



Combined Analysis as a plus for full structural determination of mollusc shells: textures and organic-imposed distortions

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calcite - Nacre - aragonite

Electrochemistry

Biomaterialisation

Ti-Coating

Mollusc Phylogeny

Artificial Coral reefs

Calcareous deposits
Scaling-antiscaling

Extinct species,
fossils

CO₂ sequestration

Snail Farming

Jewelry - Pearls

Geology

Environment

Shell spores

Bio-Integration, Osteoinduction

Fauna preservation

Structure Reinforcements

Cosmetics

Medicine

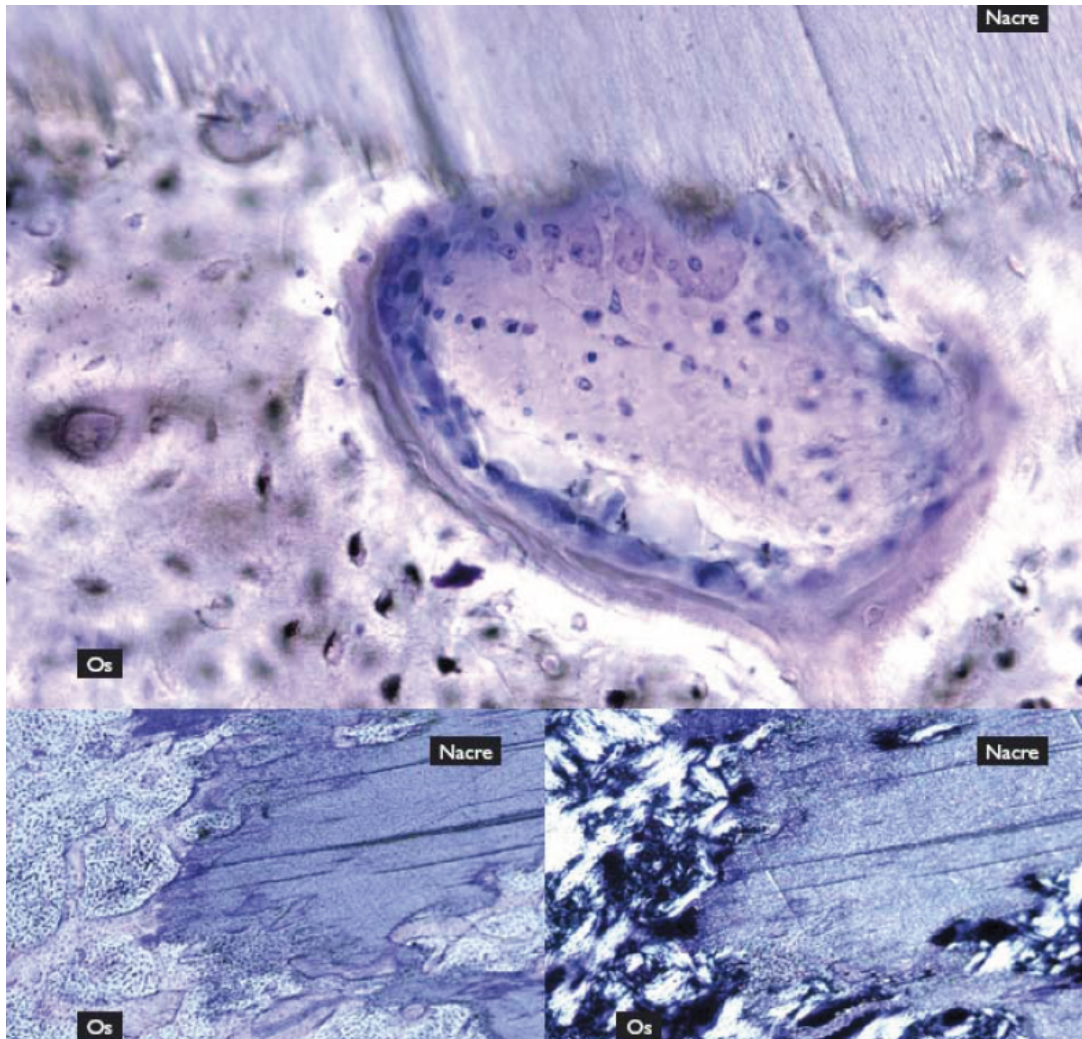
Dentistry - Implantology - Prosthaetics



4000 BC maya cranes,
Honduras

Amadéo Bobbio (1972) *Bull. Historical
Dentology*

Evelyne Lopez, MNHN, Paris



Bone-cells stimulation at the
nacre/bone interface

Penetration of neo-bone
inside nacre

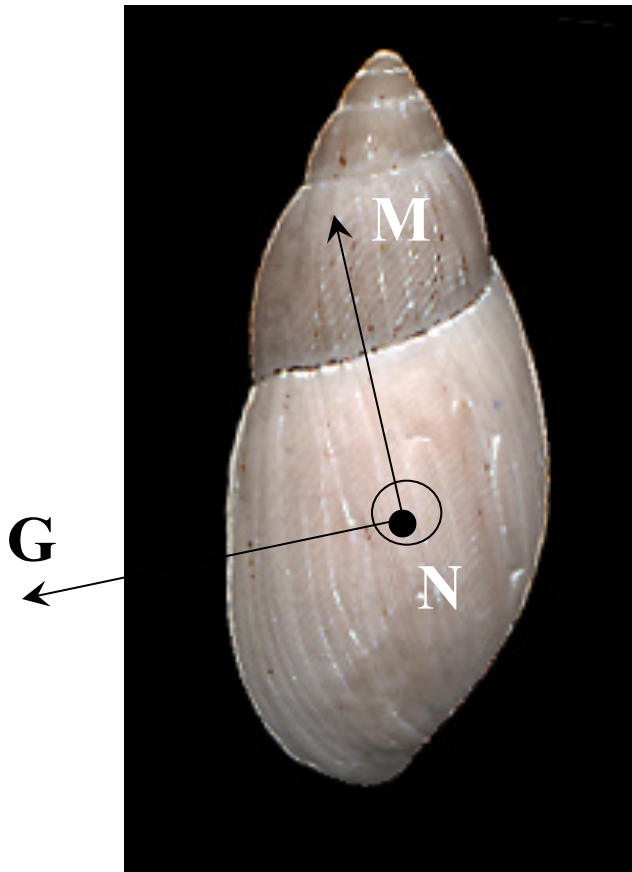
Evelyne Lopez *et al.* (1992) *Tissue & Cell*

Why x-rays and neutron (diffraction) ?

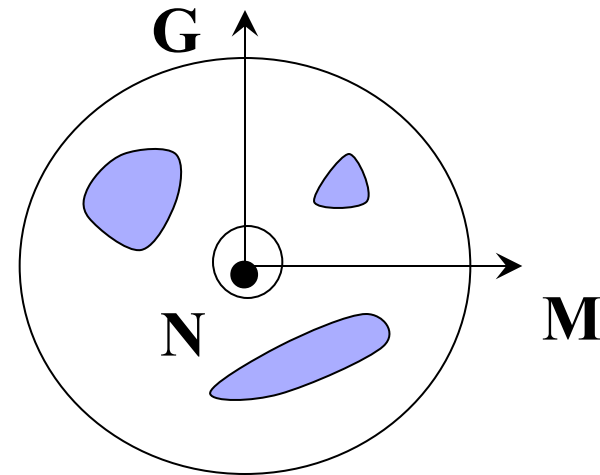
- Microstructure versus texture
- Mollusc Phylogeny (Texture ...)
- A link to mollusc ancestors
- Cell distortions in biogenic crystals
- Synthetic nacre-like biocrystals

Reference frame

Euglandina rosea: a land snail, carnivorous mollusc introduced in Pacific and Indian oceans, to regulate *Achatina fulica*



- Crystal: CaCO_3 , aragonite ($\text{Pm}\bar{c}n$) or calcite ($\text{R}\bar{3}c$)
- Sample: triclinic

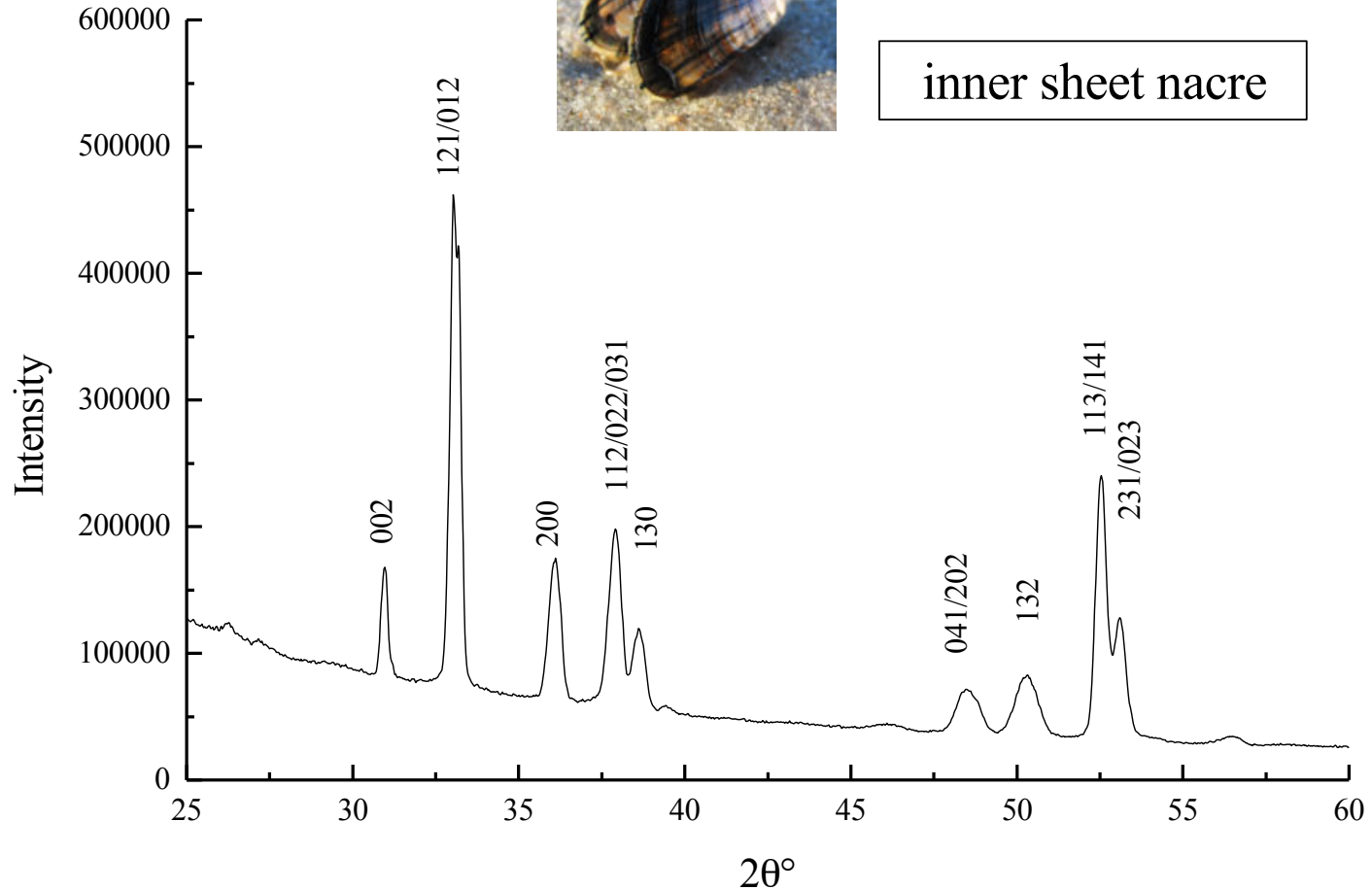


Typical patterns: using the CPS120-INEL

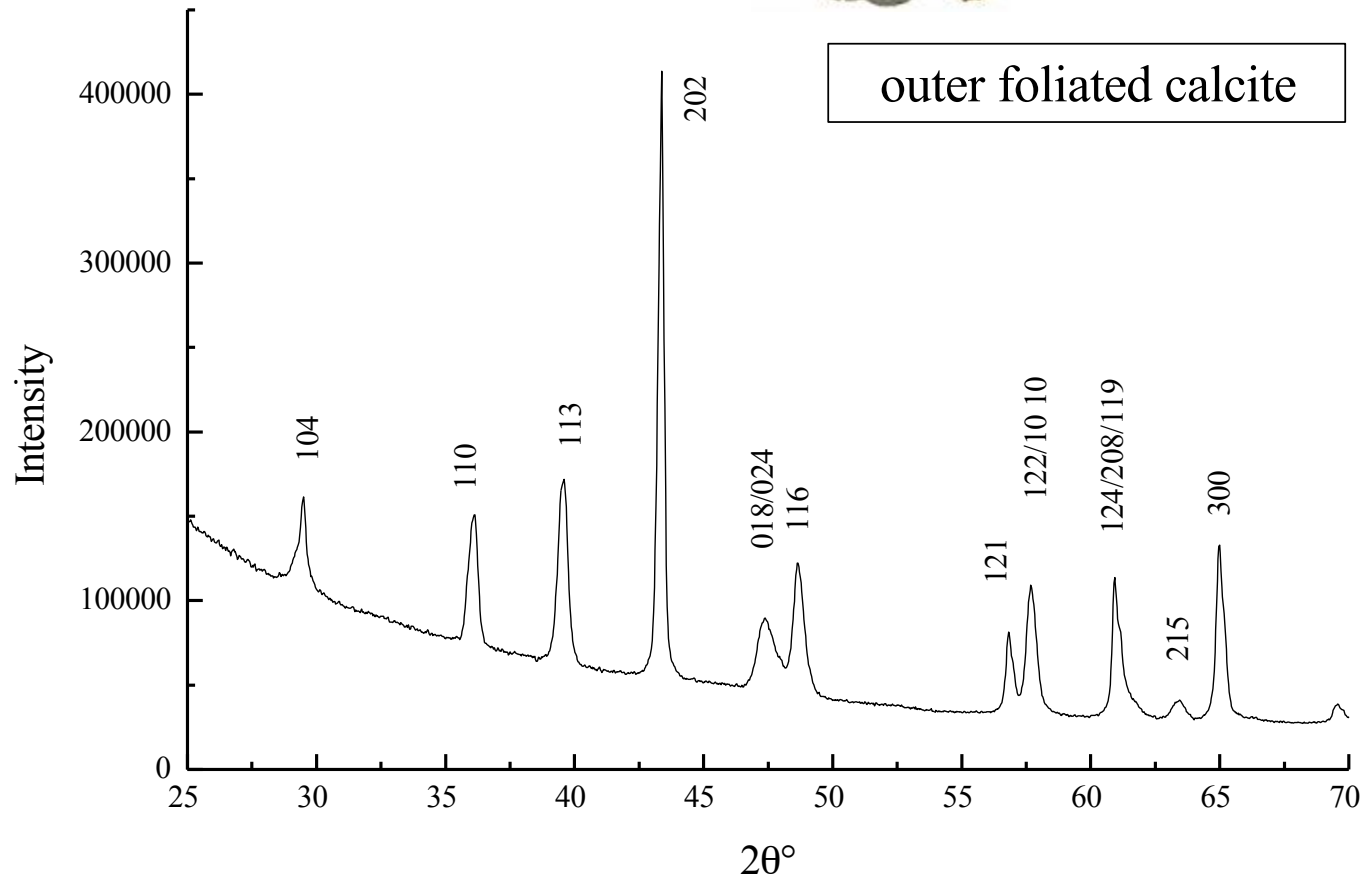
Mytilus edulis (common mussel): sum diagrams



