

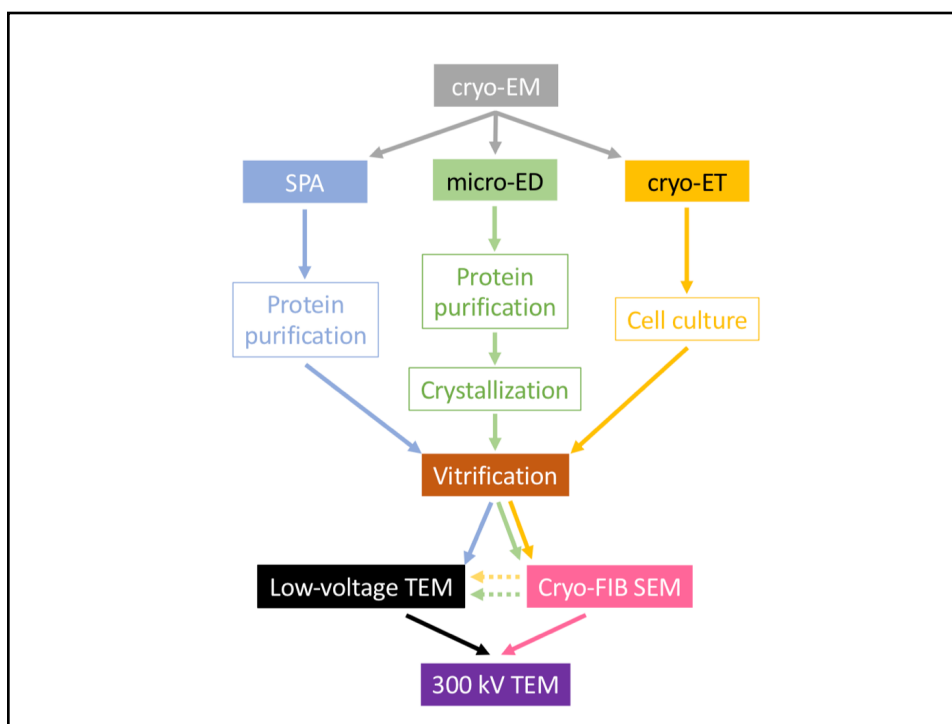
Curso: Microscopía avanzada

Crio-microscopía electrónica (*CryoEM*)

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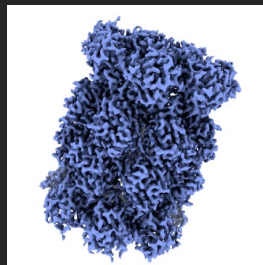


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Crio-microscopía electrónica (Cryo-EM)

Single-particle analysis

Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2017 for the development of cryo-electron microscopy, which both simplifies and improves the imaging of biomolecules. This method has moved biochemistry into a new era.



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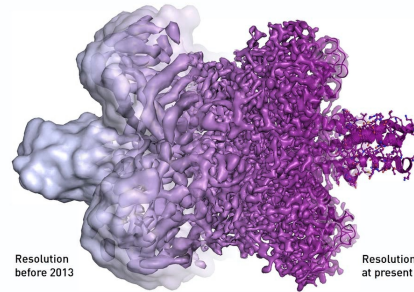


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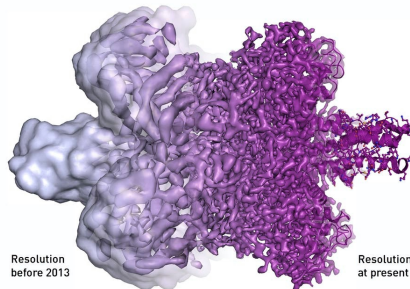
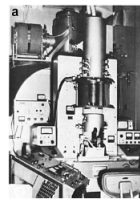


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- Mejoras en los detectores de electrones
 - Cámaras de película → detectores directos de electrones (DEDs):
- Corrección de movimiento ("beam-induced motion correction")
- Algoritmos avanzados de reconstrucción 3D + Aceleración por cómputo paralelo (GPUs y clusters)
- Fuentes de emisión de campo (FEG, *field emission gun*) - haz mucho más brillante, coherente y estable.

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Crio-microscopía electrónica (Cryo-EM)

Pasos necesarios

- Purificar la proteína
- **Vitrificación (evitar preferencia de orientación).**
- Colectar imágenes
- **Análisis de partículas y validación de mapa**
- Ajustar los aminoácidos al mapa

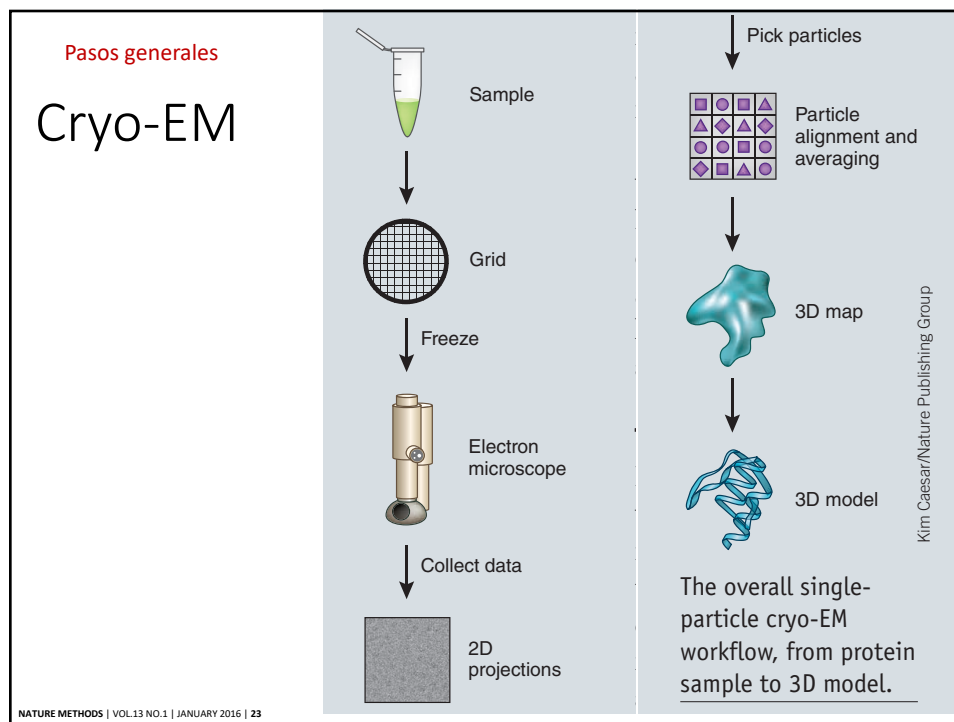
Pro

- NO necesita cristalizar la proteína
- Requiere bajas cantidades de proteína pura

Contra

- Solo para proteínas grandes ($\sim > 90$ Kda)
- En general media-baja resolución (> 2.5 Å)

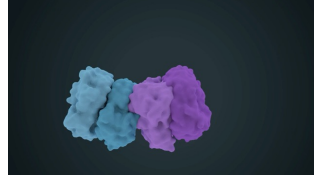
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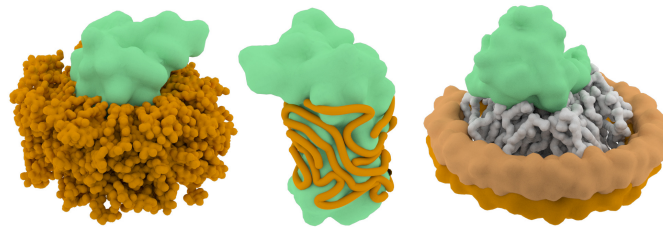
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Preparación de la proteína

