

SOLEIL status update

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- energy: 2.75 GeV
- current: 500 mA
- electron beam lifetime: ~11 hours
- circumference: 354 m
- emittance (horizontal, vertical): 3.7×10^{-9} , 11×10^{-12} m.rad
- brilliance: 10^{20} ph.s⁻¹.mrad⁻¹.mm⁻² @ 0.1% bandwidth

- founded in 2001, in operation since 2006
- funded jointly by CNRS (72%) and CEA (28%)
- 350 employees

Proxima 1

Source: **U20** in vacuum undulator

Focussing: KB, **CRL, 20x40 µm, project for new KB mirrors**

Tunable: Si 111 CCM, 5.5 - 15.5 keV

Flux: **2.0e12 ph/s** @ 500mA @ 12.65keV

Area Detector: **Eiger X 16M**

XRF Detector: Ketek AXAS-M2 **H150** (XIA)

OAV Camera: Prosilica GC 1350 (4.65um, 1360x1024)

Goniometer: **SmarGon**

Sample Changer: CATS (**48 cryo, 16 ambient**) **Looking into getting a bigger dewar !**

MXCuBE: Qt4 v 2.3 (**CentOS 7**), HardwareRepository, Python 2.7. **mxcubecore, mxcubeweb** in development (**nearly ready**)

Proxima 2A

Source: **U24** in vacuum undulator

Focussing: KB, **horizontal PFM, 5x10 µm**

Tunable: Si 111 CCM, 5.5 - 18.5 keV

Flux: **1.6e12 ph/s** @ 500mA @ 12.65keV

Area Detector: **Eiger X 9M**

XRF Detector: Ketek AXAS-M2 **H80** (XIA, Xpress3)

OAV Camera: **BZoom**

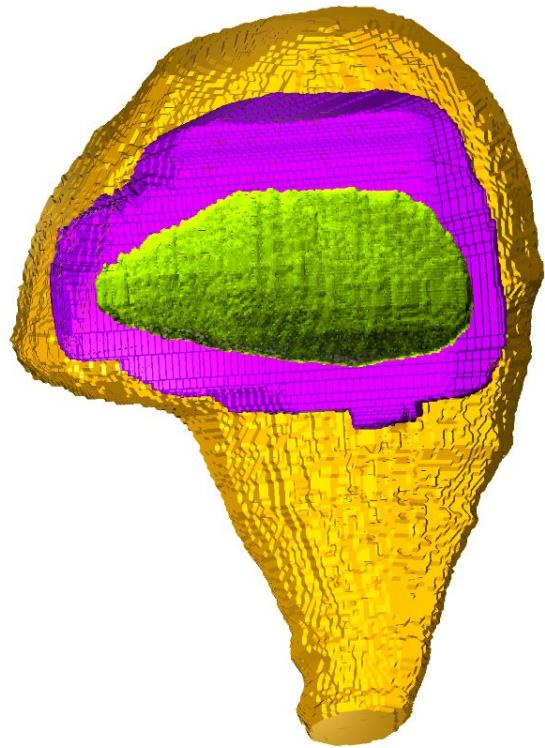
Goniometer: **MD3Up with minikappa (MK3 and HC/REX), Plate Screener**

Sample Changer: CATS (**144 cryo, 48 ambient**)

MXCuBE: Qt5 (**Ubuntu 20.04**), mxcubecore, Python 3.8

work done over the past 6 months

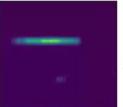
- Concerted push for unattended data collection capability
 - available on both beamlines
 - full ISPyB integration
- Murko
 - deployed on Proxima1 (Arthur Felisaz-Calvino, + 2000 annotated images, excellent performance)
 - working on inclusion of additional targets: diffraction raster scans prediction head: learn crystals and ice!, bounding box and key points in-network inference
- Volume aware experiments
 - sample shape reconstruction, diffracting volume reconstruction



