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## The 3.5 Å CryoEM Structure of Nanodisc Reconstituted Yeast Vacuolar ATPase V<sub>o</sub> Proton Channel

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### SUMMARY

The molecular mechanism of transmembrane proton translocation in rotary motor ATPases is not fully understood. Here we report the 3.5 Å resolution cryoEM structure of the lipid nanodisc-reconstituted V<sub>o</sub> proton channel of the yeast vacuolar H<sup>+</sup>-ATPase, captured in a physiologically relevant, autoinhibited state. The resulting atomic model provides structural detail for the amino acids that constitute the proton pathway at the interface of the proteolipid ring and subunit *a*. Based on the structure and previous mutagenesis studies, we propose the chemical basis of transmembrane proton transport. Moreover, we discovered that the C-terminus of the assembly factor Voal is an integral component of mature V<sub>o</sub>. Voal's C-terminal transmembrane  $\alpha$  helix is bound inside the proteolipid ring, where it contributes to the stability of the complex. Our structure rationalizes possible mechanisms by which mutations in human V<sub>o</sub> can result in disease phenotypes, and may thus provide new avenues for therapeutic interventions.

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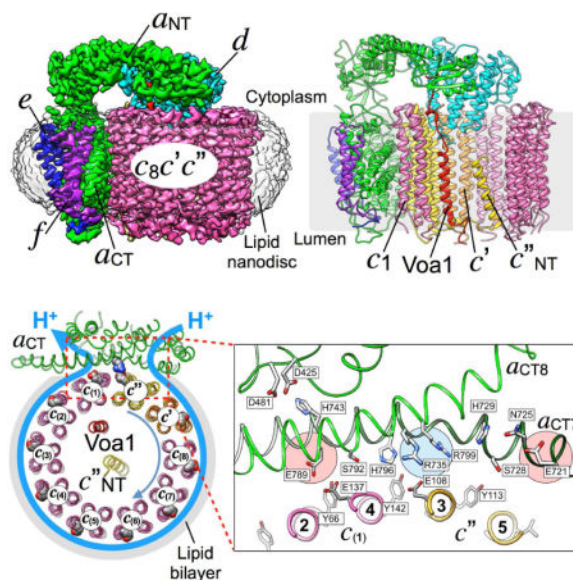
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Here we report the 3.5 Å resolution cryoEM structure of lipid nanodisc-reconstituted yeast vacuolar H<sup>+</sup>-ATPase V<sub>o</sub> proton channel. The resulting atomic model provides insight into the chemical basis of transmembrane proton transport. Moreover, we discovered that the C-terminus of the assembly factor Voa1 is an integral component of mature V<sub>o</sub>.



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## INTRODUCTION

Vacuolar H<sup>+</sup>-ATPases (V-ATPases, V<sub>1</sub>V<sub>o</sub>-ATPases) are membrane bound multi-subunit enzyme complexes that acidify subcellular compartments in every eukaryotic cell and the extracellular space in some animal tissues (Forgac, 2007). V-ATPase's proton pumping activity is essential for pH and ion homeostasis (Kane, 2006), protein trafficking, endocytosis, mTOR (Zoncu et al., 2011) and Notch (Yan et al., 2009) signaling, hormone secretion (Sun-Wada et al., 2006), and neurotransmitter release (Vavassori and Mayer, 2014). While complete loss of V-ATPase is embryonic lethal (Inoue et al., 1999), aberrant (hypo- or hyper-) activity is associated with human diseases such as renal tubular acidosis (Smith et al., 2000), sensorineural deafness (Karet et al., 1999), osteoporosis (Thudium et al., 2012), diabetes (Sun-Wada et al., 2006), microbial infection (Wong et al., 2011), infertility (Brown et al., 1997), cancer (Sennoune et al., 2004), and AIDS (Geyer et al., 2002) making the enzyme a potential drug target (Kartner and Manolson, 2014).

Yeast V-ATPase, a well characterized model system for the mammalian enzyme, is composed of ~30 polypeptides that are organized in two sectors: a cytoplasmic V<sub>1</sub>-ATPase (subunits A<sub>3</sub>B<sub>3</sub>(C)DE<sub>3</sub>FG<sub>3</sub>H) and a membrane embedded V<sub>o</sub> proton channel (*ac*<sub>8</sub>*c'**c'' def* (Oot et al., 2017); subunit *c'* is not found in higher organisms) (Figure S1A). V-ATPase is a

rotary motor enzyme, employing a catalytic mechanism shared with the F-, A- and A/V-type ATPases (Muench et al., 2011). In V-ATPase, ATP hydrolysis on  $V_1$  drives rotation of the rotor subcomplex made up of subunits  $DFd$  and the “proteolipid” subunits  $c$ ,  $c'$  and  $c''$ , which are arranged in a ten-membered ring ( $c_8c'c''$ ; otherwise known as the proteolipid- or  $c$ -ring). Each proteolipid subunit carries one lipid exposed glutamic acid residue that is essential for proton pumping (Hirata et al., 1997). Proton translocation occurs through two aqueous half-channels at the interface of the  $c$ -ring and the membrane-integral C-terminal domain of subunit  $a$  ( $a_{CT}$ ). During  $c$ -ring rotation, the essential glutamates are protonated from the cytosolic half-channel and, after rotating  $\sim 360^\circ$ , the protons are released into the luminal half-channel. A strictly conserved arginine residue in  $a_{CT}$  located mid-membrane across from the  $c$ -ring glutamates is essential for transmembrane proton transport (Kawasaki-Nishi et al., 2001).

V-ATPase is regulated *in vivo* by a unique mechanism referred to as “reversible disassembly” wherein  $V_1$ -ATPase is released into the cytoplasm, leaving behind free  $V_o$  in the membrane (Kane, 1995; Sumner et al., 1995) (Figure S1A). Upon enzyme dissociation, both sectors become “autoinhibited”, that is  $V_1$  no longer hydrolyzes MgATP (Gräf et al., 1996; Oot et al., 2016; Parra, 2000) and unlike the free membrane sector of F-ATPases ( $F_o$ ) (Schneider and Altendorf, 1985),  $V_o$  does not permit passive proton translocation (Zhang et al., 1992). While reversible disassembly has been well characterized on a cellular level in yeast (Parra and Kane, 1998), insect (Voss et al., 2007), and to some extent in higher animals (Bodzeta et al., 2017; Stransky and Forgac, 2015; Trombetta et al., 2003; Zoncu et al., 2011), little is known about the molecular mechanism of proton translocation, largely due to the lack of high-resolution structural information for the enzyme’s  $V_o$  proton channel. This lack of structural information has also limited our understanding of the disease-causing mechanisms of human V-ATPase mutations, many of which are found in subunit  $a$ .

Recently, a 3.9 Å resolution cryoEM structure of amphipol solubilized yeast  $V_o$  (Mazhab-Jafari et al., 2016) showed the proton carrying glutamate of  $c''$  (E108) in contact with one of the essential arginines (R735) in  $a_{CT}$ . However, as the complex was vitrified in the presence of the V-ATPase inhibitor Bafilomycin A1, it was uncertain whether the unique position of the  $c$ -ring relative to  $a_{CT}$  was caused by inhibitor binding, or represented the native, autoinhibited conformation of the complex. Furthermore, resolution in that reconstruction was anisotropic, thus making it difficult to ascertain the reliability of the model in some regions such as the subunit interfaces implicated for proton translocation.

Here we report a cryoEM reconstruction of *S. cerevisiae*  $V_o$  reconstituted into lipid nanodiscs ( $V_o$ ND) determined at a resolution of 3.5 Å. Backbone and side chain densities were sufficiently resolved so that all subunits in the complex could be built as an all-atom model with high confidence. Furthermore, the map of  $V_o$ ND contained an  $\alpha$  helical density within the cavity of the  $c$ -ring, which we were able to assign as the C-terminal transmembrane  $\alpha$  helix (TMH) of the  $V_o$  assembly factor  $Voa1$ . Based on the structural data, we can deduce the mechanism of proton translocation at the  $a_{CT}$ - $c$ -ring interface in holo V-ATPase, discuss aspects of autoinhibition of free  $V_o$ , and identify the spatial locations of the amino acid residues implicated in various human diseases.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### CryoEM Reconstruction of Yeast $V_o$ in Lipid Nanodiscs

