Abstract

EDNA will be a new generation environment for ODA (Online Data Analysis), in particular for the automation of the collection and processing of X-ray diffraction data from macromolecular crystals. This report describes the EDNA prototype that will serve as a base for future EDNA developments. The prototype implements the Use Case “Crystal characterisation taking into account radiation damage” by using MOSFLM for indexing and integration, RADDose for radiation damage estimation and BEST for data collection strategy calculations.

The EDNA prototype described in this report was demonstrated in a BioXHiT meeting held at the ESRF (2008-06-26 - 2008-06-27). The minutes of this meeting are attached to this report.
1 Introduction

The EDNA project is an international collaboration between Synchrotron Radiation (SR) facilities, laboratories and companies. For more information about the EDNA project and its history see Appendix 1.

The EDNA prototype described in this report is an important mile-stone in the EDNA development plan, defined in the “spike” report. The deadline for the prototype has been set to end of June 2008 in order to make this report a BioXHIT deliverable.

This report contains a description of the EDNA prototype and a summary of the developments behind it. The first part of this report is a short overview of the prototype. The second part consists of a list of Appendices that contain more detailed information.

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1 See http://www.edna-site.org/wiki/index.php/EDNA_Documents
2 See http://www.bioxhit.org

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2 The EDNA Prototype

2.1 Goals

The main goal of the EDNA prototype is to implement the Use Case “Crystal characterisation taking into account radiation damage”\(^3\). In short this means running the following steps:

- Indexing with MOSFLM
- Integration with MOSFLM, produce input files for BEST
- Estimation of radiation damage using RADDOSE
- Strategy calculation using BEST resulting in multi-subwedge strategy

Initially the goal was to perform indexing with both MOSFLM and XDS, however the objectives were reviewed (See Appendix 1).

2.2 Prototype features

The prototype has the following features implemented:

- Execution plugins : BEST, RADDOSE, MOSFLM indexing, MOSFLM integration and MOSFLM generation of image with predicted spots.
- Control plugins : Indexing, Generation of images with predicted spots (parallel execution), Integration (parallel execution), Strategy and Characterisation.
- The characterisation plugin can be launched with one or several reference images, compared with DNA which can only be used with two reference images.
- It is possible to provide all relevant parameters needed for radiation damage estimation by RADDOSE and BEST in the XML input for characterisation.
- In cases where radiation damage parameters are available or in cases of anisotropy, the strategy produced by BEST consists of a list of sub wedges. The BEST plugin can be configured to produce single sub wedge strategies.
- All plugins create a separate directory where the XML input, XML output and working files are stored. If the plugin is a control plugin, the execution plugins create separate directories in the control plugin working directory. This hierarchy of working directories make it easy to find, for example, log files from the third-party programs, see Figure 1.

\(^3\) See [http://www.edna-site.org](http://www.edna-site.org)
2.3 Data model

An important part of the EDNA project, if not the most important, is the development of a generic data model for passing results from one program as input to other programs, for example using XDS for indexing and MOSFLM for integration. The prototype does contain three levels of data models:

- **Common**: data model containing the most generic definitions like detector, space group etc.
- **Characterisation**: this data model contains definitions of (generic) indexing, integration and strategy inputs and results.
- **Specific**: each plugin in charge of the execution of third-party programs (i.e. MOSFLM, RADDOS and BEST) has its own specific data model.

The EDNA prototype data models are described in detail in Appendix 2.

2.4 Plugins and architecture

EDNA is a modular system based on a plugins factory mechanism and multi-thread management (AALib). It uses a programming language that allows integration with the python and the java worlds (Python/Jython).

EDNA consists of a kernel and a set of plugins organized in a classes hierarchy. This logical organization guarantees the ability to introduce easily new plugins that will naturally inherit the main existing plugins. More precisely: execution plugins that are responsible for the execution of 3rd party software and control plugins that are responsible for the data flow and the invocation of the execution plugins mentioned above.

2.5 Configuration

It is important to be able to configure the EDNA software. The aim is to set the required technical parameters to be able to launch properly all the plugins which are part of EDNA including the controller plugins and the execution plugins mentioned above.