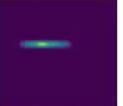




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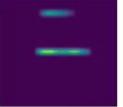
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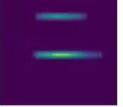
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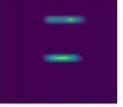
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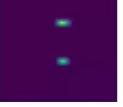
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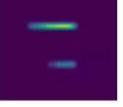
measurement 258.2



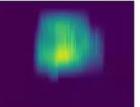
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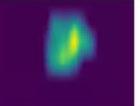
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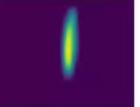
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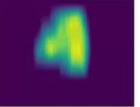
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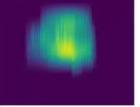
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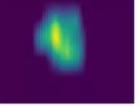
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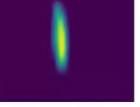
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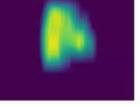
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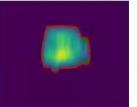
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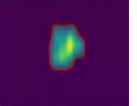
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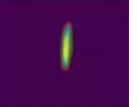
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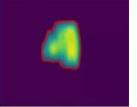
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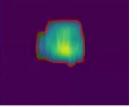
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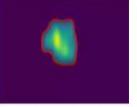
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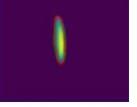
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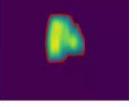
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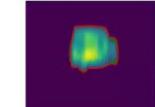
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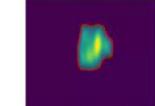
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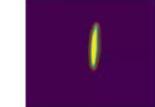
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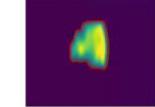
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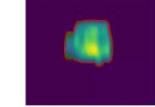
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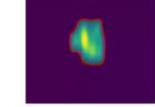
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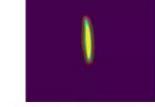
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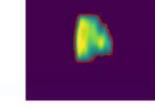
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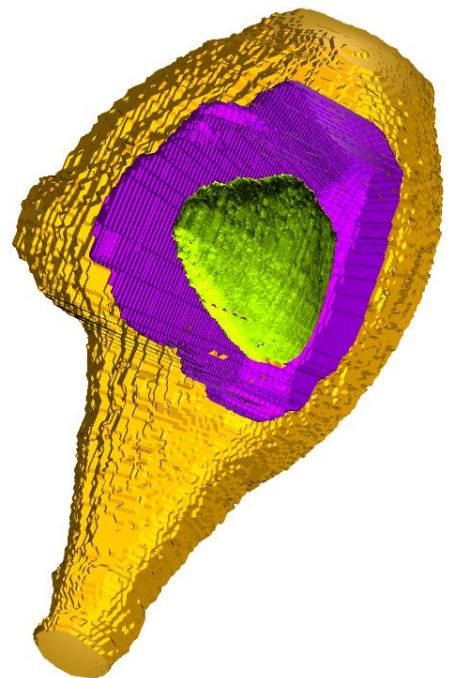


