

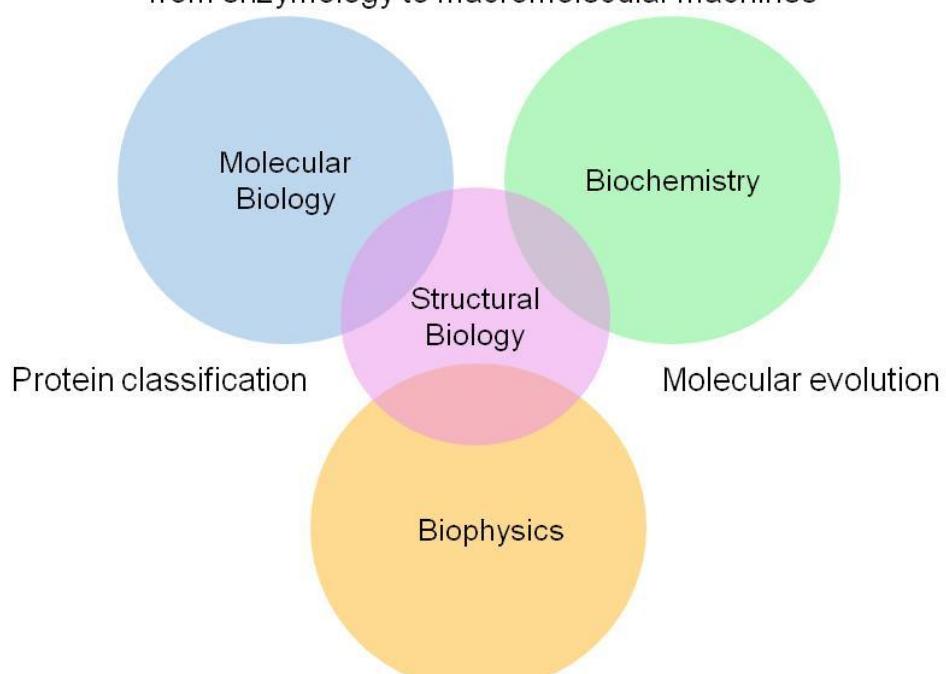
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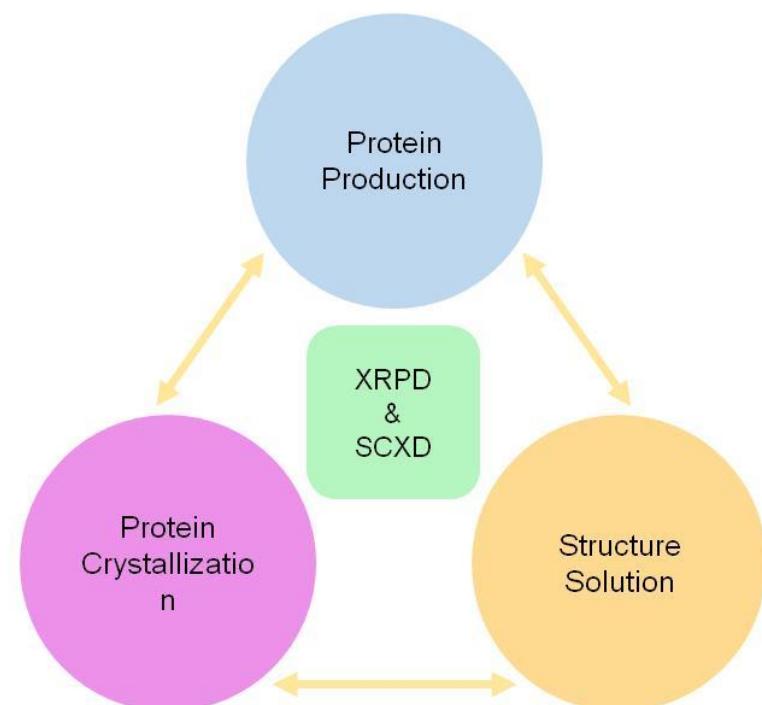
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# Structural Biology

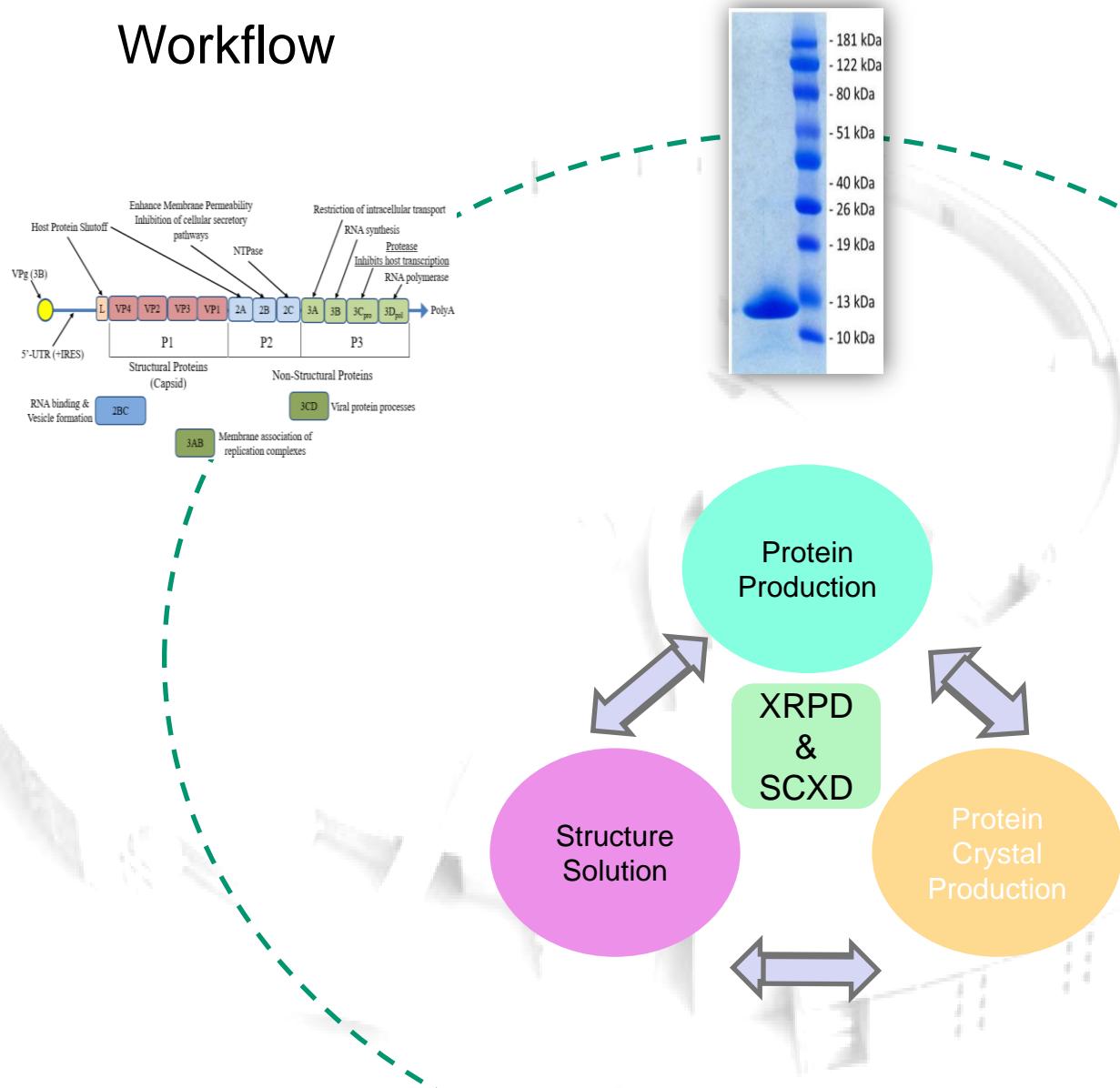
Understanding of cellular mechanisms  
from enzymology to macromolecular machines



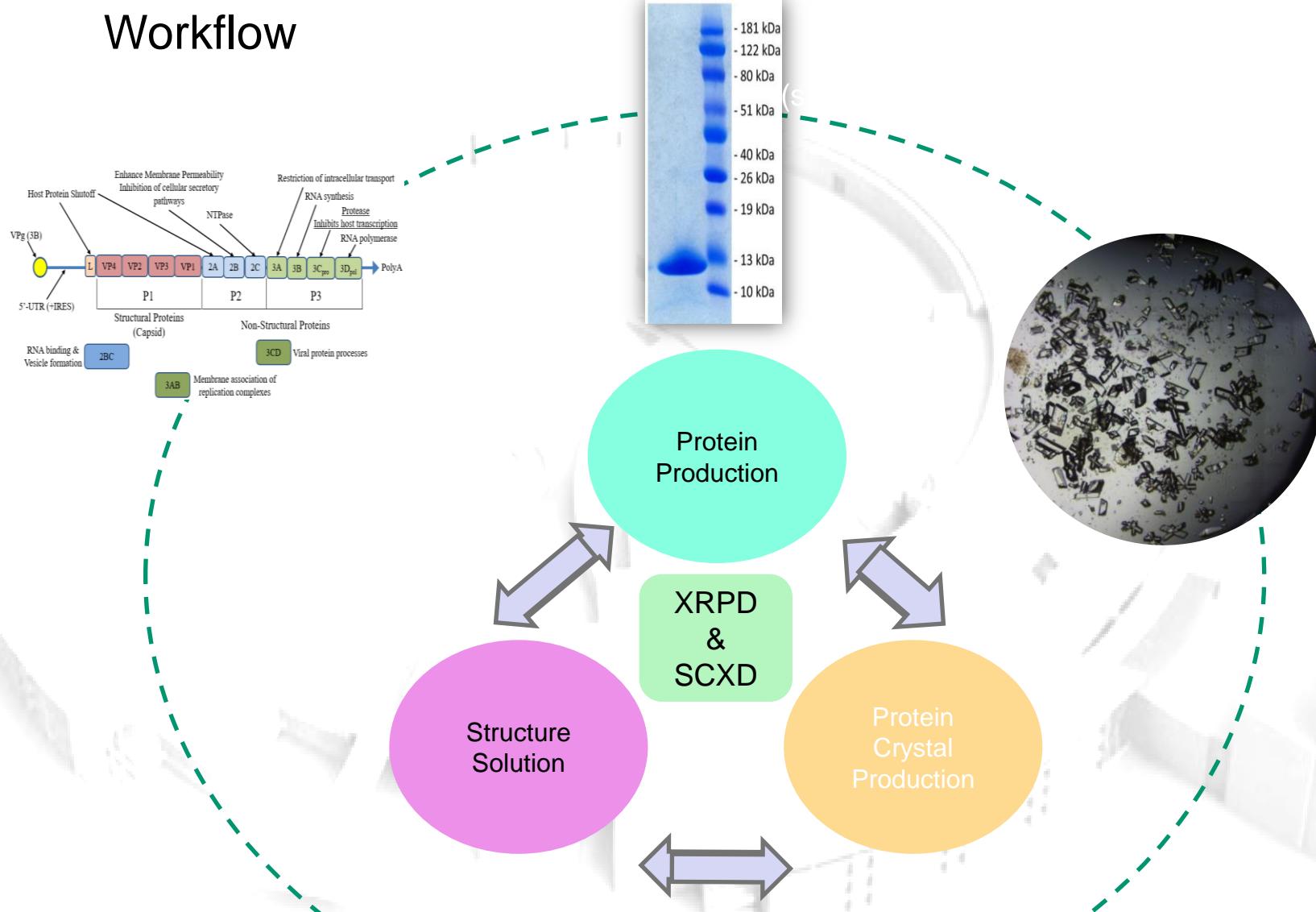
Main method of macromolecular structure studies:  
X-ray Crystallography



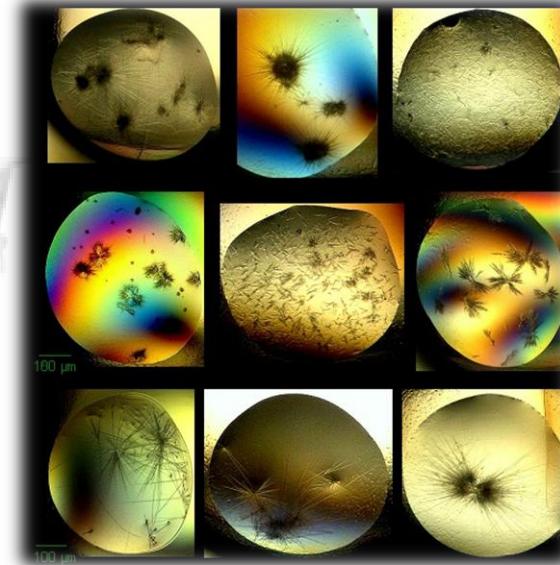
# Workflow



# Workflow



# Crystals of Biological Macromolecules



# Κρύσταλλοι

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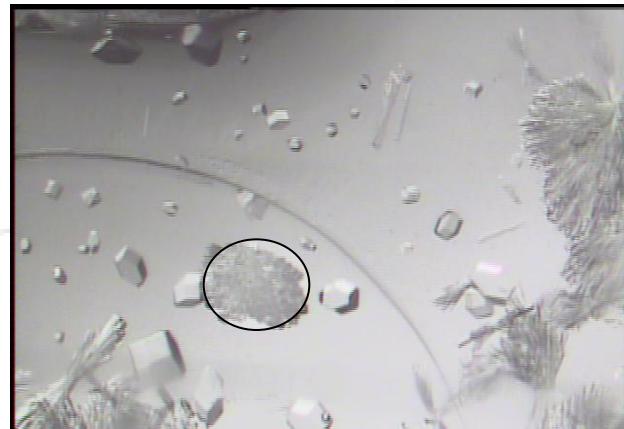
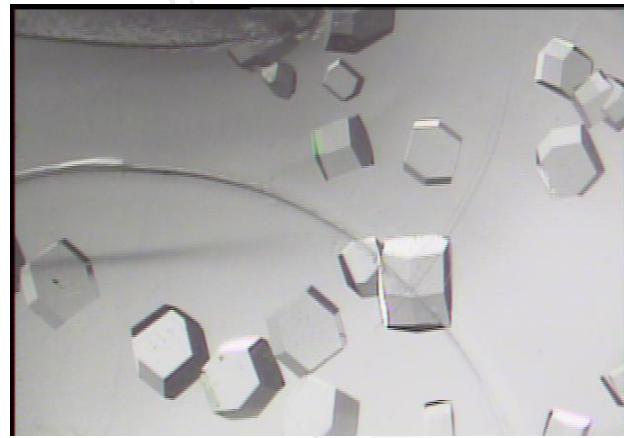
Είναι μια φάση της στερεάς κατάστασης στην οποία τα μόρια (ή άτομα) που αποτελούν τον κρύσταλλο είναι περιοδικά διευθετημένα στον τρισδιάστατο χώρο.

