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# STRUCTURE MODEL OPTIMIZATION

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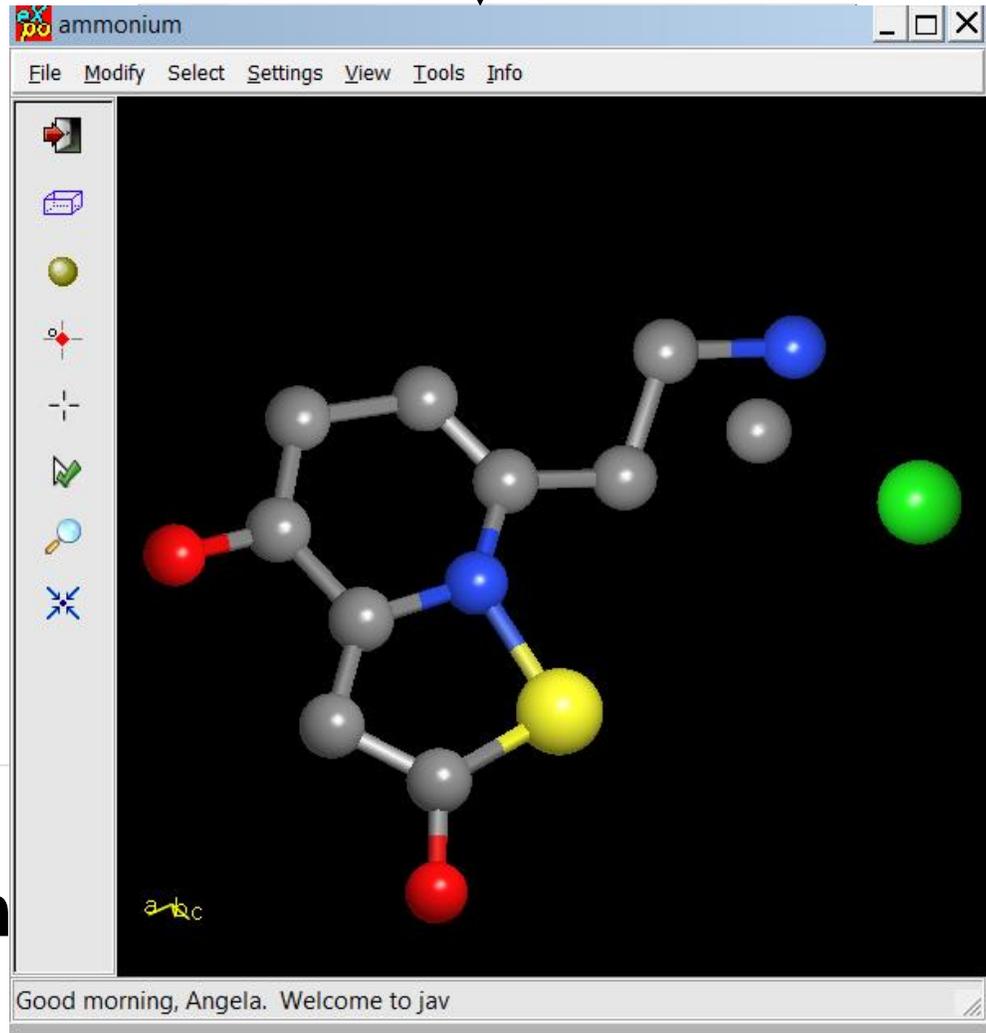
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# THE CRYSTAL STRUCTURE SOLUTION PROCESS IN RECIPROCAL SPACE

- Cell Parameters Determination
- Space Group Identification
- Full Pattern Decomposition
  - Structure Solution in Reciprocal Space  
(default choice in EXPO)
-  ○ Structure Model Optimization
  - Rietveld Refinement

# STRUCTURE MODEL OPTIMIZATION

## PHASING PROCESS BY DIRECT METHODS



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# FOURIER MAP

## Observed Fourier Synthesis

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = V^{-1} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} |F_{\text{oh}}| \exp(i\varphi_{\text{hcalc}}) \exp(-2\pi i \bar{\mathbf{h}} \cdot \mathbf{r})$$

## Difference Fourier Synthesis

$$\Delta\rho(\mathbf{r}) = V^{-1} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} (|F_{\text{oh}}| - |F_{\text{h}}|_{\text{calc}}) \exp(i\varphi_{\text{hcalc}}) \exp(-2\pi i \bar{\mathbf{h}} \cdot \mathbf{r})$$

and also

$$\Delta\rho(\mathbf{r}) = V^{-1} \sum_{\mathbf{h}} (2|F_{\text{oh}}| - |F_{\text{h}}|_{\text{calc}}) \exp(i\varphi_{\text{hcalc}}) \exp(-2\pi i \bar{\mathbf{h}} \cdot \mathbf{r})$$

Solve ->->-> Fourier

The screenshot shows the KVOx\_RT software interface. The 'Solve' menu is open, with 'Fourier' selected. A 'Fourier Synthesis' dialog box is open, showing the following settings:

- Info: 3 atoms in current model
- Fourier type:  2\*Fobs - Fcalc
- Fourier conditions: Peaks to add: 5,  weight
- Display Contour Map
- Buttons: Execute, Cancel

The main window displays a 3D model of three atoms (two grey, one purple) on a blue background. The status bar at the bottom shows: Count=#376 2theta=6.706 I=0.150E+07 d=5.308 Refl.=#4 h k l=2 0 0 2theta=6.706 d=5.309

# STRUCTURE MODEL OPTIMIZATION

The quality of the electron density map calculated after the phasing process by Direct Methods (DM) mainly depends on

- the experimental resolution  
atomic resolution is the best
- the reliability of the integrated intensities extracted from the experimental pattern (and used by DM for phasing)  
peak overlap should be low (percentage of independent observations larger than 50%)
- the structure complexity  
it depends on the number of non-H atoms in the asymmetric unit (30 is the current reasonable limit)

# WHY DIRECT METHODS MODEL OPTIMIZATION

The structure model provided by DM is often approximate: some atoms are missed to the complete solution, additional false positions occur, some atoms are not perfectly located

It is useful to optimize the model before the final Rietveld refinement, owing to the its modest convergence rate

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## Structure and conformational analysis of a bidentate pro-ligand, $C_{21}H_{34}N_2S_2$ , from powder synchrotron diffraction data and solid-state DFTB calculations

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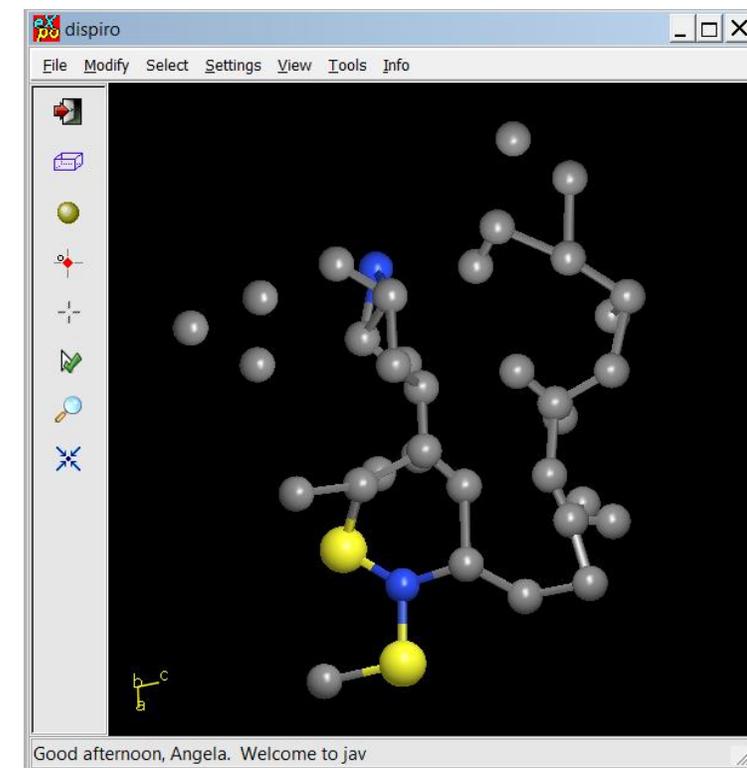
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The molecular and crystalline structure of ethyl 1',2',3',4',4a',5',6',7'-octahydrodispiro[cyclohexane-1,2'-quinazoline-4',1''-cyclohexane]-8'-carbodithioate (I) was solved and refined from powder synchrotron X-ray diffraction data. The initial model for the structural solution in direct space using the simulated annealing algorithm implemented in *DASH* [David *et al.* (2006). *J. Appl. Cryst.* **39**, 910–915] was obtained performing a conformational study on the fused six-membered rings of the octahydroquinazoline system and the two spiran cyclohexane rings of (I). The best model was chosen using experimental evidence from <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR [Contreras *et al.* (2001). *J. Heterocycl. Chem.* **38**, 1223–1225] in combination with semi-empirical AM1 calculations. In the refined structure the two spiran rings have the chair conformation, while both of the fused rings in the octahydroquinazoline system have half-chair conformations compared with in-vacuum density-functional theory (DFT) B3LYP/6-311G\*, DFTB (density-functional tight-binding) theoretical calculations in the solid state and other related structures from X-ray diffraction data. Compound (I) presents weak intramolecular hydrogen bonds of the type N–H...S and C–H...S, which produce delocalization of the electron density in the generated rings described by graph symbols *S*(6) and *S*(5). Packing of the molecules is dominated by van der Waals interactions.

