



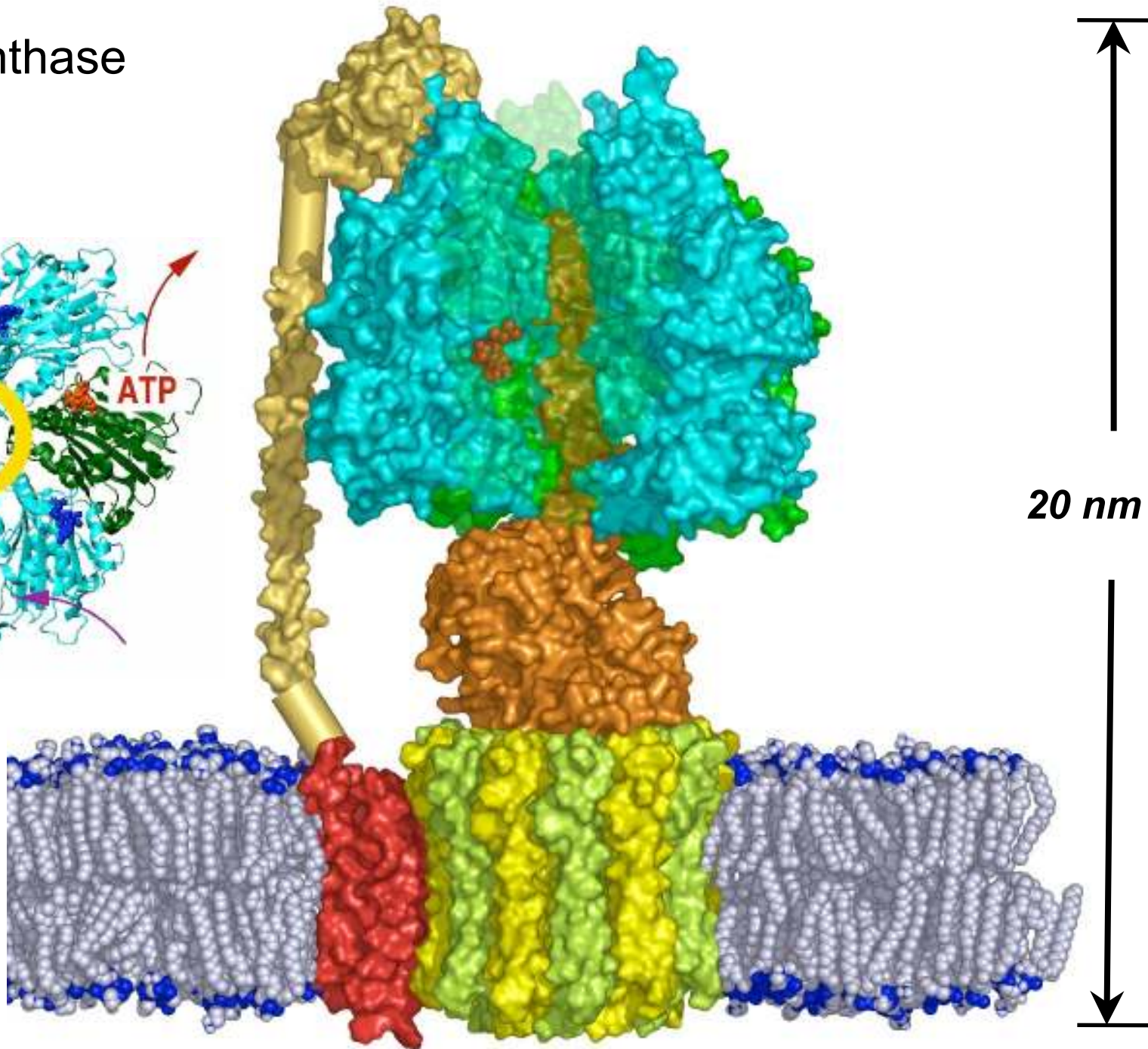
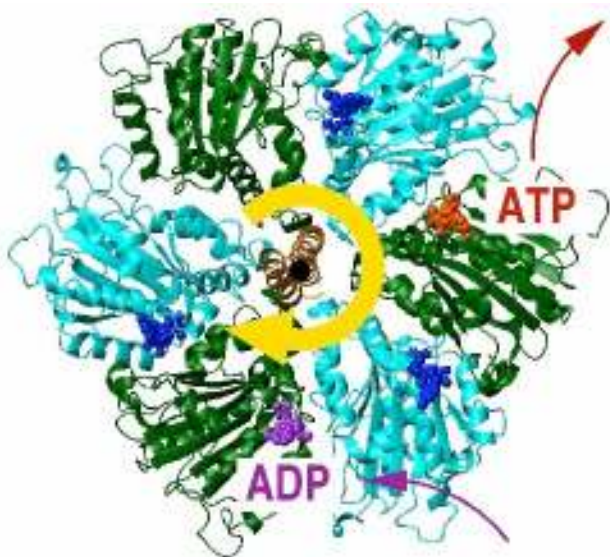
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***Proteins are Molecular Machines !***

