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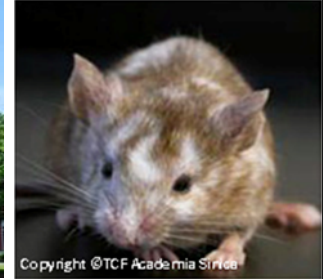
## About Me – My career path



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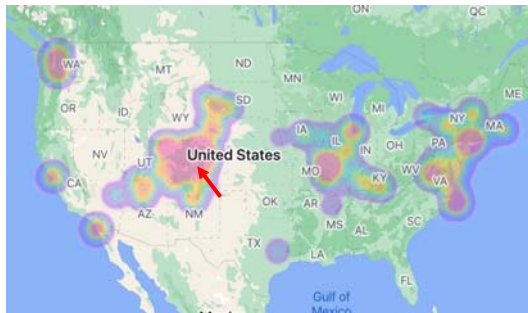
NCKU – Institute of Molecular Medicine



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Transgenic core facility



University of Colorado Anschutz Campus



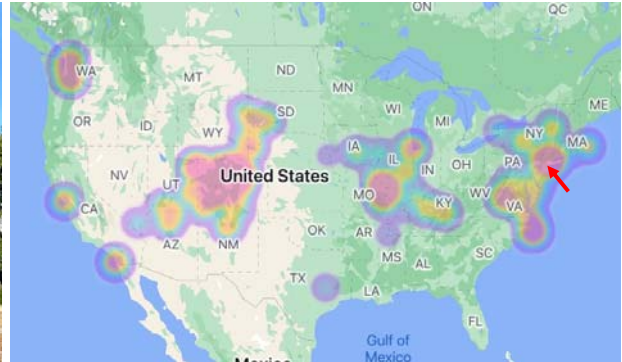
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- **Parkinson's Disease:**
  - **University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, CO**  
*Ph.D. student in Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics*  
Residue His50 plays a key role in protecting  $\alpha$ Synuclein from aggregation at physiological pH
- **Pneumonia Infection:**
  - **University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, CO**  
*Postdoctoral fellow*  
Understanding the catalytic mechanism of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* IgA1 protease and the development of the neutralizing antibody
- **Mammalian Histone deposition:**
  - **University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, CO**  
*Postdoctoral fellow*  
Understanding the molecular interactions among mammalian CAF-1, DNA and histones

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Columbia University, NY



- **Management of Cryo-EM facility:**
  - **Columbia University, NY**  
*Associate research scientist / Assistant director*  
 Managing all aspects of Cryo-EM facility to perform day to day functions and participate in collaboration projects

## About Me Career path



Pfizer, MO

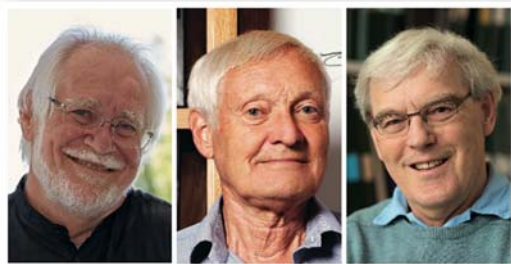


- **Research scientist in biopharma company**
  - **MO**  
*Principal Scientist*  
 Managing Cryo-EM instruments and participate in drug development activities

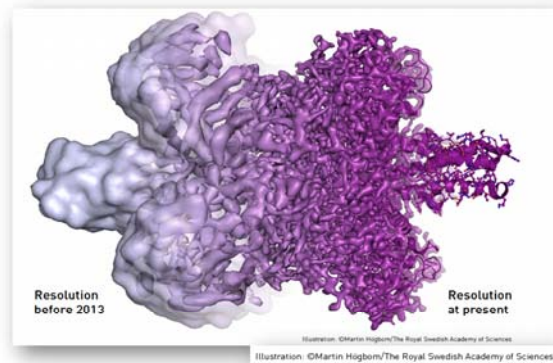
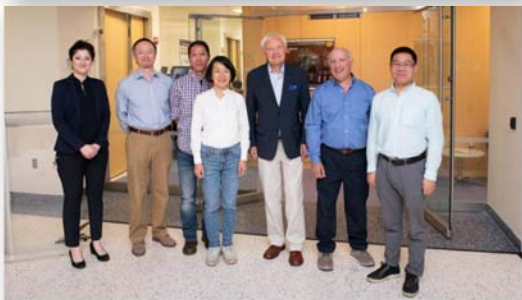
## Questions?