- Evitar distintas conformaciones



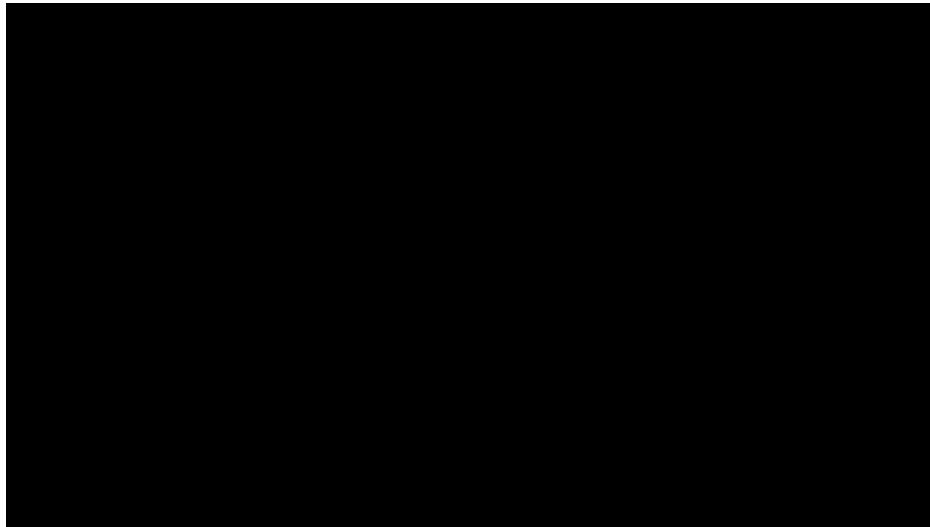
- Proteínas de membranas:



Stabilization of membrane proteins in detergents (left), amphipols (middle), or lipid nanodiscs (right).

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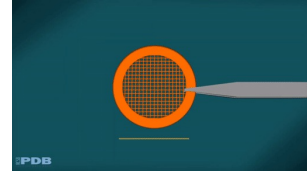
Preparación de la muestra



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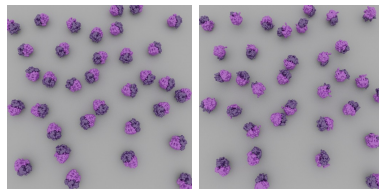
Preparación de grillas para cryoEM

- Vitricación de la muestra:
 - Aplicación de la proteína en solución
 - Secado del exceso de solución
 - Vitricación en etano líquido



- Algunos problemas:

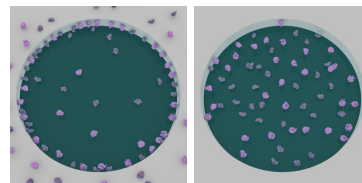
Orientation bias



Particles may adopt preferred orientations

Ideally, particles adopt a broad distribution of orientations

Particle partitioning



Preference to attach to the glow-discharged surface and fail to enter holes

Ideally, particles are covered throughout the holes

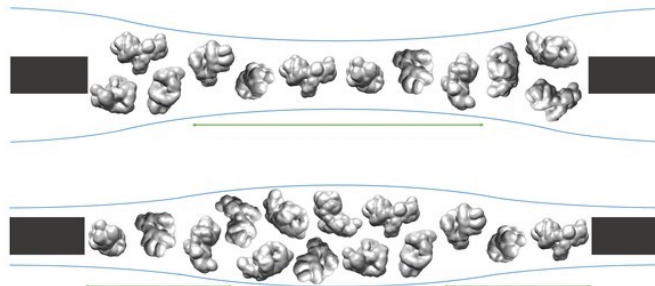
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Muestras de distinta calidad en una misma grilla

A: Grid hole with ideal single particle and ice behavior



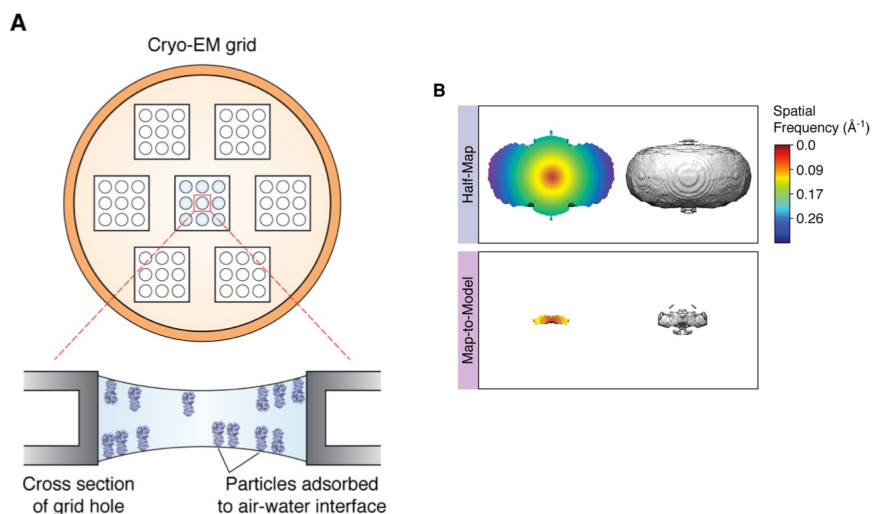
B: Grid holes with areas of ideal single particle and ice behavior



Alex J Noble et al. (2018) *eLife* 7:e34257.
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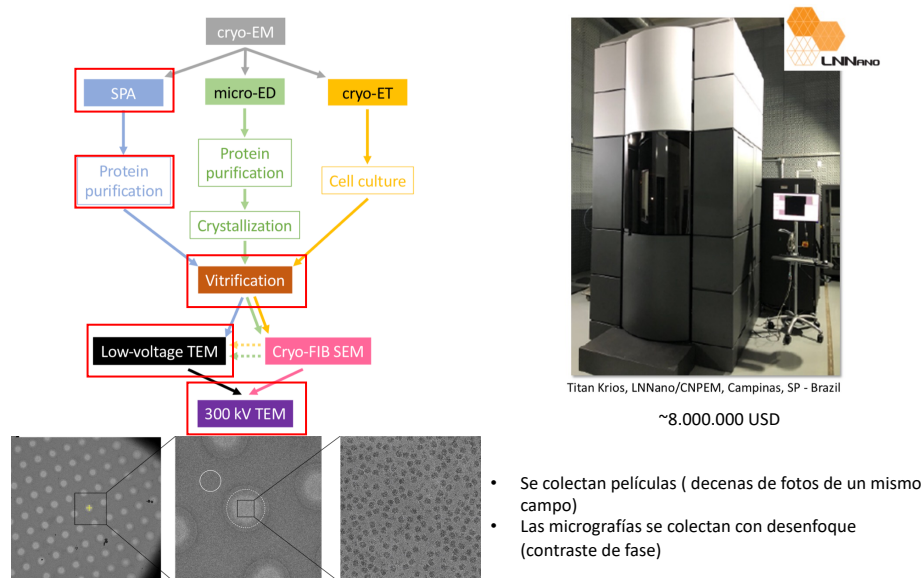
Problem: Preferred orientation on grids



