

**BMI 206**

**Integrative Structure Determination of  
Macromolecular Assemblies**

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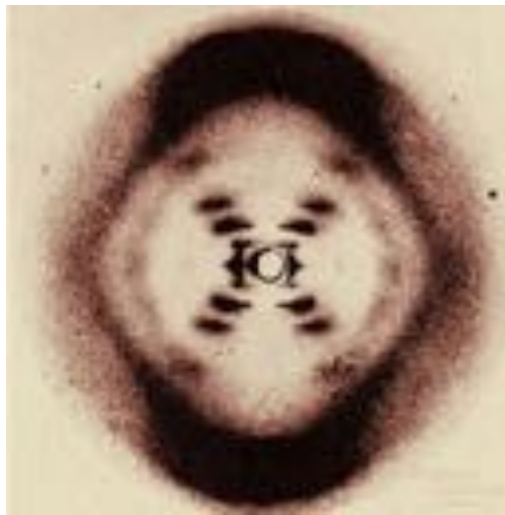
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# MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

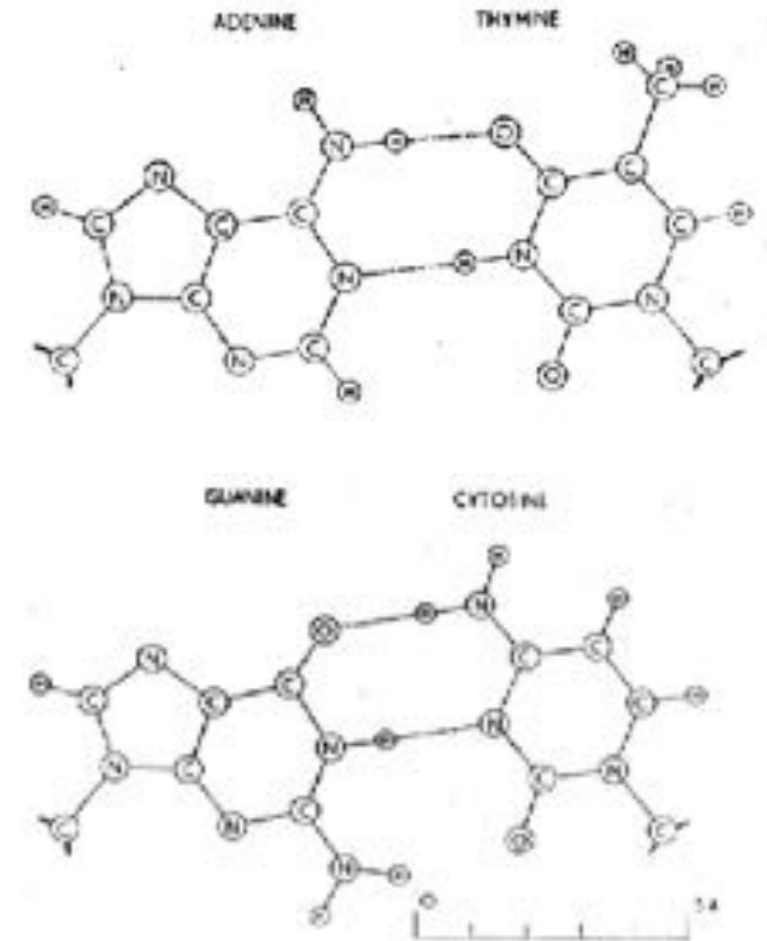
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## A Structure for Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid



X-ray diffraction

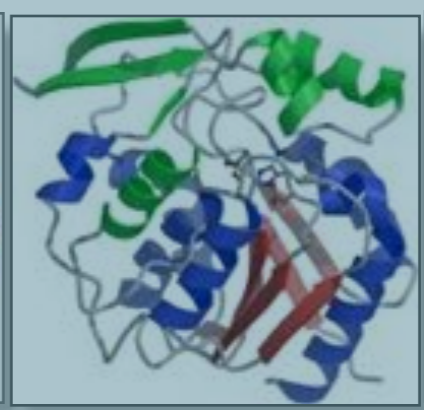
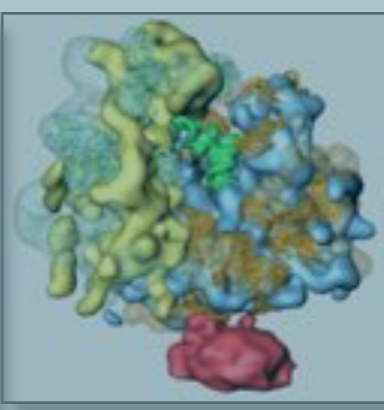
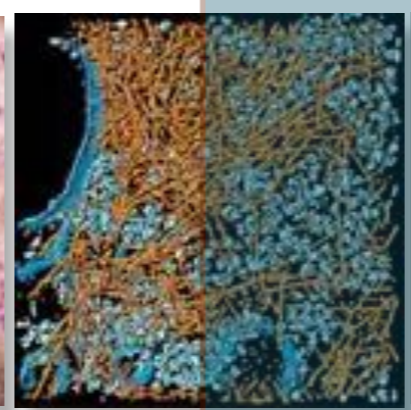
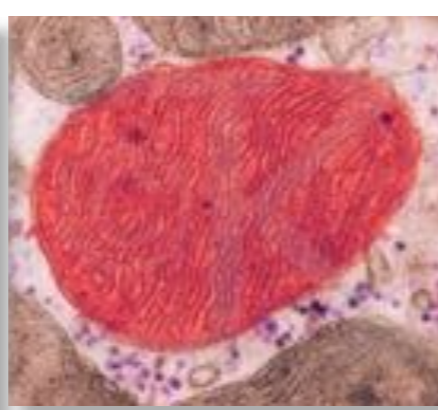
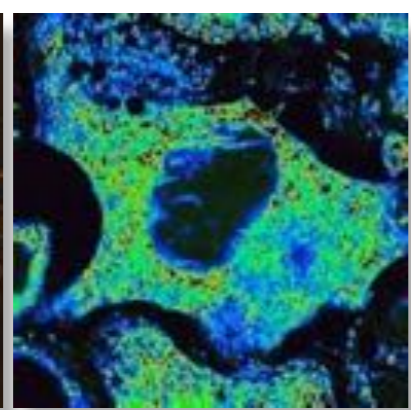
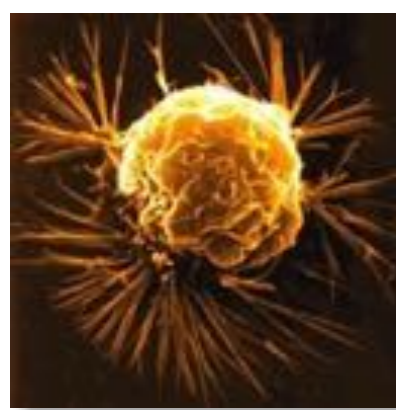
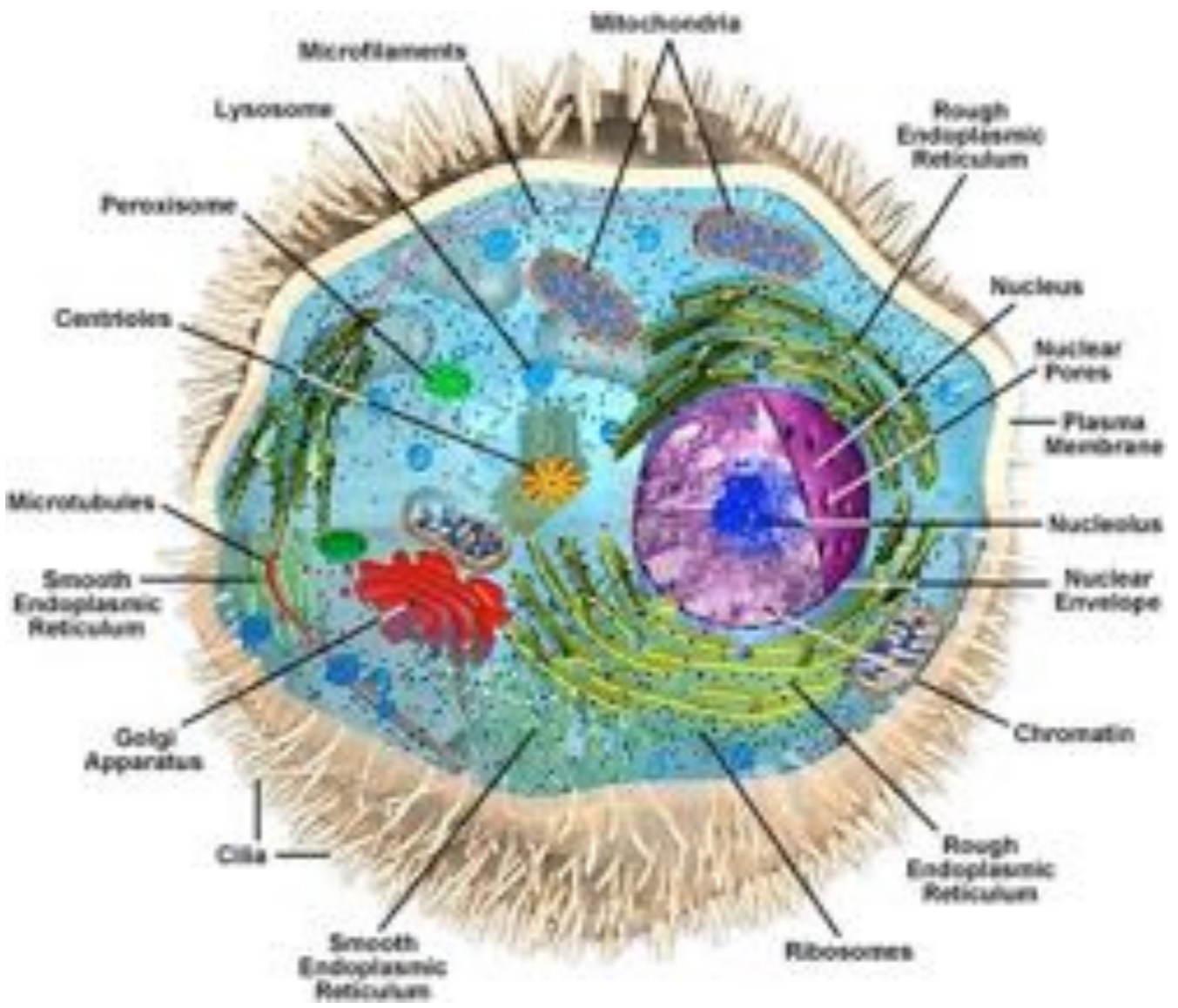


Composition  
Stoichiometry  
Chemical complementarity

To understand and modulate cellular processes, we need their models.

These models are best generated by considering all available information.

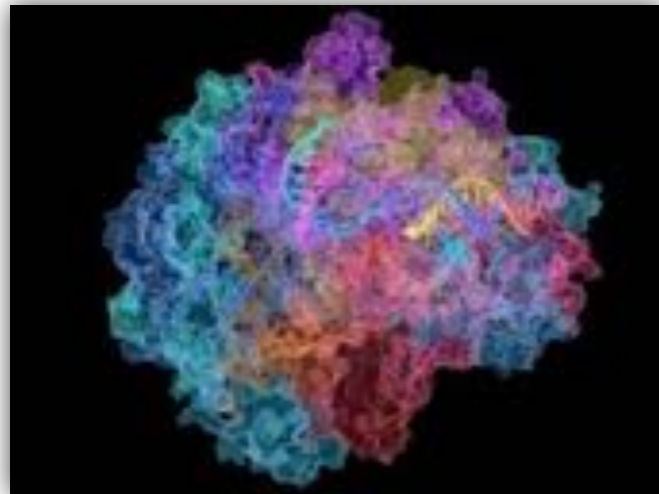
# Towards a spatial, temporal, and logical model of the cell?



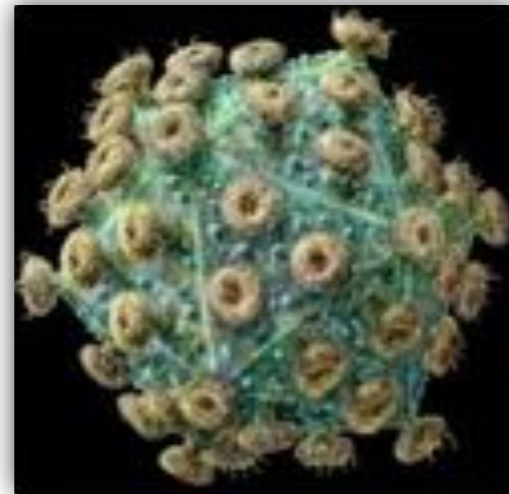
# Structural biology:

## Maximize accuracy, resolution, completeness, and efficiency of the structural coverage of macromolecular assemblies

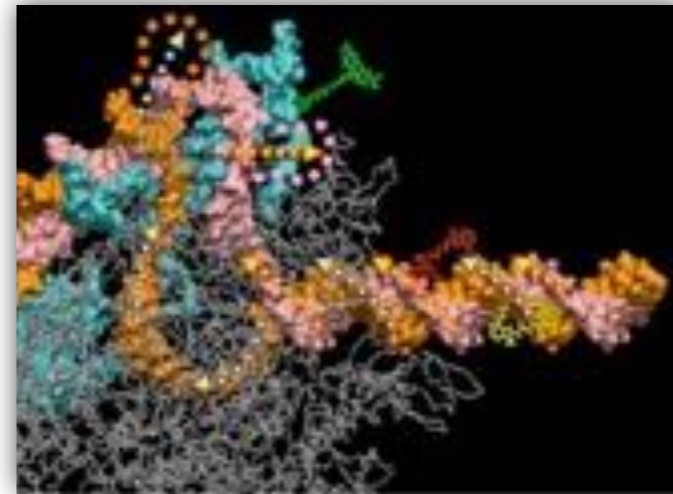
Motivation: Models will allow us to understand how machines work, how they evolved, how they can be controlled, modified, and perhaps even designed.



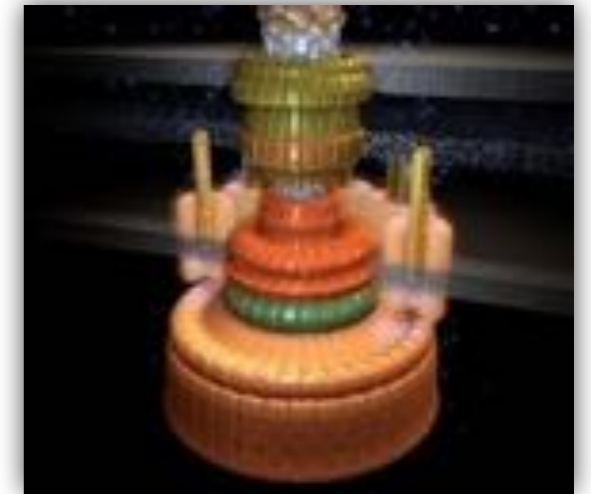
RNA polymerase II



HIV virus



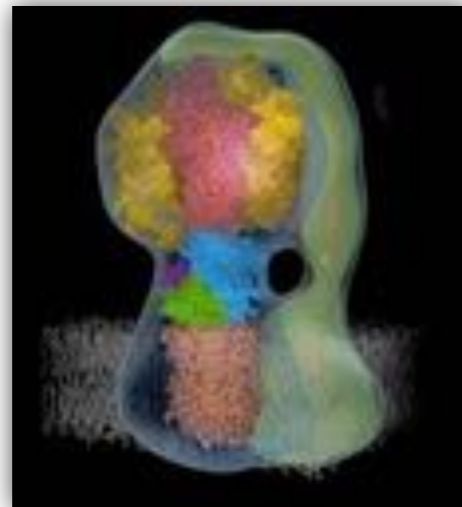
tRNA synthetase



flagellar motor



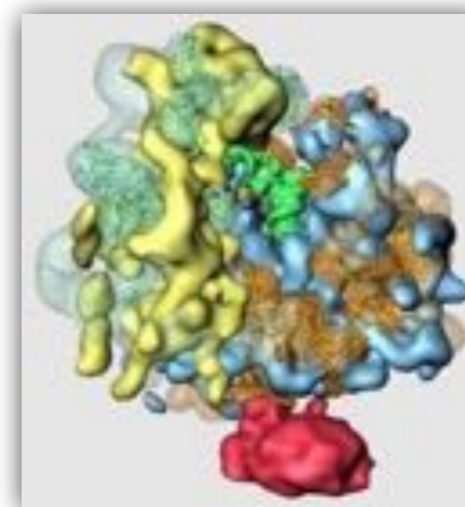
GroEL chaperonin



ATP synthase



nuclear pore complex



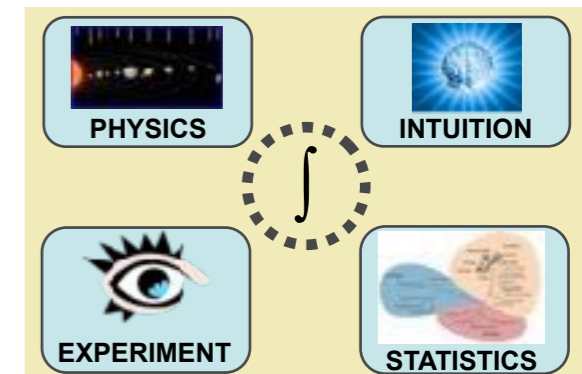
ribosome

There may be thousands of biologically relevant macromolecular complexes whose structures are yet to be characterized, involved in a few hundred core biological processes.

# Integrative Structural Biology

for maximizing accuracy, resolution, completeness, and efficiency of structure determination

Use structural information from any source: measurement, first principles, rules; resolution: low or high resolution to obtain the set of all models that are consistent with it.



