The following is an outline of the procedure for obtaining three-dimensional maps of diffuse intensity:

1. IMAGE ORIENTATION:

- (a) Use DENZO and SCALEPACK to find the crystallographic parameters from the oscillations.
- (b) Use DENZO to output the crystallographic orientation matrix for each of the stills.

2. IMAGE PROCESSING:

- (a) Threshold the stills to mark overflow pixels (thrshim, proc.mode).
- (b) Window the stills to define image borders (windim, proc.mode).
- (c) Apply a mode filter to get rid of Bragg peaks (modeim, proc.mode).
- (d) Find the polarization of the beam by analyzing a typical diffraction image. For example, use TV6 to obtain an azimuthal intensity distribution in a thin annulus about the beam spot, and use gnuplot to fit the polarization.
- (e) Correct for the polarization effect using appropriate parameters (polarim, proc.polarim).
- (f) Correct for solid-angle normalization (normim, proc.normim).
- (g) Calculate average properties of images (avgrim, subrfim, avsqrim, proc.avgim).

3. LATTICE GENERATION:

- (a) Calculate image scale factors (avgrf, proc.makeref, proc.scale).
- (b) Generate a genlat input file called, for example, genlat.input (proc.makeline, proc.genlat.input).
- (c) Generate the lattice (genlat, genlat.input, proc.genlat).
- (d) Transform the lattice, if necessary, to correct for DENZO orientation errors (xflt).

4. VISUALIZATION

- (a) EXPLORER can be used to view the lattice immediately after it is generated. Run EXPLORER from the ./visualization directory, and open the mapview.map map, which uses mw.float as a template for reading lattices. Enter the filename of the lattice in the appropriate box, and select a threshold for the isosurface rendering routine. The view can be manipulated in the Render window using the mouse.
- (b) Shell images can be generated using shimlt (reduced image) or shim4lt (whole image). They can be viewed using the xseesh scripts. The script proc.shimlt can be used to generate a sequence of shell images in increasing resolution shells. Shell images are easiest viewed from lattices which have had their spherically-averaged component subtracted, using avgrlt and subrflt. Otherwise, viewing thresholds have to be set by hand to bracket the average value in the shell.

5. ANALYSIS

- (a) The internal symmetry of the lattice can be characterized by calculating the difference between a lattice and its symmetry-averaged counterpart. The only symmetry-averaging currently implemented in symlt is P4₁. The file script.sym contains a transcript of a sample session from the unix shell.
- (b) The techniques to calculate the best-fit scale factor between two lattices are used to determine the reproducibility of diffuse maps, and to measure the difference between the crystals of nuclease both with and without substrate analog. A transcript of a session where the best scale factor was found between two lattices is in script.scale.
- (c) Results are **displayed** using gnuplot. The file script.plot shows a transcript of a sesson with gnuplot to display results.