

SAMPLES

TYPES

Well ordered single crystals of the macromolecule of interest.

SAMPLE PREPARATION

- Highly purified and homogeneous macromolecule @ 5-20mg/mL (from 100μL to 1 mL typically).
- Orystallogenesis screening
 of many conditions within
 SBSformat plates
- Note that several platforms are dedicated to protein production and crystallogenesis.

SAMPLE MEASUREMENT

Room temperature screening of and data collection from crystals for X-ray diffraction with the Cribleur plate screener on PROXIMA-2A.

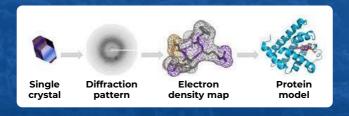


The **Cribleur** plate screener can also be used for membrane protein crystals in lipid cubic phases

- For optimized
 crystals, standard
 X-ray data sets can
 be collected under
 cryogenic conditions.
- Various non-standard crystal environments are also developped for specific X-ray diffraction approaches.

TECHNIQUE

Principle: X-ray diffraction from single crystals of macromolecules provides a three dimensional model of its structure at atomic resolution.



Beamlines Characteristics

- Energy range 6-18 keV collimated (20x80 μm² PX1) / microfocus (5x10 μm² PX2A)
- Beamline control via MXCuBE software including automatic crystal centering and optimized data collection.
- Robotic sample changer with cryogenic Dewar capacities of three (PXI) and nine (PX2A) unipucks [I uni-puck = 16 crystals]
- Multi-axis goniometry
- Eiger X-ray area detectors: 16M (PX1) / 9M (PX2A)
- Three access modes: On-site, remote (via NoMachine) & mail-in (for industrial users)
- O Under cryogenic conditions, a full data set can be acquired within five minutes.

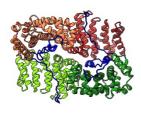
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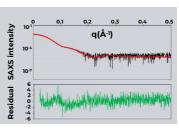
- Manual and automatic processing is available on both beamlines
- Support from beamline scientists for experiments and data processing and also modeling (AlphaFold), phasing...
- Data vizualization via ISPyB/EXI2 interface
- Data retrieval via external hard drives or GLOBUS (remote data access service)

HIGHLIGHTS

Characterization of a protein complex that is essential for homologous recombination in meiosis.

SWING, PROXIMA-1 & PROXIMA-2A



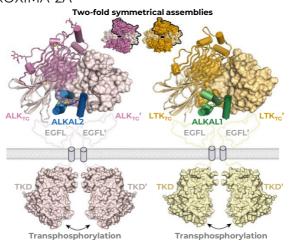


Structural characterization of the complex between a51-aaBRCA2 peptide and the armadillo domain of HSF2BP.

Ghouil R. et al. BRCA2 binding through a cryptic repeated motif to HSF2BP oligomers does not impact meiotic recombination. Nature Communications (2021)

Mechanism of cytokine-mediated activation of ALK family receptors finally revealed

PROXIMA-2A



Crystal structures of cytokine-mediated complexes of ALK and LTK illustrate how cytokine binding leads to receptor dimerization poised for activation of the intracellular kinase domains.

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More information on PROXIMA-1 & PROXIMA-2A publications web pages





COMPLEMENTARY BEAMLINES

SWING-BioSAXS:

- Predict or confirm the conformation of the macromolecule in solution
- Probe the oligomerization state under various conditions
- Probe large conformational changes induced by environmental conditions (pH, temperature, salts, cofactors,...)

DISCO-SRCD:

- Measure the thermostability of the protein (prior crystallization screens)
- Characterise the Secondary structure content
- Probe for cofactor/ligand/lipid bilayer induced conformational changes

CryoEM available soon (Titan krios G4):

SPA and CryoET

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