Chemical Crystallography and Structural Chemistry

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Course Details

5 March	lecture N ^o 1	19 March	lecture N ^o 2
26 March	lecture N ^o 3	2 April	exercise N ^o 1
23 April	lecture N ^o 4	30 April	lecture N ^o 5
7 May	lecture N ^o 6	14 May	exercise $N^{\underline{o}}$ 2
28 May	lecture N ^o 7	4 June	lecture N ^o 8
25 June	lecture N ^o 9	18 June	exercise $N^{\underline{o}}$ 3

- Group exercises: same place, same time
- Lecture notes and exercises will be made available online
- https://homepage.univie.ac.at/tim.gruene/teaching/chemcryst



Examination

There will be an **oral** exam.



Course Objective

Chemical Crystallography:

Determination of the 3-dimensional structure of chemical compounds with single crystal diffraction



Crystal structure of sucrose, with hydrogen bonds

- what do we learn from a crystal structure?
- what are the **limits** of crystallography

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Content of today's Lecture

- 1. (Teaching) Resources for crystallography
- 2. (public) data bases for crystallography
- 3. what are crystals
- 4. X-rays and X-ray diffractometers
- 5. Conducting a diffraction experiment





Resources: Literature for Crystallography





P. Luger "Modern X-Ray Analysis on

P. Muller et al., "Crystal Structure Refinement — A Crystallographer's Guide to SHELXL" Oxford University Press

C. Giacovazzo et al., Fundamentals of Crystallography, Oxford Science Pub-

Online Resources

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Journals for Chemical Crystallography

JACS, Journal of the American Chemical Society

https://pubs.acs.org/journal/jacsat

Angewandte Chemie Int. Ed.

https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/anie.201811318

Acta Crystallographica A-F

journals.iucr.org: International Union of Crystallography

and most other journals for chemistry







Crystallographic databases

Most journals require the deposition of structural data structures at publicly available data bases. Crystallography has long been a pioneering discipline of open access data.

Cambridge Structural Database

Crystallography Open Database

Inorganic Crystal Structure Database

Protein Data Bank

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Cambridge Structural Database (CSD)

- http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk
- "The world repository of small molecule crystal struc tures"
- founded 1965
- curated
- organic and metal-organic compounds
- X-ray, neutron, (and electron diffraction)
- Single crystal and powder diffraction
- publication of a synthesis usually requires deposition of the product structure at the CSD
- > 1,000,000 entries, $\approx 50,000$ /year

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Crystallography Open Database (COD)

- http://www.crystallography.net
- "Open-access collection of crystal structures of organic, inorganic, metal-organics compounds and minerals, excluding biopolymers."
- Local version available free of charge
- Organic and inorganic structures (minerals)
- Can be browsed (by journal, by year,...)
- All data from IUCr journals, and from American Mineralogist CSD
- > 450,000 entries, $\approx 50,000$ /year





Inorganic Crystal Structure Database (ICSD)

- https://icsd.fiz-karlsruhe.de/
- inorganic and intermetallic structures
- only licensed access
- > 215,000 entries

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Protein Data Bank (PDB)

- https://www.pdb.org
- Search from www.rcsb.org https://www.ebi.ac.uk/pdbe https://pdbj.org(Japanese)
- polypeptides (proteins) and polysaccharides (nucleic acids)
- Crystal structures, NMR structures, EM structures
- Since 2007: data **must** be submitted along with coordinates
- > 160,000 structures





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CrystMET

- https://cds.dl.ac.uk/cds/datasets/crys/mdf/llmdf.html
- Crystal structure data for metals and alloys
- licensed access only

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Structure, Data, Data Formats, and Visualisation Software





Structural Data: the CIF-file

- Main file format for published structures
- available from CSD, COD, ICSD, journal web-sites, etc
- pure text file
- Can contain both structure information (coordinates) and experimental data (hkl-file)

Example: CSD entry UQACEW, name of CIF-file: 984199.cif

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Structural Data: the RES-file

- RES/INS text file: chemical structure in computer language
- developed by George Sheldrick (SHELX programs), late 1960s
- still the most sophisticated format for chemical compounds
- "work" format: refinement and model building



