

## Rémy LE MEUR, PhD

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« Autonomous from gene cloning to structure solvation. Particularly interested in multidisciplinary approaches to study structure-function relationship of biological systems »

## Professional Experiences - 7 years

- 2015-2017 : Postdoctoral Fellow in Walter Chazin Lab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN USA  
**Subject** : Structural Study of Multi-domain protein complexes involved in replication and DNA repair  
**Main Techniques** : NMR, XR crystallography, gene cloning, site-directed mutagenesis, protein expression and purification
- 2011-2015 : PhD in Bertrand Castaing and Celine Landon Labs, Orleans University, France  
**Subject** : Study of the chain exchange of histone-like protein HU from *E. coli*.  
**Main Techniques** : NMR, XR crystallography, gene cloning, Site-directed mutagenesis, protein expression and purification, EMSA
- 2011 : Master Training Course in Bertrand Castaing, Orleans University, France (6 months)  
**Subject** : Study of the lesion-capping loop of the Formamidopyrimidine DNA glycosylase  
**Main Techniques** : EMSA, Site-directed mutagenesis, DNA-protein co-crystallisation
- 2010 : Rotations at the Centre de biophysique moleculaire, Orleans France (5 months cumulated)  
**Subject 3**: Study of HU protein conformational change by NMR  
**Main Techniques** :  $^{15}\text{N}$  relaxation ( $R_1, R_2, \text{NOE}$ ), temperature dependant  $^{15}\text{N}$ -HSQC  
**Subject 2**: Proteomic study of *Pinus pinaster* confronting hydric stresses  
**Main Techniques** : Zip-tip, Mass spectrometry, MS-blast  
**Subject 1**: Study of phosphomimetic mutants of the mitochondrial histone-like protein Abf2  
**Main Techniques** : Site-directed Mutagenesis, protein expression and purification, EMSA

## Education

University of Orléans FRANCE

2011-2015 : PhD in Functional and Structural Biology

2009-2011 : Master's Degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology option structural biology

2006-2009 : Licence's Degree in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology

## Thematic schools

2013 : International School in **Biomolecular Crystallization** (ISBC , Granada, SPAIN)

2012 : EMBO course in **Molecular Dynamics** (Pasteur institute, Paris , FRANCE)

2011 : Practical formation in **liquid-state and solid-state NMR** (University of Lille, France)

## Scientific Skills

**Molecular biology** : cloning, site-directed mutagenesis, protein expression (*E. coli*) and purification using Äkta purifier system

**Biochemistry** : DNA  $^{32}\text{P}$  labeling, Protein-DNA complex analysis using EMSA

**Liquid-state NMR** :  $^{15}\text{N}^{13}\text{C}$ -labeled protein expression, spectra acquisition and processing using Topspin / NMRPIPE / qMDD, Assignment using CCPNMR and structure calculation using ARIA2, relaxation( $R_1, R_2, \text{NOE}$ ), slow exchange analysis using ZZ-experiments

**X-Ray Cristallography** : crystallogenesis using vapor diffusion technics, data processing using XDS/CCP4/PHENIX/COOT softwares

**Mass Spectrometry** : Zip-tip, Ultra Thin Layer sample deposition, MALDI-TOF spectra acquisition and treatment using ultraflex software

**Molecular Dynamics** : Namd2/Gromacs simulation in all-atom and coarse-grained systems

## Publications

Dungrawala H., Bhat KP., Glick GG., **Le Meur R.**, Chazin WJ., Ding X., Sharan SK., Sathe AA., Zhao R., Cortez D. (2017) (accepted in Molecular Cell)

**Le Meur R. et al.** Structure of the *E. coli* histone like HU $\beta_2$  protein in its native and partially disordered intermediate state. (under preparation)

**Le Meur, R.**, Culard, F., Nadan, V., Goffinont, S., Coste, F., Guerin, M., ... Castaing, B. (2015). The nucleoid-associated protein HU enhances 8-oxoguanine base excision by the formamidopyrimidine-DNA glycosylase. The Biochemical Journal, 471(1), 13–23.

**Le Meur, R.**, Loth, K., Culard, F., Castaing, B., & Landon, C. (2015). Backbone assignment of the three dimers of HU from *Escherichia coli* at 293 K: EchU $\alpha_2$ , EchU $\beta_2$  and EchU $\alpha\beta$ . Biomolecular NMR Assignments 2015 Oct 9(2):359-63

## Scientific Communications

**2 oral communications** (local : 1 in French, 1 in English)

**9 posters** (1 local, 3 national, 4 international)

2017 April 30 - June 2 : Poster at SBDR meeting (Marshall, CA, USA)

«Biophysical Characterization of the Interaction between NEIL1 and RPA in Replication-associated Base Excision Repair »

2016 March 28-30 : Poster at SBDR meeting (Berkeley, CA, USA)

«Toward Structure, Function and Dynamic study of Full Length 110 kDa Replication Protein A (RPA) by NMR »

2014 August 24-29 : Poster at ICMRBS (Dallas, TX, USA)

« Kinetic and Structural Insights into Conformational Transition of HU Homodimers : Role for Chain Swapping leading to the Heterodimer Formation »

2014 June 30 : Talk at scientific day of federation CBM-ICOA (Orléans, FRANCE)

« Kinetic and Structural Insights into Conformational Transition of HU Homodimers : Role for Chain Swapping leading to the Heterodimer Formation »

2013 October 10-11 : Poster at Biotechnocentre (Seillac, FRANCE)

« Chain exchange mechanism of HU protein dimers studied by biophysical and biochemistry methods »

2013 May 26-31 : Poster at International School Biomolecular Crystallization (Granada, SPAIN)

« Quaternary Structure Plasticity of E.coli HU proteins »

2013 May 21-24 : Poster at the 10th 3R Meeting (Giens, FRANCE)

« HU at the crossroad of the 3R : Quaternary Structure Plasticity Study »

2012 August 19-24 : Poster at ICMRBS (Lyon, FRANCE)

« Exchanging Chains in Dimers without Monomeric Step : the Transient Tetramer Model »

2012 June 13-15 : Poster at International Symposium on Antimicrobial Peptides (Lille, FRANCE)

« Enterobacteria: HU a potential therapeutic target »

2012 Mai 17-25 : Poster at EMBO course in biomolecular simulation (Paris, FRANCE)

« Chain exchange of E.coli HU protein : new features for an old protein »

2012 February 10 : Talk at NMR meeting Ile-de-France (Paris, FRANCE)

« Study of the mechanism of chains exchange of E.coli histone-like protein HU by NMR »

## References

Walter Chazin, PhD (Principal Investigator) walter.j.chazin@vanderbilt.edu

Céline Landon, PhD (Team Leader) celine.landon@cns-orleans.fr +33238255574

Bertrand Castaing, PhD (Team Leader) bertrand.castaing@cns-orleans.fr +33238257843

## Complementary Skills

Native French

**Fluent Scientific English (writing and speaking)**

**Python and C programming**

Working under windows or linux environments

Driving license

## Other Centers of Interest

Travelling, Hiking, Programming, Gardening