

Sharing scientific data: the crystallography experience

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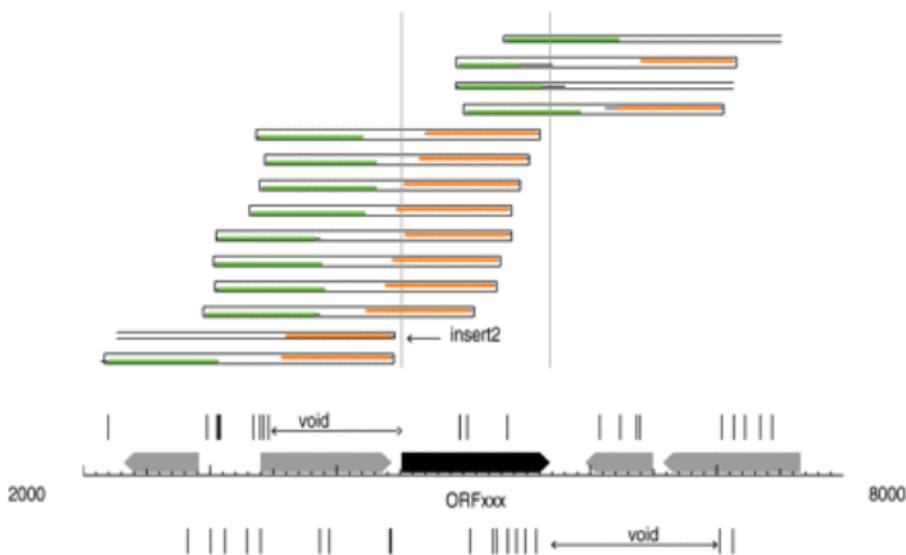


Layout of the talk

- ① Scientific data: volumes and uses
- ② Crystallographic data(bases)
- ③ Data organisation principles

Discoveries in raw data

Zheng from the team of Roberts (NEB) use raw sequencing read data to discover *active* restriction-modification systems:
[Zheng et al., 2008]:



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Starrydata2

Data need to be extracted (sometimes, manually...) from publications to make analyses.

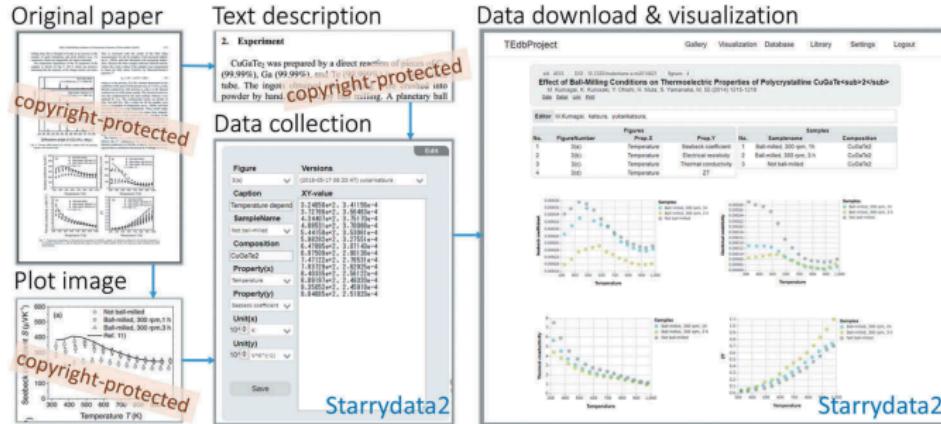


Figure 1. Concept of plot mining in the *Starrydata2* web system. An example paper [32] and the screenshots of *Starrydata2* web system are presented. Reproduced with permission from Thermoelectrics Society of Japan.

[Katsura et al., 2019]

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But with data, new insights can be drawn from the aggregated publications: <https://www.starrydata2.org/>

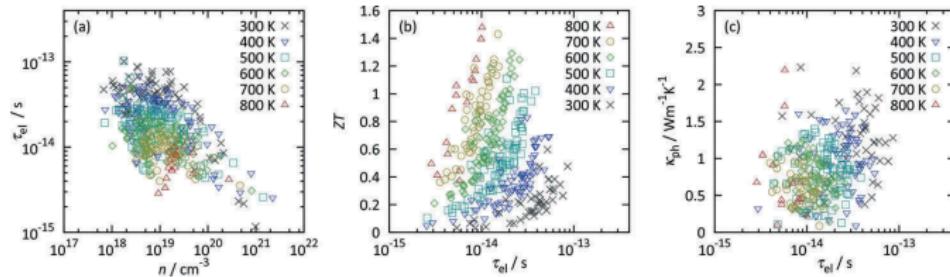


Figure 6. Relationship between (a) carrier doping level n and electron relaxation time τ_{el} , (b) τ_{el} and thermoelectric figure of merit ZT , and (c) τ_{el} and phonon thermal conductivity κ_{ph} , estimated for 207 experimental samples of n -type PbTe.