Dmitry Lyumkis, JBC 2019, DOI 10.1074/jbc.REV118.005602

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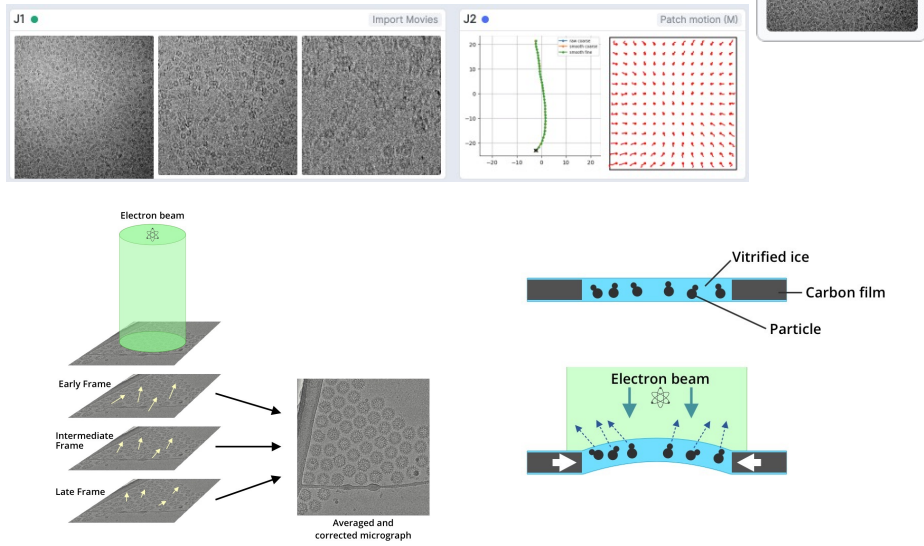
Data collection: automatic (several hours)



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Procesamiento inicial de imágenes (películas) de cryoEM:

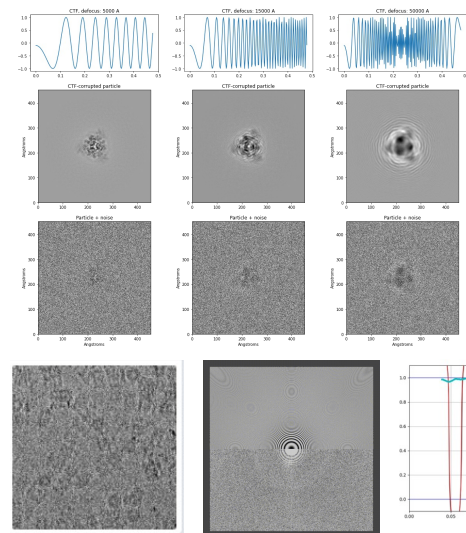
Motion Correction: corrects mechanical movement



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Contrast Transfer Function (CTF) estimation:

The microscope is operated in "phase contrast" mode and then we will need to have the molecules in focus.



A simplified, one-dimensional model of the CTF can be expressed via the equation below:

$$CTF(f) = -\cos\left(\pi\Delta z\lambda_e f^2 - \frac{\pi}{2}C_s\lambda_e^3 f^4 + \phi\right)$$

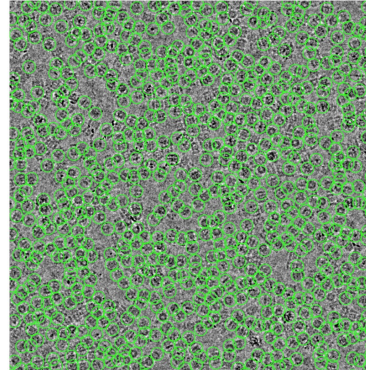
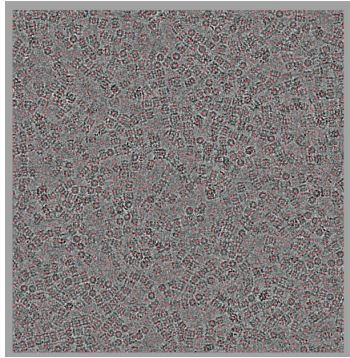
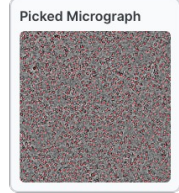
where Δz is defocus, λ_e is the wavelength of the incident electrons, C_s is spherical aberration, and f is spatial frequency. ϕ represents a phase shift factor, which is important e.g. when a phase plate is used.

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Particle Picking:

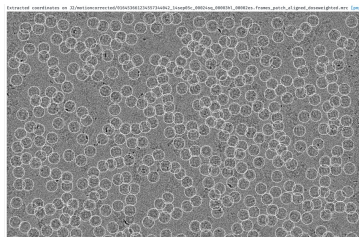
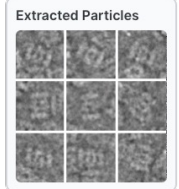
Blob Picker: first manual and then machine learning algorithms are trained.

Template Picker: Based on an initial model of the particle (structure, map, etc.) the machine learning algorithms are trained.

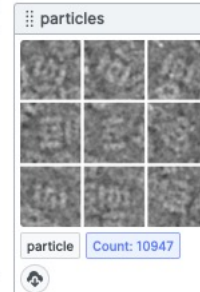
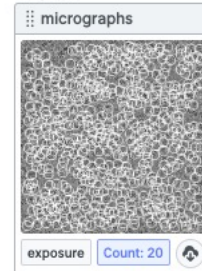


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Extract particles from Micrographs



