

Supplemental Figures

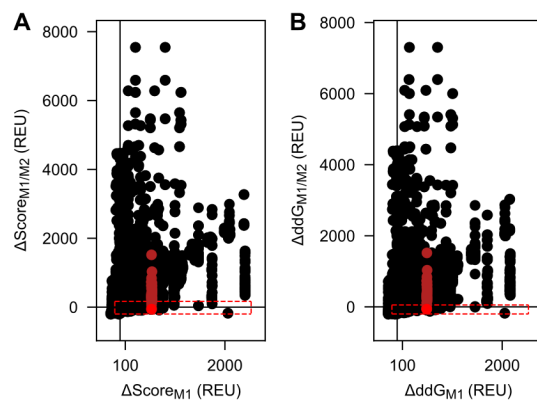


Fig. S1: Rosetta metrics for all single and pairwise 1WA3 trimer interface mutants. (A) ΔddG filter metric. **(B)** ΔScore metric. Dark red points correspond to the single mutation P114F. The bright red point corresponds to the double mutant P114F/F131V. The red dotted boxes represent cutoffs used to select mutants for testing.

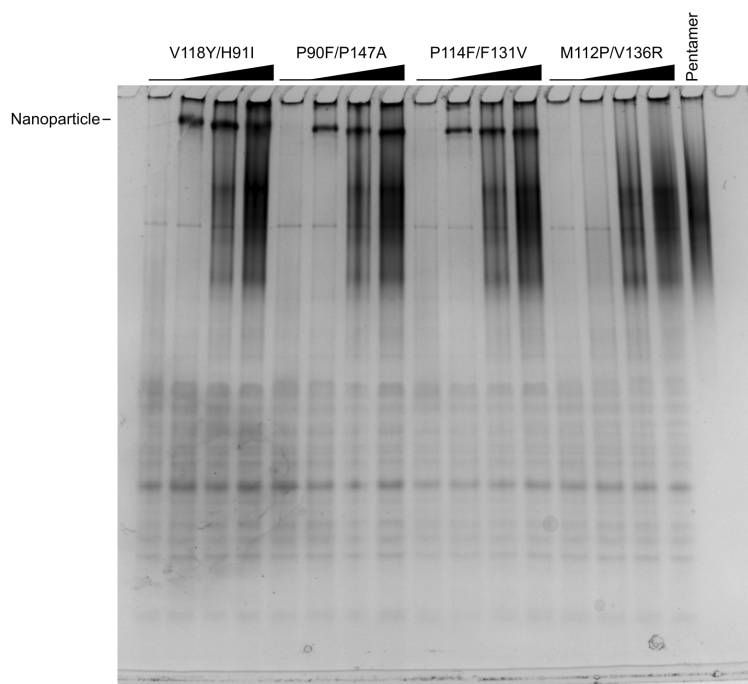


Fig. S2: Native-PAGE screen of double mutants. Recovery of trimer geometry was assayed by assembling double mutant I53-50A trimers in clarified *E. coli* lysates with purified I53-50B pentamer and evaluating the presence or absence of I53-50 nanoparticles by native PAGE. Black wedges indicate increasing pentamer concentration in each series of assembly reactions.

