Structure of a Complete ATP Synthase Dimer Reveals the Molecular Basis of Inner Mitochondrial Membrane Morphology

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SUMMARY
We determined the structure of a complete, dimeric F$_i$F$_o$-ATP synthase from yeast Yarrowia lipolytica mitochondria by a combination of cryo-EM and X-ray crystallography. The final structure resolves 58 of the 60 dimer subunits. Horizontal helices of subunit a in F$_o$ wrap around the c-ring rotor, and a total of six vertical helices assigned to subunits a, b, f, i, and 8 span the membrane. Subunit 8 (A6L in human) is an evolutionary derivative of the bacterial b subunit. On the lumenal membrane surface, subunit f establishes direct contact between the two monomers. Comparison with a cryo-EM map of the F$_i$F$_o$ monomer identifies subunits e and g at the lateral dimer interface. They do not form dimer contacts but enable dimer formation by inducing a strong membrane curvature of ~100°. Our structure explains the structural basis of cristae formation in mitochondria, a landmark signature of eukaryotic cell morphology.

INTRODUCTION
The mitochondrial F$_i$F$_o$-ATP synthase produces most of the ATP in the cell by rotary catalysis and plays a crucial role in severe human neurodegenerative disorders (Kucharczyk et al., 2009). The proton motive force (pmf) across the inner membrane drives the c-ring rotor in the membrane-embedded F$_o$ subcomplex, generating the torque that powers a sequence of conformational changes in the membrane-extrinsic F$_i$ subcomplex, resulting in ATP generation (Abrahams et al., 1994; Boyer, 1997; Noji et al., 1997). The F$_o$ subcomplex is connected to F$_i$ by the central stalk, which transmits torque to the catalytic head, and the peripheral stalk, which acts as a stator to prevent idle rotation of the F$_i$ head with the c-ring.

Dimers of the ATP synthase shape the inner mitochondrial membrane and mediate cristae formation (Davies et al., 2012; Paumard et al., 2002). The ATP synthase forms rows of V-shaped dimers along the highly curved edges of inner membrane cristae (Strauss et al., 2008). The dimer angle is 86° in yeasts and metazoans, but different in mitochondria of plants (Davies et al., 2011) and algae (Allegretti et al., 2015). Recently, the complete structure of the dimeric mitochondrial ATP synthase of the chlorophyll-less green alga Polytomella sp. was reported at 6.2 Å resolution, revealing the unexpected feature of a horizontal four-helix bundle in the a subunit of the F$_o$ subcomplex (Allegretti et al., 2015). The long horizontal helices are conserved not only in mammalian mitochondria (Zhou et al., 2015) and bacteria (Morales-Rios et al., 2015) but also in the more distantly related V-type and A-type ATPases (Zhao et al., 2015), and are thus a fundamental feature common to all rotary ATPases (Kühlbrandt and Davies, 2016). Together with the c-ring rotor, the horizontal helices of subunit a create two aqueous half-channels on either side of the membrane (Allegretti et al., 2015; Kühlbrandt and Davies, 2016). The c subunits in the rotor ring bind and release protons as the ring rotates through the alternating hydrophobic environment of the lipid bilayer and the aqueous environment of the half-channels (Allegretti et al., 2015; Meier et al., 2011, 2005; Pogoryelov et al., 2010; Symersky et al., 2012), thereby generating the torque for ATP synthesis.

The recently reported structures include the dimeric form of an ATP synthase that has unusual peripheral stalks (Allegretti et al., 2015), and the monomer of the bovine complex (Zhou et al., 2015) as well as a bacterial ATP synthase (Morales-Rios et al., 2015), which both appear to be incomplete. There is currently no structure of an ATP synthase dimer that closely resembles the mammalian complex. Mitochondrial ATP synthases from yeasts have a subunit composition very similar to the mammalian (human) ATP synthase and form the same V-shaped dimers. By a combination of cryoelectron microscopy (cryo-EM) and X-ray crystallography, we have obtained the structure of the complete ATP synthase dimer from the aerobic, genetically accessible yeast Yarrowia lipolytica, in which ATP synthase dimers were previously reported (Davies et al., 2011; Nübel et al., 2006). The combined maps resolve 58 of the 60 known
Isolation and Biochemistry of \textit{Yarrowia lipolytica} ATP Synthase Dimers

