

Breaking down the boundaries to storing, sharing and publishing research data

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Store.Synchrotron.org.au

- Store. Synchrotron is a system that captures all macromolecular beamline data, available online to all non-commercial Australian Synchrotron users. It was developed by Monash University in a strategic, ongoing partnership.
- Data is **immediately shareable** by the researcher on the web and able to be **published**.
- The service operates on the Australian NeCTAR Research compute cloud in a scalable setup able to withstand load. (http://nectar.org.au/)
- We're actively opening access to raw data behind high-impact research publications under CC BY licenses. Six institutions have opened data so far.
- Built on MyTardis an open source, Australian made data management platform used all over Australia in proteomics, genomics, electron microscopy, medical imaging, astrophysics, quantum physics and more.
 - Generalised so can be used for other data capture processes
 - Growing community of users and instruments (40 at Monash)



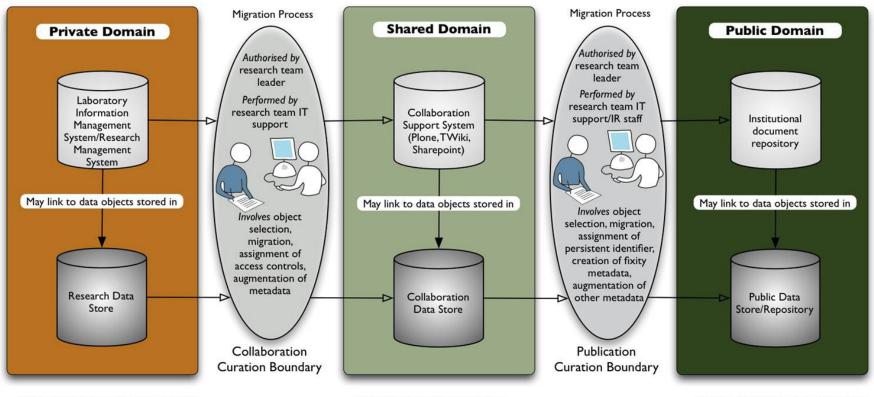
Why do it?

- To meet the challenge of diffraction data deposition
- Provide a model for other synchrotrons globally
- To ensure that satisfactory evidence is provided to support the interpretation of structural experiments



Data Curation Continuum

Private Research, Shared Research, Publication, and the Boundary Transitions



This domain involves the core research team as they undertake the research, usually within a single institution.

Access is often tightly controlled as hypotheses and analyses are developed.

This domain involves researchers outside the core team as they collaborate with colleagues, often across institutions. Access is more open, but not everything is shared.

This domain involves the public sphere (publication in the sense of making public). Access usually open to all.

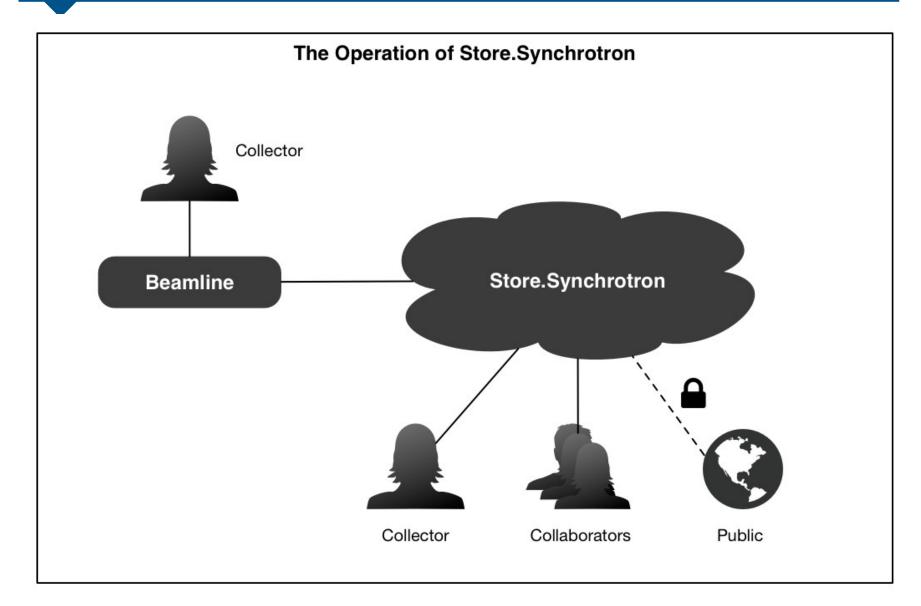
Version 1.4.3, http://andrew.treloar.net/, 19 Mar 2012



Previous state

- Most users were taking portable hard drives to the beam lines
- Problems:
 - There is little standardisation in the storage and filing of data.
 - Portable drives may be the lab's sole resource for raw data.
 - The metadata, essential to identify which raw frames match a given structure, may be lost.
 - Several instances of users contacting the AS for access to raw images relating to datasets that they have lost or when their own media got corrupted.



