

Sharing scientific data: the crystallography experience

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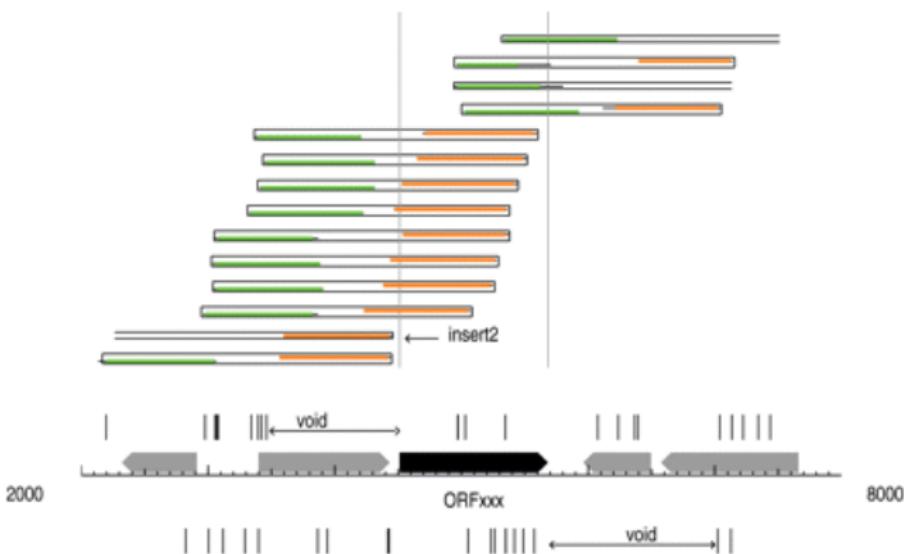


Layout of the talk

- 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]:



Publications are *not* data!

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/>

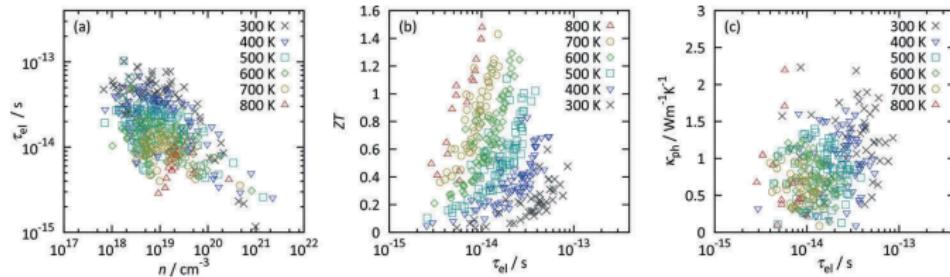


Figure 6. Relationship between (a) carrier doping level n and electron relaxation time τ_{el} , (b) τ_{el} and thermoelectric figure of merit ZT , and (c) τ_{el} and phonon thermal conductivity κ_{ph} , estimated for 207 experimental samples of n -type PbTe.

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

[Katsura et al., 2019]

Consequences: AlphaFold

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

The screenshot shows the DeepMind website with a blue sidebar containing links to About, Research, Impact, Blog, Safety & Ethics, and Careers. The main content area has a light green header with the DeepMind logo, a navigation bar (Research > AlphaFold Protein Structure Database), and an 'OPENSOURCE' badge. Below this is a dark blue section with the title 'AlphaFold Protein Structure Database'. The text explains that AlphaFold is an AI system for predicting protein 3D structures from amino acid sequences. It mentions CASP14 results and a partnership with EMBL-EBI to create the database. A note states that the initial release covers 20,000 human proteins and other organisms. At the bottom, there's a 'FURTHER READING' section with a 'Sciences' link.

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

¹(accessed 2021-11-23)

Crystallographic databases

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Protein DATA BANK

1004,438 Structures from the PDB
1,286,371 Computed Structure Models (CSM)

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Welcome

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PDBj

Above PDBj

Protein Data Bank (PDB) maintains the single global PDB (Protein Data Bank) archive of macromolecular structures and provides integrated access and research activities of the database at Protein Data Bank. The database is supported by RCSB PDB, PDBj, and PDB-ROCS.

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Print these results into the Word search box to narrow down the search results.

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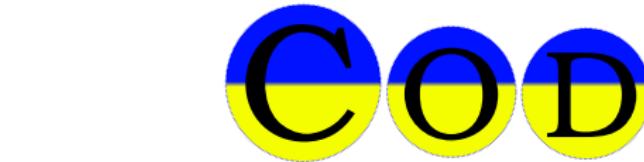
- Protein Data Bank;
- Crystallography Open Database (and its “sisters”);



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, with text about the PDB's 10th anniversary. The top navigation bar includes links for VALIDATION, DEPOSITION, DICTIONARIES, DOCUMENTATION, TAKS FORCES, and DOWNLOADS.