Following starvation-induced dissociation of yeast V-ATPase (Figure S1A), the autoinhibited  $V_o$  was purified and reconstituted into lipid nanodiscs ( $V_o$ ND) using membrane scaffold protein MSP1E3D1 (Stam and Wilkens, 2017)(Figure S1B). CryoEM images of vitrified  $V_o$ ND revealed monodisperse and homogeneous particles with random orientations (Figure 1A, S1C). 2D class averages showed intact  $V_o$  complexes with clearly visible TMHs within a disc-like density contributed by the lipid bilayer, and a cytoplasmic domain extending above the membrane (Figure 1B). The  $\sim 150 \times 120 \text{ \AA}^2$  nanodiscs are of sufficient size to accommodate the  $\sim 120 \times 100 \text{ \AA}^2$   $V_o$ , such that isotropic lipid density surrounds the transmembrane regions of the complex. CryoEM reconstruction was carried out to an overall resolution of 3.5  $\text{\AA}$  (Figure 1C, S1D, Table 1). The final map shows clear density for all known protein components of the  $V_o$ , including subunits *a*, *d*, *e*, *f* and the *c*-ring (Figure 1C-E; Movie S1). Furthermore, the map contained an  $\alpha$  helical density inside the proteolipid ring, which we identified as the C-terminus of the assembly factor Voal based on biochemical analysis (see below). A comparison of our map of  $V_o$ ND to the recently reported 3.9  $\text{\AA}$  map of amphipol solubilized  $V_o$  (Mazhab-Jafari et al., 2016) (EMD-8409) revealed that, while both maps had overall similar features, our map  $V_o$ ND displayed higher, and more isotropic resolution, with prominent side chain densities for most of the complex (Movie S2). Notably, improvements were not limited to transmembrane regions, but also extended to the cytoplasmic domain of the complex (Figure S1E, F), including subunit *d* and the N-terminal half of subunit *a* ( $a_{NT}$ ), which were only partially resolved previously. In line with this observation, unlike the dataset of  $V_o$  in amphipol (Mazhab-Jafari et al., 2016), our dataset of  $V_o$ ND was homogeneous, without detectable subcomplexes based on the 3D classification analysis. Thus, the data suggest that lipid nanodisc reconstitution improves the overall stability of  $V_o$ , allowing for a 3D reconstruction in which the density of each subunit component is well resolved for model building.

### Atomic Model of Yeast $V_o$

The 3.5  $\text{\AA}$  resolution map of  $V_o$ ND was used to build an all-atom model for over 95% of the expected residues (Figure 2A), including the N-terminal domain of subunit *a* ( $a_{NT}$ ), subunits *e*, *f*, and large portions of subunit *d* (Figure 2, S2A, Movie S2). The final model of the entire complex displayed proper geometry (Molprobit score = 1.32; Table 1), and matched well with the experimental map (4  $\text{\AA}$  at 0.5 correlation; Figure S1D). Of note, our map contains several small, unmodeled densities observed in both half maps (Figure S2B), possibly representing stably bound lipids, or yet to be identified (non)-protein components of the  $V_o$ .

**The c-ring**—Yeast V-ATPase *c*-ring contains three proteolipid variants *c*, *c'*, and *c''* in the ratio of 8:1:1 (Figure 2A-C; from hereon, individual copies of the subunit *c* variant will be designated as  $c(1)$ -(8)). The *c''* and *c'* variants were identified unambiguously in our map by their longer luminal loops compared to *c*, and the extra TMH at the N-terminus of *c''* ( $c''_{NT}$ ; residues 17-39).  $c''_{NT}$  is in the center of the ring, with its N-terminus pointing towards the cytoplasm (Figure 2B, S2C). The proton binding sites on the *c*-ring are homologous to those found in the F-ATPase from *S. platensis* (Pogoryelov et al., 2009). However, the

essential glutamates in our model appear to be in a more open conformation in all ten proteolipids, with each glutamate (except E137 in  $c_{(1)}$ ) in H-bond distance to a tyrosine residue contributed by the same or a neighboring subunit (Figure S2C, D). Importantly, unlike holo yeast V-ATPase, where the  $c$ -ring was seen in three rotational states relative to subunit  $a$  (Zhao et al., 2015), the  $c$ -ring in our map of inhibitor-free  $V_o$ ND was found to be in a single orientation. This indicates that upon V-ATPase dissociation, the  $c$ -ring assumes a unique “resting position” relative to  $a_{CT}$  (Figure 2C), and that this resting conformation is an inherent feature of free, autoinhibited  $V_o$  not caused by inhibitor binding.

**Specific interactions between subunit  $d$  and the  $c$ -ring**—The role of subunit  $d$  is to link the  $c$ -ring rotor to the  $V_1$  motor. Our structure provides a detailed picture of the specific molecular contacts between  $d$  and the  $c$ -ring, which are largely mediated by subunit  $d$ 's N-terminus and the cytosolic loops of  $c''$ . The interaction buries a surface area of  $\sim 670 \text{ \AA}^2$  (calculated by PISA (Krissinel and Henrick, 2007)) that includes a salt bridge between  $dD50$  and  $c''R92$ , hydrophobic contacts, and multiple residue pairs that are at distances suggesting H-bond formation (Figure 2D). Additional contacts of  $d$  are with the cytosolic loops of the adjacent  $c_{(1)}$  and  $c'$  subunits, with buried surface areas of  $\sim 400$  and  $250 \text{ \AA}^2$ , respectively. This observation is consistent with previous mutagenesis experiments that showed defective enzyme assembly upon removal of  $d$ 's N-terminal residues (Owegi et al., 2006).

**Subunit  $a$  and its interaction with subunit  $d$** —Subunit  $a$  is organized in N-terminal cytoplasmic ( $a_{NT}$ ) and C-terminal membrane integral ( $a_{CT}$ ) domains of  $\sim 400$  residues each (Figure 2A). While subunit  $a$  plays a key role in proton transport across  $V_o$  (Toei et al., 2011), its atomic structure has not yet been resolved in detail. Here, we built an all-atom model for subunit  $a$ , except two unstructured loops (residues 153-183 and 657-705), for which there was no interpretable density in our map. Our model shows that  $a_{NT}$  is folded as a hairpin containing two globular segments (proximal and distal subdomains) connected by a long coiled-coil (Figure 2E). The model also reveals unprecedented molecular details of the  $a_{NT}$ - $d$  interface, an interaction that is only seen in free  $V_o$ . The structure shows both proximal and distal subdomains of  $a_{NT}$  in contact with subunit  $d$  (Figure 2E), with a total buried surface area of  $\sim 940 \text{ \AA}^2$ . The interaction of  $a_{NT}$  and  $d$  seen in free  $V_o$  is consistent with our recent study that defined the binding sites of the two polypeptides using site directed mutagenesis and isothermal titration calorimetry of recombinant proteins (Figure 2E) (Stam and Wilkens, 2017). These structural characteristics unique to free  $V_o$  may contribute to the stability of the complex in the autoinhibited state, and protect against loss of subunit  $d$  upon enzyme dissociation (Ediger et al., 2009). However, previous mutagenesis and functional assays have suggested that the interaction between  $a$  (part of the stator) and  $d$  (part of the rotor) is not solely responsible for forming the autoinhibition state of the eukaryotic  $V_o$  (Cough-Cardel et al., 2015; Qi and Forgac, 2008). Of note,  $a_{CT}$  and its interaction with the  $c$ -ring will be described in a separate section below.

### The Assembly Factor $Voa1$ is a Component of Yeast $V_o$

Our map revealed two  $\alpha$ -helical densities inside the central pore of the  $c$ -ring, one in the center, and one on the side, in contact with  $c''$  and  $c_{(1)}$  (Figure 1C). Equivalent helical densities were also observed in the map of amphipol solubilized  $V_o$  (Mazhab-Jafari et al.,

2016) and in that study, both helical densities were modeled as part of subunit  $c''$ , with the N-terminus of  $c''$  oriented towards the vacuolar lumen. However, this interpretation contradicts earlier biochemical studies that placed the N-terminus of  $c''$  toward the cytoplasm (Flannery et al., 2004; Wang et al., 2007). By matching the amino acid sequence to the side chain densities, we confirmed that the central  $\alpha$  helix belonged to  $c''$ , with its N-terminus pointing toward the cytoplasm, consistent with the previous biochemical studies (Figure 1C, S2B). When examining the other  $\alpha$ -helical density that is in contact with  $c''$  and  $c_{(1)}$ , we found that it extends from the lumen to the cytoplasm, where it contacts subunit  $d$  (Figure 3A, red density), suggesting that this  $\alpha$ -helical density may belong to a separate and unknown polypeptide. To determine the identity of this structural component, we performed mass spectrometry of our  $V_o$ ND preparation. The analysis revealed multiple peptides that matched the open reading frame of Voa1 (YGR106C) (Figure S3A), a 265 residue polypeptide that functions in the assembly of  $V_o$  in the ER membrane (Figure S3B)(Ryan et al., 2008). While not required for assembly of a functional  $V_o$ , deletion of Voa1 causes synthetic lethality when combined with a mutation of the ER retention motif of another assembly factor (Vma21)(Ryan et al., 2008).

