- How do users use the microscopes?
- How are users scheduled?
- Data collection strategies (software, protocols).
- Are sessions aborted if samples are not good?
- How is throughput measured?
- What is throughput?
- Any other issues that you feel are relevant.



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Cryo-EM training/usage

Internal users:

Training "how to collect data" \rightarrow guided sessions \rightarrow autonomous user with booking rights.

Actual electron microscopy training on voluntairy basis, no guaranteed data collection during these training sessions!

- Tecnai12: Two sessions per day.
- Polara: One to two day sessions.
- Krios: Two to four day sessions.

External users/guests:

- Outstations.
- iNext (http://www.inext-eu.org/), currently scheduling two slots per month.
- Sessions run by me (until I get help in April).



EMBL facilities booking system

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Facilities available in EMBL:

- Advanced Light Microscopy Facility (ALMF) details
- Chemical Biology Core Facility (CB) details
- Electron Microscopy Core Facility (EMCF)

Instruments

- IT resources (3)
- Light Microscope (1)
- Microtomes (6)
- Sample prep (8)
- SCB Cryo-EM equipment (4)
- SEM Scanning Electron Microscopes (2)
- TEM Transmission Electron Microscopes (3)
- · Flow Cytometry Core Facility (Flow) details
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- Metabolomics Core Facility (MCF) details
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- Proteomics Core Facility (PCF) details



Fixed recipes for all cryo microscopes:

• Acquire grid maps

Single particle:

- Set up Low Dose
- Screen grid squares
- Acquire grid square maps
- Tune/align/calibrate
- Setup grid squares
- Run automated acquisition

Tomography/correlative:

- Acquire grid square maps
- Find targets/do correlation
- Set up Low Dose
- Tune/align/calibrate
- Setup targets
- Run automated acquisition

Current software of choice: AutoCTF & SerialEM.

One day setup on Krios.





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AutoCTF Calibrations Settings							
				Aberration	Magnitude	Angle	
Exp. time 2 Binning 2 Readout area Full	Measure	Auto-Stigmate Condition Phase Plate + Auto-Stigmate	Auto-focus to -1 μm Target phase shift -0.5 pi rad	defocus astigmatism coma Spherical aberration FIT ERROR	-2.15 um 26.62 nm 5.08 um 2.70 mm 6.66 nm	-9.5 deg 132.2 deg	
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Status IZemlinTableauTask succeeded in 2 iterations				defocus astigmatism coma Spherical aberration	-2.15 um 27.35 nm 0.29 um 2.70 mm	-4.5 deg -66.8 deg	
Auto CTF version '2015-03-27 (PROTOTYPE)' Copyright © FEI Company 2015					7.94 nm		►

Only align column when things are stable!



Tune every session and after major trouble like water failure or runaway focus.



Throughput Krios Quantum/K2 Tomo



- Align frames on-the-fly using GPU in K2 pc.
- Also save raw (uncorrected) superresolution data.

EMBL network, backed-up

One to five tilt series per hour



Throughput Krios Quantum/K2 SPA



30 to 80, stacks per hour (40 superresolution frames) EMBL

EMBL internal online EM-help





Current screening means checking some grids and assuming the other grids are similar:
6–8 hours Titan screening on "screened" samples.
1 hour setup if sample is ok!





