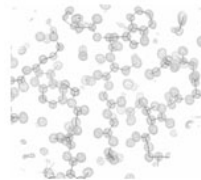
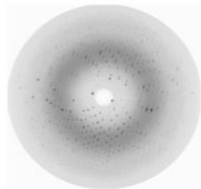
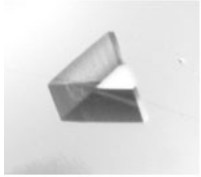


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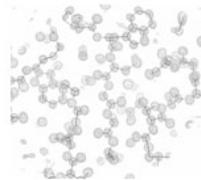
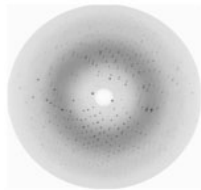
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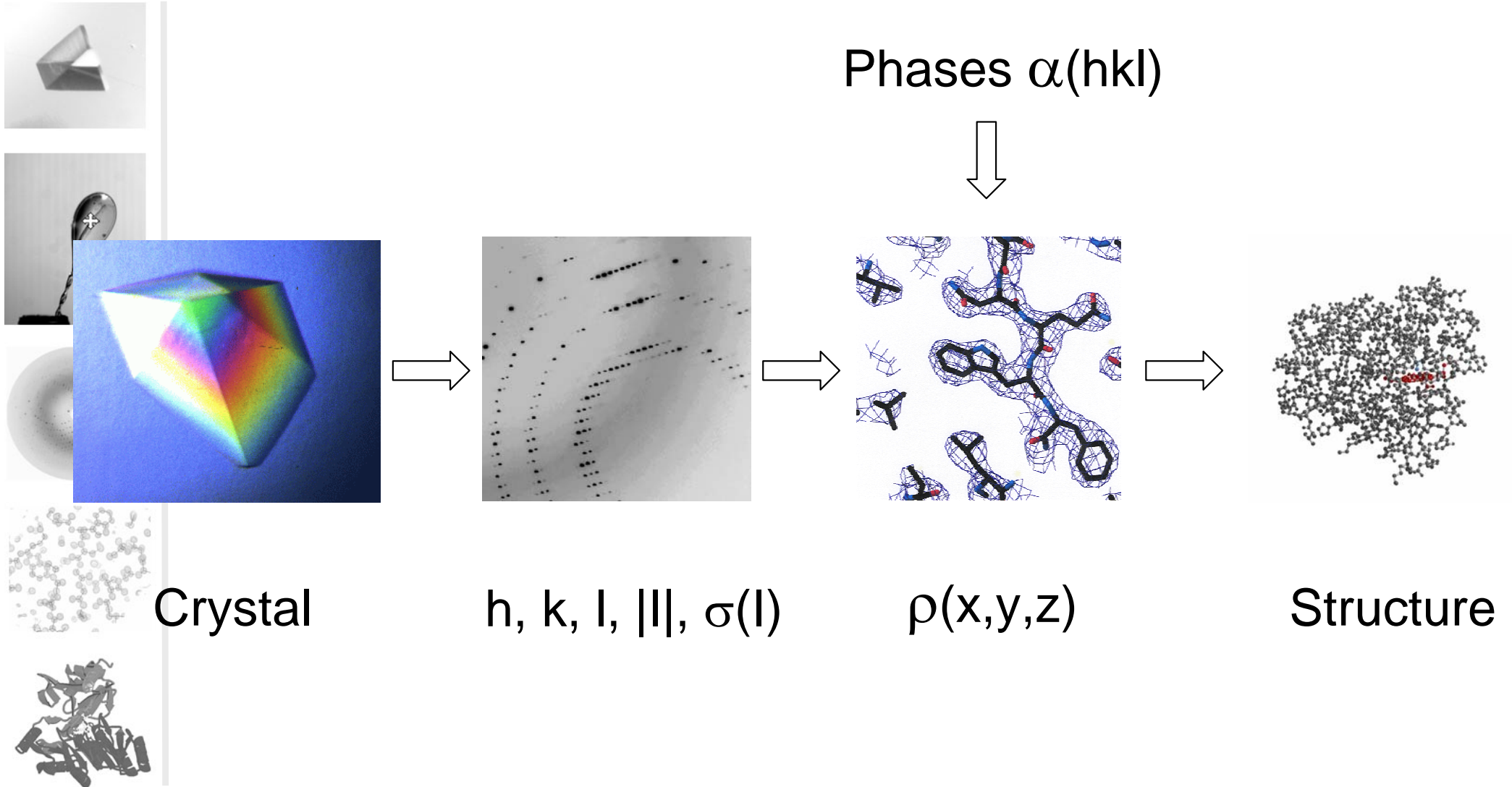
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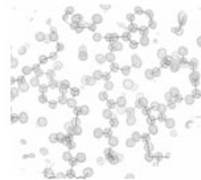
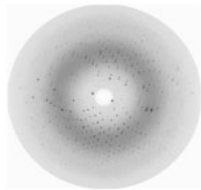
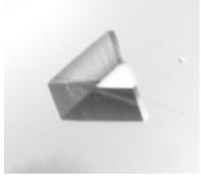
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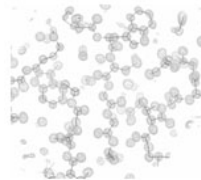
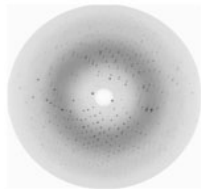
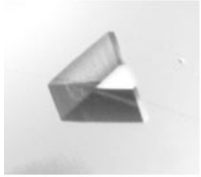


The collection of diffraction data is the last real **experiment** that is conducted before the determination and refinement of the structure.

The factors involved in diffraction data collection are complex and require some thought in order to produce the highest quality data set possible.

The quality of the diffraction data ultimately determines the quality of the resulting structure.

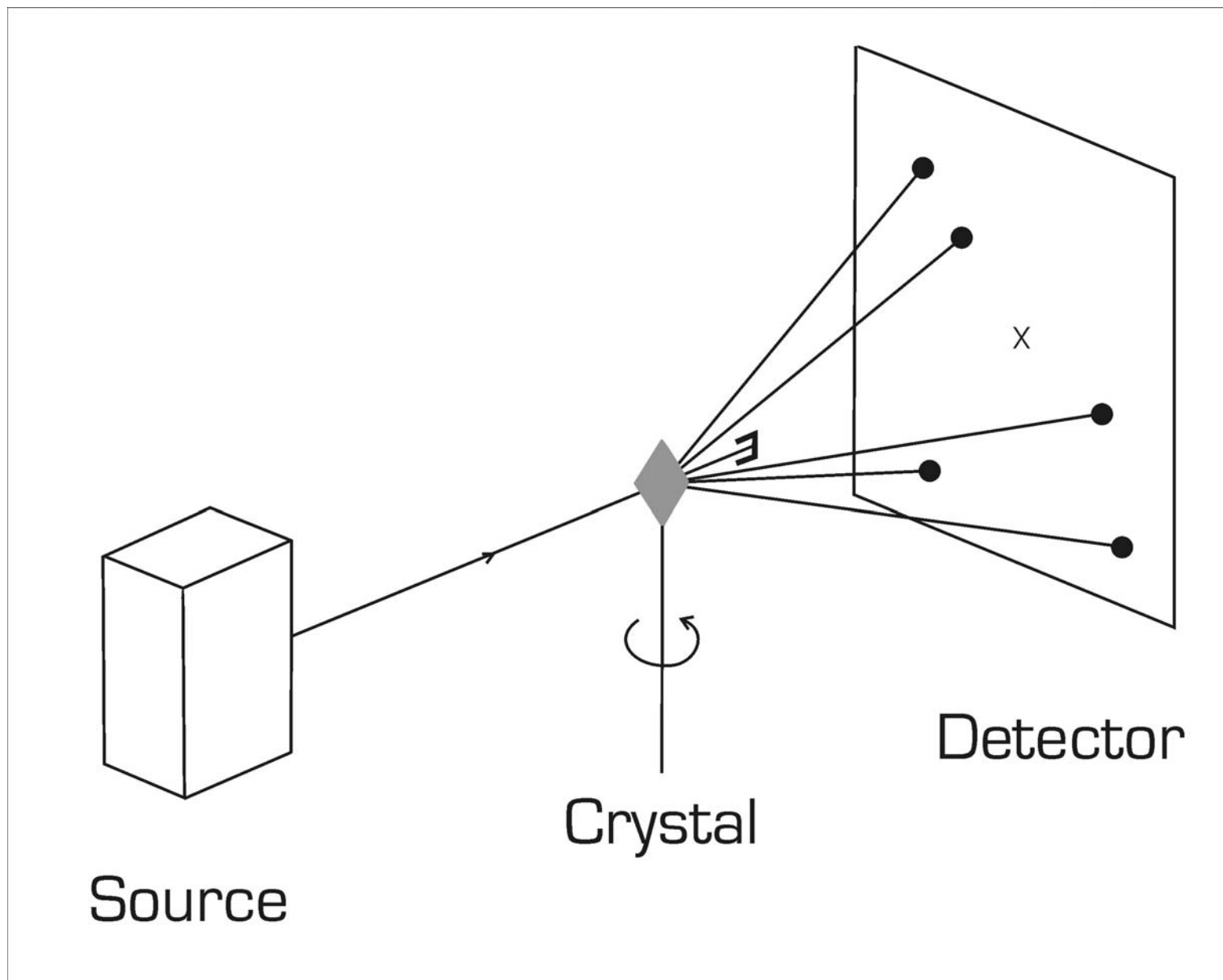
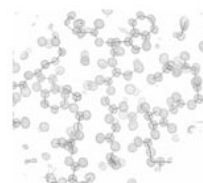
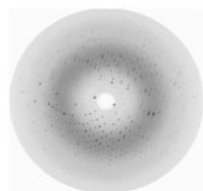
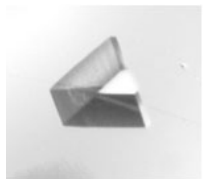
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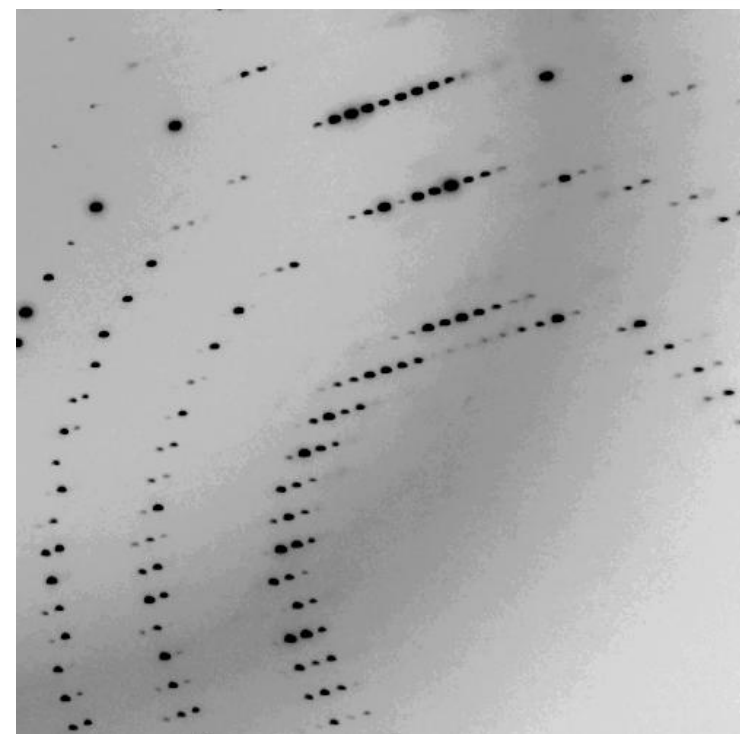
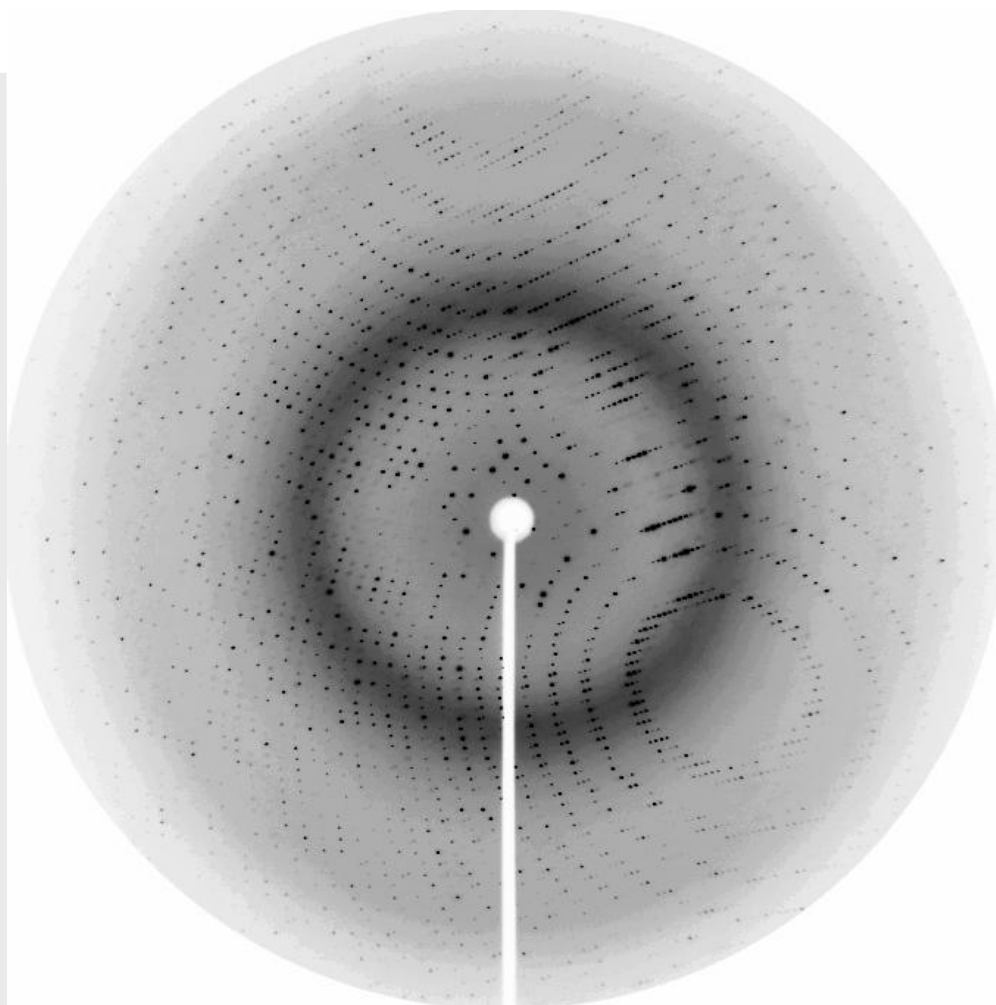
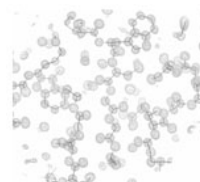
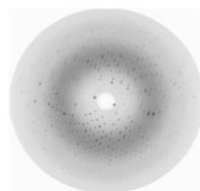
Two objectives:

- ❖ to collect a complete data set
- ❖ to collect the best possible data set

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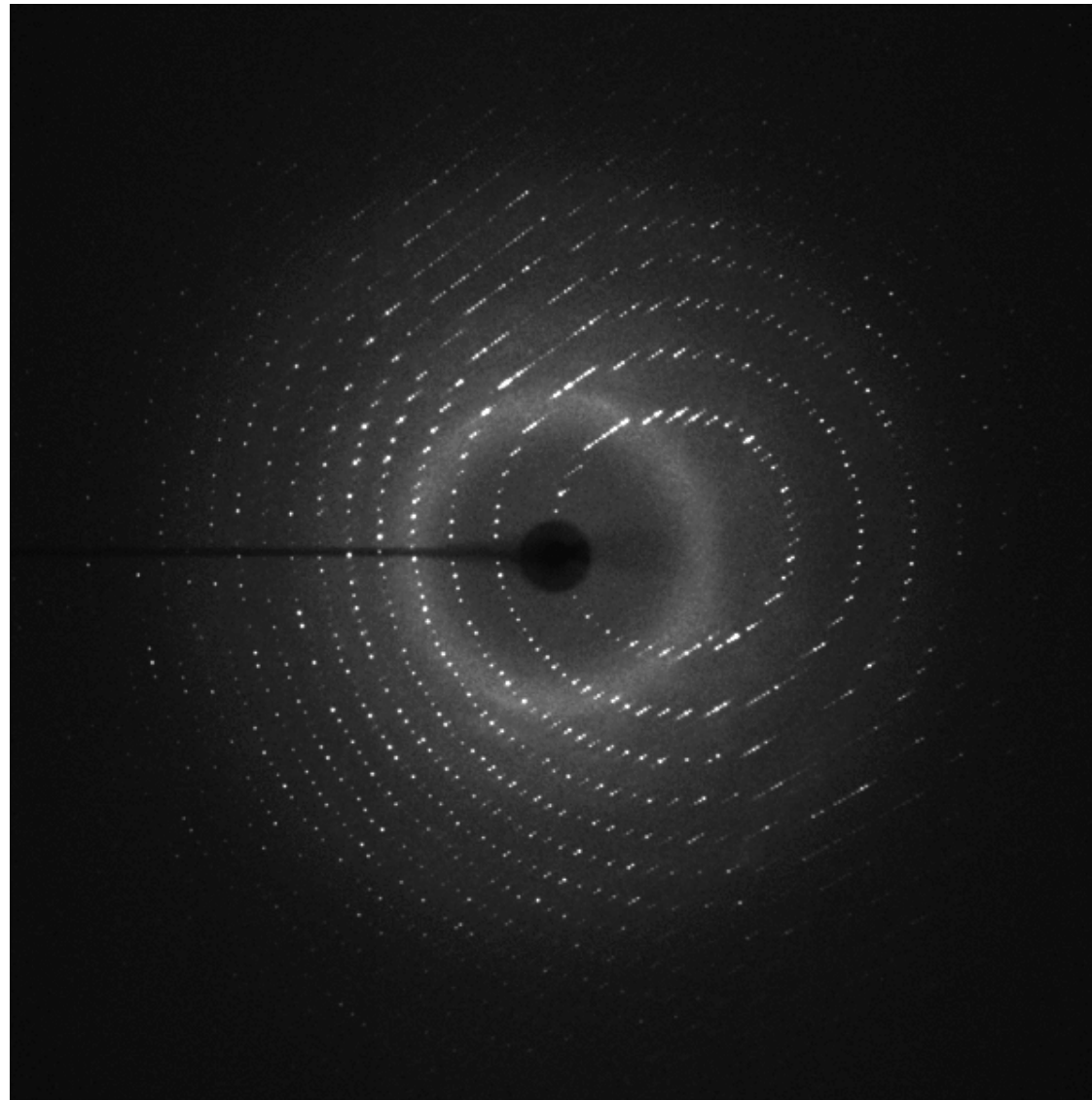
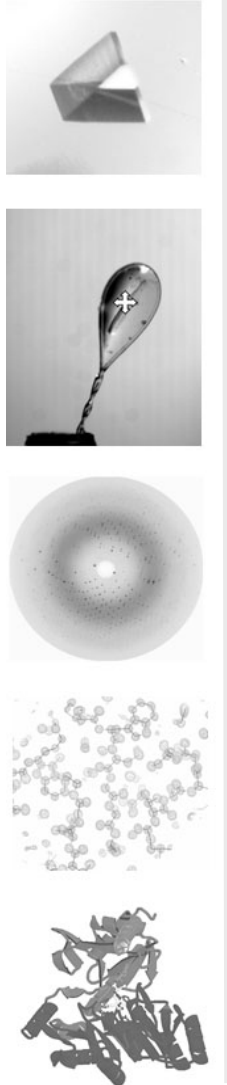
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h, k, l Miller indices

I(h,k,l) intensity

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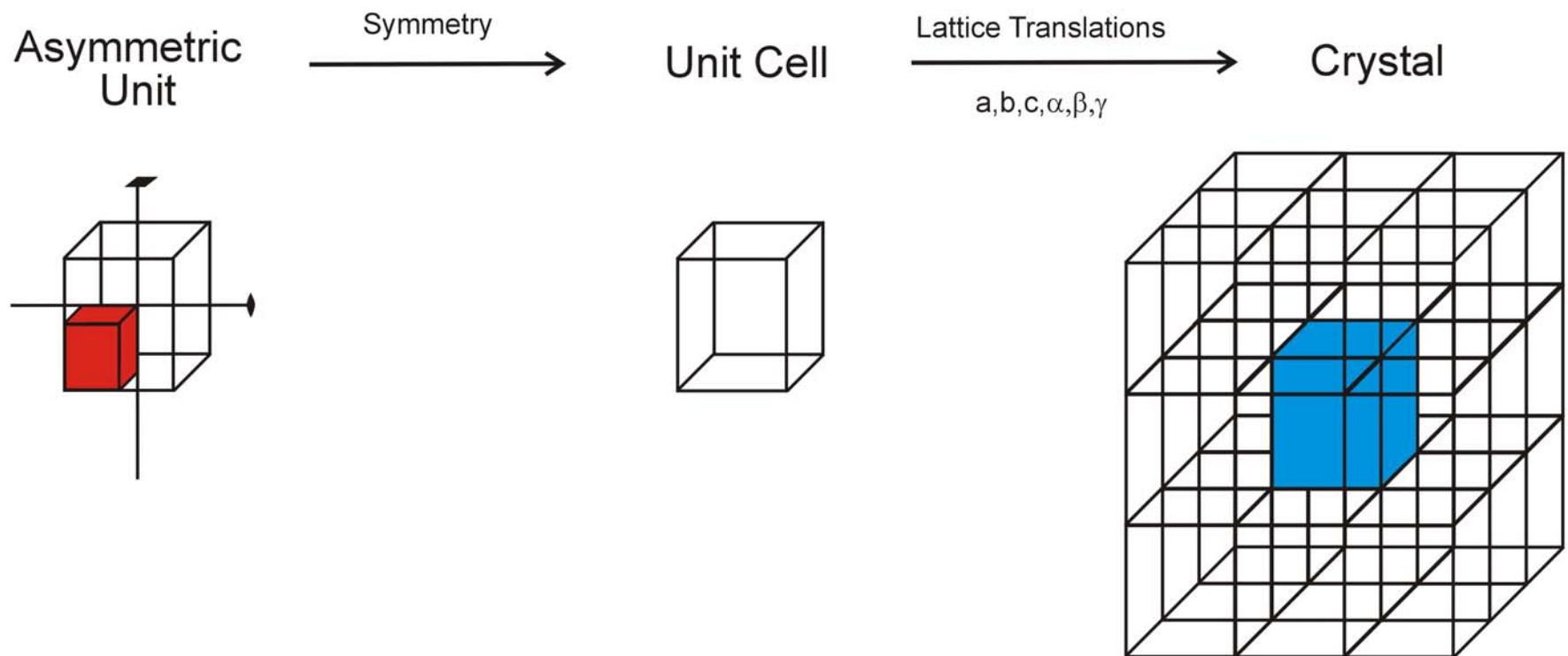
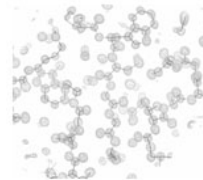
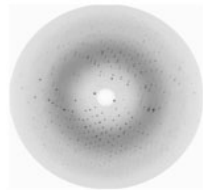
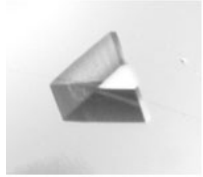
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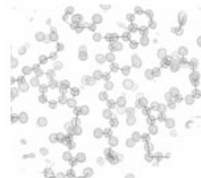
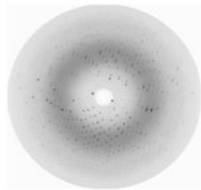
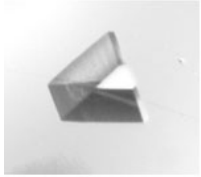
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A Crystal