To assess whether the second  $\alpha$  helical density inside the  $c$ -ring represented the C-terminal TMH of Voa1, we purified  $V_o$  from a yeast strain in which the gene for Voa1 was deleted, reconstituted the resulting  $V_o$ (*voa1*) into lipid nanodiscs ( $V_o$ ND(*voa1*)) (Figure 3B), and determined its cryoEM structure at 4.6 Å resolution (Figure 3C). While the map of  $V_o$ ND(*voa1*) has a similar appearance compared to the map of wild type  $V_o$ ND (Figure 3A), inspection of the interior of the  $c$ -ring revealed that the  $\alpha$  helical density next to  $c_{(1)}$  (red density in Figure 3A) was missing in the map of  $V_o$ ND(*voa1*) (Figure 3C), providing strong evidence that the density belongs to Voa1. Our assignment is further supported by the presence of side chain density, which allowed *de novo* building of Voa1's C-terminal TMH (residues 222-244) (Figure 3D, S3C). It should be noted that there was no clear density that could account for the remainder of the protein (residues S26-D211). This suggests that the luminal domain of Voa1 is either flexible, or proteolytically removed upon trafficking of the complex to the vacuole, with the latter possibility supported by mass spectrometry analysis of both free  $V_o$  and holo  $V_1V_o$ -ATPase (Figure S3D).

To examine the structural contribution of Voa1 to the mature  $V_o$  complex, we compared atomic displacement parameters (ADP)(Trueblood, 1996) of wild type and mutant complex (Figure 3E). While all  $c$ -ring components in wild type have similar ADP,  $c$ -subunits proximal to Voa1 displayed a significant increase of the relative ADP in the mutant complex (Figure 3F). This increase in ADP suggests a decreased stability of the complex upon loss of Voa1, which is also evident from increased degradation of subunit  $a$  in the  $V_o$ ND(*voa1*) preparation (Figure 3B, see arrow). Moreover, Voa1 is located between  $c_{(1)}$  and  $c''$ , where it forms a unique binding pocket for subunit  $d$  (Figure 3A), and in line with this observation, we noticed during the 3D classification of the  $V_o$ ND(*voa1*) dataset that ~30% of mutant complexes lacked subunit  $d$  (Figure 3G). Thus, absence of Voa1 likely reduces the affinity between  $d$  and the  $c$ -ring such that  $d$  is either inefficiently recruited during assembly, or lost after assembly and/or during purification of the mutant complex. It has been shown that upon mutation of Voa1's C-terminal ER retention motif, Voa1 is found on the vacuole (Ryan et al., 2008). In our structure, subunit  $d$  is seen to bind to the C-terminus of Voa1 (Figure

2D). It is possible that this interaction masks Voa1's ER retention motif, thereby serving as a quality control measure to ensure that only correctly assembled mature  $V_o$  complex can traffic to the vacuole, similar to what has been proposed for the trafficking of immunoglobulin E receptors in T cells (Letourneur et al., 1995). Our hypothesis that the interaction between Voa1 and subunit  $d$  plays a role in quality control during V-ATPase assembly is also supported by the observation that in a subunit  $d$  deletion strain, no  $V_o$ ( $d$ ) subcomplex is found on the vacuolar membrane (Bauerle et al., 1993). To summarize, we have shown that the C-terminal TMH of Voa1 is an integral part of the mature yeast  $V_o$  complex, and that the assembly factor contributes to the stability of the V-ATPase membrane sector.

### The Proton Path

According to current models of proton transport by rotary ATPases, two laterally offset aqueous half-channels (or "cavities") in subunit  $a$  near the interface to the  $c$ -ring provide access for protons from the cytoplasm and lumen (or outside of the cell) to the sites of protonation and deprotonation of the  $c$ -ring's essential glutamates (or aspartates) (Vik and Antonio, 1994). However, how and where protons are transferred during  $c$ -ring rotation, is still not fully understood. Our structure of  $V_o$ ND provides an atomic picture of how essential residues in subunit  $a$  and the  $c$ -ring interact to constitute the proton translocation pathway.

**Aqueous access to cytoplasmic and luminal cavities in subunit a**— $a_{CT}$  contains eight TMHs (TMH1-8; hereafter referred to as  $a_{CT}1$ -8), with additional short  $\alpha$  helical segments at the cytoplasmic and luminal sides (Figure 4A; TM helix numbering as in ref. (Toei et al., 2011)). Our map and model revealed two prominent aqueous cavities, one with access from the cytoplasmic, and another with access from the luminal side of the complex. The cytoplasmic cavity is formed by the cytoplasmic ends of  $a_{CT}4$ , 5, 7, and 8, and lined by charged and polar residues including E721, N725 and H729 (Figure 4A). Aqueous access from the lumen is via the loops connecting  $a_{CT}3$ , 4, 7, and 8, as well as the luminal loop of subunit  $f$ , with several polar residues inside the cavity including D425, D481 and H743 (Figure 4A). In contrast to the cytoplasmic cavity, aqueous access from the luminal cavity to the  $c$ -ring appears to be blocked by  $a_{CT}7$  and 8, reminiscent of what has been proposed for F-ATPase (Allegretti et al., 2015). Importantly, mutations of negatively charged residues in the cytosolic and luminal cavities have resulted in functional defects (Toei et al., 2011), suggesting that the negative charge distribution in the cavities is critical for proper proton transport.

**Molecular contacts at the interface between  $a_{CT}$  and the  $c$ -ring**—In our structure of autoinhibited  $V_o$ , the  $a_{CT}$ - $c$ -ring interface is composed of  $a_{CT}7$  and 8, and the outer TMHs of  $c_{(1)}$  and  $c''$ , with a total buried surface area of  $\sim 2100 \text{ \AA}^2$  (Figure 4B, left panel). It is noteworthy that the  $a_{CT}$ - $c$ -ring interface is the best resolved region in our map, suggesting that the interface is in a low energy state stabilized by multiple side chain interactions (Figure S1F, S2A). The side chain densities in the  $a_{CT}$ - $c$ -ring interface (Figure S4B, Movie S4) provide a picture of the residues involved in proton transport at a level of detail not seen in previous studies (Figure 4B, right panel). The nearly horizontal  $a_{CT}7$  and 8, a structural hallmark of rotary ATPase membrane sectors, contain numerous strictly conserved and polar

residues (Figure S4A), many of which are essential for efficient proton pumping (Figure 4B, right panel, and Figure S4A) (Toei et al., 2011). Our structure shows that many of these residues are in close proximity to the essential glutamates of the *c*-ring (Figure 4B). Most notably, the two essential arginines of  $a_{CT}$  (R735, R799) are located at the center of the interface, and, together with the neighboring H729 and H796, represent a physical and electrostatic barrier in the middle of the membrane that separates the cytoplasmic and luminal cavities (Figure 4B, blue highlight in right panel). This barrier may function to prevent direct transfer of protons between the cytosolic and luminal cavities (Figure 4B, red highlights in right panel, and Figure S4C, D), and thus ensure that protons travel along with the *c*-ring clockwise through the lipid bilayer (see Figure 5A below). Notable interactions resolved at the  $a_{CT}$ -*c*-ring interface are between  $c_{(1)}$ E137 and  $a_{CT}$ 's S792 (Figure 4C(i)), and most prominently, a salt bridge between  $c''$ E108 and  $a_{CT}$ 's essential R735 at the center of the interface (Figure 4C(ii)). Another interaction is between  $c''$ Y113, and  $a_{CT}$ S728, which are seen at H-bond distance (Figure 4C(iii)).  $c''$ Y113 together with multiple other conserved tyrosines (Y66, Y142 in  $c(2)$ -(8), Y72 and Y150 in  $c'$ ) constitute a circular, belt-like structure located at the same height on the outer TMHs of the *c*-ring (Figure S4E). The interaction of these tyrosines with polar residues in  $a_{CT}$ 7 and 8 likely function to maintain the proper proximity between *c*-ring and  $a_{CT}$  during *c*-ring rotation.

### Mechanism of proton translocation in holo V-ATPase

Eukaryotic V-ATPase is a dedicated proton pump, with the free energy of ATP hydrolysis generated on  $V_1$  coupled to clockwise rotation of the *c*-ring past  $a_{CT}$  (when viewed from the cytoplasm towards the membrane) (Figure 5A). Based on our structural observation (Figure 4) and the available mutagenesis data (Toei et al., 2011), we can begin to rationalize the mechanism of proton translocation across holo V-ATPase's  $V_o$  membrane sector during ATP hydrolysis driven proton pumping. To illustrate the mechanism, we modeled several intermediate positions of the *c*-ring relative to  $a_{CT}$  to highlight the steps of de-protonation, salt bridge formation, and re-protonation (Figure 5B(i)–(iv) and Movie S5). These three steps are described in more detail in the following paragraphs.

