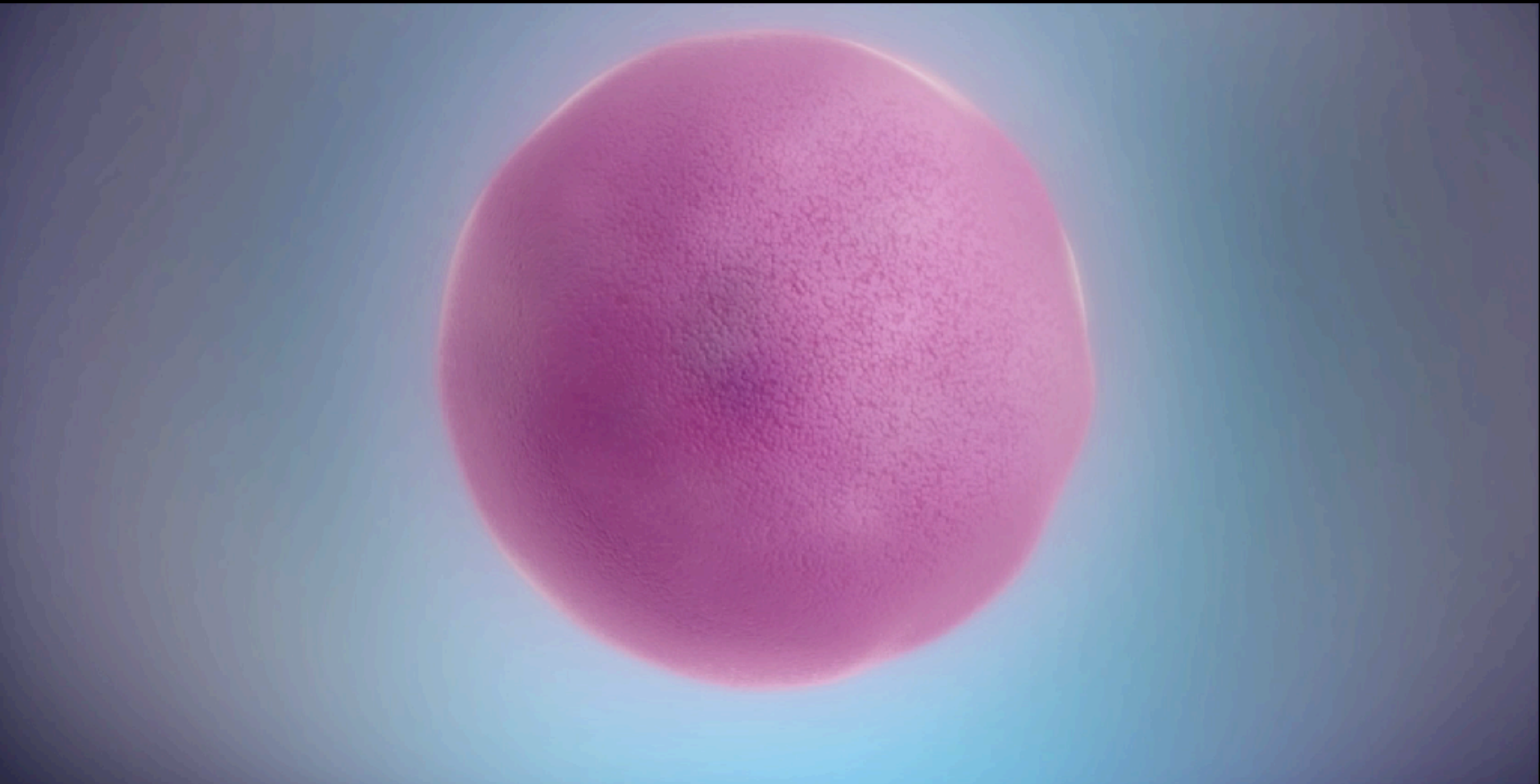
A 3D visualization of a protein structure, likely a viral capsid, shown in a blue wireframe mesh. Inside the structure, various components are highlighted in green, yellow, and red, representing different parts of the molecule or its internal environment.

# Imaging molecules with X-ray free-electron lasers

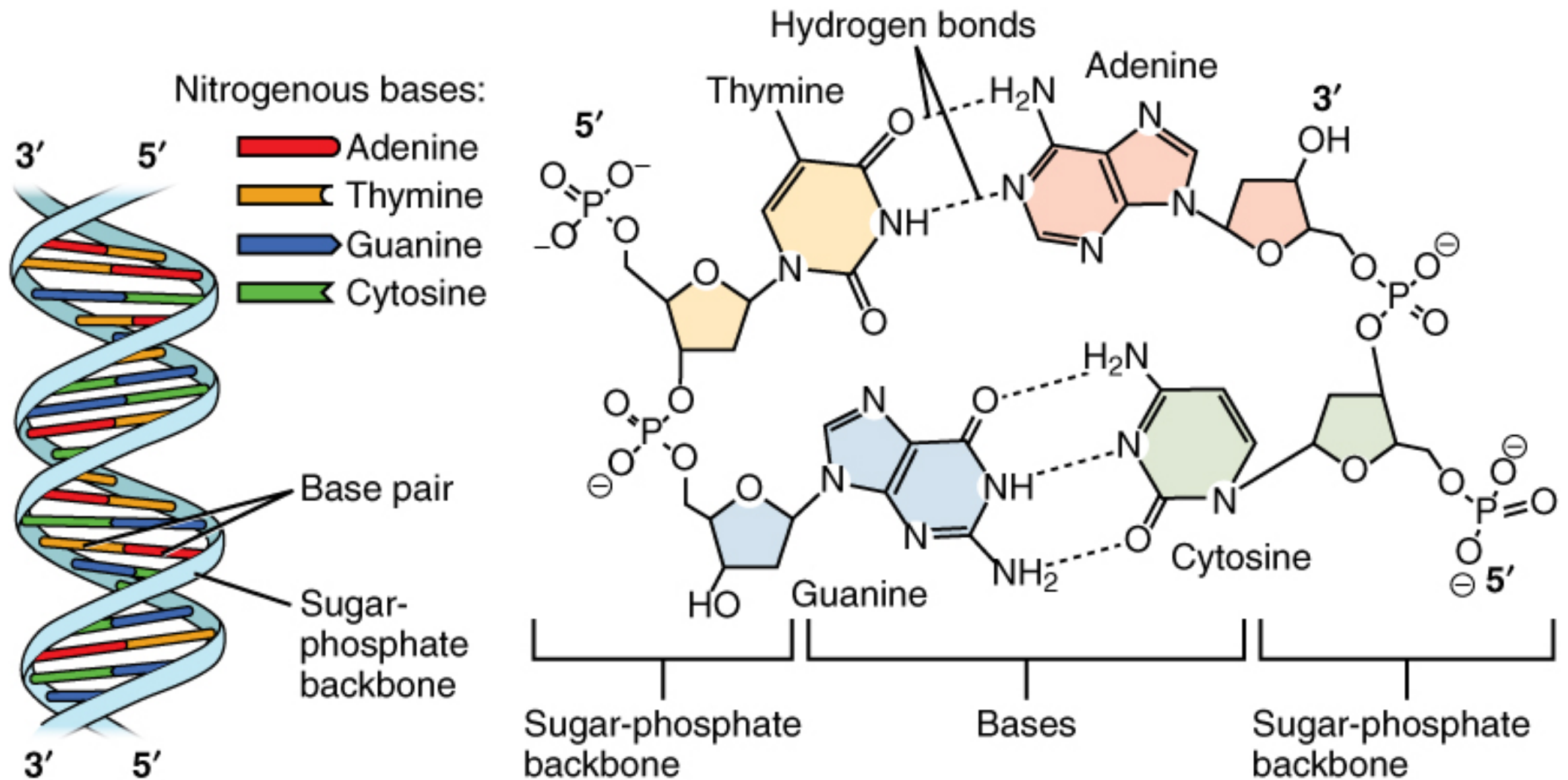
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*Center for Free-Electron Laser Science  
DESY and University of Hamburg*

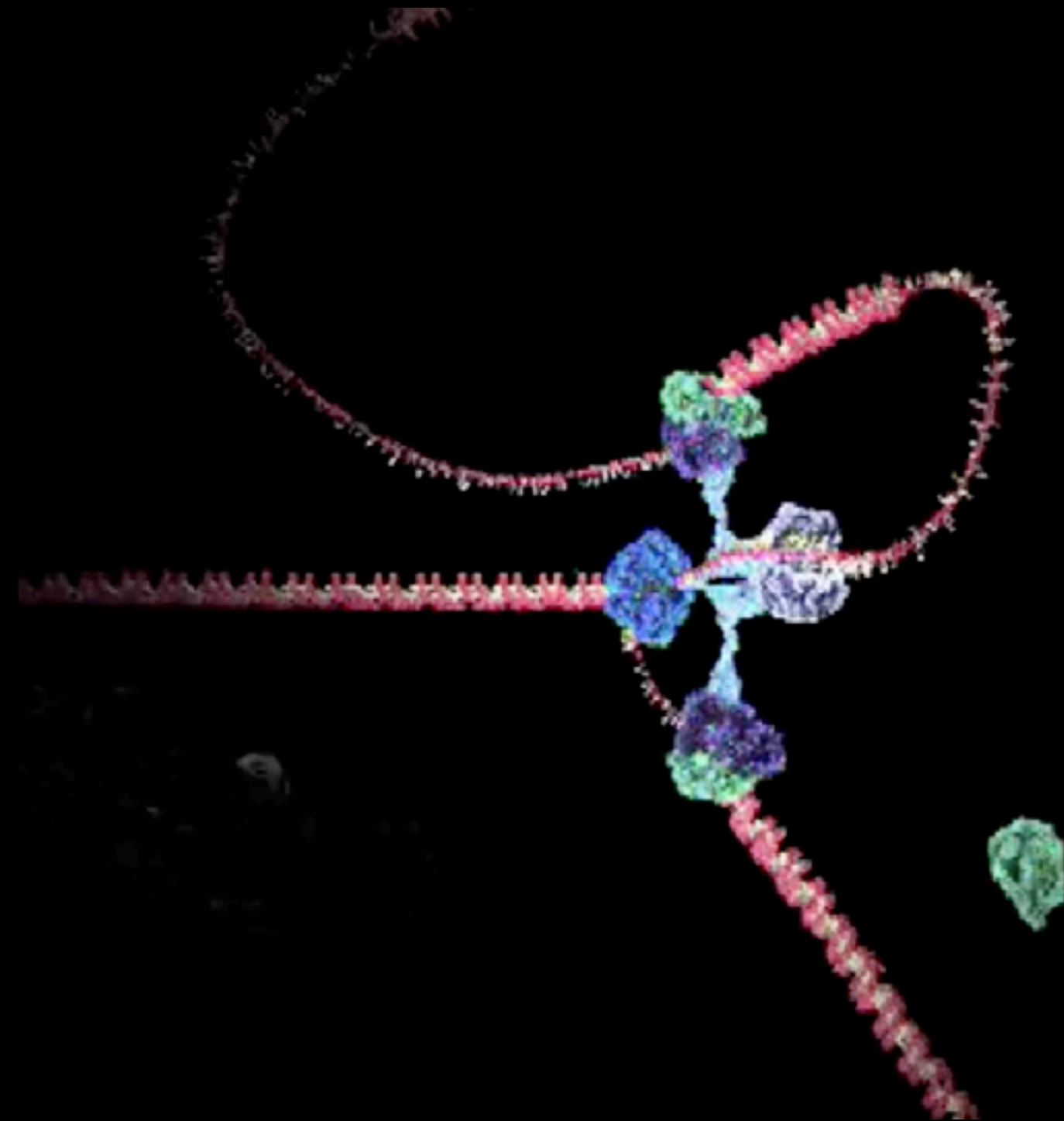
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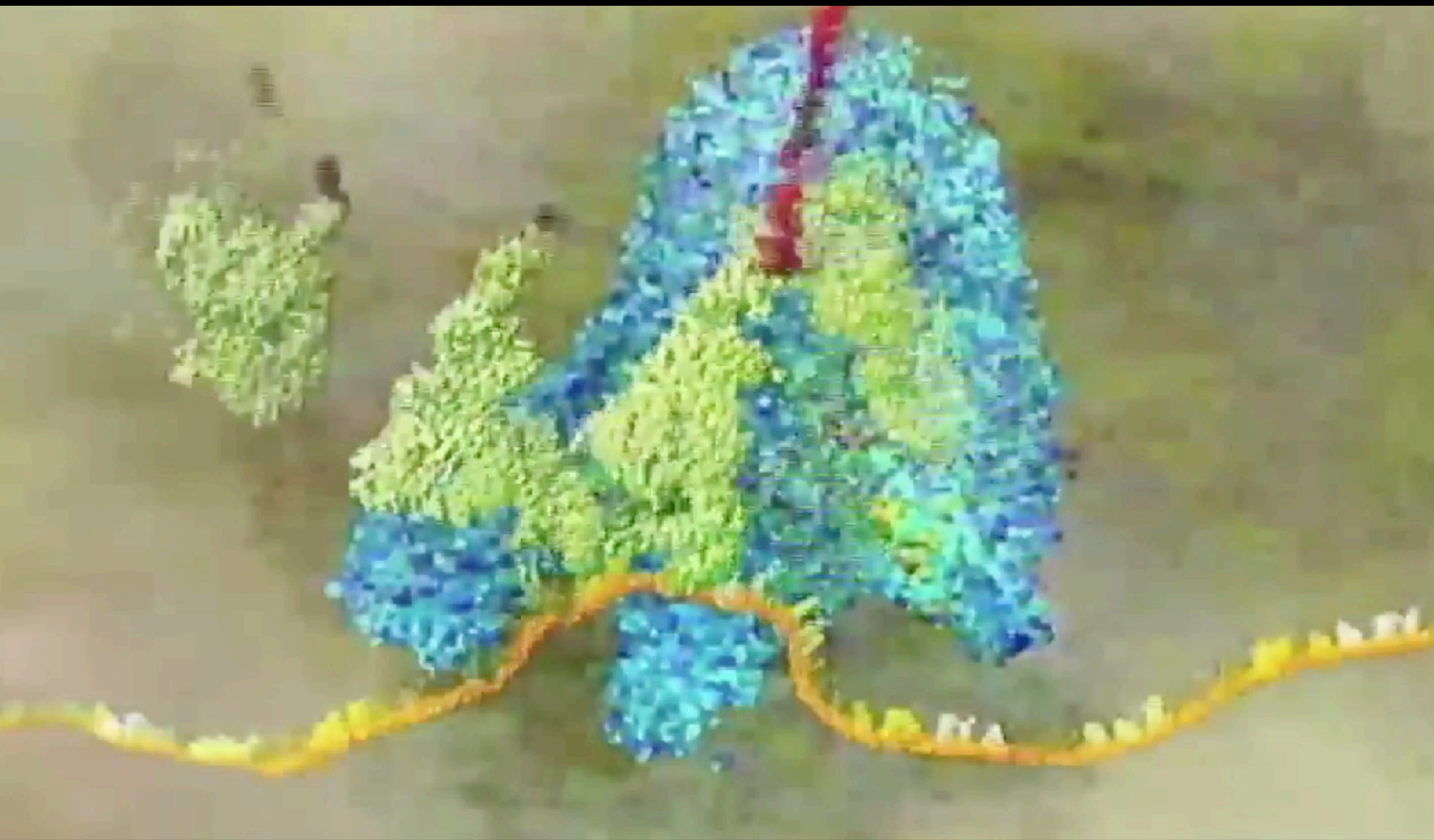






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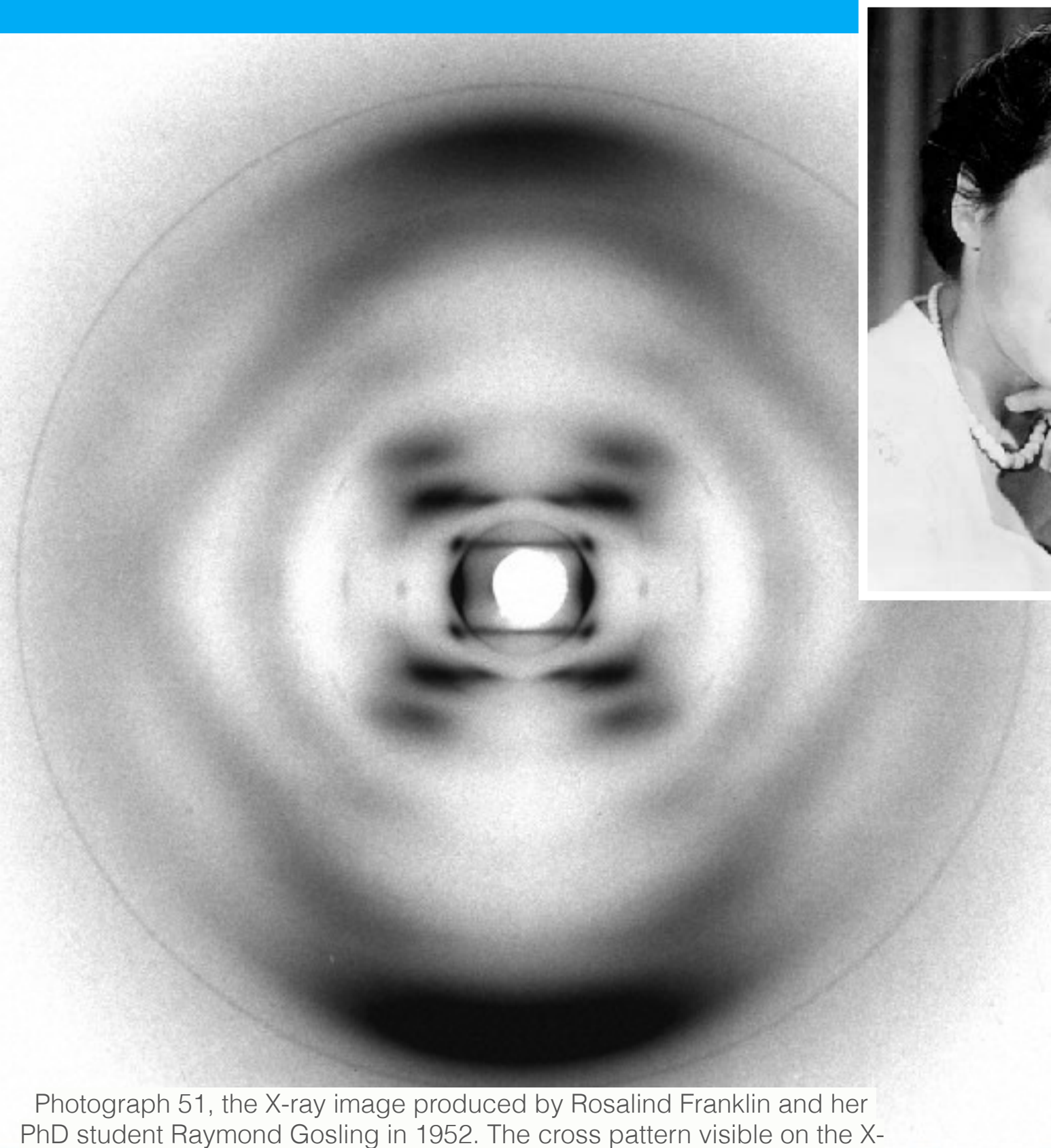


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# X-ray diffraction led to the discovery of the double helix



Rosalind Franklin

James Watson  
& Francis Crick

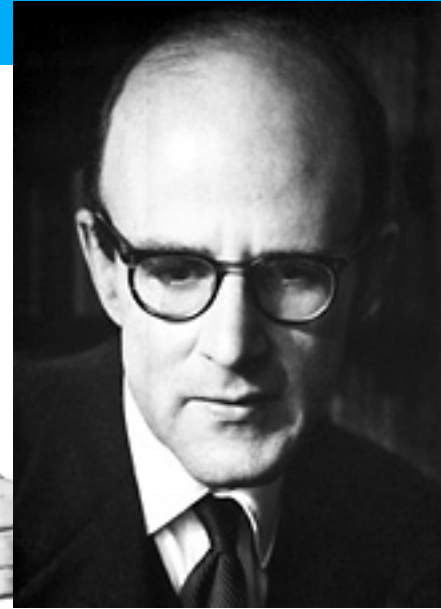


Photograph 51, the X-ray image produced by Rosalind Franklin and her PhD student Raymond Gosling in 1952. The cross pattern visible on the X-ray highlights the helical structure of DNA.

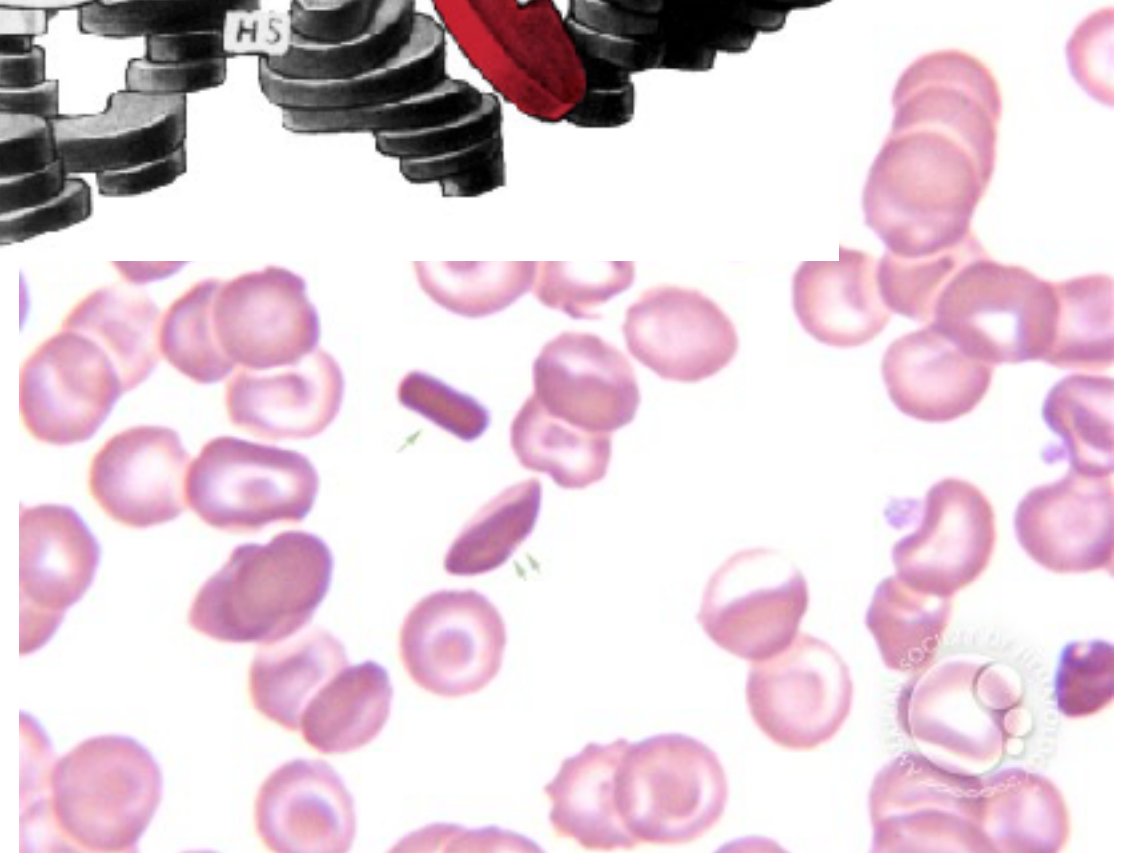
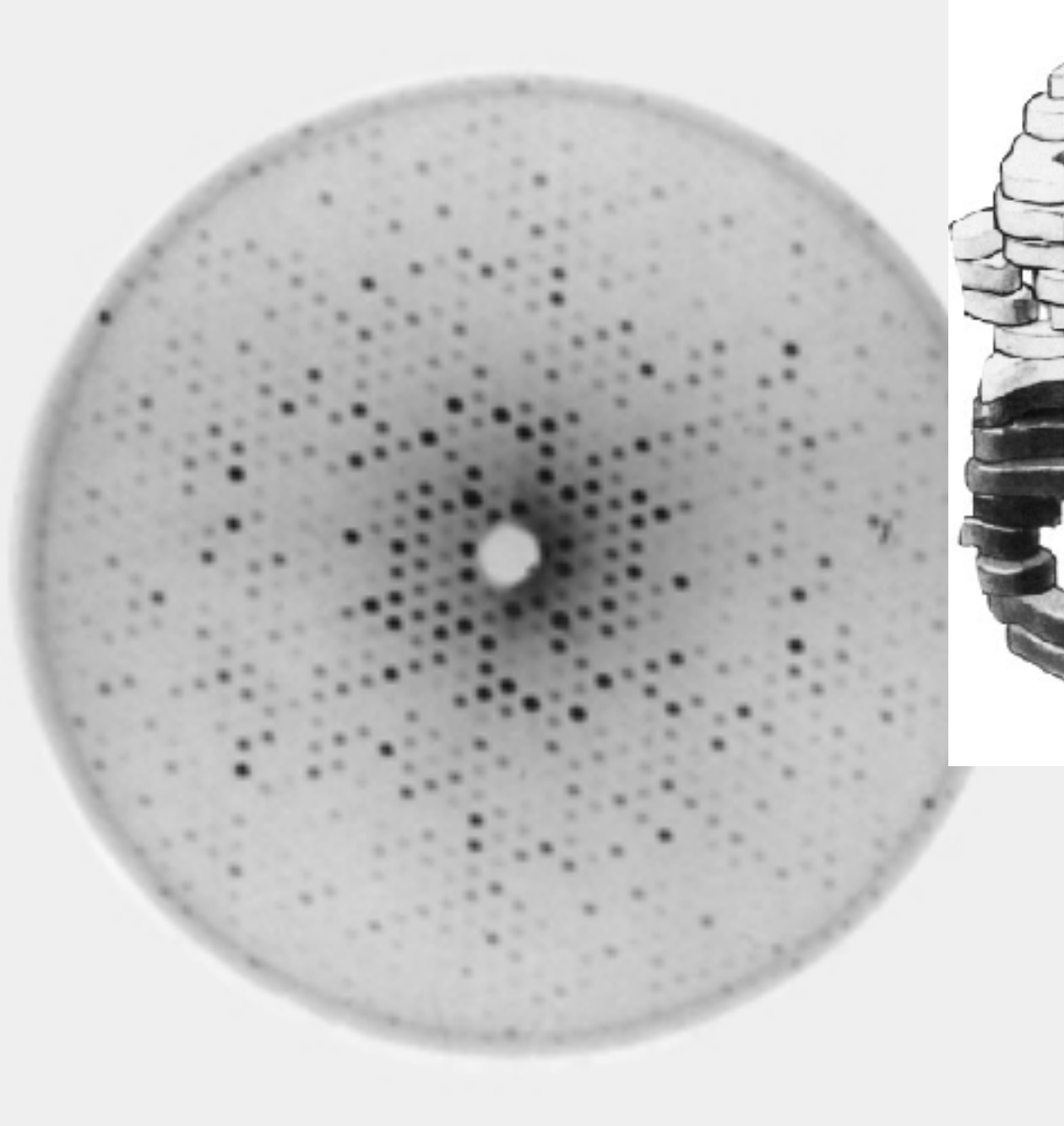
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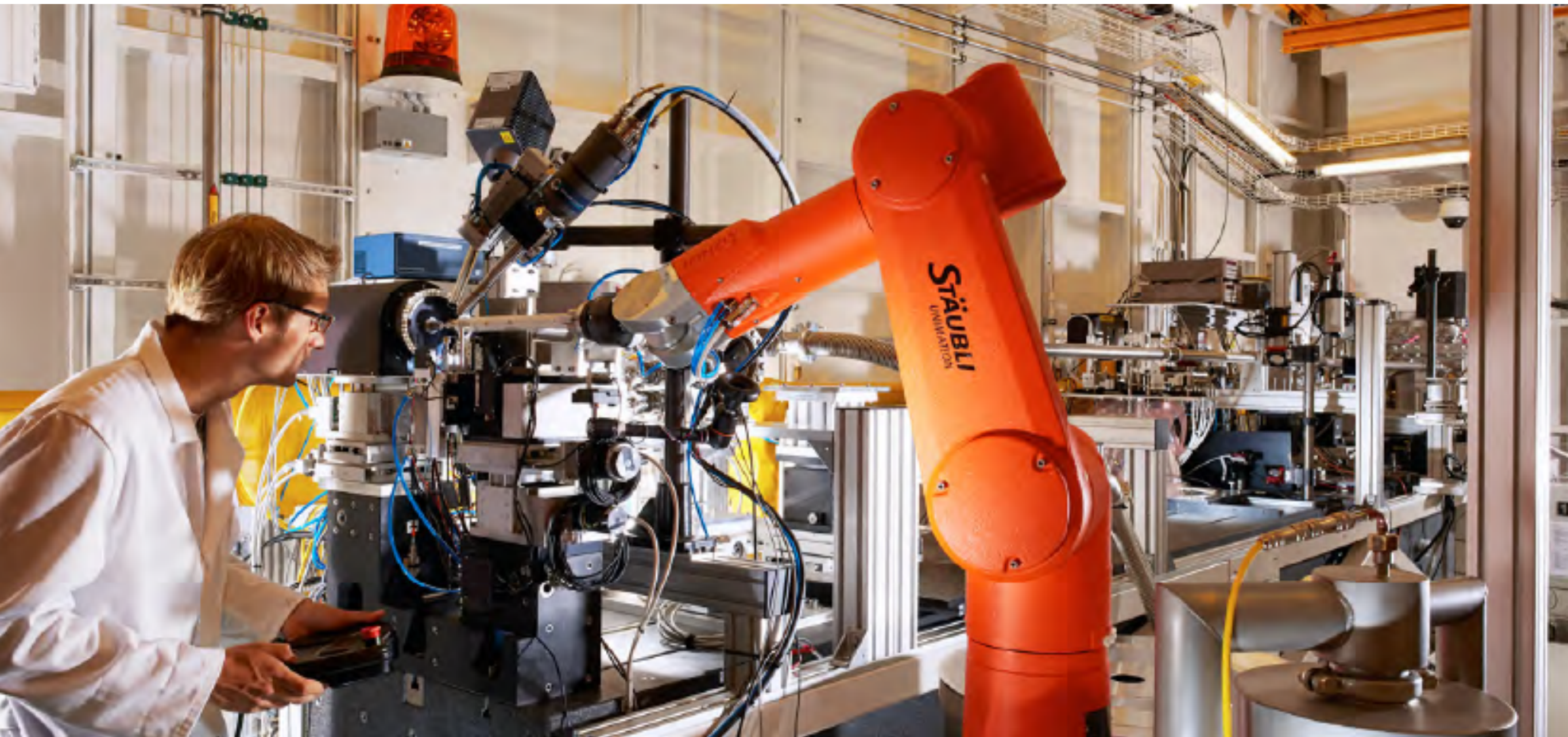
The first protein structure to be determined was haemoglobin, in 1959



