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### FOTOCRISTALOGRAFIA EN ACCION

Resulta rutinario determinar las estructuras moleculares de muchas sustancias en sus estados estables. Sin embargo, capturar la estructura de las especies de transición, aquellas que existen sólo durante las reacciones, por millonésimas de segundo, sigue siendo un reto formidable. Científicos de la University at Buffalo han conseguido un importante avance en este campo, gracias a la fotocrystalografía.

### POLUCION GLOBAL

Después de 18 meses de observaciones desde el espacio mediante un instrumento muy sensible, los científicos europeos han obtenido un mapa atmosférico global de la distribución de un gas contaminante, el dióxido de nitrógeno, el cual es un buen indicador de cómo las actividades humanas afectan a la calidad del aire.

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