Η περιοδική αυτή επανάληψη επιτυγχάνεται μέσω της απλής μετάθεσης (δηλαδή απλή μετακίνηση χωρίς περιστροφή) ενός επαναλαμβανόμενου μοτίβου.

Κάθε περιοδική διευθέτηση δεν είναι κρύσταλλος (π.χ. υγροί κρύσταλλοι, δομή του DNA).

# Πως κρυσταλλώνονται οι πρωτεΐνες

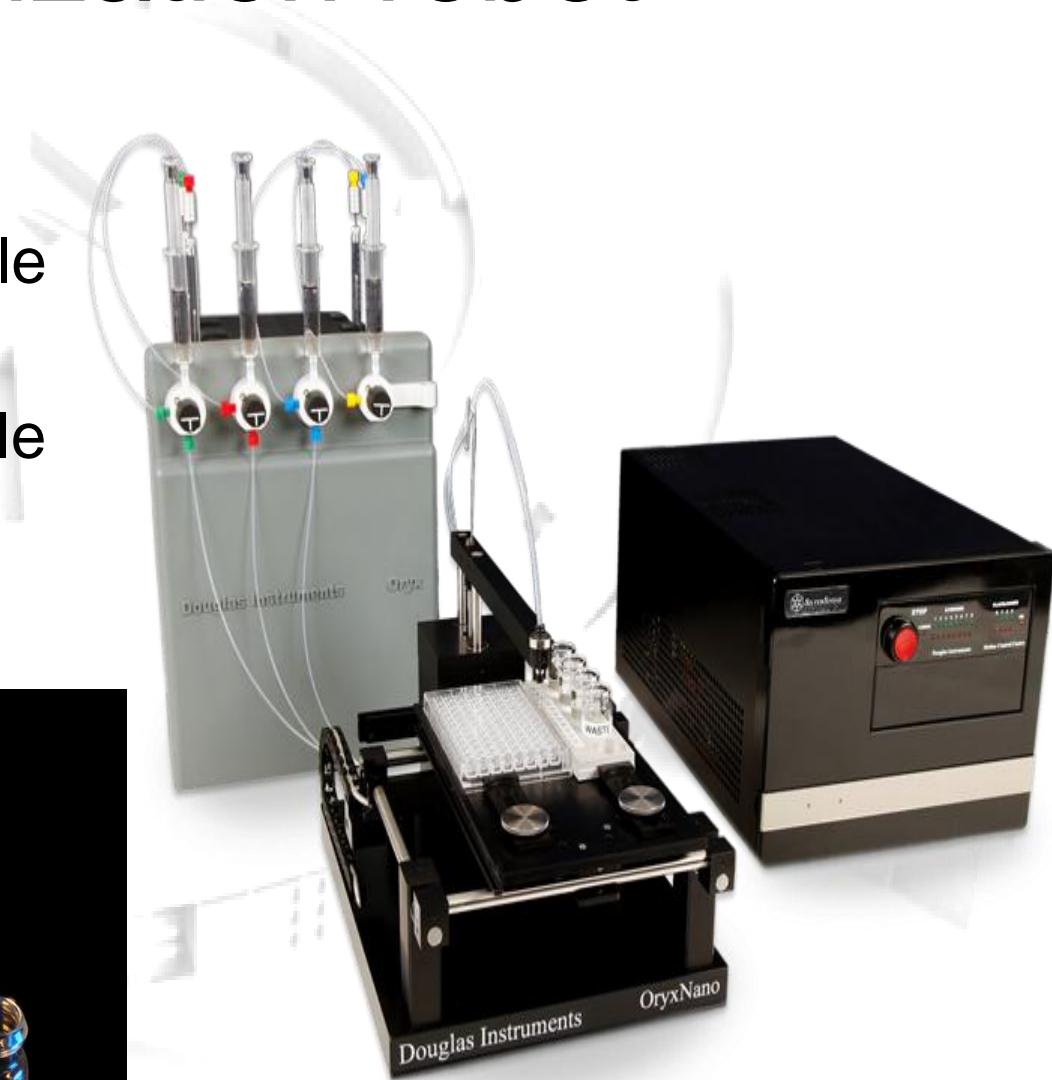
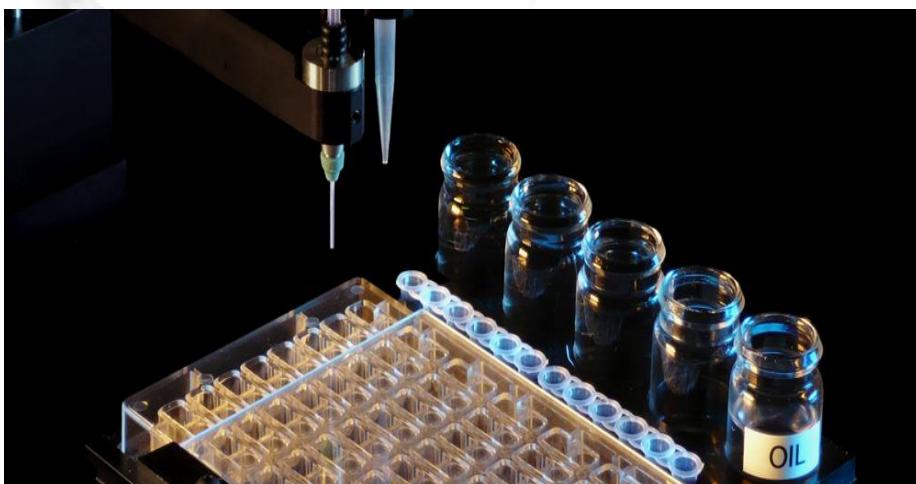
- Συνήθως με μεγάλη δυσκολία!
- Για διαλυτές πρωτεΐνες:
- Διάλυση και καθύζηση  
(dissolve and then precipitate)
- Κρίσιμες παράμετροι: pH, ionic strength, precipitant
- Συνήθως κρυστάλλωση σε μικρές σταγόνες
- screens + robots



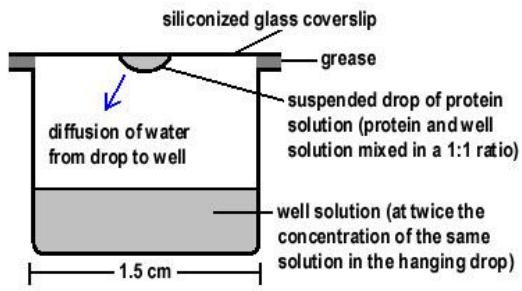
# Crystallization robot

**Douglas Instruments**  
*OryxNano*

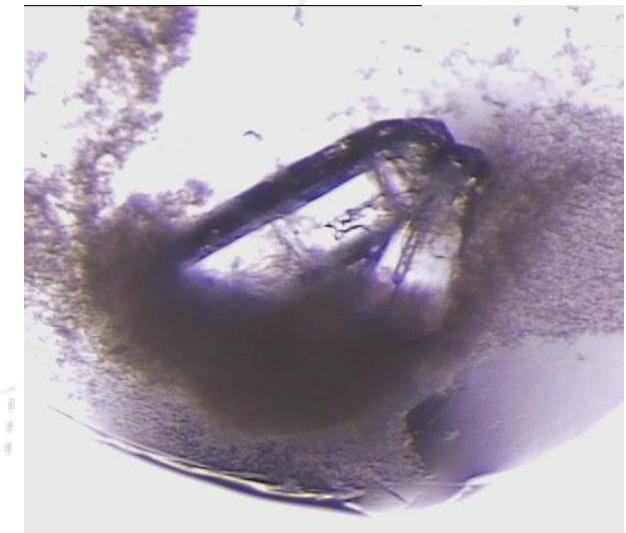
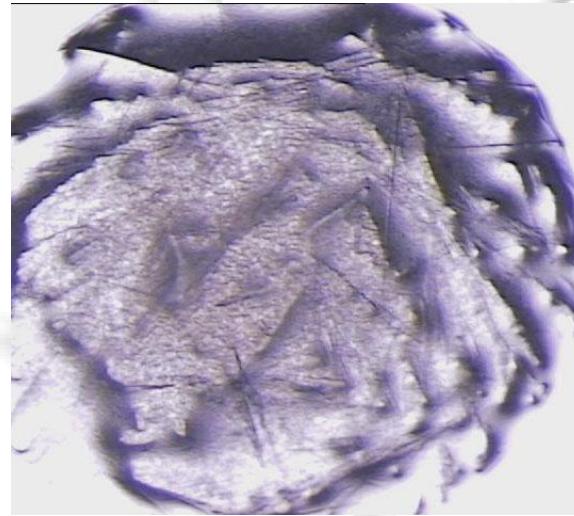
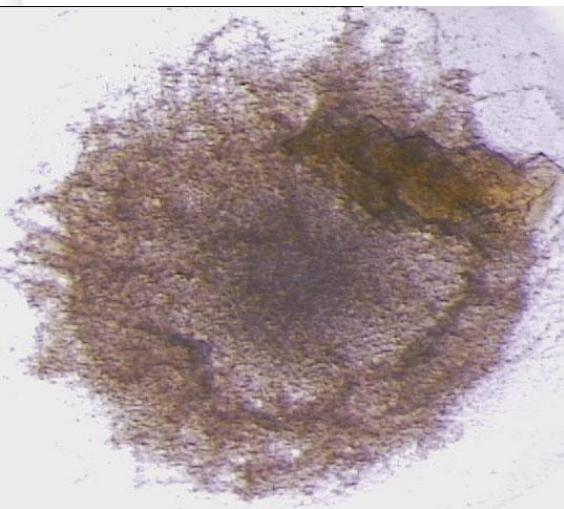
- Minimal amount of sample used
- Accurate and reproducible pipetting
- Quicker experiments