X-ray crystallography	NMR spectroscopy	2D & single particle electron microscopy	electron tomography	Immuno-electron microscopy	chemical cross-linking	affinity purification mass spectroscopy
subunit structure	subunit structure	subunit shape	subunit shape		subunit structure	
subunit shape	subunit shape	subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact		subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact
subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact	subunit geometry	subunit geometry	subunit geometry	subunit geometry	subunit geometry
assembly primary	assembly primary	assembly primary	assembly primary	assembly primary		
assembly secondary	assembly secondary	assembly secondary	assembly secondary			
assembly tertiary	assembly tertiary	assembly tertiary	assembly tertiary			
assembly quaternary	assembly quaternary	assembly quaternary	assembly quaternary			
assembly stage	assembly stage					
assembly structure	assembly structure					

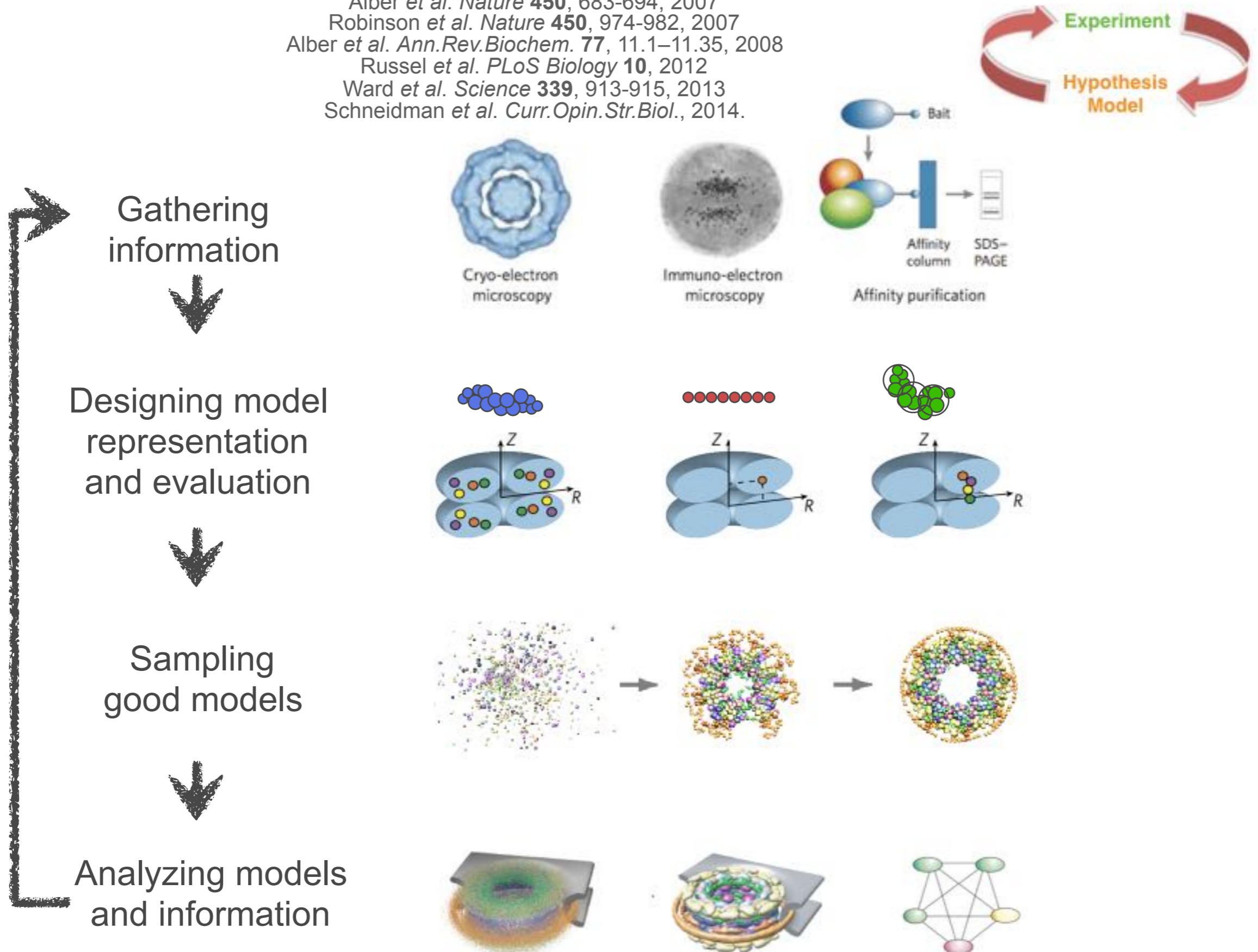
  

FRET	site-directed mutagenesis	yeast two-hybrid system	gene/protein arrays	protein structure prediction	computational docking	bioinformatics
				subunit structure		
				subunit shape		
subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact		subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact
subunit geometry		subunit geometry	subunit geometry			

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# A description of integrative structure determination

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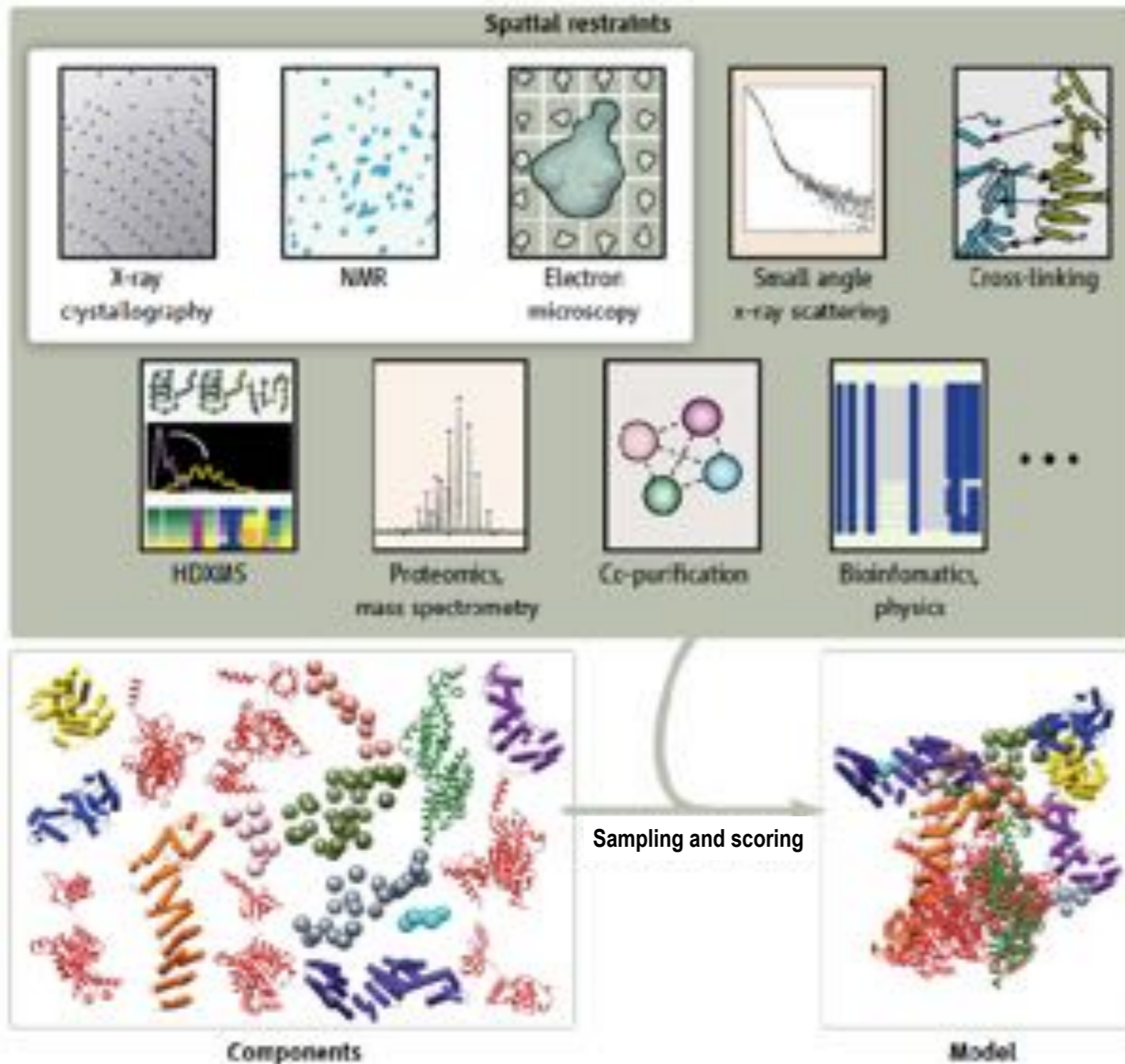


While it may be hard to live with generalization, it is inconceivable to live without it. Peter Gay, *Schnitzler's Century* (2002).



# Integrative structure determination

- Uses multiple types of information (experiments, physical theory, statistical inference).
- Maximizes accuracy, resolution, completeness, and efficiency of the structure determination.
- Finds all models whose computed data match the experimental data within an acceptable threshold.



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A model is built iteratively, contributes continuously.

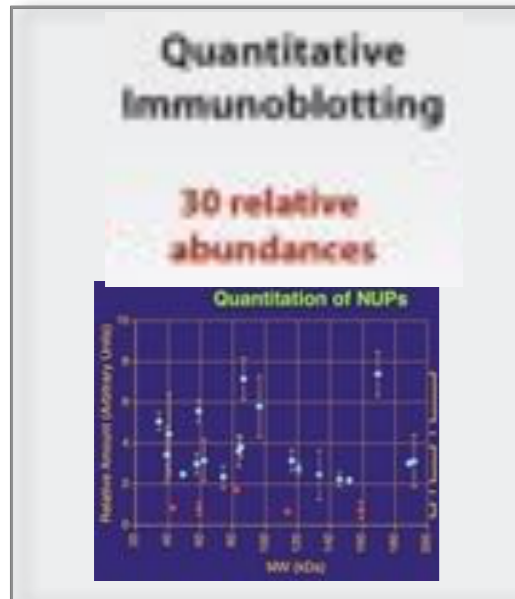
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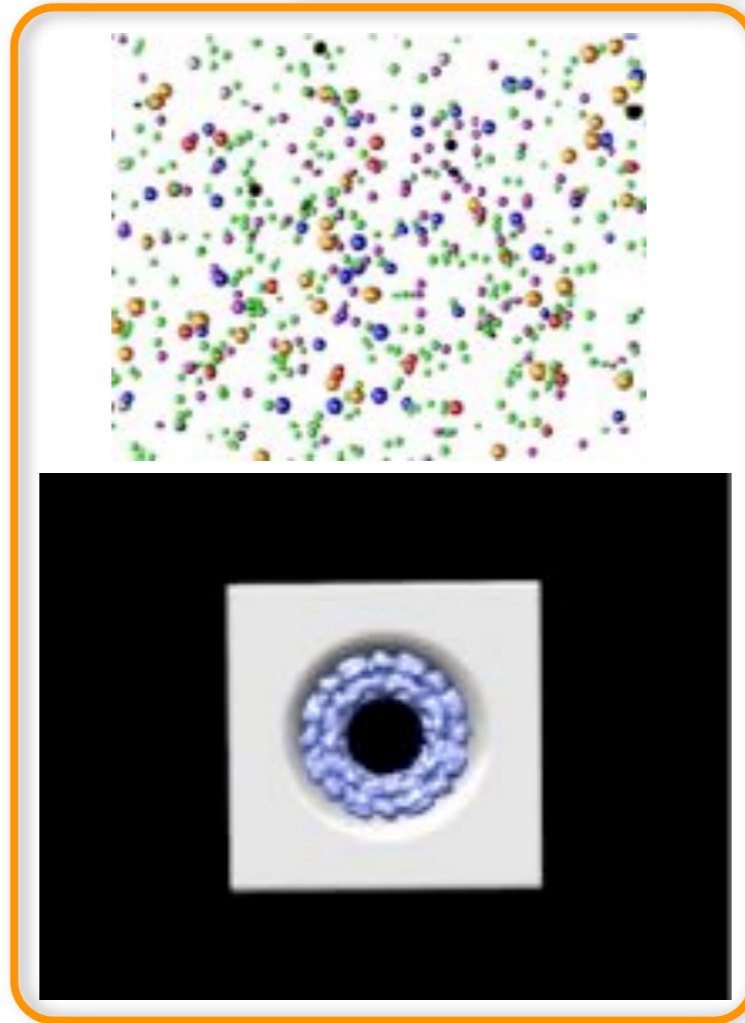
# Configuration of 456 proteins in the Nuclear Pore Complex

with M. Rout & B. Chait

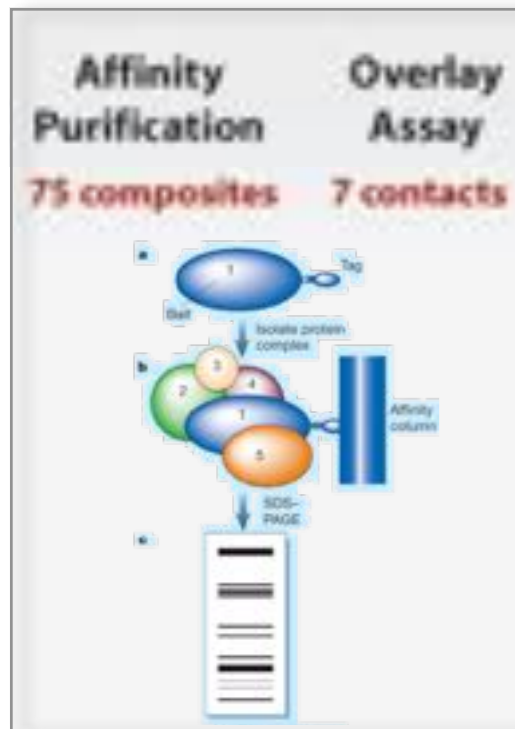
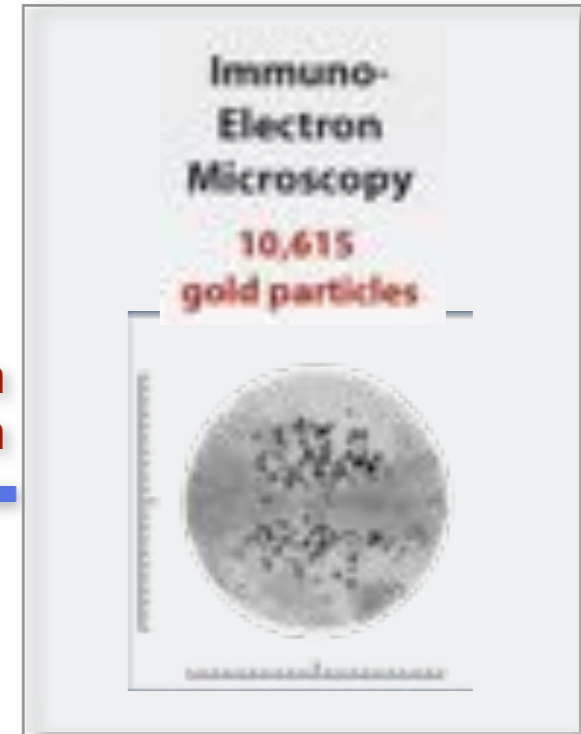
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**Protein Stoichiometry**



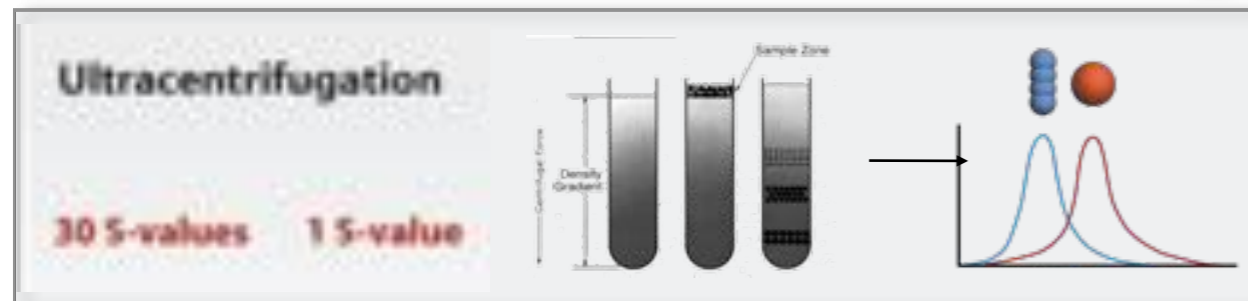
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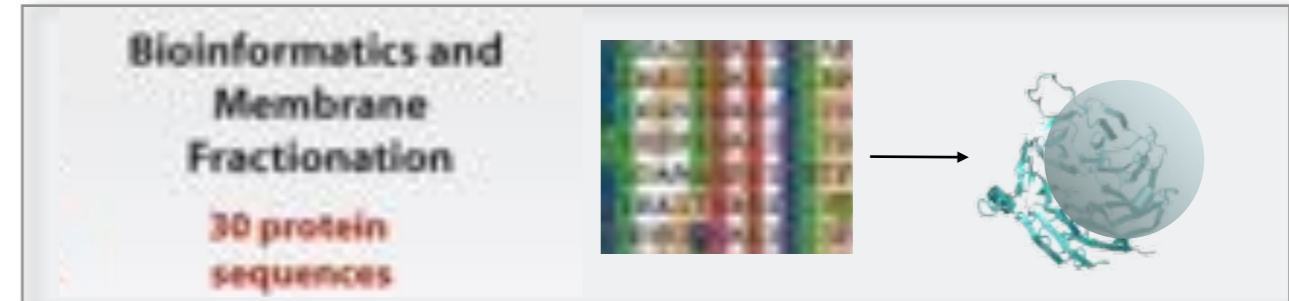
**Protein-protein Proximities**



