

Optimising the Diamond experience from a user's perspective

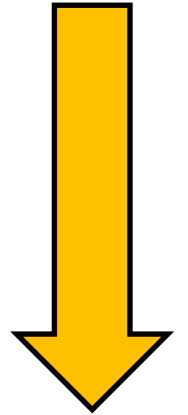
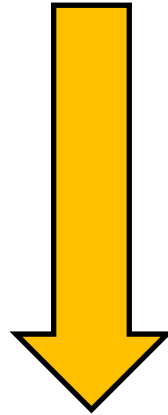
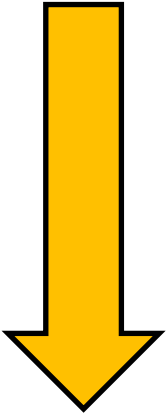
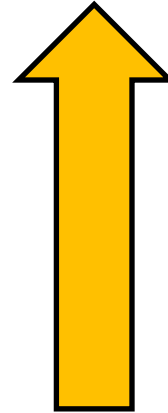
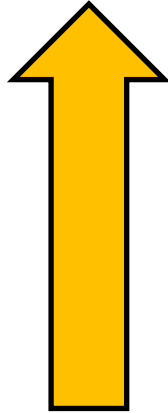
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Data collection philosophy...



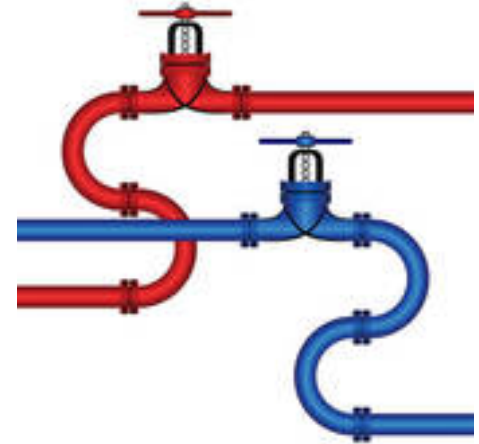
Strategy



Tools



Pipelines



Remote



- Maximizing efficiency
- Minimizing time commitment
- How to ~~collect~~ data

“Routine” data collection:

- on non-hazardous samples
- at cryogenic temperatures
- on pre-cooled crystals in pucks
- at conventional wavelengths

Disclaimer: the thoughts, views, and opinions expressed here are entirely my own and do not reflect the opinions of my employer, my wife, my kids, my...

Rules of thumb...

- Think!
- Be pessimistic about symmetry
 - if unsure - assume P1
- Be optimistic about resolution (unless doing SAD/MAD)



- Be prepared!



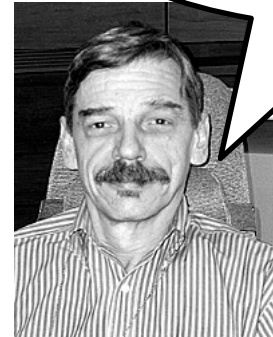
Goals for my beamtime...



Primary goals (data quantity **AND** quality...)

- To collect as much data as possible...
- To collect the best possible data...
- To collect the data that will enable me to:
 - Solve my structure
 - Extend the resolution of my structure
 - Show that my ligand is bound

Secondary goal (get a life!)



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Dauter

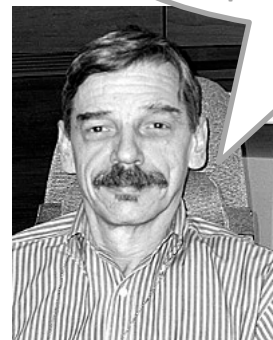
“Data collection is
the last
experimental step!”

Ask yourself:

1. Do I spend a long time re-processing and analysing data at the home lab?
2. Does the next visit come along before I have analyzed all the data from the previous trip?

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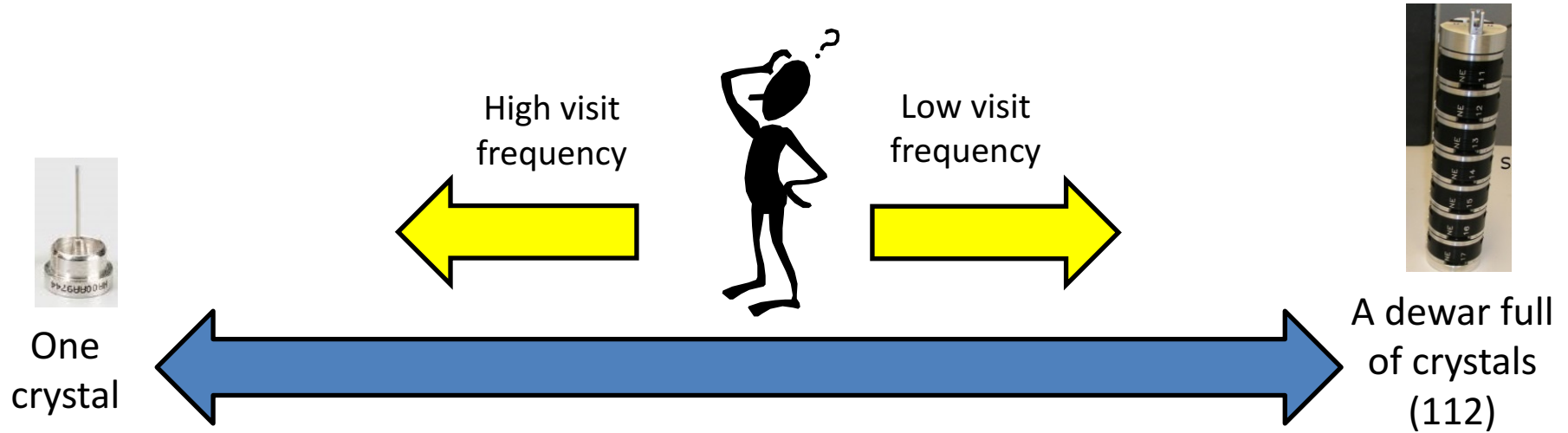
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Secondary goal (get a life!)

- Try to answer these questions before end of visit:
 - Can I solve my structure?
 - Can I extend the resolution of my structure?
 - Is my ligand bound?
- Minimise the amount of follow-up work...

How many samples to take/send per project...



Effort before, during and after beamtime

Time available for other projects/users

Number of crystals

Likelihood of 'success' within a single visit

Number of crystals

Data collection is always a compromise...

