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The Taiwan beamline BL12B2 is one of the contract beamlines under collaboration between National Synchrotron Radiation Research Center in Taiwan (NSRRC), JASRI and RIKEN Harima Institute. BL12B2 has been maintained to serve for material science and protein crystallography users since 2000. The schematic layout of the beamline is shown in Figure 1. The beamline is equipped with a collimating mirror (CM), a double crystal monochromator (DCM), a focusing mirror (FM). The measured spot size of the beam is about $250\ \mu\text{m} \times 250\ \mu\text{m}$ at protein end station and total flux is about 1.5×10^{11} at 12 keV. There are four end stations, EXAFS, x-ray diffraction, x-ray scattering, and protein crystallography (PX) end stations inside the experimental hutch of BL12B2.

The EXAFS experiment can be measured using two ion chambers at EXAFS table located at the most upper stream of the BL12B2 experiment hutch. The users can carry out their own experiment by placing their sample in between these two ion chambers. Powder x-ray diffraction can be measured using image plate at XRD table located next to the EXAFS table. X-ray scattering experiment can be carried out using six circle diffractometer. The sample of these two experiments can be controlled the temperature from 400 K-20 K using heater and cryostat. High pressure x-ray diffraction can be carried out using CCD camera at protein crystallography table. The PX endstation is equipped with CCD and SPring-8 standard auto sample changer system have been installed since 2009. The user interface software of PX is SPring-8 standard BSS. Remote access capability of this PX system has been tested successfully in 2011.

EXAFS, x-ray diffraction, x-ray scattering end stations are serving for material science users. The experiments are covering wide variety of material science topics, such as

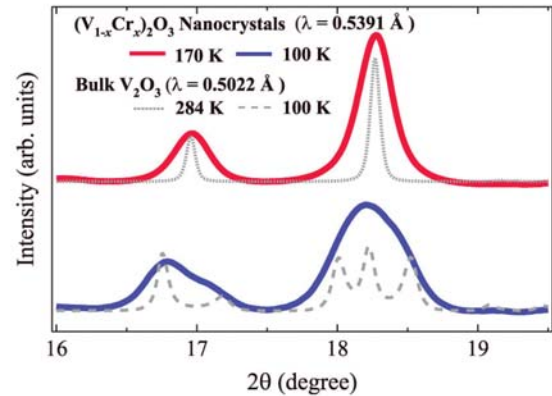


Fig.2 Temperature dependent XRD patterns of the $(V_{1-x}Cr_x)_2O_3$ nanocrystals. Red and blue line indicates high temperature 170 K and low temperature 100 K spectra, respectively. For comparison the data of the bulk V_2O_3 at high-temperature corundum phase (284 K) and the low-temperature monoclinic phase (100 K) are written in grey dotted and grey broken line, respectively^[1].

environmental science, nano science, geophysical science, etc. In 2012, BL12B2 users have published sixteen papers in SCI journals. The material science and protein crystallography users have published six and ten papers respectively. Selected results are shown in Fig. 2 (material science) and Fig. 3 (protein crystallography). Fig. 2 shows temperature dependent XRD patterns of the $(V_{1-x}Cr_x)_2O_3$ nanocrystals^[1]. Fig. 3 shows crystal structure of rice cytosolic glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH) complex with NAD and sulfate^[14].

The beamtime was shared for material science and protein crystallography users equally. The major users of the BL12B2 beamline in 2012 were from Taiwan. There are also international users from Japan and other place of the world. Users support has been provided by three beamline scientists and one engineer.

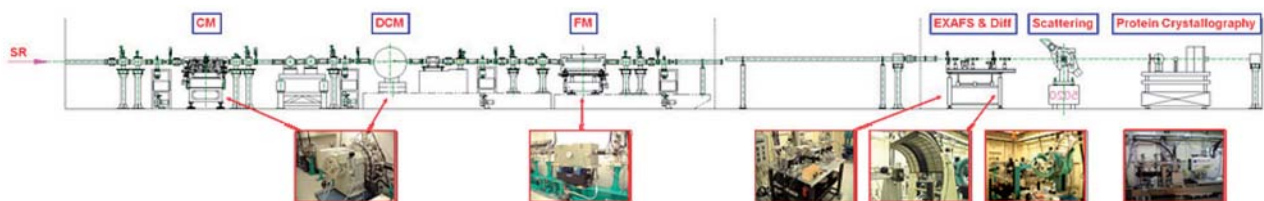


Fig.1 Schematic layout of BL12B2

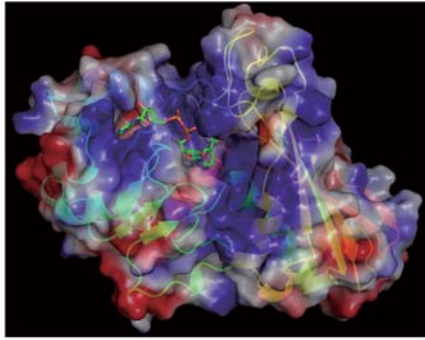


Fig.3 Crystal structure of rice cytosolic glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH) complex with NAD and sulfate. The structure of GAPDH is presented as ribbons and the electrostatic surface (positive charges: blue; negatively charges: red). The NAD (in stick) is bound at the active-site pocket^[14].

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