## The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2017 : Cryo Electron Microscopy



From left: Jacques Dubochet, Joachim Frank and Richard Henderson developed cryo-electron microscopy.



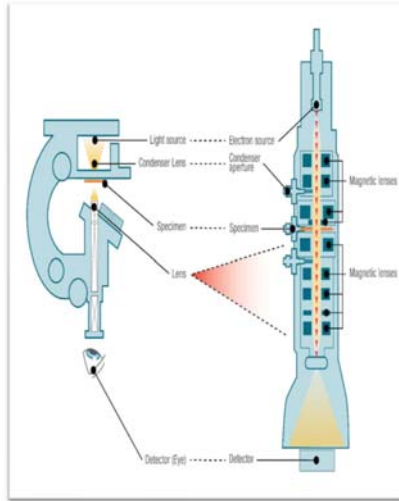
## What is CryoEM?



Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM)



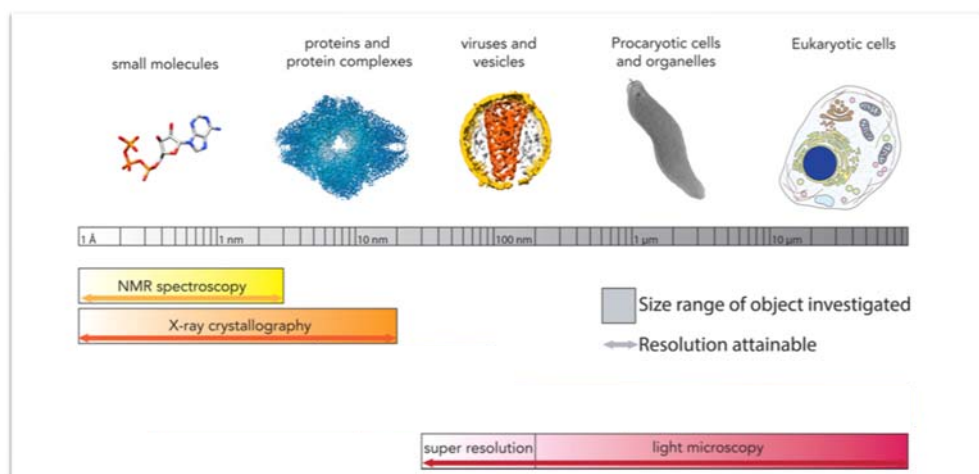
Light microscope



<https://www.thermofisher.com/blog/atomic-resolution/seeing-with-electrons-the-anatomy-of-an-electron-microscope/>

