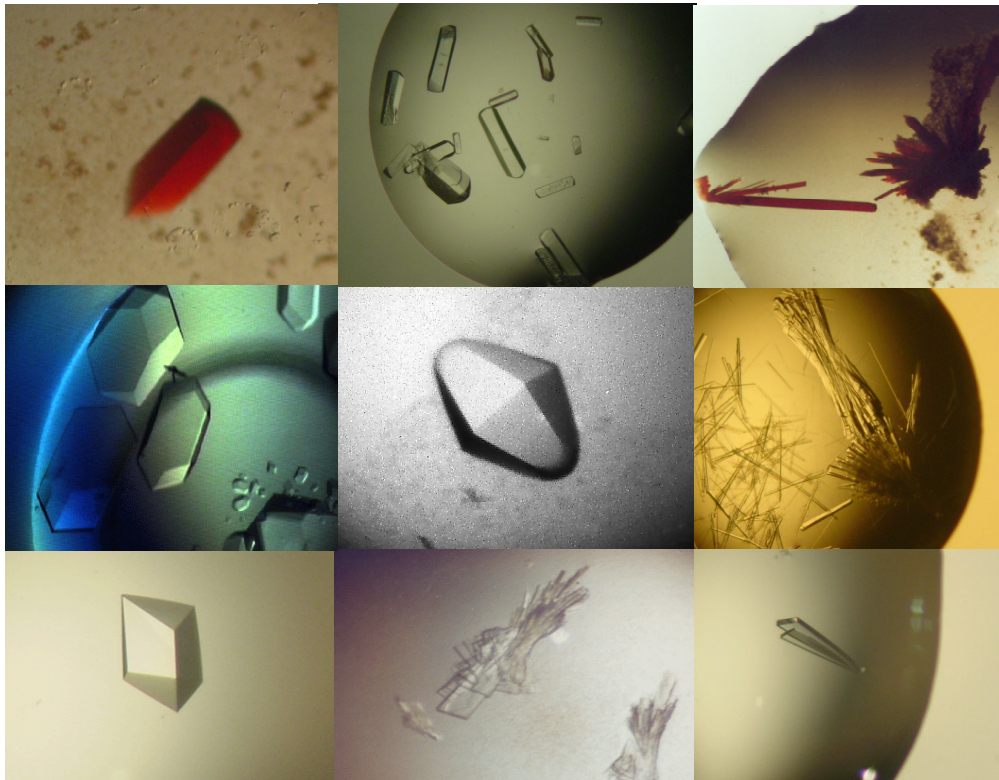
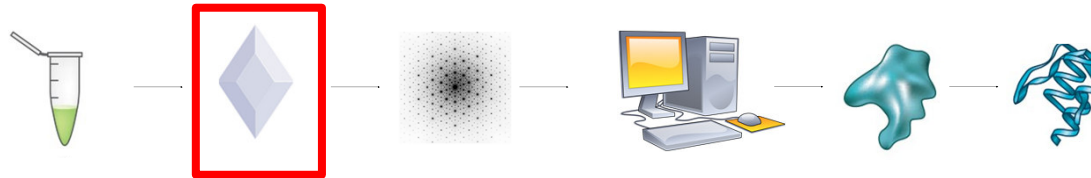


MX: expression and protein purification





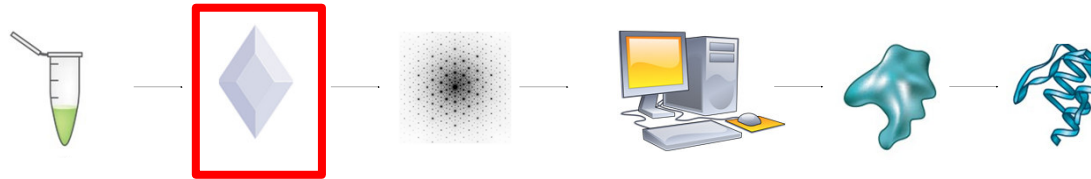
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- volume $\leq 0.1 \text{ mm}^3$
- crystal lattice periodicity $> 100 \text{ \AA}$
- solvent content 30% - 80% v/v
- non-covalent (weak) interactions (surface amino acids)
- mechanic fragility ($E_{\text{stab.}} < 10 \text{ kcal/mol}$, less than protein folding energy)



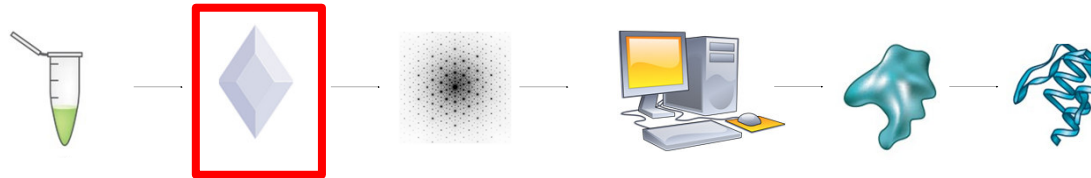
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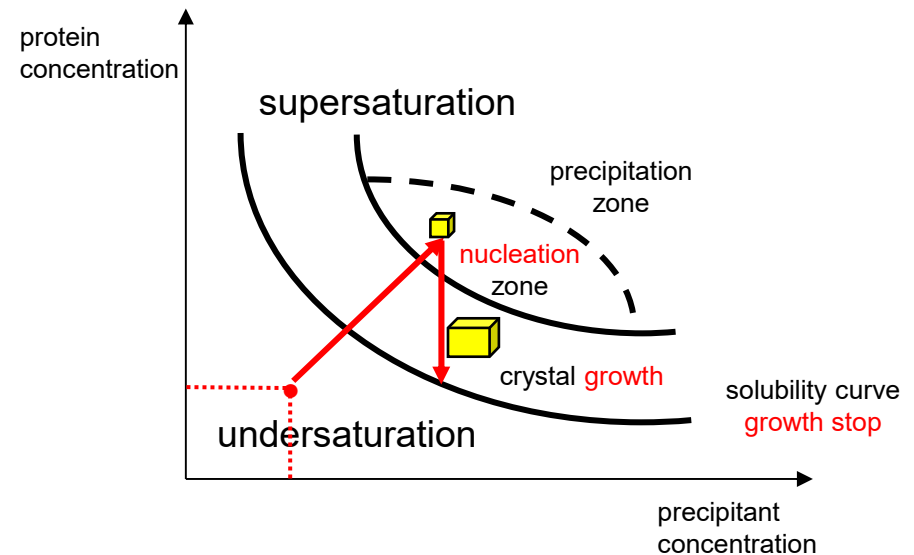
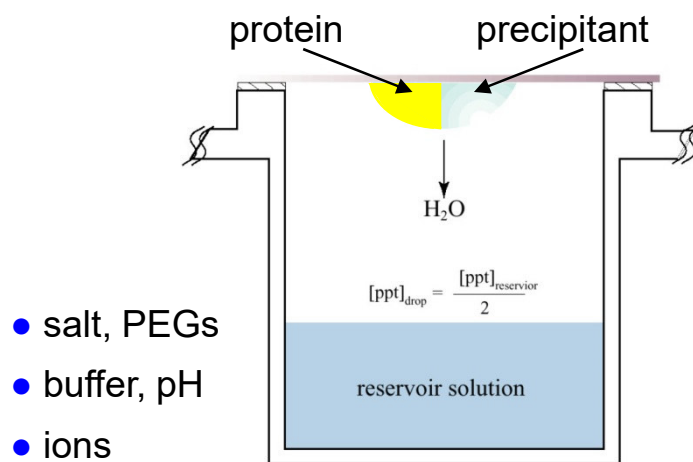
How to crystallize a protein:
the “bottleneck” of the procedure !!!



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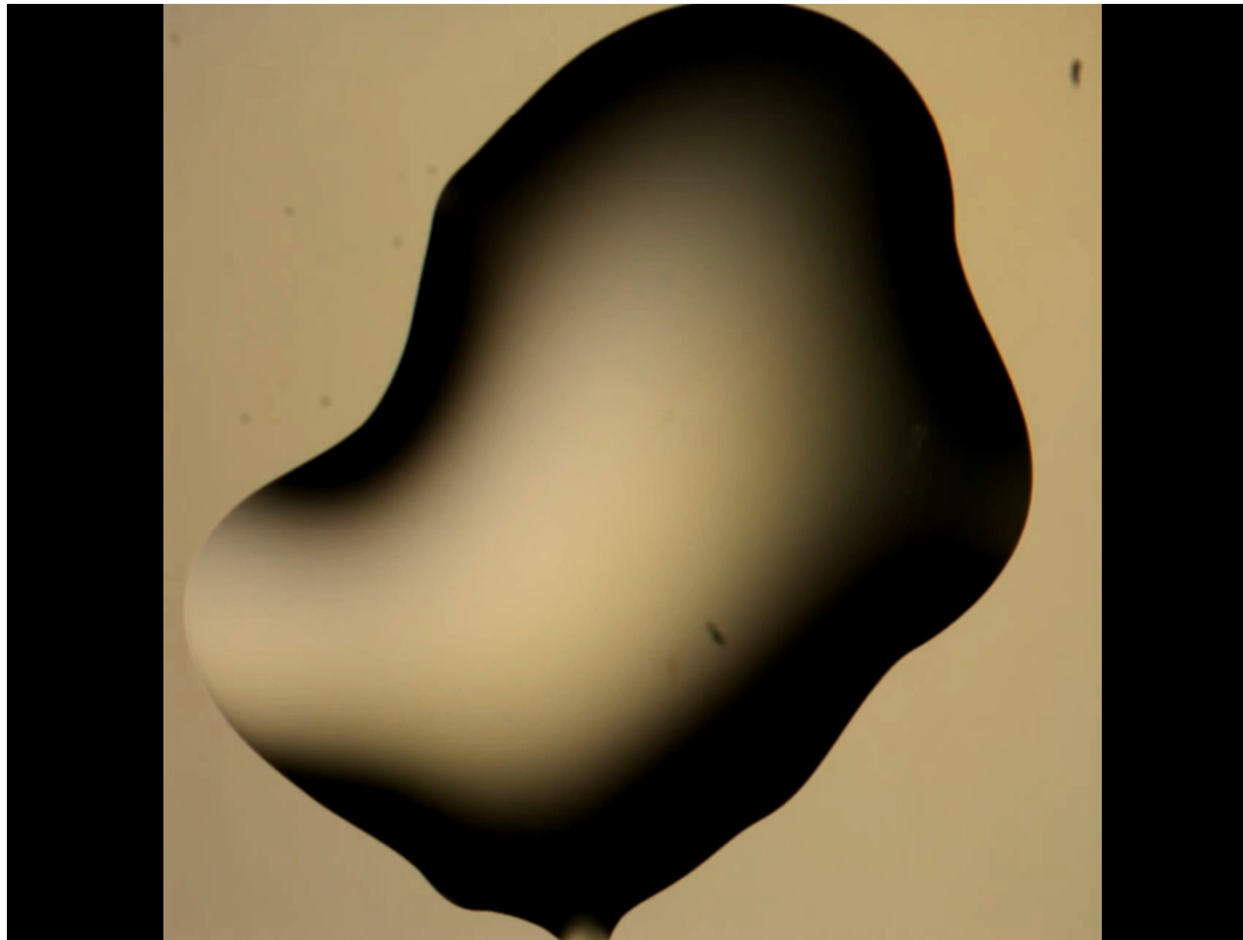
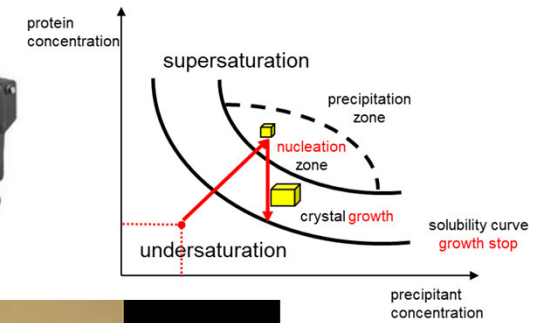


- protein crystallization is mainly a trial-and-error procedure in which the protein is slowly precipitated from its solution (to avoid formation of useless dust or amorphous gel).
- crystal growth in solution is a multiparameter process involving three basic steps: nucleation (possibly having only 100 molecules), growth, and cessation of growth.



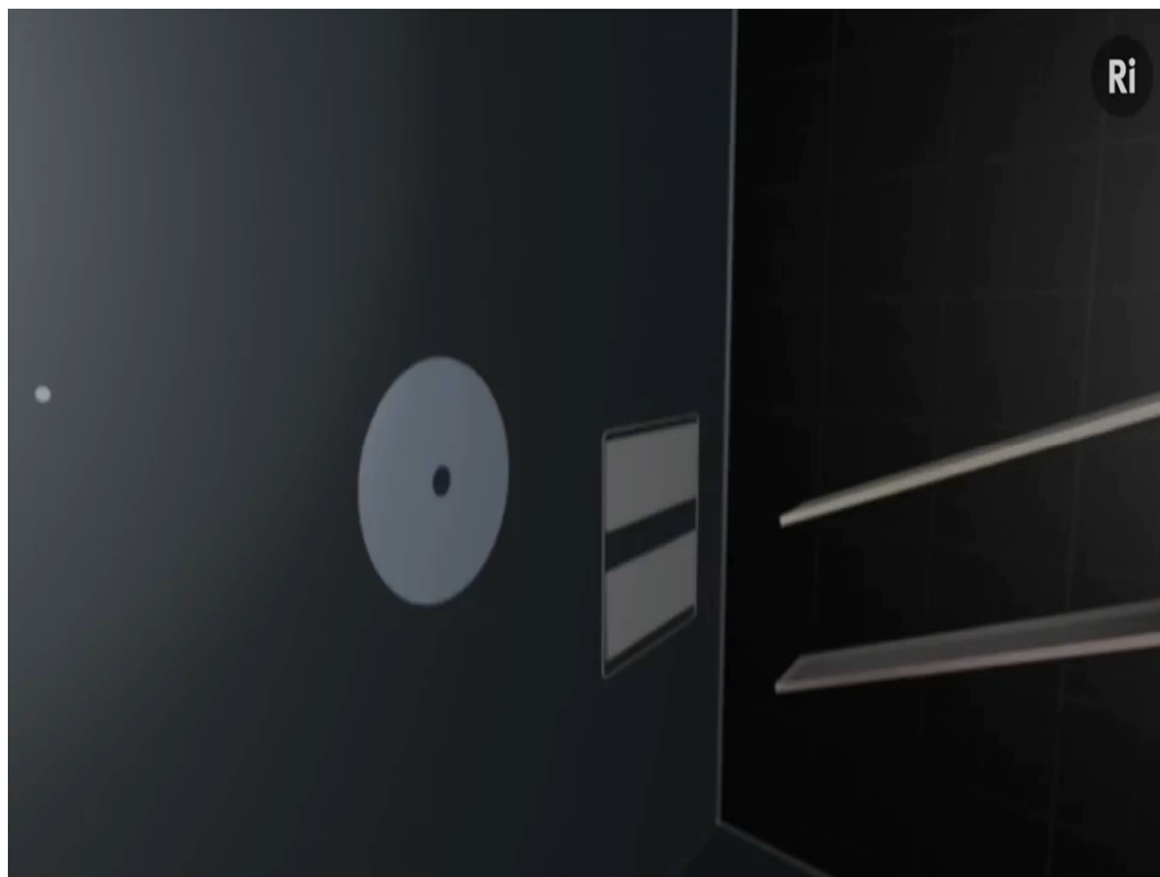
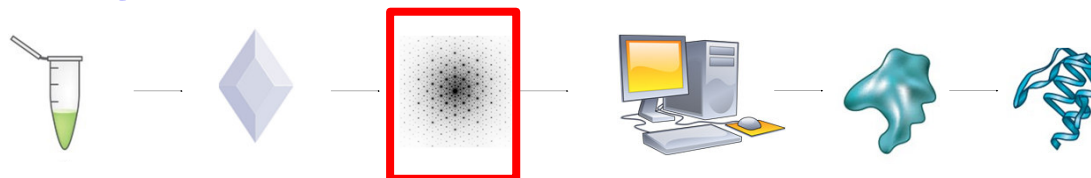


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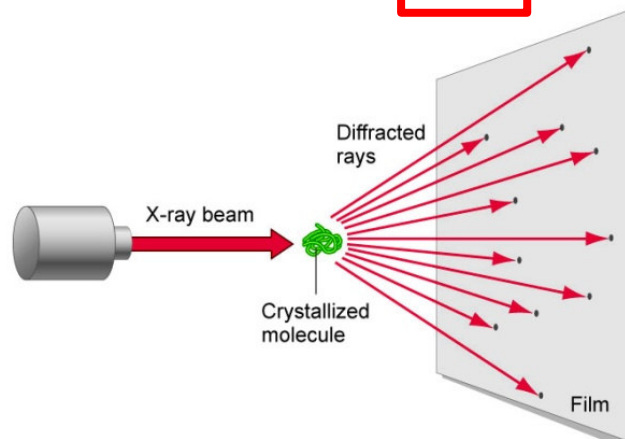
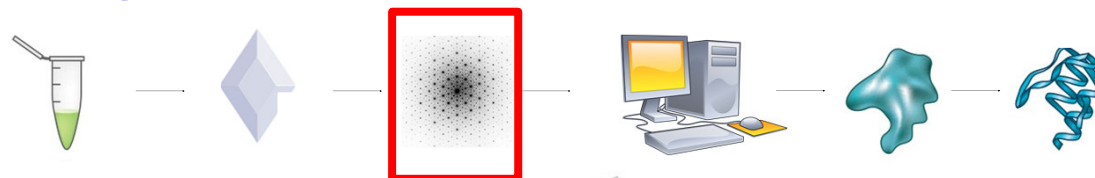


