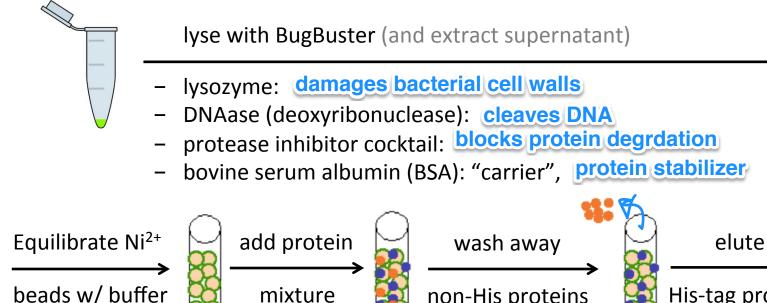
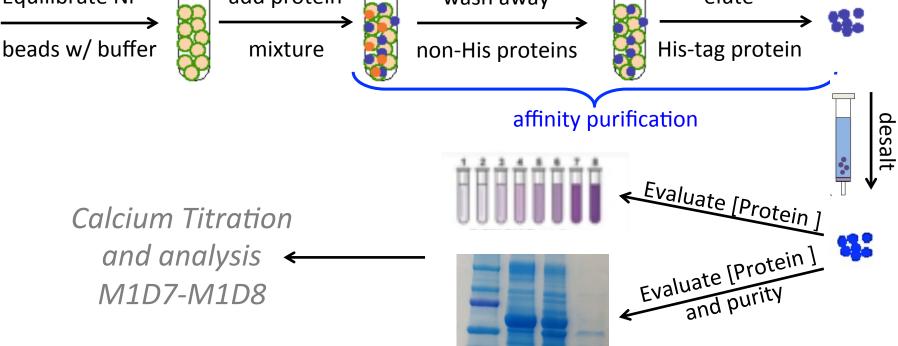
# M1D6: Purify protein

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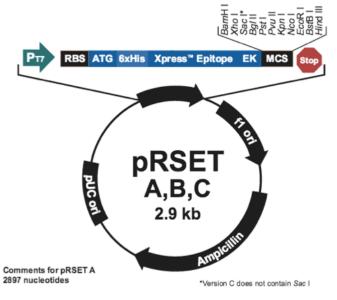
- 1. Prelab lecture
- 2. Lyse bacteria and prep SDS-PAGE samples
- 3. Purify protein
- 4. Measure purified protein with microBCA assay

## Protein purification: protocol overview

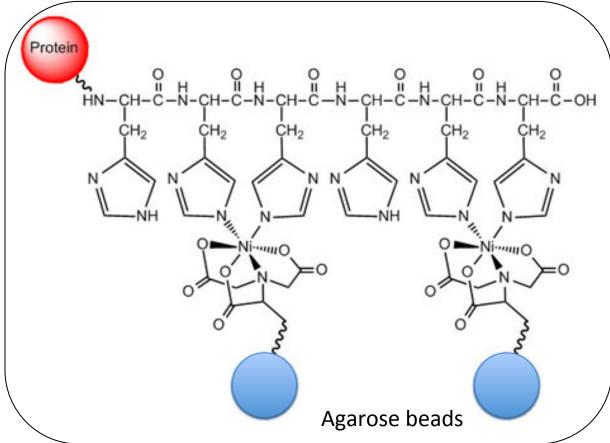




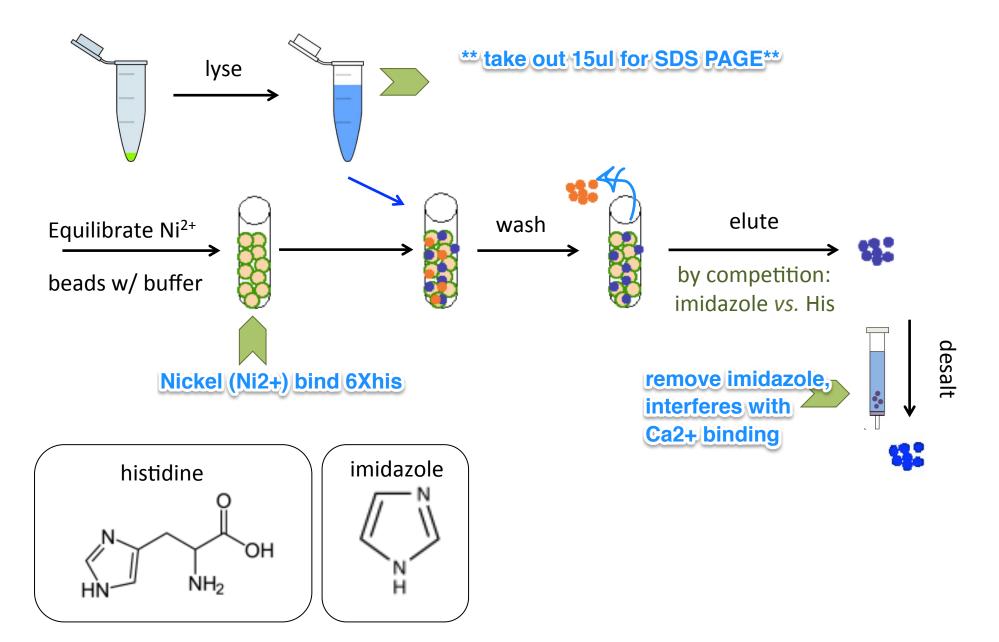
## The polyhistidine (6XHis) tag binds nickel



electron donor groups from histidine form coordination bonds with tradition metals



