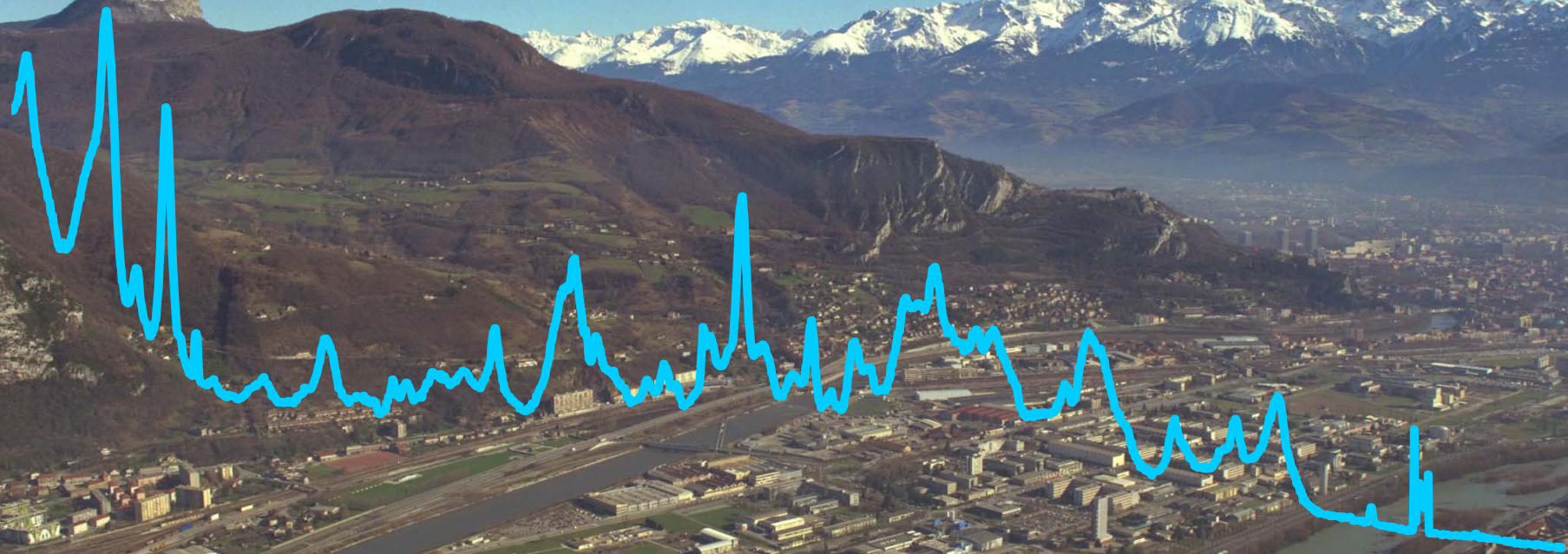


Off- and on-line spectrophotometry



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Basics

Practical realization

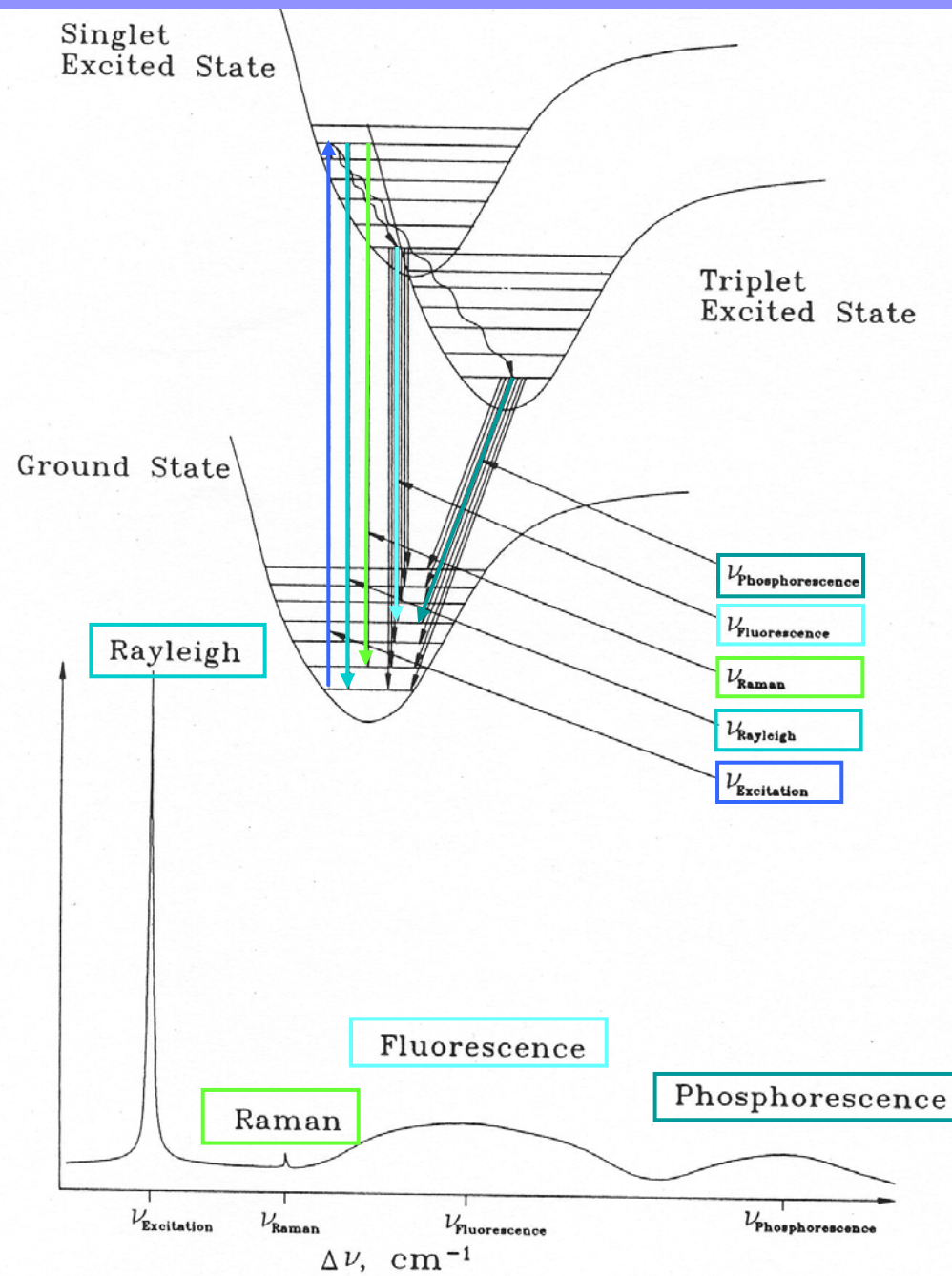
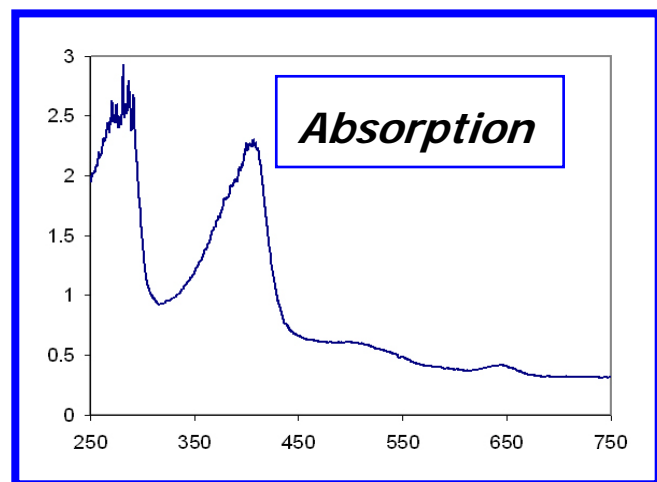
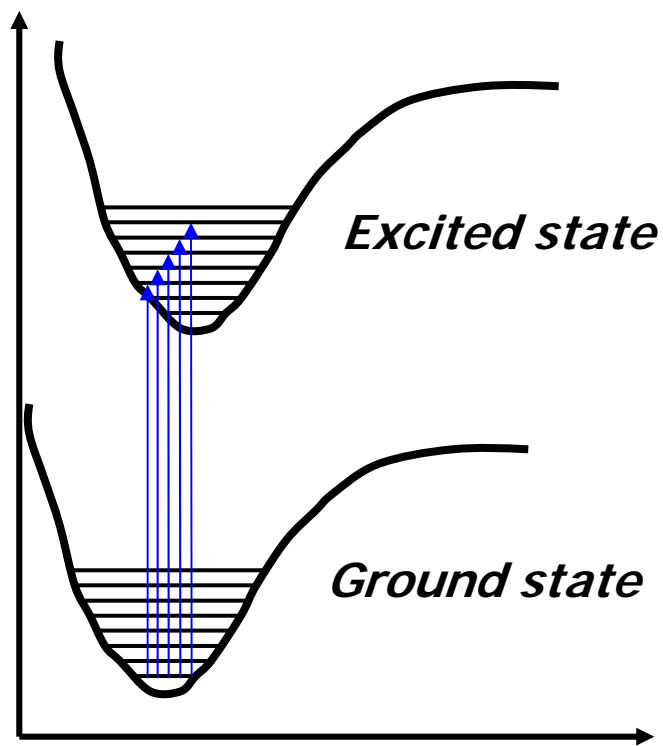
Applications

The ESRF Cryobench lab

Superoxide reductase



Basics

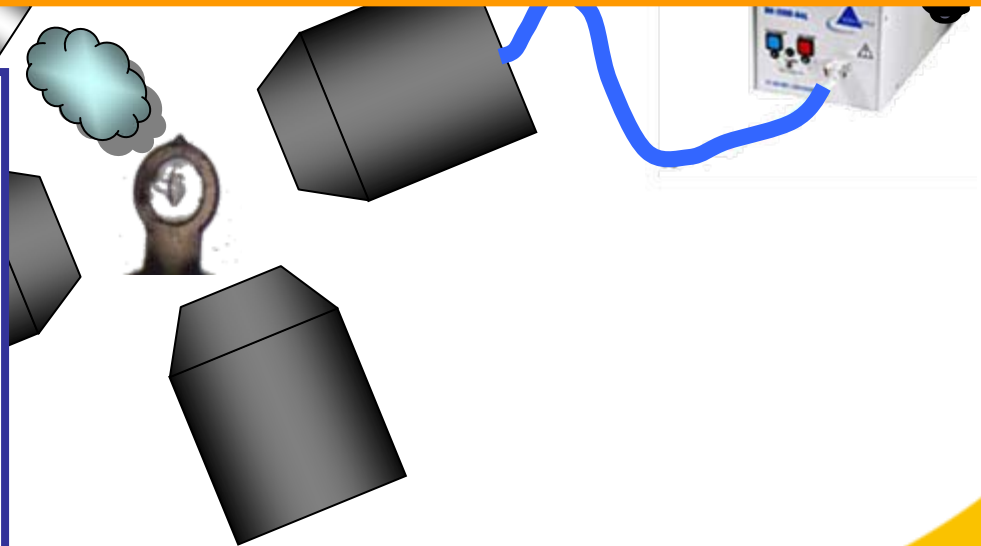
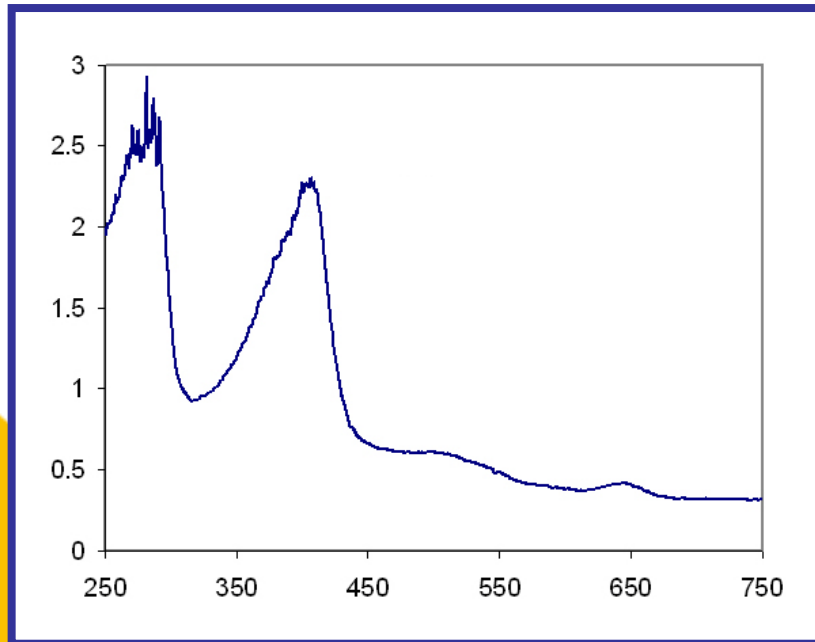