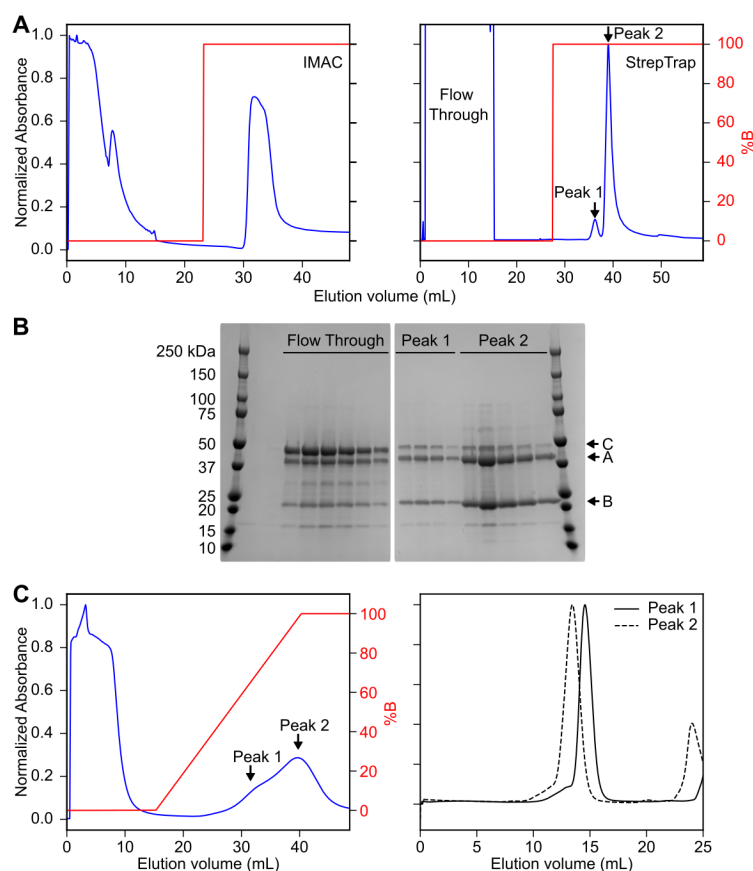


Fig. S3: Purification and characterization of “ABC” tricistronic and “AB” bicistronic constructs. (A) The ABC heterotrimer was purified by (*left*) IMAC with a step elution followed by (*right*) StrepTrap purification. The A chain contained a hexa-histidine and SUMO tag, the B chain contained a Strep tag, and the C chain contained sfGFP and avi tags. The eluate of this two-step purification method should therefore only contain trimers that include both the A and B chains. An optimal result would be equimolar amounts of the A, B, and C chains. (B) SDS-PAGE of the StrepTrap purification revealed that the eluate contained an excess of the A and B chains and less of the C chain. To test the ability of the A and B chains only to assemble into heterotrimers, we expressed an AB bicistronic gene and (C) purified the resulting proteins by (*left*) IMAC with a gradient elution. Two broad and overlapping peaks were observed. The leading half of the first peak and trailing half of the second peak were collected and (*right*) further purified by SEC. Peak 2 has a lower retention volume than peak 1, suggesting a difference in molecular weight. These results are consistent with assembly of an ABB heterotrimer (earlier IMAC elution, later SEC elution) and an AAB heterotrimer (later IMAC elution, earlier SEC elution). We confirmed this interpretation by native mass spectrometry (Fig. 1G)

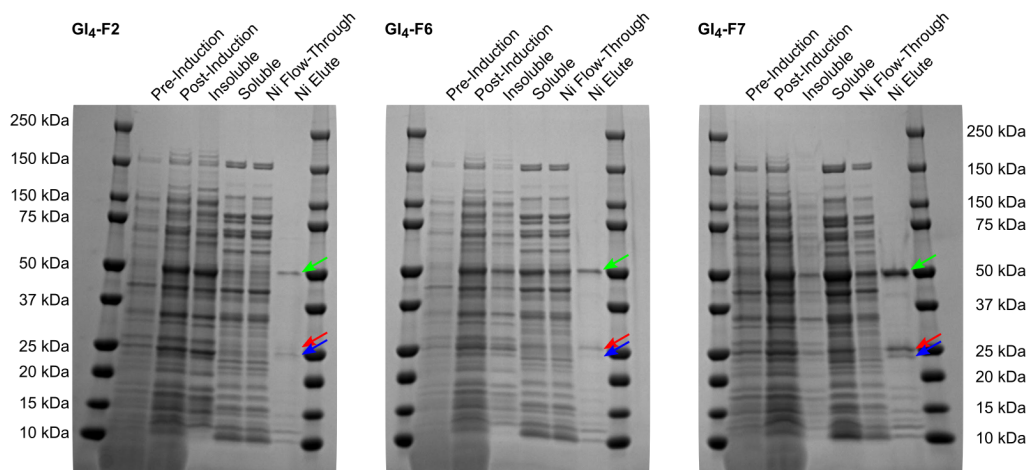


Fig. S4: SDS-PAGE of Gl₄ designs by Ni²⁺ pull-down assay. Expression and screening by SDS-PAGE for Gl₄ designs. Bands for chains A (green arrow), B (blue arrow), and C (red) arrow are indicated. The presence of all three bands in the Ni Elute lanes of Gl₄-F6 and Gl₄-F7 indicates interactions between the A, B, and C chains.

