

Open Crystallographic Databases: COD, TCOD and the sisters

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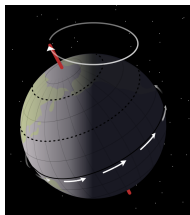
Layout of the talk

- 1 The value of crystallographic data
- 2 Crystallographic data(bases): COD, TCOD, PCOD, MPOD,
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Data importance

Hipparchus (c. 190 – c. 120 BCE)

- measured the longitude of Spica and Regulus and other bright stars
- compared his measurements with data from his predecessors, Timocharis and Aristillus, who lived ≈ 100 years before him,
- discovered what is now called *the precession of the equinoxes*



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([Wikipedia](#), see also articles on [Timocharis](#) and [Aristyllus](#))

Publications are *not* data!

Starrydata2

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

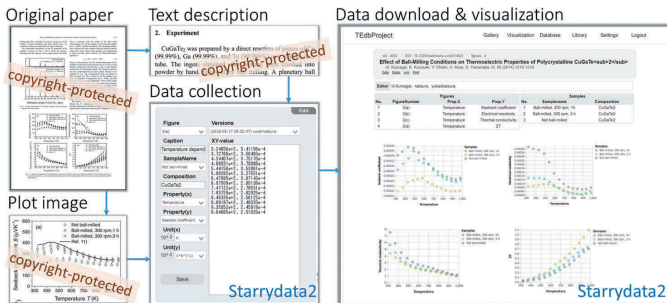


Figure 1. Concept of plot mining in the Starrydata2 web system. An example paper [32] and the screenshots of Starrydata2 web system are presented. Reproduced with permission from Thermoelectrics Society of Japan.

[Katsura et al. (2019)]

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

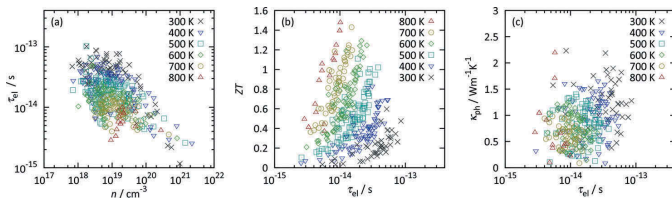


Figure 6. Relationship between (a) carrier doping level n and electron relaxation time τ_{el} , (b) τ_{el} and thermoelectric figure of merit ZT , and (c) τ_{el} and phonon thermal conductivity κ_{ph} , estimated for 207 experimental samples of n -type PbTe.

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

[Katsura et al. (2019)]

Crystallographic databases

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- Protein Data Bank;



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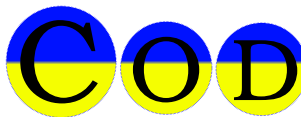
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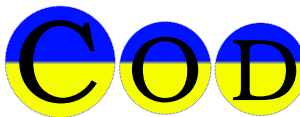
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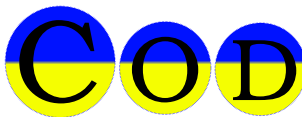
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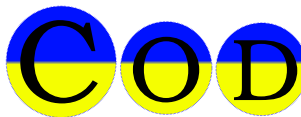
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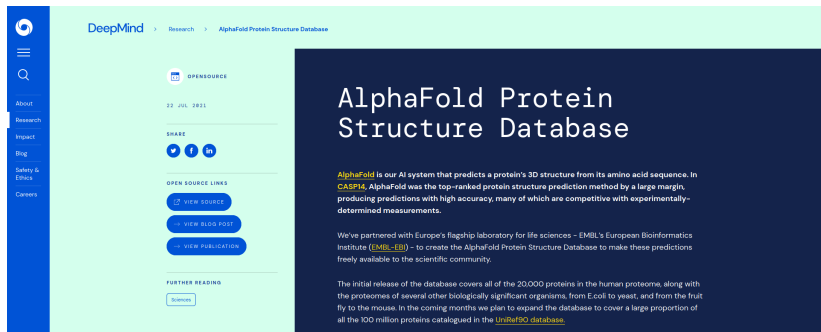
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About 10^6 – 10^7 crystallographic records are available.

