"From Isolated Programs to a Full Package"

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"Should/Can Software be developed by a team?"

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The task for crystallographers: Crucial steps in X-ray structure solution

Crystal

Diffraction

Interpretation



Crucial steps in X-ray structure solution *Figure by Jenny Glusker – DCH's "best" student*



Summary slides from York crystallography course

Marek Brzozowski

Structure:Diffraction pattern: $\sqrt{known unit cell and its chemical content}$ $\sqrt{known amplitudes} |F|$ (-) unknown positions of atoms(-) unknown phases

$$\rho(xyz) = 1/V \Sigma_h \Sigma_k \Sigma_l | F_{hkl} | exp [-2\pi i (hx + ky + lz) + i \alpha_{hkl})]$$

1) Need to measure and process $I_{\rm hkl}$ and convert to $F_{\rm hkl}$

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2. Phase-problem solution Methods α_{hkl}

i) Direct methods (purely computational):

- do not require any extra information use experimental data set $|F_{hkl}|$ only.
- trying to find some statistical relationship between strong reflections
- estimate phases for them and expand them for the whole data set
- these cycles can be repeated till electron density maps make sense.
- organic crystals only

Phase-problem solution Methods cont.

(ii). Heavy atom methods (purely computational or experimental):

our (in)organic compound already has heavy atom (e.g. Fe, Pt, Au, Hg, Ru etc.): direct methods together with mathematical Patterson method can determine the position of the heavy atom in our crystal, which will greatly help in proper estimation of the phases.

- Good for proteins crystals as well (lots of solvent content there – 50%)

(iii) Molecular Replacement method – for protein crystals only:

if we already know structure of a similar protein.

3-4. Model building – refinement of the phases/structure



Bayes Theorem (1763)

This is our aim..

To provide the **best model** with the highest probability, given a set of **observations** and some **prior knowledge**.

P(Model;Obsns) = P(Model) P(Obsns;Model) / P(Obsns)

What was and is needed? Lots of software..

Data recording, integration, processing, analysis

Fast Fourier routines

Experimental phasing

Density modification for Phase improvement

Molecular Replacement

Model building

Refinement

Validation

Utilities Etc Etc..

What was and is needed? Lots of software AND...

Communication, then more communication, then more..

From users to developers: What are our problems? Poor diffraction? New ligand? ...

From developers to users. What can you believe from the analysis?

Software contributions from 1960s (list incomplete!)

Data measurement, integration and processing (Arndt, Wonnacott, Rossmann, Evans, etc etc etc)

Fast Fourier Transforms (Lyn Ten Eyck, Bricogne, etc, etc etc)

Experimental Phasing – MIR, MIRAS, SIRAS, MAD, SAD (Blow, Dodson, Matthews, Evans, Hendrickson, Otwinowski,etc etc etc)

Molecular Replacement

(Rossmann, Blow, Crowther, Navaza, Vaguine, Read, etc etc etc)

Phase Improvement and Model Building

(Wang, Kam, Cowtan & Main, Sheldrick, etc, etc)

Refinement

(Konnert & Hendrickson, Rollett, Isaacs & Agarwal, Baker & Dodson...)

And more ...

Graphics for model building First Alwyn Jones, FRODO then O. Emsley – COOT

Bioinformatics

Graphics for display, analysis

Validation (and graphics) .

Now endless access to information

1962.662

A THREE-DIMENSIONAL MODEL OF THE MYOGLOBIN MOLECULE OBTAINED BY X-RAY ANALYSIS

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Fig. 2. Photographs of a model of the myoglobin molecule. Polypeptide chains are white; the grey disk is the ham group. The three spheres show positions at which heavy atoms were attached to the molecule (black: Hg of *p*-chloro-mercuri-benzene-sulphonate; dark grey: Hg of mercury diammine; light grey: Au of auri-chloride). The marks on the scale are 1 A, apart





DCH & Siv Ramasechan – 1965 our Anomalous Dispersion Guru

S.Ramaseshan Advanced Methods of Crystallography ed by G.N.Ramachandran (Academic, New York 1964)



Oxford Laboratory 1972?