ATP synthase dimers from \textit{Y. lipolytica} were purified from dodecylmaltoside (DDM)-solubilized mitochondrial membranes by centrifugation in a digitonin-containing glycerol gradient, followed by anion exchange chromatography. Two-dimensional gel electrophoresis and liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) indicated that the 2YL,F_{o}\_1 subunit was the ATP synthase monomer within the dimer. Whereas previous crystallographic studies of similar complexes (Giraud et al., 2012; Pagadala et al., 2011; Stock et al., 1999) used an excess of nucleotide substrates or inhibitors to trap functional states, we crystallized YLF_{c10} with any such additives to ensure similar conditions for crystallography and cryo-EM. The 3.5 Å X-ray structure of YLF_{c10} (Table S2A–S2D) reveals that all three non-catalytic β-subunits bind Mg\_ATP in their nucleotide sites. Of the three catalytic β subunits, one is empty (β_{A}), while both the β_{B} and β_{C} sites (Abrahams et al., 1994) contain Mg\_ADP (Figures 1 and S2E).

Cryo-EM Structure of the \textit{Yarrowia lipolytica} ATP Synthase Dimer

We determined the structure of the 2YL,F_{o}\_1 by single-particle cryo-EM (Figure 2A). After 2D and 3D classification, 38,679 particles were selected for reconstruction of a 3D map with C2 symmetry imposed. The central stalks of the two monomers include an angle of \(\sim\)100°. Masking one monomer in the dimer during 3D refinement improved the resolution to 6.9 Å for the F_{o} subcomplex and masking the F_{o} dimer improved it to 6.2 Å, as determined by gold-standard Fourier shell correlation (Figure S4). The long helices in the peripheral stalks and the F_{o} part of the stator are the best-resolved features (Movie S1). The resolution of the F_{c10} subcomplex in the cryo-EM map is slightly lower, due to minor variations in the dimer angle (Figures S3D and S3G), confirming that the two ATP synthase assemblies in the dimer function independently, as already suggested by the similar ATPase hydrolysis activities of 1YL,F_{o} and 2YL,F_{o}.

Classification of the same dataset with one monomer in the dimer masked enabled us to distinguish three different rotational states of the F_{o} head assembly, with two out of three positions favored, in which the positions of the central stalk differ by \(\sim\)120° or 240° (Figures S3H and S3I). Interaction with the central stalk affects the nucleotide binding domains and C-terminal domains of the β-subunits (Figure S3I). The three conformations show the three “Boyer states,” open, loose, and tight (Boyer, 1997), of the \textit{Y. lipolytica} complex as seen in the YLF_{c10} crystal structure (Movies S2 and S3), similar to the crystal structure of the bovine F_{o} complex (Abrahams et al., 1994). The three states are trapped in energy wells, which stall the rotor in defined positions upon dissipation of the pmf by the membrane-solubilizing detergent.

In the most populated class (45% of the particles; subclass 2 in Figures S3H and S3I), a rod-like density protrudes from the \(\gamma_{\text{D}}\) pair close to the peripheral stalk (Figure 2D). This density superposes precisely on the inhibitor \(I1\) in an X-ray structure of the bovine mitochondrial F_{o}ATP synthase with \(I1\) bound (Gledhill et al., 2007). The presence of \(I1\) in ATP synthase prepared from large-scale yeast fermentations is not unexpected.

Predictive Computations

### Table 1. Table of Crystallography

| Data Collection | Y. lipolytica F_{c10} |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| **Wavelength (Å)** | 1.008 |
| **Space group** | P2\_1,2,2 |
| **Cell dimensions: a, b, c (Å)** | 169.5, 182.2, 193.0 |
| **Resolution (Å)** | 49.19–3.50 (3.60–3.50) |
| **Unique reflections** | 75,882 (6,046) |
| **R_{merged}** | 18.2 (100) |
| **I / σ(I)** | 9.84 (0.61) |
| **Completeness (%)** | 99.99 (100.0) |
| **Redundancy** | 19.5 (19.8) |