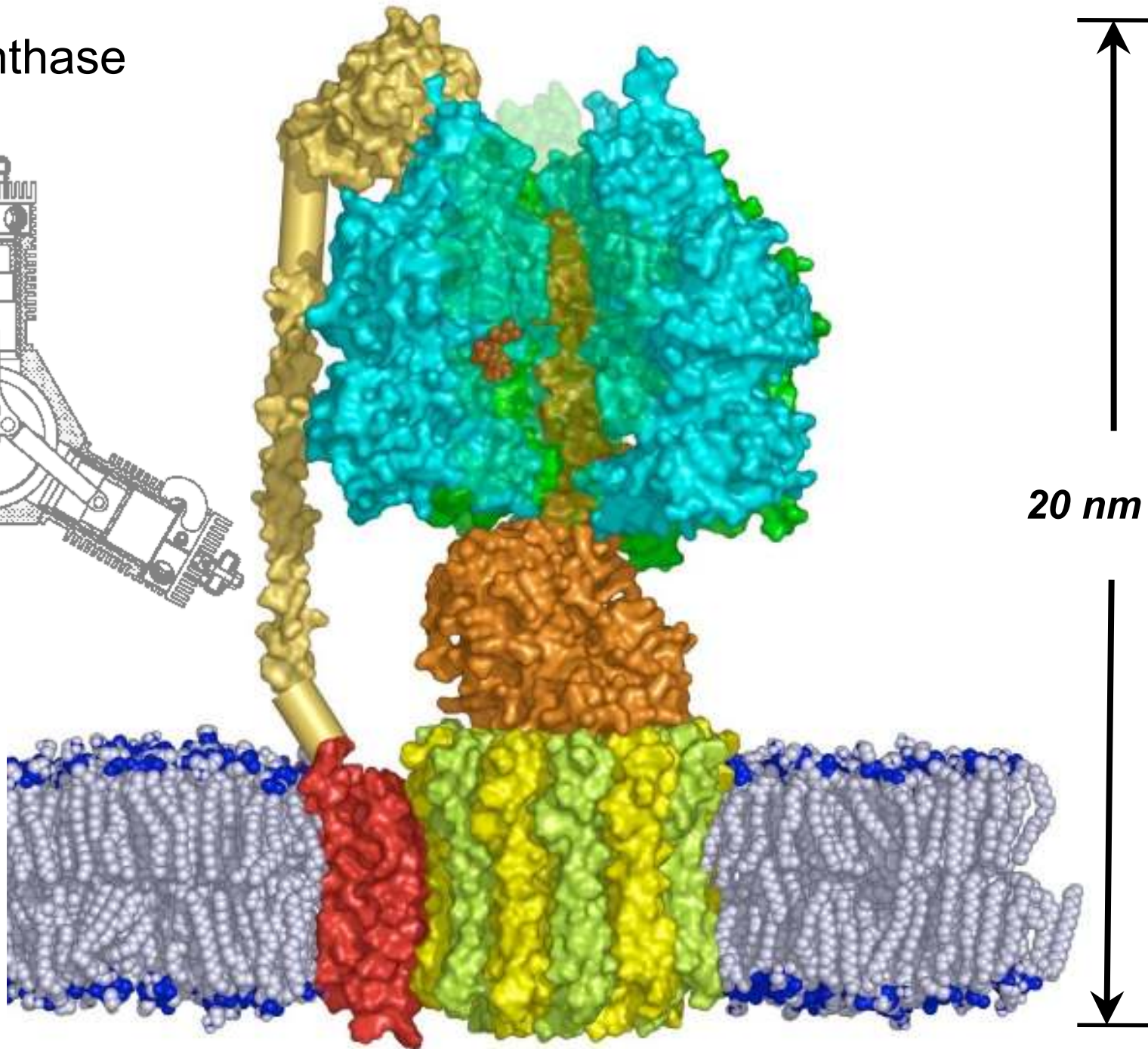
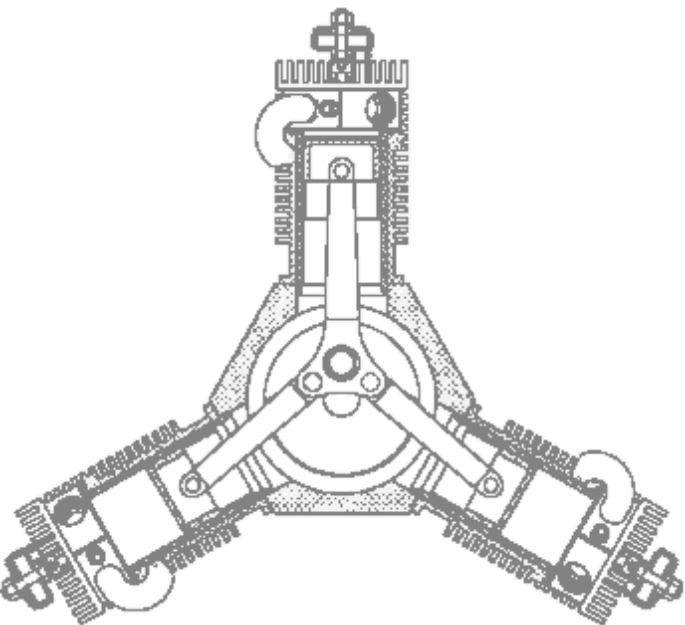
***Elementary steps:  
Conformational motions***



