

MXCuBE Site Report

ALBA Synchrotron

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ALBA MX Beamlines

- 2 beamlines: XALOC in production, XAIRA with expert users
- BL13-XALOC:
 - High-throughput tunable beamline
 - Arinax MiniDiff MD2M; Dectris Pilatus 3X 6M; IRELEC CATS ISARA² sample-changer robot
- BL06-XAIRA:
 - Microfocus beamline
 - In-house diffractometer (Aerotech+Smaract); Dectris Eiger 9M; IRELEC ISARA² sample-changer robot
- Controls software stack:
 - Tango and Sardana, Taurus GUIs
 - LImA for cameras and detectors





MXCuBE Status

- BL13-XALOC:
 - Python 3.9 Qt5
- BL06-XAIRA:
 - Python 3.10 Web-version, 10-month old mxcubecore
- LIMS:
 - XALOC: ISPyB with EXI
 - XAIRA: ICAT with DataPortal



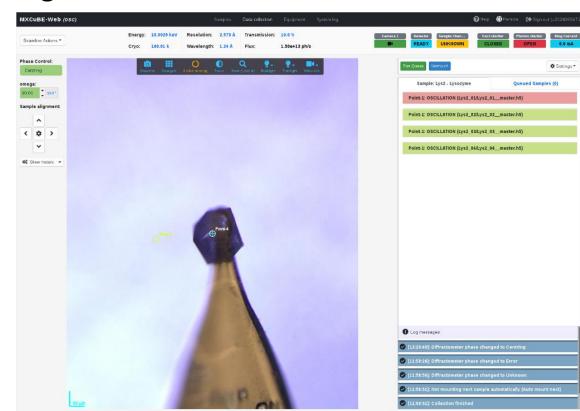
Cybersecurity

- Mostly "delegated" to our IT Systems Department
- Users connect through NoMachine with their proposal username to the current session of the beamline control machine
 - They have all the permissions of the local account
 - Mouse "battles" with the local-contact during interventions...



Developments Since Last Meeting

- BL13-XALOC:
 - Software "maintenance" to keep up with hardware changes and libraries version updates
 - Upgraded to IRELEC ISARA² sample-changer robot
- BL06-XAIRA:
 - Production-ready!
 - 3-click centring, simple rotation experiment

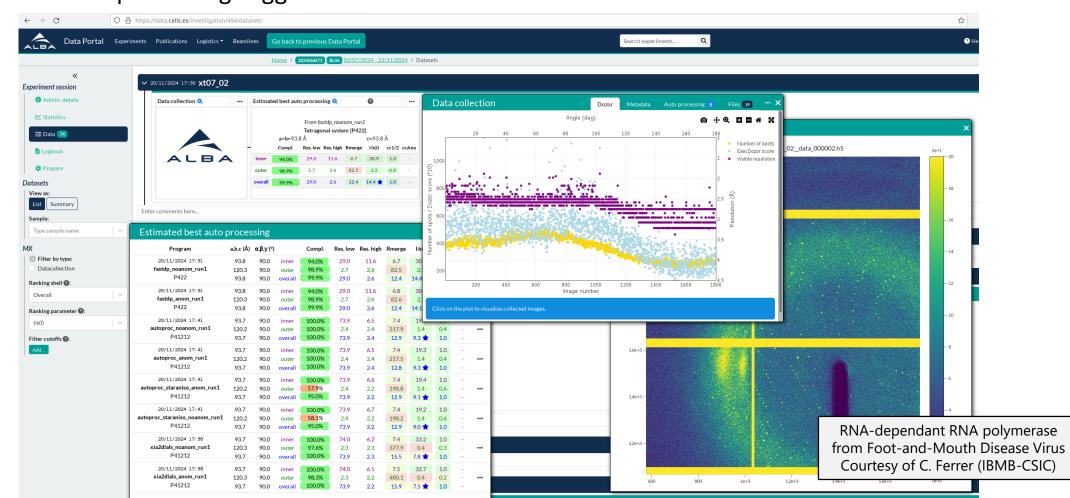




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• BL06-XAIRA:

- ICAT integration (sessions and simple rotation experiments) and Offline data processing
- Successful experiments from cristal centring, data collection/upload to ICAT and autoprocessing trigger





Plans For The Next Six Months

- BL13-XALOC:
 - Restart effort on the (stalled) update to MXCuBE-Web
- BL06-XAIRA:
 - X-ray centring
 - Online processing
 - Helical scans
 - Review integration of IRELEC ISARA² sample-changer robot (fix minor bugs, check for missing features)



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