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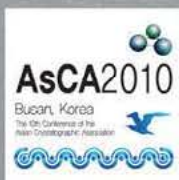
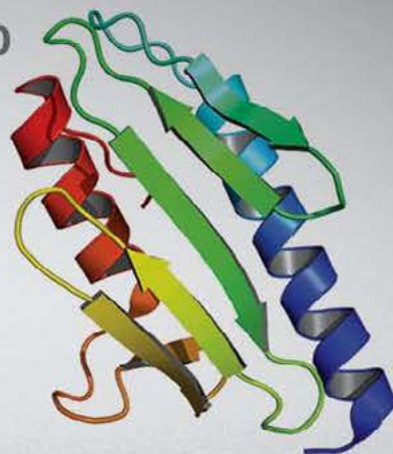
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Programme & Abstracts

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Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues:

The Asian Crystallographic Association is very pleased to invite delegates to attend the triennial scientific meeting to be held in Korea in 2010. The 10th Conference of the Association (AsCA'10) will be held in Busan, the second largest city of Korea, from October 31st to November 3rd 2010.

The meeting will bring together scientists, from the region and beyond, representing all aspects of the broad range of crystallographic research. It is my special pleasure to invite you to attend and participate in what promises to be a scientific and cultural delight.



J. Mitchell Guss,
President
Asian Crystallographic Association

Dear Colleagues:

We are very pleased to invite you to attend the AsCA'10 meeting, which will be held in Busan, Korea, from October 31st to November 3rd 2010. As is traditional at AsCA meetings, the program will be designed to cover diverse aspects of crystallography, ranging from structural chemistry to diffraction physics, from electrons to neutrons, from membrane proteins to drug design, from hot topics to cool results and, as they say, much much more.

We are delighted to chair the International Program Committee and the Local Organizing Committee. We extend a very warm welcome to you to join us in Busan, Korea, for what promises to be a terrific meeting.



Jennifer L. Martin,
Chair
International Program
Committee



Se Won Suh,
Chair
Local Organizing
Committee

Committees

AsCA Executive Committee

President: Mitchell Guss (Australia)
Vice-President: Se Won Suh (Korea)
Secretary/Treasurer: Ken Haller (Thailand)

AsCA2010 International Program Committee

Chair: Jennifer Martin (Australia)

Members:

Stuart Batten (Australia)	Pinak Chakrabarti (India)
Catherine Day (New Zealand)	Hoong-Kun Fun (Malaysia)
Se-Young Jeong (Korea)	Kyeong Kyu Kim (Korea)
Zhi-Jie Liu (China)	Ashwini Nangia (India)
Keiichiro Ogawa (Japan)	Zihe Rao (China)
D M Salunke (India)	Hiroshi Sawa (Japan)
Mark Spackman (Australia)	Kenji Tsuda (Japan)
J J Vittal (Singapore)	Andrew Wang (Taiwan)
Wing-Tak Wong (Hong Kong)	Yuruko Yamagata (Japan)
Hanna Yuan (Taiwan)	

AsCA2010 Local Organizing Committee

Chair: Se Won Suh (Seoul National University)

Members:

Yang Goo Cho (KRISS)	Sung-Min Choi (KAIST)
Soo Hyun Eom (GIST)	Chang Sik Ha (Busan National University)
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Je-Geun Park (Seoul National University)	Moonhor Ree (Postech/PAL)
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AsCA2010 Local Working Committee

Chair: Kyeong Kyu Kim (SungKyunKwan University)

Members:

Nam-Chul Ha (Busan National Univ)

Byung Woo Han (Seoul National Univ)

Se Bok Jang (Busan National Univ)

Sangho Lee (SungKyunKwan Univ)

Hyun-Min Park (KRISS)

Kang Hyun Park (Busan National Univ)

IUCr Scientific Freedom Policy Statement

The International Union of Crystallography shall observe the basic policy of non-discrimination and affirms the right and freedom of scientists to associate in international scientific activity without regard to such factors as citizenship, religion, creed, political stance, ethnic origin, race, colour, language, age or gender, in accordance with the Statutes of the International Council for Science. At this Congress no barriers will exist which would prevent the participation of bona fide scientists.

Business Meeting

Monday, November 1

12:15-13:30 Meeting Room (Level 2)

IUCr Journal Commission Meeting [Lunches will be provided]

Tuesday, November 2

12:15-13:30 Meeting Room (Level 2)

AsCA Council Meeting [Lunches will be provided]

Tuesday, November 2

15:30-16:00 Meeting Room (Level 2)

18:00-18:30 Meeting Room (Level 2) – If necessary

Poster and AsCA Rising Stars Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 3

12:15-13:30 Hall D

J-PARC Meeting

Satellite Meeting / Workshop

[1] Electron Crystallography in Physical and Biological Sciences

October 29-30, 2010, Korea Basic Science Institute, Daejeon, Korea.

Web site: <http://hvem.kbsi.re.kr/eng/>

[2] Workshop for ab initio Powder Structure Determination for Chemists and Materials Scientists & 3rd Powder Crystallography Tutorial Course

October 27-29, 2010, POSCO International Center, POSTECH, Pohang, Korea.

Web site: <http://paleng.postech.ac.kr/workshop/>

[3] Next Generation of Synchrotron Radiation Source Facilities and Their Applications in Ultra-fast and Ultra-small Sciences

November 4-5, 2010, POSCO International Center, POSTECH, Pohang, Korea.

Web site: <http://paleng.postech.ac.kr/hrpd/>

Evening Events and Luncheon Seminars

All the participants are invited to attend the Welcome Mixer on Sunday evening and the Conference Banquet on Tuesday evening. Limited number of lunch boxes will be provided during luncheon seminars.

Day 1:

Sunday, October 31 / 18:00-21:00 / Hall E (Level 3)

Bruker & Incoatec Welcome Mixer, Opening Ceremony, and Special Lecture

Day 2:

Monday, November 1 / 12:15-13:30 / Hall C (Level 2)

Bruker & Incoatec Luncheon Seminar (by invitation)

[Please pick up a luncheon seminar ticket at the Bruker & Incoatec exhibition booth.]

Day 3:

Tuesday, November 2 / 12:15-13:30 / Hall C (Level 2)

Rigaku Luncheon Seminar

Tuesday, November 2 / 12:15-13:30 / Hall D (Level 2)

GE Healthcare Luncheon Seminar

Tuesday, November 2 / 18:30-21:00 / Hall E (Level 3)

Rigaku Conference Banquet and Award Ceremony

Day 4:

Wednesday, November 3 / 12:15-13:30 / Hall C (Level 2)

IUCr Luncheon Seminar

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MDXK Inc.
International Center for Diffraction Data (ICDD)
Oxford Cryosystems Ltd.
Bio-Medical Science Co., Ltd.
Molecular Dimensions
Formulatrix
Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC)
Area Detector Systems Corporation (ADSC)
Protein Data Bank Japan (PDBj)
Marresearch GmbH
Douglas Instruments Ltd.
Rayonix
Hyosung R&DB Labs

Venue and Floor Map

Busan Exhibition & Convention Center (BEXCO),
Convention Hall, Busan, Korea

Around BEXCO



- 01. Lotte Department Store
(Movie Theater, Restaurant)
- 02. Shinsegae Department Store
(Movie Theater, Restaurant, Spa, Ice-rink)
- 03. APEC Park
- 04. Centum Hotel
- 05. Olympic Park
- 06. Home Plus
(Discount Store, Food Court, Fastfood, Drugstore)
- 07. Museum of Modern Art
- 08. Centun City Subway Station
- 09. Busan Museum of Modern Art Subway Station

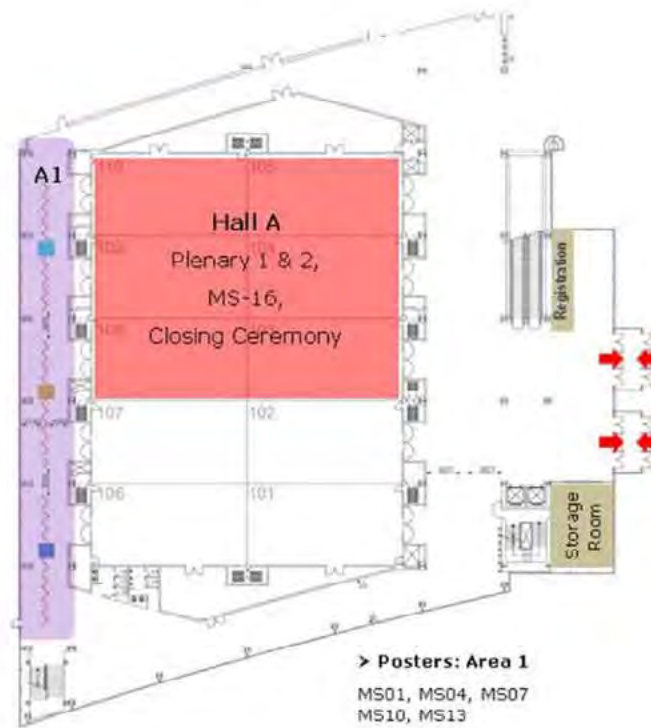
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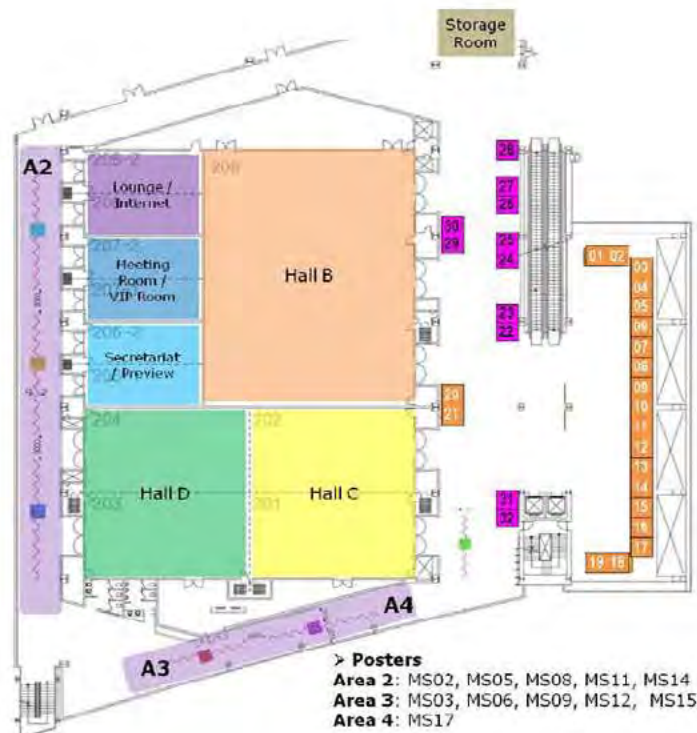
- 1 Exhibition Hall
- 2 Convention Hall (AsCA2010 Venue)
- 3 Glass Hall
- 4 Open - Air Exhibition Space
- 5 Office Block
- 6 Parking Lot
- 7 Museum of Modern Art
- 8 Home Plus
- 9 Centum City Subway Station
- 10 Busan Museum of Modern Art Subway Station

BEXCO Convention Hall Floor Map

1st Floor



2nd Floor



BEXCO Convention Hall Floor Map

2nd Floor Exhibition



> Exhibition Booth

No. 1~21: Shell Scheme Booth (2mx2m)

No. 22~32: Table Only (1.6mx1.4m)

No	Company Name
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3	Bruker AXS GmbH
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5	Pohang Accelerator Laboratory
6	TTP LabTech Ltd.
7	MDxK Inc.
8	ICDD
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11	Rigaku Corporation
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13	DECTRIS Ltd.
14	
15	Oxford Cryosystems Ltd
16	Bio-Medical Science Co., Ltd.
17	Molecular Dimensions
18	Agilent Technologies
19	
20	
21	PANalytical
22	Formulatrix
23	Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre
24	
25	Area Detector Systems Corporation (ADSC)
26	Protein Data Bank Japan
27	Marresearch GmbH
28	Douglas Instruments Ltd.
29	Rayonix
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31	IUCr
32	AsCA

3rd Floor



General Information

Name Tag

Name tags must be worn visibly during the conference and at the social activities.

Registration Desk

The Registration Desk is located on the first floor.

Opening Time:

Sunday, October 31, 13:30-18:00

Monday, November 1, 08:00-09:00

Tuesday, November 2, 08:00-09:00

Wednesday, November 3, 08:00-09:00

Exhibitions

The exhibition booths are located on the second floor.

Opening Time:

Monday, November 1, 09:00 - Wednesday, November 3, 17:30

Internet Access

Free wireless internet access is available for public use at BEXCO. However, it may be subject to slowdown and interruption in the case of too many users. The transmitted data may not be protected. We will also announce ID/password to provide additional wireless internet service free of charge to the participants of AsCA2010 in an internet room on the second floor (with a small number of PCs), conference lecture halls, and the exhibition area. This internet service may also be subject to slowdown and there may also be a problem in security.

Currency Exchange

The exchange rate of US Dollar to Korean Won fluctuates around KRW 1,150 / USD as of October, 2010.

Information for Authors and Presenters

Official Language

The official language of AsCA2010 will be English.

Oral Presentations

A set of notebook PC (Windows 7 with MS PowerPoint 2007) and LCD projectors are ready in each hall. All presenters are kindly requested to submit and check the presentation files (MS PowerPoint) at the preview room on the second floor at least 30 min before the session. Your talk time includes 5 min discussion/question.

Poster Presentations

All posters will be displayed for three days of the conference. The size of a poster will be 90 cm wide by 120 cm high. Mounting materials will be provided. Presenting authors are kindly requested to be present at the poster during one of the two poster sessions according to the last digit of their poster identification number. Please find the ID of your poster in the program/abstract book. The ID will also be attached to your poster wall.

For posters with last digit odd numbers:

Poster Session 1 on Monday, November 1, 13:30-15:30 (1st & 2nd Floor)

For posters with last digit even numbers:

Poster Session 2 on Tuesday, November 2, 13:30-15:30 (1st & 2nd Floor)

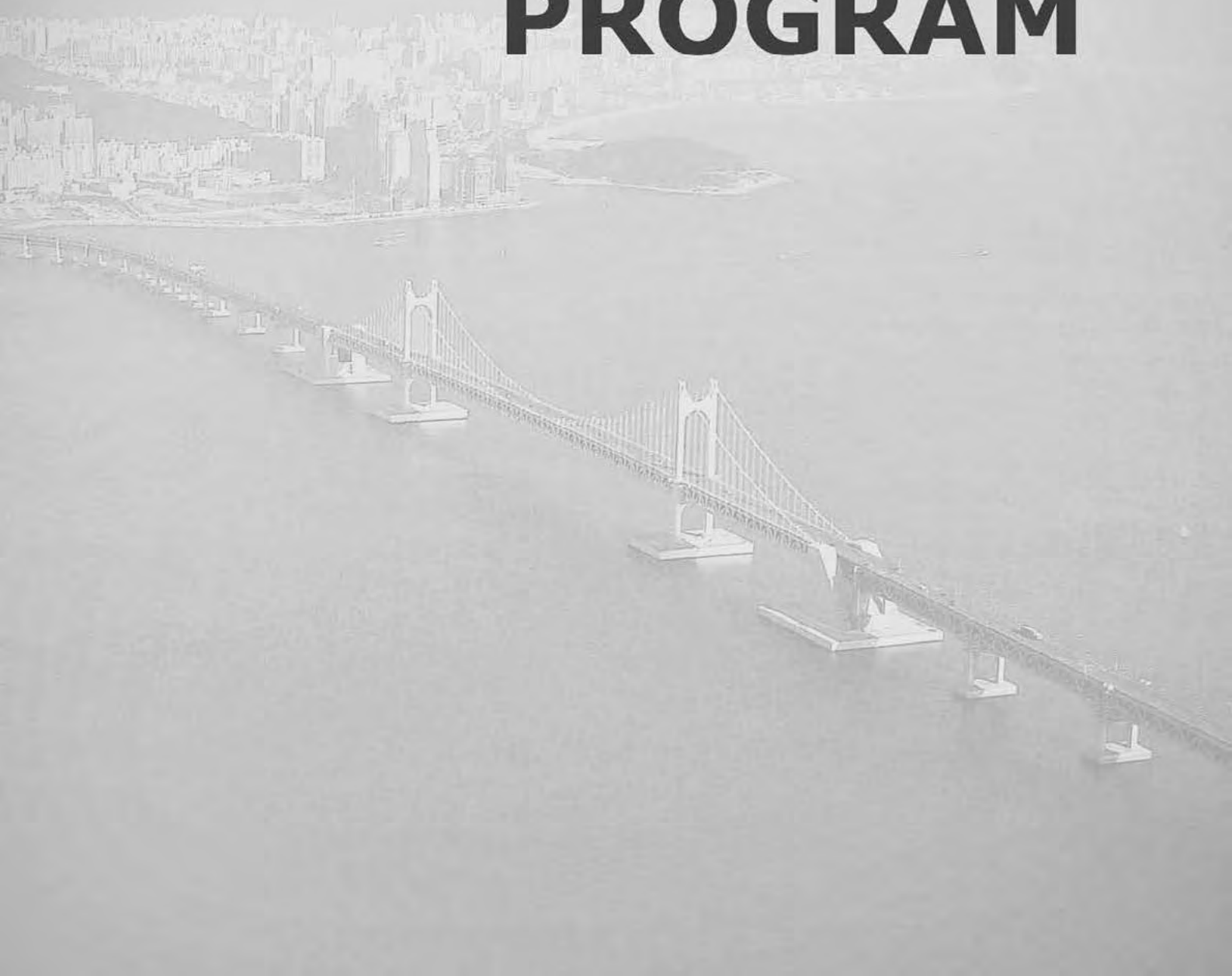
* Poster Installation: Prior to the Opening Ceremony on Oct. 31 (Sun), 18:00

* Poster Removal: Prior to the AsCA Rising Stars Symposium on Nov. 3 (Wed), 13:30

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PROGRAM



Program Timetable

	Oct 31 (Sunday)	Nov 1 (Monday)	Nov 2 (Tuesday)	Nov 3 (Wednesday)
08:00		Registration (1 st Floor)	Registration (1 st Floor)	Registration (1 st Floor)
09:00		Plenary 1 PL-1 (Hall A) 09:00-10:00	Keynote 1, 2 KN-1 (Hall C) KN-2 (Hall B) 09:00-10:00	Keynote 3, 4 KN-3 (Hall C) KN-4 (Hall B) 09:00-10:00
10:00		Break	Break	Break
10:15		Oral session 1 MS-1 (Hall B) MS-2 (Hall C) MS-3 (Hall D) 10:15-12:15	Oral session 3 MS-7 (Hall B) MS-8 (Hall C) MS-9 (Hall D) 10:15-12:15	Oral session 5 MS-13 (Hall B) MS-14 (Hall C) MS-15 (Hall D) 10:15-12:15
12:15		Lunch 12:15-13:30	Lunch 12:15-13:30	Lunch 12:15-13:30
13:30		Poster Session 1 Odd numbers (1 st & 2 nd Floor) 13:30-15:30	Poster Session 2 Even numbers (1 st & 2 nd Floor) 13:30-15:30	AsCA rising stars symposium MS-16 (Hall A) 13:30-15:30
15:30		Break	Break	Break
16:00	Registration (1 st Floor) 13:30-18:00	Oral session 2 MS-4 (Hall B) MS-5 (Hall C) MS-6 (Hall D) 16:00-18:00	Oral session 4 MS-10 (Hall B) MS-11 (Hall C) MS-12 (Hall D) 16:00-18:00	Plenary 2 PL-2 (Hall A) 16:00-17:00
17:00				Closing (Hall A) 17:00-17:30
17:30				
18:00				
18:30	Opening, Welcome Mixer & AsCA Special Lecture SL-1 (Hall E) 18:00-21:00	-	Award Ceremony & Conference Banquet (Hall E) 18:30-21:00	
19:20		Oral session 2e MS-10e (Hall B) 19:20-21:00		

Hall A (1st floor)
Hall B, C, D (2nd floor)
Hall E (3rd floor)

Session Topics

Area 1. Structural Biology

- MS01: Membrane proteins
- MS04: Macromolecular complexes including nucleic acids
- MS07: Enzymes and enzyme inhibitors
- MS10 and MS10e: Drug discovery/disease related proteins
- MS13: Structural proteomics and bioinformatics

Area 2. Chemical Crystallography and Materials Science

- MS02: Metal organic frameworks
- MS05: Chemical crystallography - structure and properties
- MS08: Dynamic aspects of molecular and solid state crystals
- MS11: Magnetic structures/molecular magnets
- MS14: Nanomaterials, surface, and interface

Area 3. Specialized Techniques

- MS03: Synchrotron and neutron sources, instrumentation and applications
- MS06: Small angle X-ray and neutron scattering
- MS09: Combining methods/new tools in structural biology
- MS12: Crystal growth and engineering
- MS15: Powder diffraction

Area 4. Others

- MS-16: AsCA rising stars symposium
- MS-17: Other areas

Detailed Program

Day 1: October 31 (Sunday)

13:30-18:00 **Registration (Level 1)**

18:00-21:00 **Bruker & Incoatec Welcome Mixer,
Opening Ceremony, and Special Opening Lecture**

Hall E / Special Opening Lecture

Chair: Se Won Suh

SL-1 The Crystal Dragon: AsCA and crystallography in the Asia-Pacific region
Gautam Desiraju (India)

Day 2: November 1 (Monday)

08:00-09:00 Registration (Level 1)

09:00-10:00 Plenary Lecture-1 (PL-1)

Hall A

Chair: Edward N. Baker

PL-1 Demography and evolution of protein structural folds
Sung-Hou Kim (USA)

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-12:15 Oral Sessions (MS01, 02, 03)

Hall B / MS01 Membrane proteins

Chairs: Tomitake Tsukihara and Nieng Yan

10:15-10:45	MS01-O1 Daniela Stock (Australia)	Structure of the torque ring of the flagellar motor and the molecular basis for rotational switching
10:45-11:15	MS01-O2 Che Ma (Taiwan)	Structure of membrane proteins in drug discovery
11:15-11:45	MS01-O3 Megan Maher (Australia)	The molecular mechanism of the ferrous iron transporter, FeoB
11:45-12:15	MS01-O4 Wladek Minor (USA)	HKL-3000 - Toward the future of structural biology

Hall C / MS02 Metal Organic Frameworks

Chairs: Masaki Kawano and Wing-tak Wong

10:15-10:45	MS02-O1 Jaheon Kim (Korea)	Design and synthesis of highly porous Metal-Organic Frameworks
10:45-11:15	MS02-O2 Shuhai Furukawa (Japan)	Crystal interface functionalization of porous coordination polymers
11:15-11:45	MS02-O3 Ming-Liang Tong (China)	Metal-mediated in-situ ligand synthesis and application in construction of functional Metal-Organic Frameworks
11:45-12:00	MS02-O4 Masoumeh Tabatabaee (Iran)	Synthesis and crystal structure of a new cadmium metal-organic coordination polymer
12:00-12:15	MS02-O5 Apinpus Rujiwatra (Thailand)	Rapid crystal growth of two metal-organic frameworks constructed by linking of 1-D coordination polymers by hydrogen bonding

Hall D / MS03 Synchrotron and neutron sources, instrumentation and application

Chairs: S. C. Mande and Ian Gentle

- 10:15-10:45 MS03-O1 Masaki Yamamoto (Japan)
The SPring-8 high-brilliant beamlines for macromolecular crystallography
- 10:45-11:15 MS03-O2 Garry McIntyre (France)
Laue diffraction from spin-polarised protons: a new tool for neutron protein crystallography?
- 11:15-11:45 MS03-O3 Toru Ishigaki (Japan)
The current status of versatile neutron diffractometer iMATERIA at J-PARC (II)
- 11:45-12:15 MS03-O4 Jey Jau Lee (Taiwan)
X-ray powder diffraction station at NSRRC for soft materials under non-ambient conditions

12:15-13:30 Lunch

Hall C Bruker & Incoatec Luncheon Seminar

[Please pick up a ticket for lunch box at the Bruker & Incoatec exhibition booth.]

Meeting rm. IUCr Journal Commission Meeting

13:30-15:30 Poster Session 1 (Last digit: Odd numbers)

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-18:00 Oral Sessions (MS04, 05, 06)

Hall B / MS04 Macromolecular complexes including nucleic acids

Chairs: David Hsiao and Daniela Stock

- 16:00-16:30 MS04-O1 Hanna Yuan (Taiwan)
Structural basis of RNase T in stable RNA 3'-end maturation
- 16:30-17:00 MS04-O2 Osamu Nureki (Japan)
Structural analysis of bacterial Sec translocon machinery
- 17:00-17:30 MS04-O3 Kenji Inaba (Japan)
Structural basis of an ERAD pathway mediated by the ER-resident protein disulfide reductase ERdj5
- 17:30-18:00 MS04-O4 Takeshi Murata (Japan)
Structural studies of V₁-ATPase from *Enterococcus hirae*

Hall C / MS05 Chemical crystallography - structure and properties

Chairs: Wai-Yeung Wong and Kimoon Kim

- 16:00-16:30 MS05-O1 Song Gao (China)
Recent studies on single-ion magnets
- 16:30-17:00 MS05-O2 Masaki Kawano (Korea)
Kinetic syntheses of coordination networks and ab initio powder structure analysis

- 17:00-17:30 MS05-O3 Ian Williams (Hong Kong)
Metal imidazolate polymers: Synthesis, structure and properties of silica analogues
- 17:30-17:45 MS05-O4 Jason Cole (UK)
Crystal structure analysis in drug development
- 17:45-18:00 MS05-O5 Myoung Soo Lah (Korea)
Size- and shape-selective Metal-Organic Frameworks based on pillared Kagomé layers

Hall D / MS06 X-ray and neutron scattering

Chairs: Moonhor Ree and David Cookson

- 16:00-16:30 MS06-O1 Hyun Hoon Song (Korea)
Intermediate phase in oriented poly (pentamethylene 2,6-naphthalate)
- 16:30-17:00 MS06-O2 Michael James (Australia)
**When explosives are welcome at your nuclear reactor ...
Molecular sensing using fluorescent dendrimer films and neutron reflectometry**
- 17:00-17:30 MS06-O3 Atsushi Takahara (Japan)
Chain conformation of zwitter ionic polymers in solution and immobilized brush at solid/liquid interfaces
- 17:30-17:45 MS06-O4 Matthew Wilce (Australia)
Innate immunity and RNA sensing by the retinoic acid inducible gene I receptor
- 17:45-18:00 MS06-O5 Ross O. Piltz (Australia)
Structures determined by single crystal neutron diffraction with KOALA – what is possible now, what improvements are planned and when another experiment may be the answer!

18:00-19:20 Break for dinner

19:20-21:00 Oral Session (MS10e)

Hall B / MS10e Drug discovery and disease related proteins

Chairs: Sam-Yong Park and J. Shaun Lott

- 19:20-19:45 MS10e-O1 Yuh-Ju Sun (Taiwan)
The crystal structure of LipL32, a virulence factor from pathogenic Leptospira
- 19:45-20:10 MS10e-O2 Colin Groom (UK)
When does a disease-related protein become a viable target?
- 20:10-20:35 MS10e-O3 Cai-Hong Yun (USA)
Structure and mechanism-based discovery of mutant-selective inhibitors of the drug-resistant EGFR T790M mutant kinase
- 20:35-21:00 MS10e-O4 J. Shaun Lott (New Zealand)
The crystal structure of the N-terminal domain of human COMMD9 reveals an unexpected domain-swapped trimer

Day 3: November 2 (Tuesday)

08:00-09:00 Registration (Level 1)

09:00-10:00 Keynote Lectures (KN-1, 2)

Hall C

Chair: Alice Vrielink

KN-1 Structure and assembly of Sesbania mosaic virus
M. R. N. Murthy (India)

Hall B

Chair: Yoshio Matsui

KN-2 Design and synthesis of porous metal-organic frameworks for gas storage and separation
Myunghyun Paik Suh (Korea)

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-12:15 Oral Sessions (MS07, 08, 09)

Hall B / MS07 Enzymes and enzyme inhibitors

Chairs: Isao Tanaka and K. Sivaraman

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| 10:15-10:45 | MS07-O1 Alice Vrielink (Australia) | Probing the structure of cholesterol oxidase by atomic resolution crystallography: Towards the design of novel antibiotics with high specificity and potency |
| 10:45-11:15 | MS07-O2 Masakazu Sugishima (Japan) | Structural insights into ferredoxin dependent bilin reductases |
| 11:15-11:45 | MS07-O3 Nobutaka Numoto (Japan) | Crystal structure and rotation mechanism of V₁-ATPase |
| 11:45-12:00 | MS07-O4 Chun-Jung Chen (Taiwan) | Crystal structures of <i>Aspergillus japonicus</i> fructosyltransferase in complex with donor/acceptor substrates reveal complete subsites for catalysis |
| 12:00-12:15 | MS07-O5 Dong Wu (China) | Structural basis for the inhibition of human MTHFS by N10-substituted folate analogues |

Hall C / MS08 Dynamic aspects of molecular and solid state crystals

Chairs: Jun Harada and Hans-Beat Buergi

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| 10:15-10:45 | MS08-O1 Cameron Kepert (Australia) | Guest- and thermally-induced deformations of coordination framework materials |
| 10:45-11:15 | MS08-O2 Thammarat Aree (Thailand) | Thermodynamics properties of molecular crystals derived from multi-temperature diffraction data |
| 11:15-11:45 | MS08-O3 Hidehiro Uekusa (Japan) | Structural rearrangement of organic crystals in polymorphic transition investigated by ab initio structure determination from powder diffraction data |

- 11:45-12:00 MS08-O4 Jagadese J. Vittal (Singapore/Korea)
Photoreactivity and structural rearrangements in the solid state
- 12:00-12:15 MS08-O5 Panče Naumov (Japan)
"Jumping crystals": Structural aspects of the thermosalient phenomenon

Hall D / MS09 Combining methods/new tools in structural biology

Chairs: Min Yao and R. Sankaranarayanan

- 10:15-10:45 MS09-O1 Nathan Cowieson (Australia)
Combining SAXS and CD to study flexibility and dynamics in multi-domain proteins
- 10:45-11:15 MS09-O2 Junichi Takagi (Japan)
Combination of correlative light-electron microscopy and X-ray crystallography reveals a unique trans-synaptic adhesion architecture
- 11:15-11:45 MS09-O3 Shekhar Mande (India)
Analysis of protein dynamics by crystallographic refinement and normal mode analysis
- 11:45-12:00 MS09-O4 Edward N. Baker (New Zealand)
Use of racemic protein crystallography to solve the structure of Rv1738, an essential protein from Mycobacterium tuberculosis
- 12:00-12:15 MS09-O5 Chae Un Kim (USA)
High pressure cryocooling at MacCHESS

12:15-13:30 Lunch

[A limited number of lunch boxes will be provided at the luncheon seminar lecture halls.]

Hall C Rigaku Luncheon Seminar

Hall D GE Healthcare Luncheon Seminar

Brian M. Baker (USA)

Modulation of T cell receptor binding affinity by targeted fluorine substitutions: Structural, thermodynamic, and kinetic effects

Meeting rm. AsCA Council Meeting

13:30-15:30 Poster Session-2 (Last digit: Even numbers)

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-18:00 Oral Sessions (MS10, 11, 12)

Hall B / MS10 Drug discovery and disease related proteins

Chairs: Sam-Yong Park and J. Shaun Lott

- 16:00-16:30 MS10-O1 Eiji Obayashi (Japan)
The structural study on influenza RNA polymerase for designing new anti-viral drug
- 16:30-17:00 MS10-O2 Hao Wu (USA)
Death domain interactions in apoptosis and immunity

- 17:00-17:30 MS10-O3 Catherine Day (New Zealand)
Regulating the ubiquitin E3 ligase activity of C-terminal RING domains
- 17:30-17:45 MS10-O4 Yang Wu (China)
Structures of EV71 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase in complex with substrate and inhibitor provide a drug target against the hand-foot-and-mouth disease pandemic in China
- 17:45-18:00 MS10-O5 Bostjan Kobe (Australia)
Structural basis of innate immunity in plants against fungal pathogens

Hall C / MS11 Magnetic structures and molecular magnets

Chairs: Je-Geun Park and Song Gao

- 16:00-16:30 MS11-O1 Yukio Noda (Japan)
Spin distribution of pi-electron in organic conductor studied by neutron magnetic structure analysis
- 16:30-17:00 MS11-O2 Seongsu Lee (Korea/USA)
The studies of multiferritic X-tal bismuth ferrite
- 17:00-17:30 MS11-O3 Jing-Lin Zuo (China)
Molecular magnetic semiconductors based on organic ligands with delocalized sulfur-rich core
- 17:30-17:45 MS11-O4 Deok-Yong Cho (Korea)
Anomalous L3/L2 X-ray absorption branching ratios in 5d transition metal oxides
- 17:45-18:00 MS11-O5 Jan Wikaira (New Zealand)
An investigation of magnetic exchange through double halide bridges

Hall D / MS12 Crystal growth and engineering

Chairs: A. Ramanan and Kumar Biradha

- 16:00-16:30 MS12-O1 Srinivasan Natarajan (India)
Polymorphism, solvatomorphism and related aspects in framework inorganic compounds
- 16:30-17:00 MS12-O2 Claude LeComte (France)
High resolution crystallography to understand the bonding between a transition metal and an alkyne
- 17:00-17:30 MS12-O3 Myoung Soo Lah (Korea)
Microporous Metal-Organic Frameworks based on Metal-Organic Supramolecules
- 17:30-17:45 MS12-O4 A. David Rae (Australia)
A compound with 6 chiral centers that uses the same unit cell and space group to grow either a racemate or an enantiomer
- 17:45-18:00 MS12-O5 Katsuhiko Tsukimura (Japan)
Kinetic theory of crystallization of nanoparticles

18:30-21:00 Award Ceremony and Rigaku Conference Banquet

Hall E / Award Ceremony and Rigaku Conference Banquet

Day 4: November 3 (Wednesday)

09:00-10:00 Keynote Lectures (KN-3, 4)

Hall C

Chair: Hanna Yuan

KN-3 Structure and function of enzymes relevant in drug discovery
Andrew H. Wang (Taiwan)

Hall B

Chair: Richard Tilley

KN-4 New functional materials via crystal- and nano-engineering
Wenbin Lin (USA)

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-12:15 Oral Sessions (MS13, 14, 15)

Hall B / MS13 Structural proteomics and bioinformatics

Chairs: Zhi-Jie Liu and Seong Eon Ryu

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| 10:15-10:45 | MS13-O1 | Satoshi Watanabe (Japan) | Crystal structures of the Hyp proteins for [NiFe] hydrogenase maturation |
| 10:45-11:15 | MS13-O2 | Bill Duax (USA) | Combining sequence and structural analysis to obtain a perfect alignment essential to rational drug design |
| 11:15-11:45 | MS13-O3 | Kwang Yeon Hwang (Korea) | Structural insights into the conformational change upon activation of tyrosine site-specific recombinase |
| 11:45-12:00 | MS13-O4 | Muralidharan Muthu (New Zealand) - AsCA Rising Star | Crystal structures of the N-terminal dystrophin and utrophin spectrin repeats show a three helix bundle fold |
| 12:00-12:15 | MS13-O5 | Maxim Titushin (China) | Structural basis of energy transfer in the bioluminescent system of jellyfish Clytia: the GFP-photoprotein complex |

Hall C / MS14 Nanomaterials, surface and interface

Chairs: Joanne Etheridge and Taeghwan Hyeon

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| 10:15-10:45 | MS14-O1 | Yoshio Matsui (Japan) | Nano magnetic structure analysis by cryo Lorentz TEM - visualization of the "Skirmion" crystal |
| 10:45-11:15 | MS14-O2 | Richard Tilley (New Zealand) | Watching nanocrystals grow: In-situ synchrotron experiments |
| 11:15-11:45 | MS14-O3 | Sunghoon Kwon (Korea) | Artificial structural colored microstructures via magnetically tunable photonic crystal |
| 11:45-12:00 | MS14-O4 | Andrew Stewart (Germany) | Automated electron diffractometry: solving structures of nano crystals |

12:00-12:15 MS14-O5 Daisuke Morikawa (Japan) - AsCA Rising Star
Structure analysis of charge-orbital ordered phases in A-site ordered perovskites $\text{SmBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$ and $\text{NdBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$ using CBED

Hall D / MS15 Powder diffraction

Chairs: Jungeun Kim and Kia Wallwork

10:15-10:45 MS15-O1 Makoto Sakata (Japan)
The challenge of highly reliable ab initio powder structure analysis by the novel concept of genetic algorithm

10:45-11:15 MS15-O2 Nathan Webster (Australia)
Industrial applications of in situ powder diffraction

11:15-11:45 MS15-O3 Bridget Ingham (New Zealand)
In situ studies using synchrotron powder diffraction

12:00-12:15 MS15-O4 Yongmoon Lee (Korea)
Structural study of monovalent cation-exchanged natrolites during dehydration

12:00-12:15 MS15-O5 Takashi Ida (Japan)
Particle statistics in high-resolution synchrotron powder X-ray diffractometry

12:15-13:30 Lunch

Hall C IUCr Luncheon Seminar

Howard Einspahr (USA)

How to publish crystallographic results

[A limited number of lunch boxes will be provided at the luncheon seminar lecture hall.]

Hall D J-PARC Business Meeting

13:30-15:30 Oral Session (MS16)

Hall A / MS16 AsCA Rising Stars Microsymposium

Chairs: Eunice Kim and Cameron Kepert

Speakers: Six speakers will be announced at the Tuesday Banquet.

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:00 Plenary Lecture-2 (PL-2)

Hall A

Chair: Jennifer Martin

PL-2 Chirality in crystals

Reiko Kuroda (Japan)

17:00-17:30 Closing

Hall A / Closing ceremony

Poster Presentations

Area 1. Structural Biology

MS01: Membrane proteins

- MS01-P01** **The structure of mouse anoctamin1 (mANO1) domains TM2↔TM3 (DTM1↔TM2) and TM5↔TM6 (DTM5↔TM6)**
Sang Ho Park, Ho Kyung Jung, and Byung Woo Han
- MS01-P02** **Purification of LDL receptor-related protein and nano-gold labeling for structure analysis**
Kyung Eun Lee, Oh Yeun Kwon, and Hyesung Jeon
- MS01-P03** **Interaction of PDZ adapter proteins NHERF and E3KARP in vitro**
Se Bok Jang, Eun Young Hwang, and Mi Suk Jeong

MS04: Macromolecular complexes including nucleic acids

- MS04-P01** **In vitro reconstitution of the interactions in the PIDosome**
Hyun Ho Park, Tae-ho Jang, Hao Wu, and Chao Zheng
- MS04-P02** **High-resolution crystal structure of chicken cytokine interleukin-1 β reveals differences in receptor binding compared to human interleukin-1 β**
Chao-Sheng Cheng, Wen-Shiang Lu, I-Fan Tu, Ping-Chiang Lyu, Long-Huw Lee, and Hsien-Sheng Yin
- MS04-P03** **Molecular interplay between the replicative hexameric helicase DnaC with ssDNA and its loader DnaI from *Geobacillus kaustophilus***
Chwan-Deng Hsiao, Yu-Hua Lo, and Kuang-Lei Tsai
- MS04-P04** **DNA/RNA binding properties of PCBP-1 KH domains**
Daouda AK Traore, Yano M Yoga, Matthew CJ Wilce, and Jackie A Wilce
- MS04-P05** **Paraspeckle proteins: a novel arrangement of RNA-binding domains**
Mihwa Lee, Daniel Passon, Archa H. Fox, and Charles S. Bond
- MS04-P06** **Structural study of RLR family innate immune proteins**
Hyunjin Moon and Jungwoo Choe
- MS04-P07** **Translation elongation factor-P (EF-P) from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, a mimic of tRNA?**
Sarah choi and Jungwoo Choe
- MS04-P08** **Nuclear translocation machinery of pre-microRNA**
Soo Jae Lee, Chimari Okada, Eiki Yamashita, Satoshi Shibata, Jun Katahira, Atsushi Nakagawa, Yoshihiro Yoneda, and Tomitake Tsukihara
- MS04-P09** **Structural analysis of exosome from *Thermoplasma acidophilum***
Hyun Sook Kim, Hye-Jeong Cho, Cho Gye Yoon, Ho Sam Ki, Moon Jung Song, and Kwang Yeon Hwang
- MS04-P10** **An insight into the pairing geometry of DNA duplexes containing O6-carboxymethylguanine, a damaged base analogue relevant to gastrointestinal cancer**
Fang Zhang, Kaoru Suzuki, Md. Mominul Hoque, Masaru Tsunoda, Christopher L. Millington, David M. Williams, and Akio Takénaka
- MS04-P11** **Crystal structures of E2-25K, E2-25K/Ub and E2-25K/UBB+1**
Jung-Gyu Lee, Gil Bu Kang, Sunggeon Ko, Sung Min Song, Yong-Keun Jung, Yung Joon Yoo, Weontae Lee, and Soo Hyun Eom
- MS04-P12** **The role of the p-electron systems in regulation of reduction potentials of tetraheme cytochrome c₃**
Hideo Akutsu, Yuki Takayama, Midori Taketa-Sato, Hirofumi Komori, Kumiko Morita, Sujin Kang, and Yoshiki Higuchi
- MS04-P13** **Two different modes of UvrD helicase by 2B domain movement**
Hyun Koo Yeo and Jae Young Lee

- MS04-P14** **Functional implication of Ufd1-Npl4 complex in the FAF1 recognition mechanism by AAA-ATPase p97/VCP**
Joon Kyu Park and Eunice EunKyeong Kim
- MS04-P15** **The structure of rat liver vault at 3.5 Å resolution**
Koji Kato, Hideaki Tanaka, Eiki Yamashita, Tomoyuki Sumizawa, Yong Zhouc, Min Yao, Kenji Iwasaki, Masato Yoshimura, and Tomitake Tsukihara
- MS04-P16** **Biophysical investigation of RBP-ARE interactions: Application of SPR, NMR, and SAXS**
Henry Kim, Yano Yoga, Nathan Cowieson, Martin Scanlon, Steven Headey, Myriam Gorospe, Bryan Williams, Matthew Wilce, and Jackie Wilce
- MS04-P17** **Identification and analysis of dominant negative mutants of RAIDD and PIDD**
Hyun Ho Park, Tae-ho Jang, Ju Young Bae, and Ok Kyeong Park
- MS04-P18** **Human MTERF3 crystal structure of left-handed superhelical tandem repeat**
Dong-Uk Kim, Sang-Gil Cho, Kuk-Lea Kim, and Hyun-Soo Cho
- MS04-P19** **Structure analysis of ligand-independent activation of Fushi tarazu factor-1 ligand binding domain from Drosophila melanogaster**
Ji-Ho Yoo, Sunggeon Ko, Hyeyon Kim, Kwang-Min Choe, Weon Tae Lee, and Hyun-Soo Cho
- MS04-P20** **Structure of the entire ectodomain of gp130: Insights into the molecular assembly of cytokine receptor complexes**
Yibin Xu, Nadia J. Kershaw, Cindy S. Luo, Priscilla Soo, Michael J. Pocock, Peter E. Czabotar, Douglas J. Hilton, Nicos A. Nicola, Jian-Guo Zhang, and Thomas P. J. Garrett

MS07: Enzymes and enzyme inhibitors

- MS07-P01** **Crystal structure of human transglutaminase 2 in complex with adenosine triphosphate**
Byeong-Gu Han, Jea-Won Cho, and Byung Il Lee
- MS07-P02** **Structure and function of the *Fibrobacter succinogenes* 1,3-1,4- β -D-glucanase mutants F40I and W203F in complex with inhibitors**
Li-Chu Tsai, Hsiao-Chuan Huang, Ching-Hua Hsiao, Wei-Ru Li, and Li-Ming Yin
- MS07-P03** **Investigating the structure and function of the redox folding factors α DsbA2 and α DsbB**
Walden, PM, Heras, B, Iturbe-Ormaetxe, I, and Martin, JL
- MS07-P04** **Time-resolved X-ray crystal structure analysis of enzymatic reaction of copper amine oxidase from *Arthrobacter globiformis***
Misumi Kataoka, Hiroko Oya, Ayuko Tominaga, Masayuki Otsu, Toshihide Okajima, Katsuyuki Tanizawa, and Hiroshi Yamaguchi
- MS07-P05** **Metabolic adaptation for short-chain fatty acids degradation: crystal structure of 2-methylcitrate synthase from *Salmonella typhimurium***
Sagar Chittori, H. S. Savithri, and M. R. N. Murthy
- MS07-P06** **Crystal structures of *Helicobacter pylori* shikimate kinase reveal three conserved arginines involved in the induced movement**
Wen-Chi Cheng, Hung-Jung Wang, and Wen-Ching Wang
- MS07-P07** **Involvement of scaffolding residues in efficient inhibition: Lessons from chimeric proteins**
Sudip Majumder, Susmita Khamrui, Jhimli Dasgupta, J. K. Dattagupta, and Udayaditya Sen
- MS07-P08** **Structural insights into catalysis of bC-S lyase from *Streptococcus anginosus***
Yuichiro Kezuka, Yasuo Yoshida, and Takamasa Nonaka
- MS07-P09** **SbcD, the subunit of SbcCD DNA strand break repair protein from *Deinococcus radiodurans***
Mi Ra Han and Byung Woo Han
- MS07-P10** **Structure of protochlorophyllide reductase: a greening mechanism of plants in the dark**
Norifumi Muraki, Jiro Nomata, Yuichi Fujita, and Genji Kurisu
- MS07-P11** **Structural basis for the enantioselectivity of Est-Y29 toward S-ketoprofen**
Tri Duc Ngo, Seung Bum Kim, Sang Bum Joo, Sang Young Yoon, T. Doo Hun Kim, and Kyeong Kyu Kim
- MS07-P12** **Crystal structure of M18 family dodecameric tetrahedral (TET) shape aminopeptidase from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa***
Duy Nguyen Duc, Sampath Natarajan, Kap Sun Kim, Kyung Hee Yun, Hyejin Park, and Kyeong Kyu Kim

- MS07-P13 RNA binding mechanism of ThiI deduced from structural and binding analyses of a minimal RNA ligand**
Yoshikazu Tanaka, Shiori Yamagata, Yu Kitago, Yoko Yamada, Sarin Chimnaronk, Min Yao, and Isao Tanaka
- MS07-P14 Basis for the lack of stereospecificity in coenzyme B₁₂-dependent ethanolamine ammonia-lyase**
Naoki Shibata, Tetsuo Toraya, and Yoshiki Higuchi
- MS07-P15 Structural analysis and functional study of the human small MutS-related protein**
Euiyoung Jeong, Weejeong Jun, Seonghwan Lee, Sung-jin Choi, and Changill Ban
- MS07-P16 Structure and mechanism of XometC, a cystathionine γ -lyase from *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* (Xoo): Insights for the substrate specificity and lyase mechanism of XometC**
Ho Phuong Thuy Ngo, Jin-Kwang Kim, Yeh-Jin Ahn, Jeong-Gu Kim, Byoung-Moo Lee, Hee-Wan Kang, and Lin-Woo Kang
- MS07-P17 Structure-based catalytic optimization of a type III Rubisco from a hyperthermophile**
Yuichi Nishitani, Shosuke Yoshida, Masahiro Fujihashi, Kazuya Kitagawa, Takashi Doi, Haruyuki Atomi, Tadayuki Imanaka, and Kunio Miki
- MS07-P18 Structural and functional analysis of the LMO2642 cyclic nucleotide phosphodiesterase from *Listeria monocytogenes***
Yeon-Gil Kim¹, Jae-Hee Jeong, Nam-Chul Ha, and Kyung-Jin Kim
- MS07-P19 Comparison of DNA translocators based on their structures**
Suk-Youl Park, Nguyen To Uyen, Ji-Woo Choi, Hyun-Ju Lee, Kosuke Nishi, and Jeong-Sun Kim
- MS07-P20 Structure and mechanism of the Nudix hydrolase Orf153 (YmfB) from *E. coli***
Myoung-ki Hong, Jin-kwang Kim, Yeh-jin Ahn, and Lin-woo Kang
- MS07-P21 Crystal structure analysis of ATPase domain from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* DosS protein**
Ha Yeon Cho and Beom Sik Kang
- MS07-P22 Crystal structure of LapB from *Pseudomonas* sp. strain KL28**
Jang-Hee Cho, Du-Kyo Jung, Kyoung Lee, and Sangkee Rhee
- MS07-P23 The crystal structure of D-ribose-5-phosphate isomerase B from *Clostridium thermocellum* with the unique high kinetic properties**
Jin Kwang Kim, Junho Jung, Soo Jin Yeom, Yeh Jin Ahn, Deok Kun Oh, and Lin Woo Kang
- MS07-P24 Structural feature of the extreme thermophile maltogenic amylase from *Staphylothermus marinus***
Tae-Yang Jung, Dan Li, Jong-Tae Park, Se-Mi Yoon, KwanHwa Park, and Eui-Jeon Woo
- MS07-P25 Crystallization and preliminary X-ray analysis of a novel thermostable amylase from *Pyrococcus furiosus* (PFTA) in glycoside hydrolase 13 family**
Hyung-nam Song, Tae-yang Jung, Sae-mi Yoon, Sung-jae Yang, Kwan-hwa Park, and Eui-jeon Woo

- MS07-P26** **Structural basis for the recognition of N-end rule substrates by the UBR box of ubiquitin ligases**
 Woo Suk Choi, Byung-Cheon Jeong, Myeong-Ryeol Lee, Michael J. Eck, and Hyun Kyu Song
- MS07-P27** **Structure basis of genetic encoded photosensitizer KillerRed**
 Naoki Sakai, Yu Kitago, Kiwamu Takemoto, Tomoki Matsuda, Tokiyoshi Ayabe, and Takeharu Nagai
- MS07-P28** **Crystal structures of ribosome-inactivating protein from barley seeds (*Hordeum vulgare* L.)**
 Byung-Gil Lee, Min Kyung Kim, Se Won Suh, and Hyun Kyu Song
- MS07-P29** **Crystal structure of human Evectin-2 PH domain and its complex with O-phospho-L-serine**
 Seiji Okazaki, Yasunori Uchida, Ryuichi Kato, Takao Inoue, Yusuke, Yamada, Tomohiko Taguchi, Hiroyuki Arai, and Soichi Wakatsuki
- MS07-P30** **Crystal structure analysis of the oxygenase component (GraA) of a resorcinol hydroxylase**
 Yasuo Hata, Tomomi Fujii, Kazutaka Kobayshi, Masahiro Yoshida, and Tadao Oikawa
- MS07-P31** **Structural basis of abscisic acid signaling**
 Masaru Tanokura, Takuya Miyakawa, Ken-ichi Miyazono, Keiko Kubota, and Yoriko Sawano
- MS07-P32** **X-ray structural analysis of N-terminal domain of KaiC for understanding of restrained ATPase activity**
 Se-Young Son, Takao Kondo, and Shuji Akiyama
- MS07-P33** **Unexpected substrate recognition and hydrolysis mechanisms of human NUDT5**
 Takao Arimori, Haruhiko Tamaoki, Teruya Nakamura, Hiroyuki Kamiya, Shinji Ikemizu, Yasumitsu Takagi, Toru Ishibashi, Hideyoshi Harashima, Mutsuo Sekiguchi, and Yuriko Yamagata
- MS07-P34** **Crystal structure of human ppGpp hydrolase**
 Hye-Yeon Kim, Dawei Sun, and Young Ho Jeon
- MS07-P35** **Crystal structures of extra cellular dermal glycoprotein from carrot and xyloglucan specific endo- β -1,4-glucanase from *Aspergillus aculeatus***
 Takuya Yoshizawa, Hiroshi Hashimoto, Toshiyuki Shimizu, Hisashi Hirano, and Mamoru Sato
- MS07-P36** **Crystallization and preliminary X-ray analysis of a family 51 glycoside hydrolase, the α -L-arabinofuranosidase from *Thermotoga maritima* MSB8**
 Arti Baban Dumbrepatil, Tae-Yang Jung, Jung Mi Park, Tae Jib Kim, and Eui-Jeon Woo
- MS07-P37** **Structural and biological investigation of ppGpp hydrolase in Metazoa**
 Dawei Sun, Gina Lee, Jun Hee Lee, Hye-Yeon Kim, Hyun-Woo Rhee, Seung-Yeol Park, Kyung-Jin Kim, Yongsung Kim, Bo Yeon Kim, Jong-In Hong, Chankyu Park, Hyon E. Choy, Jung-Hoe Kim, Young Ho Jeon, and Jongkyeong Chung

- MS07-P38** **Structural insight into bacterial flavin containing monooxygenase**
Hyo Je Cho and Beom Sik Kang
- MS07-P39** **Asymmetric dimeric structure of ferredoxin-NAD(P)⁺ oxidoreductase from *Chlorobaculum tepidum*: Implications for binding ferredoxin and NADP⁺**
Norifumi Muraki, Daisuke Seo, Takeshi Sakurai, and Genji Kurisu
- MS07-P40** **Crystal structure and functional study of ureidoglycolate dehydrogenase from *Escherichia coli***
Myung-Il Kim, Jeehyun Lee, and Sangkee Rhee
- MS07-P41** **Structural and functional studies of an ureidoglycine-hydrolyzing enzyme from *Arabidopsis thaliana***
Inchul Shin, Woo-Suk Jung, and Sangkee Rhee
- MS07-P42** **Crystal structures of human peroxiredoxin VI in multiple oxidation states**
Kyung Hee Kim, Weon Tae Lee, and Eunice EunKyeong Kim
- MS07-P43** **Crystal structures of malonyl-CoA-acyl carrier protein transacylase (MCAT) from *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Streptococcus pneumoniae***
Seung Kon Hong, Kook Han Kim, Joon Kyu Park, and Eunice EunKyeong Kim
- MS07-P44** **Characterization and crystallization of perakine reductase, an enzyme involved in monoterpenoid indole alkaloid biosynthesis**
Lianli Sun, Yixin Chen, Meitian Wang, Santosh Panjikar, and Joachim Stöckigt
- MS07-P45** **Structural analysis of raucaffricine glucosidase, a central enzyme in the alkaloid biosynthetic network of the Indian plant *Rauvolfia***
Liqun Xia, Martin Ruppert, Meitian Wang, Santosh Panjikar, and Joachim Stöckigt
- MS07-P46** **Drug protein interaction studies of an antiviral agent garcinol targeting HIV-1 protease by in silico approach**
Prashantha Karunakar, Girija CR, Shalini S, Noor Shahina Begum, and Akheel Ahmed Syed
- MS07-P47** **Structural and functional analyses of W272A and N277A mutant forms of prostacyclin synthase**
Yi-Ching Li, Shu-I Tsai, Lee-Ho Wang, and Nei-Li Chan
- MS07-P48** **Structural and functional assay of AtTLP18.3 revealed its novel phosphatase activity involved in repair cycle of photosystem**
Hsin-Yi Wu, Mao-Sen Liu, Tsan-Piao Lin, and Yi-Sheng Cheng
- MS07-P49** **Structural characterization of a serpin from the large beetle *Tenebrio molitor* and its regulation by heparin**
Sun Hee Park, Rui Jiang, Shunfu Piao, Bing Zhang, Eun-Hye Kim, Hyun-Mi Kwon, Xiao Ling Jin, Bok Luel Lee, and Nam-Chul Ha
- MS07-P50** **The crystal structure of hexameric Lon protease: dynamics of the AAA⁺ module controls access to a sequestered proteolytic chamber**
Sun-Shin Cha, Young Jun An, Chang-Sook Jeong, and Sung Gyun Kang

- MS07-P51** **X-ray structure of a 3-isopropylmalate isomerase large subunit from *Methanococcus jannaschii***
Eun-Hye Lee and Kwang-Yeon Hwang
- MS07-P52** **Crystal structure of enoyl-acyl carrier protein reductase (FabI) in complex with NADH and triclosan from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa***
Jeong Hye Lee, Ae Kyung Park, Jin Ho Moon, and Young Min Chi

MS10: Drug discovery/disease related proteins

- MS10-P01** **Crystal structure of human transglutaminase 2 in complex with adenosine triphosphate**
Byeong-Gu Han and Byung Il Lee
- MS10-P02** **The c-AMP receptor-like protein CLP is a novel c-di-GMP receptor linking cell-cell signaling to virulence gene expression in *Xanthomonas campestris***
Shan-Ho Chou, Ko-Hsin Chin, Yen-Chung Lee, and Andrew H.-J. Wang
- MS10-P03** **Modulating immune function through chemokine binding – Orf virus presents a new twist on an old motif**
Kurt L. Krause, Rafael Counago, Stephen Fleming, and Andy Mercer
- MS10-P04** **Structural and functional studies on thiolase from *Mycobacterium smegmatis* and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis***
Neelanjana Janardan and M. R. N. Murthy
- MS10-P05** **Crystal structure of the sensor domain of naphthalene chemoreceptor NahY from *Pseudomonas putida***
Truc Kim and Kyeong Kyu Kim
- MS10-P06** **Crystal structures and binding studies of atovaquone and its derivatives with cytochrome bc₁: Molecular basis for drug design**
Susanta K. Nayak, S. B. Mallik, S. P. Kanaujia, K. Sekar, and T. N. Guru Row
- MS10-P07** **Structural basis of human p70 ribosomal S6 kinase-1 regulation by activation loop phosphorylation**
Sunami T, Byrne N, Diehl RE, Funabashi K, Hall DL, Ikuta M, Patel SB, Shipman JM, Smith RF, Takahashi I, Zugay-Murphy J, Iwasawa Y, Lumb KJ, Munshi SK, and Sharma S
- MS10-P08** **Structural studies of TIRAP, an adaptor protein of Toll-like receptor signaling pathway**
Yoora Kang and Jungwoo Choe
- MS10-P09** **Structural insights into the dual nucleotide exchange and GDI displacement activity of SidM/DrrA**
Kwang-Hoon Lee, Hye-Young Suh, and Byung-Ha Oh
- MS10-P10** **Structural study of GTP-sensing pleiotropic transcriptional repressor CodY from *Staphylococcus aureus***
Ah Reum Han, Kyung-Hee Rhee, Gye Yoon Cho, Hosam Ki, and Kwang Yeon Hwang
- MS10-P11** **Structure-function analysis of human L-prostaglandin D synthase bound with fat**
Yangyan Zhou, Neil Shaw, Yang Li, Yu Zhao, Rongguang Zhang, and Zhi-Jie Liu
- MS10-P12** **Recombinant fusion protein design for biophysical analysis of integrin subunit dimerization and function**
Andrea Francesca M. Salvador, Gabriel N. Valbuena, Lydia Teresa Isabel Salud-Bautista, and Neil Andrew D. Bascos

- MS10-P13** **Structural study and antibacterial drug design against bacterial blight disease caused by *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *Oryzae***
Sampath Natarajan, Thanh Thi Ngoc Doan, Phuong-Thuy Ho Ngo, Jae-Wook Jung, and Lin-Woo Kang
- MS10-P14** **Crystal structure of D-alanine-D-alanine ligase a from *Xanthomonas oryzae* pathovar *oryzae* and its inhibitors from structure-based virtual screening**
Thi-Ngoc-Thanh Doan, Jin-Kwang Kim, Sam Natarajan, Yeh-Jin Ahn, and Lin-Woo Kang
- MS10-P15** **Structure based design and synthesis of NAmPRTase inhibitors as anticancer agent**
Hyung-Seop Youn, Jung-Gyu Lee, Jun Yop An, Kyoung Ryoung Park, Woo Lai San, Youngjin Lee, Won Ju Jeong, Hyun You, Isak Im, Man-Ho Bae, Yong-Chul Kim, and Soo Hyun Eom
- MS10-P16** **The structural and pharmacological studies of a dimeric acetylcholine binding protein**
Ching-I Anderson Wang, Vu Bach, and Richard Lewis
- MS10-P17** **Cloning, expression, crystallization and preliminary X-ray crystallographic analysis of HrcN – an inner membrane ATPase from *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae***
Viet Tan Pham, Yeh-Jin Ahn, and Lin-woo Kang
- MS10-P18** **Molecular basis for recognition of paired immunoglobulin like type2 receptor (PILR) alpha to glycoprotein B (gB) of herpes simplex virus-1 (HSV-1)**
Osw Toyoyuki, Yamaguchi Munechika, Jing Wang, Kimiko Kuroki, Shigekazu Tabata, Nobuo Maita, Seiko Nakamura, Mizuho Kajikawa, Takeshi Satoh, Hisashi Arase, and Katsumi Maenaka
- MS10-P19** **AraC transcription regulator in *Bacillus cereus***
Mi Seul Park and Byung Woo Han
- MS10-P20** **Crystal structures of murine norovirus RNA-dependent RNA polymerase and its complex with 5-fluorouracil and ribavirin**
Intekhab Alam, Ji-Hye Lee, and Kyung Hyun Kim
- MS10-P21** **Molecular characterization of human influenza virus hemagglutinin**
Ki Joon Cho, Ji-Hye Lee, Seokha Kang, Yi Ho Park, Jun Young Lee, Taslima Gani Khan, Joo-Yeon Lee, Hee-Bok Oh, Chun Kang, and Kyung Hyun Kim
- MS10-P22** **Comparison of the structures of horse spleen and *Helicobacter pylori* ferritins for iron uptake**
Yi-ho Park, Ki Joon Cho, and Kyung Hyun Kim
- MS10-P23** **Structural study of aprotinin complexed with a pentapeptide, a conserved sequence responsible for A β aggregation**
Taslima Gani Khan, Ji-Hye Lee, and Kyung Hyun Kim
- MS10-P24** **Structural basis of the interaction between FAF1 and p97/VCP**
Wonchull Kang, Ho Yeon Lee, Men Thi Ngoc Nguyen, Le Thi My Le, and Jin Kuk Yang

- MS10-P25** **Crystal structure of thermostable direct hemolysin from *Vibrio parahaemolyticus***
Hiroshi Hashimoto, Kumiko Nakahira, Tsutomu Yamane, Takashi Fukui, Kiyohisa Ohnishi, Toshiyuki Shimizu, Takeshi Honda, Mamoru Sato, Mitsunori Ikeguchi, and Itaru Yanagihara
- MS10-P26** **Crystal structure of hypothetical protein HP0062 from *Helicobacter pylori***
Ae-Ran Kwon
- MS10-P27** **Structural analysis of Toll-like receptor 2-activating lipoprotein from *Vibrio vulnificus***
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- MS10-P28** **Structure of EvpC: A type six secretion system protein from *Edwardsiella tarda***
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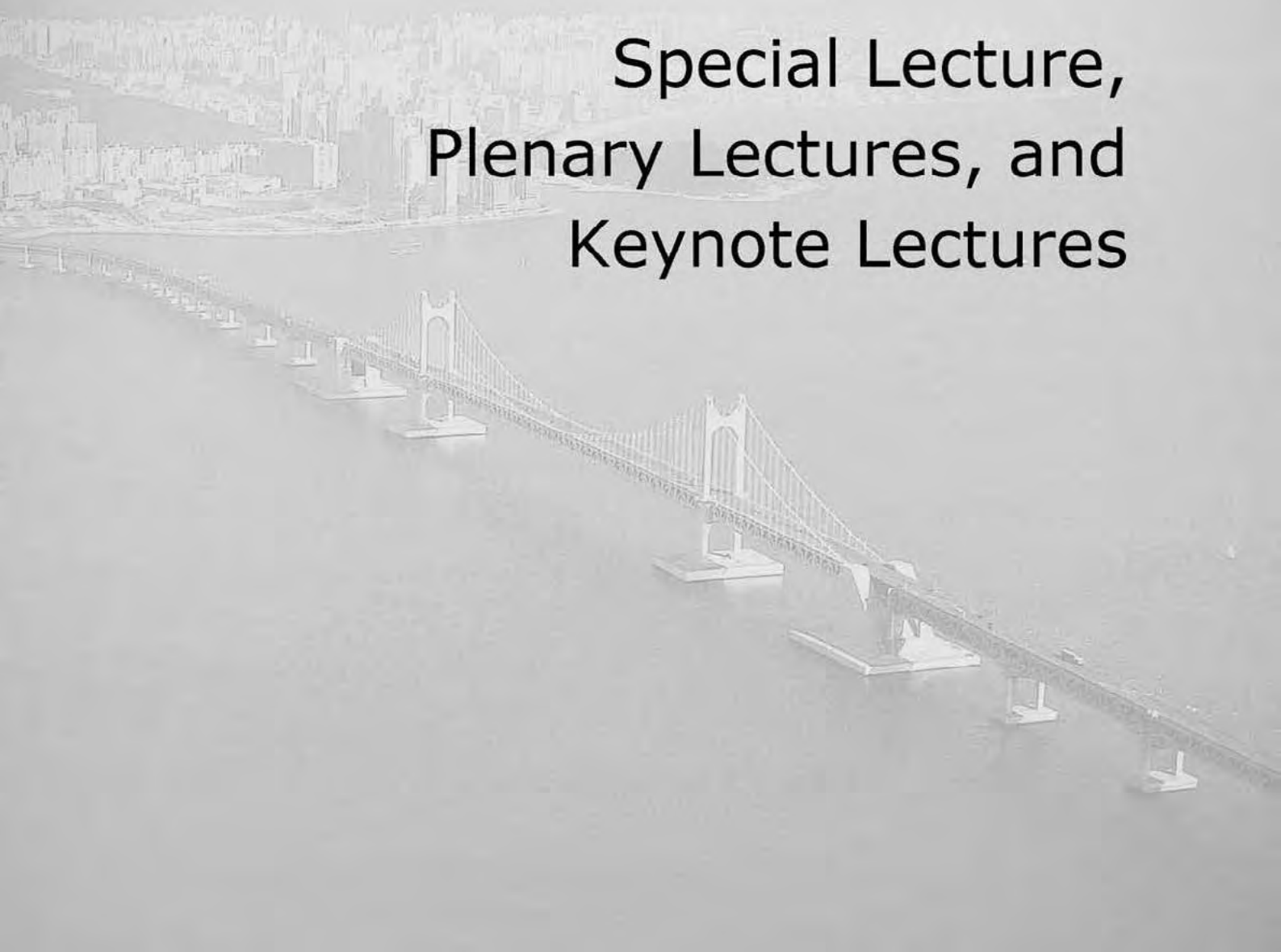
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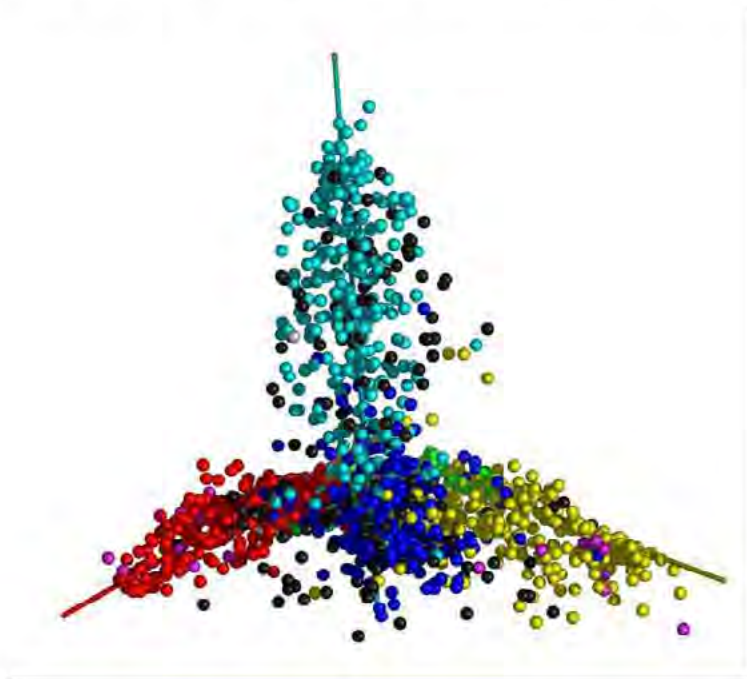
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Demography and evolution of protein structural folds

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Despite astronomically large numbers of theoretically possible protein sequences only a miniscule fraction of them are selected by evolution to exist in living organisms, and an even smaller number of 3-D architectural motifs (folds) are assumed by the proteins. Thus protein fold space is much less populated than protein sequence space, which is already very sparsely populated. Demographic distribution of the protein folds of all known 3-D structures of proteins has been “mapped” and represented in two ways: (1) as a 3-D map of the protein fold space, an approximation of a multidimensional map, and (2) as a “tree map,” that reveals the relationship among the protein folds and possible evolutionary relationship in some cases. The 3-D demographic map of the fold space reveals four large regions populated by the folds of different secondary structure classes. The map also suggests an evolutionary history of the four fold classes. In the tree map, each fold class is subdivided into many folds, each fold representing protein structures of the same fold motif. Furthermore, the branching order of the tree map suggests a possible evolutionary relationship among the folds.



Chirality in crystals

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Chirality is a fundamental aspect and is expressed throughout nature, whether microscopic or macroscopic, and whether animate or inanimate. We have been studying chirality at the molecular basis in both the biological and non-biological domains. In the non-biological world, which is the topic of this lecture, we have been investigating solid state chemistry, particularly that of crystals. Chiral discrimination, recognition, transfer and generation are realized strongly in the solid state and often only in that phase due to strong and fixed molecular interactions. The crystalline state has another advantage that we can make a direct use of structural information obtained by X-ray diffractometry. Thus, solid-state chiral chemistry provides rich science. Several of our latest results on solid-state chiral chemistry will be presented. For example, chiral or achiral molecules assemble to form chiral supramolecular crystals, which provide field for optical resolution or chirality transfer, the phenomena which cannot be achieved in solution. Thus, we could achieve extremely facile optical resolution of secondary alkyl alcohols [1], formation of crystals with unique stereochemistry by co-grinding of two or more kinds of crystals with or without annealing [2], and regio- and enantio-selective solid-state photoreactions.

CD spectra in the solid state often suffer from substantial artifact signals arising from the macroscopic anisotropy of samples which is intrinsic to the solid state such as linear birefringence (LB) and linear dichroism (LD), and their coupling with the non-ideal characteristics of the polarization-modulation instruments. Hence, they cannot, in general, be measured on commercially available instruments. Thus, we have developed UCS-1 (J-800KCM, UCS = Universal Chiroptical Spectrophotometer) which enables artifact-free solid-state CD, LD, LB and circular birefringence (CB) measurements [3], as well as UCS-2 (J-800KCMF) [4] and its upgraded version, UCS-3 [5], which can measure DR (diffuse reflectance) CD for in-situ measurements as well as transmittance CD of soft materials by holding samples on a horizontal sample stage. Using these, we could study aggregation process of peptides/proteins relevant to neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's [6] or Parkinson's diseases, chirality of inorganic and organic crystals consisting of achiral components etc. Further, we are currently developing an entirely new multichannel-CD (MC-CD) spectrophotometer that permits high-speed CD measurement without artifact contamination.

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Structure and assembly of Sesbania mosaic virus

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Sesbania mosaic virus (SeMV) is a ss-RNA (4149 nt) plant sobemovirus. SeMV capsids of diameter ~30 nm consist of 180 copies of a single species of protein (MW 29 kD) organized with icosahedral T=3 (Caspar and Klug, 1962) symmetry. The structure of the native virus has been determined (Bhuvaneshwari et. al., 1995). In order to probe the mechanism of assembly of SeMV, a large number of deletion and substitution mutants of the coat protein (CP) were constructed. When expressed in *E. coli*, most of these CP mutants assembled into virus like particles (VLPs).

Structures of VLPs obtained with recombinant SeMV CP (rCP) as well as the rCP deletion mutant δ N22 were similar to those of native particles. δ N36 and δ N65 formed mostly smaller (T=1, 60 subunits) particles. Particles of intermediate size were also observed with δ N36. Calcium ions contribute to inter subunit interactions in the native virus particles and VLPs. Assembly of T=1 and T=3 particles was not affected by the substitution of D146 and D149 that coordinate calcium ions by asparagines. However, the stability of the resulting capsids was drastically reduced (Satheshkumar et. al., 2004).

A characteristic β -annulus structure present at the icosahedral 3-fold axes of the T=3 particles was believed to be essential for assembly. The structure of VLPs of rCP in which the residues forming the β -annulus were deleted was nearly identical to those of the native VLPs except for the absence of the β -annulus suggesting that the β -annulus is a consequence of assembly of CP into T=3 particles (Pappachan et. al, 2008). Mutation of a tryptophan close to the icosahedral five fold axis to glutamate or lysine disrupted assembly leading to the formation of soluble CP dimers (Pappachan et. al, 2009). The three dimensional structure of these dimers resembled the quasi-dimer structure of the native virus. Replacement of positively charged residues in the amino terminal segment of CP resulted in the formation of empty shells implicating the role of the N-terminal arginine rich motif in genomic RNA encapsidation.

Based on these observations, a plausible mechanism of SeMV assembly has been proposed (Savithri and Murthy, 2010). Evolution of the assembly pathway is being further probed by site mutations that might lead to domain swapping as observed in the structure of the homologous rice yellow mottle virus.

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Design and synthesis of porous metal-organic frameworks for gas storage and separation

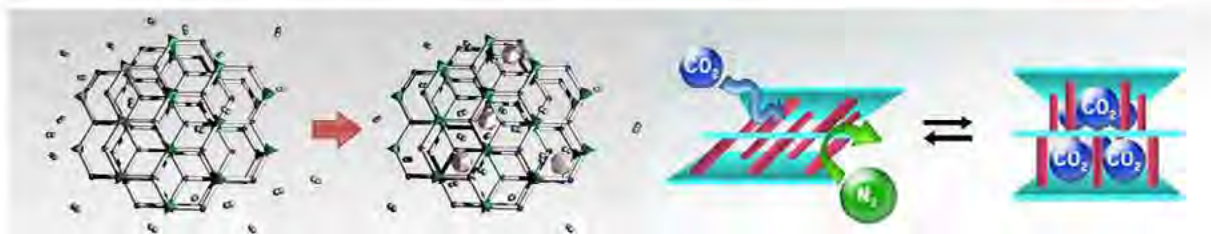
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Porous metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) have attracted great attention as new functional materials due to their high internal surface areas, tunable pore dimensions, and tailorable surface functionalities. In particular, hydrogen storage at the ambient temperature, carbon dioxide capture from the industrial flue gas, and O₂/N₂ separation from air have become highly important issues in the current scientific society, and MOFs are one of the best candidate materials for such applications.

We have prepared various MOFs from solvothermal reactions as well as room temperature self-assemblies. Depending on the design strategies, the MOFs show high H₂ storage capacities, O₂/N₂ separation capabilities, and highly selective CO₂ capture abilities. We could increase the hydrogen storage capacity by creating greater surface area, generating accessible metal sites, and embedding Pd nanoparticles in the channels.[1] We have offered highly selective CO₂ capture abilities in the MOFs by making them flexible so that their gates can open and close depending on the CO₂ pressure while not responding to other gases. [2] We have also modulate the gas sorption properties of a MOF by the post-synthetic insertion and removal of bridging linkers.[3] The MOFs for O₂/N₂ separation have been prepared by the modular pore size control.[4] Some MOFs show the single-crystal to single-crystal transformations in response to the external stimuli such as various activation methods, temperature change, and reversible incorporation of the bridging ligand, which will be also presented in the lecture.[1,3]



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Structure and function of enzymes relevant in drug discovery

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Protein synchrotron crystallography is a powerful tool for drug discovery. Many important drug targets can be analyzed with relevant ligands (substrates, inhibitors) bound at the active site. In the lecture, I will discuss the following several enzymes and protein regulators that useful for antibiotics development.

Prenyltransferases are involved in many biological pathways; thus they are useful for developing new drugs for various diseases. We have studied several *trans*-type prenyltransferases, such as geranylgeranyl pyrophosphate synthase (GGPPS) complexed with several bisphosphonate inhibitors. In addition, dehydrosqualene synthase (CrtM) from *Staphylococcus aureus*, uses the head-to-head condensation of two molecules of farnesyl diphosphate (FPP) to produce the presqualene diphosphate C₃₀ molecule, the precursor for of staphyloxanthin, the golden carotenoid pigment which promotes bacterial resistance to reactive oxygen species and host neutrophil-based killing. CrtM, therefore, has been tested as the target to treat infections by methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA). We found squalene synthase inhibitors for cholesterol-lowering activity in humans bind to CrtM and block the biosynthesis of staphyloxanthin *in vitro*, resulting in colorless bacteria with increased susceptibility to killing by human blood and to innate immune clearance in a mouse infection model.

Another study related to MRSA is on TcaR and IcaR, a weak and a strong negative regulator of transcription of the *ica* locus, respectively, and their presence prevents the poly-N-acetylglucosamine production and biofilm formation in *S. aureus* and *S. epidermidis*. We solved the 3D structure of TcaR in its apo form and in complex with salicylate as well as several aminoglycoside and beta-lactam antibiotics. A comparison of the native and complex TcaR structures indicates that the mechanism of regulation involves a large conformational change in the DNA-binding lobe. The antimicrobial compounds we tested were shown not only to inhibit TcaR-DNA interaction but also to further induce biofilm formation in *S. epidermidis* in our *in vivo* assay. The results support a general mechanism for antibiotics in regulating TcaR-DNA interaction and thereby help understand the effect of antibiotic exposure on bacterial antibiotic resistance through biofilm formation.

New functional materials via crystal- and nano-engineering

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The chemistry of hybrid solids constructed from organic linkers and metal nodes has received much recent attention. The Lin group has explored the rational design of functional solids based on metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) over the past few years, with particular focuses on applying MOFs in nonlinear optics,¹ hydrogen storage,² biomedical imaging,³ and drug delivery.⁴ In this talk, I would like to discuss our recent success in the design and synthesis of chiral porous MOFs based on two complementary strategies.⁵ In the first approach, the primary functional groups are linked by metal-connecting units to form extended networks whereas the orthogonal secondary chiral groups can then be used to generate asymmetric catalytic sites by postsynthetic modifications. Chiral Lewis acid catalysts with identical active sites and secondary environments are generated from the isoreticular mesoporous CMOFs via postsynthetic functionalization with $\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$, and are highly active for enantioselective diethylzinc and alkynylzinc additions to aromatic aldehydes to afford chiral secondary alcohols. The enantioselectivities of these reactions are highly dependent on the channel sizes of the isoreticular CMOFs, owing to different diffusion rates for the organic substrates.⁵ In the second approach, the primary functional groups are used to generate robust transition metal precatalysts which are then linked by the metal nodes to form porous extended networks via the secondary functional groups. These chiral porous solids have been used for highly enantioselective reduction of unsaturated substrates such as ketones and ketoesters as well as oxidation reactions of alkenes.

I would also like to discuss our recent efforts in downsizing the MOFs to the nano-regime and to explore the applications of nanoscale metal-organic frameworks (NMOFs) in biomedical imaging and drug delivery. Imaging modalities such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), X-ray computed tomography (CT), and optical imaging (OI) require efficient contrast enhancement agents that can be selectively and specifically delivered to the diseased cells in vivo. We have synthesized a range of NMOFs that are highly luminescent with tunable emission wavelength and exhibit extraordinarily large relaxivities for magnetic resonance imaging. Preliminary results of in vitro and in vivo optical, MR, and CT imaging and anti-cancer drug delivery with cancer cells and tumor xenograft mouse models will be presented.

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Structure of the torque ring of the flagellar motor and the molecular basis for rotational switching

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The bacterial flagellar motor is one of the most efficient rotary motors known to man. It rotates at hundreds of revolutions per second, yet can reverse its direction in less than one millisecond [1,2]. Both of these attributes facilitate the rapid movement of bacteria towards favourable environments. The motor uses the potential energy from an electrochemical gradient of anions [3,4] across the cytoplasmic membrane to generate torque. A rapid switch from counterclockwise to clockwise rotation determines whether a bacterium runs smoothly forward or tumbles to change its trajectory [5,6]. A protein called FliG forms a ring in the rotor of the flagellar motor that is involved in the generation of torque [7,8] through an interaction with the anion channel forming stator subunit MotA [9]. FliG has been suggested to adopt distinct conformations that induce switching but these structural changes and the molecular mechanism of switching are unknown. Here we report the molecular structure of the full-length FliG protein from *Aquifex aeolicus* [10], identify conformational changes that are involved in rotational switching and uncover the structural basis for the formation of the FliG torque ring. This allows us to propose a model of the complete ring and switching mechanism in which conformational changes in FliG reverse the electrostatic charges involved in torque generation.

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Structure of membrane proteins in drug discovery

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Membrane proteins are important drug targets and they represent 20-30% of all open-reading frames encoded in genomes. The approach using structural studies in combination with chemical biology methods will be presented, including two topics in infectious diseases. First, in order to overcome the problems of drug-resistant bacterial infection, a new enzyme target for antibiotic development, the membrane-bound bifunctional transglycosylase, has been chosen for structural and functional analysis. We have recently determined the X-ray crystal structure of this membrane-bound enzyme in complex with its inhibitor moenomycin, and studied its mechanism of peptidoglycan synthesis. In addition, a high-throughput screening method for finding new antibiotics has been developed using the purified full-length membrane protein. Structure-based drug design with our crystal structure is ongoing. Second, we have studied the effect of glycosylation on influenza virus major membrane glycoprotein hemagglutinin (HA) with regards to its role in receptor binding and immune response, and developed a new strategy for molecular vaccine design.

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The molecular mechanism of the ferrous iron transporter, FeoB

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Iron is an essential element for all living organisms, where it constitutes the active cofactor of many proteins and enzymes. Conversely, free forms of the metal are toxic even at very low concentrations. For bacteria, which grow in acidic, anaerobic environments, ferrous iron is the preferred form for iron uptake due to its solubility. The major route for bacterial ferrous iron uptake is through the integral membrane protein FeoB. In fact, FeoB has been found to be a major virulence factor in bacteria such as *Helicobacter pylori* (causative agent of gastric ulceration) and *Campylobacter jejuni* (gastroenteritis) and so is a potential target for the design of antibacterial lead compounds [1,2].

FeoB is unique amongst metal transport proteins, in that it contains a cytoplasmic G protein directly tethered to a polytopic membrane domain. GTP binding to the G protein domain (NFeoB) initiates the transport of Fe²⁺ across the membrane, which is halted by the hydrolysis of GTP to GDP. Previous studies have shown that NFeoB has slow GTPase activity (*E. coli* $k_{\text{cat}} = 0.0015 \text{ s}^{-1}$, equivalent to the hydrolysis of one GTP molecule in 11 minutes) [3,4]. This slow intrinsic hydrolysis rate is somewhat puzzling, being too slow to support an active Fe²⁺ transport mechanism. It is also too slow for FeoB to function as a G protein coupled channel.

Here, we will present our recent structural and functional work on FeoB, including results on the activation of the soluble domain of FeoB by potassium ions and the role of structural motifs such as the Switch I and G5 loops in the GTPase activity of FeoB [5,6].

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HKL-3000 - Toward the future of structural biology

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HKL-3000 integrates data collection, data reduction, phasing, and model building to significantly accelerate the process of structure determination, and on average, minimize the number of data sets and crystals required for structure solution. Upon execution, the package merges several modules and software applications into the structure determination pipeline. There are modules for experimental control of some beamlines and laboratory instruments, data reduction, phasing by SAD/MAD or molecular replacement, fast model building, and initial refinement. The system is being developed and tested in the high-throughput environments of the Midwest Center for Structural Genomics (MCSG), the Center for Structural Genomics of Infectious Diseases (CSGID), the New York Structural Genomics Consortium (NYSGRC) and the Enzyme Function Initiative (EFI). The robustness of HKL-3000 has improved considerably over time and currently over 1400 structures deposited in the PDB have been determined with it.

Continuous advancement of the decision-making procedures within HKL-3000 has made it the system of choice for SG projects. Transforming raw images into a solved structure (with 70% of the model built) in 10-15 minutes is no longer a surprise, but a routine operation for crystals that diffract to 2.5 Å or better. Our experience with the determination of hundreds of structures by experimental phasing methods helped us to establish rules for the best approaches when the available data fall into three categories: unsolvable with current data, borderline and straightforward. Current work concentrates on improving the approach to borderline cases of structure determination rather than optimizing intermediate calculations for straightforward cases, thus shifting borderline cases into the “easy” category and unsolvable into borderline.

An important implication is that simple experimental protocols are sufficient in most cases and may even be optimal for the most challenging ones. Feedback from fast preliminary structure solution has proven to be one of the critical components of success.

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Design and synthesis of highly porous Metal-Organic Frameworks

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Porous metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) are crystalline materials, and therefore have regular pores and framework structures. As the framework surfaces of MOFs are almost exposed to pores, they have usually much larger surface areas than zeolites. MOFs can have exceptionally large Langmuir surface areas exceeding 5000 m²/g. This is one of the most important properties of MOFs, which has led to many applications concerned with gas storage, separations, and catalysis. The simplest way to accomplish large surface areas is to use expanded organic linkers. However, this approach often yields fragile frameworks under reduced pressure, or self-interpenetration of frameworks with reduced porosity. In this talk, the synthesis of very porous MOFs will be presented with examples of MOFs prepared by design. Although the design has not worked perfectly, it was finally possible to obtain MOF-201 that has the largest surface area among porous solids until now.

Crystal interface functionalization of porous coordination polymers

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Porous coordination polymers (PCPs), assembled by metal ions and organic bridging ligands, are an intriguing class of crystalline porous materials, as it is possible to design their framework topologies and pore sizes and the functionality of the pore surfaces. On the other hand, functionalization of PCP other surfaces (crystal surfaces) is a great challenge, but it is a promising methodology not only for modification of the porous properties but also for the addition of a new function to the PCP without changing the characteristic features of the PCP crystal itself, resulting in the fabrication of multifunctional PCPs.

The relatively weak interactions of coordination bonds that dominate the construction of PCPs are also useful to modify the surfaces of PCPs or hybridize PCPs with other materials. This is because that the crystal surfaces once in solution will be extremely sensitive to the coordination equilibrium, whereby the organic ligand and solvent molecules compete to terminate the surfaces by coordination bonds. When appropriate postsynthetic reaction media have been found, that is, the crystals do not degrade and the reactivity of the crystal surfaces is preserved, the use of the coordination equilibrium then allows specific and selective functionalization of the surfaces by desirable organic molecules or bridging ligands.

One way to decorate the crystal surfaces of a PCP is to hybridize the core PCP crystal with a different shell crystal by epitaxial growth at the single-crystal level, thus creating core-shell PCP heteroepitaxial crystals [1,2]. Such a lattice match promises pore connections at the interface between crystals. We demonstrated the synthesis of hybridized PCP single crystals by taking the advantage of coordination equilibrium at the crystal interfaces and determined the structural relationship between the shell and the core by using surface X-ray diffraction analysis. Whereas the epitaxial growth of the shell crystal requires the careful choice of bridging ligands to laterally match the lattice distances at the interfaces, the ultimate thinning of the shell layer on the core PCP crystal, and thus the formation of a monolayer gives the free-usage of functional organic molecules [3]. Thanks to the coordination equilibrium at the crystal interface, we succeeded in the fabrication of functional organic monolayers on the crystal surface and the characterization by microscopic techniques.

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Hydro(solvo)thermal in-situ ligand reactions have been proved to be a newly created bridge between coordination chemistry and synthetic organic chemistry.¹ The interest in solvothermal metal/ligand reactions has been concerned with the discovery of new ligand reactions and their application in the crystal engineering of functional metal-coordination frameworks (MOFs) together with many interesting phenomena. In this lecture we will outline our recent progress in metal-mediated in-situ ligand synthesis and application in construction of functional MOFs. We have developed some in situ ligand syntheses including transition metal-mediated ligand oxidative coupling, hydrolysis, substitution and alkylation, in-situ cleavage of S-S and S-C(sp²) bonds and rearrangement reactions as well as stepwise oxidation of 2,3,5- and 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine to pyridinecarboxylates towards construction of novel metal-organic framework materials.^{2,3}

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Synthesis and crystal structure of a new cadmium metal-organic coordination polymer

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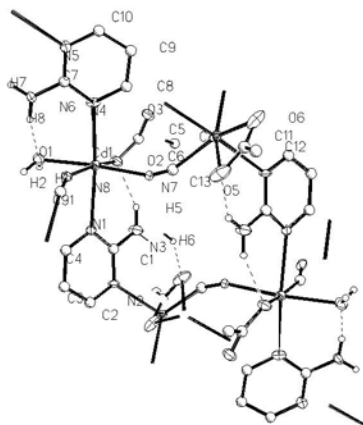
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An especially active research area in recent years has involved the preparation of metal–organic coordination polymers due to their tunable properties and functions. These compounds have been applied in many fields, such as molecular recognition, adsorption and separation processes, catalysis, ion exchange and molecular magnet [1]. The design and synthesis of novel coordination architectures controlled by varying the reaction conditions (including temperature, metal-to-ligand ratio, pH value, solvents, and counter anions) are of great interest in coordination chemistry [2]. In continuation of our recent works on selecting suitable multidentate organic ligands or mixed ligands under appropriate conditions to prepare novel metal–organic hybrids[3], in this communication we wish to report our results on the synthesis and characterization of the first two-dimensional Cd^{II} coordination polymer with bridging 2- aminopyrimidine and cyanide ligands. Reaction of Cd(CH₃COO)₂, 2-aminopyrimidine and potassium cyanide (molar ratio 1: 1:1) in C₂H₅OH/H₂O led to formation of {[Cd₄(C₄H₅N₃)₄(OAc)₄(CN)₄(OH₂)₂] .2H₂O}. Compound has been IR spectroscopy and X-ray diffraction studies. As shown in Fig. 1 every Cd^{II} atom is six coordinated, Cd1 ion is coordinated with two heterocyclic nitrogen atoms of two bridged 2- aminopyrimidine ligands, two nitrogen atoms from bridged CN⁻ ions, one oxygen atom from OAc ion and one O atom from coordinated water molecules. Cd2 is coordinated with two heterocyclic nitrogen atoms of two bridged 2- aminopyrimidine ligands, two carbon atoms from bridged CN⁻ ions and two oxygen of bidentate carboxylate ion.



Rapid crystal growth of two metal-organic frameworks constructed by linking of 1-D coordination polymers by hydrogen bonding

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Two extended solids displaying both one-dimensional coordination polymer and two-dimensional hydrogen-bonded structural features has been prepared under microwave-assisted hydrothermal conditions. $[\text{Co}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(4,4'\text{-bipyridine})] \cdot (4,4'\text{-bipyridineH}_2) \cdot 2(\text{SO}_4) \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**1**) crystallises in the centrosymmetric space group $P2_1/n$ with unit cell parameters $a = 9.4120(18) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 13.0143(13) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 22.155(3) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 97.943(13)^\circ$ and unit cell volume $2687.8(7) \text{ \AA}^3$. One dimensional coordination polymer chains of composition $\text{Co}(4,4'\text{-bipyridine})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ are linked into a three dimensional framework by hydrogen bonding through uncoordinated sulfate and water. Within this framework is located a twice protonated 4,4'-bipyridine molecule ($\text{C}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{H}_{10}^{2+}$) which forms two short $\text{N-H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds and eight further non-classical $\text{C-H}\cdots\text{O}$ interactions. The close approach of guest and framework and the large number of interactions between them suggest the cation is important in templating this phase.

$\text{Co}(4,4'\text{-bipyridine})(\text{SO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5$ (**2**) crystallises in the centric space group $P2_1/c$ with $a = 7.4347(5) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 40.573(4) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 11.4833(8) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 117.405(5)^\circ$ and unit cell volume $3075.2(4) \text{ \AA}^3$ and is considerably denser than **1**. It contains one dimensional chains of cobalt-bipyridine which are sinusoidal in nature. Two sets of these chains run parallel to the crystallographic $[212]$ and $[\bar{2}1\bar{2}]$ directions. Two dimensional hydrogen-bonded sheets parallel to the xz plane link these; further hydrogen bonds to uncoordinated water help to form a three dimensional honeycomb network with the centroids of the six-membered rings aligned parallel to the a -axis.

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The SPring-8 high-brilliant beamlines for macromolecular crystallography

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For the third generation synchrotron radiation, macromolecular crystallography is one of the major subjects in the past decade. At SPring-8, eight beamlines in total are dedicated for macromolecular crystallography. Each beamline is improving to meet broad requests from beamline users and to develop new applications for enhancing each characteristic property. We have been developing the beamlines with the view of two objectives. One is the high-quality data collection from small crystals and weakly-diffracting crystals, and the other is the high throughput data collection.

As the brightest beamline, BL41XU^[1] equipping an in-vacuum undulator and a K/B mirror is dedicated to obtain high-quality data even from small crystals and weakly-diffracting crystals. To adapt to small crystals, the minimum beam size at sample position is achieved to $10 \times 10 \mu\text{m}^2$ using a pin-hole collimator. Its photon flux and flux density at 1 Å are 2.8×10^{11} photons/sec and 2.5×10^9 photons/sec/ μm^2 , respectively. This small beam coupled with irradiation point scanning method available with our data collection software BSS^[2] is quite useful to take diffraction dataset from small crystals with suppressing the radiation damage by the brilliant beam.

A new undulator beamline dedicated for protein micro-crystallography, named RIKEN Targeted Proteins Beamline (BL32XU), has been constructed and has started the user operation from May 2010. In order to realize the protein micro-crystallography, we have developed the beamline optics and data collection system to acquire high S/N data even from weak diffractions and have designed the beamline to provide the focused beam size of $1 \mu\text{m}^2$. An in-vacuum undulator and a K/B mirror fabricated with Elastic Emission Machinery technique^[3] are equipped as the light source and the micro-focusing optics, respectively. The beamline has achieved the minimum beam size at sample position of $0.9 \times 0.9 \mu\text{m}^2$ with 7.6×10^{10} photons/sec/ μm^2 . The beam size can be changed up to the maximum size of $19 \times 7 \mu\text{m}^2$ according to the size of sample crystals or experimental condition.

At end station, R&D for indispensable components to achieve protein micro-crystallography with micro-beam, such as high-precision diffractometer, laser tweezers system for micro-crystal handling and so on, are progressing. Support of real-time damage monitoring system for radiation sensitive micro-crystals is also being planned. We will present here the present status and the future prospects of the high-quality data collection at SPring-8. BL32XU project was supported by Targeted Proteins Research Program from the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (MEXT) of Japan.

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Laue diffraction from spin-polarised protons: a new tool for neutron protein crystallography?

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Neutron diffraction on samples with large hydrogen content, e.g. on large organic and protein samples, generally suffers from a strong featureless background due to strong incoherent scattering from the protons. This is particularly evident in the two-dimensional projection of Laue diffraction, a technique which is otherwise undergoing a renaissance thanks to the development of large-solid-angle image-plate detectors, notably on LADI [1] and VIVALDI [2] at the ILL, and most recently on KOALA [3] at the OPAL reactor at ANSTO. Despite the strong incoherent background, the larger coherent neutron scattering length of hydrogen relative to other elements compared with the situation in X-ray diffraction more readily yields answers to specific questions on, e.g. protonation states, hydrogen positions, and dynamic disorder of hydrogen. Deuteration can be used to reduce the incoherent background, but sample growth may be difficult or even impossible, and there may be an isotopic difference between the deuterated and non-deuterated structures. An intriguing alternative is parallel polarisation of the incident neutron beam and the nuclear spins of the hydrogen atoms [4].

We have performed a proof-of-principle polarised-neutron Laue diffraction experiment on a spin-polarised single crystal of Nd-doped lanthanum magnesium nitrate hydrate, $\text{La}_2\text{Mg}_3(\text{NO}_3)_{12} \cdot 24\text{H}_2\text{O}$. The experiment was carried out on the FUNSPIN beam line [5] at the continuous spallation neutron source SINQ (PSI) with the proton spins aligned by dynamic nuclear polarisation. It demonstrates that not only is the incoherent background indeed reduced but also that the intensity of the Laue reflections can be enhanced or diminished significantly to give a form of contrast variation. In the longer term, we foresee that the technique can be employed to improve substantially the poor signal-to-noise ratio in neutron Laue diffraction experiments on biological crystals.

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The current status of versatile neutron diffractometer iMATERIA at J-PARC (II)

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Ibaraki prefecture, the local government of the area where J-PARC sites in Japan, has decided to build a versatile neutron diffractometer (IBARAKI Materials Design Diffractometer, iMATERIA [1]) to promote industrial applications for neutron beam in J-PARC. iMATERIA is planned to be a high throughput diffractometer so that materials engineers and scientists can use this diffractometer like the chemical analytical instruments in their materials development process. It covers the d in range $0.18 < d (\text{\AA}) < 5$ with $\Delta d/d = 0.16\%$ at high resolution bank, and $5 < d (\text{\AA}) < 800$ with the resolution changing gradually at three detector banks of 90 degree, low angle and small angle. So, this diffractometer covers very wide d -range ($0.18 < d (\text{\AA}) < 800$). It takes several minutes to obtain a "Rietveld-quality" data for the X-ray laboratory sized sample measured at 1MW. Currently, the beam power is limited for tuning the accelerator ($\sim 100\text{kW}$), so that the measuring time is about 30min to one hours for standard oxide samples. To promote industrial applications, a utilization system of this diffractometer is required. Since several tens to thousands experiments will be carried out in one year, we have prepared an automatically sample exchange system and large numbers of sample holders. The analysis software is also very important for powder diffraction data, so that we prepare a software package consisting of combination of several powder-diffraction software, include Rietveld analysis software (Z-Rietveld [2]), structural databases and visualization. The construction of iMATERIA was completed and user program was already started since June 2009 for high resolution bank. The recent data of iMATERIA include low angle bank and small angle bank will be reported.

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Fig. 1 IBARAKI Materials Design Diffractometer, iMATERIA without detector for each bank and instrument shieldings. High-resolution bank, special environment bank (90 degree bank), low angle bank, can be seen from right to left, and small angle detector bank, which are not shown in picture, are situated in the low angle vacuum chamber (left hand of the picture).

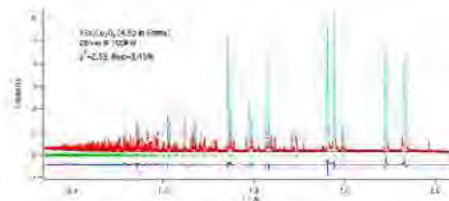


Fig. 2 Rietveld refinement pattern of $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_6$ by high resolution bank of iMATERIA using Z-Rietveld. The measurement time was 26 min for 4.5g samples at 100 kW.

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X-ray powder diffraction station at NSRRC for soft materials under non-ambient conditions

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We present a modified powder diffraction experimental station suitable for soft materials under non-ambient condition, which equipped at wiggler beamline BL17A1 of the National Synchrotron Radiation Research Center (NSRRC) of Taiwan. This beamline is fixed energy at 9.3 KeV, which can provide low Q information down to 0.024\AA^{-1} and moderate penetrate for general soft materials and other chemical species, such as polymer and liquid crystal samples. The normal operation temperature is 900 K to 100 K, 1300 K is also possible.

The non-ambient sample environment contain permanent magnets magnetic field (up to 1.8 Tesla at low temperature), electric field (maximum applied voltage: 10000 Volts) with program controllable sequence. Varied temperature diffraction and GIXS chamber with gas-line supplied atmosphere are also designed for in-situ diffraction signals measurements. In addition, a modified diamond anvil cell for low energy is also ready for soft materials under moderate high pressure (100bar-3GPa). The technical details and applied cases studies will be presented in the poster.

MS04-O1

Structural basis of RNase T in stable RNA 3'-end maturation

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Precursor RNA must undergo several processing steps to generate functional RNA molecules, which are crucial for many cellular processes. Despite its importance, the mechanisms of the end-processing steps by exonucleases on stable RNA, such as ribosomal and transfer RNA, are mostly unclear. Using RNase T as a model system, here we dissect the structural basis of its substrate specificity and derive the general principles of the final 3'-end trimming process made by RNase T in stable RNA maturation. Our crystal structural analyses on four RNase T-DNA complexes show that the two subunits of RNase T dimer work together in binding a double-stranded structure, producing a minimum product of a duplex with a 2-nt or 1-nt 3' overhang, depending on the last base pair composition in the duplex. A "C-filter" in RNase T screens out the nucleic acids with a 3'-terminal cytosine for the 3'-to-5' cleavage by inducing a disruptive conformational change at the active site. Our results reveal the general principles for the final trimming step made by RNase T in the maturation of stable RNA and provide a working mechanism for the DEDD family exonucleases, dysfunction of some these enzymes linking directly to human diseases.

MS04-O2

Structural analysis of bacterial Sec translocon machinery

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The Sec translocon functions as a protein-conducting channel to promote secretory protein export and membrane protein integration in all living cells. Here, we present the 3.2-Å crystal structure of the SecYE translocon from a SecA ATPase (bacterial translocation motor)-containing organism, *Thermus thermophilus*. The SecYE structure exhibits a 'pre-open' state, creating a hydrophobic crack open to the cytoplasm. Structural based functional analyses suggest that the pre-open state might represent a SecYE conformational transition that is induced by SecA association. Moreover, our results suggested that both the channel and the motor components of the Sec machinery undergo cooperative conformational changes on formation of the functional complex. Second, we have just solved the 3.3-Å crystal structure of SecDF, a translocon-associated membrane protein required for completion of the protein translocation and integration by SecYE, from the same organism and its periplasmic soluble domain structures at high resolution. We identified that SecDF is a novel proton channel and that the protein export acceleration by SecDF is driven by proton motive force across the membrane. The structure-based working model of the SecDF will be discussed.

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Structural basis of an ERAD pathway mediated by the ER-resident protein disulfide reductase ERdj5

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The biological kingdoms have evolved elaborate systems that maintain protein homeostasis inside the cell. ER-associated degradation (ERAD) is an ER quality control process that eliminates terminally misfolded proteins. ERdj5, an ER-resident disulfide reductase, promotes ERAD by cleaving incorrect disulfide bonds of misfolded proteins, which are recruited by EDEM1, and transferring them to BiP. In this study, we solved the crystal structure of full-length ERdj5 at 2.4 Å resolution. The structure revealed that ERdj5 was composed of the N-terminal J-domain and six tandem thioredoxin domains, which can be divided into N- and C-terminal clusters. The systematic *in vivo* and *in vitro* analyses indicated that the two thioredoxin domains that constitute the C-terminal cluster form the highly reducing platform that interacts with EDEM1 and reduces EDEM1-recruited substrates. The reduced substrates are subsequently captured by ATP-bound form of BiP, which in turn transfers the substrates to a retrotranslocation channel upon ATP hydrolysis. We here present the detailed structural and mechanistic basis of the ERdj5-mediated ERAD pathway.

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Structural studies of V₁-ATPase from *Enterococcus hirae*

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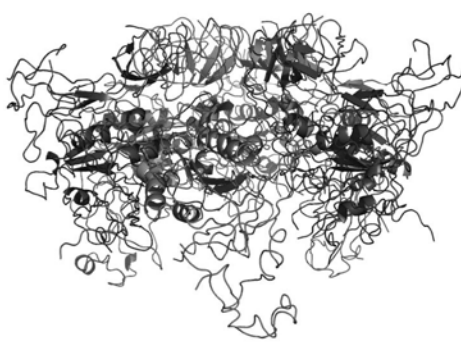
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Vacuolar ATPases (V-ATPases) function as ATP-dependent proton pumps in the membranes of acidic organelles and in plasma membranes of eukaryotic cells. This acidification is involved in concentration of neurotransmitters, processing of secretory proteins, endocytosis and other important cellular processes. V-ATPase contains a globular catalytic domain, V₁; 450 kDa, which hydrolyses ATP, attached by central and peripheral stalks to an integral membrane domain, V₀; 230 kDa, which pumps ions across the membrane. ATP hydrolysis generates rotation of the central stalk and an attached membrane rotor ring of hydrophobic subunits. Ions are pumped through a pathway at the interface between the rotating ring and a static membrane component, which is linked to the outside of the V₁ domain by the peripheral stalk. Precise mechanism of ATP hydrolysis of V₁-ATPase is not still clear, although crystal structure of V₁-ATPase from *Thermus thermophilus* have been solved at low resolution (4.5 Å), recently.

A V-ATPase in the non-respiring bacterium *Enterococcus hirae* acts as a primary sodium extrusion system. Its subunit composition is simpler than that of its eukaryotic counterparts, and its nine subunits (NtpA, B, C, D, E, F, G, I, K) are encoded in an operon. Here, we examined the in vitro reconstitution properties of NtpA, NtpB and NtpDG heterodimer which purified by using *E. coli* expression system in vitro. We have succeeded to solve the crystal structures of A₃B₃ heterohexamer and the DG complex at 2.8 Å and 1.9 Å, respectively. In my talk, I would like to present our recent studies of the V₁-ATPase, and discuss about reaction mechanism of the V₁-ATPase.



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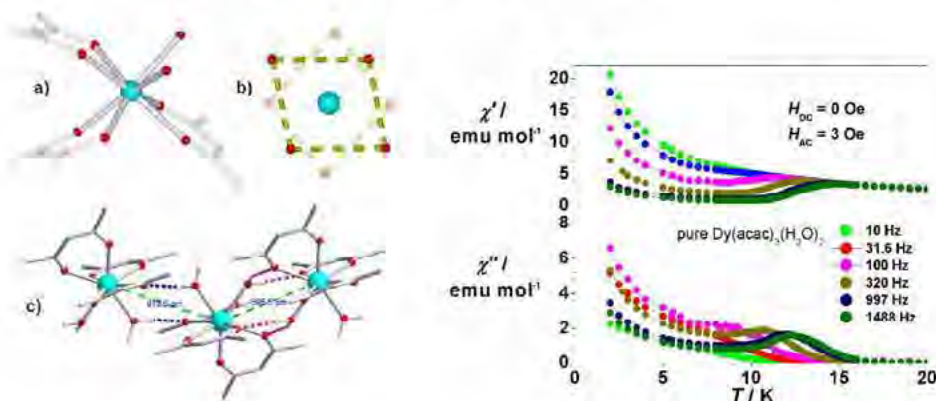
Recent studies on single-ion magnets

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Single-molecule magnets (SMMs) and single-chain magnets (SCMs) have been received great attention for their unique properties, such as very slow relaxation and quantum tunneling of magnetization, which offer the opportunity of potential application in information storage and quantum computation at molecular level. In the last decade, we obtained some homo-spin and/or hetero-spin SCMs and SMMs [1-2], and now we are going to explore the smallest molecular entity with isolated spin center showing SMM or SMM-like behavior, single-ion magnets, based on the previous work [3]. Some recent preliminary results on Dy(III) and Mn(III) based mononuclear molecules and their SMM behaviors will be presented [4].