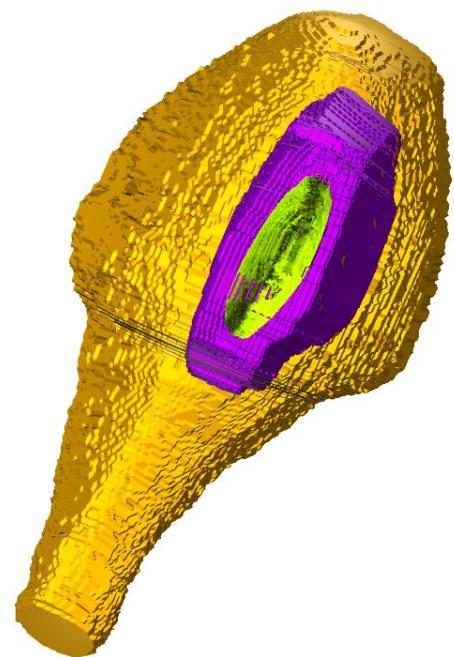
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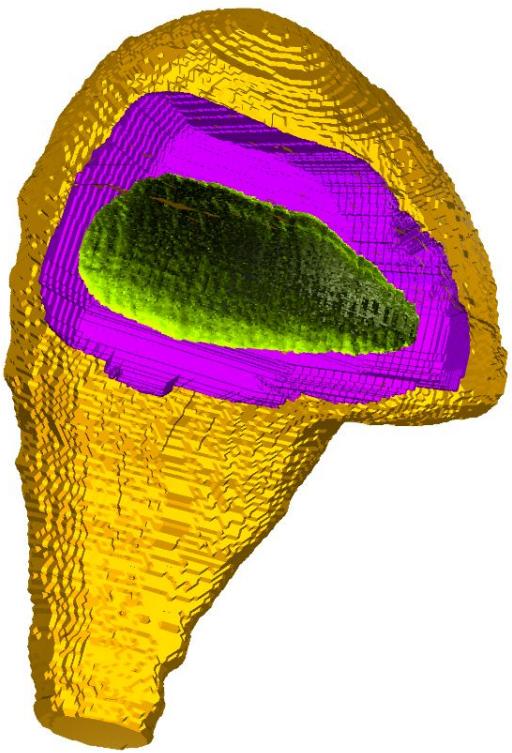


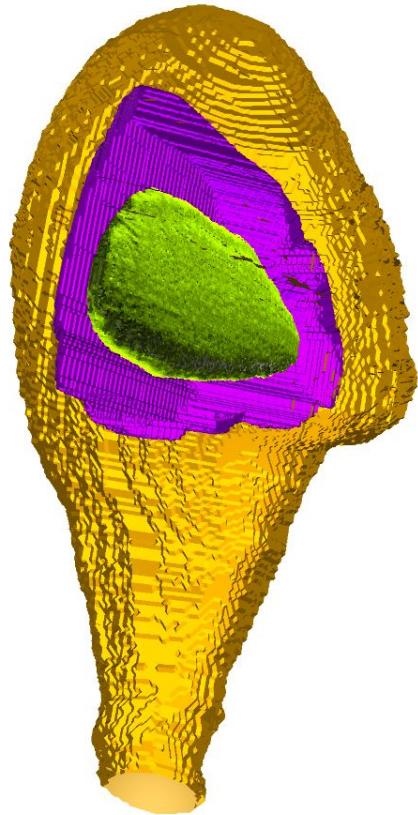
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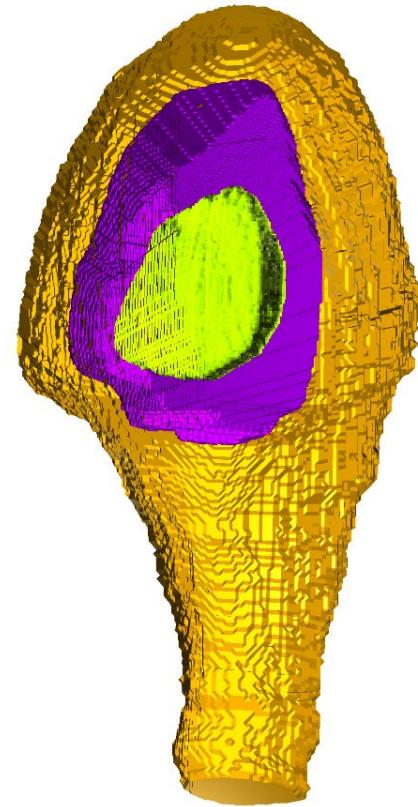


