

Beamline I23 – long wavelength X-ray crystallography

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I23 – In-vacuum long-wavelength MX



Beamline parameters:

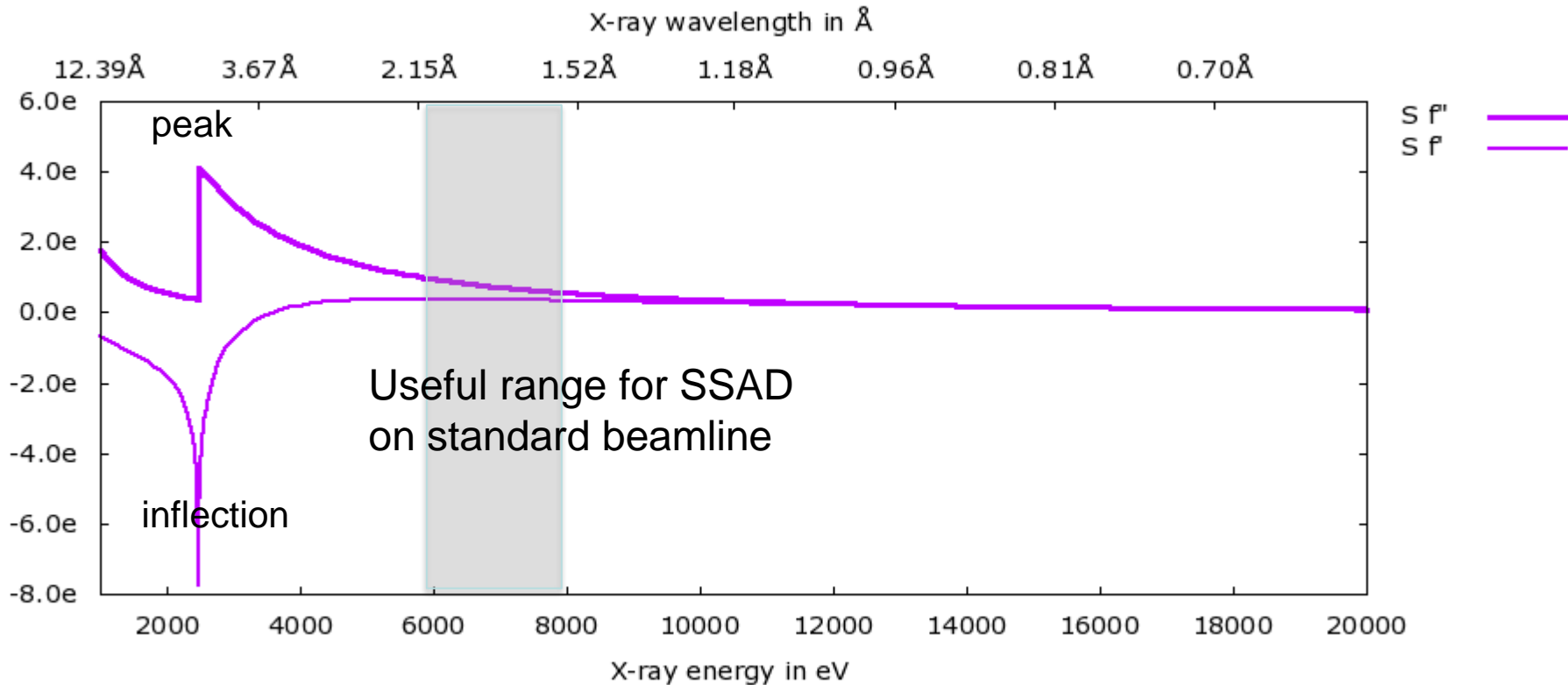
Wavelength range: 1.1 - 5.9 Å

Beam size at sample: 100 - 500 μm (unfocused)