25 non-H atoms in the asymmetric unit



# The EXPO team has developed innovative theories and computing procedures devoted to improve the structure model of organic/metal-organic and inorganic structures

The model optimization requires that different methodological approaches must be adopted depending on the type of compound

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# Solve ->->-> Explore Trials

At 15:24:31 Expo2014 starts on: cime

Restart Fourier/Least-Squares refinement

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/ 128 Cfom = 0.973 (max = 0.986)

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C3 #10 Dist: S1: 1.737, C5: 1.560

Fourier Procedures

- RBM
- Fourier recycling
- E-map
- COVMAP

Shift\_and\_Fix

Explore trials not processed yet

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Quit

- **FOURIER RECYCLING** (default for inorganic)
- **RBM** (default for organic/metal-organic)
- **COVMAP**
- **RAMM**
- **SHIFT\_AND\_FIX**

# LEAST SQUARES-FOURIER RECYCLING FOR INORGANIC COMPOUNDS

The model optimization default procedure for inorganic compound consists of eight blocks automatically executed; each block is constituted by weighted least squares (WLSQ) cycles combined with Fourier recycling (FR) of  $(2|F_o| - |F_c|)$  map calculation ( $|F_o|$  and  $|F_c|$  are the observed and calculated structure factor moduli, respectively)

For each block, at the end of least squares, the  $R_F$  residual value is evaluated

$$R_F = \frac{\sum_h | |F_{oh}| - s \cdot |F_{ch}| |}{\sum_h |F_{oh}|}$$

At the end of the eight blocks, the structure model corresponding to the smallest  $R_F$  residual value is selected

The model is carefully analyzed: poorly connected low peak intensity atoms characterized by large refined thermal factors are discarded

# LEAST SQUARES-FOURIER RECYCLING FOR INORGANIC COMPOUNDS

## Model optimization

**WEIGHTED** LEAST SQUARES  
(atomic coordinates and  
isotropical thermal factors  
refinement)

$R_F$  CALCULATION  
(agreement  
between observed  
 $|F_o|$  and calculated  
 $|F_c|$  structure factor  
moduli)

$(2|F_o| - |F_c|)$  CALCULATION  
(new Fourier map)

**THE SMALLEST  
 $R_F$  MODEL**

A very effective weighting scheme has been identified

$(2|F_o| - |F_c|)$  map  $\longleftrightarrow$   $|F_o| + (|F_o| - |F_c|)$  map

It aims at recovering missing atoms

**MODEL ANALYSIS**

**FINAL RIETVELD  
REFINEMENT**

In the model analysis step  
unreliable peaks are discarded.

# LEAST SQUARES FOR SINGLE CRYSTAL DATA

Least squares in structure refinement by single crystal data are usually carried out for minimizing

$$R = \sum_h w_h (|F_{oh}| - |F_{ch}|)^2$$

The summation is over the total number of measured reflections

- $w_h$  is a suitable weight associated to each reflection; it usually represents an estimate of the precision of the measured quantity
- $|F_{oh}|$  is the measured (experimental) structure factor modulus
- $|F_{ch}|$  is the calculated structure factor modulus

# LEAST SQUARES FOR SINGLE CRYSTAL DATA

If  $|F_{\mathbf{ch}}|$  is expanded by Taylor series

$$R = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} w_{\mathbf{h}} \left( \Delta |F_{\mathbf{h}}| - \sum_k \frac{\delta |F_{\mathbf{ch}}|}{\delta x_k} \Delta x_k \right)^2,$$

( $x$  are the parameters to be refined)

The normal equations are obtained by setting to zero the derivatives of  $R$  with respect to the parameters to be refined

The shift  $\Delta x_k$  on parameters can be derived

$$x_k = x_k + \Delta x_k \quad \text{refined parameters}$$

# LEAST SQUARES FOR SINGLE CRYSTAL DATA

$$F_{\mathbf{h}} = \sum_j f_j \exp[2\pi i(hx_j + ky_j + lz_j)] \exp[-B_j \sin^2 \theta / \lambda^2]$$

$f_j$  is the scattering factor of the  $j$ -th atom.

(the summation is over the number of atoms in the unit cell).

**Atomic coordinates** and **thermal factors** are refined.

In case of single crystal, the observed structure factor moduli estimates are reliable and least squares are able to improve atom positions

The success of least squares strongly depends on the ratio '*number of observations (reflections)/number of parameters to be refined*'

# LEAST SQUARES FOR POWDER DATA

In case of powder data, the observed structure factor moduli estimates are affected by errors (that is particularly true for overlapping reflections). In addition, the number of observations is usually small (particularly for organic structures because of their rapid scattering factor decay)

Single crystal type least squares may be unsuccessful

Special strategies can be adopted in terms of:

- quantity to be minimized
- weighting scheme

# LEAST SQUARES FOR POWDER DATA

In case of powder data, for the overlapping reflections, the intensity of a cluster is more reliable than the single intensity. We developed an approach based on the use of the cluster intensities as observations in the least squares

That choice may be not profitable because of the small number of clusters (observations)

A more effective approach, available in the current version, was developed and introduced in EXPO

# LEAST SQUARES FOR POWDER DATA

The main features of the EXPO approach are

- least squares minimization on reflection integrated intensities
- a robust weighting scheme capable of compensating the low accuracy of the overlapping reflection intensities
- a delayed partitioning of the observed intensity of each cluster of overlapped reflections proportionally to the calculated intensity of each reflection

# LEAST SQUARES FOR POWDER DATA

In EXPO, least squares for optimizing the structure model aim at minimizing the following residual

$$R = \sum_{\mathbf{h}} w_{\mathbf{h}} (I_{\text{oh}} - I_{\text{ch}})^2$$

The summation is over the total number of reflections in the experimental pattern

- $w_{\mathbf{h}}$  is a suitable weight
- $I_{\text{oh}}$  is the observed integrated intensity for the reflection  $\mathbf{h}$ , extracted from the experimental pattern ( $I_{\text{oh}} \propto |F_{\text{oh}}|^2$ )
- $I_{\text{ch}}$  is the corresponding intensity calculated from the model ( $I_{\text{ch}} \propto |F_{\text{ch}}|^2$ )

$w_{\mathbf{h}}$  is able to take into account the unavoidable errors on the integrated intensity estimates of overlapping reflections

# LEAST SQUARES WEIGHTING SCHEME

$$W_h = W_{1h} \cdot W_{2h}$$

$$W_{1h} = W_{ah} \cdot W_{bh} \quad W_{2h} = 1/[1+4 \cdot (m_h \cdot LP_h \cdot |F_{oh}|)^2]$$

$$W_{ah} = \exp[-0.5 \cdot (\sin\theta_h/\lambda)^2] \quad W_{bh} = \sqrt{I_{oh}/I'_{oh}}$$

$m_h$  is the reflection multiplicity;  $LP_h$  is the Lorentz-polarization factor;  $\theta_h$  is the reflection angular position (Bragg angle);  $\lambda$  is the radiation wavelength;

$$I_{oh} = m_h \cdot LP_h \cdot |F_{oh}|^2 \quad I'_{oh} = I_{oh} + \sum_{k \neq h} (1 - q_{kh}^2) \cdot I_{ok}, \quad q_{kh}^2 = \frac{|2\theta_k - 2\theta_h|}{FWHM_h}$$

The summation is over the reflections in overlapping with  $h$   
 $FWHM_h$  is the full width at half maximum of the  $h$  reflection peak

# LEAST SQUARES WEIGHTING SCHEME

$$W_{1h} = W_{ah} \cdot W_{bh} \quad W_{ah} = \exp[-0.5 \cdot (\sin\theta_h/\lambda)^2] \quad W_{bh} = \sqrt{I_{oh}/I'_{oh}}$$

$w_{1h}$  decreases with

- increasing  $\theta_h$  (it is more difficult to carefully model overlapping and background at high  $2\theta_h$  angle region of the experimental pattern)
- increasing the number of reflections in overlapping (in particular, when the overlapping neighbouring intensities are large with respect to  $I_{oh}$ )

$$W_{2h} = 1/[1 + 4 \cdot (m_h \cdot LP_h \cdot |F_{oh}|)^2]$$

$w_{2h}$  is the typical weight used to avoid that least squares are dominated by the largest intensities

# FOURIER MAP CALCULATION

We try to improve the integrated intensity  $I_{oh}$  estimate ( $I_{oh} \propto |F_{oh}|^2$ ) associated to each  $h$  overlapping reflection, before the  $(2|F_o| - |F_c|)$  Fourier calculation and after least squares

The observed intensity of each cluster of overlapping reflections is 'partially' partitioned proportionally to the calculated intensity of each reflection in the cluster

$$I_{oh}^p = w_{1h} \cdot I_{oh} + K \cdot (1 - w_{1h}) \cdot I_{ch}$$

$K$  is a scale factor, given by

$$K = \frac{\sum_k (1 - w_{1k}) \cdot I_{ok}}{\sum_k (1 - w_{1k}) \cdot I_{ck}}$$