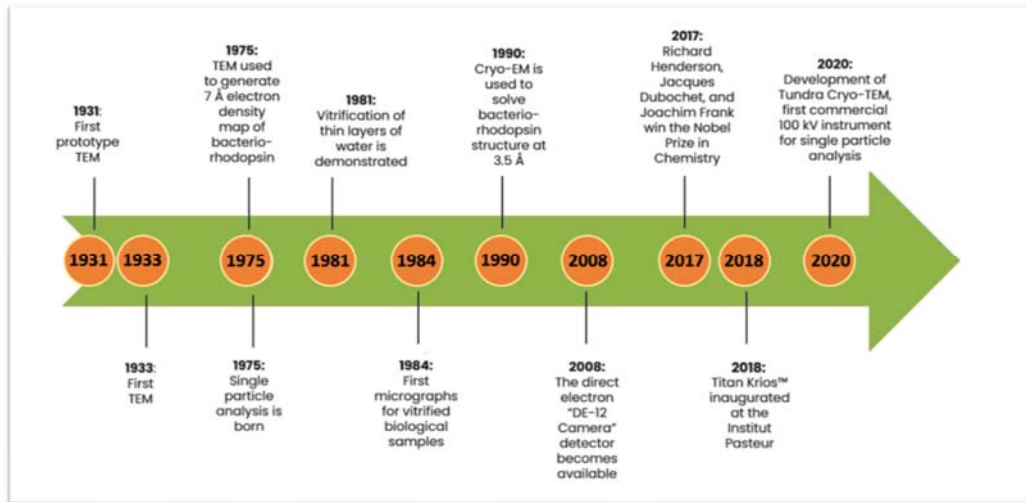
	Light microscope	Transmission Electron microscope (TEM)
Illumination	Light	Electron beam
Magnification	500x to 2000x	100kx to 500kx
Sample thickness	5um or thicker	0.2um or thinner
Sample environment	Ambient air	High vacuum
Lens	Optical lenses	Electromagnetic lenses
Sample preparation	N/A, Stained, or Labelled	Negative stained, or Frozen (Cryo)

## Why we need CryoEM?



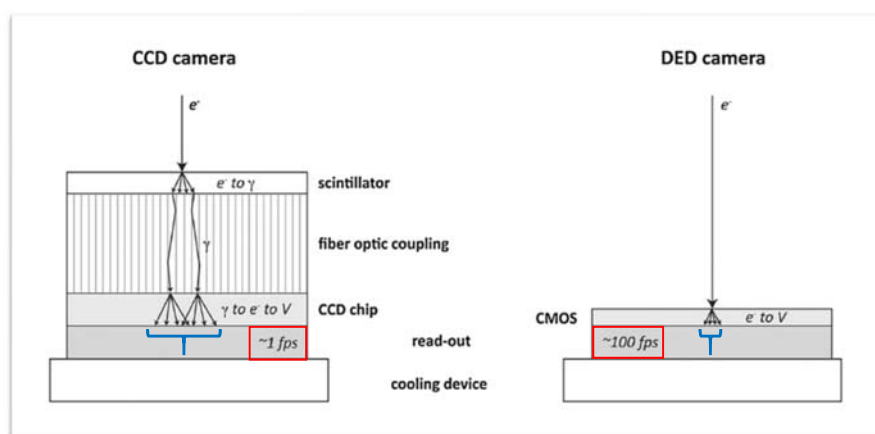
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## CryoEM – 40 years of development