*How much
data do I
need?*

*What
resolution
do I need?*

*What are
the data
for?*

*How much
time do I
have?*



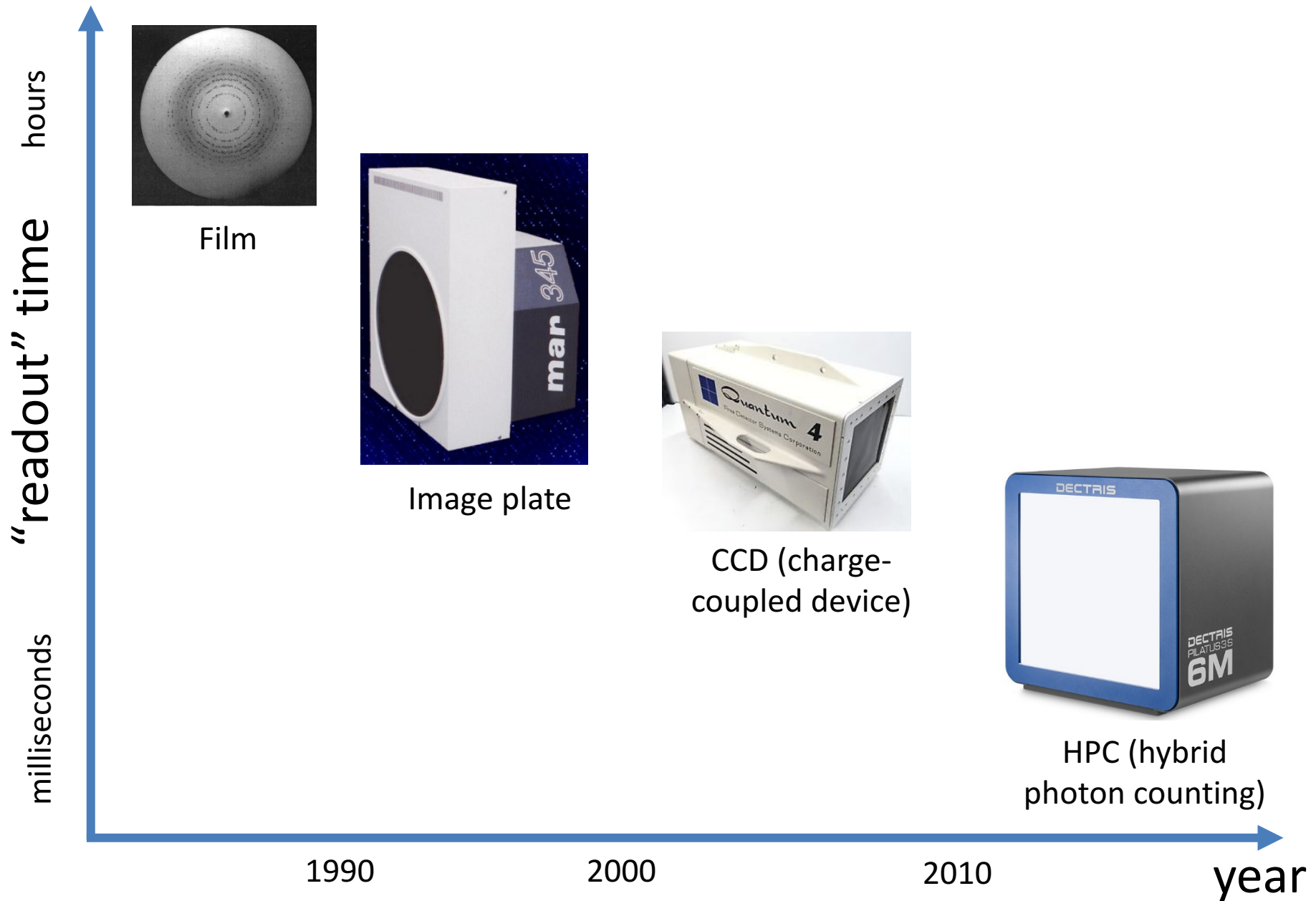
*How many
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I have?*



Be prepared!

Do as much of this thinking **before** your beamtime as possible!

MX data collection has become faster...

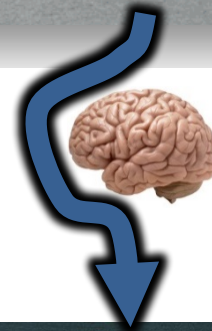


MX data collection has become faster...

20th century data collection



21st century data collection



MX data collection has become faster...

- Typical dataset takes <3 min to collect
 - 10 - 20 GB raw data per data set!
 - >1.0 TB data possible in 24 hrs!
- In practice, 4 “useful” data sets per hour is good
 - includes screening for “best” crystal
 - ...and thinking!
- But - beamtime is still in high demand
 - users are generating crystals more rapidly
 - can get away with “marginal” samples
- So - each session is often split between several groups
 - therefore need to be efficient and organised...



Keeping pace with data collection...

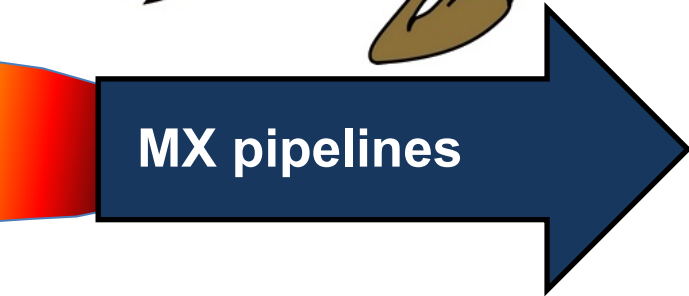
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analysis



data
collection



MX pipelines

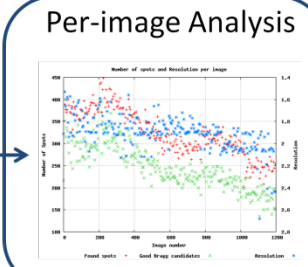
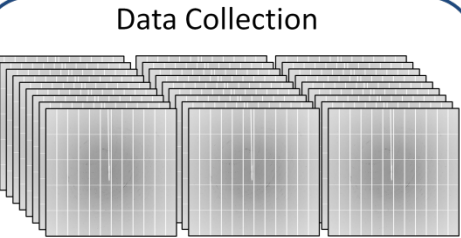


ISPyB database

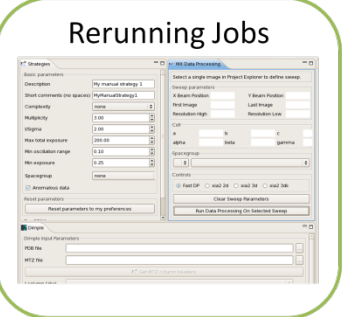
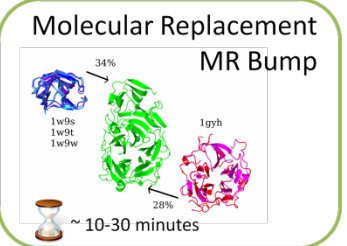
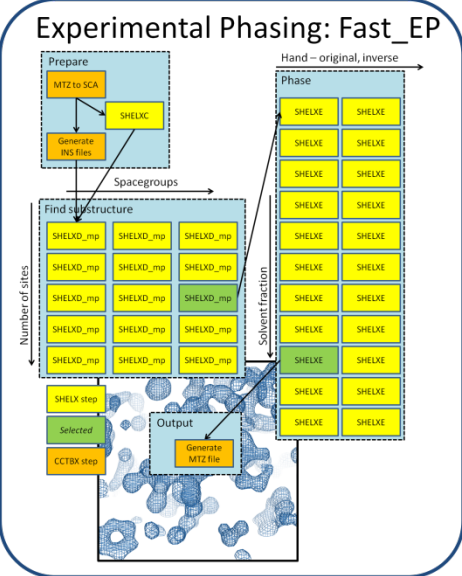
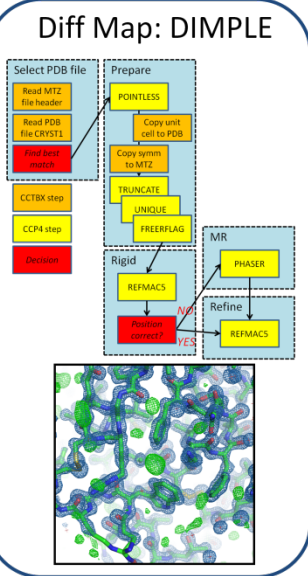
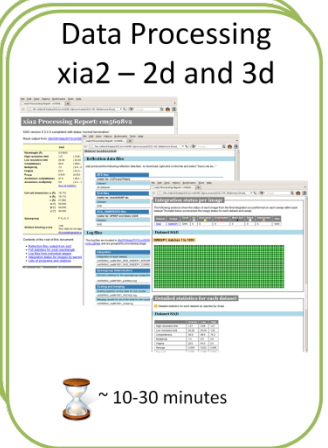
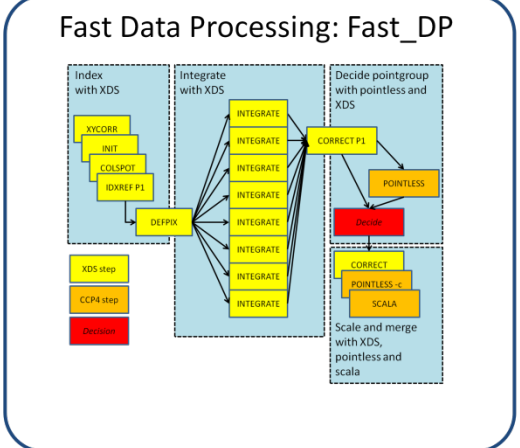
Sample info.

