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### NCEF Update

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## NCEF Overview and Team Members

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- Mission: address gap between need for cryo-EM and access to expensive instrumentation
- Opened in May 2017 with one Titan Krios microscope; Glacios operational in Dec 2018; second Titan Krios operational in May 2019
- 250 runs from 32 institutions across US have been completed; feedback has been very positive
- User publications appeared in Nature, Cell, Nature Communications, PNAS, Nature Structural and Molecular Biology, and others







Notify user with data report, feedback, and instructions

Compress movies and move to storage server

Acquire movies on

detector.

Imaging Session Checklist

Consultation about the

parameters



Load and screen grids

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September 6, 2018 – Sample Information Form was submitted

September 6, 2018 – Submission was approved

October 31, 2018 – Sample delivered in person for imaging

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9 am October 31, 2018 to – Setup for data collection

9 am November 2, 2018 – Data collection stopped; 2284 movies collected

November 6, 2018 – Report and download link provided

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National Cryo-Electron Microscopy Facility Customer Report November 6, 2018



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Movies are motion corrected globally with MotionCor2 and ctf fitting is done with CTFFIND4. Average ice thickness can be determined on images only when the GIF is being used. In that case it is determined with using the inelastic mean free path of  $\Lambda$  = 250 nm determined on our system. An application note on ice thickness determination is available upon request.

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## User Project Workflow - Dot1L methyltransferase complex nucleosomes

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Total Motion (Pixel)







**Report includes** 

- All imaging settings and parameters
- Feedback on sample quality
- recommendations for optimization for future data collection
- **Summary of Quality Control**

#### Global motion correction and CTF fit

- Results can be used to QC data
- Data can be used to check microscope performance (astigmatism, mag anisotropy, etc.)

### With GIF and Zero-loss imaging we can estimate the ice thickness on each image

- Provide ice thickness feedback to users ٠
- Observe correlation of ice thickness and information limit ٠
- make predictions about data quality in the future

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### December 14, 2018 – Publication was submitted to Cell

February 11, 2019 – Publication date

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 Worden EJ, Hoffmann NA, Hicks CW, Wolberger: Mechanism of Cross-talk between H2B Ubiquitination and H3 Methylation by Dot1L. Cell. 2019 Mar 7;176(6):1490-1501.e12. Epub 2019 Feb 11.



Active state Result: 3.0 Å structure Poised state Result: 3.5 Å structure

## Other recent NCEF successes

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- Dr. Hao Wu (Harvard University) RAG complex with DNA substrates
- Result: 3.9 Å structure
- Published: Ru et al. (2018) Nat Struct Mol Biol 25, 732-742



- Dr. Vera Moiseenkova-Bell (University of Pennsylvania)
   Complex of TRPV5 and CaM and PIP2
- Result: 3.9 Å structure
- Published: Hughes et al. (2018) Nat Comm
  9, 4198

- Dr. Sudha Chakrapani (Case Western) Serotonin receptor (5-HT3AR)
- Result: 3.3 Å structure
- Published: Basak et al. (2018) Nature 563, 270-274





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## **Microscope Metrics**

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- Microscope operational 96% of the time
- During operational time, 90% is for imaging and 10% is for data setup/screening etc.

Cryo CycleInstall/TestingDownUser Projects

## Summary

- NCEF performed 250 data collection runs over the last 2 years
- Krios 2 is operational as of May 2019
- Krios 1 will be moved in July/August 2019 to its new home at the ATRF, and expected to be operational by October 2019 with a BioQuantum K3
- We plan to increase the number of user projects and implement several outreach efforts



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