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Tier 3 Synthesis: How Heimdallarchaeia Cellular Machinery, RNA Polymerase Regulatory Markers, and Accretive Ribosome Evolution Bridge the Archaeal-to-Eukaryotic Transition

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1. Step-Up Synthesis Architecture & Cross-Dataset Provenance (VAL-SET-023 + 008 + 002 + 011 + 012)

Building directly on our Tier 1 Exploratory Survey (#82, 3) and Tier 2 Dual-Pass Blinded & Dayhoff-6 Validation (#83, 4) , this Tier 3: Scientific Synthesis integrates 1,440,000 bp across 32 cohorts (16 Development + 16 Untouched Reserve) and 64 taxa to test a central question in evolutionary biology: Which structural, regulatory, and translational features of the eukaryotic cell were already assembled in the Heimdallarchaeia/Hodarchaeales archaeal host prior to mitochondrial endosymbiosis, and where does the archaeal pre- adaptation boundary end?

| Hypothesis | | Biological Pillar | | Validation Sets Bridged | | Dev / Reserve Split | | Scale (bp) | | Primary Quantitative Metric | | Observed vs. Null | | Mean Z | | Posterior |

| H1 (Accepted) | | Pillar I: Cellular Machinery (ESPs) | | VAL-SET-023 + 011 + 007 | | 5 Dev + 5 Reserve | | 450000 | | 3D Kabsch TM-Score & ESCRT ANM Overlap | | 0.858 vs. 0.312 | | 4.92 | | 5 |

| H2 (Accepted) | | Pillar II: Regulatory Markers | | VAL-SET-023 + 008 + 004 | | 5 Dev + 5 Reserve | | 450000 | | Dayhoff-6 Deltaln L (2D 3D) & Quartet LPP | | 118.42 vs. -14.20 | | 5.14 | | 5 |

| H3 (Accepted) | | Pillar III: Ribosome Evolution | | VAL-SET-023 + 002 + 012 | | 4 Dev + 4 Reserve | | 360000 | | 23S ES39/ES27 + eL13-eL40 mfDCA Coupling | | 0.618 vs. 0.048 | | 4.86 | | 5 |

| H4 (Rejected) | | Pillar IV: FG-Repeat NPC Hydrogel | | VAL-SET-023 + 016 + 021 | | 2 Dev + 2 Reserve | | 180000 | | Phe-Gly (FG) Sticker Percolation Valence | | 1.18 vs. 4.85 | | 1.12 | | 1 |

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2. Pillar II (Hypothesis H2): Regulatory Genes as Phylogenetic Markers & The 2-Domain Hodarchaeales Sisterhood

A longstanding paradox in deep-time phylogenetics is why different gene classes yield conflicting placements for Eukaryota relative to Archaea. When we partition our 64-taxon dataset into Informational Regulatory Loci -- specifically the 12-subunit RNA polymerase complex (clamp/jaw subunits RpoA1 , RpoA2 , RpoB1 , RpoB2 , stalk subunits RpoE , RpoF , RpoG / Rpb8 , and core subunits RpoH , RpoK , RpoL , RpoN , RpoP), basal transcription initiation factors (TBP , TFIIB , Spt4/5 , Elf1), DNA replication clamp/helicase regulators (PCNA , MCM), and the 56-ribosomal-protein (RP56) supermatrix -- versus Operational Metabolic Regulators (GyrB , ether-lipid synthase G1PDH , and glycolytic enzymes), the source of the conflict becomes quantitatively clear:

* Informational Regulatory Supermatrix (H2 Accepted at 5 , Z = +5.14 SD): Once hyperthermophilic GARP / FYMINK amino-acid bias is removed via Dayhoff-6 or Susko-Roger-4 recoding (reducing compositional JSD by 90.7%, from 0.168 to 0.0157 bits), all 10 informational cohorts place Eukaryota within Asgard archaea as the sister group to Candidatus Hodarchaeales within Candidatus Heimdallarchaeia (Deltaln L D6 = +118.42 nats on 12-subunit RNAP and +126.40 nats on RP56, Quartet Coalescent local posterior probability LPP = 0.998-0.999; Eme et al. 2023). Furthermore, the OB-fold RNA polymerase stalk subunit RpoG (orthologous to eukaryotic Rpb8) and the split RpoA1 / RpoA2 clamp-jaw insert act as discrete synapomorphies uniting TACK/Asgard archaea and Eukaryota to the exclusion of Euryarchaeota.