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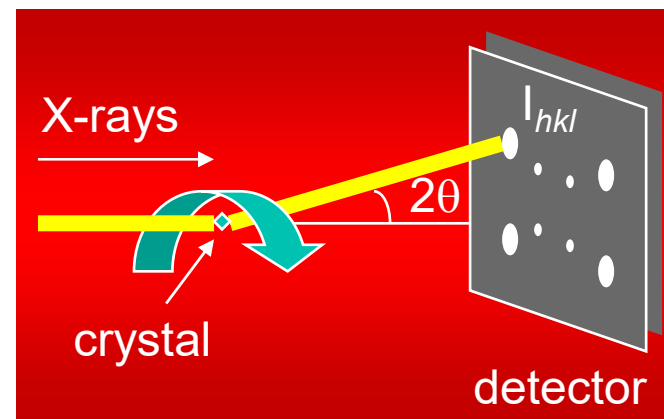
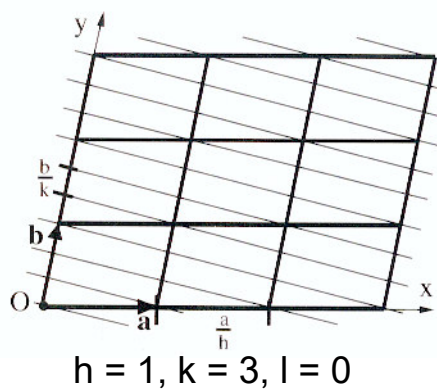
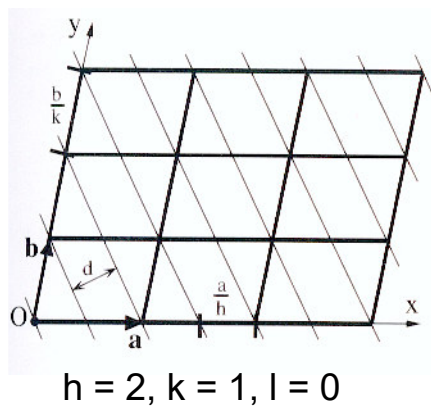




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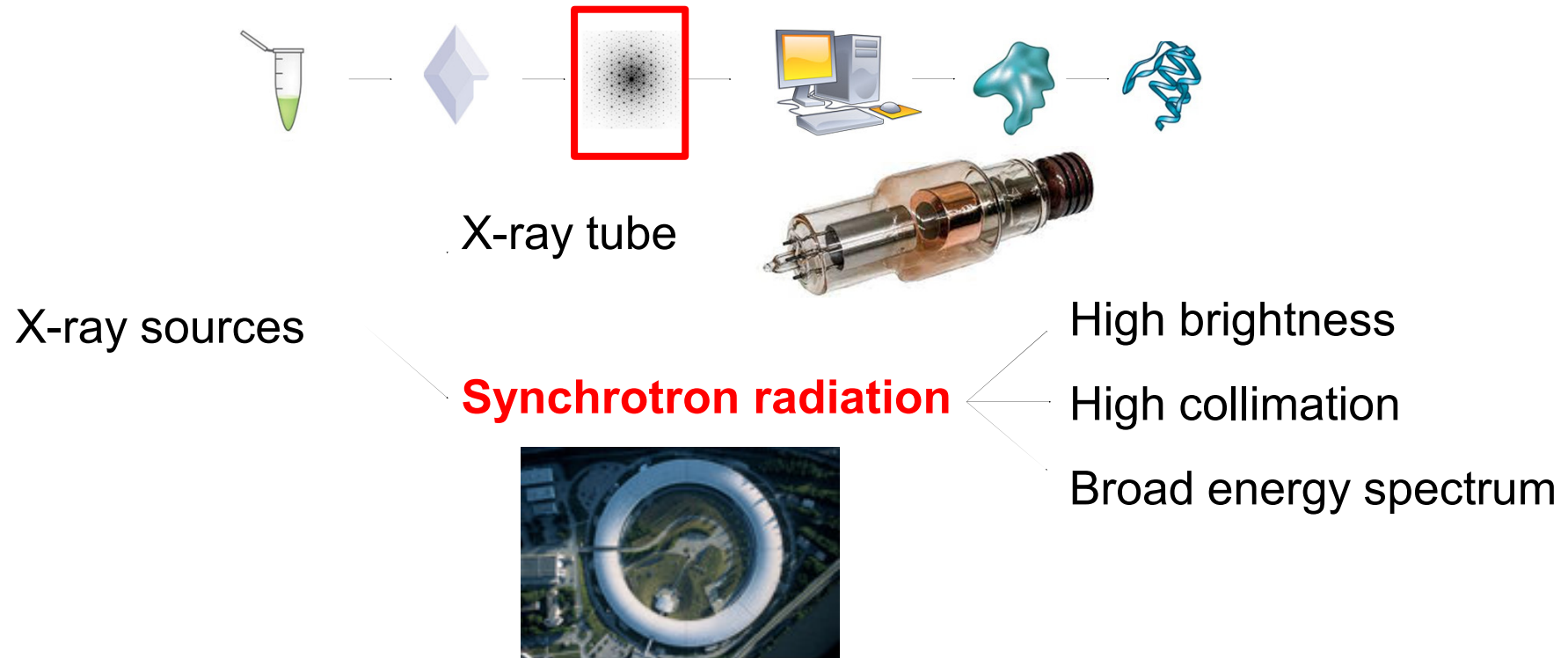


$$2d_{hkl} \sin\theta = n\lambda \quad (\text{Bragg's equation})$$





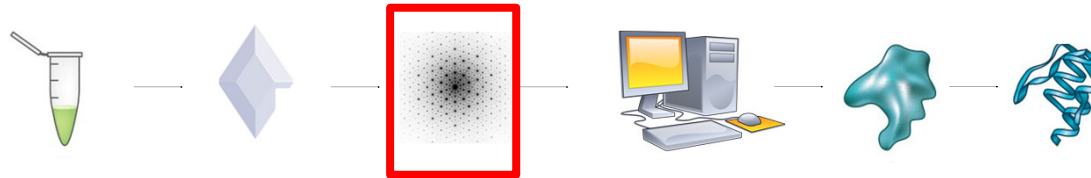
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- X-rays selected out of a relatively wide range of wavelengths to optimise the experiment around the sample properties (i.e. λ tuned to exploit the absorption properties of heavier chemical elements naturally present or added to the crystal) → **«anomalous scattering»**
- cryo-cooling of the sample is mandatory ←

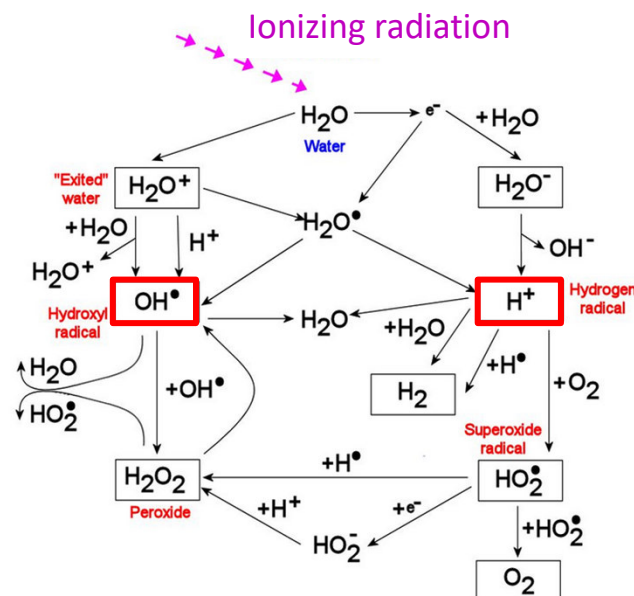


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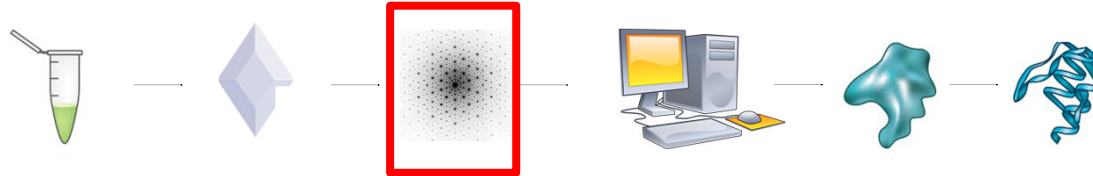
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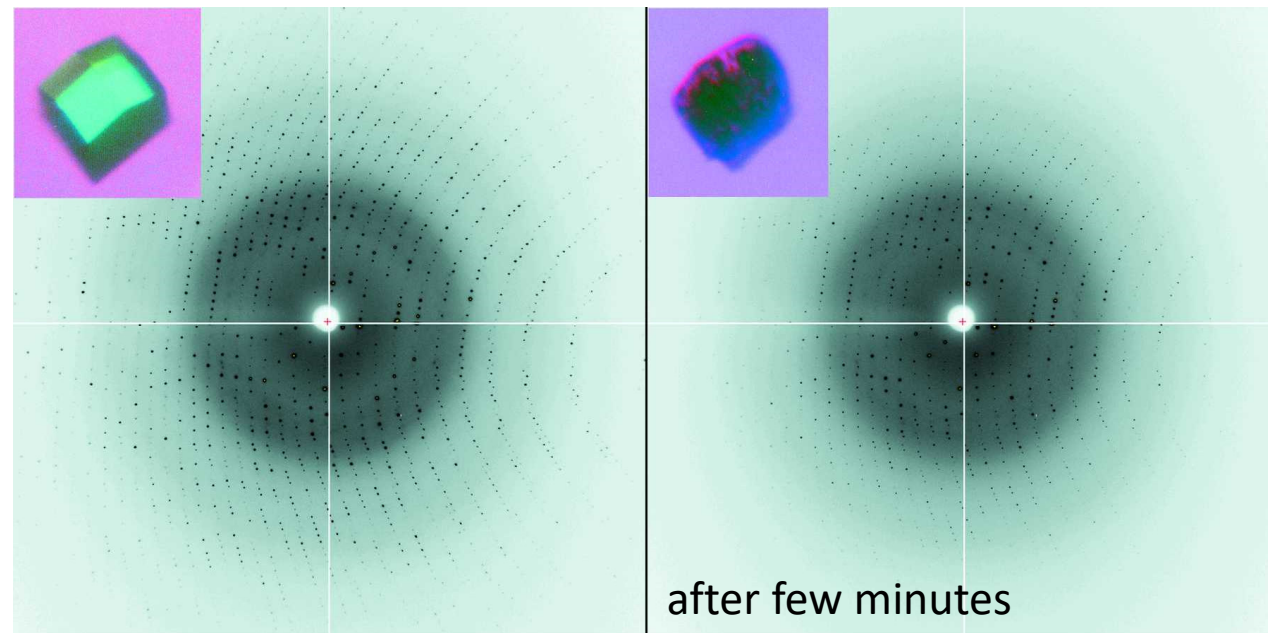


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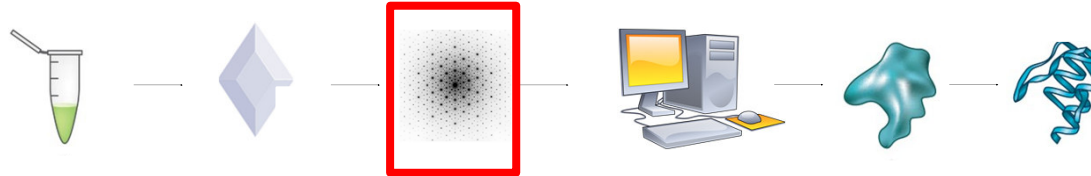
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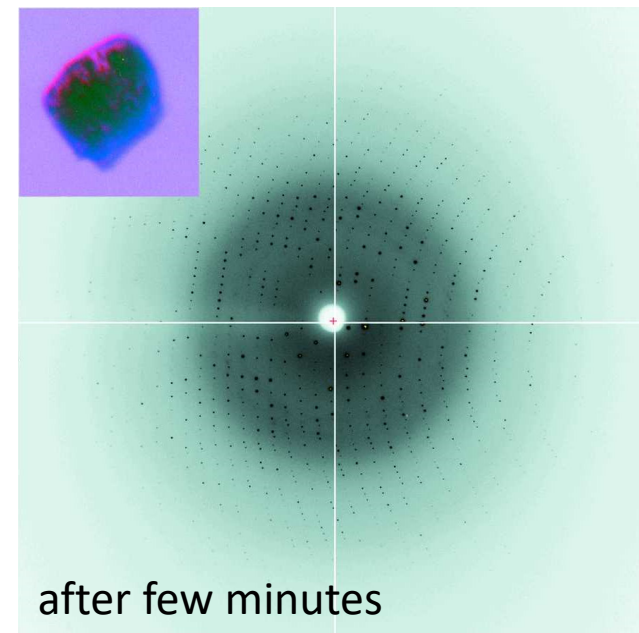


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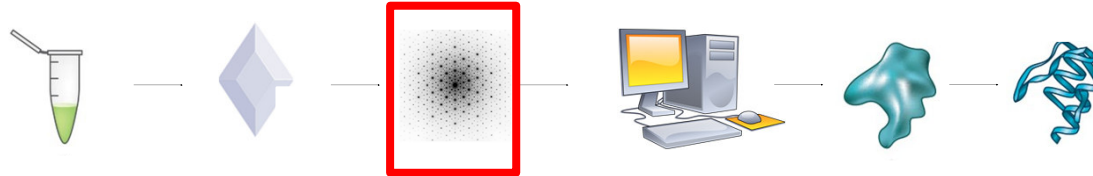
Symptoms:

- increase in unit cell parameters
- decrease in crystallographic symmetry
- decrease of intensity and resolution
- site-specific damages (disulphide bond breakage, decarboxylation of acidic residues, reduction of metal centers, ...)





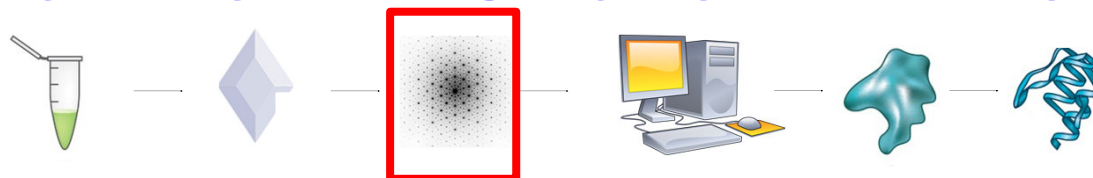
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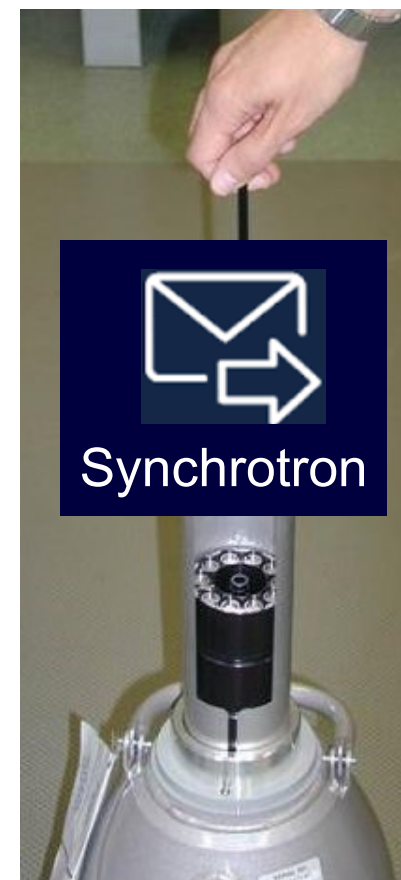
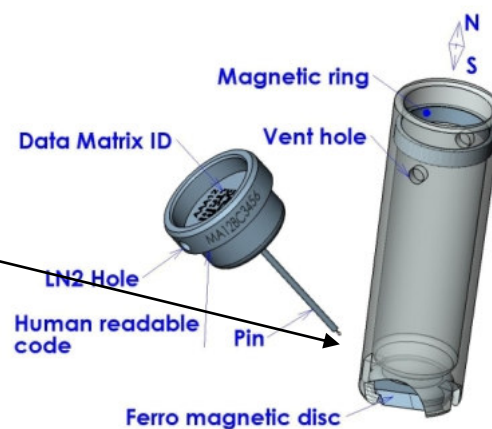
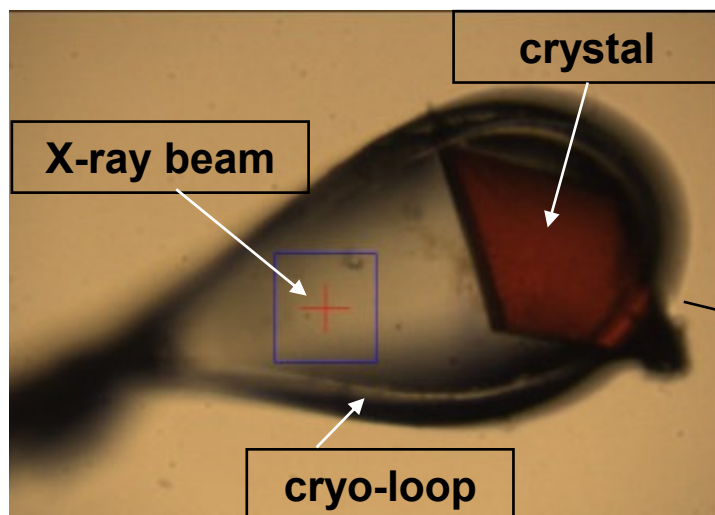
- an efficient way to suppress radiation damage by **slowing down the kinetics of the radical reactions** is **cryogenic cooling**
- ⇒ **flash-cooling** crystals to liquid nitrogen temperatures, either in cold nitrogen gas streams or directly into liquid nitrogen
- to prevent the formation of crystalline ice during flash-cooling of the crystals, **cryoprotectants** are necessary
- ⇒ ethylene glycol (the anti-freeze in automobile radiators), glycerol, higher alcohols, ... etc



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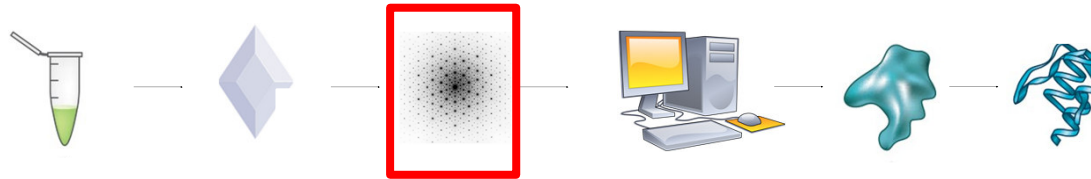