Max Perutz

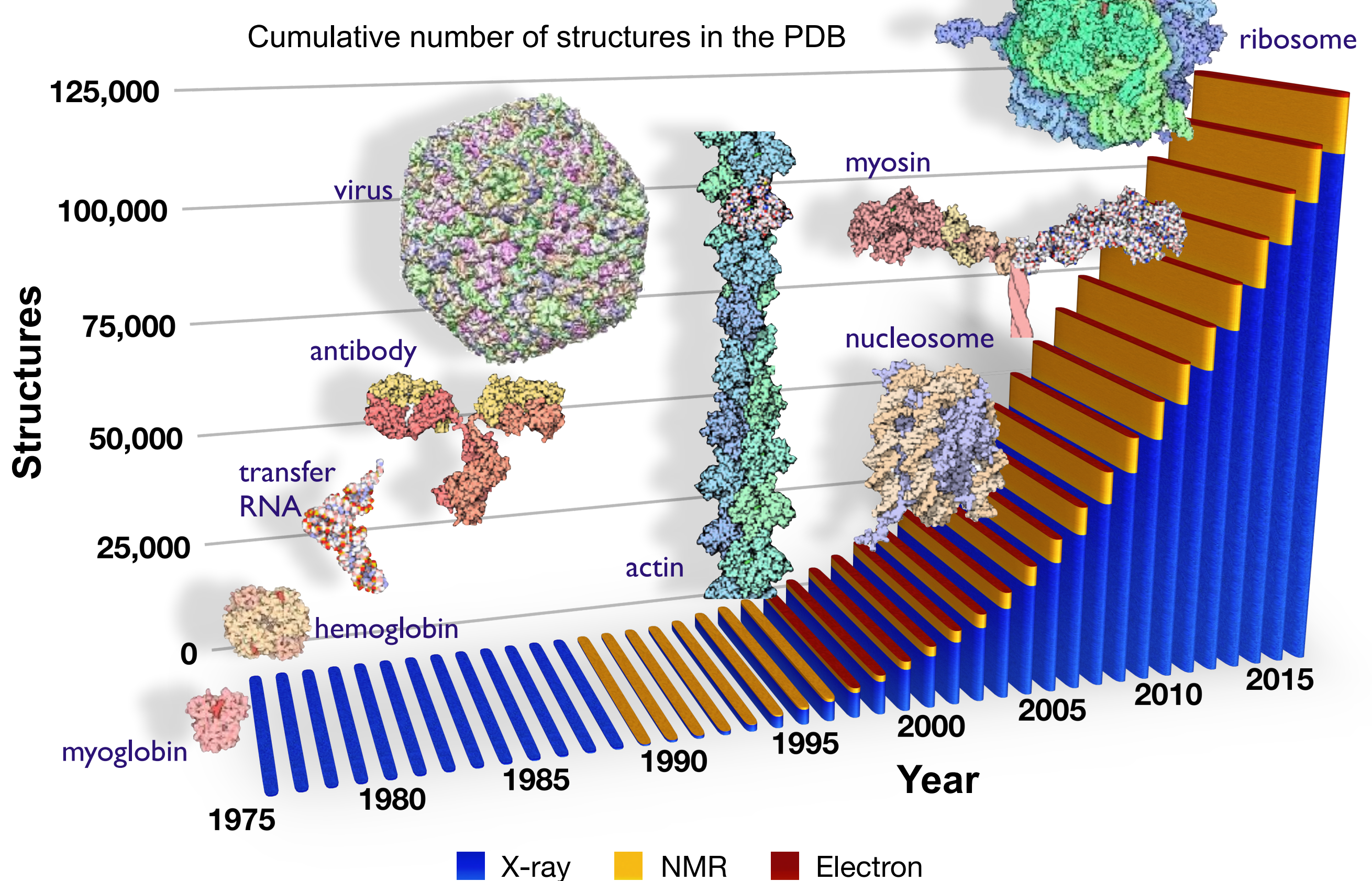






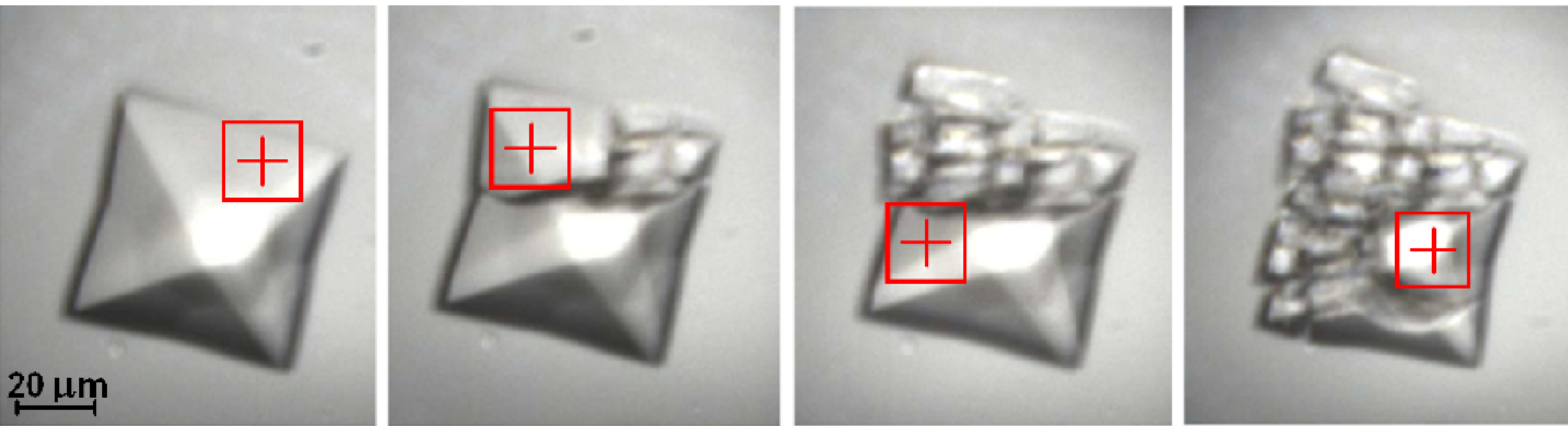


# Over 100,000 macromolecular structures have been solved using synchrotron sources





# High radiation dose causes changes in molecular structure



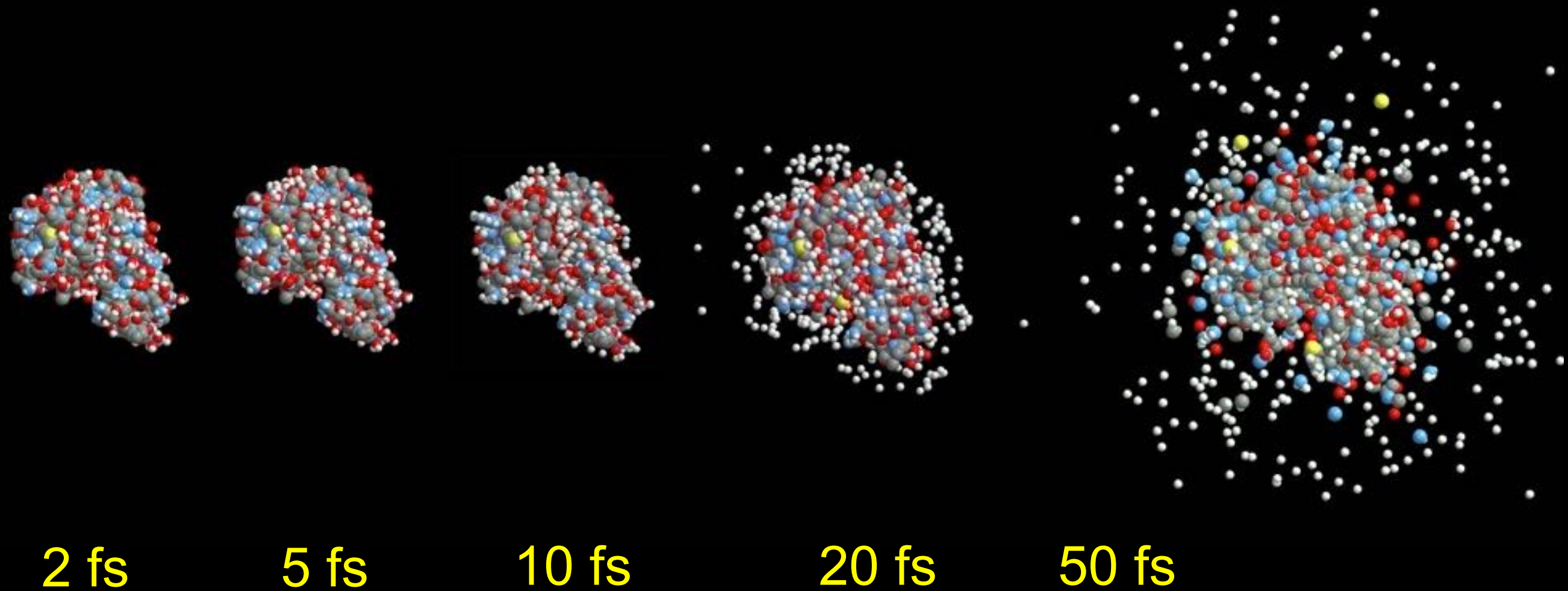
Crystal of Bovine enterovirus 2 (BEV2) after  
subsequent exposures of 0.5 s,  $6 \times 10^8$  ph/ $\mu\text{m}^2$   
300 kGy dose  
Room temperature

Cryogenic cooling gives 30 MGy tolerance



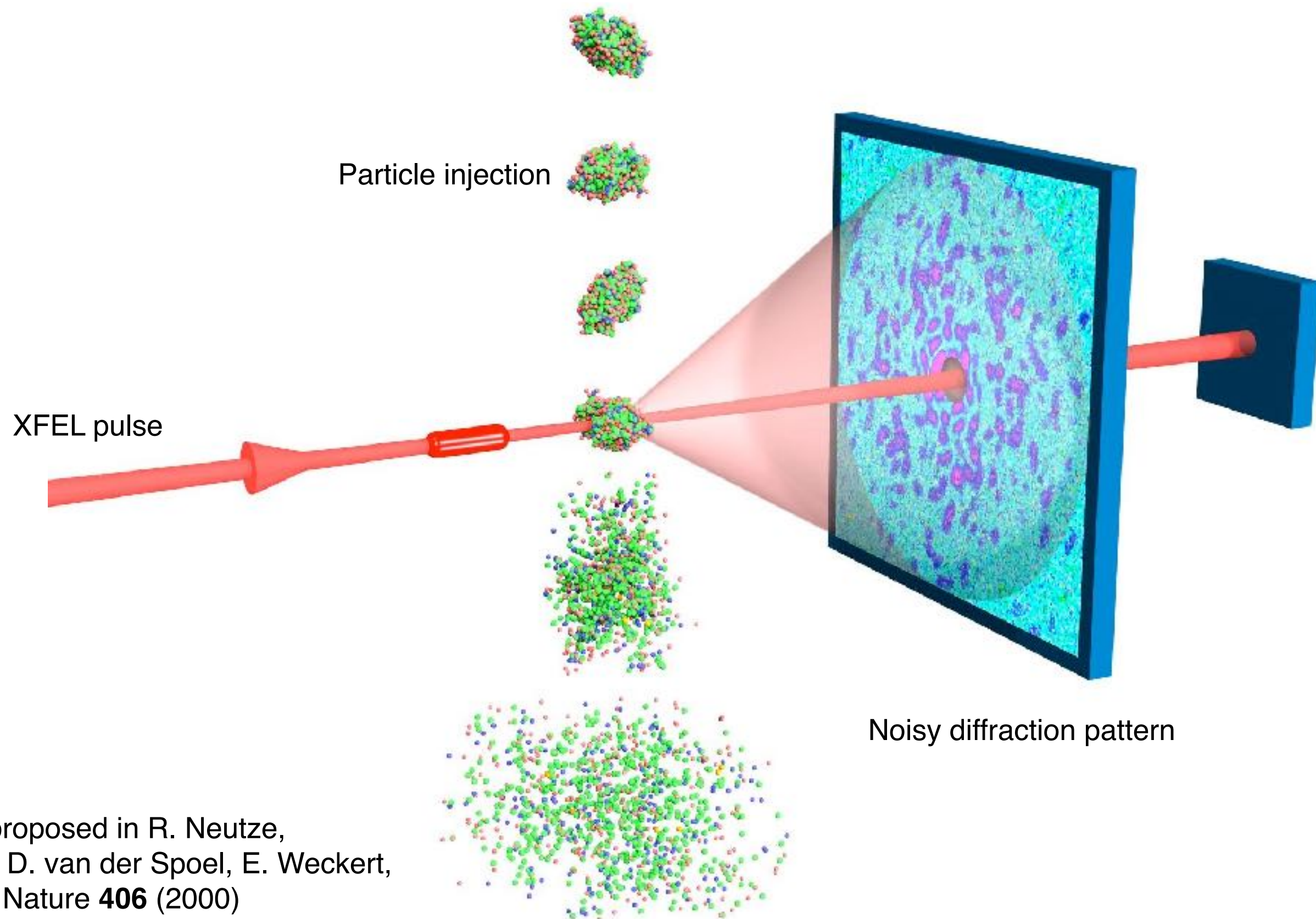
Axford et al. Acta Cryst. D68 592 (2012)  
Diamond Light Source (courtesy Robin Owen &  
Elspeth Garman)

# X-ray free-electron lasers may enable atomic-resolution imaging of biological macromolecules



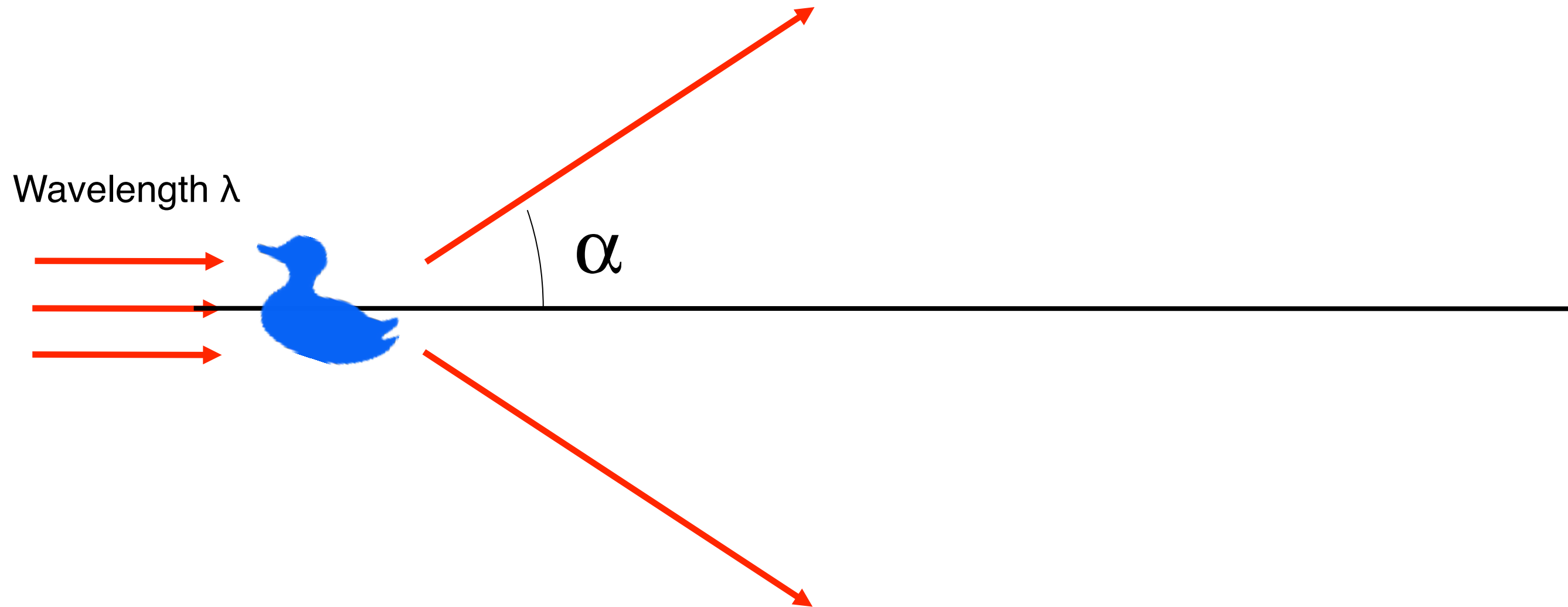


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Scheme proposed in R. Neutze,  
R. Wouts, D. van der Spoel, E. Weckert,  
J. Hajdu, *Nature* **406** (2000)

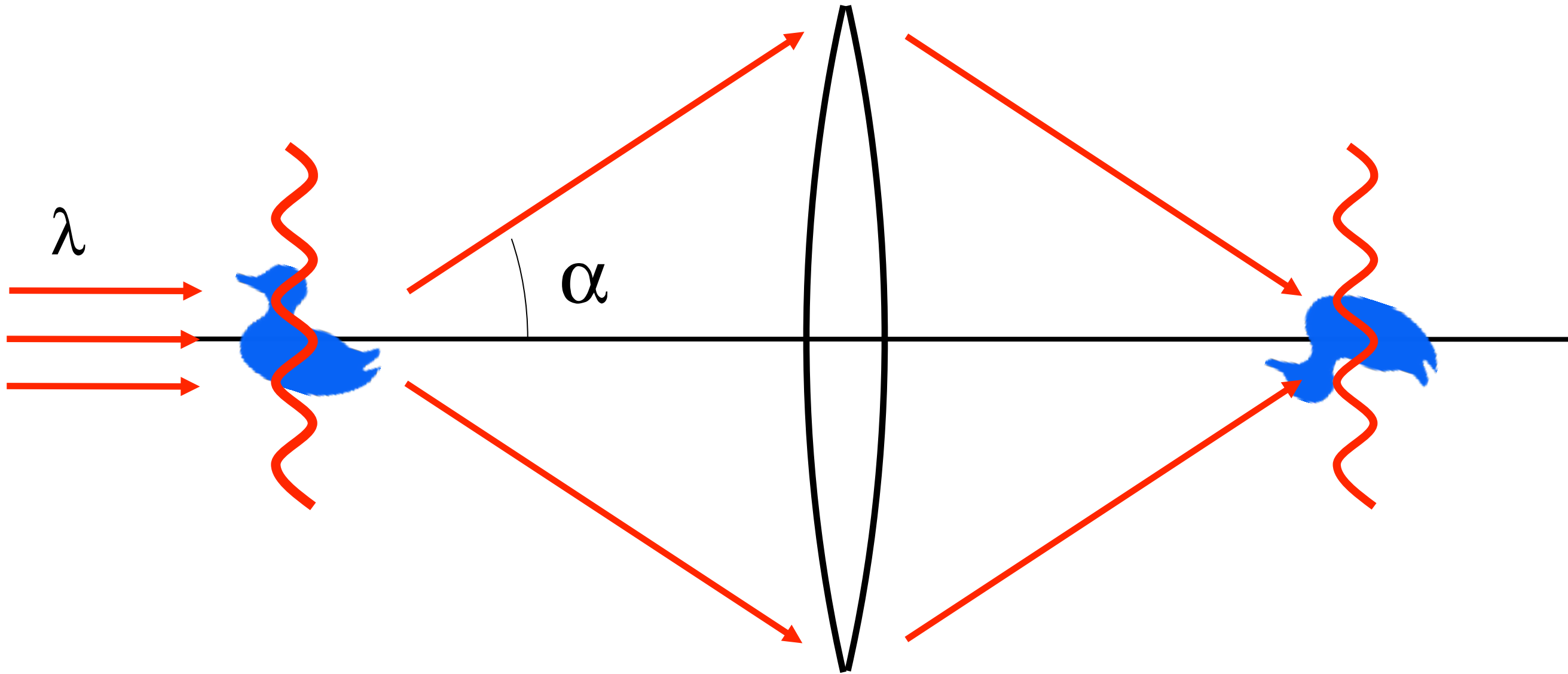
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Resolution:  $\delta = \lambda / \sin \alpha$

