

# Dose driven data collection to optimise your experiments

Better (starting) collection parameters

Towards the best data in a world of less experienced beamline users

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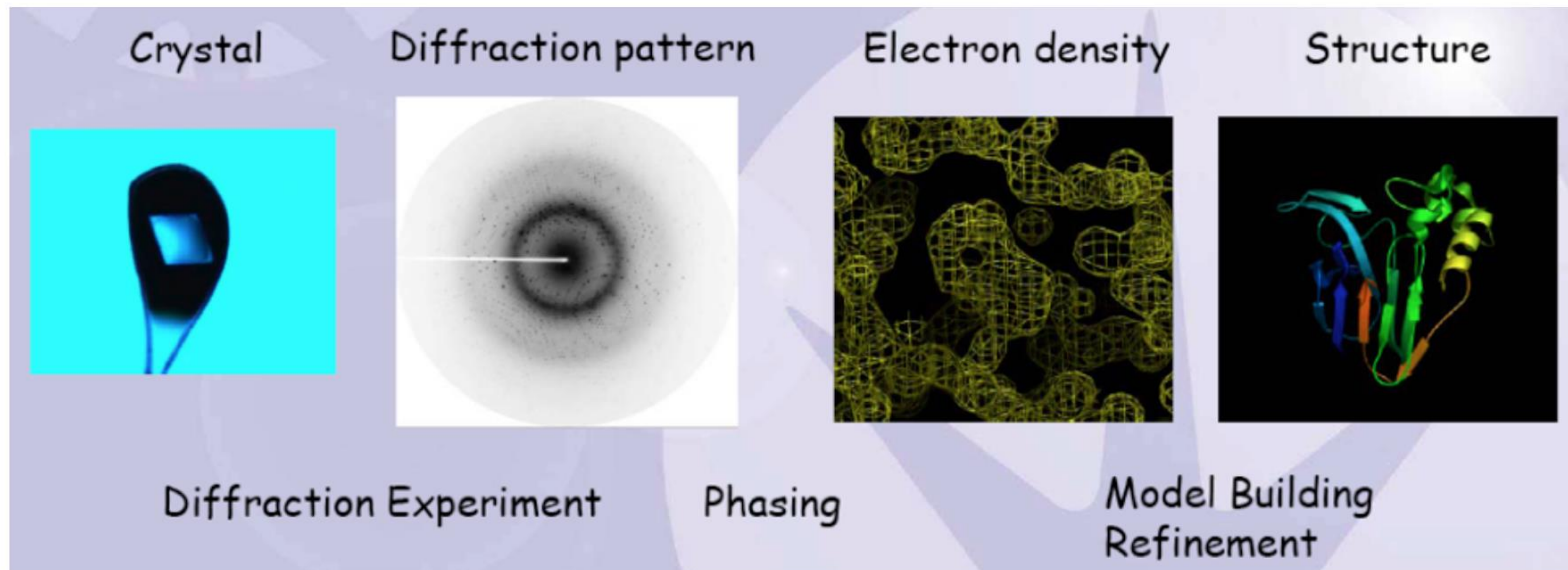


Kamel El Omari's talk  
"Basic Diffraction  
Theory"

Sofia Trampari talk  
"Strategies for Photo  
conting detectors"

Ana Gonzalez's talk  
"Data processing"

$$\rho(xyz) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_{hkl} F_{hkl} \exp(i\alpha_{hkl}) \exp[2\pi i(hx + ky + lz)]$$



$$I(hkl) = I_0 \cdot \frac{\lambda^3}{\omega V_{\text{cell}}^2} \cdot V_{\text{cr}} \cdot L \cdot P \cdot T_r \cdot r_e^2 \cdot |F_{hkl}|^2$$

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Beamline day Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024

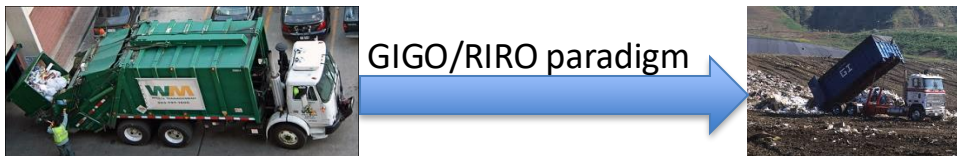
# Data collection is important!

This is the last experimental step

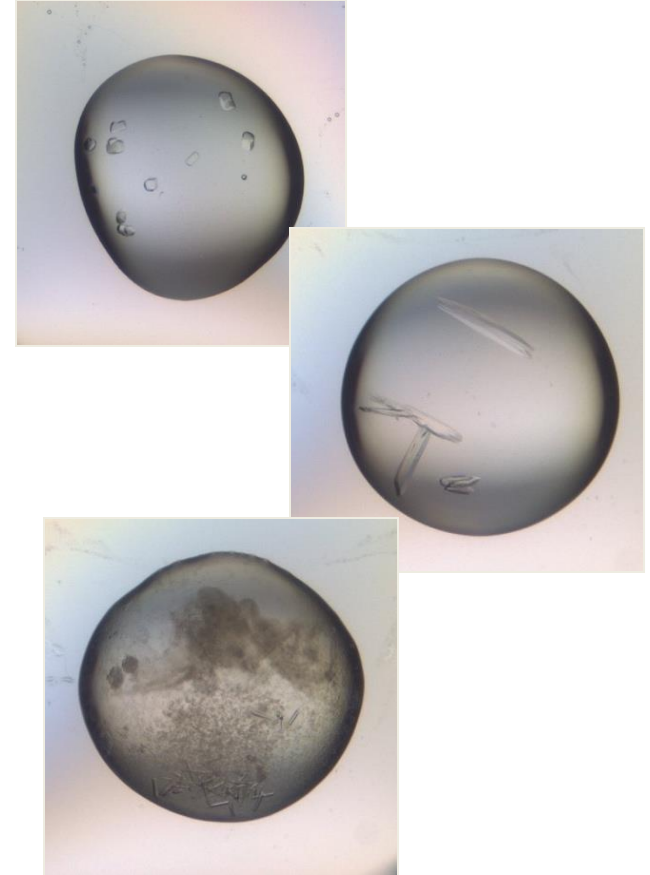
Time taken now to collect the best possible data can prevent pain and possible failure later on.

*"One good friend is better than a thousand poor ones." Indian Proverb*

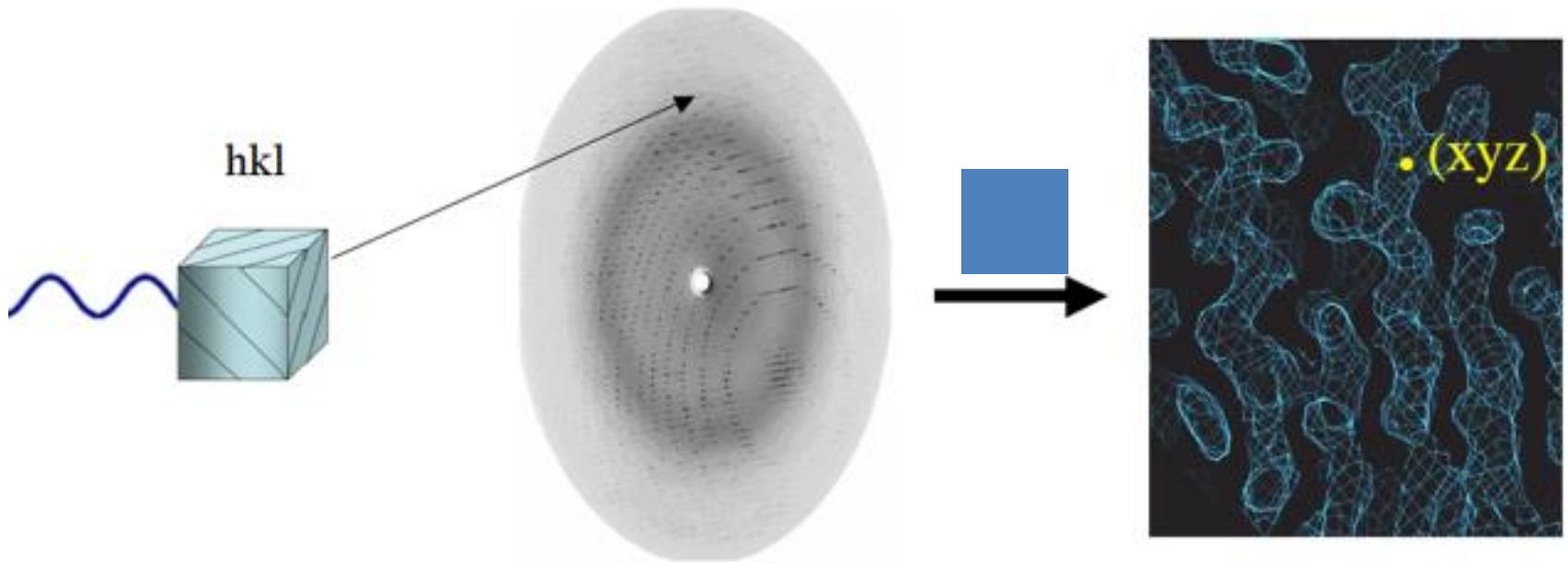
If the original data are poor then not much can be done about it later.



