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Decade	1950's	1960's	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000's
Size	30 atoms	<100 non-H atoms	<200 non- H atoms	<400 non-H atoms	<600 non- H atoms	<1000 non-H atoms
Time / Structure	~ 1year	3-6 months	1 month	1 week	Few days	Few hours
# Structures	<500	~8300	32,000	95,000	229,000	528,000







What happened? 1913 – 1963 vs. 1963 - 2013

#### **1)** Sources

#### 2) Instrumentation -

diffractometers / computers / detectors

3) Software / Computers -FORTRAN programming  $\rightarrow$  SHELX, CCP4, Phenix, etc.

4) Molecular Biology - cloning / expression systems; sequencing

5) Automation - robotics

6) Methods -

Phasing: Patterson / Heavy atom; MIR; SIR; MR; MAD; SAD Model Building: Contour tracing, Richards Box, FRODO, COOT **Refinement and Validation** 

# X-ray Sources:

# X-ray tubes: the "sealed" tube





#### **Origin of Non-characteristic X-rays**



The electron (much lighter than the nucleus) comes very close to the nucleus and the electromagnetic interaction causes a deviation of the trajectory where the electron looses energy and an X-ray photon is emitted.

#### Bremsstrahlung X-rays

In an X-ray tube the electrons emitted from the anode are accelerated towards the metal target cathode by an accelerating voltage of typically 50 kV. The high energy electrons interact with the atoms in the metal target. Sometimes the electron comes very close to a nucleus in the target and is deviated by the electromagnetic interaction. In this process, which is called bremsstrahlung (braking radiation), the electron looses much energy and a photon (X-ray) is emitted. The energy of the emitted photon can take any value up to a maximum corresponding to the energy of the incident electron.







#### **Origin of characteristic X-rays**

#### **Related Laureate**



The Nobel Prize in Physics 1917 - Charles Glover Barkla »

#### **Characteristic X-ray Lines**

The high energy electron can also cause an electron close to the nucleus in a metal atom to be knocked out from its place. This vacancy is filled by an electron further out from the nucleus. The well defined difference in binding energy, characteristic of the material, is emitted as a monoenergetic photon. When detected this X-ray photon gives rise to a characteristic X-ray line in the energy spectrum. C. Barkla observed these lines in 1908-09 and was given the 1917 Nobel Prize for this discovery. He also made the first experiments suggesting that the X-rays are electromagnetic waves.



#### **Characteristic X-rays arise from electronic transitions**



Figure 1.2. X-ray spectra with characteristic peaks:  $MoK\alpha$ , 50 Kv;  $CuK\alpha$ , 35 Kv.

### Characteristic X-rays have defined $\lambda$

	Cr	Fe	Cu	Мо
Z	24	26	29	42
α1. Å	2.2896	1.9360	1.5405	0.70926
α2.Å.	2.2935	1.9399	1.5443	0.71354
α.* Å	2.2909	1.9373	1.5418	0.71069
β1. Å	2.0848	1.7565	1.3922	0.63225
β. filt.	V, 0.4 mil†	Mn, 0.4 mil	Ni, 0.6 mil	Nb, 3 mils
α, filt.	Ti	Cr	Со	Υ
Resolution, Å	1.15	0.95	0.75	0.35
Critical potential, kV	5.99	7.11	8.98	20.0
Operating conditions, kV:	30-40	35-45	35-45	50-55
half- or full-wave- rectified, mA	10	10	20	20
constant potential, mA	7	7	14	14

Table 1.1. Target Materials and Associated Constants

\*  $\bar{a}$  is the intensity-weighted average of  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  and is the figure usually used for the wavelength when the two lines are not resolved.

 $\dagger 1 \text{ mil} = 0.001 \text{ inch} = 0.025 \text{ mm}.$ 





#### FR591 Rotating Anode X-ray Generator

The Nonius' FR591 rotating anode X-ray generator now has dramatically improved the performance of the anode, by a complete redesign. We now have a static shaft and a rotating anode, instead of rotating both. The cooling water flow has also been redesigned to give much higher throughput, higher flow and higher turbulence, which results in better heat transfer and hence better cooling capacity.