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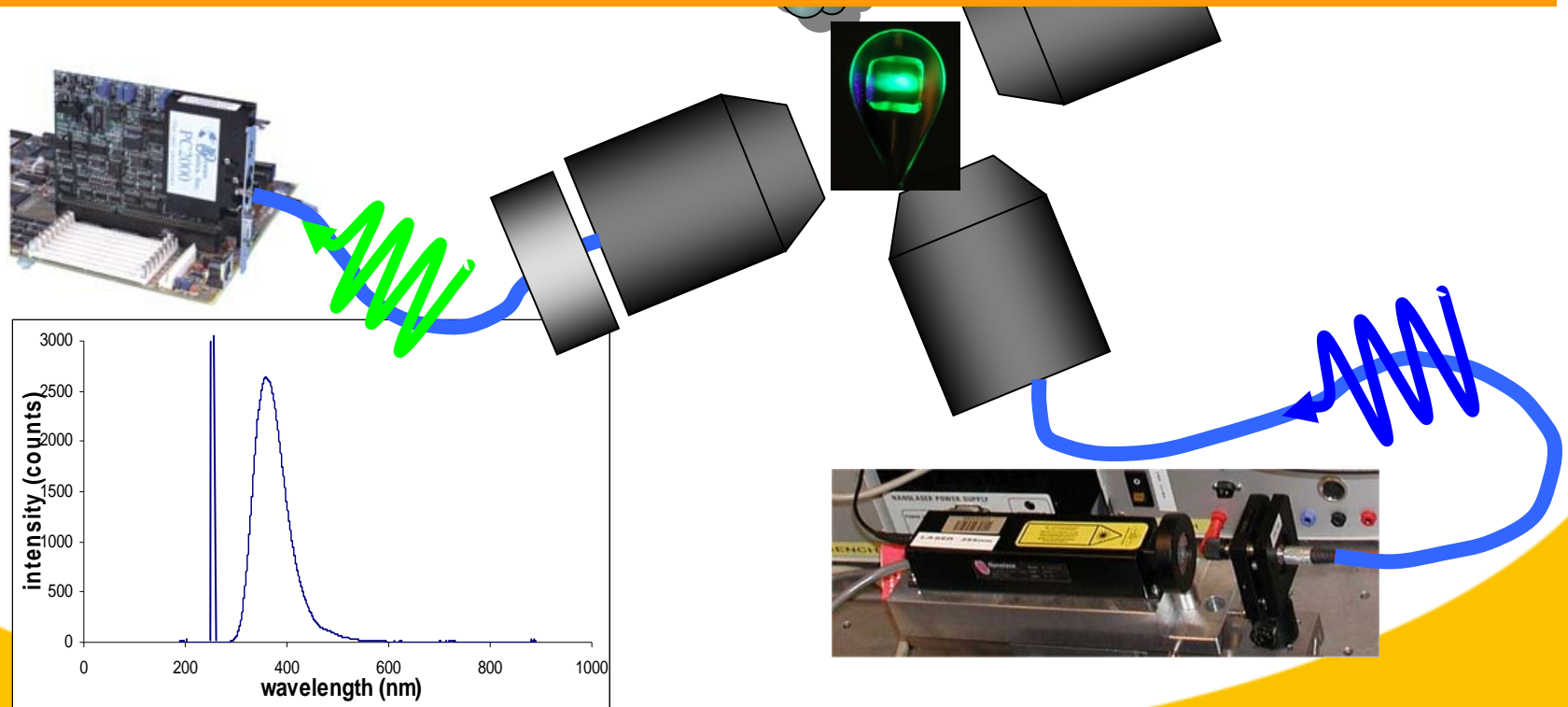
Absorption spectrum measurement

- Measurement time ~ 50 ms
- Pb: optically thick crystals, light scattering effects, orientation dependence, polarization effects



Fluorescence spectrum measurement

- Measurement time ~ 1 ms (with laser)
- Pb: inner filtering, polarization effects

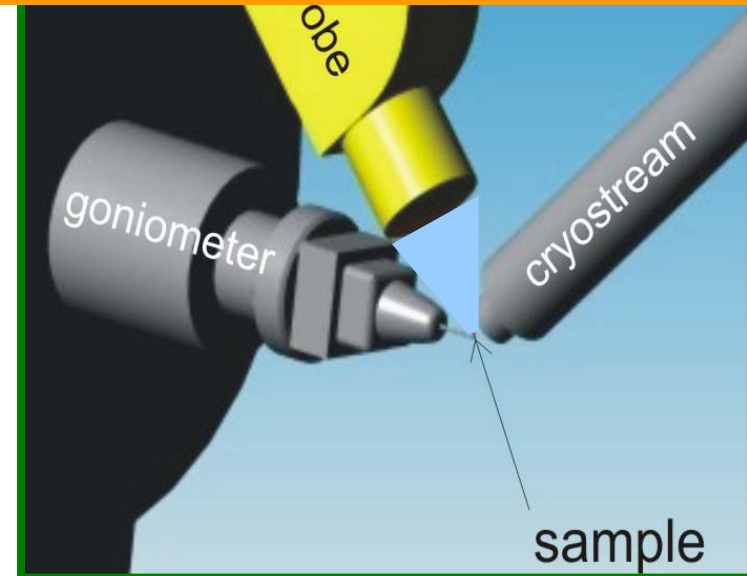
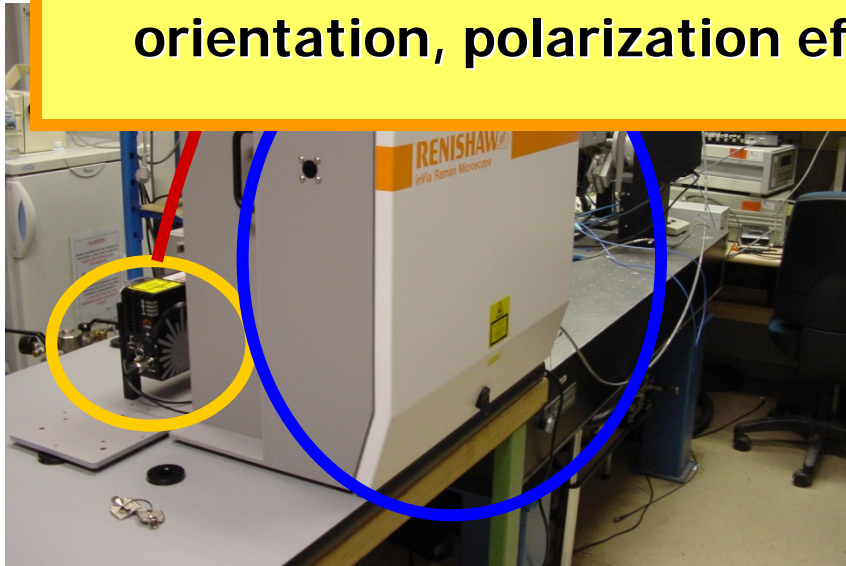




Raman spectrum measurement

785 nm

- Wealth of information
- Measurement time ~ **15 min**, solvent contamination, orientation, polarization effects