With fast sample changers, goniometers and detectors a lot of data can be collected very fast.  
*Quantity  $\neq$  Quality*



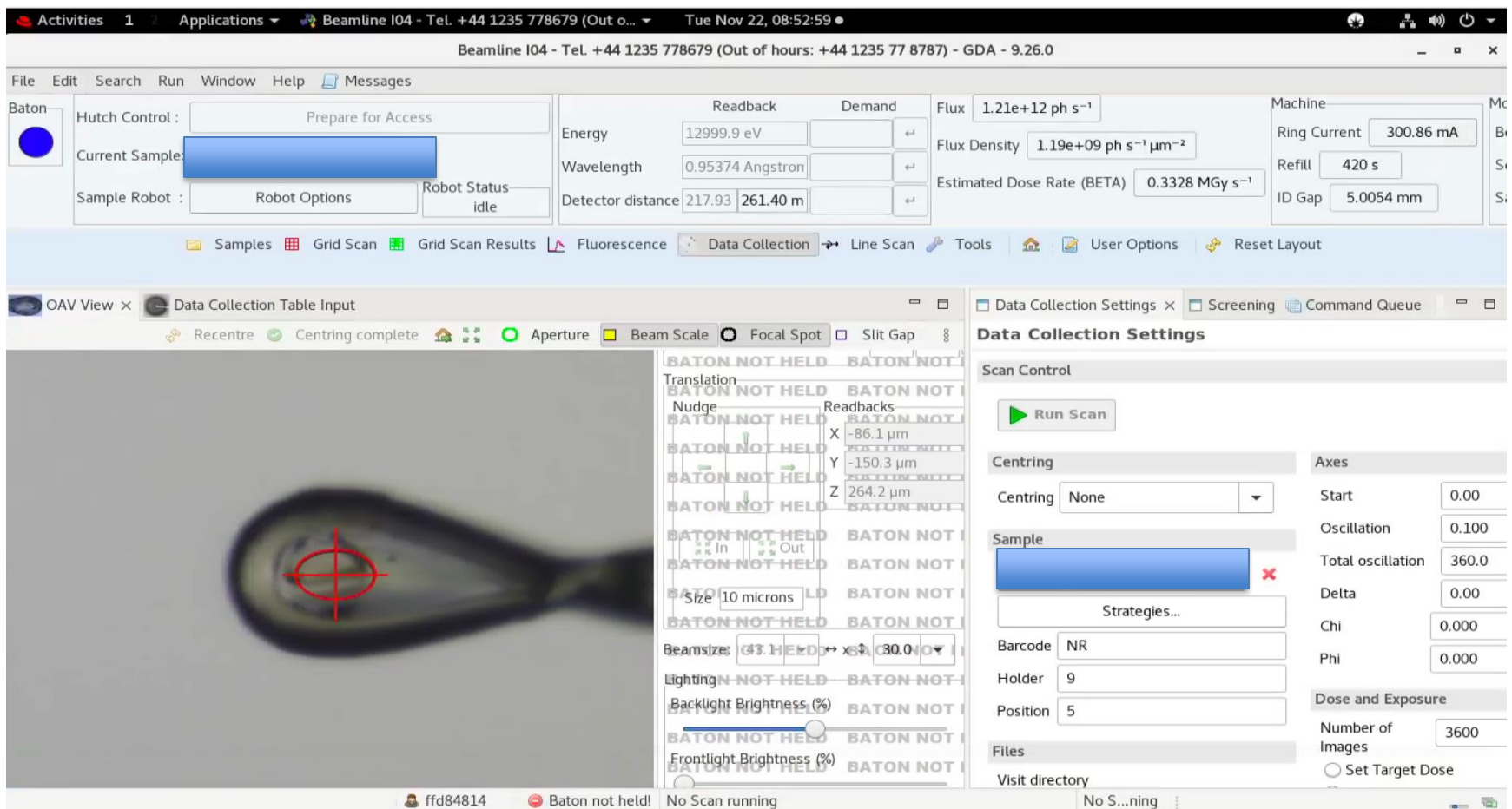
# Data collection: the goal



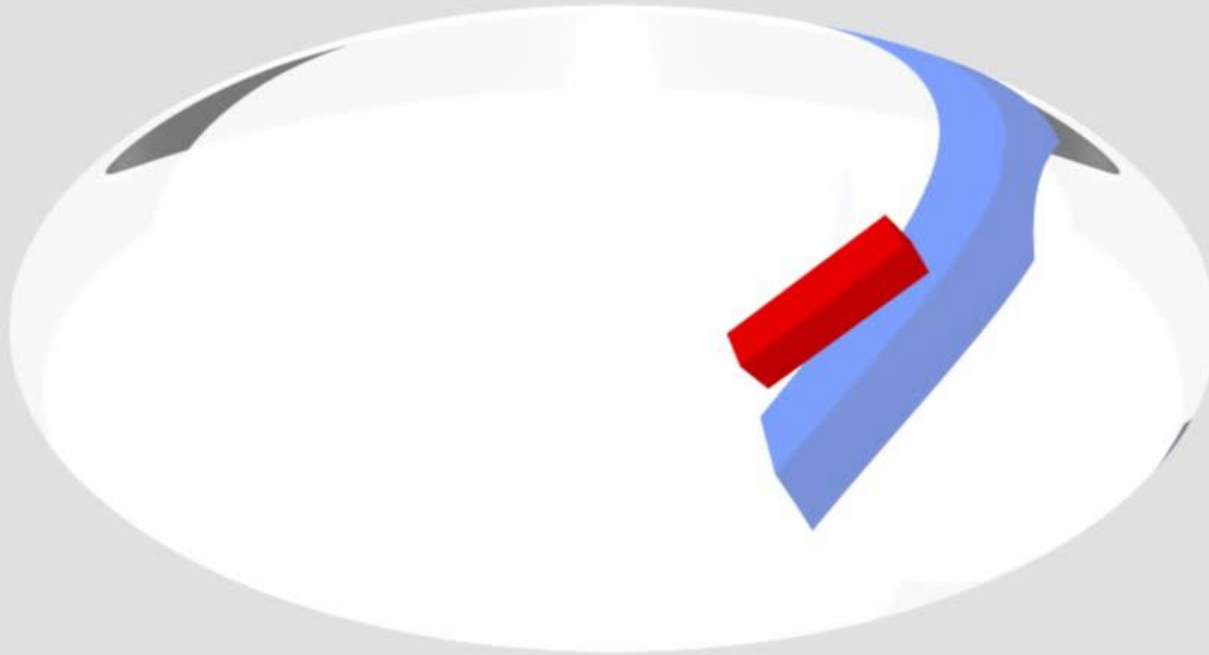
- record complete set of X-ray diffraction intensities from a crystal
- the better the data (high resolution, high completeness, low noise), the easier the following steps and the better refinement works
- like all previous steps this might need some optimisation and a lot of patience

Crystal alignment  
to beam

# Data collection GUI



# Good alignment is crucial

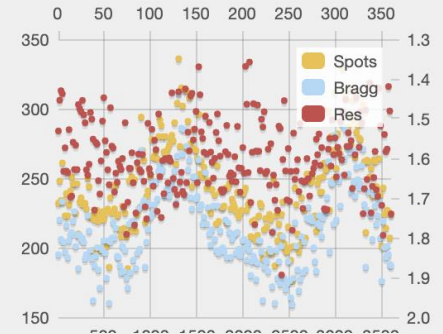
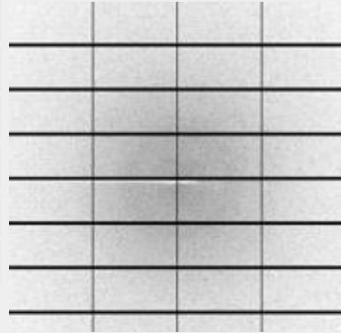




# Data collection

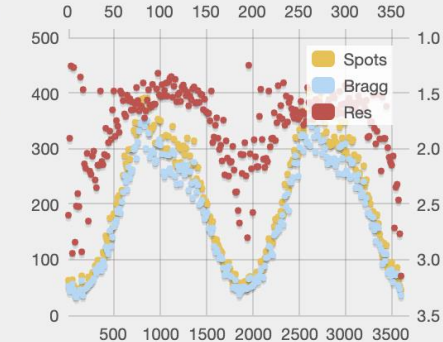
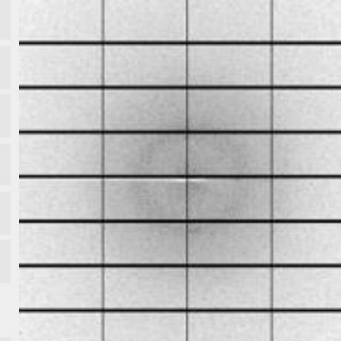
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Sample: <a href="#">Sethau_14</a>	Flux: 3.04e+11
$\Omega$ Start: 0.0°	$\Omega$ Osc: 0.10°
$\Omega$ Overlap: 0°	No. Images: 3600
Resolution: 1.33Å	Wavelength: 0.9763Å
Exposure: 0.002s	Transmission: 100.00%
Beamsize: 32x20μm	Type: SAD
Group: 4 Data Collections	



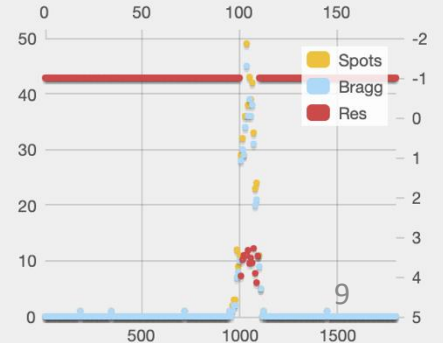
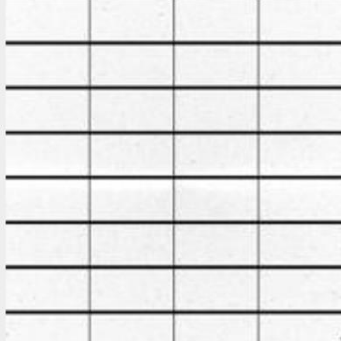
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Sample: <a href="#">Sethau_13</a>	Flux: 3.06e+11
$\Omega$ Start: 0.0°	$\Omega$ Osc: 0.10°
$\Omega$ Overlap: 0°	No. Images: 3600
Resolution: 1.33Å	Wavelength: 0.9763Å
Exposure: 0.002s	Transmission: 100.00%
Beamsize: 32x20μm	Type: SAD
Group: 4 Data Collections	
Comment: (-1111,-315,146) Aperture: Large	