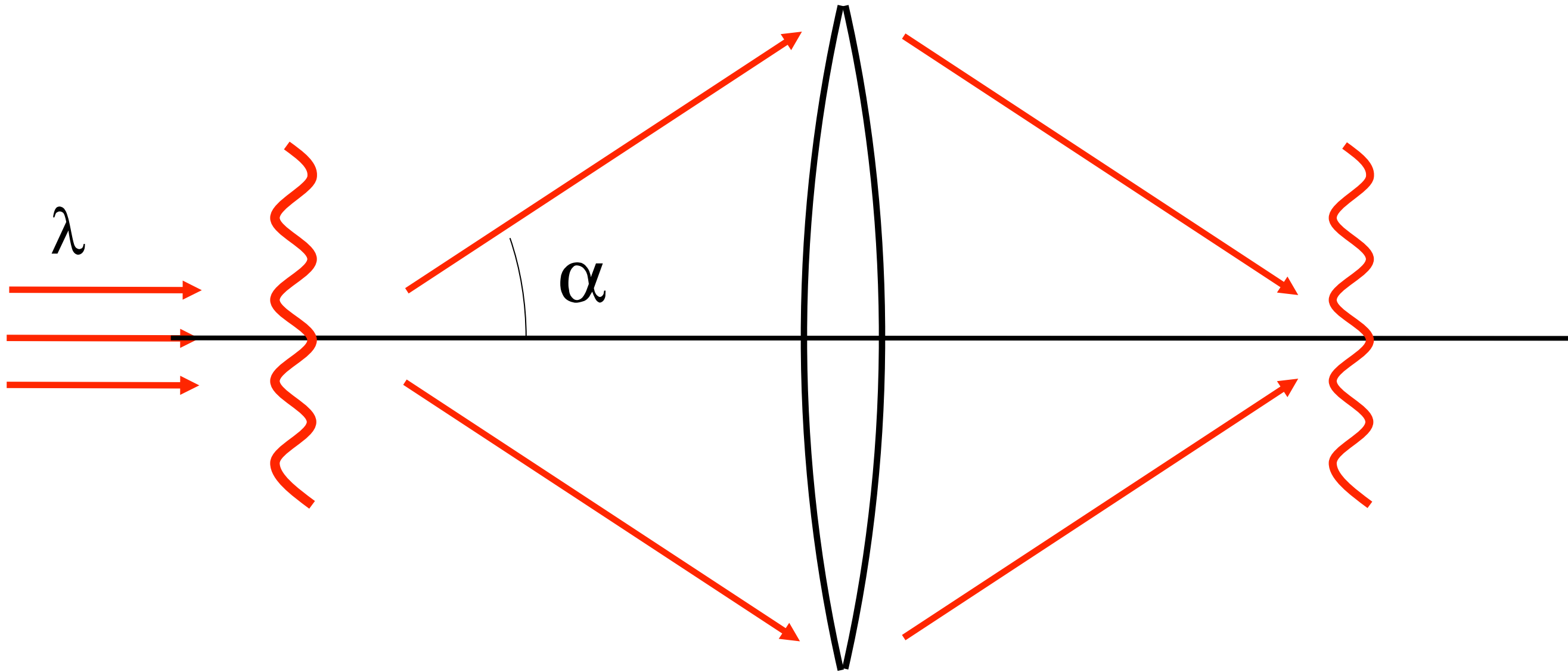


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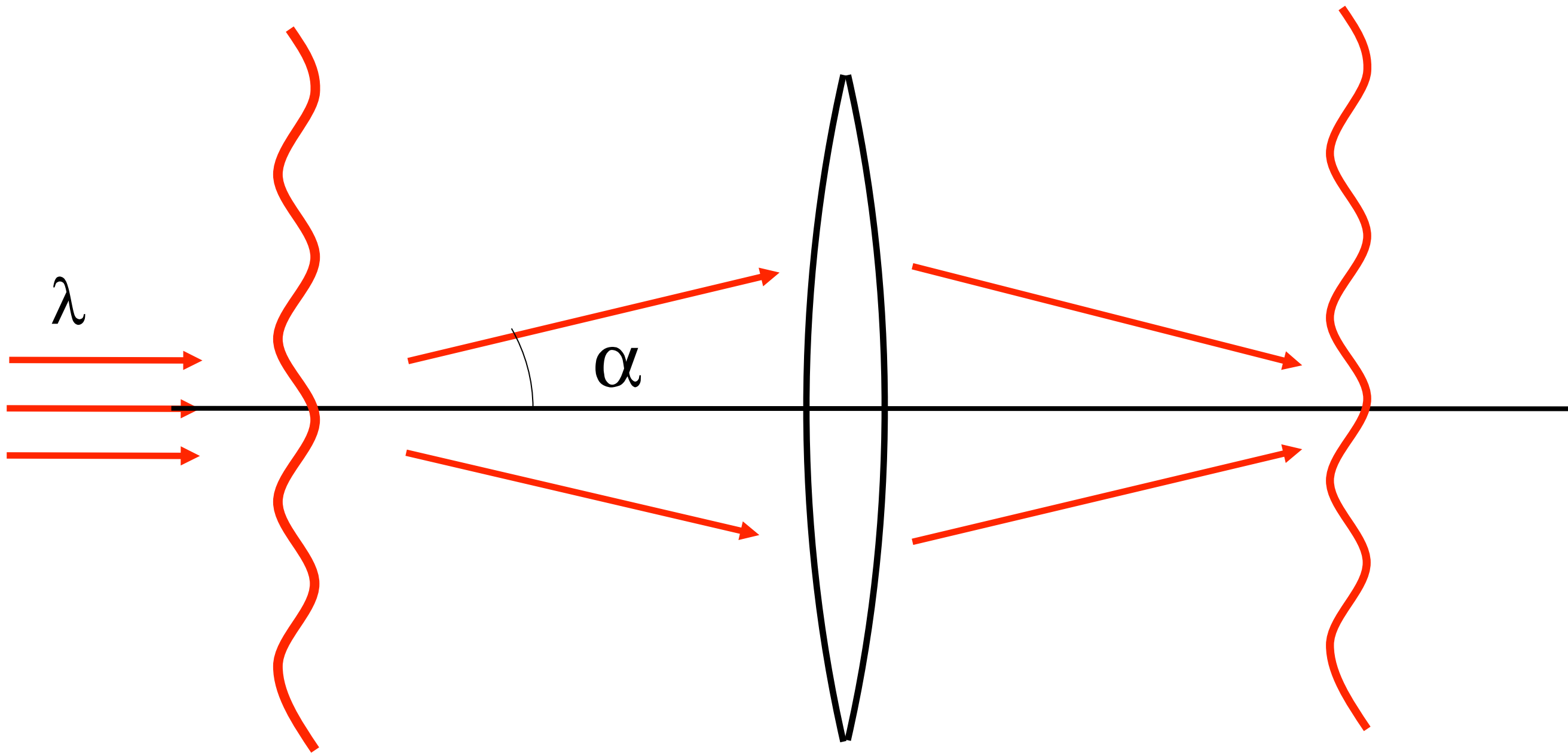
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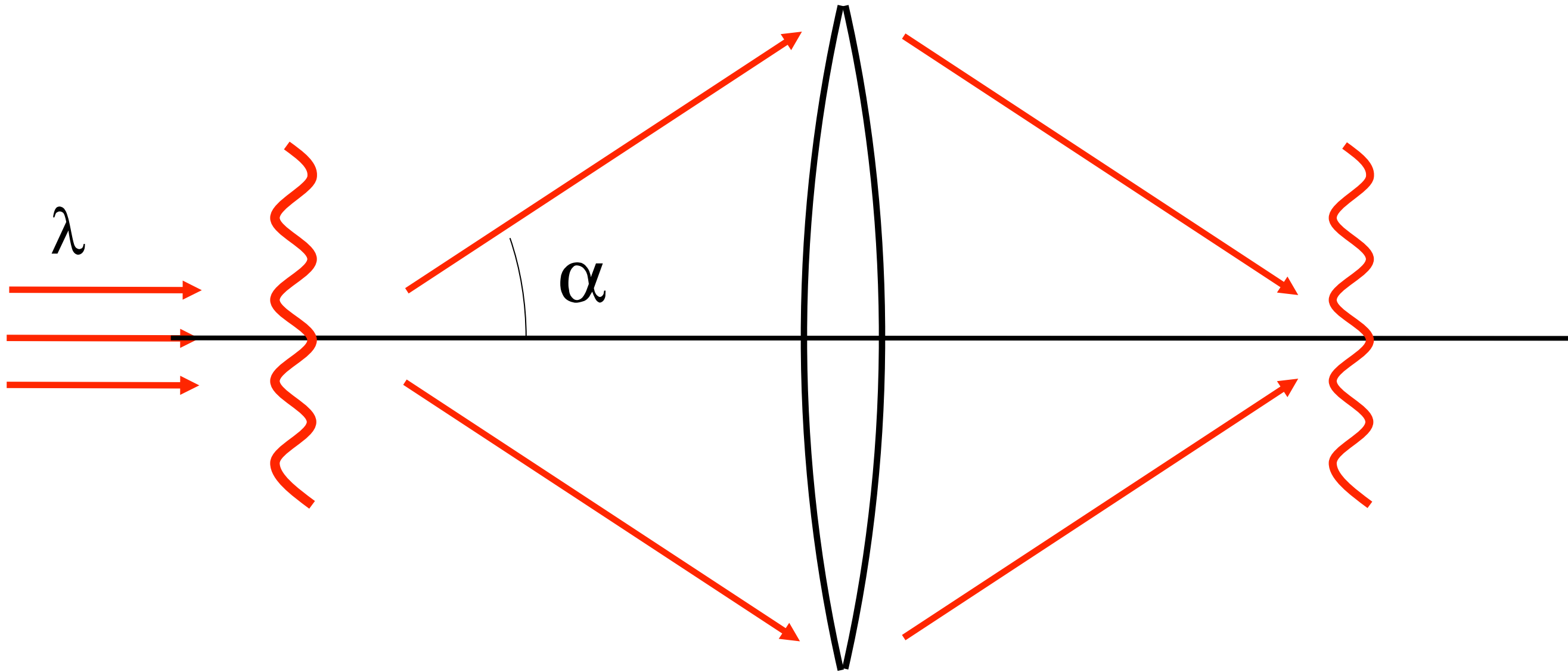


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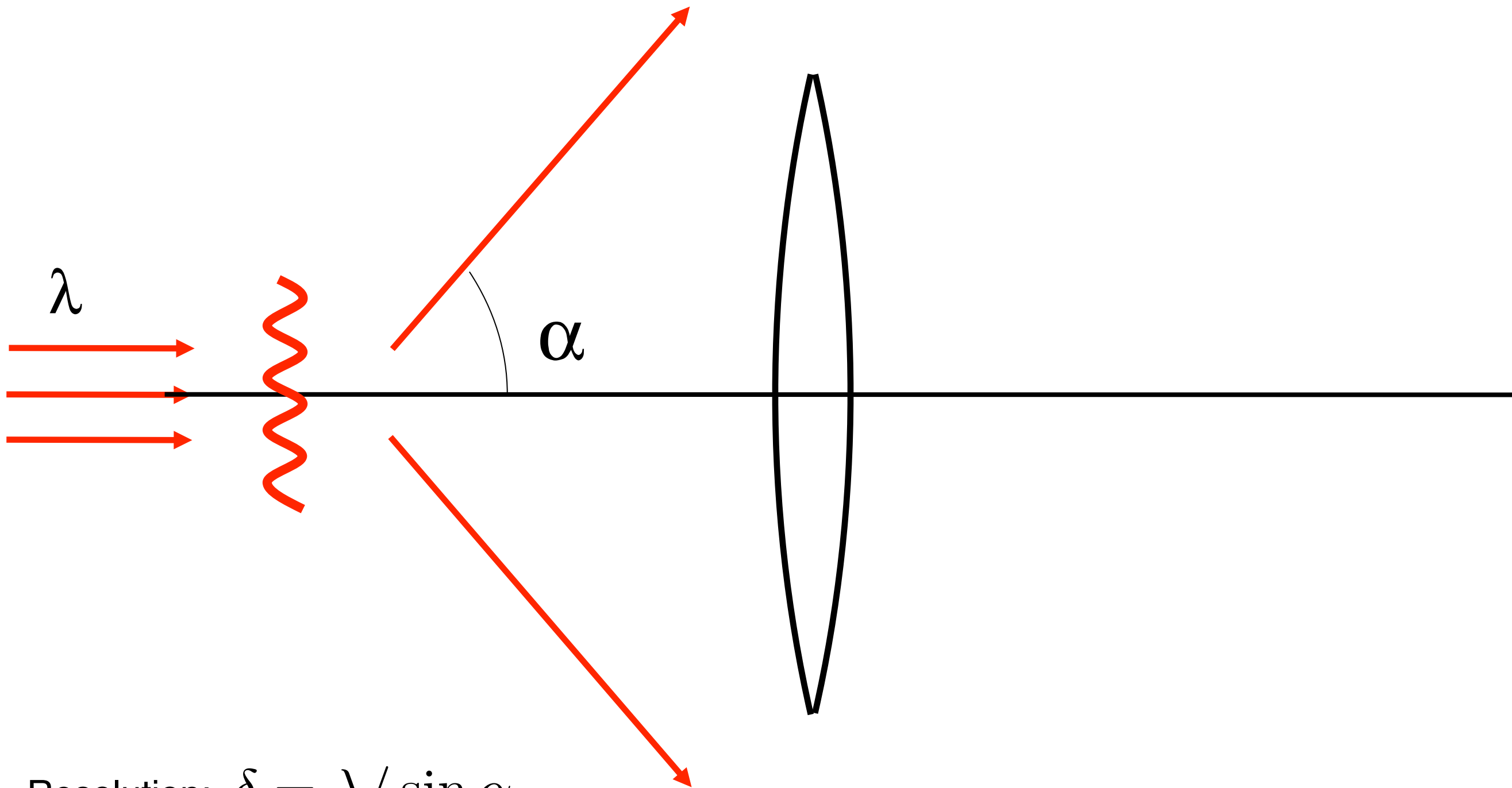
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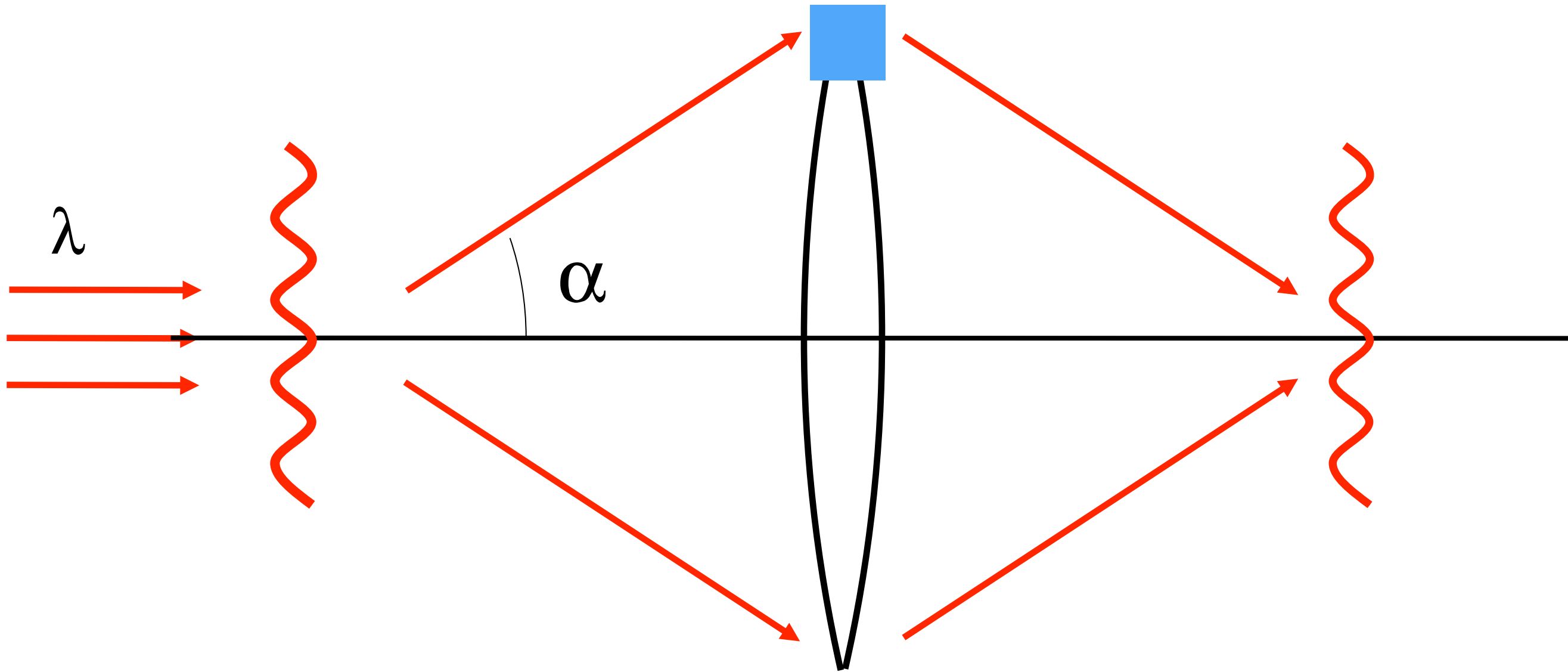


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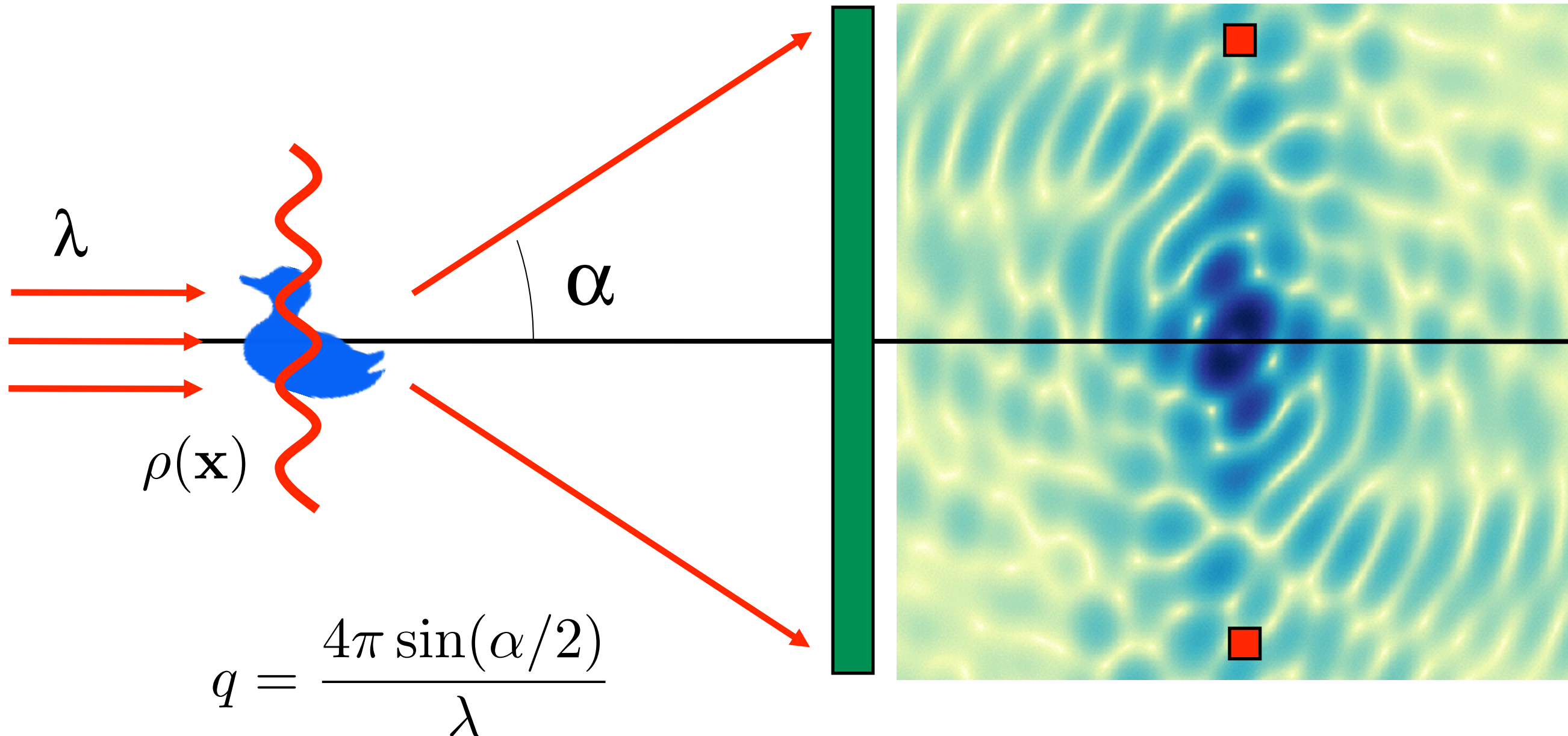
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# Imaging can be achieved with a lens

$$\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{q}) = -r_e \int \rho(\mathbf{x}) \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

$$I(\mathbf{q}) = |\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{q})|^2$$



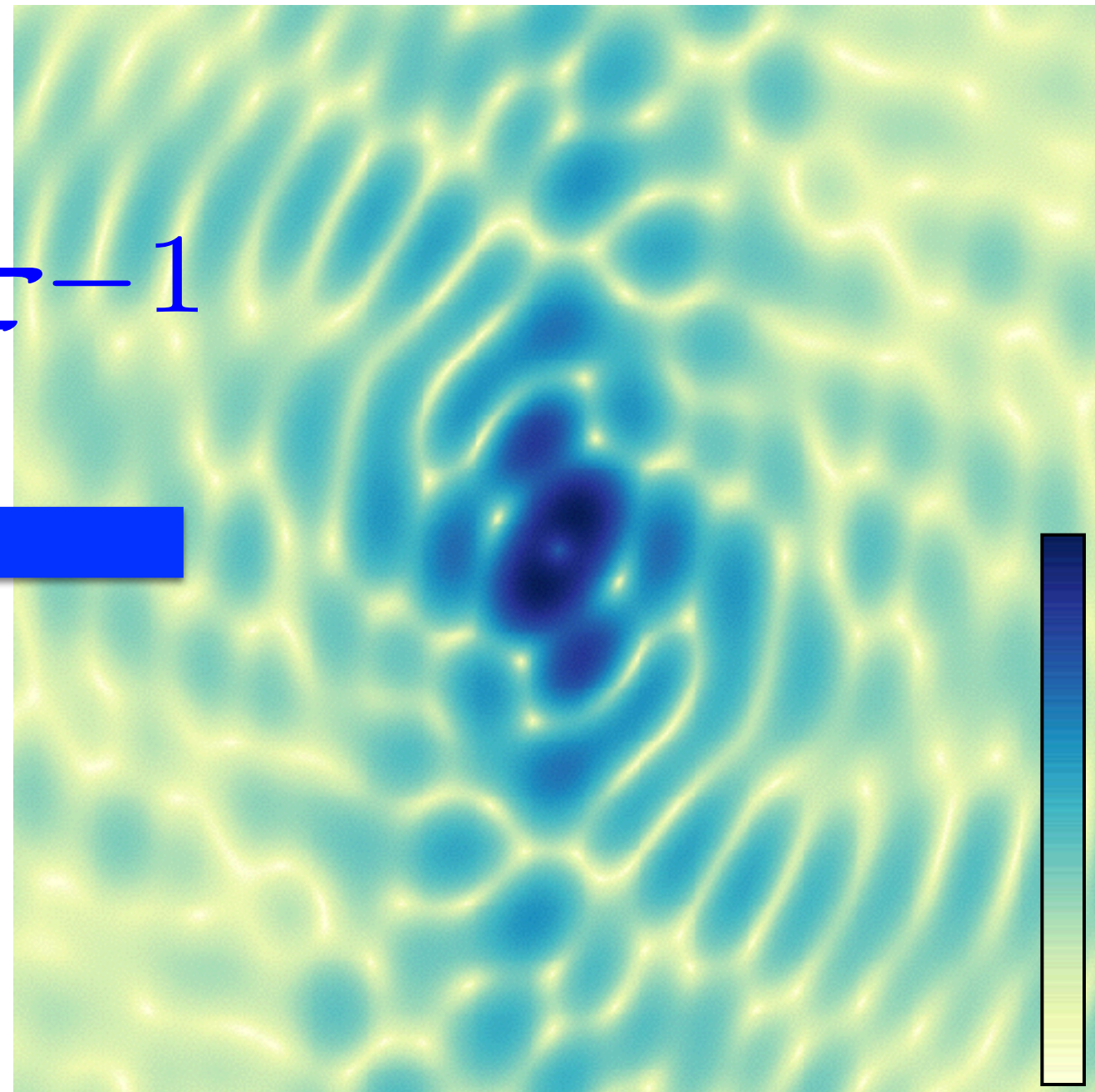
# Single particles give continuous diffraction patterns

$$\mathcal{F}^{-1}\{I(\mathbf{q})\} = \rho(\mathbf{x}) \otimes \rho^*(-\mathbf{x})$$