# Κρυστάλλωση Πρωτεΐνών

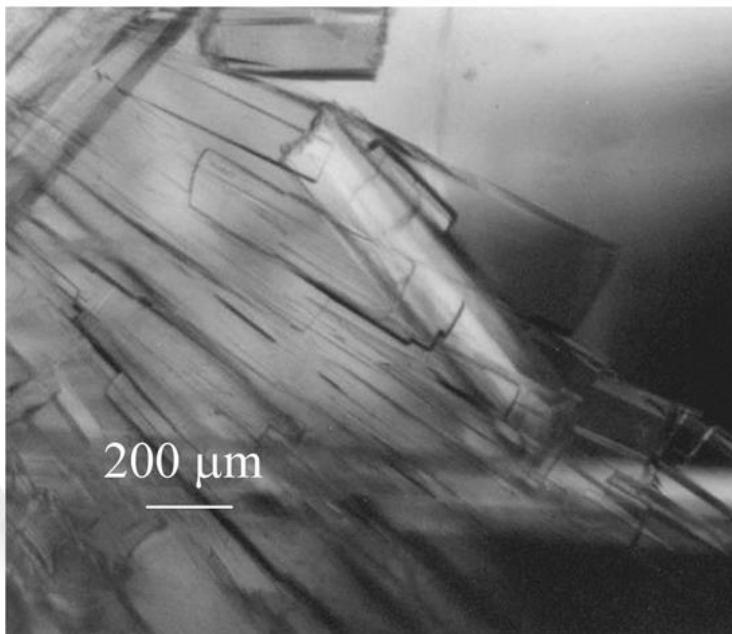


Well Setup for Crystal Growth by  
the Vapor Diffusion Method

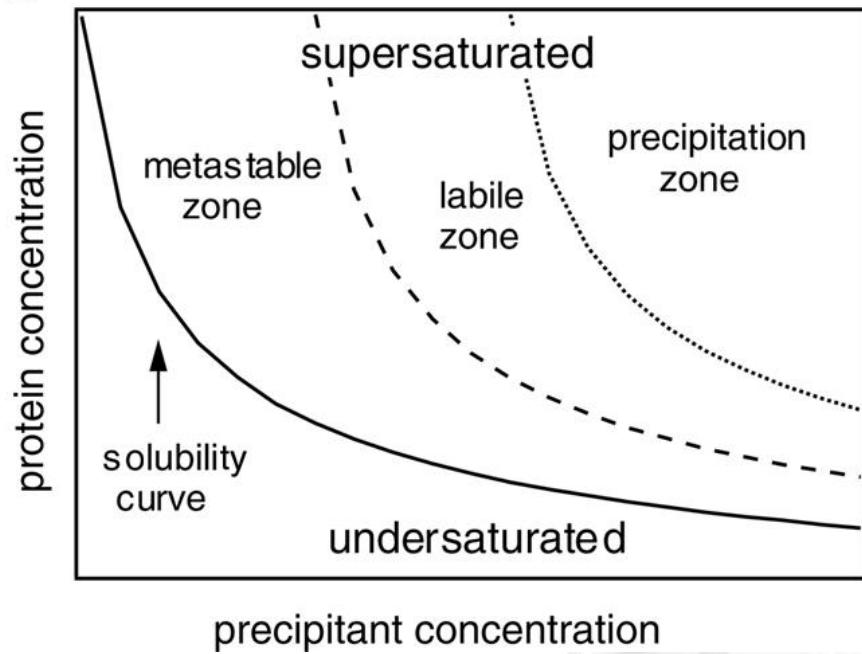


# Protein crystallisation & phase diagrams

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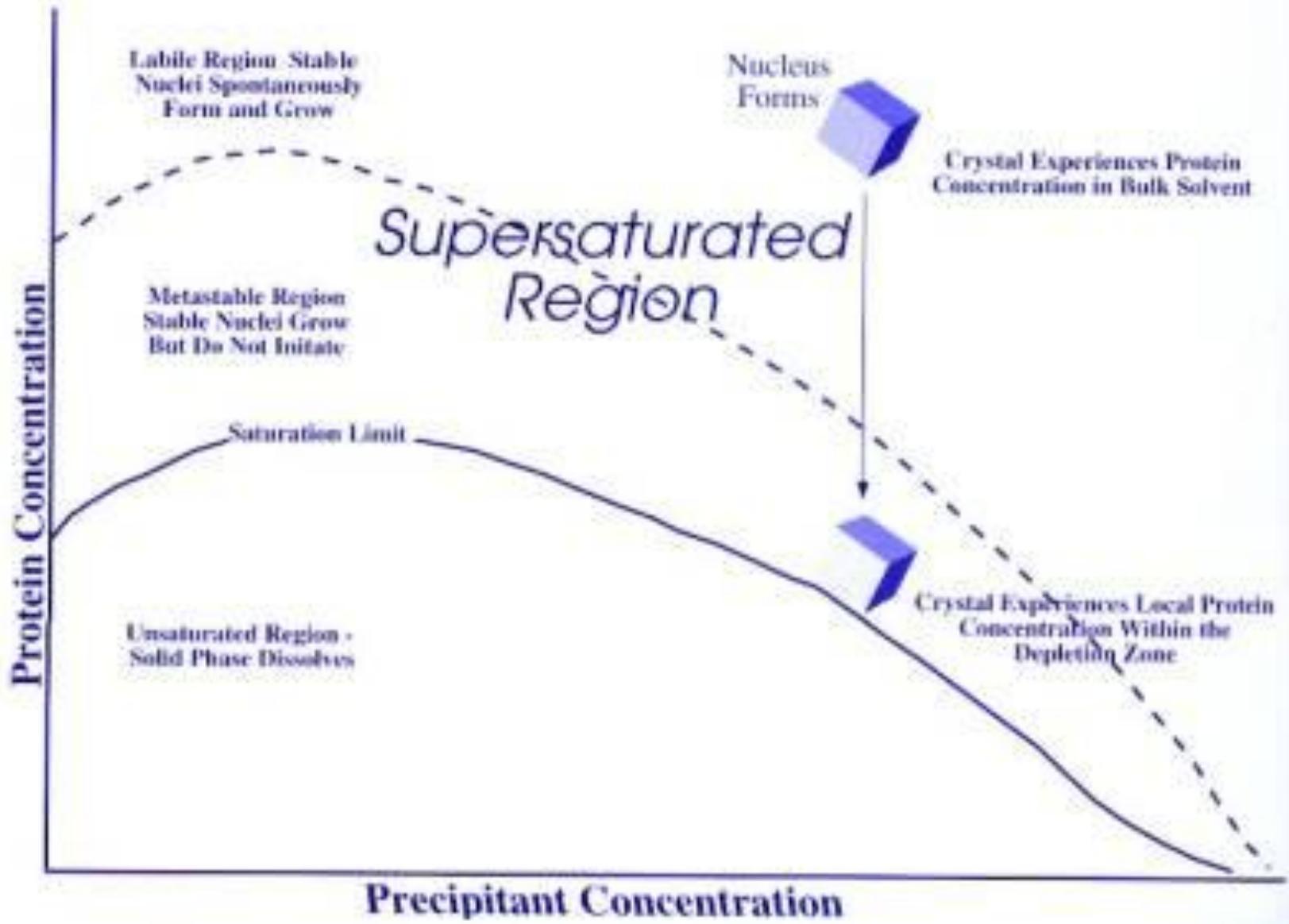


B



(A) Crystals of wild-type bovine B crystallin.

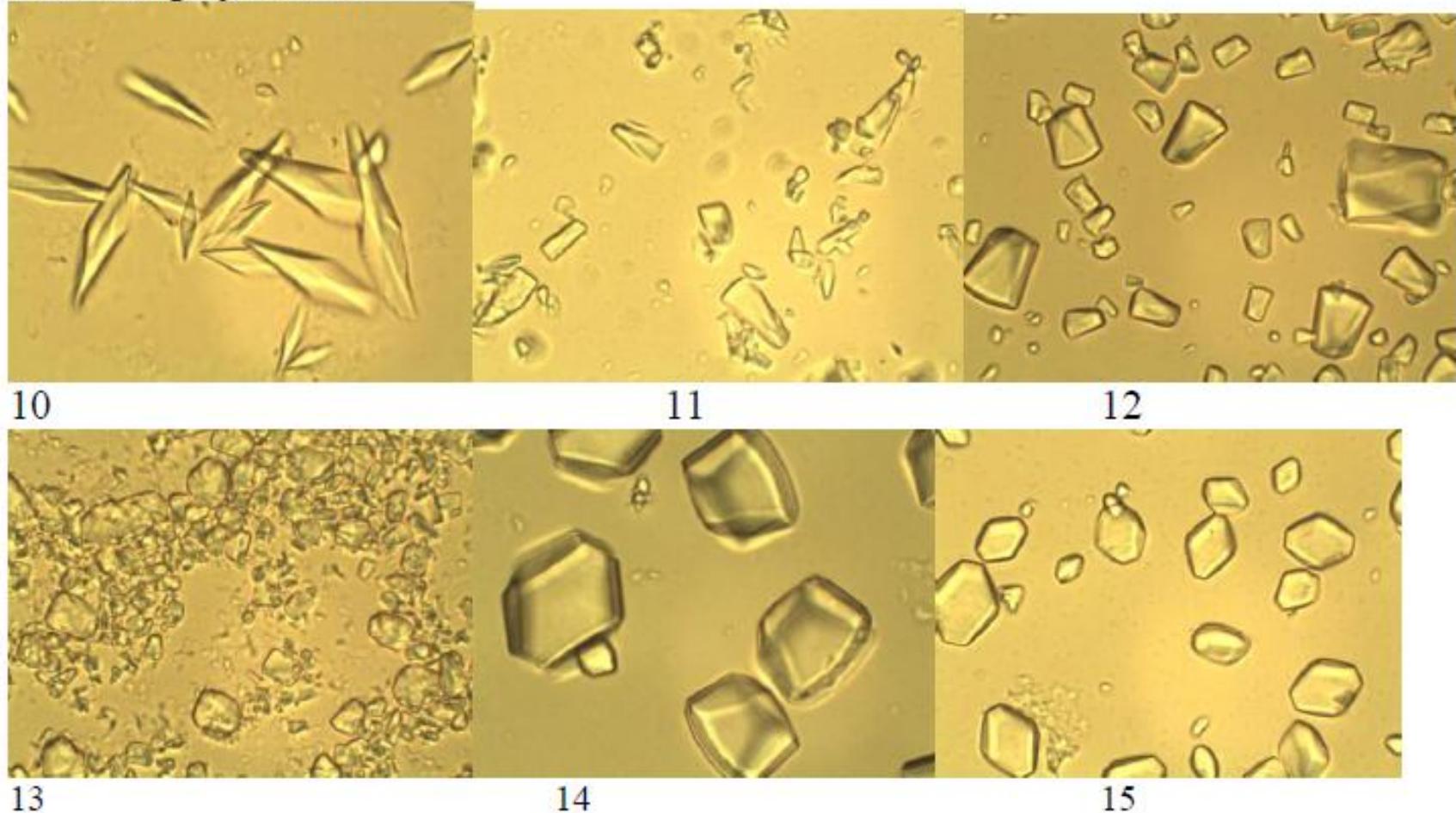
(B) A schematic phase diagram showing the solubility of a protein in solution as a function of the concentration of the precipitant present.



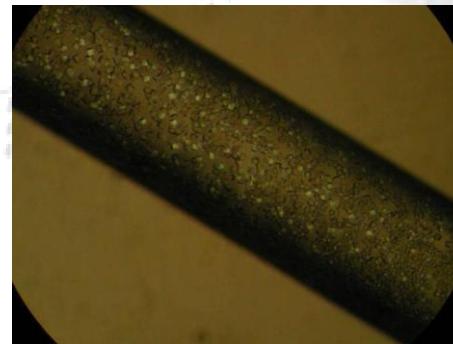
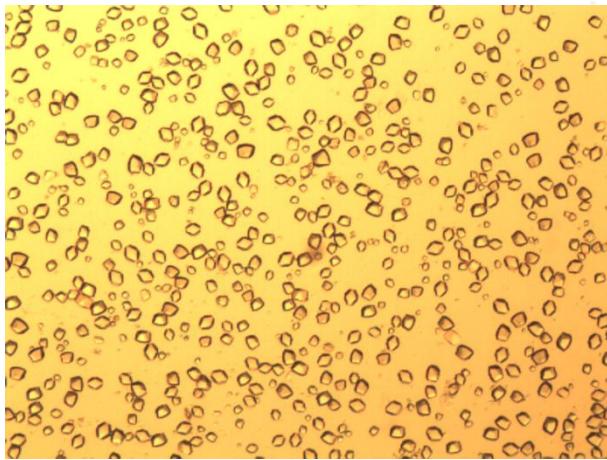
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# Protein Polycrystalline Samples

