

CIF dictionaries for predicted structures

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The increase of theoretically refined structures

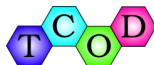
Theoretical methods.

- Rise of DFT methods allows to refine atomic coordinates in crystals, and to predict various crystal properties
- MM, MM/QM methods, MC methods allow to predict crystal structures.

TCOD – Theoretical Crystallography Open Database

Available at:

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



Theoretical Crystallography Open Database

TCOD Home

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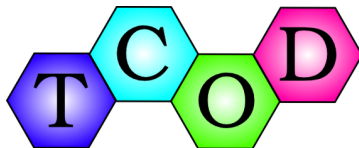
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Open-access collection of theoretically calculated or refined crystal structures of organic, inorganic, metal-organic compounds and minerals, excluding [biopolymers](#).

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Currently there are **2925** entries in the TCOD.

Latest deposited structure: [30000105](#) on **2023-06-26** at **21:41:37 UTC**



TCOD: recorded information, dictionaries, quality criteria

Contents:

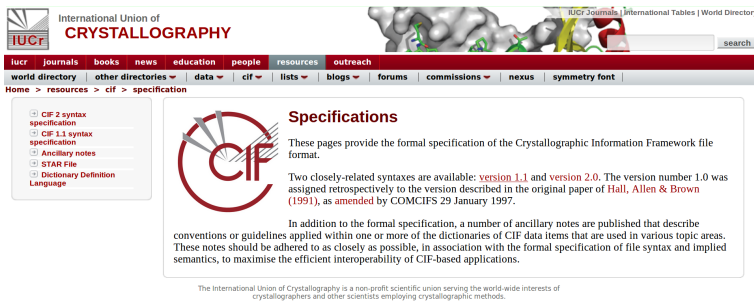
- Information needed to evaluate the quality of the theoretical structure;
- Information needed to reproduce the structure;
- Information needed to repeat computation verbatim;

Quality criteria:

(Join the discussion at <http://lists.crystallography.net/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/tcod>)

- DFT
 - residual forces on atoms;
 - residual charges at atomic positions
- MM
 - ...

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". The "resources" menu is expanded, showing "world directory", "other directories", "data", "cif", "lists", "blogs", "forums", "commissions", "nexus", and "symmetry font". The "cif" link is selected, leading to the "specification" page. On the left, a sidebar lists links for "CIF 2 syntax specification", "CIF 1.1 syntax specification", "Ancillary notes", "STAR File", and "Dictionary Definition Language". The main content area features a large "CIF" logo and the heading "Specifications". The text explains that these pages provide the formal specification of the Crystallographic Information Framework file format. It mentions two closely-related syntaxes: version 1.1 and version 2.0, with version 1.0 being assigned retrospectively. It also notes that in addition to the formal specification, a number of ancillary notes are published to describe conventions or guidelines applied within one or more of the dictionaries of CIF data items.

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- Is suitable for processing and archiving;
- Is maintained by the IUCr;
- Has > 1000 data names defined;
- Is independently extensible;

(Hall et al. 1991; Bernstein et al. 2016)

Computation

Any computation can be expressed as a Unix (Linux ;) command line with specified:

- inputs (including STDIN)
- outputs (including STDOUT and STDERR)
- command to run
- environment (CPU, OS, libraries, ENV variables, etc.)

Example of CIF computation

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Computation using a database record (specific version):

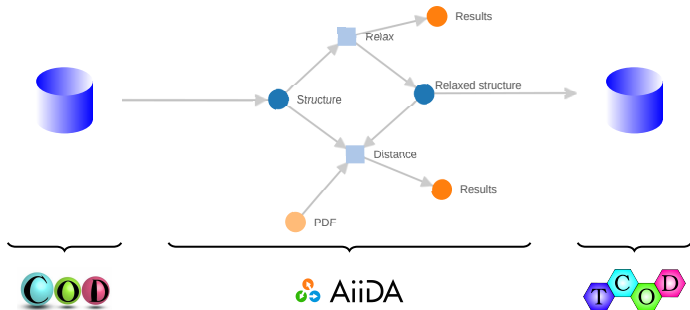
```
curl -ksSL \  
  https://crystallography.net/cod/2200231.cif@1 | \  
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Structure description levels

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

Synchronisation with AiiDA



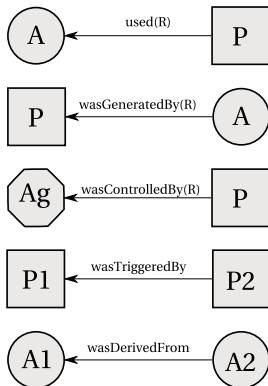
- TCOD + AiiDA:

- Direct export of calculation results generated by any of the supported codes;
- Automatic generation of level 2 structure descriptions.

(Merkys et al. 2017; Pizzi 2018)

Open Provenance Model

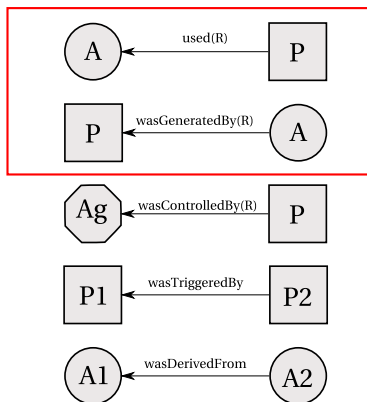
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Dictionaries allow us:

- to give machine- and human-readable definitions of data;
- to implement automatic conformace checks (validation).

Dictionaries are available at:

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

cif_tcod.dic