### Results

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**F_{c10} Crystal Structure**

Crystals of the YLF_{c10} subcomplex were obtained from the 1YL,F_{o} complex. Whereas previous crystallographic studies of similar complexes (Giraud et al., 2012; Pagadala et al., 2011; Stock et al., 1999) used an excess of nucleotide substrates or inhibitors to trap functional states, we crystallized YLF_{c10} without any such additives to ensure similar conditions for crystallography and cryo-EM. The 3.5 Å X-ray structure of YLF_{c10} (Table 1; Figures S2A–S2D) reveals that all three non-catalytic \(\alpha\)-subunits bind Mg\_ATP in their nucleotide sites. Of the three catalytic \(\beta\) subunits, one is empty (\(\beta_{A}\)), while both the \(\beta_{B}\) and \(\beta_{C}\) sites (Abrahams et al., 1994) contain Mg\_ADP (Figures 1 and S2E).
as oxygen concentration of these cultures can decrease, which reduces the matrix pH and triggers IF1 binding, as observed with yeast grown on non-fermentable substrates (Satre et al., 1975). The fact that IF1 is found in only one of the three classes is, however, surprising.

Peripheral Stalk
The peripheral stalk consists of several long, well-resolved α helices, which were traced without ambiguity (Figures 2A–2C). Homology models based on crystal structures of the bovine subunits b, d, and OSCP (Dickson et al., 2006; Rees et al., 2009) were fitted to the soluble sector of the Y. lipolytica peripheral stalk, which has the same subunit composition (Table S1). Subunit h has only 20% sequence identity to the equivalent bovine F6 (Fujikawa et al., 2015), accounting for the observed structural differences. The overall curvature of the peripheral stalk differs from that in the bovine crystal structure, but resembles that in the cryo-EM map of the monomeric bovine complex (Baker et al., 2012), suggesting that crystal contacts affect stalk curvature. As in the bovine complex (Zhou et al., 2015), helices 1 and 5 of OSCP on the F1 head are in contact with the N terminus of αE (Rees et al., 2009). Two further close contacts are found at the N terminus of αTP, which interacts with helices 4 and 5 of OSCP, and at the N terminus of αDP, which intercalates between the peripheral stalk helices. The N terminus of this α subunit forms a previously unrecognized four-helix bundle with b, h, and the C terminus of OSCP, which positions the F1 head and bonds it to the peripheral stalk (Figure 2B). The contacts in this interaction are mainly hydrophobic, except for those mediated by the conserved residues αGlu33 and αArg41. The d subunit interacts with the C terminus of the αTP subunit, displacing it toward the peripheral stalk by 5 Å relative to the YLF1C10 X-ray structure (Figure 2C). Below the F1 head, peripheral stalk subunits d and b bend toward the central stalk. The density of subunit b, which is thought to have two trans-membrane helices at its N terminus (Figure S4), continues without interruption into the membrane.

Helix Assignment in the F0 Stator
The Y. lipolytica F0 stator subcomplex comprises the eight membrane protein subunits a, b, e, f, g, i, k, and l. The F0 part of each monomer contains ten well-defined α-helical densities enveloped by a detergent micelle that features the characteristic ~90° dimer membrane curvature (Davies et al., 2012) (Figure 2A). Six of these densities indicate trans-membrane α helices, numbered 1–6 in Figures 3A and 3B and assigned in Figure 3C. The loops connecting the helices are, for the most part, not visible at this resolution, but the helix segments can be identified on the basis of sequence comparison, secondary structure predictions, proximity, and known helix topology.

Subunit b
Helix 1 is the continuation of the peripheral stalk subunit b and is thus the second trans-membrane helix of b. Helix 2 is close to it and is the most likely candidate for the first trans-membrane helix of this subunit. The second-nearest helix 3 is too far for the short, six-residue loop connecting the two trans-membrane helices of subunit b (Figure S4A).