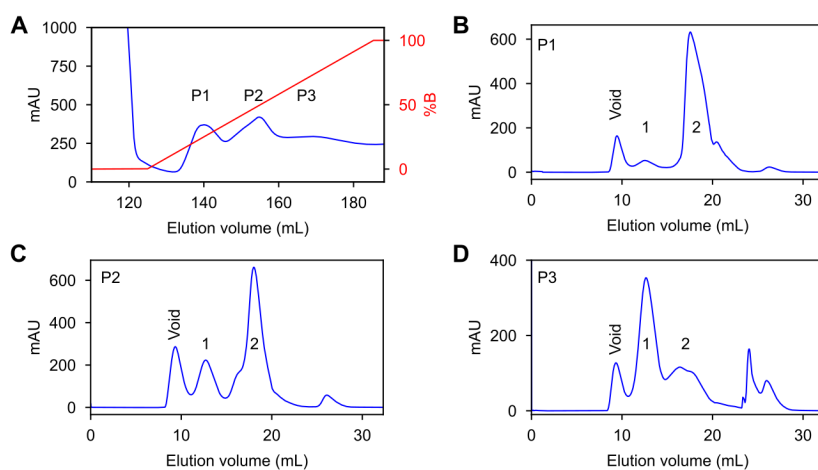


Fig. S5: Purification of heterotrimer components from A₆₀. (A) HisTrap elution chromatogram. Blue, absorbance at 280 nm; red, gradient elution. Peak 1 (P1) is predominantly ABB, P2 is predominantly AAB, and P3 is predominantly the A chain, which assembles into 60-subunit I3-01-like nanoparticles. (B) Superdex 200 Increase 10/300 chromatogram of P1 from the HisTrap elution. The first peak following the void volume (1) is predominantly I3-01-like nanoparticles and (2) is predominantly ABB heterotrimer. (C) Superdex 200 Increase 10/300 chromatogram of P2 from the HisTrap elution. (1) is predominantly I3-01-like nanoparticles and (2) is predominantly AAB heterotrimer. (D) Superdex 200 Increase 10/300 chromatogram of P3 from the HisTrap elution. (1) is predominantly I3-01-like nanoparticles and (2) is predominantly AAB heterotrimer.

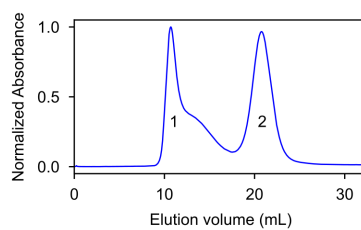


Fig. S6: Purification of Gl₄-F7 by SEC. SEC purification of Gl₄-F7 on a Sephacryl S-500 HR 10/300 GL column. Peak 1 contains the assembly while peak 2 is residual homotrimer component.

