Launching the Theoretical Crystallography Open Database

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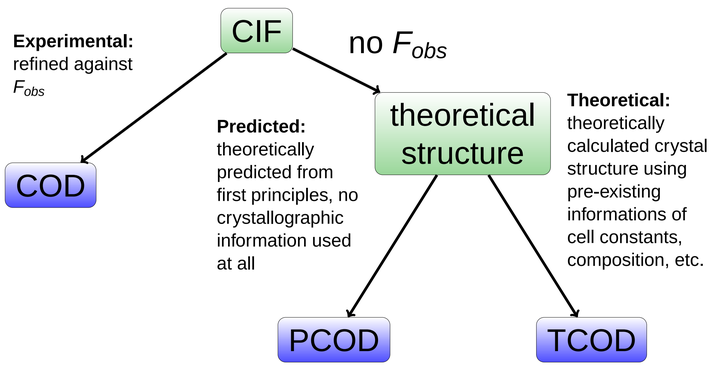
Abstract

As electronic structure methods enjoy unprecedented developments, computer power increases and price/performance ratio drops, a large number of crystal structures can today be optimized and their properties computed using modern theoretical approaches (DFT, post-HF, QM/MM, etc.). We thus increasingly feel that an open collection of theoretically computed crystal structures would be a valuable resource for the scientific community. To address this need, we have launched a Theoretical Crystallography Open Database (TCOD, [4]). The TCOD sets a goal to collect a comprehensive set of computed crystal structures that would be made available under an Open Data license and invites all scientists to deposit their published results or pre-publication data. Accompanied with a large set of experimental structures in the COD database [3], the TCOD opens immediate possibilities for experimental and theoretical data cross-validation. The property results can now be tested against the Material Properties Open Database [6, 1].

Structures in *COD databases



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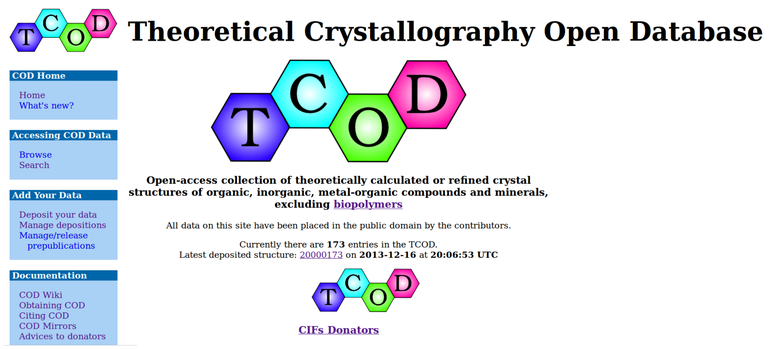
TCOD Web site

http://www.crystallography.net/tcod/



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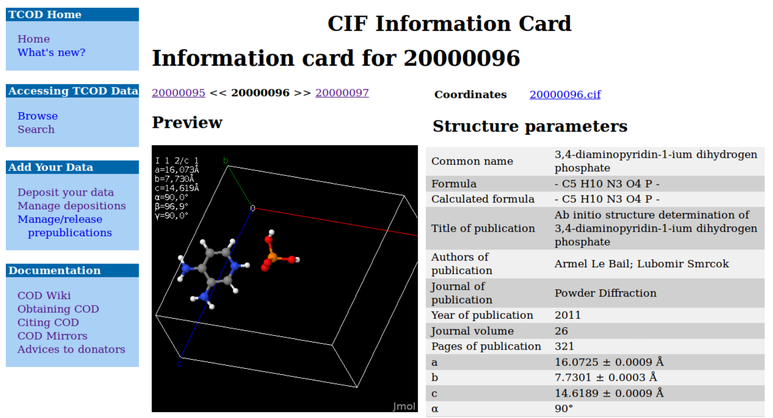

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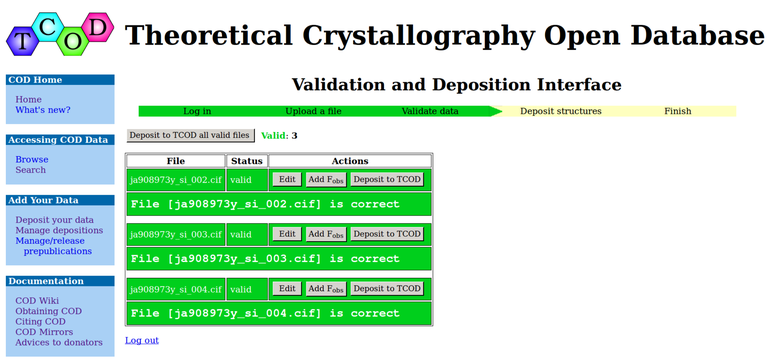

Structure description levels

Structures may be described at different level of detail in TCOD:

Level 0	Level 1	Level 2
	Level 0, plus:	Level 1, plus:
1. lattice and symmetry	1. computational setup & parameters	1. input scripts and files
2. atomic coordinates	2. residual forces on atoms and cell	2. command line
3. bibliography reference	3. code-specific convergence criteria	3. output logs of the code

Dictionaries

To ensure high quality of deposited data, TCOD offers ontologies in a form of CIF [5] dictionaries and an automated pipeline that checks each submitted structure against a set of community-specified criteria for convergence, computation quality and reproducibility. Dictionaries are available at: http://www.crystallography.net/tcod/cif/dictionaries/:

cif_tcod.dic

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data_tcode_structure_type
    _name '_tcode_structure_type'
    _type char
    loop_ _enumeration
          _enumeration_detail

          ground-state
             'refined crystal structure at ground state'
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cif_dft.dic

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data_tcod_dft_valence_electrons
    _name '_dft_valence_electrons'
    _type numb
    _definition
; Total number of electrons in calculation.
;
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Conclusions

- The CIF [5] appears to be very well suitable to describe results of computational chemistry and computational crystallography.
- The existing COD [2] software permitted very fast implementation of a database for theoretically computed structures.
- It remains to be seen if the community will endorse this format of data exchange. **Join the discussion at: http://lists.crystallography.net/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/tcod!**

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