Now with the new ULTRA anode you can get 6 kW on a 0.3mm focus!



#### Another Source of "X-rays"

#### Synchrotron Radiation

X-ray photons can also be created under different conditions. When physicists were operating the first particle accelerators, they discovered that electrons can produce photons without colliding at all. This was possible because the magnetic field in the accelerators was causing the electrons to move in large spirals around magnetic field lines of force. This process is called synchrotron radiation.

In the cosmos particles such as electrons can be accelerated to high energies— near the speed of light— by electric and magnetic fields. These highenergy particles can produce synchrotron photons with wavelengths ranging from radio up through X-ray and gamma-ray energies.



Synchrotron Radiation: Electrons moving in magnetic field radiate photons.



#### **APS - Advanced Photon Source**

#### **Argonne National Laboratory**



# "X-ray" Sources: X-ray tubes

The **brilliance** of a light source is defined as the number of photons emitted per second, per unit source size, per unit space angle and for a bandwidth of 1/1000 of the photon energy

The Comparison between various sources of X-rays shows large differences in their brilliance.

#### X-ray tubes:

Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen discovered X-rays in 1895 whilst working with cathode-ray tubes. Using the principle of fast electrons hitting a metallic target, a first substantial gain in brilliance was not obtained until the introduction of rotating anode sources (~1960).

#### Synchrotron Radiation Facilities:

The progress of high energy physics, with the construction of powerful particle accelerators gave birth to what we now call *First* generation synchrotron sources (~1970). Using the deflection of high energy electrons by a magnetic field for the production of X-rays proved so promising that a number of dedicated *Second* generation sources were built (~1980). Relying on the combination of needle thin electron beams and Insertion Devices, *Third* generation synchrotron sources (~1995) are now emitting synchrotron X-ray beams that are a trillion  $(10^{12})$  times more brilliant than those produced by X-ray tubes.

#### Free Electron X-ray Lasers:

Coupling electron and X-ray beams together, the Free Electron X-ray Lasers currently on the drawing boards could be the next generation of X-ray sources. While they promise to achieve an increase in peak brilliance by another factor of a trillion, the first prototypes may be operational around the year 2010.

Brilliance of the X-ray beams (photons/s/mm<sup>2</sup>/mrad<sup>2</sup>/0.1% BW)



# Advanced Photon Source (APS) synchrotron near Chicago.





# **Detectors**



**Ron Hamlin – Supper Award talk** 

# Concept drawing of a film scanner



#### Rossmann, Methods in Enzymology 1985, p. 242

**Optronics P-1000 film scanner** 



**Ron Hamlin – Supper Award talk** 

Photo provided by Dieter Schneider, Brookhaven National Laboratory

# **Diffractometer:** automatic but measured only **one hkl reflection at a time**



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# Omega scan of a single reflection



Scanning Angle Omega

# **Area Detectors:** Typical coverage of diffraction pattern by a pair of ADSC multiwire detectors



Xuong Nguyen-huu

**Ron Hamlin – Supper Award talk** 

Ron Hamlin



#### Era of Multiwire Area Detectors



Parts of first ADSC multiwire counter system in Ron's living room in early 1984

The two-detector Mark II system started operation in Xuong's lab in about 1982

> Motor driven two theta table U. Texas Austin 1988

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# MAR 180 with cover removed



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# Image Plate Detectors brute force solid angle coverage



# **Fiberoptic Tapers**

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# **Basic Principle of Operation**



# Quantum 1 cover removed



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# The Quantum 315 uses 9 instead of 4 of exactly the same modules as used in the Quantum 210.



# Diffraction pattern from a Quantum 315



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# Joseph Fourier / Fourier Series ~1808



Fourier series are named in honor of Joseph Fourier (1768-1830), who made important contributions to the study of trigonometric series, after preliminary investigations by Euler, d'Alembert, and Bernoulli. He applied this technique to find the solution of the heat equation, publishing his initial results in 1807, and publishing his Théorie analytique de la chaleur in 1822

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi t}{L}$$
$$a_0 = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^{L} f(t) dt$$

$$a_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^{L} f(t) \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} dt \quad b_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-L}^{L} f(t) \sin \frac{n\pi t}{L} dt$$

where n = 1, 2, 3 ...