$$I(\mathbf{q}) = |\hat{\rho}(\mathbf{q})|^2$$



$\mathcal{F}^{-1}$

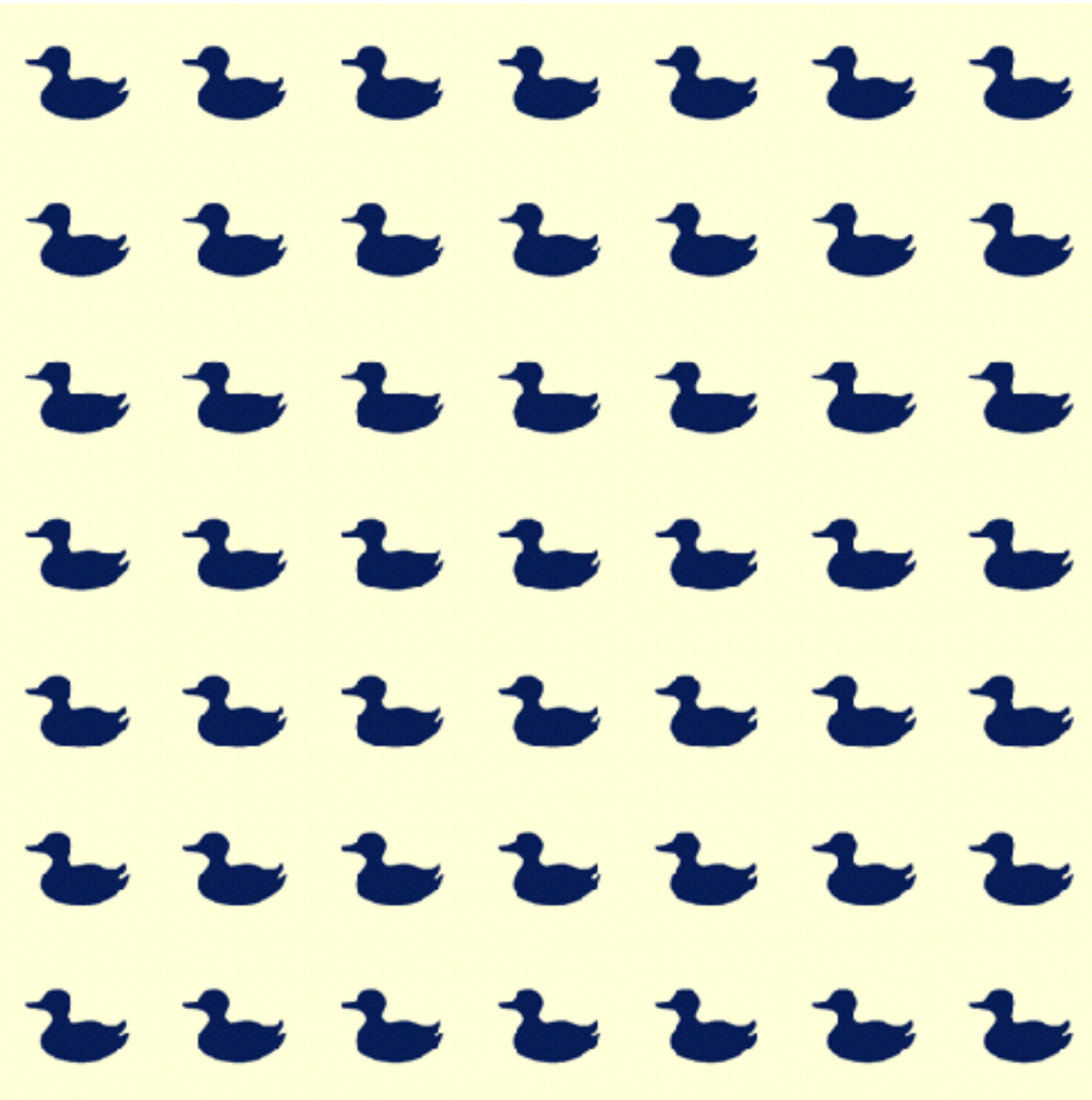


Over-constrained: more knowns than unknowns

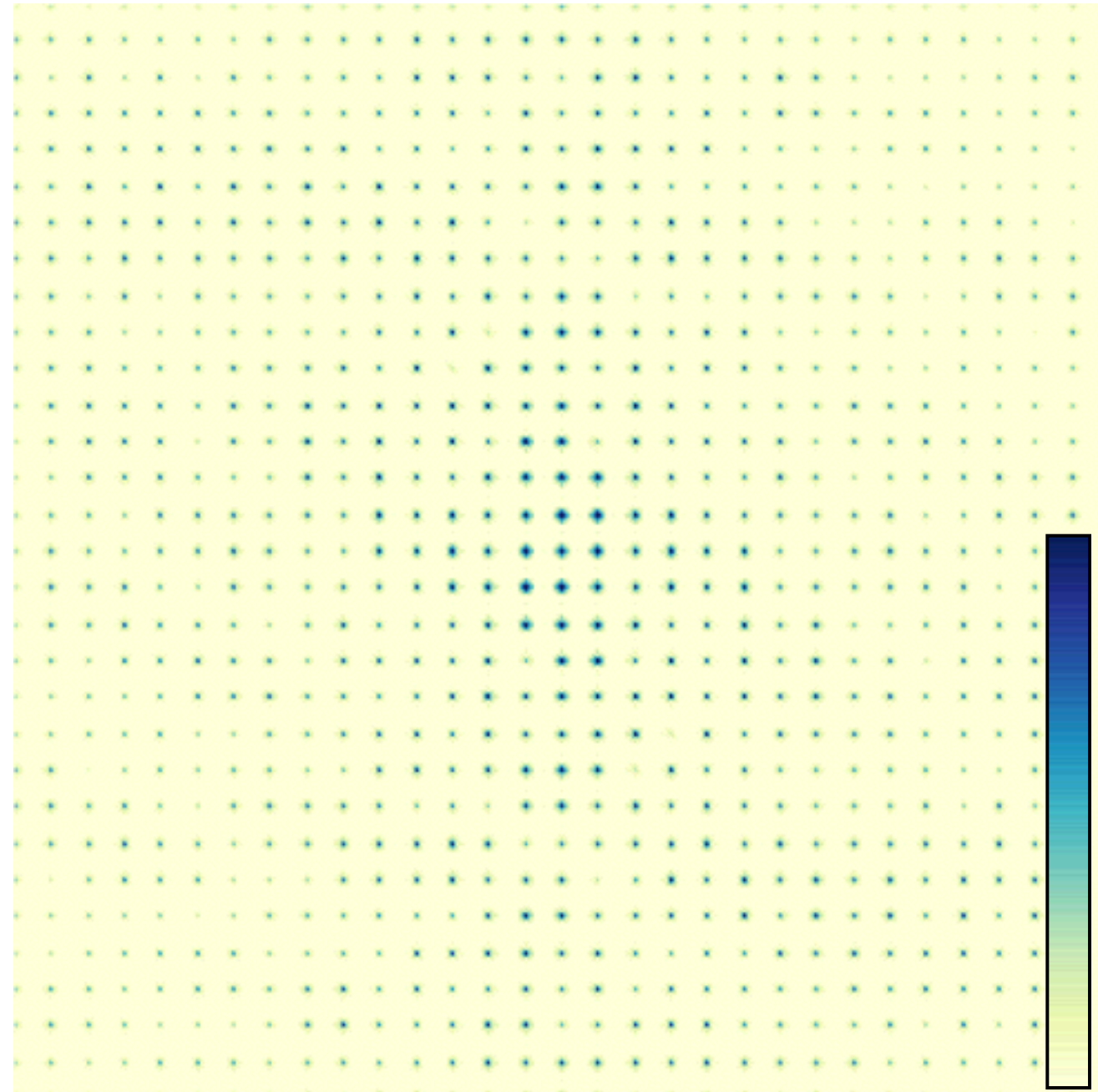


# Crystals give Bragg spots

$$\rho(\mathbf{x})$$



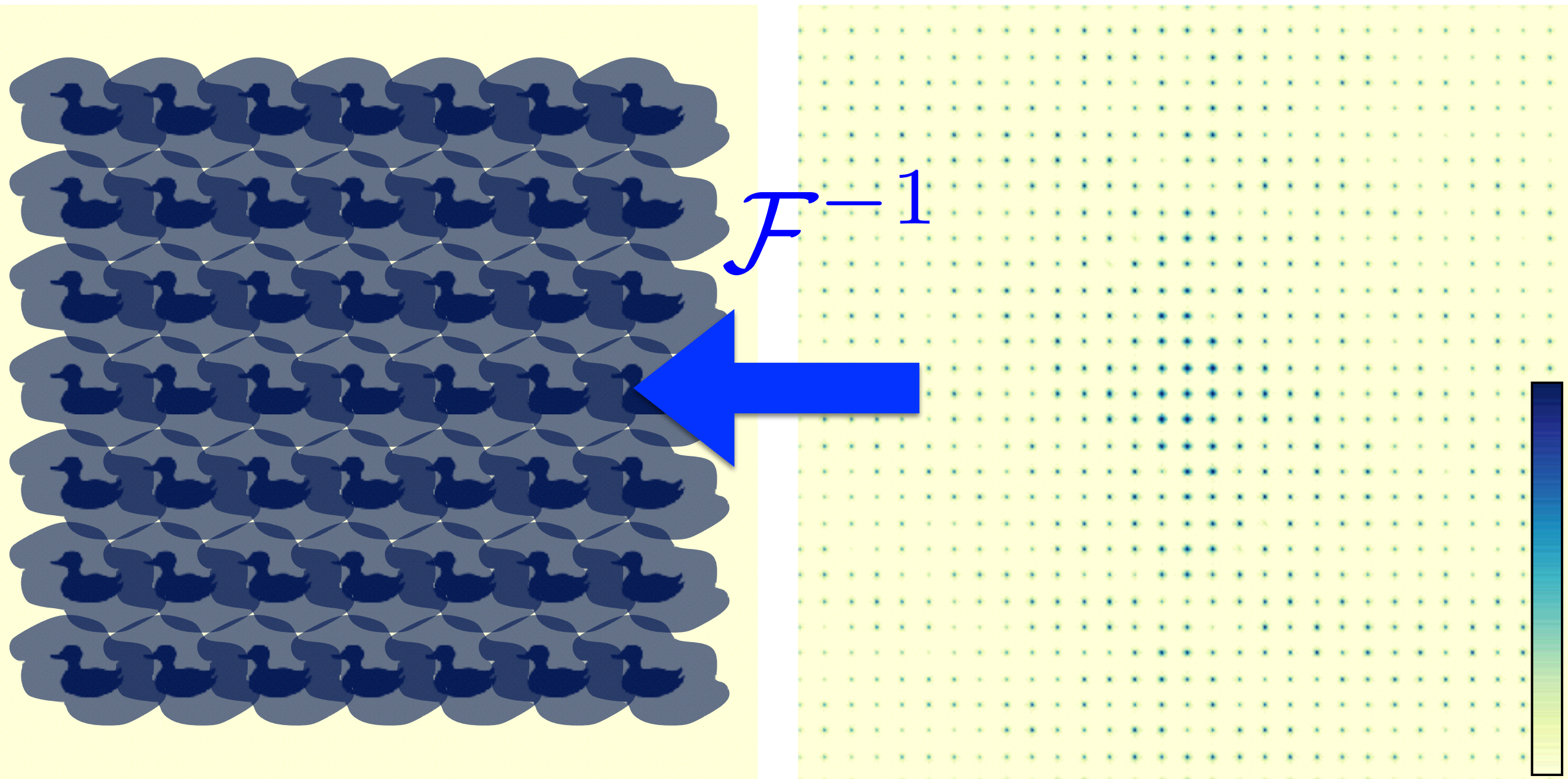
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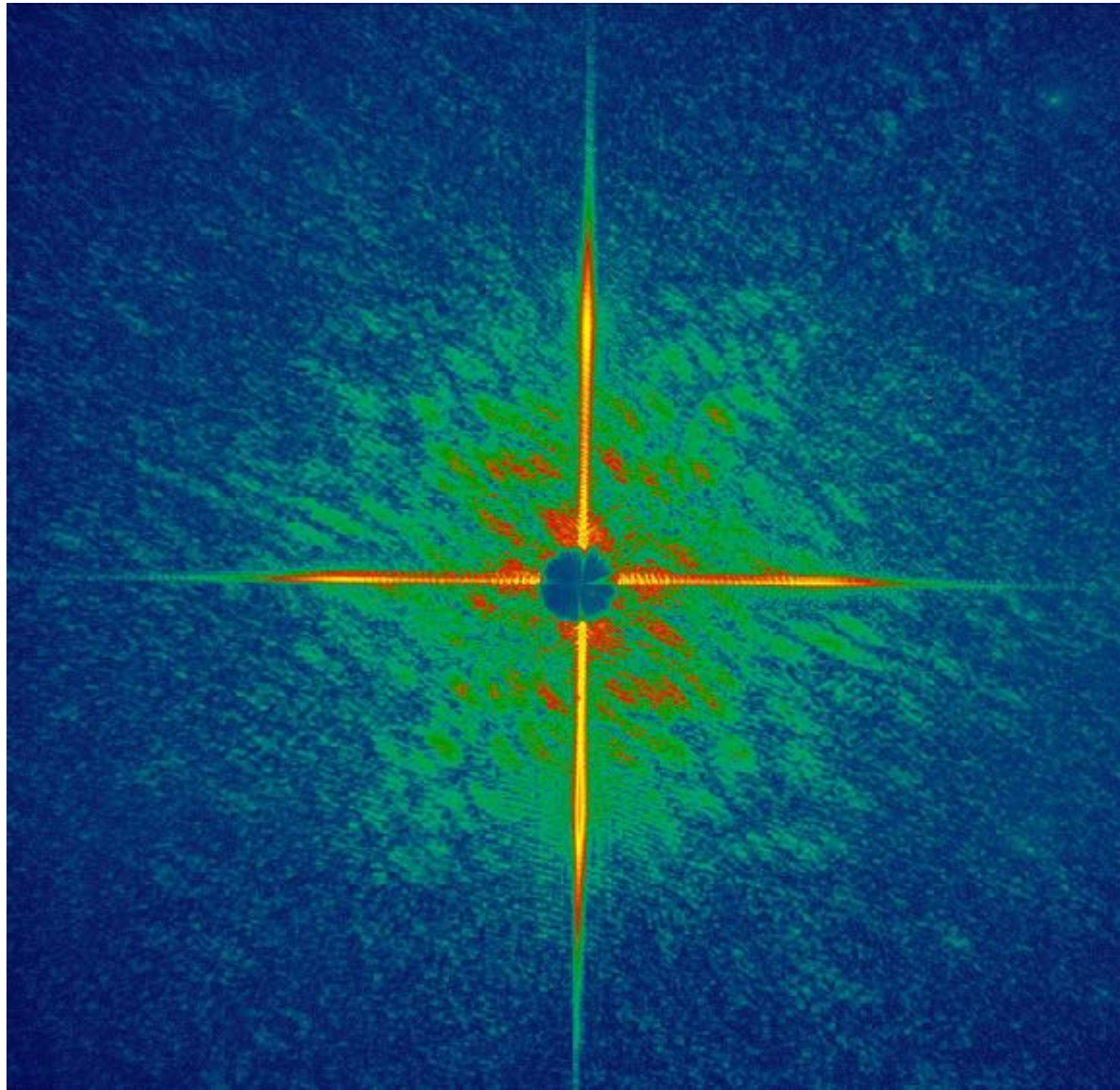
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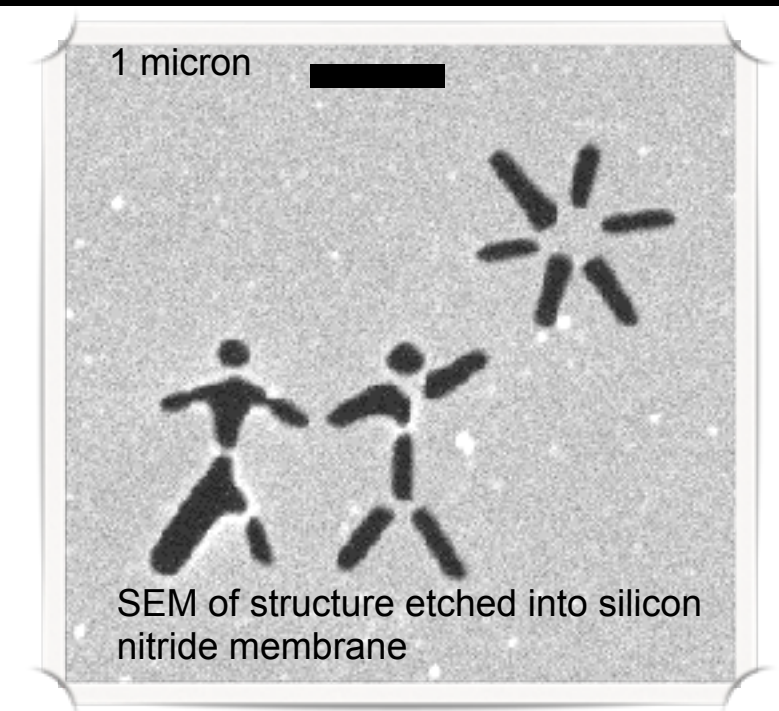
Under-constrained: fewer knowns than unknowns



# Phasing is achieved using iterative algorithms



Chapman et al. Nature Physics 2 839 (2006)





# Recent hard X-ray experiments show high-resolution diffraction

## Photosystem I

9.3 keV

Single shot pattern

$\sim 1$  mJ ( $5 \times 10^{11}$  photons)

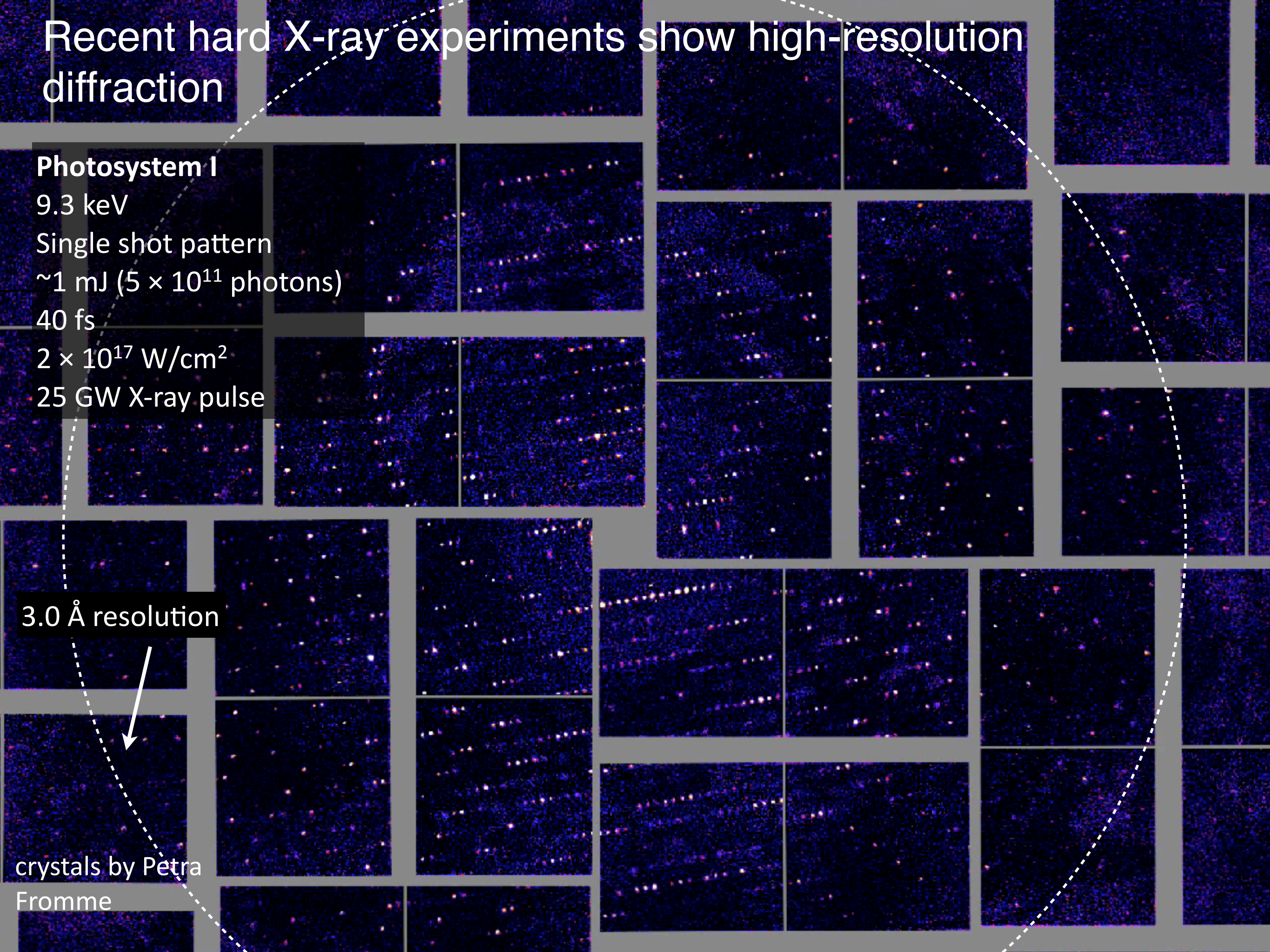
40 fs

$2 \times 10^{17}$  W/cm<sup>2</sup>

25 GW X-ray pulse

3.0 Å resolution

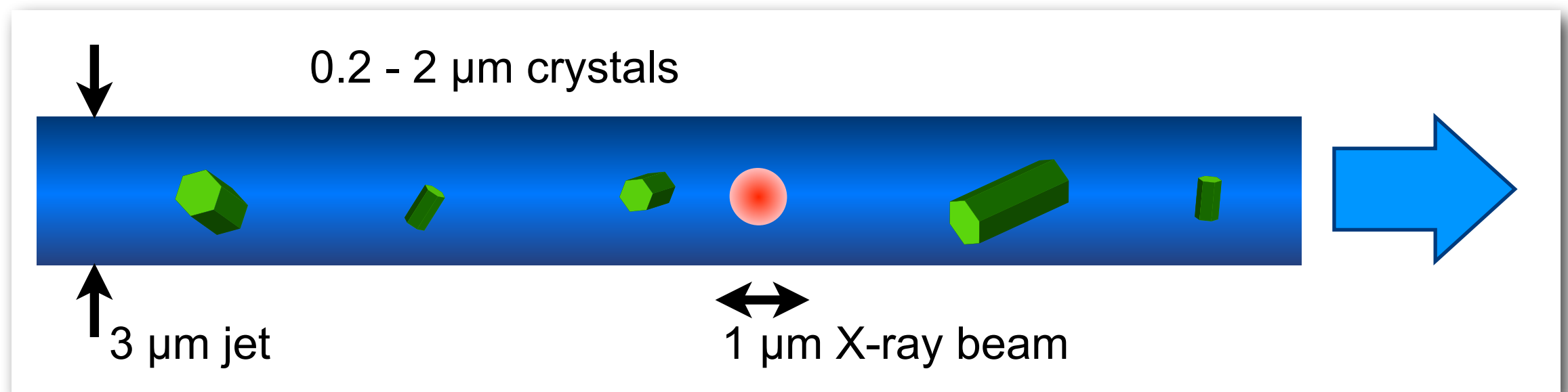
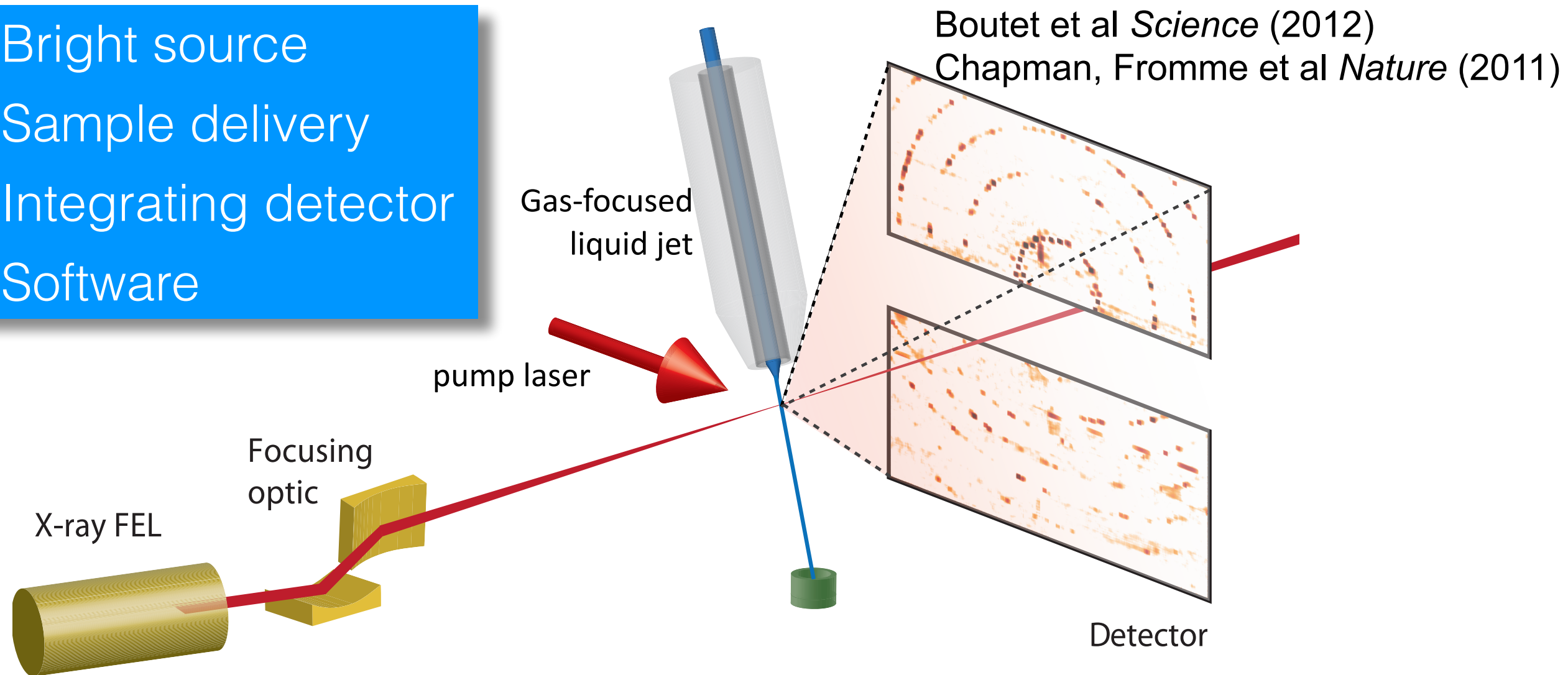
crystals by Petra  
Fromme



