

The National Deuteration Facility, and support of neutron scattering for structural biology

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The National Deuteration Facility (NDF) at the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) provides deuteration for a diversity of molecules and applications, including the deuteration of proteins for solvent contrast variation of multi-subunit biological assemblies.

Many of the macromolecular functions of life and disease involve dynamic protein interactions. Observing, and mapping, large scale domain movements is a strength of method of solution scattering. Small angle x-ray scattering can quickly provide macromolecular envelope information. Extending on this is the method of small angle neutron scattering (SANS) using solvent contrast variation, and subunit-specific labelling by deuteration, which enables identification and mapping of relative dispositions of the subunits within the macromolecular envelope.

Recent illustrative examples of structural characterisations using deuteration and SANS include: [1] the trimeric *Proteus mirabilis* ScsC protein bound to ScsB; [2] the BAMLET complex of alpha-lactalbumin and oleic acid; and [3] multiple complexes of syntaxin and munc18.

[1] Disulfide isomerase activity of the dynamic, trimeric *Proteus mirabilis* ScsC protein is primed by the tandem immunoglobulin-fold domain of ScsB.

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[2] Neutron scattering shows a droplet of oleic acid at the center of the BAMLET complex.

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