



# PLATON, New Options

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# Overview of this Presentation

- **PLATON** development started more than 25 years ago.
- Start of the talk with some historical notes.
- Recent additions to PLATON such as the analysis for **TWINNING** and the analysis of **Bijvoet pairs** will be introduced.
- Preliminary results of the new **Charge Flipping** algorithm for ab-initio structure determination will be shown.
- Some life **Demo's**

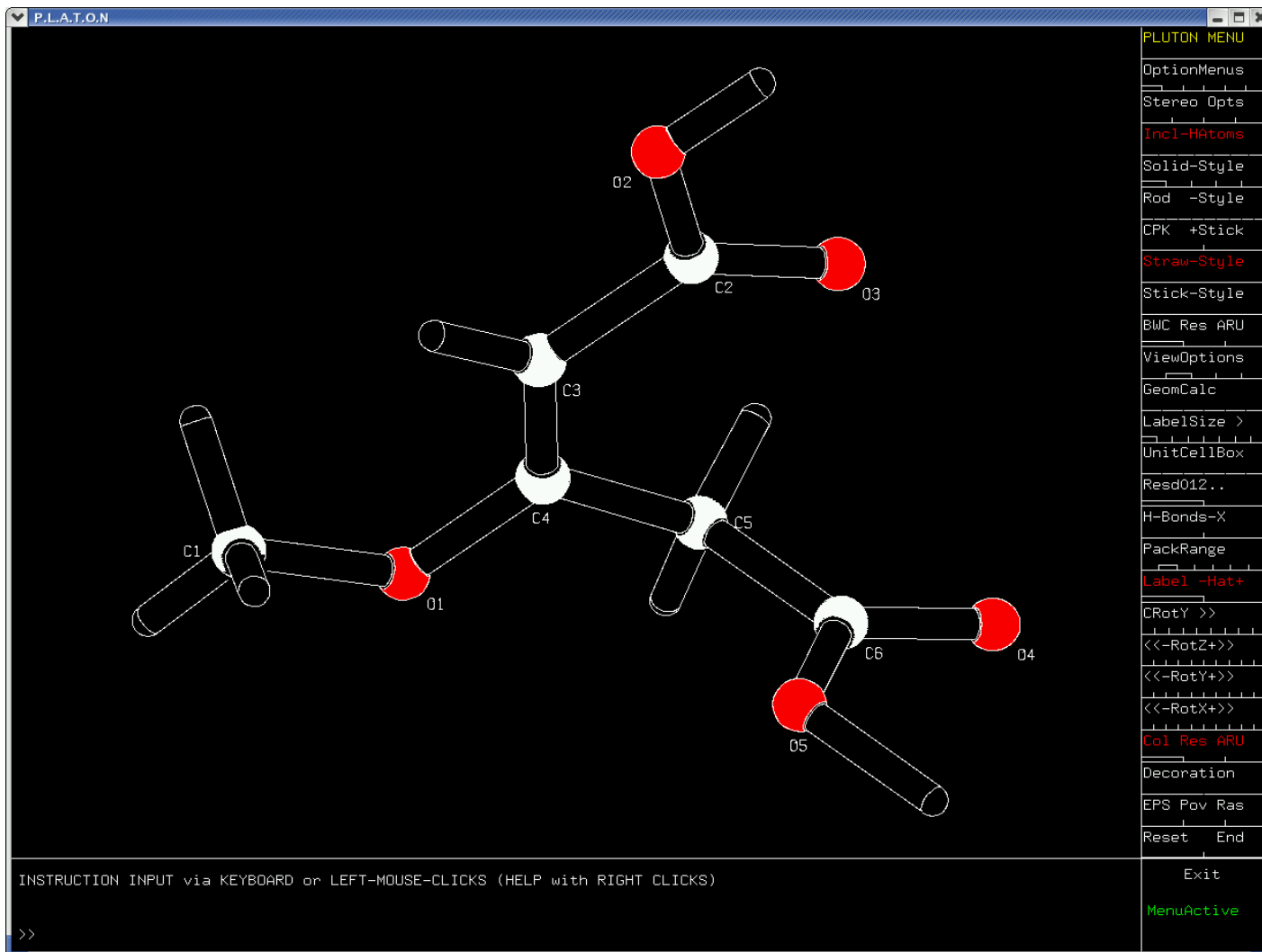
# PLATON BACKGROUND

- I started as a student in crystallography in the second half of the 1960<sup>th</sup>.
- As it happens, that was also the period of the first publication of the FFT algorithm by Cooley & Tukey.
- The relevance of FFT in the context of this talk will become clear later on.