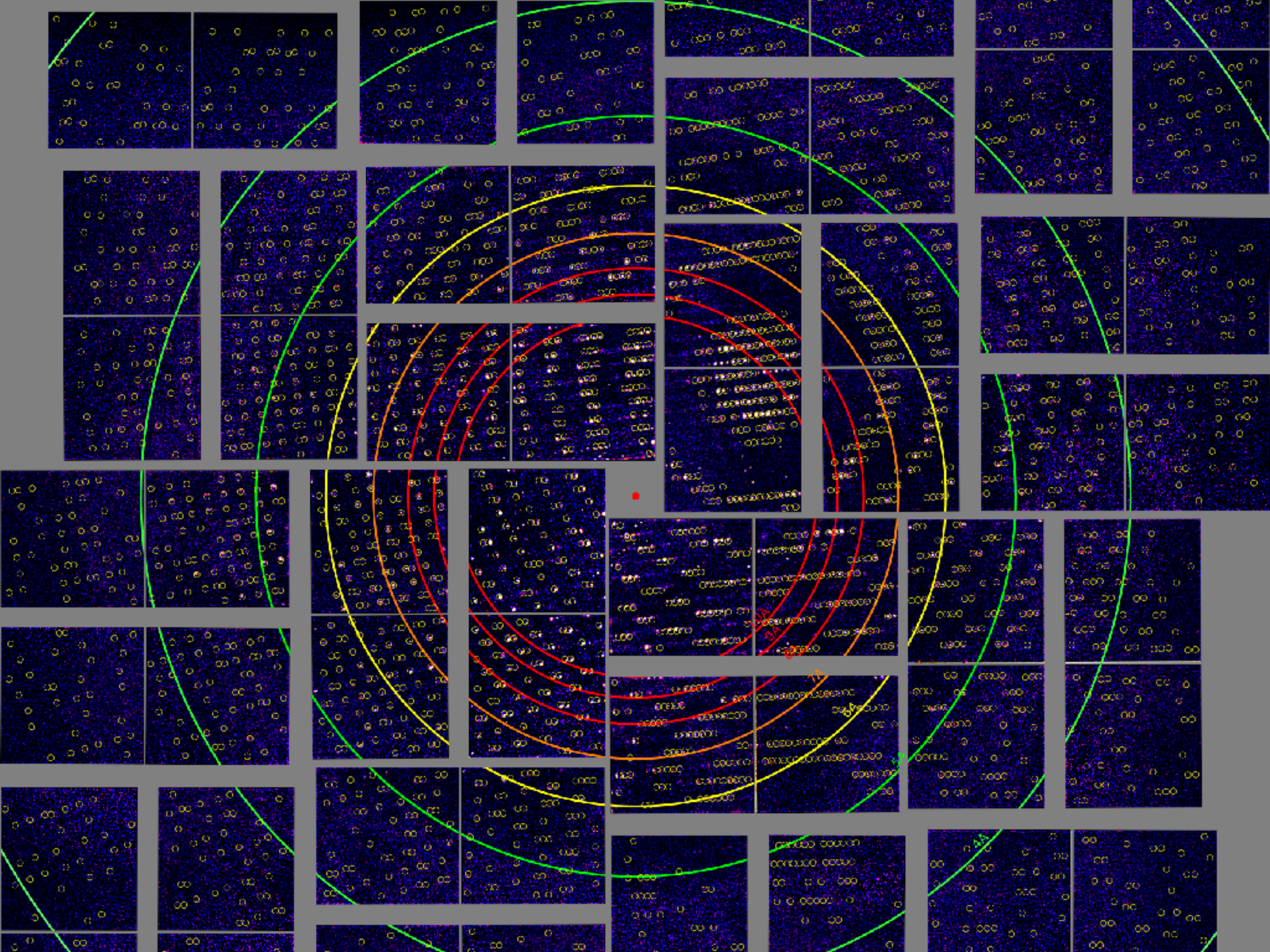


# Serial crystallography is made possible by four key technologies

1. Bright source
2. Sample delivery
3. Integrating detector
4. Software

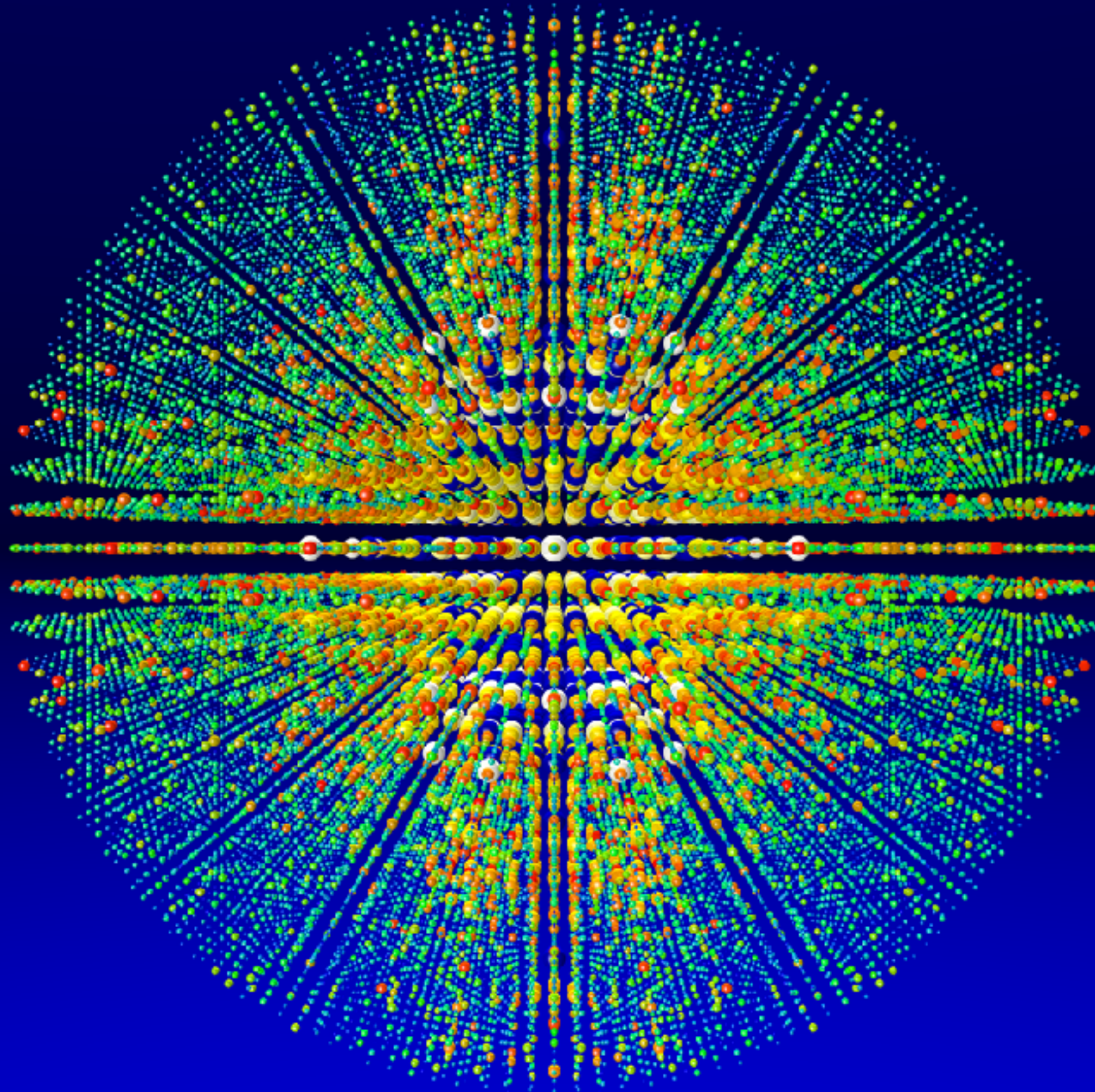






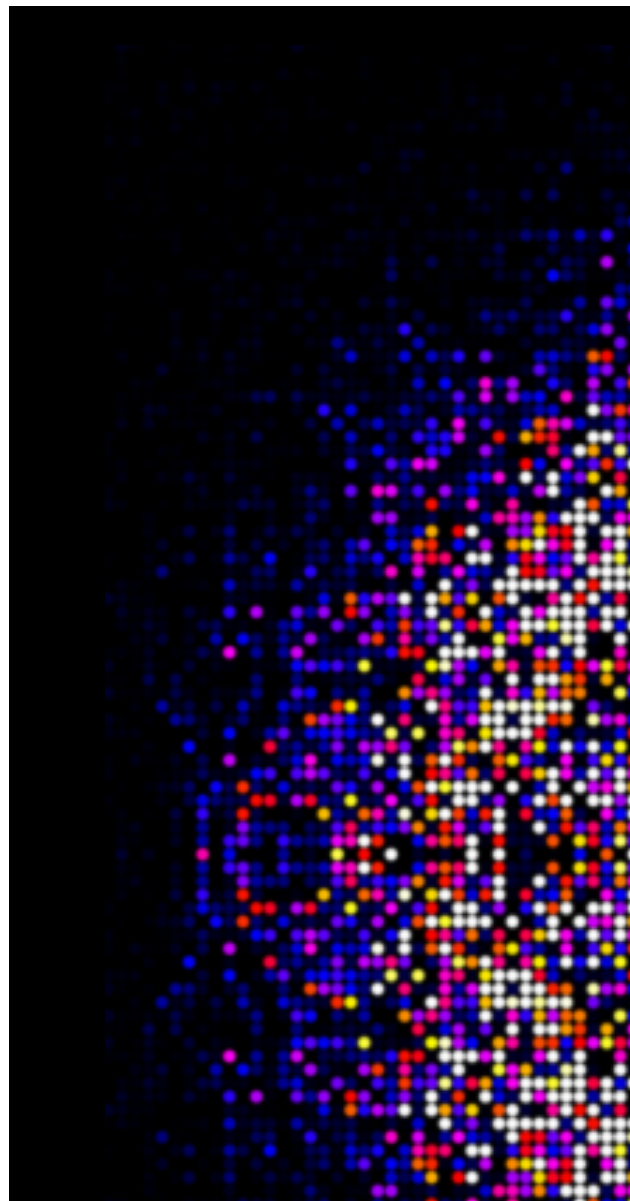


Intensities are merged into a “3D powder” pattern

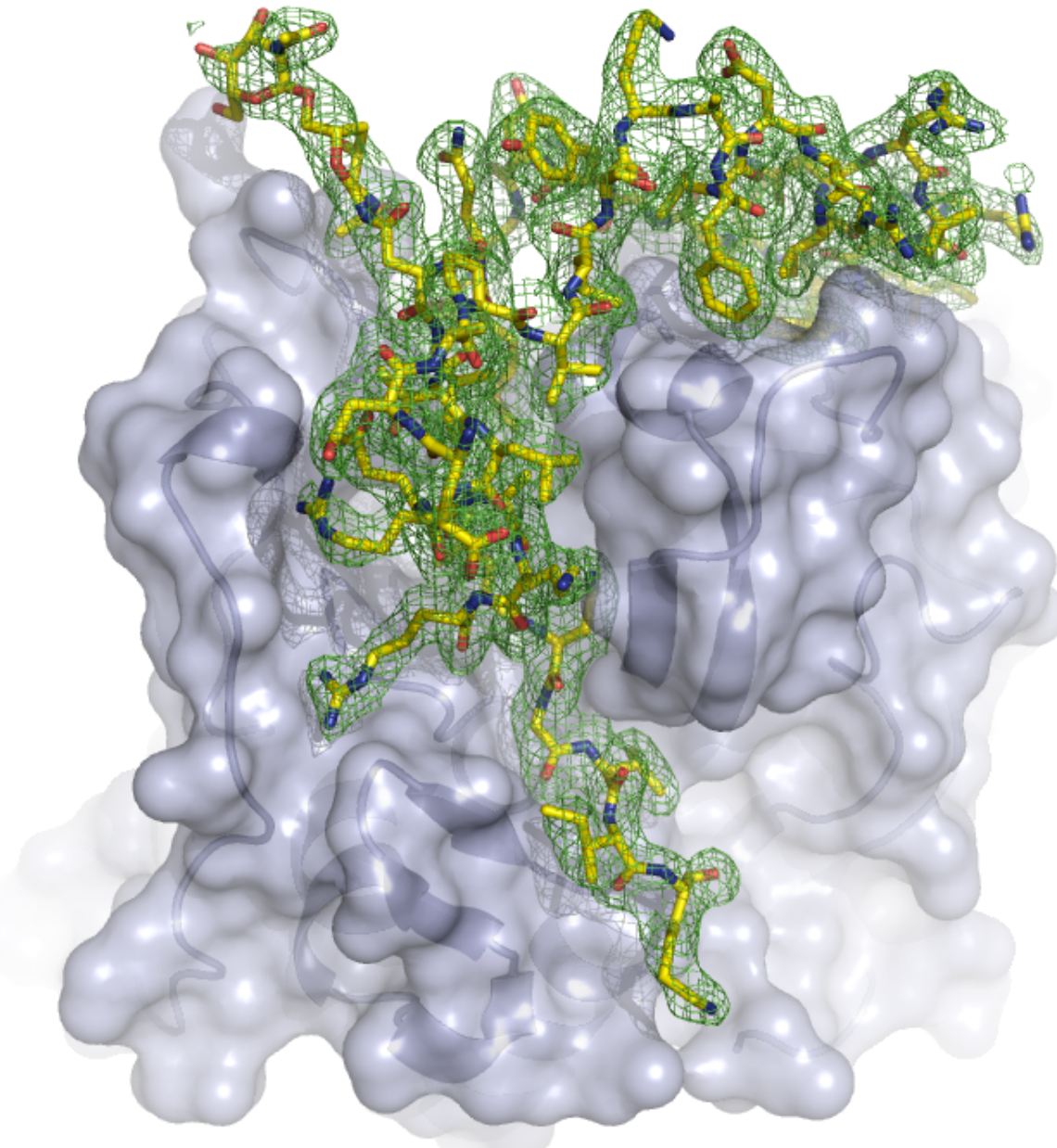




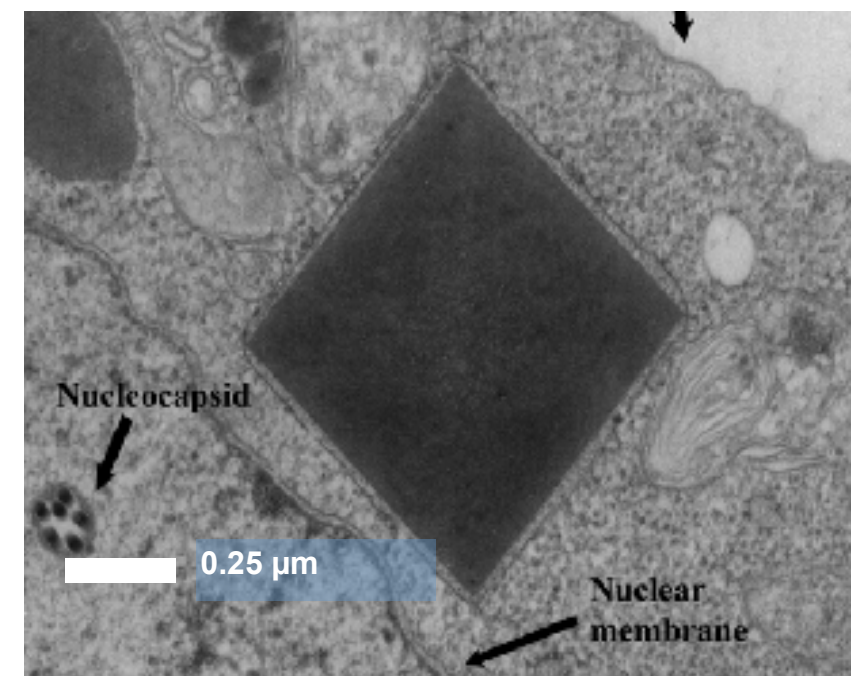
# Structures have been obtained by in vivo grown crystals



Merged structure factors from 175,000 single-shot patterns



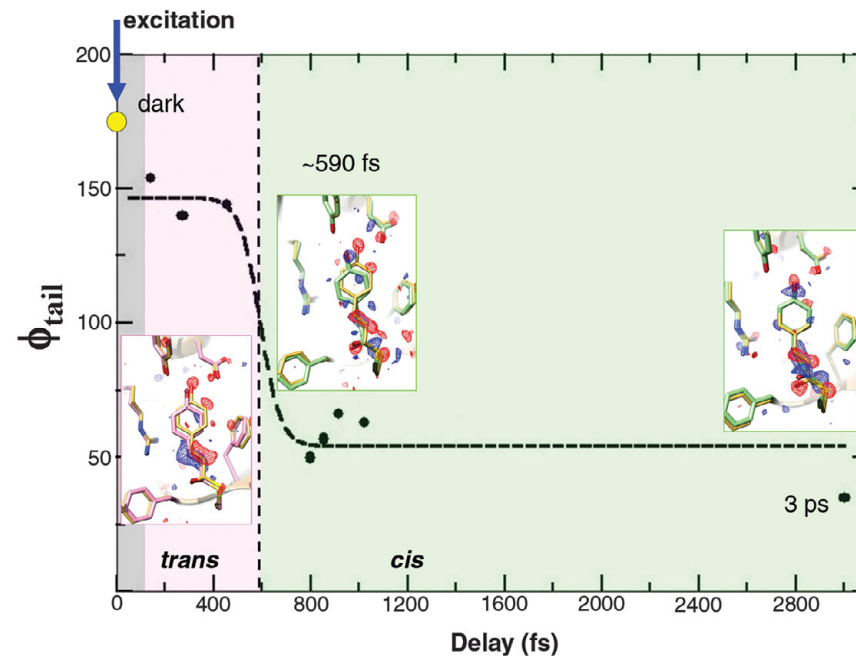
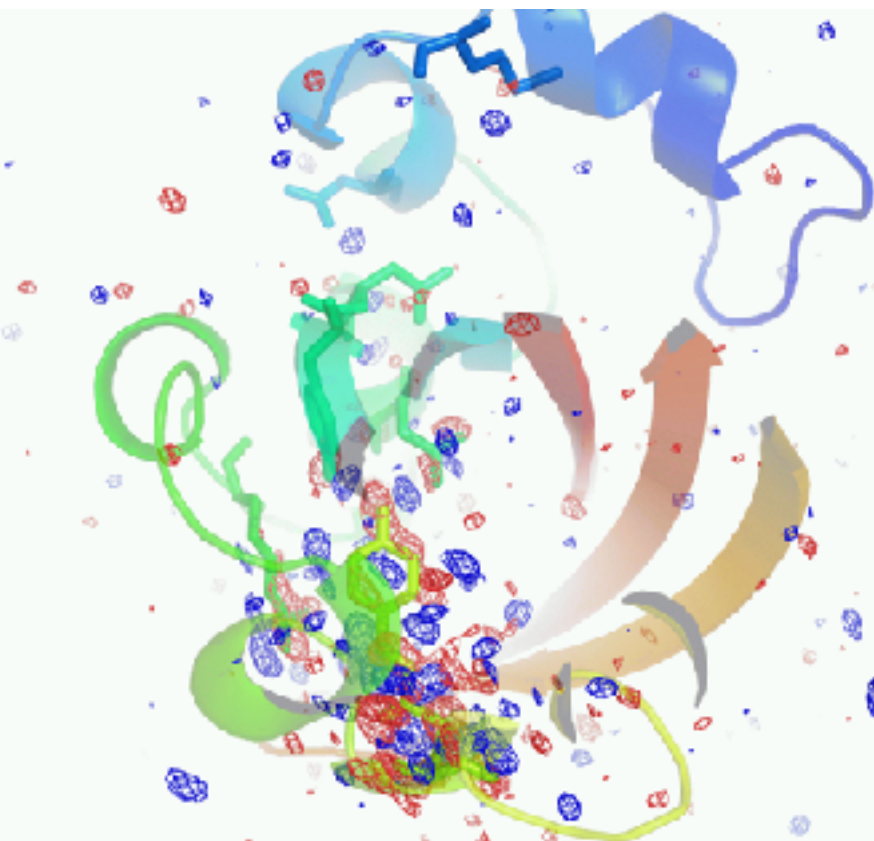
*Trypanosoma brucei* cathepsin B  
obtained from in  
vivo grown crystals



Redecke, Nass et al. Science  
(2013)



# We have obtained time-resolved SFX structures of photoactive yellow protein (PYP)



Difference electron density map  
1.6 Å resolution

> 250,000 patterns  
R = 15 to 20%

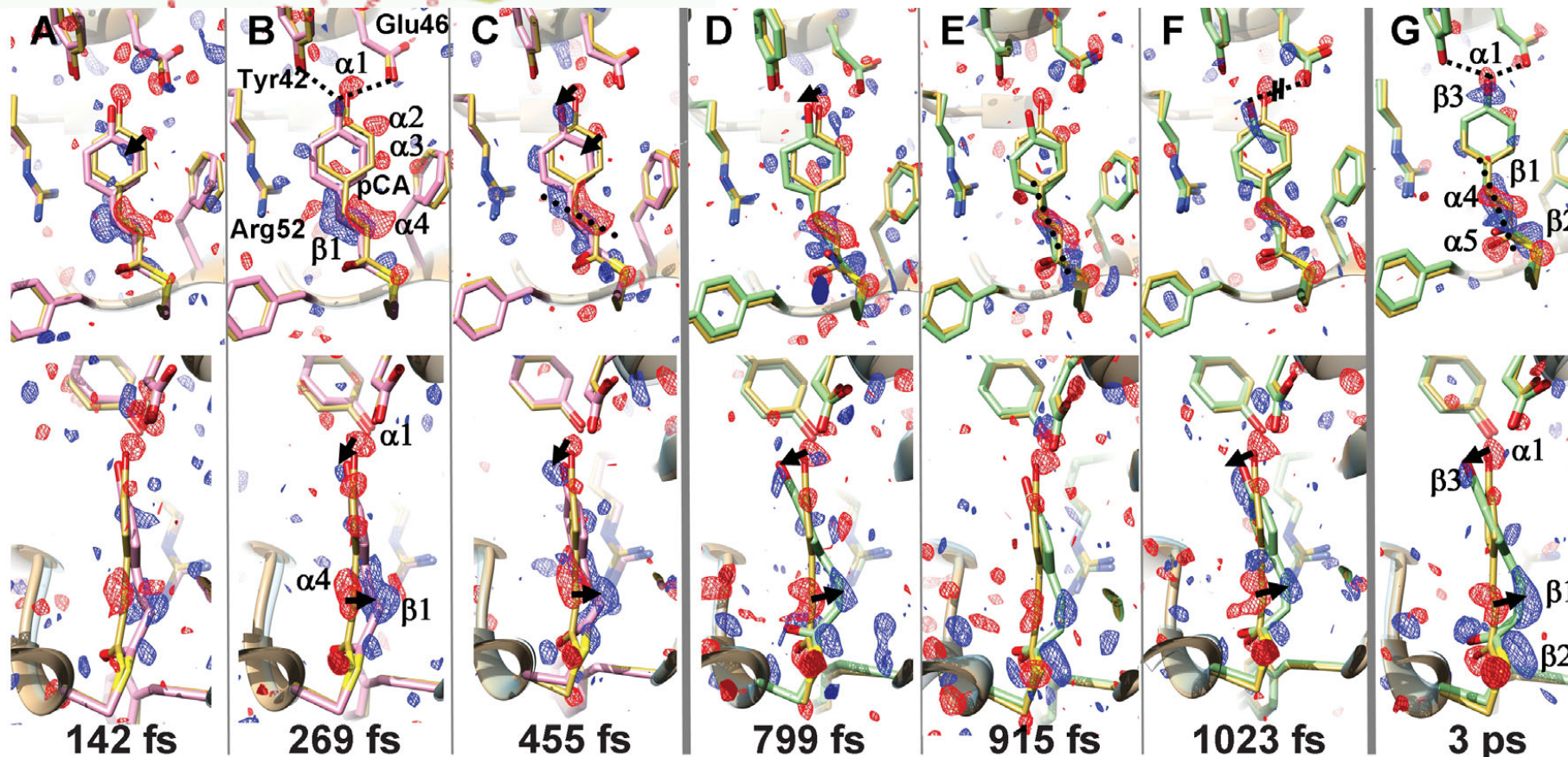
Reaction initiation: 40%  
(18% pR<sub>1</sub>, 22% pR<sub>2</sub>)

crystals <3 μm

Experiments led by Marius Schmidt, U. Wisconsin

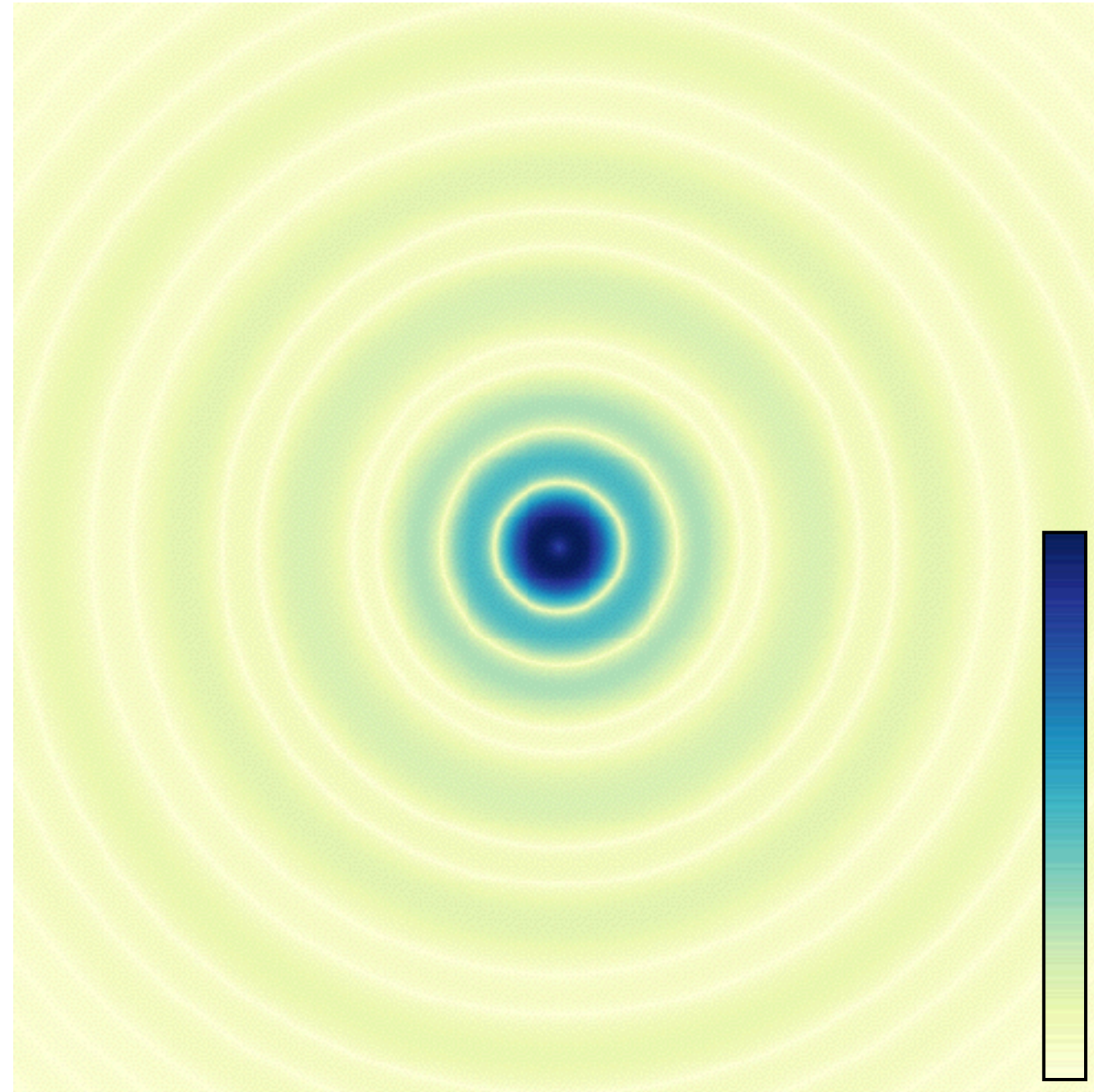
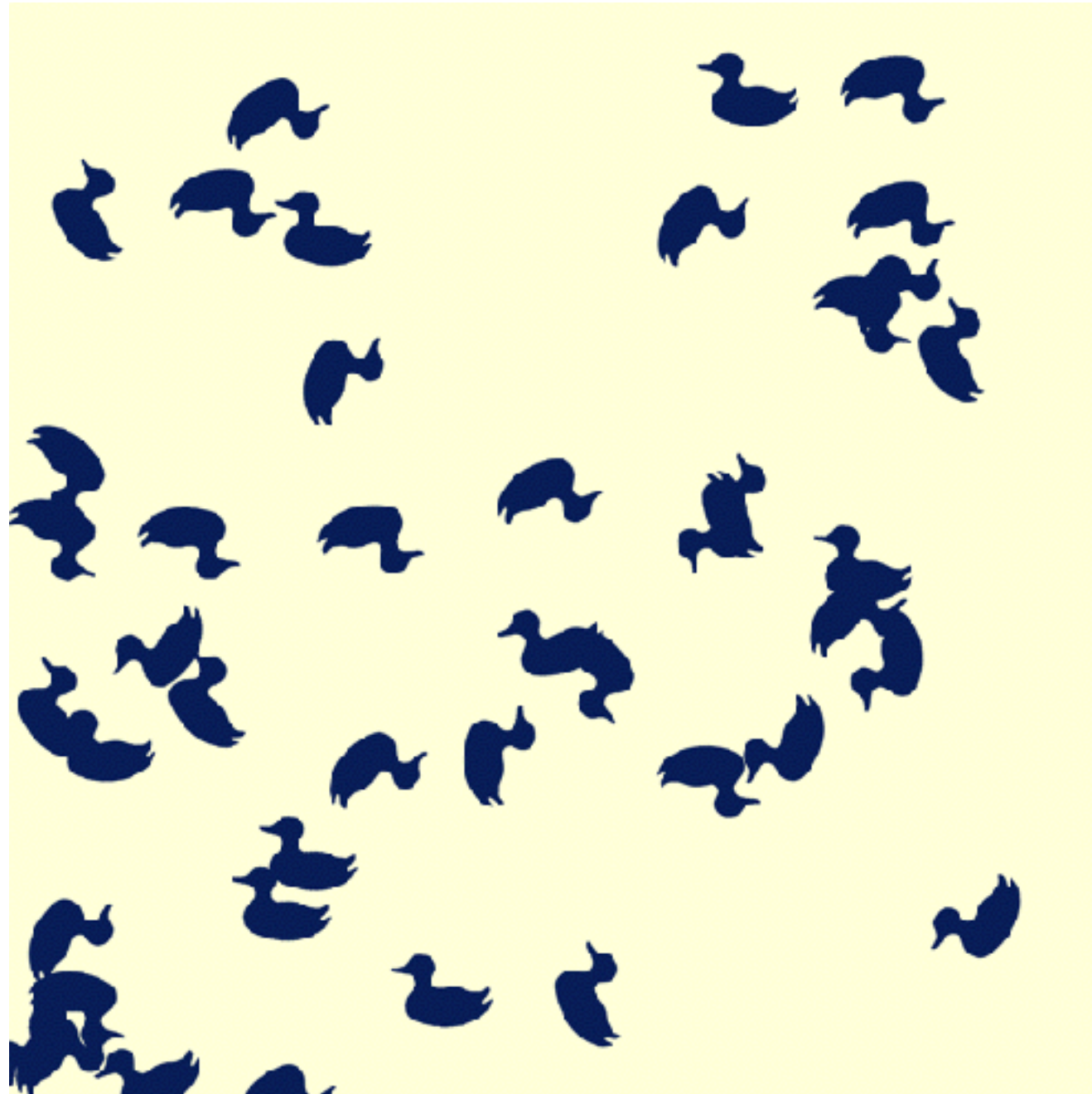
Tenboer et al *Science* **346** 1242 (2014)

Pande et al *Science* **352** 725 (2016)



