

Anecdotal Lessons from the 1990's

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My first crystal structures were obtained in the early 1990's, a time that marked small molecule crystallography by the retirement of the precession and Weissenberg cameras, the fall of the VAX and rise of the PC, the transition from point detectors to area detectors, significant advancement in software automation and computer graphics, and first-generation CIFs. Personal stories will interleave instrumentation and software from the 1990s with lessons learned through naivete and mistakes. Topics will include space group assignment, absorption corrections, and diffuse scattering.