

F/LOSS for Open Science: Crystallography Open Database

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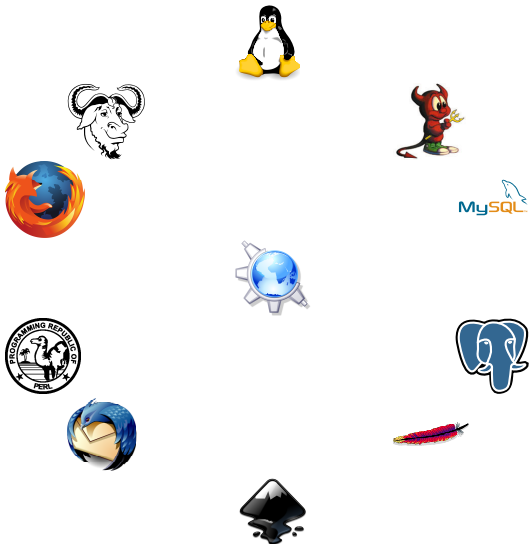
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- A set of tools to achieve our goals
- A set of ideas how to collaborate



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The origins of COD

SDPD mailing list:

Open crystallographic database - a role for whom?

> When crystallographers will be tired to buy all these fragmented
> databases, maybe they will do something. A role for IUCr ? If not, a
> role for whom ?

armellebail (Armel Le Bail) Wed Feb 12, 2003 7:24 pm

But what if crystallographers work together to establish a public domain database with all relevant crystallographic data? This would not only overcome the current situation with 'fragmented' databases, it would also prevent for becoming dependent from monopolists.

What would be needed?

1. A small team of engaged scientists with some experience in database and software design to coordinate the project.
2. The authors (i.e. the scientific community = YOU) who provides the project with database entries (note, that if you have't sold your experimental results exclusively, you are free to distribute the data to such a database, even if they have already been part of a publication - and a lot of good data have never been published).
3. Free software a) for maintaining the database, b) for data evaluation and calculation of derived data (e.g. calculated powder pattern from crystal structures for search-match purposes), c) for browsing and retrieval.

gemstonede (Dr. Michael BERNDT) Fri Feb 14, 2003 1:26 pm

Crystallography Open Database

A grass-root initiative



<http://www.crystallography.net/>

- Total **≈217 000** records
- **179** registered users
- **23** depositors (deposited at least one structure)
- In year 2012:
 - **>56 000** new structures uploaded
(**26 000** more than last year)
 - **16** active depositors
(who deposited at least one structure in 2012)



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COD Home

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Accessing COD Data

Browse
Search

Add Your Data

Deposit your data
Manage depositions
Manage/release
prepublications

Documentation

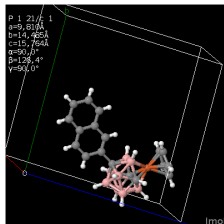
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Information card for 4079785

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Preview

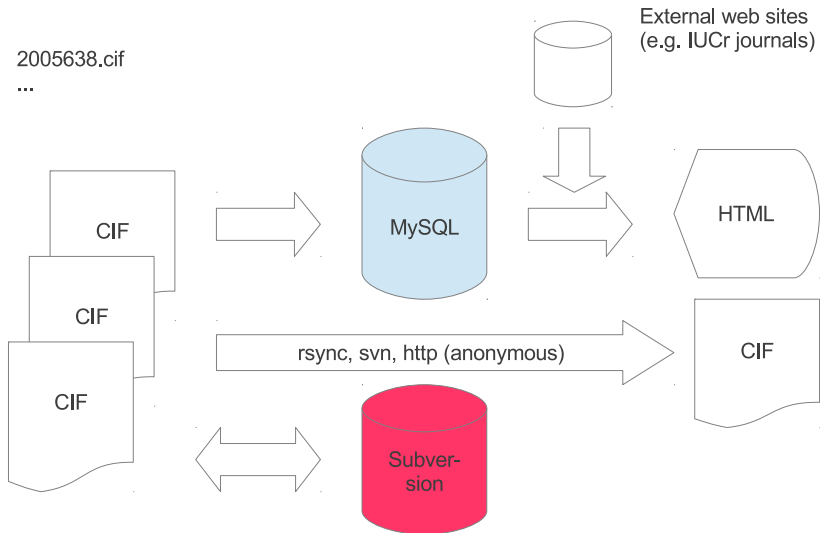


Coordinates [4079785.cif](#)

Structure parameters

Formula	- C18 H22 B8 Fe -
Calculated formula	- C18 H22 B8 Fe -
Title of publication	Three Isomers of Aryl-Substituted
Authors of publication	Bakardjiev, Mario; Süß, Bohumil;
Journal of publication	Organometallics
Year of publication	2013
Journal volume	32
Journal issue	2
a	9.81 ± 0.0006 Å
b	14.4851 ± 0.0009 Å

