



FINDING DIVERSE PEPTIDE NANO TUBE ARCHITECTURE USING SELF ASSEMBLY OF DESIGNED AMYLOID-BETA CASSETTES

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Abstract

Nowadays Protein or peptide-based tubular structures, including ion channels and membrane pores, exist widely in nature. To date, non-natural amino acids have been incorporated to control tube size and homogeneity. In efforts to exploit the energetics of the Alzheimer Disease associated amyloid-13 (A13) fibrils, I discovered conditions for the construction of highly mono-dispersed peptide nano tubes from the self-assembly of short A13 peptide cassettes. Small angle neutron (SANS) and X-ray scattering (SAXS) defined the outer and inner radius of the M3 (16-22) nanotubes formed in pH 2.40% acetonitrile/water solution to contain a 44 nm inner cavity with 4 nm thick walls. Atomic force microscopy (AFM) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images further confirmed the homogenous arrays of solvent filled nano tubes arising from a flat rectangular sheet, 130 nm wide by 4 nm thick. The sheet coils into helical ribbons, coiling sufficiently to form the final nano tubes. Isotope-editing IR and solid-state NMR defined the peptide arrays inside nano tubes in an antiparallel 13-sheet orientation with one residue shifted out-of-register. Characterization of the peptide arrays allowed nano tube assembly to be exquisitely controlled, creating a variety of mono-dispersed morphologies with distinct chemical and physical stabilities. These highly positively charged tube surfaces were demonstrated to template metallic nano wire fabrication. Additionally, these nano tubes can be bundled into aligned macro porous filaments with sulfate bridging. These self-assembling elements now define a minimal building block suitable for the construction of arrays of functional nano devices. Such robust and persistent self-assembling systems not only offer a unique, robust, and easily accessible scaffold for nanotechnology, but also a better understanding of the amyloid fibril structure has been obtained.



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Introduction:

Nano material fabrication and self-assembly

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Literature Review:

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Objectives:

- To obtain the important peptide registry information using IE-IR and ss-NMR techniques.
- To check out the peptide organizations within the P-sheet.
- To find out the difference between peptide registry of Nano tubes at pH2 and fibrils at pH6.
- Whether the electrostatic interactions between K and E, together with maximizing the hydrophobic packing, can stabilize the fibril architecture or not.
- To study why pH13 nano tube should opt the in-register antiparallel IP-sheet structure after the deprotonation of the lysines instead of using the favorable packing as pH2 nano tubes.
- With the same peptide registry, why AP (16-22) forms fibrils in pH6, however, nano tube in pH13? Understanding these questions will further the understanding of the amyloid fibril structures.
- To find peptide registry whether the same or different in nano tube and fibrils?
- What determines the supramolecular organization in nano tubes vs fibrils?
- Energetically, what controls the assembly pathway?

Hypothesis:

We have to conduct a hypothesis test about the research proposition. This approach consists of four steps:

- (1) State the hypothesis
- (2) Formulate an analysis plan
- (3) Analyze sample data
- (4) Interpret results.

H0: The discovered PNTs possess remarkably similar structural elements to those of the normal assembled amyloid fibrils, such as cross- β sheet fraction pattern, CR binding and P-sheet secondary structures.

H1: Differently, they differ from the fibrils by extending the lamination from the 6 sheets of Ap (10-35) fibrils to 130 sheets of AP {16-22} nano tubes.

Scope of the Study:

Life could not exist without proteins. These large biopolymers fold in to a variety of structures and perform various function sin nature. Unfortunately, up to this point, the understanding of how sequence dictates structure remains elusive. Prote in folding cannot be fully predicted and controlled. Several basic forces, such as electric interactions, hydrophobic interactions, hydrogen bonding and vander Waals interactions, have been identified to be crucial to a stable 3- D structure. In addition, protein folding is sensitive to the environment, for example, ionic strength, temperature and pH, making the process even more complicated as the local conditions change during folding. Proteins associated with the conformational diseases, including the notorious Alzheimer' sdisease, are normally soluble and fold normally, but for some reason, populate an alternate structure that allows self- association in to fibrous array sin tissues. Given that understanding the driving forces and mechanisms for prote in folding will be essential not only for designing inhibitors/drugs but also to fabricate novel biomaterials with defined structures, these amyloid models may facilitate the assignment of the sepath ways.

Conclusion:

Ap (16-22) as sembles into different morphologies at various H: nano tube sat pH2 and pH13; fibril satpH6. In this Chapter, important peptide registry information has been obtained by IE-IR and ss- NMR techniques. All have anti parallel peptide organizations with in the P-sheet. Nano tube satp H2 and fibril satp H6 have different peptide registry. Inp H2 nano tubes, the F19 carbonyls are well-aligned with the peptide N-term in us dangling (Fig.6-5c). The driving force for the assembly could be the FF aromatic ring packing (Waters2002). Inp H6 fibrils, the in-register antiparallel P-sheet structure was confirmed by ss-NMR and IE-IR (Fig.6-5a). The electrostatic interactions between K and E, together with maximizing the hydrophobic packing, can stabilize the fibril architecture. Unexpectedly, the peptide registry was predicted for pH2 nano tube sand pH13 nano tube sare different. Further questions have to be addressed: (1) Energetically, why pH13 nano tube sad opt the in-register antiparalle IP- sheet structure after the deprotonation of the lysines instead of using the favorable packing as pH2 nano tubes. (2) With the same peptide registry, why AP (16-22) forms fibrilsinpH6, however, nano tubes in pH13? Understanding these questions will further the understanding of the amyloid fibril structures.

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