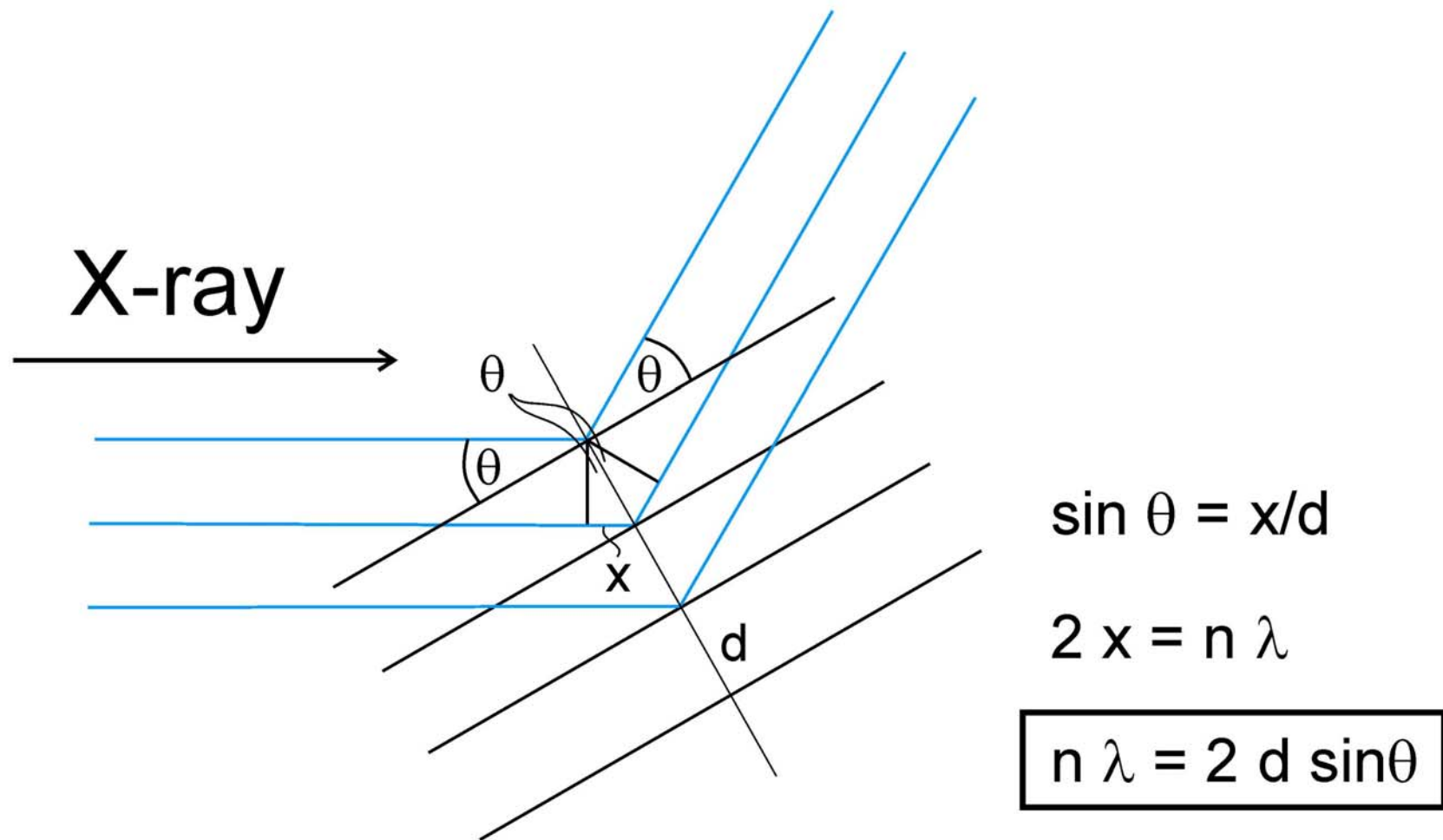
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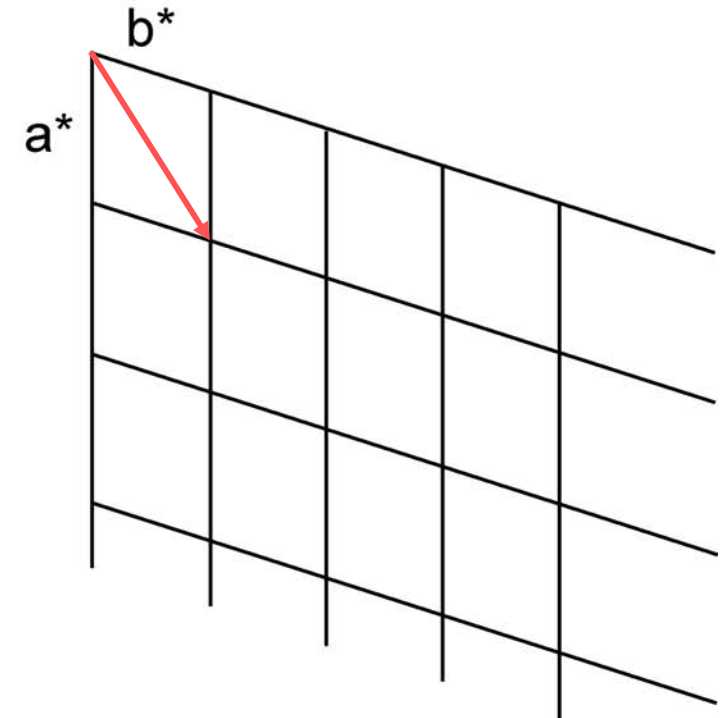
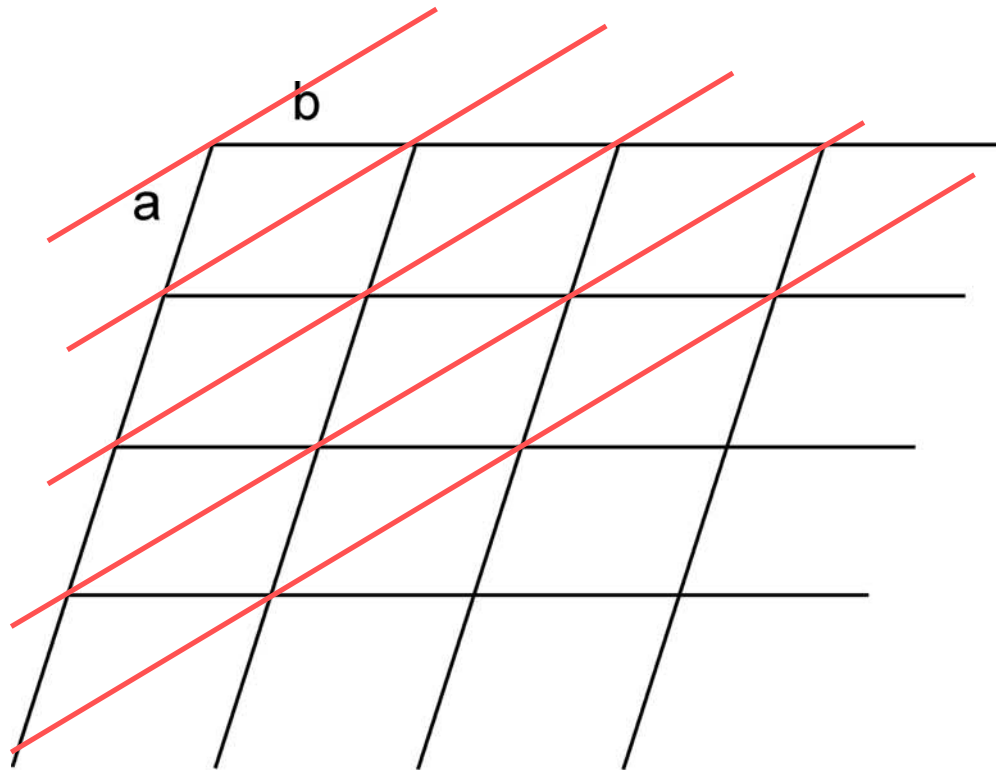
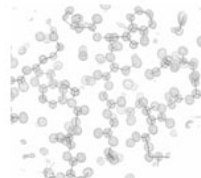
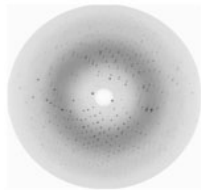
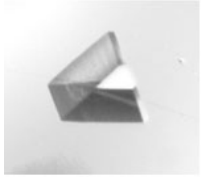
Diffraction as Reflection (Bragg)



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The Reciprocal Lattice (2D)



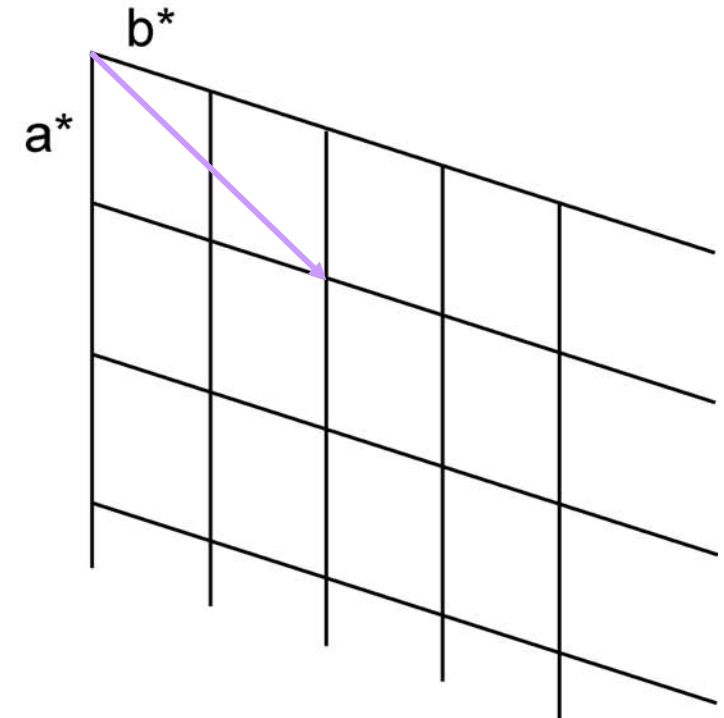
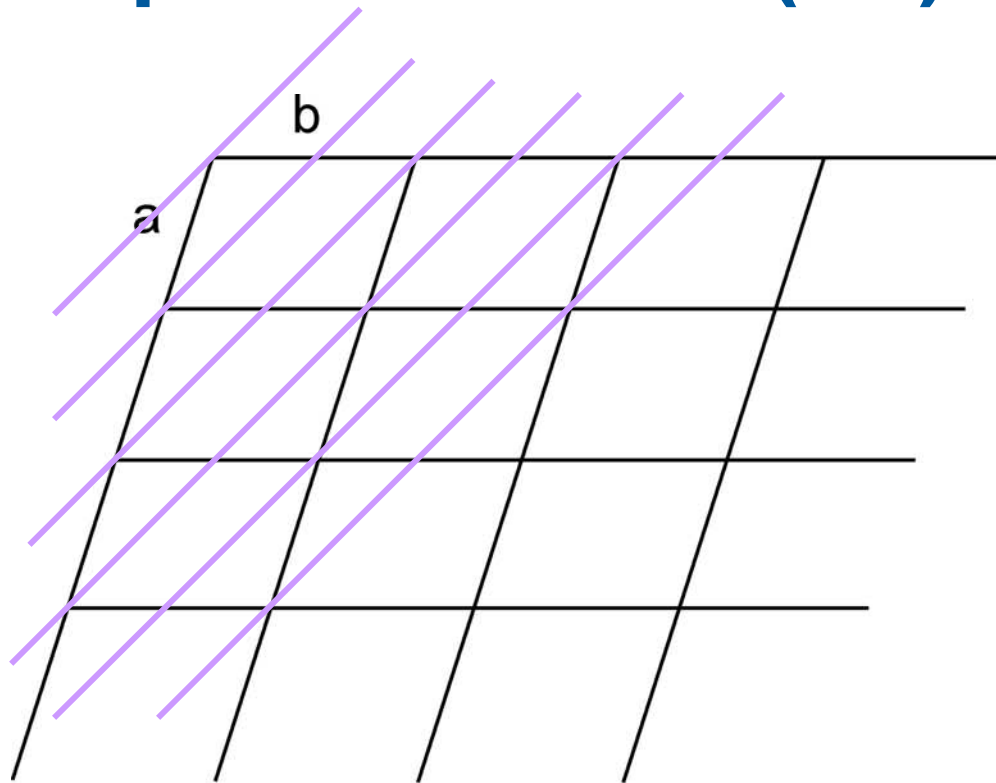
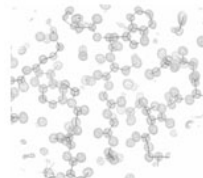
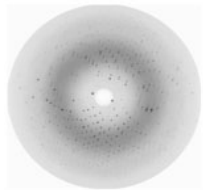
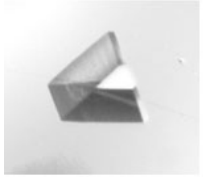
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$$b^* = 1/b, \quad b^* \perp a$$

$$d^* = 1 a^* + 1 b^*$$

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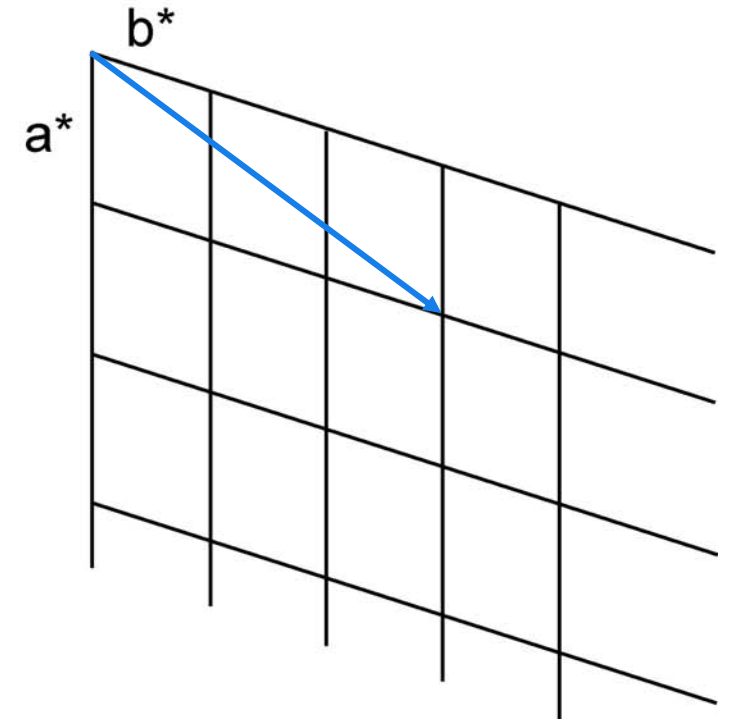
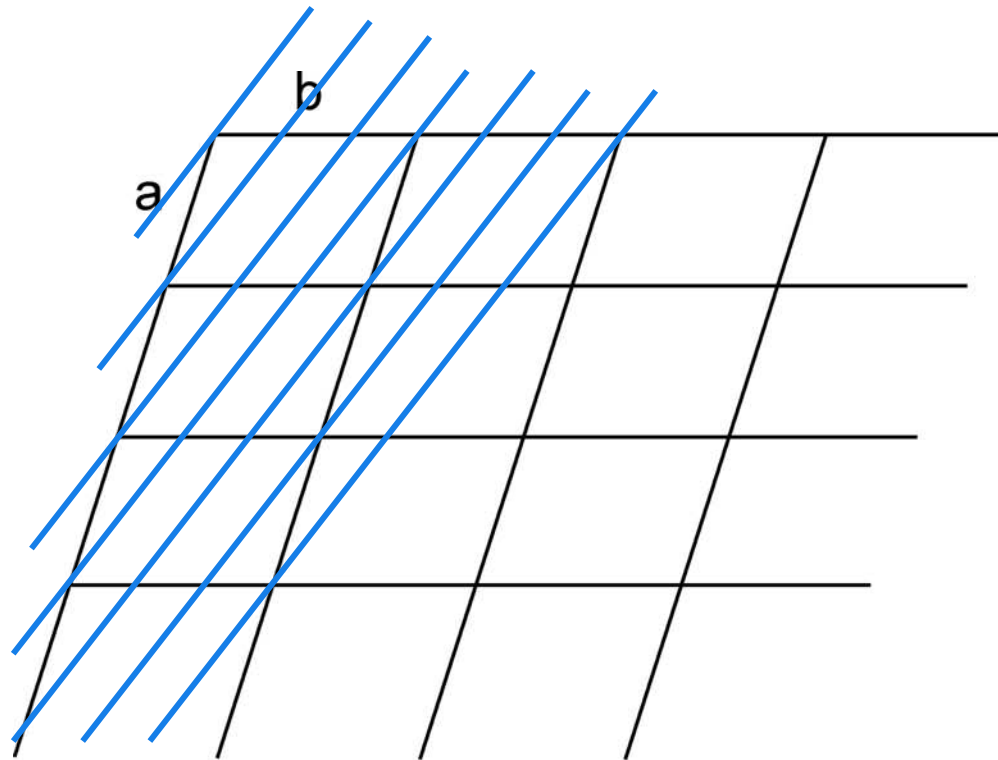
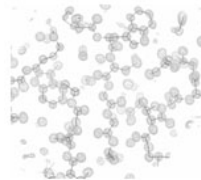
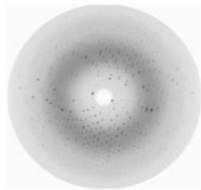
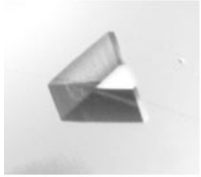
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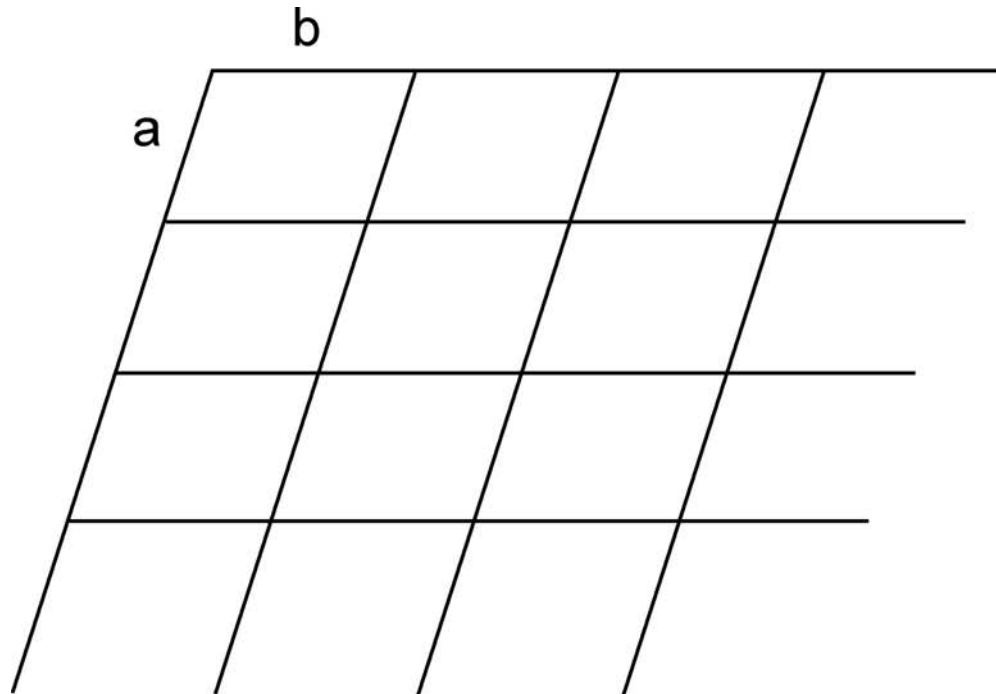
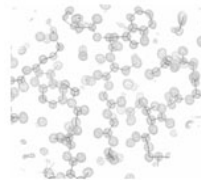
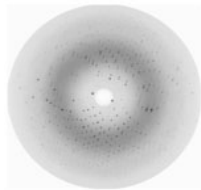
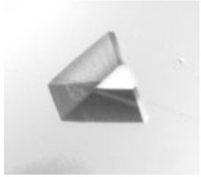
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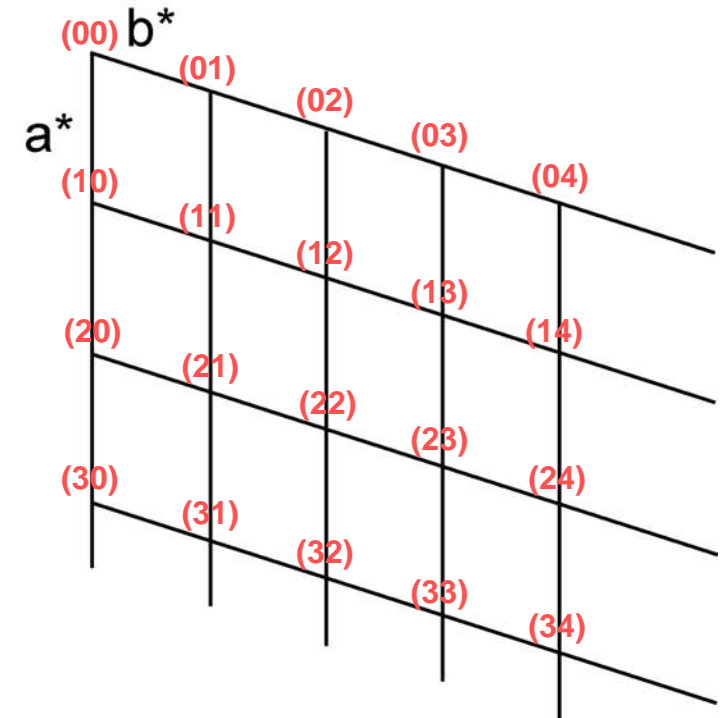
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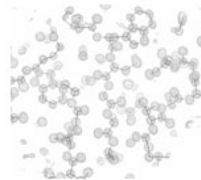
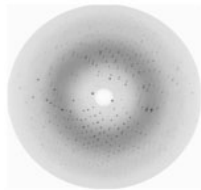
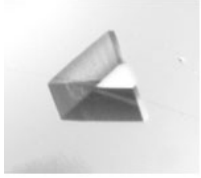


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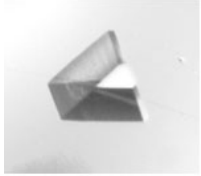


- ❖ every set of planes in the real lattice (characterized by the normal vector d) corresponds to a lattice point d^* ($d^* = 1 / d$) in the reciprocal lattice (and vice versa)

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The Reciprocal Lattice (3D)

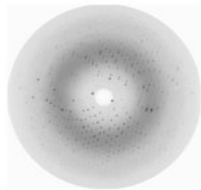


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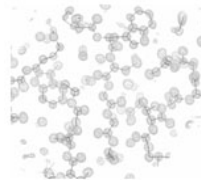


