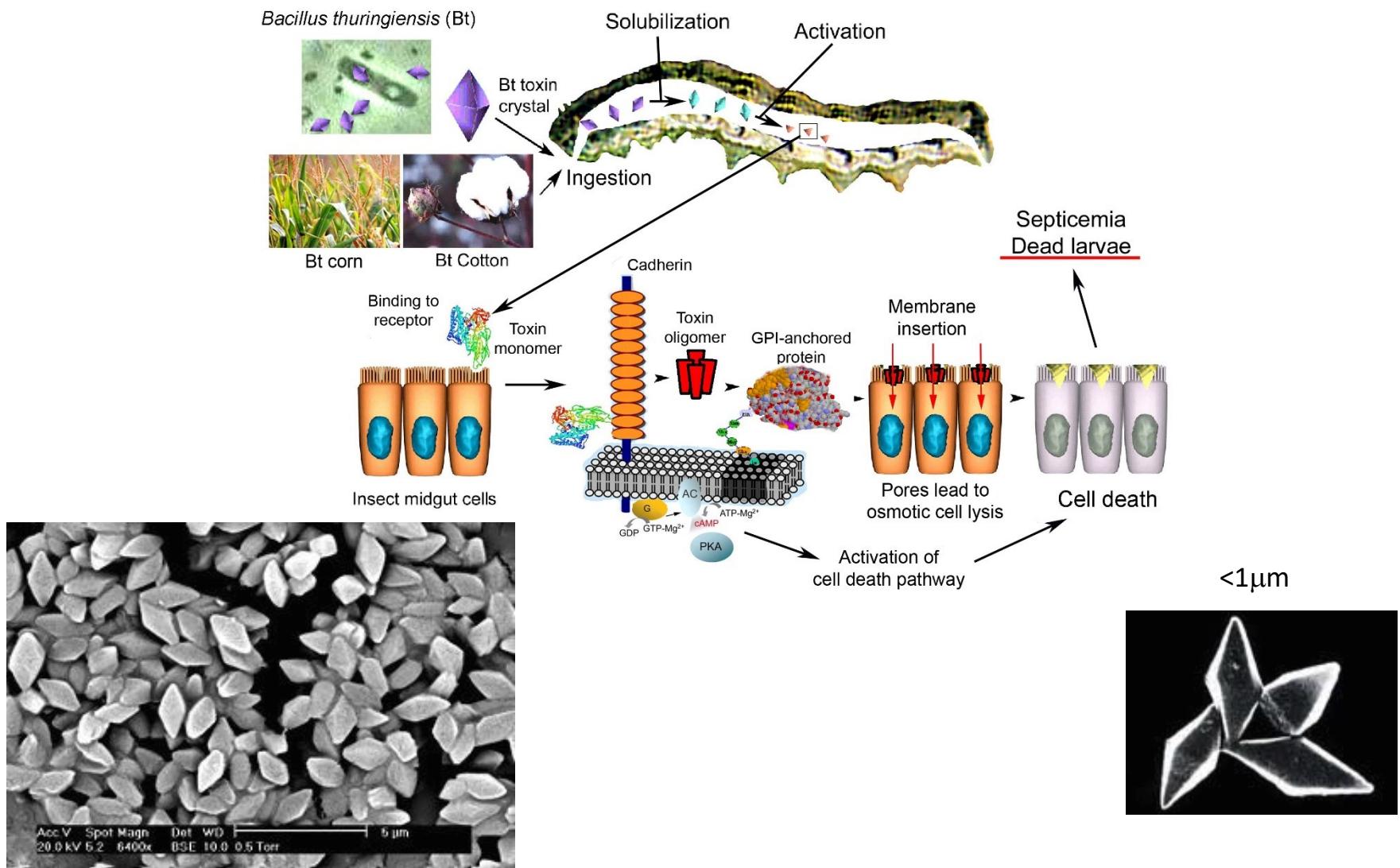


# Proteine ricombinanti per studi strutturali: cristallizzazione

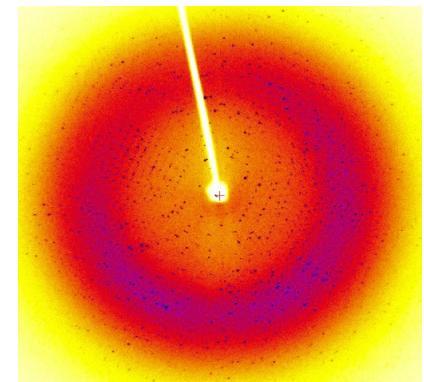
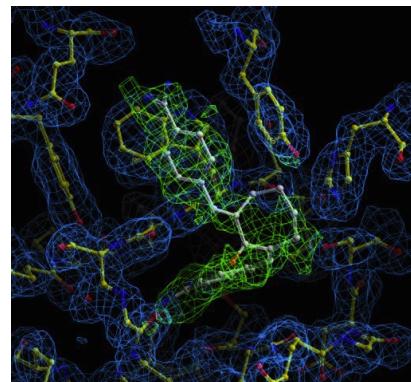
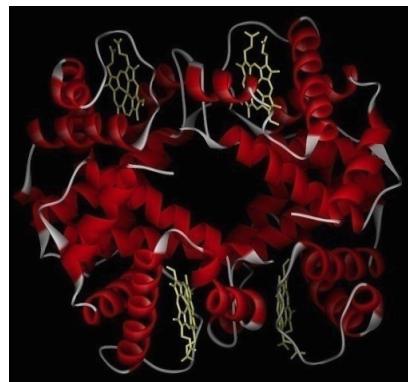
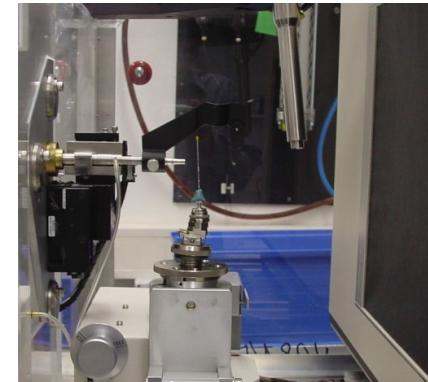
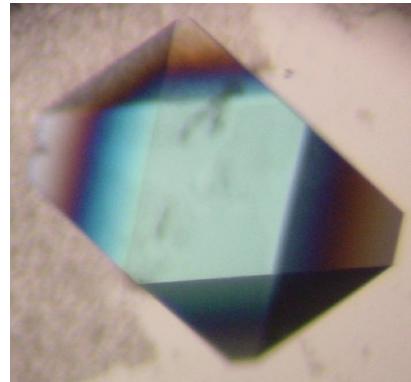
# Cristallizzazione:

## Cristalli in natura



# Cristallizzazione:

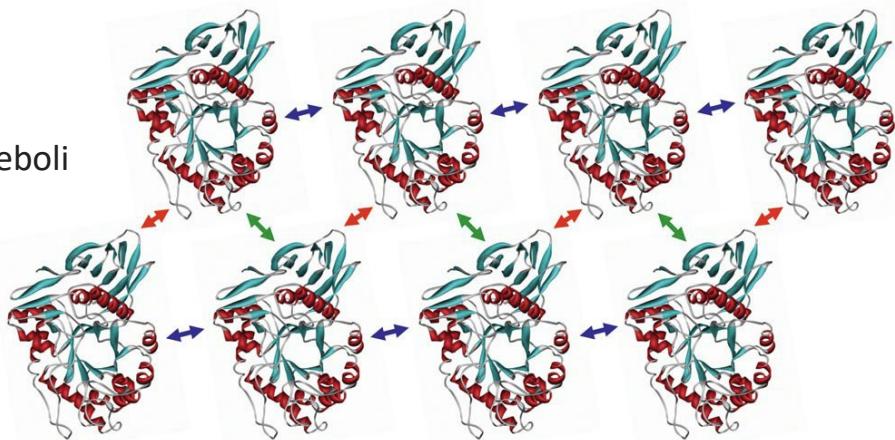
Fasi per risolvere una struttura cristallografica:



# Cristallizzazione:

## Caratteristiche dei cristalli

- in media composti da circa il 50% di solvente
- numero relativamente piccolo di legami intermolecolari deboli



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## Parametri chimico-fisici

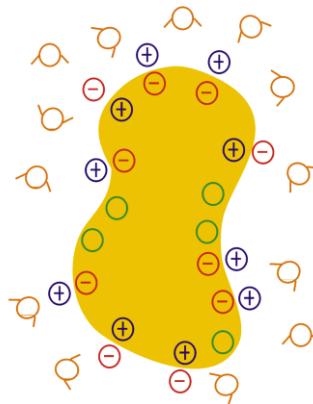
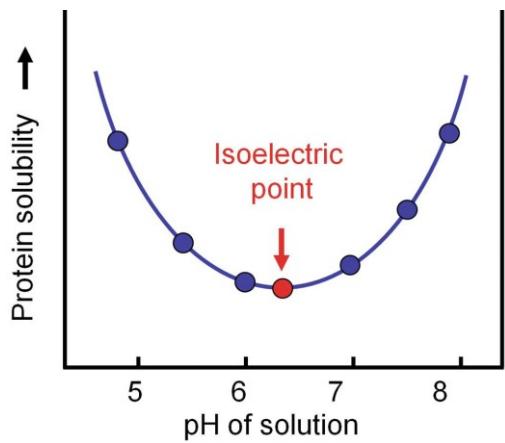
## Parametri biologici/microeterogeneità

# Cristallizzazione:

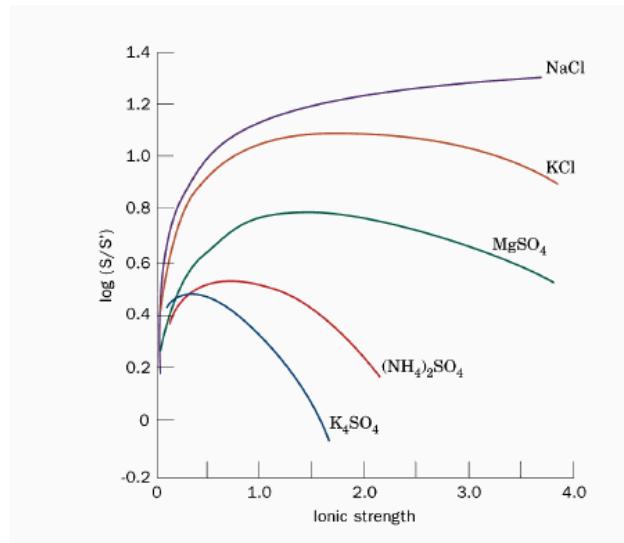
## Solubilità delle proteine

dipende da

- T
- Costante dielettrica del mezzo
- pH

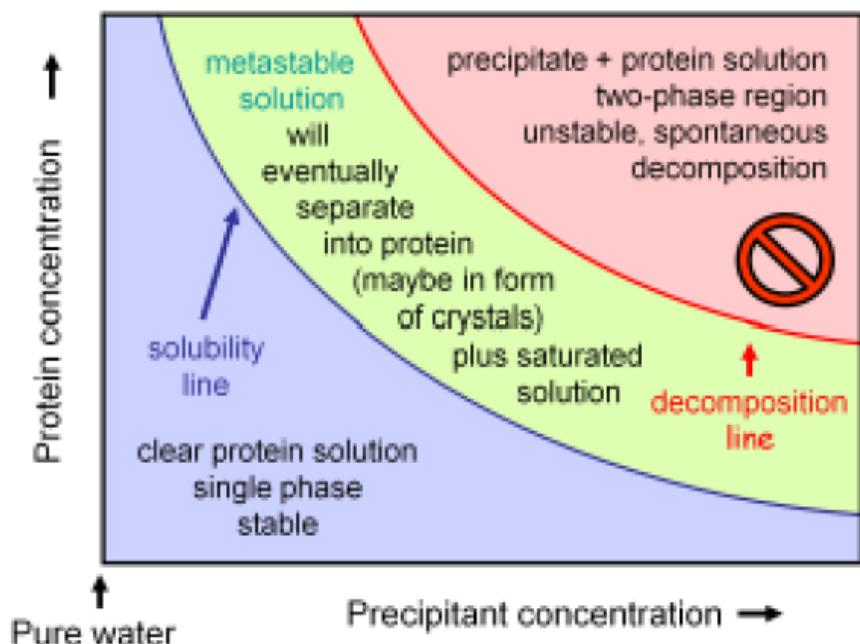
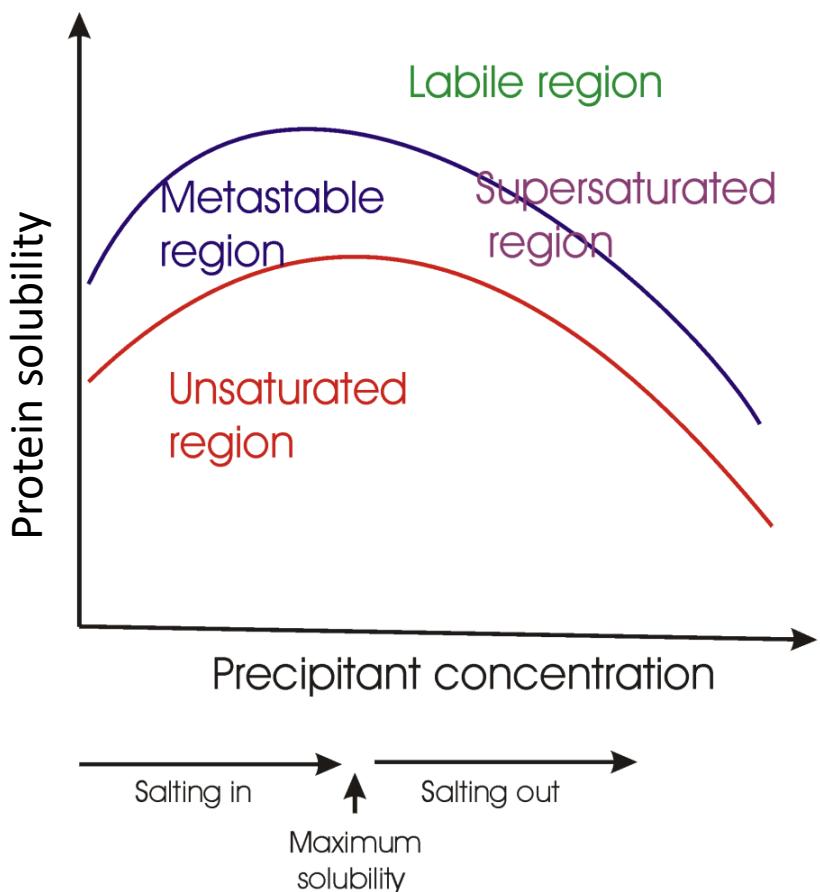


- Forza ionica ( $I = \frac{1}{2} \sum z_i^2 c_i$ )



# Cristallizzazione:

## Diagramma di fase della Solubilità

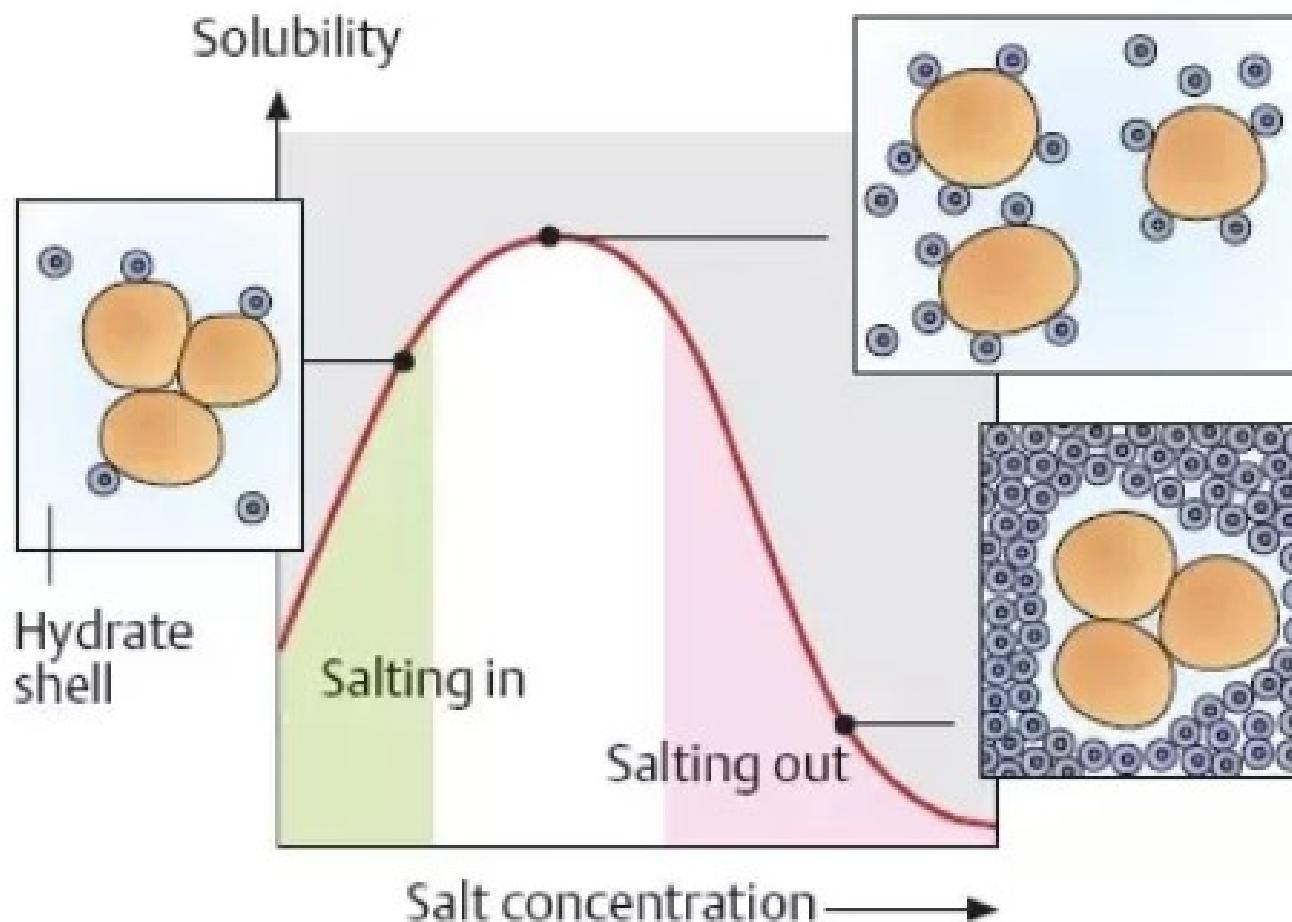


# Cristallizzazione:

## Solubilità e forza ionica

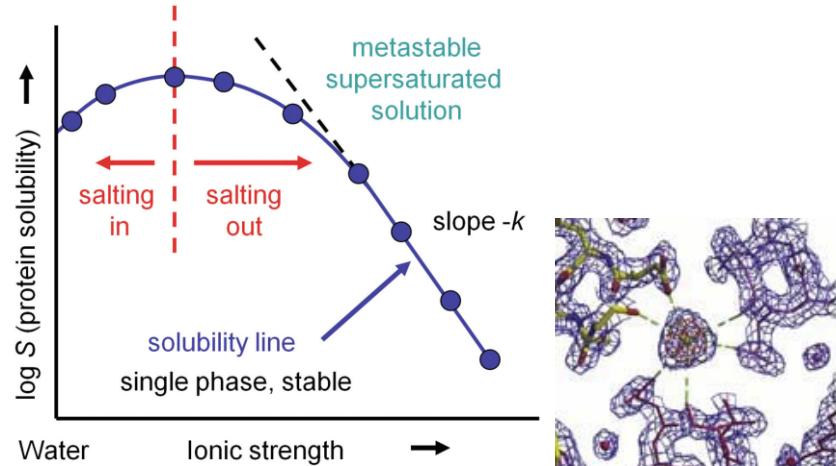
**Salting in** (bassa solubilità a bassa forza ionica)

**Salting out** (bassa solubilità ad alta forza ionica)



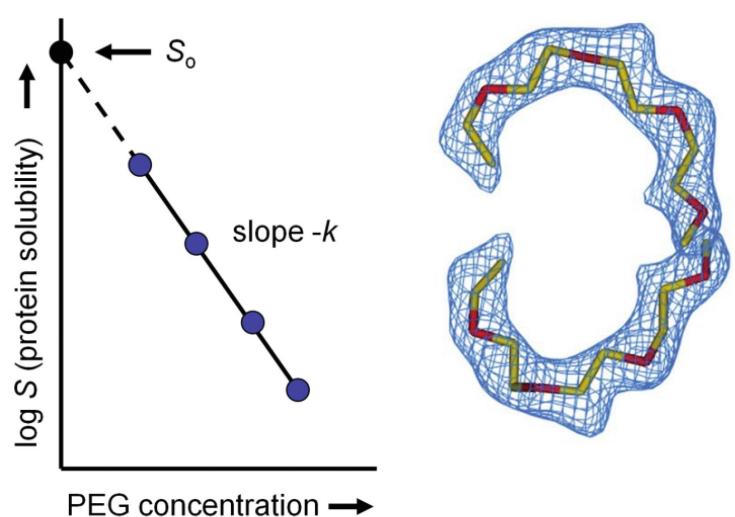
# Cristallizzazione:

## Retta di Solubilità



$$\log(S) = \log(S_0) + kI$$

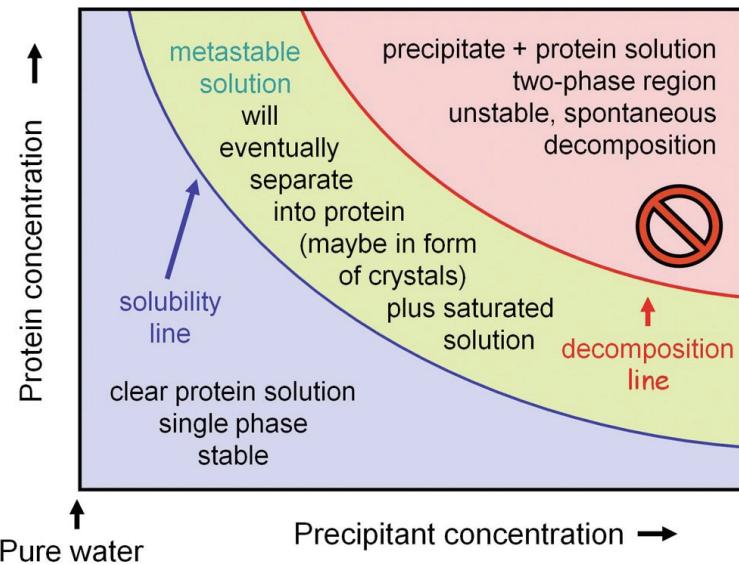
$k$  specifico per il sistema solvente-soluto  
*I forza ionica*



$$\log(S) = \log(S_0) + k[\text{PEG}]$$

# Cristallizzazione:

## Diagramma di fase: zona metastabile



limiti della zona metastabile definiti dalla condizione di stabilità:

$$(\delta^2 \bar{G} / \delta x^2) > 0$$

$\bar{G}$  = energia molare media di Gibbs

x = frazione molare della proteina

$$\text{curvatura di } \bar{G} < 0$$

soluzione altamente sovrassatura instabile (decomposizione).