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Kinetic syntheses of coordination networks and ab initio powder structure analysis

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The chemistry of porous coordination networks has undergone explosive growth in the last decade, mainly because its advantage over zeolite and related materials that detailed structure analysis can be done by the most reliable structure determination method, single crystal X-ray diffraction.[1-3] This powerful method is, however, limited to single crystals of network complexes prepared by slow crystallization methods, typically in small scale at room temperature in excess solvent. As a result, the crystals often include large quantities of solvent and do not have comparable thermal stability to zeolites. Stable structures often appear via thermal phase transitions and the new structures analyzed by powder X-ray analysis, but detailed structural information is usually difficult to obtain. Recently we reported selective synthesis of a porous coordination network via crystalline-amorphous-crystalline phase transitions and the ab initio powder structure analysis [4,5]. In this talk, we report a unique approach to the preparation of a porous coordination network by a kinetic effect and the ab initio powder structure analysis. After the solid-state phase transition of the kinetic networks, the resultant porous structures are remarkably robust and thermally stable. Solid-liquid interface syntheses of coordination networks will be reported as well.

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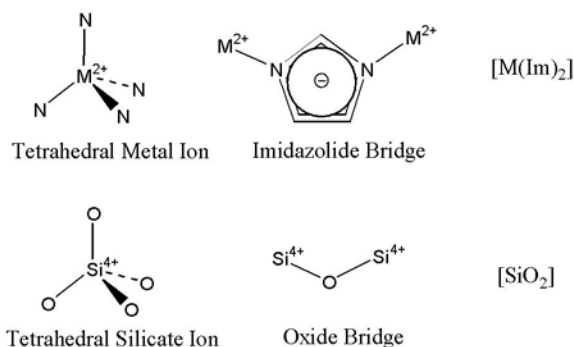
Metal imidazolate polymers: Synthesis, structure and properties of silica analogues

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Metal imidazolates [$M(\text{Im})_2$] have received much recent attention as a promising class of metal coordination polymer especially microporous phases for separation technology. Notably they have exceptional framework stability of 300–400°C. They are also of interest as topological analogues of Silica SiO_2 since they possess tetrahedral metal centers typically Zn , Co or Cd^{2+} rather than Si^{4+} and with bent linear bridges of Im^- anion ligands rather than bridging oxide O^{2-} . Much work has focused on the preparation of zeolitic analogues (ZIFs), however appropriate synthetic conditions can also result in more condensed 3D networks including quartz analogues. The effect of varying solvothermal conditions and imidazole substituent groups on framework topology will be discussed. The compounds may be made phase pure with high degree of crystallinity and single crystal structure determinations of many phases have been carried out. The structural aspects of these polymers, both local and topological, will be reviewed. Although local metal geometries are indeed tetrahedral and $M\cdots M$ distances fall in a narrow range, this geometry does not extend to next nearest neighbor $M\cdots M\cdots M$ distances which fall into three sets due to syn and anti conformations. One interesting issue is that asymmetric imidazoles are found to be more problematic in forming crystalline phases; presumably since a high level of ordering is required for the nucleating cores, these tend to require higher temperature and time for crystallization to occur. Finally solid-state phase transitions of metal imidazolates are possible and examples are given of displacive and reconstructive types.

New Metal Imidazolate Polymers: Silica Analogues



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Crystal structure analysis in drug development

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Scientists in drug *discovery* benefit from a plethora of computational tools to assist with drug design. Many of these rely on knowledge extracted from small molecule crystal structures, including those to address molecular geometry and molecular interactions.

The adoption of such tools in drug *development* is less common, despite the dominance of crystalline materials as dosage form. The poor penetration of such tools is even more surprising when one considers the regulatory context in which drug development work is done, the high risk of drug candidate attrition and the financial commitments made by organisations when choosing to develop a specific compound.

This presentation will illustrate the role of computational methods in early drug development and describe the tools available to provide answers to key questions such as, 'Do I have the most stable polymorph?', 'Can I stop polymorph screening?', 'How can I describe the structural relationship between these crystal forms?', 'What might I be able to cocrystallise my molecule with?', 'Can I replace my coformer and retain the same crystal form?', 'How might I be able to generate a more soluble molecule?'

Size- and shape-selective Metal-Organic Frameworks based on pillared Kagomé layers

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Hydrothermally stable two isostructural microporous metal-organic frameworks were prepared by employing a new ligand, 3-(3,5-dicarboxylphenylethynyl)pyridine, which has a 3,5-benzenedicarboxylate (bdc) unit for the construction of Kagomé layers and a 3-pyridine group as an internal pillaring residue between the layers. The combination of bent dicarboxylates and Cu (or Zn) square paddle-wheel secondary building units led to 2D Kagomé layers and these layers were further pillared by the internal pyridyl residues of the ligands to form a 3D microporous framework having two different types of cage-like pores, type A and type B pores, interconnected. While the type A pore with large enough window size allows most small gas molecules such as N₂, Ar, CO₂, and CH₄, the type B pore with small oval-shaped window distinguishes the absorbates, N₂ and Ar, based on the shape of the absorbates not based on their kinetic diameters. Even though the kinetic diameter of N₂ is larger than that of Ar, N₂ is preferred to the type B pore than the Ar because N₂ molecule better matches with the shape of the window than Ar. More interestingly, even though the static (or average) window size of the type B pore in Zn-MOF is similar to or even smaller than that in the isostructural Cu-MOF, the N₂ and Ar absorbates are more easily accessed to the type B pore of Zn-MOF than that of Cu-MOF. The maximum dynamic window size, the maximum allowed window size because of the thermal motion of the framework, may play more important role than the static size of the window for the discrimination of the absorbates. The larger average thermal factor of Zn-MOF than that of Cu-MOF might be responsible for such behavior. The details of the structure and the sorption behaviors will be discussed.

Intermediate phase in oriented poly(pentamethylene 2,6-naphthalate)

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The thermotropic liquid crystalline (LC) behavior of polymers with rigid mesogenic units interconnected through flexible spacers has been extensively over the past two decades. In the main-chain LC polymer flexible spacers are constrained by the mesogenic units to which they are linked, thus to have some orientational order. Among these polymers poly(alkylene 4,4'-bibenzoate)s whose mesophase existence and transition behavior have been intensively studied. These BB-*n* polyesters invariably form smectic mesophase when *n* varies from 3 to 9. Polyester based on 2,6-naphthalene dicarboxylic acid, poly(*m*-methylene 2,6-naphthalate) is another example of LC polymer that possibly show mesophase. In this family, as was noted in BB-*n* family, the macroscopic thermal and mechanical properties exhibit odd-even fluctuations as the number of methylene group in *PmN* increases. However, the existence of mesophase in these polymers is relatively rare and has been reported only in PEN and PBN. In this report, we present the mesophase structure in poly(pentamethylene 2,6-naphthalate) (PPN).

In order to examine the existence of mesophase and related structure in PPN, the sample was first quenched from the melt to obtain the complete amorphous structure and was then cold drawn at various strains. For the structural investigation we utilized the synchrotron X-ray scattering facility at Pohang Accelerator Laboratory (PAL) in S. Korea. From the WAXD pattern, the structure of un-drawn PPN is identified as the complete amorphous phase without any trace of the crystalline order. But, when the amorphous PPN is cold drawn, a structural order evolves in the polymer chains. Drawn samples (strain = 1~3) exhibit two weak but sharp peaks at low angles in the meridian and two broad peaks in the equator. The sharp peak observed in the meridian implies a certain longitudinal order in the drawn PPN, similar to the fiber period in crystalline structure. On the other hand, the broad halo in the equator suggests the absence of long range order between the drawn PPN chains. These results suggest that the drawn PPN has certain low dimensional order, namely the mesophase, which resembles smectic LC order as has been observed in the oriented polymers having the flexible spacers between the rigid units. The smectic mesophase is a precursor of crystalline phase evolved. It is then quite reasonable to assume that the chain conformation within smectic layer resembles that of crystal structure. The crystal structure of PPN suggests that the neighboring mesogens in a chain are inclined toward each other. The observation of splitting of broad equatorial reflection up and down the equator consolidates our assumption, especially the anti-clinically inclined mesogens, suggesting the smectic mesophase as the S_{CA} structure, where the mesogens are anti-clinically tilted with the molecular axes perpendicular to the layer surface.

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When explosives are welcome at your nuclear reactor... Molecular sensing using fluorescent dendrimer films and neutron reflectometry

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Events on Northwestern Flight 235 from Amsterdam to Detroit on Christmas Day 2009, saw airport security again become headline news. The proposed introduction of full body scanning at major international airports followed closely in its wake. The need for less invasive, yet highly sensitive screening for explosive materials is of supreme importance to security agencies around the globe. We have developed new classes of fluorescent dendrimer thin films as solid-state sensors to detect vapour molecules emitted by explosive materials using oxidative luminescence quenching. [1] We demonstrate that these films, can rapidly and reversibly detect explosive analogues for TNT such as para-nitrotoluene and 2,4-dinitrotoluene. Typically the photoluminescence is quenched by >90% in a few seconds, which is much faster than that reported for luminescent polymer films. Combined fluorescence spectroscopy and neutron reflectometry measurements were made using the *Platypus* time-of-flight neutron reflectometer at the OPAL reactor in Sydney for both pristine and analyte-saturated films, and gave important insights into the analyte adsorption process. It was found that during analyte adsorption the films swelled by ~4% in conjunction with the complete quenching of the photoluminescence. It was also clear that a single analyte molecule was able to quench the photoluminescence from more than one dendrimer molecule. On removal of the analyte the films returned to their original thickness and scattering length density, with the restoration of photoluminescence, indicating that the sensing process was fully reversible.

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Chain conformation of zwitter ionic polymers in solution and immobilized brush at solid/liquid interfaces

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Zwitter ionic polymers have positively and negatively charged groups on the polymer chain. Zwitter ionic polymers play an important role in various biological systems both in the solution and brush state. However, little is known on the chain conformation of Zwitter ionic polymers in the solution and brush state. The purpose of this study is to reveal the chain conformation of sulfobetaine and phosphobetaine polymers in the solution and immobilized brush state under various salt solutions.

Zwitter ionic polymers and their polymer brushes were prepared by surface-initiated atom transfer radical polymerization of 3-(*N*-2-methacryloyloxyethyl-*N,N*-dimethyl) ammonato propanesulfonate (MAPS) [1] and 2-methacryloyloxyethyl phosphorylcholine (MPC)[2]. Chain conformation in dilute solution and polymer brush on silica nanoparticles in aqueous solution with various ionic strengths were characterized by small angle X-ray scattering (SAXS) and static/dynamic light scattering (SLS/DLS). The molecular weight dependence of z-averaged mean-square radius of gyration and scattering factor of the poly(MAPS) were determined and analyzed in terms of the wormlike cylinder model taking into account the electrostatic interactions. The poly(MAPS) was insoluble in pure water, but soluble in NaCl aqueous solution above the Θ concentration, which was determined to be 74 mM at 25 °C by the light scattering when second virial coefficient was vanished for high molecular weight. The radius of gyration for the poly(MAPS) increased with increasing ionic strength. Silica nanoparticle with 54 nm of radius was immobilized poly(MAPS) with 192,000 g/mol of molecular weight and $M_w/M_n = 1.23$ of polydispersity index. The relaxation spectrum obtained from DLS showed a unimodal distribution and sharp peak due to the homogeneous dispersion of poly(MAPS)-grafted SiO₂ in a solution without any aggregations, respectively. Hydrodynamic radius R_H of the poly(MAPS)-grafted SiO₂ was estimated to be 97 nm using the Einstein-Stokes equation with diffusion constant D_0 at the zero concentration. The thickness of polymer layer was found to be 43 nm, which is the 25% of the contour length of the fully-extended chain structure. Further precise molecular morphology of sulfobetaine polymer brush in a salt solution was analyzed by SAXS profiles using a core-shell model fitting. On the other hand, poly(MPC) was soluble both in pure water and NaCl aqueous solution. Concentration dependence of chain conformation was not observed below 1.0 M.

Polymer brushes on the Si-wafer substrate were characterized by contact angle measurement in air and water, adhesion force measurement, neutron reflectivity (NR) at aqueous solution interface, and AFM thickness measurement in aqueous solution. NR curves at poly(MAPS) brush/D₂O and poly(MPC) brush/D₂O interface versus scattering vector q ($4\pi \sin\theta/\lambda$) revealed that phosphobetaine polymer brush showed a completely different dependence of chain conformation on an ionic from that of sulfobetaine polymer brush.

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Innate immunity and RNA sensing by the retinoic acid inducible gene I receptor

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Organisms have evolved a range of mechanisms to sense viral infection and to block their replication and spread. Viral infection of human cells is primarily detected through sensing viral nucleic acids. The RIG-I-like helicases (RLH) sense viral RNA in the cytoplasm. Here we focus on the RLH, retinoic acid inducible gene I receptor, RIG-I. Selective recognition of viral RNA by RIG-I triggers the activation of NF- κ B and interferon regulatory factors, leading to type I interferon production via the innate immune response. In the absence of its RNA ligands, RIG-I remains in an inactive state. RIG-I is a multidomain 103 kDa protein composed of two N-terminal caspase recruitment domains (CARDs), a DEAD-box helicase domain and a C-terminal RNA recognition domain. It has been proposed that the CARD domains are not accessible until RIG-I forms a complex with dsRNA, but that upon this interaction the CARD domains are able to interact with IPS-1 to initiate downstream events. The molecular mechanism underlying this conformational change, however, has never been demonstrated.

We report the use of Small Angle X-ray Scattering (SAXS) to evaluate the conformational changes that occur to RIG-I upon binding to dsRNA. SAXS experiments were conducted for constructs representing full-length RIG-I and RIG-I without the card domains (deltaCARDs) both in and out of the presence of a 29-nt dsRNA target. The scattering data demonstrate that apo-RIG-I is more compact than the RIG-I/dsRNA complex: R_g and R_{max} change from 40 Å and 135 Å respectively to 45 Å and 170 Å upon binding RNA. Kratky plots also indicate that the apo-RIG-I is more ordered than the RIG-I/dsRNA complex. To evaluate the potential conformations of apo- and RNA bound RIG-I rigid body molecular dynamics¹ was applied to explore a large range of conformational space from which a genetic algorithm was used to select a minimal ensemble consistent with the scattering data. Furthermore, SAXS data acquired for deltaCARD RIG-I/-RNA complex and RNA alone allowed the position of bound dsRNA to be ascertained from the contrast variation of the protein and RNA. Together this data has allowed us to propose a detailed molecular model of RIG-I and its conformation when bound to target dsRNA.

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Structures determined by single crystal neutron diffraction with KOALA - what is possible now, what improvements are planned and when another experiment may be the answer!

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The KOALA diffractometer is now in routine operation at the Bragg Institute. Our most recent call for proposals was oversubscribed and we anticipate a steady flow of publications to follow our early successes.

Software developments reported at the last AsCA conference have led to a steady flow of high quality neutron diffraction data for structures with modest sized unit cells (<2200 angstrom) where R- factors under 5% and C-C bond e.s.d.s of 0.001 - 0.002 angstrom are typically observed for refinements with all atoms anisotropic. Structures with larger unit cells are found to refine to a lower precision but nonetheless, in most instances structures are obtained which provide definitive answers for the questions posed – most particularly as regards that presence or absence of hydrogen whatever its oxidation state – protic, “atomic” or hydridic. We are now well placed to assess the applicability of the instrument to a particular problem and what if any modifications to hardware or software may be needed to improve the chances of a successful experiment.

In the immediate future we will be implementing flash freezing of crystals using a cold nitrogen gas stream which we hope will reduce one significant source of experimental failure which has plagued many experiments to date – cracking of crystals under the cooling regime inside bottom loading cryostats.

This paper will discuss both the successes to date together with our understanding of the present limitations of KOALA.

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The crystal structure of LipL32, a virulence factor from pathogenic *Leptospira*

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Tubulointerstitial nephritis is a cardinal renal manifestation of leptospirosis. LipL32, a virulence factor of pathogen *Leptospira*, is the major lipoprotein of outer membrane proteins. LipL32 recognizes extracellular matrix components and adheres to the host cell to evade an immune response. The crystal structure of Ca²⁺-bound LipL32 was determined by multiwavelength anomalous dispersion at 2.3 Å. LipL32 consists of a novel polyD sequence with a cluster of seven aspartate residues to form a continuous acidic surface patch for Ca²⁺ binding. A significant conformational change was induced when Ca²⁺ bound to LipL32. The calcium binding to LipL32 was determined by ITC. The binding of fibronectin to LipL32 was observed by Stains-all circular dichroism and ELISA experiments. The interaction between fibronectin F30 and LipL32 is associated with Ca²⁺ binding. Based on the Ca²⁺-bound LipL32 crystal structure and the Stains-all circular dichroism results, a LipL32-F30 complex model was proposed. The fibronectin-binding site of LipL32 is near to the polyD region, and LipL32 interacts with F30 through significant electrostatic interactions. The Ca²⁺ binding to LipL32 might be important for extracellular matrix interaction with the host cell in *Leptospira*.

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When does a disease-related protein become a viable target?

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Confirming a therapeutically beneficial link of a protein to a disease is a tremendous achievement. However, one must also confirm the potential of modulating the activity of protein for it to join only several hundred precedented drug targets. Whilst the success of therapeutic proteins, including antibodies, has opened up many new opportunities, traditional small molecule therapeutics continue to dominate.

The concepts of druggability and ligand efficiency are now well established, but should we really be deterred from tackling difficult targets? This presentation will focus on knowledge based computational methods for assessing the challenge a novel target might present; including exploratory docking experiments with small fragments and structure-based binding cavity comparisons.

Structure and mechanism-based discovery of mutant-selective inhibitors of the drug-resistant EGFR T790M mutant kinase

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Mutations in the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) kinase domain occur in approximately 16% of non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC). Lung cancers caused by most of these mutations are initially responsive to small molecule tyrosine kinase inhibitors (TKIs), but the efficacy of these agents is limited because of the emergence of drug resistance. In about 50% of the cases the resistance is conferred by a second mutation, T790M. Threonine 790 is the "gatekeeper" residue, an important determinant of inhibitor specificity in the ATP binding pocket. The T790M mutation has been thought to cause resistance by sterically blocking binding of TKIs such as gefitinib and erlotinib, but we show by a direct binding assay that T790M mutants retain low-nanomolar affinity for gefitinib, and by crystallographic analysis that the T790M mutant can adapt to accommodate tight binding of diverse inhibitors. Furthermore, we show that the T790M mutation increases the ATP affinity of the primary oncogenic L858R mutant by more than an order of magnitude. The increased ATP affinity is the primary mechanism by which the T790M mutation confers drug resistance¹⁻³.

Strategies targeting EGFR T790M with irreversible inhibitors have been shown in *in vitro* studies an option to overcome drug-resistance caused by the increased ATP affinity, but have had limited success in clinical trials and are associated with toxicity due to concurrent inhibition of wild-type EGFR. All current EGFR inhibitors possess a structurally related quinazoline-based core scaffold and were identified as ATP-competitive inhibitors of wild-type EGFR. Through three-dimensional structure directed drug design and screening an irreversible kinase inhibitor library we identify a covalent pyrimidine EGFR inhibitor scaffold specifically against EGFR T790M. These agents are 30- to 100-fold more potent against EGFR T790M, and up to 100-fold less potent against wildtype EGFR, than quinazoline-based EGFR inhibitors *in vitro*. They are also effective in murine models of lung cancer driven by EGFR T790M mutations. Co-crystallization studies reveal a structural basis for the increased potency and mutant selectivity of these agents. These mutant-selective irreversible EGFR kinase inhibitors may be clinically more effective and better tolerated than quinazoline-based inhibitors. Our findings demonstrate that three-dimensional structure directed drug design and functional pharmacological screens against clinically important mutant kinases represent a powerful strategy to identify new classes of mutant-selective kinase inhibitors⁴.

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The crystal structure of the N-terminal domain of human COMMD9 reveals an unexpected domain-swapped trimer

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The COMMD (*Copper metabolism gene Murr1 (Mouse U2af1-rs1 region 1) Domain*) family is composed of ten proteins that share a conserved C-terminal 'COMM' domain but contain apparently unrelated N-terminal domains. Originally identified as critical for correct copper metabolism in dogs¹, it is now apparent that the COMMD proteins are vital components in the proteolytic regulation of several important cellular proteins². They have been shown to regulate the degradation of the copper transporter ATP7B³, the epithelial sodium channel ENaC⁴, the serum- and glucocorticoid-regulated kinase SGK1⁷, and the key transcription factors NF- κ B⁵ and HIF-1 α ⁶. In most cases, such as NF- κ B, the regulation acts via ubiquitin-dependent degradation; in others, such as HIF-1 α , the degradation is ubiquitin-independent, and in the case of SGK1, we have shown that COMMD1 protects the kinase from ubiquitin-dependent degradation⁷. Decreased expression of COMMD proteins is observed in many cancers, and has been shown to correlate with disease severity⁸.

Despite many observational studies showing the *in vivo* association of COMMD proteins with their targets, the structures and the mechanism of action of the COMMD proteins remain largely unknown. The only structural information about the protein family is the NMR structure of the N-terminal domain of COMMD1. In order to address these issues, we have set out to determine the crystal structures of COMMD proteins, both alone and in complex with target proteins.

We here report the first crystal structure of a COMMD family member: the N-terminal domain of human COMMD9 (N-COMMD9) determined to 1.6 Å using SeMet-MAD. Despite a lack of sequence conservation, the core structure has the same overall fold as the equivalent domain in COMMD1: a distinctive helical bundle not observed in any other protein. The COMMD proteins are known to bind to each other *in vivo*, but their normal multimeric state is unclear. In one crystal form, N-COMMD9 forms a head-to-head dimer, but most unexpectedly, in a second crystal form the protein forms an intimately associated domain-swapped trimer. The implications of this structural plasticity to the possible mechanistic roles of the COMMD proteins will be discussed.

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Probing the structure of cholesterol oxidase by atomic resolution crystallography: Towards the design of novel antibiotics with high specificity and potency

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Cholesterol oxidase is a bifunctional flavoenzyme that catalyzes the oxidation and isomerization of Δ^5 -6-ene-3 β -ketosteroids. The enzyme is an important virulent factor in patients suffering from tuberculosis and coccobacillus infections and thus constitutes a potential new target for antibacterial drug design. Such work would benefit from a detailed understanding of the structural events that occur along the catalytic pathway of the enzyme. Sub-Ångstrom resolution structures of the enzyme from *Streptomyces* sp. using crystals grown at different pH reveal changes to the structure as a function of electrostatic changes. These electrostatic changes can be correlated with spectral features and kinetic data. Further structural studies of a double mutant of the enzyme in the presence of a bound ligand identify a proposed Michaelis complex. A distortion of the isoalloxazine moiety of the cofactor suggests that tuning of the FAD redox potential is caused by Michaelis complex formation during catalysis. Finally, structural and kinetic analyses of the enzyme support the hypothesis that a gated hydrophobic channel provides O₂ access for the oxidative half reaction of the enzyme. These structural studies have expanded our understanding of the interplay between the enzyme, cofactor and substrates.

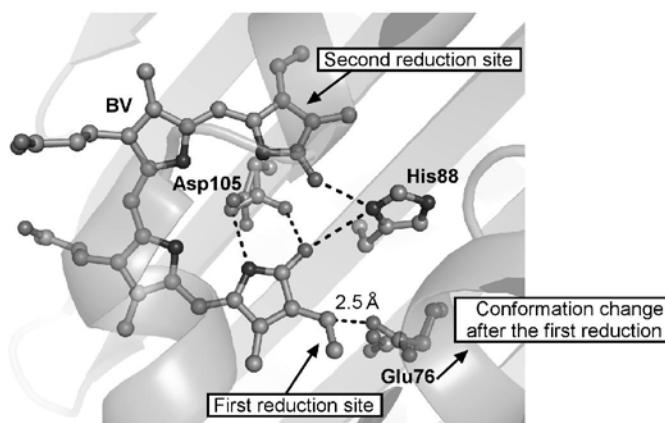
Structural insights into ferredoxin dependent bilin reductases

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Phycobilisome, which is a light-harvesting system for photosynthesis in most of cyanobacteria and red algae, contains various type of phycobilins for efficient light-harvesting. A variety of phycobilins are produced by the site-specific reductions of heme catabolites, biliverdin (BV), catalyzed by ferredoxin dependent bilin reductases (FDBRs). Further, a phytochrome chromophore, phytychromobilin, is also biosynthesized in plants as well as the biosynthesis of phycobilins in red algae and cyanobacteria. Thus FDBRs are essential for the photosynthesis in cyanobacteria and red algae and the light-sensing in plants. Indeed, FDBR-deficient mutants in plants (*hy2* in *Arabidopsis* and *aurea* in tomato) show phytyochrome-deficient phenotypes.

FDBRs catalyze the site-specific reductions of BV and other bilins using reducing equivalents from ferredoxin to produce phycobilins and phytychromobilin. No metals and cofactors are involved in the reductions, therefore a radical specie is formed by one-electron reduction during the catalysis. FDBRs regulate the reactivity of a radical specie and site-specifically reduce the substrate by site-specifically donating protons. To obtain the structural basis of FDBRs, we determined the crystal structure of the BV-bound PcyA [1], which is one of FDBRs and catalyzes the sequential reductions of the vinyl group of D-ring and the A-ring of BV to produce phycocyanobilin. Further we determined the structure of the reaction intermediate (18EtBV) bound PcyA [2]. PcyA folds into an $\alpha/\beta/\alpha$ sandwich, in which BV and 18EtBV are bound between the central β -sheet and C-terminal α -helices. All of the polar groups of BV and 18EtBV form hydrogen bonds with PcyA, thus the substrate-binding of PcyA seems very tight. Although some aromatic residues of PcyA exist nearby BV/18EtBV, π - π stacking interactions are not used for BV/18EtBV binding to prevent the radical transition from one-electron reduced BV/18EtBV to PcyA. Moreover, unusual OH/ π hydrogen bond is found between the carboxy group of Glu76 and the vinyl group of BV, the first reduction site by PcyA. This unusual hydrogen bond appears essential for the first reduction of BV by PcyA. Charge distribution on the molecular surface suggests that ferredoxin is bound on the surface close to the entrance of the BV-binding pocket, indicating ferredoxin directly transfers one-electron to BV. The carboxy group of Asp105 hydrogen bonds with the pyrrol nitrogen atoms of BV and the lactim/lactam oxygen atom of the D-ring. The imidazole group of His88 forms hydrogen bonds with the lactim/lactam oxygen atoms of BV. Asp105 and His88 are essential for the D- and A-rings reductions. Mechanistic implications for PcyA reaction will be discussed.



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Crystal structure and rotation mechanism of V₁-ATPase

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V-ATPases and F-ATPases belong to the rotary ATPase/synthase superfamily. V-ATPases occur in the membranes of acidic organelles in eukaryotic cells, maintaining acidic pH by pumping protons, and are also found in the plasma membranes of archaea and some eubacteria. These prokaryotic V-ATPases are primarily responsible for ATP synthesis, which is the reverse of the ATP-driven proton pumping reaction. V-ATPases consist of water-soluble components (V₁-ATPases), catalyze ATP hydrolysis and synthesis, and contain membrane-embedded components (V_o) involved in proton and ion pumping. It has been shown that isolated V₁-ATPases and F₁-ATPases show ATPase activities and rotate during ATP hydrolysis. However, detailed analyses of rotation kinetics have revealed some differences between V₁- and F₁-ATPase in the generated torque and rotation steps. Many crystallographic studies have been reported for F₁-ATPases, but no structure of the whole V₁ complex is available. Therefore, the detailed rotation mechanism of V₁-ATPase, and the reason for the difference in the rotation kinetics between V₁- and F₁-ATPases still remain open questions.

Recently, we have determined crystal structure of whole V₁-ATPase from thermophilic eubacterium, *Thermus thermophilus* in nucleotide-free and nucleotide-bound forms at 4.8 and 4.5 Å resolutions, respectively. The structures were determined by using a combination of molecular replacement and multiple isomorphous replacement with anomalous scattering methods. The subunit composition for V₁-ATPase is A₃B₃DF. The central stalk composed of the D and F subunits protrudes from the cylindrical A₃B₃ hexamer, similarly to that of F₁-ATPase. A comparison of the structure of V₁- with F₁-ATPases reveals some differences in the conformation or structural motif between each subunit. In particular, the D subunit, which is main component of the central stalk in V₁-ATPase, shows apparently more straight conformation than the γ subunit of F₁-ATPase. This difference can influence on the generating and transmitting torque during the rotation. Moreover, little conformational differences are observed among the three catalytic A subunits of V₁-ATPase. In contrast, quaternary changes around nucleotide binding sites located at the interfaces of the A and B subunits are quite similar to both the enzymes. Therefore, the common structural property between V₁- and F₁-ATPases is only in the subunit interfaces around the active sites, strongly suggesting that the rotation of V₁-ATPase is primarily driven by the quaternary changes around the interface of nucleotide binding sites.

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Crystal structures of *Aspergillus japonicus* fructosyltransferase in complex with donor/acceptor substrates reveal complete subsites for catalysis

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Fructosyltransferases catalyze the transfer of a fructose unit from one sucrose/fructan to another, and are engaged in the production of fructooligosaccharide/fructan. The enzymes belong to the glycoside hydrolase family 32 (GH32) with a retaining catalytic mechanism. Here we describe the crystal structures of recombinant fructosyltransferase (*AjFT*) from *Aspergillus japonicus* CB05 and its mutant D191A complexes with various donor/acceptor substrates, including sucrose, 1-kestose, nystose and raffinose. This is the first structure of fructosyltransferase of the GH32 with a high transfructosylation activity. The structure of *AjFT* comprises two domains with an N-terminal catalytic domain containing a five-blade β -propeller fold linked to a C-terminal β -sandwich domain. Structures of various mutant *AjFT*-substrate complexes reveal complete four substrate-binding subsites (-1 to +3) in the catalytic pocket with shapes and characters distinct from those of clan GH-J enzymes. Residues Asp60, Asp191 and Glu292 that are proposed for nucleophile, transition-state stabilizer and general acid/base catalyst, respectively, govern the binding of the terminal fructose at the -1 subsite and the catalytic reaction. Mutants D60A, D191A and E292A completely lost their activities. Residues Ile143, Arg190, Glu292, Glu318 and His332 combine the hydrophobic Phe118 and Tyr369 to define the +1 subsite for its preference of fructosyl and glucosyl moieties. Ile143, Gln327 define the +2 subsite for raffinose, whereas Tyr404 and Glu405 define the +2 and +3 subsites for inulin-type substrates with higher structural flexibilities. Structural geometries of 1-kestose, nystose and raffinose are different from previous data. All results shed light on the catalytic mechanism and substrate recognition of *AjFT* and other clan GH-J fructosyltransferases.

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Structural basis for the inhibition of human MTHFS by N10-substituted folate analogues

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5,10-Methenyltetrahydrofolate synthetase (MTHFS) regulates the flow of carbon through the one-carbon metabolic network, which supplies essential components for the growth and proliferation of cells. Inhibition of MTHFS in human MCF-7 breast cancer cells has been shown to arrest the growth of cells. Absence of the three-dimensional structure of human MTHFS (hMTHFS) has hampered the rational design and optimization of drug candidates. Here, we report the structures of native hMTHFS, a binary complex of hMTHFS with ADP, hMTHFS bound with the N5-iminium phosphate reaction intermediate, and an enzyme-product complex of hMTHFS. The N5-iminium phosphate captured for the first time in our crystal structure unravels a unique strategy used by hMTHFS for recognition of the substrate and provides structural basis for the regulation of enzyme activity. Binding of N10-substituted folate analogues places Y152 in the middle of the channel connecting ATP binding site with the substrate binding pocket, precluding the positioning of γ -phosphate for a nucleophilic attack. Using the structures of hMTHFS as a guide, we have probed the role of residues surrounding the active site in catalysis by mutagenesis. The ensemble of hMTHFS structures and the mutagenesis data yield a coherent picture of the MTHFS active site, determinants of substrate specificity, and new insights into the mechanism of inhibition of hMTHFS.

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Guest- and thermally-induced deformations of coordination framework materials

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The comparatively low energies associated with the deformation of coordination frameworks, a feature that emerges from the comparative flexibility of their molecular building units and from their commonly highly underconstrained and open topologies, means that these materials display a very rich array of dynamic lattices properties. Two very interesting consequences of the pronounced flexibility of these materials will be discussed:

1) Guest-induced framework flexibility; through novel *in-situ* single crystal and powder X-ray diffraction measurements we have followed the response of porous framework hosts to the desorption and sorption of a range of guest molecules and observed a range of novel lattice behaviours.¹⁻⁴

2) Anomalous thermal expansion behaviour; we have recently found that the thermal excitation of transverse molecular vibrations within open coordination framework lattices leads to unprecedented negative thermal expansion (NTE) behaviours – an effect that can be moderated through control of the host-guest chemistry to yield near-perfect zero thermal expansion (ZTE).⁵⁻¹⁰

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Thermodynamics properties of molecular crystals derived from multitemperature diffraction data

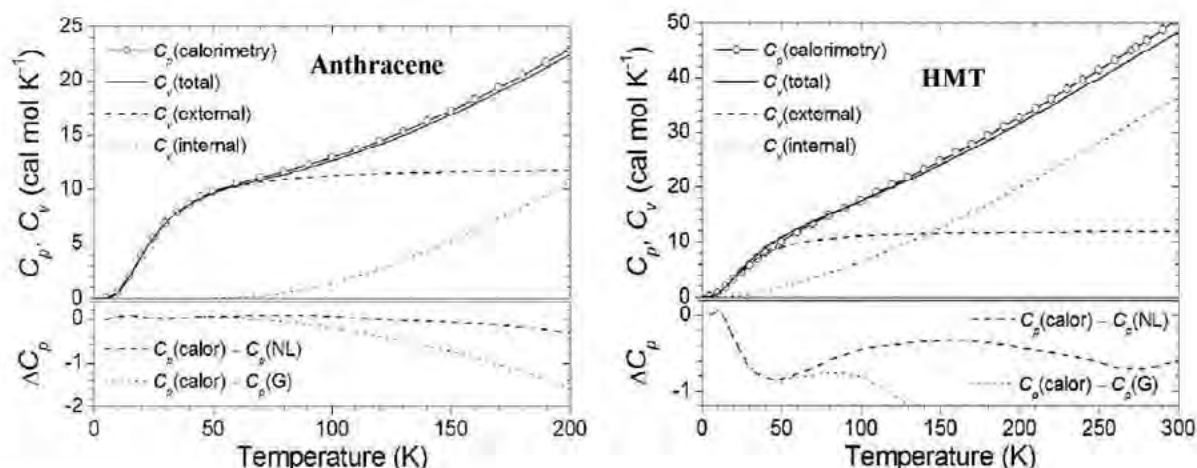
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Single-crystal X-ray analysis routinely provide accurate atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (ADPs). Atomic coordinates are generally interpreted in terms of molecular geometrical parameters (e.g., bond lengths, bond angles, torsion angles) and intra- and intermolecular interactions (e.g., hydrogen bonds, van der Waals interactions). By contrast, the ADPs of a single temperature study are merely depicted as ORTEP plots. Here we apply normal mode analysis of variable-temperature ADPs to determine thermodynamic properties of the molecular crystals of naphthalene, anthracene and hexamethylenetetramine. More recent results on the glycine polymorphs will also be presented. The thermodynamic parameters (heat capacity, enthalpy, entropy) obtained agree well with those from calorimetry.



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Structural rearrangement of organic crystals in polymorphic transition investigated by *ab initio* structure determination from powder diffraction data

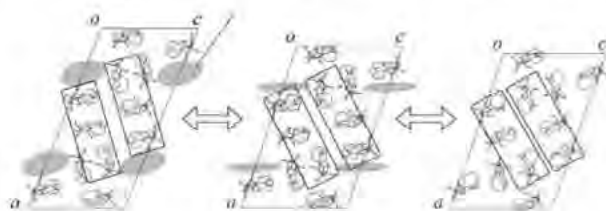
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Many organic crystals show (pseudo-) polymorphism including hydrate or solvate crystals. Also among polymorphs, unexpected polymorphic transition including hydration / dehydration transition often occurs depending on its storage environment or by a mechanical treatment. Since their physicochemical properties such as color, stability, and solubility largely differ depending on the crystal structures, the structural investigation of phase transition is important especially to utilize the pharmaceutical polymorphic crystals. However, after the phase transition, single crystal integrity tends to degrade and powdery crystals are formed. In such case, *ab initio* Structure Determination from Powder X-ray Diffraction data (SDPD) is efficient technique. This technique is also important for the structure analysis of powdery co-crystals made by solid-state grinding, and of minor polymorphic phase. In this study, the rearrangement of crystal structures caused by pseudo-polymorphic transition are investigated by SDPD technique [1-6].

Tunnel water hydration/dehydration of Cephalexin hydrates: Pharmaceutical hydrates are well used as API (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients) and often show hydration / dehydration transition. Cephalexin (cephem antibiotic) has five hydrated forms and their reversible transformations are induced by the change of relative humidity. Three pseudopolymorphs (anhydrate, monohydrate, and dihydrate) were successfully analyzed by SDPD technique to show water tunnel structures between building blocks formed by three independent cephalexin molecules. In the hydration process, the blocks slide each other to increase the tunnel volume from 0 to 280 Å³ (see figure), which is accompanied by elongation of the *a*-axis length by 17%. This reversible tunnel volume change associated with hydration/dehydration process indicates that water molecules go in and out through the tunnel with retention of crystallinity.

Two step dehydration process of Lisinopril dihydrate: Lisinopril is used as an anti-hypertension drug in the dihydrate form. A DSC-PXRD measurement indicated that water molecules were released at 373K and 383K to form monohydrate and anhydrate form, respectively. Both crystal structures were successfully analyzed from high resolution PXRD. The dehydration mechanism is illustrated as the two step water molecule releasing from two different channel structures in order. During the process, terminal phenylethyl group turns to close the empty channel and to stabilize the structure.



Structural rearrangement of Cephalexin
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Photoreactivity and structural rearrangements in the solid state

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For the past few decades the photochemical [2+2] cycloaddition reactions in the solid state have been extensively studied. It may be possible to align the C=C bonds favorable for the photoreactions, but this does not guarantee the reaction to take place in the crystals. For example, a number of compounds containing C=C bonds do not undergo photodimerization in the solid state despite satisfying Schmidt's criteria, whereas there are a number of cases where photocyclization is not expected, surprisingly found to be reactive. Crystal structure analyses of these systems exhibiting unexpected photoreactivity unraveled several pieces of new information about the mobility of the molecules.

Of the organic molecules studied so far, *trans* 1,2-bis(4-pyridyl)ethene (bpe) containing two pyridyl nitrogen atoms has been extensively investigated in our laboratory. For instance, a ladder coordination polymer where infinite pairs of C=C bonds in bpe are aligned has been found to undergo single-crystal to single-crystal structural transformation under UV light. Whereas a Ag(I) 1D coordination polymer reorganized to a ladder structure upon desolvation and further undergoes [2+2] cycloaddition under UV irradiation quantitatively. Similar observation has been noted in another 1D coordination polymer also. On the other hand, during the grinding process the infinitely packed *trans*-3-(4-pyridyl) acrylic acid salt in head-to-head fashion with one third of C=C bonds in crisscross fashion in the single crystals takes up a water molecule and rearranges to form isolated pairs congenial for [2+2] cycloaddition quantitatively. Similarly, cycloaddition reaction in a triple-stranded ladder coordination polymer has been found to take place in two steps via cooperative molecular movements of the partially dimerized products formed initially. We will highlight the role of solvents in the structural rearrangements to assist the alignment of C=C bonds for [2+2] cycloaddition reactions in the talk.

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“Jumping crystals”: Structural aspects of the thermosalient phenomenon

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An increasing amount of experimental evidence on mechanically, thermally or photochemically induced mechanical deformations of organic or metal-organic materials, where the supramolecular structure is based on non-covalent interactions, sharply contradicts the common perception of these entities as soft, rigid and fragile state of matter.¹⁻³ In this report the *thermosalient* (“jumping crystal”) effect^{4,5} – a mechanical property that can be an important physical foundation of organic-based actuators – has been investigated in detail for oxitropium bromide (OXTB), a potent anticholinergic active pharmaceutical ingredient. Although being of extreme importance for understanding issues of fundamental or practical interest, this phenomenon is usually only accidentally observed, rarely reported, and its origin and detailed structural basis have remained enigmatic.

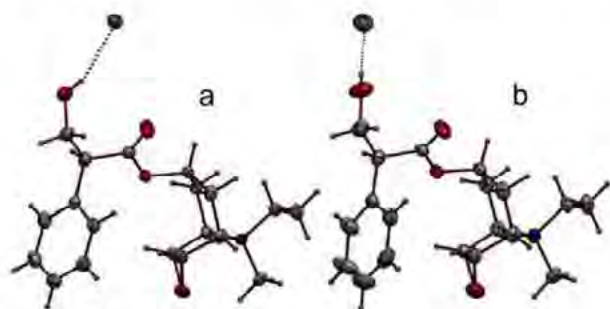


Figure 1. ORTEP-style representation of the molecular structures (30% probability level) of phase A (a) and phase B (b) of OXTB.

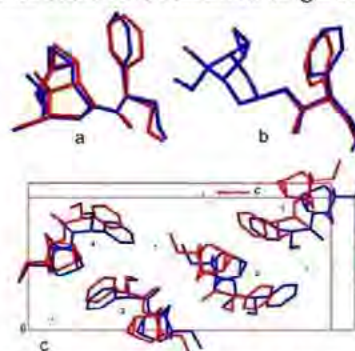


Figure 2. Overlapped molecular (a,b) and crystal (c) structures of the low-temperature (blue) and high-temperature phase (red).

Upon heating, unattached single crystals of OXTB exhibit forceful jumps of up to several centimeters as result of structure switching over a thermal two-phase hysteresis. Application of a combination of structural, microscopic, spectroscopic and thermoanalytical techniques has clarified the origin and mechanism of the significant thermosalient effect. Direct observation of the effect in a single crystal and the structure determination of both phases revealed that the jumping is a macroscopic manifestation of a highly anisotropic change in the cell volume. At the molecular level, the cation acts as a molecular shuttle composed of two rigid parts (epoxy-aza-tricyclic-nonyl portion and phenyl ring) that are bridged by a flexible ester linkage. The structure of the rigid, inert aza-tricyclic portion remains practically unaffected by the temperature, suggesting a mechanism in which the accumulated strain is transferred over the bridge to the phenyl ring, which rotates to trigger the transition.

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Combining SAXS and CD to study flexibility and dynamics in multi-domain proteins

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Protein crystallography is an excellent tool for measuring protein structure to high-resolution while being less well suited to measuring flexibility and dynamics. Small-angle x-ray scattering (SAXS) and circular dichroism (CD) are solution-based methods that can be used alongside crystallography to study conformational change, dynamics and flexibility in the tertiary and secondary structure of proteins respectively. SAXS and CD analysis of retroviral Gag proteins, eukaryotic biotin protein ligases and murine cortactin will be used to illustrate the application of these methods to the study of multi-domain, flexible proteins.

The HIV Gag poly-protein is the main structural component of the viral capsid and is sufficient to form virus-like particles in vitro. We have used a combination of small angle x-ray scattering, circular dichroism and other biophysical methods to analyse the orientation of the four domains of Gag in solution and to track how their relative orientation changes during the proteolytic processing that is part of this proteins normal life cycle.

Combination of correlative light-electron microscopy and X-ray crystallography revealed a unique trans-synaptic adhesion architecture

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Synapse formation at the neuronal membrane junctions is a dynamic process involving orchestrated assembly/disassembly of multiple classes of membrane proteins and cytosolic proteins. It is becoming clear that cell adhesion molecules play more than structural and "scaffolding" roles in this process. Neurexin (NX) and neuroligin (NL) are membrane spanning adhesion molecules expressed on neurons, and the *trans* association of presynaptic NX and postsynaptic NL across the synaptic cleft is required for the functional maturation of synapses. Recently several groups have reported crystal structures of complex between ectodomain fragments of NX and NL, revealing a unique 2:2 stoichiometry [1-3]. We have also obtained crystals of the NX/NL complex in a unique condition. The crystal formation was induced by addition of physiological concentration of Ca²⁺, and did not require addition of any precipitants. In the crystal, the 2:2 complex formed two-dimensional array that is compatible with the membrane topology of the asymmetric synaptic cleft. We hypothesize that this NX/NL "2D array meshwork" corresponds to the ordered molecular complexes that span the synaptic cleft previously visualized by cryo-EM. In order to confirm this hypothesis, we turned to a combinatory technique using light microscopy (LM) and electron microscopy (EM). First, we expressed NX-DsRed and NL-GFP on HEK cell surface and analyzed the colocalization of the two molecules at the heterophilic cell-cell junction using fluorescent live LM. The cells were then processed in a high pressure freezing followed by freeze substitution and resin embedding to preserve the fine structure of the specimen. The resultant EM image of the cell-cell junction clearly showed a presence of sheet-like density in the middle of the narrow extracellular space between the cell membranes. This density was present exclusively at the heterophilic contacts between NX- and NL-expressing cells, strongly suggesting the formation of 2D array by the NX-NL trans-cellular adhesion complex. This higher-order membrane platform may send bidirectional signal across the synaptic membrane, leading to the recruitment of specific post- and pre-synaptic cytoplasmic components. Our hybrid approach represents a successful application of Correlative Light-Electron Microscopy (CLEM) technique in the visualization of higher-order molecular complex *in situ*, as a complimentary way to verify the biological relevance of a crystal structure.

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Analysis of protein dynamics by crystallographic refinement and normal mode analysis

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Crystallographic analysis of biological macromolecules yields deep insights in their biological function. One aspect of this analysis that has received less attention pertains to the dynamics of macromolecules. As is well known, dynamics plays an important role in attempting to address biological problems such as explaining enzyme catalysis, allostery and cooperativity. Especially, addressing problems such as large conformational changes in enzymes which occur during catalysis are less amenable by routine crystallographic analysis. We have attempted to address this problem by combining TLS refinement in standard crystallographic refinement, and by supplementing the refinement by normal mode analysis. We show that correlation between the two has the capability to address such complex dynamics problems. Two such examples will be presented- thioredoxin reductase¹, where the enzyme undergoes large conformational changes; and cAMP receptor protein², which acts allosterically.

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Use of racemic protein crystallography to solve the structure of Rv1738, an essential protein from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

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Naturally-occurring proteins are chiral molecules, being built solely from L-amino acids. As such, they can only be crystallized in acentric space-groups, which do not contain mirror symmetry or inversion centres. This limits the number of potential packing arrangements. A possible strategy to improve the chances of crystallization is to crystallize a racemic mixture comprising the D- and L-forms of a protein [1,2]. The D-form must be synthesized chemically from D-amino acids, which can readily be achieved by modern methods of native chemical ligation [3]. This strategy means that all 230 possible crystal space-groups become accessible instead of only the 65 acentric space-groups. Crystallization in a centrosymmetric space-group also means that structure determination is greatly simplified since the phases are limited to 0° or 180°.

Microarray experiments show that Rv1738 is highly up-regulated in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (*Mtb*) under conditions of hypoxia or nitric oxide challenge. *Mtb* must adapt to hypoxia as it undergoes the transition from active infection to persistence, and Rv1738 is therefore predicted to have an important role in this transition. Transposon mutagenesis also identifies Rv1738 as essential for growth, but the function of Rv1738 is unknown. All attempts to crystallize recombinant Rv1738, using varied constructs, chemical modification and mutagenesis, failed. In contrast, a racemic mixture of D- and L-forms crystallized easily from multiple conditions and the structure was solved in the centrosymmetric space group C2/c at 1.7 Å resolution. The 94-residue protein forms an intimate dimer by crystallographic twofold symmetry with one molecule in the crystal asymmetric unit. Both D- and L-dimers are found in the crystal, related by a crystallographic glide plane.

As a further demonstration of the advantages afforded by racemic protein crystallography, a novel fragment-based *ab initio* procedure was developed and successfully used to quickly determine the correct Rv1738 model starting by the positioning of short, idealized poly-Ala α -helices.

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High pressure cryocooling at MacCHESS

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A novel high-pressure cryocooling technique for macromolecular crystallography has been developed and explored at the Macromolecular Diffraction Facility at the Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source (MacCHESS) [1]. The method involves cooling macromolecular crystals to cryogenic temperatures (~ 100 K) in high-pressure (up to 200 MPa) helium gas. Applications include successful cryocooling with little or no penetrating cryoprotectant, and native sulfur SAD phasing. Samples in capillaries can also be pressure cryocooled [2]. The method has been extended to other gases, e.g. Kr or Xe (followed by He) for single-wavelength anomalous dispersion (SAD) phasing [2,3], and CO₂ (alone at lower pressure) to visualize an enzymatic intermediate state in carbonic anhydrase [4]. Surprising results include visualization of ligands which could not be seen using other methods [5], and unusual phase behavior of water in protein crystals [6, 7]. The method also can be used to study pressure effects on protein structures [8,9]. A mechanism involving high-density amorphous (HDA) ice is used to explain why the method works [1,6,7].

The high pressure cryocooling method is available to researchers with suitable crystals. More details can be found in the following link.

http://www.macchess.cornell.edu/MacCHESS/about_macchess.html#Pressure

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The structural study on influenza RNA polymerase for designing new anti-viral drug

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The recent outbreak of a new, swine-related H1N1 influenza virus in Mexico has affected the entire world economy, even though it is not as pathogenic as imagined at first. Standard medication, such as NA inhibitors Tamiflu and Relenza, have proved effective against this virus strain, but present vaccines are not. This current pandemic shows that there is still danger of the emergence of new type influenza viruses. New viral strains against which humans have no immunity are spread rapidly from person to person. Furthermore, the swine-related H1N1 influenza virus is a hybrid of human, swine and highly pathogenic avian strains. This means that it is only a matter of time before a new highly pathogenic and Tamiflu-resistant influenza virus emerges, and we have to prepare for it.

The viral RNA-polymerase is not yet a target of any approved pharmaceutical, but has recently become a focus for the development of new anti-influenza drugs since it is highly conserved in avian and human influenza. It carries out a number of essential processes in the viral life cycle, many of which remain poorly understood. The three subunits, PB1, PB2 and PA play different roles within the polymerase, and are all essential for viral replication, but despite considerable functional analysis relatively little is known about their structure. PA and PB2 both bind PB1, but not each other. Here, we have solved crystal structures of the two subunit interaction surfaces, PA-PB1 and PB2-PB1. We have found highly conserved residues which are essential for these interactions, and demonstrated that the interruption of these interfaces dramatically reduces viral replication. These interfaces have considerable potential as drug target sites, which are entirely independent of surface antigen type.

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Death domain interactions in apoptosis and immunity

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Proteins of the death domain (DD) superfamily share a common fold with six anti-parallel α -helices. They mediate assembly of oligomeric signaling complexes for the activation of caspases and kinases [1]. Structures of three oligomeric DD complexes will be presented, the 6: 4: 4 MyD88: IRAK4: IRAK2 complex in Toll-like receptor signaling [2], the 5: 7 PIDD: RAIDD complex in caspase-2 activation [3] and the 5: 5 Fas: FADD complex in death receptor signaling. These structures collectively reveal common mechanisms of DD interactions including helical symmetry, versatility and high cooperativity.

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Regulating the ubiquitin E3 ligase activity of C-terminal RING domains

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RING domains are found at the C-terminus of a number of proteins including MDM2, which has a key role in regulating p53 activity, the inhibitor of apoptosis (IAP) proteins, which block cell death in response to diverse stimuli and RNF4, which regulates the abundance of SUMOylated proteins in cells. The RING domains from RNF4, IAPs and MDMs can promote ubiquitylation of themselves and of substrate proteins that are recruited by N-terminal protein interaction domains. This allows them to regulate their own abundance and that of substrate proteins. The RING domains in RNF4, IAP and MDM proteins are critical to their function as they are required for dimerisation and for E3-ligase activity.

Our analysis of proteins that have a C-terminal RING domain suggests that they form comparable dimers and that RING dimerization has an essential role in regulating ubiquitin transfer. We show that E2 binding does not correlate with activity, but RING dimerization is required to promote release of ubiquitin from an E2~ubiquitin conjugate and correlates with activity. This suggests that RING dimerization directly alters the stability of the E2~ubiquitin thioester bond so that the rate of discharge is significantly increased upon dimerization. Recent advances in our understanding of the structure and function of C-terminal RING domains will be discussed, with a particular focus on the regulatory role of RING dimerization.

Structures of EV71 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase in complex with substrate and inhibitor provide a drug target against the hand-foot-and-mouth disease pandemic in China

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Enterovirus 71 (EV71), one of the major causative agents for hand-foot-and-mouth disease (HFMD), has caused more than 100 deaths among Chinese children since March 2008. The EV71 genome encodes an RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp), denoted 3Dpol, which is central for viral genome replication and is a key target for the discovery of specific antiviral therapeutics. Here we report the crystal structures of EV71 RdRp (3D^{pol}) and in complex with substrate guanosine-5'-triphosphate and analog 5-bromouridine-5'-triphosphate best to 2.4 Å resolution. The structure of EV71 RdRp (3D^{pol}) adopts the usual "closed-right-hand" conformation of an RdRp consisting of fingers, palm, and thumb domains. It has a rearrangement of the thumb domain compared with the crystal structure of poliovirus RdRp, suggesting a possible concerted movement of both the thumb and finger tips during translocation of the RNA template-primer in successive rounds of polymerization. The EV71 RdRp (3D^{pol})/GTP complex shows the vital amino acid residues in incoming NTP binding. The model of the complex with the template:primer derived by superimposition with foot-and-mouth disease virus (FMDV) 3D/RNA complex reveals the majority of EV71 RdRp (3D^{pol}) amino acid residues that are likely to be implicated in binding to RNA. A ribonucleotide analogue, 5-bromouridine-5'-triphosphate, in the crystal structure of EV71 RdRp (3D^{pol})/Br-UTP, guides inhibitor design targeting the EV71 RdRp (3D^{pol}). These results together provide a molecular basis for EV71 RNA replication and reveal a potential target for anti-EV71 drug discovery.

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Structural basis of innate immunity in plants against fungal pathogens

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Plant diseases have a significant effect on economically important crops. Plant immunity is triggered through the recognition of a pathogen effector protein by a plant resistance (R) protein, leading to the activation of plant defenses and a localized cell death response. The effectors usually have roles in virulence and are structurally diverse, while R proteins generally fall into a few conserved families. The effector-R recognition event is poorly understood at molecular and structural levels. We have used the fungal pathogen flax rust interaction with flax as a model system to characterize this process. The flax R proteins consist of a core nucleotide-binding domain, an N-terminal Toll-interleukin 1-receptor (TIR) domain, and a C-terminal leucine-rich repeat (LRR) domain. Previously, we have shown the direct interaction of the effector proteins AvrL567 and AvrM with R proteins L6 and M, respectively [1,2]. We also determined the crystal structure of AvrL567 [3,4]. Here, we report the first crystal structure of a TIR domain from a plant R protein (L6) at 2.3 Å resolution. The structure reveals important differences from the structures of mammalian TIR domains, and highlights three separate functionally important protein surfaces, involved in oligomerization, interaction with a downstream signaling partner, and regulatory intramolecular interactions, respectively. We also determined the crystal structure of flax rust effector protein AvrM, which has no significant sequence similarity with proteins of known structure. The 2.7 Å resolution structure reveals a novel L-shaped helical fold, with two chains forming a dimer with an unusual non-globular shape. Our results bring us a step closer to understanding the molecular basis for the disease resistance process and the ability to engineer novel resistance specificities.

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Spin distribution of pi-electron in organic conductor studied by neutron magnetic structure analysis

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Magnetism of organic material is still rare to be studied compared to the ordinal d-element metal and oxide compounds. There are two categories of magnetic order in organic compounds; one is d-element moment, which is embedded in an organic molecule, and the other is pi-electron moment, which plays an important role for the bonding in organic system. Obviously, the latter case is interesting to discuss the characteristics of organic compounds.

For the study of magnetic ordering pattern in a crystal unite cell, neutron magnetic scattering is powerful tool. If the magnetic order is antiferromagnetic, macroscopic magnetic quantity is hard to observe. However, neutron scattering clearly shows the new magnetic Bragg peak, which corresponds to the magnetic order parameters. Based on the conventional magnetic structure analysis, we can determine the magnetic moment of the particular atoms. Further, we can extend the analysis to get magnetic moment distribution using so-called Fourier synthesis and maximum entropy method. Usually, the magnetic moment is assumed to be spherical, as is usual case of the x-ray atomic form factor corresponding to the electron cloud distribution. However, if we carefully measure the diffraction intensity and analyze them with much precise form factor, we can get the information of electron orbit distribution [1].

In my talk, I will demonstrate the ability of the single crystal neutron diffraction experiment to show the magnetic moment distribution, which correspond to 3d-electron orbital. One example is MnF_2 ($3d^5$) [2], and the other is Nd_2CuO_4 ($3d^1:dx^2-y^2$) [3]. As an example of organic compound case, I will show the recent experiment of $\beta\text{-ET}_2\text{ICl}_2$ [4]. Here, ET is the abbreviation of the molecule BEDT-TTF (bisethylenedithio tetrathiafulvalene). It contains only light atoms (H, C, O and S), and transforms to a magnetic ordered phase at 22K[5]. Our single crystal neutron experiments clearly shows the antiferromagnetic Bragg reflections below 22K. Not only that, the intensity is extraordinary steeply decreased as a function of Q. Fourier synthesis analysis shows the wide distribution of pi-electron extending to the all over region of the unit cell. There is a slight overlapping to one direction to the next unit cell, which will produce the semiconductor type hopping of electrons.

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The studies of multiferroic X-tal bismuth ferrite

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Ferroelectricity and magnetism coexist in multiferroics. These materials have attracted significant attention recently because of an intriguing possibility of control of their magnetic properties with an electric field and vice versa, leading to the discovery of new physical phenomena. Among these materials, BiFeO₃ (BFO) is debatably the most extensively studied multiferroic due to its large polarization at room temperature. Multiferroics provide opportunities for devices with unique functionalities utilizing the coupling between different order parameters. Controlling magnetism with an external electric field is one of the most important of these opportunities. This changed with the important discovery of room-temperature magnetoelectric ME coupling in thin films of BFO, in which spins are strongly coupled to ferroelastic domains. Main studies of BFO have studied mainly thin-film form because suitable single crystals were unavailable. Unfortunately, BFO thin films exhibit poor crystallinity and are influenced by substrate strain. Now, our studies of single crystals are required to uncover intrinsic properties of this unique material. This is direct relevance for thin films whose properties are strongly affected by extrinsic strain. In addition, demonstration of electric field induced changes in the magnetic structure by direct methods neutron scattering until now was lacking for BFO.

Here, we will report on several studies of single crystal BFO. One is the studies about the transform of magnetic domain of BFO as function of an external electric field [1]. Another one is the single domain physics of x-tal BFO studied by polarized neutron-scattering and piezoresponse force microscopy [2]. Finally, the unique property of the single crystal BFO [3] and the effort for the realization of multiferroic materials with ferromagnetic property at room temperature will be shown in our presentation [3].

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Molecular magnetic semiconductors based on organic ligands with delocalized sulfur-rich core

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Owing to unique π electron-donating-properties, tetrathiafulvalene and its derivatives (TTFs) have been extensively studied for decades to achieve molecular conductors and superconductors.¹ The investigation of magnetic conductor and magnetic semiconductor based on TTFs has been receiving much attention,² due to its potential application in spintronics.²⁻³

Using different chemical synthetic methods, for example, hybridizing two individual magnetic and conducting part, or direct coordination of paramagnetic metal ions to organic ligands with TTF derivatives, many metal complexes possessing both the conducting π -electrons and magnetic d-electrons (π -d system) have been synthesized. Some d-d and π - π interactions are observed in these systems and it leads to the coexistence of magnetic and conducting properties. Recently, we have prepared some versatile ligands of with delocalized sulfur-rich cores, for example, polypyridine or carboxylate ligands containing TTF units.³⁻⁵ They are useful bridges for heteronuclear complexes. Some deprotected ligands offer feasibility to be modified by introducing selected functional groups at peripheral sites. It is anticipated that, multi-functional properties, such as magnetic semi-conductive, and cooperative behaviors could be achieved through modification. Furthermore, with the use of some molecular magnetic semiconductors, the spin injection and transportation into the TTF molecules have been studied.

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Anomalous L₃/L₂ X-ray absorption branching ratios in 5d transition metal oxides

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The L₃ and L₂ edge white-line intensities in the X-ray absorption spectra were examined for a variety of 5d transition metal binary oxides. The white-line intensities at both edges decreased with increasing 5d electron number due to decreasing number of the final states in the 2p - 5d transition. The intensity ratio between the two white lines, or the L₃/L₂ branching ratio, showed a large deviation from the statistical value of 1/2 in contrast to the case of the 3d transition metal oxides. This branching ratio increased systematically with increasing 5d electron number. The anomalous behavior can be interpreted as a signature of strong spin-orbit coupling in the 5d shells because the spin-orbit coupling promotes the J quantum states so as to make extremely biased J occupations in the photoabsorption process. The similar works have already been preformed for the 5d elements and metallic alloys [1]. However, the recent interests in novel 5d oxides reinstated the general attention on the spin-orbit coupling in the 5d transition metal oxides [2,3].

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An investigation of magnetic exchange through double halide bridges

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After extensive investigation, a variety of pathways for magnetic exchange in cuprate salts has been elucidated. One of these, which involves magnetic exchange via non-bonding contacts between halide ions attached to a variety of metals, is of particular interest in this study. This pathway, $M-X \cdots X-M$, is described as a double halide bridge. As the factors controlling the sign and strength of the magnetic exchange through double halide bridges are not currently well understood, a considerable library of compounds is needed to facilitate this investigation. A series of Cu(II) compounds containing the CuX_4^{2-} anion are being synthesised and their crystal structures and magnetic behaviour determined to the end that the appropriate magnetostructural correlations may be added to those already reported in the literature. A proposed system for the interaction topology is fully explained in reference 3.

The packing of the CuX_4^{2-} anions in A_2CuX_4 complexes (AH = protonated organic base), and as a result the distances and angles in these double-halide bridges, are significantly affected by the packing of the molecules in the crystals. Changes in the crystal packing can be effected by changing the cationic portion (AH) of the molecule. Turnbull et al., have undertaken a systematic series of investigations of the compounds $(5-S-2\text{-aminopyridinium})_2CuX_4$ ($X=Cl, Br$) and $S=F, Cl, Br, I$ and Me. In this family, the crystal packing is affected by the size of the S-substituent, and in part dominated by the hydrogen-bond dominating properties of the 2-aminopyridinium N-H groups. More recent results in this series and in the new series 6-S-3-aminopyridinium will be discussed.

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Polymorphism, solvotomorphism and related aspects in framework inorganic compounds

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Polymorphism, one of the earliest known structural modifications, defined as the existence of at least two different structural forms for a particular molecular formula. The occurrences of polymorphism are quite prevalent in the area of organic chemistry and also in inorganic chemistry. The subtle differences in the structural arrangements and interactions within the crystal structures of some of the pharmaceutical drugs are believed to have profound effect in their therapeutic use. In spite of the common occurrences, there are not many polymorphic structures that are known in amine templated inorganic compounds. The formation of closely related structures (polymorphs) in zeolites have been known and observed in electron microscopy investigations. Recently, the first example of polymorphic structures has been reported in open-framework amine templated inorganic arsenate and phosphite structures from our group.¹⁻⁴ In addition, we have also observed closely related structural forms in amine templated inorganic borates.¹ The present talk would highlight these interesting findings.

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High resolution crystallography to understanding the bonding between a transition metal and an alkyne

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Since many years, the study of the experimental electron density and its latest developments has proven to be a powerful tool to a better understanding of the metal-ligand interactions. We have applied this method, based on high resolution X-ray diffraction data, to investigate a series of metal-alkyne complexes.

The studied compounds are a manganese complex, $\text{MnCp}(\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CPh})(\text{CO})_2$, for which the alkyne is considered as a 2e donor, and a niobium compound, $\text{Nb}(\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{23}\text{N}_2\text{O})(\text{H}_3\text{CC}\equiv\text{CCH}_3)\text{Cl}_2$ in which the alkyne should act as a 4e donor. Both complexes were studied at 100 K (structures on figure 1).

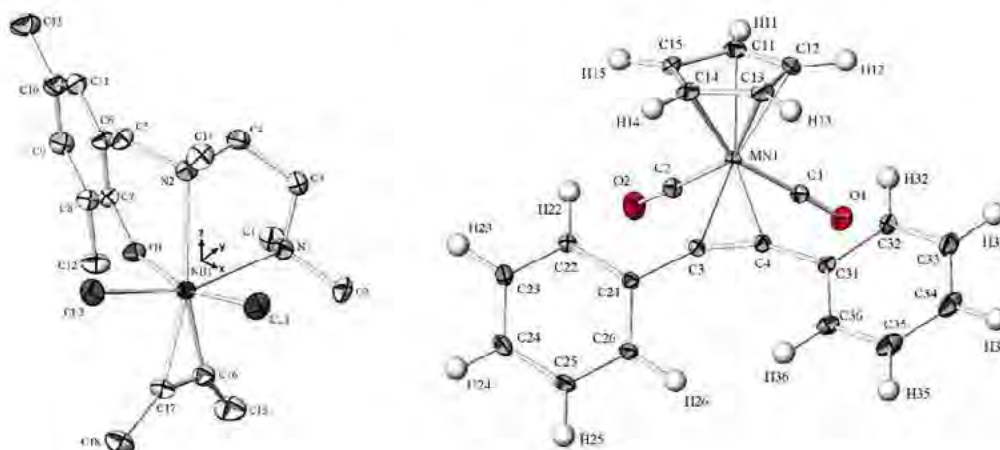


Figure 1: ORTEP plots of the two crystal structures at 100K (75% probability level)

Our aim is to define precisely the bonding situation of each metal in order to identify and characterize the electronic specificities of a 2e versus a 4e donor complex.

We shall discuss various electron density and topological descriptors which may be appropriate for that respect.

Microporous Metal-Organic Frameworks Based on Metal-Organic Supramolecules

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Microporous metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) based on porous metal-organic supramolecules have been prepared using carefully designed ligands [1]. The ligands with multiple bdc units connected with various covalent linking groups were used for the construction of MOFs covalently interconnected with cuboctahedral metal-organic polyhedra (MOPs) generated by edge-directed corner-linkage strategy. Two isostructural MOFs based on MOPs have been prepared using a rigid C_3 symmetric hexacarboxylic ligand, 1,3,5-tris(3,5-dicarboxylphenylethynyl)benzene, in which three 3,5-benzenedicarboxylate (bdc) units were connected via the 1,3,5-ethynylbenzene group [2]. In these MOFs, the bdc unit is involved in the formation of an edge-directed corner-linked MOP by use of a Cu(II) paddle-wheel secondary building unit, and the MOPs are interconnected via quadruple covalent linkages to a cubic close packing arrangement. The Zn-polyhedron-based MOF (Zn-PMOF-2) did not show any significant gas sorption behavior, whereas the Cu analogue (Cu-PMOF-2) with exposed metal sites is thermally and hygroscopically stable. Cu-PMOF-2 has a large surface area, large H_2 adsorption enthalpy, and very large excess H_2 storage capacity. Another type of two-fold interpenetrating Cu-polyhedron-based MOF (Cu-PMOF-3) with exposed metal sites was prepared using a rigid and bent C_2 symmetric ligand containing two bdc units [3]. In spite of the interpenetration, the PMOF still has a large solvent cavity inherited from the MOC building unit, the corresponding large surface area and high uptake capacities for various gas molecules. A powder X-ray diffraction pattern and sustained N_2 sorption behavior of Cu-PMOF-3 soaked in water, under even reflux conditions, strongly support its high hydrothermal stability.

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A compound with 6 chiral centers that uses the same unit cell and space group to grow either a racemate or an enantiomer

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The diol (5R,6S)-1-iodo-4,5,6-trimethylcyclohexa-1,3-diene-5,6-diol was used as a precursor in the manufacture of a penta-annulated bicyclo[2.2.2]octane compound, C₁₈H₂₆O₃ that contains six chiral centers. The diol was not pure and contained 20% of its mirror image. Much of the crystalline material in the bulk sample of the C₁₈H₂₆O₃ was unsuitable but a limited number of usable small thin plates were observed. It gave a ratio for mirror related molecules of 0.595(1) : 0.405. In view of this curious result, a second smaller crystal was examined and gave essentially the same result, ie a ratio for mirror related molecules of 0.602(1) : 0.398.

The structure was solved and refined as an average structure in space group P2₁2₁2₁ (a 13.6886(3), b 27.1933(7), c 8.7038(2) Å, T 200 K) with two molecules on general positions in the asymmetric unit. Molecule 1 was ordered but molecule 2 was 0.810(2) : 0.190 disordered. The major component has the opposite chirality to molecule 1 whereas the minor component has the same chirality as molecule 1. R(F) = 0.051 for 2611 independent reflections out of 4187 where both I_{obs} and I_{calc} were > 3σ(I_{obs}). There appears to be very little diffuse scattering so it is reasonable to assume we have reasonably large domains of two ordered structures approximated by the average structure.

Refinement used the program RAELS2008 as it allowed the use of a single set of refinable local orthonormal coordinates to describe all three molecules as a constraint. It also allowed the anisotropic atom displacement parameters of the disordered molecule to be sensibly constrained using an equality of single atom parameters described relative to the axial systems used to locate the disordered molecule in the crystal from the local coordinates. An additional TLX model (a single re-orientable re-locatable libration axis, 11 variables) was applied to all atoms in the 1:4 disordered molecule. The refinement used 334 parameters to refine 63 non-hydrogen atom positions and their atom displacement parameters. Hydrogen atoms were reinserted in sensible positions each refinement cycle and given anisotropic atom displacement parameters determined by the parameters used to describe the atoms to which they were attached.

Kinetic theory of crystallization of nanoparticles

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We here describe a kinetic theory of the crystallization of nanoparticles, where nanoparticles are dissolving and crystals are forming in solution. The theory assumes that a crystal nucleates only on a nanoparticle, the crystal stops growing at a certain size, and the concentration of metal ion in solution is close to the solubility of the nanoparticles. On the basis of these assumptions, we have derived integral equations for $R(t)$ (crystal ratio as a function of time). We have solved the integral equations with a successive approximation method. When time t is less than t_{inflec} ($=r_{\text{max}}/G$, r_{max} = maximum radius of crystal, G = growth rate of crystal), $R(t)$ is close to fourth power of time; when t is larger than t_{inflec} , $R(t)$ is close to an exponential-type function. The kinetic theory has been applied successfully to the transformation of ferrihydrite nanoparticles to goethite or hematite crystals, and the crystallization of TiO_2 (Fig. 1). The theory shows that the nucleation rate of crystal essentially determines the crystallization rate, and that induction period is observed when the growth of crystal is slow.

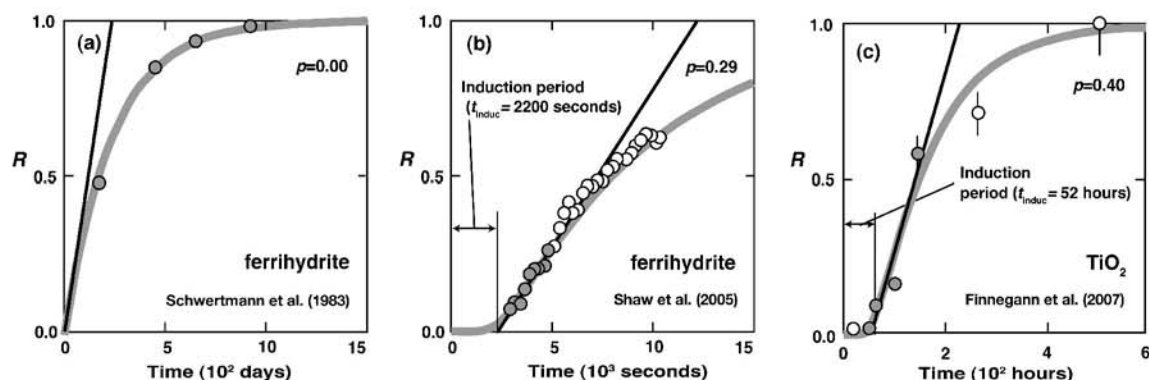


Fig. 1. Relation between observed and calculated values of R ¹; (a) the transformation of ferrihydrite at pH 6 and 297 K by Schwertmann et al.², (b) the transformation of ferrihydrite at pH 10.7 and 361 K by Shaw et al.³, and (c) the crystallization of TiO_2 at pH 1 and 473 K⁴. Circles denote experimental data points and solid curves calculated values based on the present theory. Data points in grey symbols were used for the determination of parameters p and t_{inflec} ($=4/3 t_{\text{induc}}$). We assume that errors in (c) and (d) are $\pm 10\%$ of

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Crystal structures of the Hyp proteins for [NiFe] hydrogenase maturation

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[NiFe] hydrogenases catalyze the reversible oxidation of molecular hydrogen. The active site is composed of a Ni atom and a Fe atom. Furthermore the two CN and one CO are attached to the Fe atom. The biosynthesis/maturation of [NiFe] hydrogenases is a stepwise process that requires six hydrogenase maturation proteins (HypABCDEF)¹. To elucidate each step of the maturation at an atomic resolution, we have determined crystal structures of HypA, HypC, HypD and HypE from *Thermococcus kodakaraensis* KOD1^{1,2}.

HypA and HypB are involved in the insertion of the Ni atom into the large subunit of the hydrogenase. The monomer structure of HypA consists of Ni- and Zn-binding domains¹. Local conformations of the conserved Ni-binding motif affect the relative arrangement of the two metal binding domains, suggesting a communication between the Ni- and Zn-binding sites. The HypA dimer is unexpectedly formed by domain swapping through archaea specific linker helices. In addition, the hexameric structure of HypA is observed in the crystal packing. These findings suggest the functional diversity of HypA proteins.

HypCDEF are involved in the synthesis and insertion of the Fe(CN)₂CO ligand. The crystal structures of HypC, HypD and HypE reveal structural features of each protein and functional roles of conserved motifs of these proteins². It is remarkable that HypD has a redox cascade similar to the ferredoxin:thioredoxin reductase system, in which two redox thiols are regulated by an 4Fe-4S cluster. In order to obtain further insight into the maturation process, we have determined the structure of the HypC-HypD complex at 2.55Å resolution. In the HypCD complex, the β-barrel domain of HypC is tightly bound to the central cleft of HypD, which is highly conserved region of HypD. On the other hand, the C-terminal α-helix of HypC shows large conformational changes and does not interact with any part of HypD. The N-terminal residues of HypC are located near the conserved motifs of HypD. These observations support a hypothetical cyanation mechanism by thiol redox signaling in the HypCDE complex.

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Combining sequence and structural analysis to obtain a perfect alignment essential to rational drug design

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The sequences of families of proteins found in all bacterial species can be accurately and perfectly aligned by locating Glycine (G), Alanine (A), Arginine (R) and Proline (P) residues [GARP] that are 100% conserved in fixed positions in all members of the family and by locating precisely the sites of amino acid insertions or deletions in the sequence alignment. All fundamental folds found in essential proteins that are present in all bacteria contain one or more Glycine residues that cannot be replaced by any other amino acid and most contain one or more prolines, alanines or arginines that are not replaced by any other amino acid. Proof of principal is provided for 1800 genes for ribosomal protein L1 from all bacterial genomes. The accuracy of the alignment is demonstrated by our ability to separate Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria and co-isolate L1 proteins in cyanobacteria and chloroplasts on the basis of only two sequence positions each. Application of the [GARP] based perfect alignment to the short chain oxido reductase (SCOR) family of 20,000 enzymes allows sequence analysis of the three loops that define substrate binding. Combinations of 5 to 9 residues in the three loops unequivocally identify specific substrates. Proof of principal is demonstrated for 1600 β -keto (acyl carrier protein) reductase enzymes present in all bacteria and 500 acetyl CoA reductase enzymes primary present in proteobacteria.

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Structural insights into the conformational change upon activation of tyrosine site-specific recombinase

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In microorganism, tyrosine site-specific recombination plays a pivotal role in reshuffle their genetic information as a chromosome separation. In the bacteria system, FtsK promotes a complete Xer recombination reaction by switching the state of activity of the XerCD recombinase. Whereas integrase family in archaea is commonly shared the sequence of recombinase/integrase without activation of FtsK protein. Here we reported the sequential and structural analysis of site-specific integrase/recombinase from archaeon *Thermoplasma acidophilum*. This crystallographic data has the novel conformation between core-binding and catalytic domain, and it given insight into the large conformational change between two domains. As well as, we propose the conformational change for the cleavage mode of nucleophile tyrosine by interaction between the C-terminal helix and partner molecules. This structure studies will contribute the understanding the archaea recombination system, and providing the framework for commonly architectural mechanisms in the integrase family.

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Crystal structures of the N-terminal dystrophin and utrophin spectrin repeats show a three helix bundle fold

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Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophies (DMD & BMD) are muscle-wasting disorders caused by mutations in the X-linked dystrophin gene. Utrophin is a widely expressed protein with high sequence similarity to dystrophin that has been shown to functionally compensate for dystrophin in cultured muscle cells and in the muscular dystrophy (*mdx*) mice model. Replacement of utrophin for dystrophin in DMD and BMD patients is a potential therapeutic strategy [1].

Dystrophin and utrophin are large cytoskeletal proteins, belonging to the spectrin superfamily, that link intracellular F-actin and the extracellular matrix via a membrane-associated protein complex. Utrophin and dystrophin are characterized by N-terminal actin binding domains and C-terminal variable domains separated by 22 or 24 spectrin-like repeats respectively. Certain utrophin and dystrophin spectrin repeats can bind F-actin, and was hypothesized to act as a shock absorbers or molecular springs. The aim of this research is a structural and biochemical comparison of utrophin and dystrophin N-terminal spectrin repeats. Studies have shown that spectrin repeats of utrophin are required for a higher affinity interaction of the actin binding domain with F-actin. It is unclear whether the N-terminal repeats have an intrinsic affinity for F-actin and in the current study we are determining the actin-binding properties of these spectrin repeats. The crystal structure of the N-terminal repeats from utrophin and dystrophin have been determined and exhibit the characteristic triple-helix structure folded into a left-handed coiled-coil [2].

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Structural basis of energy transfer in the bioluminescent system of jellyfish *Clytia*: the GFP-photoprotein complex

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Förster resonance energy transfer within a protein-protein complex has previously been invoked to explain emission spectral modulation observed in several bioluminescence systems [1]. Here we present a spatial structure of a complex of the Ca^{2+} -regulated photoprotein clytin with its Green-fluorescent Protein (cgGFP) from the jellyfish *Clytia gregaria*, and show that it accounts for the bioluminescence properties of this system *in vitro*. We adopted an indirect approach of combining X-ray crystallography determined structures of the separate proteins, NMR spectroscopy, computational docking and mutagenesis. Heteronuclear NMR spectroscopy using variously ^{15}N , ^{13}C , ^2H -enriched proteins enabled assignment of backbone resonances of more than 94% of the residues of both proteins. In a mixture of the two proteins at millimolar concentrations, complexation was inferred from perturbations of certain ^1H - ^{15}N HSQC-resonances, which could be mapped to those residues involved at the interaction site. A docking computation using HADDOCK [2] was employed constrained by the sites of interaction, to deduce an overall spatial structure of the complex (Fig. 1). Contacts within the clytin-cgGFP complex and electrostatic complementarity of interaction surfaces argued for a weak protein-protein complex. Mutation of clytin residues located at the interaction site, reduced the degree of protein-protein association concomitant with a loss of effectiveness of cgGFP in color-shifting the bioluminescence. It is suggested that this clytin-cgGFP structure corresponds to the transient complex previously postulated to account for the energy transfer effect of GFP in the bioluminescence of aequorin or Renilla luciferase.

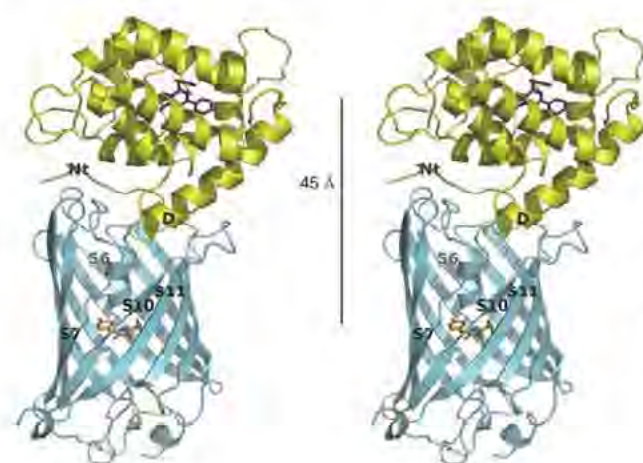


Fig. 1. Stereoview representation of the spatial structure of the clytin-cgGFP complex derived from X-ray structures of clytin and cgGFP, NMR-mapping of the interaction surfaces and computational docking in HADDOCK. The 45 Å is the distance between the two chromophores. α -helix D and the N-terminus of clytin (top molecule) carry the positive charge and occupy, with good shape complementarity, the negatively charged gutter on the top of the cgGFP barrel (bottom molecule) formed by the S3-S4, the distal part of the S6-S7, and the S10-S11, loops.

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Nano magnetic structure analysis by cryo Lorentz TEM - Visualization of the “Skyrmion” crystal

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We have so-far studied plenty of singular magnetic nanostructures in various materials. Among them is the unusual, topologically stable “skyrmion” spin texture, in which the spins point in all the directions wrapping a sphere. The skyrmion configuration in a magnetic solid is anticipated to produce unconventional spin-electronic phenomena such as the topological Hall effect. The crystallization of skyrmions as driven by thermal fluctuations has recently been confirmed in a narrow region of the temperature/magnetic field (T-B) phase diagram, by neutron scattering studies of helical magnets $\text{MnSi}^{(1)}$ and $\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Co}_x\text{Si}^{(2)}$. Here, on the other hand, we report “real-space imaging” of a two-dimensional skyrmion lattice in a thin film of $\text{Fe}_{0.5}\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Si}$ by Lorentz transmission electron microscopy⁽³⁾. This compound has a typical helical spin order at low-temperature without the magnetic field⁽⁴⁾. With a magnetic field of 50–70 mT applied normal to the film, however, we observe skyrmions in the form of a hexagonal arrangement of swirling spin textures, with a lattice spacing of 90 nm. The related T-B phase diagram is found to be in good agreement with Monte Carlo simulations. In such two-dimensional case, the skyrmion crystal seems very stable and appears over a wide range of the phase diagram, including near zero temperature. Such a controlled nanometre-scale spin topology in a thin film may be useful in observing unconventional magneto-transport effects.

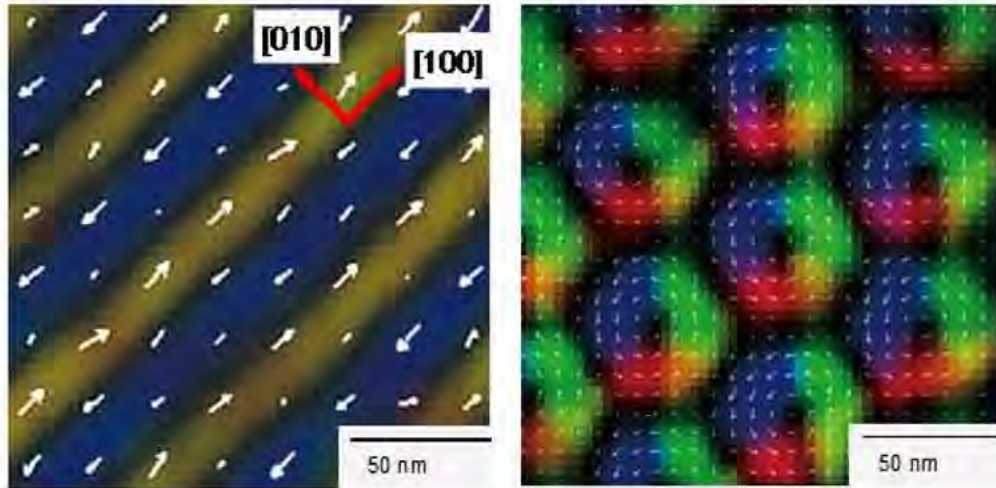


Fig. 1 Helical spin texture of $\text{Fe}_{0.5}\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Si}$ without magnetic field (left), and the “Skyrmion” lattice observed under 50 mT of magnetic field at 25 K⁽³⁾. The data was processed by Transport of Intensity Equation (TIE) analysis of the Lorentz TEM images.

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Watching nanocrystals grow: in-situ synchrotron experiments

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Liquid phase synthesis is a powerful method for the formation of uniform sized nanoparticles and nanoparticles with a faceted morphology. General strategies for the formation of nanoparticles and quantum dots through chemical synthesis will be outlined. The results presented will include the formation of noble metal. In-situ synchrotron studies along with HRTEM observations have been used to elucidate growth mechanisms of how the nanoparticles form and will also be presented. [1-2]

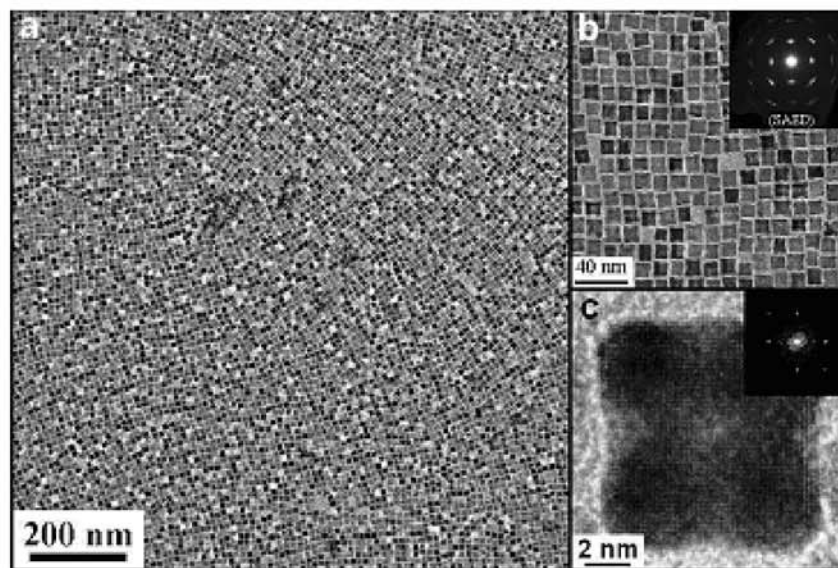


Figure 1. Monodispersed platinum nanocubes. a, low-resolution TEM image of self-assembled highly monodispersed nanocubes. b, mid-resolution TEM image. c, high resolution TEM image of platinum nanocube. Inset is a FFT of the image of the particle.

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Artificial structural colored microstructures via magnetically tunable photonic crystal

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Many creatures in nature, such as butterflies and peacocks display unique brilliant colors, known as "structural colors", which result from the light interaction with periodic nanostructures on their surface. Unlike chemical dyes, structural color originating from the physical structures shows iridescent, metallic, and free from photobleaching. Mimicking such nanostructures found in nature, however, requires state-of-the-art nanofabrication techniques that are expensive and not scalable. Especially, productions of multicolors and high resolution patterning of such structures were hard to achieve. Here in this talk, we first introduce our recent demonstration of high resolution patterning of multiple structural colors that is based on successive tuning and fixing of color using a single material along with a special instrumentation[1]. Then we introduce our recent application of the patterning method to create vivid, free-floating structural coloured particles with multi-axis rotational control [2]. Our colour-barcoded magnetic microparticles offer a coding capacity easily into the billions with distinct magnetic handling capabilities including active positioning for code readouts and active stirring for improved reaction kinetics in microscale environments. A DNA hybridization assay is done using the colour-barcoded magnetic microparticles to demonstrate multiplexing capabilities.

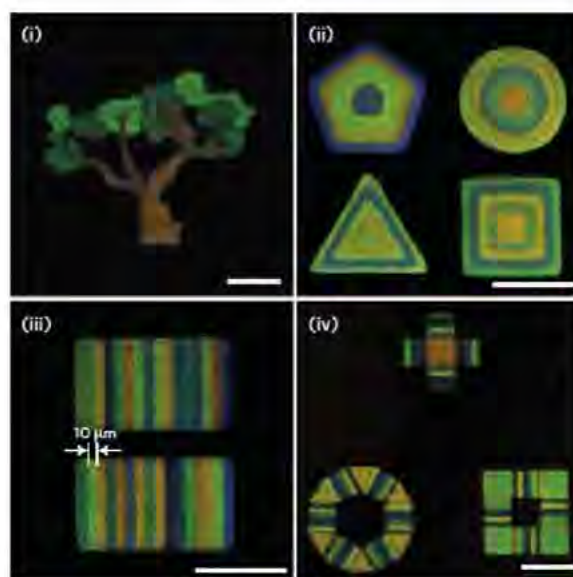


Figure 1. Generation of high-resolution multiple structural colour patterns using M-Ink[1]
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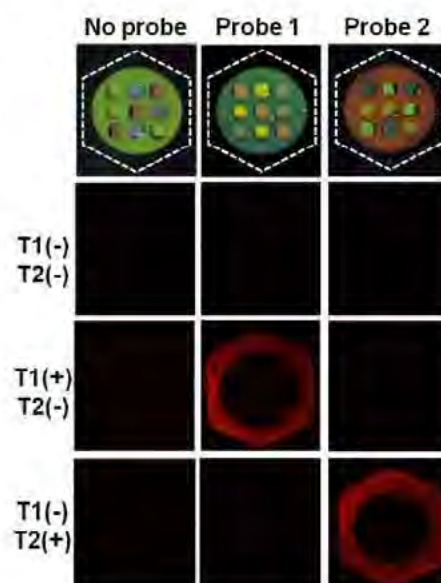


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Automated electron diffractometry: solving structures of nano crystals

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Many compounds of different material classes do not crystallize as large enough crystals for single crystal X-ray structure analysis. Powder diffraction data is often difficult to index due to reflection overlap, several crystalline phases present in the sample, preferred orientation effects etc. Crystal-size driven peak broadening of X-ray diffraction data can be a severe difficulty for data indexing and subsequent structure solution. Although X-ray powder diffraction data clearly states that the material is crystalline to a certain extent, the structure of the crystallites can often not be determined. On the other hand exactly the structure of the nano phase can be of particular importance, since it may differ from that realized in larger crystals [1].

Electron diffraction, due to its high scattering efficiency and small probe size, was long used to characterize the structure of nano materials [2]. It is for the first time, however, a set of automated routines was developed for structure solution of nano materials [3, 4]. The electron diffraction data is acquired similarly as it is done on a four-circle single crystal X-ray diffractometer. A selected nano crystal is tilted in fine steps and diffraction data is collected sequentially. Data processing routines accounting for specialties of electron diffraction are elaborated. The processing package delivers the information about the unit cell parameters unambiguously. This information can either be used to index an X-ray powder diagram, or, more important, knowing the orientation matrix a 3D ($h\ k\ l\ Int$) data set of electron diffraction intensities can be extracted. This data set can then be used for a structure solution by direct methods implemented, for instance, in SIR software [5].

Structure solution from automatically collected electron diffraction data is demonstrated for various kinds of materials including minerals (pure and polyphasic systems), zeolites, metal organic polymers, organic molecular crystals, and pharmaceutical compounds.

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Structure analysis of charge-orbital ordered phases in A-site ordered perovskites $\text{SmBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$ and $\text{NdBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$ using CBED

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A structure analysis method using convergent-beam electron diffraction (CBED), which was developed by Tsuda and co-workers [1,2], enables us to directly determine the electrostatic potential and crystal structure from a nanometer-scale specimen area. A-site ordered perovskites have the alternate stack of SmO (or NdO) and BaO sheets along *c*-axis with intervening MnO_2 sheets [3]. A-site ordered perovskites show high crystallinity than A-site disordered perovskites. Thus, these perovskites are suitable for the defect-free analysis. In this study, we aim to reveal the relations between microscopic crystal structure and macroscopic physical properties. CBED patterns were obtained at 300K for $\text{SmBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$ and at 300K and 90K for $\text{NdBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$ using an energy-filter transmission electron microscope JEM-2010FEF with an accelerating voltage of 100kV. Atom positions, atomic displacement parameters and low-order structure factors were refined by nonlinear least square fitting between the CBED patterns and dynamical diffraction calculations using original analysis software MBFIT [1].

Figure (a) shows CBED pattern of $\text{SmBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$ taken with the [001] incidence at 300K and (b) shows that of $\text{NdBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$ at 90K. Both CBED patterns exhibit $2mm$ whole pattern symmetry, but the pattern of $\text{SmBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$ has a slightly larger deviation from the $4mm$ symmetry of the high temperature phase than that of $\text{NdBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$. It is noted that there is difference in the intensities of higher-order laue zone reflections. From many CBED patterns taken with other incidences, it has been found that the unit cell of $\text{NdBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$ at 90K is identical with that of $\text{SmBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$. The space group of these materials determined by CBED and the result of refinement using MBFIT will be presented.

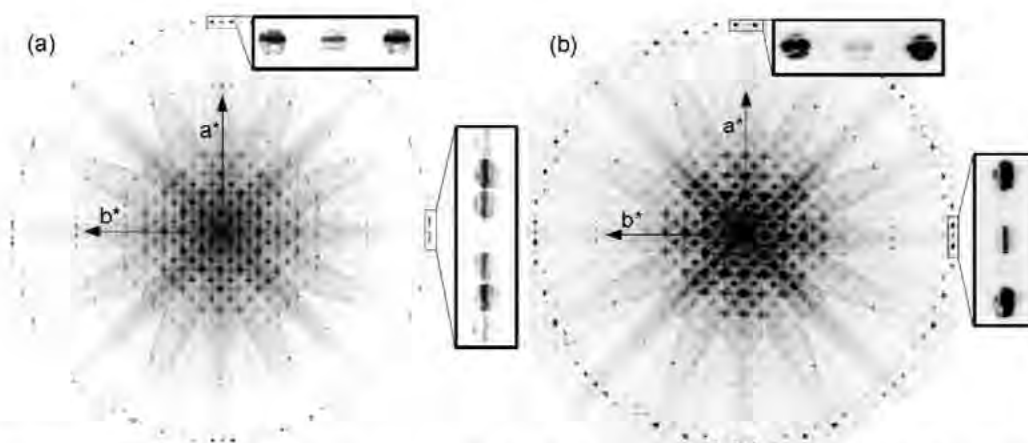


Fig. CBED patterns taken with [001] for (a) $\text{SmBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$ at 300K and (b) $\text{NdBaMn}_2\text{O}_6$ at 90K.

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The challenge of highly reliable *ab initio* powder structure analysis by the novel concept of genetic algorithm

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Since the advent of synchrotron radiation, the capability of powder diffraction has been greatly extended. The modern synchrotron powder diffraction can tackle many structural problems, which would not be possible to handle by conventional laboratory based powder diffraction system. It should be, however, emphasized that the improvement of experimental powder data by utilizing synchrotron radiation could not have been solely attained to the present capability of structural problems for powder crystalline materials. There is another important factor, *i. e.* new ideas of analytical methods. This is the main interest of this talk.

In this talk, two different analytical methods will be mentioned, which are necessary for highly reliable *ab-initio* powder structure analysis. One is the Maximum Entropy Method (MEM) [1], which seems now well established as a structural refinement method beyond Rietveld refinements. More specifically speaking as an analytical method for powder diffraction data, it should be assigned as MEM/Rietveld method [2]. The other is hybrid Genetic Algorithm (GA) for *ab initio* structure determination for materials with rather complicated structures such as pharmaceutical compounds [3]. The concept of the methods will be mentioned in the talk in detail. In addition the difficulties of the method will be also described in the talk.

The both of the analytical methods are completely different and independent. But one thing is common. Both of them are heavily depend on computer resources. It is, therefore, important what kind of computer system will be used to analyze synchrotron powder diffraction data. This seems a main reason why these methods did not developed in crystallography until late 20th century. Reflecting this fact, more complicated structures are now becoming target materials by synchrotron powder diffraction, although there must be a limit where powder diffraction could not be no longer useful to solve structural problems. Considering computer systems are still very rapidly developing, the above mentioned methods are still high potential to answer many structural questions for relatively complicated structural materials such as pharmaceutical compounds, functional materials and so on.

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Industrial applications of *in situ* powder diffraction

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The implementation of powder diffraction methods to follow reactions in industrial processes has the benefit over other analysis techniques because it allows for simultaneous determination of phase structure and composition. When performing powder diffraction measurements in an industrial context, an *in situ* approach is favourable over an *ex situ* one since it allows for reactions to be followed in real time, avoiding artifacts that can occur when a sample is extracted from its environment for analysis. Analysis of the *in situ* data using the Rietveld method then allows for the extraction of information such as relative and absolute phase abundances, and lattice parameter and unit cell site occupancy variation. *In situ* diffraction studies in an industrial context often involve the design and implementation of novel reaction cells so that the reactions being investigated are meaningful in terms of the larger scale industrial process.

In this presentation, recent *in situ* powder diffraction research within our research group will be discussed. For example, *in situ* XRD investigations of scale formation in the Bayer process have focused on the characterisation of Al(OH)₃ scale deposition on mild steel substrates [1], and the determination of the kinetics and mechanisms of Al(OH)₃ precipitation from supersaturated sodium aluminate liquors seeded with iron oxides and oxyhydroxides [2]. The formation of scale in the Bayer process is a costly problem for the global alumina industry, and an increased understanding of scale nucleation and growth mechanisms is necessary for the development of strategies for scale prevention. Other examples include the application of energy dispersive XRD to the characterisation of inert anodes used in the production of titanium [3], and investigations of the thermal decomposition [4] and co-precipitation [5] of jarosite minerals.

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***In situ* studies using synchrotron powder diffraction**

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The development of high flux synchrotron X-ray sources allows diffraction measurements to be recorded from much smaller amounts of material, much faster, than laboratory sources. The high energy of synchrotron X-ray sources enables penetration through windows of a variety of materials. This allows chambers to be designed for *in situ* experiments under extreme environments (e.g. immersed in liquid, high temperatures, high pressures). Both of these aspects open up possibilities for studying physical transformations and chemical reactions *in situ* and in some cases, in real time.

In this presentation, the advantages and limitations of *in situ* synchrotron X-ray diffraction techniques will be discussed. The presentation will feature examples of real-time, *in situ* X-ray diffraction studies performed at synchrotron facilities, including nanoparticle formation in solution [1,2], carbon dioxide corrosion of steel [3], and thermally-induced coalescence of metallic nanoparticles. For each case, the design of the experimental method and apparatus will be described in detail, along with the major results.

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Structural study of monovalent cation-exchanged natrolites during dehydration

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Gas separation and catalytic applications of zeolites require activation process to remove volatile species such as water from the molecular-sized pores and channels. In many cases, the framework geometry changes either isotropically or anisotropically with temperature, and nonframework cations can migrate to either open or block the entrance to the pores and channels upon dehydration or decomposition of volatile molecules. It is, therefore, important to understand the structural changes as a function of temperature in order to gain any control over zeolitic applications. Natrolite is one of the small-pore zeolites potentially suitable for separation or adsorption for small molecules such as CO₂, CH₄, N₂, and H₂. We have recently identified a method to prepare alkali metal substituted natrolites and characterized their hydrated ambient structures using synchrotron X-ray powder diffraction and Rietveld methods. From the original sodium-natrolite to potassium-, rubidium- and cesium-exchanged natrolites, there is drastic yet systematic increase in the channel opening via unit cell expansion of up to 18.5 %. We show here how these structures change upon the loss of water molecules and suggest their potential usages as adsorbents for small gas molecules.

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Particle statistics in high-resolution synchrotron powder X-ray diffractometry

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Analysis of observed powder diffraction intensity data generally assumes a sufficiently large number of crystallites that satisfy the diffraction condition in a powder specimen. However, it is difficult to justify this assumption for powder samples with average crystallite size larger than several μm , where statistical variation of the effective number of crystallites (particle statistics) becomes more significant [1]. It is also known that continuous in-plane rotation of a flat powder specimen considerably reduces the effect of particle statistics, as has been theoretically explained by the wider tolerable orientation of the diffraction plane along the axial direction as compared with the equatorial direction of the goniometer [2]. Recently, we have shown that quantitative evaluation of particle statistics for stationary specimens is enabled by the statistical analysis of the measured diffraction intensities collected on step-wise rotation of flat specimens [3]. In this study, we have compared the particle statistics for rotating and stationary flat specimens by applying a Ω -scan method in a parallel-beam geometry using a synchrotron powder diffractometer on the BL-4B2 at the Photon Factory in Tsukuba.

First, the ratios of the effective number of diffracting crystallites N_{eff} to the multiplicity of reflections m were evaluated for 19 reflection peaks of a standard Si powder sample (NIST SRM640c) by a spinner-scan method [3] in a symmetric reflection mode. It has been found that the dependence on the diffraction angle is well modeled by $N_{\text{eff}} / m \sim 1.04(2) \operatorname{cosec} \theta$ throughout the observed range of diffraction angles. The effective tolerable angle along the equatorial direction, estimated at 0.0072° was quite narrower than the value about 0.03° for a typical laboratory diffractometer.

The systematic behaviors of the Ω -scan intensity profiles $I(\Omega)$ measured for 10 reflection peaks of the standard Si powder are modeled by the dependence of the effective irradiated volume upon the incident glancing angle Ω , which is given by

$$I(\Omega) = 2I(\theta) [\operatorname{cosec} \Omega + \operatorname{cosec}(2\theta - \Omega)]^{-1} \operatorname{cosec} \theta,$$

for the fixed Bragg angles θ . The statistical deviation was evaluated by subtraction of the optimized model profile from the observed intensity at each measurement point. The effective number N_{eff} was evaluated by applying a normalization based on the effective irradiated volume. The ratios of N_{eff} to m have been estimated at $N_{\text{eff}} / m \sim 1.02(4) \operatorname{cosec} \theta$ and $\sim 34(2) \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta$ from the Ω -scan measurements for the stationary and rotating specimens, respectively. It is suggested that the effect of particle statistics should not be neglected in high-resolution synchrotron powder diffractometry, even if continuous rotation of a flat specimen is applied.

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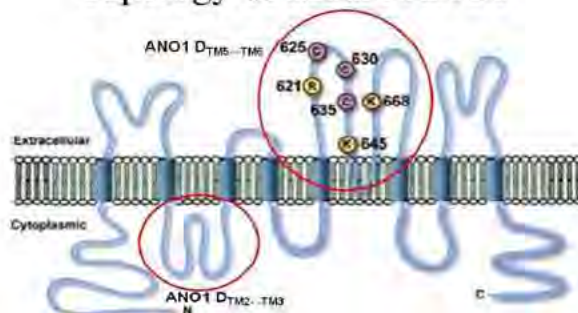
The Structure of Mouse Anoctamin1(mANO1) Domains TM2↔TM3 (D_{TM1↔TM2}) and TM5↔TM6(D_{TM5↔TM6})

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Calcium-activated chloride channels play an important role in a variety of physiological functions, including transepithelial ion absorption/reabsorption, neuronal excitation, smooth and skeletal muscle contraction and sensory transduction. Transmembrane protein 16A (TMEM16A), also called as anoctamin1(ANO1), is known to be a calcium-activated chloride channel and classified as a new class of ionic channels. ANO1 consists of eight transmembrane domains with intracellular and extracellular regions. ANO1 is known to participate in tumorigenesis and may play some roles for tumor cell proliferation. Despite the importance of ANO1, the three-dimensional structure of ANO1 is still unknown. To elucidate the structure-function relationship of mANO1, we are purifying various truncated constructs of mANO1 including D_{TM1↔TM2} and D_{TM5↔TM6} which are assumed to play essential functions for the mechanism of channel proteins. Since ANO1 is activated by Ca²⁺ and voltage, crystal structures of mANO1 from our constructs will be able to explain the mode of calcium binding and the voltage-dependant action.

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Purification of LDL receptor-related protein and nano-gold labeling for structure analysis

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Low-density lipoprotein receptor-related protein (LRP) is a multifunctional endocytic receptor that interacts with more than 30 different ligands. It is hard to purify such a large protein of ~600 kDa by conventional purification methods, since the structural analysis using X-ray crystallography or NMR spectroscopy needs the high quality and large quantities of protein. Transmission electron microscopy (TEM) is one of the techniques that are used to analyze the large protein structures, because it can obtain the images of less purified protein from a very little amount. Furthermore, cryo-TEM is useful to observe the membrane proteins like LRP, as it shows the fully hydrated state of protein itself and also the integrated state into lipid bilayer. In this study, His-tagged LRP was transfected and expressed in mammalian cells, and purified using immobilized metal-affinity to the His-tag. Then it was labeled with Nano-gold on His-tags and reconstituted into the liposomes. The results confirmed by TEM showed the potential for LRP structure analysis through this semi-purification and Nano-gold labeling method.

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Interaction of PDZ adapter proteins NHERF and E3KARP in vitro

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NHERF (Na⁺/H⁺ exchanger regulatory factor) and E3KARP (NHE3 kinase A regulatory protein) play an important roles in the membrane targeting, trafficking, and sorting of several ion channels, transmembrane receptors, and signaling proteins in many tissues. These proteins contain two PDZ (PSD-95/Dlg-1/ZO-1) domains that mediate the assembly of transmembrane and cytosolic proteins into functional signal transduction complexes. The expression and purification of the full-length NHERF and E3KARP proteins were successfully performed in *E. coli*. The binding of both NHERF and E3KARP proteins was detected by surface plasmon resonance spectroscopy (BIAcore), fluorescence measurement, His pull-down experiment, and size-exclusion column (SEC) chromatography. NHERF indeed binds to E3KARP with an apparent K_D of 7 nM. After measuring the fluorescence emission spectra of purified NHERF and E3KARP, it was found that the tight interaction of these proteins is accompanied by significant conformational changes of one or both. These results indicate that NHERF and E3KARP complex provide ability to form intracellular signaling complexes through PDZ-PDZ interactions.

