



# Molecular Mechanisms of self-assembly and motion of the bacterial flagellum

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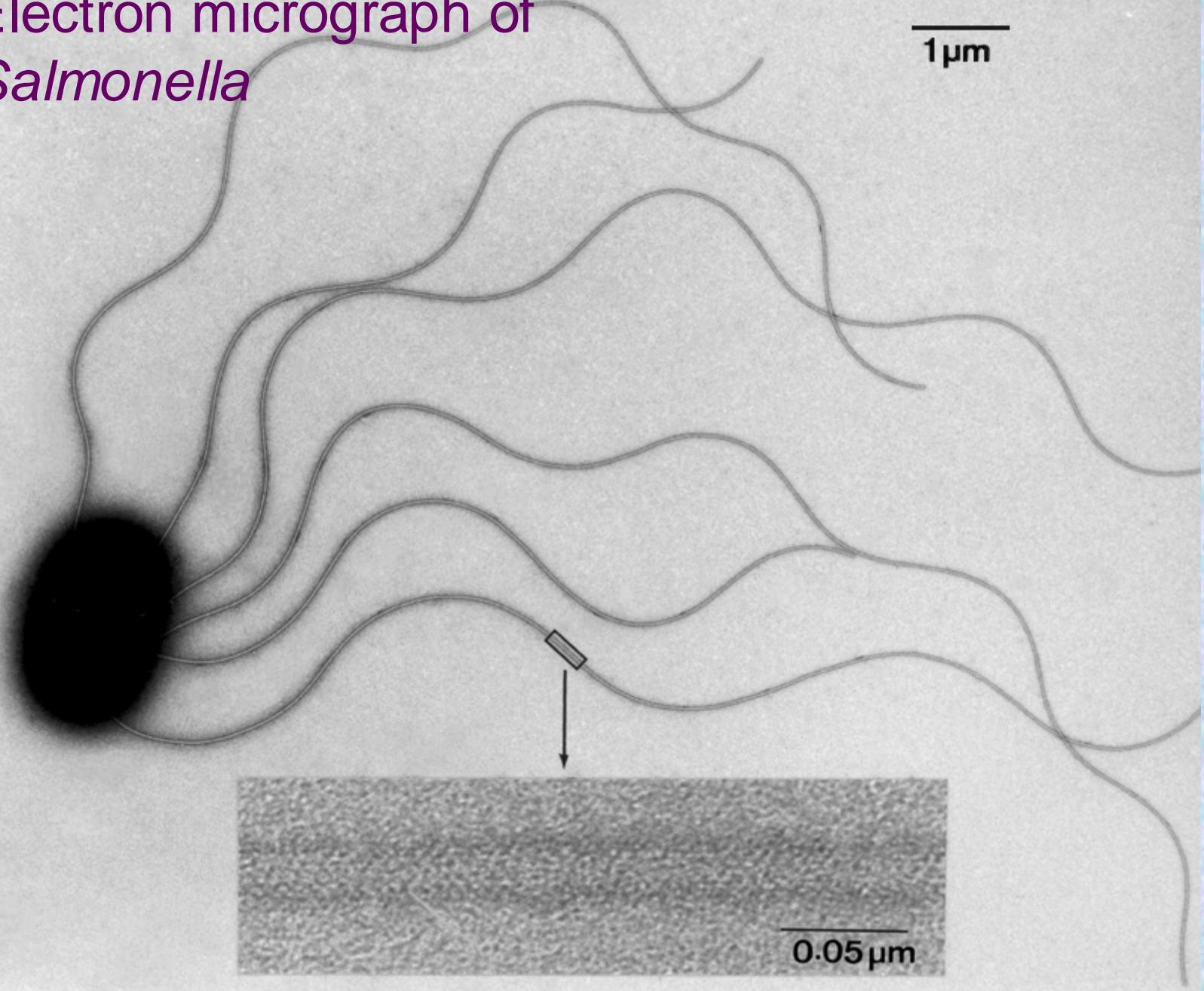
# Bacteria Swimming



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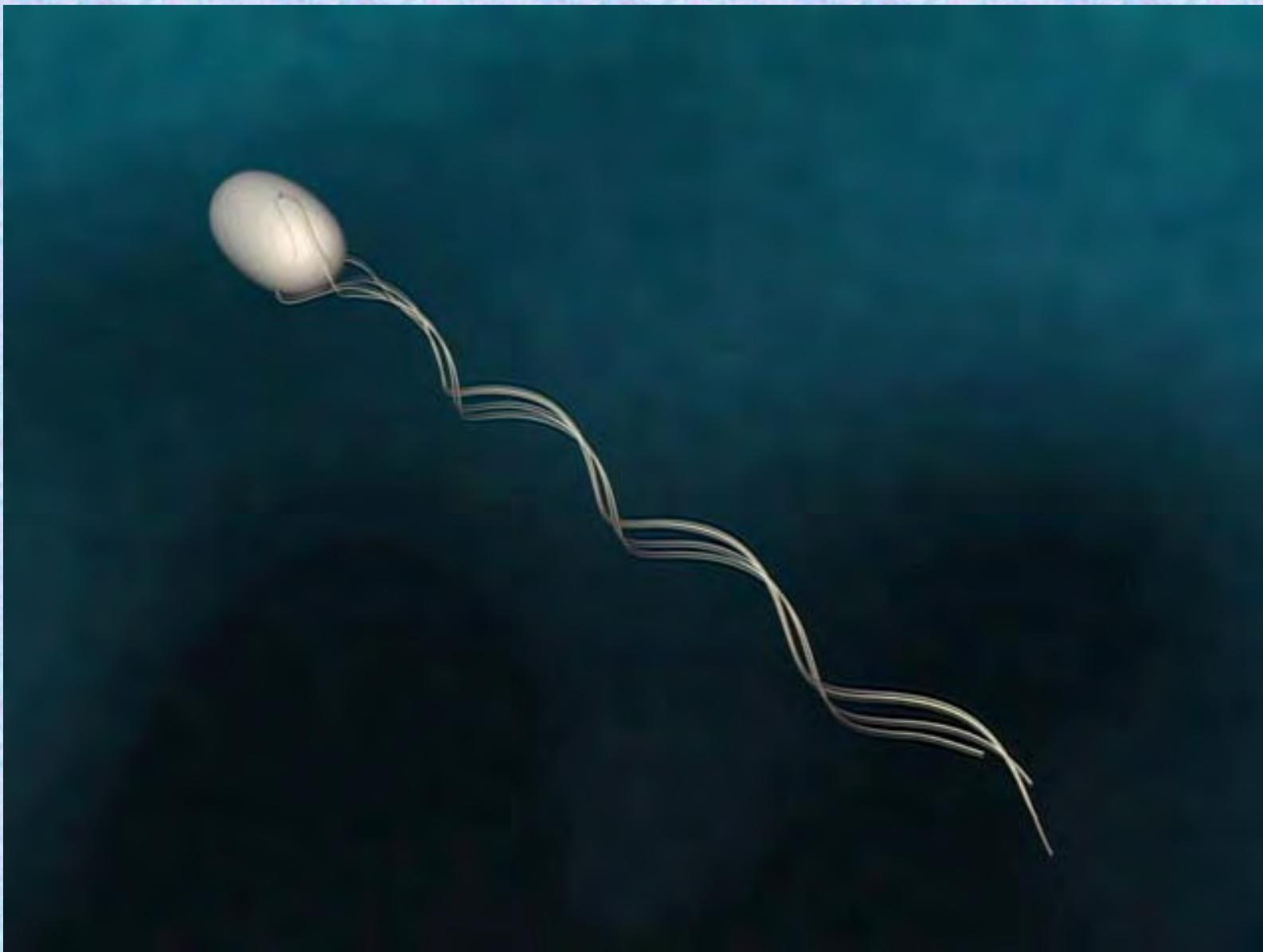
# Electron micrograph of *Salmonella*

1  $\mu\text{m}$

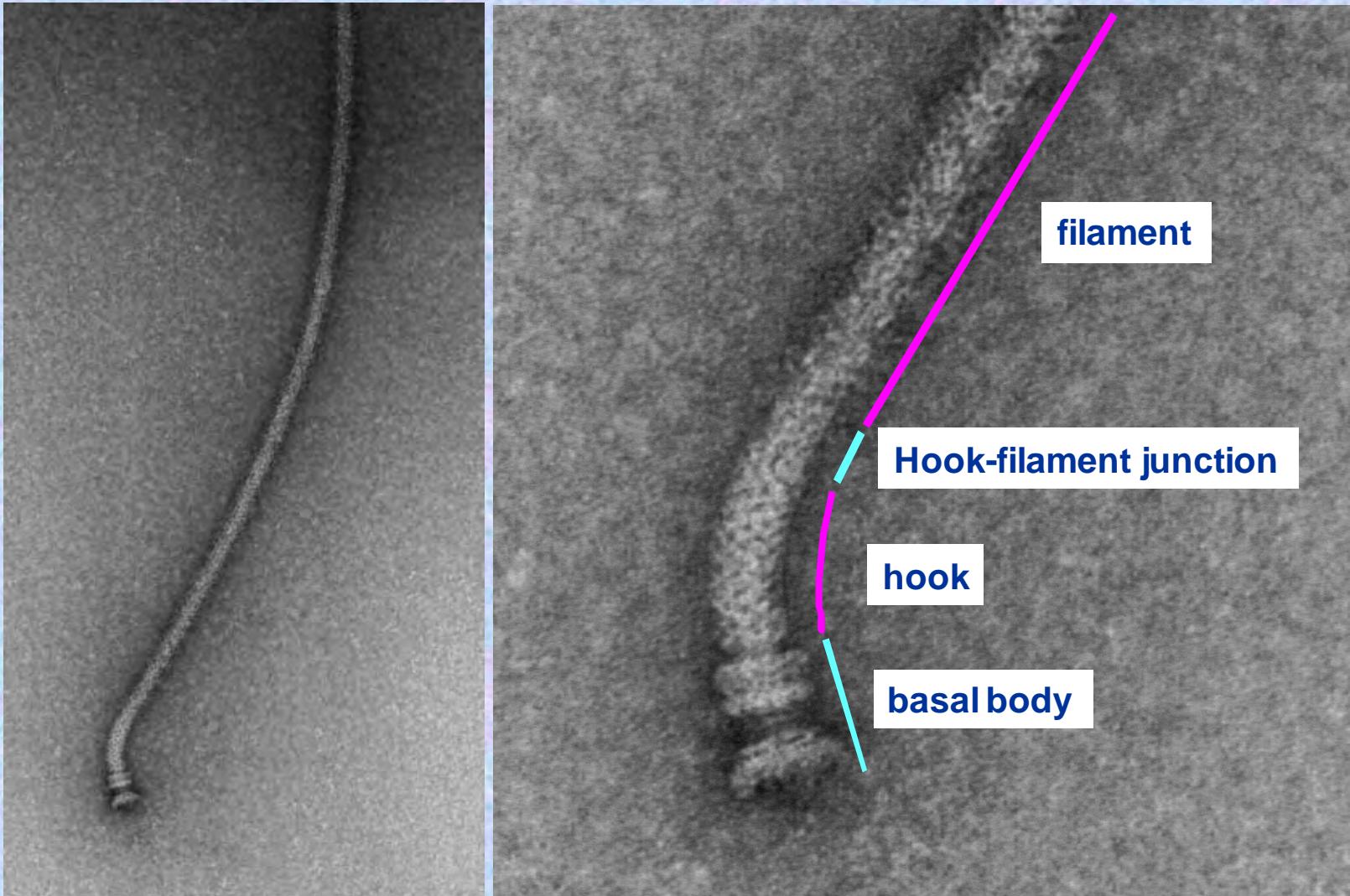


0.05  $\mu\text{m}$

# Flagellar bundle rotation



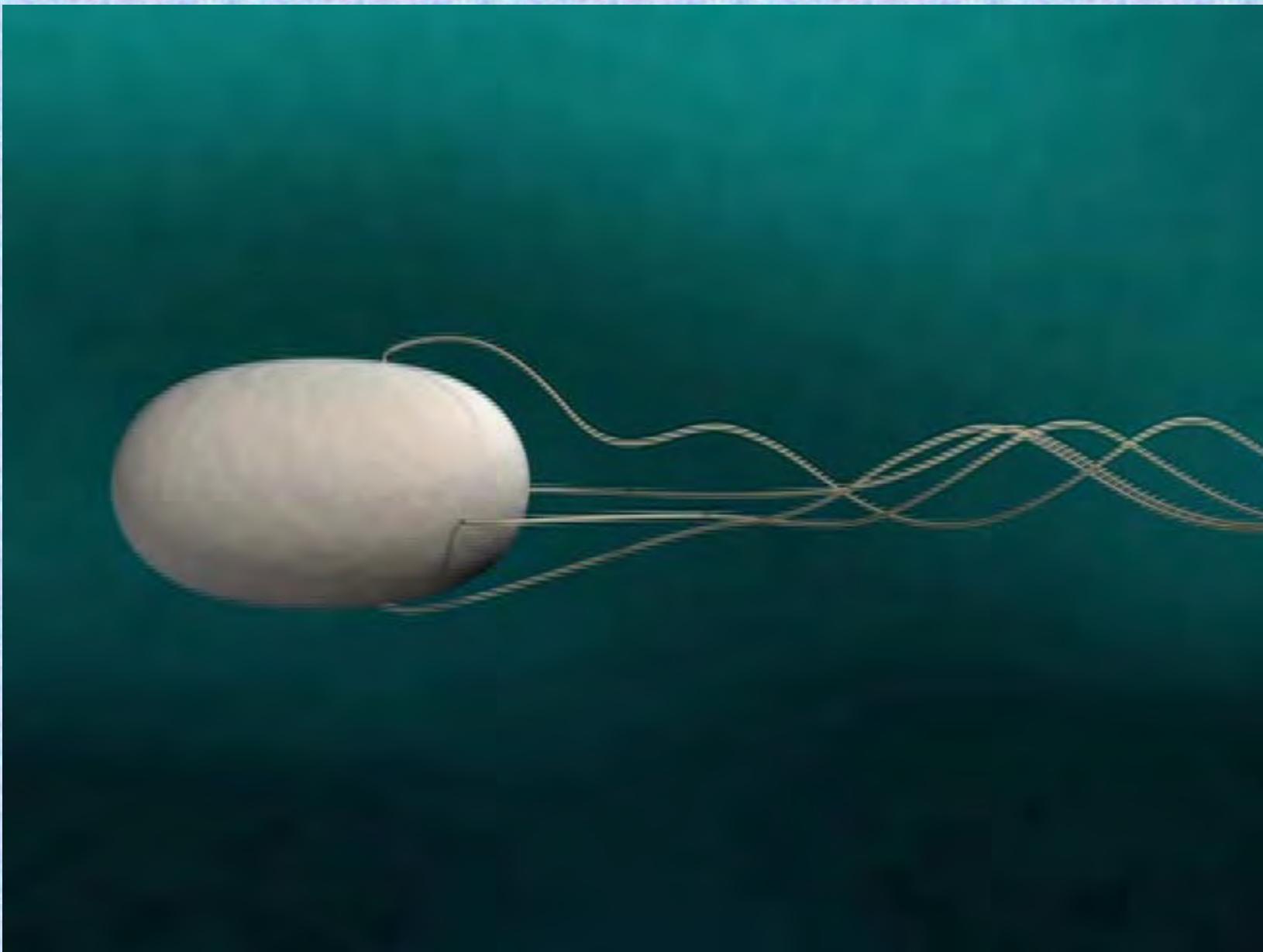
# Bacterial flagellum (Basal body-Hook-Filament)



By Nao Moriya

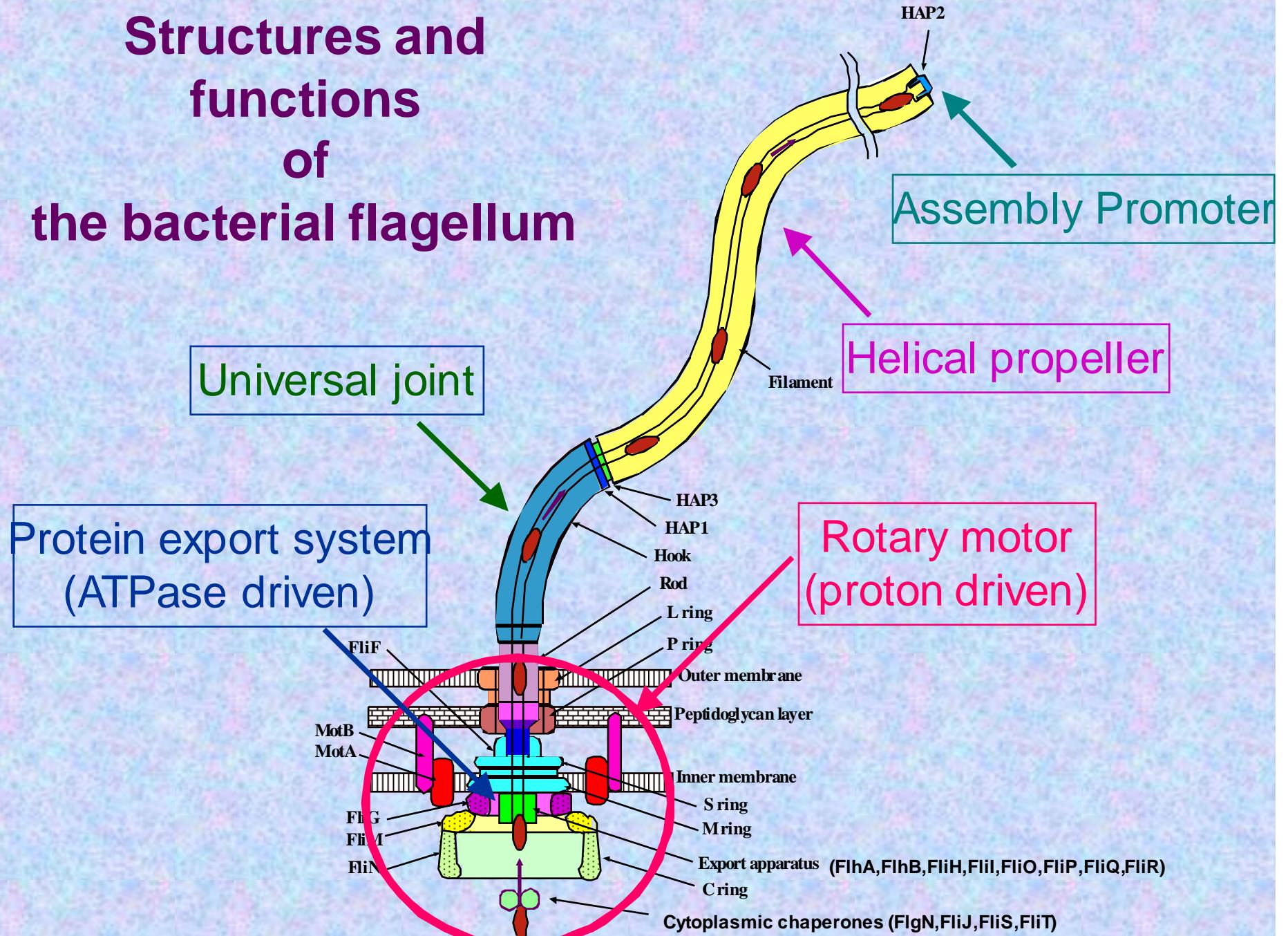
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# Flagellar motor driven by the proton motive force



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# Structures and functions of the bacterial flagellum