## Metodi:

- aggiunta di un precipitante,
- scambio di solvente mediante dialisi,
- diffusione dell'interfaccia libera,
- variazione del pH

# Cristallizzazione:

## Driving forces

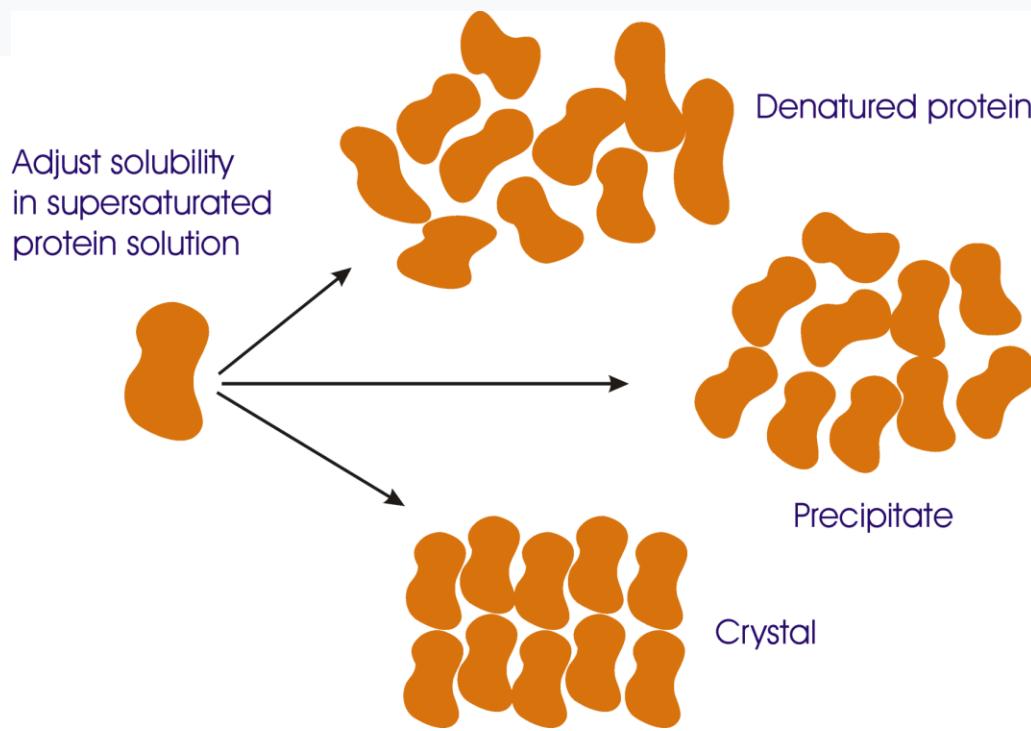
Una proteina è stabile in soluzione quando sono presenti interazioni nette con il solvente

Energia libera di solvatazione

$$\Delta G_s = \Delta H_s - T\Delta S_s$$

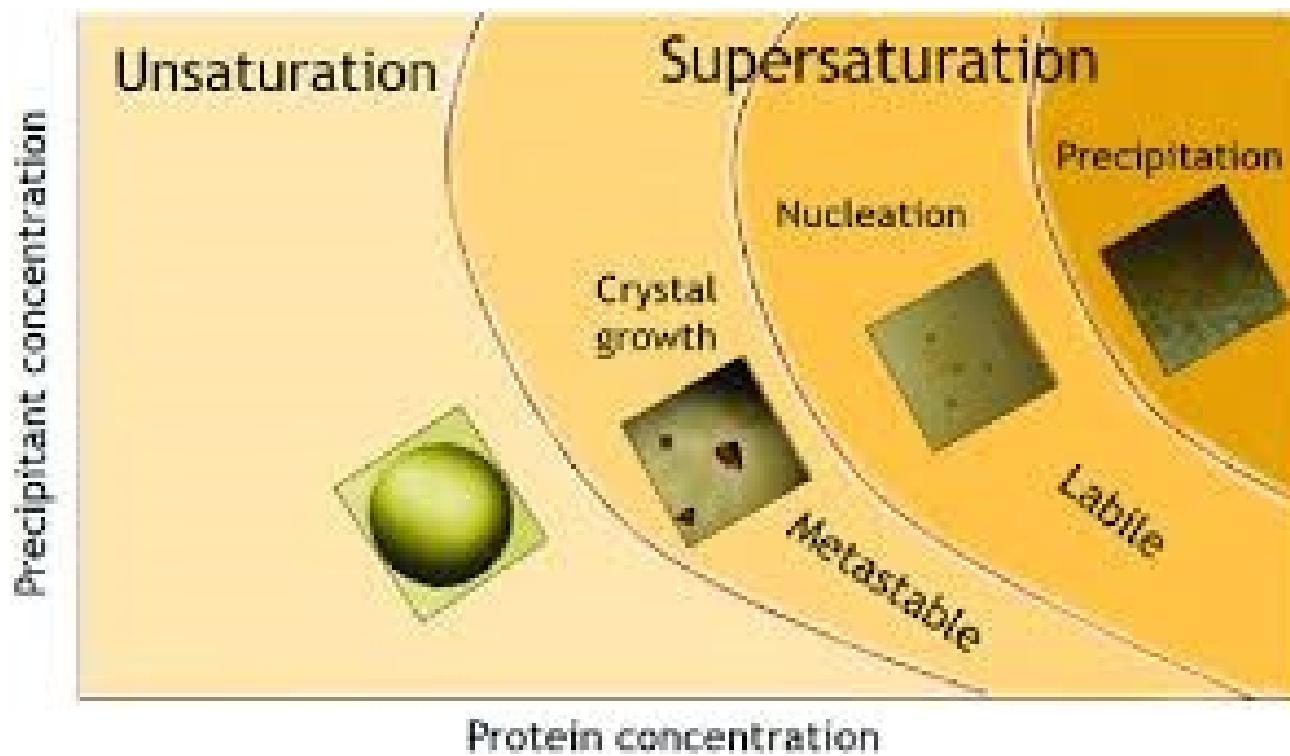
Energia libera di cristallizzazione

$$\Delta G_c = \Delta H_c - T(\Delta S_{protein} - \Delta S_{solvent})$$



# Cristallizzazione:

## Fasi



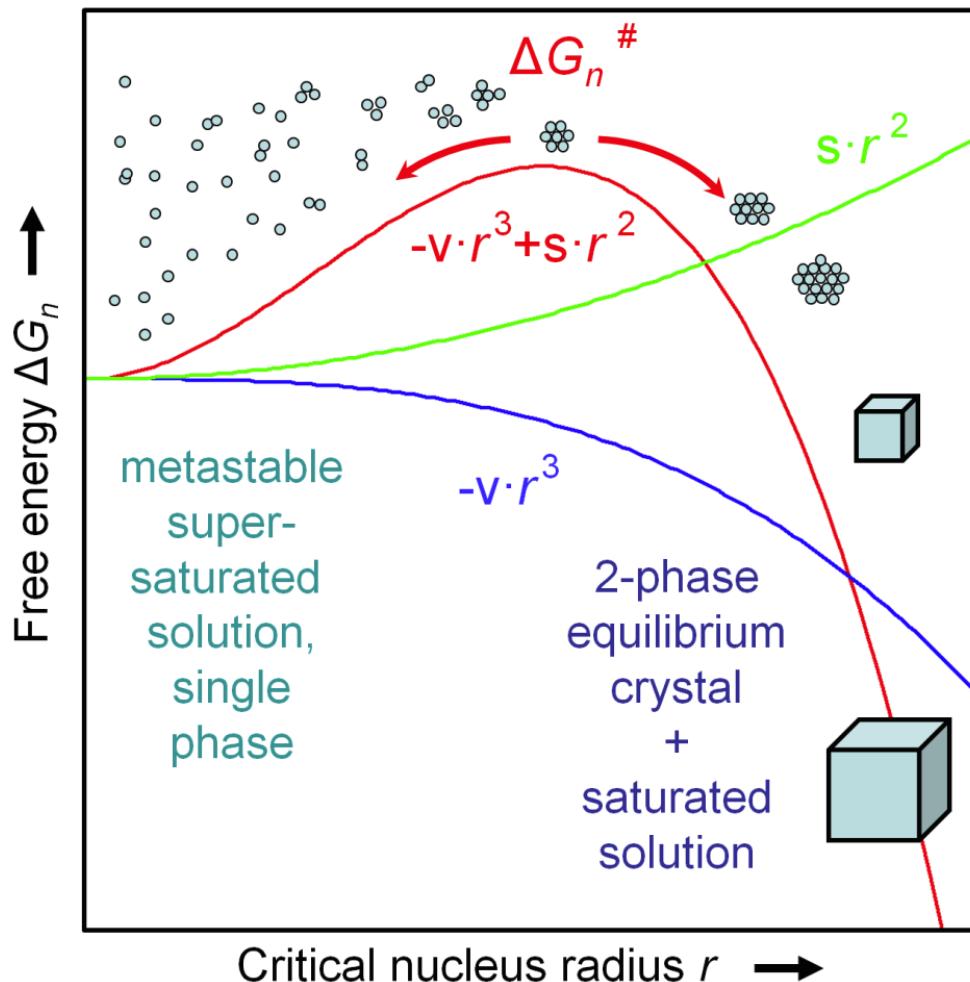
## Cristallizzazione: Energia di Nucleazione

Dipende dal raggio critico di nucleazione  $r$

**equazione di Gibbs-Thompson:**

$$\Delta G_n^\# = -4/3 \pi r^3 kT \ln \beta + 4\pi r^2 \gamma$$

$\beta = C / C_s$  è il coefficiente di supersaturazione  
 $C_s$  concentrazione massima all'equilibrio  
 $C$  concentrazione effettiva della soluzione  
 supersatura  
 $\gamma$  aumento dell'energia dell'interfaccia libera



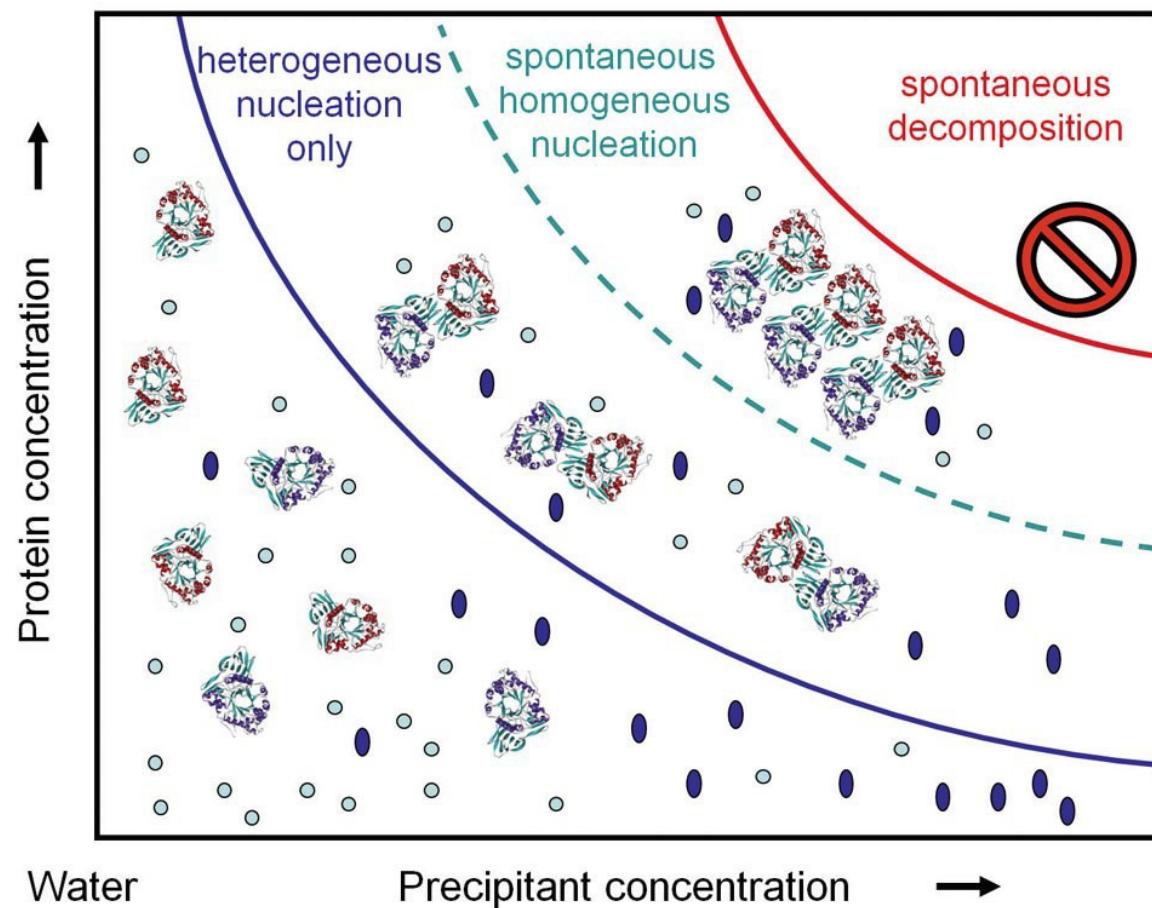
Per una data sovrassaturazione ed energia superficiale, raggio critico se  $\delta G / \delta r = 0$  (picco curva rossa)

# Cristallizzazione:

## Nucleazione

zone di nucleazione in un diagramma di fase

stable → ← metastable → ← unstable

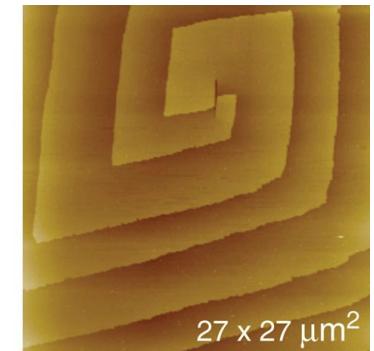
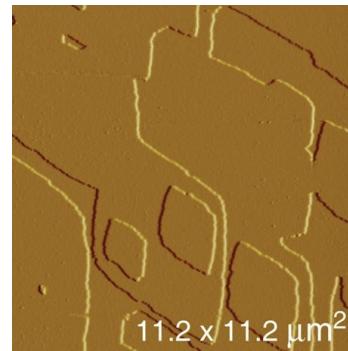


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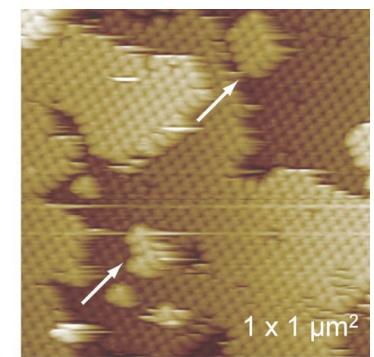
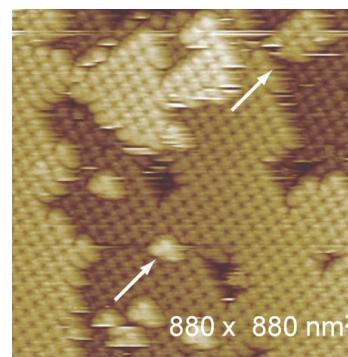
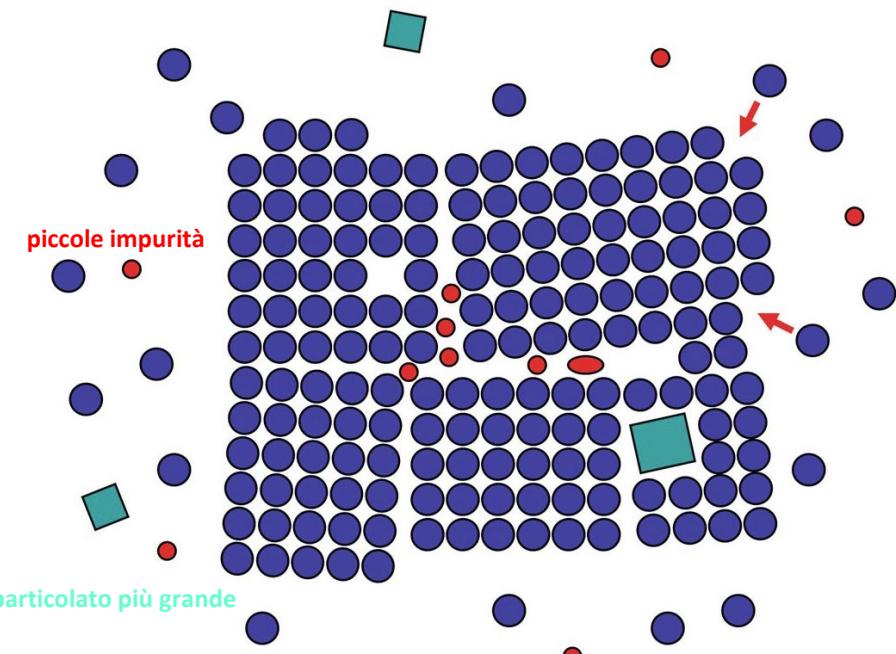
## Crescita

Immagini AFM:

superficie di cristalli di glucosio isomerasi:  
modelli di crescita a isola e a spirale (più comuni)



nuclei 2D sulla superficie di cristalli di citomegalovirus:  
crescita di un strato

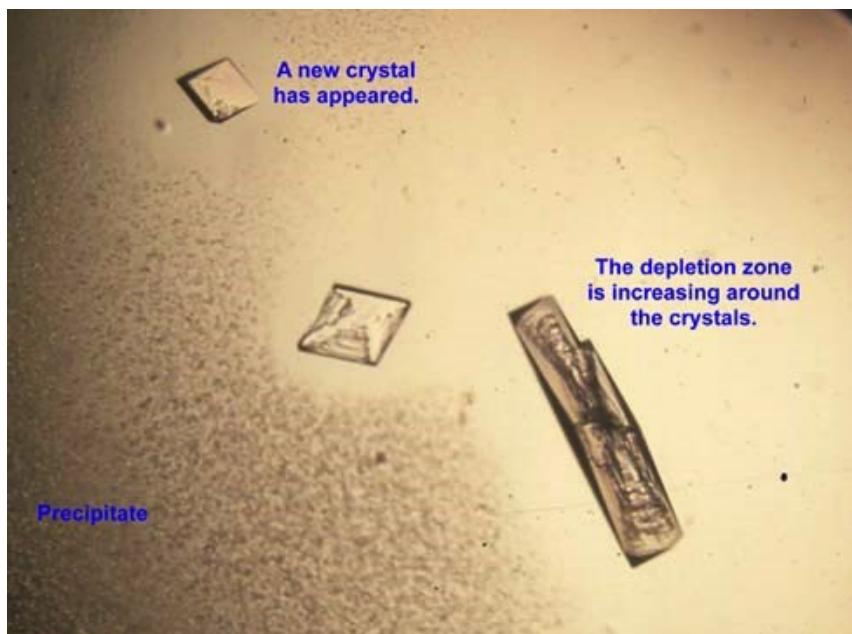
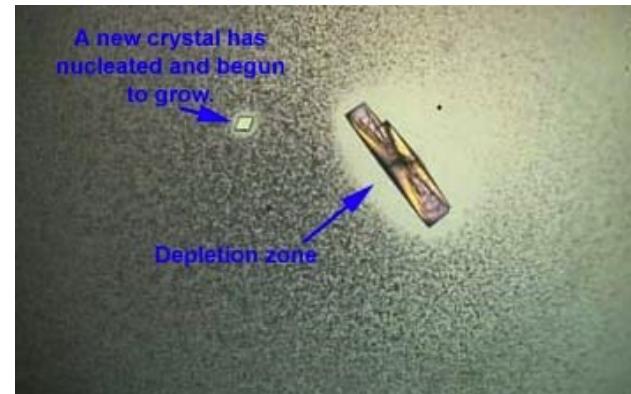
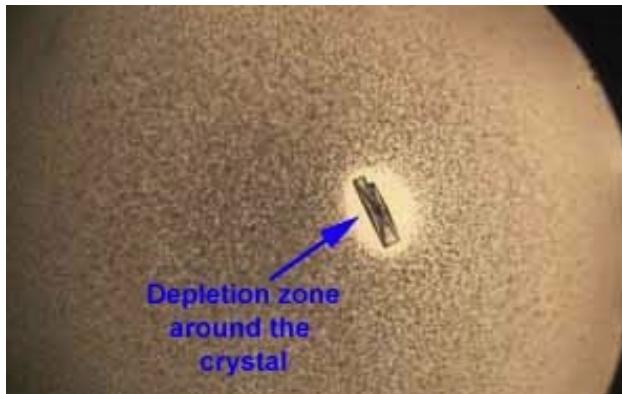