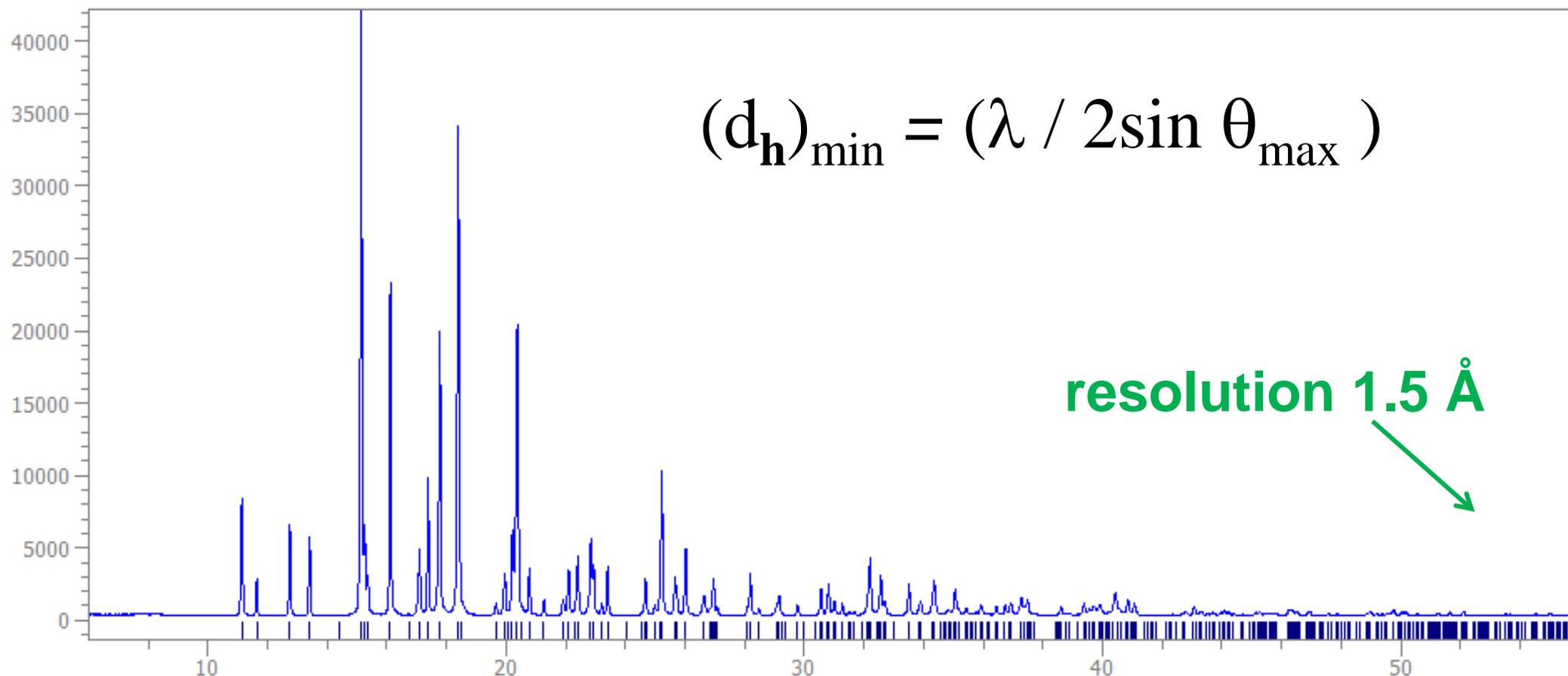
The summation goes over the reflections belonging to the cluster

$K$  fixes the condition that the overall intensity of the cluster must not be changed after the partition

If the reflection intensity  $I_{oh}$  is well estimated ( $w_{1h}$  is  $\sim 1$ ),  $I_{oh}^p$  slightly differs from the observed  $I_{oh}$ ; on the contrary, if  $w_{1h} \sim 0$ ,  $I_{oh}^p$  is proportional to the calculated intensity

# MODEL OPTIMIZATION FOR ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

For organic compounds the experimental resolution  $RES$  ( $d_h$ , the smallest interplanar distance value) is usually far away from the atomic one because of their rapid scattering factor decay



# MODEL OPTIMIZATION FOR ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

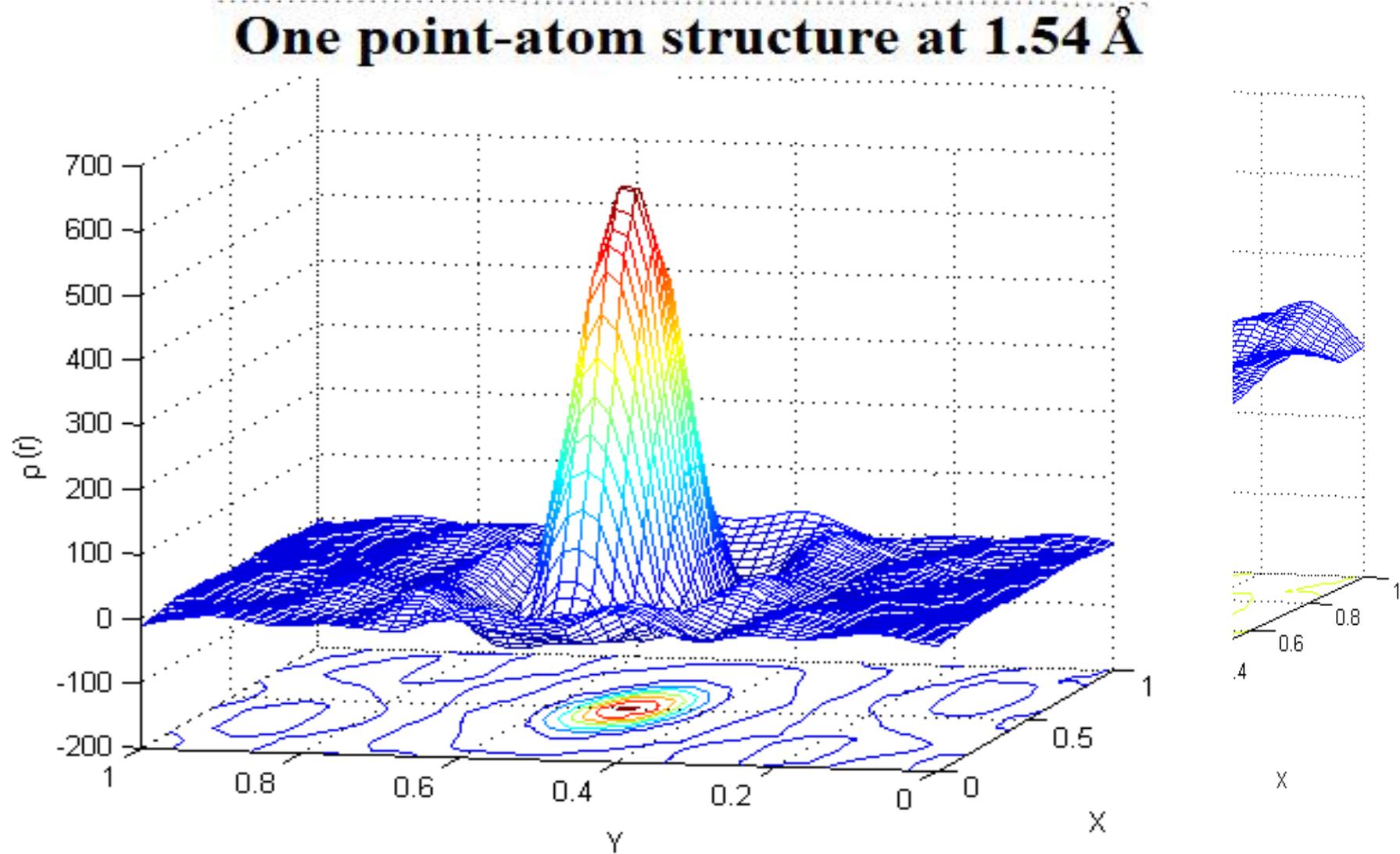
It is well known that limited experimental data resolution modifies the Fourier synthesis (even at atomic resolution)

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{2}{V} \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{l=-\infty}^{\infty} |F_H| \cos[(\varphi_H - 2\pi \bar{H} \cdot \mathbf{r})]$$

The map is an imperfect representation of the true electron density: **the worse the experimental resolution, the less accurate the Fourier representation of the electron density**

**When  $RES > 1 \text{ \AA}$  the resolution effects may be critical**

# MODEL OPTIMIZATION FOR ORGANIC COMPOUNDS



# MODEL OPTIMIZATION FOR ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

- Regions of the electron density map in the unit cell become negative
- Peaks are broadened and surrounded by ripples (positive and negative with decreasing amplitude)
- Peaks are misplaced from their correct positions
- Peaks have distorted intensities

# RESOLUTION BIAS MINIMIZATION PROCEDURE

## RBM

RBM is a very powerful procedure of EXPO providing an electron density map more informative with respect to the case in which the resolution effects have not been corrected

RBM is able to face the perennial problem of limited experimental data resolution. In case of powder, the resolution bias is mixed with errors on both structure factor moduli and phases

RBM corrects the electron density map by typical resolution bias errors: peak broadening, ripples, intensity distortion, peak shifts

# RBM PROCEDURE

The method requires the generalization of the traditional concept of gaussian-like peak: each  $j$ -th atomic peak, in the electron density map, is replaced by a two-component function, constituted by the *main peak* and by the corresponding *ripples*

$$\rho_j(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_j) = \rho_{[\text{main}]_j}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_j) + \rho_{[\text{ripples}]_j}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_j)$$

Each component of the generalized peak is mathematically modelled in its corresponding existence domain: e.g., the  $j$ -th main peak has its own existence domain while the ripples extend over all the rest of the unit cell

# RBM PROCEDURE

RBM consists of the two following main steps

- **subtracting ripples** corresponding to each experimental electron density peak

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \rho(\mathbf{r}) - \sum_j \rho_{[\text{ripples}]_j}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_j)$$

- **best fitting each  $j$ -th main peak** in its own domain by gaussian function

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) \simeq \sum_{j=1}^N c_j G(\mathbf{r}; \sigma_j, \mathbf{r}_j)$$

