Data Flow in Macromolecular Crystallography (MX) Experiments

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The HZB-MX beam lines

Beamline BL14.1

- Tunable energy: 5 16 keV
- Photon flux: 5.0 x 10¹¹ Ph / s



- PILATUS 6M-detector
- CATS robotic sample changer
- High-performance multi-axis goniometer MD2 with MK3



Beamline BL14.2

- Tunable energy: 5 16 keV
- Photon flux: 4.5 x 10¹¹ Ph / s



- PILATUS3S 2M-detector
- G-ROB sample changer
- Nanodiffractometer with fast air-bearing axis



Beamline BL14.3

- Fixed photon energy: 13.8 keV
- Photon flux: 1.2 x 10¹¹ Ph / s



- Rayonix MX225 CCD-detector
- Manual sample mounting
- High-performance multi-axis goniometer MD2-S with MK3



The standard MX experiment



A data set





A diffraction image



A typical data set then and now

	PILATUS (2013 ff)	CCD (until 2013)
Total rotation range [°]	180	180
No. of images	1800	180
Image size [MB]	6	18
Data set size [GB]	11	3
Total exposure time [s]	360	900
Readout time [s]	4	450
Total time [s]	364	1350
Data sets per 24 hrs	144	48
Data rate [MB/s]	30	2.4
Total data per 24 hrs [TB]	1.5	0.15

Data processing

Data processing is the step in which the collected diffraction images are reduced to a list of individual X-ray reflections (h, k, l) and their intensities I(h,k,l) and estimated errors σ I(hkl).

h	k	1	I(hkl)	σI(hkl)
0	0	6	24324	1276
0	0	12	12440	144
0	0	18	5111	123
0	0	24	7350	235
0	1	0	650	89
0	1	1	222	75
0	1	2	899	130
0	1	3	1250	95
0	1	4	2479	148
0	1	5	175	75
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Users wish to have their data processed in real time

- dedicated multi-processor server per beamline
- large data storage areas
- fast (parallel) data processing program
- more or less automated interface
- heavy network traffic



The standard MX project





Standardization in MX

• users bring 100-200 samples per 24-hrs of beam time



Metadata in MX

Relevant for the experiment

Wavelength of incident radiation

Orientation of rotation axis

Rotation direction

Rotation increment per image

Crystal-detector distance

Detector type and orientation

Direct beam coordinates

Location and name of data set

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- Macromolecule production
- Macromolecular purification
- Macromolecule crystallization
- Treatment of crystal before shipment to synchrotron
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- Source organism
- DNA source
- Forward primer
- *Reverse primer*
- Extraction from host organism
- Chromatographic techniques
- Buffer compositions
- Concentration of sample
 - Purity asse o Method
 - Biophysica o Plate type
 - Method of o Temperature
 - Concentration of macromolecule
 - Buffer composition of sample solution
 - Composition of reservoir solution
 - Volume and ratio of drop
 - Volume of reservoir
- Method crystal fishing bation time
- Device used for fishing
- Soaking conditions
- Soaking time

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- Cryo-protection
- *Method of cryo-cooling*

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A Further Complication of the Situation

- Only one in about 100 experiments ends up in the public record
 - No two samples are the same
 - Samples are slightly OR systematically different
 - Slight differences are often not documented

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- Extreme case: serial crystallography

FAIR data in MX

Findable Accessible Interoperable Re-usable (FAIR) diffraction data are coming to protein crystallography

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