Platon: Validation, format conversion

http://www.cryst.chem.uu.nl/spek/platon



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Crystals and Crystal Growth





Crystal Types

- Crystal = Solid state compound with regular composition
- interactions responsible for crystallisation
 - 1. ionic bond
 - 2. metallic bond
 - 3. covalent bond
 - 4. van-der-Waals interaction
- often not a clear cut between these types





Ionic Crystals

- Composed of anions (negative charge) and cations (positive charge)
- Geometry according to Pauling's rules

Simple example: *NaCl*:

- cubic lattice
- energy difference $Na + Cl \rightarrow Na^+ + Cl^-$: -6.4*eV*



kubischer Aufbau von NaCl



Chrome alum, $KCr(SO_4)_2$



alias Chromium(III) potassium sulfate

Metallic Crystals



tion band)

- \rightarrow electrical conductivity
- \rightarrow thermal conductivity (copper)
- \rightarrow shiny surface
- \rightarrow plasticity



http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Iron_electrolytic_and_1cm3_cube.jpg



Valence electrons dissociate from individual atoms and form an electron lake (conduc-



Covalent bond

Two atoms share an electron to reach noble gas configuration.

Examples: zeolites, MOFs, diamond, quartz \Rightarrow high stability



Feldspar Albite (*NaAlSi*₃*O*₈)



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van-der-Walls interaction

- mostly organic and macromolecular compounds
- stochastic charge distribution (dipole moments) causes mutual attraction between molecules
- weak interaction







Crystals in Crystallography

Definition International Union of Crystallography:

"A material is a crystal if it has essentially a sharp diffraction pattern."

Crystal in the context of this lecture:

A crystal is composed of a chemical compounds that repeats periodically in all three directions.



- The periodicity results in the diffraction pattern of the crystal
- The periodicity act like an amplifier
- The smallest unit of the periodicity is an inclined box. It is called the **unit cell of the crystal**.



http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parallelflach

Crystal Growth

Crystals are

- 1. solid state materials
- 2. highly ordered, *i.e.* their entropy is very low compared to amorphous material



Especially for large molecules: weak interaction, *i.e.* low energy gain through crystallisation \Rightarrow Crystal growth can be difficult





Crystal Growth

Usually: Precipitation from solution Some means for precipitation (*cf.* LeChatelier's principle)

- Changes in temperature or pressure
 - sugar: better soluble in warm water
- precipitant
 - sugar: ethanol

Requirements for **structure determination**



crystallisation (instead of amorphous precipitation)

crystallise as single crystal

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Examples for Crystallisation

- 1. Dissolve in Tetrahydrofuran (THF) in glass vial
- 2. Cover with parafilm: slow evaporation of THF
- 3. Store at -80° C

- propanol, ...)
- 2. Store sealed on water reservoir
- ubility of compound

Twinned structures (cf. end of term) can often be improved with elevated temperature during crystal growth (30-40°C).

(see e.g. W. Massa, Crystal Structure Determination, Ch. 7)



1. Dissolve in organic solvent (EtOH, Iso-

3. Uptake of water (vapour) reduces sol-





X-rays and Diffraction





X-rays as electromagnetic radiation

X-rays are one type electromagnetic radiation — like visible light, UV-radiation, or radio waves



- Energy *E* and wavelength λ are equivalent ($E = h\frac{c}{\lambda} = 12.4 keV \text{\AA}/\lambda$):
- Long wavelength $\lambda \leftrightarrow \text{low energy } E$.
- Short wavelength $\lambda \leftrightarrow$ high Energie E.
- Typical wavelength range for structure determination: 0.5-2 Å (24.8 6.2 keV).
- Inhouse X-ray instruments:
 - CuK_{α} : 1.54 Å \leftrightarrow 8.0 keV
 - MoK_{α} : 0.71 Å \leftrightarrow 17.3 keV
- $1 \text{ Å} = 10^{-10} \text{ m} = 100 \text{ pm}$





Generation of X-rays

- 1. X-ray fluorescence (mainly laboratory sources) electron beam at specific energy hits metal surface (Cu or Mo). This creates
 - a) Bremsstrahlung (background)
 - b) X-ray fluorescence

Examples: rotating anode, liquid jet anode

2. Synchrotron radiation Acceleration of electron bunches in a magnetic field



Why X-rays?