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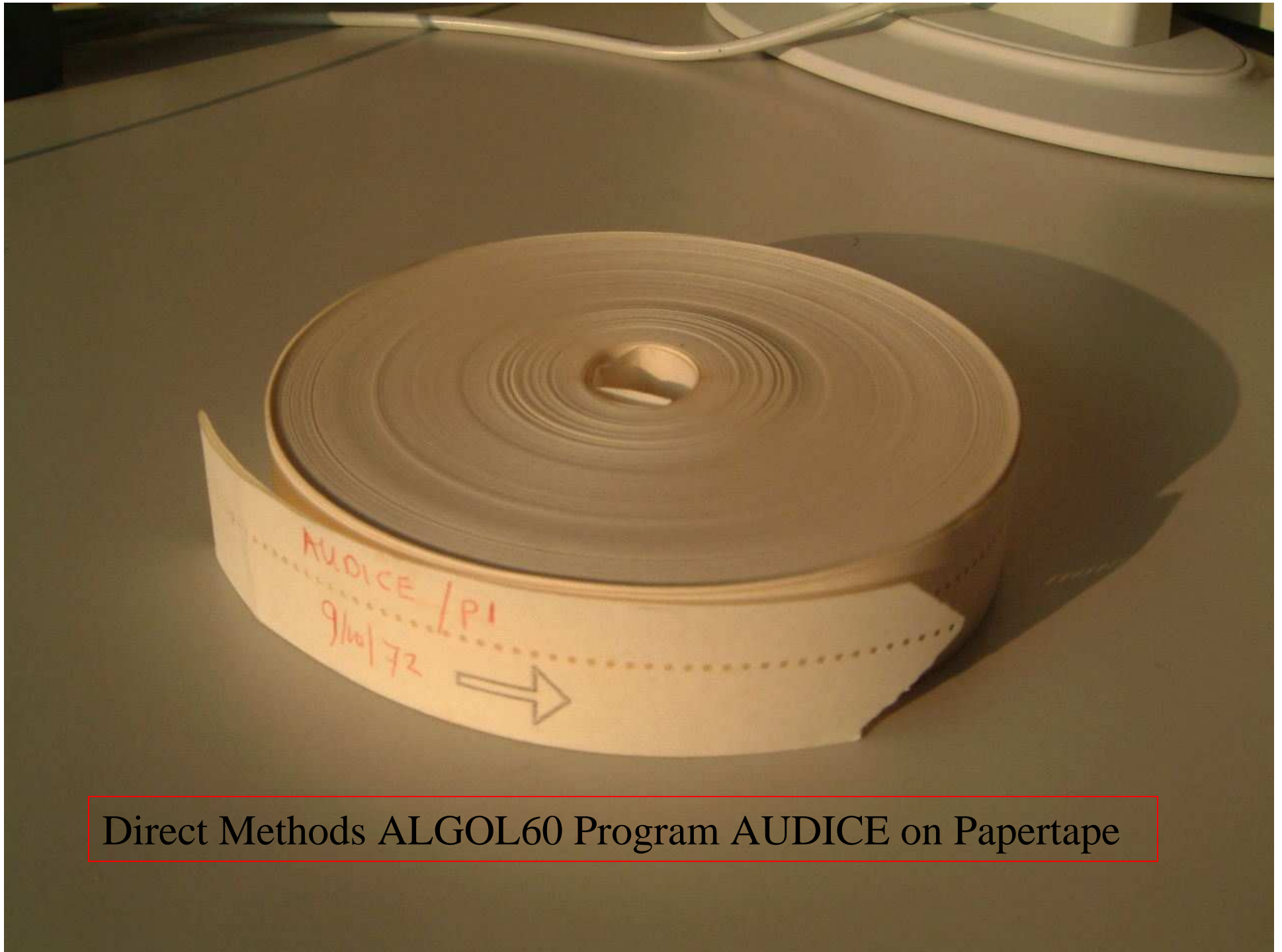
- As a student, I was given a small batch of colorless crystals of a compound **X** of unknown composition.
- The assignment was to find out what was in that sample using X-ray diffraction only.
- It took at that time about half a year to produce an interpretable Fourier map and solve the mystery structure.

# Puzzle Solved !



# PLATON BACKGROUND

- In order to arrive at a solution, a new Symbolic Addition Method program had to be created, **AUDICE**, written in **ALGOL-60**.
- It subsequently also solved other difficult structures in the lab.



Direct Methods ALGOL60 Program AUDICE on Papertape



~1966, Electrologica X8 ALGOL60 'Mainframe' (<1MHz)





Flexowriter for the creation and editing of programs and data

# PLATON BACKGROUND

- AUDICE was superseded by MULTAN and later by SHELXS, SIR and DIRDIF with the change of the central university computer to a CDC6400 + FORTRAN.
- Structure refinement moved via XRAY-72, XRAY-76, SHELX76 to the current SHELXL-97.
- Since 1980, virtually everything else needed for our national service was developed or incorporated as part of the PLATON package since around 1980.

