

Things you don't want to see in your diffraction data

(Why we do want to see diffraction patterns in 3D)

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- Graphical facilities in DIALS
- Low resolution and anisotropy
- Inter-grown crystals
- Non-merohedral twinning
- OD-structures
- Partially disordered OD-structures
- Pseudo-translation
- Non-commensurate modulated structures

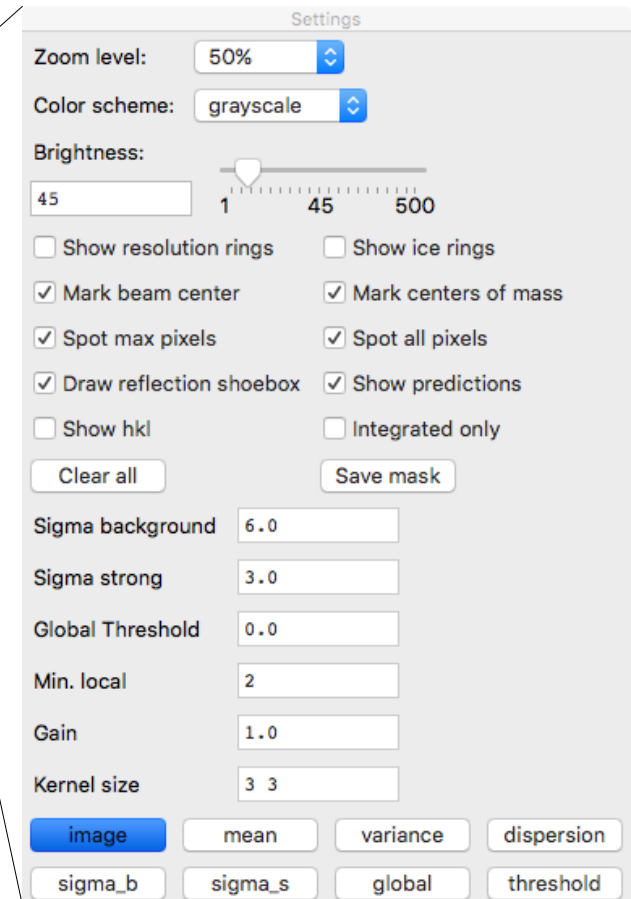
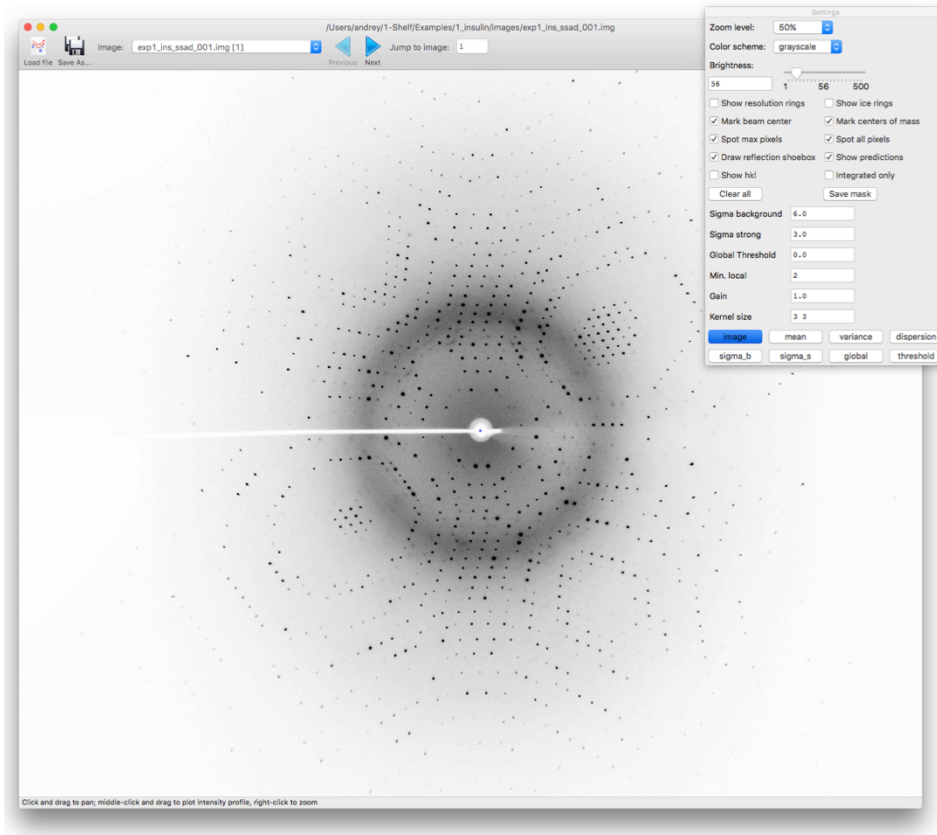
Graphical facilities in DIALS

- A simple example
- Operating DIALS and viewers from the command line

Import and image viewer

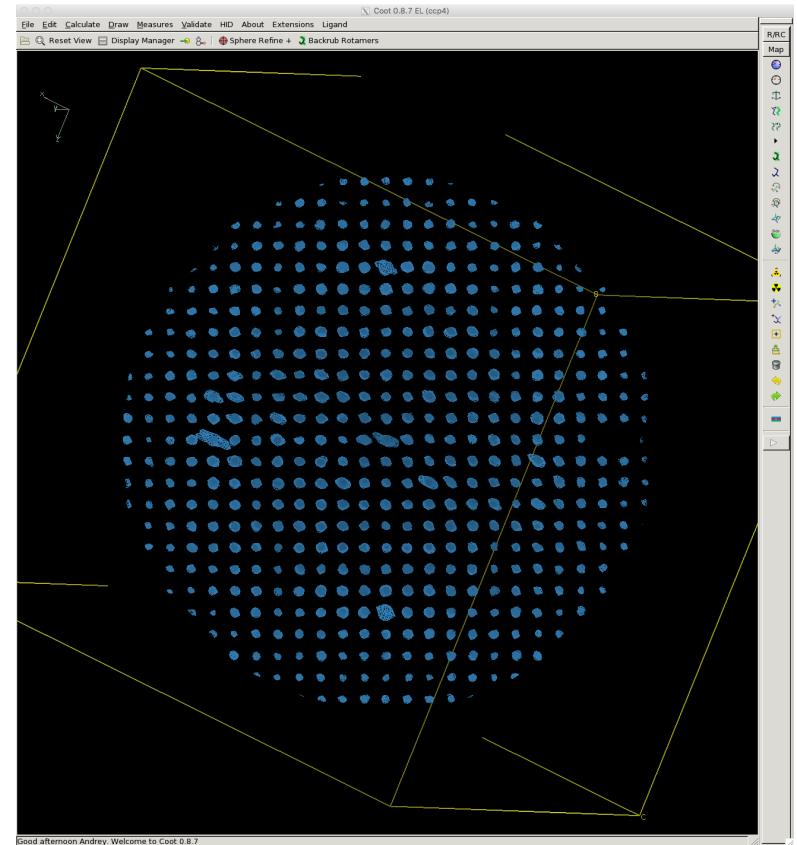
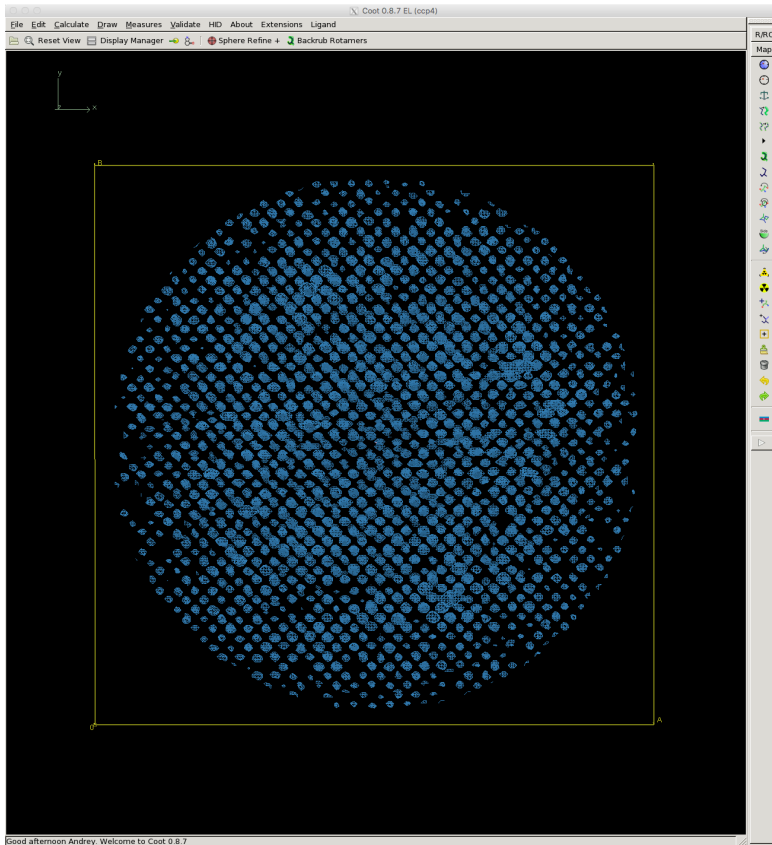
Cubic insulin, the experiment 1 from HZB MX tutorial

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dials.import template=images/exp1_ins_ssad_###.img  
dials.image_viewer datablock.json
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Sweep of images as 3D map

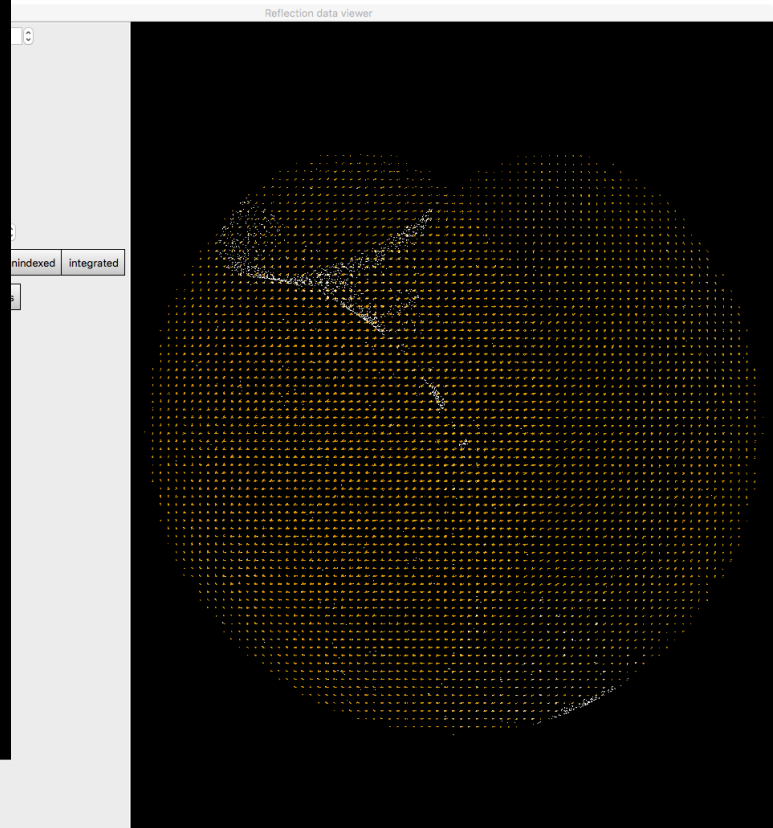
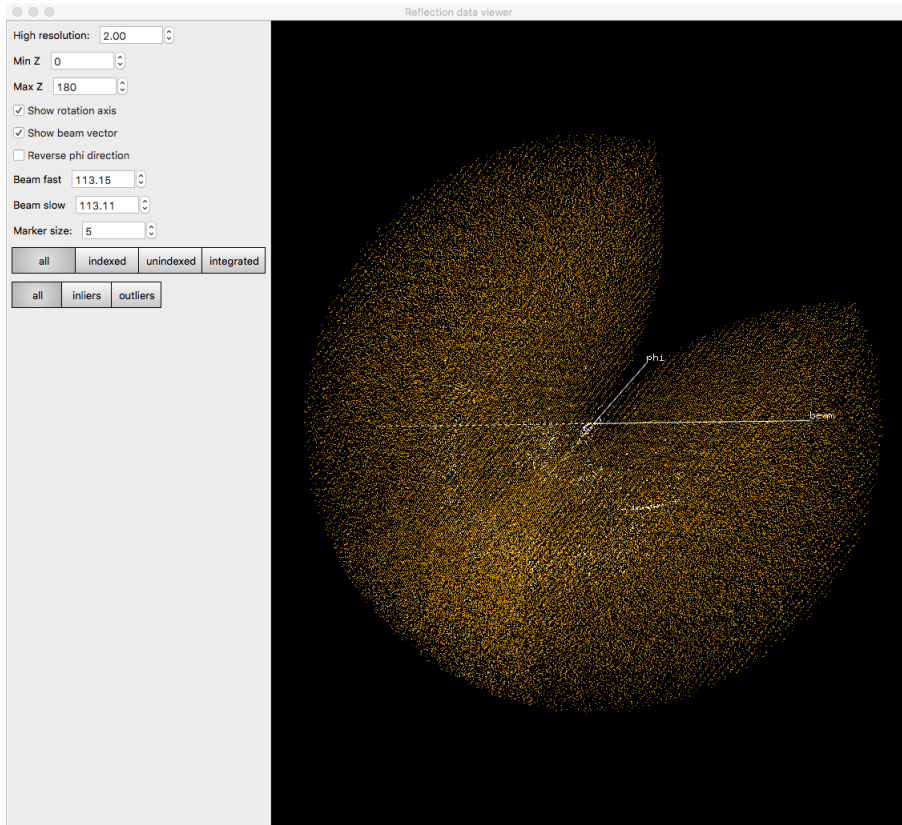
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coot --map output.ccp4
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PyMol can be used as well

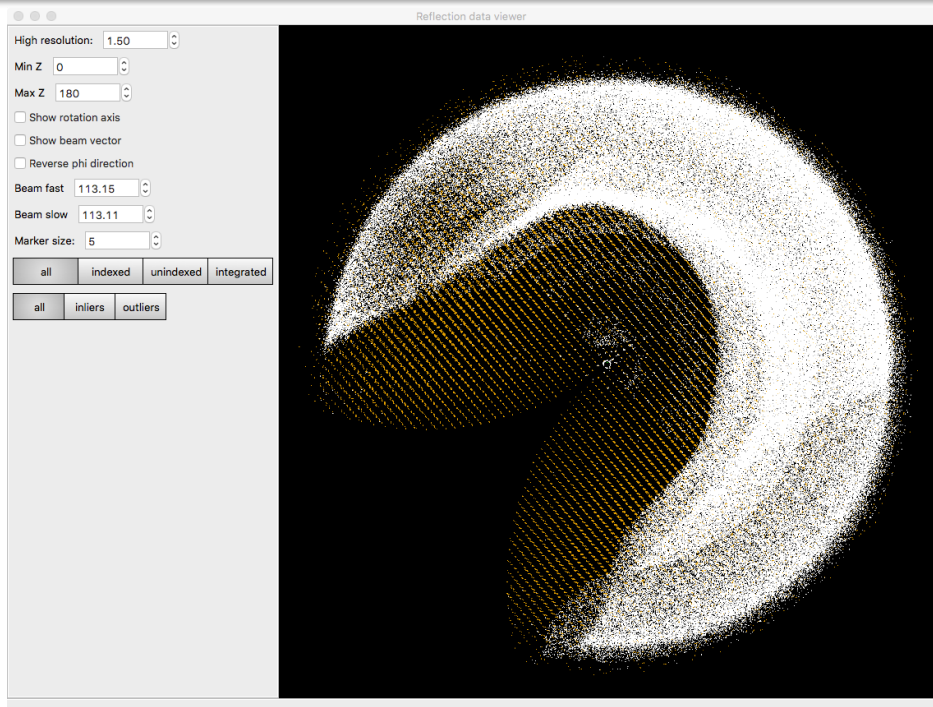
Sweep of images: spots positions in 3D

```
dials.find_spots datablock.json  
dials.reciprocal_lattice_viewer datablock.json strong.pickle
```



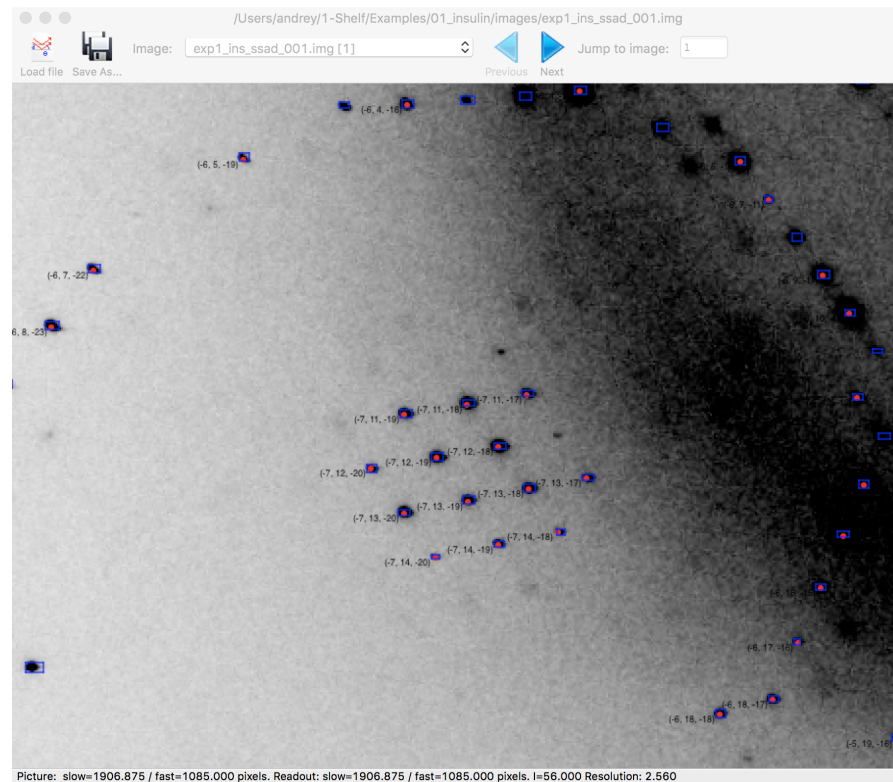
More details are available after indexing

```
dials.index datablock.json strong.pickle
dials.refine experiments.json indexed.pickle scan_varying=True
dials.reciprocal_lattice_viewer refined.pickle refined_experiments.json
dials.image_viewer datablock.json
```



orange: indexed
white: not indexed

shoeboxes, predictions



Aimless pipeline is used for data reduction

```
dials.integrate refined_experiments.json refined.pickle nproc=4  
dials.export integrated_experiments.json integrated.pickle
```

```
ccp4i # aimless pipeline
```

CCP4-7.0.044 Project Viewer: test_crank

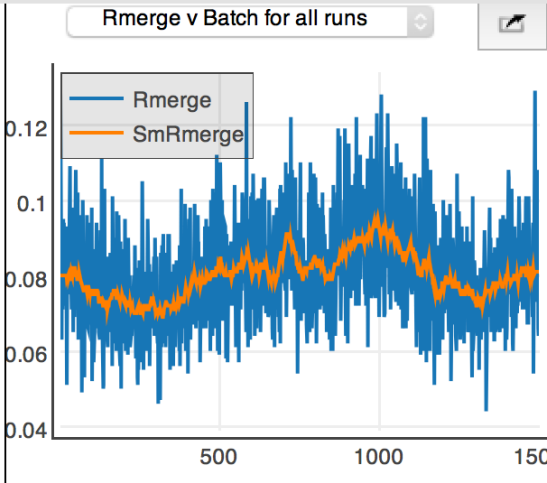
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Job 1: **Data reduction - AIMLESS** **The job is Finished**

Input Results Comments

Headline Summary SpaceGroupDetails MergingGraphs MergingDetails Istats

Rmerge v Batch for all runs



Normal probability Anomalous Q-Q plot
DelAnom scatterplot Outlier positions

[Show list of outliers](#)

► Details of merging
► Intensity statistics: twinning tNCS etc

Summary

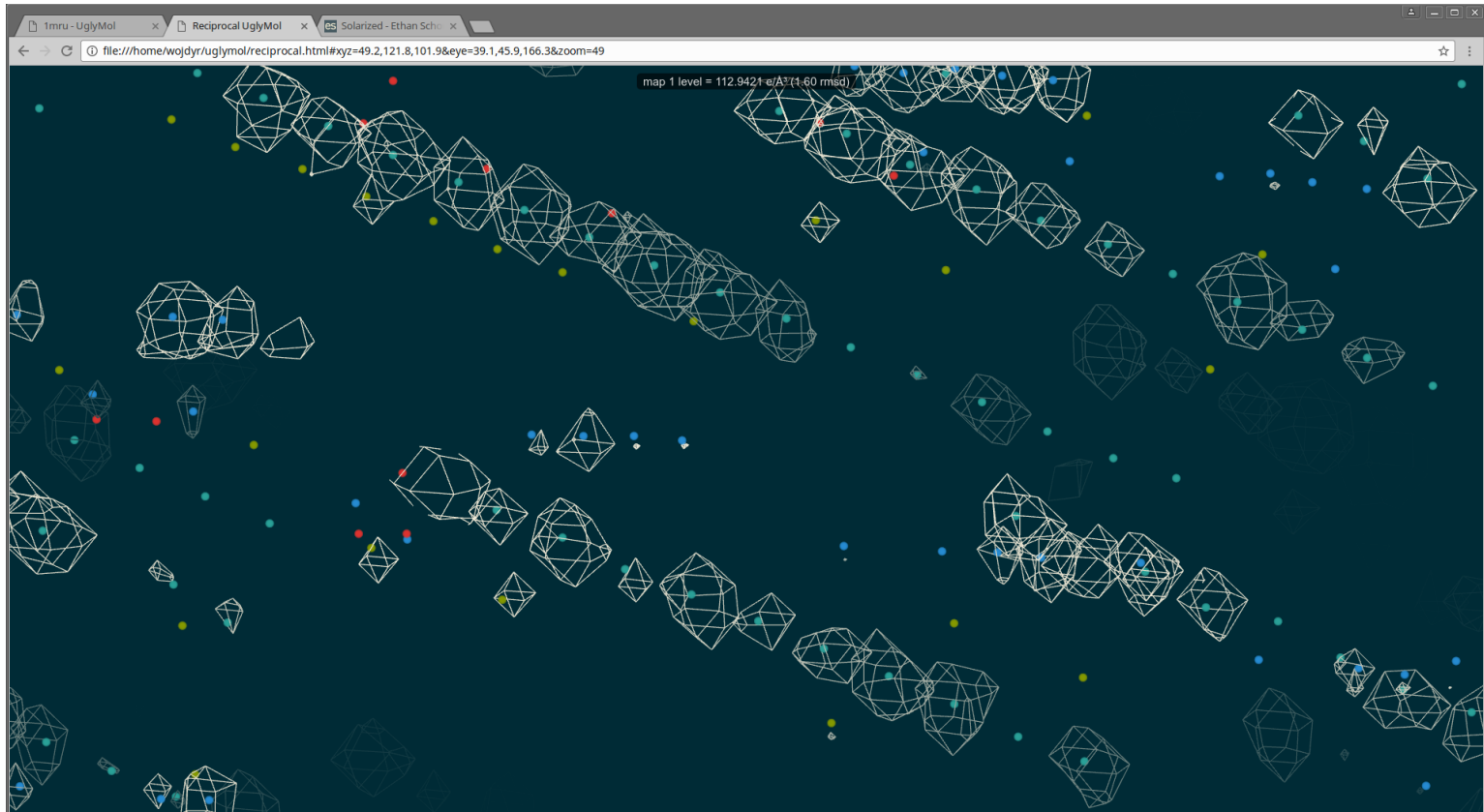
DIALS:

- Command line tool
- Easy to use in simple cases
- Viewers for visual control
- In complicated cases – command line options
- Reference materials and tutorials:
<http://dials.diamond.ac.uk>
- XDS results can be imported to DIALS and visualised in 3D

```
dials.import_xds xds/  
dials.import_xds method=reflections xds/SPOT.XDS  
dials.reciprocal_lattice_viewer experiments.json spot_xds.pickle
```

More

- Viewer for web-browsers combining both views, intensities as maps and spots as dots (by Marcin Wojdyr, CCP4, <https://github.com/uglymol>)
 - also suitable for working with XDS results



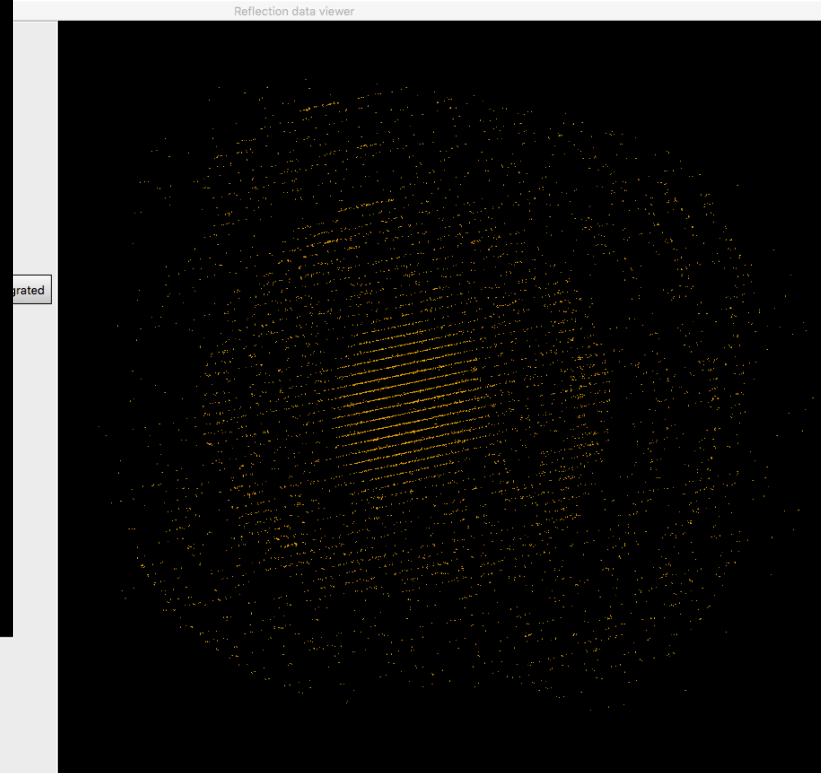
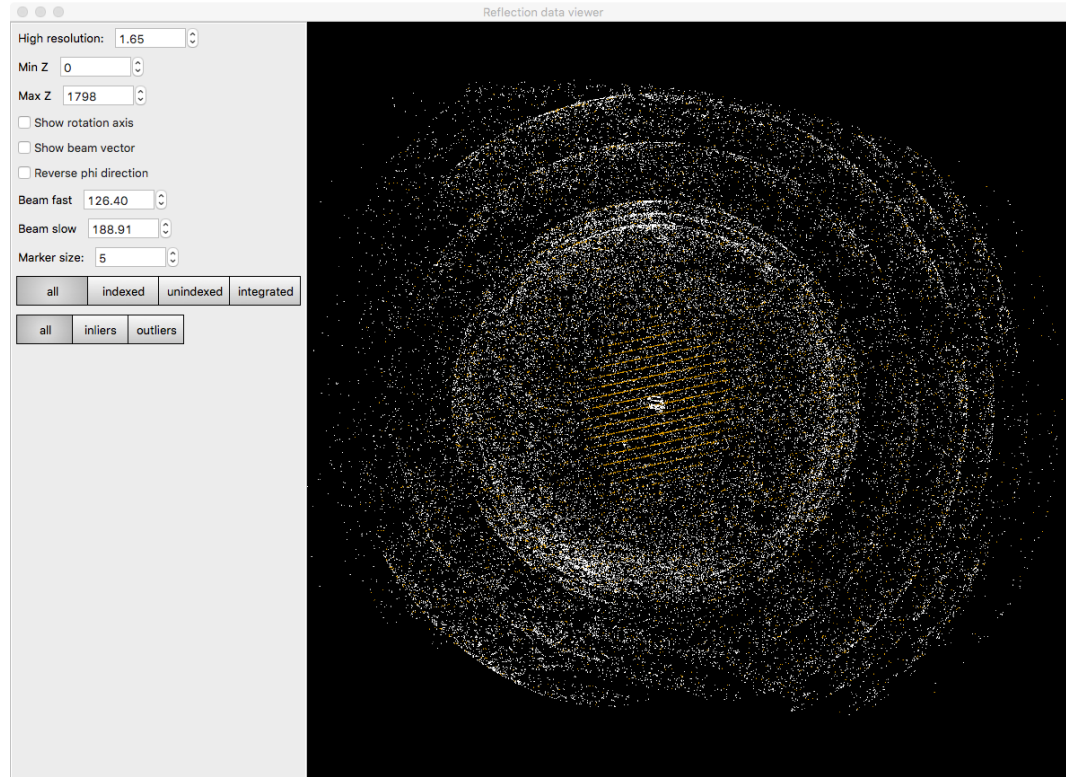
Low resolution and anisotropy

Low resolution data

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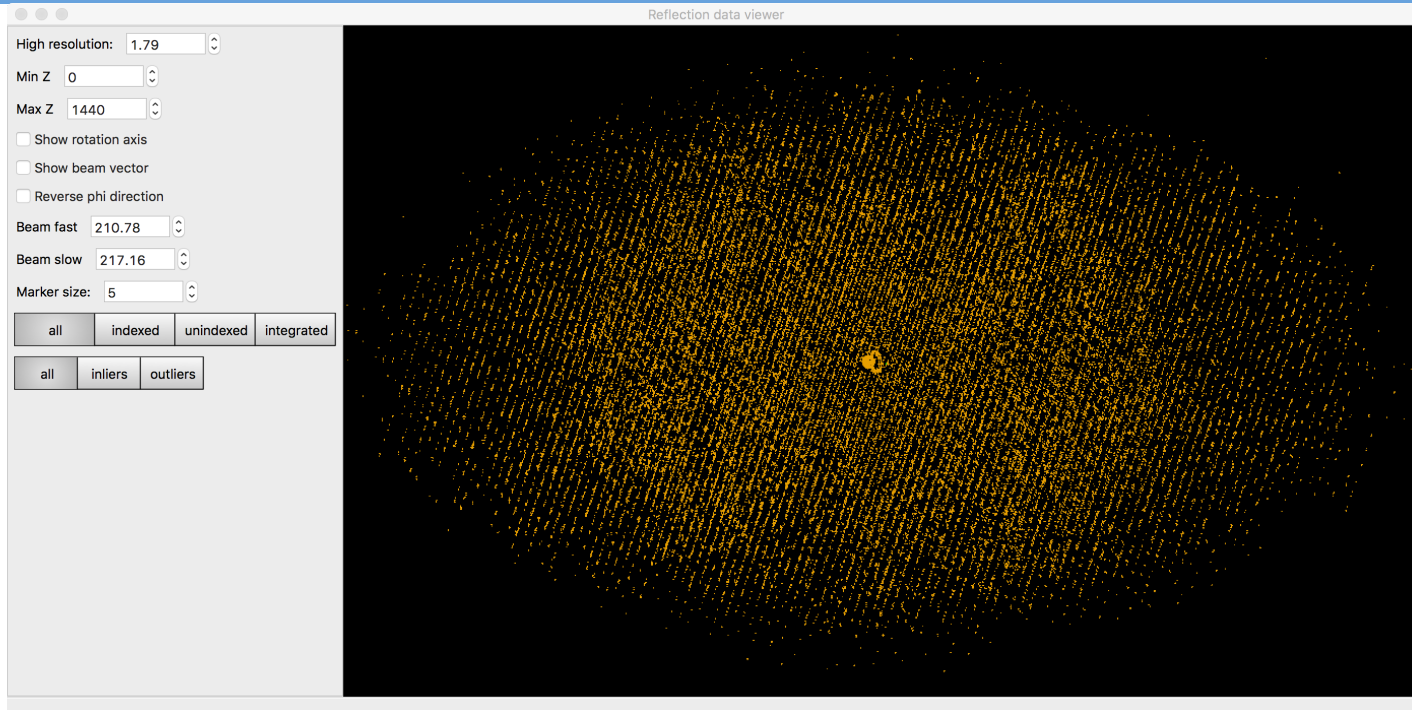
These are not 1.5 Å data