**Deprotonation of the essential *c*-ring glutamic acid**—During *c*-ring rotation, protonated *c*-ring glutamic acid residues (E-COOH; e.g. E137 on  $c_{(n)}$ ) emerge from the lipid bilayer and encounter the essential E789 on  $a_{CT}$ 8 (Figure 5B(i)). E789 is strictly conserved in eukaryotic V-ATPases, and appears well positioned for shuttling protons from the essential glutamates on the *c*-ring to the luminal cavity (Figure 4C(i)). E137 and E789 have similar pKa values (~7.8; as predicted by PROPKA (Rostkowski et al., 2011)), a prerequisite for efficient proton transfer. However, the two residues in our model appear to be too distant for a direct interaction, and we therefore propose that proton transfer from E137 to E789 occurs via H-bonding to the tyrosine residue that is part of the proton binding site (e.g. Y66 in Figure 5B(i)). In this model, E789 would then deliver the proton to the luminal aqueous cavity through a network of critical residues, including H743, D425, and D481 (Figure 4A). H743 is on the luminal border in our structure, consistent with previous solvent accessibility experiments (Toei et al., 2011).



**Movement of the essential c-ring glutamates between luminal and cytoplasmic cavities**

—After deprotonation at E789, charged c-ring glutamates must traverse the space in the  $a_{CT}$ -c-ring interface that separates the luminal from the cytoplasmic cavities. While it is ionized, the glutamate can interact sequentially with  $a_{CT}$  residues S792, H796 (Figure 5B(ii)), and finally R735 (Figure 5B(iii)). The c-ring glutamates' consecutive interactions with S792 and H796 before engaging in a salt bridge with the positively charged barrier residue R735 ensure the deprotonation of the essential glutamates near the luminal cavity. The importance of the hydroxyl and imidazole groups of S792 and H796, respectively, is highlighted by previous mutagenesis experiments showing that replacement of these two residues with alanine or phenylalanine, respectively, results in significantly reduced enzyme activity (Toei et al., 2011). Moreover, it has been speculated that the negatively charged carboxylates are not only stabilized by opposing, polar residues of  $a_{CT}$  (including S792 and H796 in yeast V-ATPase), but also by structural water molecules that may be part of the  $a_{CT}$ -c-ring interface (Pogoryelov et al., 2010).

**Re-protonation of the essential c-ring glutamates**

—ATP hydrolysis on  $V_1$  then provides the free energy to break the salt bridge between R735 and the c-ring glutamates so that the c-ring can continue the rotation (Figure 5B(iv)). Since aqueous access to the middle of the membrane is blocked by H729 and several bulky hydrophobic residues contributed by  $a_{CT}$  and the c-ring, re-protonation of the essential c-ring glutamates then occurs upon contact with  $a_{CT}$ 's S728 and E721 at the cytoplasmic cavity, with the essential E721 likely playing a key role ( $E-COO^- \rightarrow E-COOH$ ; Figure 5B(iv)). After receiving a proton from the cytoplasmic access cavity, the now neutral c-ring glutamic acid is stabilized by H-bond formation with its neighboring tyrosine so that it can reenter the lipid bilayer to complete the transfer of one proton from the cytoplasm to the lumen. Our structure is consistent with previous accessibility experiments using chemical probes, which indicated that E721 is at the border to the cytoplasmic cavity (Toei et al., 2011). It is noteworthy that this glutamic acid at the cytoplasmic access cavity is highly conserved not only in V-ATPase but also more distantly related rotary motor ATPases, with the glutamate either 3 or 4 helical turns upstream of the essential arginine residue. For example, in *E. coli* F-ATPase, E196, which is 14 residues away from R210, the same distance as between E721 and R735 in yeast  $V_o$ , is the only residue in the cytoplasmic access channel of that enzyme identified to date to be essential for proton translocation (Vik et al., 1988). Though our structure does not have sufficient resolution to visualize water molecules, solvent accessibility prediction using PROPKA reveals that E721 is >95% exposed to solvent with a predicted pKa of ~6.5, suggesting that the residue is mostly ionized at the pH of the cytoplasm (~7), and therefore coordinated by water molecules most of the time. In summary, E721's location at the bottom of the cytoplasmic aqueous cavity, its accessibility to solvent and essential nature as revealed by mutagenesis studies, and the residue's level of conservation in related proton translocating rotary motor enzymes provide strong evidence that E721 plays a key role in the final steps of the re-protonation of the essential c-ring glutamates (Figure 4B(iii), 5B(iv)).

More recently, a 3.6 Å cryoEM structure of dimeric yeast mitochondrial F-ATPase was reported (Guo et al., 2017), in which the two proton carrying glutamates of the c subunits in the a-c-ring interface are also in an extended conformation. However, none of these two

carboxyl groups is close enough to the essential arginine for salt bridge formation, suggesting that yeast  $F_o$  was captured in a functional state different from the autoinhibited  $V_o$ . As mentioned above, unlike free  $V_o$ , isolated  $F_o$  catalyzes passive proton transport, and the conformation visualized in the yeast  $F_o$  structure may therefore represent a snapshot of the ‘active’ state of the proton channel.

### Interpretation of loss-of-function mutations in yeast and human

**Yeast subunit a**—Site directed mutagenesis studies with yeast V-ATPase identified highly conserved residues within  $a_{CT}$  that are critical for ATPase driven proton pumping and/or stability of the complex (Toei et al., 2011)(Figure 6A). Based on our atomic model of yeast  $V_o$ , we can now begin to understand the mechanism by which mutagenesis of these essential residues leads to functional defects. Not surprisingly, a majority of the identified residues that are essential for proton pumping activity are located along the proton path identified in our model. In particular, mutations of S732, H796, R799, R735, E789, and E721 that face the essential glutamates of the *c*-ring displayed significant activity defects, consistent with our proposed mechanism of proton pumping. Interestingly, three other mutants H801, K536, and S740 do not seem to reside along the proton path. Therefore, these residues may contribute to the overall structural stability of subunit *a* through intra subunit interaction (Figure 6A). For example, H801 in  $a_{CT8}$  and T414 in  $a_{CT1}$ , and K536 in  $a_{CT4}$  and S740 in  $a_{CT7}$ , respectively, are in H-bond distance, consistent with above hypothesis. Strikingly, mutations of three polar residues (K538, S534, and K593) that are not part of the proton path are in direct contact with the density of unknown identity, which is present in both independently refined half maps, suggesting that this unknown component of  $V_o$  may be important for V-ATPase function or stability.

**Human subunit a**—The basic structure of the yeast V-ATPase complex is preserved in the enzyme from higher organisms, including human. There are four subunit *a* isoforms in human ( $a_{1-4}$ ), with  $a_1$  found in neurons,  $a_2$  in endothelial cells,  $a_3$  in osteoclast ruffled membrane and pancreatic  $\beta$  cells, and  $a_4$  in the kidney (Toei et al., 2010). Sequence identity between yeast and human subunit *a* isoforms is between 30-50% (up to 85% similarity), allowing reliable modeling of human subunit *a* isoforms using our model as template. Mutations in  $a_3$  and  $a_4$  have been associated with osteopetrosis and kidney disease, respectively (Smith et al., 2000; Sobacchi et al., 2001; Stover et al., 2002; Susani et al., 2004) (Table S1). Nine out of the reported twelve disease causing mutations are located in  $a_{CT}$ , with five mutations in the putative proton pathway (Figure 6B). The mutations R444L ( $a_3$ ) and R449H ( $a_4$ ) (R462 in yeast) likely disrupt salt bridge formation with a neighboring E424L ( $a_3$ ) and E429H ( $a_4$ ) (E443 in yeast), which would result in a destabilization of  $a_{CT}$ . Interestingly, G220R, K237, and A131 are located at the distal domain of  $a_{NT}$  (Figure 6B), which undergoes a large conformational change upon V-ATPase dissociation or (re)association (Couoh-Cardel et al., 2015). K237 interacts with subunit *d* in free  $V_o$  through an electrostatic interaction, and A131 is part of the disordered loop (153-183) that is in contact with peripheral stator EG3 in the holo V-ATPase (Figure S5). This suggests that the conformational change of  $a_{NT}$  plays a role in activity regulation during reversible enzyme disassembly.