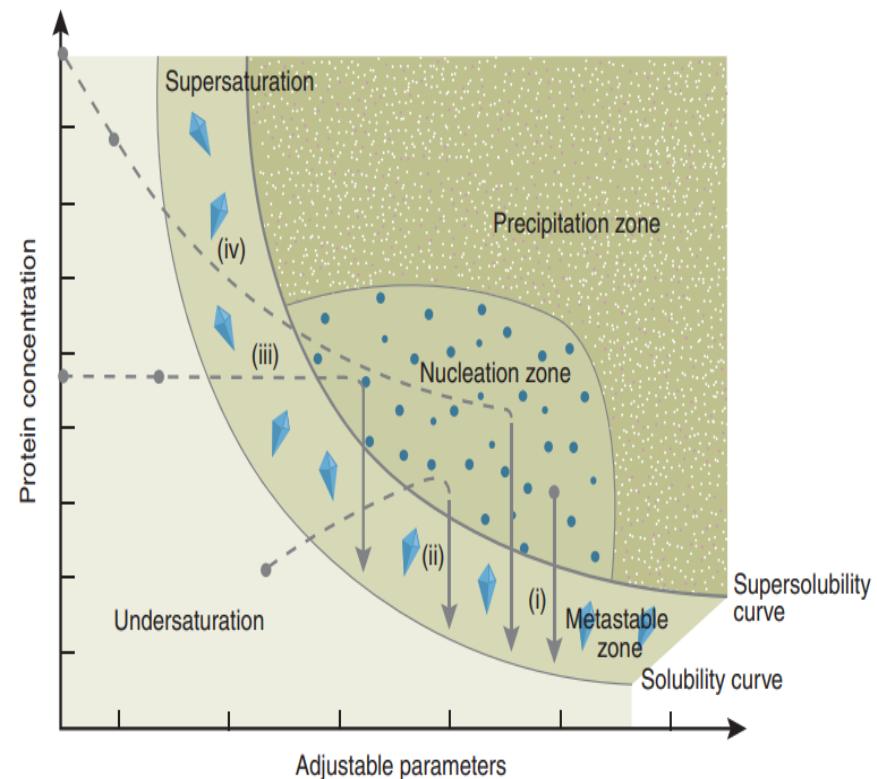
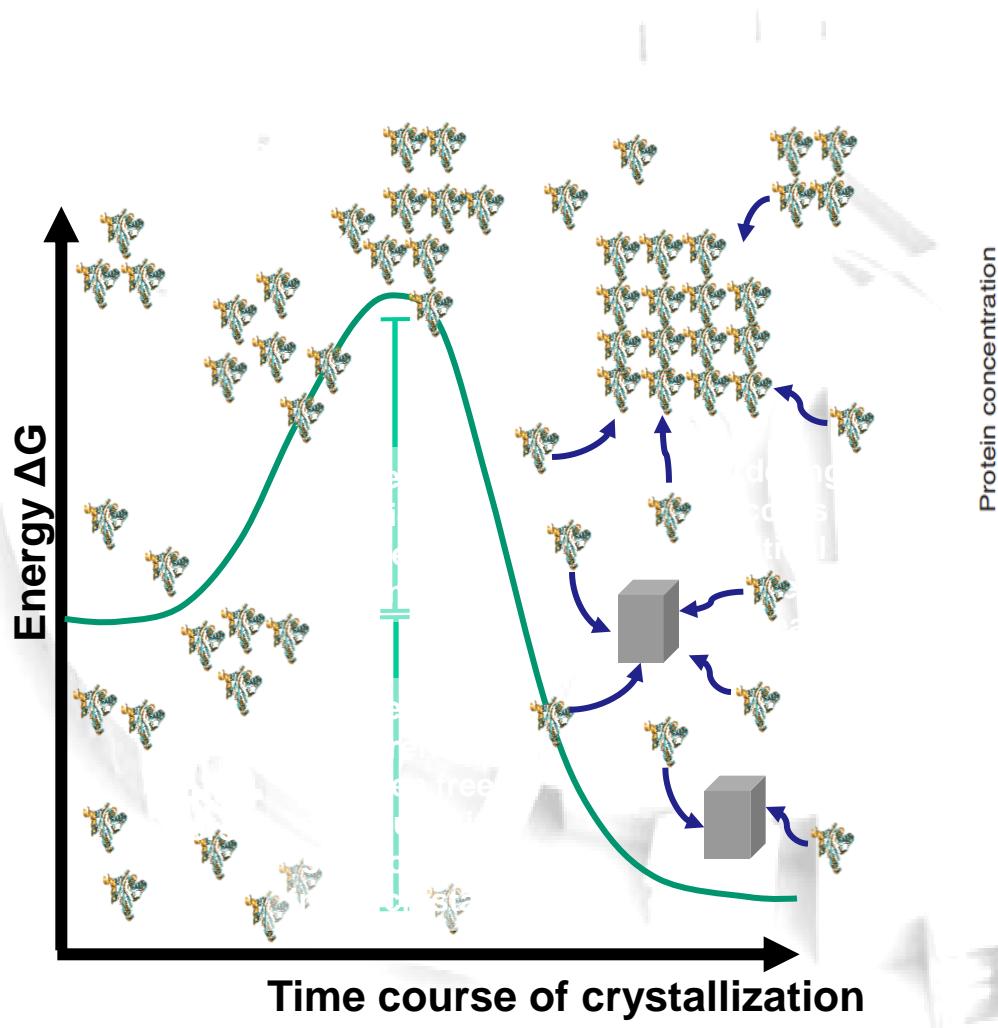
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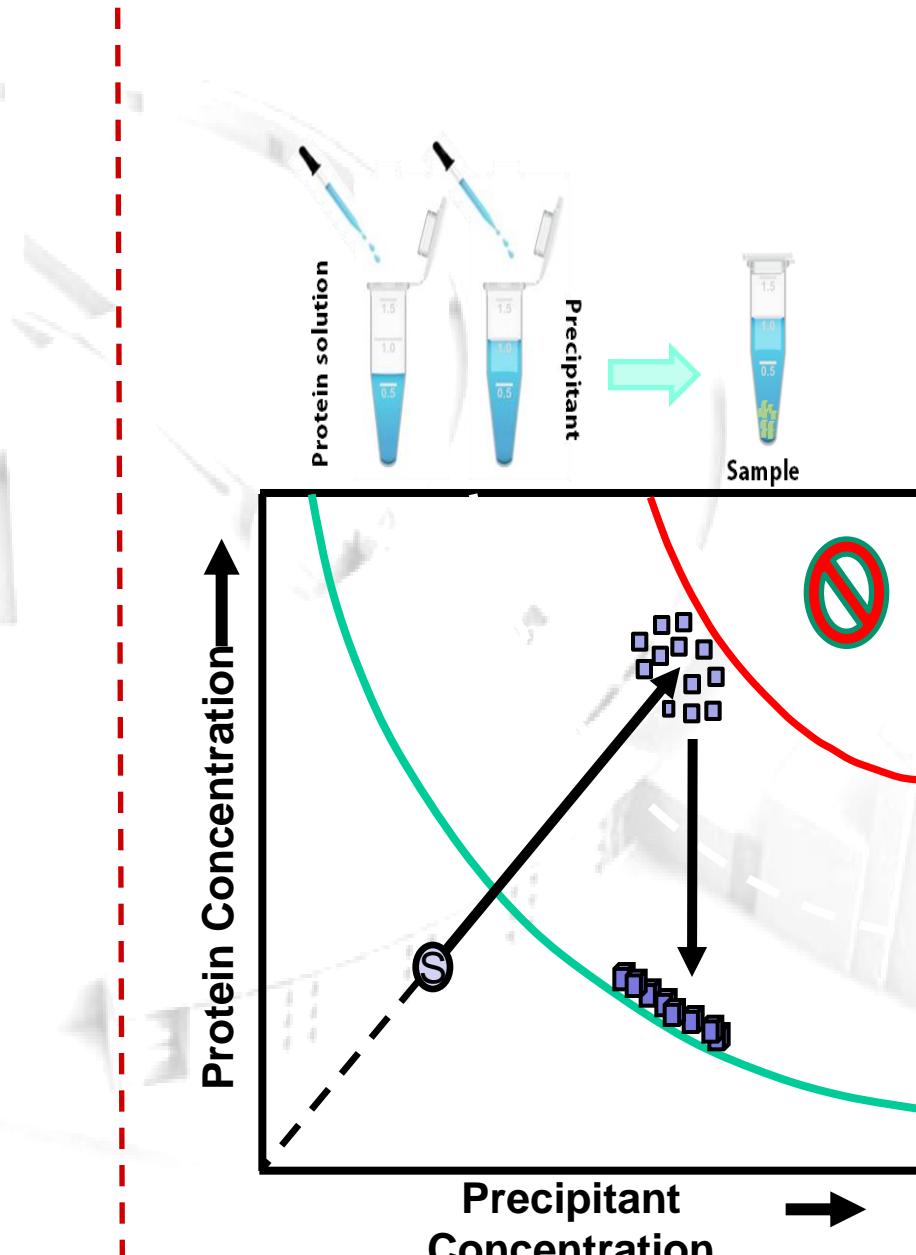
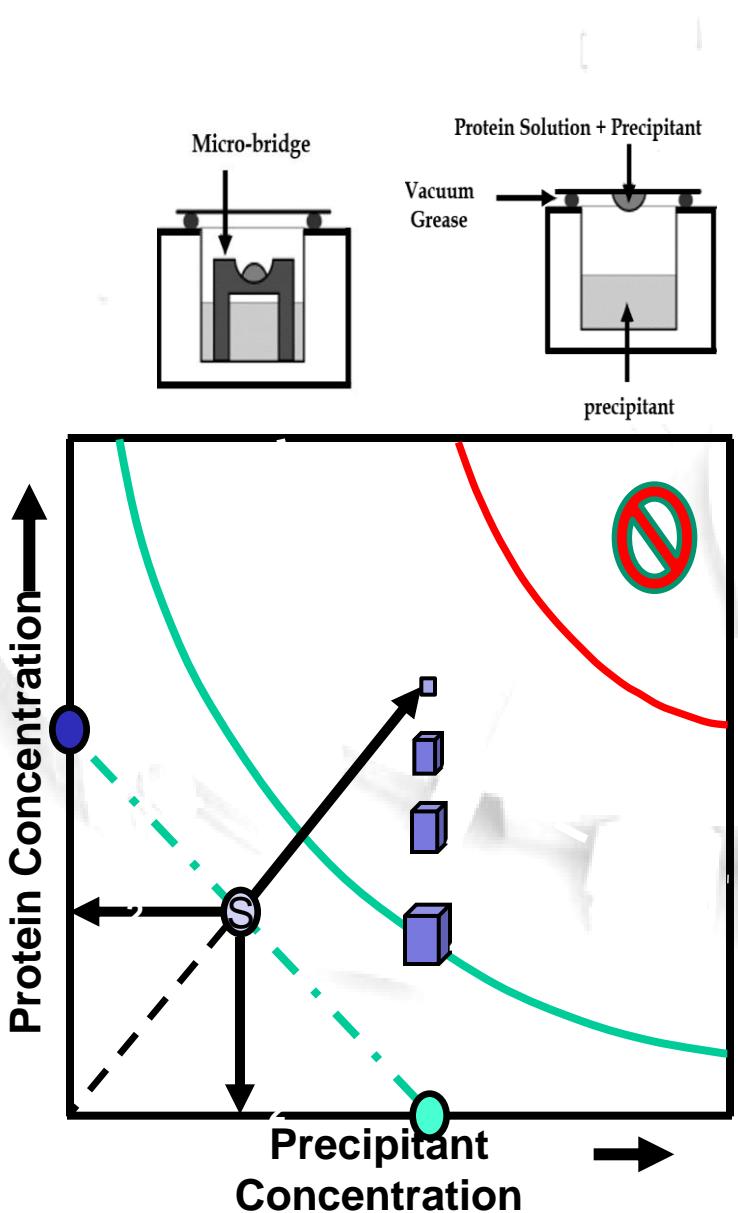


# Crystallization



ionic strength	pH	
temperature	ligands	polymers

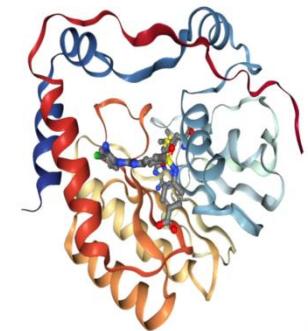
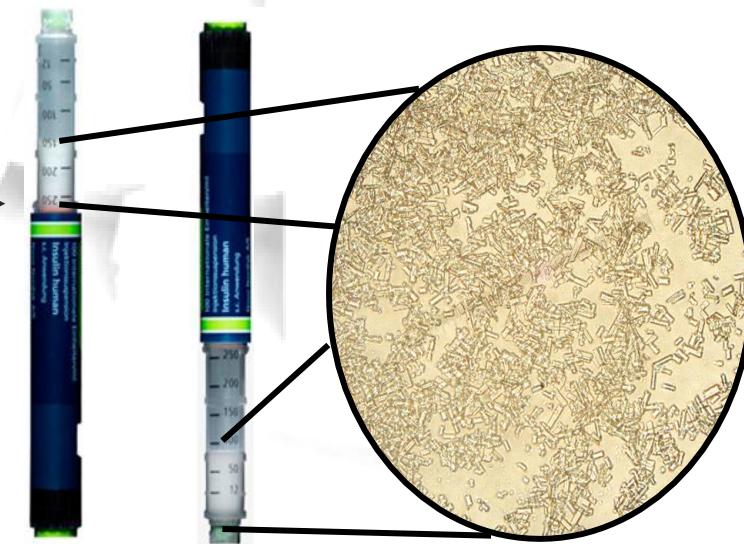
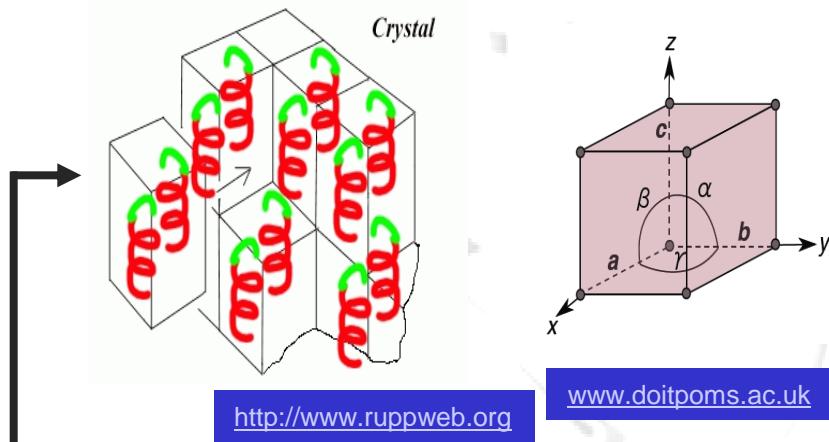
# Crystallization



# Protein Crystals



20 – 80 % Scavenger



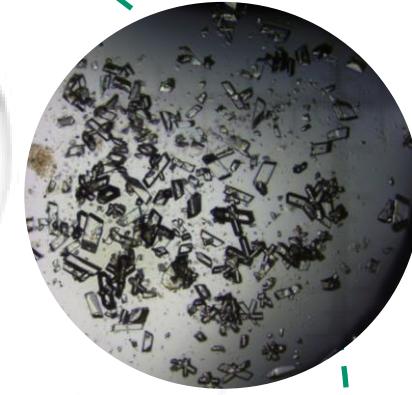
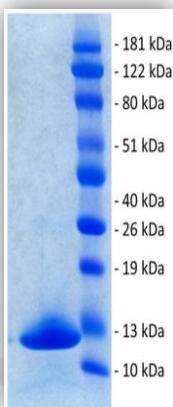
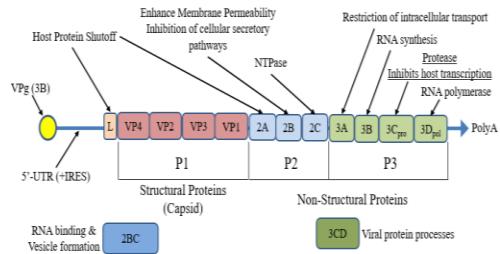
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"Small rod shaped microcrystals less than  $20\mu\text{m} \times 5\mu\text{m} \times 5\mu\text{m}$  in size" Norrman et al. 2007

"The pharmacokinetics of NPH vary considerably due to the formulation of NPH insulin per se and/or lack of appropriate resuspension before injection." Lucidi et al., 2015

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# Workflow

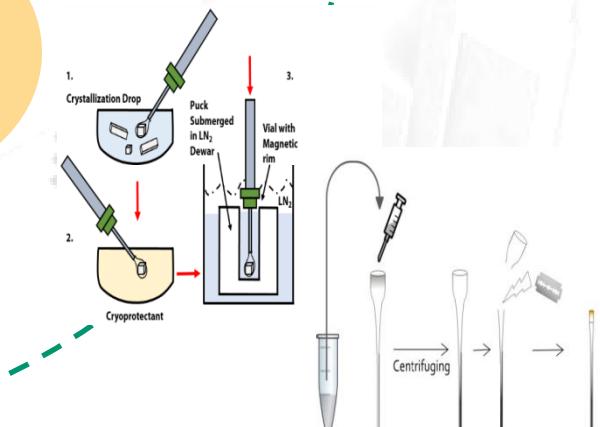
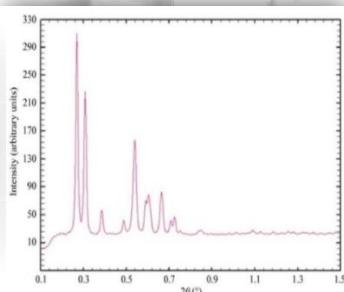