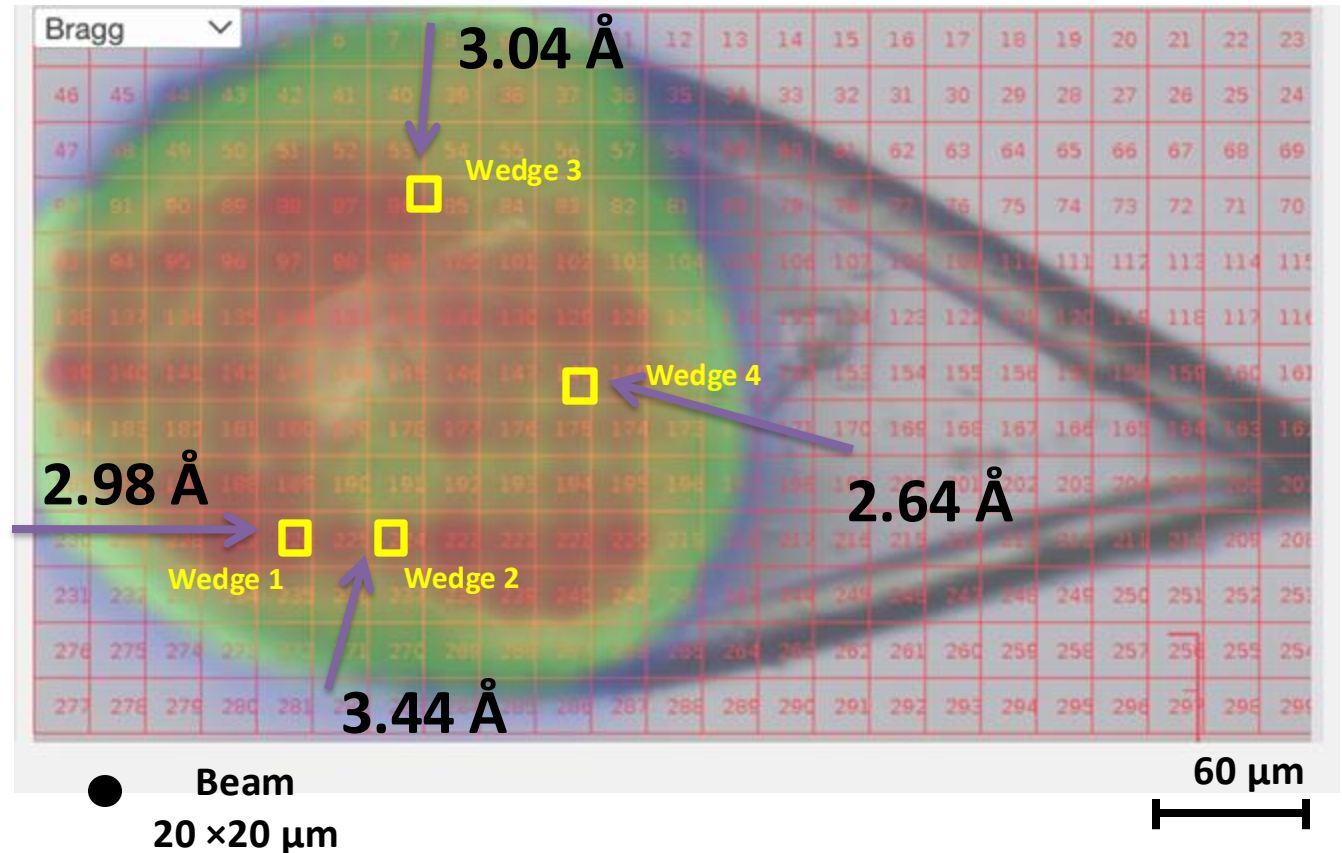


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$\Omega$ Start: 0.0°	$\Omega$ Osc: 0.10°
$\Omega$ Overlap: 0°	No. Images: 1800
Resolution: 4.32Å	Wavelength: 0.9795Å
Exposure: 0.010s	Transmission: 100.00%
Beamsize: 32x20μm	Type: SAD
Comment: (0,0,0) Aperture: Large	



Even the same crystal can show a lot of variation...



Sometimes worthwhile, sometimes not. Learn when to move on.

Oscillation per  
frame

Start	0.00	*
Oscillation	0.100	*
Total oscillation	360.0	*
Delta	0.00	*
Chi	0.000	*
Phi	0.000	*

#### Dose and Exposure

Number of Images	3600
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Set Target Dose <input type="radio"/> Set Target Exposure	
Exposure Time	0.0030 s
Total Exposure Time	10.8 s
Dose / Dataset	7 MGy
First Image Number	1

#### Beam and Detector

Maximum resolution	1.9023 Å
Detector distance	289.3 mm
Wavelength	0.95373 Å
Energy	12999.9 eV
<input type="checkbox"/> Use current energy	
Transmission	100.000000 %

#### Aperture and Beamstop

Beamstop	Standard ▼
Horizontal beam size	31.73 μm
Vertical beam size	20 μm ▼
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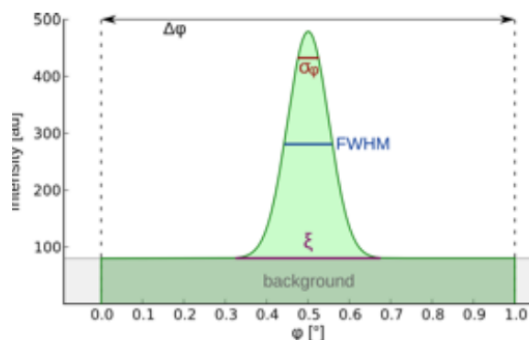
# Random errors, counting statistics

$$\sigma_{count} = N^{1/2}$$

$$I = N_p - N_b \quad \text{Signal is the difference}$$

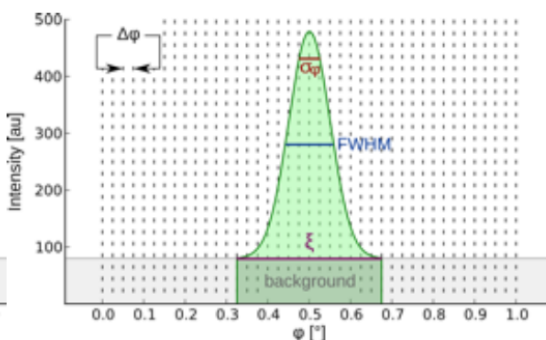
$$\sigma_I = (\sigma_p^2 + \sigma_b^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\sigma_I = (N_p + N_b)^{1/2} \quad \text{Uncertainty is the sum}$$



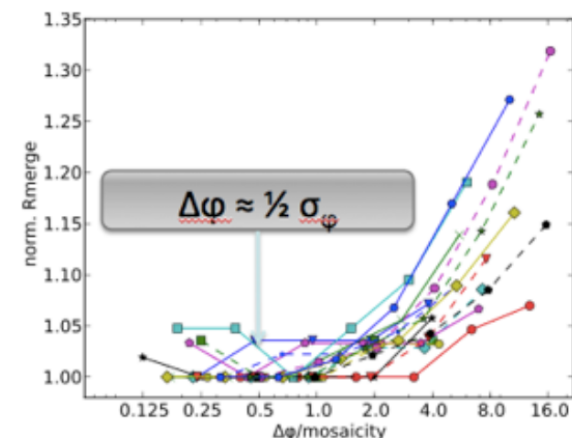
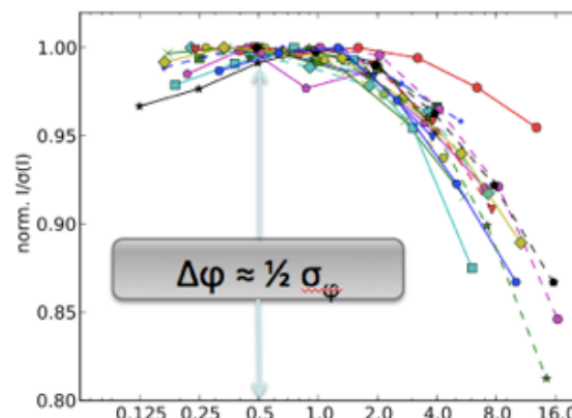
## Wide $\phi$ -slicing

- Large  $\Delta\phi$  ( $\Delta\phi > \xi$ )
- Large overlap of reflections and background along  $\phi$
- Few images



## Fine $\phi$ -slicing

- Small  $\Delta\phi$  ( $\Delta\phi \ll \xi$ )
- Minimal overlap of reflections and background along  $\phi$
- Many images



Fine-phi slicing data collection is enabled by the pixel array detector (PILATUS, EIGER), which has single-photon sensitivity and no readout noise

Total Oscillation &  
starting angle

Start	0.00	*
Oscillation	0.100	*
Total oscillation	360.0	*
Delta	0.00	*
Chi	0.000	*
Phi	0.000	*

#### Dose and Exposure

Number of Images	3600
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Exposure Time	0.0030 s
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Dose / Dataset	7 MGy
First Image Number	1

#### Beam and Detector

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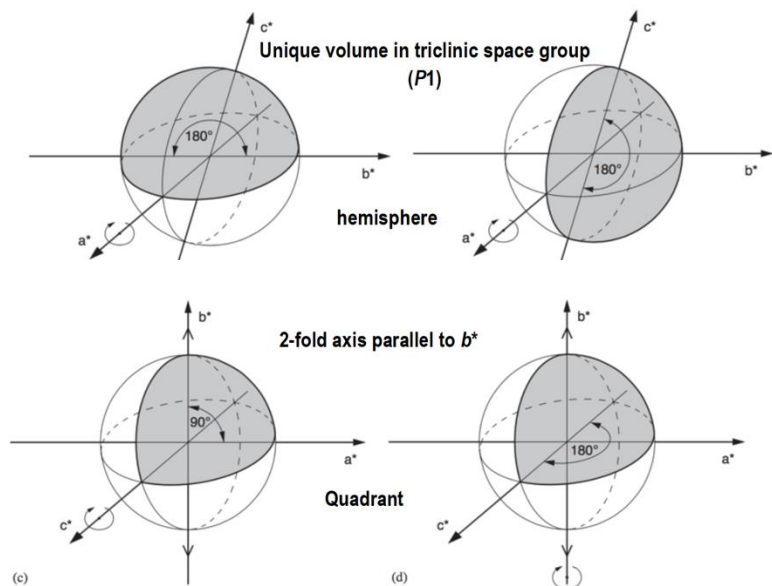
#### Aperture and Beamstop

Beamstop	Standard ▼
Horizontal beam size	31.73 μm
Vertical beam size	20 μm ▼
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# Completeness - crystal symmetry

- reciprocal space symmetry = crystal symmetry plus
- Friedel's law :  $I(h\ k\ l) = I(-h\ -k\ -l)$



thus even for  $P1$  only  $180^\circ$  are needed to obtain complete data set of unique reflections - unless there is anomalous scattering

for  $N$ -fold symmetry along rotation axis, need  $180/N$  degrees of data to obtain complete data set (assuming Friedel's law holds)



Crystals of proteins grown on the U.S. Space Shuttle or Russian Space Station, Mir.