Un cristallo così altamente mosaico è inutile per esperimenti di diffrazione

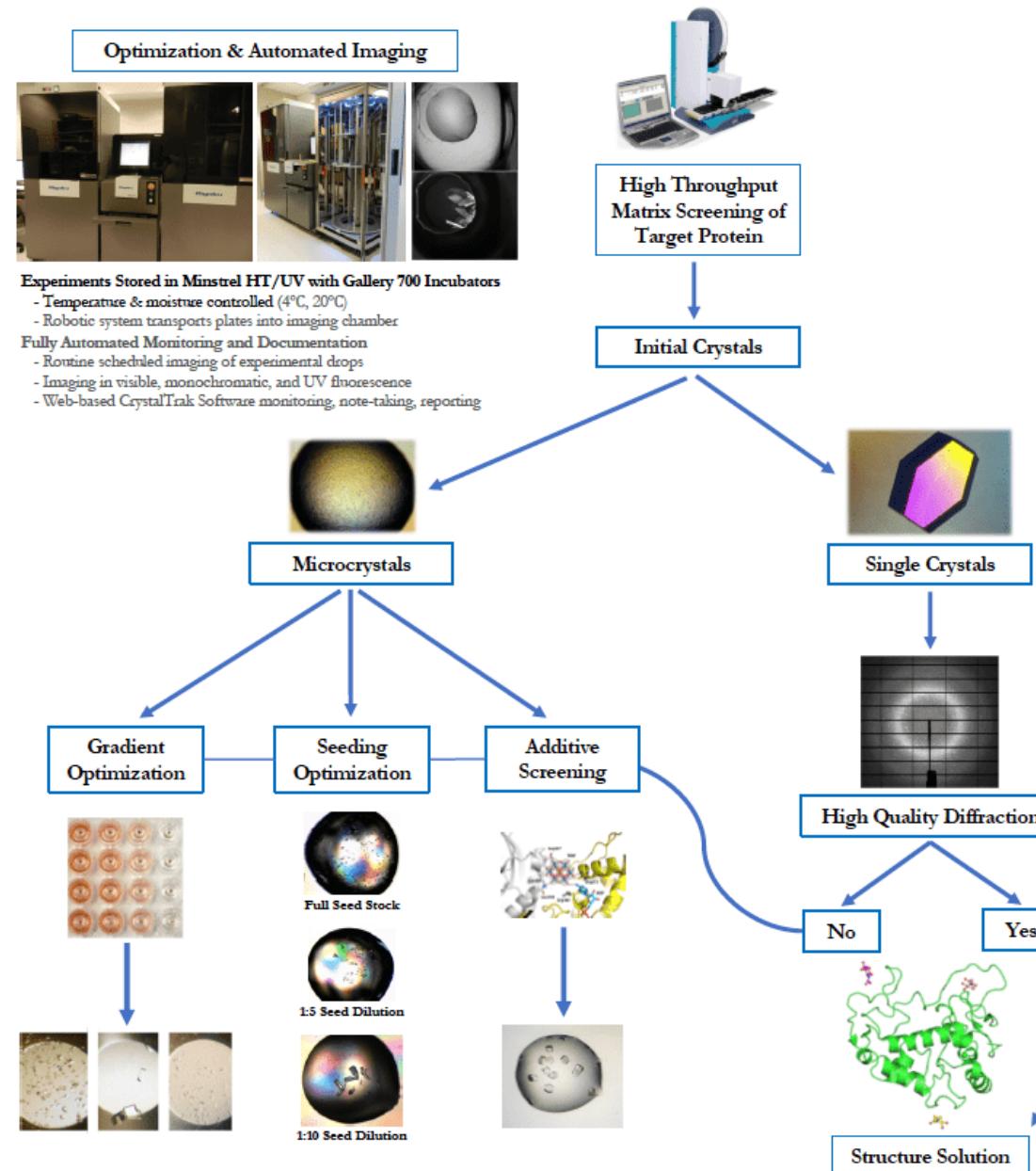
# Cristallizzazione:

## Maturazione di Ostwald

Processo spontaneo → i cristalli più grandi **energicamente favoriti**

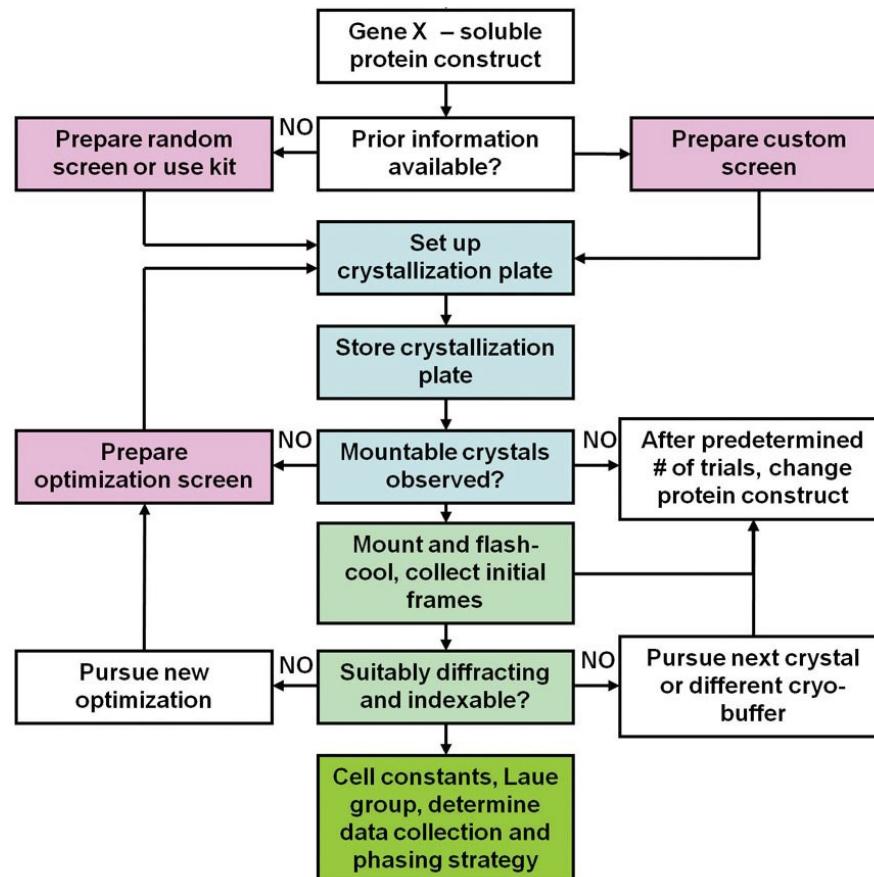


# Cristallizzazione:



# Cristallizzazione:

## Workflow



# Cristallizzazione:

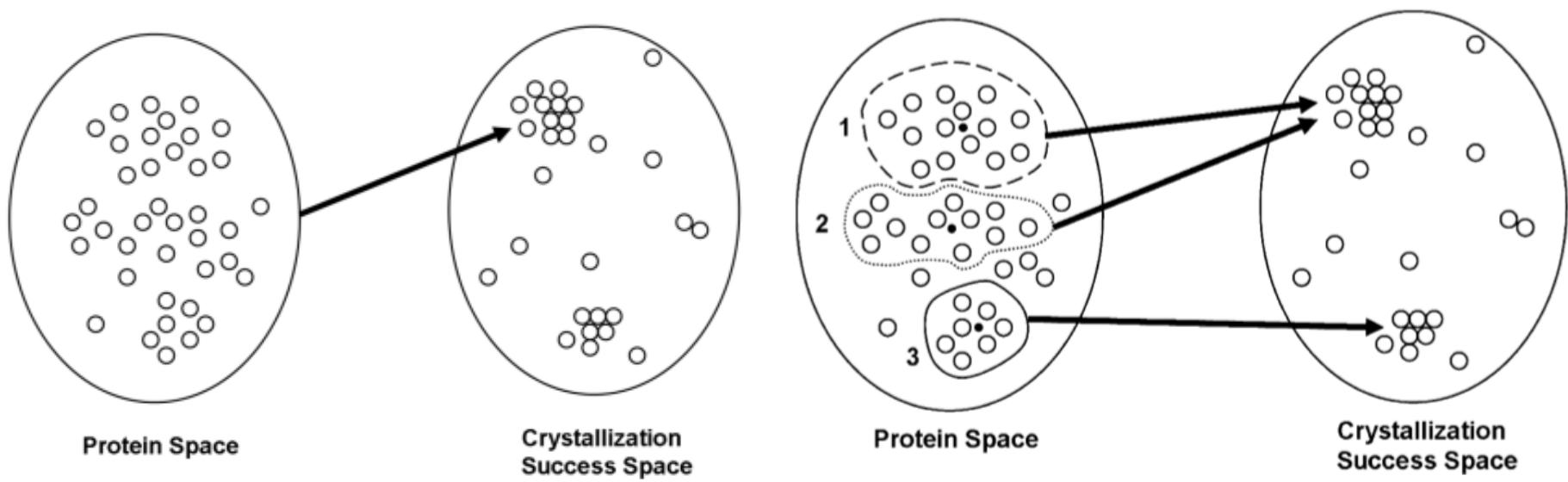
## problema di campionamento / ottimizzazione multivariata

Infinite combinazioni di pH e tipo di tampone/ agente precipitante/Sali e addittivi vs limitata quantità di campione:

- ↓ dimensionalità
- ↓ spazio

Approccio bayesiano

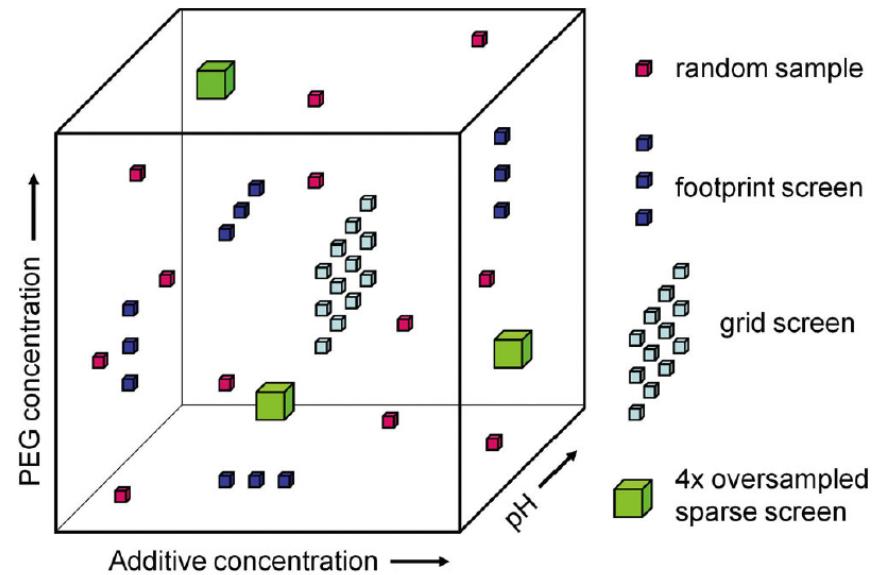
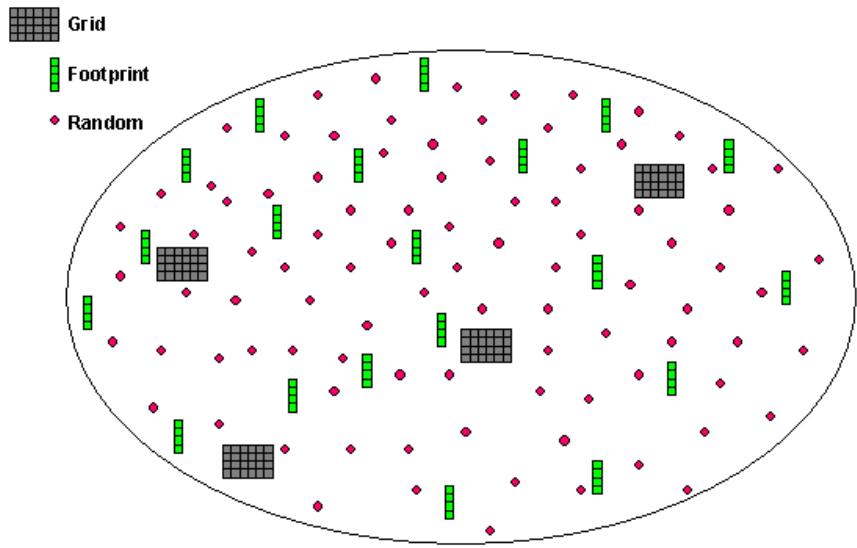
**spazio di campionamento multivariato (multidimensionale) scarsamente popolato**



# Cristallizzazione:

## problema di campionamento / ottimizzazione multivariata

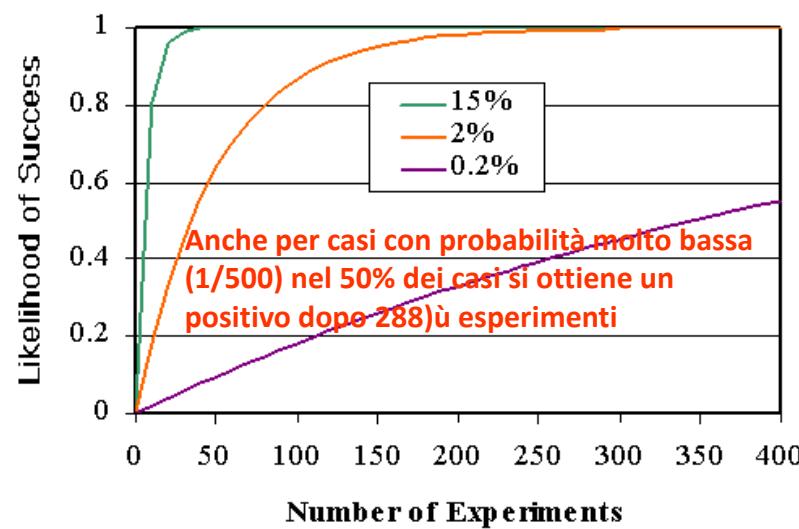
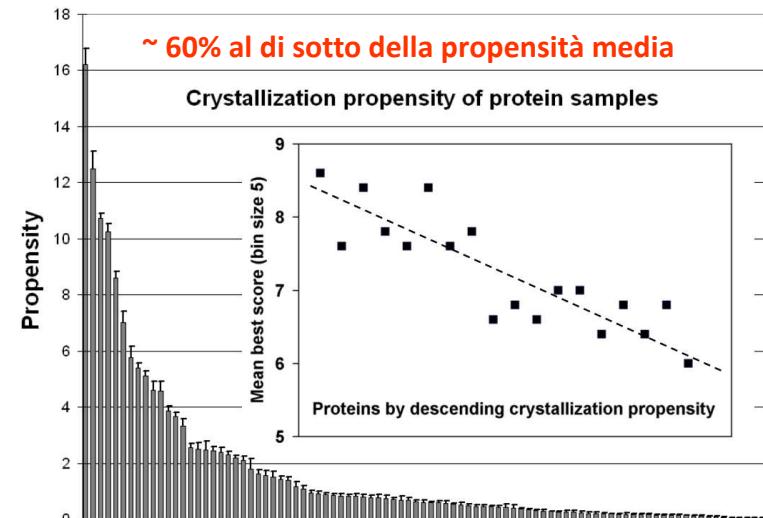
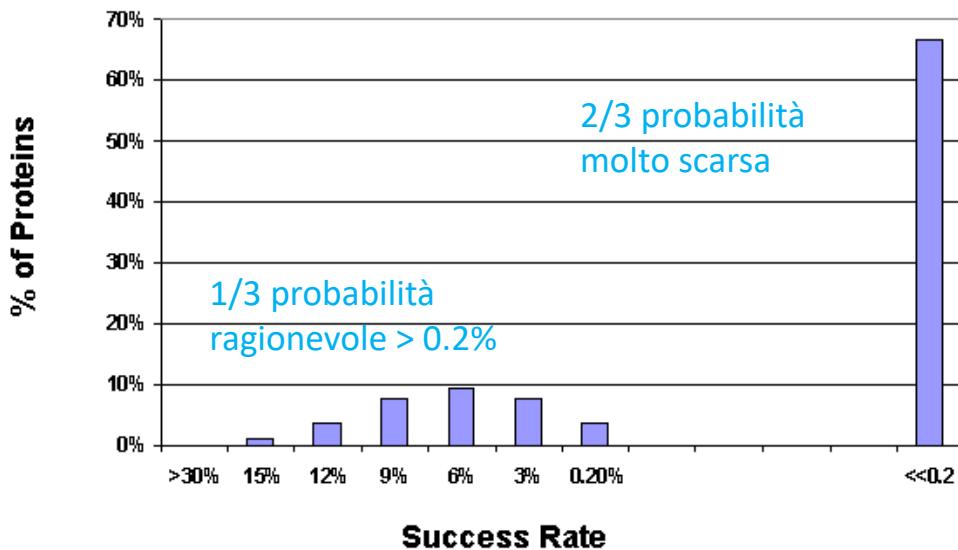
- Sparse matrix sampling (combinazioni già usate con successo)
- Random sampling
- Grid screens
- Footprint screen



senza conoscenza preliminare: Random sampling approccio più efficiente (specialmente per eventi rari)

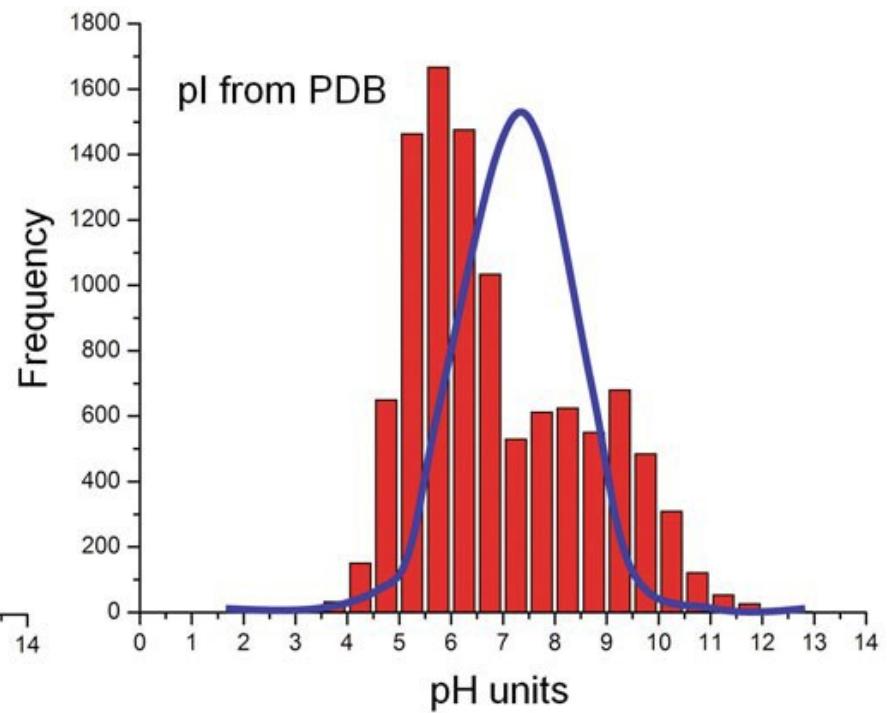
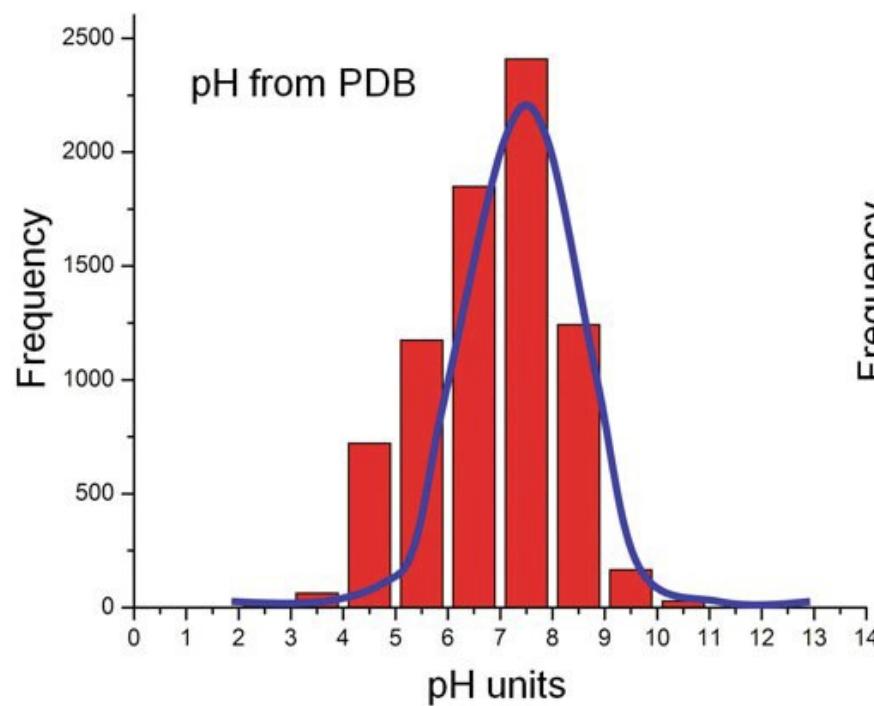
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## problema di campionamento / ottimizzazione multivariata