Protein Production

XRPD & SCXD

Protein Crystal Production

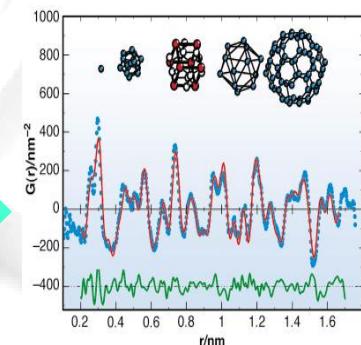
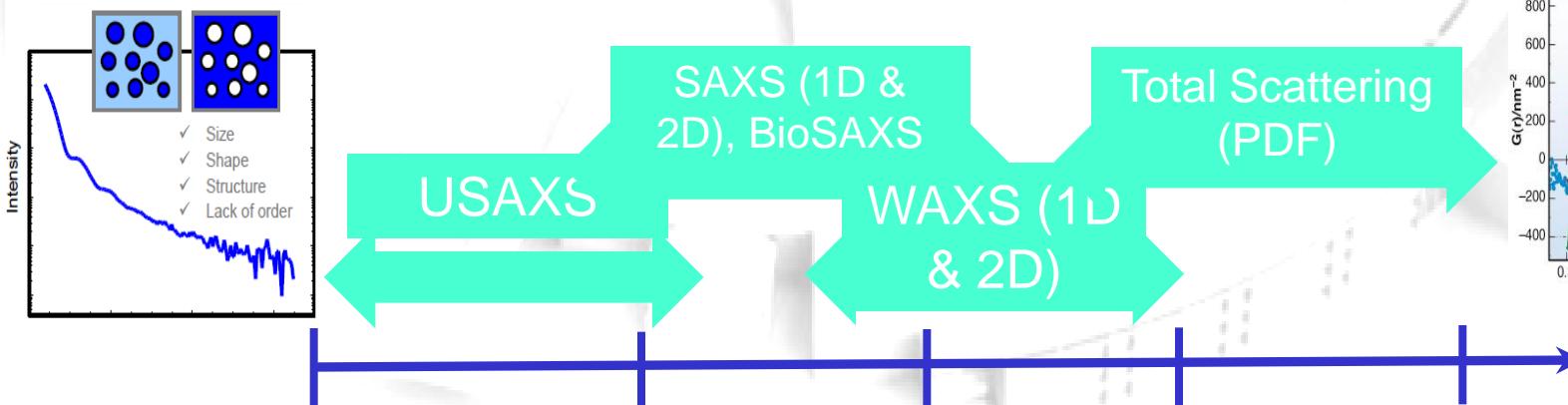
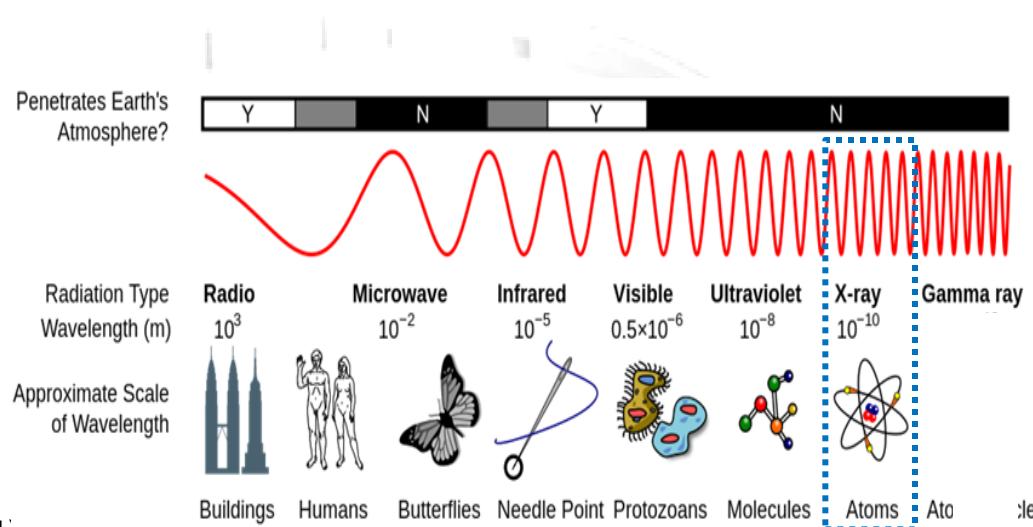
Structure Solution



# Electromagnetic Spectrum / X-rays



Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen  
Physics & X-ray Astronomy  
Discovery of X-rays (1895)  
Nobel Prize in Physics (1901)

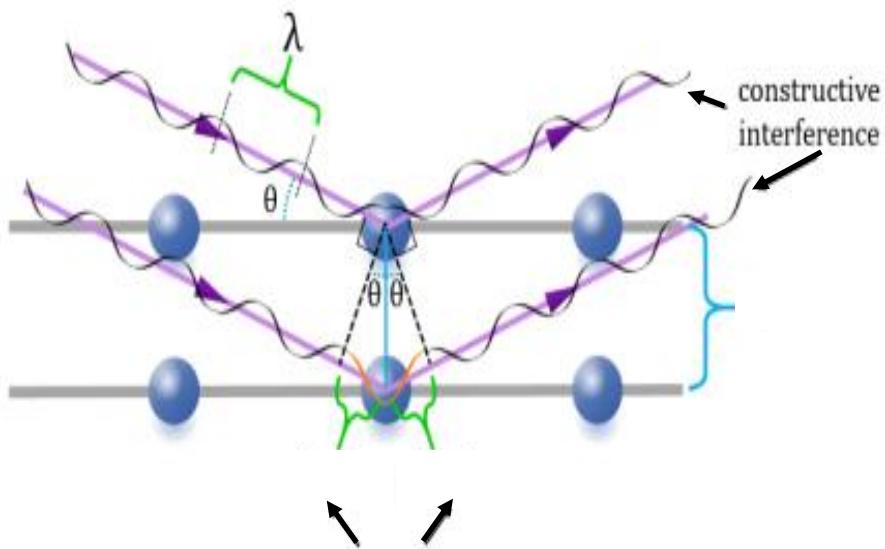


ESRF Highlights, 2006

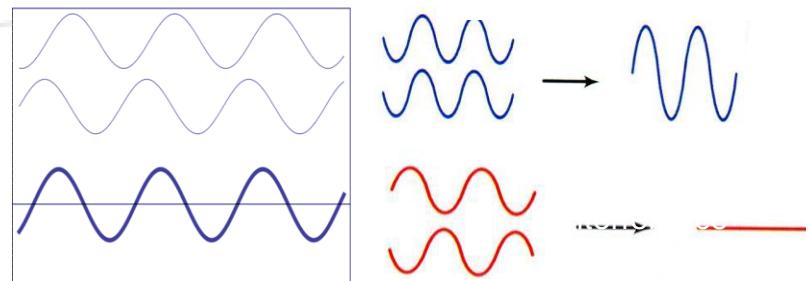
# X-ray scattering / diffraction



Bragg's Law:  $n\lambda = 2d \sin\theta$



- $n$  a positive integer
- $\lambda$  is the wavelength of the incident X-rays,
- $d$  is the interplanar spacing of the crystal and
- $\theta$  is the angle of incidence.

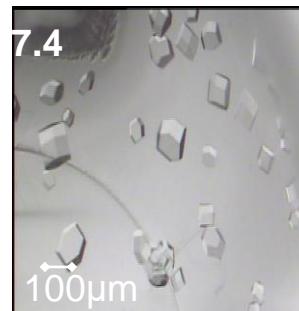


# X-ray diffraction

## Single Crystal (SCXD) & Powder (XRPD)

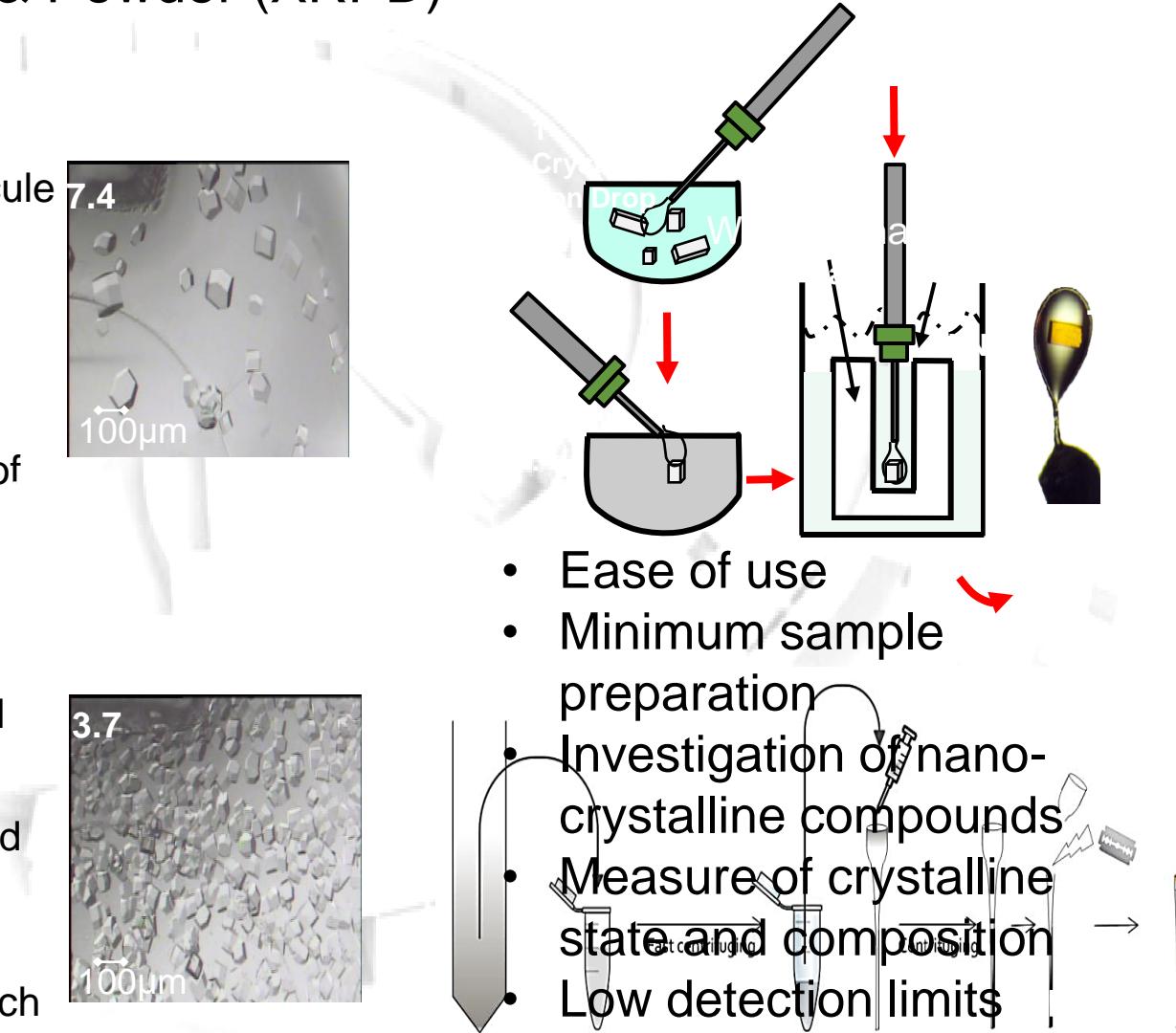
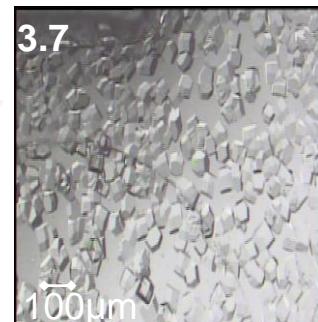
### SCXD

- Very small amount of molecule required
- Easy data handling/data processing
- Can be very difficult to grow large enough single crystals of some molecules



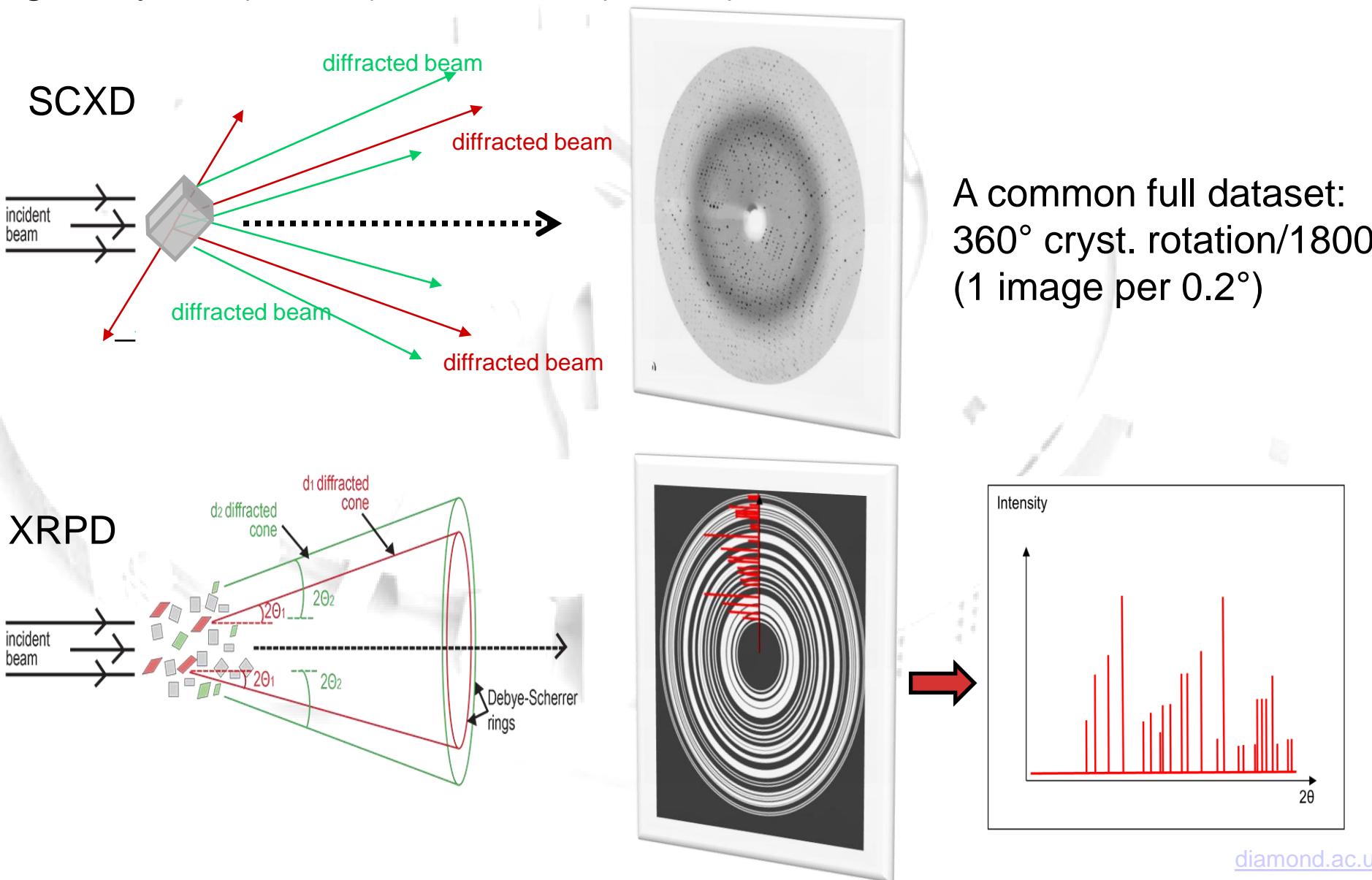
### XRPD

- Polycrystalline powder can often be obtained when a good single crystal cannot
- Study of sub-micron or twinned samples
- Complexed systems have hundreds of diffraction peaks which are usually highly overlapped - loss of information!