For instance, it should be possible to define the 3rd party software that is to be launched for a particular step (e.g. choosing MOSFLM and/or XDS for the indexing when this feature will be available) and in a more general way to set the required parameters for an execution plugin to be launched (working directory, 3rd party software paths, etc...)

The current way to configure EDNA is an editable xml configuration file. This could be wrapped up in a GUI to be presented and updated by a user.

2.6 Prototype execution

The EDNA prototype is implemented as a Python class called EDApplicationPrototype. In order to facilitate the startup of the prototype a script is also provided called edna-prototype. See Appendix 4 for instructions on how to run the prototype.

2.7 Distribution and licence

The prototype will be distributed to EDNA members who are willing to test it. The deadline for the prototype package is the same as for the final prototype report: before the end of July 2008.

The licence for the EDNA prototype is GPL v3.
3 Development tools and testing framework

In order to have a fast and reliable development process, a set of development tools have been put in place in addition to the development of a specific framework to develop and test EDNA. This will help to ensure the robustness of the package when adding of re-factor ing any EDNA feature:

- Development Environment: Eclipse
- UML Data Modeling: Enterprise Architect
- Source and Bugs managements: Subversion, Bugzilla
- Dedicated web server
- Data classes code generation from UML (XSD data binding)
- EDNA Test Framework: EDNA kernel tests, plugin unit tests, plugin execution tests (for both control plugins and execution plugins). See Appendix 3 for instructions on how to execute the prototype unit tests.

4 Conclusions of the prototype development

4.1 Implementation

The implemented prototype has fulfilled its goal: given one or several reference images, it returns a full characterisation that takes radiation damage into account and provides a multiple sub-wedge data collection strategy. The implementation based on AALib seems to be robust.

4.2 Development

The EDNA development environment (EDNA kernel + development tools, see Section 3) is now sufficiently mature to develop the first EDNA version. The data model development using Enterprise Architect and the corresponding API generation works very well. Thanks to the plugin structure and testing framework new developers should be included in the collaboration without any difficulties. The Use Cases as defined on www.edna-site.org were very useful for developing the prototype.

4.3 Project structure and collaboration

The EDNA project structure still needs to be finalised by finishing the project agreement. We also need to agree on a license for distributing future EDNA developments.
5 Minutes EDNA Prototype Demonstration meeting  
June 26\textsuperscript{th} – June 27\textsuperscript{th} 2008

Presents :

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Partly presents :

Romeu Pieritz (ESRF, France), Sasha Popov (ESRF, France), Darren Spruce (ESRF, France)

Agenda :

Thursday June 26\textsuperscript{th} :

14:00 - 18:00 : Prototype demonstration and discussion

- Demonstration
- Data model
- Implementation
- Configuration

18:00 - : Executive committee meeting with project manager

Friday June 27\textsuperscript{th} :

9:00 – 12:00 : Future developments

- Improvements within the scope of the prototype
  \Rightarrow final requirements for the prototype, deadline end of July
- Generic data model + XDS
- Deploying EDNA on beamlines : MOSFLM post refinement, POINTLESS, MTZUTILS and SCALA plugins
- HTML pages
- Project agreement, licence, distribution
- Next meeting (December 2008?)
- Longer term developments (if time allows) : KAPPA (through STAC), GRID, MAD / SAD data collection strategy optimisation
5.1 Overview of the meeting

Olof opened the meeting with a short presentation describing the meeting agenda and the goals of the meeting. He then made a short demonstration of the prototype by running it on different sets of input images, illustrating successful runs with single or multiple images, including parallel indexing of several images, and explaining the organisation of the generated output files. This will be remembered as a very hot event due to broken air conditioning and the unusually hot weather in Grenoble that day...

After coffee the meeting moved to a new meeting room with air conditioning. Various aspects of the prototype were discussed (data model, logs, error handling etc). We started on Thursday to discuss as well the future of the project, and the meeting was closed by noon on Friday after having agreed on the points outlined in the following sections.

5.2 Prototype requirements (Deadline end of July)

We agreed on the following set of items that should be implemented in the prototype:

- **Add default RADDOSE structure**: If no structure information is available, then EDNA should use a default structure (Gleb will provide one).

