

ImgCIF Implementation: Issues for Vendors

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Information Collection Issues

From the Beam Line:

- * Some configuration parameters will rarely change.
- * Other beam line sourced values will change per-image.
- * ImgCIF (headers) should provide a uniform way to pass these way to detector software. Now, there is no standard way to do this.

Integration with Detector Software

Implementation:

- * Convert current image format to imgCIF.
- * Add information not included in the current image format.
- * Add additional functionality: include imgCIF in display program
- * Need bi-directional conversion programs from current image formats to/from imgCIF form. It's especially important in the beginning that you can "get back" the original file formats from imgCIF files.

Verification Issues

Data Processing Programs:

- * Same result with imgCIF files as current format files?
- * Do output imgCIF images generate correct program defaults?

Using CBFLib code:

- * As much as possible use common routines such as cbf_simple.c
- * This code should be maintained as part of CBFLib to help users of imgCIF files to write simple, reliable code.