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In vitro Reconstitution of the Interactions in the PIDDosome

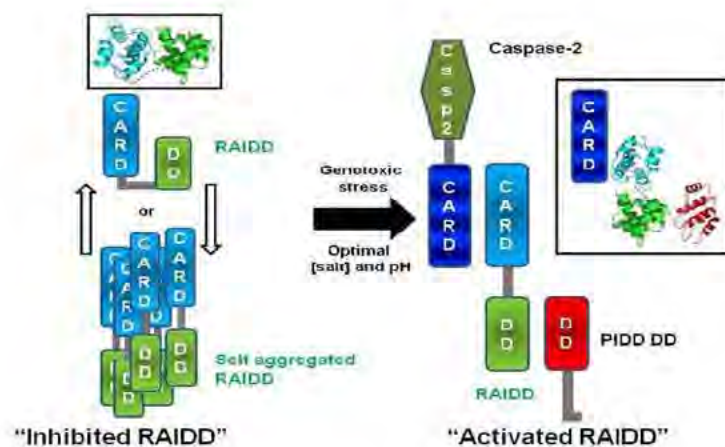
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Caspase-2 is critical for genotoxic stress induced apoptosis and is activated by formation of the PIDDosome, an oligomeric caspase-2 activating complex. The PIDDosome comprises three protein components, PIDD, RAIDD and caspase-2. RAIDD contains both a death domain (DD) and a caspase recruitment domain (CARD). It acts as the bridge to recruit PIDD using the DD: DD interaction and to recruit caspase-2 via the CARD: CARD interaction. Here we report biochemical characterization and in vitro reconstitution of the core interactions in the PIDDosome. We show that RAIDD CARD and RAIDD DD interact with their binding partners, caspase-2 CARD and PIDD DD, respectively. However, full-length RAIDD fails to interact with either caspase-2 CARD or PIDD DD under a physiological buffer condition. We reveal that this lack of interaction of full-length RAIDD is not due to its tendency to aggregate under the physiological buffer condition, as decreasing full-length RAIDD aggregation using high salt or high pH is not able to promote complex formation. Instead, full-length RAIDD forms both binary and ternary complexes under a low salt condition. Successful in vitro reconstitution of the ternary complex provides a basis for further structural studies of the PIDDosome.



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High-Resolution Crystal Structure of Chicken Cytokine Interleukin-1 β Reveals Differences in Receptor Binding Compared to Human Interleukin-1 β

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Human interleukin-1 β (IL-1 β), an important cytokine in the immune system, has been studied extensively. Avian IL-1 β s share 31-35% sequence identity and are less well understood. Here, we report the crystal structure of recombinant chicken IL-1 β , to 1.58 Å. The protein structure is comprised of 14 β -strands and an α -helix, which form a barrel-shaped conformation. Modeling ligand docking of IL-1 β to its receptor reveals some differences at the site of interaction compared to human IL-1 β . MD simulations reveal significant changes in the dynamic range of motion on receptor binding. Loops 3 and 9 have the greatest atomic fluctuation before binding. After binding, the flexibility of these loops, which are in direct contact with the receptor, significantly decreases. This indicates ligand binding leads to not only favorable enthalpy but lower conformational entropy.

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Molecular interplay between the replicative hexameric Helicase DnaC with ssDNA and its Loader DnaI from *Geobacillus kaustophilus*

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DNA helicases are motor proteins that play essential roles in DNA replication, repair, and recombination. In the replicative hexameric helicase, the fundamental reaction is the unwinding of duplex DNA. In addition, the helicase loading factors are thought to transfer the hexameric ring-shaped helicases onto the replication fork during DNA replication. However, the mechanism of how helicase transfer onto DNA under the help of helicase loading factors help remains unclear. To date, intense biochemical, genetic, and structural approaches are being pursued to gain insight into both the mechanism and role of helicase and its loader in varied biological processes. However, in different organisms have a number of different mechanisms for DNA helicase loading. Therefore, the exact function of replicative helicase and the interaction with its loader in replication initiation are uncertain. In order to delineate the interaction and possible mechanism between helicase with ssDNA and its loader, we report here the structures and biochemical characterization of the DnaC replicative helicase in conjunction with the loader DnaI from *Geobacillus kaustophilus*.

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DNA/RNA binding properties of PCBP-1 KH domains

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Poly-C binding proteins are ubiquitous oligonucleotide-binding proteins in eukaryotic cells that play fundamental role in regulation of gene expression via interaction with C-rich oligonucleotides. PCBP-1 (α CP-1 or hnRNP E1) is involved in the post-transcriptional regulation of mRNA by binding to the 3'-UTR and has been found to interact with a variety of mRNA such as Androgen Receptor, α Globin, Tyrosine Hydroxylase and Lipoxxygenase. PCBP binding to RNA can result in both silencing and enhancement of translation through a diverse set of mechanisms. PCBPs have also been found to be important for the replication of viral RNA which utilise them in both the translation and replication of the viral genome of picornaviruses. In addition to its RNA binding properties, PCBP-1 has been shown to bind ssDNA. Such interactions play a role in transcriptional regulation with PCBP identified as the ssDNA binding protein underlying proximal promoter activity of mouse μ -opioid receptor.

The aim of this work understand the molecular basis of DNA/RNA recognition by PCBP-1 using biophysical methods including Surface Plasmon Resonance and X-ray Crystallography.

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Paraspeckle proteins: a novel arrangement of RNA-binding domains

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Paraspeckles are sub-nuclear bodies found in the interchromatin space of mammalian cell nuclei [1]. Implicated in regulation of gene expressions by nuclear retention of RNA, paraspeckles are ribonucleoprotein bodies of which identified core components are a long non-protein coding RNA, NEAT1 and core paraspeckle proteins, PSPC1, PSF/SFPQ, and P54NRB/NONO. The three main core paraspeckle proteins are members of the *Drosophila melanogaster* behavior, human splicing (DBHS) family. The conserved regions of these proteins, comprised of two RNA recognition motifs (RRMs) and a C-terminal coiled-coil domain, share more than 50% sequence identity. Reported interactions between DBHS proteins suggest that they exist as either homo- or heterodimers *in vivo*. The three proteins appear to play a key role in the structural integrity of paraspeckles, because knockdown of these proteins results in a loss of paraspeckles. Here we present the first structure of a paraspeckle-specific heterodimer, PSPC1/P54NRB. The structure of a 60kDa heterodimer of the conserved regions of PSPC1 and P54NRB reveals a novel arrangement of four RRM domains, an antiparallel right-handed coiled coil and a new protein:protein interaction motif. The structure provides a wealth of detail regarding possible RNA binding modes as well as insight into paraspeckle assembly.

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Structural Study of RLR family Innate immune proteins

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RLR family proteins (RIG-I-Like Family) play essential roles for the early recognition of various pathogens and activation of adaptive immunity. This family is a critical component of innate immune system that is responsible for the detection and elimination of invading viruses in cytoplasm and induction of the antiviral response. The RLR family consists of three members; RIG-I (Retinoic acid inducible gene-I), MDA5 (Melanoma Differentiation-Associated gene 5), and LGP2 (Laboratory of Genetics and Physiology 2). These proteins have a central DExD/H-box RNA helicase domain for viral RNA recognition. RIG-I and MDA5 also have two N-terminal CARDs (Caspase Activation and Recruitment Domains) for the initiation of downstream signaling to activate IRF-3 and NF- κ B genes after interaction with an downstream adaptor protein, IPS-I(also Knowns as MAVS, VISA, and Cardif) that leads to the type I interferon production. Despite the domain similarity between the RLR families, they recognize different RNA molecules. MDA5 senses long dsRNA. On the other hand, RIG-I is response for the detection of short dsRNAs and 5'-triphosphate ssRNAs with base-paired structures, although it is still controversial. Since the role of RLR family proteins to recognize viral RNAs is very important in initiating innate immune responses, we are undergoing structural and biochemical studies of RLR family using X-ray crystallography. Especially, we focus on RIG-I : RNA complex structure. Thus, to determinate the structure, Seleno-Methionine incorporated RIG-I was expressed using E.coli and purified for crystallization. RIG-I : RNA binding was studied by EMSA method to investigate the RIG-I : RNA binding property in vitro. Crystals of RIG-I: RNA complex were obtained byvapor diffusion method. The crystal diffracted to 2.8 Å using synchrotron radiation. Attempts to determine the structure and obtain improved crystals is in progress. Structural studies of RIG-I : RNA complex will reveal how RIG-I can recognize viral RNA and discriminate it from self RNA and show the mechanism of RNA-induced conformational changes.

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Translation Elongation Factor-P (EF-P) from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, a mimic of tRNA?

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P. aeruginosa is prominent pathogenic bacterium and it has intrinsic resistance to antibiotics and disinfectants. It can lead to various opportunistic human infections: bacteremia in burn victims, urinary-tract infections in catheterized patients and hospital-acquired pneumonia in patients on respirators. Translation factor P (EF-P) was found as a protein that stimulates the peptidyltransferase activity of 70S ribosome in *Escherichia coli*. *E. coli* EF-P is encoded by *efp* gene and the *efp* gene is essential for cell viability and is necessary for protein synthesis. The structure of EF-P is similar to transfer RNA in biophysical characteristics such as shape and charge distributions. The exact mechanism of EF-P as a translation factor is still unknown. EF-P from the *P. aeruginosa* was expressed as a solution protein in *E. coli* and crystallized. Data sets were collected to 2.2 Å from frozen crystals at 90K by using synchrotron radiation at SPring-8 beam lines (Hyogo, Japan). The data were processed with the program HKL2000, and the structure was determined from a SAD dataset using SOLVE/RESOLVE. The structural analysis of EF-P from *P. aeruginosa* will be presented.

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Nuclear translocation machinery of pre-microRNA

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The translocation of proteins and RNAs between nucleus and cytoplasm plays important roles in the regulation of cytoplasmic and nuclear events. These exchanges occur at the nuclear pore complex (NPC) which spans the lipid bilayer of the nuclear envelope, and is mainly mediated by importin- β family transport factors family, importins and exportins. Interactions between cargoes and carriers are regulated by the nucleotide state of Ran, which cycles between GTP- and GDP-bound states in the nucleus and cytoplasm, respectively.

Nuclear export of pre-miRNAs by Exp-5 is an essential step in miRNA biogenesis. The crystal structure of the pre-miRNA nuclear export machinery formed by pre-miRNA complexed with Exp-5 and RanGTP shows that Exp-5:RanGTP recognizes the 2-nt 3' overhang structure and the double-stranded stem of pre-miRNA. Exp-5:RanGTP appears to shield the fragile pre-miRNA in a molecular cage-like complex that protects pre-miRNA from degradation by exonucleic RNase in the nucleus and safely delivers it from the nucleus to the cytoplasm. The tunnel-like structure of Exp-5 tightly grasps the 2-nt 3' overhang through specific hydrogen bonding and ionic interactions, while its cage-like structure loosely holds the double-stranded region of the pre-miRNA through a range of ionic interactions that are quite different from those previously reported in dsRNA recognition systems. Furthermore, RNA recognition by Exp-5:RanGTP does not depend on RNA sequence, which implies that Exp-5:RanGTP can recognize a variety of pre-miRNAs.

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Structural analysis of exosome from *Thermoplasma acidophilum*

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The exosome is a conserved protein complex containing 3'→5' exoribonuclease in archaea and eukaryotes. The complex has fundamental roles in RNA metabolic pathways such as the maturation, degradation and quality control of RNA molecules. To understand the crystal structure of the *Thermoplasma acidophilum* exosome, the Rrp41-Rrp42 complex was crystallized in space group P2₁3 with two copies of Rrp41-Rrp42 in the asymmetric unit and the structure has determined at 2.4 Å resolution to an R_{factor} of 23 % and an R_{free} of 26 %. The overall structure is similar to the reported archaeal exosome with a hexameric ring containing arrangement of three Rrp41-Rrp42 heterodimers with the central channel. Both Rrp41 and Rrp42 contain RNase phosphorolytic (PH) domain with the β-α-β-α layers of secondary structure. Three RNA are predicted to recognize by the interface of the Rrp41 and Rrp42 on one side of the hexameric ring structure via charge-charge interactions between phosphate backbone and arginine side chains contributed by Rrp41 and Rrp42. Structural analysis of the complex structure is in progress.

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An insight into the pairing geometry of DNA duplexes containing O⁶-carboxymethylguanine, a damaged base analogue relevant to gastrointestinal cancer

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Red meat stimulates endogenous intestinal *N*-nitrosation of glycine or glycine derivatives that can induce DNA mutations by reacting with DNA to form O⁶-carboxymethylguanine (hereafter X) which is associated with increased risk of gastrointestinal cancer. In order to obtain an insight into the pairing geometry of DNA duplexes containing O⁶-carboxymethylguanine and to further understand its biological implications, we synthesized two self-complementary DNA dodecamers with the sequences d(CGCGXATTCGCG) (X:T) and d(CGCAATTCGCG) (X:C) and began attempts to obtain their structures by X-ray analyses.

Crystals of X:C were obtained under several conditions by the hanging drop vapor diffusion method at 277K in the presence of Hoechst 33258. X-ray diffraction data were collected at 100K with synchrotron radiation ($\lambda=1.00\text{\AA}$) of the Photon factory. The initial structure has been solved by the molecular replacement method, and the atomic parameters were refined at 1.9 Å resolution with the programs, *Refmac 5* and *CNS*. During this process, the X residues of the two strands moved toward the major groove side from the canonical Watson-Crick type pairing position, and their electron density maps also supported this.

The DNA duplex adopts the B-form conformation, in which the two modified X residues form a pair with cytosine residues. However, it is noteworthy that the X residues form a reversed wobble base pair with cytosine with the O⁶-alkyl group displaced into the major groove. In addition, this pairing is further stabilized by an additional hydrogen bond between the carboxyl oxygen and the paired cytidine amino group. The reversed wobble pair occurring can be reasonably explained from the chemical structure of X. A similar reversed wobbling has been observed in DNA duplex containing 5-formyl-2'-deoxyuridine derived from 2'-deoxythymidine damaged by oxygen radicals, which also induce gene mutations. In the oral session, we will explain the details of interaction geometry of the modified base X, and discuss its implications for inducing transition mutations during replication.

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Crystal structures of E2-25K, E2-25K/Ub and E2-25K/UBB⁺¹

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Aggregated proteins, neuritic plaques, neuropil threads and neurofibrillary tangles are molecular hallmarks of neurodegenerative disease. In particular, A β (amyloid- β peptide) and UBB⁺¹ (a frameshift mutant of ubiquitin B) accumulate in Alzheimer's disease patients. E2-25K and polyglutamine-expanded huntingtin accumulate in patients with Huntington's disease. The ubiquitin (Ub)-proteasome system (UPS) has the function as proteolytic degradation of aberrant proteins via an Ub tagging mechanism. Within the UPS, Ub tagging of target molecules entails enzymatic reactions catalyzed by E1 (Ub-activating), E2 (Ub-conjugating), E3 (Ub-ligating) enzymes. The Ub tagged molecule is recognized by the 26S proteasome and degraded.

To study the molecular function in neurotoxicity by E2-25K, we determined the three-dimensional structures of UBB⁺¹, E2-25K and the E2-25K/Ub and E2-25K/UBB⁺¹ complex. Structures revealed that the UBA domain of E2-25K is intricately associated with the E2 domain and that Ub or UBB⁺¹ bound via the MGF motif and residues in $\alpha 9$ of the UBA domain. E2-25K mutations that disrupted Ub/UBB⁺¹ binding markedly diminished synthesis of UBB⁺¹-anchored polyUb, inhibition of 26S proteasome activity, and neuronal cell death. We propose that interaction between the E2-25K UBA domain and UBB⁺¹ is critical for the synthesis and accumulation of UBB⁺¹-anchored polyUb, which results in proteasomal inhibition and neuronal cell death.

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The role of the π -electron systems in regulation of reduction potentials of tetraheme cytochrome c_3

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Cytochrome c_3 (cyt c_3) isolated from sulfate-reducing bacteria possesses four c -type hemes making a cyclic configuration in the single polypeptide whose molecular weight is typically ~14 kDa. Three-dimensional structures of ferrous and ferric cyts c_3 from various strains have been determined by x-ray crystallography and nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy. One of its characteristic properties is extremely low reduction potentials, ranging from -90 mV to -380 mV [1]. We assessed the contributions of each amino acid residue to lowering the reduction potentials of *Desulfovibrio vulgaris* Miyazaki F (DvMF) cyt c_3 by site-directed mutagenesis [1-4]. In these investigations, the overexpression system for cyt c_3 developed in our laboratory [2] has been shown powerful. The coordinated histidines were found to be essential [3,4]. There are 14 aromatic residues and four heme rings as π -electron systems in a 107-residue protein. In the mutational analysis of noncoordinated aromatic residues of cyt c_3 [2,3] only conserved residues, Phe20, Tyr43, Tyr65 and Tyr66, showed large contributions to the extremely low reduction potentials. Especially Phe20 is the most conserved residue among all type I cyts c_3 so far sequenced. We focused our attention on this residue to investigate the role of the π -electron systems using NMR and X-ray crystallography.

The effects of mutation at a noncoordinated aromatic residue on the coordination structure of heme irons and the microscopic reduction potentials were investigated on the basis of His C2H NMR signals and crystal structures for F20H, F20M, F20Y, Y65A and Y66L cytochromes c_3 . Changes in the coordination structures were generally subtle in crystal structures in spite of significant changes in the reduction potentials and NMR spectra, suggesting that the dynamic structure and its physicochemical properties in solution are important in regulation of the redox reaction. The effect of the mutation on the reduction potential of each heme at each oxidation state reveals that the π -electron system composed of heme rings and aromatic amino acid rings play a key role in the regulation of reduction potentials.

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Two different modes of UvrD helicase by 2B domain movement

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Helicases use the energy derived from nucleoside triphosphate hydrolysis to unwind double helices in essentially every metabolic pathway involving nucleic acids. Earlier crystal structures have suggested that DNA helicases translocate along a single-stranded DNA in an inchworm fashion or unwind duplex DNA in a combined wrench-and-inchworm mechanism with the step size of 1 base pair. UvrD helicases contain domains 1B and 2B in addition to 1A and 2A. Domain 2B, which undergoes on $\sim 150^\circ$ rotation upon binding to a double- and single-stranded (ds-ss) DNA junction and transforms the helicase from an “open” to “closed” state, has been shown to be essential for duplex binding and unwinding. In order to probe the role of the 2B domain in dsDNA binding and helicase activity, several mutations were introduced in to UvrD. The biochemical studies of UvrD mutants reveal that UvrD helicases have two different modes depending on the 2B domain. In the wrench-and-inchworm mode, the closed conformation of 2B domain is essential for binding and unwinding the duplex region of DNA. All four key helicase-DNA contact points are engaged and the movements of ds-ss DNA are highly coordinated. But the presence of helicase activity that is independent of the 2B domain and dsDNA binding leads that there is a strand displacement mode as an alternative to the wrench-and-inchworm mode. In the strand displacement mode, the open conformation of 2B domain appears to work most efficiently. The strand displacement mode may be adopted in the absence of dsDNA or by UvrD mutants that are unable to bind dsDNA.

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Functional implication of Ufd1-Npl4 complex in the FAF1 recognition mechanism by AAA-ATPase p97/VCP

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The highly conserved p97 (also known as VCP and Cdc48 in yeast) is multifunctional AAA-family ATPase that is involved in a wide range of biological activities such as ERAD, membrane fusion, transcriptional activation, cell-cycle control and apoptosis. Mutations in human p97/VCP are reported to trigger the human multisystem disorder IBMPFD and elevated levels of p97/VCP have been reported to correlate with increased incidences of metastasis in various types of cancer. It is also co-localizes with protein depositions characteristic for various neurodegenerative disorders such as polyglutamine, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases. It consists of three domains: the N-terminal domain and two ATPase domains called as D1 and D2. Although the precise regulatory mechanisms are not yet well understood, p97/VCP is believed to mediate these processes through the binding of various adaptor proteins. Two most well characterized adaptors are p47, and the Ufd1-Npl4 complex. P47 is known to direct p97/VCP to membrane fusion events and protein degradation other than ERAD while the Ufd1-Npl4 complex is known to direct p97/VCP to an essential role in ERAD. It has been shown that both p47 and Ufd1-Npl4 bind to the N-domain of p97/VCP through its UBX and UBD, respectively. A number of UBX containing proteins have been discovered in last few years and they are expected to be involved in substrate recruitment to p97/VCP and in the temporal and spatial regulation of its activity. Among them is FAF1, a highly conserved novel protein with multi-ubiquitin related domains. In this study we try to elucidate the interaction between FAF1 and various forms of p97/VCP and Ufd1-Npl4 complex using ITC, EM and X-ray crystallography and the results will be presented.

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The structure of rat liver vault at 3.5 Å resolution

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Vault is a 10-MDa ribonucleoprotein particle with a barrel-like shape, two protruding caps, and an invaginated waist structure that is highly conserved in a wide variety of eukaryotes. The rat liver vault is composed of three proteins: the 99-kDa major vault protein (MVP), the 193-kDa vault poly(ADP-ribose)polymerase (VPARP), and the 290-kDa telomerase-associated protein TEP1. Additionally, the complex contains a small untranslated RNA consisting of 141 bases (vRNA). Although several functions have been proposed for vaults since their first discovery in 1986, including roles in multidrug resistance, cell signaling and innate immunity, their cellular function remains unclear. To elucidate the structure, structural organization and physiological function of this macromolecular complex, we determined the X-ray crystal structure of the rat liver vault at 3.5 Å resolution[1,2]. The X-ray structure reveals that the vault particle has a unique cage-like shape, consisting of 78 identical MVP chains with 39-fold dihedral symmetry. MVP monomer folded into 12 domains; nine structural repeat domains, a shoulder domain, a cap-helix domain and a cap-ring domain. I would like to explain the structure of rat liver vault in detail.

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Biophysical investigation of RBP-ARE interactions: Application of SPR, NMR, and SAXS

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The control of mRNA stability is a key factor in the regulation of gene expression. The competing events of translation and mRNA decay ultimately dictate the level of protein expressed and are readily affected in response to changes in cellular conditions. mRNA transcripts bearing AU-rich sequences in their 3'UTR, in particular, appear to be under the control of many factors that determine whether the transcript is destined for translation, degradation or held in a translationally repressed state. These factors include RNA-binding proteins such as Hu proteins which are protective against degradation and TIA proteins which are involved in sequestering mRNA into stress granules under conditions of cellular stress. Exactly how these proteins recognise and interact with AU-rich sequences is only partially understood, including whether they actually compete for the same target mRNAs.

We have focused on two of these proteins, HuR and TIAR which are both triple RNA recognition motif (RRM) proteins that bind AU-rich RNA with nM affinity. We report our studies using SPR that reveal similar mRNA target sequence preferences, yet differences in their stringency of interaction. We also explore the importance of the separate RRM domains, as well as the protein regions beyond the RRM domains, for the mRNA interaction using NMR spectroscopy and differences in molecular shape of the protein/RNA complex using SAXS. Together these data bring us closer to an understanding of the dynamic interplay that takes place in the cell in the regulation of gene expression at the level of mRNA.

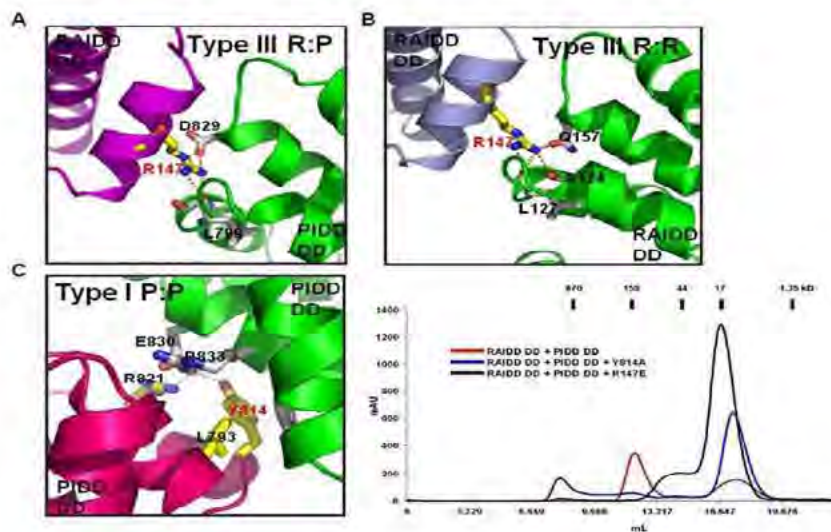
Identification and analysis of dominant negative mutants of RAIDD and PIDD

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Caspases are cysteine proteases that are essential during the initiation and execution of apoptosis and inflammation. The formation of large oligomeric protein complexes is critical to the activation of caspases in apoptotic and inflammatory signaling pathways. These oligomeric protein complexes function as a platform to recruit caspases, which leads to caspase activation via a proximity-induced mechanism. One well-known oligomeric caspase-activating complex is the PIDDosome for caspase-2 activation, which is composed of 3 protein components, PIDD, RAIDD and Caspase-2. Despite the significant role that caspase-2 activated by PIDDosome plays important role during genotoxic stress-induced apoptosis, the oligomerization mechanism and the method by which the caspase activating process is mediated by the formation of PIDDosome is currently not well understood. Here, we show that the assembly mechanism of core of PIDDosome is time-dependent and salt concentration-dependent. In addition, we demonstrate that point mutations on RAIDD (R147E) and on PIDD (Y814A) exert a dominant negative effect on formation of the PIDDosome, and that this effect cannot be applied after the PIDDosome has been formed.



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Human MTERF3 crystal structure of left-handed superhelical tandem repeat

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The mitochondrial transcription termination factors (MTERFs) play an important role in the transcriptional regulation of mitochondrial genes. In mammals, the MTERF1-4 protein subfamilies one through four contain all the mTERF domains needed to interact with mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA). To understand the molecular function of these domains, we solved the crystal structure of MTERF3 at 2.8 Å and did performed homology modeling of the complex structure between an mTERF domain and mtDNA. It shows the left-handed superhelix resulting in a half-donut shape. Especially the positive charged concave in the central region of the structure suggests this region might be mtDNA binding interface, where accommodate and interact with mtDNA well according to the modeling structure. We compared MTERF3 to DNA-bound MTERF1 to explain the structural and functional characteristics of MTERF3.

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Structure analysis of ligand-independent activation of Fushi tarazu factor-1 ligand binding domain from *Drosophila melanogaster*

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Drosophila melanogaster Fushi tarazu factor 1 (Ftz-F1) is an orphan nuclear receptor of which ligand has not been identified until now. The Ftz-F1 regulate gene expression for development, reproduction and cholesterol homeostasis. Also, It is known that the Ftz-F1 interacts with segmentation gene 'Fushi tarazu' (Ftz) for activation of the Ftz-F1. The Ftz-F1 is divided two parts, DNA-binding domain (DBD) and ligand-binding domain (LBD). It is known which ligand binding domain of Ftz-F1 is crucial part to regulate gene expression. Here we report the crystal structure analysis of the Ftz-F1 LBD bound to the peptide containing LXXLL co-activator motif of Ftz. The Ftz-F1 LBD structure consists of twelve α -helices and two β - strands which form a fourth-layer alpha-helical sandwich. Compared with structures of Liver receptor holmologue-1 and Steroidogenic factor-1 in the same subfamily of nuclear receptor, the Ftz-F1 LBD does not have an enough space for ligand-binding which explains in structural points why the ligand for Ftz-F1 regulation have not been found even though extensive efforts searching for it. Interestingly Ftz-F1 has the AF-2 in the active conformation without ligand binding. With mutagenesis assays, these suggest that Ftz-F1 is a constitutively active nuclear receptor which does not need ligand implying another regulation mechanism of the Ftz-F1.

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Structure of the entire ectodomain of gp130: Insights into the molecular assembly of cytokine receptor complexes

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The cell surface receptor, gp130, is the required signaling subunit in the interleukin 6 (IL-6)-like cytokine family, which includes, IL-6, IL-11, leukemia inhibitory factor (LIF), oncostatin M (OSM) and ciliary neurotrophic factor (CNTF). This family of cytokines is involved in inflammatory and immune responses and also plays crucial roles in hematopoiesis, liver and neuronal regeneration, embryonic development, and fertility. Dysregulation of signaling contributes to diseases such as inflammatory bowel disease, osteoporosis, multiple sclerosis, multiple myeloma, and prostate cancer.

Although crystal structures have been determined for receptor:ligand complexes of this family, they lacked the C-terminal domains required for effective signal transduction. Here we present the crystal structure of the entire extracellular portion of human gp130 (D1-D6) at 3.6 Å resolution and D4-D6 at 1.9 Å resolution. This represents the first atomic resolution structure of the complete ectodomain for any “tall” cytokine receptor. The structures show that there is little structural change in gp130 upon ligand binding, other than a reorientation of the D1 domain. It also reveals that the interface between the D4 and D5 domains forms an acute bend in the gp130 structure. Key residues at this interface are highly conserved across the entire “tall” receptor family, suggesting that this acute bend may be a common feature of these receptors.

This structure, together with our structure of the LIF:LIF receptor complex allows us to construct models for the two types of receptor:ligand complexes which occur in this family, namely the hexameric (gp130:IL-6R:IL-6)₂ and the trimeric gp130:LIF:LIFR complexes. In each of these complexes the geometry of the membrane-proximal FnIII domains brings the transmembrane regions in close proximity, thus bringing together the cytoplasmic receptor-associated Janus kinases to trans-phosphorylate and activate each other.

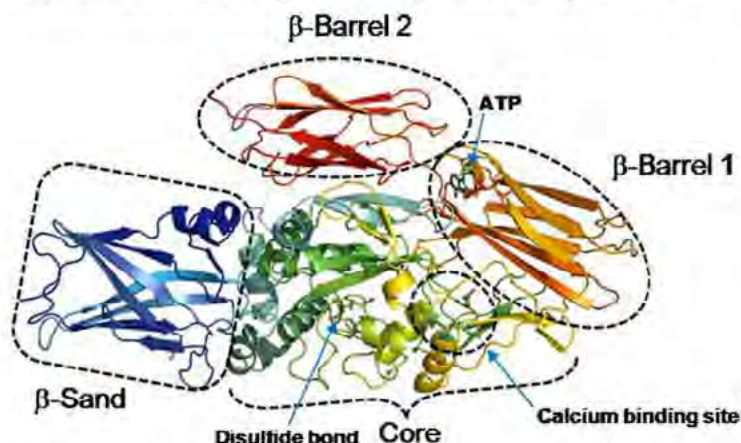
Crystal structure of human transglutaminase 2 in complex with adenosine triphosphate

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Transglutaminase 2 (TG2) is a calcium-dependent multifunctional protein associated with various human diseases. We determined the crystal structure of human TG2 in complex with adenosine triphosphate (ATP). The ATP molecule binds to the previously identified guanosine diphosphate (GDP) binding pocket but has different hydrogen bonds and ion interaction with protein. The four residues Arg476, Arg478, Val479 and Tyr583, all of which are involved in both ATP and GDP binding by hydrogen bonds, might play important roles in the stabilization of TG2 by ATP or GDP. However, Ser482 and Arg580, which are involved in GDP binding, do not form hydrogen bond with ATP. Additionally, we newly discovered an intramolecular disulfide bond between Cys230 and Cys370, which formation might regulate the enzymatic activity of TG2.



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Structure and function of the *Fibrobacter succinogenes* 1,3-1,4- β -D-glucanase mutants F40I and W203F in complex with inhibitors

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Four aromatic residues, Phe40, Tyr42, Trp203 and Phe205 located in active site of the catalytic domain of *Fibrobacter succinogenes* 1,3-1,4- β -D-glucanase (TFs β -glucanase) interact with sugar units of the product via hydrophobic stacking interactions. The role of aromatic residues at the carbohydrate-binding site was confirmed by mutational, structural, and functional analyses. Kinetic data reveal that substitution of aromatic residue with non-aromatic residue significantly affects enzyme activity. The mutant crystal structures of F40I and W203F were determined at 1.7 and 1.4 Å resolution, respectively. This study suggests that aromatic residues at the active site of enzyme play critical roles in protein-carbohydrate binding, stabilization and catalysis. Further analysis of the mutant structures revealed that two extra calcium ions and a Tris molecule have been identified in both mutants. It is interesting to note for the first time that two extra calcium ions and a Tris molecule have been identified in glycosyl hydrolase family 16. The Tris molecule, bound to catalytic residues Glu56 and Glu60, was found at the position normally taken by substrate binding to the -1 subsite. One calcium ion was found near the active site residue Asp202. Kinetics experiments show that Tris is a competitive inhibitor of the enzyme, while calcium ion is a non-competitive inhibitor.

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Investigating the structure and function of the redox folding factors α DsbA2 and α DsbB

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To function correctly proteins need to be assembled and folded. For secreted proteins, a key step in the folding process is the introduction of disulfide bonds between cysteine residues, which gives stability in the harsh extracellular environment. This step is also known as oxidative protein folding. The process of oxidative protein folding requires thiol-disulfide exchange [1]. In prokaryotes, correct oxidative folding is influenced by disulfide bond forming proteins called Dsb-proteins. In *Escherichia coli*, the disulfide bond forming machinery has two pathways, oxidation and isomerization. In the oxidative pathway, disulfide bonds are introduced into proteins whereas in the isomerization pathway non-native disulfides are corrected by reshuffling [2].

While the Dsb pathway in *E. coli* K-12 is the best-characterized oxidative pathway, the Dsb pathway in other bacteria, like *Wolbachia pipientis*, is still unclear. *Wolbachia pipientis* is the most common Gram-negative α -proteobacterial endosymbiont worldwide since it is able to infect more than 65% of all insect species [3]. This bacterium has the unique ability to alter the reproduction of its host in several ways and so has become an interesting topic of current research [4]. *Wolbachia's wMel* genome encodes three Dsb proteins, with no apparent isomerization pathway [5], indicating a very different folding pathway from that of *E. coli*.

It is now interesting to investigate the *Wolbachia* Dsb pathway to obtain a comprehensive picture of how disulfide bond catalysis occurs in this organism and how disulfide-containing proteins are folded in *Wolbachia*. This research will improve our understanding of how the Dsb candidates interact with each other and how, in a bigger picture, this organism influences its hosts. Therefore, my research focuses on the characterization of two Dsb proteins in *Wolbachia*. I investigate the structure and function of the DsbA-like protein α -DsbA2 and the membrane protein α -DsbB. Biochemical analysis of their redox functions and determination of their structures by X-ray crystallography will provide a better understanding of their role in the *Wolbachia*-host relationship.

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Time-resolved X-ray crystal structure analysis of enzymatic reaction of copper amine oxidase from *Arthrobacter globiformis*

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To reveal the chemical changes and geometry changes of active site residues and water molecules that cooperate with the reaction is important for appreciating the functional mechanism of proteins. And, in order to elucidate the catalytic reaction mechanisms of proteins, it is necessary to trace structural changes of reaction intermediates. And, geometry changes of active site residues that cooperate with the reaction are important for understanding the functional mechanism of proteins.

Amine oxidases catalyze the oxidative deamination of various primary amines to the corresponding aldehydes. In the active site, the enzyme has Cu and quinone cofactor, topaquinone (TPQ) which is converted from tyrosine residue by post-translational modification. A catalytic mechanism is proposed, which is composed of former reductive and latter oxidative half-reactions. In the former step, TPQ reacts with 2-phenylethylamine (PEA) substrate to give rise to topasemiquinone formed Schiff-base and produces phenylacetaldehyde. In the following step, TPQ is generated from topasemiquinone, releasing ammonia and peroxide aerobically. To elucidate this reaction mechanism of catalytic reaction, we are studying phenylethylamine oxidase from *Arthrobacter globiformis* (AGAO).

The solution of purified precursor apo-AGAO was dialyzed against buffer containing Cu²⁺ to convert to active holo-AGAO. The holo-AGAO solution was crystallized anaerobically. The crystals were soaked in the PEA solution and freeze-trapped in liquid nitrogen. Each step of crystals was confirmed by single-crystal microspectrometry before X-ray diffraction measurements. Diffraction data were collected at 100 K in the BL38B1, BL44B2 and BL44XU at SPring-8, Japan. Four structures of reaction intermediate were determined at atomic resolution. We revealed that TPQ and some residues in the substrate channel were flipped via catalytic reductive half-reaction of AGAO.

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Metabolic adaptation for short-chain fatty acids degradation: crystal structure of 2-methylcitrate synthase from *Salmonella typhimurium*

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Short chain fatty acids, like acetate and propionate, are byproducts of bacterial fermentation and are in turn shown to be inhibitors of bacterial growth. Metabolic pathways for the utilization of short-chain fatty acids as a source of carbon and energy are found in bacteria such as *Salmonella typhimurium* and *Escherichia coli*. These pathways could serve as a defense mechanism in these organisms against the negative effects of SCFAs. 2-methylcitric acid (2-MCA) cycle is one of the widely distributed and biochemically well studied pathways of propionate metabolism. 2-methylcitrate synthase (2-MCS), a polypeptide of 43 kDa, catalyzes the conversion of oxaloacetate and propionyl-CoA to 2-methylcitrate and CoA in the second step of 2-MCA cycle. Examination of *S. typhimurium* 2-MCS amino acid sequence showed the presence of a Prosite motif (PS00480) corresponding to the active site of citrate synthases (CSs), implying similarities in the catalytic function of 2-MCS and CSs. CSs are extremely well studied enzymes and catalyze the condensation of acetyl-CoA and oxaloacetate to citrate and CoA. In the present work, the gene coding for 2-MCS from *S. typhimurium* was cloned in pRSET-C vector, overexpressed in *E. coli* and purified to homogeneity using Ni-NTA affinity chromatography (Chittori *et al.*, 2010). Kinetic analysis on *Salmonella typhimurium* 2-MCS (*StPrpC*) showed 26 times higher catalytic efficiency (K_{cat}/K_m) of the enzyme for propionyl-CoA over acetyl-CoA. This is in contrast to *E. coli* CS (*EcCS*), which catalyzes the condensation reaction at significant rate only with acetyl-CoA. *StPrpC* was crystallized in the triclinic space group P1 using the under-oil-microbatch method (Chittori *et al.*, 2010). Crystal structure of *StPrpC*, determined at 2.4 Å resolution, revealed that the polypeptide fold was similar to those of CSs. In the triclinic P1 cell, *StPrpC* molecules were organized as decamers composed of five identical dimer units with 52 point group symmetry. CSs are usually dimeric proteins but higher oligomeric states have been reported in Gram-negative bacteria like *E. coli*. The hexameric *EcCS* is allosterically regulated by NADH and KCl. DLS experiments performed with different concentrations of *StPrpC* showed a direct correlation between protein concentration and hydrodynamic radius, with the largest observed species (132.2 Å) corresponding to the decameric form. Despite low sequence identity (29%), the core of the *StPrpC* polypeptide fold is similar to that of *EcCS*. However, the conformation of the segment corresponding to residues 234-270 of *StPrpC* is different from that of the equivalent residues (263-298) of *EcCS*. It has been proposed that this region of *EcCS* is involved in allosteric regulation resulting from conformational changes upon binding of acetyl-CoA. Further structural comparisons suggested that the key residues of CSs involved in NADH binding are not conserved in *StPrpC*, indicating that the *Salmonella* 2-MCS is not regulated in a manner similar to *EcCS*. The catalytic residues of CSs were found to be conserved in *StPrpC* (His235, His274 and Asp325) suggesting similarities in the catalytic mechanisms of citrate and 2-methylcitrate synthases. Structural comparison with the ligand free and bound states of CSs showed that *StPrpC* is in a nearly closed conformation despite the absence of bound ligands. The closed conformation of *StPrpC* permitted identification of ligand binding residues. It was found that Tyr197 and Leu324 of *StPrpC* are structurally equivalent to His and Val, respectively, of CSs. These substitutions might determine the specificities for acyl-CoAs of these enzymes.

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Crystal structures of *Helicobacter pylori* shikimate kinase reveal three conserved arginines involved in the induced movement

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The seven-enzyme shikimate pathway including shikimate kinase absent in mammals is an attractive target pathway for herbicides, antimicrobial and antiparasitic agent. Site-directed mutagenesis studies of shikimate kinase from *Helicobacter pylori* (HpSK) revealed critical conserved residues (S15, D33, F48, R57, R116, and R132) involved in catalysis. Crystal structure of the mutant R57A shows a significant shift of the shikimate binding domain owing to the interactions between E53 and R132 rather than those between E53 and R57 in the wild-type structure. We have also determined structures of HpSK·SO₄ and HpSK·shikimate-3-phosphate (S3P)·ADP. These structures show a characteristic three-layer alpha-beta-alpha architecture and a closed complex form owing to the lid closure. Analysis of various HpSK structures reveals that three strictly conserved arginines (R57, R116, and R132) make hydrogen binds with shikimate/S3P. Of these, R57 stays at a relatively identical site, R132 has a small shift, whereas R116 that is located in the lid loop shows a significant move. Our results together suggest that these arginines contribute to the movement of the lid region and the shikimate-binding domain upon shikimate/S3P binding, hence locking into a closed form.

Involvement of scaffolding residues in efficient inhibition: lessons from chimeric proteins

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For serine protease inhibitors, scaffolding spacer residue Asn or Arg religates cleaved scissile peptide bond to offer efficient inhibition(1). However, several designed 'mini-proteins', containing the inhibitory loop and the spacer(s) with trimmed scaffold behave like substrates, indicating that scaffolding region beyond the spacer is also important in the inhibitory process. To understand the loop-scaffold compatibility we prepared three chimeric proteins ECI^L-WCI^S, ETI^L-WCI^S, STI^L-WCI^S, where the inhibitory loop of ECI, ETI, STI are placed on the scaffold of their homolog WCI. Results show that while ECI^L-WCI^S and STI^L-WCI^S behave like good inhibitors, ETI^L-WCI^S behaves like a substrate (2,3). That means a set of loop residues ('SRLRSAFI'), offering strong trypsin inhibition in ETI, acts as substrate when they seat on the scaffold of WCI. Crystal structure of ETI^L-WCI^S shows that the inhibitory loop is adopts a non-canonical conformation. We identified three novel scaffolding residues Trp88, Arg74 and Tyr113 in ETI that act as barrier to confine the inhibitory loop to canonical conformation. Absence of this barrier in the scaffold of WCI makes the inhibitory loop flexible in ETI^L-WCI^S leading to a loss of canonical conformation, explaining its substrate like behavior. Incorporation of this barrier back in ETI^L-WCI^S through mutations increases its inhibitory power, supporting our proposition. Structural studies of the double mutant A76R-L115Y on ETI^L-WCI^S shows that the conformation of the inhibitory loop is restored back. This can be reckoned as a case of 'conformational epistasis' where introduction of some 'lost contacts' introduces functionality at one site by readjusting the protein conformational backbone on another site. Our study provides structural evidence for the contribution of remote scaffolding residues in the inhibitory process of serine protease inhibitors. Additionally we rationalize why the loop-scaffold swapping is not permitted even among the members of highly homologous inhibitors, which might be important in the light of inhibitor designing.

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Structural insights into catalysis of β C-S lyase from *Streptococcus anginosus*

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Hydrogen sulfide (H₂S), a gas with the odor of rotten eggs, is a causative agent of oral malodor. The gas is generally produced from L-cysteine by some enzymes of oral bacteria. Reports have indicated that H₂S is (i) highly toxic to mammalian cells; (ii) associated with endotoxin-induced inflammation and apoptosis; and (iii) one of the predominant volatile sulfur compounds in periodontal pockets. These findings suggest that H₂S may contribute to the pathogenesis of gingivitis and periodontitis.

Streptococcus anginosus β C-S lyase, encoded by the *lcd* gene, is a homodimeric pyridoxal-5'-phosphate (PLP)-dependent enzyme that catalyzes the α,β -elimination of sulfur amino acids containing α C-N and β C-S linkages, such as L-cysteine and L-cystathionine, to generate sulfur-containing molecules, pyruvate, and ammonia. Interestingly, the capacity of β C-S lyases from the *anginosus* group, represented by *S. anginosus*, to produce H₂S from L-cysteine was found to be considerably higher than that from other oral streptococci. The high H₂S-production capacity of *S. anginosus* is caused by this enzymatic property of β C-S lyase. As initial steps toward elucidating the relationship between the structure and properties of *S. anginosus* β C-S lyase, we performed the X-ray crystallographic analysis of the β C-S lyase and its L-serine (substrate analogue) complexes.

The fold of β C-S lyase resembles that of other PLP-dependent enzymes of the aspartate aminotransferase family (type I). The ϵ -amino group of Lys234 located in the catalytic cleft between two domains forms a covalent linkage with the PLP cofactor in the absence of L-serine. The complex crystals were prepared by a combination of soaking and freeze trapping at various time intervals. We observed well-defined electron densities for two reaction intermediates covalently bound to the PLP cofactor. The intermediates were identified as an external Schiff base and an α -aminoacrylate intermediate, which are the key species of PLP-dependent-enzyme catalysis, by microspectroscopic measurement.

SbcD, the subunit of SbcCD DNA strand break repair protein from *Deinococcus radiodurans*

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Deinococcus radiodurans is an extremophilic bacterium, one of the most radioresistant organisms known. To understand why bacteria such as *Deinococcus radiodurans* are extremely resistant to high doses of ionising and ultraviolet (UV) radiation and hydrogen peroxide, its DNA repair systems have been studied during recovery from high dose exposure UV. Recently, it was emphasized that the role of SbcCD is similar to that of DSB repair proteins, which have single-stranded endonuclease and 3'→5' double-stranded DNA exonuclease activities of DNA strand break repair system in higher organisms. Here, we report structural study on SbcD, subunit of the SbcCD complex, using protein X-ray crystallography. Further study, we expect to reveal the DNA repair mechanism of *Deinococcus radiodurans* and adapt it to other higher organisms or industrial purposes.

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Structure of protochlorophyllide reductase: a greening mechanism of plants in the dark

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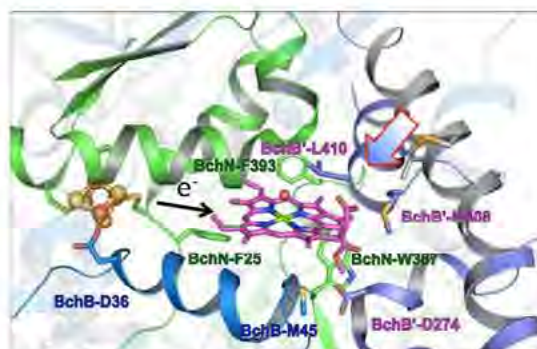
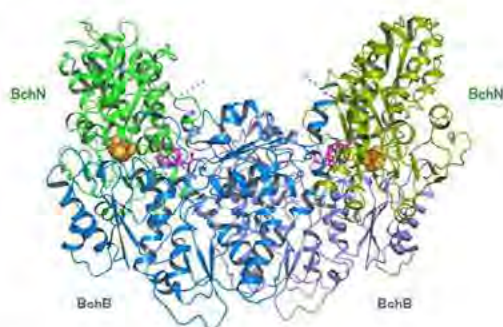
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Chlorophyll (Chl) is a tetrapyrrole macrocycle containing Mg and phytol chain. The Chl biosynthetic pathway consists of the multi-enzymatic reactions. An asymmetric conjugated double bond system of Chl *a*, which is crucial for efficient light absorption, is formed in the penultimate step of biosynthesis, reducing protochlorophyllide (Pchlde) to form chlorophyllide *a*. Photosynthetic organisms adopt two different strategies for the reduction of Pchlde; one is the light-dependent Pchlde oxidoreductase, the other is the dark-operative (light-independent) Pchlde oxidoreductase (DPOR) that operates even in the dark. The greening ability of plant in the dark is attributed to the activity of DPOR. DPOR is characterized to be a nitrogenase-like enzyme requiring ATP hydrolysis and electron supply from Ferredoxin. As same as nitrogenase which catalyzes reduction of molecular nitrogen, DPOR consists of the electron transfer component, L-protein, and the catalytic component, NB-protein.

We show a crystal structure of the catalytic component, NB-protein, of the DPOR from *Rhodobacter capsulatus* at 2.3-angstrom resolution [1]. Overall structure with two copies of homologous BchN and BchB subunits is similar to that of nitrogenase MoFe-protein. Each catalytic BchN-BchB unit contains one Pchlde held without any axial ligations from amino acid residues and one [4Fe-4S] cluster (NB-cluster) at the subunit interface. A surprise of the structure is direct coordination of BchB-Asp36 to the cluster, instead of BchB-Cys95 anticipated to coordinate the cluster based on the sequence similarity. The orientation of bound Pchlde is mainly provided by hydrophobic interaction, keeping the reduction site of Pchlde away from the NB-cluster. The structure in the presence or absence of Pchlde has revealed the displacement of C-terminal helix of BchB when accommodating Pchlde. Intriguingly, NB-cluster and Pchlde are arranged spatially as almost identical to P-cluster and FeMo-cofactor in MoFe-protein of nitrogenase, illustrating a common architecture to reduce chemically stable multi-bonds such as porphyrin and dinitrogen.

In order to examine the contribution of some residues near the substrate-binding site, we created some variants. At the poster presentation, we will propose a novel catalytic reaction mechanism in DPOR based on the analysis of DPOR variants.



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Structural basis for the enantioselectivity of Est-Y29 toward S-ketoprofen

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Thermostable esterase Est-Y29 isolated from metagenome shows high selectivity against S-ketoprofen, an important member of the non-steroidal anti inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). To investigate the structural basis for the enantioselectivity of Est-Y29, we determined crystal structures of Est-Y29 and its complexes with various enantiomers of ketoprofen ethyl ester at 1.7 – 2.4 Å resolution range. Est-Y29 with racemic ketoprofen ethyl ester revealed that the S enantiomer binding to the active site is preferred due to the larger binding area than R enantiomer. Most importantly, water bound to the oxygen of S-ketoprofen formed hydrogen bonds with residues Y69 and S260 of Est-Y29, suggesting that high enantioselectivity observed in Est-Y29 is likely to be contributed by the substrate-bound water. Taken together, crystal structure analyses of Est-Y29 in complex with substrates provided the structure-based understanding of the enantioselectivity of Est-Y29 and proposed that solvent can take a critical role in enzyme selectivity.

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Crystal structure of M18 family dodecameric tetrahedral (TET) shape aminopeptidase from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

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Peptidase family of M18 contains metalloaminopeptidases which utilize co-catalytic metal ions for catalysis. By solving the crystal structure of M18 aminopeptidase from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* at 2.0 Å, we conclude that this structure shows high identity with dodecameric tetrahedral (TET) shape aminopeptidase from family M42. A single subunit of M18-TET structure is composed of two domains, a catalytically active domain which contains two Zn ions, and a PDZ like domain responsible for dimerization with other symmetry related subunit. Each dodecamer assembly of catalytically active molecule is constructed with six anti-parallel pairs forming a regular TET. Our results, combining with the multiple sequence alignment and DALI analysis with other metallopeptidases (LAD, AAP and Frvx) indicate that they share the catalytic mechanism, substrate entry and product release.

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RNA binding mechanism of ThiI deduced from structural and binding analyses of a minimal RNA ligand

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ThiI catalyzes the thio-introduction reaction to tRNA, and a truncated tRNA consisting of 39 nucleotides, TPHE39A, is the minimal RNA substrate for modification by ThiI. To examine the molecular basis of the recognition of tRNA by ThiI, we solved the crystal structure of TPHE39A, which showed that base pairs in the T-stem were almost completely disrupted although those in the acceptor-stem were preserved. Gel shift assays and isothermal titration calorimetry experiments showed that ThiI can bind with not only tRNAPhe but also TPHE39A. Binding assays using truncated ThiI, i.e., N- and C-terminal domains of ThiI, showed that the N-domain can bind with both tRNAPhe and TPHE39A, whereas the C-domain cannot. These results indicated that the N-domain of ThiI recognizes the acceptor-stem region. Thermodynamic analysis indicated that the C-domain also affects RNA binding by its enthalpically favorable but entropically unfavorable contribution. In addition, circular dichroism spectra showed that the C-domain induced a conformation change in tRNAPhe. Based on these results, a possible RNA binding mechanism of ThiI in which the N-terminal domain recognizes the acceptor-stem region and the C-terminal region causes a conformational change of RNA is proposed.

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Basis for the lack of stereospecificity in coenzyme B₁₂-dependent ethanolamine ammonia-lyase

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Ethanolamine ammonia-lyase (EAL) catalyses the formation of acetaldehyde and ammonia from a physiological substrate, 2-aminoethanol. The reaction is initiated by cleavage of the cobalt-carbon bond of coenzyme B₁₂ (adenosylcobalamin) to form cob(II)alamin-5'-deoxyadenosyl radical pair. The 5'-deoxyadenosyl radical abstracts a hydrogen atom from the C1 carbon atom of the substrate to form a substrate radical, followed by migration of an amino group between substrate carbon atoms. This enzyme also reacts with a non-physiological slower substrate, 2-amino-1-propanol. Interestingly, both enantiomers of this compound can serve as substrate for this enzyme although their k_{cat} and K_{m} are significantly different; the (*S*)-enantiomer shows two times faster k_{cat} and eleven times smaller K_{m} than the (*R*)-enantiomer [1]. To elucidate this lack of stereospecificity of the enzyme, we determined the crystal structures of EAL complexed with each enantiomer of 2-amino-1-propanol.

Crystals of EAL complexed with (*S*)-2-amino-1-propanol and cyanocobalamin (EAL-S-AP-CN-Cbl) and (*R*)-2-amino-1-propanol and cyanocobalamin (EAL-R-AP-CN-Cbl) were obtained by soaking substrate-free form crystals [2,3] in the crystallization solution containing each enantiomer of 2-amino-1-propanol. Diffraction data sets were collected at the SPring-8 beamlines BL44XU for EAL-S-AP-CN-Cbl and BL38B1 for EAL-R-AP-CN-Cbl.

The structures of EAL-S-AP-CN-Cbl and EAL-R-AP-CN-Cbl were determined at 2.25 and 2.10 Å, respectively. Electron density maps clearly showed that a substrate molecule was bound at the substrate-binding site of the enzyme and indicated the orientation and configuration of the molecule. Both enantiomers share the same position and the same binding mode as in the structure of the enzyme in the presence of racemic 2-amino-1-propanol [3] although their methyl group occupies a different position from each other. The same substrate-binding mode enables the enzyme to catalyze both enantiomers. Details of the steric courses of the reaction for each enantiomer based on the present structures will be discussed.

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Structural analysis and functional study of the human small MutS-related protein

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The Small MutS-related domains (Smr domain), which are widely conserved from prokaryote to eukaryote, possess nicking endonuclease activity, incising the phosphate at the 3' backbone position of DNA. In eukaryote proteins, human Bcl-3 binding protein (B3bp) has a C-terminal Smr domain that functions as a nicking endonuclease. In order to verify the importance of N-terminal region connecting the Smr domain, we investigated the N-terminal extended Smr domain (exHSMRD; residues 1618-1770) and the Smr domain (HSMRD; residues 1691-1770) of B3bp through the use of a functional assay, SAXS (small-angle X-ray scattering analysis) and X-ray crystallography. The exHSMRD showed a random DNA endonucleolytic activity unlike the nicking endonuclease activity of the HSMRD. The low-resolution structure of the exHSMRD has been acquired by SAXS, and the crystal structure of the HSMRD was solved at 1.9 Å resolution with a crystallographic R-factor of 18.7%. We showed that the exHSMRD structure has an N-terminal elongated form rather than a globular HSMRD structure. Based on comparisons with other Smr structures, we might predict the amino acids that bind to DNA/RNA nucleotides. We suggest that the structural and functional differences between the nicking endonuclease HSMRD and the DNaseI-like endonuclease exHSMRD are affected by connecting the N-terminal region with the Smr domain.

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Structure and mechanism of XometC, a cystathionine γ -lyase from *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* (Xoo): insights for the substrate specificity and lyase mechanism of XometC

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XometC, a cystathionine γ lyase from rice pathogenic bacteria *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* (Xoo), is a pyridoxal phosphate (PLP)-dependent enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of L-cystathionine to cysteine, which is essential for the metabolic interconversion of the sulfur-containing amino acids. *XometC* gene was selected from a genetic screen to search Xoo pathogenicity related genes. *XometC* gene was not essential for Xoo viability, but *XometC* knockout mutant lost the ability to cause bacterial blight in rice. Therefore, XometC is of interest as a potential antivirulence drug target against Xoo. Here, we characterize the enzymatic activity of XometC using HPLC and report its crystal structures in native form; in complex with aminocrotonate intermediate and propargylglycine (PPG). HPLC analysis of enzyme assay products showed that XometC can catalyze both of γ -elimination and β -elimination reactions toward L-cystathionine. Native structure of XometC was determined to 2.0Å resolution. The structure of XometC in complex with ligand reveals a change in conformation. In addition, XometC bound with the aminocrotonate intermediate from γ -elimination reaction can be trapped and the crystal structure was solved to 1.95Å resolution. Such intermediate of γ -elimination reaction hitherto was not reported. Besides, structure of XometC in complex with propargylglycine (PPG), a well-known inhibitor of cystathionine γ -lyase enzyme family, was determined to 2.2Å resolution. It showed a different binding mode compared to PPG-enzyme complexes previously, at which PLP cofactor was dissociated from the enzyme upon PPG bound to enzyme. These results can help to explain the lyase mechanism of XometC and provide a framework for further designing of specific inhibitor against XometC.

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Structure-based catalytic optimization of a type III Rubisco from a hyperthermophile

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The Calvin-Benson-Bassham cycle is responsible for carbon dioxide fixation in all plants, algae, and cyanobacteria. The enzyme that catalyzes the carbon dioxide-fixing reaction is ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase/oxygenase (Rubisco). Rubisco from a hyperthermophilic archaeon *Thermococcus kodakarensis* (Tk-Rubisco) belongs to the type III group, and it shows high activity at high temperatures. We have previously determined the crystal structure in the apo-form of this enzyme [1]. We have also found that replacement of the entire α -helix 6 of Tk-Rubisco with the corresponding region of the spinach enzyme (SP6 mutant) results in an improvement of catalytic performance at mesophilic temperatures, both in vivo and in vitro, whereas the former and latter half replacements of the α -helix 6 (SP4 and SP5 mutants) do not yield such improvement [2]. We report here the crystal structures of the wild-type Tk-Rubisco and the mutants SP4 and SP6 in complex with its reaction-intermediate analogue, and discuss the relationships between their structures and enzymatic activities.

A comparison among these structures shows the movement and the increase of temperature factors of α -helix 6 induced by four essential factors. We thus supposed that an increase in the flexibility of the α -helix 6 and loop 6 regions was important to increase the catalytic activity of Tk-Rubisco at ambient temperatures. Based on this structural information, we constructed a new mutant, SP5-V330T, which was designed to have significantly greater flexibility in the above region, and it proved to exhibit the highest activity among all mutants examined to date. Thermostability of the SP5-V330T mutant was lower than that of wild-type Tk-Rubisco, providing further support on the relationship between flexibility and activity at ambient temperatures.

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Structural and functional analysis of the LMO2642 cyclic nucleotide phosphodiesterase from *Listeria monocytogenes*

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Listeria monocytogenes is a facultative intracellular pathogen invading humans and animals with the highest fatality rate among the food-borne pathogens. The *Listerial* pathogenic processes such as cell entry, escape from phagosomes and intracellular motility mostly depend on the actions of surface proteins. Therefore, revealing the functions of bacterial cell surface proteins is crucial to understand the bacterial pathogenesis and to develop defensive strategies. Here, we report the crystal structure of Lmo2642, a highly conserved surface protein containing a Ser/Thr phosphatase domain. The protein consists of two distinct domains: a catalytic domain that belongs to the metallophosphoesterase superfamily and an auxiliary α -helical bundle domain. We also reveals that Lmo2642 contains, for the phosphodiesterase activity, a dinuclear metal center in which Mn^{2+} and Fe^{3+} are preferentially positioned at the site1 and site2, respectively. Based on the structural analysis and enzymatic assays, we identified the biochemical activity of the protein as a cyclic nucleotide phosphodiesterase toward 2', 3'- and 3', 5'-cyclic nucleotides. Considering the localization of Lmo2642 exposed to host cytosol during *Listerial* infection and the 3', 5'-cAMP, an important signaling molecule, hydrolyzing activity of the protein, we speculate that the Lmo2642 protein has some potential roles for the host-pathogen interactions by subverting the cAMP concentration of host cells during its infection.

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Comparison of DNA translocators based on their structures

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Among four types of bacterial restriction enzymes that cleave a foreign DNA depending on its methylation status, type I enzymes composed of three subunits are interesting because of their unique DNA cleavage and translocation mechanisms performed by the restriction subunit (HsdR). The elucidated N-terminal fragment structure of a putative HsdR subunit from *Vibrio vulnificus* YJ016 reveals three globular domains. The nucleolytic core within an N-terminal nuclease domain (NTD) is composed of one basic and three acidic residues, which include a metal binding site. An ATP hydrolase (ATPase) site at the interface of two RecA-like domains (RDs) is located close to the probable DNA binding site for translocation, which is far from the NTD nucleolytic core. Comparison of relative domain arrangements with other functionally related ATP and/or DNA complex structures suggests a possible translocation and restriction mechanism of the HsdR subunit. Furthermore, careful analysis of its sequence and structure implies that a linker helix connecting two RDs and an extended region within the nuclease domain may play a central role in switching the DNA translocation into the restriction activity.

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Structure and mechanism of the Nudix hydrolase Orf153 (YmfB) from *E. coli*

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YmfB from *E. coli* is the Nudix hydrolase which can hydrolyze a broad spectrum of nucleoside phosphates. YmfB is also involved in the thiamine metabolism. Thiamin pyrophosphate is important in the primary metabolism and a cofactor of many enzymes. Although most Nudix hydrolases cleave (d)NTPs into (d)NMPs and pyrophosphates, YmfB atypically cleaves (d)NTPs into (d)NMPs and inorganic orthophosphates. To elucidate the unique hydrolysis mechanism of YmfB, YmfB structure was compared with structures of other Nudix hydrolases such as MutT, Ap4Aase, and DR1025. In comparison, YmfB had the larger negatively charged area in the substrate binding pocket, which was covered with glutamate and aspartate residues. We mutated the acidic residues by site-directed mutagenesis and studied the kinetic properties of all mutants. The mass spectrometric analysis of the hydrolysis reaction products was also carried out. Based on the results, the novel hydrolysis mechanism of YmfB was proposed, and the information could be used to understand the structure and function of the versatile Nudix hydrolase superfamily better.

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Crystal structure analysis of ATPase domain from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* DosS protein

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DosS is a sensor histidine kinase and essential for undergo the dormant state in the hypoxic condition. DosS is composed of a sensor domain in the N-terminal region and conserved kinase core in the C-terminal region. A conserved kinase core of DosS has HisKA domain and ATPase domain. Here, we report the crystal structure of DosS ATPase domain from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* at 1.8 Å resolution by the single anomalous dispersion method. The ATPase domain crystal was obtained under the condition of 15 % (w/v) polyethylene glycol 1500, 0.2 M zinc acetate and 0.1 M citrate buffer pH 6.0. It belongs to the space group P41212 with unit cell parameters of a=53.19, b=53.19, c=184.61 Å. There are two molecules in the asymmetric unit. The ATPase domain shown α/β sandwich fold which composed of five-stranded β -sheet and three α -helices. DosS ATPase domain is similar to those of other PhoQ and CheA, but the ATP-lid loop of DosS is much shorter than others. It suggests that a conformational change will be required to bind ATP in DosS ATPase.

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Crystal structure of LapB from *Pseudomonas* sp. strain KL28

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LapB is a non-heme Fe(II)-dependent 2,3-dioxygenase that catalyzes the second step of a long-chain alkylphenol (lap) degradation pathway in *Pseudomonas* sp. KL28, and belongs to the superfamily of type I extradiol dioxygenases. In this study, the crystal structures of substrate-free LapB and its complexes with a substrate or product were determined, along with a functional analysis of the active site residues. Structural features of the homotetramer are similar to those of other type I extradiol dioxygenases. In particular, the active site is located in the C-domain of each monomer, with a 2-His-1-carboxylate motif as the first coordination shell to Fe ion. A comparison of three different structures in the catalytic cycle indicated catalysis-related local conformational changes in the active site. Specifically, the active site loop containing His248 exhibits positional changes upon binding of the substrate and establishes a hydrogen-bonding network with Tyr257, which is near the hydroxyl group of the substrate. Kinetic analysis of the mutant enzymes H248A, H248N, and Y257F showed that these three mutant enzymes are inactive, suggesting that this hydrogen-bonding network plays a crucial role in catalysis by deprotonating the incoming substrate and leaving it in a monoanionic state. Additional functional analysis of His201, by using H201A and H201N mutants, near the dioxygen-binding site also supports its role as base and acid catalyst in the late stage of catalysis. We also noticed a disordered-to-ordered structural transition in the C-terminal region, resulting in the opening or closing of the active site. These results provide detailed insights into the structural and functional features of an extradiol dioxygenase that can accommodate a wide range of alkylcatechols.

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The crystal structure of D-ribose-5-phosphate isomerase B from *Clostridium thermocellum* with the unique high kinetic properties

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Ribose-5-phosphate isomerase (Rpi) catalyzes the conversion between ribose-5-phosphate (R5P) and ribulose 5-phosphate, and plays important roles in the non-oxidative pathway of the pentose phosphate pathway and the calvin cycle of photosynthesis. Rpis also have many industrial uses to produce valuable rare sugars. Recently D-Ribose-5-phosphate isomerase B from *Clostridium thermocellum* (CtRpi) was studied due to its high kinetic properties with a narrow spectrum for substrate. The substrate preferences of CtRpi and *Thermotoga maritima* Rpi (TmRpi) are the same, however the kinetic properties of CtRpi on average 200 folds higher than those of TmRpi for substrates. We determined crystal structures of CtRpi by itself and in complex with substrates of R5P, D-allose, and D-ribose at 2.1 Å resolution or higher. The structure comparison between CtRpi and TmRpi showed overall structures were highly conserved even in the active site, however the substrate binding pocket (SBP) of CtRpi was 20% smaller than TmRpi SBP. Thus CtRpi recognized substrates more tightly. We switched the key different residues between CtRpi and TmRpi by site-directed mutagenesis, and studied the kinetic activities of mutants. The results showed several different structural motifs or residues rather than a single residue contribute the high kinetic activities of CtRpi in the concerted way. The information could be used to engineer better Rpi for the industrial purposes.

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Structural feature of the extreme thermophile maltogenic amylase from *Staphylothermus marinus*

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SMMA (*Staphylothermus marinus* maltogenic amylase) is an extreme thermophile maltogenic amylase from archaea, hydrolyzing cyclodextrin and linear maltooligosaccharide of α -(1-4) glycosyl linkages. This enzyme has an additional N-terminal extension (N'-domain) of ~110 amino acid that is conserved among archaeal hyperthermophile amylases but not found in other hydrolyzing enzymes of GH13 subfamily. To understand the functional role of the N'-domain, we determined the crystal structures of SMMA at the resolution of 2.28 Å. The structure revealed a unique architecture of the N'-domain, a domain topology similar to Carbohydrate Binding Module (CBM) 48 family. The strand-loop-strand region of the N'-domain that interacts to carbohydrate in CBM 48 family protrudes out and provides substrate binding surface at the active site. It is positioned adjacent to the active site forming one part of the substrate binding groove at the reducing end of substrate. Unlike other mesophilic bacterial maltogenic amylases, SMMA contains the complete components for the enzyme activity in a monomer subunit. This is the first observation of the involvement of CBM 48 in the maltogenic amylase activity mechanism suggesting that extreme thermophilic archaea utilize the carbohydrate interaction property to the binding of substrate at the active site. In addition, the extreme thermostability can be explained by many non-polar amino acid residues exposed at the surface of SMMA. The structures would provide a molecular basis for functional properties unique to extreme thermophile maltogenic amylases from archaea.

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Crystallization and preliminary X-ray analysis of a novel thermostable amylase from *Pyrococcus furiosus* (PFTA) in glycoside hydrolase 13 family

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Pyrococcus furiosus thermostable amylase (PFTA) is a extremophile enzyme with a novel catalytic properties as both an α -amylase and a cyclodextrin hydrolyzing enzyme. PFTA exhibits a distinguishable substrate preference for cyclic maltodextrins over linear maltooligosaccharides. Its unique catalytic properties are useful for producing high-value-added maltooligosaccharides with defined lengths, such as maltohexaose (G6), maltoheptaose (G7), and maltooctaose (G8) from commercially available cyclodextrins. In this study, the first crystallization and preliminary X-ray analysis of PFTA, a family 13 glycoside hydrolase, is described. PFTA is a dimeric protein consisting of two identical subunits of 645 amino acids and with a calculated molecular weight of 76 KDa for each monomer subunit. Purified recombinant protein was crystallized by the sitting-drop method in space group P41 (unit-cell parameters $a=150.065$, $b=150.065$, $c=67.856$ Å). The crystals diffracted X-rays to a resolution of 2.34 Å. The three dimensional structure of this enzyme would provide the molecular basis for the unique substrate preferences for cyclic maltodextrins. The detailed information would be useful in developing and engineering thermostable CD degrading enzyme to produce functional maltooligosaccharides.

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Structural basis for the recognition of N-end rule substrates by the UBR box of ubiquitin ligases

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The N-end rule pathway is a regulated proteolytic system that targets proteins containing destabilizing N-terminal residues for ubiquitylation and proteosomal degradation. N-end rule mediated degradation underlies many cellular processes, from chromosome segregation to apoptosis. The N-terminal degradation signals (N-degrons) of type-1 substrates of this pathway contain an N-terminal arginine, lysine or histidine residue that is required for their recognition by the ~80-residue UBR-box domain of an E3 ubiquitin (Ub) ligase. Here we describe crystal structures of the UBR box of the *S. cerevisiae* E3 ligase Ubr1 alone and in complexes with N-degron peptides. The structures reveal a previously unknown protein fold that is stabilized by coordination of three zinc ions, two of which form a novel di-nuclear zinc center. The N-degron binds in a groove on the surface of the domain, forming a short β -strand. The basic N-terminal residue of the N-degron binds in a negatively charged cleft, and a conserved aspartate of UBR forms a critical salt-bridge with the α -amino group of the N-degron. Interestingly, the side-chains of N-terminal Arg, Lys or His are coordinated by distinct residues of the UBR binding site. These structures and our biochemical analyses also reveal a previously unknown modulation of binding specificity by the residue at position 2 of the N-degron.

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Structure basis of genetic encoded photosensitizer KillerRed

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Most of biological phenomena are consisted of the complicated network of molecular interactions in cells. Therefore, to know the molecular role of proteins *in vivo* is a pivotal step for cellular biology, molecular biology etc. Several methods to elucidate the protein functions have been developed. Among them tools for loss of function of proteins derived meaningful data from biochemical and cellular biological experiments. Therefore some kinds of specific inhibitors such as RNA interference and neutralizing antibodies were developed and applied to inhibit the functions of proteins *in vivo* and *in vitro*. However, all of these methods could not regulate time and site specific inhibition. Chromophore-assisted light inactivation (CALI) is a promising technique to overcome this disadvantage [1]. In CALI chromophore molecules are used as photosensitizer, which produce highly reactive free radicals including reactive oxygen species (ROS) by irradiation of intense light. ROS have short lifetime, therefore the damage radius is limited to approximately 3-4 nm [2]. This indicates that inactivation of the protein(s) is limited in short timescales and very small regions, where the inactivation light is exposed. So far some fluorescent small molecules such as malachite green and fluorescein were used as photosensitizer for CALI applications. These photosensitizers should exogenously introduce into living specimen, which is the bottleneck of developing versatile application of CALI. KillerRed is the first genetically encoded photosensitizer, which has notable phototoxicity. KillerRed is developed by protein engineering from the hydrozoan chromoprotein anm2CP, a homolog of GFP [3]. Using KillerRed as photosensitizer of CALI, the difficulty of introducing any compound exogenously in cells is overcome. For the further development of KillerRed, genetically encoded protein photosensitizer, we determine the crystal structure of KillerRed to understand the structural basis for the phototoxicity. The crystal structure of KillerRed was solved by S-SAD at 2.8 Å resolution. The data sets were collected using the loopless data-collection method [4] with chromium K α X-rays. The overall structure of KillerRed was 11-stranded β -barrel with an internal α -helix passing through inside of the barrel, which is characteristic of the fluorescent protein family. The chromophore formed by the autocatalytic cyclization and oxidation of three residues (Gln65-Tyr66-Gly67) located at the center of internal α -helix. The imidazolinone moiety of chromophore was exposed to the outside of the β -barrel through the characteristic water-filled channel. It is considered that oxygen molecules are converted to ROS with light induced energy transfer at chromophore, followed by ROS diffuse to outside of β -barrel through this channel.

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Crystal structures of ribosome-inactivating protein from barley seeds (*Hordeum vulgare* L.)

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The ribosome-inactivating protein (RIP) is widely distributed in plant kingdom, which inactivates ribosome of the pathogen by removing a specific adenine from the rRNA and plays a role in the plant defense. RIP from barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.; bRIP) seeds was previously identified, isolated (Leah *et al.*, 1991) and crystallized (Song *et al.*, 1994), but no structural information is available so far because of phasing problem. The crystal from natural barley seeds is in complex with AMP and belongs to the monoclinic space group C2, with unit-cell parameters of $a=88.36$, $b=62.59$, $c=53.18$ Å and $\beta=108.62^\circ$ to 1.9 Å (Song *et al.*, 1994). The bRIP was over-expressed in *E. coli* using codon-optimized synthetic gene, and we obtained phase information using a selenomethionine derivatized crystal and determined the structures of bRIP at high resolution. The SER technique (Surface Entropy Reduction; Goldschmidt *et al.*, 2007) was used for crystallization of protein expressed from *E. coli*, and the crystal belongs to space group C2, with cell parameters of $a=130.5$, $b=142.1$, $c=85.9$ Å and $\beta=127.0^\circ$, and diffracts to 1.75 Å. We also obtained the crystal in complex with adenine through soaking method, which diffracts to 1.85 Å. The structures of bRIP alone and in complex with adenine and AMP were currently refined to crystallographic R factor of 0.22~0.24 and free R factor of 0.25~0.28. The comparison between apo- and adenine-bound form shows catalytic mechanism of bRIP, an RNA N-glycosidase.

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Crystal structure of human Evectin-2 PH domain and its complex with O-phospho-L-serine

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Evectin-2, a pleckstrin homology (PH)-domain-containing protein, is implicated to be a regulator of the retrograde transport from plasma membrane to Golgi. Furthermore, it is implicated that Evectin-2 PH domain plays an important role in the retrograde transport by binding to phosphatidylserine (PS) on Recycling Endosomes. To clarify the detailed binding mode between human Evectin-2 PH domain and PS, the crystal structures of the native and O-phospho-L-serine complex were determined at 1.75 and 1.00 Å resolutions, respectively. The overall structure follows the standard PH domain fold. O-phospho-L-serine binds to positively charged pocket near $\beta 1/\beta 2$ loop, and this binding mode confers the structural basis of the phospholipid binding specificity. Based on these structures, potential functional implications of human Evectin-2 PH domain are discussed.

Crystal structure analysis of the oxygenase component (GraA) of a resorcinol hydroxylase

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The resorcinol hydroxylase is involved in the first step of the resorcinol catabolic pathway and catalyzes hydroxylation of resorcinol to hydroxyquinol. The enzyme consists of two components: an oxygenase and a flavin reductase. It uses molecular oxygen and reduced flavin for hydroxylation and NAD(P)H for flavin reduction. The small component, flavin reductase, generates reduced flavin for the oxygenase component to oxygenate the substrate. Thus, the enzymatic reaction is separated into two steps. However, hydroxylation activity is exhibited in the cooperative presence of both the components. To understand the structural basis for the catalytic mechanism, we first performed the crystal structure analysis of the oxygenase component (GraA) from *Rhizobium* sp. strain MTP-10005. GraA is an oligomer and its subunit consists of 409 amino acid residues with the mass of 43,305.

The N-terminal His-tagged GraA was used for crystallization. Tetragonal-bipyramidal crystals with typical size of $0.17 \times 0.30 \times 0.025 \text{ mm}^3$ were obtained in about 6 days by a vapor diffusion method using PEG3350 as a precipitating agent. They belonged to the tetragonal space group $I4_122$ with unit cell dimensions of $a=b=101.1 \text{ \AA}$, $c=319.4 \text{ \AA}$ and contained one GraA subunit in asymmetric unit. Diffraction data were collected up to 2.6 \AA resolution under cryogenic conditions at beamline BL5A, PF, Tsukuba, Japan. The structure was determined by molecular replacement and refined at 2.6 \AA resolution up to $R=0.211$ and $R_{\text{free}}=0.253$. The current structure of GraA subunit contains 374 of 409 residues (residue number 17–166, 171–269, 285–409) and 115 water molecules.

GraA is a tetramer of four identical subunits related to one another by three molecular two-fold axes which are identical to crystallographic two-fold axes. A given pair of two subunits in the molecule form a close dimer with C-terminal α -helical domains crossed together around a crystallographic two-fold axis. Then, two of the close dimers form a loose dimer around another crystallographic two-fold axis crossing perpendicular to the former two-fold axis. Finally, the GraA tetrameric molecule adopts the structure of a dimer of dimers with three molecular two-fold axes perpendicular to one another. The subunit consists of three domains. The N-terminal domain (residues Met1–Ala121) has an α -structure mainly of antiparallel α -helices, the central domain has a β -structure of two β -sheets stacked together, and the C-terminal domain (residues Phe218–Tyr409) has a four-helix-bundle structure of long antiparallel α -helices involved in tetramer formation.

Structural basis of abscisic acid signaling

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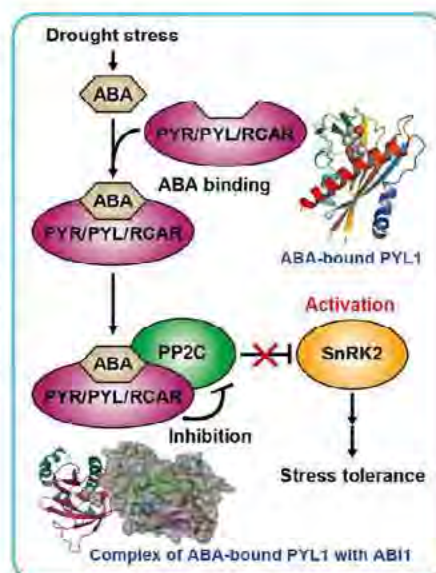
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The phytohormone abscisic acid (ABA) mediates the adaptation of plants to environmental stresses such as drought and regulates developmental signals such as seed maturation. Studies on ABA signaling has rapidly been making progress since recent discovery of PYR/PYL/RCAR protein as ABA receptor [1,2]. Within plants, the receptor protein receives ABA to inhibit the phosphatase activity of type 2C protein phosphatase (PP2C) that is major negative regulator in ABA signaling. However, it remained unclear how the receptor perceives the ABA molecule and ABA binding leads to inhibition of PP2C. Elucidation of these critical questions is also required for development of stress-tolerant crops.

We determined the crystal structures of the ABA receptor PYL1 bound with ABA, and the complex formed by the further binding of ABA-bound PYL1 with the PP2C protein ABI1 (Fig.1) [3]. PYL1 exhibits a helix-grid fold with a large internal water-filled cavity. This receptor protein binds an ABA molecule in the cavity, thereby forming a hydrophobic pocket between two closed loops. The hydrophobic pocket of ABA-bound PYL1 provides the continuous binding interface of ABI1 and one of the closed loops covers the active site of ABI1 like a plug. Thus, ABA-bound PYL1 is capable to competitively inhibit the phosphatase activity of ABI1. Our results revealed the structural mechanism of ABA-dependent ABI1 inhibition that underlies the regulation of phosphorylation signaling in plant stress responses and seed developmental processes by ABA sensing of PYL1.

Fig. 1 Schematic diagram of the ABA signaling.



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X-ray structural analysis of N-terminal domain of KaiC for understanding of restrained ATPase activity

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Cyanobacteria, known as the simplest organism that exhibits circadian rhythm, possesses an oscillator composed of three clock proteins termed KaiA, KaiB, and KaiC. [1] Incubation of these three proteins in vitro induces a KaiC phosphorylation cycle, whose frequency is positively correlated to the ATPase activity of KaiC. [2,3] The KaiC ATPase has two unusual characters. One is the extremely low activity as compared to those of AAA family (15 ATP/day/monomer). The other is that the apparent rate of ATP hydrolysis is insensitive to the change in ambient temperature. Although these features are relevant to a determinant of the oscillatory frequency, little is known about the details of ATPase cycle in KaiC. [3]

To understand a mechanism by which the ATPase activity is restrained, we focused on the structure of the N-terminal domain in KaiC (KaiCI) retaining the 70% of the activity of full-length KaiC. Here, we show the X-ray crystal structure of ATP-bound KaiCI at 2.8 Å. We found several signs of asymmetric structures in the KaiCI hexamer. By structural comparison between wild-type and modulated-ATPase mutants of KaiC-CI, we will discuss some information of several structural characteristics as well as consideration of extremely restrained activity of KaiC ATPase.

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Human NUDT5 (hNUDT5) hydrolyzes 8-oxo-dGDP into 8-oxo-dGMP and inorganic phosphate and prevents mutations caused by misincorporation of 8-oxoG into DNA. In addition, hNUDT5 displays extremely broad substrate specificity for various modified nucleoside diphosphates, including 8-oxo-dADP and ADP-ribose. However, the structural basis of the broad substrate specificity remains unknown. Here, we report the crystal structures of hNUDT5 complexed with 8-oxo-dGDP and 8-oxo-dADP. These structures reveal an unusually different substrate-binding mode: particularly, binding occurred in the opposite direction of the pyrophosphate group, compared with the previously reported hNUDT5-ADP-ribose complex structure [1]. As a result, the β -phosphorus of 8-oxo-dGDP and the α -phosphorus of ADP-ribose are superposed on the same position. If these crystal structures are not artificial, this result suggests that the nucleophilic substitution sites of the substrates involved in hydrolysis reactions differ despite the similarities in the chemical structures of the substrates and products. To clarify this hypothesis, we identified the site of nucleophilic substitution for 8-oxo-dGDP and ADP-ribose by ³¹P-NMR measurement of the reaction mixtures in ¹⁸O-labeled water. The spectra clearly show that 8-oxo-dGDP is attacked by nucleophilic water at P β , whereas ADP-ribose is attacked at P α . This observation reveals a new concept in enzymology that enzymes do not always catalyze the reaction of substrates with similar chemical structures by using the chemically equivalent reaction site.

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Crystal structure of human ppGpp hydrolase

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Bacterial SpoT is a Mn²⁺-dependent pyrophosphohydrolase to hydrolyze ppGpp to GDP and pyrophosphate, which has also a ppGpp synthetase domain in response to carbon or fatty acid starvation. In this study, recombinant ppGpp hydrolase from Homo sapiens (hMesh1) was expressed in *E. coli*, purified, crystallized and solved its crystal structure. The structure of hMesh1 was determined by SAD method using x-ray data collected from a selenomethionyl-labeled protein crystal. The crystal of hMesh1 was diffracted to 2.0 Å and belonged to the monoclinic space group P2₁ with cell dimensions of a=53.92 Å, b=62.42 Å, c=53.94 Å and β=95.3°, which contains two molecules in the asymmetric unit. Overall, hMesh1 is composed of ten α-helices and two β-strands that constitute three subdomains. The helical turn between α3 and α4 contains a conserved HD-box motif found in the superfamily of metal-dependent phosphohydrolases, and coordinates one manganese ion together with helices α2 and α8. This is the first structure of a metazoan SpoT ortholog.

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Crystal structures of extra cellular dermal glycoprotein from carrot and xyloglucan specific endo- β -1,4-glucanase from *Aspergillus aculeatus*

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Plant cell wall is composed various polysaccharides such as cellulose, hemicellulose and pectin which increase strength of cell wall and maintain plant architecture. Many phytopathogens secrete glucanase to degrade plant cell wall. In response to pathogenic attack, plants produce proteins that inhibit the activity of those glucanases. The extra cellular dermal glycoprotein (EDGP) from carrot is induced by biotic or abiotic stress and inhibits the activity of xyloglucan specific endo- β -1,4-glucanase from *Aspergillus aculeatus* (XEG). XEG cleaves xyloglucan that is one of hemicellulose cross-linking cellulose microfibrils. Thus, EDGP may play important role in plant defense system.

We progress structural study of EDGP and XEG to realize the inhibition mechanism. Crystals of EDGP and XEG were obtained by hanging drop vapor diffusion method. The crystal of EDGP belongs to space group $P6_2$ with the cell dimensions of $a = b = 130.1$, $c = 44.5$ Å, and $\gamma = 120^\circ$. The structure of EDGP is determined by single isomorphous with anomalous scattering (SIRAS) using I_2 -derived crystal prepared by vaporizing iodine labeling (VIL) technique. X-ray diffraction data of native and I_2 -derived crystals were collected at SPring-8 beamline BL41XU and Photon Factory (PF) beamline NW12A, respectively. The crystal of XEG belongs to space group $P2_12_12_1$ with the cell dimensions of $a = 62.9$, $b = 79.5$, $c = 80.6$ Å. X-ray diffraction data of native crystals were collected at PF beamline BL17A. The structure of XEG is determined by molecular replacement using the coordinate of Cel12A from *Hypocrea jecorina*. We will discuss the inhibition mechanism by EDGP for the activity of XEG.

Crystallization and preliminary X-ray analysis of a family 51 glycoside hydrolase, the α -L-arabinofuranosidase from *Thermotoga maritima* MSB8

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The digestion of the plant cell wall requires the concerted action of a diverse repertoire of enzyme activities. Important components of these hydrolase are arabinofuranosidases. α -L-Arabinofuranosidases (AFases; EC 3.2.1.55) are hemicellulases that cleave the glycosidic bond between L-arabinofuranoside side chains and various oligosaccharides. In this study, the first crystallization and preliminary X-ray analysis of the α -L-Arabinofuranosidases from *Thermotoga maritima* MSB8 (TAF), a family 51 glycoside hydrolase, is described. TAF is a hexameric protein consisting of six identical subunits of 484 amino acids and with a calculated molecular weight of 56KDa for each monomer subunit. Purified recombinant protein was crystallized by the sitting-drop method in space group P2₁ (unit-cell parameters $a=103.710$, $b=161.538$, $c=112.602$ Å). The crystals diffracted X-rays to a resolution of 3.0 Å. The three dimensional structure of this enzyme, especially with respect to its high thermostability (85~90°C) and varied substrate preferences ranging from arabinan to arabinoxylan is of great interest since it will provide crucial information about substrate binding and specificity of 51 glycoside hydrolase family and basis for the development of industrial production of L-arabinose subsequently.

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Structural and biological investigation of ppGpp hydrolase in metazoa

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In response to nutritional limitation, bacteria will trigger stringent response, which is characterized on adopting a physiological progress with primary effect on reduction of protein synthesis and expression of stress-responsible genes. In *Escherichia coli*, stringent response was mediated by SpoT and RelA with synthesis and hydrolysis of ppGpp. However, their homologs in metazoans have not been discovered yet. Here, we identified functional SpoT homologs in human and *Drosophila* (hMesh1 and dMesh1, respectively) and determined their crystal structures. The refined structures contain one active site of ppGpp hydrolysis and highly resemble to bacterial enzyme RelSeq from *Streptococcus equisimilis*. In addition, it has been shown that Mesh1 proteins can catalyze ppGpp hydrolysis both in vivo and in vitro. Furthermore, Mesh1 antagonized the RelA-overexpressed phenotype and rescued the SpoT-deficient lethality in *E. coli*, demonstrating the evolutionally conserved function of metazoan SpoT homolog. Finally, Mesh1 null mutant in *Drosophila* causes retarded body growth, impaired starvation responses and altered metabolic gene expressions. Collectively, these data indicate that metazoan SpoT orthologs not only evolutionarily conserve but also play vital functions in starvation responses.

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Structural insight into bacterial flavin containing monooxygenase

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Flavin-containing monooxygenases (FMOs) catalyze the oxidation at nucleophilic and heteroatom centers which are important for drug, xenobiotic, and endogenous substrate metabolism. A gene from, restricted facultative methylotroph, *Methylophaga* sp. strain SK1 was cloned on *E.coli*. Its expression oxidizes indole to indigo via indoxyl and produced blue pigment indigo. The product of this gene showed similarity to the mammalian FMOs. In the present study, we performed experiment to explain the functional mechanism of FMO from *Methylophaga*. We studied the crystal structures of the wild type as well as protein-cofactor (oxidized NADP⁺) and mutant protein (Y207S)-substrate (indole) complexes. We found that the wild type bacterial FMO (bFMO) structure was composed of two structural domains, known as small and large domain. Our result showed that the prosthetic group FAD was located at the depressed surface of the active site in the large domain. bFMO needs NADPH as a cofactor in addition to the prosthetic group for its catalytic activity. Oxidized NADP⁺ complex structure showed a conformational change in the NADPH binding motif. Especially, the side chain of Tyr207 bent back to the base of nicotinamide binding space. In order to find substrate binding structure, we made Tyr207 residue mutant (Y207S). It was found that indole occupied the NADPH binding site through overlapping and stacking on the FAD. Based on our result, it can be concluded that NADP(H) and indole binds at the same position by replacing each other.

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Asymmetric dimeric structure of ferredoxin-NAD(P)⁺ oxidoreductase from *Chlorobaculum tepidum*: Implications for binding ferredoxin and NADP⁺

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Ferredoxin-NAD(P)⁺ oxidoreductase (FNR) catalyzes the reduction of NAD(P)⁺ to NAD(P)H with the reduced ferredoxin (Fd) during the final step of the photosynthetic electron transport chain. FNR from the green sulfur bacterium *Chlorobaculum tepidum* (formerly *Chlorobium tepidum*) is functionally analogous to plant-type FNR but shares a structural homology to NADPH-dependent thioredoxin reductase (TrxR). In this study, in order to understand the structural basis for the enzymatic reaction of newly recognized TrxR-like FNRs, we have examined the crystal structure of *C. tepidum* FNR by X-ray crystallography to 2.4 Å resolution [1,2]. Our data reveal that *C. tepidum* FNR retains its structural topology with TrxR but possesses several unique structural features (Figure). *C. tepidum* FNR consists of two functional domains for binding FAD and NAD(P)H that form a homodimer in which the domains are arranged asymmetrically. One NAD(P)H domain is present as the open form, the other with the equivalent NAD(P)H domain as the relatively closed form. We used site-directed mutagenesis on the hinge region connecting the two domains in order to investigate the importance of the flexible hinge. The asymmetry of the NAD(P)H domain and the comparison with TrxR suggested that the hinge motion might be involved in pyridine nucleotide binding and binding of Fd. Surprisingly, the crystal structure revealed an additional C-terminal sub-domain that tethers one protomer and interacts with the other protomer by π - π stacking of Phe337 and the isoalloxazine ring of FAD. The position of this stacking Phe337 is almost identical with both of the conserved C-terminal Tyr residues of plant-type FNR and the active site dithiol of TrxR, implying a unique structural basis for enzymatic reaction of *C. tepidum* FNR.

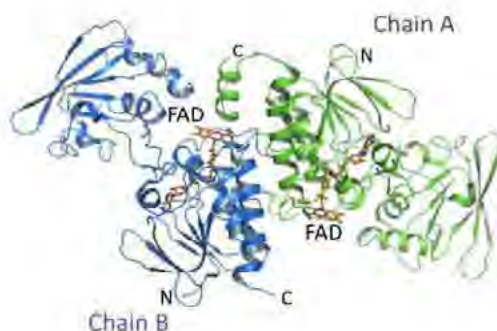


Figure. Overall structure of *C. tepidum* FNR

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Crystal structure and functional study of ureidoglycolate dehydrogenase from *Escherichia coli*

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Ureide pathway is a crucial metabolic process in some bacteria and plants to utilize nitrogen in purine, by degrading enzymatically uric acid, a product of purine degradation, into allantoin, which is a common route to both some bacteria and plants. Subsequently, two distinct further catabolic pathways were identified; in plant, allantoin is degraded into glyoxylate, with the release of four-equivalent molecules of ammonia, but in some bacteria four-step enzymatic reactions result in two-equivalent molecules of ammonia, with a conversion of allantoin into glyoxylate and urea. In *Escherichia coli*, ureidoglycolate dehydrogenase (AllD) has been known to catalyze alternative reaction for the last reaction in the bacterial ureide pathway, and produce oxalurate in a NAD(P)-dependent manner, by the oxidation of (S)-ureidoglycolate, a substrate for the final reaction. In this study, in order to investigate molecular basis on the reaction mechanism of AllD we are carrying out structural and functional analysis of the enzyme. Further discussion will be presented for the structural features and catalytic mechanism of AllD.

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Structural and functional studies of an ureidoglycine-hydrolyzing enzyme from *Arabidopsis thaliana*

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Purine is a rich-nitrogen-harboring compound and its degradation is essential for nitrogen recycling in various organisms. In this degradation process, purine is initially degraded into urate, which subsequently enters into the recently identified additional catabolic pathway, the ureide pathway. In this metabolic process, urate is converted into allantoin through three-step enzyme reactions, followed by the formation of allantoate. Allantoate amidohydrolase in plants and some bacteria catalyzes a further conversion of allantoate into ureidoglycine, releasing nitrogen as a form of ammonia. Ureidoglycine produced could face three different fates; (1) formation of glyoxylate and urea in a spontaneous manner, with a release of ammonia, (2) enzymatic conversion into oxalurate by ureidoglycine transaminase in some bacteria, or (3) enzyme-dependent hydrolysis into ureidoglycolate in some bacteria and plant. Recently, an ureidoglycine-hydrolyzing enzyme from *Arabidopsis thaliana* was identified by the aid of bioinformatics and comparative genomics. The enzyme shares high sequence similarity with those of the previously characterized bacterial enzyme, but differs in that plant enzyme contains additional domain at its N-terminus. Currently, we are investigating structural and functional study of ureidoglycine-hydrolyzing enzyme from *Arabidopsis thaliana*. Based on these results, structural and functional features of ureidoglycine hydrolysis will be presented.

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Crystal structures of human peroxiredoxin VI in multiple oxidation states

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Peroxiredoxins (Prxs) are redox active cysteine-dependent peroxidases that reduce hydrogen peroxide and alkyl peroxides to water and the corresponding alcohols, respectively. In mammals, six Prxs were identified (Prx I-VI) and they are classified into two groups, 1-Cys Prx and 2-Cys Prx based on the number of conserved cysteine residues. 2-Cys Prx proteins contain conserved cysteines called peroxidatic and resolving cysteine in both the N- and the C-terminal region of protein, while 1-Cys Prx protein has one conserved cysteine (Cys47) in the N-terminal region. 1-Cys Prx protein, also called peroxiredoxin VI, has been widely studied in cells and animal models for protective antioxidant properties such as detoxification of reactive oxygen species (ROS) and protection of the cells from cell death induced by oxidative stress. In peroxiredoxin VI reaction system, the peroxidatic cysteine (Cys47) is oxidized to cysteine sulfenic acid (Cys47-SOH) by H₂O₂, and the sulfenic intermediate gets hyperoxidized to sulfinic acid (Cys47-SO₂H) under the oxidative stress condition. A number of structural and biochemical studies have been carried out, yet the tertiary structure of the reduced and sulfinic acid form of peroxiredoxin VI have not been reported. In this study, we present crystal structures of peroxiredoxin VI in three different oxidation states and explain the structural conformation changes upon oxidation.

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Crystal structures of malonyl-CoA-acyl carrier protein transacylase (MCAT) from *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Streptococcus pneumoniae*

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The biosynthesis of fatty acids is a fundamental component of the cellular metabolic pathway, since fatty acids are the essential building blocks for membrane phospholipid formation. Since most bacteria and plants synthesize fatty acids using a discrete and highly conserved group of enzymes called the type II fatty acid synthase (FAS II) system that is different from yeast and animal which utilize the type I fatty acid synthase (FAS I), type II FAS system have been receiving enormous attention as possible antibiotic targets. Malonyl-CoA-acyl carrier protein transacylase (MCAT) transfers the malonyl group from malonyl-CoA to holo-acyl carrier protein (ACP), and since malonyl-ACP is a key building block for fatty-acid biosynthesis it is considered as a promising antibacterial target. The crystal structures of MCAT from *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Streptococcus pneumoniae* have been determined at 1.46 and 2.1 Å resolution, respectively. In the *Sa*MCAT structure, the N-terminal expression peptide of a neighboring molecule running in the opposite direction of malonyl-CoA makes extensive interactions with the highly conserved “Gly-Gln-Gly-Ser-Gln” stretch, suggesting a new design platform. Mutagenesis results suggest that the enzymatic activities of the *Spn*MCAT mutants suggest that Ser90 and His199 are the catalytic dyad with Arg115 and Phe198 playing critical roles in catalysis. We believe that these structures provide useful information for the design of novel inhibitors.

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Characterization and crystallization of perakine reductase, an enzyme involved in monoterpene indole alkaloid biosynthesis

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The enzyme Perakine reductase (PR) catalyzes the NADPH-dependent reduction of perakine to raucaffrinoline (Figure). The reaction represents a side-branch of the biosynthetic pathway of the antiarrhythmic alkaloid ajmaline applied in therapy of arrhythmic heart disorders. The 10-step pathway has been elucidated in cell cultures of the Indian medical plant *Rauvolfia serpentina*.

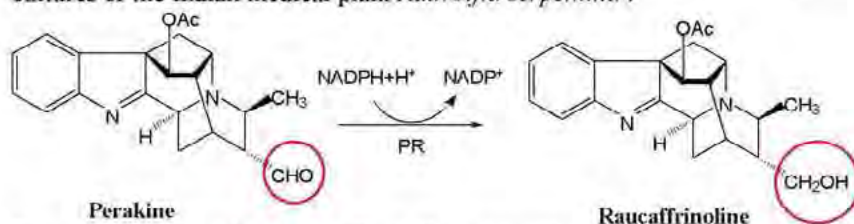


Figure. Perakine reductase catalyzes the enzymatic reaction from perakine to raucaffrinoline in presence of the reduced cofactor NADPH.

In the past PR was functionally expressed in *Escherichia coli* as the N-terminal His₆-tagged enzyme and was purified to homogeneity. Sequence alignments studies define PR as a novel member of the large aldo-keto reductase (AKR) superfamily. PR [1] exhibits the conserved catalytic tetrad Asp52, Tyr57, Lys84, His126. Site-directed mutagenesis of each of these functional residues to an alanine residue results in > 97.8% loss of enzyme activity. PR represents the first example of the AKR-family which takes part in the biosynthesis of plant – derived monoterpene indole alkaloids. In addition to a new esterase, PR significantly extends the *Rauvolfia* alkaloid network to a novel group of alkaloids named peraksine alkaloids. Surprisingly, PR displays also an unusual broad substrate acceptance, reducing small benzaldehyde analogs, medium cinnamic aldehyde derivatives, up to bulky indole alkaloids. The relatively low substrate specificity and delivering de-toxified alcohols from compounds with reactive aldehyde groups may suggest a chemical defence and self-protecting function of PR [2].

Best crystals of methylated His₆-tagged PR were up to now obtained by the hanging-drop vapor-diffusion technique. The crystals diffracted to 2.30 Å. They belong to space group C222₁ and one asymmetric unit cell contains one PR molecule. Elucidation of the 3D-structure of PR and its complexes with cofactor NADPH and different substrates are presently under progress.

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Structural analysis of raucaffricine glucosidase, a central enzyme in the alkaloid biosynthetic network of the Indian plant *Rauvolfia*

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Raucaffricine-O- β -D-glucosidase (RG) is an enzyme that takes part in the biosynthesis of monoterpenoid indole alkaloids from the Indian medical plant *Rauvolfia serpentina*, especially for the antiarrhythmic alkaloid ajmaline used to treat heart disorders [1]. Sequence alignment studies show that RG belongs to the glycosyl hydrolase (GH) family 1. Sequence identity of RG is 55% compared to another glucosidase (strictosidine glucosidase, SG) of alkaloid biosynthesis. SG represents the bio-synthetic gateway to the mentioned indole alkaloid family with about 2000 members, some of highly important pharmaceutical activities [2]. The best substrate for recombinant RG is raucaffricine.



Figure: Enzymatic transformation of raucaffricine catalyzed by RG

The glucosides secologanin and strictosidine at the beginning of the ajmaline biosynthesis pathway are also hydrolyzed by RG, which is in contrast to SG. SG accepts exclusively its natural substrate strictosidine [3]. Site-directed mutagenesis of RG's functional residue Glu-186 to a Gln residue results in >99% loss of enzyme activity. Crystals of RG and its complexes of inactive mutant Glu186Gln (with secologanin and dihydroraucaffricine, respectively) were obtained and survived X-ray measurements at room temperature. Complete data sets were collected to less than 2.5 Å. Detailed three-dimensional information describing both, native RG and complexes of inactive mutant of RG, thus providing additional structural characterization and identification of the amino acids that occupy the active site surface of the enzyme. Structural analysis and site-directed mutagenesis experiments demonstrate the essential role of Glu-186 in catalysis. The data presented here will contribute to deciphering the structure-related substrate specificity of raucaffricine glucosidase.

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Drug protein interaction studies of an antiviral agent garcinol targeting HIV-1 protease by *in silico* approach

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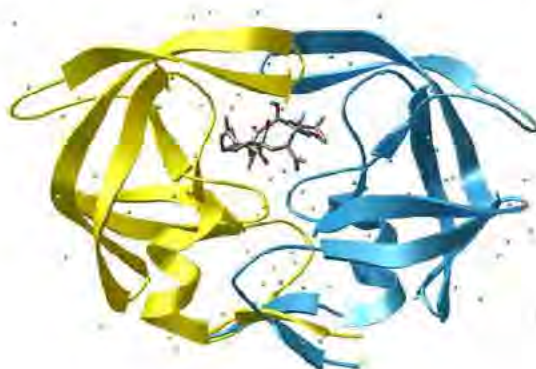
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HIV/AIDS remains the greatest public health and humanitarian challenges in the current world's health sector. For many decades now, millions of lives have been compromised by this disease. HIV-1 protease (HIV-1PR) is an obligatory enzyme in the replication process of the HIV virus. The abundant structural information on HIV-1PR has made the enzyme an attractive target for computer-aided drug design strategies. However, it becomes less effective due to highly resistant new viral strains of HIV, which have multiple mutations in their proteases. Garcinol, a polyisoprenylated benzophenone derivative from *Garcinia indica* fruit rind which has high inhibitory affinity for the HIV-1 protease is examined in this study. Garcinol the inhibitor was docked on to HIV-1PR enzyme using molecular docking program Autodock and binding free energy is calculated using Lamarckian Genetic Algorithm. Inhibitor docked against the enzyme was found to bind with conformational flexibility necessary for exploiting those polar groups providing strong electrostatic interaction with the viral enzyme. The conformation of such molecules will also exploit the interaction geometry along with the molecule size sufficient for spanning the two protease residues to which they will bind making it a good starting point for designing library of garcinol and its analogs as HIV-1 protease inhibitors.



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Structural and functional analyses of W272A and N277A mutant forms of prostacyclin synthase

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Prostacyclin synthase (PGIS) plays crucial roles in cardiovascular function by catalyzing an isomerization of prostaglandin H₂ (PGH₂) to prostacyclin, a key bioactive prostanoid known for its potent vasodilation and anti-platelet aggregation activities. Sequence analysis and biochemical characterizations established that PGIS belongs to the P450 enzyme superfamily. Interestingly, unlike other P450s that catalyze O₂- and reductase-dependent mono-oxygenation or hydroxylation reaction, PGIS catalyzes a stereospecific isomerization reaction and requires neither O₂ nor any external electron donor for function. To understand how PGIS exhibits its unique enzymatic activity, we have previously determined the crystal structures of the ligand-free and PGH₂ analog U51605-bound PGIS. Structural comparison has led to the identification of residues in the active site that may be crucial for catalysis. Moreover, we noticed that the side chain of N277 appears to be positioned to form hydrogen-bonding interaction with the C-9 oxygen of substrate PGH₂, likely contributing directly to the cleavage of endoperoxide bond. This hypothesis is consistent with the finding that N277 mutations lower catalytic activity. The position of W272 is also notable among the hydrophobic residues in the active site. With its indole side chain lies parallel to the heme, we originally suspected that W272 might serve as a ceiling in the active site to constrain the spatial position of substrate. To understand the functional significances of these two residues in greater detail, we have determined the crystal structures of the ligand-free and PGH₂ analog U51605-bound forms of N277A and W272A mutant PGIS. The catalytic activities of these two mutant enzymes have also been characterized. These studies have revealed previously unrecognized functions of these two highly conserved residues. Key findings and new insights from this work will be presented in the meeting.

Structural and functional assay of AtTLP18.3 revealed its novel phosphatase activity involved in repair cycle of photosystem

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AtTLP18.3 is an 18.3 kDa thylakoid lumen protein which can be divided into three segments: a chloroplast transit peptide, a domain of unknown function (DUF477) and a transmembrane α -helix (TMH). The homologs of AtTLP18.3 are highly conserved between eubacteria and photosynthetic plants, and might evolve originally from cyanobacteria. Since the mutants of knock-out or overexpression of AtTLP18.3 don't show observable phenotype, it indicates that this protein may have distinct property with other redundant proteins in chloroplast. Previous report proposed that AtTLP18.3 protein is an auxiliary protein involved in photosystem II (PSII) repair cycle. (Sari et al., 2007; Mulo et al., 2008) It attracted our attention to explore the molecular function of AtTLP18.3 from structural analysis.

