

Getting Started with Cryo-EM

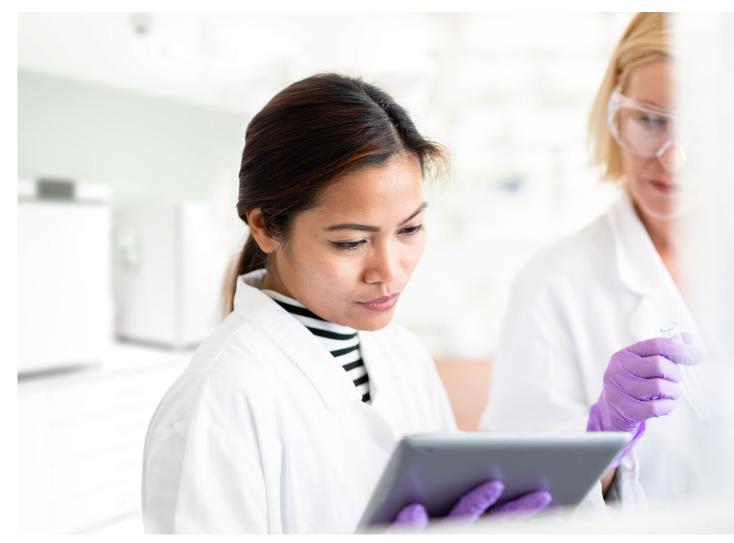
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Introduction

Cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) can determine structures of challenging proteins and other macromolecules, without the need for crystals, while providing insight into how these proteins function in a way that other methods simply cannot. Although once considered a specialty tool used only by a small group of experts, cryo-electron microscopes are now increasingly easier to use, more affordable, and accessible to the wider scientific community.



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Cryo-EM for studying protein function

What are the greatest challenges to obtaining deeper structural and functional insights for macromolecules?

Protein structure is often used to predict protein function. Commonly used techniques to identify structure include X-ray crystallography and nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR). However, scientists may have to infer function from indirect methods or rely on sample manipulation to get a structure because proteins can have multiple conformations and form complexes, may be difficult to crystallize, or can be too large for NMR analysis. When a target protein has multiple conformations, each conformation must be trapped and/or crystallized accordingly. If the protein is part of a complex, then a homogeneous version of the complex must be purified, which can be difficult. Membrane or post-translationally modified proteins typically have to be modified and cleaved into smaller fragments. Other challenges include low-abundance proteins that are difficult to purify in sufficient amounts or proteins that grow crystals that are very small, heterogeneous, or as part of slurries. Despite researchers knowing the structure of a protein at high resolution, it may still not be clear how this structure relates to function inside the cell.

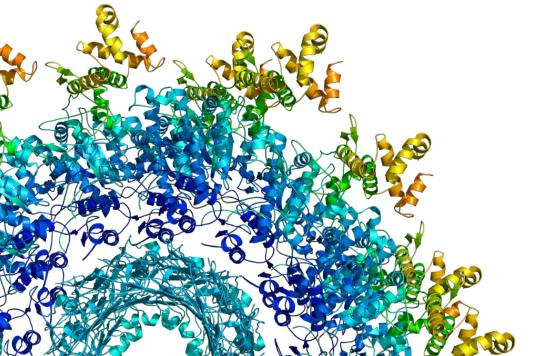
Dr. Joachim Frank, a professor of biochemistry, molecular biophysics, and biological sciences at Columbia University and a 2017 Nobel Prize winner, reflects on his research, how he uses peripheral vision to find unexpected opportunities, and his favorite TV shows.



Learn how cryo-EM is powering biomedical research

Needing only tiny amounts of protein sample, researchers can use cryo-EM to get a larger picture of how membrane proteins function and contribute to disease, and access structures of macromolecular complexes for better drug design.