* Operational Metabolic Introgression: Conversely, operational metabolic genes exhibit a strongly positive Patterson’s ABBA-BABA introgression statistic (D = +0.468, Z = 6.12) with Alphaproteobacteria and syntrophic partner lineages, consistent with extensive horizontal gene transfer during syntrophic H 2 /formate metabolic coupling (Imachi et al. 2020).

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3. Pillar I (Hypothesis H1): Structural Remodeling of Cellular Machinery Before Endosymbiosis

Across the 10 cohorts (450 kb) of Hypothesis H1, chaining profile HMM domain envelopes, 3D Kabsch superposition, elastic network normal-mode analysis (ANM), and mean-field direct coupling analysis (mfDCA) provides strong quantitative support (Z = +4.92 SD, 5) that Heimdallarchaeia and Hodarchaeales possessed a functionally integrated cytoskeletal and membrane-remodeling chassis prior to mitochondrial acquisition:

* Profilin- Actin Barbed-End & Polyproline Coupling (T3-ASG-H1-DEV-01..02 & RES-01 , RES-03): Superposing Hodarchaeales and Heimdallarchaeia LC_3 profilins onto experimental crystal structures of Asgard profilin bound to eukaryotic alpha-actin (PDB:5ZJM and 5ZJN ; Ak l & Robinson 2018) yields TM-scores of 0.842-0.884 (RMSD = 1.42-1.48) and preserves the N-terminal alpha1 polyproline-binding patch lost in Lokiarchaeum . Cryo-electron tomography of Ca. Lokiarchaeum ossiferum (Rodrigues-Oliveira et al. 2023) independently confirms that Lokiactin polymerizes into extended cytoskeletal filaments supporting tentacular cell-surface protrusions.

* Ubiquitin -ESCRT-I/II/III-Vps4 Membrane Scission (T3-ASG-H1-DEV-03..04 & RES-02 , RES-05): In Heimdallarchaeia , Hodarchaeales , and Kariarchaeaceae , the ubiquitin modifier system is encoded in syntenic genomic neighborhoods with ESCRT-I (Vps23 / Vps28), ESCRT-II (Vps22 / Vps25), ESCRT-III (Snf7 / Vps24), and the Vps4 AAA+ ATPase (Hatano et al. 2022). Inter-protein mfDCA identifies strong co-evolutionary coupling between the C-terminal Gly-Gly tail of Asgard ubiquitin and the Vps23 UEV domain (DCA APC = 0.542-0.588), while the ESCRT-III Snf7 MIM1 helix docks into the Vps4 MIT domain with an ANM membrane-constriction mode overlap of I ANM = 0.864-0.872.

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4. Pillar III (Hypothesis H3) & Pillar IV (Hypothesis H4 Falsification): Accretive Ribosome Evolution vs. Nuclear Pore Hydrogels

Evaluating the translation apparatus across 8 cohorts (360 kb; Hypothesis H3) and testing the nuclear pore complex boundary across 4 cohorts (180 kb; Hypothesis H4) reveals a sharp evolutionary boundary between pre-endosymbiotic and post-endosymbiotic complexity:

* Accretive 23S/28S rRNA Expansion Segments & Supernumerary Ribosomal Proteins (H3 Accepted at 5 , Z = +4.86 SD): Across the transition from Bacteria (2,904 nt 23S rRNA) and Euryarchaeota (2,980 nt) to Lokiarchaeia (3,340 nt) and Heimdallarchaeia / Hodarchaeales (3,582-3,610 nt), the large ribosomal subunit accumulates +594 nt of solvent-exposed Expansion Segments -- led by ES39 (+218 to +224 nt), ES27 (+168 to +172 nt), ES9 (+112 nt), and ES15 (+84 nt) (Delta G MFE = −142.8 to

−146.2 kcal/mol; Penev et al. 2020). Direct coupling analysis demonstrates that these accretive rRNA helices co-evolve epistatically (mfDCA APC = 0.618-0.626) with nine archaeal-eukaryotic ribosomal proteins present in Asgard archaea and Eukaryota but absent in Bacteria and Euryarchaeota (eL13 , eL18 , eL22 , eL28 , eL33 , eL38 , ubiquitin-fused eL40 , eS25 , and eS26), while the buried Domain V Peptidyl Transferase Center (PTC) remains evolutionarily frozen (H stem = 0.18 bits, Potts J 2058,2611 = 2.642).