## Voa1, the yeast homologue of mammalian Ac45

Our structure reveals that the assembly factor Voa1 is a structural component of the mature  $V_o$  complex. Voa1 has recently been recognized as the yeast ortholog of mammalian Ac45 (ATP6AP1), a ~45 kDa glycosylated polypeptide that is found to be associated with the V-ATPase in some tissues (Jansen et al., 2016; Smith et al., 2016). However, the evolutionary relationship between Voa1 and Ac45 is limited to the proteins' C-terminal TMH, and it has been shown that the C-terminal TMH of Ac45 can complement the Voa1 deletion phenotype in yeast. Previous work has shown that Ac45 is present in both free  $V_o$  and holo  $V_1V_o$ , and that the 45 kDa glycosylated protein is bound to V-ATPase's  $V_o$  membrane sector on the luminal side of the complex via its C-terminal TMH (Wilkins and Forgac, 2001). Of note, the density in  $V_o$ ND here identified as belonging to Voa1's C-terminus is also observed in holo V-ATPase (Mazhab-Jafari et al., 2016), indicating that the assembly factor does not prevent functional binding of  $V_1$  to  $V_o$  *in vivo*. Besides providing evidence for the homology of Ac45's and Voa1's C-termini, Jansen et al. also reported that certain mutations in Ac45 are associated with an immunodeficiency phenotype, including a mutation M428I (M225 in Voa1), that is predicted to be part of the C-terminal TMH (Jansen et al., 2016). Our results show that Voa1 is an integral part of  $V_o$ , and that the assembly factor contributes to the stability of the mature complex as well as the recruitment of subunit *d* (Figure 3). However, while the C-termini of Voa1 and Ac45 appear to fulfill similar tasks, further studies will be required to elucidate the function of the luminal domain of Voa1.

## CONCLUSIONS

Here, we present the 3.5 Å resolution cryoEM structure of yeast  $V_o$  reconstituted into lipid nanodiscs. The isotropic resolution of the reconstruction highlights the potential of lipid nanodisc reconstitution of membrane protein complexes for high-resolution structure determination by cryoEM as previously demonstrated for the TRPV1 channel (Gao et al., 2016). We show that the assembly factor Voa1 is a part of the mature V-ATPase membrane sector and contributes to the structural stability of the proteolipid ring. We provide an atomic picture of the essential residues along the proton path and propose a mechanistic model of proton translocation that is well supported by a large body of available biochemical and functional data. Moreover, our structure provides a foundation for the study of V-ATPase related human diseases, information that may help with future development of therapeutic interventions.

## STAR METHODS

### CONTACT FOR REAGENT AND RESOURCE SHARING

Requests for further information as well as resources and reagents should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the Lead Contact, Stephan Wilkins (wilkenss@upstate.edu).

### EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS

**Yeast strain construction**—Yeast VOA1 mutant in the BY4741 strain background was purchased as part of a yeast deletion mutant array from Open Biosystems (Pittsburgh, PA). *voa1* *::kanMX* allele was PCR amplified from the mutant strain with oligonucleotides

upstream and downstream of the locus: *voa1-5' utr*: GCA ACA GTA CGA TTA TTA CAC TGA CTA TGC TGC AG; *voa1-3' utr*: GGC CAT TGC AGC AGC TAA ACC TCC AC. The fragment was transformed into a  $V_o$  purification strain in the BY4741 background with C-terminal calmodulin binding peptide (CBP) tag on subunit *a* (*vph1-CBP::ura3*) (Cough-Cardel et al., 2015). Transformants were selected on SD-ura+G418 media.

## METHOD DETAILS

**Purification of  $V_o$  from yeast microsomal membranes**—Protein purification of native  $V_o$  and  $V_o$  in a *voa1* background was performed as described previously (Stam and Wilkens, 2017). Briefly, cells were harvested during the second log phase of growth, broken by bead beating, and subjected to a differential centrifugation protocol to isolate microsomal membranes. Isolated membranes were solubilized using 0.6 mg of undecylmaltoside per mg of membrane protein and affinity purified via the CBP-tag with calmodulin sepharose (GE Life Sciences).  $V_o$  was reconstituted into lipid nanodisc as described previously (Stam and Wilkens, 2017). Briefly, detergent solubilized  $V_o$ , membrane scaffold protein (MSP1E3D1) and *E. coli* total lipid extract (Avanti Polar Lipids) were mixed in reconstitution buffer (20 mM Tris/HCl pH 7.4, 100 mM NaCl, 0.5 mM EDTA) at a molar ratio of 0.02:1:25, and subjected to detergent removal by Bio-Beads SM-2 (BioRad). Reconstitution was performed at 25 °C. Reconstituted samples were applied to calmodulin sepharose for removal of unfilled nanodisc, and subjected to size exclusion chromatography on a Superdex 200 column. Protein containing peak fractions were concentrated and stored at –80 °C until use. For the cryoEM image collection of the dataset presented here, frozen aliquots of  $V_o$ ND were thawed quickly and subjected to size exclusion chromatography on Superose 6GL (10 mm × 300 mm column) in 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4, 100 mM NaCl, 0.5 mM EDTA, 0.5 mM TCEP as a final polishing step. Peak fractions were taken straight for cryoEM sample preparation.

**Purification of  $V_1V_o$  from yeast vacuolar vesicles and mass spectrometry**—Holo V-ATPase was isolated from a yeast strain expressing N-terminally FLAG tagged subunit G and reconstituted into lipid nanodiscs as described (Sharma and Wilkens, 2017). Briefly, a 12 l culture grown to an OD of 1 was converted to spheroplasts and lysed with 10 strokes in a Dounce homogenizer in 12% Ficoll containing buffer. The lysed spheroplasts were overlaid with 12% Ficoll containing buffer and centrifuged in a SW 32 Ti swinging bucket rotor at 24,000 rpm for 40 minutes. Vacuoles were scooped from the top, homogenized in 12% Ficoll containing buffer, overlaid with 8% Ficoll and centrifuged under the same conditions. Purified vacuoles had a Concanamycin A sensitive MgATPase activity of 1.6 U/mg. Vacuoles were solubilized with 1.2 mg/mg dodecyl maltoside, reconstituted with 1.5 mg/mg membrane scaffold protein, and detergent was removed with polystyrene beads (BioBeads SM-2). Nanodisc reconstituted  $V_1V_o$  ( $V_1V_o$ ND) was purified from total nanodisc reconstituted vacuolar membrane protein using 1 ml anti FLAG affinity resin and eluted with 0.1 mg/ml FLAG peptide. For mass spectrometry,  $V_1V_o$ ND containing fractions were precipitated in presence of 10% TCA and precipitated protein was re-dissolved in 8 M urea, 100 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8, 5 mM DTT. Protein samples were heated at 65 °C for 10 minutes, alkylated with 15 mM iodoacetate and digested with mass spectrometry grade trypsin and chymotrypsin according to the manufacturer's (Promega) instructions.

V<sub>1</sub>V<sub>0</sub>ND samples were also resolved by SDS-PAGE to generate in-gel tryptic digests followed by mass spectrometry analysis on a Thermo LTQ Orbitrap mass spectrometer.

**Cryo-EM specimen preparation and imaging**—3  $\mu$ l aliquots of V<sub>0</sub>ND peak fractions from the Superose size exclusion chromatography run (0.3 mg/ml) were applied to glow-discharged gold grids (UltraAuFoil™ 1.2/1.3), blotted for 2~3 s, and then plunge-frozen in liquid ethane using a Leica EM GP (Leica). The grids were transferred into cartridges, loaded into an JEM3200FSC (300 KeV) electron-microscope with in-column omega filter (25e<sup>-</sup>V), and images were recorded at 0.7–3.5 m underfocus on a K2 summit direct electron detector (Gatan) with super-resolution mode at nominal 30K magnification corresponding to a sampling interval of 1.23Å/pixel (Super resolution 0.62 Å/pixel). Each micrograph was exposed for 10 sec with 5 e<sup>-</sup>/Å<sup>2</sup>/sec dose rate (total specimen dose, 50 e<sup>-</sup>/Å<sup>2</sup>), and ~50 frames were captured per specimen area using serial-EM.

**Image processing**—Each movie stack was initially binned by 2 and then corrected for drift and radiation damage using UNBLUR (Grant and Grigorieff, 2015) for total frames. From an initial data set, ~3,100 particles from 20 images were automatically picked by EMAN2 and the contrast transfer function (CTF) parameters were estimated internally based on the boxed particles (e2ctf.py)(Ludtke et al., 1999). Extracted particles were subjected to reference-free 2D classification and the resulting 2D class averages were used to generate an initial 3D model with C1 symmetry in EMAN2. For all the images, CTF was determined with CTFFIND4 (Rohou and Grigorieff, 2015). A total of 285,000 particles were automatically selected from 1,741 micrographs based on 2D references generated in EMAN2 using RELION1.4 (Scheres, 2012). After 2D class average and 3D classification, low-convergence classes were discarded and the remaining 193,646 particles were subjected to 3D auto-refinement in RELION. At this stage, the resulting map had a resolution of ~4.2 Å as determined by the gold-standard protocol implemented in RELION. The particles from 3D auto-refinement were then submitted to particle-based motion correction and radiation-damage weighting (Scheres, 2014). After another round of 3D classification using ‘polished particles’, 180,528 particles were then subjected to 3D auto-refinement and the resulting map had a resolution of 3.9 Å. To minimize potential errors from the signal of the lipid nanodisc, a solvent mask around the protein was used in additional iterations as focused refinement (Nguyen et al., 2015), and this focused refinement improved the resolution of the final map to 3.5 Å according to the gold-standard FSC at 0.143 correlation. The density map and resolution was validated by performing an additional round of reconstruction with original raw particle images after the Fourier phases were randomized beyond 7 Å using the same image processing protocol (Chen et al., 2013). The local resolution of the density map was assessed by ResMap (Kucukelbir et al., 2014).

