MS46-P5 Reduction by deduction – How to prioritize crystallization experiments

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Computational tools have found an increasing use throughout various topics and fields in chemistry. From the prediction of physicochemical properties¹, reaction types and products² or biological affinities towards macromolecules3 up to the high-dimensional problem of crystal structure prediction, so-called Machine Learning models experience a steady increase in application. Machine Learning models are considered a collection of algorithms that can be used to find regularities, irregularities and correlations in data sets independent of their dimensionality. The resulting mathematical constructs can then be used to predictively characterize previously unseen data. In crystallography, recent studies have set out to use such algorithms in order to predict general crystallinity of small molecules⁴, their crystallization propensity in different solvents⁵, or the crystallization conditions of proteins⁶.

The most important prerequisite for a high-performing machine learning model is a sufficiently large data set of high integrity. Unfortunately, due to the lack of negative results in commonly used collections like the CSD, crystallization data suited for machine learning tasks is sparse. Therefore, several years back we set out to record both positive and negative results for every crystallization attempt made in the analytics group at the Novartis Institute for Biomedical Research. This data is stored in an SQL data base equipped with a touch-screen based graphical user interface, enabling easy access for both experimenter as well as programmer.

Next to numerous statistical analyses, we set out to use machine learning for the prediction of suitable conditions to crystallize small, drug-like molecules. In particular, we focused on the prediction of organic solvents to crystallize a given compound in. While the individual performances of the first generation of machine learning models for this were rather frugal, a newly devised ensemble approach embodying additional data allows us to rationalize our crystallization experiments and thus significantly reduce the experimental effort required to yield crystalline materials.

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MS46-P6 Crystal structure, Hirshfeld surfaces and DFT computation of (E)-(5-methylfuran-2-yl) (morpholino) methanone oxime

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N-hydroxy amidoximes are one of the most important amidine derivatives with synthetic utility and various biological applications. They have been used extensively as starting materials for the preparation of nitrogen-rich heterocyclic compounds. Characteristically, they can also react or cyclize with electrophiles such as aldehydes, ketones, carboxylates, and acids. In practice, they have applications in drugs, dyes, polymers, and many other materials as well.

With this work, we provide a synthesis of N-hydroxy amidoksim from the reaction between furfurylimidoyl chloride and N-morpholine [1]. The structure of (Z)-(5-methylfuran-2-yl) (morpholino) methanone oxime was investigated with experimental (X-ray single crystal technique, NMR and FT-IR spectroscopic techniques) and theoretical (DFT) techniques. The compound crystallizes in monoclinic space group P21/c. Crystal structure is stabilized by inter-molecular O-H...N and C-H...O hydrogen bonds. The Hirshfeld surface was drawn for visualizing the van der Waals distances and to determine the interaction sites. It is understood that O-H...N and C-H...O type hydrogen bonds are dominant interactions on the packing. When 2D fingerprint plot are partitioned, H-H interactions are seen to be the most dominant interactions with percentage of 60.2. And then O-H/H-O interactions with 20.0% and C-H/H-C interactions with 12.0% come. The puckering amplitude for the six-membered ring was determined as Q=0.572(3)Å. The gas phase geometry optimization and vibrational frequencies calculations were carried out using density functional theory (DFT) incorporated in B3LYP with 6-311++(d,p) basis set. The detailed vibrational assignments were performed on the basis of the potential energy distributions (PED) of the vibrational modes. Additionally, HOMO-LUMO energy gap, natural bond orbital (NBO) analysis and nonlinear optical (NLO) properties of the compound were performed.

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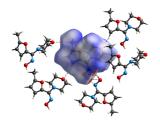


Figure 1. The Hirshfeld surface mapped with d___

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MS47-P1 Modern web technologies as tools in teaching crystallographic group theory

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The concept of symmetry is central to crystallography. Although symmetry is ubiquitous around us, it takes some conceptual effort to leverage this everyday knowledge in understanding why the molecules pack the way they pack in crystals. Group theory on the other hand is a mathematical formalism describing symmetry. In the crystallographic context it comes in the form of point, plane and space groups. As with any abstract concept to be learned, it is easier to understand by visualization.

Today there are plenty of excellent libraries for visualization of data in 2D (like for example d3,js¹). Even the HTML standard has evolved in the way that it now natively supports drawing on its canvas. Combined with some great capabilities of the general purpose library for crystallographic computations such as cctbx² it can be used to bring the visualization of space group patterns to a very broad audience, practically everyone and everywhere. This undertaking was conceived originally as a help in teaching the course "Group theory in crystallography" to graduate students of chemistry.

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