

Benefits of APS-U and planned improvements for muscle/fiber diffraction experiments

Weikang Ma BioCAT





March 15, 2022



APS-U

- Increase in flux to $\sim 5*10^{13}$ ph/s
- More symmetric beam with reduced horizontal size

Horizontal setup would work as good as vertical



Recent improvements

EIGER2 XE 9M detector

BioCA

- 75 micron pixels
- 550 Hz max frame rate
- Dead-time free readout



- Will have a significant impact on the muscle diffraction program
- For most experiments will allow collecting all routinely analyzed diffraction data with good order to order resolution with a single camera length



Recent developments

Frozen muscle preparation for X-ray





X-ray Diffraction Pattern From Frozen Human Cardiac Tissue



Ma et al. 2022 Biophys J. 121(4):565-574.



Future Plans

 Further optimize cryopreserve methods on skeletal muscle

 Redesign BSL 2 muscle mechanic setup



 Redesign high throughput multi-rigs system





Combined Langendorff preparation with X-ray diffraction

• Langendorff preparation is a classic whole heart physiology technique.



- Allows the examination of heart performance under different conditions
- Multiscale approach to study cardiac muscle structure: skinned fibers, intact fibers, whole heart



March 15, 2022





Planned improvements

- Langendorff system was acquired and preliminary design was made to work in the beamline
- Will be fully commissioned during APS-U







Recent developments, MuscleX

- Transformative impact on muscle program
 - Even basic data analysis used to require lengthy process by trained personnel (many weeks for a single experiment).
 - Non-expert users now have the ability to analyze their data. Truly general user mode is possible now.
 - Greatly reduces the lag time to publication.



Future Plans, MuscleX

RO1 is funded to develop

- MuscleX 2.0, Continue developments of MuscleX
- MUSICO-X
 - Goal is to develop a "forward problem" approach to simulating/interpreting muscle X-ray diffraction experiments based on the MUSICO (MUscle SImulation COde) package. Collaboration with Srba Mijailovich (IIT)
 - Will be a potent hypothesis generating tool to motivate new experiments.