**Model building**—To generate the molecular model, homology models of subunit *d* and the *c*-ring (Couoh-Cardel et al., 2016) and portions of previously published models (PDBIDs: 5TJ5, 3J9V; (Mazhab-Jafari et al., 2016; Zhao et al., 2015)) were fit into the density map using Chimera’s Fit in Map Tool (Pettersen et al., 2004). Subunit *a* had the largest amount of unknown density. At this resolution, its protein boundaries could be visually determined, even in regions lacking an associated model. A 30 Å color zone in Chimera was then used to

segment density around the known modeled regions. Not all of subunit *a* had previously been modeled, and thus the extra-large segmentation could encompass the excess density. The *de novo* modeling pipeline (Baker et al., 2010) was then used to complete various regions that were not previously modeled, including the N-terminal domain of subunit *a* ( $a_{NT}$ ), subunits *e*, *f*, and large portions of subunit *d* (Figure 2, S2A, Movie S2). Here, the secondary structure prediction was assessed against predicted  $\alpha$  helices in the density map, focusing on helix length, disorder and transmembrane regions; all predictions were based on the PHYRE2 Protein Fold Recognition Server (Kelley et al., 2015). Once the predicted  $\alpha$  helices were positioned, large aromatic amino acids were used as anchors to register  $\alpha$  helices within the density. Loop regions were then built connecting the assigned helices. Subunit *a* was then optimized against the segmented density alone, focusing on the *de novo* regions with Phenix.real\_space\_refine using default parameters plus simulated annealing (Adams et al., 2010). This quickly adjusted the fit to density for the individual subunit. The larger complex was then optimized with Phenix.real\_space\_refine (default parameters) using the complete 3.5Å density map as a constraint. Coot (Emsley and Cowtan, 2004) was then used to manually adjust loop regions that did not converge into the density. Ramachandran outliers were manually adjusted, in addition to amino acids with distortions in bond lengths and angles. Phenix.refine using structure factors generated by Phenix.map\_to\_structure\_factors was then used to further optimize the model with stronger geometry restraints. Hydrogen atoms were included to improve geometry in later refinement cycles. Multiple iterations of reciprocal-space model optimization employing torsion-angle non-crystallographic symmetry (NCS) restraints, manual model building in Coot, and real-space optimization were carried out until no further improvement could be obtained. Model quality was assessed by analysis with Molprobity (Davis et al., 2004) and EMRinger (Barad et al., 2015), and the final map and model were used to model the atom positional uncertainty (atomic displacement parameters (ADP) (Roh et al., 2017; Trueblood, 1996) (Figure S2A, Movie S2). Buried surface areas were analyzed using PISA as implemented in the CCP4 program suite (Krissinel and Henrick, 2007). Aqueous cavities were analyzed using 3v (Voss and Gerstein, 2010).

## QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Quantification, statistical analysis and validation are implemented in the software packages used for 3-D reconstruction and model refinement.

## DATA AND SOFTWARE AVAILABILITY

The 3D cryoEM density map has been deposited in the Electron Microscopy Data Bank under the accession number EMD: EMD-7348. Coordinates have been deposited in the Protein Data Bank under the accession number PDB: 6C6L.

## Supplementary Material

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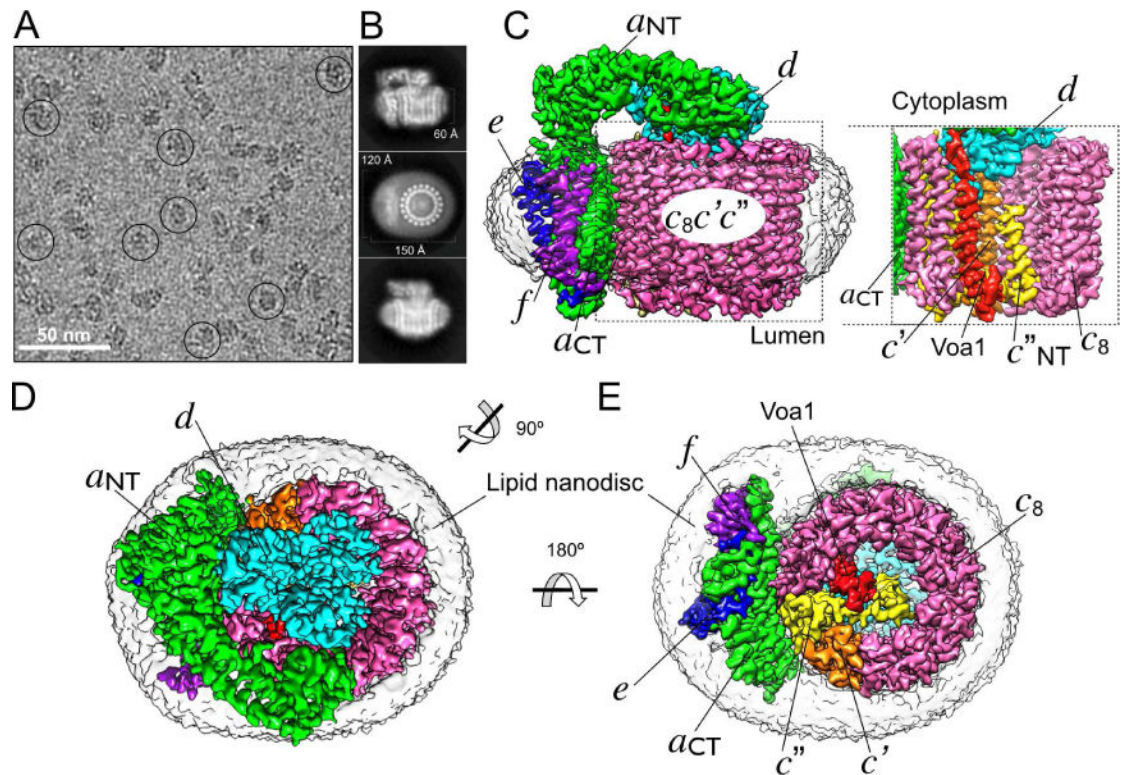
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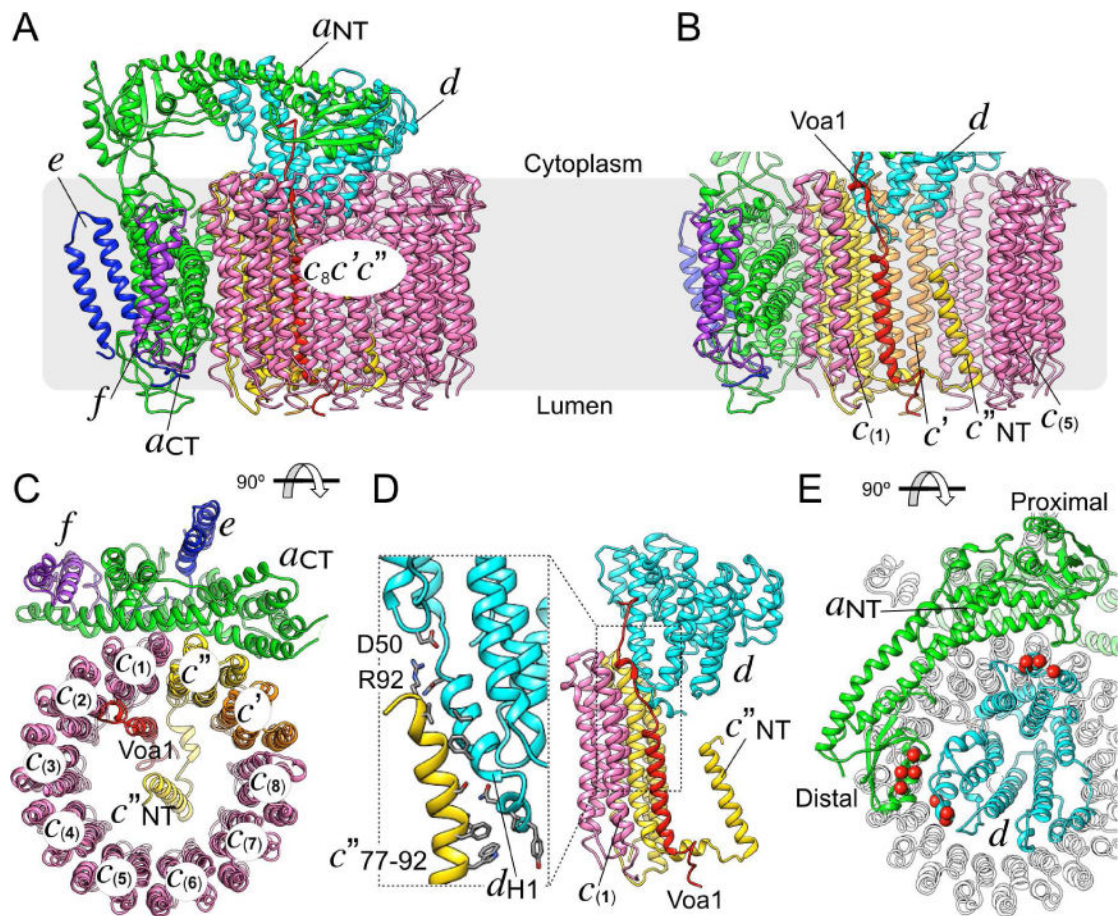
**Highlights**