# What is PLATON

- A Multipurpose Crystallographic Tool.
- Compatible with and Complementary to the SHELX & Bruker-AXS SHELXTL Software. (.res,.hkl,.cif,.fcf)
- ‘Semi Public domain’ (I.e. free-of-charge for academics, but with a License Fee for For Profit Organizations).
- Developed on UNIX/LINUX and available on MS-Windows & MAC-OSX Platforms.

# Multipurpose Crystallographic Tool

- Absorption Correction Tools  
(e.g. MULABS, TOMPA)
- Space Group Determination from Extinctions.
- ADDSYM - Check for Missed Symmetry.
- SQUEEZE – Disordered Solvent Handling..
- Geometry (Bonds, Angles, Rings etc.).
- Molecular Graphics (ORTEP, PLUTON, Contour)

# EXAMPLE ORTEP

- Input Shelx Style: sucrose.res
- (Alternatively: .cif,.pdb,.dat,.spf style)
- Automatic ORTEP style PLOT →

# PLATON

A Multipurpose Crystallographic Tool

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No Refl Data on sucrose.FCF or .hkl

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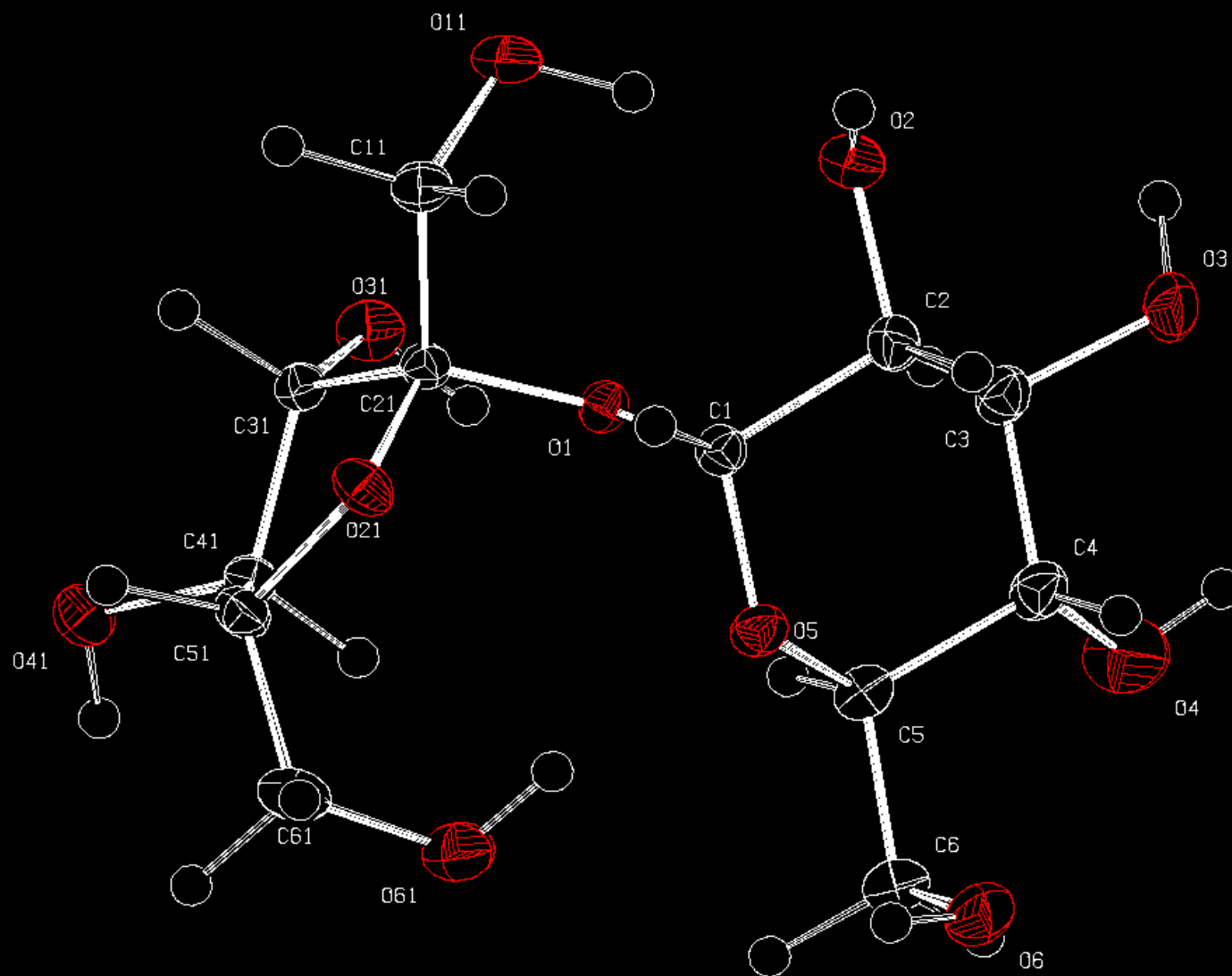
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# Multipurpose Crystallographic Tool – (continued)

- Generation of Powder Patterns (Coordinates, hkl)
- Structure Validation (part of IUCr CHECKCIF).
- Analysis of Fo/Fc data including Bijvoet Pairs for absolute structure determination.
- Analysis of (Pseudo) Merohedral Twinning.
- System-S, Automated Structure Determination.