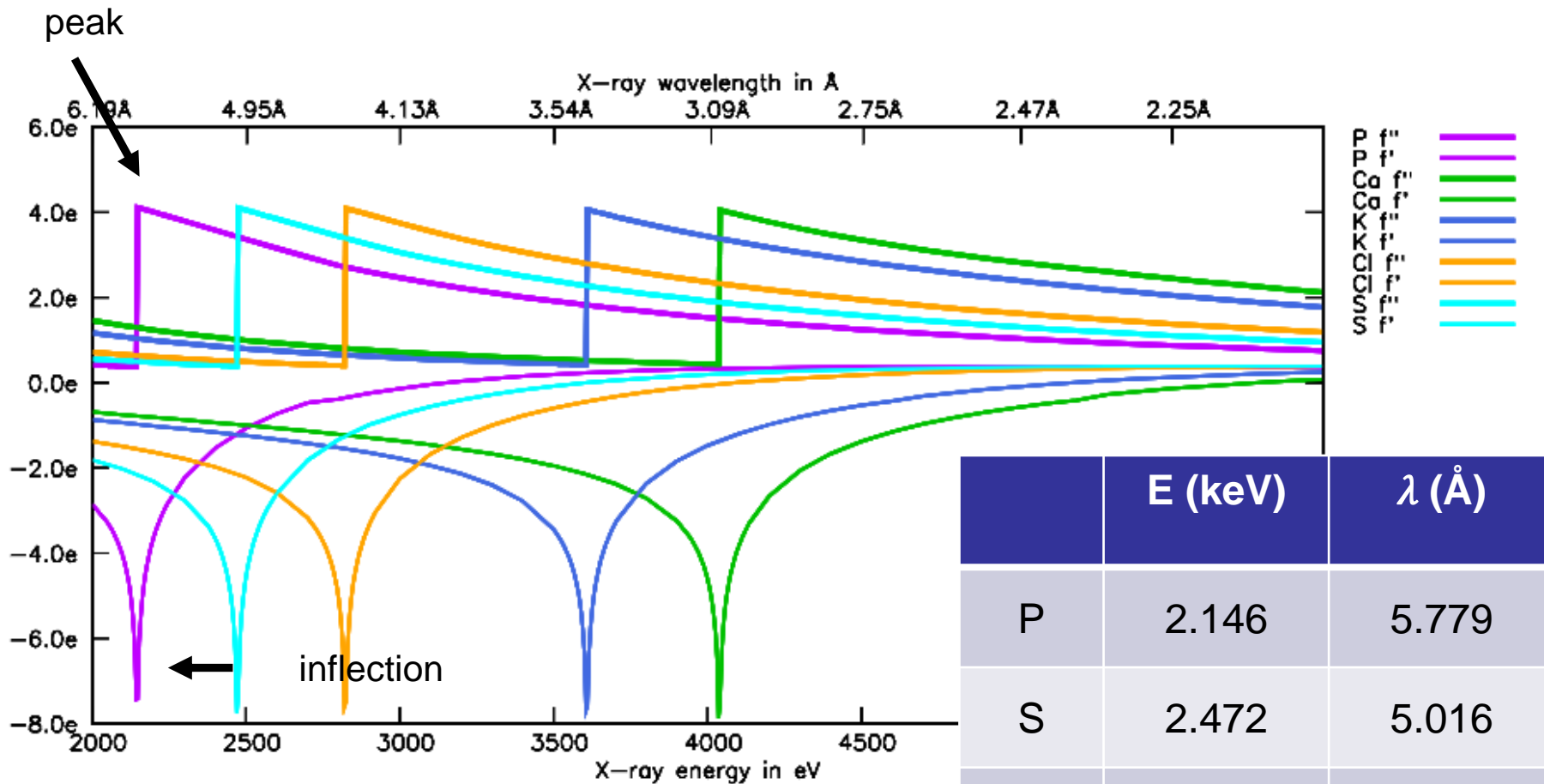
Photon flux: 5×10^{12} ph/s in 100 x 100 μm (4 keV)

Why long wavelengths?

$$f = f_0 + \Delta f' + i f'' = f' + i f''$$



Accessible X-ray absorption edges of biologically relevant elements



$$\lambda [\text{\AA}] = 12.398 / E [\text{keV}]$$

I23 – Long-wavelength MX

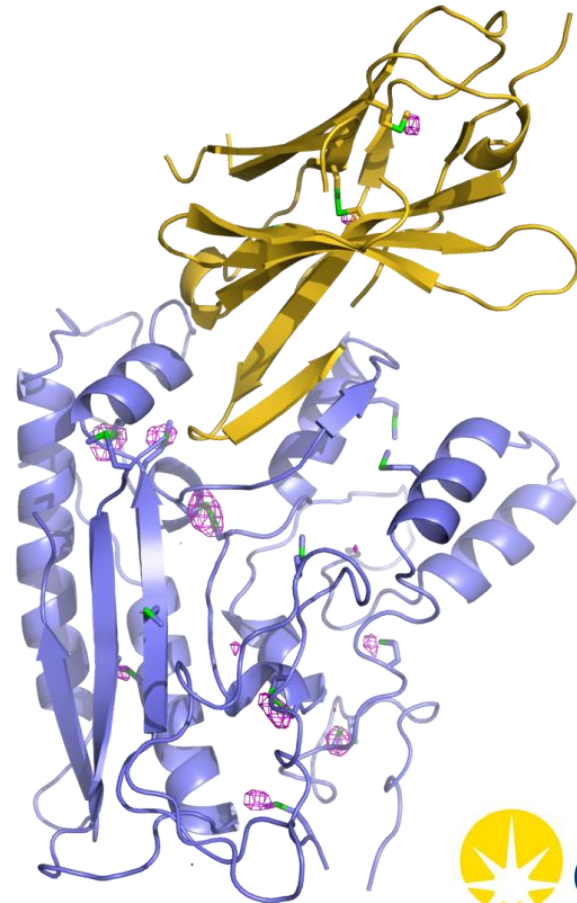
Experimental Phasing

- SAD phasing from native proteins and DNA/RNA crystals by using anomalous signal from S/P/Ca/K/Cl
- MAD phasing