(test images)

Strategy:
EDNA



Time / s
0
60
120
180
240



Timeline...

Before beamtime:

- Load crystals into pucks
- Enter sample information into ISPyB
- Upload PDBs for Dimple into ISPyB
- Upload sequences for MrBUMP into ISPyB
- Decide on running order for users/samples (may change later...)
- Share your plans with LC and EHC



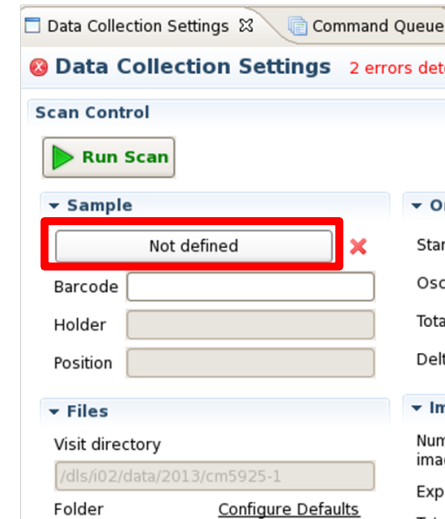
Be prepared!

Also – to avoid wasting time:

- Gather useful information:
 - Space groups and cell parameters of previous data sets
 - Phone numbers (beamline, LC, EHC, control room, other users...)
- Read beamline documentation – especially if new user
- Setup shortcuts/aliases to avoid too much typing:
 - e.g. `alias m67="cd /dls/i03/data/2016/mx12345-67"` (put in `.bashrc` file)

During beamtime:

- Load pucks and assign positions in ISPyB
- Select required sample from drop-down menu in GDA
 - no need to enter sample information or specify sample location
 - less likely to get the wrong sample
- Collect test images
- Based on appearance/EDNA/prior knowledge/requirements/(time left) decide to: collect/don't collect/revisit later
- Collect data set
- Analyse data as it is collected (ideally a second person...)
 - let the automated tools do the hard work (fast_dp, fast_ep, Dimple, MrBUMP...)
 - **BUT – remember to sense check the output!**
 - re-run jobs if necessary (e.g. to set space group, resolution, exclude images...)
 - (may revise sample running order/strategy based on processing results)
- Move onto next sample...



Keeping track of your data:

- Through ISPyB web interface (SynchWeb)

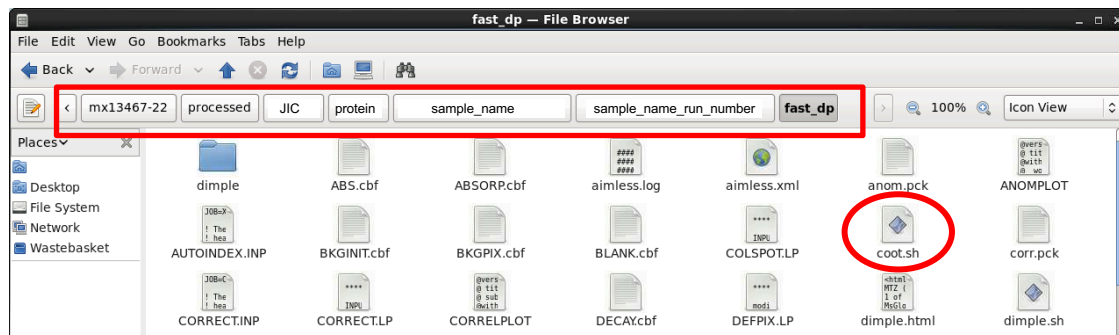


Looking at maps in Coot:

...go to the appropriate fast_dp/fast_ep directory in “processed”

Using File Browser...

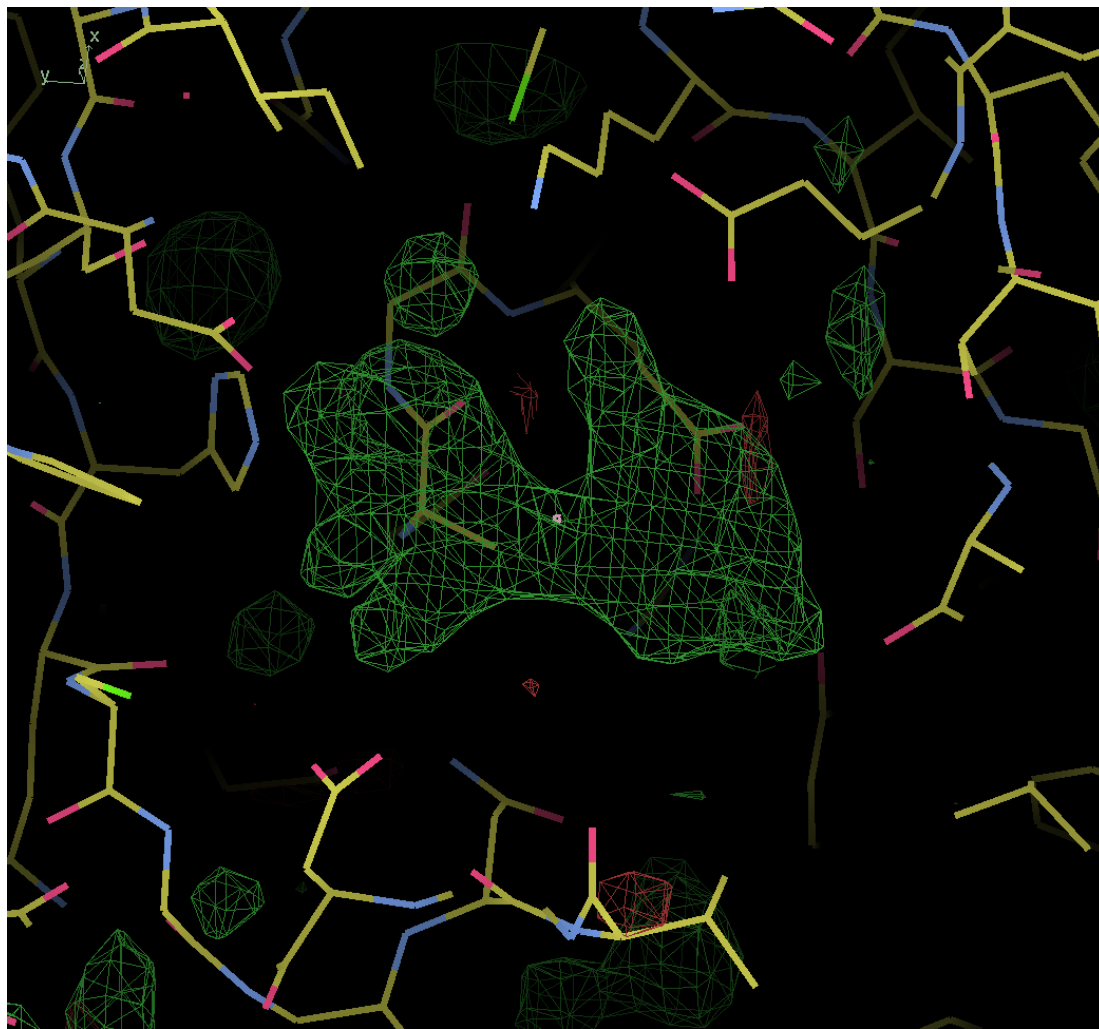
double click on: “coot.sh” icon



Using Terminal...

type: `./coot.sh`

Dimple (difference map pipeline)