# System S

- Automatic structure determination  
(Space group determination, structure solution, refinement and analysis)
- Build-in in PLATON (Unix version only)
- Calls external programs (including itself) for various functions (e.g. SHELXS, SIR).
- Program runs in either *guided* or *no-questions-asked* mode.
- **LIFE DEMO for ‘mystery structure’ X**

## S Y S T E M - S

Status = Reflne for x From tm/sg/pn/ = 02/002/011 - SHELXL WEIGHT

Elem C H O  
 Form 12 14 10  
 Unlt 12 14 10  
 Cont 12 14 10

## StrDetStage DETAILS

SpaceGroup P-1

Z 1

AbsCorrMetd

PhasingMetd SHELXS86

Add H-Atoms HDIF

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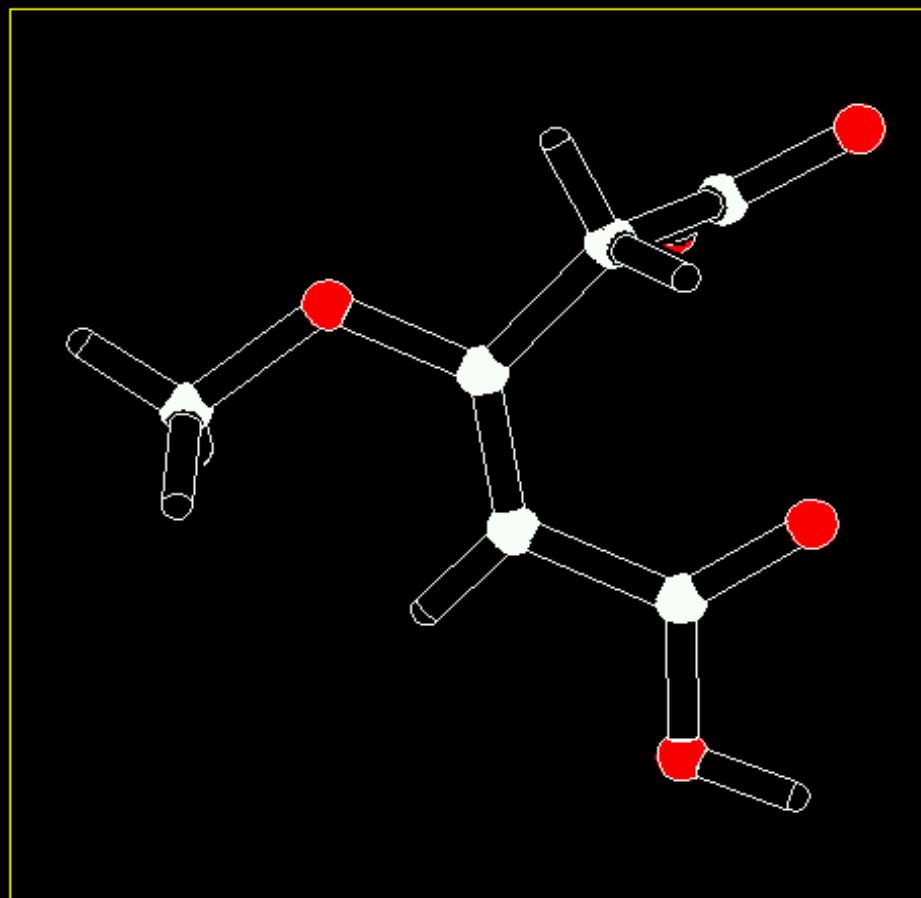
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TwinRotMat

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# Twinning

- Twinning results in overlap of reflections with different hkl indices.
- Twinning can be detected in some cases during the data collection experiment
- Cases of (Pseudo) Merohedral twinning are generally detected during the structure determination

# (Pseudo)Merohedral Twinning

- Options to handle twinning in L.S. refinement available in SHELXL, CRYSTALS etc.
- Problem: Determination of the Twin Law that is in effect.
- Partial solution: coset decomposition, try all possibilities (I.e. all symmetry operations of the lattice but not of the structure)
- **ROTAX** (S.Parson et al. (2002) J. Appl. Cryst., 35, 168. (Based on the analysis of poorly fitting reflections of the type  $F(\text{obs}) \gg F(\text{calc})$  )
- **TwinRotMat** Automatic Twinning Analysis as implemented in PLATON (Based on a similar analysis but implemented differently)