Element identification

- Anomalous difference Fourier maps

Assist model building



In-vacuum sample environment

- Limited resolution:

- Bragg's law: $n\lambda = 2d \sin\theta$

- Absorption:

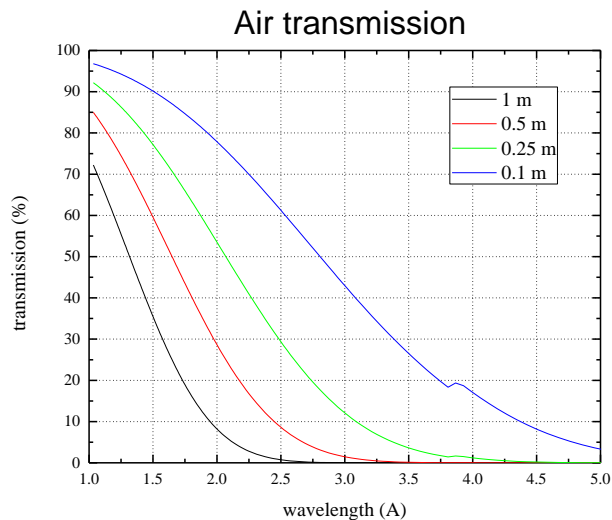
- Air absorption
- Crystal, solvent and loop absorption

Pilatus 12M (Dectris)

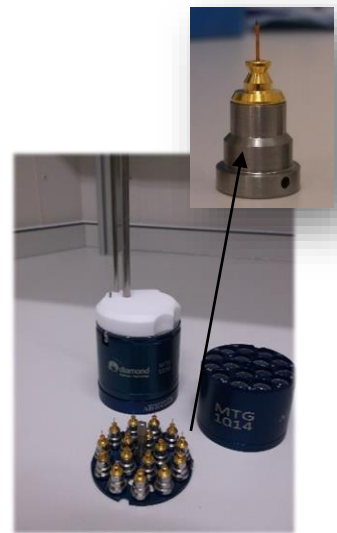


120 modules in vacuum
12,000,000 pixels
Half cylinder $r = 250$ mm
Width $z = 423.6$ mm
 $2\theta = \pm 100^\circ$ (40.3° laterally)