- Atomic cryoEM structure of yeast V-ATPase  $V_o$  proton channel sector in lipid nanodisc
- Proton translocation pathway with atomic details
- The C-terminal transmembrane  $\alpha$  helix of the assembly factor Voa1 is part of the  $V_o$
- Functional interpretation of disease causing mutations in Human V-ATPase



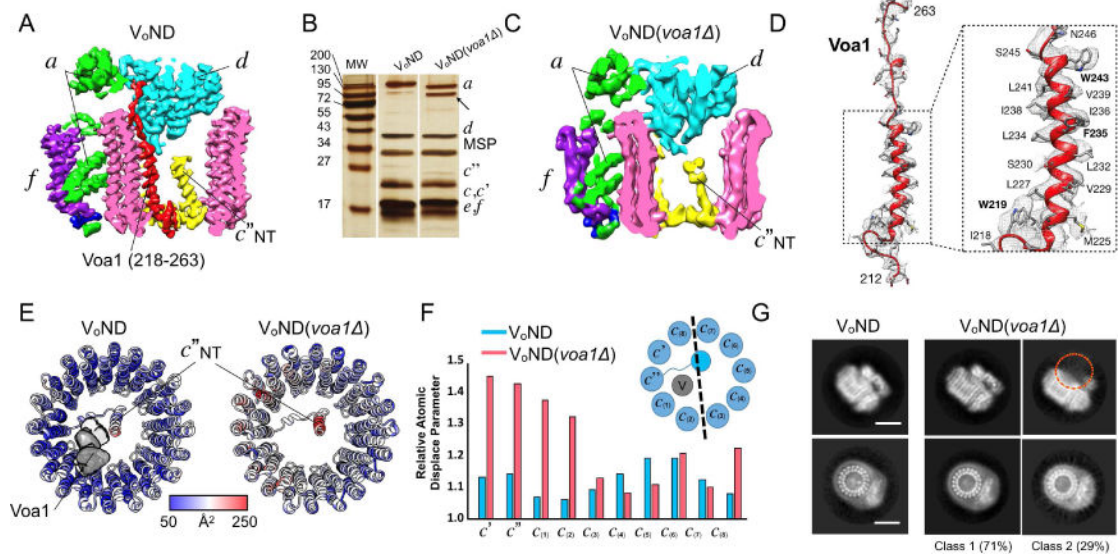
**Figure 1. 3.5 Å resolution cryoEM map of V<sub>0</sub>ND**

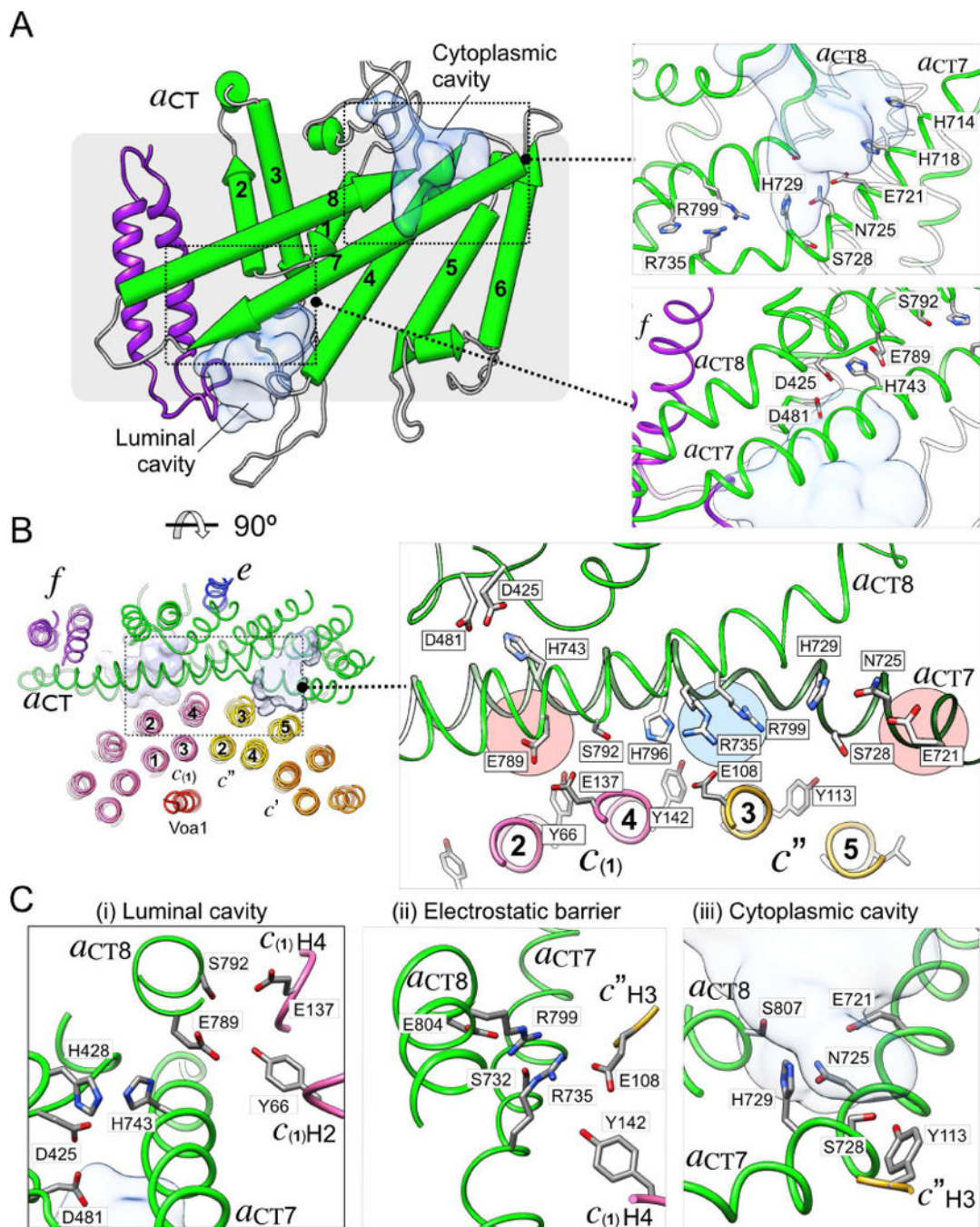
(A) Electron micrograph of ice-embedded V<sub>0</sub>ND showing uniform particle distribution with representative particles highlighted by circles. (B) Averaged 2D projections showing elements of secondary structure surrounded by isotropic density of the 150×120×60 Å<sup>3</sup> lipid nanodiscs. (C) V<sub>0</sub>ND density map showing subunits *a* (green), *d* (cyan), *e* (blue), *f* (purple), and *c*-ring subunits *c*<sub>8</sub> (pink), *c*' (orange) and *c*'' (yellow). The image to the right shows the inside of the *c*-ring, highlighting the N-terminal α helix of *c*'' (*c*''<sub>NT</sub>), and the here identified integral component of V<sub>0</sub>, the C-terminal TMH of the assembly factor Voa1 (red). (D) View from the cytoplasm towards the membrane showing the rotor subunit *d* atop the *c*-ring and next to *a*<sub>NT</sub>. (E) View from the lumen showing the position of Voa1 and subunits *c*' and *c*'' relative to *a*<sub>CT</sub>. The low-pass filtered density of the lipid nanodisc is shown in transparent grey. The same color codes for different protein subunits are used throughout the remaining figures. See also Table 1, Figure S1 and Movies S1, S2.



### Figure 2. Atomic model of V<sub>0</sub>ND

(A) Ribbon diagram of the all-atomic model of nanodisc reconstituted yeast V<sub>0</sub>. (B) View inside the *c*-ring highlighting the arrangement of Voa1, the N-terminal TMH of *c*' (*c*'NT) and subunit *d*. (C) The interface between the *c*-ring and *a*CT is formed by *c*(1) and *c*''. (D) The interaction between subunits *d* and *c*'' is mediated by hydrophobic contacts and a possible salt bridge between *c*''R92 and *d*D50. *d*H<sub>1</sub> indicates subunit *d*'s N-terminal  $\alpha$  helix. (E) The interaction between *a*NT and subunit *d* when viewed from the cytoplasm towards the membrane, with contact residues previously identified biochemically (Stam and Wilkens, 2017) highlighted by space fill C $\alpha$ s shown in red. See also Table 1, Figure S2 and Movie S3.