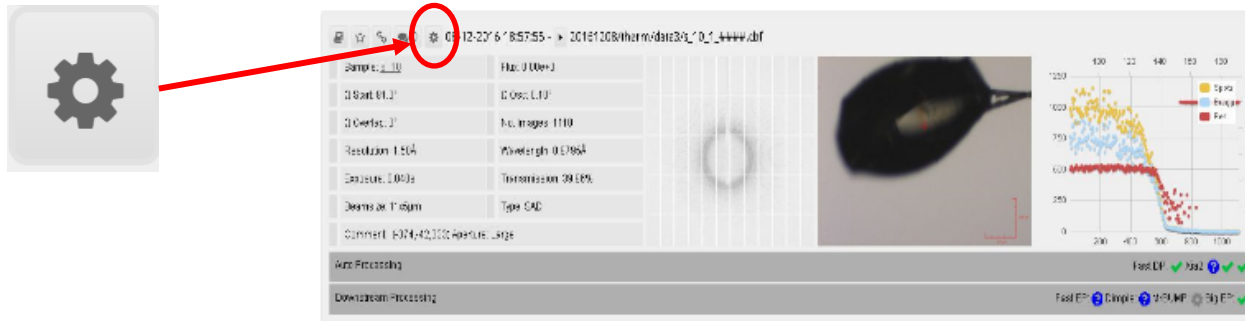
Step	Approx. time (mins)
Data collection	2
Fast_dp	2
Dimple	1
1 st image -> map	5

Get the “answer” whilst working on the next crystal...
...assuming no jobs fail!

NB. Sense check the result e.g. are R-values reasonable?

Re-running jobs:

- Most pipelines will run from the command line (Terminal window)
- Fast_dp, Xia2 and DIALS will also run through the ISPyB interface



This raises the reprocessing interface:



Here you can select

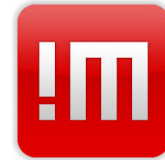
- to use either XDS 3dii or DIALS processing software run via xia2
- set a high resolution cut off
- clicking space/group cell provides fields to provide input values

By end of visit:

- Each data set should be characterised as:
 - useful/may be useful/not useful
- Some data sets may be re-processed to your satisfaction
- You may have interpretable experimental maps
- You may have preliminary structures
- You **will** have less follow-up work to do!

After your beamtime:

- Re-process “useful” and “may be useful” datasets if necessary
- Use Diamond computers through the NoMachine client:
 - using latest versions of software
 - no local installation of pipelines required
 - likely to be much faster than your workstation
- Copy results home
- With help of ISPyB database:
 - keep track of data collections
 - document your results and conclusions



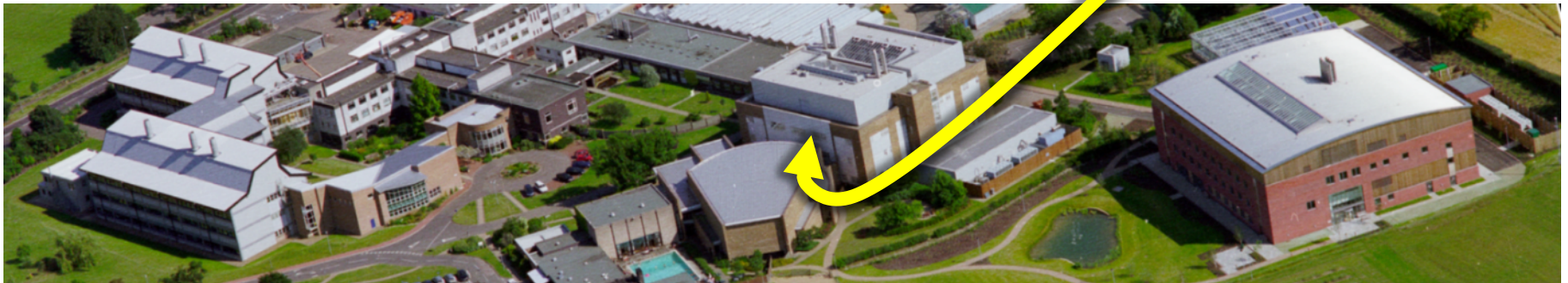
Summary - why use the automated tools?

- Faster sample changing (ISPyB)
 - essential for remote...
- Informs the decision making process
 - make decisions sooner
 - revise strategy on the fly
 - (e.g. recollect dataset x... no more data required for project y...)
 - make better overall use of beamtime
- Easier to cope with a small team
- Reduces amount of post-beamtime follow-up work
- Simple to keep track of your samples and data (ISPyB)

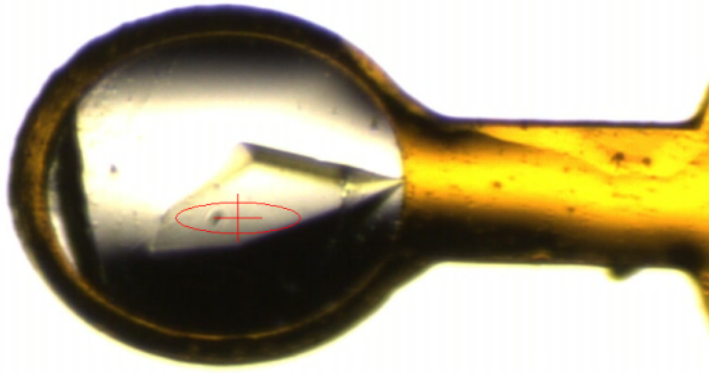
data Remote/collection



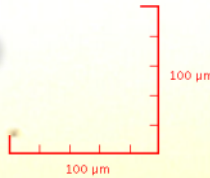
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Some real data...