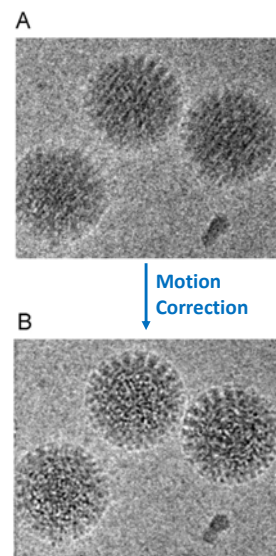


<https://bitesizebio.com/62839/history-of-cryo-electron-microscopy/>

## Direct electron detector (DED): One of the driving force of the cryoEM resolution revolution

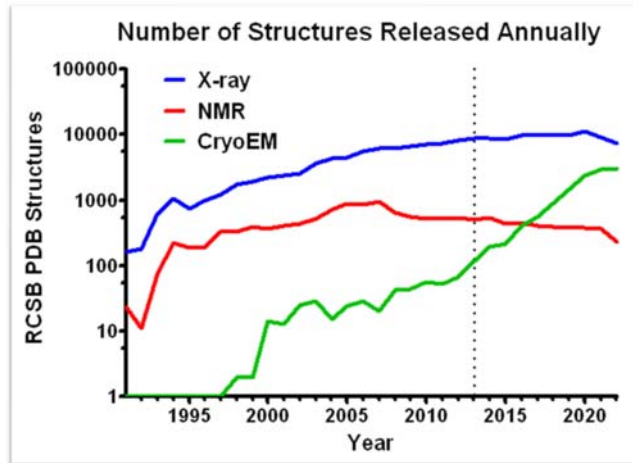


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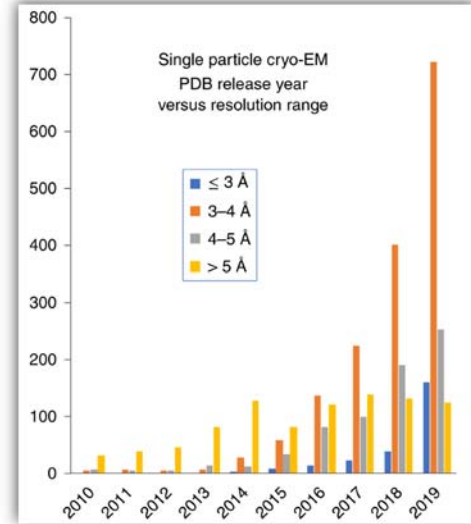


*Methods* **95**, 78–85 (2016).

## CryoEM is on the rise



RCSB PDB data



Nat Methods 18, 156–164 (2021).

## Current CryoEM applications

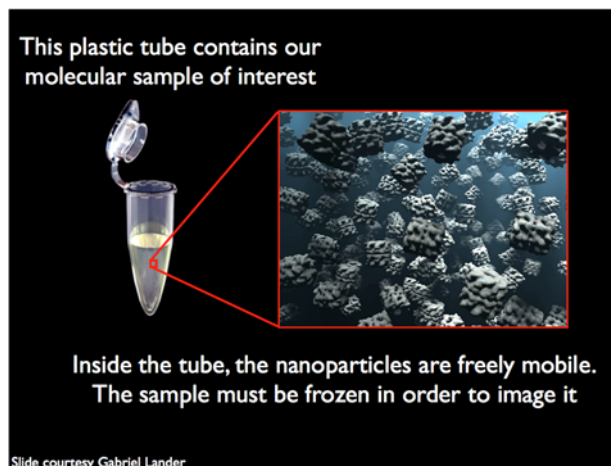
CryoEM Technique	Tomography*	Single-Particle-Analysis (SPA)	MicroED**
Advantages	Samples in near native states	High-resolution	High-resolution from small crystals
Challenges	Typically low (~10 Å) resolution	Molecular weight limit >40 kDa	Requires 3D crystal growth

Current Opinion in Structural Biology 64, 51–58 (2020).

\* cryo-electron tomography (CryoET)

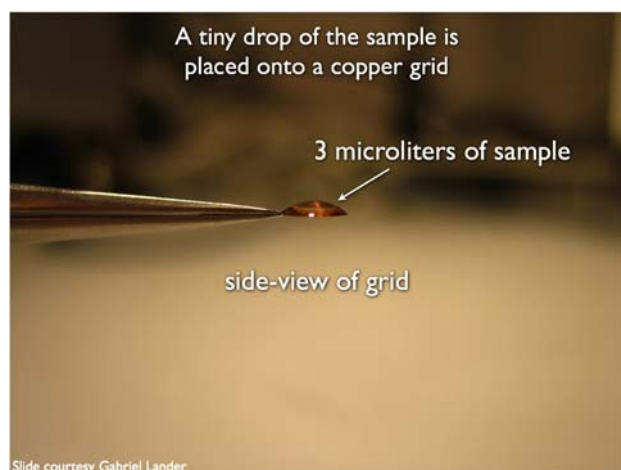
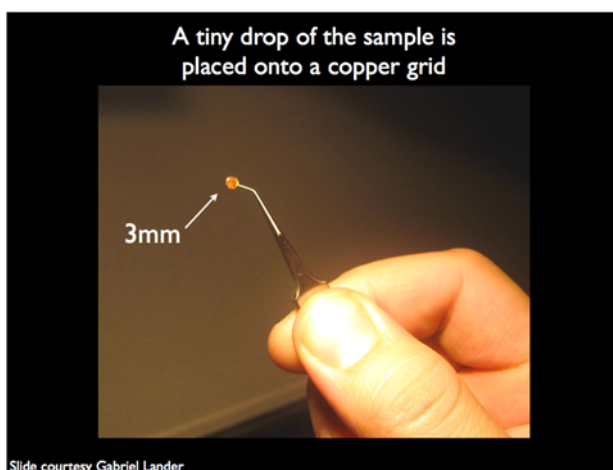
\*\* Microcrystal electron diffraction (MicroED)

