

Structural Analysis of Large Macromolecular Assemblies: Sizing up the Challenges

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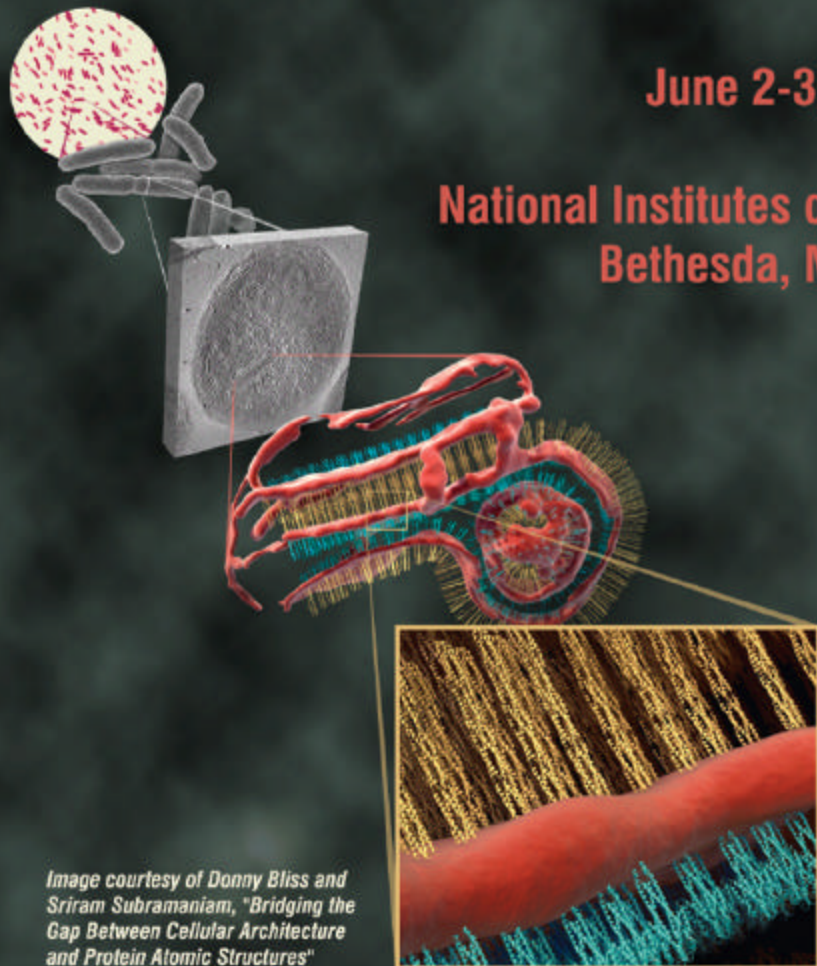


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Despite the spectacular advances in structural biology in the past decade, significant challenges remain. One critical area is large macromolecular assemblies. Large assemblies accomplish many of the core functions of the cell. Clearly, to understand their mechanism of function, we must understand their structure.

- But how do we identify and purify these assemblies?
- How do we deal with transient complexes?
- What particular obstacles do membrane-associated complexes pose?
- What new approaches must be developed to make such analyses more tractable?

To help focus the structural biology community's thinking in this area, we are organizing this meeting. We invite you to participate in what may be a watershed event in structural biology as eminent scientists assemble to discuss their views.

For further information and to register, please visit <http://pub.nigms.nih.gov/LargeAssemblies/>

Confirmed speakers and session chairs:

David Agard (University of California, San Francisco)
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Roger Kornberg (Stanford University)
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Michael Rossmann (Purdue University)
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