But both Dials and XDS can happily “index” and “integrate” the noise at high resolution



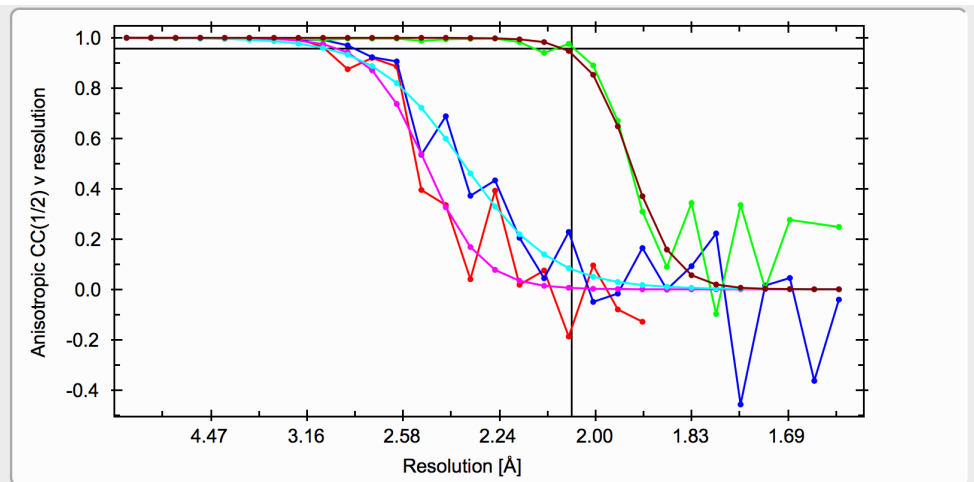
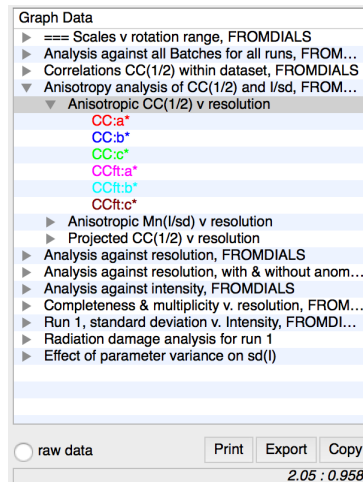
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Anisotropy: many ways to see



spot
representation
in DIALS viewer

CC(1/2) plots
for three
orthogonal
directions
in Aimless



Anisotropy and low resolution

- Anisotropy correction (automatically by respective program)
 - is shown to work for MR
 - not relevant for refinement: I and $\text{sig}(I)$ encapsulates all needed information
 - important for generation of ED maps
- Low resolution and anisotropic data are much harder to deal with than with anything I'll show later
 - almost inevitably high R-factors
 - almost inevitably difficult-to-interpret density, at least in part of the structure

STARANISO Server

staraniso.globalphasing.org

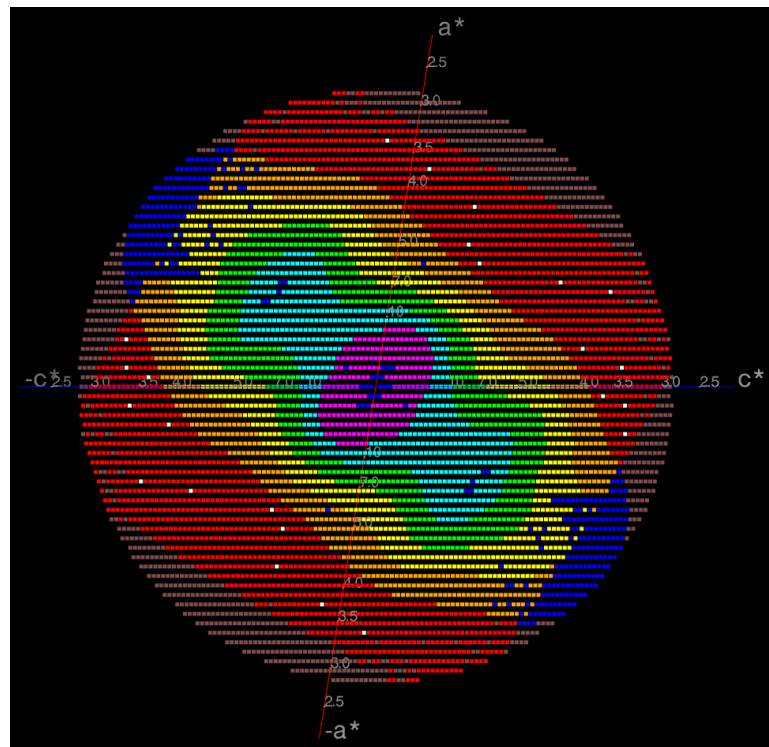
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The STARANISO Server
*Anisotropy of the Diffraction Limit
and
Bayesian Estimation of Structure Amplitudes*

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- [ABOUT THIS SERVER](#)
- [Gallery of results obtained from the STARANISO server contributed by our users.](#)

If you have some results that illustrate some beneficial effect of using the server on your data, and that you are happy to share with the community, please email the contact address at the bottom of the page.



Non-spherical data truncation

- Removes noise
 - Better refinement stats
- Keeps (and optionally corrects) all useful data
 - In some cases is critical for structure solution, model building and ligand fitting

Inter-grown crystals (multi-lattice data)

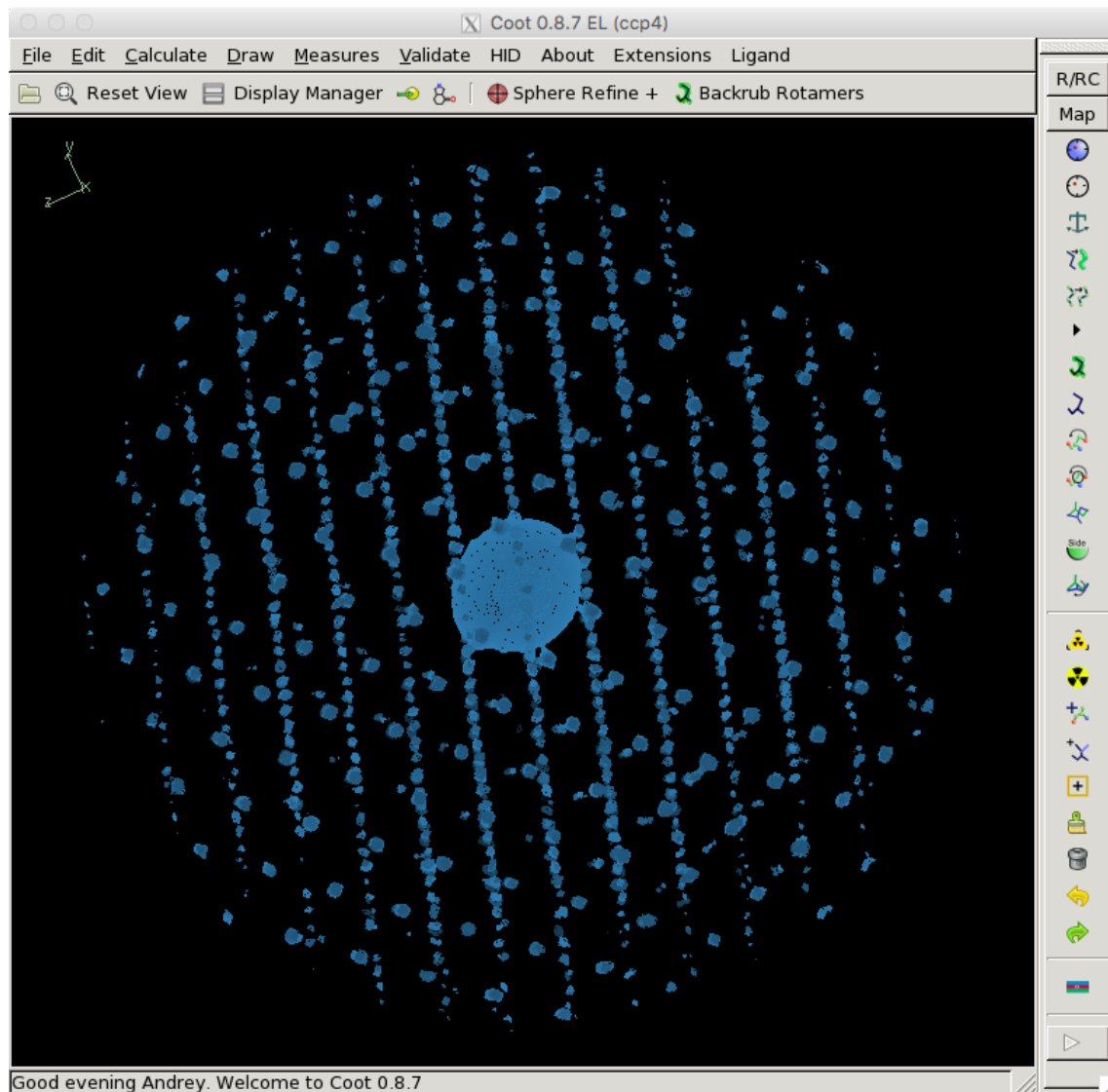
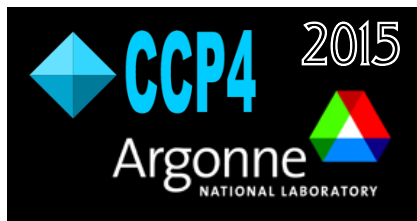
- Visualisation (detection)
- Simultaneous indexing

Example of random crystal inter-growth

```
dials.rs_mapper ...  
coot --map output.ccp4
```

beta-lactamase OXA-163
PDB ID 4s2m

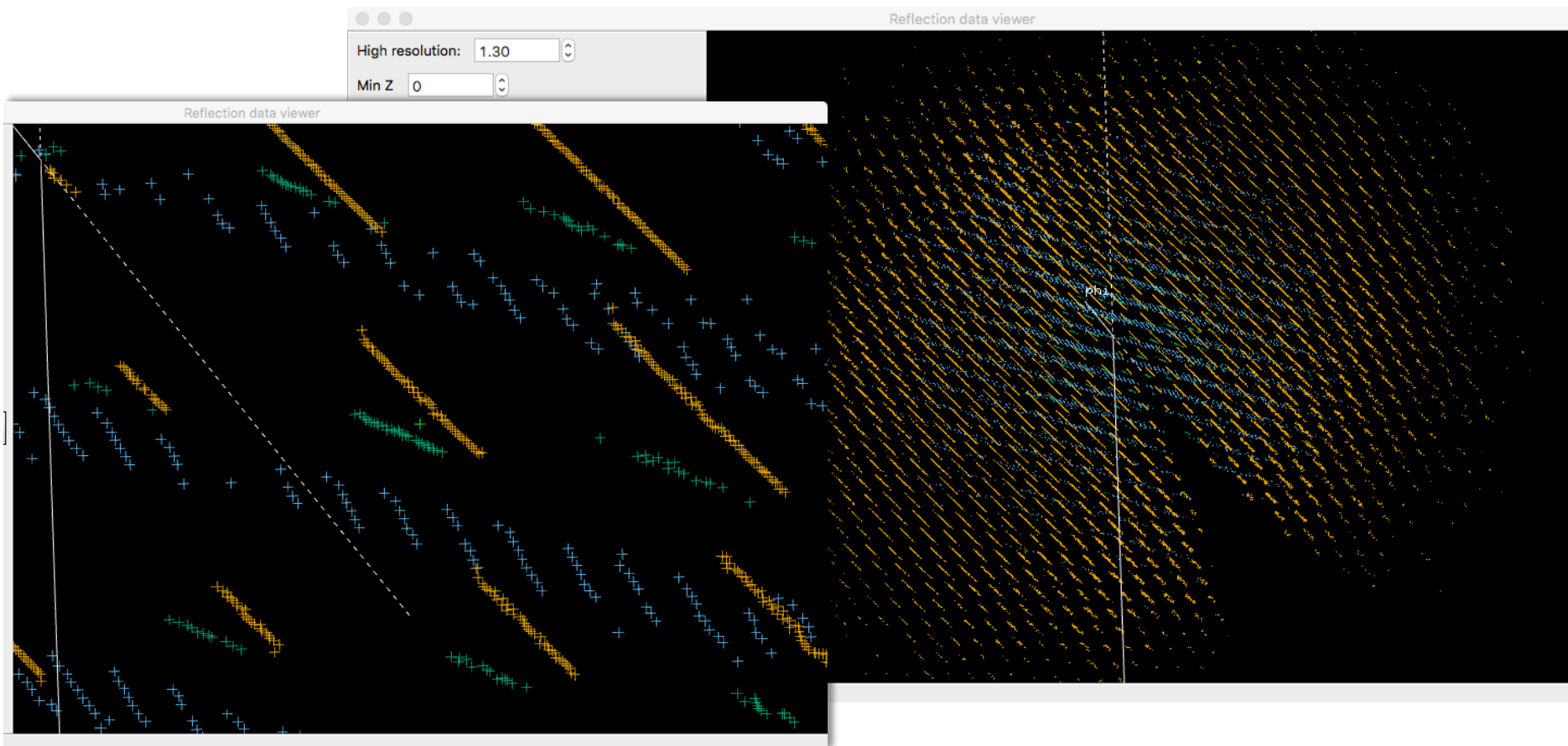
Data from Vlatko Stojanoski
Baylor College of Medicine