### Example - Saw Tooth Function









 $f(t) = 1 + 2 \sin t - \sin 2t$  (first 3 terms of the series):



$$f(t) = 1 + 2\sin t - \sin 2t + \frac{2}{3}\sin 3t$$



Fourier Series Applet

http://www.falstad.com/fourier/

# **Sines / Cosines / and Expoentials**

$$\exp(x) \equiv e^{x} \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n}}{n!}$$
$$= 1 + x + \frac{x^{2}}{2} + \frac{x^{3}}{6} + \frac{x^{4}}{24} + \frac{x^{5}}{120} + \dots$$

If we let x be *imaginary*,  $x = i\theta$  (where  $\theta$  is real), then this can be written

$$e^{i\theta} = 1 + i\theta - \frac{\theta^2}{2} - i\frac{\theta^3}{6} + \frac{\theta^4}{24} + i\frac{\theta^5}{120} - \dots$$

recall

$$\cos\theta = 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2} + \frac{\theta^4}{24} - \dots$$

 $\sim \infty$ 

$$\sin\theta = \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{6} + \frac{\theta^5}{120} - \dots$$

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

thus

**Euler's Equation** 

Euler's formula (Leonhard Euler, 1707-1783) gives the relationship between the complex exponential function and common trig terms. For any real number " $\phi$ "





# **Fourier Series / Fourier Transforms**

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos \frac{n\pi t}{L} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin \frac{n\pi t}{L}$$
  
or  
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Now consider electron density (as a function or a set of coefficients)

$$\rho(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{h}) \exp(-2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{x}) \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{h}) = \int_{C} \rho(\mathbf{x}) \exp(2\pi i \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{v}$$
  
Real Space  $\mathbf{h}$  Reciprocal Space *cell*

**AND** –  $\mathbf{F}_{hkl}$  can also be calculated as the resultant scattering or the sum of the individual scattering atoms!!

$$\mathbf{F}(hkl) = F(hkl)e^{i\alpha(hkl)} = \sum_{j=1}^{N'} \mathbf{f}_j(hkl) = \sum_{j=1}^{N'} f_j(hkl)e^{i\phi_j(hkl)}$$



# **Diffraction: Scattering from (two) "atoms"**



Scattering from "many atoms"



The structure factor for a reflection may be thought of as the vector sum of the x-ray scattering contributions from many atoms.

Each of the j contributions may be represented as a vector in the complex plane, with amplitude  $f_j$  and phase phi<sub>j</sub>.

# **Scattering from "atoms in two unit cells"**







# The Nobel Prize in Physics 1915



Sir William Henry Bragg



William Lawrence Bragg

The Nobel Prize in Physics 1915 was awarded jointly to Sir William Henry Bragg and William Lawrence Bragg *"for their services in the analysis of crystal structure by means of X-rays"* 



X-ray apparatus



Sodium Chloride (NaCl)



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

# **Crystals: Scattering from "planes"**

**Resultant scattering of resultant scattering!** 

# **Bragg Equation**







Planes in direct space represented by points in reciprocal space.

# $\rho(X,Y,Z) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{k} \sum_{l} \sum_{k} \sum_{l} \frac{F(hkl)}{1} \exp[i\alpha(hkl)] \exp[-2\pi i(hX + kY + lZ)]$



Measure thousands of Amplitudes - [Fhk1]'s - ?? How do we obtain Phases αhk1 ?? Phase Problem



## The information we get from a single diffraction experiment.....





58

228.45 279.83 320.48

775.63 344.55

20.37

408.72

114.72

87.57 30.93 99.30

2258.68

770.18

431.73

The reflections are indexed (consistent assignment of reciprocal cell indices h,k,l) and all we get for the money is a long list of intensities from several ten thousand reflections

		- 22
	3	10
	4	10
	5	10
	6	10
	2	10
ALC: NO	á	10
	ä	10
	10	10
	10	10
	11	10
	12	10
	13	10
	14	10
	15	- 16
	16	10
	10	10
	17	10
	18	10