Outputs



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2D Classification

particles

Count: 10947

Select 2D Classes

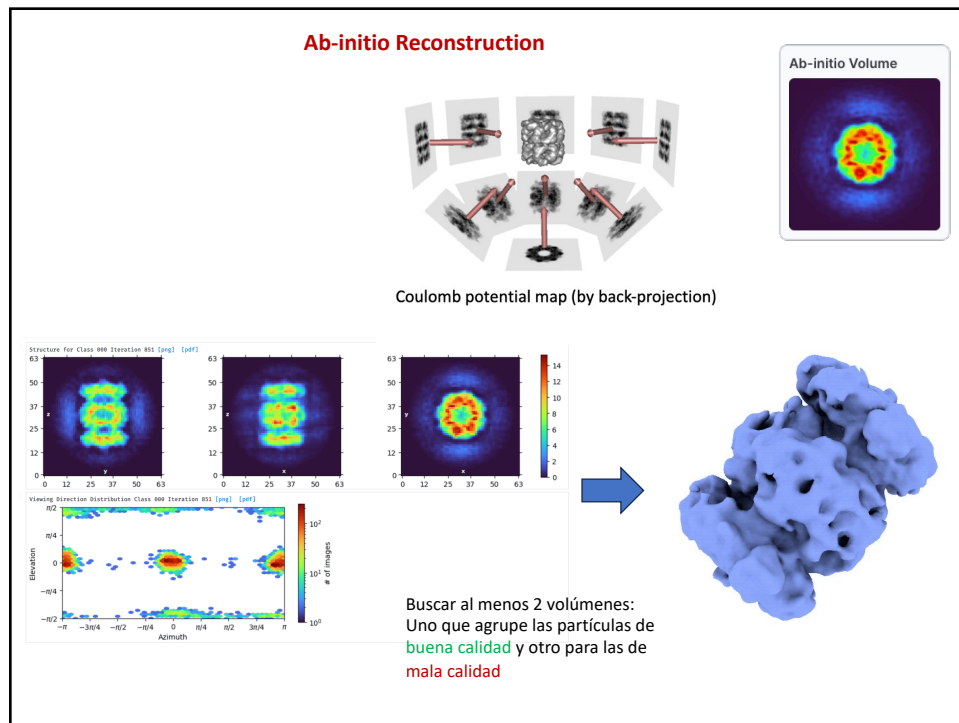
2D Classes

Count: 10947

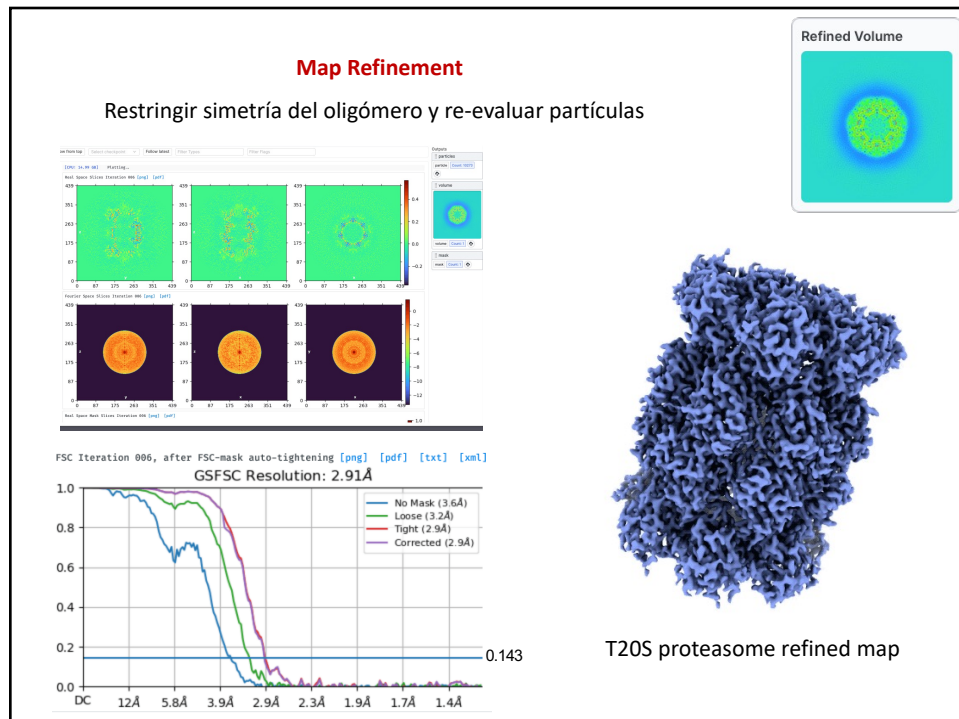
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Reconstruction

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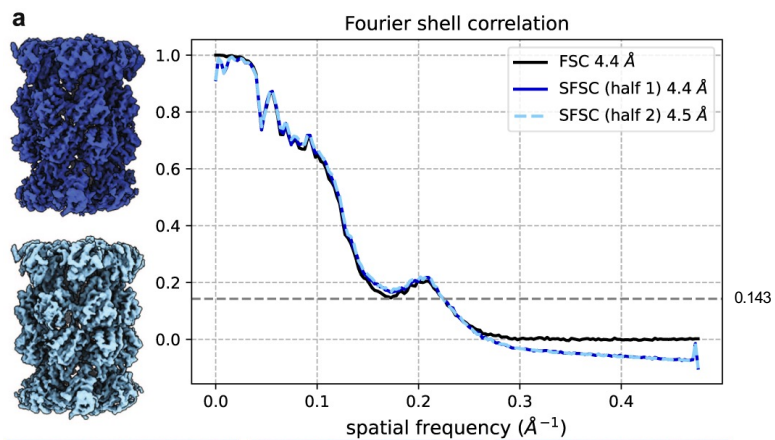


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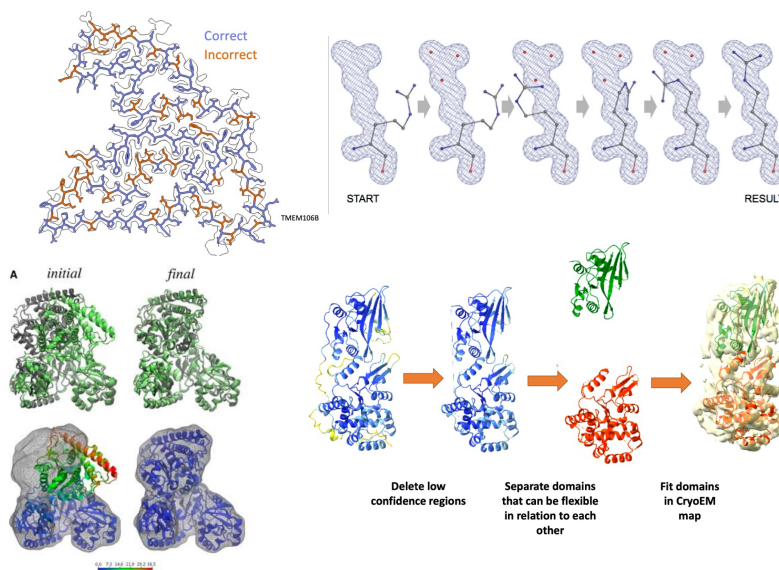
Resolution: Gold-standard Fourier Shell correlation (FSC)



Gold-standard Fourier Shell correlation (FSC) curves calculated from two independently refined half-maps

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CryoEM: Model Building and Refinement



Los mapas de CryoEm no cambian durante el refinamiento del modelo.

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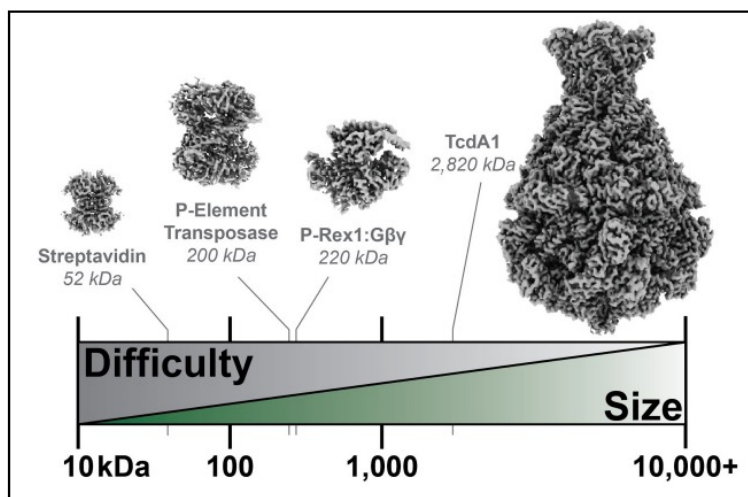


Figure 1 - Molecular weight vs. difficulty for cryo-EM structural targets. Cryo-EM reconstructions for streptavidin (EMDB-0689, 3.2Å), P-Element transposase (EMDB-20254, 3.6Å), P-Rex1:Gβγ (EMDB-20308, 3.2Å), and TcdA1 (EMDB-10033, 2.8Å) shown alongside difficulty.

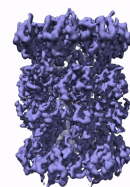
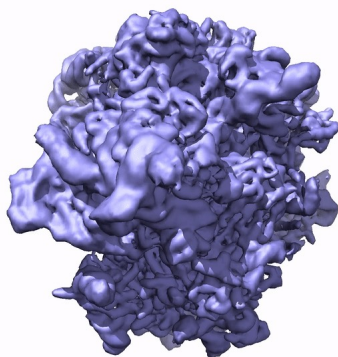
Michael Cianfrocco, and Elizabeth Hua-Mei Kellogg, 2020. *J. Chem. Inf. Model.*, DOI: 10.1021/acs.jcim.9b01178

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3D Variability Analysis: Directly resolving continuous flexibility and discrete heterogeneity from single particle cryo-EM images.