Example of random crystal inter-growth

```
dials.index datablock.json strong.pickle max_lattices=3 hkl_tolerance=0.1  
dials.reciprocal_lattice_viewer refined.pickle refined_experiments.json
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- different colour means different lattice
- individual lattices can be switched off and on



Example of random crystal inter-growth

Easy case:

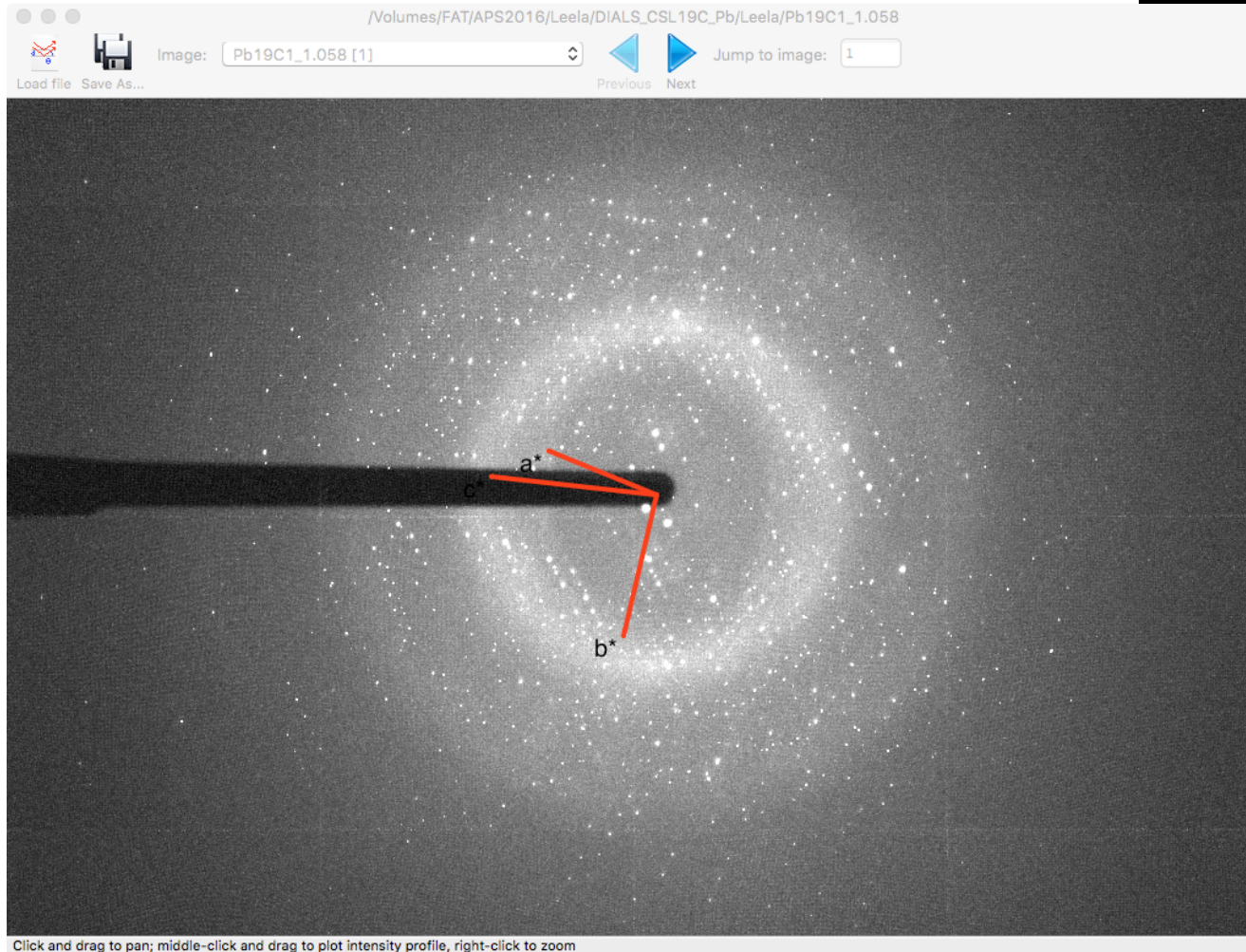
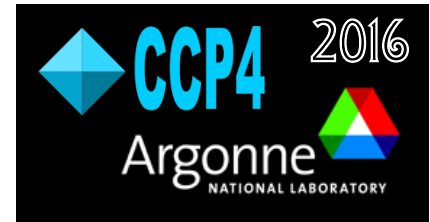
- Lattices are mainly separated, with only very few reflection overlapping
- Signal from one lattice is substantially higher than from others

The intensities for the strongest lattice were processed,
structure solved and refined to $R=0.20$ $R\text{-free}=0.26$

An extreme case

Example from Leela Ruckthong

- How many lattices you can spot here?



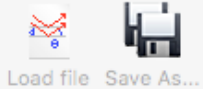


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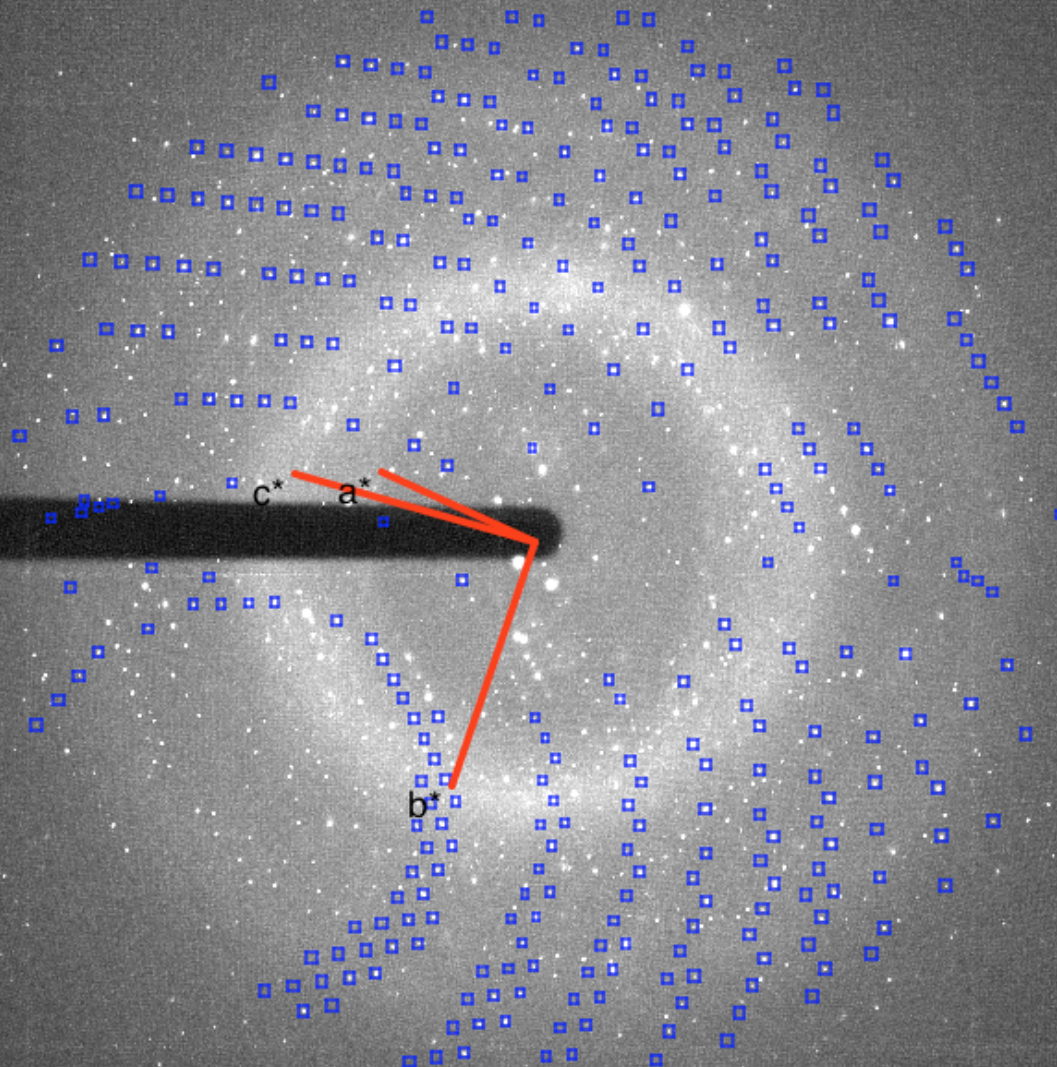
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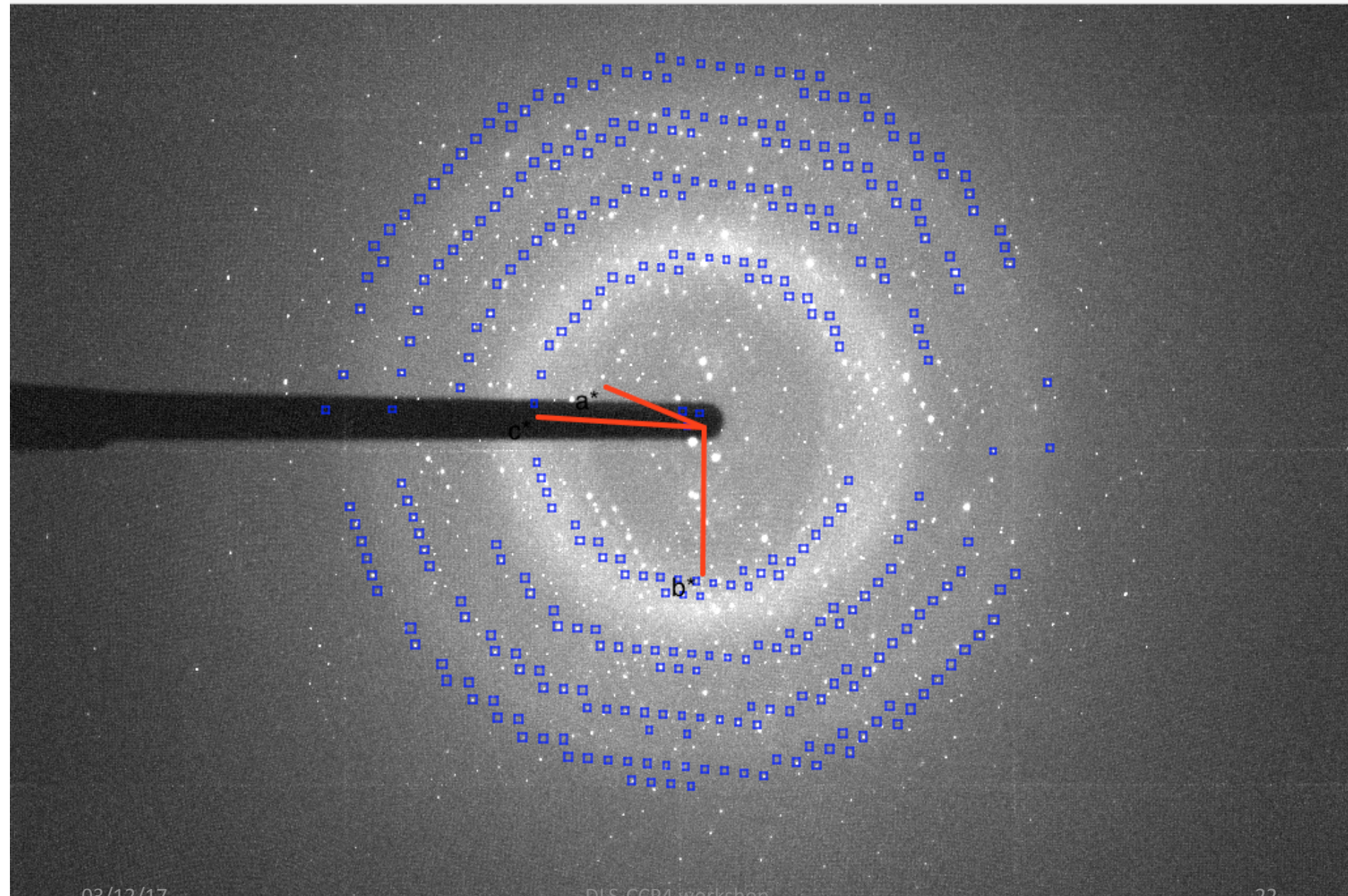
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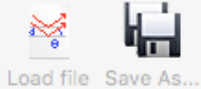


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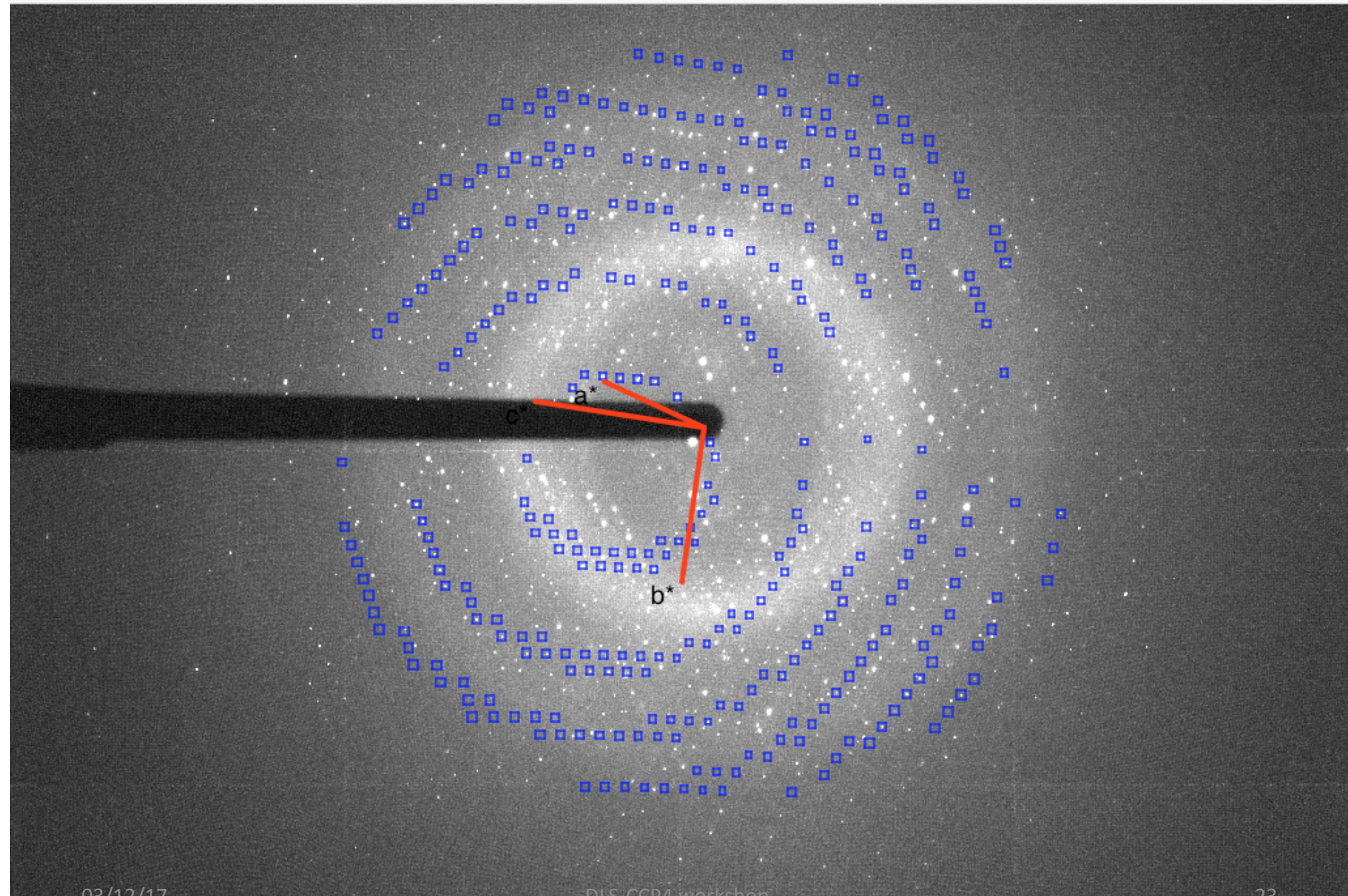
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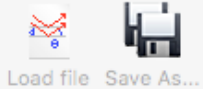


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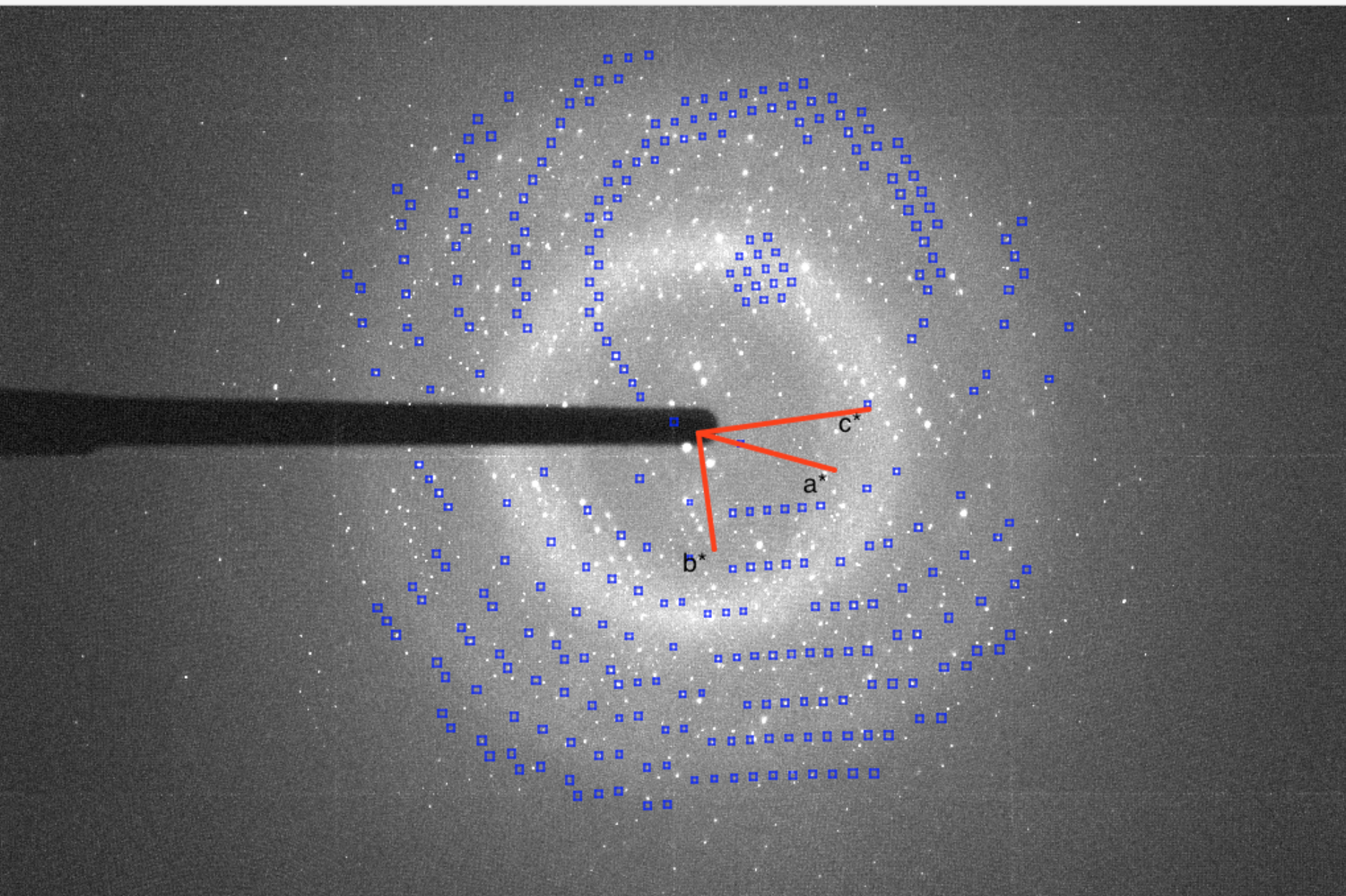
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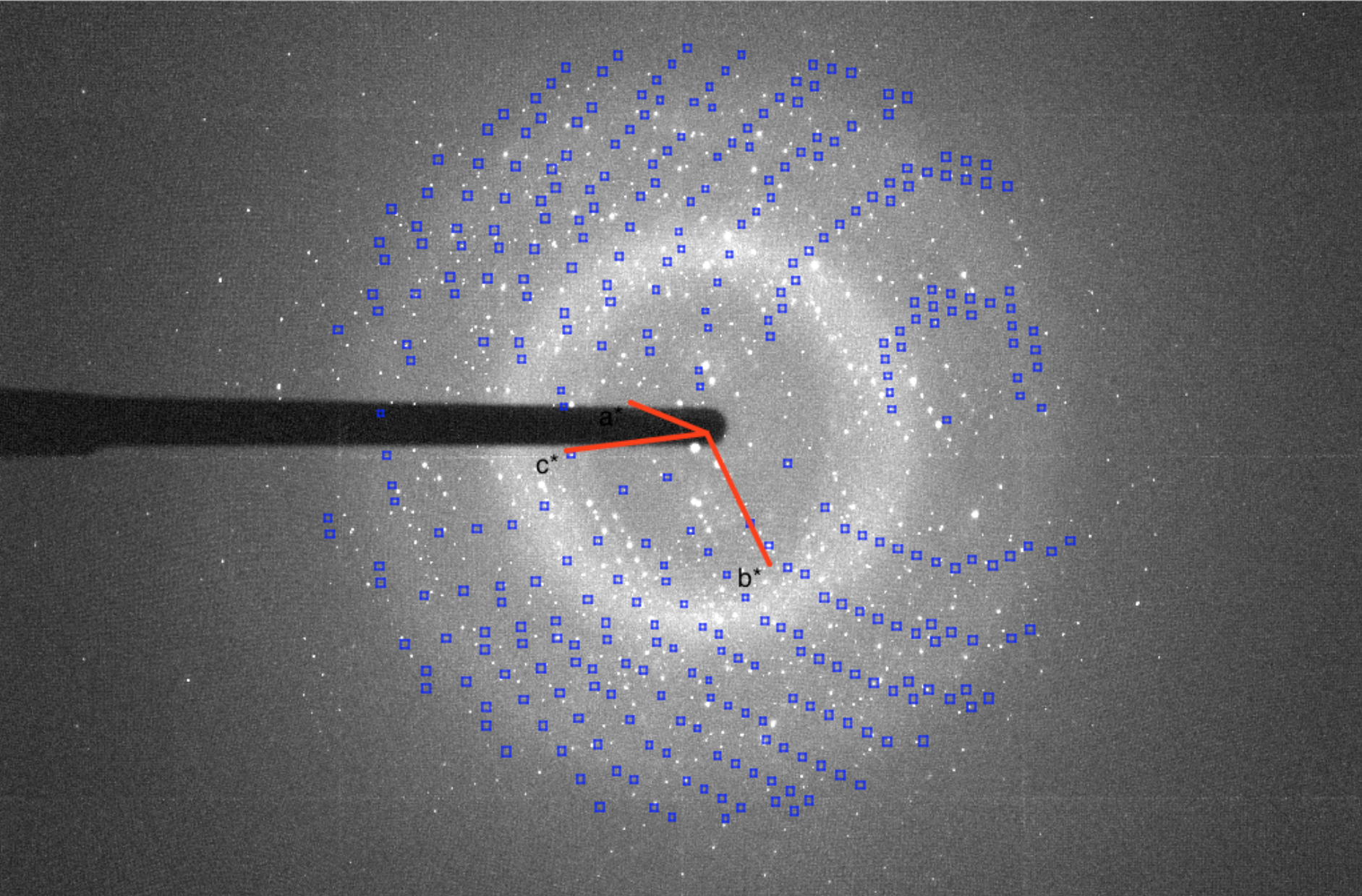


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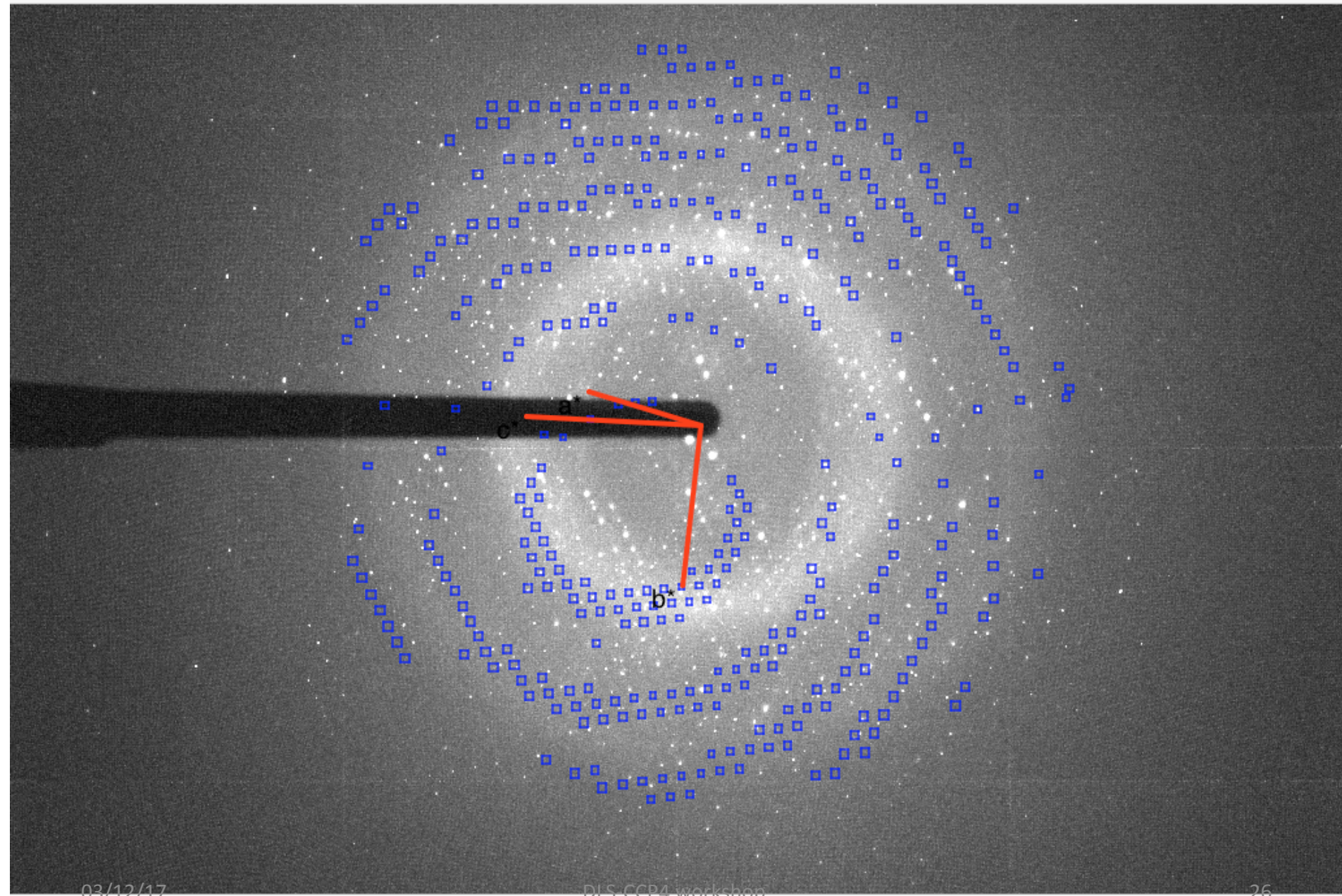
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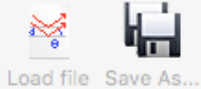
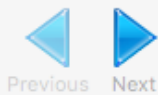
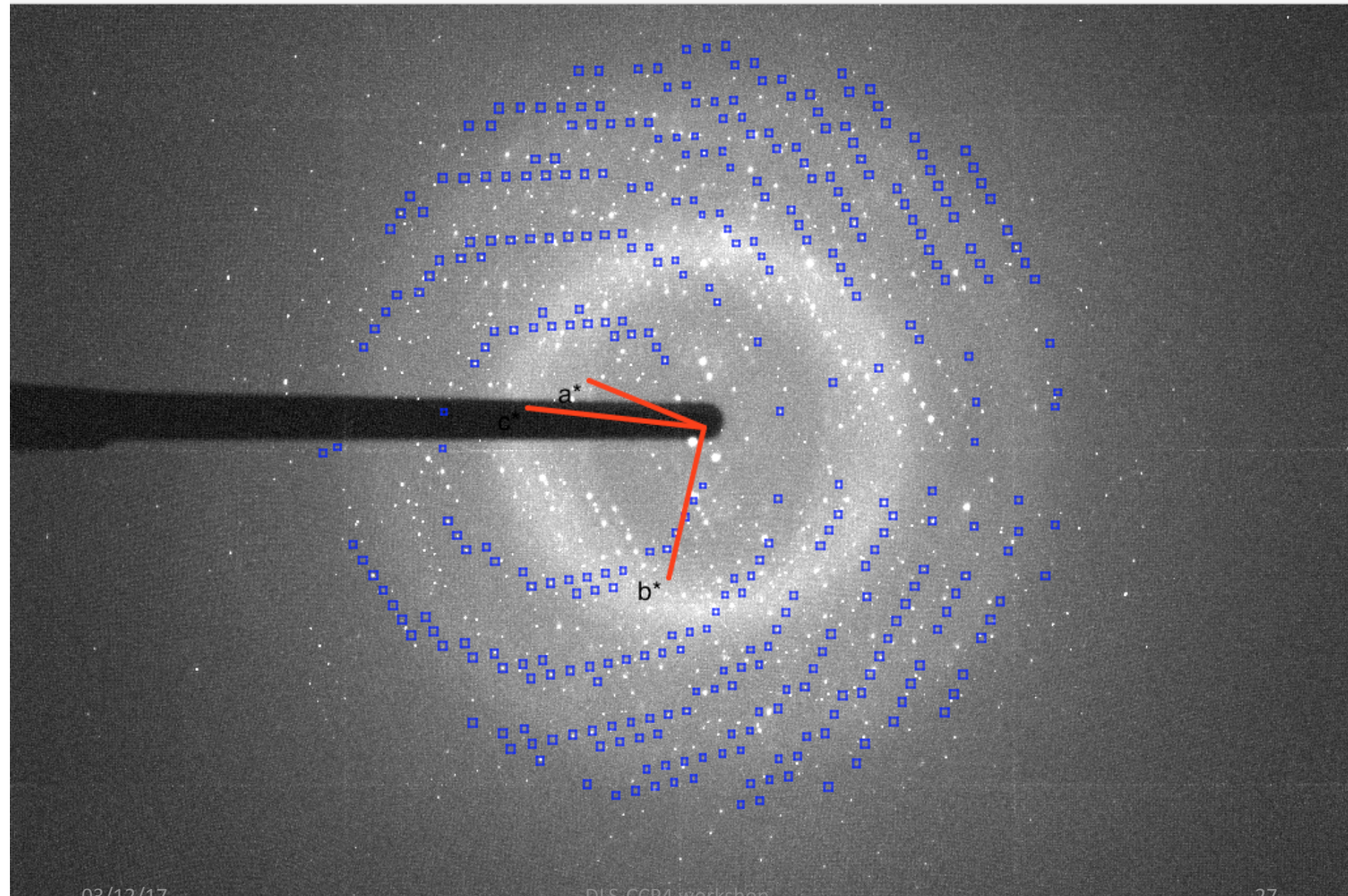


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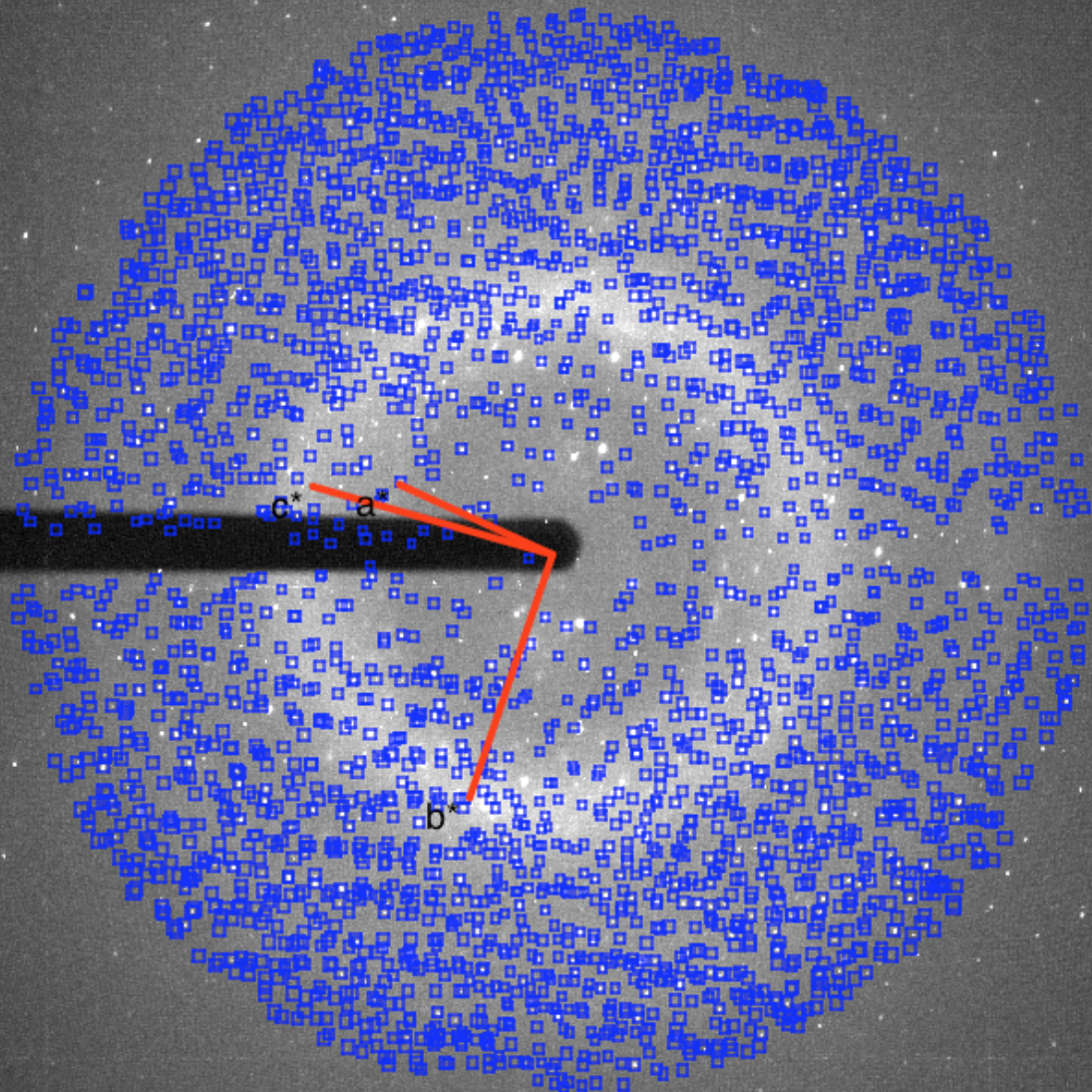


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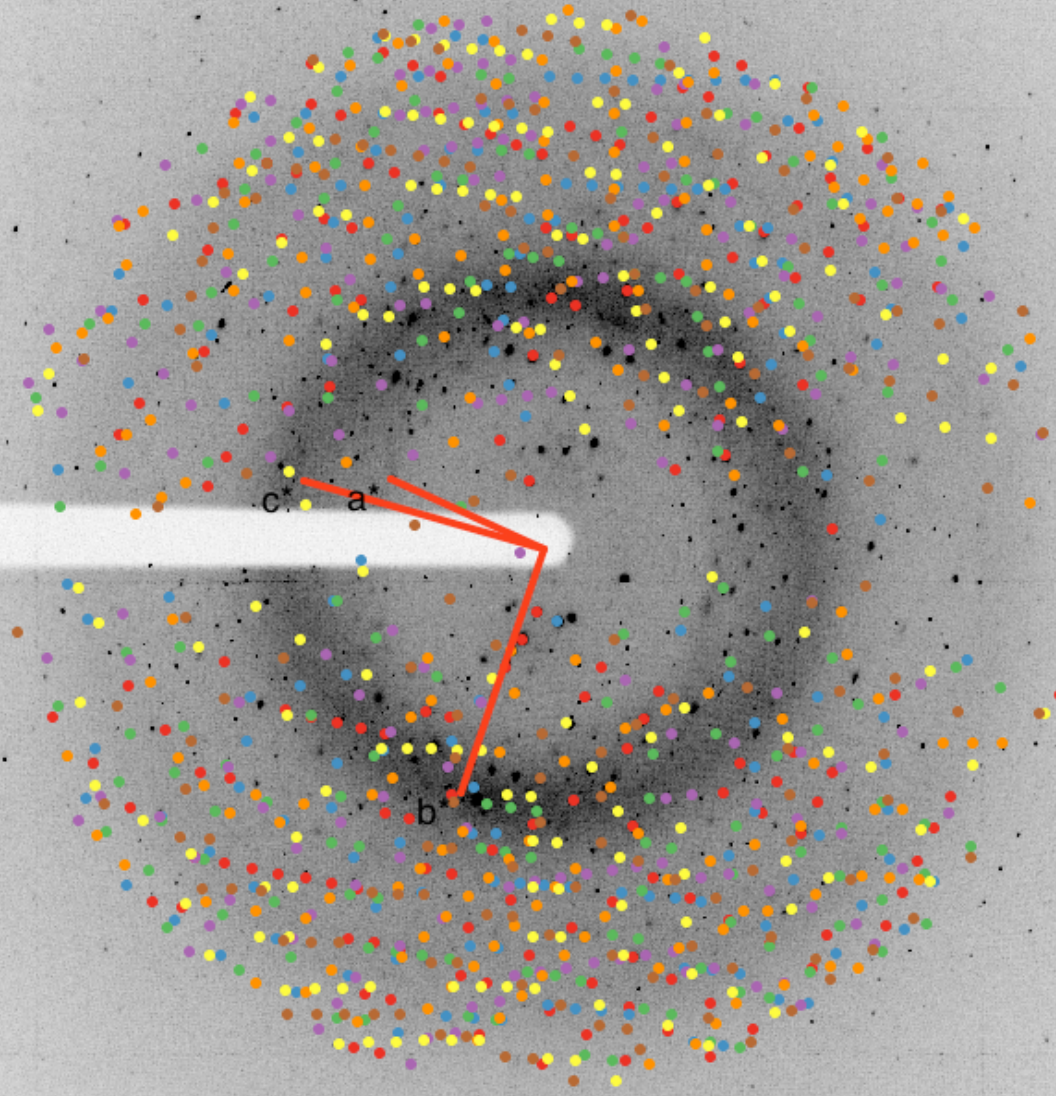
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Seven lattices: too many overlapping spots?

- Only the strongest single lattice gave reasonable merged data
 - » all others were incomplete or had much lower $I/\sigma(I)$
 - » merging data from several lattices did not work well

- Unfortunately, the merged data were not good enough for modelling the protein residues of interest
 - » possibly because of too many overlapping reflections from different lattices.

Summary on multiple lattices

- Usually it is reasonable to use the data derived from one single lattice
To have a peace of mind:
 - » Visual confirmation that there are not very many overlapping spots
 - » Check that dataset derived from the main lattice is complete
- Completeness can in principle be improved by merging datasets derived from two or more lattices
 - » In practice, data derived from second etc. lattices are usually worse
- Sometimes the best lattice can come second in Dials
 - » visual control using Dials viewers
 - » integrate and merge data from all lattices and compare merging stats
 - » Dials multi-lattice tutorial can help (see Dials web site)
- DIALS: Indexing all the lattices together facilitates refinement of the parameters for each individual lattice
 - » this is because of assignment of spots to lattices rather than as indexed and unindexed

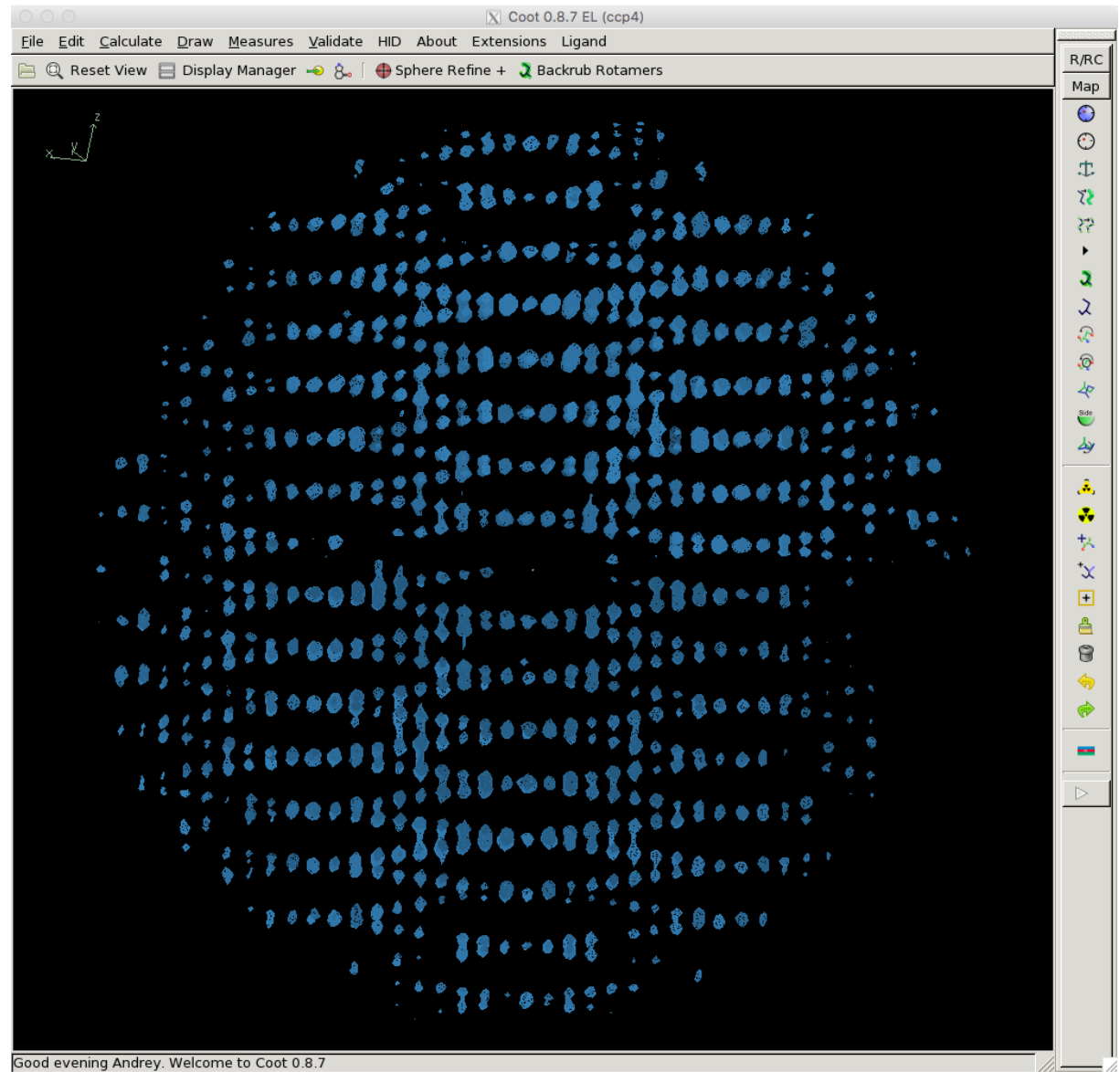
Non-merohedral twinning

- Visualisation (detection)
- Effect on structure solution and refinement

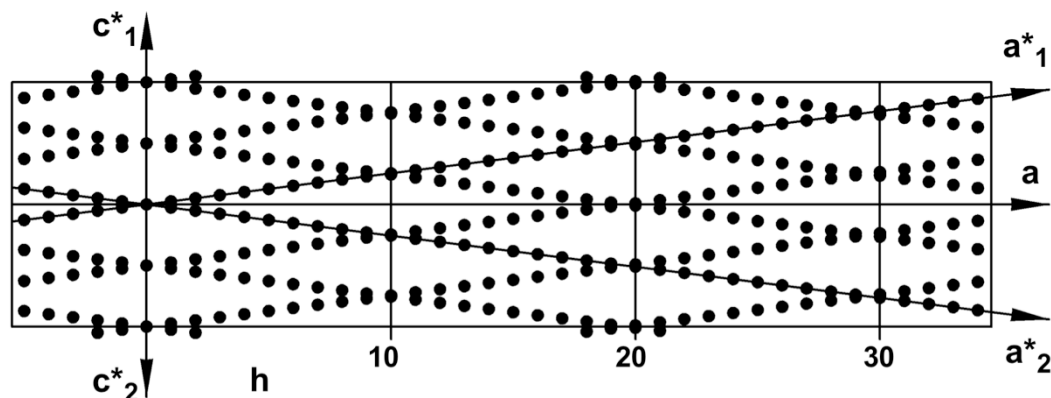
A special case with many overlapping spots

L-2-haloacid dehalogenase
from *Sulfolobus tokodaii*

Rye *et al.* (2007) *Acta Cryst.* **D67**



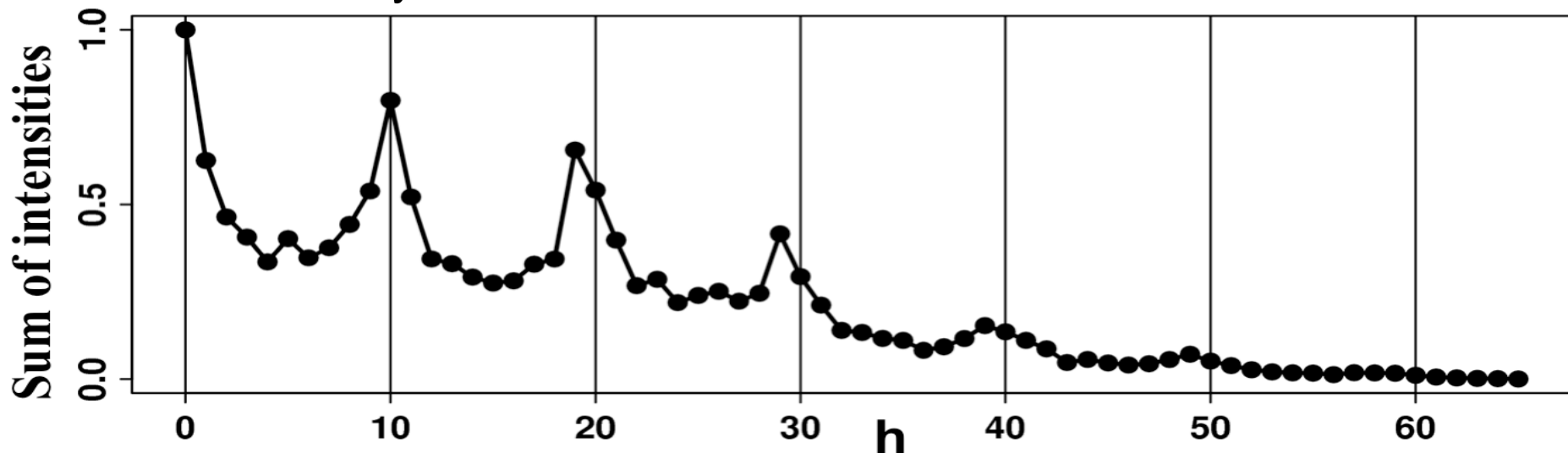
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Non-merohedral twin

in this example:
reflections exactly overlap in one reciprocal lattice plane, at $h = 0$
and partially overlap at $h = 10n$

Systematic effects on intensities



Comments on non-merohedral twins

- Individual crystals are in special relative orientations
 - as a result there are many (partially) overlapping spots
- It is difficult to deal with (partially) overlapping spots in **general case**
 - Integrate with SAINT (Bruker) with large reflection boxes, refine with SHELXL
 - CCP4 paradigm: iMosflm and Feckless deal with overlaps
 - » this needs support on refinement side.
- However, in **protein crystals** situation is usually favourable for quite a simple treatment of such cases.
 - **Next section** is about **OD-structures** which is what protein non-merohedral twins usually are.

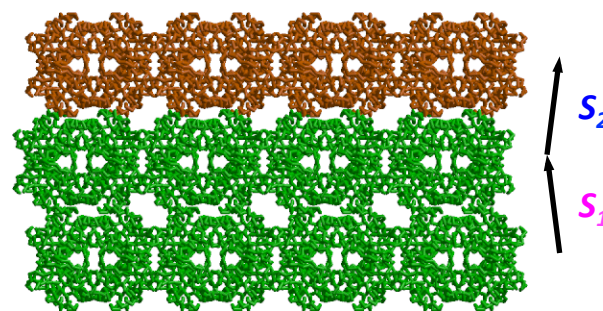
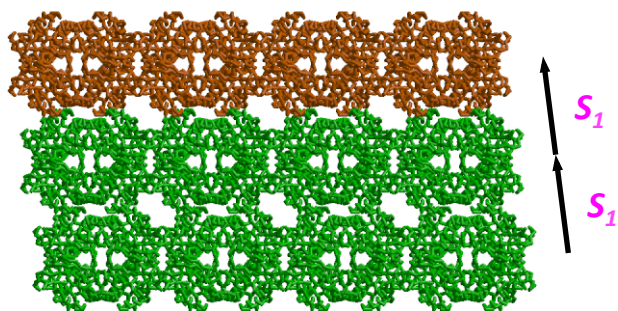
OD-structures

- Definition
- Example of an OD twin
- Demodulation of data
- Example of allotwin

Order-disorder structures (OD-structures)

- identical layers
- identical interfaces between the layers
- but: two or more ways of packing three adjacent layers