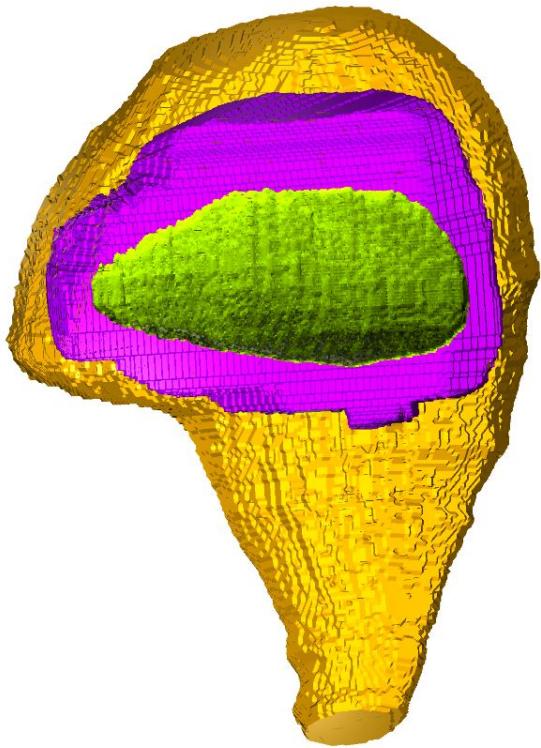


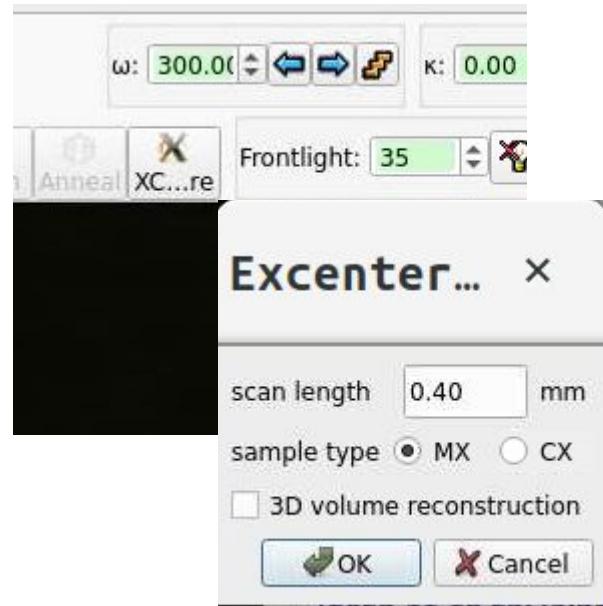












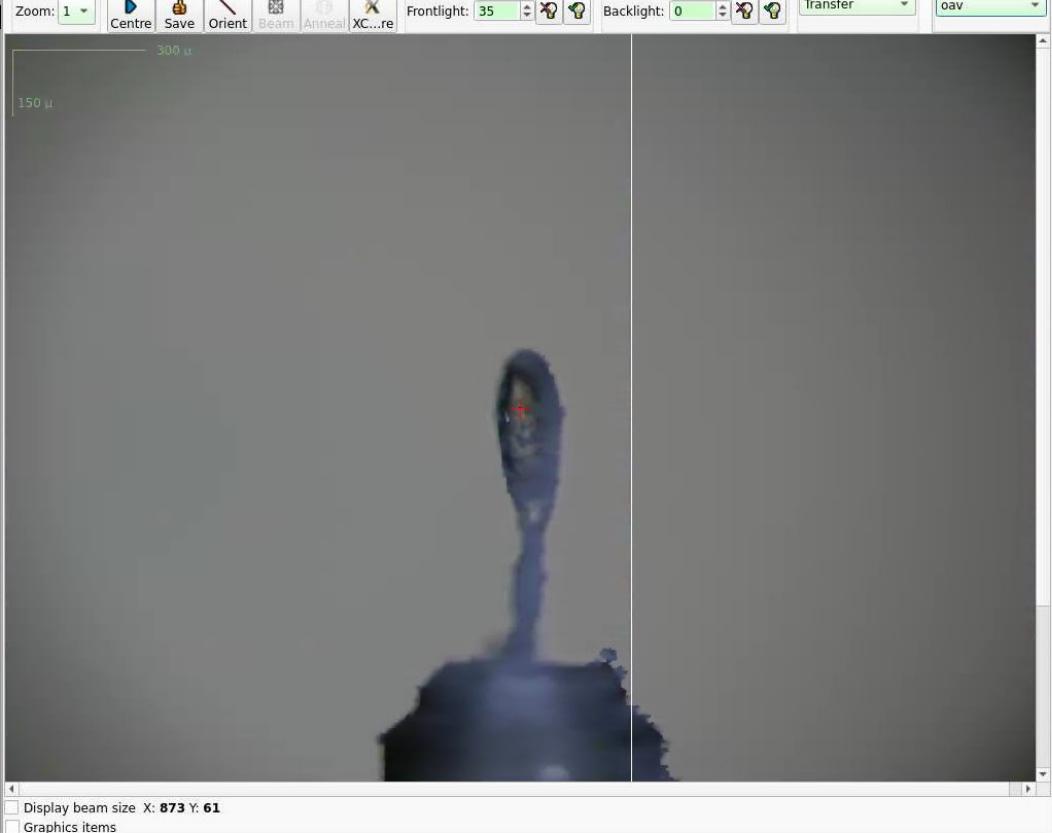
MXCuBE (on proxima2a-pc4)