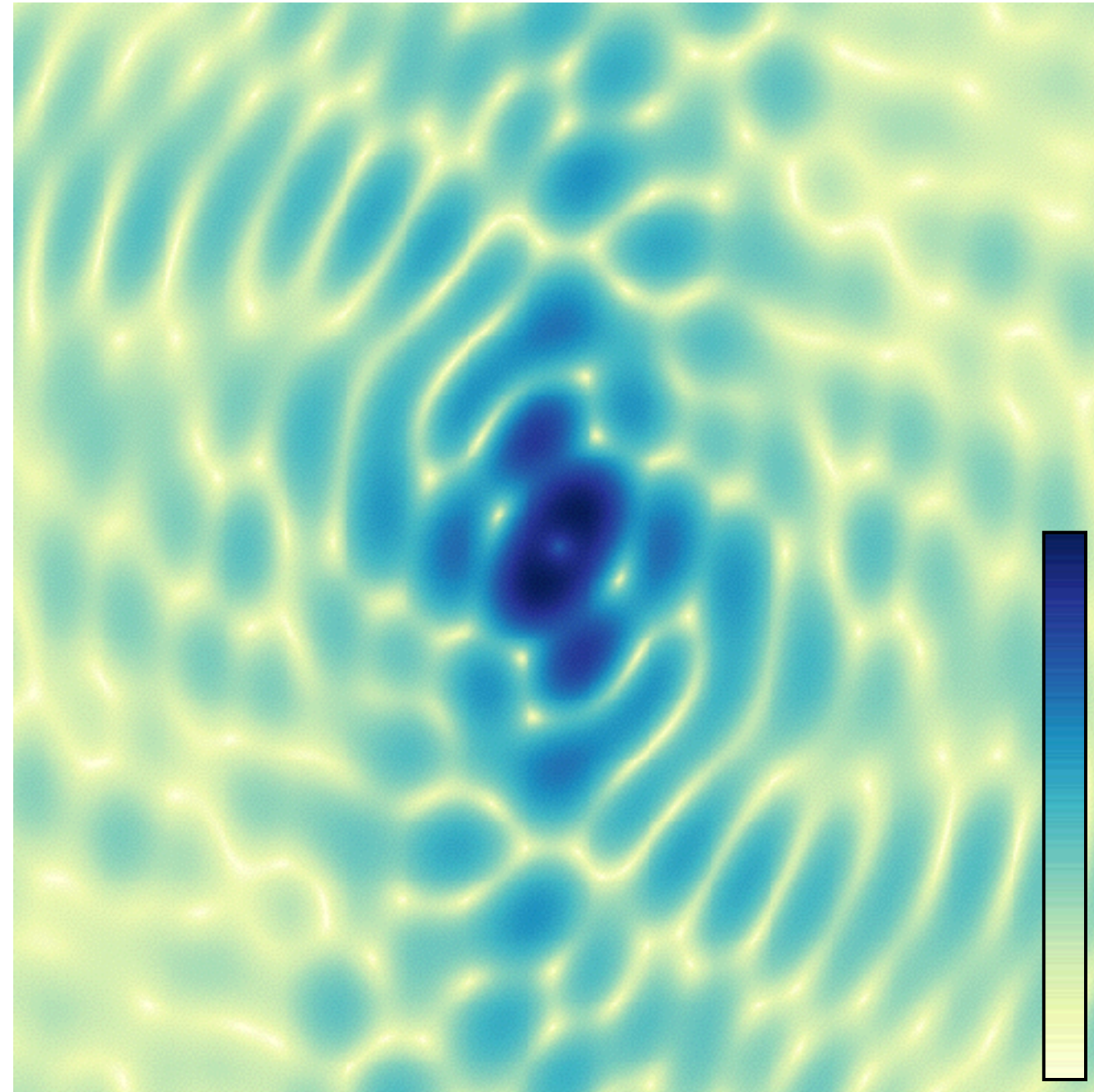
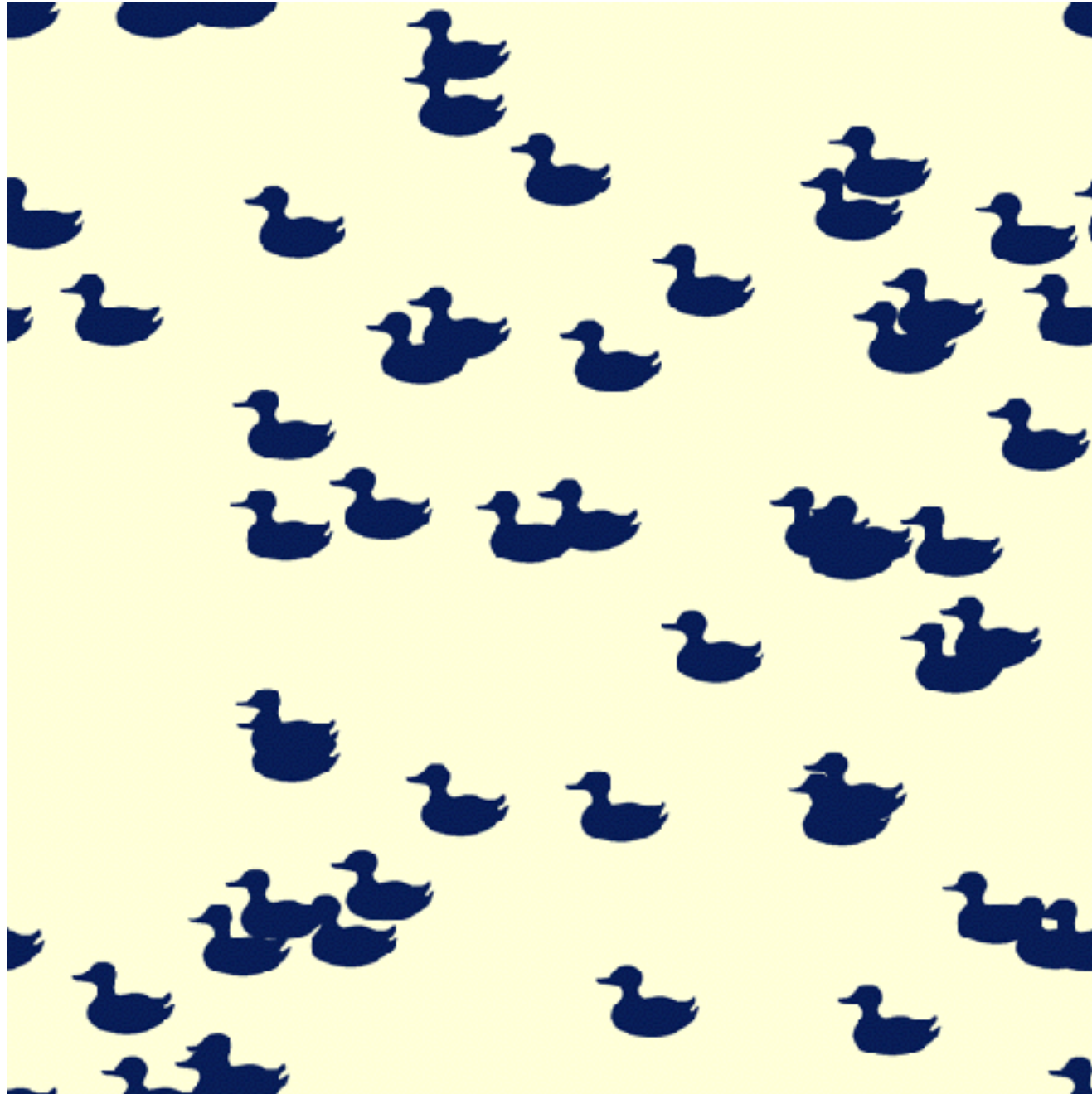


Solution scattering gives single-molecule diffraction, but  
orientationally averaged



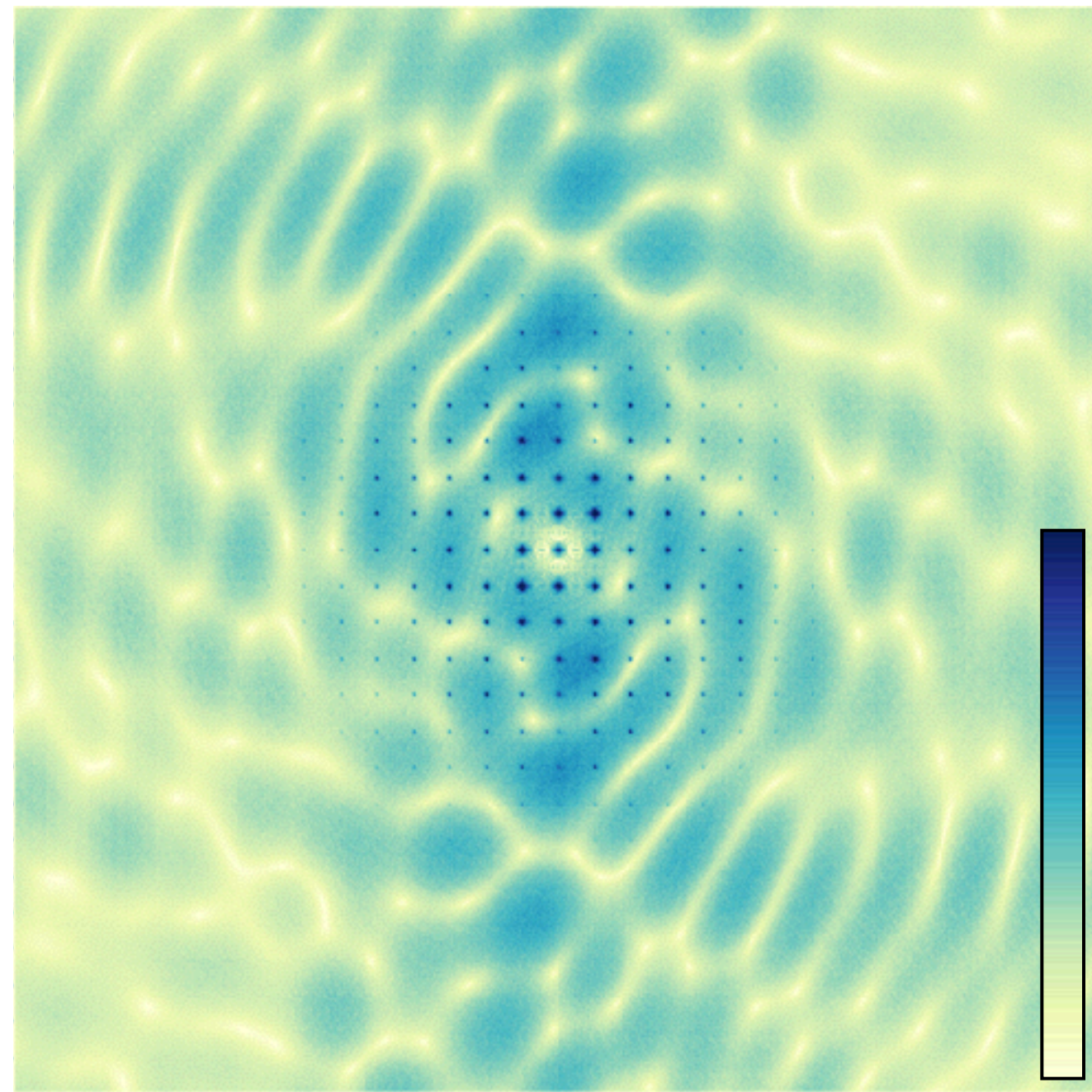
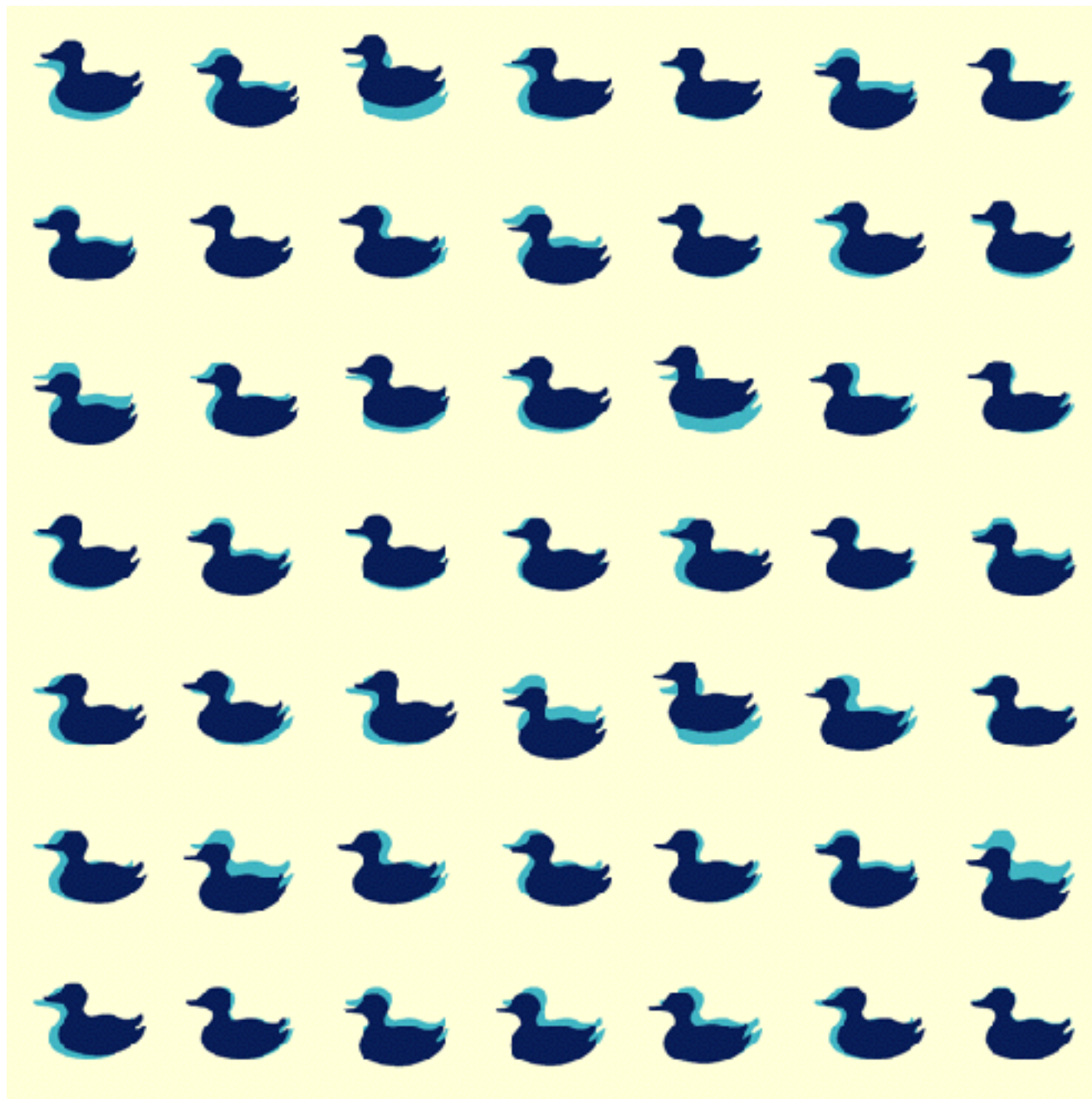


# Aligned molecules yield a single-molecule pattern





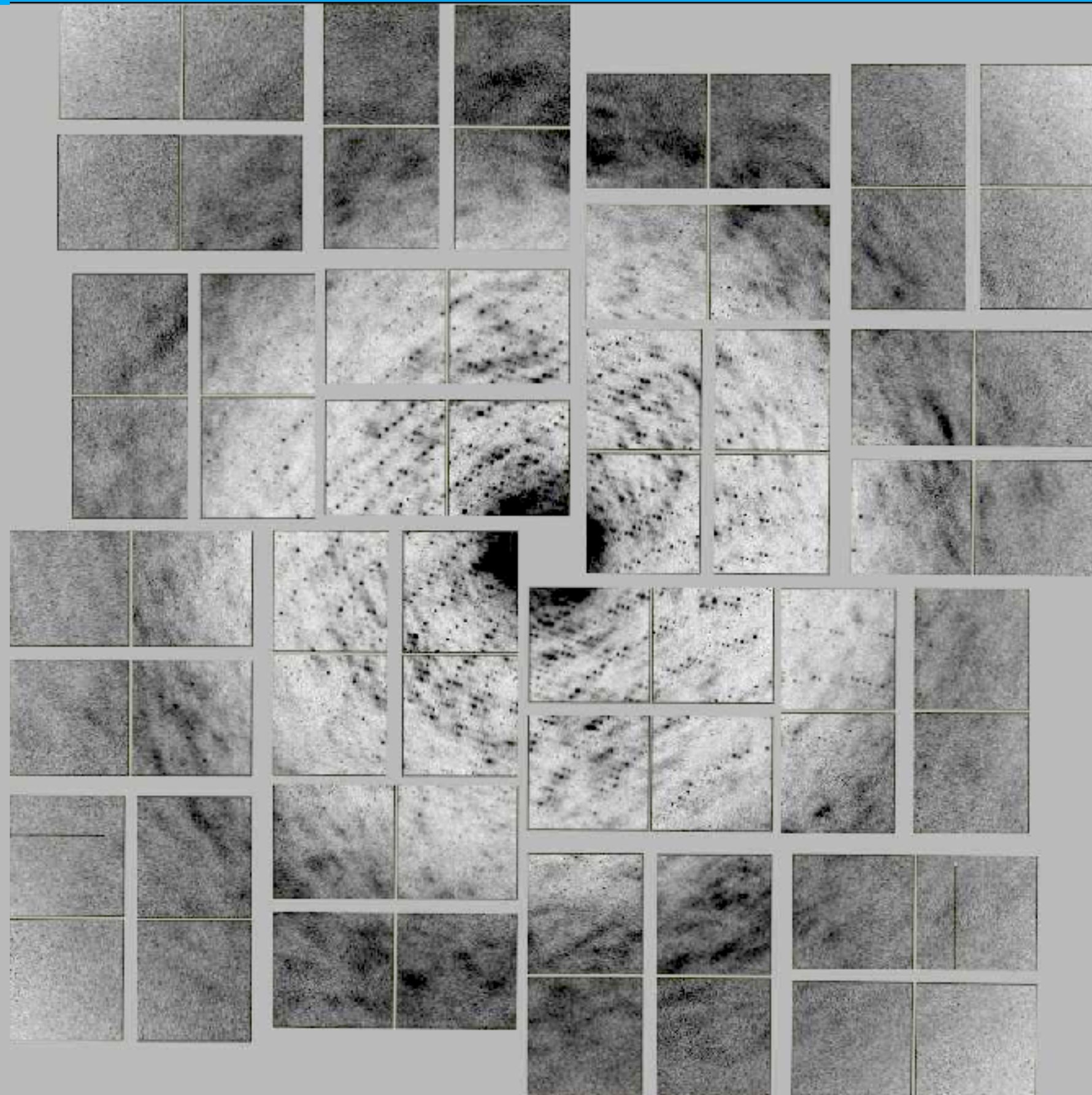
# Crystals provide a very high degree of alignment



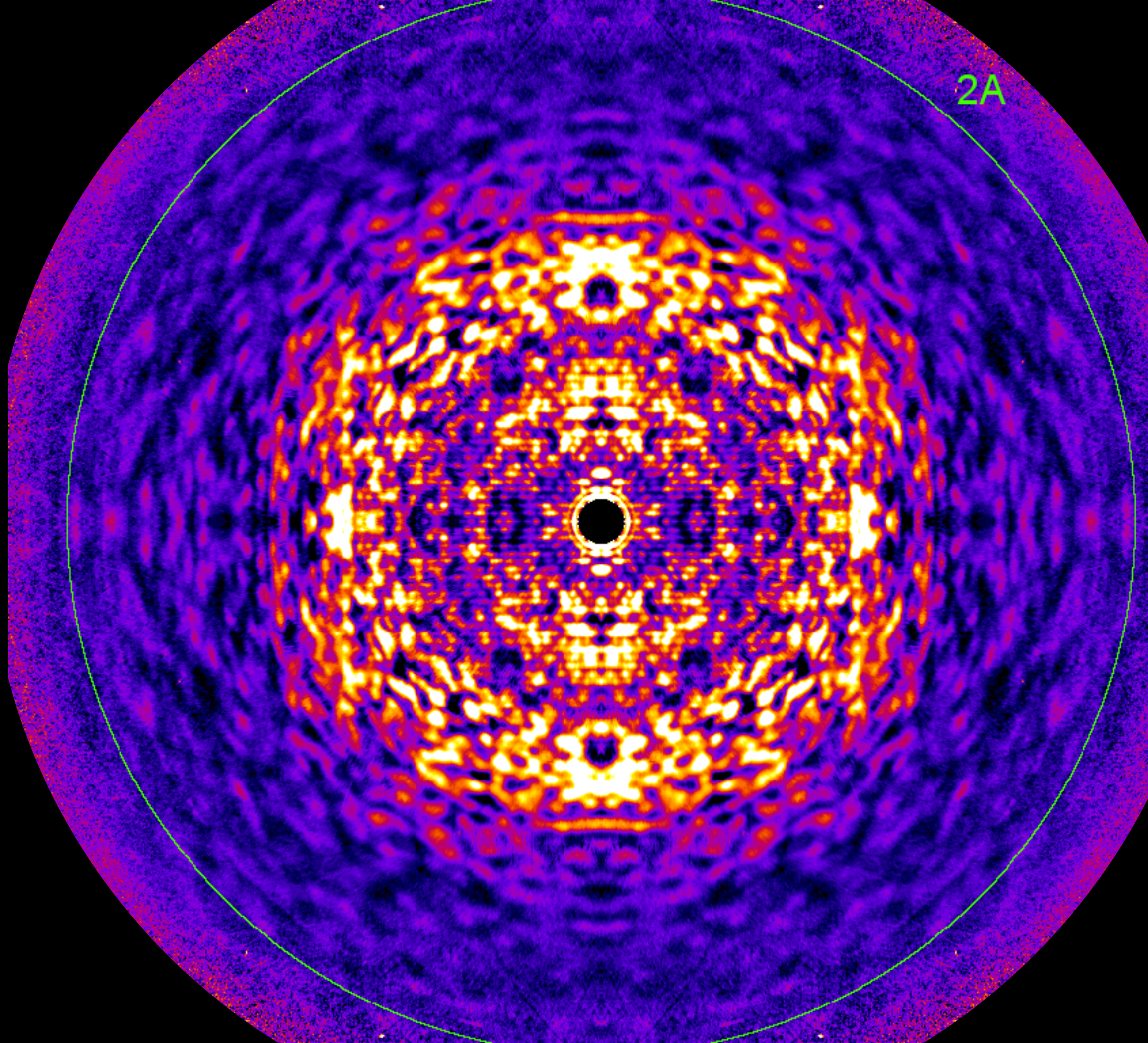
$$\langle I(\mathbf{q}) \rangle = \left| \sum_i \hat{\rho}_i(\mathbf{q}) \right|^2 \exp(-q^2 \sigma^2) + \sum_i |\hat{\rho}_i(\mathbf{q})|^2 (1 - \exp(-q^2 \sigma^2))$$
$$\sigma^2 = \langle D^2 \rangle$$



You can see a lot just by looking

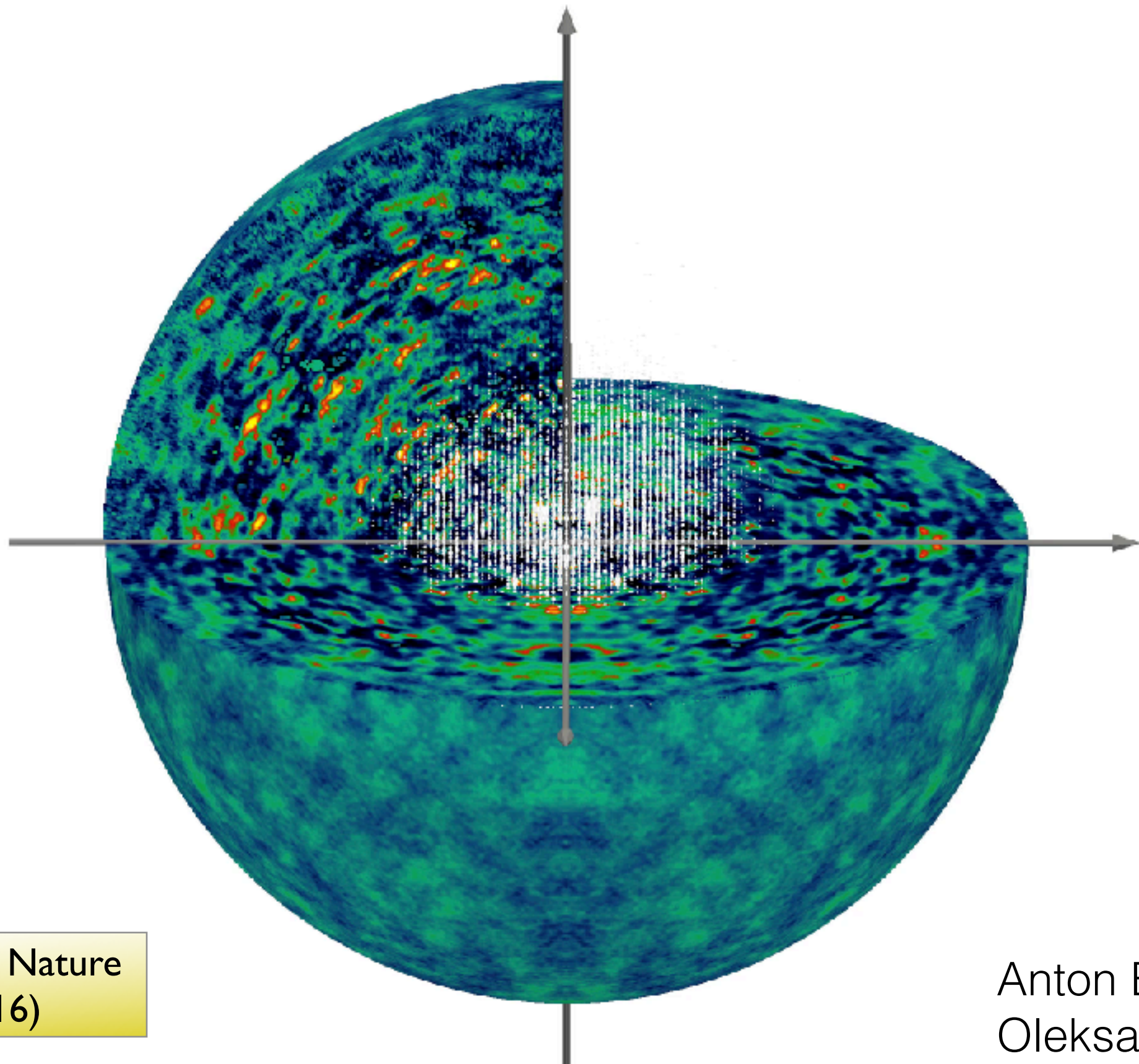








By averaging thousands of patterns a strong single molecule diffraction pattern emerges