*) MX: "identical" means Ca r.m.s.d. < 1 Å

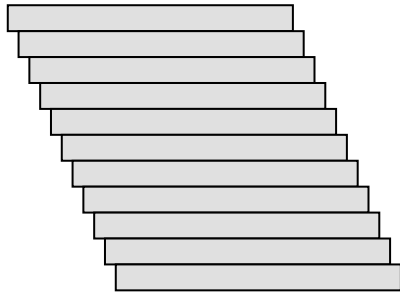


*) S_1 and S_2 are called stacking vectors

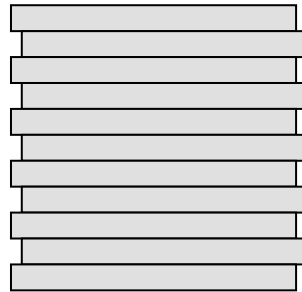
- two-dimensional periodicity
- a potential for disorder in the third dimension

OD-structures

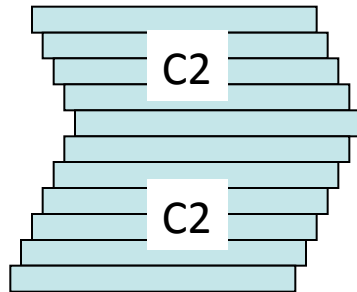
Single crystal



Single crystal

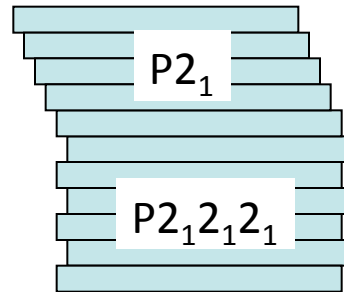


OD-twin



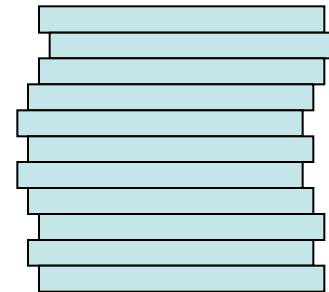
Example 1

Allotwin



Example 2

Partially
disordered
OD-structure



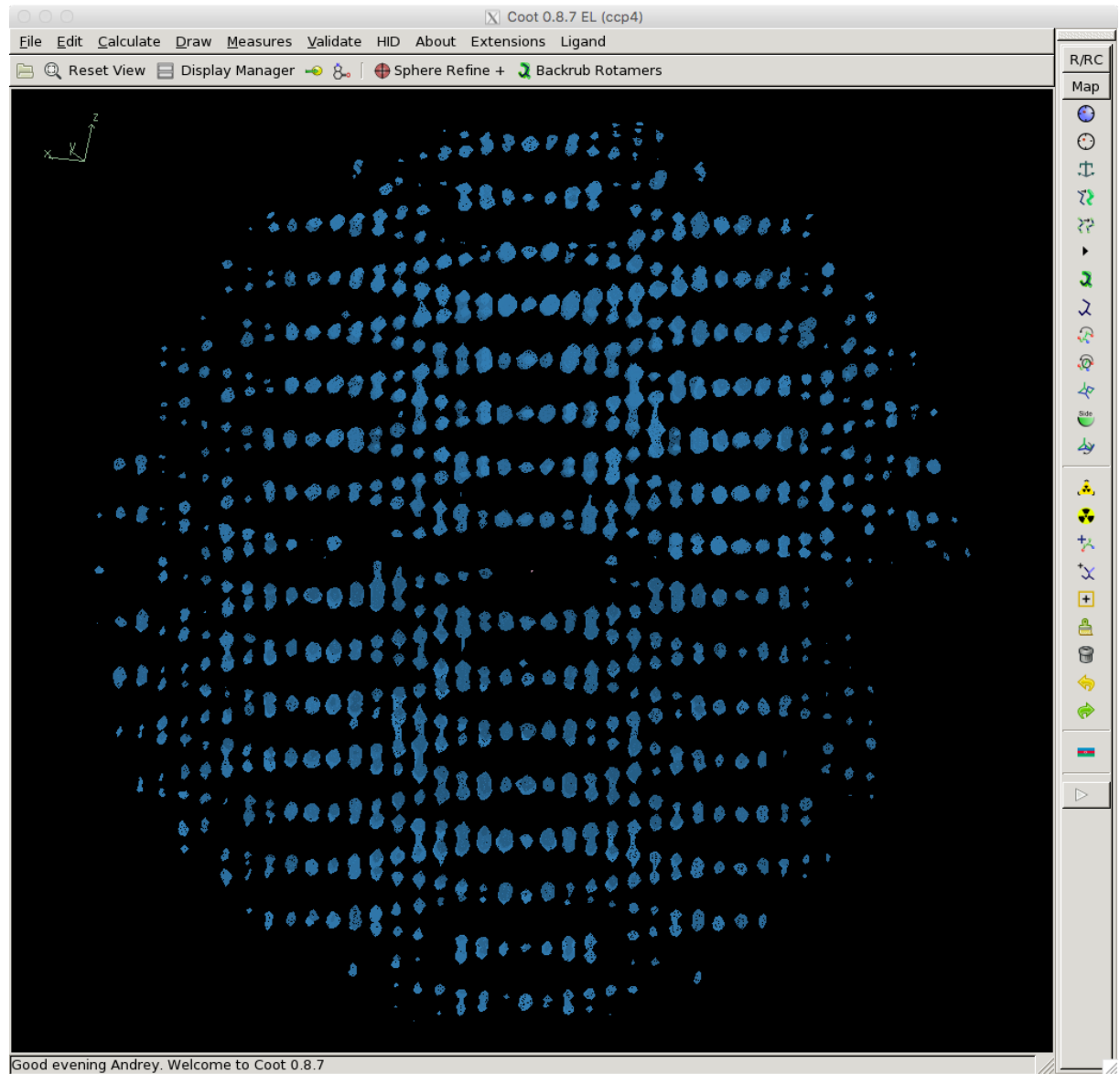
*Examples in the
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Example 1: OD-twin

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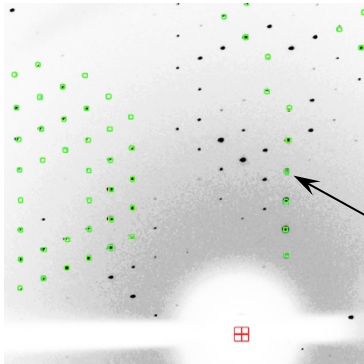
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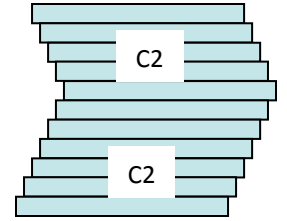
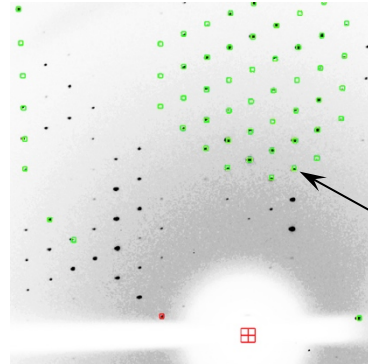


Example 1: OD-twin

Indexing in C2



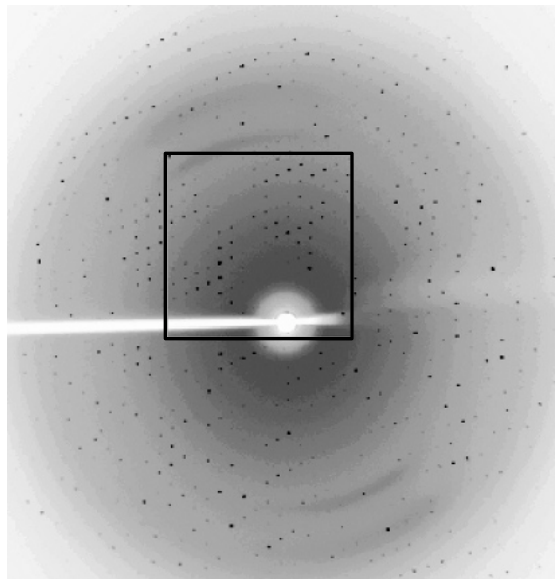
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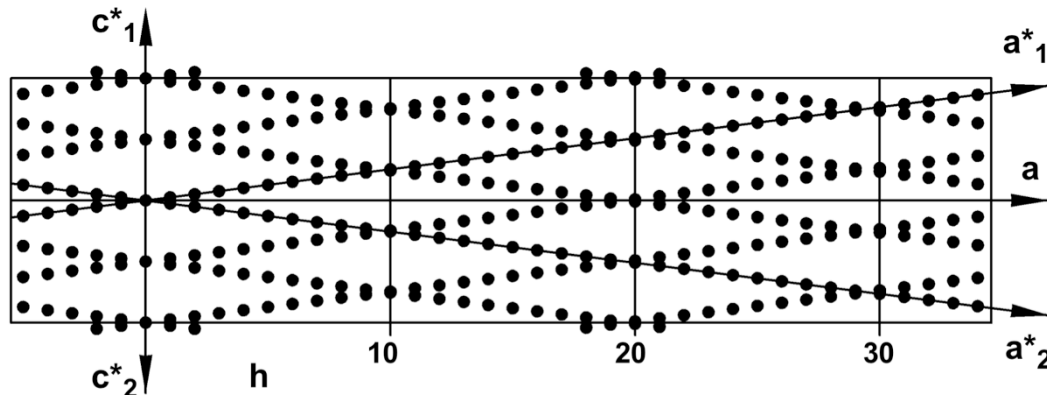
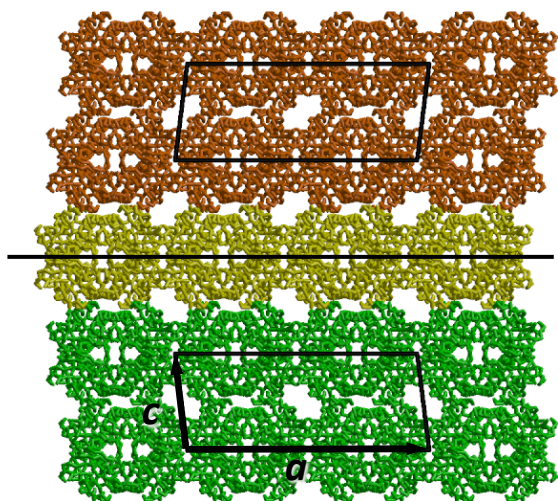
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The diffraction images can be indexed
in C2 with two different orientation of
the crystal

Some reflections from two lattices
overlap.



Real and reciprocal lattices

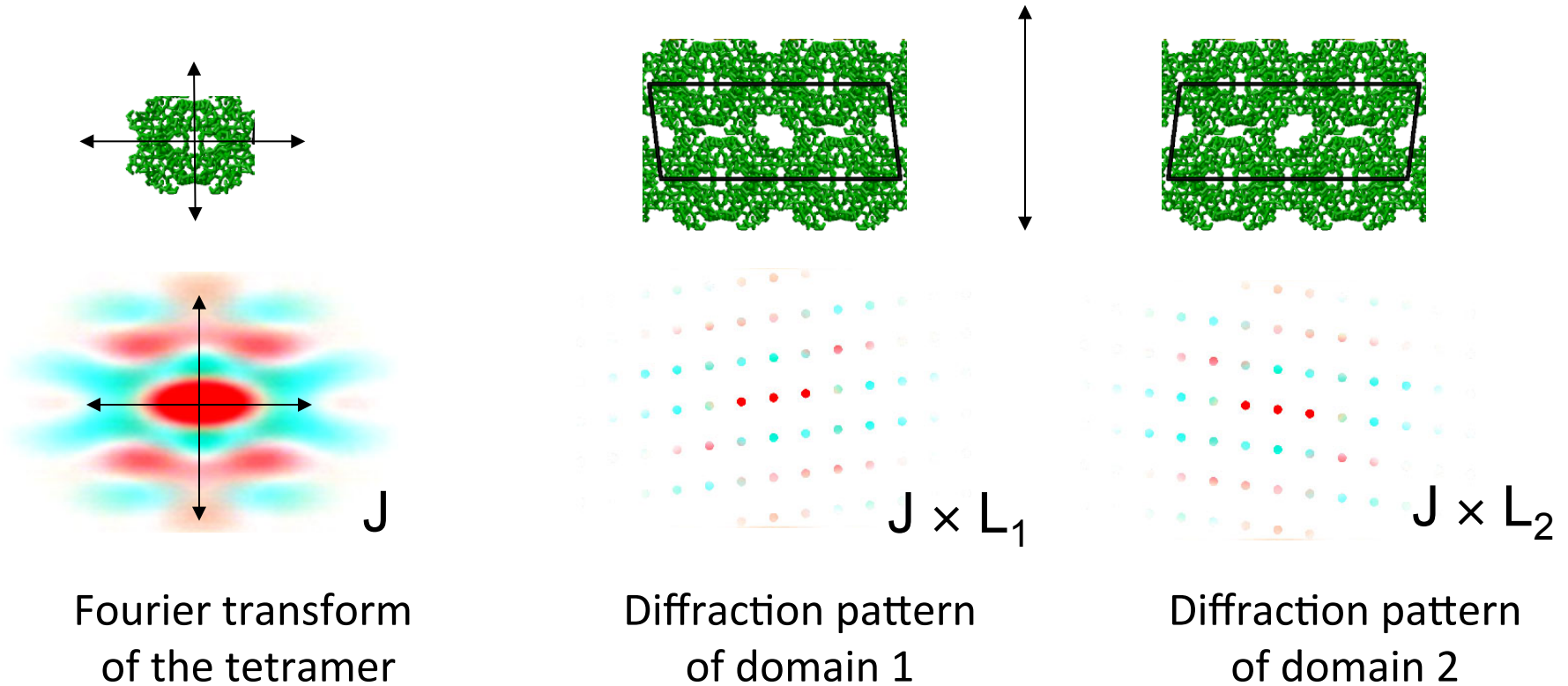


Twinning by reticular pseudo-merohedry
(Non-merohedral twinning)

What to do?

- Process data from one lattice and ignore twinning
- Process data from one lattice and **demodulate** the data
- Deconvolute overlapping spots during data processing
- Record total intensity of overlapping spots and deal with it at refinement

Intensities of the overlapping reflections

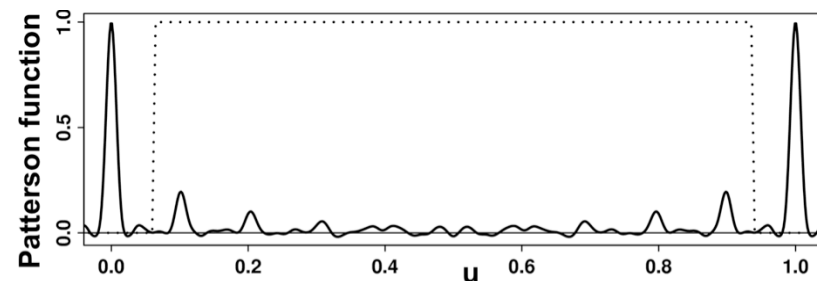
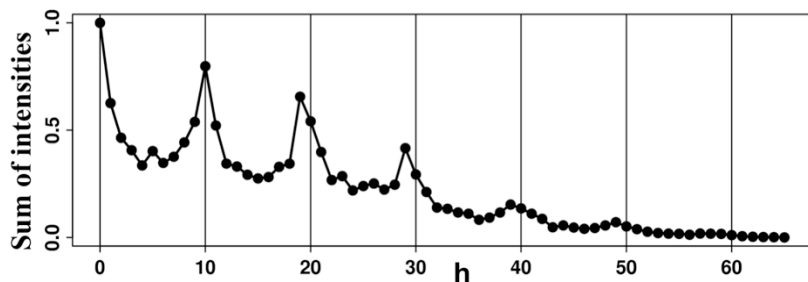


Tetramers in different twin domains are in the same orientation

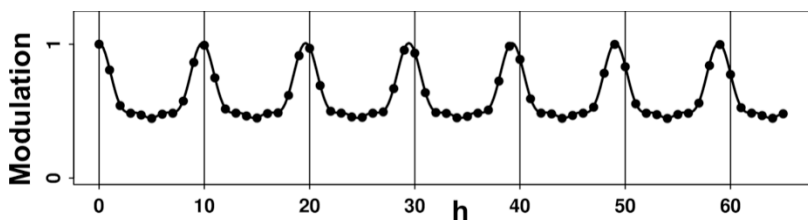
Therefore, if reflections of the two lattices overlap, they have close intensities. The stronger the overlap, the closer the intensities are.

Demodulation

Original data: R / R-free = 0.21 / 0.27

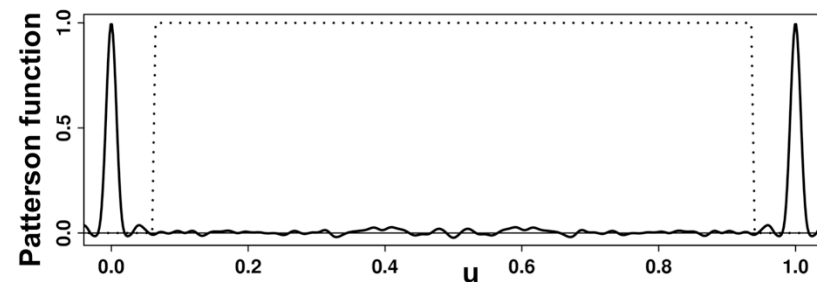
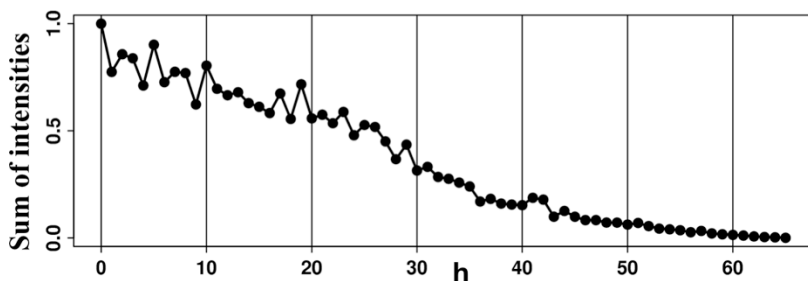


Modulation function



$$q'(h) = p_0 + p_1 \cos(2\pi th) + p_2 \cos(4\pi th) + \dots$$

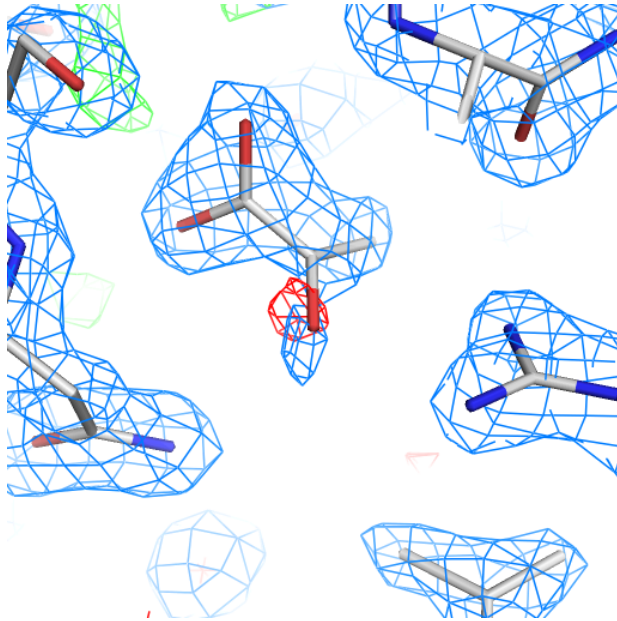
Corrected data: R / R-free = 0.16 / 0.23



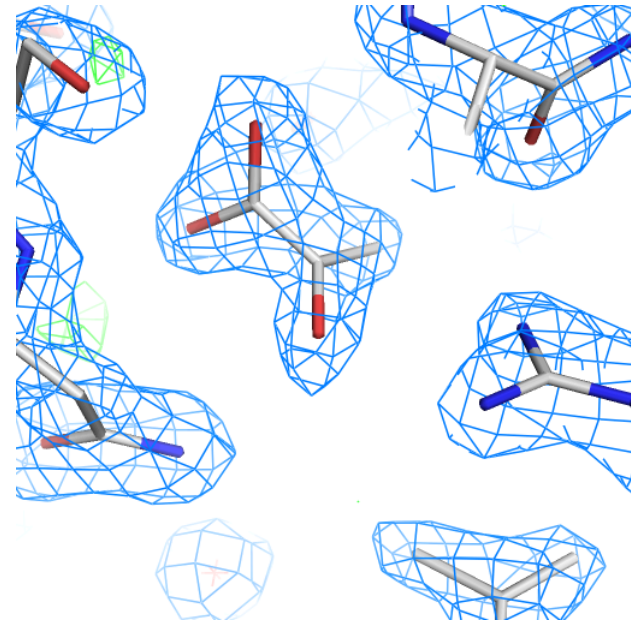
Improvement in the electron density

Visually, improvement occurred only for the electron density for solvent molecules
(Poor density for solvent was the original reason for data revision)

The electron density maps (2-1 at 1.5σ and 1-1 at 3σ)
around the pyruvate molecule before and after demodulation



R / R-free = 0.21 / 0.27

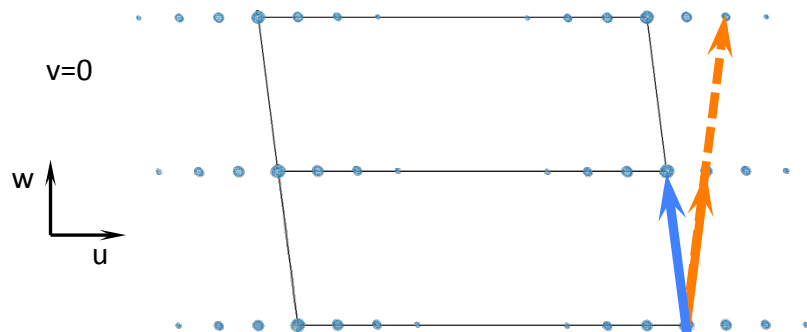
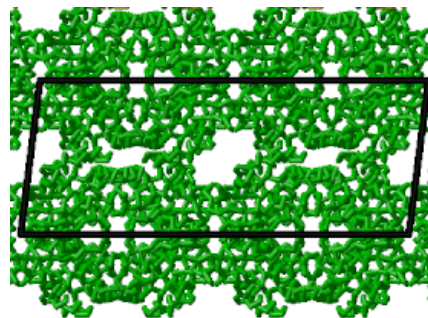
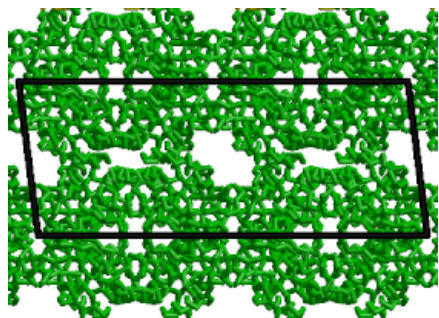
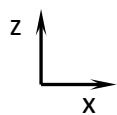


R / R-free = 0.16 / 0.23

Diagnostics: Patterson Map

Indexed lattice

The second lattice

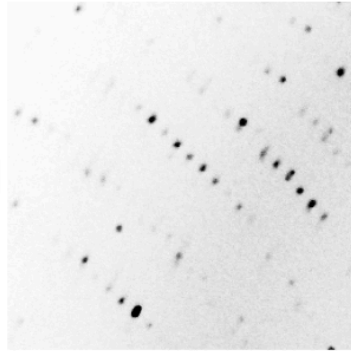


Non-origin peaks in the Patterson map:

- contribution from the second lattice
- because of the overlapping spots

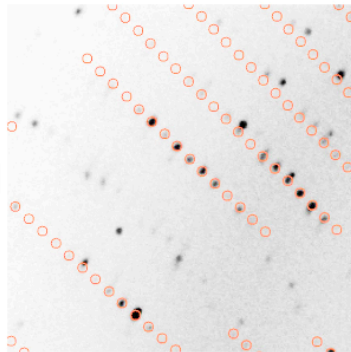
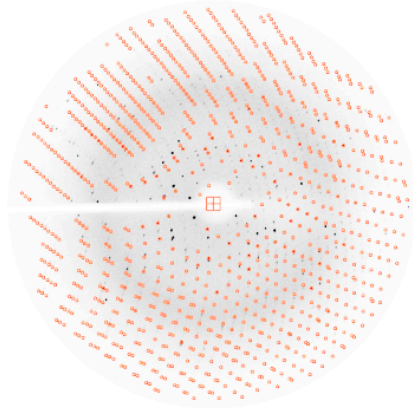
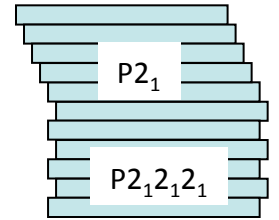
Dials' 3D viewers provide more straightforward diagnostics

Example 2: allotwin



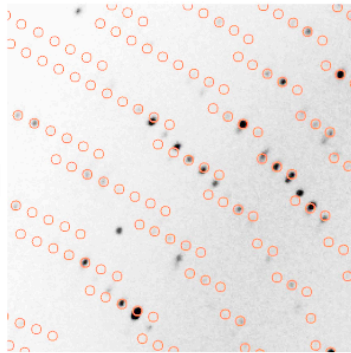
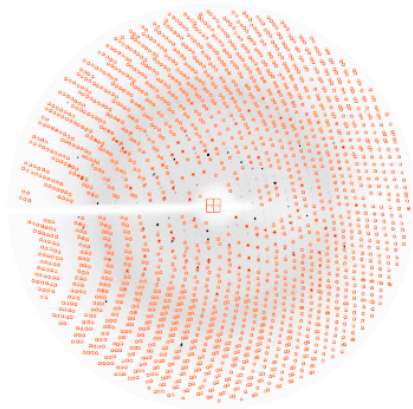
Crystals of Lon protease
Resolution 3Å

Dauter *et al.* (2005).
Acta Cryst. D61, 967-975.



$P2_1$

$a = 48.5 \text{ \AA}$
 $b = 86.3 \text{ \AA}$
 $c = 138.0 \text{ \AA}$
 $\beta = 92.3^\circ$



$P2_12_12_1$

$a = 86.3 \text{ \AA}$
 $b = 90.6 \text{ \AA}$
 $c = 148.0 \text{ \AA}$

Example 2: allotwin

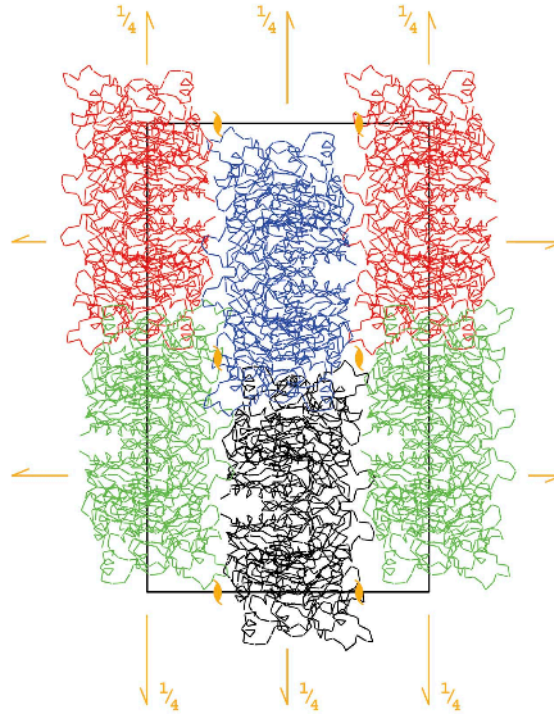
Crystals of Lon protease
Resolution 3Å

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Acta Cryst. D61, 967-975.

Structures of both crystal
forms were solved

R / R-free

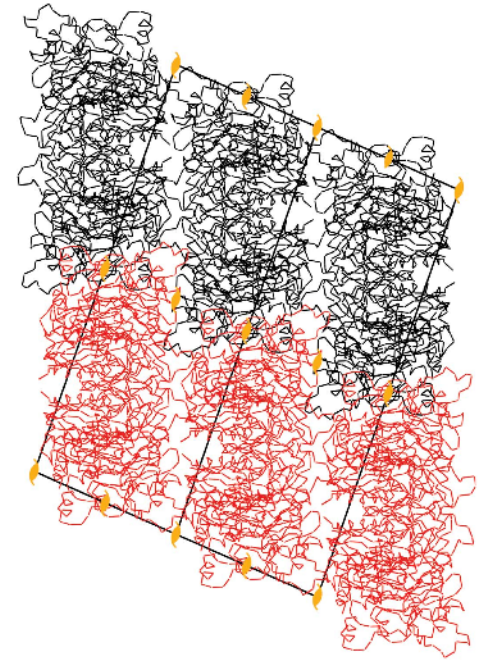
PDB code 1z0t



$P2_12_12_1$

0.19 / 0.35

PDB code 1z0v



$P2_1$

0.21 / 0.31

Example 2: allotwin

- More frequently, the presence of very different indexing solutions means that the indexing program is struggling rather than domains belonging to different space groups actually exist.
- 3D viewers will help to check what is actually happening.
- Merging several fine-sliced images together may help indexing

Twinning by (pseudo)merohedry

Yesterday's presentation by Andrea Thorn

Important special case:

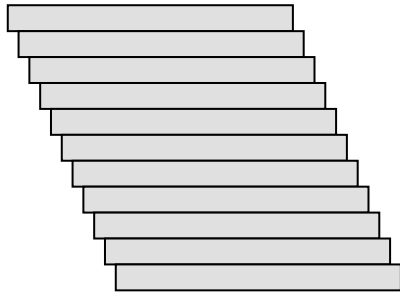
- This type of twinning can NOT be recognized from diffraction images
 - >> All spots overlap with related spots from another individual crystal
- Detection requires analysis of intensity statistics
- Significant effect on model if ignored during refinement
- Point group and, consequently, space group determination may be a problem

Partially disordered OD-structures

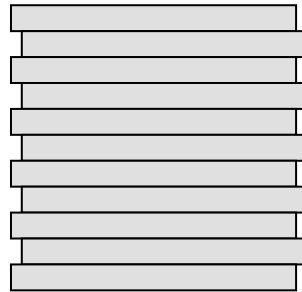