Consequences: AlphaFold

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



The screenshot shows the website for the AlphaFold Protein Structure Database. The page has a blue sidebar on the left with navigation links: About, Research, Impact, Blog, Safety & Ethics, and Careers. The main content area is white with a blue header. The header includes the DeepMind logo and navigation breadcrumbs: Research > AlphaFold Protein Structure Database. Below the header, there is a section for 'OPENSOURCE' dated '22 JUL 2021'. This section includes social media share buttons for Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. Below that, there are three blue buttons labeled 'VIEW SOURCE', 'VIEW BLOG POST', and 'VIEW PUBLICATION'. At the bottom of this section, there is a 'FURTHER READING' section with a 'Science' link. The right side of the page features a large dark blue banner with the title 'AlphaFold Protein Structure Database' in white. Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: 'AlphaFold is our AI system that predicts a protein's 3D structure from its amino acid sequence. In CASP14, AlphaFold was the top-ranked protein structure prediction method by a large margin, producing predictions with high accuracy, many of which are competitive with experimentally-determined measurements.' Below this paragraph, there is another paragraph: 'We've partnered with Europe's flagship laboratory for life sciences - EMBL's European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI) - to create the AlphaFold Protein Structure Database to make these predictions freely available to the scientific community.' At the bottom of the banner, there is a final paragraph: 'The initial release of the database covers all of the 20,000 proteins in the human proteome, along with the proteomes of several other biologically significant organisms, from E.coli to yeast, and from the fruit fly to the mouse. In the coming months we plan to expand the database to cover a large proportion of all the 100 million proteins catalogued in the UniRef90 database.'

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

¹(accessed 2021-11-23)

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The COD project

But what if crystallographers work together to establish a public domain database with all relevant crystallographic data? This would not only overcome the current situation with 'fragmented' databases, it would also prevent for becoming dependent from monopolists.

What would be needed?

1. A small team of engaged scientists with some experience in database and software design to coordinate the project.
2. The authors (i.e. the scientific community = YOU) who provides the project with database entries (note, that if you have'nt sold your experimental results exclusively, you are free to distribute the data to such a database, even if they have already been part of a publication - and a lot of good data have never been published).
3. Free software a) for maintaining the database, b) for data evaluation and calculation of derived data (e.g. calculated powder pattern from crystal structures for search-match purposes), c) for browsing and retrieval.

[gemstonede \(Dr. Michael BERNDT\)](#) Fri Feb 14, 2003 1:26 pm

The Crystallography Open Database (COD)

<https://www.crystallography.net>

Online since 2003 :)



Crystallography Open Database

COD Home

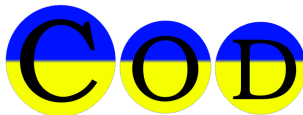
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Accessing COD Data

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**.

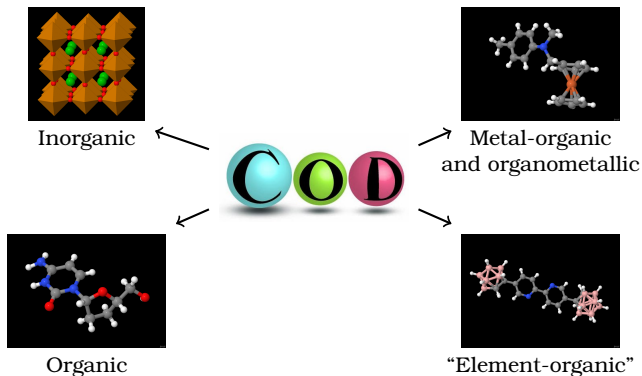
Including data and *software* from *CrystalEye*, developed by Nick Day at the *department of Chemistry*, the University of Cambridge under supervision of *Peter Murray-Rust*.

All data on this site have been placed in the **public domain** by the contributors.

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

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

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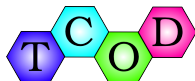
Open Crystallographic Databases

COD, TCOD, PCOD, MPOD, ROD, HOD ...



<http://www.crystallography.net/cod>

> 479 000 entries



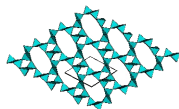
<http://www.crystallography.net/tcod>

> 2900 entries (ready to grow to > 10^7 ?)



<http://mpod.cimav.edu.mx/>

> 300 entries



PCOD

<http://www.crystallography.net/pcod>

> 10^6 entries (ready to grow to > 10^8 ?)

