

Phase Determination Using Synchrotron Radiation









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Structure Determination





Diffraction Data Collection





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h, k, I Miller indices I(h,k,l) intensity σI(hkl)





The Structure Factor Equation





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The calculation of F(hkl) from a structure (x_j, y_j, z_j) is nothing but a summation of the waves originating from each atom (j) in the direction defined by (hkl).

$$F(hkl) = \sum_{j} f_{j} e^{2\pi i(hx_{j}+ky_{j}+lz_{j})}$$

It is important to note that every atom of the structure contributes to each and every reflection of the diffraction pattern.





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The Electron Density Equation





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The electron density $\rho(x,y,z)$ is a three-dimensional function (with the unit e/Å³), which describes where in the unit cell of the crystal the electrons (and therefore the atoms) are. It is basically the image of the structure we want to determine.

 $\rho(\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y},\mathbf{z}) = 1/V \Sigma_{hkl} \left[F(hkl) \right] e^{i\alpha(hkl)} e^{-2\pi i(hx+ky+lz)}$

It is important to note that every reflection (hkl) of the diffraction pattern contributes to the electron density ρ at each and every position (xyz) in the unit cell of the crystal.

The Phase Problem





From the diffraction pattern, we can only obtain the intensities I(hkl) of the reflections (hkl).



- $I(hkl) \propto F(hkl) \cdot F^{*}(hkl)$
 - $= |F(hkl)| e^{i\alpha(hkl)} \cdot |F(hkl)| e^{-i\alpha(hkl)}$ $= |F(hkl)|^{2}$



The phase α (hkl) cannot be measured.

A Flowchart of a Crystal Structure Analysis HZB Helmholtz



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Step 3 : calculate $\alpha_P(hkl)$ from $|F_P(hkl)|$, $|F_{PH}(hkl)|$ and F_H











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- solvent flattening
- non-crystallographic symmetry averaging
- □ histogram matching
- □ map interpretation and refinement







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Anomalous Scattering













Normal Scattering - 1





aka Elastic Scattering or Thomson Scattering or Scattering without Loss of Energy





An X-ray wave impinges on an atom and causes the electrons to oscillate in the same frequency as the incoming X-ray wave.

Normal Scattering - 2











The amplitude of the scattered wave depends on the number of electrons and the scattering angle.





The moving electrons emanate X-rays in all directions of

f(s) is a scalar function, dependent only on the atom type and 2θ .

Normal Scattering - 3





since $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \rho(-\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow f(\mathbf{s}) = f(-\mathbf{s})$, this results eventually in Friedel's Law











Anomalous Scattering - 1





When the energy of the incident X-ray wave is close to an elemental absorption edge, something else happens in addition.







In addition to being scattered elastically, the incident X-ray wave is absorbed and ejects a core electron. A higher-shell electron then falls back to a lower shell, emitting X-radiation.

Anomalous Scattering - 2





As a net result of absorption, the scattered wave is retarded and the atomic form factor becomes a vectorial quantity.







f ° is the normal atomic form factor, Δf ' is called the *dispersive component* and Δf '' the *anomalous component*.

Anomalous Scattering - 3





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Thus, the total structure factor (h,k,l)F_{PH} contains the *normal* **scattering** of all atoms $F_P + F_H^0$, the dispersive component of the anomalously scattering atoms ΔF_{μ} ' and the anomalous component of the anomalously scattering atoms ΔF_{H} ".


Anomalous Scattering - 4





As consequence of anomalous scattering, Friedel's Law is not valid anymore.

Anomalous Scattering - 5





Synchrotron Radiation





Synchrotron Radiation

occurs when a charge moves at *relativistic speed* following a *curved* trajectory.







- 1. high brilliance
- 2. large spectral range
- 3. time structure

Anomalous Scattering - 6





The tunable synchrotron radiation can be used to maximize the effect of anomalous scattering.











How Can This Be Measured?





beamstop (ESCAN)

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How Can This Be Measured?