- Visualisation (detection)
- Ghost density
- Indexing
- Effect on structure solution and refinement

OD-structures

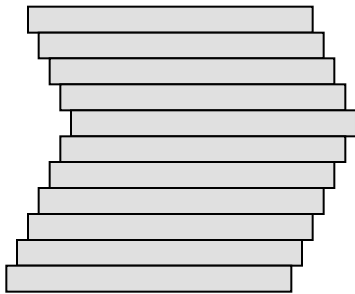
Single crystal



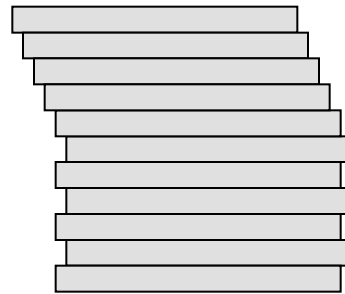
Single crystal



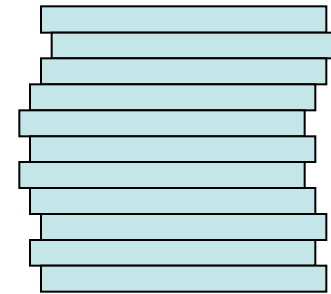
OD-twin



Allotwin



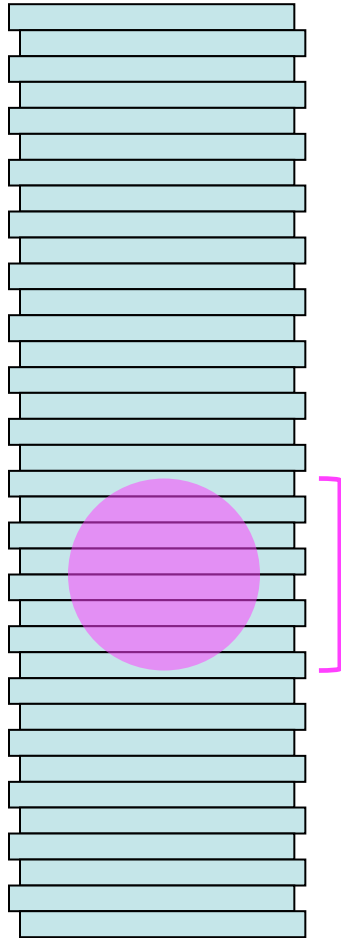
Partially
disordered
OD-structure



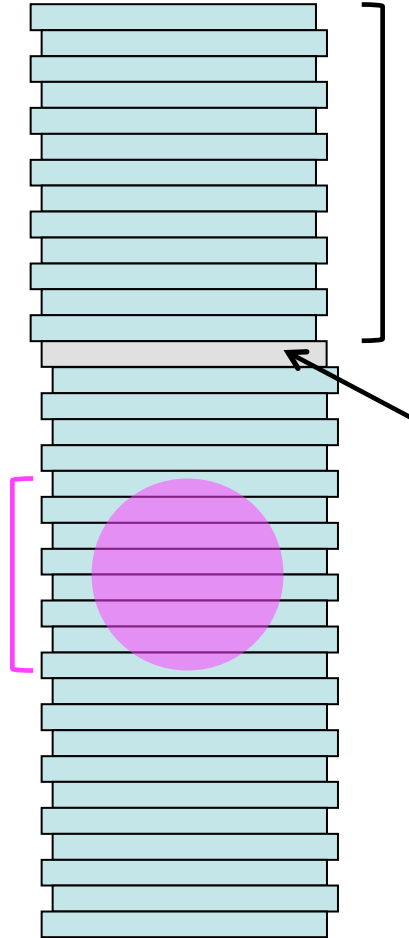
Examples 1,2 & 3

Partially disordered OD structures

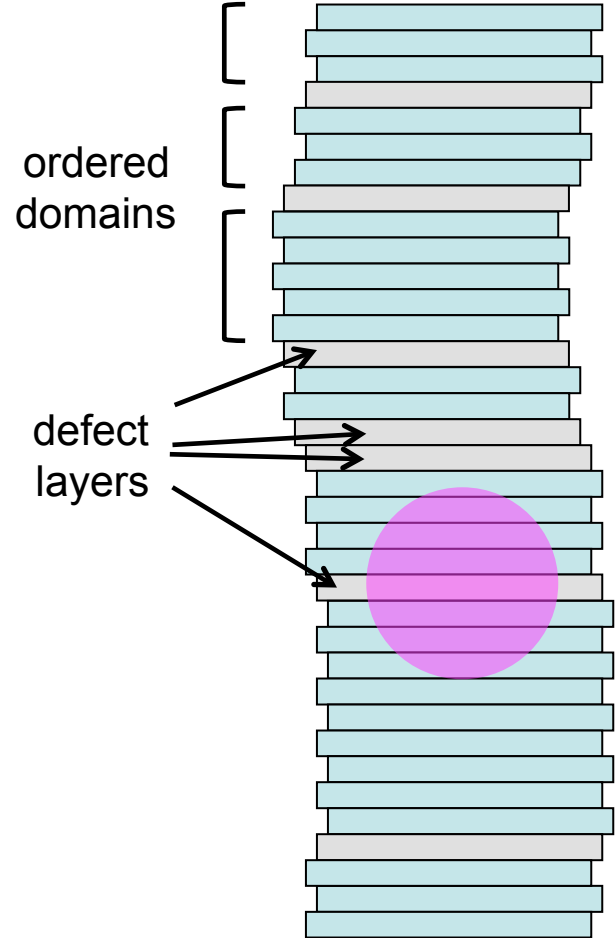
a true
single crystal



diffracts almost as
a single crystal



partially disordered
crystal



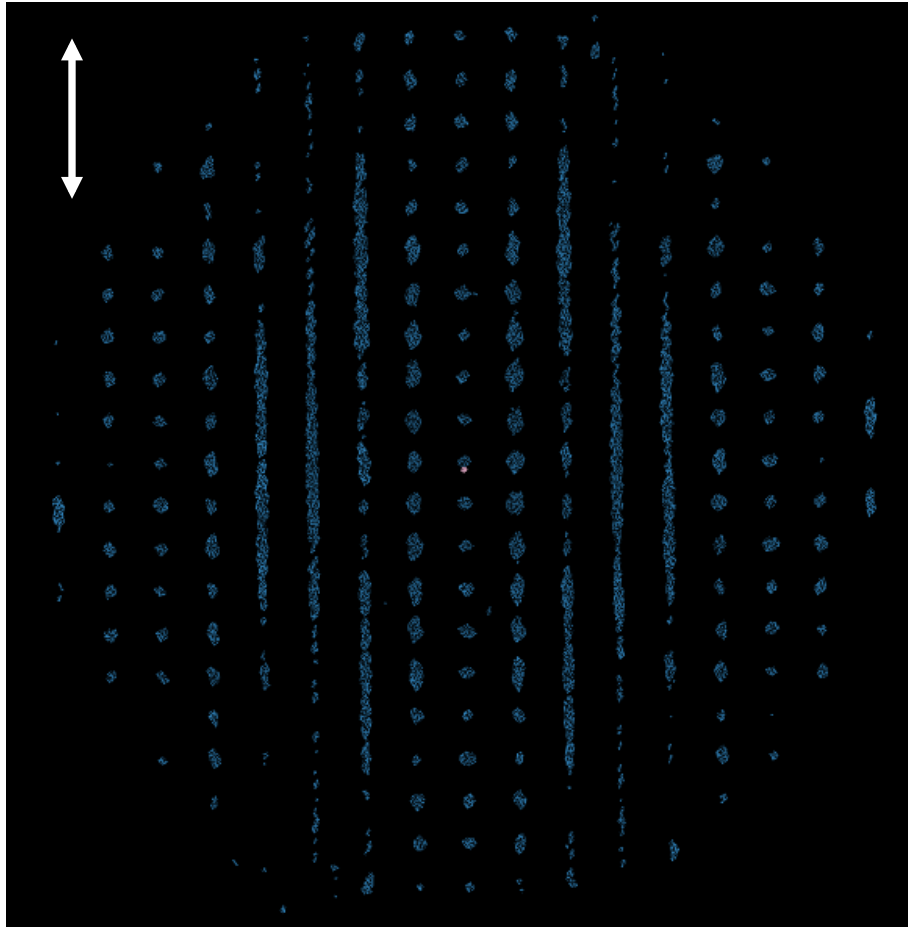
coherence
length of
X-rays

ordered
domains

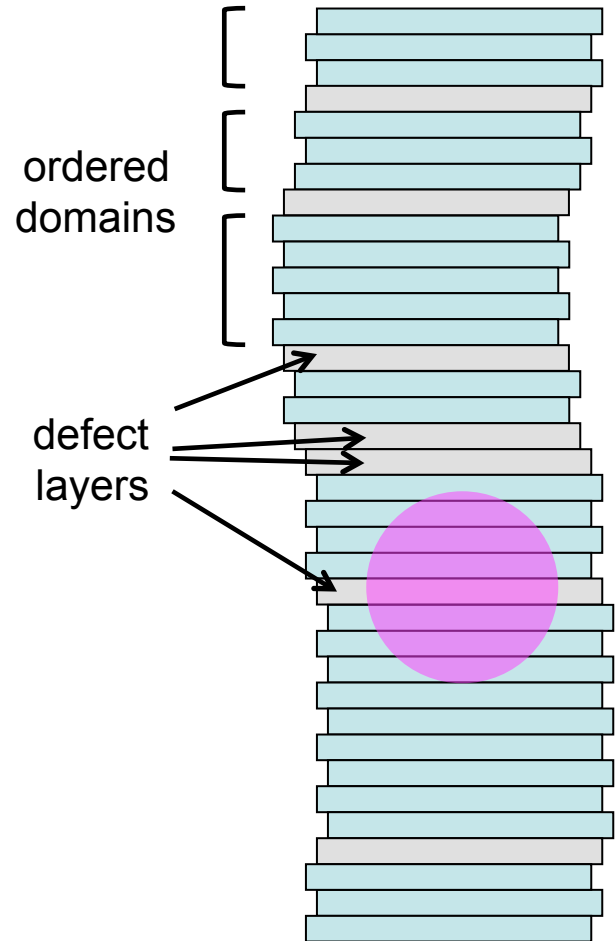
defect
layers

Diffraction of partially disordered structures

White arrow - direction in which global periodicity is missing

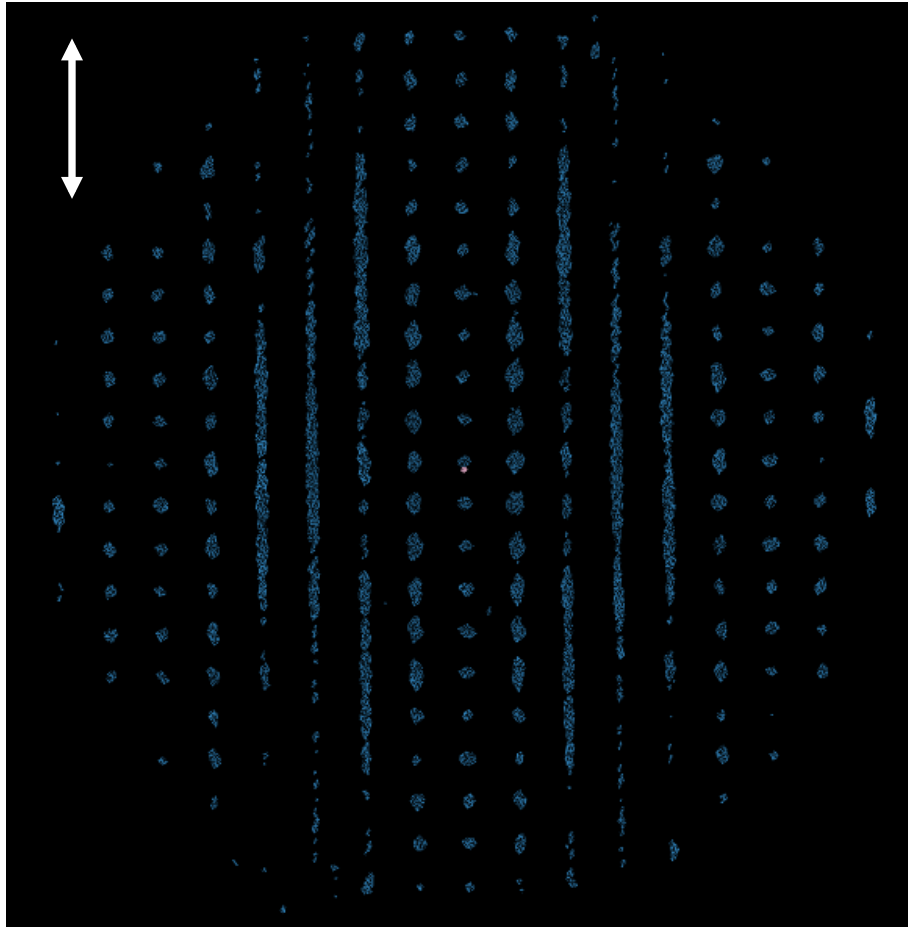


dials.rs_mapper + coot



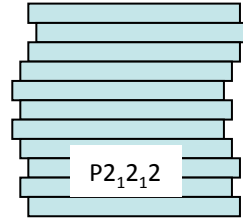
Example 1: ghost density

White arrow - direction in which global periodicity is missing



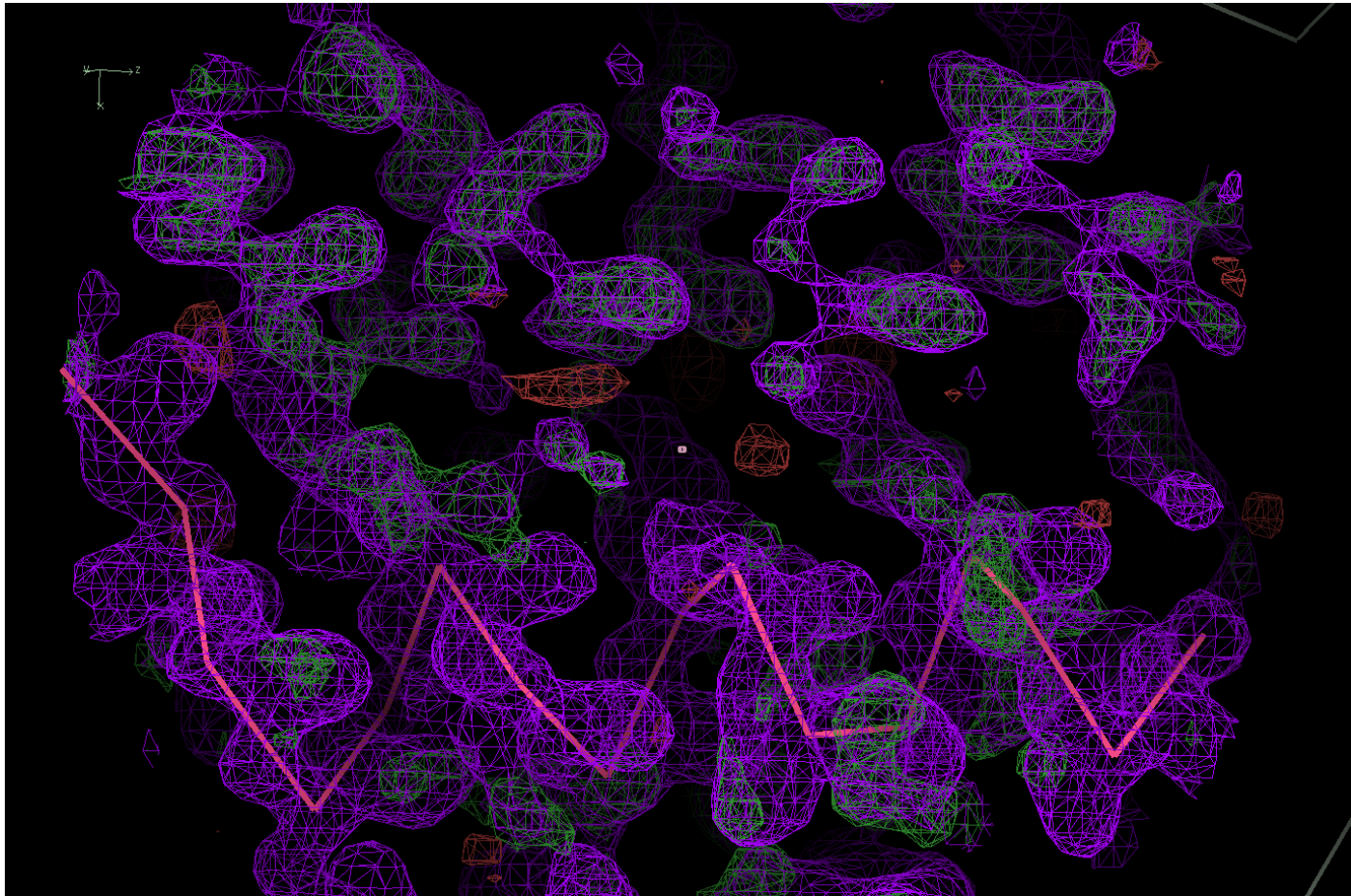
dials.rs_mapper + coot

An example from **Rafael Ciges**,
Biomedical Institute of Valencia

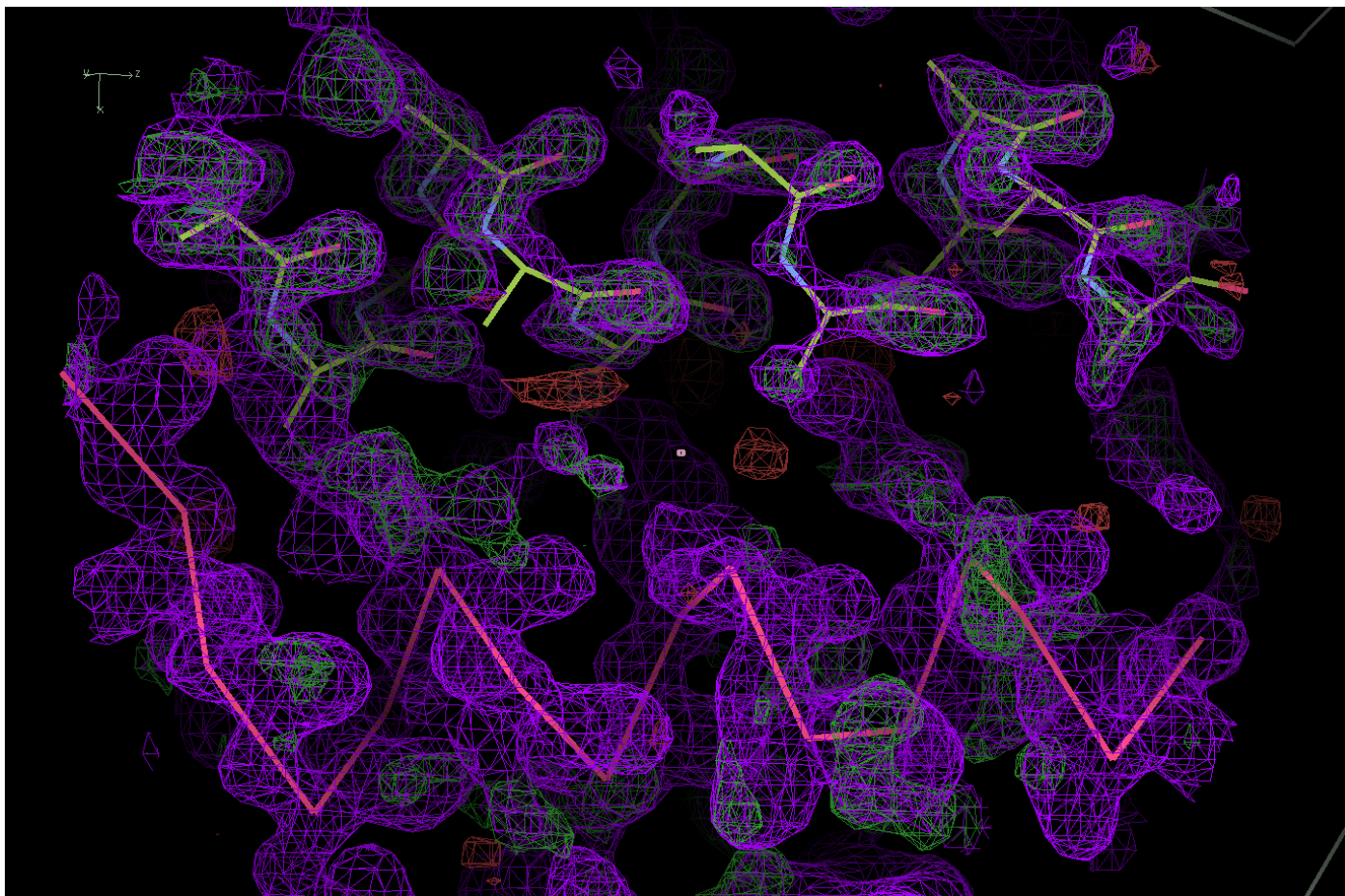


- Space group $P2_12_12$
- Resolution 1.2Å
- The diffraction images were processed with XDS
- Structure was solved with MR
- Preliminary refinement $R_{\text{free}} = 0.35$
- Extra residues were expected compared to MR model

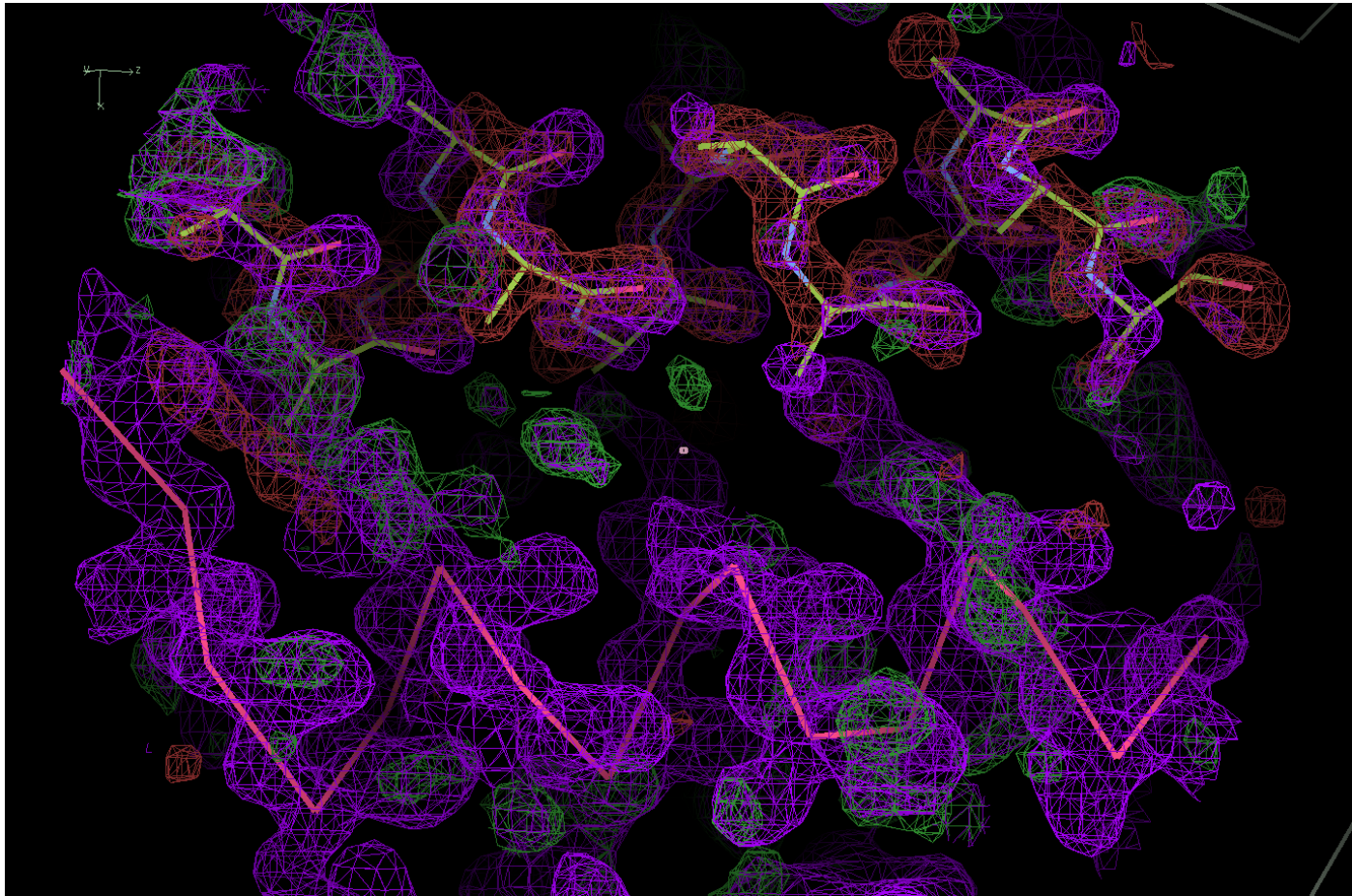
Example 1: after initial refinement



Example 1: helix added



Example 1: after refinement with extra helix

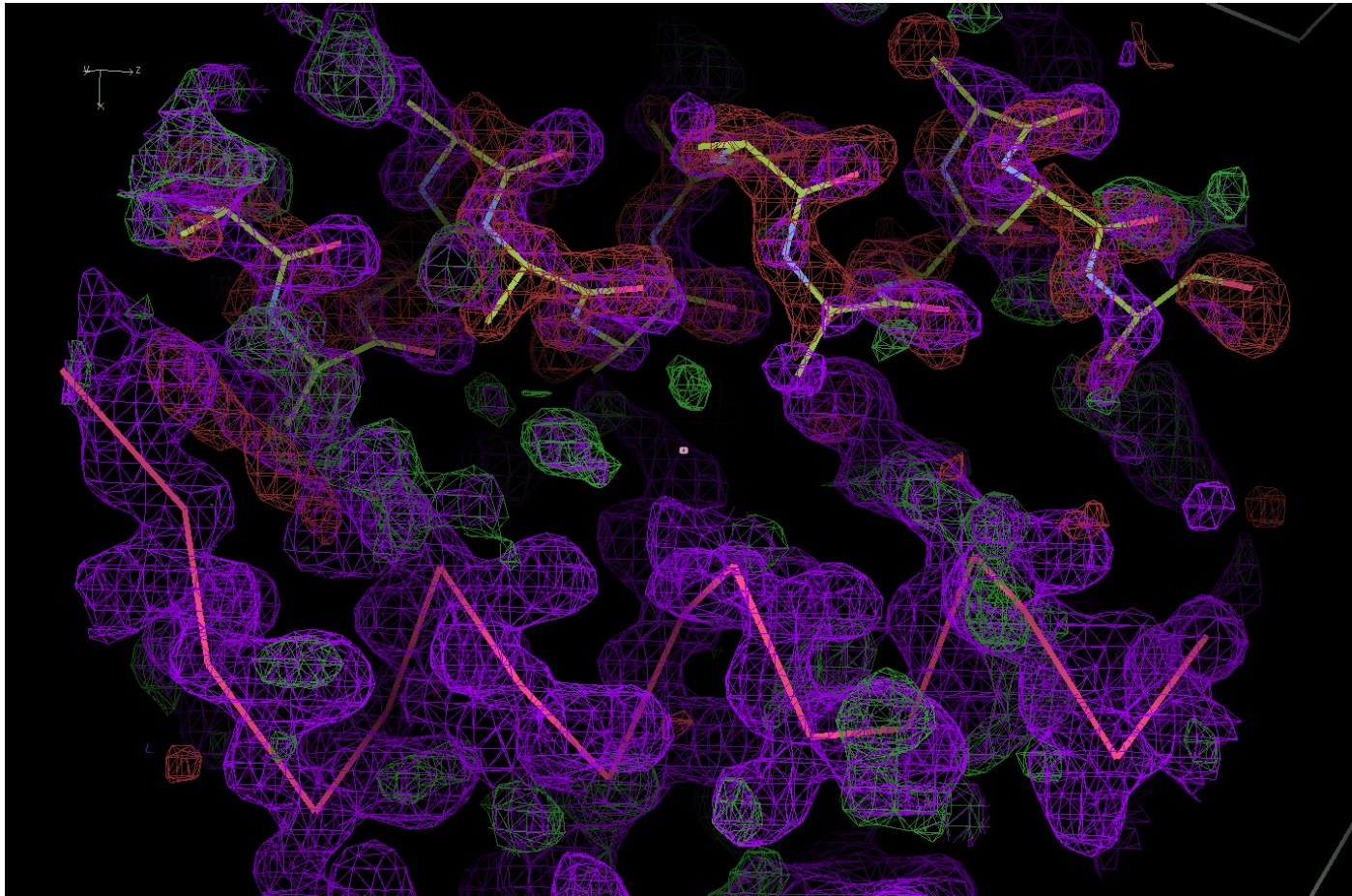


Example 1: demodulation of intensities

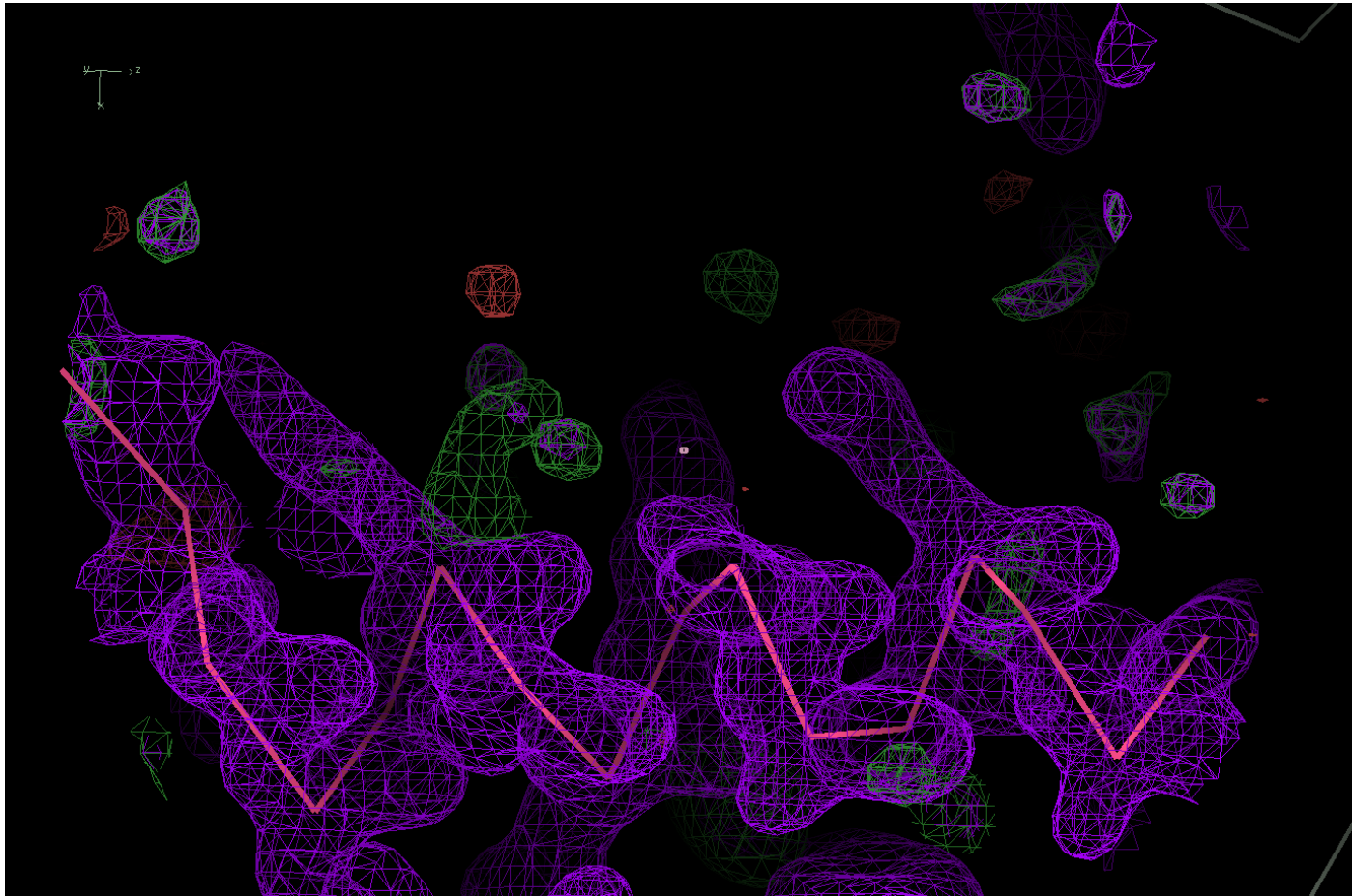
- Data were demodulated and structure re-refined
 - » demodulation procedure was conceptually similar to the one used in the OD-twin example

	R	R-free
Original data	0.33	0.34
Corrected data	0.25	0.26

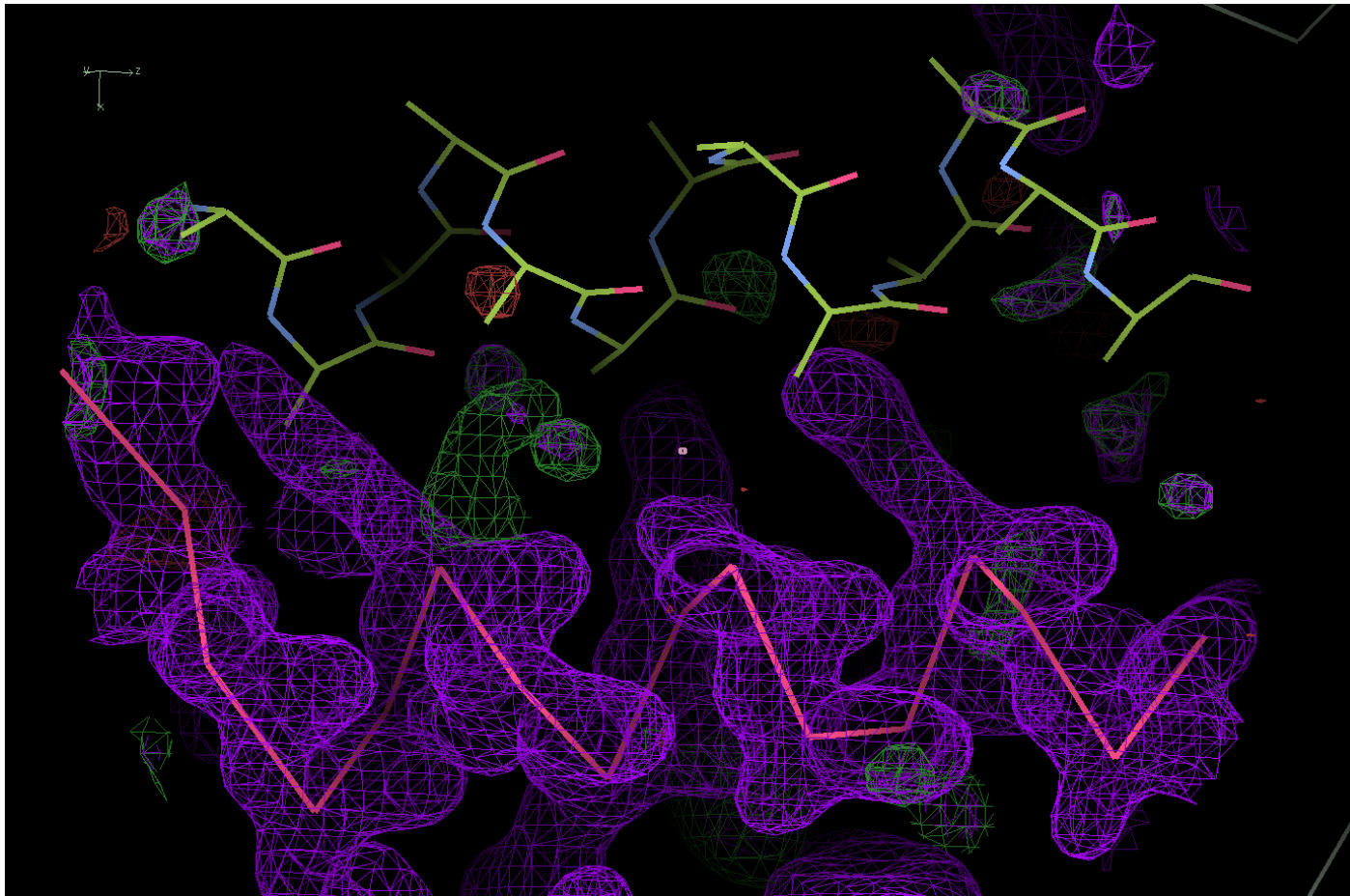
Example 1: after refinement with extra helix



Example 1: after refinement against demodulated data ...



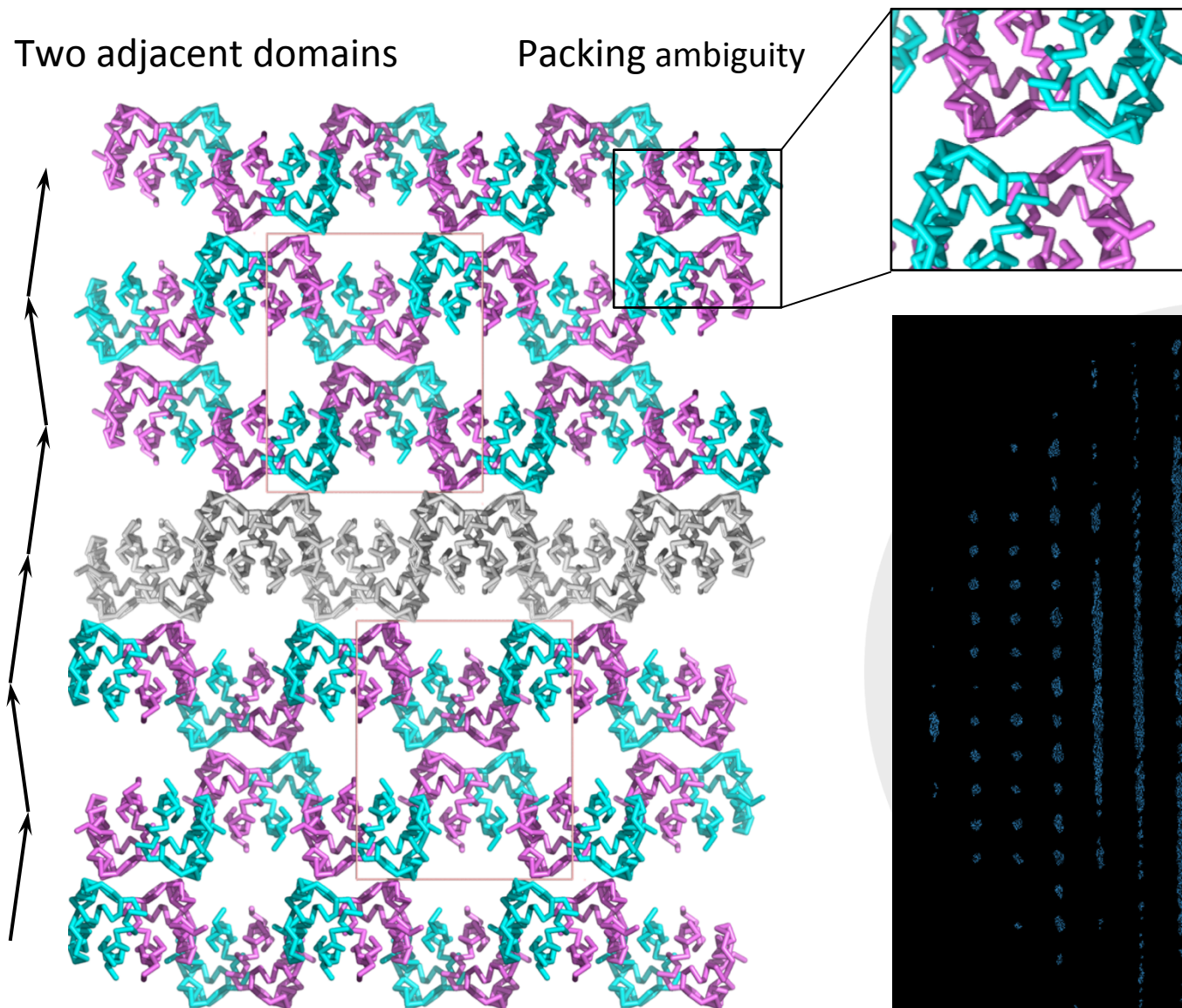
Example 1: ... there is no ED for the extra helix



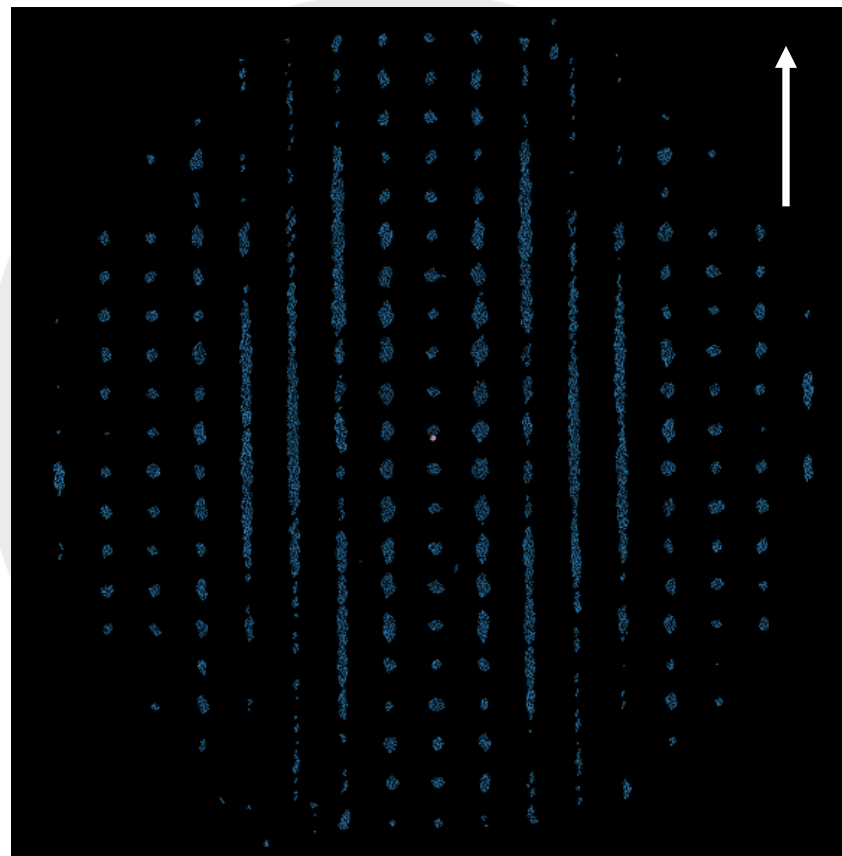
Example 1: ghost density

Two adjacent domains

Packing ambiguity



White arrow -
direction in which
global periodicity is
missing



Example 1: Summary

- Partial disorder in OD structures results in a ghost density
- Structure can be solved and refined ignoring partial disorder
- Demodulation procedure removes ghost density and therefore helps with interpretation of the ED maps
 - » Not always badly needed and not always works
 - » There are several bespoke scripts around
 - » A general automated software solution is needed

Example 2: auto-indexing failure

Fast DP @ DIAMOND

$R_{\text{meas}} = 0.12$?
CC(1/2) = 0.3 at 1.56 Å

Refinement

$R_{\text{cryst}} = 0.33$?
 $R_{\text{free}} = 0.36$

Molecular Replacement ✓

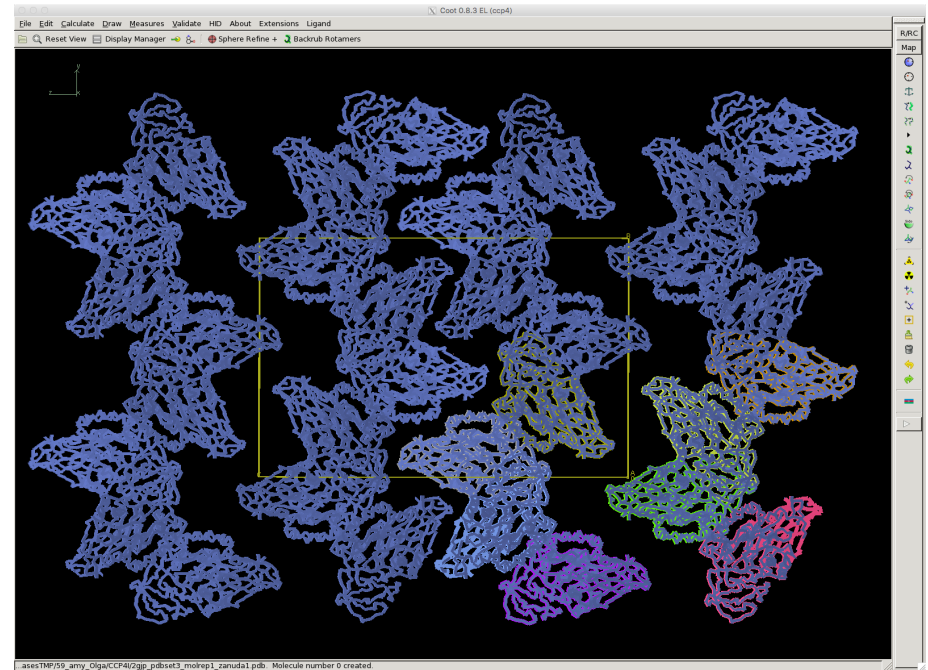
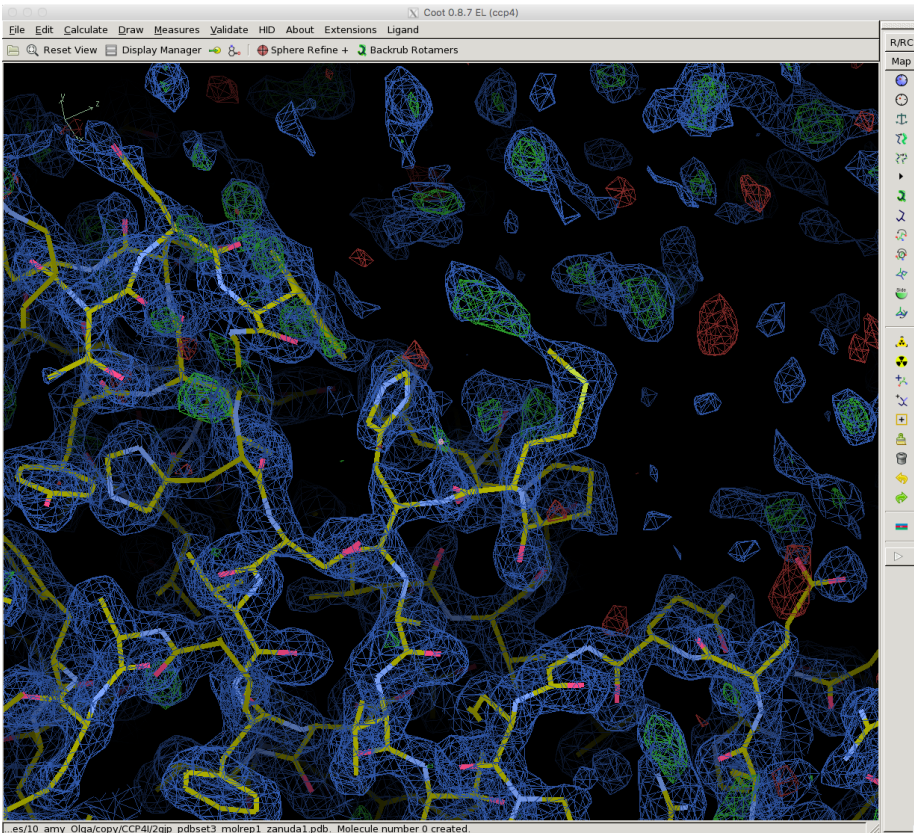
--- Peaks of Rotation Function ---

	theta	phi	chi	Rf/sigma
1	63.62	174.24	148.98	13.70
2	80.19	-58.05	61.61	13.63
3	149.48	-148.30	170.26	13.34
4	107.22	84.22	129.22	13.04
5	87.46	75.99	136.16	12.18
6	111.97	-14.20	175.28	12.10
7	157.20	173.73	153.99	11.25
8	58.77	-96.16	51.96	11.24
9	75.76	-63.11	54.46	6.21
10	102.46	82.67	133.90	5.83

Example 2: evidences of wrong indexing

Maps ?

Crystal Packing X

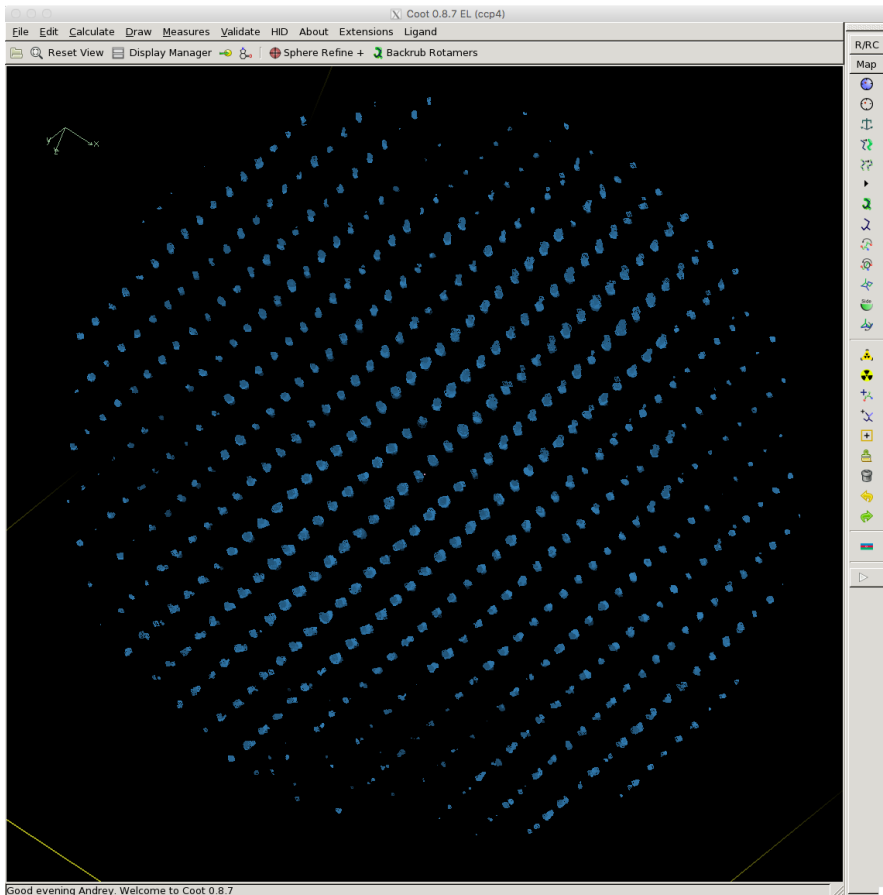


Wrong indexing?

Example 2: evidences of partial disorder

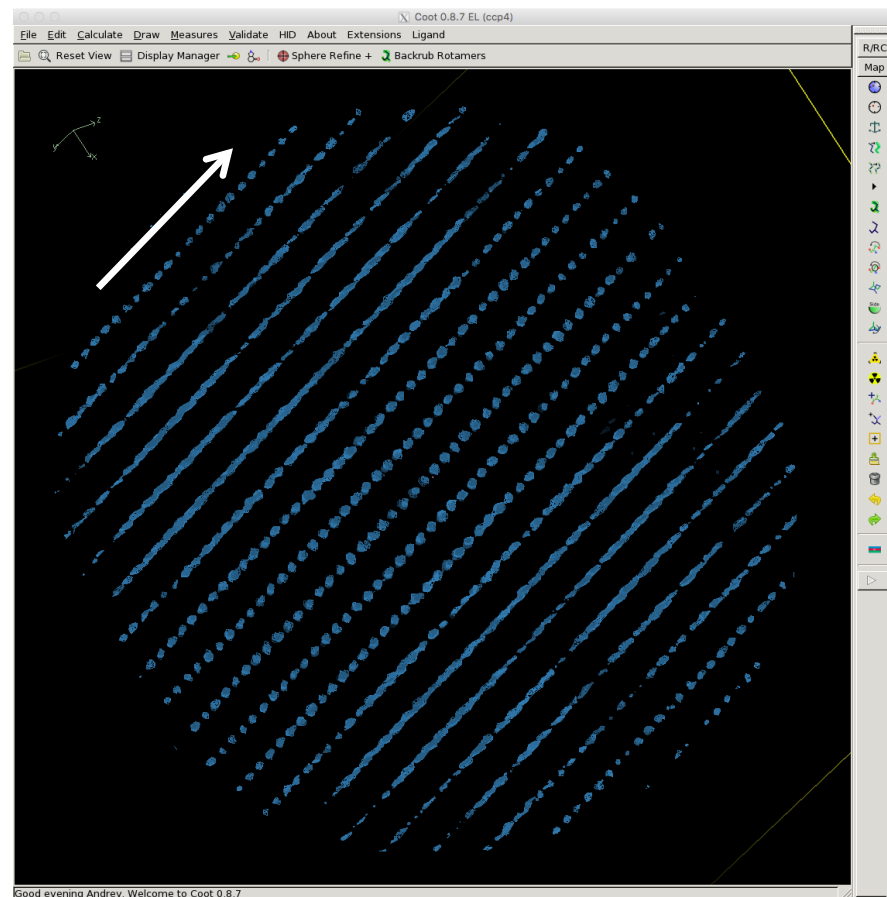
front view

There is global 2D translational symmetry in the plane of figure

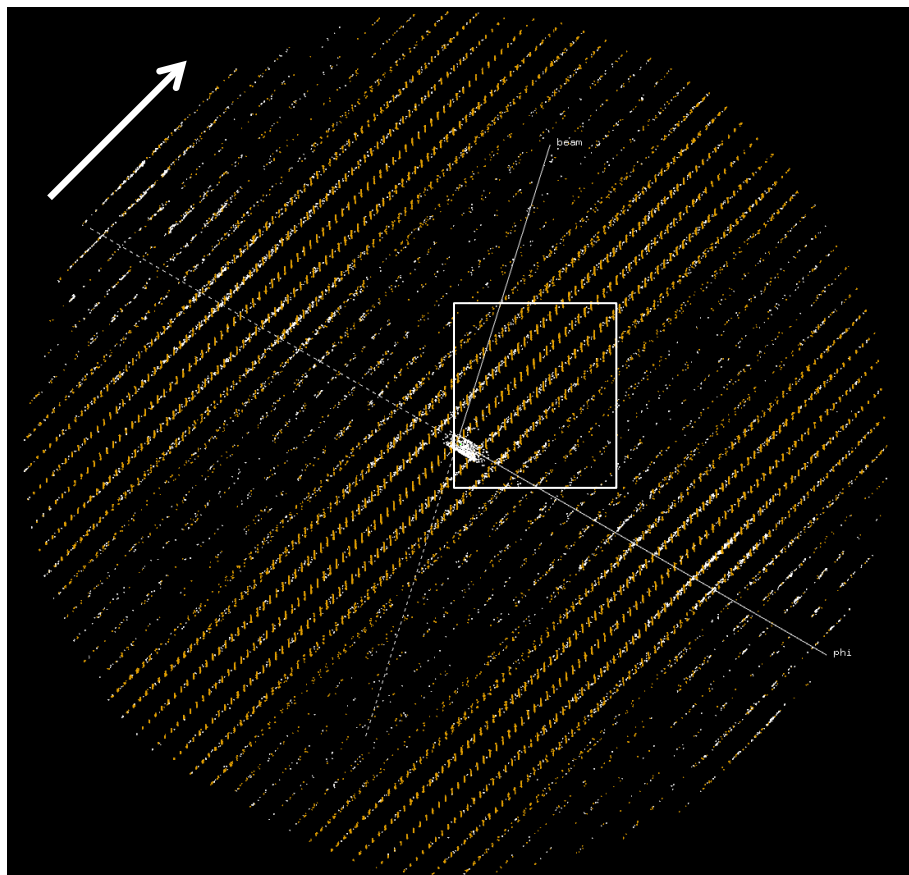


side view

White arrow indicates direction in which translational symmetry is not global (only within individual domains)



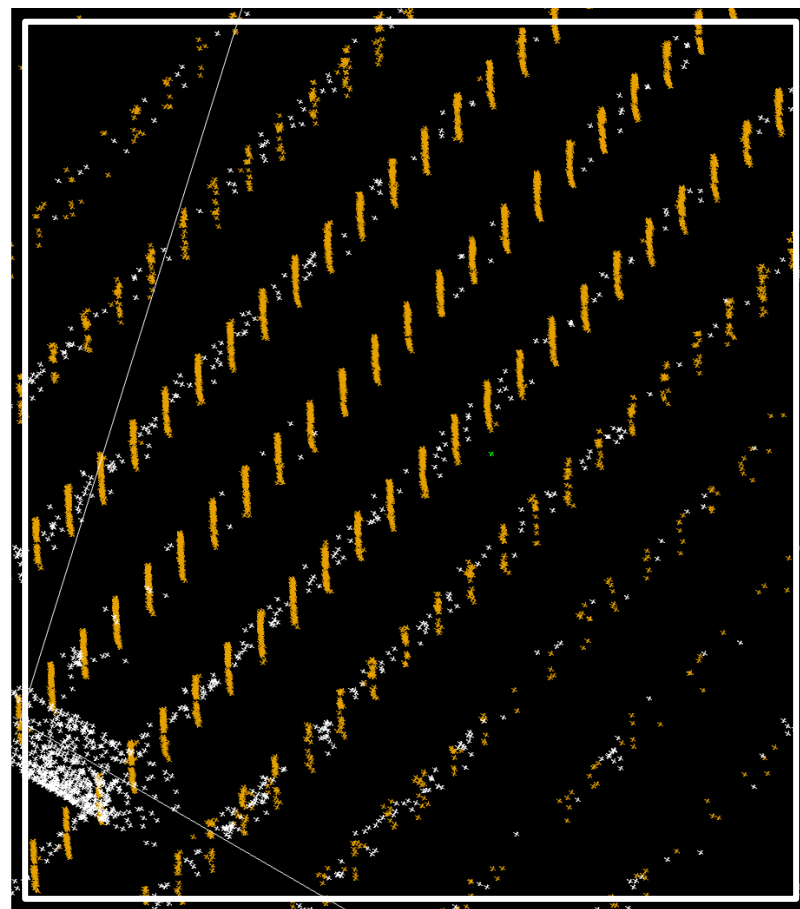
Example 2: correct indexing



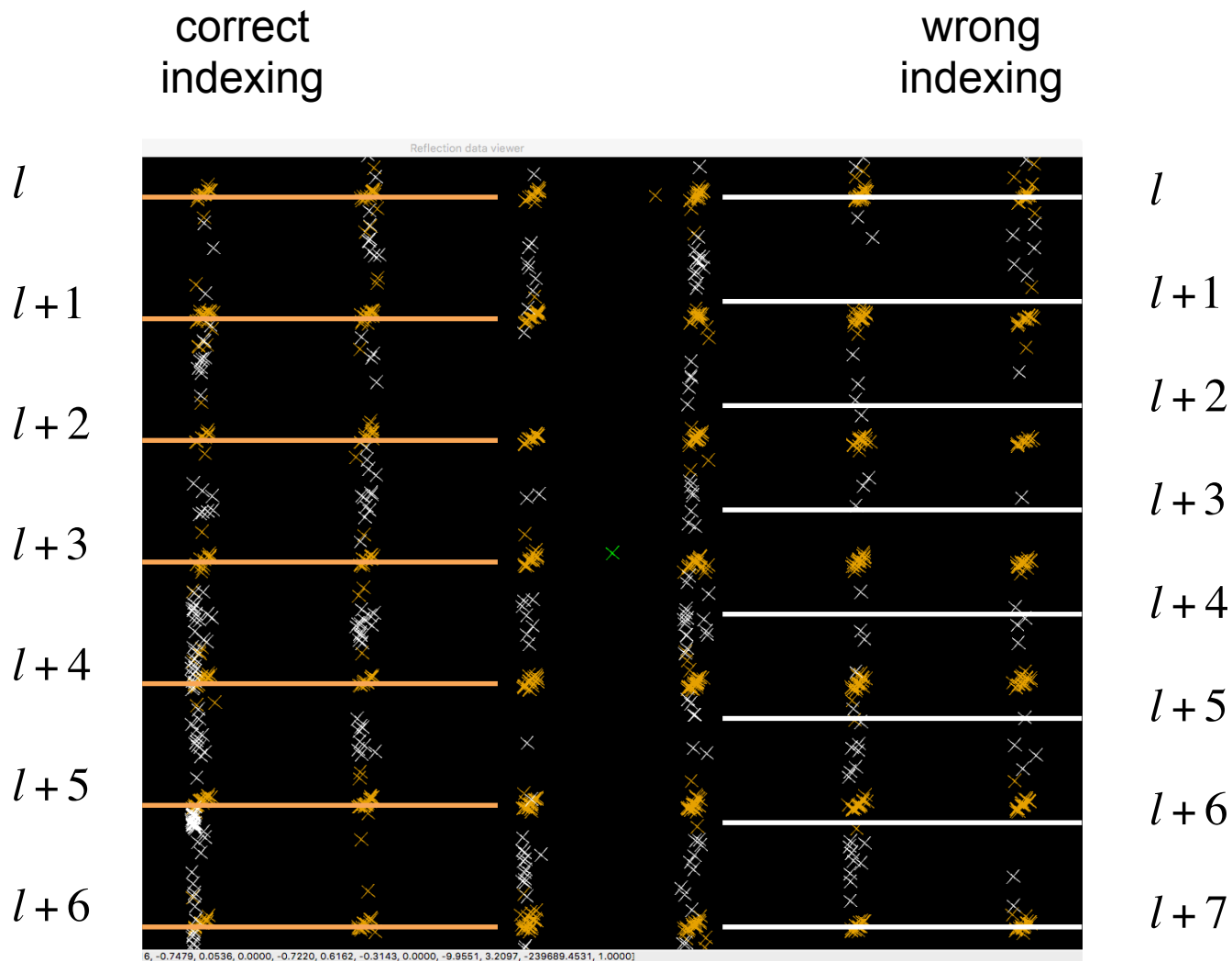
White arrow indicates direction in which translational symmetry is not global (only within individual domains)
There are also areas with less spots

White “spots” are not indexed; actually, these are tails of diffuse reflections

Indexing program may take them for real spots and fail.



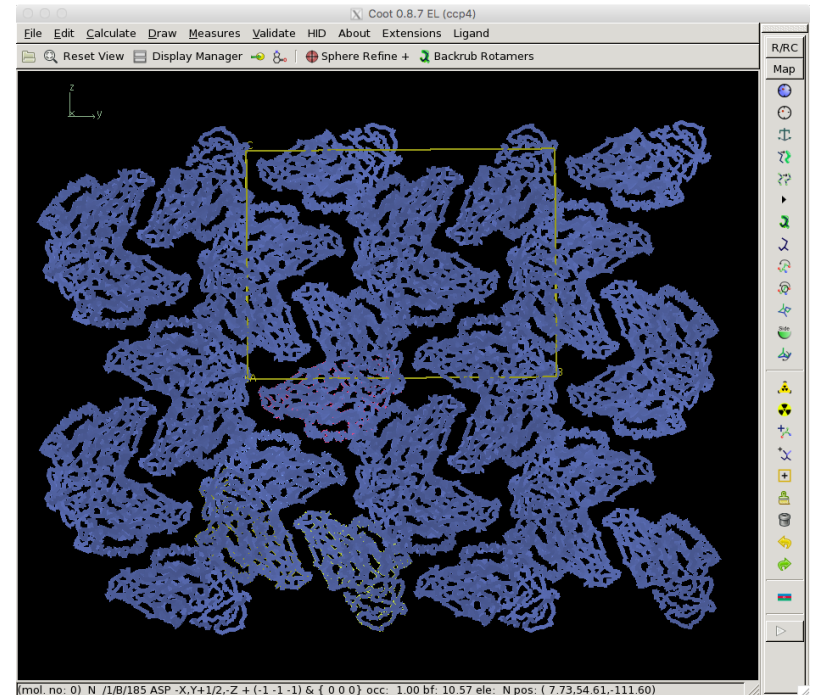
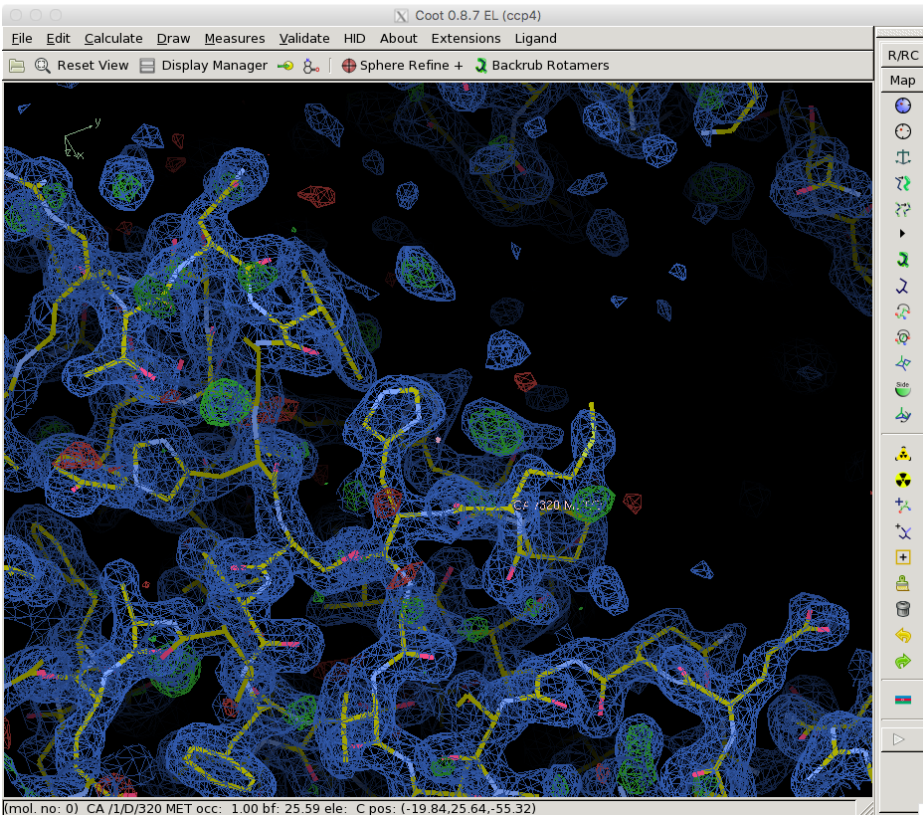
Example 2: what initially was wrong



Example 2: happy end

Maps ✓

Crystal Packing ✓



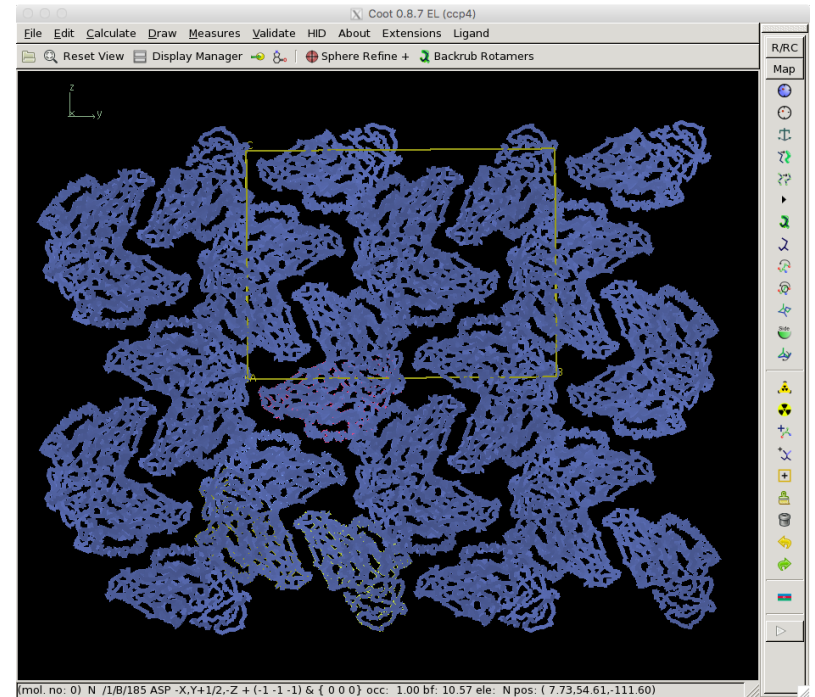
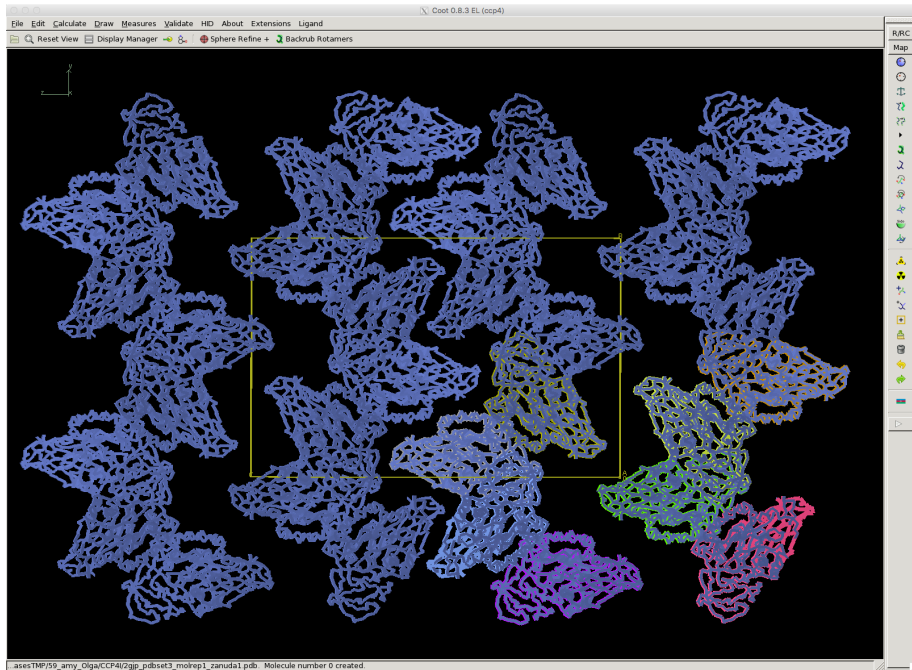
Refinement



$$R_{\text{cryst}} = 0.23$$

$$R_{\text{free}} = 0.26$$

Example 2: wrong and correct



Example 2: Summary

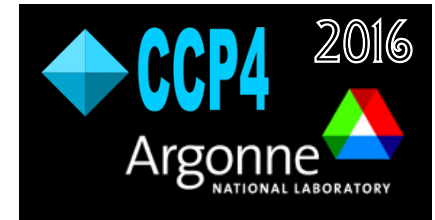
- Partial disorder a frequent reason of indexing failure
- Diffraction analysis in 3d is a good diagnostic tool for both partial disorder and for incorrect indexing
- **Warning:** high contrast in MR can be obtained even for wrongly indexed data provided that the search model is highly similar to the target