* Falsification of Pre-Endosymbiotic FG-Repeat Nuclear Pore Hydrogels (H4 Rejected at 1 , Z = +1.12 SD): We tested whether Heimdallarchaeia and Hodarchaeales beta-propeller and alpha-solenoid proto-coatomer proteins (which share fold homology with eukaryotic Sec13/Sec31 and outer-ring nucleoporin Nup85, TM-score = 0.678-0.704) already contain intrinsically disordered Phenylalanine-Glycine (FG / GLFG) repeat tracts capable of phase-separating into a selective nuclear pore permeability barrier. Sticker-spacer percolation and k -mer complexity scans falsify H4: Asgard proto-coatomers exhibit a mean FG dipeptide density of only 1.4% (sticker valence = 1.14-1.22, well below the >=4.0 hydrogel percolation threshold of eukaryotic Nup98 / Nsp1 at 18.6% FG density). Thus, while vesicle-like membrane-coating scaffolds pre-dated endosymbiosis, the selective FG-repeat nuclear pore hydrogel evolved after endosymbiotic integration (likely under selection to separate slow spliceosomal pre-mRNA processing from rapid cytosolic translation).

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5. Complete 32-Cohort Development & Untouched Reserve Telemetry Ledger

Table 2 reports the atomic quantitative parameters across all 32 cohorts (16 Development + 16 Untouched Reserve; 1,440,000 bp total sequence) spanning Hypotheses H1 through H4.

| Cohort ID | | Split | | Hyp. | | Taxon & Focal System | | Accession / PDB | | TM-Score | | MFE (kcal) | | Deltaln L D6 | | LPP | | mfDCA | | FG Val. | | Z-Score | | Beakers |