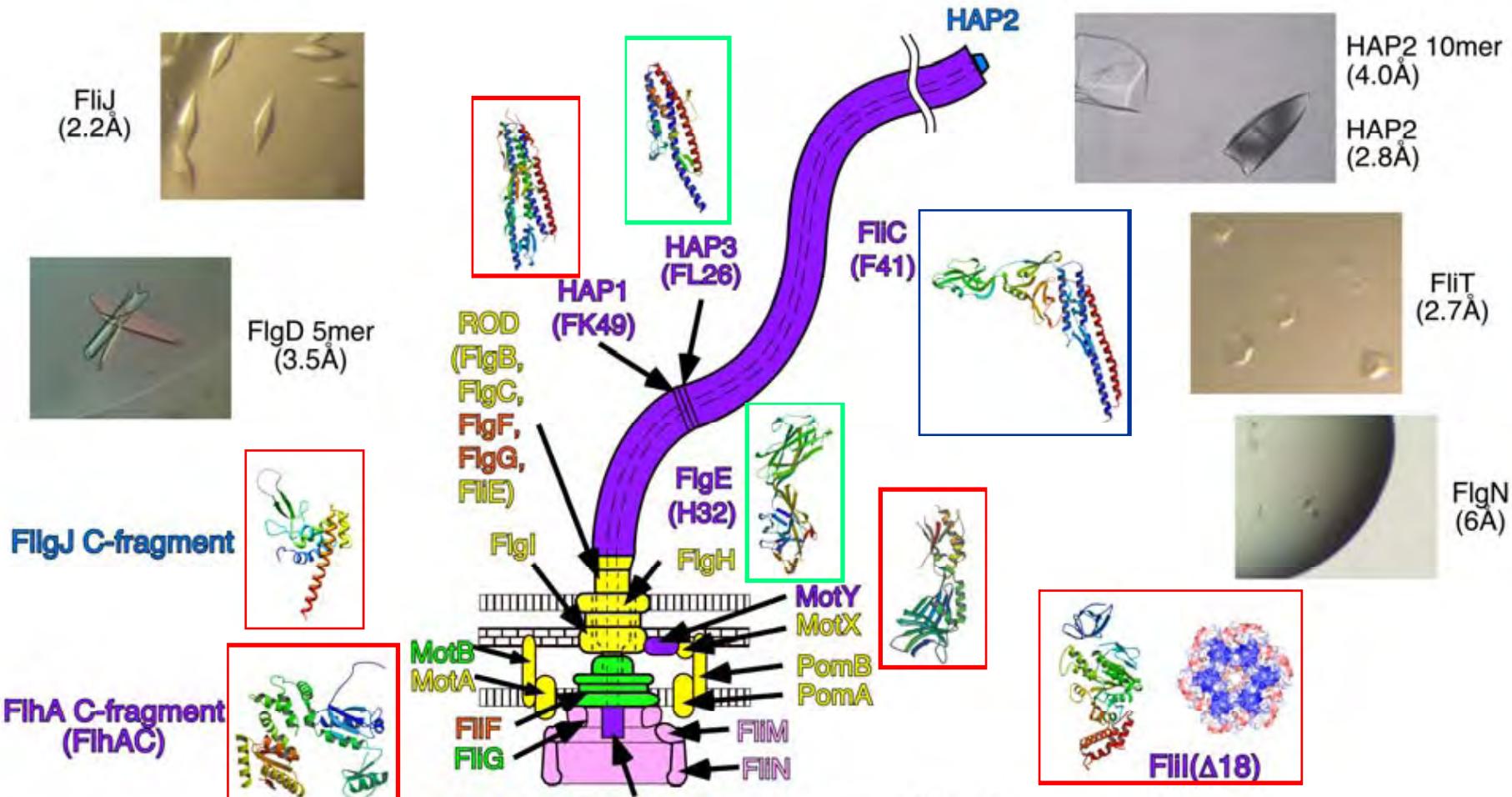


# SPring-8 at Harima, Hyogo, Japan



**Super Photon ring 8 GeV (giga electron volt)  
Highly brilliant X-ray with variable wavelength  
by synchrotron radiation**

# Crystallography of flagellar proteins (update December 2007)

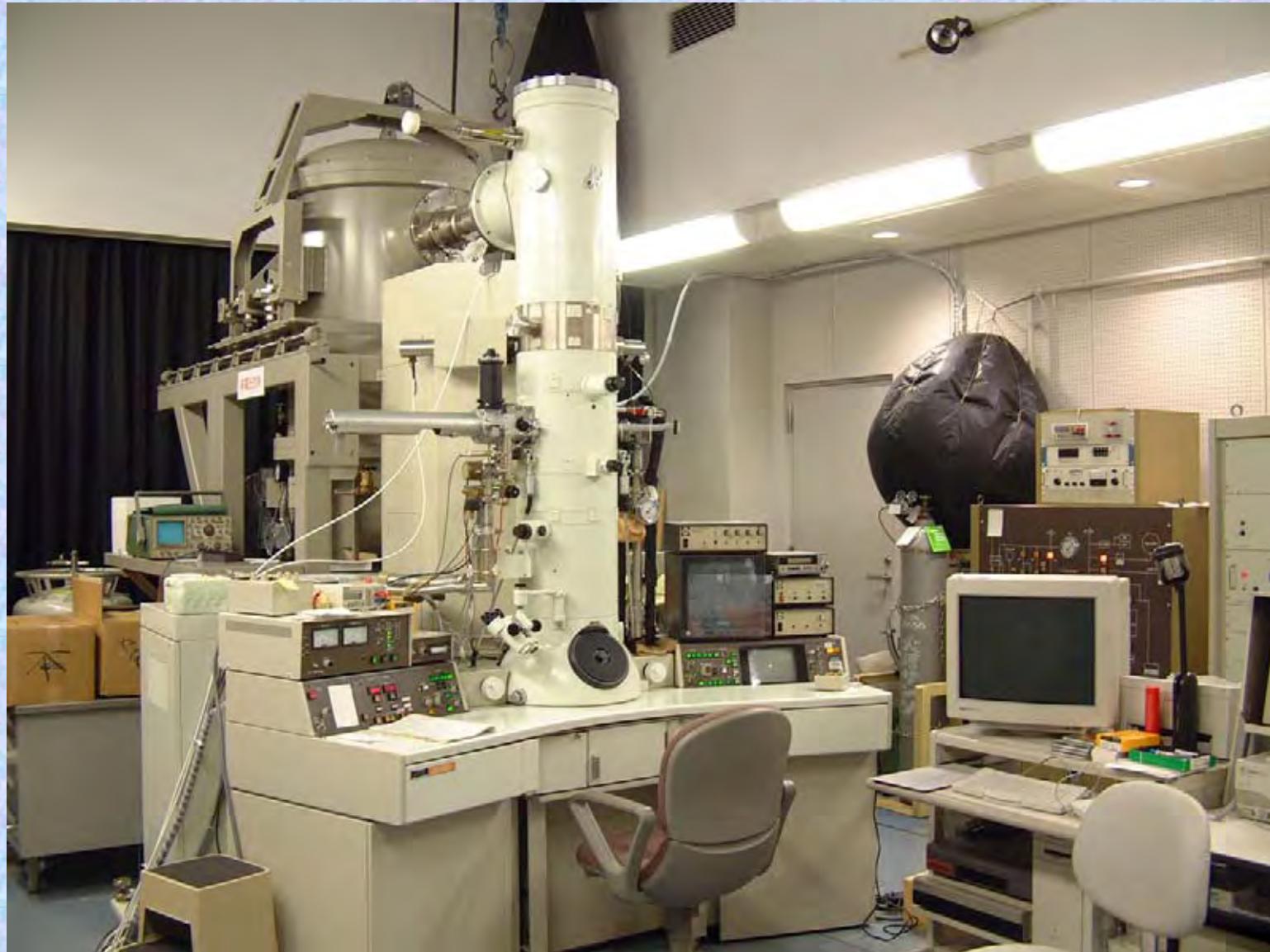


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べん毛特異的シャペロン: FlgN, FlIS, FlT,  
ロッド・キャップ: FlgJ  
フック・キャップ: FlgD  
フック長調節タンパク: FIIK  
LPリング形成シャペロン: FlgA

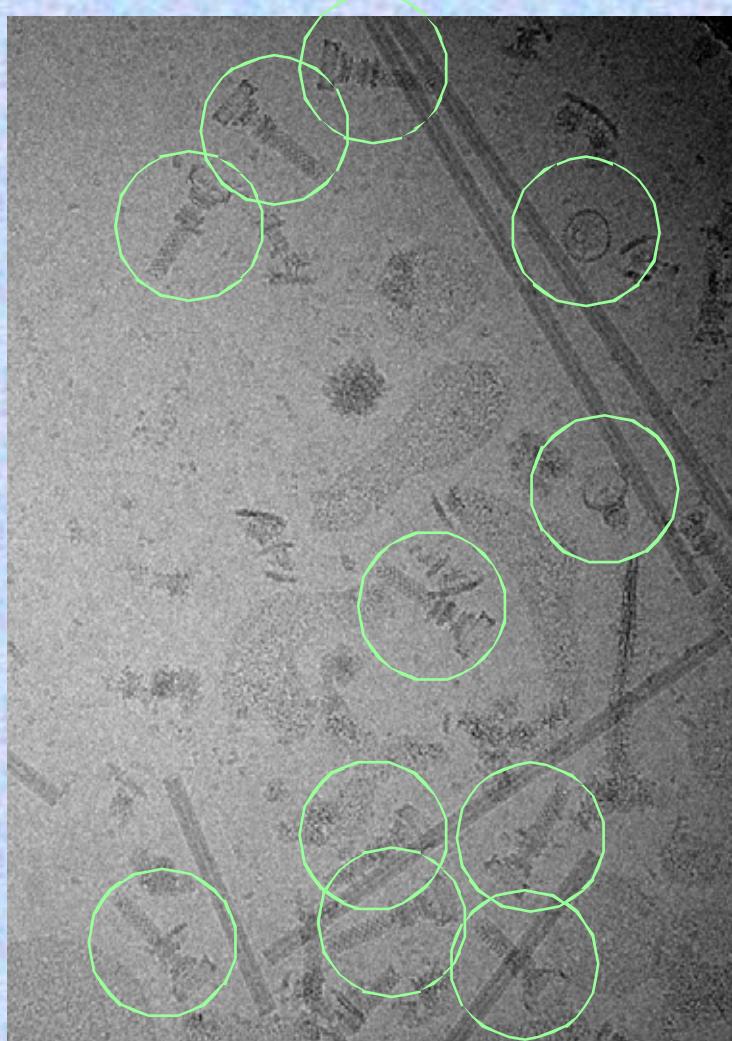
Complex: HAP2-FIT, FIIH-FIII,  
FIM-FIIN-FIIH-FIG

# Electron CryoMicroscope JEM3000SFF (300 kV FEG & specimen holder cooled at 4 K)



# Electron cryomicroscopy of flagellar subcomplexes

Hook basal body



Polyrod basal body



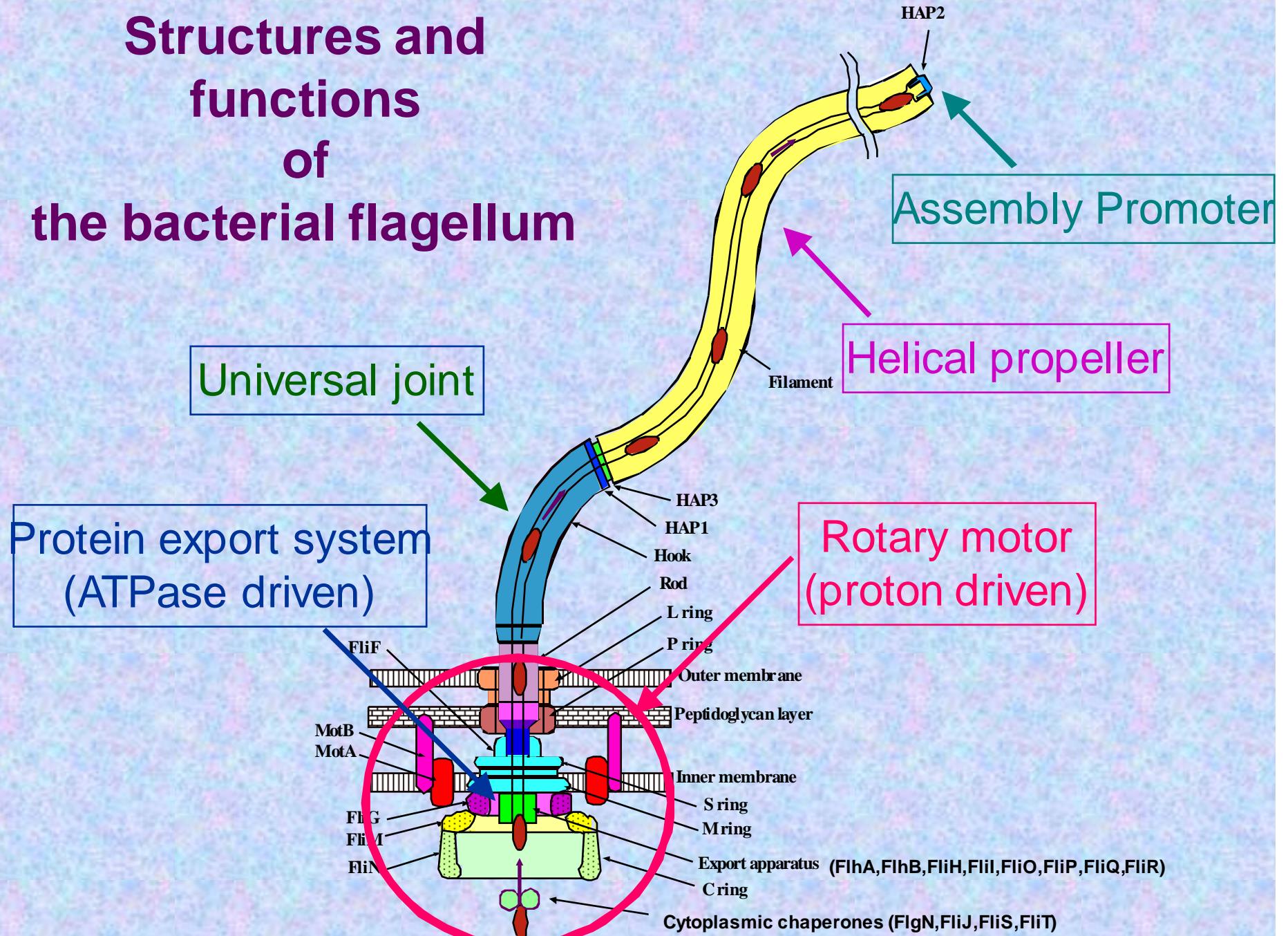
Fujii & Kato, *unpublished*

Miyata & Kato, *unpublished*



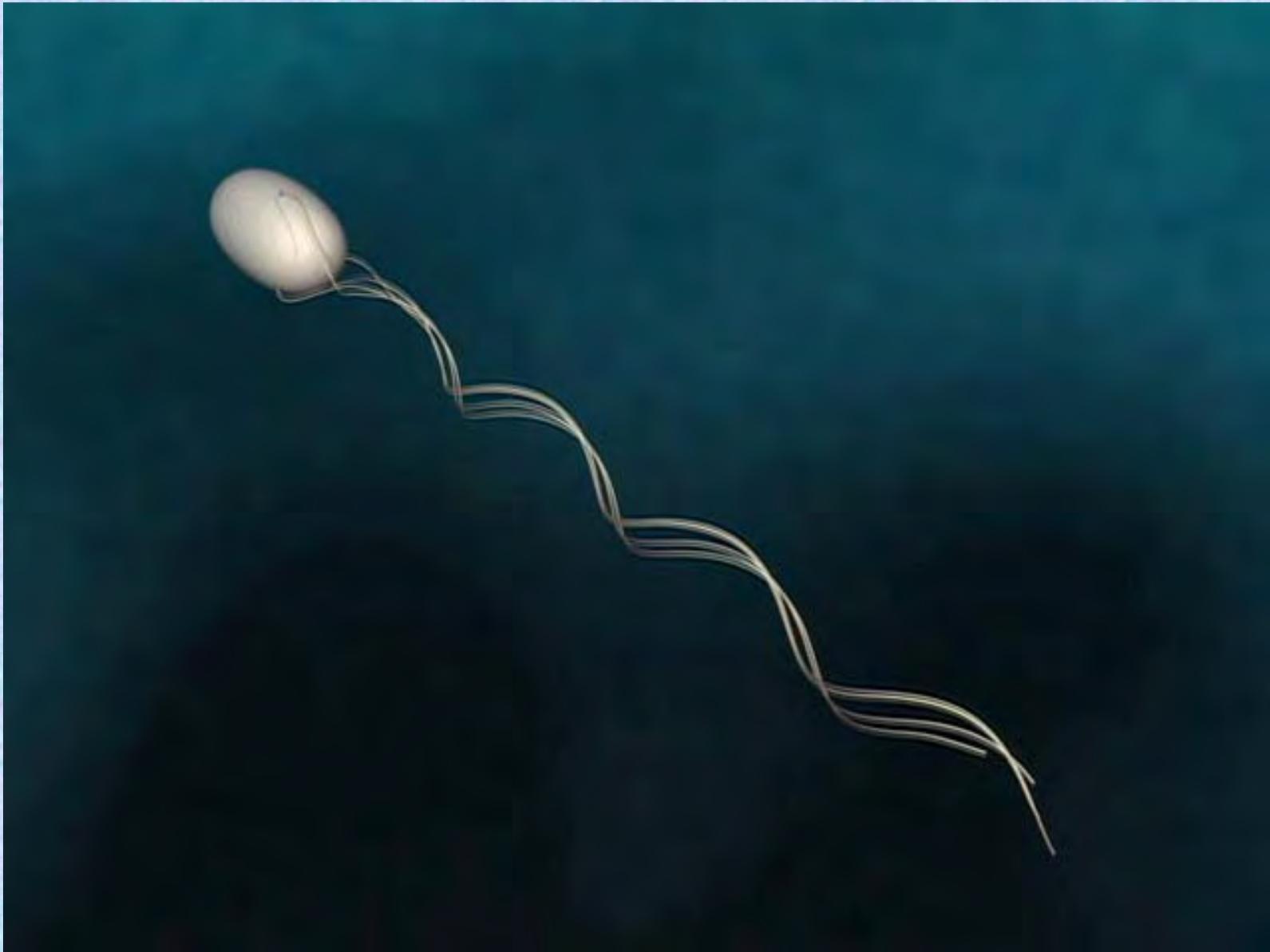
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# Structures and functions of the bacterial flagellum



# **Structure of the filament as a helical propeller with switchable helical hand**

# Flagellar bundle rotation



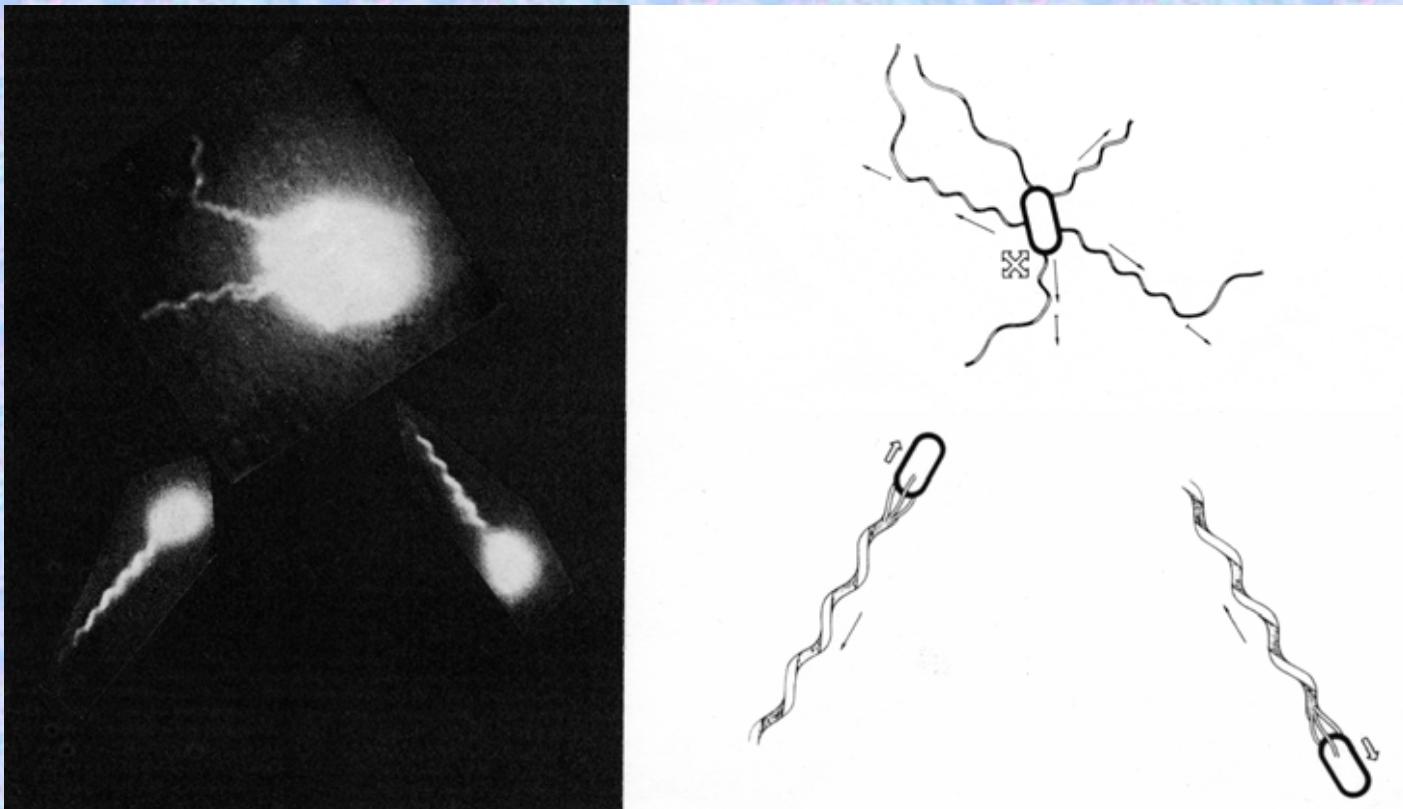
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# Run and Tumble