Subunit a
Sequence alignment of subunit a indicates a consistent pattern of seven characteristic consecutive protein regions (Figure S5A):
(i) the hydrophilic N terminus; (ii) a ~20 residue hydrophobic stretch indicative of a trans-membrane helix; (iii) a region rich in hydrophilic and polar residues, prone to form an amphipathic helix (Figure S5B); (iv) two hydrophobic sequences separated by charged or polar side chains; (v) a region with several positively charged residues followed by (vi) a proline-rich region; and finally (vii) an extensive hydrophobic stretch with interspersed, highly conserved charged and polar residues.

We can assign region (iii), the amphipathic helix aH2, to the straight helix density on the matrix side just above the horizontal four-helix bundle (Figure 4). Region (ii), the trans-membrane helix of subunit a, which we refer to as aH1, would thus be helix density 3 in the map (Figures 3 and 4). The N-terminal region (i) of subunit a is small, is without clear predicted secondary structure, and has no discernible map density. Regions (iv) to (vii) are assigned to the two membrane-intrinsic helix hairpins of subunit a (which we refer to as aH3 to aH6) on the basis of their striking similarity to the same feature in the Polytomella dimer map (Allegretti et al., 2015). The assignment of the two shorter helices as aH3 and aH4 follows from their proximity to the amphipathic helix aH2 (Figure 4). The non-helical regions (v) and (vi) link the two helix hairpins, but only limited density is visible for them in the map. We assign the longest helix in the four-helix bundle, which follows the curve of the c-ring closely, to aH5 in the first half of region (vii), and the second helix in this hairpin to helix aH6 in the C-terminal half of this region (Figure 4). Helix aH6 contains the essential Arg182, which interacts with the protonatable c-ring that of the bovine (Zhou et al., 2013) and Paracoccus ATP synthase (Morales-Rios et al., 2015), but the order of helices aH5 and aH6 with respect to the Polytomella assignment (Allegretti et al., 2015) is reversed.

Subunit 8
Helix 4 (green in Figure 3) has a short matrix extension with a slight kink toward the c-ring. We assign this density to the small, 48-residue subunit 8 (Figure S4B). Subunit 8 has a conserved N-terminal MPQL motif located in the intermembrane space (IMS) (Stephens et al., 2000), followed by a trans-membrane helix, terminated in yeasts by the conserved Pro33, and a short hydrophilic C-terminal stretch. This sequence fits the density well, with Pro33 at the kink. The trans-membrane helix of subunit 8 has a short connecting density in the IMS toward the c-ring and below the first helix hairpin of the a subunit, which accommodates the conserved MPQL motif. Thus, the N terminus of subunit 8 appears to anchor the horizontal four-helix bundle of subunit a in its position within the F1α2βε complex and homology models of peripheral stalk subunits based on atomic models from the B. taurus outer stalk structures (PDB: 2WSS and 2CLY) (Figures 1 and S2E). Cross sections shown in Figures 3A and 3B and viewing directions for (B–D) are indicated.

(B and C) Detailed views of peripheral stalk subunit interactions as indicated in (A). (B) Upper and (C) lower section. Dark and light green, α and β subunits, respectively; light blue, subunit a; yellow, C10 ring; blue, subunit γ; cyan, subunit δ; light gray, subunit ε; purple, subunit β; orange, subunit d; salmon, subunit h; red, OSCP.

(D) The intrinsic inhibitor protein IF1 (light blue) binds in the αβε site proximal to the peripheral stalk. The overall map resolution of 7.8 Å in (A) improved upon masking to 6.9 Å for the F1 complex (B–D). Movie S1 is a video of the rotating complete ATP synthase dimer.
ancestor and is truncated in the mammalian and fungal lines. Subunit 8 is one of the few mitochondrially encoded ATP synthase components in *Y. lipolytica*, together with the a and c subunits (Kerscher et al., 2001), consistent with its bacterial origin.

**Subunit f**

Helix 5 (lavender in Figure 3) is the most likely candidate for the nuclear-encoded trans-membrane subunit f. In yeast, this 100-residue subunit has a hydrophilic N-terminal domain on the matrix side and a predicted C-terminal trans-membrane helix (Figure S4C). Three curved densities at the base of the peripheral stalk (Figure 3B) that surround the matrix extension of subunit 8 are assigned to the N terminus of subunit f. The sharp changes in direction between the densities assigned to this subunit are consistent with the positions of conserved prolines in the f subunit sequence alignment.