inner sheet nacre

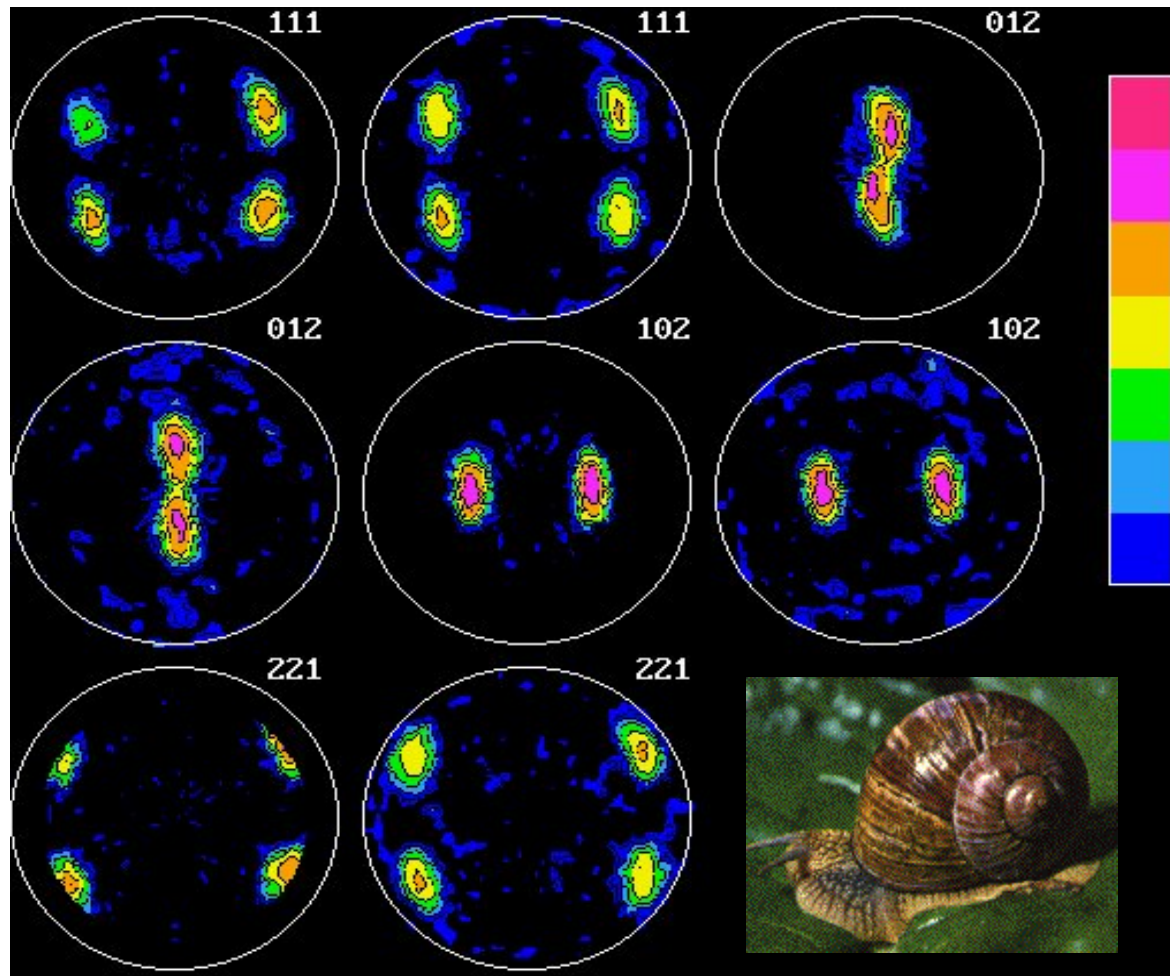


Crassostrea gigas (common oyster)



Measured for around 1000 sample orientations, using x-rays, neutrons or electrons, depending on the desired probed volume

OD-reliability: *Helix pomatia* (Burgundy land snail:
Outer com. crossed lamellar)



22.7

$$RP_{0.05} = 67\%$$

$$RP_1 = 40\%$$

Lin. scale

Eq. area

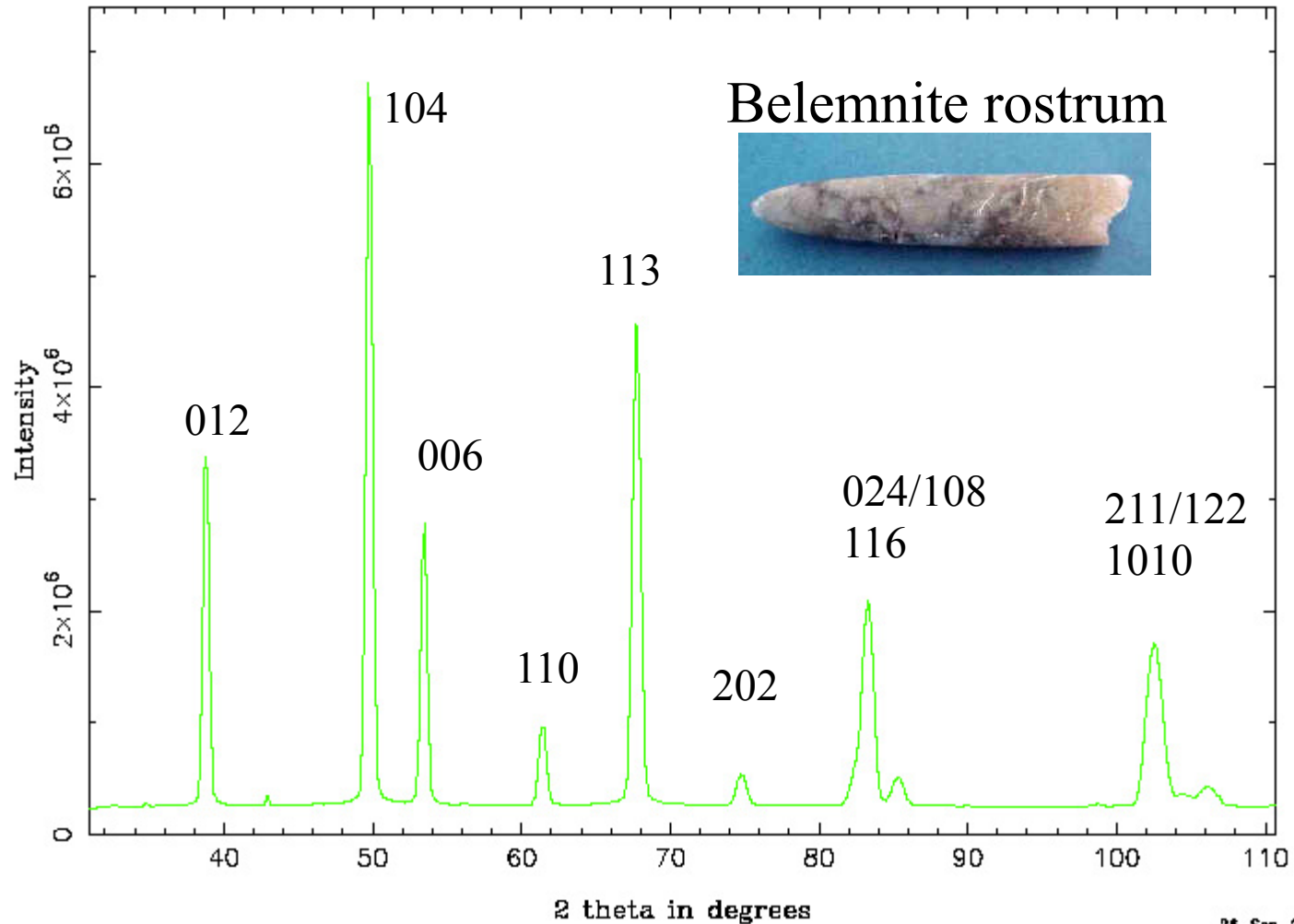
1 m.r.d.

$$S = -4.1$$

$$F^2 = 106 \text{ m.r.d.}^2$$

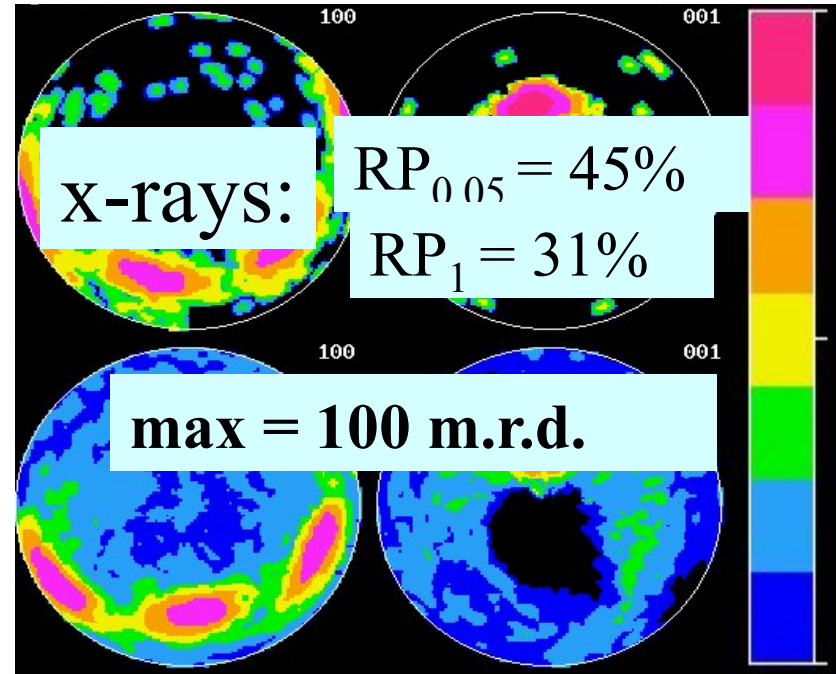
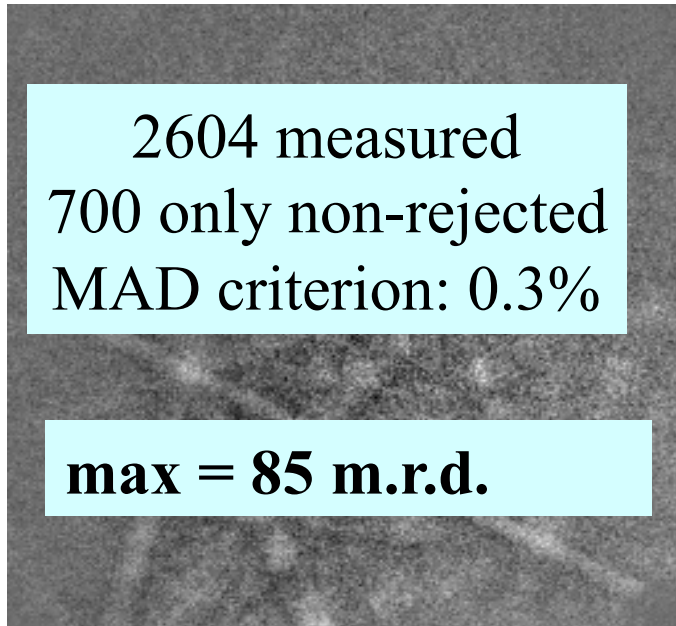
$$OD_{\max} = 444 \text{ m.r.d.}$$

D1B-ILL experiments



Crassostrea gigas (Inner foliated calcite)

Electrons



x-rays

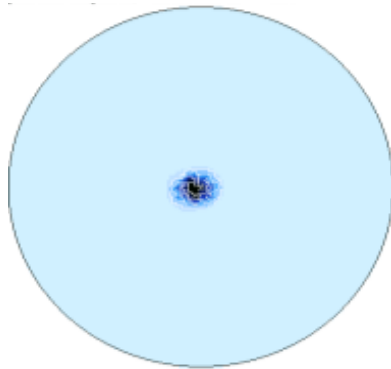
Global analysis is coherent with local ones like synchrotron microfocus x-rays (*Aizenberg et al. (1996) Connective Tissue Research 34 255*)

c-axes texture patterns

*Pinctada
maxima*

ISN

“gold pearl
oyster”

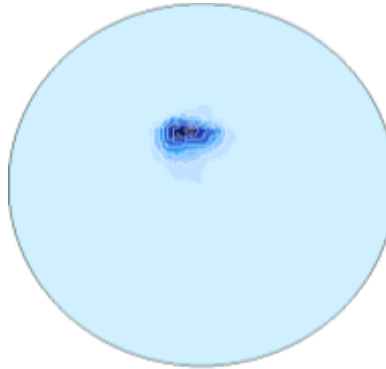


T

*Nerita
polita*

ICCL

“polished
nerite”

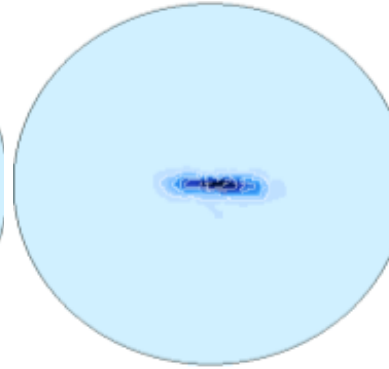


Z

*Fragum
fragum*

ICCL

“cockle”

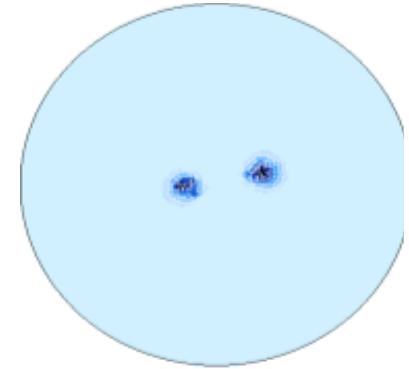


A

*Cypraea
testudinaria*

ICCL

“turtle
cowry”



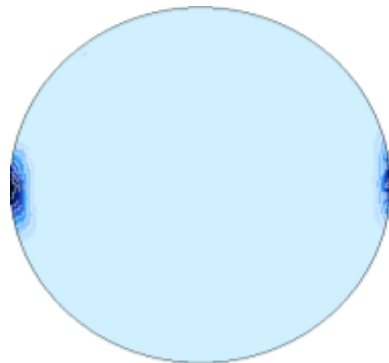
V

a-axes texture patterns

*Helix
pomatia*

OCCL

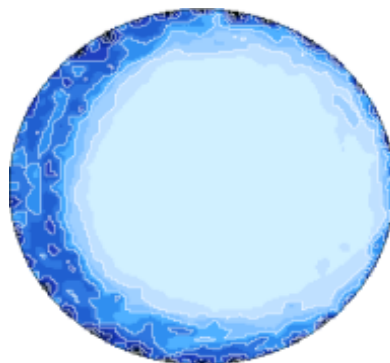
“burgundy
land snail”



*Tectus
niloticus*

ICN

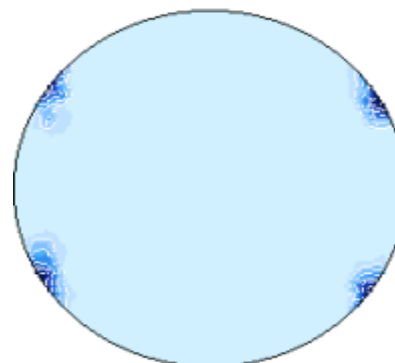
“commercial
top shell”



*Conus
leopardus*

ICCL

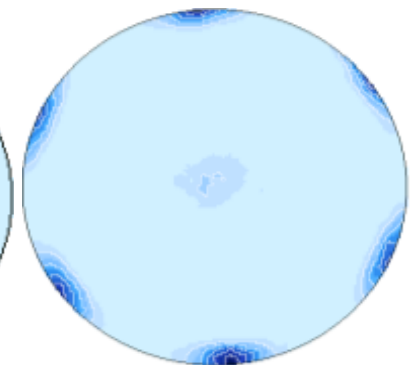
“leopard
cone”