In our preliminary result, the gene regulation of AtTLP18.3 had a circadian rhythm, but the protein level showed little rhythm change. A truncated form of AtTLP18.3 without N-terminal transit peptide and C-terminal transmembrane helix was overexpressed and crystallized, it showed an orthorhombic space group $P2_12_12_1$ with unit-cell parameters $a=46.9\text{\AA}$, $b=49.8\text{\AA}$, $c=76.7\text{\AA}$, $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$. Because there are no methionines in AtTLP18.3, two point mutations, L127M and L157M were introduced using site-directed mutagenesis for phasing. Fortunately, the crystals of double mutated AtTLP18.3 are isomorphous to the ones of native protein. The mutant structure was resolved by single-wavelength anomalous dispersion (SAD) method at a resolution of 2.6 \AA , and the native structure was resolved at 1.52 \AA resolution, accordingly. The folding of AtTLP18.3 comprises of three-layer sandwich from three α -helices in the upper layer, four β -sheets in the middle layer, and two α -helices in the lower layer. It resembled a Rossmann fold. For structural comparison, the coordinates of AtTLP18.3 was submitted to MATRAS database for searching similar folds of proteins with known function. The results showed that various phosphotransferases or phosphatases get high Z-scores to AtTLP18.3. Based on the hints, the enzymatic activity of AtTLP18.3 was confirmed by phosphatase assay using several substrates: *p*NPP, DiFMUP, phosphoserine, and several short phosphopeptides. In conclusion, AtTLP18.3 might act as novel phosphatase to remove the phosphate group for the repair cycle of photosystem.

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Structural characterization of a serpin from the large beetle *Tenebrio molitor* and its regulation by heparin

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The Toll signaling pathway, an essential invertebrates' innate immune response, is mediated via serine protease cascade. Once activated, the serine proteases are irreversibly inactivated by serine protease inhibitors (serpins). Recently, we identified three serpin-serine protease pairs that are directly involved in the regulation of Toll signaling cascade in a large beetle, *Tenebrio molitor*. Of these, the serpin SPN48 was cleaved by its target serine protease, Spätzle-processing enzyme, at non-canonical P1 residue of serpin's reactive center loop. To address this unique cleavage, herein, we report the crystal structure of SPN48, revealing that SPN48 exhibits a native conformation of antithrombin, where the reactive center loop is partially inserted into the center of the largest β -sheet of Spätzle-processing enzyme. The crystal structure also shows that SPN48 has a putative heparin binding site that is distinct from those of the mammalian serpins. Ensuing biochemical studies demonstrate that heparin accelerates the inhibition of Spätzle-processing enzyme by a proximity effect in targeting the SPN48. Our finding provides molecular mechanism of how serpins tightly regulate invertebrates' innate immune responses.

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The crystal structure of hexameric Lon protease: dynamics of the AAA+ module controls access to a sequestered proteolytic chamber

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The ATP-dependent Lon protease has orthologs distributed in all kingdoms of life and is required for survival when cells are subjected to various stress conditions. Lon is a tandem fusion of a molecular chaperone belonging to the AAA+ family and a protease with a serine-lysine catalytic dyad. Here, we report the 2.0 Å resolution crystal structure of the *Thermococcus onnurineus* NA1 Lon (TonLon). The structure is a three-tiered hexagonal cylinder with a sequestered internal proteolytic chamber accessible through a restricted channel through the AAA+ domains. Conserved axial loops together with an insertion domain containing the membrane anchor comprise a domain positioned on the apical surface of the AAA+ ring that serves as a gate to regulate substrate access to the internal unfolding and degradation chambers. Alternating AAA+ domains in the hexameric ring exist in tight- and weak-binding nucleotide states, displaying different domain orientations and intersubunit contacts, reflective of the ATP hydrolysis-coupled motions driving protein unfolding and translocation. The bowl-shaped proteolytic chamber is contiguous with the chamber formed by the AAA+ domains, and consequently internalized proteins can directly access the proteolytic sites with no further gating restrictions. The structure suggests a model by which Lon can degrade unfolded proteins and small folded proteins or protein subdomains as well.

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X-ray structure of a 3-isopropylmalate isomerase large subunit from *Methanococcus jannaschii*

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Isopropylmalate (IPM) isomerase, the second enzyme involved in leucine biosynthesis, catalyzes the stereospecific isomerization between α -IPM and β -IPM via formation of an intermediate, dimethylcitrate (1). This enzyme also catalyzes the isomerization between 2-methylmalate and 3-methylmalate, a step involved in isoleucine biosynthesis. IPM isomerase is present in all prokaryotic and several eukaryotic species. This enzyme is consisted with one polypeptide like yeast or two polypeptides like *Methanococcus jannaschii*. Large and small subunits were encoded from genes LeuC and LeuD in *M. jannaschii*, respectively. The active enzyme is heterotetramer consisted of two large and two small subunits (2). IPM isomerase belongs to aconitase family with homoaconitase (2-oxosuberate biosynthesis), aconitase (citric acid cycle). The large subunit is homologous to domain 1,2,3 of homoaconitase and small subunit is homologous to domain 4. The IPM isomerase structure wasn't solved yet but small subunit structure from *Pyrococcus horikoshii* was solved (3). Here we report the crystal structure of large subunit of IPM isomerase from *Methanococcus jannaschii*. This results will be providing the better understanding of isomerization process of various substrate of IPM isomerase.

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Crystal structure of enoyl-acyl carrier protein reductase (FabI) in complex with NADH and triclosan from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

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Enoyl-acyl carrier protein reductase catalyzes the reduction of a trans-2-enoyl-ACP to the fully saturated acyl-ACP in fatty-acid biosynthesis by the ubiquitous fatty acid synthase system. Triclosan is an inhibitor of FabI and helps enhance NADH binding to FabI.

Here we refined a crystal structure of FabI in complex with triclosan and NADH at 1.8 Å resolutions. The X-ray structure showed four molecules in an AU, where the monomer structure comprised of 8 β strands, 7 helices. The inhibitor binds into a hydrophobic pocket which is configured by hydrophobic residues. Moreover, the closed conformation of the loop helps to bind triclosan tightly. This study will help to find other inhibitors of FabI from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* which has antibiotics resistance.

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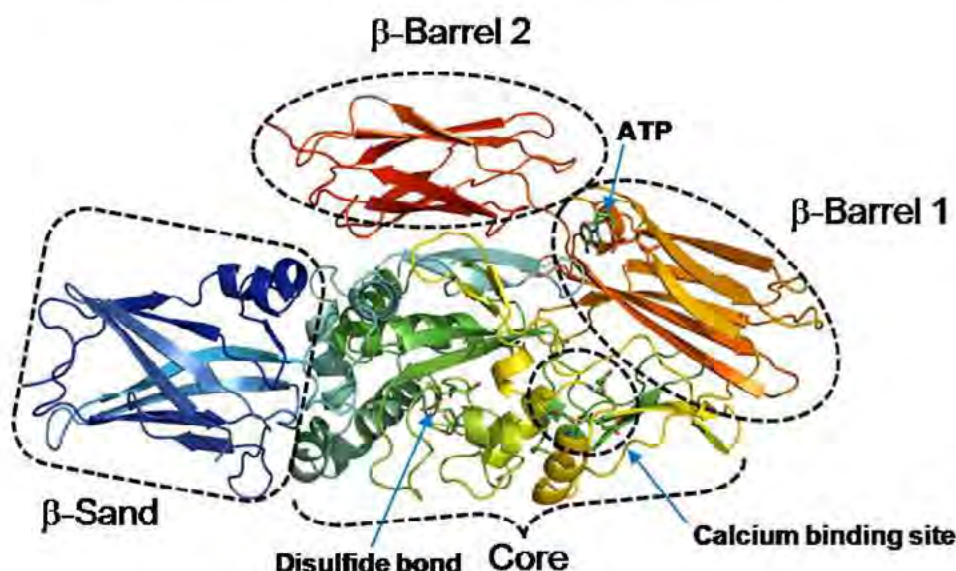
Crystal structure of human transglutaminase 2 in complex with adenosine triphosphate

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Transglutaminase 2 (TG2) is a calcium-dependent multifunctional protein associated with various human diseases. We determined the crystal structure of human TG2 in complex with adenosine triphosphate (ATP). The ATP molecule binds to the previously identified guanosine diphosphate (GDP) binding pocket but has different hydrogen bonds and ion interaction with protein. The four residues Arg476, Arg478, Val479 and Tyr583, all of which are involved in both ATP and GDP binding by hydrogen bonds, might play important roles in the stabilization of TG2 by ATP or GDP. However, Ser482 and Arg580, which are involved in GDP binding, do not form hydrogen bond with ATP. Additionally, we newly discovered an intramolecular disulfide bond between Cys230 and Cys370, which formation might regulate the enzymatic activity of TG2.



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The c-AMP receptor-like protein CLP is a novel c-di-GMP receptor linking cell-cell signalling to virulence gene expression in *Xanthomonas campestris*

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C-di-GMP controls a wide range of functions in eubacteria, yet little is known about the underlying regulatory mechanisms. In the plant pathogen *Xanthomonas campestris*, expression of sub-set of virulence genes is regulated by c-di-GMP and also by the CAP-like protein *XcCLP*, a global regulator in the CRP/FNR superfamily. Here, we report structural and functional insights into the interplay between *XcCLP* and c-di-GMP in regulation of virulence gene expression. *XcCLP* bound target promoter DNA with sub- μ M affinity in the absence of any ligand. This DNA-binding capability was abrogated by c-di-GMP, which bound to *XcCLP* with μ M affinity. The crystal structure of *XcCLP* showed that the protein adopted an intrinsically active conformation for DNA binding. Alteration of residues of *XcCLP* implicated in c-di-GMP binding through modeling studies caused a substantial reduction in binding affinity for the nucleotide and rendered DNA binding by these variant proteins insensitive to inhibition by c-di-GMP. Taken together, the current study reveals the structural mechanism behind a novel class of c-di-GMP effector protein in the CRP/FNR superfamily and indicates that *XcCLP* regulates bacterial virulence gene expression in a manner negatively controlled by the c-di-GMP concentrations.

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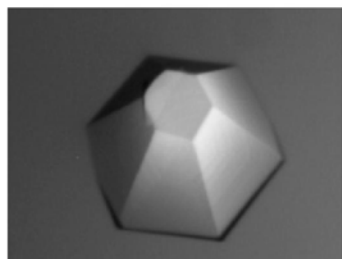
Modulating immune function through chemokine binding – Orf virus presents a new twist on an old motif

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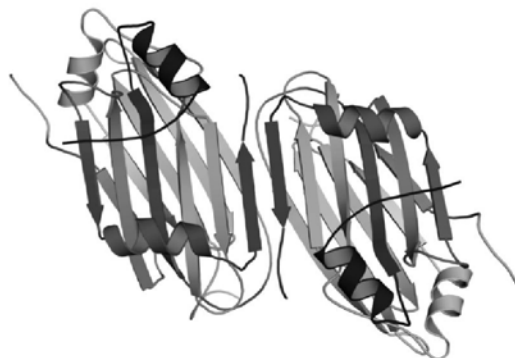
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We report the structure of a new class of chemokine binding proteins (CBP) from Orf virus, an important parapoxvirus. CBPs are viral proteins that modulate inflammation by interfering with host chemokine signaling. They bind to their cognate partner with picomolar affinity via an extended beta sandwich structure. The crystals of this protein were challenging to produce and were optimized significantly through the use of additives, like Silver BulletsTM. Crystals occupy Space Group P6₅22 with unit cell parameters of $a = b = 75.62 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 282.49 \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = 90^\circ$, $\beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 120^\circ$. The structure was phased using MAD methodologies and currently the 2.1 \AA structure is undergoing

refinement. Early analysis indicates that it is a member of the β -sandwich family but it is distinct from other family members when superimposed. Additionally the crystal structure is consistent with a physiologic dimer and displays a very broad β sheet on its surface containing contributions from more than ten β strands. The dimeric nature of this CBP appears to be a unique property of its class and may be key in explaining how it is able to bind chemokines from at least two distinct chemokine classes.



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Structural and functional studies on thiolase from *Mycobacterium smegmatis* and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

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The thiolase family is a widespread group of proteins present in prokaryotes and in three different cellular compartments of eukaryotes. They are ubiquitous enzymes that have important roles in many vital biochemical pathways, including the β -oxidation pathway of fatty acid degradation and various biosynthetic pathways. Thiolases are considered as suitable targets for drug design against pathogenic parasites due to the significant differences in the structure and function of the prokaryotic enzymes when compared to the eukaryotic enzymes. The thiolase reaction mechanism is not yet fully understood.

The present study aims at determining the structure and function of thiolases from several pathogenic organisms including *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. The structures and functions of these thiolases will be compared with the human counterpart. A bioinformatics search of these genomes with the human thiolase as the probe has revealed that these organisms contain thiolases that might be structurally different from their human counterparts. The genes thus identified were cloned and over-expressed. Purification, crystallization trials and structure determination trials are underway. Structural and enzymatic studies will be carried out on these thiolases. Attempts will also be made to design suitable inhibitors for these enzymes.

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Crystal structure of the sensor domain of naphthalene chemoreceptor NahY from *Pseudomonas putida*

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Chemotaxis is one of the most essential abilities of bacteria to effectively and speedily accommodate themselves to environmental changes, characterized by the swimming toward nutrients or fleeing away from poisonous compounds. It involves a complicated signaling network that starts from transmembrane chemoreceptors at one pole of the cell and propagates to the rotary flagellar motor at the opposite side. The abilities of soil bacteria to recognize, move toward, and degrade several pollutant compounds such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon have attracted scientific attention, and the naphthalene chemoreceptor NahY from *Pseudomonas putida* G7 is particularly of interest. The crystal structure of the sensor domain of NahY (exNahY) was determined at 1.79 Å resolution by multi-wavelength anomalous diffraction method after substantial crystallization efforts. The exNahY crystal belongs to the orthorhombic space group $P2_12_12_1$, with unit cell parameters of $a = 58.68 \text{ Å}$, $b = 60.62 \text{ Å}$, $c = 84.90 \text{ Å}$, and $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 120^\circ$. The presence of two molecules of similar folding in an asymmetric unit of the unit cell revealed the formation of exNahY dimers. exNahY shares the common fold with the sensor domains of aspartate chemoreceptor, Tar, and serine chemoreceptor, Tsr, which is characterized by the four-helix bundle, although they have divergent amino acid sequences. It was shown by size-exclusion chromatography that the dimerization is triggered by ammonium ions, which was added to crystallization recipe and is abundant in soil environment. Furthermore, isothermal calorimetric analysis revealed specific interactions between the ammonium ion and exNahY. Atomic dissection of the ligand recognition of NahY will not only shed light on the understanding of bacterial chemotaxis, but also will supply an exploitable tool for biodegradation research and synthetic biology.

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Crystal structures and binding studies of atovaquone and its derivative with cytochrome *bc*₁: Molecular basis for drug design

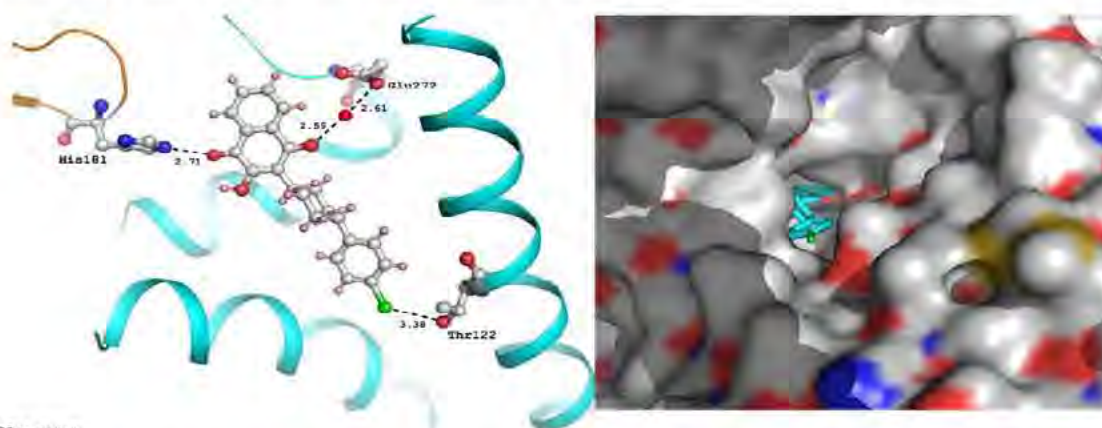
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Crystal structure of trans-atovaquone (antimalarial drug) [1-2], its new polymorph form and its stereoisomer (cis) along with five other derivatives with different functional groups have been analyzed. Based on the conformational features of these compounds and the characteristics of the nature intermolecular interactions valuable insight into the atomistic details of protein-inhibitor interactions have been derived by docking studies [3]. Comparison with earlier docking studies bring out the importance of the propensity of hydrogen bonded interactions in the binding pocket [4]. The occurrence of C-H...Cl interactions in these systems provides a new pathway for better design. The docking results show that atovaquone and its derivatives have a tendency to form both strong and weak hydrogen bonds and in particular weak hydrogen bond involving chlorine.



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Structural basis of human p70 ribosomal S6 kinase-1 regulation by activation loop phosphorylation

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p70 ribosomal S6 kinase (p70S6K) is a downstream effector of the mTOR signaling pathway involved in cell proliferation, cell growth, cell-cycle progression, and glucose homeostasis. Several observations suggest a role for p70S6K in cancer, obesity and diabetes. The activation of p70S6K requires multiple phosphorylation events in both the catalytic and autoinhibitory domains (Fig.1.). We initiated structural studies to understand the molecular basis of p70S6K activation. Availability of the structures of the inactive and the active p70S6K would also provide the structural basis for structure guided inhibitor design. The kinase domain of p70S6K1 (p70S6KD) was expressed and purified in both the unphosphorylated (inactive) state and in the 3'-phosphoinositide-dependent kinase-1 (PDK1) phosphorylated (active) state in which Thr-252 of the activation loop is phosphorylated. Unphosphorylated p70S6KD doesn't have activity and phosphorylated p70S6KD is partially activated. Crystal structures were determined as complexes with staurosporine. Unphosphorylated p70S6KD exists in two crystal forms, one in which the p70S6KD exists as a monomer and the other as a domain-swapped dimer. The crystal structure of p70S6KD that is phosphorylated within the activation loop reveals conformational ordering of the activation loop (Fig. 2.). The conformation of the phosphorylation site is consistent with its role in activation. Staurosporine was bound in the catalytic cleft between N and C lobe with three hydrogen bonds to the residues in the catalytic site in both unphosphorylated and phosphorylated states (Fig. 3.). The details of the structures and the insights into the structural basis of the PDK1 induced activation of p70S6K for structure-guided design of specific p70S6K inhibitors will be presented.

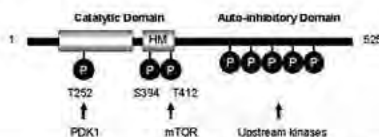


Figure 1. Phosphorylation states of p70S6K1, HM, hydrophobic motif.

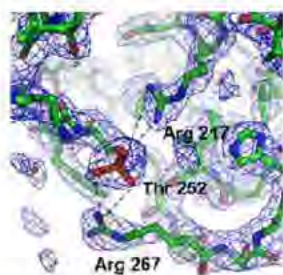


Figure 2. Interaction of Thr(P)-252 with Arg-217 that stabilizes the catalytic loop in the 3'-phosphoinositide-dependent kinase-1-phosphorylated state.

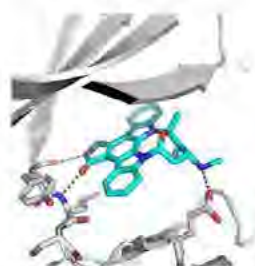


Figure 3. ATP binding pocket of p70S6KD in 3'-phosphoinositide-dependent kinase-1-phosphorylated state of p70S6KD

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Structural studies of TIRAP, an adaptor protein of Toll-like receptor signaling pathway

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Toll-like receptors (TLRs) can detect a wide variety of invading pathogens by recognizing Pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs). TLR4 is activated by Lipopolysaccharide (LPS) treatment, leading to activation of NF- κ B transcription factor that induces inflammatory responses. TLRs initiate innate immune responses through its intracellular Toll/IL-1 receptor (TIR) domain by interacting with TIR domain containing adaptor protein. TIRAP (also known as Mal) is the one of the adaptor proteins for TLR4 signaling pathway and acts as a sorting adaptor that recruits MyD88 to TLR4 by interacting with the TIR domain of MyD88. It is believed that dimerization of TLR4 ectodomain induced by LPS binding can cause the dimerization of cytosolic TIR domains, serving as a binding surface for the TIR domain of TIRAP. However, the exact mechanism and selectivity of TLR signaling is still uncertain. TIRAP is also known to associate with Phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate (PtdIn(4,5)P2) via its N-terminal PIP2 binding site and undergoes various modification including ubiquitination by SOCS-1, phosphorylation by Bruton's kinase and cleavage by caspase-1. Many TIRAP variants are related to various immune diseases like bacteremia, malaria and tuberculosis. Accordingly, the study of crystal structure of TIRAP will reveal how TLR signaling is initiated and how TIRAP is regulated during signaling on the structural basis. Therefore we have attempted to determine the crystal structure of TIR domain of TIRAP to understand how TLR4 signaling is transmitted to downstream signaling. We used *E. coli* expression system to obtain TIRAP proteins with various constructs, and collected x-ray diffraction data for TIRAP TIR domain with a resolution of 3.3 Å.

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Structural insights into the dual nucleotide exchange and GDI displacement activity of SidM/DrrA

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GDP-bound prenylated Rabs, sequestered by GDI (GDP dissociation inhibitor) in the cytosol, are delivered to destined sub-cellular compartment and subsequently activated by GEFs (guanine nucleotide exchange factors) catalysing GDP-to-GTP exchange. The dissociation of GDI from Rabs is believed to require a GDF (GDI displacement factor). Only two RabGDFs, human PRA-1 and *Legionella pneumophila* SidM/DrrA, have been identified so far and the molecular mechanism of GDF is elusive. Here, we present the structure of a SidM/DrrA fragment possessing dual GEF and GDF activity in complex with Rab1. SidM/DrrA reconfigures the Switch regions of the GTPase domain of Rab1, as eukaryotic GEFs do toward cognate Rabs. Structure-based mutational analyses show that the surface of SidM/DrrA, catalysing nucleotide exchange, is involved in GDI displacement from prenylated Rab1:GDP. In comparison with an eukaryotic GEF TRAPP I, this bacterial GEF/GDF exhibits high binding affinity for Rab1 with GDP retained at the active site, which appears as the key feature for the GDF activity of the protein.

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Structural study of GTP-sensing pleiotropic transcriptional repressor codY from *Staphylococcus aureus*

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Pleiotropic transcriptional repressor CodY highly conserved in Gram-positive bacteria regulates expression of a hundreds genes directly or indirectly. In pathogenic bacteria like *Listeria*, *Clostridium*, *Streptococcus* and *Staphylococcus*, CodY regulates virulence gene expression. In human pathogen *Staphylococcus aureus*, CodY represses genes involved in nitrogen metabolism and regulates synthesis of virulence factor. In addition, SACodY is similar to its homolog in *B. subtilis* related to the proposed GTP binding motif derived from structure and sequence analyses. In order to find structural insights how CodY increasing affinity with DNA in using GTP, we initiated determination of the three-dimensional structure of CodY from *S. aureus* which is composed of 257 amino acids residues (Mr =28755Da). We have overexpressed, purified, and crystallized the SACodY and then conducted a preliminary X-ray crystallographic analysis. The crystal of SACodY belonged to space group $P6_1$, with unit-cell parameters $a = b = 127.015$, $c = 48.929$ Å, a calculated Matthews coefficient of $2.85 \text{ Å}^3 \text{ Da}^{-1}$ and two molecules per asymmetric unit. Refinements of the model structure are currently in progress and the structural details will be discussed in a poster.

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Structure-function analysis of human L-prostaglandin D synthase bound with fatty acid molecules

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Human prostaglandin D synthase (L-PGDS) is a lipocalin type enzyme involved in the metabolism of arachidonic acid and plays a key role in the regulation of sleep, allergy, pain sensation and the development of male reproductive organs. Here, using a combination of crystallographic, biochemical, mutagenesis and kinetic studies, we have gained insights into the mode of ligand binding by human L-PGDS and have identified residues involved in catalysis. Interestingly, structural evidence reveals that two molecules of fatty acids; one molecule each of oleic and palmitoleic acid, bind inside the β barrel. The oleic acid is buried and binds in a highly basic patch in proximity to the catalytically critical Cys65, mimicking the binding of prostaglandin H₂. The palmitoleic acid sits in a relatively neutral region with very few interactions with the protein. Mutating Met64, Leu79, Phe83 or Leu131 to alanine reduced the catalytic efficiency by almost 10-folds, while K59A and Y149A mutations enhanced the catalytic efficiency by more than 2-folds. Met64 seems to function as a kinetic clamp, pushing the thiol group of Cys65 close to the site of nucleophilic attack during catalysis.

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Recombinant fusion protein design for biophysical analysis of integrin subunit dimerization and function

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Integrins provide the principal means for cellular attachment to the extracellular matrix (ECM)¹. Integrins are made up of subunits that associate as heterodimers on the cell surface². The binding of integrin heterodimers to ECM ligands provide attachment to the ECM as well signals for intracellular processes, thereby “integrating” the intracellular and extracellular environments. The formation of different integrin heterodimer combinations results in different affinities for several ligands as well as variations in intercellular processes signaled¹. Studies have correlated the formation of different integrin heterodimers with the multiple stages of cancer progression³ and metastasis⁴. Biophysical analysis of integrin subunit dimerization therefore presents a worthwhile strategy for the progress of cancer treatment. Of the 24 integrin heterodimers identified⁵, only three combinations have been successfully crystallized ($\alpha V\beta 3$, $\alpha IIb\beta 3$ and $\alpha X\beta 1$)^{2,6,7}. The limited success in crystallization may be attributed to integrin subunit size (~240 kDa/heterodimer), and flexibility⁸. This project aims to increase the efficiency of integrin subunit crystallization by limiting target size and flexibility. Limitations to size and flexibility were designed through the generation of fusion proteins containing only selected integrin subunit domains linked to *fos/jun* leucine zippers. The *Fos/Jun* dimerization domains were included to restrict flexibility, maintain close proximity⁹ and facilitate interaction between the expressed subunit domains despite the absence of the rest of the integrin subunit. Genes encoding the functional domains of different integrin subunits were amplified from mammalian cell cultures representing different stages of cancer progression: M4A4, NM2C5, HCT116, A549 (ATCC). Coding sequences for the *Fos* and *Jun* leucine zippers were amplified from these sources as well. Amplicon identities were verified through DNA sequencing. Confirmed amplicons were inserted into cloning plasmids for propagation. Amplicons await transfer into yeast expression plasmids for fusion protein production¹⁰.

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Structural study and antibacterial drug design against bacterial blight disease caused by *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *Oryzae*

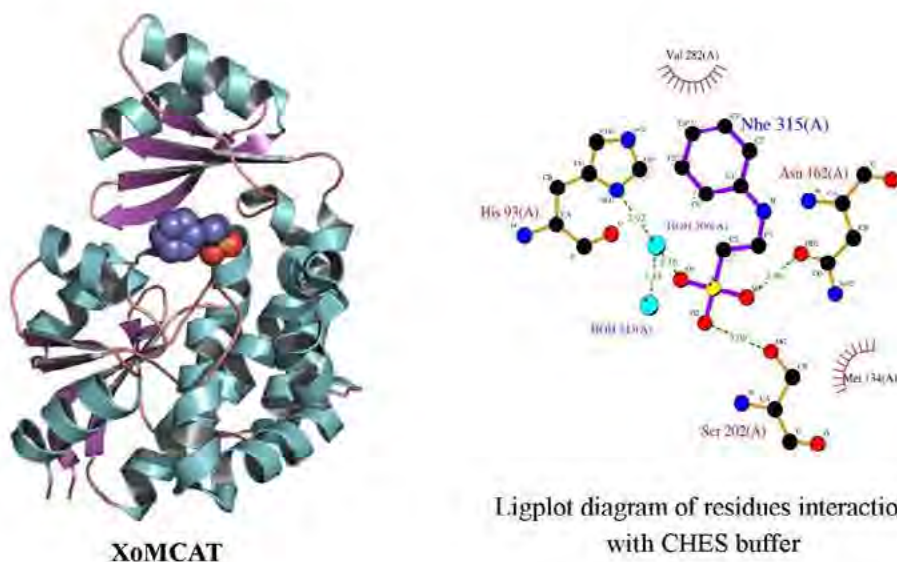
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Bacterial blight (BB) is a serious and destructive disease caused by *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* (Xoo); it is prevalent in all over the world specifically in Asian countries, causing huge production losses of rice. Rice is one of the most common staples for human consumption throughout the world. Every year BB is reported to have reduced rice production by as much as 60%. According to a report of the Agricultural Department, BB results in a rice-production loss worth more than 100 million dollars in South Korea alone every year. But till now no effective drugs have been identified and it is essential to develop antibacterial drugs to halt the production losses caused by BB. To initiate the development of antibacterial drugs, the targeted 95 genes are selected from 4538 putative genes responsible for BB disease. The present study is focused to develop the antibacterial drugs.

Xoo malonyl-CoA: acyl carrier protein transacylase (XoMCAT) is one of the essential enzymes targeted for BB disease, encoded by the gene, namely *fabD* (Xoo0880) which participates in type II fatty acid synthesis (FAS II) to transfer a malonyl group to holo-acyl carrier protein (ACP) to increase the number of two carbons in fatty acid. XoMCAT structure was determined at 2.3Å resolutions with a buffer molecule CHES. Drug screening was carried out by Virtual Library Screening (Molsoft ICM) against Chembridge database containing 492,794 compounds which resulted in 574 compounds against XoMCAT, among which 32 drugs have been identified to be effective against Xoo growth by *in-vitro* biological studies. One of the drugs showed highest Xoo growth inhibition at a concentration of 13µg/mL on the basis of MIC₅₀. Identified drugs are expected to have broad spectrum of antibacterial activity which may be effective against the Type II fatty acid synthesis as well as for bacterial blight disease.



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Crystal structure of D -alanine- D -alanine ligase a from *Xanthomonas oryzae* pathovar *oryzae* and its inhibitors from structure-based virtual screening

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D -Alanine- D -alanine ligase (Ddl) catalyzes the formation of D -alanyl- D -alanine dipeptide, an essential bacterial peptidoglycan precursor and it represent an potential target for development new antibacterial drugs. Crystal structure of Ddl chain A from *Xanthomonas oryzae* pathovar *oryzae* (Xoo), causing destructive disease of rice, has been determined at 2.3 Å resolution by molecular replacement method using the template of *Staphylococcus* Ddl (PDB ID: 2I87). The apo enzyme composes three domains that similar to other Ddl structures, in which the active site located at the interface of the first and the third domain. Complex structures of Ddl with ATP (2.1 Å resolution), ADP (2.2 Å) and Ala (2.4 Å) revealed a different orientation of ATP in the active site compared to other Ddls and thus effect on enzyme activity. Since ω -loop is important in substrate binding, XooDdl was switched ω -loop to respective loop from *E.coli* Ddl, *H. pylori* Ddl and resulting enzymes have been characterized. Beside elucidation of enzyme mechanism, the apo structure was applied to ICM program for structure-based virtual screening to find potential inhibitor against this enzyme. Four out of 25 best-ranked compounds showed antibacterial activity and enzymatic inhibitory in micromolar range. Affinity in vitro of XooDdl and two of four compounds were confirmed by NMR¹. Especially, triplicate in vitro pathogenicity assay showed that one of four compounds was not harmful for rice. This result has promising for develop new inhibitor against this enzyme as well as Xoo.

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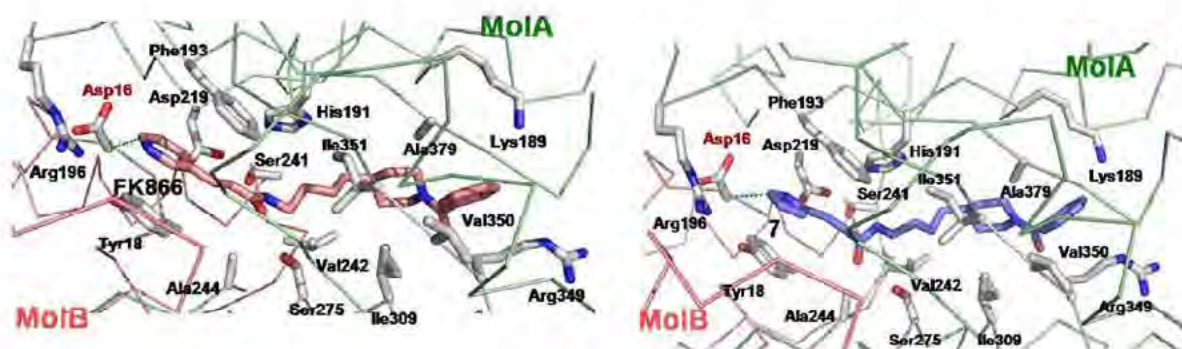
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Structure based design and synthesis of NAMPRTase inhibitors as anticancer agent

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Visfatin [pre-B-cell colony-enhancing factor 1 (PBEF) / nicotinamide phosphoribosyltransferase (NAMPRTase)] plays a pivotal role for salvage pathway of nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD⁺) biosynthesis. NAMPRTase has been an attractive target for anticancer agents that induce apoptosis of tumor cells via declining plasma NAD⁺ level. In this regards, the small molecule inhibitor FK866 has synthesized and is in Phase II clinical trials at present. In an effort to improve the pharmacokinetic properties of FK866, here we report cell-based and inhibitory activities of structural analogues of FK866 against human NAMPRTase using cell viability and HPLC assay. We also describe structural features of **7**, which contains pyrrole group instead of pyridine ring and showed best inhibitory activity in complex with human NAMPRTase. The structure and inhibitory activities indicate that pyridine ring of FK866 is the most effective moiety among various FK866-based inhibitors and there are some possibilities of modification of benzopiperidine group or adding ionic moieties into pyridine ring. Our studies suggest a new strategy for the development of new anticancer agents.



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The structural and pharmacological studies of a dimeric acetylcholine binding protein

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The crystal structures of moluscan acetylcholine binding protein (AChBP) from the snails *Lymnaea stagnalis*¹ and *Aplysia californica*² are structurally and functionally homologous to the pentameric ligand binding domain of nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (nAChRs). α -Conotoxins isolated from the venom of predatory cone snails have proven to be highly selective inhibitors of specific nAChRs subtypes as well as AChBP. The co-crystal structures of AChBP with α -conotoxins reveal ligand-receptor interactions at binding site between subunits of AChBP²⁻⁵. Thus these novel venom peptides are valuable probes for nAChR subtype structure-function and the mechanisms of ligand interaction. We have expressed and isolated AChBP in a dimeric form comprising two AChBP subunits instead of five found for the endogenous pentameric state. Interestingly, using a high throughput radioligand binding assay we identified that dimeric AChBP had two distinct binding modes in a ~1:1 ratio. One mode showed affinity characteristic of the pentameric form and a second high affinity interaction with 2–3 orders of magnitude enhanced affinity across a range of peptide toxin inhibitors. We hypothesise that the two subunits that comprising the ligand binding site of dimeric AChBP can exist in two states that maximises ligand-receptor interactions at the high affinity orientation. Dimeric AChBP provides a novel high affinity target that will allow the isolation of low abundance conotoxins from crude venoms not easily detected using conventional assays. In order to study interactions at the high affinity dimeric AChBP conformation, we have collected X-ray diffraction data of the native AChBP dimer at a resolution of 2.6 Å and compared this structure with the pentameric form. These results have implications for drug design and nAChR activation mechanisms.

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Cloning, expression, crystallization and preliminary X-ray crystallographic analysis of HrcN – an inner membrane ATPase from *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae*

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The type III protein secretion system (TTSS) is a complex organelle in the envelope of many Gram-negative bacteria, it delivers potentially hundreds of structurally diverse bacterial virulence proteins into plant and animal cells to modulate host cellular functions. In *Xanthomonas oryzae* pv. *oryzae* (Xoo) - causes bacterial blight in rice, which is one of the most devastating diseases in rice-cultivating countries – the *Xoo0091* (*HrcN*) gene coding for an inner membrane ATPase which hydrolyzes ATP. The conversion of ATP to ADP provides energy for TTSS complex. The *Xoo0091* (*HrcN*) sequence analysis revealed an open reading frame of 1329bp, capable of encoding a polypeptide of 442 amino acid residues with a calculated molecular mass of 47,684Da. This gene was overexpressed in *E.coli* BL21(DE3) and the protein was purified as an active soluble form using Ni-NTA affinity chromatography. The HrcN enzyme was being crystallized in order to elucidate its three-dimensional structure. The results will elucidate the molecular basis of the enzymatic reaction mechanism of HrcN enzyme and will be useful for the design of a potential antibacterial drug against Xoo..

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Molecular basis for recognition of paired immunoglobulin like type2 receptor (PILR) alpha to glycoprotein B (gB) of herpes simplex virus-1 (HSV-1)

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Human Paired Immunoglobulin (Ig) Like type2 Receptors (PILRs) consist of inhibitory (PILR_I) and activating (PILR_A) forms with similar extracellular regions, typical for paired receptor families. Recently, human PILR_A has been identified as an entry receptor for the surface protein of herpes simplex virus-1 (HSV-1), glycoprotein B (gB), which is a prerequisite for the viral entry. To date, the molecular basis for the PILR_A-gB recognition has been poorly understood. We successfully crystallized the extracellular region of human PILR_A and determined the 1.4-Å-resolution structure using the iodide—anion derivative crystals by single anomalous dispersion (SAD) method. The structure showed some topological similarity with the Sialic acid binding immunoglobulin like lectin (Siglec) family recognizing a sialic acid, but the putative sugar binding site is conformationally distinctive. Based on this result, the PILR_A-gB complex model was constructed. Using *in vitro* binding assay of refolded PILR_A protein, the mutagenesis study focusing on the putative gB binding site on PILR_A was performed. The result revealed that Arg126, corresponding to the essential R of Siglecs responsible for a sialic acid recognition, has remarkable role in the gB recognition. Furthermore, it was found that the large area around Arg126 is also important for the binding. These results suggested that PILR_A harbors a new mode of spontaneous recognition with a sialylated O-glycan and its attached peptide. The PILR_A-gB complex has been successfully crystallized and structure determination is in progress. The detail of the interaction between PILR_A and gB will be discussed.

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AraC transcription regulator in *Bacillus cereus*

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Bacillus cereus is in charge of a minority of foodborne illnesses, resulting in severe nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. *Bacillus* foodborne illnesses occur due to survival of the bacterial endospores when food is inappropriately cooked. Transcriptional regulators of the AraC family are widespread among bacteria and regulate genes with diverse functions, ranging from carbon metabolism to stress responses to virulence. AraC family transcriptional regulator found in *Vibrio cholera* regulates toxin-related proteins such as Toxin-coregulated pilus(TCP) and Cholera toxin(CT). In *Bacillus cereus*, AraC family transcriptional regulator is also very important in controlling expression of toxin gene which causes foodborne illnesses. Here we report the crystallographic study of AraC family protein in *B. cereus*.

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Crystal structures of murine norovirus RNA-dependent RNA polymerase and its complex with 5-fluorouracil and ribavirin

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Norovirus, a member of *Caliciviridae* family is the leading cause of viral gastroenteritis worldwide. Bovine and murine norovirus (MNV) are the common infective forms found in animals. The lack of a cellular system to cultivate this virus is the main bottleneck in understanding its replication. Murine norovirus is the only strain of this species that can be propagated in cultured cells. Crystal structures of recombinant RNA dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp) from MNV and its complex with 5-fluorouracil and ribavirin has been determined to 2.5-2.8 Å resolutions. The overall structure has typically similar right hand fold as that of RNA polymerases. Human and MNV RdRp structures with the sequence identity of 59% show essentially identical conformations with r.m.s.d of 1.0 Å. Owing to the high structural similarity of MNV RdRp with other polymerases, our results can successfully be exploited for the design of inhibitors targeting viral RNA polymerases.

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Molecular characterization of human influenza virus hemagglutinin

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Influenza is one of the most important respiratory infectious diseases causing seasonal epidemics or pandemics. A surface glycoprotein hemagglutinin (HA) of influenza virus is of major importance in the primary target of immune response and the primary component of influenza vaccine. Cleavage of the precursor protein HA0 into the subunits HA1 and HA2 by cellular proteases is indispensable for influenza virus infectivity, activating the membrane fusion potential. In this study, individual HA genes from seasonal H1N1 (A/Solomon Island/03/2006) and H3N2 (A/Brisbane/10/2007) vaccine strains and a 2009 pandemic H1N1 (A/Korea/01/2009) isolate were constructed. The recombinant HA proteins were expressed using a baculovirus expression system and purified, which were found to be effective for structural studies. The HA proteins were characterized for thermal stability and proteolytic cleavage which was independent of glycosylation. The influenza A virus HA proteins demonstrated different susceptibility to proteolytic cleavage by proteases and different thermal stability. The crystal structures of both seasonal and pandemic H1N1 HA proteins are compared.

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Comparison of the structures of horse spleen and *Helicobacter pylori* ferritins for iron uptake

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Iron is essential for the survival of almost all living organisms and proteins involved in iron metabolism are suggested as the major determinants of virulence. Among those proteins, ferritin plays a role in storage of up to 4,500 irons inside the protein shell. We report here the comparison of the structures of Horse spleen ferritin (HoSF) and *Helicobacter pylori* ferritin (Hpf), which reveals conformational changes for iron uptake. Eukaryotic ferritins are assembled from two types of polypeptide chains (H and L chains) which provide different functions, whereas Hpf has only H (heavy) type of chain and catalyses the first step in iron storage, the oxidation of iron(II). The crystal structures of both ferritins have been solved at resolutions of 1.3-2.1 Å and 2.1-2.6 Å as low-iron bound and high-iron bound states, respectively. As the iron content within the protein shell increased, conformational changes have been observed at the 3-fold and 4-fold symmetry channel and nucleation site of proteins. The conformational changes at different iron concentrations show structural evidence of the translocation and binding of Fe ions, which characterizes the difference between bacterial and mammalian ferritins.

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Structural study of aprotinin complexed with a pentapeptide, a conserved sequence responsible for A β aggregation

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Amyloidosis refers to a variety of conditions in which amyloid proteins are abnormally deposited in organs and/or tissues, of which amyloid A amyloidosis and Alzheimer's Disease are most common. In a previous study of crystal structure of aprotinin (kunitz protease inhibitor) with sucrose octasulfate, Ser-Phe-Phe (SFF) was accidentally observed at the monomer-monomer interface, which was further confirmed by cocrystallization. SFF is a conserved sequence found in the N-terminal amyloidogenic region of both human and bovine serum amyloid A (SAA). Likewise, amyloid beta responsible for Alzheimer's disease has conserved hydrophobic core residues, which are crucial for the formation of β -sheet structures. Amyloid precursor protein (APP) also has KPI domain in the N-terminus which has been reported to bind with A β fibrils. We therefore gained interest in the structural study of interaction between KPI and A β . Crystal structures of aprotinin complexed with a pentapeptide have been determined at 2.6 Å resolution, where the peptide was observed at the monomer-monomer interface in a decameric form of aprotinin. A change in crystal packing with that of native aprotinin is also observed.

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Structural basis of the interaction between FAF1 and p97/VCP

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Fas-associated factor 1 (FAF1) is a multi-functional pro-apoptotic protein involved in Fas-mediated apoptosis, NF- κ B signaling, and the ubiquitin-proteasome pathway. Relevant to the ubiquitin-proteasome pathway, FAF1 binds to the N domain of p97/VCP, a molecular chaperone acting in complex with the proteasome, through its C-terminal UBX domain and inhibits the proteasomal protein degradation process. In an effort to elucidate the structural basis of FAF1 function on modulating p97/VCP activity related to the proteasomal protein degradation, we have solved the crystal structure of FAF1 UBX domain in complex with p97/VCP N domain at 2.2 Å resolution. The crystal structure revealed a novel feature of the UBX domain Phe-Pro motif which is the previously known conserved signature of the p97/VCP-binding UBX domains and is actually the key part in the interface. In our high resolution crystal structure of FAF1 UBX – p97/VCP N, the peptide bond between the two key residues, Phe and Pro, adopts a *cis* conformation. In contrast, the peptide between the two key residues has been commonly observed as in the *trans* conformation in all the previously reported structures of UBX domains: the moderate resolution (2.9 Å) crystal structure of p47 UBX – p97/VCP ND1, the NMR structure of p47 UBX, and the NMR structure of FAF1 UBX.

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Crystal structure of thermostable direct hemolysin from *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*

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Thermostable direct hemolysin (TDH) is a major virulence factor of *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* that causes pandemic foodborne enterocolitis mediated by seafood. TDH exists as a tetramer in solution, and it possesses extreme hemolytic activity. Crystals of TDH were obtained by vapor diffusion method using lithium sulfate as a precipitant. The crystal belongs to space group I4 with unit-cell parameters $a = b = 63.0$ and $c = 83$ Å. Diffraction data of native and derivative crystals were collected at beamlines SPring-8 BL41XU and Photon Factory AR NW12A, respectively. The crystal structure of TDH was determined by single isomorphous replacement with anomalous scattering of gold derivative by the program SOLVE/RESOLVE and the structure was refined by the programs CNS and REFMAC.

Here, we present the first crystal structure of the TDH tetramer at 1.5 Å resolution. The TDH protomer adopts a beta-sandwich structure composed of ten beta-strands flanked by two helices. The TDH tetramer forms a central pore with dimensions of 23 Å in diameter and approximately 50 Å in depth. The pi-cation interactions between protomers are involved in the tetramer formation and the tetrameric structure is indispensable for hemolytic activity of TDH. Molecular dynamic simulations suggested that water molecules permeate freely through the central and side channel pores. These findings imply a novel hemolysis mechanism by the pore-forming toxin.

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Crystal structure of hypothetical protein HP0062 from *Helicobacter pylori*

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The HP0062 gene encodes a small acidic protein of 86 amino acids with a theoretical pI of 4.6. The crystal structure of hypothetical protein HP0062 from *Helicobacter pylori* has been determined at 1.65 Å by molecular-replacement method. The crystallographic asymmetric unit contains dimer, in which HP0062 monomer folds into a helix-hairpin-helix structure. The two protomers are primarily held together by extensive hydrophobic interactions in an antiparallel arrangement, forming a four helix bundle. Aromatic residues located at *a* or *g* position in the heptad leucine zipper are not major contributor required for HP0062 dimerization but important for the thermostability of this protein.

Structural analysis of Toll-like receptor 2-activating lipoprotein from *Vibrio vulnificus*

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IlpA, a surface protein of the human pathogen *Vibrio vulnificus*, is the first lipoprotein to be characterized in *Vibrio* spp. as a major immunostimulant. Previously, it was characterized that IlpA was subject to lipidation at its N-terminal cysteine residue. The resulting IlpA then activates Toll-like receptor 2 in human cells, and induces overproduction of proinflammatory cytokines closely associated with septic shock in infected individuals. To identify structural features of IlpA, we determined the crystal structure of IlpA at 2.6 Å resolution. Specifically, IlpA consists of two homologous domains, each with α/β topology, similar to the structure of solute-binding protein which is a component of ATP-binding cassette transporter. In fact, binding of L-methionine was observed in the pocket between the two domains, suggesting that IlpA is an L-methionine-binding protein. The structural features of IlpA in this study, along with the immunological properties of IlpA identified previously and other solute-binding proteins, suggest that solute-binding lipoproteins of ATP-binding cassette transporter present at the bacterial cell surface could serve as pathogen-associated molecular patterns to Toll-like receptor 2, causing host immune responses against infection.

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Structure of EvpC: A type six secretion system protein from *Edwardsiella tarda*

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Type six secretion system (T6SS) is a recently identified secretion system used by gram-negative bacteria to inject virulence protein into the host cell to effect the infection (Cascales, 2008; Filloux et al., 2008; Bingle et al., 2008; Pukatzki et al., 2009). In *Edwardsiella tarda* the T6SS cluster is named as EVP and it contains 16 different genes which are classified into intracellular apparatus (non-secreted) proteins, secreted proteins and a group of proteins not essential for T6SS. Secretion of Hcp1 (an EvpC homolog) is an essential character of functional T6SS. Here we report the crystal structure of EvpC an Hcp homologue from *Edwardsiella tarda* refined upto 2.8 Å resolution. EvpC has a loose β -barrel domain with extended loops. The β -barrel consists of 11 anti-parallel β -strands with an α helix located on one side. EvpC can form a hexameric ring with a diameter of 40 Å which is capable of transporting small proteins and ligands. Analytical ultra centrifugation studies on the oligomerisation of this protein showed that EvpC can exist as a dimer and hexamer in solution. Further our structure based mutational studies has identified the critical residues which are important for the function of this protein.

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In-silico search for putative GmhA binding compounds

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Sedoheptulose-7-phosphate isomerase (GmhA) converts D-sedoheptulose-7-phosphate to D,D-heptose 7-phosphate [1]. This is the first step of the biosynthesis pathway of NDP-heptose responsible for a pleiotropic phenotype. This biosynthesis pathway is the target for inhibitors increasing the membrane permeability of Gram-negative pathogens or adjuvants synergistically working with known antibiotics. *Burkholderia pseudomallei* is the causative agent of melioidosis, a serious invasive disease of animals and humans in tropical and subtropical areas. GmhA from *B. pseudomallei* is the antibiotics adjuvant target for melioidosis. The crystal of this enzyme has been solved at 1.9 Å resolution. There is an active pocket where a putative metal binding site is located. To find inhibitors of GmhA, *in-silico* screening with several chemical data bases such as a drug library has been performed. Tens of thousands of chemical compounds have been tested. A number of putative binding compounds were found using FlexX and Surflex-Dock included in the SYBYL software package. Characteristics of these compounds were surveyed and classified to identify binding properties with GmhA.

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2,3-difluoro-sialic acids as inactivators of influenza neuraminidases

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Influenza neuraminidase is an enzyme required by the virus to cleave cell-surface sialic acid receptor molecules, a process which facilitates the effective release of newly formed viral particles from the surface of infected cells. As such, inhibitors of influenza neuraminidase such as zanamivir (Relenza®) and oseltamivir (Tamiflu®) are effective for the treatment of influenza. These compounds act as competitive inhibitors and were designed as 'transition-state analogues' and mimic the conformation of DANA [1], itself a potent inhibitor of influenza neuraminidases (K_M 4 μ M). Significant drug resistance towards the front line anti-influenza drug oseltamivir has recently been reported, emphasising the need to gain further insight into the mechanisms of the reaction catalysed by the influenza neuraminidase. [2,3].

It has recently been shown that 2,3-difluoro derivatives (fluorine atoms at positions C2 and C3) of sialic acid inhibit the sialidases from *T. cruzi*, *T. rangeli* and *C. perfringens* by forming a stable covalent intermediate [e.g. 4]. These inactivators are anticipated to be less susceptible to drug induced resistance as they target essential catalytic amino acids [5]. However, individual hydrogen-bonding interactions formed between these inactivators and the neuraminidase in both the Michaelis complex and at the transition state remain unclear. We have studied crystal structures of neuraminidase N9 in complex with a series of newly synthesized 2,3-difluoro-*N*-acetylneuraminic acid derivatives to probe the importance of individual hydrogen-bonding interactions towards transition-state stabilisation and therefore inhibition of influenza neuraminidases. The X-ray structure showed a clear rotation of the COOH group and loss of fluorine from C2. The ligand sites are populated by the mixtures of 3-fluoro-compounds covalently linked to Tyr406 and their defluorinated versions.

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Crystal structure of GmhA from *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, the causative agent of melioidosis

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GmhA from *B. pseudomallei* is the antibiotics adjuvant target for melioidosis. This enzyme is involved in the first step of heptose biosynthesis pathway [1]. Heptoses are found in the surface polysaccharides of most bacteria, contributing to structures that are essential for virulence and antibiotic resistance. This protein has been cloned, expressed, purified, and crystallized. The synchrotron data were collected to 1.9 Å. The structure was solved by molecular replacement. GmhA crystals grew in the space group $P2_12_12_1$ with four molecules of GmhA in the asymmetric unit. Each GmhA monomer consists of a central five-stranded parallel β -sheet, flanked by five α helices, forming a three-layered H β H sandwich architecture. The overall fold is quite similar to the flavodoxin-type nucleotide-binding motif. This enzyme contains a putative metal binding site at the center of its active site. Four of these residues, H64, E68, Q175, and H183, may be required to coordinate a metal ion. Interestingly, a closed form of the enzyme looks catalytically relevant unlike previously reported structures where apo-forms have a characteristic open conformation. A revised mechanism for the action of GmhA is suggested on the basis of this structure.

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ABIN-1 senses linear ubiquitin chains: structural and biophysical insights

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The Nuclear Factor- κ B (NF- κ B) transcription factors are key regulators of numerous basic cellular processes, among them innate immunity, inflammation and malignant transformations. However, unrestrained NF- κ B activation is associated with several inflammatory diseases. Therefore, formation and activation of these transcription factors must be tightly regulated. ABIN-1 (A20 binding and inhibitor of NF- κ B) has been characterized as one of the negative regulators of NF- κ B signaling. Although, this protein is known to function by facilitating A20 (ubiquitin editing protein)-mediated de-ubiquitination of NF- κ B pathway regulators, more recent studies attribute ABIN-1 negative regulatory activity to its ubiquitin binding feature. ABIN-1 binds ubiquitin through the AHD-2 (ABIN homology domain-2) also called UBAN (ubiquitin binding in ABIN proteins and NEMO) motif. Previously, we showed that NEMO (NF- κ B essential modulator) preferentially binds linear ubiquitin chains via its UBAN motif and this specific binding is essential for regulation of the NF- κ B signaling pathway. Here, we provide structural and biophysical evidences that ABIN-1 UBAN motif, also, has higher affinity for linear over other types of ubiquitin chains. The x-ray crystal structures of ABIN-1 in the apo form and in complex with one and two linear diubiquitins are solved in this study. ABIN-1 in the apo form adopts a coiled-coil, homo-dimer structure which provides two symmetrical binding sites for linear diubiquitins. Interestingly, depending on the relative concentration of the two proteins different binding stoichiometries are observed in the crystals. The concentration-dependency of the complex formation by ABIN-1 and linear diubiquitin chains is further examined by ITC (Isothermal Titration Calorimetry) experiments. ABIN-1 UBAN domain recognizes the canonical Ile44 surface and the C-terminal tail of the distal and the newly characterized surface, adjacent to the hydrophobic patch, on proximal ubiquitins. Mutations on the ubiquitin binding surface in ABIN-1 UBAN abolished its inhibitory effects on NF- κ B activation. These data explain the specificity of ABIN-1 protein for linear ubiquitin chains and in regulation of NF- κ B activation.

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HIV-1 Protease complexed to natural oligopeptide substrates

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The Human Immunodeficiency Virus type 1 protease (HIV-1 PR) is a virally encoded symmetric homodimeric aspartyl protease that cleaves a series of nine substrate peptide bonds in the viral *gag* and *gag-pol* polypeptides, resulting in functional enzymes and structural proteins, essential for the maturation of the virus. HIV-1 PR is also a rare endopeptidase which can cleave peptides having proline at the cleavage site. Crystal structures of active enzyme and natural substrate(s) complexes are required to understand the mechanism of cleavage to atomic details, which will help in the development of new drugs. We have prepared several complexes of HIV-1 PR with natural oligopeptides and determined high resolution structures of two in-situ substrate/HIV-1 PR complexes, where the peptide bond is transformed to: a tetrahedral intermediate at pH 2.5 [1] and cleaved bi-products at physiological pH 6.2 [2, 3].

In the present study we have complexed HIV-1 PR with a Proline containing substrate (sequence VSFNF*PQITC, * denotes the cleavage site peptide bond) and solved two structures for soaktimes of 24hrs and 72hrs. The data were collected to resolutions 1.74Å and 1.0Å at ID 14-4 and BM30A beamlines at ESRF. The structures were refined to R-factors 17.9% and 19.2% and R-frees 21.4% and 24.5% respectively. In both complexes, the calculated electron density map suggests the presence of the substrate in active site cavity. The substrate models fitted into the map is interpreted as an in-situ cleaved bi-product complex [NH₂-VSFNF-CO₂H (P product) and NH-PQITC-CO₂H (Q product)]. The Phe residue of the P product is interacting with the outer oxygens of both the catalytic aspartates via hydrogen bonds whereas the Pro residue of the Q product is moved away in both structures. The Pro residue is unable to interact with the catalytic aspartates due to the steric hindrance with its C- δ atom. Contrary to earlier solved complexes, here we find the Q product is the first one to move out of the active site cavity after cleavage in proline containing substrates. The Phe residues superpose within 0.1Å whereas the proline residues are separated by more than 1Å for 24hrs and 72hrs soaked crystals. The Pro residue interacts with the carboxylate of Phe residue in 24hrs complex but moves further away in the longer soaked complex. Also the carboxylate of the Phe residue moves closer to the catalytic aspartates in the longer soaked complex as compared to the 24hrs soaked complex. These structures reveal the mechanism of cleavage-product release and a different mode of binding for proline containing substrates.

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Crystal structure of PPC protein from *Pyrococcus furiosus*

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AHL1 (AT-hook Motif and Nucleus Localized protein 1) is a protein localizing at the nuclear matrix and originally identified in *Arabidopsis thaliana*. AHL1 potentially functions as a connection between the nuclear framework and DNA of MAR sequences in interphase nuclei, and covers the chromosomes during mitosis. *A. thaliana* AHL1 (AtAHL1) consists of an AT-hook motif and PPC domain (Plants and Prokaryotes Conserved domain). The AT-hook motif is essential for matrix attachment region(MAR) binding and the hydrophobic region of the PPC is indispensable for nuclear localization. The PPC domain is conserved among AHL1 homologues and also in bacteria and archaea, whereas neither yeasts nor animals has a protein with this domain. The PPC containing proteins in bacteria and Archaea do not have an AT-hook motif. To gain insight into the PPC protein function at the molecular level, we have overexpressed and crystallized PPC protein from *Pyrococcus furiosus*. *Pf*PPC is composed of one α -helix and eight β -strands. In addition, *Pf*PPC forms a trimer. This trimer is maintained by the interactions on the opposite side of the single α -helix in each subunit. Hydrophilic interactions are found in the top and bottom parts, while the hydrophobic interactions are mainly formed in the middle part. Therefore based on our structural study, *Pf*PPC protein has a trimer formation unique to prokaryotes and plants.

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Structural evidence for a dehydrated intermediate in green fluorescent protein chromophore biosynthesis

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The acGFPL is the first-identified member of a novel, colorless and non-fluorescent group of green fluorescent protein (GFP)-like proteins. Its mutant aceGFP, with Gly replacing the invariant catalytic Glu-222, demonstrates a relatively fast maturation rate and bright green fluorescence ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 480 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 505 \text{ nm}$). The reverse G222E single mutation in aceGFP results in the immature, colorless variant aceGFP-G222E, which undergoes irreversible photoconversion to a green fluorescent state under UV light exposure. Here we present a high resolution crystallographic study of aceGFP and aceGFP-G222E in the immature and UV-photoconverted states. A unique and striking feature of the colorless aceGFP-G222E structure is the chromophore in the trapped intermediate state, where cyclization of the protein backbone has occurred, but Tyr-66 still stays in the native, non-oxidized form, with C α and C β atoms in the sp³ hybridization. This experimentally observed immature aceGFP-G222E structure, characterized by the non-coplanar arrangement of the imidazolone and phenolic rings, has been attributed to one of the intermediate states in the GFP chromophore biosynthesis. The UV irradiation ($\lambda = 250\text{--}300 \text{ nm}$) of aceGFP-G222E drives the chromophore maturation further to a green fluorescent state, characterized by the conventional coplanar bicyclic structure with the oxidized double Tyr-66 C α =C β bond and the conjugated system of π -electrons. Structure-based site-directed mutagenesis has revealed a critical role of the proximal Tyr-220 in the observed effects. In particular, an alternative reaction pathway via Tyr-220 rather than conventional wild type Glu-222 has been proposed for aceGFP maturation.

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Crystal structure of Tpa1 from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, a component of the messenger ribonucleoprotein complex

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Tpa1 (for *termination* and *polyadenylation*) from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is a component of a messenger ribonucleoprotein complex at the 3' untranslated region of mRNAs. It comprises an N-terminal Fe(II)- and 2-oxoglutarate-dependent dioxygenase domain and a C-terminal domain. The N-terminal dioxygenase domain of a homologous Ofd1 protein from *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* was proposed to serve as an oxygen sensor that regulates the activity of the C-terminal degradation domain. Members of the Tpa1 family are also present in higher eukaryotes including humans. Here we report the crystal structure of *S. cerevisiae* Tpa1 as a representative member of the Tpa1 family. Structures have been determined as a binary complex with Fe(III) and as a ternary complex with Fe(III) and 2-oxoglutarate. The structures reveal that both domains of Tpa1 have the double-stranded β -helix fold and are similar to prolyl 4-hydroxylases. However, the binding of Fe(III) and 2-oxoglutarate is observed in the N-terminal domain only. We also show that Tpa1 binds to poly(rA), suggesting its direct interaction with mRNA in the messenger ribonucleoprotein complex. The structural and functional data reported in this study support a role of the Tpa1 family as a hydroxylase in the messenger ribonucleoprotein complex and as an oxygen sensor.

Crystal structure of phosphopantetheine adenylyltransferase from *Enterococcus faecalis* in the ligand-unbound state and in complex with ATP and pantetheine

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Phosphopantetheine adenylyltransferase (PPAT) catalyzes the penultimate step in Coenzyme A (CoA) biosynthetic pathway. It catalyzes the reversible transfer of an adenylyl group from ATP to 4'-phosphopantetheine (Ppant) to form dephospho-CoA (dPCoA) and pyrophosphate. Previous structural studies revealed how PPATs recognize substrates and products or their analogs. ATP, ADP, Ppant, and dPCoA bind to the same binding site in highly similar manners, while the mode and site of CoA or 3'-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphosulfate binding are somewhat different. Until now, no structure of any PPAT bound with the pantetheine has been reported. In order to provide further structural information on ligand binding by PPATs, we solved the crystal structure of PPAT from *Enterococcus faecalis* in three forms: (i) the apo form, (ii) a binary complex with ATP, and (iii) a binary complex with pantetheine. The new structural information reported in this study supplements the existing structural data and should be useful for structure-based antibacterial discovery against PPATs.

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Crystal structures of LacD from *Staphylococcus aureus* and LacD.1 from *Streptococcus pyogenes*: Insights into substrate specificity and virulence gene regulation

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Compared to Class I fructose-1,6-bisphosphate (FBP) aldolases, which catalyze a highly stereo-specific reaction toward FBP only, *S. aureus* LacD was shown to have a broader substrate specificity toward 1,6-bisphosphate derivatives of D-tagatose, D-fructose, D-sorbose, and D-psicose. Two closely-related Class I TBP aldolases in *S. pyogenes*, LacD.1 and LacD.2, are catalytically active but only LacD.1 was shown to be a regulator of global carbon catabolite control. LacD.1 senses nutritional status and regulates the transcription of virulence genes in *S. pyogenes* by associating with RopB, an Rgg family transcription regulator.

In order to provide structural insights into broadened substrate specificity of *S. aureus* LacD and virulence gene regulation by *S. pyogenes* LacD.1, we have determined the crystal structures of both *S. aureus* LacD and *S. pyogenes* LacD.1. Our structures suggest that the substitution of rabbit muscle FBP aldolase E189/S300 and the absence of Y363 in the active sites of *S. aureus* LacD and *S. pyogenes* LacD.1 are the most important determinant for the broader substrate specificity of Class I TBP aldolases as compared to Class I FBP aldolases. The dimerization mode seen in *S. pyogenes* LacD.1 and *S. aureus* LacD is also distinct from that of eukaryotic Class I FBP aldolases. Furthermore, our structural study allows a comparison of the surface features between dimers of *S. pyogenes* LacD.1 and LacD.2, providing a structural insight into the specific interaction of the transcriptional regulator RopB with *S. pyogenes* LacD.1.

Crystal structure of Hsm3p, an assembly chaperone of the 19S regulatory particle of the proteasome

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The 26S proteasome, is a huge molecular machine with a central role in intracellular protein degradation, consists of a 20S core particle (CP) and two 19S regulatory particles (RPs) composed of ATPase (Rpt) and non-ATPase (Rpn) subunits. Several proteasome-dedicated chaperones are involved in the efficient and correct assembly of the 20S proteasome [1]. Recently, four proteasome-interacting proteins, Nas2/p27, Nas6/gankyrin, Rpn14/PAAF1, and Hsm3/S5b, have been shown to contribute to assembly of the 19S RP [2, 3, 4]. More recently, we determined the crystal structure of yeast Rpn14 at 2.0 Å resolution, which revealed that this chaperone consists of a unique N-terminal domain with unknown function and a C-terminal domain assuming a canonical seven-bladed β-propeller fold [5]. Furthermore, we identified the specific residues of Rpn14 and Rpt6 involved in their complementary charge interaction that is required for the 19S RP assembly. On the other hands, yeast Hsm3p associates with 19S RP via a C-terminal domain of the Rpt1 base subunit. This chaperone is specifically required for the base subcomplex assembly, although mechanistic actions of how it regulates RP assembly remain unclear.

Here, we report the crystal structures of yeast Hsm3p at 2.0 Å resolution, which was determined by the multiwavelength anomalous dispersion (MAD) method using a selenomethionine derivative. Hsm3p consists of 12 tandem HEAT [Huntingtin, elongation factor 3 (EF3), A subunit of protein phosphatase 2A (PP2A), PI3 kinase target of rapamycin 1 (TOR1)] repeats, which has a C-shaped structure consisting entirely of 24 α-helices and connecting loops. While the Rpn14-Rpt6 interaction is primarily characterized by the complementary charge interaction, Hsm3p has no such unique surface properties. Yeast genetics and biochemical studies of the interaction between Hsm3p and Rpt1 are in progress.

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A structural genomics approach to the structure determination of macrophage proteins

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In the immune system, macrophages are cells differentiated from circulating blood monocytes that represent the first line of defense against pathogen invasion. Macrophages are widely distributed throughout the body and are particularly abundant at the route of pathogen entry. They play a critical role in immune defense by initiating, promoting, preventing, suppressing or terminating immune responses. We established a high-throughput pipeline at the University of Queensland to investigate the structures and functions of novel macrophage proteins [1]. My project began with the selection of 12 novel, biologically interesting and crystallization-feasible targets that were then designed into 96 different constructs. Processing of the 96 constructs was performed in parallel using simple automated applications of ligation-independent cloning, small-scale bacterial expression, small-scale purification and solubility assessment. After processing these 12 targets, I found that 16 constructs of 3 targets (25%) yielded soluble protein. From the three soluble targets, I have spent most time on two proteins BinCARD and Fam96a.

BinCARD (Bcl10 interacting CARD protein) is a CARD-domain containing protein that interacts with Bcl10 to downregulate NF- κ B transcription factor activation [2]. Bcl10 is an intracellular signalling protein that also contains a CARD domain. The primary function of Bcl10 is to interact with CARD-domain containing proteins through CARD-CARD interactions to regulate its activity in the NF- κ B signalling pathway [3]. The crystal structure of BinCARD solved at 1.5 Å resolution revealed six anti-parallel α -helices, suggesting that this protein is similar to other CARDS of known structures. Before progress toward the interaction study between BinCARD and Bcl10, I also addressed the bottleneck of Bcl10 purification. The challenge was overcome by implementing a matrix-assisted refolding strategy. Approaches to determine the BinCARD and Bcl10 interaction are currently being applied.

Fam96a (family with sequence similarity 96, member a) is a novel DUF59 domain containing protein that belongs to a group of diverse proteins with no function characterised yet. Evidence has shown that exploration of these proteins is an important area for further studies [4]. The crystal structure of Fam96a at 1.8 Å and 2.3 Å resolution revealed two different types of domain swapped-dimer conformation. Interestingly, Fam96a and its homologue Fam96b are the only two DUF59 domain containing proteins to be expressed in mammalian cells. Functional characterization of Fam96a in macrophage is currently being investigated.

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Crystal structure of the dimerization domain of human filamin A

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By crosslinking actin filaments, filamins play important roles in regulating the dynamics of the actin cytoskeleton which plays a central role in many cell functions such as the maintenance of cell shape, cell division, adhesion, motility, signal transduction and protein sorting. Consistent with this, mutations in human filamin genes are associated with a wide range of developmental abnormalities and defective neuronal migration. And filamins as integrators of cell mechanics and signalling by interacting with transmembrane receptors and cytosolic signaling proteins.

In humans, three filamin isoforms have been identified: filamin A, filamin B, filamin C. Of these, filamin A (FLNa) is the most abundant and widely expressed. Heterozygous null FLNa alleles result in defective neuronal migration causing periventricular heterotopia, while certain FLNa missense mutations cause familial cardiac valvular dystrophy and putative gain-of-function mutations result in a spectrum of congenital malformations generally characterized by skeletal dysplasias.

Human vertebrate filamins are homodimers of two 280kDa subunits, and each subunit contains an N-terminal actin binding domain consisted of two calponin homology domains followed by 24 tandem repeat domains (FLNa1-24) that are interrupted by flexible hinge regions between FLNa15 and FLNa16 and FLNa23 and FLNa24. Dimerization through FLNa24 is crucial for the actin-crosslinking function of filamins.

We report the structure of FLNa domain 24 (FLNa24), and compare the structure with FLNc24 and discuss how dimerization is formed in FLNa24.

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Structural basis for the functional insight of HP0420-homologue from *Helicobacter felis*

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Helicobacter pylori infect more than half of the world's population and are considered a cause of peptic ulcer disease and gastric cancer. Recently, hypothetical gene HP0421 was identified in *H. pylori* as a cholesterol α -glucosyltransferase, which is required to synthesize cholesteryl glucosides, essential cell wall components of the bacteria. In the same gene-cluster, HP0420 was co-identified, whose function remains unknown. Here we report the crystal structure of HP0420-homologue of *Helicobacter felis* (HF0420) to gain insight into the function of HP0420. The crystal structure, combined with size-exclusion chromatography, reveals that HF0420 adopts a homodimeric hot-dog fold. The crystal structure suggests that HF0420 has enzymatic activity that involves a conserved histidine residue at the end of the central α -helix. Subsequent biochemical studies provide clues to the function of HP0420 and HF0420.

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The hexameric structure of AcrA suggests the assembly of a bacterial multidrug efflux pump AcrAB-TolC

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Multidrug resistance caused by export proteins is becoming a serious clinical problem in the antibiotic treatment of bacterial infections. AcrB is a principal multidrug exporter which confers intrinsic drug tolerance to *Escherichia coli*, and requires outer membrane factor TolC and periplasmic adaptor protein AcrA to form the tripartite AcrAB-TolC pump. However, it remains to be elucidated how the three proteins are assembled in its functional state. In this study, we constructed a tandemly-linked AcrA dimer to reveal the oligomeric state of AcrA, which was as functional as the wild type AcrA in vivo. Subsequent electron microscopic study showed a hexameric model of AcrA, which is similar to the functional homologue MacA hexameric structure that was found in the crystal structures. Our findings support an adaptor-bridging model for the multidrug efflux pumps, which is distinct from a currently prevailing model. Taken together, our observations provide a structural basis for understanding the multidrug resistance of pathogenic bacteria caused by the tripartite multidrug efflux pumps.

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Crystal structure of the MukB hinge domain and its functional implications

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The structural maintenance of chromosomes (SMC) family proteins are core components of multiprotein complexes involved in chromosome organization, including chromosome condensation and sister chromatid cohesion. These proteins share a characterizing V-shaped dimeric structure with two long coiled-coil arms having two ATPase head domains at the distal ends. The hinge domain, located in the middle of the coiled coil, forms the dimer interface. In addition, SMC hinges are reported to play other roles, including serving as a gateway for DNA entry into the cohesin complex. Herein, we report the homodimeric structure of the hinge domain of *Escherichia coli* MukB, a functional homologue of SMC in γ -proteobacter family members. In contrast to SMC hinge of *Thermotoga maritima*, which has a sizable central hole at the dimer interface, MukB hinge forms a constricted dimer interface lacking a hole. Critically, in accordance with the absence of a notable positively charged surface patch, MukB hinge does not interact with DNA. These results suggest that the function of MukB hinge is limited to dimerization of two copies of MukB molecules.

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Crystal structure and functional characteristics of LmDPK, a novel DNA protection kinase, in *Listeria monocytogenes*

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DPK (DNA protection kinase) in *Staphylococcus aureus* was recently identified as a novel histidine kinase with DNA protection activity against reactive oxygen species (ROS). DPK homologues are known in some Gram-positive bacteria belonging to the order Bacillales, and we studied the DPK homolog in *Listeria monocytogenes*, designated as LmDPK. The crystal structure of LmDPK, determined at 1.75 Å resolution, revealed structural similarity to DPK, thereby suggesting functional homology, although they have very limited sequence identity. As inferred from the crystal structure, LmDPK was shown to be autophosphorylated in the presence of ferrous ion and hydroxyl radicals. LmDPK also harbored a DNA protection activity against oxidative damages. These results suggested that the presence of DPK homologues and their biological functions might be general in Gram-positive bacteria.

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Structure mechanism of antigen recognition of the neural cell adhesion molecule L1 protein antibody

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The neural cell adhesion molecule L1 (CAML1) protein is a potentially useful diagnostic marker for cancer progression and a candidate for anti-cancer therapy. In the present study we investigated an antibody (A10A3) of the CAML1 protein that has high affinity to the first domain of the N-terminal Ig-like domains. Here, we describe the crystal structure of Fab of A10A3 determined at 1.75 Å resolution. Although the sequence in the light variable chain of Fab of A10A3 is very similar with that of 3BSZ, the loops belong to complementarily determining regions (CDRs) are very different each other. To understand the structural implication of the CAML1, we carried out comprehensive alanine-scanning mutagenesis of all CDRs in A10A3 Fab. The functional mapping of the antigen-binding site contributes to the rotational design for maximal humanization and affinity maturation of the antibody. This is the first structure of CAML1 protein antibody. It will provide a framework for understanding the mechanisms of CAML1 on cancer progression, and may serve as a potential agent for cancer treatment combine with other therapies.

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Crystal structure of *Helicobacter pylori* MinE, a cell division topological specificity factor

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In gram negative bacteria, proper placement of the FtsZ ring, mediated by nucleoid occlusion and the activities of the dynamic oscillating Min proteins MinC, MinD and MinE, is required for correct positioning of the cell division septum. MinE is a topological specificity factor that counters the activity of MinCD division inhibitor at the mid-cell division site. Its structure consists of an anti-MinCD domain and a topology specificity domain (TSD). Previous NMR analysis of truncated *Escherichia coli* MinE showed that the TSD domain contains a long α -helix and two antiparallel β -strands, which mediate formation of a homodimeric α/β structure. Here we report the crystal structure of full-length *Helicobacter pylori* MinE and redefine its TSD based on that structure. The N-terminal region of the TSD (residues 19-26), previously defined as part of the anti-MinCD domain, forms a β -strand (β A) and participates in TSD folding. In addition, *H. pylori* MinE forms a dimer through the interaction of anti-parallel β A strands. Moreover, we observed serial dimer-dimer interactions within the crystal packing, resulting in the formation of a multimeric structure. We therefore redefine the functional domain of MinE and propose that a multimeric filamentous structure is formed through anti-parallel β -strand interactions.

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Ligand-binding-site prediction program POCASA

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Identification of ligand binding sites in protein structure is a prerequisite for protein–ligand docking and an important step in structure/fragment-based drug discover (SDDD/FBDD). In this study, we developed a new algorithm, Roll, implemented in a program named POCASA [1], which can predict binding sites by detecting pockets and cavities of proteins with a rolling sphere. To evaluate the performance of POCASA, a test with the same data set as used in several existing methods was carried out. POCASA achieved a high success rate of 77%. A novel function in POCASA is that the pockets could be determined by different probe spheres, which makes it versatile for various ligands and proteins. In addition, the test results indicated that POCASA can predict good 3D shapes of ligand binding sites, which can provide useful information of ligand selection for target protein. A web POCASA is available at http://altair.sci.hokudai.ac.jp/g6/Research/POCASA_c.html

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Structures of enoyl-ACP reductase from *Bacillus cereus*

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Enoyl-[acyl carrier protein] reductase (enoyl-ACP reductase; ENR) is a key enzyme in type II fatty-acid synthase that catalyzes the last step in each elongation cycle, therefore, which is an essential enzyme in bacteria. Some pathogens have more than one ENR identified, and *Bacillus cereus* has two ENRs reported, namely FabI and FabL. Here we have determined the crystal structures of FabL from *B. cereus* in the apo and in the NADP⁺ and indole naphthyridinone inhibitor bound form. The overall structure is almost identical to each other and that of FabI, except three stretches that are disordered in the apo structure get organized as the cofactor and inhibitor bind. The apo structure is found as a dimer in the crystal which agrees with the solution study, while the ternary complex is in its tetramer. The three stretches are important in cofactor and inhibitor binding as well as tetramer formation.

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PDBj Mine: Design and implementation of relational database interface for Protein Data Bank Japan

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We describe the design and implementation of PDBj Mine, a new database and its interface for Protein Data Bank Japan (PDBj, <http://www.pdbj.org/>). In PDBj Mine, data are loaded from files in the PDBMLplus format (an extension of PDBML, PDB's canonical XML format, enriched with annotations), which are then served for the user of PDBj via the worldwide web (WWW). We describe the basic design of the relational database and web interfaces of PDBj Mine. The contents of PDBMLplus files are first broken into XPath entities, and these paths and data are indexed in the way that reflects the hierarchical structure of the XML files. The data for each XPath type are saved into the corresponding relational table that is named as the XPath itself. The generation of table definitions from the PDBMLplus XML schema is fully automated. For efficient search, frequently queried terms are compiled into a brief summary tables. Casual users can perform simple keyword search, and "Advanced Search" which can specify various conditions on the entries. More experienced users can query the database using SQL statements which can be constructed in a uniform manner. Thus, PDBj Mine achieves a combination of the flexibility of XML documents and the robustness of the relational database.

Crystallization and structural analysis of human mitogen-activated protein kinase phosphatase (MAKP) proteins

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The MAKPs were made up a distinct subgroup of 10 catalytically active enzymes among the larger family of dual-specificity protein phosphatases (DUSP or VHR-like cysteine-dependent protein phosphatases) encoded in the human genome. They all share some common catalytic domain, including an extended conserved HCXXXR motif. They also comprise a family of dual-specificity protein phosphatases that dephosphorylate both phosphothreonine and phosphotyrosine residues in MAP kinases, including the c-Jun N-terminal protein kinase (JNK)/stress-activated protein kinase (SAPK), the p38 MAPK, and the extracellular signal-related kinase (ERK). Inadequate productions or actions of MAPKs or MAKPs have been associated with diverse human diseases, like cancer, diabetes, and autoimmune diseases. In spite of critical MAKP regulation, the detail understanding of activation mechanism remains not clear so far. For this reason, the crystal structures of MAKP were discussed to unravel various negative regulatory mechanisms to MAPKs. To date, several crystal structure of MAKP family have been solved, which have shown subtle structural differences at residues surrounding active site. Therefore the detailed information of MAKP structures will enable us to verify the interaction between substrates, localization and its mechanism of dephosphorylation. Exactly 7 catalytic domain structure of MAKP out of 10 have been determined but the others still remain unsolved. To provide the structural insight of additional 3 MAKPs, we crystallized them and determined the structure. In addition, the kinetic studies for MAKPs will be followed and after we understood MAKP structures, we will develop how to interact to MAPK and where to localize in MAKP signaling pathways.

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Crystallization of human MST2 SARAH domain

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The mammalian sterile 20-related kinase 1 and 2 (MST1 and 2) are key components of the Hippo signaling pathway, which is involved in the regulation of a number of diverse cellular process including cell polarization, cell growth and apoptosis. MST2 shares at least two similar pathways with MST1. The first is that MST1 and MST2 can phosphorylate and inhibit AKT activation. In addition, they can activate FOXO3 via phosphorylation. The second is that both proteins can be detected in a complex containing Salvador (hSav). *Drosophila* MST1/2 homologue Hippo (hpo) bind to and phosphorylates a tumor suppressor protein Sav, which is known to interact with Warts (Wts) protein kinase. MST2 has a stronger stabilizing effect on hSav, and may play a more prominent role in this complex. MST2 has been suggested to participate in the Hpo-Sav-Wts pathway in mammalian cells in a manner dependent on a protein-protein interaction domain, Sav/Rassf/Hpo (SARAH) domain, that is shared by Sav, RASSF, and Hpo. MST2 is involved in the LATS tumor suppressor pathway via complex with hSav, RASSF1A, Nore1 and LATS1, resulting in the phosphorylation of LATS1 and transcription of proapoptotic genes. Here we present the crystallization result of the human MST2 SARAH domain(436-484) in order to provide useful information for interaction with hSav. The SARAH domain(436-484) at the C-terminus of MST2 from *Homo sapiens* has been recombinantly expressed and purified using an *Escherichia coli* expression system. Purified MST2 SARAH domain(436-484) from *Homo sapiens* has been crystallized using the hanging-drop vapour-diffusion technique. The crystals belonged to the space group *P*2₁, with unit-cell parameters $a = 62.0 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 119.2 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 62.0 \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 90.5$ and the space group *P*6₁22, with unit-cell parameters $a = 54.5$ $b = 54.5$, $c = 303.1$, showed diffraction to 2.7 \AA and 2.6 \AA resolution, respectively.

Structural basis for the specialization of Nur, a nickel-specific Fur homologue, in metal sensing and DNA recognition

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Nur, a member of the Fur family, is a nickel-responsive transcription factor that controls nickel homeostasis and anti-oxidative response in *Streptomyces coelicolor*. Here we report the 2.4 Å resolution crystal structure of Nur. It contains a unique nickel-specific metal site in addition to a non-specific common metal site. The identification of the 6-5-6 motif of the Nur recognition box and a Nur/DNA complex model reveals that Nur mainly interacts with terminal bases of the palindrome on complex formation. This contrasts with more distributed contacts between Fur and the n-1-n type of the Fur binding motif. The disparity between Nur and Fur in the conformation of the S1-S2 sheet in the DNA-binding domain can explain their different DNA-recognition patterns. Furthermore, the fact that the specificity of Nur in metal sensing and DNA recognition is conferred by the specific metal site suggests that its introduction drives the evolution of Nur orthologs in the Fur family.

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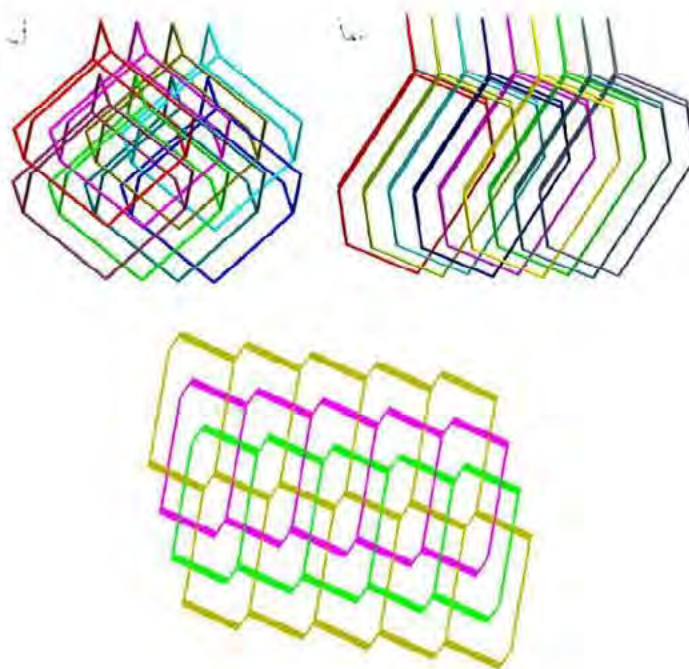


Metal-organic interpenetrated frameworks based on dipyridyl ligands bearing amide groups

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The synthesis and structural characterization of three metal-organic frameworks based on dipyridyl ligands containing amide groups and 1,4-benzenedicarboxylate ligand are reported. The complex $[\text{Zn}(\text{L1})(1,4\text{-BDC})] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$, **1**, which was obtained from the reaction of *N,N'*-di(4-pyridyl)dodecanamide (**L1**) and 1,4- H_2BDC (1,4- H_2BDC = 1,4-benzenedicarboxylic acid) shows an interpenetrating 3-fold framework with a bimodal 4-connected **mog** (moganite) topology, while the two diamondoid complexes $[\text{Zn}(\text{L2})(1,4\text{-BDC})] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**L2** = *N,N'*-di(4-pyridyl)adipoamide,^[1] **2**, and $[\text{Cd}(\text{L})(1,4\text{-BDC})] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, **3**, show 8- and 9-fold interpenetrating modes, which belong to IIIa interpenetration with $Z_t = 4$ and $Z_n = 2$ and Ia interpenetration with $Z_t = 9$ and $Z_n = 1$, respectively. The **L1** ligands in **1** and **2** adopt the AGA *cis* and AAA *trans* conformations,^[2] respectively, while the **L2** ligand in **3** adopt the AAGAAAGAA *trans* conformation. All the three complexes show emissions which can be tentatively assigned as $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ transitions.



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Calcium Metal-Organic Frameworks: Synthesis, structural transformations, and sorption properties

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Six new calcium metal-organic frameworks [Ca(BDC)(DMF)(H₂O)] (1), [Ca(ABDC)(DMF)] (2), [Ca₃(BTC)₂(DMF)₂(H₂O)₂·3H₂O] (3), [Ca(H₂DOBDC)(DMF)] (4), [Ca(H₂DOBDC)(DMF)₂] (5), and [Ca(H₂DOBDC)₂(H₂O)₂] (6), (DMF = N,N'-dimethylformamide; BDC = 1,4-benzenedicarboxylate anion; ABDC = 2-aminobenzene-1,4-dicarboxylate anion; BTC = 1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylate anion; H₂DOBDC = 2,5-dihydroxyterephthalate anion) were synthesized from calcium ion and aromatic carboxylic acids under solvothermal reactions and microwave-assisted solvothermal reactions. The single crystal structure analysis showed that all complexes display 3D structures containing various inorganic motifs with helical or straight 1D inorganic chains (1–3), pentagonal bipyramidal dimers (4 and 6), or discrete octahedra (5) connected through organic linkers and forming DMF- or water- coordinated neutral frameworks. It is also interesting that both compound 4 and 5 would process a dissolution/reorganization reaction comprises a break and reformation of the Ca–O bond, leading to a destruction/construction structural transformation to a supramolecular isomer, [Ca(H₂DOBDC)₂(H₂O)₂], with same chemical formula to compound 6. The compounds 1 to 5 were further characterized by TGA, PXRD and UV-vis, IR, and PL spectroscopy. The gas absorption properties were also studied.

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Synthesis, structure and optical properties of new 4,4'-bipyridine - Intercalated lanthanide sulfates layered framework

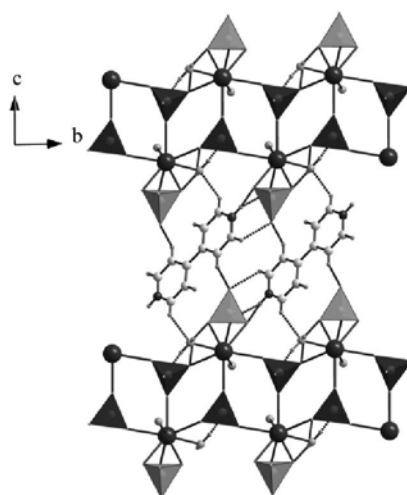
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Single crystals of $\text{La}(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_2)_{0.5}$ were synthesized and grown from the reaction between La_2O_3 and 4,4'-bipyridine in sulfuric solution under autogenous pressure generated at 125°C for 24 h. The crystals crystallized in triclinic $P\bar{1}$ with $a = 5.03540(10)$ Å, $b = 7.00790(10)$ Å, $c = 16.6321(3)$ Å, $\alpha = 88.50^\circ$, $\beta = 87.94^\circ$, $\gamma = 75.47^\circ$, $V = 567.679(17)$ Å³ and $Z = 2$. The La^{III} ions show nine coordination geometry, each of which is bridged to the neighboring ions by the SO_4 anions to form 2D layers, which are intercalated by 4,4'-bipyridine molecules. The 3D networks are then constructed *via* hydrogen bonding interactions. Here, a detailed description of structure and its relation to luminescence and thermal properties are present.



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X-ray structure of a nickel complex containing 2-aminopyridine and thiocyanate mixed ligands with a 3-dimensional network structure

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Pyrimidine derivatives possess considerable biological activity and have been widely used in medicinal and industrial applications. The complexing ability of 2-aminopyrimidine (amp) derivatives with transition metal ions is of great interest. Several transition metal complexes of 2-aminopyrimidine with halide salts, MX_2 ($M = \text{Pt}$, Pd , Cu , Mn , Co and Ni), have been synthesized and their crystal structures reported [1-4]. In continuation of our recent works on aminopyrimidine derivatives [5, 6] and using of 2-aminopyrimidine as neutral ligand [7], in this communication we wish to report our results on the synthesis and characterization of the complex of Ni^{II} with 2-aminopyrimidine and thiocyanate mixed ligands, formulated as $[\text{Ni}(\text{amp})_2(\text{SCN})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**1**). **1** crystallizes in the triclinic, space group $P\bar{1}$. The metal ion is hexacoordinated by heterocyclic nitrogen atoms of two 2-aminopyrimidin ligands, two nitrogen atoms of SCN^- ions and two oxygen atoms of two coordinated water molecules Fig 1. The two uncoordinated water molecules occupy suitable positions in the cell. Uncoordinated water molecules are bridged between one complex and adjacent one with strong hydrogen bonds. Extensive $\text{O-H}\cdots\text{O}$, $\text{O-H}\cdots\text{N}$, $\text{O-H}\cdots\text{S}$ and $\text{N-H}\cdots$ between NH_2 group of 2-aminopyrimidine, thiocyanate ions, coordinated and uncoordinated water molecules contribute to the formation of a two-dimensional supramolecular structure (Fig 2).



Fig. 1 General view of **1** in representation of atoms via thermal ellipsoids at 50% probability level.

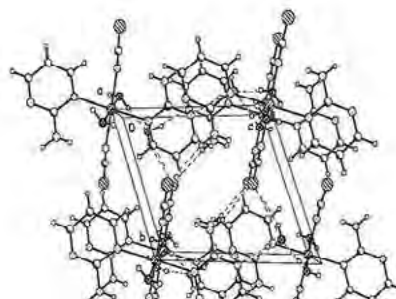


Fig. 2 The fragment of crystal packing of **1** along the crystallographic plane bc

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Structural diversity of four Nd(III)-NDC MOFs based on different secondary building units (SBUs) showing interesting gas adsorption properties (NDC²⁻ = 2,6-naphthalenedicarboxylate)

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Four lanthanide metal-organic frameworks (LMOFs), $\{[\text{Nd}(\text{NDC})_{1.5}(\text{DMF})_2] \cdot 2\text{DMF} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ (**1**), $\{[\text{Nd}(\text{NDC})_{1.5}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 2\text{DMA}\}_n$ (**2**), $\{[\text{Nd}_2(\text{NDC})_3(\text{DMA})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 3\text{DMA}\}_n$ (**3**), and $\{[\text{Nd}(\text{NDC})(\text{NO}_3)(\text{DMA})_2]\}_n$ (**4**) (NDC²⁻ = 2,6-Naphthalenedicarboxylate; DMF = dimethylformamide, DMA = dimethylacetamide), based on Nd(III)-NDC bridges, have been synthesized and structurally characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction method. In compound **1**, each Nd(III) ion is nine-coordinate bonded to nine oxygen atoms of five NDC²⁻ ligands and two DMF molecules. Two Nd(III) ions are bridged by six NDC²⁻ ligands with three different coordination modes, bis-chelating, tetramonodentate, and bischelating/bismonodentate, to generate a $[\text{Nd}_2(\text{COO})_6]$ dinuclear moiety, which serves as an octahedral secondary building unit (SBU) to produce a 3D open-framework coordination polymer. In **2**, each Nd(III) ion is eight-coordinate bonded to eight oxygen atoms of five NDC²⁻ ligands and two water molecules. The Nd(III) ions are bridged by four tetramonodentate and one bis-chelating NDC²⁻ ligands with a square-pyramidal building unit to produce a 3D triangle MOF. In **3** and **4**, the Nd(III) ions are bridged by four NDC²⁻ ligands with tetramonodentate coordination mode to generate a $[\text{Nd}_2(\text{COO})_4]$ dinuclear moiety, which serves both as square paddle-wheel building unit to produce a 3D open-framework and 2D layered-framework MOFs for **3** and **4**, respectively. The TGA measurements show that all of the four Nd(III)-NDC MOFs exhibit high thermo-stability and keep their crystalline forms up to about 400 °C. The sorption isotherm of N₂ and H₂ at 77 K shows a type-I profile for **1** and **2**, and their surface area has been determined by using the BET equation.

Syntheses, structures and photoluminescence properties of hexanuclear gold(I)-silver(I) mixed metal complexes

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Hexanuclear metal complexes of Cu(I) or Ag(I), having a d^{10} electron configuration, give strong red or green photoluminescence under UV irradiation. [1] Six metal atoms are located in an octahedral arrangement linked by iminiothiolo ligands, constructing a wheel-like structure (Fig. 1). Their emission properties are assigned to a transition from a triplet cluster-centered excited state (3CC) which consists of in-phase s/p orbitals of six metal atoms. [1] On the triplet photoexcited state, the metal core has been expected to be contracted. Recently, we have reported the single crystal structure analysis of $[Cu_6(Et-pyt)_6]$ (**1**) (Et-pyt = 6-ethylpyridinethiolato) under photoirradiation, in which the direct observation of the shrinkage of the metal cluster core has been demonstrated. [2] On the other hand, there are few reports for such integrated coordination compounds of Au(I). Here, we report new hexanuclear mixed-metal complexes $[Ag_4Au_2(Et-pyt)_4X_2]$ ($X = Cl$ (**3**), Br(**4**), I(**5**)) including Au(I) synthesized by the metal exchange reaction with the silver complex $[Ag_6(Et-pyt)_6]$ (**2**).

The complex **3** was obtained as a pale yellow solid from a chloroform solution of **2** reacted with $AuCl(tht)$ ($tht = SC_4H_8$). The X-ray structure analysis reveals that the complex consists of four Ag(I) and two Au(I) linked by four Et-pyt ligands, constructing an octahedral cluster (Fig. 2). The Au(I) atoms are located on diagonal vertexes of the octahedron. Two Cl atoms are bridged adjacent two Ag(I) atoms in the equatorial position. The whole molecule takes D_2 symmetry. The bromo- or iodo-bridged analogues (**4**, **5**) were also obtained by reacting with $AuBr(tht)$ or AuI , respectively. These complexes **3**, **4**, **5** give orange emission under UV light (365nm) irradiation in the crystalline state (Fig. 3). The emission maxima (575 nm for **3**, **4** and 625 nm for **5**) are slightly longer than that in the Ag_6 complex **2**.

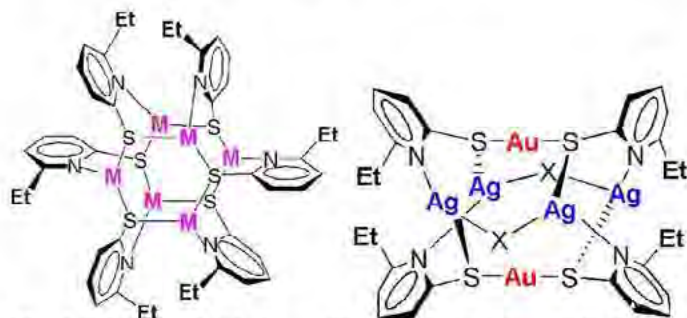


Fig. 1 $[M_6(Et-pyt)_6]$ (**1**, **2**).

Fig. 2 $[Ag_4Au_2(Et-pyt)_4X_2]$ (**3**–**5**).

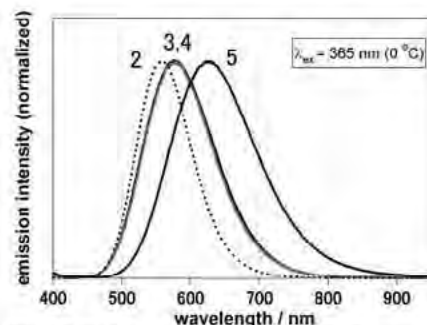


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Functional cyclobutane derivatives for metal organic frameworks

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Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) constructed from multidentate ligands have emerged as an important class of materials for various potential applications in sorption, separation, ion exchange, catalysis, sensor technology and drug delivery. Aromatic polycarboxylic acids have been proven to be potential class of ligands for the designed synthesis of robust coordination polymers with interesting framework topologies by tuning their sizes and shapes. Herein, we employ the photochemical [2+2] cycloaddition reaction to generate functional cyclobutane derivatives with desired geometry as novel ligands for synthesizing MOFs.

Crystal engineering principles have been exploited to generate a series of molecular salts of *trans*-4,4'-stilbenedicarboxylic acid (H₂SDC) and *trans*-3-(4-pyridyl)-acrylic acid (4-PA) where we have achieved the parallel orientations of the photoreactive double bonds prior to dimerization. The detailed synthetic strategy to access *rect*-1,2,3,4-tetrakis-(4'-carboxyphenyl)-cyclobutane (TCCB) in quantitative yield via green-mechanochemical route using organic amines with H₂SDC and the possible relation with the chain lengths of the diamines have been described. The crucial role of anions present in the molecular salts of asymmetric olefins like 4-PA have been explored for the stereoselective synthesis of such cyclobutane derivatives. Two possible parallel orientations for asymmetric olefins like 4-PA, viz. 'head-to-head' and 'head-to-tail' were successfully achieved by tuning the anions present in the molecular salts. The possible cation – cation repulsion in the *head-to-head* orientation is balanced and stabilised by cation – anion interactions of bisulphate and sulphate anions, on the other hand, the *head-to-tail* orientation is stabilised by cation- π (carbonyl) interactions. The photochemical [2+2] cycloaddition reaction of the ground sample of the sulphate-bisulphate salt of 4-PA took place quantitatively after reorganization of C=C double bonds. All the cyclobutane derivatives are synthesized for the first time *via* environmentally benign green route and in quantitative yields. The structures (with framework topology) of the MOF and co-crystal obtained from TCCB would be elaborately discussed in the presentation.

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Stepwise synthesis of charged and neutral 2-D networks via 1-D silver(I) coordination polymer based on bis(4-pyridylmethyl) sulfide

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For the advances of controlled engineering of solid-state structures with large and potentially useful cavities or channels, much effort has focused upon the use of rationally designed ligand system and coordination characteristics of the metal ions. More subtle effects on the topological configuration such as anion control are also receiving renewed attention. Thus, it is desirable to be able to prevent interpenetration when we need, and be able to generate the structure with the useful cavities or channels. The approach we have used to generate the anticipative open frameworks is a stepwise increment of the dimension via two step synthesis.

To achieve our stepwise-reaction strategy, we have investigated the effect of anion in the coordination environment of 1-D silver(I) coordination polymer precursors based on bis(4-pyridylmethyl)sulfide **L**, as well as the versatility of bridging ligands such as 4,4'-bipyridine (**bpy**) and terephthalate (**tp²⁻**) on the stepwise synthesis of the higher dimensional open frameworks with neutral or positive charge.

Herein, we report the stepwise synthesis and structural characterization of 2-D coordination polymer frameworks with positive charged or neutral cavities. First, reactions of bis(4-pyridylmethyl)sulfide (**L**) with silver salts (**1**: nitrate and **2**: perchlorate) afforded the respective double-stranded 1-D chains $[\text{Ag}(\text{L})\text{NO}_3]_n$ (**1**) and $\{[\text{Ag}_2(\text{L})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_2\}_n$ (**2**) both of which are stabilized by face-to-face π - π interactions. In this case, the silver(I) center in the nitrate complex **1** shows four-coordinated distorted tetrahedral geometry, whereas that of the perchlorate complex **2** exhibits a distorted trigonal planar geometry. The difference of these structures indicates that the coordination ability of the anions have important effects on the silver(I) coordination environments. Interestingly, the perchlorato 1-D complex **2** allows the further reactions with bridging ligands such as 4,4'-bipyridine (**bpy**) and terephthalate (**tp²⁻**) to give a 2-D positive-charged network $\{[\text{Ag}_2(\text{L})_2(\text{bpy})](\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot \text{C}_6\text{H}_6\}_n$ (**3**) and a 2-D neutral network $\{[\text{Ag}_2(\text{L})_2(\text{tp})] \cdot 2\text{DMSO} \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ (**4**), respectively. The nitrate 1-D complex **1**, however, showed no reactivity with the bridging ligands in the same condition. The results show that the replacement of anion by the bridging ligand in the coordination sphere of the 1-D precursor plays crucial roles in determining the reactivity for the synthesis of higher dimensional open frameworks.



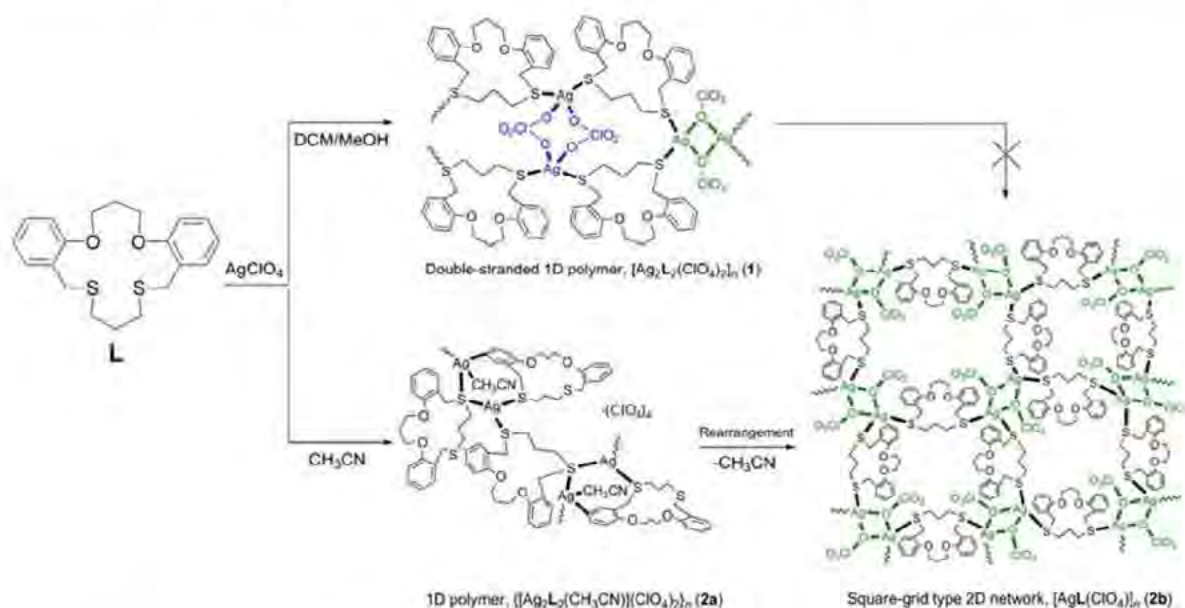
Networking of O₂S₂-macrocycle with silver perchlorate into 1-D and 2-D coordination polymers: Kinetic and thermodynamic products

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We have been interested in the assembly of supramolecular architectures based on the exocoordination of thiacycrown system because the sulfur donor is expected to favor binding toward soft metal ions in an exocyclic mode.^{1,2} In this work³, the solvent-dependent double-stranded 1-D coordination polymer [Ag₂L₂(ClO₄)₂]_n (**1**) and another 1-D polymer {[Ag₂L₂(CH₃CN)]·2ClO₄]_n (**2a**) with the shape of a vertically halved tube were obtained in the reactions of a 16-membered O₂S₂-macrocycle **L** with silver(I) perchlorate in DCM/MeOH and CH₃CN, respectively. Time-dependent crystallization experiments unambiguously show that **2a** is a kinetic product and transforms into a thermodynamically more stable [AgLClO₄]_n (**2b**) with a 2-D square-grid structure.



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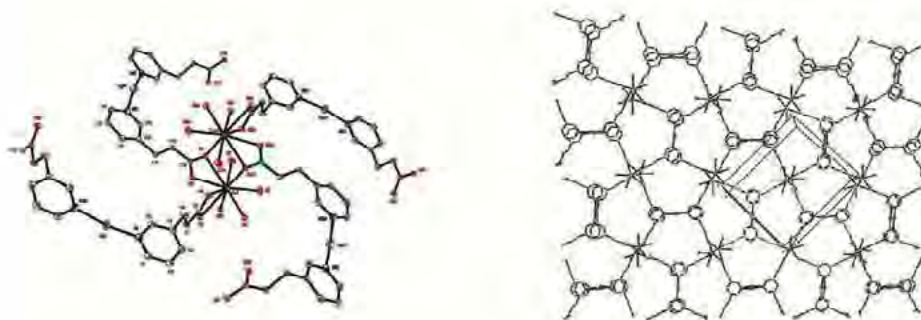
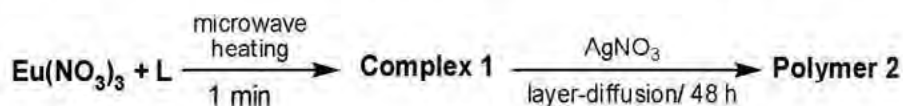
Synthesis of 4d–4f heterometallic coordination framework by postsynthetic modification

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Complex $\{[\text{Eu}_2(\text{L})_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4][\text{Eu}_2(\text{L})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_8](\text{NO}_3)_2\}$ (**1**) was prepared from $\text{Eu}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ and a flexible multidentate ligand ($\text{L} = 3$ -pyridinepropionic acid) under microwave heating conditions. A novel 4d–4f (Ag–Eu) coordination polymer, $\{[\text{EuAg}(\text{L})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3](\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4\}$ (**2**), could be prepared by the postsynthetic modification, in which complex **1** was treated with AgNO_3 . The flexible multidentate ligand (L) possesses two potential linking groups: a pyridyl group (a soft group) and a carboxylate group (a hard group). Interestingly, complex **1** contains two dimers; one is a neutral species and the other is an ionic species. In complex **1**, carboxylates of ligands are bound to europium ions, but the pyridyl nitrogen atoms remain non-coordinated. Polymer **2** is a 3-dimensional heterometallic coordination framework, whose monomer unit consists of one Eu^{3+} ion, one Ag^+ ion, two ligands, three aqua ligands, and two counterions. Consistent with our expectation on the basis of the hard–soft and acid–base concept, the hard Eu^{3+} ions are coordinated to the carboxylate oxygen atoms, and the soft Ag^+ ion is coordinated to the pyridyl nitrogen atoms. The $\text{Eu}^{\cdots}\text{Eu}$ distances are 4.1369 (2) and 4.0991 (2) Å.