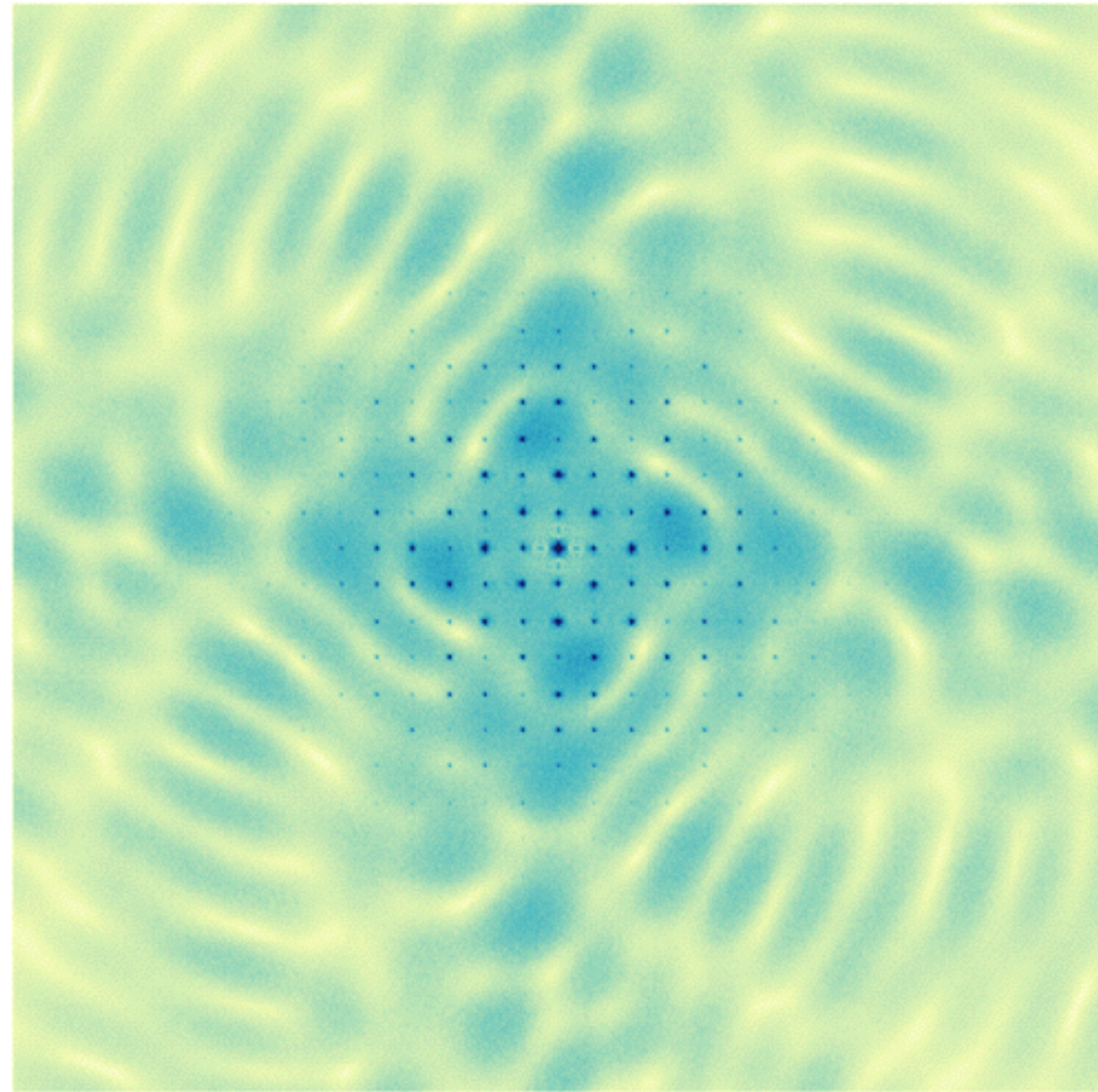
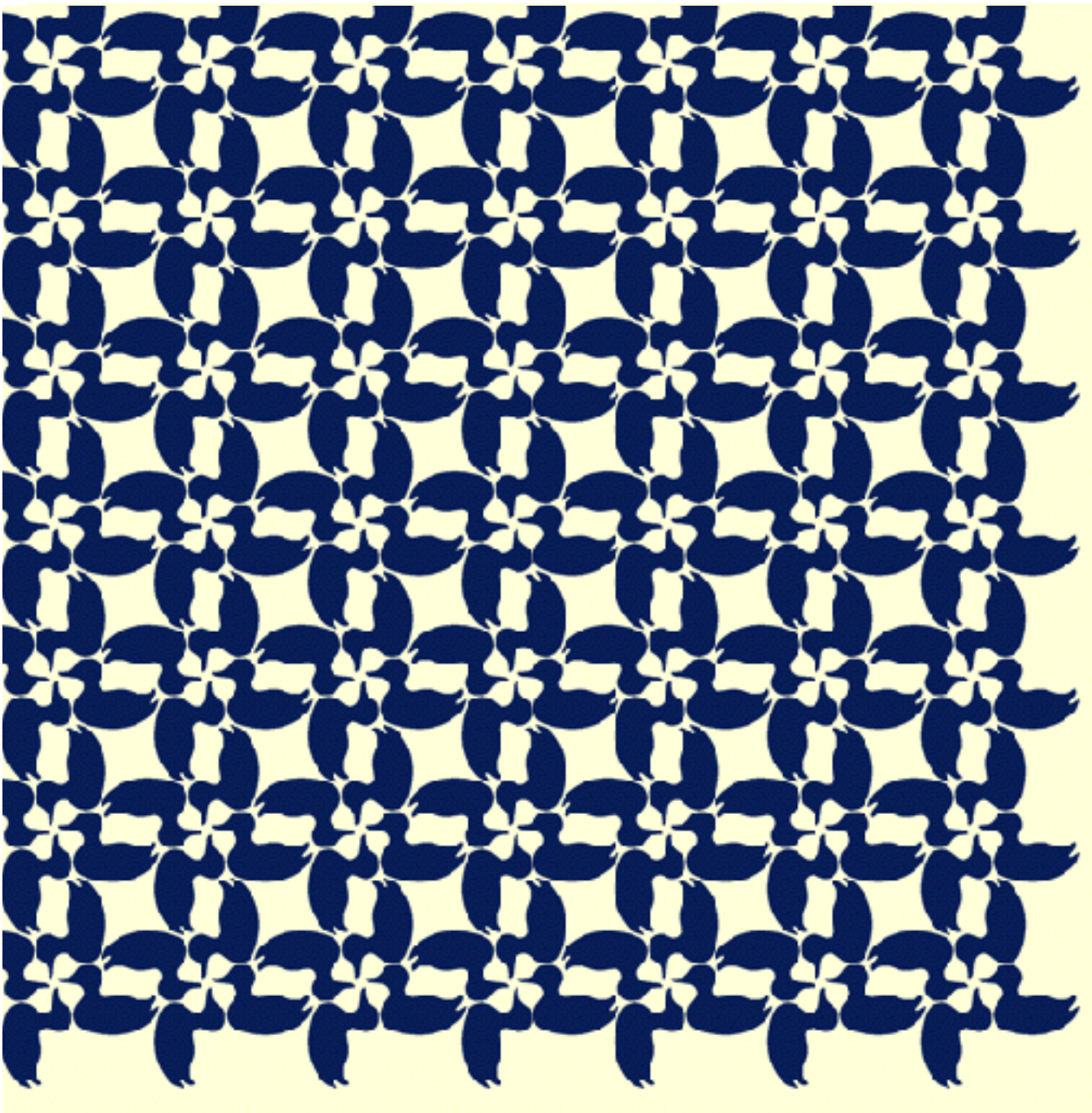


K.Ayyer et al. Nature  
**530**, 202 (2016)

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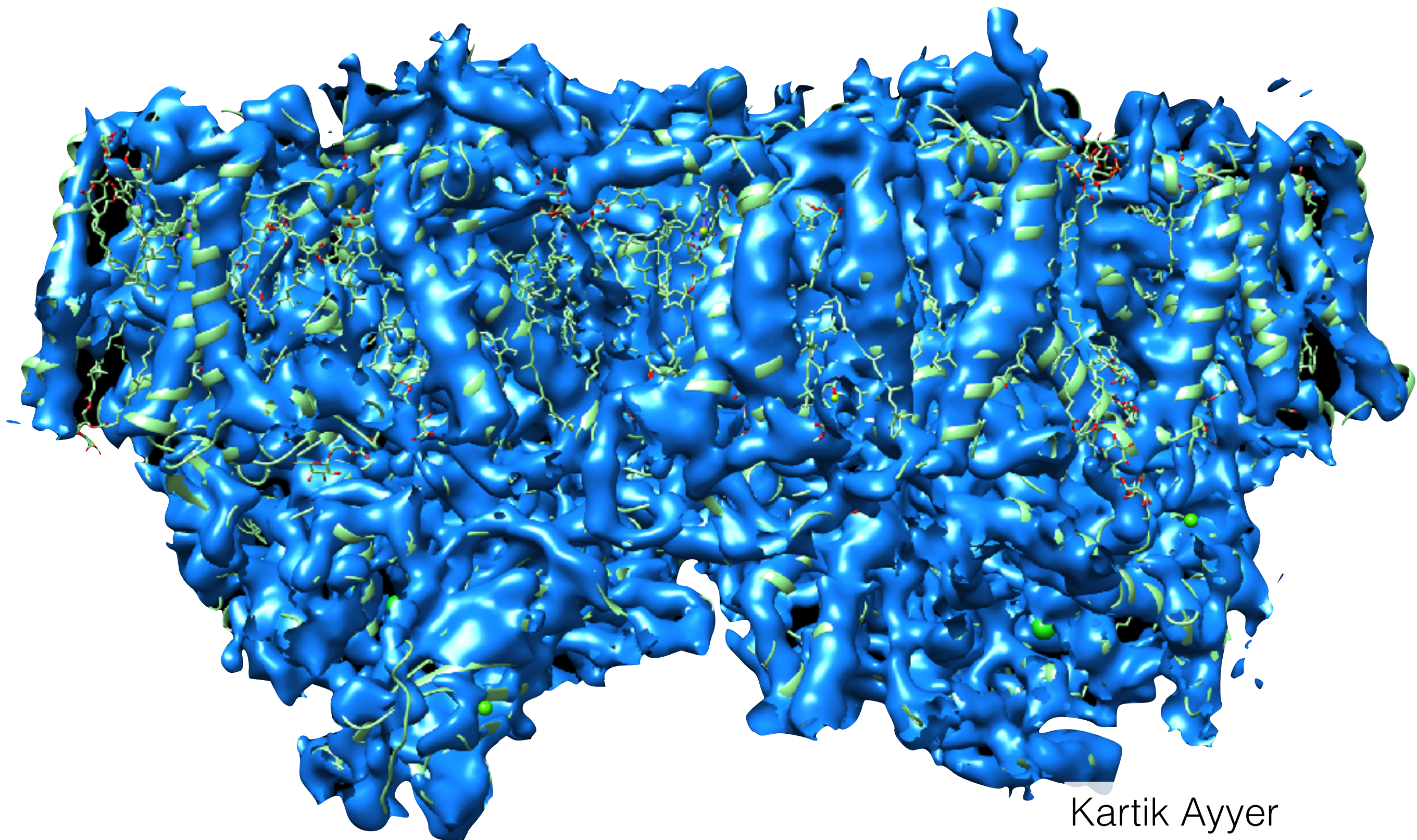


The orientational symmetry of the crystal is preserved,  
but not the translational symmetry





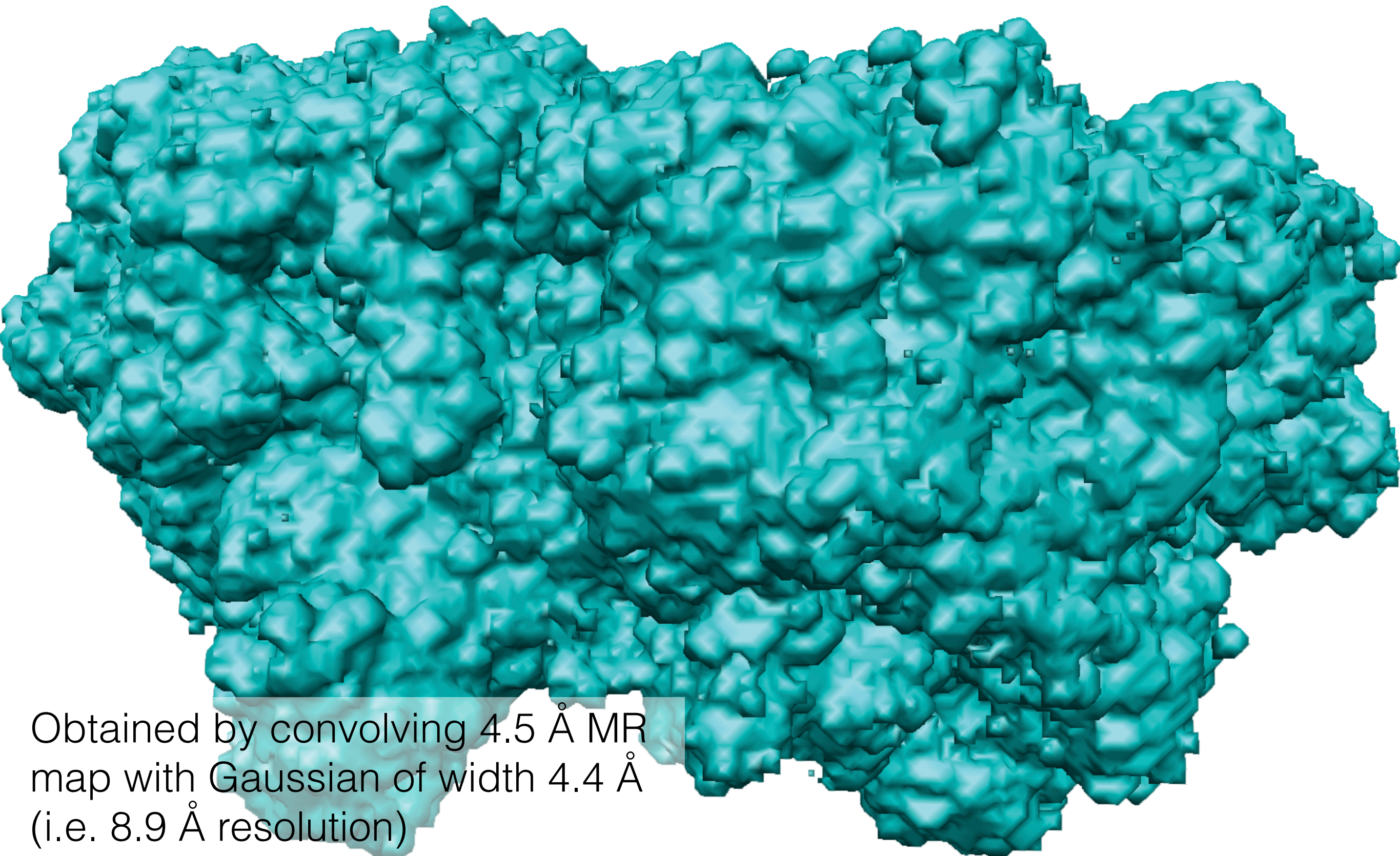
# Electron density map from Bragg peaks alone (4.5 Å)



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Dominik Oberthuer

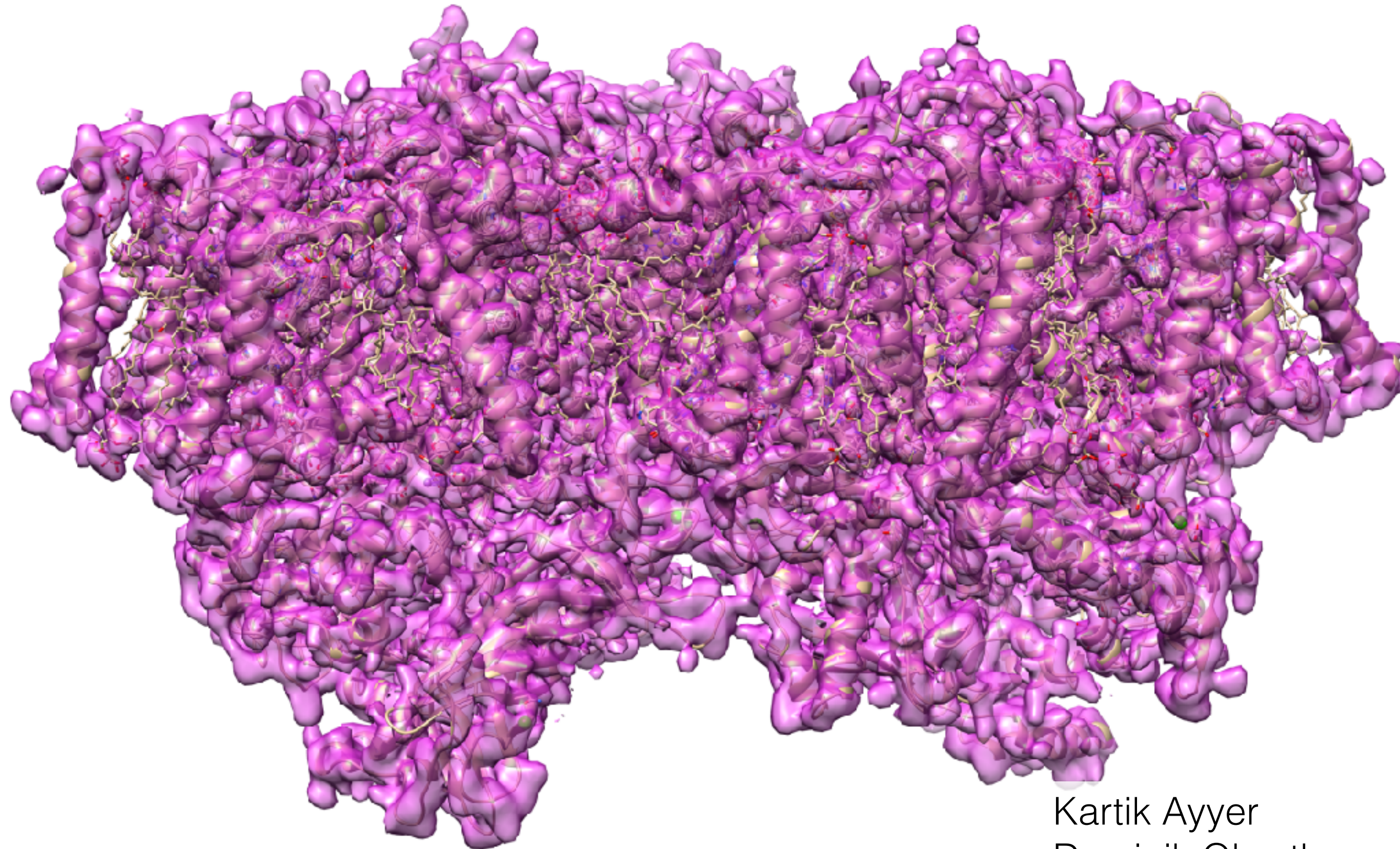


# The low-resolution support constrains the phases





# Electron density map including continuous diffraction

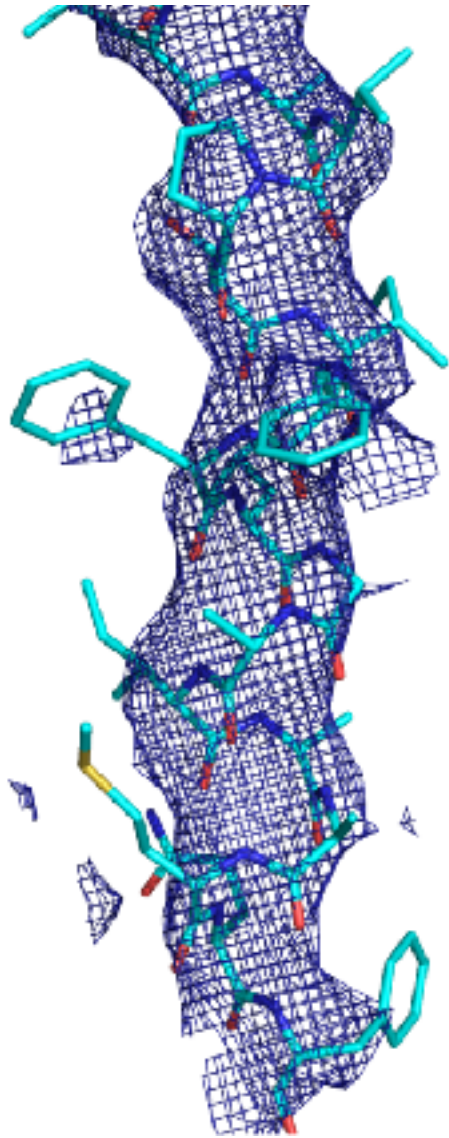


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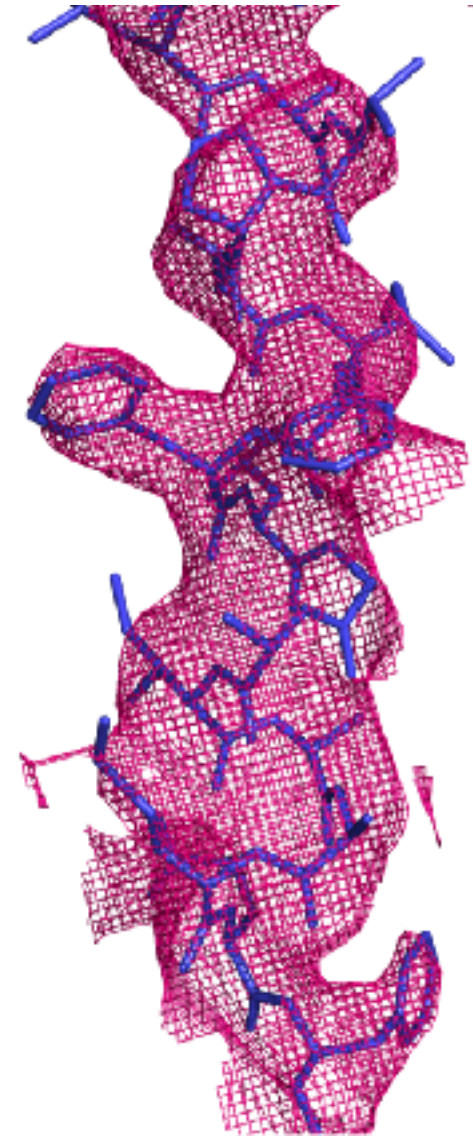


# The extended-resolution structure is superior

Bragg only  
(4.5 Å)



Bragg and  
continuous  
(3.5 Å)



Higher diffraction sampling — model free phasing  
— more reliable structure determination

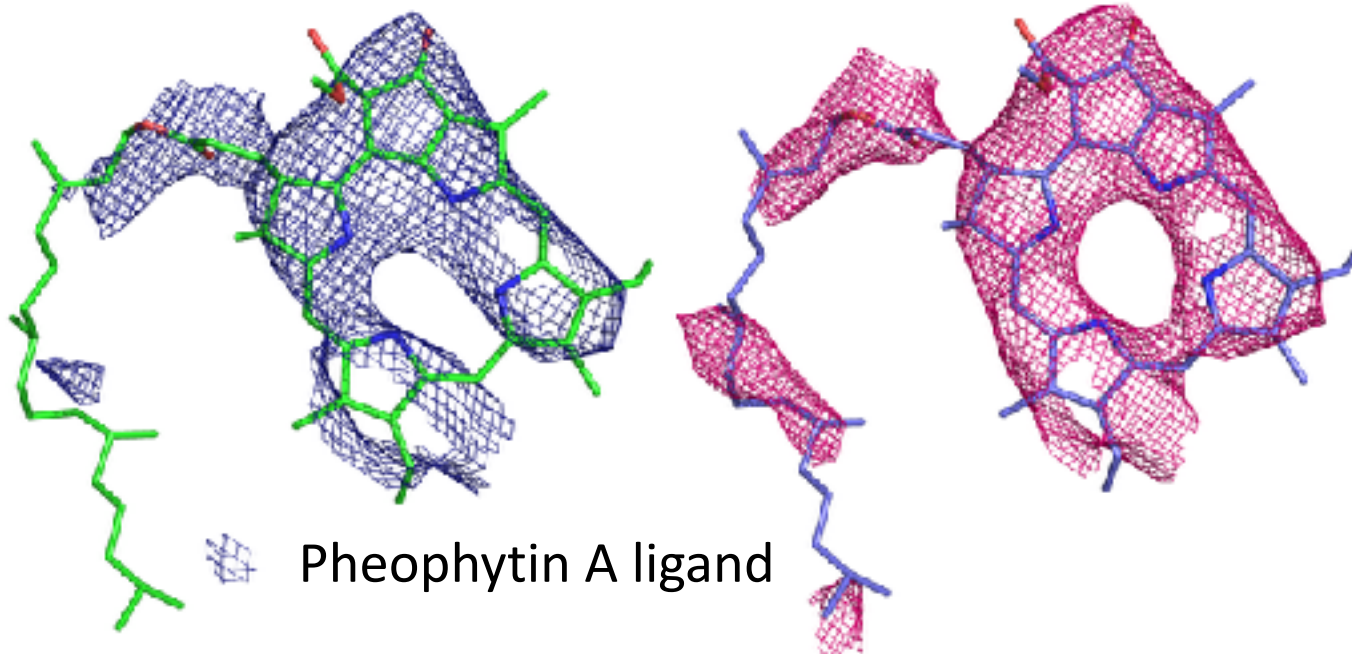
Resolution not limited by the crystal, just detector extent and shots

Number of molecules per shot:  $1 \mu\text{m}^3 \times 4 / (9.2 \times 10^6 \text{ Å}^3) = 4 \times 10^5$