# F-ATP Synthase

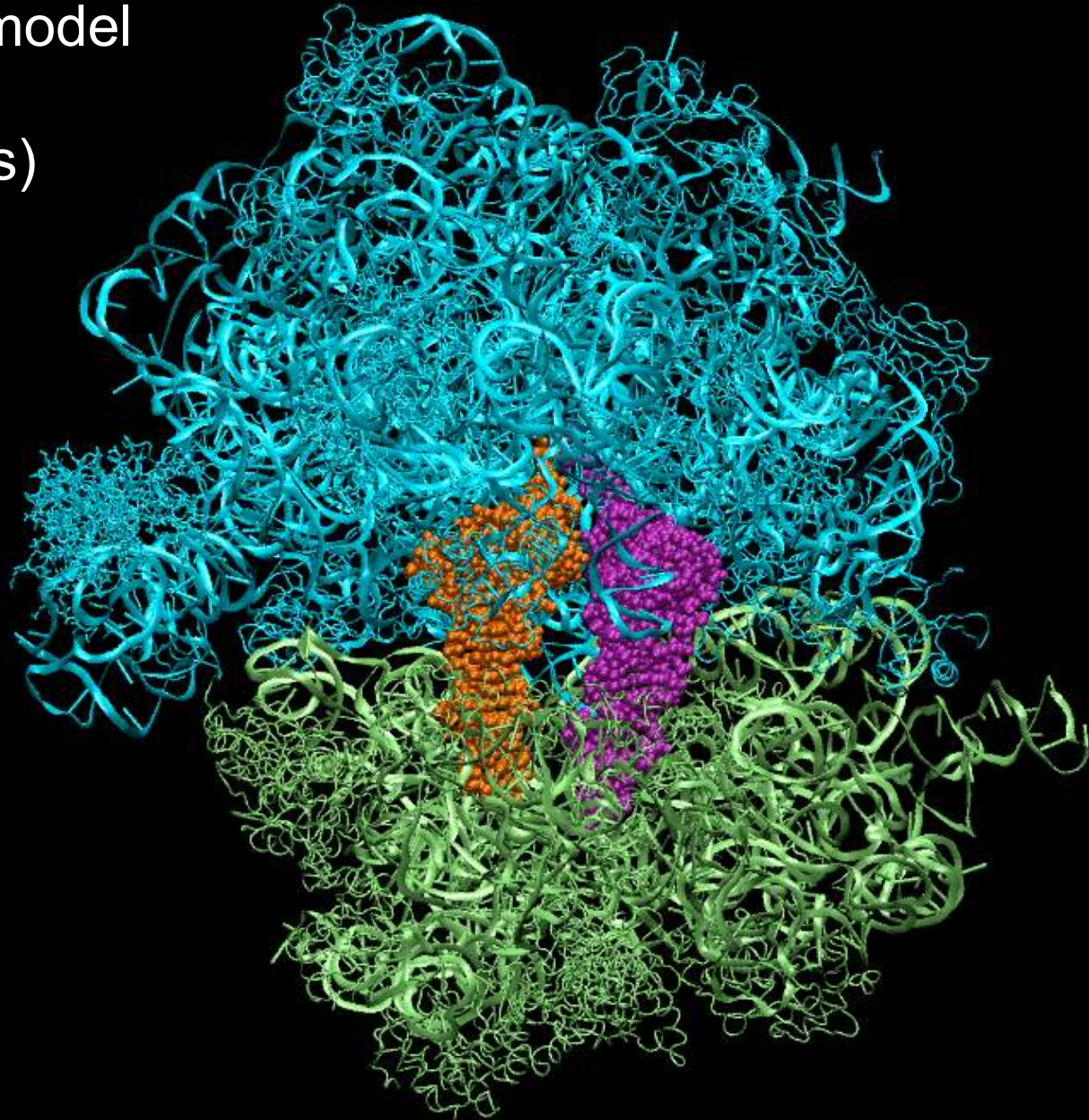


# F-ATP Synthase





MD-Fit of  
atomic xray model  
to EM maps  
(23 structures)