- Molecular replacement is quite tolerant to partial crystal disorder
 - » Especially RF
 - » In the next example this property of RF will be utilised

Example 3: unsolvable structure

Input information:

- Images are good
 - But there are several different indexing solutions
- 99% homologue for Molecular Replacement
 - But no MR solution
 - Even more, no contrast on Rotation Function
- Twinning?

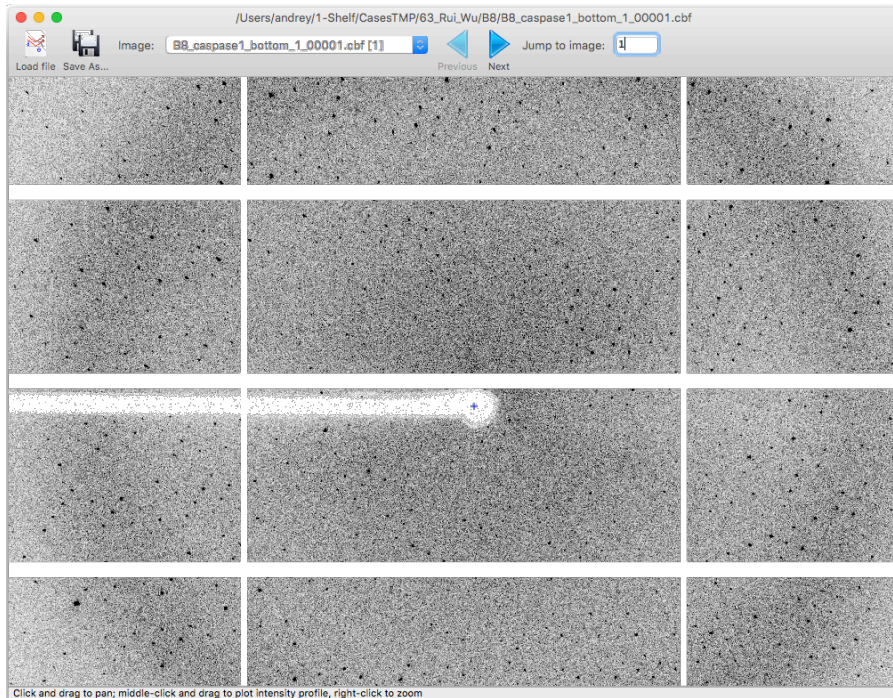
Example from Rui Wu



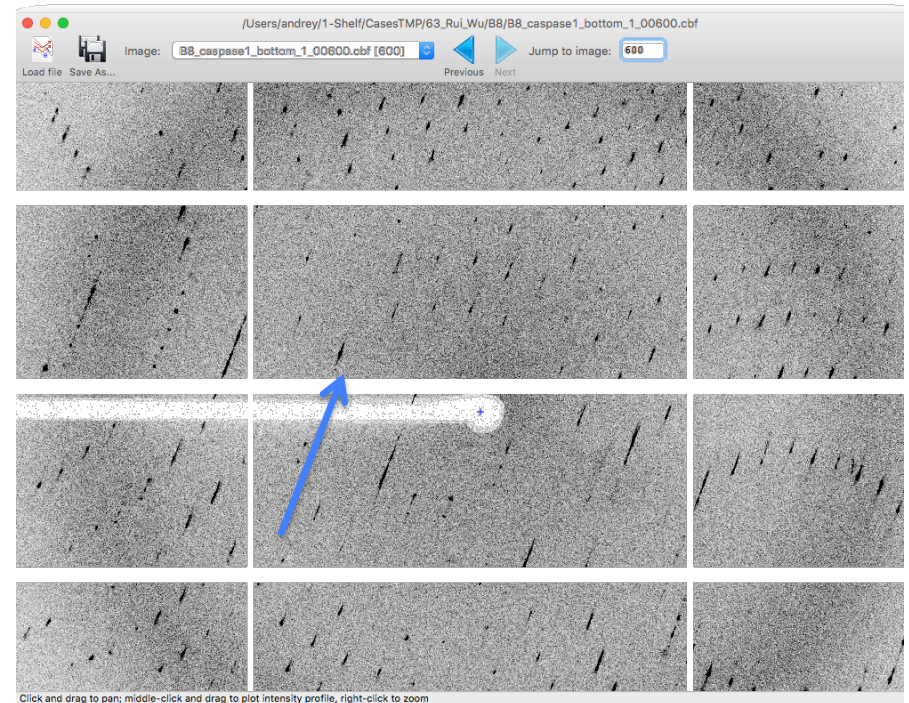
Example 3: first and last images

Partial disorder was not detected directly from images

first image



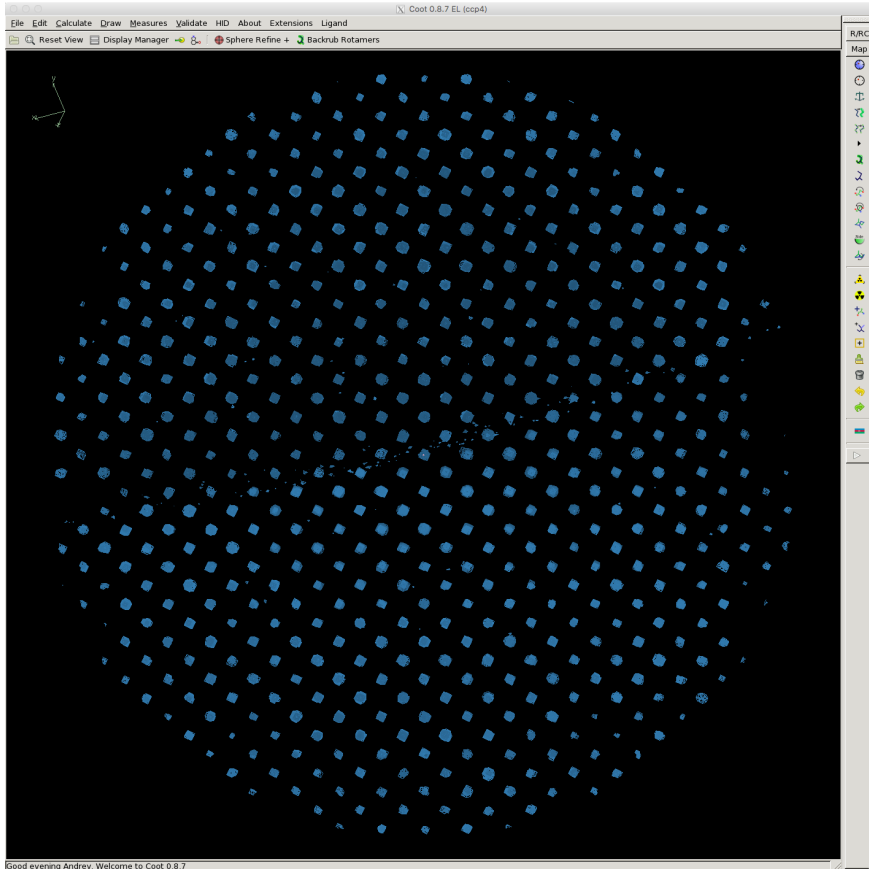
last image



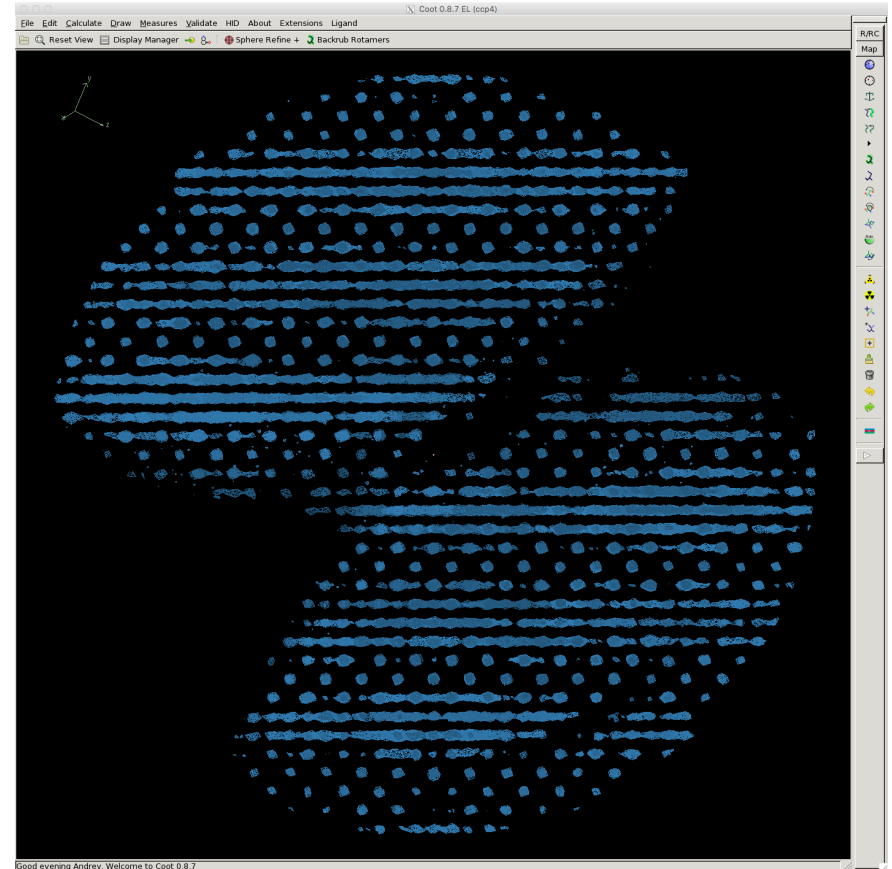
Blue arrow – direction of missing global translation

Example 3: checking diffraction in 3D

front view



side view



Clear partial disorder

Example 3: wrong and correct indexing

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dials.refine_bravais_settings experiments.json indexed.pickle
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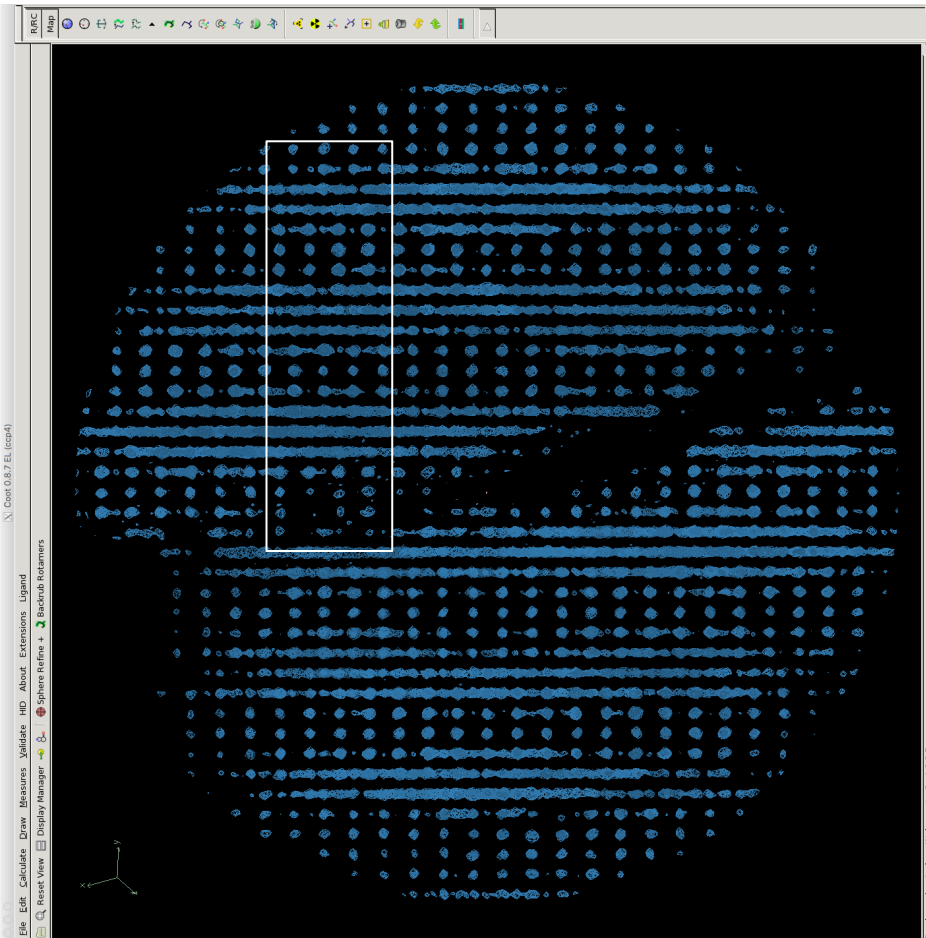
Solution	Metric	fit	rmsd	min/max	cc	#spots	lattice	unit_cell			volume	cb_op	
5	2.9808	1.922	0.400/0.828	12000	oI	87.66	103.91	117.35	90.00	90.00	90.00	1068882	-c, a+b-c, a-b
4	2.9808	1.873	0.400/0.400	12000	mI	103.84	87.53	117.25	90.00	89.69	90.00	1065729	a+b-c, c, a-b
3	2.9805	1.924	0.425/0.425	12000	mI	87.50	103.84	117.17	90.00	90.13	90.00	1064596	-c, -a-b+c, -a+b
2	0.0443	0.341	0.828/0.828	12000	mI	89.10	117.66	104.81	90.00	92.98	90.00	1097231	-c, a-b, -a-b+c
1	0.0000	0.343	-/-	12000	aP	89.09	89.15	89.05	62.01	62.04	82.57	547871	a, b, c

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dials.refine_bravais_settings experiments.json indexed.pickle
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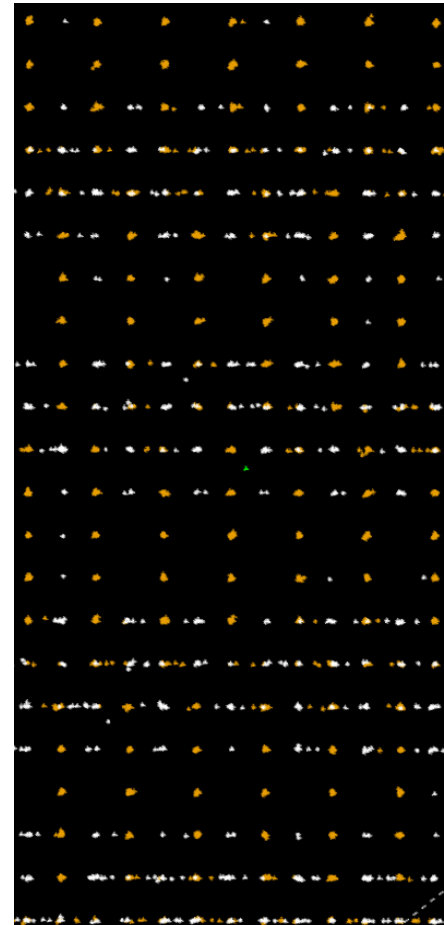
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5	0.0000	0.067	0.871/0.913	12000	oC	117.62	133.96	139.16	90.00	90.00	90.00	2192669	a+b, -a+b, c
4	0.0000	0.066	0.913/0.913	12000	mC	133.96	117.62	139.14	90.00	90.02	90.00	2192369	a-b, a+b, c
3	0.0000	0.067	0.871/0.871	12000	mC	117.62	133.96	139.16	90.00	90.00	90.00	2192772	a+b, -a+b, c
2	0.0000	0.062	0.912/0.912	12000	mP	89.14	139.13	89.09	90.00	97.43	90.00	1095633	-a, -c, -b
1	0.0000	0.060	-/-	12000	aP	89.14	89.09	139.12	89.98	90.01	97.43	1095521	a, b, c

Example 3: wrong and correct indexing

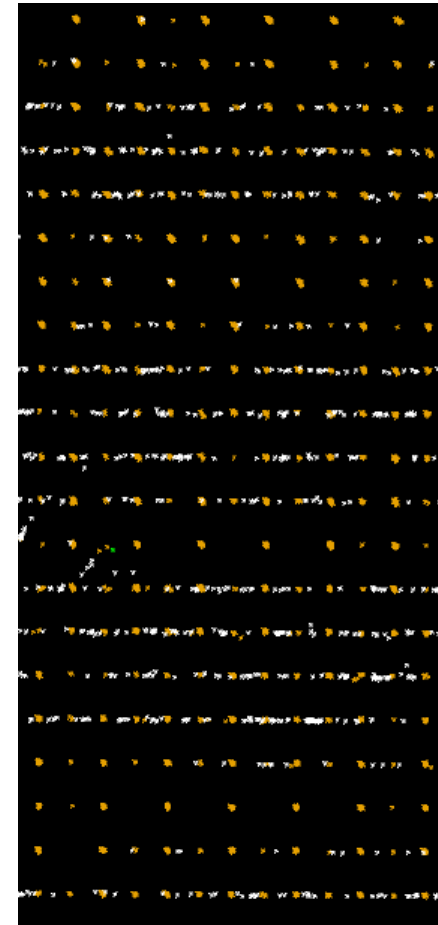
- Yellow spots are indexed, the white ones are not.



2, C (wrong)

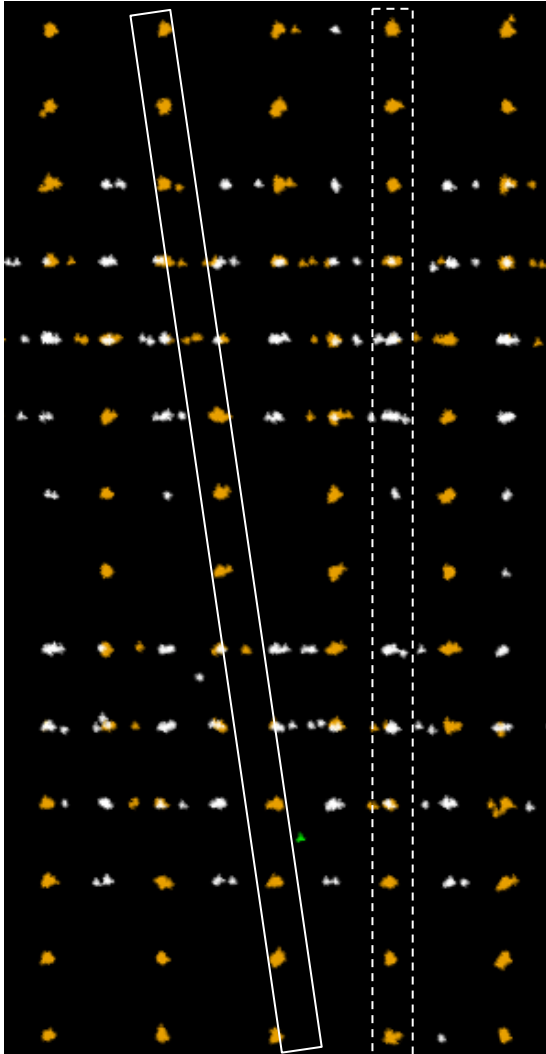


222, C (correct)

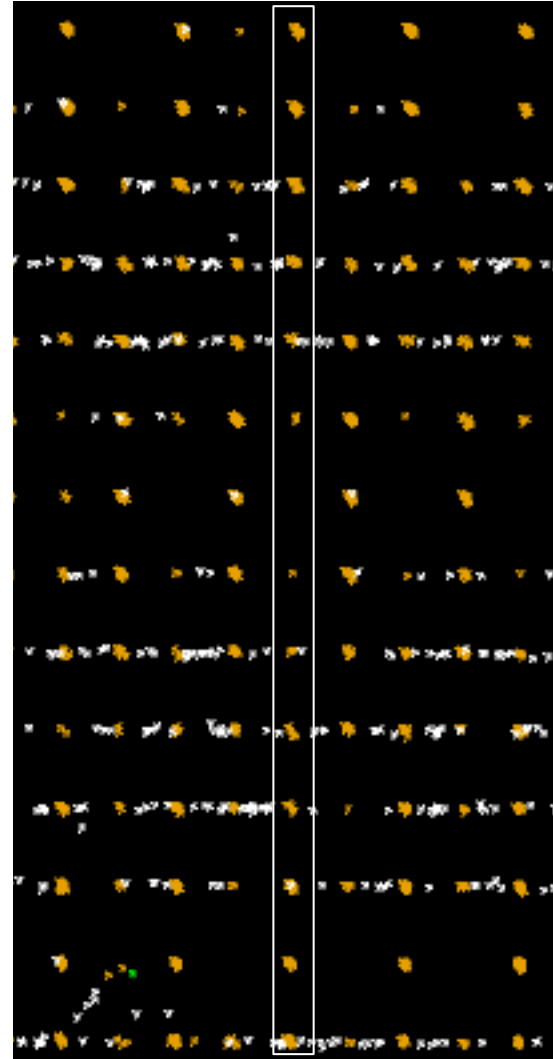


Example 3: wrong and correct indexing

2, C (wrong)



222, C (correct)



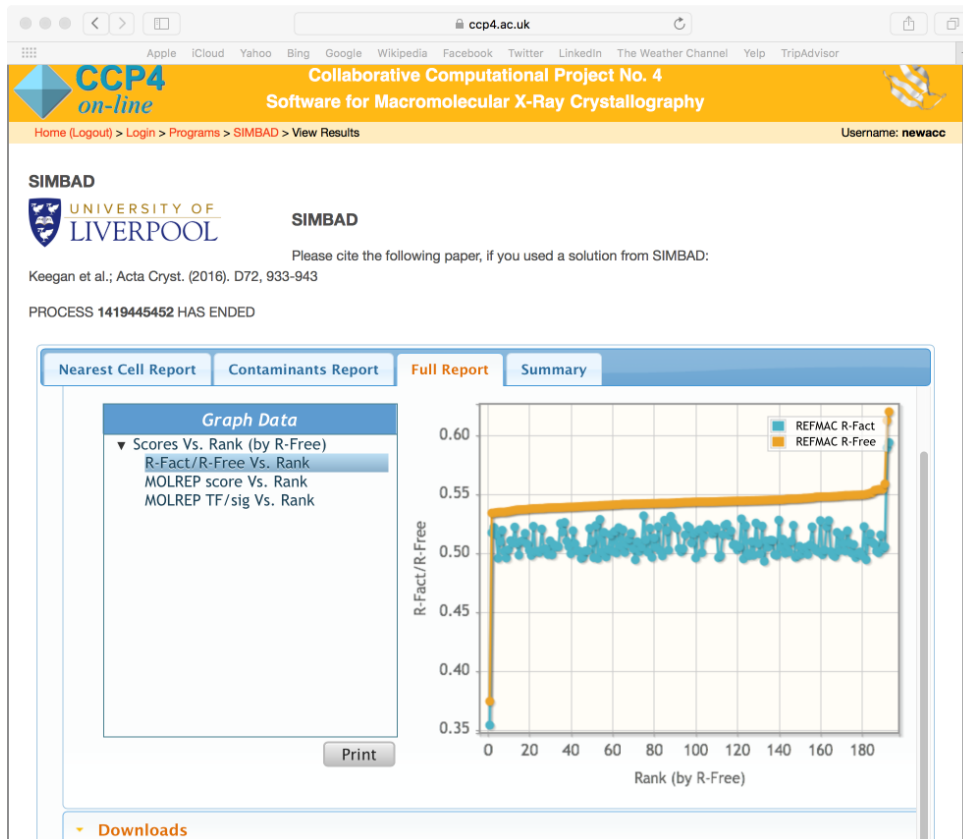
Example 3: unsolvable structure

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 - Even more, no contrast on Rotation Function
- Twinning?

Example 3: MR against PDB (Simbad; less happy end)

Despite very clean sample
a minor contaminant has crystallised:



An example of
misinterpreted structure
of a contaminant protein
is described here:

Manfred S. Weiss, M., S. et al.
(2016). A critical examination
of the recently reported crystal
structures of the human SMN
protein. *Hum. Mol. Genet.*

Do not blame crystal defects for not
finding a solution!

Partial disordered OD structures

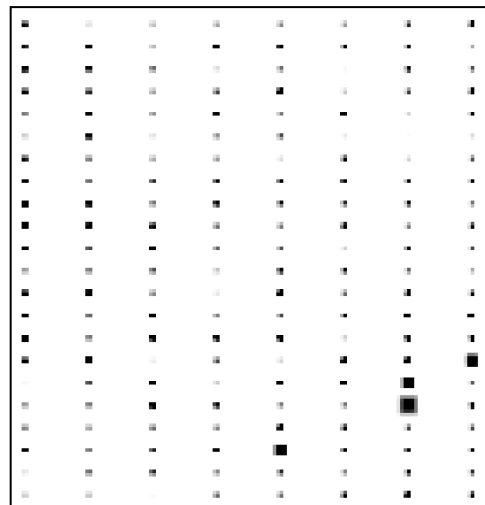
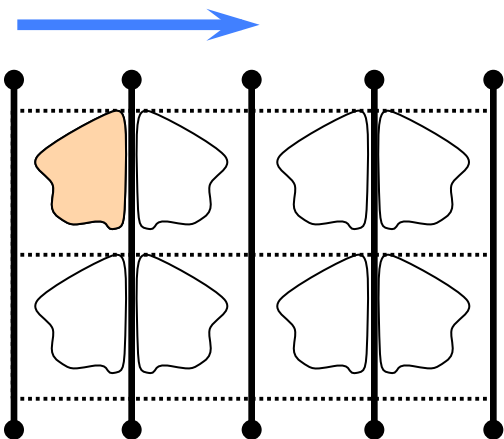
- Data processing
 - Indexing can go wrong (use higher "gain" parameter, merge several adjacent images together etc. to correct)
- Structure solution:
 - Molecular Replacement - yes
 - Experimental phasing - required demodulation
 - » otherwise ghost substructure atoms confuse the phasing program?
- Refinement / model building:
 - Some features of electron density may not be interpreted (ghost density)
 - Expect (substantially) higher R-factors
- Crystals with translocation defects
 - Term usually used in MX for partially disordered pseudo-orthorhombic crystals

Pseudo-translation

- Visualisation
- Effect on indexing
- Pseudo-origin MR solutions

Pseudotranslation

Crystallographic translation



No pseudotranslation

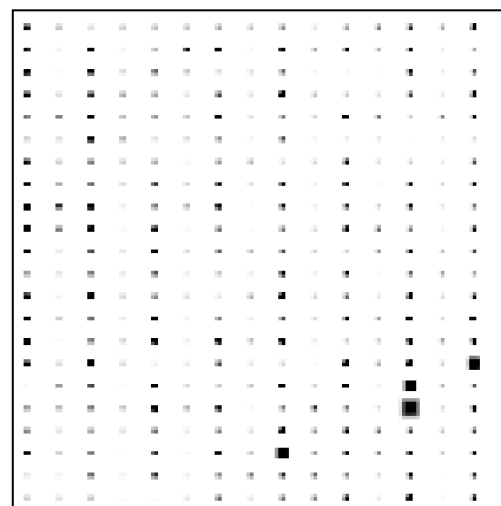
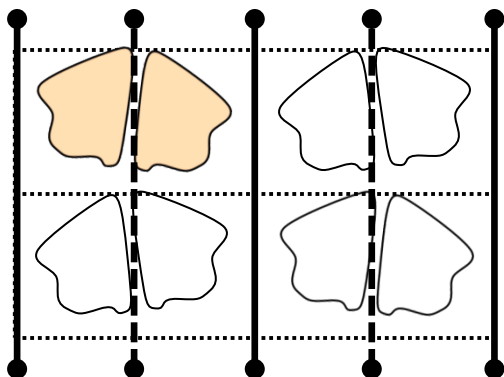
$$c$$

$$c^*$$

Crystallographic translation



Pseudo-translation



Pseudotranslation

$$c' = 2c$$

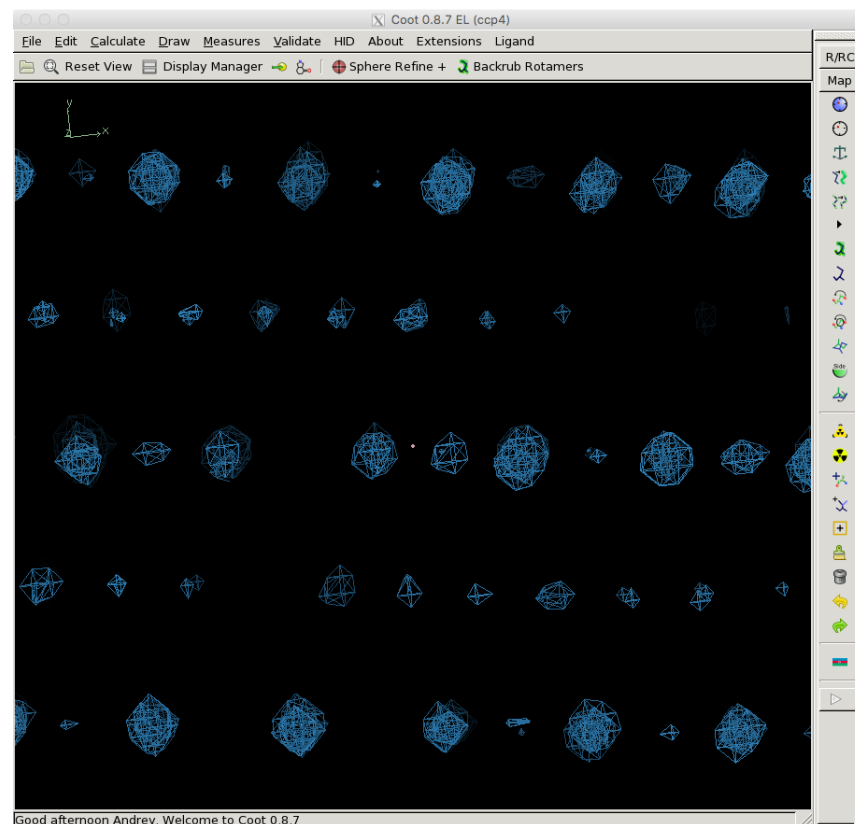
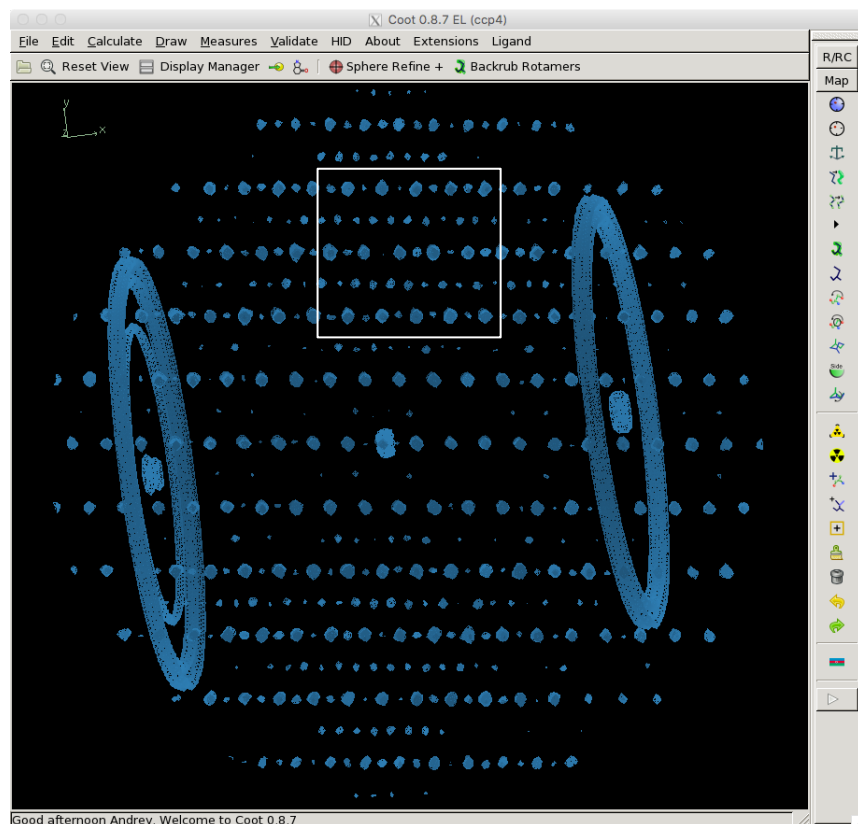
$$c'^* = c^*/2$$

Planes $2L+1$ contain weak reflections

Example: two pseudo-translation vectors

Example from Victor Lamzin, YSBL-DESY

	point group	lattice type	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)
Space group	222	C	74.9	122.8	125.0
Pseudo-symmetry space group	222	I	37.5	61.4	125.0

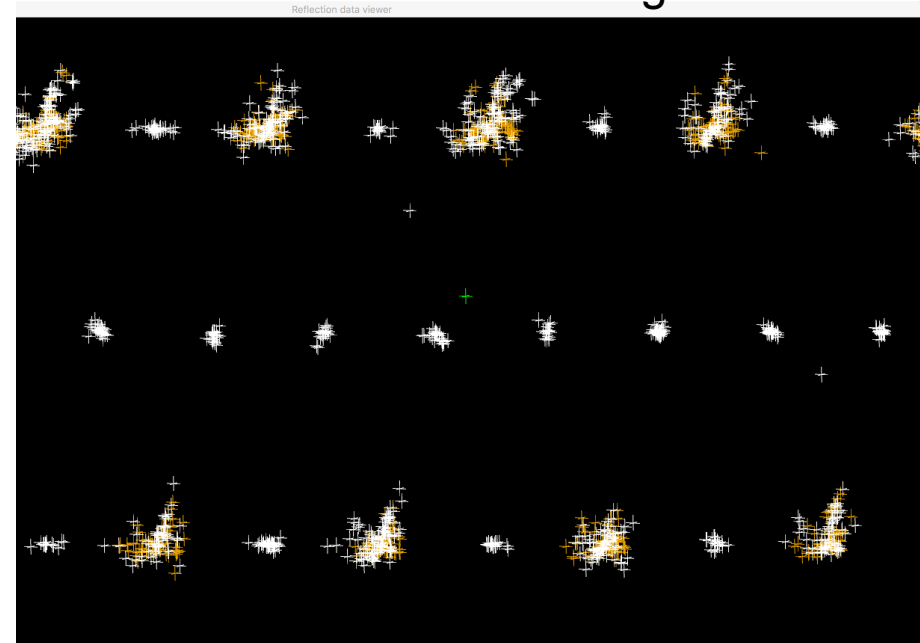
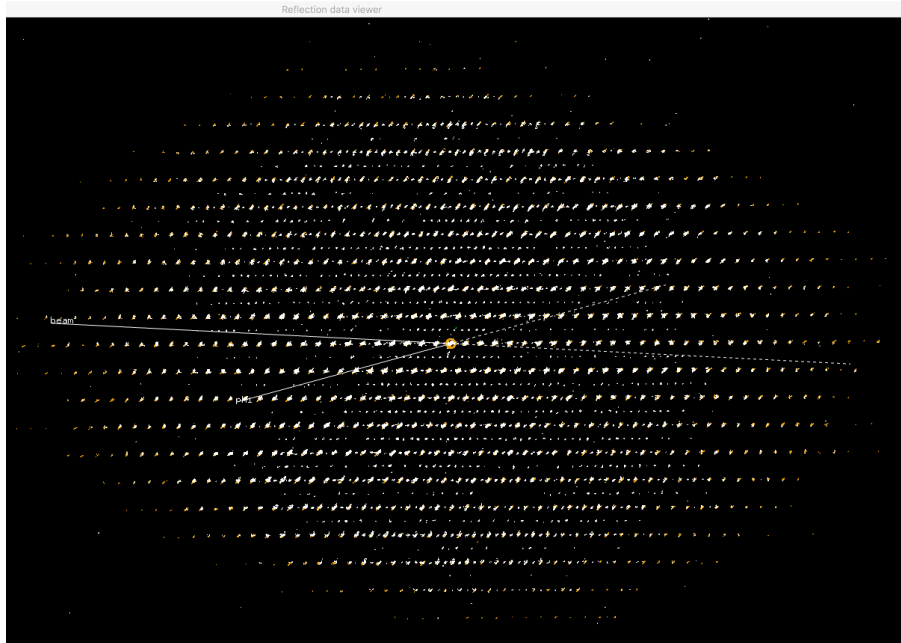


Example: two pseudo-translation vectors

Images imported as they were, oscillation 0.1°