- the crystal is removed from the crystallization drop using **cryo-loops** and briefly dipped into a cryoprotectant before being immersed into liquid nitrogen



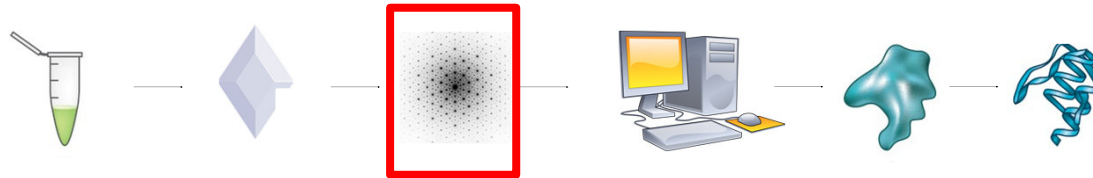


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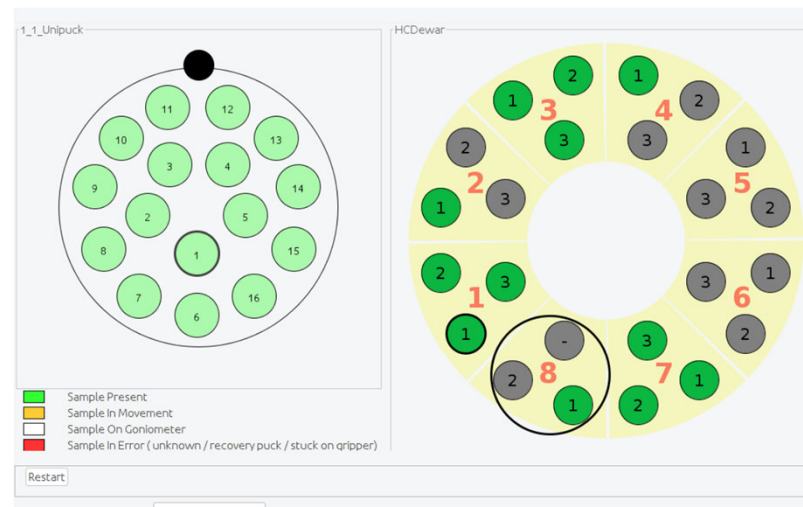
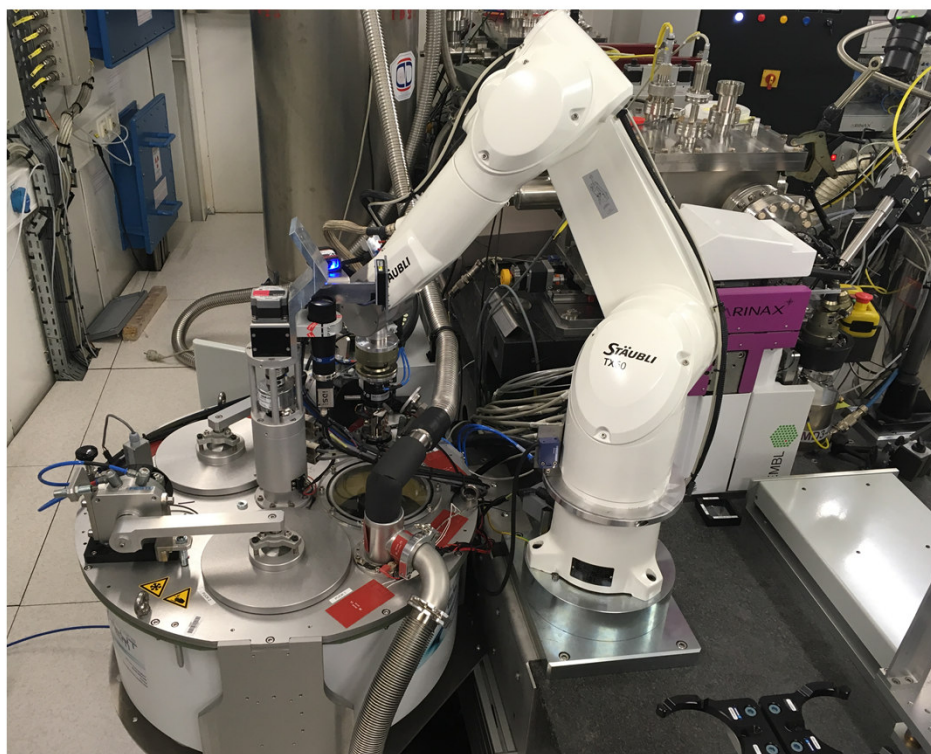
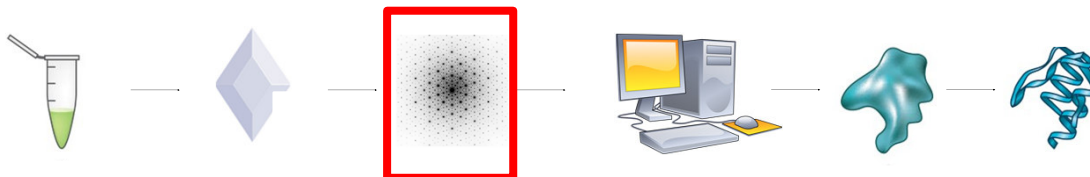


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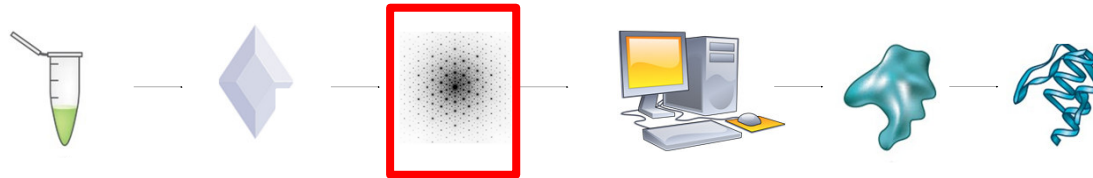
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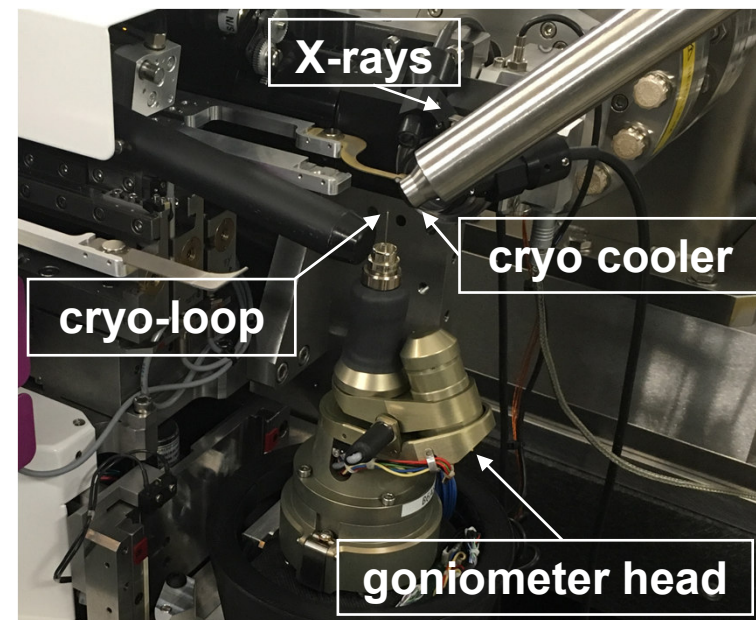
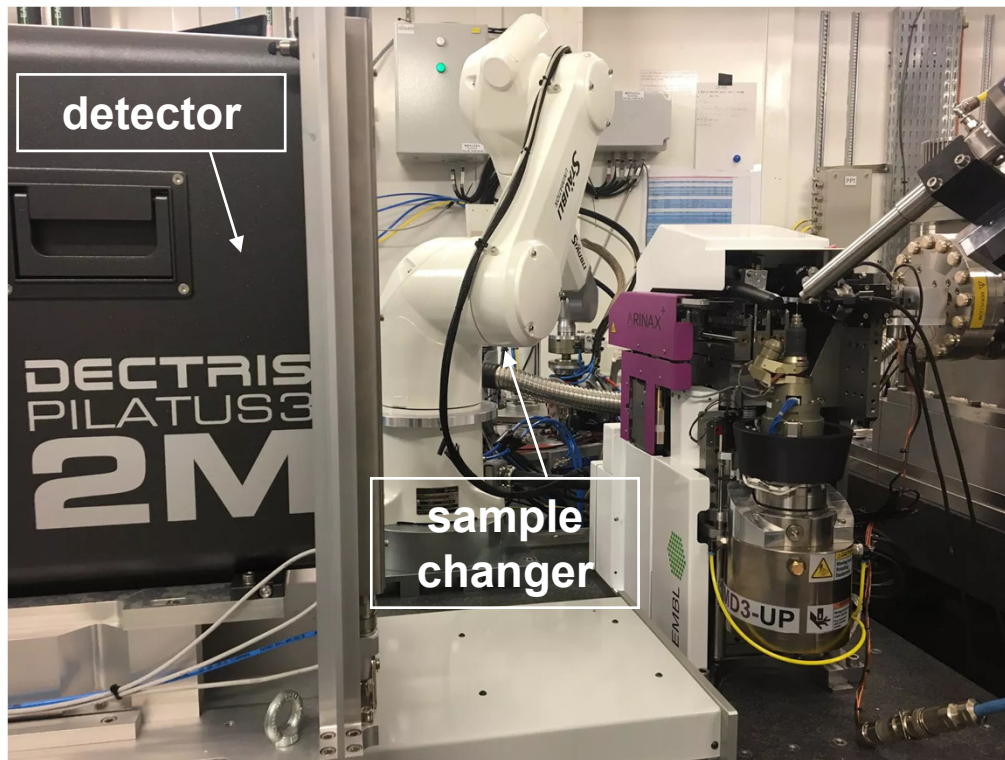
- Sample changer robot mounts the crystals in the goniometer



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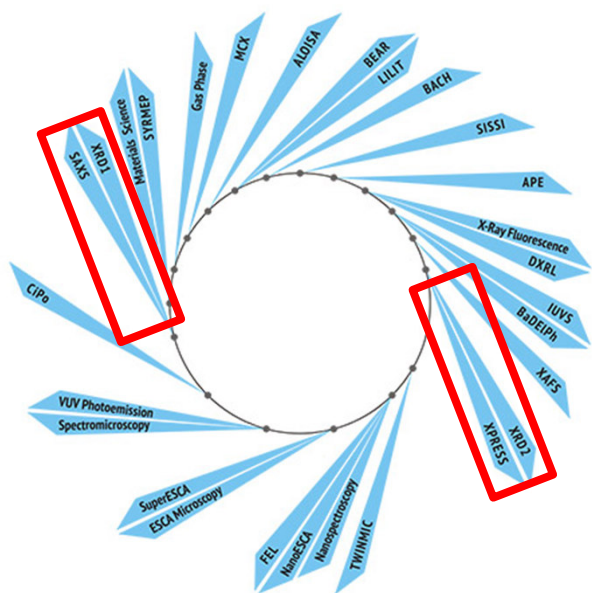
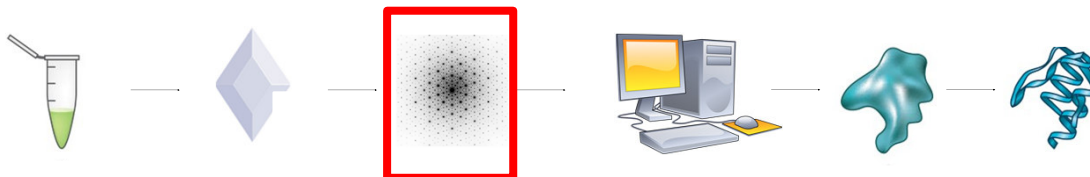


MX beamline
(ESRF ID-23-2)

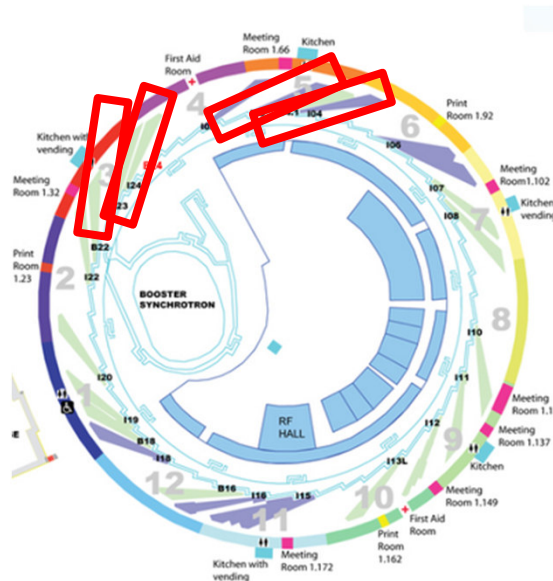




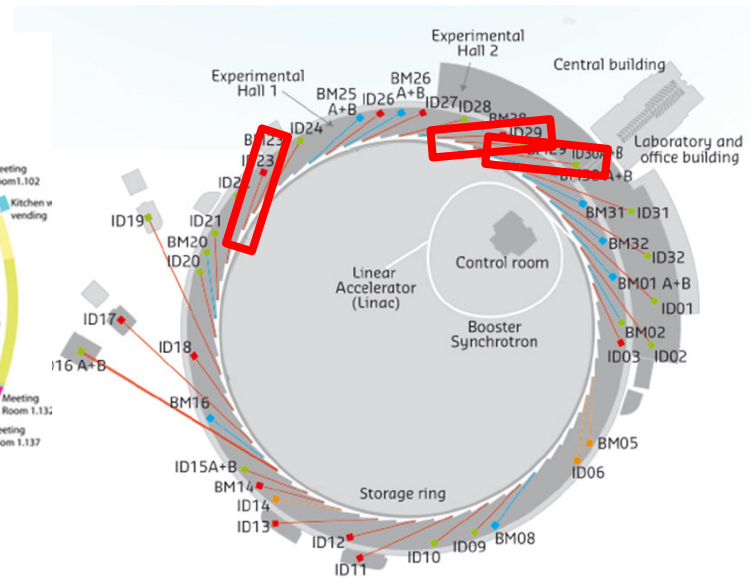
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Elettra (Trieste)
XRD1, XRD2



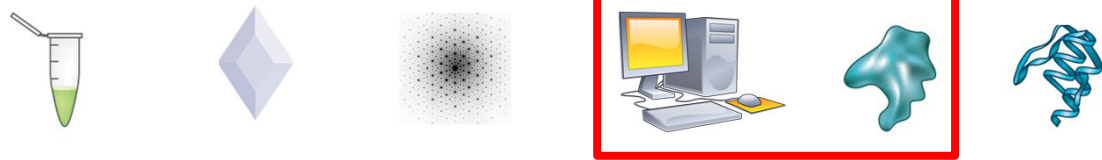
Diamond (Didcot)
I03, I04, I04-1, I23, I24



ESRF (Grenoble)
ID23-1, ID23-2, ID29,
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MX: The "phase problem"



REAL SPACE

FT

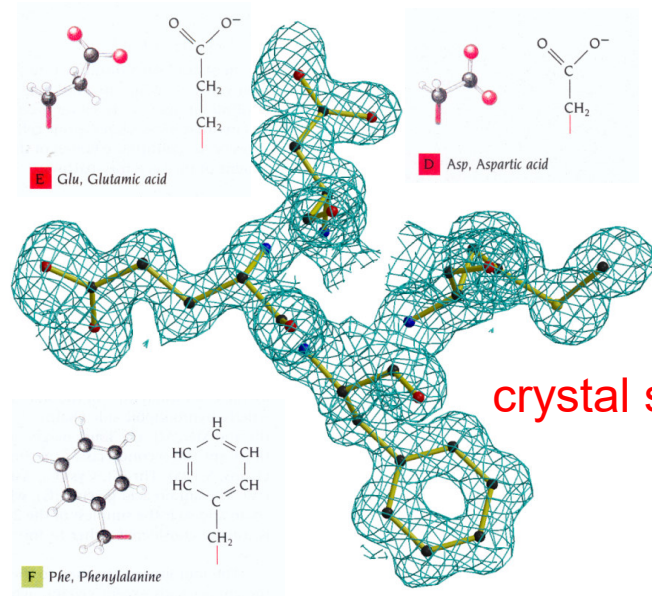
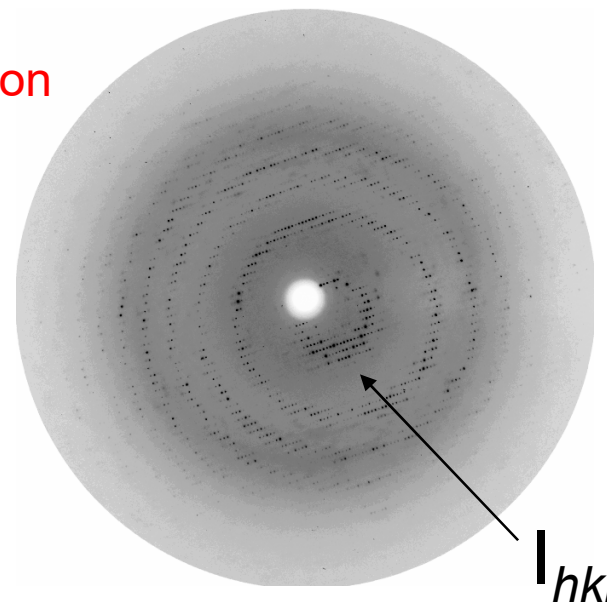
RECIPROCAL SPACE

crystal structure

diffraction (structure factors)

