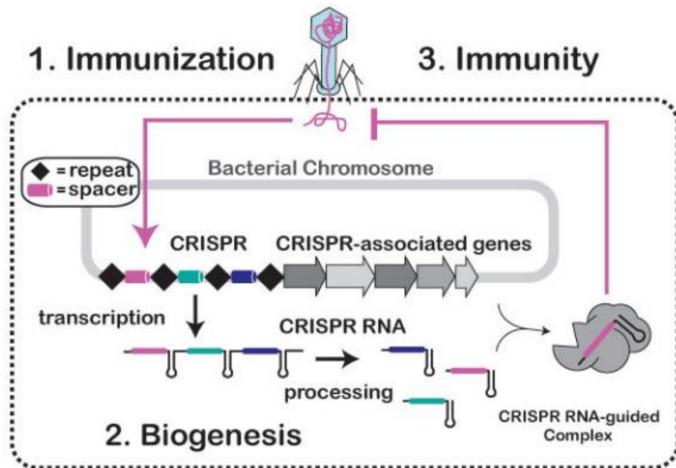




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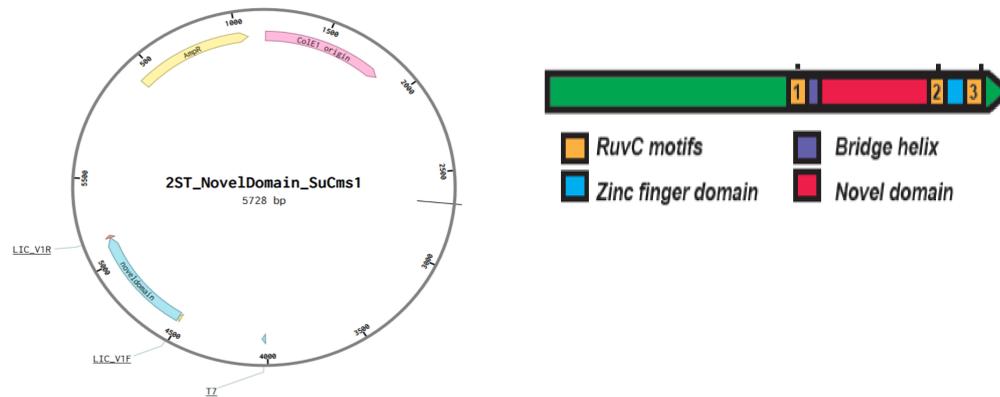
CRISPR-Cas systems are prokaryotic adaptive immune systems. Bacteria use CRISPR systems as a defense against foreign nucleic acid invasion such as a phage infection.



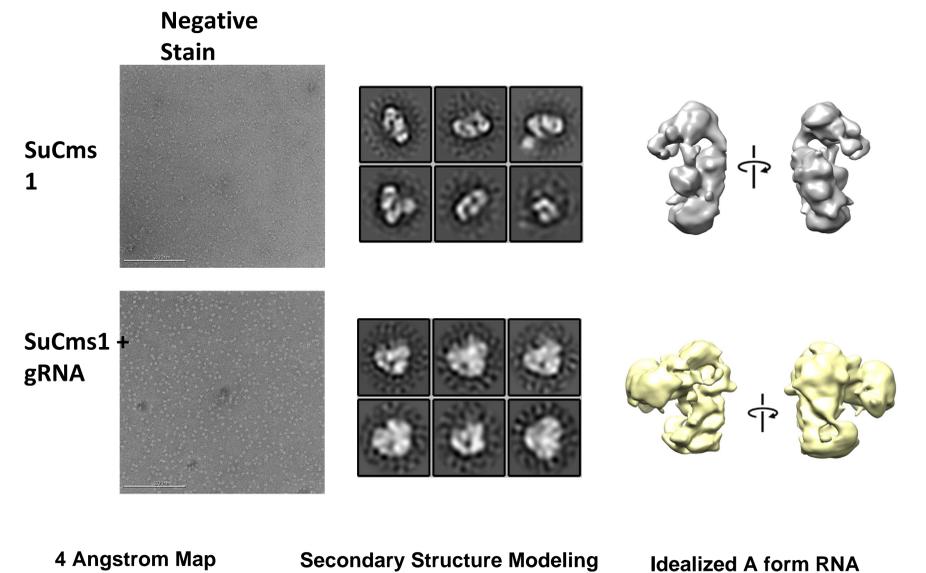
Cms1 endonucleases contain a Novel Domain

• Type V Cms1 endonucleases contain RuvC motifs, a bridge helix, a zinc finger domain and a novel domain.

