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IMSS Symposium: Structural Biology Research Center

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SSRL-type robot installed on MAD Beamline BL-5 20 datasets/day ⇒ 100s datasets/day



High precision one axis diffractometers with XYZ stages

BL	BL-6A	NW12	BL-5	BL-17
Year started	2000*	2003	2004	2006
Max deviation(µm)	10	2.2	1.0	0.37(2007)⇒ 0.1(2009)
Xtal size (µm)	100	22	10	4 (2007) ⇒ 1 (2009)



No. of Beam Time Proposals on Protein Crystallography Beam Lines at PF Doubled in the last 7 years.



"Flipping-out" mechanism of recognition of hemi-methylated DNA by UHRF1 (BL-5A) by M. Shiraka's group, Kyoto University

K. Arita et al., Nature, 455, 818-821 (2008).



DNA methylation is an important epigenetic modification of mammalian genomes and essential for the gene expression. Inheritance of the methylation pattern is mediated by the enzyme Dnmt1, and the protein UHRF1 recognizes hemimethylation sites and directs Dnmt1 to these sites. Crystal structure of the complex of DNA and SRA domain of UHRF1 revealed that the hemi-metylated site is flipped out of the DNA helix

Structural basis for specific cleavage of Lys 63-linked polyubiquitin (NW12A) S. Fukai's group, Tokyo Univ., Res. Org. Sync. Rad.

Y. Sato et al., Nature, 455, 358-362 (2008).



Ubiquitin is a post-translational modifier that regulates a wide variety of biological processes. Lys 48-linked polyubiquitin chains are the most abundant linkage in vivo and constitute the signal for degradation by the proteasome. However, Lys 63-linked polyubiquitin chains serve proteasome-independant roles. The structure of AMSH family members which specifically cleave Lys 63-linked polyubiquitin chain was determined.

Essential subunit interaction in influenza virus RNA polymerase (BL-5A) S. Park's group, Yokohama City University



Influenza virus is a major human and animal pathogen, and reproduces rapidly, mutates frequently and occasionally crosses species. The importance to viral replication of a subunit interface in the viral RNA polymerase was demonstrated by the crystal structure. The structure presented here provide a new set of potential drug binding sites.

Protein 3000 (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)



Protein 3000 Tsukuba Structural Biology Consortium (21 groups)



Endocytosis of toxin -> Drug delivery



David S. Goodsell, Scripps Institute, http://www.scripps.edu/mb/goodsell/







Industrial Use and Collaborations between KEK and Industry (~8% of beamtime)





- Expected to become stronger than AR-NW12A
- Astellas Pharma will have priority access for certain amount of beam time during 10 years from April 2009.
- The rest of the beam time can be used for general user operation including use by other pharmaceutical companies.



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MEXT: Target Protein Project (2007-2011)

Joint Proposal by SPring-8 and PF: Two *Complimentary* New Beam Lines SPring-8





Collaboration outside of Japan

- 1. Human sialidase: G. Tattamanti & G. Monti, Italy, (Chavas et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, 2005)
- 2. Human sialidase inhibitors: M.v. Itzstein, Institute for Glycomics, Griffith University, Australia
- 3. Sialidase inhibitors: Peter Colman, Australia Steve Withers, Canada
- 4. Endocytic pathways: H. Stenmark, Oslo, Norway (Slagsvold et al. *J. Biol. Chem.*, 2005, Hirano et al. *Nature Struct. Mol. Biol.* 13, 272, 2006, Hirano et al. *Nature Struct. Mol. Biol.* 13, 1031, 2006)
- 5. Protein carbohydrate recognition in HIV infection:
 - R. Varadarajan, Bangalore, India
- 6. Protein carbohydrate interaction, Johan Deisenhofer, Univ. Texas, USA (C.-I. Chang et al. *PNAS*, June 2005)
- 7. Ubiquitin recognition, Ivan Dikic, Johan Wolfgan Goethe Univ., Frankfurt, Germany, to be submitted to Nature

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