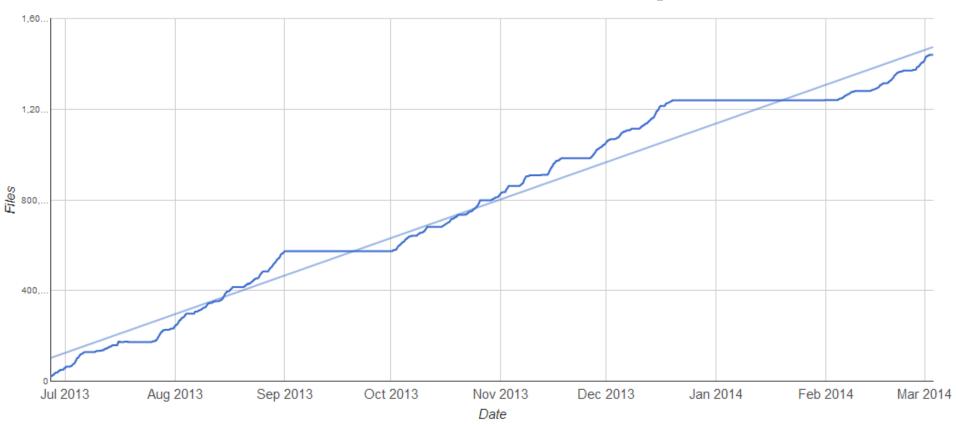


What about the metadata?

- Use external sources to derive metadata as early as possible in process
 - Instrument metadata at time of capture
 - User proposal information for descriptive metadata
- On publication work with researchers directly
 - To enhance descriptions
 - Connect to related publications
 - Identify other outside sources of metadata eg PBD
- Add additional discovery information
 - Citation for dataset
 - Digital Object Identifier



Real-time instrument data capture



Capture began June 2013. As of June 2014, it has captured over 26 terabytes of data in over 1.5 million raw diffraction images.

Source: http://bdp-aaf-dev.dyndns.org/graphtime.html



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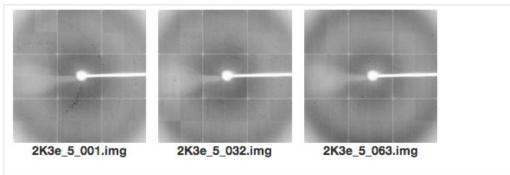
+ Add Dataset Metadata

Dataset 2K3e_5

✓ Edit Dataset Description

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A few diffractions from your dataset



Datafile Information

Click the button next to any file to view details and actions.

Dataset Metadata

Synchrotron MX Data

Other Experiments

This dataset also appears in these experiments.

Experiment 3511

MONASH University

94 Files

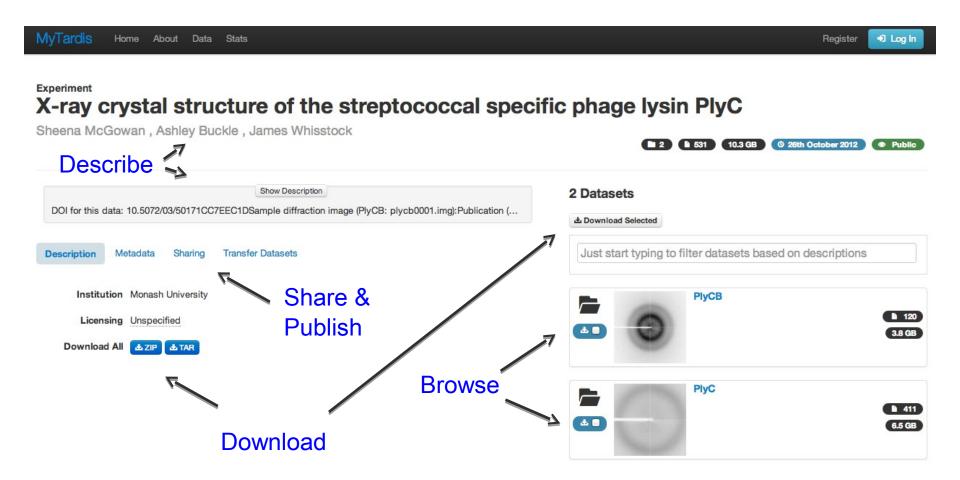
Download Dataset: TAR

Search: Enter part or all of a filename, then



- 2K3e_5_005.img (18.0 MB)





Integrate..