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Methods for studying protein function

	Cryo-EM: 6VSB	X-ray crystallography: 7TDL	NMR: 1A2S
Summary	Samples are rapidly frozen (vitrified), preserving the sample in its natural state. A transmission electron microscope (TEM) is used to capture two-dimensional projections of the specimen, which are then combined to make a 3D model.	Samples are crystalized and an X-ray beam is used to create a diffraction pattern from which the position of each atom in the crystallized molecule is determined.	Samples are subjected to a large magnet inside an NMR spectrometer. A series of split-second radio-wave pulses are applied to the sample, which forces the nuclei to resonate at specific frequencies. A complete picture of the protein is developed by combining the measured resonance frequencies.
Sample types	Membrane proteins	Crystallizable samples	• Proteins with MWs <40–50 kDa
	Large complex proteins	Soluble proteins	
	Ribosomes		
	• Virions		
	Other macromolecules		
Advantages	Easier sample preparation	Works well for broad molecular weight ranges	Obtains 3D structures in solution
	Only requires small sample size	Easier model building	
	Structures are obtained in native state		
Current limitations	• Proteins with molecular weights >100 kDa are preferred, but the number of structures from proteins with smaller molecular weights have increased as technology rapidly improves	 Crystallization can be difficult and can take months to years to achieve Solid structure is preferred Results in static crystalline state Differentiate can be difficult 	Needs high purity sampleHas a difficult computational simulationSample must be isotopically labeled
		Diffraction can be difficult	
Sample amounts required	Nanograms to micrograms	Micrograms to milligrams	Micrograms to milligrams

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How does cryo-EM provide a solution for protein scientists?

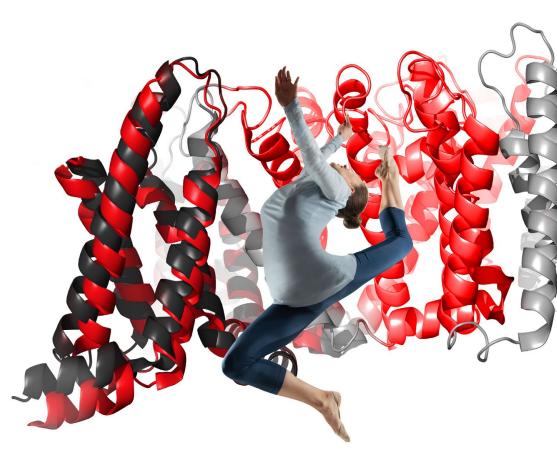
Cryo-EM enables researchers to analyze proteins in all their complex conformations, structures, and modified forms. We can look at multiple protein conformations in a single sample. Cryo-EM does not require crystal growth and needs only a small amount of sample. Cryo-EM can investigate heterogeneous complexes without construct optimization to remove post-translational modifications.

Why is cryo-EM beneficial for studying protein function?

- Maintains the sample in a near-native state with rapid sample vitrification
- Needs only a small amount of sample material
- Requires no protein crystallization
- Captures flexible conformations
- Needs no extensive construct optimization (e.g., no need to remove post-translational modifications)
- Can determine structures of heterogenous protein complexes







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Getting started in cryo-EM Revolutionize your research

Cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) techniques, such as single-particle analysis, can help you discover how proteins function – critical information for the development of cutting-edge infectious-disease treatments. Adopt cryo-EM quickly and seamlessly. As a leader in cryo-EM innovation, we can help you and your team be successful at every stage of the adoption process, from financing to guidance on facility and data-processing requirements. Find out how the Thermo Scientific[™] Tundra[™] and Glacios[™] 2 Cryo-Transmission Electron Microscopes (Cryo-TEMs) offer cryo-EM solutions that fit your needs.

Products and support along every step of the cryo-EM workflow



Financing options Competitive and flexible financing, leasing, lease-toown options and more.



Site preparation services

Environmental engineering experts provide analysis and recommendations, minimizing environmental interference while maximizing system performance.



Installation Following installation, our technicians train you to prepare samples and gather data confidently and safely. Each workflow step is validated to ensure it is optimally tuned for high-

quality data collection.



Sample preparation for vitrification

Maximize sample quality with a range of products – from protein expression to purification and clean up.



Sample vitrification

Preserve biological integrity and quickly produce highquality samples with the Thermo Scientific Vitrobot[™] Mark IV System.

Data collection

The Tundra Cryo-TEM is designed to bring single particle analysis to new users. The Glacios 2 Cryo-TEM offers enhanced ease of use through automation, resulting in a more versatile microscope for higherresolution data collection or for use in a shared facility.

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How can I get started with cryo-EM?

In collaboration with the scientific community, we have developed a portfolio of solutions at different price points. We also provide programs to help with onboarding, training, and financing. Our offering includes improved ease of use and lower cost of ownership.