# Example

- Structure refined to  $R = 20\%$  in P-3
- Run TwinRotMat on CIF/FCF
- Result: Twinlaw with estimate of the twinning fraction and drop in R-value

# TwlnRotMat

Analysis of Fo/Fc Data for Unaccounted (Non)Merohedral Twinning for: twln

Cell: 0.71073 20.983 20.983 7.644 90.00 90.00 120.00 Spgr: P-3  
 Criteria: DeltaI/SigmaI .GT. 16.0, DeltaTheta 0.10 Deg., NselMin = 50  
 N(refl) = 4445, N(selected) = 50, IndMax = 25, CrItI = 0.3, CrItT = 0.10

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2-axls ( 0 0 1 ) [ 0 0 1 ], Angle ( ) [ ] = 0.00 Deg, Freq = 47 ( -1.000 0.000 0.000 ) (h1) (h2) Nr Overlap = 4445 ( 0.000 -1.000 0.000 ) * (k1) = (k2) BASF = 0.54 ( 0.000 0.000 1.000 ) (l1) = (l2) DEL-R = -0.107	1
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twln R = 0.20	

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# PlotTwinLat

### Twin Matrix

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-1.000  0.000  0.000
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 0.000  0.000  1.000

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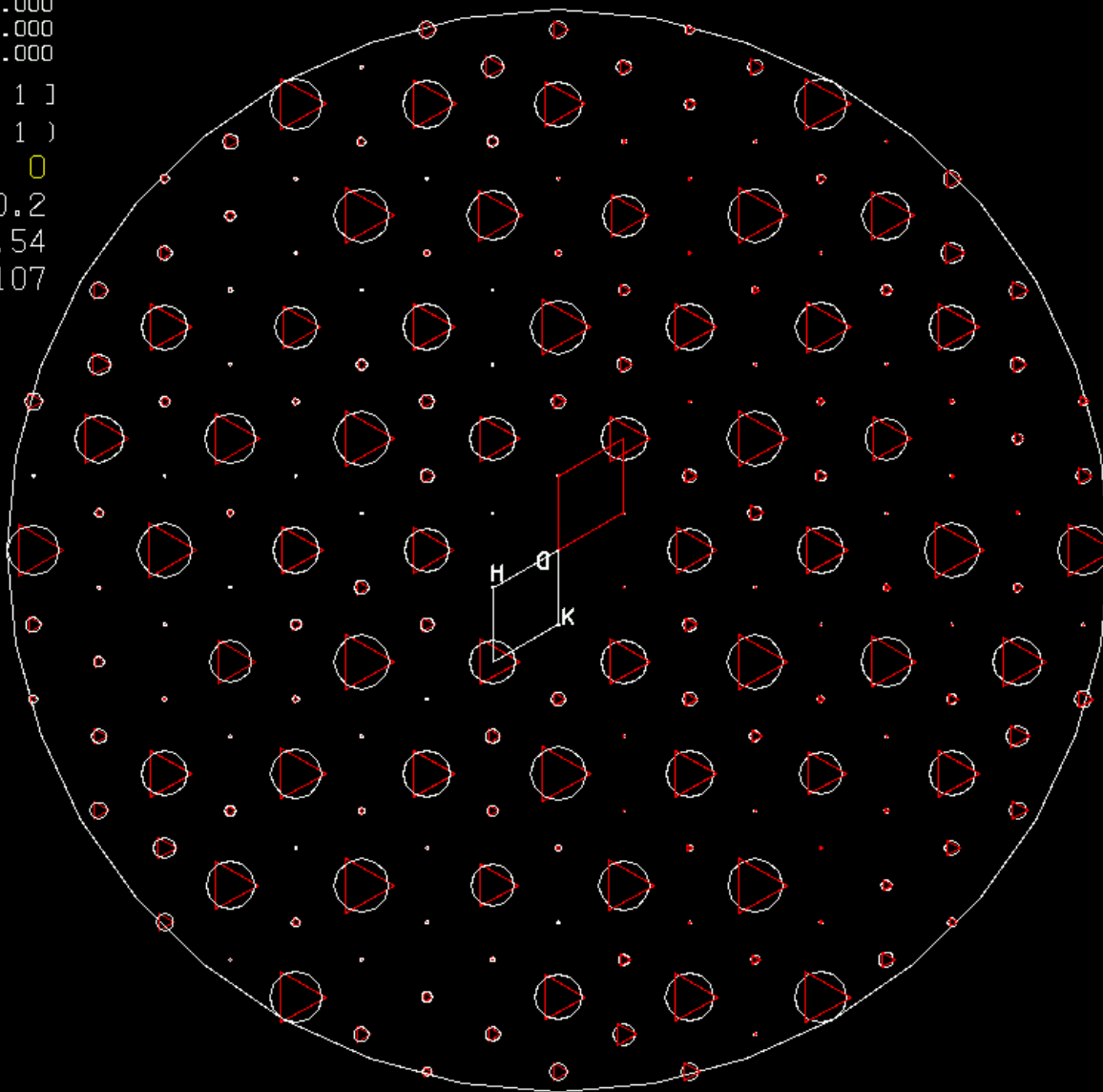
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BASF = 0.54