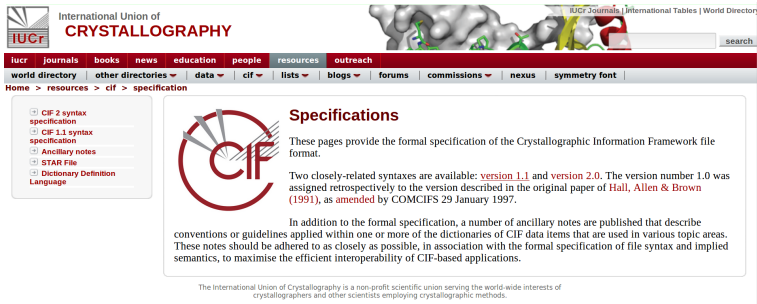
ROD

<http://solsa.crystallography.net/rod/>

> 1100 entries

[Gražulis et al. (2009), Gražulis et al. (2012), Pepponi et al. (2012), Fuentes-Cobas et al. (2017), Mendili et al. (2019)]

The CIF framework



The screenshot shows the IUCr website interface. At the top, the IUCr logo and the text "International Union of CRYSTALLOGRAPHY" are visible. Below this is a navigation menu with categories like "journals", "books", "news", "education", "people", "resources", and "outreach". A search bar is located on the right. The main content area is titled "Specifications" and features a large red "CIF" logo. The text explains that these pages provide the formal specification of the Crystallographic Information Framework file format. It mentions two versions: version 1.1 and version 2.0, and notes that version 1.0 was assigned retrospectively to the original paper of Hall, Allen & Brown (1991), as amended by COMCIFS 29 January 1997. It also states that ancillary notes are published to describe conventions and guidelines applied within one or more of the dictionaries of CIF data items. At the bottom of the page, a small text block identifies the IUCr as a non-profit scientific union serving the world-wide interests of crystallographers and other scientists.

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Home > resources > cif > specification

- ☐ CIF 2 syntax specification
- ☐ CIF 1.1 syntax specification
- ☐ Ancillary notes
- ☐ STAR File
- ☐ Dictionary Definition Language

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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

examples/2100858-head.cif:

```
data_2100858
loop_
 _publ_author_name
 'Buttner, R. H.'
 'Maslen, E. N.'
 _publ_section_title
 ;
  Structural parameters and electron difference density in BaTiO3-
 ;
 _journal_issue          6
 _journal_name_full     'Acta Crystallographica Section B'
 _journal_page_first    764
 _journal_page_last     769
 _journal_volume        48
 _journal_year          1992
 _chemical_compound_source 'synthetic, from a mixture of KF:KMoO4:BaTiO3'
 _chemical_formula_sum   'Ba O3 Ti'
 _chemical_formula_weight 233.24
 _symmetry_cell_setting tetragonal
 _symmetry_space_group_name_Hall 'P 4 -2'
 _symmetry_space_group_name_H-M  'P 4 m m'
 _cell_angle_alpha      90.0
 _cell_angle_beta       90.0
 _cell_angle_gamma      90.0
 _cell_formula_units_Z  1
 _cell_length_a          3.9998(8)
 _cell_length_b          3.9998(8)
 _cell_length_c          4.0180(8)
```

CIF atomic coordinates

examples/2100858-coordinates.cif:

```
loop_  
_atom_site_label  
_atom_site_fract_x  
_atom_site_fract_y  
_atom_site_fract_z  
_atom_site_U_iso_or_equiv  
Ba 0.0 0.0 0.0 ?  
Ti 0.5 0.5 0.4820(10) ?  
O1 0.5 0.5 0.016(5) ?  
O2 0.5 0.0 0.515(3) ?
```

examples/dictionaries/cif-core-example.cif:

```
data_cell_length_
  loop_ _name          '_cell_length_a'
                        '_cell_length_b'
                        '_cell_length_c'
  _category            cell
  _type                numb
  _type_conditions     esd
  _enumeration_range  0.0:
  _units               A
  _units_detail        'angstroms'
  _definition
;      Unit-cell lengths in angstroms corresponding to the structure
      reported. The values of _refln_index_h, *_k, *_l must
      correspond to the cell defined by these values and _cell_angle_
      values. The values of _diffrn_refln_index_h, *_k, *_l may not
      correspond to these values if a cell transformation took place
      following the measurement of the diffraction intensities. See
      also _diffrn_reflns_transf_matrix_.
;
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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`

Data curation in the COD:

```
svn log -r283960 --diff svn://www.crystallography.net/cod/cif/9
```

```
--- 00/15/9001556.cif (revision 283959)
+++ 00/15/9001556.cif (revision 283960)
@@ -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+}
 Fe 0.25000 0.25000 0.25000 0.00490 {+Fe 0+}
 O-H1 0.50000 0.17800 0.30800 0.00100 {+O 1+}
 O-H2 0.19500 0.19000 0.50000 0.00100 {+O 1+}
 O-H3 0.31800 0.50000 0.32300 0.00100 {+O 1+}
 Wat 0.00000 0.50000 0.50000 0.00640 {+O 2+}
 /.../
```

COD query examples

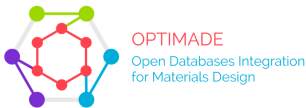
Web, REST, SQL

- Via the WWW interface – go for “search” in:
 - <http://www.crystallography.net/cod>
 - <http://www.crystallography.net/tcod>
 - <http://www.crystallography.net/pcod>
- Via the **stable** URLs (REST):
 - <http://www.crystallography.net/cod/2000000.cif>
 - <http://www.crystallography.net/cod/2000000.html>
 - <http://www.crystallography.net/cod/result?text=perovskite>
- Via the **views** of the SQL database:
 - ```
mysql -u cod_reader cod -h sql.crystallography.net\
-e 'select file, a, b, c, vol, formula
from data where
year between 2013 and
2014 and
formula regexp " C[0-9]* "
order by vol desc limit 10'
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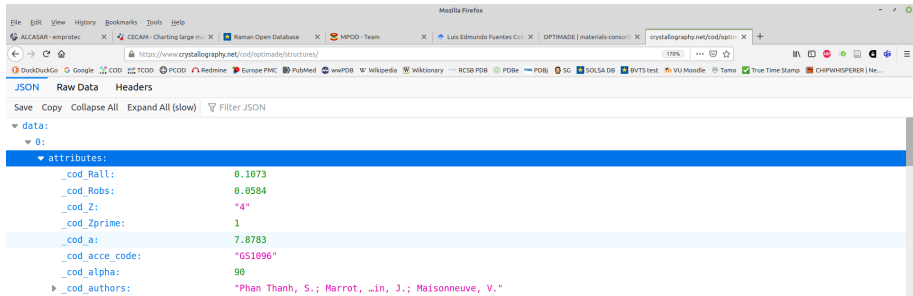


# Yes, we OPTIMADE!

<http://optimade.org/> [Andersen et al. (2021)]



<http://www.crystallography.net/cod/optimade/v1/structures/>

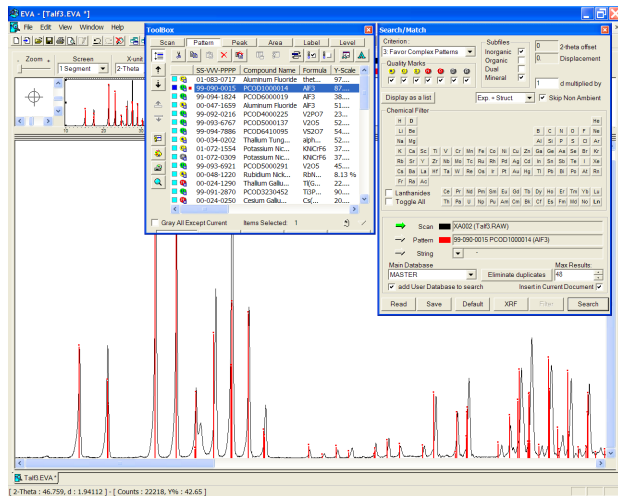


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JSON Raw Data Headers
Save Copy Collapse All Expand All (slow) Filter JSON
data:
 0:
 attributes:
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 _cod_robs: 0.0584
 _cod_z: "4"
 _cod_zprime: 1
 _cod_a: 7.8783
 _cod_acce_code: "6S1096"
 _cod_alpha: 90
 _cod_authors: "Phan Thanh, S.; Marrot, _in, J.; Maisonneuve, V."
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# Use of COD and PCOD databases

## Search-match identification of the materials



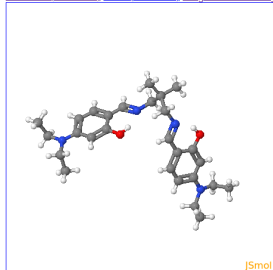
A **predicted** phase from PCOD could be identified in experimental data.