In addition, we offer comprehensive training and onboarding programs, dedicated customer success managers, and site preparation services to help ensure your success. You will find our instruments to be the easiest to use in the industry thanks to automated alignments, performance monitoring, and seamless data connectivity. Getting started in cryo-EM has become more affordable, through <u>a range of leasing and financing options</u>. The <u>Tundra Cryo-TEM</u> is a structure determination solution that is easy to use for new users. The <u>Glacios 2 Cryo-TEM</u> is a capable and versatile fully integrated cryo-TEM solution. The <u>Thermo ScientificTM KriosTM G4 Cryo-TEM</u> boasts ultimate performance and productivity in a compact design.

Getting started in cryo-EM is accessible. We have more than 450 systems placed globally in more than 150 labs. Our systems are used at workshops and schools that we sponsor worldwide. We even offer an <u>online Cryo-EM</u> <u>University</u>, which is accessible via our <u>Scientific Workflows</u> <u>app on your mobile device</u>.



"The Tundra [Cryo-TEM] will help with accessibility because the training required to use this instrument was very minimal. It lowered the barrier to entry into cryo-EM." -Dr. Andrew Borst Protein Design Institute, University of Washington



"What excites me the most about the Tundra [Cryo-TEM] is the fact that you've got 100 KV affordable microscope that can

deliver this type of resolution. The user interface is brilliant. The new technology is really going to help users enter the field, which I think is really important, and users can readily screen their samples and actually understand what they're looking at. Completely game changing."

–Dr. James Whisstock Professor at Monash University, Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow, and Scientific Head of EMBL Australia



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Single particle analysis workflow

Single particle analysis is a revolutionary cryo-EM technique that has enabled the near-atomic structural determination of challenging proteins and protein complexes, without the need for crystallization. Samples can be studied directly in solution. High-quality data collection from cryo-EM has been facilitated by recent advances in sample preparation and data processing.



Sample preparation

The quality of structural analysis is directly related to sample preparation: purified, homogeneous, and biochemically active proteins/macromolecules in a stable buffer typically provide the best results.

Negative-stain

screening Negative-stain electron microscopy is an easy and cost-effective method for the quality assessment of purified biological specimens at room temperature. This screening allows you to qualitatively assess particle composition and conformational homogeneity, which can only be done at the microscopic scale.



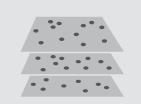
Vitrification

Once sample purity has been verified, the sample is vitrified (i.e., rapidly frozen to suspend the specimens in a layer of amorphous (vitreous) ice). By avoiding ice crystallization, the samples are preserved in a near-native state, essentially taking a snapshot of their structures in solution. Ice consistency as well as sample distribution and orientation are critical for data collection, and automated plunge freezing is the general method of choice for consistent sample vitrification.



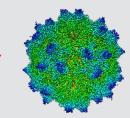
Cryo-EM grid screening

Even the best vitrification system is not 100% consistent, and therefore the sample (frozen atop an EM arid) must be screened in order to find optimal areas for data collection. Ideally, the ice would uniformly cover the grid holes, and a large amount of specimen is distributed evenly throughout the visible ice. Only a moderate-resolution TEM scan is required at this stage, as this is a largely qualitative assessment.



Data acquisition

Data collection consists of high-resolution imaging with a specifically designed cryo-TEM. With advances in data collection software, individual particles can be automatically identified in the TEM image and grouped according to particle orientation. For every sample, imaging and identification can be simplified by robust, reliable automation.



Structure visualization

Once sufficient particle data is collected (ideally representing the sample from as many different orientations as possible). it can be recombined into a 3D representation of the protein/macromolecule. This uses 2D data from tens of thousands of particles and typically involves multiple data processing steps, requiring high data storage capacity and computational power. A number of professionally developed and opensource data processing solutions exist to simplify and expedite this process.

MicroED workflow

Microcrystal electron diffraction (MicroED) enables fast, high-resolution structural determination of small molecules and proteins. Atomic details can be extracted from individual nanocrystals (<200 nm in size), even in a heterogeneous mixture. Data is acquired on a cryo-TEM, using electrons as the incident beam.