**Subunit i**

Finally, the density of helix 6 (orange in Figures 3A and 3B) is weaker than the others. Based on its position next to the a subunit, we assign it to the yeast-specific, non-essential subunit i, which is present in both the monomer and the dimer in *Y. lipolytica* (Table S1) and has been shown to interact with subunits a, f, d, and g (Paumard et al., 2000).

Our assignments are fully consistent with all previously reported chemical crosslinking results of ATP synthases from yeasts, metazoans, and bacteria (DeLeon-Rangel et al., 2013; Jiang and Fillingame, 1998; Schwem and Fillingame, 2006; Stephens et al., 2003) (Figure S6).

**Subunits e and g at the Dimer Interface**

We collected a cryo-EM dataset of 1YL F1, F0 and generated a 3D map of the monomeric *Y. lipolytica* ATP synthase at 8.4 Å resolution (Figure 5). Unlike the dimer, 1YL F1, F0 does not contain the dimer-specific subunits e, g, and k (Table S1). The bovine monomer has subunits e and g, but not k (Baker et al., 2012). A comparison of the 3D map volumes therefore reveals the location of e and g in the dimer map (Figures 5D and 5F). They occupy a roughly triangular density on the dimer interface next to the N-terminal trans-membrane helices of subunit b, with a narrow extension that protrudes ~40 Å into the IMS. This density is similar to the e/g density assigned in the bovine monomer (Zhou et al., 2015), but the orientation of the IMS extension is different (see below).

Subunit e is predicted to have an N-terminal trans-membrane helix with a conserved, essential GxxG motif, a signature of helix-helix interaction (Arselin et al., 2003), and a hydrophilic C terminus that would account for the IMS extension. The g subunit can be crosslinked to the N terminus of b in the matrix (Soubannier et al., 1999). Deleting the first trans-membrane helix of b results in the loss of g and dissociation of the dimer (Soubannier et al., 2002), indicating that g contributes to dimer stability.

Subunit g consists of an N-terminal matrix domain and a predicted C-terminal trans-membrane helix that likewise contains a conserved GxxxG motif. Subunits e and g may thus form a tight heterodimer in the membrane via their GxxxG motifs. The helices in such a tight heterodimer would not be resolved at 6.2 Å, like the inner helices of the c-ring, which are known to interact through such motifs (Vonck et al., 2002). There is no contact between the e/g density of one monomer to any subunit of the other, so e and g do not participate directly in dimer formation. Side views of the bovine and *Y. lipolytica* maps (Figure S7A) indicate that each e/g heterodimer bends the membrane by ~50°, resulting in the ~100° kink observed in the dimer. The most prominent direct dimer contact is formed by the C-terminal domain of subunit f (Figure 6). The C terminus of subunit f contains conserved charged and polar residues that would mediate this interaction (Figure S3C). The membrane curvature induced by subunits e and g appears to be necessary to position the C-terminal domains of the f subunits in both monomers for interaction across the interface, resulting in dimer formation.
DISCUSSION

Rotational F₆ States

A detailed comparison of the YLF₁C₁₀ crystal structure to the bovine (Abrahams et al., 1994) and Saccharomyces cerevisiae (Kabaleeswaran et al., 2006) F₁ and F₁C₁₀ complexes (Figure S8) reveals that the three conformational states of the corresponding α/β heterodimers are very similar in the two yeast species, with root-mean-square deviation (RMSD) values below 1.7 Å, while nucleotide binding and C-terminal regions of the bovine β subunits differ (Table S2; Movies S4 and S5). In YLF₁C₁₀ both the βₐ and the βₜp site are more open than in the bovine complex, while their βₜₚ sites are similar. Overall, the three β subunits resemble one another more closely in Y. lipolytica than in the bovine and S. cerevisiae complexes (Figure S8B).