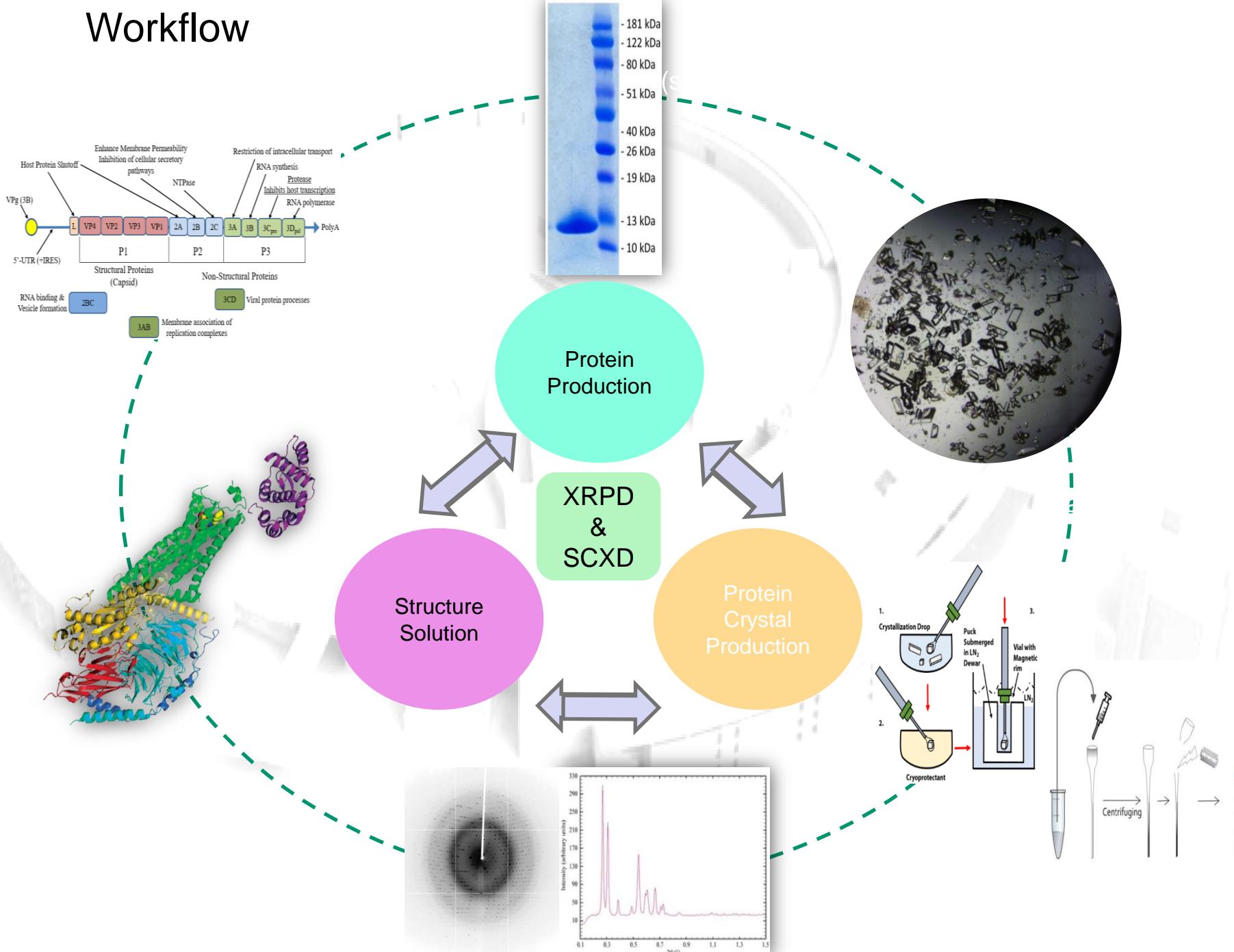


# X-ray diffraction

## Single Crystal (SCXD) & Powder (XRPD)



# Workflow



# A case study of a virus protein domain

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## Preliminary insights into the non structural protein 3 *macro* domain of the Mayaro virus by powder diffraction

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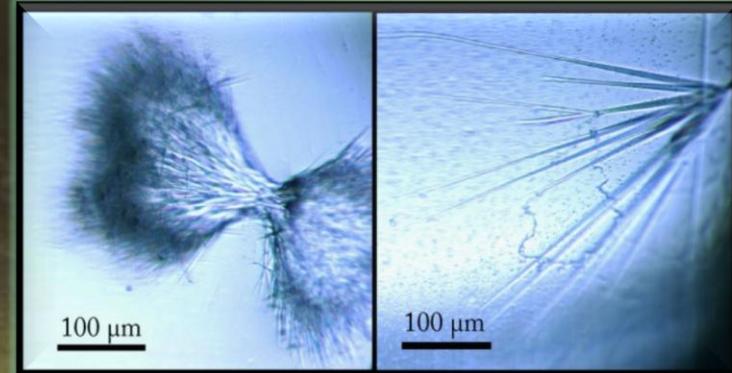
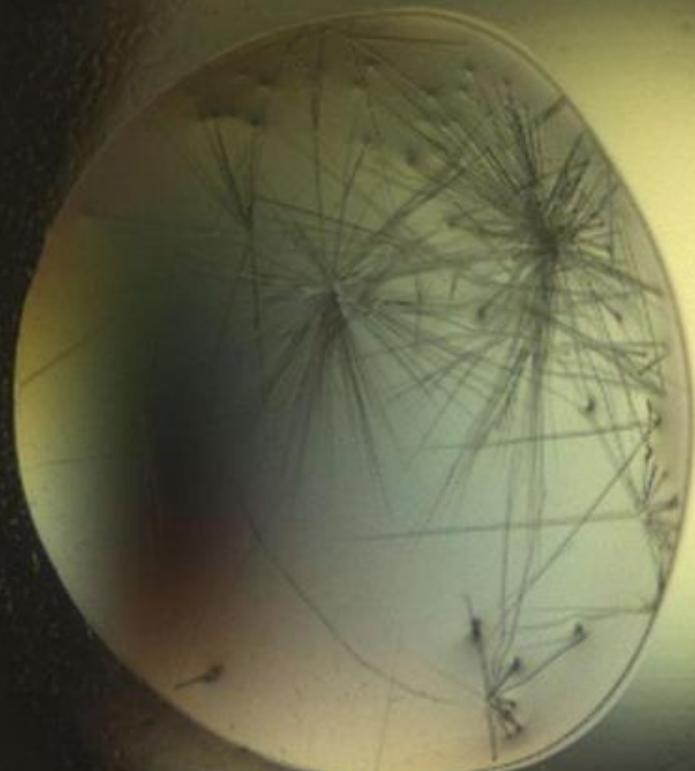
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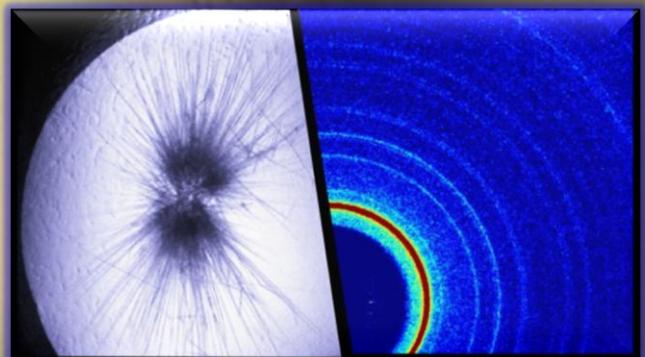
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# Emerging Viruses



