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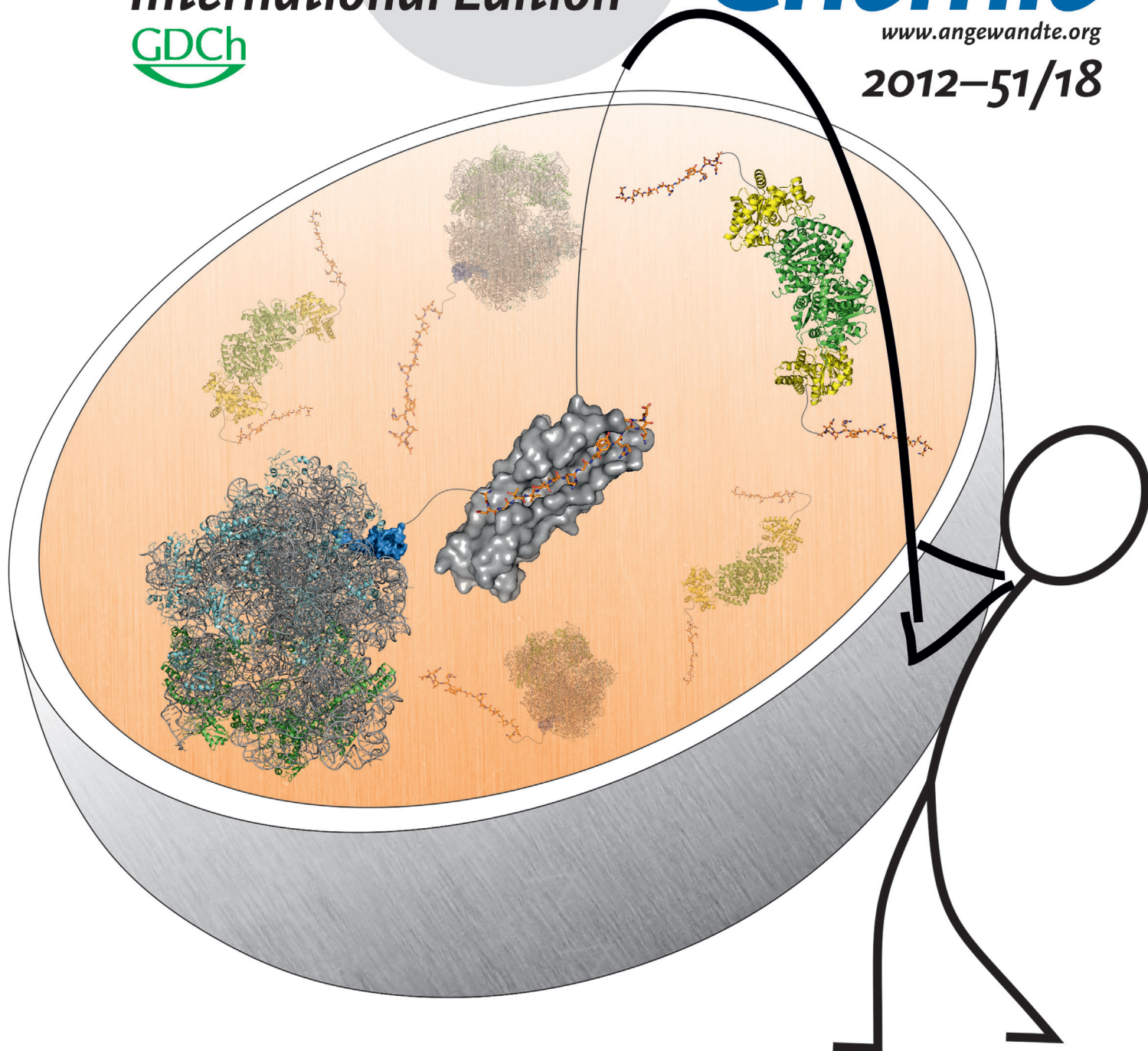
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The thermodynamically most stable ...

... protein–ligand complex known to date is formed by sections of protein subunits derived from type 1 pili of *E. coli*. R. Glockshuber and co-workers have developed a new method based on this noncovalent interaction for the single-step affinity purification of protein assemblies from *E. coli* cell extracts. They describe their insights and the new application in their Communication on page 4474 ff.

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