```
dials.import template=images/SeMet_38_04_0####.cbf
dials.find_spots ...
dials.index ...
dials.refine ...
dials.reciprocal_lattice_viewer ...
```

white – not indexed
orange – indexed

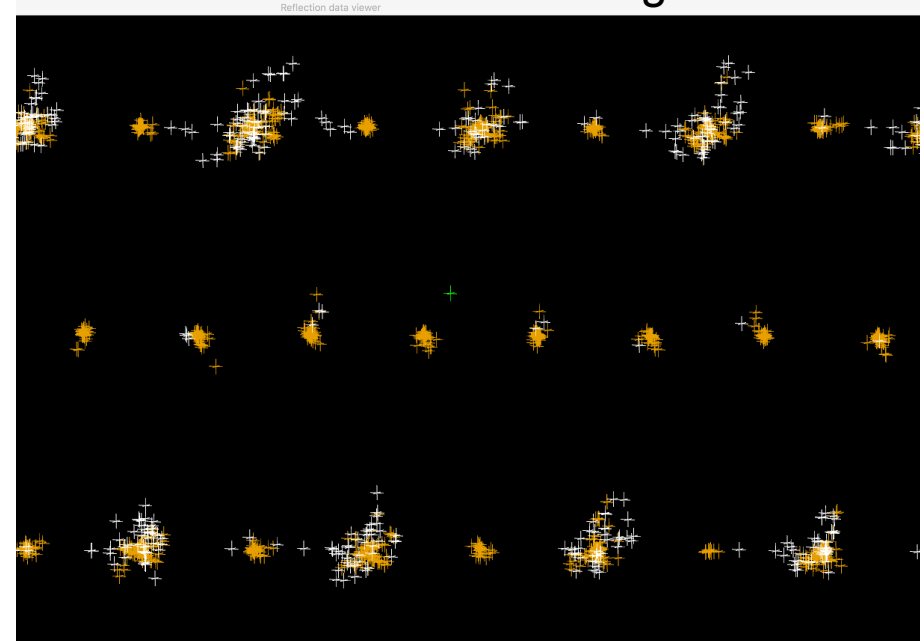
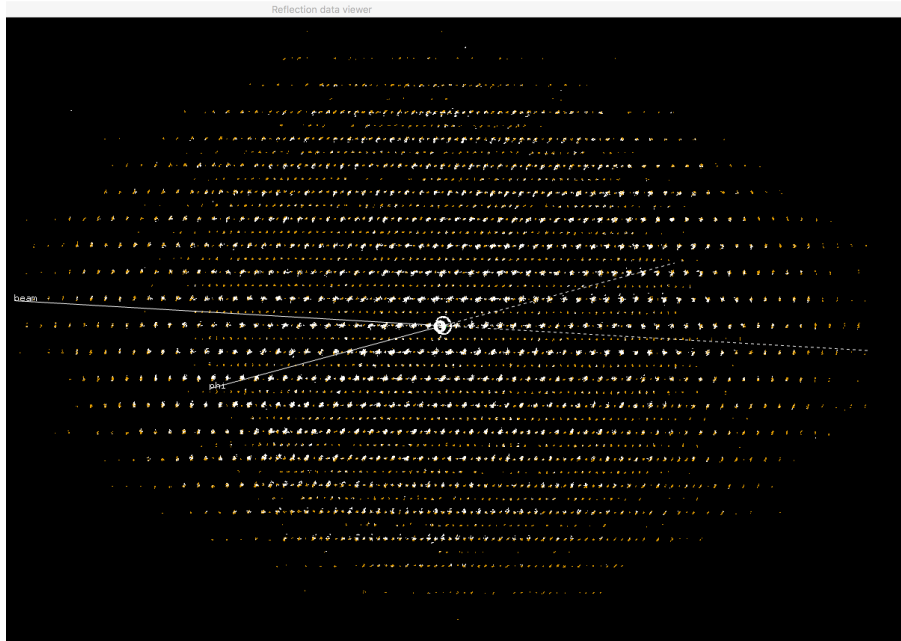


Example: two pseudo-translation vectors

Merged each 5 adjacent images to make oscillation 0.5° , then imported

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dials.merge_cbf images/SeMet_38_04_0####.cbf merge_n_images=5
dials.import template=sum_####.cbf
dials.find_spots ...
dials.index ...
dials.refine ...
dials.reciprocal_lattice_viewer ...
```