In crystallo Raman spectroscopy

Cys vibrations

510, 530 cm^{-1} S-S stretching

725 cm^{-1} Cys C-S stretching

Trp vibrations : 760, 880, 1010, 1350 and 1558 cm^{-1}

Phe vibrations: 1005 and 1200 cm^{-1}

Tyr vibrations: 840, 860 and 1210 cm^{-1}

Main chain vibrations

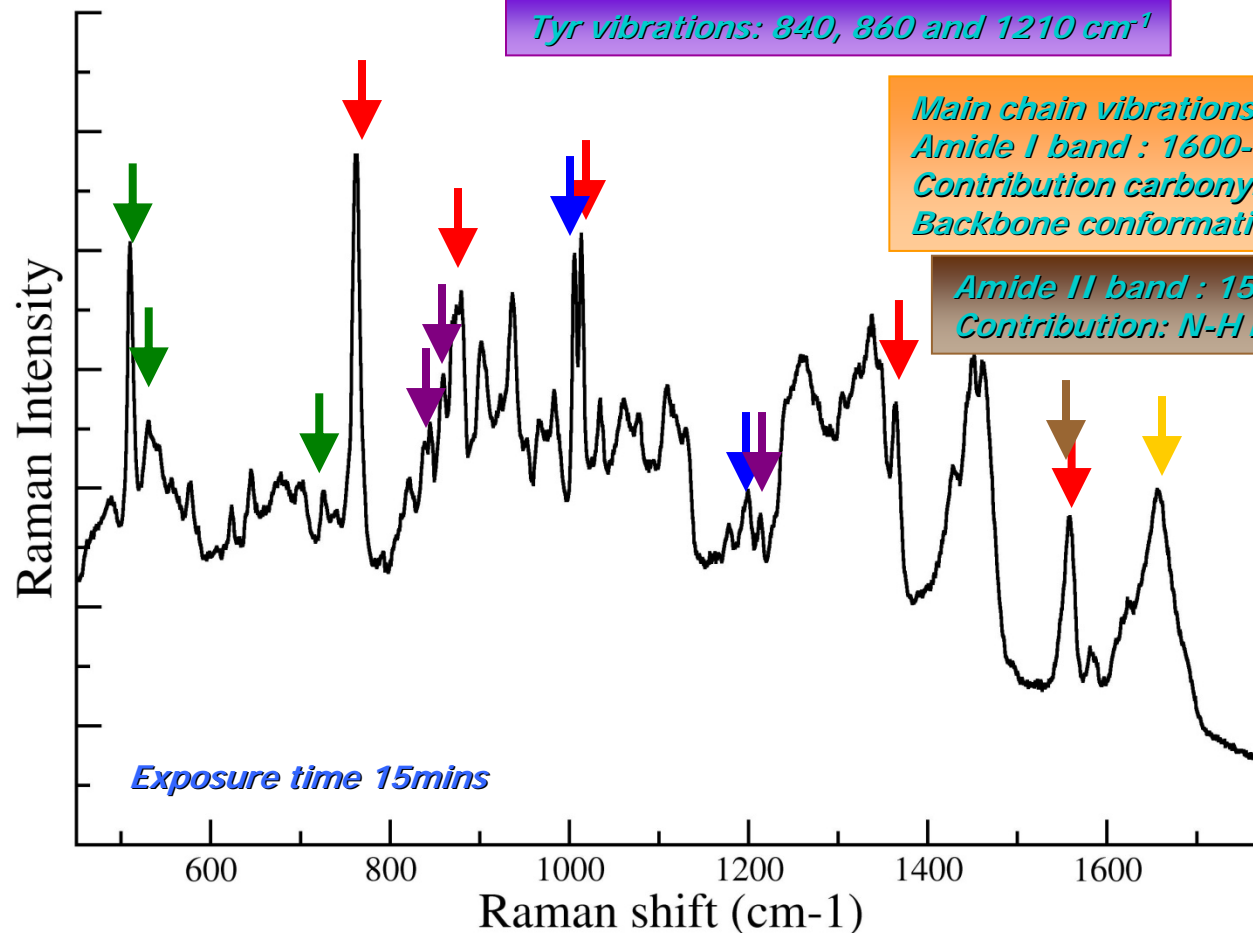
Amide I band : 1600-1700 cm^{-1}

Contribution carbonyl C=O stretching

Backbone conformation and H-bonding pattern

Amide II band : 1510-1580 cm^{-1}

Contribution: N-H bending and C-N stretching

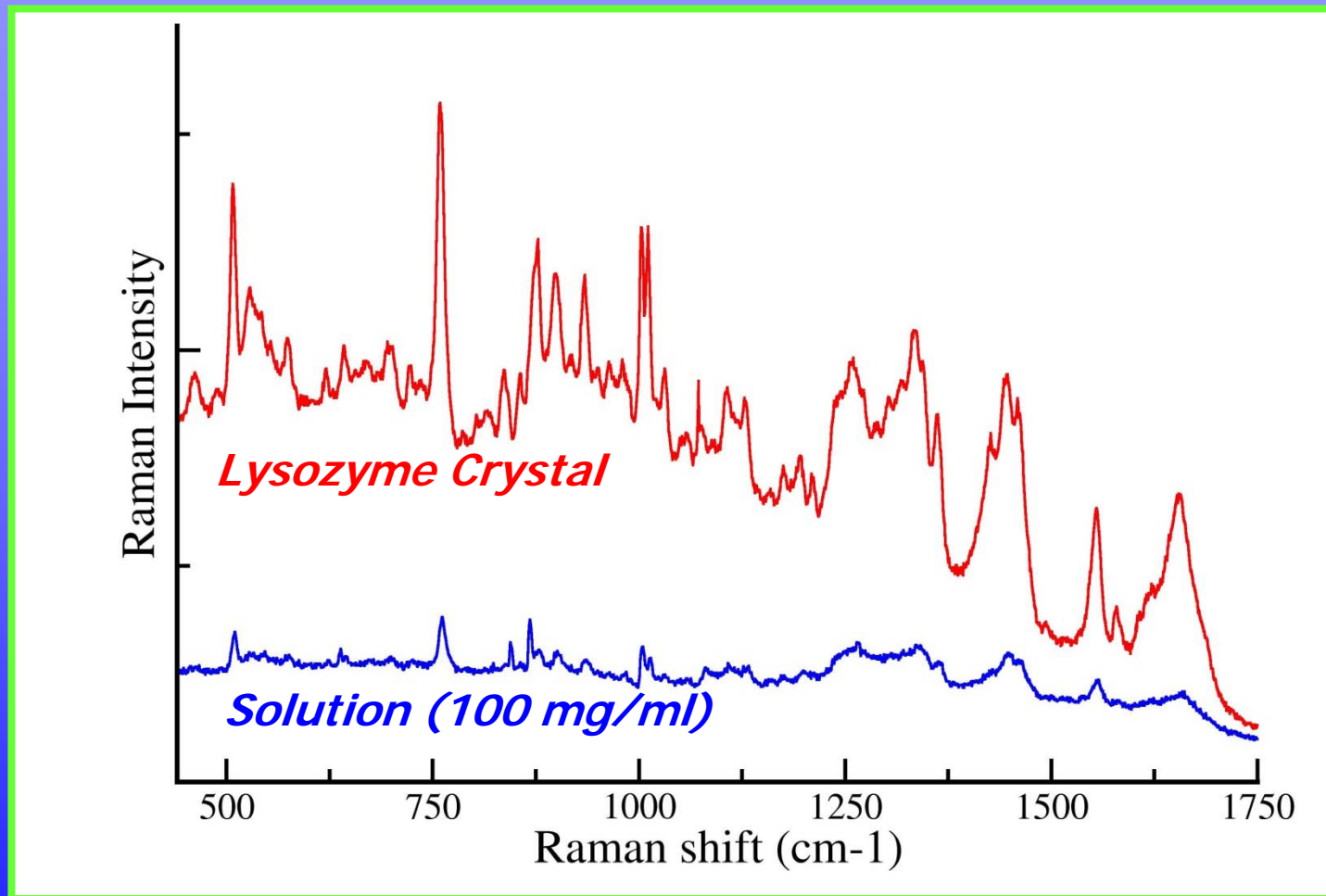


Lysozyme crystal

Raman spectroscopy: advantages of crystals

- *High concentration of proteins in crystals
10-50mM (10-100 time more than solution):
Higher Raman intensity*
- *Less contribution from solvent in crystals
(50%): Lower background in Raman spectra*
- *Selection of conformations in crystals:
narrower Raman bands in crystals =>
better Raman resolution*

Non-resonant in crystallo Raman data

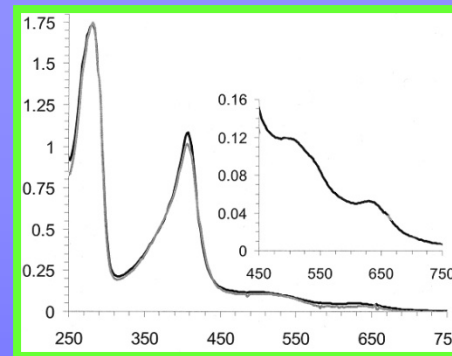
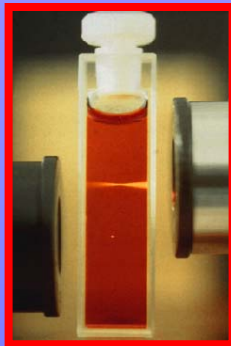




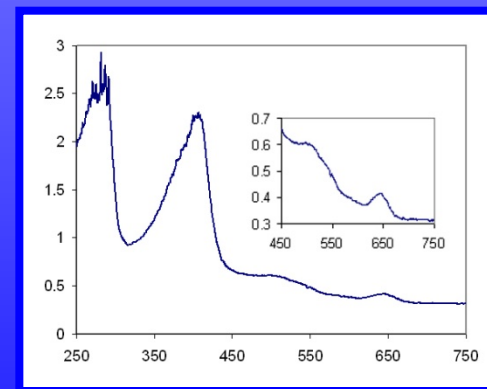
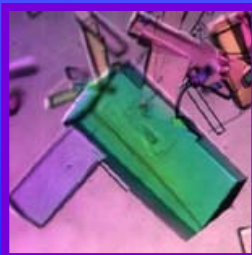
Applications



"In crystallo" spectroscopy ?



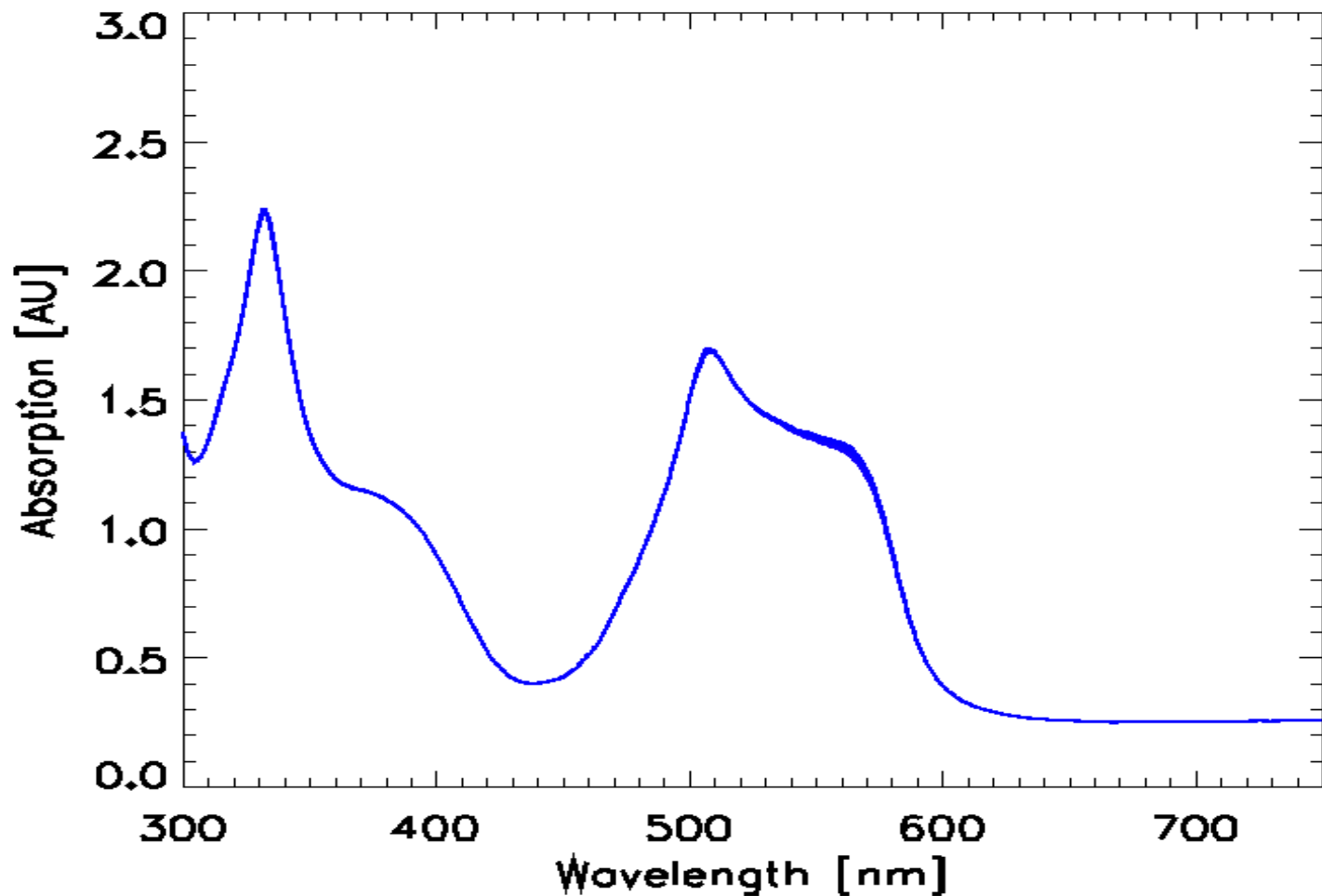
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a tool to validate the crystal structure.

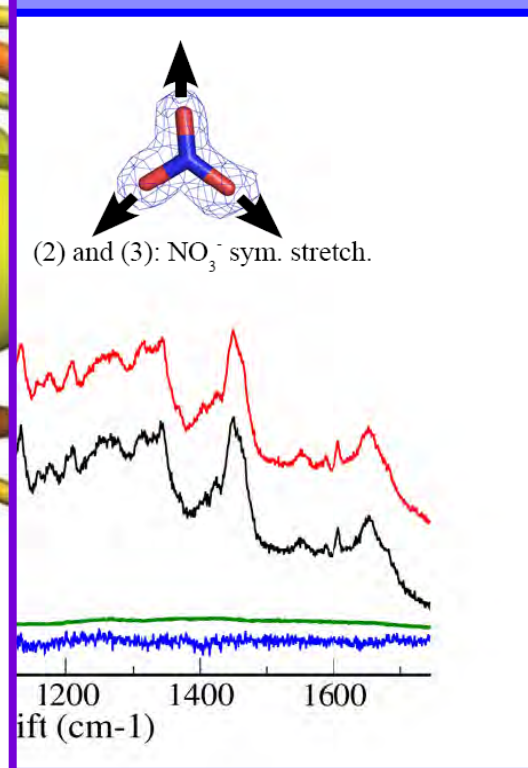
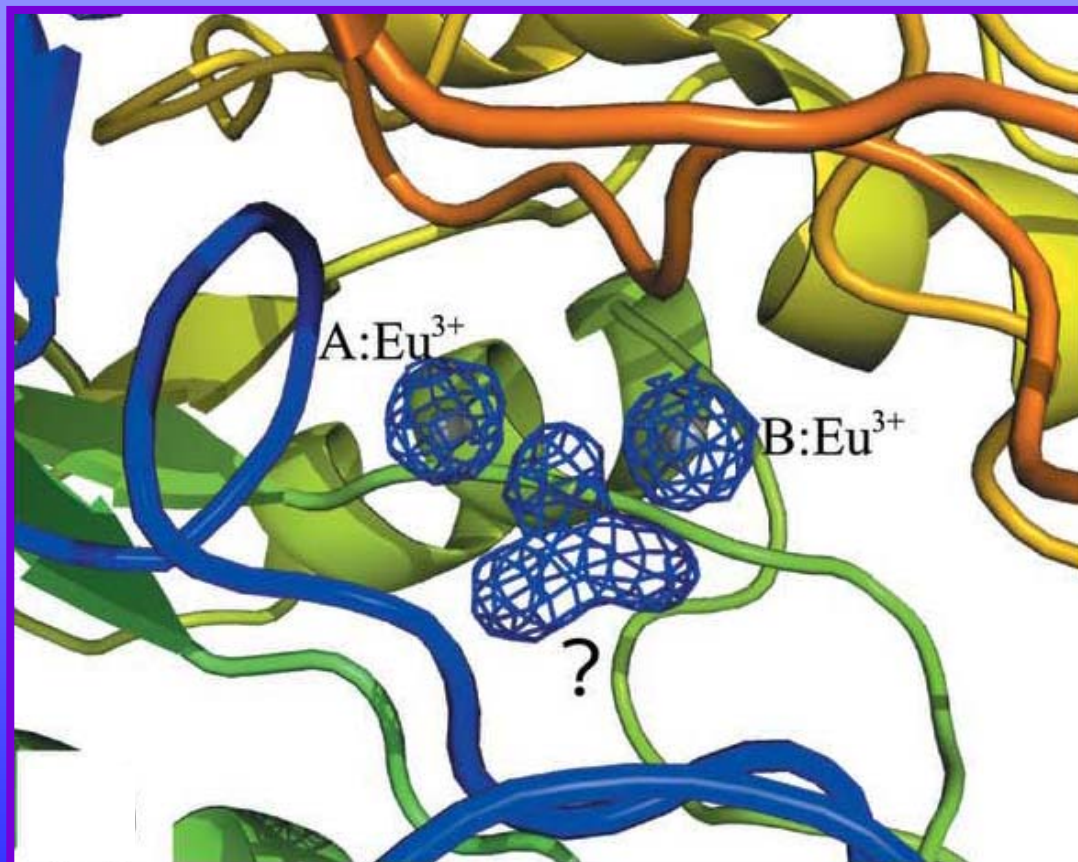