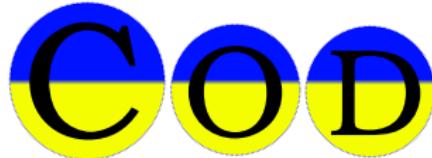
The screenshot shows the RCSB PDB website at www.rcsb.org/pdb. It displays a search interface with fields for ID, Structure, and Keyword. Below the search bar, it shows statistics: 294,428 structures from the PDB and 1,386,371 Computed Structure Models (CSMs). The page also includes links for PDB-Depo, RCSB PDB, RCSB PDB Dev, RCSB PDB-DOE, and RCSB PDB-ESI. A sidebar on the left provides links for About us, Training, E2 Research, and Services. A central panel shows a molecular structure and deposition statistics: 204826 deposited structures and 1058 (40) deposited models.



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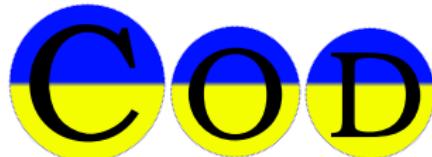
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- PDF
- Pauling File
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More

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About RCSB PDB

RCSB Protein Data Bank (RCSB PDB) is a single portal for macromolecular structures and provides integrated research activities of the database for Protein Science. The database is supported by RCSB PDB, PDBj, and RCSB Bio.

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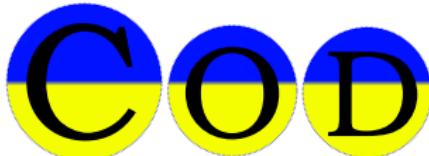
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About **10⁶ – 10⁷** crystallographic records are available.

The Crystallography Open Database (COD)

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



COD Home

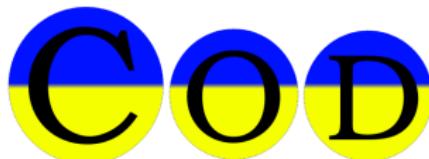
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- What's new?

Accessing COD Data

- Browse
- Search
- Search by structural formula

Add Your Data

- Deposit your data
- Manage depositions
- Manage/release prepublications



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](#).

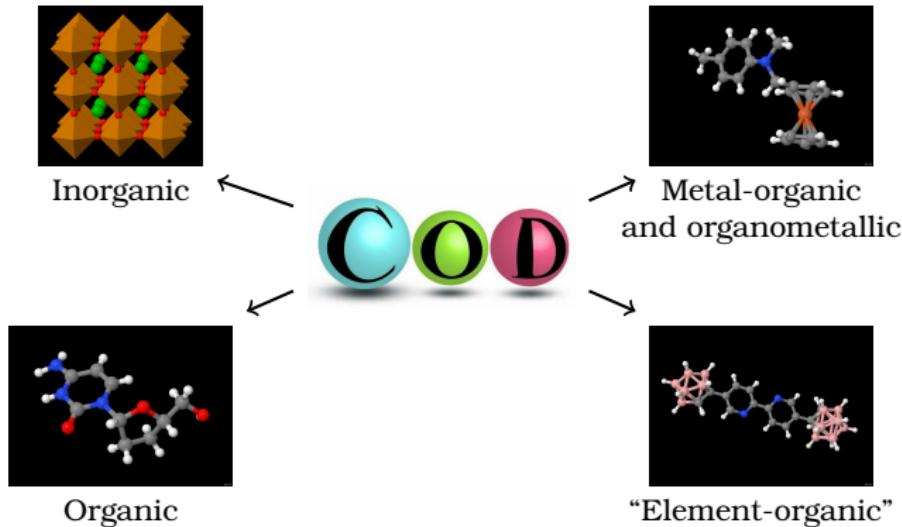
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Currently there are **502408** entries in the COD.

> **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 like "iucr", "journals", "books", "news", "education", "people", "resources", and "outreach". Below the header is a navigation menu with "world directory", "other directories", "data", "cif", "lists", "blogs", "forums", "commissions", "nexus", and "symmetry font". The main content area has a large CIF logo and the title "Specifications". A sidebar on the left lists "CIF 2 syntax specification", "CIF 1.1 syntax specification", "Ancillary notes", "STAR File", and "Dictionary Definition Language". The text in the main content area discusses the formal specification of the Crystallographic Information Framework file format, mentioning version 1.1 and version 2.0, and notes about conventions and guidelines.

