

Macromolecular crystallography at the FRM II The new neutron single crystal diffractometer BIODIFF

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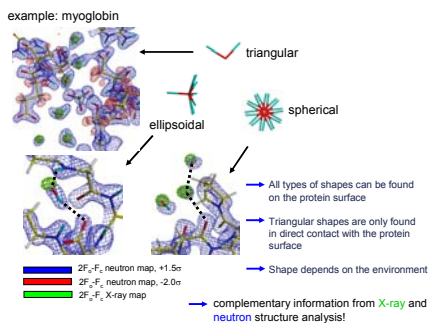
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Neutron structure determination:

hydrogen atoms can be resolved even at a resolution of $d_{\min} \approx 2.5 \text{ \AA}$

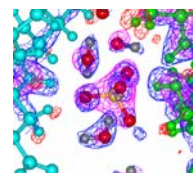
- protonation states of amino acid side chains
- deuterium exchange as a measure of flexibility and accessibility (discrimination between H / D)
- solvent structure including hydrogen atoms can be analysed
- discrimination between neighbors in the periodic table is possible: e.g. N and O, Fe and Mn
- B-factors ($\langle x^2 \rangle$) of the hydrogen atoms can be compared with data of other techniques
- no radiation damage compared to measurements at synchrotrons

Hydration structure analysis:



Chatake T, Ostermann A, Kurihara K, Parak F, Nilmura N (2003) Proteins 50:516

First instrument test with myoglobin:



X-ray data taken from:
Ostermann, A., Tanaka, I., Engler, N., Nilmura, N. & Parak, F. G. (2002). *Biophys. Chem.*, 95, 183

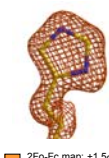
Neutron data (from map calculation using the pdb-file 1L2K.pdb and the BioDiff data set):
R=20.19 %
R_{free}=21.13 %

Water network in the contact region between two myoglobin molecules in the crystal. In the centre of picture a sulfate ion SO_4^{2-} is seen with the sulfur atom shown in yellow, the oxygen atoms shown in red. The deuterium atoms of the water molecules are coloured grey. The x-ray map is shown in magenta at a contour level of $+2.7\sigma$. The nuclear map is displayed at a contour level of -1.75σ in red and at $+2.3\sigma$ in blue.

Amino acid protonation states:

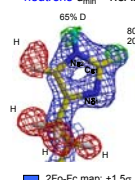
example: histidine 97 in myoglobin

X-ray $d_{\min} = 1.5 \text{ \AA}$:



2Fo-Fc map, +1.5σ

neutrons $d_{\min} = 1.5 \text{ \AA}$:



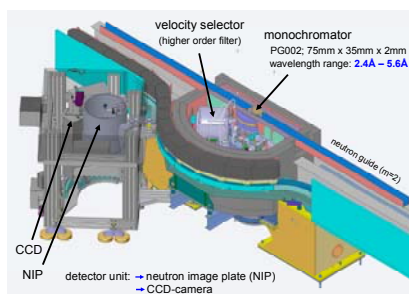
2Fo-Fc map, +1.5σ

Fo-Fc omit-map, -3.0σ

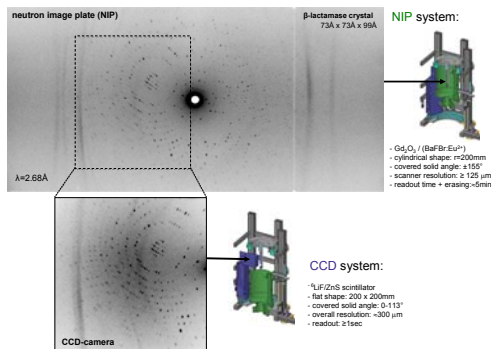
Fo-Fc omit-map, +3.0σ

Nilmura N, Chatake T, Ostermann A, Kurihara K, Tanaka T. (2003) Z. Kristallogr. 218:96

The diffractometer BIODIFF:



NIP and CCD detector system:



Sample environment:

Standard Oxford cryostream 700+



- temperature range: 90 - 500K
- stable, no icing over weeks



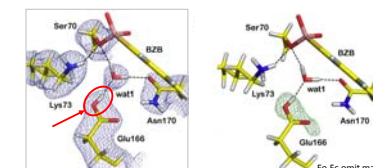
First "user data-sets":

β-lactamase with bound BZB inhibitor

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	$d_{\min}$	$I(\sigma)$	N_{atoms}	mult.	compl. atom %	R_{merge}
unit cell: 73.4 \AA, 73.4 \AA, 99.1 \AA	4.31	27.8	12885	5.6	97.4	4.9
fully deuterated protein	3.42	19.0	11941	5.5	98.0	8.0
crystal size: 2.7 mm ³	2.99	10.3	10376	4.9	98.5	14.6
Collection time: 9d	2.71	7.6	8707	4.3	98.5	18.7
	2.52	5.9	7820	3.9	92.8	21.2
	2.37	5.4	7059	3.6	89.2	21.6
	2.26	5.0	6099	3.5	84.6	23.0
	2.16	4.5	5059	3.4	82.9	24.7
	2.07	4.1	5673	3.2	82.0	27.2
	2.0	3.7	5059	2.9	81.2	27.9
overall	7.4	81413	4.0	90.2	14.7	

unit cell: 73.4 \AA, 73.4 \AA, 99.1 \AA P3₂1
- fully deuterated protein
- crystal size: 2.7 mm³
- Collection time: 9d



The hydrogen-bonding network strongly suggests Glu166 acts as the general base

Tomanicek et al., J. Biol. Chem., 288, 4715 (2013).

Summary of user experiments after 4 reactor cycles:

protein	unit cell (Å)	space group	cell volume (Å ³)	crystal size (mm ³)	time (h)	$d_{\min}$ (Å)	compl. (%)	R_{merge} (%)
β-lactamase (no ligand)	73.3, 73.3, 98.7	P3 ₂ 1	453,000	4.0	8	2.0	98.0 (92.7)	8.8 (22.5)
β-lactamase-BZB-inhibitor	73.4, 73.4, 99.1	P3 ₂ 1	453,000	2.7	9	2.0	90.2 (81.2)	14.7 (27.9)
inorganic pyrophosphatase	105.3, 95.3, 113.8	C2	1,120,000	3	2.6	not completed		
Xylanase II	49.5, 59.9, 70.4	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	208,000	2.8	17	2.0	96.2 (91.0)	9.7 (12.7)
ADP-kinase	83.1, 108.9, 75.8	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	685,000	1.0	18	2.5	94.8 (88.7)	11.7 (40.0)
apo human carbonic anhydrase II	42.8, 41.7, 72.8	P2 ₁	125,000	2.5	8	1.8	89.9 (78.8)	11.8 (33.0)
nucleosidase (MTAN)	83.0, 83.0, 67.4	P3 ₂ 1	392,000	2.8	25	2.7	97.1 (94.8)	9.8 (47.8)

- 2 proposals (14d) "BIODIFF as low resolution powder machine": CO₂ uptake in clay as f(pressure);
- 2 proposals (10d) small compound structures (large magnetic superstructures);

Next proposal deadline: May 2nd, 2014
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