Photoconversion of Alpha-phycoerythrocyanin crystals (absorption)



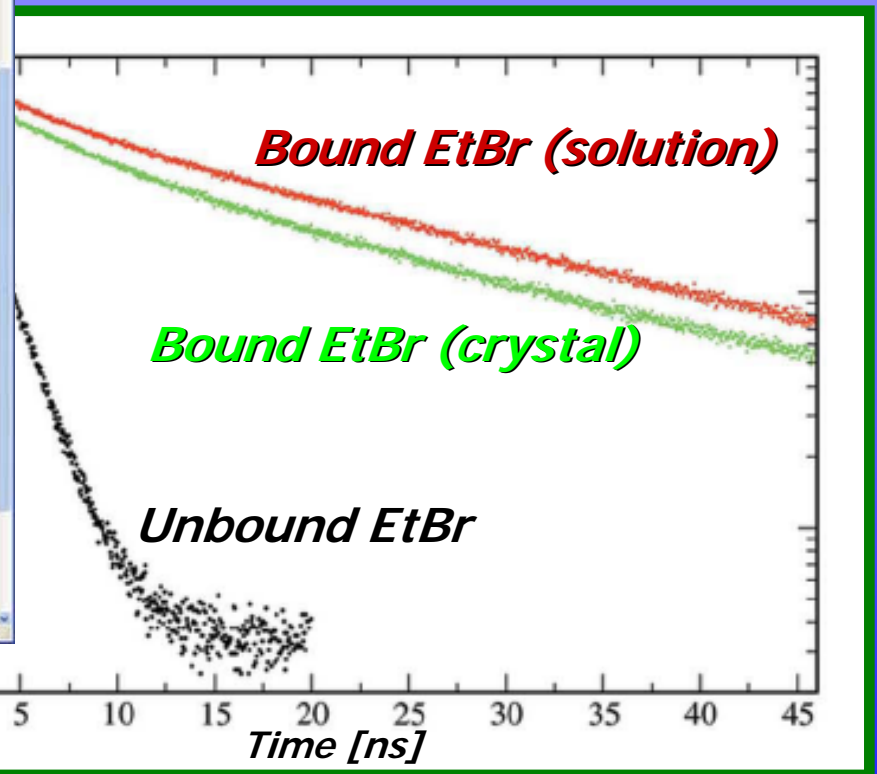
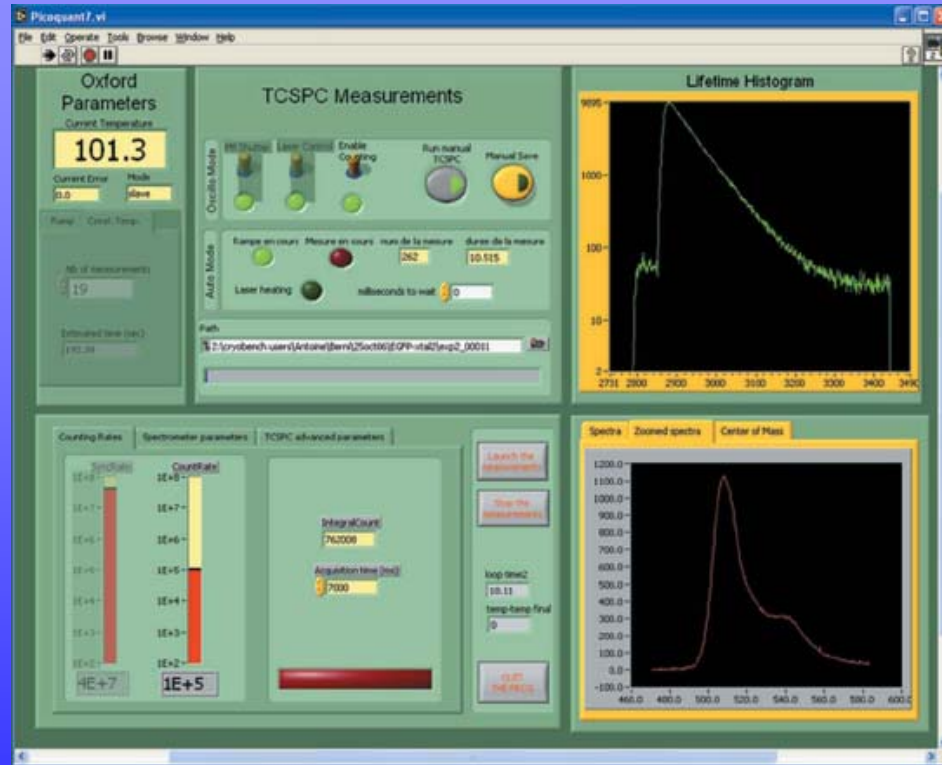
a tool to check activity in the crystalline state.

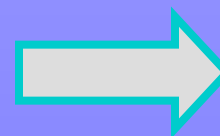
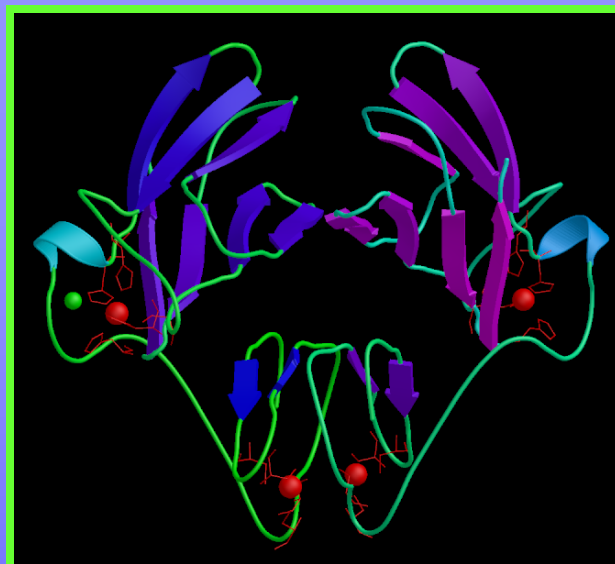
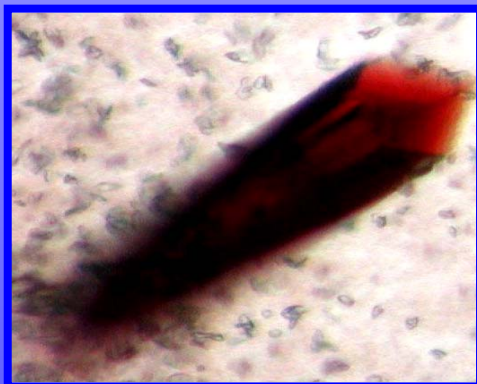
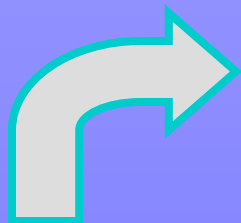
Binding of nitrate to xylose isomerase (Raman)



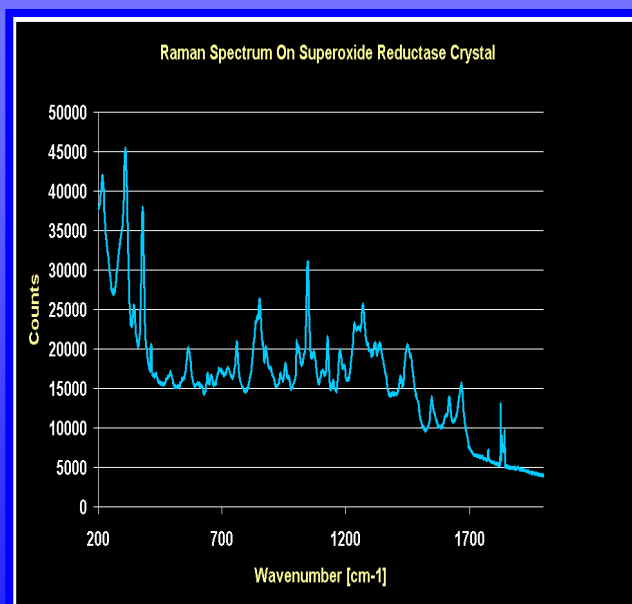
a tool identify bound ligands.

Binding of EtBr to DNA (fluorescence lifetime)