In-vacuum
crystallography:
Elimination of air scattering and
absorption



Sample preparation logistics



Tools sent to users



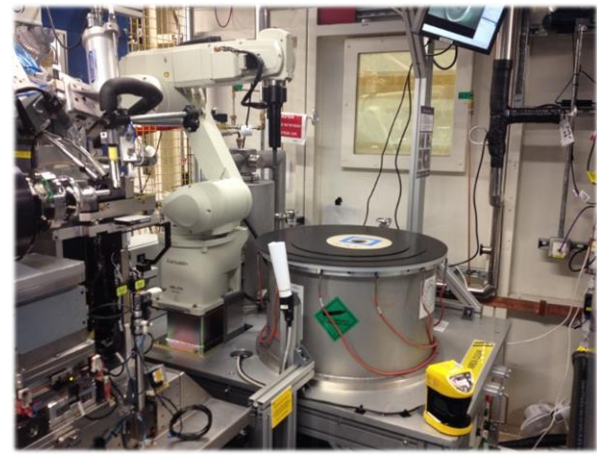
Users harvest and cryo-cool crystals



Samples sent to Diamond

Transfer to I23 vacuum endstation

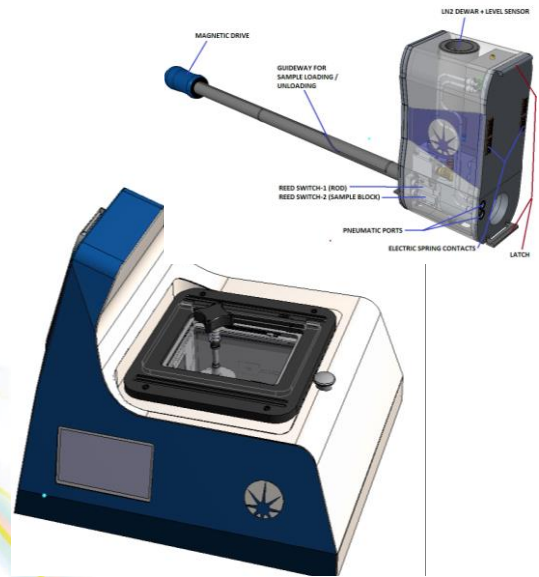
Pre-screening on other MX beamlines

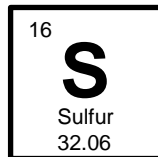


I23 thermally conductive sample holders and blocks



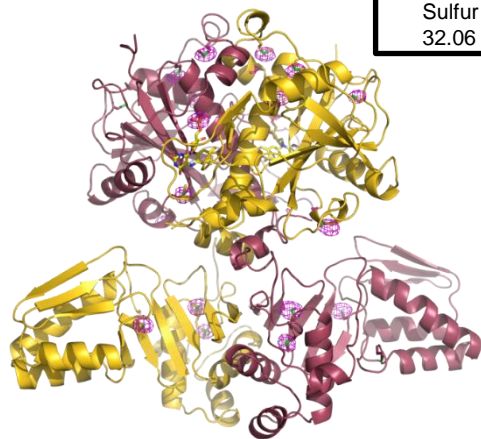
Diamond Cryogenic Sample Transfer System



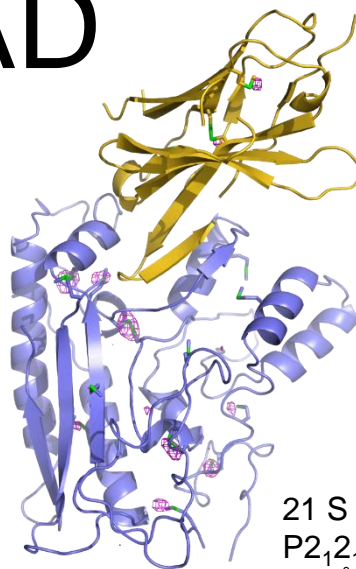


- SAD

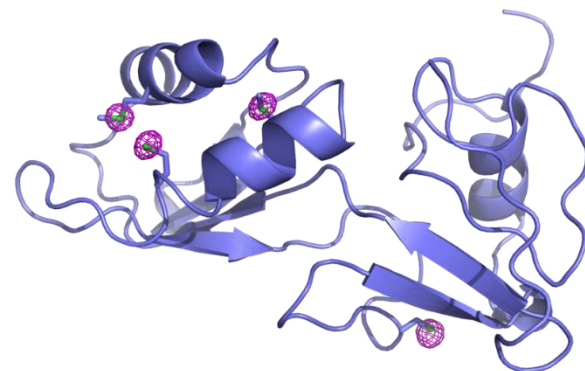
$\lambda = 2.75 \text{ \AA}$
Multiplicity: 10 - 20



