### Domain/Subunit Identification and Labeling Strategies:

### Answers to the six thought-provoking questions posed in the meeting agenda:

- 1. Your guess is as good as mine.
- Maybe yes, maybe no.
- 3. I have absolutely no idea.
- 4. No one said electron cryomicroscopy would be easy.
- 5. I'm not sure we'll ever know the answer to that.
- 6. The answer to this question is left as an exercise for the student.

### 3D map of complex Known protein components



P1 P2 P3 P4 P5 P6 P7 P8 P9 P10

### Methods to identify domains/subunits:

Addition/subtraction of components
Tagging of components
Size/Shape/Charge

# Addition/subtraction of components Tagging of components Size/Shape/Charge



### Removing/adding a protein (*in vitro*)

Difference map: Actin+Tm+S1 Minus Actin+S1

t-test map of difference at (<0.5% confidence)





Difference map plotted on top of map Actin+S1





Control t-test map: Actin+Tm+S1 minus Actin+Tm+S1 (1% confidence)

Structural Relationships of Actin, Myosin, and Tropomyosin Revealed by Cryo-Electron Microscopy R. A. Milligan and P. F. Flicker JCellBio 105, 29-39, 1987

### emoving/adding a protein – detecting conformational chang

TFIID +/- P53, c-Jun, and Sp1





100 Å



Magenta = significant positive differences Green = significant negative differences Extra magenta and green are interpreted as conformational changes.

Structures of three distinct activator-TFIID complexes Liu. W et al. Genes and Dev 23. 1510-1521. 2009

### Subtraction using mutations

Dissecting the Nexin-Dynein Regulatory Complex

ermine which proteins are present in the mutant flagella by 2D gels and mass s

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Note: one deleted/mutant gene leads to many lost proteins!



Heuser et al. 2009 JCB



### This deletion of regulatory gene 3 shows only one (known) missing protein.

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How do you determine that the difference is not confused by a rearrangement within the complex?

escue with a tagged gene argues that there is not rearrangement on the loss of

tagged rescue

#### ∆drc3 (null)

WT



### Subtraction by comparing orthologs with missing amino acids

Flagellar filament C. crescentus



aligned proteins sequences

25kDa 54 kDa

Flagellar filament S. typhimurium



Outermost lobe removed in computer

# Addition/subtraction of components Tagging of components Size/Shape/Charge

### By gold tag attached to Cysteine

mposite t-test difference map

cation of undecagold attached to C-terminal cysteine 375 of actir

Molecular structure of F-actin and location of surface binding sites

R. A. Milligan, M. Whittaker & D. Safer\* Nature 348, 217-221, 1990.

## By domain addition at one end

### Tag – GST at N-terminus of ryanodine receptor prote

Difference map (red) plotted with WT



Three-dimensional reconstruction of the recombinant type 3 ryanodine receptor and its localization of its amino terminus Liu et al. PNAS 98, 6104-6109, 2001

### By domain insertion





Three-dimensional localization of serine 2808, a phosphorylation site in cardiac ryanodine receptor Meng et al. | Biol Chem 282, 25929-25939, 2007

### By domain insertion





ocalization of PKA Phosphorylation Site, Serine-2030, in the Three-Dimensional Structure of Cardiac Ryanodine Rec ones *et al.* liochem J *410,* 261-271, 2008.

## By domain insertion

HSV protein UL25 (580 aa): WT, WT + TAP tag ( $\sim$ 5K), and WT + GFP inserted between resides 50 and 51.

UL25 is grey TAP is red GFP is green.



~2.5 nm resolution

Residues of the UL25 Protein of Herpes Simplex Virus That Are Required for Its Stable Interaction with Capsids Cockrell, SK et al. J Virol 85, 4875-4887, 2011.

## Ligand binding

Tubulin zinc sheets +/- taxol (MW=850 Da)

-taxol +taxol difference 0.5% confidence



Structure of tubulin at 6.5 A and location of the taxol-binding site Nogales *et al.* Nature 375, 424-427, 1995

### By peptide binding

#### GSLLGRMKGA binds to Glu77 and Asp78 region of HBV

Difference map plotted on virus to show peptide



Peptides that block hepatitis B virus assembly: analysis by cryomicroscopy, mutagenesis and transfectio Bottcher, B, Tsuji, N, et al. EMBO J 17,6839-6845, 1998.