- Give yourself options (Radiation Damage)  $\leftarrow$  same dose in larger range
- Increase multiplicity  $\leftarrow$  Larger range more of same reflections
- It is not slower  $\leftarrow$  collect same total exposure (dose) in larger angle range
- Explore the crystal shape  $\leftarrow$  might be thicker, better spots, > crystals/twinning



# Multi axis goniometry

Start	0.00	*
Oscillation	0.100	*
Total oscillation	360.0	*
Delta	0.00	*
Chi	0.000	*
Phi	0.000	*

#### Dose and Exposure

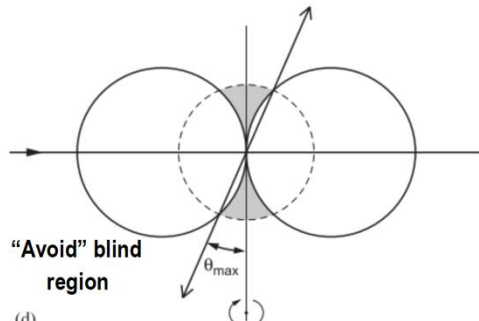
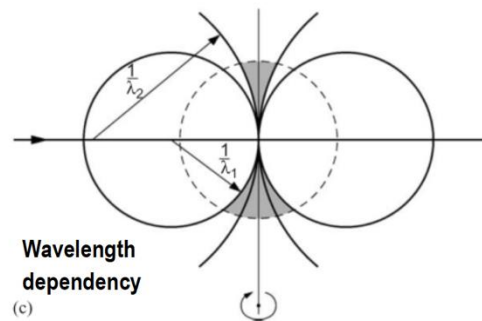
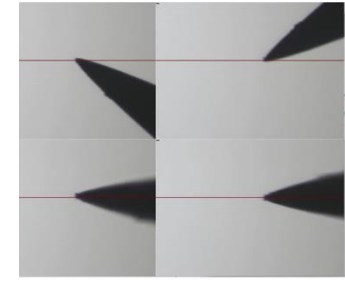
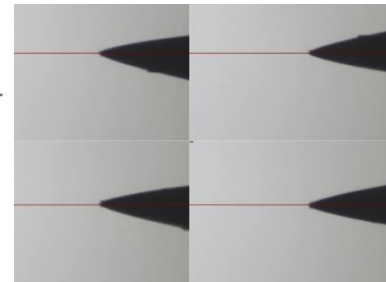
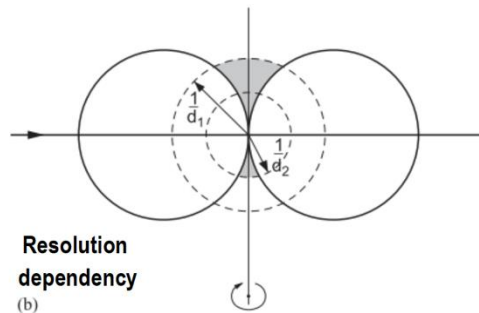
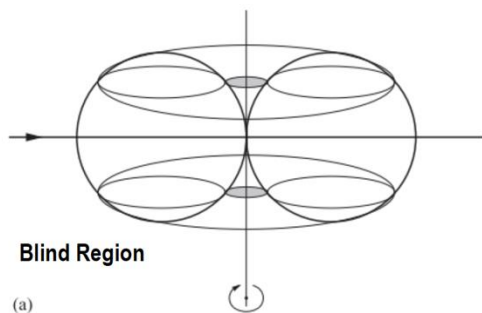
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Total Exposure Time	10.8 s
Dose / Dataset	7 MGy
First Image Number	1

#### Beam and Detector

Maximum resolution	1.9023 Å
Detector distance	289.3 mm
Wavelength	0.95373 Å
Energy	12999.9 eV
<input type="checkbox"/> Use current energy	
Transmission	100.000000 %

#### Aperture and Beamstop

Beamstop	Standard ▼
Horizontal beam size	31.73 μm
Vertical beam size	20 μm ▼
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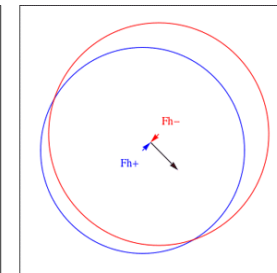
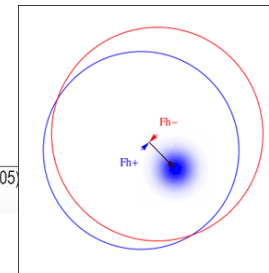


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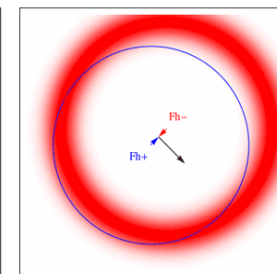
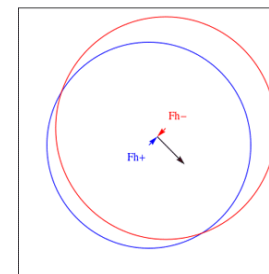
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Chi=30 deg

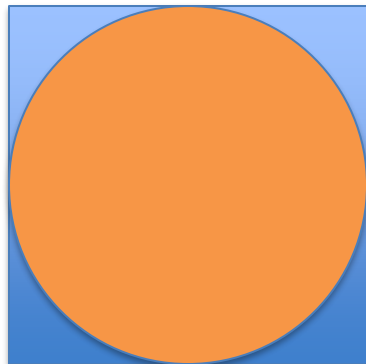
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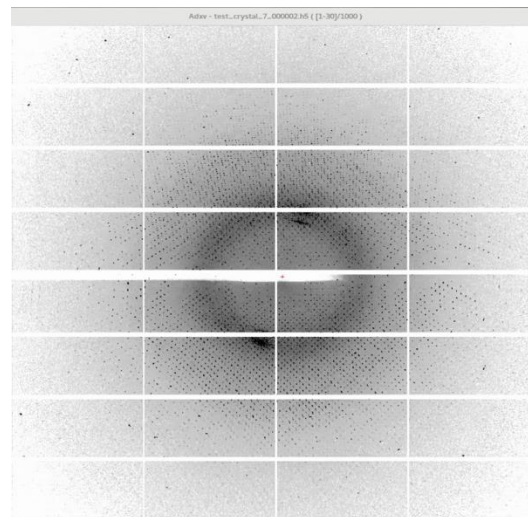
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of Acta Crystallogr  
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Crystallogr. 2011  
Apr 1; 67:338–  
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**Experimental Phasing, Airlie McCoy**



**Corner vs Edge**



**Systematic error reduction  
Detector module gaps**

Detector distance  
/ resolution

Start	0.00	*
Oscillation	0.100	*
Total oscillation	360.0	*
Delta	0.00	*
Chi	0.000	*
Phi	0.000	*

#### Dose and Exposure

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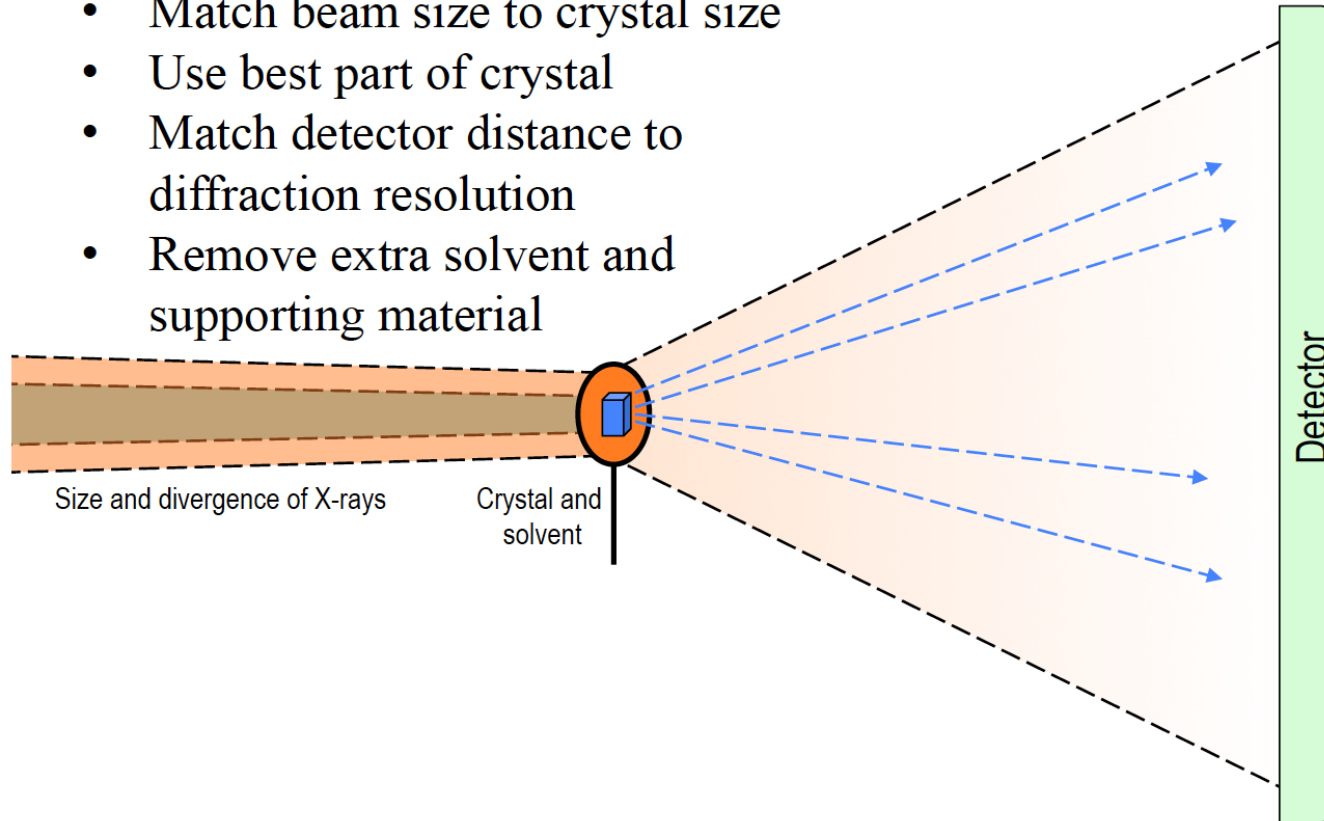
#### Beam and Detector

Maximum resolution	1.9023	Å
Detector distance	289.3	mm
Wavelength	0.95373	Å
Energy	12999.9	eV
<input type="checkbox"/> Use current energy		
Transmission	100.000000	%

#### Aperture and Beamstop

Beamstop	Standard	▼
Horizontal beam size	31.73	μm
Vertical beam size	20	μm
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use current beam size		

- Match beam size to crystal size
- Use best part of crystal
- Match detector distance to diffraction resolution
- Remove extra solvent and supporting material



Beam size

Start	0.00	*
Oscillation	0.100	*
Total oscillation	360.0	*
Delta	0.00	*
Chi	0.000	*
Phi	0.000	*