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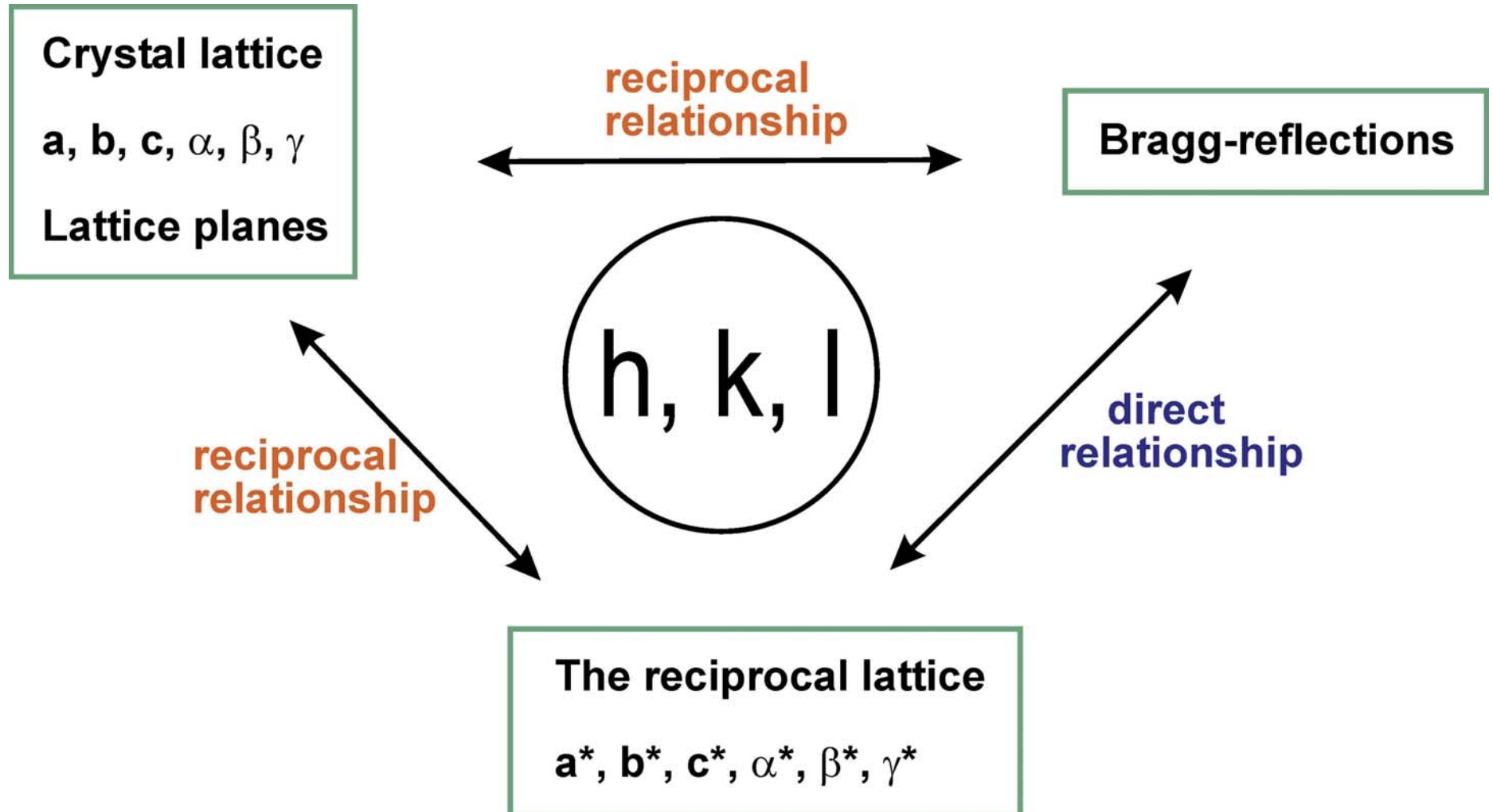
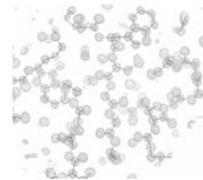
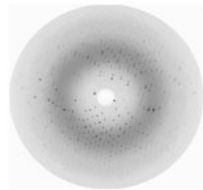
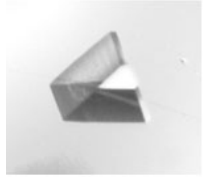
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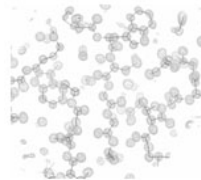
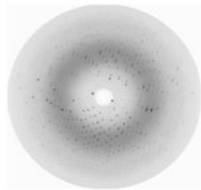
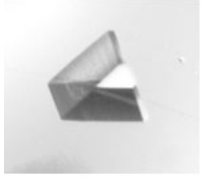
$$V^* = 1 / V$$



The Purpose of the Reciprocal Lattice

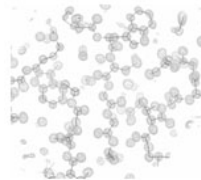
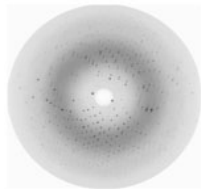
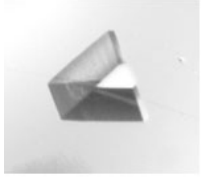


Planes, Lattice Points and Reflections



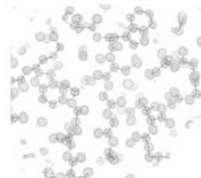
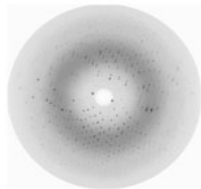
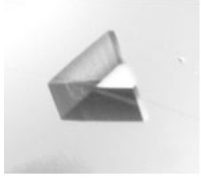
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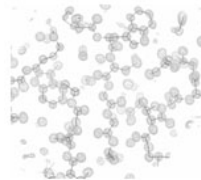
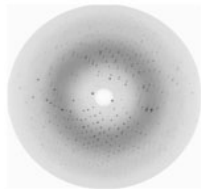
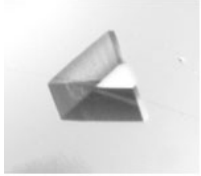
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- ❖ $d^* = h \cdot a^* + k \cdot b^* + l \cdot c^*$ (h, k, l : Miller indices)

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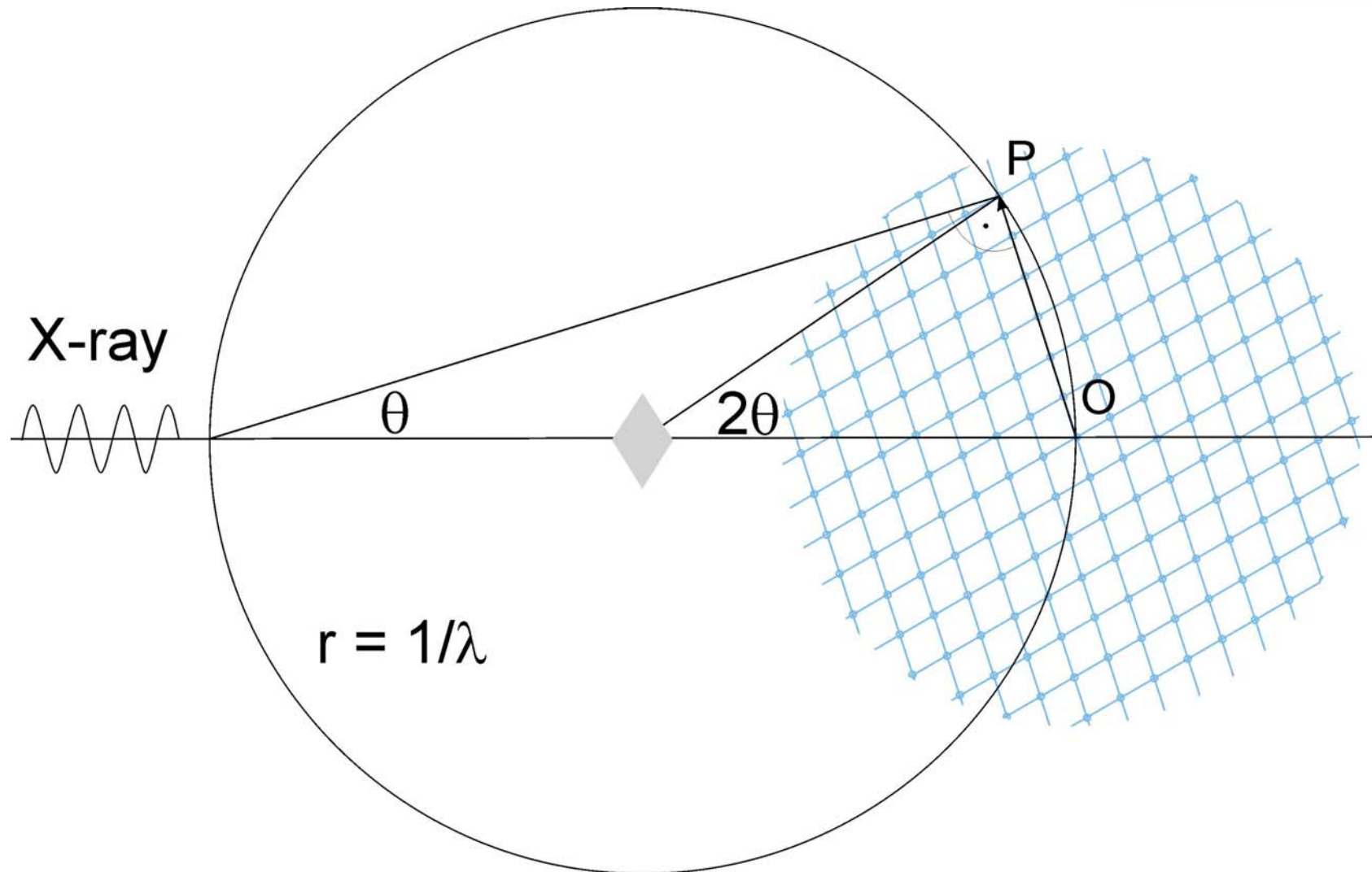
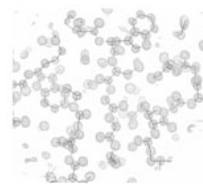
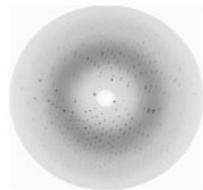
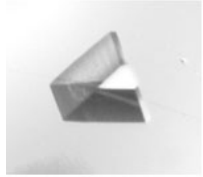
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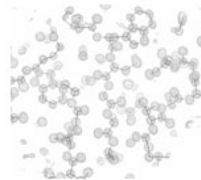
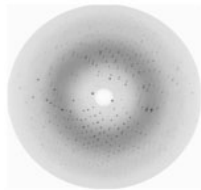
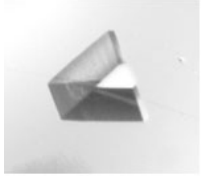


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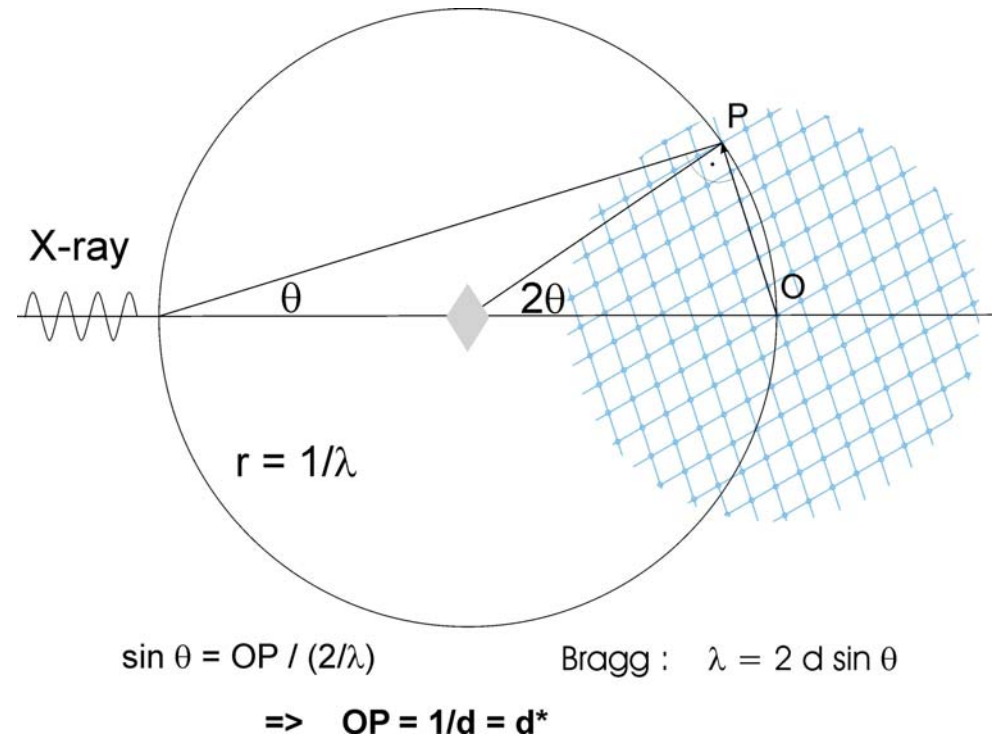
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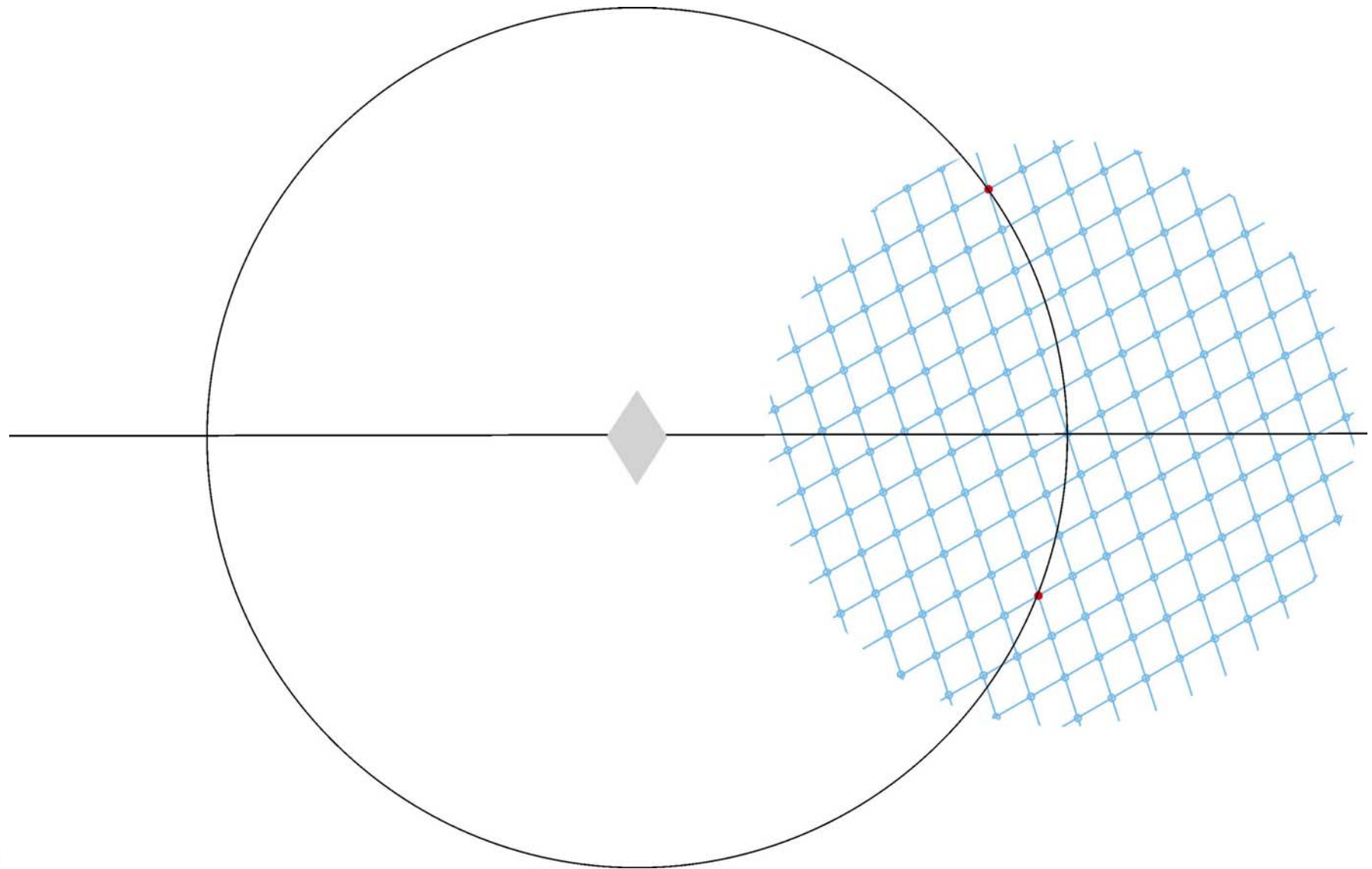
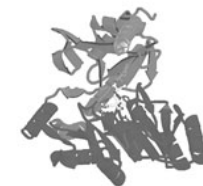
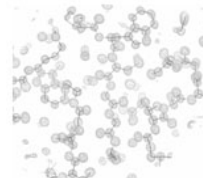
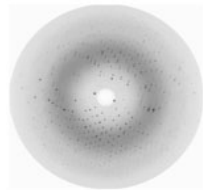
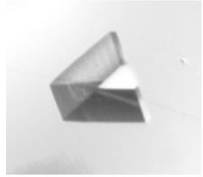
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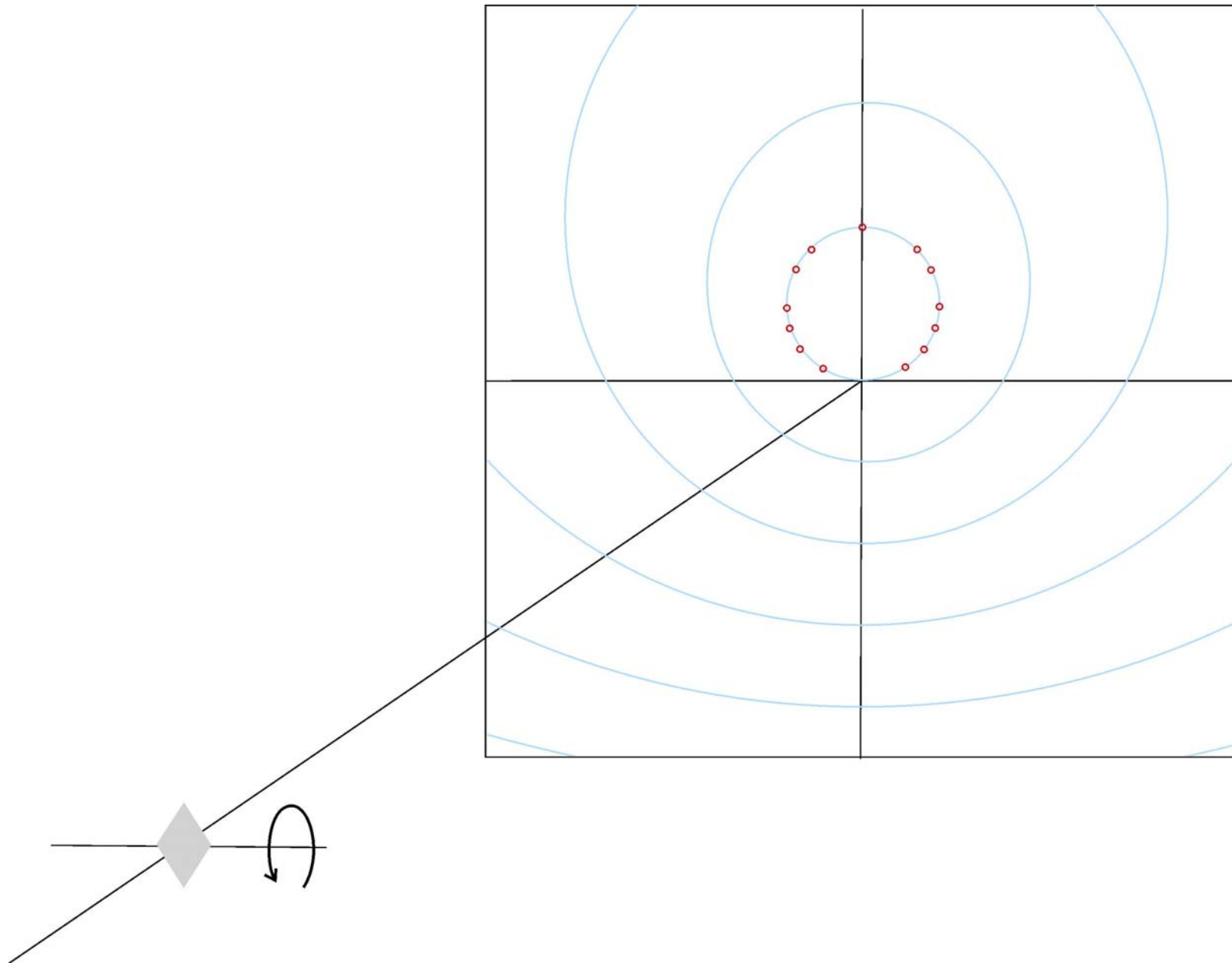
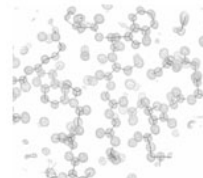
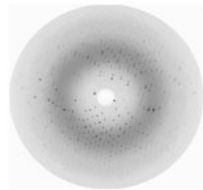
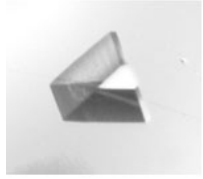
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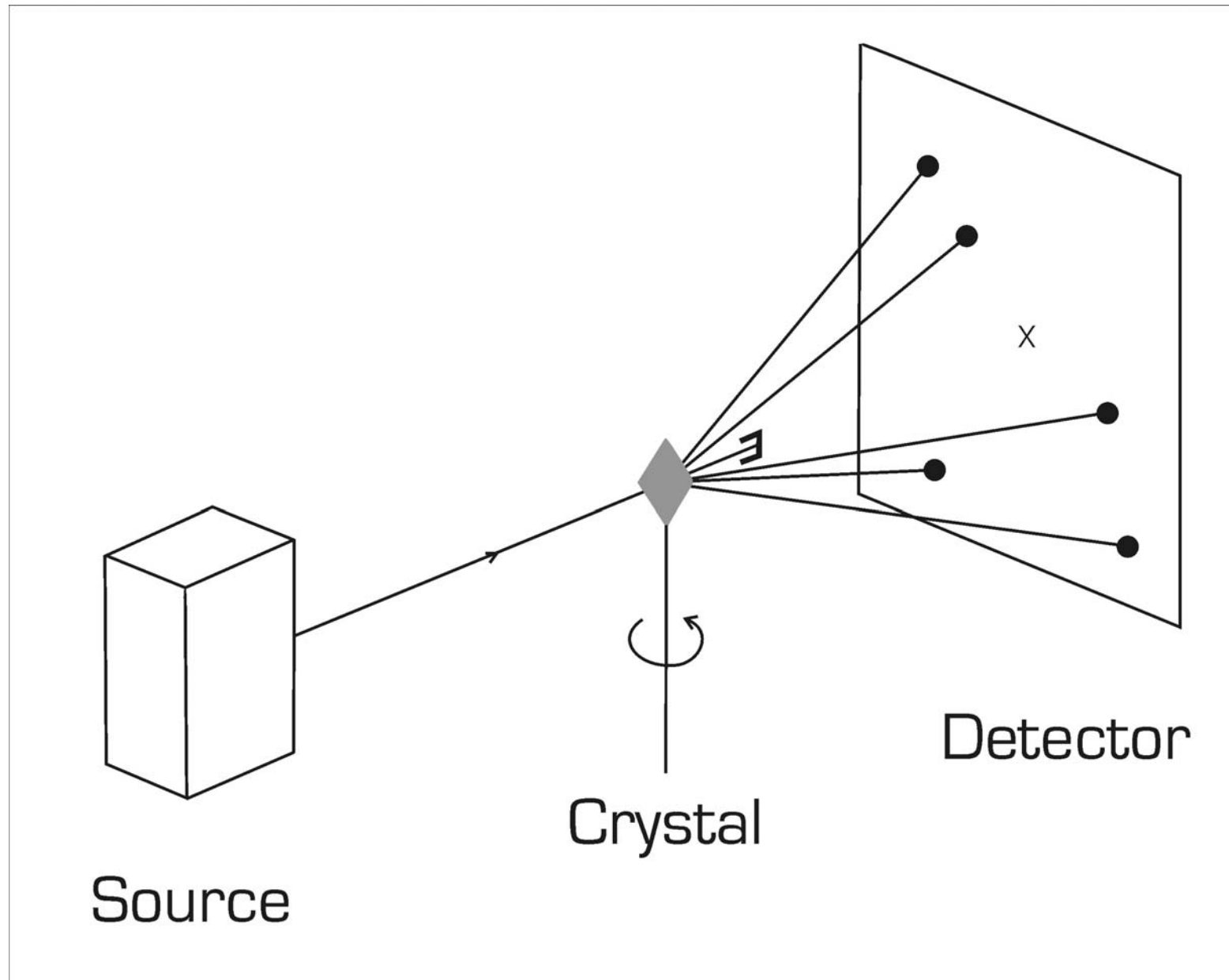
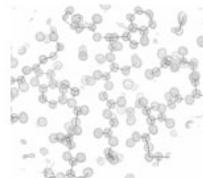
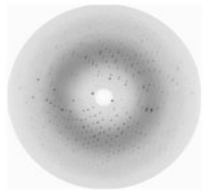
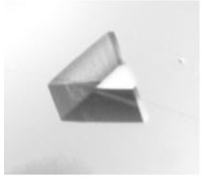
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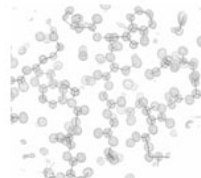
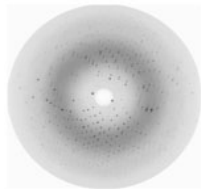
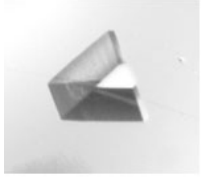
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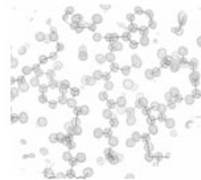
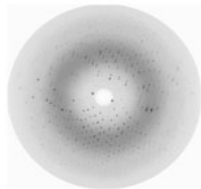
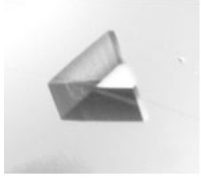