Courtesy Armel  
Le Bail  
[Le Bail(2008)]

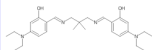
# COD chemical repertoire

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

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## Reduced structural formula



[SDF file](#) [CML file](#)

[JSmol](#)

## Reduced canonical SMILES:

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

## Unique components

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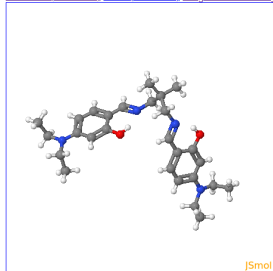
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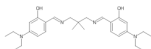
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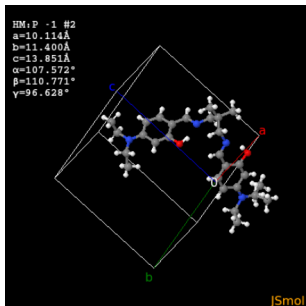
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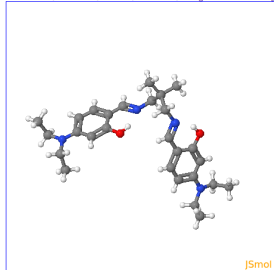
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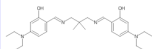
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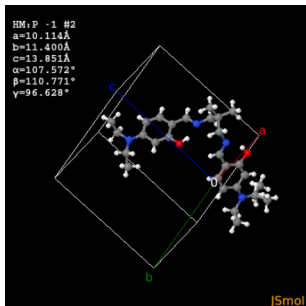
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# COD use cases

## COD and PubChem

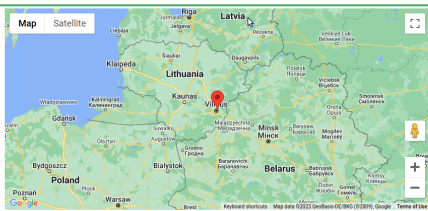
<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/source/849>

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        | <a href="#">Research and Development</a>                                                |
| URL             | <a href="https://www.crystallography.net/cod/">https://www.crystallography.net/cod/</a> |
| Contact Name    | Saulius Gražulis                                                                        |
| Address         | Saukietėko al. 7, Vilnius, Lithuania, LT-10257                                          |
| Data Source ID  | 849                                                                                     |
| Data in PubChem | <a href="#">203,088 Live Substances</a>                                                 |
| Last Updated    | 2021/05/17                                                                              |




# COD use cases

## COD and PubChem

<https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/substance/164348954>

SUBSTANCE RECORD

## 6-(2-Bromobenzylamino)purine monohydrate

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PubChem SID       | 164348954                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Structure         | <br>2D                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Source            | Crystallography Open Database                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| External ID       | 2210002                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Source Category   | Research and Development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Version           | 1 <a href="#">Revision History</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Status            | Live                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Related Compounds | PubChem CID<br><a href="#">CID 71768516</a> (6-(2-Bromobenzylamino)purine monohydrate)<br>Component CID<br><a href="#">CID 962</a> (Water)<br><a href="#">CID 61402401</a> (N-[(2-bromophenyl)methyl]-7H-purin-6-amine)<br>Parent CID<br><a href="#">CID 61402401</a> (N-[(2-bromophenyl)methyl]-7H-purin-6-amine) |

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# COD data applications: polymer search

- polymers-in-COD:  $\approx 400\,000$  COD records processed
- polymers of different dimensionality (1D, 2D, 3D, 1D-2D and so on) detected,  $\approx 93\,000$  polymer records in total.