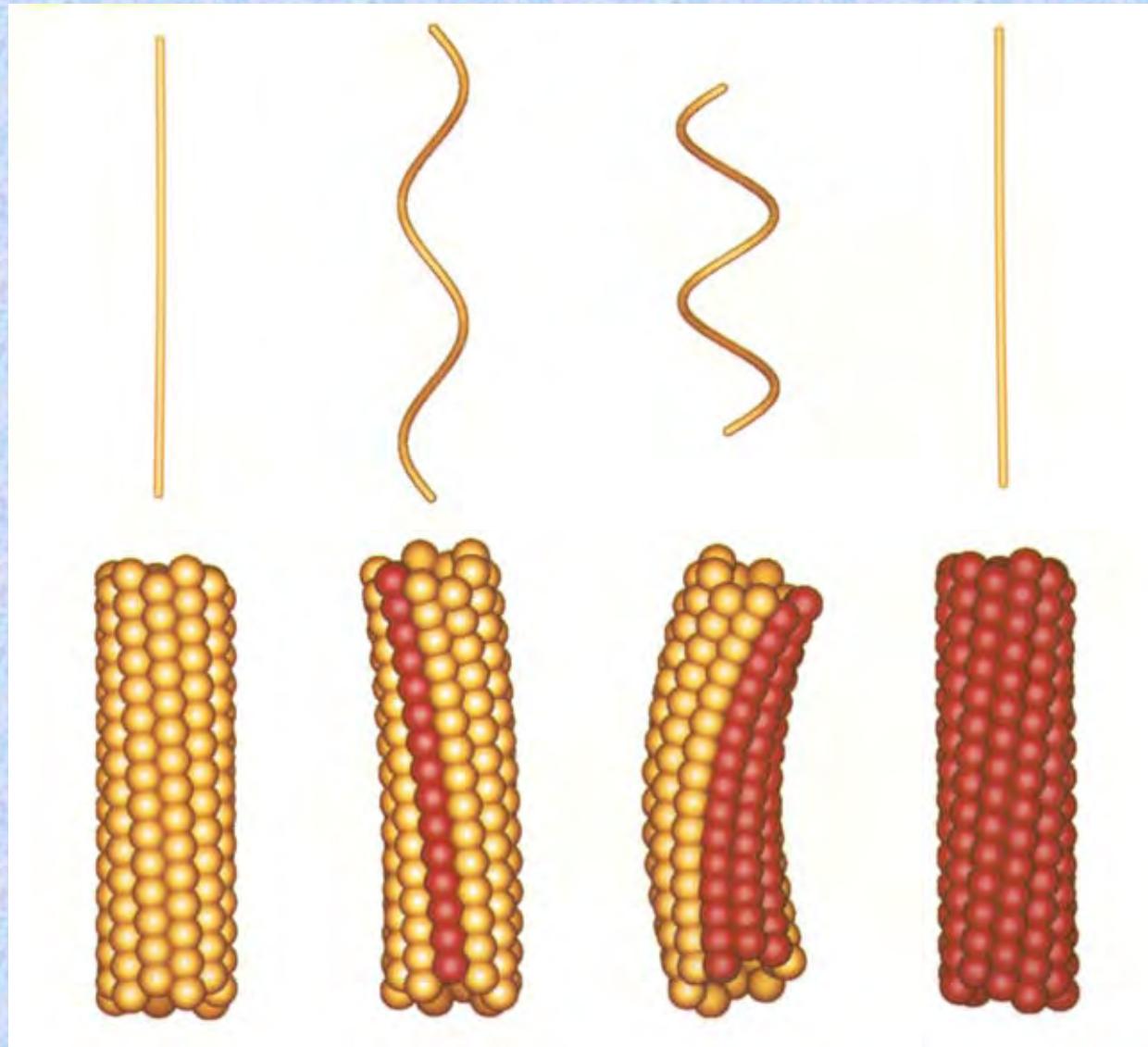
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# Switching from left-handed to right-handed supercoil by quick reversal of the motor rotation



Macnab & Ornston (1977) *J. Mol. Biol.*

# A model of polymorphic supercoiling



Based on the proposal by Asakura (1970) and Calladine (1975)

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# Polymorphic transition - *Normal to Curly 1 & 2*

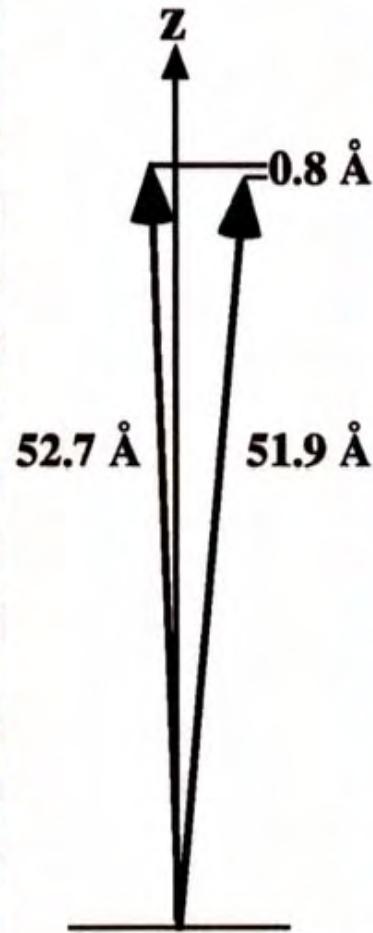
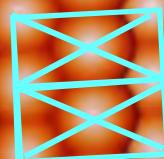
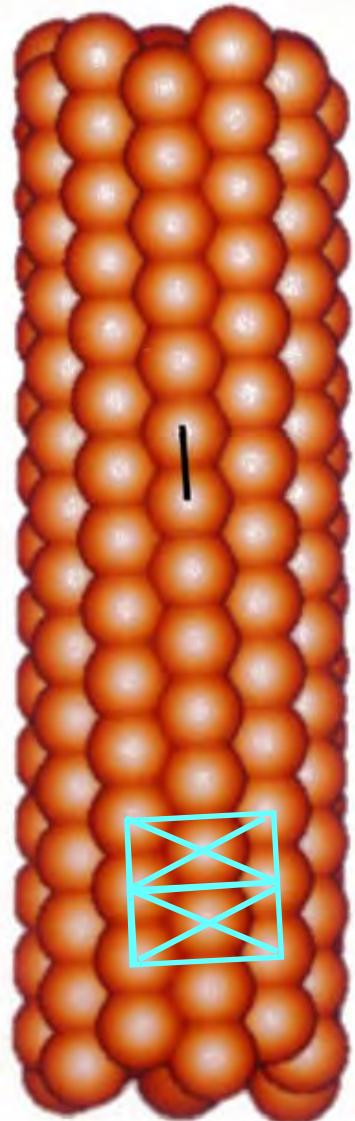


Image recorded by H. Hotani

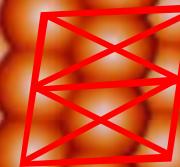
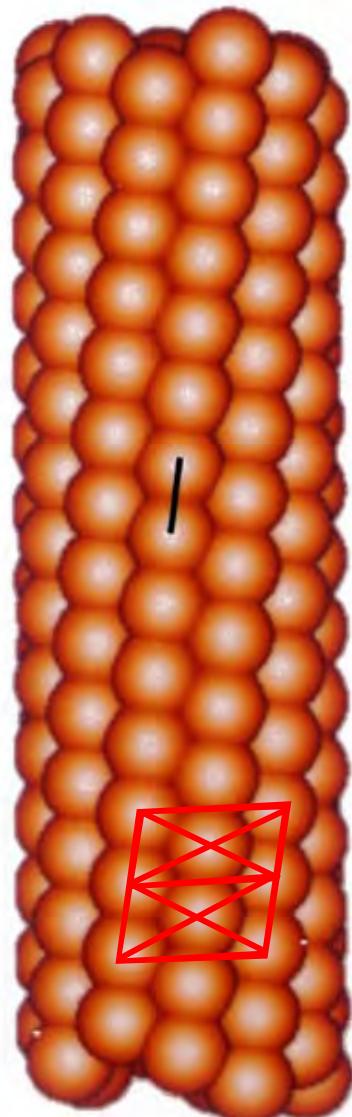
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# Repeat distance along the protofilament

L-type



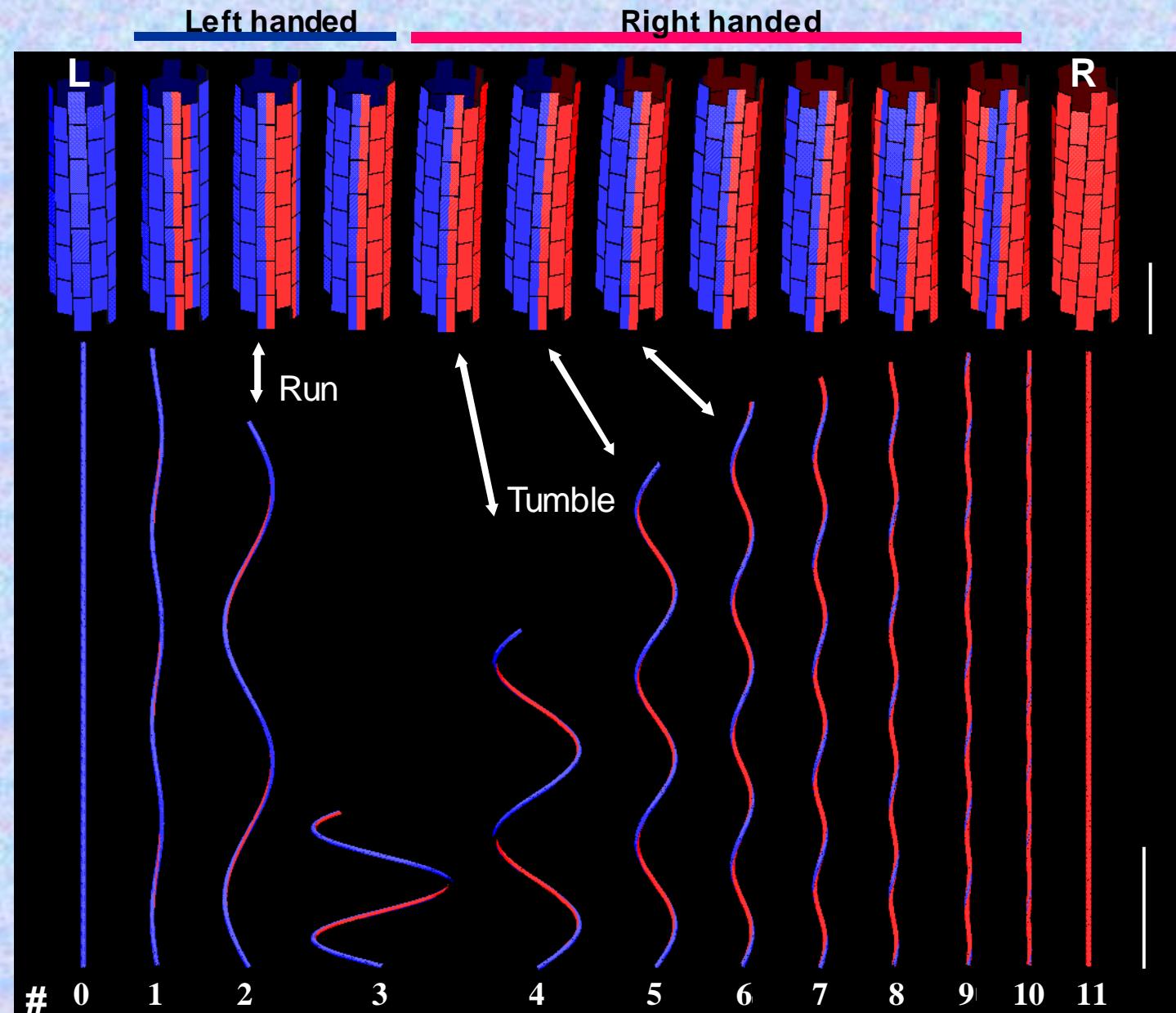
R-type



Yamashita et al. (1998) *Nature Struct. Biol.*

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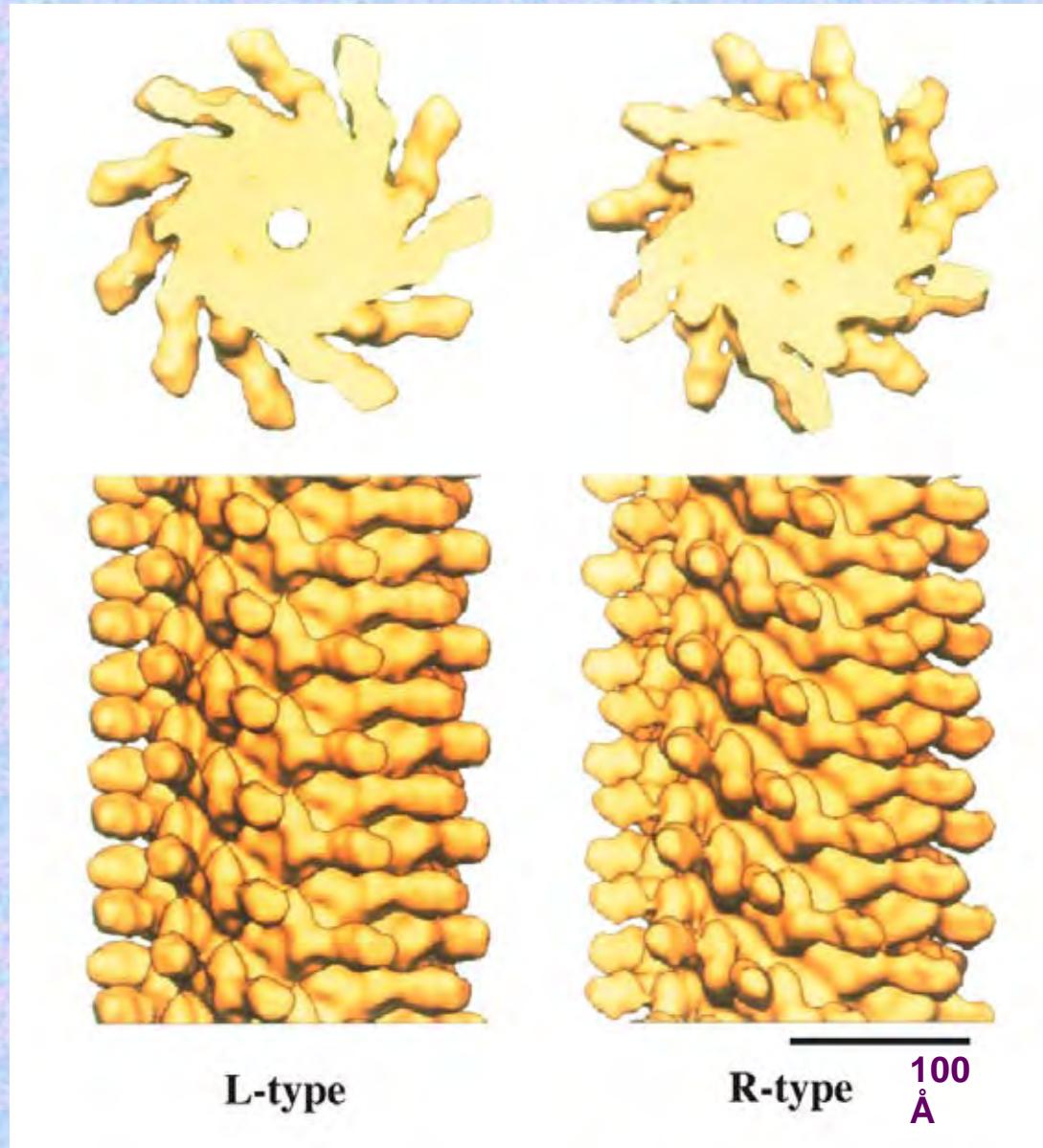
# Models of 10 supercoils with 2 straight filaments



#: the number of the R-type protofilaments

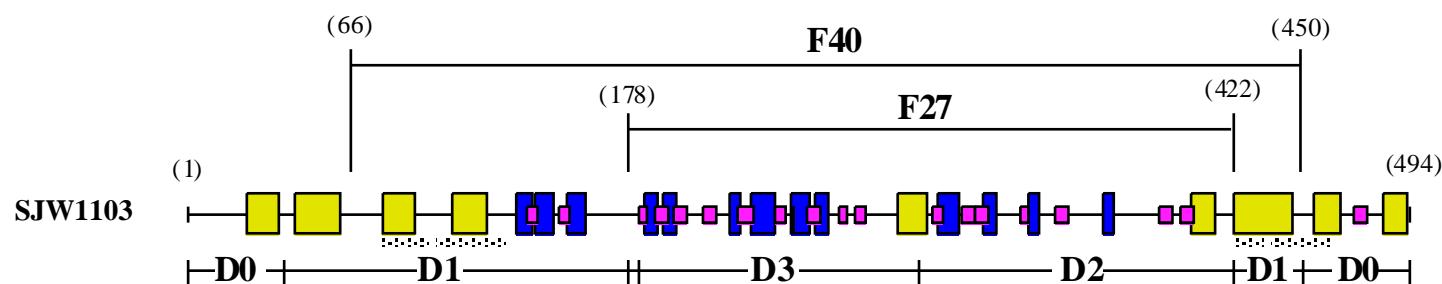
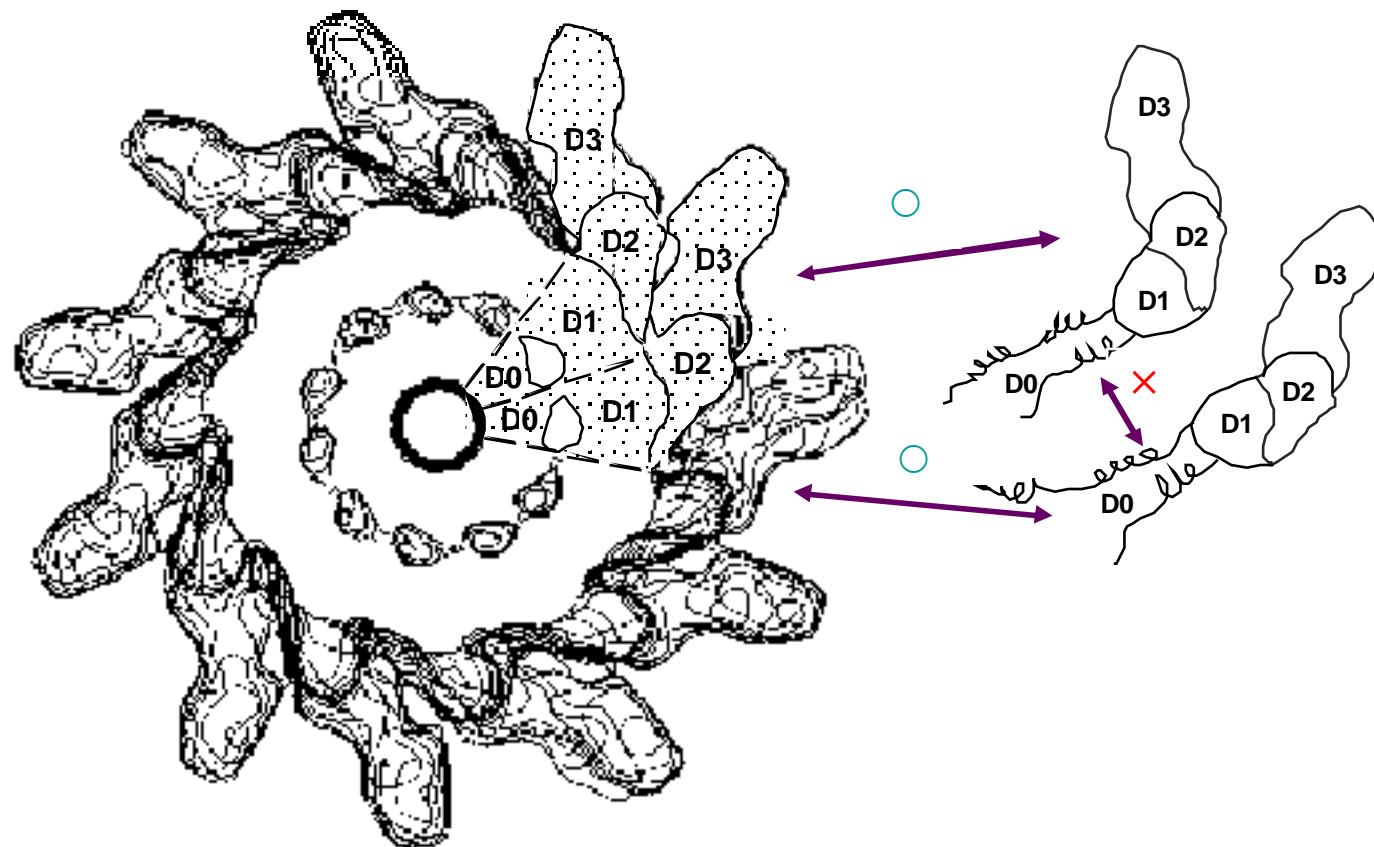
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# Comparison of the two structures at 10 Å resolution