***Reality***





## ***X-ray crystallography***

***„This is reality, not just simulations!“***

***Sir John Walker, European Biophysics Congress, London, 2007***



**Tur**



**J**



**K**



**L**



**M**

***Time resolved x-ray crystallography***





***single particle cryo EM***



(C) Stacey Burgess

**AFM**





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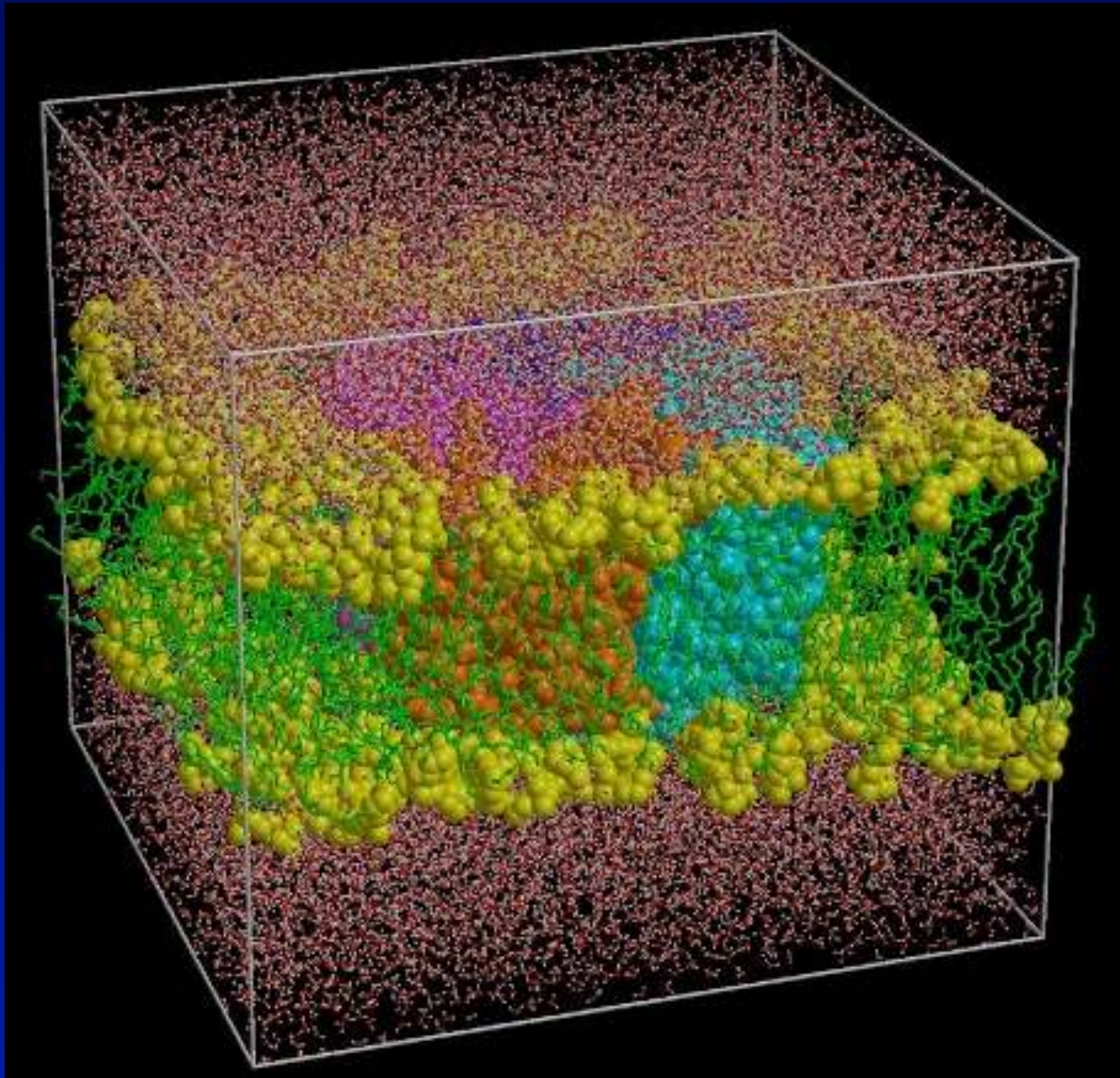


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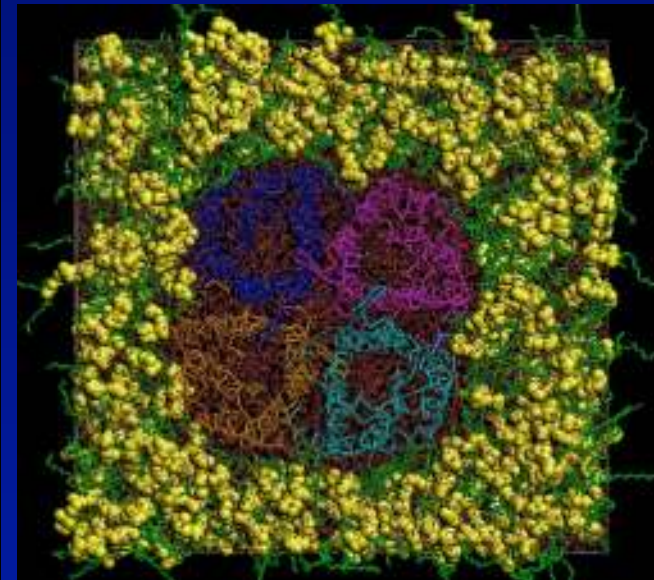
***Molecular dynamics simulation***