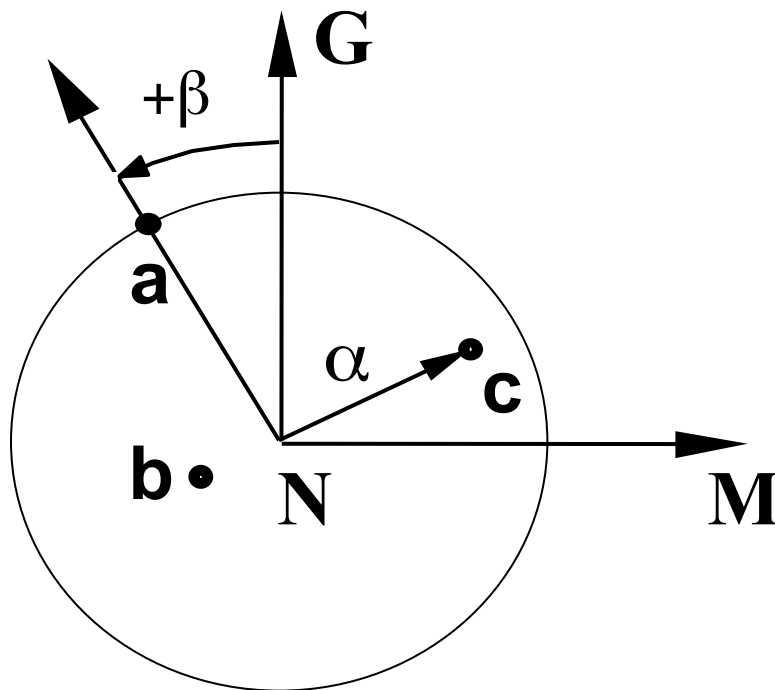
*Nautilus
pompilius*

ICN

“new caledonia
nautilus”



Texture terms



$$\left\langle \mathbf{c}^\alpha \mid \mathbf{L} \mid \mathbf{a}_T^{\langle hkl \rangle, \beta} \right\rangle$$

c: ●, ∇, v, ∠, ⊥

a: ●, ○, *, ×, |

L: ISN, ICN, ICCL

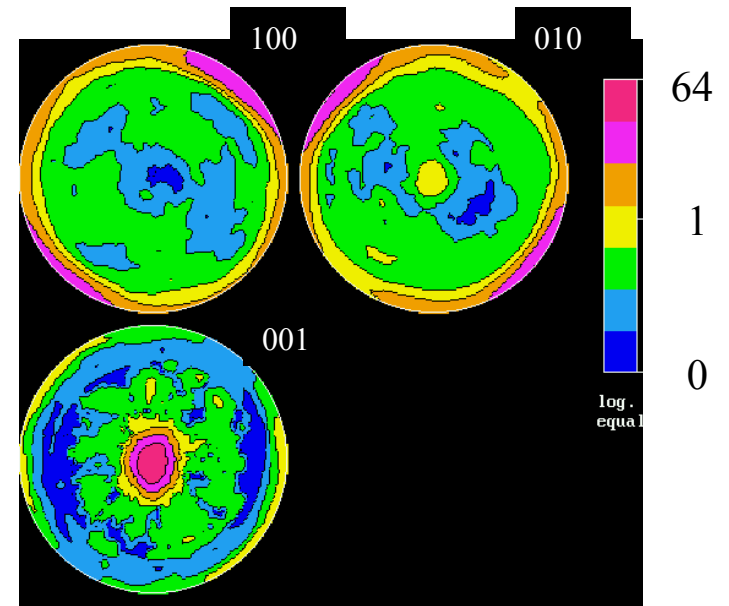
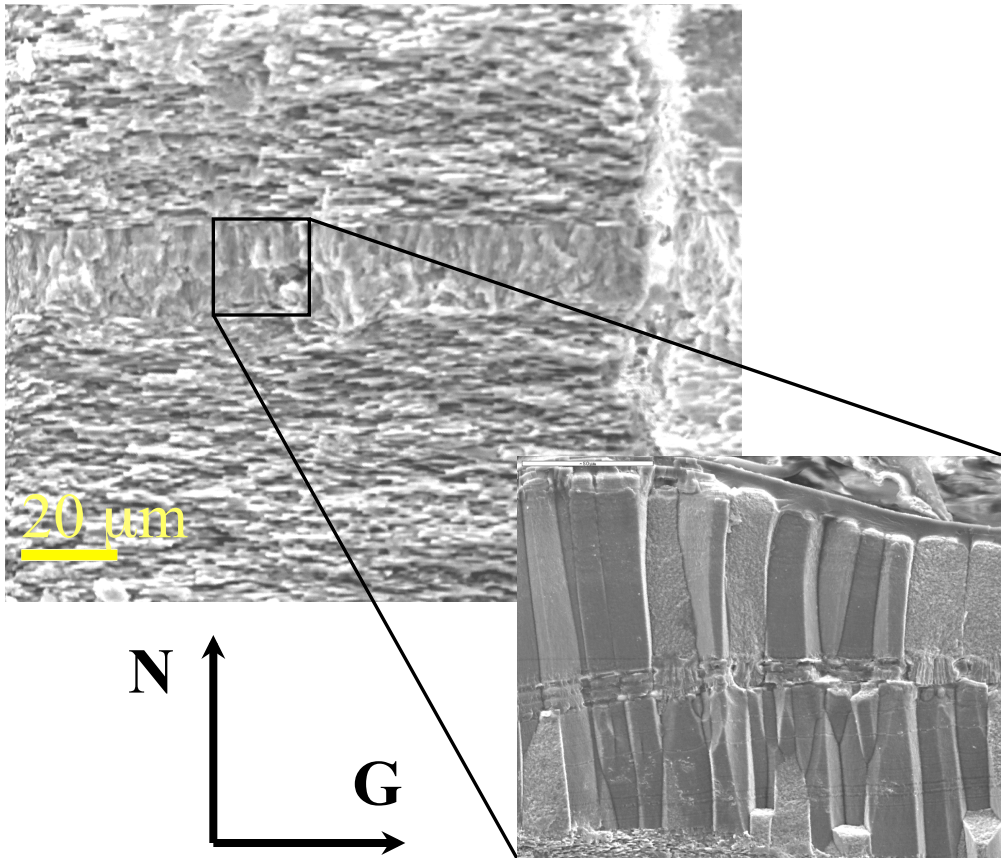
T: % twinned volume

<hkl>: direction in (G,M)

Microstructure versus texture



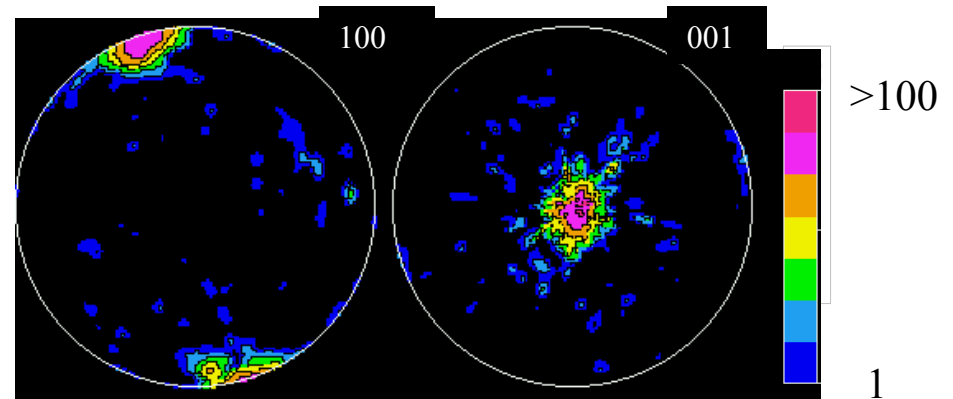
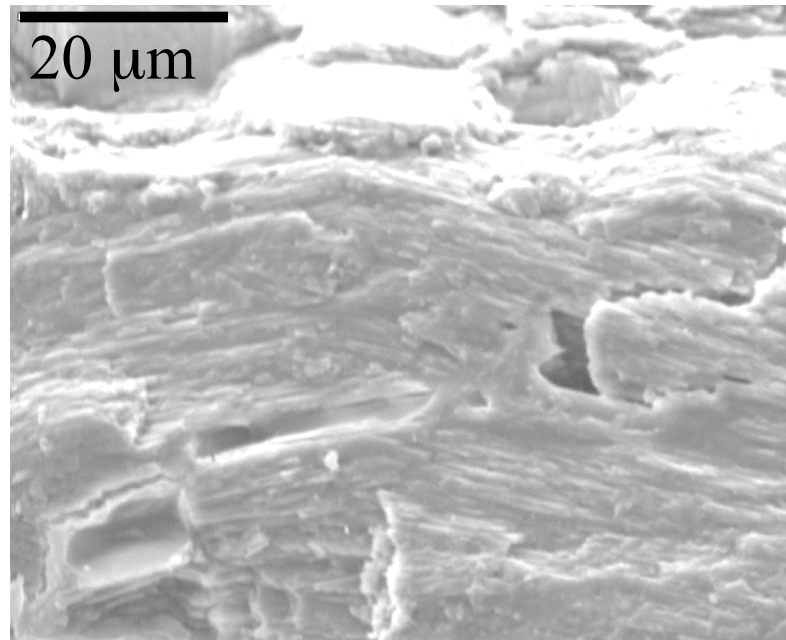
Inner sheet nacre of *Anodonta cygnea* (freshwater swan mussel)



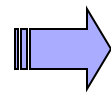
$$\langle \perp | ISN | *_{25}^{a, -45} \rangle$$

Microstructure versus texture

Cyclophorus woodianus: different crystal orientations look like single crystal from diffraction !



$$\langle \perp | \text{IRCL} |^a, 20 \rangle$$



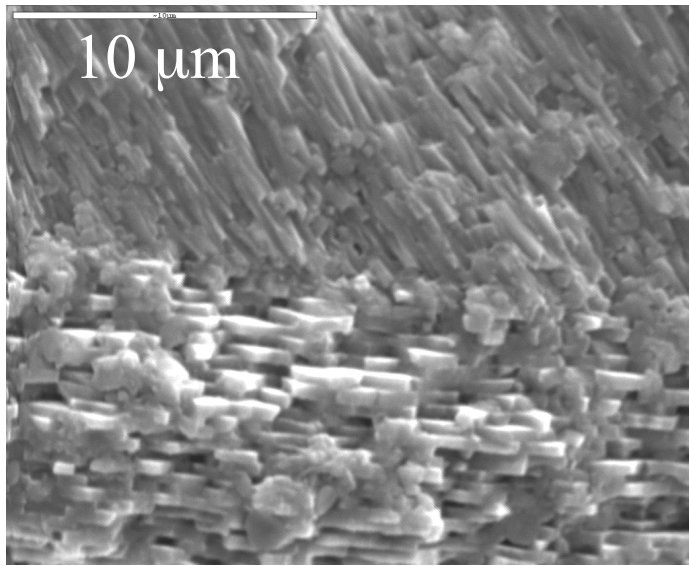
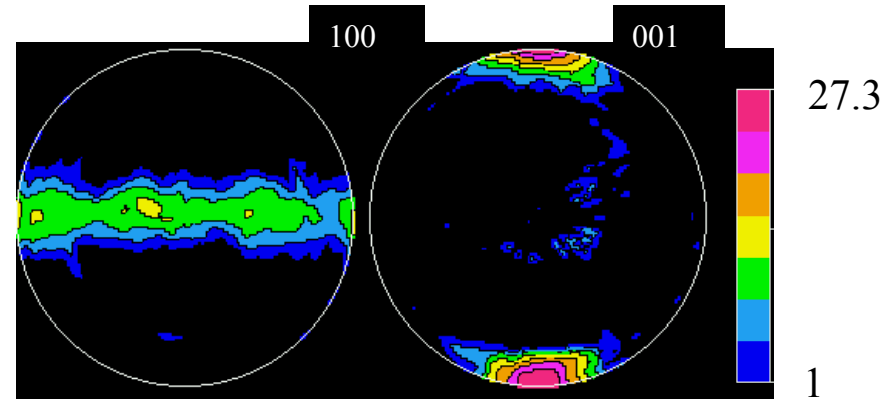
Texture parameters may deserve phylogenetic analysis

Microstructure versus texture

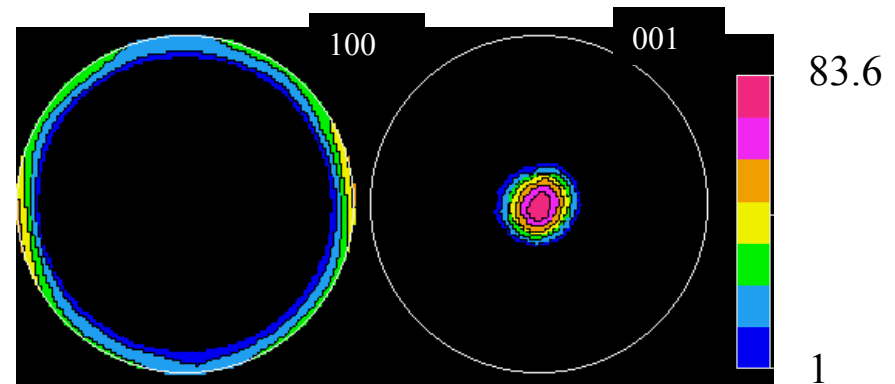


Bathymodiolus thermophilus (-2400m deep event mussel)

