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Experiment Report Form

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Deadlines for submission of Experimental Reports

- 1st March for experiments carried out up until June of the previous year;
- 1st September for experiments carried out up until January of the same year.

Instructions for preparing your Report

- fill in a separate form for each project or series of measurements.
- type your report, in English.
- include the reference number of the proposal to which the report refers.
- make sure that the text, tables and figures fit into the space available.
- if your work is published or is in press, you may prefer to paste in the abstract, and add full reference details. If the abstract is in a language other than English, please include an English translation.

ESRF	**Experiment title: Bacteriophage AP205**	**Experiment number**: MX 274
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Report:

Small RNA phages, belonging to the family *Leviviridae* have been used extensively as models for studies of various problems in molecular biology, including protein-RNA interactions, repression of translation, virus assembly and virus evolution.
The capsids of small RNA phages have T=3 symmetry and can be regarded as built up from 90 dimers. The three dimensional structures of several small RNA phages, including MS2, Q, fr, Ga and PP7 have been determined earlier.
Bacteriophage AP205 infects *Acinetobacter* bacteria and its coat protein has no detectable similarity to that of other small RNA phages. In contrast to other small RNA phage capsids, which always have T=3 symmetry, recombinant AP205 capsids may have either T=1 or T=3 symmetry. About 80-90 % of particles from the same preparation have T=3 symmetry, while remaining 10-20% have T=1 symmetry. So far it has proved to be impossible to separate particles of both sizes.
In this experiment we collected a 4.0 Å dataset of recombinant AP205 capsid crystals. According to cell dimensions, crystals were built exclusively of T=1 particles, which was somewhat surprising, since material for crystallization consists mainly of T=3 particles. At the moment, structure determination is in progress.