FT⁻¹

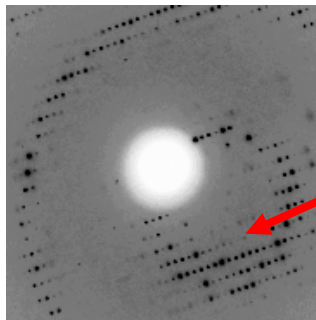
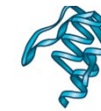
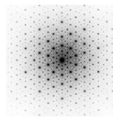
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crystal structure



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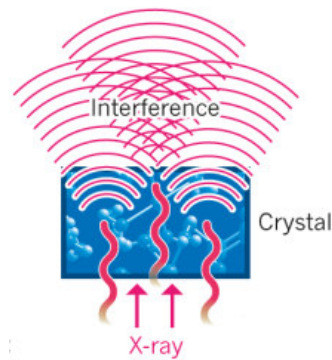
atomic scattering factors

N atoms

$$\vec{F}_{hkl} = \sum_{j=1}^N f_j \exp [2\pi i (hx_j + ky_j + lz_j)] = |\vec{F}_{hkl}| \exp (i\alpha_{hkl})$$

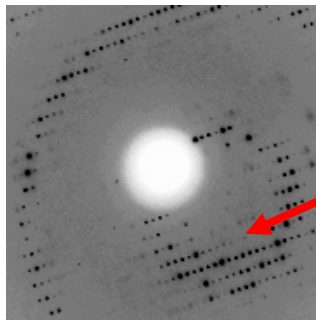
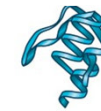
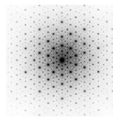
structure factors

module phase





MX: The “phase problem”



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atomic property

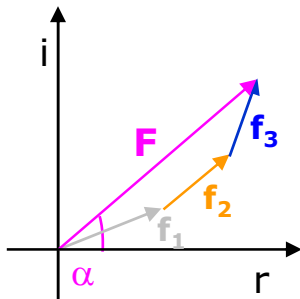
structural property (position)

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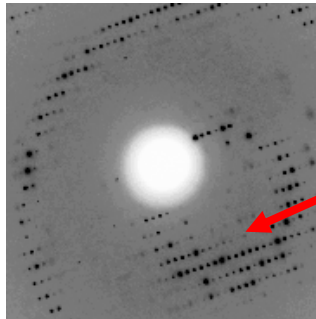
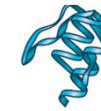
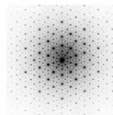
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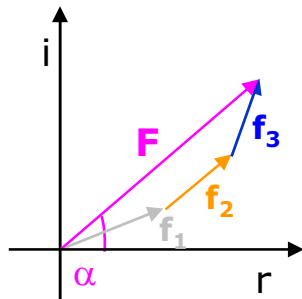
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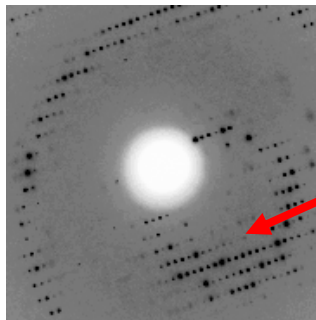
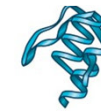
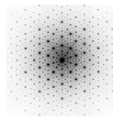


$$\vec{F}_{hkl} = \int_{V_{\text{cell}}} \rho(x,y,z) \exp [2\pi i (hx+ky+lz)] dV \quad (\text{FT})$$

electron density



MX: The “phase problem”



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atomic property

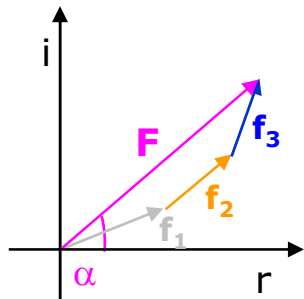
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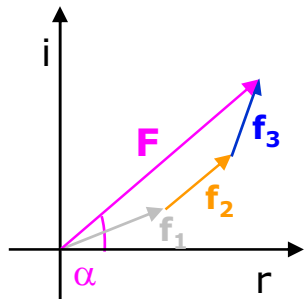
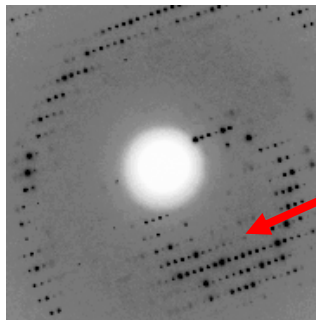
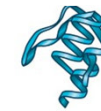
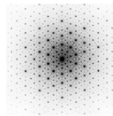
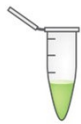
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electron density

$$\rho(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{V_{hkl}} \sum |\vec{F}_{hkl}| \exp (i\alpha_{hkl}) \exp [-2\pi i (hx+ky+lz)] \quad (\text{FT}^{-1})$$



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atomic property

structural property (position)

N atoms

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structure factors

module phase

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electron density

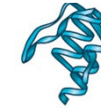
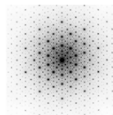
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PARADOX

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MX: The “phase problem”



in X-ray crystallography, there are several ways to recover the lost phases:

- **Molecular Replacement (MR) method**
(synchrotron radiation **not required**)



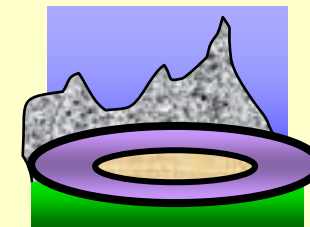
- **Heavy atom method**

- **Multiple Isomorphous Replacement (MIR)**
(synchrotron radiation **not required**)



- **Single (or Multiple) Isomorphous Replacement with anomalous scattering (SIRAS or MIRAS)**
(synchrotron radiation **required**)

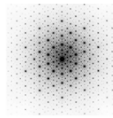
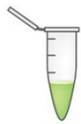
- **Multiple wavelength Anomalous Diffraction (MAD)**
(synchrotron radiation **required**)



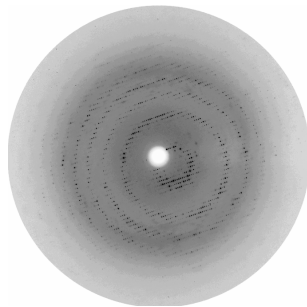
Synchrotron



MX: Molecular replacement

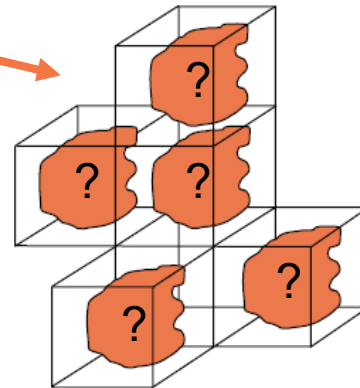


target protein (structure ?)
("real" crystal)

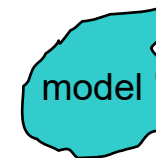


X-ray data

$$I_{hkl}^{\text{obs}} \propto |F_{hkl}^{\text{obs}}|^2$$



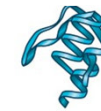
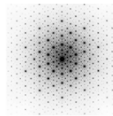
3D structure (model) with >30%
amino acids sequence identity



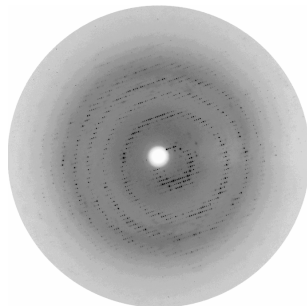
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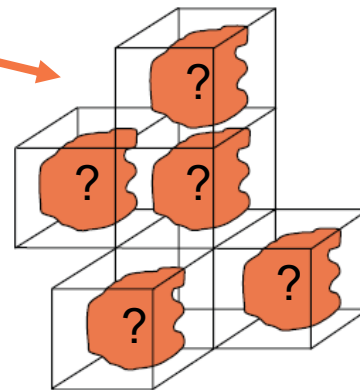


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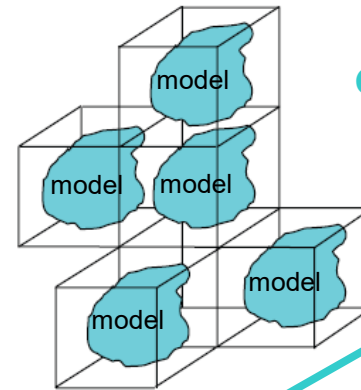


X-ray data

$$I_{hkl}^{obs} \propto |F_{hkl}^{obs}|^2$$



"model" crystal
(same symmetry
of the real crystal)



→ (x_j, y_j, z_j)
for every atom
in the crystal

N atoms

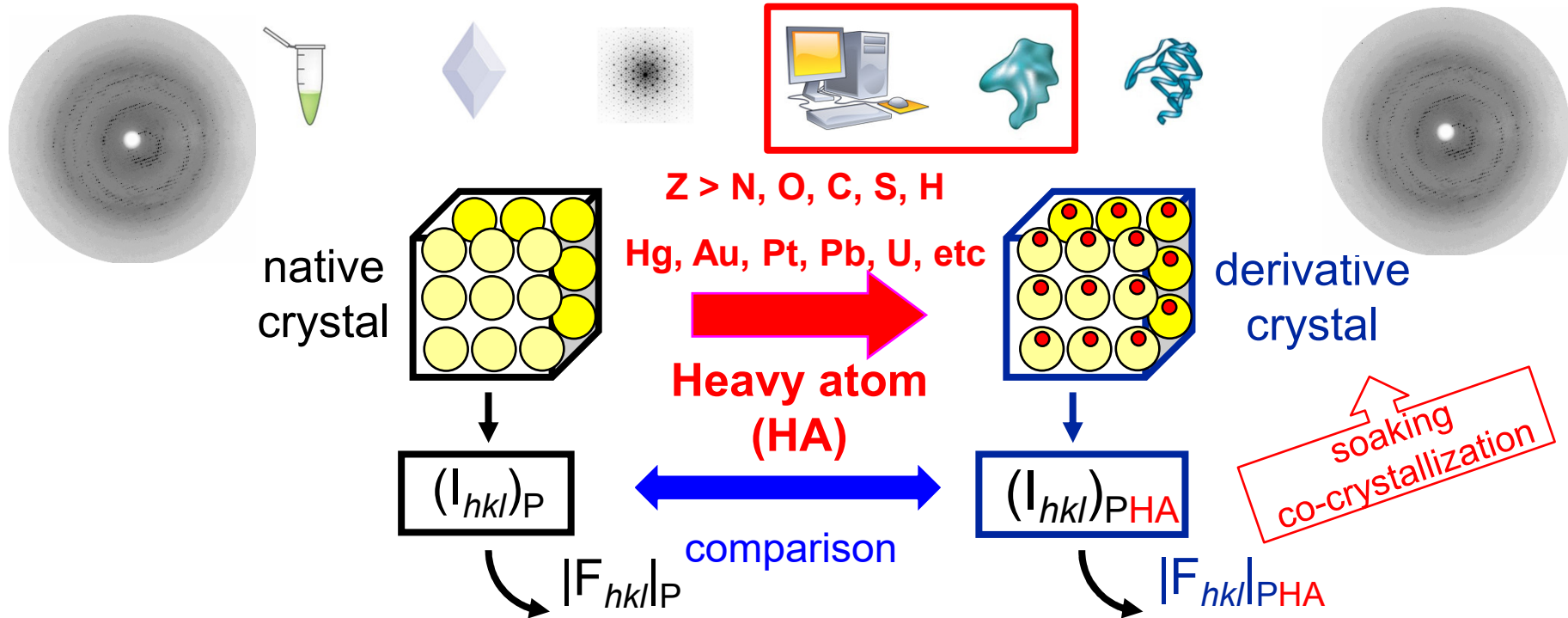
$$F_{hkl}^{calc} = \sum_{j=1}^N f_j \exp [2\pi i (hx_j + ky_j + lz_j)] = |F_{hkl}^{calc}| \exp (i\alpha_{hkl}^{calc})$$

hybrid electron
density

$$\rho(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{hkl} (|F_{hkl}^{obs}| e^{i\alpha_{hkl}^{calc}}) e^{-2\pi i(hx+ky+lz)}$$



MX: Heavy atoms

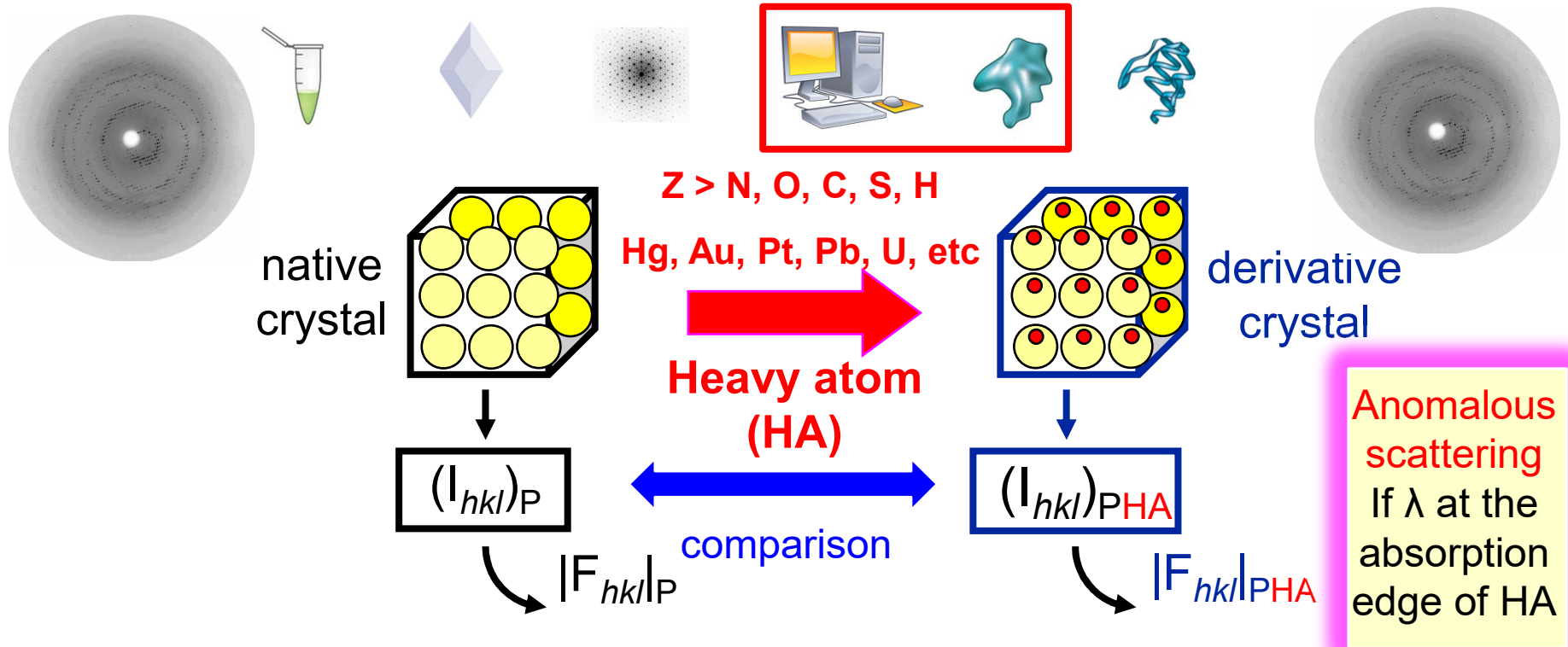


- identification of the heavy atom positions within the unit cell
- calculation of approximate initial phases α_p (for every hkl)

$$\rho(x,y,z) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{hkl} (|F_{hkl}|_P e^{i\alpha_{hkl}^{approx}}) e^{-2\pi i(hx+ky+lz)}$$



MX: Heavy atoms



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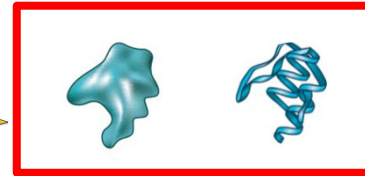
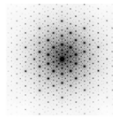


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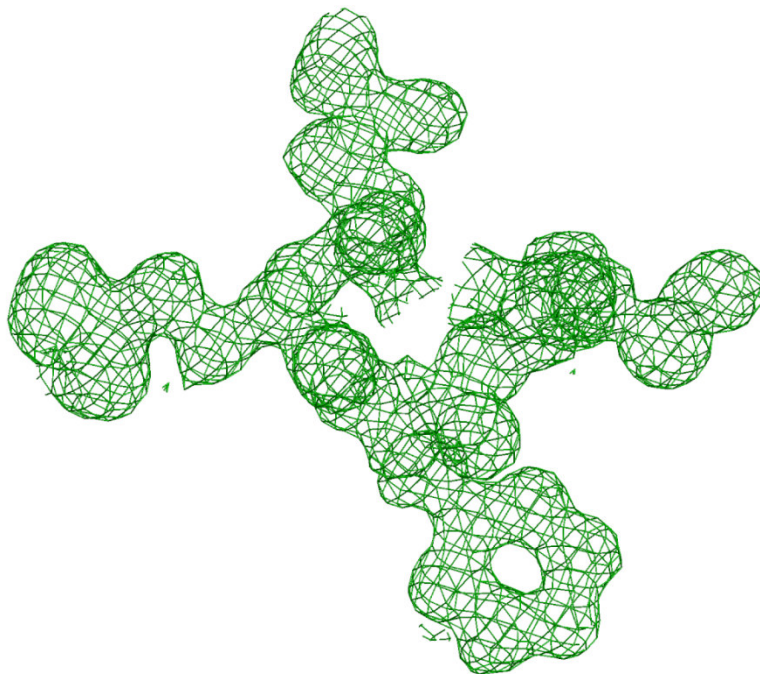