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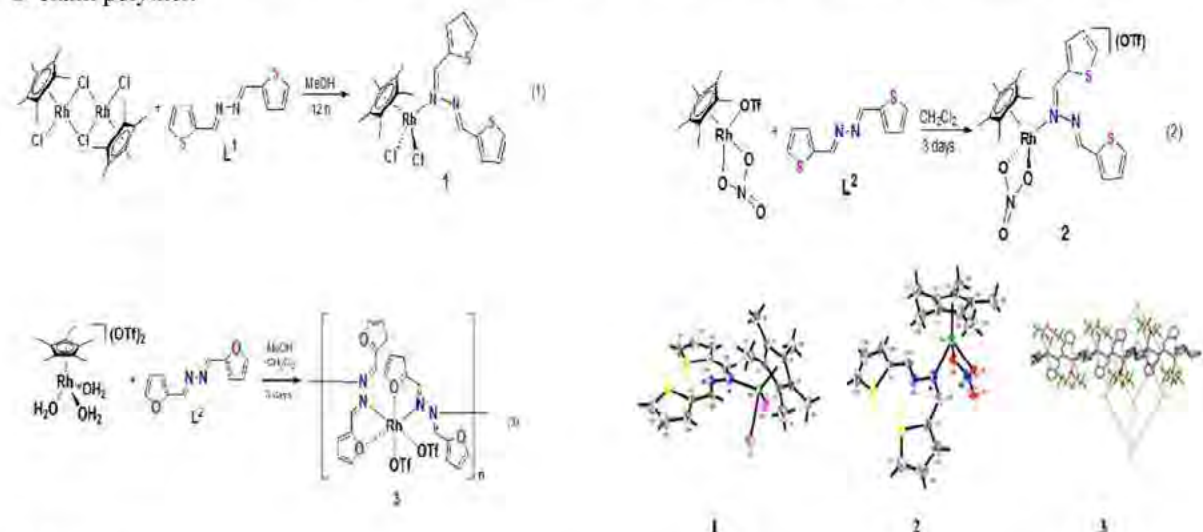
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Reactivity of RhCp* complexes containing labile ligands toward potential linking ligands containing terminal thiophene or furan rings: preparation and structures of $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{L}^1)\text{Cl}_2]$, $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\eta^2\text{-NO}_3)(\text{L}^1)](\text{OTf})$, and $\{[\text{Rh}(\text{L}^2)]\cdot(\text{OTf})\}_\infty$ [$\text{L}^1 = 1,2\text{-bis}((\text{thiophen-2-yl})\text{methylene})\text{hydrazine}$; $\text{L}^2 = 1,2\text{-bis}((\text{furan-2-yl})\text{methylene})\text{hydrazine}$]

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Rhodium(III)-Cp* complexes containing labile ligands, $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_3$, $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\eta^2\text{-NO}_3)(\text{OTf})]$, and $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{OH}_2)_3](\text{OTf})_2$, reacted with potential linking ligands [$\text{L}^1 = (2\text{-thiophene})\text{-CH=N-N=CH-(2-thiophene)}$; $\text{L}^2 = (2\text{-furan})\text{-CH=N-N=CH-(2-furan)}$] to give two molecular compounds, $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{L}^1)\text{Cl}_2]$ (**1**) and $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\eta^2\text{-NO}_3)(\text{L}^1)](\text{OTf})\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (**2**), and one organometallic coordination polymer, $\{[\text{Rh}(\text{L}^2)]\cdot(\text{OTf})\}_\infty$ (**3**). Whereas one imine nitrogen atom within the ligand is coordinated to the Rh metal in compounds **1** and **2**, both nitrogen atoms are bound to two neighboring Rh metals in compound **3** to lead to a 1-D chain polymer.



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Tailored thermal expansion in Metal-Organic Frameworks

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Metal-organic framework (MOF) chemistry provides the opportunity to make crystalline solids with an unprecedented level of structural and functional control. Previously, designing solid materials for a particular coefficient of thermal expansion has been extremely difficult. Our previous research has demonstrated that the dynamic behavior of certain structural motifs common to a wide range of MOFs also counteract the usual positive thermal expansion of chemical bonds.[1,2] This work suggests a new route whereby the thermal expansion properties of a material may be controlled chemically, through the structural versatility of MOFs.

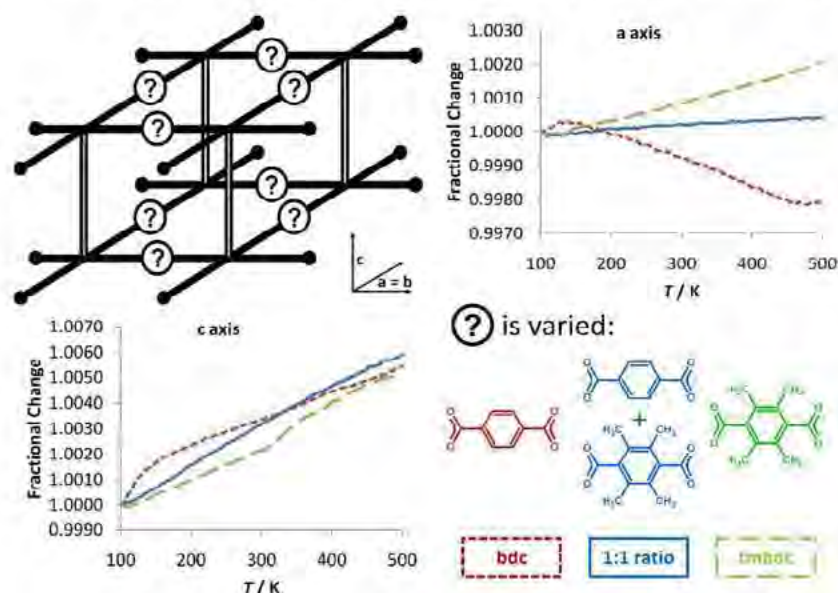


Figure 1. The unit cell thermal behavior of a framework with varying ligands

Here we look at a series of isotopological, tetragonal frameworks. They are composed of square grid sheets formed by 1,4-benzenedicarboxylates linked through dimetal-tetracarboxylate ‘paddlewheels’, forming the a-b plane. The sheets are pillared by diazo[2.2.2]bicyclooctane (dabco) through the paddlewheel axial site, along the c axis. We show that by varying the carboxylate ligand, the thermal expansion of the framework in the a-b plane may be positive or negative (see fig. 1). Moreover, by making a mixing ligand framework, a near-zero thermal expansion can be achieved. It is also shown that thermal expansion in the c-axis is almost independent of the carboxylate ligands used. We deduce possible mechanisms for the behavior observed based on our previous research into the negative thermal expansion of MOFs bearing the paddlewheel motif.

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Structurally responsive flexible PCPs to sorption of guests and ligand substitutions

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One of the advantages of porous coordination polymers (PCPs) or metal organic frameworks (MOFs) compared to the other microporous compounds such as zeolites or activated carbons reside in the opportunity to control the pore surface properties through the functionalization of the organic ligands.¹ In addition, PCPs with flexible structure can undergo several types of dynamic structural transformations resulting in high selectivity for guest inclusion, hysteretic sorption, stepwise guest uptake and gate-opening type adsorption behaviors.¹ Therefore, the design of pore properties utilizing flexible motifs or functional organic components is of importance to obtain PCPs with desirable functions. In this presentation, we will introduce two topics in the characterization of structural transformations of flexible PCPs upon sorption of guest molecules.

In the first topic, a 3D pillared-layer coordination polymer, $\{[\text{Cd}_2(\text{pzdc})_2\text{L}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 5(\text{H}_2\text{O}) \cdot (\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH})\}_n$ (**1**; pzdc = 2,3-pyrazinedicarboxylic acid; **L** = 2,5-bis(2-hydroxyethoxy)-1,4-bis(4-pyridyl)benzene) will be introduced.² Compound **1** shows i) a rotatable pillar bearing ethylene glycol side chains acting as a molecular gate with locking/unlocking interactions triggered by guest inclusion between the side chains and ii) framework flexibility with slippage of the layers (Figure 1a). We have demonstrated how these characteristics have direct consequences on the selective, stepwise adsorption and gate-opening behaviors of the framework for various guest molecules.

The second topic concerns 2-fold interpenetrated PCPs. A series of 4-pyridine terminated ditopic pillar ligands with varying functional substituents on the central phenyl ring were synthesized and incorporated into 2-fold interpenetrated frameworks to understand the ligand substitution effects on the structural transformations and guest adsorption properties. The frameworks clearly show reversible structural transformations in response to the removal and rebinding of guest molecules (Figure 1b). The characterization of the framework deformations has provided valuable insights for the understanding of the stepwise or gate-opening type adsorption behaviors of gases on the frameworks.

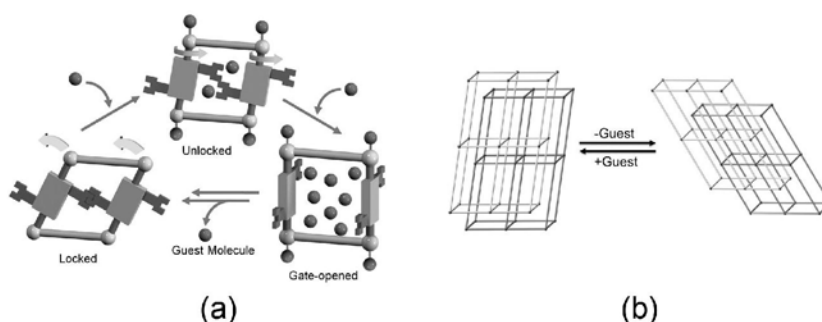


Figure 1. Schematic representations of the structural transformations for (a) a 3D pillared-layer coordination polymer **1** and (b) a series of 2-fold interpenetrated frameworks.

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Solvothermal synthesis and structures of templated and hybrid solids in the imidazole manganese vanadate system

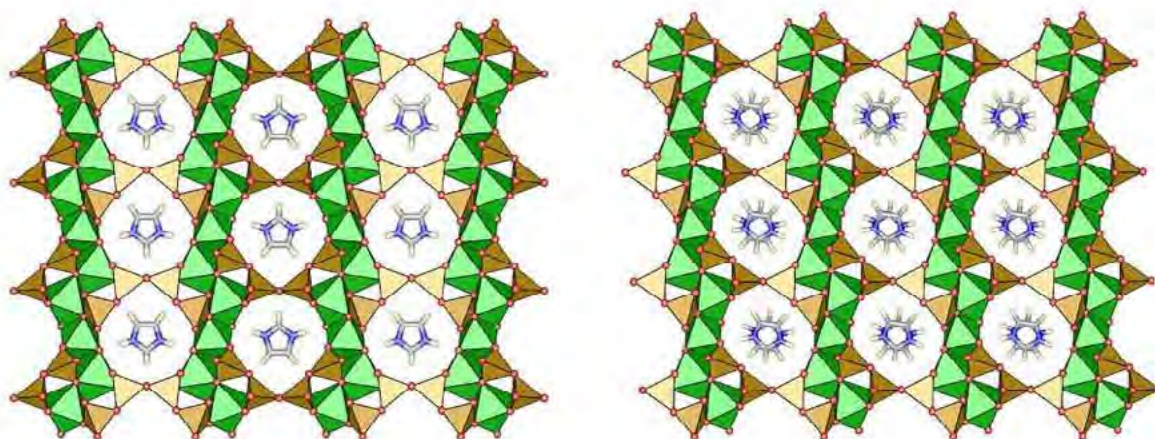
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The solvothermal synthesis and X-ray crystal structures of six new manganese vanadate phases incorporating imidazole ligands or counterions are reported. The system clearly demonstrates how product types are dependent on temperature, time, pH and stoichiometry. Two organo-templated open-frameworks of formula $[\text{ImH}][\text{Mn}_3(\text{OH})_2(\text{V}_4\text{O}_{13})]$ **1** and **2** (shown below) are formed between 110–160°C with lower imidazole ratios. These contain 10-membered ring channels housing imidazolium counterions and have mixed Mn^{II} – Mn^{III} valences. The structures are stable to 200°C and loss of guest molecules. Other 2D hybrid phases are typically formed using higher imidazole ratios and at lower temperatures, these include $[\text{Mn}_2(\text{Im})_8(\text{V}_4\text{O}_{12})]$ **3** containing cyclotetranadate rings and $[\text{ImH}][\text{Mn}(\text{Im})_3(\text{V}_3\text{O}_9)]$ **4**, in which $(\text{VO}_3)_n$ chains are cross-linked by $\text{Mn}(\text{Im})_2$ and $\text{Mn}(\text{Im})_4$ units. An analog of **3** $[\text{Mn}_2(\text{Im})_6(\text{dmsO})_2(\text{V}_4\text{O}_{12})]$ **5** was also formed from dimethylsulfoxide. Compounds **1–5** contain octahedral Mn and tetrahedral V ions, but another hybrid solid $[\text{Mn}_2(\text{Im})_3(\text{V}_4\text{O}_{12})]$ **6** was found to contain both square-pyramidal and octahedral Mn^{II} centers and 5-coordinate bipyramidal vanadium, underscoring the structural diversity possible in the system.



Supramolecular assemblies of 1,2,4,5-cyclohexanetetracarboxylic acid with various aza-donor compounds

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A supermolecule is an organized entity that is created by the association of two or more chemical species held together by intermolecular forces such as hydrogen bonds, van der Waals forces, coordination bonds, halogen bonds, etc.¹ As the carboxylic acid moiety represents the most widely studied functional group within the realm of supramolecular synthesis, we have carried out co-crystallization of 1,2,4,5-cyclohexanetetracarboxylic acid (**1245CTC**) with various aza donor compounds like 4,4'-bipyridine, 2,2'-bipyridine, 1,2-bis(4-pyridyl)ethane, 1,2-bis(4-pyridyl)ethene, phenazine, 1,10-phenanthroline, 4,7-phenanthroline, etc., to study the affinity of the polycarboxylic acids in molecular recognition.^{2,3} The complexes, thus, obtained have been characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction method and the structural analysis reveal the formation of exotic supramolecular assemblies in the form of host-guest type networks, sheets, interpenetrated ladders, etc. Packing arrangement for the representative examples are shown in Figure 1. The structural features of these assemblies would be illustrated in detail in poster presentation.

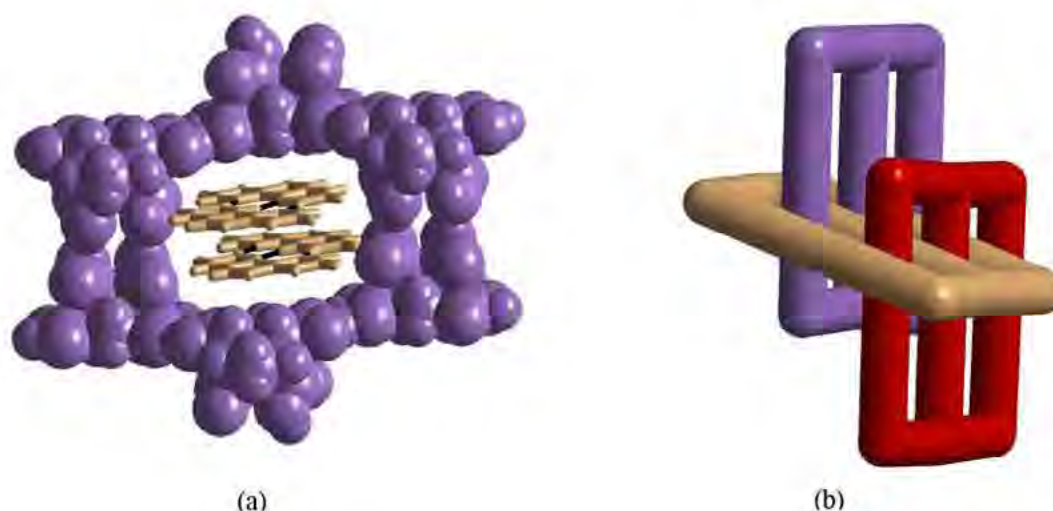


Figure 1: Supramolecular assemblies formed by 1,2,4,5-cyclohexanetetracarboxylic acid with 1,10-phenanthroline and (b) 4,4'-bipyridine (schematic representation).

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Unusual C--H... π interactions in the structure of 3,4,5-trimethoxy-*N-p*-tolylbenzamide

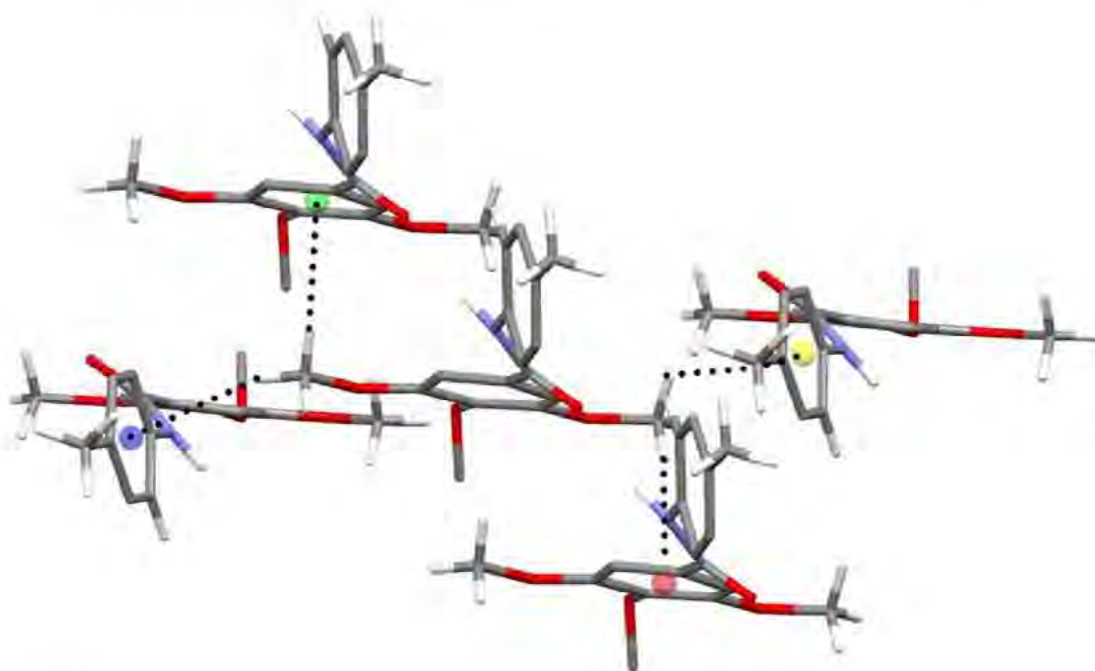
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3,4,5-Trimethoxy-*N-p*-tolylbenzamide (I) is a benzanilide derivative derived from *p*-toluidine and 3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl chloride. The crystal packing is predictably influenced by strong N—H...O hydrogen bonds, augmented by C—H...O contacts generating R₂²(6) ring motifs and forming chains of molecules down the *a* axis [1]. These chains are further reinforced by C—H... π interactions involving the methyl groups of a methoxy substituent. Chains are linked in a head-to-tail fashion by an additional weak C—H...O contact and other C—H... π interactions building the three dimensional network. An unusual feature of the packing in this structure is the extensive contribution of C—H... π interactions, involving two hydrogen atoms from each of the methyl groups of the 3- and 5- methoxy substituents.



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Using water as a design element in crystal engineering. Host-guest compounds of hydrated 3,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid

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The inclusion of water in organic and metal organic crystals is of fundamental and practical importance and is not comparable to the inclusion of other solvents of crystallization.¹⁻⁴ In this regard, a series of hydrated host-guest compounds of 3,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid were prepared and analyzed. The acid molecules make a hexagonal arrangement and the water molecules, occupying the peripheries of the hexagonal voids, act as “hooks” to connect the guest molecules with the host-framework via hydrogen bonding. Thus, molecules with diverse functionalities, such as ester, nitrile, formyl, ketone, sulfoxide and alcohol, were employed for the study. By choosing guest molecules with a certain size and containing good hydrogen bond acceptors, we were able to anticipate reasonably well the formation of nearly isostructural host-guest hydrates. While the acid exhibits a similar conformation (*syn-anti*) and makes hexagonal arrangements, the structural diversity is introduced by the nature, size and arrangement of the guest molecules in the voids. Further to the guest stabilization, water acts as a good mediator of effective crystal packing and also determines the topology of the host framework. The role of water is both extensive and consistent that the question arises as to whether water is really a host or a guest in these structures. The structural intricacies and the role of water in the structure directing role will be discussed.

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Investigation of the crystal structure of mixed $(\text{Rb}_{1-x}\text{Ti}_x)\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4$ by neutron diffraction

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In the present work we investigate RDP-TDP mixed crystals by neutron diffraction. RbH_2PO_4 (RDP) and TiH_2PO_4 (TDP) belong to the KDP (KH_2PO_4) structure family of $\text{A}(\text{H,D})_2\text{PO}_4$ -type ($\text{A} = \text{K}^+, \text{Rb}^+, \text{Ti}^+, \text{Cs}^+$, etc), which is well known for its crucial hydrogen bonded ferroic behavior. RbH_2PO_4 (RDP) and TiH_2PO_4 (TDP) show distinct room temperature crystal structures despite of the same ionic radii (1.47 Å) of Ti^+ and Rb^+ . While the paraelectric RDP (isotypic to KDP) shows a three-dimensional network of hydrogen bonded PO_4 -groups with tetragonal symmetry, the monoclinic structure of the ferroelastic TDP is characterized by a two-dimensional network. Their disordered H-distributions have been studied in detail [1,2]. Highly perfect RDP-TDP mixed crystals were grown from aqueous solution. For $(\text{Rb}_{0.51}\text{Ti}_{0.49})\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4$ a full crystal structure analysis was performed at room temperature based on diffraction data up to $(\sin\theta/\lambda) = 0.827\text{\AA}^{-1}$ at HEiDi, FRM-II, Germany. $(\text{Rb}_{0.51}\text{Ti}_{0.49})\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4$ crystallizes in the monoclinic space group $\text{P2}_1/\text{a1}$ with $a = 14.4281(1)\text{ \AA}$, $b = 4.543(5)\text{ \AA}$, $c = 6.400(9)\text{ \AA}$, and $\beta = 91.77(9)^\circ$. The crystal structure is isotypic to TDP with a H-disordering in the $\text{O-H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds. This result matches well with NQR-investigations [3], where it was suggested that the mixed crystals $(\text{Rb}_{1-x}\text{Ti}_x)\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4$ show no phase transition at low temperatures for $0.2 < x < 0.8$ and also confirmed our former neutron findings [4]. Compared to the previous investigation on $\text{Rb}_{0.46}\text{Ti}_{0.54}\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4$ [4], no noticeable difference was observed except concerning the hydrogen bonds. In the crystal structure, there are three symmetry independent H-atoms. Two of them are disordered, whereas one H-atom is already ordered at room temperature. The difference in chemical composition is not so big. However, the hydrogen bond angles, especially for the disordered hydrogen atoms show significant changes. It could be very interesting to investigate the RDP-TDP mixed crystals more systematically and as a function of temperature in order to better understand the role of the lone-pair electrons of the Ti^+ ions for the phase stability and to follow the disorder behavior of the hydrogen atoms.

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Crystal and molecular structure of tris(tert-butyl-3-butanoato) gallium

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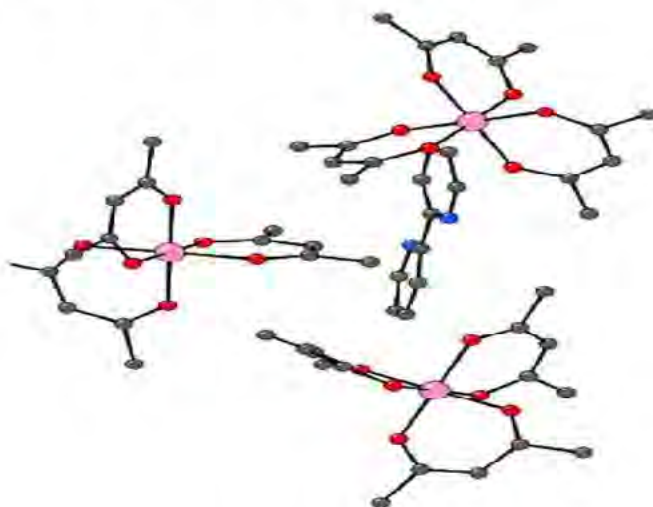
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The use of metal-organic (MO) complexes as precursors for chemical vapour deposition (CVD) for thin films. In the title compound an Gallium complex, the ligand has methyl terminal group on both sides. The structure determination of this complex a possible MOCVD precursor has been a part of our ongoing research. The structure is solved using direct methods. The cell parameters are $a = 9.3419 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 17.1340 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 20.0290 \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = 71.985^\circ$, $\beta = 79.928^\circ$, $\gamma = 82.196^\circ$ and $Z = 2$. The coordination geometry is essentially octahedral. The Ga-O bond lengths range from 1.951 to 1.967 Å due to electron delocalization within the chelate ring and the O-Ga-O bond angles within the chelate rings vary from 91° to 92° . In the compound Ga atom is coordinated by the ketone O atoms of three bidentate ligands forming an octahedral geometry. The six-membered chelate rings are planar each are perpendicular to each other. Molecular structure is stabilized by intra-molecular interactions with keto O atoms with chelate rings. Solvent bi-pyridine is forming inter-molecular hydrogen bonding with the chelate ring. Interesting results will be presented at the conference.

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Molecular structure of fluorescent copper(II) complexes with anti cancer activity

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In recent years there has been a rapid expansion in research and development of novel metal-based anticancer drugs to improve clinical effectiveness, to reduce general toxicity and to broaden the spectrum of activity¹⁻². Most of the reported metal-based anticancer compounds³⁻⁴ are not intrinsically fluorescent, so they need to be modified with a fluorescent tag in order to be visualized within the cell. This approach has been found to be useful in studying the cellular responses of several fluorescent platinum(II) complexes. In the present work we have synthesized fluorescent ligand, 2-(1-naphthyl)imidazo[4,5-f][1,10]phenanthroline (NIP) which on complexation with Cu(II) make the complexes fluorescent so that we can monitor the cell penetration, distribution and efflux mechanisms of these fluorescent compounds when incubated with cancer cell lines using fluorescence spectroscopy. The compounds were tested for their anticancer activity on a panel of cisplatin-sensitive and cisplatin-resistant cell lines. These complexes bind to DNA by intercalation

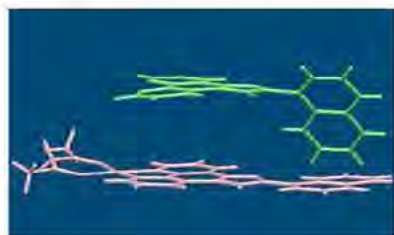


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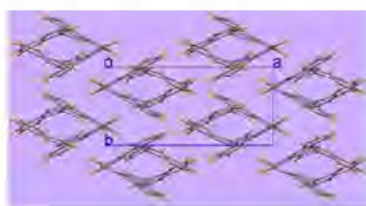


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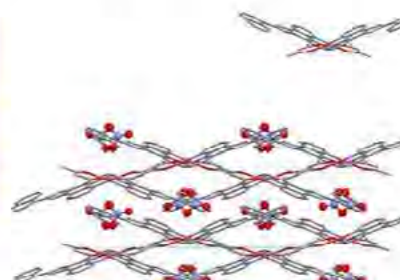


Fig-3

Ligand molecule belongs to the monoclinic space group $P2_1/c$, in which the naphthalene ring is at an angle to phenanthroline ring in the ligand while in the Cu complex the molecule is planar Fig-1. When it forms a Cu complex, naphthalene ring rotates through 49.43° to form hydrogen bonds with lattice nitrates. NIP shows diamond like packing arrangement when viewed down c axis Fig-2. Two of the complex molecules pack in such way to form butterfly like structure Fig-3. In each cationic molecule, two of the planar ligands are held together by π - π interactions while the NO_3 anion connects the symmetry related molecules via C-H...O and C-H...N interactions.

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The relevance of unconventional hydrogen bonding in the polymerization and assembly of polydiacetylene DCHD

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In this work, we specifically address the polymerization of 1,6-di(N-carbazolyl)-2,4-hexadiyne (DCHD) and the role of bonding and nonbonding interactions in polymer formation and stabilization. For this we carried out a high brilliance SPRING-8 (Hyogo, Japan) synchrotron X-ray study of monomer and polymer DCHD in the temperature range from 20 to 350 K. Given that the polymerization reaction is interplay of the monomer and polymer lattices, a comparative analysis of the structures allows us to uncover important insight into the structural machinery controlling formation and stability of polymer DCHD. For advance details, we examined the structures on a charge density level using maximum entropy method (MEM) upgraded for mapping of electron density jointly with electrostatic potential, electric field and atomic polarization [1,2]. It allows us to expose the nature of bonded and nonbonded interactions forming the structures. Based on MEM maps viewed the hydrogen bonds as bridges with covalent, electrostatic, and dispersive components, it was found that crystalline polymer DCHD mainly determined by network of unconventional $>\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$ bonds between sidechain $>\text{C}-\text{H}$ and π -electron of the triple bond ($\text{C}\equiv\text{C}$) segment of nearby backbone as well as amongst the interlayer carbazolyl rings packed in a herringbone motif. In the monomer form, $>\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi(\text{C}\equiv\text{C})$ link carbazolyl ring to the triple bond segments of the nearby monomers. The arrangement of the inter-monomer H-bonds is changed from the low-temperature trifurcated (four-centered) to the bifurcated (three-centered) at temperatures above 140 K. It is well known that DCHD above 140 K is both thermal and γ -ray solid-state polymerizable [3]. Present detailed structures distinguished that trifurcated H-bonds stabilize monomers providing additional conformational constraints which apparently prevent twist of monomer rods to the reactive state. Thermal fading of the additional constraint results in non-planar bifurcated H-bond arrangement which may accommodate the “monomer rods” to “polymer backbone” switch. In the end resulted polymer phase, the backbones strengthened by linear (two-centered) H-bonds. Thus, in the DCHD system unconventional $>\text{C}-\text{H}\cdots\pi$ interactions of trifurcated and linear geometries direct the structural stability for the monomer and polymer forms, respectively, while bifurcated one triggers the solid-state monomer-to-polymer reactivity.

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Crystal engineering of hydroxybenzoic acids. Influence of solvent in the synthon diversity and crystal packing

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Systematic analysis of intermolecular interactions formed between various molecular building units is an interesting topic in the area of crystal engineering.¹ Although the acid-pyridine interactions are well known in literature, the studies pertaining to triazines are relatively rare. Melamine is an interesting candidate due to its symmetry and the availability of several hydrogen bond donor and acceptor functionalities. Further, it is an important compound from the industrial and economical perspective. The recognition patterns of melamine with a series of substituted hydroxybenzoic acids have been studied with the assumption that the OH and COOH groups can make a cooperative influence in the recognition process and results in diverse synthons and supramolecular architectures. All these complexes form solvated assemblies and the solvent of crystallization plays an important role in the structure stability. The molecular adducts exhibit a co-crystal-salt continuum and the formation of the salts cannot be predicted on the basis of ΔpK_a values, as most of the molecular candidates have similar pK_a values.² The synthon diversity and the crystal packing in terms of intermolecular interactions provide useful inputs for crystal design.

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Crystal structure of 7, 8-dimethyl-4-bromomethylcoumarin

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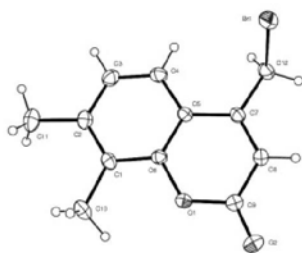
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Coumarins are a class of naturally occurring oxygen heterocycles which have been found to exhibit wide ranging biological activities [1-3] through its innumerable derivatives. Structural studies on coumarins have been focused on their solid state photochemical dimerization [4], hydrogen bonding [5], mode of packing [6], molecular self assembling [7] and photo physical properties [8]. Introduction of bromine has resulted in formation of hydrates, intermolecular hydrogen bonding, eclipsed conformation observed in 3-bromocoumarin [9], 6-bromo-3-acetylcoumarin [10] and 3-bromoacetylcoumarin [11] respectively. 3-Bromophenyl-6-acetoxymethyl-coumarin-3-carboxylates have been found to exhibit potential anticancer and antitumor activity [12]. Crystals suitable for diffraction studies were grown by slow evaporation technique using acetic acid as a solvent.

The crystals of the compound crystallize in monoclinic with space group *C*2/c having 8 molecules in the unit cell of dimensions crystal system *a* = 18.5025 (14), *b* = 9.8785 (7), *c* = 13.1639 (10) Å and β = 118.908 (2)°.



The data was collected using ω and ϕ scan mode. 14710 measured reflections of which 3610 independent reflections and 2516 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$. With absorption correction: multi-scan. The structure was solved using Wingx software package and the model was refined by the full-matrix least-square method. The refinement was continued till the final $R = 0.04$, $R_w = 0.116$. The title compound is cyclic planar but it is less aromatic in nature due to absence of continuous delocalization of pi electrons around the coumarin ring skeleton. A bond length of deviation is observed at C1-C10 (1.495 (3) Å). This is due to the bonding of sp^2 (C1) - sp^3 (C10) hybridization.

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The unusual phase behaviour of $\text{Sr}_2\text{TiSi}_2\text{O}_8$ and structurally related compounds

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The Fresnoite $A_2\text{TiM}_2\text{O}_8$ ($A = \text{Ba}, \text{Sr}; M = \text{Si}, \text{Ge}$) structure type is one of several possible alternatives currently being investigated to replace PZT and other lead-based piezoelectric materials because of their potential to exhibit excellent piezoelectric response coefficients [1-2]. Understanding the underlying structural chemistry of these materials is critically important to developing new materials with optimised physical properties that are comparable to or better than the current lead-based piezoelectrics.

The $\text{Ba}_2\text{TiSi}_2\text{O}_8$, $\text{Ba}_2\text{TiGe}_2\text{O}_8$, and $\text{Sr}_2\text{TiSi}_2\text{O}_8$ family members are structurally well characterised [3-6]. Recent research efforts have been directed towards the study of incommensurate modulations in these structures using quantitative high resolution transmission electron microscopy and rigid unit mode analysis [7-8]. It has been shown that the specific modulated structures and physical properties are highly dependent on the ratio of ionic radii of the atoms on the A and M sites [3, 9].

Variable temperature synchrotron powder X-ray and electron diffraction data from $\text{Sr}_2\text{TiSi}_2\text{O}_8$ provide previously unreported evidence of unusual phase behaviour between 125 – 1273 K. Electron diffraction data confirm that two incommensurately modulated $\text{Sr}_2\text{TiSi}_2\text{O}_8$ phases coexist at room temperature. Observation of the position of the satellite reflections in $\text{Sr}_2\text{TiSi}_2\text{O}_8$ electron diffraction patterns at elevated temperatures suggests that the minor (tetragonal $P4bm$) phase completely converts into the major (orthorhombic $Cmm2$) phase on heating above 480 K.

Recently collected variable temperature X-ray and electron diffraction data will also be presented for the previously unreported compositions $\text{Sr}_2\text{TiSi}_{1.0}\text{Ge}_{1.0}\text{O}_8$, $\text{Sr}_2\text{TiSi}_{1.8}\text{Ge}_{0.2}\text{O}_8$, $\text{Sr}_2\text{TiSi}_{1.6}\text{Ge}_{0.4}\text{O}_8$, discussing the changes in the incommensurate phases at elevated temperatures when minor substitutions are made for strontium and silicon in the $\text{Sr}_2\text{TiSi}_2\text{O}_8$ structure. Additionally, physical property measurements including dielectric constants and piezoelectric response coefficients of selected compositions will be presented and discussed in terms of the potential application of these compounds as commercial electronic materials.

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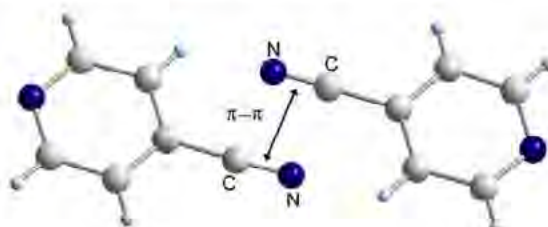
Supramolecularly aggregated coordination solids containing 4-CNpy ligand

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Ligand systems containing electron donor and acceptor sites lead to supramolecular aggregation, and in this context 4-cyanopyridine (4-CNpy) containing an electron-withdrawing nitrile group as the acceptor and the pyridyl nitrogen as the donor represents a suitable candidate. The supramolecular behavior of a few coordination solids containing 4-CNpy ligands have been studied. The metal compounds of formulation $[M(H_2O)_3(SO_4)(4-CNpy)_2] \cdot H_2O$ [$M = Ni$ (1) and Co (2)], $[Ni(fum)(H_2O)_2(4-CNpy)_2]$ (3) [fum = fumarate] and $[Cu_2(OAc)_4(4-CNpy)_2]$ (4) have been synthesised. In 1 and 2, the neutral complexes along with the uncoordinated H_2O molecules are glued together preferentially into inverse bilayers by non-covalent interactions including unique interlayer interactions between antiparallel nitrile groups. Hartree-Fock and DFT calculations indicate the interactions to be energetically significant. The unit cell similarity index (Π) value of 0.0046 for these two compounds suggests their isostructural behaviour. Compound 3 consists of nearly octahedral Ni^{2+} centers bridged by bidentate fumarate ligands to form a one-dimensional chain extending approximately in crystallographic c -axis. These chains form intermolecular hydrogen bonds to assemble into supramolecular layers. Compound 4 has the familiar lantern-type structure where the distorted square pyramidal coordination environment of copper(II) consists of equatorial carboxyl O- atoms of acetate and axial N- atom of 4-CNpy ligands. The unique supramolecular interactions are also operative in these structures as well.



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Reinvestigation of structure-composition relationship in Na_xWO_3

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Systematic reinvestigation of Na_xWO_3 solid-solution series reveal coexisting phases of cubic perovskite tungsten bronze (PTB_c), tetragonal tungsten bronze (TTB), and tetragonal perovskite tungsten bronze (PTB_t) in the range of $0.15 \leq x \leq 0.4$, which has been quantified by Rietveld refinement of XRD data. Pure PTB_t and orthorhombic perovskite tungsten bronze (PTB_o) appear for $x = 0.1$, and 0.05 , respectively. Structural studies for single phase PTB_c Na_xWO_3 show that all compositions in the range of $0.4 < x < 0.9$ can uniquely be refined using space group Im-3 . The linear increase in lattice parameters with increasing x in PTB_c Na_xWO_3 is explained by increasing W-O bond length, suggesting an x independent tilt of about 3° of the WO_6 octahedra. For the PTB_t phase it is shown that the puckering effect, i.e. the off centering of W along c-axis, is insufficient to explain the structure. Additionally the WO_6 octahedra show a tilt around the c axis, which is consistent with space group P4/ncc .

Ordering in intercalated Co atoms and electron density distributions of layered compounds Co_xTiS_2

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Titanium disulphide TiS_2 has the 1T- CdI_2 -type structure, which has the space group $\overline{\text{P3m1}}$ with a trigonal symmetry. Most atoms and organic molecules can be intercalated in the van der Waals gap of TiS_2 . In particular, intercalation compounds M_xTiS_2 (M=3d transition metal) have been examined, because of their characteristic physical properties depending on guest species M and composition x .

From a structural point of view, it is interesting that interlayer lattice parameter c of Mn_xTiS_2 increases markedly and that of Co_xTiS_2 and Ni_xTiS_2 decreases with increasing of composition x .¹⁾ The present authors have recently studied both the nature of chemical bonding from the electron density distribution (EDD) obtained by the maximum entropy method (MEM)²⁾ and atomic arrangements of the guest atoms in Mn_xTiS_2 ³⁾ and Ni_xTiS_2 ⁴⁾, respectively. Further, both a detailed structural study on the ordering behavior and disordering process in intercalated Ni atoms of Ni_xTiS_2 have been performed with using single-crystal X-ray diffraction and *in situ* X-ray diffraction techniques.

In this study, a structural study of layered compounds Co_xTiS_2 ($x=0.26, 0.43$, and 0.57) by X-ray diffraction analysis has been performed to investigate both the ordered atomic arrangement and disordering behavior of intercalated Co atoms, and the nature of the chemical bond from the electron density distribution (EDD) obtained by the maximum entropy method. The $2a \times 2a \times 2c$ superstructure of the Co atoms is observed for $x=0.26$ and 0.57 , and disappears at 510 and 550 K, respectively. On the other hand, $\sqrt{3}a \times \sqrt{3}a \times 2c$ superstructure of the Co atoms is observed for $x=0.43$, and disappears at 610 K. It is understood that the type of the transition is second-order-like. The overlapping of the EDD between Co and S atoms & Ti and S atoms are clearly seen, which are corresponding to the covalent bonding in the van der Waals gap layer and in the TiS_2 one. It is expected that the nature of covalent bonding between Co and S atoms causes decreasing of the interlayer distance.

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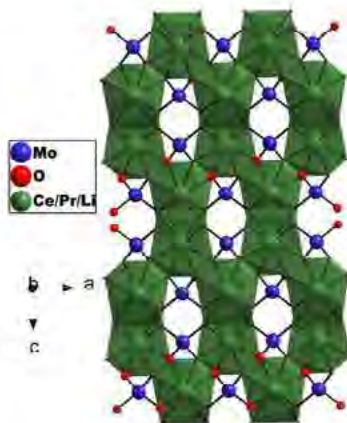
Synthesis, structure and ionic conductivity in scheelite type $\text{Li}_{0.5}\text{Ce}_{0.5-x}\text{Ln}_x\text{MoO}_4$ ($x = 0$ and 0.25 , $\text{Ln} = \text{Pr}, \text{Sm}$): A fast lithium-ion conductor

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Development of solid electrolytes with fast lithium ion conductivity is one of the key areas of current research due to their demand in laptop, computer, cellular phone, digital camera and electric vehicles [1-3]. These solid electrolytes possess several advantages over already commercialized lithium ion batteries using organic liquid electrolytes. The advantages are essentially with regard to safety issues such as leakage, corrosion, inflammability. Solid electrolyte of scheelite type lithium ion conductors have also attracted interest particularly for lithium battery operation at high temperature (300 -600) °C [4]. Scheelite type solid electrolytes, $\text{Li}_{0.5}\text{Ce}_{0.5-x}\text{Ln}_x\text{MoO}_4$ ($x = 0$ and 0.25 , $\text{Ln} = \text{Pr}, \text{Sm}$) have been synthesized using a solid state method. Their structure and ionic conductivity (σ) were obtained by single crystal x-ray diffraction and ac-impedance spectroscopy respectively. X-ray diffraction studies reveal a space group of $I4_1/a$ for $\text{Li}_{0.5}\text{Ce}_{0.5-x}\text{Ln}_x\text{MoO}_4$ ($x = 0$ and 0.25 , $\text{Ln} = \text{Pr}, \text{Sm}$) Scheelite compounds. The un-substituted $\text{Li}_{0.5}\text{Ce}_{0.5}\text{MoO}_4$ showed high lithium ion conductivity $\sim 10^{-5}$ – $10^{-3} \Omega^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ in the temperature range (300-700) °C ($\sigma = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \Omega^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$ at 700 °C). The substituted compounds showed lower conductivity compared to the unsubstituted compound. High ionic conductivity is attributed to the layered structure of $\text{Li}_{0.5}\text{Ce}_{0.5-x}\text{Ln}_x\text{MoO}_4$ ($x = 0$ and 0.25 , $\text{Ln} = \text{Pr}, \text{Sm}$), which allows fast conducting pathways for the lithium ion.



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Polymorphism in benzyl alcohol: An *in situ* cryocrystallographic study

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In situ cryocrystallography techniques have been successfully applied to the determination of the crystal structures of compounds which are liquids at room temperature [1]. Further, using this technique it is possible to analyze intermolecular interactions of molecular species without the influence of solvent participation either as promoter for crystal growth or as incorporated solvatomorph. Benzyl alcohol is a liquid at room temperature crystallizes when subjected to *in situ* cryocrystallization at 150K. The crystals belong to a monoclinic space group $P2_1$ with $a = 5.8581 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 4.8779 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 10.7636 \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 91.70^\circ$, $Z' = 1$ and $V = 307.44 \text{ \AA}^3$. The structure is stabilized by a conventional O-H...O hydrogen bond [2] resulting in a chain along the b-axis with a surrogate (sp^3) C-H... π interaction as shown in the figure (1a). The carbon atoms in the phenyl ring show large thermal parameters suggesting a possible disorder. On cooling the same crystal to 90K additional reflections appears indicating a polymorphic modification. Indeed, the structure is monoclinic $P2_1$, but with $Z' = 2$ and with $a = 11.5742 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 4.8263 \text{ \AA}$, $c = 11.9660 \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 115.86^\circ$ and $V = 601.4 \text{ \AA}^3$, disorder disappears, however the intermolecular interactions remains the same as shown figure (1b).

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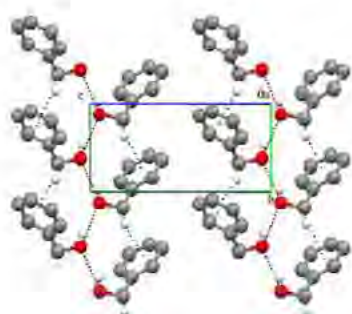
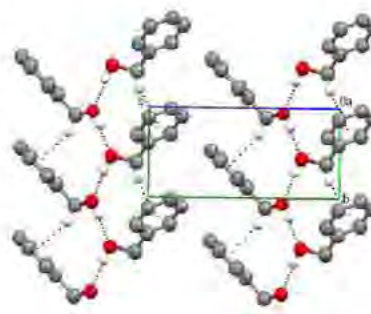


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Crystal structure and semi-empirical quantum chemical calculation of 3-dibromoacetyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-one

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Coumarins are an important class of organic compounds with vast structural diversity and they find useful applications in synthetic chemistry, medicinal chemistry and photo chemistry. Several substituted coumarin derivatives find application in the dye industry and have been used to develop laser dyes.

In view of its importance and to understand the weak interactions which control the packing of molecular moieties and their significance in crystal engineering we have established the crystal structure of 3-Dibromoacetyl-2H-1-benzopyran-2-one commonly known as 3-Dibromoacetylcoumarin. The compound crystallizes in triclinic space group P-1 with the crystal parameters as: $a = 7.1868(2) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 8.9689(3) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 9.7126(3) \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = 69.005(2)^\circ$, $\beta = 85.990(2)^\circ$, $\gamma = 71.155(2)^\circ$, $V = 552.41(3) \text{ \AA}^3$, $Z = 4$, $D_x = 2.080 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ and $\mu = 7.323 \text{ mm}^{-1}$. The structure is solved by direct method using SIR92 program and refined by full matrix least square on F^2 using SHELXL-97 program to a final value 0.0282 for 2257 reflections with $I > 2 \sigma(I)$. The crystal structure is stabilized by intermolecular C-H...O hydrogen bonds forming $R^2_2(12)$ graph-set motif as well as some π - π stacking interactions. The Semi-empirical Quantum Chemical Calculations were performed on the refined parameters using MOPAC2009 program to optimize the structure with Parameterization Model 6 (PM6) approximation. The minimizations were terminated at r. m. s. gradient of less than $0.01 \text{ KJ-mol}^{-1} \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ providing heat of formation equal to -63.51 Kcal for the molecule in the asymmetric unit. The ionization potential, dipole moment and self consistency field (SCF) factor are calculated as 10.076 eV, 6.367 Debye and 46 respectively. The geometry optimization using MOPAC2009 result HOMO- LUMO energies as -10.076 and -1.951 eV respectively.

Key Words: Coumarins, Hydrogen bonds, Weak interactions, MOPAC calculations.

Influence of interstitial defects on the concentration of cation vacancies

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Synthetic pyrrhotites (Fe_xS) not containing interstitial atoms in the crystal structure and natural pyrrhotites of the “Blagodatny” mine containing interstitial point defects have been investigated in the stable phase. As a result of comparison of the crystal structure and the phase composition of the synthesised samples with natural pyrrhotites the influence of the inclusion atoms on the concentration of cation vacancies has been established. The purpose of the work: to study the phase composition of iron sulphides with the ratio $x = \text{S/Fe}$ ($1.00 < x < 1.20$.) in some decades after high-temperature synthesis. To compare the results of the research done on synthetic pyrrhotites not containing interstitial atoms, with natural pyrrhotites with various interstitial atoms in crystal structure. To study the influence of interstitial defects on the sulphur and iron ratio in samples, and also on the concentration of cation vacancies in crystal structure. As the result of the X-ray research of structure and phase composition as of initial samples, so of those ones sustained within 29 years, all possible stable phase compositions of pyrrhotite have been established. It has been determined that FeS , $\text{Fe}_{0.975}\text{S}$, $\text{Fe}_{0.950}\text{S}$, $\text{Fe}_{0.909}\text{S}$, $\text{Fe}_{0.875}\text{S}$ can be stable compositions. There was not and could not be any impurity in the structure of these pyrrhotites. Let us mention that directly after synthesis pyrrhotites formed a homogeneous sequence almost along the whole composition sequence $\text{FeS} - \text{Fe}_7\text{S}_8$ which corresponds to the references’ data. As the result of the research of 31 series of pyrrhotites from the “Blagodatny” mine it has been established that besides cation vacancies all of them have dot interstitial defects of various elements in the crystal structure. First of all these elements are Ni, Cu, Co, Zn, Ag, and the gold grade in the rock thus reached 31,5 g/t. In stable pyrrhotites not containing dot interstitial defects the maximum S/Fe ratio is about 1.15 while this ratio for pyrrhotites of the “Blagodatny” mine reaches 1.179. Though such ratio of sulphur and iron is possible for synthetic metastable pyrrhotites, they change the phase composition with time depending on external conditions (for example, a pyrite, monocline pyrrhotite and szomolnokite are formed). Nevertheless there is no doubt that the pyrrhotite of the “Blagodatny” mine with the ratio $\text{S/Fe} = 1.179$ is stable as well. This can be explained only by the fact that cations of other metals occupy not only vacant cation positions, but also replace Fe ions in the points of the crystal lattice. Let us note that if interstitial cations occupy only vacant cation positions S/Fe ratio could not change. Thus only the number of vacant cation positions in the crystal structure would change. Conclusions: interstitial cations influence the number of vacant positions in the crystal structure of pyrrhotite. When comparing concentration of cation vacancies in the structure of pyrrhotite and gold grade in the rock the tendency of gold increase at the increase of cation vacancies in samples was observed. This dependence is not linear and its nature is complicated, however, the tendency for gold increase in samples at the increase of cation vacancies is evident.

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From coordinates to chemistry: ‘decifering a cif’

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Whilst it is often straightforward to model atomic positions into electron density calculated from crystallographic experiment, it can be quite difficult to appreciate the precise *chemical* details of a structure. This is a challenge we have faced for over forty-five years and which now presents itself over a hundred times a day: Given the contents of a cif, create a chemically searchable database entry.

This presentation will focus on the tools the CCDC has developed to unlock the knowledge contained in over half a million crystal structures in the Cambridge Structural Database to aid in the interpretation of newly deposited coordinates. We have taken a probabilistic approach to enable the reliable assignment of ‘*chemistry*’ to the hugely diverse ranges of molecules for which we now have structures; this represents a step change in our ability to interpret crystal structures

Photochromic property control using acid-base type co-crystal formation of salicylideneaniline derivatives

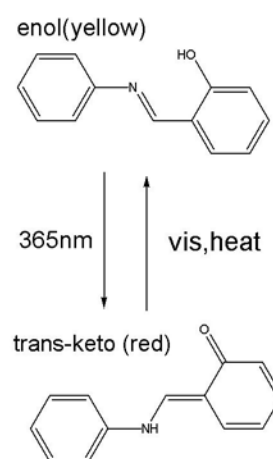
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Salicylideneaniline (SA) derivatives are a well-known solid-state photochromic substance that changes the color from yellow to red by UV irradiation and red to yellow by visible light irradiation or heat. The yellow to red color change is explained as a tautomerism from the enol (yellow) to the cis-keto intermediate form followed by conformational change to the trans-keto form (red) via the pedal motion. This photochromic property is known to relate to its molecular conformation in the crystal, i.e., a photochromic SA derivative has non-planar conformation and non-photochromic one is planar.

In order to control the photochromic property of SA derivative via the control of their molecular conformation, co-crystal formation strategy was employed and the co-crystal structures were compared. With nine different base molecules, ten acid-base type co-crystals were obtained for N-salicylidene-3-carboxyaniline (H3C). Among these co-crystals, six (include H3C crystal) are photochromic, and the other five are non-photochromic. The dihedral angle between two rings in the H3C molecule ranges from 6 to 49 degrees. The dihedral angles in these photochromic co-crystals are more than about 27 degrees, in contrast those in non-photochromic co-crystals are less than about 27 degrees. These results clearly show that it is possible to control a SA derivative's photochromic property via conformation control by the co-crystal formation, and the dihedral angle threshold of photochromic property is about 27 degrees in this SA derivative (H3C).



Scheme: photochromism of SA

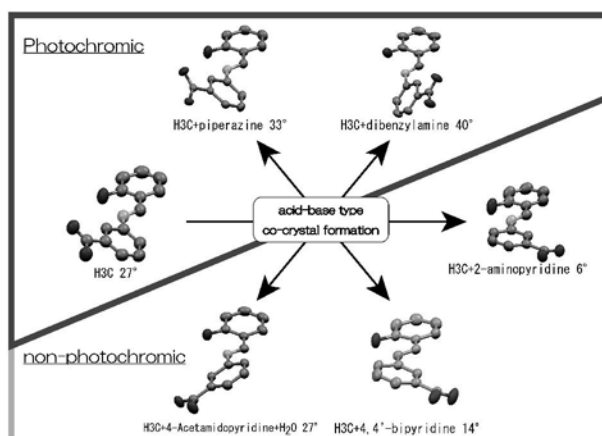


Fig. : The conformational controls of H3C by using acid-base type co-crystal formation

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Detailed comparison on temperature dependence of XANES spectra for PbTiO_3 , ATiO_3 and A_2TiO_4 compounds (A = Mg, Ca, Sr, Fe)

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Ti k-edge X-ray absorption near edge structure (XANES) spectra of PbTiO_3 and various titanates such as ATiO_3 (perovskite- and ilmenite-type structure, A=Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Pb) and A_2TiO_4 (spinel-type structure, A=Mg, Fe) were measured at various temperatures up to 1100 K. The composition, local structure and temperature dependence of XANES spectra was investigated especially on the phase transition. Ti atoms are located in TiO_6 octahedral sites for the all samples. The measurements of Ti k-edge XANES spectra were carried out in transmission mode at beam line BL-7C and BL-12C of the Photon Factory in KEK, Tsukuba. X-ray absorption measurements in the temperature range from 18K to 1100K were made under a helium atmosphere. Ti k-edge XANES spectra change largely with different compositions, while the temperature dependence of XANES spectra is small in the each compound even if undergoing structural phase transition. Perovskite-type ATiO_3 compounds reveal several phase transitions. SrTiO_3 and PbTiO_3 perovskite undergo structural phase transition in the temperature ranges in this study, SrTiO_3 ; rhombohedral-tetragonal-cubic, PbTiO_3 ; tetragonal-cubic. Weak but distinct changing of the XANES spectra was observed near phase transition point. These structural transitions of perovskite are caused mainly by rotation and distortion of TiO_6 octahedron. Pre-edge feature and local structure around Ti atom is little changing by rotation of octahedron. The distinct changing of pre-edge XANES spectra was observed at some transition points. Five pre-edge peaks can be identified: pp(a) 4.9667eV, pp(b) 4.9687eV, pp(c) 4.9727eV, pp(d) 4.9747eV and pp(e) 4.9796eV. The temperature dependence for each pre-edge peaks is largely different in temperature and local structure [1]. The electronic state of the absorber atom is reflected in the XANES spectra. The different XANES spectra show the different electronic structure of the Ti-O bonds in each compound [1]. The electronic state of Ti reflects a chemical bond with oxygen and also with the A site atoms via oxygen atoms. XANES spectra are reflected in electronic state of the absorption atom. Even if the Ti atom for these titanates has the same coordinates and valence electrons in TiO_6 octahedron, the oxygen atoms around Ti have different electronic state and orbitals affected by the A site atoms. The different behaviors of the pre-edge intensity suggest that the increase and decrease of X-ray absorptivity at various temperatures is fluctuated by the hybridized orbital proportion and local symmetry.

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Temperature dependence of XANES spectra for BaTiO₃, SrTiO₃ and TiO₂ with structural phase transitions

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Ti K-edge X-ray absorption near edge structure (XANES) spectra of BaTiO₃, SrTiO₃ perovskite and TiO₂ rutile and anatase were measured at various temperatures. The composition, structure and temperature dependence of XANES spectra was investigated especially on the phase transition. Synthesized TiO₂ rutile (99.999%), SrTiO₃ perovskite (99.99%), and BaTiO₃ perovskite (99.99%) were used and identified by X-ray diffraction. The appropriate amount of fine powder sample and boron nitride powder was mixed and pressed into pellet of <0.2 mm thickness and 10.0 mm in diameter. All samples had edge-jumps with 0.7 ($\Delta\mu d$), where μ is the linear absorption coefficient and d is the thickness. The measurements of Ti k-edge XANES spectra were carried out in transmission mode at beam line BL-7C and BL-12C of the Photon Factory in KEK, Tsukuba. X-ray absorption measurements in the temperature range from 18K to 1000K were made under a helium atmosphere.

The XANES spectra for TiO₂ are largely different between anatase and rutile structure, although these two compounds have the same composition. Five pre-edge peaks can be identified: pp(a) 4.9667 eV, pp(b) 4.9687 eV, pp(c) 4.9727 eV, pp(d) 4.9747 eV and pp(e) 4.9796 eV. Ti K-edge XANES spectra change largely with different compositions, while the temperature dependence of XANES spectra is small in each compound even if undergoing structural phase transition. Perovskite-type ATiO₃ compounds reveal several phase transitions. SrTiO₃ and BaTiO₃ perovskite undergo several structural phase transitions in the temperature ranges in this study, SrTiO₃; rhombohedral-tetragonal-cubic, BaTiO₃; trigonal-orthorhombic-tetragonal-cubic, the distinct changing of pre-edge XANES spectra was observed near transition points. Ti atoms are located in TiO₆ octahedral sites for the all samples. These structural transitions of perovskite are caused mainly by rotation and distortion of TiO₆ octahedron. The temperature dependence for each pre-edge peak is largely different in temperature and local structure [1]. The electronic state of the absorber atom is reflected in the XANES spectra. The different XANES spectra show the different electronic structure of the Ti-O bounds in each compound [1]. The electronic state of Ti reflects a chemical bond with oxygen and also with the A site atoms via oxygen atoms. Even if the Ti atom for these titanates has the same coordination number and valence electrons in the TiO₆ octahedron, the oxygen atoms around Ti have different electronic state and orbital hybridization affected by the A site atoms.

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Local structure analysis of tektites by Fe K-edge XAFS spectroscopy

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Tektite is natural glass and formed as large meteorites impact at the Earth's surface. Local structure of Fe in tektite was studied by X-ray absorption fine structure (XAFS) spectroscopy. We have carried out Fe K-edge XAFS measurements to get information about the local structure and chemical state of Fe in many species with different locality, size and color in tektites such as Hainanite, Indochinite, Philippinite, Australite, Bediasite and Moldavite. XAFS spectra near the Fe K-edge in tektite and iron minerals have been measured in transmission mode and in fluorescence made using Lytle-type or 19-elements SSD detector at PF BL-12C of Photon Factory in the National Laboratory for High Energy Physics, Japan [1]. Clear EXAFS (Extended X-ray Absorption Fine Structure) oscillations were observed for tektite. For local structure analysis, we carried out the parameter fitting with an analytical EXAFS formula expressed by a cumulant expansion up to third order term, and determined the radial distribution around iron, precise local Fe-O bonds, EXAFS Debye-Waller factors and effective pair potentials $V(u)=au^2/2+bu^3/3!$ for Fe-O bond in tektite, FeO wustite [2,3], Fe₃O₄ magnetite, γ -Fe₂O₃ maghemite, α -Fe₂O₃ hematite have been investigated by the XAFS technique. XANES spectra are quite sensitive to the three-dimensional atomic configuration around X-ray absorbing atoms and oxidation state of iron. The XANES spectra of Fe-K edge in tektites are clearly different from those in natural minerals. The chemical shift of threshold energy in XANES spectra between tektite and FeO was observed. The chemical shift is depending on changing oxidation state of Fe like Fe²⁺ and Fe³⁺. The threshold E₀ energies shift to lower energy with decreasing oxidation states. All samples for tektite show the valence of Fe is completely divalent state (Fe²⁺), though Fe ions have both trivalent and divalent state in many iron minerals in terrestrial conditions [2,3]. We have found some tektite with 4-, 5- and 6-fold coordinated Fe. This study indicates that the local structure of Fe should be changed in the impact event and the following stage. Tektites splashed to the space and travelled in several kinds of process and routes, which lead to different temperature and pressure history. Local structure of Fe should be related with the temperature, pressure, quenching rate, sizes of impact meteorite and size of falling melts. As a result, there are some difference in the bonding structure of Fe atoms and arrangements of neighboring oxygen

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H/D effect in a room temperature ionic liquid: *N*, *N*-diethyl-*N*-methyl-*N*-(2-methoxyethyl) ammonium tetrafluoroborate

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Room temperature ionic liquids (RTILs) are organic salts, which consists simply of a cation and an anion. Almost zero vapor pressure and nano-heterogeneity are representative features of the RTILs. The nano-heterogeneity is divided into polar and non-polar regions. The RTILs are regarded as environmentally friendly 'green chemistry' for recycling system. Utilizing the almost zero vapor pressure, CO₂ separation is developed for industrial applications. Recently, complicated phase behaviors in *N*, *N*-diethyl-*N*-methyl-*N*-(2-methoxyethyl) ammonium tetrafluoroborate, [DEME][BF₄]-water system were reported [1]. Simultaneous X-ray diffraction and differential scanning calorimetry can determine the phase diagram precisely.

Systematically, crystal structures of [DEME][BF₄]-H₂O, CH₃OH, C₂H₅OH and C₆H₆ mixtures were examined [2, 3]. Particularly in 0.9 mol % H₂O, anomalous twin-related domains, two kinds of superstructures and their volume contraction occurred unexpectedly. By introducing a sublattice with an equivalent sublattice constant, the twin-related domains, two kinds of superstructures, and the volume contraction at 0.9 mol % H₂O are well explained. Average distance between water molecules at 1 mol% coincides with the sublattice constant. In the same manner with a ferroelectric material, we perform the H/D exchange of water in order to clarify hydrogen bonding in quite a small amount of water. By substituting D₂O for H₂O fixing at 1 mol%, the above anomalies disappeared gradually [4]. Moreover, crystallization temperature is decreasing with increasing D.

H/D effect as geometrical is well known in the ferroelectric materials. 'Proton-mediated covalent bonding (PMCB)' is an idea to interpret the experimental results. PMCB as attractive interaction is realized by quantum delocalization of proton. In [DEME][BF₄]-1 mol% H₂O, we deduce that anomalous crystallization is derived from the 'on-centering' proton as shown in Fig. 1(a). Hence, 1 mol% water network is enhanced by PMCB. On the other hand, 'off-centering' deuteron disturbs the network (Fig. 1(b))

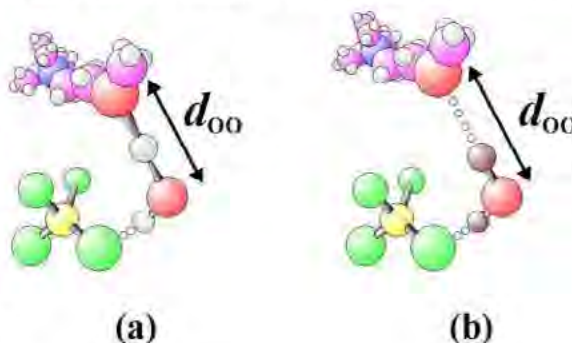


Fig.1 A bonding scheme of (a) H₂O and (b) D₂O in crystal. The atomic distance between oxygens, d_{oo} , varies depending on the interaction.

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A Combined experimental and theoretical charge density study of di-chromium complex with a Cr-Cr quintuple bond

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A combined experimental and theoretical study on a quintuple bonded di-chromium complex, $\text{Cr}_2(\text{dipp})_2$ ($\text{dipp} = (\text{Ar})\text{NC}(\text{H})\text{N}(\text{Ar})$ and $\text{Ar} = 2,6\text{-}i\text{-Pr}_2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_3$) is performed. Two dipp ligands are bridged between two Cr metal ions; each Cr metal is coordinated to two N atoms of the ligands in a linear fashion. The Cr metal is in a low covalent and low coordination number condition, which stabilizes a multiple bond formation. Indeed it gives the shortest Cr-Cr bond distance of 1.7484(1) Å. The bond characterization of such a quintuple bond in the complex is undertaken both experimentally by high resolution single-crystal X-ray diffraction and theoretically by density functional calculation based on the experimental geometry. Bond characterizations of the complex will be presented in terms of topological properties; Fermi-hole function, electron localization function (ELF), source function (SF) and natural bonding orbital (NBO) analysis. The electron density at the Cr-Cr bond critical point is 1.70 $\text{e}/\text{\AA}^3$; a quite high value for a metal-metal bond. The Cr-Cr quintuple bond is confirmed with one σ , two π and two δ interactions by NBO analysis and Fermi hole function. The MOs also illustrate that five bonding orbitals are predominantly contributed from the 3d orbitals of Cr(I) metal ion. The effective bond order from NBO analysis is 4.40. Detail comparison between experiment and theory will be given.

***In situ* observation of crystal structure of BaTiO₃-based ceramics under high electric field**

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A broad variety of BaTiO₃-based ceramics is developed as a dielectric for multilayer ceramic capacitors (MLCCs). To satisfy requirements for the lower dielectric loss and lower microphonics, rare-earth and Mg ions co-substituted BaTiO₃ are proposed as candidates for the dielectrics, which enable us to suppress various problems involved in applying the dielectric properties of pure BaTiO₃ to MLCCs. The temperature dependence of permittivity can be improved by increasing the contents of rare-earth and Mg ions, although the Curie temperature (T_C) is significantly decreased. We have recently revealed that Gd is the most effective rare-earth element for suppressing insulation degradation for applied voltage and temperature stress among BaTiO₃-based ceramics. In this paper, we report *in situ* crystal structure analysis of (Ba_{0.94}R_{0.06})(Ti_{0.97}Mg_{0.03})O₃ (BGTm) under variations in electric field and temperature using a sample fabricated based on a MLCC. The electric-field-induced lattice strain and atomic displacement are demonstrated in the environments realizing the electric device operating.

Powder diffraction experiment was carried out using the large Debye-Scherrer camera installed at BL02B2 in SPring-8. The energy of X-rays was 35 keV ($\lambda = 0.35$ Å) to establish the transmission geometry. The phase transition temperature $T_C = 293$ K was confirmed by the simultaneous measurements of the diffraction patterns and the dielectric constants. The crystal structures were measured in the temperature range of 295 K - 400 K in the paraelectric phase, and the applied electric field up to 300 kV/cm.

The tetragonal distortion was detected for the ceramic grains arranged in electric field, which was significant as the temperatures were approaching T_C . The lattice strain was increased with increasing the electric field, and saturated above 100 kV/cm at 300 K. The displacement of the B-site ions showed a similar variation as the lattice strain. These results give clear evidence that the lattice strains observed in the paraelectric phase are attributed to the displacements of the constituent ions in the electric field.

Nanoporous structures as a brand-new type of color conversion phosphor for solid-state lighting-LEDs

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This research reports the determination of an extraordinary crystal structure, NTHU-7^[1], which was crystallized from a green solvent, a challenging preparative way of synthesis and contributing a great significance to the discovery of a new type of nanoporous materials. NTHU-7 is the first metal phosphite material exhibiting distinct photoluminescence with unprecedented organic-inorganic hybrid nanotubular structures, each individual nanotubule is built from four strains of $[\text{Ga}_2(\text{HPO}_3)_2]$ four-ring (4R) ribbons connected via four oxalate groups to form 16R aperture window at the tubule opening. The hybrid nanotubule has an external diameter of 16.3 Å and internal diameter of 8.0 Å, similar to the double-walled CNT. Compared with general color conversion phosphors of inorganic material with condensed structures, an entirely different synthesis method is used in our study to prepare a brand-new type of color conversion phosphor. We firstly used ionothermal reaction containing choline-based deep-eutectic solvent (DES) which is environmentally friendly green solvent with biodegradable and versatility to prepare the novel color conversion phosphor, NTHU-7. Unlike commercialized or developed color conversion phosphors with extrinsic emissions that originate from emitting activators doped into condensed host lattices,^[2] the activator-free NTHU-7 could intrinsically emit intense yellow-green light under the excitation of NUV and blue light. The underlying origin of such unforeseeable yellow emission has been previously observed in two interesting nanoporous metal phosphates prepared by our group, NTHU-4^[3] and NTHU-6^[4] yet without decisive explanations. Owing to the discovery of NTHU-7, we are able to make experimental inquiry on NTHU-7 and its analogues to unveil an answer to the fundamental emission mechanism. Phosphors that are currently under development for LEDs include four major categories based on condensed hosts of metal oxides, metal sulfides, metal nitrides, and alkaline-earth metal oxonitrides. All the phosphors in these categories are extrinsic phosphors with emissions activated by dopants through a known fundamental emission mechanism. Now, with the discovery of NTHU-7 we can firmly establish the fifth category: nanoporous MPO-based phosphors. The new phosphors are intrinsic and considered all-inclusive because of the integrity of activator (defect or disorder), sensitizer (organic template), and host (nanoporous structure) in nature. Fabrication of near-white and green LEDs by coating lanthanide-free phosphors on GaN and InGaN chips was firstly achieved with NTHU-7. This brand-new type of color conversion phosphor has wide excitation range in the NUV and visible region, a rare and commendable characteristic compared to commercialized phosphors like YAG:Ce.

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Preparation and characterization of a metformium salt of monoprotonated decavanadate

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The biological activity of decavanadate complexes has been intensively studied *in vivo* as insulin mimetics and they have been shown to have synergistic interactions with other biologically active small molecules [1]. Metformin is a biguanide derivative which is commonly used in the form of the hydrochloride salt as an oral hypoglycemic drug to treat type 2 diabetes mellitus. In this study, we report a compound of metformium decavanadate synthesized from V_2O_5 , $C_4H_{11}N_5\cdot HCl$, and H_2O in molar ratio of 1.2:1:555 (pH about 5) by refluxing at $60^\circ C$ for 15 hours followed by keeping the solution at RT for one month to give yellow crystals.

The novel compound was characterized by X-ray diffraction, SEM/EDX, FTIR, and thermal analysis. The EDX spectrum indicates presence of vanadium. The IR spectrum has a strong peak at 961 cm^{-1} that can be assigned to $\nu(V=O)$, strong bands at 844, 743 and 589 cm^{-1} characteristic of $\nu(V-O)$ and $\delta(V-O-V)$, and a weak band at 836 cm^{-1} attributed to $\nu(V-OH)$ protonated decavanadate [2,3]. The bands at 3360, 3346, 1691, 1645, (1498 & 1469), 1421, and 1067 cm^{-1} typical of $\nu_{as}(NH_2)$, $\nu(^+NH_2)$, $\nu(C=N)$, $\delta_{as}(NCN)$, $\nu(CN)$, $\nu(CH_3)$, and $\rho(NH_2)$ of metformium ion respectively [4]. The broad band at 3517 cm^{-1} can be assigned to H_2O in the compound, consistent with nine water molecules corresponding to 9.47% (calc. 9.15%) weight loss observed below $140^\circ C$ by thermogravimetric analysis (TGA).

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Structural phase transition without accompanied spin transition of complex $t\text{-}\{\text{Fe}(\text{abpt})_2[\text{N}(\text{CN})_2]_2\}$

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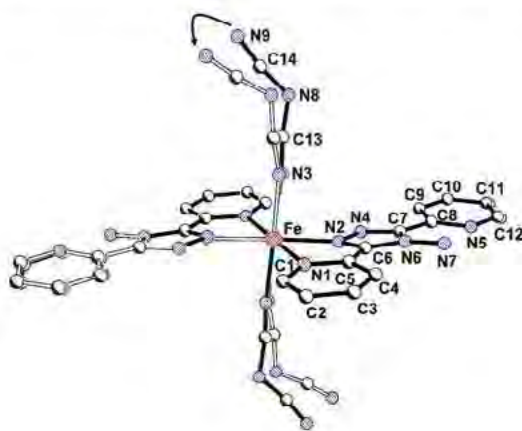
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A reversible crystal-to-crystal structural phase transition is found in one of the polymorphs (A) of complex $t\text{-}\{\text{Fe}(\text{abpt})_2[\text{N}(\text{CN})_2]_2\}$ (abpt = 4-Amino-3,5-bis(pyridin-2-yl)-1,2,4-triazole). The crystal at 25 K remains unchanged as triclinic space group $P\bar{1}$ from that of the ambient temperature, but with different cell parameters: $a = 8.7960(6)$, $b = 8.8110(9)$, $c = 10.1020(7)$ Å, $\alpha = 94.146(8)^\circ$, $\beta = 93.296(6)^\circ$, $\gamma = 114.460(7)^\circ$, $V = 707.48(10)$ Å³. Thermal-dependent powder x-ray diffraction reveals a first order phase transition with transition temperature, $T_{1/2}$, at 270 K, which coincides with the change in cell parameters monitored by single crystal diffraction experiment. The molecular geometry before and after phase transition does display significant differences on the orientation of the axial ligand, $[\text{N}(\text{CN})_2]$, illustrated in figure below, where two molecules, one at 25K (open bond) and the other at 300K (close bond), are superimposed. With the coordinated nitrogen N3 as a pivot, the dicyanoamide is shift toward the direction of uncoordinated pyridyl ring of abpt at low temperature phase, the uncoordinated terminal nitrogen N9 of $[\text{N}(\text{CN})_2]$ is found to be shifted by as far as 1.57 Å. However the Fe-N bond distance and the octahedron distortion parameters around Fe indicate that Fe remains at high spin state even after the phase transition which is in accord with the observed temperature-dependent magnetic measurement.



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Electronic structures and luminescence properties of double activated $\text{YTbO}_4\text{:Eu}^{3+},\text{Tb}^{3+}$ and $\text{YNbO}_4\text{:Eu}^{3+},\text{Tb}^{3+}$ phosphors

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Yttrium tantalate (YTbO_4) and yttrium niobate (YNbO_4) doubly doped by Eu^{3+} and Tb^{3+} , were investigated using X-ray diffraction, X-ray excitation luminescence, and first-principles quantum-mechanical calculations in order to study their structural and luminescent properties. We found that the incorporation of the rare earth ions (5% mol concentration of Eu^{3+} and Tb^{3+}) into $\text{M}'\text{-YTbO}_4$ structure and into $\text{M}\text{-YNbO}_4$ structure did not change the basic structure significantly, but increased the unit cell volume according to Vegard's law. The total energy, electronic band structure, and density of states calculations (DOS) are performed via the full potential linear-augmented plane wave approach, as implemented in the WIEN2K code, within the framework of density functional theory. The exchange correlation energy of electrons is described in generalized gradient approximation (GGA96) to calculate the total energy, band structure and DOS (Fig. 1)

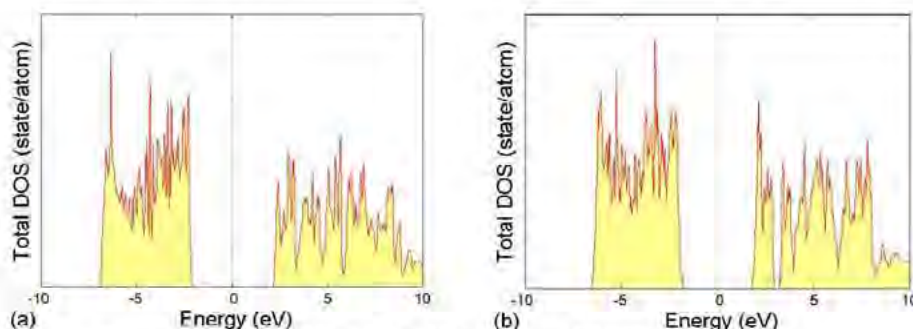


Fig. 1. Total DOS of $\text{YTbO}_4\text{:Eu}^{3+},\text{Tb}^{3+}$ (a) and $\text{YNbO}_4\text{:Eu}^{3+},\text{Tb}^{3+}$ (b)

When rare earth ions such as Eu^{3+} and Tb^{3+} are incorporated simultaneously to partially substitute the yttrium ions from the host crystalline lattice, Eu^{3+} and Tb^{3+} emission centers are created. In this case, the luminescence can be red-shifted toward longer wavelengths, and both emission centers might contribute to the overall luminescence. The doubly activated $\text{M}'\text{-YTbO}_4$ structure shows the better luminescence compared with $\text{M}\text{-YNbO}_4$. The incorporation of these 2 activators into the host crystalline lattice substituting the yttrium ions seems to efficiently enhance the charge-transfer process for the $\text{M}'\text{-YTbO}_4$ structure, where the average Ta-O distances are smaller in M' structure than Nb-O distances in M structure. Under X-ray excitation, it is quite reasonable to assume that the excitation energy is absorbed first by the host lattice, which involves the transition between 4d-like states of Y and 2p-like states of O. The absorbed energy may then be transferred to TaO_4^{3-} and NbO_4^{3-} groups and at last transferred to the Eu^{3+} and Tb^{3+} emission centers. This assumption is confirmed by calculation the electronic band structure and density of states. The charge-transfer gaps between Ta-O and Nb-O are clearly shown in Fig. 1. The valence band (left) consists of mainly the O 2p orbital and the conduction band (right) of the Ta and Nb 4d orbital. The band gaps are estimated as 4.2 eV and 3.6 eV, correspondingly, which agrees well with our experimental results. Synthesized double activated tantalate and niobate phosphors with improved luminescence properties can be recommended as good candidates for different applications including LED and X-ray intensifying screens.

Reversible phase transition in a new polymeric zinc metavanadate, $[\text{Zn}(\text{Im})_4][\text{V}_2\text{O}_6]$

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A new polymeric zinc metavanadate, $[\text{Zn}(\text{Im})_4][\text{V}_2\text{O}_6]$ was successfully synthesized from hydrothermal reaction of $\text{Zn}(\text{OAc})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, V_2O_5 , imidazole, and H_2O in the mole ratio of 1:1:9:222 at 110 °C for 2 days (~96% yield, based on V). DSC measurements show that this compound undergoes a reversible first-order phase transition at ~279 K (endothermic) and at ~275 K (exothermic) with a hysteresis of 4 K. The structure was determined by single crystal X-ray diffraction at 100 (2) K, ordered phase ($D_{\text{calc}} = 1.809 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$) and 293 (2) K, disordered phase ($D_{\text{calc}} = 1.776 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$) (the space group is triclinic $P\bar{1}$ at both temperatures). The structure contains anionic polymeric chains of corner-sharing VO_4 tetrahedra separated by discrete $[\text{Zn}(\text{Im})_4]^{2+}$ cations. At 100 K the chains are ordered with every fourth $\mu\text{-O}$ atom lying on an inversion center, and the second and sixth $\mu\text{-O}$ atoms ordered on positions alternating up and down along the chain propagation axis, placing two $[\text{V}_2\text{O}_6]^{2-}$ units and two crystallographically independent $[\text{Zn}(\text{Im})_4]^{2+}$ cations in the asymmetric unit. The geometries of the cations are distorted tetrahedra, with one angle significantly different (N11–Zn–N31 of 112.7(3)° and 120.4(3)°, respectively). As the temperature is increased, the alternating up-down positions of the chains of the ordered structure, disorder, creating additional inversion centers at the second and sixth $\mu\text{-O}$ atom positions of the 100 K structure, thereby cutting the unit translation in the chain direction in half, consequently cutting the cell volume in half, and transforming into a disordered structure. The cations also reorient and rearrange, the N11–Zn–N31 angle of the single independent cation becomes 118.1(1)°.

A three-dimensional supramolecular network formed by interconnecting the cations to anions through four strong N–H...O hydrogen bond interactions at 100 K, whereas two additional bifurcated H23...O8/O8B and H33...O7/O7B hydrogen bond with their distances become slightly lengthened and shortened as a respond to increasing temperature. Its network stability is reinforced by fourteen weak C–H...O hydrogen bond interactions at 100K, whereas twelve weak interactions related at 293 K, which losing two weak interactions of C12A–H12A...O7A and C35–H35...O2. When considering the intercation interactions along the *c* axis that can be divided into two parts, (i) they related on polymeric anionic propagations, two are parallel and two are tilted *ff* N–H... π hydrogen bond interactions whereas observed only two parallel *ff* N–H... π interactions at 293 K, that is the answer the question why N11–Zn–N31 angle is significantly different; (ii) they occupied in between the anions, each six-fold aryl embrace interconnected their neighbors formed two different motif types of *ef* C–H... π hydrogen bond interactions, $-2 \text{ ef}-\text{no ef}-2 \text{ ef}-4 \text{ ef}-$ motif at 100 K whereas $-2 \text{ ef}-4 \text{ ef}-$ motif at 293 K, depend on the Zn...Zn distances, ~ 5.6, ~5.8, and ~6.8 Å correlated to none, four, and two *ef* C–H... π hydrogen bond interactions, respectively.

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Study of intermolecular interactions in two imidazo[2,1-b] [1,3,4] thiadiazoles

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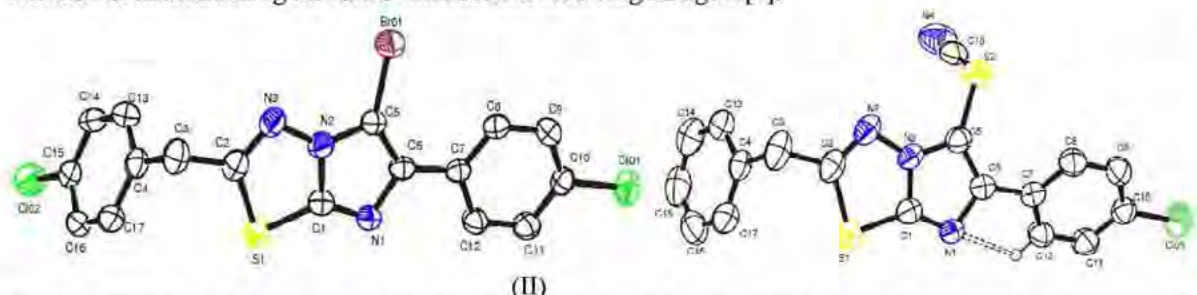
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The generation of engineered interactions between preselected constituent blocks of molecular assemblies is an emerging area in crystal engineering. In crystal structures the packing of the molecules mainly depend on the symmetry of the lattice and intermolecular interactions which drive the molecules to assemble together.[1] In addition to conventional hydrogen bonding weak interactions were also extensively studied and utilized in designing variety of molecules of specific interest. Some of the steering forces that have been recognized are halogen-halogen interactions[2], charge transfer, electrostatic forces, pi-pi stacks[4]. In view of these we attempted to study the role of weak interactions in aryl substituted imidazo[2,1-b][1,3,4]thiadiazoles with an intention of understanding the role of interactions involving halogens[5].



In the present study, we have analyzed the crystal and molecular structures of 5-bromo-2-(4-chlorobenzyl)-6-(4-chlorophenyl)imidazo[2,1-b][1,3,4]thiadiazole $C_{17}H_{10}N_3BrCl_2S$ (I), and 2-benzyl-6-(4-chlorophenyl)imidazo[2,1-b][1,3,4]thiadiazol-5-ylthiocyanate $C_{18}H_{11}N_4ClS_2$ (II). Compound (I) crystallizes under Orthorhombic, *Pbcn* spacegroup where as (II) crystalized under Monoclinic, *P2₁/c* spacegroup. The final R-factor is 0.039 for both (I) and (II).

In (I), the chlorobenzyl and chlorophenyl rings were twisted at 86.06° and 15.11° respectively from the planar imidazothiadiazole moiety. But, in (II), the benzyl and chlorophenyl rings were twisted at 62.92° and 31.7° respectively. In both (I) & (II), molecular structures were stabilized by intermolecular $Cl \cdots \pi$, $\pi - \pi$ interactions and $C-H \cdots N$ hydrogen bonds. The detailed structural aspects and discussion on modes of packing will be presented and discussed.

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Stereospecific metal bonding to cytosine in the tipodal tris(2-aminoethyl)amine (tren)-ligand system: Crystal structure of $[\{\text{Cu}(\text{tren})\}_2(\text{cytosinato})](\text{ClO}_4)_3 \cdot 0.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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Stereospecific interligand interactions, involving hydrogen-bonding, electrostatic repulsion, and steric constraint, could affect the base- and site-specific metal bonding to nucleic acid bases. To verify this hypothesis, we introduced a tris(2-aminoethyl)amine (tren)-ligand system, where tren bears three primary amine groups that could function as hydrogen-bonding donors only. The reaction between tren, Cu^{2+} and cytosine was undertaken under alkaline conditions to give a ternary tren- Cu^{2+} -cytosine complex, $[\{\text{Cu}(\text{tren})\}_2(\text{cytosinato})](\text{ClO}_4)_3 \cdot 0.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$, whose crystal structure was determined by X-ray diffraction. The complex crystallizes in the space group $P2_1/n$ with $a = 18.662(2) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 11.467(2) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 15.827(4) \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 98.94(2)^\circ$, $V = 3346(1) \text{ \AA}^3$, and $Z = 4$. In the structure of the $[\{\text{Cu}(\text{tren})\}_2(\text{cytosinato})]^{3+}$ cation, two tren-capped Cu^{2+} ions bind to a cytosinate anion, one through the deprotonated N(1) with the formation of an N(tren)- $\text{H} \cdots \text{O}(2)$ hydrogen bond, and the other through both the ring N(3) and the exocyclic O(2) of the base, forming a four-membered chelate ring. The significance of intramolecular interligand interaction as a factor that affects metal-binding sites on cytosine is emphasized.

Structures and bonding modes of tetra-bonded hypervalent oxygen compounds

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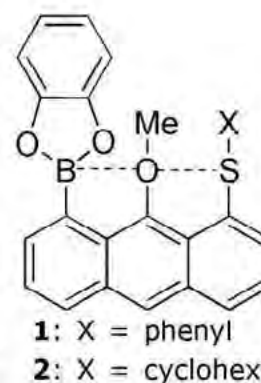
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Hypervalent compound of second row elements is rarely reported although the structure and bonding mode give valuable information on reaction intermediate. Oxygen atom, in particular, has no vacant valence orbital to accept electrons, therefore, the formation of hypervalent bonds is more difficult than those of boron and carbon atoms. Recently, probable candidates of hypervalent tetra-bonded oxygen compounds, **1** and **2**, were synthesized with the B–O–S contacts on the anthracene architecture. Now, we report the structures of these molecules and discuss the bonding modes.

In **1**, the anthracene moiety is planar, and S, O and B atoms on 1, 9 and 8 positions, respectively, are on the same plane within 0.3 Å. (Fig. 1) The distances are 2.88 and 2.48 Å for O1–S1 and O1–B1, respectively, indicating the formation of the O–B and O–S hypervalent bonds. The conformation around anthracene–SPh bond is *s-trans* ($C12-C13-S1-C22 = 6^\circ$), and the angle of $C22-S1-O1$ is almost linear (168°). This geometry prefers donation of the lone pair on the O1 to the S1 to form the O1–S1 bond.



The structure of **2** is considerably different from **1**. (Fig. 2) The anthracene moiety is not planar, the benzene ring bonded to the S atom deviates from the plane formed by the remaining atoms in the anthracene moiety. The S1 atom is also deviated from the anthracene plane by 0.6 Å. The O1–S1 and O1–B1 distances are significantly different from those of **1**; the corresponding distances are 2.97 and 2.34 Å for O1–S1 and O1–B1, respectively. The angle of $S1-C13-C14$ (124°) is considerably larger than that of **1** (120°). The most remarkable structural difference is found on the conformation around the $C13-S1$ bond. The torsion angle of $C12-C13-S1-C22$ is 117° , thus the relative orbital arrangement of the S1 atom against the O1 atom is different from those of **1**. The arrangement leads to different bonding mode on the O1–S1 bond from that in **1**. To clarify the detailed bonding modes of the hypervalent O–B and O–S, we performed theoretical calculations.

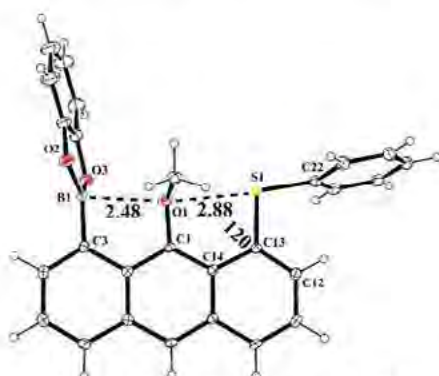


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Fig. 2 Molecular Structure of **2**.

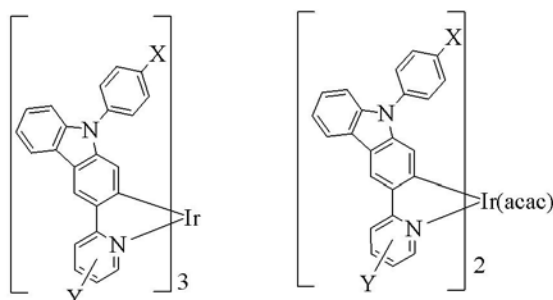
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Synthesis, structures, photophysical characterization and OLED applications of some multifunctional cyclometalated iridium metallophosphors containing 9-phenylcarbazoles

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Since there is an upsurge of research interest in the development of high-performance organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs), iridium(III) complexes containing aryl-substituted 2-[3-(*N*-phenylcarbazolyl)]pyridine molecular framework are presented here. These complexes are thermally stable solids and highly efficient electrophosphors. The optical, structural, electrochemical, photo- and electrophosphorescence traits of these iridium phosphors have been studied in terms of the electronic nature of the ligands. Due to the propensity of the electron-rich carbazolyl group to facilitate hole injection/transport, the presence of such a moiety can increase the highest occupied molecular orbital levels and improve the charge balance in the resulting complexes relative to the parent metallophosphor with 2-phenylpyridine ligands. Electrophosphorescent OLEDs with outstanding device performance can be fabricated based on these materials. The work can be extended to realizing high-efficiency white light OLEDs.



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Concerted disorder through the hydrate region of tricyclic acyclovir : $C_{11}H_{13}N_5O_3 \cdot 2H_2O$

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Tricyclic acyclovir, 3-[(2-hydroxyethoxy)-methyl]-6-methyl-3*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]purin-9(5*H*)-one, has been reported as the dihydrate, and the complex hydrogen bond network of water and tricyclic acyclovir molecules suggested to be related to the solvation of the molecules in solution [1]. The $Z = 2$ structure contains four independent solvent water molecules, forming an $(H_2O)_8$ cluster through a strong hydrogen bond ($d[O \cdots O] = 2.81 \text{ \AA}$) between two water molecules across an inversion center. Three of the independent water molecules are ordered while the inversion center requires one hydrogen atom in the fourth to be statistically disordered. The second disordered hydrogen position is a strong donor to the 2-hydroxyl group of the side chain of one independent molecule of tricyclic acyclovir.

The hydroxyl group in turn relates to an equivalent group on the next molecule through a strong hydrogen bond ($d[O \cdots O] = 2.67 \text{ \AA}$) across another inversion center requiring statistical disordering of the hydroxyl hydrogen atom. The result of the hydrogen atom disorders is concerted chains propagating in opposite directions as shown in Figure 1, which differ only in the placement of the hydrogen atoms.

The $(H_2O)_8$ clusters shown in Figure 2 are essentially perpendicular to the chains just described and create a 2D network with both independent tricyclic acyclovir molecules, using strong $O-H \cdots O$ water-water and water-drug, and $O-H \cdots N$ water-drug interactions.

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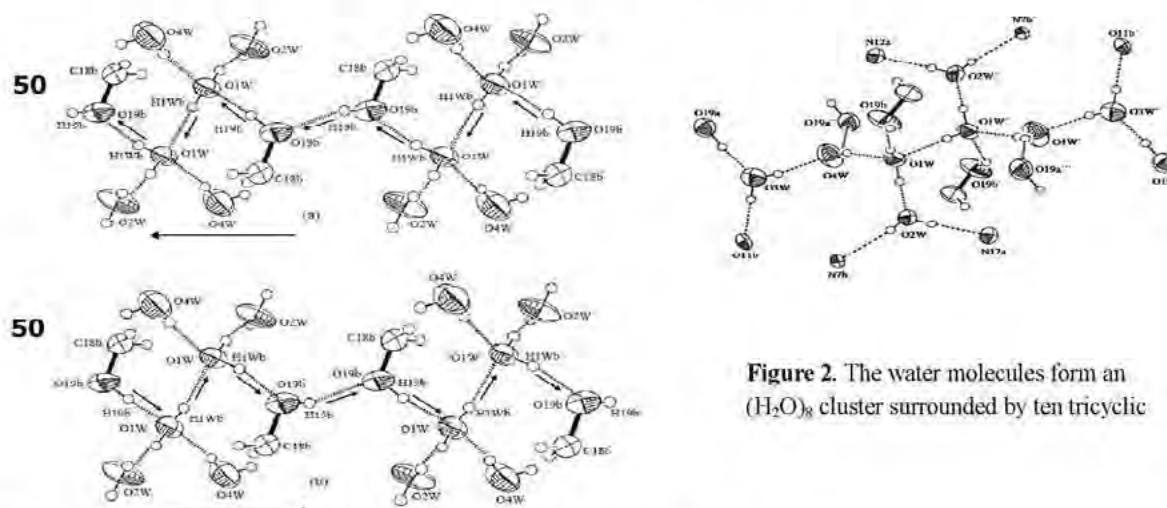


Figure 2. The water molecules form an $(H_2O)_8$ cluster surrounded by ten tricyclic

Figure 1. Chains of concerted H-bonds of the statistically disordered O1W and O19b hydrogen atoms. In (a) all

Stability of clopidogrel bisulfate (PLAVIX), an antiplatelet drug, under elevated conditions

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Stability of drugs towards heat, moisture, oxidation and light is an important topic of great practical interest in pharmaceutical field, and any degradation will usually adversely affect the therapeutic activity of the drug. Clopidogrel (PLAVIX) or methyl(+)-(S)- α -(2-chlorophenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydrothieno[3,2-c]pyridine-5-acetate hydrogen sulfate is a potent oral antiplatelet agent often used in the treatment of diseases related to coronary artery, peripheral vascular and cerebrovascular. Clopidogrel bisulfate ($\text{CPL}^+ \text{HSO}_4^-$) exists in many polymorphic forms (Form I to VII). Only Form I and II are used in pharmaceutical formulation. Therefore, in this work, we investigated the stability of clopidogrel Form I under extreme conditions; high pressure and high temperature using hydrothermal method, in the present and without water. We have found that CPL^+ is stable under these extreme and dry conditions and the hydrogen sulfate counter ion undergoes chemical reaction with the solvent used. For example, clopidogrel isopropylsulfate was obtained when using isopropyl alcohol as a solvent. In the present of water, clopidogrel is decomposed to brown viscose jelly. This phenomenon is also the same when clopidogrel is in a base condition. The mechanism of clopidogrel degradation is under investigation in our laboratory.

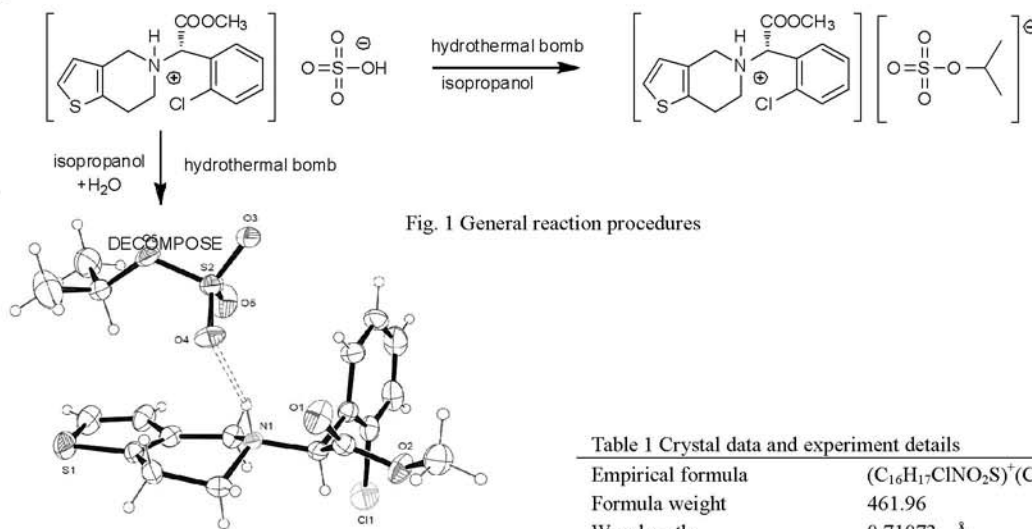


Fig. 1 General reaction procedures

Fig. 2 The molecular structure of the title compound, showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines

Table 1 Crystal data and experiment details

Empirical formula	$(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{17}\text{ClNO}_2\text{S})^+(\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{OS})^-$
Formula weight	461.96
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	orthorhombic, $P2_12_12_1$
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 8.2710(8)$ Å $b = 13.281(1)$ Å $c = 20.075(2)$ Å
Volume	$2205.2(4)$ Å ³
Z, Calculated density	4, 1.391 g/cm ³
Absorption coefficient	0.397 mm ⁻¹
Reflections collected / unique	8130 / 2456 [$R(\text{int}) = 0.0588$]
Data / restraints / parameters	2456 / 0 / 262
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.019
Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	$R1 = 0.0519$, $wR2 = 0.1191$
R indices (all data)	$R1 = 0.1110$, $wR2 = 0.1443$

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Successive volume expansion observed in a small-pore zeolite

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While an ever-expanding variety of zeolites with a wide range of framework topology is available, it is desirable to have a way to tailor the chemistry of the zeolitic nanopores for a given framework topology and provide controlled access to the interior for selective sorption and separation. With this respect, both framework and nonframework cation substitution have been extensively attempted to over 190 zeolitic materials reported so far and attributed to the plethora of zeolite science and technology.⁽¹⁾ Most recent example of this is the synthesis of PST-1, a framework Ga-substituted analogue of natrolite, which is shown to be selective for small molecules such as H₂ and He.⁽²⁾ On the other hand, nonframework cation substitution can be achieved relatively easily via post-synthesis modification, and the exchanged cations exert different selectivity towards foreign molecules as a combined effect of modified coordination chemistry and framework distortion/relaxation.⁽³⁾ This is, however, subjected to the ability of a zeolitic framework to allow the kinetic migration of exchanging cations into the pores and channels. Specially, small-pore zeolites have been known to show very limited cation exchange capacity, and natrolite and its related analogues have been such examples, into which both cation and water access are hindered at normal conditions.⁽⁴⁾ Here we show that fully K-exchanged and subsequently Rb-, and Cs-exchanged natrolites can be prepared under modest conditions from natural Na-natrolite and exhibit successive volume expansions by 10%, 15.7%, and 18.5%, respectively. This constitutes the largest, ever-reported volume expansion observed in zeolites and occurs by converting the elliptical channels into progressively circular ones. The step-wise changes in the nanopore volume and shape thus demonstrate the simplest, yet most dramatic means to tailor the selectivity of zeolitic nanopores and promises novel applications of this class of small-pore zeolites.

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Structural comparison of tetrapodal and bipodal host inclusion compounds with amine base

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Tetrapodal and axis-wheel type compound, 1,4-di[bis(4'-hydroxyphenyl)methyl]benzene (TXP) ; Fig.1, is well recognized host molecule to form inclusion compound with many small organic molecules. This inclusion host has two guest catching pockets around the molecule, one is between two adjacent phenol groups and the other is beside the central benzene ring. Also, in some case, the host framework is formed to have guests in the cavity space. In this study, in order to elucidate the characteristics of the TXP inclusion crystals with amines and related compound, their crystal structure were analyzed and compared with corresponding bisphenol-A (Fig.2) inclusion crystals. Bisphenol-A is a bipodal smaller host compound, which would have only one pocket between two phenols.

TXP-ethylenediamine (TXP-EN) inclusion crystal was obtained by recrystallization from ethylenediamine solution. X-ray structure analysis showed that it crystallize in triclinic space-group $P\bar{1}$ ($a = 11.476(4)$, $b = 11.675(4)$, $c = 12.739(4)$ Å, $\alpha = 72.454(5)$, $\beta = 83.898(6)$, $\gamma = 86.164(6)$ °). In the crystal, two TXPs and ENs are on different center of symmetry and also one more EN molecule is in an asymmetric unit forming 1:2 inclusion crystal. These EN molecules hydrogen bond to OH group of TXPs and forming a hydrophilic layer parallel to the ab -plane between TXP layers (Fig.3). Two of three independent EN molecules situate in pockets formed by the central benzene ring and two apart phenol groups, however, the remaining one EN is in a cavity space surrounded by four phenol groups. The pocket of two adjacent phenols is not observed due to host molecule packing.

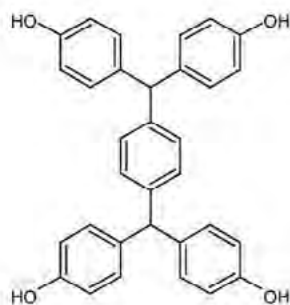


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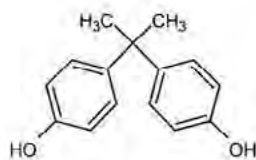


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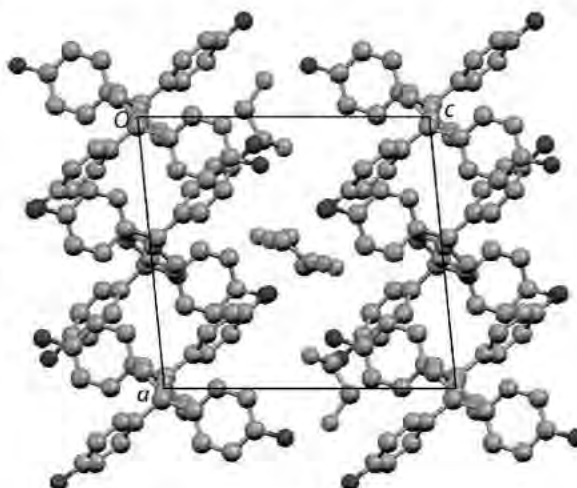


Fig. 3 The crystal structure of TXP-ethylenediamine viewed along the b -axis

Structural evolution of stoichiometric praseodymium silicate oxyapatite, $\text{Pr}_8\text{Sr}_2\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{26}$

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Since the rare-earth bearing oxyapatites were found to have relatively high oxide-ion conductivities at moderate temperatures, attention has been drawn on their applications to the gas-sensing devices and electrolytes for solid oxide fuel cells. For the enhancement of the conductivity, structural differences among various rare-earth oxyapatites and the estimation of the migration pathways have also been studied energetically. For example, Ali *et al.* (2008) examined the nuclear and electron density distribution of the nonstoichiometric and oxygen-excess $\text{La}_{9.69}(\text{Si}_{5.70}\text{Mg}_{0.18})\text{O}_{26.37}$, using the maximum-entropy methods-based powder pattern fitting, and confirmed the presence of interstitial O atoms. ^[1] On the other hand, Okudera *et al.* (2004) revealed no such O atoms even at high temperatures in $\text{Nd}_{9.33}\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{26}$ through the *in-situ* single-crystal X-ray diffraction experiment. ^[2]

We first synthesized single crystals of stoichiometric $\text{Pr}_8\text{Sr}_2\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{26}$ by the self-flux method using SrCl_2 . The structure was determined at approximately 23, 300, 500, 700 and 900 °C, using the *in-situ* single-crystal X-ray diffraction technique. The crystal was found to have the apatite-type structure with the centrosymmetric space group $P6_3/m$. In the structure, the 4f and 6h Wyckoff positions are available for the rare-earth and alkaline earth elements. Population analysis suggested that the 4f site is shared by Sr and Pr with almost equal probability while the 6h site is almost 100% occupied by Pr. This indicates that structure become unstable if the equilateral triangle composed of Pr^{3+} at 6h sites along the hexagonal channel is disturbed by substitution with aliovalent cation like Sr^{2+} . No interstitial sites were found for oxide anions at all temperatures. The thermal ellipsoid of O4 at the centre of the Pr triangle was 3-times prolate along the *c*-axis at room temperature, and no significant temperature dependency was observed for its prolateness. Details of the structural evolution will be given in the presentation.

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Crystal structure and magnetic behaviors of novel lanthanide(III) carboxylate compounds

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The novel lanthanide complexes, $[\text{Ln}(\mu_1\text{-tzbc})(\mu_2\text{-tzbc})(\text{OH})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]_2$ (Ln = Nd, Eu, and Tb; tzbc = tetrazole benzylcarboxylate), have been synthesized under hydrothermal conditions. Based on the x-ray diffraction data, all of them are isostructures. In each isolated molecule complex, there is one inversion center inside the molecule, so that the asymmetric unit consists of one metal (Ln^{3+}) coordinated by four H_2O , one OH^- , and two tzbc ligands. One of the tzbc ligand is bonded to one metal ion as μ_1 mode, and the other is coordinated to two lanthanide ions by μ_2 bridging mode. The magnetic measurements of all the three complexes display quite interesting results due to the different $4f^n$ configurations. In Tb complex, the distance between two Tb ions is 5.109 Å, and the $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ is *ca.* 23 $\text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}\text{K}$ from 300K to 25K and then decreased to *ca.* 11.5 $\text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}\text{K}$ as temperature decreased to 2K. However, in Nd complex, the distance between two Nd atoms is 5.062 Å, and the $\chi_{\text{M}}T$ is *ca.* 3 $\text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}\text{K}$ at 300K and this value is decreased to *ca.* 1.5 $\text{cm}^3\text{mol}^{-1}\text{K}$ as temperature down to 2K, which is close to one free ion contribution. Moreover, magnetic phenomenon displayed by the Eu complex indicates that the ground term is no longer as theoretical prediction of 7F_0 . In addition, the interactions with DNA of these complexes will also be discussed in this presentation.

