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The overall mission of NRAMM is to develop, test and apply technology for automating and streamlining cryo-electron microscopy (cryoEM) for structural biology.



Specimen preparation



Image acquisition

#### Technology enables:

Accessibility

Higher throughputs

"High" resolution structures of "small" / asymmetric / heterogeneous particles (may need to analyze 1,000,000's molecules)

Determination of many 3D structures in different states (may need 100's of maps)

# Investigation of the structure, function and dynamics of molecular machines



Data processing

## Automation for Single Particle CryoEM



Grid preparation (Spotiton)

Streamlined Processing (Appion)

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FEI Titan Krios#1 Falcon3 K2



FEI Titan Krios#2 Falcon 3 BioQuantum Energy Filter/K2 Volta Phase Plate Cs Corrector



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FEI Helios 650 Quorum cryotage



FEI Tecnai F20 + DE20 TVIPS 4K CMOS



JEOL 1230 + Gatan US4000 CCD



FEI Tecnai Biotwin + TVIPS 4K CMOS







~250 active users, ~150 Krios users.

~175 Krios projects.















~500 images





Timeline (days)

0

## ~1/2

Automated data collection

~500 images

Automated data pre-processing

~100 "shiny" images ~50,000 particles



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#### ~40,000 particles







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#### A hypothetical scenario during cryoEM grid preparation



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## Human protein complex(~300kDa)



Vignesh Kasinath and Eva Nogales, UCB







Graphics courtesy Gabe Lander



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>100,000 potential imaging targets; most of them are not usable.





















# **New Technologies**

## Accurate pL dispensing



# Thin films without blotting





Dispense tip front view



Dispense tip front view

Grid-tip positioning



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1 droplet (32 pl)



**Dispense tip front view** 

#### **Grid-tip positioning**



1000 droplets (32 nl)







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## Gold substrates and supports with nanowire grids



200 nm

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Holy carbon substrate on Rh and Cu nanowire 45 degree tilt

Holy gold substrate on Au and Cu nanowire

45 degree tilt

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Zhening Zhang



Hui Wei







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# A Streamlined and Automated CryoEM Pipeline

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Hui Wei

Ed Eng

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Qingbo Liu, Priyamvada Acharya, Michael A. Dolan, Peng Zhang, Christina Guzzo, Jacky Lu, Alice Kwon, Deepali Gururani, Huiyi Miao, Tatsiana Bylund, Gwo-Yu Chuang, Aliaksandr Druz, Tongqing Zhou, William Rice, Christoph Wigge, Bridget Carragher, Clinton S. Potter, Peter D. Kwong, Paolo Lusso. Vaccine Elicitation of Fusion Peptide-Directed Antibodies that Neutralize HIV-1. (2017) NSMB

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Spotiton grid: 1; # images collected: 150; tilt angle: 40 degrees; time: ~5 hours; frame alignment (motionscorr2), gctf, particles picked (~40K): during data acquisition per particle estimation (gctf): ~3 hours; Relion 2d classes: ~4 hours CryoSparc ab initio: 30 minutes; CryoSparc refinement: 30 minutes

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Cryo-EM maps of HIV-I Env complexed with FP-directed antibodies (3 maps within 24 hours)

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Cryo-EM maps of HIV-I Env complexed with FP-directed antibodies (3 maps within 24 hours)

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Dmitry Lyumkis

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## **Defining HIV Entry Pathway for Vaccine Design**



20 minutes between grid atlas acquired and first high magnification image acquired from a queue of 50 images

25 of 28 vitrified "squares" suitable for data collection



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## **CryoEM: Challenges and Opportunities**



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mic and heterogeneous particle populations (~millions of part Drug target screening?





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