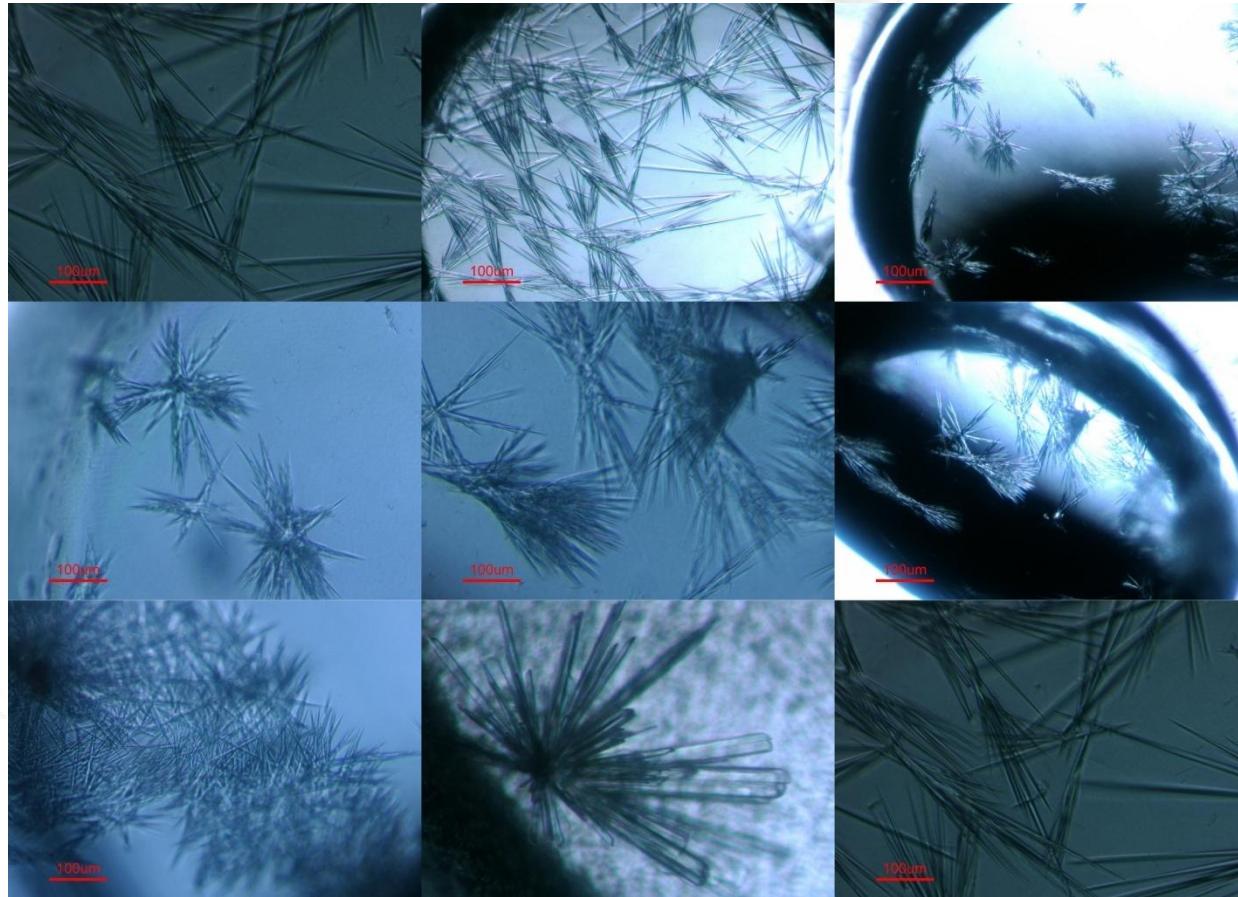
nsP3 macro domain of Mayaro virus



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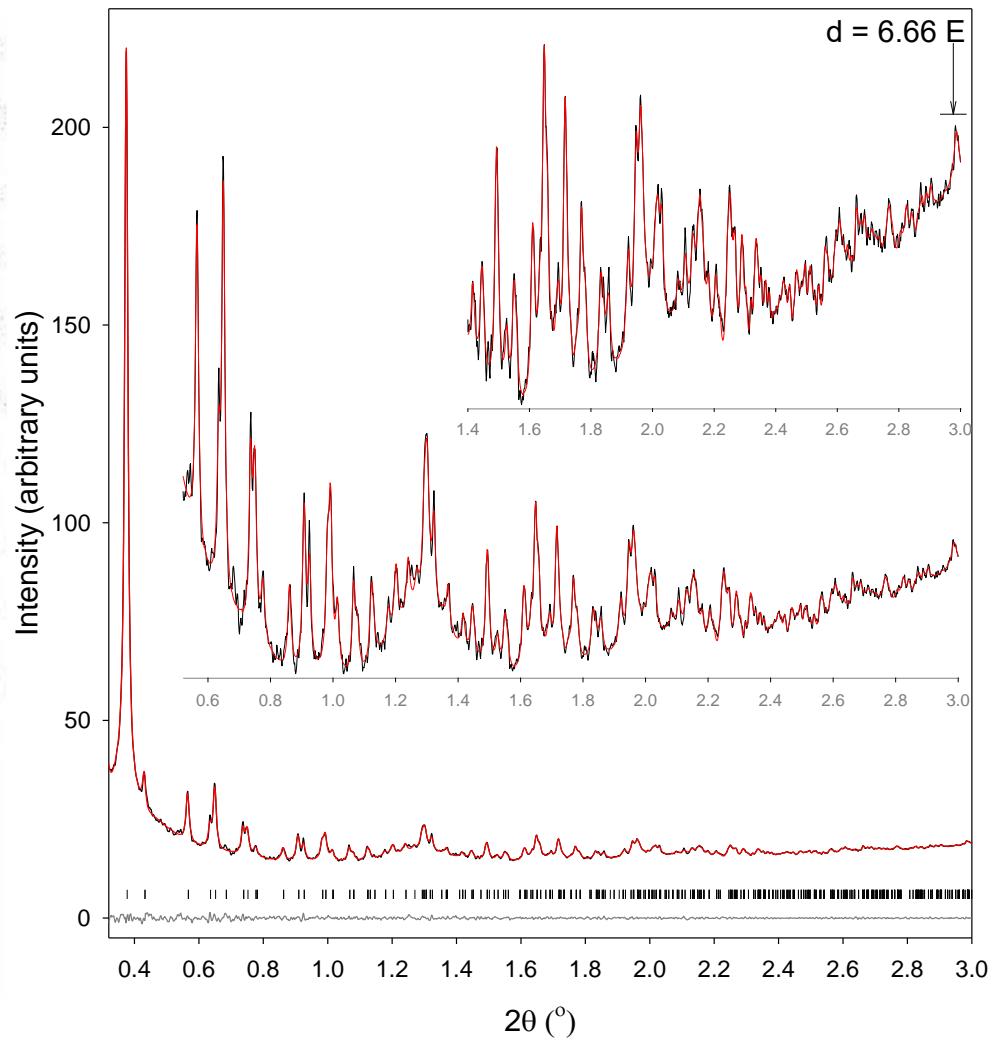
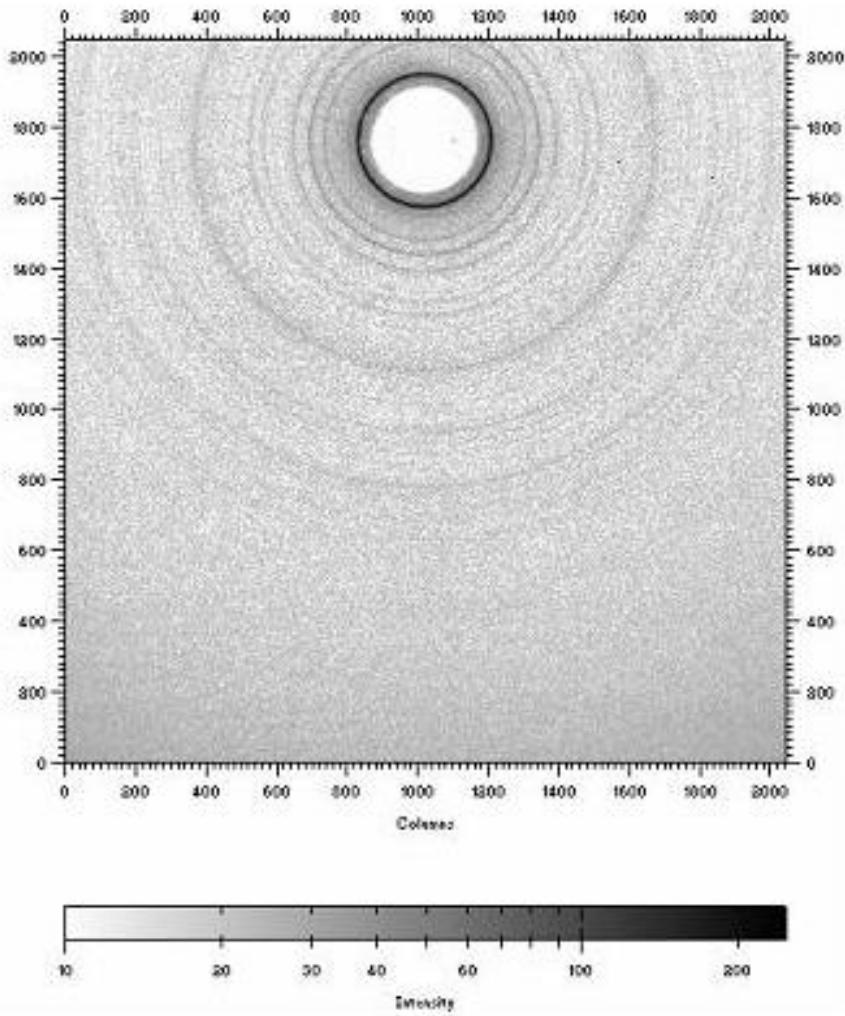
# “Sea Urchin” crystals of MAYV



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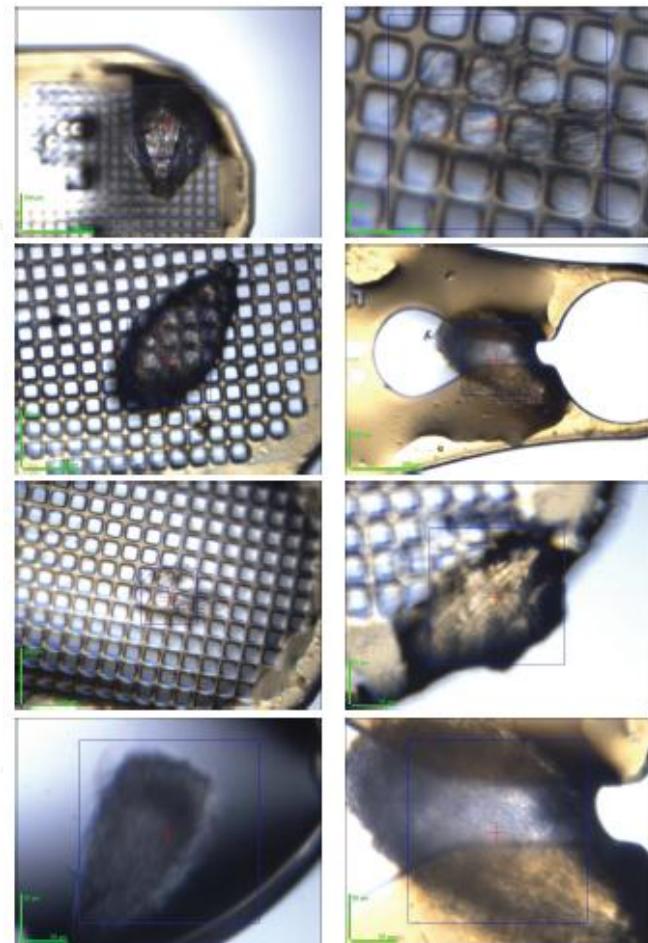
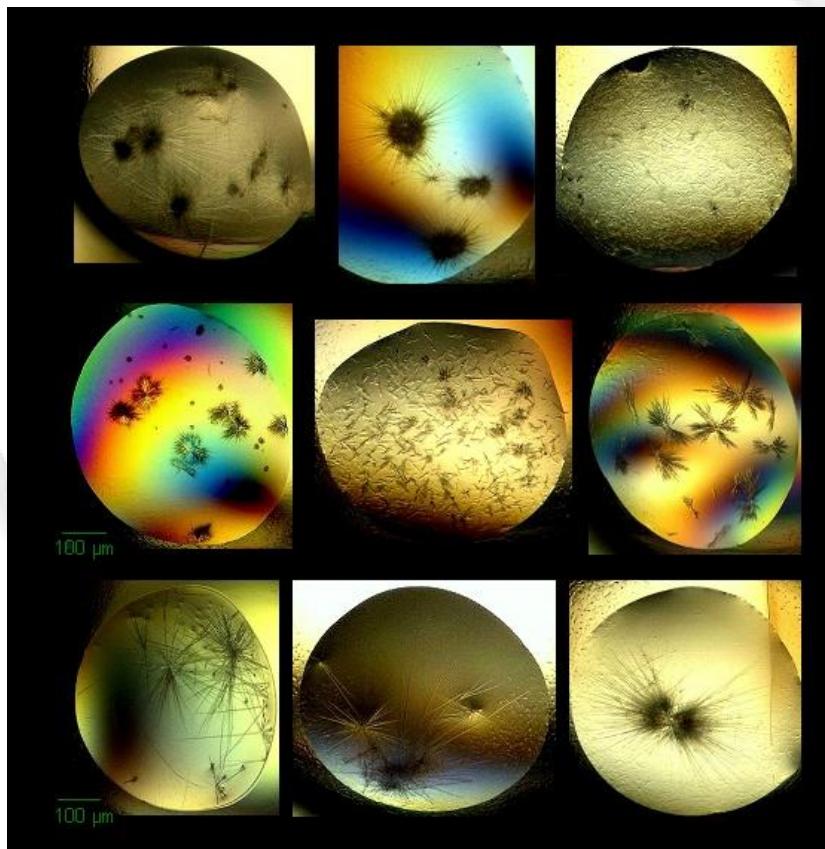
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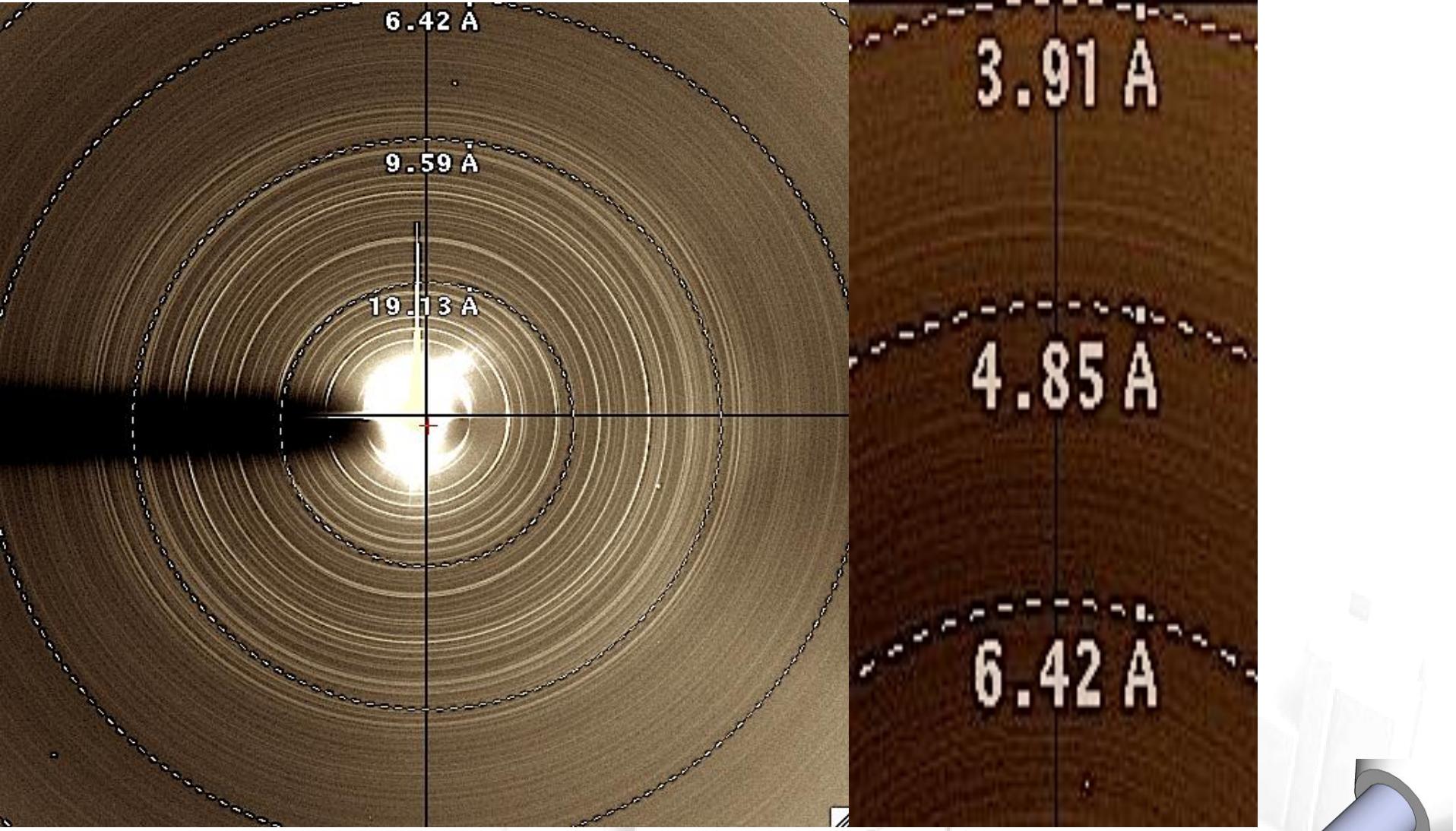
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2 molecules/asu, 58% solvent content