The screenshot shows the '7224530 display' interface. On the left, a 3D ball-and-stick model of a polymer structure is displayed. To its left, the following text is visible:

```
IME: P 1 #1
a=28.000Å
b=28.000Å
c=28.000Å
α=90.000°
β=90.000°
γ=90.000°
```

On the right, there are control panels for '7224530 coordinates', 'JSMOL display settings', and 'Choose polymer molecules'. The 'JSMOL display settings' panel includes options for 'Spin and Model', 'Color', and 'Background color'. The 'Choose polymer molecules' panel shows a selection of 0, 1, 2, 3, or All molecules.

Below the model is an 'Information card' table:

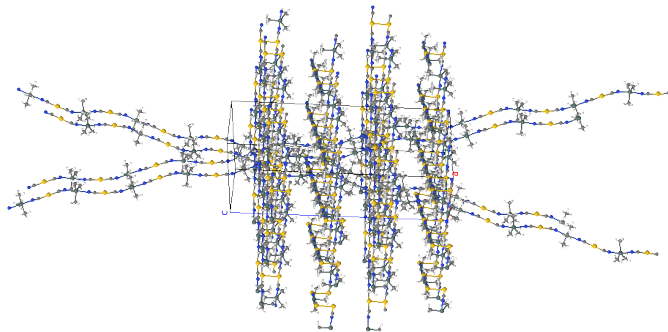
| Molecule number | Basis          | Formula                    |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 0               | (1,0,-1 0,1,1) | C1028 H1043 G648 N137 O438 |
| 1               | (1,0,1 0,1,1)  | C1026 H1039 G648 N136 O438 |

<http://crystallography.net/cod/7224530.html>

results of A. Belova

# COD data analysis: polymers

Find interpenetrating chains (crystal nets of covalent bonds):



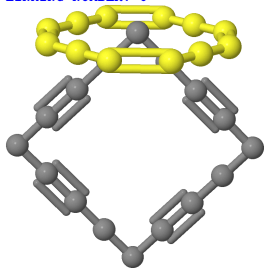
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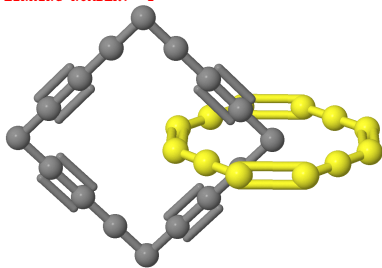
# COD data analysis: search of knots and links

- Compute knot invariants, such as:
  - linking number;
  - Alexander and/or Conway polynomials;
  - etc. ...
- Use the set of invariants to distinguish links and knots.