$$\langle \angle, 90 | \text{OFC} | I^{c,0} \rangle$$

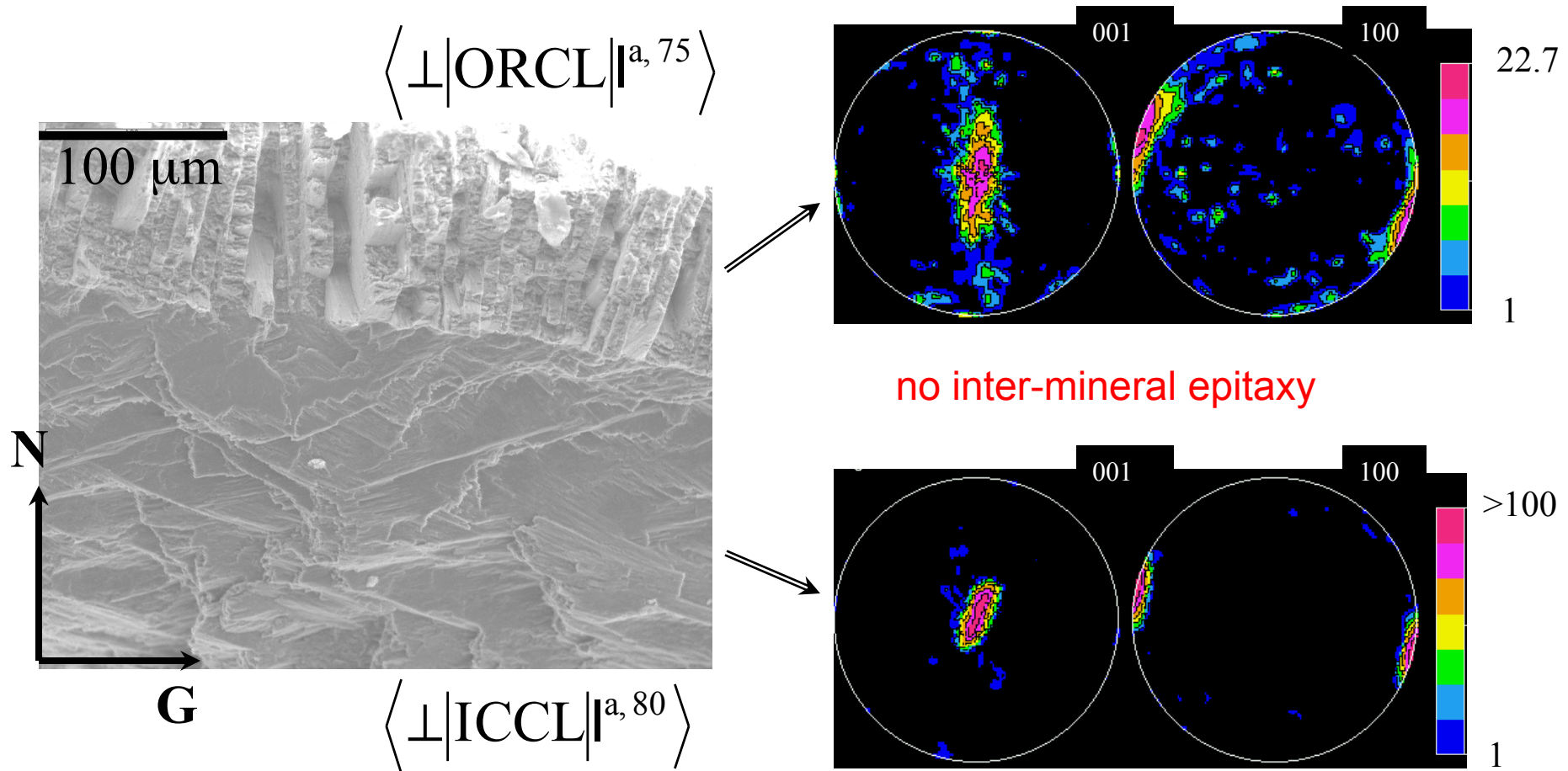


$$\langle \perp | \text{ISN} | *_{38}^{a,90} \rangle$$



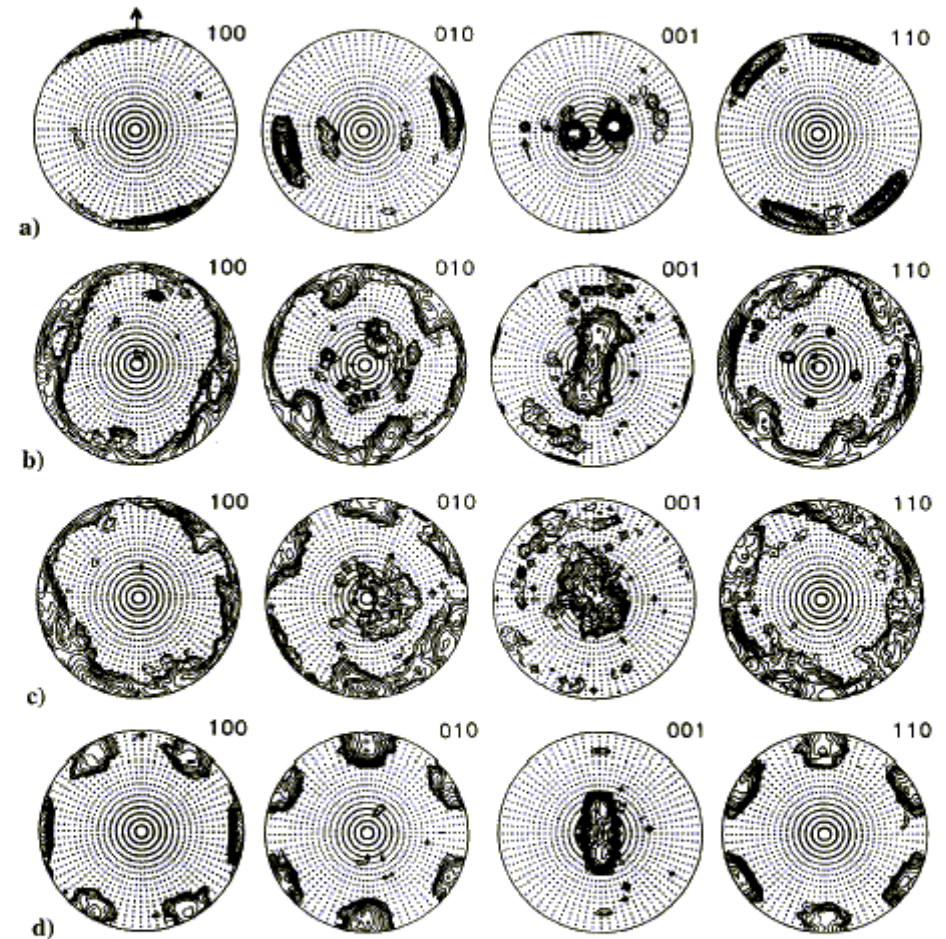
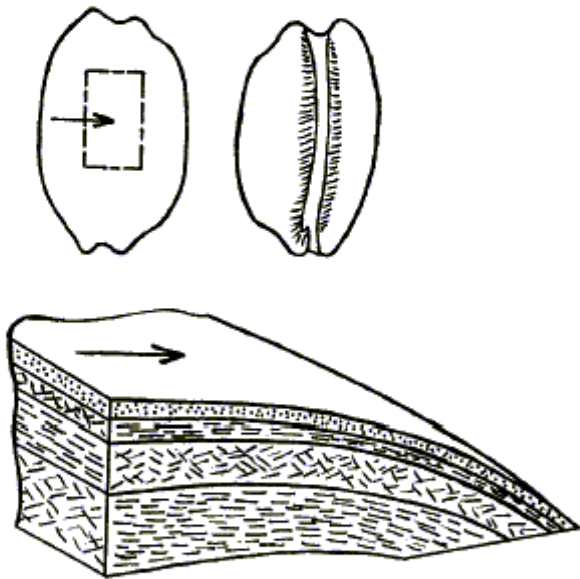
Microstructure versus texture

Euglandina rosea different crystallite shapes, close orientations !



Microstructure versus texture

Inner sheet nacre of *Cypraea testudinaria* (cowry):
no inter-layer epitaxy



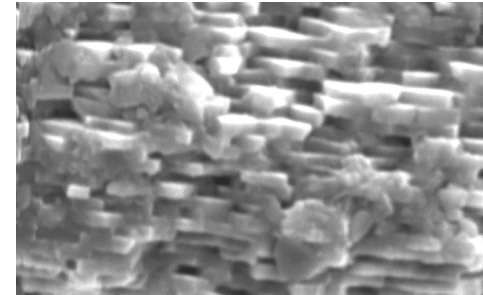
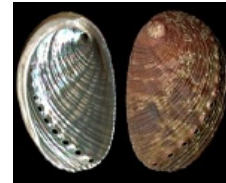
➡ Organically driven growth

Dealing with nacre

Gastropods

Columnar Nacre

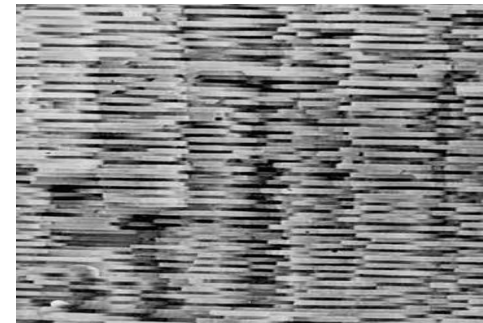
Haliotis tuberculata (common abalone)



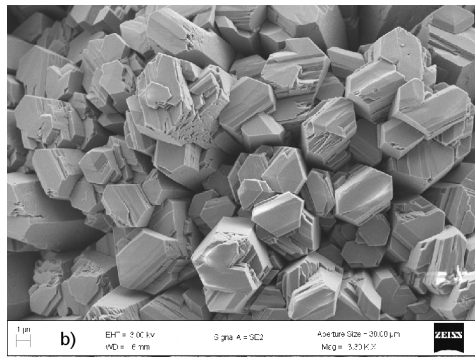
Bivalves

Sheet Nacre

Pinctada maxima (Mother of pearl oyster)

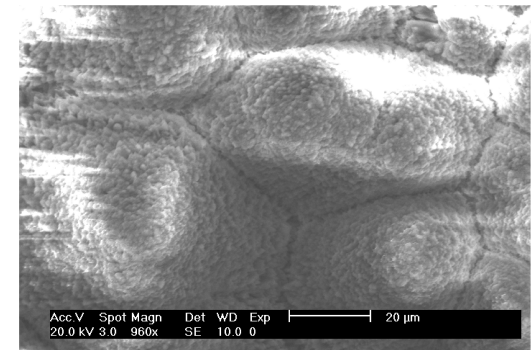


Electrodeposited $\text{CaCO}_3/\text{Ti-Al-V}$ coatings

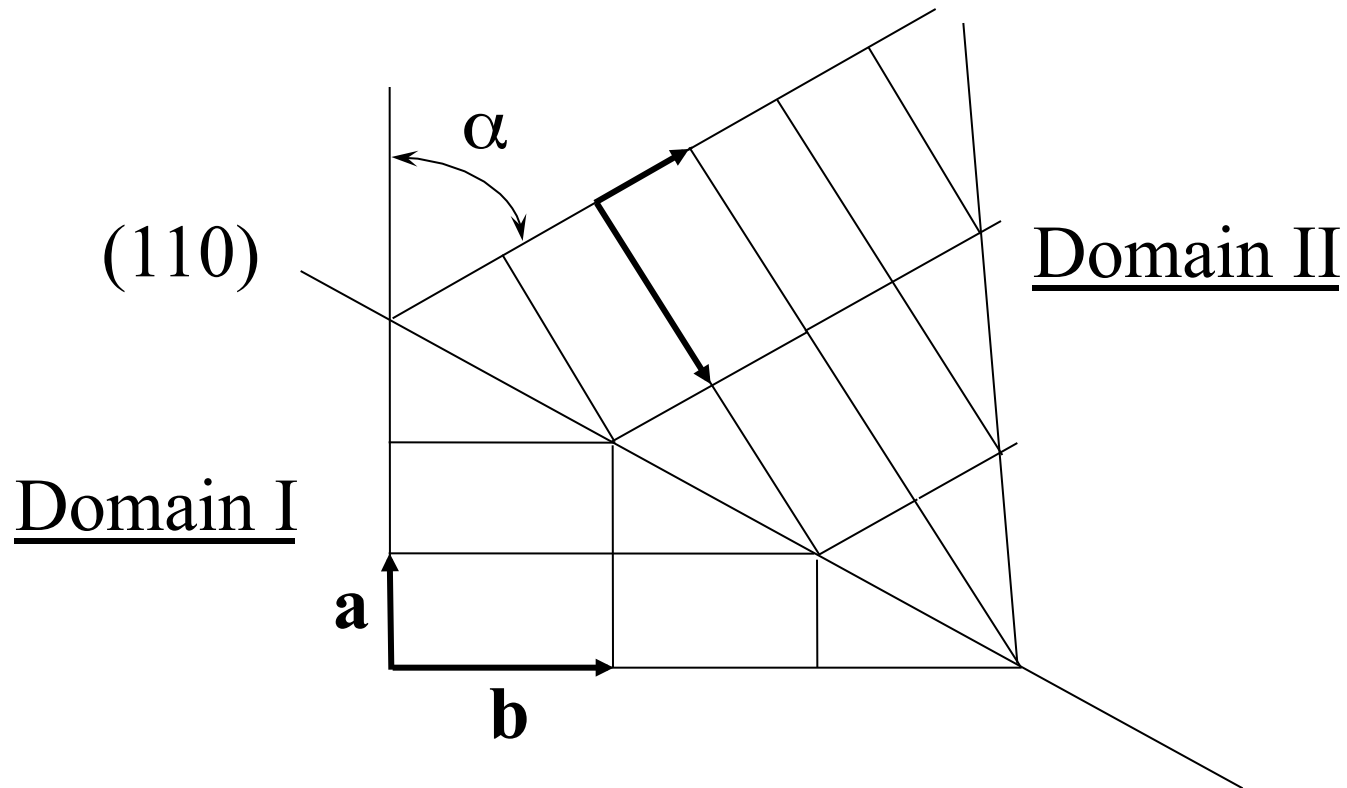


Inorganic

non-polar extract
Pinctada maxima

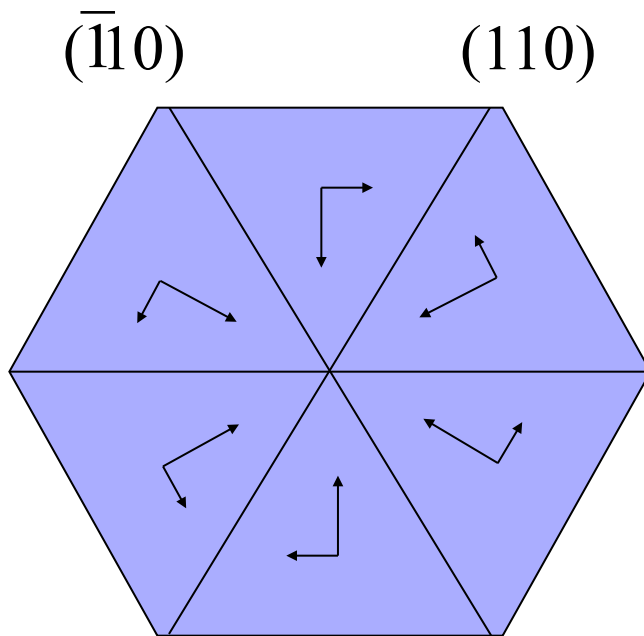


Twining in aragonite ...

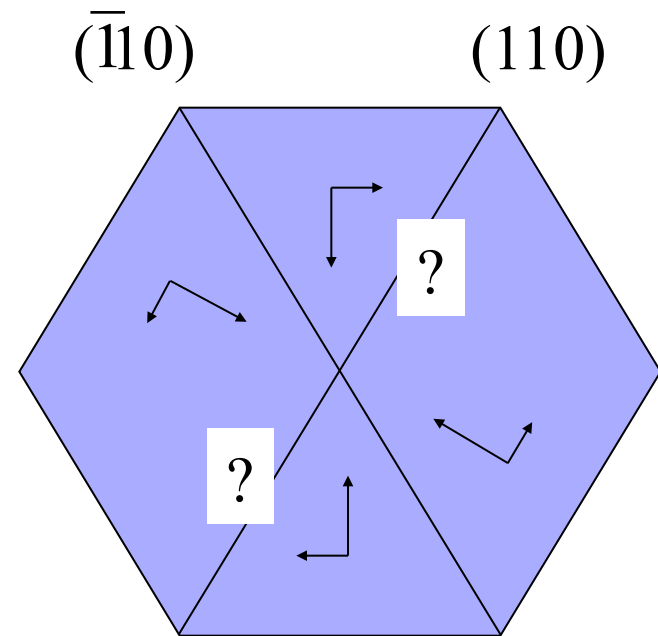


$$\alpha = 2 \arctan(a/b) = 63.8^\circ$$

... forms nacre platelets ...

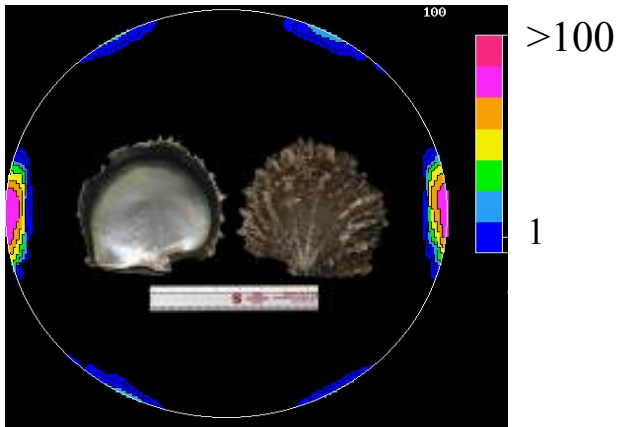
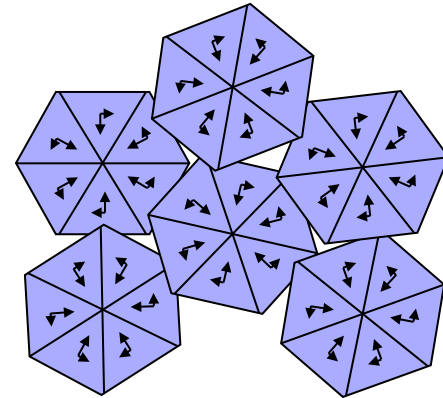
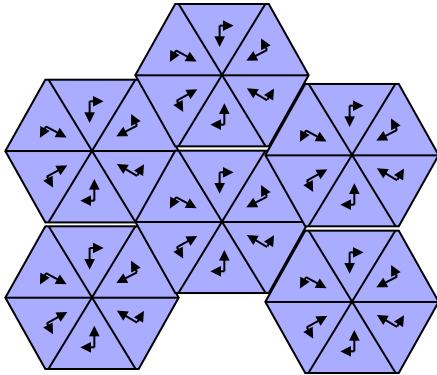


Bragg, 1937

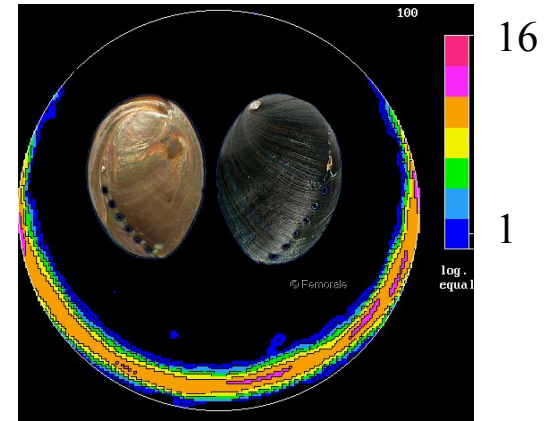


Mutvei, 1980

... that rearrange ...



