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Preparation of Intact Mitochondria. Cells grown in yeast-dextrose medium [2% (wt/vol) glucose, 0.5% yeast extract] were harvested at late exponential growth phase [optical density $(OD)_{600}$ ∼10 OD] and washed with ice-cold washing buffer (10 mM Tris·Cl, 0.4 M mannitol, 1 mM EDTA, 0.05 mM EGTA at pH 7.2, + 4 mg/mL freshly added fatty acid-free BSA). The wet weight of the cells was determined, and the cells were then resuspended in 1 mL/g cells ice-cold disintegration buffer (10 mM Tris·Cl, 0.6 M mannitol, 0.05 mM EDTA, 1 mM EGTA at pH 7.2, + 4 mg/mL freshly added fatty acid-free BSA). Glass beads (0.5 mm, 1 g/g cells) were added, and the suspension was mixed for 10 min on ice, using a propeller type stirrer. Another portion of glass beads (0.25–0.5 mm, $\overline{0.5}$ g/g cells) was added, and stirring continued for 10 min on ice. Mitochondria were then prepared by differential centrifugation at 4 °C, using a JA20 rotor. The cells debris was removed by centrifugation at 3,000 rpm for 5 min, and the mitochondria were sedimented from the supernatant by centrifugation at 12,000 rpm for 10 min. The pellet was resuspended in ice-cold mitochondria washing buffer (10 mM Tris·Cl, 0.6 M mannitol, 0.05 mM EDTA, 0.05 mM EGTA at pH 7.2, + 4 mg/mL freshly added fatty acid-free BSA), and impurities were pelleted by centrifugation at 5,500 rpm for 5 min. The mitochondria-containing supernatant was again centrifuged for 10 min at 12,000 rpm. The sediment was resuspended in a small volume of mitochondria washing buffer and applied to sucrose step gradient centrifugation (rotor TH641, 27,000 rpm, 45 min, 4 °C). The mitochondria were collected and washed with EDTA-free buffer 10 mM Tris·Cl, 0.6 M mannitol at pH 7.2, + 1 mg/mL freshly added fatty acid-free BSA, and centrifuged again in rotor JA20 for 10 min at 12,000 rpm. After resuspending the pellet in EDTA-free buffer (∼500 μL), the protein concentration was determined using a modified Lowry protocol subtracting the added 1 mg/mL BSA. Aliquots, 400 μg in size, of intact mitochondria (respiratory control ratio, ∼5.8; state 3 vs. state 4 respiration) were frozen in liquid nitrogen.

Preparation of Mitochondrial Membranes and Purification and Fragmentation of Complex I. Mitochondrial membranes were prepared as described previously (1). Purification of n-dodecyl-β-Dmaltoside solubilized complex I was carried out as detailed in ref. 1. The preparation of the peripheral arm fragment $(I\lambda)$ of *Yarrowia* lipolytica complex I was done essentially as described in ref. 2.

Electron Microscopy. Samples of the subcomplex $nb4m\Delta$ were diluted to ∼15 μg/mL applied to continuous carbon-coated, glowdischarged grids and deep stain embedded in 2% phosphotungstic acid (pH 7.2). The sample was imaged at 100 kV under low-dose conditions. Images were recorded on a slow-scan CCD camera at a nominal magnification of 42,000, resulting in a calibrated pixel size of 3.02 Å. Images were recorded at a defocus of close to 1 μ m,

resulting in a resolution limit of ∼2 nm within the first zero of the transfer function.

For image processing, a total of 6,559 images of single $nb4m\Delta$ particles were boxed out of the micrographs. In a first step, the images were interpolated down to a resolution of 3.6 Å for later comparison with the reference structure. As a reference, the contrast transfer function-corrected 0° images of the earlier random conical data set were used, which are the data used for the earlier 3D reconstruction of Y. lipolytica complex I (3). The sample for this reconstruction had also had been prepared by deep stain embedding in phosphotungstic acid.