#### His tag affinity purification using Ni-NTA agarose



## Prepare samples for SDS-PAGE

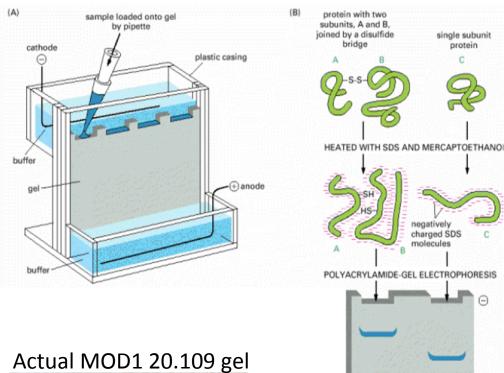


- Set aside whole cell extracts
  - Load relative amount of extract based on OD<sub>600</sub> (from M1D4)

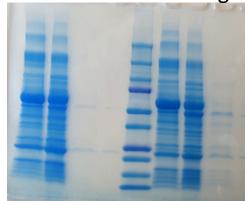
sample	example		wt IPC		X#Z	
	- IPTG	+ IPTG	- IPTG	+ IPTG	- IPTG	+ IPTG
OD600	lowest: 0.5	0.75	0.9			
sample volume (μL)	15	15*0.5/0.75	8.3			
water volume(μL)	0	5	6.7			
total volume (μL)	15	15	15	15	15	15
add 6x buffer (μL)	3	3	3	3	3	3

- SDS-PAGE: sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel
  - separation by size ? shape ? charge ?

## SDS-PAGE separates proteins by size



- Laemmli sample buffer:
  - + SDS: surfactant / detergent denatures proteins, coats them with negative charge
  - + β-mercaptoethanol reduces disulfide bonds
  - + bromophenol blue
  - + glycerol
- boiling denatures higherorder structures

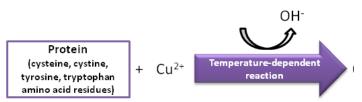


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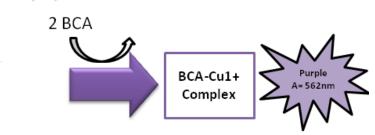
slab of polyacrylamide gel

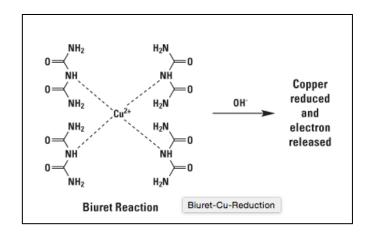
## BCA protein assay

#### Step 1)



#### Step 2)



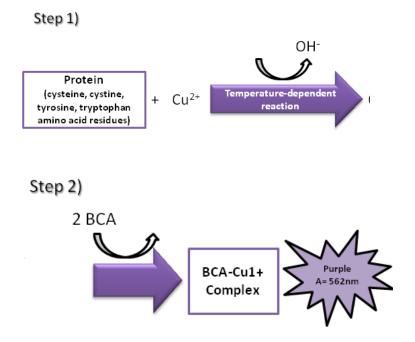


- BCA: bicinchoninic acid is a chromogenic reagent used to detect Cu<sup>1+</sup>
- amount of Cu<sup>2+</sup> reduced to Cu<sup>1+</sup> is a function of protein concentration (also temperature dependent)
- BCA mixed with Cu<sup>1+</sup> results in purple which absorbs at 562 nm
- Today we will use a microBCA assay with a working range of 0.5ug/ml-20ug/ml

# BCA protein assay

State of most of the copper reagent if....

- 1) No protein in your elution (Cu<sup>2+</sup>) Cu<sup>1+</sup>)
- 2) 10ug/ml protein in your elution (Cu<sup>2+</sup> (Cu<sup>1+</sup>
- 3) You didn't heat your Copper/Protein mix (Cu<sup>2+</sup>) Cu<sup>1+</sup>)
- 4) You had protein in your elution but didn't add BCA reagent before reading your sample on the spectrophotometer (Cu<sup>2+</sup> / Cu<sup>1+</sup>)



## Today in lab

- Lyse 4 cell pellets (wt IPC -/+ IPTG and "good" mutant -/+ IPTG)
- Set aside aliquots for SDS-PAGE (M1D7)
  - add 6X sample buffer (Laemmli buffer) to each
- Purify protein (1 wt IPC + 1 mutant)
  - 2 steps: affinity purification + desalting
- Immediately aliquot 10 μL for microBCA assay and 15μL for SDS-PAGE
- Stabilize rest of purified protein with BSA
  - ~ 1 mL protein + 10  $\mu$ L of 10% BSA
  - to be titrated against Ca<sup>2+</sup> on M1D7
- Assay purified protein concentration with microBCA assay
  - 1 hour incubation
  - Work quickly and purposefully