# Cristallizzazione:

## Dipendenza dal pH



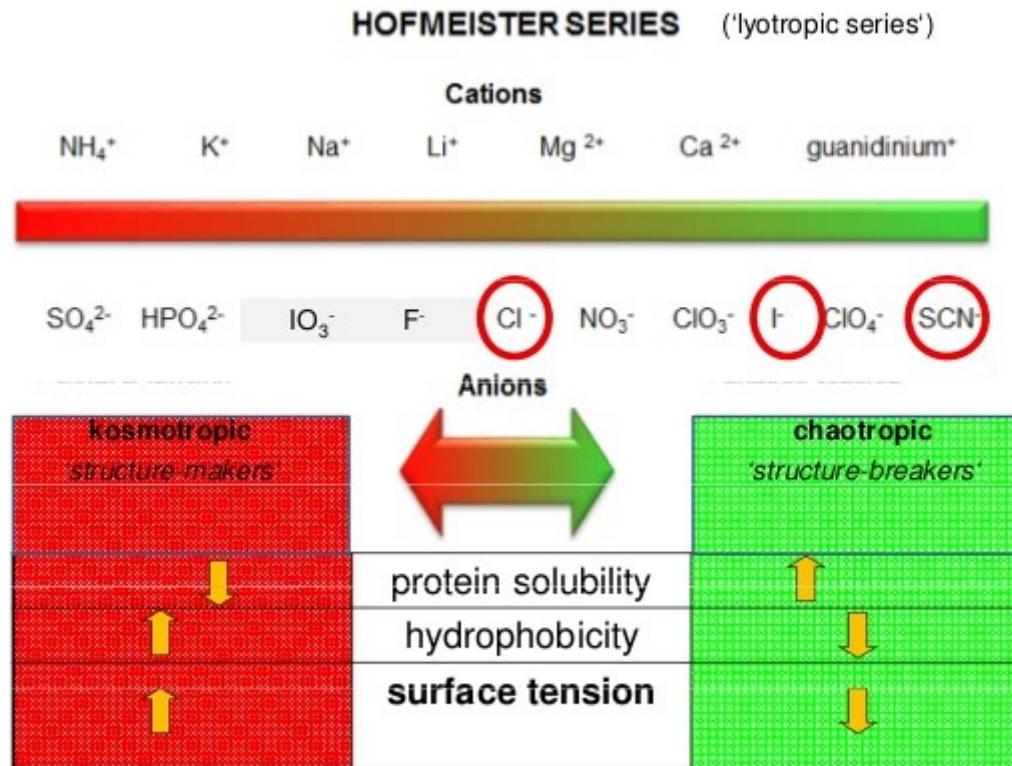
# Cristallizzazione:

## Agenti precipitanti

Salts	Volatile organic solvents	Polymers	Nonvolatile organic solvents
Ammonium sulfate	Ethanol	Polyethylene glycol 1000, 3350, 6000, 8000, 20000	2-Methyl-2,4-pentanediol (MPD)
Ammonium phosphate	Propanol	Jeffamine T, Jeffamine M	2,5-Hexanediol
Lithium sulfate	Isopropanol	Polyethylene glycol monomethyl ester	1,3-Propanediol
Lithium chloride	Dioxane	Polyethylene glycol monostearate	Polyethylene glycol 400
Sodium citrate	Acetone	Polyeneamine	Jeffamine 400
Ammonium citrate	Isobutanol		
Sodium phosphate	<i>n</i> -Butanol		
Sodium chloride	<i>tert</i> -Butanol		
Potassium chloride	Acetonitrile		
Sodium acetate	Dimethyl sulfoxide		
Ammonium acetate	1,3-Butyrolactone		
Magnesium sulfate			
Magnesium chloride			
Calcium chloride			
Sodium formate			
Sodium tartrate			

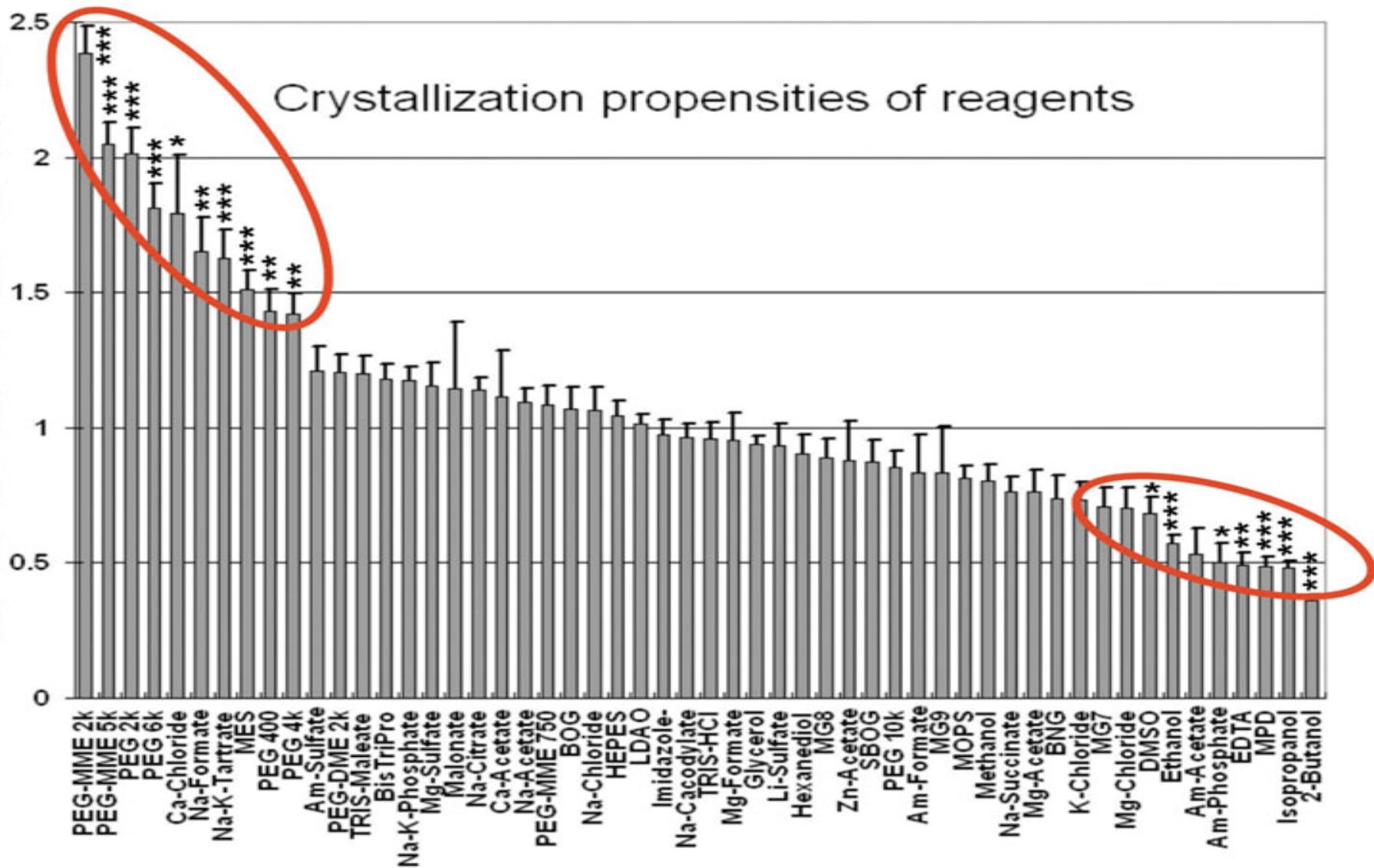
# Cristallizzazione:

## Agenti precipitanti: sali



## Cristallizzazione:

### Dipendenza dagli agenti precipitanti



# Cristallizzazione:

## Requisiti

Attrezzatura fondamentale:

- stanze a temperatura controllata ( $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  e  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ ),
- Microscopio con polarizzatore (birifrangenti)
- piastre
- loops

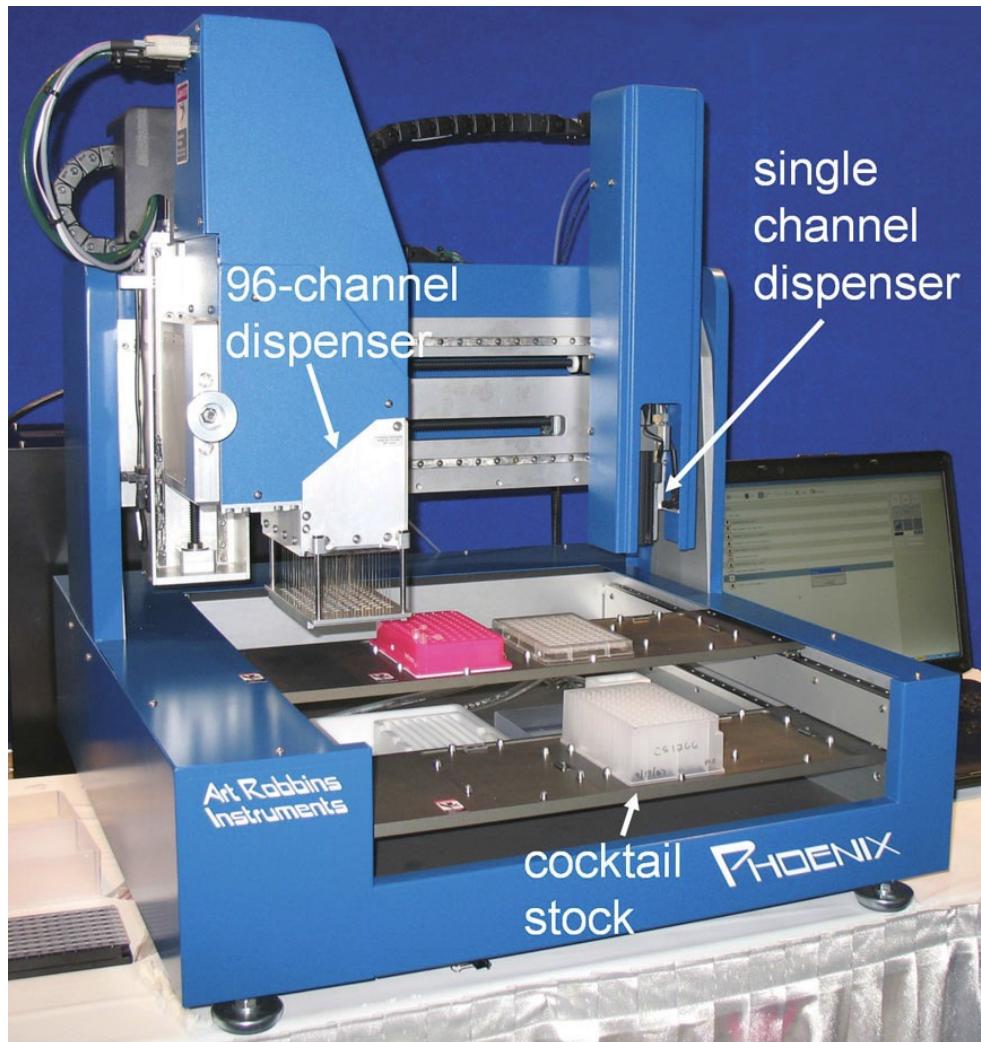
Elevate quantità di proteine molto pure ( $\sim 10\text{mg / ml}$ )

Reagenti di elevata purezza



# Cristallizzazione:

## HT set up

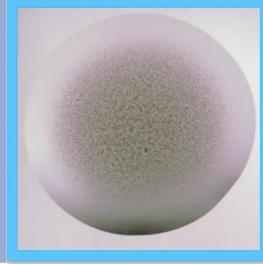
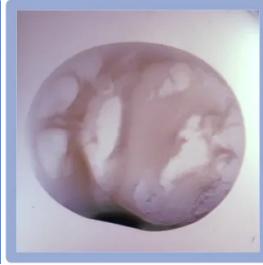
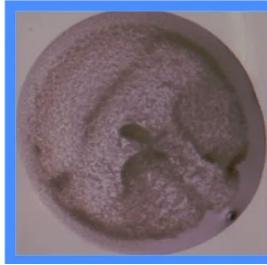
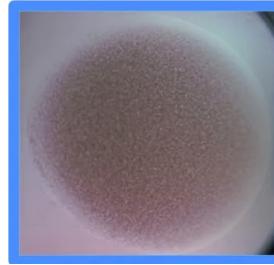


# Cristallizzazione:

## Possibili risultati



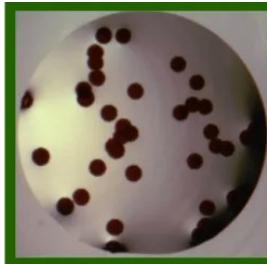
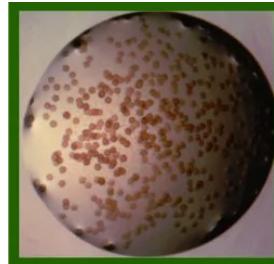
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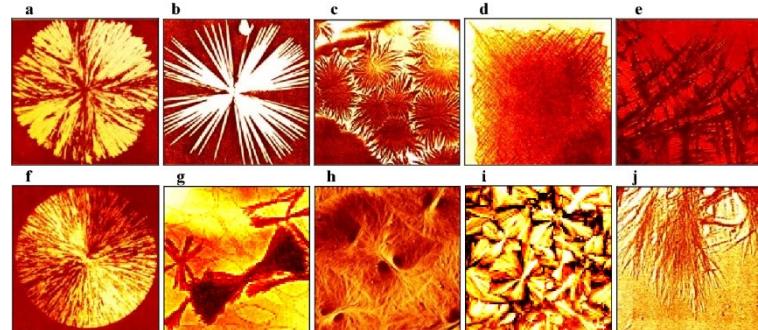
Precipitati



Separazione di fase



Sferuliti



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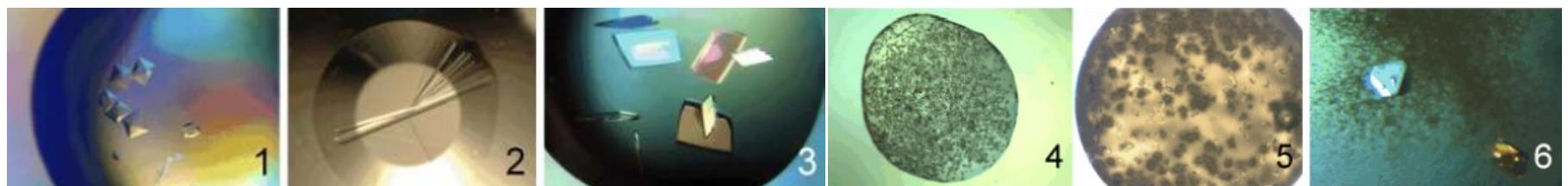
## Possibili risultati



Materiale cristallino e micro-cristallino



Cristalli



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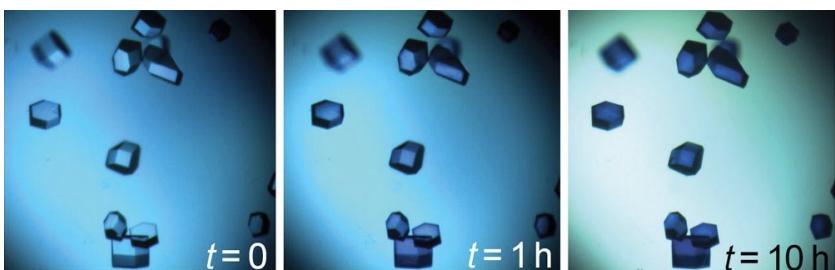
2 non di proteina

3 anisotropi

4 troppo piccoli

5 cristalli e ricci

6 maturazione Ostwald



ITZIT test (soaking con blu di metilene): discrimina da sali

# Cristallizzazione:

## Screen evaluation

Crystallization sheet for bovine trypsin Date:

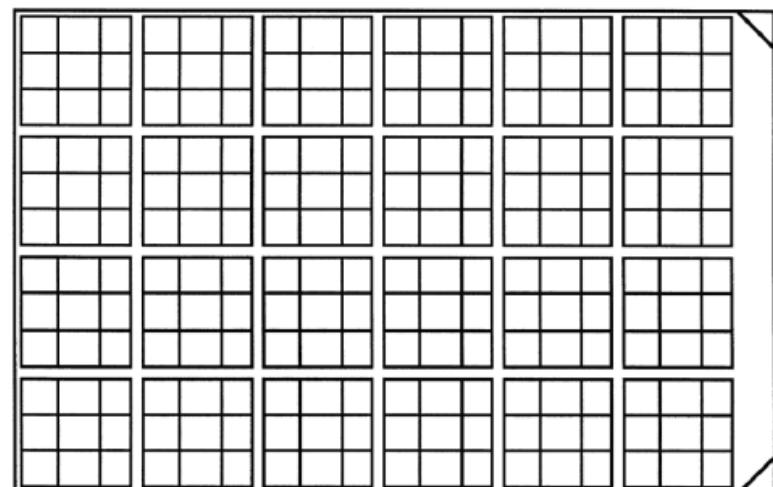
Protein concentration: Drops: 5 µl protein + 5 µl buffer

Buffer system used: 0.1M MES/Tris Temp:

0.2 M ammonium sulphate      0.3 M ammonium sulphate  
20      25      30      20      25      30      % PEG 8000

A	B	C
D	E	F
G	H	I

Dates:



A:

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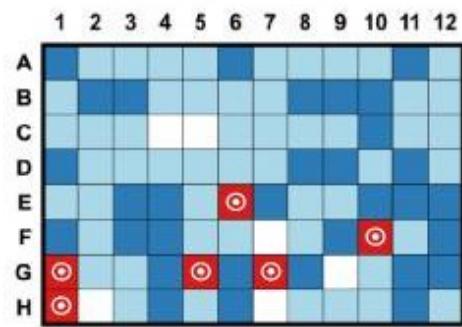
- 1: light precipitate      2: precipitate      3: heavy precipitate  
4: small spherolytes      5: large spherolytes  
6: small crystals?      7: needles      8: crystals

Other notes:

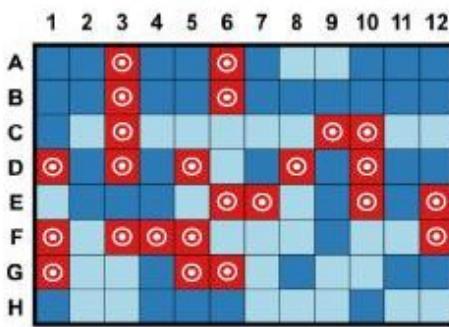
## Cristallizzazione:

## Ottimizzazione

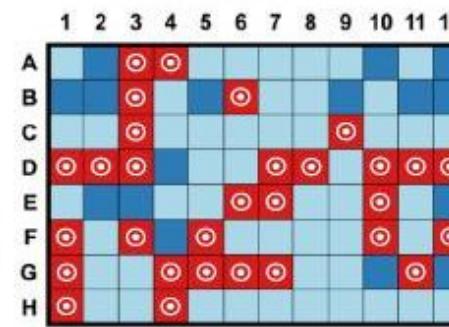
Initial Screen



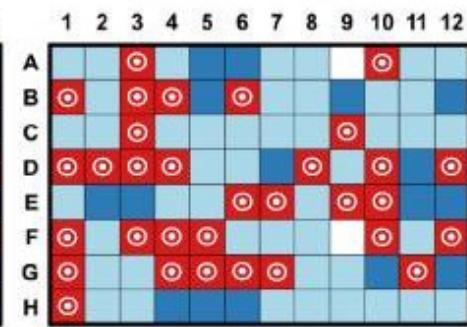
Optimized Screen 1



Optimized Screen 2



Optimized Screen 3



Iteration 1

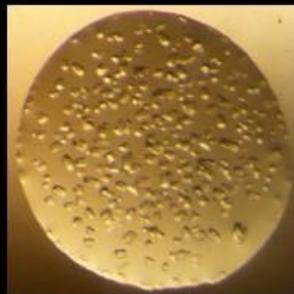


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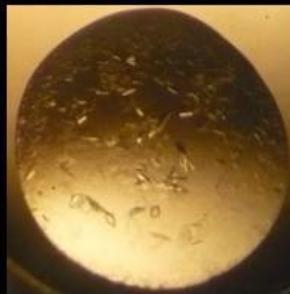


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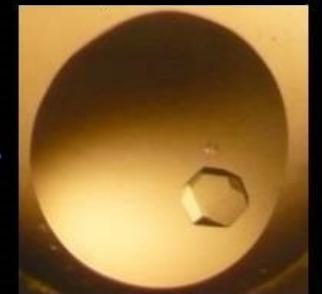
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Hit 2