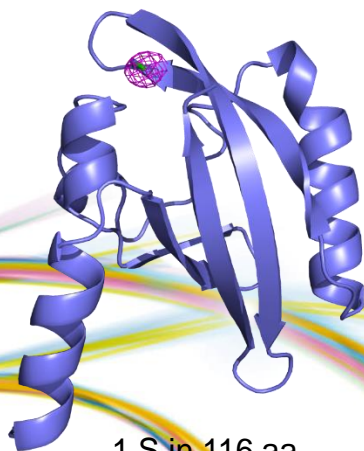
10 S in 477 aa
P4₁2₁2₁
3.2 Å res



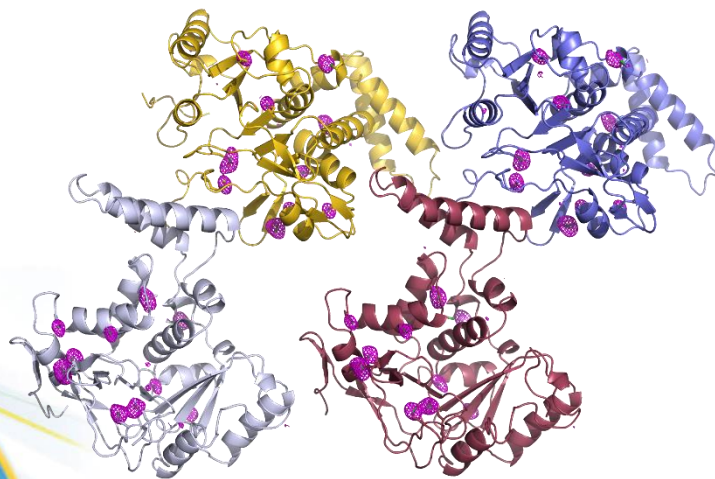
21 S in 427 aa
P2₁2₁2₁
2.8 Å res



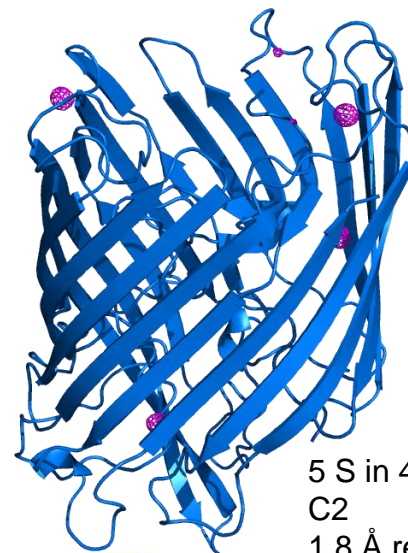
4 S in 157 aa
C2
1.8 Å res



1 S in 116 aa
P2₁2₁2
2.5 Å res



10 S in 322 aa
P2₁
2.1 Å res
tNCS



5 S in 453 aa
C2
1.8 Å res



Space Group **P2(1)** Unit Cell **62.35 97.87 66.01 90 103.87 90** High Resolution **2.8**

Sequence or Number of Scatterers

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NLKMEIILTSQGLKYYGKILRLLQLTLEEDTEGLEWCKRNGLDCDDTFF
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ASU PREDICT

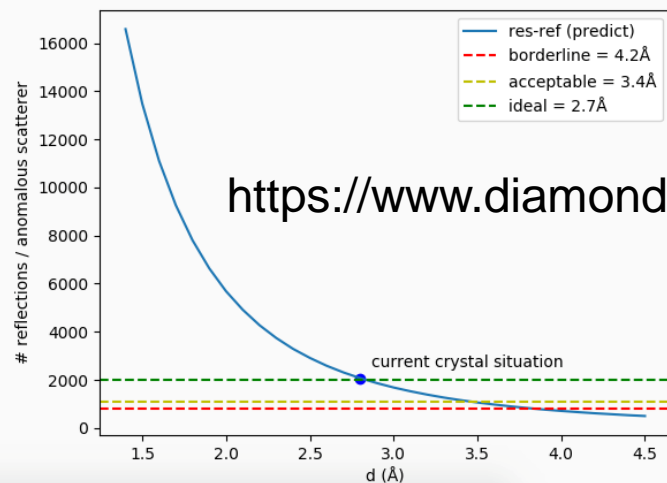
Solvent content analysis

Copies	Solvent content	Matthews coeff.	P(solvent content)
1	0.807	6.37	0.022
2	0.614	3.18	0.406
3	0.421	2.12	0.546
4	0.228	1.59	0.021
5	0.035	1.27	0.004

Molecules per ASU: **2**

MW (kDa): **35.0112000** Residues: **546** Sulphurs: **18** Cys: **16** Met: **2**

CALCULATE SAVE PLOT RESET



<https://www.diamond.ac.uk/Instruments/Mx/I23.html>

Based on:
Terwilliger et al. "Can I solve my structure by SAD phasing? Anomalous signal in SAD Phasing" Acta D (2016) 346.