Sample preparation

The creation of small crystals for MicroED depends on their sample type. Small molecule crystals, which are usually dry, may require mechanical grinding, or they may simply be crystallized spontaneously out of solution using evaporation. Protein crystals are typically kept in water to retain their hydrated native states.

Vitrification

Protein crystals are prepared by plunge freezing, a method that is similar to the one used for single particle analysis. After freezing, crystals that are too thick for MicroED are thinned using a cryofocused ion beam (cryo-FIB).

TEM low-dose screening

Continuous rotation data is collected from a single crystal within the electron beam on a fast camera.

Data collection

Individual images from the diffraction tilt series are combined computationally. Data collection is completed in only a few minutes, and 3D structures can be determined at atomic resolution.

Reconstruction

The electron diffraction data obtained by this method is fully compatible with the available X-ray crystallography software, which simplifies analysis. Getting started in cryo-EN

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Cryo-electron tomography workflow

Cryo-electron tomography (cryo-ET) provides label-free, fixation-free, nanometer-scale imaging of a cell's interior in 3D and visualizes protein complexes within their physiological environments. Using a correlative light and electron microscopy approach allows targeting of tagged proteins by fluorescence microscopy before subsequent higher-resolution cryo-EM imaging. Many cells are too thick for electrons, so the vitrified cells must be thinned with a cryo-focused ion beam microscope (cryo-FIB) prior to imaging in a transmission electron microscope.



Cell culture

Cells prepared by routine culture methods are grown on carbon-coated gold electron microscopy (EM) grids.

Sample preparation by vitrification

Cells are either vitrified through plunge-freezing (like SPA specimens) or high-pressure freezing (HPF). The water in the sample freezes rapidly and does not crystallize, thus avoiding the molecularscale disruption (by formed ice crystals) that would occur with a normal slow freezing process.

Localization by fluorescence

Using cryo-correlative microscopy, the sample is transferred to a cryo-fluorescence light microscope (cryo-FLM), with which structures of interest are identified. A dedicated cryo-FLM stage keeps the sample in its vitrified state during cryofluorescence imaging.

Thinning by milling

A dedicated cryo-FIB prepares a thin, uniform lamella at the vitreous temperature (approximately -170°C).

Imaging by TEM

During cryo-ET, the sample is tilted in known increments about an axis. The individual projection images from the tomographic tilt series are then combined computationally in a procedure known as backprojection, which creates the 3D tomographic volume.

Reconstruction and visualization

The 3D tomogram featuring cellular structures can be segmented and colored in a variety of ways to enhance its display and presentation. From the tomogram, small subsets of data containing the structures of interest can be computationally extracted and subjected to image processing methods.

Cryo-transmission electron microscopes

Thermo Fisher Scientific offers a range of cryo-electron microscopy instruments suited to a variety of analytical needs. With the Thermo Scientific Tundra[™] Cryo-TEM, you can expand the possibilities of your biochemical research without prior microscopy experience and at a more affordable price point. This offers your laboratory a cost-effective, easier-to-use cryo-EM solution optimized

for single particle analysis. The Thermo Scientific Glacios[™] 2 and Krios[™] G4 Cryo-TEMs are capable of producing higher resolution results and have the ability to perform additional cryo-EM methods such as MicroED and cryo-electron tomography.

In addition, our solution for 60°C heat decontamination allows the Krios Cryo-TEM to be installed in higher biosafety-level containment facilities (e.g. BSL-3).

Tundra Cryo-TEM: accessible & smart

- Fully automated and requires minimal expertise to use
- Cost-effective platform for labs that are new to cryo-EM
- Ideal for sample and grid selection for analysis on higher resolution platforms

Intermediate-resolution SPA	100 kV, <3.0*	
Medium throughput	dataset in 24 hours	
Sample type	proteins, macromolecules	
Applications	SPA	

Glacios 2 Cryo-TEM: powerful & versatile

- Automated sample assessment and acquisition of large data sets for higher throughput
- Improved detector and AI-enabled software work
 together to provide rapid, high-quality results

High-resolution SPA	200 kV, <2.5 Å**	
High throughput	dataset in 30 minutes	
Sample type	proteins, crystals, cells, macromolecules	
Applications	SPA, MicroED, tomography	

Krios G4 Cryo-TEM: Unparallel performance

- Designed for true atomic-resolution cryo-EM and speed
- Highest level of automation from sample vitrification to data analysis

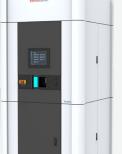
Ultra-high-resolution SPA	300 kV, <1.5 Å**	
Highest throughput	dataset in minutes	
Sample type	proteins, crystals, cells, macromolecules	
Applications	SPA, MicroED, tomography	

* Based on performance using Falcon C Direct Electron Detector

** Based on best published performance, actual results will depend on non-microscope factors such as sample and user experience. Not a promise of biological resolution performance.