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Vertical beam size	20 μm ▼

☒ Use current beam size

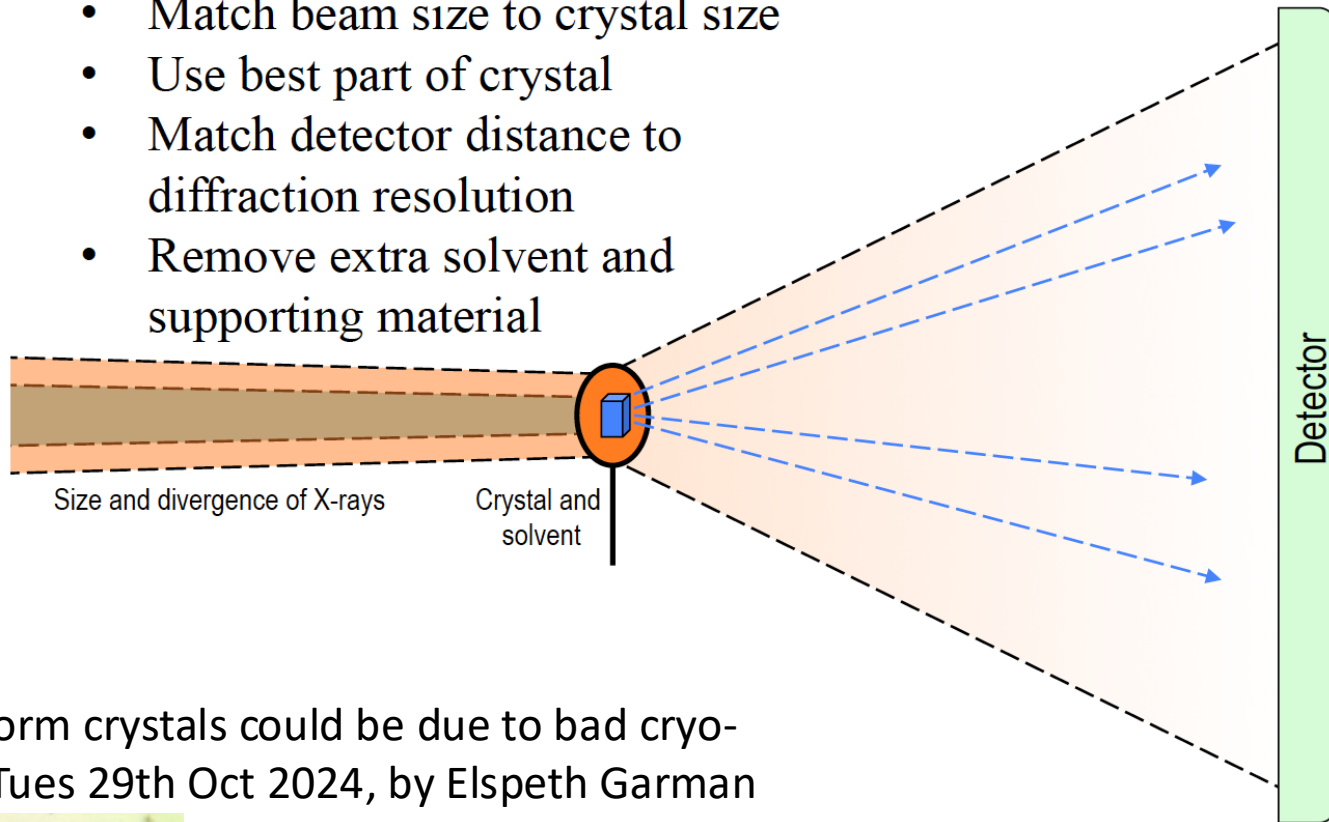


All about reducing background noise:

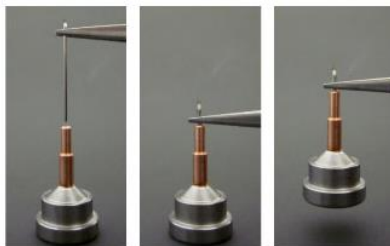
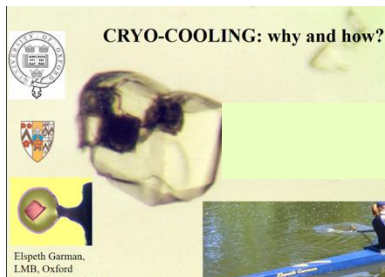
Ramona Duman's talk will talk about it using vacuum

"Anomalous Diffraction in 2024" on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024

- Match beam size to crystal size
- Use best part of crystal
- Match detector distance to diffraction resolution
- Remove extra solvent and supporting material



Non uniform crystals could be due to bad cryo-cooling: Tues 29th Oct 2024, by Elspeth Garman



Energy

Start	0.00	*
Oscillation	0.100	*
Total oscillation	360.0	*
Delta	0.00	*
Chi	0.000	*
Phi	0.000	*

#### Dose and Exposure

Number of Images	3600
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#### Beam and Detector

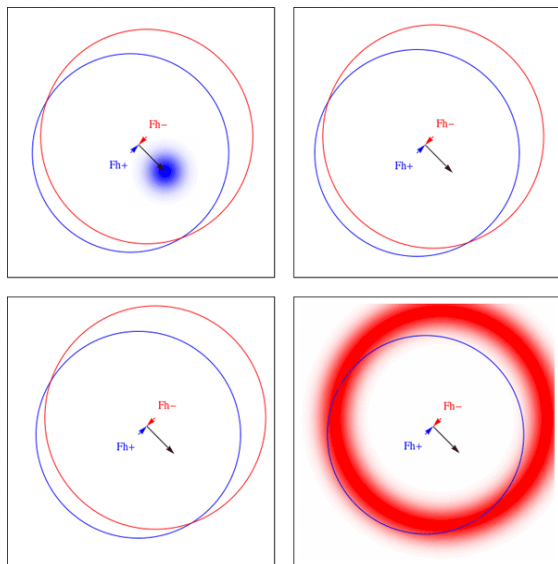
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Energy	12999.9 eV
<input type="checkbox"/> Use current energy	
Transmission	100.000000 %

#### Aperture and Beamstop

Beamstop	Standard ▼
Horizontal beam size	31.73 μm
Vertical beam size	20 μm ▼
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use current beam size	

# Energy selection

## Experimental Phasing



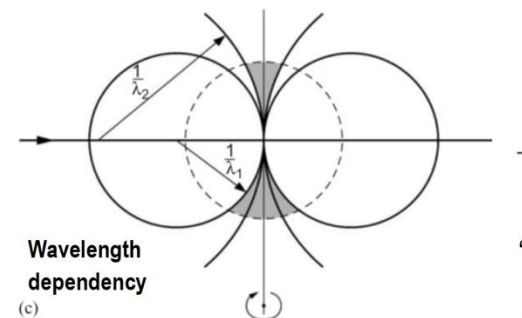
## High resolution

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$$

*Bragg's Law*

<https://www.diamond.ac.uk/Instruments/Mx/Common/Calculators.htm>  
(search for “useful calculators diamond”)

## Blind region / Cuspid



Diffraction Theory by Kamel  
Anomalous, by Ramona

Picture courtesy of Acta Crystallogr D Biol  
Crystallogr. 2011 Apr 1; 67:338–344.

Crystal life time / Radiation damage for small crystals  
Sofia Trampari mentioned this before

**Experimental evidence for the benefits of higher X-ray energies for macromolecular crystallography**

Selina L. S. Storm,<sup>a\*</sup> Danny Axford<sup>a</sup> and Robin L. Owen<sup>a\*</sup>

IUCrJ 2021 Sep 9;8:896-904.

Most often: use the default energy that the beamline you using has been most optimised for

Dose per dataset /  
Total Exposure

# The problem: exposure per frame

- Traditionally exposure per frame was a critical setting for a MX diffraction experiment. Is this still useful nowadays?
  - What does it mean when collecting  $90^\circ$  vs  $120^\circ$ ,  $180^\circ$  or  $360^\circ$  degrees dataset?
    - Perpetuates the idea that to collect faster one should reduce the total oscillation range
  - What does it mean when slicing at  $0.05^\circ$ ,  $0.1^\circ$ ,  $0.2^\circ$  or  $0.5^\circ$  per oscillation?
  - Does it allow to compare / collect similar samples at different beamlines using similar experimental settings?
  - Can we really answer the typical user question: “Dear BL scientist, what is the typical exposure per frame I should use on this beamline?”

Start	0.00	*
Oscillation	0.100	*
Total oscillation	360.0	*
Delta	0.00	*
Chi	0.000	*
Phi	0.000	*

#### Dose and Exposure

Number of Images	3600
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Set Target Dose <input type="radio"/> Set Target Exposure	
Exposure Time	0.0030 s
Total Exposure Time	10.8 s
Dose / Dataset	7 MGy
First Image Number	1

#### Beam and Detector

Maximum resolution	1.9023 Å
Detector distance	289.3 mm
Wavelength	0.95373 Å
Energy	12999.9 eV
<input type="checkbox"/> Use current energy	
Transmission	100.000000 %

#### Aperture and Beamstop

Beamstop	Standard ▼
Horizontal beam size	31.73 μm
Vertical beam size	20 μm ▼
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use current beam size	

# Energy selection- with fixed dose

Start	0.00	*
Oscillation	0.100	*
Total oscillation	360.0	*
Delta	0.00	*
Chi	0.000	*
Phi	0.000	*

**Dose and Exposure**

Number of Images	3600
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Set Target Dose	
<input type="radio"/> Set Target Exposure	
Exposure Time	0.0073 s
Total Exposure Time	26.3 s
Dose / Dataset	7 MGy
First Image Number	1

**Beam and Detector**

Maximum resolution	1.9788 Å
Detector distance	359.0 mm
Wavelength	0.82656 Å
Energy	15000.0 eV
<input type="checkbox"/> Use current energy	
Transmission	100.000000 %

**Aperture and Beamstop**

Beamstop	Standard
Horizontal beam size	31.73 µm
Vertical beam size	20 µm
<input type="checkbox"/> Use current beam size	

Start	0.00	*
Oscillation	0.100	*
Total oscillation	360.0	*
Delta	0.00	*
Chi	0.000	*
Phi	0.000	*

**Dose and Exposure**

Number of Images	3600
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Exposure Time	0.0030 s
Total Exposure Time	10.8 s
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**Beam and Detector**

Maximum resolution	1.9023 Å
Detector distance	289.3 mm
Wavelength	0.95373 Å
Energy	12999.9 eV
<input type="checkbox"/> Use current energy	
Transmission	100.000000 %

**Aperture and Beamstop**

Beamstop	Standard
Horizontal beam size	31.73 µm
Vertical beam size	20 µm
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use current beam size	



# Beam size (focus) – with fixed dose

Start	0.00	*
Oscillation	0.100	*
Total oscillation	360.0	*
Delta	0.00	*
Chi	0.000	*
Phi	0.000	*

**Dose and Exposure**

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First Image Number	1

**Beam and Detector**

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Transmission	100.000000 %

**Aperture and Beamstop**

Beamstop	Standard
Horizontal beam size	31.73 µm
Vertical beam size	20 µm
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Start	0.00	*
Oscillation	0.100	*
Total oscillation	360.0	*
Delta	0.00	*
Chi	0.000	*
Phi	0.000	*

**Dose and Exposure**

Number of Images	3600
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<input type="radio"/> Set Target Exposure	
Exposure Time	0.0092 s
Total Exposure Time	33.1 s
Dose / Dataset	7 MGy
First Image Number	1

