Unattended Data Collection (UDC) User Training

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UDC: Background

- UDC is a ship and forget collection system. It might not handle all cases (yet) but should cope well with the majority.
- UDC collection parameters are automatically set based on end use case. No need to worry about technicalities of the beamline.
- Aim is for complete, well-measured datasets that do not exhibit major radiation damage. Autoprocessed data should be usable without reprocessing and combining datasets should be trivial.
- The workflow is efficient & reliable. Well over 100,000 samples collected so far.
- Post collection samples can be moved to a standard remote session for any further collection desired.



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UDC: What is in scope

When to use UDC	When not to use UDC
Single crystals (>20µm)	Split crystals, multiple lattices, microcrystals
 Projects requiring data collections from many crystals searching for highest resolution native ligand binding studies Rapid feedback on a well characterised system from a small number of new crystals 	 Projects requiring manual input e.g. Selecting best region from a crystal with pathologies Line or wedged scans Fluorescence scans
Standard SAD phasing experimentsTry this first if you have sufficient crystals	Phasing from limited number of crystals Complex multi-crystal phasing experiments
Energy range: 7-18KeV	Energies outside this range are supported in remote access

https://www.diamond.ac.uk/Instruments/Mx/I03/I03-Manual/Unattended-Data-Collections.html



UDC: Experiment Kinds

Recipe	Protocol	Samples/hr (without screening)	Samples/hr (with screening)
Native	Prioritises completeness/multiplicity and collects 2 x 360° sweeps, 1st at chi=0 and 2nd at chi=30	20	12
Ligand	Prioritises speed of data collection and collects a single sweep, 360° dataset	30	15
Phasing	Two 360° sweeps are collected using different chi/phi values at your chosen energy, using a lower transmission to maximise anomalous multiplicity and completeness.	20	12
Stepped	Prioritises resolution and conducts a stepped transmission scan	10	-

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UDC: Resolution & Screening

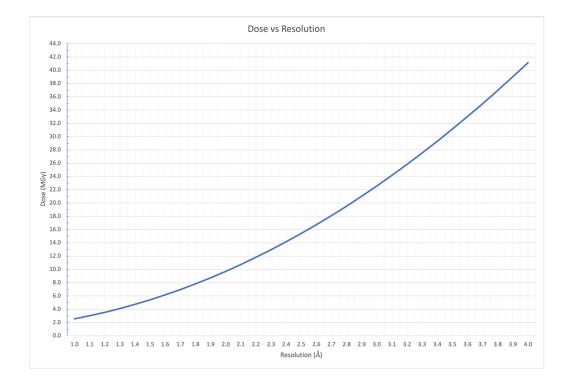
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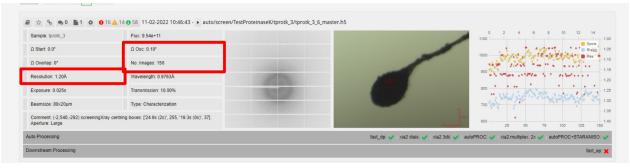
- User chosen
- Determined via screening

Screening methodology

- 15° wedge collection
- High resolution detector edge, low resolution dose
 - Handles both strong and weak samples
- If Fast_dp fails, move on and return later if other pipelines integrate successfully

Resolution = processing result + padding (0.5\AA)





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UDC: Screening Modes

Screening takes the same time as collection. Screening modes allow more efficient use of this.

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User defines 'minimum resolution'

Sample is loaded and screened

If screening result is better than minimum resolution, then sample is collected

Collect best 'n'

User defines equivalent samples via 'sample group' User defines 'n'

Sample group is shipment contained

Every sample in the group is loaded and screened

At the end of screening, the best 'n' samples are reloaded and collected



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UDC: Process

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