80S Ribosome



T20S proteasome



mTORC1 on the lysosomal surface

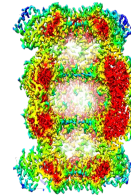
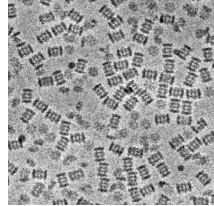
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CryoEM - Tomography

Single Particle Analysis

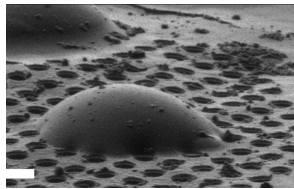
Proteins in solution



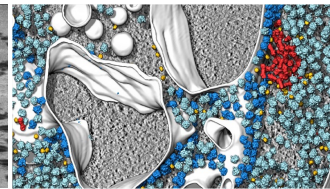
20S proteasome, VPP and defocus (500nm) at 2.4Å resolution
Courtesy of: Radostin Danev

Tomography

Cells in solution
Tissues



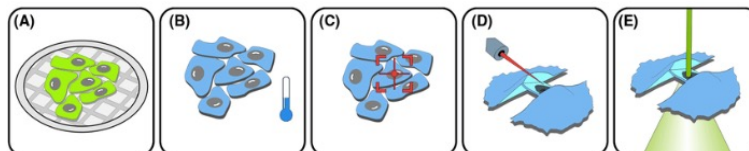
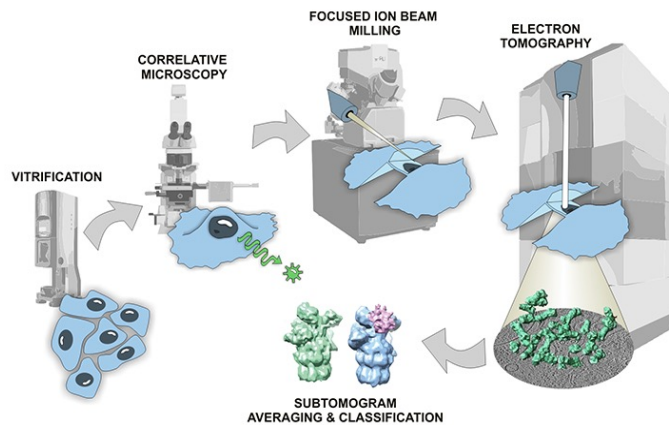
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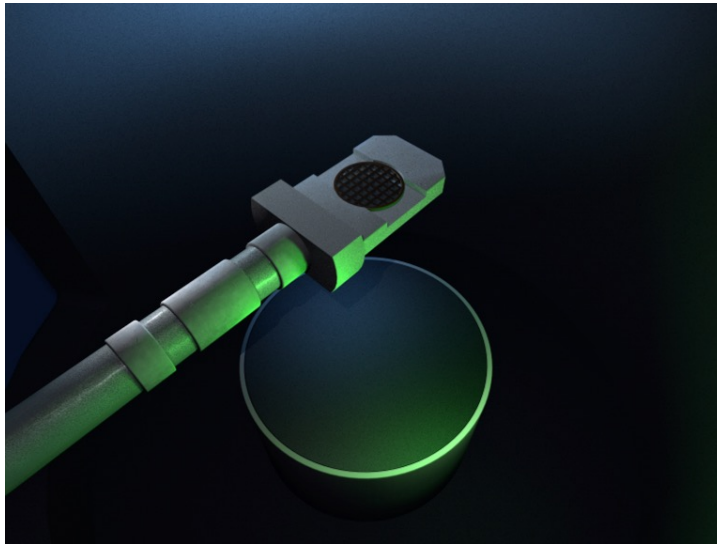
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Cryotomography workflow



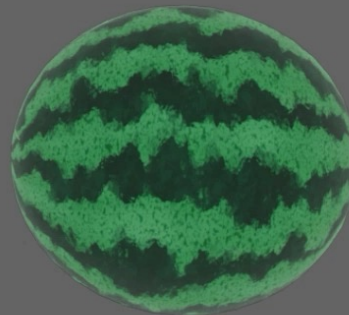
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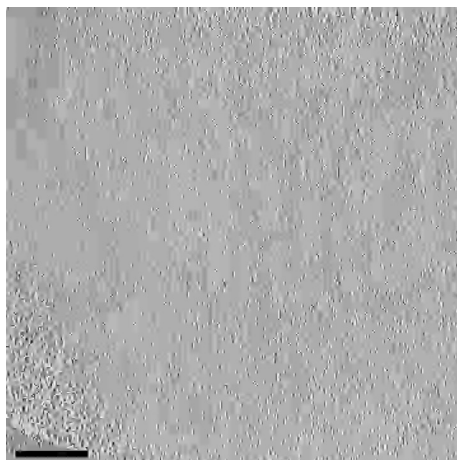
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Cryotomography



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Organelle ultrastructure using cryo-electron tomography



This video was made using cryo-ET (electron tomography), a close sister of the technology that earned the Nobel prize in chemistry today. Ben Engel and his colleagues at the Max Institute of Biochemistry, in collaboration with Martin Jonikas at Princeton University, imaged a part of the algae cell involved in photosynthesis. This video shows the interior of a structure called the pyrenoid, which algae use to concentrate carbon from the carbon dioxide in air. The purple spheres are enzymes that "fix" carbon dioxide to start the process of photosynthesis. The green tubes and yellow tubules are thought to bring carbon and other materials into the pyrenoid. Image credit: Ben Engel, Max Planck Institute for Biochemistry. Read more at <https://www.princeton.edu/news/2017/09/21/green-algae-could-hold-clues-engineering-faster-growing-crops>

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Cryogenic electron microscopy (cryoEM) resources provide access to instrumentation



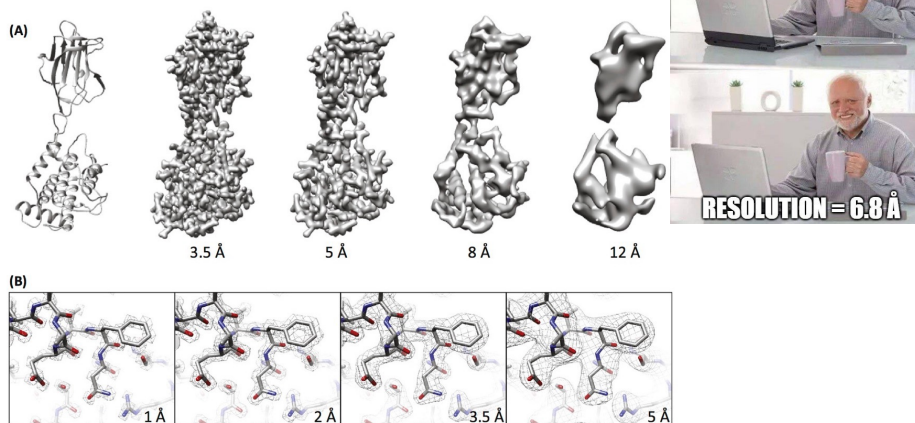
Broadening access to cryoEM through centralized facilities

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Resolución de una estructura