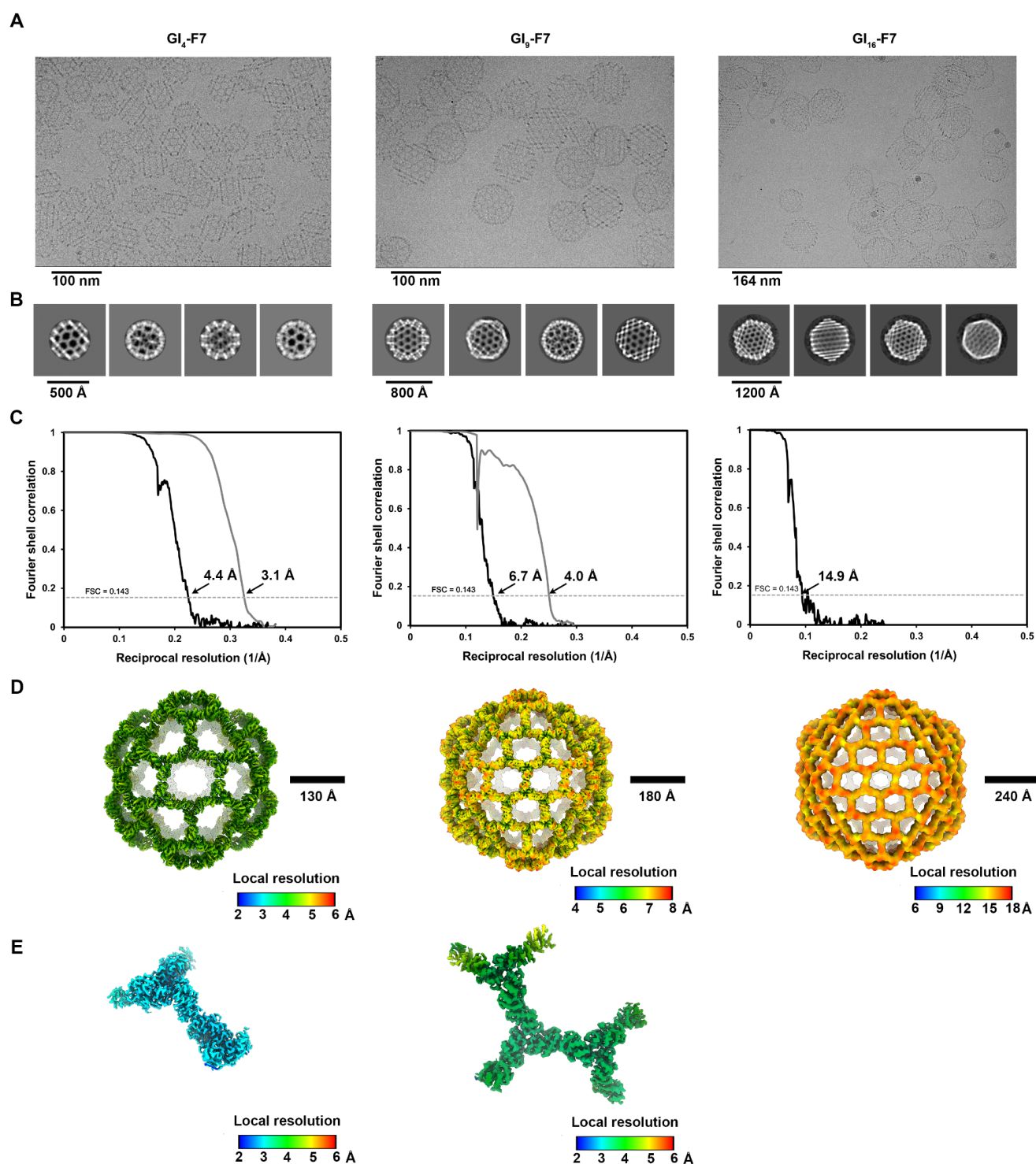


Fig. S7: CryoEM data processing. (A-B) Representative electron micrographs (A) and 2D class averages (B) of GI₄-F7 (left), GI₉-F7, (middle) and GI₁₆-F7 (right). (C) Gold-standard Fourier shell correlation curves for the 3D reconstructions of GI₄-F7 (left), GI₉-F7 (middle) and GI₁₆-F7 (right) (black line) and locally refined asus (gray lines). (D-E) Local resolution maps calculated using cryoSPARC for (D) the 3D reconstructions of GI₄-F7 (left), GI₉-F7 (middle), and GI₁₆-F7 (right) as well as (E) the locally refined ASUs of GI₄-F7 (left) and GI₉-F7 (middle). The 0.143 cutoff is indicated by a horizontal dashed line.