$$(\tau_{\text{el}} \in [10^{-15}..10^{-13}] \text{ vs. } \tau_{\text{el}} = 10^{-14} \text{ s})$$

[Katsura et al., 2019]

Consequences: AlphaFold

<https://deepmind.com/research/open-source/alphafold-protein-structure-database>¹

The screenshot shows the DeepMind website's research section. On the left, there's a sidebar with links to About, Research (which is currently selected), Impact, Blog, Safety & Ethics, and Careers. The main content area has a light green header with the DeepMind logo, a navigation bar with 'Research' and 'AlphaFold Protein Structure Database', and a 'DEEPSOURCE' badge. Below this is a dark blue section containing the title 'AlphaFold Protein Structure Database'. Underneath the title, a paragraph explains what AlphaFold is and its performance in CASP14. It then states that the database was created in partnership with EMBL-EBI to make predictions freely available. A note at the bottom mentions the initial release covers 20,000 human proteins and other organisms. At the very bottom of the page, there's a footer with a navigation bar.

“Our models are trained on structures extracted from the PDB”
[Senior et al., 2020].

¹(accessed 2021-11-23)

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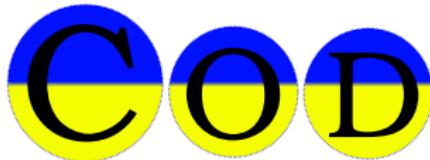
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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Worldwide Protein Data Bank (PDB) at www.rcsb.org/pdb. It features a large molecular structure visualization on the right, a banner at the top stating "Celebrating 10 Years of the PDB", and sections for "Vision and Mission" and "wPDB Resources". The main navigation bar includes links for VALIDATION, DEPOSITION, DICTIONARIES, DOCUMENTATION, and DOWNLOADS.



The screenshot shows the RCSB Protein Data Bank (RCSB PDB) website at www.rcsb.org/pdb. It displays search results for "204826" structures, including "204826 Structures from the PDB" and "1,386,371 Computed Structure Models (CSMs)". The interface includes tabs for RCSB PDB, PDB-101, RCSB Bio-Grid, and RCSB Dev. A prominent "Deposit" button is visible on the left. The bottom section provides deposition instructions for PDB, PDB-101, and RCSB Bio-Grid.



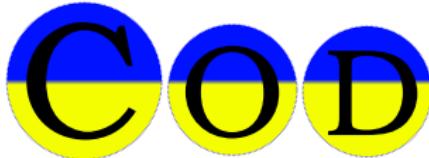
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The screenshot shows the PDB homepage with a banner celebrating 10 years of the RCSB PDB. It features a large molecular model of a protein. Navigation links include Validation, Deposition, Dictionaries, Documentation, Task Forces, and Downloads.

The screenshot displays two side-by-side web pages. On the left is the RCSB PDB homepage, showing statistics like 294,438 structures and 1,386,371 Computed Structure Models (CSMs). On the right is the PDBj homepage, which is a Japanese version of the PDB. Both pages feature search bars and various navigation tabs.



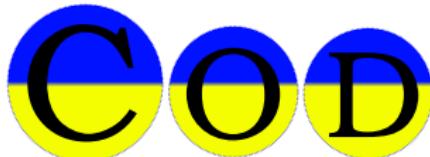
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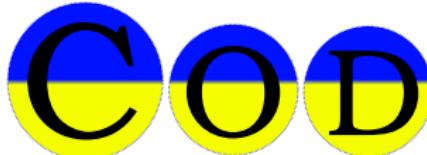
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Deposition to RCSB PDB



About **10⁶ – 10⁷** crystallographic records are available.

The Crystallography Open Database (COD)

<https://www.crystallography.net>
Online since 2003 :)



COD Home

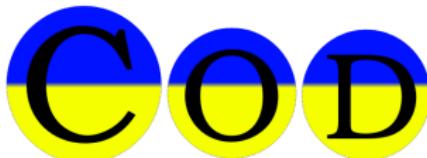
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Accessing COD Data

- Browse
- Search
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Add Your Data

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Open-access collection of crystal structures of organic, inorganic, metal-organic compounds and minerals, excluding biopolymers.

Including data and software from [CrystalEye](#), developed by Nick Day at the [department of Chemistry](#), the University of Cambridge under supervision of [Peter Murray-Rust](#).