# MODEL OPTIMIZATION FOR ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

The EXPO default procedure for optimizing structure model of organic and metal-organic compounds is based on successive cycles of

$2|F|_o - |F|_c$  map calculation suitably corrected by RBM

and

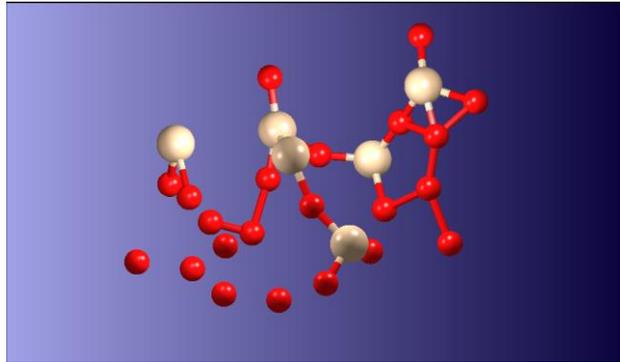
weighted least squares (restraints on distances and angles are applied)

EXPO automatically recognizes a compound as organic (or metallorganic) or inorganic and applies the designed model optimization strategy

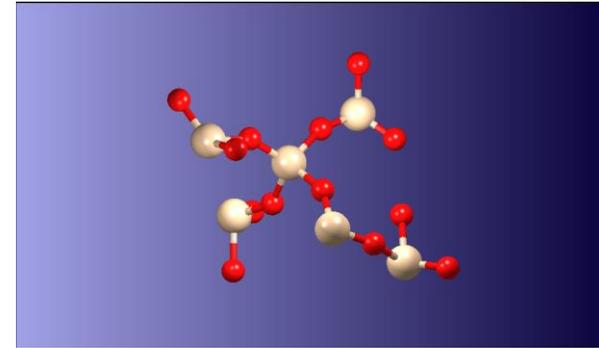
# MODEL OPTIMIZATION IN EXPO

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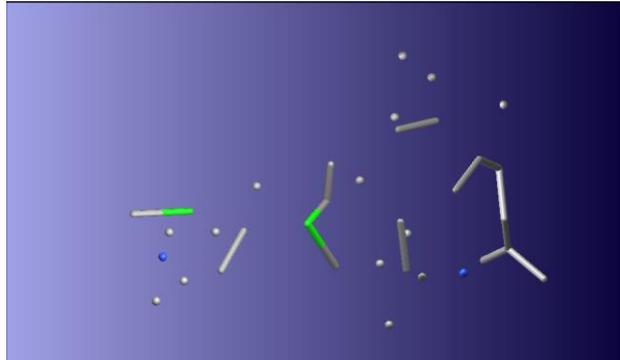
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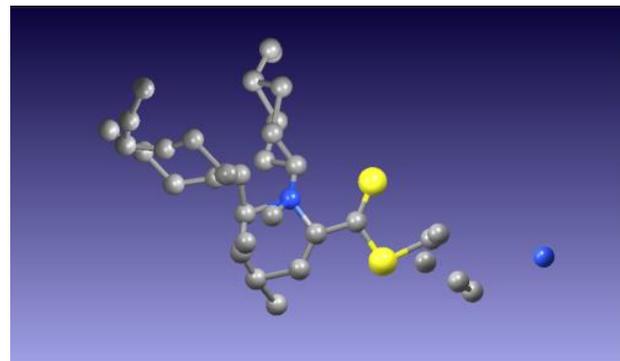
Clomipramine  
hydrochloride  
 $C_{19}H_{24}ClN_2 \cdot Cl$



RBM  
model



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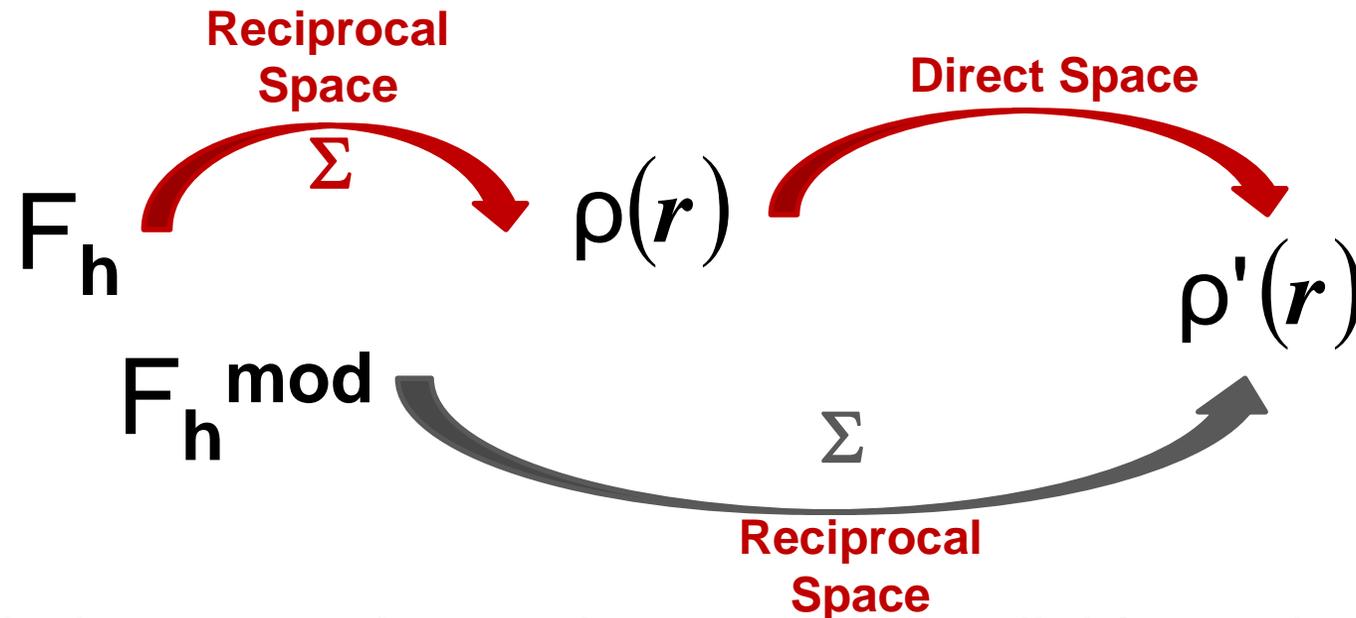


RBM  
model



# THE RESOLUTION BIAS CORRECTION IN RECIPROCAL SPACE

The correction by RBM in the direct space can be translated into the reciprocal space  
The structure factors can be modified (resolution dependent correction) in order to provide electron density map showing truncation effects smaller than the canonical case



The use of the modified structure factors locates more reliable peaks

Also this non-default strategy (alternative to standard RBM in direct space), mainly based on atomic scattering factor correction, is available in EXPO for reducing the typical resolution bias errors of the electron density map

Refine ->->-> RBM ->->-> RBM (Direct and Reciprocal Space)

The screenshot displays the X-ray diffraction software interface. The main window, titled 'NH4VOx\_RT', shows a 'Refine' menu with 'Resolution Bias Modification (RBM)' selected. A sub-menu is open, showing 'RBM (Direct Space)', 'RBM (Direct and Reciprocal Space)', and 'RBM - COVMAP'. The 'RBM (Direct and Reciprocal Space)' option is highlighted. The main window also displays a plot of intensity versus 2θ, with a legend indicating 'Observed' (blue), 'Calculated' (red), 'Background' (green), and 'Difference' (purple). The plot shows a sharp peak at approximately 2θ = 2.031. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Count=#1 2theta=2.031 I=244925.875 d=17.517 Refl.=#1 h k l=0 0 1 2theta=3.007 d=11.833'. A smaller window titled 'KVOx\_RT' shows a 3D ball-and-stick model of a molecular structure, with a central grey atom and several red atoms.

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 invariants  
 phase Trial 32 / 32 CFom = 0.026 (max = )  
 fourier  
 menu  
 end  
 At 11:34:27 Expo2014 ends ok

Fourier/Least-Squares procedure  
 Fourier recycling procedure on set 1 is completed  
 Final model with RF 59.473 was selected

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# THE COVMAP METHOD

(based on the COVariance of the electron density MAP)

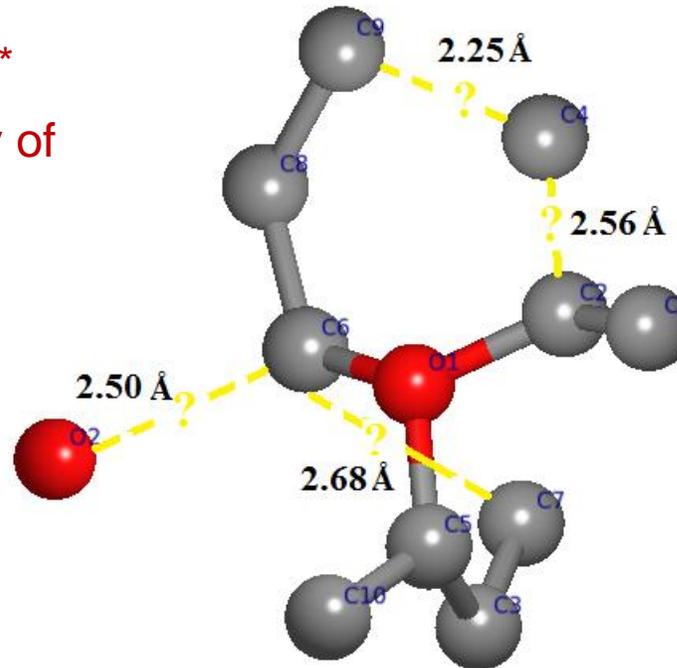
COVMAP is a non-default strategy in EXPO for optimizing a structure model obtained at the end of an *ab initio* solution process, in particular for recovering missing positions

COVMAP starts from the available non-interpretatable structural model containing very few well positioned and a large set of misplaced peaks

# THE COVMAP METHOD

A quite common case

**CAMPHOR**  $O_2C_{10}$  \*  
\* unpubl. data by courtesy of  
Dr. M. Brunelli



checking  
distances?