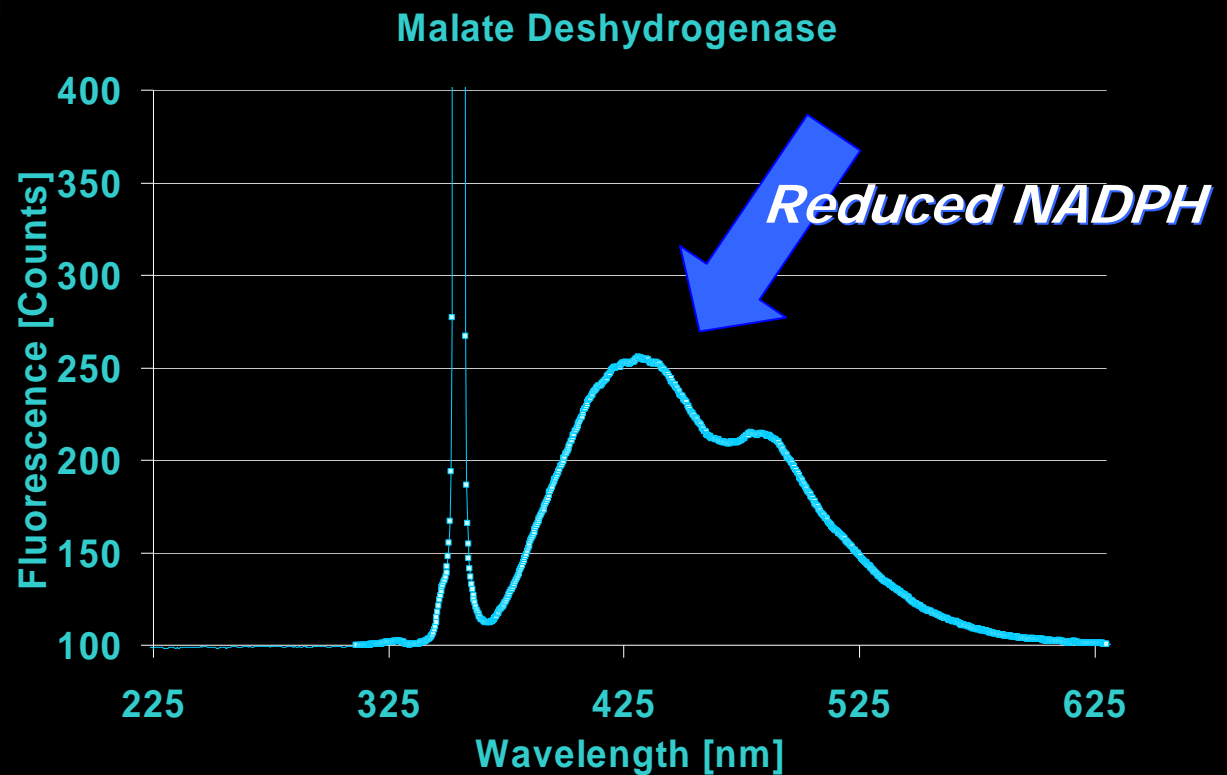
*Near-atomic
global view*

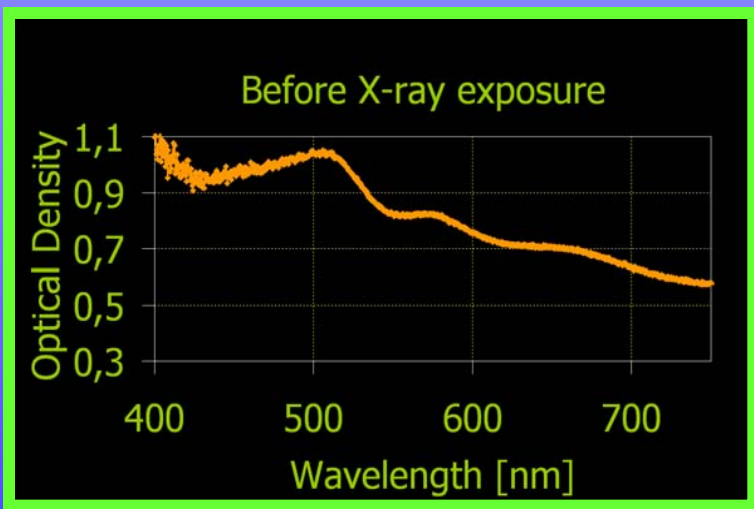


*Sub-atomic
local view*

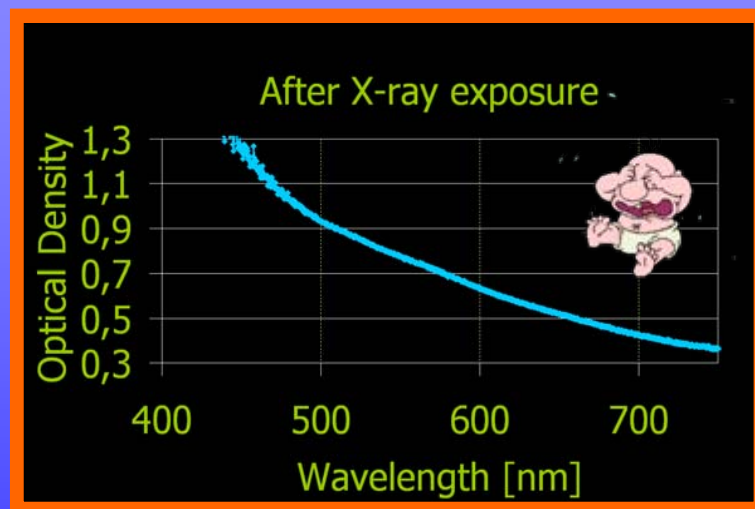
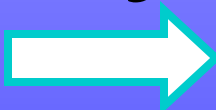
a tool to complement crystal structure.

Redox state of NADP(H) (fluorescence)

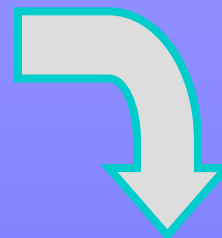
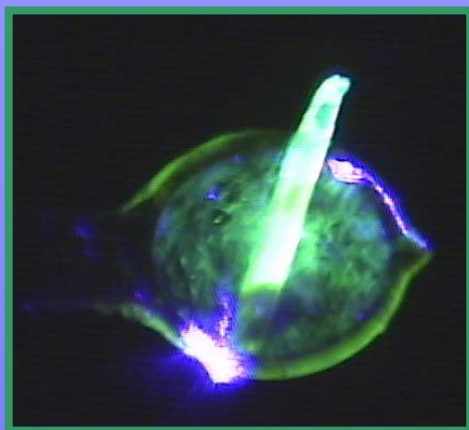
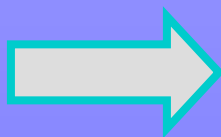
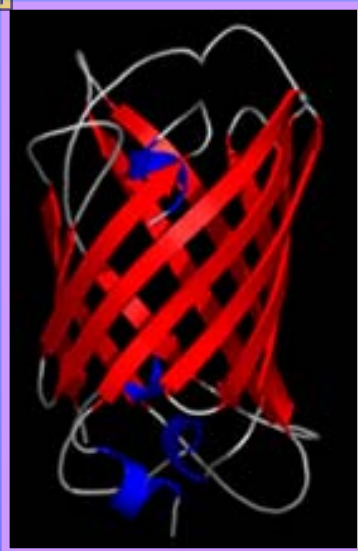




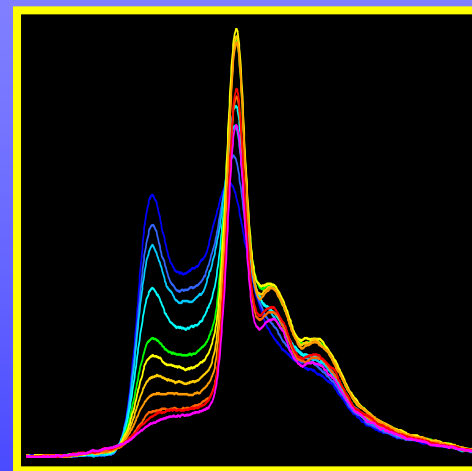
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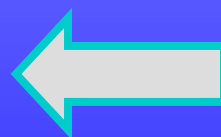
a tool to monitor chemistry induced by X-rays.



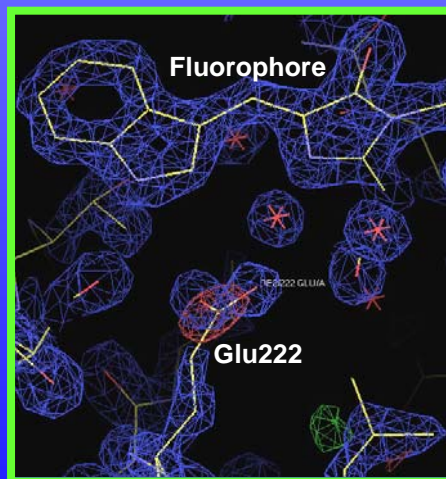
In crystallo
reaction triggering



Identification of
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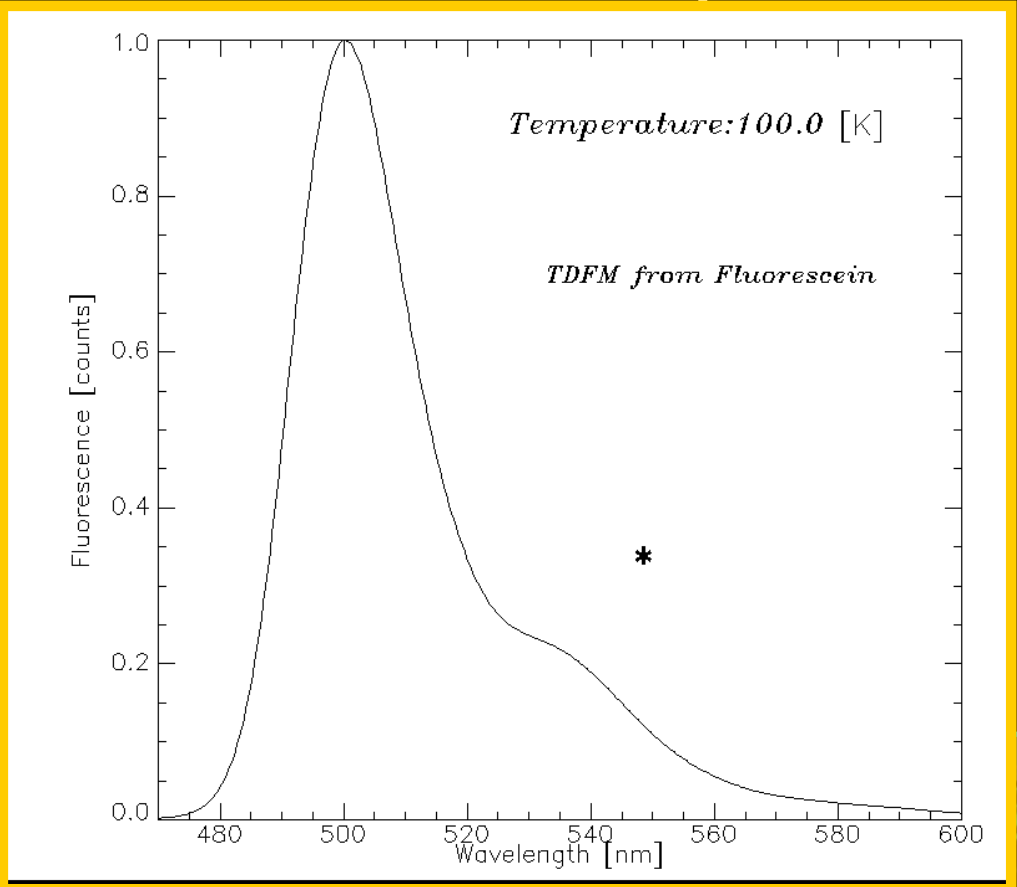
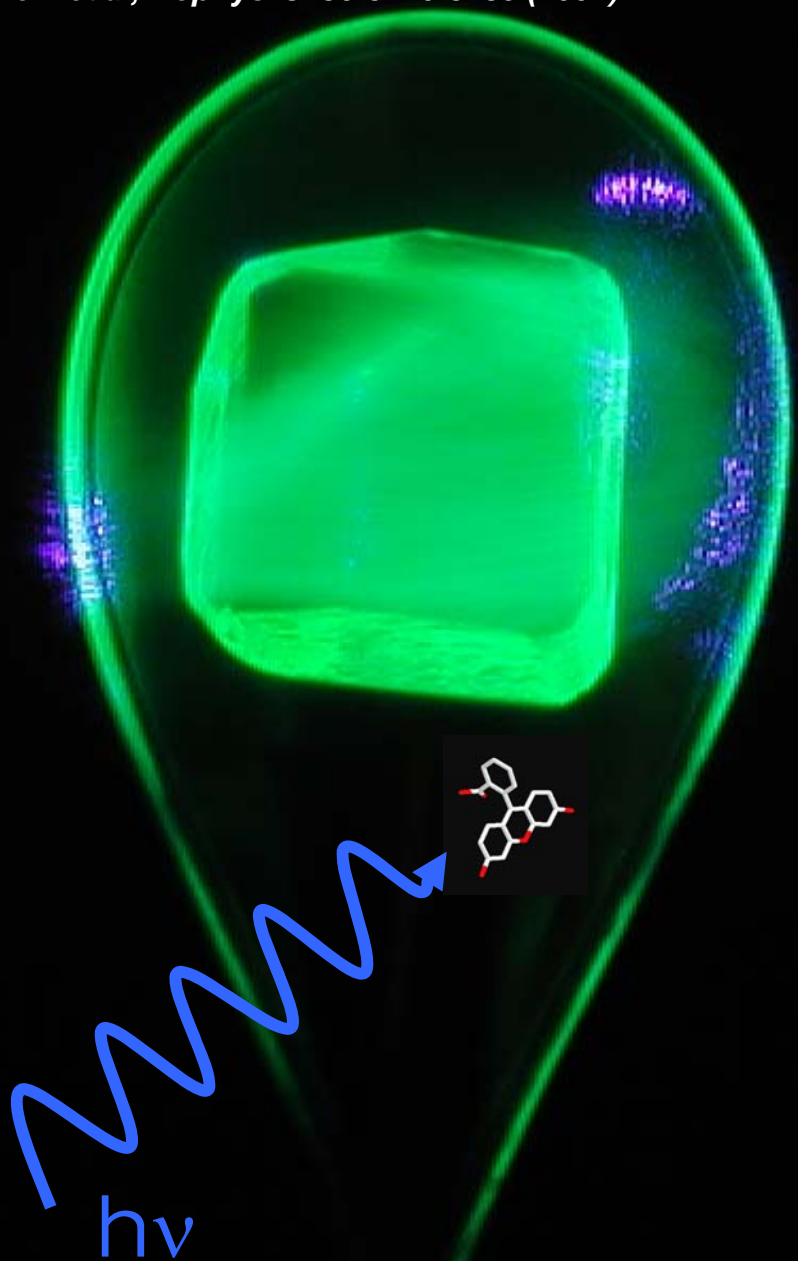
Structure of
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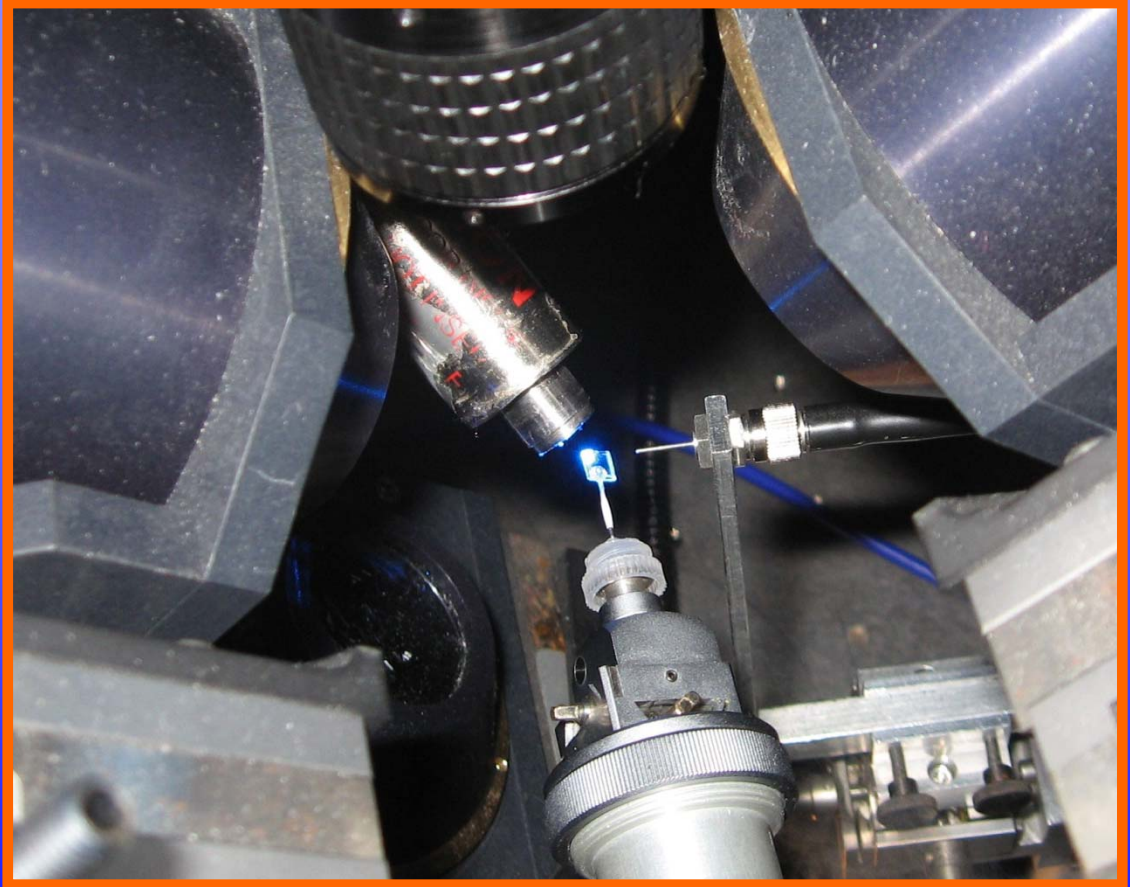
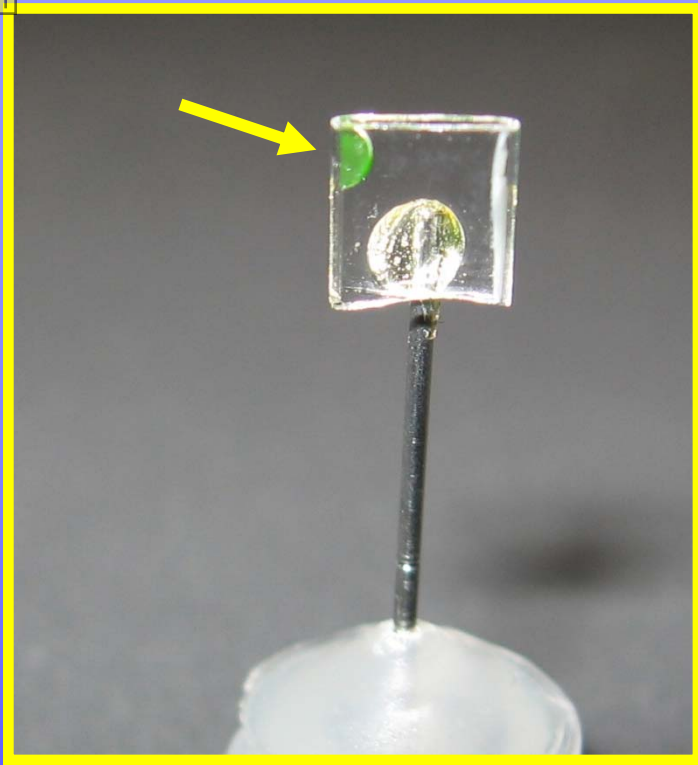
a tool to follow reactions in crystals