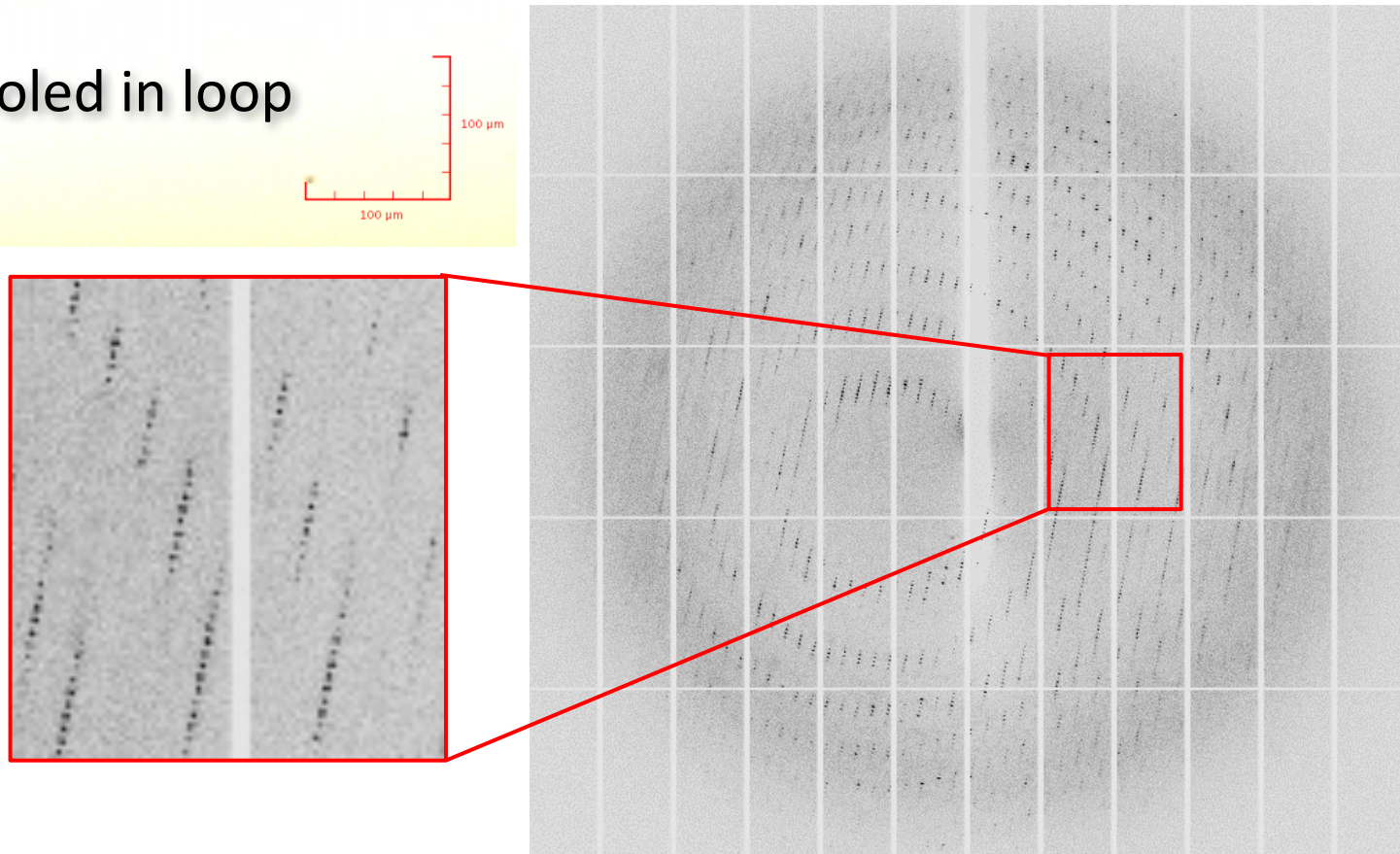


Crystal cooled in loop



Beam size: $82.0 \times 21.0 \mu\text{m}$

Diffraction pattern recorded
from crystal at Diamond

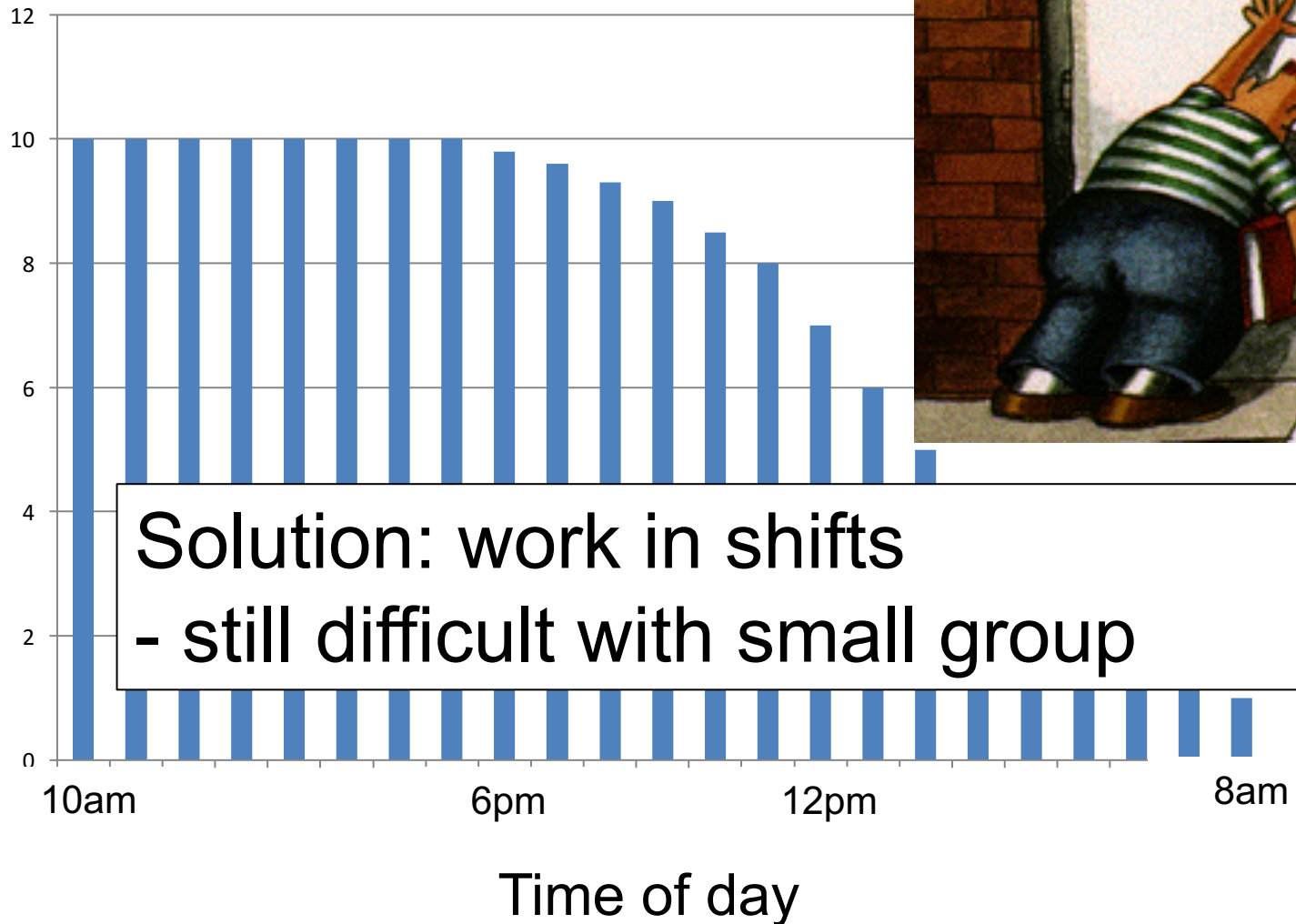


Some fictitious data...

A day at the beamline...



Data quality



Who should collect the data?

- Someone who knows the project
 - what data are required?
 - what space group/cell parameters/resolution to expect
- Someone who has a stake in the project
- Person who grew and mounted the crystals
- Someone who is not tired!

Ideal scenario:

- everyone collects data from their own crystals
- work in short shifts



Solutions:

1. everyone travels to Diamond (not practical ... and expensive)
2. small team travels to Diamond – everyone else collects data remotely (mixed access)
3. everyone collects data remotely (fully remote access)

Who travels to Diamond?

Without remote users:

- 3 people minimum – at least 2 are experienced users

With remote users (mixed access):

- 2-3 people – only 1 needs to be an experienced user
 - good way to introduce new users to DLS



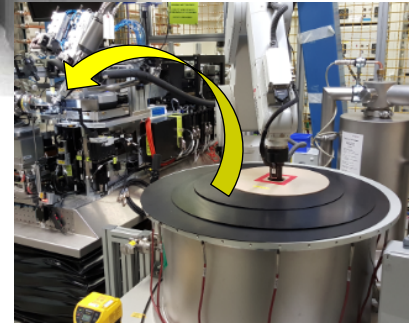
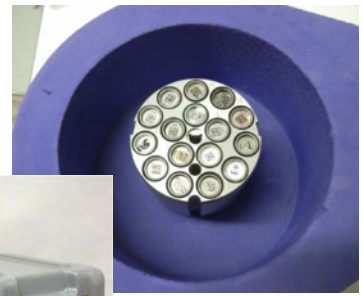
Who collects data remotely?

- Users at multiple sites; at each of these:
 - 1 experienced user can cope, but better with 2 (second person analyses data)
 - any number of new users (+observers)



For routine data collection at 100 K:

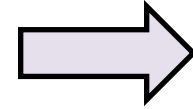
- Samples prepared and cryo-cooled in home lab
- Transported to DLS in dry shipping dewars
- Samples mounted robotically
- Data collection controlled through GDA GUI
- Only manual operation at DLS: loading/unloading pucks
 - Up to 480 or 592 samples can be loaded at once (depending on beamline)
 - may only need to enter hutch at beginning and end of visit
- Everything else computer driven...



Therefore you don't need to be there!