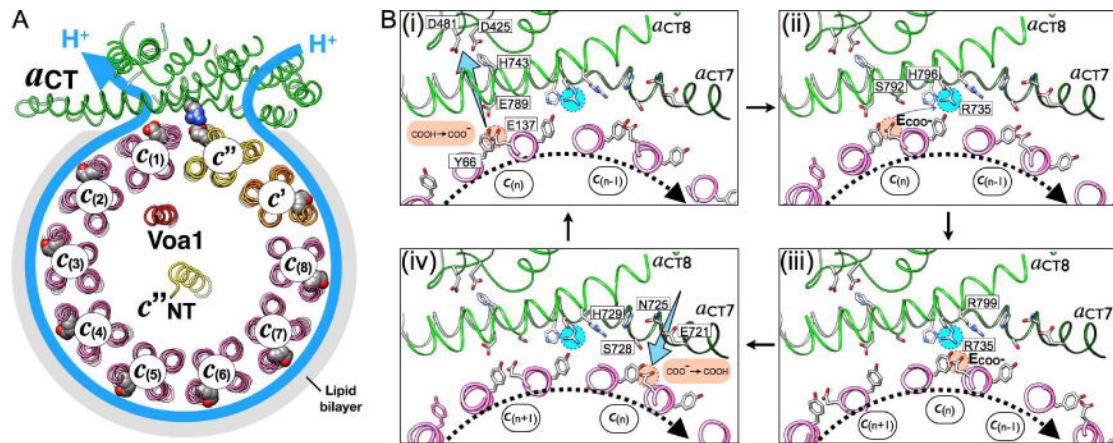




**Figure 4. Subunit *a* and the proton path**

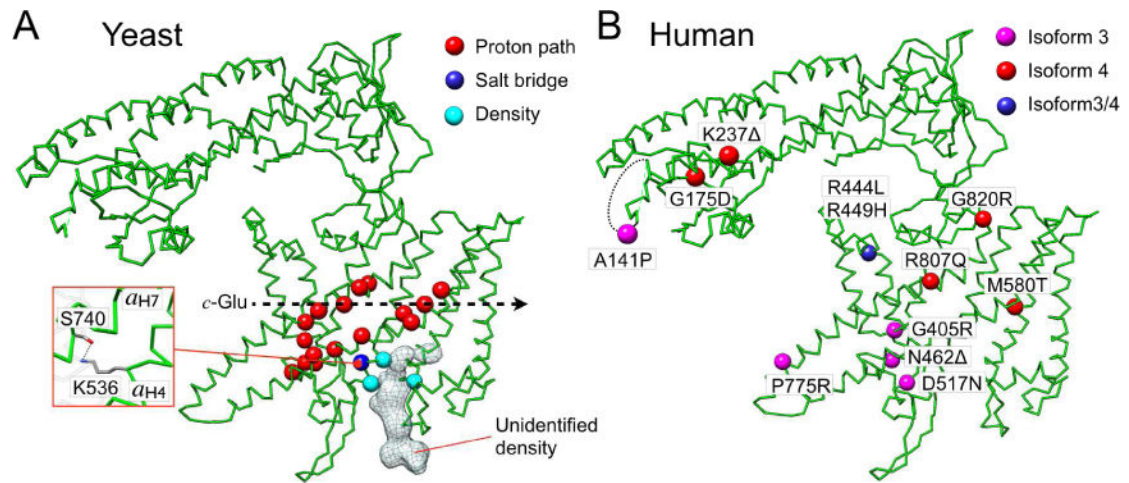
(A) Schematic of *aCT* showing TMHs 1-8 (*aCT*1-8), with the cytosolic and luminal aqueous access cavities shown in the top and bottom insets annotated with key amino acid residues, respectively. (B) Interface between *aCT* and the *c*-ring as seen from the cytoplasm. The interface buries *aCT*7 and 8 and the outer surface of *c*(1) and *c*'. Some of the residues that mediate the interaction between *c*-ring and *aCT* are shown in the zoomed-in view; (i) Residues near the luminal cavity, (ii) the electrostatic barrier (*aR*735 and *aR*799), and (iii), the cytoplasmic access cavity. See also Figure S4 and Movie S4.





### Figure 5. Mechanistic model of proton pumping

(A) View of our structure from the cytoplasm illustrating the proton path in  $V_o$ . (B) Mechanistic model of  $c$ -ring- $a_{CT}$  interactions upon  $c$ -ring clockwise rotation during V-ATPase driven proton pumping. One glutamate (E137) in one  $c$ -ring subunit ( $c_n$ ) is deprotonated by passing its  $H^+$  to E789 at the luminal cavity (i), and the  $H^+$  is delivered to the lumen through a sequence of polar residues (H743, D425 and D481 in  $a_{CT}$ ); (ii), (iii) The deprotonated E137 is stabilized by interactions with S792, H796 (ii), and attracted by the positively charged R735, forming a salt bridge (iii); (iv) Further rotation breaks the salt bridge and brings the glutamate into contact with the cytoplasmic cavity, where it is re-protonated from the cytoplasm near E721. See also Movie S5.



**Figure 6. Mechanistic interpretation of loss-of-function mutations in subunit *a* of yeast and human V-ATPase**

(A) Residues indicated by space fill C $\alpha$ s (red circle) are implicated in V-ATPase activity based on mutagenesis and functional studies in yeast (Toei et al., 2011). Some of the residues are found to make contact with the unidentified density at the luminal side of  $a_{CT}$ . S740 and K536 appear to interact via H-bond (box). (B) Disposition of the disease-causing mutations in isoforms 3 and 4 of human V-ATPase subunit *a*. See also Figure S5 and Table S1.

**Table 1**

CryoEM data collection and processing, Related to Figure 1 and 2

<b>CryoEM map reconstruction parameters</b>			
<b>Data Collection/Image Processing</b>	<b>Instrument/Software/Settings</b>	<b>Specifics</b>	
Grid	UltrAuFoil 1.2/1.3	Quantifoil	
Cryo-specimen freezing	Leica EM GP	1 blot; 90% RH; Blot time = 2~3 sec	
Electron microscope	JEM3200FSC	300 keV, in-column energy filter (25 eV)	
Detector	Gatan K2 Summit	4K × 4K, 5 $\mu$ m pixel size	
Sampling interval	0.615 Å/Pixel	Super-resolution, 1.23 Å/Pixel (2×2 binned)	
Exposure rate on specimen	5 e <sup>-</sup> /Å <sup>2</sup> /s	5 frames/sec	
Exposure time	10 sec	Total dose 50 e <sup>-</sup> /Å <sup>2</sup>	
Drift correction	Unblur with exposure filter	1,741 movies	
Defocus range	0.7 – 4 $\mu$ m		
Defocus determination	CTFFIND4		
Particles picked	RELION 1.4		
Particle box size	200 × 200		
Number of particle used	180,528	out of 285,000 boxed particles	
Initial map generation	EMAN 2.1		
Map refinement	RELION 1.4		
Resolution	3.5 Å	Gold standard FSC at 0.143	
Modeling	Chimera, Coot and Phenix	De novo model building	
<b>Model refinement statistics</b>			
Non-hydrogen atoms	22,110		
Protein residues modeled/expected	2,866/3,000	Excluding Voal	
All-Atom Contacts (Clash score*)	4.44	100 <sup>th</sup> percentile (N=37, 3Å - 9999Å)	
<b>Protein Geometry</b>			
Poor rotamers	14	0.60%	Goal: <0.3%
Favored rotamers	2180	93.04%	Goal: >98%
Ramachandran outliers	0	0.00%	Goal: <0.05%
Ramachandran favored	2794	97.54%	Goal: >98%
MolProbity score	1.32	100 <sup>th</sup> percentile (N=342, 3.50Å ± 0.25Å)	
C $\beta$ deviations >0.25Å	0	0.00%	Goal: 0
Bad bonds:	0/22558	0.00%	Goal: 0%
Bad angles:	0/30638	0.00%	Goal: <0.1%
<b>Peptide Omegas</b>			
Cis Prolines:	0/86	0.00%	Expected: 1 per chain, or 5%
<b>Low-resolution Criteria</b>			
Ca BLAM outliers	28	0.98%	Goal: <1.0%
Ca. Geometry outliers	6	0.21%	Goal: <0.5%

**Model refinement statistics**

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<b>EmRinger Score (1603 residues)</b>	1.93
<b>Isotropic B factor <math>\text{\AA}^2</math> (average)</b>	165.1

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