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The Rotation Method in Electron Crystallography

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1 - The Rotation Method

- Zou, Hovmöller, Oleynikov, "Electron crystallography Electron microscopy and electron diffraction", IUCr texts on crystallography 16, Oxford University Press (2011)
- Methods: ADT3D (2007; Gorelik et al., Acta Cryst. B68 (2012)), RED (2013) (Wan et al., J Appl. Cryst 46 (2013))
- here: Arndt & Wonacott (1978), "The rotation method in crystallography", Amsterdam Press (1977);
 - suitable for medium to large unit cells
 - no beam precession
 - single axis, continuous rotation
 - shutterless read—out



2 - Our Instrumentation

Instrumentation available at C–CINA, University Basel

- 1. FEI Polara, 200keV, 512x512 Timepix detector, single axis $\pm 30^\circ$
- 2. FEI Talos, 200keV, 1024x1024 Timepix detector, single axis $\pm40^\circ$



3 - Hybrid Pixel Detectors



e^- Diffraction Studies with Timepix and Eiger





4 - Data Processing



Integration with XDS

XDS (W. Kabsch, K. Diederichs) for data integration and scaling

	REFINED VALUES OF DIFFRACTION PARAMETERS DERIVED FROM 1134 INDEXED SPOTS
• Profile fitting: extraction of weak data	STANDARD DEVIATION OF SPOT POSITION (PIXELS) 0.89
 Versatile geometry 	STANDARD DEVIATION OF SPINDLE POSITION (DEGREES) 0.34 SPACE GROUP NUMBER 1
 Detector segmentation 	UNIT CELL PARAMETERS8.17517.50110.04790.54589.13989.205E.S.D. OF CELL PARAMETERS3.1E-022.0E-022.6E-021.9E-012.4E-011.3E-01
• Refinement of experimental params:	REC. CELL PARAMETERS 0.122354 0.057149 0.099544 89.443 90.869 90.804
1. Detector distance Unit cell	COORDINATES OF UNIT CELL A-AXIS4.3890.564-6.874COORDINATES OF UNIT CELL B-AXIS12.754-9.6827.061
2. Cell orientation	COORDINATES OF UNIT CELL C-AXIS -4.384 -8.268 -3.657 CRYSTAL MOSAICITY (DEGREES) 0.646
3. (Beam position)	LAB COORDINATES OF ROTATION AXIS 0.998477 0.054854 0.005969 DIRECT BEAM COORDINATES (REC. ANGSTROEM) 0.003595 0.005733 39.872410
4. Rotation axis	DETECTOR COORDINATES (PIXELS) OF DIRECT BEAM 256.80 257.27
5. Reflecting range	DETECTOR ORIGIN (PIXELS) AT256.00256.00CRYSTAL TO DETECTOR DISTANCE (mm)485.00LAB COORDINATES OF DETECTOR X-AXIS1.0000000.000000
	LAB COORDINATES OF DETECTOR Y-AXIS 0.000000 1.000000 0.000000



Dowstream of Processing

- Scaling: part of XDS (single data set)
- Merging: XSCALE (no overfitting of σ 's), sadabs (higher outlier rejection)
- SHELXT / SHELXD unmodified
- Refinement: SHELXL (electron scattering factors *e.g.* Peng *et al.* (1996))
- in principle like D. Dorset (1992), but easier and faster



5 - Structures



Pharmaceutical I: Visualisation of Hydrogen Atoms

H-atom positions can be refined against electron diffraction data CCDC: IRELOH, Dai et al., Eur. J. Org. Chem (2010), 6928-6937

Sample courtesy Novartis



- Field of view: $3\mu m$
- Crystal: $1.6\mu m \times 400nm$



- $d_{\min} < 0.8$ Å
- P212121: 85% completeness with 3 crystals
- a=8.06Å b=10.00Å c=17.73Å



- Hydrogen atoms in difference map even with poor model
- 1334 reflections, 195 parameters, 156 restraints (RIGU)
- $R1 = 15.5\%, R_{\text{complete}} = 18.5\%$



Pharmaceutical II: Differentiation of Atom Types

Data quality: recognition of atom types, C vs. O vs. N etc. (CCDC: EPICZA)



- Field of view: $3\mu m$
- Crystal: 400nm diameter



- d_{min} = 0.87Å
 a=11.35Å, b=12.7Å, c=13.0Å
- *P*2₁2₁2₁: completeness with 4 crystals: 86%



- 2545 refl., 258 param., 267 restraints (RIGU)
- all data: R1 = 15.9%, $R_{\text{complete}} = 19.1\%$
- $R1 = 14.7\%, R_{\text{complete}} = 18.0\%$



Pharmaceutical II (EPICZA): Structure Solution Process





6 - Crystallographic Lens Corrections



Garnet Andradite

- The garnet Andradite, $Ca_3Fe_2^{3+}(SiO_4)_3$, radiation hard
- 2 grids courtesy Xiaodong Zou (Stockholm)
- Space group $Ia\bar{3}d$, a = 12.06314(1)Å (ICSD No. 187908)



(Wikipedia)



- Summed images from Garnet (200keV)
- 66.8 $^{\circ}$ rotation
- good coverage of detector surface



Spatial Correction for the Detector Surface

XDS Correction Table X–coordinate



• Spot positions determined through Laue Conditions

$$\vec{S}.\vec{a} = h$$
$$\vec{S}.\vec{b} = k$$
$$\vec{S}.\vec{c} = l$$

- Deviations between calculated and observed positions
- per-pixel look-up tables for X- and Y-coordinates
- Independent of Source of Error



Directly Visible Improvements

Garnet Data set processed before spatial correction:

BEAM_DIVERGENCE:	0.16°
REFLECTING_RANGE:	0.47°

Garnet Data set processed after spatial correction:

- BEAM_DIVERGENCE: 0.15°
- Reflecting_range: 0.28°



Improved Cell Accuracy with Look–up Tables

- 1. Collect data from garnet
- 2. Change as little as possible
- 3. Collect data from target sample
- 4. Process using garnet correction tables

Sample Courtesy Roche $C_{31}H_{29}Cl_2F_2N_3O_4$, SG $P2_1$

Data Collection and Processing: Max Clabbers

	а	b	С	α	β	γ
XRPD	6.405	18.206	25.829	90.000	92.180	90.000
XDS uncorrected	6.556	18.728	26.276	90.500	92.243	90.540
XDS corrected	6.564	18.721	26.254	90.064	92.171	90.137



7 - Conclusions



- Horizontal tube: better space, more stable goniometer
- Fixed Voltage
- Thin tube
- C3-lens system: parallel beam
- 360° Vertical Goniometer (precision, contact cooling)
- Detector moveable



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