Pinctada margaritifera
(black pearl oyster)

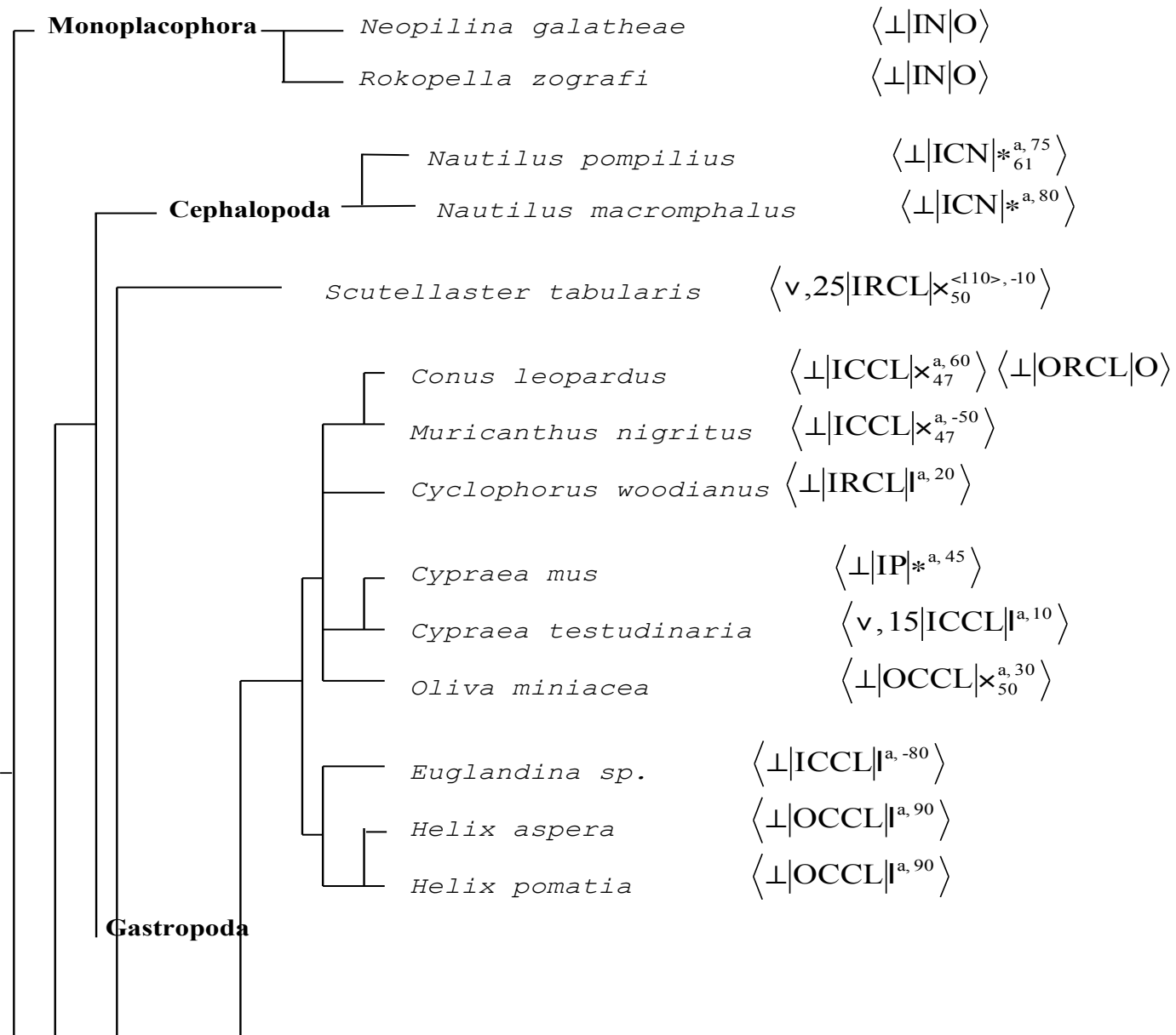


Haliotis cracherodi
(black abalone)

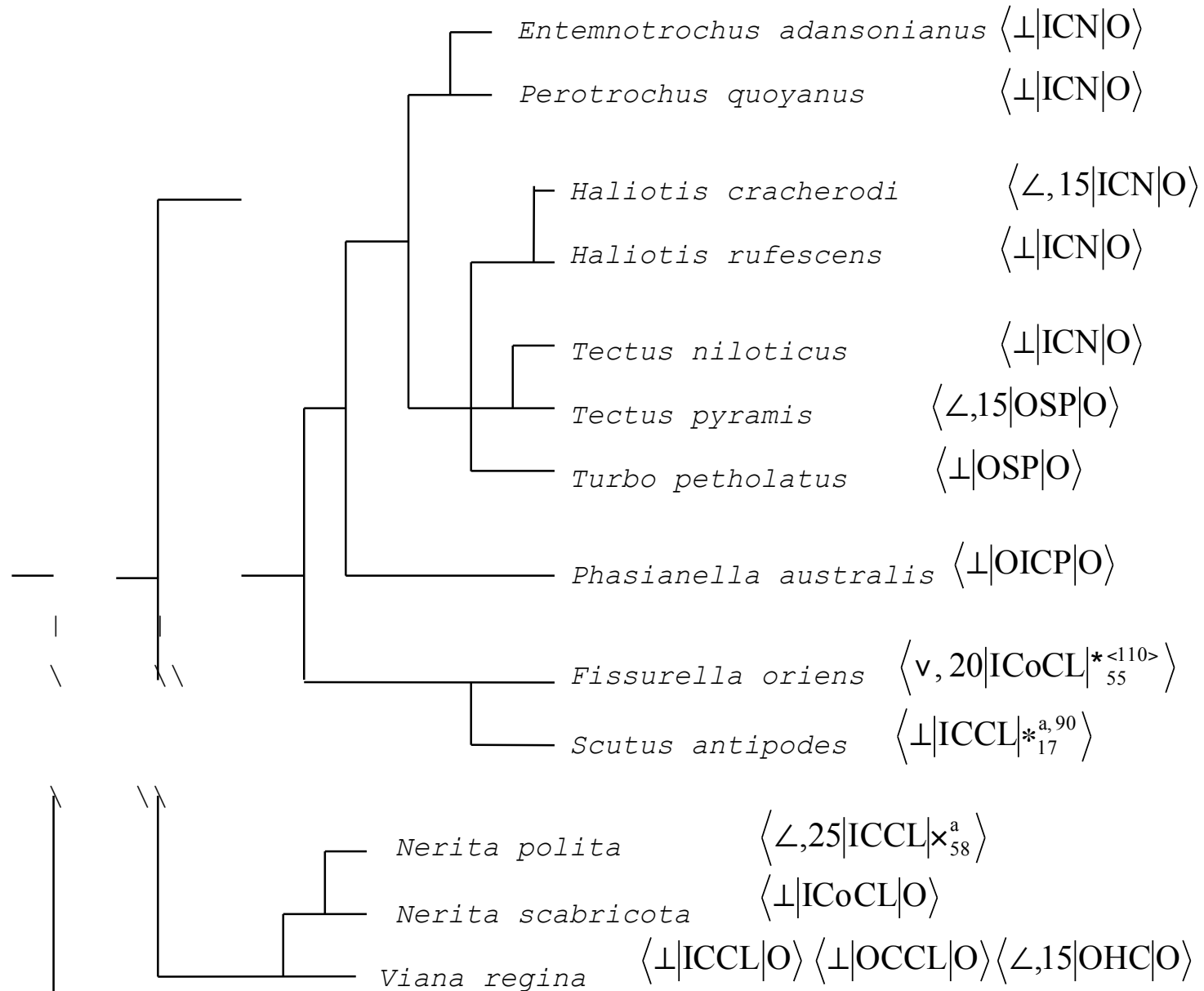
QTA and Mollusc Phylogeny

Around 70 mollusc species (gastropods, bivalves, monoplacophoras and cephalopods), around 150 layers studied

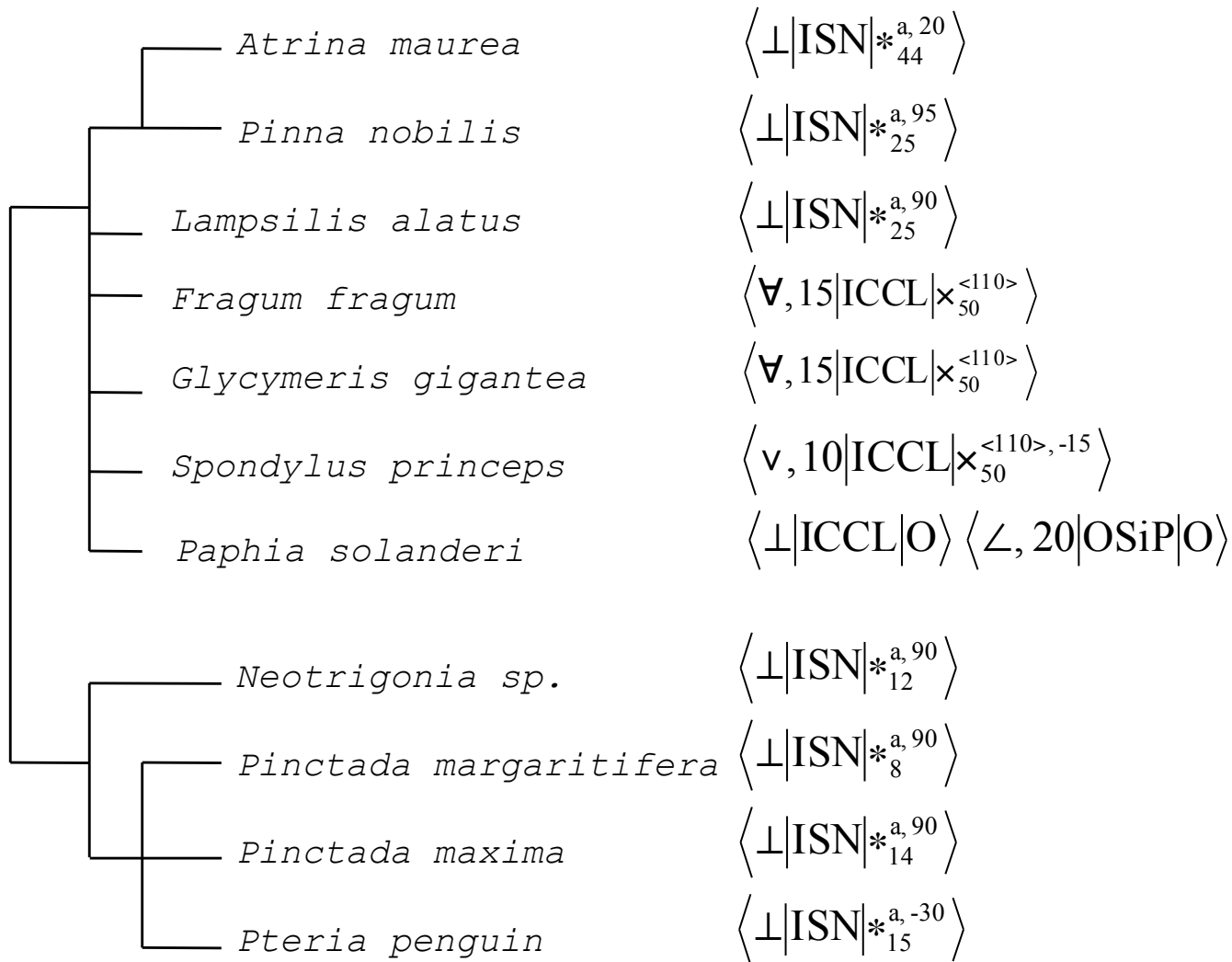
Closely related species, close textural characters, but significant variations: **textural parameters** can serve **character analysis**



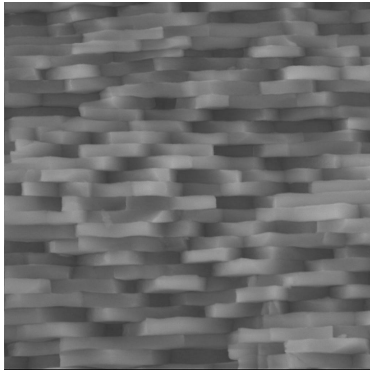
Gastropoda



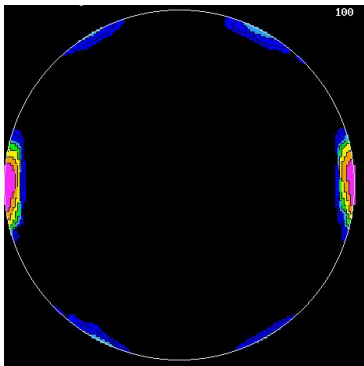
Bivalvia



Pinctada margaritifera, *P. maxima* and *Pinna nobilis* nacres:
 Bio-compatible and **osteo-inductive** for human osteoblasts (E. Lopez (MNHN, Paris))



Bivalvia



P. Margaritifera



Monoplacophora

Neopilina galathea

Rokopella zographi

Tryblidium sp.

Bivalvia

Neotrigonia sp.

Pinctada margaritifera

Pinctada maxima

Pinna nobilis

Pteria penguin

Lampsili alatus

Atrina maurea

Acila castrensis

Mytilus edulis

Mytilus californianus

Bathymodiolus thermophilus

Anodonta cygnea

Cephalopoda

Nautilus pompilius

Nautilus macromphalus

Baculities sp.