- **Generation of prediction images**: demonstrated but not fully implemented, should be a part of the final prototype.

- **Executive summary**: The prototype should give the essential results in the form of an executive summary. Elspeth will provide help on what should be present in this summary.

- **Integration I / sigma**: The integrated intensity I and I/sigma as function of resolution should be a part of the integration result.

- **Missing items in data model**: The following parameters were missing in the data model presented and should be part of the final prototype data model:
  - Ranking resolution, ring current
  - Diffraction plan: Resolution, I/sigma, multiplicity and completeness as input to strategy
  - Max phi speed, min exposure time, min osc width (should also be part of configuration)

- **Prototype report**:
  - Add why new development (from spike report)
  - Deployment / installation instructions
  - Annotate the UML diagrams

- **Licence**: It was suggested to release the prototype under LGPL3 with the same modifications that were introduced for the CCP4 licence to make it valid under British law.
5.3 After the prototype (August - October)

- **Tests of the prototype on beamlines**: Sandor and Alun agreed to make sure that the prototype will be tested on ESRF and Diamond beamlines respectively and would coordinate feedback.

- **Small XDS plugin meeting in September**: As Gleb and Sandor would like to help developing the XDS plugin, it was suggested that a small meeting is organised at the ESRF in the period mid-September till the end of September. The developers documentation (see below) will not be ready for this meeting.

- **Developers' documentation**: It was agreed that before developing any new functionality in EDNA, Marie-Françoise and Olof should write up developers' documentation, in particular:
  - “How to write an EDNA plugin” documentation
  - Data model implementation and development
  - Plugin hierarchy etc.
  - Coding convention, development tools etc.

- **Plugin Workshop by mid October**: Limited to max 10 people who are expected to be contributing to EDNA.
  - How to develop MOSFLM post refinement, LABELIT (ask Brookhaven to do this plugin), POINTLESS, SCALA, ISPyB (it was suggested that Karl could do this) and DENZO (Mirek).
  - As the BioXHIT funding has stopped travel money must be taken from individual institutes budgets.

5.4 New plugin submission / development procedure

We discussed briefly a work flow for submitting a new plugin for EDNA:

- Specifications – related Use Case
  => Validation
- Coding including tests
  => Code review

5.5 Next meeting – Soleil

We agreed to suggest to Andrew Thompson that Soleil could organise the next full EDNA meeting. Possible dates (in December):

- 8th 14:00 -> 9th 12:00 or
- 15th 14:00 -> 16th 12:00
Appendix 1 : The EDNA project and the prototype history

Before February 2007

The DNA (automateD collectioN of datA) collaboration has successfully developed a software system capable of automatic screening, automatic ranking and automatic data collection with on-line data reduction (integration and scaling). For more information about the DNA project see the following links: DNA web site4 and DNA article5.

The initial collaboration divided the DNA system into a set of modules, where one developer was responsible for one module. This way of collaborating was initially successful but has made it difficult for new developers to enter the project. Moreover, the overall goals of DNA have gradually been extended so that the initial inflexible design had to be “stretched” in order to implement new features. This has led to code which is difficult to maintain and new features became more and more costly in terms of development efforts to implement. Therefore a decision was taken to start a completely new collaboration with a new way of collaborating and a completely new design.

February 2007 – June 2007

The EDNA project started under the name of “DNA 2.0” in the DNA full meeting at Diamond in February 2007. For more details about the period up to June 2007 see http://www.edna-site.org/wiki/doc/DNA20SpikeReport_20070920.pdf.

June 2007 – October 2007

The main activities during this period were the preparation of the Use Cases and the Project Agreement. On October 23rd a “Project Agreement Meeting” in which the name of the project was changed to “EDNA”. For more details about this meeting see http://www.edna-site.org/wiki/doc/FinalProjectAgreementMinutes_20071023.pdf.

October 2007 – July 2008

After the Project Agreement meeting the work on the EDNA prototype (as defined in the Spike report) started.