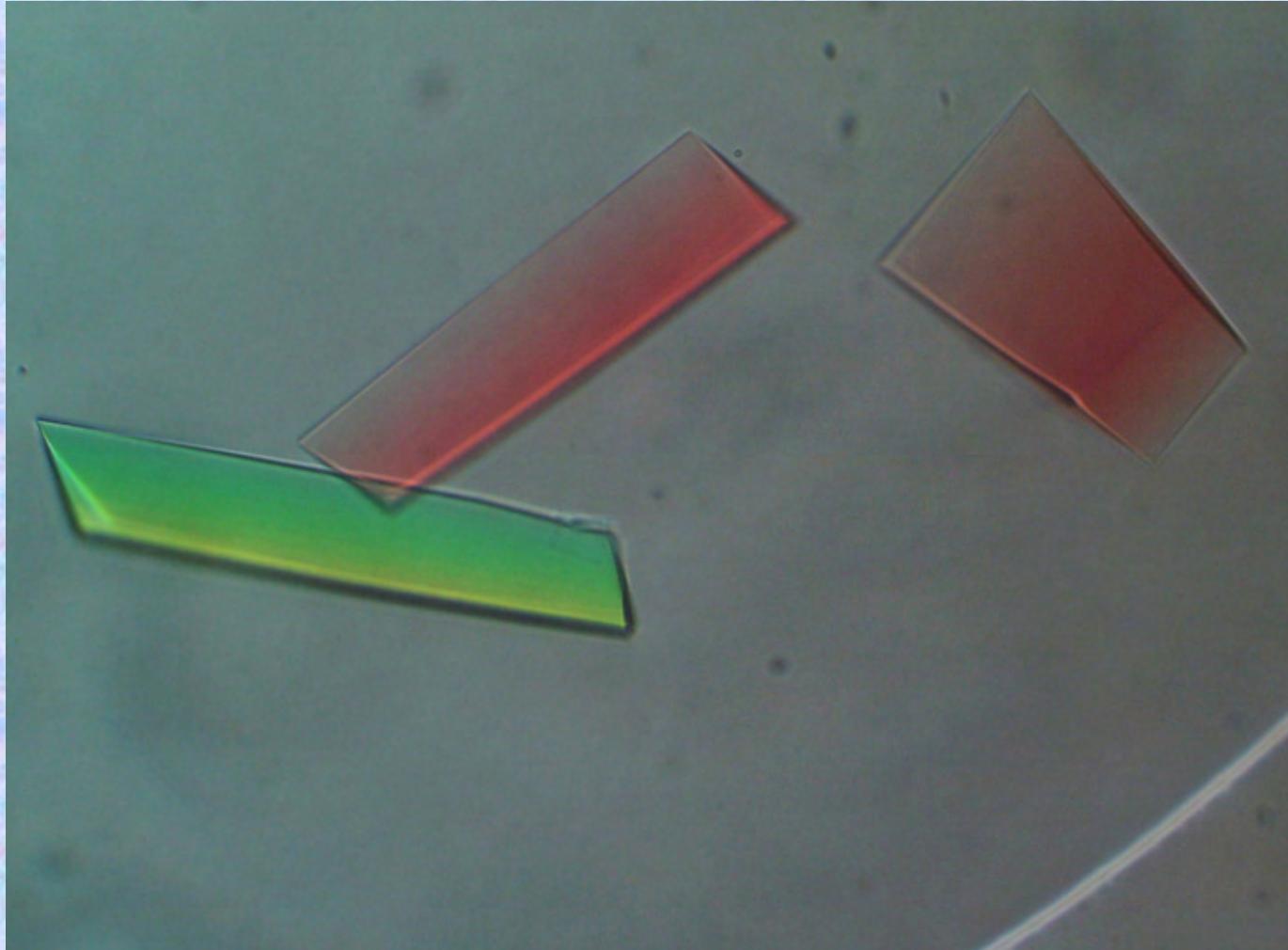


Subtle changes in  
the conformation  
still not visible  
at this resolution

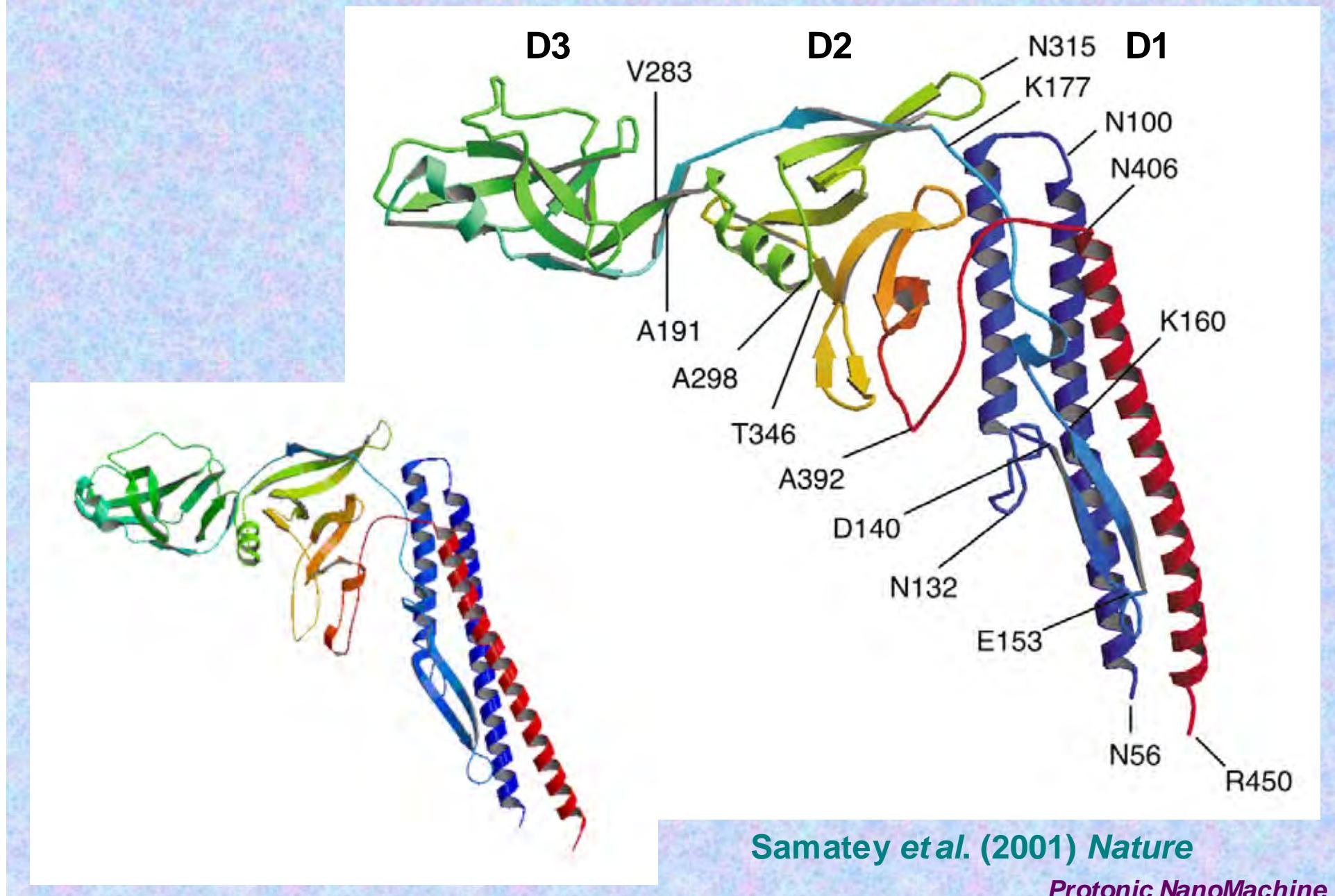
# Disassembly into subunits for crystallization



# Crystal of the F41 fragment of flagellin



# $C\alpha$ backbone trace of F41



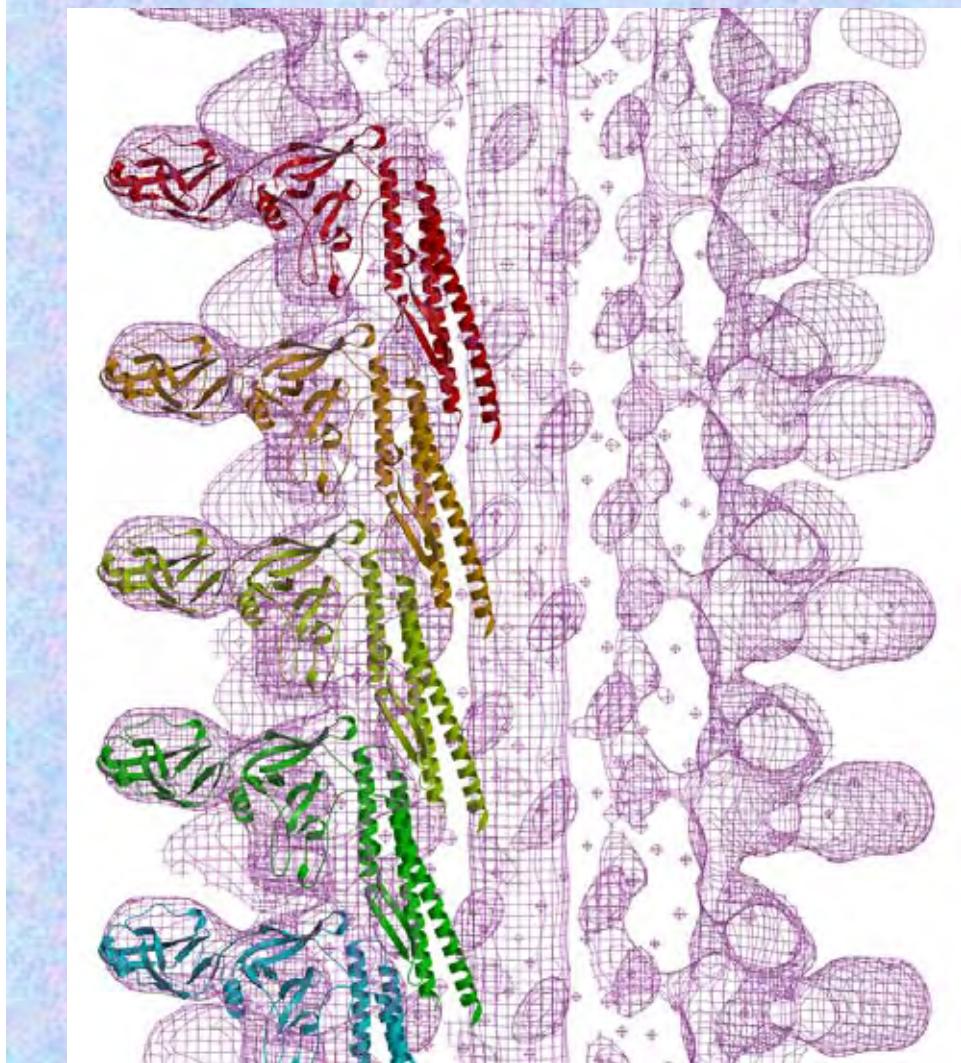
Samatey et al. (2001) *Nature*

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# Crystal packing of F41 (a-c plane)



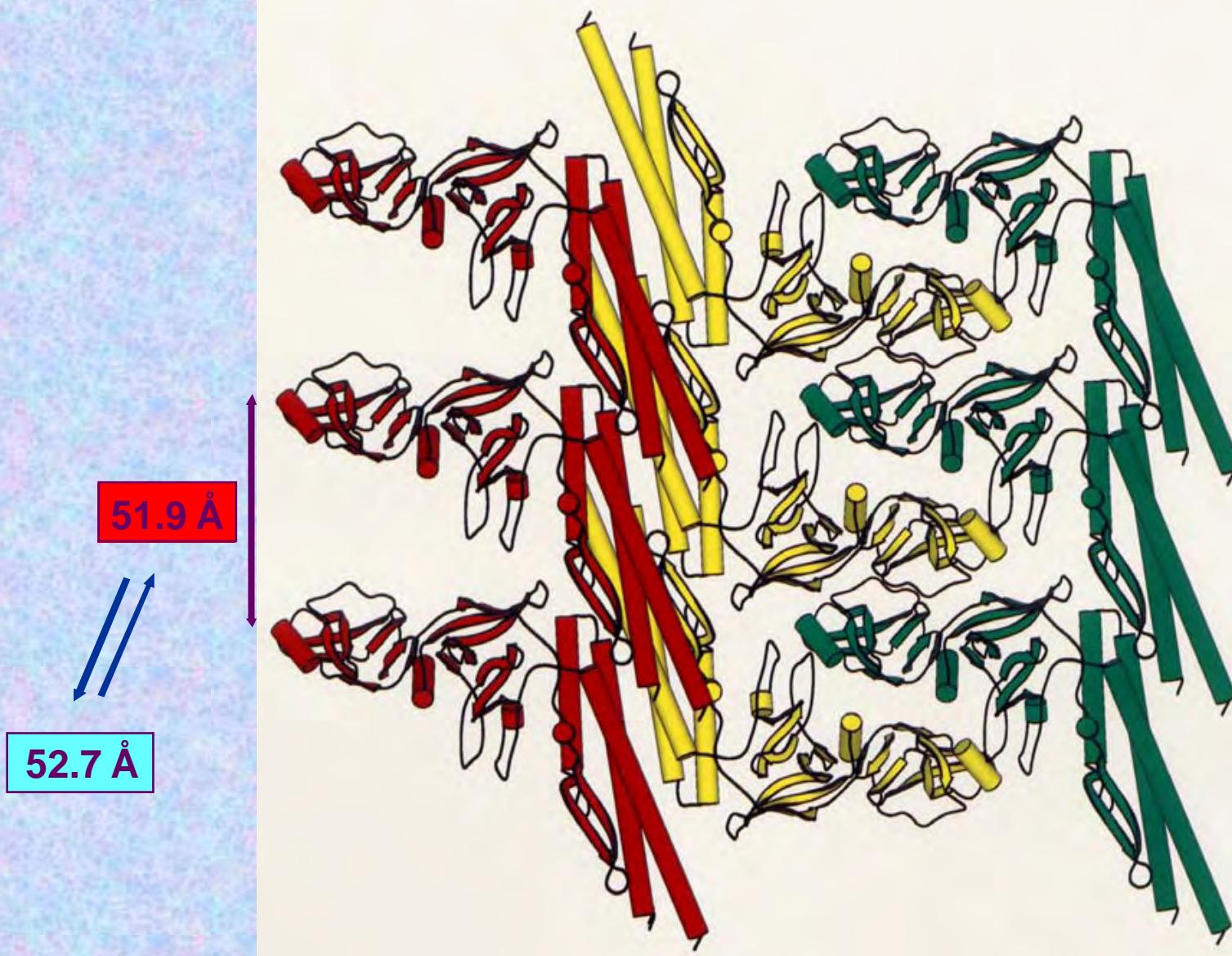
# A protofilament on EM map and the filament model