DRVAL = -0.107



twin

R = 0.20

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b 20.98  
c 7.64  
alpha 90.00  
beta 90.00  
gamma 120.00

### TwRoMt MENU

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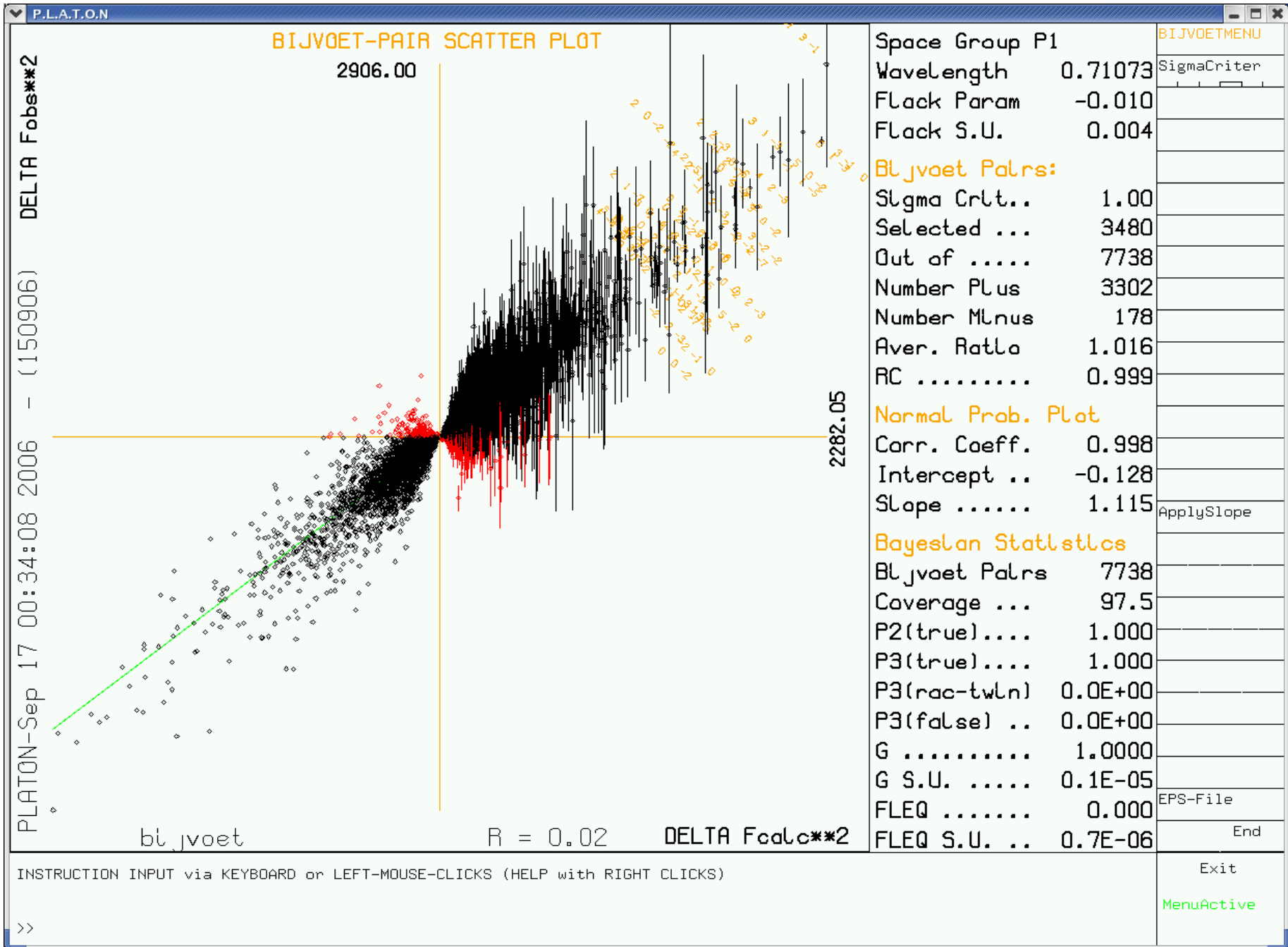
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# Absolute Structure

- The absolute structure of a compound is normally determined with the refinement of the Flack parameter.
- The value of the Flack parameter can be inconclusive in view of a high  $s_u$ .
- A detailed scatter-plot may be more conclusive.