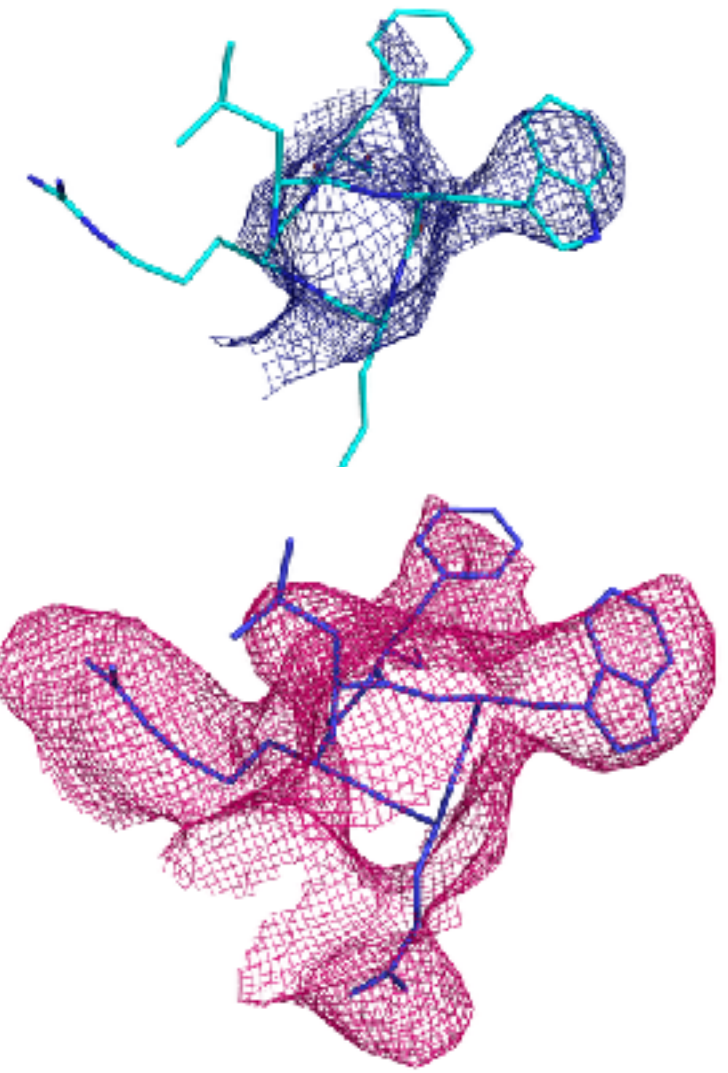


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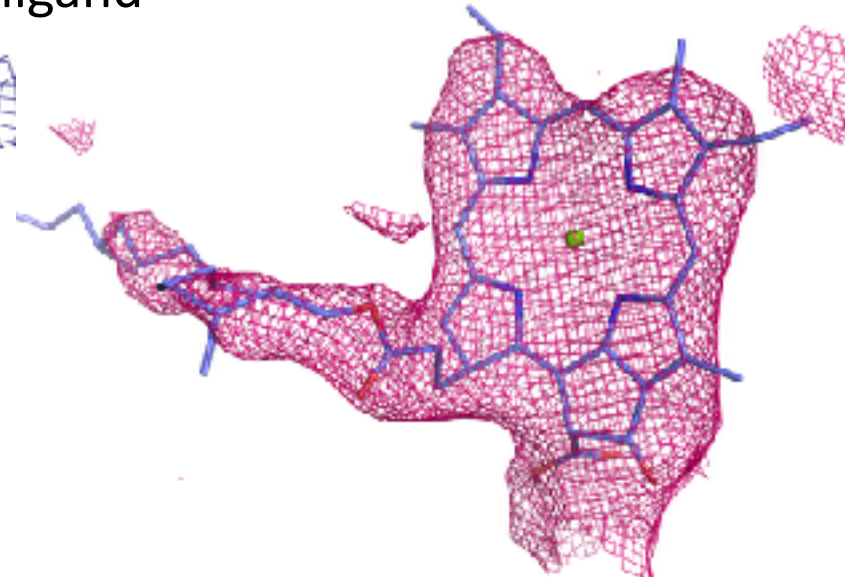
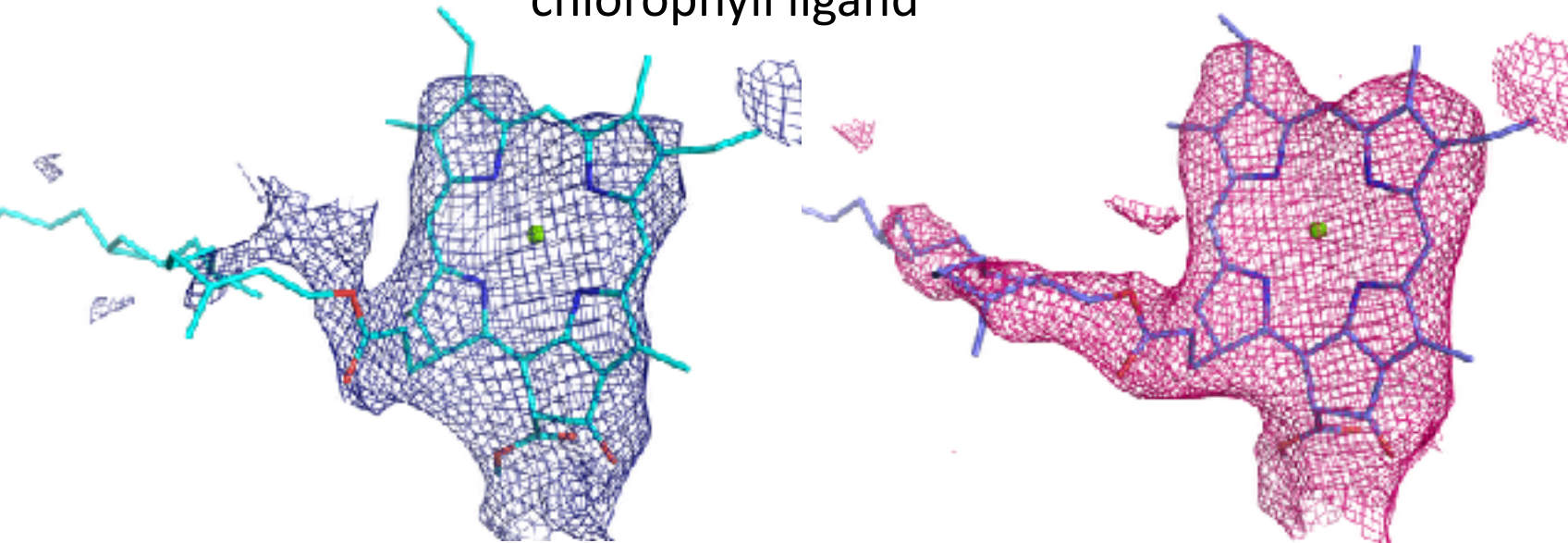
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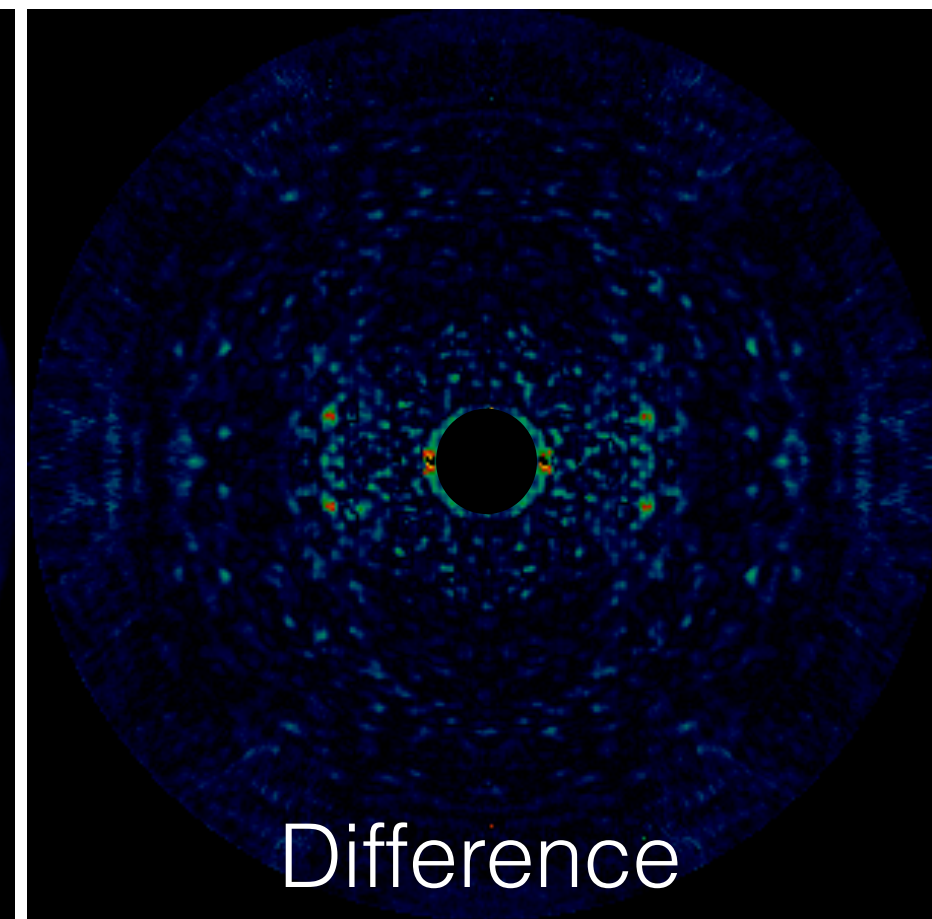
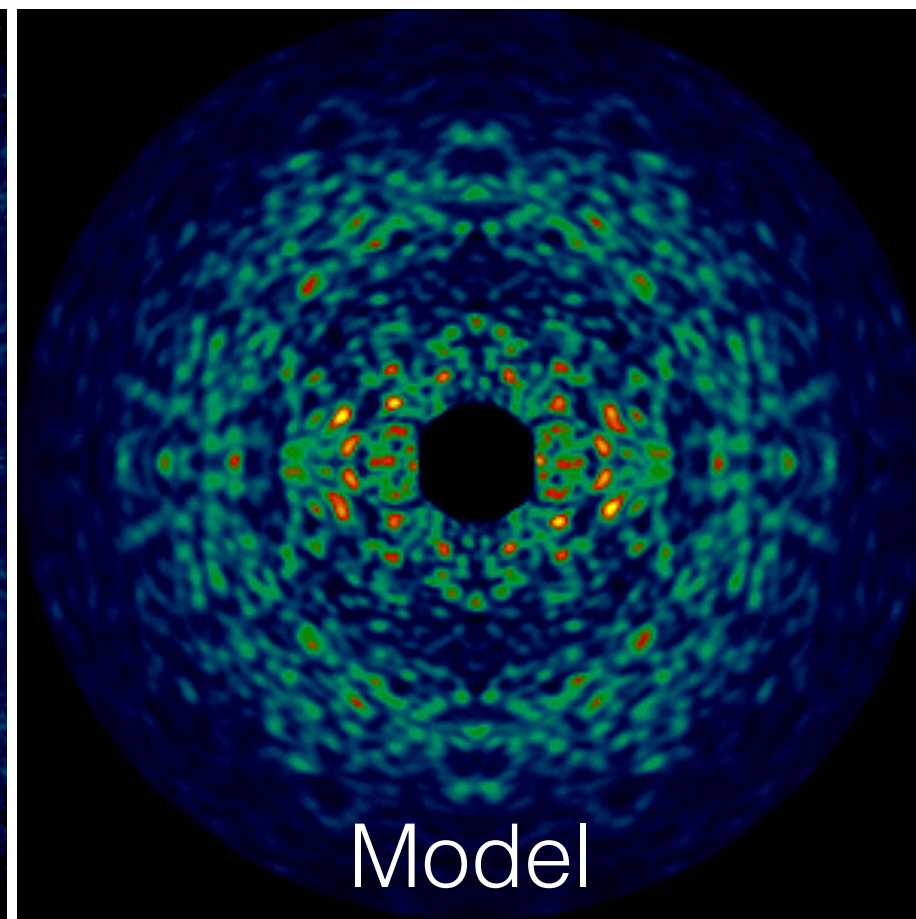
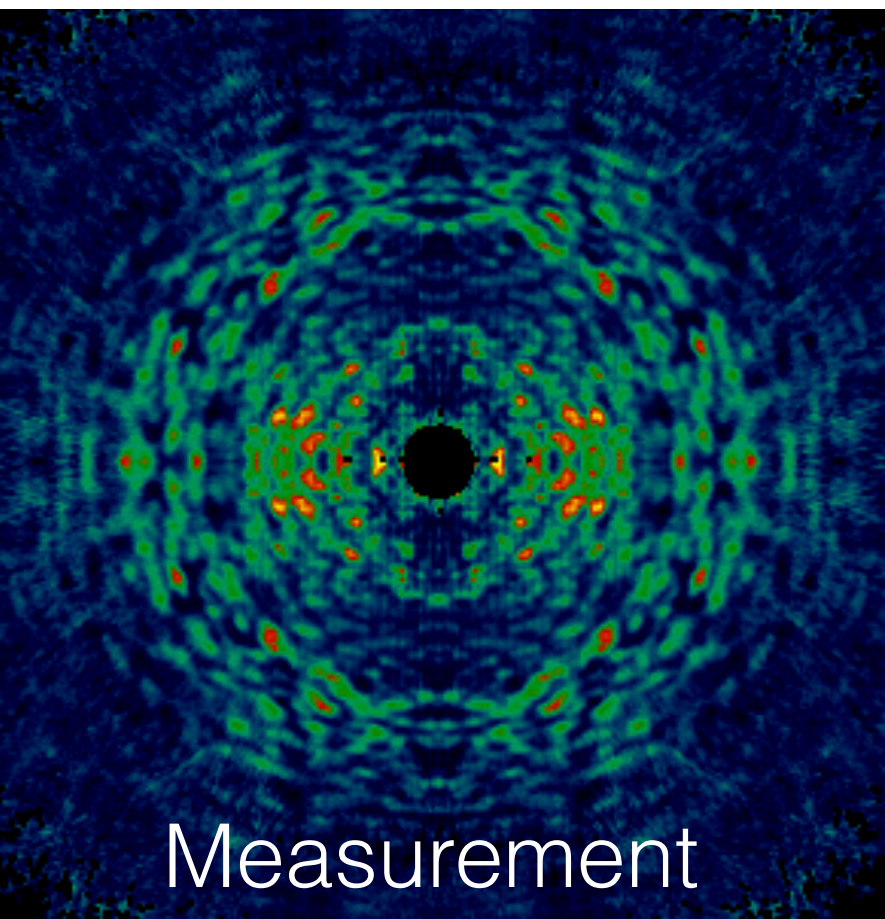


chlorophyll ligand

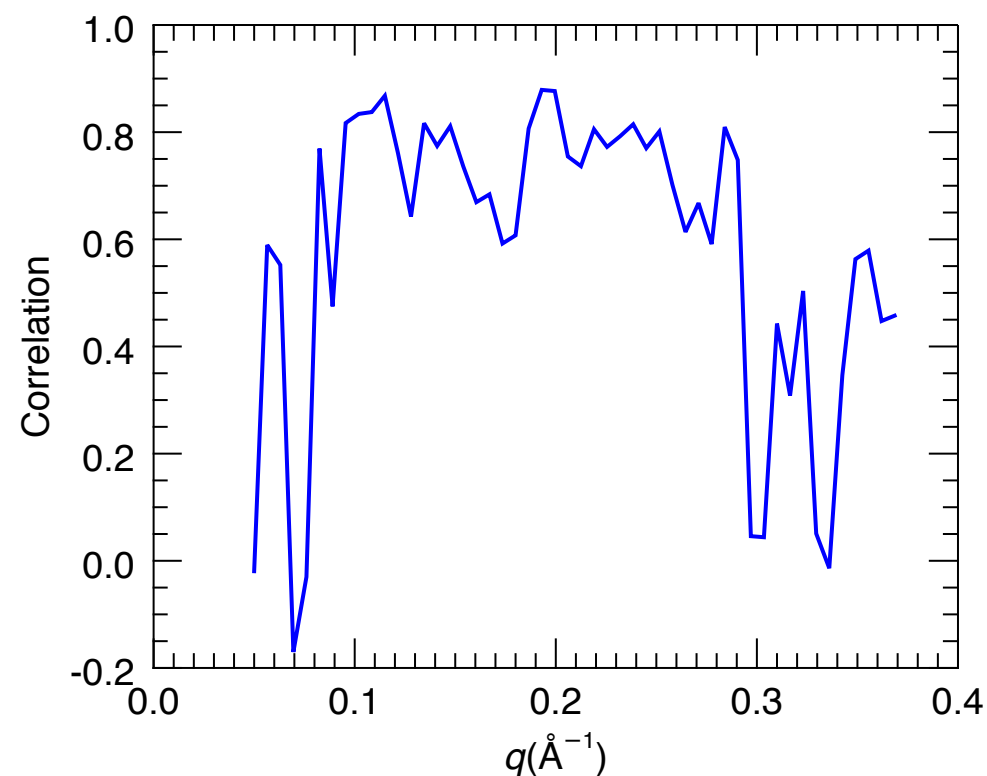




The continuous diffraction agrees with the simulated diffraction from the atomic model

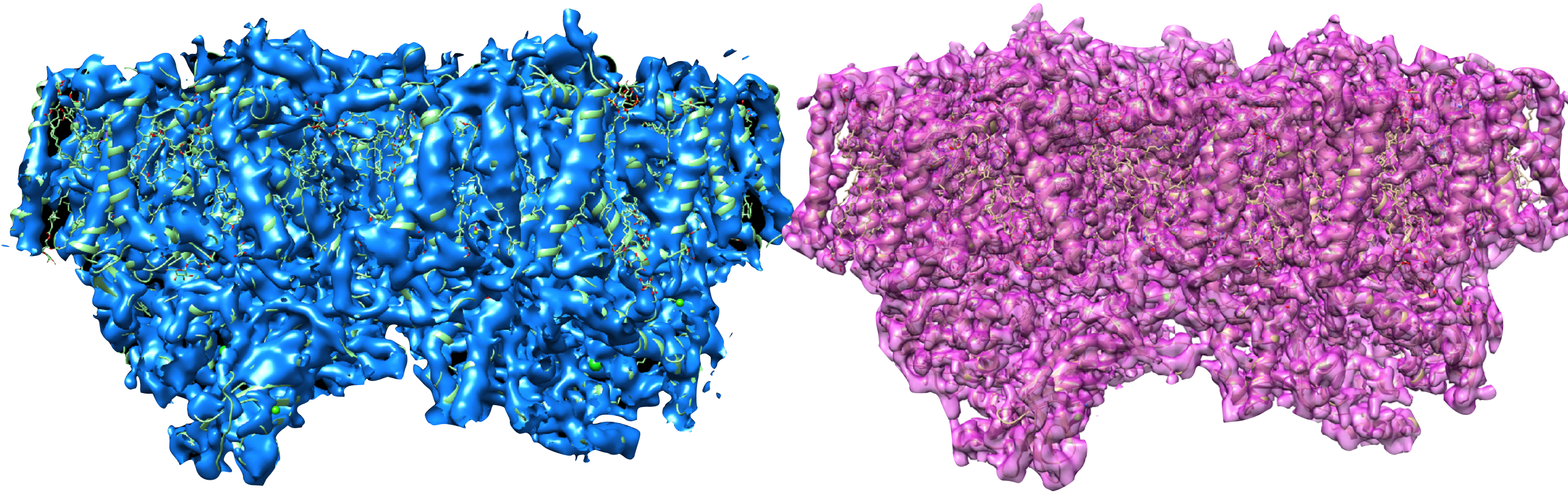


Cross Correlation = 75%





# There are many opportunities for extending imaging concepts to X-ray diffraction at the atomic scale



Measurements require care to eliminate background and record weak continuous diffraction

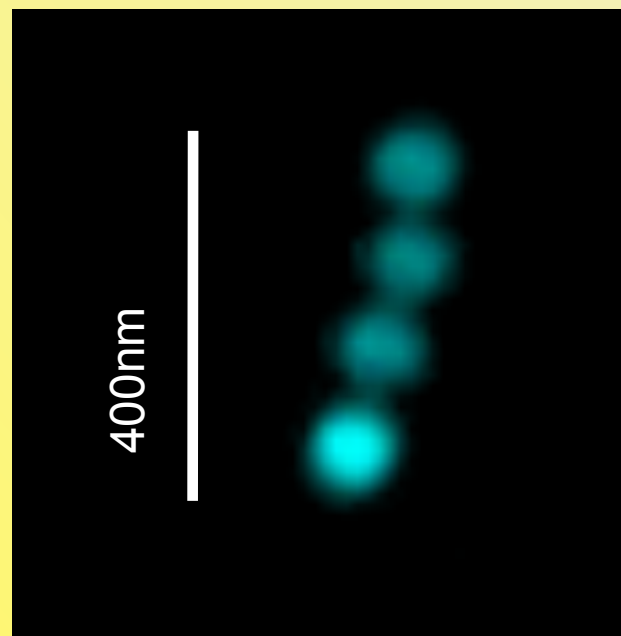
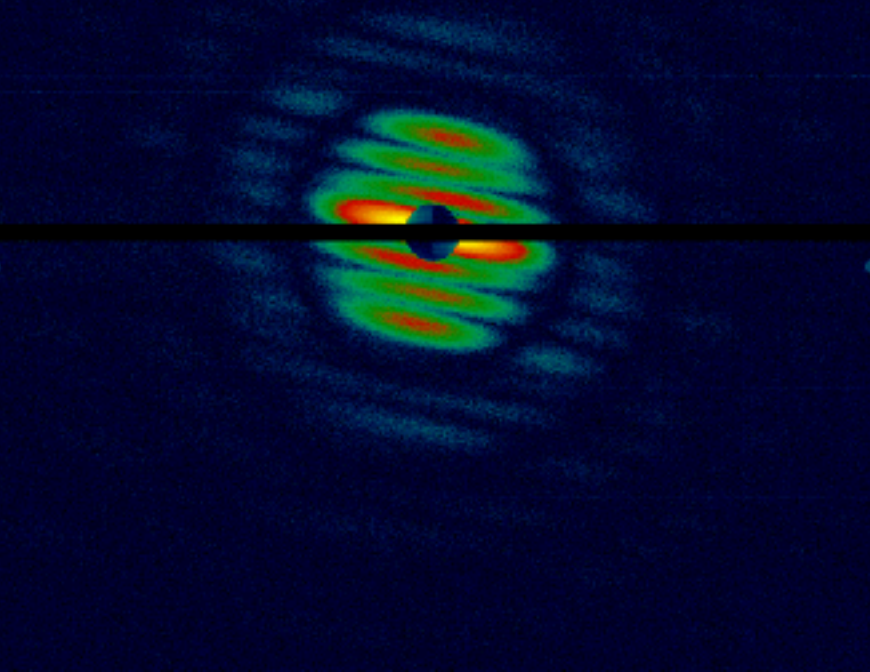
Poorly diffracting crystals are better!

- More information than required to describe the object
- model free phasing
- more reliable structure determination
- first new phasing since MAD
- resolution better than you think

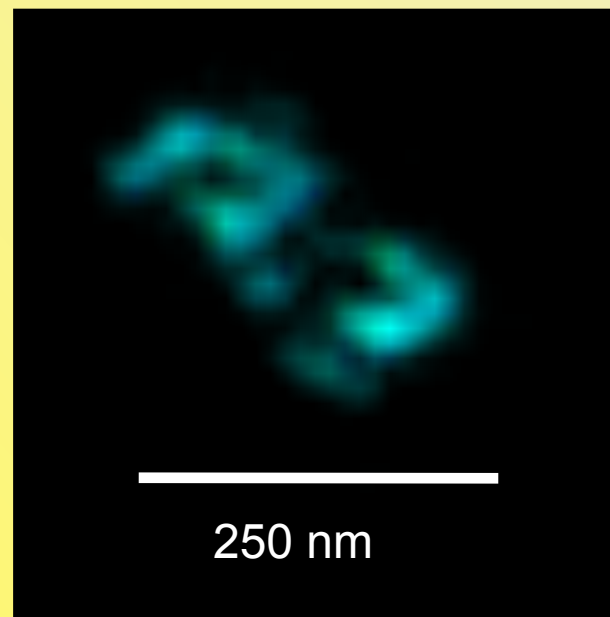
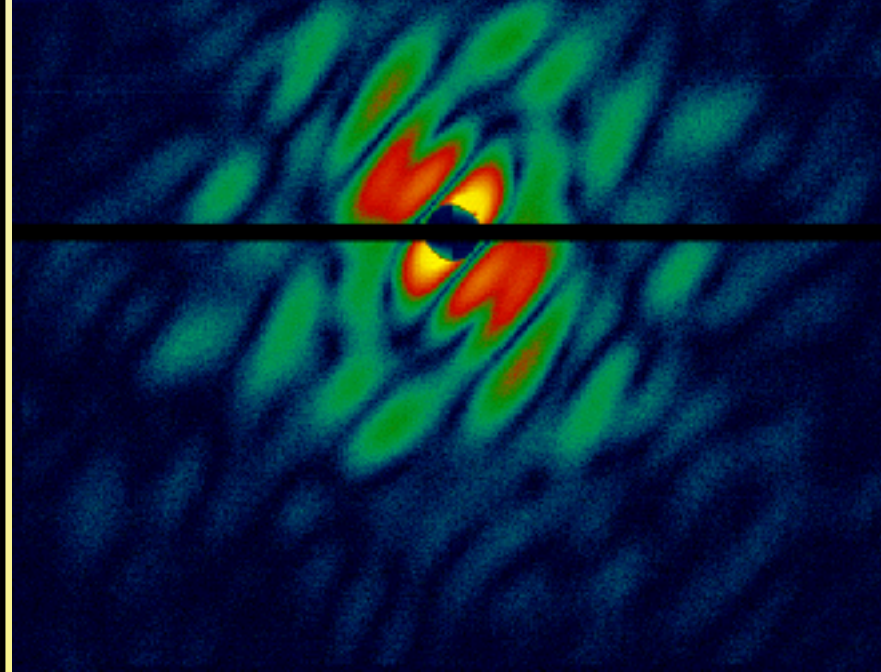


# We can reconstruct images of soot, viruses, and nanoparticles

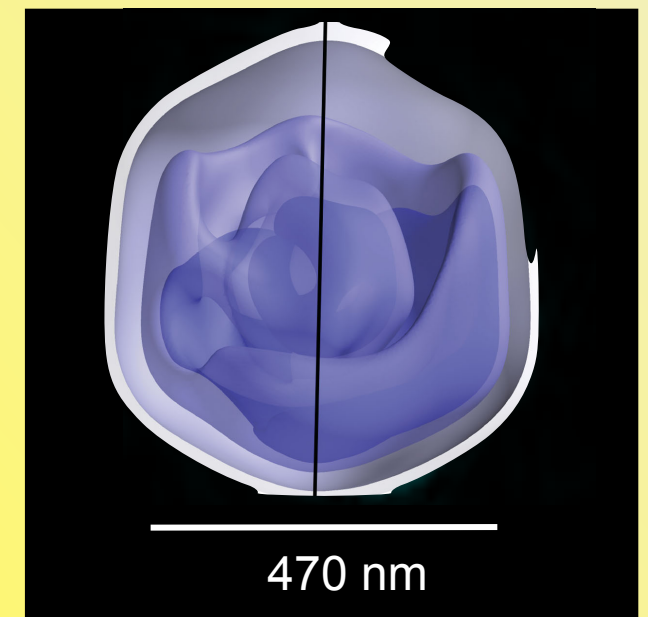
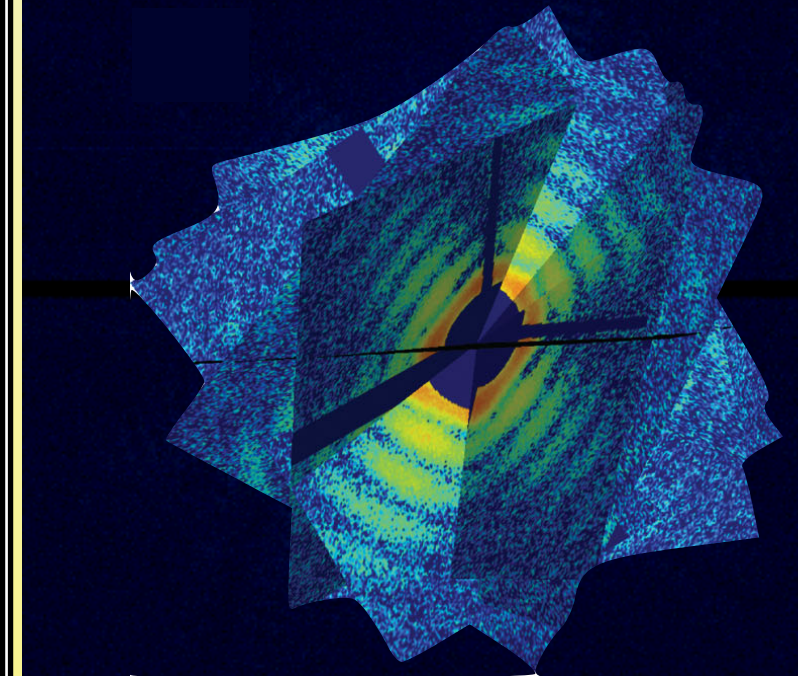
**Latex spheres**



**Soot particle**



**Mimivirus**





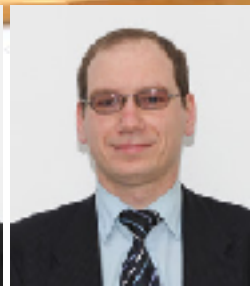
# Coherent X-ray Imaging at CFEL



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