[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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'Buttner, R. H.'
'Maslen, E. N.'
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_symmetry_space_group_name_H-M   'P 4 m m'
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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:

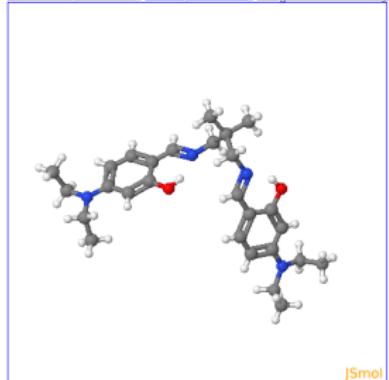
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@@ -68,8 +68,24 @@
_atom_site_fract_y
_atom_site_fract_z
_atom_site_U_iso_or_equiv
{+_atom_site_type_symbol+}
{+_atom_site_attached_hydrogens+}
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COD chemical repertoire

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

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Reduced structural formula



Reduced canonical SMILES:

CCN(c1ccc(c(c1)O)/C=N/CC(C/N=C/c1ccc(cc1O)N(CC)CC)(C)C)CC (**x1**) [PubChem](#)

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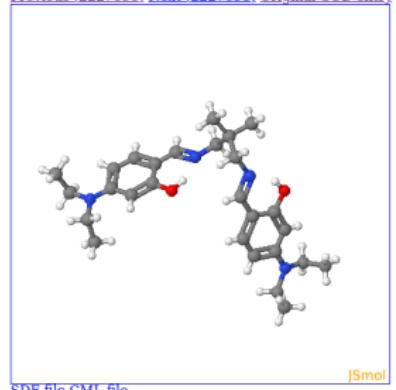
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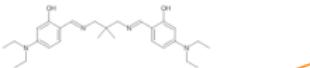
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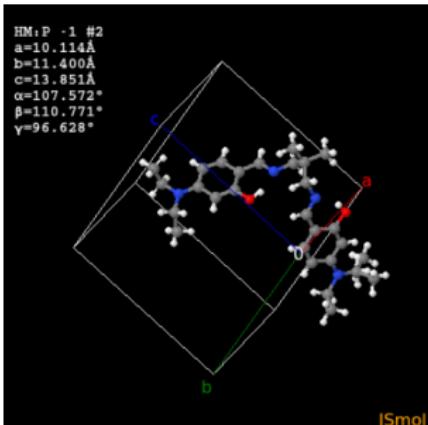


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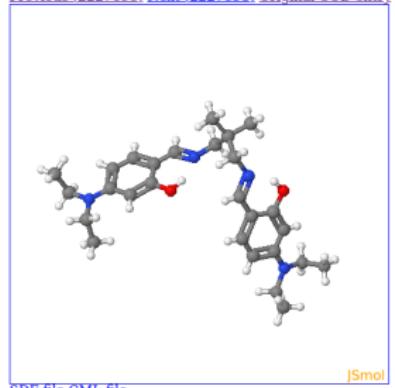
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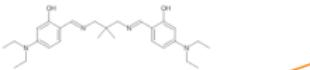
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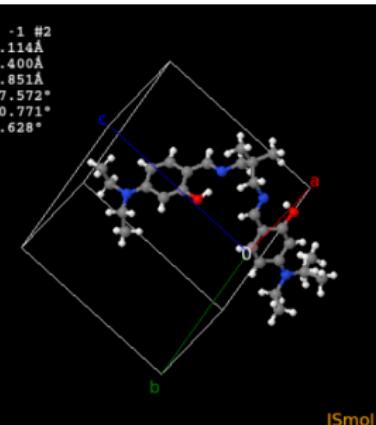
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COD and PubChem

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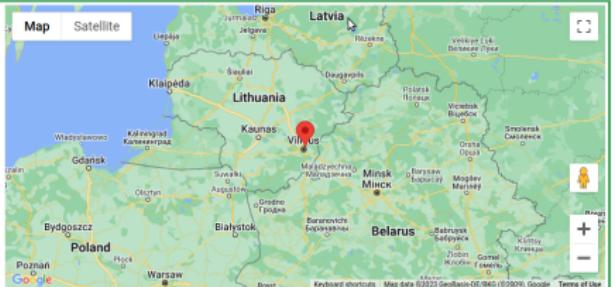
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DATA SOURCES

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
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Conclusions

- 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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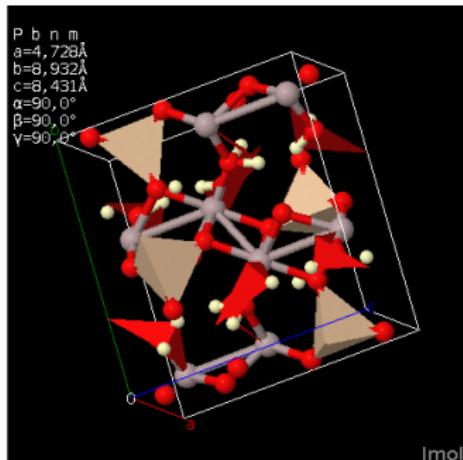
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