LINKING NUMBER: 0



LINKING NUMBER: -1



```
$Id: slides.tex 2298 2023-09-28 12:41:15Z saulius $
#@kw label b1_comp b1_a1 b1_a2 b2_comp b2_a1 b2_a2 sign filename
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LINKING NUMBER: -1
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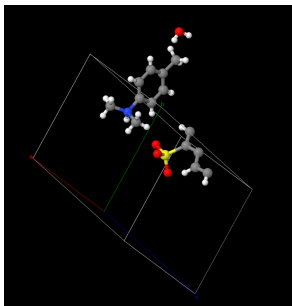
results of A. Belova, 2019



- 1 The value of crystallographic data
- 2 Crystallographic data(bases): COD, TCOD, PCOD, MPOD,  
...
- 3 Applications of COD and sister databases
- 4 Mathematical considerations in crystal data processing

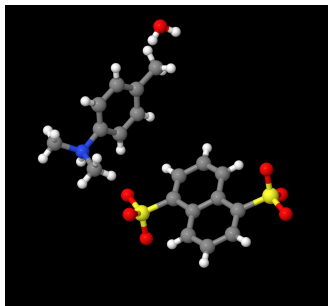
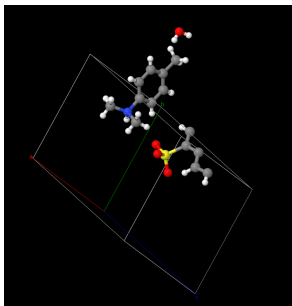
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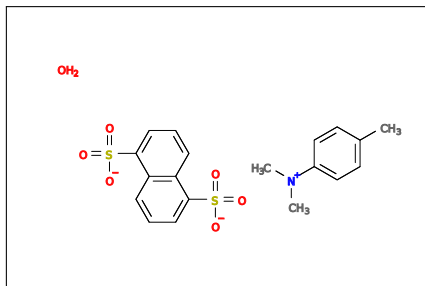
# Reconstructing stoichiometric molecular ensemble

- 1 find a symmetry group  $S$  of each molecule;
- 2 find a symmetry group  $H$  the whole molecular ensemble;
- 3 find (left) coset decomposition of the crystal space group  $H$  by  $S$ ,  $S \trianglelefteq H$ ;
- 4 to each molecule, apply *one* symmetry element from each coset;
- 5 each choice of symmetry operations from the cosets (transversal) generates a *crystallographically identical* atom set present in the crystal;

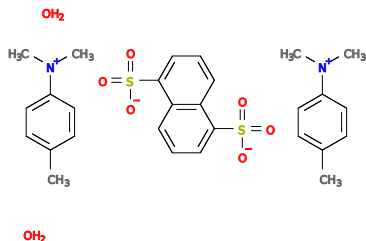
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Usual algorithms:



The new algorithm:

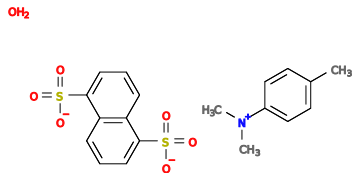




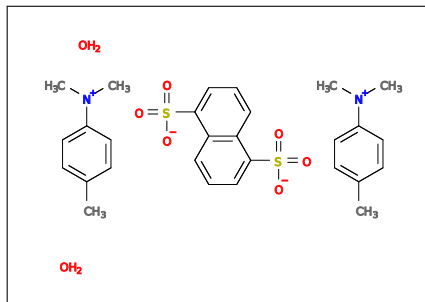
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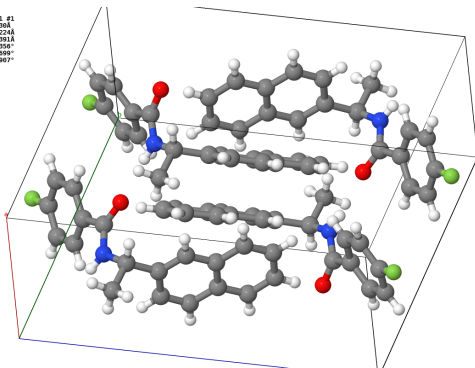


[Gražulis et al. (2015)]

A. Vaitkus, cif-perceive-chemistry (formerly cif2molecule) + OpenChemLib

COD 7241595

HM: P 1 #1  
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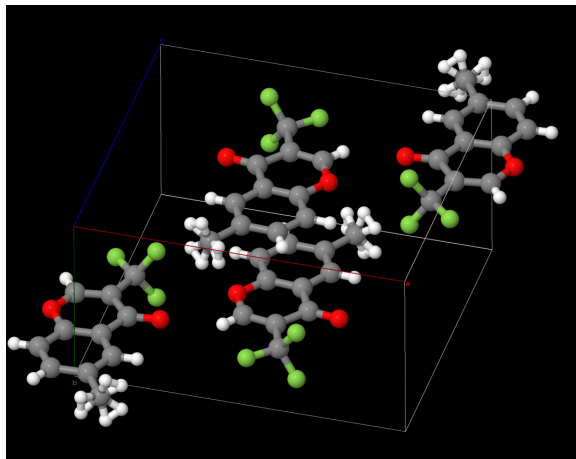


Jmol