See a full demo of the_ Tundra Cryo-TEM in action







Portfolio instrument comparison matrix

		Thermo Scientific Tundra Cryo-TEM (100 kV)	Thermo Scientific Glacios 2 Cryo-TEM (200 kV)	Thermo Scientific Krios G4 Cryo-TEM (300 kV)
	Proteins (Single Particle Analysis)	$\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}}$
Sample Type	Crystals (Micro-electron Diffraction)	×	$\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}}$
	Cells (Tomography)	×	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}}$
Performance	Highest resolution	2.1 Å*	1.6 Å**	1.22 Å
Throughput &	Time to get to 3.5 Å (apoferritin)***	24 hours	30 minutes	A few minutes
Productivity	Time to get to 2.5 Å (apoferritin)***	18 hours (2.1 Å)	2 hours	10 minutes
	For new users	$\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Ease of Use	For pushing near-atomic resolution	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{\sqrt{\sqrt{1}}}$
Comparison		\$	\$\$	\$\$\$

* Data for 100 kV achieved on apoferritin, unpublished

** Data for 200 kV achieved on apoferritin, unpublished

*** Based on assumptions that will vary for microscope-independent factors including, but not limited to, user experience, sample type, quality, and concentration

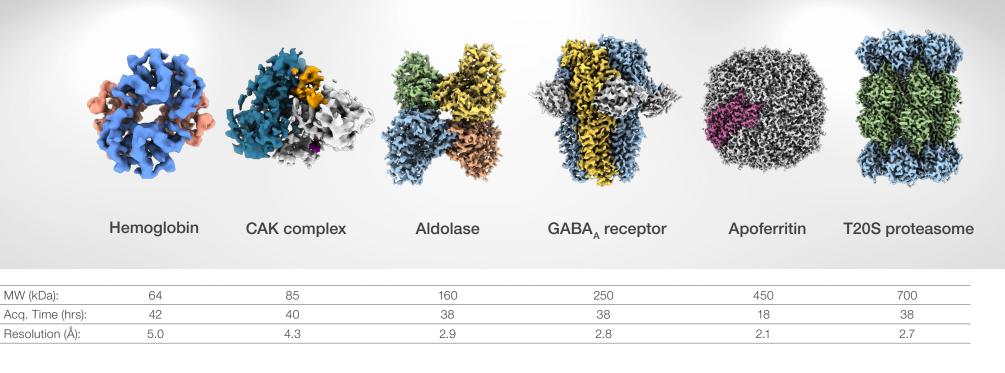


"Using the Glacios 2 Cryo-TEM, we developed a workflow that enables us to determine structures of small, asymmetric complexes at high resolution and with high throughput. Uncovering such structures provides us with detailed insight into inhibitor binding and suggests a mechanism for target selectivity in cancer therapeutics that we are currently testing."

> -Basil Greber Institute of Cancer Research, London, UK

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Unravelling complex protein structures with the Tundra Cryo-TEM





"The availability of the Falcon C [Detector] for the Tundra Cryo-TEM will be game changing in the sense that low-resource institutions will be able to get high-resolution reconstructions. So not only using the Tundra [Cryo-TEM] as a screening microscope, but a data collection tool. And that versatility is great for institutions that may only have one TEM."

> -Dr. Edward Eng Senior Scientist, New York Structural Biology Center, NY

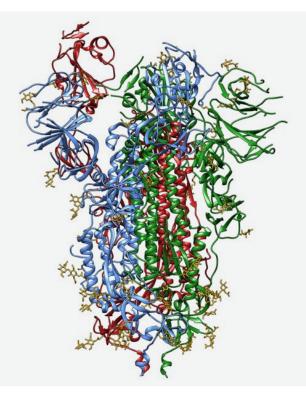
All images generated using the Tundra Cryo-TEM and Falcon C Direct Electron Detector.