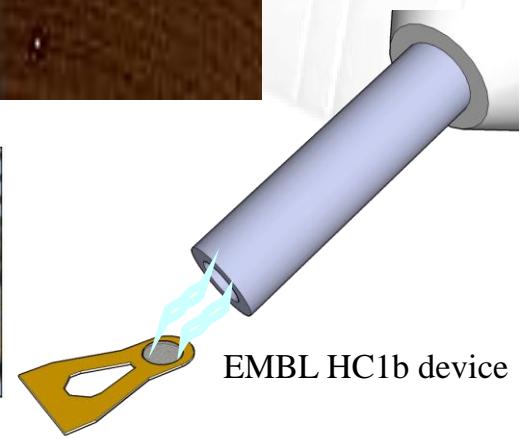
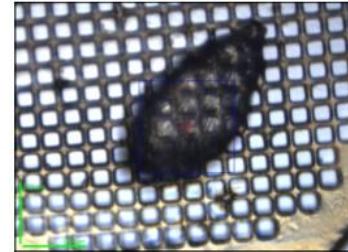
# Open air single urchin measurements





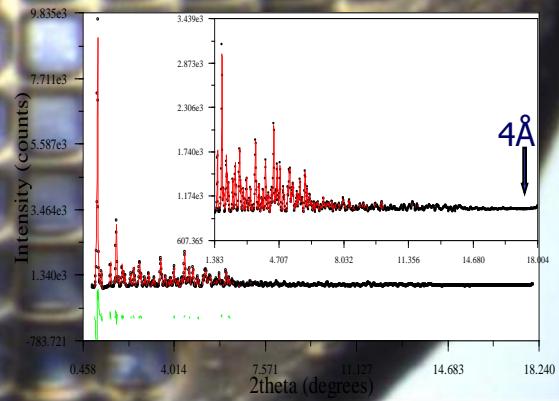
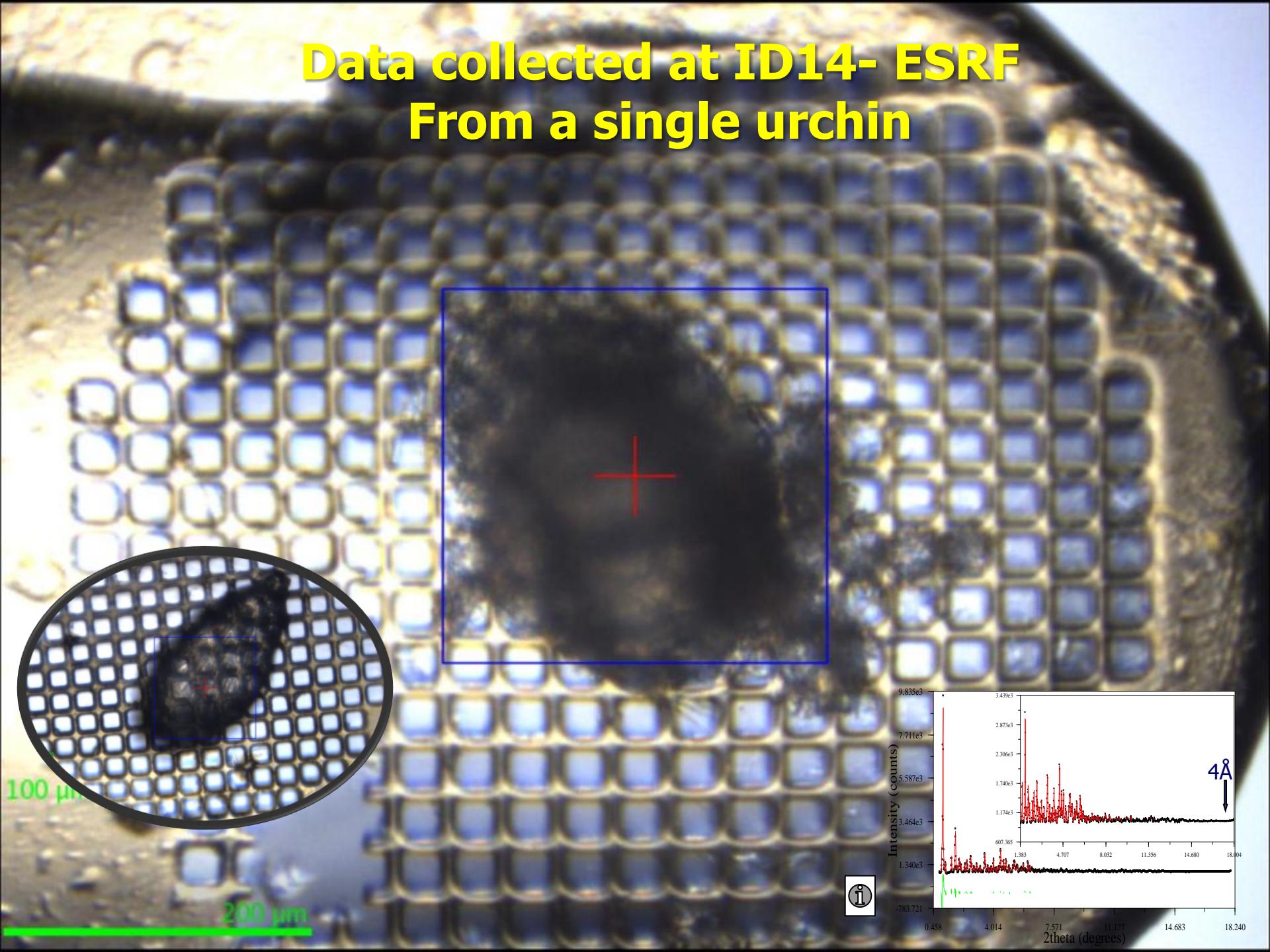
**ID14- 2, area detector**  
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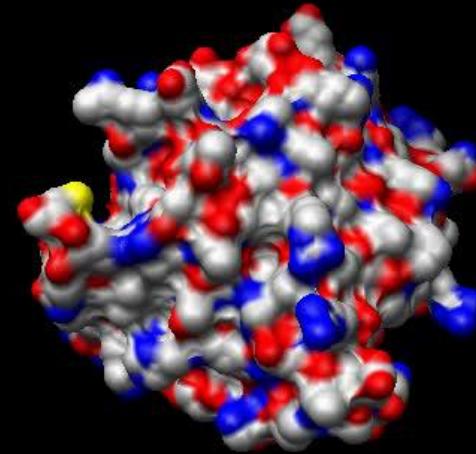
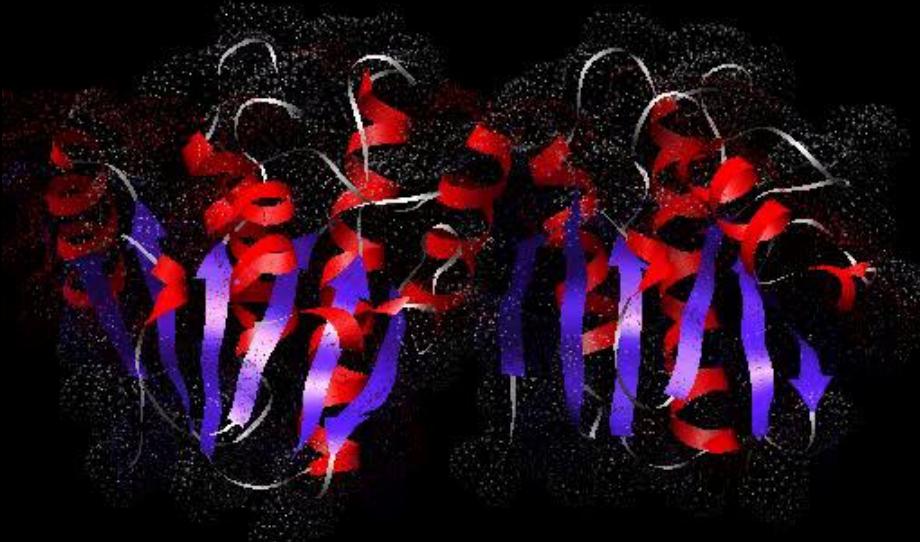


EMBL HC1b device

# Data collected at ID14- ESRF From a single urchin



# Preliminary results after MR and RB



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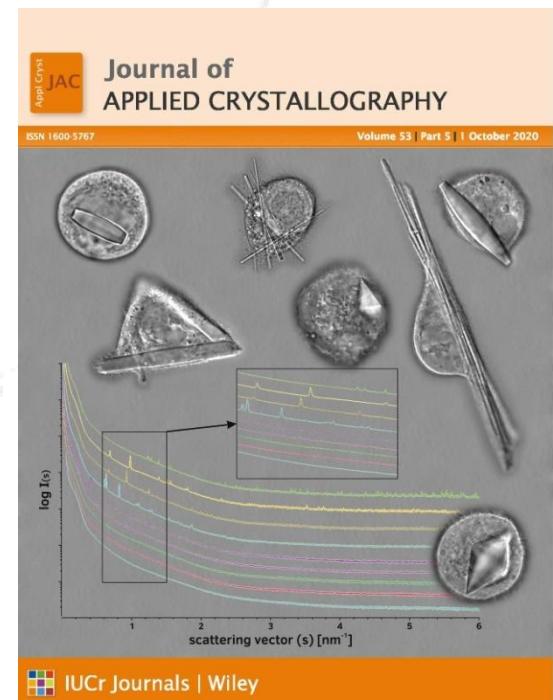
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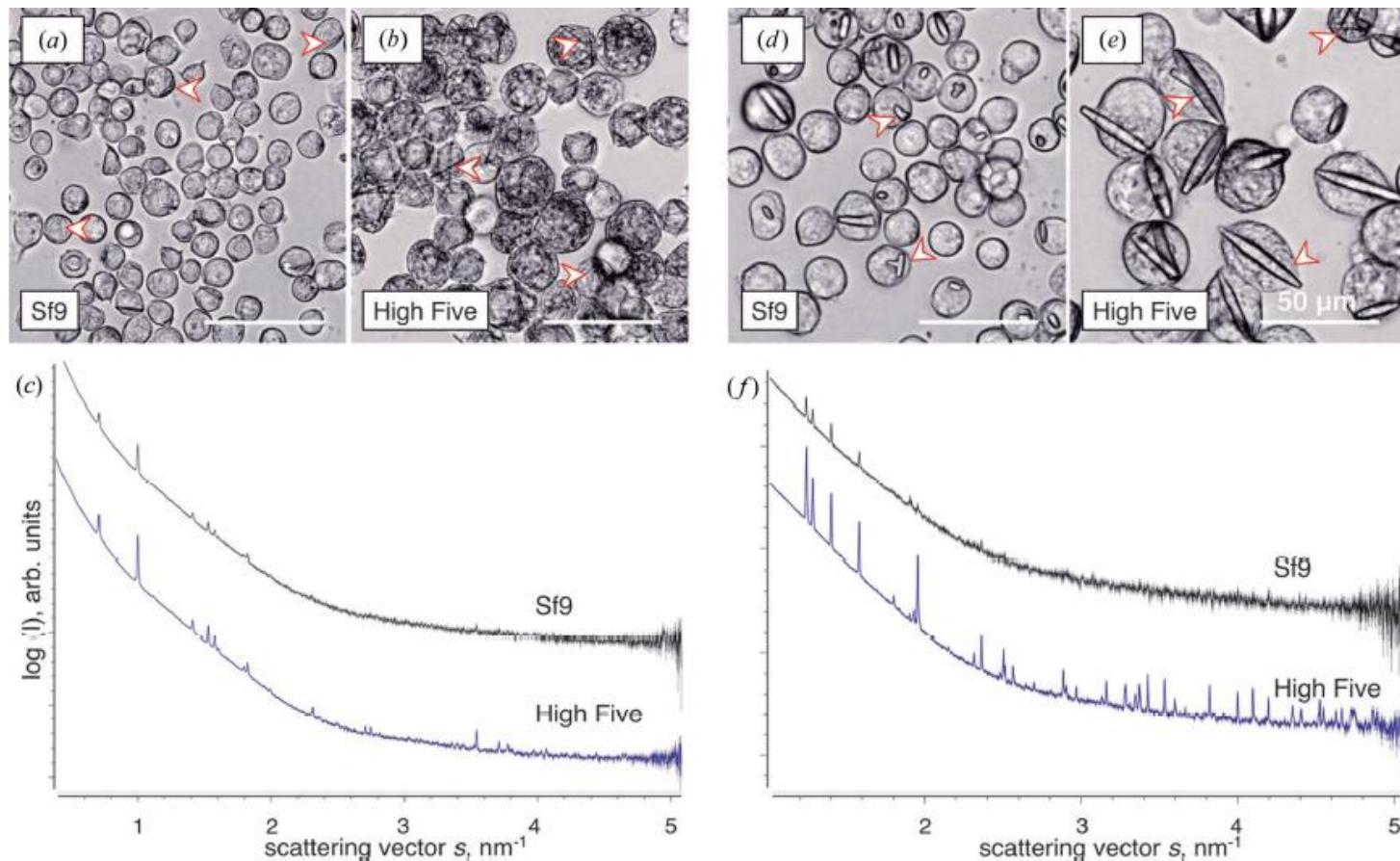
# A case study of protein crystals grown “in cell”

Rapid screening of *in cellulo* grown protein crystals via a small-angle X-ray scattering/X-ray powder diffraction synergistic approach

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**Figure 7**

The unit-cell parameters of intracellular crystals do not depend on the insect cell line used for protein crystallization. Differential interference contrast light microscopy of intracellular CatB (a), (b) and HEX-1 (d), (e) crystals grown in Sf9 insect cells shows a highly comparable morphology compared with the growth in High Five cells. Red arrowheads highlight selected intracellular crystals. Corresponding X-ray scattering data show identical positions of the Bragg diffraction peaks in both cell lines for either CatB (SASBDB: SASDH96, SASDH86) (c) or HEX-1 (SASBDB: SASDHB6, SASDHA6) (f), indicating identical unit-cell parameters independent of the cell line used for crystal growth. The peak intensity is reduced in Sf9 cells owing to the observable drop in the crystallization efficiency. The standard deviation of each data point is presented as grey bars.

A very nice website regarding protein  
crystallization

<https://xray.teresebergfors.com/>

# Resources

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