reviewers, editors and readers, with practical advice on how to get the best out of the journals. So, if you ever wondered what happens to your article during the submission, review and production stages, want to know more about current publication and editorial procedures, or wish to discover quick ways of accessing and searching the journals, then you should attend this session. Various live demonstrations of the work of the IUCr Editorial Office will be included, with opportunities to ask questions throughout the session.

The topics will include: (*a*) article submission tips; (*b*) figure and scheme preparation for publication - figure resolution, use of colour, accurate colour reproduction; (*c*) using the submission and review system; (*d*) using checkCIF; (*e*) demonstration of tools for editing and viewing CIFs, and advice on preparing CIFs for publication; (*f*) demonstration of editorial systems and production processes; (*g*) article viewing and navigation; (*h*) searching **Crystallography Journals Online**; (*i*) linking - description of the creation of links to bibliographic and structural databases; (*j*) article distribution - e-mail alerting, metadata delivery to third parties, search engines and databases, RSS feeds; (*k*) tracking your paper; (*l*) future developments.

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mmCIF and Modern Macromolecular Structure Determination Software: Status and Perspectives

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As developers in the *Phenix* project [1], we are confronted with *mmCIF* in two ways. Firstly, our algorithms produce results that need to be archived. Secondly, access to information stored in databases, such as the PDB [2], is often invaluable in the development and testing of new methods. In contrast to most traditional, static file formats, *mmCIF* is highly flexible. Therefore we have the opportunity to export parameters and results of ever more complex algorithms in a uniform framework. However, it is non-trivial to import information from *mmCIF* files since their processing requires very sophisticated tools. Unfortunately, in many contexts adequate practical tools are not available. The limitations of traditional software development technology are probably the most important factors giving rise to this situation. Fortunately, many in the crystallographic methods development community have begun a transition to modern software technology. Database developers, most notably at the PDB, have already published comprehensive *mmCIF* libraries. Further development of such libraries in a collaborative effort with an open two-way exchange between the communities has the potential to stimulate a much wider use of *mmCIF* in the future.

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A Dictionary Approach to Translate Memory Variables from Crystallography Software to mmCIF Items

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A major obstacle in building CIF output from crystallography software is to address the relation between the information software can supply and the information mmCIF required. Generally the building process is time-consuming and even more effort is necessary to maintain the source code due to constant changes of the software. We present here, a dictionary-based approach, and the tool used to build such a dictionary. In this approach, the memory-to-mmCIF relation is classified as equivalence, conversion, constant, source conversion, comment, pending or unknown. Each mmCIF item is subject to classification by the developer's examination with the assistance from a domain expert. The CIF Translator Dictionary (CTD) builder is utilizing a dump of all global variables with its value in memory as source of information. This memory dump is in STAR format and allow the CTD developer to do realtime tracking of related variables in memory. Generally it is possible to fetch related variable names in 2 to 5 memory scan by a domain expert. Andfter addressing the relationship between these variables with mmCIF item, a CTD entry will be generated automatically for simple relation, or more infomation will be acquired for complicate relation.

To test the effectiveness of this approach, HKL2000 CTD is built in its initial stage. Automatic completion from HKL2000 memory is performed without human intervention. For more specific tuning toward publication quality CIF after autofill, HKL2000-CIF is also designed as a CIF editor featuring entities editing and providing an evolving amount of wizard procedures that assist further manual examination, and validation before final submission.

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Analysis and Visualization of TLS Motion in Proteins using the mmLib Toolkit

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We have developed a programming library, mmLib [1], which provides a rich set of tools for the import, manipulation, and export of macromolecular structural models described in CIF and mmCIF. Using this toolkit, we are developing higher level tools for visualization and structural/functional analysis. We are in particular working to infer and model functionally important modes of protein flexibility directly from single crystal structures.

TLS (Translation/Libration/Screw) models describe rigid-body vibrational motions of arbitrary objects. A single-group TLS model can be used to approximate the vibration of an entire protein molecule within the crystal lattice. More complex TLS models are broadly applicable to describe inter-domain and other internal vibrational modes of proteins. We are developing a web-based analysis tool, **TLSMD**, that generates optimal multi-segment TLS models. These may be used to analyze the presence and physical significance of TLS motion in existing structures, to guide additional crystallographic refinement, or to generate target models of protein flexibility for use in computational protein-protein or protein-ligand docking.

The interactive graphics program **TLSVIEW** [2] allows visualization of these and other models for rigid-body motion in proteins, using animation and a variety of static representations.

Both tools are applicable to protein structures at any resolution.

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CIF Operations and Applications at the CCDC

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