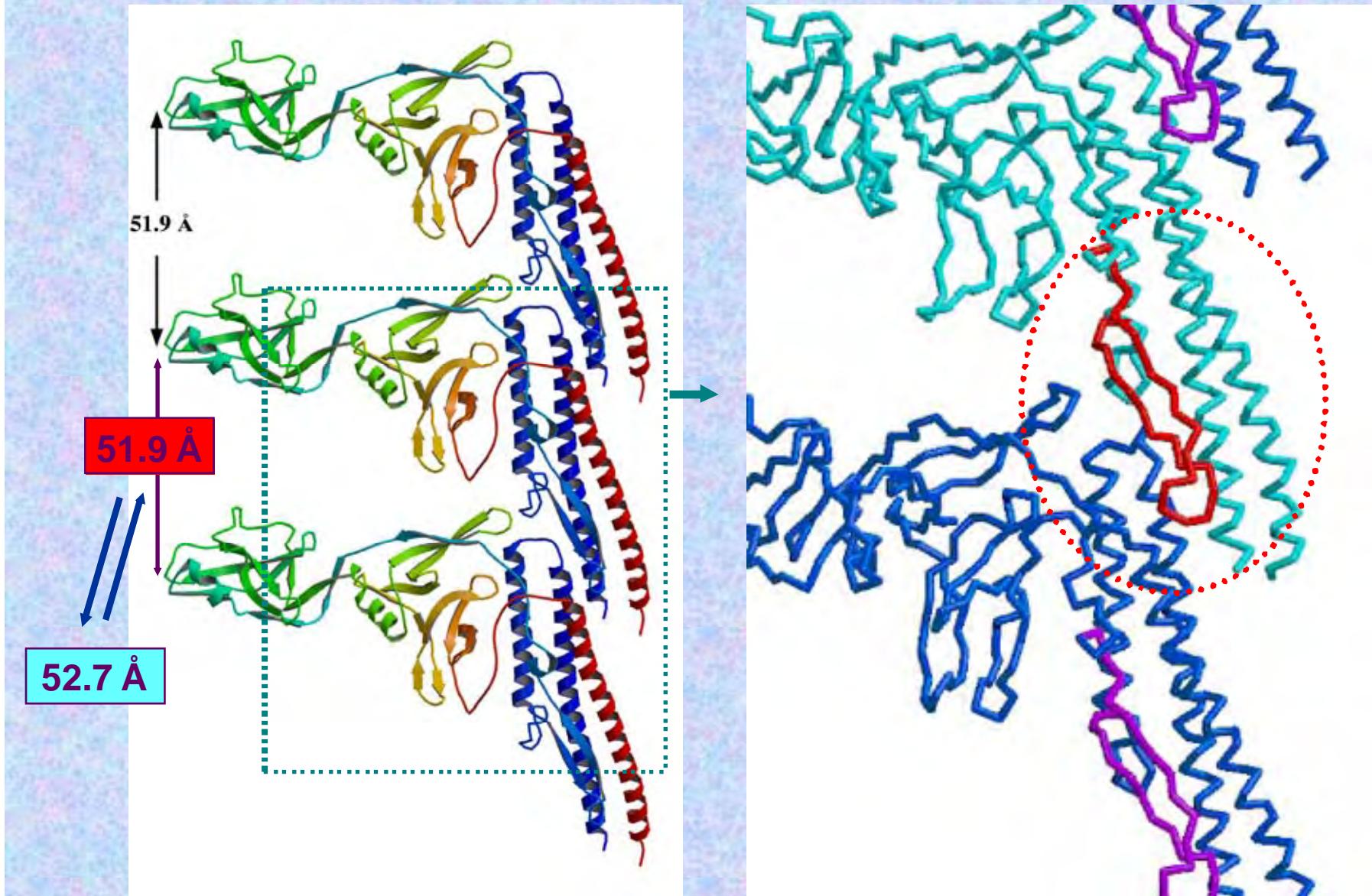
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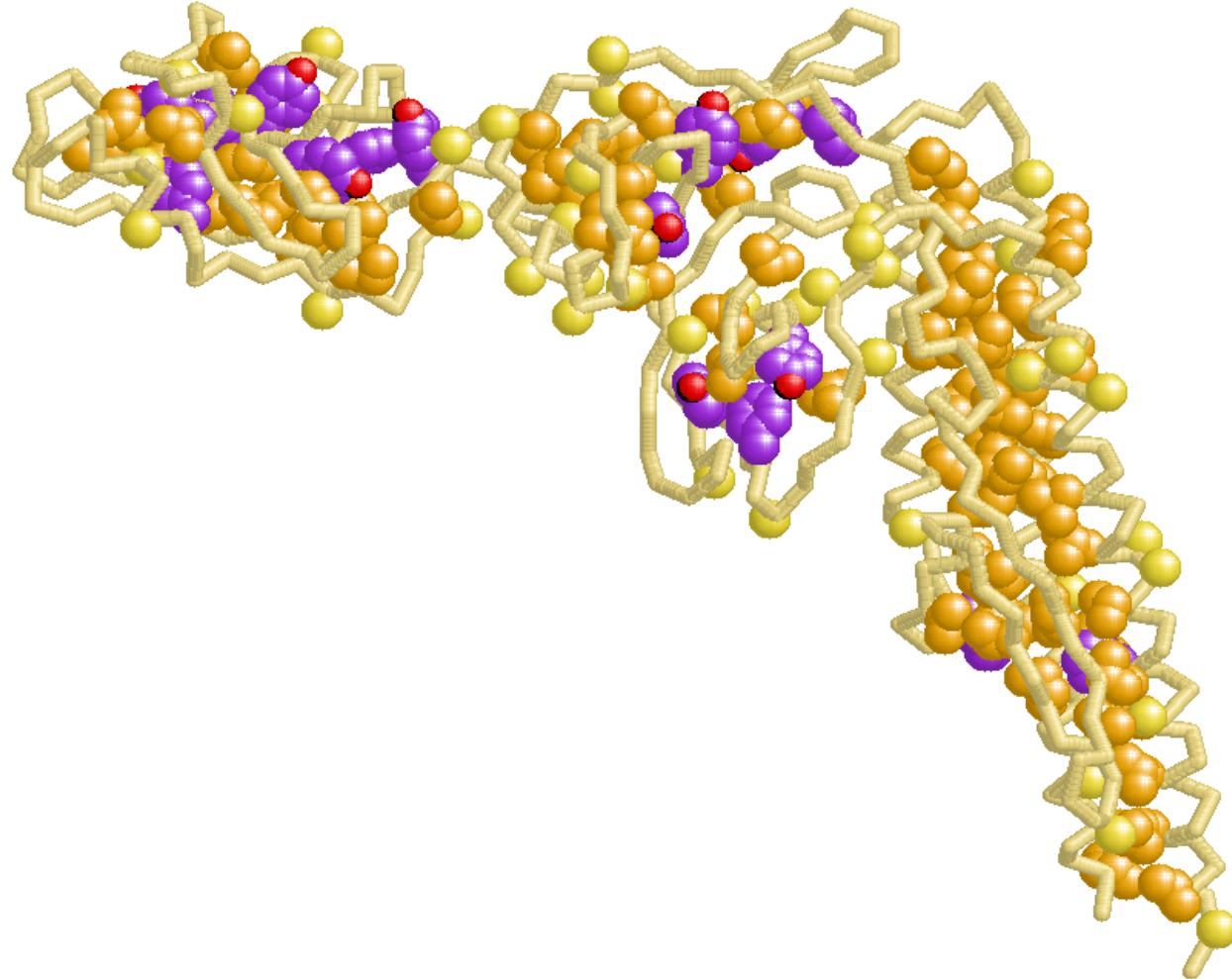
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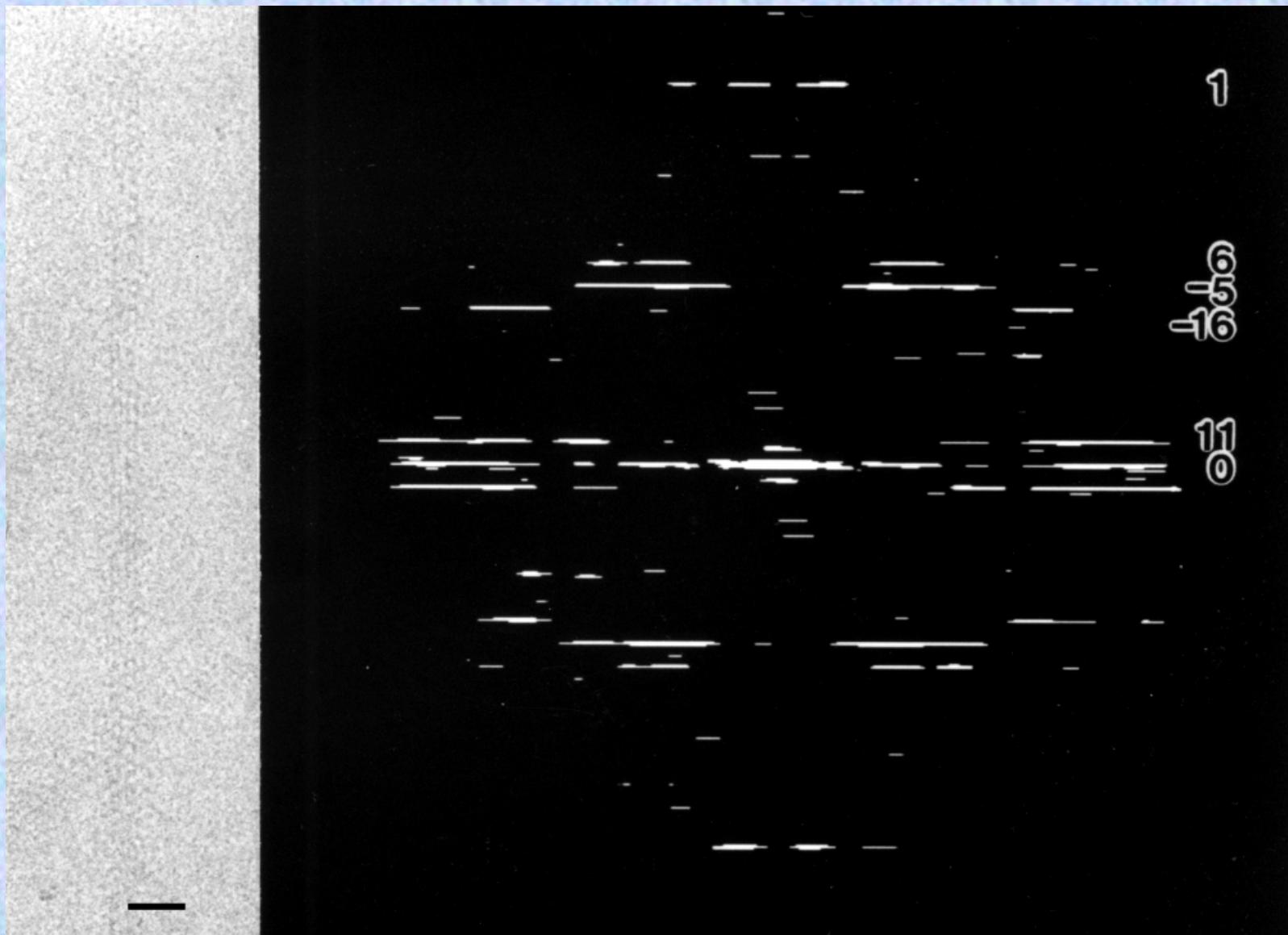
# Simulated extension of the protofilament



# Distribution and packing of hydrophobic side chains



# Image of a single filament and its Fourier transform

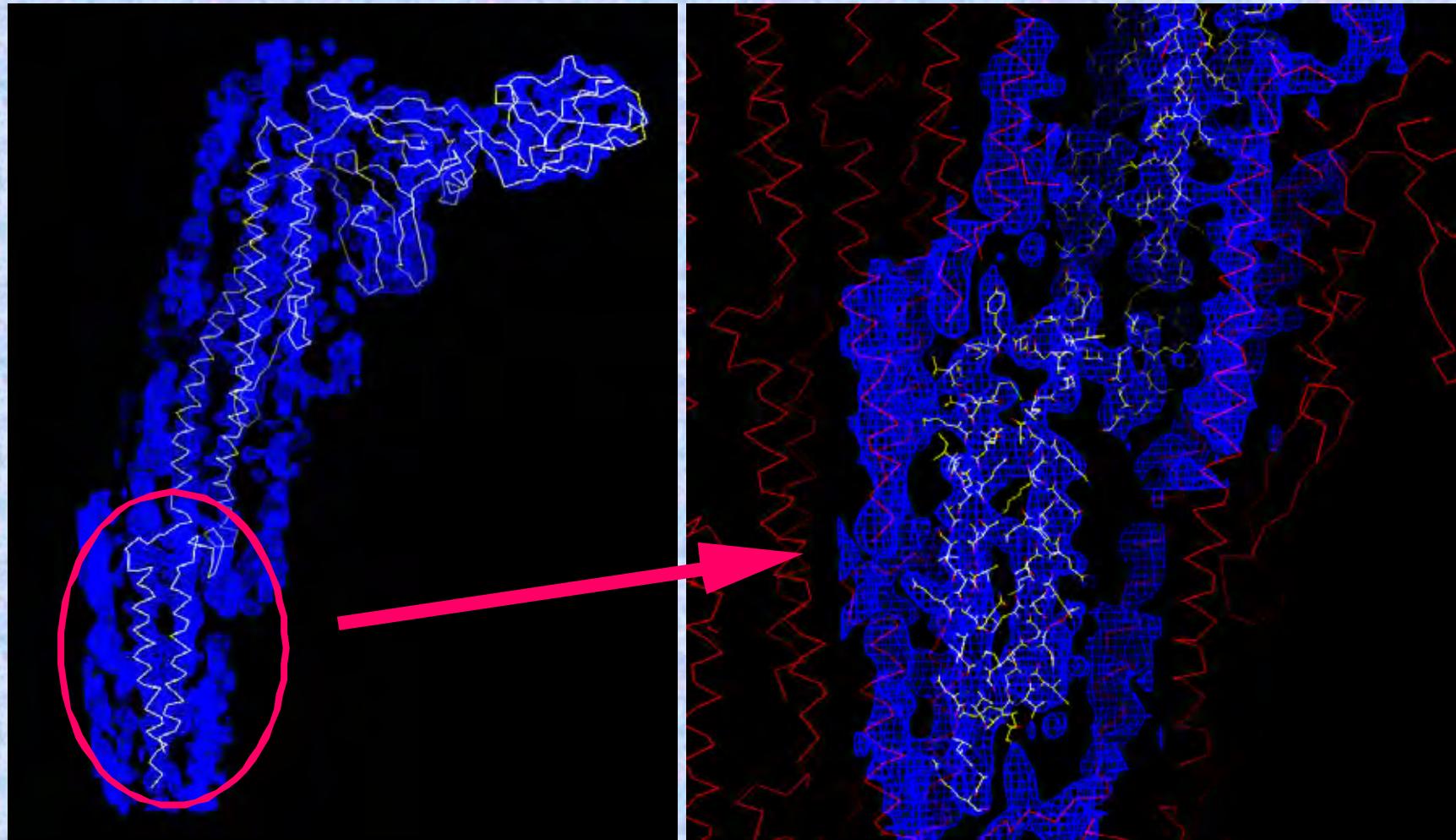


Mimori *et al.* (1995) *J. Mol. Biol.*

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# High-resolution cryoEM map of the filament

(Resolution: meridional, 4 Å; equatorial, 5 Å)

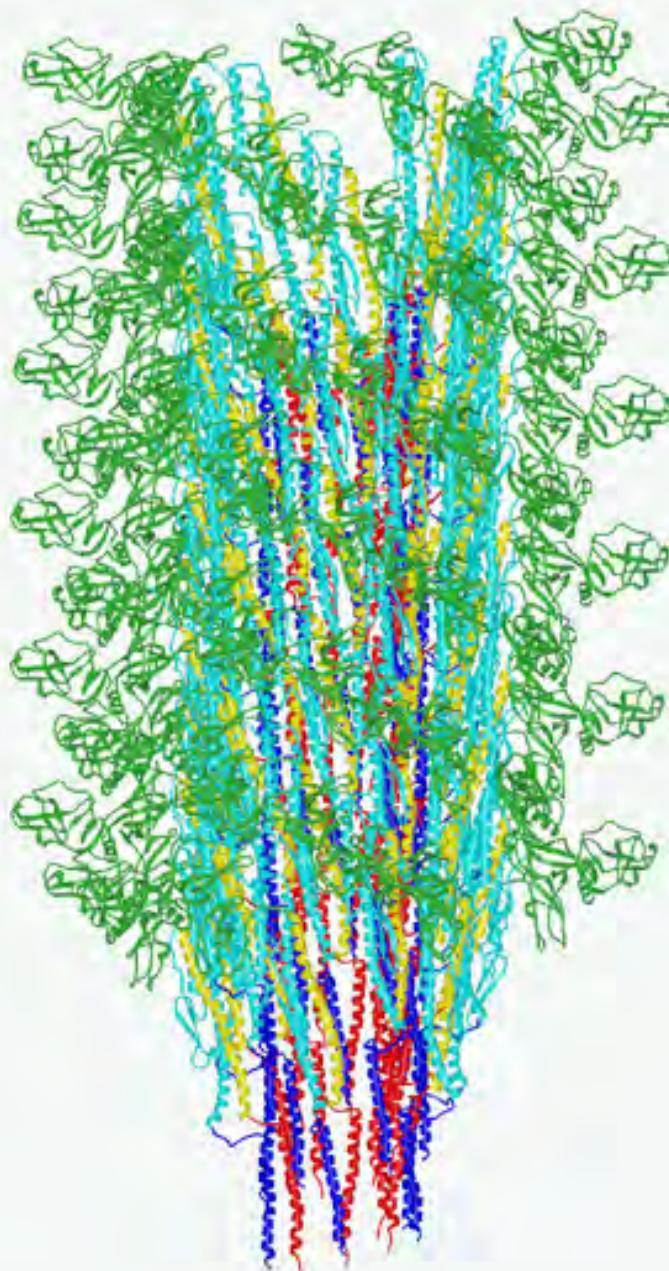


Average of 100 filament images (~ 41,000 molecules)  
with unbending and solvent flattening refinement

Yonekura & Maki-Yonekura et al. (2003) *Nature*

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# Complete atomic model of the flagellar filament



Yonekura & Maki-  
Yonekura et al. (2003)  
*Nature*

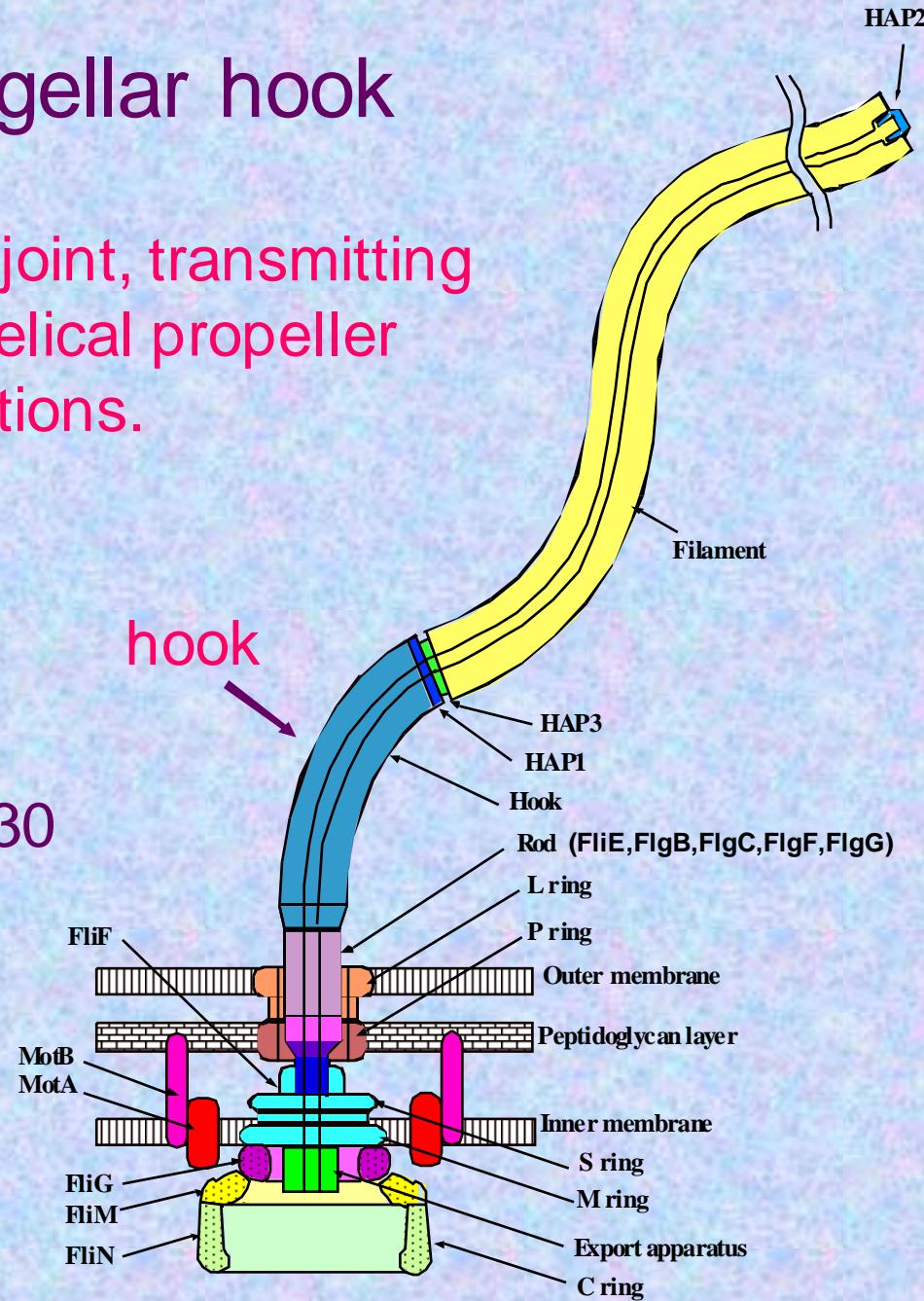
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# **Structure of the hook for universal joint mechanism**

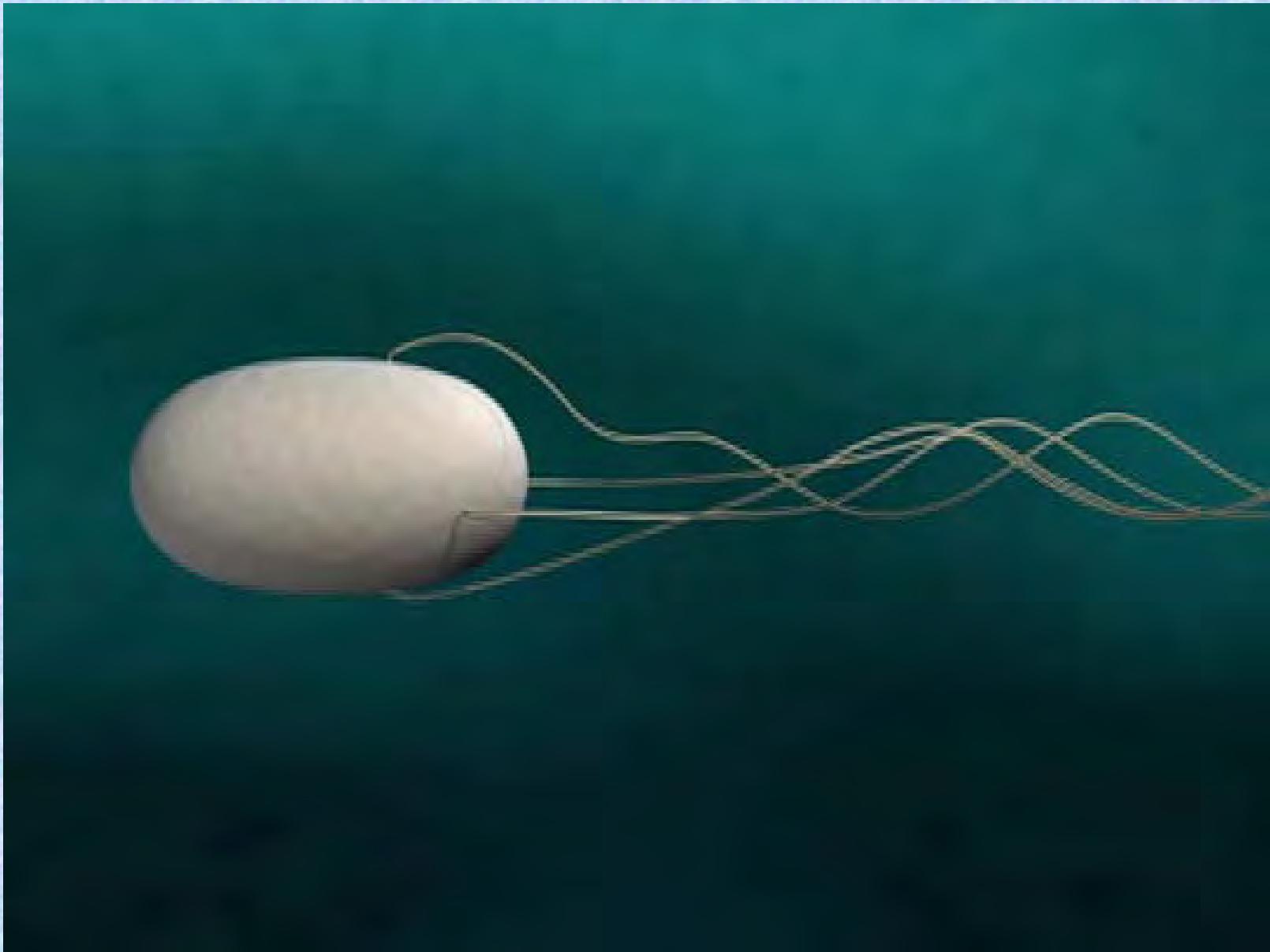
# The flagellar hook

Functions as a universal joint, transmitting the motor torque to the helical propeller oriented in different directions.