**Beam and Detector**

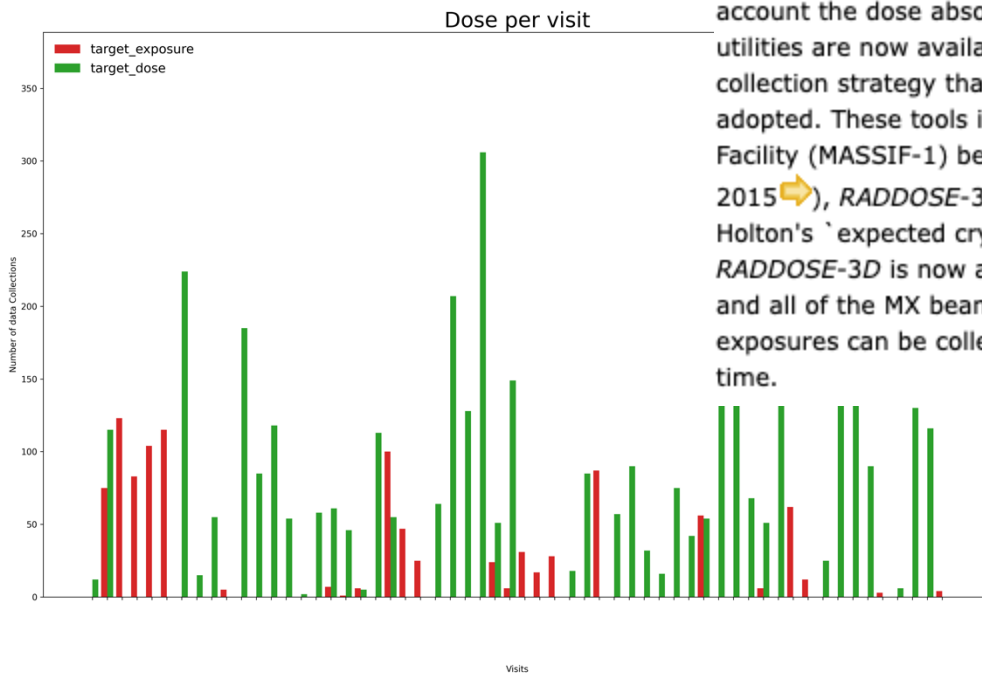
Maximum resolution	1.9023 Å
Detector distance	289.3 mm
Wavelength	0.95373 Å
Energy	12999.9 eV
<input type="checkbox"/> Use current energy	
Transmission	100.000000 %

**Aperture and Beamstop**

Beamstop	Standard
Horizontal beam size	53.62 µm
Vertical beam size	40 µm
<input type="checkbox"/> Use current beam size	

# Advantages dose drive data collection

- Allows experiments that happen months apart to get comparable results (different flux?)
- Concentrate on the science not on what set parameters to use on their data collection
- Use of set target dose increasing year after year (green on the graph)



A very important method to avoid RD is to adopt a data-collection strategy that takes into account the dose absorbed by the samples using the characteristics of the beamline. Several utilities are now available to estimate the dose absorbed during a data collection so that a collection strategy that keeps the dose as low as possible for the whole data set can be adopted. These tools include *DOZOR* at the Massively Automated Sample Selection Integrated Facility (MASSIF-1) beamline of the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility (Svensson *et al.*, 2015 ➡), *RADDOSE-3D* (Zeldin, Gerstel *et al.*, 2013 ➡; Bury *et al.*, 2018 ➡) and James Holton's 'expected crystal lifetime calculator' (<https://bl831.als.lbl.gov/xtallife.html>). In fact, *RADDOSE-3D* is now available on several beamlines (for example I04 at Diamond Light Source and all of the MX beamlines at the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource) so that exposures can be collected for a specified absorbed dose value rather than for a specified time.

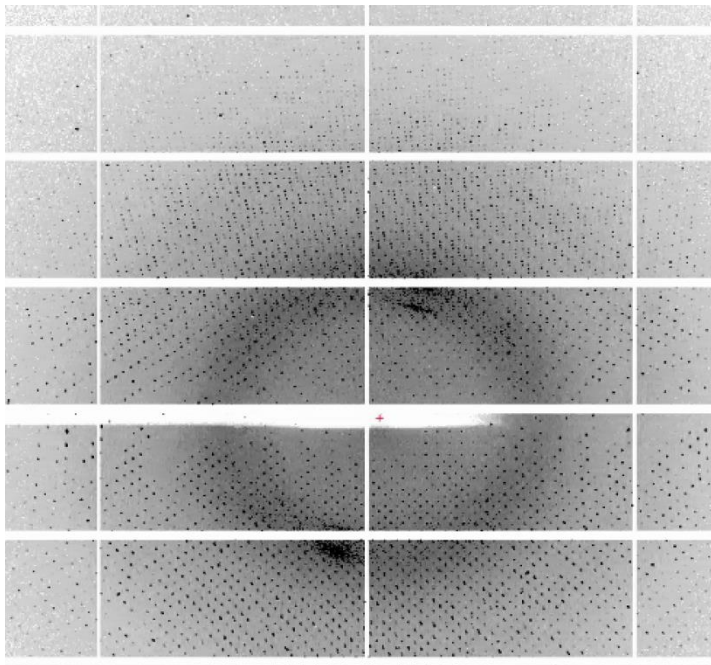
Shelley, K. L. & Garman, E. F. (2024). *Acta Cryst. D80*, 314-327.

Screening how &  
when

# Screening and analysis

Determine crystal diffraction properties, orientation matrix and appropriate settings for data collection

Usually by collecting a small wedge of 15-20 degrees ideally at the thickest part of the crystal (or the old method of 3 images 45 degrees away from each other)



Important to check the images:

- Spot quality – circular, well spaced

- Resolution? Guides on

  - Detector distance

  - Dose/Exposure to deliver

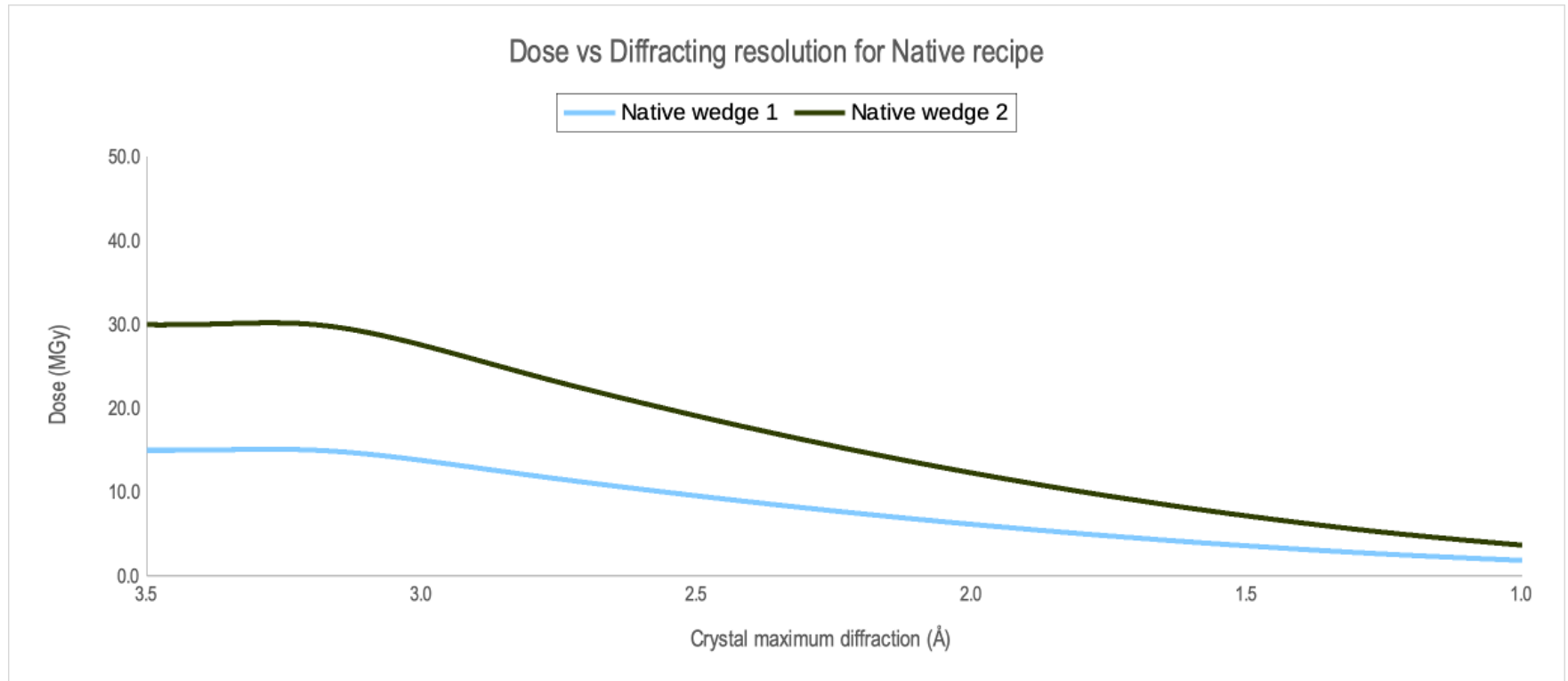
- Autoindexing successful?

If evaluating by eye remember to “join” images to at least 1.0 degree rather than looking at fine sliced images. Max res: best to rely on data reduction programs and apply a buffer (e.g 0.5 Å) – huge dynamic range not possible to show on a screen easily

Maximum  
diffraction &  
dose/exposure

# Screening and analysis

Dose selection currently implemented in the Unattended Data collection at Diamond Light Source



Start	0.00	*
Oscillation	0.100	*
Total oscillation	360.0	*
Delta	0.00	*
Chi	0.000	*
Phi	0.000	*

#### Dose and Exposure

Number of Images	3600
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Set Target Dose <input type="radio"/> Set Target Exposure	
Exposure Time	0.0030 s
Total Exposure Time	10.8 s
Dose / Dataset	7 MGy
First Image Number	1