Only a few atoms (the yellow ones) are close to their correct positions, the others are incorrectly located or are so far from the correct positions that chemical bonds cannot be established

**COVMAP is able to improve such a model**

# THE COVMAP METHOD

COVMAP has been inspired by a mathematical technique enabling to calculate the covariance and/or correlation between two points of an electron density map, no matter the quality of the structure model

The technique operates in the reciprocal space, by exploiting suitable Fourier series involving structure factors as components of the Fourier coefficients

COVMAP translates the covariance concept in direct space

## COVARIANCE CONCEPT

*the density in one point depends on the density in another point of the map if their covariance is not vanishing*

# THE COVMAP METHOD

Around each positioned atom (the pivot atom), at bond distance, we expect that one or more atoms are present in the correct structure (the condition is violated in case of isolated atom)

COVMAP introduces the covariance concept: the largest intensity peaks in the electron density map are considered pivots, and for each of them, the reasonable expectation that some other peaks would be present at bond distance is transformed in electron density modifications

# THE COVMAP METHOD

Three kinds of information are exploited by COVMAP

1. the **chemical interpretation** of the structure model peaks (according to their intensities in the electron density map)
2. some **basic crystal-chemical rules**, essentially the bond distances expected for the pivot atoms
3. the **crystallographic residual  $R_F$**  corresponding to the model modified by COVMAP. It is expected to be smaller than  $R_F$  corresponding to the original improvable model

# THE COVMAP METHOD

All the **pivot pairs (i, j)** of non-bonded atom positions, with distances compatible (within the electron density errors) with the presence of one atom bridging i and j atoms, are considered

$\rho_c(\mathbf{r})$  is the electron density map corresponding to the current model

$\rho_d(\mathbf{r})$  is the difference electron density map

A **new working map**  $\rho_n(\mathbf{r})$  (first set to 0) is created:

If  $\rho_c(\mathbf{r}) > 0$  and  $\rho_d(\mathbf{r}) > 0$

$$\rho_n(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_c(\mathbf{r}) \cdot w(\mathbf{r})$$

$w(\mathbf{r})$  (integer positive factor) is the number of times in which the positional vector  $\mathbf{r}$  falls within the range of the expected bond distance from each position of each pivot pair  
 $w(\mathbf{r})$  vanishes in the points where atoms are not expected to be connected with the pivot pairs

# THE COVMAP BASED METHOD

A peak search on  $\rho_n(\mathbf{r})$  is carried out and new peak positions ( $nd$ ) are added to the starting number ( $ns$ ) of the improvable model

The model constituted by  $ns+nd$  peaks is finally retained and chemically interpreted if

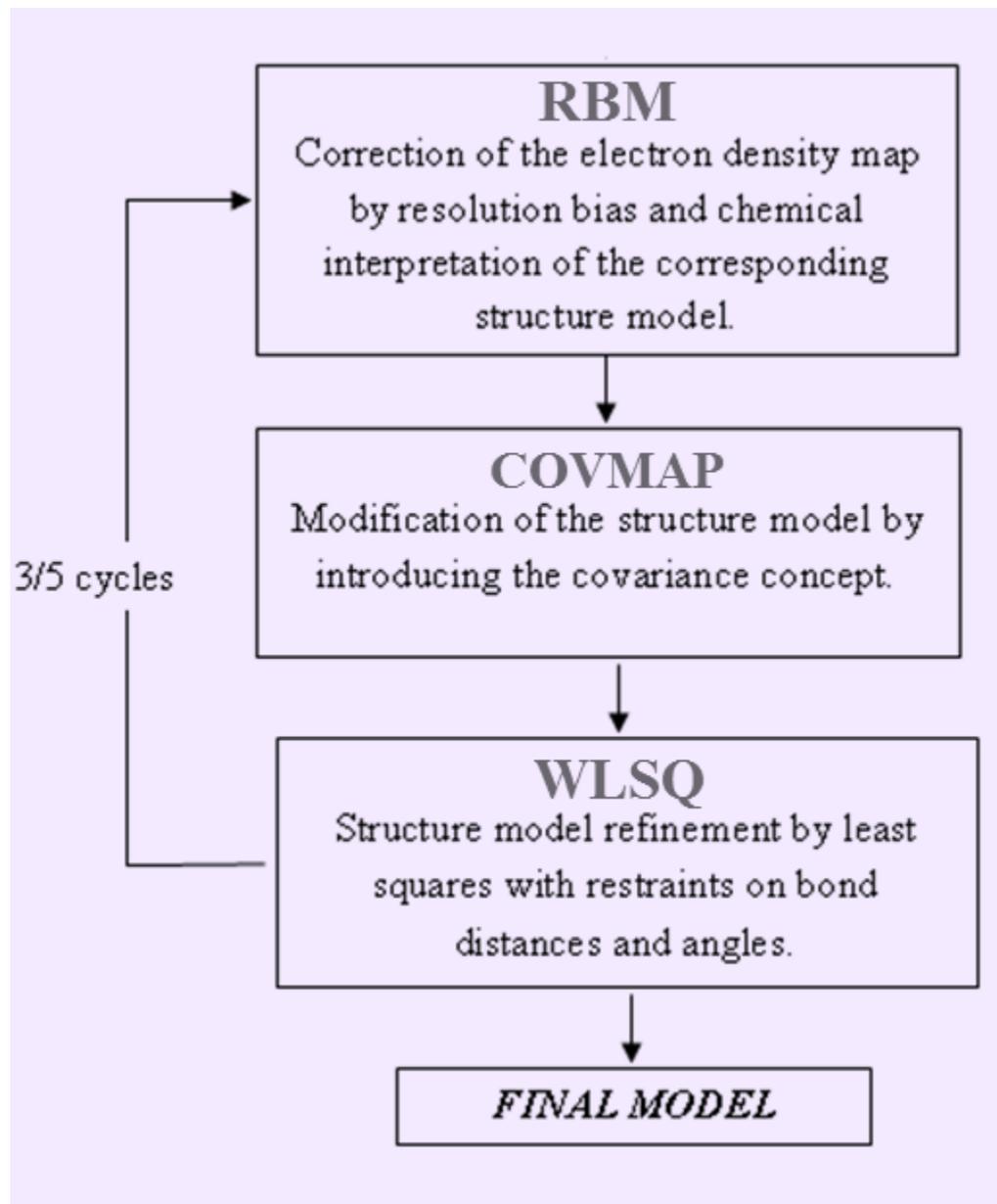
$$R_{Fns+nd} < 1.2 \cdot R_{Fns}$$

otherwise the work by COVMAP is cancelled.

COVMAP has been suitably combined with WLSQ (Weighted Least Squares) and RBM (Resolution Bias Minimization) procedures, which relocate, refine or reject the new peaks

**This strategy highlights the benefits obtained by COVMAP**

# THE COVMAP BASED METHOD



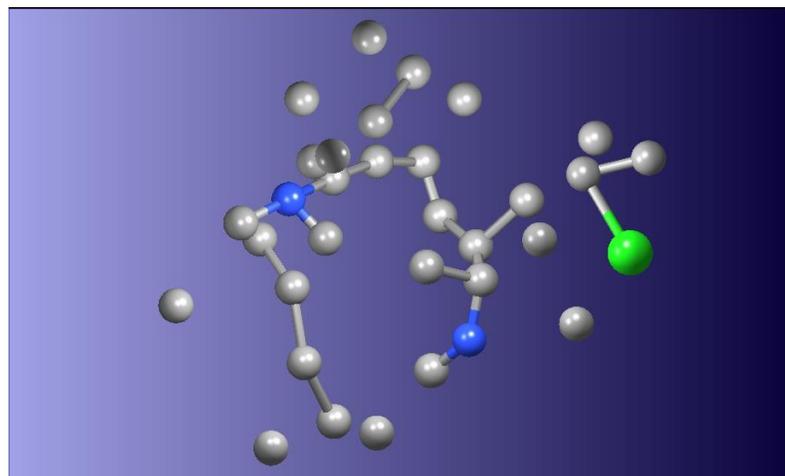
# THE COVMAP BASED METHOD

- **RBM** provides the structure model to COVMAP
- **COVMAP** locates new atomic positions
- **WLSQ** validate the new peaks
- **RBM** relocates in a better way and/or rejects the survived positions and so on cyclically

COVMAP is able to introduce supplementary structural information; RBM and WLSQ can discard false and improve good COVMAP indications

# THE COVMAP BASED METHOD

**DM**



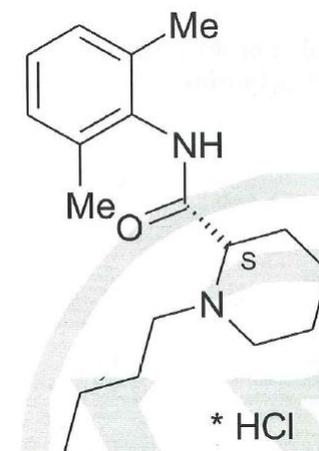
ONLY 13 POSITIONS CLOSE  
TO THE TRUE ONES