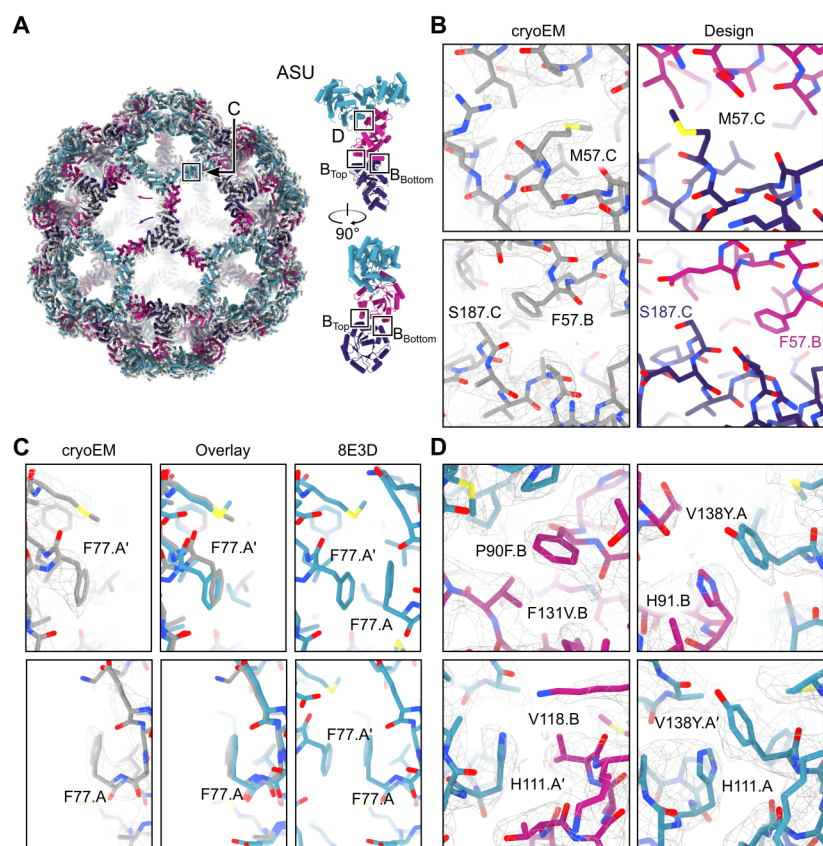


Fig. S8: Structural details of Gl₄-F7. (A) Alignment of the complete cryoEM model to the design model. Major rigid-body DoF deviations are indicated with arrows. Two views of the ASU are shown. Approximate locations of each inset (B, C, and D) are indicated. (B) Comparison between the cryoEM model (left) and design model (right) of the newly designed nanoparticle (B-C) interface. *Top row*, M57 on the CCC-homotrimer changes rotamer to occupy a void in the interface in the design model. *Bottom row*, F57 on the B chain of the AAB heterotrimer packs against S187 of the CCC homotrimer in the cryoEM model, instead of A190 in the CCC homotrimer as in the design model. (C) Comparison of the I3-01 (A-A) interface observed in the cryoEM model to a previously published structure (PDB ID 8ED3). *Top row*, slight rigid-body deviations from perfect two-fold symmetry in one copy of the A chain. *Bottom row*, very little deviation from perfect two-fold symmetry (D) Details of the density maps in the regions of the pseudosymmetry-generating mutations within the AAB heterotrimer interface.

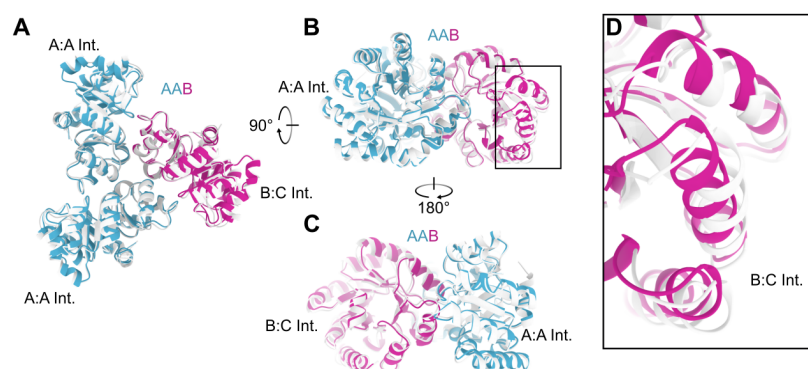


Fig. S9: Comparison of the AAB heterotrimer design model to the cryoEM model from Gl₄-F7. Alignment of the AAB heterotrimer cryoEM model to the design model is viewed **(A)** from the top, towards the center of the nanoparticle along the three-fold symmetry axis; **(B)** from the side, tangential to the nanoparticle surface; and **(C)** from the other side, tangential to the nanoparticle surface. The position of the A:A and newly designed B:C interfaces are indicated. **(D)** Detail of the B side of the B:C interface, highlighting the most significant deviations from the design model.