Gastropoda

Entemnotrochus adansonianus

Perotrochus quoyanus

Haliotis cracherodi

Haliotis rufescens

Haliotis tuberculata

Tectus niloticus

Nacre:

c: ⊥ a: ○

Osteoinductive

Sheet nacre

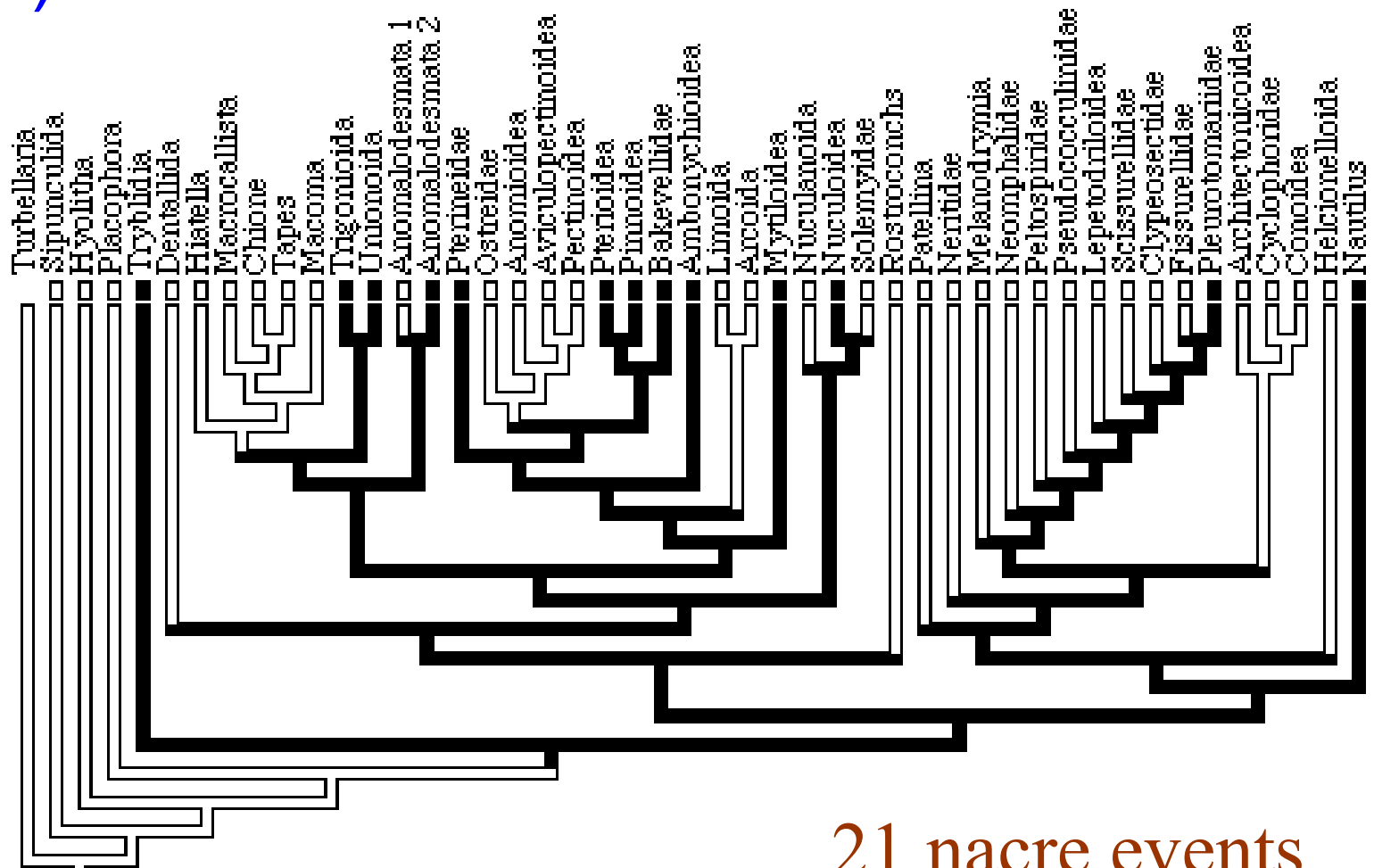
c: ⊥ a: *

Different twin levels

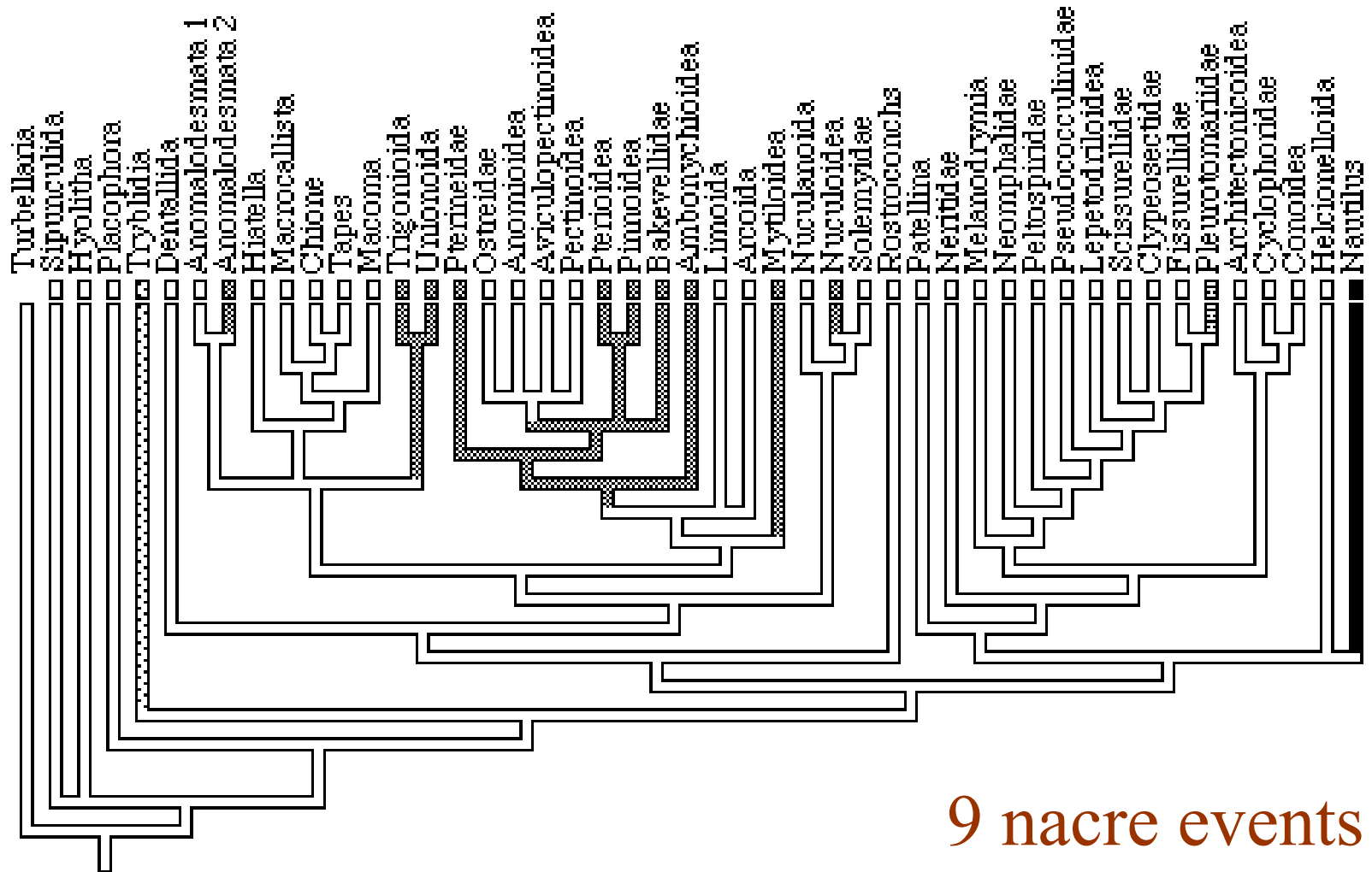
Columnar nacre: c: ⊥ a: *

Columnar nacre: c: ⊥ a: ○

cladistics: nacre = ancestral (Carter & Clarck, 1985)



nacre not ancestral: more parsimonious

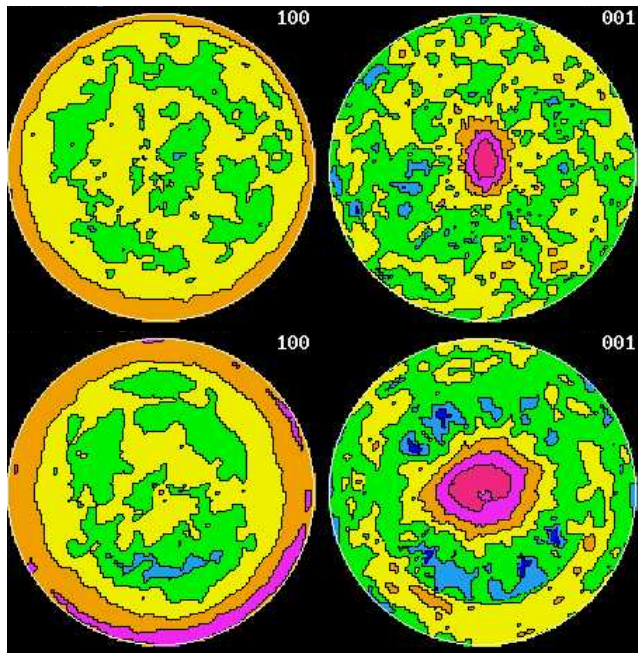


A link to mollusc ancestors

Calcitic fossils: trichites

- Fragments of the large bivalve *Trichites* relatively abundant in shallow marine sediments from the Middle to Upper Jurassic of Europe, Asia and Africa
- Entire individuals are rare and the palaeobiology of the genus is poorly understood because of this
- Studied specimens are thick, some fragments up to 3 cm in thickness, composed of a coarse simple prismatic calcite
- Taxonomic position of *Trichites* remains problematic: pinnoids ?

Pinnaid and Pteroid prismatic layers



Pinna nobilis

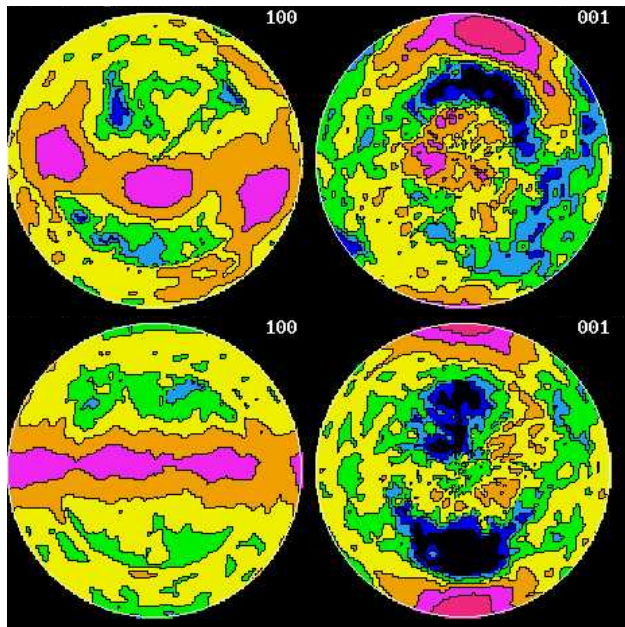


c-axes // N
a-axes at random

Pteria penguin



Mussels prismatic layers



Mytilus edulis

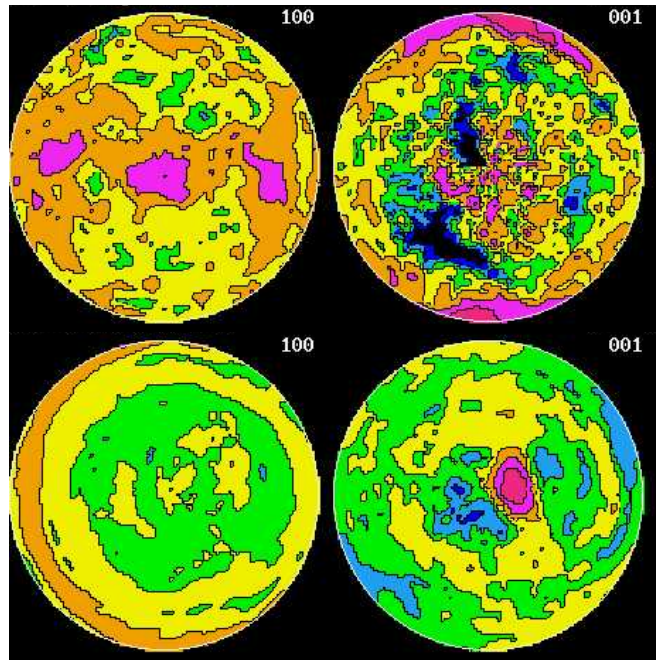
c-axes \angle N

a-axes single-crystal like

c-axes \perp N, \parallel G

*Bathymodiolus
thermophilus*

Scallop and trichite prismatic layers



Amussium parpiraceum
(scallop)

c-axes \perp **N**, // **G**

a-axes single-crystal like

Trichites
(fossil)

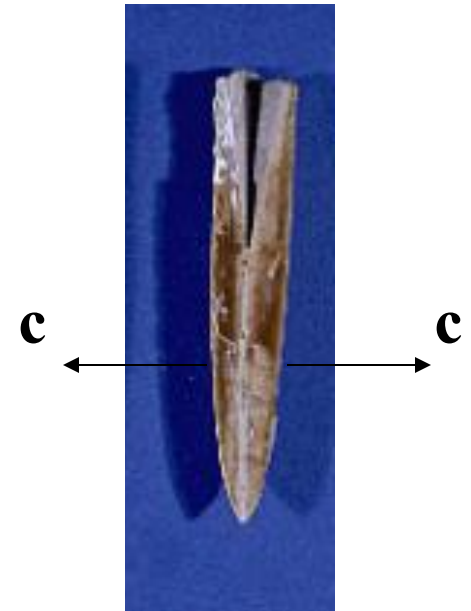
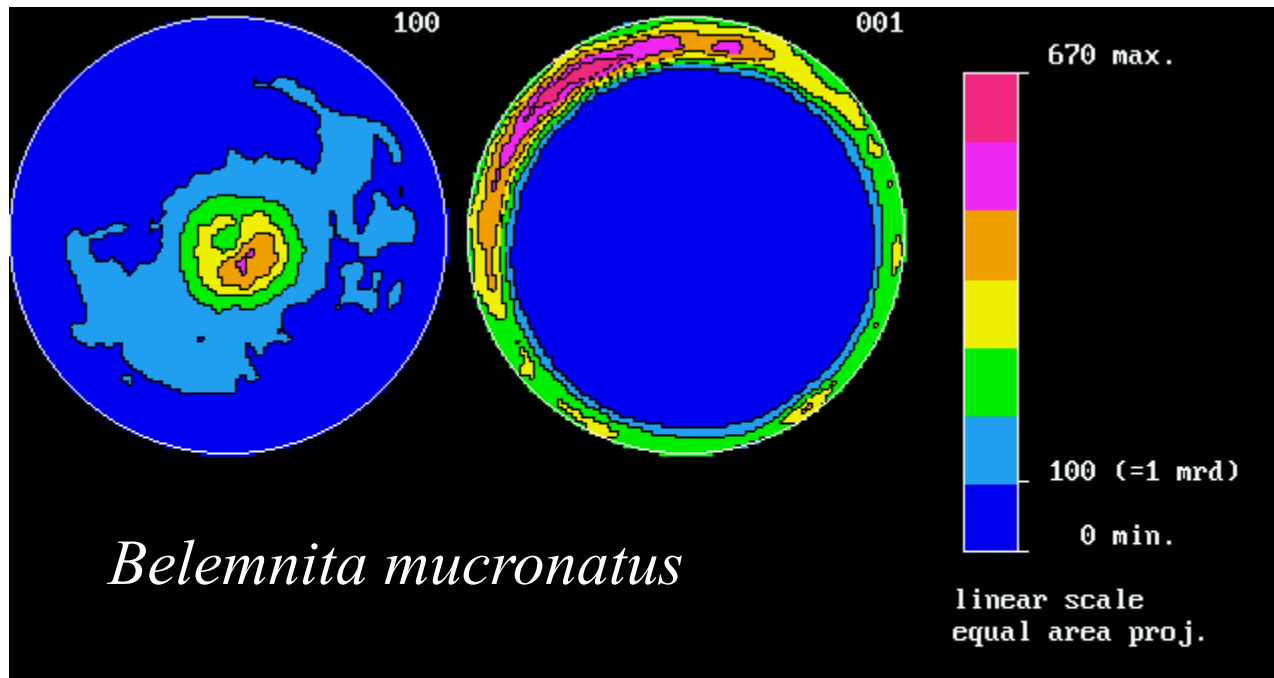
c-axes \angle **N**

a-axes random

	Layer type	ODF Max (mrd)	ODF min (mrd)	RP0 (%)	RP1 (%)	c-axis	a-axis	{001} Max (mrd)	F ² (mrd ²)	- S
<i>Pinna nobilis</i>	OP	303	0	50	29	// N	random	68	29	2.3
<i>Pteria penguin</i>	OP	84	0	29	15	// N	random	31	13	1.9
<i>Amussium parpiraceum</i>	OP	330	0	53	33	// G	<110> // M	20	31	2.6
<i>Bathymodiolus thermophilus</i>	OP	63	0	25	18	// G	// M	27	13	1.9
<i>Mytilus edulis</i>	OP	207	0	41	25	75° from N	<110> // M	23	21	2.2
<i>Trichites</i>	P	390	0	52	28	15° from N	random	56	41	2.2
<i>Crassostrea gigas</i>	IF	908	0	45	31	35° from N	// M	>100	329	5.1