S-BUPIVACAINE  
HYDROCHLORIDE

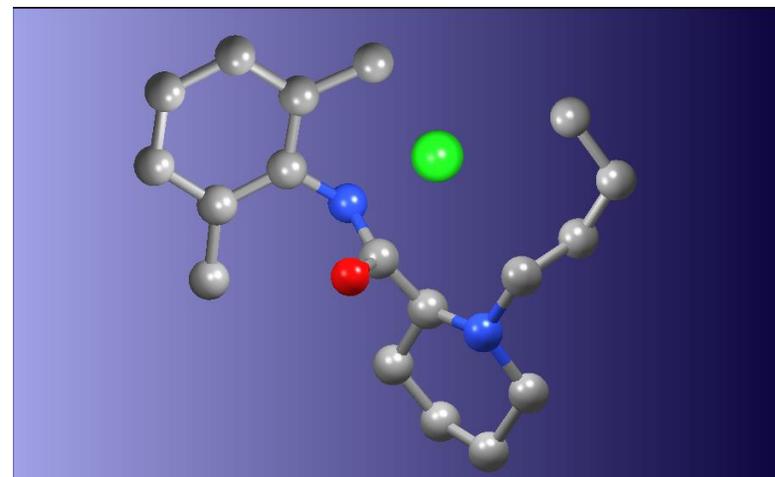
$C_{18}H_{28}N_2O \cdot HCl$

22 non-H positions in the  
asymmetric unit

RES=1.46 Å



**RBM-COVMAP-WLSQ**



SOLUTION OBTAINED IN ~2 minutes

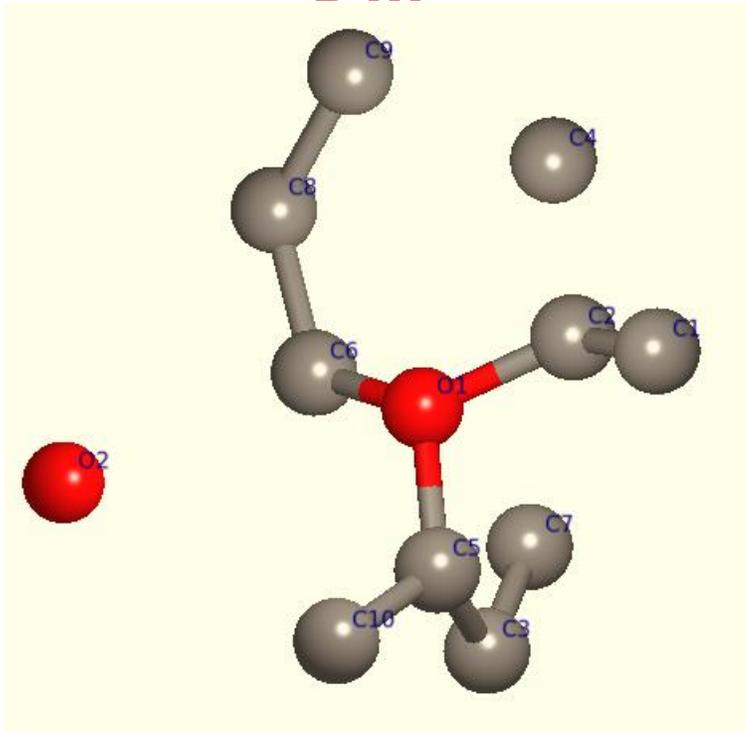
# THE COVMAP BASED METHOD

CAMPHOR



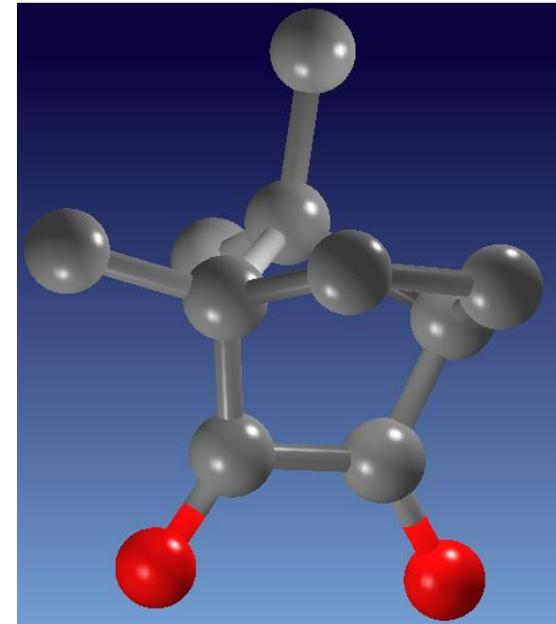
12 non-H positions in the  
asymmetric unit

DM



ONLY 3 POSITIONS CLOSE TO THE TRUE ONES

RBM-COVMAP-WLSQ



Refine

->->->

RBM

->->->

RBM - COVMAP

The screenshot displays the 'NH4VOx\_RT' window in a crystallographic software package. The 'Refine' menu is open, showing options for Resolution Bias Modification (RBM) and Fourier methods. A tooltip indicates that 'Resolution Bias Modification combined to connectivity based procedure'. The main window shows a plot of intensity versus resolution, with observed data (blue), calculated data (red), background (green), and difference (purple). A text box in the center provides session details: 'At 11:33:16 Expo2014 starts on: NH4VOx\_RT', 'data', 'extraction normal B = 0.635', 'invariants phase Trial 32 / 32 CFom = 0.026 (max = ...)', 'fourier', 'menu', 'end', and 'At 11:34:27 Expo2014 ends ok'. A status bar at the bottom indicates 'Fourier/Least-Squares procedure' and 'Fourier recycling procedure on set 1 is completed'. The 'KVOx\_RT' window shows a 3D ball-and-stick model of a molecular structure with red and grey spheres.

# THE RAMM METHOD

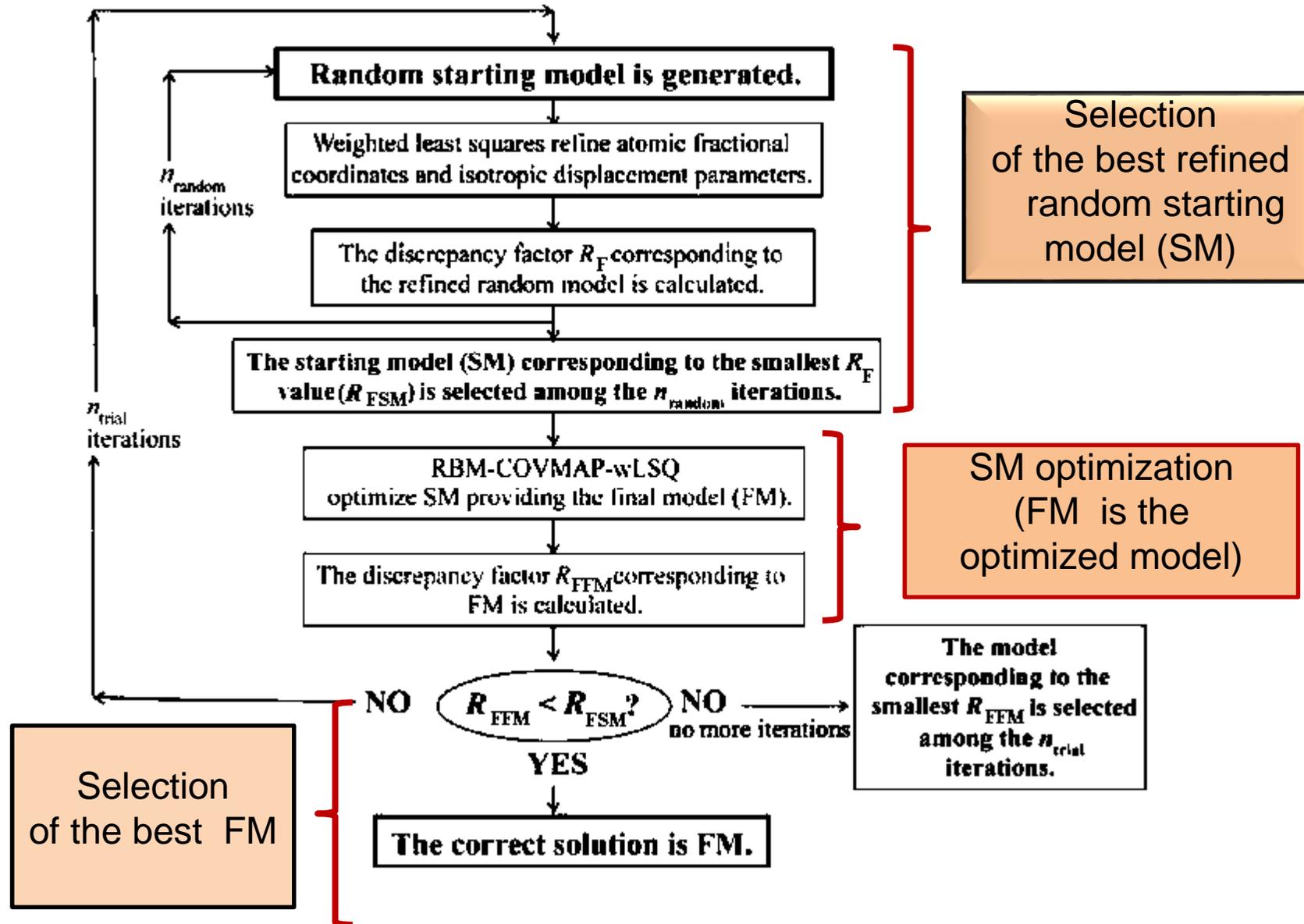
RBM-COVMAP-WLSQ is a very powerful tool for recovering the full structure from approximate structure models

If we start from a random model (not from DM model)?