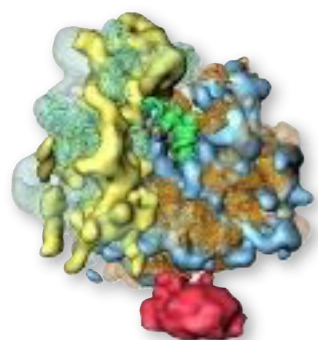
**Symmetry**



**Protein Shape**



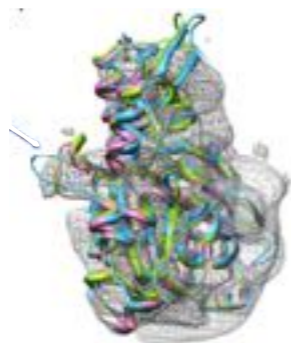
# Integrative structure models from our lab



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Frank, Akey



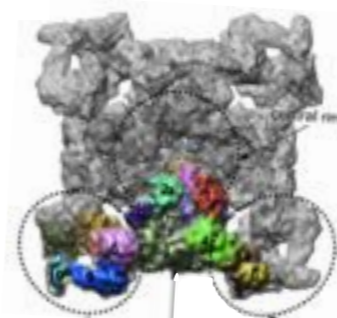
PCSK9-Fab,  
Cheng, Agard,  
Pons



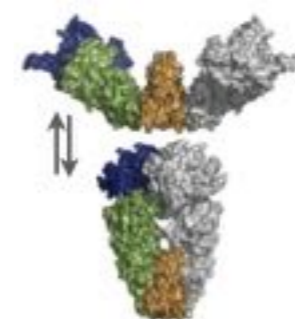
Actin  
Chiu



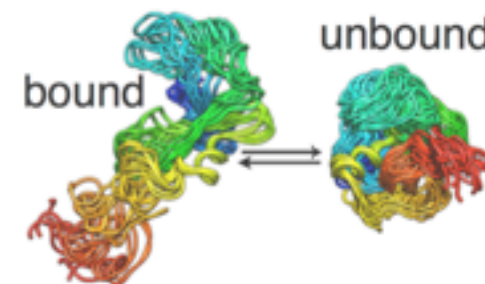
TRiC/CCC  
Frydman, Chiu



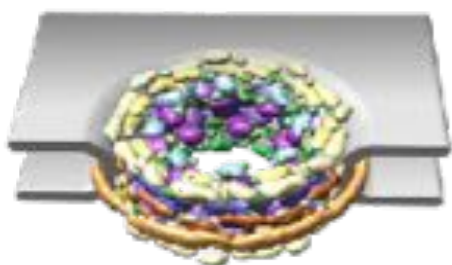
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Serysheva, Chiu



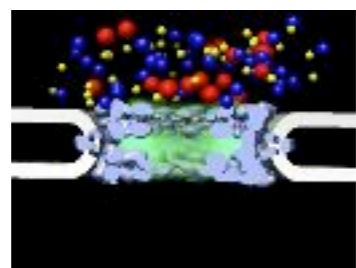
Hsp90 landscape  
Agard



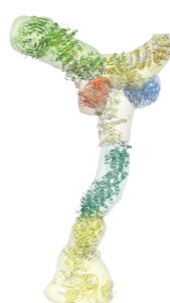
Substrate folding  
by Hsp90  
Agard



Nuclear Pore Complex,  
Rout, Chait



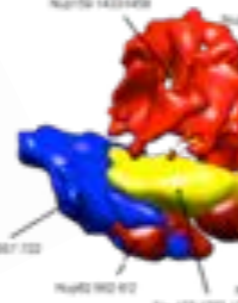
Nuclear Pore Complex  
transport, Rout,Chait,  
Aitchison,Chook,  
Liphardt,Cowburn



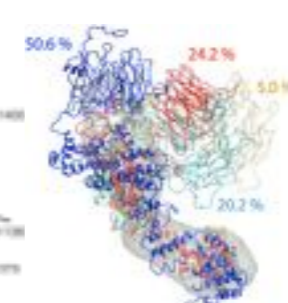
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Rout, Chait



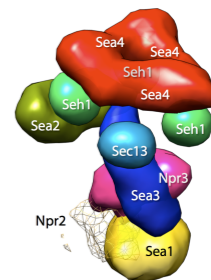
Nup84 hub  
Rout, Chait



Nup82 complex,  
Rout, Chait



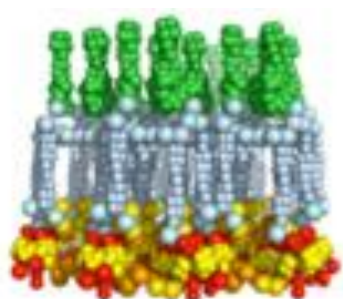
Nup133,  
Rout, Chait



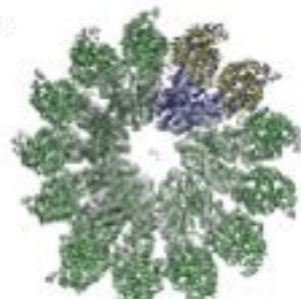
SEA complex  
Rout, Chait,  
Dokudovskaya



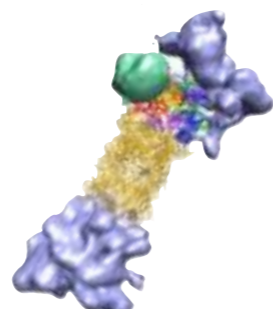
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Chu



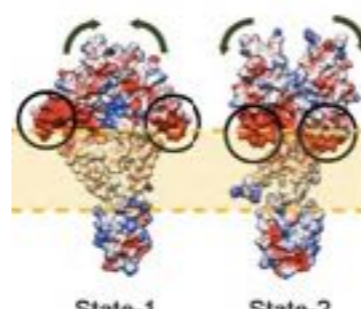
Spindle PoleBody  
Davis, Muller



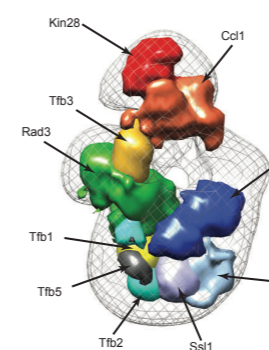
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nucleation  
Agard



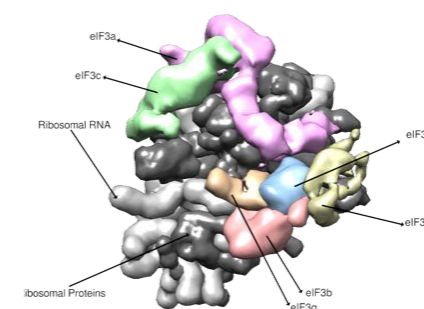
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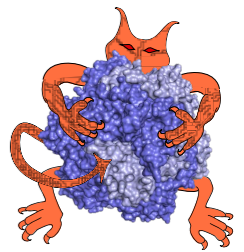
40S-eIF1-eIF3  
Aebersold,Ban



Prion aggregation  
Prusiner

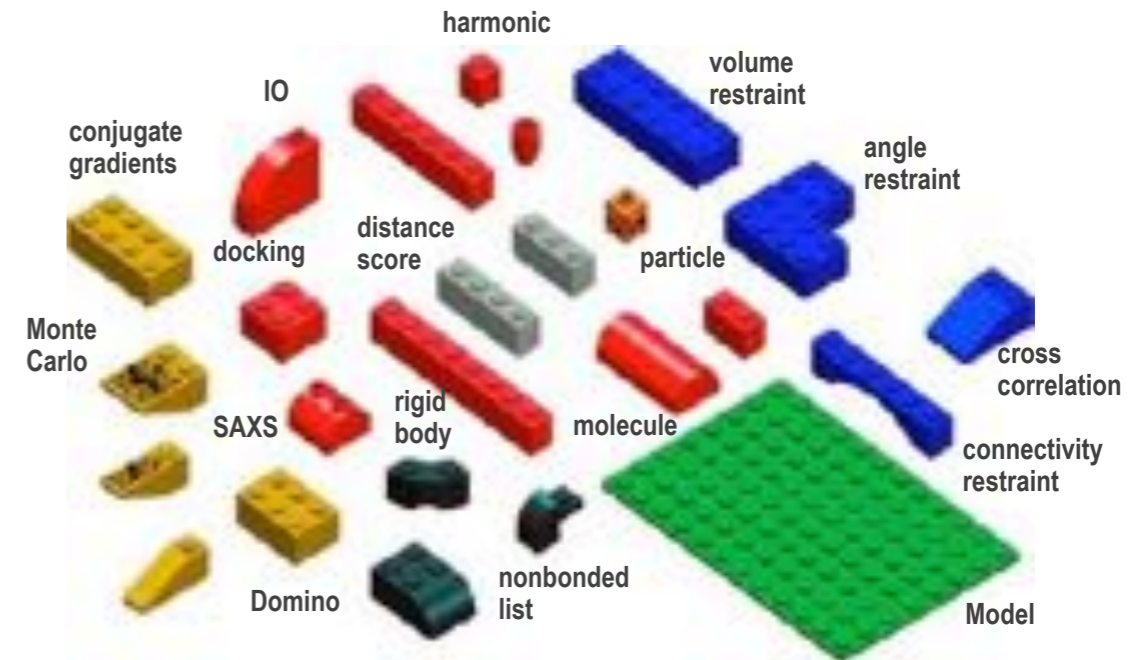
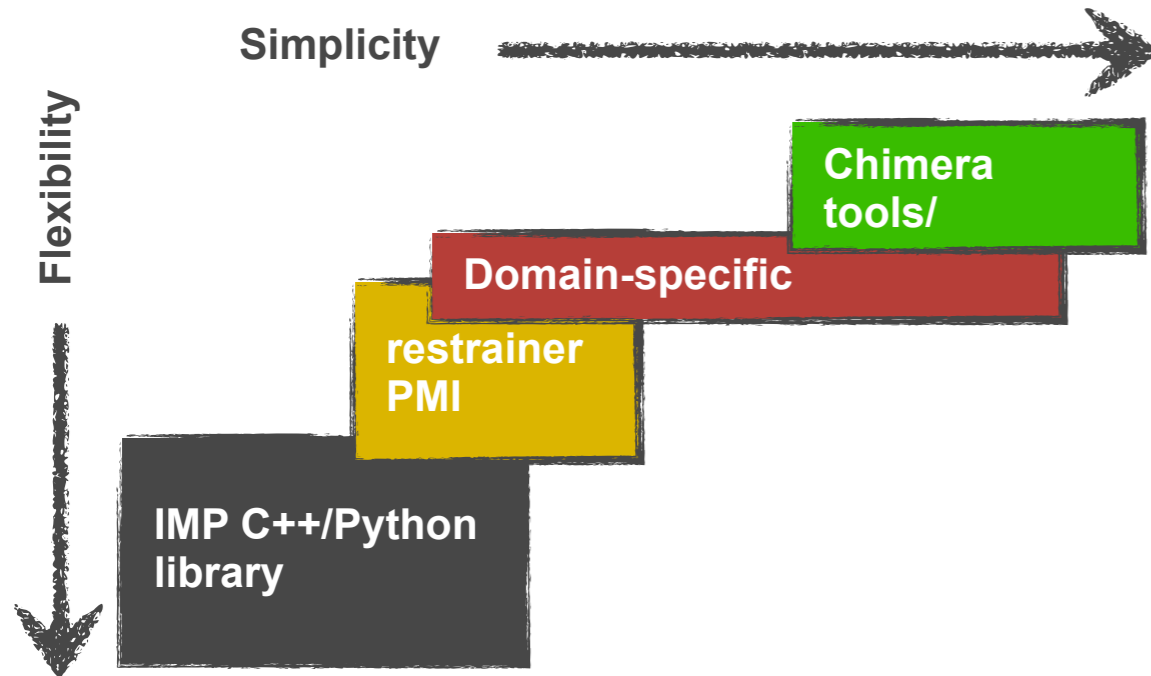
# Integrative Modeling Platform (IMP)

<http://integrativemodeling.org>



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R. Pellarin, M. Bonomi, B. Raveh, S. Calhoun, C. Greenberg, G. Dong, S.J. Kim, I. Chemmama, D. Saltzberg, S. Viswanath

Open source, versions, documentation, wiki, examples, mailing lists, unit testing, bug tracking, ...



## Representation:

- Atomic
- Rigid bodies
- Coarse-grained
- Multi-scale
- Symmetry / periodicity
- Multi-state systems

## Scoring:

- Density maps
- EM images
- Proteomics
- FRET
- Chemical and Cys cross-linking
- Homology-derived restraints
- SAXS
- H/D exchange
- Second harmonic generation
- Native mass spectrometry
- Genetic interactions
- Statistical potentials
- Molecular mechanics forcefields
- Bayesian scoring
- Library of functional forms (ambiguity, ...)

## Sampling:

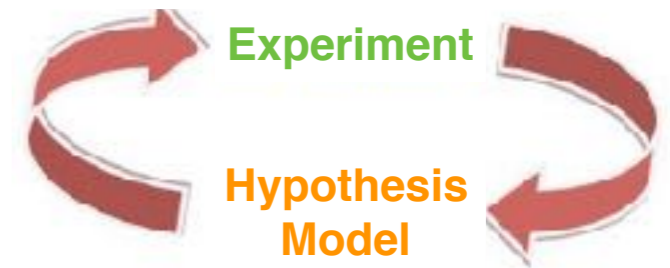
- Simplex
- Conjugate Gradients
- Monte Carlo
- Brownian Dynamics
- Molecular Dynamics
- Replica Exchange
- Divide-and-conquer enumeration

## Analysis:

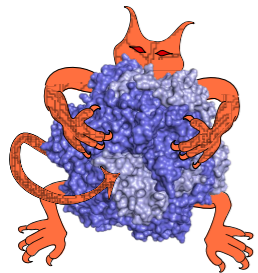
- Clustering
- Chimera
- Pymol
- PDB files
- Density maps

# Integration across computational resources

Goal: Maximize accuracy, resolution, completeness, and efficiency of the structural coverage of macromolecules



RCSB **PDB**  
PROTEIN DATA BANK



PSI | The Protein Model Portal

CHARMM (Chemistry at HARvard Macromolecular Mechanics)



# Integrative Methods Task Force Workshop



Andrej Sali, Helen M. Berman, Torsten Schwede, Jill Trehwella, Gerard Kleywegt, Stephen K. Burley, John Markley, Haruki Nakamura, Paul Adams, Alexandre Bonvin, Wah Chiu, Tom Ferrin, Kay Grunewald, Aleksandras Gutmanas, Richard Henderson, Gerhard Hummer, Kenji Iwasaki, Graham Johnson, Cathy Lawson, Frank di Maio, Jens Meiler, Marc Marti-Renom, Guy Montelione, Michael Nilges, Ruth Nussinov, Ardan Patwardhan, Matteo dal Peraro, Juri Rappsilber, Randy Read, Helen Saibil, Gunnar Schröder, Charles Schwieters, Claus Seidel, Dmitri Svergun, Maya Topf, Eldon Ulrich, Sameer Velankar, and John D. Westbrook. *Structure* **23**, 1156-1167, 2015.

First Integrative Methods Task Force Workshop was held at the European Bioinformatics Institute in Hinxton, UK, on October 6 and 7, 2014:

**What should be archived?**

**How should integrative models be represented?**

**How should the data and integrative models be validated?**

**How should the data and models be archived?**

**What information should accompany the publication of integrative models?**

# Pushing the envelope of structural biology by integration of all available information

- Size



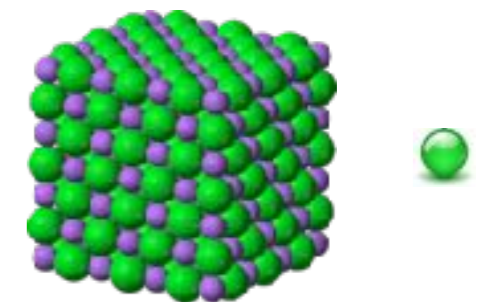
- Static systems in single and multiple states



- Dynamic systems



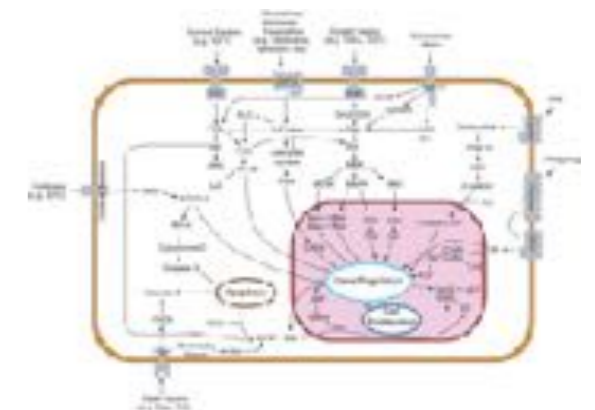
- Bulk and single molecule views



- Impure samples



- Overlapping with other domains such as systems biology



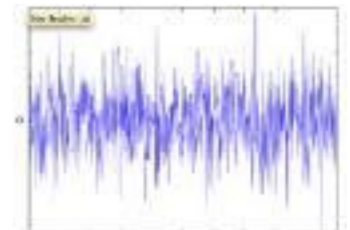
# Challenges in interpreting the data in terms of a structural model

## 1. Model representation

## 2. Sampling

## 3. Scoring function:

- **Sparseness**, due to incompleteness of measurements
- **Error**, due to measurement and other imperfections
- **Ambiguity**, due to, eg, multiple copies of a protein in a system
- **Incoherence (mixture)**, due to multiple states of a system in a heterogenous sample





# Scoring function

Rank models based on all available information:

## 1. Least-squares scoring function:

$$S(M) = \sum_i w_i [D_i - f_i(M)]^2$$

$M$	model
$D$	measured data point
$f$	computed data point (forward model)
$w$	weight of data point

## 2. Bayesian scoring function:

$$p(M|D, I) \propto p(D|M, I) \cdot p(M|I)$$

**posterior**

**likelihood**

**prior**

$$D - \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ f(M) \end{matrix}$$

$I$	prior information
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**Posterior** is the probability density of model  $M$ , given data  $D$  and information  $I$ .