File Queue View Graphics Help

Sample alignment

w: 135.00 k: 0.00 φ: 0.00

Frontlight: 35 Backlight: 0 Transfer oav



Sample: 9_11

Standard Collection

Characterisation

Helical Collection

Energy Scan

XRF Spectrum

Data location

Folder:

/nfs/data4/2025_Run5/com-proxima2a/2025-11-18/RAW_DATA

PX2-0046

File name: pos11_1_#####.raw

Prefix pos11

Run number 1

Parameters

Count time (s): 10

Excitation energy (keV): 15.00

Adjust transmission

GPhL Workflows

Advanced

ISPyB proposal

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Logout

Sample tree

Mode:

Cats

Show robot menu

Sample:

ISPyB

Centring:

Auto + n-click n-clicks: 3 step 120.0

Filter:

No filter

9_5
9_6
9_7
9_8
9_9
9_10
9_11

Characterisation - 1
ref-pos11_1 (Point - not defined)

Queue history

Collect Queue Pause

Frontend shutter closed

Safety shutter disabled

Machine current

501.0 mA

Machine state

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Shift Lignes

filling: 4/4

Dernière perte : Default

Profibus Alim QPole

Beam usable

Hutch temperature

21.8 C

Flux

5.62e+10 ph/s

Beam size

0.010x0.005 mm

Cryostream

In place

sample temperature: 100.0 K

Sample changer

Dewar level in range

refill On

Ramdisk

Total: 159.4TB

Free: 3.7TB (2%)

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Transmission
Current: 100.00 %
Set to: 100.00 %

Display beam size X: 873 Y: 61
 Graphics items (2%)

- State: Ready Diffractometer: Ready Sample changer: - Last collect: Characterisation : Successful (2025-11-18 23:49:51)

File system EDNA ISPyB

MXCuBE (on proxima2a-pc4)