Peter Main – Physics York 1964-2015

Direct Methods guru and superb programmer



Basic Outline of CCP4

- Project established in 1979 and funded by UK Research Councils
- Project aims
- •
- Provide software for macromolecular Crystallography. (MX)
 - Encourage collaborative development of software for MX.
 - Promote the teaching of MX.
 - •
 - Provide organisation and guidance for projects.

Why needed in 1979?

- Self Interest New MX labs needed mutual support
- •
- With Maintenance and installation :
 - With developing new algorithms. Accepted that no one group had/has a monopoly and that methods will be superseded.
 - •
 - With having a forum for discussion, to distribute updates quickly, and to get feed back from users..
 - All (small) funds were spent on meeting face to face.
 3 monthly talking shops.

1982 We had excellent computing facilities?



Zygmunt Derewenda refining haemoglobin

Finances – somewhat hazy!

1979 £3,500 – travel and 50% of Pella Machin

1980s on – funds for support staff – VERY important! Industrial contributions grow.

1998 Support plus funds for 5 years for Garib Murshudov
2003 Support plus funds for 5 years for Eugene Krissenel
2008 Support plus funds for 5 years for Paul Emsley
2013 Support plus funds for 5 years for Kevin Cowtan

Always some money to subsidise Study Weekends

Why has it survived?

- Easy to update modular approach means routines can be replaced without disrupting the working suite
- There is a great deal of developer support. Programs are distributed quickly; help with style, preparing documentation, etc etc
- There is a great deal of user support. The approach has been genuinely cooperative; users are in the driving seat, and program authors respond. Study weekend, workshops mutually beneficial

Workshop 1998



•CCP4 Study Weekend - 2006







Bangalore 2008



What helps algorithm development?

- Common Data structures (formats?)
- Library routines for data handling, crystallographic operations (Symmetry, FFTs, etc) :
 - Libraries must be accessible to developers and there needs to be a way to update them to add routines, and to debug.
 - They must be well documented and curated.
 - Common output style helps users

• Library routines and data objects -1979-2017

CCP4 libraries originally in Fortran

Now in C++ much more comprehensive, professional and robust.

(Cctbx clipper mmdb etc..)

Accessible via scripting languages – Python, Scheme.

Raises a Q. Should legacy code be rewritten to use new libraries. Would anyone do it!

Example of algorithm development - 2015

Email from Kevin Cowtan: Hi folks, Do we need some standarisation in input of sequence types. At the moment:

- 1. Buccaneer, Parrot use CseqDataFileList
- 2. CTruncate, MolRep, MrBump useCSeqDataFile

3. Phaser and Matthews useCAsuComponentList Unfortunately changing any of these are going to be painful (in terms of old jobs not working). On the other hand the incompatibility means that data objects are not transferable from job to job.

• Library routines and data objects -2017

The new model of linking robust, well documented crystallographic routines via a scripting language has made software development much easier and more robust.

The new model of linking robust, well documented crystallographic routines via a scripting language has made installation and maintenance MUCH more complex!!

Coot architecture, showing the layers of functionality from the user interface down to some of the low-level libraries. The libraries are described in more detail in the main text (§§3.4, 3.5, 4.3 and ...

Graphical user interface (GTK+)									
Scripting layer (Scheme/Python)									
Graphical representations/container									
Molecule layer									
Map contouring	Ligand fitting	Real-space refinement		Geometry dictionaries	Bond views				
Clipper			MMDB		GSL		OpenGL		



Tristan Croll Update:

Looks like I have working **PyPI-acceptable Linux** builds for all current major **Python versions (2.7, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 - 3.3 apparently doesn't support Numpy, so it's out**), and a reasonably portable build system to rebuild them on command. It's a bit brute force right now - it rebuilds everything from scratch for each Python version. Will try to clean it up and document it properly over the next few days - it's a bit of a steep learning curve. The last problem I spent this afternoon banging my head against is that the typemapping from std::string to clipper::String that Stuart worked out only seems to work for **Python 2.7 - in Python 3.x** it crashes (all the way back to the shell) with the error:

terminate called after throwing an instance of 'std::logic_error'

what(): basic_string::_S_construct null not valid

... the moment I try to run, for example, CIFfile.open_read(filename) - so a little more work to do there. For now I've commented those out and reverted to the standard built-in typemap, which seems to work in most cases (and doesn't crash as drastically where it doesn't - to be honest I can't remember where it was crashing)

Cheers Tristan

Developing User support 1

1997? GUI - scripting in TclTk – (now obsolete..)

Prepared scripts with on-screen guidance

Reported results graphically..

Kept a record of what was done

Main CCP4i Window

Modules





On-line help

User support 2

Visualisation now essential

For Model building For Validation

For Structure analysis Bioinformatics **COOT:** Real-space refinement of a mispositioned residue. The coloured bonds show the original structure. The white bonds show the refined atoms after dragging and refinement. The coloured boxes in the pop-up ...







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Visualisation now essential

For Model building **For Validation**

For Structure analysis Bioinformatics **COOT:** A typical validation graph. Bars represent individual residues in a chain, with an indication of quality for the residue being given by both the size and colour of the bar. The plot is interactive, ...





COOT: Screenshot of a classical Ramachandran plot showing all residues, with the axes defining the ϕ and ψ angles (angles in degrees). Preferred regions are coloured in pink, allowed regions in yellow and the ...





Emsley et al. Volume 66 | Part 4 | April 2010 | Pages 486-501 | 10.1107/S0907444910007493



Ramachandran Figures 1963 But drawn by hand!







Privaleer More Validation, rerefinement and analysis of carbohydrate structures Jon Agirre

Carbohydrates

More challenging than building protein Frequently ignored by structural biologists Historically unsupported by software developers "Cinderella molecules"

Enough is enough. Let us change that!

Conformations



Wavy lines = atoms are roughly coplanar

Conformational preferences 0.0 20 20.0 (kcal/mol)









beta-D-mannopyranobeta-D-glucopyranoselpha-L-fucopyranose

Ardevol, Biarnés, Planas and Rovira. JACS 132(45), 2010



Always show positive omit density-5j51

Abhinav, Sharma, Surolia & Vijayan, 2016, IUBMB Life 68(12):971-979

Abhinav, Sharma, Surolia & Vijayan, 2017, IUBMB Life 69(2):72-78



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Visualisation now essential

For Model building For Validation

For Structure analysis and Bioinformatics





CCP4MG Documentation

Introduction - loading and viewing PDB or mmCIF files. Essential reading.

Surfaces - selecting and colouring and electrostatic surfaces

Superpose proteins - instamagic protein superposition

Creating publication quality images

Importing Model Analysis Data

Electron density maps - better representation for images and packing diagrams

Adding Text and Extra Images

Ligand Binding Site Selection

Customised Atom Colouring

Investigating a structure - HBonds, Contacts, Solvent Accessibility, Geometry, Distances



Assembly prediction by **PISA**.

(a) The original model (PDB entry 3hhz; Green & Luo, 2009 ►).

(b) The assembly predicted by PISA.

Why Automation?

- Speed of data acquisition and computing.
- •
- There is a move towards using MX as the new spectroscopy – a handy reliable(?) technique.

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- Many user errors can be avoided by better selfcorrecting methods.
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- GUIs attempts to do some of this
- •
- But automation requires design by good crystallographers – how to train them?
- •
- Project Management and book keeping become essential

But more complexity – need mix of developers and comp.Sci. experts! CCP4i2 - the new graphical user interface to the CCP4 program suite

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Abstract: The CCP4 software suite for macromolecular structure determination by X-ray crystallography groups together many programs and libraries that, by means of well-established conventions, interoperate effectively without adhering to strict design guidelines. Because of this inherent flexibility, users are often presented with diverse, even divergent, choices for solving every type of problem. Recently, CCP4 introduced CCP4i2: a modern graphical interface designed to help structural biologists to navigate the process of structure determination, with emphasis on pipelining and streamlined presentation of results. In addition, CCP4i2 provides a framework for writing structure solution scripts that can be built up incrementally to create increasingly automatic procedures. **Need more people like Jon Agirre – PRIVATEER author:**

CV: Education

2004–2009 PhD in Biophysics, Unidad de Biofisica, Spanish Research Council (CSIC) and University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), Bilbao, Spain Thesis: Structural basis of the stability, infectivity and disassembly process of Triatoma Virus.