ISPyB database & shipping

- Create shipment in ISPyB
- Fill puck with samples (at home lab)
- Enter sample info. directly into ISPyB database

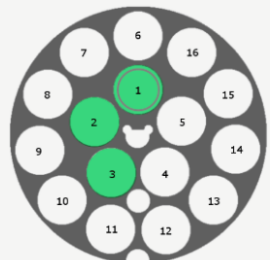


This page allows you to add containers to the selected dewar and shipment. If the protein you want to use isn't listed type in a new name and press tab. This will create a new protein

Shipment:

Dewar:

Puck Name:



Location	Protein Acronym	Sample Name	Spacegroup	Barcode	Comment
1	lys	lys1	P41212		
2	lys	lys2	P41212		
3	lys	lys3	P41212		



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Connection to Diamond

Remote Access

New remote access is available at Diamond to login on MX beamlines or NX cluster. Remote access is available from Linux, Mac OSX and Windows computers.

Please see the video below:



If you are experiencing issues you can try alternative ways to connect to Diamond:

- [From Linux or Mac OS X](#)



NoMachine
client

iMac with extra monitor:

- (i) data collection
- (ii) data evaluation

View today's
jpegs/
ISPyB

2nd iMac:

- (i) data evaluation
- (ii) data (re)processing
- (iii) Skype

webcams

Useful
phone
numbers

GDA
interface

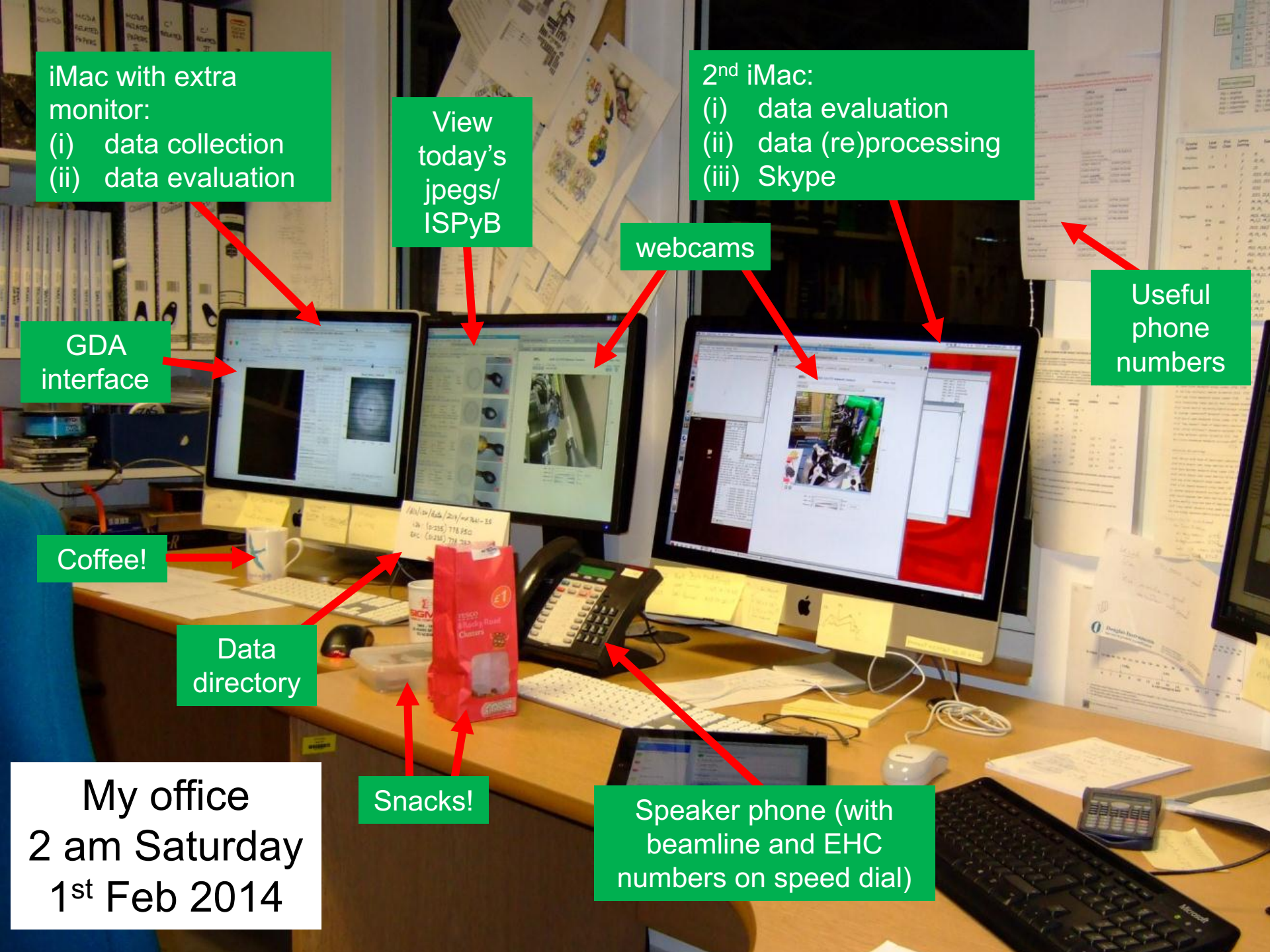
Coffee!

Data
directory

My office
2 am Saturday
1st Feb 2014

Snacks!

Speaker phone (with
beamline and EHC
numbers on speed dial)