$$\text{IsChiral}(M_1) \wedge \text{SymopMapsTo}(\mathbf{S}, M_1, M_2) \wedge \det(\mathbf{S}) = -1 \\ \Rightarrow M_1 \text{ IsEnantiomerOf } M_2$$

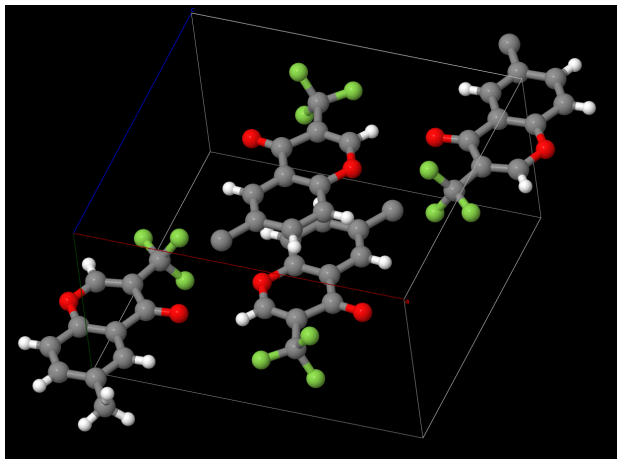
# Disorder around a special position

COD [1544968](#) [Xiang et al. (2016)]



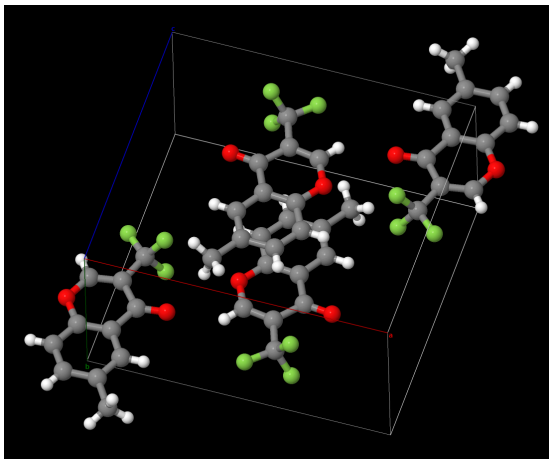
# Disorder around a special position

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# Disorder around a special position

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# Generating a representative structure

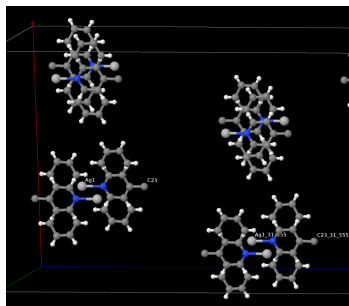
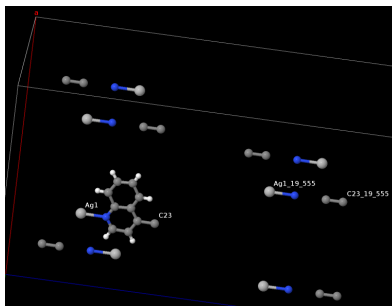
- 1 find a symmetry group  $S$  of a special position (Stabiliser);
- 2 find (left) coset decomposition of the crystal space group  $G$  by  $S$ ,  $S \trianglelefteq G$ ;
- 3 take *one* symmetry element from each coset and apply it to the disordered group;
- 4 each choice of symmetry operations from the cosets (transversal) generates a *distinct* atom set present in the crystal;

# Disorder around a special position

COD entry 4111132

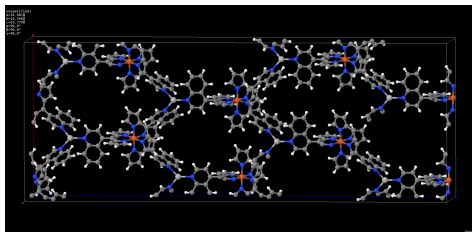
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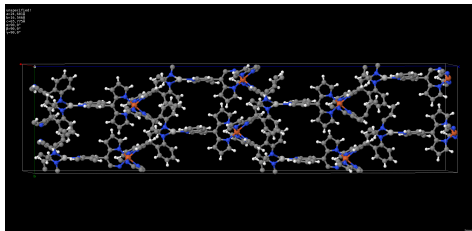


# Disorder around a special position in polymers

COD 4111132 [Halper et al. (2006)]



video



video



# Conclusions

- Data publication is as important as papers!
- Aggregated data allows new discoveries...
- ... but for this data need to be properly organised.
- COD, TCOD and the sister databases offer open data in crystallography.
- Mathematical insights are of paramount importance to understand crystal structures.
- Sharing data gives benefits to all.

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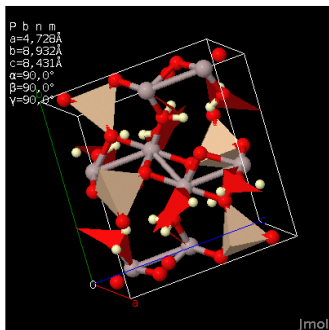
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