Length: 55 nm ( $\pm 6$  nm)  
Number of subunits: ~130



# Flagellar hook working as a universal joint

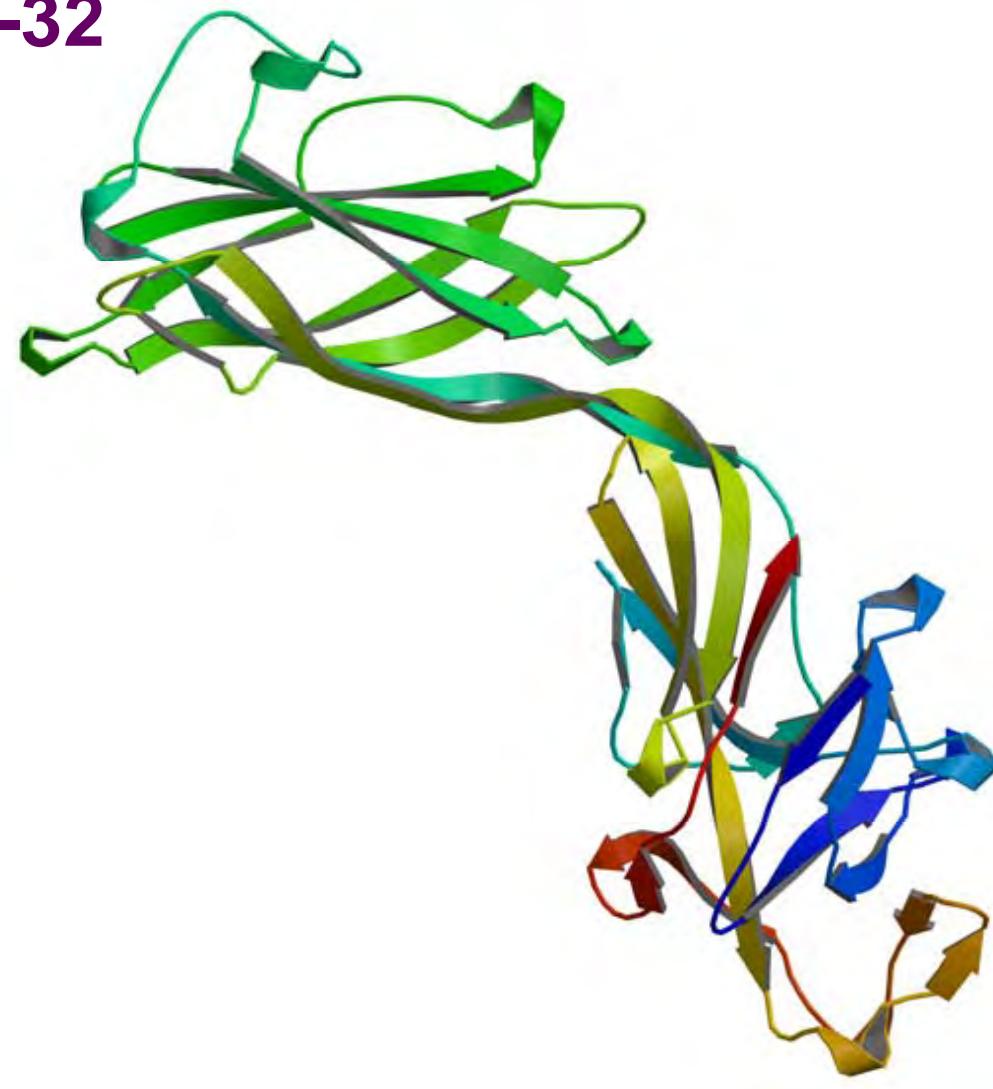
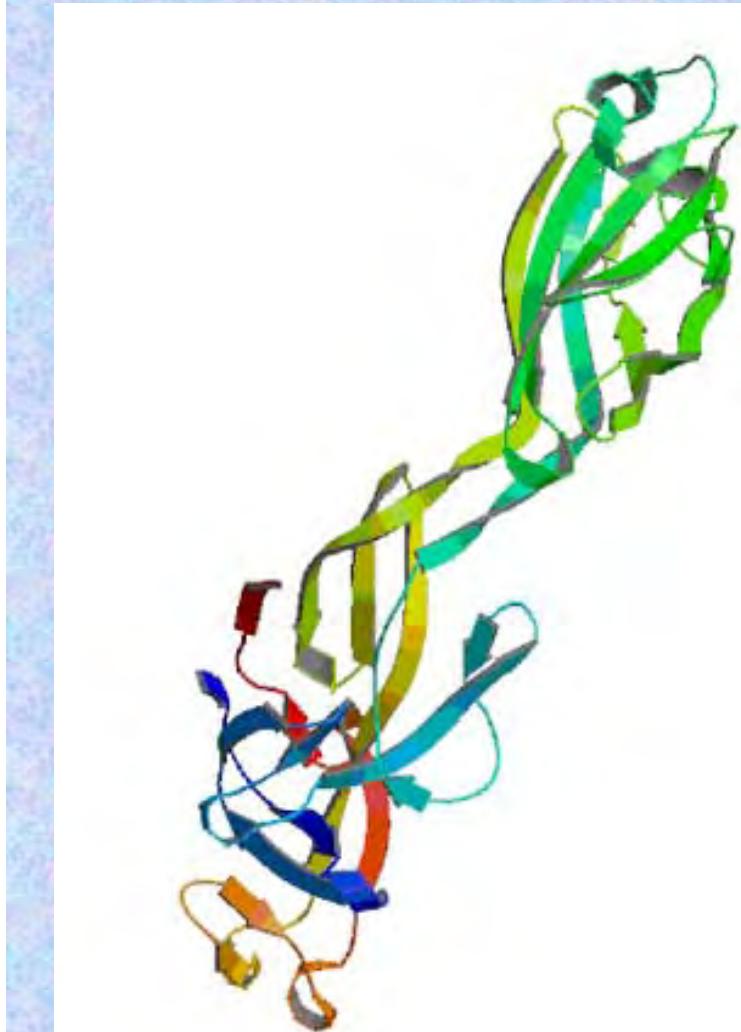


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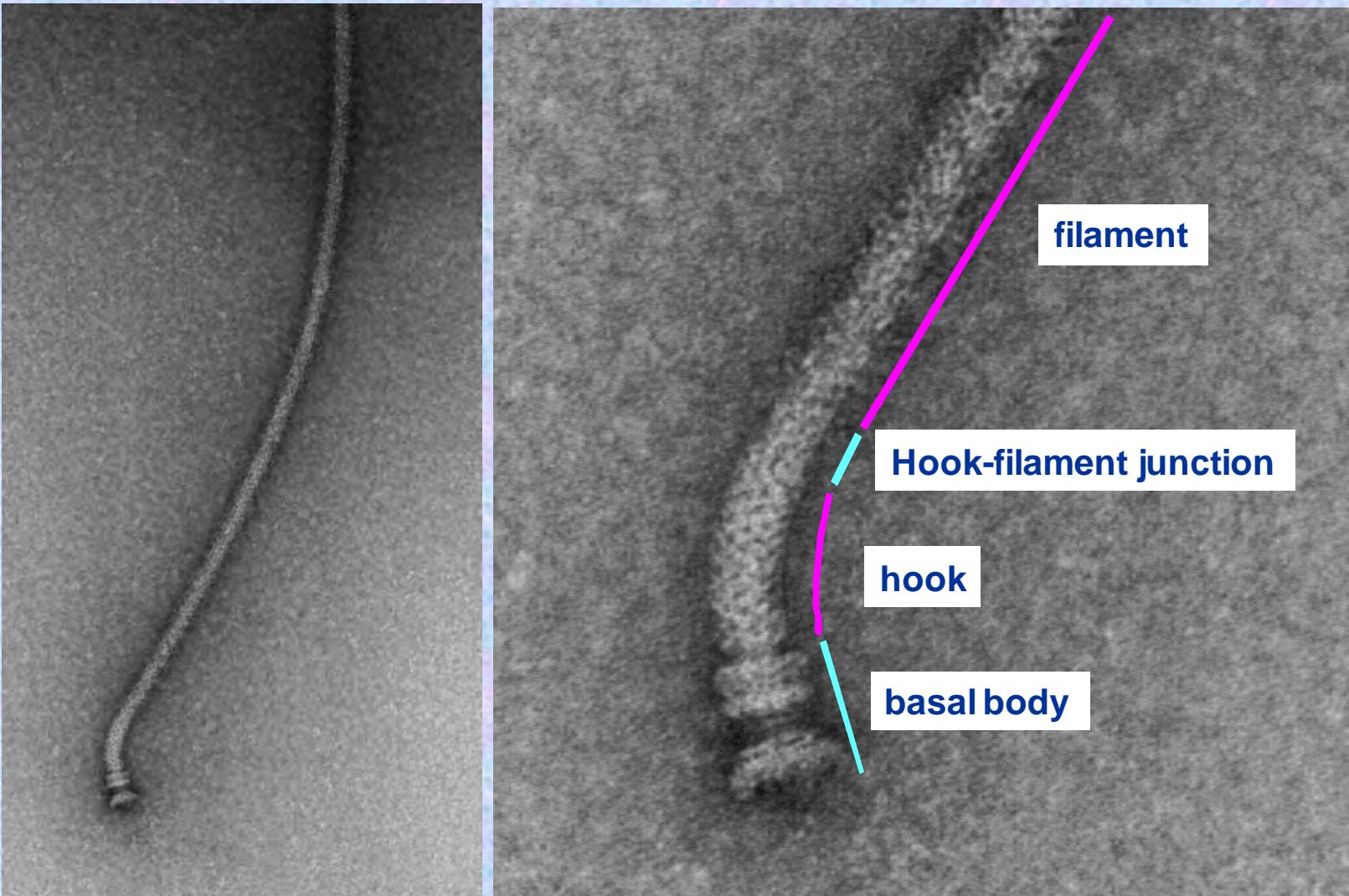
# $C\alpha$ Backbone of FlgE-32



Samatey, Matsunami, Imada et al. (2004)  
*Nature*

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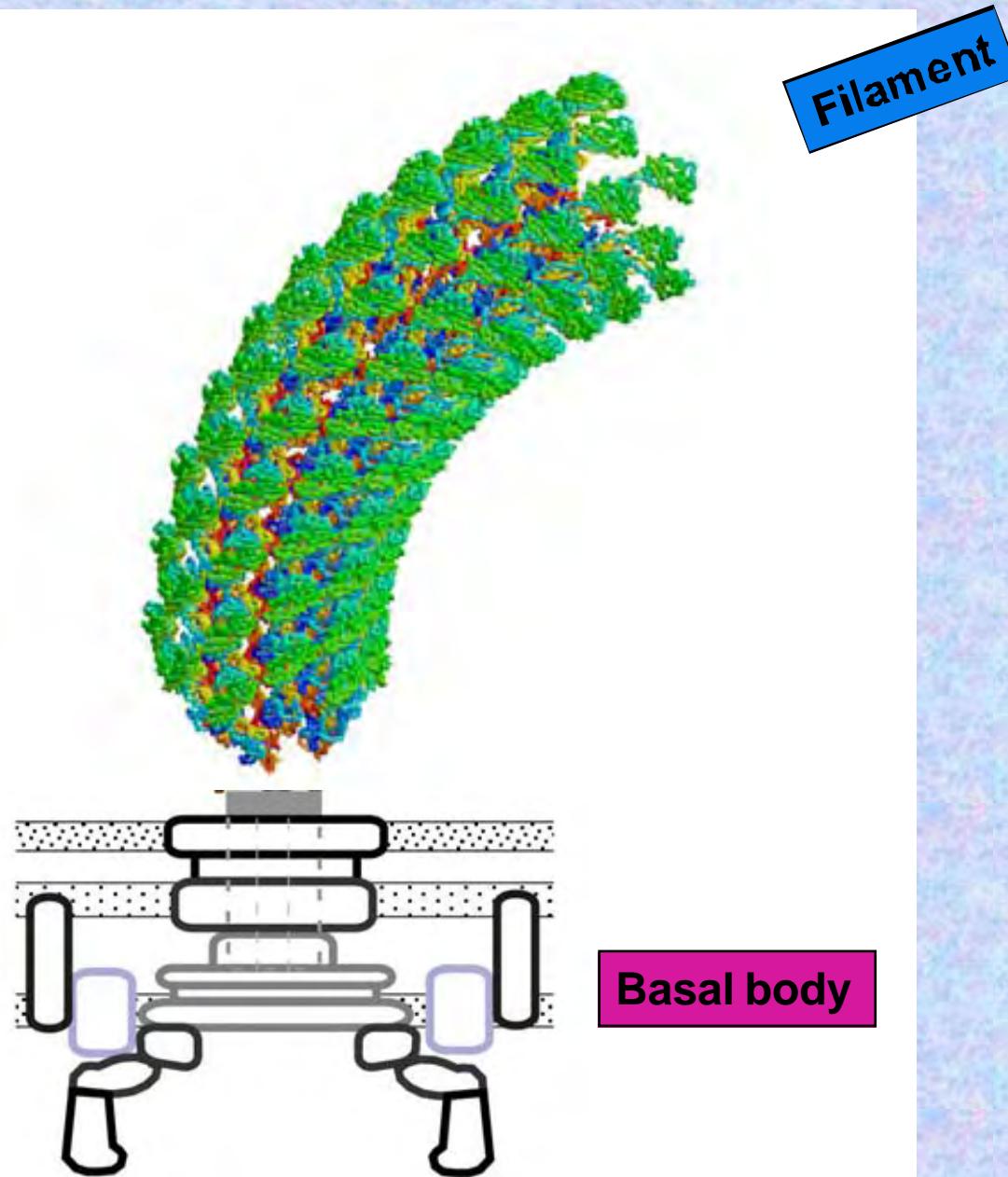
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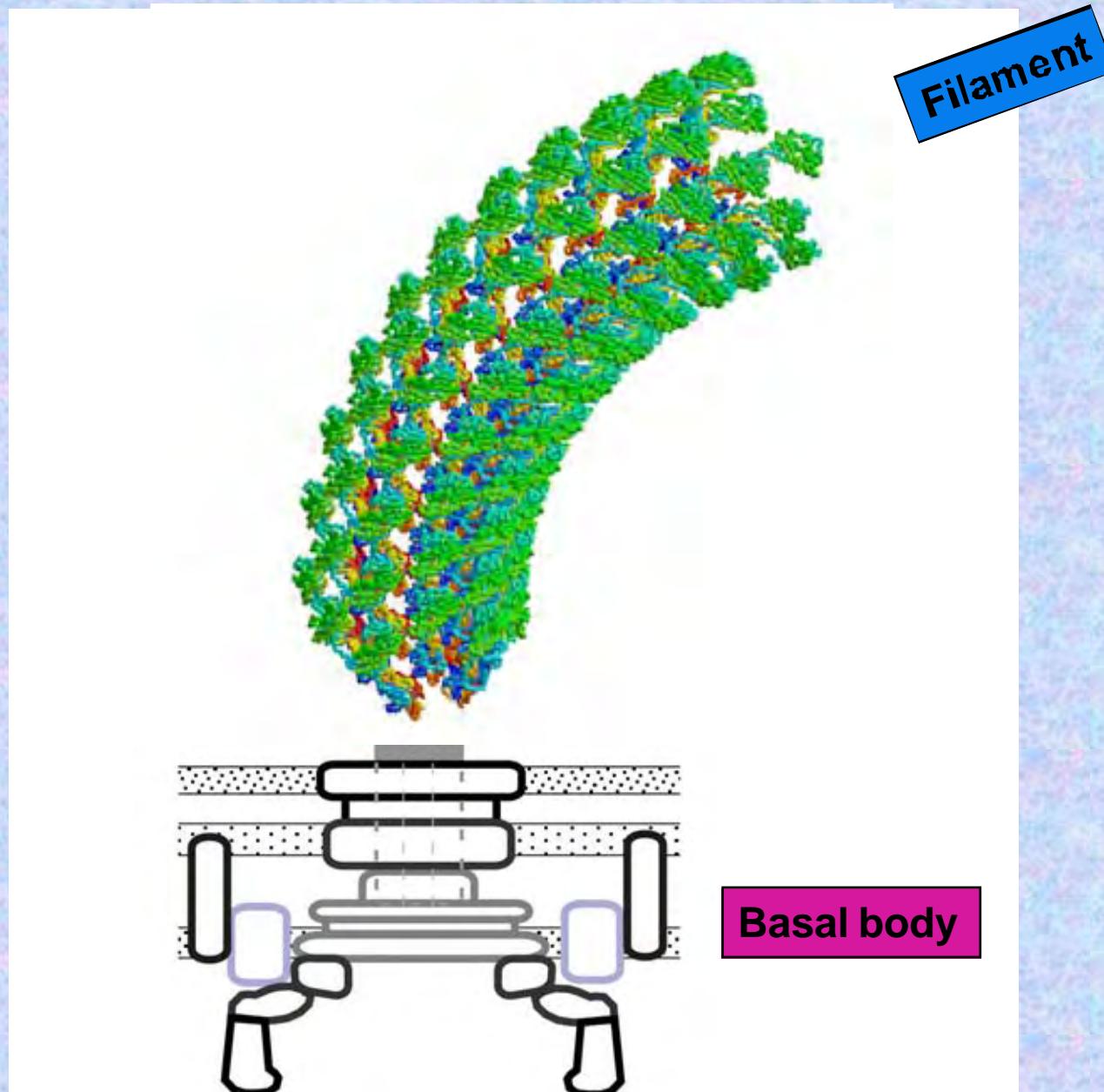
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# Universal joint motion of the flagellar hook