1996–2002 Computer Engineer, University of the Basque Country, Spain

Specialised in parallel architectures. First-class honours.

Example of a good well documented informative pipeline for data processing provided in CCP4 GUI2.



Alternative indexing

If the true point group is lower symmetry than the lattice group, alternative valid but nonequivalent indexing schemes are possible, related by symmetry operators present in lattice group but not in point group *(note that these are also the cases where merohedral twinning is possible)*

eg if in space group P3 (or P3₁) there are 4 different schemes (h,k,l) or (-h,-k,l) or (k,h,-l) or (-k,-h,-l)

For the first crystal, you can choose any scheme For subsequent crystals, the autoindexing will randomly choose one setting, and we need to make it consistent: *POINTLESS* will do this for you by comparing the unmerged test data to a reference dataset (merged or unmerged, or coordinates) Note that the space group from the reference will be assumed to be correct

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Viewing the output statistics (job report from ccp4i2)

1. kev	▼ Key summary						
summary	Selecting space group P 21 21 21 as there is a single space group with the highest score						
	Solution probability: 0.853, Confidence 0.835 (high resolution limit for symmetry testing 3.252A)						
	NOTE: the final selected symmetry and cell have alternative indexing schemes, but no reference data has been given Possible alternative indexing operators (with cell differences in A): [h,k,l] (0.00), [-h,l,k] (0.71), [-k,h,l] (0.73), [l,h,k] (1.25), [k,l,h] (1.25), [l,k,-h] (1.44) If you already have a matching dataset, you should choose it as a reference set to get consistent indexing						
	Key statistics for Dataset: I2demo/Brap/pk						
	Resolution of input data: 2.79A, resolution estimate 2.87A Rmeas: overall 0.151, inner bin 0.069 In outer bin: Mean(I/sdI) 0.8 CC(1/2) 0.266 Anomalous CC(1/2) in inner bin 0.753 Significant anomalous signal extends to a resolution of 3.74A (above CCanom threshold 0.15)						
Warnings: ed, bad; prange, maybe OK;	Warning: Possible twinning, twin fraction estimates from Britton plot 0.20, from H-test 0.23 No evidence of possible translational non-crystallographic symmetry Some anisotropy detected. This may have an effect on statistics. Warning: Completeness test shows some issues.						

No ice rings found.

Viewing the output statistics (job report)