#### Photoconversion to generate heavy metal (osmium) label



A Genetically Encoded Tag for Correlated Light and Electron Microscopy of Intact Cells, Tissues, and Organisms Shu, X et al. PLOS Biology 9, 1-10, 2011



Science 296, 503-507, 2002.

#### Singlet Oxygen Generator



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### y growing nanoparticles of heavy metals on subunit of intere

Peptide/RNA + solution of heavy metal salt \_ nanoparticle

Example: Metallothionein (MT) + AuCl  $\square$  MT-Aun n~20 to 40

Pt (10Pt/MT), Ag (19Ag/MT), and Cd (6Cd/MT) have also been used. Enhanced detection efficiency of genetically encoded tag allows the visualization of monomeric proteins by electron Microscopy

Fukunaga, Y et al. J Elec Microsc 61, 229-236, 2012.

# Concatenated Metallothionein as a Clonable Gold Label for Electron Microscopy Mercogliano, C & DeRosier, DJ J Struct Biol *160*, 70-82, 2007





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#### BHK21 cells with viral protein P150-MT-GFP



Cells tolerate 1 mM AuCl for at least 60 min with no obvious ill effects. An incubation of 15 to 30 min is sufficient for labeling.

Specific, Sensitive, High-Resolution Detection of Protein Molecules in Eukaryotic Cells Using Metal-Tagging Transmission Electron Microscopy Cristina Risco, Eva Sanmarti n-Conesa, Wen-Pin Tzeng, Teryl K. Frey, Volker Seybold, and Raoul J. de Groot Structure 20, 759-766,2012 SecB/OmpA 110 kDa

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### SecB/OmpA-MT-Au



#### SecB/OmpA-MT-Cd

~6Cd/MT

#### SecB/OmpA-2MT-Au

~40Au/MT

Structural Characterization of the Complex of SecB and Metallothionein-Labeled proOmpA by Cryo-Electron Microscopy Diang Zhou1, Shan Sun1, Phang Tai2, Sen-Fang Sui1\* PLoS ONE 7, 1-10, 2012.



**Fig. 7.** Detection of  $Cd^{2+}$ -bound 3MT-tagged GroEL by cryo-TEM. Frozen GroEL and  $Cd^{2+}$ -bound GroEL-14(3MT) particles were imaged with a cryoelectron microscope at 200 kV. Typical images of GroEL (a, b, e, and f) and  $Cd^{2+}$ -bound GroEL-14(3MT) (c, d, g, and h) at 3  $\mu$ m underfocus (a–d) and at 1.5  $\mu$ m underfocus (e–h) are shown. The indicated boxes are enlarged in (b), (d), (f,) and (h). The circles indicate each particle of GroEL (b) or  $Cd^{2+}$ -bound GroEL-14(3MT) (d and h), and the scale bars represent 500 Å.

A genetically encoded metallothionein tag enabling efficient protein detection by electron microsco Yuri Nishino Takuo Yasunaga and Atsuo Miyazawa Journal of Electron Microscopy 56(3): 93–101 (2007)



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**Figure 4.** TEM images of particles formed with Pdase 017 and (A-C) [Pt<sub>2</sub>(DBA)<sub>3</sub>], (D) [Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>], (E) [Pt(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>], and (F) [Ni(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>].

50 nm

**RNA-Mediated Control of Metal Nanoparticle Shape** Lina A. Gugliotti, Daniel L. Feldheim, and Bruce E. Eaton JACS 127, 17814-17818, 2005

1µm

# Addition/subtraction of components Tagging of components Size/Shape/Charge



### ture of the eukaryotic K channel interpreted using the homologous bacterial ch



Bacterial channel (atomic structure in blue) is transmembrane and too big to fit in lower density.

T1 (soluble) fits nicely into lower density.

Unfilled densities are the missing four helix bundles

Three-dimensional structure of a voltage-gated potassium channel at 2.5 nm resolution Sokola O. Kolmakova Partensky L. Grigorieff N Structure 9, 215-220, 2001

### By charge



Surface of bacteriorhodopsin revealed by high-resolution electron crystallography Kimura, Y *et al.* Nature 389, 206-211, 1997

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- range data from .7 to .3 ក្នាំ
- p85 and asp212 are charged;<sup>10</sup> p 96 and asp 115 are not cording to IR spectroscopy

### If none of these works, 1. Addition/subtraction of components 2. Tagging of components 3. Size/Shape/Charge your last ditch effort is: 4.Divine intervention



That is the feature corresponding to P7!



