# Single particle analysis (SPA) using CryoSPARC 

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## Our expertise in cryo-EM at BCRC

$>$ Single particle analysis of Membrane proteins


Pot. channel ( $3.58 \AA \AA, K 2,300 \mathrm{kV}$ )

$\mathrm{Cl}^{-}$channel ( $5.64 \AA$ ), Falcon 4, 200kV


TRP channel ( $3.22 \AA$ ), K3, 300 kV
$>$ Single particle analysis of soluble proteins \& SBDD.


PRMT5:MEP50-11-2F (3.13Å), K2, 300 kV


C3PO-ssRNA complex (3.94Å), Falcon IV , 200kV

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## BCRC overview: high end equipment



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## BCRC overview: DED \& Energy filters




Ceta-D Camera


BioContinuum Imaging Filter

Volta Phase Plate VPP
central
beam


Micro-ED workflow

## BCRC overview: Test results

## Fourier Shell Correlation and B-factor




## Atomic Structure Docking



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## Capabilities we have at BCRC



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## Capabilities we have at BCRC

1. Sample vitrification, grid screening, and data collection for Single particle analysis.
2. Data collection for Cryo-ET.
3. Grid vitrification and data collections for micro-ED.
4. Other services such as cryo-EM data processing, refinement, and model building.
5. Training in sample vitrification, data collections, and cryo-EM data processing.

## Cryo-EM: A game-changer for structural biology

- No fixing or staining is required (native state of the sample).
- No need to grow crystals (X-ray crystallography).
- A small amount of sample (vs X-ray crystallography and NMR).
- Possible applicable for heterogeneous and flexible samples.


## Limitations:

- Size of the complex: ~100 kDa or larger preferred.
- Sample orientation: should be randomly oriented.
- Ice thickness: ice should be just thin enough to hold particles.
- Electron dose limitation.

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## Cryo-EM: Workflow



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## Cryo-EM: data processing software

- RELION: https://www3.mrcImb.cam.ac.uk/relion/index.php/Main Page
- cisTEM: https://cistem.org/
- cryoSPARC: https://cryosparc.com/
- EMAN2: https://blake.bcm.edu/emanwiki/EMAN2
- IMOD: https://bio3d.colorado.edu/imod/
- Scipion: https://scipion.i2pc.es/


## cryoSPARC: Single particle analysis

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## Single Particle Analysis (SPA) workflow



## CryoSPARC hierarchy

## Project-specific sample

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Workspace1 (dataset1) job1 job2 and job3 .....

## CryoSPARC: movies pre-processing

1. Import Movies: Brings raw movie frames into the program
2. Patch motion correction: Aligns movie frames to account for sample and stage movement and produces an aligned average or micrograph, deblur movies
3. Patch CTF estimation: (After motion correction) attempts to measure additional parameters that vary from one micrograph to another - astigmatism, defocus, estimated resolution, etc.

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## CryoSPARC: importing movies

## Importing tutorial movies:

- ApoFerritin ~2.3Å resolution (BCRC workflow validation) - First 25 movies
- Accelerating voltage for the microscope: 300 kV
- Spherical aberration $=2.7$
- Calibrated Pixel size $=0.326$ (super-resolution)
- Total accumulated dose $=42$ e-/Å^2


## CryoSPARC: importing movies



## CryoSPARC: Motion correction



## CryoSPARC: Motion correction

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\text { [CPU: } 232.2 \text { MB] Processed } \theta \text { of } 25 \text { movies in } 24.31 \mathrm{~s}
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Patch motion for $\theta \theta 5268782221562727 \theta 02$ _Foilhole_3967163_Data_3960642_3960644_20221004_215755_fractions [png] [pdf]


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## CryoSPARC: Motion correction-dose weighting



## CryoSPARC: CTF estimation



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## CryoSPARC: CTF estimation



## CryoSPARC: Particles picking and extraction

## Particle extraction \& Box size

- Select a box size that is at least double the diameter of the particle.
- Controls how much of the micrograph is cropped around each particle location
- Larger sizes capture the most high-resolution signal that is spread out spatially due to the effect of defocus (CTF) in the microscope.
- Larger box sizes significantly increase computation expense in further processing.

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\text { Box }[\AA]=\frac{\text { MaxDefocus }[\AA]}{25 * \text { BestPossibleResolution }[\AA]}
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## CryoSPARC: Particles picking-blob

 Picked 424 particles in 1.51 s ( 2.36 s total)
© Micrograph J35/motioncorrected/005268782221562727002_FoilHole_3967163_Data_3960642_3960644_20221004_215755_fractions_patch_aligned_doseweighted.mrc [png]


Not very accurate
 Picked 407 particles in $\theta .46$ s ( 2.94 s total)

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## CryoSPARC: 2D classification



## CryoSPARC: 2D selection



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## CryoSPARC: Particles picking-template

 Picked 1069 particles in $4.7 \theta$ s $(5.92 \mathrm{~s}$ total)

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More accurate and centered
 Pirked 11 A5 nartirles in $A .96 s$ ( $7 . A A s$ total)

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## CryoSPARC: ab-initio



(0) Viewing Direction Distribution Class $\theta \theta \theta$ Iteration 710 [png] [pdf]


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## CryoSPARC: Refinement and sharpening



## CryoSPARC: map visualization

GSFSC Resolution: $2.64 \AA$



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## Thank you



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