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Structural and electronic properties of tetrahedral fullerenes and diamond-like fullerene crystals

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For fullerenes of tetrahedral symmetry, systematization based on fullerene cage geometry is suggested. The technique is based on the description of the mutual arrangement of pentagons. The geometry of all possible tetrahedral fullerenes has been determined. The smallest tetrahedral fullerenes are shown in Fig.1. The initial geometrical characteristics of fullerenes have been calculated by Tersoff-Brenner model. The semiempirical tight-binding method was used for optimization of geometry and estimation of stability for insulated tetrahedral fullerenes. Structural, cohesive, elastic, and electronic properties are predicted as well as theoretical x-ray diffraction spectra for diamond-like fullerene crystals are derived.

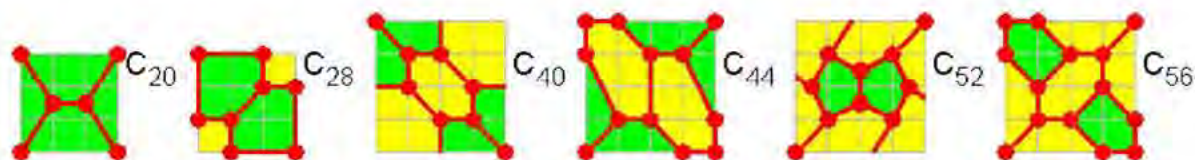


Fig. 1. Schematic projection of the first smallest tetrahedral fullerenes on to the cubic face

The electron levels for insulated fullerenes and electronic band structure for crystals are performed via first principles full potential linearized augmented plane-wave (LAPW) density functional theory, as implemented in the WIEN2k [1] code and a full-potential linearized augmented Slater-type orbital (LASTO) method, LASTO code [2]. The optimized lattices for several diamond-like fullerene crystals are shown in Fig.2.

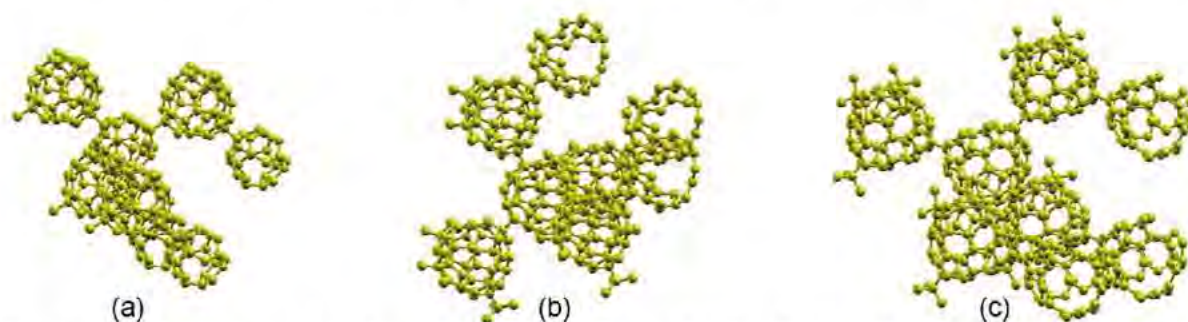


Fig. 2. Optimized lattices for diamond-like fullerene crystals: $C_{28}+C_{40}$ (a), $C_{44}+C_{44}$ (b), and $C_{56}+C_{56}$ (c) hyperdiamond.

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Crystal structures of bipyridine-copper(II) complexes as anticancer agents

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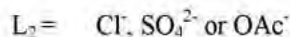
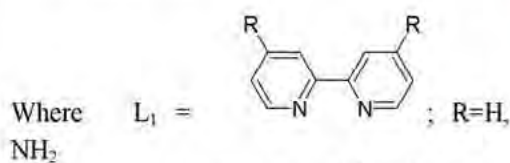
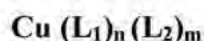
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In the present, cancer is the leading cause of death. Platinum and transition metal coordination complexes, for example cisplatin are an effective anticancer drug, but it has side effects and easily excreted from the body. Therefore, bipyridine (bpy) transition complexes have been developed as potential antitumor agents. In this work, a series of bpy-copper(II) complexes have been developed and their cytotoxic activities have been assessed as new anticancer agents. However, their cytotoxic mechanisms are still unclear. To investigate their possible mechanisms, the DNA binding affinity by UV-titration and fluorescence spectroscopy, thermal denaturation (TM) analysis and X-ray crystallography were determined. The preliminary results showed that the copper complexes bearing one bpy unit have the most potential cytotoxic activity. They may be further developed as new anticancer agents, however, more compounds have to be performed. Our groups have still investigated for more derivatives and studied on other possible mechanisms.

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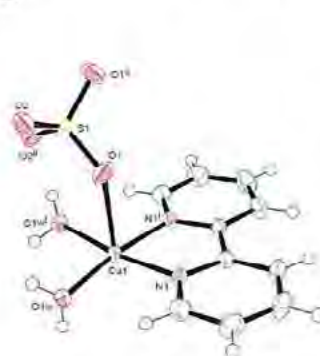
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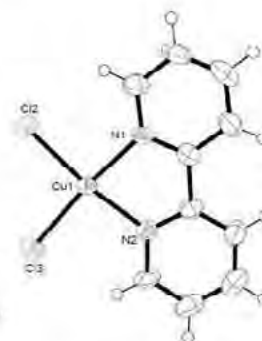
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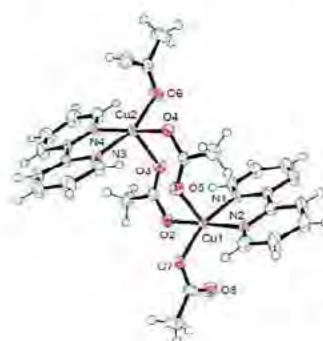
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[Cu(bpy)(H₂O)₂]SO₄



[Cu(bpy)Cl₂]



Cu(bpy)(OAc)₂

Visualisation and characterisation of voids in molecular crystals

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We are undertaking further software development with *CrystalExplorer* [1] to characterize and visualize voids in molecular crystals, with the aim of eventually mapping properties such as the electrostatic potential and electric field on the surfaces and inside the voids. As a first step we have recently implemented a novel approach to mapping voids based on isosurfaces of the procrystal electron density (the sum of spherical atoms, or the crystallographer's usual independent atom model). This is a very simple - and much more realistic - alternative to conventional approaches that represent atoms and probe molecules as hard spheres with van der Waals radii. It can be used successfully to locate and visualise void space in crystalline materials, as well as readily compute surface areas and volumes of the voids. The method is quite general, computationally rapid, and capable of locating and characterising all "empty" space in molecular crystals, not just the larger cavities and channels.

Figure 1 illustrates examples of void surfaces for three metal-organic frameworks (MOFs). For HKUST-1 [2] (sometimes referred to as Cu-BTC), the 0.0003 au isosurface of the procrystal electron density yields a surface area of 2606 m² g⁻¹ and a pore volume of 0.53 cm³ g⁻¹, values that compare favourably with recent experimental estimates from N₂ adsorption isotherms (surface areas of 2175 m² g⁻¹ (Langmuir) and 1507 m² g⁻¹ (BET) and a pore volume of 0.75 cm³ g⁻¹ [3].

To date we have applied this approach to the visualisation and quantitative characterisation of voids in crystals of hydrophobic dipeptides, MOFs, covalent organic frameworks (COFs), zeolites, electrides, and in investigating the effect of pressure on molecular crystals. The focus in these applications is on a comparison with existing computational methods, as well as with the results from various experimental techniques that provide independent estimates of volumes and surface areas of void space and porosity. The presentation will summarize these results, and highlight how this simple electron density function can be used to advantage to explore cavities, cages and channels in crystalline materials.

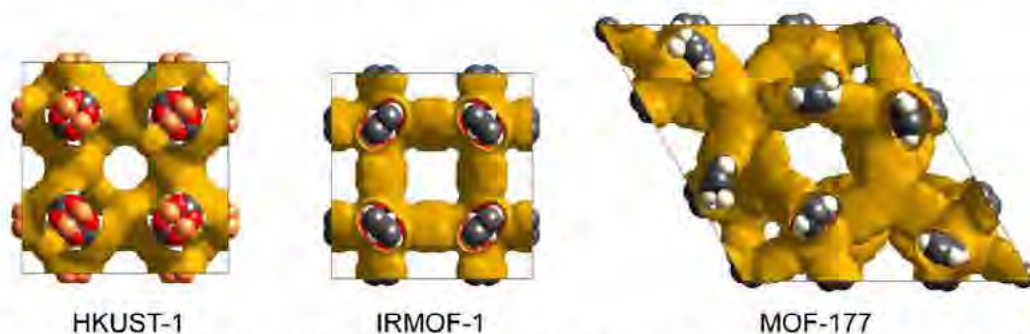


Figure 1. Void surfaces (isosurfaces of the procrystal electron density at 0.0003 au) for three MOFs.

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The position determination of H/D in the protonated and deuterated LaFeAsO_{1-y}H_x

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A family of protonated and deuterated FeAs-based superconductors^[1] (LaFeAsO_{1-y}H_x/D_x) was studied. The magnetization and resistivity measurements exhibit a very large enhancement of superconducting transition temperature ($T_c \sim 35$ K) by H/D-doping, while the maximum T_c of an oxygen-deficient compound is 28 K^[2]. We suppose that H doping might lead to the structural changes and suppress antiferromagnetic order. So the key point is the position of hydrogen atoms.

Neutron scattering has been carried out at neutron powder diffractometer SuperHRPD @J-PARC, which has the world highest resolution of $\Delta d/d = 0.03\%$. Rietveld refinement (by Z-Rietveld) and Maximum Entropy Method (by Z-MEM) are utilized to perform the structure solution and determine the position of H. The results show that the occupancy of H/D is far lower than the nominal content. By the analysis of the difference of H- and D-doped data, Hydrogen is supposed to be located at 2c-site and bonded to oxygen. The bond length is 0.9802 Å.

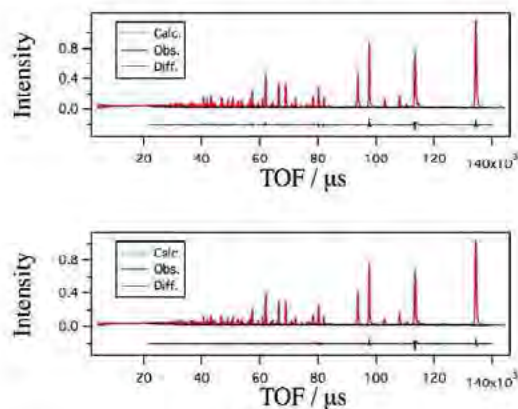


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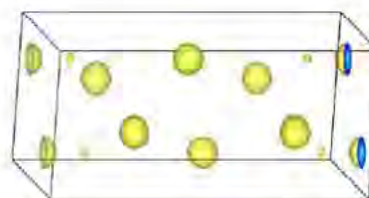


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Fig. 1 upper: Observed and calculated neutron scattering patterns of LaFeO_{0.55}H_{0.55}, lower: Observed and calculated neutron scattering patterns of LaFeO_{0.55}D_{0.55}.

Fig. 2 The 3D plot of nuclear density distribution of LaFeO_{0.55}H/D_{0.55} from MEM analysis.

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High-temperature single-crystal X-ray diffraction study on the decarbonation of FeCO_3

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Siderite (FeCO_3) is commonly found in hydrothermal veins, and considered as potential CO_2 mineral trapping. A use of Fe/CO_2 fuel cells for CO_2 mitigation has been examined. [1] The decarbonation of the FeCO_3 product is important in a view point of carbon monoxide retrieval as a carbon resource. The present study was undertaken to unveil the evolution of siderite structure associated with the decarbonation. Single-crystals of FeCO_3 were grown by the hydrothermal method. Diffraction data at various temperatures were taken with the Smart Apex II single-crystal X-ray diffractometer. An interesting behavior was observed for the changes in unit cell dimensions as a function of time. Immediately after raising the crystal temperature, the a -length in the hexagonal setting of the rhombohedral cell expanded superfluously, and then shrank gradually towards an equilibrium point as a function of time. No such time dependency was observed for the changes in c -length. The time necessary for a complete relaxation of cell dimensions depended on the heat program, while it took typically 3 days when the sample was heated rapidly from the room temperature to 250 °C. The structural change which occurs during the relaxation period was investigated by the single-crystal diffraction data collected every 6 hours, as will be discussed in the presentation. Above *circa* 300 °C, crystals of FeCO_3 commenced decomposition into iron oxides: one iron oxide was identified as hematite ($\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$) while the another was presumably maghemite ($\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$) or magnetite (Fe_3O_4). The topotaxial orientation relationships of the iron oxides with respect to FeCO_3 were studied from various reciprocal sections reconstructed from the frame data.

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Model complexes of the active center in nitrite reductase

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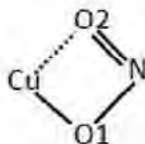
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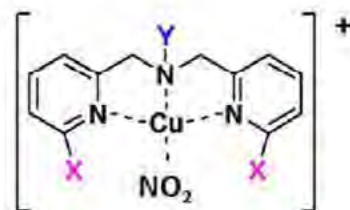
To get some structural information about the active center of nitrite reductase, a series of model complexes have been synthesized. In the enzyme[1], two types of copper active centers are included. Among which, type 2 copper is considered to act as the metal center of the reduction of nitrite ion (NO_2^-) to nitric oxide (NO). The type 2 copper is coordinated by three histidine residues and a water. To mimic the active center of nitrite reductase, a series of complexes containing a tridentate aromatic amine compound [bis(2-pyridylmethyl)amine, bpa] in the absence and presence of nitrite ion have been synthesized. The nitrite ion reduction activities of a series of complexes were measured and compared with those molecular structures determined by X-ray diffraction method. By the introduction of heavy substituent in Y, the stereo of N atom becomes rigid. The molecular structure of $\text{Cu}(\text{bpa})\text{EtNO}_2$ ($\text{X}=\text{H}$, $\text{Y}=\text{Et}$) reflects a typical structure in this series of complexes (Fig.1).

The copper atom is hexa co-ordinated with three N atoms from bpa ligand, two O atoms from nitrite ion, and an O atom from perchlorate ion. The substituent of N2 and O2 of nitrite ion locate on the same side of nearly planar bpa ligand and opposite from the perchlorate ion.

The coordination modes of two O atoms in nitrite ion are quite different. The bond distance of Cu-O1 is 1.985(1)Å and that of Cu-O2 is 2.521(1)Å. On the other hand, the bond distance of N4-O1 is 1.298(2) Å and that of N4-O2 is 1.230(2) Å. Therefore, the coordination scheme of nitrite ion to copper atom is drawn as the one shown below.



The molecular structures of this series of complexes will be compared and discussed from the viewpoints of reduction activity and chemical properties.



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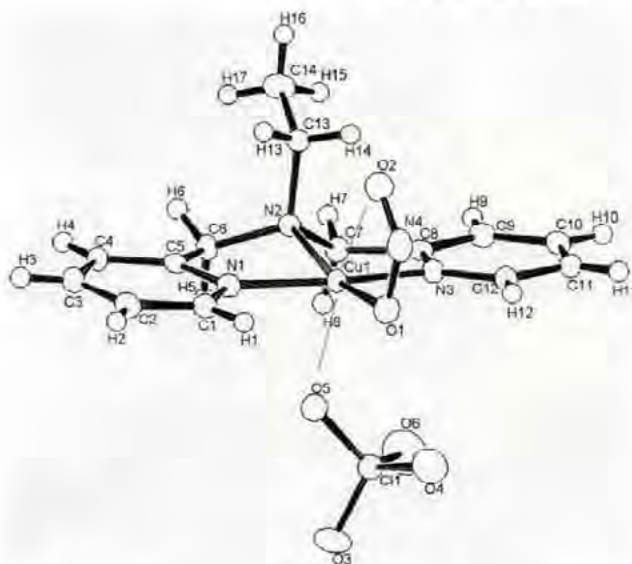


Fig. 1 Molecular Structure of $\text{Cu}(\text{bpa})\text{EtNO}_2$

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New pentanary thiophosphates, $A_x(Ta_{1-y}Ti_y)PS_5$ (A =K, Rb, Cs): A systematic approach toward new mixed-metallic phases

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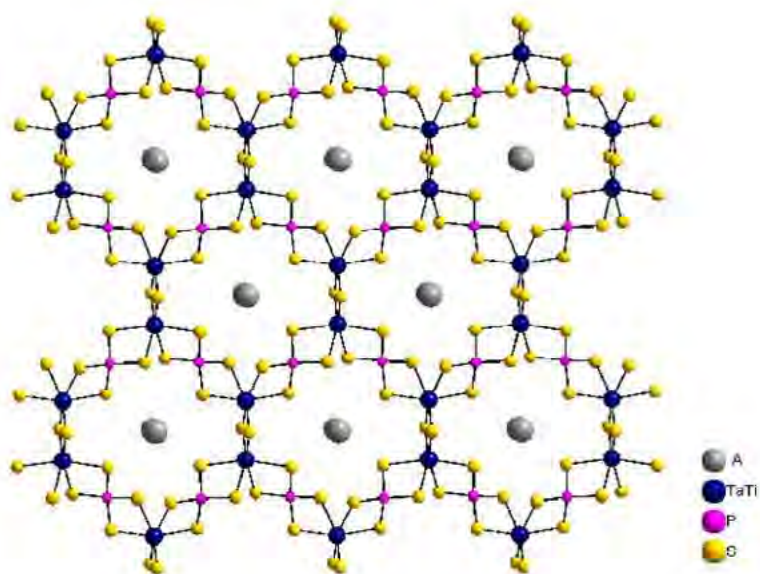
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New mixed-metallic thiophosphates, $K_{0.47}Ta_{1-x}Ti_xPS_5$ ($x=0.46$), $Rb_{0.5}Ta_{1-x}Ti_xPS_5$ ($x=0.56$), and $Cs_{0.69}Ta_{1-x}Ti_xPS_5$ ($x=0.59$) have been synthesized with the reactive halide fluxes and structurally characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction techniques. The structure of $A_xTa_{1-y}Ti_yPS_5$ is built up from the dimeric $[M_2S_{10}]$ units composed of edge-sharing $[MS_6]$ ($M=Ta$ or Ti) octahedra. These units are linked by sharing common edges with four tetrahedral $[PS_4]$ groups yielding a two-dimensional layer. These layers are stacked on top of each other to create van der Waals gaps and the alkali metal ions reside in this space. Electrons are transferred from the alkali metals to the mixed Ta/Ti atoms and the stoichiometry of the phases can be controlled systematically with the use of the difference of electropositivities and sizes of each alkali metal. Eventually the amount of alkali metals restricts the composition of the metals. In this presentation, the relationship between the Ta^{5+}/Ti^{4+} ratios and the stoichiometry of alkali metals will be discussed as will the chemistry of the related thiophosphates. The title compounds exhibit absorption band gaps of 1.7eV~1.8eV and these phases can be classified as semiconductors.

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Gradual intermetallic bond formation controlled by alkali metals in quinary metal thiophosphates, $A_y(Ta_xM_{1-x})PS_6$ (A=K,Rb; M=Ti, Zr)

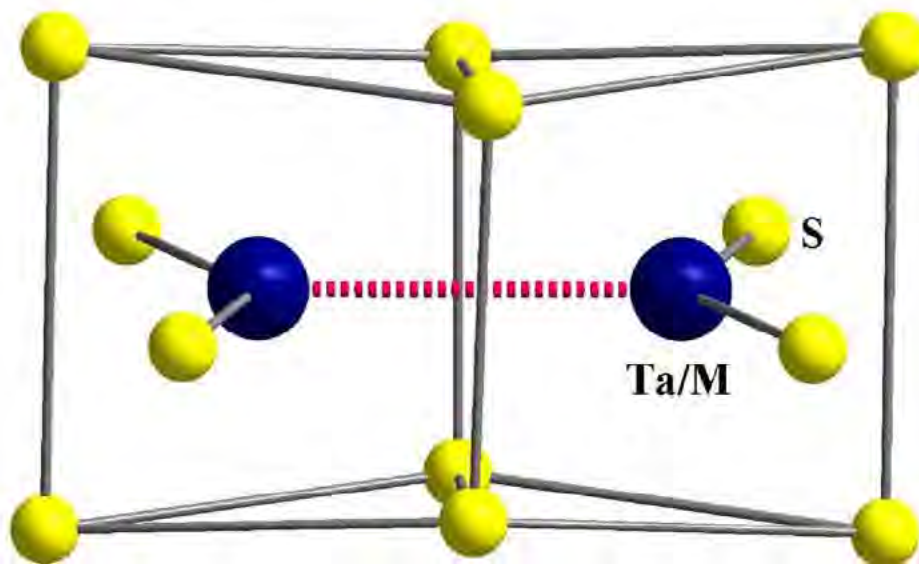
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The new quinary metal thiophosphates, $A_y(Ta_xM_{1-x})PS_6$ (A=K, Rb; M=Ti, Zr) have been synthesized with the use of reactive alkali metal halide fluxes and structurally characterized by single crystal X-ray techniques. The structure of the title compounds are closely related to that of the previously reported $TaPS_6$ ¹, which serves as a host structure in the title compounds. The host structure is composed of intertwined right- and left-handed helices and the framework has empty channels, where alkali metal cations reside. The electronic structure calculations of the framework indicate that the low-lying electron acceptor level should be the empty d orbitals of the transition metals. When the guest ions are inserted to the empty channels, the electrons released by alkali metals are transferred to the metal sites. As a result, the intermetallic bond start to form and the bond strength can be controlled gradually by the amount of alkali metals and the characteristics of each constituent metal ion. In this presentation synthetic efforts using various alkali metals for new mixed-metallic phases as well as the relationship between the amount of alkali metal ions and the intermetallic bond strength will be discussed.

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Effect of 3d transition metal substitution on crystal structure in LaOMAs ($M = \text{Mn}, \text{Fe}, \text{Ni}, \text{Zn}$) by high-energy synchrotron radiation powder diffraction

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Lanthanide oxyarsenide LaOMAs, where M is 3d transition metal ion, has recently attracted much attention since superconductivity of F-doped LaOFeAs was discovered. The LaOMAs compounds have a layered structure with the space group of $P4/nmm$ (tetragonal). The M -As layer alternates with the O-La layer along the c -axis. In the M -As layer, each M is surrounded by As atoms, which form edge-shared tetrahedra around the M sites. Similarly the La atoms form tetrahedron around the O atom in the O-La layer. The electric properties of the LaOMAs system depend on M : for example, metallic for $M = \text{Fe}$ and Ni , and semiconducting for $M = \text{Mn}$ and Zn . To investigate the origin of such a difference from the crystal structure, the electron charge density analysis is useful because it helps us to understand chemical bonding nature in crystal. In this study, we derive the crystal structures of LaOMAs ($M = \text{Mn}, \text{Fe}, \text{Ni}$, and Zn) at the charge density levels to discuss the difference in the electronic properties.

The high-energy synchrotron radiation powder diffraction experiment was performed using a large Debye-Scherrer camera with an imaging plate installed at BL02B2 in Spring-8. The wavelength used was $\lambda = 0.5 \text{ \AA}$ ($E = 25 \text{ keV}$). The diffraction patterns were obtained at 300 K. The structure parameters and electron charge density distributions were derived using the maximum entropy method (MEM)/Rietveld method.

No significant structural difference was found in the La-O layer. In the M -As layer, on the other hand, clear differences were observed. The tetrahedra composed by M and As in the metallic compounds are compressed along the c -axis, whereas those in the semiconducting ones are slightly elongated along the c -axis. It was revealed that the chemical bonding between M and As is more covalent in the metallic compounds than in the semiconducting compounds. These results are consistent with the experimental fact that the conducting nature is more apparent in the Fe-As or Ni-As layer. It is presumed that 3d electrons are localized and produce ionic chemical bonding in the semiconducting compounds.

Triplet biradical states of dibromo and dichloro mononuclear polypyridine iridium(III) complexes

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Emission and electronic properties of eight Ir³⁺ centered polypyridine complexes were studied systematically. A crystal structure of [IrBr₂(phen)₂]PF₆ was obtained by the X-ray diffraction study, where phen is 1,10-phenanthroline. The computed geometry is in good agreement with the experimental one. Those in the triplet biradical states were also determined computationally to investigate the source of emission spectra. Two geometric isomers of [IrX₂(bpy)₂]⁺ and [IrX₂(phen)₂]⁺ (Fig 1) and the isomerization transition states were obtained with X = Cl and Br. For the dichloro complexes, triplet-biradical isomers have nonequivalent bpy and phen ligands through the Jahn-Teller geometric distortion. It is suggested that strong emission arises from the asymmetric spin density distributions.

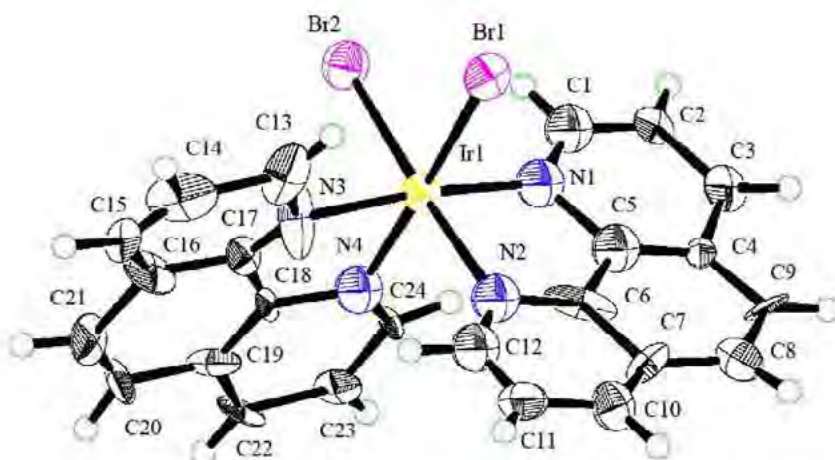


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Phase transitions of tetraalkylammonium salts of decavanadates containing 1,4-dioxane molecules

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Phase transitions is closely related with the intermolecular interactions in the crystalline state. Long alkyl chains adopt various conformations and packed so as to achieve closest packing in the crystals. Unlike functional groups, they show relatively weak interactions with surrounding molecules. Therefore, when a crystal containing long alkyl chains is cooled, conformation of some of the chains may change. In order to reveal the relationship between phase transition and intermolecular interaction in the crystal structure, we investigated the detail of phase transition of the crystals which contain decavanadate and tetraalkylammonium cation. Herein we report the three crystals which show phase transition depending on the temperature, [(C5H11)4N]2[H4V10O28](C4H8O2)3 (1), [(C6H13)4N]2[H4V10O28](C4H8O2)4 (2), and [(C7H15)4N]2[H4V10O28](C4H8O2)8 (3).

These three crystals were obtained by recrystallization of [(C5H11)4N]3[H3V10O28], [(C6H13)4N]3[H3V10O28], [(C7H15)4N]3[H3V10O28] from the mixed solvents of 1,4-dioxane and water. All the crystals contain the tetraprotonated decavanadate that donate hydrogen bonds to four 1,4-dioxane molecules. When cooled from 293K to 123K, (1) and (2) showed phase transition from monoclinic P21/n, 11.1341(2)/ 20.6109 (3)/ 17.9373 (4)/ 90/ 105.9920(7)/ 90, Volume 3957.0 to monoclinic P21/c, 18.1891 (2)/ 20.5002 (2)/ 22.0170 (3)/ 90/ 112.0153 (5)/ 90, Volume 7611.1 and from tetragonal I41/a, 38.8749(12)/ 38.8749(12)/ 12.4443(9)/ Volume 18806.5, to monoclinic C2/c 53.8043(8)/ 12.3166(2)/ 36.8334(8)/ 90/ 133.093(2)/ 90 / Volume 17824.5, respectively. On the other hand, (3) showed unique behavior. When cooled rapidly it did not show phase transition, but when cooled slowly it showed phase transition from monoclinic P21/c, 16.6577(2)/ 19.2730(2)/ 18.9407(2)/ 90/ 92.227(10)/ 90, Volume 6076.2 to monoclinic Cc, 32.3738(3)/ 38.2015(4)/ 18.8169(2)/ 90/ 91.6169(10)/ 90, Volume 23262.1. Single crystal X-ray structure determinations of (1) and (2) revealed that the change between the structure of the room temperature phase and that of the low temperature phase was associated only with the conformational change of methyl- or ethyl-group. On the other hand, the structural change in the crystal of (3) was relatively large. The buthyl-group changed its conformation and swapped its position with a 1,4-dioxane molecule, which does not have any hydrogen bond. The mobility of the swapped 1,4-dioxane can be also evidenced by the fact that the crystal of (3) is unstable in the air at room temperature. Therefore, the flexibility of tetraheptyl ammonium cation and the mobility of 1,4-dioxane seem to facilitate the phase transition.

Two silver(I) complex structure in a single crystallization: flexible metallacyclodimer vs helical channel network

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Studies on the self-assembly of AgClO_4 with 1,2-bis(dimethyl(4-pyridyl)silyl)ethane (L) were carried out. The slow diffusion of an organic solution of L into an aqueous solution of AgClO_4 affords two different single crystalline solids, block and thin plate crystals. The block crystal consists of metallacyclodimers of the composition $[\text{Ag}(\text{L})_2(\text{ClO}_4)_2]$ whereas the thin plate crystal consists of unique ligand-induced helical channel networks of $[\text{Ag}_2(\text{L})_3](\text{ClO}_4)_4$. The block and thin plate crystals form in a ratio of 1 : 9, respectively, in a mixture of water and ethanol, but the ratio is depending on solvents and concentrations. Furthermore, the block crystals have two significantly different metallacyclodimers in a unit cell, presumably owing to the flexible 26-membered cyclodimer including flexible a transannular argentophilic interaction. Such subtle effects may be ascribed to the existence of a variety of eclipsed, gauche, or anti- conformations of L.

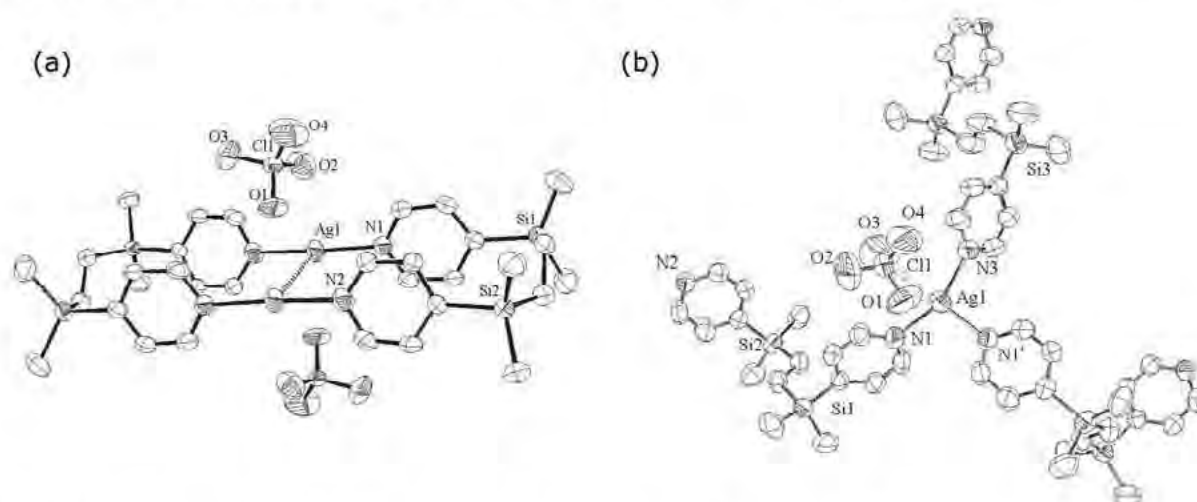


Figure 1. Crystal structures of (a) metallacyclodimer and (b) helical channel network

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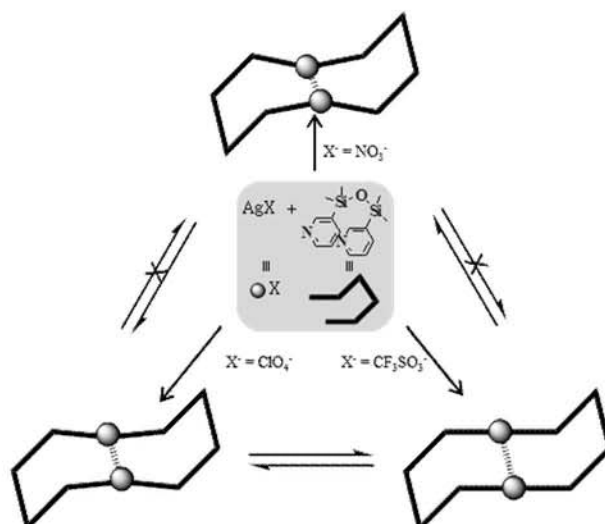
Fine competition and control among argentophilic, electrostatic, and $\pi\cdots\pi$ interactions in a molecular chair

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The reaction of AgX ($X^- = \text{NO}_3^-$, ClO_4^- , and CF_3SO_3^-) with 1,3-bis(3-pyridyl)tetramethyldisiloxane (L) at room temperature affords 20-membered metallacyclodimers, $[\text{Ag}(\text{L})]_2(\text{X})_2$. For the macrocyclodimer, fine competition among argentophilic, electrostatic, and $\pi\cdots\pi$ interaction exists. The macrocyclodimer is a unique molecular chair that tunes a transannular argentophilic interaction via the bite size of counteranions. In order to reversibly control the argentophilic interaction, anion exchange has been accomplished. The anion exchangeability is depending on the water-solubility rather than the electrostatic interaction between silver(I) and anions.



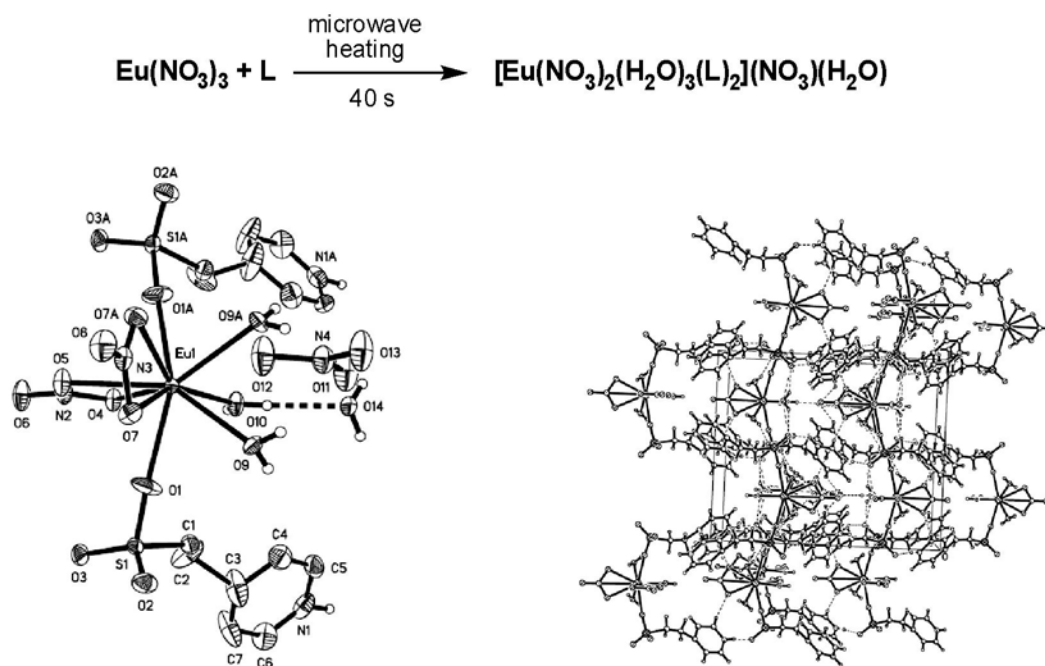
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Microwave-assisted preparation of an europium complex: $[\text{Eu}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{L})_2] \cdot (\text{NO}_3)(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ {L=2-(4-pyridylum)ethanesulfonate, (4-pyH) $^+$ -CH₂CH₂-SO₃ $^-$ }

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A novel europium complex, $[\text{Eu}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{L})_2] \cdot (\text{NO}_3)(\text{H}_2\text{O})$ {L = 2-(4-pyridylum)ethanesulfonate, (4-pyH) $^+$ -CH₂CH₂-SO₃ $^-$ }, was prepared from europium nitrate pentahydrate and ligand L in H₂O under microwave heating conditions. In this complex, the europium metal is coordinated to nine oxygen atoms. The pyridyl nitrogen is protonated in such a way that the coordinated ligand has an NH $^+$ (4-pyridyl) positive end and an SO₃ $^-$ negative end; that is, the ligand L is a zwitter ion. In the following figures, the left one is a molecular structure, in which the atoms with the suffix "A" are generated by the crystallographic inversion operation. The right one is a packing diagram, in which dotted lines indicate hydrogen bonds.



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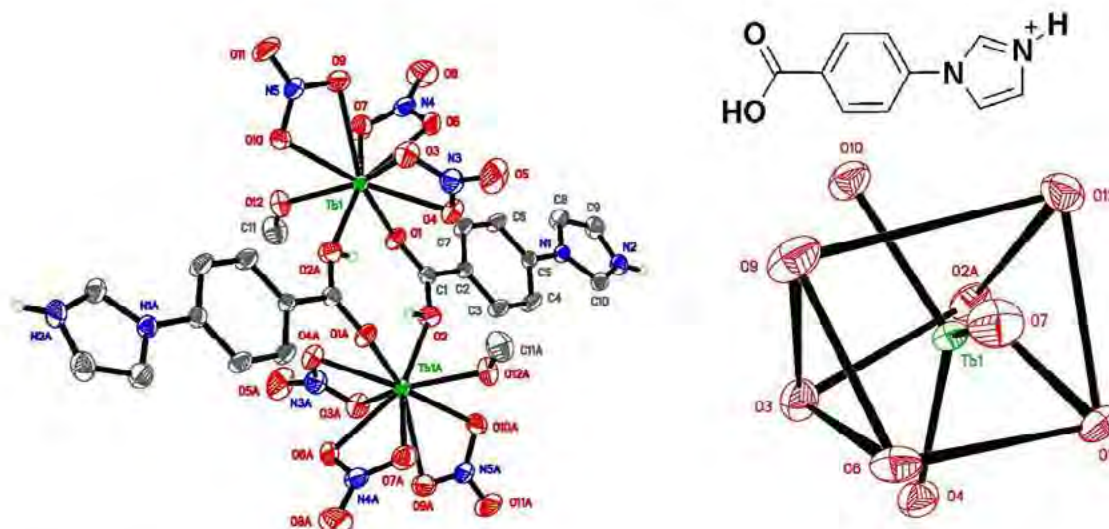
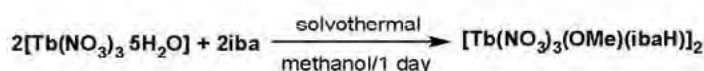
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A terbium dimer bridged by (imidazol)benzoic acid: [Tb(NO₃)₃(OMe)(ibaH)]₂[iba = 4-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)benzoic acid]

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A novel bridged terbium dimer was prepared from terbium nitrate pentahydrate (Tb(NO₃)₃·5H₂O) and 4-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)benzoic acid under solvothermal conditions. In the title complex, two 9-coordinate Tb metals are linked by the (imidazol)benzoate ligand, in which the imidazol nitrogen is protonated. The Tb metal is coordinated to nine O atoms from three η^2 -NO₃⁻, one OMe⁻, and two protonated bis(monodentate) (imidazol)benzoic acid ligands to form a distorted tricapped trigonal prismatic core. The N2-H and O2-H protons in the ligand participate in intermolecular hydrogen bonds. This terbium compound will be further studied for so-called "postsynthetic modification" to prepare novel compounds including 3d-4f coordination polymers [1,2].



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Crystal and molecular structure of 5-bromo-1H-indole-2,3-dione

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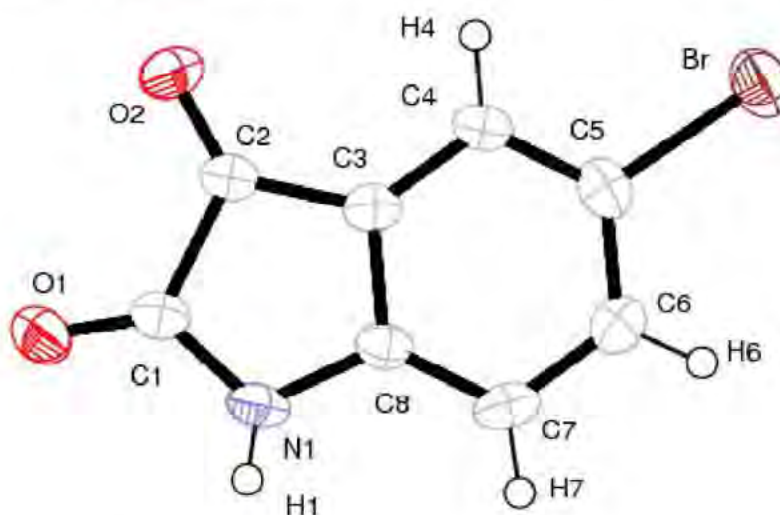
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Indole derivatives have been found to exhibit antibacterial and antifungal and antitumor activities. Halogenated indole derivatives exhibit marked antimicrobial activities. Some of the indole alkaloids extracted from plants possess interesting cytotoxic, antitumor or antiparasitic properties.

The indole ring is planar, with maximum deviation for C₁ 0.041(2) Å. The N-C distances are not equal due to conjugation in the ring system. The oxygen atoms O₁ deviated from the indole ring by 0.421(2) Å. The Phenyl ring is coplanar with the indole ring. The crystal structure is stabilized by weak C-H...O interactions running along crystallographic *c*-axis generating a chain described by C₂²(6). In additions to this, a short inter-molecular contact is observed between atom O₂ and symmetry related atom N₁ at *x*, *y* +1, *z*. Interesting results will be discussed at the conference.



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Progress in using short wavelength radiation for chemical crystallography

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Combining synthetic multilayer mirrors with microfocus X-ray sources (rotating or stationary target) has become a standard with in-house X-ray sources for single crystal diffraction as well as a number of applications in powder diffraction. The maximum angle of incidence at which a multilayer mirror reflects is significantly smaller for higher energy radiation, such as Mo-K $_{\alpha}$ or Ag-K $_{\alpha}$ radiation than it is for Cu-K $_{\alpha}$ radiation. This is why synthetic multilayer mirrors traditionally have been used for Cu-K $_{\alpha}$ radiation or softer wavelengths. Modern deposition technology, however, allows for the reproducible production of high quality multilayer mirrors with smaller d -spacing. In consequence these mirrors reflect higher energy radiation at larger angles of incidence. Combined with the latest generation of microfocus sealed tubes this provides new high-performance low-power X-ray sources for shorter wavelengths.

We will present selected results on the use of these low-power consumption, high-performance sources for Mo-K $_{\alpha}$ and Ag-K $_{\alpha}$ radiation in small molecule and high-pressure crystallography.

Molecular structure of 2-amino-N (2-fluorophenyl)-4, 5, 6, 7-tetrahydro-1-benzothiophene-3-carboxamide

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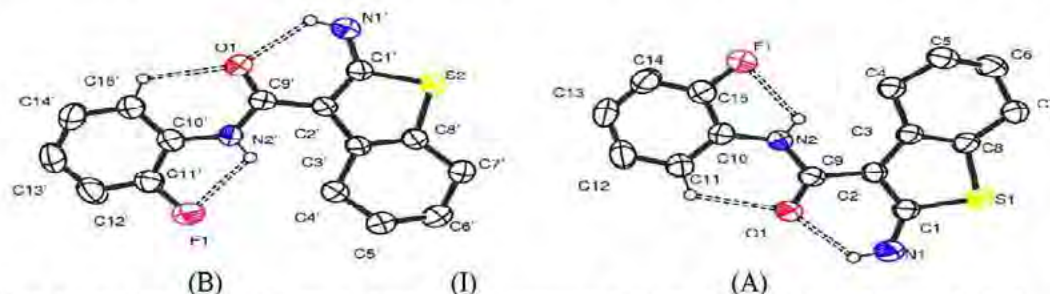
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Hydrogen bonds are considered as strongest design elements in crystal engineering. However halogens are also utilized widely to design molecules. Among halogens the interactions involving organic fluorine is of more interest [1]. It has been shown that fluorine does not readily accept hydrogen bonding and hence fluorine behaves differently from chlorine and bromine[2]. In view of these we designed and investigated crystal structures of halogenated thiophenes [3] which are found to exhibit broad spectrum of biological activities.



The three dimensional intensity data of the compound 2-amino-N (2-fluorophenyl)-4, 5, 6, 7-tetrahydro-1-benzothiophene-3-carboxamide (I) were collected using Bruker Smart CCD diffractometer using graphite monochromated MoK α radiation. The compound C₁₅H₁₁FN₂OS, crystallizes under Triclinic system, P1 space group, $a = 9.052(15)$ Å, $b = 9.066(15)$ Å, $c = 9.582(15)$ Å, $\alpha = 106.02(5)^\circ$, $\beta = 106.32(3)^\circ$ and $\gamma = 103.53(4)^\circ$, $V = 682.6(19)$ Å³, $Z = 2$, $D = 1.41$ Mg m⁻³. The data of the compound were corrected for LP factors and used for the structure solution. The structure was solved by direct methods using SIR92 program and refined using full matrix least-squares on F^2 to an R value of 0.037 using SHELXL-97 program.

In the asymmetric unit there are two independent molecules A and B. The conformation of the cyclohexene ring is same in both molecules A & B. The dihedral angles between the thiophene moiety and the 2-fluorophenyl ring are $5.31(5)^\circ$ and $5.41(4)^\circ$ in A and B respectively. The molecule is conformationally locked by intra-molecular hydrogen bonds of the type N-H...O and C-H...O forming six membered rings. There is an intra-molecular C-H...F interaction forming a five membered ring. The packing arrangement of molecules in the unit cell shows inter-molecular hydrogen bonding of the type N-H...O and C-H...F interactions stabilizes the crystal structure which links the molecules into chains running parallel to the c-axis.

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Synthesis, structures and characterization of organotin complexes derived from 3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl alcohol

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Organotin complexes comprises of an important class in organometallic chemistry in view of its structural diversity and biological activity. Among these compounds, organotin carboxylates have drawn considerable attention attributed to its significant important anti-tumor properties. Although the structures of organotin carboxylates are closely related in the solid state form, there is a clear progression from monomeric species to infinite polymeric chains. In the present studies, a series of organotins were prepared from 2-(3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)sulfanyl acetic acid and 3,5-di-*tert*-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)sulfanylethanediazine Schiff base ligands. The complexes were characterized by various spectroscopic methods including IR, NMR spectroscopies. The X-ray structures of the crystalline complexes were reported. The presence of the two bulky *tert*-butyl on the phenyl ring prevents any intermolecular or intramolecular hydrogen bonding interaction involving the hydroxy group.

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Structure-property relationships in phosphorus-based nanoporous metal oxides

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Interest in organic-inorganic hybrid nanoporous materials has spiked recently due to the emerging discovery of new structures and interesting new properties. The system of organically templated phosphorus-based metal oxides especially stood out over the past ten years for its remarkable structural porosity and intriguing optical property. Our recent study on metal phosphates/phosphites made several breakthroughs on creating novel structures, discovering new chemistry and intriguing property.^[1-6] NTHU-4, a 14-membered-ring channel structure of zinc gallium phosphate, is the first metal-activator-free yellow and white-light phosphor; NTHU-6, the first oxalatophosphate with hexameric octahedral Ga-O cluster that emit bright yellow light; NTHU-7, the first organically templated gallium oxalatophosphite with unprecedented nanotubular structure, is a yellow-green phosphor. All these can be used as color-conversion phosphor for LEDs. Following NTHU-2, we successfully prepared an organo-metallophosphate, NTHU-8, which exhibits a three-dimensional hybrid framework containing nanometer-sized channels with intriguing bimodal porosity. The unique adsorption property grants NTHU-8 potential in application of hydrogen storage. In addition, our latest study on a novel layered zinc phosphate, NTHU-9, revealed a unique metal-activator-free orange phosphor with dual photo-generated properties, photoluminescence and photochromism. Structural features and distinct properties of these novel open-framework materials will be presented and discussed.

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Crystal morphological study on the solubility limits of synthetic Al-substituted goethite

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This study has examined the crystal structure of synthetic Al-substituted goethites and the relationship between the Al substitution and unit cell parameters. We have also attempted to establish the limit of Al for Fe substitution in the formation of Al-goethites based on XRD and TEM analysis.

Aluminium substituted goethites were synthesised by ageing of coprecipitated $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ and $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ in KOH solution at 70°C [1]. The effects of aluminium substitution on the crystal morphology of the solid solution were studied by XRD and TEM (Fig. 1&2). The particle size decreases with the increase of aluminium substitution (Fig. 2). Elemental analysis suggests that Al for Fe substitution is limited since only a portion of the available aluminium was incorporated in the goethite structure. The strain in the goethite structure, caused by the smaller Al^{3+} ion incorporation could contribute to the substitution limit for aluminous goethite [2]. A more complicated mechanism is expected for the formation of the diaspore-goethite solid solution. Thermal analysis results show two endothermic peaks at ~75°C and ~290°C for synthetic Al-goethite, which are attributed to the loss of surface-absorbed water and the dehydroxylation of Al-goethite respectively. The temperature for the latter peak increased with increasing Al substitution.

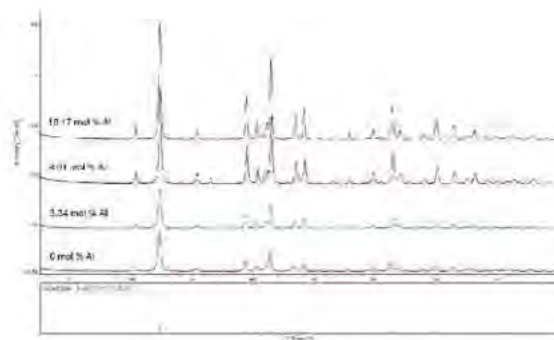


Figure 1. XRD patterns of Al-goethite samples

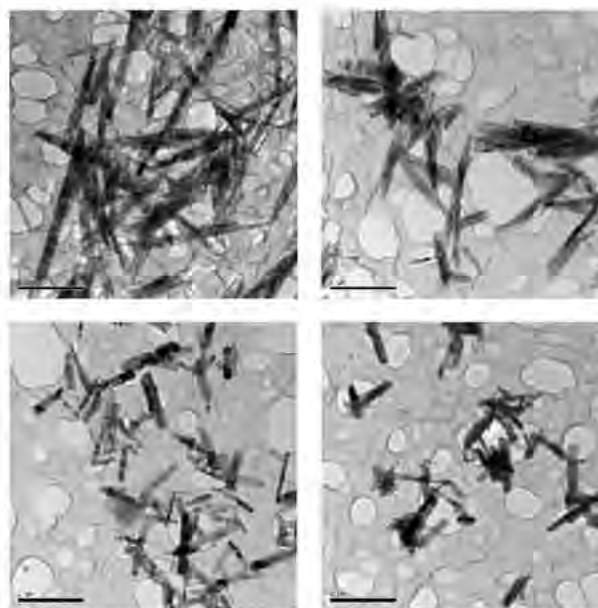


Figure 2. TEM of Al substituted goethite (Al substitution: top left: 0 %; top right: 3.34 %; bottom left: 8.01%; bottom right: 10.0%. Bar=1μm)

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Influence of cation vacancies on the phase composition of iron sulphides 29 years after synthesis

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There was studied the dependence of the phase composition on the sulphur-iron ratio in the pyrrhotite (Fe_nS) samples after being synthesized at 1273 K and kept in the atmosphere at room temperature for 29 years. The iron sulfides with S/Fe ratio from 1.0 up to 2.0 have been obtained. The crystal structure of iron sulfides as directly after synthesis, so after air storage were investigated using the X-ray analysis method. The samples obtained after air storage contained goethite $\text{FeO}(\text{OH})$, czomolnokite $\{\text{Fe}(\text{SO}_4)(\text{H}_2\text{O})\}$, pyrite FeS_2 , troilite FeS , smythite Fe_8S_9 and pyrrhotite with the phase composition Fe_{1-n}S (1C - hexagonal pyrrhotite) and Fe_7S_8 (4C - monoclinia pyrrhotite).

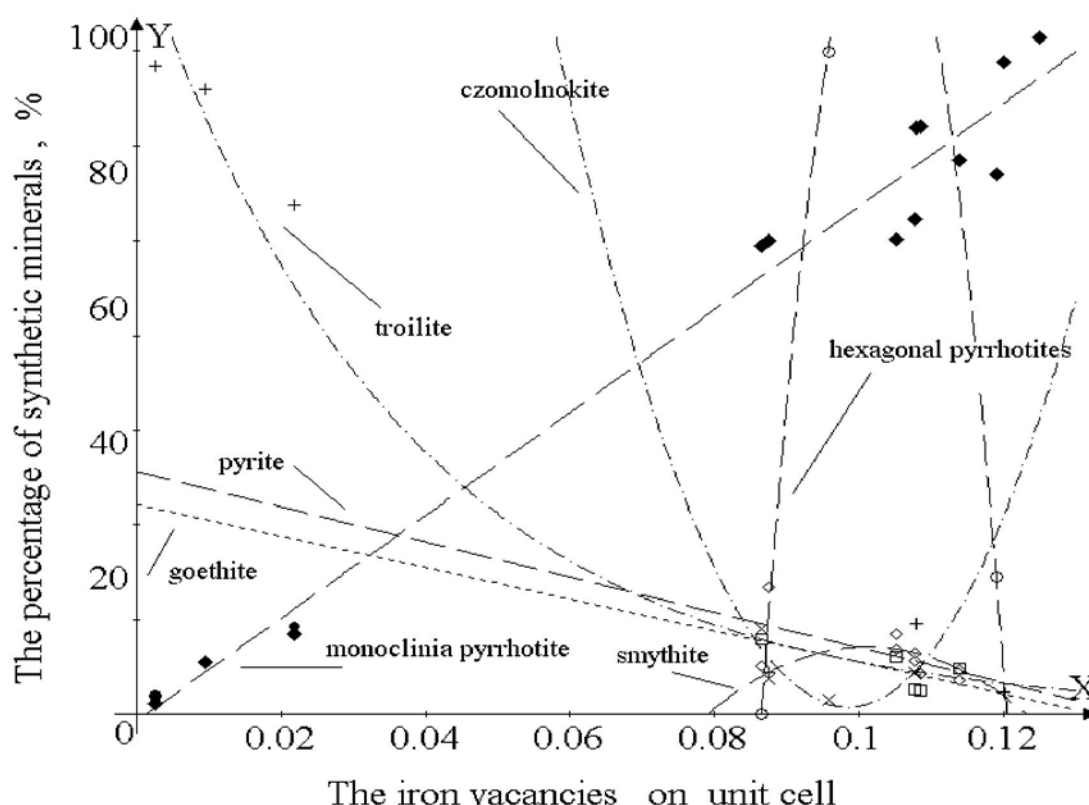


Fig.1. The diagram of phase ratio of the synthetic iron sulphides.

The purpose of the work: to study influence of cation vacancies on the phase composition of iron sulphides 29 years after synthesis. Conclusions: 1) The area of the pyrrhotites' homogeneous samples in the stable phase has been determined. The single-phase samples (according to the results of the X-ray research) correspond to the structures. 2) The diagram of phase ratio of the pyrrhotites sustained isothermally in the atmosphere of the Earth for 29 years has been offered.

The crystal structure of a new dioxo-molybdenum(VI) complex of a tridentate Schiff base ligand

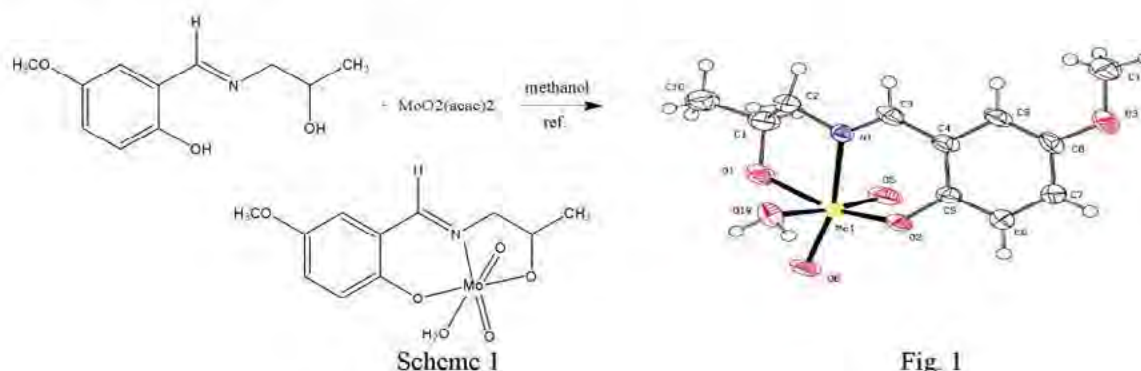
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A new dioxo-molybdenum (VI) complex [MoO₂ (L)(H₂O)] has been synthesized, using 2-((E)-(2-hydroxypropylimino)methyl)-4-methoxyphenol as tridentate ONO donor Schiff base ligand (H₂L) and MoO₂(acac)₂ [Scheme 1] by usual method[1]. A Triclinic space group P-1 was determined by X-ray crystallography from single-crystal data of this complex. Suitable crystals of this complex were obtained as yellow plates. The intensity data were collected at 233K (-40°C) on a Stoe Mark II-Image Plate Diffraction System [2] and using MoK α graphite monochromatic radiation. Image plate distance 130 mm, Θ rotation scans 0 - 180° at Φ 0°, and 0 - 55° at Φ 90°, step $\Delta\omega$ = 1.5°, exposures of 7 mins per image, 2 θ range 1.76 - 52.59°, dmin - dmax = 23.107 - 0.802 Å. The structure was solved by Direct methods using the program SHELXS-97 [2]. The refinement and all further calculations were carried out using SHELXL-97 [3]. The crystal structure of this metal complex is shown in Figure 1.



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Synthesis, crystal structure, and fluorescence property of chalcone derivatives

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Two chalcone derivatives namely, (E)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]prop-2-en-1-one (1) and (E)-1-(4-bromophenyl)-3-[4-(diethylamino)phenyl]prop-2-en-1-one (2) were synthesized by aldol condensation. Their structures were established on the basis of ¹H-NMR, FT-IR and UV-Vis spectroscopy and single-crystal X-ray structure determination. Both compounds crystallize out in monoclinic system with space group P2₁/c. Under UV light, compounds 1 and 2 exhibited strong fluorescence emission at λ_{em} 529 and 526 nm, respectively, when was excited at 435 nm in CHCl₃.

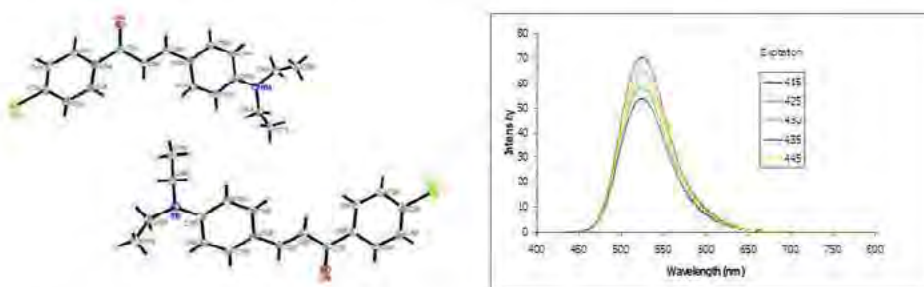


Fig 1. The crystal structure and emission spectra of compound 1.

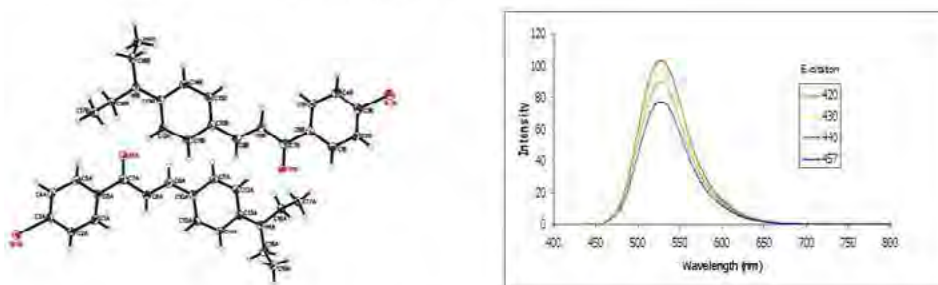


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Partial resolution of racemic Cu(I) complex via crystallization

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Chiral resolution is a most desired process in organic synthesis, especially when medical implication is involved. Most racemic compounds form racemic crystals. Spontaneous resolution of the racemic compounds into conglomerate crystals—crystal contains only one of the two enantiomers—is rare. Ever since Louis Pasteur demonstrated the spontaneous resolution of sodium ammonium tartrate by crystallization of the two enantiomers, people have been trying to apply this method with only limited success. The laws governing the spontaneous separation are still not fully understood, except perhaps the recognition of weak intermolecular interactions to be one important key factor behind the laws.

In attempts to synthesize and study the reactivity of some copper iminophosphine complexes, we accidentally observed a conglomerate crystal formation from the racemic Cu (I) complex. The racemic Cu (I) complex (Figure 1) crystallized into two different crystal forms in the THF/hexane solution. One crystal form is centric with both R and S enantiomers crystallized pair-wise. The other crystal form is non-centric with solely one form packed in helical fashion. This is a significant observation since the later form represents spontaneous resolution of the racemic Cu (I) complex. Both crystal structures are examined in detail and the different interactions within their solid structures are discussed.

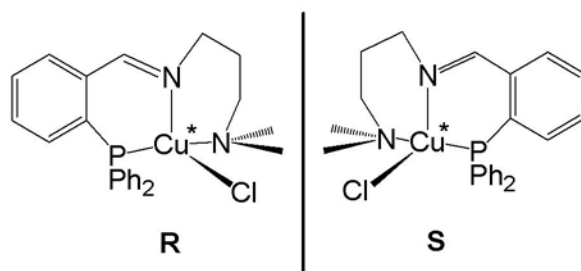


Figure 1. Structure of R and S enantiomers of Cu (I) [P,N,N] complex

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Disordering of the $[\text{NbOF}_5]^{2-}$ anions in centrosymmetric structures of $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{NO}_2)_2[\text{NbOF}_5]$, $(\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2)_2[\text{NbOF}_5]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$, $[\text{Sn}_2\text{F}_2][\text{NbOF}_5]$, $\text{K}_4[\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_8][\text{NbOF}_5]$ and $\text{Mn}[\text{NbOF}_5]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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The interest in the compounds of transition metals with distorted coordination polyhedra is caused by their extreme importance at designing materials with structure-dependent properties. The metals of the above type include niobium whose atom is displaced in the $[\text{NbOF}_5]^{2-}$ anion along the Nb=O bond in the O atom direction. The present communication is devoted to studies of disordering of the $[\text{NbOF}_5]^{2-}$ complex ion in centrosymmetric structures of $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{NO}_2)_2[\text{NbOF}_5]$ (I) (space group $P2_1/c$), $(\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2)_2[\text{NbOF}_5]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (II) (space group $P\bar{1}$), $\text{K}_4[\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_8][\text{NbOF}_5]$ (III) (space group $P\bar{1}$), $[\text{Sn}_2\text{F}_2][\text{NbOF}_5]$ (IV) (space group $P2_1/n$), $\alpha\text{-Mn}[\text{NbOF}_5]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (V) ($T = 153\text{ K}$, space group $P2_1/c$) and $\beta\text{-Mn}[\text{NbOF}_5]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (VI) ($T = 297\text{ K}$, space group $C2/m$).

Originally, the structures (I-VI) were solved for the Nb atoms located in the inversion centres and the F1 and O1 atoms occupying the same position. At this stage, the niobium atoms had significant thermal displacements along the Nb—F1/O1 bonds (Fig. 1a), while the Nb—F1/O1 bond lengths had the values of $1.91 \div 1.93\text{ \AA}$ almost equal to average values of axial bond lengths Nb=O and Nb—F in ordered structures. It was established on the basis of the analysis of the anisotropic displacement parameters of atoms and difference electron-density syntheses that the Nb atoms were displaced from the inversion centers along the Nb—F1/O1 bonds in the O atoms direction. Refinement of the structures with the Nb atoms split positions (see Fig. 1b) resulted in satisfactory anisotropy of niobium atoms and geometric parameters of $[\text{NbOF}_5]^{2-}$ anions comparable to those in ordered structures: (bond lengths) Nb=O from 1.75 up to 1.81 \AA ; Nb—F_{ax} from 2.03 up to 2.09 \AA ; Nb—F_{eq} from 1.92 up to 1.97 \AA . To sum up, in the structures (I-V) the Nb, O and F atoms in the *trans*-position relatively to the O atom are disordered in regard to inversion centers, while disordering is of a static character.

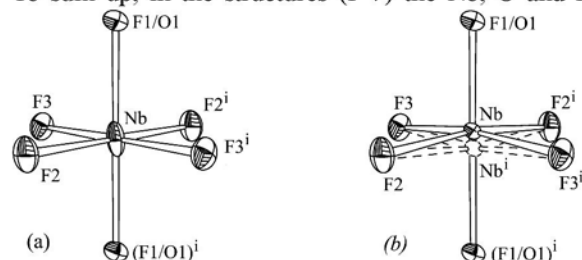


Figure 1. Overall view of the $[\text{NbOF}_5]^{2-}$ anion in I-VI structures showing the elongated displacement ellipsoids of the Nb atoms when situated on the inversion centre (a) and the disordered displacement of the Nb atoms from the inversion centre (b) [Symmetry code: (i) $-x, -y, -z$.]

In the crystals $\text{Mn}[\text{NbOF}_5]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, a phase transition was found in the temperature range from 282 up to 296 K. During the phase transition, a unit cell (α -phase) transforms into a C-centered one (β -phase). The transition into the β -phase is accompanied by splitting of all ligand positions near the Nb and Mn atoms into two equally probable ones. In our opinion, the reason for such a splitting consists in addition of dynamic disordering to the regular positional disordering of the α -phase, i.e. at temperatures higher than that of the phase transition one can observe abrupt changes of the orientation of Nb- and Mn-octahedra on two most probable positions, while the phase transition belongs to the type “order-disorder”.

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Crystal structure and microwave dielectric properties of indialite

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Recently, the utilizable frequency region for wireless communication has been expanded to millimeter wave, because of shortage of frequency resource, and request high speed and high data transfer rate. Personal area network (PAN) using non-condense high speed digital wireless telecommunications system, and radar for car anti-collision system are required high Q , low ϵ_r and temperature stable millimeter wave dielectrics. Silicates are candidate for millimeter wave dielectrics, because of low ϵ_r and high Q . Indialite ($\text{Mg}_2\text{Al}_4\text{Si}_5\text{O}_{18}$) is a kind of silicates, which is high temperature form of cordierite. Millimeter wave dielectric properties of cordierite are low dielectric constant: $\epsilon_r = 6.2$, high Q : $Qf = 39,900$ GHz, and temperature stable of resonate frequency: $TCf = -24$ ppm/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

The millimeter wave dielectric property of Ni-doped cordierite was improved the Qf from 39,900 to 90,600 GHz. The crystal structure of Ni-doped cordierite has a tendency to change to the indialite with high symmetry. The ordered $(\text{AlSi})_6\text{O}_{18}$ ring of cordierite deformed to disorder ring. It's confirmed by the volume sizes of SiO_4 and AlO_4 tetrahedra, and covalency between Si-O and Al-O bonds based on the crystal structure analysis.

In this study, indialite single crystals with hexagonal prism grown from melts are analyzed crystal structure, and relationships among the crystal structure and the millimeter wave dielectric properties are discussed.

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Novel anticancer agents: synthesis, crystal structures, cytotoxic activities, DNA-binding studies and topoisomerase II inhibitory of the sulfonyl containing 6-deoxyclitriacetal derivatives

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6-Deoxyclitriacetal (**1**) has been identified to have a good cytotoxic activity against various types of human carcinoma, possibly due to its ability to intercalate with DNA as evidenced *in vitro* assay [1]. The sulfonate derivatives of 6-deoxyclitriacetal were synthesized to enhance its cytotoxic activities as novel anticancers [2,3]. Screening of these compounds for cytotoxic activity has shown that tosylate derivative (**4**) was more potent and selective than commercial doxorubicin hydrochloride. X-ray structures and their cytotoxic activities have considerably revealed that the not only a bent-shaped structure but also the suitable functional groups at C11 play an important role in increasing their cytotoxicities. Additionally, the sulfonate derivatives were evaluated their ability to inhibit topoisomerase II activity. They had potentially inhibited the topoisomerase II more 70% inhibition. Finally, we studied the DNA-binding affinity of 6-deoxyclitriacetal and its sulfonate derivatives based on UV-Visible spectroscopic techniques [4].

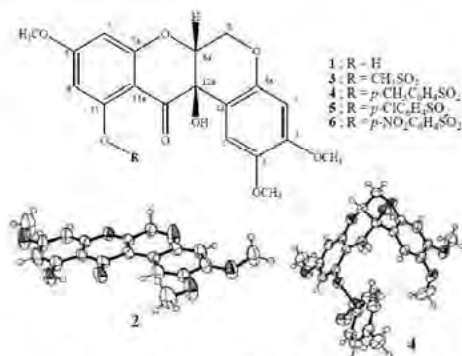


Figure 1 Chemical structures of 6-deoxyclitriacetal and its derivatives, ORTEP drawing of X-ray structures of dehydrated of 6-deoxyclitriacetal (**2**) and tosylate derivative (**4**)

Compound	Structure	%Topoisomerase II inhibition	Anticancer (IC ₅₀ (μg/mL))		
			KB	MCF7	NCI-H187
Doxorubicin	Bent	-	2.01	42.52	0.03
Stemonal	Planar	-	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
1	Bent	87	13.28	23.65	3.12
2	Planar	71	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
3	Bent	100	24.98	17.36	6.48
4	Bent	87	0.02	Inactive	0.02
5	Bent	Not inhibition	46.77	Inactive	0.41
6	Bent	Not inhibition	Inactive	Inactive	0.59

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Pressure-induced hydration and cation migration in a potassium-exchanged natrolite

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Natrolite ($\text{Na}_{16}\text{Al}_{16}\text{Si}_{24}\text{O}_{80}\cdot 16\text{H}_2\text{O}$) is one of the small pore zeolites that is built from cross-linked T_5O_{10} chain to form helical 8-ring channels along the c-axis. Within the natrolite channel, sodium cations and water molecules are orderly distributed in an 1:1 ratio. It is been known that under hydrostatic pressure, the channel water content of sodium-natrolite increases abruptly by 50% near 1 GPa and by 100% above 1.2 GPa. We have recently prepared a fully potassium-exchanged natrolite (K-NAT, $\text{K}_{15.2}\text{Al}_{16}\text{Si}_{24}\text{O}_{80}\cdot 14\text{H}_2\text{O}$) and found K-natrolite exhibits ca. 10% expanded unit cell volume at ambient conditions via reversed and statistically distributed potassium cations and water molecules, compared to the original Na-natrolite. In order to understand comparative high pressure chemistry of natrolite as a function of nonframework cation, high-pressure synchrotron X-ray powder diffraction was performed at beamlines 5A at PLS (Pohang Light Source) and X14A at NSLS (National Synchrotron Light Source). Under hydrostatic conditions mediated by pure water as pressure-transmitting medium, K-NAT exhibits volume discontinuities involving ca. 3.8 % expansion near 1 GPa and ca. 2.2 % contraction above 2.5 GPa. Preliminary result from Rietveld refinements suggests that the expansion near 1 GPa is due to pressure-induced hydration, whereas the contraction above 2.5 GPa is via cation and water redistribution within the channel toward an ordered fashion as observed in the superhydrated Na-NAT.

Raman spectral and X-ray diffraction of CO₂ absorption Into natrolite under high-pressure

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Zeolite minerals have their unique physical and chemical properties due to their typical structure, which composed of corner connected networks of (Al, Si)O₄ tetrahedra, yielding cavities and channels, occupied by extra-framework charge balancing metal cations and water molecules. In recent years, there many researchers investigated their usage as selective adsorbents in gases purification processes. In order to understand the adsorption of small gas CO₂ on zeolite, we have carried out a comprehensive investigation of the adsorbents of carbon dioxide on natrolite by micro-Raman spectroscopy and x-ray diffraction under high temperature and high pressure. We found the breathing mode of elliptical channel display a relatively large redshift around 0.6 GPa and 90°C using CO₂ as a pressure medium, which implied the expansion of the natrolite framework. At the same time, new Raman peaks start to appeared in the patterns. On the basis of the structural refinement of XRD data, the natrolite shows an abrupt volume expansion near 1.4 GPa and 110°C, which is in good agreement with our Raman results. These anomalous behaviors indicate the preferential absorption of CO₂ into the natrolite channel.

Structures of herbal compounds: 5-hydroxy substituted flavones

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Flavonones have recognized spasmolytic, expectorant, antiulcer, liver-protecting and antimicrobial properties [1]. Flavones are a class of flavonoids with the phenyl substituent in position 2 of the benzo-pyrone ring. The title compounds: 5-hydroxy 7,8,2'-rimethoxy flavone (I); 5-hydroxy-7-2'-6'-trimethoxy flavone (II) and 5,2'-Dihydroxy-7-methoxyflavanone (III) were isolated from the whole plant of *Andrographis echioides* Nees (Acanthaceae), an erect herb widely distributed in the dry districts of tropical India and Sri Lanka [2]. The leaf juice of the plant is used as a remedy for fevers [3]. The study of the leaves leads to the isolation of the flavones, dihydroechioidinin, echioidinin, ethioidin, skullcapflavone 1,21-O methyl ether and skullcapflavone 1,21-O glucoside [4,5]. The structure determination of the title compounds, (I)(II) & (III), were undertaken as a part of our ongoing structure-activity study aimed at designing more active compounds, and in order to study the conformational features of the compounds.

Crystal data:

(I) 5-hydroxy 7,8,2'-rimethoxy flavone compound (C₁₈H₁₆O₆), crystallizes in triclinic system with P-1 space group. The cell parameters are $a = 7.602(2)$, $b = 8.7563(10)$, $c = 11.642(3)$ Å, $\alpha = 5.252(16)$, $\beta = 84.838(12)$, $\gamma = 78.469(14)^\circ$ and $V = 754.6(3)$ Å³. The structure has a final $R1 = 0.0315$ & $wR2 = 0.0883$.

(II) 5-hydroxy-7-2'-6'-trimethoxy flavone compound (C₁₈H₁₆O₆), crystallizes in Monoclinic system with P 21/c space group. The cell parameters are $a = 11.003(7)$, $b = 11.015(7)$, $c = 13.734(9)$ Å, $\beta = 113.159(10)^\circ$, and $V = 1530.4(17)$ Å³. The structure has a final $R1 = 0.0372$ & $WR2 = 0.0918$.

(III) 5,2'-Dihydroxy-7-methoxyflavanone compound (C₁₆ H₁₄ O₅), crystallizes in Monoclinic system with P 21/c space group. The cell parameters are $a = 10.1961(10)$, $b = 7.5600(8)$, $c = 18.243(2)$, $\beta = 105.59(2)^\circ$, and $V = 1354.5(2)$ Å³. The structure has a final $R1 = 0.0638$ & $wR2 = 0.1559$.



Fig I



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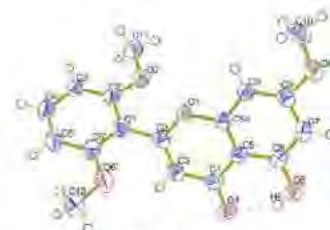


Fig:III

The hydroxyl group at C5 has a gauche arrangement with respect to the H5–O5–C5–C4a giving rise to a strong intramolecular contact between the H atom of the O5 hydroxyl group and carbonyl atom, O4. This leads to the formation of a pseudo-six-membered ring comprising of atoms O4, C4, C4a, C5, O5 and H5. Intermolecular hydrogen bonds 1) C6–H6...O5 links the molecules into layers. Within the layer, every molecule is linked by Intermolecular hydrogen bonds and are stabilized by π - π interactions.

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Crystal chemical screening of the ICSD for discovery of materials with high Li⁺ mobility

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The Inorganic Crystal Structure Database (ICSD) contains crystallographic information for 4,000+ Li-containing materials. Only a small proportion of these structures have been experimentally studied to determine their Li-ion conductivity as direct electrochemical measurements for such a large number of materials are not feasible. We employ economical computational methods to identify compounds with certain crystal structural pre-requisites for more detailed studies by more accurate theoretical and experimental methods.

We implement the Bond Valence Sum energy map method to test whether a crystal structure possesses infinite ion-conduction pathways suitable for Li⁺ transport. An example of such maps is shown in Fig. 1. As a result we have identified a number of materials which show promise as good Li⁺-conductors. The details of the analysis and discussion of crystal structural features of the identified materials will be presented.

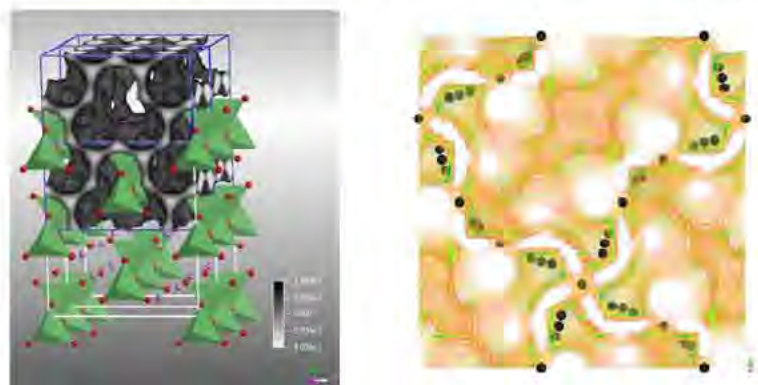


Fig 1. Above are shown examples of BVS energy maps which show infinitely connected pathways, an important prerequisite to Li-ion conductivity. In both diagrams, the shaded areas indicate likely positions of Li-ions. Observe the correlation between the experimentally measured location of the partially occupied Li-ions (black dots in right picture) and the BVS predicted locations.

Capture of hydroxyl group (OH) cationic vacancies in structures of the Pyrrhotite

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In consequence with the research of minerals of the ocean floor the interest to the connections the structure of which includes hydroxyl group (OH) has increased.

Samples for research were prepared using the method of dry synthesis by sintering settlement amount of components in vacuum in quartz ampoules at temperature 1000°C with a various mode of cooling. Samples were synthesised in 1979 in the laboratory of L.V. Kirensky Institute of Physics (Krasnoyarsk). After synthesis the samples were maintained at the room temperature (~ 25°C) in atmospheric conditions until the repeated X-ray analysis. In 2008 the samples were studied again in the laboratory of the X-ray analysis of Siberian Federal University.

The purpose of the work: determination of pyrrhotites structure changes when hydroxyl group (OH) is introduced into it.

Results:

1. Metastable pyrrhotites were resolving into goethite $\{\text{FeO}(\text{HO})\}$. In proximity stoichiometric FeS the maintenance of a goethite was maximum ($x=1.04$). At increase in parity S/Fe the maintenance of a goethite exponentially fell down. For example, for $x = 1.105$ it comprised of already 6.62 %.
2. The contents of a czomolnokite was marked by largest extremum for $x=1.48$ and comprised of 56.13 %. Percentage of this phase decreased both with increase x , and with its reduction. For example, for $x = 1.66$ czomolnokite in samples percentage 11.65 %, and for $x=1.158$ - comprised of 6.19 %.
3. The maximum percentage hydroxyl group (OH) reached compound of 10.79 % for $x=1.48$. Thus together with czomolnokite the phase hydronium was fixed also. With reduction x the maintenance of hydroxyl group (OH) in samples also decreased to value 1.7 ($x = 1.158$), and then increased to value of 3.74 % ($x=1.04$). As this takes place to the right of a minimum the phase rhomboclase together with czomolnokite was fixed, and at the left - the phase parabutlerite was fixed in unison with goethite.
4. The phase rozenite was fixed in proximity a minimum with rather high maintenance of sulphur in samples ($x=1.73$). Percentage hydroxyl group (OH) in this case comprised of 4.25 %.

Automation in single crystal X-ray diffraction (SC-XRD)

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Automation has greatly improved speed, quality and reliability for a wide range of analytical instruments. It has lead to lower costs per sample on one hand and released the scientist from routine work on the other. Recently we developed a software tool (*XPRESSO*), which is capable of running an entire diffraction experiment and analysis autonomously. It is available as an integral part of the *APEX2* software suite. *XPRESSO* represents a milestone in experimental automation hitherto only reached by the SMART X2S, the first ever fully automated desktop diffractometer. Automation in SC-XRD will allow for both: opening the method for a broader range of applicants, who will benefit from the method's analytical power and reduce the workload on crystallographers allowing them to focus on crystallographically more challenging samples.

The methodology of the crystallographic engine will be described in detail. Examples of structures[1,2] solved using this approach will be presented.

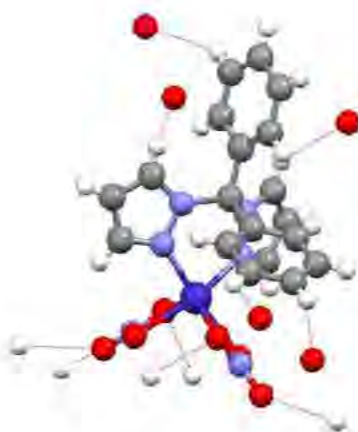


Figure 1: The molecule of $\text{Co(dpdpm)(NO}_3)_2$, automatically solved with the X2S[1]. The hydrogen bonds to neighbouring molecules are shown as dotted lines.

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Making the most of a SuperNova diffractometer equipped with both Mo and Cu micro-focus sources, an Atlas detector and AutoChem

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The advent of dual wavelength X-ray diffractometers (like the **Gemini** platform first introduced in 2005) brought the one-click convenience of choosing the radiation used on a sample per sample basis to the home laboratory. In practice, this meant that routine structure determinations of an organometallic sample (most typically using Mo K α) could be easily followed by determining the absolute configuration of a light atom (C,H,N,O) crystal (most typically done with Cu K α) without the need to spend several hours or days in order to reconfigure the instrument.

Further improvements in both the source and detector technologies over the last few years meant, that the performance of the dual wavelength *micro-focus* instruments (such as the **SuperNova Atlas** system first launched in 2008) afforded a dramatic jump in throughput as well as pushed the limits of what is possible to achieve with in-house measurements.

Examples that clearly showcase the capabilities of this instrument will be presented including a complete and automated structure determination in under 10 minutes from mounting to cif file creation, a high-resolution charge density measurement, the determination of the absolute configuration of a purely hydrocarbon-based crystal as well as establishing the presence of a bound ligand in a protein sample – all using the same hardware setup controlled by CrysAlis^{Pro}.

Keywords: crysalis pro, absolute configuration, charge density, protein diffraction, autochem

Photoinduced rearrangement of *N*-chlorinated acetanilides and benzanilides to chloroaromatic amides in the solid state: Inverted relative stability of Π_N and Σ_N amidyl radicals

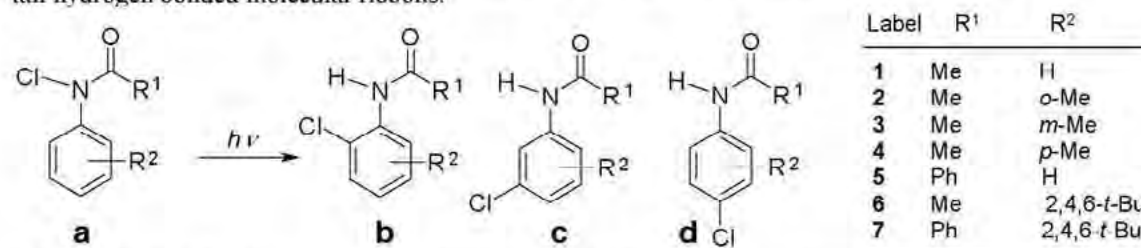
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When solid *N*-chloroacetanilide (**1a**) is exposed to UV light, or even to unfiltered natural sunlight, it undergoes a solid-to-solid photoreaction, whereupon *p*-chloroacetanilide (**1d**) is obtained in very high yield (see the Scheme).¹ During the reaction, following photolysis of the N—Cl bond, a chlorine atom from the *N*-chloroamide group of each molecule is transferred to an aromatic ring of an adjacent molecule within the undulated head-to-tail hydrogen bonded molecular ribbons.



Scheme. Photoinduced rearrangement of substituted *N*-chloroanilides and benzanilides.

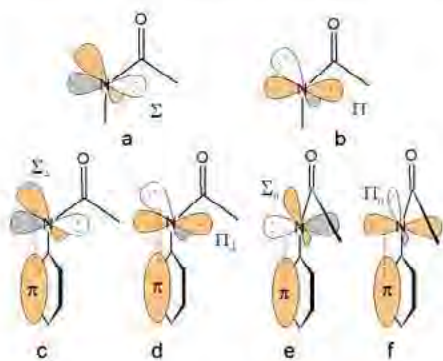


Figure (left). Simplified schematic representation of orbital interaction of the Σ_N (a, c, e) and Π_N (b, d, f) states of simple aliphatic (a, b) and aromatic (c–f) *N*-centered amidyl radicals.

On a series of seven substituted *N*-chlorinated acetanilides and benzanilides (Scheme) we demonstrate here that this photoinduced reaction is a new, more general solid-state rearrangement, by means of which UV-excited *N*-chloroaromatic amides are converted into chloroaromatic amides

via amidyl (acylaminy) radical intermediates. Although the Π_N state of the acyclic amidyl radicals is usually preferred over the Σ_N configuration, stabilization by aromatic conjugation and steric constraints decrease significantly the Π – Σ gap in these intermediates, leading to equal probability of the unpaired electron for population of both available orbitals.² Extensive theoretical calculations of the relative Π – Σ energies of the photoinduced *cis* and *trans*-amidyl radicals indicate that they are produced by photolysis of the sterically overcrowded *N*-chlorinated acetanilides and benzanilides which can exist as Σ_N radicals in the solid state.

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Topochemical limits for solid-state photoreactivity by fine tuning of the π --- π interactions

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By utilizing a series of six solid forms of a single planar dicarboxylic acid as a low-dimensional supramolecular entity able for self-templation (Figure), in this work we assessed in great detail the effect of several structural factors on photodimerization reactivity.¹ The results showed that the distance between the reactive olefinic bonds (d) has comparably greater effect on the yield and distribution of the products than either of the slippage (q_2) or inclination (q_3) of the bond planes relative to each other. Although semi-quantitatively, the decreasing trend of the photochemical yield corresponds well with the increasing bond separation. From the present set of structures, it was concluded that all *parallel* double bonds separated to ≤ 4.0165 Å are reactive. Bonds with d slightly larger than this value may be, but are not necessarily reactive. The inactivity is facilitated by relative twisting of the bonds ($q_1 \neq 0$). On the basis of the semi-quantitative correlations for the photoreactive forms, and the similarity of the yields of forms F and E, the distance between the olefinic bonds in form F whose structure could not be determined, is predicted as ≥ 4.01 Å. The reactivity is also affected by the charge (neutral or ionic) of the reacting molecule and specific intermolecular interactions in which the reactive functionality participates. This first report on the solid-state photochemistry of the bisstyrylbenzene moiety demonstrates, in much more direct and quantitative way than it has been established before, the effect of subtle structural factors on the reactivity for photodimerization of double bonds in crystalline state.

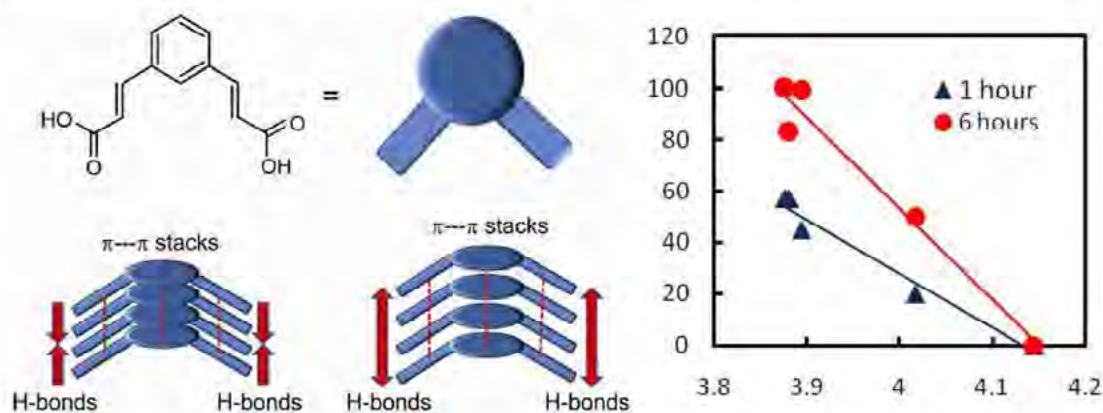


Figure. Left: Schematic of the control over the weak interaction (π - π stacking) by employing strong interaction (hydrogen bonding) in a self-templated bisstyrylbenzene moiety. Right: Dependence of the dimerization yield (y axis, in %) from the NMR data on the π - π stacking distance (x axis, in Å) after 1 hour and 6 hours from the onset of the UV irradiation.

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Different complexation behavior of a proton transfer compound obtained from 2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline and 4-hydroxypyridine-2,6-dicarboxylic acid with Cr(III), Co(III), Ni(II) and Cu(II)

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Different aspects of proton transfer have been widely studied [1-3]. In recent years, we have been interested in synthesis of proton transfer compounds and study of their behavior with metal ions [4-6]. The title compounds, (dmpH)[Cr(chelH)₂].3H₂O, **1**, [Co(chelH₂)(chelH)].dmp.4H₂O, **2**, (dmpH)[Ni(chelH)₂].4H₂O, **3** and [Cu(chelH)(dmp)].3H₂O, **4** (dmp is 2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline and chelH₃ is chelidamic acid or 4-hydroxypyridine-2,6-dicarboxylic acid) were obtained by one-pot reaction of 2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline and 4-hydroxypyridine-2,6-dicarboxylic acid with corresponding salts in aqueous solution. The compounds were fully characterized and their structures were determined by X-ray crystallography. The compounds **1**, **2** and **3** are similar in coordination sphere around the metal ions, with some differences between protonation sites of chelidamate ion and the charge of complex, but compound **4** is essentially different. The compounds **1**, **2** and **3** are six coordinated, but **4** is five coordinated. In comparison, the compounds **1**, **2**, and **3** contain (chelH)²⁻ coordinated to Cr(III), Ni(II) and Co(II) to form an anionic complex and dmp species as a counterion and water molecules in the crystal structure, but **4** differently has both (chelH)²⁻ and dmp species coordinated to Cu(II) forming a neutral complex with water molecules in the crystal structure. There are various O-H...O, O-H...N and N-H...O hydrogen bonds found in the structures.

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Comparison with three H-, Si- and C-based giant materials on the various planetary materials

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Introduction: The H (hydrogen), Si (silicon) and C (carbon) elements are the most abundant elements from elemental abundances based on Si (106) at the Solar System, mineral crust and life materials, respectively. There are few reports on structure and compositional comparison of giant molecules H, Si and C on water- Earth and water-less planetary bodies, which is main purpose of the present paper [1, 2, 3]. H-based giant molecules: H-bearing materials of water, vapor and ice are the most significant state changes for active planet and human activity. However, water molecule (H₂O) and hydroxyl ion (OH), respectively, are mainly referred to life activity for water-planet Earth, which are investigated by the molecules of the spectral analyzers (Infra-Red and Raman etc.). It is very difficult to form water molecules on the water-less space and planetary bodies due to sources of O (oxygen) isolated, though the H element is main production of any space from nuclear fusion of star in the Sun. Therefore, continuous collisions on the rocky materials of Si-O (silicate) composition are required by dynamic impact process. Si-based giant materials of silica: Tetrahedral structure of silica (SiO₄) shows various changes in solid replacements to silicate minerals (from olivine to feldspar) on Earth's rocks. At high temperature and pressure conditions, the bulk structure by the X ray-powder diffraction shows quartz silica pattern with different calculated density as giant silica structure with foreign elements and remnants of high critical conditions found at impact materials (such as shocked quartz) and burned materials in industry (fly ashes of coal ashes and glass slag). C-based giant molecules: Carbon-bearing giant molecules are changed at three states of carbon dioxides in vapor and liquid, and graphite and diamond in solid states. After high temperature and pressure conditions, the bulk structure by the X ray-powder diffraction shows graphite carbon pattern with different calculated density as giant carbon structures with foreign elements and remnants of high critical conditions. Recent technique can produce micro-diamonds by impact condition from carbon-bearing materials at every places, which is main problems for minor or major crystalline structure by spectral studies of the IR or Raman method. Amorphous carbon is amorphous in major but tiny crystalline grains in minor structure, which is main difficulty to identify a diamond for many papers. In-situ SEM electron microscopic observation: In order to identify the bulk carbon and silica structures with various "different compositions without the X-ray diffraction", the Field-Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy (FE-SEM) are applied in this study to elucidate aggregates of nano-particles for carbon-rich or silica-rich particles for X-ray bulk minerals of quartz silica and graphite carbons. **Summary:** X-ray powder diffraction indicates average mineral structures of giant molecules, whereas in-situ SEM observation indicates aggregates of nano-particles with remained at previous critical conditions. These differences are considered to be caused by material changes at three states (vapor-liquid-solid) to produce various progressive changes through critical conditions.

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Local structure of Co-based additives in $\text{LiBH}_4 + \text{LiNH}_2$ system

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Hydrogen is the favored energy carriers for the future society, because it has high energetic power and only produces water by combustion. Considering the utilization of hydrogen as the mobile application, it becomes important to exploit a novel hydrogen-storage method with minimum risks. Promising materials for that purpose are light-weight complex hydrides, since they have a high storage capacity per unit volume. $\text{LiBH}_4 + \text{LiNH}_2$ system is one of the high capacity hydrogen storage systems. Mixture of LiBH_4 and LiNH_2 can form a stable compound. Recently, it has been reported that a doping of CoCl_2 decreases the dehydrogenation temperature of mixture of LiBH_4 and LiNH_2 [1].

In order to understand the reaction mechanism and the influence of CoCl_2 additive, we have performed x-ray absorption fine structure (XAFS) spectroscopy at the Co *K*-edge. Moreover, we have also used dispersive XAFS equipment which consists of a curved crystal and a position sensitive detector, with a simultaneous measurement of quadrupole mass spectroscopy (QMS).

The sample of $\text{LiBH}_4 + \text{LiNH}_2 + 5\text{wt}\% \text{CoCl}_2$ was prepared by ball milling for 2 h. We observed the XAFS spectra for the milled sample and the dehydrogenated sample as shown in Figures 1 and 2. With the analysis of the extended energy region of the spectra, it is deduced that the Co atoms form a mixed structure of metal and boride phase at 298-473 K for the milled sample. At 673 K, the amount of the boride phase is increased, which is connected to the increase of the peak at 7727 eV. A large metal Co particle is formed at 873 K with a complete different structure of XAFS spectra. The dehydrogenated sample shows a similar structural change with the milled sample as temperature increases. However, the amount of the transformation is not as large as the milled sample undergoes. These results may indicate that the structural transformation of the Co metal phase influences the decrease of the dehydrogenation temperature for the $\text{LiBH}_4 + \text{LiNH}_2$ system.

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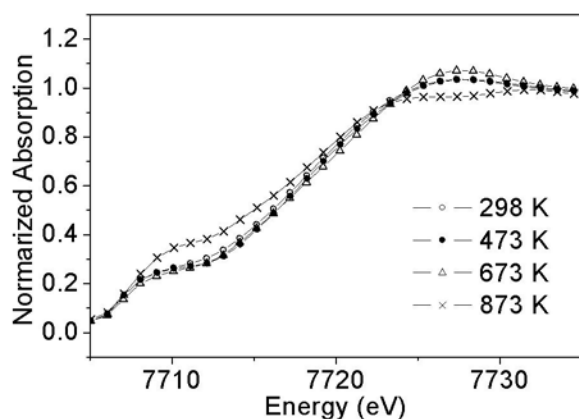


Figure 1. XAFS spectra for the milled samples.

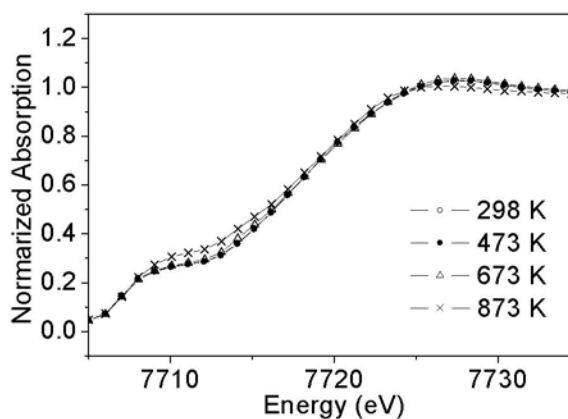


Figure 2. XAFS spectra for the dehydrogenated samples.

Molecular dynamics simulations of structure and dynamics of organic molecular crystals

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Atomic vibrations and reorientations of part or all of a molecule affect a broad range of bulk crystal properties. Most of our knowledge of this motion in crystals comes from various kinds of diffraction, solid state NMR, IR and Raman experiments, but molecular dynamics (MD) provides an alternative method of investigating motion in crystals. It provides direct information on the displacements, types of motion and frequencies of such processes. However, it is still difficult to assess the reliability of MD simulations at reproducing the dynamics aspects of molecules in crystals. We have begun to address this question by examining how well classical MD simulations reproduce structure and dynamics in a sample of organic molecular crystals.

Model compounds covering a range of polarity and flexibility have been simulated using GAFF, CHARMM22, OPLS and MM3 force fields. Results for molecular and crystal structure and thermal motion, including molecular reorientations and internal rotations, have been compared between force fields and with experimental data. The MM3 force field does not perform well in condensed phase simulations, while GAFF, CHARMM and OPLS perform similarly. Molecular and crystal structures are generally reproduced well, with a few exceptions. Atomic displacement parameters (ADPs) are generally underestimated and, although on the order of experimental values, have a relative error of up to 50%. Examples of molecular reorientation and internal rotation observed in the simulations include in-plane reorientations of benzene, methyl rotation in alanine, decane, and isopropylcyclohexane, pyramidal inversion of nitrogen in amino groups and rotation of amino groups around the C-N bond. Frequencies of such dynamic processes were calculated, as well as thermodynamic properties for reorientations in benzene and alanine.

We conclude that MD simulations can be used for qualitative analysis, while quantitative results should be taken with caution. It is important to compare the simulations with as many experimental quantities as available before using them to study or quantify crystal properties not available from experiment.

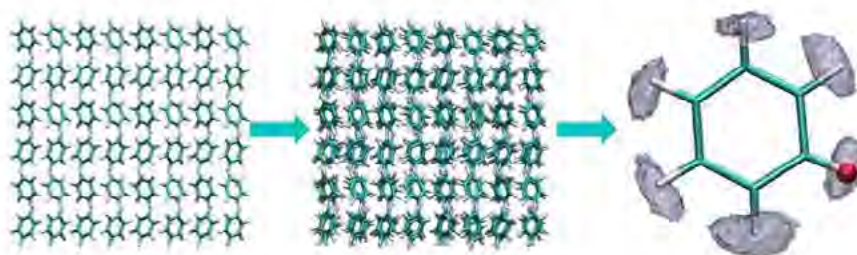


Figure 1. Schematic representation of the simulations. Left to right: the crystal structure of benzene; a snapshot from a CHARMM22 simulation at 218 K; probability isosurfaces for a single hydrogen atom.

Crystal structure of new cobaloxime complex with photochromic azobenzene derivatives as axial base ligand

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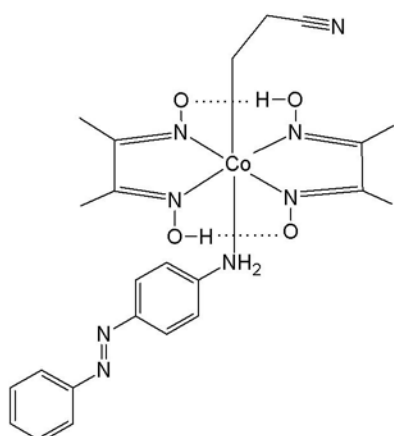
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It has been reported that β -cyanoethyl cobaloxime complex isomerizes to α -cyanoethyl one by the photoirradiation of visible light in the crystalline-state. On the other hand, azobenzene is well-known for its photochromic reaction: it reversibly isomerizes from trans- to cis-azobenzene. In order to control the reactivity of photochromism by changing the environment in the crystalline-state, we investigated new β -cyanoethyl cobaloxime complexes with azobenzene derivatives as axial base ligands.

(β -cyanoethyl)(4-aminoazobenzene)cobaloxime was synthesized. Two pseudo-polymorphic single crystals, solvate 1 and unsolvate 2, were obtained from methanol solution (methanol:water = 6:1) and ethanol, respectively. The structures were determined by single crystal X-ray analysis. The crystallographic data are (1): $a = 16.4674(4)$ Å, $b = 10.0509(2)$ Å, $c = 32.1190(6)$ Å, $\beta = 95.810(1)^\circ$, $V = 5288.78(6)$ Å³, monoclinic, space group: P21/c, $Z = 8$, $R1 = 0.045$, (2): $a = 23.341(3)$ Å, $b = 6.5350(7)$ Å, $c = 16.9110(19)$ Å, $\beta = 91.508(6)^\circ$, $V = 2578.6(5)$ Å³, monoclinic, space group: P21/c, $Z = 4$, $R1 = 0.054$. In the crystal of 1 (Fig. 1), two cobaloxime complexes, molecule A and molecule B, with one crystal water and one methanol molecule are present in the asymmetric unit. The coordinated 4-aminoazobenzenes are planar, and have trans conformation in both A and B. The conformation of -cyanoethyl group of molecule A is oriented parallel to the cobaloxime plane, while that of molecule B is oriented perpendicular to the cobaloxime plane. The cobaloxime molecules are connected each other by hydrogen bond via solvent water and methanol. For 2, there is one independent molecule. The 4-aminoazobenzene is also planar, and has trans conformation. The conformation of -cyanoethyl group is oriented perpendicular to the cobaloxime plane.

The crystalline-powder cobaloxime complexes were irradiated with each of UV and visible light to examine the photochromic reaction of 4-aminoazobenzene and photoisomerization of -cyanoethyl group in crystals 1 and 2. The change of UV-vis and IR spectra for 1 was observed by the preliminary measurement.



Scheme 1. (β -cyanoethyl)(4-aminoazobenzene)-cobaloxime complex

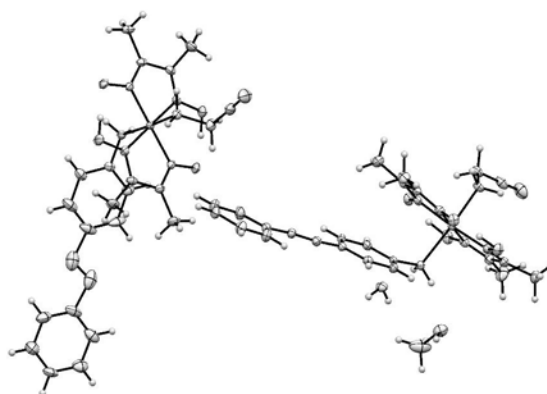


Fig.1 Molecular structure of 1

Controllable photochromism in hybrid type cobaloxime complex

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Photochromic materials have attracted attention over recent years. In order to create new materials that have dynamically controllable photochromism, we designed new hybrid type cobaloxime complexes with photochromic compounds. In such crystals, it is expected that photochromism changes dynamically associating with crystalline-state photoisomerization of cobaloxime complexes. In this study, (1)salicylideneaniline and (2) azobenzene derivatives are used as photochromic compounds. For (1), crystalline-state photochromism is expected because conformational change of salicylideneaniline is small during the photochromic reaction. On the other hand, for (2), it is expected that the photochromism occur effectively by controlling the reaction cavity in the crystal, although conformational change of the azobenzene derivative is large.

(β -cyanoethyl)(*N*-(3,5-di-*tert*-butylsalicylidene)-4-aminopyridine)cobaloxime(Co-SAP) and (β -cyanoethyl)(4-aminoazobenzene)cobaloxime for (1) and (2), respectively, were successfully synthesized. For Co-SAP, two pseudo-polymorphic single crystals, unsolvate **1** and diethylether solvate **2**, were obtained from diethylether solutions and their structures were characterized by single crystal X-ray diffraction analyses. The dihedral angle of phenyl rings of SAP are 87.7(2)° in crystal **1** and 58.8 (2)° and 37.8(2)° in crystal **2**, which are larger than that of salicylideneaniline crystal. This is expected to be more photoreactive in both crystals **1** and **2** than in salicylideneaniline crystal. In the photoreactivity measurement of **1**, the SAP part displayed the photochromism upon UV irradiation as indicated by the color change from yellow to orange in the solid state. Also, after the photoisomerization of the cobaloxime part occurred upon visible light irradiation, the photochromism of the SAP part was also observed by UV light, however, the lifetime of colored species became significantly shorter. It would be explained that the reaction cavity around the SAP part was modified by solid state photoisomerization reaction of alkyl group of the cobaloxime complex. In this study, further relationship between the structure dependent photochromic reactivity of SAP and isomerization of cobaloxime complex in the crystalline state is investigated.