Space group determination 2. main WARNING: the L-test suggests that the data may be twinned, so the indicated Laue symmetry may be too high Data internal consistency statistics Rough estimated twin fraction: 0.096 summary Summary of merging statistics for dataset Selecting space group P 21 21 21 as there is a single space group with the highest score I2demo/Brap/pk Solution type: space group Overall Inner Outer P 21 21 21 Low resolution limit Group name 57.82 57.82 2.94 Space group Reindex [h,k,l] 8.81 High resolution limit 2.79 2.79 Space group confidence 0.835 determination Rmerge(within I+/I-) 0.140 0.064 2.085 0.938 Laue group confidence Laue group probability 0.948 Rmerge(all I+ and I-) 0.154 0.076 2.218 0.900 Systematic absence probability Rmeas (within I+/I-) 0.151 0.069 2.336 Scores for each symmetry element Rmeas (all I+ & I-) 0.161 0.080 2.352 Lattice group name P 4 3 2 0.057 0.026 1.013 Rpim (within I+/I-) Reindex operator from input to lattice: [h,k,l] scores for individual Rpim (all I+ & I-) 0.045 0.023 0.754 Likelihood CC R Symmetry Rmerge in top intensity bin 0.063 symmetry elements 0.913 0.88 0.097 identity 0.87 0.109 *** 2-fold | (0 0 1) {-h,-k,l} 0.901 Number of observations 178940 5691 18047 may detect pseudo-0.090 2-fold k (0 1 0) {-h,k,-l} 0.917 0.88 Number unique 14045 501 1955 0.913 0.88 0.103 *** $2-fold h (1 0 0) \{h,-k,-l\}$ symmetry ... 0.56 2-fold (1-1 0) {-k,-h,-l} 0.214 0.191 Mean((I)/sd(I)) 9.7 33.5 0.8 0.051 0.06 0.588 2-fold (01-1) {-h,-l,-k} Half-set correlation CC(1/2) 0.998 0.997 0.266 0.052 0.13 0.494 2-fold (1 0-1) {-l,-k,-h} 0.223 0.57 0.193 2-fold (1 1 0) {k,h,-l} Completeness % 99.5 97.6 96.9 0.512 2-fold (1 0 1) {l,-k,h} 0.051 0.11 12.7 Multiplicity 11.4 9.2 0.051 0.06 0.562 $2-fold (0 1 1) \{-h, l, k\}$ 0.04 0.720 3-fold (1-1-1) {-k,l,-h} 0.053 98.5 98.1 Anomalous completeness % 90.8 0.054 0.04 0.712 3-fold (1 1-1) {-l,h,-k} ... or suggest 0.053 0.04 0.701 3-fold (1-1 1) {l,-h,-k} Anomalous multiplicity 6.4 6.9 4.7 0.053 0.04 0.704 3-fold (1 1 1) {k,l,h} DelAnom CC(1/2) 0.664 0.753 -0.026 twinning 0.203 0.55 0.198 4-fold I (0 0 1) {-k,h,l} 0.050 0.509 4-fold k (0 1 0) {l,k,-h} 0.10 Mid-Slope of Anom Probability 1.020 0.052 0.05 0.565 4-fold h (1 0 0) {h,l,-k} Download Download as CSV irs to be a significant anomalous signal so file nomalous flag was switched ON

"Table 1"



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But a warning -You still may need to look at diffraction images!



Why Automation? Consider Speed

- We now can test many many unlikely hypotheses quickly and with luck hit on a likely one.
- This requires very robust target functions, book keeping and reporting.
- •
- Validation after automated structure solution becomes much more important..

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Cooperation – is it possible? desirable?

- Advantages
- Can speed up developments if library routines are well documented and accessible :
- •
- Shared efforts for maintenance and distribution extend the code lifetime. Bugs identified & fixed more frequently
 - Common style helps users
 - Organising crystallographic data is not easy and requirements change

Cooperation – is it possible? desirable?

- Disadvantages
- Time consuming CONSULTATION essential.
- Computer nerds not always good at this!
- •
- Needs commitment by developers of algorithms and libraries— often faster to make a quick cludgey fix than learn to use library; new routines may need to be added to libraries
 - Harder to get credit for individual contributions

• Friendly Discussion Amongst Developers??



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Kevin Cowtan

Phil Evans ...

CCP4 Employees 2005



Happy Mapping



Plan

Macromolecular crystallography: from isolated programs to full package Algorithms – Fortran – simple. CCP4 WG2 – Talking shop

GUI1 – talking shop still

Now Analysis –

Graphics complicated – Scheme? Python? QT5? Reporting from Algorithms and ptroviding information flow Complicated – XML?? JSON??? PHIL files???

GUI2 – more sophisticated – farther from algorithms.. See example of AUTOMATION – POINTLESS?AIMLESS?CTRUNCATE?FREERFLAG Othes – CRANK2 – exptl phasing BUCCANEER?REFMAC?COOT Dialogue between developers? Not so easy.. Remote working great but harder to nag.. Developers needMX + comp sci + bioinfor + chemistry + ..

OR a lot of good friends..