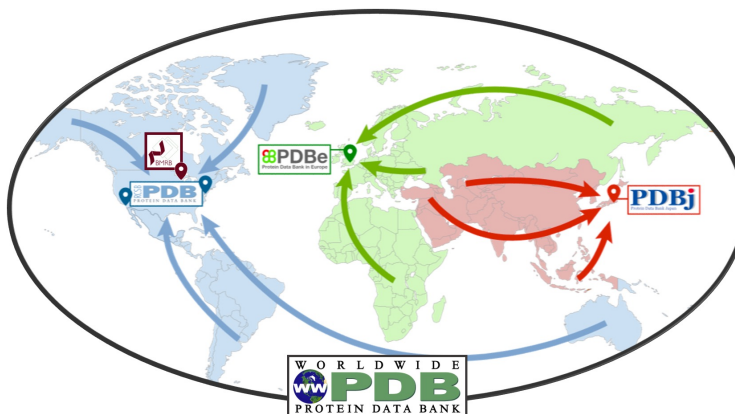


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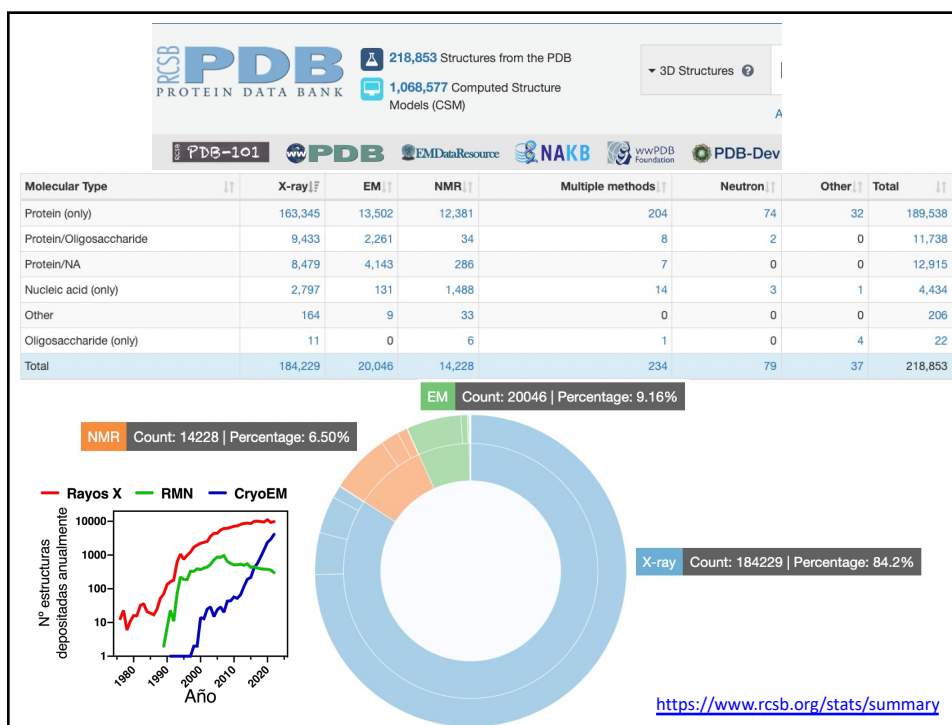
Figure 2. Effect of Resolution. (A) Ribbon diagram of the Vp7 monomer from Bluetongue virus (left) and theoretical electron density maps sampled at resolutions of (left-right) 3.5, 5, 8, and 12 Å. (B) A small region of the structure, with theoretical electron density sampled at resolutions of (left-right) 1, 2, 3.5, and 5 Å superimposed on the structure.

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Deposito de estructuras de proteínas reportadas en artículos científicos



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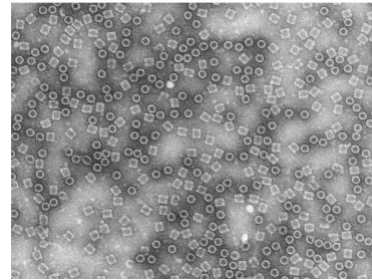
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Antecedentes

• Hemocianinas

- Glicoproteínas multiméricas de alto peso molecular disueltas en la hemolinfa de artrópodos y moluscos
- Hemocianinas de molusco se encuentran entre las proteínas globulares más grandes conocidas (3,3 a 13,5 MDa).
- Son usadas como inmunoestimulantes no específicos, naturales y no tóxicos.
- Hemocianina de *C. concholepas* (CCH):
 - Presenta mayor estabilidad y solubilidad comparada a homólogos.
 - Ha sido utilizada como proteína carrier.
 - Presenta evidencia clínica de su uso como adyuvante, demostrando su potencial para futuros desarrollos biomédicos.



Micrografía electrónica por tinción negativa de hemocianina de *Rapana Venosa* (RVH)