#### Beam and Detector

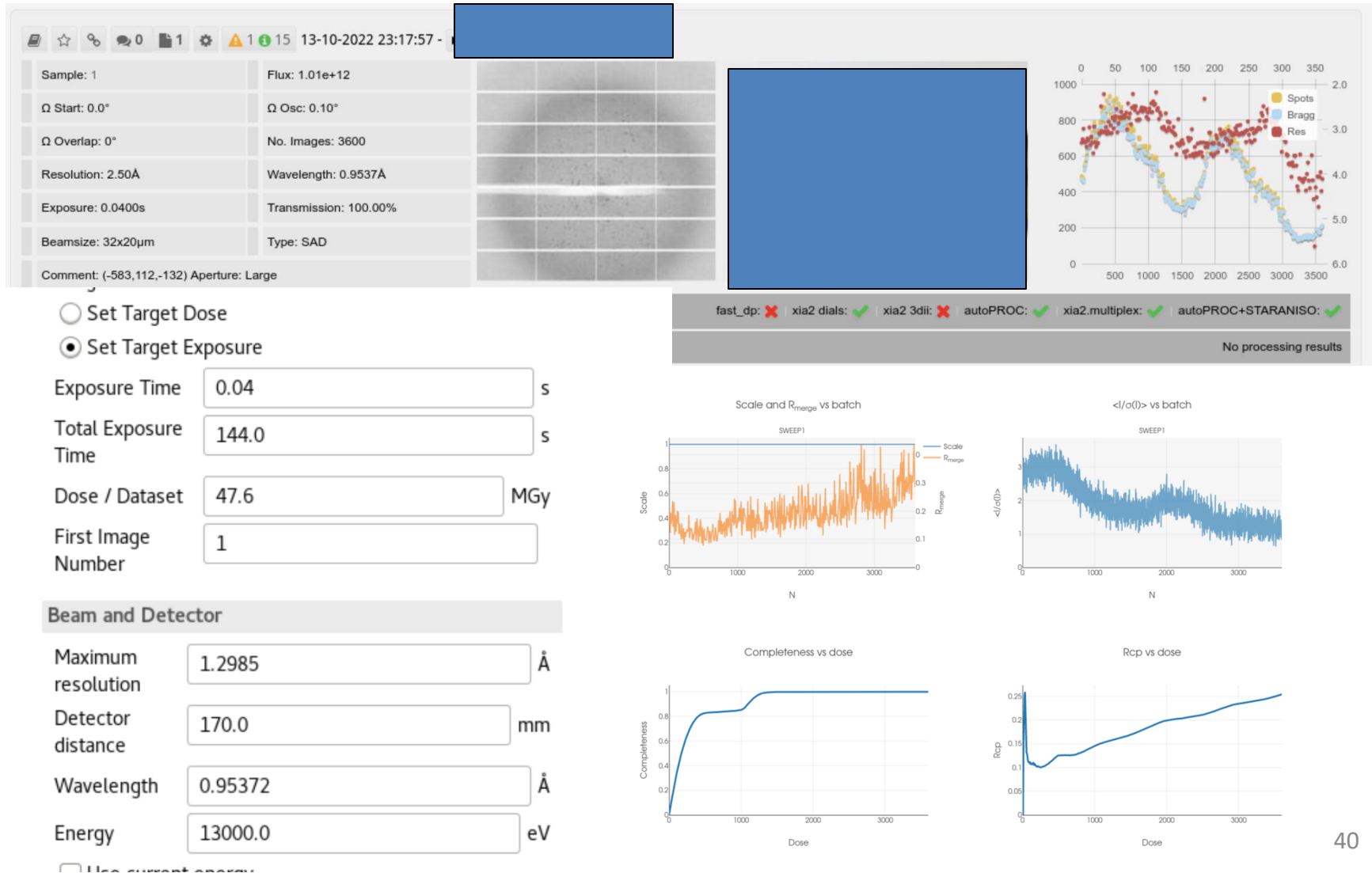
Maximum resolution	1.9023 Å
Detector distance	289.3 mm
Wavelength	0.95373 Å
Energy	12999.9 eV
<input type="checkbox"/> Use current energy	
Transmission	100.000000 %

#### Aperture and Beamstop

Beamstop	Standard ▼
Horizontal beam size	31.73 μm
Vertical beam size	20 μm ▼
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use current beam size	

# What happens if you don't pay attention to dose?

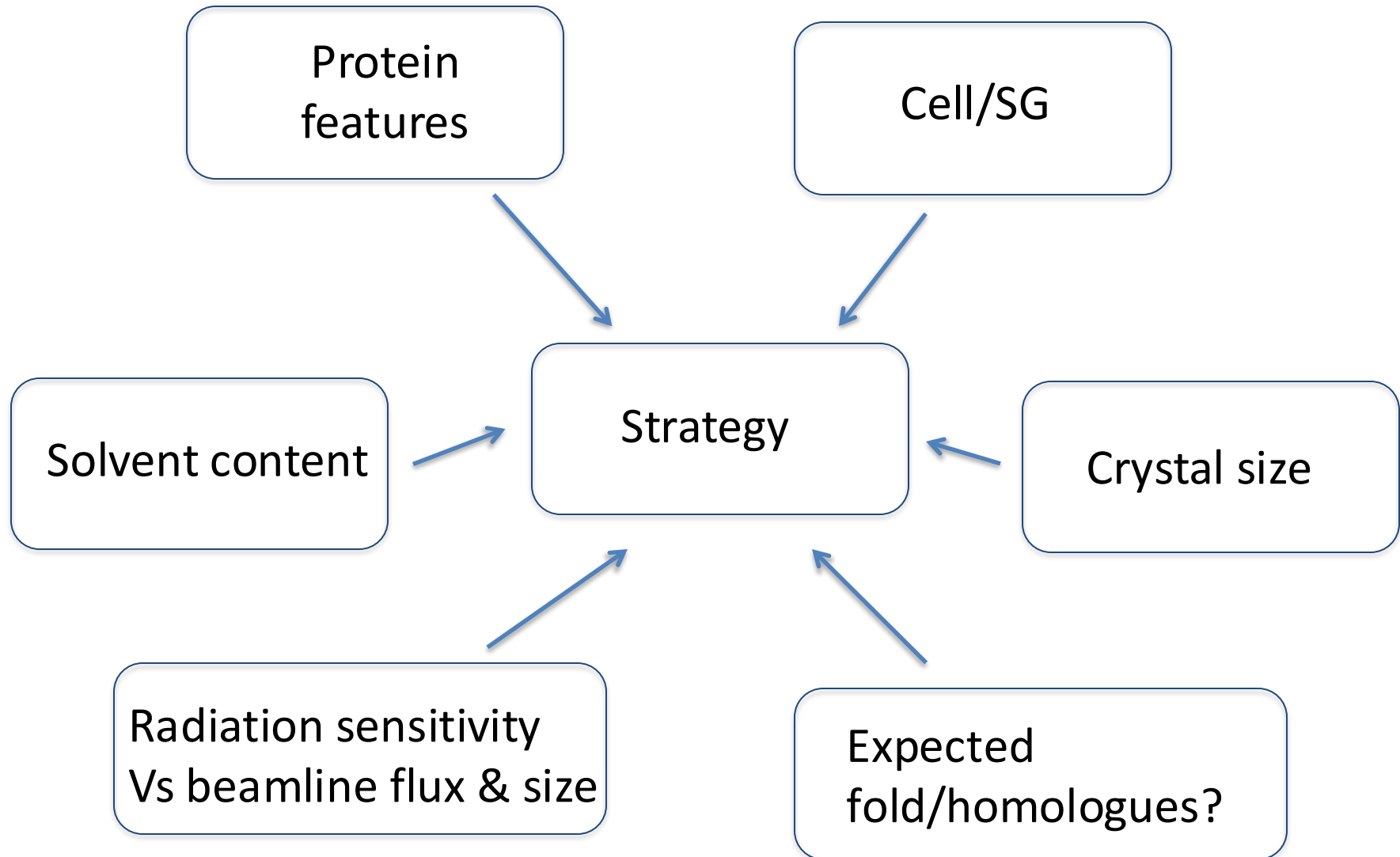
Elseph  
Garman's talk  
on radiation  
damage



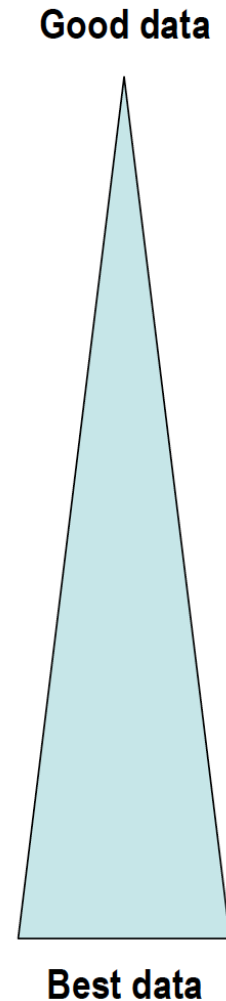


Experimental aim

# Preparation - Prior knowledge



- Molecular substitution
- Molecular replacement
- Isomorphous replacement (Hg, Pt)
- MAD/SAD phasing
- Native-SAD phasing (Sulfur-SAD)



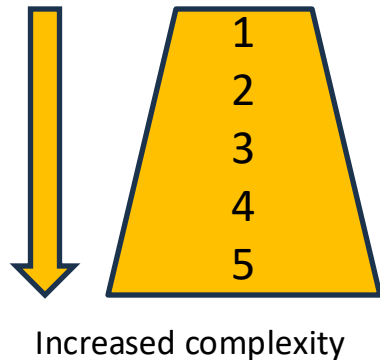
# Experimental aim?

1. Molecular  
Replacement

2. Native  
Data  
collection

3. Single  
wavelength  
anomalous  
diffraction

4. Multi-  
wavelength  
anomalous  
diffraction



1. Did I get a different quaternary structure arrangement ?
2. Did I capture the structure of the active conformation?
3. Did I get the complex of the two proteins I am searching for? Is my structure different from previous published ones?
4. Did the ligand bind in the active site?
5. Can I propose a mechanism for an enzymatic reaction involving side chains X,Y,Z in the active centre?

# What's the goal?

Aim	High priorities	Lower priority	Max Dose per dataset (e.g. per 120, 180 or 360 degrees)
Native data collection	High resolution (e.g. < 1.8 Å) Complete data Minimise radiation damage particular for high resolution data.	High redundancy Speed	~20 MGy (*)
Multi-wavelength anomalous dispersion (MAD) Single Anomalous dispersion (SAD)	Accurate, complete and highly redundant Very little radiation damage Choice of wavelength	High resolution data	1 - 5 MGy (heavy atom will increase dose for same exposure)
Sulphur SAD	As above + extra high redundancy (40-200fold) if not on I23 beamline		0.3-0.5 MGy
Molecular replacement	Completeness at low resolution (< 3 Å) Good quality low resolution	High resolution data High redundancy	~20 MGy (*)
Ligand/mutation	Medium resolution (e.g. 2 Å), complete data. High throughput (FAST)	High redundancy	10 - 20 MGy (*)

**Trying to collect everything at once will usually result in failure**

**(\*)For a ~2.5Å or worse diffracting crystal per Diamond UDC recipe**

Planning for a  
particular  
instrument: Flux &  
beamsize

## expected crystal lifetime calculator

Raddose 3D

<https://bl831.als.lbl.gov/xtallife.html>

<https://github.com/GarmanGroup/RADDOSE-3D>

Beamline settings	Flux (ph/s)	Beam size (um)	Exposure (s)	Dose (MGy)	Dose rate (MGy/s)
A	$3.8 \times 10^{12}$	100 x 100	~46	10	0.25
B	$1.2 \times 10^{12}$	30x 20	~14	10	0.70
C	$1.2 \times 10^{12}$	20x10	~5	10	2.00
D	$1.0 \times 10^{13}$	80x15	~4	10	2.5
E	$3.0 \times 10^{12}$	8x6	~0.5	10	20
F	$3.0 \times 10^{12}$	20x20	~4	10	2.5

Assumptions:

Beamline energy at 0.9537 Å / 13.0 KeV

Crystal of the size of the beam

100% transmission

“standard” sample = no heavy metals (e.g. no Se, no As, average amount of S)

Dose Profile

Flux

Density

Dose Rate

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# Beam size and flux density

Be mindful of how the beamline generates a small beam size. Focusing (I04 +I24) can increase the flux density massively compared to apertures (I03)

Radiation damage is related to the flux density so small beam sizes on I04/I24 can kill a crystal very quickly.