Table 1. Crystal data

crystal	1	2
<i>a</i> / Å	8.8424(5)	12.4914(18)
<i>b</i> / Å	12.1719(6)	16.480(2)
<i>c</i> / Å	16.6623(8)	19.481(2)
α / Å	109.0140(10)	69.184(3)
β / Å	95.903(2)	89.726(3)
γ / Å	103.593(2)	71.056(3)
<i>V</i> / Å ³	1616.29(14)	3517.7(8)
Space Group	P-1	P-1
<i>Z</i>	2	4
<i>R</i>	0.0550	0.0682

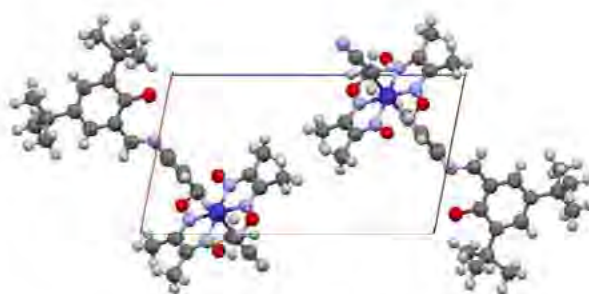


Fig.1 Crystal structure of **1**

Dehydration induced color switching of isophthalic acid crystal

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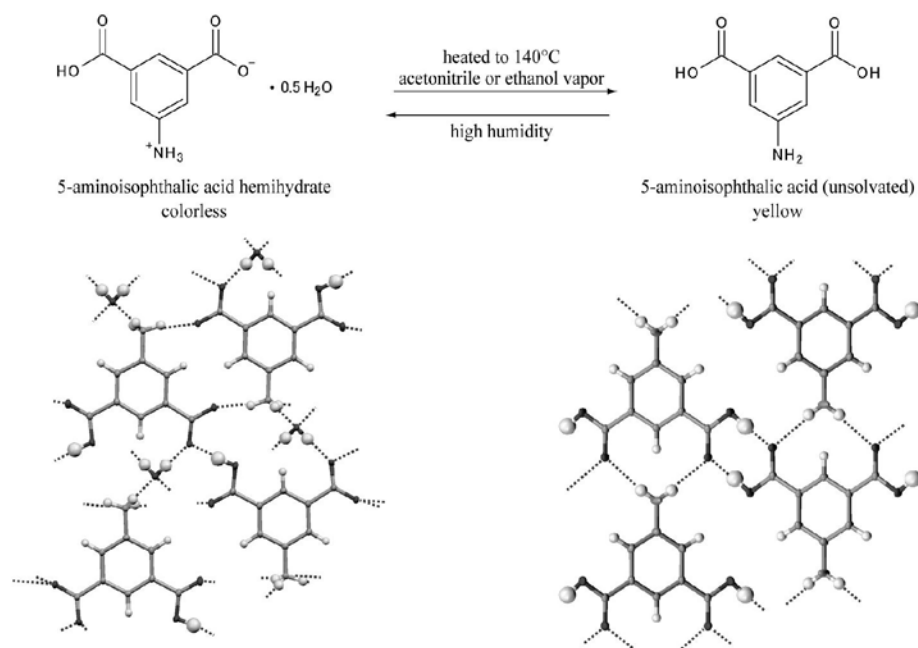
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Structural transformation by dehydration / hydration process often causes physicochemical property change, so the phenomenon is important in the field of materials science, such as pharmaceuticals. Especially, among such changes, the color switching is interesting because of its application for sensing materials or optical information storage devices.

In this study, crystal color switching caused by the dehydration / hydration structural transformation of 5-aminoisophthalic acid is reported. The colorless hemihydrate crystal transformed to a new yellow crystalline phase when heated to 140°C, and it returned to original hemihydrate phase when subjected to high humidity condition. The new yellow phase was identified as unsolvated crystal by TG/DTA measurement. Interestingly, the dehydration process with color switching also proceeded when the hemihydrate crystal was exposed to acetonitrile or ethanol vapor, thus indicating this reversible structure and color-switching phenomenon is a kind of “vapochromism”.

The single crystal of the unsolvated phase was obtained by recrystallization from methanol. The X-ray structural analysis showed that it crystallized in the orthorhombic space group *Pbcn* with cell parameters $a = 3.6585(3)$, $b = 14.7575(12)$ and $c = 14.6863(11)$ Å. The crystal structure has hydrogen bonded one-dimensional chain structure along the *c*-axis via carboxyl group dimer motif. In the crystal, two aromatic rings are parallel with the distance of 3.34 Å indicating π - π interaction. This intermolecular interaction would explain the yellow color of the crystal. In the hemihydrate crystal, the molecule exists as a zwitter ionic form (COO^- and NH_3^+) caused by carboxylic H transfer to amino N, so it does not forming carboxyl group dimer for the carboxylate group.

It is noteworthy that the proton transferring zwitter ion formation and the rearrangement of hydrogen bonding network were also occurred during the dehydration / hydration reversible structural transformation.

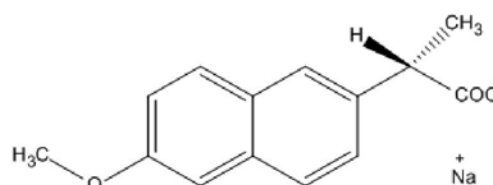


Hydration and dehydration transformation of sodium naproxen pseudopolymorphs

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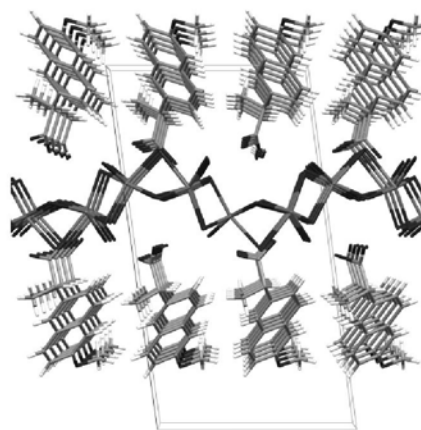
Hydrated forms of API (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient) is often used for pharmaceutical products. Their hydration and dehydration transformation are important in the field of pharmaceutical science because the hydration/dehydration induces crystal structure changes which largely affect on the chemical and physical properties. Sodium Naproxen ((S)-6-Methoxy- α -methyl-2-naphthaleneacetic Acid Sodium Salt, Fig.1) is widely used as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). It is known that depending on recrystallization process or environmental conditions, sodium naproxen has five pseudopolymorphs, i.e., one anhydrous form (ASN), one monohydrated form (MSN), two dihydrated forms (DSN, CSN), and one tetrahydrated form (TSN).



(Fig.1) sodium naproxen

In order to clarify the hydration/dehydration process of sodium naproxen from structural points of view, the crystal structures of pseudopolymorphs were analyzed and compared. Among them, the most hydrated form, TSN, is attractive because it is the starting crystal to transform to different low hydrated crystals. In this study, hydration and dehydration behavior of tetrahydrated sodium naproxen is investigated through the crystal structure analysis.

The crystal structure of tetrahydrated form (TSN) was determined by single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. The crystal structure of TSN has triclinic system with space group *P*1 ($a = 7.091(3) \text{ \AA}$, $b = 11.132(5) \text{ \AA}$, $c = 20.645(9) \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha = 82.208(9)^\circ$, $\beta = 81.989(9)^\circ$, $\gamma = 89.884(9)^\circ$) and contains four independent sodium cations, naproxen anions and sixteen water molecules in the asymmetric unit. In the crystal, hydrophilic layer structures composed of sodium cations and water molecules are formed parallel to the *ab*-plane and layers of naproxen anions are stacked on them (Fig.2). Among sixteen water molecules, fourteen of them have interactions with sodium cations and the others are situated beside the $\text{Na}^+/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ layer without interactions to the sodium cations. It is interesting that the oxygen atoms of carboxyl group have no direct interaction with sodium cations in contrast to ASN and MSN. The hydration environment of sodium cations is found to reflect the hydration number of each pseudopolymorphs. The numbers of Na-O (COO^- and H_2O) interactions for ASN, MSN, and TSN are four, five, and six for each sodium cations, respectively. In their structures, the inserted water molecules by hydration process mainly contribute to the separation of naproxen anion and Na^+ . To complete isolated $\text{Na}^+/\text{H}_2\text{O}$ layer in which all sodium cations are in six coordinated environment.



(Fig.2) the crystal structure of tetrahydrated form of sodium naproxen

Single crystal structure analyses of photo-excited states of photoluminescent hexanuclear d¹⁰ metal complexes

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Hexanuclear metal complexes of Cu(I) or Ag(I) [$M_6(\text{pyt})_6$] ($M = \text{Cu}, \text{Ag}$; pyt^- = pyridinethiolato) (Fig. 1) give intense luminescence under UV illumination in the solid-state. The nature of the emission has been assigned to a triplet multi-metal cluster-centered (^3CC) transition state like as in the halogen bridged Cu(I) tetranuclear cubane-like cluster complexes. [1,2] On the photo-excited state, the metal-cluster core is expected to be shrunk because of an electron migration to a bonding-character CC orbital (Fig. 2). To figure out the photo-emission process by direct observation of the molecular distortion, we have performed single crystal X-ray structure analyses at the photo-excitation states.

Single crystal X-ray diffraction experiments under photo-irradiation were performed at the SPring-8 BL02B1 station. A single crystal of copper(I) complex with the ethyl-pyridinethiole ligand [$\text{Cu}_6(\text{Et-pyt})_6$] (Et-pytH =6-ethylpyridine-2-thione) was mounted on the vacuum camera at 25 K was used for X-ray diffraction data collection under UV laser (325/442 nm, 0.03/0.1 W) irradiation. Photo-difference Fourier syntheses at the section of the triangle Cu_3 plane perpendicular to the virtual 3-fold axis of the molecule show that two of three Cu atoms move toward to the remaining Cu atom (Fig. 3). This indicates that the contraction of Cu-Cu atomic distance will occur at the photo-excitation state resulting in shrinkage of the metal cluster core. We have also performed the same experiments for the silver complex [$\text{Ag}_6(\text{Et-pyt})_6$]. The observed peaks and holes of charge densities in the photo-difference Fourier maps are similar to that in the Cu crystal, although their amplitude is below the significant levels.



Fig. 1

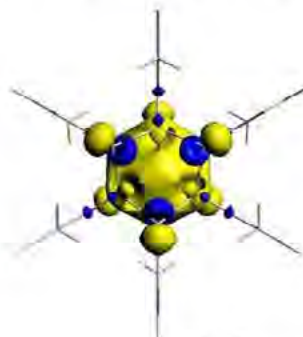


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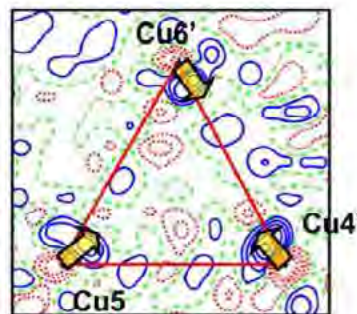


Fig. 3

Fig.1 Structure of [$M_6(\text{Et-pyt})_6$] ($M = \text{Cu}, \text{Ag}$). **Fig. 2** Unoccupied CC orbital by DFT calculation. **Fig. 3** Photo-difference Fourier map in the section of the plane including three Cu atoms. Arrows indicate possible shift directions of the metal atoms under the photoirradiation.

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Selective pseudo-polymorphic transformation pathways of organic crystalline materials established using powder X-ray diffraction analysis

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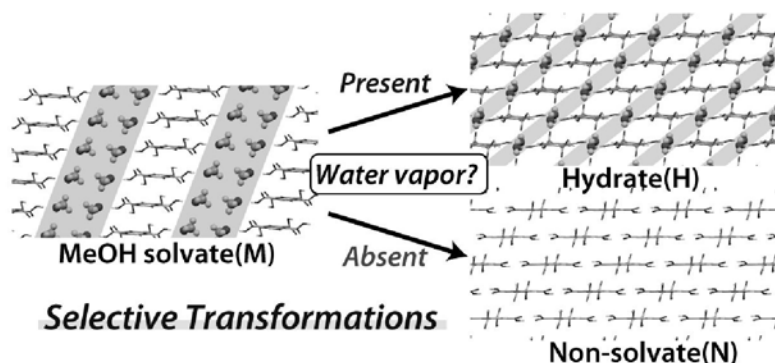
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Pseudo-polymorphic transformations (desolvation, solvation and solvent exchange) are very important phenomena in the field of material science because of their potential to improve and/or control the solid-state properties of the target materials. However, such transformations have not been completely understood because of the difficulty to obtain the structural information of the resulted phase which is mainly caused by the disintegration of the single crystalline form of the parent phase during the transformations. In such cases, the crystal structure determination from the powder X-ray diffraction data is clearly most powerful technique and we have succeeded to reveal several phenomena by using this strategy.^[1-3]

Recently, the methanol solvate crystalline phase (**M**) of benzene-1,2,4,5-tetracarboxylic acid was found to selectively transform into two different phases, hydrate phase (**H**) under the presence of atmospheric water vapor and non-solvate phase (**N**) under the absence of atmospheric water vapor.^[4] In order to reveal the mechanistic aspects on the selective transformation, the crystal structures of the phase **M** and **N** were determined by the single and powder X-ray diffraction analysis, respectively (crystal structure of **H** is known). All crystal structures have sheet like structure and the observed structural similarities clearly explain the facile transformation from phase **M** into **H** or **N**. Interestingly, phase **M** (1.55 g cm^{-3} ; -180°C) has significantly lower density than those of **H** (1.67 g cm^{-3} ; -113°C) and **N** (1.63 g cm^{-3} ; 27°C). This fact can be explained from the loosely packed methanol molecules which make a large methanol channel in phase **M** and the methanol molecules may easily release through this channel with the final outcome of the transformation is altered by the presence of the atmospheric water.

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New insights into molecular mechanisms of photoinduced and thermally induced effects in crystals

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Understanding of the physicochemical processes in thermally active or photoactive materials requires detailed knowledge of the molecular mechanism of the related changes in their structures. During the last several years, in our laboratory we have employed several X-ray diffraction (XRD) techniques in combination with other analytical (microscopic, spectroscopic and thermoanalytical) methods to study, at atomic-scale resolution, the structural (molecular and supramolecular) perturbations which can be induced in a variety of small-molecule crystalline materials by utilizing light excitation, changes in temperature, or other external stimuli. The XRD techniques which we usually employ in such studies including steady-state or time-resolved X-ray single crystal/powder photodiffraction (photocrystallography) and variable-temperature (XRD). The results have provided direct insight into the structures of unstable species and dynamic solid-state phenomena, including electronic transitions.

In this talk, our recent results with these techniques applied on several solid-state systems which are of importance for electronics/spintronics, nanotechnology, medical or bioanalytical applications will be summarized. In particular, the results include photodimerizations^{1,2}, gradual/sharp phase transitions³⁻⁶, thermosensitive (jumping) effects³, photomechanical effects², solid-state rearrangements⁶⁻¹⁰, unstable biological molecules¹¹, photomagnetization effects and photoinduced phase transitions of persistent organic radicals⁶, unstable radical transients⁸ or uncommon radical states¹⁰, photochromic¹² and thermochromic¹³⁻¹⁵ solid-state species, very unstable crystals¹⁶, and other systems.

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The origin of solid-state thermochromism of polycyclic overcrowded enes: A Hundred-year old mystery resolved

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From the first report of the thermochromism of the solutions of bianthrone (**2**, Figure 1) by Meyer in 1909,^{1,2} to later observations using crystalline overcrowded polycyclic aromatic enes (PAEs), there has been continual interest in this phenomenon by organic chemists. Despite the extensive theoretical treatment given to the *in vacuo* models, a scientific explanation for the interplay among the twisting, folding and bending (Figure 2) in the evolution of the high-temperature (HT) thermochromic forms of crystalline overcrowded PAEs has remained unresolved for a century.

We report herein the crystal structures of the indanedione **1** (2-(thioxanthen-9-ylidene)indane-1,3-dione) and bianthrone **2** (Figure 1) determined at temperatures up to the melting point with a genuine setup for *in situ* single-crystal HT XRD. Surprisingly, the results showed the solid-state thermochromic change of the PAEs **1** and **2** is not a result of switching between different conformations. Instead, the change of the excited-state potential surface appears to be a dynamic effect, and was identified as a result of the large molecular distortions due to increased thermal atomic oscillations. The excited-state calculations (Born-Oppenheimer molecular dynamics (BOMD) simulations, followed by TD-DFT calculations on selected snapshots from the equilibrated BOMD trajectories) substantiated the results, and confirmed that the solid-state thermochromism is effected by modification of the excited-state potential energy surface instigated by strong thermal oscillations. Moreover, the HT electronic spectra indicated that the thermochromism of crystalline PAEs is not an entirely reversible phenomenon, and that more than one molecular mechanism is necessary to account for the color change of different PAEs.

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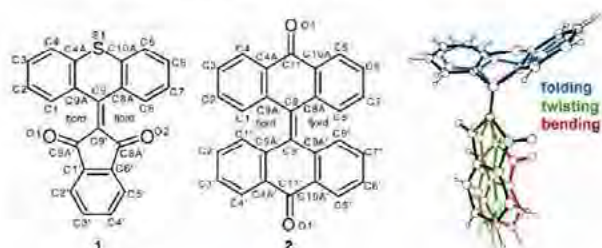


Figure 1. Chemical structures, with atom labeling, of the PAEs **1** and **2**. Right: schematic representation of the folding, twisting and bending of PAEs, exemplified with portions of **1** and exaggerated for clarity.

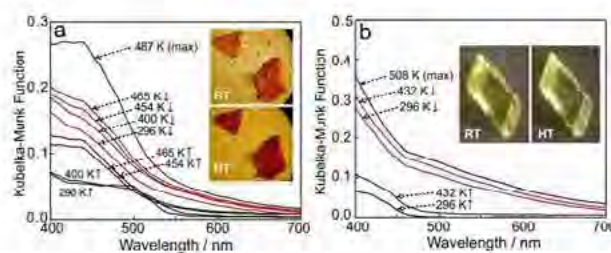


Figure 2. Temperature effects on the reflectance UV-visible spectra and single crystals of **1** (a) and **2** (b) induced by heating (black curves, ↑) and cooling (red curves, ↓) (rate: 2 K/min for **1** and 5 K/min for **2**).

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New type of dual solid-state thermochromism: Modulation of intra-molecular charge transfer by intermolecular $\pi-\pi$ interactions, kinetic trapping of aci-nitro group and reversible molecular locking

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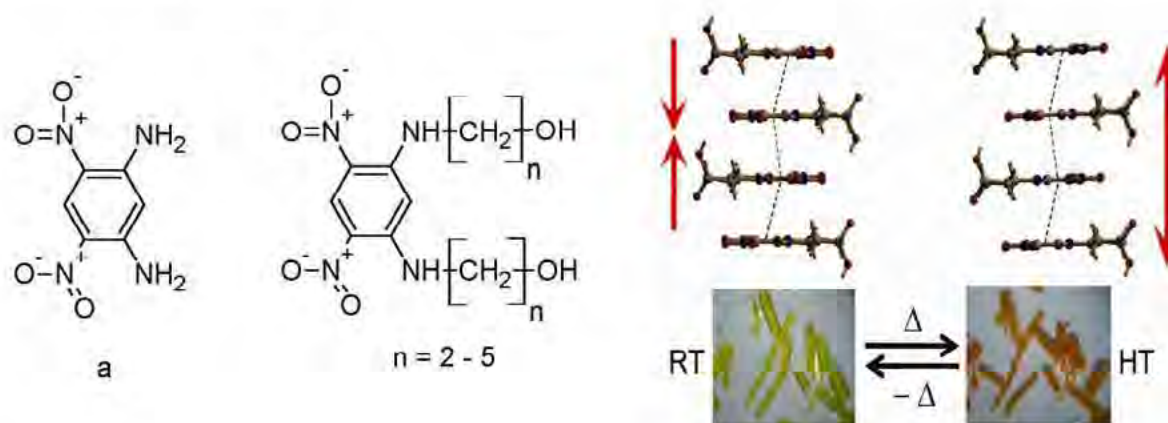
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On heating above room temperature, some crystalline polymorphs of the 1,3-bis(hydroxyalkylamino)-4,6-dinitrobenzenes (BDBn, $n = 2 - 5$) exhibit “dual” thermochromism: *gradual* color change from yellow to orange at lower temperatures, and *sharp* color change from orange to red at higher temperatures. These two thermochromic changes are related to different solid-state processes: the *gradual* thermochromic change is related to decreased distance and weakened $\pi-\pi$ interactions between the stacked benzene rings, whereas the *sharp* thermochromic change is assigned to intramolecular transfer of one amino proton, whereupon the aci-nitro form is thermally populated.¹



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Room temperature ferromagnetism in pure CdSe and CdSe:Ni nanorods

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We report here room temperature ferromagnetism in CdSe and Ni-doped CdSe nanorods. Pure and 3% Ni-doped CdSe nanorods are synthesized by using low temperature solvothermal process. X-ray diffractogram (XRD) depicts the wurtzite (hexagonal) structure of the CdSe nanorods. The XRD peaks shift to larger angles with Ni substitution in CdSe nanorods. From Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) analysis, it is found that the average diameter of the CdSe nanorods is about 4-5 nm having lengths of about 50 nm. Magnetic studies are made by using Superconducting Quantum Interference Device (SQUID). The room temperature ferromagnetic behaviour has been shown by both pure CdSe as well as Ni-doped CdSe nanorods.

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Doping effects of multiferroic BiFeO₃ ceramics

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Multiferroics, materials combining multiple order parameters, offer an exciting way of coupling phenomena such as electronic and magnetic order. The coexistence of different order parameter permits potential applications in information storage, spintronics, and magnetic or electric field sensors. The perovskite BiFeO₃(BFO) is known to be antiferromagnetic below the Neel temperature of 640K and ferroelectric with a high Curie temperature of 1100K. According to the previous doping studies of BFO, it is likely that non-stoichiometry and second-phase formation are the factors responsible for leakage current in BFO. It has been suggested that oxygen nonstoichiometry leads to valence fluctuations of Fe ions in BFO, resulting in high conductivity. To reduce the large leakage current of BFO, one attempt is to make donor-doped BFO compounds.

In this study, we try to generate the single phase multiferroic material with ferromagnetic property at room temperature. Bi_{0.9}Ba_{0.1}Fe_(1-x)Mn_(x)O₃ ceramics have been fabricated by a solid-state reaction method. The crystal and magnetic structure are studied using x-ray diffraction (XRD) and neutron powder diffraction. The XRD data shows the single phase crystal structure similar with un-doped BFO. With increasing Mn doping concentration, the MH data indicates the enhancement of ferromagnetic component. We will discuss the magnetic and electric property change of doped BFO polycrystalline to realize the multiferroic single crystal with combining ferromagnetic and ferroelectric.

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Magnetic and dielectric properties of multiferroic $\text{YMn}^{4+}(\text{Mn}_{1-x}\text{T}_x)^{3+}\text{O}_5$ ($\text{T} = \text{Ga}$ and Fe)

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YMn_2O_5 is famous for showing a colossal magnetoelectric effects. Since ferroelectric phase in this material arises concomitantly at the magnetic phase transition, it was believed that the electric polarization is driven by Mn^{4+} and Mn^{3+} spins. YMn_2O_5 involves edge-shared Mn^{4+}O_6 octahedral chain running along c-axis, and a pair of Mn^{3+}O_5 pyramids bridging Mn^{4+}O_6 chains. In this configuration, the cycloidal Mn^{4+} spin structure in bc-plane can give the electric polarization due to antisymmetric exchange between neighbored spins expressed

by $\vec{S}_i \times \vec{S}_j$. On the other hand, zig-zag antiferromagnetic (AF) chain in ab-plane may also produce the electric polarization by symmetric exchange striction between neighbored spins with $\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$ interaction. To clarify which exchange interaction ($\vec{S}_i \times \vec{S}_j$ and $\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$) is essential for the ferroelectricity in this system, we substituted non-magnetic Ga and magnetic Fe ions for magnetic Mn ion in YMn_2O_5 . Substitution by Ga^{3+} dilutes effective Mn^{3+} spins, which makes the magnetic interaction in zig-zag AF chain weakened. On the contrary, Fe^{3+} ion has $S = 5/2$ spin in high-spin-state, which can builds up the zig-zag AF interaction effectively.

Figure shows the dielectric and magnetic phase diagram as a function of Ga^{3+} and Fe^{3+} substitution, determined by neutron magnetic diffraction and dielectric measurements.

The phase diagram shows that the dilution of Mn^{3+} spins suppresses the intermediate commensurate magnetic (CM) phase where the large electric polarization arises (FE phase). On the contrary, the incommensurate magnetic phase at the lowest temperature (LT-2DICM phase) survives in higher Ga^{3+} concentration, where the weak electric polarization arises (WFE). Upon Fe^{3+} substitution, LT-2DICM phase becomes immediately unstable and completely disappears at $\text{Fe}^{3+} x = 0.04$. These results indicate that the ferroelectricity in this system comes from both $\vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$ and $\vec{S}_i \times \vec{S}_j$ interactions, the former is given by zig-zag AF chain involving Mn^{3+} spins and the latter is given by the cycloidal Mn^{4+} spin structure which is hardly affected by the dilution of Mn^{3+} spins.

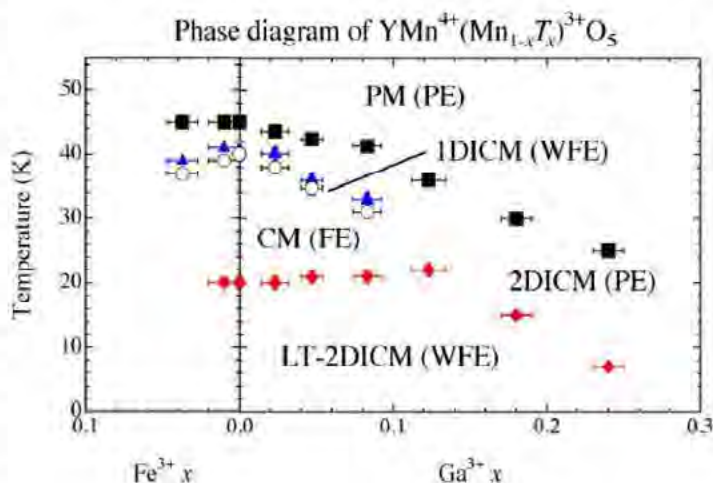


Figure: Dielectric and Magnetic phase diagram of $\text{YMn}^{4+}(\text{Mn}_{1-x}\text{T}_x)^{3+}\text{O}_5$ ($\text{T} = \text{Ga}$ and Fe).

Role of interlayer electrostatic interaction in superconductivity of $\text{LaFeAsO}_{1-x}\text{F}_x$

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Since the discovery of high- T_c (26 K) superconductivity in F-doped LaFeAsO , $\text{LaFeAsO}_{(1-x)}\text{F}_x$ [1], various efforts of material scientists have been attracted to the enhancement of T_c under high physical pressure as well as chemical pressure by F doping. They found that T_c increases to 43 K under external pressure of 3 GPa [2]. The replacement of La with other rare earth elements, such as Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd, has also driven the T_c up to 55 K at ambient pressure [3]. In those studies, the hypothesis relating superconductivity to the layered structure of $\text{LaFeAsO}_{(1-x)}\text{F}_x$ has been suggested as a scenario in which, the FeAs layer is responsible for the superconductivity and the distortion of the FeAs_4 tetrahedron plays an important role in superconductivity [4]. Detailed relation between local structure and superconductivity, however, has not been clarified yet.

In this study, we unveiled the effect of local structure of $\text{LaFeAsO}_{(1-x)}\text{F}_x$ on T_c for $x = 0 - 0.2$: T_c varies depending on the x and shows a maximum value of 24.3 K at $x = 0.05$ as shown in Fig. 1. For precise structural analysis, we have measured high quality synchrotron powder X-ray diffraction data at SPring-8, and carried out the charge density study by MEM/Rietveld method [5]. The electrostatic-potential distribution, which visualizes more effectively phenomena in crystal [6], could be extracted from our high quality charge density map. We have found from the analysis that significant specific feature of electrostatic potential between the FeAs and LaO layers for the sample showing the maximum T_c ($x = 0.05$). In the talk, the evolution of electrostatic potentials around FeAs layer upon F doping and its key role in superconductivity will be discussed.

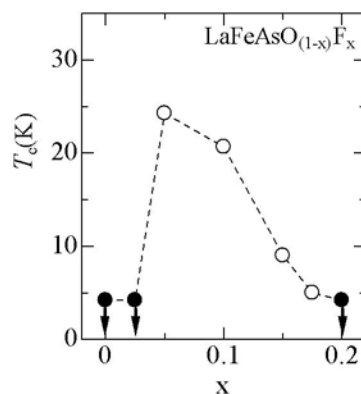


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X-ray magnetic circular dichroism study of $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Ba}_x\text{CoO}_3$ at Co K absorption edge

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Undoped LaCoO_3 has a broad peak of the magnetic susceptibility around $T = 90$ K. The rhombohedrally distorted perovskite has been recognized to have an intermediate-spin state (IS; $t_{2g}^5 e_g^1$, $S = 1$) for the Co^{3+} $3d$ configuration [1-2]. When La^{3+} is partially substituted by divalent cation such as Sr^{2+} , Ba^{2+} or Ca^{2+} , the substitution is expected to introduce holes into Co-O bonds. The compositional-dependent study for $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Ba}_x\text{CoO}_3$ has suggested that the rhombohedral $R\bar{3}c$ phase becomes cubic at $x = 0.4$, being ferromagnetic in the range $0.2 \leq x < 0.5$ and metallic at $x = 0.5$ [3]. The existence of an intermediate spin state has been demonstrated in half-doped $\text{La}_{0.5}\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{CoO}_3$ which is coupled to the Jahn-Teller effect [4,5]. There is a report that $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Ba}_x\text{CoO}_3$ shows a spin-glass behavior in the range $x < 0.2$ and a ferromagnetic order for larger x with a saturation of T_c (≈ 200 K) [6].

X-ray magnetic circular dichroism (XMCD) is indispensable to examine the magnetic and electronic state of Co in $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Ba}_x\text{CoO}_3$, because in the soft X-ray region the spectra at the Co L edge closely overlaps with those at the Ba M edge. Powder crystals of $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Ba}_x\text{CoO}_3$ were synthesized from appropriate molar mixtures of Co_2O_3 , La_2O_3 and BaCO_3 . The mixtures were ground in an agate mortar, prepared in an aluminum crucible, and heated up to 1273 K and maintained for 36 hours. The products were ground again and heated at 1373 K for 60 hours and quenched. X-ray powder diffraction measurements were performed to confirm a single phase for each. The compounds of $x = 0, 0.175, 0.2, 0.23, 0.25, 0.28, 0.3, 0.35$ and 0.4 were examined by SQUID and X-ray measurements. XMCD experiments were carried out with the Co K absorption edge in the BL-6C of Photon Factory, where Si(111) double-crystal monochromator and diamond(001) phase retarder were used to produce circularly polarized X-rays of $3^{(\text{H})} \times 2^{(\text{V})} \text{ mm}^2$. The powder samples were mounted on several sheets of transparent tape, which were set between ionization chambers in the Faraday arrangement with a pair of rare-earth magnets.

The XMCD and XANES spectra were obtained from the absorption data with the right and left circularly polarized X-rays. XMCD reflects the local spin and orbital polarization of the final states at the inner core absorption edges. By the Ba substitution for La, negative and positive XMCD peaks were clearly observed around $E = 7.719$ and 7.723 keV of the threshold and main edge, respectively, suggesting the existence of intermediate-spin states of Co^{3+} and Co^{4+} . The presentation will compare with the previous results for $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CoO}_3$ [7] and discuss the electronic and magnetic state of Co ions.

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Propeller-like thermal vibration of molecules in ferroelectric molecular crystal $\text{CCl}_3\text{CONH}_2$

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Trichloroacetamide $\text{CCl}_3\text{CONH}_2$ (abbreviated as TCAA) is an organic compound of a molecular crystal with monoclinic structure. Two independent TCAA molecules (molecule A and B) exist in the crystal and connected by $\text{N-H}\cdots\text{O}$ hydrogen bonds to form a dimer. TCAA undergoes two successive phase transitions at $T_C = 355$ K and $T_0 = 358$ K on heating. The space group of TCAA is $P2_1$ below T_C and $P2_1/c$ above T_0 . The D - E hysteresis loops, which indicate the ferroelectric activity of TCAA, were observed below T_C [1,2]. In this study, we examine the temperature variation of thermal motion of molecules in the TCAA crystal in the ferroelectric phase by analyzing X-ray diffraction intensities from a single crystal.

Single crystals of TCAA were grown by slow cooling the ethanol solution. A spherical sample was made from the grown crystal and used in the diffraction measurements. The diffraction intensities were collected using a four-circle diffractometer with $\text{MoK}\alpha$ radiation. Above $T_m \sim 370$ K, the diffraction intensities diminish, so that the TCAA crystal was melt or sublimated. Structural parameters were determined by the iterative least-squares method, and the electron charge density distribution was analyzed by the maximum entropy method (MEM). Rotational disorder was observed only in the molecule B below T_C . Three Cl ions in the molecule B have two equilibrium sites, respectively. The ratio of the occupancies of two sites was 7:3 and almost unchanged below T_C . In the paraelectric phase above T_0 , the molecules A and B become equivalent and the ferroelectricity is lost by appearance of inversion symmetry. Both molecules show the violent rotational disorder, as if ‘the propeller of CCl_3 ’ was spinning round on the C-C bond axis. We suppose that such rotational disorder enhances the repulsion force between the dimers to give rise to the melting of the crystal above T_m .

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The structural characterization and magnetic interactions in doped rare-earth manganites

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The aim of my research is to identify fundamental mechanisms responsible for structural phase transitions in doped rare-earth manganites and to present new theoretical and experimental studies on the subject. Local structural changes due to the influence of chemical pressure or temperature, like, doping, atomic rearrangements, ordering effects, the behavior of defects and the formation and dynamics of domain walls and transformation as well as kinetic phenomena will be presented. We also intend to identify improved tools to analyses and to better understand the structural behavior of some doped rare-earth manganites at the bulk as well as at the nano-scale by different theoretical techniques. The aim of this presentation is to discuss new developments at the interface of X-ray diffraction and absorption spectroscopy and Synchrotron radiations. The spectrum of contrast mechanisms includes among others absorption, x-ray fluorescence, small angles neutron scattering, coherent scattering due to Fresnel diffraction (phase contrast) and Bragg diffraction.

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Mapping the strain field of chemically treated surface of semiconductor crystals using X-ray Bragg-surface diffraction

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Recent study indicates that three-beam Bragg-surface diffraction (BSD) is capable of measuring the small lattice distortion of a crystal substrate in a thin film/crystal sample system. This method is now applied to investigate strain distribution of chemically treated surface of semiconductor crystals. Two sample systems are investigated: GaAs[001] and InAs[111] crystals. Chemical treatments of these samples were prepared in liquid environments. Dissolution of samples was done by selective mechanism at which there was an increase of vacancy concentration in the near-surface layer of gallium and indium for GaAs and InAs, accordingly. The three-beam (002)/(111) BSD for GaAs at 9 keV and the (222)/(-131) BSD for InAs at 10 keV are used for this study, where (002) for GaAs and (222) for InAs are symmetric Bragg reflection, while (111) for GaAs and (-131) for InAs are the surface diffraction. During the experiments, the diffraction images of surface reflections are recorded on a charge coupled device (CCD) with high spatial resolution ($20 \times 20 \mu m^2$), which provide the information of the lattice parameter variation of the crystals studied. The strain analysis shows that the sensitivity of lattice parameter is about $\Delta a/a = 10^{-4}$ for GaAs and $\Delta a/a = 5 \times 10^{-5}$ for InAs.

Protein cages provide a platform of cell-permeable and biocompatible imaging probe in living cells

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Caged proteins are macromolecules exhibiting a self-assembled nanoplatform that can be used for detection of biomolecule. We present here the strategy to image apoptotic cells using a nanoplatform of caged protein. For that purpose, cage protein was genetically modified to have two abilities, real-time imaging of apoptosis and cellular uptake. A high ratio of target peptides to cage formed from self-assembling of cage subunits resulted in increase of fluorescence signals per a probe particle, and our cage probe was well cell-permeable and exceedingly biocompatible. We demonstrated that cage probe was specifically cleaved by effector caspase in cell-free conditions, and also finally apoptotic events were imaged real-timely in living cells. Our strategy provides an application to imaging and sensing of other specific protease activities.

We mainly focus on small heat shock protein (Hsp), of which subunit is genetically engineered to have two abilities, real-time imaging of apoptosis and cell-permeability. For that purpose, both of Asp-Glu-Val-Asp (DEVD) motif, of which the N-terminus is cleaved by the effector caspases [1], and hexahistidine motif are respectively incorporated to the C-terminal end of cage subunit (Fig. 1). Self-assembling of cage subunits forms spatially well-defined nanoparticles with a high ratio of DEVD substrate to cage, which results in multiplication of imaging signals per a probe particle (Fig. 2). Our engineered cage probe is exceedingly biocompatible since it is based on a protein platform, whereas the inorganic or polymer-based imaging probes may be cytotoxic to cells or living organs. In the present studies, hexahistidine motif, which is usually designed to be used for protein purification, imparts high degree of cell-permeability to protein cages. Our engineered cage protein is specifically cleaved by effector caspase in cell-free conditions, and also visualizes apoptotic events real-timely in living cells (Fig. 2).

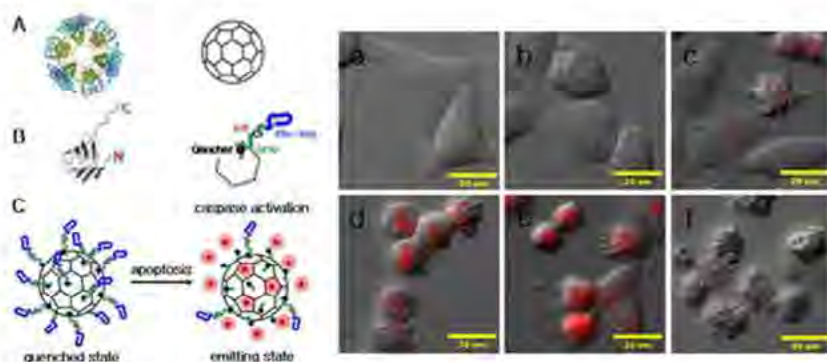


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Fig. 1. Self-assembled Hsp cage in molecular structure represent a sphere nanoplatform.

Fig. 2. Visualization of activation of effector caspase in TRAIL-treated HeLa cells.

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Long-range-order and short-range-order structures of Co-doped Y_2O_3 nanocrystals

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Long-range-order and short-range-order structures of Co-doped Y_2O_3 nanocrystals have been probed by x-ray powder diffraction (XRD) and extended x-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS) techniques, respectively. These samples were prepared by polyol method followed by thermal annealing at different temperatures from 300°C to 900°C. The XRD data show a progressive transition of crystal structure from amorphous to that of bulk Y_2O_3 as the annealing temperature increases. The annealing-temperature-dependent changes of nanoparticle size were also revealed by the XRD results using Scherrer equation. Local structures surrounding Y atoms in the Y_2O_3 host and the Co dopant atoms were determined by Y and Co K-edge EXAFS, respectively. Combining the XRD and EXAFS analyses, we conclude that thermal annealing can drive the Co atoms located on interstitial sites inside the nanoparticles towards the particle surface while enlarging the size and improving the crystal structure of the host nanoparticles. As the annealing temperature increases, the saturation magnetization of the samples obtained from superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID) measurements also increases. The increase of saturation magnetization can be attributed to the increase of Co atoms on the particle surface where increased number of oxygen vacancies leads to enhanced saturation magnetization in the high-temperature-annealed samples.

Nano-particle formation by Pd complex deposited on polystyrene thin films

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Oxide layers on the surface of catalytic metal nanoparticles often reduce the catalytic activity. Coagulation of nanoparticles occurring especially at high temperatures is also a crucial problem for the efficiency as catalysts because of the substantial reduction of effective surface region. Recently, the possibility of health risks of nanoparticles and threats to the environment has been argued. In order to solve the above-mentioned problems, novel nanoparticle-embedding techniques that are compatible for safety and economic efficiency must be exploited, where we can manufacture a nanoparticle-embedded matrix with optimal spatial distribution, arrangement and number density of nanoparticles. Pd is a technologically important rare metal for its high chemical performance as catalyst and promising applications as a hydrogen storage material. Hashimoto et. al. showed that by using microphase separation of block copolymer a 3D striped structure consisting of Pd nanoparticles can be formed after thermal decomposition of a Pd compound [1]. In the present study, we investigate a thermally evolved structure of Pd nanoparticles spread on the surface region of polystyrene ultrathin films with combination of surface-sensitive X-ray diffraction and several microscopic techniques. The Pd complex was evaporated in a low vacuum chamber onto the polystyrene films spincoated on Si(100). After the evaporation, in situ measurements of X-ray reflectivity (XR) and grazing incidence X-ray diffraction (GIXD) were performed at high temperatures to determine the structure parameters on nanoparticles. Atomic force microscopy and confocal laser scanning microscope were used for the ex situ observation in real space.

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Interfacial structure of polystyrene/polyhydroxybutyrate two-layer film revealed by X-ray diffraction

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A lot of polymers with excellent properties are ubiquitously utilized in modern society as a form of ultrathin films, e.g., coating, foams, paints and adhesion bonds. In many applications, ultrahigh performance peculiar to polymer multilayer films has been eagerly sought and developed. Physical properties of interfaces are especially of importance in organic devices, since they deeply rely on electrical properties like carrier mobility at metal/polymer interfaces, polymer/polymer interfaces, polymer/semiconductor interfaces, etc. Therefore, it is very important to understand the structure and morphology of polymer interfaces which correlate directly with physical properties. In the present study, we investigate an interfacial structure and morphology of polymer thin layers with X-ray diffraction. We prepared two-layer thin films consisting of glass-forming atactic polystyrene (PS) and semicrystalline biodegradable polyhydroxybutyrate (PHB), because we are specially interested in the development of interfacial morphology associated with glass transition and crystallization of each layer. A PS layer was spincoated on Si(100) followed by the spincoating of PHB layer. Both X-ray reflectivity (XR) and grazing incidence X-ray diffraction (GIXD) showed some anomalous variation occurring around the glass transition temperature of PS and crystallization temperature of PHB. In order to enhance the diffracted X-ray from the interfacial region, we made a sample in which Indium nanoparticles were evaporated onto the PS surface before the PHB deposition. Such a sandwiched sample also showed an interesting variation in XR giving us the detailed morphological change at this interface.

Surface structure and morphology of PEG/PEO blends thin film: composition and temperature dependence study

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Polyethylene glycol (PEG) and polyethylene oxide (PEO) are widely used industrial materials because the properties inherent in PEG and PEO such as biocompatibility, lubricating ability and water solubility are required for general industrial products as well as for cosmetic and medical products. These two polymers are known to exhibit different physical properties and composed of the same monomeric structure ($-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{O}-$) with different molecular weight: PEG for below 50,000 g/mol and PEO for above 50,000 g/mol. The crystalline structure and phase morphology in PEG and PEO give a direct impact on their final properties. Hence, it is critical to control the formation of the higher-order structure; blending is often used for that purpose. The previous studies on the morphologies and their kinetics in polyolefin blends have demonstrated a controllable phase structure and morphology, even though the monomeric structural similarity between two polymers is rather high [1,2]. As most structural and morphological studies of polymer blends deal with the polymers composed of different monomeric structures, little attention has been paid toward a possibility for controlling the material properties using polymers with a monomeric structural similarity.

In this report, we focus on PEG/PEO blend thin film for exploring a possibility to control the surface structure and morphology with the same kinds of polymers with a different molecular weight. For attain that purpose, a specular X-ray reflectivity (XR) measurement, grazing incidence X-ray diffraction (GIXD) experiment and atomic force microscopy (AFM) observation were carried out. The polymers, PEG and PEO were purchased from Polymer Source Inc., and the characteristics of these polymers including a number averaged molecular weight (M_n) and polydispersity (M_w/M_n) are: PEG ($M_n = 10,500$ g/mol, $M_w/M_n = 1.08$) and PEO ($M_n = 380,000$ g/mol, $M_w/M_n = 1.3$). The thin film samples were prepared by spin-coating (at 4,500 rpm for 40 sec) with aqueous solution onto Si(100) substrate capped with the natural silicon oxide. The specular XR and GIXD were observed using a high resolution diffraction system with a stationary copper anode X-ray tube (Smart Lab system, Rigaku Co., Ltd.). The X-ray beam was monochromated using a multilayer miller for using a $\text{CuK}\alpha$ radiation (wavelength $\lambda = 1.5418$ Å). The AFM

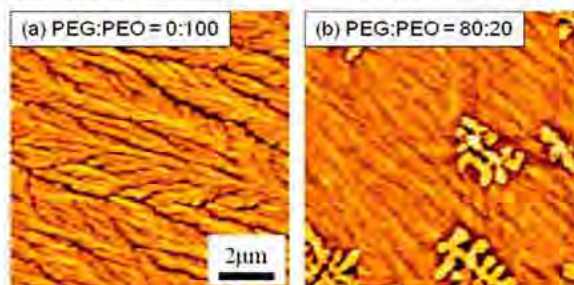


Figure1 AFM image of PEG/PEO blend

images were recorded using a Nanopice (Seiko Instruments Inc.) with a damping mode. At room temperature, the surface morphology did not show any significant composition dependence in the PEO-rich components (Fig.1(a)), however in the PEG-rich components, we observed a partial dewetting (Fig.1(b)), which was consistent with the XR results. The composition dependence of the integrated Bragg intensity revealed an anisotropic crystalline structure. The temperature dependence study will be presented combined with the composition dependence study at room temperature.

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Glass transition and thermal expansion of ultrathin polystyrene films: An X-ray reflectivity study at various heating/cooling rates

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Glass transition is a phenomenon between a liquid state and a glass state, which usually occurs upon rapid cooling. The signature of glass transition is experimentally observed as a break in physical properties (e.g., volume and enthalpy) or a sudden change in their derivative (e.g., thermal expansivity and heat capacity). In confined glassy polymer thin films considered as a good example of quasi two-dimensional system, linear thermal expansion coefficient of the film can be a measure of glass transition temperature (T_g). The T_g in polystyrene (PS) films decreased with decreasing thickness revealed by ellipsometry, while the linear thermal expansion in glass state α_{glass} was reported to increase with decreasing thickness [1-3]. Enhanced mobility in surface region which is supported by the increase in α_{glass} has been ascribed to be an origin of the reduced T_g in ultrathin glassy films. However, in another ellipsometric study [4] as well as positron annihilation lifetime spectroscopy [5] and X-ray reflectivity (XR) [6], α_{glass} seems to be independent of the film thickness or even shows a tendency of a decrease with decreasing thickness, which was accompanied by the reduction of T_g .

In the present study, we perform precise measurements on XR of thin PS films under various scanning rates (heating rate: 0.50°C/min, 0.05°C/min and 0.01°C/min; cooling rate: 0.50°C/min and 0.01°C/min). Atactic PS thin layers on Si substrates were prepared by spin-coating method. Before the XR measurements, samples were annealed above bulk glass transition temperature for 12 hours. Thickness of the films ranged from 4 nm to 70 nm. The results show that α_{glass} is independent of the thickness or slightly decreased with decreasing thickness at the faster scanning rate (0.50°C/min, 0.05°C/min), while α_{glass} increases with decreasing thickness at an ultraslow heating rate of 0.01°C/min. It indicated that the linear thermal expansion coefficient does not only depend on the thickness but a function of scanning rate.

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Structure analysis of hydroxyapatite nano-crystals by electron powder diffraction

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X-ray crystallography has very well adapted to the structure analysis of large single crystals. With the trend in research and application toward materials on the nanometer scale, however, X-ray diffraction reaches its limits for structure solution because of its insufficient intensity data. Electron crystallography can be a powerful tool for the structure determination of the nano-sized materials. The electron interactions with matter are about 10^6 times stronger than the ones observed with X-ray. Nevertheless, up to now electron crystallography is still difficult and time consuming task compared to X-ray crystallography because of its inherent problems. The dynamical effects of electron diffraction are the most serious problem for structure solving. As a solution for this problem, the precession electron diffraction technique is a very useful to get intensities of all reflections closer to kinematical condition by decreasing the dynamical behavior of electron diffraction [1].

In this study, we present a structure solution of hydroxyapatite nano-crystals (ALDRICH) using electron diffraction. Crystal structure of hydroxyapatite ($\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{OH})$) has a hexagonal system ($a=9.417(2)$ Å, $c=6.875(2)$ Å) and its space group is $P6_3/m$ (#176) symmetry [2].

To judge the quality of the structure refinement with the electron diffraction technique, we have obtained the reflection data using conventional electron powder diffraction (EPD) and precession electron diffraction (PEPD). As a result of structure refinement by Rietveld analysis, the reliability factors of the EPD data were $R_p=19.7\%$ and $R_{wp}=21.8\%$, as compared to $R_p=6.62\%$ and $R_{wp}=8.85\%$ for X-ray powder diffraction. On the other hand, the reliability factors of the PEPD data were $R_p=16.0\%$ and $R_{wp}=17.4\%$, which improved the EPD refinement results. In order to enhance the structure reliability, we carried out additional experiments employing variable microscopic conditions (condenser lens aperture, exposure time, camera length, specimen cooling, and CCD detector). Finally, we obtained further improved refinement results, $R_p=11.2\%$ and $R_{wp}=12.6\%$. It is expected, therefore, that PEPD technique has great potential to overcome the present limitations of X-ray crystallography for structure determination of nano-sized crystalline materials.

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Symmetry determination of Ag₂Te nanowire using electron diffraction

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Electron diffraction is a useful method for determining the crystal structure of nano-sized materials over limitations of X-ray diffraction techniques. There are, however, some difficulties in using electron diffraction. The most serious problem is the dynamical scattering effects by strong interaction between electron beam and specimen. As a solution for this problem, the precession electron diffraction technique, first developed by Vincent and Midgley, has been investigated to get intensities of all reflections closer to kinematical condition [1]. We have determined the crystal symmetry of silver telluride (Ag₂Te) nanowire (NW) using electron diffraction technique. Ag₂Te is an attractive material that exhibits thermoelectricity, structural phase transitions, and magnetoresistance (MR) and a good candidate for thermoelectric devices semiconductor switches, and magnetic sensors [2]. We have grown freestanding Ag₂Te NWs on a sapphire substrate by the vapor transport method and performed HRTEM imaging (Fig. 1(a)) to analyze the growth direction of Ag₂Te NW through comparing with the JCPDS cards.

In order to determine the crystal symmetry, firstly, we have obtained tilt series electron diffraction from an Ag₂Te nanowire using conventional selected electron diffraction technique to determine the cell parameters. As a results, the cell parameters ($a = 8.17 \text{ \AA}$, $b = 4.42$, $c = 8.31 \text{ \AA}$, $\beta = 113.7^\circ$) were determined by 3D reconstruction method in reciprocal space (Fig. 1(b)). In addition, we have tried the 3D symmetry determination (= space group) of Ag₂Te NW using precession electron diffraction technique.

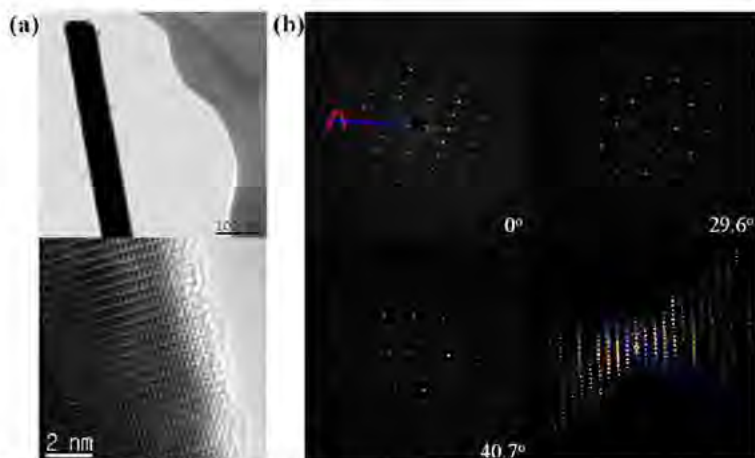


Fig. 1. (a) BF image and HRTEM image of Ag₂Te nanowire. (b) Tilt series electron diffraction patterns obtained from (a) and reciprocal space of Ag₂Te nanowire by 3D reconstruction.

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Development for X-ray crystal structure analysis of a surface-shallow layer and its application to the epitaxial crystals of halogen-bridged platinum(II,IV) complexes

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Chemical and physical phenomena that happen in a shallow layer of a crystalline material such as photo-induced chemical reaction and lattice distortion at the crystal boundary of epitaxial crystals should be elucidated more clearly if three-dimensional structure of the crystal surface layer up to 1 μm in depth could be determined by a depth-resolved X-ray diffraction technique. This new diffraction method could be achieved by measuring many diffraction intensities and by exactly controlling the X-ray penetration depth.

Epitaxial crystals of the halogen-bridged mixed-valence platinum(II,IV) complexes were made, and the structure analyses on the surface region were tried. The surface film crystal of the chloro-bridged platinum(II,IV) complex (1) was successfully crystallized from its supersaturated solution on the (001) plane of the bromo-bridged platinum(II,IV) base crystals (2) which was isomorphous to (1) with slightly different cell dimensions. The X-ray diffraction experiments were performed using the multi-axis diffractometer at SPring-8 BL13XU. The epitaxial crystal of (1) that grows up on the substrate of (2) by thickness less than 4 μm was investigated.

Out-of-plane reflections were measured using 8 keV X-ray for a grazing incident angle of $0.1^\circ \sim 2.0^\circ$. Three pairs of 02/ reflections observed on the two-dimensional diffraction image are shown in Fig. 1. Each two neighboring Bragg spots were assigned to those from the surface film crystal of (1) and the substrate of (2), respectively. This suggests that the epitaxial film crystal is just a single crystal with its orientation being almost the same as the substrate crystal. The intensity ratios of the film crystal to the substrate become larger as incident angle decrease.

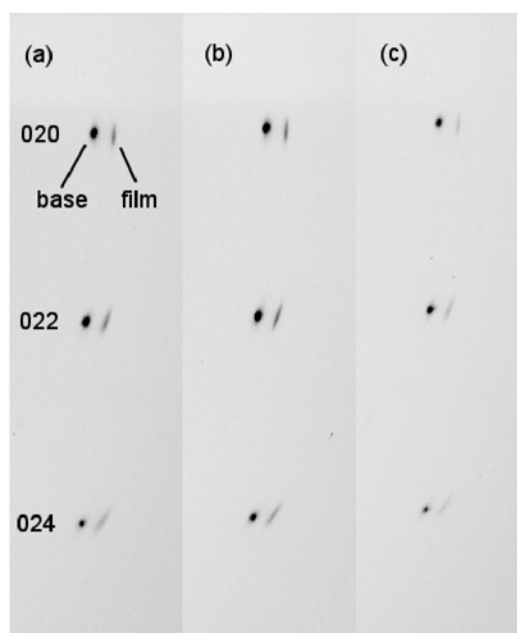


Fig. 1 Two-dimensional diffraction images for the epitaxial crystal. Incident angles are (a) 0.1° , (b) 0.3° and (c) 0.5° , respectively.

One-pot synthesis and application of magnetite containing mesoporous carbon *via* organic-organic self-assembly

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We synthesized highly ordered and magnetic nanoparticles containing mesoporous carbon using organic-organic self-assembly method *via* one-pot synthesis process. Metal ion contents in mesoporous carbon were controlled from 1.0 to 10 wt% (to weight of the added resol precursor). With the content of Fe below 2.5 wt%, the mesostructures of magnetite containing mesoporous carbons were well retained with 2-D hexagonal symmetry at 700 °C, while the mesostructures were collapsed with the content above 5.0 wt% Fe. The mesostructures of the mesoporous carbons were characterized by synchrotron small angle X-ray scattering (Pohang Accelerator Laboratory, Korea) as well as nitrogen sorption behaviors and transmission electron microscopy. With the increase of Fe content from 1.0 to 2.5 wt%, the particle sizes of magnetite in mesoporous carbon were increased from 10.2 to 18.6 nm after carbonization at 700 °C in Ar flow. The particle sizes of magnetite in mesoporous carbon with 1.0 wt% Fe content were increased from 6.1 to 27.8 nm after carbonization at various temperatures from 600 to 900 °C. With the increase of Fe content 1.0 wt% to 10 wt% in magnetite containing mesoporous carbon, BET surface area and pore size were decreased 635.4 to 199.9 m²g⁻¹ and 36.0 to 25.7 Å, respectively. The saturation magnetization value of magnetite containing mesoporous carbon with 1.0 wt% iron (1 wt% Fe-FDU-15) after carbonization at 700 °C was 7.7 emug⁻¹. We demonstrated the usefulness of these composites for the immobilization of drug (Ibuprofen) and proved their easy manipulation by means of an external magnetic field.

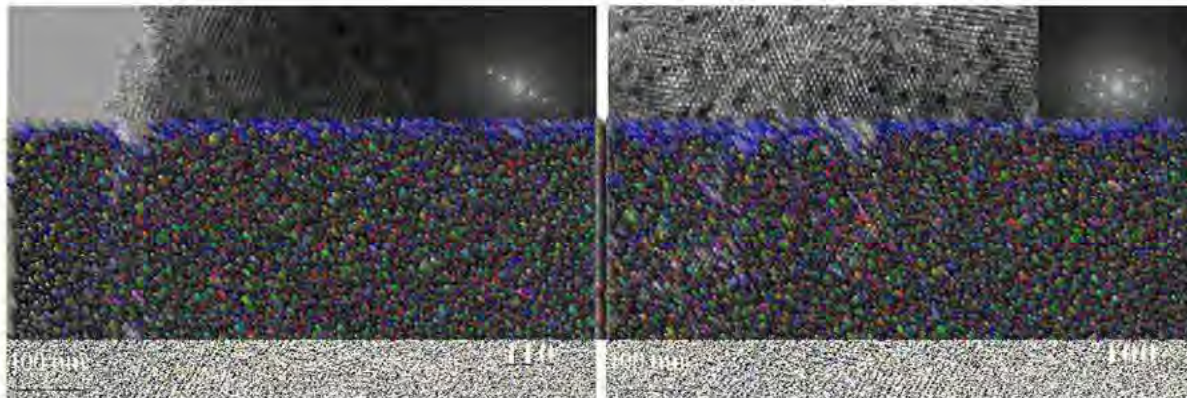


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Adsorption behavior of amino acids on periodic mesoporous organosilicas (PMOs)

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Amino acids are of great importance in many fields, including solid-phase peptide synthesis and production of pharmaceutical and agrochemical compounds and biomedical sensors. These applications generally require amino acids to be placed in the form of well-ordered layers on the surface of solid by adsorption. Periodic mesoporous organosilicas (PMOs) have remarkable features, such as large surface area, tunable pore size, and modifiable surface properties. These features make PMOs a very promising adsorbent for amino acid.

In this study, we prepared periodic mesoporous organosilica (PMO) materials from 4,4-bis(triethoxysilyl)biphenyl, 1,4-bis(triethoxysilyl)benzene and bis[3-(trimethoxysilyl)propyl] amine as precursors and investigated on their adsorption behavior of various amino acids as a guest material. The mesostructures of the PMOs were characterized by synchrotron small angle X-ray scattering (Pohang Accelerator Laboratory, Korea) as well as nitrogen sorption behaviors and transmission electron microscopy.

We carried out adsorption studies of various amino acids on the PMOs under various conditions such as different kinds of PMOs as absorbents, various concentration of amino acids and pH. For amino acids, we tested glycine, L-lysine, and isoleucine. Adsorption of various amino acids on PMOs have been characterized by UV-vis spectroscopy using the ninhydrin reaction. The adsorption behavior was strongly dependent on the isoelectric point and hydrophobicity of PMO as well as the hydrophobicity of an amino acid.

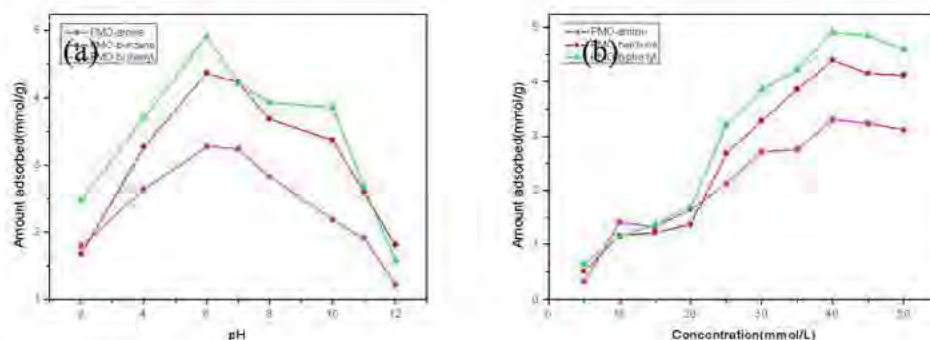


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First-principles calculation of dielectric function for graphite, graphene, and carbon nanotubes

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We performed density-functional theory (DFT) analysis of the structural, electronic, and optical properties of graphite, graphene, and carbon nanotubes. Calculations of the dielectric function and optical absorption were performed under light polarized parallel and perpendicular to the tube axis or the graphene plane. The computations were performed using the full potential linear-augmented plane wave approach as implemented in the WIEN2k [1] code. First-principles calculation has shown quite good agreement with experimental data for graphite as shown in Fig. 1. We studied insulated nanotubes of different chirality and a bundle of nanotubes. We can see the displacement of peaks for different structures such as graphene and carbon nanotubes (see Fig. 2).

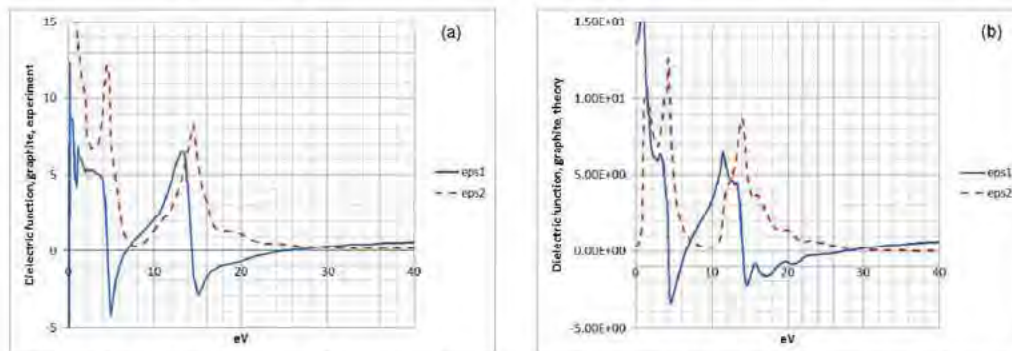


Fig. 1. Dielectric function of graphite: (a) experimental data [2] and (b) *ab initio* calculation

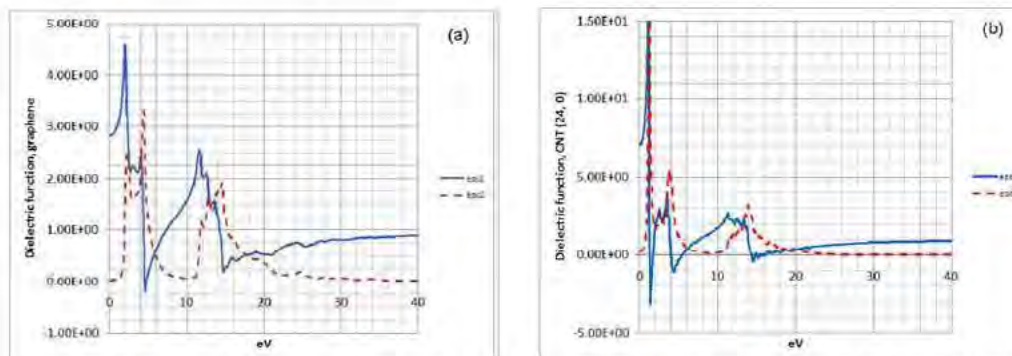


Fig. 2. First-principles calculation of dielectric function for (a) graphene and (b) CNT(24,0)

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Synthesis of biocompatible and mechanically compatible Ti based solid material for implant prototyping

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Because of their excellent biocompatibility, superior corrosion resistance, high specific strength and low density, Ti based materials have been extensively used as implants for artificial hard-tissue replacement. It is found that the Young's modulus of pure Ti (110 GPa) is relatively low compared to other conventional implant materials (210 GPa for stainless steel). Although Ti has comparably low Young's modulus, still there is a huge difference in elasticity between the Ti implant and its surrounding tissues. However, critical problems arisen by the mismatch of Young's modulus between implant and surrounding tissues are still unsolved. An alternative to improve the mechanical property mismatch is to reduce elastic modulus of pure Ti by introducing pores, thereby minimizing stress shielding effect between implant and bone where inserting. We have developed a number of biocompatible foaming agents which allows a laser induced Ti foaming without leaving the toxic degradation products in the Ti matrix. The generated porous samples were analysed regarding the total porosity, the location and the size and shape of pores by taking optical and electron micrographs together with micro-CT imaging and analysis. The porous Ti structure with maximum total porosity of 57.0% has been generated in this laser induced foaming process. The porous Ti sample with this amount of porosity is predictable to reduce the stiffness of pure Ti material. Therefore, the produced porous material with higher elasticity could be the potential candidate for hard tissue replacement.

Analysis of electron diffraction patterns from bone minerals

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Bone is a composite material composed of apatite, collagen and water. Up to 65% of bone is made up of apatite and it influences the strength of bone [1]. Hydroxyapatite (HAp) is one of the main inorganic phases of bone and its ideal chemical formula is $\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3\text{OH}$. This research used transmission electron microscopes (TEM) to study microstructures and atomic structures of bones, focused on quantitative analysis of electron diffraction patterns of bone minerals presented in nanometer scale. 100 ~ 200 nm width of collagen fibrils were observed from TEM specimens of cortical bones and HAp was a nano-sized inorganic phase which can be found among the collagen fibrils (Fig. 1). Electron diffraction patterns (EDP) of HAp was quite distinct from conventional EDP of nano-sized crystalline materials, showing arc-shaped reflections of (002) and (004) planes together with circle-shaped reflections from other planes. HAp belongs to $P6_3/m$ in space group and has a screw axis along the c-axis, which gives rise to systematic extinctions of (001) and (003) reflections.

In order to perform quantitative structure analysis of bone minerals, we separated the inorganic phases from the organic matrix and applied texture electron pattern analysis and electron precession techniques. Variations in structures of bone minerals from different parts, ages and species of bones were also investigated.

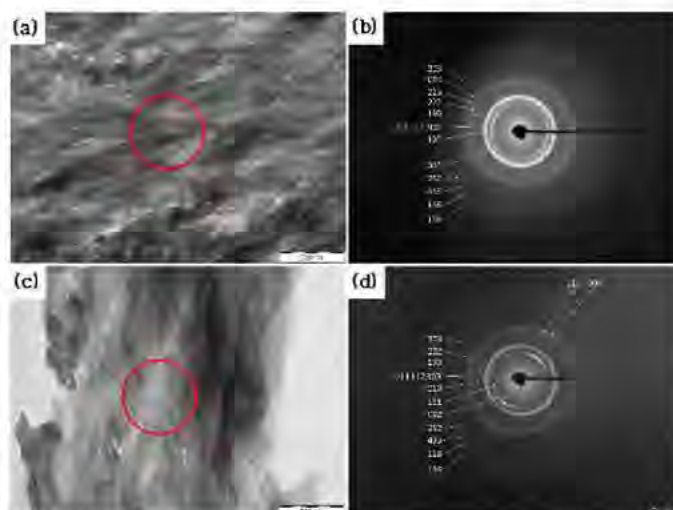


Fig. 1. TEM images and electron diffraction patterns of a rabbit femur ((a) and (b)) and a chicken femur ((c) and (d)).

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Synthesis and characterization of Sb_2S_3 & Sb_2Se_3 nanorods via complex decomposition by hydrothermal method

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Recently, metal chalcogenides have attracted considerable attention due to their proven and potential applications in electronic, optical and superconductor devices. Among these materials, antimony sulfide and antimony selenide are kind of semiconductors with interesting high photosensitivity and high thermoelectric power. They are layer-structured direct band gap semiconductor with orthorhombic crystal structure. Sb_2S_3 and Sb_2Se_3 has been extensively investigated for its special applications as a target material for microwave devices, television cameras, rechargeable storage cell, and various optoelectronic devices. In a typical procedure, 0.4 g CS_2 , 0.6 g EDTA and 1 g NaOH were added to 50 ml distilled water and stirred well for 20 min at room temperature. Then, 1 mmol of SbCl_3 was added to above mixture and the mixture was transferred into a 100 ml Teflon-lined autoclave. The autoclave was sealed, maintained at 180°C for 48 h and cooled at room temperature, naturally. The black precipitate was filtered and washed with dilute chloride acid and water.

Also, we used dimethyl diselenium and SbCl_3 as raw materials with the same route in synthesizing of Sb_2Se_3 nanorods. Typical XRD patterns of the as-prepared Sb_2S_3 and Sb_2Se_3 are shown in Fig.1a and 1b. All the peaks in the Fig.1a can be indexed to an orthorhombic phase with lattice parameters $a=11.22\text{ \AA}$, $b=11.28\text{ \AA}$ and $c=3.84\text{ \AA}$, are consistent with the values reported for single crystals of Sb_2S_3 (JCPDS card File:42-1393). Fig.1b can be attributed to the orthorhombic phase of Sb_2Se_3 with lattice parameters $a=11.62\text{ \AA}$, $b=11.76\text{ \AA}$ and $c=3.95\text{ \AA}$ (JCPDS card File:72-1184).

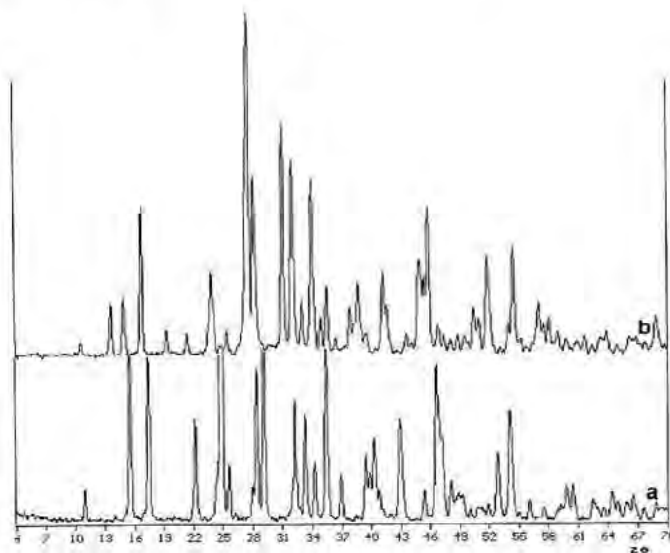


Figure1. XRD patterns of the as-prepared Sb_2S_3 (a) and Sb_2Se_3 (b) at 180°C and 48 h.

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Preparation & characterization of Ho^{3+} doped Sb_2Te_3 nanoplates by hydrothermal method and investigation of optical properties

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Binary compounds such as Sb_2Te_3 and its alloys are thermoelectric materials with small band gap and layered crystalline structures. These materials have investigated for direct conversion of thermal energy to electric energy and they specially are using for electronic refrigeration. In this research work the new $\text{Ho}_x\text{Sb}_{2-x}\text{Te}_3$ based nano-plates materials were synthesized by a hydrothermal co-reduction method. Tellurium (1 mmol), and NaOH (0.6g) were added to distilled water (60 mL), and then NaBH_4 (0.5g) and SbCl_3 and Ho_2O_3 with stoichiometric molar ratio were added and the mixture was transferred to a 100 mL Teflon-lined autoclave. The autoclave was sealed, maintained at 180°C for 48 h and then cooled to room temperature. The black precipitate obtained was filtered and washed with ethanol and water. The powder X-ray diffraction pattern shows the $\text{Ho}_x\text{Sb}_{2-x}\text{Te}_3$ crystals belong to the rhombohedral phase with calculated lattice parameters $a=4.264 \text{ \AA}$ and $c=30.458 \text{ \AA}$ (Fig.1).

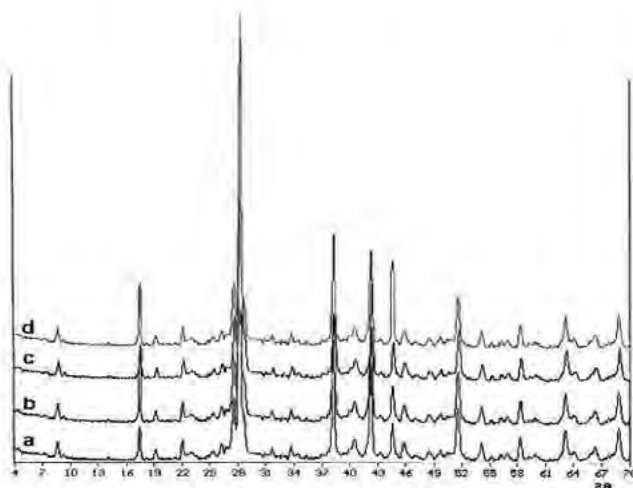


Figure1. XRD patterns of $\text{Sb}_{1.90}\text{Ho}_{0.1}\text{Te}_3$ (a: $x=0.00$, b: $x=0.02$, c: $x=0.05$, d: $x=0.10$).

Powder XRD patterns indicate that the $\text{Ho}_x\text{Sb}_{2-x}\text{Te}_3$ crystals with $x = 0 - 0.1$ are isostructural with hexagonal Sb_2Te_3 . The cell parameter c decreases for Ho^{3+} upon increasing the dopant content (x), while a slightly increases. Changes in lattice parameter could be related to the radius of Ho^{3+} cations. SEM images show that doping of the Holmium ions in the lattice of Sb_2Te_3 generally results in nano-plates materials. Emission spectroscopy reveals mainly intense electronic transitions of the Ho^{3+} ions from excited to ground state of Ho^{3+} .

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Collecting complete 3D electron diffraction data using the automatic rotation method

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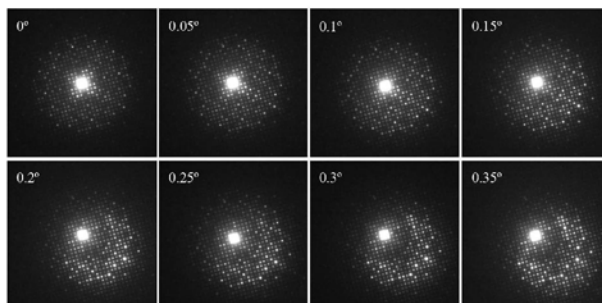
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Atomic structures of crystals $< 1\mu\text{m}^3$ can only be solved by electron crystallography. The most complicated zeolites and quasicrystal approximants that have been solved were by electron diffraction (ED) and electron microscopy (EM). Yet, there are still obstacles preventing electron crystallography from being as widely used as X-ray diffraction.

One problem is the uncertain quality of ED and EM, due to multiple scattering of electrons; even in very thin ($< 20\text{ nm}$) samples. This problem is less severe when the crystal is not viewed along a main crystal axis or a main diagonal. Electron precession reduces multiple diffraction and makes the diffracted intensities more reliable i.e. kinematical.

Another problem of electron crystallography has been that it can only be done by highly skilled and well trained persons. Also, it is virtually impossible to collect complete 3D ED or HRTEM data considering all the diagonal views that are needed for complex structures. This is in great contrast to for example X-ray powder diffraction, where you just put a powder sample into an instrument and it collects the data. There is a strong demand for automatic and simple methods for collecting high-quality complete 3D ED data. Such data can be collected either by dedicated hardware, such as the DigiStar from NanoMegas or digitally by collecting a very large number of diffraction patterns, taken every 0.1° or 0.05° .



Part of high precision beam tilt series performed by the rotation method. The electron beam was tilted slowly away from the $[001]$ zone axis at 0° , while the direct beam was kept at the same position.

In order to collect complete 3D ED data, the crystal has to be rotated continuously with respect to the electron beam, by about 90° (less for highly symmetric crystals but more for crystals with low symmetry). We have developed the digital electron rotation method, where complete 3D diffraction data to 1 \AA resolution or even higher is collected. This has become possible because the modern electron microscopes and CCD cameras are computer controlled.

The rotation steps must be $< 0.1^\circ$ if reflections with resolution higher than 1.0 \AA are to be collected. Only then are they sampled finely enough. Such an accuracy of rotation cannot be reached by the goniometer, but it is possible using the beam tilt. We collect series of 80 frames at 0.05° intervals, covering a total of 4° rotation by automatic beam tilt control. Then we tilt the goniometer by 3.5° (allowing some overlap between series) and start a new series etc. The whole data set, with some 2000 frames may be collected within one hour.

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Site preference and electron-density distribution of Fe ions in magnetite by X-ray resonant and non-resonant scattering

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Magnetite Fe_3O_4 has the crystal structure of inverse-spinel type, where only Fe^{3+} ions occupy the tetrahedral A sites and Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} ions equally occupy the octahedral B sites [1-3]. Various physical properties of magnetite such as metallic behavior, mixed valence and electron hopping are subject to the cation distribution between two kinds of sites. It was also reported in X-ray absorption experiments that the pre-edge peak of magnetite originates from the atoms in the A sites [4-6]. It is interesting to pinpoint the electrons of specific atoms by extracting the X-ray intensity by resonant scattering from the total scattered intensity. For example, the position of 1s electrons can be estimated from the *shell structure factors* due to the X-ray resonant scattering (XRS) at an absorption edge [7]. On the other hand, the difference-Fourier series in X-ray diffraction can provide a mean for the location of bonding 3d electrons, by subtracting out the electron density of all atoms in the crystal structure. Thus, the electron-density analysis has developed to make use of the intensity difference between resonant and non-resonant X-ray scattering. In this study, we have focused on the site-specific study for the electron-density distribution associated with the 1s and 3d states of Fe atoms.

Synchrotron experiments at the Fe *K* absorption edge were performed at the BL-6C beamline of the Photon Factory using a conventional Rigaku AFC5 four-circle diffractometer. In order to compensate the intensity for the polarization effect, the incident beam was converted through a transmission-type X-ray phase retarder to circularly polarized X-rays with a synthetic single crystal of (001) diamond. A spherical crystal of 0.13 mm in diameter was used for the intensity measurements in the range $2\theta \leq 90^\circ$. The wavelengths corresponding to positive and negative XMCD peaks at Fe *K* pre edge were selected as $\lambda = 1.7442 \text{ \AA}$ ($E = 7.1082 \text{ keV}$) and $\lambda = 1.7438 \text{ \AA}$ ($E = 7.1098 \text{ keV}$), respectively. On the information at the off-peak position of the pre edge, the intensity data were measured at $\lambda = 1.7449 \text{ \AA}$ ($E = 7.1051 \text{ keV}$). Least-squares calculation and difference-Fourier synthesis were performed with the softwares of RADY and FRAXY, respectively.

The conventional difference-Fourier synthesis was first made based on the calculation with the Fourier coefficients $|F_{\text{obs}}(\mathbf{k})|$ as electron density $\rho_{\text{obs}}(\mathbf{r})$ and $|F_{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{k})|$ as $\rho_{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{r})$. The XRS effect in crystal structure factors measured on a pre-edge peak “A” makes it possible to perform a difference-Fourier synthesis for targeting only resonant electrons. The difference in the electron density can be given as $\Delta\rho(\mathbf{r}) = V^{-1} \sum \sum \{ |F_{\text{obs}}^{\text{A}}(\mathbf{k})| - |F_{\text{obs}}^{\text{off}}(\mathbf{k})| \} \exp\{2\pi i \phi_{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{k})\} \exp(-2\pi i \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})$, where the termination effect of Fourier series is automatically corrected. Based on the electron-density distribution of bonding 3d and resonant 1s electrons, the site preference of Fe ions in magnetite will be discussed.

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Accurate determination of local structural properties by X-ray absorption fine structure

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Long range atomic orderings can be measured with x-ray diffraction (XRD) while local structural properties can be described by extended x-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS). EXAFS can detect the local structural properties around a selected element, including atomic bond lengths, disorders, coordination numbers, and species of atoms. EXAFS measurements do not require crystal structures. Therefore, EXAFS can be applied for crystals, amorphous, and mixed phased matters. Furthermore, EXAFS does not dependent on the phase of a material, such as solid, liquid, and gas. We will introduce the EXAFS technique, comparing with XRD in detail. We will demonstrate EXAFS studies of the structural properties of nanomaterials, including nanoparticles, nanorods, and nanotubes, which are difficult to be determined by XRD.

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Structure of transmembrane pore reconstructed by anomalous X-ray diffraction

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We determined the structure of the melittin-induced transmembrane pore by X-ray diffraction. The multibilayer sample on substrate was prepared in full hydration. The peptide-to-lipid ratio, P/L, of the melittin-lipid mixtures were in the condition where pores were present, as established previously by neutron in-plane scattering in correlation with oriented circular dichroism. At low hydration levels, the interbilayer distance shortened and caused the membrane pores to become long-ranged correlated and form a periodically ordered lattice of rhombohedral symmetry. Here we used the multiwavelength anomalous dispersion (MAD) method to solve the phase problem for a rhombohedral phase of a phospholipid with brominated chains and performed multiwavelength anomalous diffraction at the bromine K edge. We found the melittin-induced pores were at least partially framed by a lipid monolayer. Evidence suggests that the pore structure is of the toroid type different from the barrel-stave type induced by alamethicin.

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MAX200x and max80 high-pressure/high-temperature experiments from Helmholtz Centre Potsdam, GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences at DESY, German Electron synchrotron

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For geoscientists, material scientists, physicists and chemists it is very important to study the samples under extreme conditions. It is necessary to use in-situ X-ray diffraction experiments at synchrotron beamlines because of the high intensity and the broad energy range to figure out the stability of minerals under high pressure and temperature, the determination of bulk moduli, the thermal expansion, phase diagrams, and the behaviour of kinetic measurements.

The first apparatus in Europe was installed in 1992 at HASYLAB, MAX80, a single-stage multi-anvil system. MAX80 allows in-situ diffraction studies in conjunction with the simultaneous measurement of elastic properties up to 12 GPa and 2000 °C [1]. This very successful experiment is used by over forty scientist groups from the whole high pressure community all over the world and is supported by the Helmholtz Centre Potsdam.

Today new materials and the use of high brilliant synchrotron sources allow constructing double-stage multi-anvil systems for X-ray diffraction to reach much higher pressures. The newly designed high-flux hard wiggler (HARWI-II) beamline is an ideal X-ray source for this kind of experiments at the MAX200x. The MAX200x is operated in the double-stage compression mode, in which the first stage is the DIA-type apparatus with six anvils and the second stage consists of eight anvils.

Either tungsten carbide or cubic boron nitride is used for the second stage anvils. This system has a capability of generating pressures up to 25 GPa and temperatures of 2000 °C by a resistance furnace [2]. This experiment is operated since 2006 by Helmholtz-Centre Potsdam, GFZ, German Centre for Geosciences and is used by more than ten groups from different countries every year. An important issue, not only for geoscientists, is to obtain the thermoelastic properties of materials, that means the bulk modulus and the thermal expansion. These values can be calculated due to the changes of the unit-cell-parameters of the sample under different pressure and temperature conditions.

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Environmental structural analysis of hydrolytic condensed oxides with complex structure

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Hydrolytic condensed oxide materials frequently indicate complex structural features and unique thermal properties, which depend on their preparative conditions. To clarify the mechanism of the hydrolytic condensation together with physic-chemical properties of obtained materials, it is important to understand the so-called middle range ordering composed of local structural units. Extended X-ray absorption fine structure (EXAFS) is a powerful method to analyze the local coordination environment of specific elements. On the other hand, the radial distribution function (RDF) obtained by the X-ray diffraction provides the useful structural information on the middle-range ordering. In particular, anomalous X-ray scattering (AXS) measurements can provide the environmental-RDF around a specific element. This paper demonstrates some selected examples of structural studies for synthetic and natural hydrolytic condensed oxides by the combination of AXS and EXAFS analyses. As an example, Fig.1 shows ordinary RDFs for various ZrO_2 - SiO_2 gels prepared by precipitating sols of oxy-zirconium salts and tetra-ethoxysilane (TEOS) into alkali solvents. Only from the dried gel prepared from the sol by refluxing aqueous solution of the $\text{ZrO}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ and TEOS mixture, zircon (ZrSiO_4) can be crystallized by the low temperature annealing at 1150 °C [1]. Differences in correlations around 3 Å and 4 Å appear to indicate the structural features of the amorphous precursor related to the formation of zircon at low temperatures. Structure of natural chrysocolla ($\text{CuSiO}_3 \cdot 1.4\text{H}_2\text{O}$) and synthesized $\text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$ micro-crystallite analyzed by the AXS technique will be also discussed. The AXS measurement at the Cu- K absorption edge serves a unique environmental information around Cu, which allows us to discuss the linkage structure of coordination polyhedra $\text{Cu}(\text{O},\text{OH})_6$.

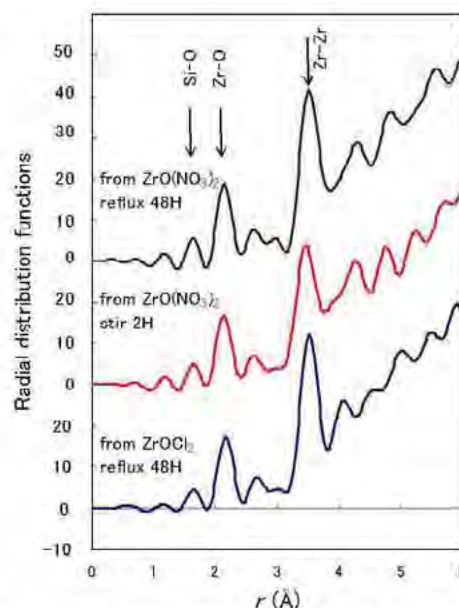


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Development of a micro-strip detector for high-energy XRD

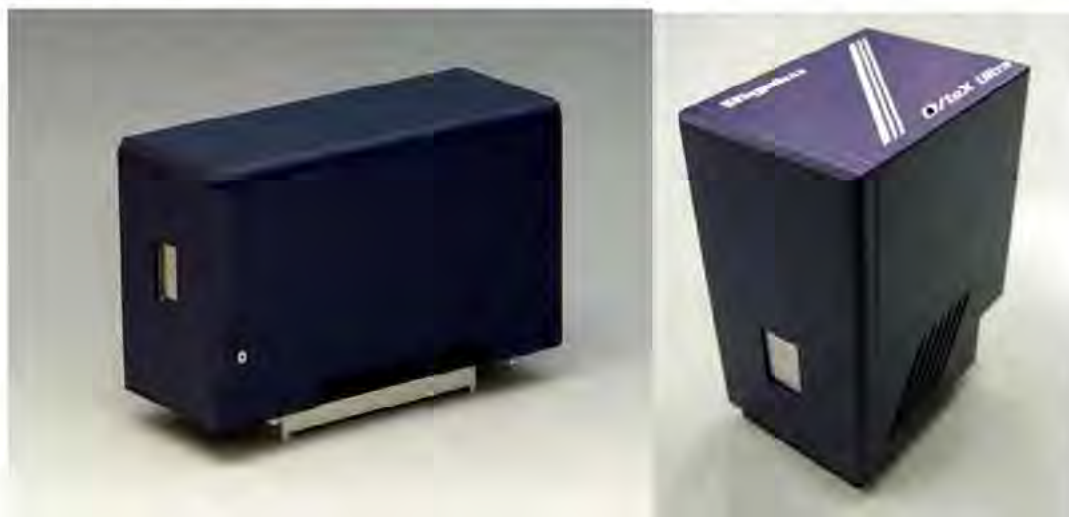
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A micro-strip detector has become almost a standard detector for in-house X-ray diffractometry [1]. It significantly reduces the data acquisition time to compare with the conventional scan with a point detector such as a scintillation counter or a proportional counter. However, its detective quantum efficiency (DQE) becomes low as the incident X-ray energy gets high since a thin (a few hundred micron) silicon is usually used as a sensor. On the other hand, the number of the applications using high energy X-ray ($> 15\text{keV}$) has been increasing and a strip detector which has high DQE at high energy region is demanded. We have been developing a micro-strip detector with high DQE at high energy[2]. Some examples will be shown.



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Structural study of $\text{Zr}_{50}\text{Cu}_{40}\text{Al}_{10}$ and $\text{Zr}_{50}\text{Ni}_{40}\text{Al}_{10}$ amorphous alloys by anomalous X-ray scattering coupled with reverse Monte-Carlo simulation

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The physicochemical properties of Zr-based amorphous alloys are affected by kinds of solute elements and their concentrations. The formation ability of a glassy phase is strongly enhanced by the addition of Al in the cases of binary Zr-Cu and Zr-Ni systems [1]. We carried out the AXS-RMC analysis of ternary amorphous alloys in order to discuss the structural role of Al. AXS-RMC analysis is a combinatorial analysis of anomalous X-ray scattering (AXS) method and reverse Monte-Carlo (RMC) simulation, and this new analytical method is suggested to be one of the most powerful techniques for discussing the fine structures of disordered materials [2].

Ordinary and environmental radial distribution functions (RDFs) of $\text{Zr}_{50}\text{Cu}_{40}\text{Al}_{10}$ amorphous alloy obtained by the AXS analysis are shown in Fig. 1. Although the structural information on six atomic pairs of Zr-Zr, Zr-Cu, Zr-Al, Cu-Cu, Cu-Al and Al-Al are included in the ordinary RDF, the environmental RDF around Zr can be explained by a harmony of three pair correlations of Zr-Zr, Zr-Cu and Zr-Al, only. The environmental-RDF around Cu is similarly employed for obtaining the structural information for three atomic pairs of Cu-Cu, Cu-Zr and Cu-Al. These environmental-RDFs allow us to discuss structural features of amorphous alloys in details and present results indicate that the environmental structure around Zr is obviously modified by the introduction of Zr-Al pairs. As shown in Fig. 2, similar discussion can be possible to make for the Ni case and the obtained RDF data for the Zr-Ni-Al system show the preferred correlation for the Zr-Al pairs, which serve the structural change around Zr. Further structural details induced by the addition of Al in the binary Zr-Cu and Zr-Ni amorphous alloys could be obtained by AXS-RMC analysis. The overall preference of icosahedron-like local structural units are confirmed around Zr. This structural feature appears to have no concentration dependence of Al addition. In the presentation, we will report topological features of the detailed three-dimensional structural models of the amorphous alloys.

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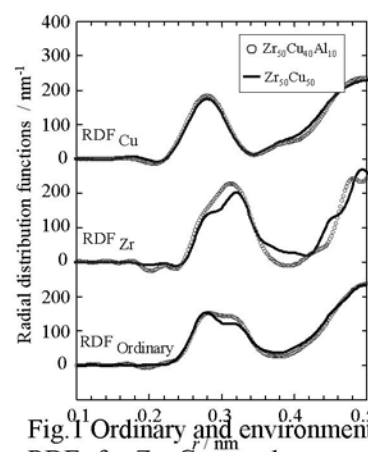


Fig. 1 Ordinary and environmental-RDFs for $\text{Zr}_{50}\text{Cu}_{50}$ and $\text{Zr}_{50}\text{Cu}_{40}\text{Al}_{10}$ amorphous alloys.

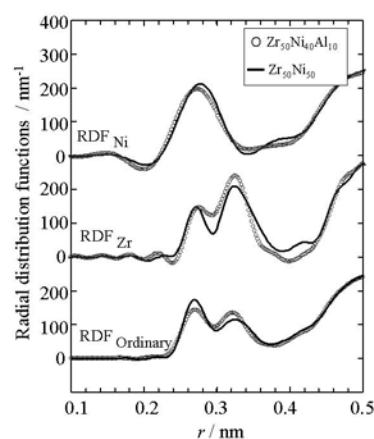


Fig. 2 Ordinary and environmental-RDFs for the $\text{Zr}_{50}\text{Ni}_{50}$ and $\text{Zr}_{50}\text{Ni}_{40}\text{Al}_{10}$ amorphous alloys.

MS03-P08

High brilliance laboratory sources for small x-ray beams

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In our talk we give an overview on current developments of our high brilliance microfocus source, the I μ S, for diffractometry in the lab. The I μ S consists of a 30 W air-cooled sealed tube with a small anode spot below 40 μ m. It is available with Cu, Mo, Ag or Cr radiation. The attached multilayer optics shapes the beam in two directions. Focussing of the beam is as possible as collimating. We explain the unique features of the X-ray source and the design, production and characterization of the multilayer optics. Beam parameters like monochromaticity, flux, brilliance and divergence demonstrate the quality of the I μ S.

Selected examples of applications show the benefit of the new microfocus solutions, especially in combination with modern detector technology. The I μ S can be combined with all types of 2-dim detectors, like image plates or CCD's. Furthermore, it can be used to upgrade older equipment as well as being a fully integrated component in a modern diffractometer.

We will be showing the following applications, to name but a few:

- texture measurements of high-temperature-superconducting thin films, in order to optimize technically relevant parameters
- grazing incidence small angle scattering of multilayer films in order to compare deposition processes
- structure measurements of crystals at non ambient high-pressure conditions
- temperature-induced phase transitions of an organic semiconductor material
- spatially resolved stress analysis of welding-seams at iron-containing „real“ automotive parts

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Synchrotron radiation beamline for macromolecular assemblies at SPring-8 operated by the Institute for Protein Research (BL44XU)

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Biological macromolecular assemblies play significant roles in many biological reaction systems, such as energy transfer, protein synthesis, signal transduction, molecular motors and so on. Detailed understanding of the functions of the macromolecular assemblies requires information derived from three-dimensional atomic structures. X-ray crystallography is one of the most powerful techniques to determine the three-dimensional structures of macromolecular assemblies at atomic level. It is usually known that biological macromolecular assemblies are difficult to be crystallized or grown to larger size crystals. In addition, the unit cells of these crystals are quite large. Because of these features of the crystals of biological macromolecular assemblies, it is usually very difficult to obtain good diffraction data. The difficulties of diffraction data collection of biological macromolecular assemblies are as follows; extremely weak diffraction power, narrow space between diffraction spots, x-ray radiation sensitive etc. High brilliance and highly parallelized synchrotron radiation from the undulator is an extremely powerful tool for diffraction data collection from macromolecular assembly crystals with large unit cell.

The Institute for Protein Research (IPR) of Osaka University is operating a beamline for crystal structure analysis of biological macromolecular assemblies at SPring-8 (BL44XU). This beamline is designed to collect high quality diffraction data from biological macromolecule assembly crystals with large unit cells. The light source of this beamline is a SPring-8 standard type in-vacuum undulator. Liquid nitrogen cooled double crystal monochromator and horizontal focusing mirror are used as the optical components. A high precision diffractometer combined with a specially designed large image-plate detector, DIP6020, and a high performance CCD detector, MX-225HE, is installed. BSS (Beamline Scheduling Software), which is SPring-8 protein crystallography beamline standard GUI, is installed to unify user operation throughout protein crystallography beamlines in the SPring-8. Diffraction data from crystals of large nucleoprotein complex, Vault, with large unit cell (over 700 angstrom) has successfully been collected higher than 3.5 Å resolution [1]. Present status and the future plan of the beamline will be discussed.

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Data processing software for a new TOF single crystal neutron diffractometer “iBIX” at J-PARC

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For a single crystal diffractometer, a data processing software which extracts a HKLF list from raw data is one of the most important components. We have developed a new data processing software, named “STARGazer”, for a new TOF single crystal neutron diffractometer, “IBARAKI Biological Crystal Diffractometer (iBIX)”, which is constructed at Materials and Life-science Facility (MLF) of J-PARC.

STARGazer has several functional components; 1) making histogram data from raw event data, 2) peak search from the raw data, 3) determination of the UB matrix, 4) finding the Bravais lattice, 5) refinement of the UB matrix, 6) calculate the intensities of all Bragg reflections, and 7) data visualization. The algorithms of crystallographic fundamental functions of those components referred the algorithms of program ISAW, which is a data processing software package developed on Argonne National Laboratory. In addition, STARGazer has some additional functions optimized for the measurement of protein crystals on the iBIX; real-space indexing technique to find UB matrix, refinement of the detector position simultaneously in UB matrix refinement, and finding the Bragg reflections which are overlapping with neighboring reflections. In the near future, a function to deconvolute the overlapping Bragg reflections will be added.

We have already collected and processed neutron diffraction dataset of ammonium bitartrate, glutamic acid and some crystals of organic molecules. The obtained cell parameters agreed with the known values and positions of hydrogen atoms are reasonable. In this presentation, we will show the feature of STARGazer and also show the results of neutron structure analyses of the organic molecules by iBIX.

MS03-P11

Development of a new beamline dedicated to low energy SAD experiments at the Photon Factory

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Recent advances in SAD (single anomalous dispersion) phasing techniques facilitate to solve macromolecular crystal structures using sulfurs or phosphors, which are naturally included in macromolecules but emit quite weak anomalous signals. The method would be quite useful in solving membrane proteins or macromolecular complexes, for which heavy atom or selenomethionine derivative crystals are difficult to prepare. The Structural Biology Research Center at the Photon Factory has developed a new microfocus beamline dedicated to SAD experiments with sulfurs and phosphors under the national project 'Targeted Proteins Research Program'. The beamline is designed to take full advantage of a low energy X-ray beam at around 4keV to enhance anomalous signals from light atoms. The light source is an in-vacuum short gap undulator optimized at around the energy with the fundamental harmonics. The vacuum section of the beamline has only one beryllium window, followed by a diffractometer equipped with a helium cryostream and a specially designed helium chamber to minimize the attenuation of the lower energy beam. Simple optics (a cryo-cooled channel-cut monochromator and bimorph KB focusing mirrors) are adapted to deliver well-focused beam with a good stability.

The beamline has been opened to users from May 2010. The focused beam size (FWHM) at the sample position is 70 μm (H) x 10 μm (V), and the measured beam intensity is in the order of 10^{10} photons/sec on the area of 10 μm square. In the presentation, the current status of the beamline and the first results of SAD experiments are reported.

MS03-P12

SENJU: A new time-of-flight single crystal neutron diffractometer at J-PARC

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SENJU is a new single crystal diffractometer for spallation neutron source in Materials and Life Science Experimental Facility (MLF) at Japan Photon Accelerator Research Complex (J-PARC). It is currently under construction and is scheduled to be complete by spring 2011. The diffractometer is designed to perform diffraction experiment under various environmental conditions, and the crystal and magnetic structure of materials whose lattice constants up to 50 Å will be studied. SENJU also shed light on the superlattice reflection or diffuse scattering in the reciprocal lattice space to analyze the local structures as well as phase transitions of the materials. Measurement using small sample, less than 1.0 mm³, will be realized. A poisoned decoupled moderator was selected to measure peak profiles of Bragg reflection and intensity distributions of superlattice reflection or diffuse scattering with good accuracy. At the beginning, the diffractometer will have 31 two-dimensional scintillation detectors to observe the wide area of reciprocal lattice space by one measurement. Various sample environments will be provided, such as cryogenic cooling and magnetic field.

MS03-P13

The Australian Synchrotron: research opportunities now and into the future

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The Australian Synchrotron (AS), which began operation in 2007, offers user access to 9 beamlines and is open to researchers throughout Australasia and the wider international community. Of these operating beamlines, 5 are directly relevant to crystallographic applications, including: macromolecular and micro-crystallography (MX1 and MX2, respectively); powder diffraction (PD); X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS); and small- and wide-angle X-ray scattering (SAXS/WAXS). Together these instruments allow examination of a variety of problems including measurement of short and long range atomic order, and the determination of bond lengths and atomic oxidation states in bulk materials.

The MX1 and MX2 beamlines provide remote and on-site control of protein and small-molecule crystallography experiments. The MX2 beamline accommodates protein samples of size greater than $5 \times 5 \times 5 \mu\text{m}^3$ and small molecule crystals less than $1 \times 1 \times 1 \mu\text{m}^3$. Samples on both beamlines can be loaded by hand or by robot and are held under cryogenic conditions throughout the experiment. The micro-crystallography beamline also features a $30 \times 30 \mu\text{m}^2$ beam size, user selectable collimating apertures, and user-selectable energy changes allowing for multiple wavelength anomalous dispersion measurements on micro-crystals.

The powder diffraction beamline is a versatile instrument which facilitates a wide variety of experiments, from phase identification and quantification to structure elucidation and micro-structural analyses. With the Mythen-II detector at its heart the beamline is capable of acquiring relatively high resolution *in situ* diffraction data; data from LaB_6 show FWHM of (111) reflection of 0.0012° . A wide selection of sample stages and ancillaries are available to users, as is the option to use one's own sample environment. Samples mounted in capillaries and on flat plates can be examined and the accessible temperature range is 80-2570 K.

The XAS beamline is a high-flux wiggler-based beamline for XANES and EXAFS (X-ray absorption near-edge spectroscopy and extended X-ray absorption fine structure) measurements for elements where $Z > 20$ (Ca). The beamline utilizes a 100-element Ge detector and is optimized for fluorescence measurements of dilute systems (currently down to ~ 1 micro molar). A small focused beam spot ($0.2 \times 0.5 \text{ mm}^2$) enables measurements with *in situ* sample environments. These techniques compliment powder diffraction measurements, affording information about oxidation state which provides additional detail to studies of crystallographic structure.

The small- and wide-angle scattering beamline provides transmission and grazing incidence SAXS measurements on solids, liquids and surfaces, and in many cases simultaneous semi-1D WAXS analysis. High photon intensity and Pilatus detector systems allow fast data acquisition at up to 10's of frames per second. High signal to background allows analysis of very weakly scattering samples such as dilute protein solutions (in some cases as low as 0.1 mg/mL). Automated data acquisition and rapid sample alignment also provides for high through-put studies, up to a few thousand samples per day. The end station is highly flexible and able to accommodate a vast range of sample environments for *in situ* studies. This presentation will highlight the capabilities of the above selection of AS beamlines and will also outline planned developments on those beamlines.

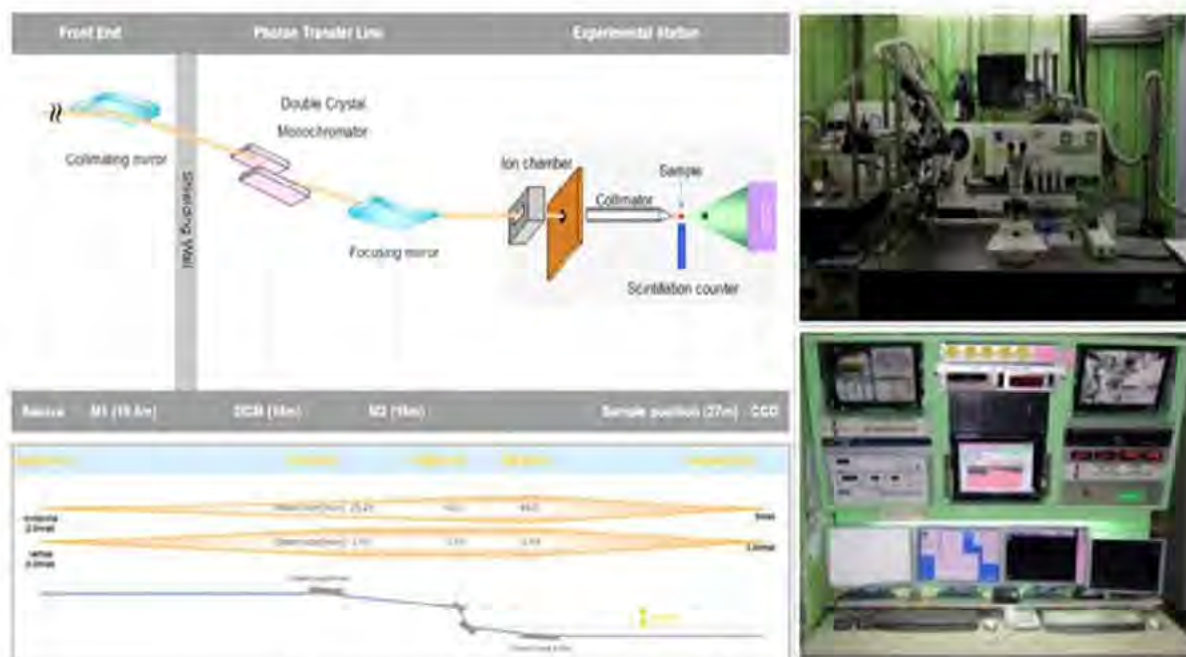
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Introduction of 6B beamline at Pohang Accelerator Laboratory in Korea for the small molecule X-ray crystallography

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The 6B beamline at Pohang Accelerator Laboratory (PAL) in Korea has been designed to operate in the photon-energy range of 6~17.5 keV (2.0 ~ 0.71Å) based on a bending magnet light source. It is dedicated to single crystal crystallography with material and biological samples. This beamline consists of three optical components, a collimating mirror, Si(111) double crystal monochromator (DCM) in order to tune the X-ray photon energy, and a toroidal focusing mirror. The photon flux at the sample position is 10^{11} photons/s, an energy resolution is 10^{-4} , and beam size is $250 \mu\text{m}^2$. The experiment station is equipped with high speed and high sensitivity of an ADSC Quantum Q210 area detector containing a 210mm^2 (4096 x 4096 pixel) detection area, high accuracy air-bearing one-axis goniometer, a cryojet for cooling sample using a liquid nitrogen its controlled 90~400K range, a helijet for extremely low temperature achievement using a liquid helium its 9K temperature, and a scintillation fluorescence detector. The conveniences for users are provided such as high resolution microscopy with DSLR photo system, high performance data processing server with HKL2000, movable hood, variety tools for mounting crystals and so on. Operation of this beamline was started from year 2001 as a first synchrotron crystallography in Korea and supported supramolecule and small molecule user from year 2009. Most of the beamline users constitute small molecule users nowadays. The status of beamline, equipments and several fabrication techniques will be presented on this poster.



Schematic view of the 6B beamline and experiment space.

MS03-P15

A simulation report of a single crystal diffractometer using an image plate for nano-bio research

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Recognizing the increasing R&D need for nano-bio structures involving Hydrogen Atoms, a project entitled 'Development of a Single Crystal Diffractometer Using Neutron Image-Plate for Nano-Bio Research' started in May this year. A single crystal diffractometer is to be installed at HANARO and the relevant instruments of the project will be opened to general users in early 2012. For this project, a simulation of beam line as precedent work is indispensable to optimize the layout of the instruments while considering the scientific and engineering aspects, for example, determination of monochromator type & crystal plane, adding neutron guides as a beam path, space for the image plate and its heavy shielding and so on. It was decided to use a Ge(311) crystal as a monochromator and supermirror guides on the beam path to increase the neutron flux. In this paper simulation results at various positions for neutron beam flux and its divergence will be described.