# ***MD simulations of water transport***



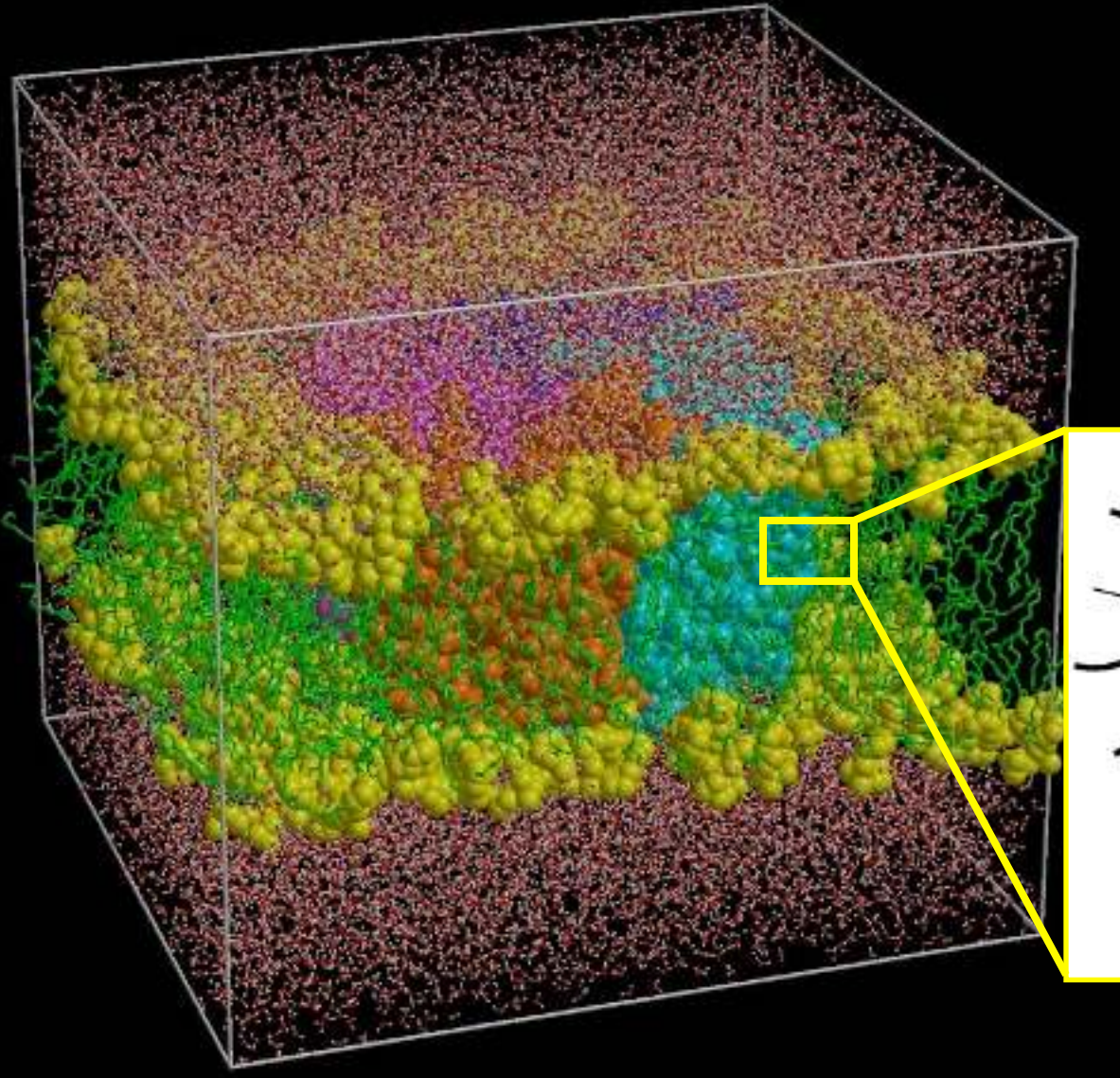
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- *full electrostatics, periodic boundary*
- *10 ns simulation time*