## Single-particle analysis (SPA) workflow



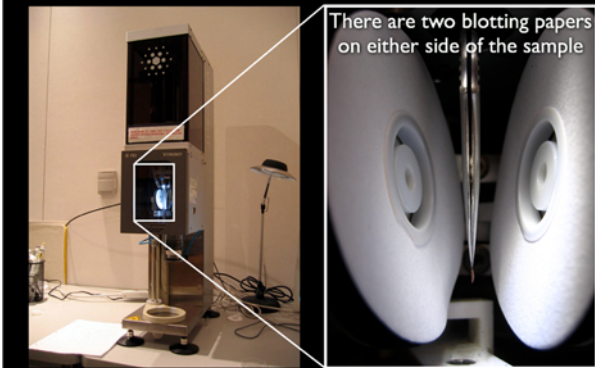
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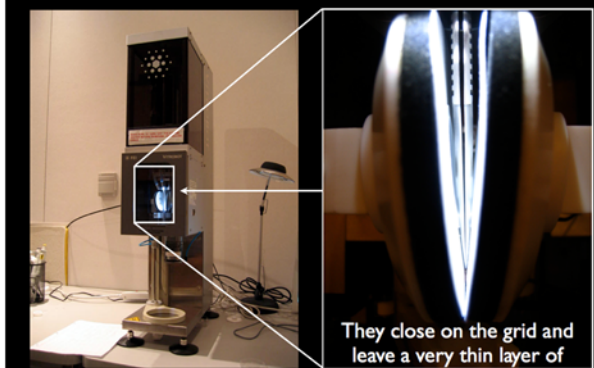
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The sample is loaded into a machine called a Vitrobot



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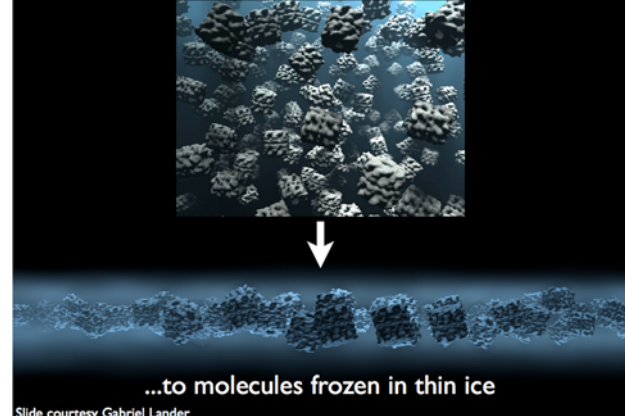
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The sample is then quickly plunged into liquid ethane



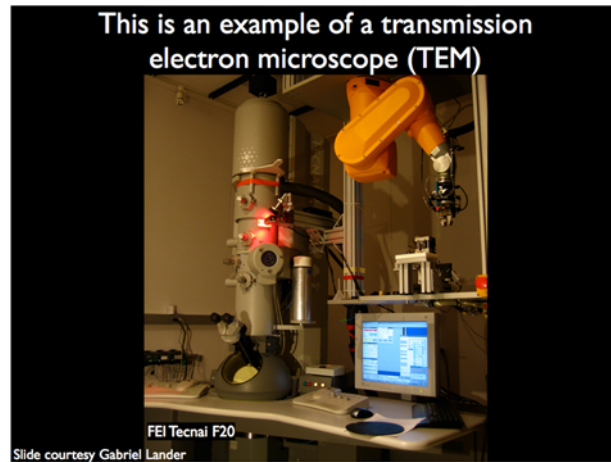
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That is how we go from sample in solution...