Atom distances of molecules about 1-2 Å: required resolution d Optical instruments are limited in resolution to $d > \lambda/2$ (later: derivation *via* Bragg's law)





Why Crystals?

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Optics and Imaging (Microscope / Telescope)



Objects scatter light. In order to see the object, the scattered light must be focused by at least one lens





X-ray Scattering



X-ray lenses do not exist: It is not possible to create a direct image of an object with X-rays.





X-ray Scattering by Crystals: Diffraction



The periodicity of the crystal results in a focussing of the scattered X-rays into discrete spots. The spots (reflections) can be measured without lenses. The crystal acts like a signal amplifier.



Detector



The X-ray Diffraction Experiment



The crystal diffracts X-rays. This creates a **diffraction pattern** recorded by the detector.

The reflection spots are not images of the atoms





Typical laboratory X-ray Diffractometer



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Data Collection experiment



Reflections are data point. Each one contains different information. In order to collect as many data points as possible:

- 1. Rotation of the crystal (about one of three different axes, called ϕ -, ω -, and χ -circles)).
- 2. Rotation of the detector around the crystal, called 2θ -circle. This is parallel to the ω -circle).







The Data Set

The reflections can be described as three dimensional **reciprocal lattice**. The two dimensional detector records an intersection of the three dimensional lattice.

The full experiment results in a data set.

One data set consists of several runs (1–20). One run is the rotation of the crystal about a single axis. Per run, 180–2,000 frames are recorded. One frame corresponds typically to $0.1^{\circ} - 1^{\circ}$ rotation of the crystal.









Examples of Data Frames



- Small molecule, unit cell dimensions: a = 10.56Å, b = 11.64Å, c = 16.14Å, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$
- Small unit cell: \Rightarrow few reflections
- Reflections beyond edge of detector: $\rightarrow 2\theta$ offset of detector necessary
- black reflections = data; grey regions: noise, neglectable

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Examples of Data Frames



- Macromolecule. unit cell dimensions: a = 92.6Å, b = 92.6Å, c = 128.9Å, $\alpha = \beta = 90^{\circ}, \gamma = 120^{\circ}$
- Many more reflections
- Reflexes form patterns Muster (lunes, "Kugeldreiecke")
- Intensity reduces towards edge of detector

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Examples of Data Frames



- Macromolecule. $\alpha = \gamma = 90^\circ, \beta = 94.2^\circ$
- smeared reflexes
- conditions)
- single crystal.

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unit cell dimensions: a = 111.7Å, b = 80.5Å, c = 70.3Å,

• ice rings (formed during measurement, or due to poor shock-freezing

• Closer look: small spots between "patterns": twinned crystal, not a



Purpose of a Crystal Structure



Why Crystal Structure Determination?

The Structure provides atom coordinates: arrangement of elements in 3D space

Organic Chemistry:

- Purity of synthesis
- Success (or failure) of synthesis
- Determination of absolute structure

Inorganic Chemistry"

• Bonding geometry, coordination geometry (of metals ...)



Comparison with other Structural Methods

NMR : chemical environment, sum formula. Not absolute structure

- Rotational spectroscopy: (and gas phase electron diffraction): bond distances (much more **precise** than crystal structure)
- **Crystallography** : Virtually no size limit (protein complexes > 1.5 MDa; differentiation of element types



Examples: Absolute structure and degree of purity



- Methylphenidate (alias Ritalin): medication to treat Attention Deficit Hyperacticyt Disorder (ADHD).
- Two chiral centres, four stereoisomers
- Typical: only one stereoisomer with desired effect.
- Remaining stereoisomers: side effects

(E. J. Ariëns: Stereochemistry, a basis for sophisticated nonsense in pharmacokinetics and clinical pharmacology, European Journal of Clinical Pharmacology, 26 (1984), pp. 663-668).

http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Methylphenidat

The crystal structure is the only method to determine the absolute structure and the degree of purity of mixtures.



Structure based Drug Development



The antibiotic *Thiostrepton* together with its target DNA. Dr. K. Pröpper.

Knowledge of structure of ligand and target:

- Uptake in http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Insulinpräparat)



• Improvement of chemical interaction • Improvement of shape / surface: Functionality and access to cell or nucleus.

body (Cf.