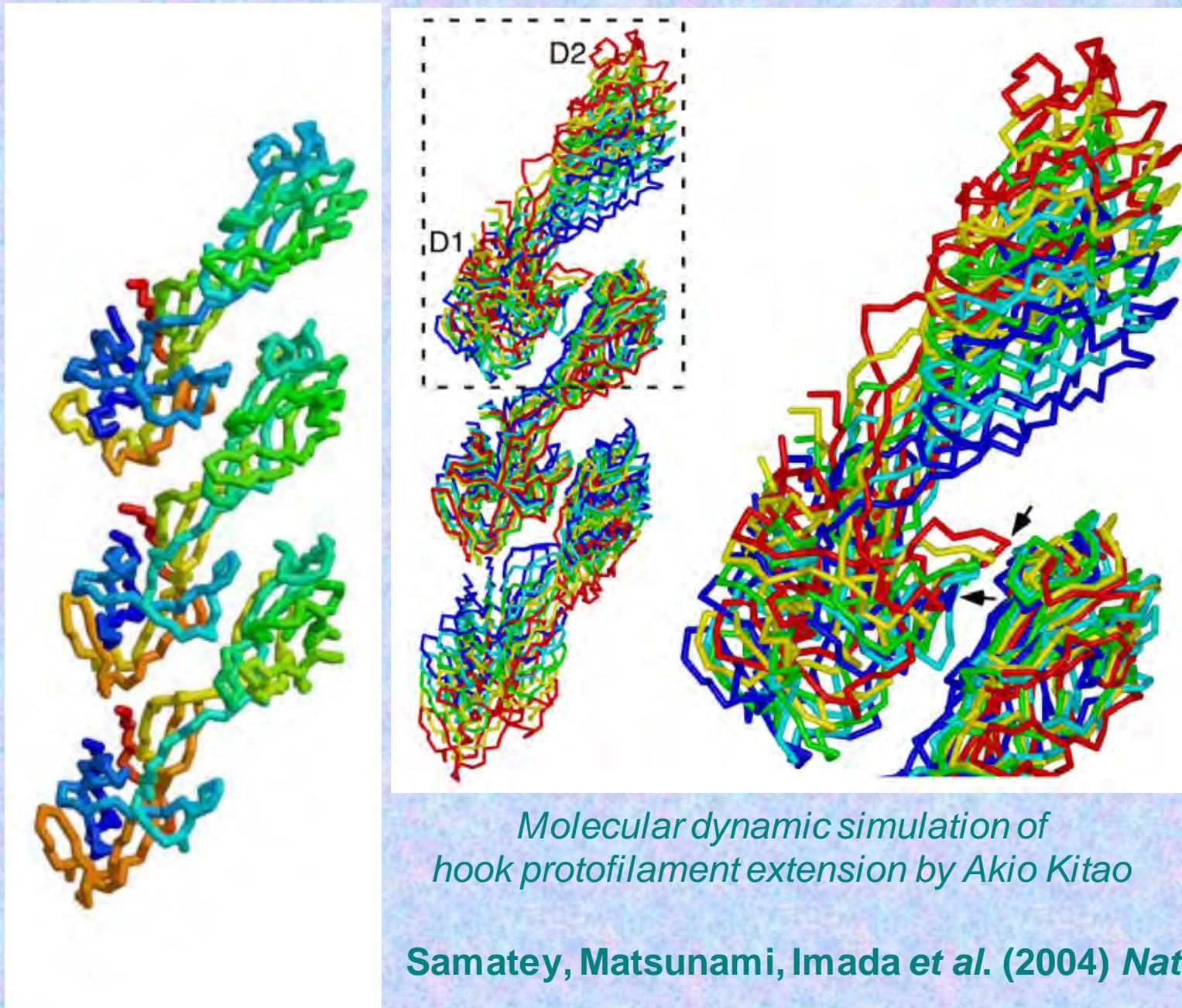
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# Universal joint motion of the flagellar hook

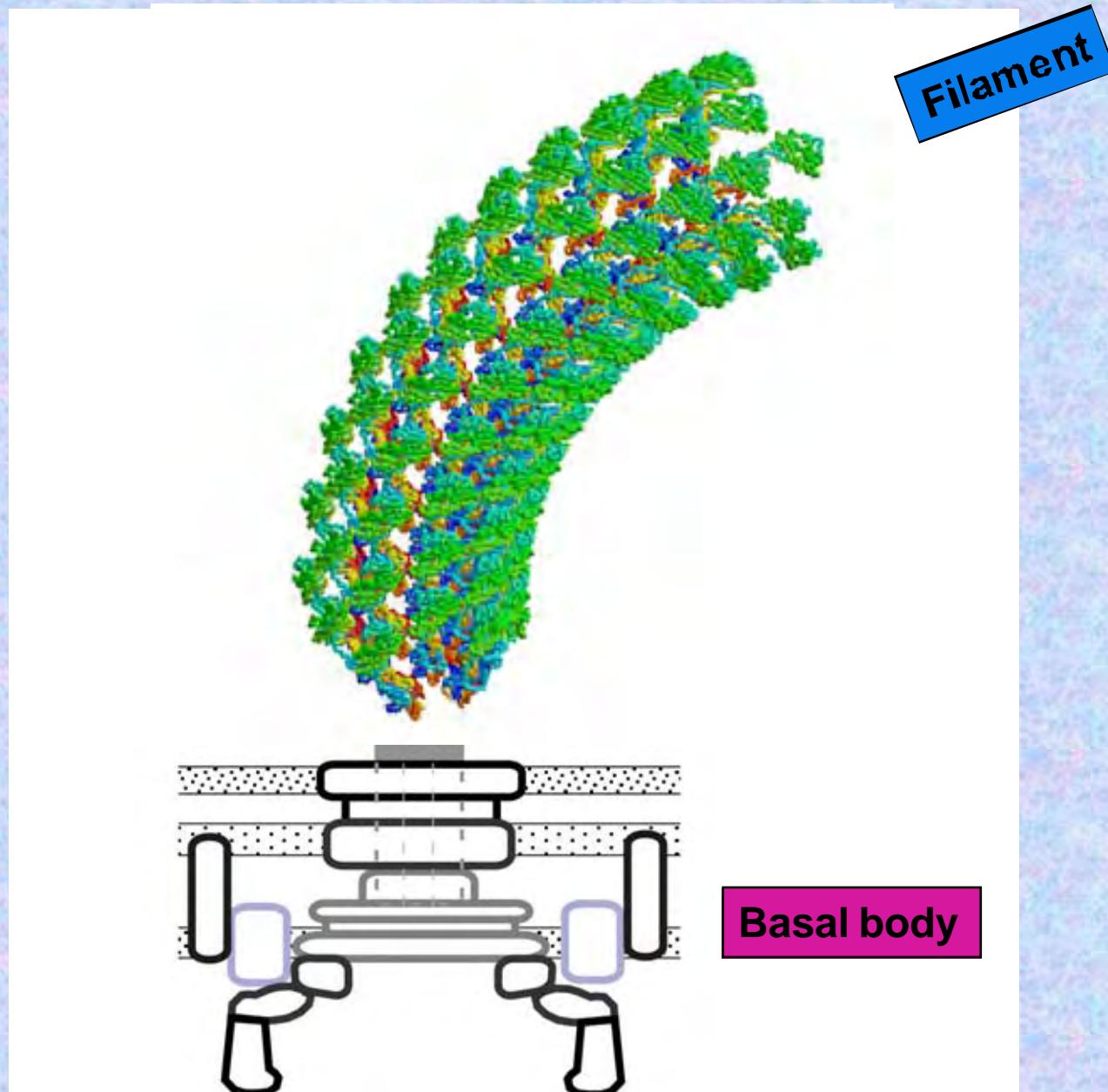


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# Simulated extension of a hook protofilament model



# Universal joint motion of the flagellar hook



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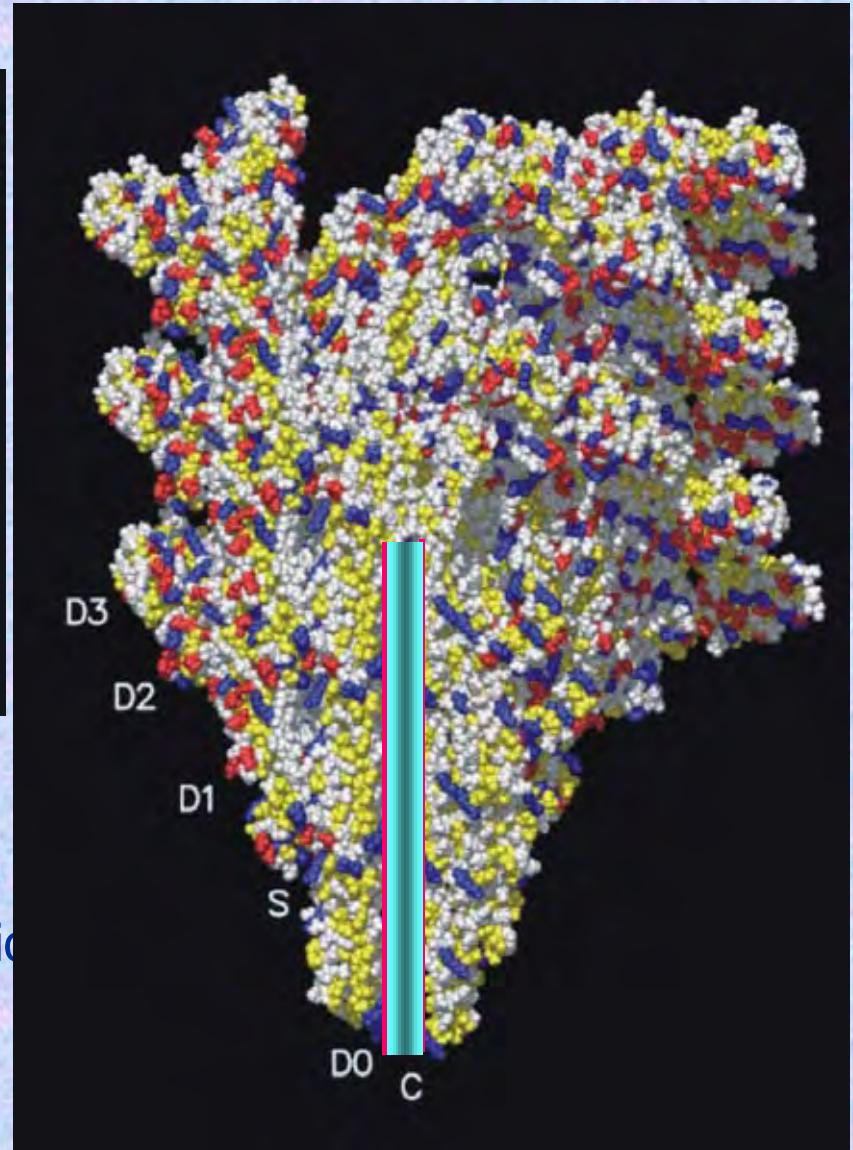
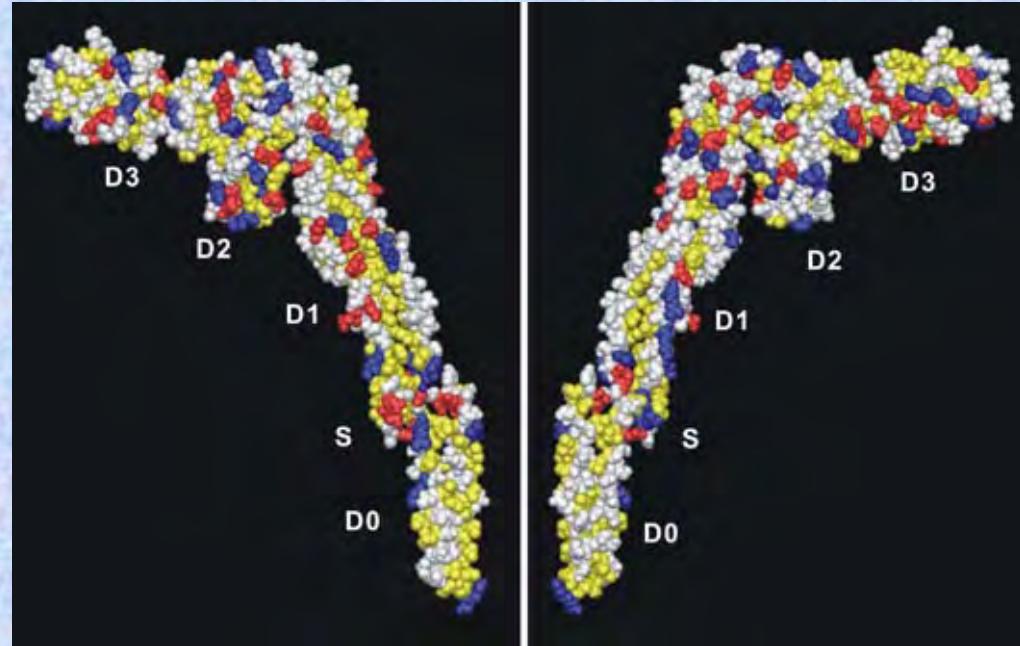
# **Self-assembly of the flagellum**

# The assembly process of the bacterial flagellum

(update 2002)

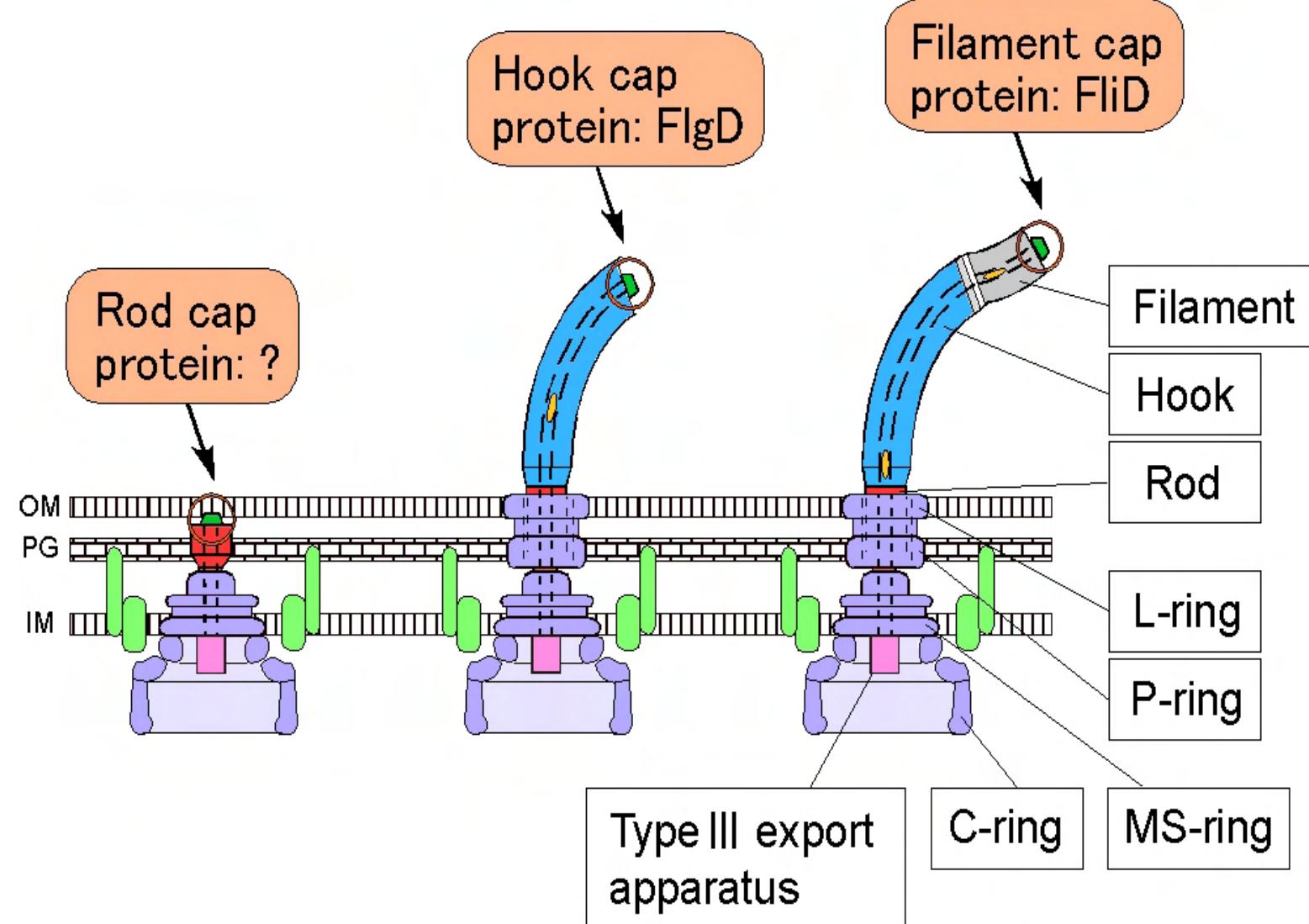


# Nature of lateral intersubunit interactions in the filament and inner surface of the central channel

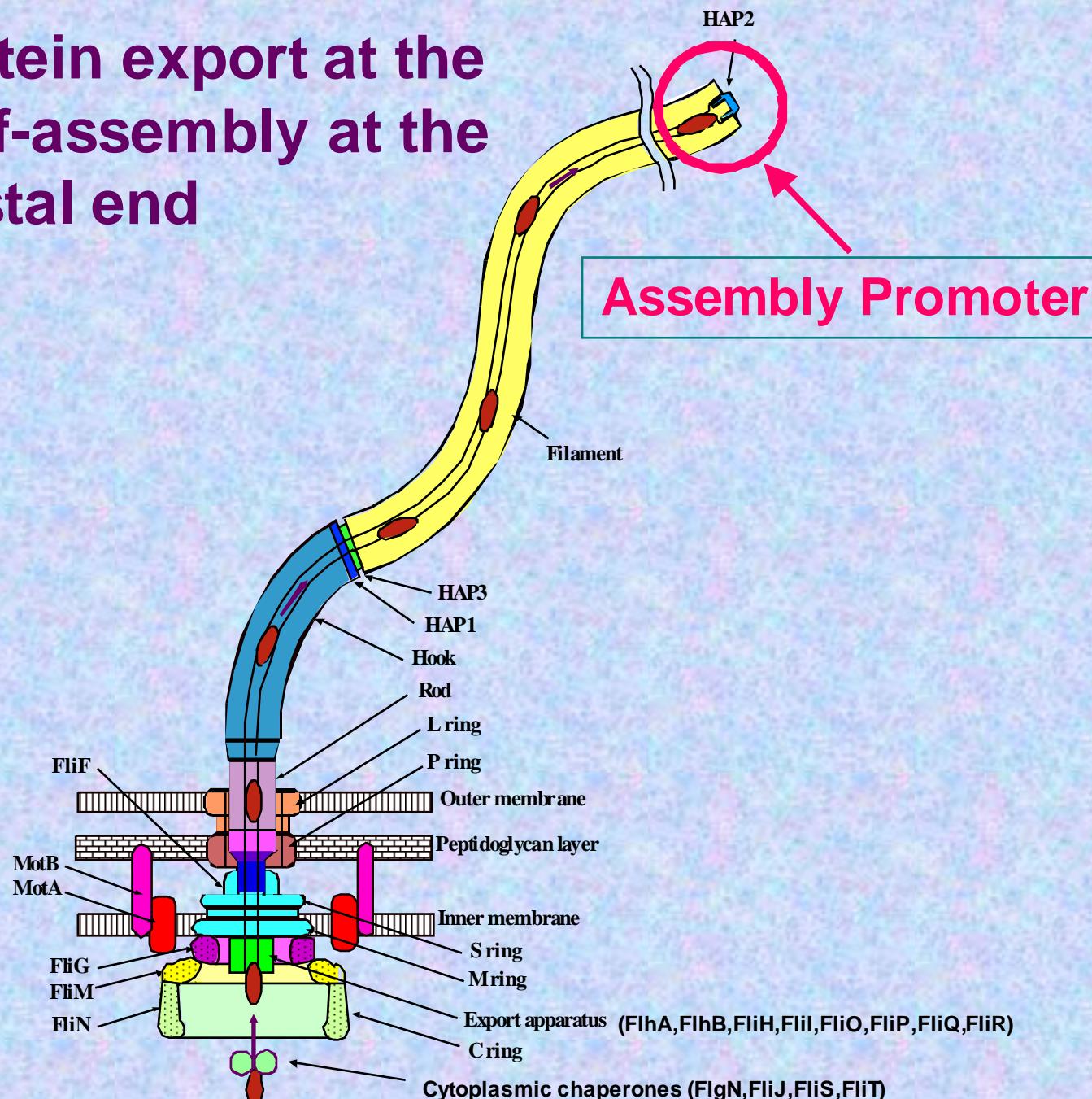


- \* D1-D1: hydrophilic
- \* D0-D0: hydrophobic
- \* Surface of the central channel: hydrophilic  
(Inner diameter of the channel: 20 Å)