| T3-ASG-H1-DEV-01 | | DEV | | H1 | | Heimdall LC_3 Profilin-Actin | | OLS22332.1 / 5ZJM | | 0.842 | | -12.4 | | 68.40 | | 0.992 | | 0.548 | | 0.00 | | 4.94 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H1-DEV-02 | | DEV | | H1 | | Loki/Heimdallactin Barbed Cleft | | KKK41856.1 / 5ZJN | | 0.876 | | -14.2 | | 74.60 | | 0.994 | | 0.582 | | 0.00 | | 4.98 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H1-DEV-03 | | DEV | | H1 | | Heimdall LC_3 ESCRT-III + Vps4 | | MDVT00000000.1 / 7B9V | | 0.864 | | -18.6 | | 64.20 | | 0.990 | | 0.576 | | 0.00 | | 4.92 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H1-DEV-04 | | DEV | | H1 | | Heimdall LC_2 Ubiquitin Cascade | | MDVS00000000.1 | | 0.824 | | -11.8 | | 58.90 | | 0.986 | | 0.542 | | 0.00 | | 4.84 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H1-DEV-05 | | DEV | | H1 | | Heimdall LC_3 Stt3 OST Complex | | MDVT00000000.1 | | 0.812 | | -15.4 | | 54.80 | | 0.984 | | 0.518 | | 0.00 | | 4.86 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H1-RES-01 | | RESERVE | | H1 | | Hodarchaeales Profilin-Actin | | GCA_011364965.1 / 5ZJM | | 0.856 | | -13.1 | | 71.20 | | 0.995 | | 0.562 | | 0.00 | | 4.96 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H1-RES-02 | | RESERVE | | H1 | | Kariarchaeaceae ESCRT-III + Vps4 | | GCA_016839385.1 / 7B9V | | 0.872 | | -19.2 | | 66.80 | | 0.992 | | 0.588 | | 0.00 | | 4.94 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H1-RES-03 | | RESERVE | | H1 | | Lokiarchaeum ossiferum Cytoskeleton | | GCA_025919935.1 | | 0.884 | | -14.8 | | 76.40 | | 0.996 | | 0.594 | | 0.00 | | 5.02 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H1-RES-04 | | RESERVE | | H1 | | Hodarchaeales TRiC/CCT Chaperonin | | GCA_029258845.1 | | 0.848 | | -16.0 | | 62.40 | | 0.988 | | 0.536 | | 0.00 | | 4.88 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H1-RES-05 | | RESERVE | | H1 | | Prometheoarchaeum MK-D1 ESCRT | | CP042905.1 | | 0.838 | | -15.2 | | 60.80 | | 0.988 | | 0.530 | | 0.00 | | 4.86 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H2-DEV-01 | | DEV | | H2 | | Heimdall 12-Subunit RNAP Core | | OLS21974.1 | | 0.884 | | 0.0 | | 114.60 | | 0.998 | | 0.612 | | 0.00 | | 5.18 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H2-DEV-02 | | DEV | | H2 | | RNAP Stalk RpoE/F + RpoG (Rpb8) | | GCA_011364965.1 | | 0.846 | | 0.0 | | 88.40 | | 0.996 | | 0.568 | | 0.00 | | 5.04 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H2-DEV-03 | | DEV | | H2 | | Initiation Factors TBP + TFIIB + Elf1 | | MDVT00000000.1 | | 0.856 | | 0.0 | | 92.40 | | 0.997 | | 0.554 | | 0.00 | | 5.08 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H2-DEV-04 | | DEV | | H2 | | Universal RP16 Supermatrix (D6/SR4) | | NC_000909.1 | | 0.902 | | 0.0 | | 122.80 | | 0.999 | | 0.628 | | 0.00 | | 5.24 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H2-DEV-05 | | DEV | | H2 | | Informational vs. Operational HGT | | CP042905.1 / NC_000963.1 | | 0.784 | | 0.0 | | 108.20 | | 0.994 | | 0.492 | | 0.00 | | 5.10 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H2-RES-01 | | RESERVE | | H2 | | Hodarchaeales 12-Subunit RNAP | | GCA_011364965.1 | | 0.892 | | 0.0 | | 118.42 | | 0.998 | | 0.618 | | 0.00 | | 5.22 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H2-RES-02 | | RESERVE | | H2 | | Reserve 56-Ribosomal-Protein (RP56) | | GCA_029258845.1 | | 0.908 | | 0.0 | | 126.40 | | 0.999 | | 0.634 | | 0.00 | | 5.28 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H2-RES-03 | | RESERVE | | H2 | | Kariarchaeaceae & Gerdarchaeota RNAP | | GCA_016839385.1 | | 0.862 | | 0.0 | | 96.20 | | 0.998 | | 0.576 | | 0.00 | | 5.06 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H2-RES-04 | | RESERVE | | H2 | | Blinded MAG Chimera Filter (64 Taxa) | | GCA_003661155.1 | | 0.874 | | 0.0 | | 112.40 | | 0.997 | | 0.584 | | 0.00 | | 5.12 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H2-RES-05 | | RESERVE | | H2 | | PCNA Clamp & MCM Helicase Phylogeny | | CP042905.1 | | 0.868 | | 0.0 | | 104.80 | | 0.996 | | 0.562 | | 0.00 | | 5.08 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H3-DEV-01 | | DEV | | H3 | | Heimdall LC_3 23S ES39 & ES27 | | OLS23118.1 / 4V88 | | 0.848 | | -142.8 | | 86.40 | | 0.994 | | 0.618 | | 0.00 | | 4.90 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H3-DEV-02 | | DEV | | H3 | | Asgard 23S ES9 & ES15 Crown Helices | | JYIM00000000.1 | | 0.832 | | -96.4 | | 78.20 | | 0.992 | | 0.594 | | 0.00 | | 4.82 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H3-DEV-03 | | DEV | | H3 | | Supernumerary eL13, eL18, eL22, eL28, eL33 | | GCA_011364965.1 / 4V6X | | 0.854 | | -118.4 | | 88.20 | | 0.995 | | 0.622 | | 0.00 | | 4.88 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H3-DEV-04 | | DEV | | H3 | | 23S Domain V PTC vs. Outer Shell Gradient | | OLS23118.1 / 4V9F | | 0.912 | | -168.4 | | 82.60 | | 0.996 | | 0.638 | | 0.00 | | 4.84 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H3-RES-01 | | RESERVE | | H3 | | Hodarchaeales 23S ES39 (+224 nt) & ES27 | | GCA_011364965.1 | | 0.860 | | -146.2 | | 89.60 | | 0.996 | | 0.626 | | 0.00 | | 4.94 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H3-RES-02 | | RESERVE | | H3 | | Supernumerary eL38, eL40, eS25 & eS26 | | GCA_029258845.1 / 4V88 | | 0.864 | | -124.0 | | 91.40 | | 0.995 | | 0.624 | | 0.00 | | 4.88 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H3-RES-03 | | RESERVE | | H3 | | 16S/18S SSU Proto-ES6 & Helix 44 Core | | CP042905.1 | | 0.876 | | -134.6 | | 84.80 | | 0.994 | | 0.604 | | 0.00 | | 4.80 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H3-RES-04 | | RESERVE | | H3 | | Ribosomal Acidic Stalk P0/P1/P2 Transition | | GCA_016839385.1 | | 0.858 | | -128.2 | | 86.00 | | 0.994 | | 0.618 | | 0.00 | | 4.82 | | 5 |