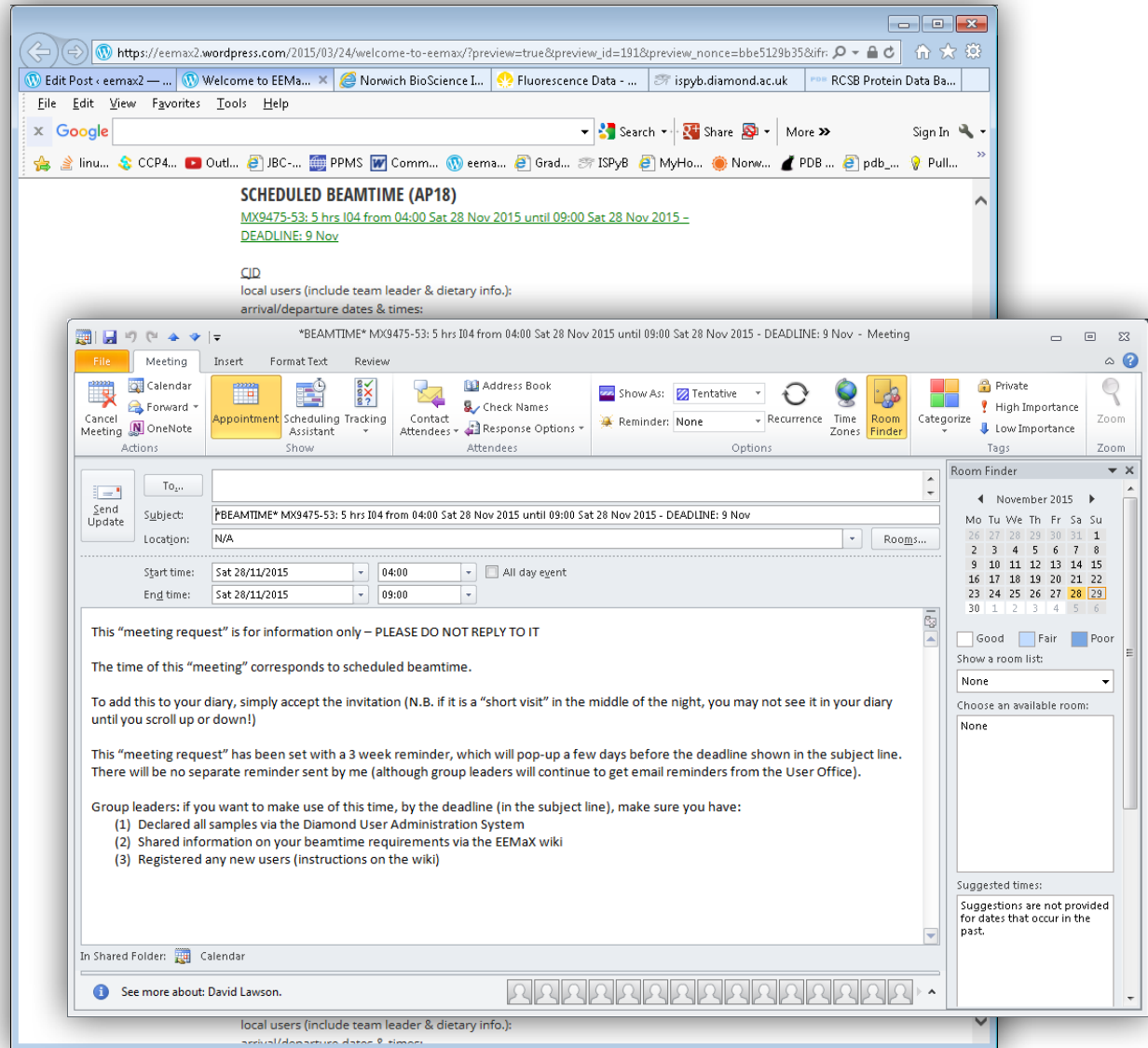


How do we manage the beamtime?

Several groups may participate in one visit, so we need to be organised..

Beamtime requirements are entered into a BAG wiki

Scheduled beamtime and associated deadlines (with reminders) sent as meeting requests to Outlook diaries



How do we manage the beamtime?

- Decide on running order and approximate changeover times beforehand
 - need to be flexible e.g. if there is downtime
- For mixed access:
 - remote users generally get the night shift
 - on-site team remain on-call e.g. to change pucks
 - remote users occasionally get daytime access (e.g. while on-site team analyse data or go for meals!)

Timeline for fully remote data collection

2 - 3 weeks before:

- decide who is sending samples (wiki)
- complete ERA and experiment notification form (UAS)

Week before:

- decide on running order and rough division of beamtime (via email)
- prepare samples and enter sample information into ISPyB database

2 - 4 days before:

- ship samples (N.B. must arrive during normal working hours – at latest on last working day before the 24 hr period that includes your slot)
- upload files for autoprocessing into ISPyB database (PDBs, sequences)

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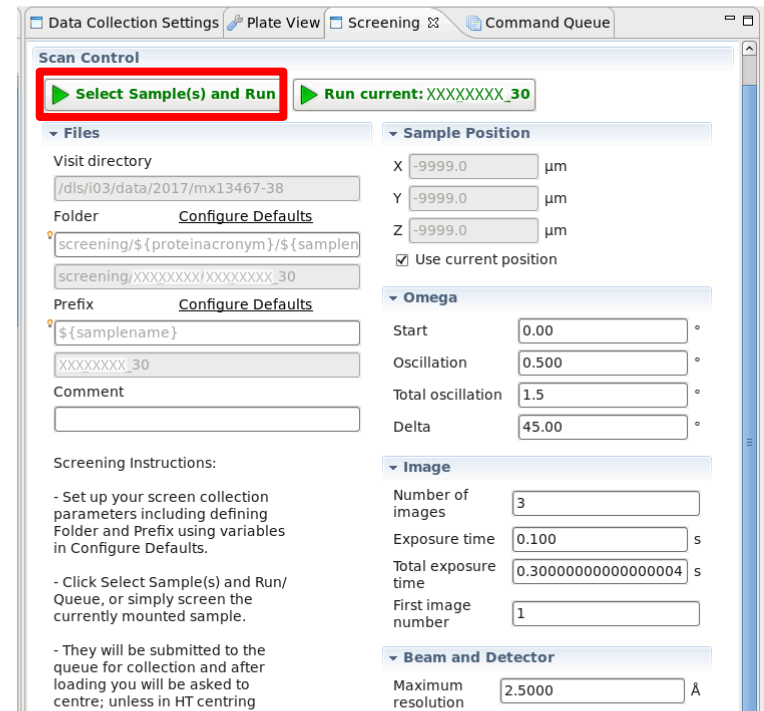
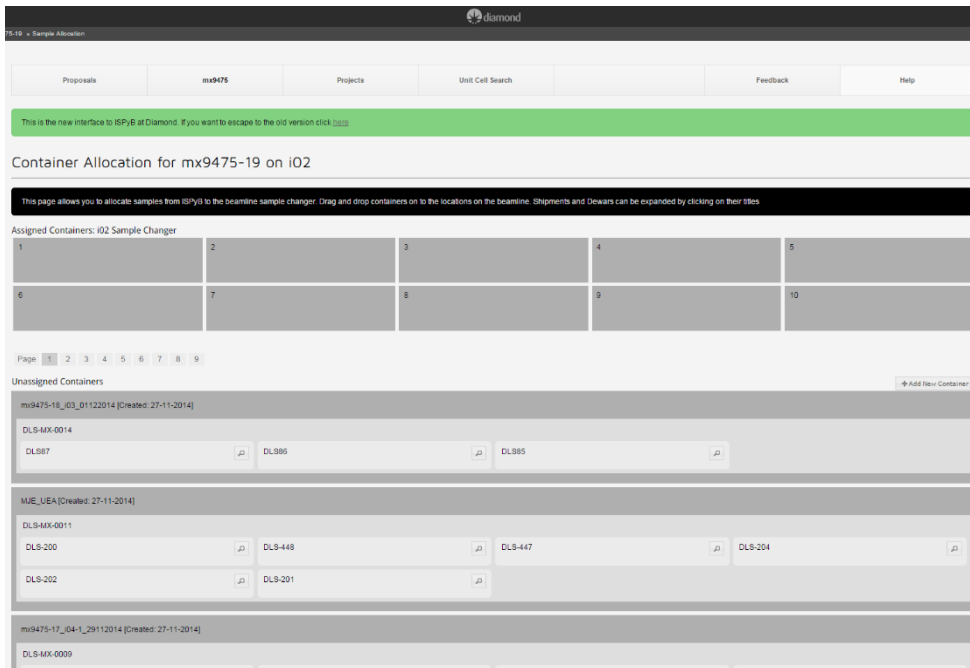
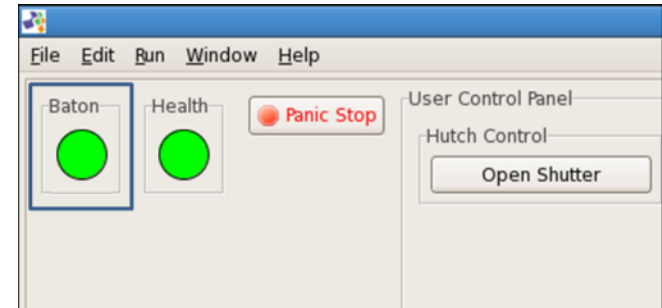
Sometime prior to shift:

- LC/EHC loads pucks into beamline dewar
- ~1 hr before start of shift (or slot in running order):
- connect to beamline computer using NoMachine client
 - start GDA
 - enter puck positions into ISPyB database (LC/EHC)



Zero hour:

- take the baton, select sample from menu, collect data!



Check the webcams!

