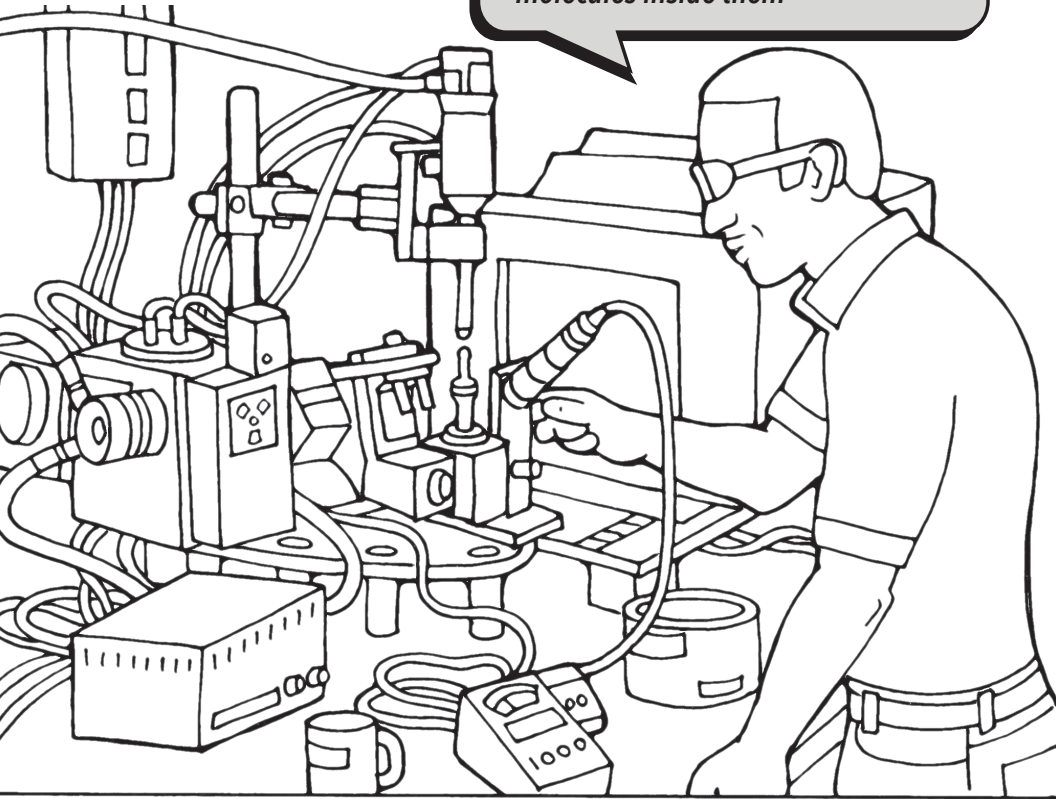


*How do crystallographers use the crystals?*

*We use them to collect information about the arrangement of the molecules inside them*



The crystals are placed in a beam of X-rays, which are diffracted by the molecules inside them into a characteristic pattern of spots

*X-ray diffraction pattern of a DNA crystal*

