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New opportunities for timeresolved serial crystallography at the new ID29 from the ESRF extremely brilliant source

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ROOM-TEMPERATURE DATA COLLECTION

Cryo-structures do not display the same range of conformations as the room-temperature structures:

- Might hide functional conformations
- Might prevent **binding of substrates or inhibitors**
- Inhibit thermal motion closer to "native" conditions.

Room-temperature temperature crystal structures reveal physiologically relevant conformations "hidden" at 100 K.





Keedy et al., Structure (2014)

Liu et al., Science (2013)



Because of radiation damage, serial crystallography is the most valuable route to obtaining room-temperature structures. (1 crystal = 1 diffraction pattern)



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SERIAL CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

Reagent

X-ray beam

There are 4 family of sample delivery methods:

Fixed-Target



Ebrahim et al., IUCrJ (2019)

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Liquid and Viscous Injectors

Hybrid (Tape-Drive)



Butryn et al., Nat. Comm. (2021)

Nozzle

LCP reservoir

Teflon

balls

Plunger

Weierstall et al., Nat. Comm. (2014)

Microfluidics



Monteiro et al., IUCrJ (2019)



Knoška *et al.*, Nat. Comm. (2020)

ENZYME TIME-SCALE

The median turnover time for catalysis in solution is about 70 ms

More than 60% of enzymatic reactions exhibit a kcat value between 1 and 100 s⁻¹

Enzymes catalyzing reactions related to secondary metabolism are typically 30-fold slower than those of central metabolism





To observe molecular mechanism *in-crystallo*, the reaction can be activated by:

- Photoactivation
- Mixing



PROTEIN DYNAMICS IN CRYSTALS

Pump & probe

- Photoactivatable proteins (UV-vis)
- Photoactivatable ligands (UV-vis)
 - Cleavable cage compounds
 - Activatable cofactors
- Temperature jumps (IR)



Schmidt, Advances in Condensed Matter Physics (2013)





Ligand and buffer mixing

- Drug binding
- Enzymatic reaction
- pH jump



Schmidt, Advances in Condensed Matter Physics (2013)



Mehrabi et al., Nat. Meth. (2019)



ID29 MISSION

- Room temperature serial crystallography experiment
- Extremely high flux with exposure time in µs range and high repetition rate
- Tunable over a large energy range
- Accurate control timing system to trigger events
- Adapt different sample environments
 and crystal delivery systems
- Optimize sample consumption
- Equipped with sample preparation laboratory and data analysis area







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- A multilayer monochromator system was designed to increase bandwidth
- Adjust bandwidth by changing stripe
- The multilayer monochromator permits to deliver higher flux in larger bandwidth
- Three stripes are present to cover whole energy range 10-20 keV (+35 keV) with 0.4% and 1% bandwidth









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- Heat load chopper generates a 90 µs pulse at different frequencies: 925, 462.5, 231.25 & 115.625 Hz
- Fast chopper generates pulses of 10, 20 & 30 µs



Fast chopper





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EXPERIMENTAL HUTCH





- Sample at 107 m from source
- Elliptical KB mirrors to focus the beam
- Measured beamsize ~ 2 x 4 µm (VxH)
- Beam resizing by tuning incident angle
- Flux at the sample position of ~ 10¹⁵ ph/sec











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EXPERIMENTAL SET-UP



- A new developed timing system synchronises every step of the acquisition with the radiofrequency of the storage ring
- CITY and SSXbox are the two hearts of the system
- Heatload and Fast chopper are synchronised
- SSXbox propagate the clock to the data acquisition devices, MD3upSSX, X-ray detector and additional triggerings
- X-ray pulses of tunable length from 10 to 90 microseconds
- Synchronous triggering of external probes



FIXED-TARGET





- In Fixed-Target, crystals are captured in apertures of a silicon chip
- Scan speed: up to 125 mm/s
- Desired precision at meeting point < 1µm
- Run synchronously with the chopper system





FIXED-TARGET



CHIPLESS CHIP



MPI-SOSchip

- Test the sample diffraction with only 3 µL
- Can collect a complete dataset depending on crystal density
- 8 min to collect 80k images
- Steady-state studies



Schmidt group





HIGH-VISCOSITY INJECTOR







ASU injector

SACLA injector

MPI injector

Microcrystals are embedded in viscous media:

• LCP

- HEC (Hydrogel-based)
 - Grease (Oil-based)



TAPE-DRIVE



Lübeck University

- Time-delay from 0.5 s to several minutes
- Enzyme catalysis
- Ligand/inhibitor binding
- pH jump

3D-printed nozzle from CFEL

350 µm



Henkel et al., IUCrJ (2023)





T-Cer pH-jump showed a shrinkage on the c axis



Resting state

1min after mixing



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OTHER SAMPLE DELIVERY METHODS



PSI Acoustic Levitator

First membrane protein collected on ID29





SerialX Gothenburg University



NPLIVE – NEAR REAL TIME FEEDBACK ON PROCESSING WITH GPU





SAMPLE PREPARATION LABORATORY



Humidity Tent

71094





HVE Offline Bench



NANOSECOND LASER INTEGRATION

- 400 2000 nm laser (+355 nm) at 500 hz, 10 mJ max pulse energy
- New development injection through OAV
- Synchronised with experiment clock

Laser specification:

- wavelength range (400-2000 nm)
- pulse energy (~10–20 mJ)
- pulse duration (~5 ns)
- externally triggered
- repetition rate ~500 Hz minimum
- and portable with optical fibre









DETECTOR TABLE





FLEX SAMPLE-CHANGER FOR FIXED-TARGET

- Brand new FLEX gripper to mount fixed target chips
- Dedicated humidity controlled hotel for storing Si-chips
- Standardization in sample mounting







- Photon flux: ~ 10¹⁵ ph/sec
- Pulse length: 90, 30, 20 & 10 µs
- Repetition rate: 925, 462.5, 231.25 & 115.625 Hz
- Energy: 10-20 kEv (+35 kEv)
- Beam size: ~ 2 x 4 µm (VxH)
- 11 BAG proposals world wide (Operation from Sept, 2022)
- More than 600Tb collected in 6 months



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