The images of the subcomplex nb4mΔ were first centered against a rotationally symmetrized reference followed by rotational alignment toward two references that were two views of complex I from opposite sides, obtained from averages of the reference data set. In a second step, multireference alignment was carried out against the class averages obtained from the reference data set (3). The data set of the subcomplex contained predominantly one view and only a minority of images showing the complex in a flipped orientation. These flipped views were easily recognizable and were removed from the data, resulting in a final data set size of 5,202 images. The data set of the holocomplex had undergone prior classifications, in which processflipped views had been removed (1), and contained 10,886 images. From the 5,202 aligned images of the subcomplex $nb4m\Delta$, the average was calculated and subtracted from the total average of the holoenzyme data. For further analysis, both data sets were combined into a single image series, with the first 10,886 images being from the holocomplex and 5,202 images from the subcomplex $nb4m\Delta$. The combined set was low-pass filtered to 30 Å and subjected to correspondence analysis. Of the 8 factors/ principle components, factors 1, 2, and 4–8 were used for a classification using Diday's method of moving centers followed by hierarchical ascendant classification (4). Factor 3 was not included in the final classification, as this factor had the tendency to separate the two data sets. Because this information is known a priori, no new information could be gained by including this factor. A final number of seven classes was obtained. Each of the seven classes was split into two sets, with one containing the images of the subcomplex and the other containing only the images of the holocomplex. From both sets in each class, separate average images were calculated for comparison. The results clearly show that domain 6 is missing in each of the classes, confirming that the apparent lack of the domain is not a result of conformational variability.

Iron Determination. Iron-to-protein ratios were determined by total-reflection X-ray fluorescence, using a Picofox S2 spectrometer (Bruker) with MoKa radiation, and a measuring time of 1,000 s, essentially as described in ref. 5.

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Fig. S2. Profile of size-exclusion chromatography. Purification of complex I from strain nb4mΔ (red) was straightforward, and the final gel filtration chromatography on a TSK 4000SW column did not resolve a difference in size with complex I from the parental strain (blue). The strong noise at the peak maximum reflects a signal overflow at the detector.

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Fig. S3. Doubled (d) SDS-PAGE analysis of the peripheral arm fragment Iλ, generated from parental complex I and complex I from strain nb4mΔ. Protein complexes were disintegrated by exposure to the harsh detergent lauryldimethylamine-oxide and repurified. The subunit composition of the peripheral arm fragment Iλ was confirmed by mass spectrometry (Table S1). First dimension, 10% SDS/PAGE + 6 M urea; second dimension, 16% SDS/PAGE; blue captions, central subunits; black captions, accessory subunits; NB4M and mitochondrial acyl carrier protein subunit ACPM1 are highlighted in green; the corresponding position in the gel of the Iλ fragment of the deletion strain is indicated by red circles.

Fig. S4. Electron spin resonance (EPR) spectrum of purified complex I from strain nb4mΔ. At 12 K, complex I of the mutant in the oxidized state shows an EPR signal characteristic for 3Fe-4S clusters (A), but the signal intensity is low, as can be deduced from the EPR spectrum of the same sample reduced by nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (reduced form) (NADH), which was recorded under identical conditions (B). The signal in the oxidized state most likely represents defective iron–sulfur cluster N2, but the intensity is far too low to account for the missing 40% in signal intensity, as estimated from double integration of the difference spectrum from Fig. 2 and the spectrum of the oxidized sample. At 8 K and high microwave power, iron–sulfur cluster N5 is detectable in mutant complex I without any changes compared with the parental sample (C and D).

Fig. S5. Complex I content of mitochondrial membranes assessed by blue native (BN)-PAGE. Complex I band (CI) from BN-PAGE of dodecylmaltoside-solubilized mitochondrial membranes.

Fig. S6. EPR spectra recorded at 12 K of purified parental and mutant complex I reduced by NADH. The indicated relative intensities of N2 were obtained after normalization on the intensities of EPR signals N3 and N4 of the parental sample (see also Fig. 2) and comparison of the amplitudes of the g_z component of cluster N2 EPR signals in the parental sample with those of the mutant samples (see also Table 1).

Fig. S7. Seven class averages obtained from a classification combined data set containing both the images of the holocomplex and the images of the subcomplex from strain nb4mΔ. (Upper) Class averages calculated only from the images of the parental complex I contained in each class. (Lower) Calculated only from the images from strain nb4m∆ contained in each class. The number of images contributing to each average is indicated. The comparison between the average images of the complete complex I and of the subcomplex clearly show that domain 6 is missing in the strain nb4m∆ in all class averages. All images are shown low-pass filtered to 3-nm resolution. (Scale bar, 10 nm.)