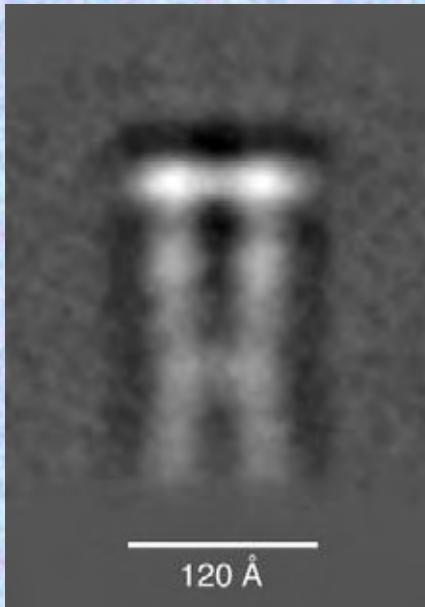
# Three caps for flagellar assembly



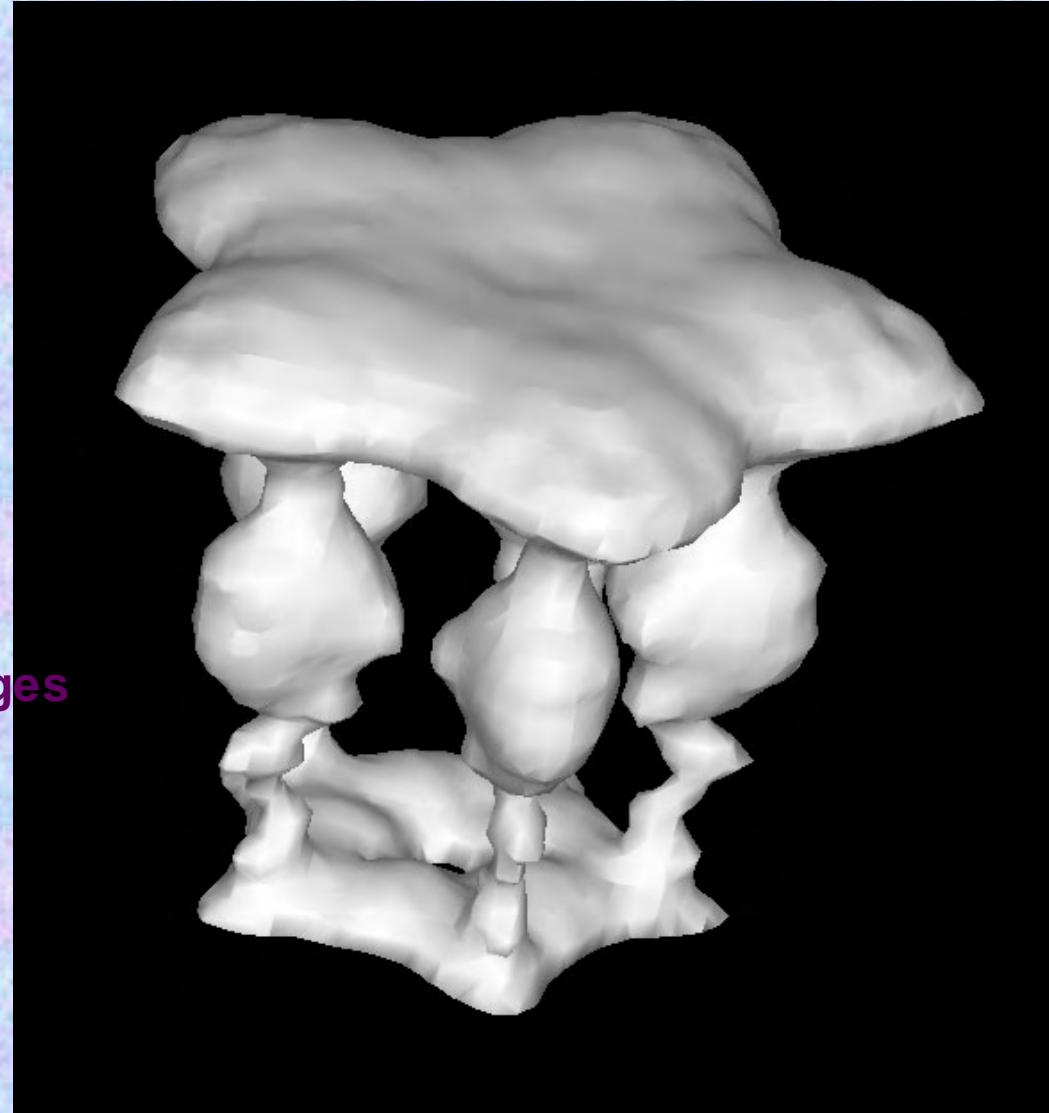
# Flagellar protein export at the base and self-assembly at the distal end



# 3D structure of the HAP2 pentamer cap



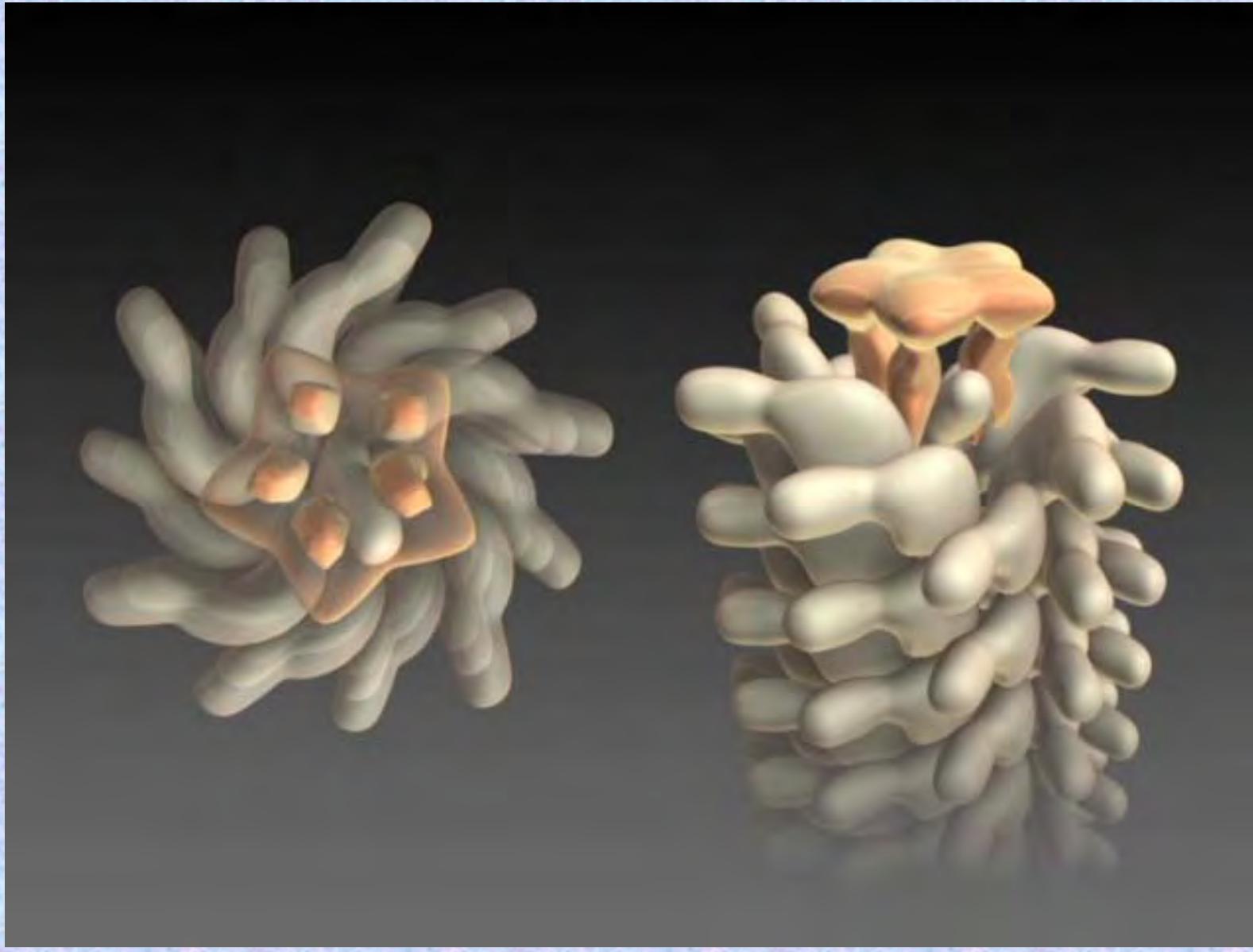
2D average of side-view images



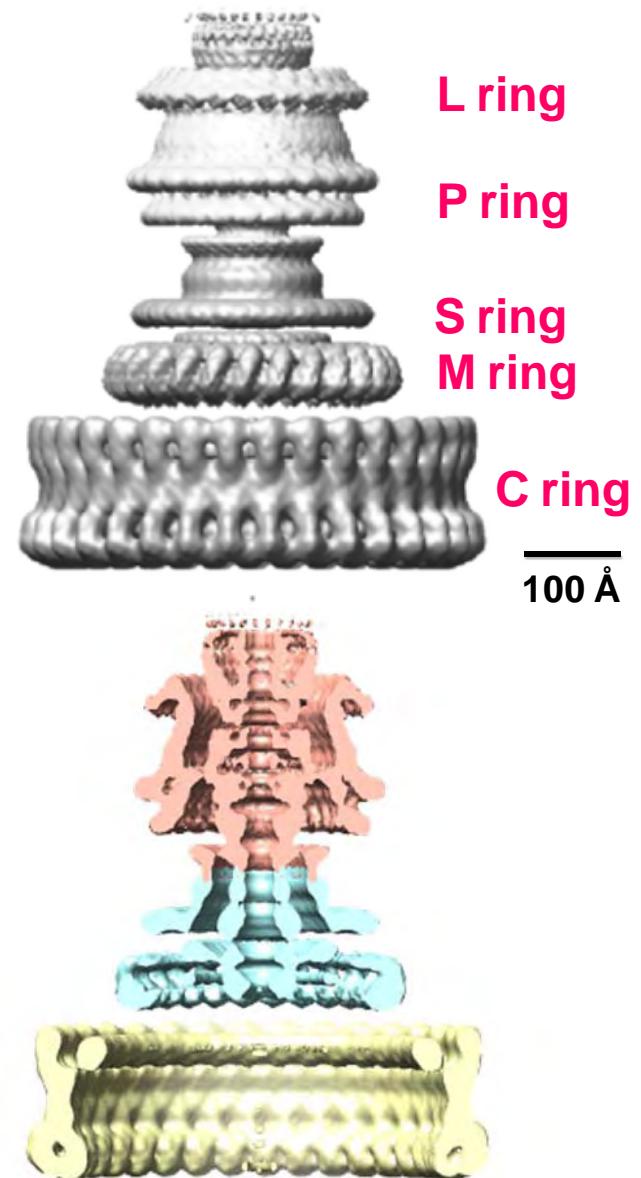
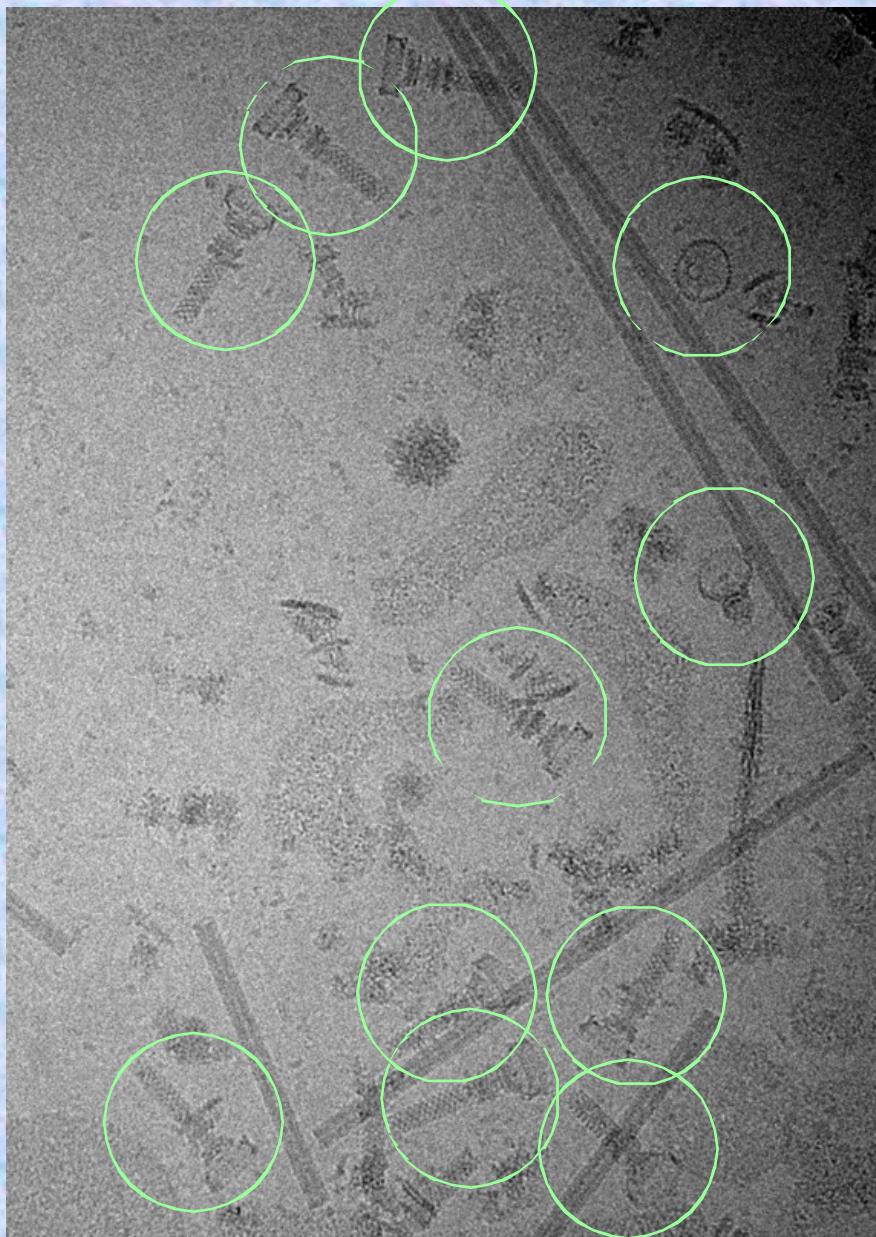
Pentamer cap as one half of the HAP2  
decamer

Maki-Yonekura & Yonekura et al. (2003) P.N.A.S.

# Rotary mechanism of the flagellar cap promoting the self-assembly of flagellin



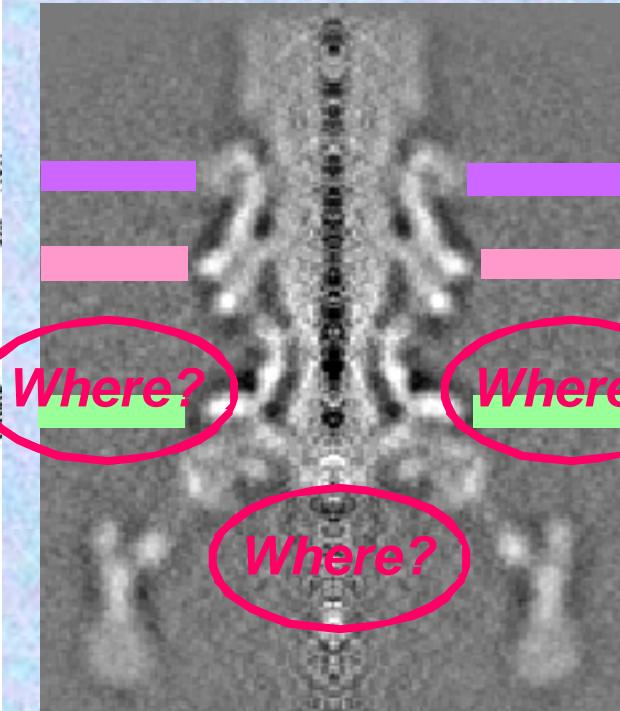
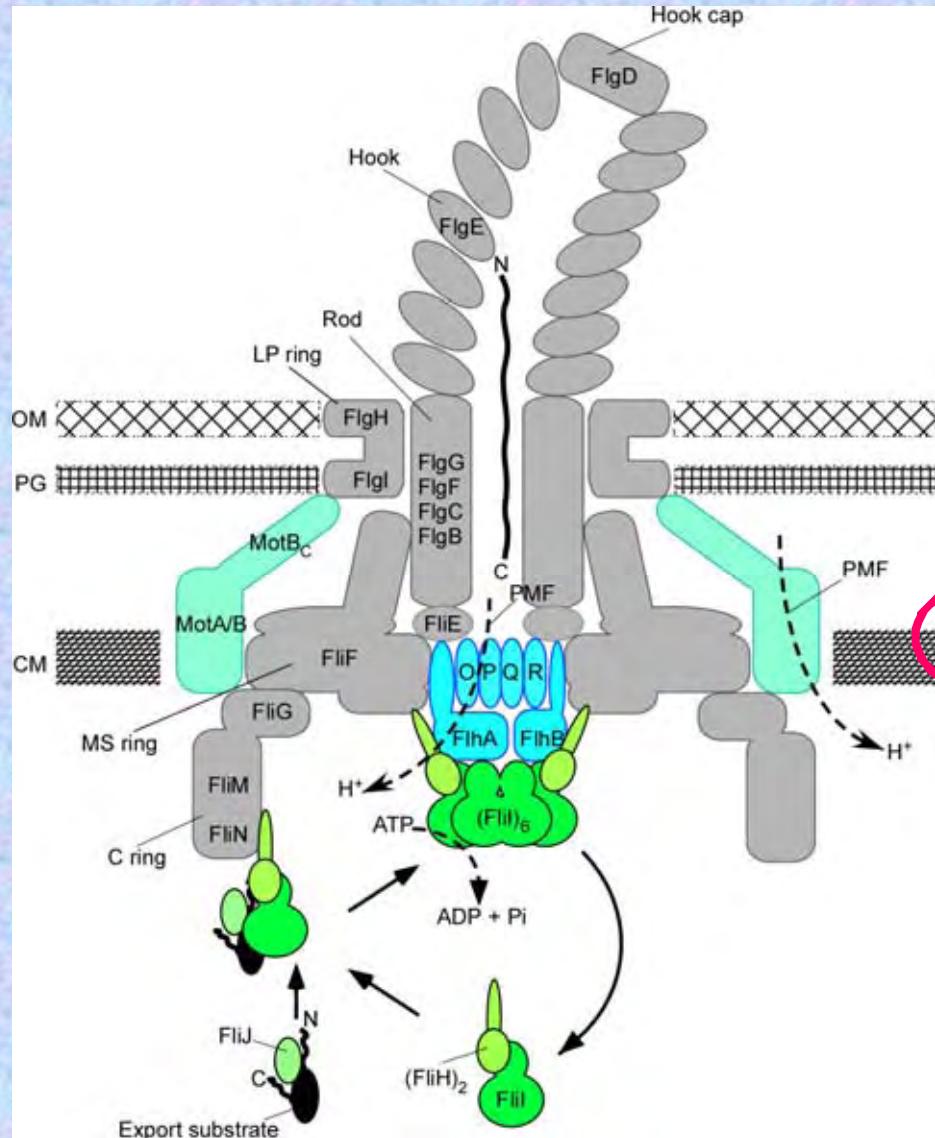
# Single particle cryoEM image analysis of the basal body



Miyata & Kato *unpublished*

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# Structural information of important part still largely missing



# Lab members



April 5, 2007 at EXPO Park

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***Protonic NanoMachine Project, ERATO, JST (1997-2002)***  
***Dynamic NanoMachine Project, ICORP, JST (2002-2007)***