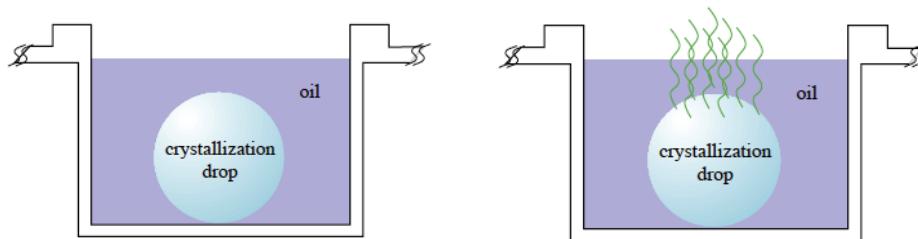
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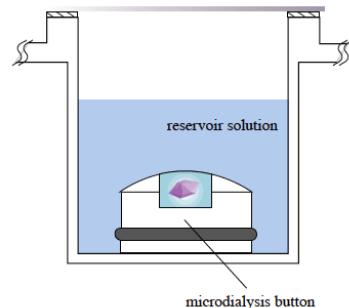
# Cristallizzazione:

## Metodi

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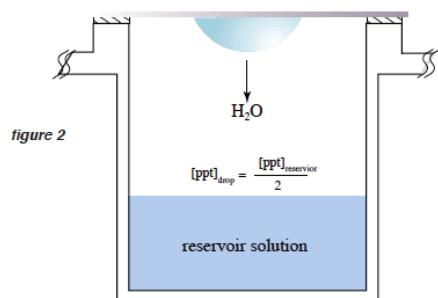


### 2. dialysis

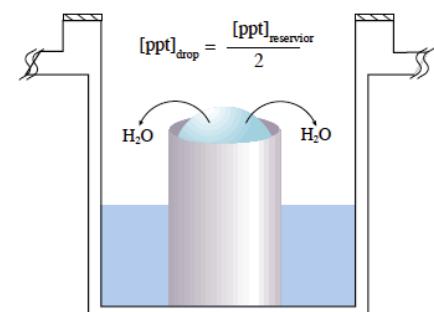


### 3. vapour diffusion:

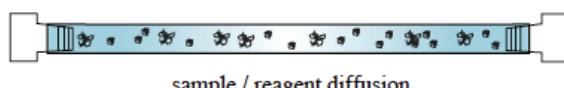
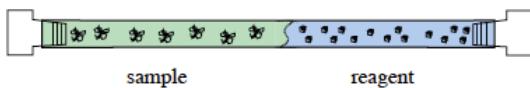
#### hanging-drop



#### sitting-drop



### 4. Free interface diffusion

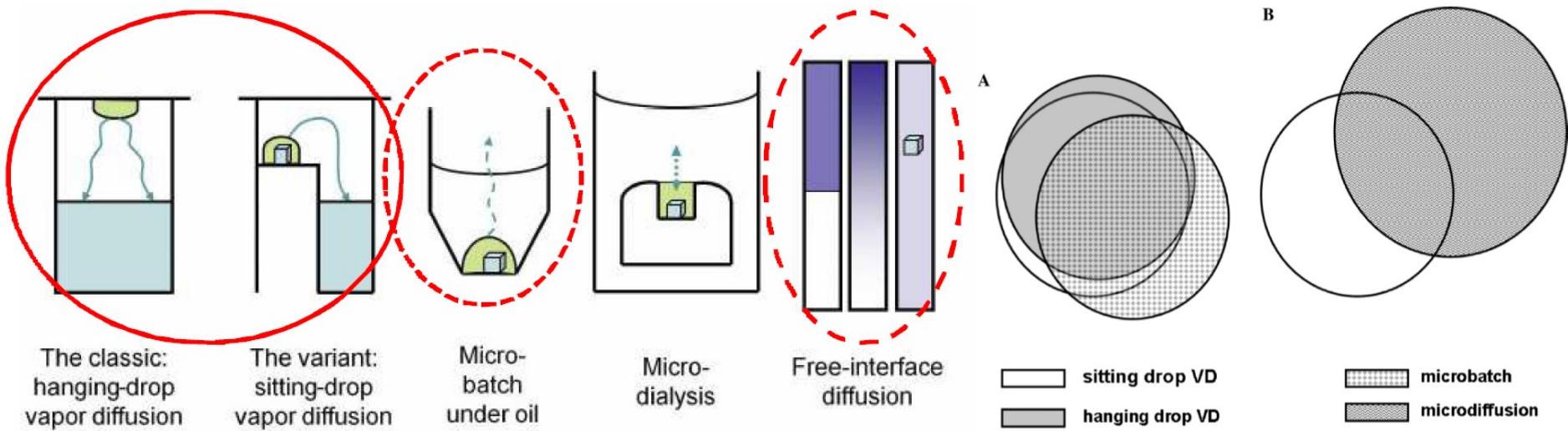


# Cristallizzazione:

## Metodi

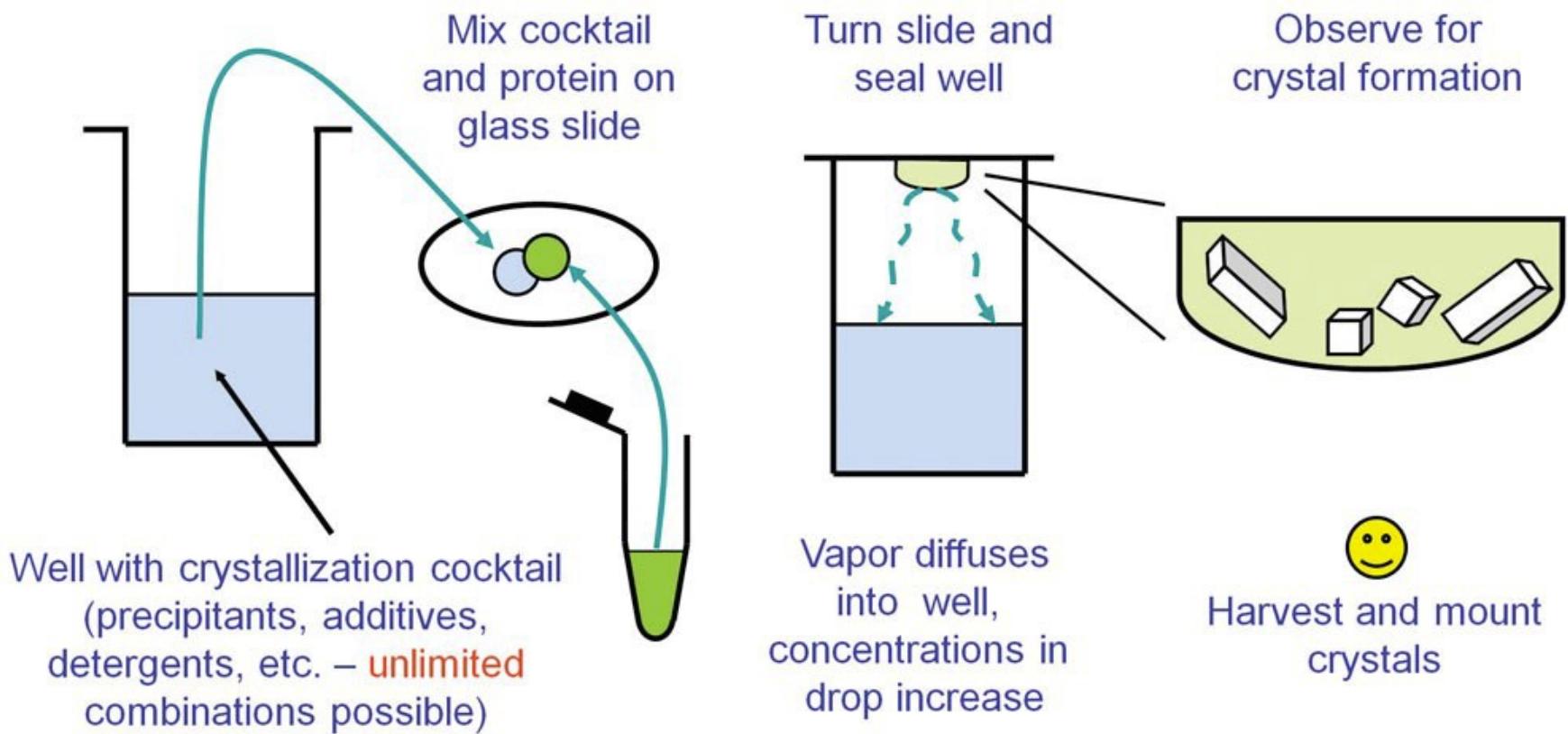
I diversi metodi di cristallizzazione attraverso lo spazio delle fasi cristallizzazione in percorsi diversi:

Risultati molto diversi



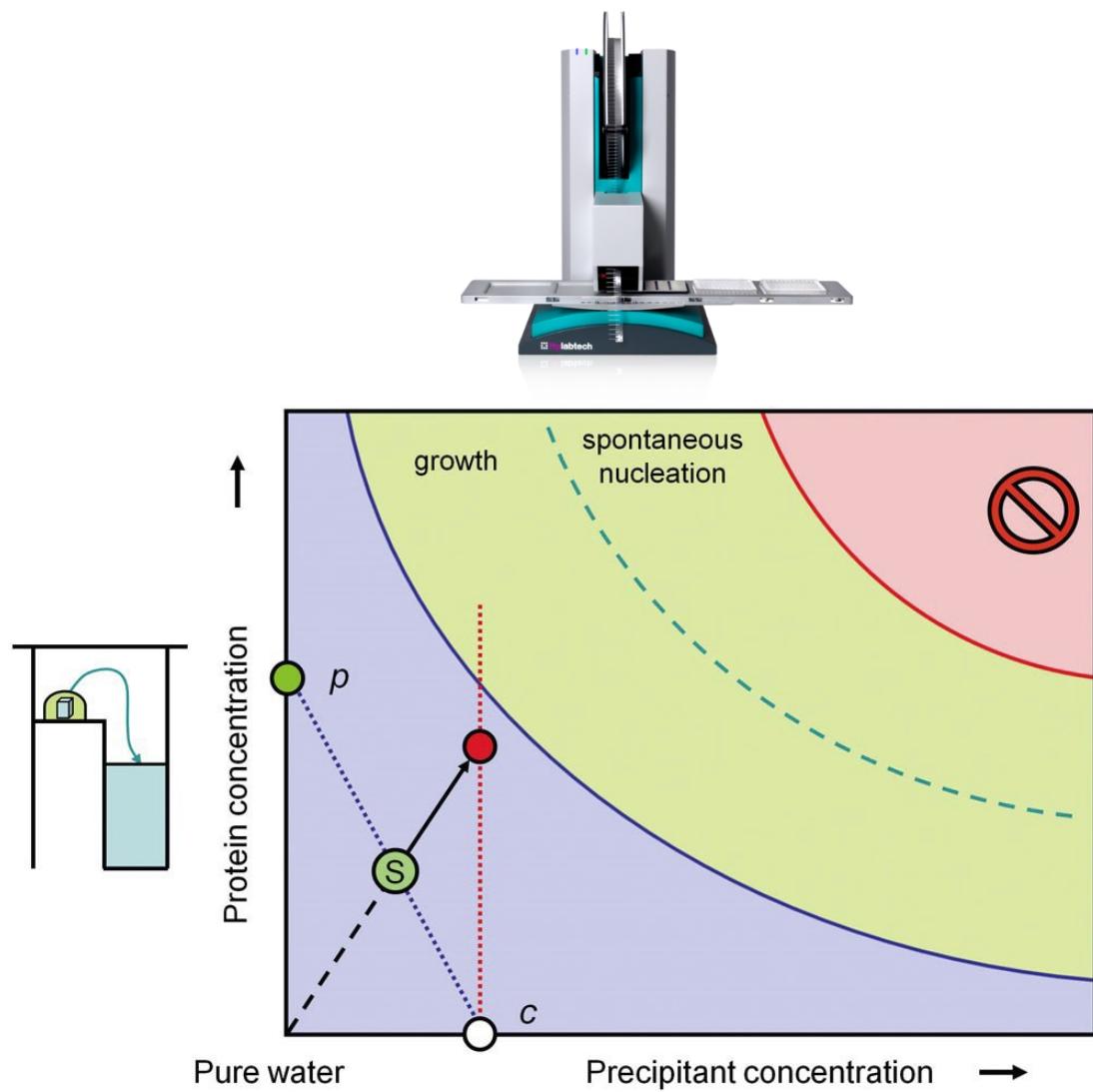
# Cristallizzazione:

## Vapour diffusion:

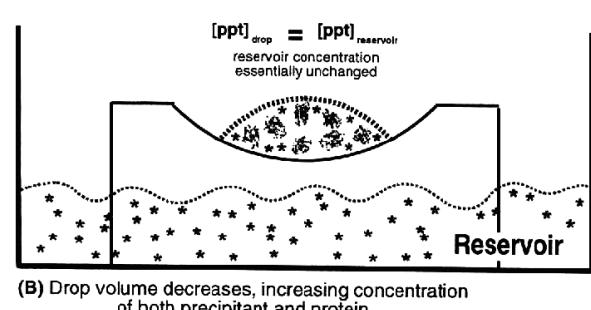
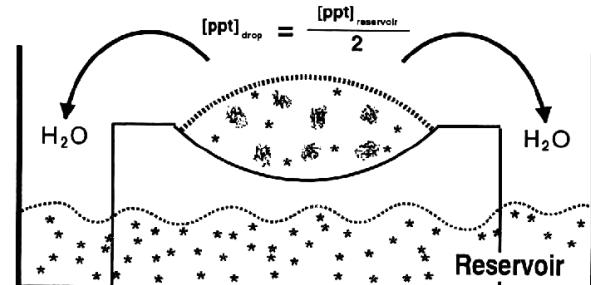


# Cristallizzazione:

## Sitting drop



Macromolecule      \* Precipitant Ions or Molecules (ppt)



# Cristallizzazione:

## Hanging drop

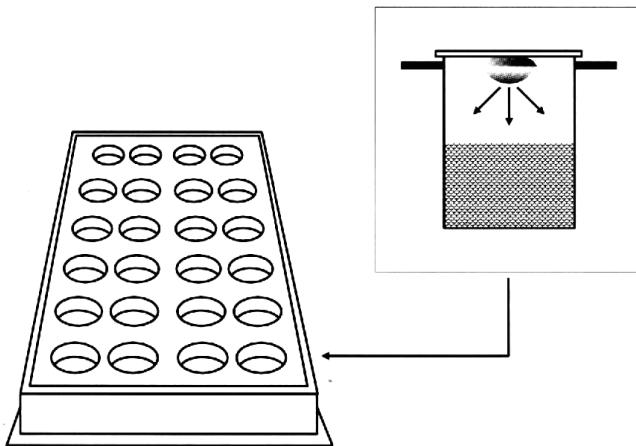
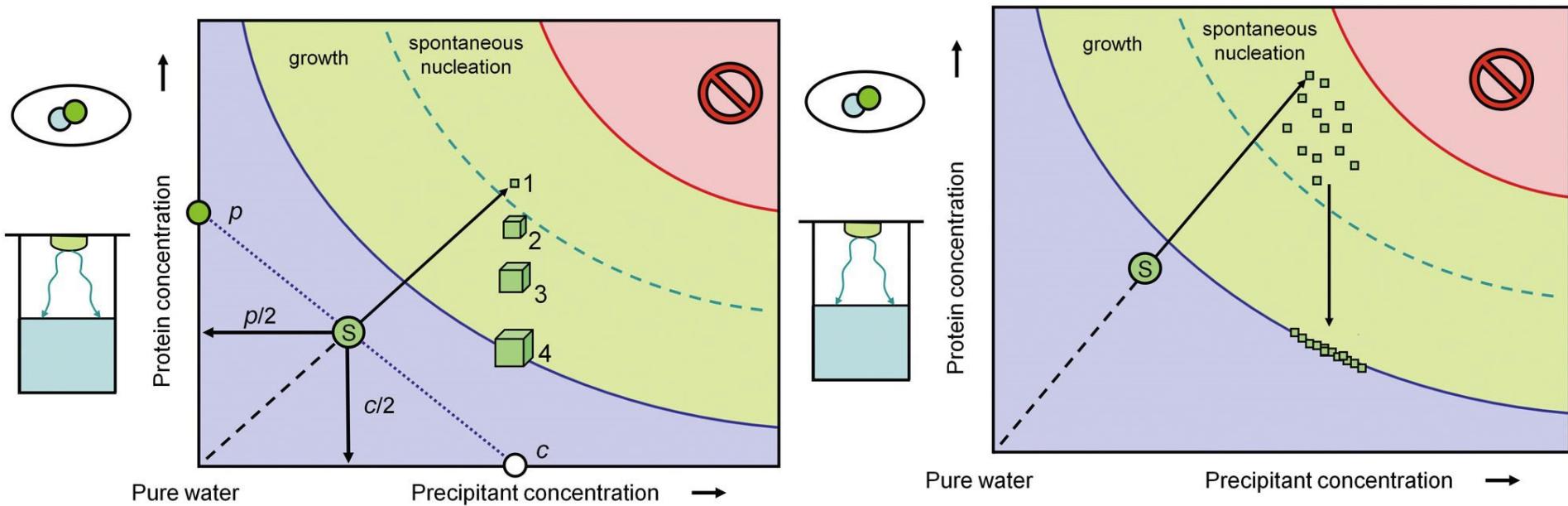
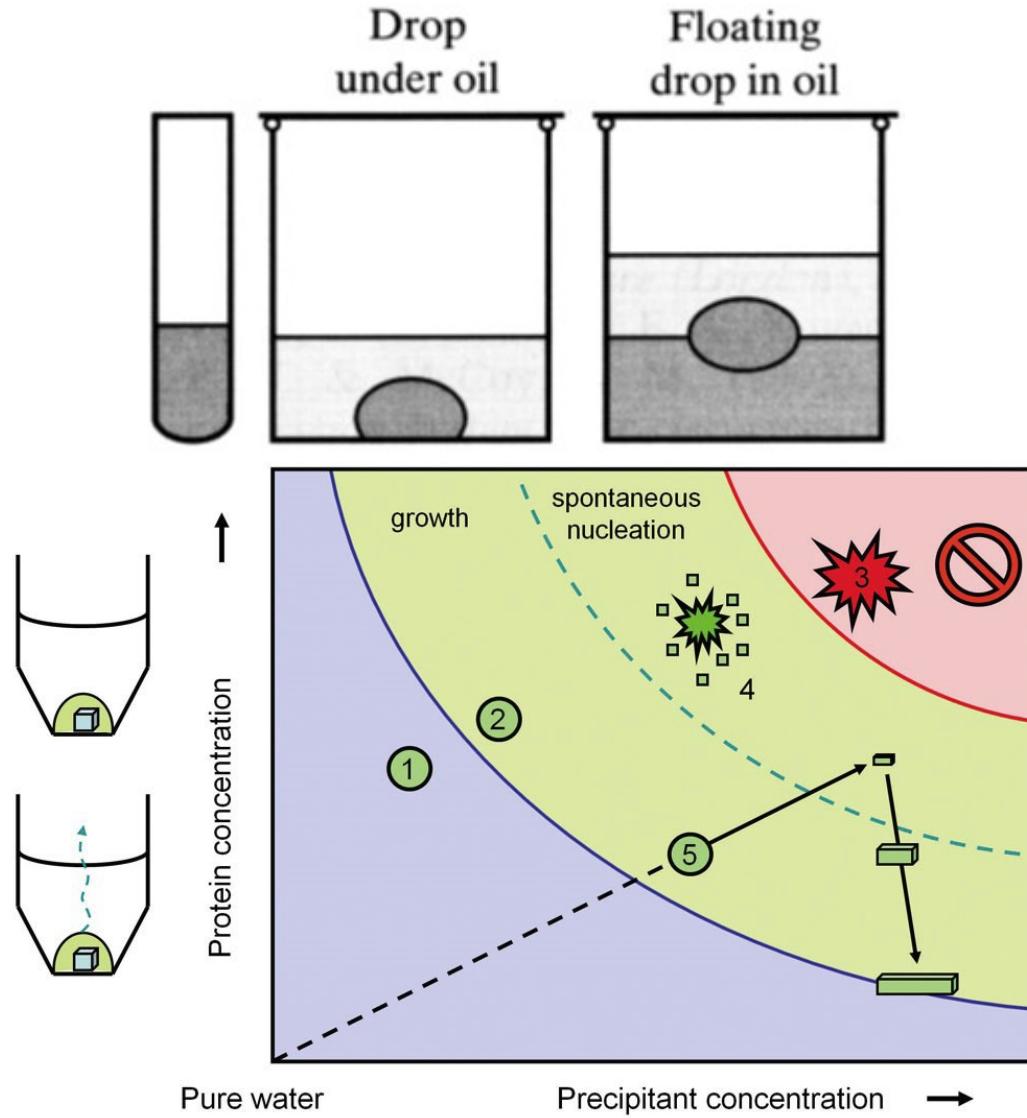