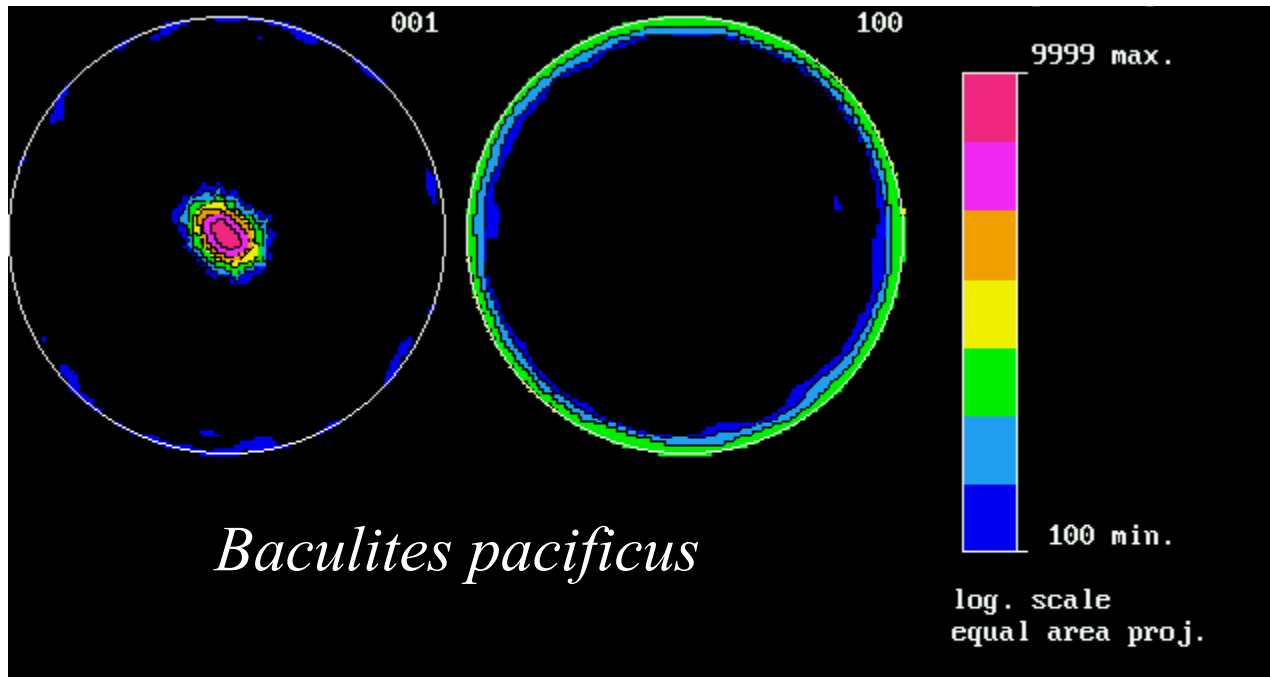
No DNA is available on fossils like *Trichites*, but *Trichite's* textural parameters are close to the ones of *pinnoids* or *pteriods*: interesting for the **classification of extinct species**

Calcitic fossils: *Belemnites*: Belemnnoidea



c-axes perp. to the shell: as in other cephalopods
No significant phylogenetic differences between Cretaceous (145-65 Mya) and Jurassic (200-145 Mya) species

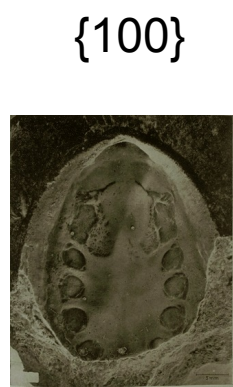
Aragonite fossils: *Baculites* sp.: Amonoidea, late Cretaceous



c-axes perp. to the shell: as in other cephalopods,
strong **c**-calcite to **c**-aragonite fossils interaction

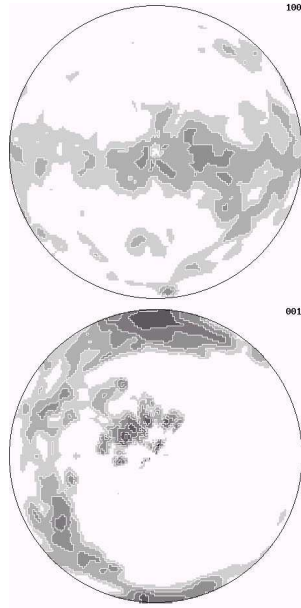
Is nacre the ancestor form ?

Recrystallized Aragonite ? *Pilina unguis*: Tryblidiidae Monoplacophora, Paleozoic (550-250 Mya)



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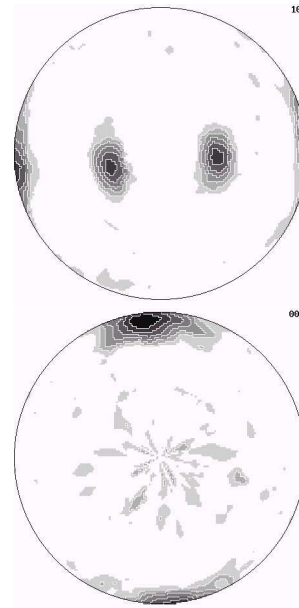
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$$\langle \angle, 90 | \text{IRFC} | *^{<100>} \rangle$$

Pilina unguis

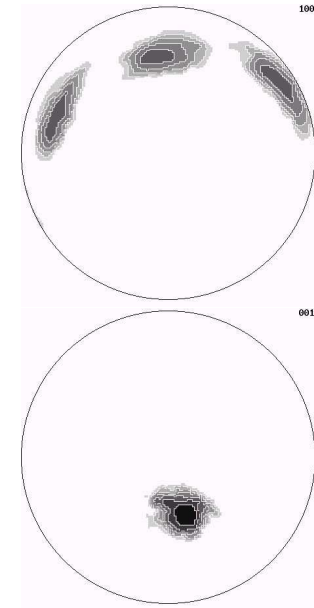
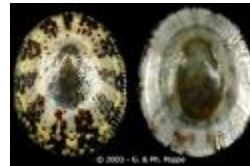
Recrystallised
aragonite ?
(Erben 1968)



$$\langle \angle 90 | \text{IRFC} | *_{50}^{<110>, 90} \rangle$$

Cellana testudinaria

Rather original
foliated calcite ?



$$\langle \angle 30 | \text{IRFC} | *_{50}^{<110>, 90} \rangle$$

Crassostrea gigas

Nacre ancestor ?

Structural distortions from x-rays

**Aplanarity of carbonate groups in
 CaCO_3**

$$\Delta Z_{\text{C-O1}} = c(z_{\text{C}} - z_{\text{O1}})$$

Calcite

*Biogenic
aragonite*

*Mineral
aragonite*

0 Å

*Intermediate,
more
distorted ?*

0.05744 Å

How to probe this ?

Synchrotron (Pokroy & Zolotoyabko), but also
Lab XRD, in the Combined Analysis frame

Geometric mean approach

Extracted Intensities

WIMV, E-WIMV
Harmonics

Orientation Distribution Function

Rietveld

Structure
+
Microstructure
+
phase %

Popa-
Balzar,
 $\sin^2\psi$

Residual stresses
Strain Distribution Function

Specular Reflectivity

Roughness,
electron
Density & EDP,
Thickness

pole figures
inverse pole figures

Structural parameters
atomic positions, substitutions, vibrations
cell parameters

Multiphased, layered samples:
Thickness,
Anisotropic Sizes
and μ -strains (Popa),
Stacking faults (Warren),

Phase ratio (amorphous + crystalline)
Le Bail Rietveld

Fresnel, Matrix (Parrat), DWBA

Combined analysis approach

Rietveld enlarged: Structure – Texture – Stress – Phase – Microstructure – Layering analyses - Reflectivity

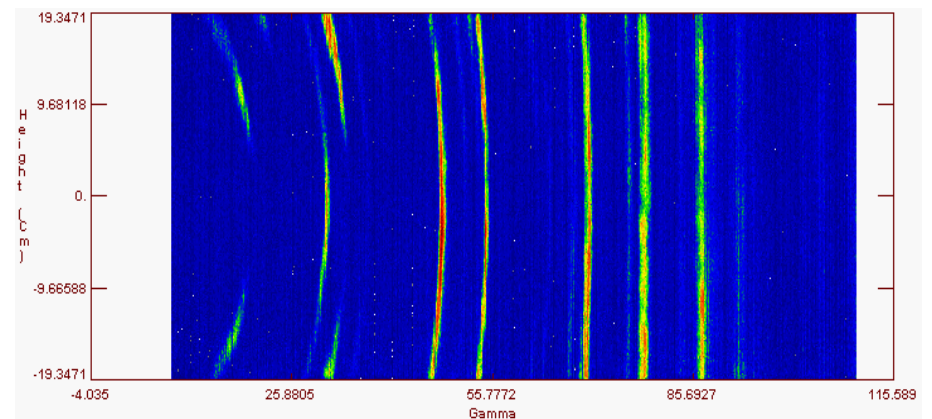
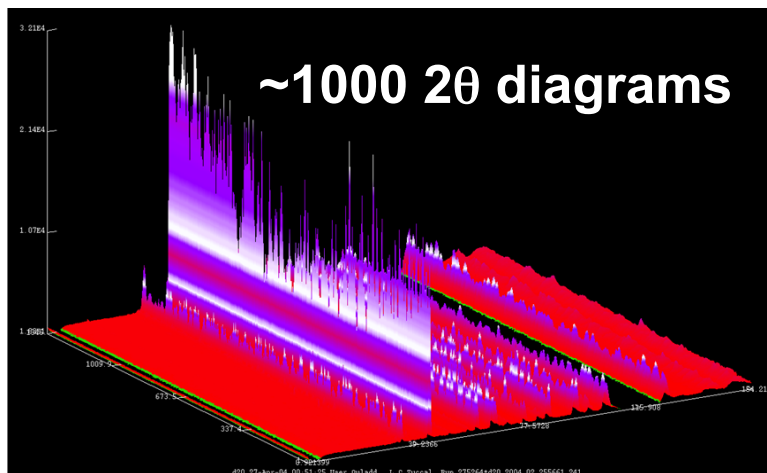
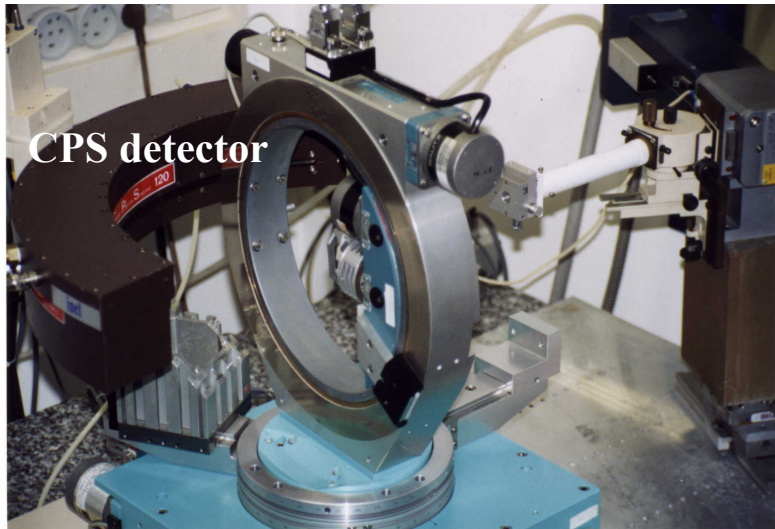
$$y_{ic}(\mathbf{y}) = y_{ib}(\mathbf{y}) + \sum_{\Phi=1}^{N_{\Phi}} S_{\Phi} \sum_{k=K_1}^K j_{\Phi k} L_{p_{\Phi k}} P_{\Phi k}(\mathbf{y}) |F_{\Phi k}|^2 \Omega_{i\Phi k} A_{i\Phi}(\mathbf{y})$$

$$P_k(\mathbf{y}) = \int_{\varphi} f(g, \tilde{\varphi}) d\tilde{\varphi}$$

Tensor homogeneisation, geometric mean ...

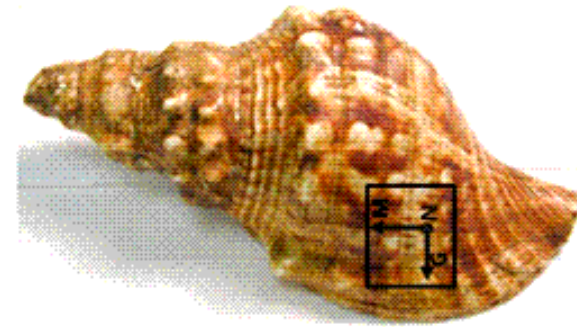
Minimum experimental requirements:

1D or 2D Detector + 4-circle diffractometer (X-rays and neutrons)



~200 2θ diagrams

Mediterranean sea and Eastern Atlantic carnivorous gastropod, protected (Bern conference)

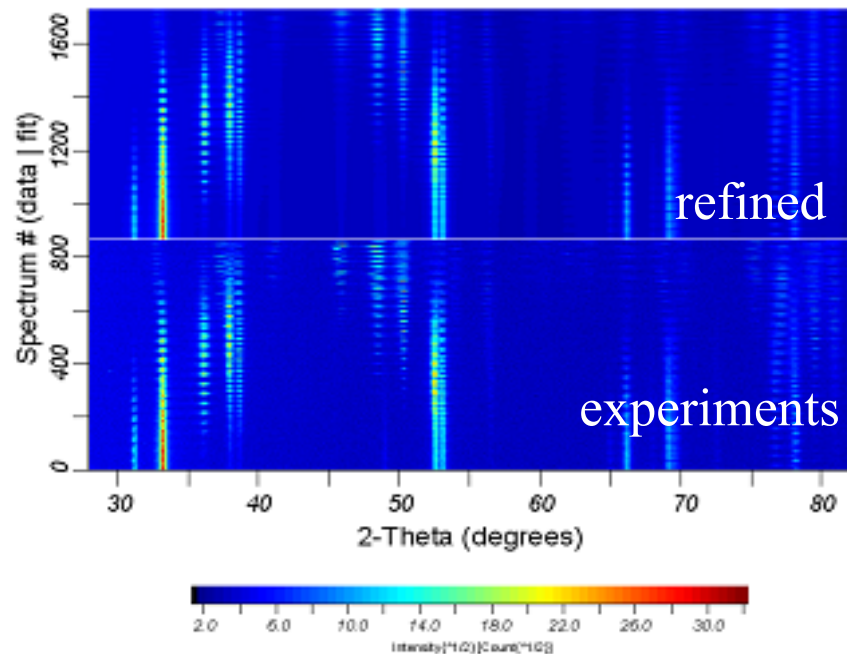
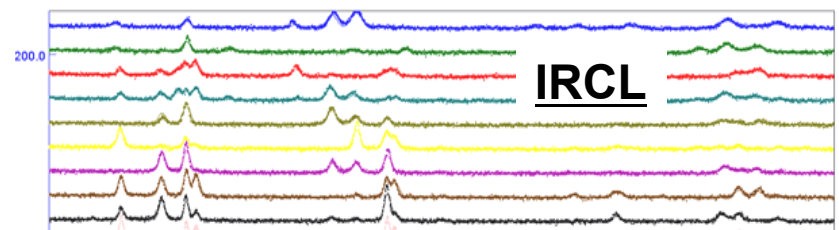
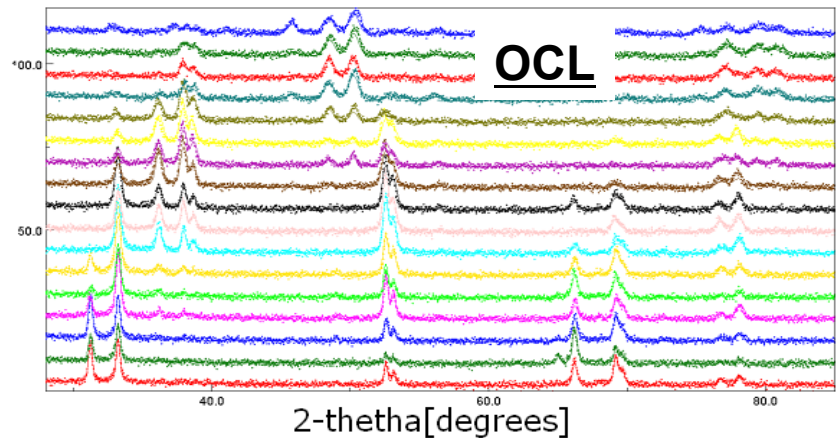