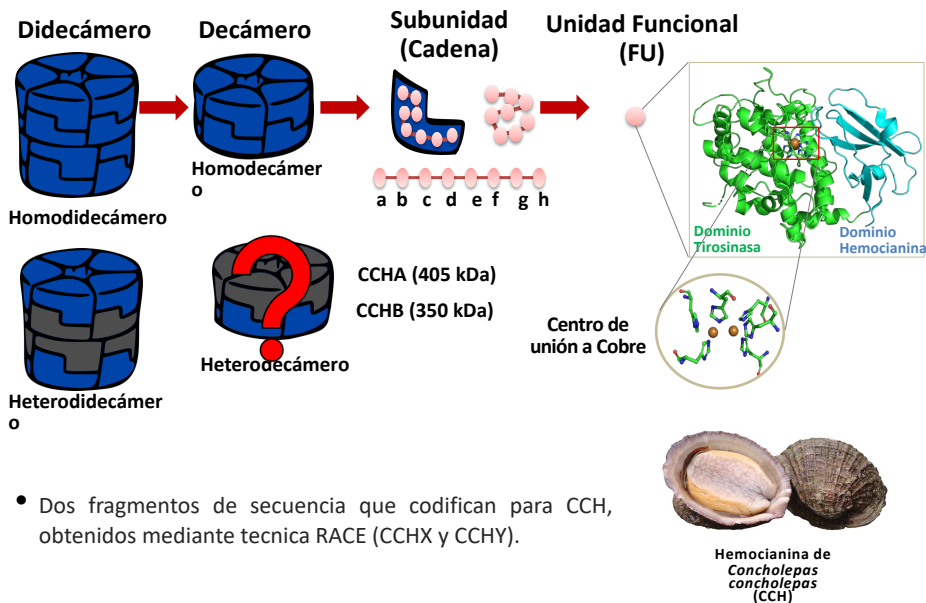


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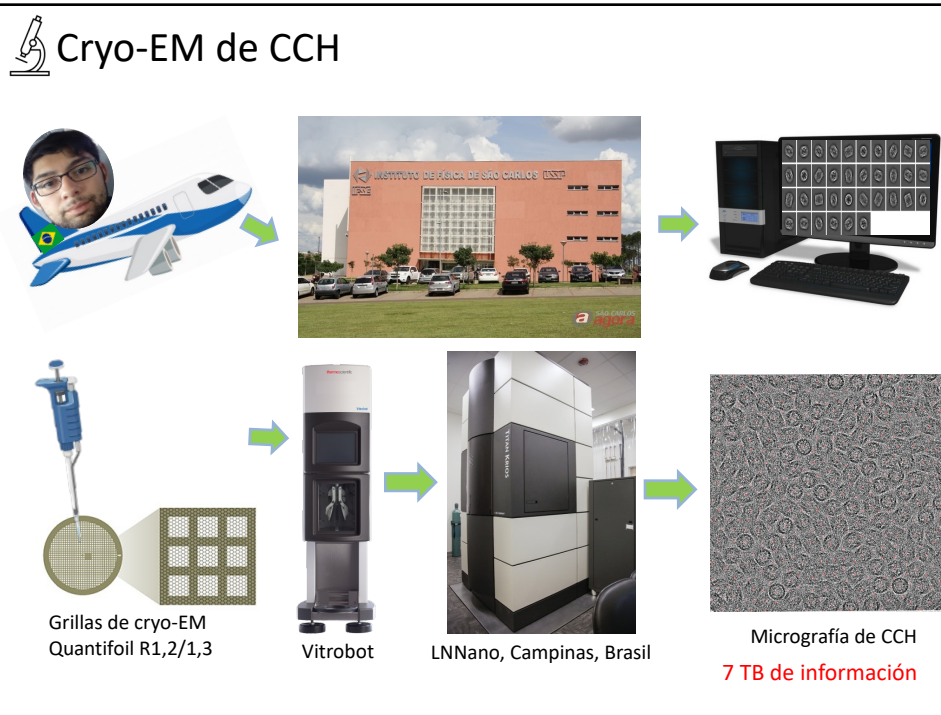
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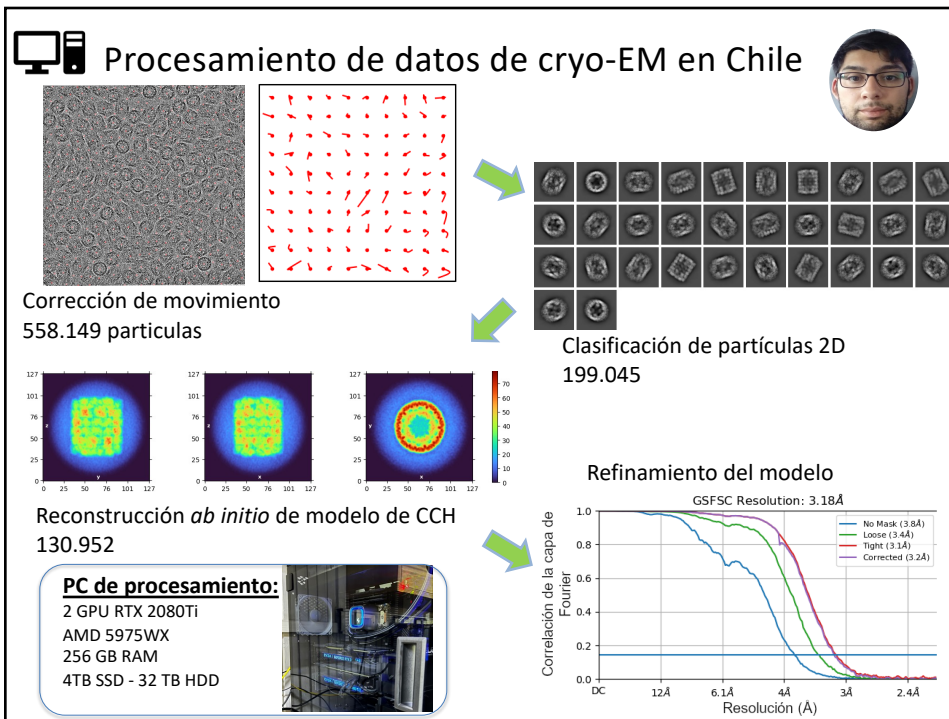
Organización estructural de hemocianinas de molusco



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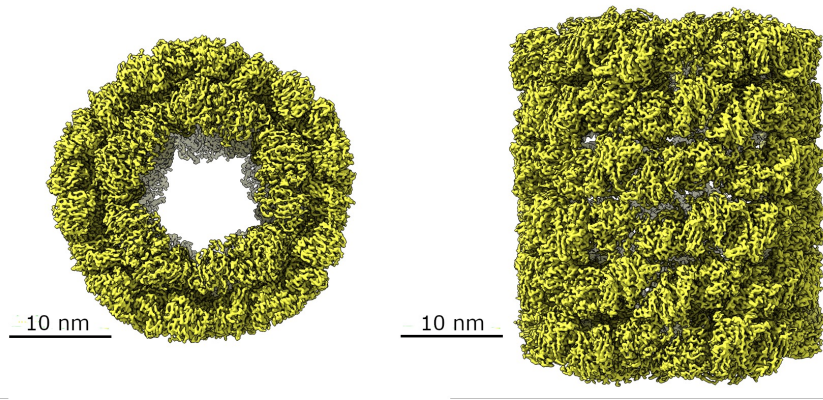
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Disponemos de un mapa de cryo-EM de CCH a 3,2 Å hasta la fecha



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Generación de modelos de organización de subunidades

- Estructura cristalográfica de FU:

- Mapa de cryo-EM de CCH:

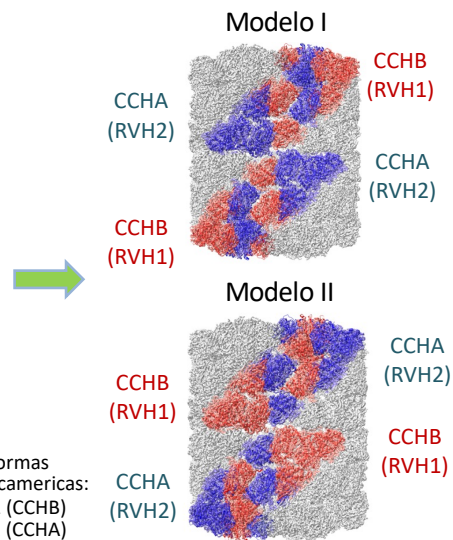
- Secuencia de RVH:



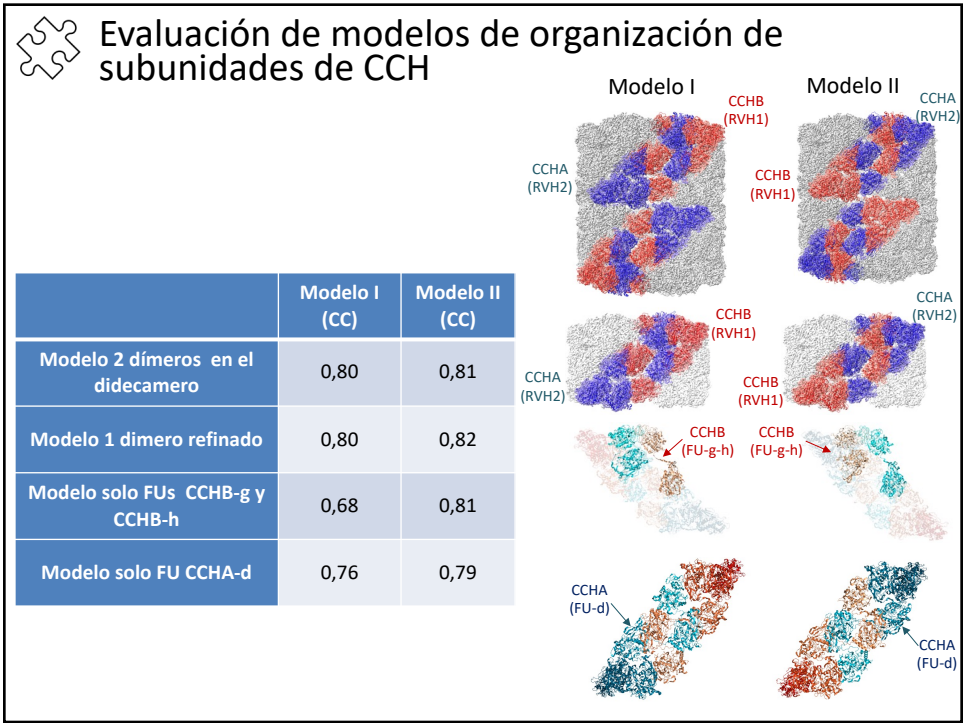
Hemocianina de *Rapana Venosa* (RVH)