Figure 5.24. A standard configuration for hanging drop protein crystallization



# Cristallizzazione:

## Batch method

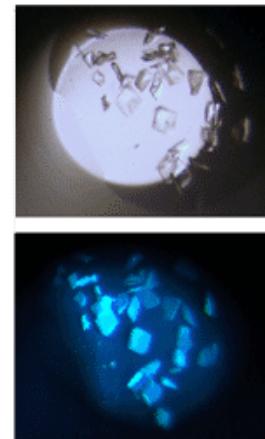
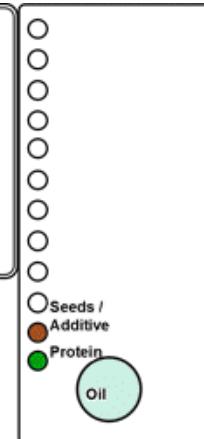
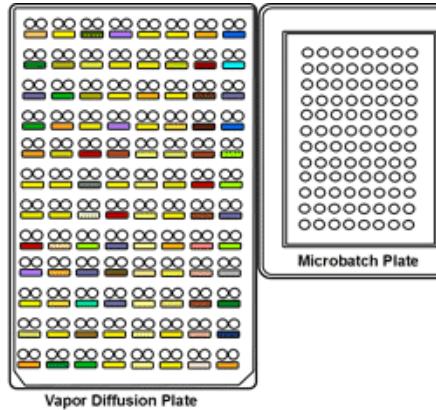
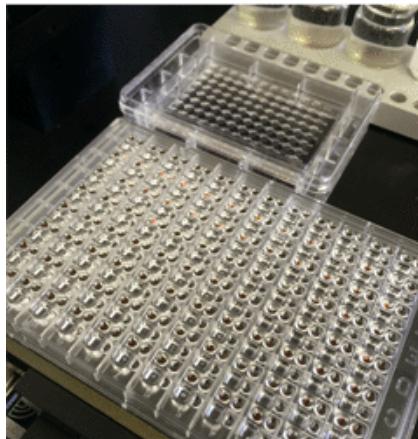
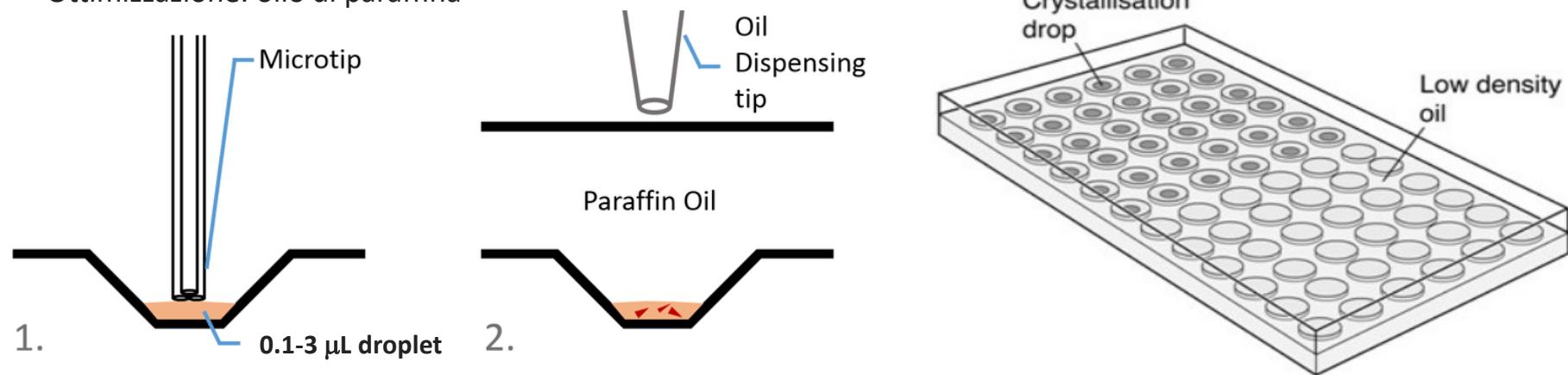


# Cristallizzazione:

## MicroBatch method

nucleazione controllata scegliendo il tipo e lo spessore dello strato di olio

- Screening: miscela 50:50 di olio di paraffina e olio di silicone
- Ottimizzazione: olio di paraffina

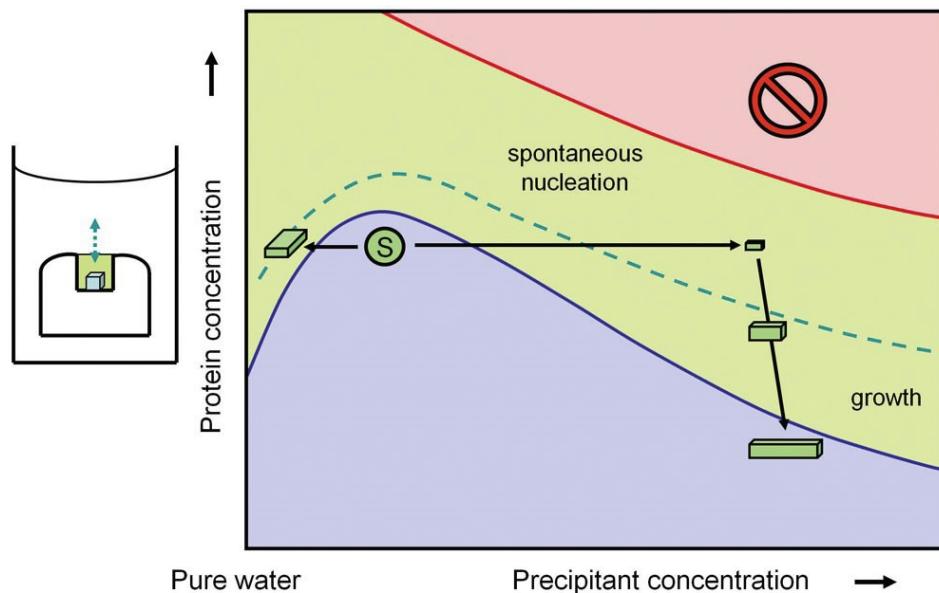


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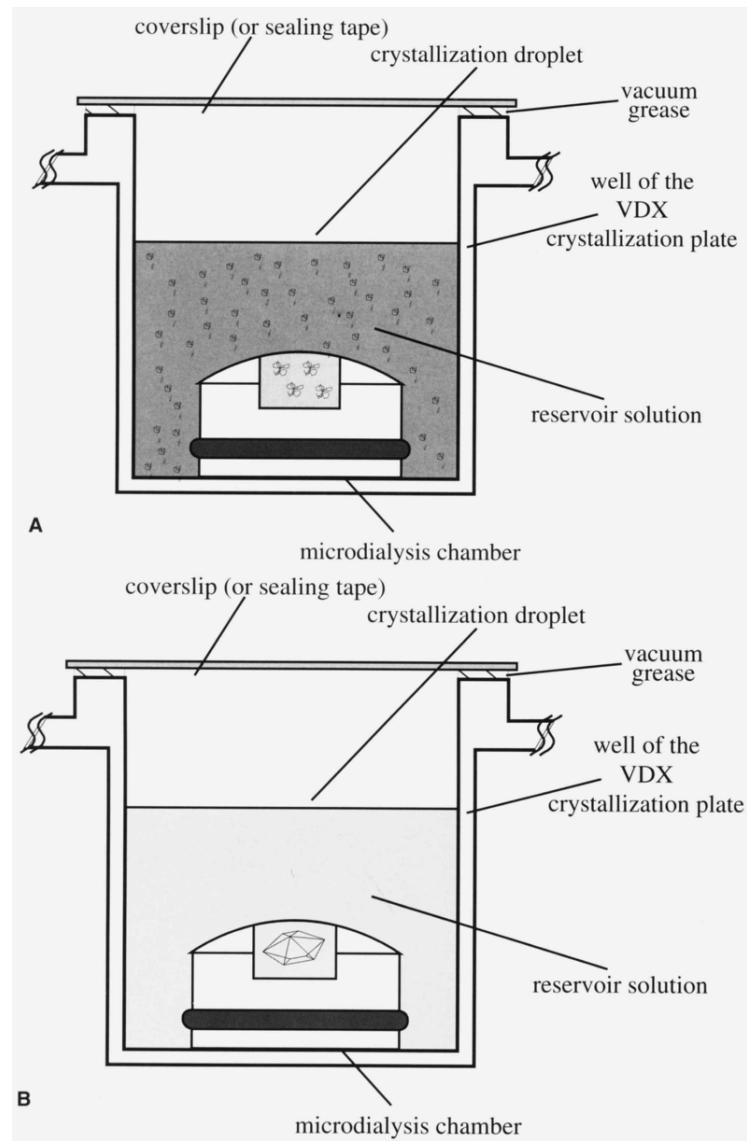
## Dialisi

Due modalità:

acqua distillata: inversione del salting-in  
precipitante concentrato: salting-out



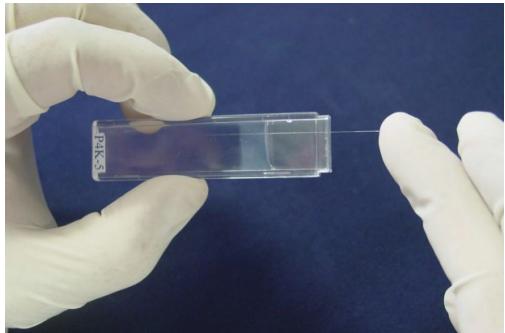
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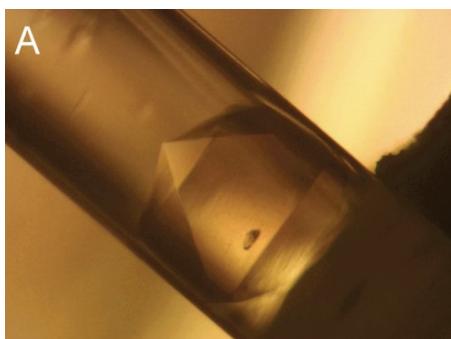
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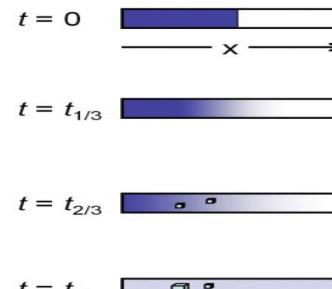
Capillare inserito in un gel saturo di soluzione precipitante: cristalli di una particella virale (diametro 640 Å).



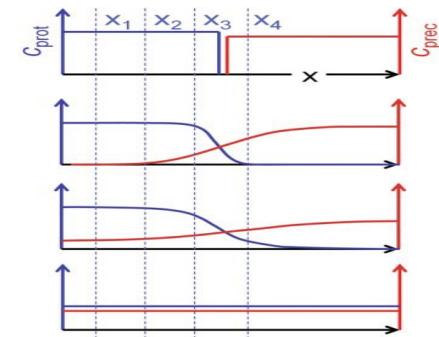
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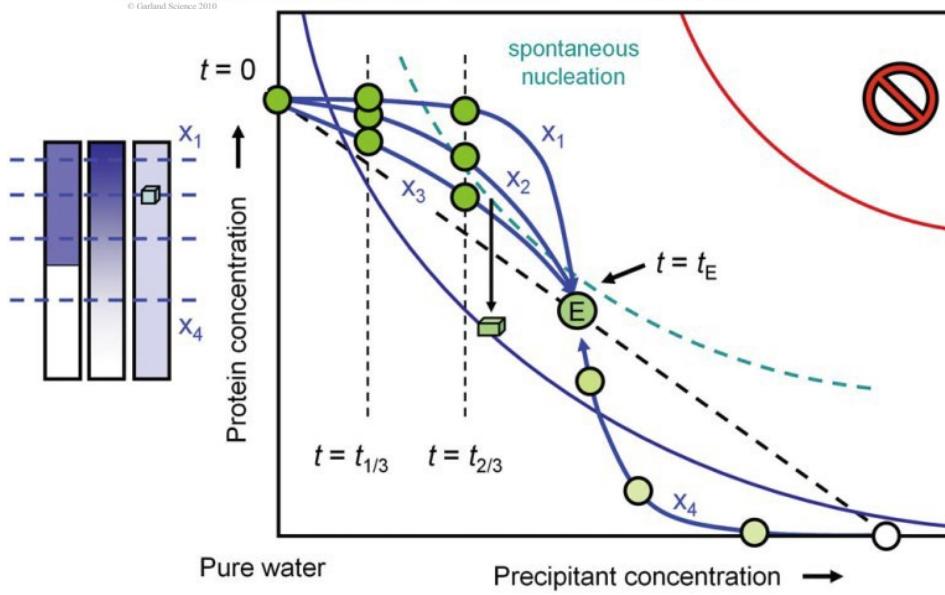
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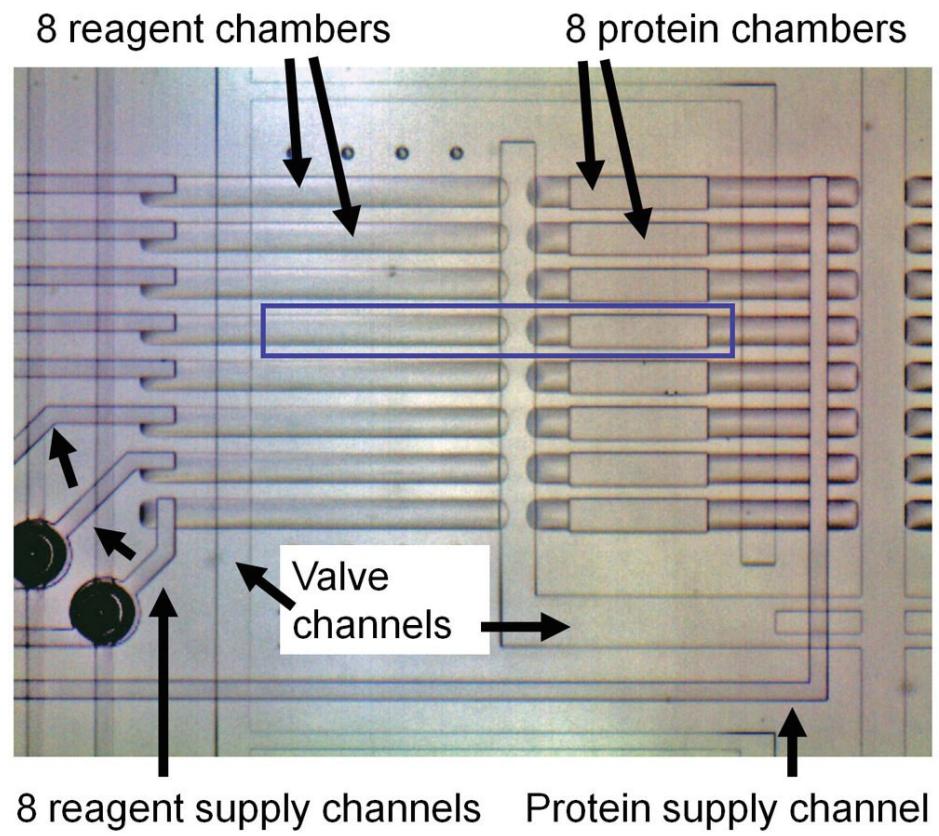
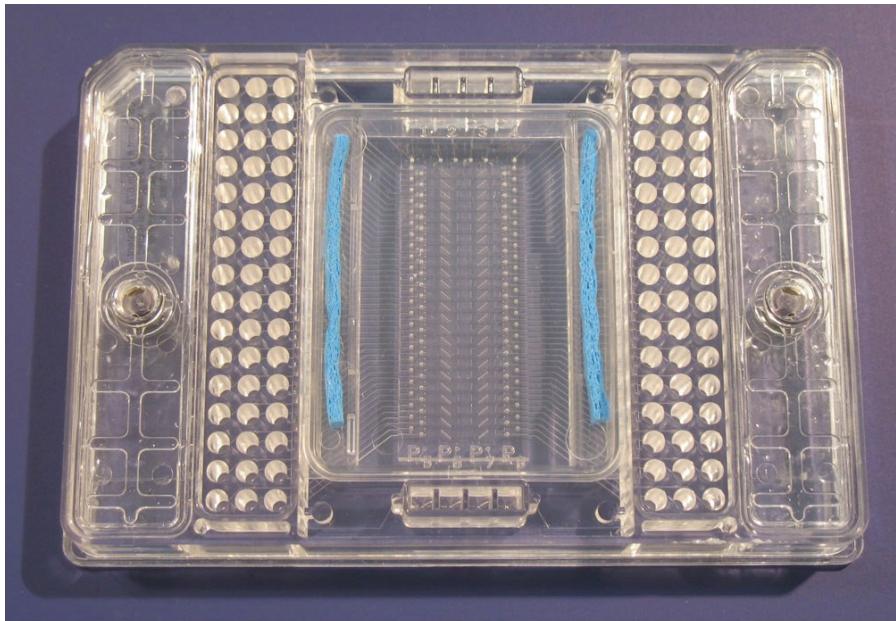


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# Cristallizzazione:

## Free interface diffusion

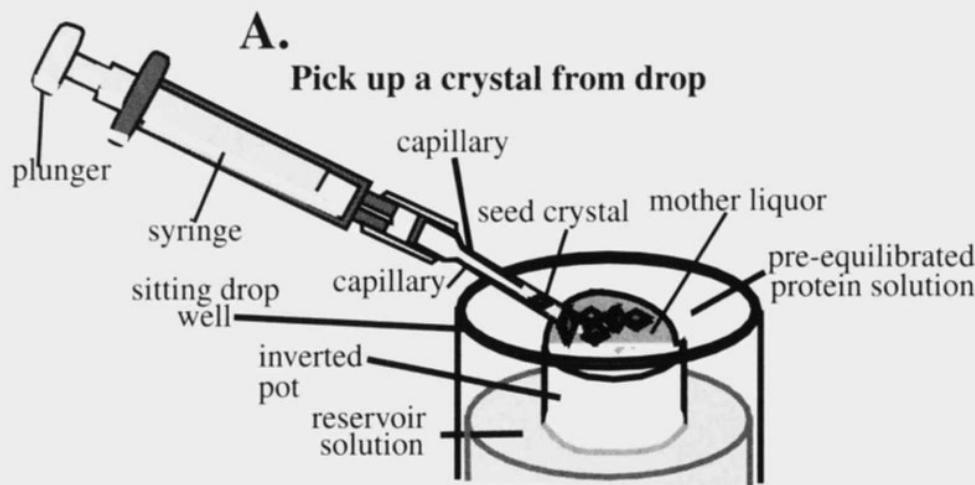
Chip microfluidico per screening



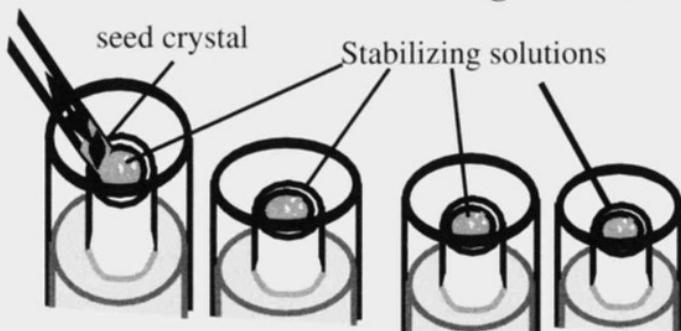
# Cristallizzazione:

## Seeding macroseeding:

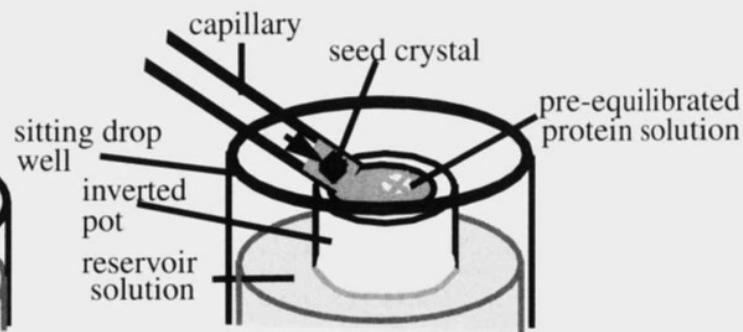
### MACROSEEDING



**B.** Wash crystal repeatedly in stabilizing solutions.



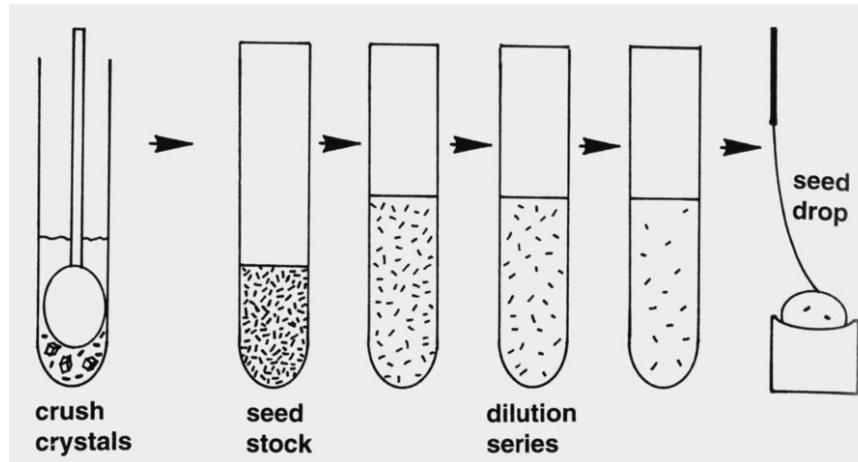
**C.** Transfer crystal to pre-equilibrated drop