MS03-P16

The first neutron structure analysis of biological macromolecule with IBARAKI Biological Crystal Diffractometer -iBIX- in J-PARC

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Since 2004, Ibaraki prefecture has constructed the TOF neutron biological diffractometer (IBARAKI Biological Crystal Diffractometer: iBIX) at BL03, in Material and Life Science Facility in J-PARC. The diffractometer is designed to cover samples that have their cell edges up to around 135 Å with a resolution up to 1.2 Å (biological macromolecules) and to 0.7 Å (organic compounds).

In 2008, the basic part of the instrument of iBIX, including 14 detectors (a two dimensional detector which consists of ZnS:Ag/¹⁰B₂O₃ scintillators with a wavelength shift fiber system, and the total solid angle of the detector system: 9%) has been completed to prepare for diffraction experiment. Since the end of December in 2008, iBIX has been opened for users. Neutron diffraction datasets of several organic compounds of the known structure have been collected by using the iBIX and molecular structures obtained from the analysis agreed with the reported structures.

We have tried to collect the first TOF neutron diffraction dataset of a protein crystal by using iBIX in order to estimate the performance and characteristics of iBIX. The selected crystal for the purpose is ribonuclease A soaked in heavy water. The crystal volume was 4.7 mm³. The cell parameters were $a=30.4$ Å, $b=38.6$ Å, $c=53.4$ Å, $\beta=105.8^\circ$ in a monoclinic form, respectively. Measurement conditions are as follow: the accelerator beam power: 120kW, the pulse repetition: 25Hz, the range of wavelengths: 1.5~4.5 Å (the 1st frame), 4.2~7.5 Å (the 2nd frame), the number of measurement settings: 100 settings (1st frame: 67settings, 2nd frame: 43 settings), the exposure time: 5 hours/setting (the 1st frame), 1 hour/setting (the 2nd frame), the total amount of measurement time for full dataset: 17 days.

The data reduction (to extract a HKLF list from raw data) was carried out by using a new data processing software "STARGazer" which we have developed for TOF neutron diffraction data. At present, the data reduction of almost all of the first frame data set was finished and consequently the tentative HKLF list was obtained. The completeness of Bragg reflections is about 80% of 1.9 Å resolution. The first structure refinement was carried out with this tentative intensity dataset. We have succeeded in obtaining the reasonable structure after the first structure refinement with tentative data by comparing with the already-reported structure [1]. In future we will proceed the reduction of the remaining data (of the 2nd frame) and try to improve the resolution (less than 1.8 Å) and accuracy of intensity data. We will report the results of the further structure refinement with the final processed data in the conference.

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MS03-P17

Highest brilliance X-ray sources for home lab instrumentation – from solid target anode to liquid metal jet micro-focus

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For a wide variety of x-ray applications the depth of accessible information is limited by the brilliance of the x-ray source. Recent break throughs in x-ray source technology push the limits further. Over the years rotating anode based systems became a standard in x-ray diffraction. The latest generation offers an increased brilliance combined with reduced maintenance costs. At the same time microfocus sealed tube systems like the ImS enable for air-cooled, hot x-ray sources with almost no power consumption. Current developments are focusing on sources using liquid metal jet targets (e.g. a Gallium alloy) instead of fast spinning solid metal targets. These in-house sources will make power loads of the order of 500 kW/mm² possible. Operated a focal spot sizes below 20 microns at an x-ray energy of 9.2 keV the way for applications with a brilliance comparable to bending magnet sources in a home-lab instrument is paved.

Combining the sources with state-of-the-art multilayer mirrors, allows to transport the brilliance, enabling highest flux-densities at the sample suitable for e.g. diffraction and scattering investigations on very small samples or with very high spatial resolution.

During the course of the presentation dedicated data will discuss the potential of such sources integrated into a laboratory x-ray diffraction instrument.

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New X-ray imaging cameras give insight into X-ray source characteristics

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Advances in microfocus x-ray sources and synchrotron beamlines have resulted in smaller, better defined x-ray beams. Characterizing such beams is an important and sometimes difficult task. In this paper, Rigaku will present results from two recently developed cameras allowing the characterization of x-ray image features from instruments and synchrotrons, where the feature size can be on the order of microns. One new camera, the Xsight™ Micron, has been used to characterize the beam coming from a microfocus x-ray source with a new, high-precision graded multilayer optic based on Rigaku's Arc)Sec™ technology. The second camera, Xsight™+, shows dramatic improvement in laboratory instrument alignment and setup time. We will show the advantages of using a high-resolution imaging detector for the alignment of x-ray instruments, especially when using small, well-defined beams. We will also show how these cameras can help with synchrotron and other x-ray sources.

Morphological structures of a polymethacrylate diblock copolymer bearing POSS moieties probed by grazing incidence X-ray scattering

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The morphological structures in thin films of a diblock copolymer of methyl methacrylate and polyhedral oligomeric silsesquioxane (POSS) functionalized methacrylate (PMMA-*b*-PMAPOSS) with a volume ratio of 13/87 were investigated in detail by using synchrotron grazing incidence small and wide-angle X-ray scattering (GISAXS and GIWAXS). In addition, its thermal properties were studied. Thin films of this diblock copolymer were found to undergo phase-separation during solvent-annealing with carbon disulfide and post thermal annealing. To quantitatively analyze the scattering data, GISAXS and GIWAXS formulas were derived and applied. Our detailed analysis found that cylinders of PMMA blocks are induced to form in the diblock copolymer films by solvent-annealing and are hexagonally packed in the PMAPOSS matrix, in which the cylinders are oriented vertically with respect to the film plane. In the solvent-annealed films, both the PMMA cylinders and the PMAPOSS matrix are featureless, i.e., amorphous. However, the post thermal annealing process induces aggregation of the POSS moieties, which results in the formation of crystals with an orthorhombic lattice unit cell. These crystals were found to consist of PMAPOSS block chains in a helical conformation in which the molecular PMAPOSS cylinders are aligned in the film plane. The formation of these crystals is induced by the ordering ability of the POSS moieties. The crystals were found to melt above 190 °C during heating and subsequent cooling. In contrast, the hexagonally packed structure of the PMMA cylinders in the solvent-annealed and post thermally annealed films was found to be retained during the heating and the subsequent cooling. In addition, the scattering analysis provides detailed structural parameters. The 2D GISAXS and GIWAXS patterns were reconstructed from the determined structural parameters by using the derived scattering formulas, and found to be in good agreement with the experimental patterns. Moreover, a model for the structure of the films of the diblock copolymer is proposed.

Nanoporous conducting polymer thin films generated from ionic interaction block copolymers templates

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A series of well-defined aniline-chain-end-functionalized regioregular poly (3-hexylthiophene)s (P3HT-NH₂) and sulfo-chain-end-functionalized polystyrene (PS-SO₃H) have been prepared based on quasi-living Grignard metathesis and living anionic polymerization, respectively. Block copolymers via ionic interaction, (P3HT-NH₃⁺)-*b*-(PS-SO₃⁻)s, were successfully synthesized, simply by blending P3HT-NH₂ with PS-SO₃H in toluene. The thermal and optical properties of the block copolymers were investigated by differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) and ultraviolet-visible (UV-vis) spectroscopy. The self-assembly behavior of the (P3HT-NH₃⁺)-*b*-(PS-SO₃⁻) thin film was observed by atomic force microscopy (AFM) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM). In addition, grazing incidence X-ray scattering (GIXS) analysis found the microphase separation of P3HT-NH₃⁺ and PS-SO₃⁻ domains as well as the packing behavior of P3HT-NH₃⁺ segments in block copolymer thin films. By exploiting the pH-sensitive ionic interaction, the PS-SO₃⁻ domains were selectively etched with ethyl acetate/triethylamine, cleaving the ionic interaction between P3HT-NH₃⁺ and PS-SO₃⁻ segments, to obtain the target nanoporous P3HT-NH₂ films. The porosity of the films was confirmed by AFM, scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and GIXS analyses.

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Effect of C₆₀ fullerene on the duplex structure of i-motif DNA with complementary DNA in solution

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The structural effects of fullerene on i-motif DNA were investigated by characterizing the structures of fullerene-free and fullerene-bound i-motif DNA, in the presence of cDNA in solutions of varying pH, using circular dichroism and synchrotron small-angle X-ray scattering. To facilitate a direct structural comparison between the i-motif and duplex structures in response to pH stimulus, we developed atomic scale structural models for the duplex and i-motif DNA structures, and for the C₆₀/i-motif DNA hybrid associated with the cDNA strand, assuming that the DNA strands are present in an ideal right-handed helical conformation. We found that fullerene shifted the pH-induced conformational transition between the i-motif and the duplex structure, possibly due to the hydrophobic interactions between the terminal fullerenes and an internal TAA loops in the DNA strand. The hybrid structure showed a dramatic reduction in cyclic hysteresis.

Molecular organization of laterally tethered rod-coil molecules

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Rod-coil systems consisting of rigid rod and flexible coil segments are excellent candidates for creating well defined supramolecular structures via a process of spontaneous organization. Recently, we have synthesized series of structurally T-shaped rod-coil molecules with various volume fractions relative to molecular weight. The rod-coil molecules consist of penta-*p*-phenylene conjugated rod segments connected to poly (propylene oxide) (PPO) and 1st generation ethylene oxide dendrimer segments laterally attached through an imidazole linkage. The rod-coil molecules based on lateral linear chains self assembly into layered structures in which the rod segments are organized with different molecular packing in rod layer plane. The rod segments are organized parallel to each other to form different sublayers within rod layers to roll up into filled or tubular scrolls¹ depending on volume fraction. However, molecules with laterally grafted dendritic chain self assemble into spiral 2D columnar structures² in which the rod segments showed similar molecular packing with molecules in stepped column structures³. The supramolecular structural variation can mainly be attributed to the variation of aromatic rod length and cross-sectional area of coil segments. Insight into the mechanism of scroll formation is provided by observation of intermediate structures kinetically trapped by quenching from the melt and by computer simulation. These results demonstrate that rational design of a self-assembling molecule based on a laterally tethered rod building block allows stable nanostructures to be produced.

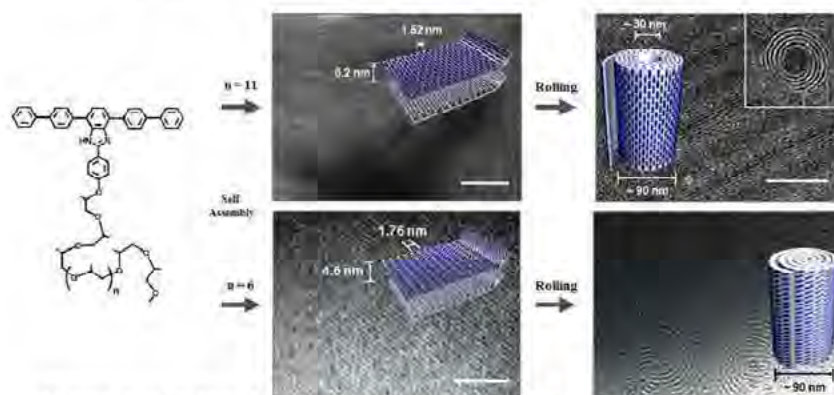


Figure 1. Scroll and Tubular structures of T-shaped rod-coil amphiphiles.

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Microstructure of PLA-PEG block copolymer aqueous solutions as studied by small angle X-ray scattering

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Modern plastics industry has evolved due to development of polymer materials with superior characteristics and features. They are used more than 100 million tons. Polymers in the past consider the durability for the environment has been produced. Therefore, most of the commercial plastics are semi permanent. Thus, environmental pollution became a problem. In recent years, environmental conservation with biotechnology and life extension related research is growing. In particular, biodegradable polymer spotlighted as an important material has processibility, practicality, stability, affordability, and environmental aspects are very superior. Accordingly, biodegradable polymer that has been studied with much interest in the past few decades. Polyesters including poly(lactic acid) (PLA), poly(glycolic acid) (PGA), poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) (PLGA) that have had extensive clinical use as FDA-approved materials for resorbable sutures, pins, screws, and staples¹⁻³. Especially PLA can be applied to drug delivery material, artificial skin and so on. PLA has been combined with a hydrophilic poly(ethylene glycol) (PEG) segment to produce an amphiphilic copolymer structure. Polyether, PEG has been also used as a source of hydrophilicity because of its outstanding physicochemical and biological properties including solubility in water and in organic solvents, non-toxicity and bioresorbability⁴. The biodegradable rate and hydrophilicity of this kind of biodegradable poly(ester-ether) may be controlled by adjusting the mole ratio of hydrophobic segments and sequence distribution of segments. In recent years many efforts have been made in synthesis of PLA-PEG diblock copolymer. PLA-PEG diblock copolymers will self-assemble spontaneously in water into a spherical micelle of a few hundred molecules which has a core of densely packed hydrophobic PLA block and a dense PEG brush shell which radiates from the core^{5,6}. And they occur sol-gel transition by various concentration and temperature. However, the variation of microstructure during the phase transition has not been reported. Therefore, in this work, PLA-PEG diblock copolymer was synthesized. The aqueous solutions of the synthesized block copolymers with different concentrations were prepared and their sol-gel transitions with the detailed microstructures accompanying the transition were examined by the small angle X-ray scattering. Amphiphilic PLA-PEG diblock copolymers with various block lengths were synthesized by ring opening bulk polymerization. The aqueous solutions of the synthesized block copolymers indicate sol-gel transition by variation of concentration and temperature. Small angle X-ray scattering measurements were based on the transition temperature and the concentration. As a result, the sample prepared using a PEG (Mw = 1900), distance was gradually increase at below transition temperature. Because broken physical crosslink of between micelles. Micelles will be independent and random. At this time, changes to the sol state. Furthermore, exceeded a critical temperature, distance was rapidly increases. PEG is lose gradually hydrophilicity by temperature rise. So, the aggregation and collapse that occur in micelles. And sample of using a PEG (Mw = 5000) also broken physical crosslink of between micelles. However, even though the temperature rise, micelles does not occur collapse because chain length longer than PEG (Mw 1900) and the strong hydrophilicity also. Instead, PEG shell will be contraction. In addition, even though the temperature more rises, micelles will be only aggregation.

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Surface-induced columnar structures of discotic liquid crystals in thin films

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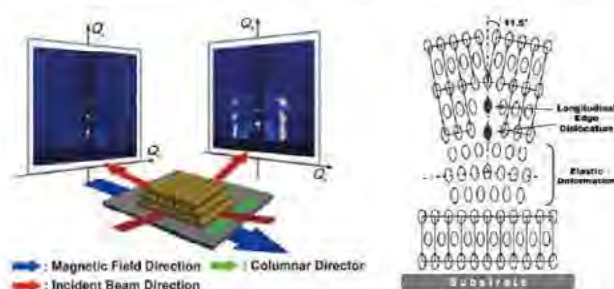
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Columnar discotic liquid crystals (DLCs), which provide high one-dimensional charge-carrier mobility, have attracted considerable interest for their potential applications in organic electronic and optoelectronic devices such as field effect transistors and photovoltaics. Typically, a DLC molecule consists of a rigid disc-like aromatic core with flexible aliphatic side chains. The DLC can exist in various phases such as nematic, columnar hexagonal, or rectangular phases depending on its thermodynamic state.^[1] In the columnar phase, the overlap of delocalized π -orbitals of neighboring aromatic cores provides excellent charge-carrier mobility along the columnar axis.^[2] For many practical applications, therefore, it is essential to fabricate a thin film of uniaxially oriented and highly ordered columnar structure of DLCs over a macroscopic area of substrate.

Typically, the structures and orientations of thin films on substrates are strongly influenced by interfacial interactions at film-substrate interface which propagate across the film thickness.^[3] Therefore, the surface energy of substrates are often modified to fabricate the self-assembly of molecules with desired orientations. In the case of block copolymers in a lamellar phase, it has already been shown that the preferential orientation of domains (parallel or perpendicular to the substrate) depends on the interfacial energy between substrate and polymer segment, and typically, the degree of ordering of the lamellar structures decreases with film thickness. It is also expected that the ordering of columnar structures of DLCs on substrates is influenced by the film thickness, affecting the performance of DLC devices. In this study, the structures of magnetically aligned DLC, cobalt (n-decylthio)porphyrazine, thin films on octadecyltrichlorosilane(OTS)-functionalized substrates, with various film thickness ranging from 49 to 845 nm, are investigated by the grazing-incidence small angle X-ray scattering (GISAXS) which is a very powerful technique for investigating the internal structures of thin films (Figure).



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Fabrication of highly ordered SWNT superstructures in a polymeric system

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Fabrication of highly ordered arrays of single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) has received great interest for a wide range of potential applications. Here, highly-ordered SWNT superstructures which shows thermally switchable pattern between one- and two- dimensional arrays are fabricated by cooperative self-assembly of non-covalently functionalized SWNTs and a PE6200 (PEO10.5-PPO30-PEO10.5)/water system[1]. The non-covalently functionalized isolated SWNTs are fabricated by in-situ polymerization of micelles [2,3]. Small angle x-ray scattering (SAXS) measurements show that when the PE6200/water system is in an isotropic phase, two-dimensional hexagonal arrays of SWNTs are formed by depletion attraction, and when the PE6200/water system is in a lamellar phase, one-dimensional lattices of SWNTs intercalated in the polar regions of the polymeric lamellar structure are formed by entropically driven segregation and two-dimensional depletion attraction. These two highly ordered SWNT superstructures are thermally reversible, following the temperature-dependent phase behavior of the PE6200/water system.

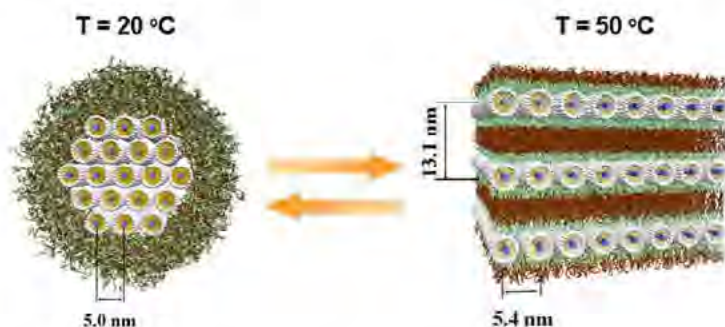


Figure 1. Hexagonal array of p-SWNTs formed by depletion attraction in PE6200/water at low temperature and one-dimensional lattices of p-SWNTs intercalated in the polar region of polymeric lamellar structure (PE6200/water).

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Highly ordered self-assembly of negatively charged nanorods and cationic liposomes

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Though self-assembly of 1D nanoparticles into highly ordered superstructures has been of great interest as a route toward materials with new functionalities, the phase behavior of 1D nanoparticles interacting with surrounding materials, which is the key information to design self-assembled superstructures, has not been fully exploited yet. Reported is a phase diagram of the negatively charged nanorod and cationic liposome (CL) complexes in water. It is exhibited that they self-assemble into three different highly ordered superstructures, the intercalated lamellar, the doubly intercalated lamellar, and the centered rectangular structures depending on the $d_{\text{spacing}}/d_{\text{rod}}$ ratio, which depends on the particle curvature and electrostatic interaction [1]. Negatively charged rodlike nanoparticles with various radii (cROD_n) were synthesized by copolymerization of polymerizable surfactants, n-alkyltrimethylammonium 4-vinylbenzoate (CnTVB, n = the number of carbon in alkyl chain), which form wormlike micelles in water, and the anionic hydrotropic salt, sodium 4-styrenesulfonate (NaSS) [2]. The CLs were prepared by extruding a 5:5 (mass ratio) mixture of univalent cationic lipid, dioleoyltrimethylammoniumpropane (DOTAP), and zwitterionic lipid, dioleoylphosphatidylcholine (DOPC), through 200 nm Nucleopore filters. The new phase diagram can be used to understand and design new highly ordered self-assemblies of 1D nanoparticles in soft matter and may provide new novel routes for scalable production of ordered 1D nanoparticle composites with new functionalities.

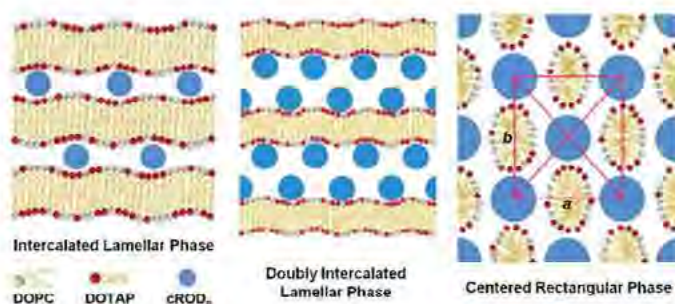


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Synchrotron grazing incidence wide-angle X-ray scattering analysis on molecular aggregation structure of full- or semi-aromatic polyimide films

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The intermolecular aggregation structures of fully aromatic polyimides (Ar-PIs) prepared from pyromillitic dianhydride and those of semialiphatic polyimides (Al-PIs) from 4,4'-diamino- cyclohexylmethane were characterized by GIWAXS technique. The aggregation structures of both Ar- and Al-PI thin films formed on Si substrates were identified as a mixture of ordered domain and amorphous matrix. For Ar-PIs with glass transition temperatures (T_g) higher than the imidization temperature (T_i), the aggregation structures are significantly influenced by the three-dimensional structures of the PI chain. Rodlike molecular structures with high planarity are prerequisites for the growth of ordered domains of Ar-PIs, whereas an Ar-PI having a bent and nonplanar structure exhibits the highest amorphous characteristics. In addition, the bulky -CF₃ groups in the diamine moiety increase the interchain distance in the ordered domains. For Al-PIs with T_g s lower than T_i , the degree of interchain ordering was higher than those of Ar-PIs, but was decreased significantly by decreasing T_g s. This is due to the vigorous motion of PI chains during thermal imidization

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Self-assembled brush polymers with glycine derivatives and its biocompatibility

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We have synthesized brush polymers with various glycine derivatives as the end groups of their long alkyl bristles. The polymers are thermally stable up to 170–210 °C and form good quality films through conventional spin- or dip-coating and subsequent drying. Interestingly, the thin films of these brush polymers exhibit different molecular multi-layer structures that arise through the efficient self-assembly of the bristles with glycine derivative end groups. These brush polymer films have hydrophilic surfaces and exhibit some water sorption. The extent of the water sorption by these films depends upon the nature of the glycine derivatives in the bristle end. These films not only repel fibrinogen molecules and platelets from their surfaces, but also have high resistance to bacterial adherence. Moreover, the films were found to provide conducive surface environments for the successful anchoring and growth of HEP-2 cells, and to exhibit excellent biocompatibility in mice. These brush polymers have potential uses in biomedical applications including medical devices, especially blood contacting devices such as catheters, stents, blood vessels, and biosensors, due to their enhanced biocompatibility and the reduced possibility of post-operative infection

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Structures characterization of star polystyrenes with varying numbers of arms through synchrotron X-ray scattering

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We have synthesized well-defined multiarmed star polystyrenes, with 6, 9, 17, 33, and 57 arms, and studied their molecular shapes and structural characteristics in a good solvent (tetrahydrofuran at 25 °C) and in a theta (Θ) solvent (cyclohexane at 35 °C) by small-angle X-ray scattering (SAXS) using a synchrotron radiation source. Analysis of the SAXS data provided a detailed characterization of the molecular shapes, including the contributions of the blob morphology of the arms, the radius of gyration, the paired distance distribution, the radial electron density distribution, and the Zimm–Stockmayer and Roovers g-factor, for the multiarmed star polystyrenes. In particular, the molecular shapes of the star polystyrenes were found to change from a fuzzy ellipsoid, for the 6-armed polystyrene, to a fuzzy sphere, for the 57-armed polystyrene, with an increasing number of arms. The ellipsoidal character of the star polystyrenes with fewer arms may originate from the extended anisotropically branched architecture at the center of the molecule. The arms of the star polystyrenes were found to be more extended than those of the linear polystyrenes. Furthermore, the degree of chain extension in the arms increased with the number of arms.

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A fast and fully automated solution for Lipidic Cubic Screening (LCP) using mosquito LCP

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Membrane proteins such, as G-protein coupled receptors, are known to be much more difficult to purify and crystallise than soluble proteins due to their native environment within the lipid bilayer of the cell membrane. As a result aqueous solutions are unsuitable for their reconstitution as they require lipids or detergents to retain their structural integrity.

The *in meso* crystallisation technique revolutionised the process of crystallising membrane proteins. This method utilises highly viscous lipid mesophases to contain the membrane proteins for crystallisation. However, there are a number of technical difficulties associated with the LCP method which makes this process difficult to perform and challenging to automate.

One problem is the viscous nature of the lipids which can be almost solid at room temperature. As a result the addition of protein to the lipid and subsequent reconstitution can be hard to achieve. In addition, the accurate dispensing of LCP, required for efficient miniaturisation, and the precise positioning of drops required for efficient imaging of membrane crystals present two other challenges.

TTP LabTech has solved this problem by developing mosquito[®] LCP, a dedicated instrument that offers a fully automated solution to LCP screening. This instrument offers fast throughput, high precision and unrivalled reproducibility. Here we describe the benefits of the instrument and how the renowned and reliable positive displacement tip technology ensures that the LCP screening preparation is performed to the highest standard with the minimum amount of effort.

macroSNAP: A computer program for comparing and clustering protein structures

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We have developed two computer programs:

1. PolySNAP [1] which compares and clusters powder patterns and 1-d spectroscopic data.
2. dSNAP [2] which is a tool for clustering hits from the Cambridge Structural Database.

We have adapted these procedures into a program, macroSNAP, for comparing and clustering protein structures with associated, interactive visualisation tools. It works as follows:

1. A set of protein structures is mined from the PDB.
2. The programs SSM or Theseus are used to perform a pair-wise superposition of each of the protein structures. The matching statistics are used to generate a correlation matrix, and a similarity matrix, *s*.
3. Using *s*, we carry out hierarchical cluster analysis. The results are presented as a dendrogram.
4. Metric multidimensional scaling (MMDs) is also used to generate a three-dimensional space in which each protein is represented by a single point in a 3-d box of unit dimensions.
5. The cut level, represented by the solid horizontal line in the dendrogram (see figure), is calculated, thus defining the number of discrete clusters. The cut level is interactive, and can be altered by the user.
6. Displays of superposed structures can be performed using a COOT interface.

As an example, 47 aaRs crystal structures were mined from the PDB, and clustered using macroSNAP.

As expected, they are separated into two distinct clusters:

1. The class I aaRSs (green) have a Rossmann fold and have the parallel beta-strands core.
 2. The class II aaRSs (red) have a unique fold made up of antiparallel β -strands.
- The outlier (yellow) is not an aaRS structure but an unrelated human IgG-Fc immunoglobulin.

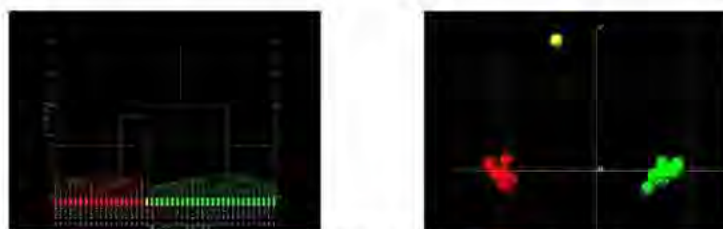


Figure: A dendrogram and MMDS plot for 47 aaRs crystal structures.

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Automated crystal centering by use of UV LED

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The continuously increasing demand for synchrotron beam-time, both from academic and industrial users, is a direct outcome of the exponential growth of macromolecular crystallography. Fully automated procedures at every level of the experiments are being implemented at all synchrotron facilities, allowing the screening of a profusion of sample crystals for more and more projects. However, the sample recognition and centering in the X-ray beam represents one of the major obstacles to achieving such automation.

Several independent algorithms have been developed to achieve crystal recognition and centering. The most popular method relies on pattern recognition of the loop encircling the crystal (1). Ideal for high-throughput data collections, this frequently used routine has the advantage to allow the screening of plenty of samples in a timely and efficient manner. Nevertheless, when dealing with crystals of small sizes or shifted from the loop center, it suffers from a lack of precision. Other techniques include diffraction-based analysis crystal centering (2), increase of crystal-to-surrounding contrast by differential lights (3), X-ray fluorescence (4) and UV-fluorescence recognition (5).

UV-based crystal centering takes advantage of the capacity of UV-light to specifically react with aromatic residues present in proteins or with DNA base pairs. Although very efficient, a well-known side effect of illuminating biological samples with strong UV-sources resides in the damages induced on the irradiated samples (6). In the present study, the effectiveness of a softer UV-light for crystal centering, by taking advantage of low power LED sources was investigated. Detailed analysis will be done on the impact of such UV-light source on the irradiated sample. Finally, it will be shown how the use of UV LED can represent a low-cost solution for non-damaging crystal centering with high specificity.

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Improved technologies for high-resolution X-ray crystallography

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Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) launched more than 300 kinds of protein samples to a microgravity environment for crystallization in JAXA-GCF and JAXA-NGCF projects, which started in 2003¹. At the beginning, we emphasized the development of technologies for crystal quality improvement in space, but afterwards, we realized that a series of technologies, from a preparation of protein sample to a three-dimensional structural analysis, were essential for efficient usage of high-quality diffraction data. To obtain these technologies, the "International Space Station applied research partnership program" started in 2004, the leader of which was Professor Nakagawa in Osaka University, cooperated with JAXA for the joint research, in collaboration with the University of Hyogo, Yokohama City University, Maruwa Foods and Biosciences Inc., and Confocal Science Inc. In the program, we developed:

a protein purification system. The purity of the protein was indexed by SDS-PAGE, Native-PAGE and/or DLS.

an optimization method of salt concentration in a crystallization solution of polyethylene glycol as a precipitant for efficient crystallization.

a theory of crystallization condition optimization which accelerates the effectiveness of the microgravity environment.

a remodeled beamline which was specialized for obtaining high resolution X-ray diffraction data set.

a data collection and a refinement methods of high resolution X-ray diffraction data set².

a high-pressure cryo-cooling system to reduce the usage of cryoprotectant³.

These series of technologies are mandatory for high-resolution crystallography and positively work for the efficient usage of microgravity crystallization.

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Fig. High-quality crystals of H-protein (0.69 Å) (upper) and Alpha-amylase (0.79 Å)(lower)

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High-quality protein crystal growth experiment (JAXA PCG) on board the Japanese Experiment Module 'Kibo' in the International Space Station

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Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) has started new protein crystallization experiments, the "High-Quality Protein Crystal Growth Experiment (JAXA PCG)" in the Protein Crystallization Research Facility (PCRF) onboard the Japanese Experiment Module 'Kibo' (JEM) in the International Space Station (ISS) since July, 2009, and is planning to perform six space experiments, twice a year, until 2012. Based on previous experiences of more than 300 kinds of protein crystallization in space in JAXA-GCF and JAXA-NGCF projects onboard the Russian Service Module in the ISS from 2003 to 2008¹, JAXA achieved a user-friendly support system which could help researchers to take part in the project easily, and accumulated know-how to make full use of microgravity environment for growing high-quality crystals. At present, the protein samples for the third flight of JAXA PCG experiment was launched from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan in the beginning of September and will be landed from ISS in the end of November, 2010. Russian and Malaysian researchers as well as Japanese researchers of academics, industries and national projects participate in the experiments. New users from the other countries are very welcome.

In our presentation, we introduce the unique concept of JAXA PCG and brief report of crystallization and X-ray diffraction analysis of proteins in our project.

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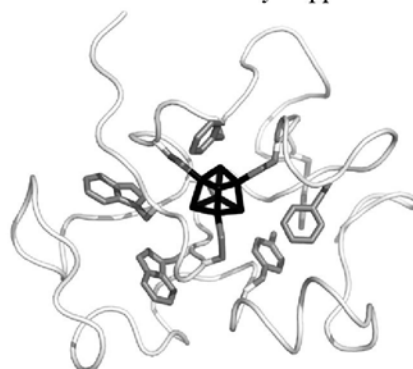
Analyses of X-ray damage on the oxidized form of high-potential iron-sulfur protein at ultra-high resolution

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Crystallographic analyses at ultra-high resolution ($d < 1.0 \text{ \AA}$) are required for determining positions of hydrogen atoms or visualizing outer shell electrons. Such structural information is important for understanding protein functions. Especially in electron transfer proteins, orientations of bound waters affect redox potentials and outer shell electrons are directly related to the redox activities. However, X-ray damage has been investigated at medium (1.5-3 \AA) resolutions until now. These studies reported only significant effects on protein structures, such as cleavage of disulfide bonds or removal of carboxyl groups of aspartic or glutamic acid side chains. Therefore, evaluation of X-ray damage at ultra-high resolution is necessary for elucidating structural changes upon the electron transfer reactions. We have studied crystal structures of high-potential iron-sulfur protein (HiPIP) from the thermophilic purple bacterium *Thermochromatium tepidum*[1-3]. Influences of X-ray irradiation were analyzed in the reduced form of HiPIP at 0.7 \AA resolution. Effects of X-rays appeared as reduction of electron densities of hydrogen atoms and as increases of average B factors of the protein and the $[\text{Fe}_4\text{S}_4]$ cluster. We could collect the best data set in which X-ray damage was greatly reduced using attenuated X-rays.

Recently, we successfully crystallized the oxidized form of HiPIP, and collected diffraction data at 0.7 \AA resolution with high energy X-rays (31 keV) at the beamline BL41XU of SPring-8. The serial data sets were collected at the same position of the crystal in order to investigate the influences of X-rays in the oxidized form of HiPIP, which is thought to be more sensitive to X-rays than the reduced form. Results of the structure analysis will be discussed at the meeting.



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Towards efficient crystallization screening using high performance UV fluorescence imaging

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With the advent of modern imaging technologies and crystallization automation tools, researchers are able to rapidly create hundreds and thousands of experiments. Screening through those images in order to identify the protein crystal leads can be a time consuming and daunting task. Visible images can often show objects that require further examination. Micro crystals hidden in the precipitation of the crystallization drops as well as distinguishing protein crystals from salt crystals are particularly challenging for visible light imaging. UV fluorescence imaging allows researchers to screen through thousands of images much more rapidly and reliably, as they can simply look for the resulting fluorescence objects detected on the CCD and depicted in the image itself. Rigaku introduces the Minstrel HT UVTM, custom engineered to meet the increased demand for a high-throughput ultraviolet and visible crystal imaging and protein crystal monitoring system. We have focused our research and development efforts and the combined knowledge of experts in optics, photochemistry, illumination, and automation to develop a custom solution that provides the highest sensitivity, the highest optical resolution, and the least photo damage to a protein sample. The optimal balance of high resolution and depth of field for the crystallographic application seamlessly images hanging drop, sitting drop, and microbatch experiments for all UV suitable plates. Collaborating with scientists in both academic and industrial communities, we have employed this new technology on crystallization screening of several real world protein samples. The results from the collaboration will be presented, illustrating an improved efficiency of identifying protein crystal leads from screening.

The high-pressure cryocooling for supramolecular crystals: in the case of Rice Dwarf Virus

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In recent years, macromolecular X-ray crystallography has been advanced significantly by the use of high-brilliance synchrotron beams, high-performance and high-precision large area detectors, and data-reduction programs and any other improvements. To avoid the radiation damage from high-brilliance X-ray beams, the cryo-cooling method has been also developed. In most cases, the crystals need to move or replace the harvesting solution to the cryo-protectant solution, and the condition of cryo-protectant solution is determined through a trial and error process. To overcome the problem of cryo-protectant, the high pressure cryocooling was developed. In this method, a protein crystal is picked up by a cryoloop and pressurizing the crystal to 200 MPa in He gas, cooling under high pressure and releasing the pressure. After that the quality of X-ray diffraction from the high-pressured crystal was improved [1].

Rice dwarf virus (RDV) is a member of the genus *Phytoreovirus* in the family *Reoviridae* and causes rice dwarf disease in Asian countries. RDV was crystallized by the vapor diffusion method using low density PEG solution as a precipitant [2], and the atomic structure was determined at 3.5 Å resolution by X-ray crystallography [3]. In the data collection, RDV crystals were mounted in glass capillary tubes filled with mother liquor because the crystal was sensitive to environmental changes. As the data collection was carried out at room temperature and the crystals were easily damaged by X-ray irradiation, more than 120 crystals were used for the structure determination. The resolution of RDV was relatively high in supramolecular crystal structures (The crystal belongs to the space group of $I 222$, with cell dimensions of $a=770$, $b=795$, $c=814$ Å), however the structure inside the core particle was not able to modeled.

To clarify the inner structure of RDV we have tried to improve the quality of the crystal and the resolution of X-ray diffraction. For the X-ray data collection using synchrotron radiation in cryo-temperature we adapted the high pressure cryo-cooling method to the RDV crystals.

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Fluorescence-based screening for soluble human proteins by POET in baculovirus-infected insect cells for structural studies

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Production of structure-grade soluble proteins in substantial quantities takes a critical role in protein structure research. Unfortunately, this has been impeded because a variety of proteins were found insoluble, unstable or can not be purified in bacterial expression system. Baculovirus expression vector system is a eukaryotic expression system and thus uses many of the protein modification, processing, and transport systems present in higher eukaryotic cells and usually provide very high levels of foreign gene production. The baculovirus/insect cell expression system is a very attractive and powerful tool for the production of heterogeneous gene products, especially expression of recombinant eukaryotic proteins. This article describes an improved pooled open reading frame (ORF) expression technology (POET) that uses recombinational cloning and Liquid Chromatography Tandem mass spectrometry (LC/MS) to identify proteins that yield high levels of soluble, purified protein expressed in insect cells. Twenty-two human gene ORFs/fragments were subcloned into baculovirus expression vector and positive recombinant bacmids were constructed, purified, and transfected into Sf9 insect cells. After bulk expression and purification, 2 proteins were identified as soluble protein with higher expression level. By using this improved POET method described here allows the expression characteristics of proteins to be quickly determined in only once experiment in baculovirus expression system.

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Hematin-hematin self-association in hemozoin by X-ray powder diffraction and X-ray absorption spectroscopy

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Plasmodium falciparum is the causative agent of the most severe form of malaria in humans. As part of its complex life cycle, the parasite invades, grows, and multiplies within the red blood cells of its host. The parasite engulfs packets of hemoglobin from the host cell cytoplasm using a cytostome and transports the hemoglobin to an acidic digestive vacuole. In this acidic environment the hemoglobin is digested by the action of a series of proteases, and the prosthetic group, heme (ferroprotoporphyrin IX, FP-Fe(II)), is oxidized to hematin (ferriprotoporphyrin IX, FP-Fe(III)) before undergoing a process of biocrystalization to form the malaria pigment, hemozoin.

Hemozoin formation is essential for FP-Fe(III) detoxification in the parasite; it is the main target of quinoline antimalarials and can modulate immune and inflammation responses. To gain further insight into the likely mechanisms of crystal formation and hemozoin reactivity, we have purified hemozoin from *P. falciparum* and solved the crystal structure at a resolution of 2.4 Å using X-ray powder diffraction data [1]. The analysis confirms that the structures of hemozoin and β -hematin are very similar, as suggested previously [2,3]. There is nevertheless a clear indication of heterogeneity in the Fe-O coordination in hemozoin. This leads to a greater disorder in the crystal packing of hemozoin than in synthetic β -hematin, which may reflect differences in the mechanisms that lead to crystal formation in these materials. Our analysis of the structural units that comprise the crystal allow us to propose a new model for the formation of hemozoin involving π - π dimers as the nucleation unit. Previous structural studies of β -hematin have assumed that the nucleating unit for the formation of β -hematin and hemozoin is a μ -Pr dimer.

In support of our model, we have conducted an X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAFS) study of aggregated FP-Fe(III) in suspension and confirmed that self-associated hematin-hematin does not contain substantial levels of μ -Pr dimers. The crystallization may be initiated by the formation of a π - π stacked dimer that subsequently converts to the β -hematin dimeric unit (μ -Pr) as suggested in (4). Hemozoin can be considered to be a crystal composed of π - π dimers stabilized by iron-carboxylate linkages. We have also demonstrated that highly purified hemozoin has a general peroxidase activity and is capable of catalyzing lipid peroxidation. These findings have implications for understanding the immunomodulatory effects of hemozoin and its interaction with antimalarial drugs.

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Automating microseeding protein crystallography set-ups using Mosquito®

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Crystallising proteins, required for structure determination by X-ray diffraction, is a difficult and labour-intensive task. One of the many challenges facing the protein crystallographer is growing crystals of sufficient size and quality to successfully determine the protein's structure (this typically requires crystals of around 100-300 µm). For structure-based drug design a further challenge is being able to generate a sustainable crystal system capable of producing liganded structures iteratively to support active chemistry. Microseeding, where small crystals are crushed and suspended in a slurry of crystallisation buffer to produce new nucleation sites, is a recognised technique to improve crystal quality as well as promote the growth of larger, single crystals. However, it requires experimentation with varying concentrations of solutions to achieve successful results and as a manual process this can be very consuming.

One approach to increase the speed and efficiency of microseeding set-ups is through the automation of the seeding process. However, this is not a simple process because of the problems that crystallisation robots have with dispensing low volumes. The mosquito® liquid handler (TTP LabTech) is ideally suited to automating the complex set-ups required for microseeding due to its ability to perform multiple aspirations and dispenses with each pipette and the precise handling of nanolitre volumes of solutions, regardless of their viscosity. Here we describe an automated approach to setting up microseeding protocols in 96-well plates using mosquito.

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Getting the most out of your synchrotron

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X-ray diffraction data collection at synchrotron beam lines is an essential tool for crystallographers to solve protein crystal structures. The characteristics of the X-ray beam: high intensity, low divergence, very small size, and tuneable wavelength are features required for anomalous diffraction phasing methods, high-resolution structure refinements and data collection on weak and difficult samples. In addition, the proliferation of synchrotron beam lines in many countries and the increased availability of beam time has made synchrotron facilities accessible to virtually every crystallographic laboratory in the world. To use the synchrotron most effectively, it is absolutely essential that crystallographers arrive prepared with samples whose quality and cryo-conditions have been previously tested and optimized at home. To address this, Rigaku has developed new instruments that will help researchers screen large numbers of samples in their own lab and recover those suitable for synchrotron data collection. In this work we will present:

The UV crystallization imaging systems from the Minstrel family, combining a UV light source with a visible light source in order to quickly detect protein crystals in crystallization drops and distinguish them from salt or detergent crystals.

The new ScreenMachine, a simple and self-contained X-ray diffractometer optimized for fast and easy screening of crystal candidates at home.

The automatic sample changer ACTOR, which can reliably mount and dismount a large number of samples without user intervention.

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High-end solution for in-house protein crystallography

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Recent advances in optics and the introduction of microfocus rotating anode generators have provided a remarkable increase in the performance of home laboratory X-ray systems. When combined with an ultra sensitive CCD detector, these systems can produce data comparable to that collected at synchrotron beamlines. This enhanced system performance can increase productivity and maximize flexibility when dealing with challenging projects, reducing the reliance on synchrotron sources. The advanced capabilities of these solutions allows for a number of experiments which are not feasible on many currently installed systems including:

data sets suitable for in-house SAD phasing

high quality, high-resolution data sets with resolution better than 1.2 Å

x-ray exposure time of less than a minute for complete data collection

We will present data on crystals of a number of number of proteins to demonstrate the exciting capabilities of a high-end systems such as the X8 PROTEUM (figure 1).

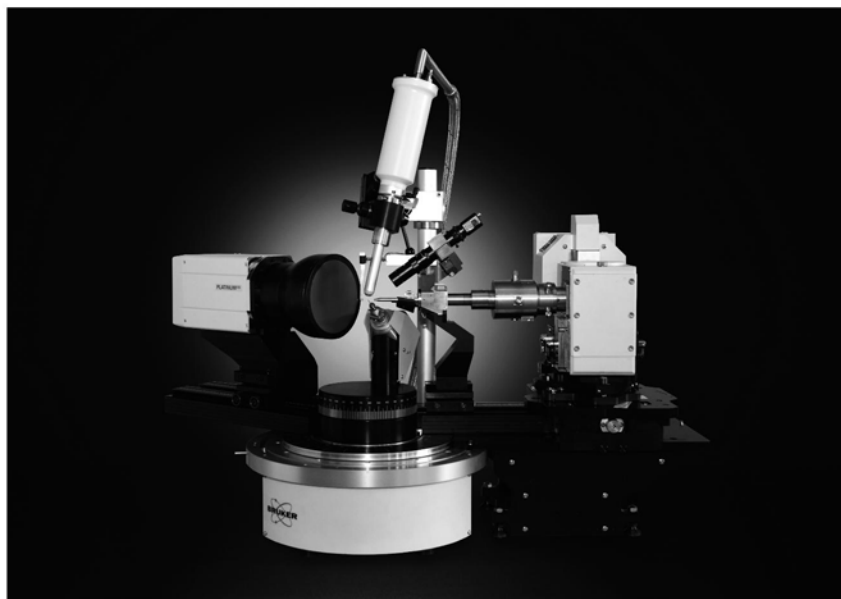


Figure 1: High-end In-house solution (X8 PROTEUM)

Crystallization of catalytic domain of human MAP kinase phosphatase 5 for neutron diffraction experiments

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Neutrons penetrate deeply in the biological materials and the enhanced visibility of hydrogen atoms from water, substrates and proteins enables direct determination of protonation state, and helps to provide a more complete picture of atomic structure. Structural biology could not be fully benefited from neutron diffraction studies because of its requirement of 'big' crystals to compensate the weak flux of available neutron sources. Even the most advanced neutron source still requires protein crystals of size $>0.1\sim1.0\text{mm}^3$ [1]. To obtain large crystals, we investigated various seed crystallization conditions, and also determined the phase diagram to identify the best conditions for growing the seed crystals.

The catalytic domain of human MAP Kinase Phosphatase 5 (MKP5c) of which crystal structure was solved by x-ray diffraction method [2] was selected for this study because its unit-cell size is suitable to existing neutron diffraction beam-lines [1]. MKP5c was purified and concentrated to 20mg/ml in 20 mM HEPES (pH 7.0) as final buffer. Using 24-well Linbro plate, we obtained 0.3mm size crystals in the longest dimensions by sitting-drop vapor-diffusion method, initiated by mixing equal volume of the 20mg/ml protein and the reservoir solution containing 24%PEG 3350. However, we observed that by increasing the reservoir volume from 500 μl to 2.5ml using one-well organ-dish at high protein concentration (100~140 mg/ml) in sitting-drop resulted in bigger seed crystals of sizes 0.5~0.6mm in the longest dimensions. The purified MKP5c protein was concentrated to 50mg/ml and phase diagram was investigated by batch method varying protein and crystallizing agent concentration, and the three zones: i) under-saturation zone, ii) meta-stable zone, and iii) nucleation zone were determined [4]. By inserting seed crystals in the meta-stable zone of the phase diagram and continuously "feeding" these crystals with growing protein solution, we have obtained 0.87mm size crystal in the longest dimensions. We are repeatedly "feeding" the seed crystals to achieve size $>0.1\sim1.0\text{mm}^3$ suitable for neutron diffraction experiments.

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Growing lysozyme crystals for neutron diffraction beamlines

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Neutron protein crystallography beamlines have been emerging with the introduction of new detectors and high-flux neutron sources although they still require protein crystals of which volumes are larger than $0.1\sim 1.0\text{ mm}^3$ [1] for diffraction experiments or much bigger ones for the tests of beamlines. Hen-egg white lysozyme (HEWL) has been extensively studied during the past decades as a model system for protein crystal growth (PCG) studies. In spite of the commercial availability and the easiness of crystallization, PCG studies on HEWL have rarely reported to exceed 1 mm in length by widely used PCG techniques such as vapor-diffusion or batch methods although its crystallization in a concentration of NiCl_2 gradient was reported to ‘reproducibly’ produce crystals of 4 mm in length within 10 days [2]. Aiming to obtain large test crystal of HEWL for neutron diffraction beamline(s) which are under construction and testing in Korea, we found that the NiCl_2 -concentration gradient method [2,3] could be the easiest way to obtain the desired crystals. However, we also found that obtaining such a size crystal depended on the commercial sources of HEWL. In this work, we provide an improved method based on our own application of NiCl_2 -concentration gradient method.

PCG trials were conducted at 23°C on HEWLs available from *Sigma* (USA) and *Seikagaku* (Japan), which were prepared at 50 mg/ml in the 50mM Na acetate buffer ($\text{pH } 4.5$). All protein solutions were filtrated through $0.22\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ Sartorius filter. Powders of NiCl_2 (1g) were put into the bottom of a vertically held test tube of 100 mm in length, upon which an aqueous solutions of HEWL was carefully applied [2]. The salt was dissolved within a few hours and started to diffuse upwards. The ‘crystal hanger’ represents *Hampton* capillaries which are attached on a *Hampton* cover-slip and inserted into the test tube sealed by grease. Control PCGs without ‘crystal hanger’ and test PCGs with ‘crystal hanger’ of varying the number of inserted capillaries ($1\sim 5$) of different diameters ($0.1\sim 1.5\text{ mm}$) and with different amount of protein applied ($60\sim 400\text{ mg}$) were performed. In both control and test PCGs, crystals started to grow only in a region of $15\sim 40\text{ mm}$ from the bottom of the test tube. In the control PCGs of *Sigma*, many small crystals were distributed upon the wall of test tube and no single crystal exceeded 1 mm in length. In the test PCGs of *Sigma*, crystals grew up to $2\sim 3\text{ mm}$ in length. In the control PCGs of *Seikagaku*, a few crystals of $3\sim 4\text{ mm}$ in length were obtained after two weeks. We observed that many crystals appeared around the capillaries in all test PCGs. The ‘best’ yield of big crystals was in the test PCG with three capillaries of 1.0 mm in diameter. The amount of supplied protein solution did not contribute in any significant manner. We found that the inserted capillaries induced the nucleation around them and suppressed the nucleation on the wall of tubes. Hence we obtained HEWL crystals of $2\sim 4\text{ mm}$ in length regardless of its commercial sources.

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Controlling the coordination numbers of lanthanoid atoms by the use of multidentate polyoxometalate ligands

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Coordination numbers of lanthanoid atoms is an important factor dominating the efficiencies of the lanthanoid-containing luminescent materials since the overtones and harmonics of the O–H stretching mode play essential roles in the quenching of the luminescence. Lacunary polyoxometalates that serve as rigid multidentate oxygen donorligands are good candidates for modifying the coordination geometries of the lanthanoid cations. We have examined its influence by analyzing the structures of the complexes where lanthanoid cations ($Ln = \text{La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm and Eu}$) are incorporated into the lacunary site of $[\alpha_2\text{-P}_2\text{W}_{17}\text{O}_{61}]^{10-}$ Dawson type polyoxometalate.

Single crystal X-ray diffraction of La, Pr, Nd, Sm and Eu derivatives were carried out by using synchrotron radiations. Single crystal structures were classified into two types, either of which has lanthanoid atoms incorporated into the lacunary site of $[\alpha_2\text{-P}_2\text{W}_{17}\text{O}_{61}]^{10-}$ and *not* incorporated into the lacunary sites, serving as counter-cations sitting outside the polyoxometalate ligands. The latter links polyoxometalate ligands into one-dimensional extended structures. The coordination number of the lanthanoid cations incorporated into the lacunary site of $[\alpha_2\text{-P}_2\text{W}_{17}\text{O}_{61}]^{10-}$ is 9 for La and 8 for the other lanthanoid elements, while those for the free Ln^{3+} cations are 9 for all these compounds. These differences result in the geometries of the extended structures. Effect of the structure hindrance and the nature of polyoxometalate ligands on the coordination numbers and the mechanisms as to how the differences in the coordination numbers result in the differences in the extended structures will be discussed.

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The fascinating world of tautomers and their crystal structures

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Although tautomerism is a well-known phenomenon in organic chemistry, it appears to have been largely forgotten within a solid state context. In the context of pharmaceutical materials, the identification and characterisation of tautomers of drug molecules in the solid state could have important intellectual property and commercial implications. This has been illustrated by the late identification of new tautomers of well-known pharmaceutical molecules such as barbituric acid, omeprazole, ranitidine, sulfasalazine or irbesartan. A better understanding of the phenomenon of tautomerism in the solid state is fundamental... and timely!

This presentation will take us through *the fascinating world of tautomers* in crystal structures. We will present our recent work on the generation and identification of tautomers in the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD). We will provide a classification of tautomers as observed in their crystal structures, their frequency of observation and will illustrate the fine balance between tautomers stability and intermolecular interactions. We will rationalize the effect of the crystalline environment on the observation of tautomers and their predictability.

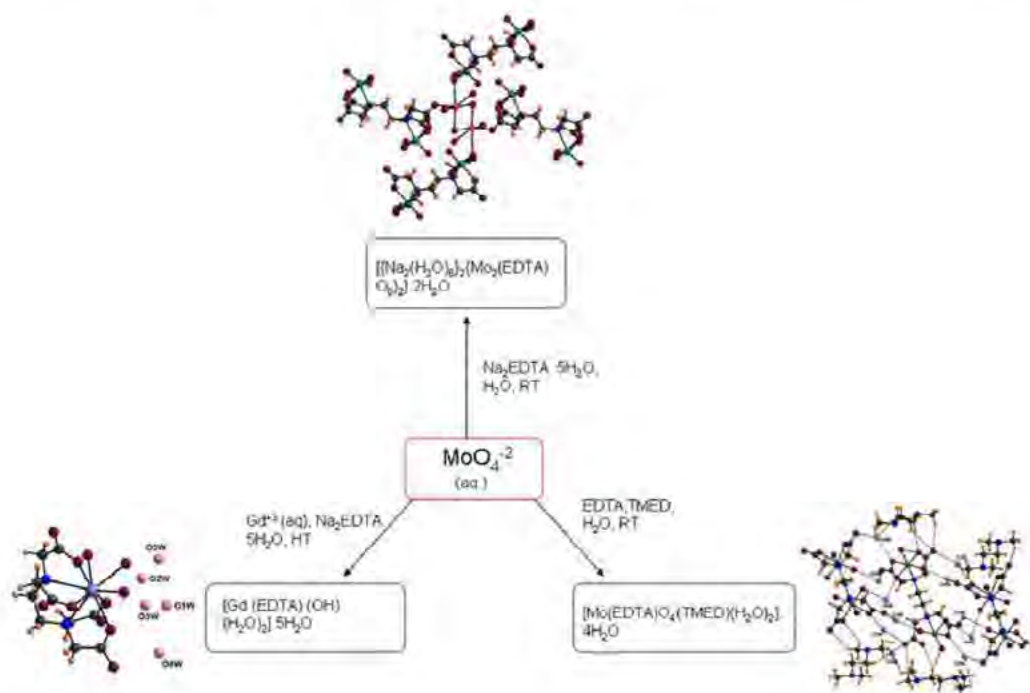
Crystal engineering of rare-earth (Sm, Gd) molybdates based on organic linkers

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Crystal engineering of metal organic solids is of contemporary interest due to its potential applications in the areas of magnetism, catalysis, sensor and gas storage. Our objective is to explore the crystallization of these solids from aqueous solution (ambient, hydrothermal and solvothermal) and establish a link between molecular species aggregating in the solution and the supramolecular interactions observable in the solid state. For this purpose we have adopted a retrosynthetic analysis¹⁻³ by examining related crystal structures reported in the database and implement a synthetic protocol to rationally design new solids. In this poster we present our preliminary reports on the synthesis and characterization of rare-earth molybdates in the presence of EDTA.



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Protein crystallization with synthetic zeolite molecular sieves as hetero-epitaxial nucleants

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Protein crystallization is still a major bottleneck in structural biology. Although the sparse matrix crystallization screening is widely used in protein X-ray crystallography, coarse and unadjustable samplings of this screening often fail in obtaining high quality of crystals especially in the case of proteins with poor crystallizability. To increase the success rate of protein crystallization, we previously developed an advanced crystallization method using molecular sieves (MS) as hetero-epitaxial nucleants by which a directed crystal nucleation on the material surface occurred in a variety of proteins (Figure) [1]. In this work, the hetero-epitaxial nucleant method using MS was applied to the sparse-matrix crystallization screening of xylanase from *Trichoderma longibrachiatum* as a test protein, which provided faster formation of larger single crystals with better diffraction quality as compared with the conventional screening. In many cases, MS induced crystal formation under the conditions that did not provide any protein crystal using the conventional crystallization method without MS. Importantly, the structure of the MS-dependent new crystal form revealed a synergistic effect of MS and zinc ion. In current protein crystallography, available sample amount for crystallization trials is limited especially when the expression level of the target protein is low. In such cases, a minimum set of sparse matrix crystallization screening in the presence of MS may be the most effective way to achieve the diffraction quality of protein crystals.

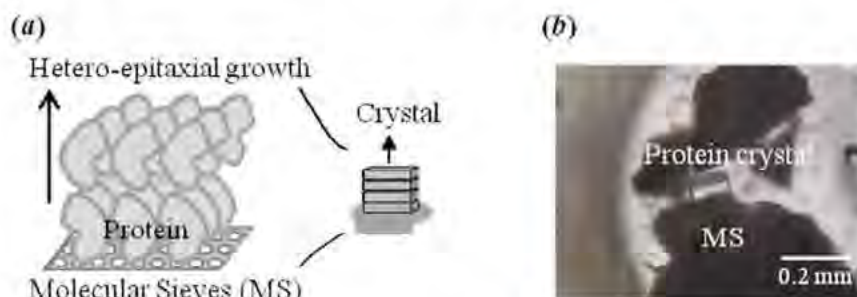


Figure (a) Schematic diagram of hetero-epitaxial nucleant for protein crystallization. (b) Photograph of protein crystals from MS.

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Crystal packing analysis of nonmolecular solids – A retrosynthetic approach

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Crystal engineering deals with understanding the growth of crystalline solids (molecular and nonmolecular) from solution in terms of recognizable supramolecular interactions. Analysis of such interactions between molecules (organic, inorganic, metal complex) are more obvious as the solid is held together only by weak forces. However, influence of nonbonding interactions in the formation of nonmolecular or extended solids is less obvious due to the occurrence of ionic, covalent or coordinate bonding in one or more dimensions. This presentation will discuss how the concept of synthons, supramolecular synthons and tectons can be employed to interpret the crystal packing of nonmolecular solids in terms of aggregation followed by condensation of chemically reasonable molecules in the solution preceding nucleation of a crystal. Such an approach provides chemical insights into the architecture of a crystal as well as predictive components to design new materials.

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Desktop alchemist™: A high precision fine screen maker to automate crystallization optimization

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Optimization of crystallization conditions is a critical and time-consuming step in the macromolecular crystallization process. Optimization requires a controllable, reproducible and fast method to refine crystallization conditions in chemical and physical space from an initial screening and to prove that these conditions are viable to yield crystals of x-ray diffraction quality. The number of variables to be considered in an optimization design process can be considerably large, which often limits the number of experiments to be explored. Rigaku introduces the Desktop Alchemist™ fine screen maker, a cost effective and easy to use automation tool for complex optimization. Built upon the industry standard Alchemist™ platform, but with a compact footprint, the Desktop Alchemist offers the ability to dispense reagents from ethanol to 100% glycerol with unsurpassed accuracy and precision, ensuring reproducible results without wasting any expensive chemicals. Non-contact dispensing with Tapper™ technology in conjunction with the patented BirdFeeder™ assembly eliminates cross-contamination since no tubing, pump, or washing is necessary. 26 chemical stocks can concurrently be available to set up experiments on most standard SBS screen plates as well as on Linbro/VDX plates. We will report the results from our precision studies on dispensing chemical stocks of various viscosities, demonstrating that a very viscous solution such as 50% PEG8000 can be dispensed in 1 µl with a total CV of less than 2%.

Growth and study of optical properties of polycrystalline and single crystals of CdI_2

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CdI_2 powder was pelletized and subjected to annealing at appropriate temperatures to prepare polycrystalline CdI_2 . Also single crystals of CdI_2 were grown using solution method. Both the single crystals and polycrystalline material of CdI_2 were characterised through XRD to ascertain the crystalline nature of the sample [1]. Both were subjected to UV spectroscopy for studying the transmittance over the wavelength range 200-900nm. From analysis of the absorption coefficient, the fundamental absorption can be determined. Optical band gap has been determined for both polycrystalline and single crystals. Results were compared in view of their grain sizes [2].

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***In-situ* diffraction: a powerful tool for studying undisturbed crystals in crystallization droplets**

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Protein crystals are usually difficult to grow and can suffer damage on their way from the crystallization drop to the X-ray beam. The damage may be caused by manual handling, change of environment during harvesting, adverse effects of cryo-protection solutions and the dramatic change of temperature due to cryo-cooling. Traditional X-ray experiments to test crystals take time and effort and are often inconclusive.

Characterization of protein crystals with X-rays *in-situ*, without needing to extract them from the crystallization plate, allows establishing a “base line” for crystal quality and evaluating resolution limits before crystals are subjected to any manipulation. The testing of crystals in crystallization plates also allows quickly distinguishing between salt and protein crystals, test harvesting, soaking and cryoprotectant conditions and selecting the best crystals for data collection.

We will show how the *in-situ* testing using the Agilent Technologies **PX Scanner** system for home labs can be used as a powerful tool providing valuable feedback for macromolecule crystallization. Initial trials of using the *in-situ* diffraction to detect ligand and heavy-atom binding will be presented as well.

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Gel crystallization of calcium-lead hydroxyapatite, MHAP (M = Ca^{2+} and/or Pb^{2+})

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Calcium hydroxyapatite ($\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{OH})$, CaHAP) is the main component of mammalian hard tissues such as bones and teeth. The structure belongs to space group $P6_3/m$ and has ability to accept ionic substituents in both anionic and cationic sites. Ca^{2+} can be replaced by various divalent cations such as Cd^{2+} , Sr^{2+} , and Pb^{2+} , PO_4^{3-} can be replaced by AsO_4^{3-} and VO_4^{3-} , and OH^- can be replaced by F^- and Cl^- . The Ca^{2+} atoms are located on two different sites; h sites, mirror planes at $z = 1/4$ and $3/4$, and f sites, 3-fold axes at $(1/3, 2/3, z)$ and $(2/3, 1/3, z)$, as shown in Figure 1. Pb^{2+} can accumulate in bone causing a bone disease known as osteoporosis. A recent study [1] has shown the interesting result of dissolution of solid CaHAP and precipitation of isostructural lead hydroxyapatite (PbHAP) when CaHAP is placed in a solution containing Pb^{2+} . In addition Pb^{2+} can substitute in both h and f sites of CaHAP structure, but the h site is preferred [2]. Structural study of MHAP (M = Ca^{2+} and/or Pb^{2+}) is important to understanding the stability and ionic equilibria of this material, and the incorporation of M^{2+} into stable apatite structures.

Bond valence calculations are used to rationalize the unusual interatomic bond parameters reported in the PbHAP structure determined from powder X-ray diffraction data [3]. Gel crystallization was used to prepare larger crystals of MHAP due to its inherent advantages in controlling nucleation and crystal growth rates by changing the composition and density of the gel medium. The FT-IR spectrum of the product exhibits the $\nu(\text{PO}_4)$ and $\delta(\text{PO}_4)$ band in the 919-1046 and 518-600 cm^{-1} regions, respectively, and $\nu(\text{OH})$ at 3555 cm^{-1} indicating presence of phosphate and hydroxyl groups in the product. EDX results demonstrate the presence of Pb^{2+} or Ca^{2+} in the samples consistent with the experimental stoichiometries.

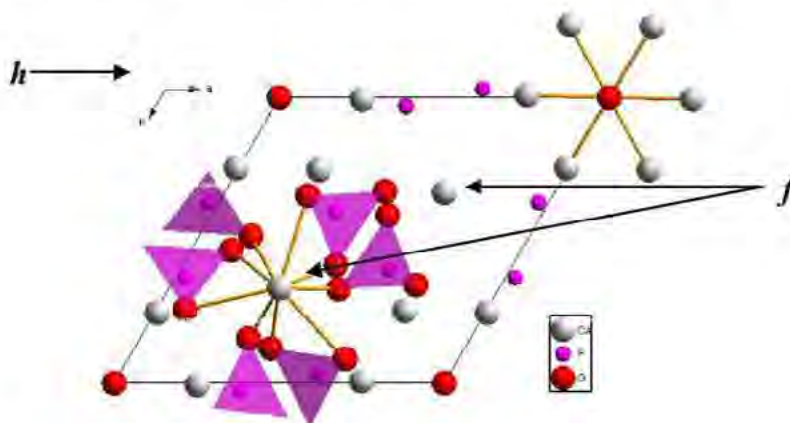


Figure 1. Representation of Ca, O, and P atoms in CaHAP structure projected on the ab plane.

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Ab initio structure analysis of solid-state photodimerized methoxyazachalcone from powder diffraction data

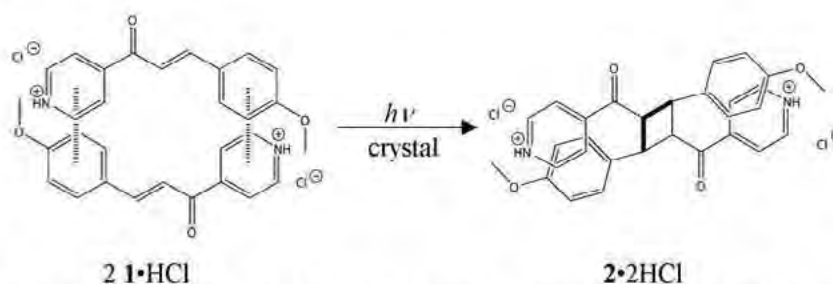
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The solid-state photodimerization of alkenes has received considerable attention in synthetic organic photochemistry because it can afford products unobtainable in solution reaction.[1] Despite its significant synthetic potential, controlling the crystal packing modes is generally a difficult issue. Recently, it has been reported that the cation- π interaction between the pyridinium ring and an aromatic ring serves as a powerful tool to arrange 4'-methoxy-4-azachalcone hydrochloride (**1**•HCl) in a head-to-tail fashion, the photolysis of which resulted in a *syn* head-to-tail dimer (**2**•2HCl) with excellent stereoselectivities and quantitative yields in the crystalline state.[2]



In this study, the crystal structure of **2**•2HCl was clarified without recrystallization using *ab initio* structure determination from laboratory X-ray powder diffraction data as shown in Fig 1.

As a result of analysis, the photo-irradiated powder consisted of dimerized **2**•2HCl (42%) and unreacted **1**•HCl (58%), and another dimer (*anti* isomer or head-to-head isomer) was not included. Experimental and structure analysis details will be reported in this presentation.

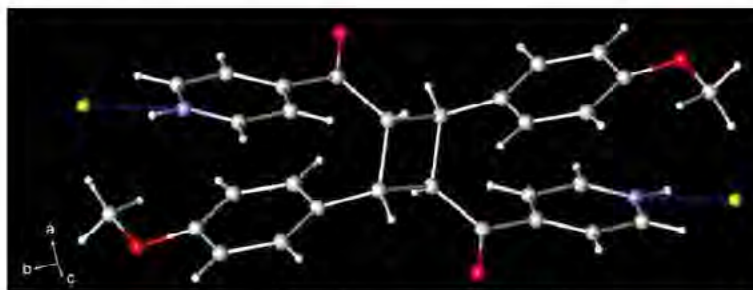


Fig. 1 Crystal structure of **2**•2HCl.

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Effect of pH on zinc oxide crystallographic structure

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Zinc oxide has a wide range of applications in the functional devices, catalysts, pigments, optical materials, cosmetics, nanostructure varistors, UV absorbers, gas sensors and industrial additives [1]. Different methods for production of ZnO nano-morphology have already been investigated [1-3]. In this paper we report the crystal structure of Zinc Oxide nano-crystals synthesized by hydrothermal process by variation of precursor pH. High resolution x-ray diffraction (HRXRD) measurements are done at 10B XRS KIST-PAL beamline of Pohang Light Source (PLS), Korea with storage energy 2 GeV and maximum current 200 mA. The crystal structure is studied by using the PowderX [4] and Fullprof [5] simulations. Examination of the composition and morphology of materials produced, reveal the presence of wurtzite single-crystalline phase, which is further investigated through Reitveld refinement [5]. The effect of pH is studied on the value of aspect ratio, and found to vary with an increase in the pH of the precursor solution. The ZnO nanostructures with various morphologies have potential applications in catalyst carrier, chemical sensors and optoelectronic nanodevices.

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Structures differ from sodium and potassium urate crystals

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Uric acid is an important metabolite in biologies. It is known as a principal endogenous danger signal released from injured cells and reconiginized as a danger signal from dying mammalian cells found by Y. Shi *et al* [1] recently. The most important urate salt is maybe Monosodium urate monohydrate (MSU), which has been considered response for gout disease since 1960's. The crytstal of Potassium urate is speculated to isomorphous of MSU for a long time. It is only very recently that Schorn *et al* [2] investegated Sodium and Potassium urate crystals differ in their inflammatory potential. They use of immunofluorescence, immunogold labelling and crystal morphology studies, find that albumin was shown to interact preferentially with the {110} faces of MSU crystals, that is the planes of the incipient crystal exposing sodium cation layers. Synchrotron powder diffraction patterns of Potassium urate crystals reveal quite different from that of MSU. In this study, we have solved the crystal structure of Potassium urate by using synchrotron powder diffraction data and simmulation annealing method. MSU crystalizes in Triclinic space group with unit cell parameters of $a=10.8739(5)$, $b=9.4859(3)$, $c=3.55781(9)\text{\AA}$, $\alpha=95.363(4)$, $\beta=99.411(5)$, and $\gamma=97.060(4)^\circ$, and Potassium urate crystalizes slightly different in Triclinic with $a=3.5611(9)$, $b=10.227(3)$, $c=10.920(3)\text{\AA}$, $\alpha=115.54(3)$, $\beta=94.38(4)$, and $\gamma=92.36(3)^\circ$. The slightly difference in crystal packing and morphorlogy between Sodium and Potassium urate crystals maybe cause their ability differ in gout disease. We will discuss the detail crystal structural differences between Sodium and Potassium urate in this report.

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Diffraction vector approach and new detector for two-dimensional X-ray diffraction

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The two most important developments in two-dimensional x-ray diffraction are area detectors for collecting 2D diffraction patterns and algorithms in analyzing 2D diffraction patterns [1]. Recent advances in area detectors, particularly the one based on the MikroGap technology, and the diffraction vector approach in 2D data analysis are discussed with experimental examples in phase identification, stress measurement, texture analysis and grain size determination.

Two-dimensional diffraction pattern contains information in a large solid angle. The 2D image can be described by the diffraction intensity distribution in both 2θ and γ directions. Unit diffraction vector is used in the data analysis of the 2D diffraction pattern. The unit diffraction vector for all the pixels in the 2D pattern can be calculated in the laboratory coordinates. The data analysis requires the unit diffraction vector to be expressed in the sample coordinates, which can be obtained by vector transformation. For the Eulerian geometry with three sample rotation angles (ω , ψ , ϕ), the transformation is given by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \omega \sin \psi \sin \phi - \cos \omega \cos \phi & \cos \omega \sin \psi \sin \phi - \sin \omega \cos \phi & -\cos \psi \sin \phi \\ \sin \omega \sin \psi \cos \phi - \cos \omega \sin \phi & -\cos \omega \sin \psi \cos \phi - \sin \omega \sin \phi & \cos \psi \cos \phi \\ -\sin \omega \cos \psi & \cos \omega \cos \psi & \sin \psi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ -\cos \theta \sin \gamma \\ -\cos \theta \cos \gamma \end{bmatrix}$$

The unit vector expressed in the sample coordinate can then be used to derive fundamental equation for many applications or data corrections. The fundamental equation for stress analysis, for instance, is given by the scalar product of the strain tensor ε_{ij} with the unit vector $\{h_1, h_2, h_3\}$:

$$\varepsilon_{(\gamma, \omega, \psi, \phi)}^{\{hkl\}} = \varepsilon_{ij} \cdot h_i \cdot h_j$$

where $\varepsilon_{(\gamma, \omega, \psi, \phi)}^{\{hkl\}}$ is the measured strain from 2D pattern. For texture analysis, the pole figure angles (α, β) are given by pole mapping equations:

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1} |h_3| = \cos^{-1} \sqrt{h_1^2 + h_2^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \pm \cos^{-1} \frac{h_1}{\sqrt{h_1^2 + h_2^2}} \quad \begin{cases} \beta \geq 0^\circ & \text{if } h_2 \geq 0 \\ \beta < 0^\circ & \text{if } h_2 < 0 \end{cases}$$

The diffraction unit vector is also used in polarization correction, absorption correction and effective volume calculation for crystal size evaluation by γ -profile analysis.

The VANTEC-500 area detector, based on proprietary MikroGap technology, achieves high resolution and low detector noise with a very high dynamic range by combining the advantages of a gaseous detector with the new resistive anode micro-design. It is designed and optimized for the two-dimensional x-ray diffraction system for analytical applications in various materials research, such as nanotechnology, thin films, polymers, metals, biomaterials, forensics and process control. The detector features a large active area and a tapered geometry which makes it possible to capture diffraction patterns in a large solid angle and to access high diffraction angles. The combination of the high sensitivity, low noise, high count rate, and high resolution makes it the technology of choice for laboratory diffractometer for many applications, especially for stress and texture analysis.

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Comparision of crystallite shape ellipsoid in various polymers

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We have carried out line profile analysis of X-ray data recorded from various polymers/polymerblends/fibres like Silk, Cotton, HPMC, Chitosan, SBS etc.. For this purpose we have used in-house Whole Powder Pattern Fitting (WPPF) developed by us. The results obtained are correlated with the physical properties to establish the structure-property relation between these polymers/fibres.

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Using crystallographic knowledge to ease powder structure solution using DASH

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DASH is a program for direct space solution of powder diffraction patterns. The program uses a Simulated Annealing algorithm to search configurational space to generate trial crystal structures with a view to finding a solution that fits well to the observed powder pattern. Good fits can then be refined using standard techniques leading to a structural solution.

Recently, DASH has been adjusted to allow direct use of torsion angle distributions from the CSD. It is known that limiting search space to likely regions greatly increases the chance of finding a correct solution in direct space programs. Previous implementation of DASH contained the ability for a user to limit search space by making judgments on the likely search regions based on torsion angle distributions from the CSD. This, however, involved significant user intervention and judgment. To improve this, a new protocol called 'Mogul Distribution Biasing' has been developed to allow direct usage of torsion angle distributions for solution purposes. Results show that the new method performs well, allowing solution of complex structures with more than 20 degrees of freedom in a significantly quicker time than with unrestrained searching.

The importance of Mn(III) in phase transition of some Mn perovskites

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The complex interplay between charge, spin and orbital ordering in Mn Perovskites results in such oxides displaying complex, and potentially technologically important electronic and magnetic properties, not the least of which is the Giant Magnetoresistance Effect. High-resolution powder synchrotron X-ray diffraction was performed on Mn perovskites of the type $\text{Ca}_{0.8-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{Nd}_{0.2}\text{Mn}_{1-y}\text{Cr}_y\text{O}_3$ in order to establish the effect of Cr substitution for the Mn on crystallographic structure and on phase transformation behavior in complex perovskite manganites. The introduction of Nd^{3+} onto the perovskite A-sites induces partial reduction of the Mn on the perovskite B-site. The amount of the Jahn-Teller Mn^{3+} character can also be controlled by partially replacing the Mn with Cr. Variable temperature diffraction studies of the two series $\text{Ca}_{0.4}\text{Sr}_{0.4}\text{Nd}_{0.2}\text{Mn}_{1-x}\text{Cr}_x\text{O}_3$ and $\text{Ca}_{0.2}\text{Sr}_{0.6}\text{Nd}_{0.2}\text{Mn}_{1-x}\text{Cr}_x\text{O}_3$ with $x = 0.1$ and 0.2 will be described. High temperature diffraction measurements show that the tetragonal oxides $\text{Ca}_{0.2}\text{Sr}_{0.6}\text{Nd}_{0.2}\text{Mn}_{1-x}\text{Cr}_x\text{O}_3$, with $I4/mcm$ symmetry apparently transform, directly to the cubic structure. In contrast, increasing the magnitude of the tilts through the addition of Ca in $\text{Ca}_{0.4}\text{Sr}_{0.4}\text{Nd}_{0.2}\text{Mn}_{1-x}\text{Cr}_x\text{O}_3$ stabilizes an orthorhombic structure and a more complex sequence of phase transition is observed, namely $Pbnm \leftrightarrow I4/mcm \leftrightarrow Pm3m$.

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Crystal structural change by guest sorption/release processes of the macrocyclic boronic ester investigated by laboratory powder X-ray diffraction analysis

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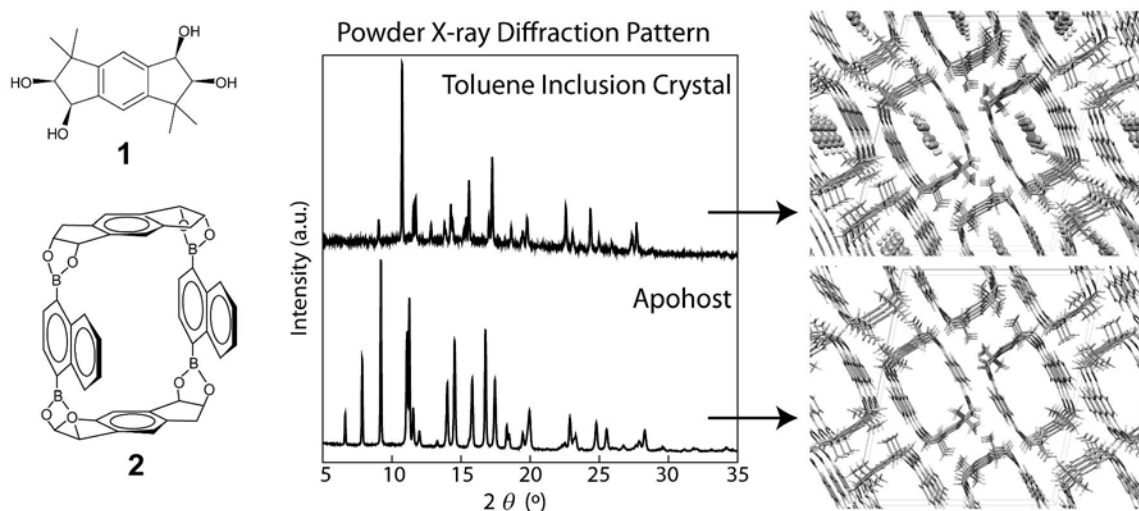
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Recently, diboronic acid and racemic tetrol(**1**) are found to form a self-assembled macrocyclic boronic ester in the presence of appropriate guest molecules.^[1] These types of macrocyclic compounds attract many interest because they can be used as a host molecule to absorb and store several types of guest molecules. Recently, the toluene inclusion crystal of the macrocyclic boronic ester (**2**) was found to form one dimensional stacking of **2** along the *b*-axis with an infinite one dimensional toluene channel. It is interesting to explore the crystal structure of the guest-free apohost, in order to investigate whether the crystal can retain its one dimensional tunnel structure, which has enough size to absorb guest molecules, after the guest release. However, **2** tends to incorporate guest molecules during the recrystallization processes and the apohost crystal can only be obtained by guest release process, such as heating of the sample, which usually results to form micro-crystalline powders. Obviously, the crystal structure determination from powder X-ray diffraction data is an essential tool to establish the crystal structure of the apohost. In this study, the apohost of **2** was determined from the laboratory powder X-ray diffraction data and the structural change by guest sorption and release processes were investigated.

The powder X-ray diffraction data of the toluene inclusion crystal of **2** and the apohost crystal of **2**, which was obtained by heating of the toluene inclusion crystal, are significantly different as shown in the figure. However, interestingly, the apohost structure, determined from the laboratory powder X-ray diffraction data, was found to retain its crystal packing even after the guest release. The apohost has one dimensional stacking of **2** along the *b*-axis forming the one dimensional guest free tunnel. This tunnel is expected to absorb the guest molecules easily and, in fact, the apohost crystal readily absorbs the toluene molecules, when the toluene vapor was applied to the solid apohost, and it transforms into the toluene inclusion crystal within 20 min.



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Status report on super high resolution powder diffractometer at J-PARC

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The first neutron was produced successfully from a spallation neutron source in Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex (J-PARC) at the end of May of 2008. Super High Resolution Powder Diffractometer, SuperHRPD, located at about 100 m from a thin side of a decoupled poisoned moderator achieved the world best resolution $\Delta d/d = 0.035\%$. In the summer of 2009, we installed a new SuperHRPD chamber, which was produced by a small and medium-sized enterprise group, JSS, in Ibaraki prefecture to improve S/N, and to achieve better resolution as well as intensity. The new chamber consists of a vacuum sample chamber with capacity of about 1 m³, and gas-filled scattering banks around it. In the design concept of a new chamber, a detector solid angle is increased, d-range / Q-range is expanded and also choices of high-intensity mode and high-resolution mode are implemented by varying incident collimations. To cover this large detector solid angle, about 1500 one-dimensional ³He position-sensitive detectors (PSDs) of 1/2 inch in diameter were installed in the backward bank, 90 degree bank, and low-angle bank, which consists of 320, 192 and 192 PSD(s), respectively. The on-beam commissioning of the new SuperHRPD was completed in autumn, and general users began to use this new chamber.

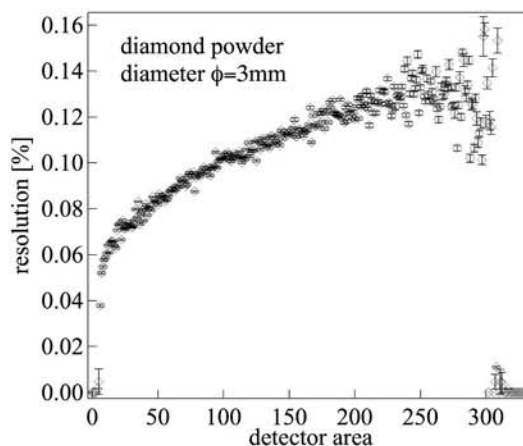


Fig.1 left : A new SuperHRPD chamber was installed in Summer of 2009. Right: A detector range dependency of the resolution. When the value of the horizontal axis is larger, a scattering angle of detector area becomes smaller.

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Research and developments at the Australian synchrotron powder diffraction beamline

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The ability to relate the properties of a material with its crystal structure is arguably the most valuable capability of powder diffraction research. Routinely in the natural world, and in the synthetic materials chemistry arena, poly-crystalline materials are readily produced that have interesting and/or important properties. To further understand the manner in which materials or minerals are formed, processed, and/or used it is often necessary to accurately identify the constituent phases and the crystal structure(s) of those phases.

By its very nature powder diffraction allows such examination of natural minerals and functional materials alike. It permits the study of bulk materials and provides a robust alternative for structural characterization when single crystals cannot be found. Examples may include *in situ* study of reaction mechanisms, the study of crystal chemistry, phase identification, and the trend of physical and/or magnetic properties with crystal structure.

Synchrotron powder X-ray diffractometry further enhances powder diffraction-based studies by affording greatly improved angular and energy resolution enabling superior, more reliable data analysis. In addition, the synchrotron experiment benefits from the greater flux (X-ray) density delivered by the source, thereby allowing the examination of smaller samples, with excellent signal to noise, in much faster time-frames than conventional laboratory diffraction experiments. The ability to set-up the experiment station and to tune the X-ray wavelength according to the composition of the sample and the requirements of the experiment are also important considerations of synchrotron-based experiments.

This presentation highlights the value of synchrotron X-ray diffractometry through the examination of a variety of practical and applied uses of powder diffraction, including the development of energy storage materials and the examination of mineralogical processing.

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***In situ* powder X-ray diffraction for gas adsorption on ordered mesoporous materials**

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Since their discovery in the early 1990s, mesoporous materials[1] have attracted a lot of attention due to various potential applications based on the periodic arrangement of easily tunable mesopores. The pore structure information is essential for understanding the properties of porous media as well as their usage in applications. Gas adsorption isotherm is perhaps the most commonly used in laboratories everyday for characterizing the pore structures. However, the analyses on isotherm data include assumptions such as geometrical model of pores and various interaction parameters fitted from standard isotherms to express the fluid state. We present *in situ* synchrotron powder XRD studies for gas adsorption on ordered mesoporous materials for characterizing the pore structure and fluid state.[2,3] The *in situ* synchrotron powder XRD experiments were performed at a synchrotron radiation facility SPring-8 (BL02B2), Japan, and the experimental data have been analyzed by maximum entropy method and analytical modeling method based on continuous electron density distribution for representing the silica solid wall and the fluid adsorbed on the wall. This diffractometric approach allows us to investigate the precise pore structure of mesoporous materials as well as to monitor the fluid growth on the mesopores. The modeling of the pore structure and the fluid state is first developed, and then the approach is applied to typical mesoporous materials: 2-dimensional MCM-41¹ (plane group *p6mm*), 3-dimensional SBA-16 (space group *Im-3m*) and MCM-48 (*la-3d*). This gives a possibility to reconcile isotherm and diffraction experiments for the future studies on characterizing mesoporous materials.

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X-ray diffraction analysis of carbon extracted from a fruit like fullerene

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A special type of tree was discovered. The tree species was rarely found in different parts of Orissa. The shape of the fruits of the above tree was made up of single/multiple spheres. The surface of the fruit is just like the fullerene and is shown in Fig. 1. Carbon was extracted from the above fruit, simply by burning the fruit at 500 °C in an ordinary oven. X-ray diffraction of the extracted carbon powder was carried out using Bruker AXS, next-generation D8 ADVANCE™ X-ray diffractometer. The diffraction data obtained was compared with the structure of the C₆₀. The complete structural study is under progress. The detail analysis of the results will be reported in the full paper.



Fig. 1. Fruit like Fullerene

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Development of defect perovskites for use as cathode materials in lithium ion batteries

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The development of new high capacity cathodes is becoming increasingly important as currently used materials reach their critical energy density limit. Defect perovskite structures such as $\text{Li}_{3x}\text{La}_{0.67-x}\text{TiO}_3$ and $\text{Li}_{3x}\text{La}_{0.33-x}\text{NbO}_3$ are an alternative due to their high ionic conductivity, structural flexibility and high intercalation limits [1-2]. However, in order to further develop the properties of defect perovskites, a thorough understanding of the structural changes, which occur during lithium intercalation and how these affect the electrochemical properties, is essential. Due to the different scattering factors for X-rays and neutrons, particularly for lithium, neutron scattering techniques are extremely useful for the precise structural study of these materials.

We have previously synthesised the perovskite structures $\text{Sr}_{0.8}\text{Ti}_{0.6}\text{Nb}_{0.4}\text{O}_3$ (STN) and $\text{Li}_{0.18}\text{Sr}_{0.66}\text{Ti}_{0.5}\text{Nb}_{0.5}\text{O}_3$ (LSTN) (see figure below), both composed of lighter components than $\text{Li}_{3x}\text{La}_{0.33-x}\text{NbO}_3$. While STN intercalated only a small amount of lithium via chemical means, LSTN readily intercalated lithium. Neutron studies of LSTN before and after chemical lithium intercalation provided significant insight into the structural behaviour of lithium during the initial intercalation process. STN intercalated up to 0.2 mol of lithium per formula unit electrochemically. Again LSTN was able to intercalate a larger amount of lithium electrochemically. Further ex-situ neutron studies have revealed the structural changes, which occur at the end of the intercalation process. While surprisingly STN undergoes very little structural change on intercalation LSTN appears to experience octahedral rotations, which lead to a lower symmetry structure.

This contribution will address the structural changes, which occur in LSTN during chemical and electrochemical intercalation and in STN during electrochemical intercalation. The observed structural changes provide significant insight into the origins of many of the observed electrochemical properties such as specific capacity, reversibility and ionic conductivity.

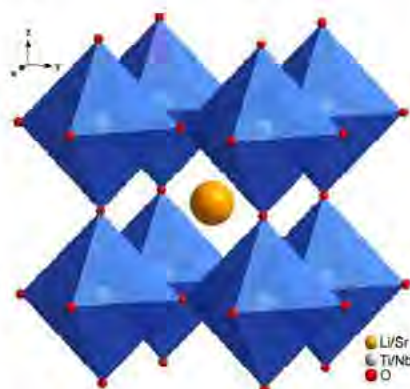


Figure: Cubic perovskite unit cell with $\text{Ti}^{4+}/\text{Nb}^{5+}$ surrounded by six O^{2-} anions creating a three dimensional network inside which Sr^{2+} or Li^{+} are located

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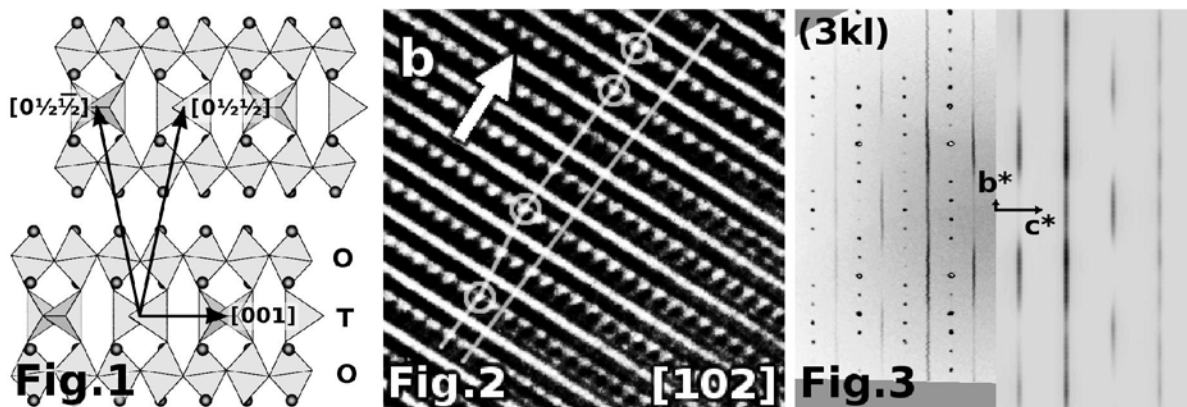
Stacking faults in $\text{Ca}_4\text{B}_2\text{B}'\text{O}_9$ -type layered brownmillerites

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In a structural study of calcium ferrite phases for cement clinkers, we synthesised crystals of a structure-type described as an intergrowth between the brownmillerite (BM) and the K_2NiF_4 -type structure [1]. Single crystals were grown using a flux-method and contain three-valent B (Fe, Al) and four-valent B' cations (Mn, Ti). The unit cell contains two BM-like O-T-O blocks, hence we propose the term *layered brownmillerites* for this structure-type. The structure adopts space group *Amma* with $a=5.3$, $b=26.7$, $c=5.5$ Å, in which the two BM blocks are linked by the centring vector, and the tetrahedral chains show disorder of two possible configurations. However, the diffraction pattern reveals strong diffuse rods along b^* , which occur at $h k l + \frac{1}{2}$ ($h \neq 0$). The doubling of c is caused by an alternating sequence of different orientations in the tetrahedral chains. In this new unit cell (c doubled), the old A -centring vector becomes $[0, \frac{1}{2}, \pm\frac{1}{4}]$. The two possible shifts along c^* (fig. 1) affect mostly the tetrahedral layers, which exhibit stacking faults. The rest of the structure basically retains the old lattice. High-resolution transmission electron microscopy reveals the stacking faults. Images recorded along the $[102]$ zone axis (fig. 2) give a high contrast for the different chain configurations [2, 3]. The dotted lines represent the tetrahedral layers. A projection of the $[0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$ direction (straight line) helps to identify stacking faults (see staggered line). The rods of diffuse scattering show strong variations of intensity. In order to reveal the structural reasons, a computer simulation was performed using a random stacking sequence. Additionally, small shifts (parallel to a) of the atoms in close proximity of the chains, were introduced into the model. The sign of the shifts are opposite for the two different chain configurations. Calculated diffraction patterns [4] (fig. 3, right) are in good agreement with the X-ray diffraction data (fig. 3, left).



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Enhancement of the ν_4 band in heme at NIR laser enhancement attributed to supramolecular interactions

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The resonance Raman enhancement of the oxidation state marker band (ν_4 at $\sim 1375\text{ cm}^{-1}$) for the iron(III) porphyrins, Fe(TPP)Cl, [Fe(TPP)]₂O, Fe(OEP)Cl, and [Fe(OEP)]₂O has been investigated by using 413, 514, 633, 782, and 830 nm excitation laser sources. Only [Fe(OEP)]₂O shows the minimum enhancement of the ν_4 band when exciting with 782 and 830 nm. X-ray crystallographic results show the stereochemistry of the hemes are similar with a five-coordinate square-pyramidal geometry and high-spin iron(III) ion. The bond lengths of Fe–N and Fe–axial ligands including the displacement of Fe atom out of the porphyrin plane and distance of porphyrin-porphyrin plane in Fe(OEP) as well as the dihedral angles and delocalized π -system of Fe(TPP) are normal and do not provide an explanation for this unusual observation. The supramolecular interactions have been investigated as a possible reason to understand the enhancement of the ν_4 band at near infrared laser excitation. The most significant difference among these hemes is the number of intermolecular interactions leading to the hypothesis that the enhancement of the ν_4 band is primarily a result of the supramolecular interactions.

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Recombinant fusion protein design for biophysical analysis of integrin subunit dimerization and function

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Integrins provide the principal means for cellular attachment to the extracellular matrix (ECM)¹. Integrins are made up of subunits that associate as heterodimers on the cell surface². The binding of integrin heterodimers to ECM ligands provide attachment to the ECM as well signals for intracellular processes, thereby “integrating” the intracellular and extracellular environments. The formation of different integrin heterodimer combinations results in different affinities for several ligands as well as variations in intercellular processes signaled¹. Studies have correlated the formation of different integrin heterodimers with the multiple stages of cancer progression³ and metastasis⁴. Biophysical analysis of integrin subunit dimerization therefore presents a worthwhile strategy for the progress of cancer treatment. Of the 24 integrin heterodimers identified⁵, only three combinations have been successfully crystallized ($\alpha V\beta 3$, $\alpha IIb\beta 3$ and $\alpha X\beta 1$)^{2,6,7}. The limited success in crystallization may be attributed to integrin subunit size (~240 kDa/heterodimer), and flexibility⁸. This project aims to increase the efficiency of integrin subunit crystallization by limiting target size and flexibility. Limitations to size and flexibility were designed through the generation of fusion proteins containing only selected integrin subunit domains linked to *fos/jun* leucine zippers. The *Fos/Jun* dimerization domains were included to restrict flexibility, maintain close proximity⁹ and facilitate interaction between the expressed subunit domains despite the absence of the rest of the integrin subunit. Genes encoding the functional domains of different integrin subunits were amplified from mammalian cell cultures representing different stages of cancer progression: M4A4, NM2C5, HCT116, A549 (ATCC). Coding sequences for the *Fos* and *Jun* leucine zippers were amplified from these sources as well. Amplicon identities were verified through DNA sequencing. Confirmed amplicons were inserted into cloning plasmids for propagation. Amplicons await transfer into yeast expression plasmids for fusion protein production¹⁰.

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Development of computer software for general area detector diffraction system (GADDs)

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We have developed the software which determines the orientation of the single crystal using General Area Detector Diffraction System(GADDs). The developed software is possible to determines the orientation for all kinds of crystal system and to analyze the single crystal when Detector's position was laid down at every directions against the beam direction. In case a uncertainty of the position of diffraction spots is below a millimeter, the orientation can be determined the right way by the least squares fitting.

The diffraction patterns can be simulated by the data of crystals and diffraction conditions. After the crystal orientation is determined, we can calculate the way of rotating the crystal for the next process. The GADDs Analysis Program is developed with C++ programming language and can be applied to the instruments of X-ray diffraction.

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Mineralogy and geochemistry of volcanic rocks of Poledokhtar, Myaneh (NW Iran)

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The volcanic rocks of Poledokhtar which are Located in 15 kilmetrs Myaneh. Rhyolites and dacites structured region flows, phenocryst hornblend samples manually, contains major minerals such as plagioclase, hornblende and shows porphyry and microlitic porphyry textures. In these rocks plagioclase shows mesh texture and oscillatory zoning. The hornbelande also having opacity margin. These rocks are fall in rhyolite calc-alkaline and meta-aluminous characters and From the genetic classification point of view the studied silica domes is from I type granite and it belongs to magnetite series. These rocks are enriched in LIL, LREE, however, they are depleted in HREE and Y. In addition, they show negative anomalies of Nb, Ta, P and Ti, and positive anomaly of Pb. The negative anomalies of Nb and Ta may indicate the effect of mantle wedge metasomatism by oceanic crust. The positive anomaly of Pb may demonstrate continental crust assimilation by magma associam ated with mantle metasomatism. Based on the tectonic setting discrimination diagrams, this volcanic is belong to VAG type and therefore it has been resulted from subduction of neotethys oceanic crust beneath the central Iran continental crust.

Key words: Poledokhtar, Myaneh, Rhyolite, I Type, VAG

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Evolution and development of CrysAlis^{Pro}

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CrysAlis^{Pro} is the software used to collect and reduce data for Agilent Technologies XRD systems (formerly Oxford Diffraction). In order to achieve the best results, it is important for the software to be user-friendly and function just as well as the diffraction hardware. Encouraging feedback from users allows the provision of a continually evolving program and new features and bug fixes are frequently implemented according to the community's requirements. The presentation will highlight several examples of user-inspired software tools, alongside the addition of new utilities for protein screening, simplistic multi-temperature and wavelength experiment strategies and extended options for high pressure data collection and reduction. The updates are presented here with a discussion of how the new tools may be implemented to improve data quality.

Also highlighted will be Agilent's AutoChem module. This is a software plugin which solves and refines structures in real time, concurrent with data collection and data reduction. This is fully automated, and also enables very simple and comprehensive structure report generation, particularly useful in service crystallography. Keywords: crysalis pro, high pressure, protein screening, autochem

Structure of hibiscus latent Singapore virus by fiber diffraction: Insights into evolution of a distinct *Tobamovirus*

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Hibiscus latent Singapore virus (HLSV) is a rigid rod shaped plant virus [1], a new member of the *Tobamovirus* family. Functionally, it differs from other known *Tobamoviruses*, like Tobacco mosaic virus (TMV), Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus (CGMMV), Sun-hemp mosaic virus (SHMV), Ribgrass mosaic virus (RMV) and Odontoglossum ringspot virus (ORSV, also known as TMV-O). Being unique among *Tobamovirus*, the HLSV genome contains a poly(A) tract at the 3'-UTR, which controls viral infectivity. The virion is made up of a monomeric coat protein (CP) unit of 18 kDa, arranged as a right handed helix around the virus axis. We have determined the structure of HLSV at 3.5 Å by fiber diffraction and refined to an R-factor of 0.096. While the overall structure of the HLSV CP resembles that of other *Tobamoviruses*, there are marked differences. There is a kink in the LR helix (residues 112-133) due to the close proximity of Asp116 and Glu124 with the RNA phosphates and the presence of two adjacent positively charged residues (His122 and Lys123), which destabilize the LR helix. The carboxyl-carboxylate interactions that drive viral assembly and disassembly are different and more complex in HLSV than that of other subgroup 1 and 2 *Tobamoviruses*. Furthermore, while being similar to that in Ribgrass mosaic virus (RMV) [2], the nucleotide recognition mechanism in HLSV (which is responsible for the assembly of *Tobamovirus*) deviates from that of TMV [3] and CGMMV [4]. These results, along with several defined genomic, molecular and structural differences, suggest that a new taxonomic group must be assigned for HLSV.

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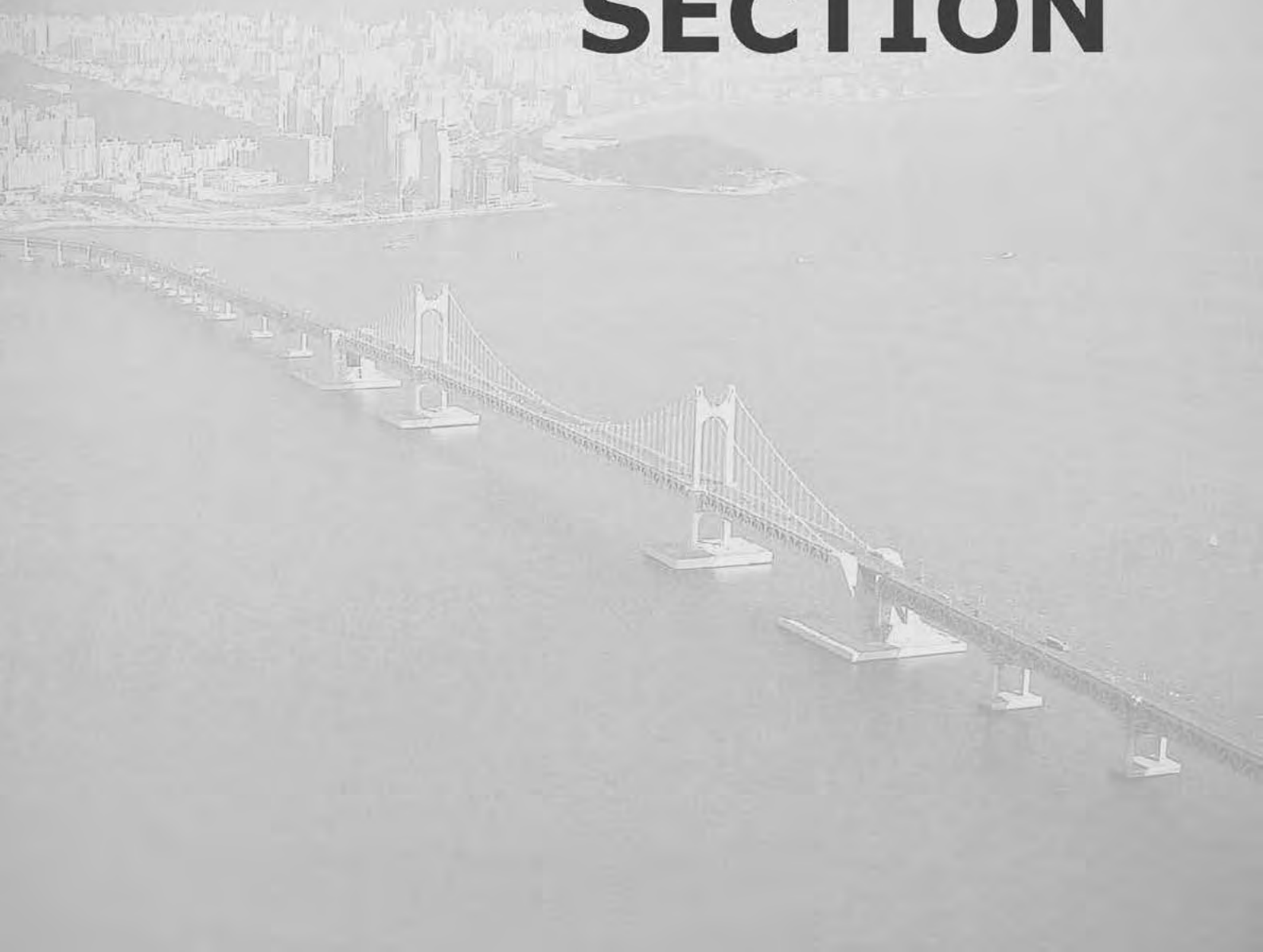
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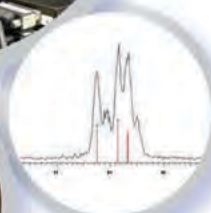
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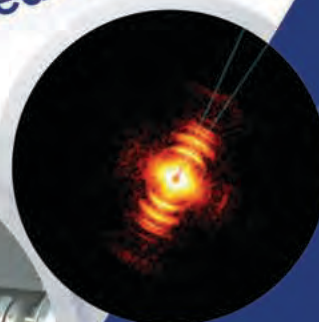
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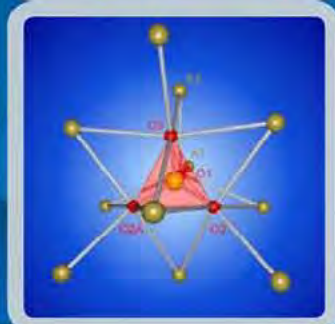
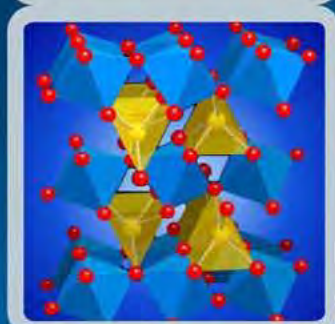
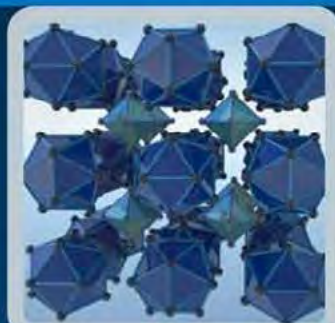


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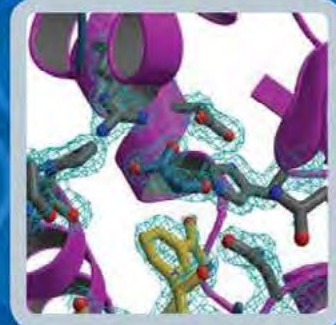
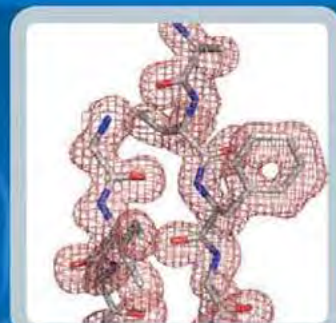
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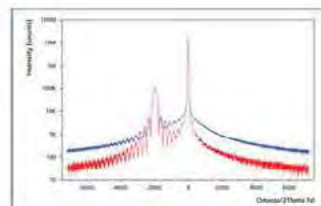
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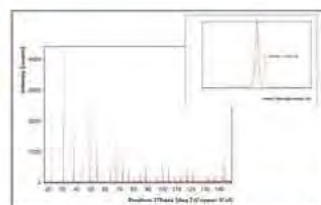
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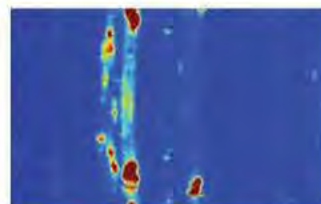
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