frame for the coordinates is 'orthogonal'. If $a=b=c=1$, but $\alpha, \beta$ or $\gamma \neq 90^{\circ}$, then the reference frame is 'axial'.

If the reference frame is 'fractional', then the values obtained for $a, b, c, \alpha, \beta$ and $\gamma$ should be those of the crystallographic unit cell. For macromolecular structures, where the number of vectors is large, the statistical significance is high and the cell parameters obtained provide an independent evaluation of the experimentally measured cell parameters.

A Fortran program ELAST has been written to perform the above analysis on protein structures, considering only bonds between backbone atoms. For a protein of average size, the number of bonds included is about 2000 . The time
required for the analysis is approximately 4 s on a Convex C2.

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Fig. 11. Corresponding results under the same conditions as for Fig. 8, except that the incidence angle is 10 mrad.


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    Owing to a printer's error, Fig. 11(i) of the paper by Ma \& Marks [Acta Cryst. (1990). A46, 11-32] was published in the wrong orientation. The correct figure is given.

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