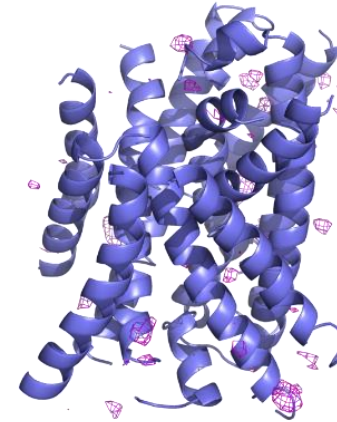
Element identification

Anomalous difference maps



S identification

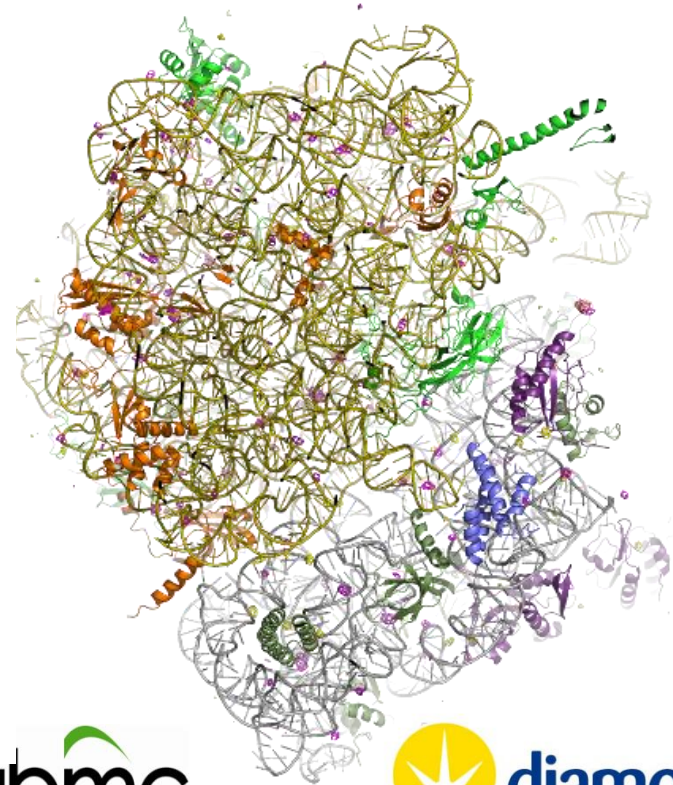
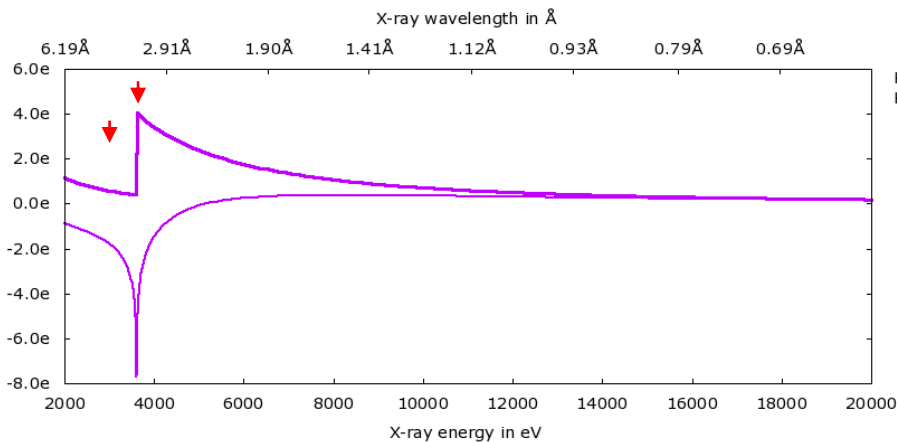
- Help with sequence assignment
- Membrane protein (LCP)
- 13 sulfurs in 471 amino acids
- Space group $P2_12_12_1$
- $\lambda = 3.1 \text{ \AA}$