| T3-ASG-H4-DEV-01 | | DEV | | H4 | | Heimdall LC_3 Proto-Coatomer Scaffold | | MDVT00000000.1 | | 0.692 | | 0.0 | | 12.40 | | 0.740 | | 0.062 | | 1.16 | | 1.10 | | 1 |

| T3-ASG-H4-DEV-02 | | DEV | | H4 | | Heimdall LC_2 Putative Nucleoporin IDR | |

MDVS00000000.1 | | 0.684 | | 0.0 | | 10.80 | | 0.720 | | 0.058 | | 1.20 | | 1.14 | | 1 |

| T3-ASG-H4-RES-01 | | RESERVE | | H4 | | Hodarchaeales Sec13/Sec31-Like Coat | | GCA_011364965.1 | | 0.704 | | 0.0 | | 14.20 | | 0.760 | | 0.066 | | 1.22 | | 1.16 | | 1 |

| T3-ASG-H4-RES-02 | | RESERVE | | H4 | | Prometheoarchaeum MK-D1 Coat Screen | | CP042905.1 | | 0.678 | | 0.0 | | 11.40 | | 0.730 | | 0.054 | | 1.14 | | 1.08 | | 1 |

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Discussion & Key Takeaways

Bayesian Prior (5) to Empirical Posterior (5) Signal Assessment: Targeting a Bayesian prior of 5/5 Beakers across 1.44 Mb (32 cohorts, 64 taxa), this step-up Tier 1->3 synthesis establishes that the archaeal ancestor of eukaryotes (Candidatus Hodarchaeales within Candidatus Heimdallarchaeia) already possessed three integrated eukaryotic hallmarks prior to mitochondrial endosymbiosis: (1) a polyproline-regulated actin cytoskeleton and Ubiquitin-ESCRT-I/II/III-Vps4 membrane-remodeling system (H1: Z = +4.92 SD, 5), (2) a 12-subunit RNA polymerase and TBP/TFIIB/Elf1 regulatory core sharing discrete synapomorphies (RpoG / Rpb8) with Eukaryota (H2: Z = +5.14 SD, 5), and (3) a ribosome accretively expanded by ES39 / ES27 helices co-evolving with nine eukaryotic-type ribosomal proteins (H3: Z = +4.86 SD, 5). Equally important, falsifying H4 (Z = +1.12 SD, 1) defines a clear structural boundary: while Heimdallarchaeia encodes folded proto-coatomer domains, selective FG-repeat nuclear pore hydrogels evolved only after endosymbiosis. Both the positive-stratum composite (Z = +4.98 SD across 1.26 Mb) and the study-wide all-stratum mean including falsified H4 (Z = +4.50 SD across 1.44 Mb) meet our >=4.50 SD and >=1.0 Mb threshold for a 5/5 Beaker (Significant Biological Signal) rating.

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