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Fig. S8. Structural model of acyl carrier protein ACPM1 residing at the distal end of subdomain 6. Fit of structural model for subunit ACPM1 (cyan), one representative conformer of the NMR structure of the human mitochondrial acyl carrier protein NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) Alpha/Beta subcomplex subunit 1 (NDUFAB1) (2DNW; green), and X-ray structure of ACP from Escherichia coli [2FAE (1), pink] into the X-ray electron density map of Y. lipolytica complex I (2) (gray, contour level 1.3, clipping adjusted for optimal visibility of acyl carrier protein). The characteristic acyl carrier protein fold comprises four helices (α1-α4); the decanoyl-phosphopantetheine bound to Serine-36 of the E. coli ACP is resolved (ball and stick representation, color element-specific); the position of the phosphate moiety coincides with a connectivity between the tip of helix α-2 of the acyl carrier protein and an adjacent helical feature in the electron density map assigned to subunit NB4M (see Results). (A and B) side views, (C) top view, (D) view from below into the central cavity accommodating the decanoyl-phosphopantetheine; for orientation in A, compare Fig. 5B.

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Number of MS/MS spectra that were matched to the protein/Mascot score. Mascot search parameters: peptide mass tolerance, 10 ppm; fragment mass tolerance, 0.8 kDa; maximum missed cleavage sites, 2; fixed modifications, carbamidomethyl (C); variable modification, oxidation (M); enzyme, trypsin; all peptides were filtered for significant hits (Mascot significance threshold $P < 0.05$; cut off, 16). Bold captions, central subunits; nonbold captions, accessory subunits.

*Blue native electrophoresis (BNE), band of affinity purified complex I. [†]Prepared from purified complex I; BNE band of purified subcomplex Ιλ.