S. Newstead

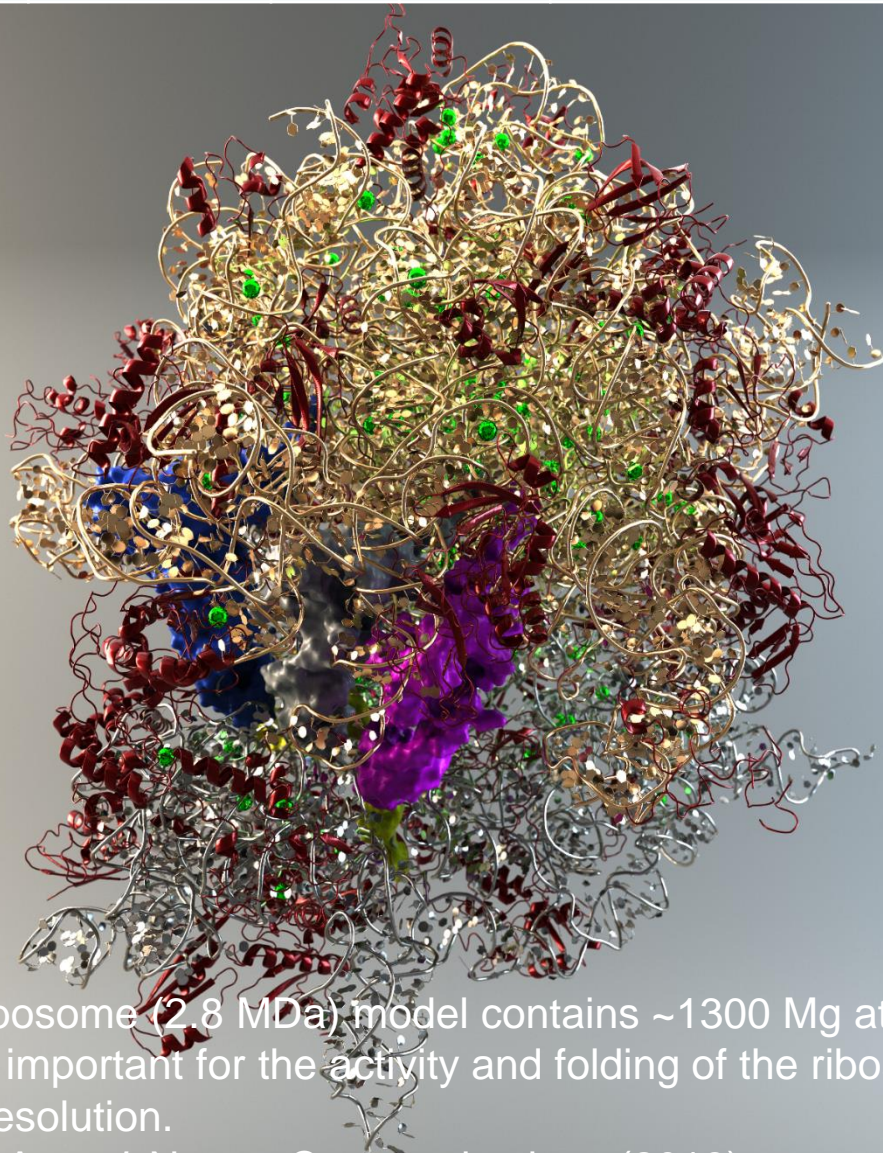
K identification

- Experiments above and below the K-edge ($\lambda=3.44 \text{ \AA}$).



A. Rozov & G. Yusupova

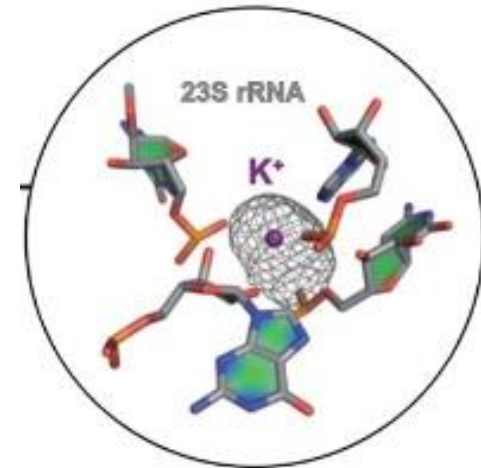
	Mg (pdb)	K ⁺	Mg ²⁺	Mg(H ₂ O) ₆ ²⁺
IC	3255	249	620	90
EC	1439	131	394	74



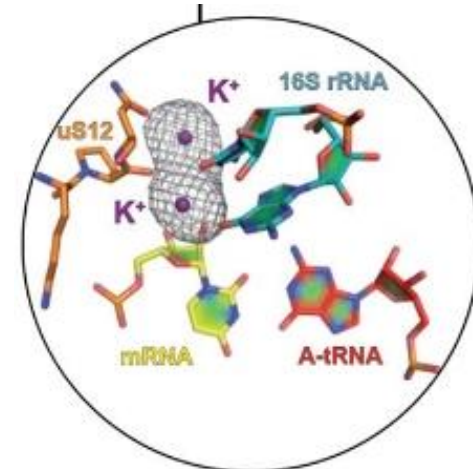
70S ribosome (2.8 MDa) model contains ~1300 Mg atoms.
K ions important for the activity and folding of the ribosome.
~4 Å resolution.

Rozov A *et al.* Nature Communications (2019).