RAMM: a new RAndom Model based Method for solving *ab initio* crystal structure by EXPO package

RAMM skips Direct Methods  
and applies RBM-COVMAP-WLSQ to fully random starting models

# THE RAMM METHOD



# Solve ->->-> RAMM

The screenshot displays the X-ray diffraction software interface. The 'Solve' menu is open, with 'RAMM Procedure' selected. The plot shows a sharp peak at approximately 2θ = 6.157°. The 3D model shows a central grey atom bonded to several red atoms.

**RAMM Procedure**

- Simulated Annealing
- Simulated Annealing + Direct Methods
- Recycle in extra
- Direct Methods

At 11:33:16 Expo2014 starts on: NH4VOx\_RT

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data
extraction
normal      B = 0.635
invariants
phase      Trial 32 / 32 CFom = 0.026 (max =
fourier
menu
end
At 11:34:27 Expo2014 ends ok
```

Fourier/Least-Squares procedure  
Fourier recycling procedure on set 1 is completed  
Final model with RF 59.473 was selected

Count=#413 2theta=6.157 I=242127.703 d=5.781 Refl.=#3 h k l=2 0 -1 2theta=6.051 d=5.883

# THE RAMM METHOD

RAMM is a useful approach alternative to Direct Methods in case of their failure

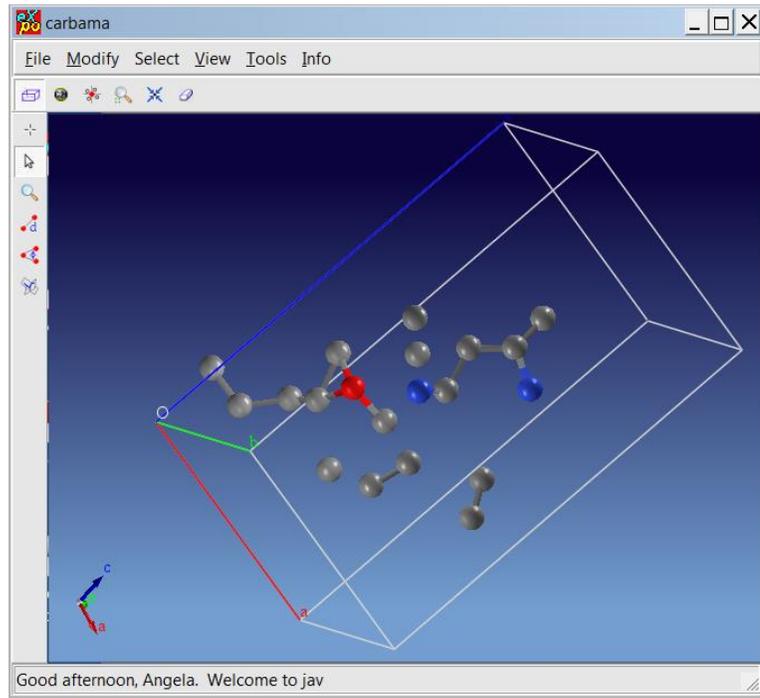
RAMM is usually able not only to find the correct solution, but also to recognize it

It gives results comparable to and in some cases better than those obtained by Direct Methods

RAMM requires long execution time (it increases with the number of atoms in the asymmetric unit)

# THE RAMM METHOD

## EXPO DEFAULT



18 non-H positions in  
the asymmetric unit

## RAMM

Run	Cost function (RF)
5	30.986
2	40.646
4	44.347
3	49.747
1	52.278

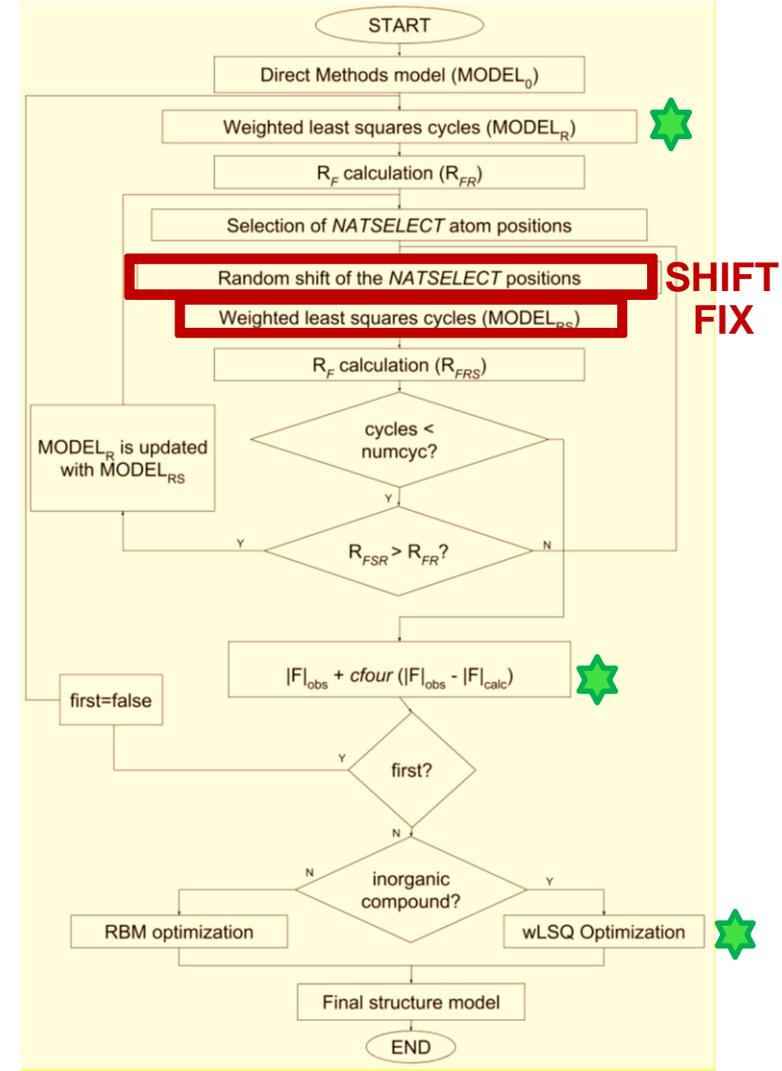
Structure Solution  
RAMM procedure on set 3 is completed  
Final model with RF 30.986 was selected  
found: 18/18 dist: 0.139

Count=#3989 2theta=64.966 I=22740.676 d=1.434 Refl.=#

Carbamazepine ( $\beta$ polymorph)			
Experimental			
Chemical Formula	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O		
Sample presentation	0.5 mm borosilicate glass capillary		
Diffraction	Bruker AXS D8 Advance 6 Da, 2 kW		
Monochromator	Primary focusing: Ge (111), Debye = 2 $\theta$		
Geometry	Transmission		
$\lambda$	CuK $\alpha_1$ : 1.54056 Å		
Detector	PSD system Bruker OED-50M		
Temperature K	293		
Diffraction data			
Filename	pd_0304.svs		
Data range $^{\circ} 2\theta$	3-33		
Step size $^{\circ} 2\theta$	0.0145		
Counting time seconds	13		
Total data collection time hours	ca 10		
Crystallography			
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c		
Approximate lattice parameters Å	7.537	11.157	13.913
	96	92.97	96
Connectivity			
Citation			
Use of the Data should acknowledge the following citation: A.L. Florence, N. Shankland, K. Shankland, W.J.F. Dawyd, E. Pidcock, X. Xu, A. Johnston, A.R. Kennedy, P.J. Cox, J.S.D. Evans, G. Steale, S.D. Colgrove & C.S. Frampton (2005). Solution molecular crystal structures from laboratory X-ray powder diffraction data with DASH: the state of the art and challenges. <i>Journal of Applied Crystallography</i> , 38, 249-258.			
Acknowledgement			
Data collected with the support of EPSRC award G/R067462			
Other information			

# THE SHIFT\_AND\_FIX METHOD

- Least squares are carried out by using experimental structure factor moduli as observations, suitably weighted
- Fourier map: difference map contribution depends on atomic content
- For the final optimization, weighted least squares are used in case of inorganic compounds (wLSQ); for organic structures, the resolution bias modification (RBM) method is applied



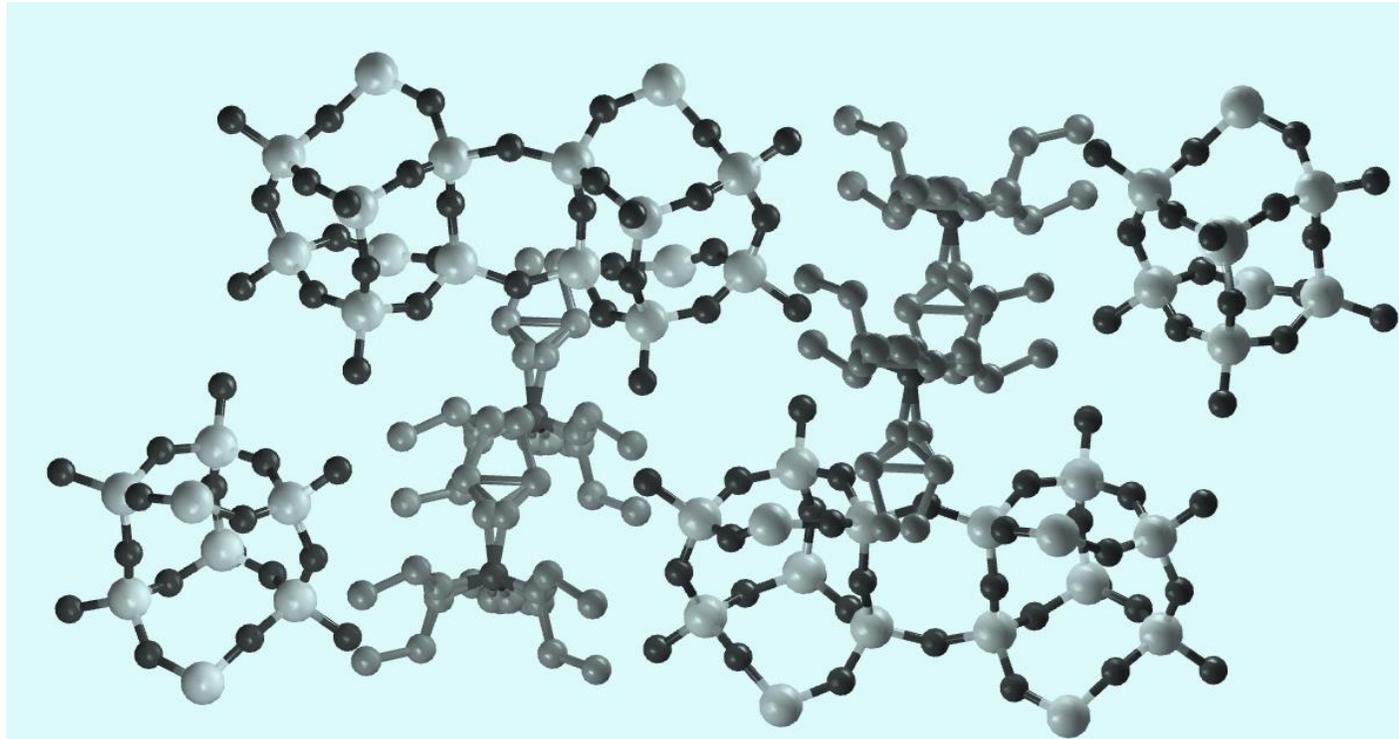
# THE SHIFT\_AND\_FIX METHOD

Code name	Unit cell content	Number of non-H atoms in the asymmetric unit	Resolution (Å)	Space group