- In November the first EDNA developers workshop was organised with the main goal of being an introduction to Aalib. There are four documents available from this workshop, see http://www.edna-site.org/wiki/index.php/EDNA_Documents.
- In February a developers meeting was organised at the Soleil synchrotron, France. The main goal of this meeting was, a part of a general discussion around the current status of the project, the elaboration of a generic data model, see : http://www.edna-site.org/wiki/images/4/40/MinutesMeetingSoleil20080218.pdf.
- Olof was absent from March 5th till April 10th. Therefore the decision was taken to reduce the scope of the prototype by removing the implementation of XDS plugins and a fully generic data model.
- The prototype demonstration meeting which will take place at the ESRF from June 26th to June 27th.
- The prototype was released to EDNA members on 2007-07-31.

4 http://www.dna.ac.uk
5 http://journals.iucr.org/d/issues/2002/11/00/ba5026/index.html
Appendix 2: The EDNA prototype generic data models

Appendix 2.1: The Common data model

These simple objects that use built-in types are basically aimed to be used by the rest of the data model objects.

These objects use the simple objects described above to create useful structures for the rest of the data model.
This defines the main properties of a sample:
- absorbed dose rate in crystal
- shape: this refers to the size of the sample and the beam size (if crystal smaller than beam size consider the ratio of crystal size to the beam size if the beam is smaller than crystal).
- sample size
- the susceptibility of the sample to radiation damage.

A particular crystal sample that contains a macromolecule defined by its chemical composition.
Appendix 2.2: The Characterisation data model

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Appendix 3 : Installation instructions

Requirements:
* Python version 2.4 or later.
* bash shell: tested on Linux, the prototype could also run on different flavours of Unix (Mac OSX, FreeBSD, Solaris, HPUX, IRIX etc) and maybe even on Windows however these platforms have not been tested and hence are not supported.

* In order to run the EDNA prototype characterisation, the prototype needs to execute the following two programs:

- MOSFLM version 7.0.1 or later. MOSFLM can be obtained from Harry’s “MOSFLM help and guidance” web page:
  http://www.mrc-lmb.cam.ac.uk/harry/mosflm
- BEST version 3.1.0.d or later. BEST can be obtained by requesting a licence on the BEST home web page:
  http://www.embl-hamburg.de/BEST

* In order to take full advantage of the radiation damage prediction by BEST, it is also recommended to install RADDOSE. RADDOSE can be obtained by contacting directly the authors: Elspeth Garman (email address deleted) and/or Raimond Ravelli (email address deleted). The prototype has been tested with RADDOSE version 4.2 of 2007/07/05.

Installation:

1. Untar the distribution file in a suitable location on your file system, for example /usr/local/xtal. The directory “edna” created in this location is later referred to as $EDNA_HOME, e.g. in the example above $EDNA_HOME should be set to: /usr/local/xtal/edna.

2. You must then set up a configuration file for your installation. The easiest solution is to copy one of the configuration files in the EDNA prototype distribution to a new one. For example, copy $EDNA_HOME/prototype/conf/XSConfiguration_ESRF.xml to

$EDNA_HOME/prototype/conf/XSConfiguration_yourSite.xml

where you can replace yourSite with the name of your site (e.g. NSLS, Diamond etc). It’s important to keep the “XSConfiguration_” prefix. The “yourSite” name is later referred to as $EDNA_SITE.

Edit the XSConfiguration_yourSite.xml file, you must change the paths to the following programs/packages required by EDNA:
* bash shell script
* MOSFLM version 7.0.1 or later
* BEST version 3.1.0.d or later
* RADDOSE version 4.2 of 2007-07-05
* CCP4 version 6.0.2 or later

3. You can then start EDNA if the $EDNA_HOME and $EDNA_SITE variables mentioned above have been defined with the following command:

$EDNA_HOME/prototype/bin/edna-prototype

In order to avoid having to define these variables you can easily create an EDNA prototype startup script:

#!/bin/bash
export EDNA_HOME=[path to your edna directory, e.g. /usr/local/xtal/edna]
export EDNA_SITE=[name of your site, e.g. NSLS, Diamond etc]
$EDNA_HOME/prototype/bin/edna-prototype $*
Testing the installation:

It is recommended to try to run the EDNA prototype test suites in order to verify that the installation of the prototype is correct. There exist three different test suites:

* Kernel : This test suite tests the EDNA prototype kernel, i.e. everything but the plugins. Use "--testsuite-src" as command line argument for unit testing the kernel:

   ${EDNA_HOME}/prototype/bin/edna-prototype --testsuite-src

* Plugin unit : This test suite unit tests the plugins, i.e. it check methods of the plugins but it doesn't execute the plugins:

   ${EDNA_HOME}/prototype/bin/edna-prototype --testsuite-plugin-unit

* Plugin execution : This test suite tests the execution of all the plugins, some plugins are executed several times with different input data (note that test images are necessary, if they are not present the script will indicate how to obtain them):

   ${EDNA_HOME}/prototype/bin/edna-prototype --testsuite-plugin-execute

At the end of each test suite a report is presented with the number of successes / failures of the test suite. Each test suite should normally contain only successes. If this is not the case please contact the EDNA support team at edna-support@esrf.fr.
Appendix 4 : EDNA Prototype v1.0.0 Manual

This manual is a short introduction on how to run the EDNA prototype version 1.0.0. For installation instructions, see the file $EDNA_HOME/prototype/INSTALL.txt. For more information concerning the prototype see $EDNA_HOME/prototype/doc/EDNA_Prototype_Report.pdf.

The EDNA prototype accepts two types of input, either an XML file or a list of ADSC images:

1. Using XML input with the prototype
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The XML input must be of type XSDataCollection (see Appendix 2 of the EDNA prototype report for the definition of XSDataCollection). You can find an example of an XML file in:

$EDNA_HOME/prototype/tests/data/EDPluginControlCharacterisation/XSDataCollection_reference.xml

Use the "--data" command line argument to start the prototype with XML input:

    edna-prototype --data XSDataCollection.xml

The XML input gives you full freedom for accessing all parameters in the prototype data model such as the chemical composition of the crystal content, the diffraction plan etc.

2. Using the prototype without an XML input file
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In order to facilitate testing of the prototype it is possible to instead of defining an XML file give a list of ADSC images using the "--image" keyword:

    edna-prototype --image test_1_001.img [ test_1_002.img ... ]

The images must have an image number in the file name, and the following parameters must be constant for all images:

* Crystal
* Wavelength
* Distance
* Detector type

Optional keywords when using the "--image" options:

    --flux : Beam flux [photon/s]
    --beamSize : Beam size [mm] (beam assumed to be square)
    --maxExposureTimePerDataCollection : The maximum time a crystal will be exposed to the X-ray beam. This value can either be used as the longest time a crystal can be exposed to the X-ray beam before being destroyed by radiation damage, or it can be used to optimise data collection in case of lack of time (e.g. end of beamtime).
    --minExposureTimePerImage : the shortest exposure time at which the shutter of the beamline can work reliably.

Note that all these options (and many, many more) are available in the XML file input mentioned above, but these keywords have no effect when using the "--data" keyword. Thus, if you want to modify these values using XML input, you must modify the corresponding value in the XML file.

Note also that in order to run RADDDOSE both the flux and the beamsize must be provided.

The "--image" keyword input has been added only for rapidly run the prototype on a set of images. In order to take advantage of the full potential of the prototype please use the XML input described above.

3. Results
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If correct input has been provided to the prototype, it will generate two kinds of output - an "executive summary" which is displayed in the terminal from which the prototype was launched, and an XML output file.
The prototype creates a new directory in the directory from where it was launched:

YYYYMMDD-HHMMSS-EDApplicationPrototype-v1.0.0

All the input files, output files and the files generated by the third-party programs (MOSFLM, RADDOSE and BEST) are stored in sub-directories of this directory.

The output XML file from the characterisation can be found in the "Characterisation" sub directory:

YYYYMMDD-HHMMSS-EDApplicationPrototype-v1.0.0/Characterisation/EDPluginControlCharacterisationv01_dataOutput.xml

Again, for a complete definition of the output data see the EDNA prototype report, Appendix 2.