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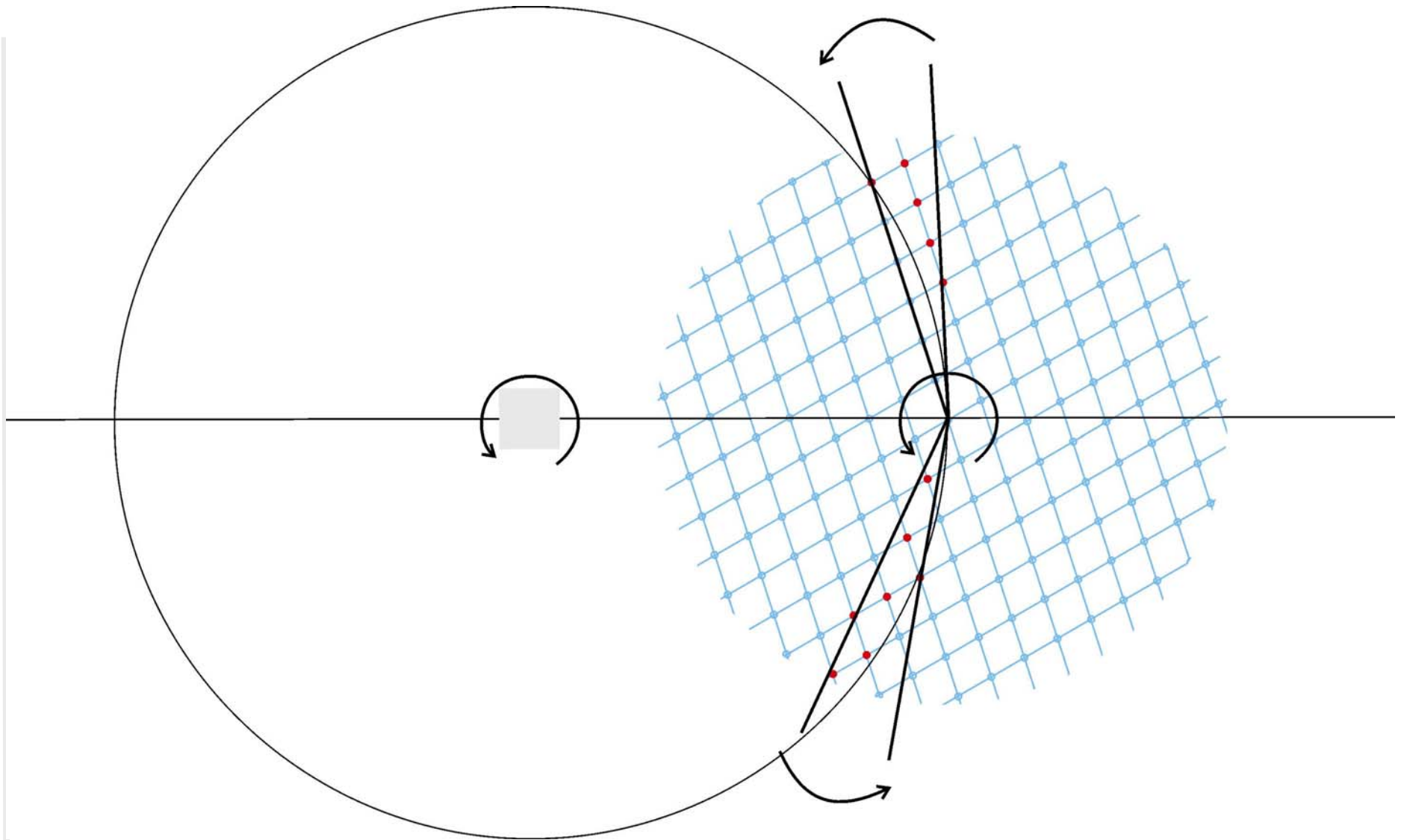
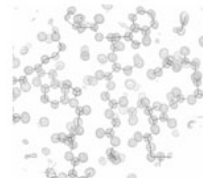
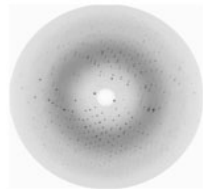
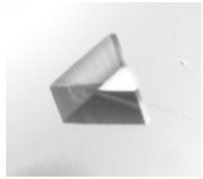
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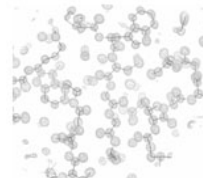
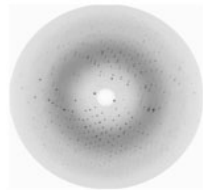
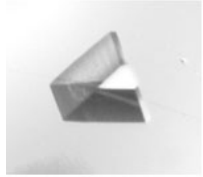


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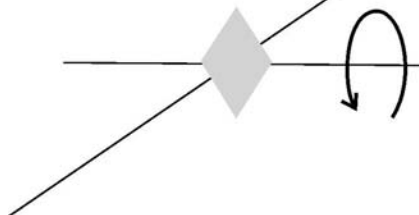
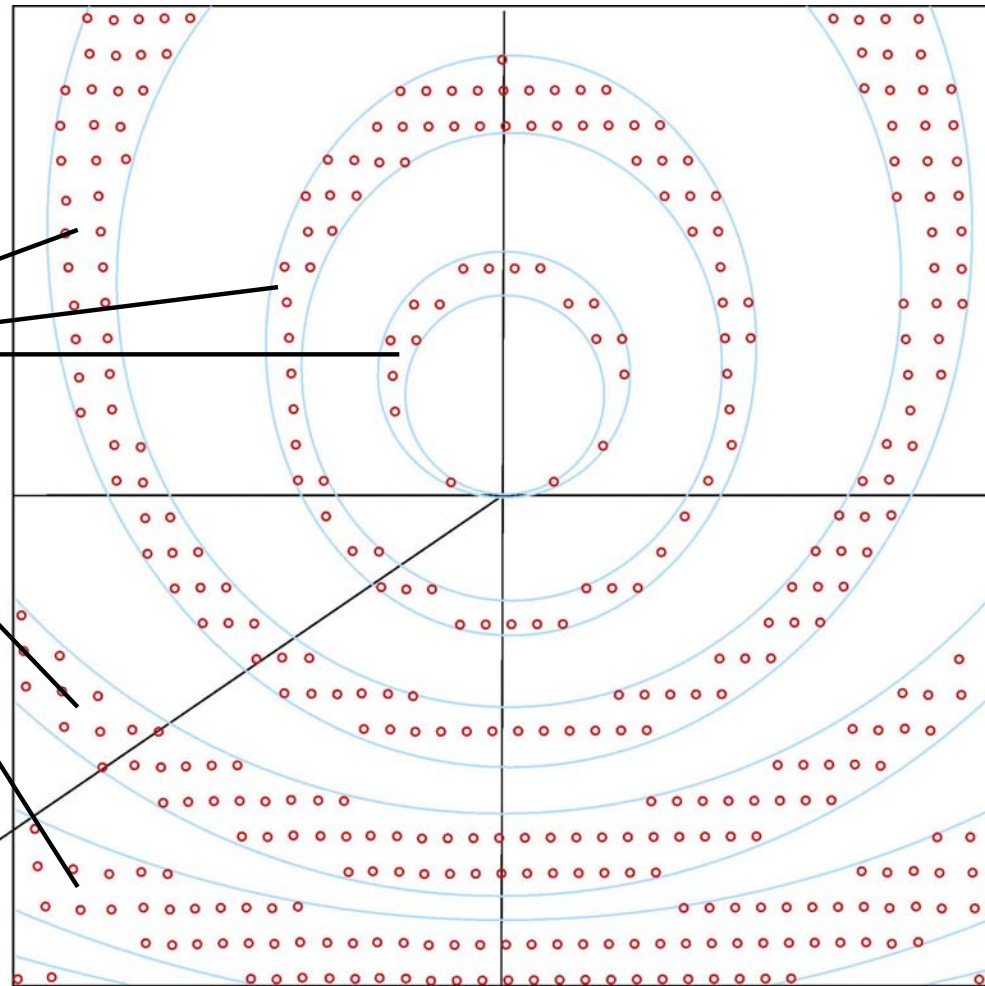
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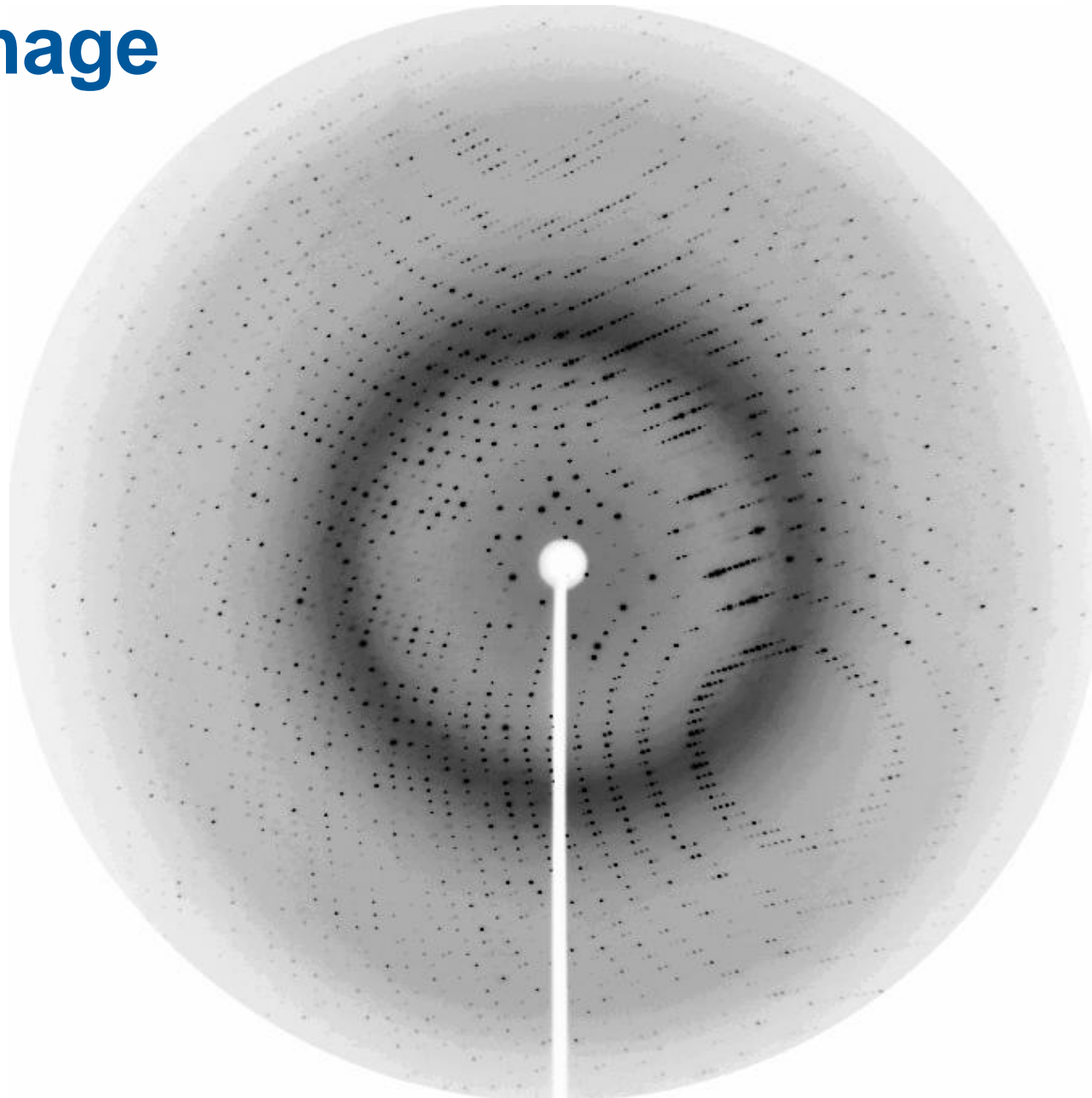
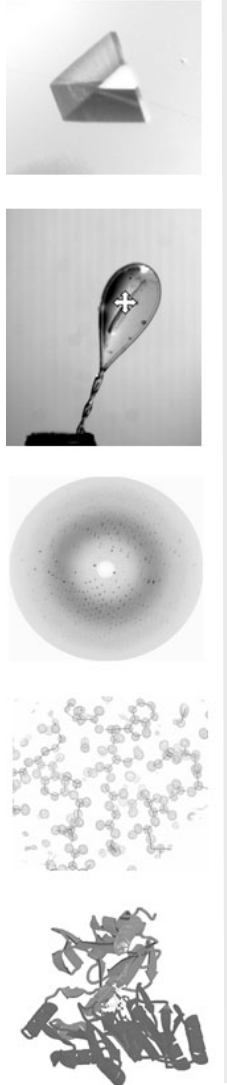
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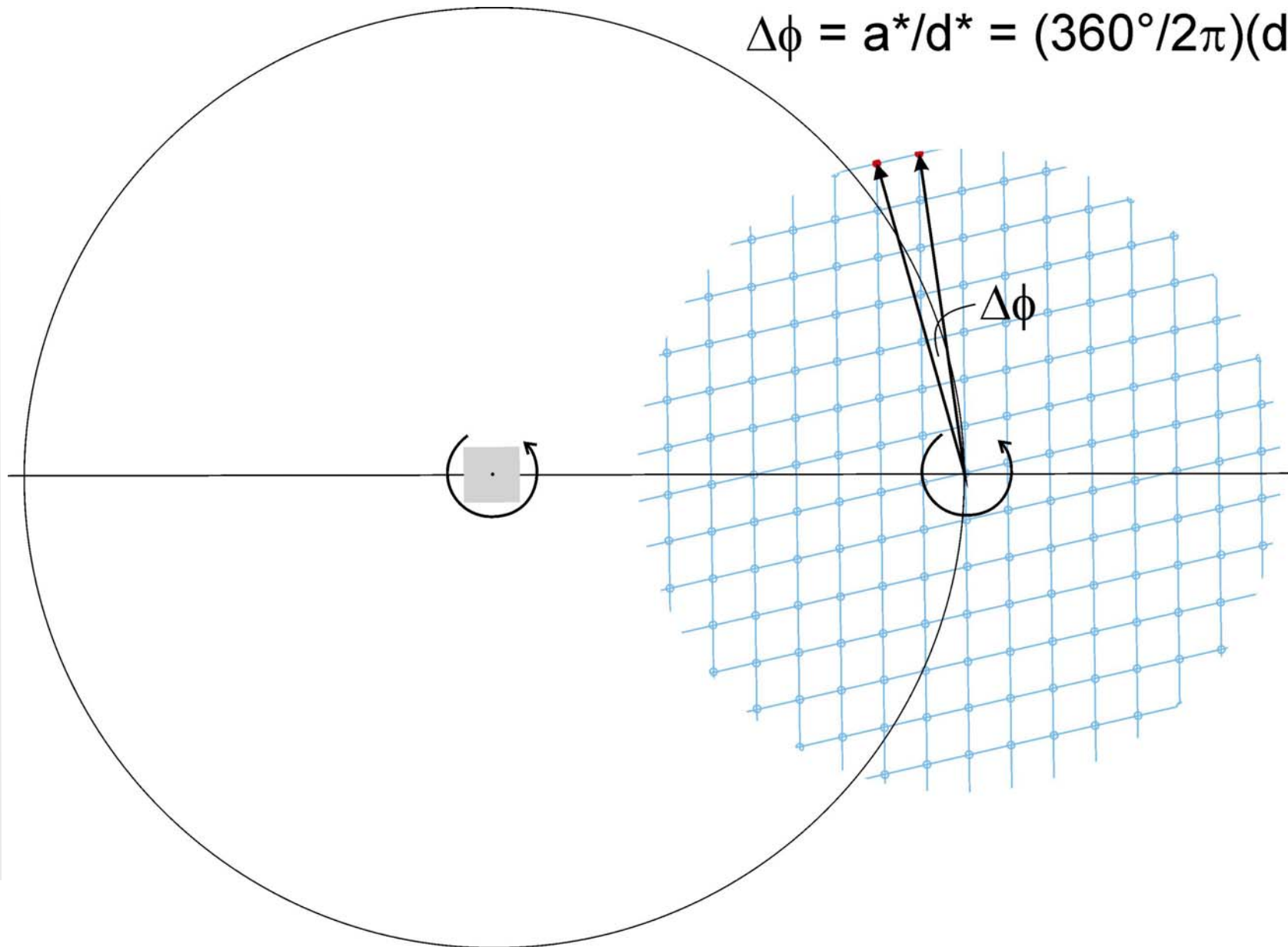
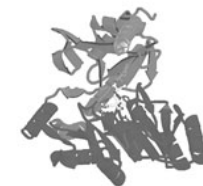
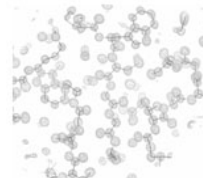
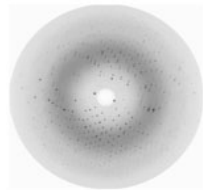
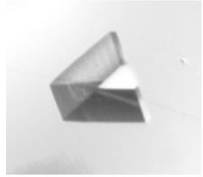
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Compare this to a Real Diffraction Image

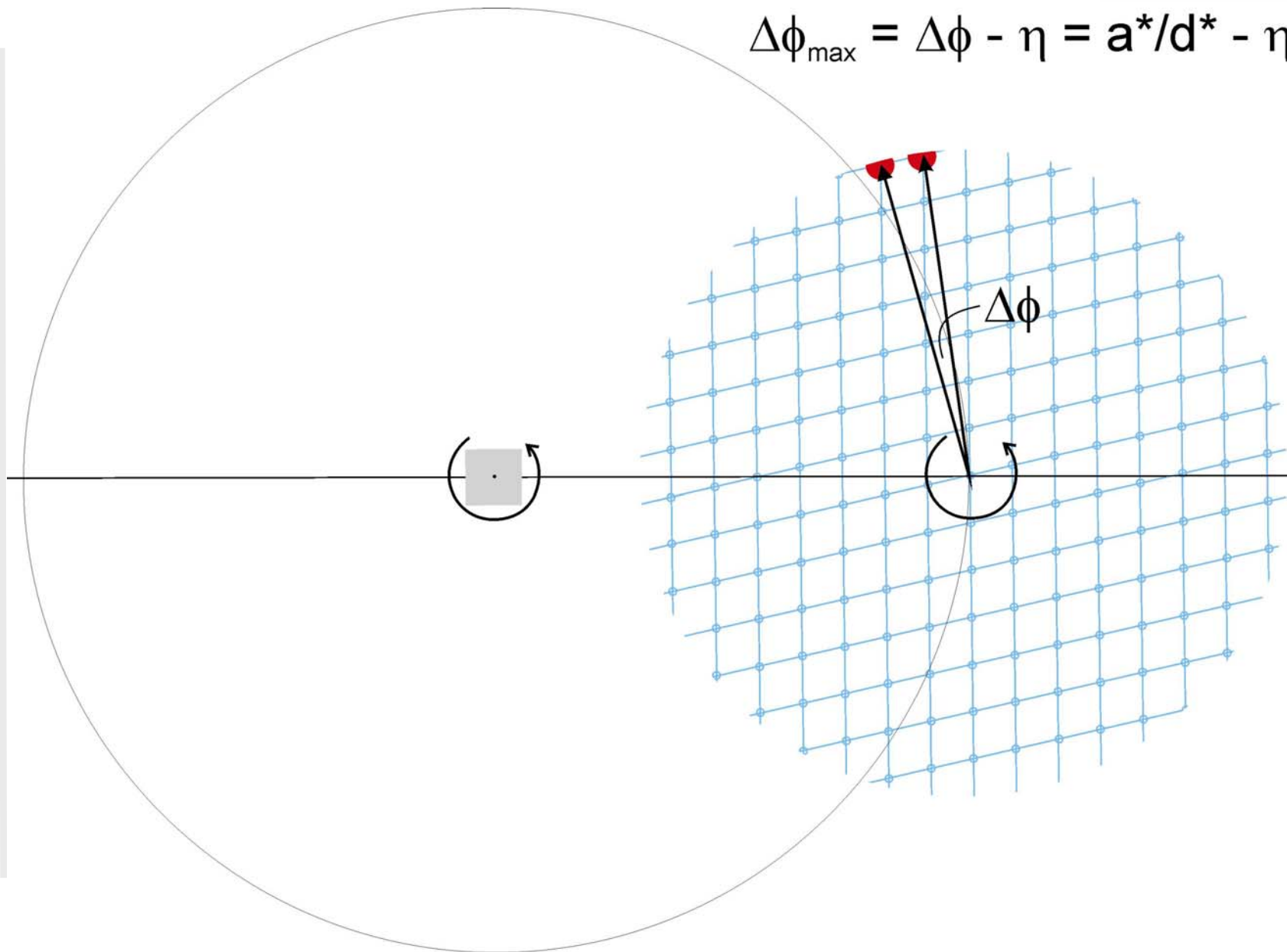
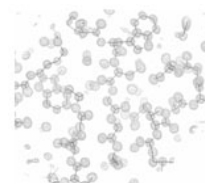
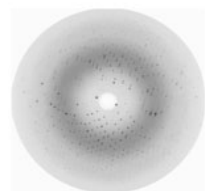


The Problem of Overlaps

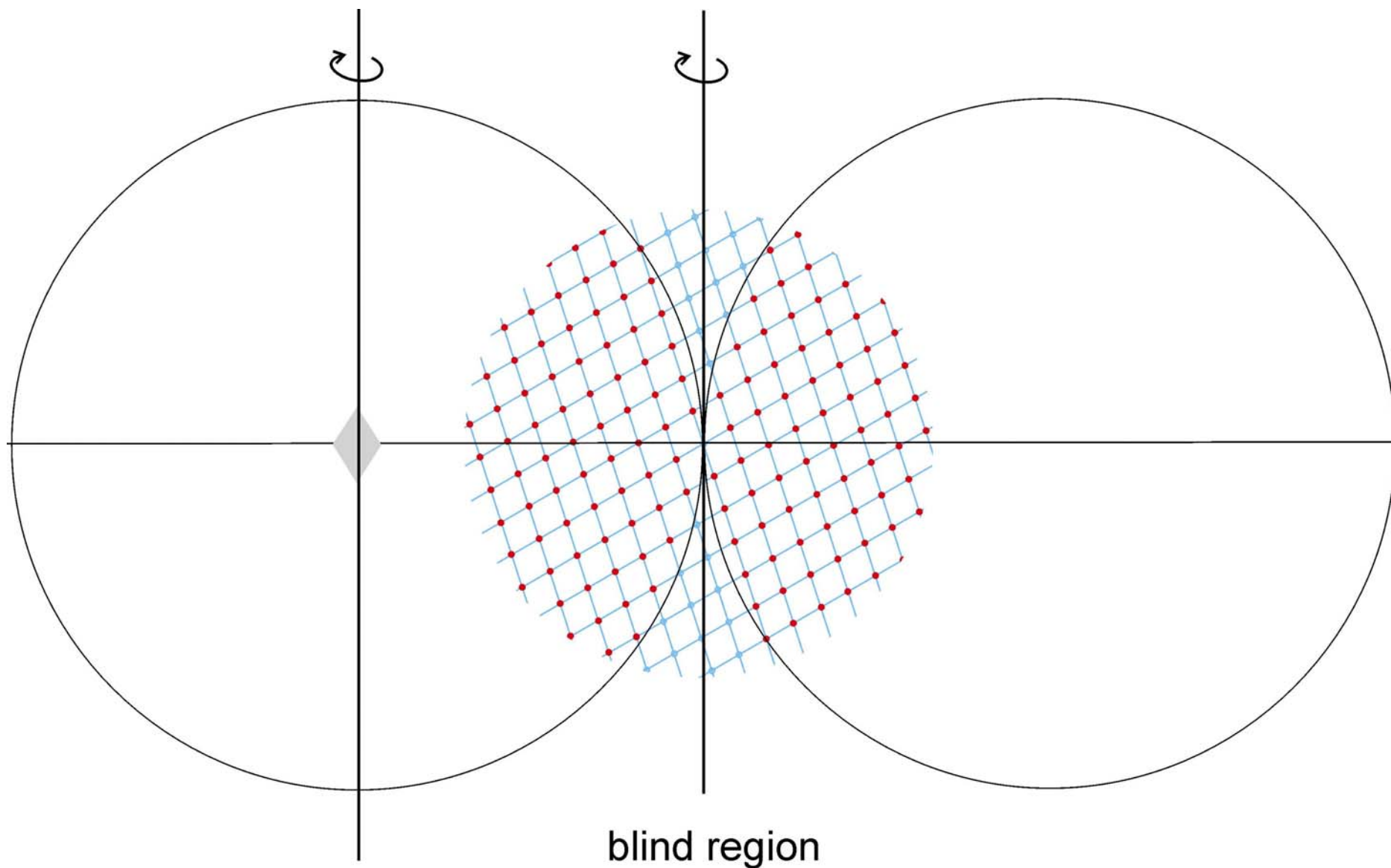
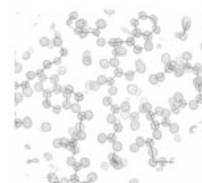
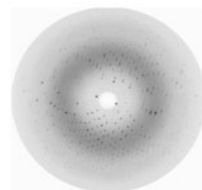