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11

11

1

2 11





## Cryo-cooling efficiently improves data quality



- Crystals are rapidly cooled (NOT FROZEN) to near liquid nitrogen temperature
- Reduced thermal vibrations
- Increased resolution
- Reduced disorder
- Eliminated radiation damage
- No merging and scaling errors





# Effect of Resolution

# Reduced Disorder at Lower Temperatures





Dramatic improvements in the overall structure are likely to result from better definition of disordered regions regardless of resolution

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# Solving the Phase Problem

- **1.** MIR: Multiple Isomorphous Replacement (Heavy Atom)
- 2. MR: Molecular Replacement
- 3. MAD: multiwavelength anomolous dispersion

• Molecular Modeling (predicting starting structure from sequence alone)

#### **Use of Heavy Metal Ions for Phasing by MIR Methods**



Native Phosphorylase

Phosphorylase + Ethyl Hg thiosalicylate

#### Effect of adding 1 "heavy" atom with lots of electrons!



Multiple Isomorphous Replacement (MIR) method

 $F_{\rm PH} = F_{\rm P} + F_{\rm H}$ 

 $F_P = F_{PH} - F_H$ 



#### Multiple Isomorphous Replacement (MIR) method



Solving the phase problem by "**Molecular Replacement**".

If an approximate model of the protein structure is known in advance, approximate phases can be guessed, and the unknown parts of the structure can be calculated in an iterative procedure.

No heavy atom derivative required.

**BUT – need starting model and orientation (rotation and translation)** 

For example, molecular replacement can be used to determine the structure of an complex with inhibitor bound to an enzyme active site, if the structure of the enzyme itself is already known. Also, MR is often used to solve the structures of closely related proteins in a superfamily.





This is a book of pictorial 2-d Fourier Transforms. These are particularly relevant to my own field of X-ray. crystallography, but should be of interest to anyone involved in signal processing or frequency domain calculations.

#### **Contents:**

#### http://www.ysbl.york.ac.uk/~cowtan/fourier/fourier.html

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- Introduction
- Book of Crystallography
- Duck Tales and missing data.
- A little Animal Magic and cross phasing.
- A Tail of Two Cats and image restoration.
- Animal Liberation and free-sets.
- The Gallery. Other interesting pictures.

#### Other topics:

The Interactive Structure Factor Tutorial: Learn about structure factors and maps.

An introduction to crystallographic Fourier transforms. The mathematical link between Scattering theory and Fourier theory. An explanation of the convolution theorem.

#### Teaching materials elsewhere \$° -0-

Document: Done

#### http://www.ysbl.york.ac.uk/~cowtan/fourier/fourier.html

Here is our old friend; the Fourier Duck, and his Fourier transform:



And here is a new friend; the Fourier Cat and his Fourier transform:



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#### **Duck Transform Amplitudes + Cat Phases**



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Crystal Structure	e of <i>M</i> .	tuberculosis	Alanine	Racemase
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Table 1: Data Collection and Processing Statistics for the MAD and Native Data Sets of Alr<sub>Mtb</sub>

9	MAD 1	MAD 2	MAD 3	MAD 4	native
λ(Å)	0.9788	0.9790	0.9562	0.9809	0.9160
resolution (Å) mosaicity		2. 0.	20 50		1.80 0.65
no. of reflections observed > 1 <i>a</i>	432376	446744	431524	336135	779600
no. of unique reflections > $1\sigma$	35817	37506	36020	36242	67592
$R_{\text{merue}}^{a}$ (%)	6.9	6.4	5.1	3.7	6.0 (67.2)
completeness (%)	91.8	95.8	92.1	92.1	99.3 (95.6)
$\langle I/\sigma \rangle$	30.3	34.3	41.6	50.9	34.5 (2.6)