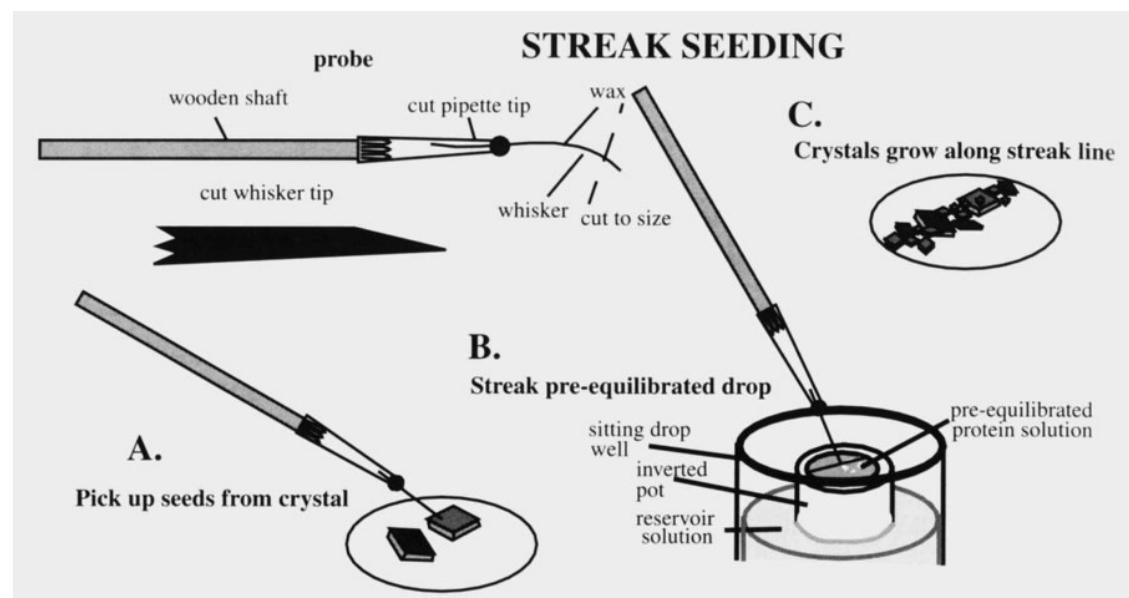
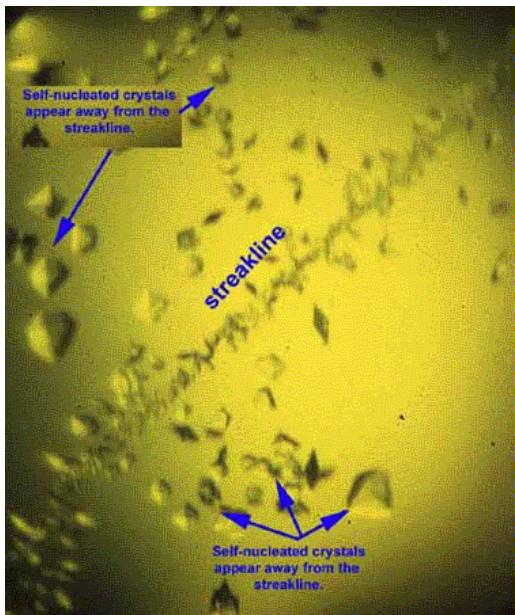
# Cristallizzazione:

## Seeding

microseeding

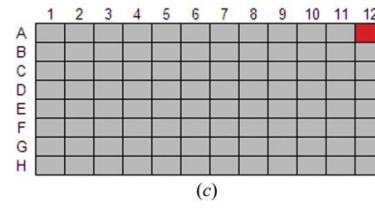
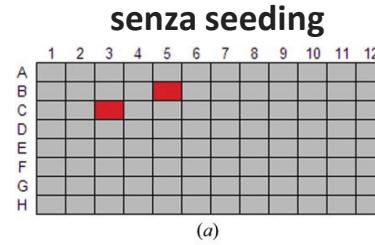
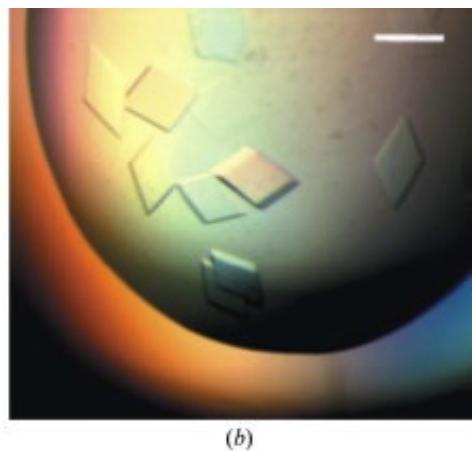
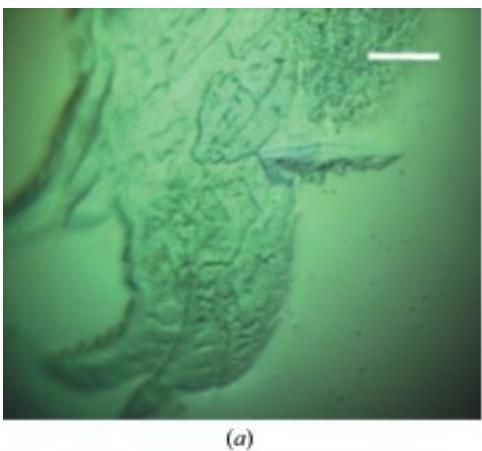
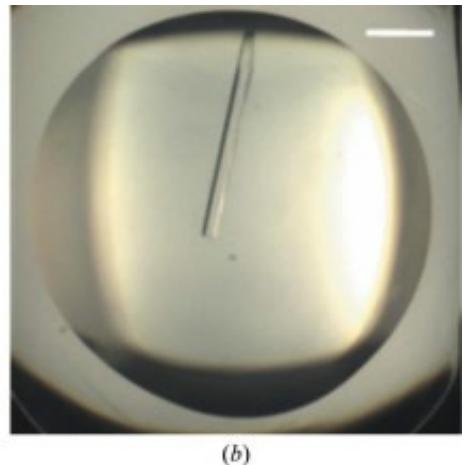
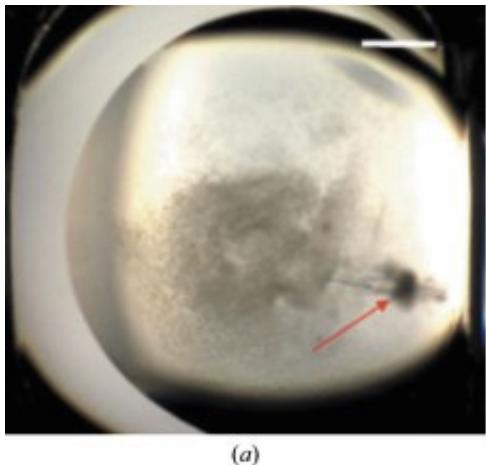


streak seeding

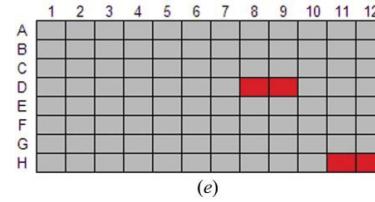


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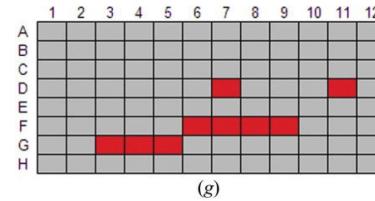
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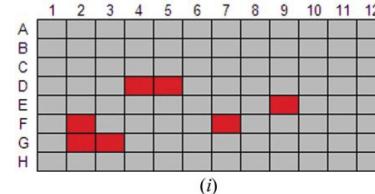
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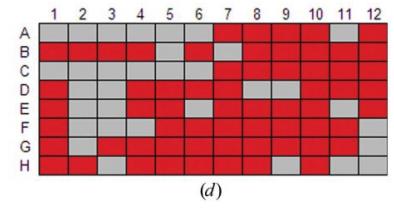
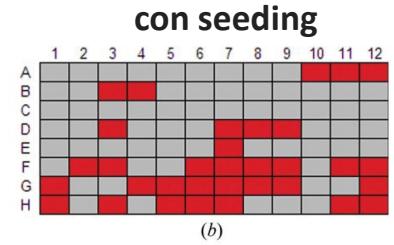
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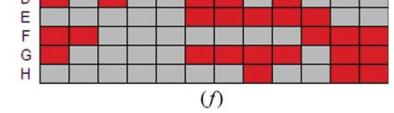
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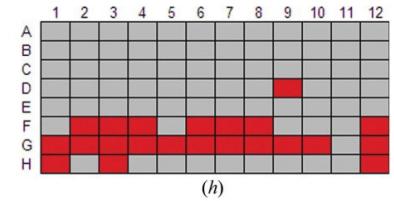
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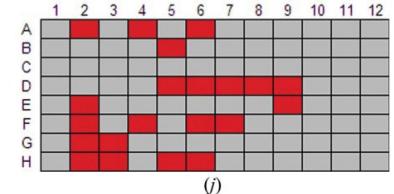
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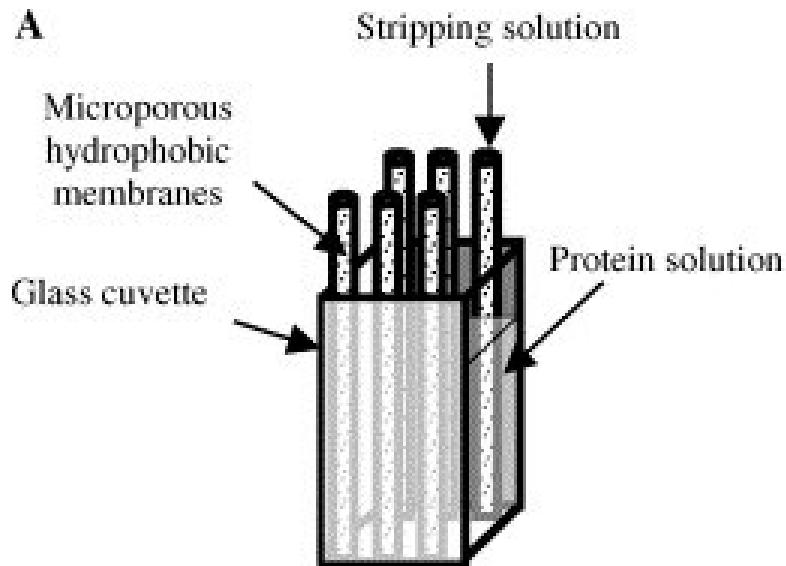


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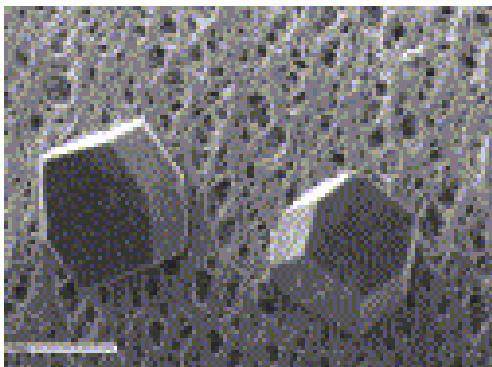
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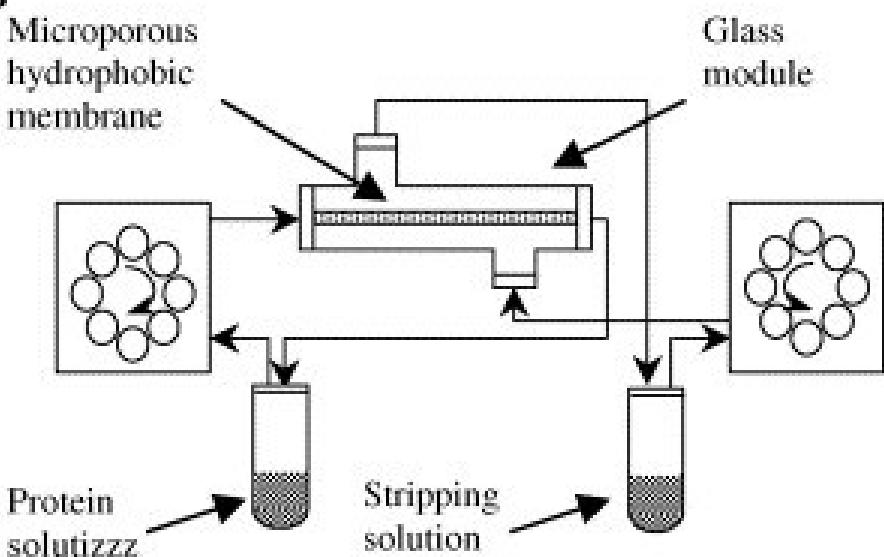
A



Configurazione statica (quiescente)



B



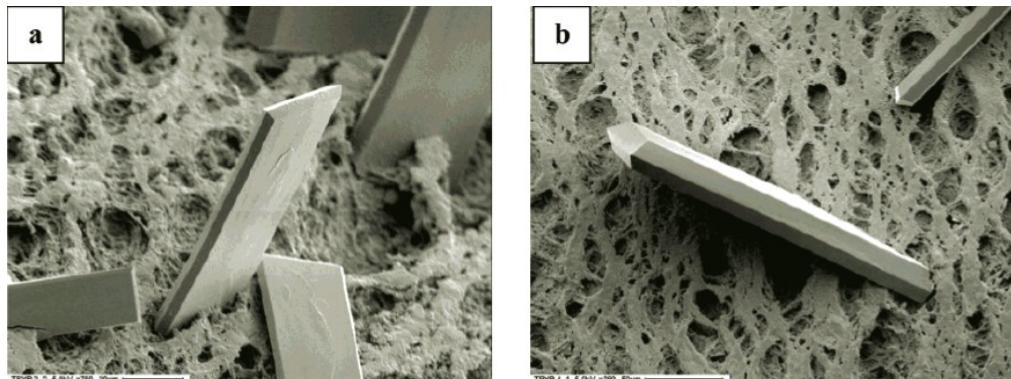
Configurazione a flusso forzato della soluzione

# Cristallizzazione:

## Membrane system

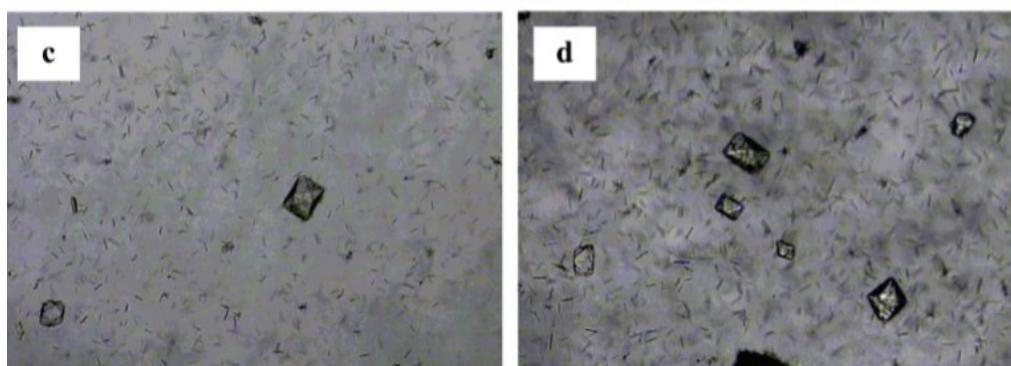
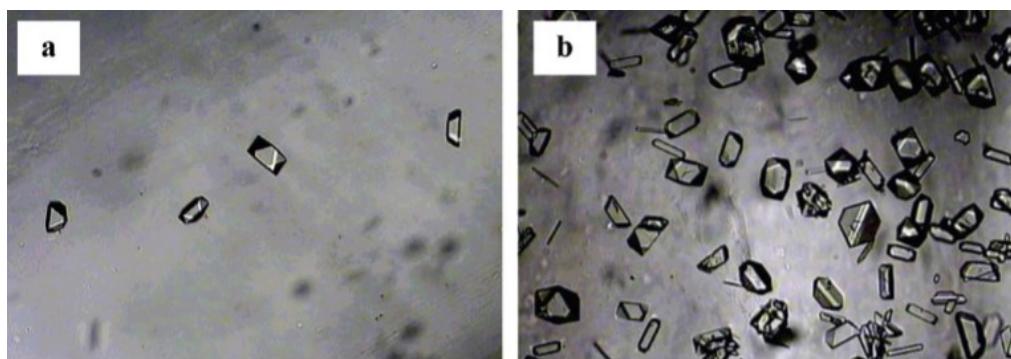
Configurazione statica

Cristalli BPT cresciuti sulla superficie di una membrana polimerica



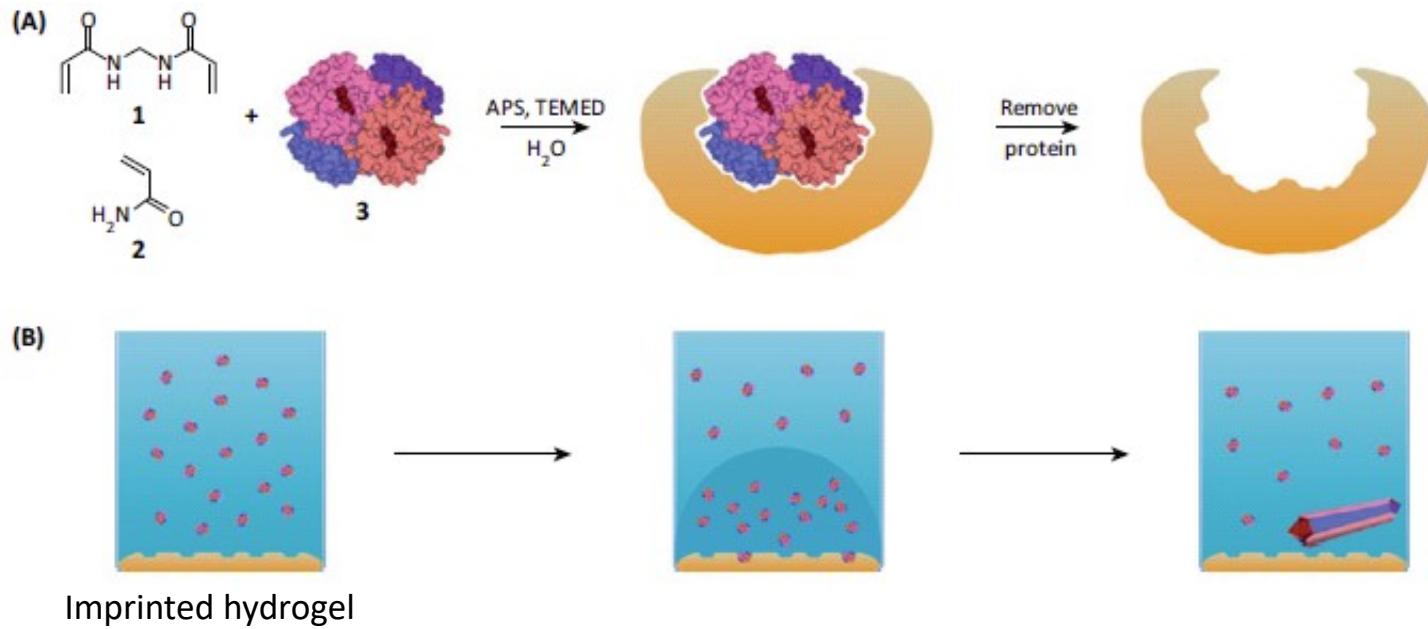
Cristalli BPT ottenuti in configurazione  
a flusso forzato di soluzione con solfato di  
ammonio come precipitante  
velocità di ricircolo della soluzione

- (a) 423 μm / s;
- (b) 821 μm / s;
- (c) 1072 μm / s;
- (d) 1139 μm / s



# Cristallizzazione:

## Molecularly imprinted polymers



Review

Cell  
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## Imprinted polymers assisting protein crystallization

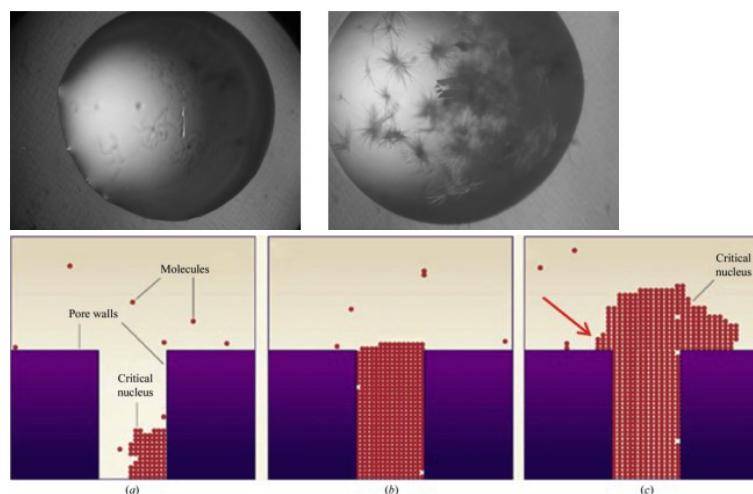
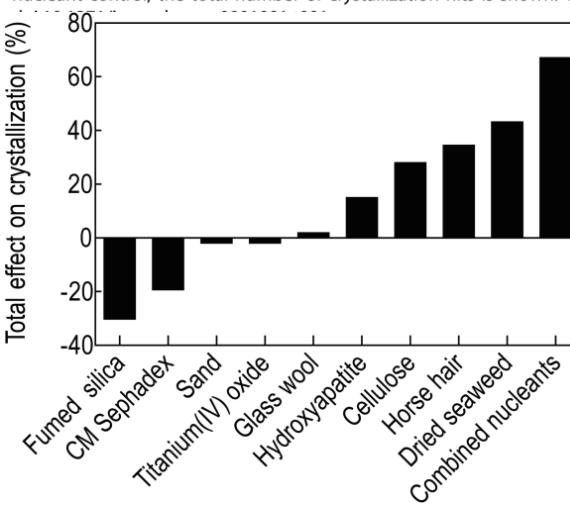
Emmanuel Saridakis<sup>1</sup> and Naomi E. Chayen<sup>2</sup>

# Cristallizzazione:

## Nucleazione eterogenea

Protein	Control (no nucleant)	Fumed silica		CM Sephadex		Sand		Titanium(IV) oxide		Glass wool		Hydroxyapatite		Cellulose		Horse hair		Dried seaweed		Combination of 9 nucleants		Combination of 4 nucleants	
		Total	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+
Lysozyme	5	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	4	0	7	3	7	0
Pepsin	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	1	ND	
Trypsin	5	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	3	0	2	0	3	0	5	1	ND	
Glucose Isomerase	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	3	1	ND	
Ribonuclease A	6	0	4	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	2	0	3	1	2	1	3	2	ND	
Myoglobin	4	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	ND	
$\alpha$ -lactalbumin	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	ND	
Catalase	5	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	6	2	ND	
Xylanase	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	3	1	2	1	6	1	ND	
Thaumatin	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	2	0	2	1	5	1	ND	
Sum over all proteins	46	8	22	3	12	0	1	5	6	1	0	17	10	16	3	20	4	23	3	43	12	ND	
Total effect (crystallization hits)		-14		-9		-1		-1		1		7		13		16		20		31		ND	
Total effect (%)		-30		-20		-2		-2		2		15		28		35		43		67		ND	

For each protein/heterogeneous nucleating agent pair and the sum over all proteins, the number of new and missing crystallization conditions ("+" and "-", respectively) is shown, relative to the no-nucleant control. For the no-nucleant control, the total number of crystallization hits is shown. The total effect of the nucleating agent, relative to the no-nucleant control, is shown in the last two rows. "ND", not determined.