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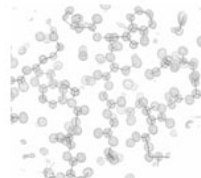
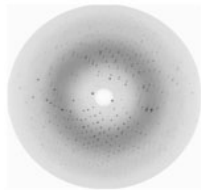
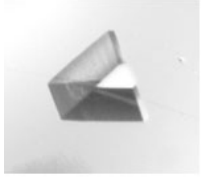
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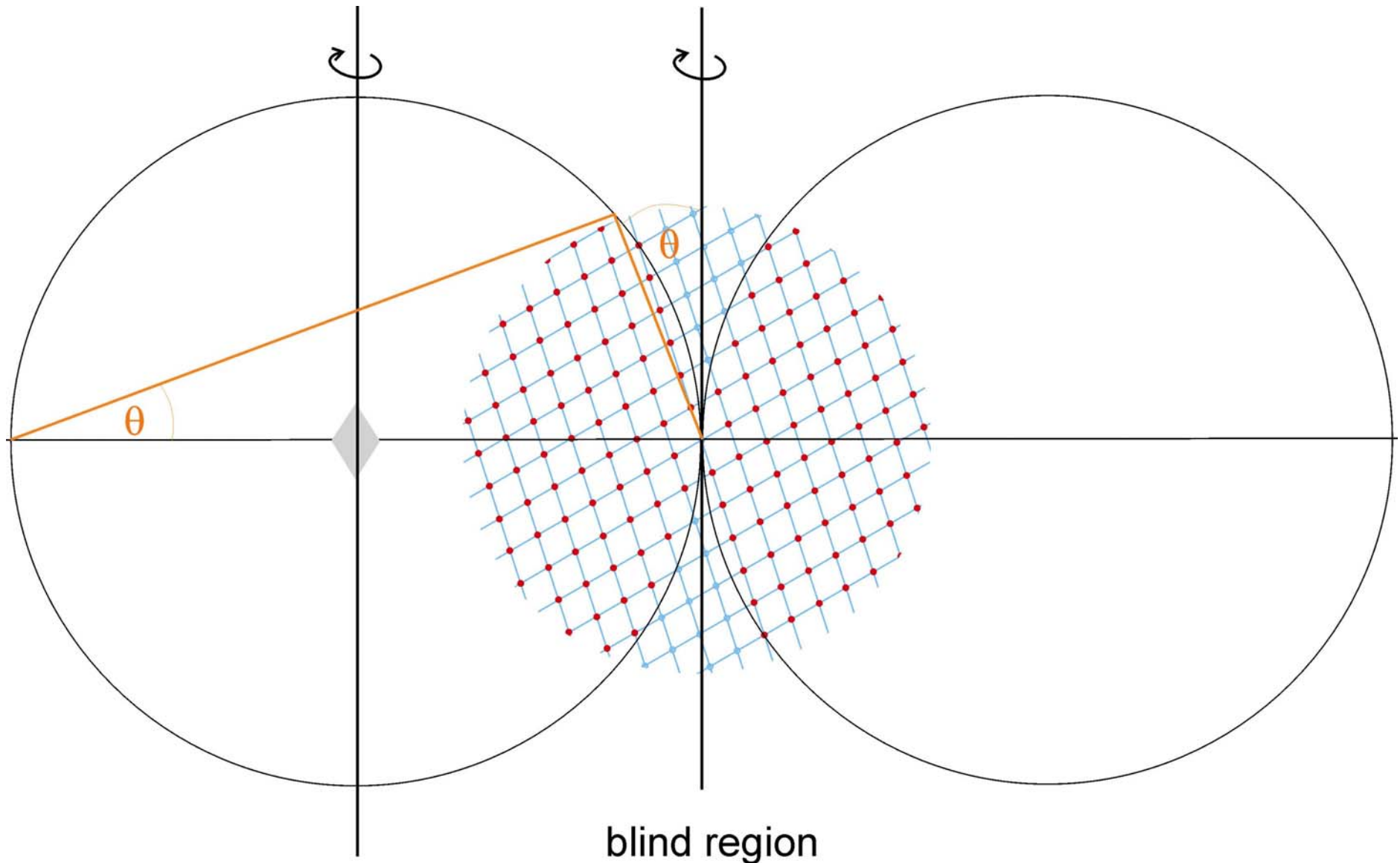
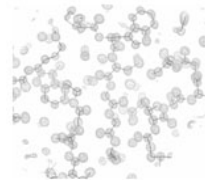
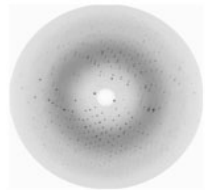
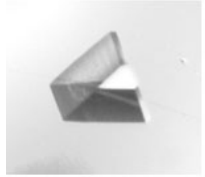


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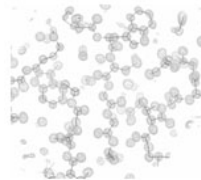
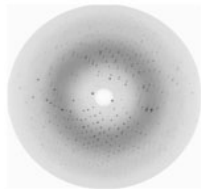
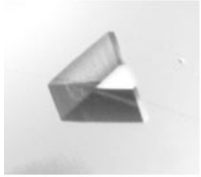


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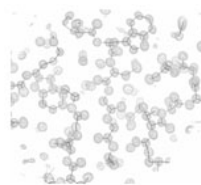
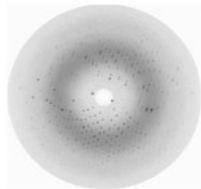
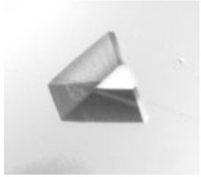


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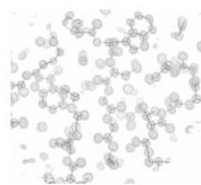
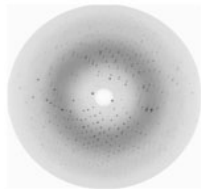
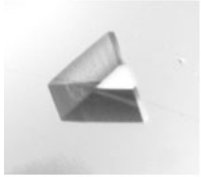
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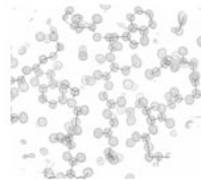
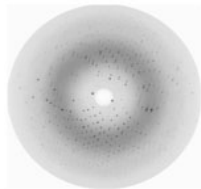
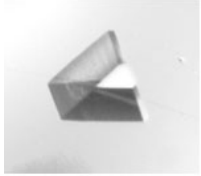
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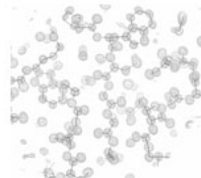
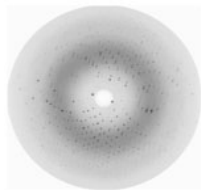
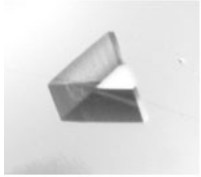
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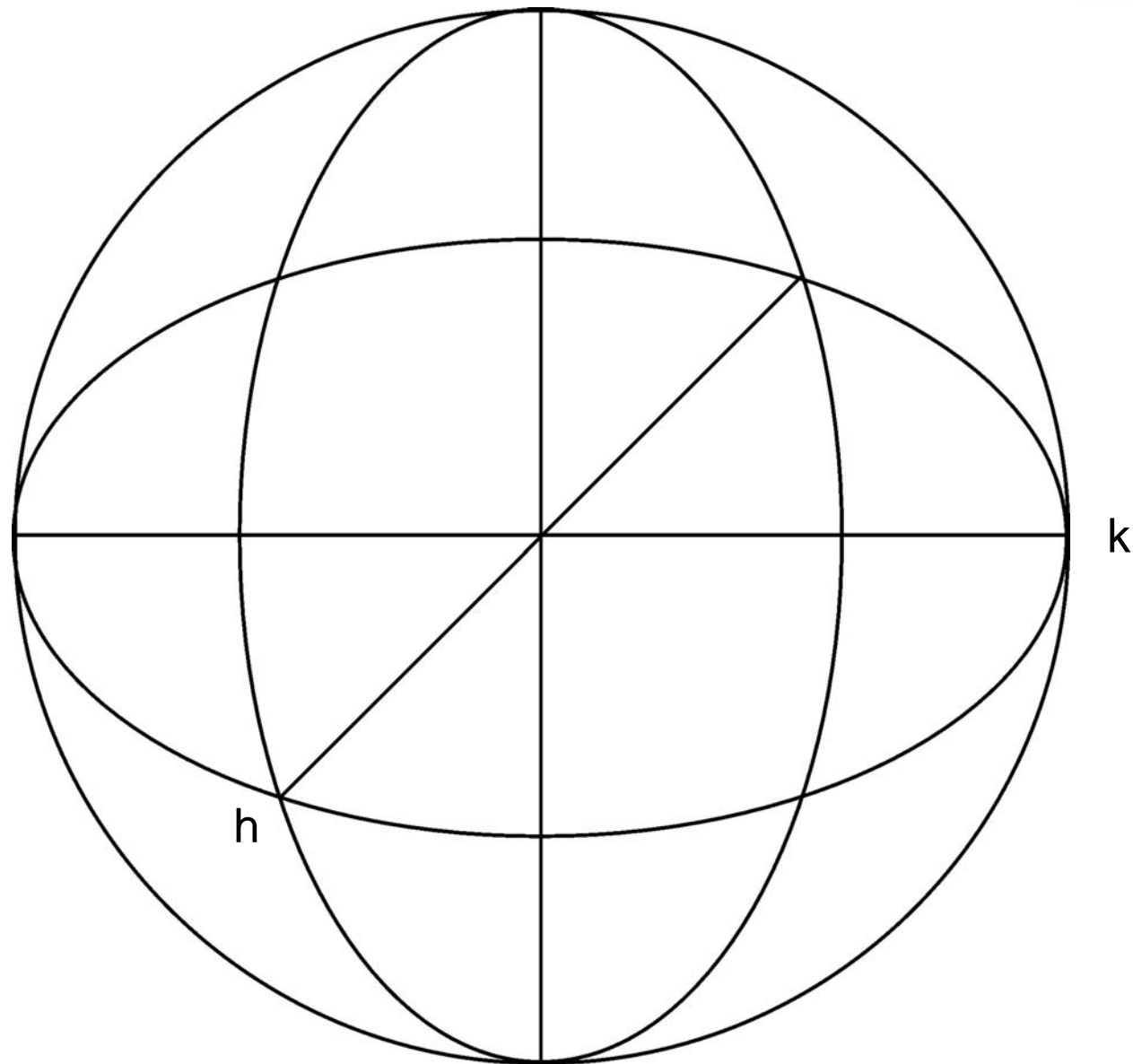
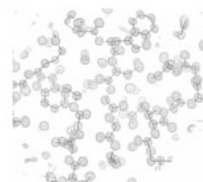
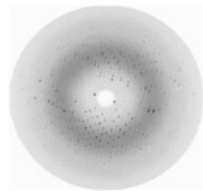
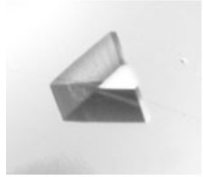
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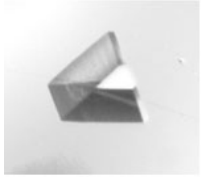


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The Reflection Sphere



Symmetry



No symmetry

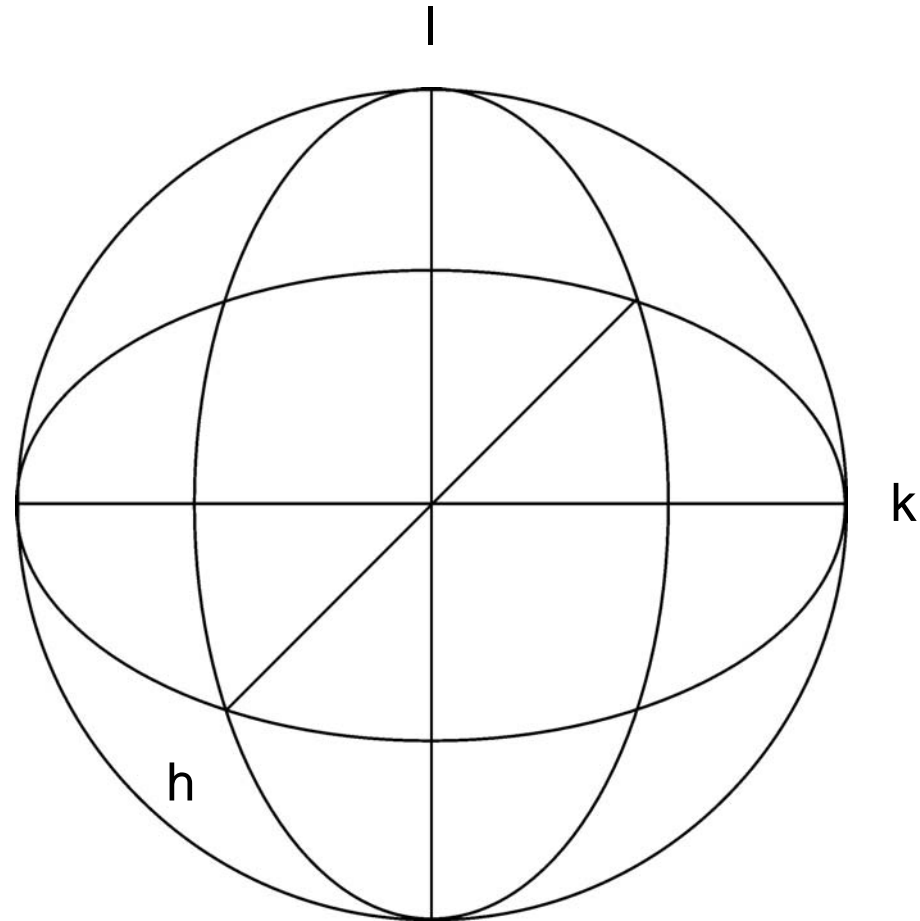
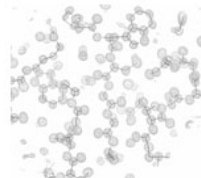
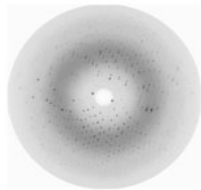


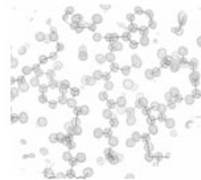
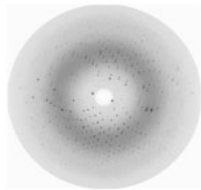
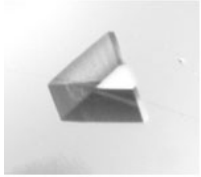
Measure the whole reflection
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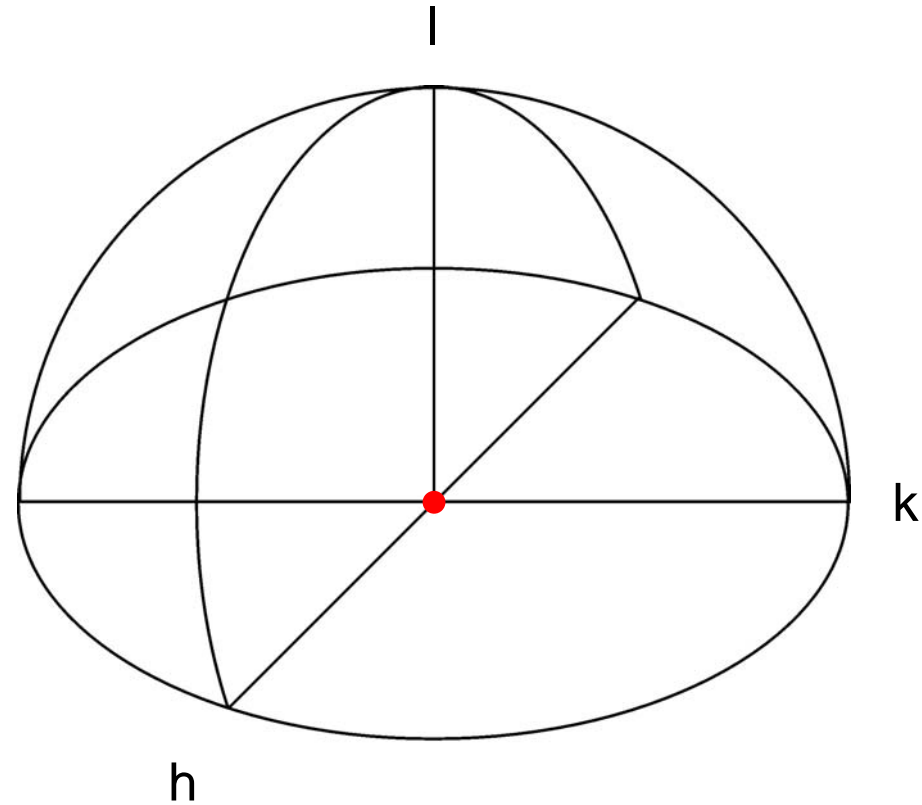
Inversion Center (Friedel)

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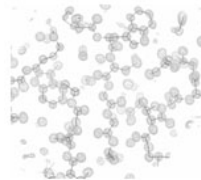
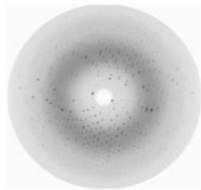
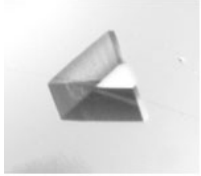
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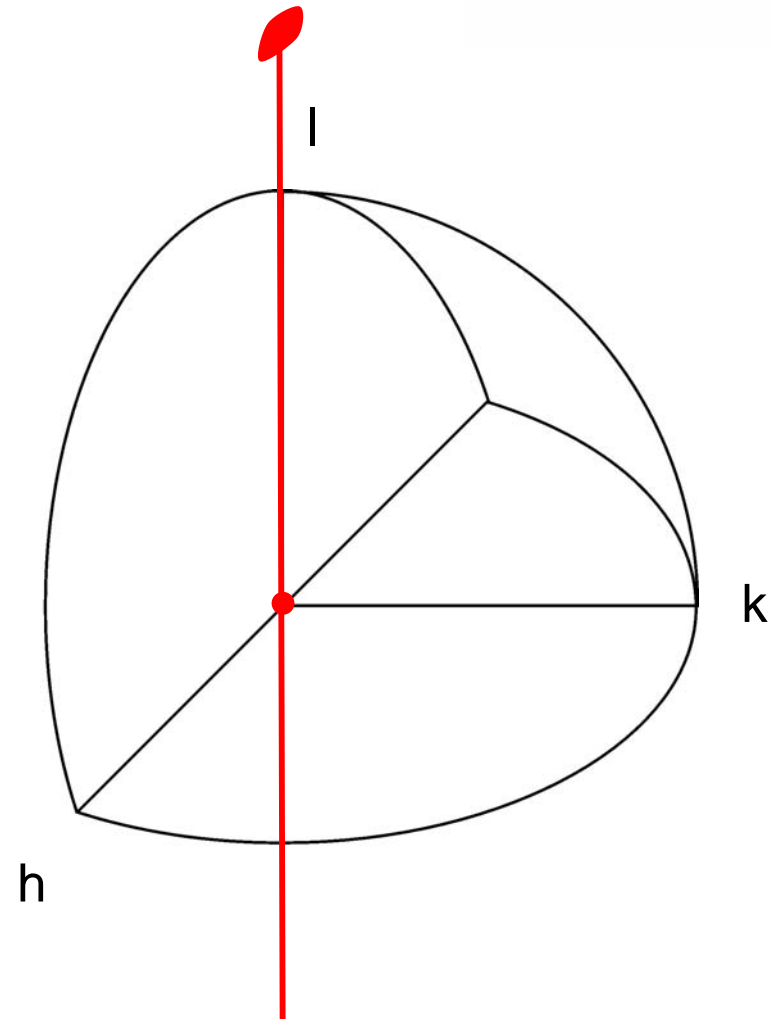
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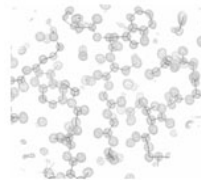
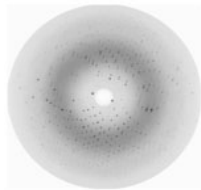
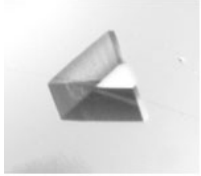
Inversion Center (Friedel) + 2-fold rotation axis along c

Measure a quarter of the reflection
sphere

$$\begin{aligned} -h &\rightarrow +h \\ 0 &\rightarrow +k \\ 0 &\rightarrow +l \end{aligned}$$



Symmetry



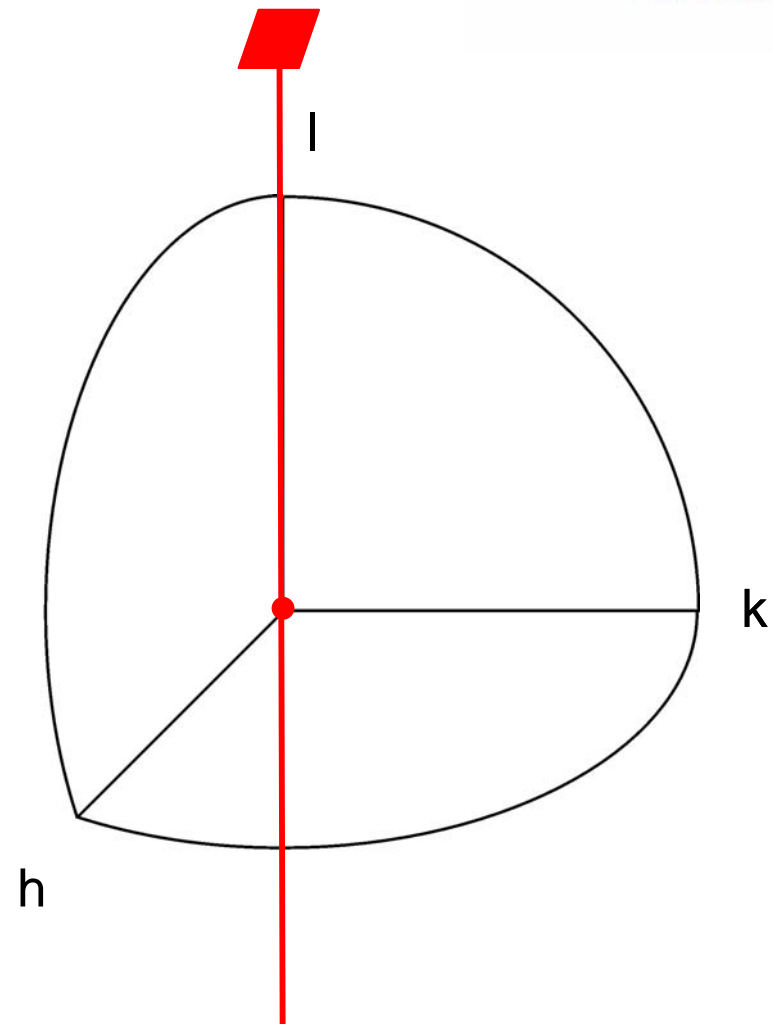
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Measure an octant of the reflection
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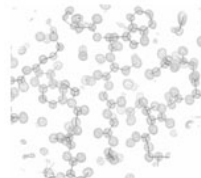
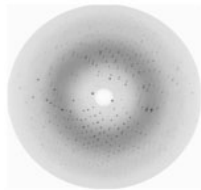
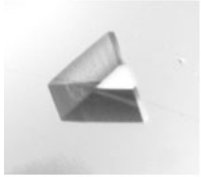
0 \rightarrow +h

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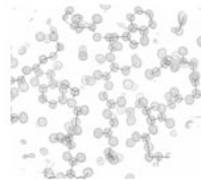
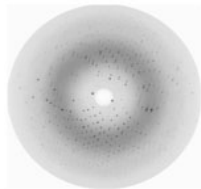
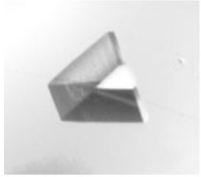


How much do we need to collect?