MX: Model building & refinement



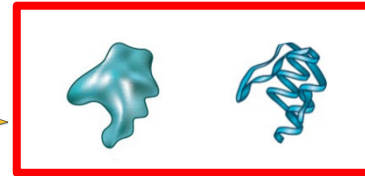
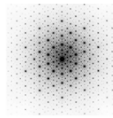
$\rho(x,y,z)$

electron density
interpretation





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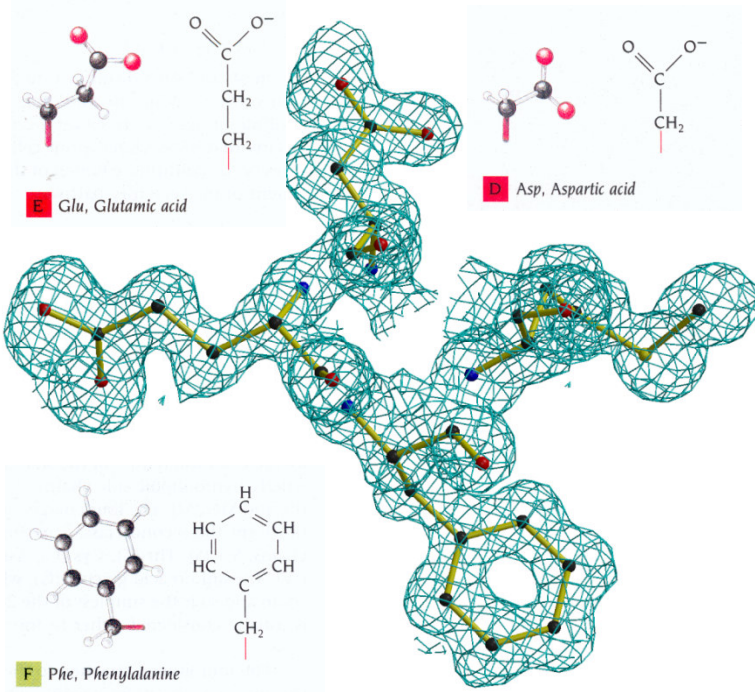
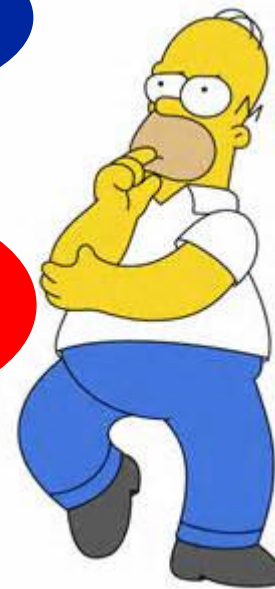


Initial phases:
Heavy atoms,
MR

$\rho(x,y,z)$

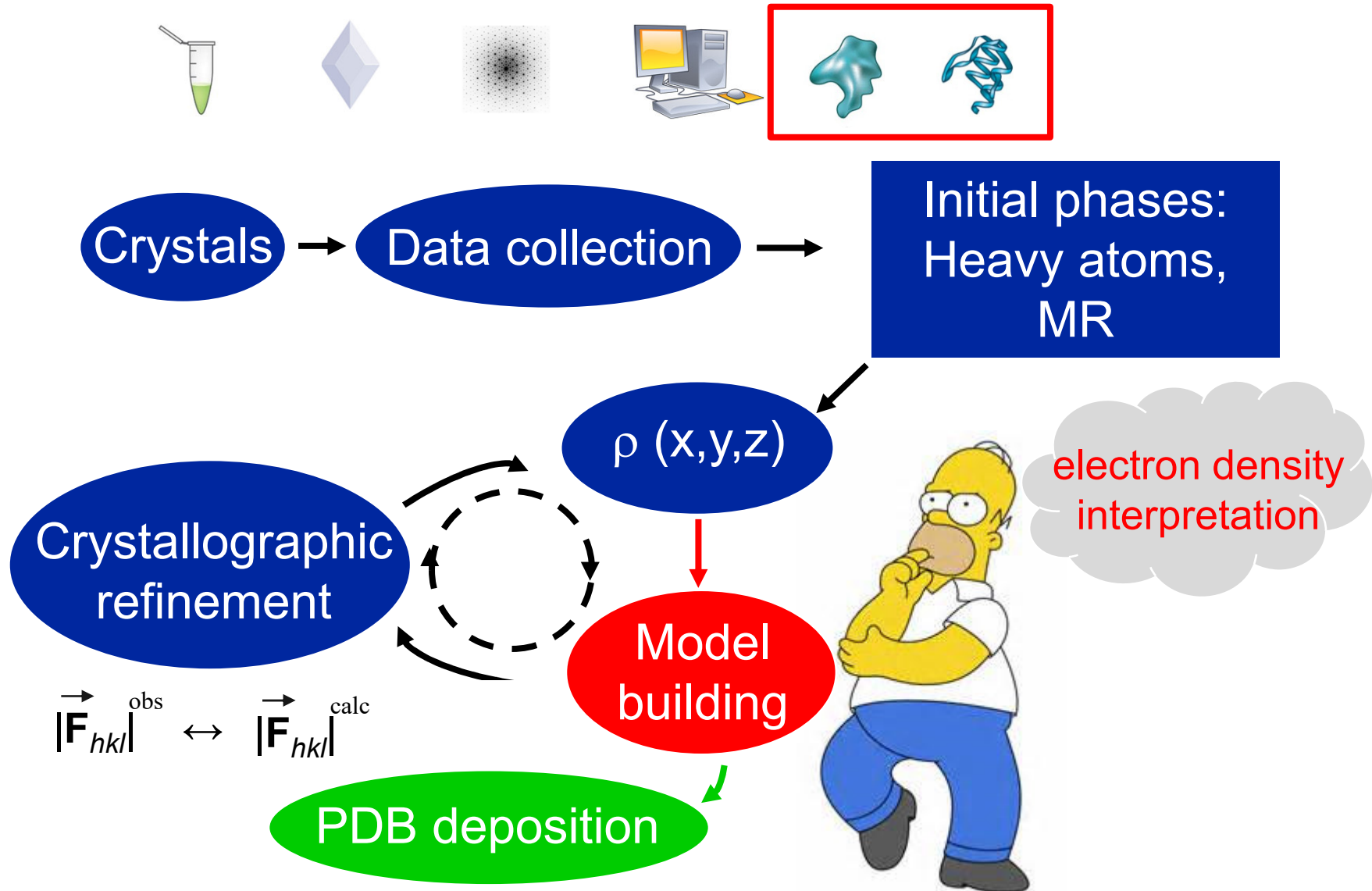
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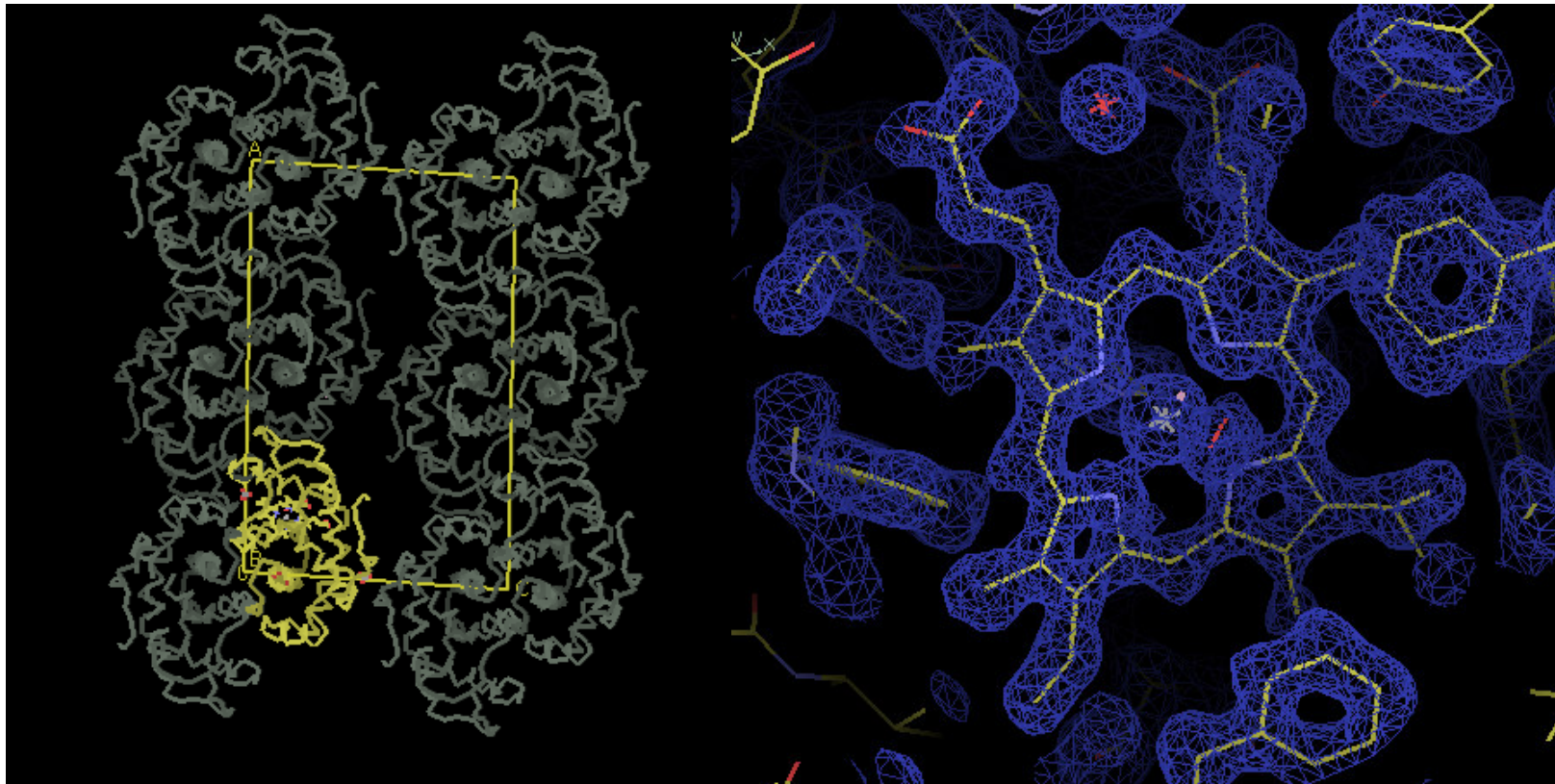
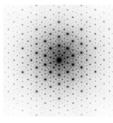


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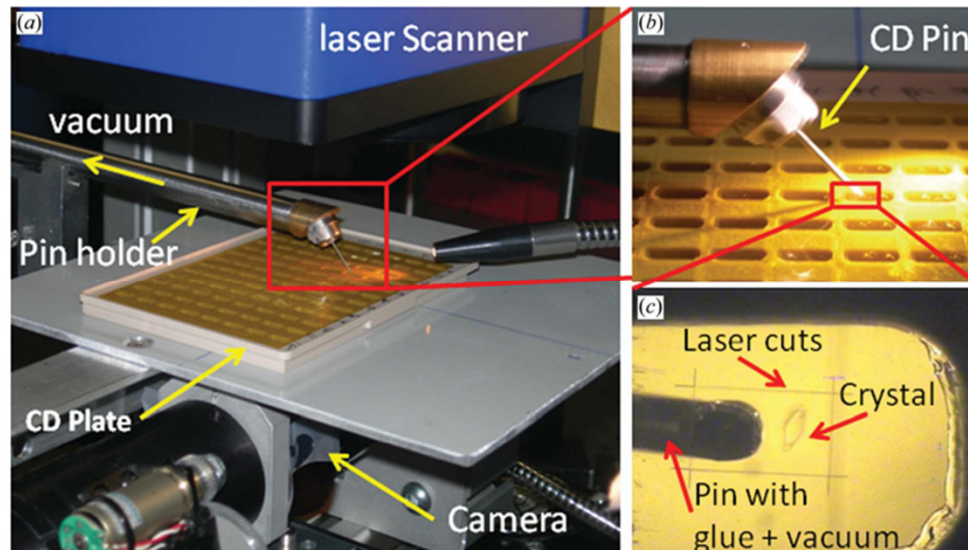
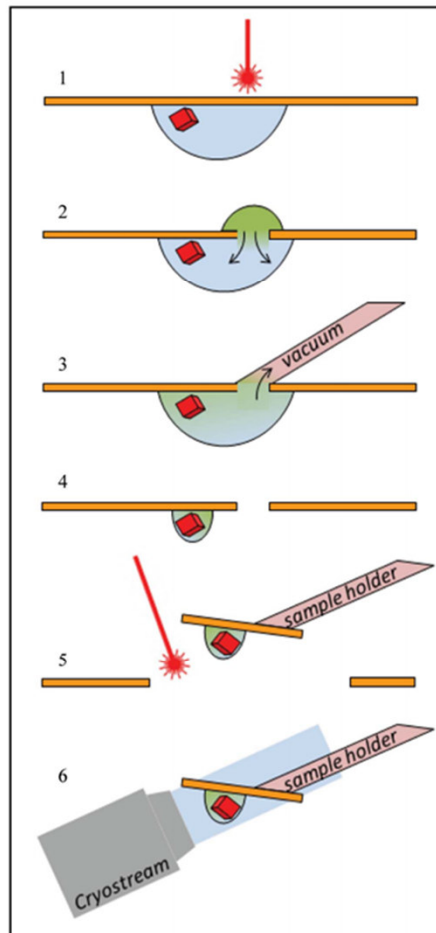
crystal packing

electron density & atomic model

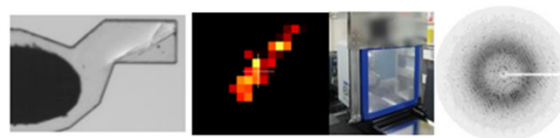


MX: Fragment screening at the synchrotron

CrystalDirect



MASSIF
Automated Data Collection



Software
CRIMS & ISPyB

CRIMS
CRystallization Information Management System
developed by EMBL Grenoble

ISPyB
Information System for Protein crystallography Beelines

Pipedream: AutoProc → Molrep → Buster → Rhofit → Buster



Cryo-EM: The “resolution revolution”

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The Resolution Revolution

Advances in detector technology and image processing are yielding high-resolution electron cryo-microscopy structures of biomolecules. [Also see Report by [Amunts *et al.*](#)]

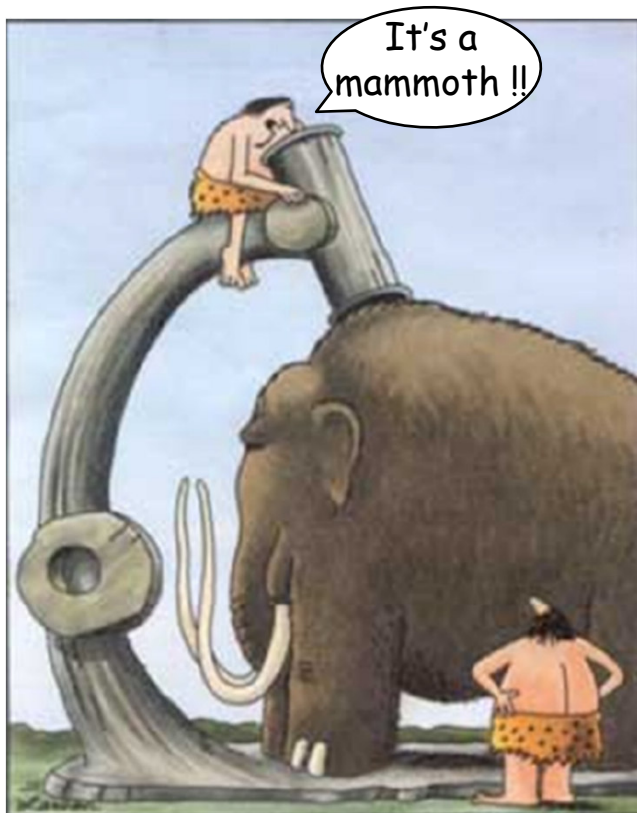
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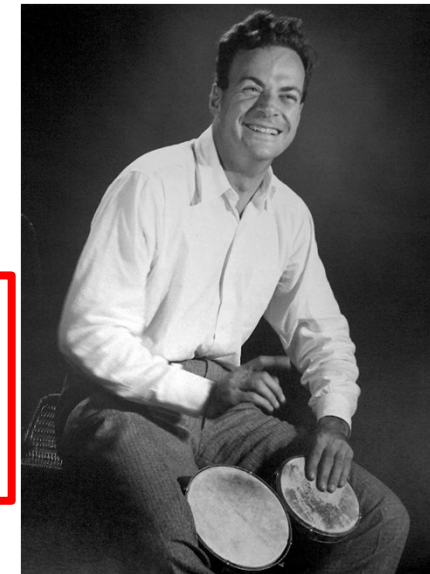
Cryo-EM: The "resolution revolution"

Early Microscopy



Unfortunately, the present [electron] microscope sees at a scale which is just a bit too crude.

Make the **microscope one hundred times more powerful**, and many problems of biology would be made very much easier.