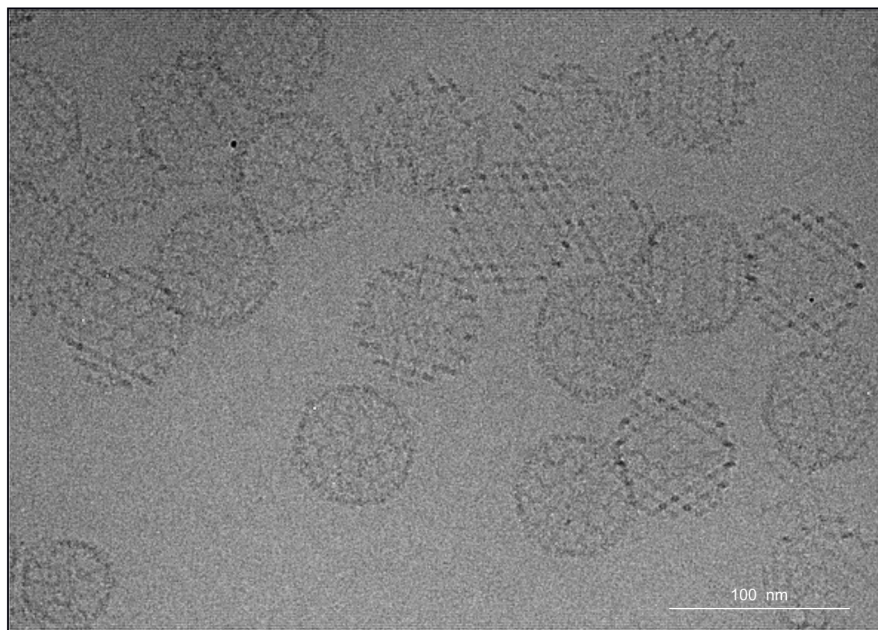


Fig. S10: Field view micrograph of Gl₉-F7. CryoEM field view micrograph of samples enriched for Gl₉-F7 by SEC purification. Both Gl₉-F7 (large particles) and Gl₄-F7 (e.g., bottom-left corner) are clearly visible.

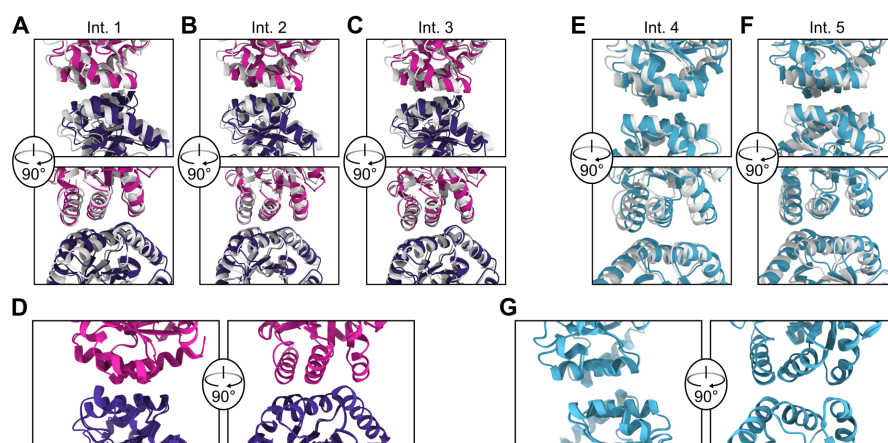


Fig. S11: Structural details of Gl₉-F7. (A-C) Alignment of the Gl₉-F7 design model chain B (magenta) and chain C (purple) protein-protein interface to the corresponding chains of the cryoEM model (gray). Each of the three interfaces between B and C chains in the ASU are shown. (D) The protein-protein interface between chain B and C from the cryoEM model of Gl₄-F7 (light colors) aligned to the same interface from the cryoEM model of Gl₉-F7 (dark colors). (E) Alignment of design model to the cryoEM model for the I3-01 interface in the pentasymmetron and (F) disymmetron. (G) Alignment of the I3-01 interface from the cryoEM models of Gl₄-F7 (light blue) and Gl₉-F7 (dark blue).

