Observing crystals

With the birth of crystallography at the end of the 18th century new tools became available for observing and measuring crystals.

Observing their geometry

Crystalline structures could now be classified by measuring their interfacial angles, studying their symmetries and describing their geometry.

Observing them under the microscope

The world of crystals can be a hidden one, but a simple magnifying glass or optical microscope can reveal their inner forms. Happy hunting!

Observing and understanding

By observing even the commonest of the crystals, those of snow or ice for example, we can uncover the multiplicity of their growth forms. This is a real source of wonder for the curious of course, but it is also a source of scientific information on the structure of the material and its inner workings. This in turn can help us improve our understanding of natural phenomena such as avalanches.

Crystal, an object of desire