

# THE IN VIVO MACROMOLECULAR CRYSTALLOGRAPHY PLATFORM AT NAGOYA UNIVERSITY

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#### Why are we here today?



# High throughput protein production and crystallization

#### The obvious:

- . production of large quantities of proteins
- . production of large quantities of crystals

The hidden secret ... ... solve quantities of structures

The general concept was proposed nearly 20 years ago, with the emergence -of structural genomics projects.

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These projects allowed for key technological developments that permitted automation and standardization of these approaches.

Most modern structural biology laboratories own or have access to these facilities.

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## The accepted workflow for MX

Cloning Expression Purification

Most (if not all) of the measurement methods in the field of structural biology share common practices for sample preparation, which include Cloning, Production, and Purification. 

 Crystal screening
 Crystal mounting
 Crystal freezing
 X-ray diffraction

 Image screening
 Image screening
 Disposition
 Vitrification

Biophysical characterization of the purified samples will be carried out in ways adapted to the measurement protocols.

The final goal of protein **pur**ification is to get a **pure** sample, known to be much easier to handle for crystallization purposes.



# Concept of in vivo crystallography



#### **Charcot-Leyden crystals**

Early identification of *in vivo* grown crystals

Not only random isolated cases

Plenty of 'medical' reports









# Concept of in vivo crystallography

#### Osumi et al. - 1982







#### Crystalloid lattice arrangement in cells

IgG in CHO cells

50 µm

Early identification of *in vivo* grown crystals

Plenty of 'medical' reports

No systematic studies until late 2000's

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#### **RecA-DNA** assemblies

human neuraminidase

Chavas et al. - unpublished

Hasegawa et al. - 2011 ember 2022



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# Concept of in vivo crystallography

#### in vivo / in cellulo macromolecular crystallography

**Protein storage Plant seeds Secretory granules** (insulin, EMBP...), 1859 **Bacterial toxins Cockroach milk proteins** 



Solid state catalyst **Peroxysome enzymes** (Catalase, alcohol oxidase...)



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## Why is ivMX of any interest?

sample preparation simplified
natural environment (! free lunch !)
unassisted crystallization
minimum stress applied to samples

**9 RT data collection** 

**Natural ligands** 

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doi.org/10.1038/nmeth.1859

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## What do we need prior to master ivMX Cell biology (expression facility) Task 1 Inigh pres Imagi Task 2 0 lanagement system (library screening) Drug design

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Task 3

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## ivMX : the brute force approach

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## ivMX : the brute force approach

very large-scale cloning of :
26 proteins (out of 27)
in 2 sets of 5 plasmids for 5 sub-cellular localizations

~ 250 different constructs for over expression in human cells

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efficient microfluidic handling of cells for :

crystal identification

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- cell isolation
- x-ray diffraction experiments

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## ivMX : the thoughtful method

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Case of human protein in human cells

Good approximation of where are the crystals growing, however need to get a better resolution to understand how is the process happening.

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## Step I - cloning, cloning, cloning ...

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Systematic investigation of *in vivo* crystallization events Unravelling the basis for generalizing the approach to larger sets of samples JBS-2022 - 11 November 2022 17 / 24 L. Chavas

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# ivMX within iNEXT Discovery (EU)

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## ivMX within iNEXT Discovery (EU)

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Several **practical workshops** were originally planned to be organized by our partners that want to share their expertise in state-of-the-art technological developments in X-ray technology, NMR spectroscopy, Electron Microscopy and Biophysics. Most of these have been postponed and will take place later in the project, others can be converted into online events. At this time, we are not sure if the 2021 practical workshops can take place.

Our practical workshops are listed below, we will announce and include links to the information/registration sites when they are being prepared!

A list with our other physical and online events can be found here.

Subject	Organizer	City, Country	Date
Fragment screening	HZB	Berlin, DE	(2021)
Serial crystallography	EMBL-HH	Hamburg, DE	(2021)
In vivo crystallisation	SOLEIL	Paris, FR	(2021-22)
Sample preparation for single particle EM (4X)	DIAMOND	<del>Ox</del> ford, UK	(2021-22)
Cryo-electron tomography and cryo soft X-ray tomography	EMBL-HD / ALBA	Online event	April 8-9 2021
Single particle EM data processing (2X)	csic	Madrid, ES	(2021-22)
NMR sensitivity enhancement	UU	Utrecht, NL	(2022-23)
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