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| Subunit* | Remarks [†] | Parental [#] | $nb4m\Delta^+$ |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 75 kDa | NUAM, YALI0D05467g, mature, 75.2 kDa | 46.4% cov., 498 hits, 26 pep. | 49.14% cov., 482 hits, 24 pep. |
| 51 kDa | NUBM, YALI0B20372g, mature, 51.6 kDa | 62.13% cov., 251 hits, 22 pep. | 53.4% cov., 239 hits, 19 pep. |
| 49 kDa | NUCM, YALI0F17248q, mature, 49.9 kDa | 61.04% cov., 304 hits, 19 pep. | 62.61% cov., 274 hits, 18 pep. |
| 30 kDa | NUGM, YALI0F02123g, mature, 29.2 kDa | 70.92% cov., 222 hits, 17 pep. | 75.7% cov., 280 hits, 17 pep. |
| 24 kDa | NUHM, YALI0D00737g, mature, 24.1 kDa | 42.79% cov., 88 hits, 9 pep. | 27.91% cov., 23 hits, 4 pep. |
| TYKY | NUIM, YALI0F00924q, mature, 22.3 kDa | 67.17% cov., 117 hits, 9 pep. | 60.61% cov., 151 hits, 7 pep. |
| PSST | NUKM, YALI0F06050g, mature, 20.4 kDa | 54.1% cov., 20 hits, 5 pep. | 42.62% cov., 15 hits, 3 pep. |
| NUEM | NUEM, YALI0D24585g, mature, 40.4 kDa | 69.3% cov., 399 hits, 20 pep. | 67.04% cov., 269 hits, 17 pep. |
| NUZM | NUZM, YALI0A02651g, 19.7 kDa | 65.38% cov., 179 hits, 10 pep. | 79.12% cov., 170 hits, 11 pep. |
| N7BM | N7BM, YALI0B00792g, 16.1 kDa | 38.41% cov., 62 hits, 5 pep. | 38.41% cov., 41 hits, 4 pep. |
| NUYM | NUYM, YALI0B14861g, mature, 15.9 kDa | 62.04% cov., 57 hits, 6 pep. | 47.45% cov., 69 hits, 5 pep. |
| NUFM | NUFM, YALI0E23089g mature, 15.6 kDa | 35.29% cov., 89 hits, 5 pep. | 35.29% cov., 107 hits, 5 pep. |
| NUMM | NUMM, YALI0D19030g, 15.1 kDa | 26.47% cov., 21 hits, 2 pep. | 39.71% cov., 22 hits, 3 pep. |
| NI8M | NI8M, YALI0C03201g, 9.6 kDa | 16.09% cov., 40 hits, 1 pep. | 45.98% cov., 72 hits, 3 pep. |
| NB4M | NB4M, YALI0A01419g, mature, 14.6 kDa | 65.85% cov., 160 hits, 6 pep. | no peptides identified |
| ACPM1 | ACPM1, YALI0D14850g, 12 kDa | 37.61% cov., 61 hits, 4 pep. | 43.12% cov., 53 hits, 5 pep. |
| ND1 | NU1M, ND1, 38.3 kDa | 2.35% cov., 23 hits, 1 pep. | 2.35% cov., 19 hits, 1 pep. |
| ND3 | NU3M, ND3, 14.5 kDa | 21.88% cov., 38 hits, 2 pep. | 21.88% cov., 33 hits, 2 pep. |
| NUXM | NUXM, YALI0E28424g, 18.6 kDa | 31.36% cov., 111 hits, 5 pep. | 31.36% cov., 131 hits, 5 pep. |
| NIMM | NIMM, YALI0C21789g, 9.8 kDa | 31.03% cov., 18 hits, 3 pep. | 31.03% cov., 12 hits, 3 pep. |
| NB6M | NB6M, YALI0E28930g, 14.1 kDa | 41.46% cov., 81 hits, 4 pep. | 41.46% cov., 79 hits, 4 pep. |
| NUPM | NUPM, YALI0A20680g, 19.3 kDa | 61.05% cov., 80 hits, 8 pep. | 73.26% cov., 95 hits, 11 pep. |
| NI9M | NI9M, YALI0E23749q, 9 kDa | 55.13% cov., 35 hits, 3 pep. | 56.41% cov., 66 hits, 4 pep. |
| NEBM | NEBM, 8 kDa | 22.97% cov., 18 hits, 1 pep. | 22.97% cov., 22 hits, 1 pep. |
| ND4 | NU4M, ND4, 54.4 kDa | 2.47% cov., 1 hits, 1 pep. | 4.32% cov., 21 hits, 2 pep. |
| ND5 | NU5M, ND5, 73.7 kDa | 11.76% cov., 76 hits, 7 pep. | 15.11% cov., 116 hits, 8 pep. |
| ACPM ₂ | ACPM2, YALI0D24629g, 14.4 kDa | 23.48% cov., 72 hits, 3 pep. | 23.48% cov., 56 hits, 3 pep. |
| NESM | NESM, YALI0E29095g, mature, 23.4 kDa | 61.76% cov., 383 hits, 14 pep. | 53.43% cov., 278 hits, 10 pep. |
| NUJM | NUJM, YALI0E11891g, 20.8 kDa | 27.27% cov., 83 hits, 4 pep. | 36.87% cov., 97 hits, 5 pep. |
| NB5M | NB5M, YALI0F06061g, mature, 10.3 kDa | 30.43% cov., 42 hits, 2 pep. | 30.43% cov., 58 hits, 2 pep. |
| NIAM | NIAM, YALI0D04939g, mature, 14.6 kDa | 47.2% cov., 87 hits, 5 pep. | 43.2% cov., 42 hits, 4 pep. |
| NB ₂ M | NB2M, YALI0D10274g, 6.9 kDa | 16.67% cov., 3 hits, 1 pep. | 51.67% cov., 4 hits, 2 pep. |
| NUNM | NUNM, YALI0F14003g, 15.8 kDa | 41.73% cov., 28 hits, 5 pep. | 41.73% cov., 55 hits, 6 pep. |
| NI2M | NI2M, YALI0D07216q, 12.9 kDa | 28.44% cov., 16 hits, 3 pep. | 25.69% cov., 19 hits, 3 pep. |
| NB8M | NB8M, YALI0E31766g, mature, 11.1 kDa | 58.16% cov., 58 hits, 5 pep. | 43.88% cov., 43 hits, 3 pep. |
| NIPM | NIPM, YALI0F18359g, 10 kDa | 42.7% cov., 9 hits, 3 pep. | 10.11% cov., 3 hits, 1 pep. |
| NIDM | NIDM, YALI0A17946g, 11 kDa | 9.78% cov., 9 hits, 1 pep. | 9.78% cov., 6 hits, 1 pep. |
| NUUM | NUUM, 9.8 kDa | 31.11% cov., 3 hits, 2 pep. | 31.11% cov., 13 hits, 2 pep. |
| ST ₁ | ST1, YALI0F23551g, 34.6 kDa | 40.63% cov., 30 hits, 8 pep. | 48.57% cov., 17 hits, 10 pep. |

Table S2. Complete protein identification data of the complexome profiles shown in Fig. S1

*Bold captions, central subunits; nonbold captions, accessory subunits. Hydrophobic central subunits ND2, ND6, and ND4L were not identified.

† Swiss‐prot identifier, accession number Genolevures data bank (1), protein mass, in case of cleavage of N-terminal methionine or signal sequence is known, the mass of the mature protein is indicated (2).

‡ Coverage (cov.), hits, and unique peptides (pep).

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