Temperature dependent
fluorescence
microspectrophotometry
(TDFM):

Observing glass transition in
nano-volume samples ...



a tool to study dynamics in crystals



a tool for cryo-enzymology studies in solution



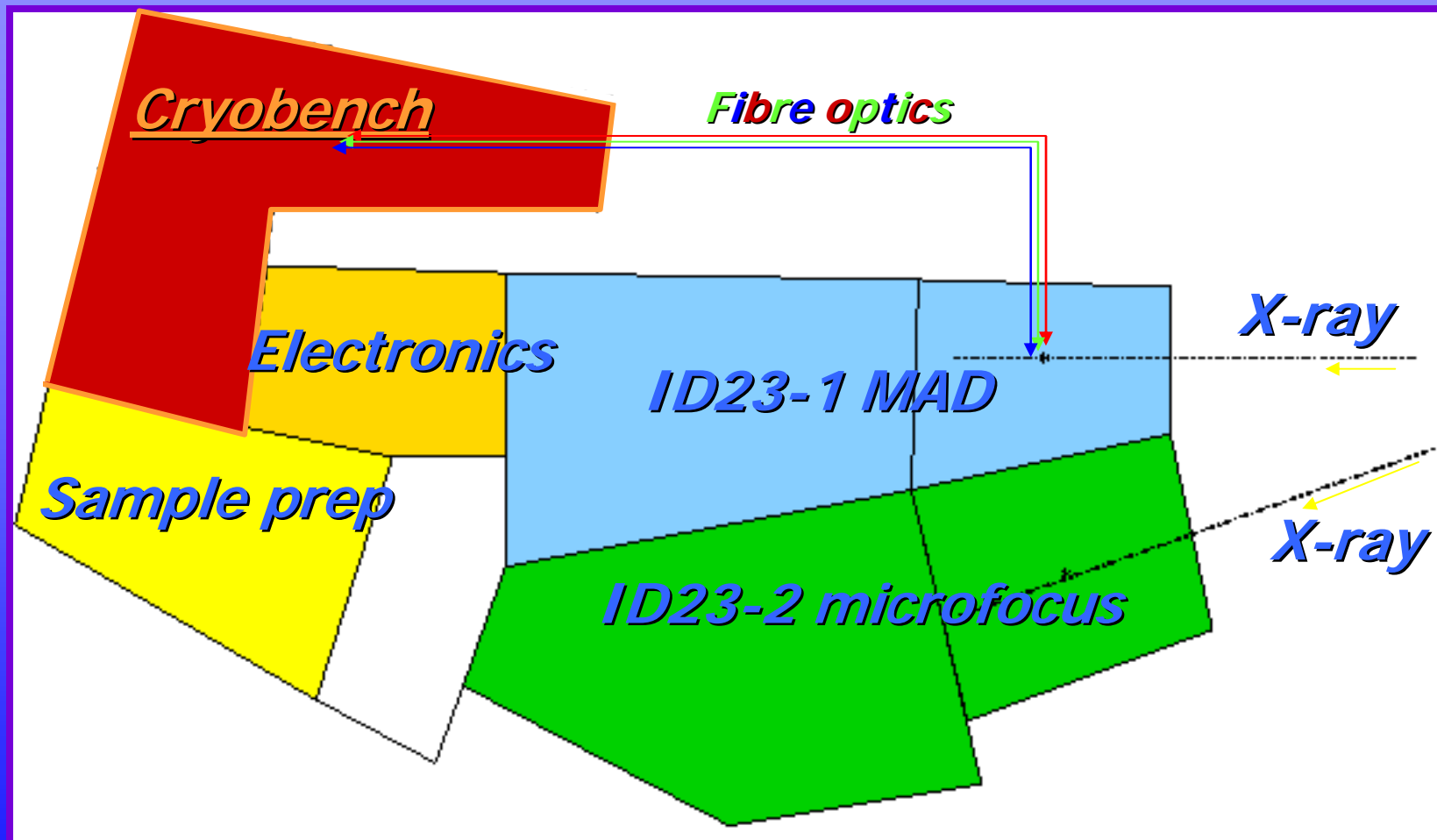
The ESRF Cryobench lab

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Fiber from lasers
(fluorescence)

Video-
microscope
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Fiber from light
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Objective 3