E.g.  $50 \times 50 \mu\text{m}^2$  beam will deliver around 45x less dose than  $9 \times 6 \mu\text{m}^2$  beam on I24

So match beam to crystal, but attenuate when required



# Beam matching crystal size?

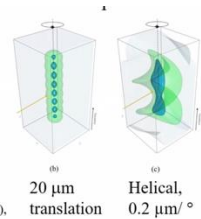
## Yes, but keep dose the Same

Sample: [REDACTED]	Flux: 1.21e+12	Sample: [REDACTED]	Flux: 9.64e+11
$\Omega$ Start: 0.0°	$\Omega$ Osc: 0.10°	$\Omega$ Start: 0.0°	$\Omega$ Osc: 0.10°
$\Omega$ Overlap: 0°	No. Images: 1200	$\Omega$ Overlap: 0°	No. Images: 1200
Resolution: 1.91Å	Wavelength: 0.9537Å	Resolution: 1.91Å	Wavelength: 0.9537Å
Exposure: 0.0800s	Dose: 15.00MGy	Exposure: 0.0800s	Dose: 194.70MGy
Transmission: 100.00%	Beamsize: 63x50µm	Transmission: 100.00%	Beamsize: 19x10µm
Type: SAD		Type: SAD	

Shell	Observations	Unique	Resolution	Rmeas	I/sig(I)	CC Half	Completeness
outerShell	5789	853	2.87 - 2.94	0.758	1.7	0.9	97.7
innerShell	834	150	12.82 - 29.14	0.021	60.1	1.0	92.6
overall	79247	12099	2.87 - 29.14	0.045	22.1	1.0	99.7

Shell	Observations	Unique	Resolution	Rmeas	I/sig(I)	CC Half	Completeness
outerShell	4364	700	3.12 - 3.20	0.752	1.4	0.8	99.4
innerShell	639	118	13.95 - 29.29	0.034	36.9	1.0	90.3
overall	61431	9560	3.12 - 29.29	0.062	16.1	1.0	99.7

Downstream Processing



# Sample with Line scan

Software interface for line scan acquisition. The main window displays a dark field with a red crosshair indicating the 'Start point' and a green crosshair indicating the 'End point'. The 'Line Scan Settings' panel is open, showing various parameters for the scan.

**Line Scan Settings**

- Oscillation: 0.1
- Total oscillation: 360.0
- Delta: 0

**Images**

- ☒ Automatic run number
  - Run number: 0
  - Exposure time: 0.03 s
  - Total exposure time: 108.0 s
  - Detector distance: 333 mm
  - Resolution: 2.14  $\text{\AA}$
  - Transmission: 100.0 %
  - Number of wedges: 1
  - Images per wedge: 3600
- ☐ Wedged line scan
- ☒ Helical line scan

**Line**

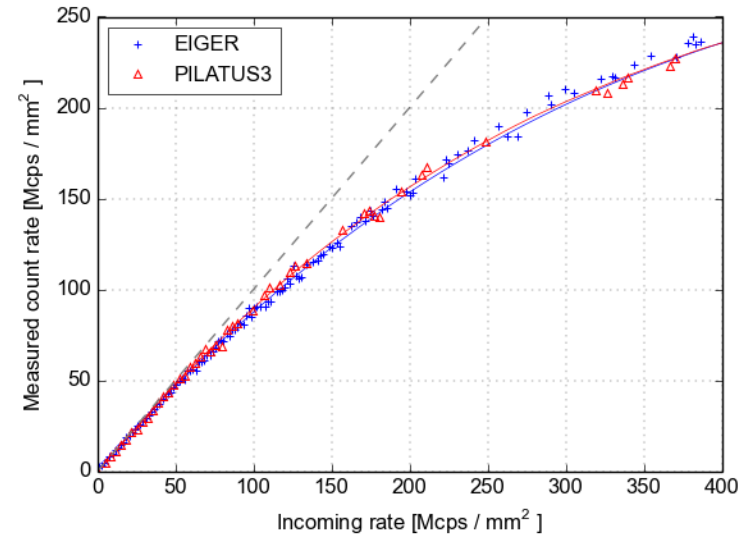
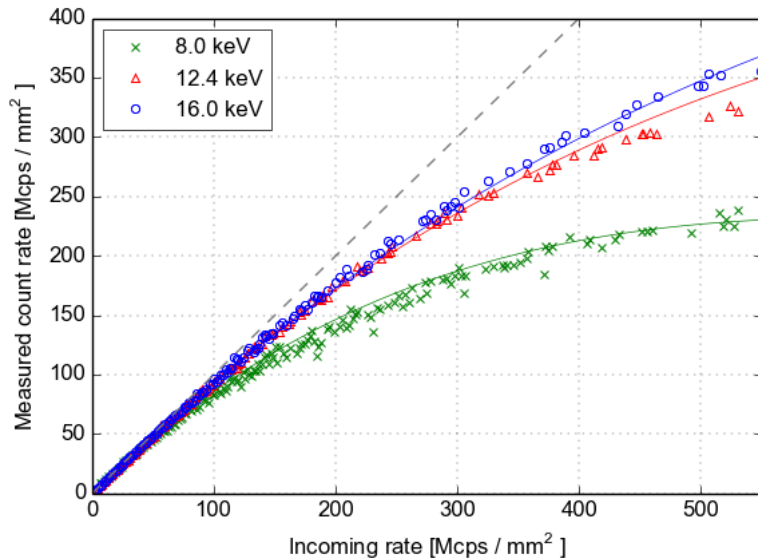
- Start X: -0  $\mu\text{m}$
- Start Y: -0.014  $\mu\text{m}$
- Start Z: 0.003  $\mu\text{m}$
- End X: -0  $\mu\text{m}$
- End Y: -0.014  $\mu\text{m}$
- End Z: 0.003  $\mu\text{m}$

**Aperture and Beamstop**

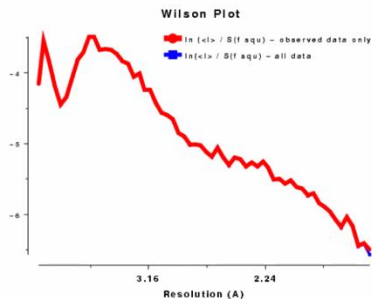
Buttons at the bottom: Move To Start, Move To End, Use Beam Centre As Start, Use Beam Centre As End.

High flux  $\rightarrow$  count  
rate corrections  
On Eiger detectors

# Count rate performance in EIGER & PILATUS detectors

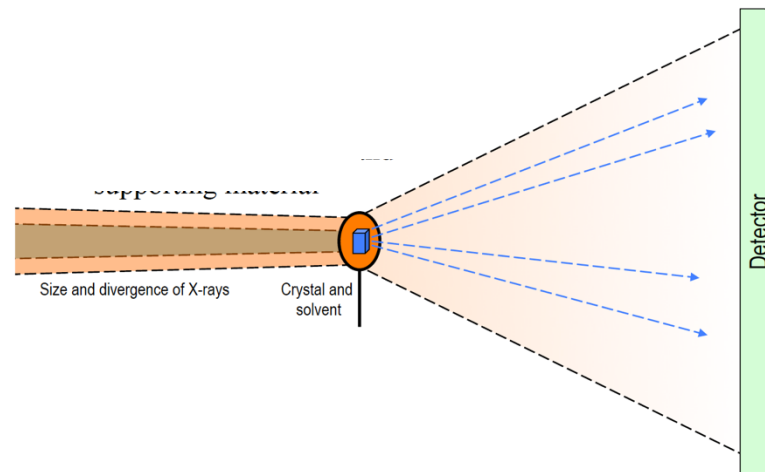
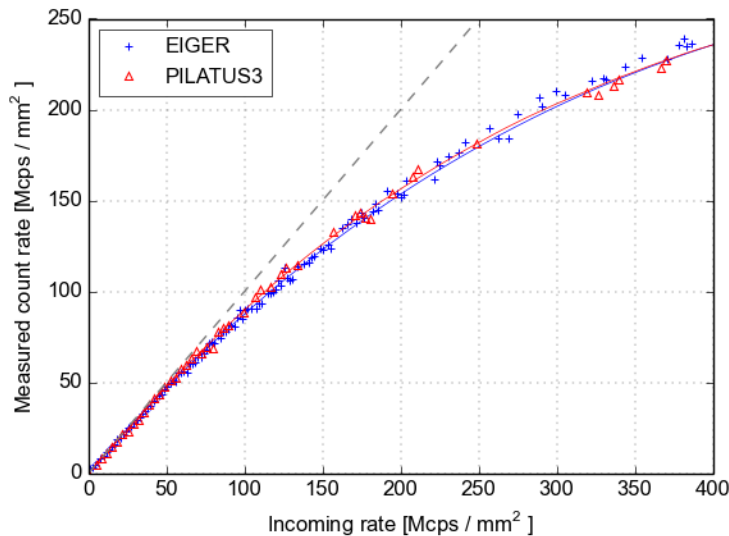


<https://www.dectris.com/en/features/features-eiger-r/outstanding-count-rate-performance/>



Wilson Plot  
Ana Gonzalez talk “Data processing”

# Count rate performance in EIGER & PILATUS detectors



<https://www.dectris.com/en/features/features-eiger-r/outstanding-count-rate-performance/>

Spreading the dose over large total angle range helps with this because each frame will be collected at lower transmission (lower flux rate ph/s)

# Data collection - think!



- before starting data collection make sure xtal is properly centered and does not “walk” out of beam
- consider dose (exposure time, attenuation, energy), wedge angle, detector distance... before it is too late!

# If you forget almost all, what should you retain for a good data collection?

There is still confusion in the user community which has led to some incorrect common belief that exposure time is a default data collection parameter. Contrary to this belief, the key constraint is the dose we delivery to the sample, not data collection time or total rotation angle.

- Good sample prep
  - Good crystal, well cryo-cooled, good mount
- Starting angle
  - any unless collecting less than 180 in P1, or other SG
- Total oscillation angle
  - 360 unless merging data from multiple crystals
- Oscillation per frame
  - 0.1 deg unless good reason (i.e, mosaicity, overlaps, background, etc)
- Energy
  - default, unless good reason (i.e, experimental phasing, high resolution, etc)
- Good crystal centring
  - x-ray centring, optically if beam is big but not if crystal is big
- Dose / indirectly exposure
  - Use dose not simple exposure, relate the dose to diffracting resolution of your crystal (diffracting better / higher resolution? Lesser dose)

## *IUCrData* launches Raw Data Letters

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