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Microseed matrix-screening for crystallization: theory, practice and a new technique

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Random Microseed Matrix-Screening (rMMS), where seed crystals are added automatically to random crystallization screens, is a significant recent breakthrough in protein crystallization [1]. During the eight years since the method was published, theoretical understanding of the method has increased [2], and several important practical variations of the basic method have emerged [3]. We will briefly describe some of these variations, including cross-seeding, and introduce a novel method of making LCP seed stocks by scaling up LCP crystallization conditions.

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