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**Seminar** 專題演講

## Structural biology *in vivo* through electron cryotomography



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Electron cryotomography (ECT, or Cryo-ET) enables intact cells to be visualized in 3D in an essentially native state to macromolecular resolutions. It has allowed us to visualize the structures of molecular machines in their native context inside intact cells. In many cases, such machines cannot be purified intact for *in vitro* studies. In other cases, the function of a machine is lost outside the cell, so that the mechanism can be understood only by observation *in vivo*. In this presentation, I will use bacterial secretion systems as examples to show how ECT can help us understand important biological processes through doing structural biology directly inside cells. I will also describe key future directions of this powerful technology.