Model  $M$  can include coordinates of one or more structures as well as additional parameters (noise levels, weights, calibration parameters, ...).

**Likelihood** is the probability density of observing data  $D$ , given model  $M$  and prior information  $I$  (by relying on a model of noise and a forward model, which computes data  $D$  given model  $M$ ).

**Prior** is the probability density of model  $M$ , given prior information  $I$ .

$$p(AB) = p(BA) = p(A) \cdot p(B/A) = p(B) \cdot p(A/B)$$

Rieping, Habeck, Nilges. *Science*, 2005

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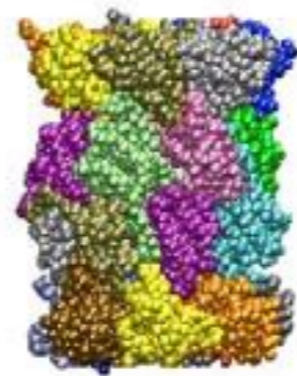
# Very low-resolution modeling of large assemblies

Many times the structures of some subunits are not available.

In such cases, we can only model the **configuration** of the subunits in the complex.



atoms

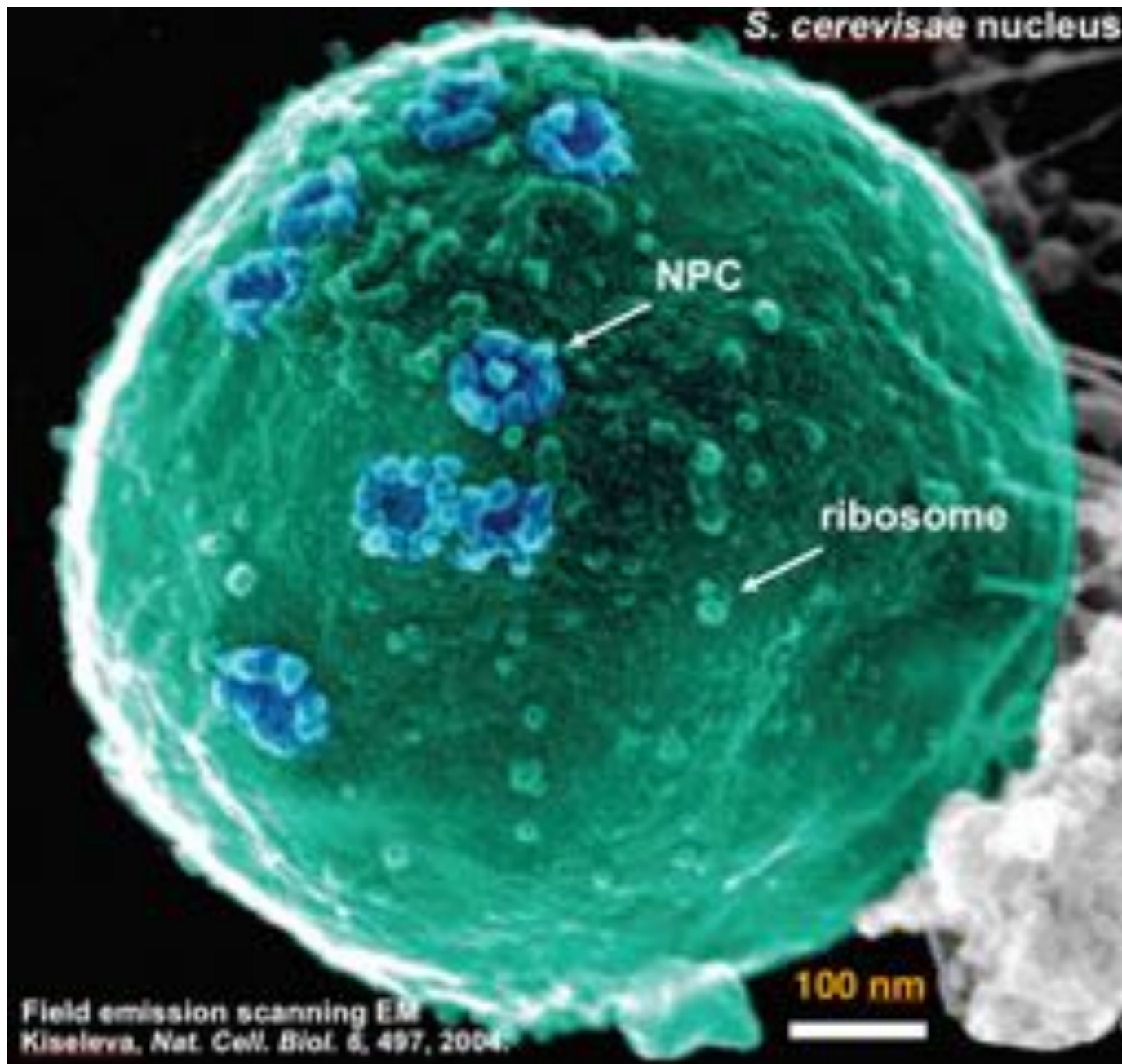


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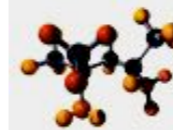
proteins

# Nuclear Pore Complex (NPC)



1. Structure
2. Evolution
3. Mechanism of transport
4. Mechanism of assembly
5. Interactions with other systems
6. Modulation and therapy

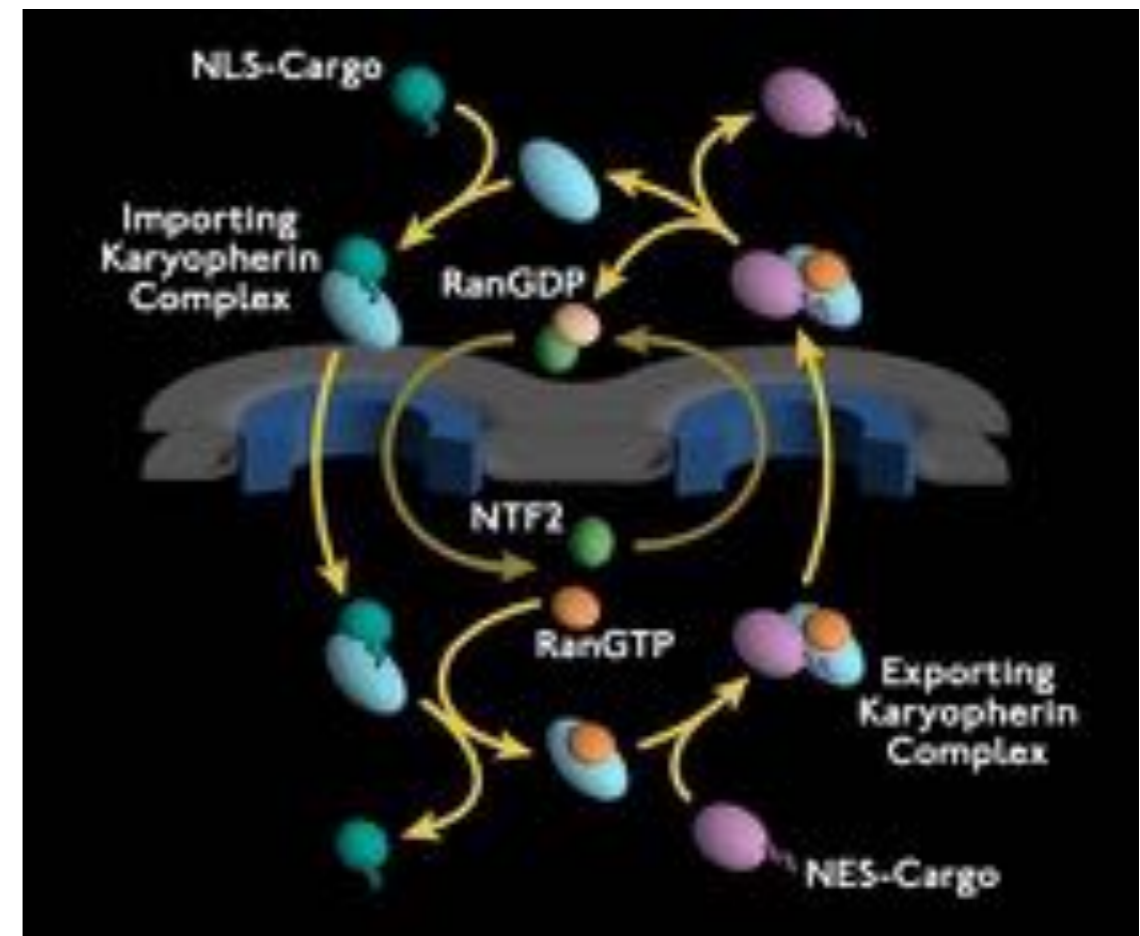
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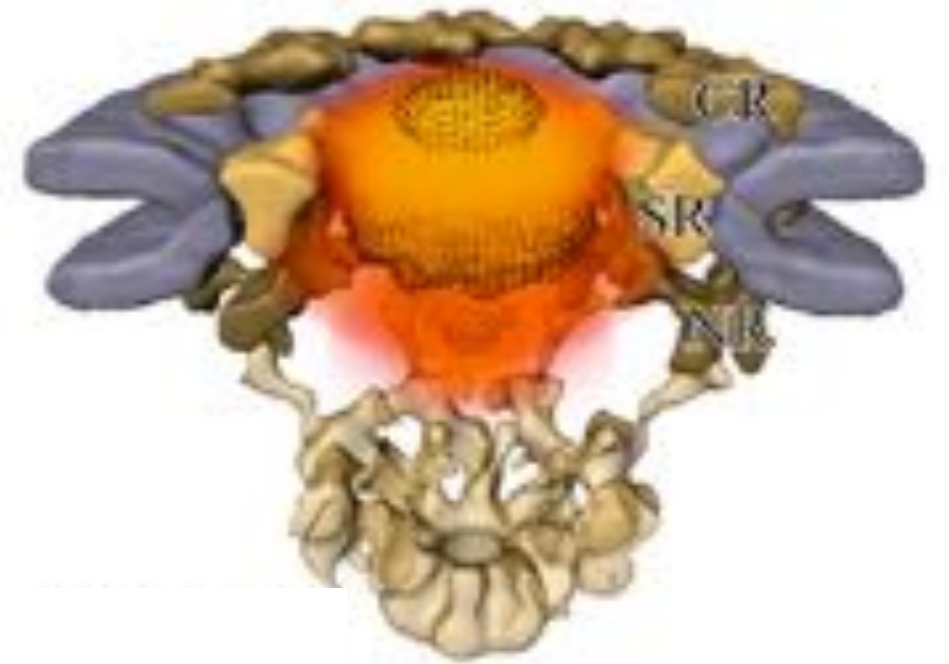
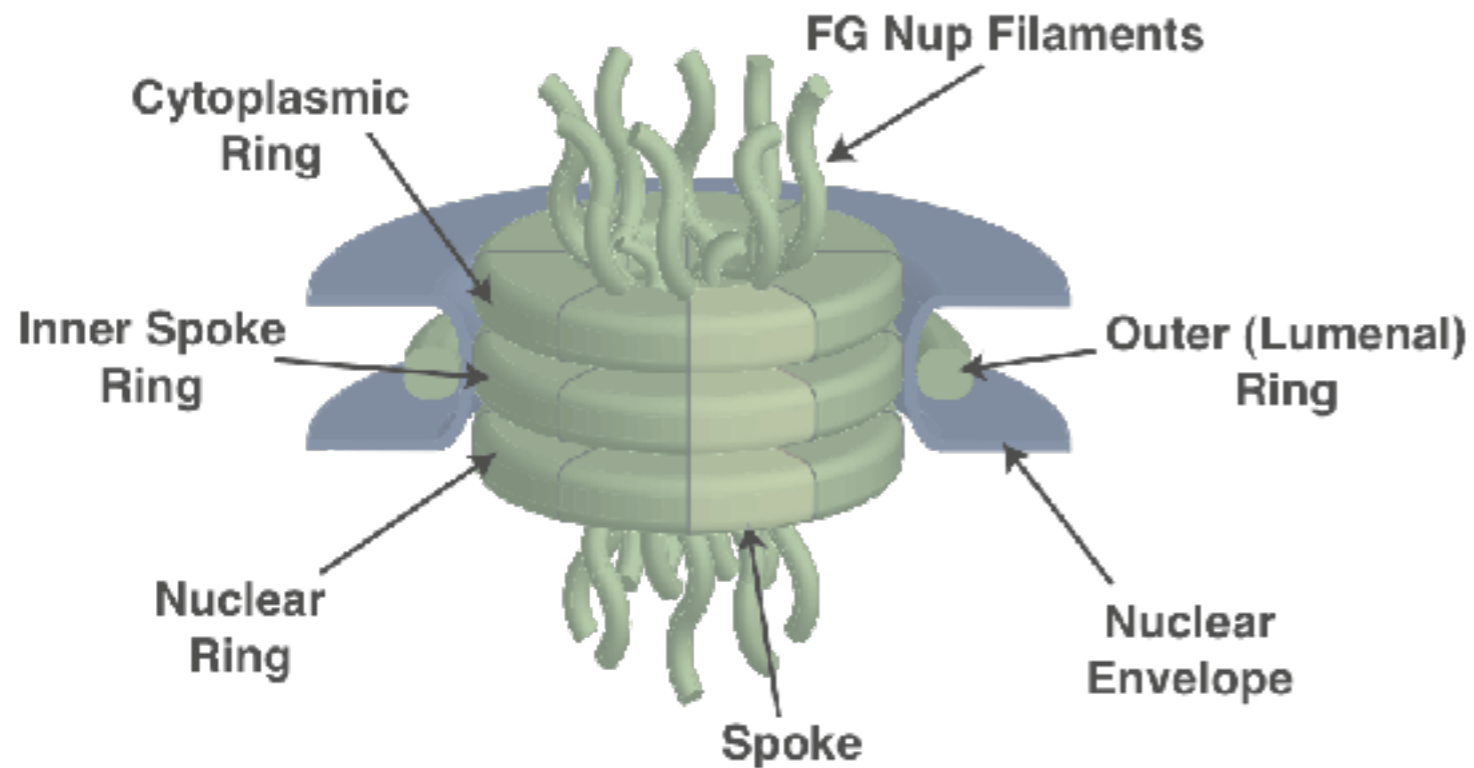
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Consists of broadly conserved **nucleoporins** (nups).  
50 MDa complex: **~480** proteins of **30** different types.  
**Mediates** all known nuclear **transport**, via cognate transport factors (karyoferins or kaps)

# What was known about the NPC structure?



M. Beck, V. Lucic, F. Forster, W. Baumeister, O. Medalia  
Nature 449, 611–615 (2007).

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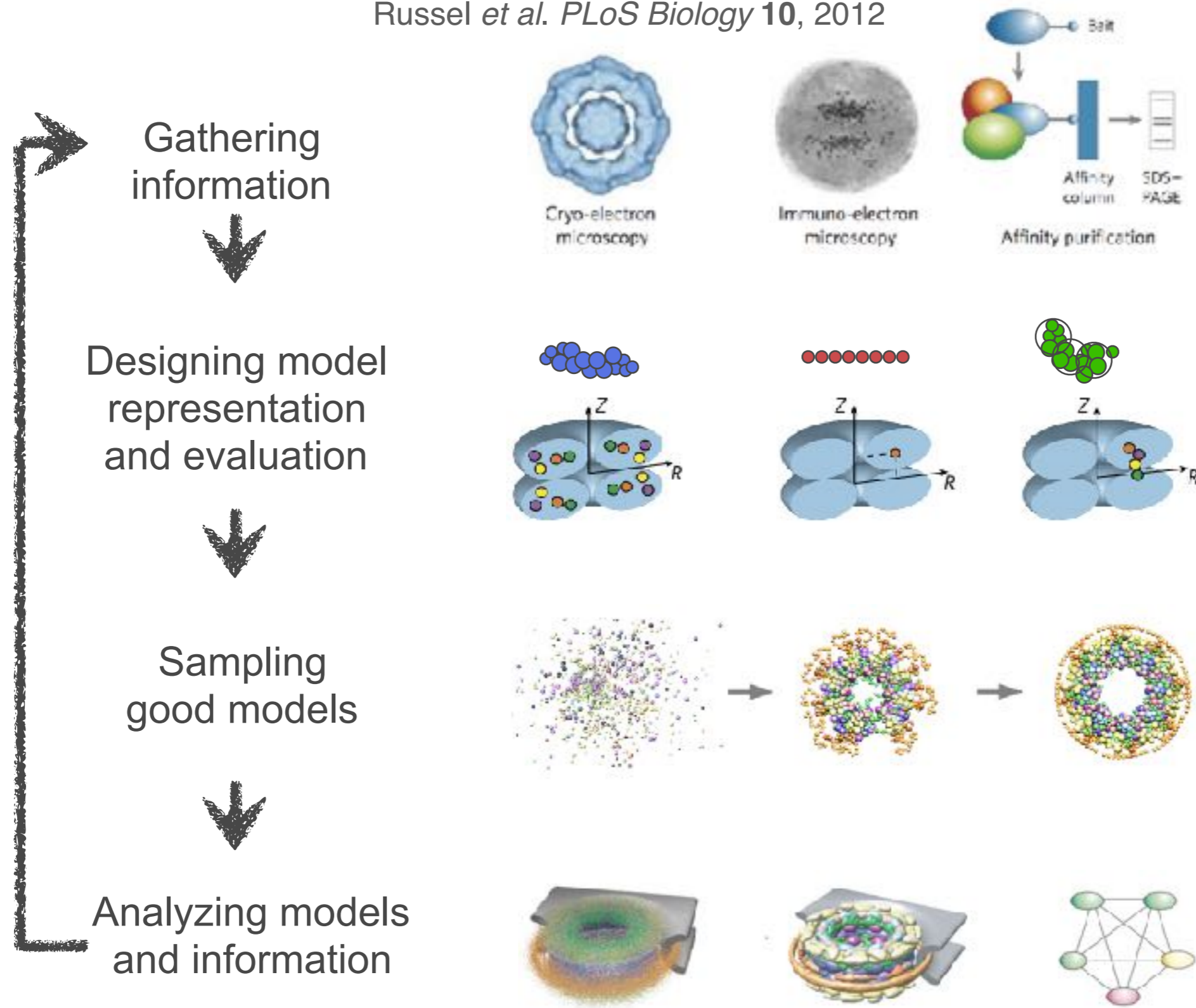
# An approach to integrative structural biology