Peptidyl transferase center

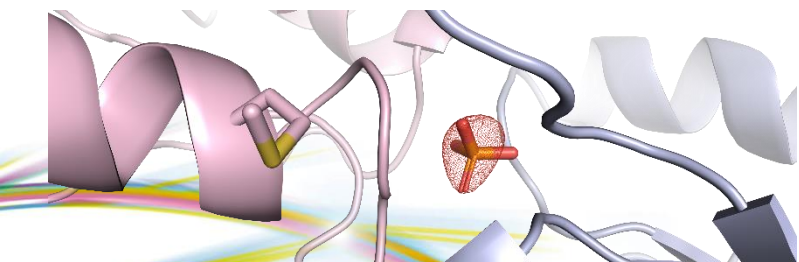
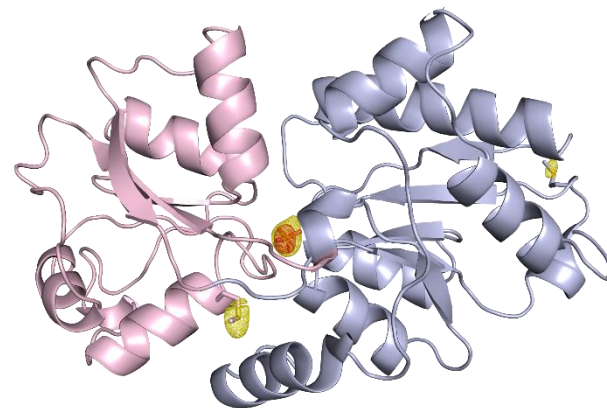
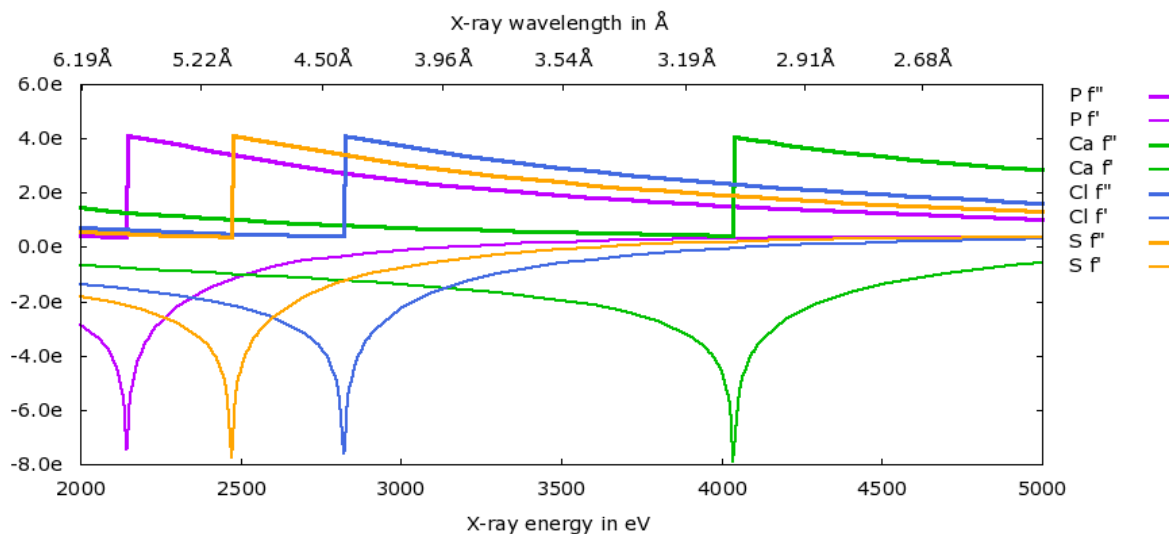


Decoding center

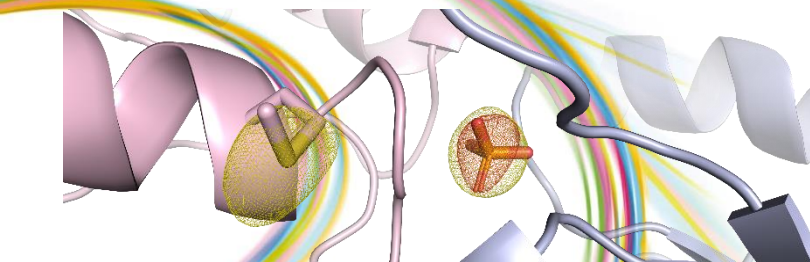


Discriminating between sulphate and phosphate

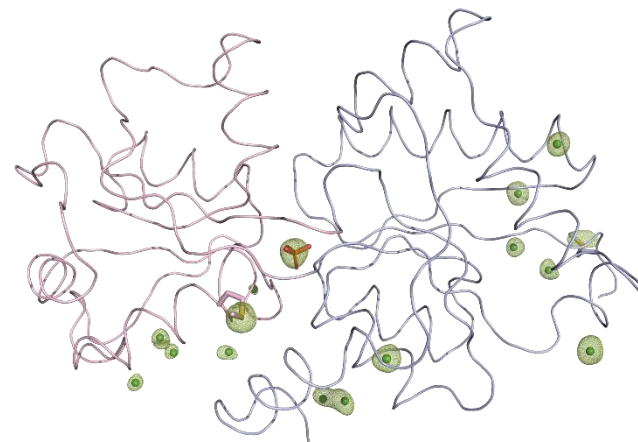
Edgeplots web tool <http://skuld.bmrc.washington.edu/scatter/>



E = 2.4 keV
Below sulphur edge



E = 2.4 keV
E = 2.55 keV
Above sulphur edge



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Conclusions

- I23 delivers a high anomalous signal-to-noise ratios thanks to:
 - reduction of background (in vacuum)
 - Increase of anomalous signal (long wavelength)
- High multiplicity for S-SAD is not needed anymore even with low symmetry SG. Useful if non-isomorphous crystals!
- Successful SAD experiments with S, K, P, Cl, Ca, V, Cd, I, Au.
- Unique opportunities to identify Cl, K, Ca ions.

Beamline homepage for further information:

<https://www.diamond.ac.uk/Instruments/Mx/I23.html>