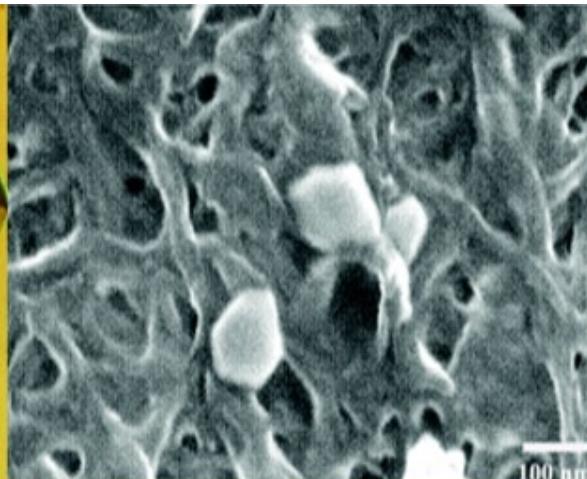
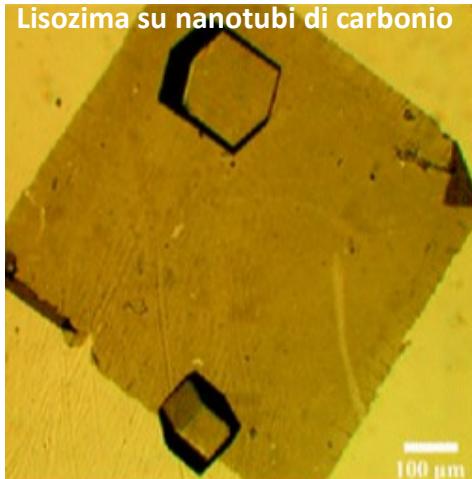
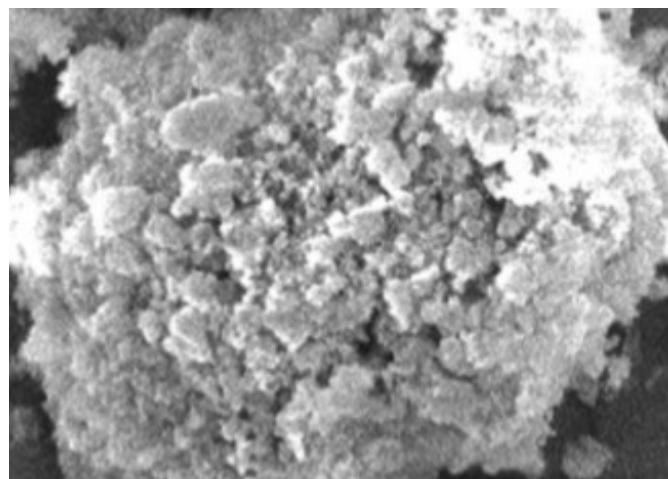
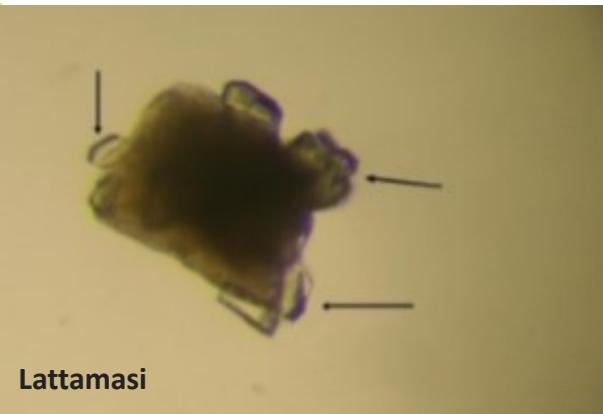


Nucleazione in pori/cavità

# Cristallizzazione:

## Nucleazione eterogenea

Agenti nucleanti realizzati in bio-vetro ( $\text{CaO-P}_2\text{O}_5-\text{SiO}_2$ )



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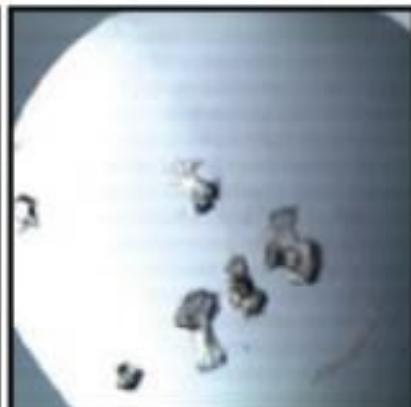
### In acqua deuterata

effetti sulla struttura, stabilità e dinamica delle proteine

→ importanza dell'idratazione

→ influenza sulle cinetiche di assembly

**50% D<sub>2</sub>O**



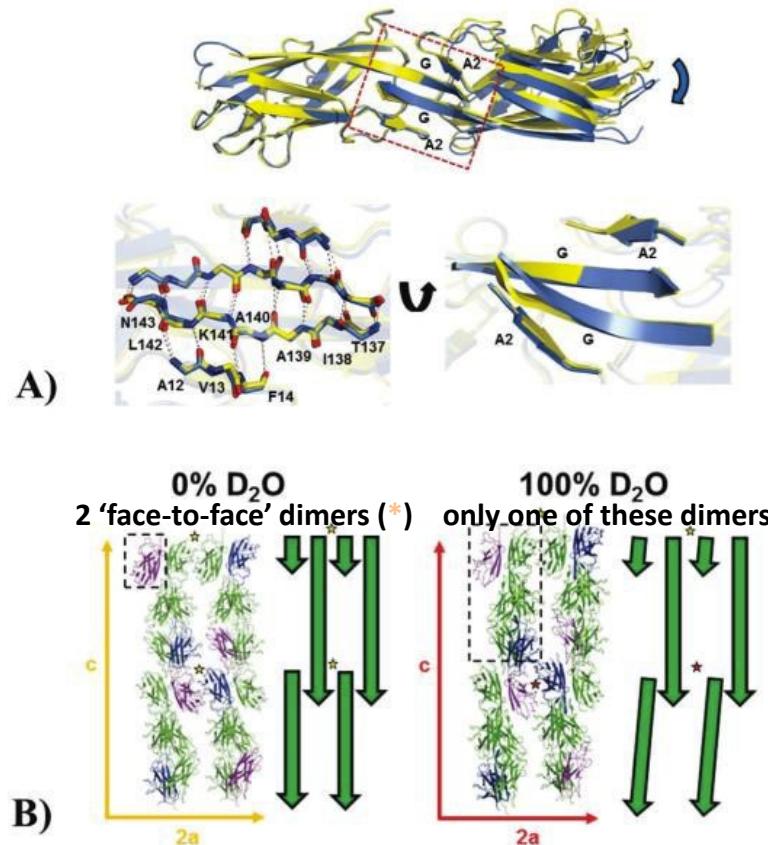
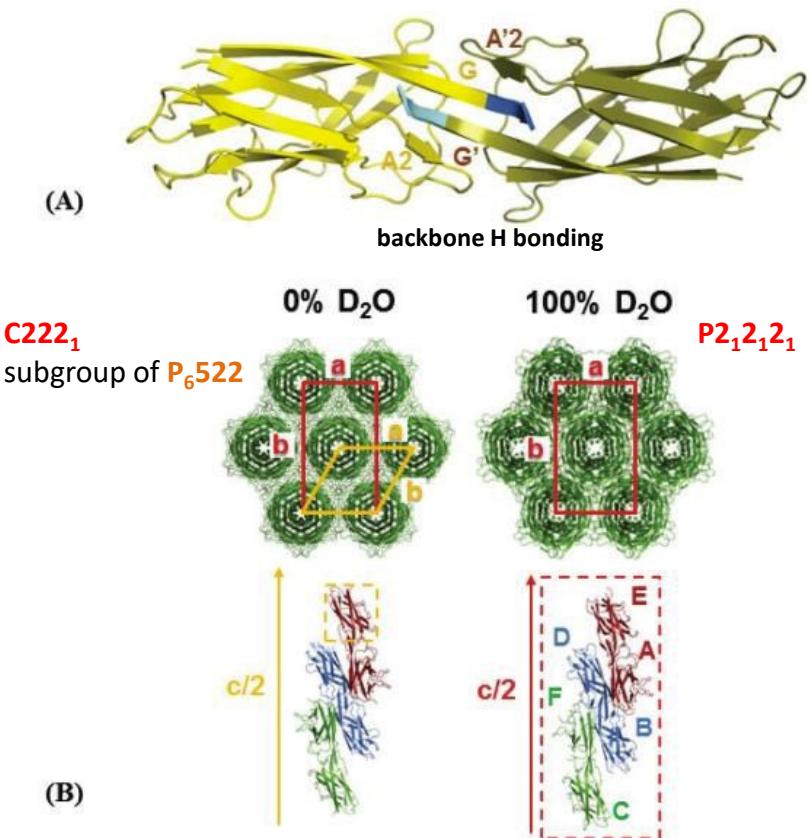
**100% D<sub>2</sub>O**



Salmonella enteritidis fimbriae 14 pilin SefD: Domain-swapped dimer

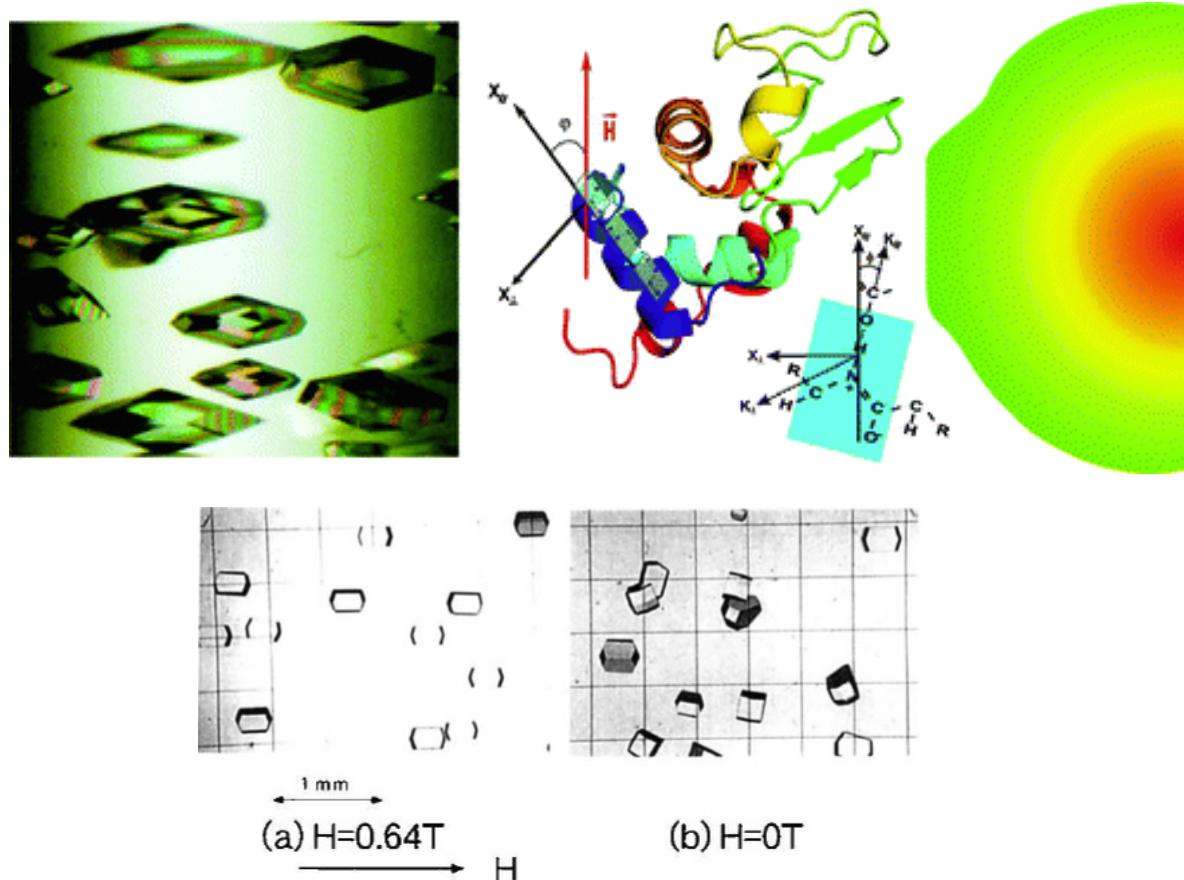
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In acqua deuterata



# Cristallizzazione:

## In campo magnetico



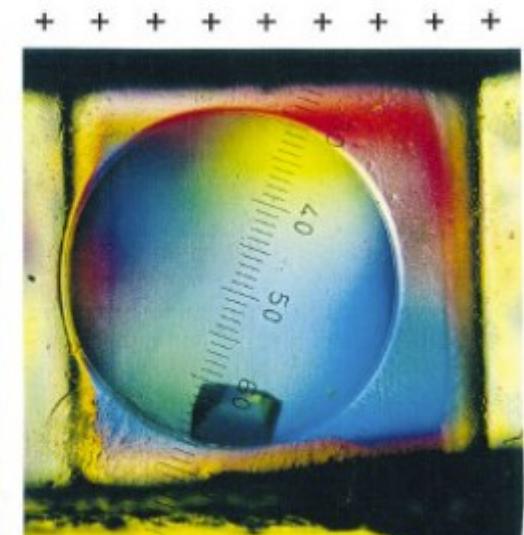
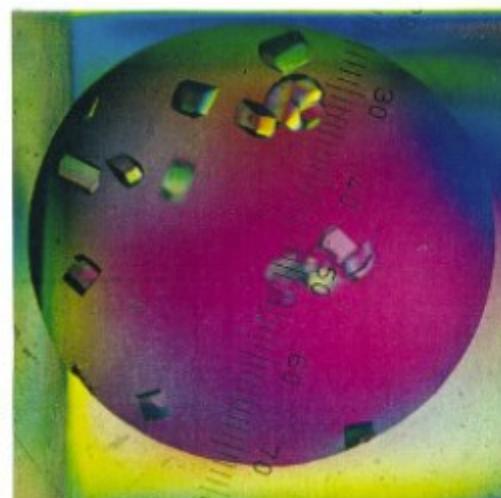
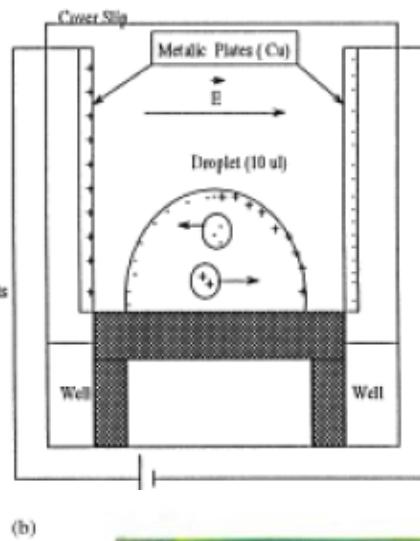
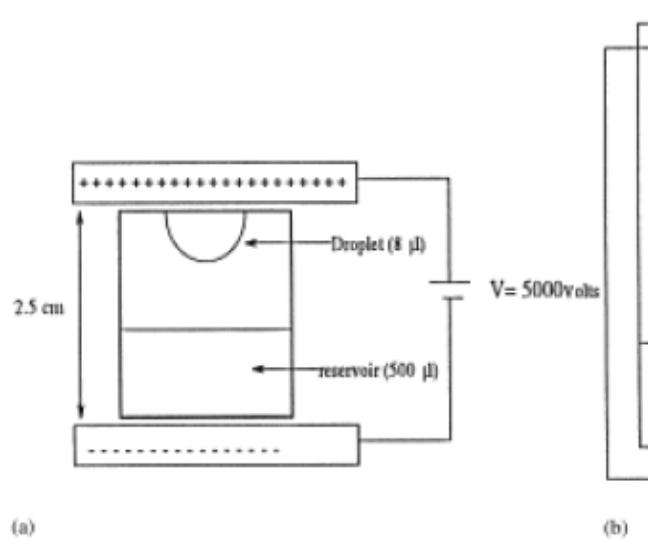
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# Cristallizzazione:

## In campo elettrico



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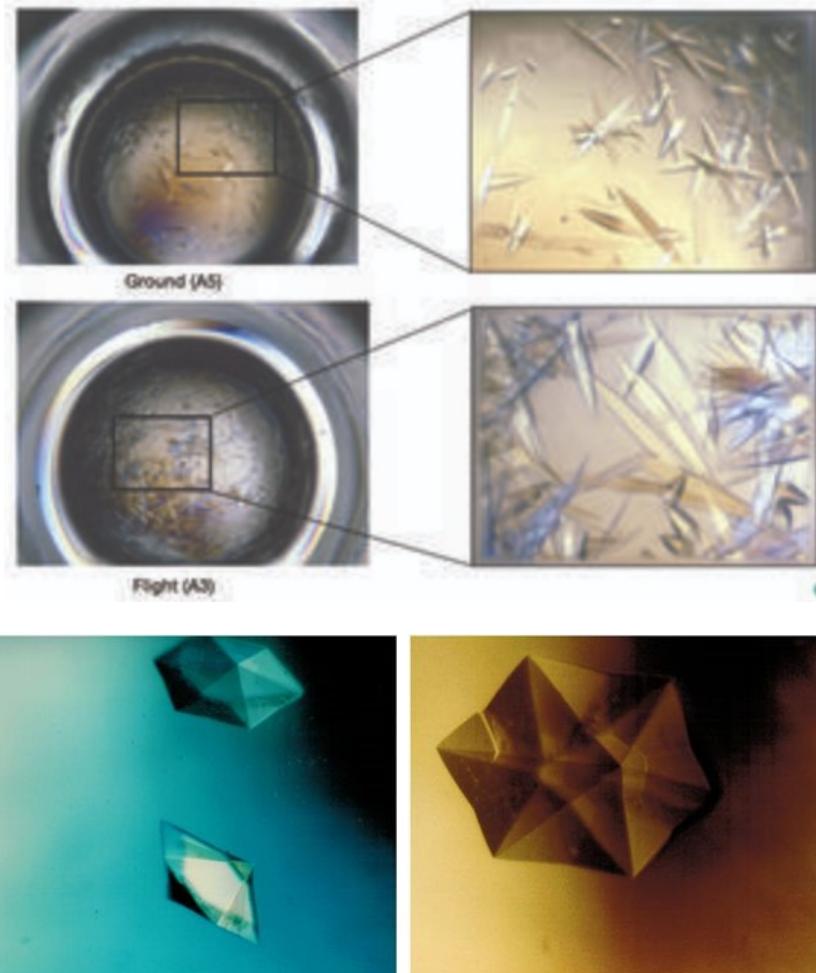
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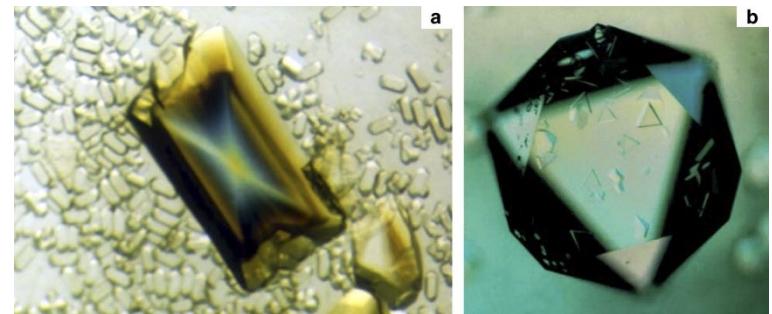
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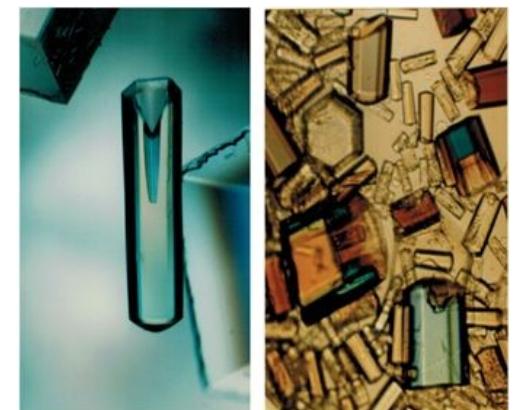
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virus del mosaico giallo della rapa (TYMV)



satellite tobacco mosaic virus (STMV): 30X



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