```
data_tcode_structure_type
_name '_tcode_structure_type'
_type char
loop__enumeration
  _enumeration_detail

  ground-state
  'refined crystal structure at ground state'
```

cif_dft.dic

```
data_tcod_dft_valence_electrons
_name '_dft_valence_electrons'
_type numb
_definition
; Total number of valence electrons in a calculation.
;
```

Data item overview

Category list

DFT data categories (cif_dft-wip.dic):

20	dft_BZ_integration	25	dft_calc_property
5	dft_BZ_integration_grid_IBZ_point	3	dft_cell_conv
8	dft_XC_functional	3	dft_cell_magn
3	dft_alloy	6	dft_cell_settings
4	dft_atom_basisset	10	dft_energy
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12	atom_sites	5	tcod_initial_coordinate
1	citation	2	tcod_method
15	tcod_computation	17	tcod_software
3	tcod_content_encoding	11	tcod_software_library
2	tcod_data_source	3	tcod_source_database
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Example data names

TCOD provenance data names (cif_dft-wip.dic):

```
_tcod_computation_input_file      _tcod_computation_environment
_tcod_computation_log_file        _tcod_computation_reference_uuid
_tcod_computation_stdout          _tcod_computation_reference_id
_tcod_computation_stderr          _tcod_computation_reference_URI
_tcod_computation_CPU_time        _tcod_computation_database_name
_tcod_computation_wallclock_time  _tcod_computation_database_version
_tcod_computation_command         _tcod_computation_database_URI
_tcod_computation_step
```

DFT calculated property data names (cif_tcod-wip.dic):

```
_dft_band_gap                     _dft_lattice_energy
_dft_bulk_modulus                 _dft_stiffness_tensor_ij
```

TCOD CIF example

<http://www.crystallography.net/tcod/10000178.html>

```
20 data_10000178
   _publ_section_title
22 ;
   Tutorial material of "Tutorial on high-throughput computations: General
24 methods and applications using AiiDA, June-July, 2016"
   ;
26 _journal_name_full          'Personal communication to TCOD'
   _journal_year              2016
28 _chemical_formula_sum      'Cs O3 Ta'
   _space_group_IT_number     221
30 _symmetry_Int_Tables_number 221
   _symmetry_space_group_name_Hall '-P 4 2 3'
32 _symmetry_space_group_name_H-M 'P m -3 m'
   _audit_creation_method     'AiiDA version 0.7.0'
34 _cell_angle_alpha          90.0
   _cell_angle_beta           90.0
36 _cell_angle_gamma          90.0
```

...

```
loop_
114 _atom_site_label
   _atom_site_fract_x
116 _atom_site_fract_y
   _atom_site_fract_z
118 _atom_site_type_symbol
Cs1 0.0 0.0 0.0 Cs
120 Ta1 0.5 0.5 0.5 Ta
01 0.5 0.5 0.0 0
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132   _tcod_computation_step
   _tcod_computation_command
134   _tcod_computation_reference_uuid
   _tcod_computation_environment
   _tcod_computation_stdout
136   _tcod_computation_stderr
   0 'cd 0; ./_aiidasubmit.sh' 09e00761-3128-414c-90e8-266490ba6e71
```

...

COD data validation policies:

① Syntactic checks:

```
$ cifparse 7234818.cif
```

Syntax recently expanded to CIF2 (Bernstein et al. 2016; Merkys et al. 2016)

② Semantic validation (against dictionaries)

```
$ cif_validate -D cif_core.dic 7234818.cif
```

Validation capabilities recently expanded to DDLm (Vaitkus et al. 2021).

③ Database-specific checks

```
$ cif_cod_check 7234818.cif
```

Detect automatically:

- Incorrect data types;
- Out of range values;
- (Some) broken loops (i.e. data tables);
- Missing or incorrect data keys (e.g. atom names);

COD validation examples

```
/usr/bin/cif_validate: 1506432.cif data_1506432:  
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_atom_site_type_symbol  
_atom_site_fract_x  
_atom_site_fract_y  
_atom_site_fract_z  
_atom_site_U_iso_or_equiv  
# ... some data names omitted for brevity  
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Validation *might* help to catch data errors if applied consistently during the publication.

Where to go from here?

- It would be great to reuse the TCOD and DFT dictionaries;
- Full computational provenance is *a must!*
- New data items can be added;
- New dictionaries (CSP specific?) can be created;
- Validation of other formats (JSON, XML) can be done (?);

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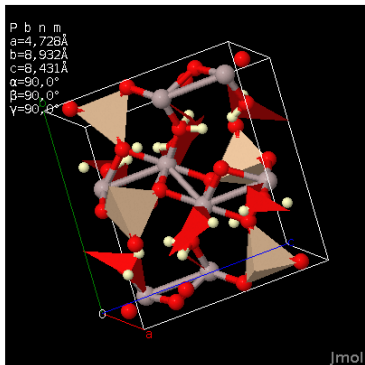
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<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Topaz>



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