MACROMOLECULAR CRYSTALLOGRAPHY
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Crystallography and X-ray diffraction yield a wealth of structural information unobtainable through other methods. This intensive laboratory/computational course focused on the major techniques used to determine the three-dimensional structures of macromolecules. It was designed for scientists with a working knowledge of protein structure and function, but who were new to macromolecular crystallography. Topics that were covered included crystallization (proteins, nucleic acids and complexes), crystal characterization, X-ray sources and optics, crystal freezing, data collection, data reduction, anomalous dispersion, multiple isomorphous replacement, phase determination, solvent flattening, molecular replacement and averaging, electron density interpretation, structure refinement, molecular graphics, molecular dynamics and multi-dimensional NMR. Participants learned through extensive hands-on experiments where they crystallized and determined a protein structure, along with lectures and informal discussions on the theory behind the techniques.

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SUMMARY: 6 Females; 10 Males

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Maximum Advances in Refinement: Torsion-Angle, Simulated-Annealing, Cross Validation, Maximum Likelihood.

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NMR Structure Determination of Proteins and Protein Complexes Beyond 20 kDa

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Structure Determinations of Two Enzymes That Utilize Cofactors

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Crystallographic Studies in Structure-Based Drug Design

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Xenon: Binding to proteins and use as a heavy atom derivative

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Crystal structure of Recombinant Tetradeca-(3-Fluorotyrosyl)- Glutathione S-Transferase

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Structural Biology of Immune Signaling Through CD4 and Lck

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The C-terminus of Gal6/Bleomycin Hydrolase Acts as a Molecular Ruler for Proteolysis

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Acetylcholinesterase in 3D: New Mysteries Revealed from the Crystal Structure

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Laue Diffraction and Other Methods as a Tool for Study of Dynamic Effects in Protein Crystals
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Strange Density

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Crystal Structure of the RNA-Binding Domain of Human hnRNP A1