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Fully 3D: Shaping future synchrotron beamline strategies Sandor Brockhauser[a], Marco Di Michiel[b], Raimond B.G. Ravelli[a] [a]*EMBL Grenoble Outstation, 6 rue Jules Horowitz, 38042 Grenoble, France.* [b]ESRF, 6 rue Jules Horowitz, 38043 Grenoble, France.
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The anomalous scattering properties of innate sulphur for proteins and phosphorus for DNA and RNA can be used to solve the phase problem in macromolecular crystallography (MX) via the single-wavelength anomalous scattering method (SAD). However, this method, used at longer X-ray wavelengths (1.5 - 2.5 Å), is still not a routine tool on third generation synchrotron macromolecular crystallography beamlines. The increased absorption from both sample and air associated with the use of longer X-ray wavelengths forms one of the difficulties to overcome. The absorption can be corrected for through empirical algorithms, provided truly redundant data are available. Unfortunately, weakly diffracting macromolecular crystals suffer from radiation damage, resulting in dose dependent non-isomorphism, which violate the assumption these empirical algorithms are based on. An analytical correction scheme based on an accurate 3D description would overcome the need of redundant data. We show how to obtain the 3D description of vitrified macromolecular crystals, the surrounding solvent and sample holder, and discuss possible benefits and needs to reorient these objects to arbitrary orientations.

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A variety of methods (reviewed in [1]) based on high-energy X-Ray diffraction have been developed to characterize crystalline samples on length scales ranging from 100s of nm to mm. These methods have been used to characterize a variety of systems of interest to materials science such as metals and alloys, ceramics, hydrogen-storage materials and components from the microelectronic industry. All of these materials have in common that their performance or macroscopic properties are heavily influenced by sub-micron characteristics such as grain boundaries, crystallite orientations, stoichiometry gradients, etc., and in order to fully understand these systems characterization on several length scales is necessary.
In this talk, we will review briefly the current techniques at our disposal and our ongoing efforts to extend them via both software and hardware developments. The main drive of this research is to be able to treat arbitrary crystalline samples as an ensemble of single crystallites, as the individual properties of those crystallites, as well as their inter-relationships, are ultimately more important to the understanding of the systems in question that simple bulk average properties. A variety of analytical methods, coupled with their experimental realizations, have been implemented on a purpose-built station at the ESRF

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Protein Crystal Processing by Femtosecond Laser and Pulsed Deep-UV Laser Kazufumi Takano[a,b,c], Hiroaki Adachi[a,b,c], Hiroyoshi Matsumura[a,b,c], Satoshi Murakami[a,b,c], Tsuyoshi Inoue[a,b,c], Yusuke Mori[a,b,c], [a]*Osaka University,* [b]*CREST-JST,* [c]*SOSHO Inc., Osaka, Japan.* E-mail: ktakano@mls.eng.osaka-u.ac.jp

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We have developed novel techniques of protein crystal processing by femtosecond laser [1, 2] and pulsed deep-UV laser [3-5]. The techniques, named as fs-CACO (femtosecond-laser-induced cut and cleave operation) and PULSA (pulsed UV laser soft ablation), are effective for processing and manipulation of protein crystals without significant damage. By fs-CACO, a protein crystal is precisely processed without mechanical contact in its sealed growth vessel. PULSA enables us to process a single crystal both in crystallization drop and in nylon loop and cryoprotectant at a cryogenic temperature [6, 7]. A crystal processed by PULSA can be re-grown larger than its original size, as a single crystal [8]. We also applied these techniques to detaching protein crystals from a fused-silica glass plate [9] or capillary tube [10]. These techniques are powerful tools for handling fragile protein crystals and improving diffraction data quality.

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Absorption Correction based on a 3D Crystal and Support Model Ricardo Leal[a,b,c], Susana Teixeira[a,b], Vicente Rey-Bakaikoa[b], Edward Mitchell[b], Trevor Forsyth[a,b]. [a]*School of Chemistry and Physics, Keele University, UK.* [b]*European Synchrotron Radiation Facility, Grenoble, France.* [c]*Institut Laue-Langevin, Grenoble, France.* E-mail: ricardo.leal@esrf.fr

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During the merging and scaling of raw crystal diffraction data several corrections are made (e.g. Lorentz, polarisation and crystal decay). Amongst them there is one which is to be developed in this work: the absorption correction. Due to non-uniform crystal and crystal support