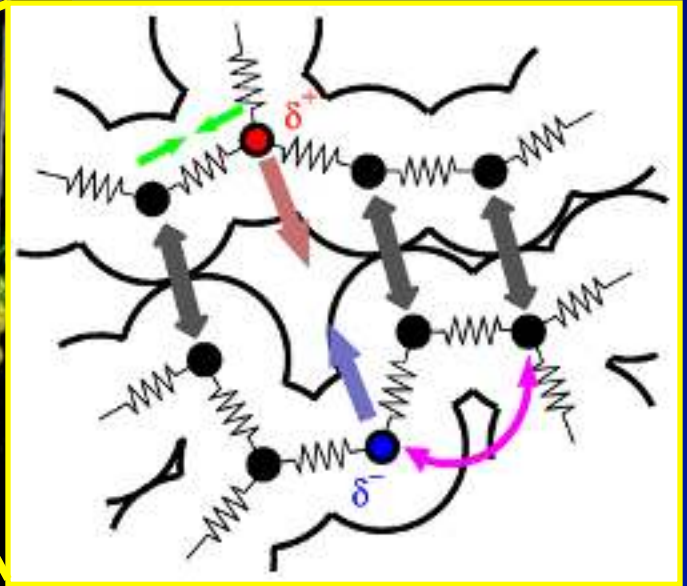
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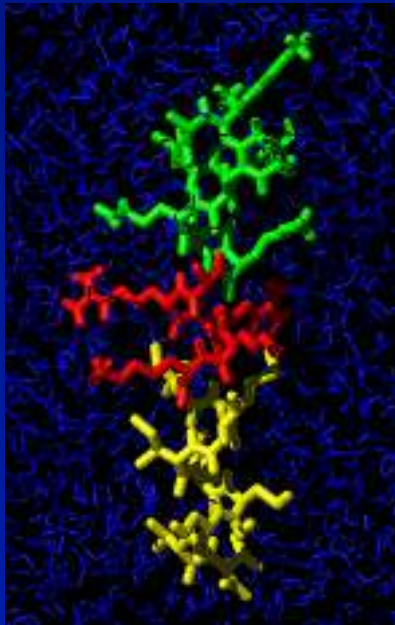
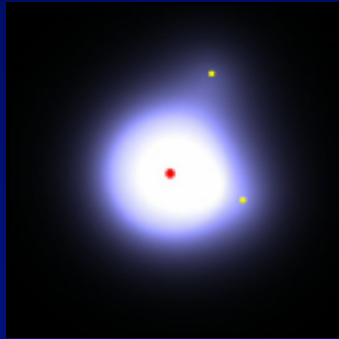


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# Molecular Dynamics Simulations



*Schrödinger equation*

$$i\hbar\partial_t\Psi(r, R) = H\Psi(r, R)$$

*Born-Oppenheimer approximation*

$$H_e\Psi_e(r; R) = E_e(R)\Psi_e(r; R)$$

*Nucleic motion described classically*

$$m_i\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\vec{R}_i = -\vec{\nabla}_i E(\vec{R})$$

*Empirical Force field*

$$E(\vec{R}) = \sum_{\text{bonded}} E_i(\vec{R}) + \sum_{\text{non-bonded}} E_i(\vec{R})$$