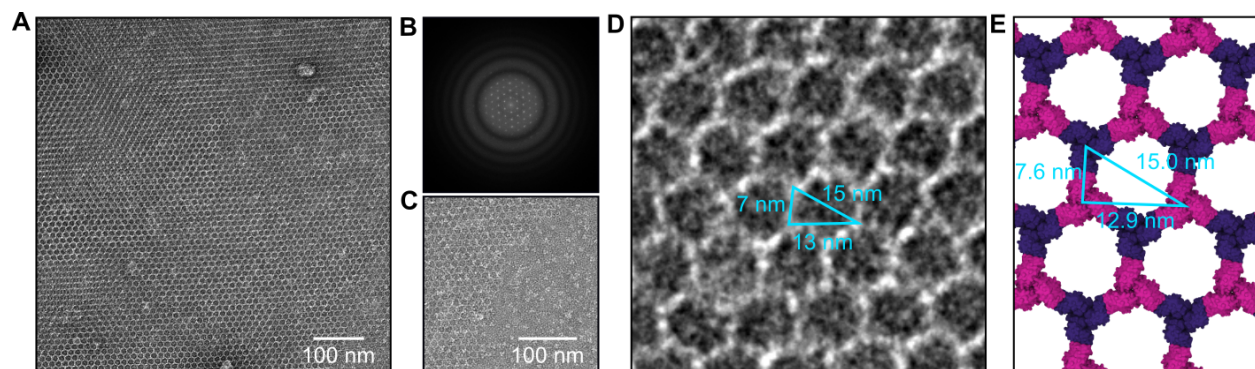


Fig. S12: Hexagonal 2D array characterization by negative stain EM. (A) An example of the regular hexagonal array formed by mixing BBB and CCC homotrimers by negative stain EM. (B) Power spectrum of the micrograph shown in panel A, confirming the periodic arrangement of the array. (C) The edge of the array is jagged, with free trimeric components visible. (D) Measurement of the array dimensions are consistent with (E) the design model.

Supplemental Tables

Supplementary Table S1: Table of all single and double mutants and outcome.

Single mutant	Assembles in lysate?	Single mutant	Assembles in lysate?	Single mutant	Assembles in lysate?
R17Y	Yes	T113V	Yes	F140K	No
T69E	Yes	P114Q	Yes	F140H	Yes
T69G	Yes	P114S	Yes	F140W	Yes
T71A	Yes	P114F	No	A143D	Yes
T71D	Yes	T115K	Yes	A143E	Yes
T71E	Yes	T116C	Yes	A143Y	Yes
T71K	Yes	T116D	Yes	P147A	Yes
T71L	Yes	T116G	Yes	P147D	Yes
T71N	Yes	T116L	Yes	P147H	Yes
T71Y	Yes	T116M	Yes	P147M	Yes
P90E	Yes	T116N	Yes	P147R	Yes**
P90F	No	T116Q	Yes	P147S	Yes
P90K	Yes	T116S	Yes	F148C	Yes
P90Q	Yes	T116T	Yes	F148E	Yes
P90R	Yes	T116W*	No	F148H	Yes
H91C	Yes	V118H	Yes	F148Q	Yes
H91D	Yes	V118K	Yes	F148Y	Yes
H91F	Yes	V118M	Yes		
H91G	Yes	V118N	Yes	Double mutant	Assembles in lysate?
H91I	Yes	V118S	Yes		
H91S	Yes	V118W	Yes	M112P/V136R	No
D93R	Yes	V118Y	No	P90F/P147A	Yes
M112P	No	K122D	Yes	P114F/F131V	Yes
M112Q	Yes	K122E	Yes	V118Y/H91I	Yes
M112V	Yes	F131E	Yes**		
T113D	Yes	E134G	Yes		
T113F	Yes	E134K	Yes		
T113I	Yes	V135P	Yes		
T113L	Yes	V136R	Yes		
T113M	Yes	V136Y	Yes		
T113P	Yes	V136W	Yes		
T113Q	Yes	Q139E	Yes		

* Mutant at three-fold position required screening in a tricistronic gene construct and was not pursued further.

** Did not assemble in one replicate or had a weak assembly band.

Supplementary Table S2. Amino acid sequences for novel proteins used in this study.