Objective 1

Cryostream

Objective 2

Fiber to
spectrometer

Crystal on goniometer
head

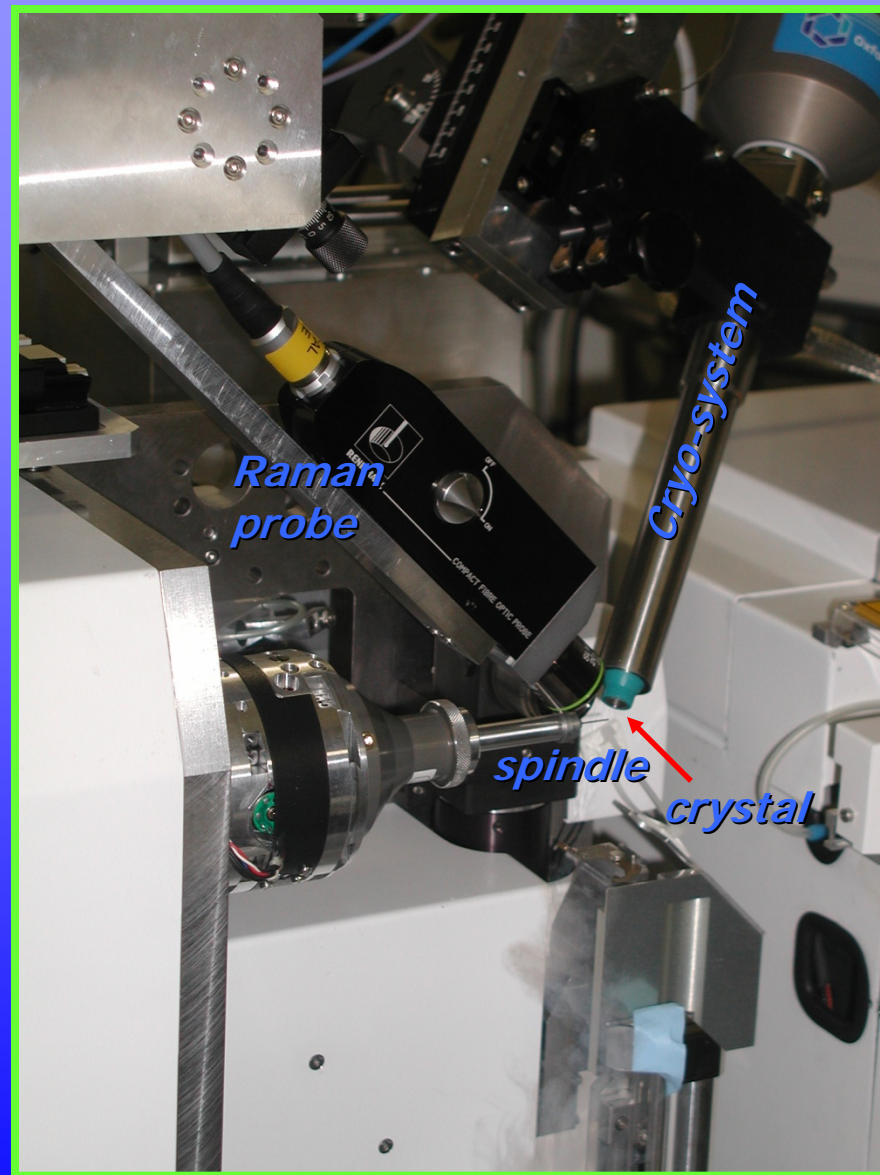
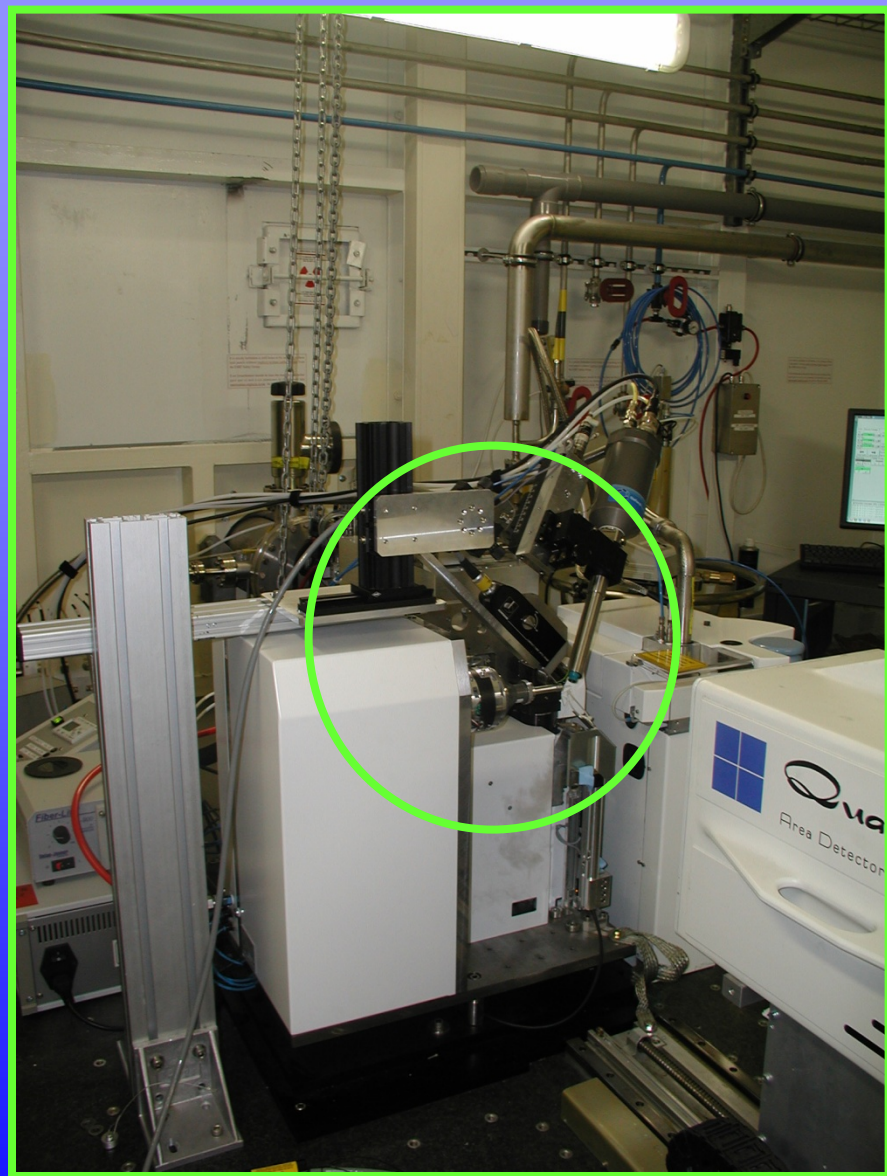
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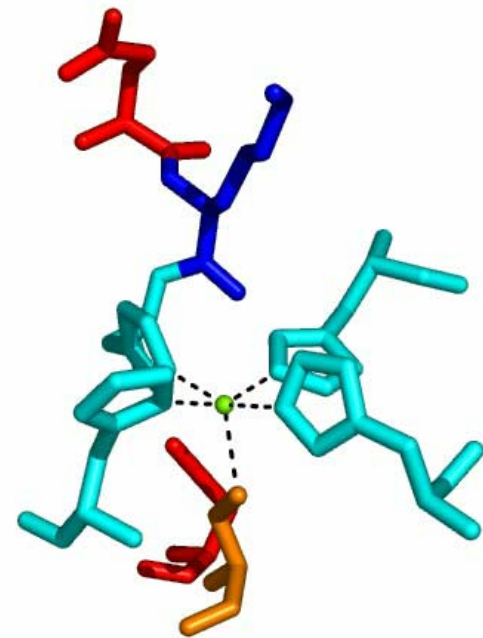
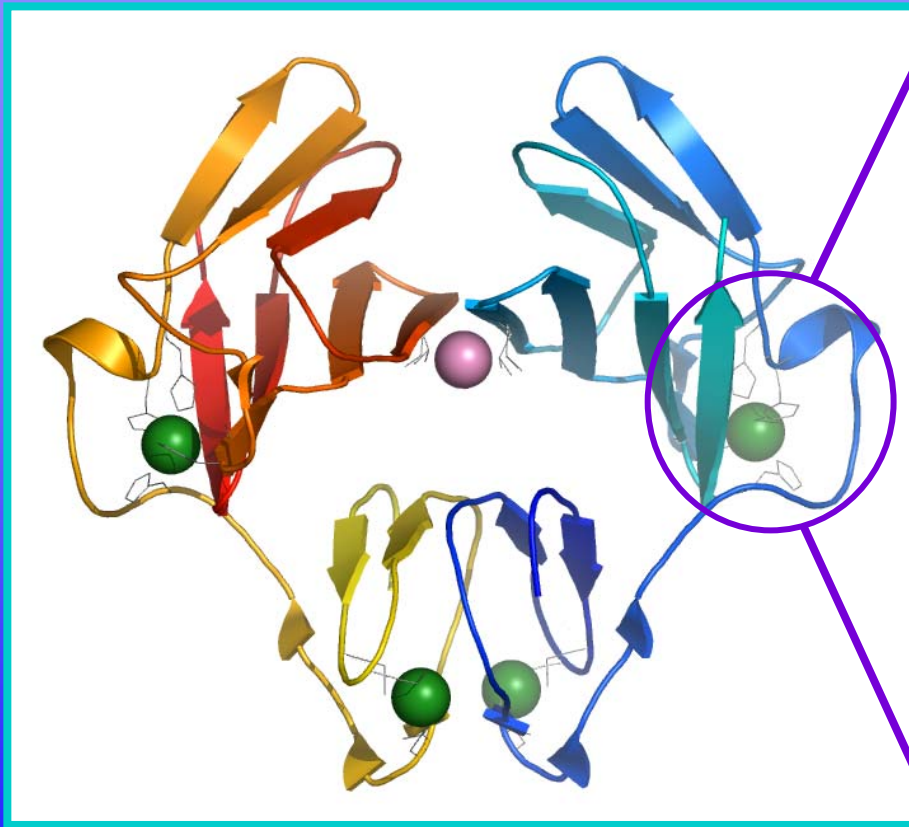
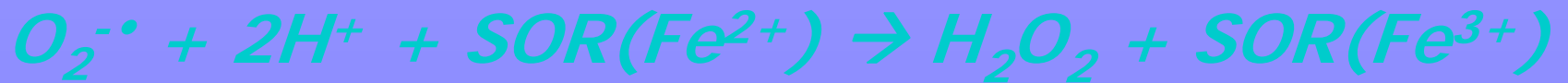
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On-Line Raman experiment



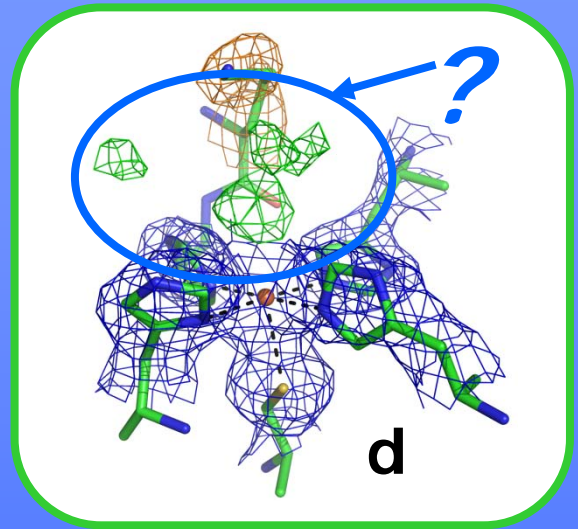
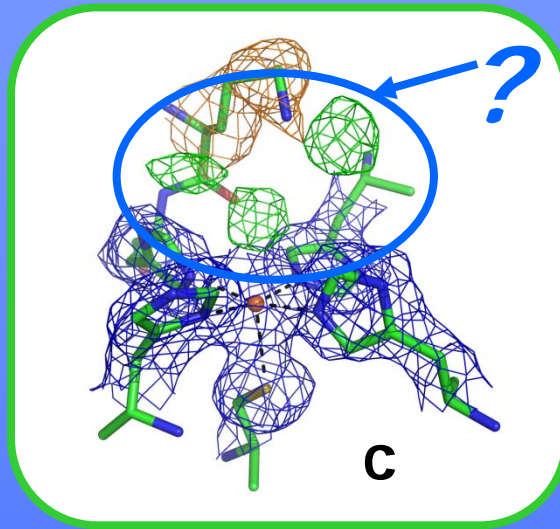
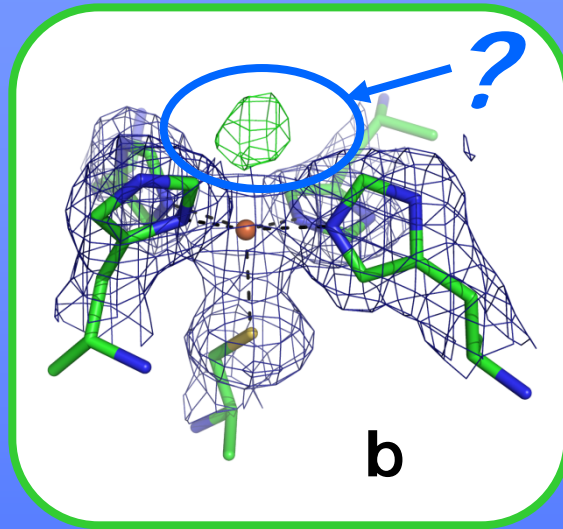
Case example:
superoxide reductase

Superoxide reductase:



Katona *et al*, *Science* (2007), 316, 449.