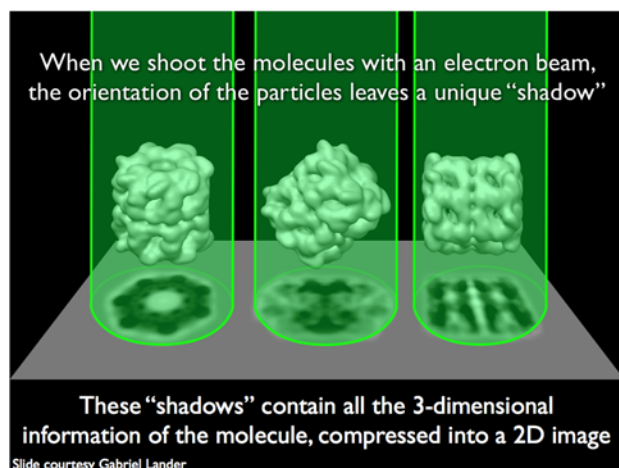
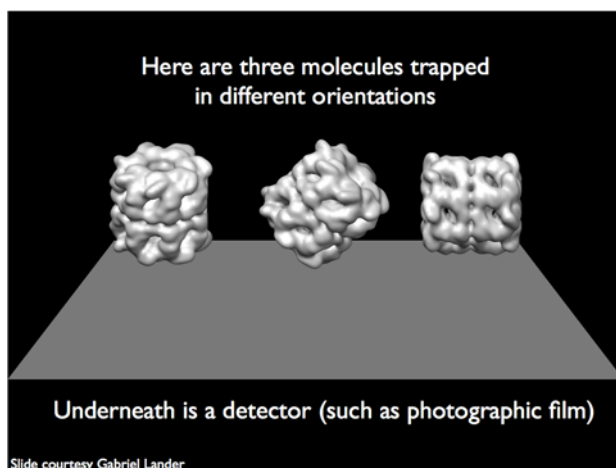