white – not indexed
orange – indexed



Pseudo-translation and indexing

The last example:

- structure solved using SAD
- then native structure was solved by MR

Weak reflections may confuse indexing programs

Visual control using 3D viewers is useful

- check if pseudo-translation is not overlooked
- check if pseudo-translation is not an indexing artefact

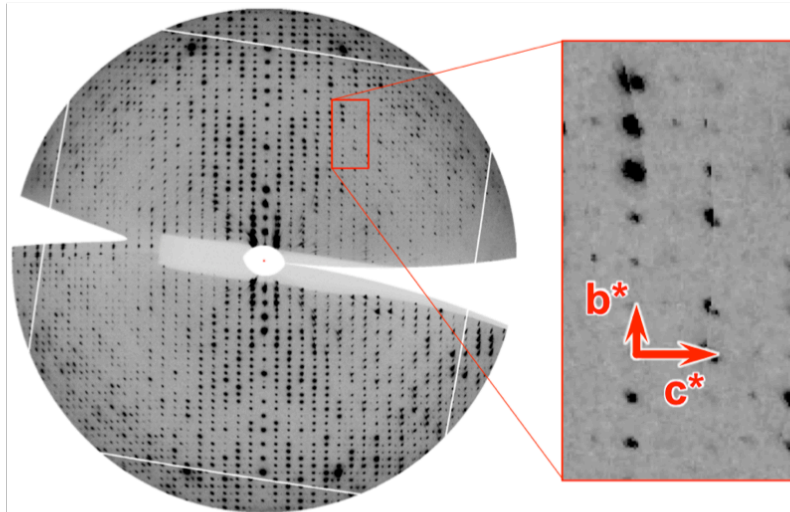
How important is to use the weak reflections?

- there are examples when these only make refinement stats worse
- usually improve both density and refinement stats
- sometimes ignored to simplify the first steps of structure solution and used later

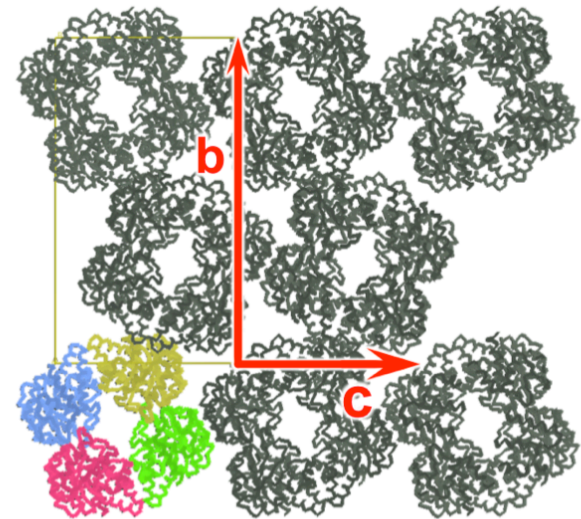
Non-commensurate modulated structures

- Example
 - » from Ivan Campeotto, Oxford and Arwen Pearson, DESY (PDB id 2wnq)

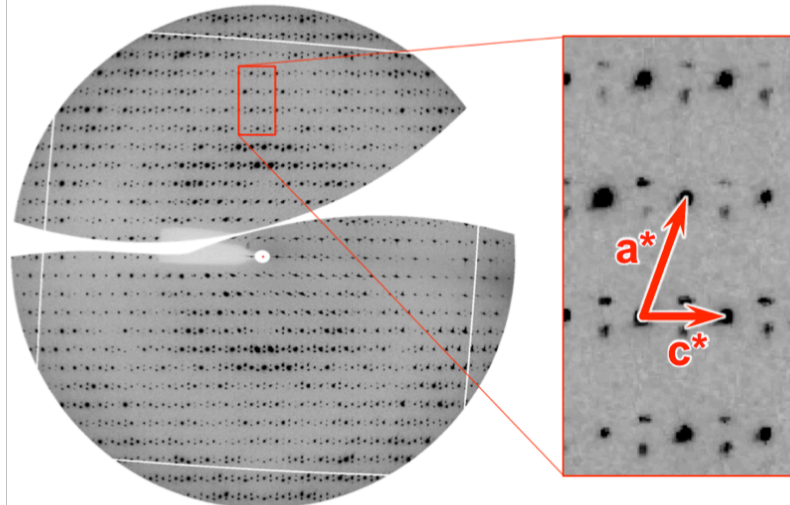
Non-commensurate modulated structure



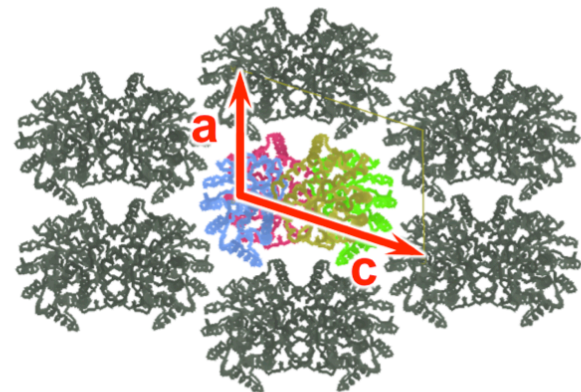
(a)



(b)



(c)



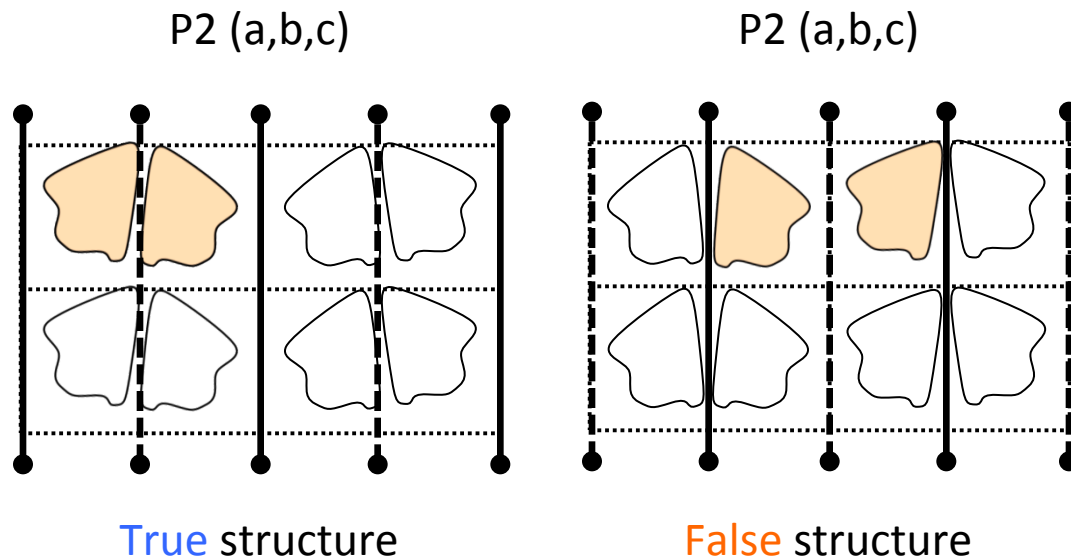
(d)

END

Pseudotranslation: what else can go wrong?

Cell and H-M symbol
are the same

Crystallographic and
pseudosymmetry axes
are interchanged



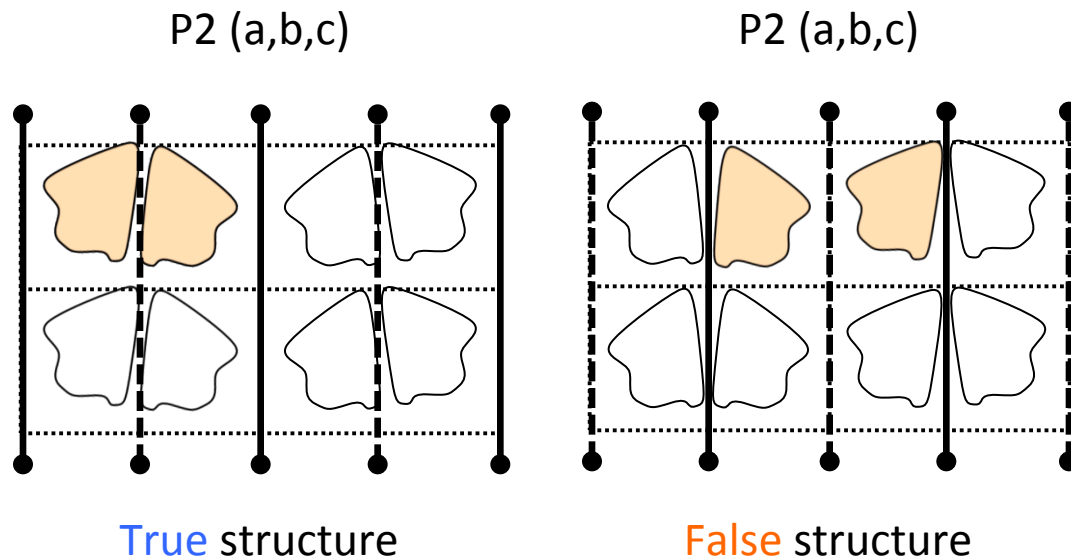
Molecular Replacement:

- If two structures are globally very similar (e.g. rmsd = 0.5Å)
- MR can in some cases pick up a wrong solution

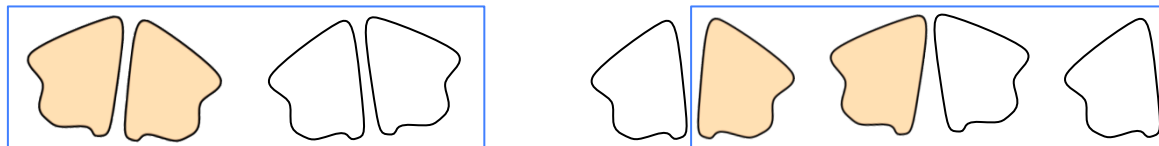
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Molecular graphics:
structure is shifted
relative to the unit cell

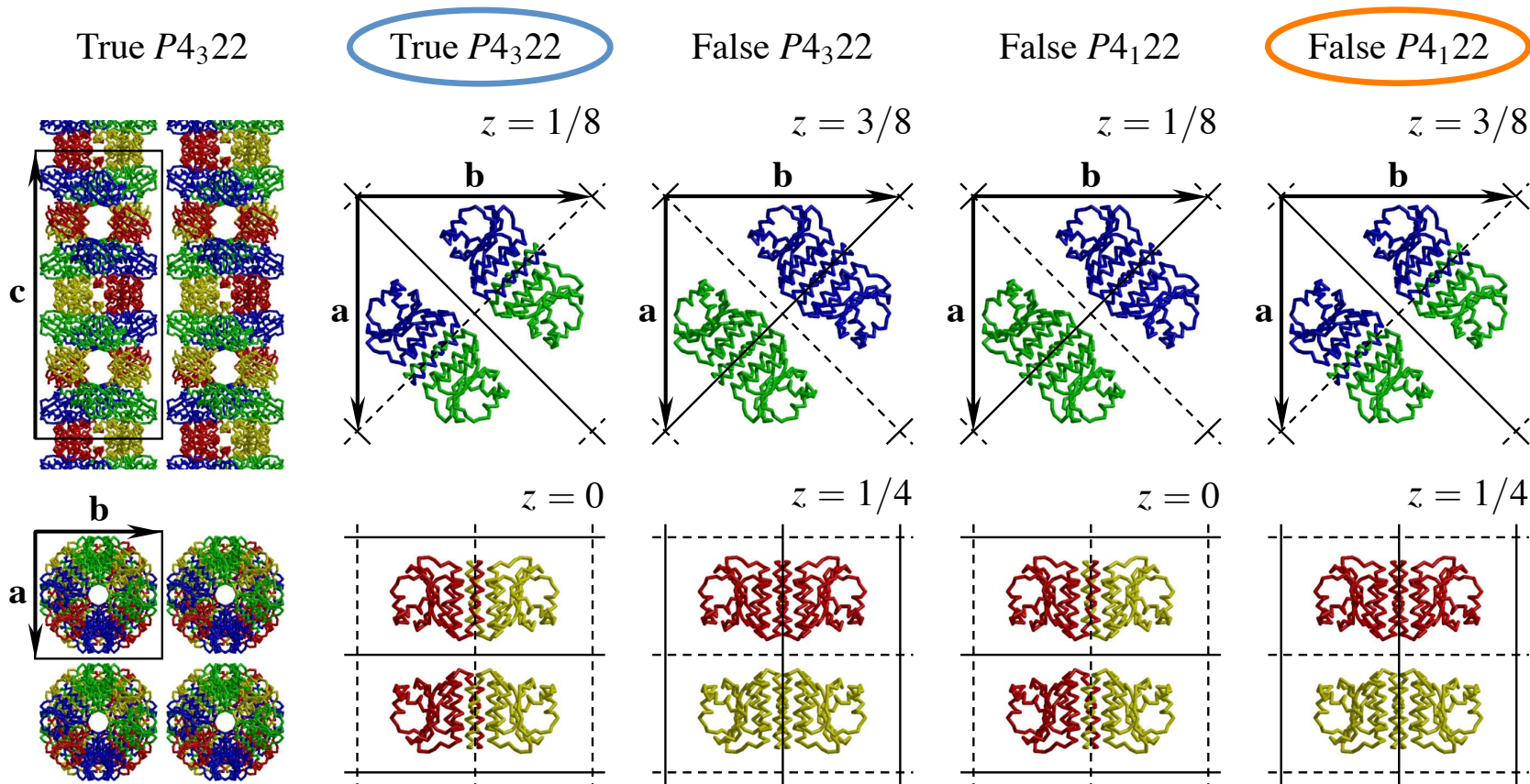


Four alternative solutions in two space groups

GAF (N-terminal) domain of CodY protein from *Bacillus subtilis*

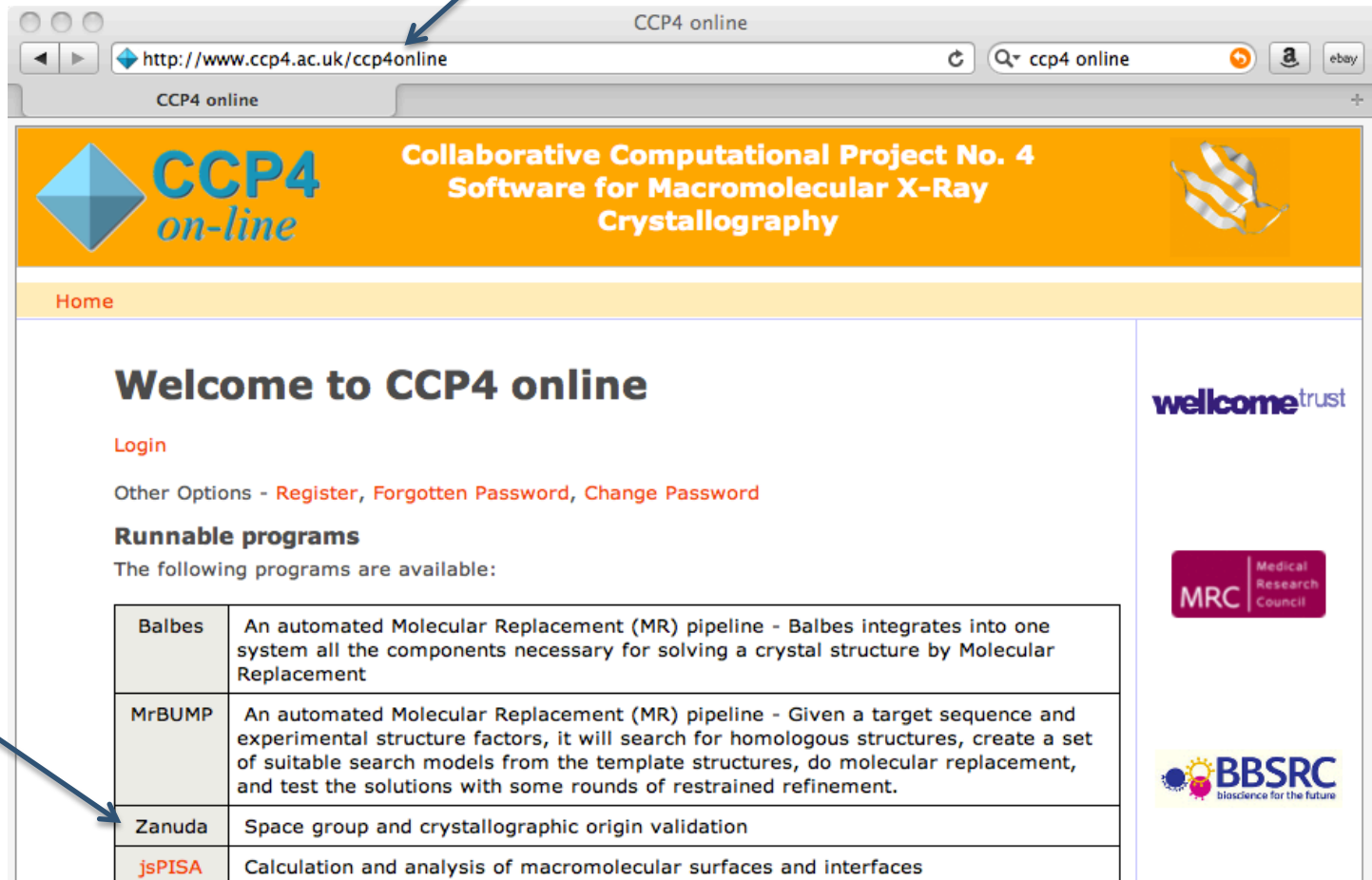
Levdikov, V. M. et al. (2006). *J Biol Chem* 281, 11366-73.

MR solution



CCP4 online

<http://www.ccp4.ac.uk/ccp4online>



The screenshot shows the CCP4 online website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the CCP4 logo and the text "Collaborative Computational Project No. 4 Software for Macromolecular X-Ray Crystallography". Below this, a "Home" link is visible. The main content area features a "Welcome to CCP4 online" heading, followed by a "Login" link and "Other Options" including "Register", "Forgotten Password", and "Change Password". A section titled "Runnable programs" lists available tools. The "Zanuda" program is highlighted with a blue arrow pointing from the word "Zanuda" on the left. To the right of the program list, there are logos for "welcome trust", "MRC Medical Research Council", and "BBSRC bioscience for the future".

Program Name	Description
Balbes	An automated Molecular Replacement (MR) pipeline - Balbes integrates into one system all the components necessary for solving a crystal structure X by Molecular Replacement
MrBUMP	An automated Molecular Replacement (MR) pipeline - Given a target sequence and experimental structure factors, it will search for homologous structures, create a set of suitable search models from the template structures, do molecular replacement, and test the solutions with some rounds of restrained refinement.
Zanuda	Space group and crystallographic origin validation
jsPISA	Calculation and analysis of macromolecular surfaces and interfaces

Zanuda

Zanuda is also included in CCP4 program suite