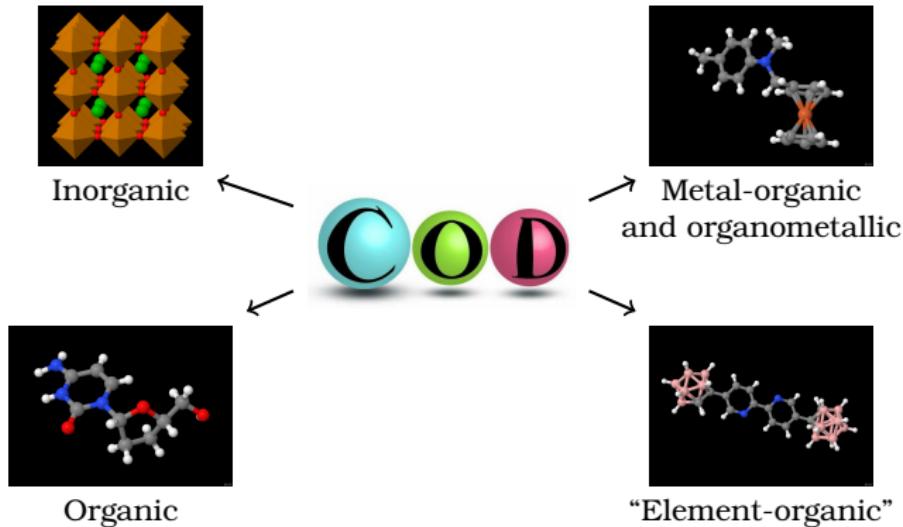
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Currently there are **502408** entries in the COD.

> **500 000** records as of 2023-05-22, available under [CC0 License](#)

COD contents

The Crystallography Open Database (COD)
<https://www.crystallography.net>



The CIF framework

The screenshot shows the IUCr website with a red header bar containing links for iucr, journals, books, news, education, people, resources, and outreach. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for world directory, other directories, data, cif, lists, blogs, forums, commissions, nexus, symmetry font, and search. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: Home > resources > cif > specification. On the left, there's a sidebar with a CIF logo and a list of specifications: CIF 2 syntax specification, CIF 1.1 syntax specification, Ancillary notes, STAR File, and Dictionary Definition Language. The main content area has a section titled "Specifications" with a sub-section titled "CIF". It states: "These pages provide the formal specification of the Crystallographic Information Framework file format. Two closely-related syntaxes are available: [version 1.1](#) and [version 2.0](#). The version number 1.0 was assigned retrospectively to the version described in the original paper of Hall, Allen & Brown (1991), as amended by COMCIFS 29 January 1997. In addition to the formal specification, a number of ancillary notes are published that describe conventions or guidelines applied within one or more of the dictionaries of CIF data items that are used in various topic areas. These notes should be adhered to as closely as possible, in association with the formal specification of file syntax and implied semantics, to maximise the efficient interoperability of CIF-based applications." At the bottom, it says: "The International Union of Crystallography is a non-profit scientific union serving the world-wide interests of crystallographers and other scientists employing crystallographic methods."

[Hall et al., 1991]

The Crystallographic Interchange File/Framework (CIF):

- Provides standard means for data publishing and exchange;
- Is suitable for archiving;
- Is maintained by the IUCr;

Example of a CIF file

CIF (Crystallographic Interchange Framework/Format)

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'Maslen, E. N.'
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- Keep data provenance (original file names);

Three levels of data validation

- Check of file syntax;
- Validation against dictionaries;
- Domain-specific checks:
 - internal consistency;
 - coherence with raw data;
 - scientific plausibility;

COD data validation

COD data validation policies:

- ① Syntactic checks [Merkys et al., 2016]:
`$ cifparse 7234818.cif`
- ② Semantic validation (against dictionaries)
[Vaitkus et al., 2021]
`$ cif_validate -D cif_core.dic 7234818.cif`
- ③ Database-specific checks
[Gražulis et al., 2009]
`$ cif_cod_check 7234818.cif`

COD data curation

Data curation in the COD:

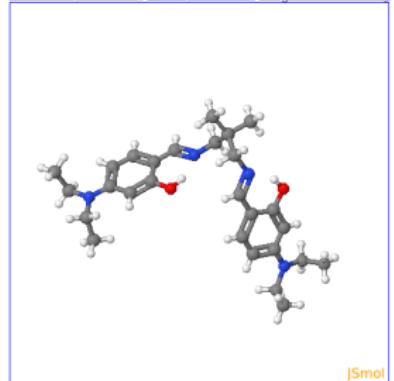
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COD chemical repertoire

<https://molecules.crystallography.net/~saulius/cod-molecules/cod/2227697.html>

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Reduced structural formula



Reduced canonical SMILES:

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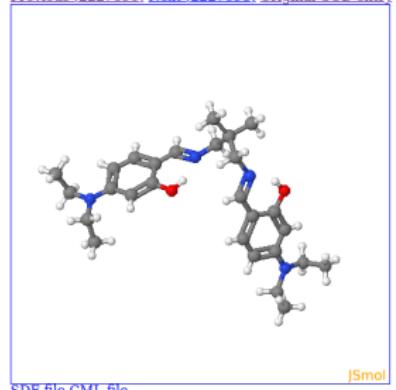
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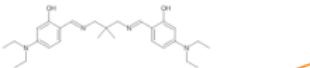
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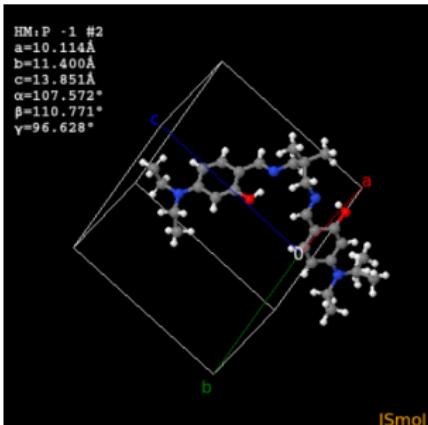


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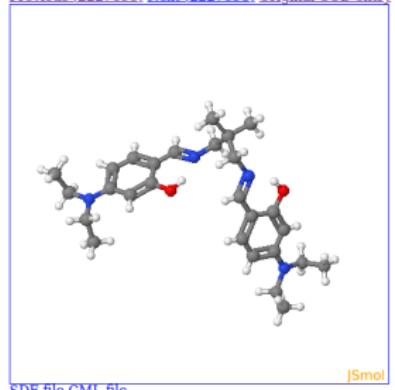
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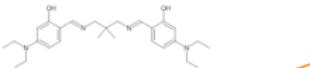
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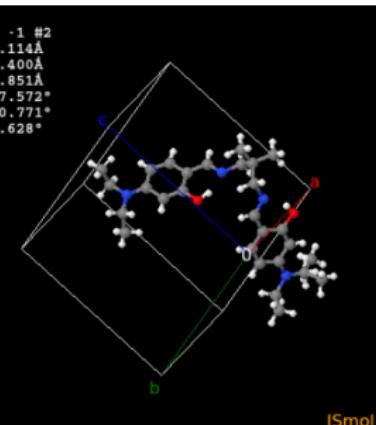
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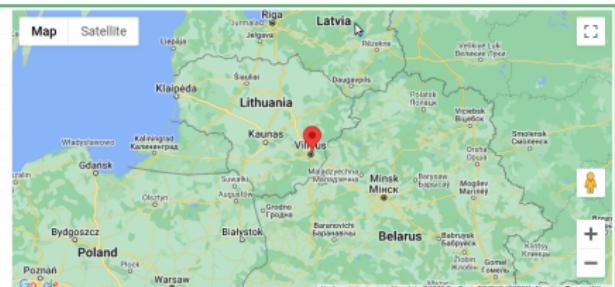
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DATA SOURCES

Crystallography Open Database

The Crystallography Open Database is an open-access collection of crystal structures of organic, inorganic, metal-organics compounds and minerals, excluding biopolymers.

Organization	Vilnius University Institute of Biotechnology
Category	Research and Development
URL	https://www.crystallography.net/cod/
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Data Source ID	849
Data in PubChem	203,088 Live Substances
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6-(2-Bromobenzylamino)purine monohydrate

PubChem SID	164348954
Structure	 2D
Source	Crystallography Open Database
External ID	2210002
Source Category	Research and Development
Version	1 Revision History
Status	Live
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- Data publication is as important as papers!
- Aggregated data allows new discoveries...
- ... but for this data need to be properly organised.
- Sharing data gives benefits to all.
- **Your contribution is important!**

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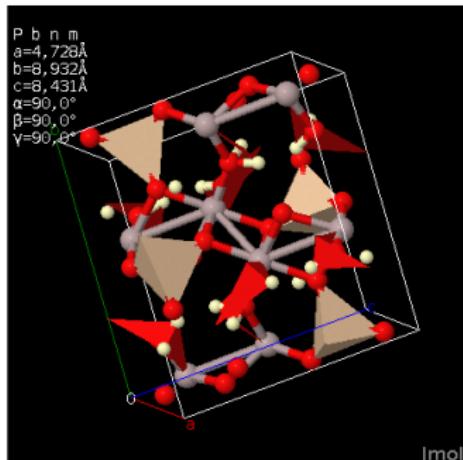
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