Implementation



Possible uses

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- Search for a “black swan”



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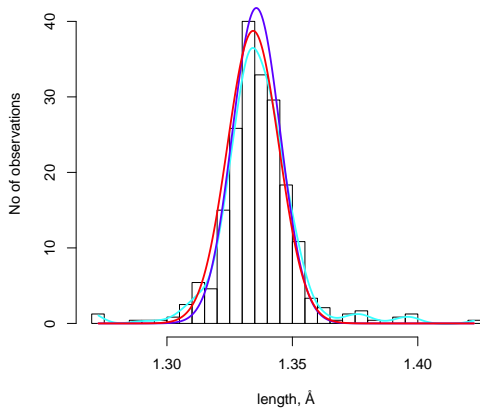
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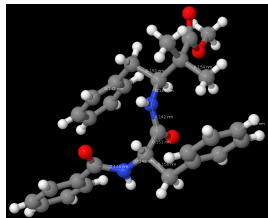
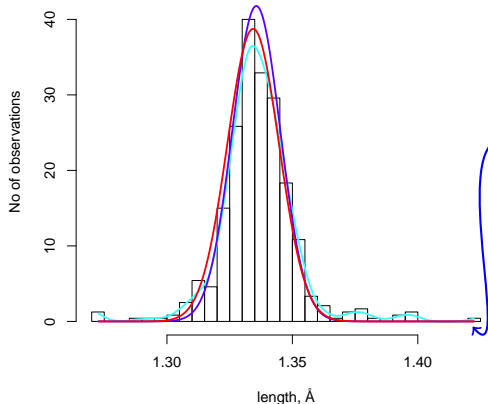
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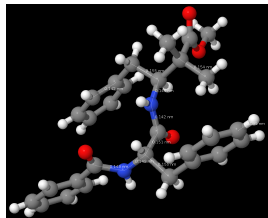
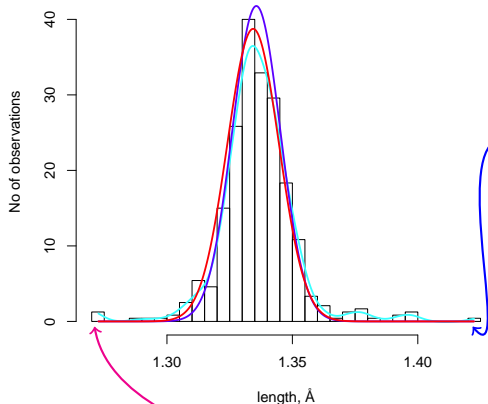


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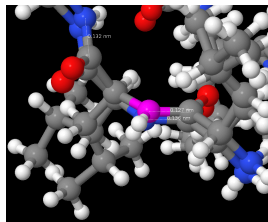
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COD 7203041, $l = 1.2727 \text{ \AA}$

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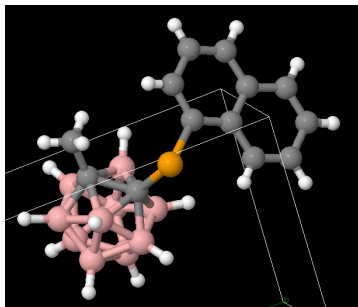
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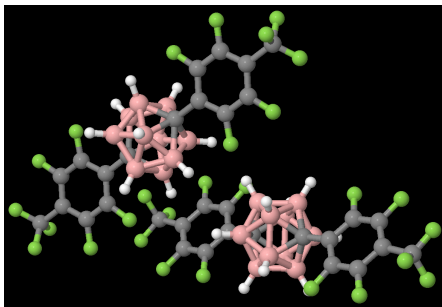
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COD 7015488



COD 7015654

Applications

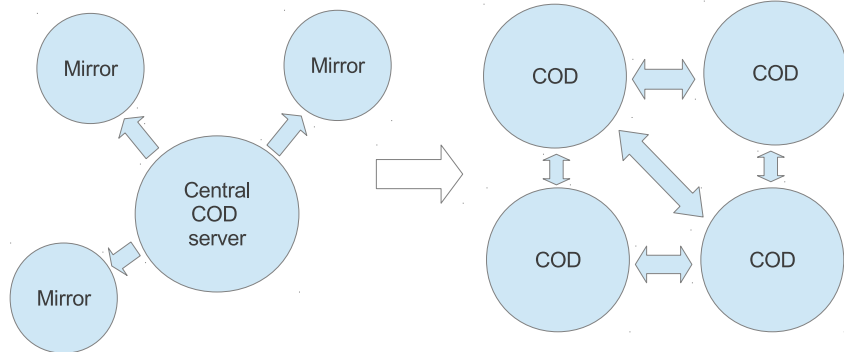


New materials (e.g.
semiconductors)



New medicines

A workbench for scientists from the whole world



Thank you!