'p86 Se K 09:06:53.efs' using 1:2 ----









Measured fluorescence



Derived anomalous scattering factors

$$f''(\omega) = \left(m\omega \ c/4\pi Ne^2\right)\mu(\omega)$$

$$f'(\omega) = (2/\pi) \int_{0}^{\infty} \left[\omega' f''(\omega') / (\omega^{2} - \omega'^{2}) \right] d\omega'$$

What is this Good for?





- 1. Phase Determination
- 2. Structure Validation
- 3. Element Identification







The Harker Construction - SIRAS





Which Elements Can Be Used?









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- 5. covalent modification of the protein (e.g. Met \rightarrow Se-Met) or of DNA (T \rightarrow Br-U)



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The MAD Method





Instead of using two different crystals, we can also collect data from one crystal at two (or more) different wavelengths.















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Periodic Table of the Elements















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4. in DNA: replacement of T with Br-U



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The SAD/SAS Method







SIR and SAD











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4. light atoms (P, S, Cl, Ca, ...), the absorption edges of which are not accessible



Long Wavelength S-SAD





Long Wavelength S-SAD





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The RIP Method









The RIP method is in principle applicable to all crystals, which are damaged by X-rays (or UV).









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The MR Method





Molecular replacement can be used to solve a structure when a homologous structure is available.



When the homologous structure can be correctly oriented and positioned (6 parameters), it can be used as a starting point for phase calculation.



MR does not necessarily need synchrotron radiation, but MR phases can be validated by *anomalous scattering*.

Molecular Replacement





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Direct Methods





This is the method of choice in small molecule crystallography.



It usually needs a resolution better than 1.2 Å.



For proteins, it works only in exceptional cases:

- < 1000 non-hydrogen atoms,
- heavy atoms present.



The Electron Density Equation







dimensional electron density function $\rho(x,y,z)$ can be calculated.

Once the phases α (hkl) have been determined, the three-



$\rho(x,y,z) = 1/V \Sigma_{hkl} [F(hkl)] e^{i\alpha(hkl)} e^{-2\pi i(hx+ky+lz)}$



Electron Density

















Signal Strength and Data Quality



~1%



SIR:
$$R = 100 \cdot \Sigma_{hkl} ||F_{PH}| - |F_{P}|| / \Sigma_{hkl} |F_{P}|$$
 15-30%
SAD: $R_{anom} = 200 \cdot \Sigma_{hkl} ||I^+ - |I^-| / \Sigma_{hkl} ||I^+ + |I^-|$ ~5%



S-SAD:





Signal Strength and Data Quality













$$R_{merge} = \frac{\sum_{hkl} \sum_{i} |I_{i,hkl} - \overline{I}_{hkl}|}{\sum_{hkl} \sum_{i} |I_{i,hkl}|}$$

$$R_{r.i.m.} = \frac{\sum_{hkl} (N/(N-1))^{1/2} \sum_{i} |I_{i,hkl} - \overline{I}_{hkl}|}{\sum_{hkl} \sum_{i} |I_{i,hkl}|} = R_{meas}$$

$$R_{p.i.m.} = \frac{\sum_{hkl} (1/(N-1))^{1/2} \sum_{i} |I_{i,hkl} - \overline{I}_{hkl}|}{\sum_{hkl} \sum_{i} |I_{i,hkl}|}$$

$$R_{anom} = \frac{\sum_{hkl} |I_{hkl} - \overline{I}_{hkl}|}{1/2 \sum_{hkl} |I_{hkl} + \overline{I}_{hkl}|}$$

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$f = f^{\circ} + \Delta f' + i\Delta f''$







Normal and Anomalous Scattering

• Determination of Δf and Δf "

The Phase Problem

MAD, SAD, RIP(AS), MR, Direct Methods)





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Two Fundamental Equations in Crystallography,

F(hkl) and p(x,y,z)



















Thank you for your attention