Aligning the γ subunits in all F₆ X-ray structures and comparing the relative positions of the conserved P loop in the βₜp subunit (Figure S8A), we find that the YLF₁C₁₀ P loop is shifted to a position that, in bovine F₁ (Rees et al., 2012), would indicate a post-hydrolysis or pre-product release state. The post-hydrolysis position of the γ subunit in YLF₁C₁₀ agrees with the presence of bound MgADP in the catalytic βₜp and βₜₚ sites. Since YLF₁C₁₀ was crystallized without added nucleotides, the ADP originates from ATP hydrolysis during isolation or crystallization (Abrahams et al., 1996; Giedhill et al., 2007). The fact that ADP is present in the Y. lipolytica βₜp at this late stage of hydrolysis without addition of nucleotide-stabilizing azide (Bowler et al., 2006) is surprising, as ADP was not found in the binding sites of other F₆ complexes crystallized under similar conditions (Bianchet et al., 1998; Stocker et al., 2007). This might indicate a higher nucleotide affinity of the Y. lipolytica βₜp site. In contrast, phosphate (P) was not detected in the βₜp and βₜₚ sites, in line with a possible alternative leaving route for P, as described for S. cerevisiae F₁ (Kabaleeswaran et al., 2006).

We found the inhibitor protein IF1 bound to one of the three different rotational F₆ states in the cryo-EM maps, but not in the YLF₁C₁₀ X-ray structure, indicating that it was lost during crystallization. By contrast, IF1 was present in all seven rotary states in the cryo-EM maps of monomeric bovine F₁F₆-ATP synthase (Zhou et al., 2015), as would be expected since the complex was purified by IF1 affinity chromatography. Apart from the absence of IF1 in the βₜp region (Figure 2D), the 3.5 Å YLF₁C₁₀ crystal structure matches the dimer map closely (Figures 2A, S3H, and S3I). Like the X-ray structure, the cryo-EM map therefore shows a post-hydrolysis state.

Structure of the F₆ Stator

The subunit α structure is remarkably conserved in F₁F₆-ATP synthases. Densities for all six helices of our Y. lipolytica structure are also present in the same orientations in the cryo-EM map of the bovine heart monomer (Zhou et al., 2015), while four helices are present in the recent 4 Å X-ray structure of the bacterial complex (Morales-Rios et al., 2015) (Figure S7B). The Polytomella cryo-EM map (Allegretti et al., 2015) has elements that correspond to each of the six α subunit helices in Y. lipolytica, even though the polypeptide sequences diverge. The other Polytomella stator subunits do not resemble those of yeasts, metazoans, or bacteria.

The cryo-EM map of the bovine monomer shows four transmembrane helices, two of which were identified as belonging to the peripheral stalk subunit β, and one each to subunits a and A6L (subunit 8 in fungi) (Zhou et al., 2015). All helices superpose well on our map and the assignment agrees with ours, except that there is no density for the f subunit in the bovine map (Zhou et al., 2015). Although the bovine complex prepared according to Runswick et al. (Runswick et al., 2013) should contain the f subunit, this subunit was not identified by Zhou et al. Subunit f may have dissociated during isolation of the bovine monomer, suggesting that it is not firmly attached. As the f subunit is responsible for direct dimer contacts in our assignment (Figure 6), its dissociation from the bovine complex...
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The X-ray structure of the bacterial F$_1$F$_o$ complex from Paracoccus denitrificans (Morales-Rios et al., 2015) shows only two of the trans-membrane helices in the F$_o$ stator, which superpose well on the trans-membrane helix of subunit 8 and aH1 in the Y. lipolytica dimer (panel (iv) in Figure S7B). Therefore, these helix densities, which were unassigned in the Paracoccus map, belong to one of the two bacterial b subunits and the trans-membrane helix of subunit a (aH1), lending strong support to our conclusion that mitochondrial subunit 8 derives from a bacterial b subunit. Surprisingly, the trans-membrane helix of the second b subunit seems to be completely absent in the Paracoccus structure, indicating that it is flexible or disordered in the 4 Å X-ray map.