${}^{a}R_{\rm merge} = \sum  I_{\rm obs} - I_{\rm avg}  / \sum  I_{\rm avg} .$	Table 2: Final Refinement Statistics for Alr <sub>Mtb</sub> at 1.9 Å Resolution			
Biochemistry 2005, 44, 1471–1481 The 1.9 Å Crystal Structure of Alanine Racemase from <i>Mycobacterium tubercu</i> Contains a Conserved Entryway into the Active Site <sup>†,‡</sup> Pierre LeMagueres, <sup>§</sup> Hookang Im, <sup>§</sup> Jerry Ebalunode, <sup>§</sup> Ulrich Strych, <sup>§</sup> Michael J. Benedik, <sup>II</sup> James M. Brig Harold Kohn, <sup>⊥</sup> and Kurt L. Krause <sup>*,§,@</sup> Department of Biology and Biochemistry, University of Houston, Houston, Texas 77204-5001, Department of Biolog Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843-3258, Division of Medicinal Chemistry and Natural Product School of Pharmacy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27599-7360, and Section of Infectious Diseases, Department of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas 77030 Received June 27, 2004; Revised Manuscript Received October 22, 2004	Jaria a Idosis 1471 a Iosis r. s.šš r. n n n n n n n n	R factor <sup>4</sup> (%) $G_{free}$ (%) (for 1747 reflections) verage <i>B</i> factor (Å <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>b</sup> main chain side chain PLP waters ms deviations bond lengths (Å) bond angles (deg) to. of reflections $\geq 2\sigma$ to. of residues to. of protein atoms to. of PLP atoms	20.4 25.4 25.5 31.5 21.9 32.4 0.006 1.9 55001 722 5360 30	

" R-factor =  $\sum |F_{obs} - F_{calc}| / \sum |F_{obs}|$ .<sup>b</sup> All isotropic model.

# **Energy Refinement**

#### (Simulated Annealing)

 $\mathsf{E}_{TOTAL} = \mathsf{E}_{EMPIRICAL} + \mathsf{E}_{EFFECTIVE}$ 

$$E_{EFFECTIVE} = E_{XREF} + E_{NOE} + E_{HARM} + E_{CDIH} + E_{NCS} + E_{DG} + E_{RELA} + E_{PLAN}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{EMPIRICAL}} &= \Sigma^{N}{}_{p=\mathsf{I}} \left[ W^{p}{}_{\mathsf{BOND}} \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{BOND}} + W^{p}{}_{\mathsf{ANGL}} \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{ANGL}} + W^{p}{}_{\mathsf{DIHE}} \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{DIHE}} + W^{p}{}_{\mathsf{IMPR}} \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{IMPR}} + W^{p}{}_{\mathsf{VDW}} \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{VDW}} \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{VDW}} + W^{p}{}_{\mathsf{ELEC}} \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{ELEC}} + W^{p}{}_{\mathsf{PVDW}} \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{PVDW}} \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{PVDW}} + W^{p}{}_{\mathsf{PELE}} \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{PELE}} + W^{p}{}_{\mathsf{HBON}} \mathsf{E}_{\mathsf{HBON}} \right]. \end{split}$$

Difference Fourier  
Obs. 
$$\rho_{o}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{h} \sum_{k} \sum_{l} F_{o,hkl} e^{-2\pi i (hx+ky+lz)} + R$$

Calc. 
$$\rho_{\rm c}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{h} \sum_{k} \sum_{l} F_{{\rm c},hkl} e^{-2\pi i (hx+ky+lz)} + R'$$

$$\rho_{\rm o}(x, y, z) - \rho_{\rm c}(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{h} \sum_{k} \sum_{l} (F_{\rm o} - F_{\rm c})_{hkl} e^{-2\pi i (hx + ky + lz)} + R - R'$$

$$\rho_{\rm o} - \rho_{\rm c} = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{h} \sum_{k} \sum_{l} \Delta F_{hkl} e^{-2\pi i (hx + ky + lz)}$$

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#### a) Cat - Cat Transform (Amplitudes only) b) Manx (tailless) Cat - Manx Transform

#### c) Cat Amplitudes + Manx Phases d) [ 2x(Cat Amplitudes) - Manx Amplitudes] + Manx Phases







# **Examples of Difference Fouriers**

## MIF - 1.5A 2Fo-Fc

![](_page_68_Figure_2.jpeg)