>Pseudosymmetric I53-50A A Chain

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>Pseudosymmetric I53-50A B Chain

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>Pseudosymmetric I53-50A C Chain

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>Pseudosymmetric Gl_T A Chain

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>Pseudosymmetric Gl_T B Chain

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>Homotrimeric Gl_T BBB

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>Homotrimeric Gl_T CCC

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Appended sequences including SUMO, GFP, and deca- or hexa-histidine, avi- and strep- tags are underlined.

Pseudosymmetrizing mutations are highlighted.

Supplementary Table S3. CryoEM data collection and refinement statistics.

	Gl ₄ -F7 EMD XXXX	Gl ₄ -F7 (local refinement) PDB XXXX EMD XXXX	Gl ₉ -F7 EMD XXXX	Gl ₉ -F7 (local refinement) PDB XXXX EMD XXXX	Gl ₁₆ -F7 EMD XXXX
Data collection and processing					
Magnification	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	64,000
Voltage (kV)	300	300	300	300	300
Electron exposure (e ⁻ /Å ²)	60	60	60	60	37
Defocus range (μm)	-0.5 - -2.5	-0.5 - -2.5	-0.5 - -2.5	-0.5 - -2.5	-0.5 - -3.5
Pixel size (Å)	0.843	0.843	0.843	0.843	1.42
Symmetry imposed	I	C1	I	C1	I
Initial particle images (no.)	154,574		18,611		1,226
Final particle images (no.)	120,979	984,020	1,956	795,360	1,083
Map resolution (Å)	4.4	3.1	6.7	4.0	14.9
FSC threshold	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143	0.143
Refinement					
Map resolution (Å)		0.143		0.143	
FSC threshold					
Map sharpening Bfactor (Å ²)	-269	-143	-530	-138	
Model composition					
Non-hydrogen atoms		5687		9161	
Protein residues		813		1827	
Ligands		0		0	
B factors (Å ²)					
Protein		15.53		73.75	
Ligand					
Validation					
MolProbity score		1.9		1.06	
Clashscore		5.86		0.71	
Poor rotamers (%)		2.94		0.13	
Ramachandran plot					
Favored (%)		96.52		98.95	
Allowed (%)		3.11		0.5	
Disallowed (%)		0.37		0.55	

Supplementary Table S4: Deviations observed in the cryoEM reconstruction of Gl₄-F7 compared to the design model.

Component	Axis	Translation (Å)	Rotation (Degrees)
Pentasympmetron	5-fold	5.8	5.9
AAB-Heterotrimer	// Local 3-fold	1.1	1.3
	⊥ Local 3-fold	1.6	–
	AAB:AAB Interface	–	1.6, -2.8
	AAB:CCC Interface	–	-0.2
Trimer	3-fold	4.0	12.4

Supplementary Table S5: Deviations observed in the cryoEM reconstruction of Gl₉-F7 compared to the design model.

Component	Axis	Translation (Å)	Rotation (Degrees)
Pentasympetron	Icosahedral 5-fold	7.7	7.2
AAB heterotrimer	// * Local 3-fold	1.3	1.8
	⊥ Local 3-fold	1.9	--
	AAB:AAB Interface	--	1.9, -3.6
	AAB:CCC Interface	--	0.3
Disymmetron	Icosahedral two-fold	10.0	8.2
ABB heterotrimer	// Local 3-fold	0.4	2.3
	⊥ Local 3-fold	1.3	--
	ABB:ABB Interface	--	-1.6
	ABB:CCC Interface	--	-0.8, 3.7
3× Trimer	Icosahedral 3-fold	6.5	5.4
CCC homotrimer	// Local 3-fold	0.0	-6.5
	⊥ Local 3-fold	1.23	--
	CCC:ABB Interface	--	0.3, -1.8
	CCC:AAB Interface	--	-0.6*

*The symbol // indicates deviations parallel to the indicated symmetry axis, ⊥ indicates deviations perpendicular to the indicated axis.

Supplementary Table S6: DLS results obtained from assembly reactions corresponding to T numbers 4 to 100.

T	Mean Z-Ave. dia. (nm)	StdDev Z-Ave. dia. (nm)	PDI
4	47.5	0.4	0.048
9	69.9	0.5	0.154
16	95	1	0.121
25	113.2	0.5	0.127
36	129	2	0.134
49	148	2	0.136
64	162	1	0.136
81	174	1	0.126
100	189	1	0.133