# Time resolved diffraction & scattering studies of membrane protein dynamics using XFEL radiation

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## **Peak Brilliance**



# **Diffraction before Destruction**



# **Reaction Dynamics**



Muybridge's freeze-frame sequence revealed a horse's gait.

# **Energy Transduction**



# **Photosynthetic Proteins**



# **Photosynthetic Purple Bacteria**



#### Blooming purple sulfur bacteria in a coastal lagoon

#### **Photosynthetic reaction centres**



- 135 kDa Membrane protein.
- Complex light driven proton pump.
- Electron movements driven by light.
- Coupled redox reactions pump protons.
- Descendent created O<sub>2</sub> rich atmosphere.

## **Proton pumping by reaction centres**

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## Halo-archaea



#### Halobacteria Salinarium in high-salt ponds

## **Bacteriorhodopsin**



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- One proton pumped per photon.



## **Scientific Question**

#### **Bacteriorhodopsin:**

 What structural changes are needed to achieve proton pumping up-hill against a proton gradient?

#### **Photosynthetic reaction centres:**

 Do ultrafast conformational changes contribute to the primary charge separation reactions of photosynthesis?



# X-ray scattering



Svergun & Koch, Biophys. Meth. (2002)

# Time-resolved Wide Angel X-ray Scattering



Cammarata et al., Nature Methods (2008)



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# **European Synchrotron Radiation Facility**



#### **Michael Wulff**

#### Marco Cammarata



## **Experimental data & spectral decomposition**



Andersson et al., Structure (2008)



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## **Structural Refinement**



## **Structural Conclusions**

- Two intermediate conformations.
- Movements of helices E, F & C used to model these changes.
- 2/3 of the movement occurs prior to the first proton transfer step.



# **Time Resolved Serial Crystallography**





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## Photocycle of bacteriorhodopsin



- Highly coordinated structural changes control the pKa of key proton-exchange groups.
- Understanding the nature & timing of these events central to untangling the mechanism of proton pumping.



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## **Time-resolved spectroscopy**

Nature 363, 320 (1993)

ARTICLES

# Visualization of coherent nuclear motion in a membrane protein by femtosecond spectroscopy

Marten H. Vos\*, Fabrice Rappaport\*, Jean-Christophe Lambry\*, Jacques Breton\* & Jean-Louis Martin\*\*

"implicates coherent nuclear motion in the primary electron transfer reaction in functional reaction centres"





## **Time-resolved spectroscopy**

Science 316, 747 (2007)

# **Protein Dynamics Control the Kinetics of Initial Electron Transfer in Photosynthesis**

Haiyu Wang,<sup>1,2</sup> Su Lin,<sup>1,2</sup> James P. Allen,<sup>2</sup> JoAnn C. Williams,<sup>2</sup> Sean Blankert,<sup>1,2</sup> Christa Laser,<sup>1,2</sup> Neal W. Woodbury<sup>1,2</sup>\*

"These results indicate that initial photosynthetic charge separation is limited by protein dynamics rather than by a static electron transfer barrier"



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# Time resolved wide angle X-ray scattering



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#### **Time resolved wide angle X-ray scattering**



## **TR-WAXS: Laser on minus laser off**



# **Spectral decomposition**



# Linear recombination of amplitudes



#### **Equilibrated & non-equilibrated heating**



#### **MD** simulations: flow of heat



 MD simulations & TR-WAXS measurements both show heat equilibrates within ~ 100 ps.

## **Ultrafast-component**





- Fitting with only co-factors moving.
- Rise: Sub-ps.
- t<sub>1/2</sub> decay ~ 3-2 ps.

Arnlund et al., Nature Methods (2014)

## c.w. TR-WAXS on bacteriorhodopsin





# Fitting protein component





- Fitting with all protein atoms moving.
  - t<sub>1/2</sub> rise ~ 1-4 ps
  - t<sub>1/2</sub> decay ~ 44 ps.

Arnlund et al., Nature Methods (2014)

# **Overall conformational change**







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Johansson et al., Nature Communications (2013).

# 3.5 Å SFX structure





Johansson et al., Nature Communications (2013)

## **Ultrafast conformational gating?**

- Photosynthetic reaction centres remarkably efficient.
  - Multiple contributing factors.
- Structural changes allow the energy surface for an electron on *the way out* to differ from that *back home*.
- May help extend the lifetime of the charge separated state.





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#### Serial Femtosecond Crystallography @LCLS

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