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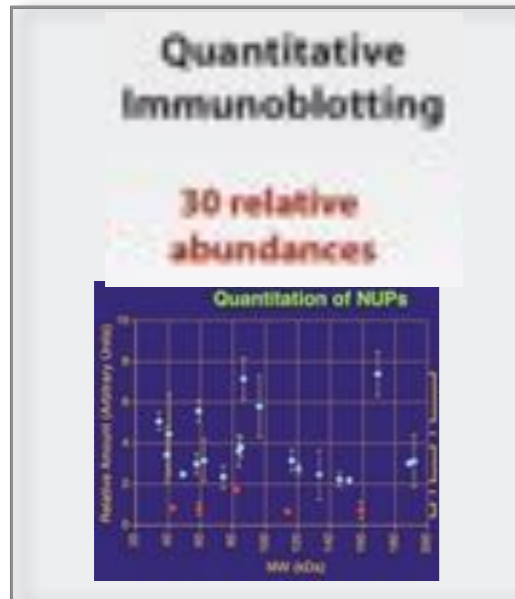
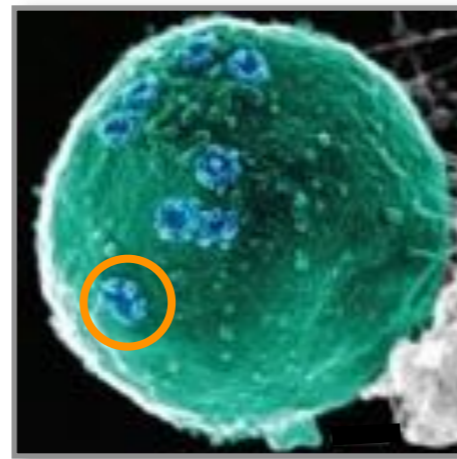


While it may be hard to live with generalization, it is inconceivable to live without it. *Peter Gay, Schnitzler's Century (2002).*

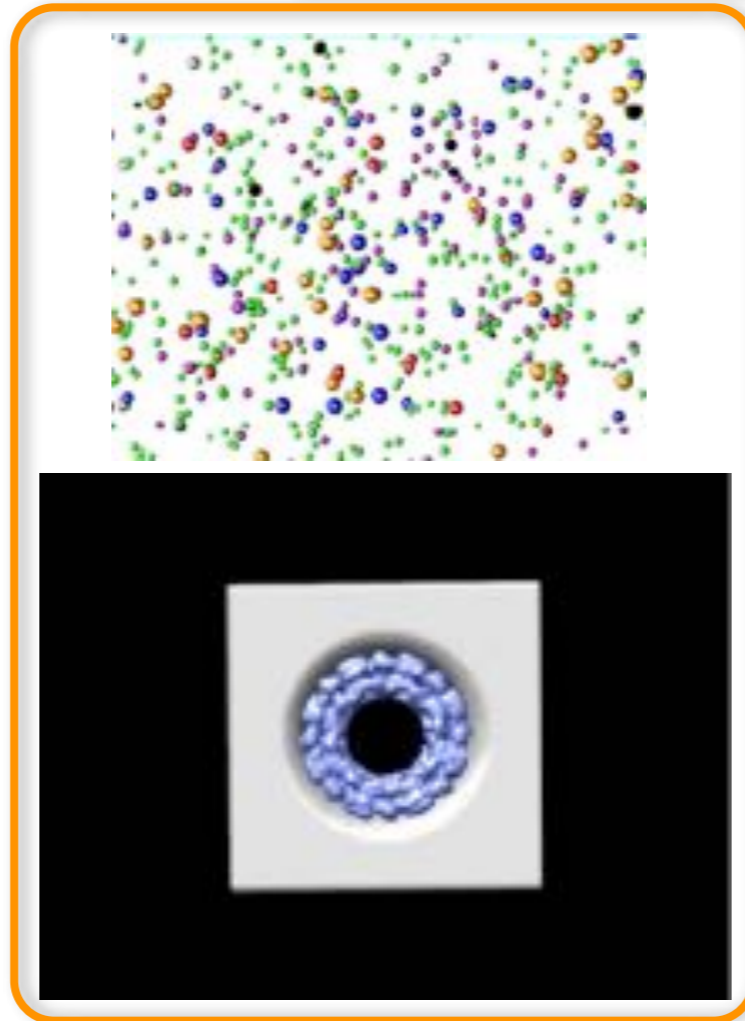
# Configuration of 456 proteins in the Nuclear Pore Complex

with M. Rout & B. Chait

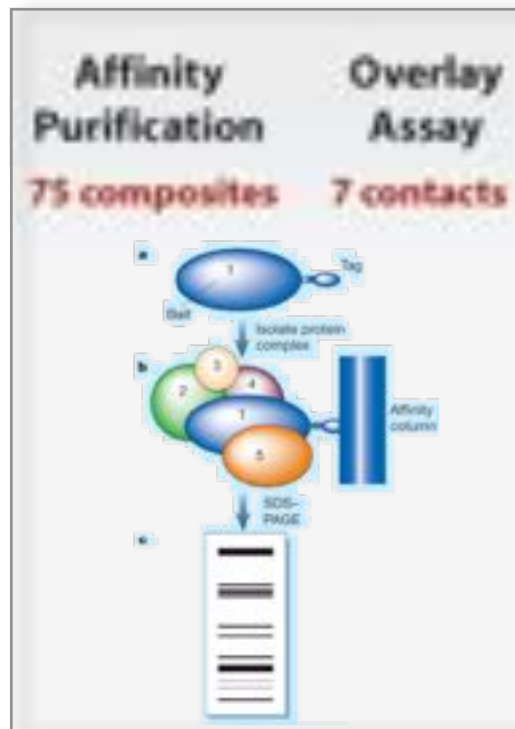
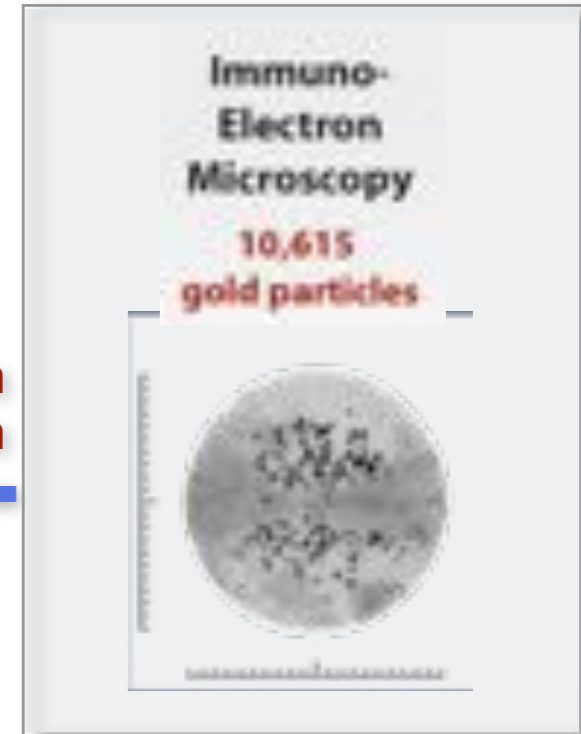
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**Protein Stoichiometry**



**Protein Localization**



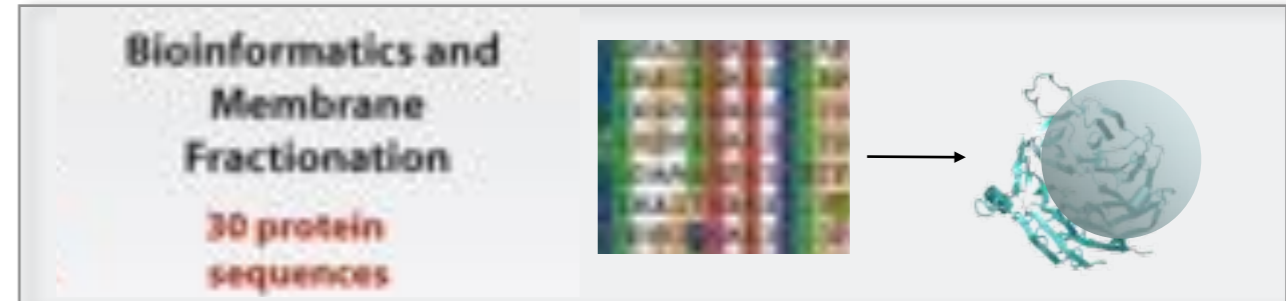
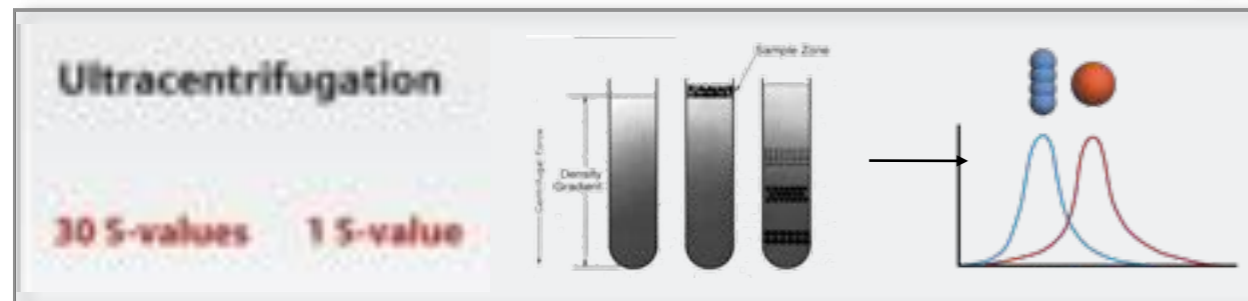
**Protein-protein Proximities**