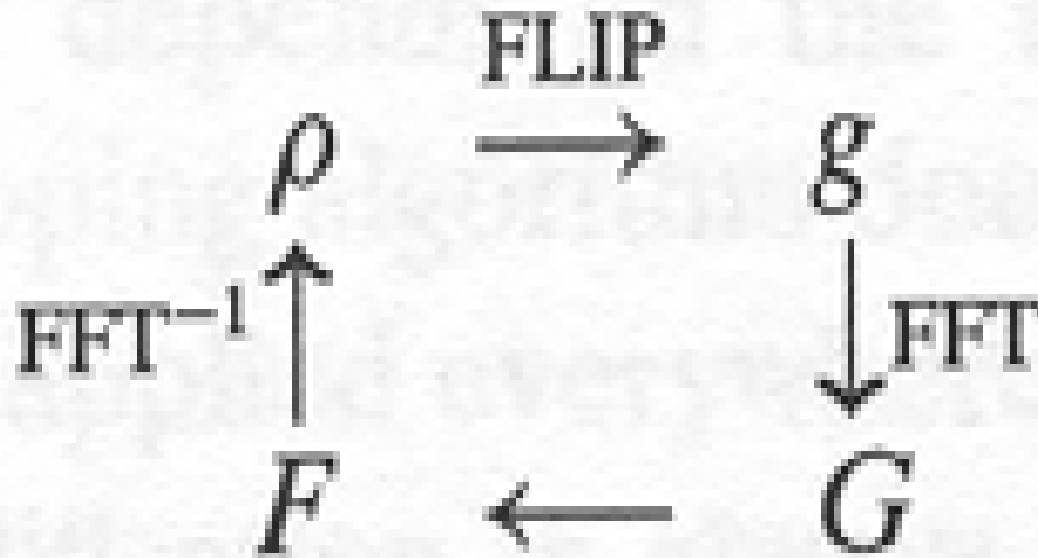
# New: Charge Flipping

- *Ab Initio structure solution by charge flipping*
- See G.Oszlanyi & A. Suto, (2004). Acta Cryst. A60,134.
- The approach does not use Direct or Patterson methods to solve structures, just number crunching via FFT transforms.

# Procedure

- Expand the reflection set to P1 from the assumed Laue symmetry.
- Assign random starting phases to all reflections.
- Calculate a Fourier map. Change sign of all density below a given level. Do a back-Fourier transformation to get calculated structure factors. Assign the calculated phases to the observed data. Recycle to convergence.
- After convergence: Interpret the map in terms of atom types and determine the correct symmetry.

# Procedure



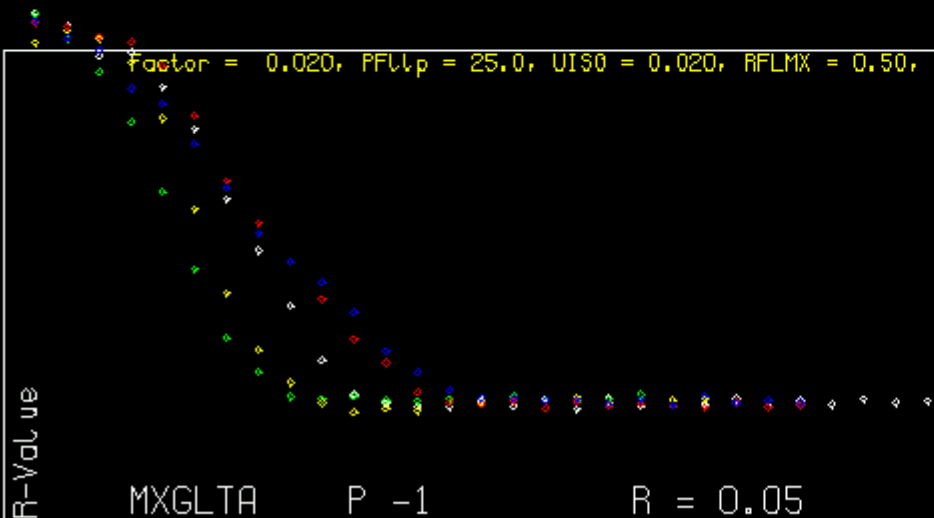
# Applications

- Structure determination of powders.
- Structure determination of incommensurate structures.
- Routine structure determinations.  
(Preliminary implementation of the algorithm in PLATON with a routine named FLIPPER).
- **LIFE DEMO for Structure X →**