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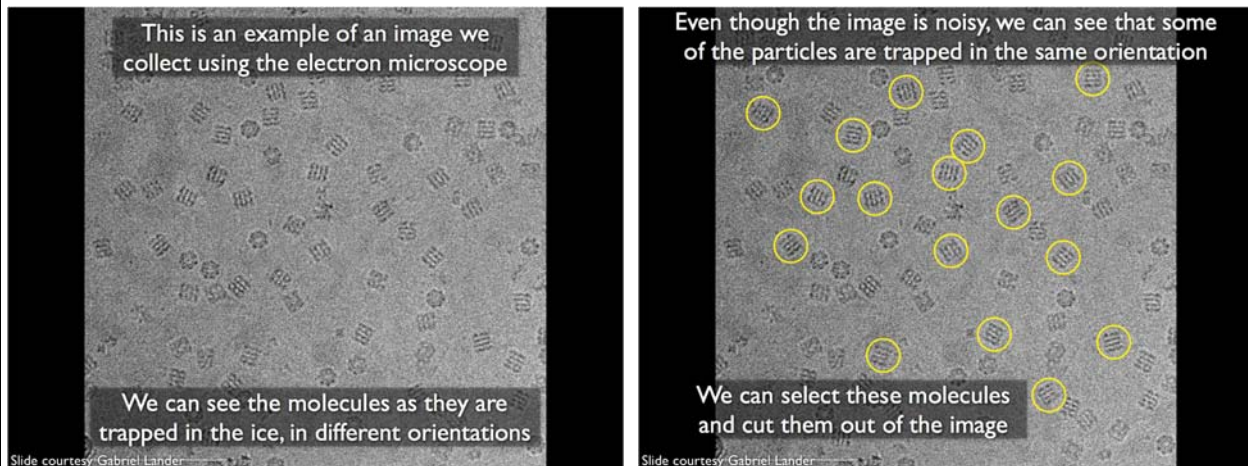
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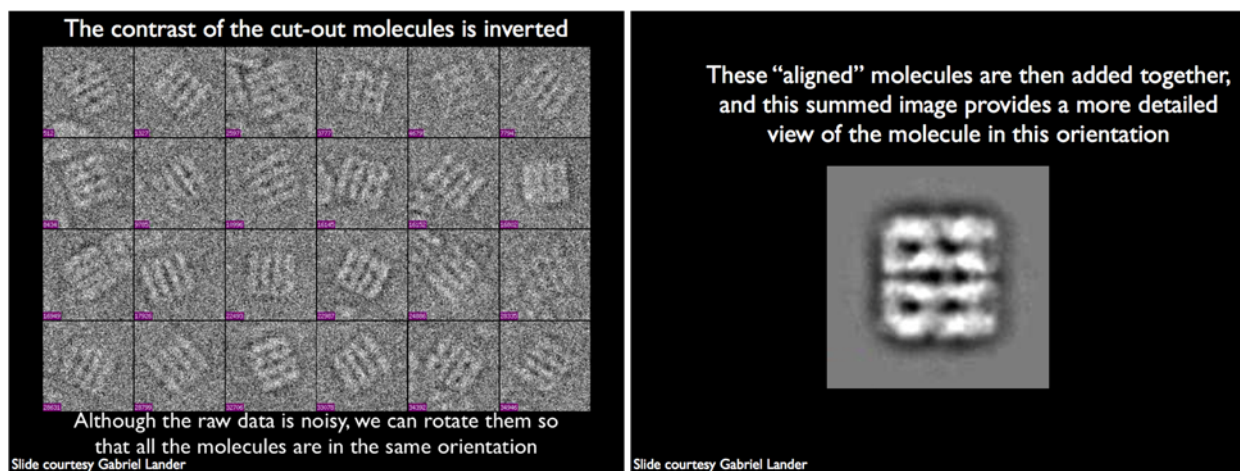
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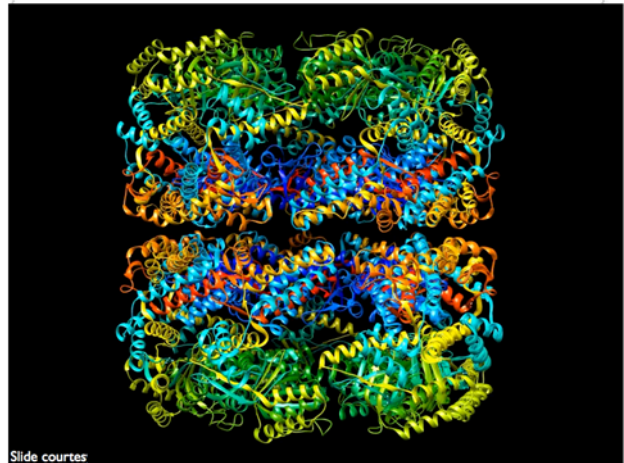
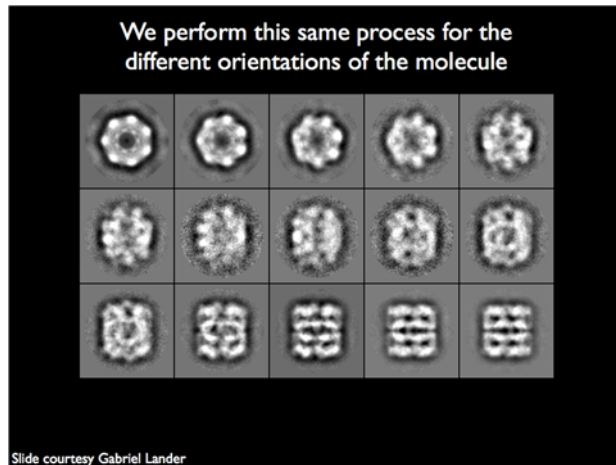
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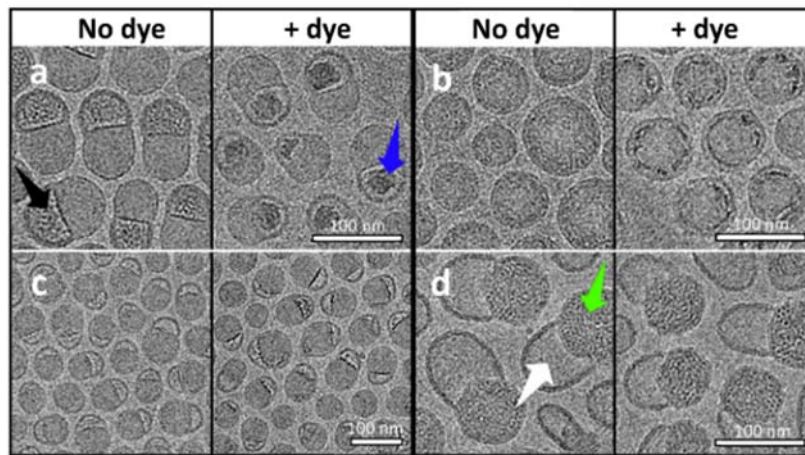