Provide..



Sharing

Users

Users who have a share in this experiment:

Username	Name	Permissions
mytardis	Steve Androulakis	Read Edit Owner
oded	Oded Kleifeld	Read
bosco	Bosco Ho	Read
synchrotron	Synchrotron Test	Read Edit Owner

Change User Sharing

Groups

Groups who have a share in this experiment:

There are currently no groups with access to this experiment.

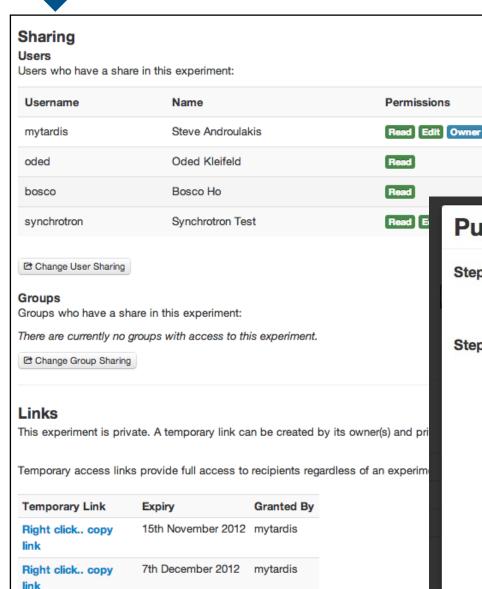
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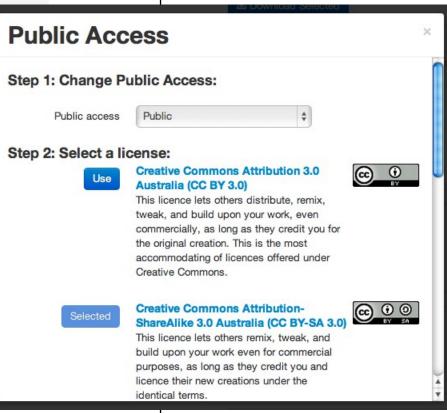
Links

This experiment is private. A temporary link can be created by its owner(s) and privately shared for direct access.

Temporary access links provide full access to recipients regardless of an experiment's public status.

Temporary Link	Expiry	Granted By
Right click copy link	15th November 2012	mytardis
Right click copy link	7th December 2012	mytardis





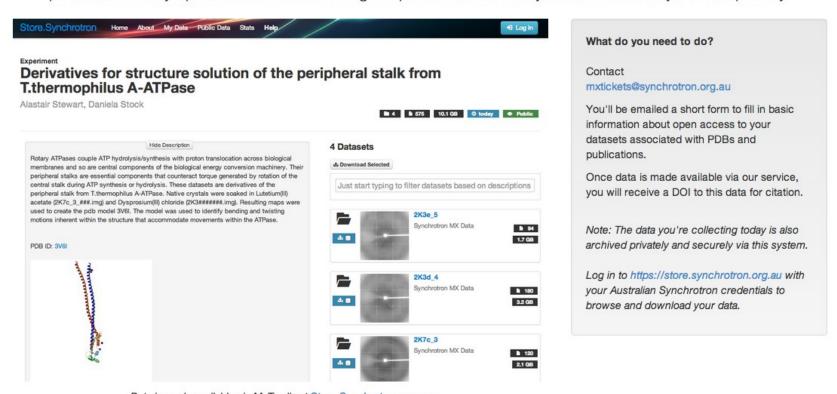
Challenges

- Researcher engagement
- Understanding researcher needs and domain
- Keeping up with changing requirements
- Making a project into a well supported service
- Currently have a complicated work flow to get data released
- Ongoing cost of keeping data available, maintaining DOIs



Publish your research, then publish your raw data with us.

The Australian Synchrotron is working with researchers to open access to datasets associated with publications. This process is entirely opt-in for researchers and gives permission for the Synchrotron to host your data publicly.



Data is made available via MyTardis at Store.Synchrotron.org.au

Presented on the Synchrotron's Control PCs in a slideshow.



Discovery

- Currently feeding records to
 - Research Data Australia
 - Monash University Research Repository
- Future
 - Trove



Going forward

- Multi modal data
- Automating more workflows to increase diversity of publications and disciplines
- Incorporating connections to scientific tools and workflows eg connect to HPC to process results
- Increasing 'instrument integration' of this kind using the same underlying system as Store.Synchrotron.
 - This includes expansion to more beamlines at the Australian Synchrotron and likely the Australian neutron source ANSTO.
 Experiences here with different research communities, policies, practices, technology and culture should be broadly useful to this group



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