# Charge Flipping Ab Initio Structure Solution

Ntry	Loop	(max)	Delta	Rho(mln)	Rho(max)	F000	Rvalue	DeltaR	Rxor	Spgr
1	29	(50)	0.405	-2.497	20.251	154	0.246	-0.001	0.607	
2	20	(50)	0.411	-2.630	20.544	150	0.254	-0.005	0.480	u c P
3	22	(50)	0.410	-2.434	20.522	150	0.249	0.000	0.576	
4	25	(50)	0.398	-2.529	19.901	149	0.242	-0.002	0.447	P-1
5	25	(50)	0.411	-2.458	20.530	151	0.245	0.003	0.369	P-1

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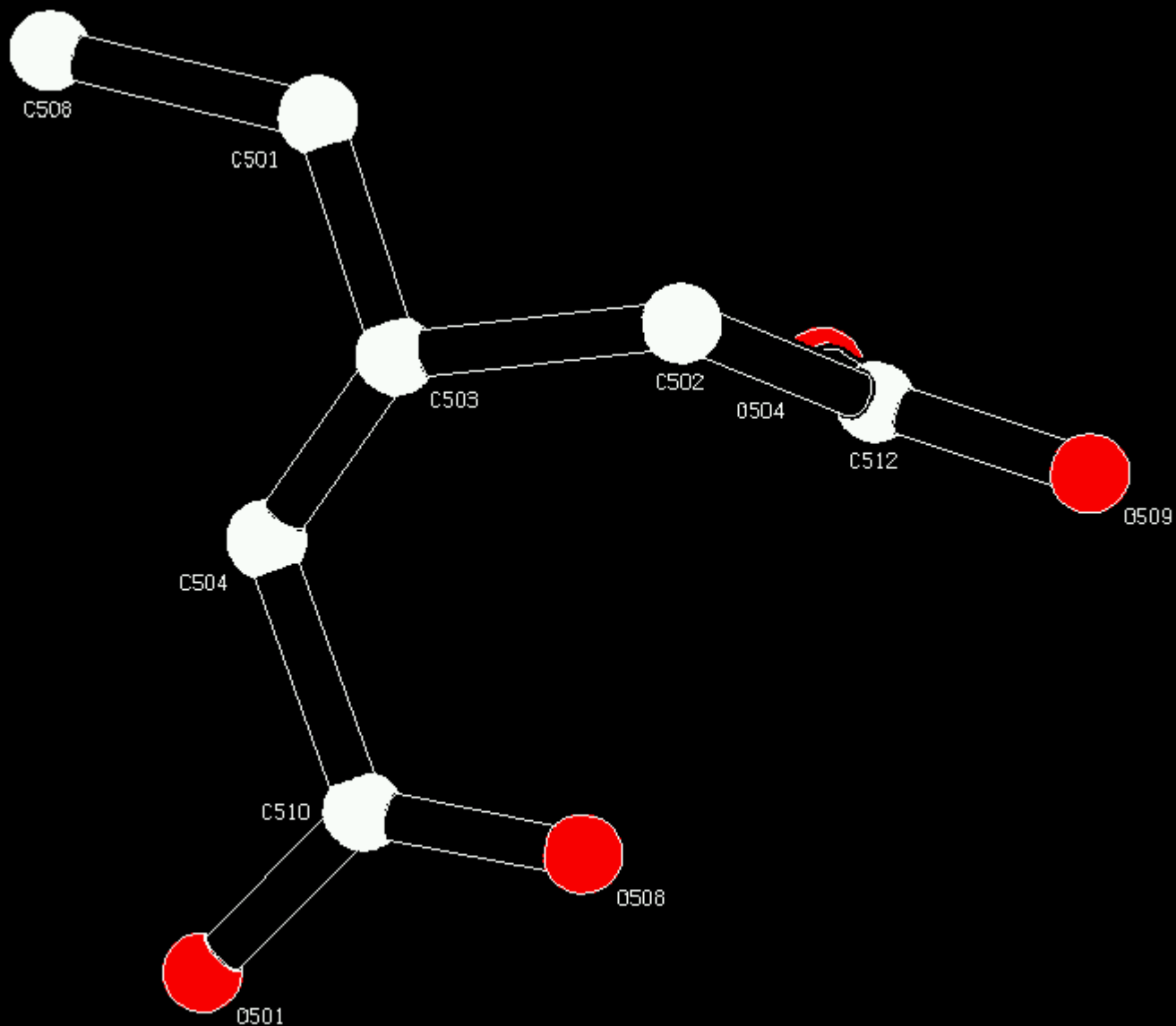
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# Conclusions

- Charge Flipping solves structures ab-initio !
- Very limited a-priori info on the structure is needed and no a-priori choice of space-group is required.
- Theoretical background is limited.
- Room for improvement and extension of the algorithm.
- Comparison of the applicability with alternative techniques still limited.



# Thanks

Info: [www.cryst.chem.uu/platon](http://www.cryst.chem.uu/platon)

Thanks to users for:

- Complaints
- Bug reports ('undocumented features ..')
- Suggestions for extensions
- And **you** for your attention