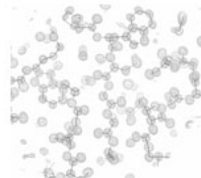
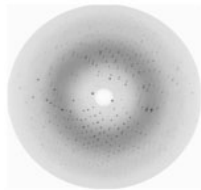
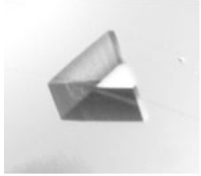


Crystal Class	Point Group	Rotation Axis	Standard Data	Anomalous Data
Triclinic	1	any	180°	180° + 2θ _{max}
Monoclinic	2	b*	90°	180°
		a*, c*	180°	180° + 2θ _{max}
Orthorhombic	222	a*, b*, c*	90°	90°
Tetragonal	4	c*	90°	90°
		a*, b*	90°	90° + θ _{max}
	422	c*	45°	45°
		a*, b*	90°	90°
Trigonal	3	c*	60°	60° + 2θ _{max}
		a*, b*	90°	90° + θ _{max}
	32	c*	30°	30° + θ _{max}
		a*, b*	90°	90°
Hexagonal	6	c*	60°	60°
		a*, b*	90°	90° + θ _{max}
	622	c*	30°	30°
		a*, b*	90°	90°
Cubic	23	any	≈ 60°	≈ 70°
	432	any	≈ 35°	≈ 45°

Strategy



- ❖ A decision has to be made where to start the data collection (ϕ_0), how many images to collect and which rotation increment to use ($\Delta\phi$) in order to avoid overlaps.

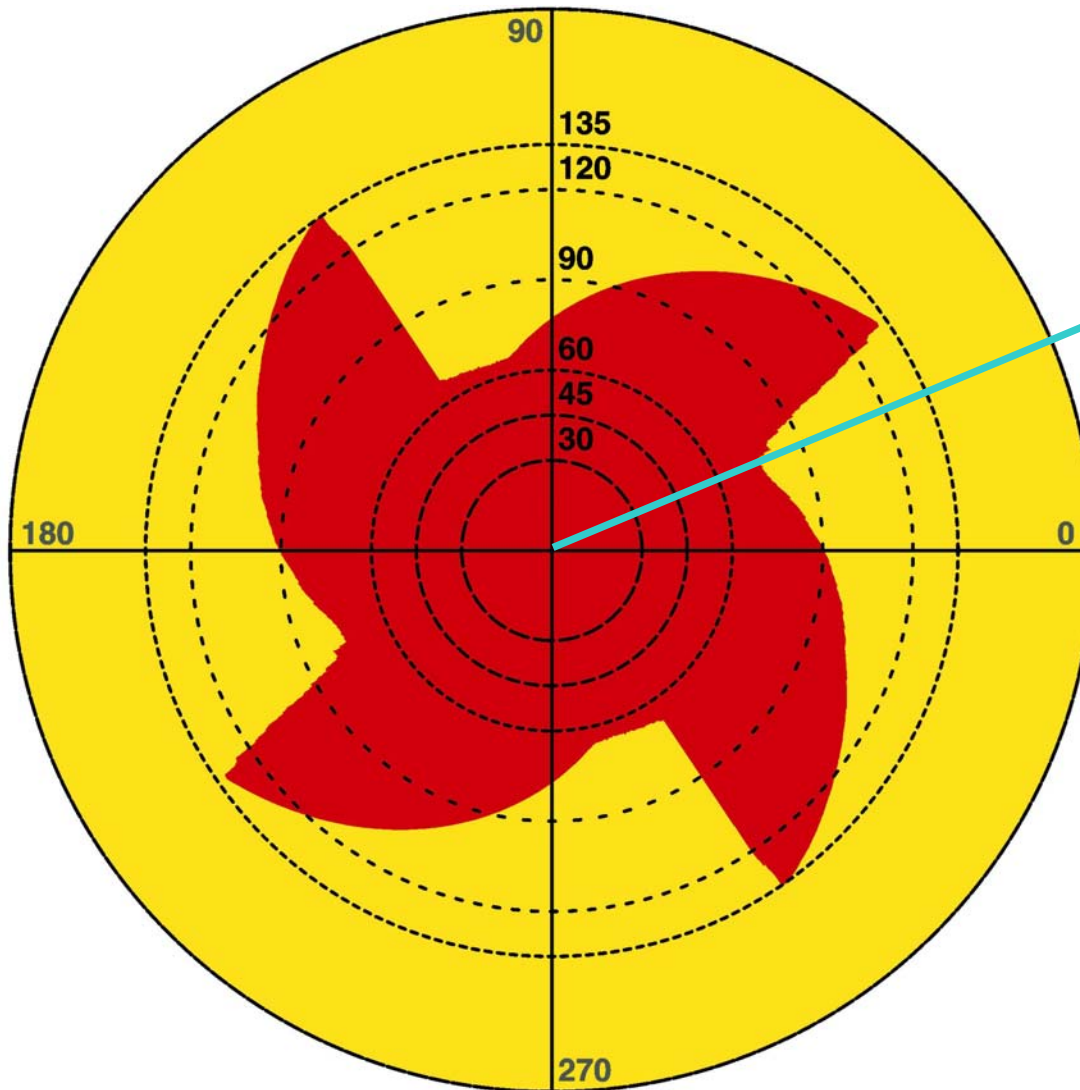
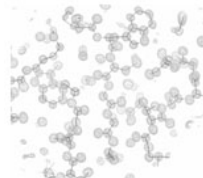
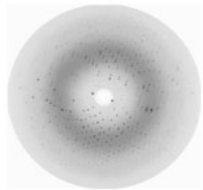
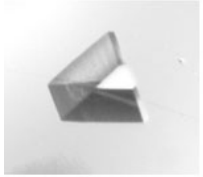


- ❖ A decision has to be made where to start the data collection (ϕ_0), how many images to collect and which rotation increment to use ($\Delta\phi$) in order to avoid overlaps.
- ❖ Other decisions: maximum resolution, wavelength, detector distance, beamstop distance, exposure time, etc.

Strategy

Space group: $P2_12_12_1$

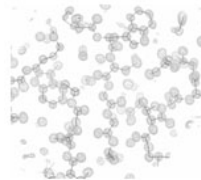
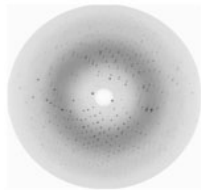
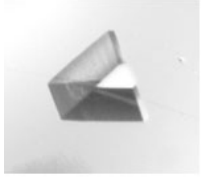
Overall completeness: 95%



Optimal starting angle: 30°

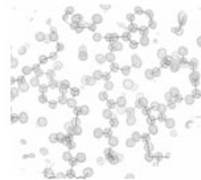
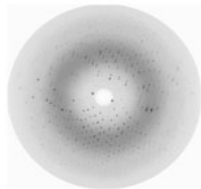
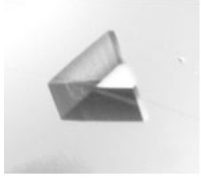
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Alternative Indexing



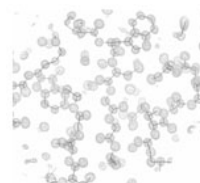
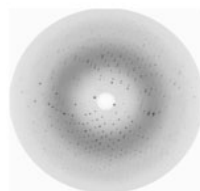
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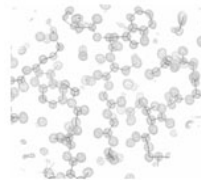
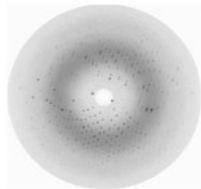
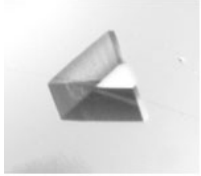
- ❖ In some space groups the reflections can be indexed in different ways.
- ❖ It is important to take this into account, when trying to collect a complete data set from more than one crystal.

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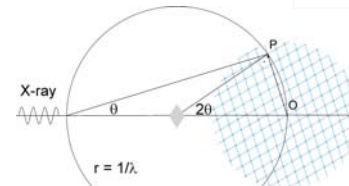
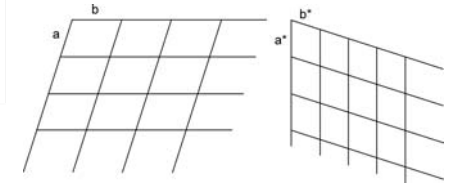
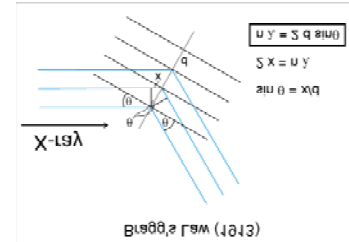


Space Group	Reindexing Transformation	Reindexing Matrix
P4, P4 ₁ , P4 ₂ , P4 ₃	hkl → kh-l	0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 -1
I4, I4 ₁	hkl → hk-l	1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 -1
P3, P3 ₁ , P3 ₂	hkl → -h-kl or hkl → kh-l or hkl → -k-h-l	-1 0 0 0 -1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 -1 0 -1 0 -1 0 0 0 0 -1
R3	hkl → kh-l	0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 -1
P321, P3 ₁ 21, P3 ₂ 21	hkl → -h-kl	-1 0 0 0 -1 0 0 0 1
P312, P3 ₁ 12, P3 ₂ 12	hkl → -h-kl	-1 0 0 0 -1 0 0 0 1
P6, P6 ₁ , P6 ₂ , P6 ₃ , P6 ₄ , P6 ₅	hkl → kh-l	0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 -1
P23, P2 ₁ 3	hkl → k-hl	0 1 0 -1 0 0 0 0 1
I23, I2 ₁ 3	hkl → k-hl	0 1 0 -1 0 0 0 0 1
F23	hkl → k-hl	0 1 0 -1 0 0 0 0 1

Summary – Part 1

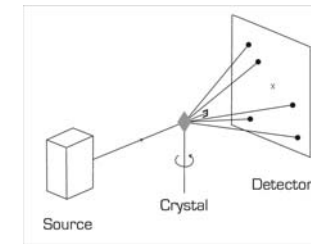
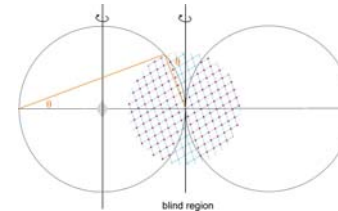
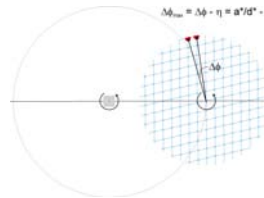


- ❖ Diffraction as Reflection (Bragg)
- ❖ Reciprocal Lattice
- ❖ Ewald Construction
- ❖ Rotation Method
- ❖ Overlaps
- ❖ Blind Region
- ❖ Data Collection Strategy
- ❖ Alternative Indexing

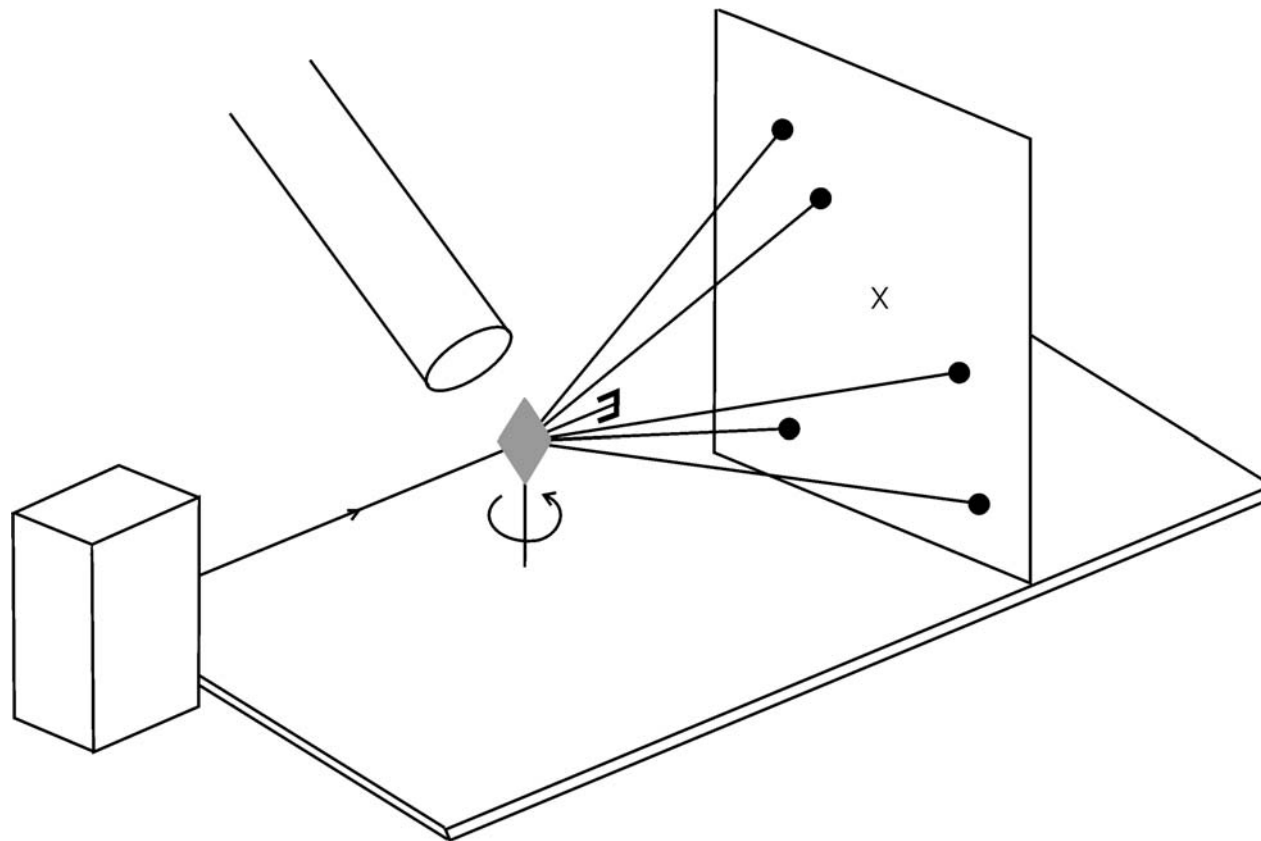
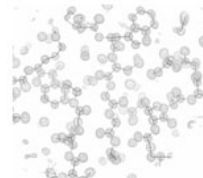
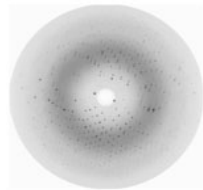
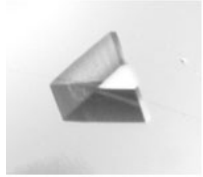


$\sin \theta = OP / (2r)$ Bragg: $\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$

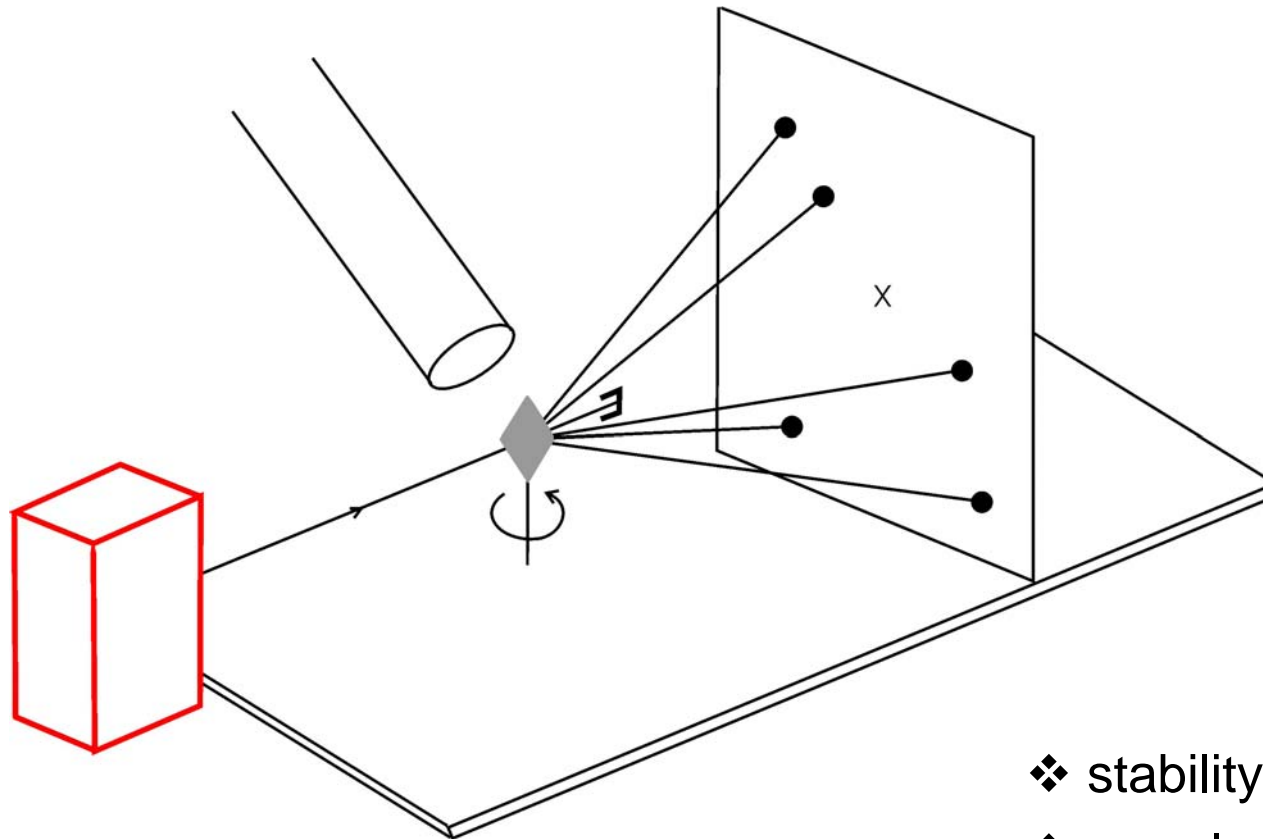
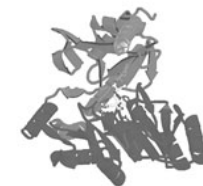
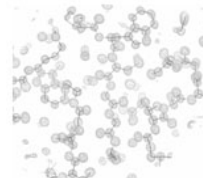
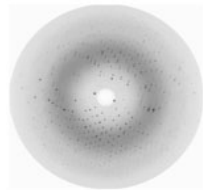
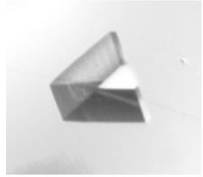
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Data Collection – Sources of Error

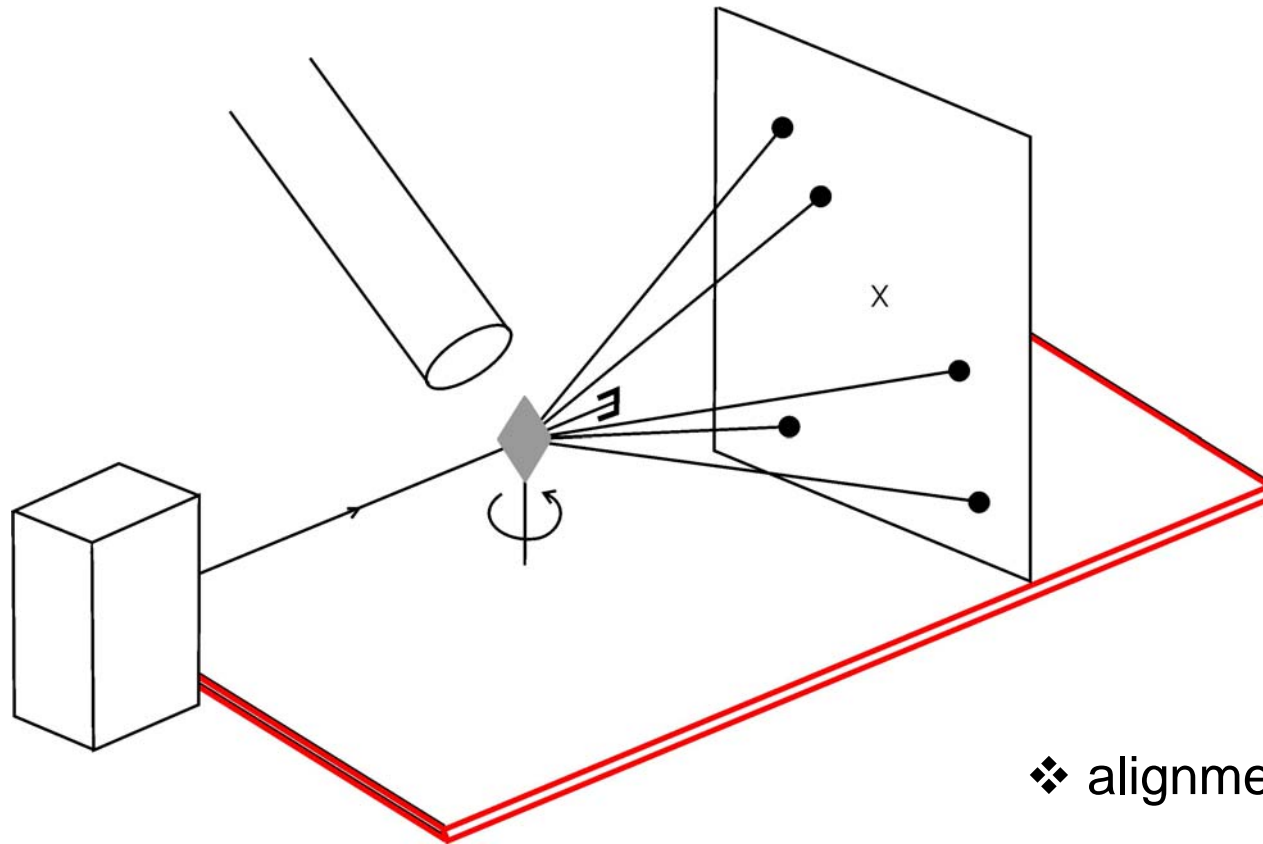
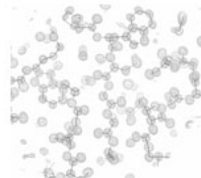
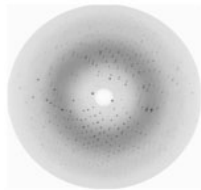
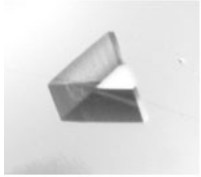