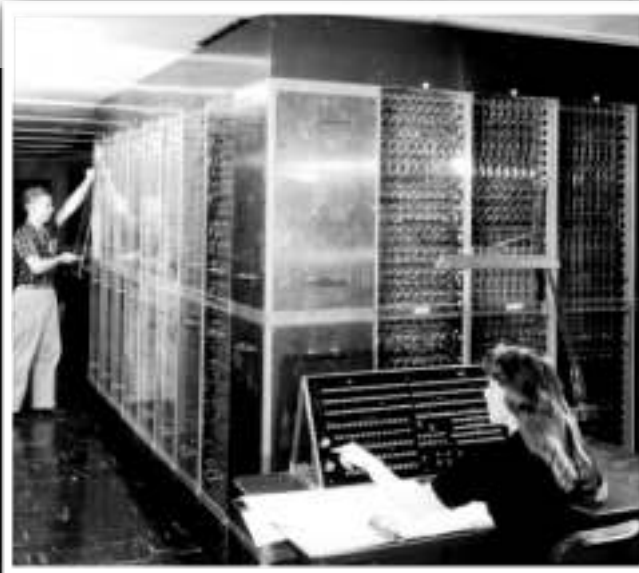
# STUDIES OF NON LINEAR PROBLEMS

E. FERMI, J. PASTA, and S. ULAM  
Document LA-1940 (May 1955).

## ABSTRACT.

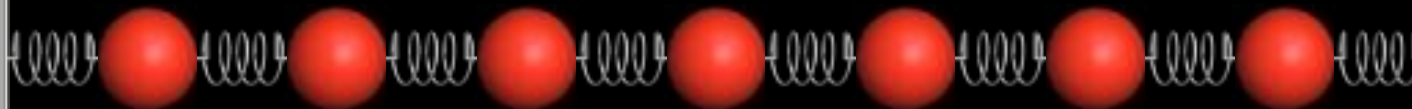
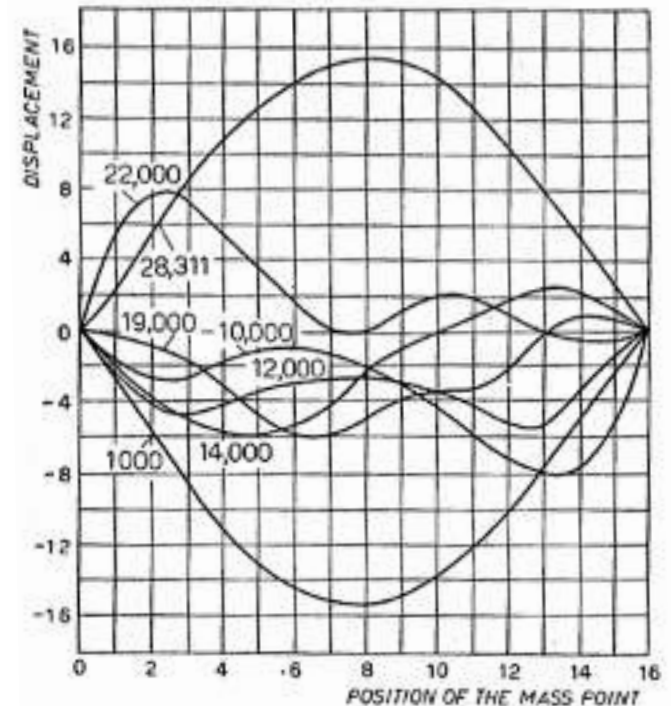
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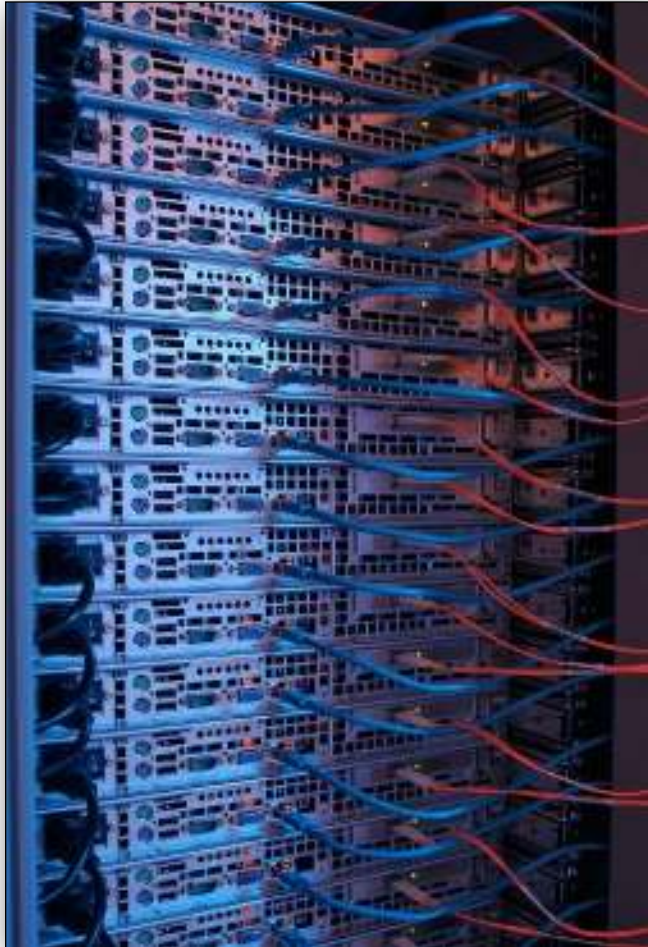
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# 1955: A new field is born





# High performance parallel computing



15 500 cores  
150 GPUs

150 TFlop/s

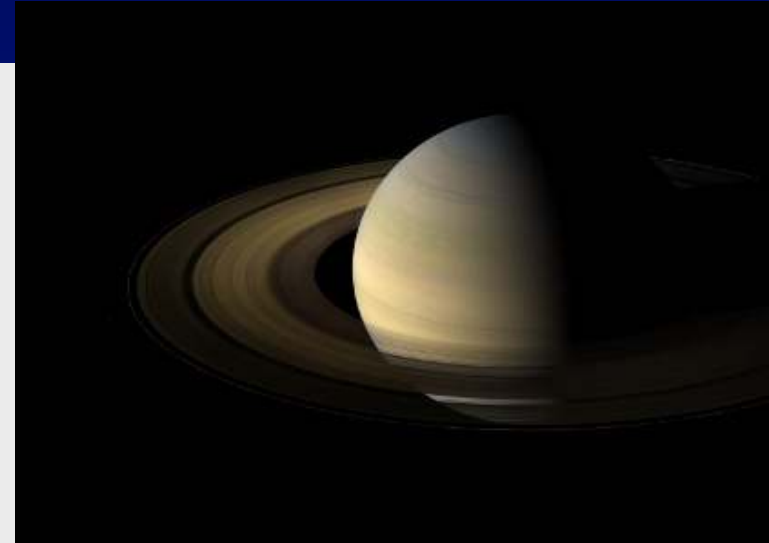
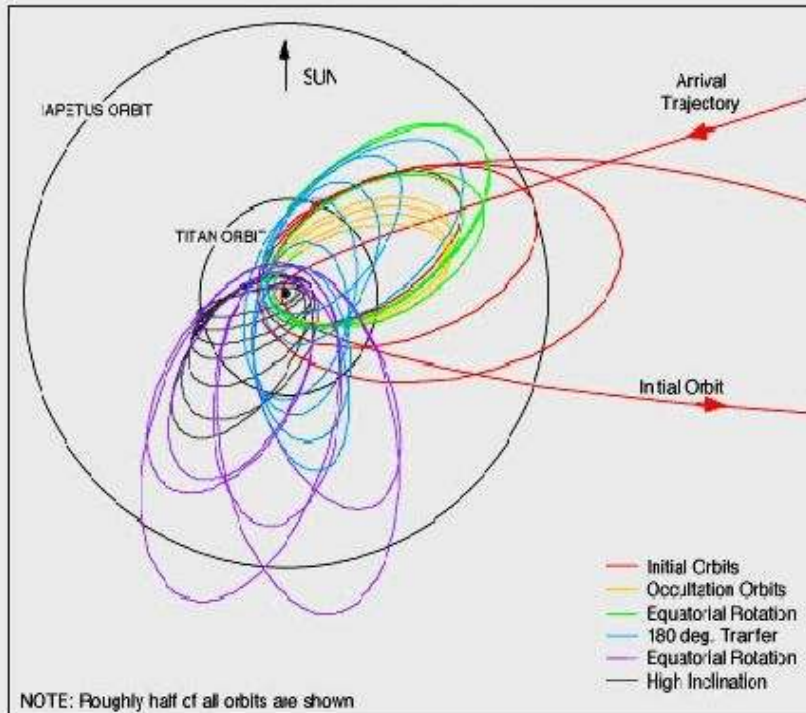
12 TByte RAM  
200 TByte disk