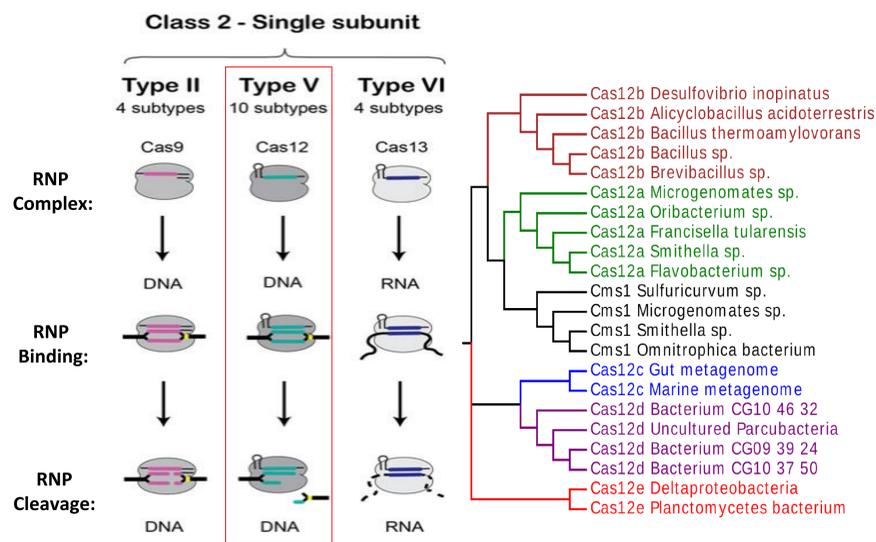
• LIC cloned Novel Domain into the Strep – tag containing 2ST vector.



SuCms1 Undergoes a Conformational Change



Type V CRISPR-Cas Systems Are Diverse



Hypothesis: Cms1 endonucleases contain a novel domain that helps assist in the cleaving of DNA.

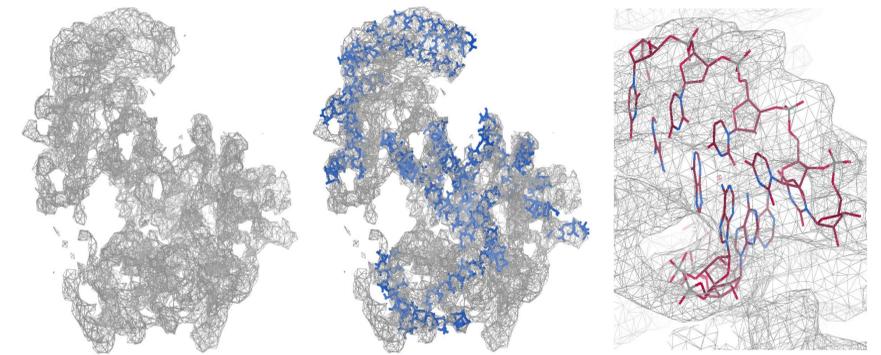
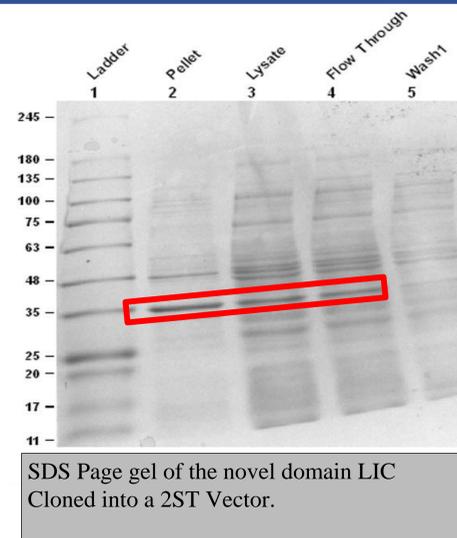
Expression Method for Novel Domain

Protocol Outline

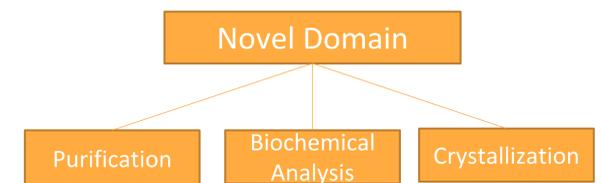
1. Clone novel domain DNA into expression plasmid.
2. Transform into competent cells.
3. Vary the growth protocol (i.e. temperature and time) to find conditions for optimal expression.

Expression Results:

- The total molecular weight we expected our novel domain to be was around 35 kDa.



Conclusions and Future Directions



- Long term we hope that once we crystallize the novel domain we will use X-Ray Diffraction to help add to the theorized structure that we currently have to help us better understand function and hopefully uncover new properties to help further gene editing technologies.

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