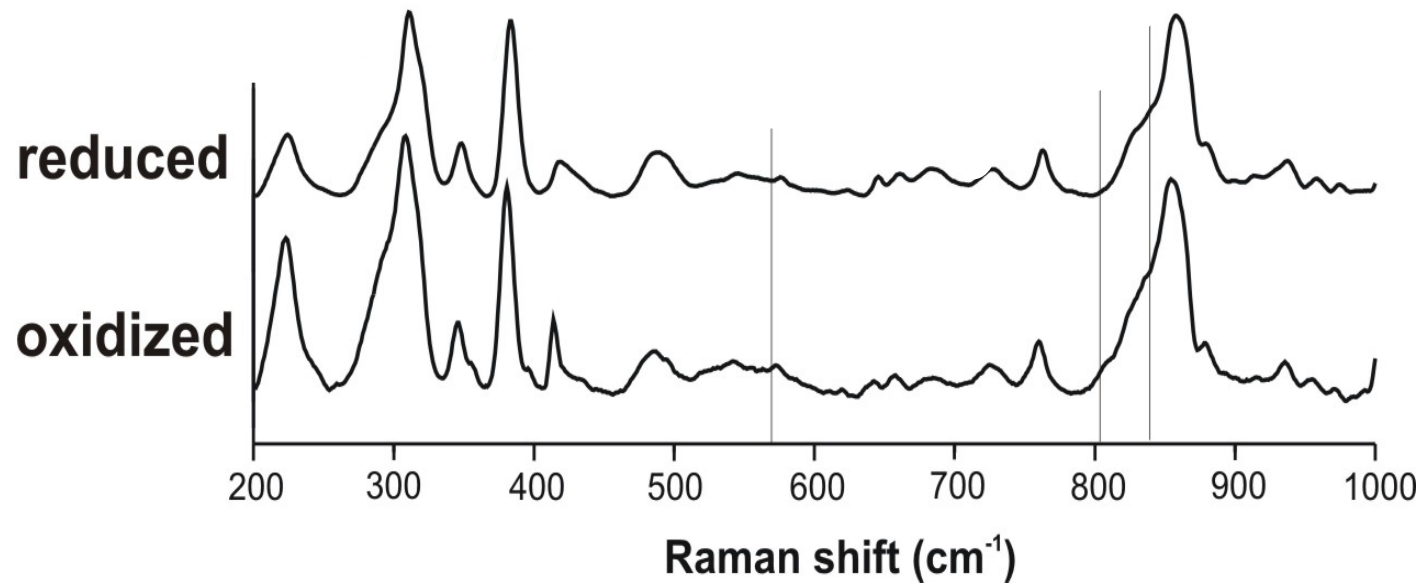
Puzzling crystallographic data



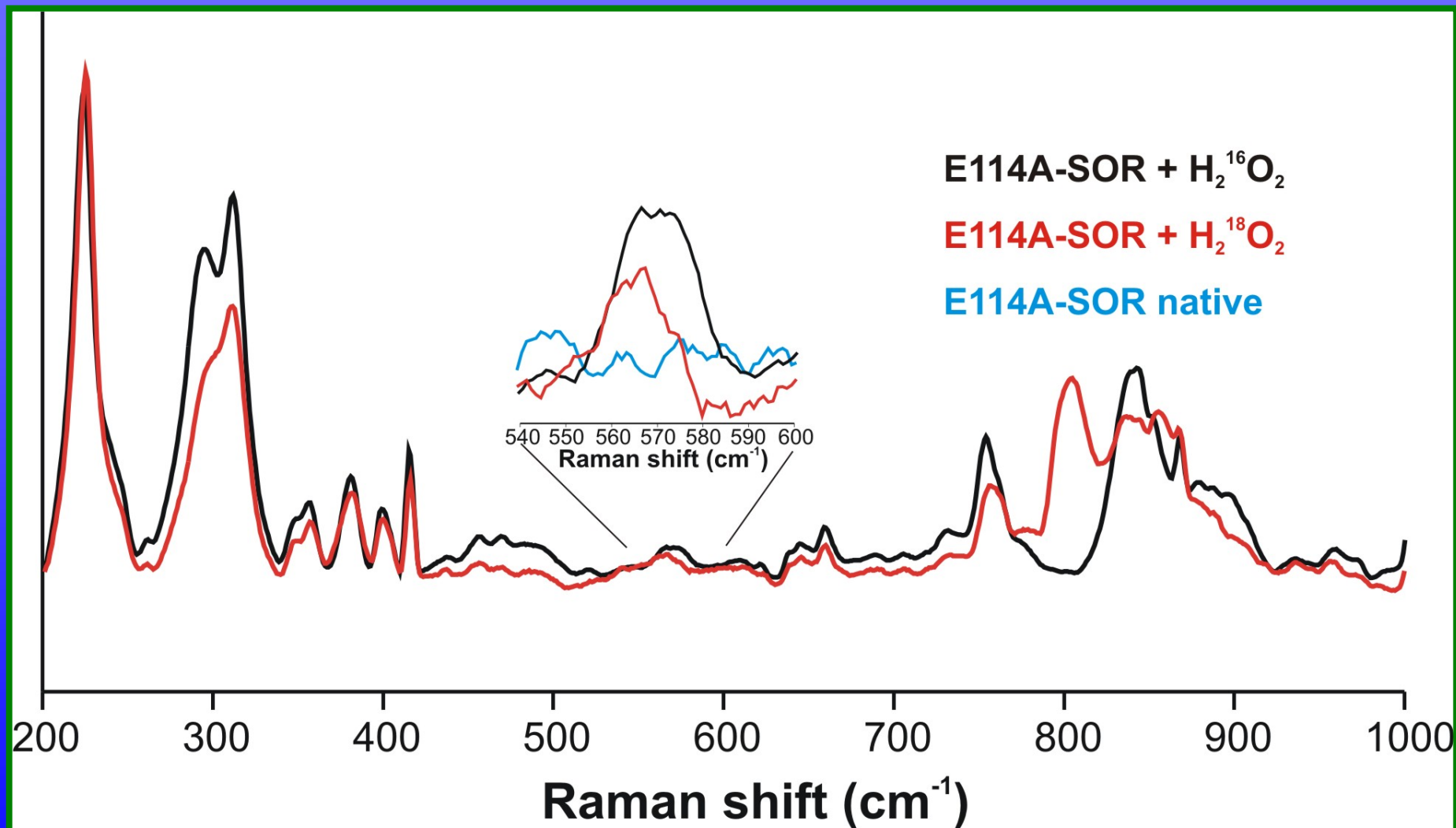
- ✚ *Limited crystallographic resolution (1.95 Å)*
- ✚ *Multiple observations in the asymmetric unit*
- ✚ *Can these be relevant intermediate species?*



In crystallo Raman Spectroscopy of SOR

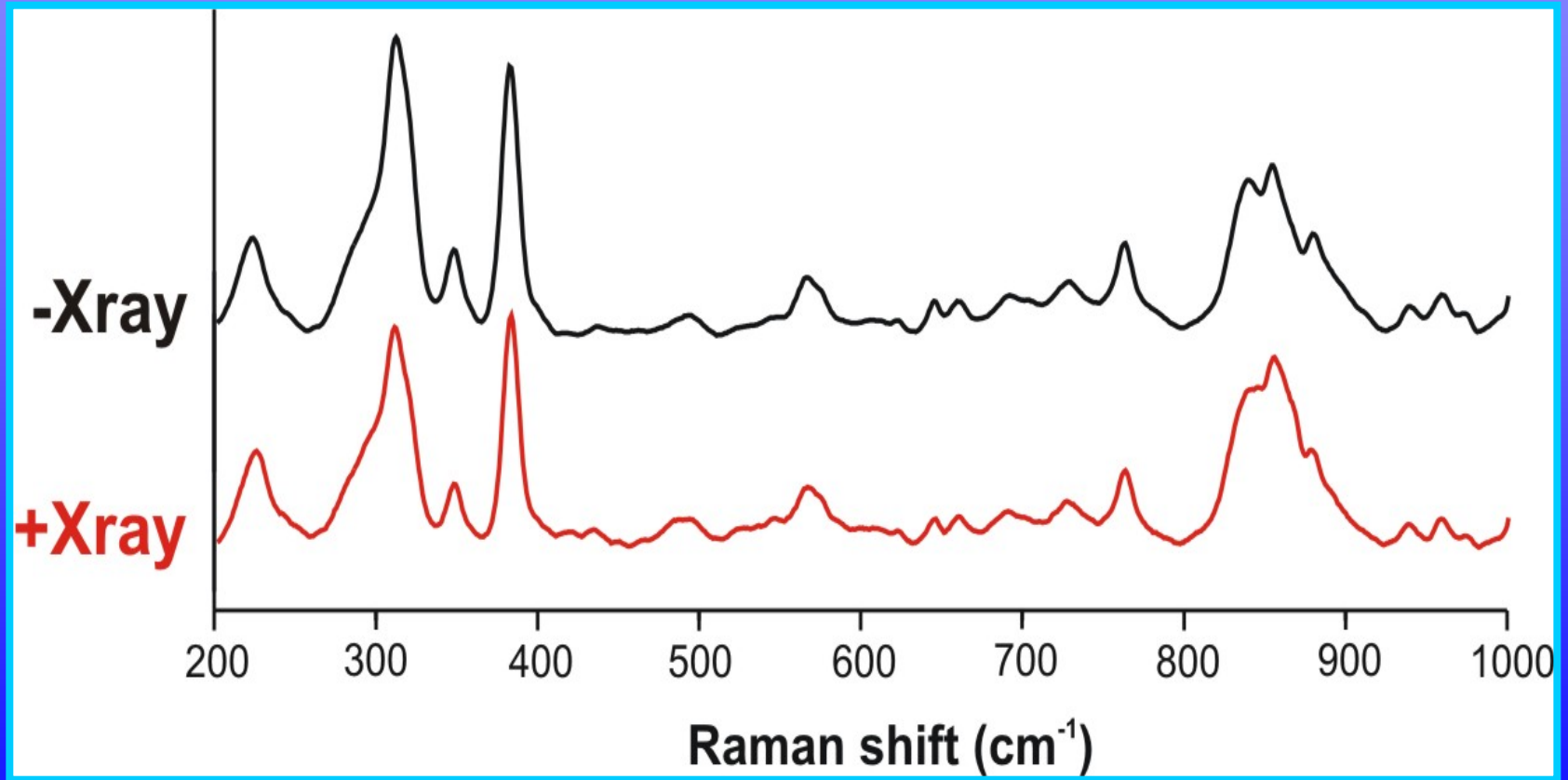


Comparison with solution state



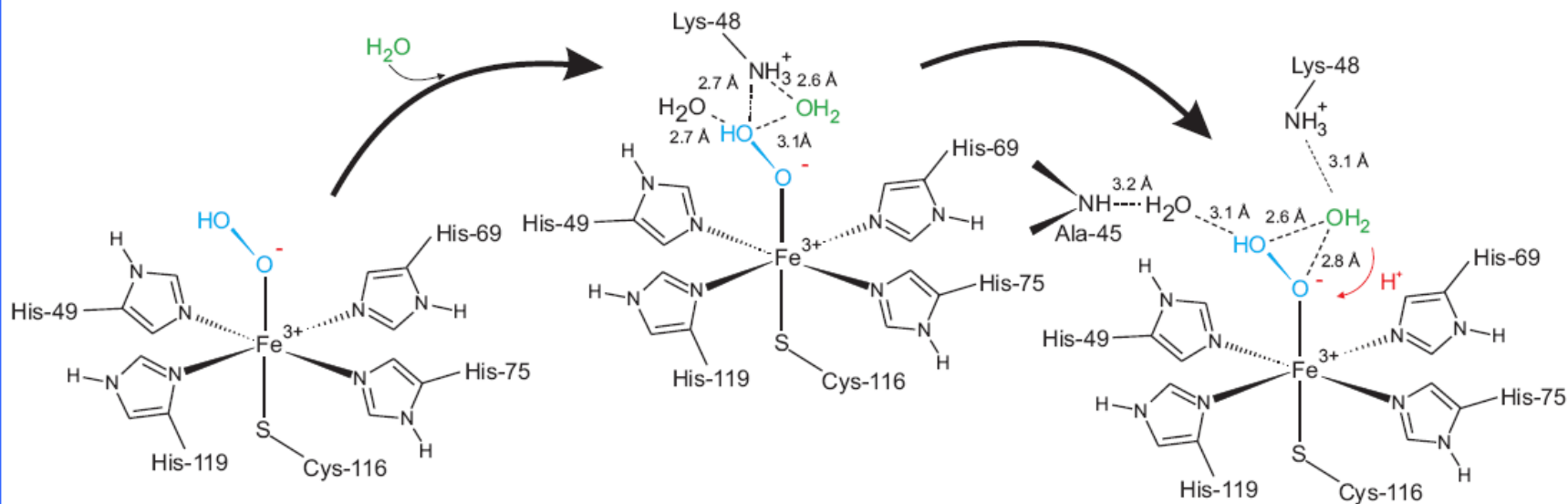
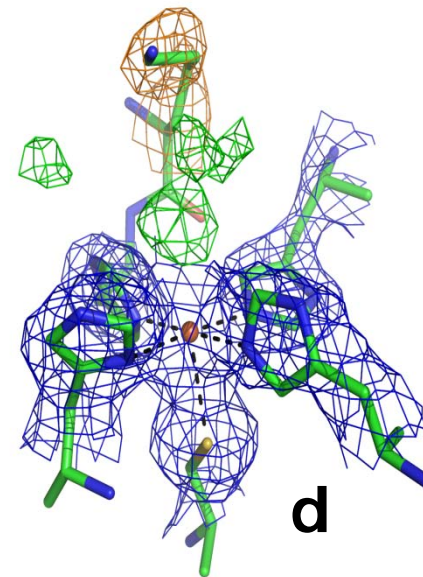
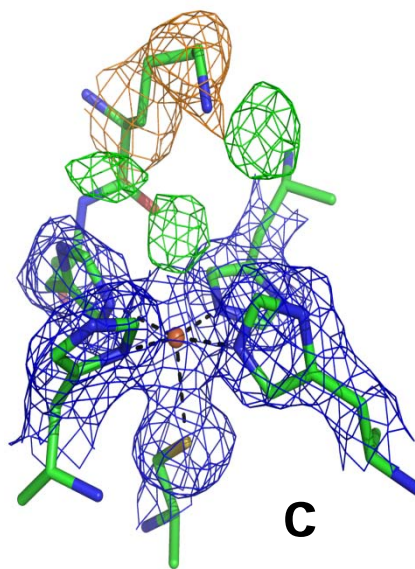
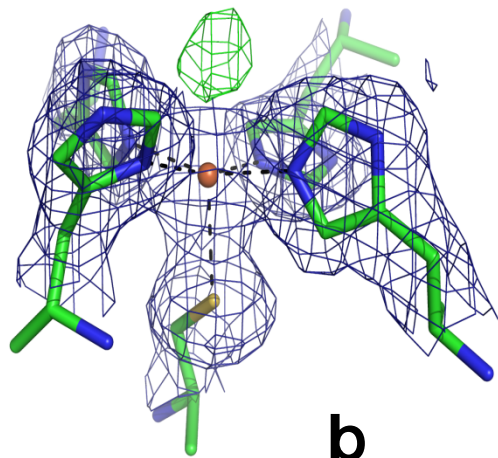
Radiation damage

- 3×10^5 Gy absorbed dose does not affect Raman peaks





Proposed mechanism ...



Take home message

- *Growing importance of complementary techniques*
- *In crystallo spectroscopy of particular interest for studies of protein mechanisms and dynamics*
- *Small “niche” in the MX field*
- *Projects are generally difficult and require dedicated efforts over long term.*

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