CDK-activating kinase (CAK) complex sample courtesy of Basil Greber, Institute of Cancer Research, London.

GABA, receptor sample courtesy of Radu Aricescu, Medical Research Council Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge.

T20S proteasome sample courtesy of Juergen Plitzko, Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry, Martinsried.

Cryo-EM to study viruses: Structural details of SARS-CoV-2 variants



Cryo-EM structure of SARS-CoV-2 spike glycoprotein in the prefusion conformation, with the three subunits of the trimer in red, green, and blue, and glycosylation in yellow (3.5 Å resolution). Image created from PDB data (6VSB).

Research challenge:

Several fast-spreading variants of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) have become the dominant circulating strains in the COVID-19 pandemic. Studying the structures of the full-length spike (S) trimers of the Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Kappa, and Delta variants will enable scientists to better understand their function and antigenic properties.

Biological sample:

Expressed, purified proteins

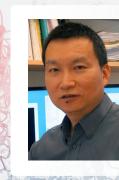
References:

Zhang, J., Chen, B et al. (2021) Membrane fusion and immune evasion by the spike protein of SARS-CoV-2 Delta variant. *Science*.

Cryo-EM advantage:

Provides structural details on how SARS-CoV-2 has evolved to have enhanced viral fitness and increased immunity evasion.





Webinar:

Understanding SARS-CoV-2 variants by cryo-EM

Dr. Bing Chen

Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School and Boston Children's Hospital

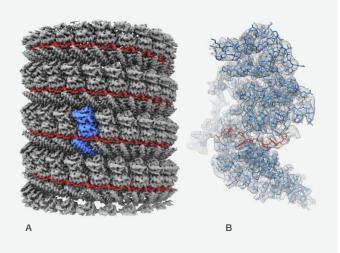
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Virology eBook

Cryo-EM technology is helping researchers overcome challenges related to virus purification and protein homogeneity and revolutionizing antiviral drug discovery and vaccine design. Learn more about how cryo-EM can help solve structural puzzles in virology.

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Cryo-tomography of viruses: Visualization of enterovirus virion assembly



3D rendering of the cryo-EM reconstruction. (A) The RNA and NP are colored in red and grey, respectively. A single NP molecule is highlighted in blue. (B) An atomic model of a single NP molecule with the RNA in the complex. The model is superposed with the cryo-EM map in a polygon mesh representation. *Courtesy of Yukihiko Sugita, OIST.*

Research challenge:

Enteroviruses are non-enveloped positive-sense RNA viruses that cause diverse diseases in humans. Their rapid multiplication depends on remodeling of cytoplasmic membranes for viral genome replication. It is unknown how virions assemble around these newly synthesized genomes or how they are then loaded into autophagic membranes for release through secretory autophagy.

Biological sample:

Infected HeLa cells (poliovirus type 1)

References:

Dahmane, S et al. (2021) Membrane-assisted assembly and selective autophagy of enteroviruses, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. *bioRxiv*.

Cryo-EM advantage: Visualize how virions assemble directly on replication membranes



Webinar:

Enterovirus membraneassisted assembly and release revealed by cryoelectron tomography

Dr. Selma Dahmane Umea University

Dr. Kristian Wadel Thermo Fisher Scientific

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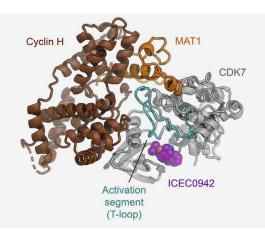
Access the inner workings of cells through 3D sample reconstruction at unprecedented nanoscale resolution. Results from this technique are having profound effects on our understanding of cell biology, revealing native cellular architecture with molecular clarity. Explore a curated collection of publications highlighting the use of cryo-ET.

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Cryo-EM to study proteins: Structural insights into CDK-activating kinase for rational drug design



Structure of the human CAK-ICEC0942 complex determined with single particle analysis. Figure reproduced under <u>CC BY 4.0.</u>

Full length structure of Janus kinase solved

Researchers at Stanford University used our cryo-EM solutions to solve the long-sought-after structure of Janus kinase, a large signaling protein involved in responses to infection, inflammation, the generation of immune cells, and, when dysregulated by mutation, the emergence of blood cancers.