**Symmetry**

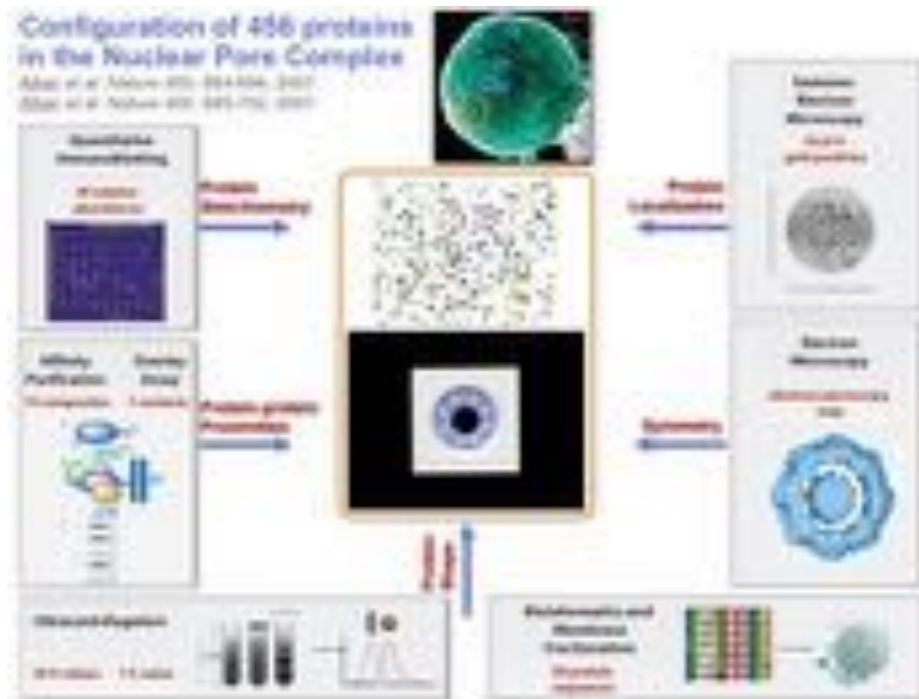


**Protein Shape**

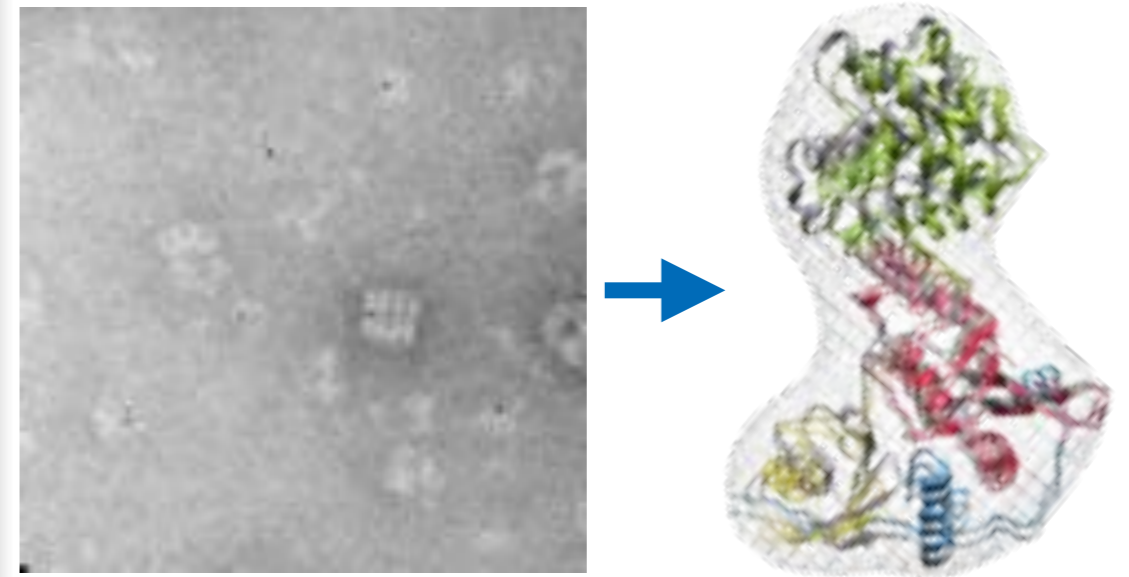


# Determination by experiment *versus* prediction by modeling

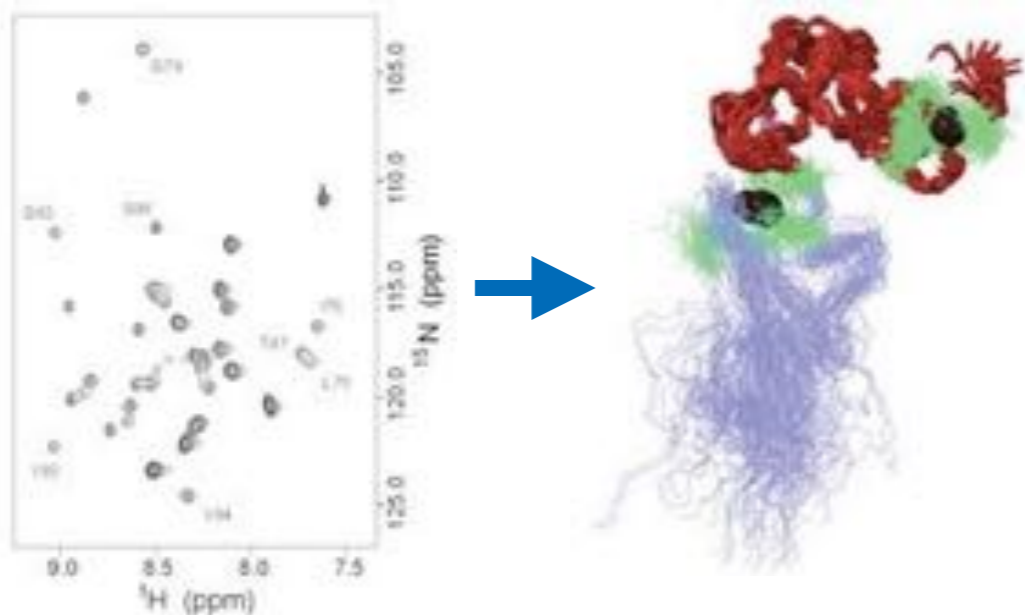
## Integrative structure determination



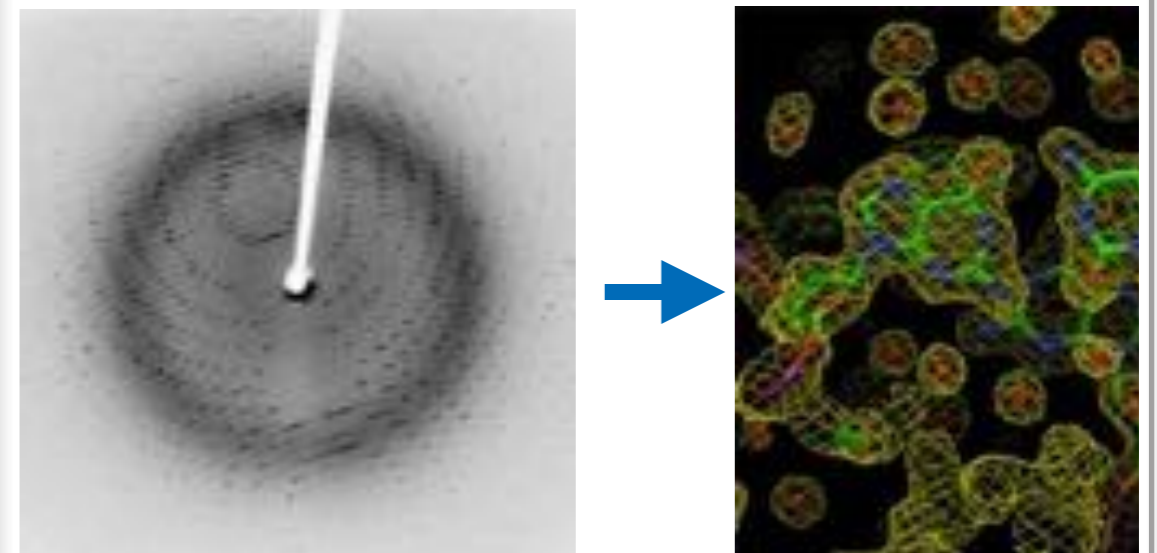
## EM microscopy



## NMR spectroscopy



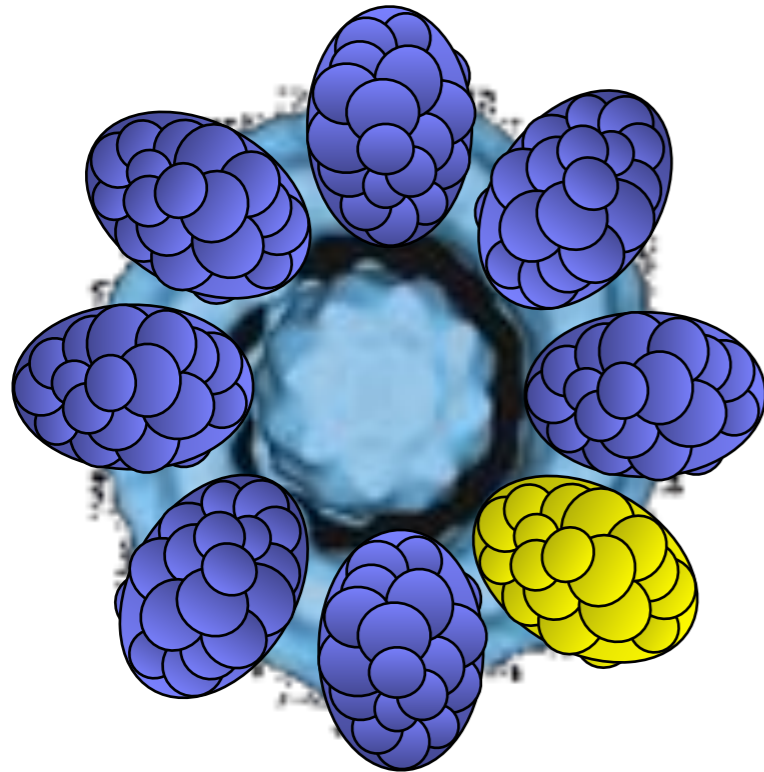
## X-ray crystallography





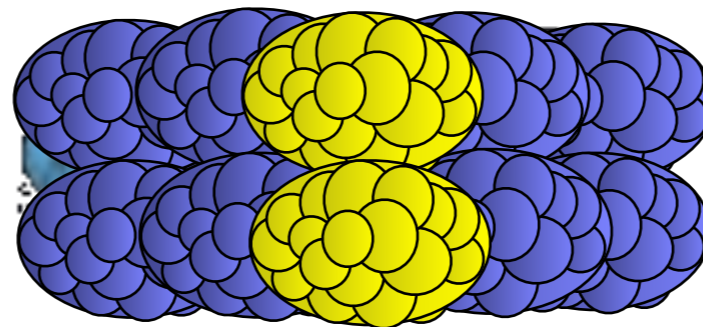
# Symmetry Restraints

TOP VIEW



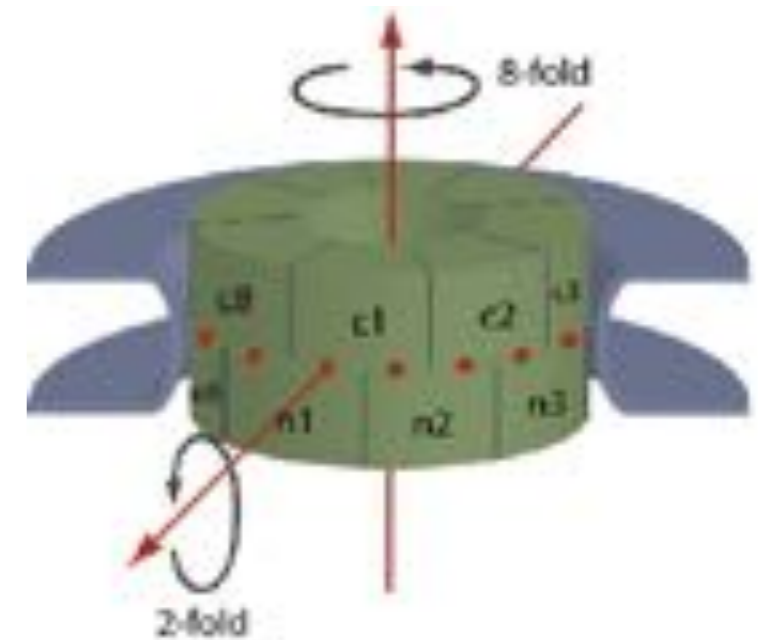
SIDE VIEW

cytosolic side



nuclear side

SCHEMATIC



Yang, Rout, Akey, *Mol. Cell.* 1, 223, 1998.

**half-spoke contains  
~30 nucleoporin  
proteins (NUPs).**

**~480 NUPs in NPC.**

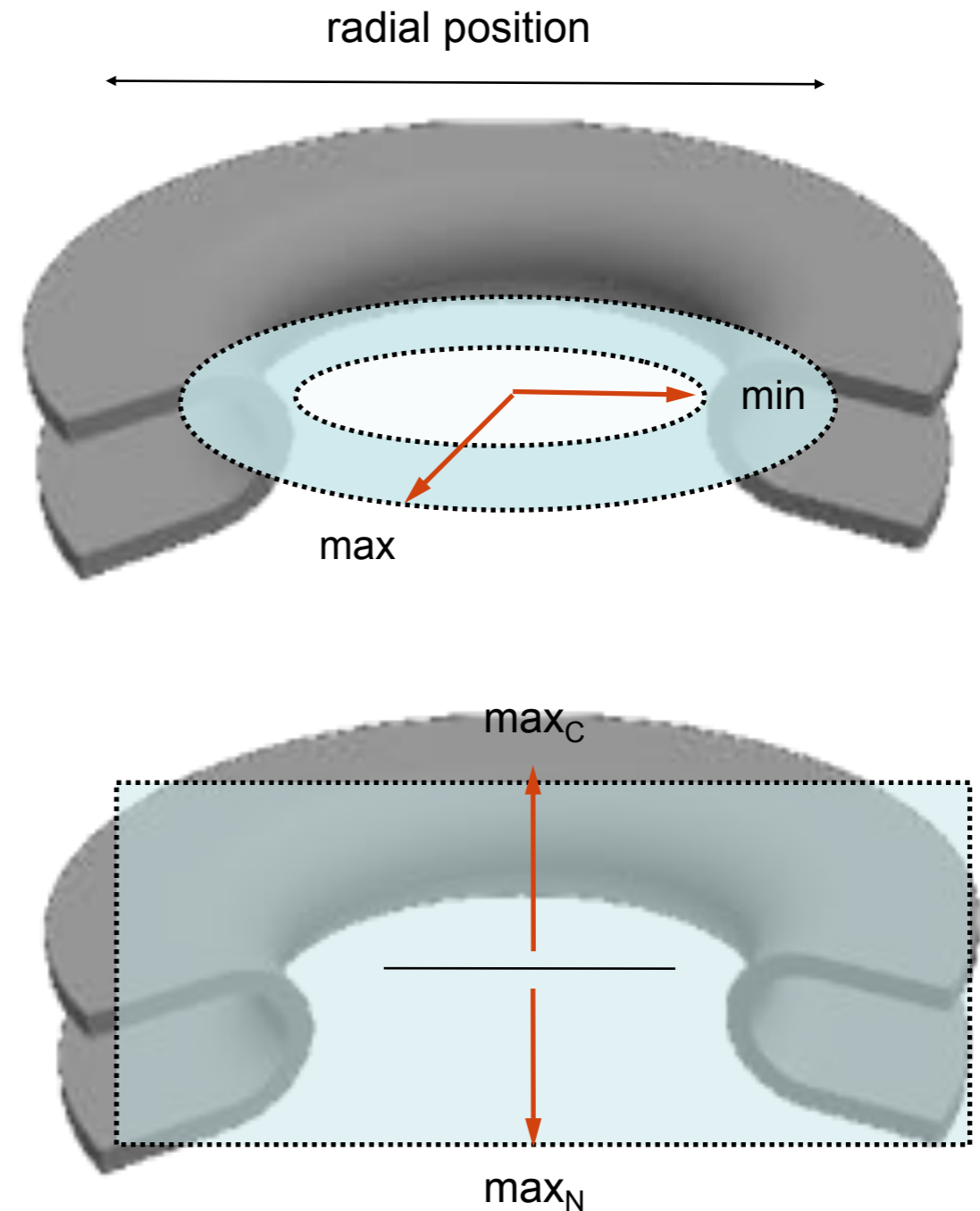
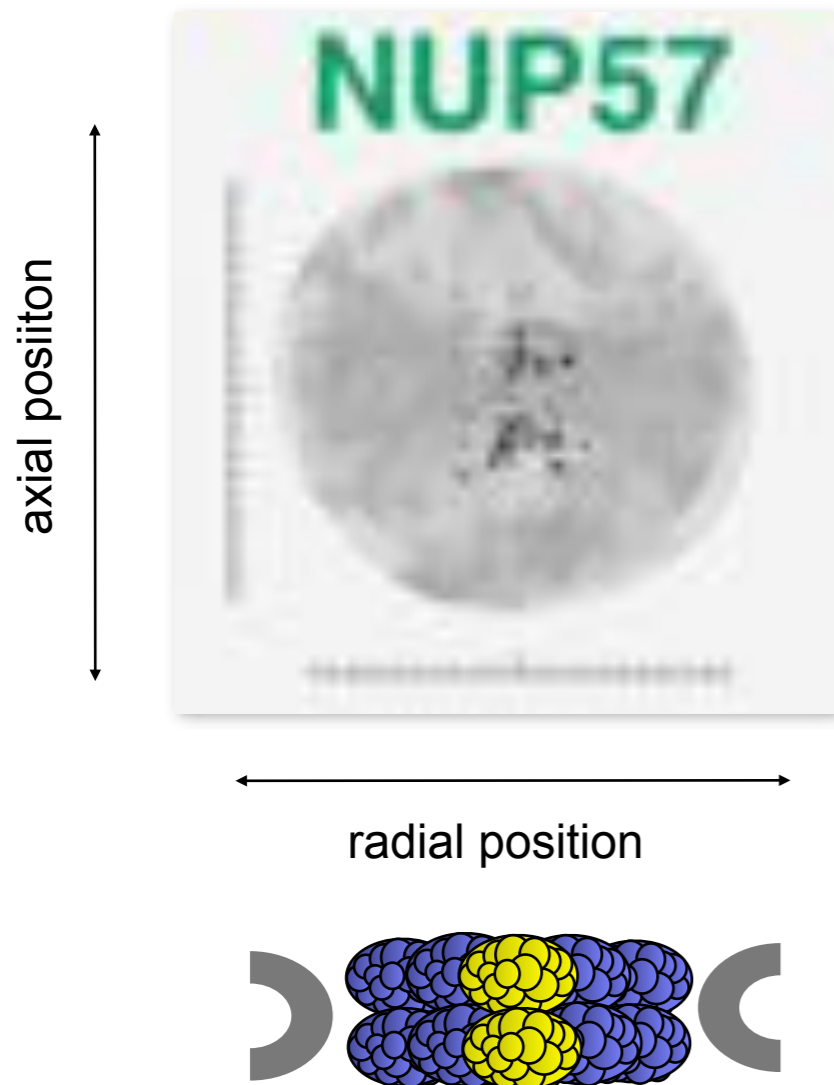
Configurations in spokes and rings are restrained to be similar to each other *via* a DRMS-type restraint.

The same handedness of the half-spokes and rings is achieved *via* dihedral angle restraints on subsets of nucleoporins.

# Axial and Radial Localization Restraints on C-terminal Protein Beads



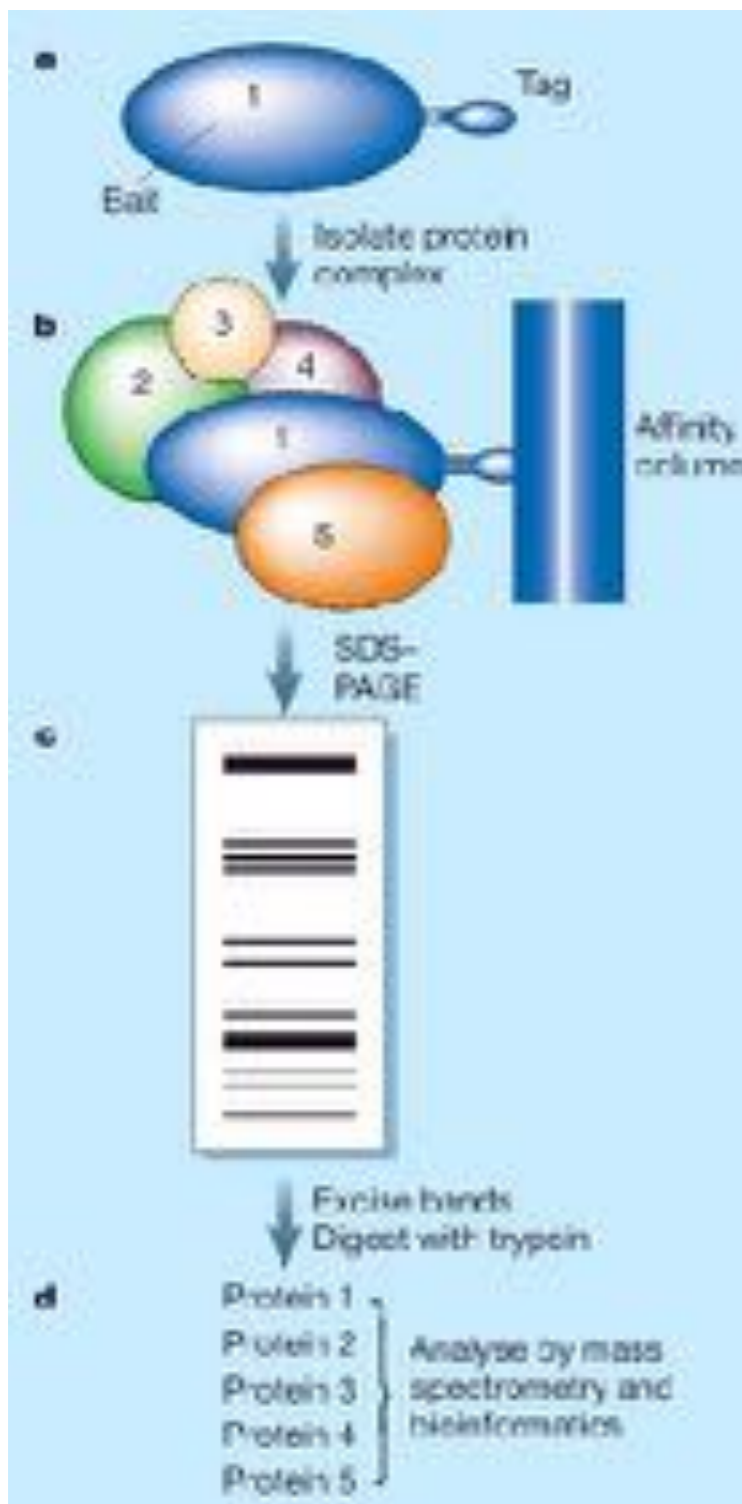
IEM montage  
(side view)