Charonia lampas lampas

**OCL : Outer Comarginal
Crossed Lamellae : lamellae
plane // M**

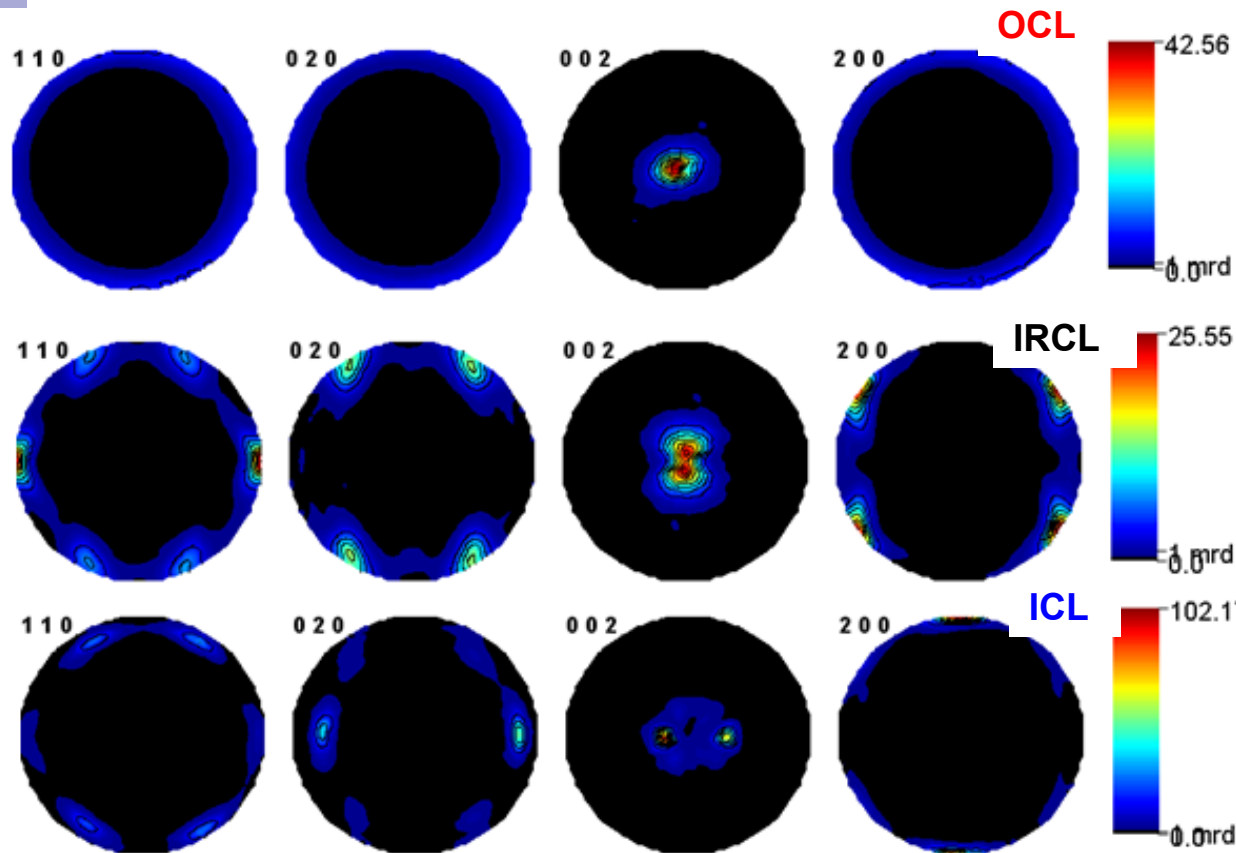
**IRCL : Intermediate Radial
Crossed Lamellae : lamellae
plane \perp M**

**ICCL : Inner Irregular Complex
Crossed Lamellae**



layer	OCL	IRCL	ICCL	
a (Å)	4.98563(7)	4.97538(4)	4.9813(1)	
b (Å)	8.0103(1)	7.98848(8)	7.9679(1)	
c (Å)	5.74626(3)	5.74961(2)	5.76261(5)	
$\Delta V/V$	1.05 %	0.62 %	0.71 %	
OD maximum (m.r.d.)	299	196	2816	
OD minimum (m.r.d.)	0	0	0	
Texture index (m.r.d.²)	42.6	47	721	
OD reliability factors	R_w (%)	14.3	11.2	32.5
	R_B (%)	15.6	12.7	47.8
Rietveld reliability factors	GoF (%)	1.72	1.72	3.05
	R_w (%)	29.2	28.0	57.3
	R_B (%)	22.9	21.7	47.2
	R_{exp} (%)	22.2	21.3	32.8

Largest crystallite organisation closer to the animal



Fiber texture: $\vec{c} \parallel N$

**Split of \vec{c} axes around N
+ two contributions //
(G,N) plane.**

**Split of \vec{c} axes from N
+ two contributions //
(M,N) plane.**

**Texture information coherent with
usually admitted gastropods
phylogeny for this taxon**

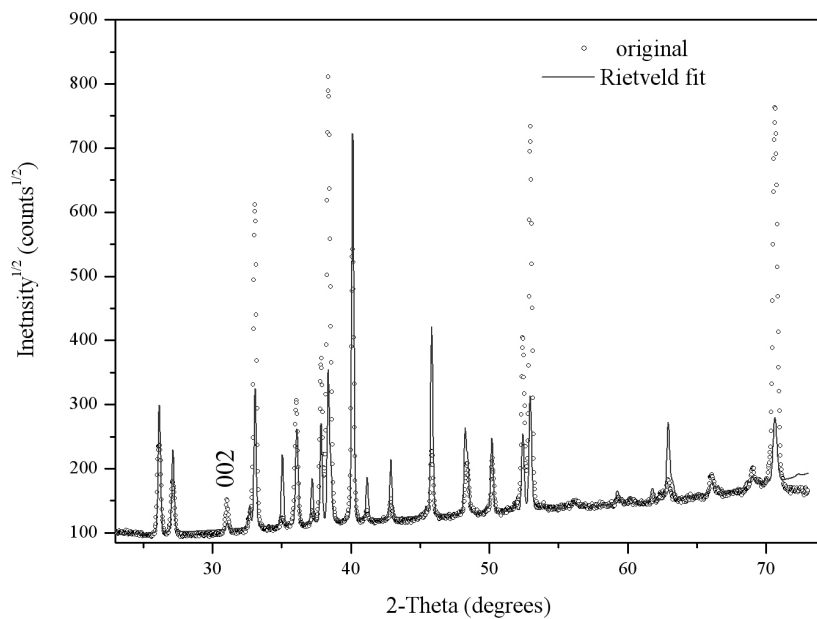
Elastic stiffnesses

Single crystal	160	37.3 87.2	1.7 15.7 84.8	41.2	25.6	42.7
ICCL	96.5	31.6 139	13.7 9.5 87.8	29.8	36.6	40.2
RCL	130.1	32.6 103.3	10.3 14.1 84.5	36.3	31.1	40.5
OCL	111.1	32.9 119	13.2 11.8 84.8	32.8	34.6	40.9

		Geological reference	<i>Charonia lampas</i> OCL	<i>Charonia lampas</i> IRCL	<i>Charonia lampas</i> ICCL
a (Å)		4.9623(3)	4.98563(7)	4.97538(4)	4.9813(1)
b (Å)		7.968(1)	8.0103(1)	7.98848(8)	7.9679(1)
c (Å)		5.7439(3)	5.74626(3)	5.74961(2)	5.76261(5)
Ca	y	0.41500	0.41418(5)	0.414071(4)	0.41276(9)
	z	0.75970	0.75939(3)	0.76057(2)	0.75818(8)
C	y	0.76220	0.7628(2)	0.76341(2)	0.7356(4)
	z	-0.08620	-0.0920(1)	-0.08702(9)	-0.0833(2)
O1	y	0.92250	0.9115(2)	0.9238(1)	0.8957(3)
	z	-0.09620	-0.09205(8)	-0.09456(6)	-0.1018(2)
O2	x	0.47360	0.4768(1)	0.4754(1)	0.4864(3)
	y	0.68100	0.6826(1)	0.68332(9)	0.6834(2)
	z	-0.08620	-0.08368(6)	-0.08473(5)	-0.0926(1)
ΔZ_{C-O1} (Å)		0.05744	0.00029	0.04335	0.1066

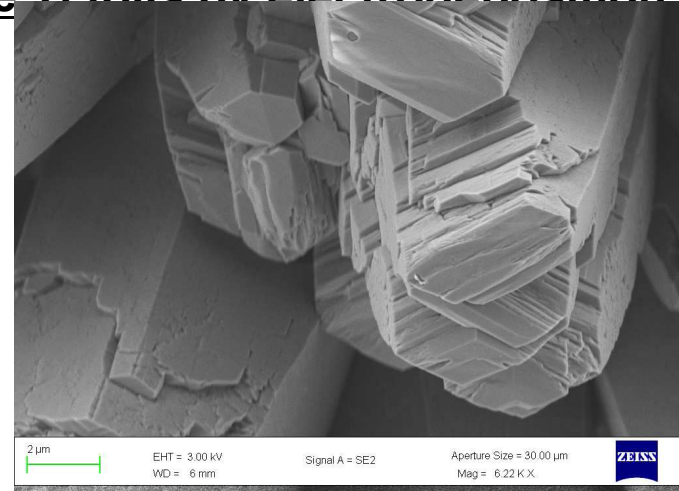
ΔZ_{C-O1} ↗ from outer to inner layer correlated to the organic macromolecules presence + coherent with the ↘ of texture strength → control loss from macromolecules on aragonite stabilization farther from animal!

Anisotropic cell distortions yet observed in biogenic aragonite powderised layers

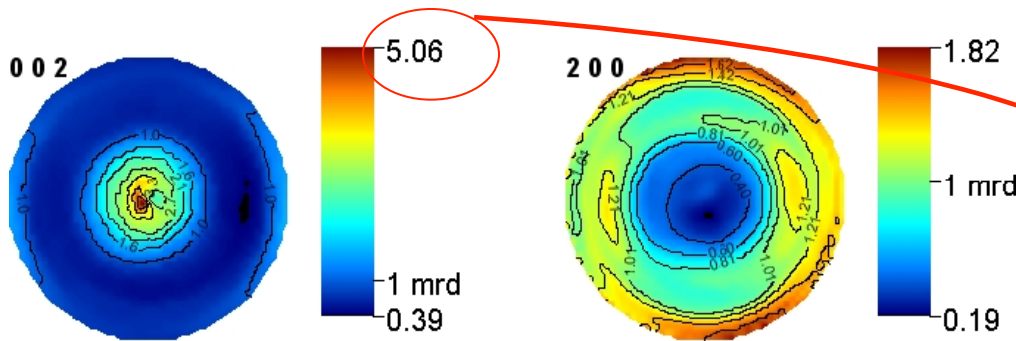


**Nonoptimized deposited films:
Corresponding X-ray diagram:
cauliflower-shaped aragonite +
only aragonite is evidenced with
calcite + vaterite
a pronounced (001) texture**

I grade Ti foils by electrodeposition



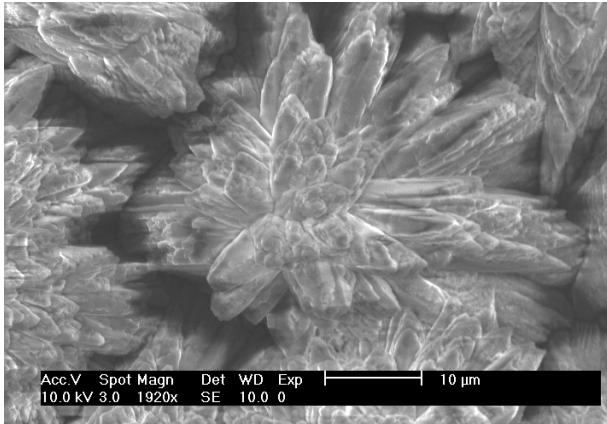
Optimized deposited films with nacre like pseudo hexagonal shaped crystals



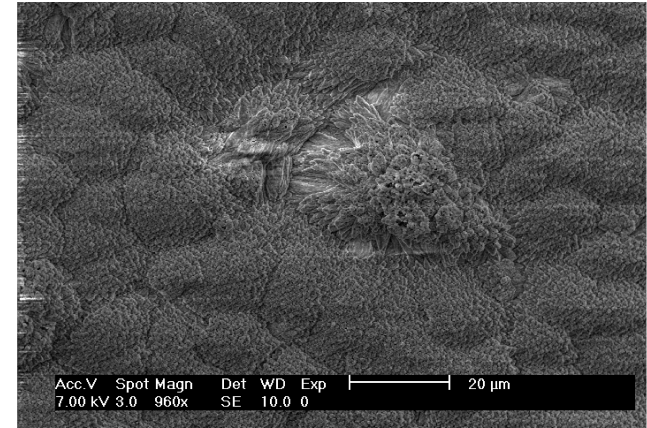
Texture strength far from natural nacre → differences can be associated to organic driven processes

Recalculated pole figure : <001> fiber like texture

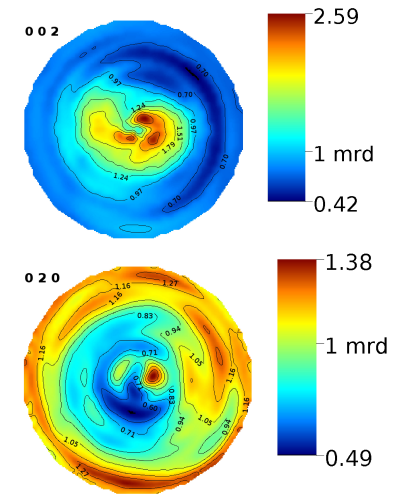
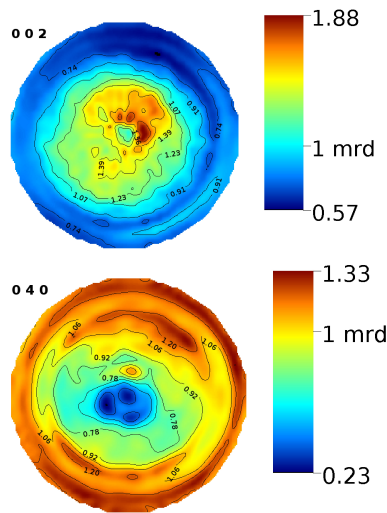
Krauss et al., *Cryst. Growth & Design* **8** (2008)



Apolar Ethanol extracted molecules: cauliflower-shaped aragonite



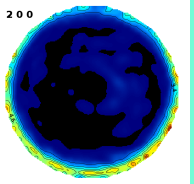
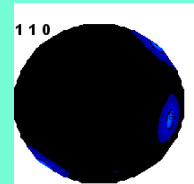
Polar Water extraction: compact cauliflower-shaped aragonite



**reduction of the <00l> texture
Structural distortions ?**

ΔZ_{C-O1} (Å)

Geological reference **0.05744**

Gastropods	<i>Haliotis tuberculata</i> ICN		<i>Charonia lampas</i> ICCL	<i>Charonia lampas</i> IRCL	<i>Charonia lampas</i> OCL	<i>Strombus decorus</i> All layers
	0.089		0.107	0.043	0.0003	0.031
Bivalves	<i>Pinctada maxima</i> ISN		<i>Mercenaria mercenaria</i> IP	<i>Mercenaria mercenaria</i> IntP	<i>Mercenaria mercenaria</i> OP	
	0,054		0.069	0.092	0.11	
Synthetic layers	Inorganic	Chitosan	Non-polar Extraction		Polar Extraction	
	Crystallite size	890Å	1272Å	10 mg/l 1211Å	20 mg/l 1126Å	10 mg/l 1284Å
CaCO₃ / Ti	0,087	0.04	0.173	0.086	0.134	0.081

As a result, the crystallite size of the hydrophilic chitosan (Strombus) is smaller than that of the hydrophobic chitosan (Charonia).
 Synthetic layers are produced in several different ways for similar textures!
 In *Pinctada*: $\Delta Z=0.05$, both inter- and intramolecules act

Conclusions

- ➡ Intracrystalline molecules distort cell and structures
- ➡ Structures change through shell thickness
- ➡ Intercrystalline molecules modify crystal sizes
- ➡ QTA + Structural analysis deserve character analysis

Is nacre ancestral ?

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