Researchers captured the full structure of this important signaling molecule as well as the mechanism for how these kinases work. Because protein behavior can go awry in disease, these results could lead to new and better drugs against certain cancers.

Glassman, CK, *et al.* Structure of a Janus kinase cytokine receptor complex reveals the basis for dimeric activation. *Science* 376:6589, 2022. <u>doi.</u> <u>org/10.1126/science.abn8933</u>

Learn more

Research challenge:

How can the structural determination of human CAK bound to several nucleotide analogues and inhibitors have the potential to improve drug development? Uncovering the structural basis of inhibitor selectivity can help to reduce treatment side effects.

Biological sample:

Expressed, purified protein

References:

Cushing, VI, *et al.* High-resolution cryo-electron microscopy of the human CDK-activating kinase for structure-based drug design *bioRxiv*, 2023. <u>doi.</u> <u>org/10.1101/2023.04.07.536029</u>

Cryo-EM advantage:

Offers a fresh tool to evaluate native protein assemblies that can advance the development of medically relevant macromolecules for therapeutic purposes.



Cancer eBook

Leverage structural insights to better understand the conditions for cancer cell growth and identify new ways to treat cancer. Learn how cryo-EM is revolutionizing cancer research.

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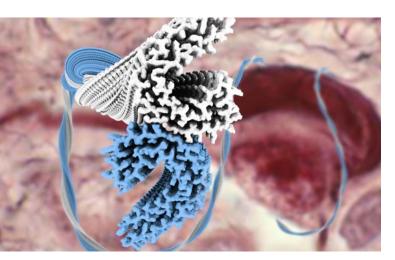
Dr. Basil Greber Institute of Cancer Research, London, UK

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Cryo-EM of proteins: Visualizing misfolded tau protein in filaments for disease characterization



Using cryo-EM, researchers solved the structure of tau filament structures, rendered in blue and white in this photo. Knowing how tau proteins assemble into their filaments is expected to lead to more targeted treatment of Alzheimer's. *Source: Technology Networks*

Research challenge:

Abnormal accumulation of misfolded tau protein filaments characterizes more than 20 neurodegenerative diseases, collectively called tauopathies, including: Alzheimer's disease, primary age-related tauopathy (PART), chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), Pick's disease, and corticobasal degeneration (CBD). These diseases are distinguished by different tau folds. To understand the relevance of these folds, better model systems are required that can recapitulate this *in vitro*.

Biological sample:

Brain tissue

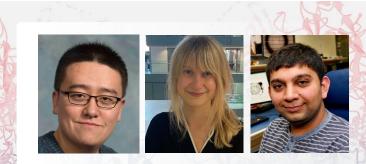
References:

Lövestam, S, et al. (2022) Assembly of recombinant tau into filaments identical to those of Alzheimer's disease and chronic traumatic encephalopathy. *eLife.*

Cryo-EM advantage:

Enables a hierarchical classification of tauopathies on the basis of their filament folds, complementing clinical diagnosis and neuropathology while also allowing the identification of new tauopathies.





Webinar: Tale of amyloid filaments in neurodegenerative diseases

Dr. Yang Shi Dr. Sofia Lövestam MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology

Dr. Abhay Kotecha Thermo Fisher Scientific Watch webinar

Neurodegeneration eBook

Cryo-EM technology is used to uncover the atomic structures of numerous misfolded proteins and their aggregates, including tau filaments, α-synuclein fibrils, and amyloid-B aggregates, as well as small-molecule drug candidates that bind to these proteins. Learn how cryo-EM can enable the structure-based classification of tauopathies.

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Research publications featuring data generated with cryo-EM

Wasmuth E, Sawyers C, et al. (2022) Allosteric interactions prime androgen receptor dimerization and activation. Mol Cell.

Glassman, C, Garcia C, et al. (2022) Structure of a Janus kinase cytokine receptor complex reveals the basis for dimeric activation. <u>Science</u>.

Milligan, JC, Ollmann Saphire, E et al. (2022) Asymmetric and non-stoichiometric glycoprotein recognition by two distinct antibodies results in broad protection against ebolaviruses. <u>Cell.</u>

Subramaniam S. (2020) COVID-19 and cryo-EM. IUCrJ.

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