File Queue View Graphics Help

Sample alignment

w: 0.00 K: 180.00 φ: 0.00

Zoom: 1

Centre Save Orient Beam Animer XC...re

Frontlight: 35

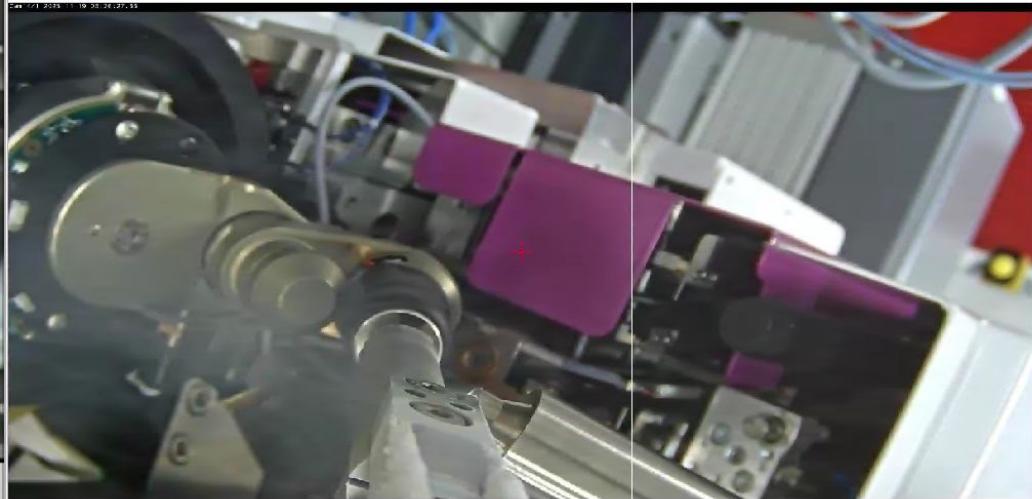
Backlight: 0

Transfer

cam14_1

300 μ

150 μ



Display beam size X: 775 Y: 12
Graphics items

- State: Ready Diffractometer: Preparing the Transfer position for Sample Changer. Sample changer: - Last collect: Characterisation : Successful (2025-11-18 23:49:51)

Sample: 9_11

Standard Collection

Characterisation

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Energy Scan

XRF Spectrum

Data location

Folder:

/nfs/data4/2025_Run5/com-proxima2a/2025-11-18/Raw DATA

PX2-0046

File name: pos11_1_#_##.raw

Prefix: pos11

Run number: 1

Parameters

Count time (s): 10

Excitation energy (keV): 15.00

Adjust transmission

GPhL Workflows

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Collect Now

ISPyB proposal

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Logout

Sample tree

Mode:

Cats

Show robot menu

Remove

ISPyB

Centring:

Auto + n-click n-clicks: 3 step 120.0

Filter:

No filter

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9.6

9.7

9.8

9.9

9.10

9.11

Characterisation

refinement (Point not defined)

Queue history

Collect Queue

Pause

Frontend shutter closed

Open

Close

Safety shutter disabled

Open

Close

Machine current

500.1 mA

Machine state

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Shift Lines

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Cryostream

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Resolution

Current: 1.920 Å

200.00 mm

Set to: Å

Energy

Current: 13.0001 keV

0.9537 Å

Set to: keV

Center beam after energy change

Transmission

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Set to:

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Add to queue

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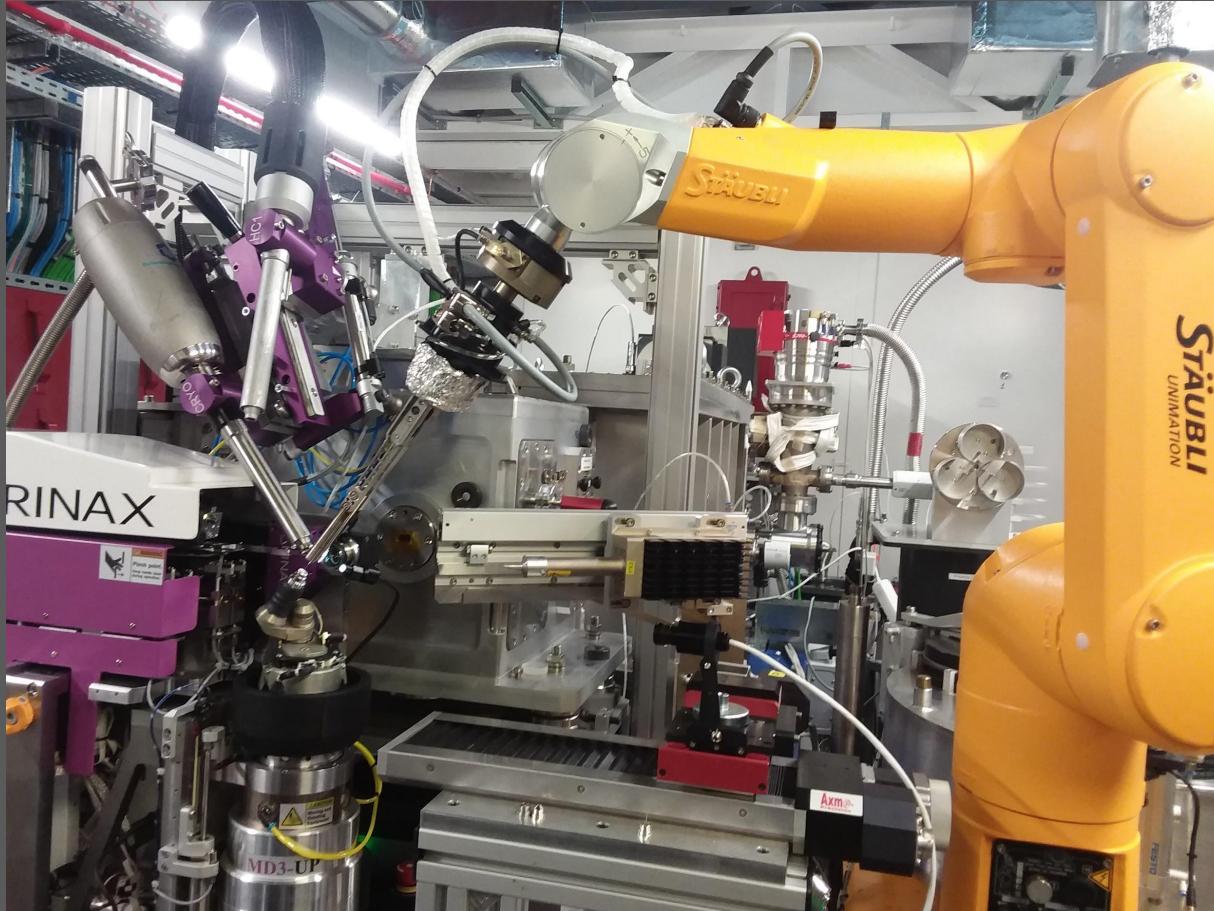
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File system EDNA ISPyB

MD3 integration

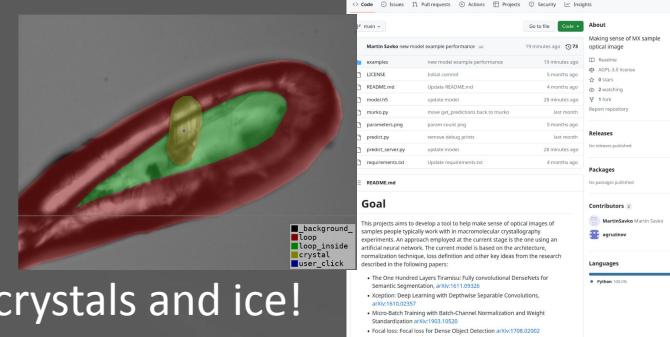
- Excellent performance of the new goniometer
 - FATs Dec 2024; SATs Jan 2025
 - SOC \sim 150nm
 - MK3 necessary for sample exchange (at 180 deg)
 - Non ideal position of the Cryostream with respect to the sample -- varying cross section of the cold stream with pin at non zero Kappa.
 - Nearly instantaneous zoom changes.

Commissioning new goniometer!



Plans for the next 6 months

- Finalizing mxcubeweb adaptation
 - Dan Costin
- Minikappa & GPhL workflows with MD3
- Murko
 - github.com/MartinSavko/murko.git
 - deploy model version with additional outputs
 - diffraction raster scans prediction head: learn crystals and ice!
 - bounding box, key points and explicit shape encoding in-network inference
- Volume aware experiments
 - rational spread of the dose (multi sweep experiments)



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What do we do in automated mode?

- Sample optical evaluation
 - alignment and centring
 - shape determination
- Diffraction evaluation from stills
 - diffraction tomography
 - diffraction quality mapping
- Diffraction evaluation from oscillation
 - few wedges around 360 degrees of rotation
 - resolution limit
 - strategy determination
- Full reciprocal space mapping
 - single or more sweeps of diffraction at one or more goniometer settings