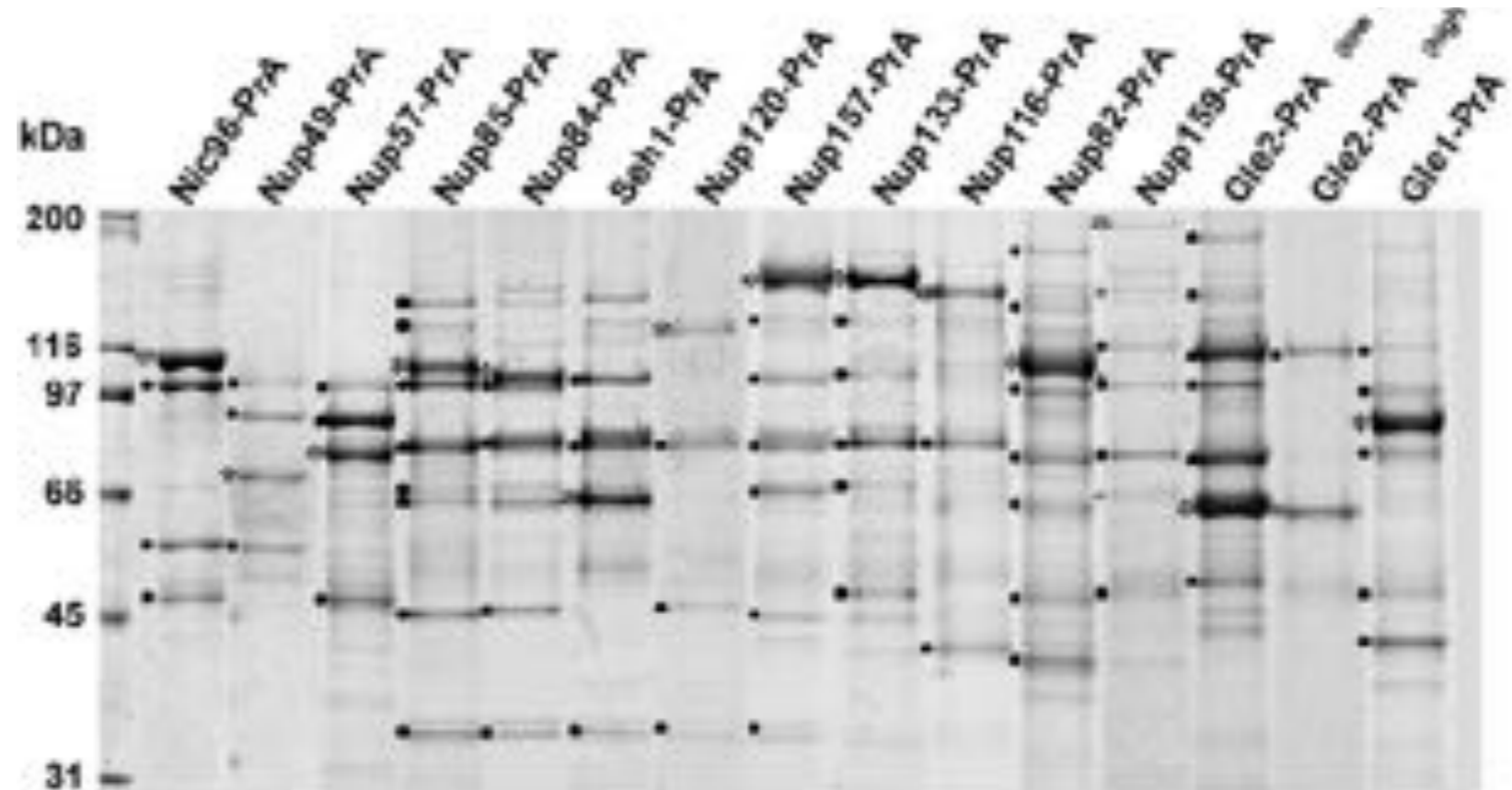
# Tagging, Affinity Purification and Analysis of Nucleoporin “Composites”

nucleoporin

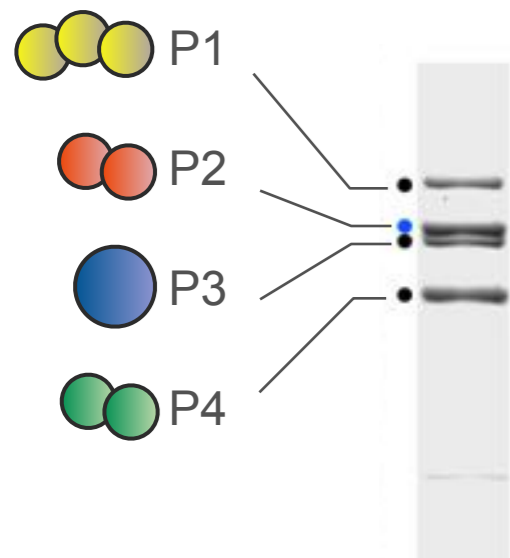
protein A tag



- several hundred “composites”
- ~1,300 protein bands identified by MS



# Composites are informative structurally, but subject to assignment ambiguity



- A composite implies at least three direct protein interactions that connect all four protein types.
- But there is assignment ambiguity:
  - Which protein copies interact?
  - What domains interact?
- Many possible alternative restraint assignments are consistent with the composite data.



# Optimization

- Start with a random configuration of protein centers.
- Minimize violations of input restraints by conjugate gradients and molecular dynamics with simulated annealing.
- Obtain an “ensemble” of many independently calculated models (~200,000).

## *Membrane spanning proteins:*

Pom152 Pom34

Ndc1

## *FG repeat proteins:*

Nup159 Nup60

Nsp1 Nup59

Nup1 Nup57

Nup100 Nup53

Nup116 Nup49

Nup145N Nup42

## *Nup84 complex:*

Nup84 Seh1

Nup85 Sec13

Nup120 Nup145C

Nup133

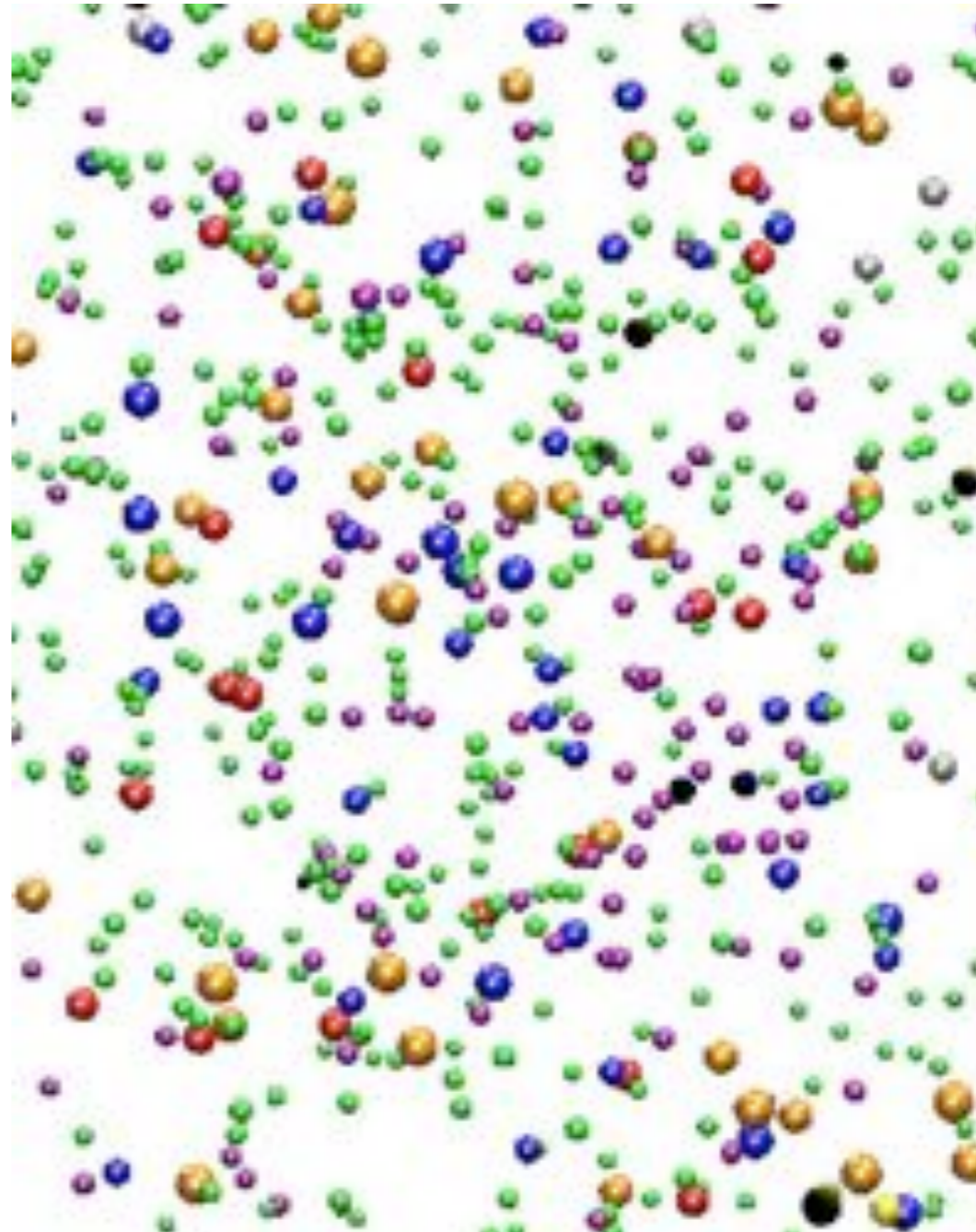
## *Large Core proteins:*

Nup192 Nup170

Nup188 Nup157

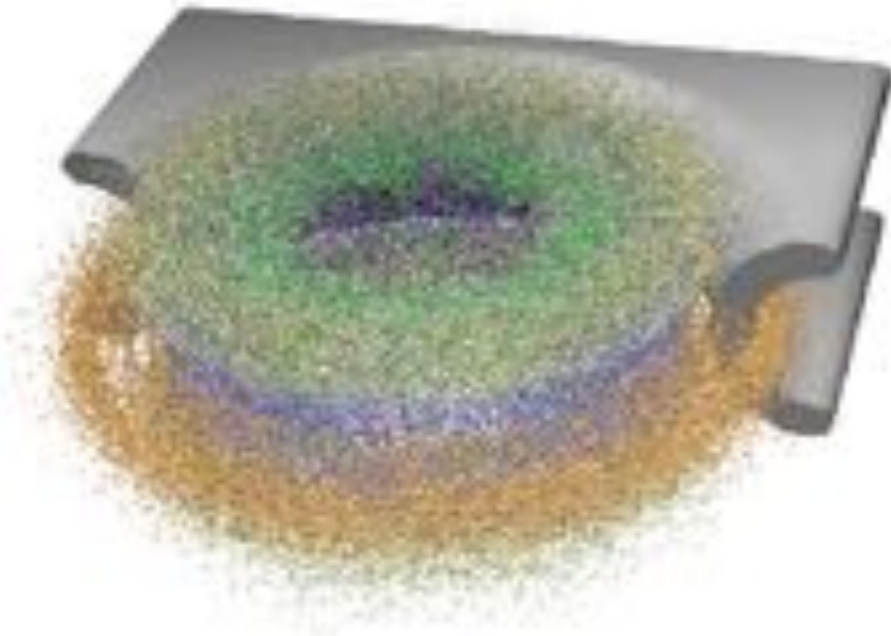
Nup82

Nic96

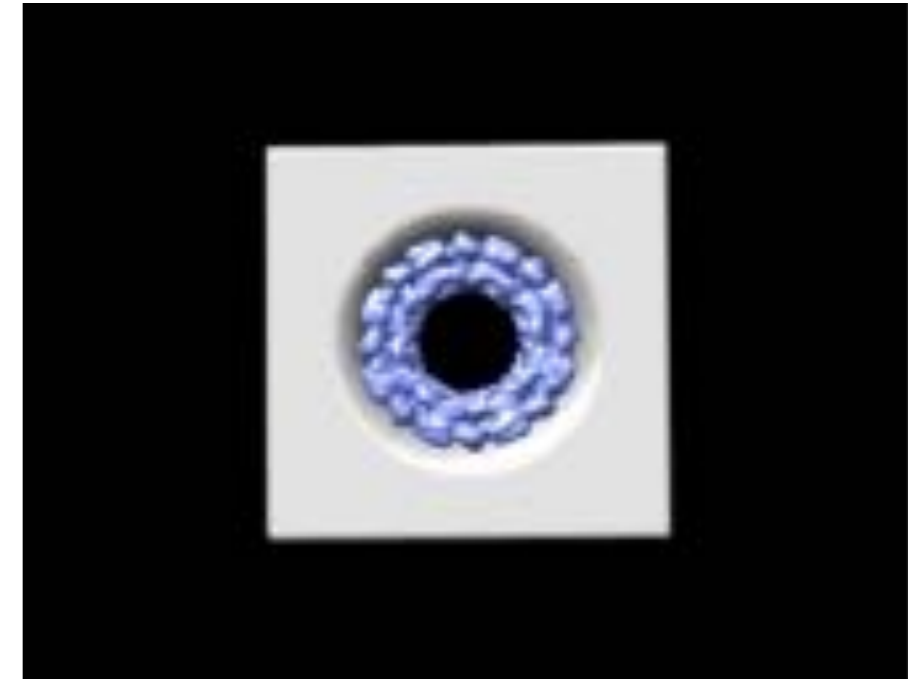


# Protein Localization Probability and Volume

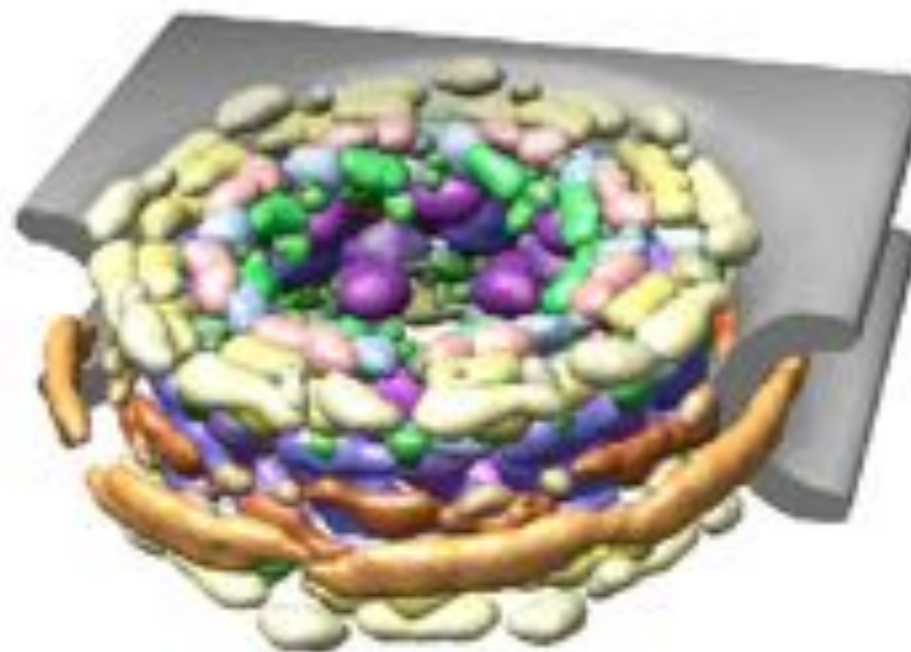
Calculated from the structural superposition of the ensemble of models that satisfy all input restraints



Ensemble of solutions



Animation



Protein localization

**can see position of every NPC protein**

# How accurate is the structure of the NPC?

## Assessing the well-scoring models

1. Self-consistency of independent experimental data.
2. Structural similarity among the configurations in the ensemble that satisfy the input restraints.
3. Simulations where a native structure is assumed, corresponding restraints simulated from it, and the resulting calculated structure compared with the assumed native structure.
4. Patterns emerging from a mapping of independent and unused data on the structure that are unlikely to occur by chance.
5. Experimental spatial data that were not used in the calculation of the structure.

## Assessment 3/5:

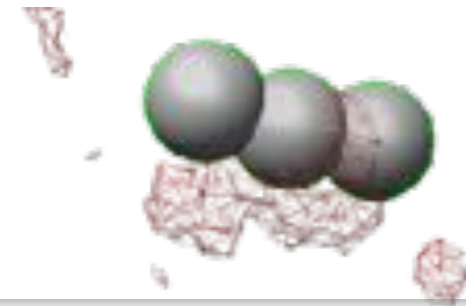
### Validation of the structure by a “simulated” model

1. Define a structure of the NPC as the native structure.
2. Simulate the restraints, given the native structure.
3. Calculate the structure based on the restraints.
4. Compare the calculated structure with the native one.