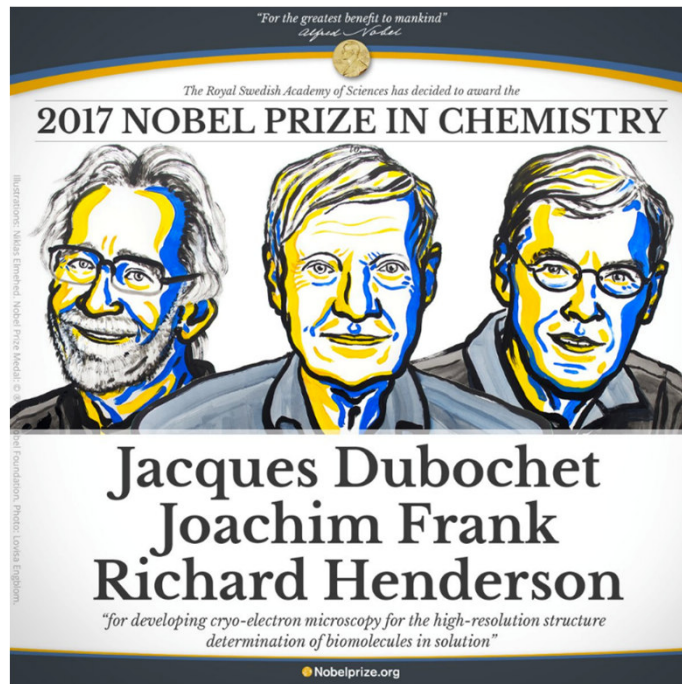
Richard P. Feynman

There's plenty of room at the bottom
(1959)



Cryo-EM: The "resolution revolution"

Modern Cryo-Electron Microscopy

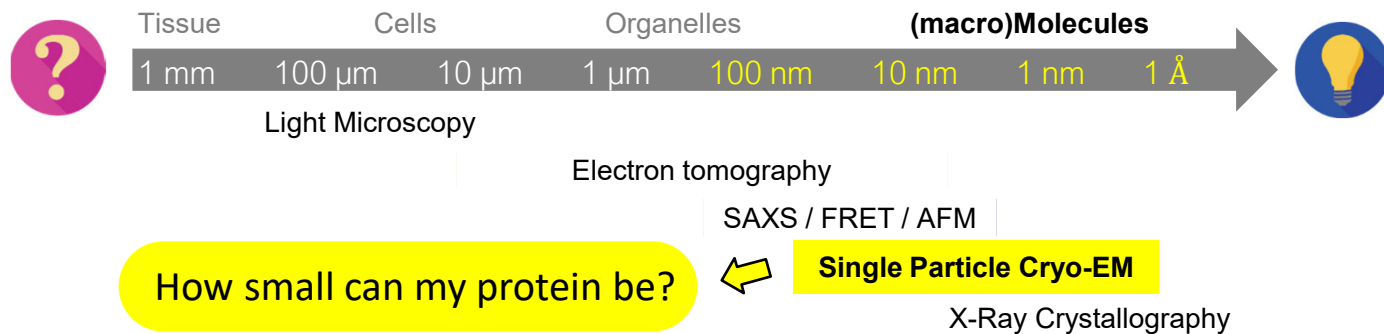


...for developing cryo-electron microscopy for the high-resolution structure determination of biomolecules in solution...



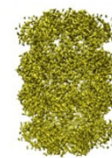
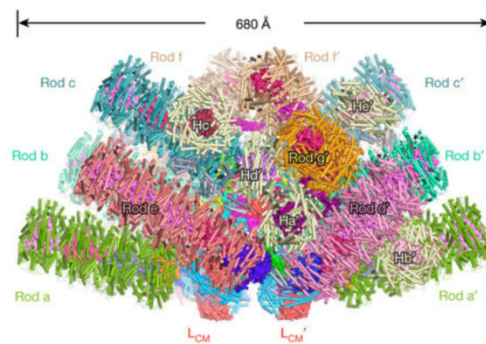
Cryo-EM: applications & limitations

For each biologically relevant question there is a biologically relevant resolution:



- Generally: the bigger the better (↑ signal)
- **MW > 150 kDa is safe**

Phycobilisome
16.8 MDa, 3.5 Å



20S proteasome
700 kDa, 2.4 Å
EMD-3455



Peroxiredoxin-3
257 kDa, 4.4 Å
EMD-3233



Nucleosome
200 kDa, 3.9 Å
EMD-8140

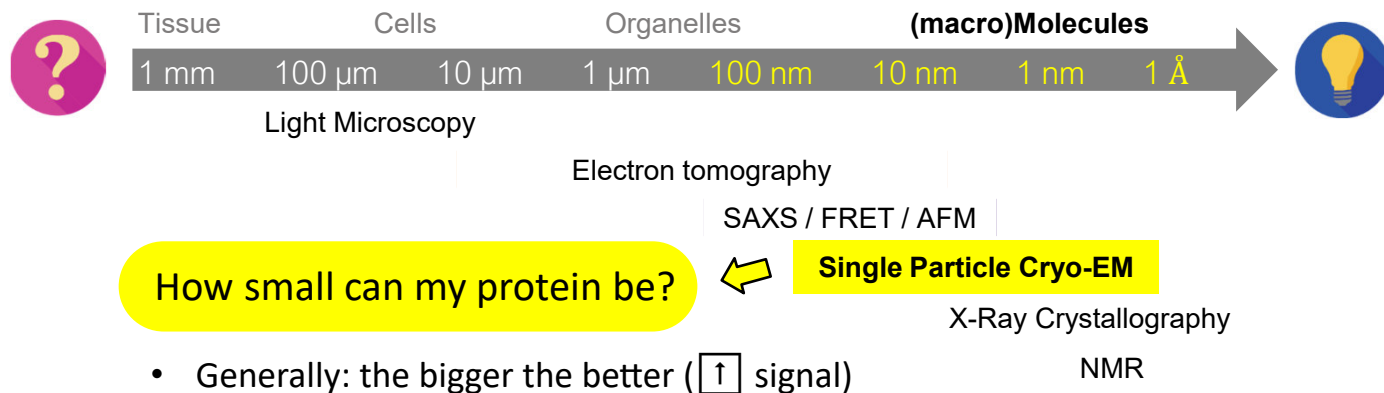


Hemoglobin
64 kDa, 3.2 Å
EMD-3488



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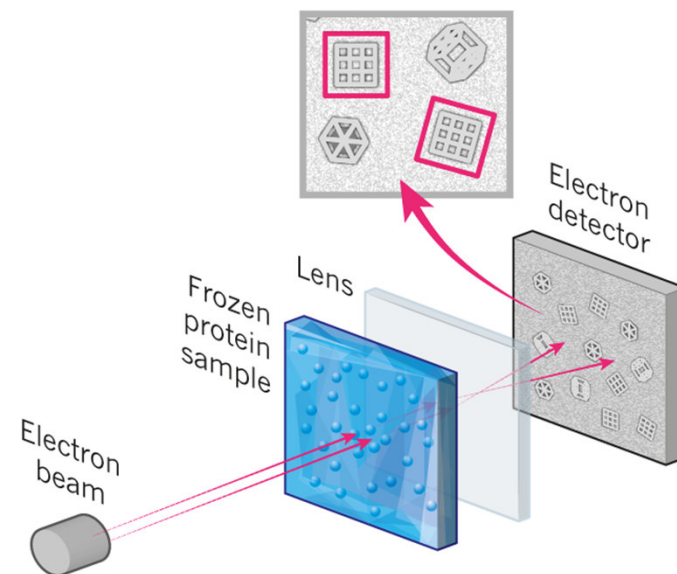
- What is the structure of the complex?
- What is its stoichiometry/composition?
- How many conformations does it assume?
- Is the co-factor/substrate affecting its structure?
- ...



Cryo-EM: applications & limitations

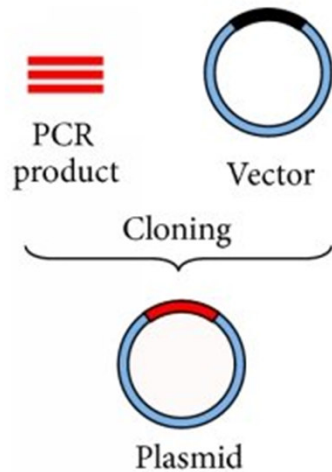
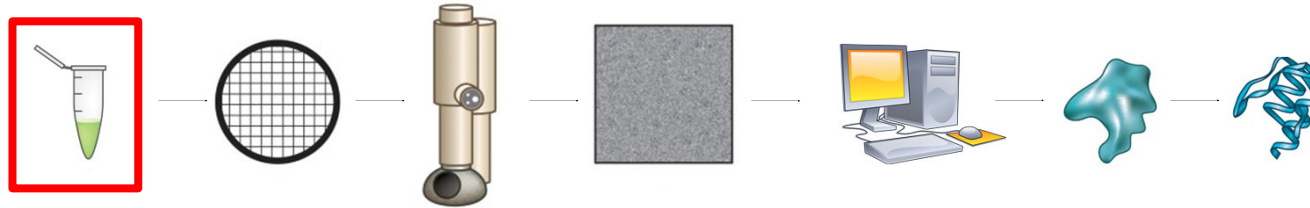
Cryo-Electron Microscopy applies Transmission Electron Microscopy (**TEM**) to study the structure of protein at cryogenic temperatures

- low concentrations of sample (few μg)
- It does not require protein crystals
- proteins are in their native status
(no fixing agents or lattice constraints)
- from one sample multiple structures
(conformers)
- It is fast! From the eppendorf
to the 3-D structure in 24-48h





Cryo-EM: the sample



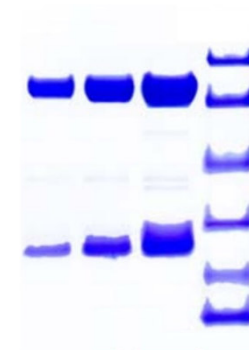
Construct design and cloning
(full-length, domains, mutants, ...)



Heterologous
expression systems:
Bacteria
Yeast
Insect cells
Mammalian cells



Purification:
affinity resins, tags, ..



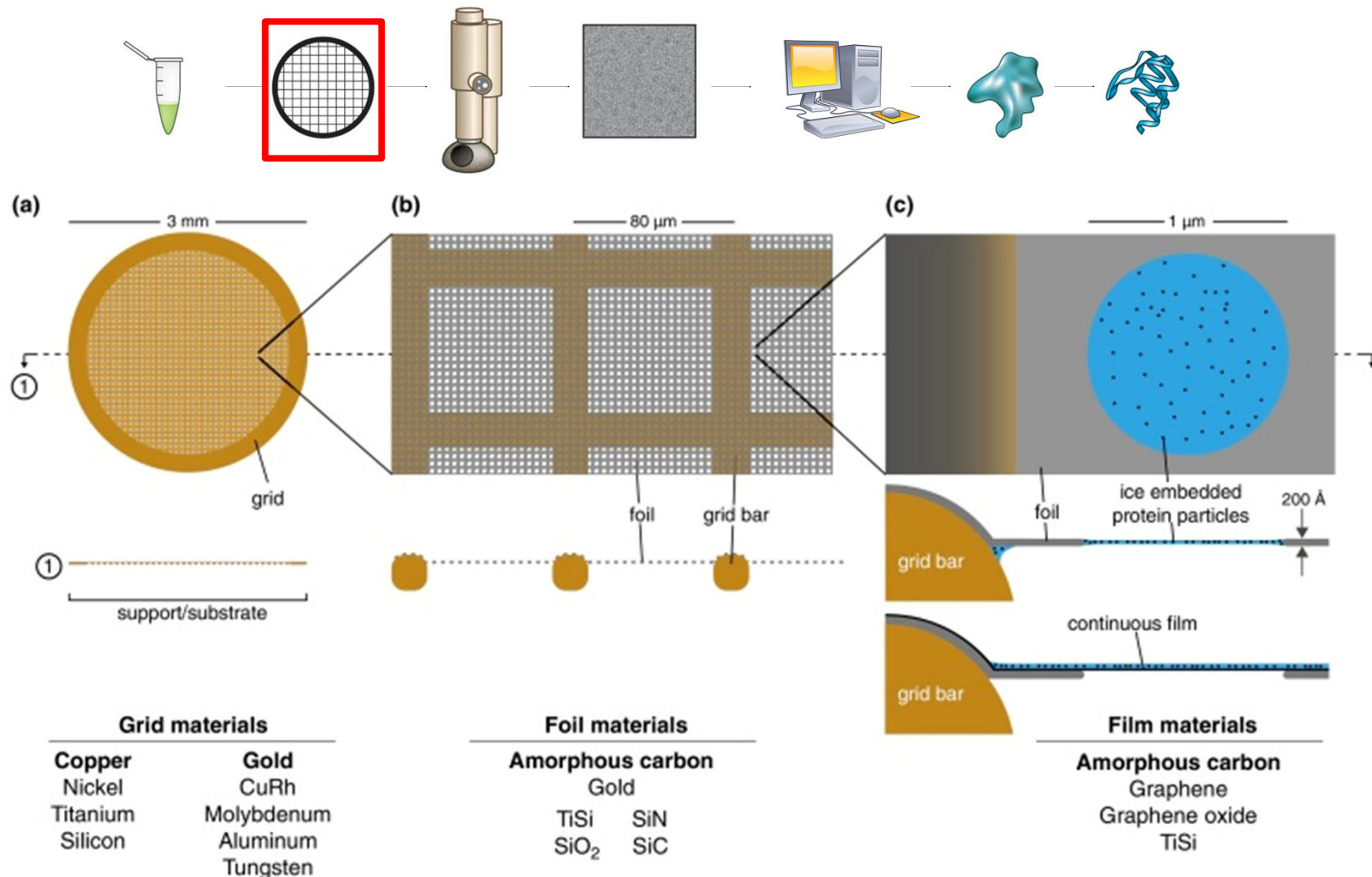
Analysis:
SDS-Page
electrophoresis



**µg of pure protein
needed**

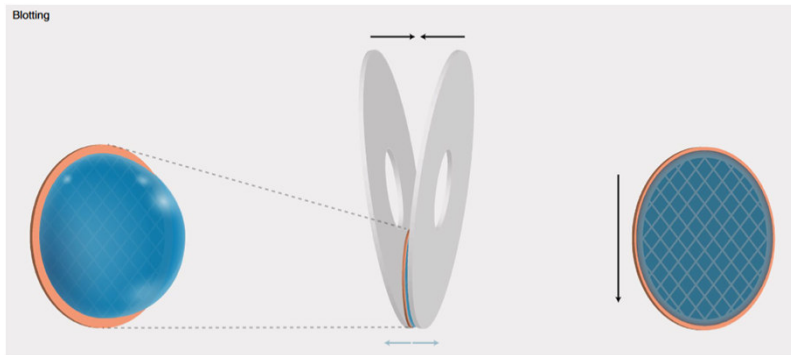
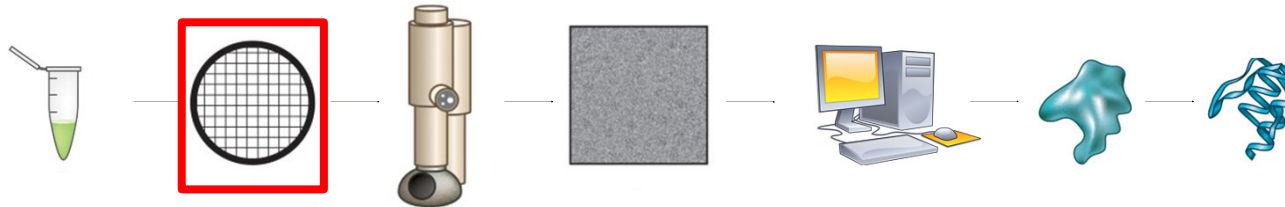