Proton Translocation through F$_o$

Ion translocation through F$_o$ is mediated by the a subunit and the c-ring (Figure 7). A number of high-resolution X-ray structures of half-channels in equivalent positions of the Y. lipolytica dimer map (Figures 7A and 7B). Conserved hydrophilic residues of aH5 and aH6 line the aqueous cavity on the matrix side (Figures 7C and 7D). The conserved charged and polar residues of aH5, starting with Glu168 four helix turns upstream of Arg182, create the hydrophilic environment to release the proton from the opposing c subunit glutamate into the matrix. The ~20° tilt of the aH5/aH6 hairpin places the hairpin loop close to the IMS surface, and the C terminus of aH6 on the matrix side (Figure 7A). Consequently, the luminal half-channel near the hairpin loop and the matrix half-channel at the C terminus of subunit a are laterally offset, as anticipated (Junge et al., 1997; Vik and Antonio, 1994). The proton entrance channel on the IMS side is likely to include the conserved Asn186 in aH5, Asn106 in aH3, and the exchangeable pair His191/Glu229 in aH5 and aH6, one of which is Glu or Asp in all ATP synthases (Figure S5). Rather than mediating proton release, the essential Arg182 would allow only deprotonated c subunit glutamate side chains to pass (Figure 7D). Removal of this arginine by mutagenesis uncouples ion ATPase c- or K-rings have shown that the conserved glutamate residues in the c subunits lock the protons (or Na$^+$) in the hydrophilic environment of the lipid bilayer (Meier et al., 2005; Murata et al., 2005; Pogoryelov et al., 2009) but open to release the ions in a hydrophilic environment (Mizutani et al., 2011; Pogoryelov et al., 2010; Symersky et al., 2012). The recent cryo-EM structures of the Polyto-melina ATP synthase and S. cerevisiae V-type ATPase indicate two aqueous half-channels at the subunit a/c interface that are thought to conduct protons to and from the c-ring protonation sites (Alle-gretti et al., 2015). We find similar aqueous
translocation from ATP synthesis (Mitome et al., 2010), as it results in futile proton translocation without c-ring rotation.

Clinical studies show that mutations in aH5 and aH6 impair the functionality or assembly of ATP synthase in human mitochondria (Kucharczyk et al., 2009; Xu et al., 2015), giving rise to severe neuropathological disorders (Houstek et al., 2006), such as the maternally inherited Leigh syndrome or retinitis pigmentosa (Kucharczyk et al., 2009). A molecular understanding of the exact ion translocation mechanism is essential for exploring future therapy. The structure of the genetically accessible Y. lipolytica ATP synthase now provides a basis for structural and functional studies to combat these diseases at the molecular level.

**Dimer Contacts**

In the Y. lipolytica F_{1}F_{o} dimer, which contains subunits e and g, the detergent belt is bent by roughly 100°. In the bovine F_{1}F_{o} monomer, which contains subunits e and g, it is bent by ~50° (Baker et al., 2012; Zhou et al., 2015), but in the Y. lipolytica monomer, which lacks e and g, the belt is more or less straight (Figure S7A; Table S1). We conclude that e and g are chiefly responsible for inducing the membrane curvature that results in mitochondrial cristae morphology.

There is no evident function for the C-terminal IMS helix of subunit e in the dimeric complex (Figure 6A). In contrast to the bovine map (Zhou et al., 2015), this elongated density protrudes straight out of the F_{o} stator region into the IMS, while in the bovine map it is curved and contacts the central plug of the c-ring. A role in the formation of higher-order ATP synthase oligomers and dimer rows (Strauss et al., 2008; Davies et al., 2012) seems unlikely, as the extension is not easily accessible and appears to point in the wrong direction for interaction between adjacent dimers (Figure 5D). Moreover, the dimer spacing along the rows is irregular (Daum et al., 2013), which suggests that the inter-dimer protein contacts are dynamic. Instead, the subunit e extension with its predicted coiled-coil propensity may play a role in complex assembly.

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**Figure 6. The F_{o} Stator**

Membrane protein densities in the two F_{o} stator complexes of the Y. lipolytica ATP synthase dimer. Subunits a, b, f, i, and 8 are colored as in Figure 2. Subunits e and g are ivory.

(A) Side view of the dimer interface. The IMS extensions of subunit e (arrowhead) were segmented at a lower contour level. F_{o} subunits of the two ATP synthase monomers interact on the IMS side. A 40 Å gap on the matrix side contains lipid or detergent.

(B) View from the IMS. The C-terminal segment of subunit f mediates a direct protein contact between the two monomers in the dimer. Densities on either side of the protein contact are assigned to subunits e and g (see Figure 6).