Nup84



Nup85



Nup192



Nup157



Nup170

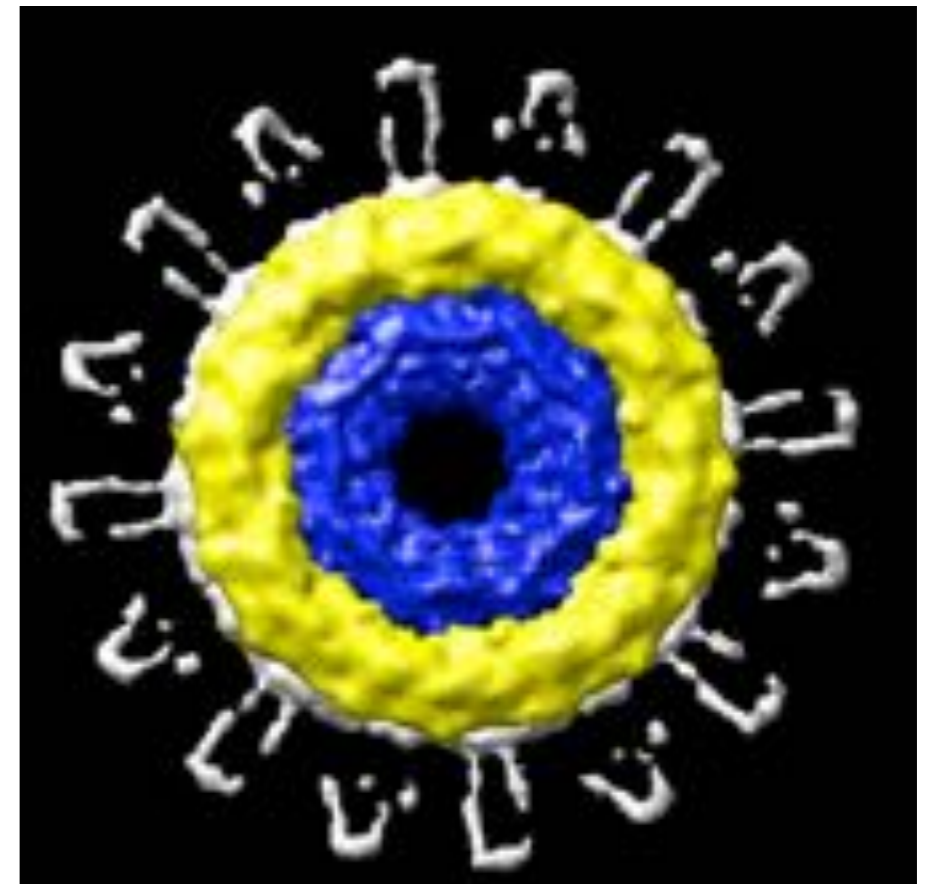
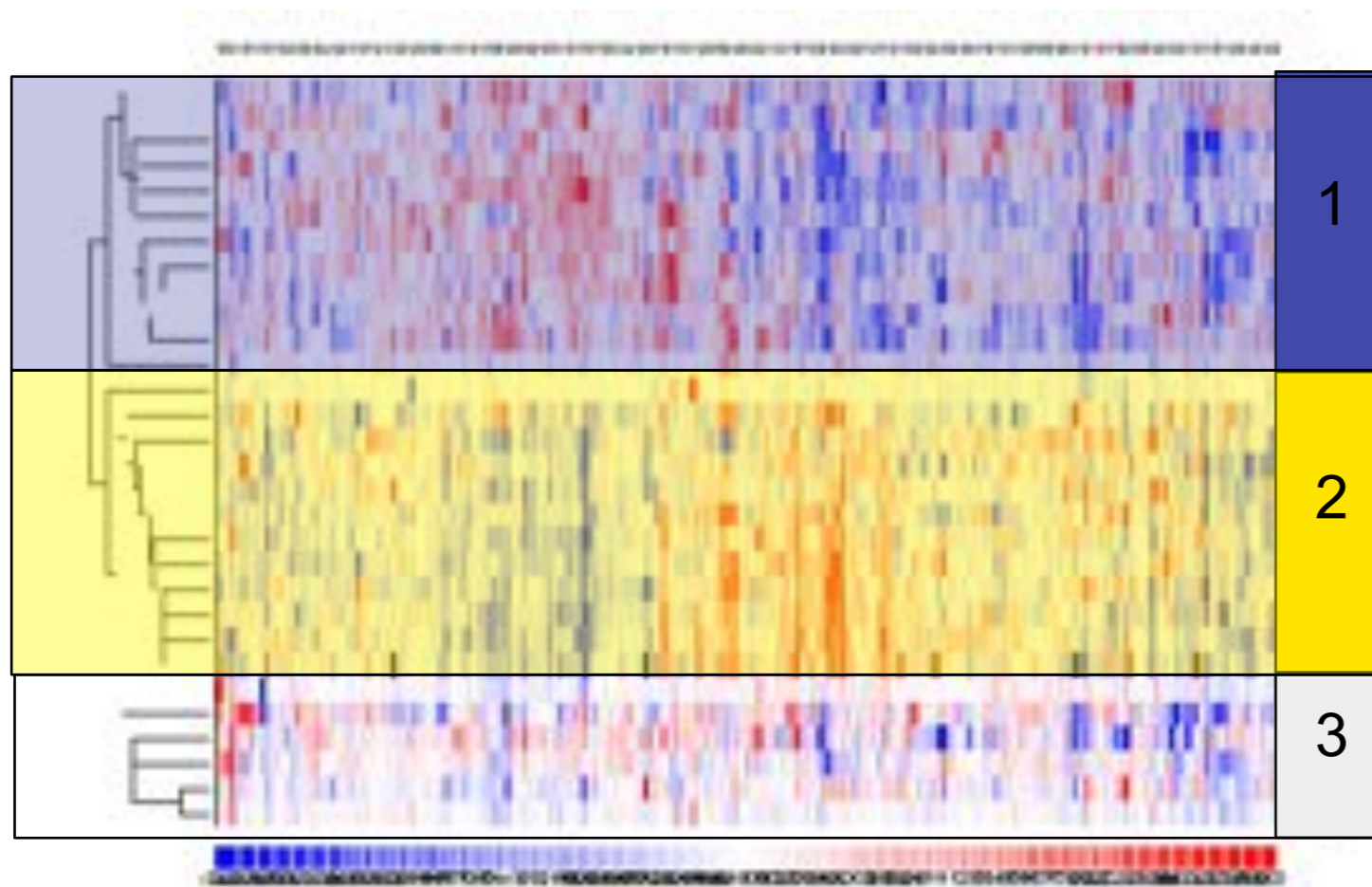




## Assessment 4/5:

### Patterns that are unlikely to occur by chance

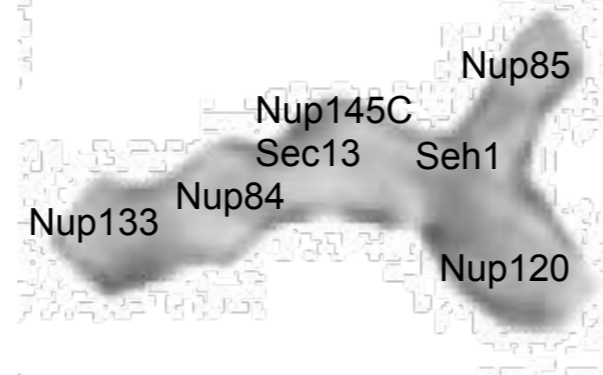
X. Zhou (USC):  
clustering of nucleoporin expression profiles



## Assessment 5/5:

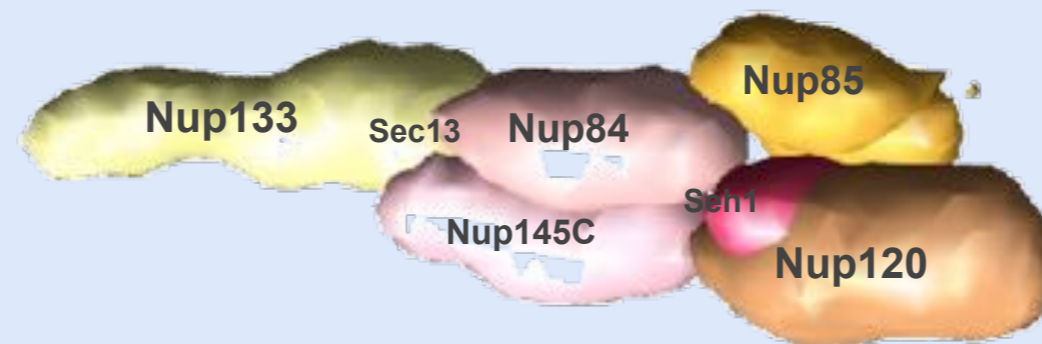
Experimental spatial data about the modeled structure that were not used in the calculation of the model

### Nup84 Complex Topology



M. Lutzmann, R. Kunze, A. Buerer, U. Aebi & E. Hurt, *EMBO J.* 21, 387, 2002.

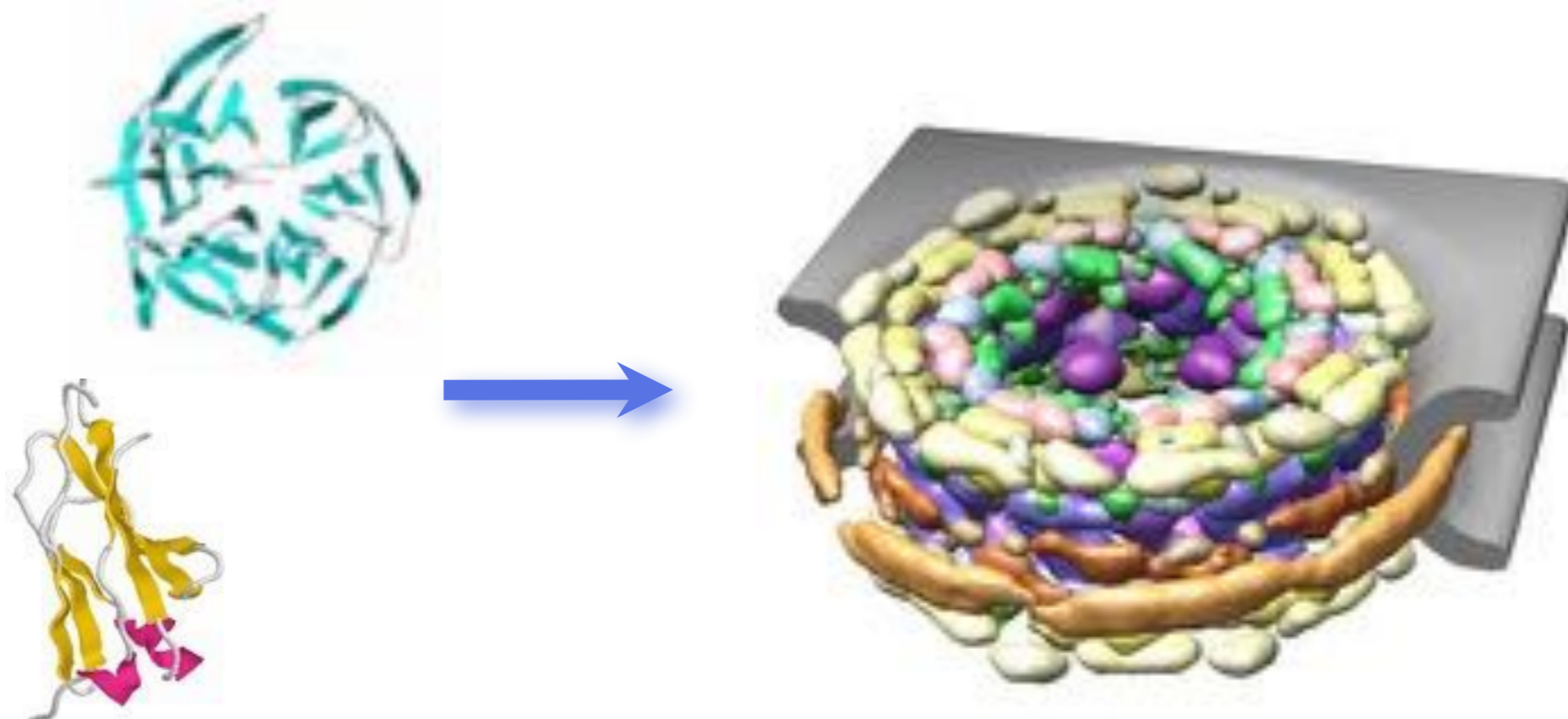
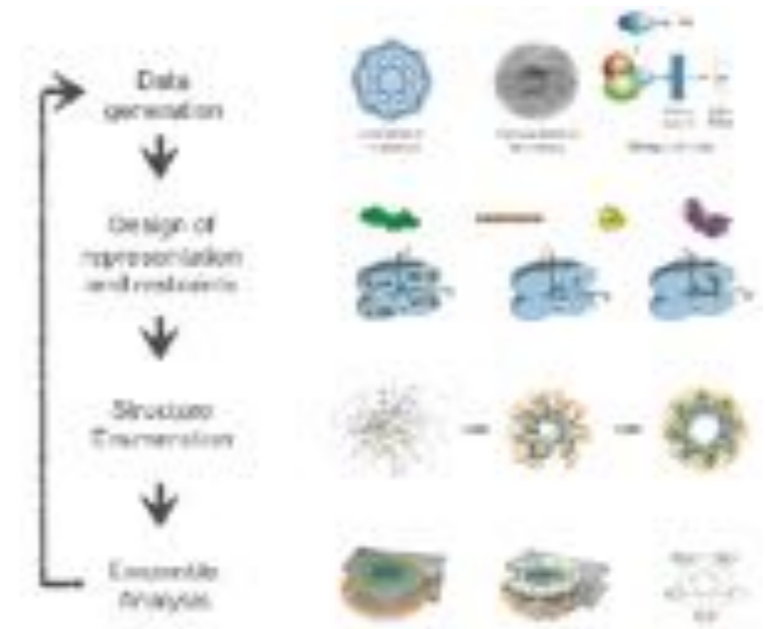
**NPC Map is Consistent with Experimental Data**  
**Not Included in the Calculations**



**Our Structure**

# Towards a higher resolution structure of the NPC

Characterize structures of the individual subunits, then fit them into the current low-resolution structure, aided by additional experimental information.

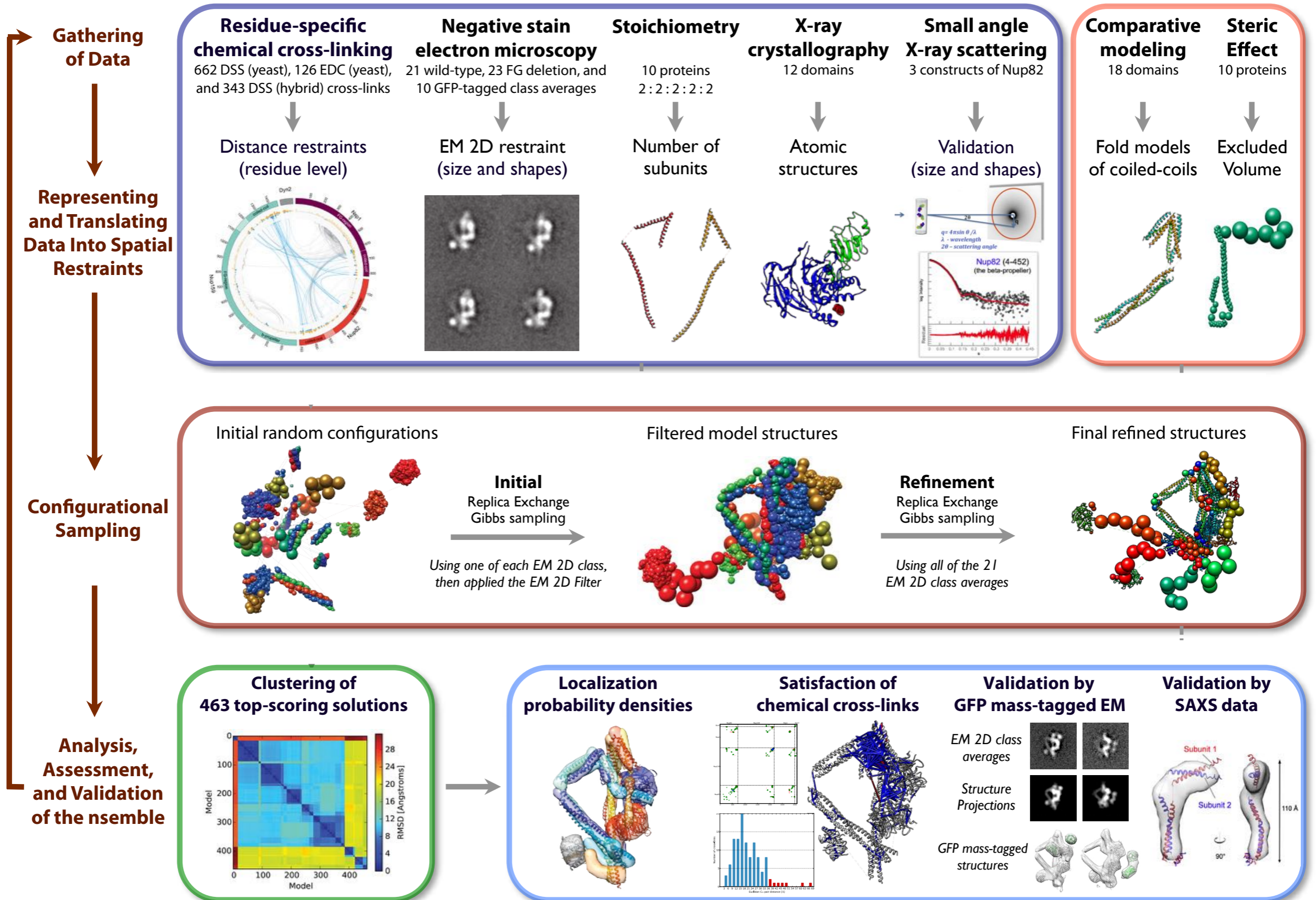


# Integrative structure determination of the Nup82 complex

Rout *et al.* Cell 2016, in press

## Experimental data

## Statistical inference and physical principles



# In Conclusion

The goal is a comprehensive description of the multitude of interactions between molecular entities, which in turn is a prerequisite for the discovery of general structural principles that underlie all cellular processes.



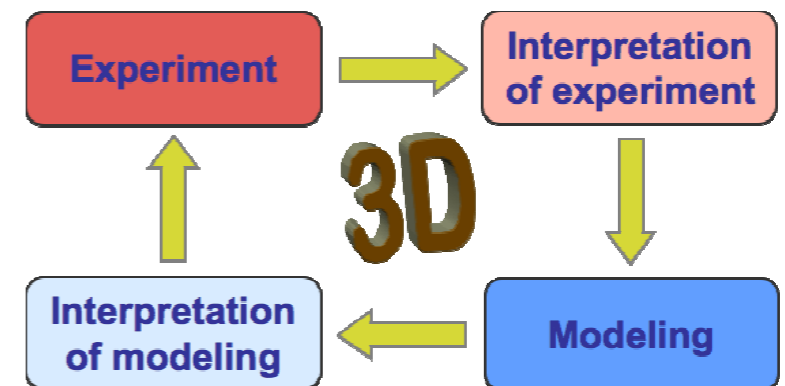
This goal will be achieved by a **formal** integration of **experiment**, **physics**, and **statistical inference**, spanning all relevant size and time scales.



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