<b>ALPHA</b>	O16 N4 C20	10	1.34	$P 2_1 2_1 2_1$
<b>PHENYLA</b>	O8 C32	10	1.43	$P 2_1/a$
<b>INOSITOL5A</b>	O24 C24	12	1.20	$P 2_1/n$
<b>INOSITOLD1A</b>	O12 C12	12	1.20	$P 2_1$
<b>IBUPS</b>	O8 C52	15	1.50	$P 2_1/c$
<b>TARTRATE</b>	Ca2 O20 C8	15	1.09	$P -1$
<b>DIPYR</b>	Ni4 Cl8 N8 C40	16	1.14	$P 2_1/c$
<b>LEFEBVRE</b>	N8 C56	16	1.10	$P 2_1/c$
<b>PIPERAZINE</b>	S4 O12 N4 C48	17	1.43	$P 2_1/a$
<b>DICYANO</b>	N8 C64	18	1.09	$P 2_1/c$
<b>BENZOS2</b>	S2 O10 N2 C26	20	1.20	$P -1$
<b>DITHIANON2</b>	S4 O4 N4 C28	20	1.54	$P -1$
<b>SAPO</b>	Si32 O64 N2 C48	21	1.20	$P m m n$
<b>CAPSA</b>	O12 N4 C72	22	1.43	$P 2_1/c$

Conventional X-ray diffraction data

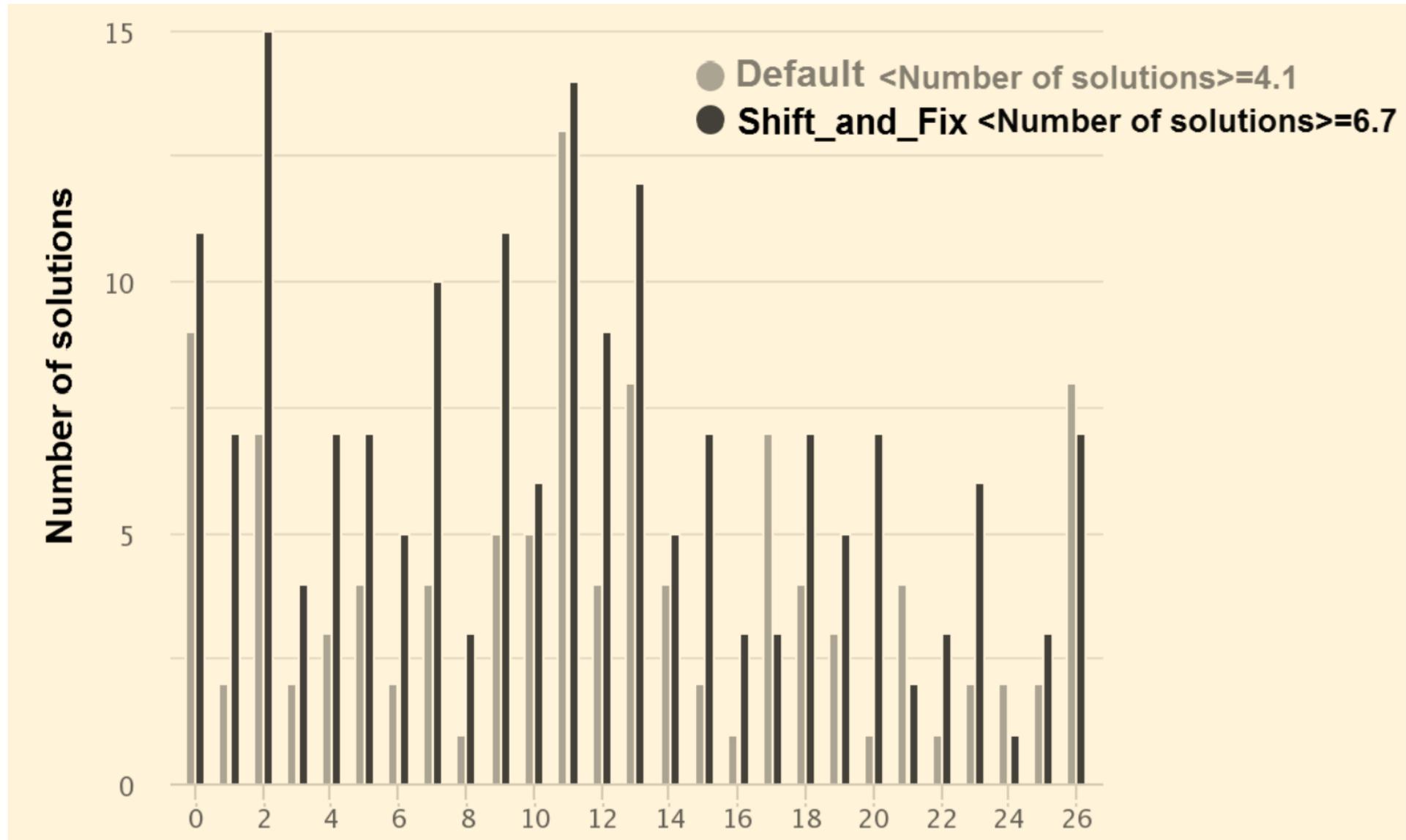
# THE SHIFT\_AND\_FIX METHOD

## Silicoaluminophosphate molecular sieve SAPO-40



Estermann, M.A., McCusker, L.B., and Baerlocher C. (1992). *J. Appl. Cryst.*, 539-543

# THE SHIFT\_AND\_FIX METHOD



# Solve ->->-> Explore Trials

The screenshot displays the cime software interface. At the top, a red-bordered box contains the text "Solve ->->-> Explore Trials". Two red arrows point from this box to the "Solve" menu and the "Explore Trials" option in the dropdown menu. The "Explore trials" dialog is open, showing the "Fourier Procedures" section with "RBM" selected and "Shift\_and\_Fix" checked. Below this is a table of explore trials:

Explore trial	Set	cfom	done	RF
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	0.986	yes	48.757
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	0.975	no	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	0.949	no	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	0.924	no	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	0.922	no	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	0.909	no	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	0.890	no	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	0.635	no	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	0.610	no	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	0.603	no	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	0.583	no	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	0.575	no	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	0.573	no	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	0.558	no	-
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<input type="checkbox"/>	18	0.545	no	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	19	0.537	no	-
<input type="checkbox"/>	20	0.532	no	-

The main window shows a 3D molecular model of a protein-ligand complex. The status bar at the bottom indicates "C3 #10 Dist: S1: 1.737, C5: 1.560".

# Suggestions for structure solution in the reciprocal space

Successfull solution by default run

YES



NO

Interpretable but uncomplete model: Save the model (Export structure)      Uninterpretable and uncomplete model

Cycling RBM (organic/metal-organic) or Fourier Recycling (inorganic)

YES



NO

Cycling COVMAP

YES



NO

Cycling Shift\_and\_Fix

YES



NO

RAMM

NO

YES



Improve the extraction of the structure factor moduli from the experimental pattern  
(if possible)

YES



NO

Solve by Simulated Annealing  
(if possible)

# STRUCTURE MODEL OPTIMIZATION

## Scientific Program

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

### EXPO Software

14:30-16:00

Angela Altomare, Nicola Corriero, Corrado Cuocci,  
Aurelia Falcicchio, Anna Moliterni, Rosanna Rizzi

EXPO Computer session: Solution by Direct Methods and structure model optimization

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16:00-16:30

Coffee break

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## Special Issue

### Crystal Structure Characterization by Powder Diffraction

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