2 isoformas homodidecámericas:
- RVH1 (CCHB)
- RVH2 (CCHA)

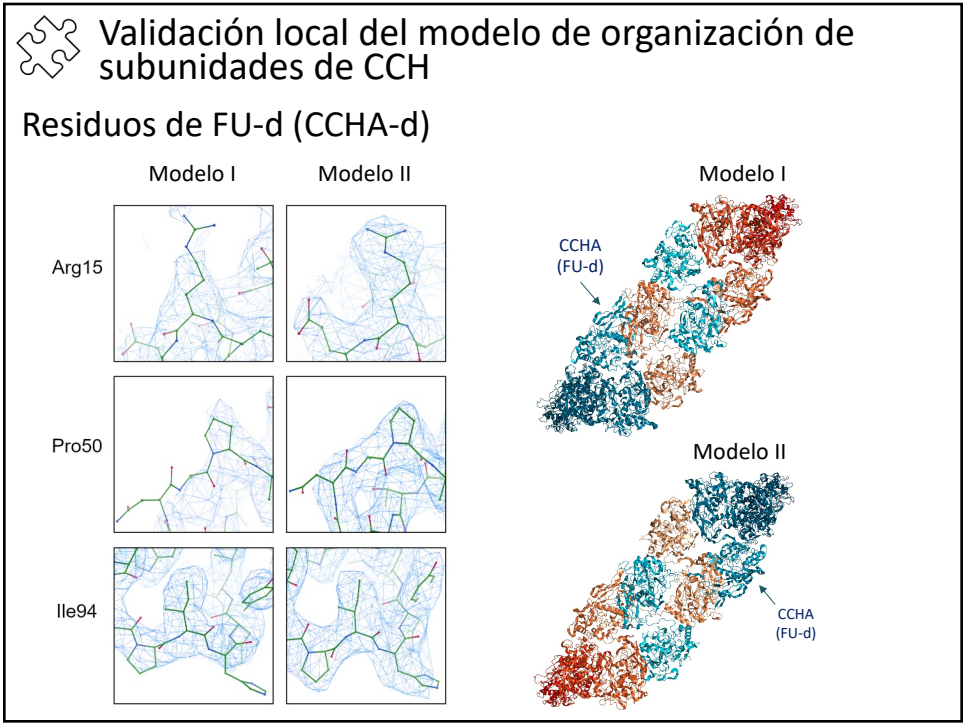
CCHB-g – RVH1-g: 41% id
CCHA-d – RVH2-d: 71% id



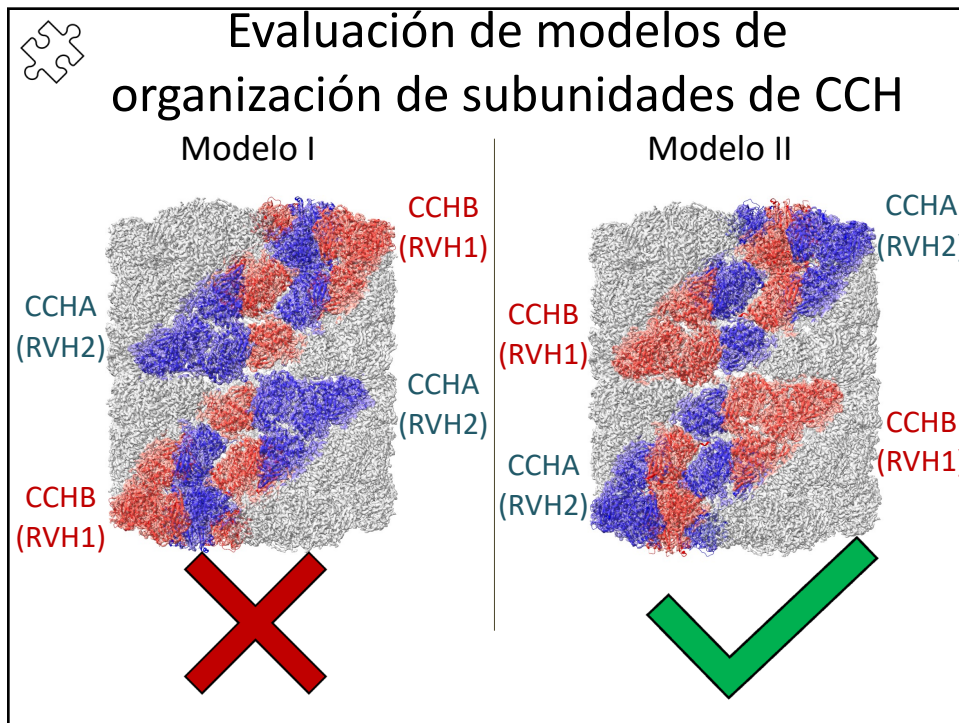
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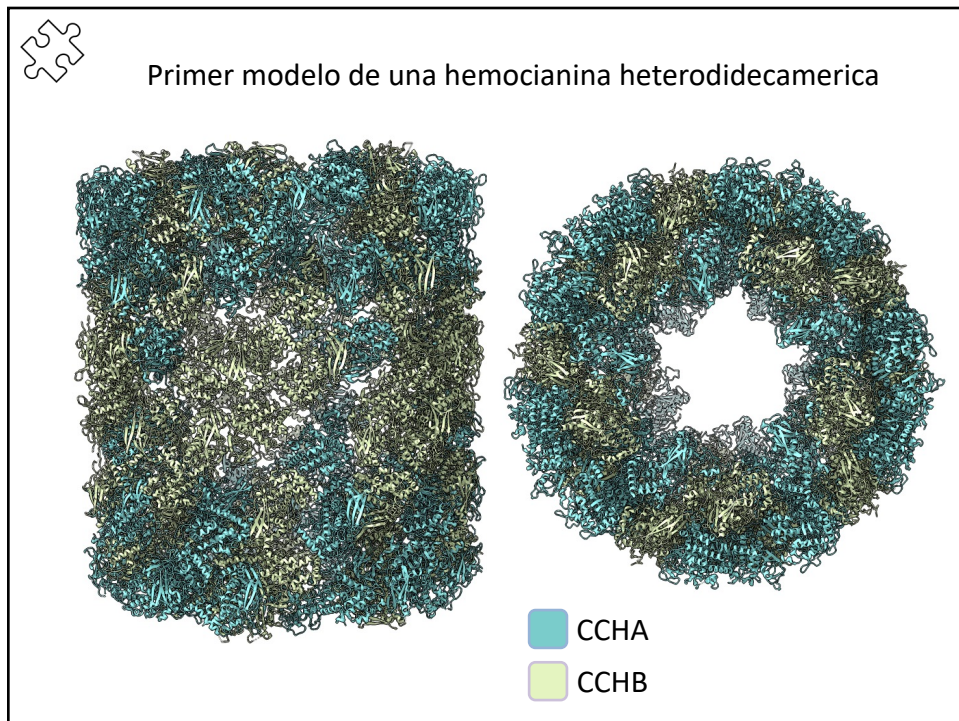
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