Cryo-EM: the grid

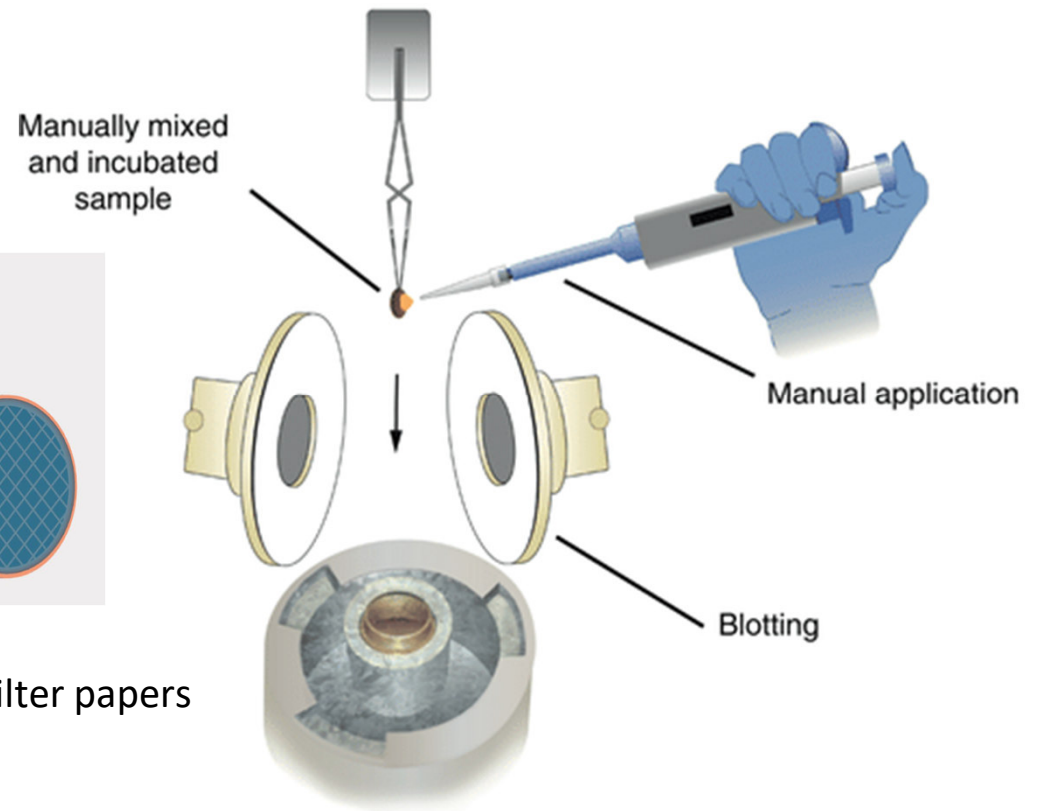




Cryo-EM: blotting and vitrification

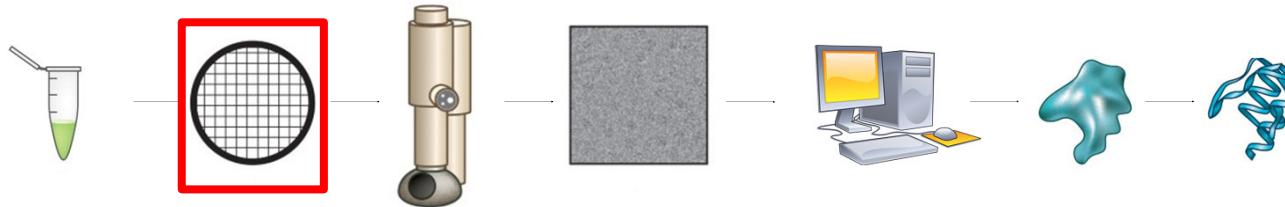


Angular (not homogeneous) blotting with filter papers

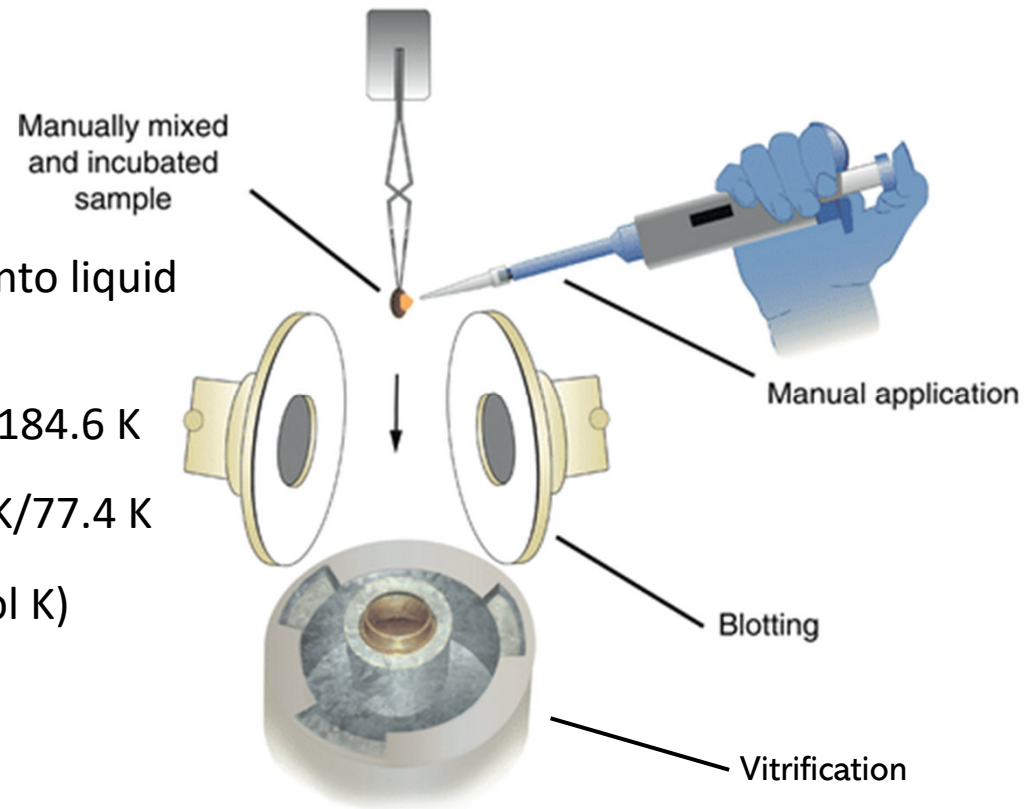




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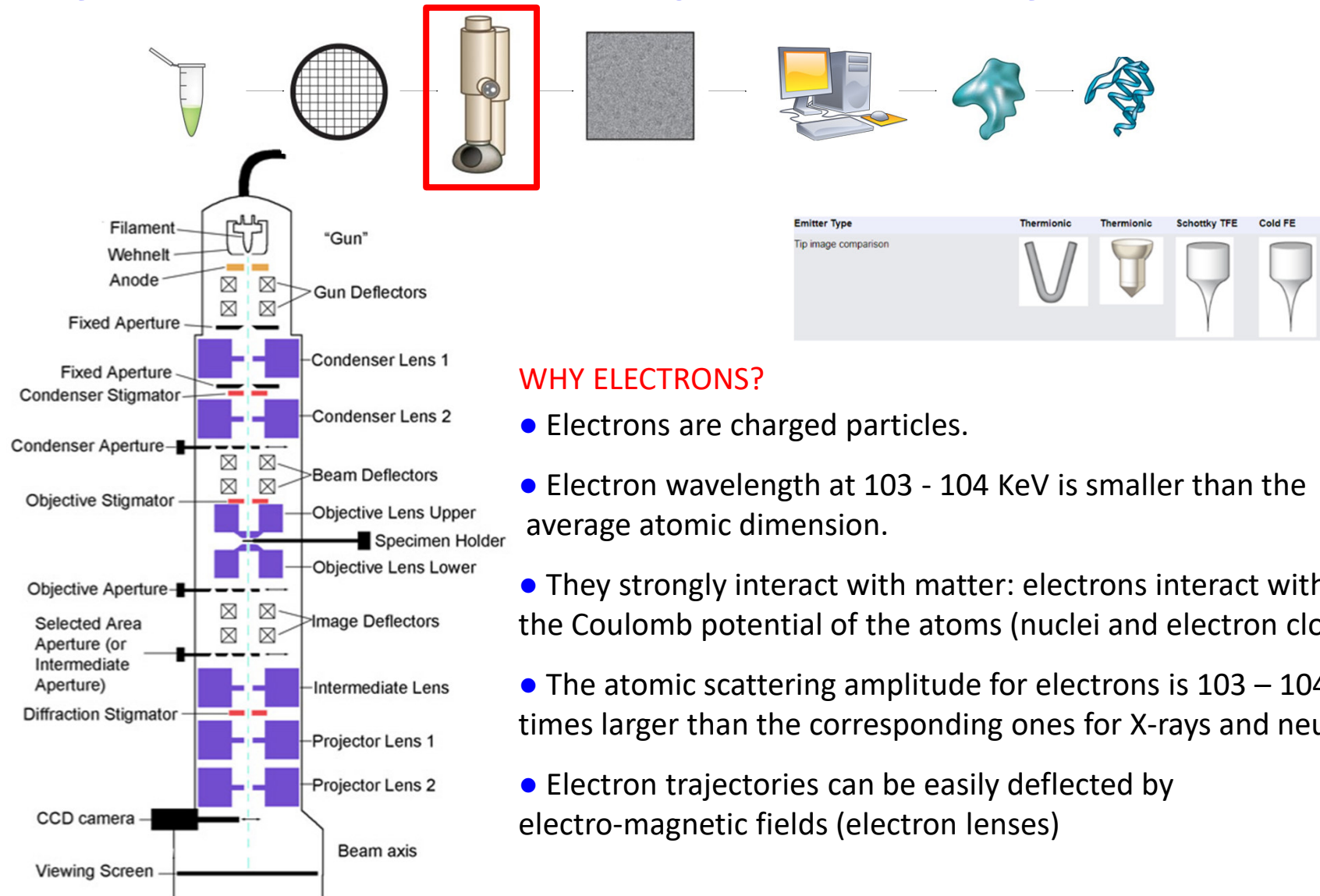


- The sample is plunged into liquid ethane
 - Ethane melting/boiling point is 90.4 K/184.6 K
Nitrogen melting/boiling point is 63.2 K/77.4 K
 - Liquid ethane heat capacity (68.5 J/ mol K)
- T drops faster than 10^5 - 10^6 K/s





Cryo-EM: the microscope “anatomy”

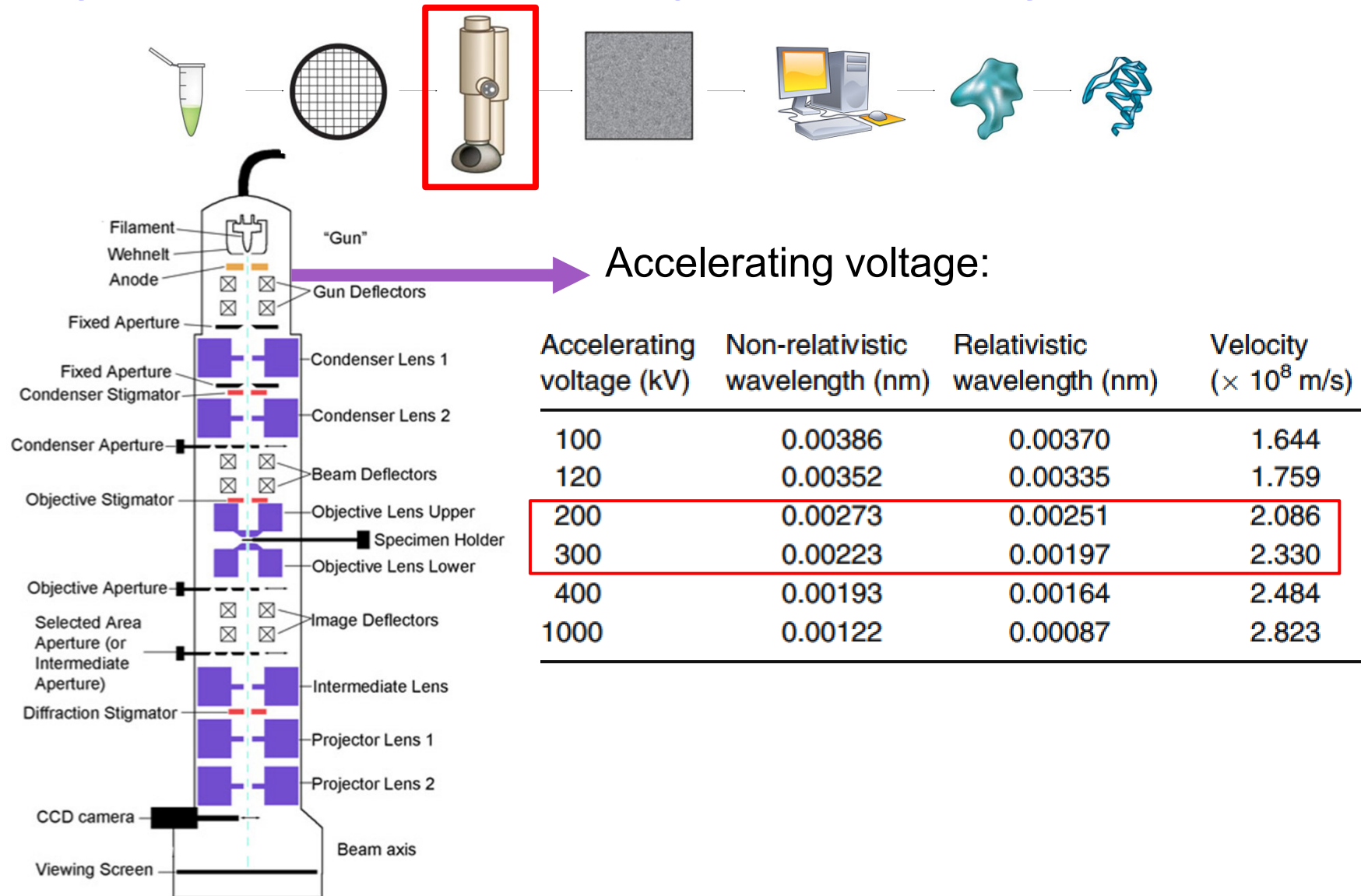


WHY ELECTRONS?

- Electrons are charged particles.
- Electron wavelength at 103 - 104 KeV is smaller than the average atomic dimension.
- They strongly interact with matter: electrons interact with the Coulomb potential of the atoms (nuclei and electron clouds).
- The atomic scattering amplitude for electrons is 10³ – 10⁴ times larger than the corresponding ones for X-rays and neutrons.
- Electron trajectories can be easily deflected by electro-magnetic fields (electron lenses)

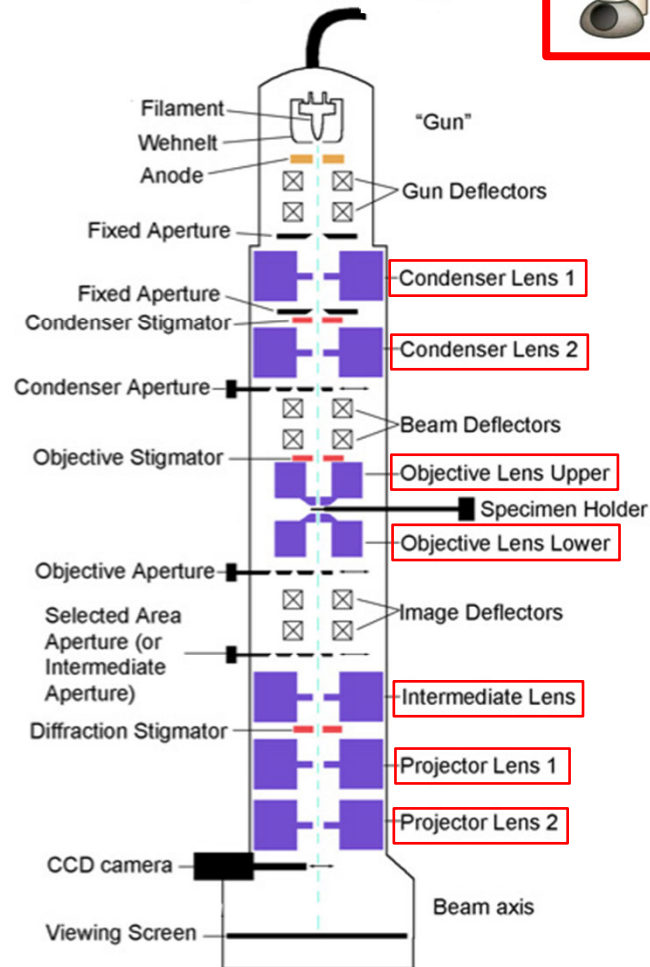
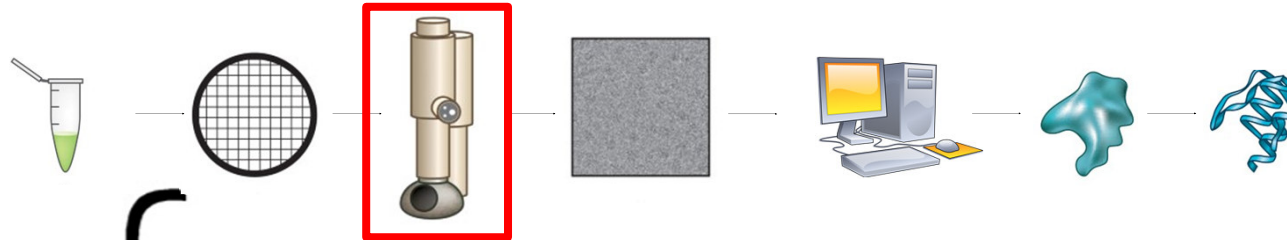


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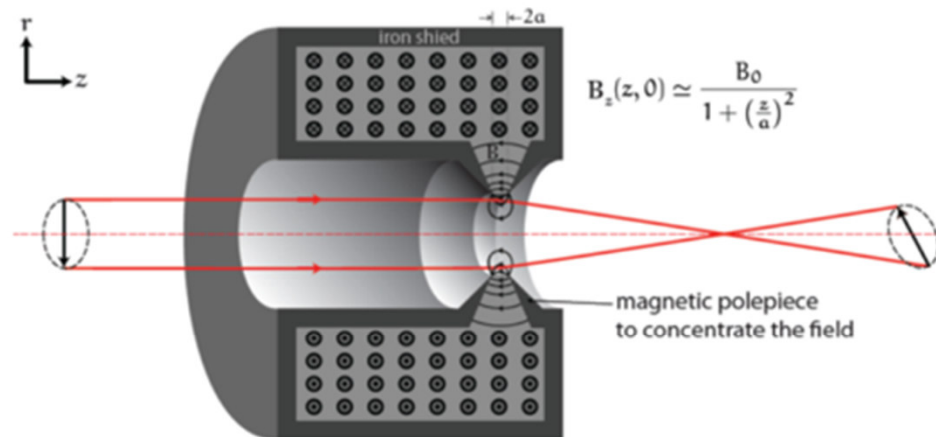


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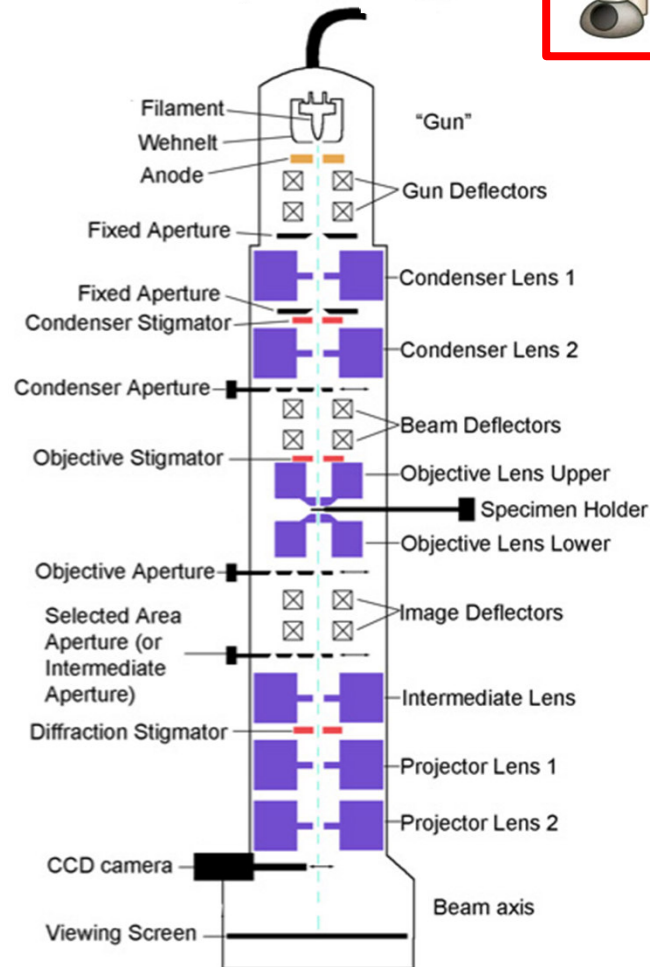
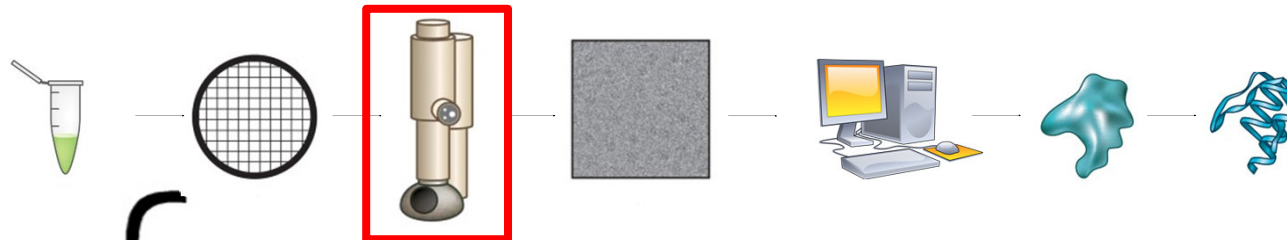
A current through a coiled wire creates a magnetic field that bends the e- trajectory