## Single-particle analysis in drug discovery



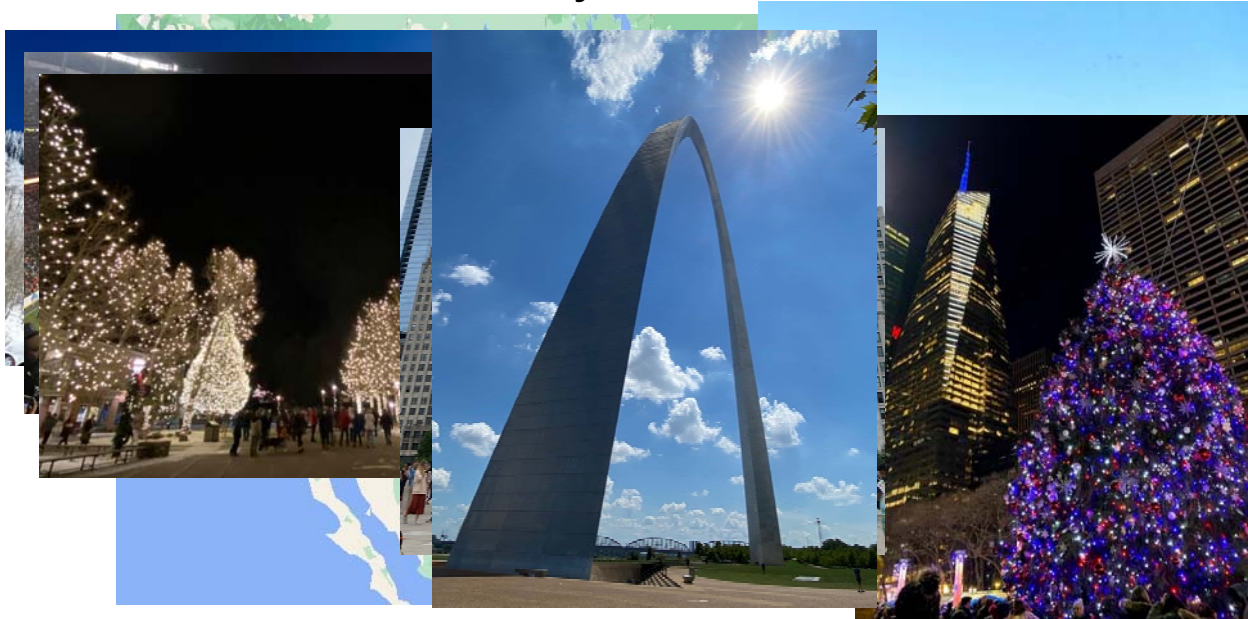
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## CryoEM in drug development



*Biophys J* **120**, 2766–2770 (2021).

## Not only work hard



**Questions?**



**Thank you!**



## Resource

The Jensen lab:

<https://jensenlab.caltech.edu/courses/>

Thermo Fisher:

[CryoEM learning center](#)

3DEM mailing list:

<http://3dem.ucsd.edu/maillinglist.shtm>

CryoEM 101:

<https://cryoem101.org>

CCPEM mailing list:

<https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=CCPEM>

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