[Proposals](#) [mx9475](#) [Projects](#) [Unit Cell Search](#) [Feed](#)

This is the new interface to ISPyB at Diamond. If you want to escape to the old version click [here](#)

This page shows all data collections for the selected visit. If the visit is ongoing the page will automatically update as new data is collected. Auto processing results will be displayed

i03 Webcams & Beamline Status

Ring Current
232.281

Refill
130.903

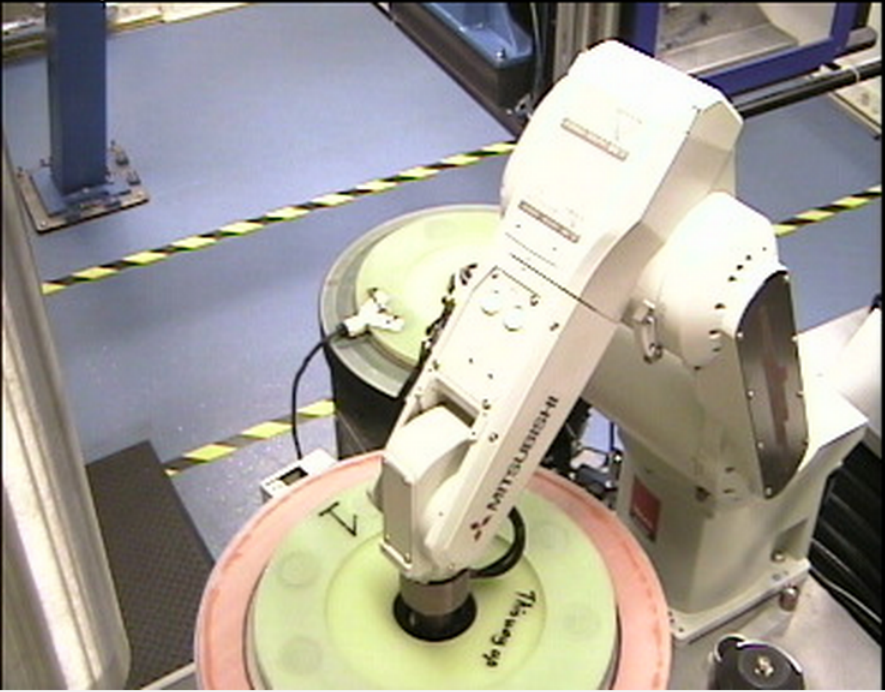
Hutch
Locked

Port Shutter
Open

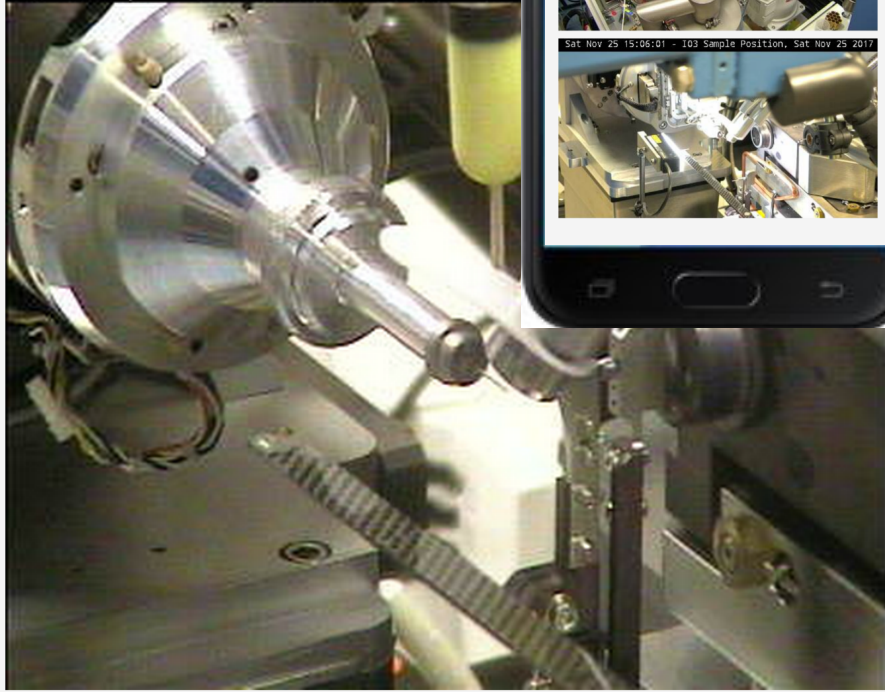
Expt Shutter
Open

Fast Shutter
Closed

I03 Experimental Hutch, Mon Dec 1 2014 10:07:50



I03 Sample Position, Mon Dec 1 2014 10:07:50



Summary

Visit Stats

Data Collections

Full Data

Auto Integrated

Screening

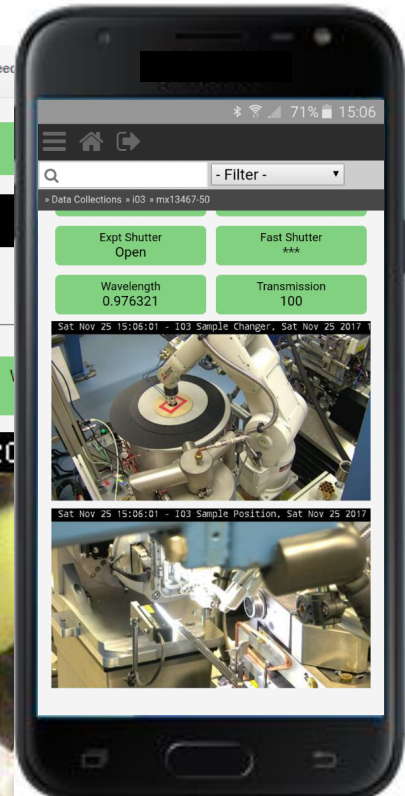
Edge Scans

MCA Spectra

Robot Actions

Sample Actions

Favourite



If you suspect a problem – call the EHC!

People can be set in their ways...



Let go Luke...

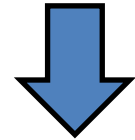


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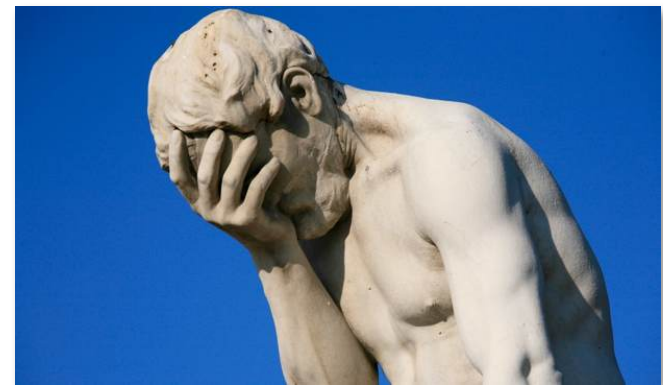
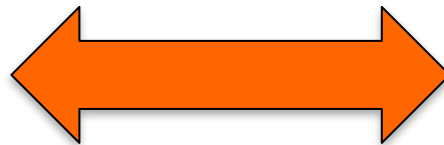
I know what
you're getting
for Christmas.

How?

Because I felt
your
presents!



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When things go wrong...

Can you fix things?

- probably not!

On-site user:

- During normal working hours – call local contact
- Out of hours – call EHC

Remote user:

- During normal working hours – call local contact
- Out of hours – call EHC

Therefore you don't need to be there!

Getting your data home...

- send hard drive with dewar
or...
- FTP data home



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Both methods
are slow!

Alternative:

- Use autoproccessing output or...
- (re)process data remotely on DLS computers and FTP output only
- archive raw data later



Faster?

Advantages of remote data collection:

- Beamtime is fully used
- Users collect data on their own crystals
- Most/all of the users stay at home labs
 - time commitment is low for remote users
 - stakeholders can observe data collection
 - useful for training non-experts
- Time can be used flexibly
- Less stressful
- Everyone gets some sleep!
- Difficult to “break” the beamline



Disadvantages of remote data collection:

- Risk of losing touch with beamline staff and latest developments (do BAG training, go to User meeting)
- Dewars/hard drives occasionally get misplaced...
- Don't get a cooked breakfast!



Take home messages

- If you are not using remote data collection – why not?
- If you are not using ISPyB – why not?
- If you are not using the software tools/pipelines – why not?
- If you don't have a life – you know why....



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