Automated data collection at MASSIF-1 – getting the best data from *all* samples

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MASSIF-1





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RADIATION

- Fully autonomous beamline
 - no user control
 - data collection optimised for every sample
- Flexible booking, queuing system
- Flex HCD 368 samples capacity
- Pilatus3 6M (Pilatus4 4M coming 2025)
- CrystalDirect Harvester
- Fully automated data collection from any sample either room or cryogenic temperatures with complex strategies and optimized parameters for each sample

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Software routines locate crystals and centre to best volume.

Characteristics such as beam size and flux as well as crystal volume lead to highly optimised data collection













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"Fata Morgana"





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Pseudo-helical data collection – first automated helical workflow that accounts for crystal variability



- Full 'normal' data set the subsequent helical
- Auto-peak selection or user defined
- Stringent thresholding regions within 30%
- SAD option available











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Molecular-weight dependence of the minimum required crystal size



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β_1 adrenergic GPCR



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β_1 adrenergic GPCR

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adrcpt-For45	0.035 x 0.045 x 0.051	3.95	6.2	-	-	
adrcpt-For47	0.105 x 0.061 x 0.051	3.74	4.7	3.72	5.4	
adrcpt-For48	0.105 x 0.039 x 0.064	-	-	3.8	5.7	
adrcpt-For58	0.169 x 0.050 x 0.061	3.88	6.6	4.11	4.5	
adrcpt-For59	0.042 x 0.024 x 0.025	3.25	9.2	3.16	8.3	
adrcpt-For67	0.064 x 0.026 x 0.031	-	-	3.8	5.6	





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Flu polymerase





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Sample name	User defined unique identifier	Required field
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Space Group	If present used for strategy calculation and autoprocessing	none
Pre-observed resolution	Resolution that the detector will be set to for mesh scans, characterisation images and default data collection	2.0 Å
Required resolution	Threshold resolution, samples below cutoff will not be collected	none
Radiation sensitivity	BEST input in case of highly radiation sensitive crystals	1
Total rotation range	Total required rotation for data set	minimum
Required completeness	-	99%
Required multiplicity	-	4
Number of positions	For multiple crystals	1
Preferred beamsize	Select appropriate beamsize for crystals	Adapted to crystal volume



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Translation and rotation calibration using tungsten balls



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GDL Global Phasing Limited



Automatic workflow centres ball over full kappa and phi range and runs GPhL programs recen and updates calibration values





ESRF/EMBL workflow runs to characterisation Passes over: **resolution**, **SG**, **dose budget**, **user requirements**









250

- 200

- 150

- 100

- 50

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YTH domain of CPCF4 from *T. gondii* – an M6A reader involved in gene partitioning

P1

a 32.45 Å, b 35.14 Å, c 38.36 Å

 α 114.31 ° β 101.28 ° γ 97.34 °

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ISPyB-DRAC





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CrystalDirect harvester at MASSIF-1







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Software integration: MxCuBE³ hardware object



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Samples harvested and collected in automated mode without user intervention





Software integration: MxCuBE³ hardware object







Data Collection at Room Temperature - Results

Pipeline validation with model system Workflow optimization

Thau



Space group: P 41 21 2 Unit cell: 58.2 58.2 151.2

R: 1.97 Å

Mean B value: 36.12

Complete dataset collected from single crystal without impacting crystal propriety and no evident sign of radiation damage

Reproducible results (1.7 Å – 2.1 Å)



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2Fo-Fc contoured at 1.0 $\sigma,$ Fo-Fc contoured at 3.0 σ





What do we gain from automation?







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Not just for lysozyme!

Scc3/Scc1 complex with DNA: – 600 crystals final 3.8 Å data set

p52 and ETS1: 300 crystals final 3.0 Å data set

ARS2: 300 crystals Se-Met phasing at 4.0 Å