(C) View from the c-ring.

(D) Oblique view in the direction indicated in (A). For an evaluation of Cys-Cys crosslinks, see Figure S6 and Table S3.
The two F₀ subcomplexes in the membrane are separated by a wedge-shaped gap that is ~40 Å wide on the matrix side and narrows to ~15 Å on the IMS side (Figures 5G and 6A). On the matrix side, this wedge appears to be filled by lipid or detergent, as there is no distinct protein density. The tip of the wedge on the IMS side contains the dimer contact domain assigned to the C terminus of subunit f (Figure 6). The center of the wedge-shaped gap is bridged by a conspicuous sheet of density connecting the trans-membrane helices of subunits a and δ (Figure 5G), which may contribute to dimer formation. It is tempting to speculate that this density belongs to the so far unassigned yeast-specific subunit k, a small, partly hydrophilic protein without predicted trans-membrane helix (Figure S4D). The sheet may form a barrier between the membrane leaflet on the matrix side and hydrophilic protein domains on the IMS side of the dimer interface. The matrix half of the wedge-shaped space has the thickness of one membrane leaflet, implying a new and unusual membrane architecture in this region of the dimer.

**Role of ATP Synthase Dimers in Membrane Morphology**

The comparatively simple bacterial and chloroplast ATP synthases consist of eight or nine different subunits, which are sufficient for ATP production. The chloroplast ATP synthase has been shown to be monomeric (Daum et al., 2010), and no ATP synthase dimers have been reported in bacteria. By contrast, all known mitochondrial ATP synthases form dimers in the membrane that self-assemble into rows (Davies et al., 2012). Mitochondrial ATP synthases of yeasts and metazoans have eight additional subunits of so far unexplained structure and function. Our map shows how the mitochondria-specific subunits in the mitochondrial F₀ subcomplex are arranged, and that most of them have a role in dimer formation: the N-terminal trans-membrane extension of b anchors e and g to the complex, and the e/g heterodimer induces local membrane curvature, which in turn appears to enable the IMS domain of f (and possibly subunit k) to establish protein-protein contacts across the dimer interface.

ATP synthase dimer rows are a prerequisite for the formation of inner membrane cristae (Davies et al., 2012), a hallmark signature of mitochondrial morphology. Cristae formation extends the membrane surface to accommodate a large number of respiratory chain complexes, making it possible to meet the high energy demands of eukaryotic cells (Lane and Martin, 2010). They also form a mitochondrial sub-compartment that supports a locally increased proton concentration in the confined cristae space. The structure of the mitochondrial ATP synthase dimer thus offers new insights into how mitochondria became the efficient power plants of eukaryotic cells.

**EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES**

ATP synthase dimers fully competent for oligomycin-sensitive ATP hydrolysis were isolated from mitochondria prepared from large-scale Yarrowia lipolytica.
cultures (Kashani-Poor et al., 2001) and purified by glycerol gradient centrifugation, anion exchange, and gel filtration chromatography. Cryo-EM grids of 2YLF6F0 dimers and 1YLF6F0 monomers were prepared and images were recorded on an in-column energy-filtered JEOL 3200 FSC electron microscope with a Gatan K2 direct electron detector in movie mode. Global beam-induced motion was corrected by movie frame processing (Li et al., 2013). Two- and three-dimensional classification and 3D map refinement were carried out with RELION 1.3 (Scheres, 2012). Crystals of the FcC10 subcomplex were grown from concentrated samples of the 1YLF6F0 X-ray data were collected at beamline PX-II X10SA (Swiss Light Source), and the structure was determined by molecular replacement with a model based on the S. cerevisiae FcC10 complex (PDB: 2XOK) (Stock et al., 1999).

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The structure coordinates have been deposited in the Protein Data Bank under ID code PDB: 5FL7. The EM data were deposited in the worldwide PDB under ID codes wwPDB: EMD-8151 (symmetric dimer map); EMD-8152 (masked F0 map); and EMD-8153, EMD-8154, and EMD-8155 (subclass 1, 2, and 3 of the masked Fc-F0 monomer).

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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