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10:00 to 12:15, WBGB/019

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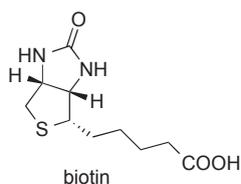
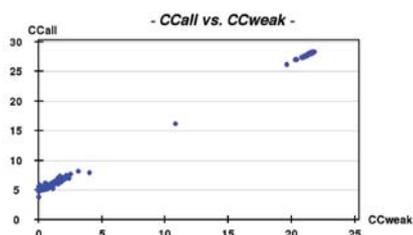
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Dataset merging in serial crystallography

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In the synchrotron serial crystallography experiments the sub-micron crystals in the *meso*-phase are sandwiched between thin synthetic cyclic olefin copolymer plates [1]. These tiny crystals are then measured *in situ* with a synchrotron X-ray microbeam as shown in figure 1. Small rotations of crystals are achieved by turning the whole plate mounted on the goniometer thereby allowing to record full intensities of reflections. In this geometry the completeness of each individual dataset is not only dependent on the diffracting power of the crystal but also on the rotation angle, which in turn depends on the crystal morphology and the location of the crystal in the *meso*-phase. A full dataset is recovered by merging many partial datasets, but prior to merging them the isomorphous datasets should be identified. Our approach on identifying isomorphous datasets is based on the correlation coefficient between individual datasets [2]. The exact dataset-selection procedure and our recent results will be presented.

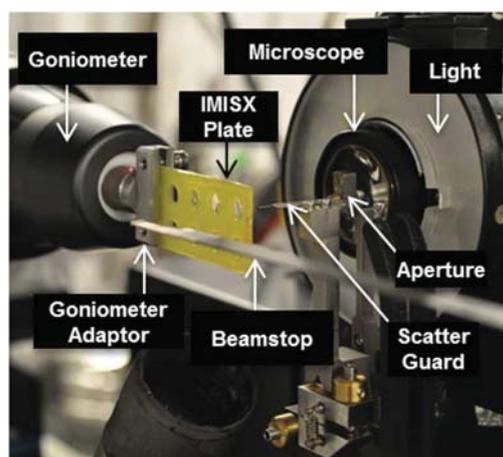


Figure 1: A view of a section of an IMISX plate in the goniometer positioned for SX data collection on beamline PXII (X10SA) at SLS.

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Finer data collection with EIGER detector

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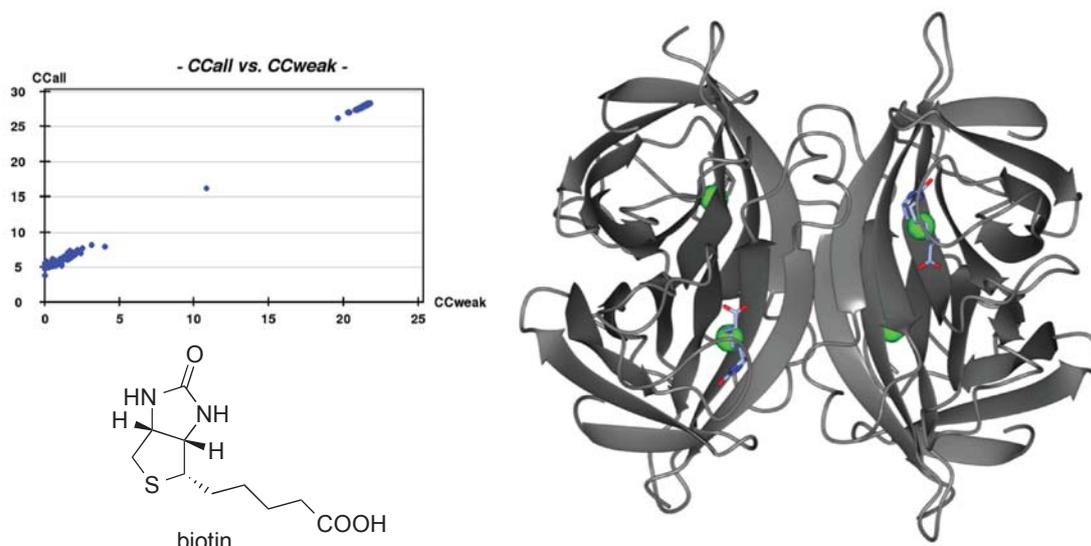
Single photon-counting devices developed in recent years have represented a major breakthrough in detector technology enabling noise-free detection and novel acquisition modes. The Dectris EIGER detector offers a pixel size of $75 \times 75 \mu\text{m}^2$, frame rates up to 3 kHz and a dead-time of 3.8 μs . An EIGER 1M prototype was tested at the Swiss Light Source beamline X10SA for its application in macromolecular crystallography. The combination of the fast frame-rate and the very short dead-time enables finer data collection plus the numerous advantages associated to higher rotation speeds. A careful analysis of the image summation of extremely fine phi-sliced images yields the best overall statistics/data and can also be used to optimize the dose by finding the best the balance between diffraction and radiation damage. Data collected on both test and challenging crystals will be presented. In addition, the latest results obtained with an EIGER 16M will also be reported.

Recent Advances in Synchrotron Data for Experimental Phasing by Anomalous Dispersion

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Experimental phasing by single- or multiple-wavelength anomalous diffraction (SAD or MAD) is the most popular method of de novo macromolecular structure determination. Recent overhauls at third-generation synchrotron light sources have dramatically sped up phasing data collection protocols. In particular, the reintroduction of multi-axis goniometers has enabled two major advances in anomalous data collection: the ability to collect “true” high-multiplicity, low-dose datasets on a single crystal entity, maximizing the anomalous signal output while minimizing both systematic and random measurement errors;¹ and alignment of even-fold crystal symmetry axes along the spindle axis to collect Bijvoet pairs, thus eliminating time-dependent errors in anomalous signal such as beam inhomogeneity, detector errors, and radiation damage.² We present our results in applying both strategies to challenging problems in experimental phasing, for example, the native-SAD solution of the streptavidin:biotin complex, shown below.



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Serial crystallography with XFEL and synchrotron sources

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Serial crystallography is still a young method¹. Despite software^{2,3} and experimental end stations still being in an early developmental stage, when compared to refined conventional crystallography research environment, recent advances point towards a bright future of the method beyond x-ray free electron lasers (XFELs). In a simple setup we performed serial crystallography experiments at SLS beamline X06SA, using a lipidic cubic phase injector⁴. Despite the preliminary nature of the data we were able to obtain a structure of Bacteriorhodopsin to about 3 Å resolution (Figure 1). The setup can currently be used for sample characterization prior to XFEL experiments, but will have additional use cases in future experiments. Recent XFEL experiments at LCLS and at SACLA allowed us to collect time resolved serial crystallography data for light activated proton pump Bacteriorhodopsin as well as the characterization of a protein ligand system that will be studied in by time resolved methods in the future.

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