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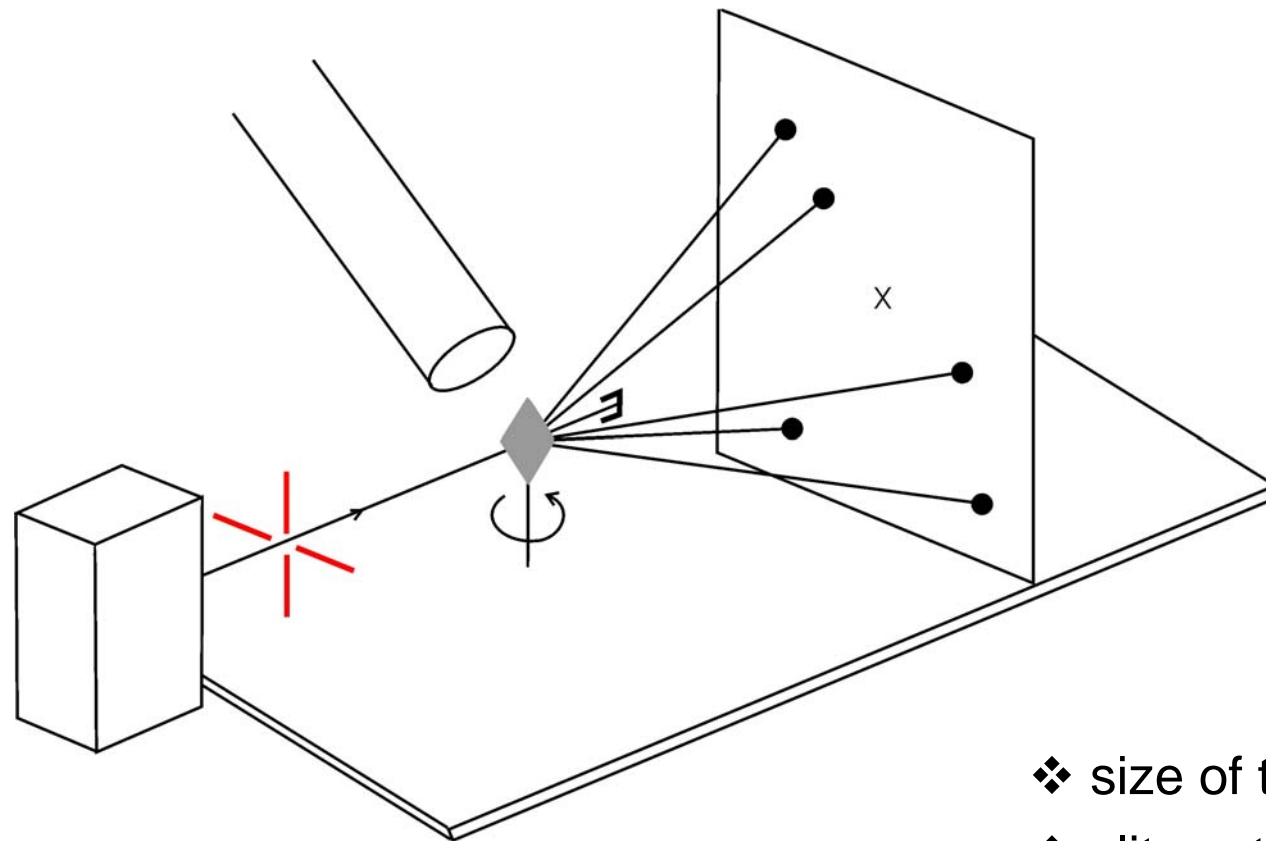
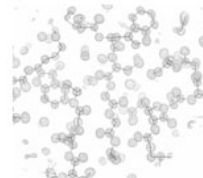
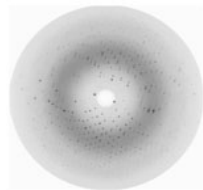
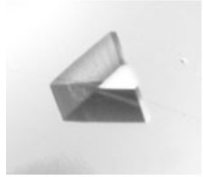
- ❖ stability of the beam
- ❖ wavelength

Experiment Table



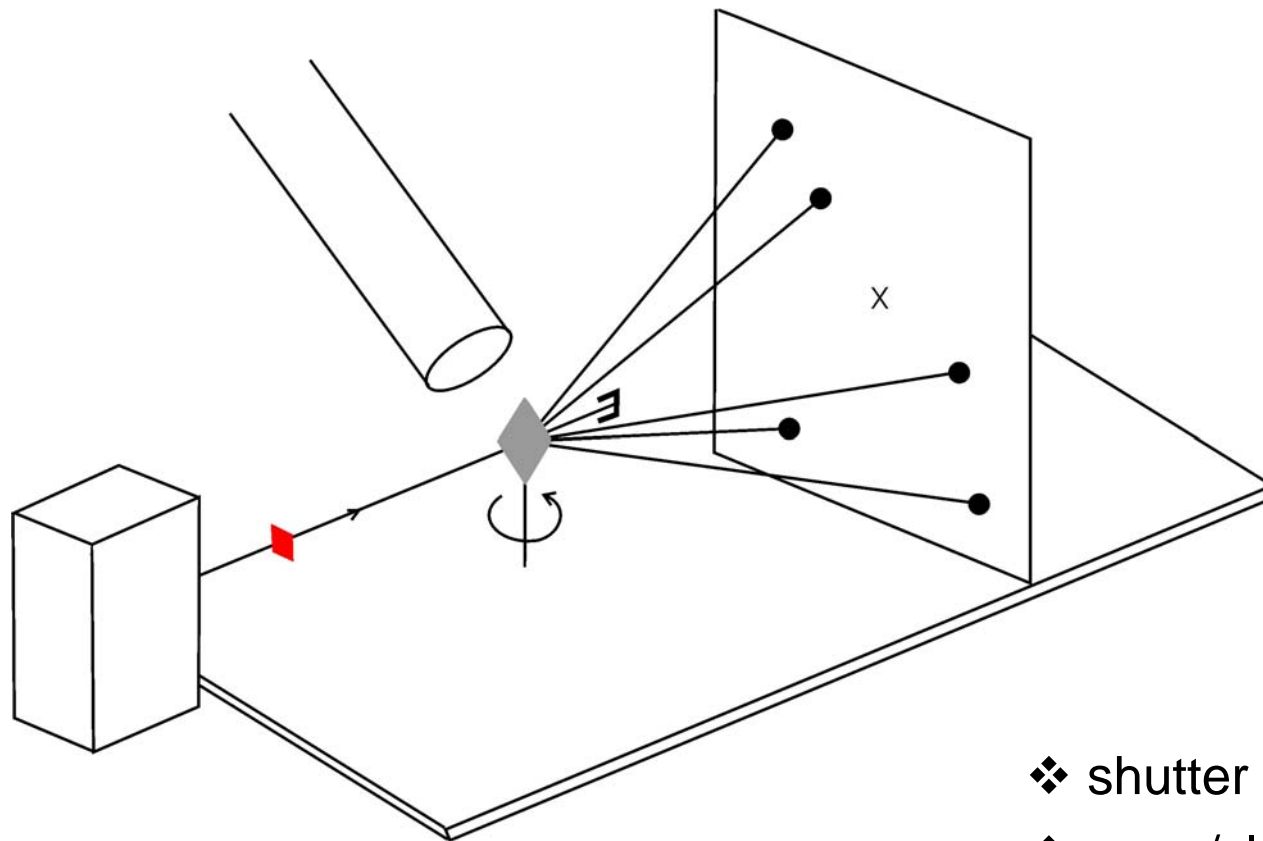
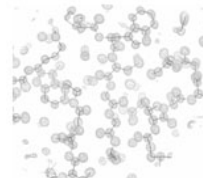
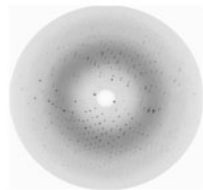
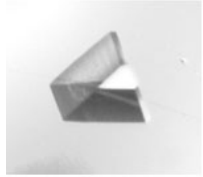
❖ alignment to beam

Slits and Collimation



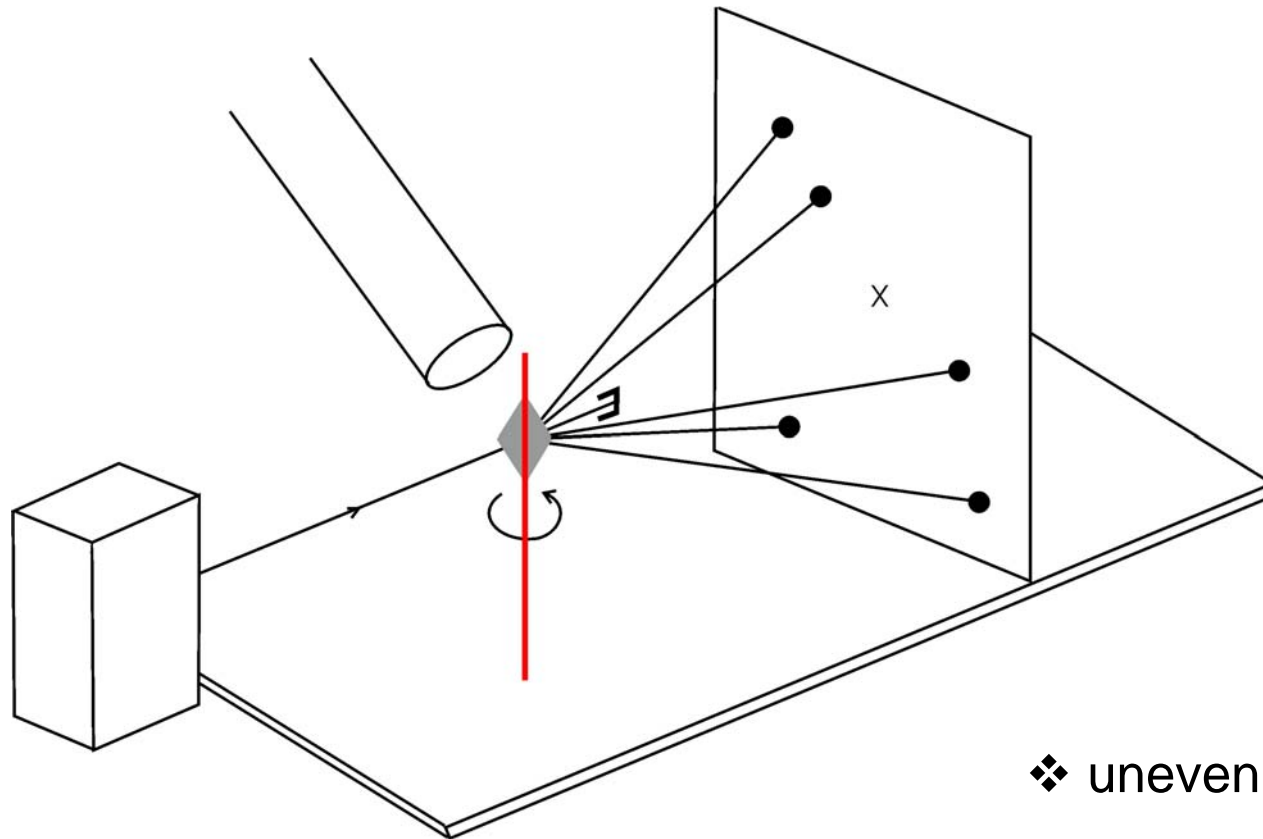
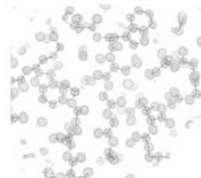
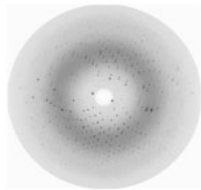
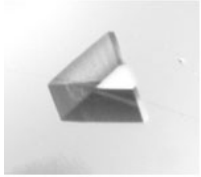
- ❖ size of the beam
- ❖ slit scattering
- ❖ slit movement

Beam Shutter



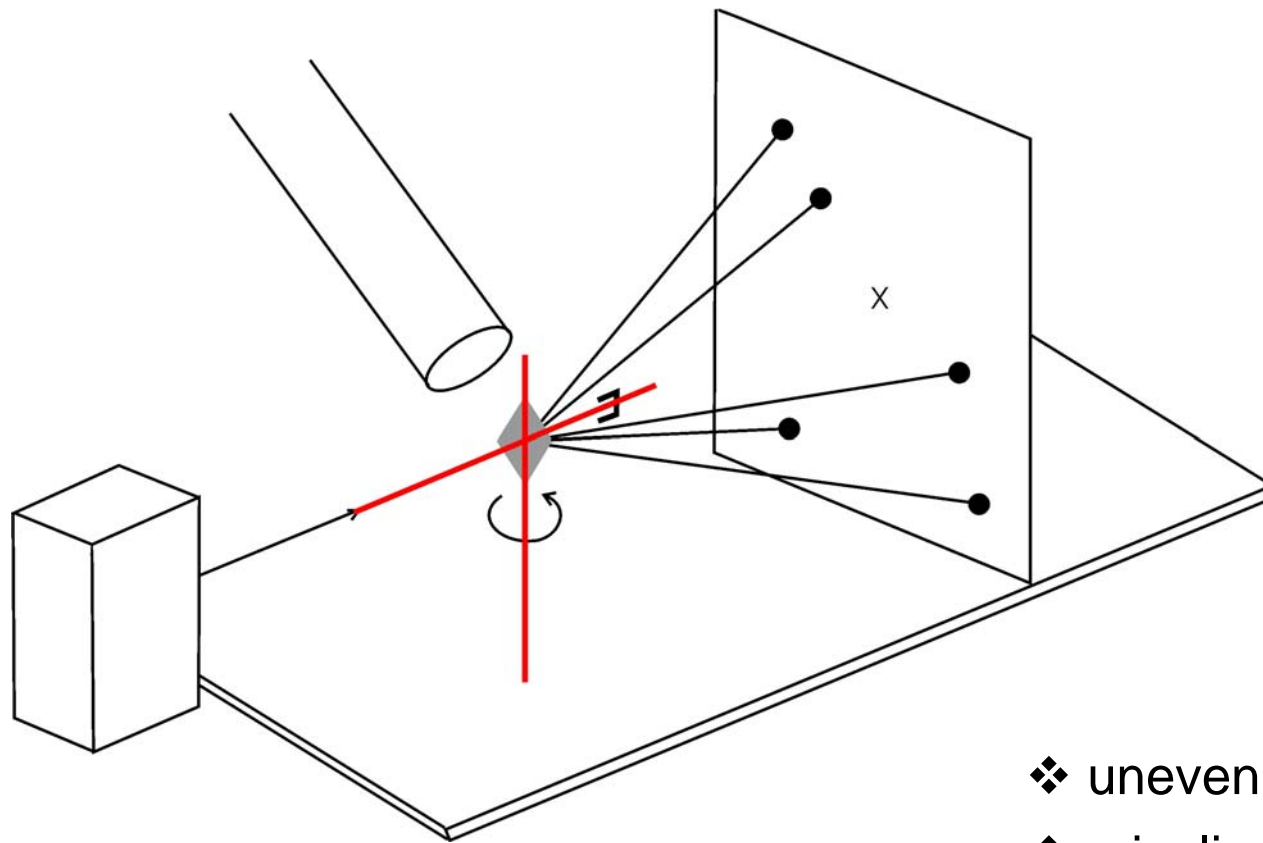
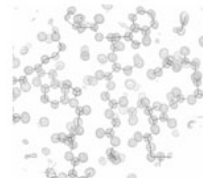
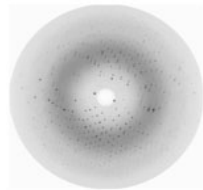
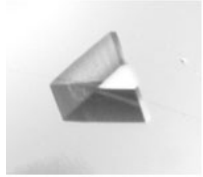
- ❖ shutter speed
- ❖ open/close movement

Rotation Axis (Spindle)



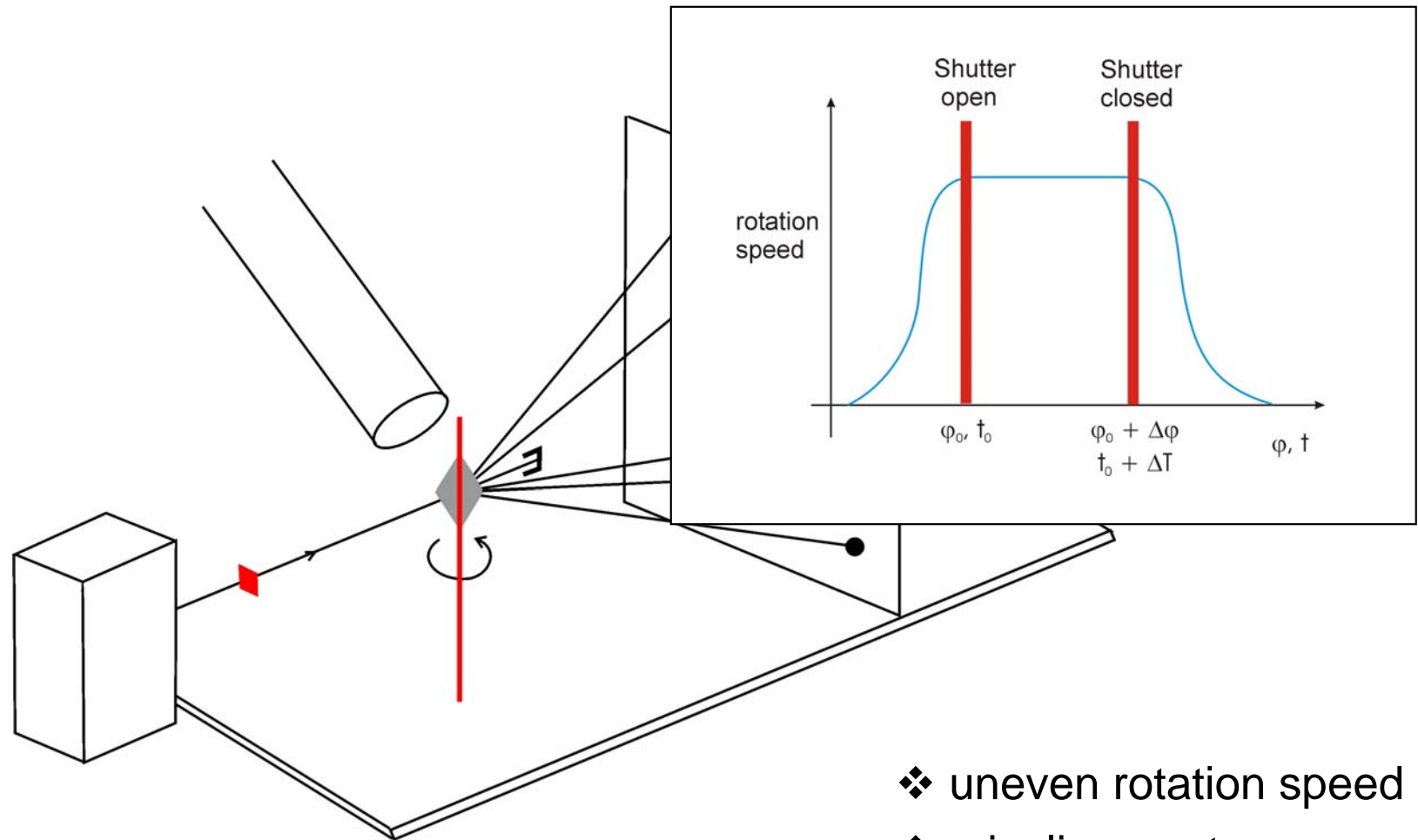
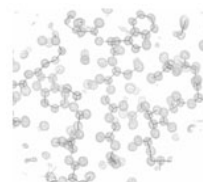
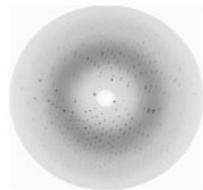
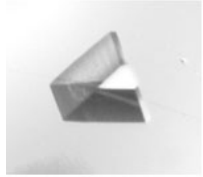
❖ uneven rotation speed

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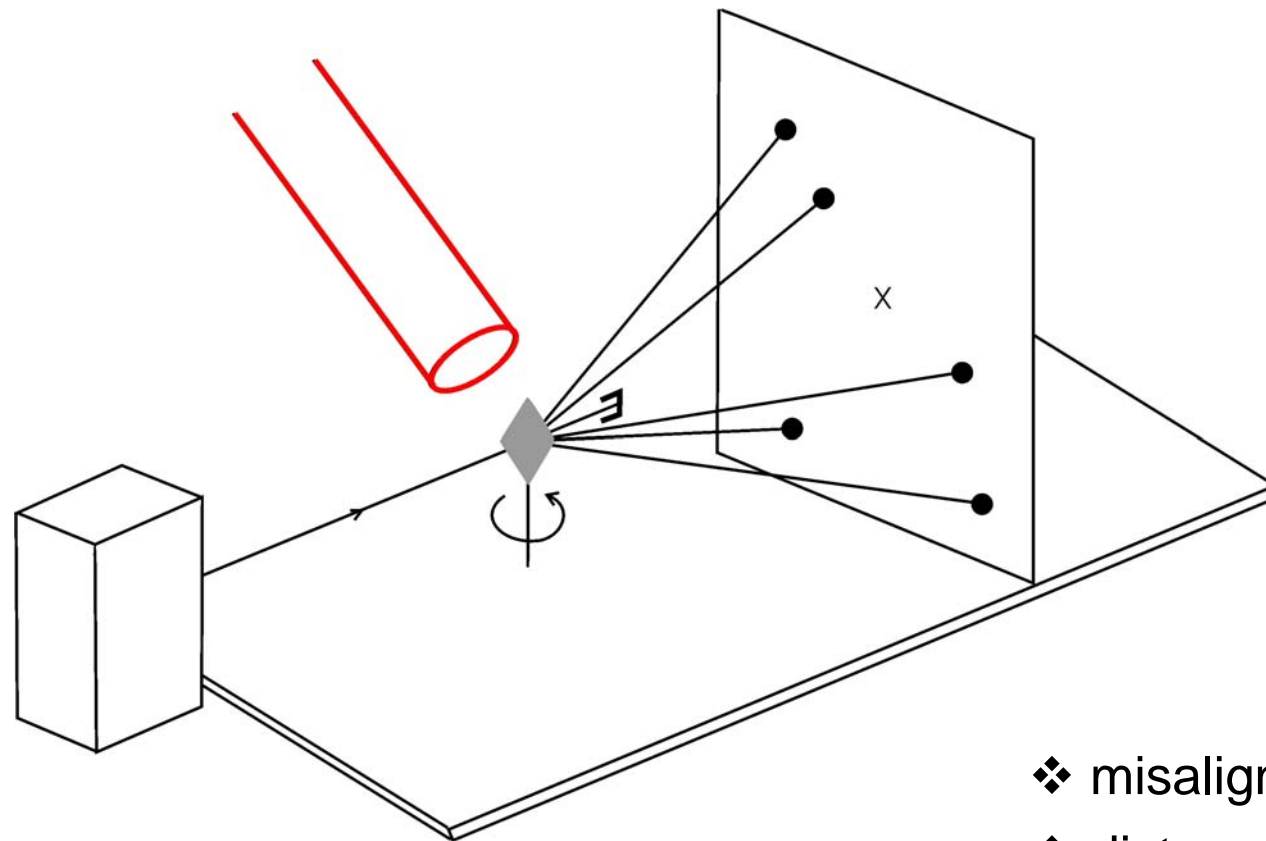
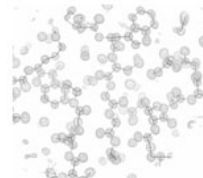
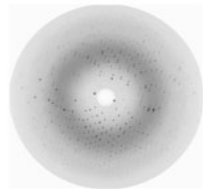
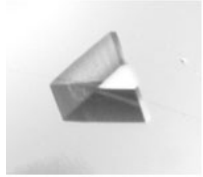
- ❖ uneven rotation speed
- ❖ misalignment