The helical trajectory flips the image at the focal point

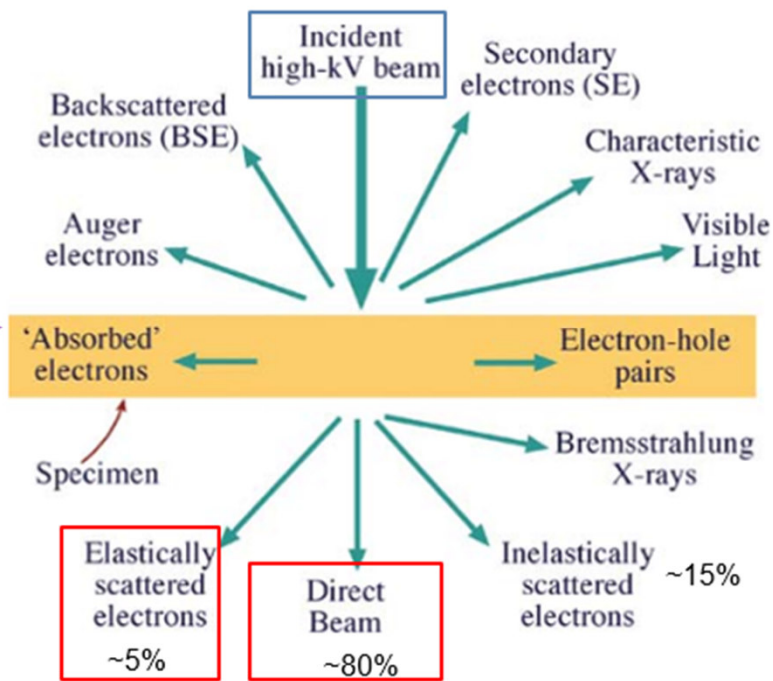




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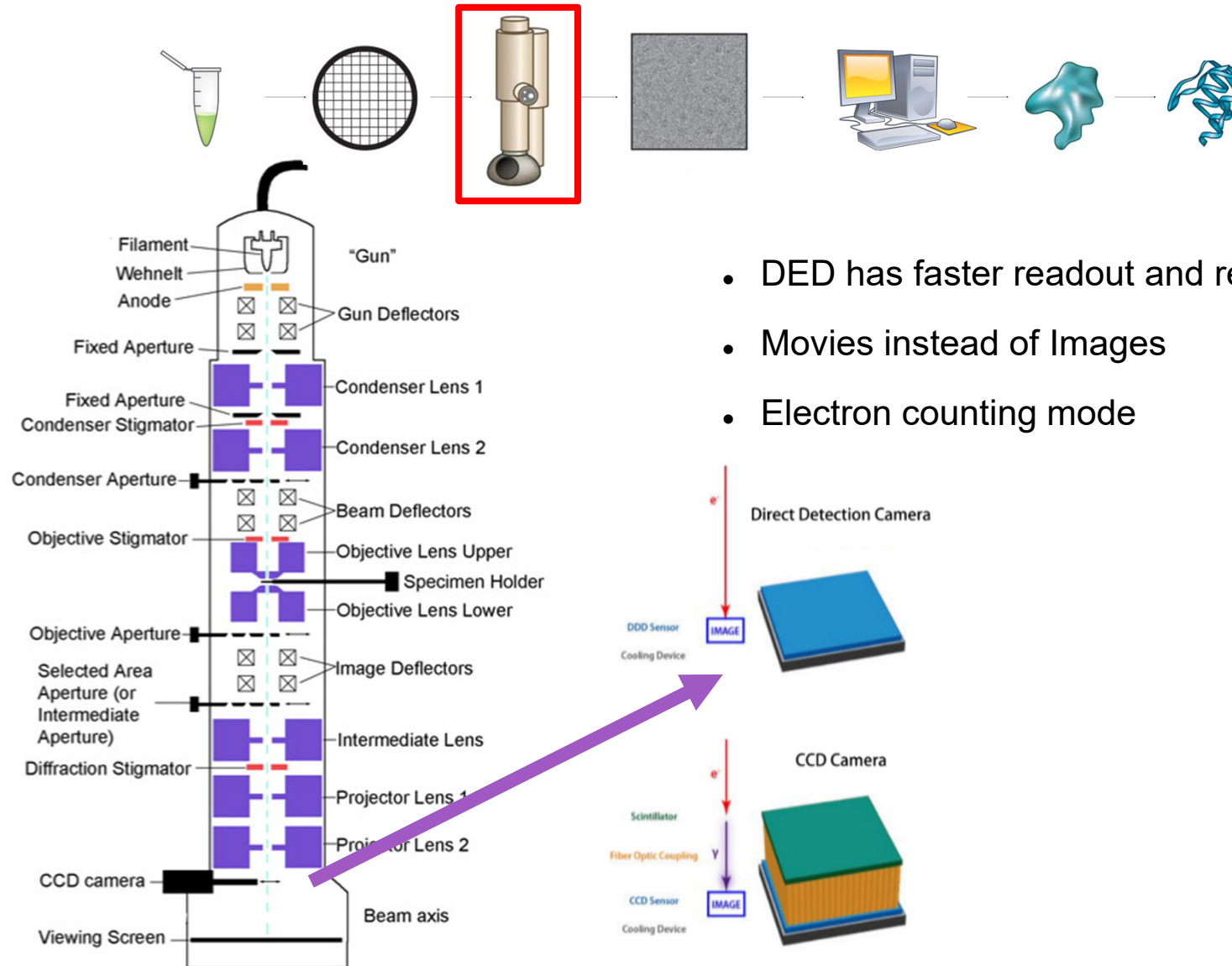


An EM generates many signals





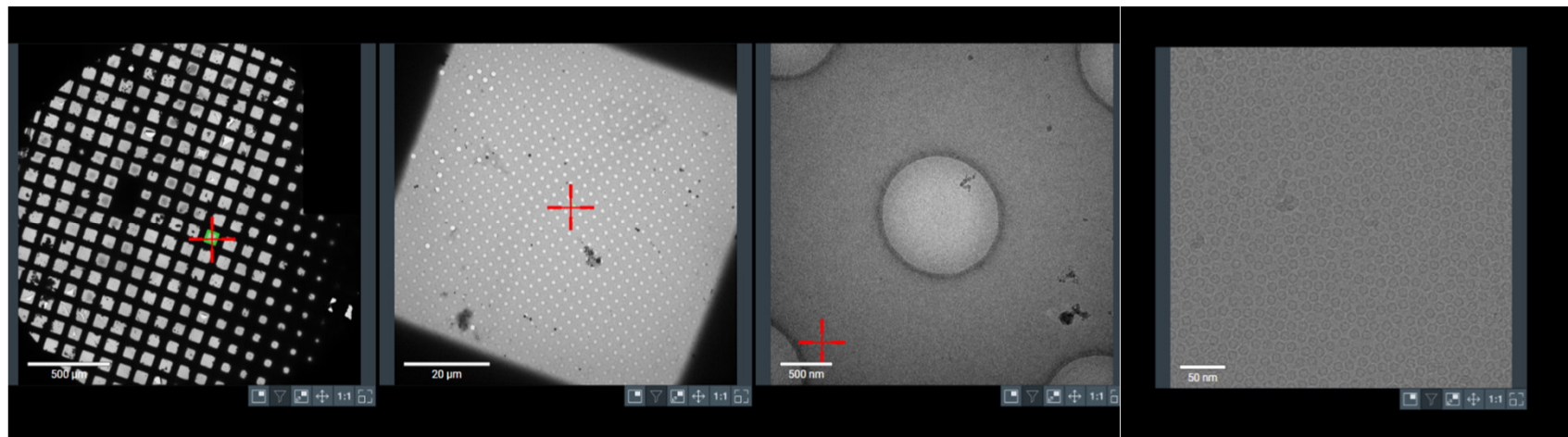
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- DED has faster readout and reduced noise
- Movies instead of Images
- Electron counting mode

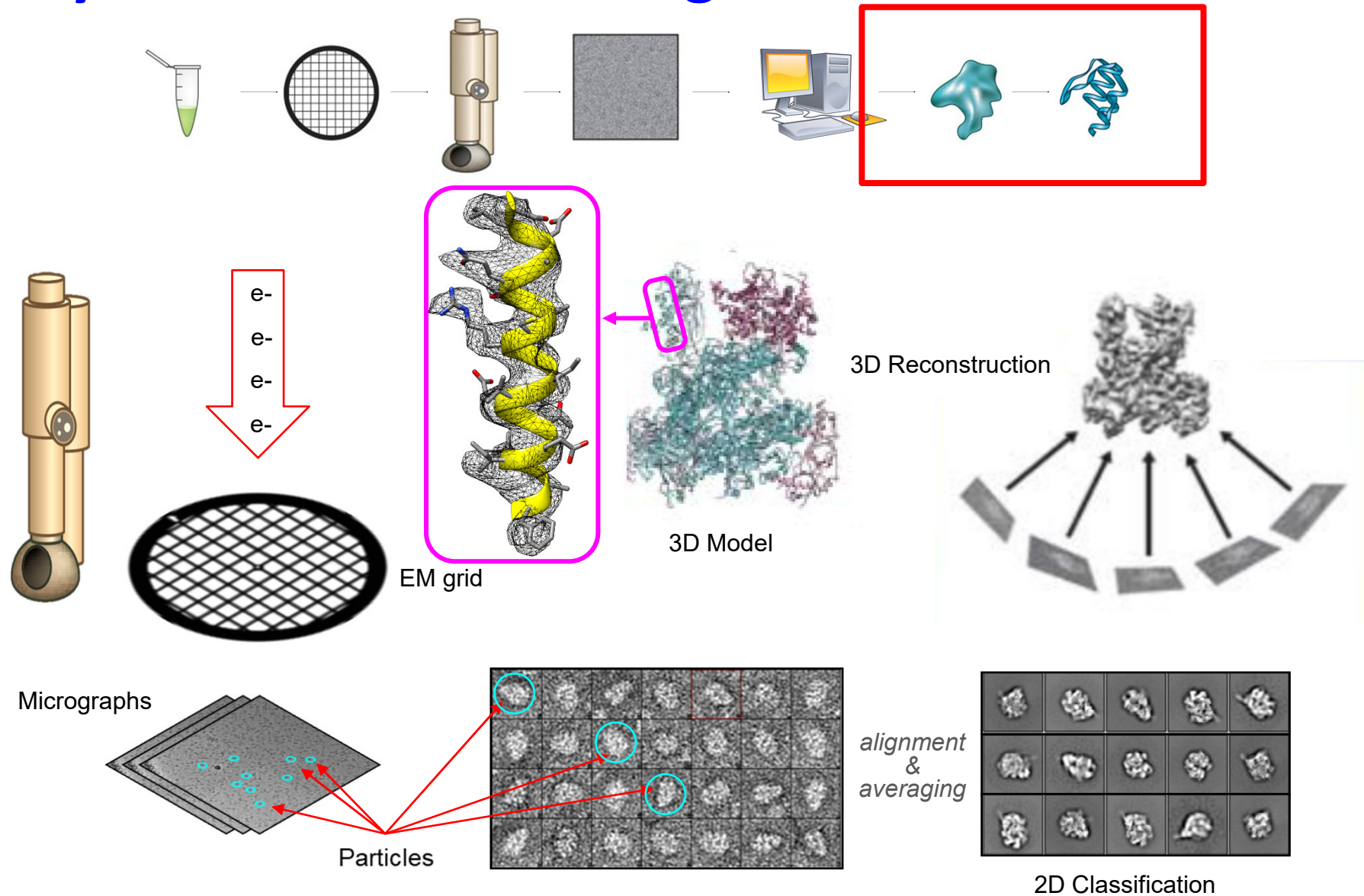


Cryo-EM: data collection and analysis





Cryo-EM: model building





Cryo-EM in 3 minutes

This plastic tube contains our
molecular sample of interest





Cryo-EM at the Synchrotron

Cryo-EM microscopes (1040)



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Cryo-EM at the Synchrotron

Cryo-EM microscopes (1040)



Cryo-EM at the Synchrotron

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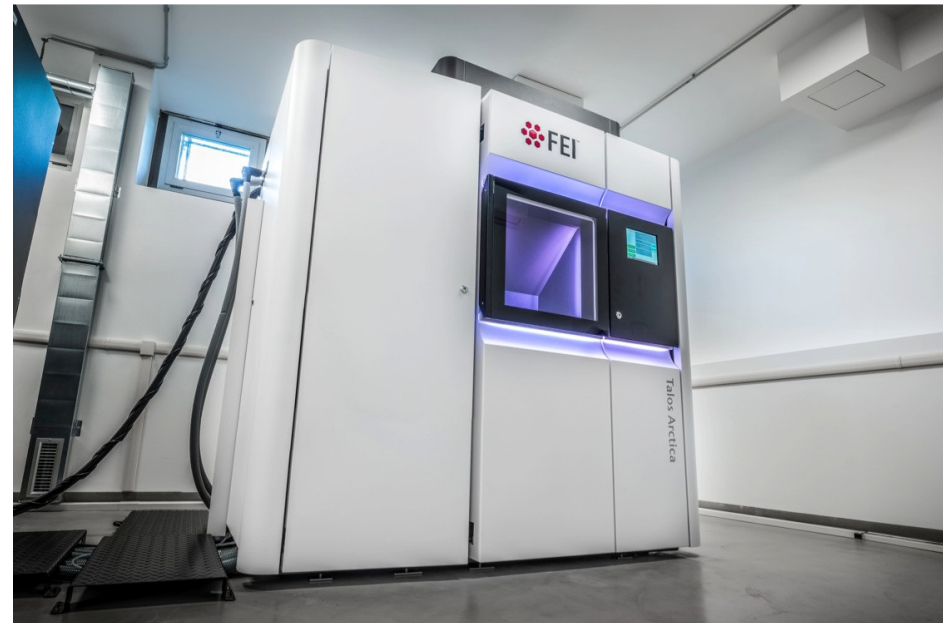
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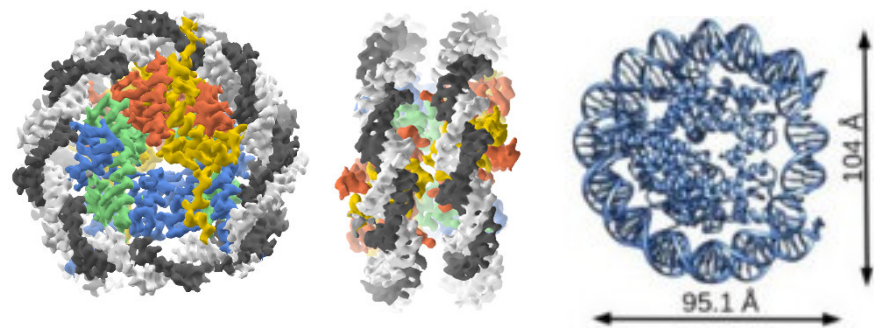
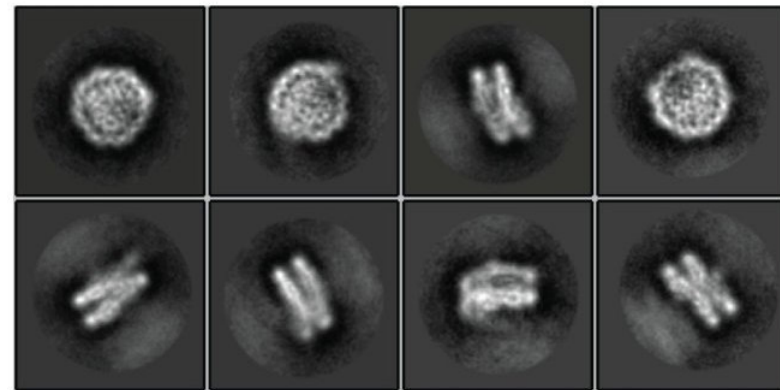
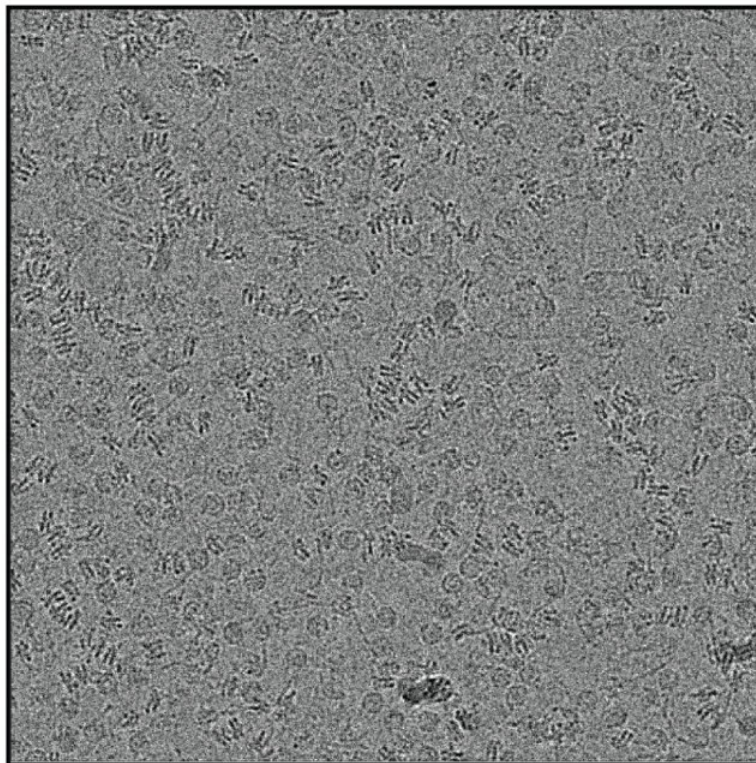
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