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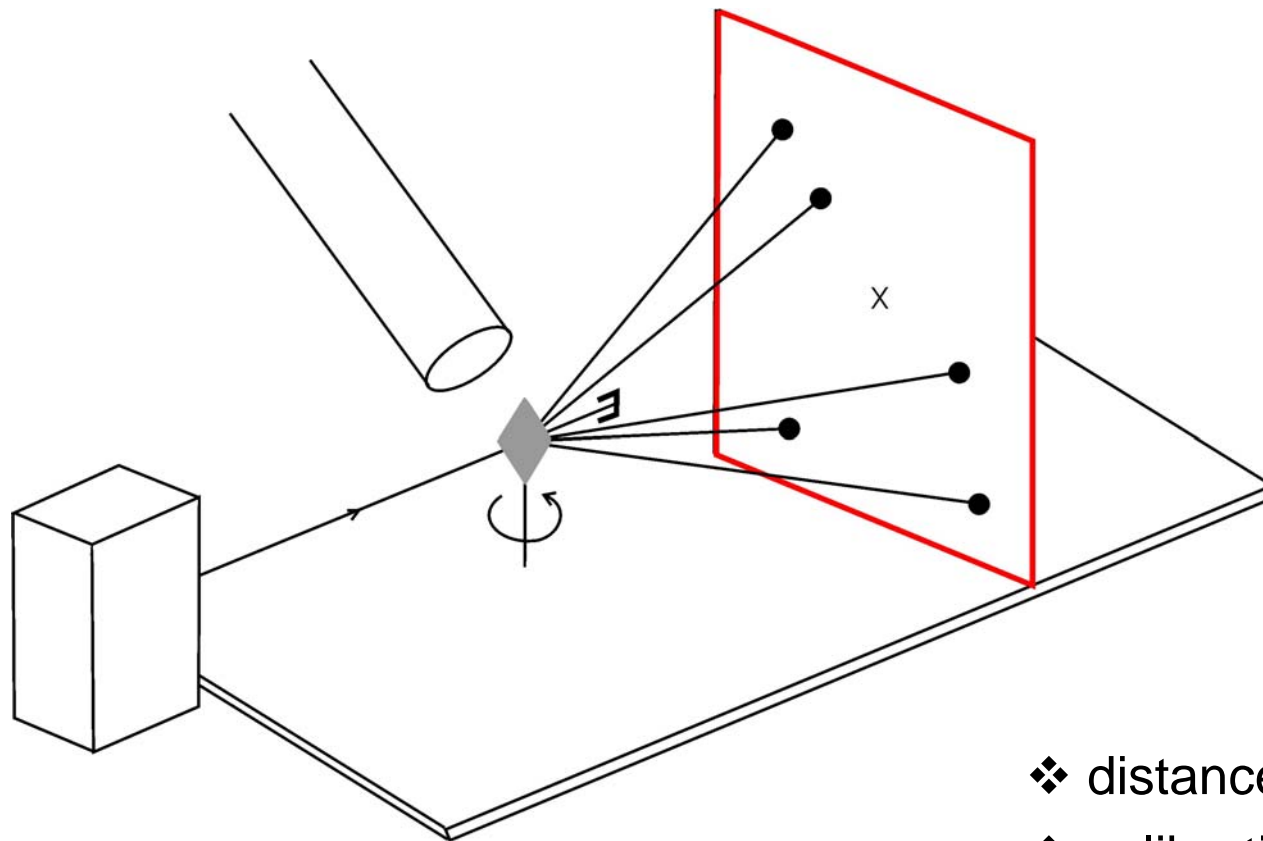
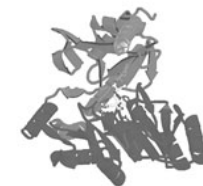
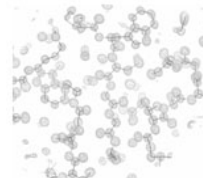
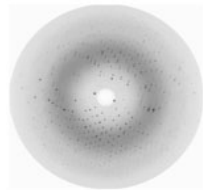
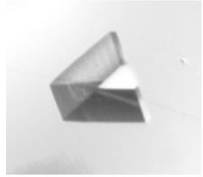
- ❖ uneven rotation speed
- ❖ misalignment
- ❖ shutter/spindle synchronization

Cryo-System



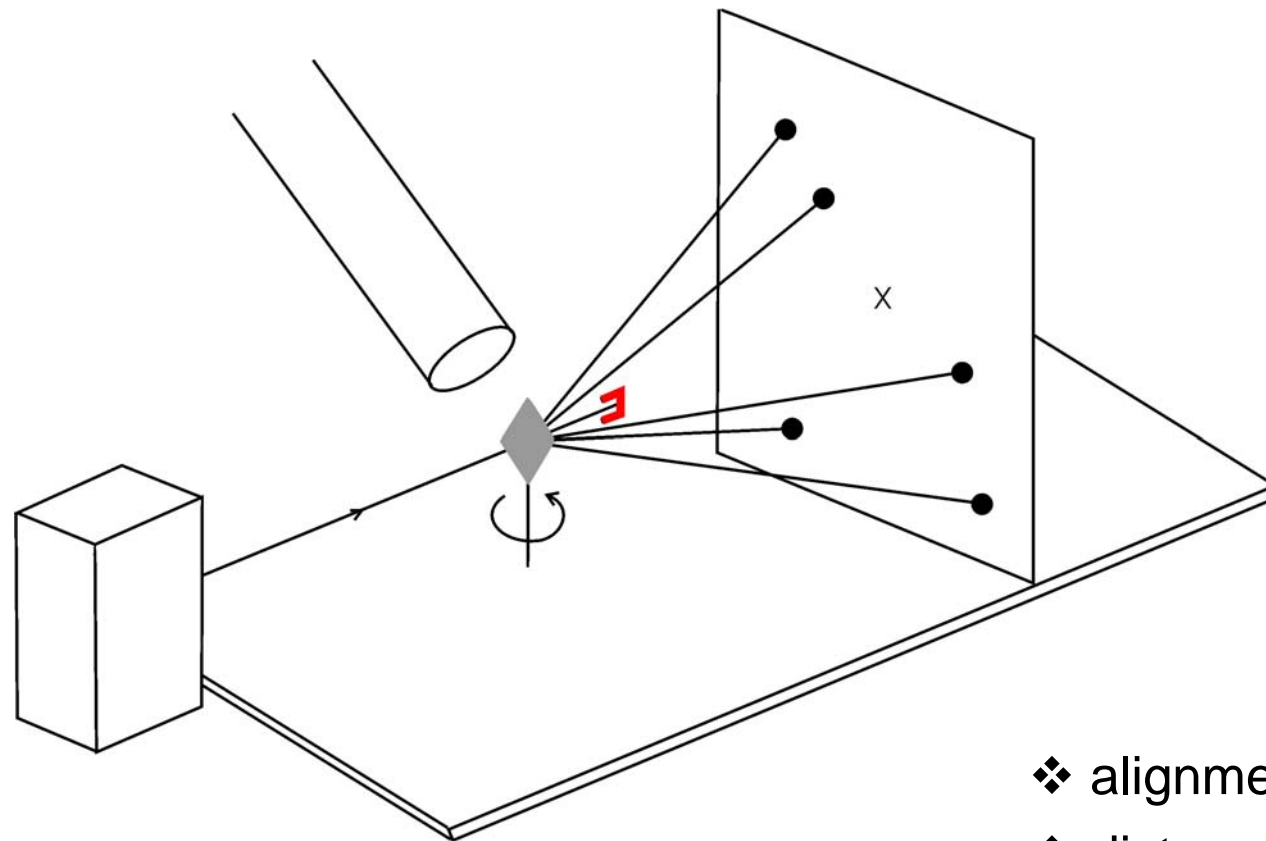
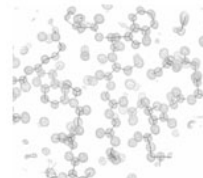
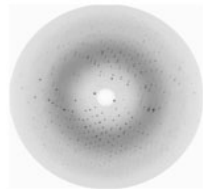
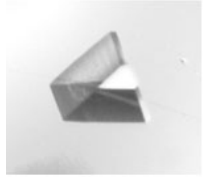
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- ❖ distance to crystal
- ❖ T-stability

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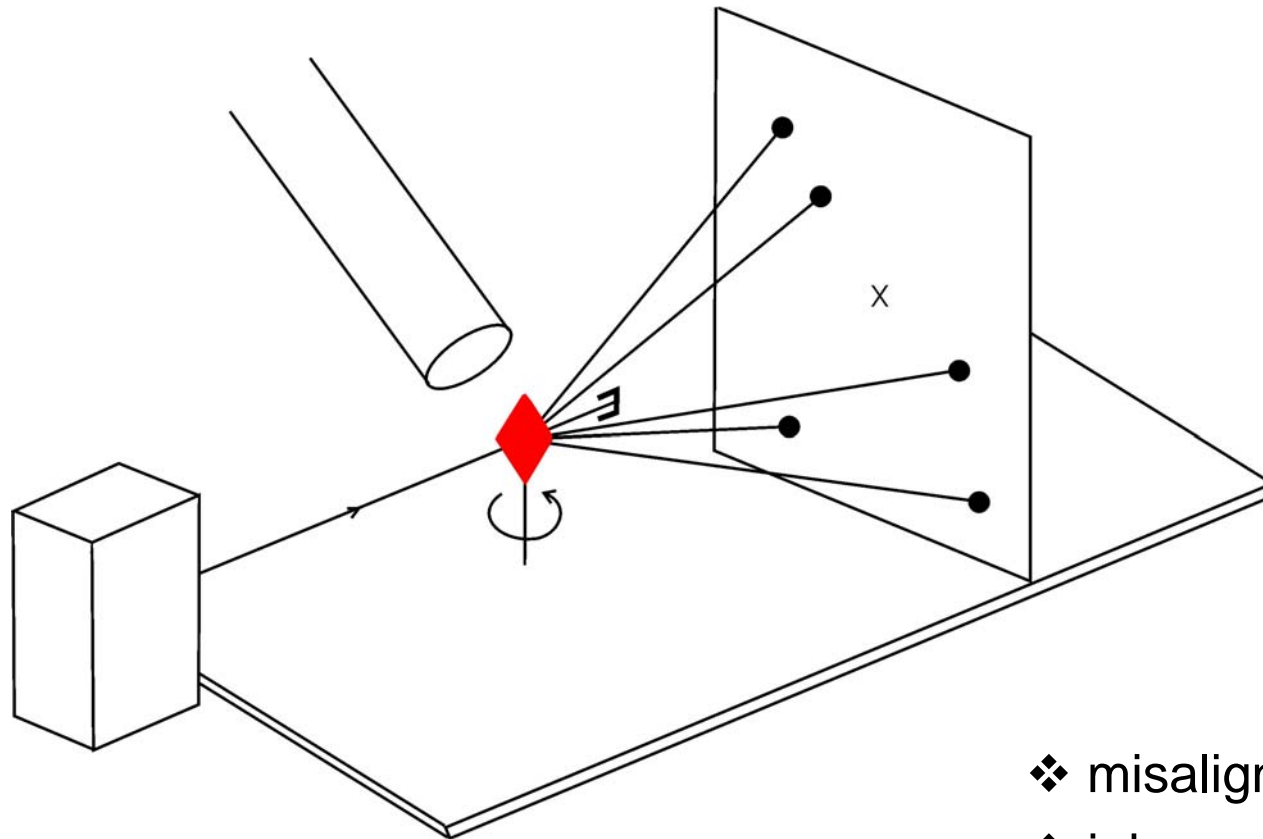
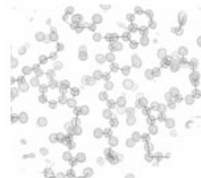
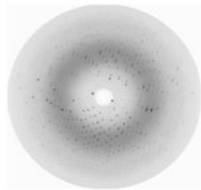
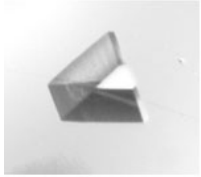
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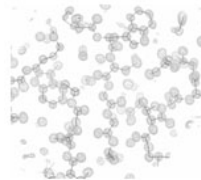
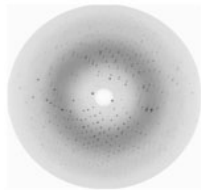
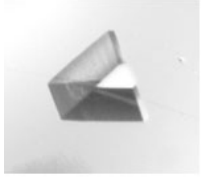
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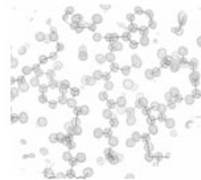
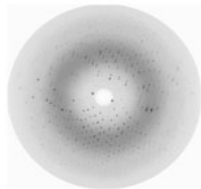
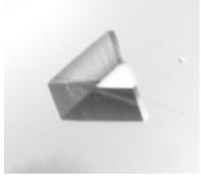


- ❖ misalignment
- ❖ inherent disorder
- ❖ damage upon freezing
- ❖ liquid around crystal
- ❖ vibration in cryostream

What Should You Do?



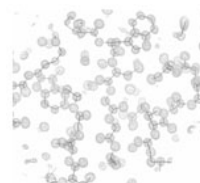
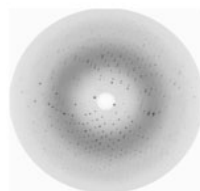
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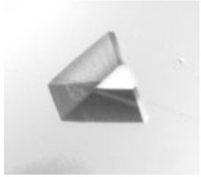
- ⇒ Native data collection for molecular replacement
- ⇒ Heavy atom derivative data collection for phasing
- ⇒ MAD or SAD data collection for phasing
- ⇒ High resolution native data collection
- ⇒ Screening for ligand binding
- ⇒ Other

Different Requirements



	Molecular replacement	Anomalous Phasing	High-resolution refinement	Ligand search
Accuracy	+	++++	++	++
Low-resolution completeness	+++	+++	++	++
Resolution	+	+	+++	++
Overall completeness	++	++	++	++
Automation	++	+	++	+++

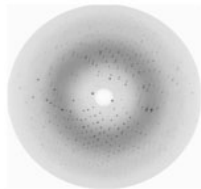
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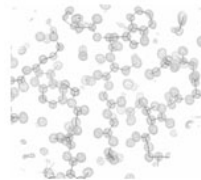
SIR: $R = 100 \cdot \sum_{hkl} | |F_{PH}| - |F_P| | / \sum_{hkl} |F_P|$ 15-30%



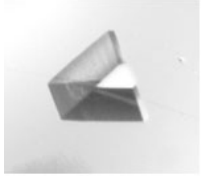
MAD: $R_{anom} = 200 \cdot \sum_{hkl} | I^+ - I^- | / \sum_{hkl} | I^+ + I^- |$ ~5%



S-SAD: ~1%

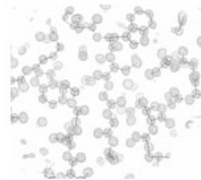
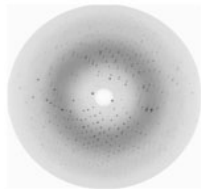


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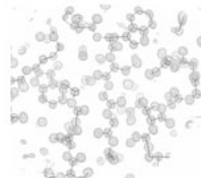
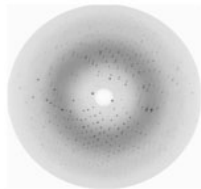
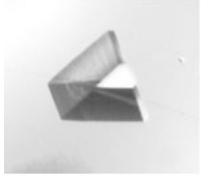
How can you make sure that the beamline is ok?

- ⇒ Trust your beamline scientist
- ⇒ Carry out a test data collection

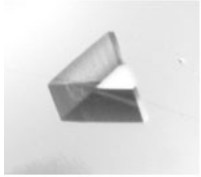


Starting the Experiment

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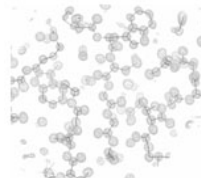
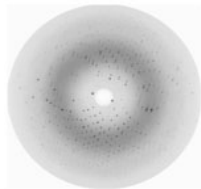


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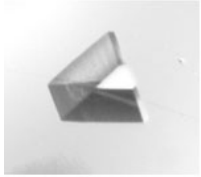


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⇒ Use the right cryo-protectant for the crystal



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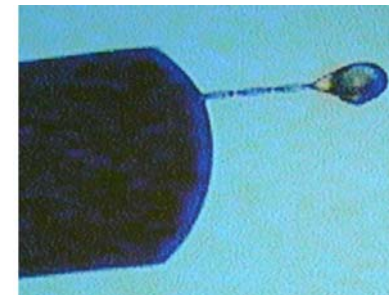
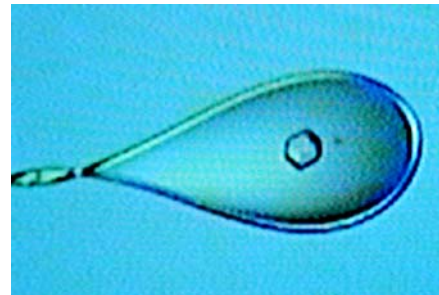
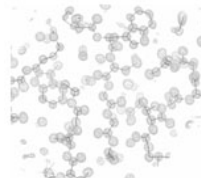
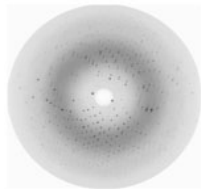


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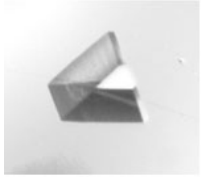
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⇒ Match loop size to crystal size



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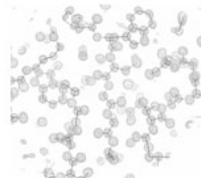
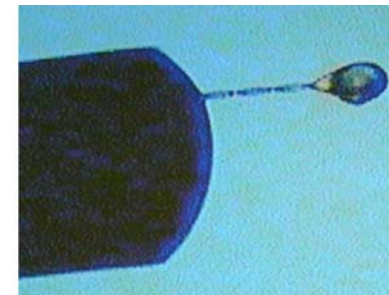
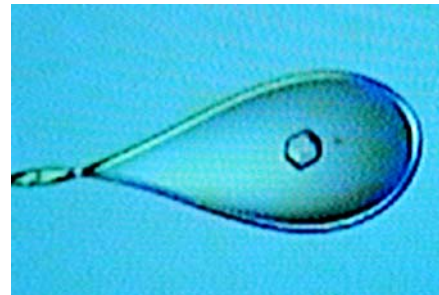
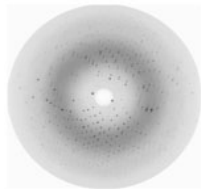
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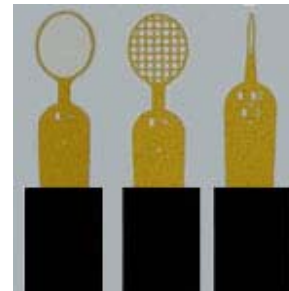
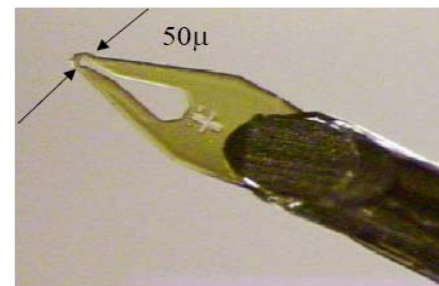


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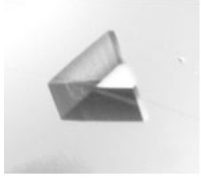
⇒ Match loop size to crystal size



⇒ consider different mounting methods



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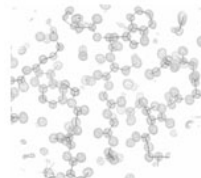
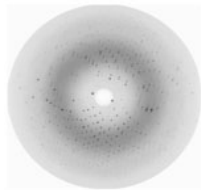


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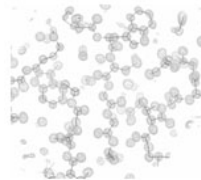
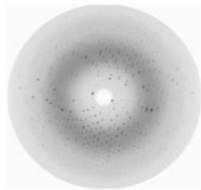
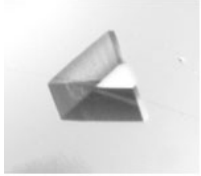


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❖ Match beam size to crystal size

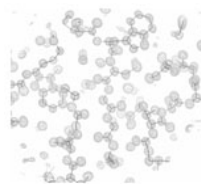
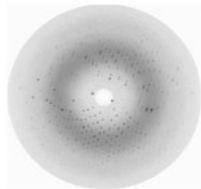
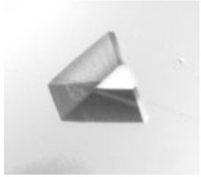


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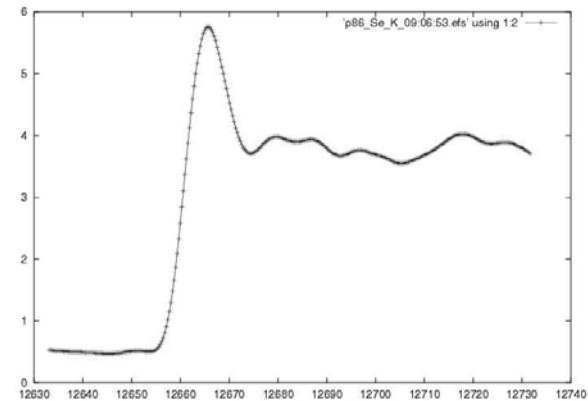
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 - ⇒ Inspect the diffraction pattern for split reflections or multiple lattices
 - ⇒ Check anisotropy of diffraction

Starting the Experiment

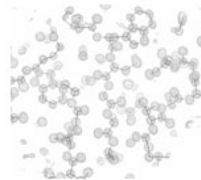
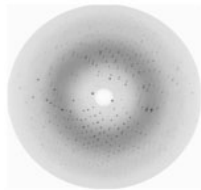
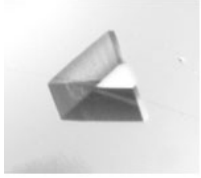


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⇒ Measure an X-ray fluorescence spectrum for MAD/SAD

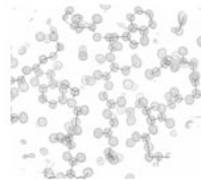
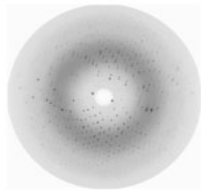
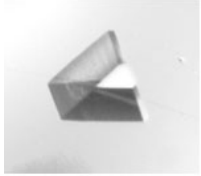


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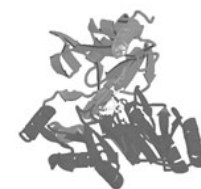
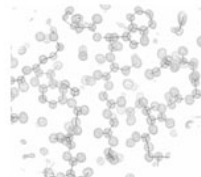
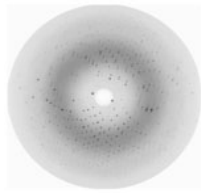
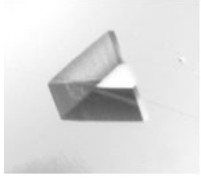
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 - ⇒ Use the whole detector surface
 - ⇒ Rule of thumb: $d_{\min} = \text{visible diffraction} + 0.2 \text{ \AA}$

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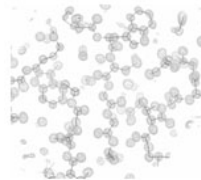
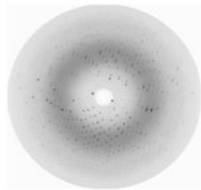
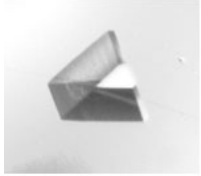
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 - ❖ Choose the total rotation range
- ⇒ Run a strategy program in order to get a complete data set as quickly as possible
- ⇒ If you have time and the crystal does not decay, collect redundant data

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 - ⇒ Run a strategy program to avoid overlapping reflections
 - ⇒ Fine slicing vs. wide slicing

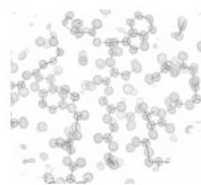
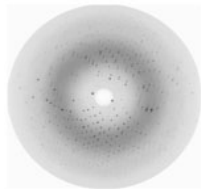
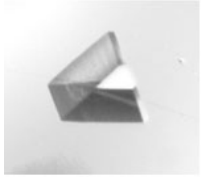
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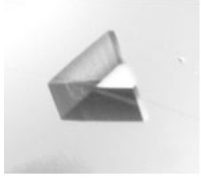
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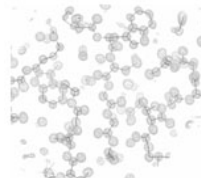
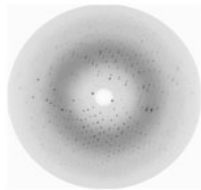


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- ❖ Start data collection

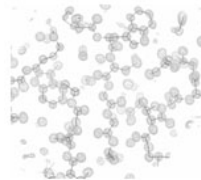
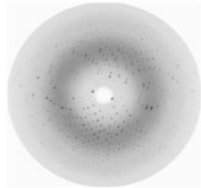
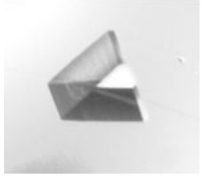
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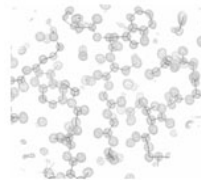
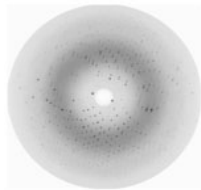
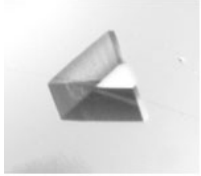


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- ❖ Process the data as you collect them
- ❖ Try to solve your structure as soon as possible

Summary – Part 2



The collection of diffraction data is the last real **experiment** that is conducted before the determination and refinement of the structure.

The factors involved in diffraction data collection are complex and require some thought in order to produce the highest quality data set possible.

The quality of the diffraction data ultimately determines the quality of the resulting structure.

Thank you for your attention