300 kW

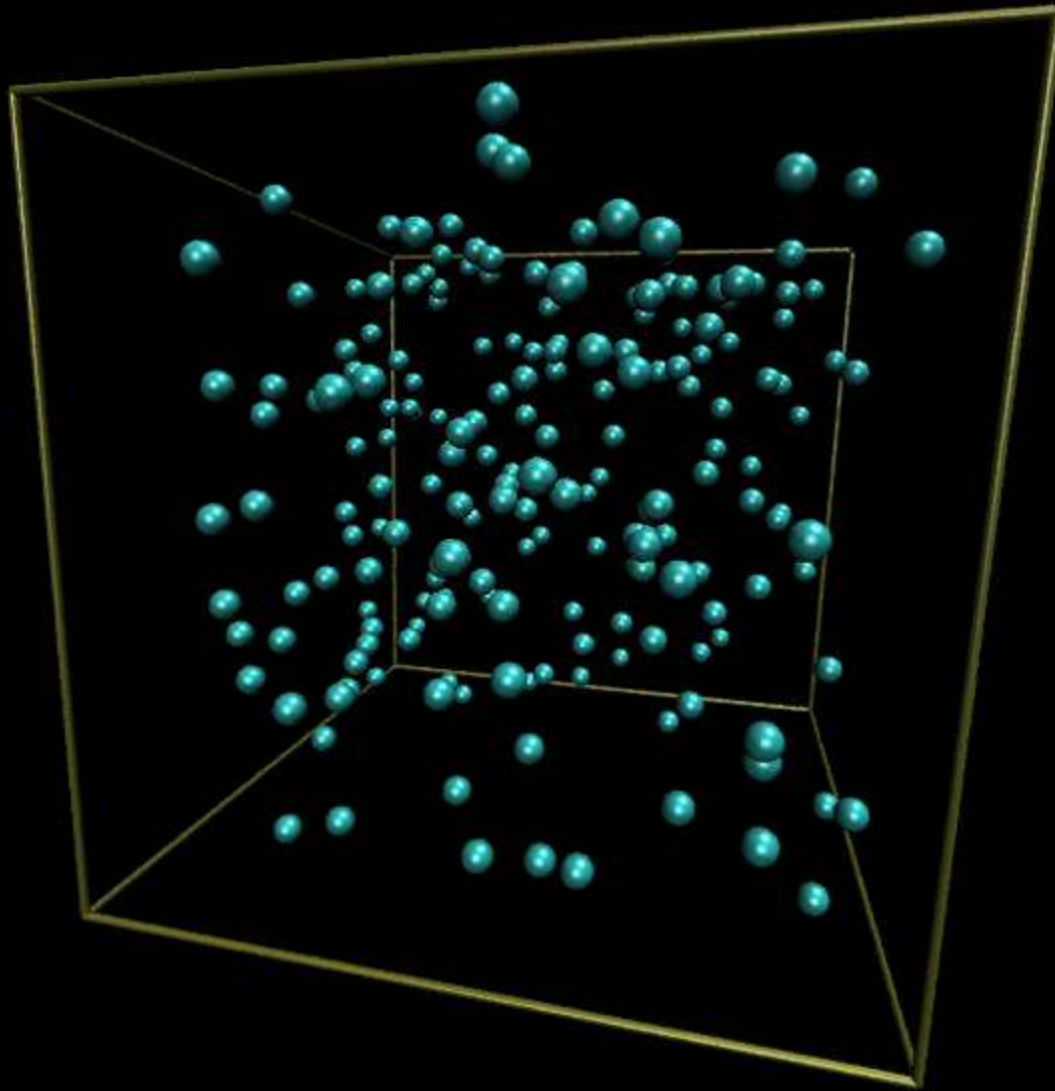
# Cassini space probe trajectory to Saturn

## CASSINI - SATURN ORBITAL SAMPLE TOUR

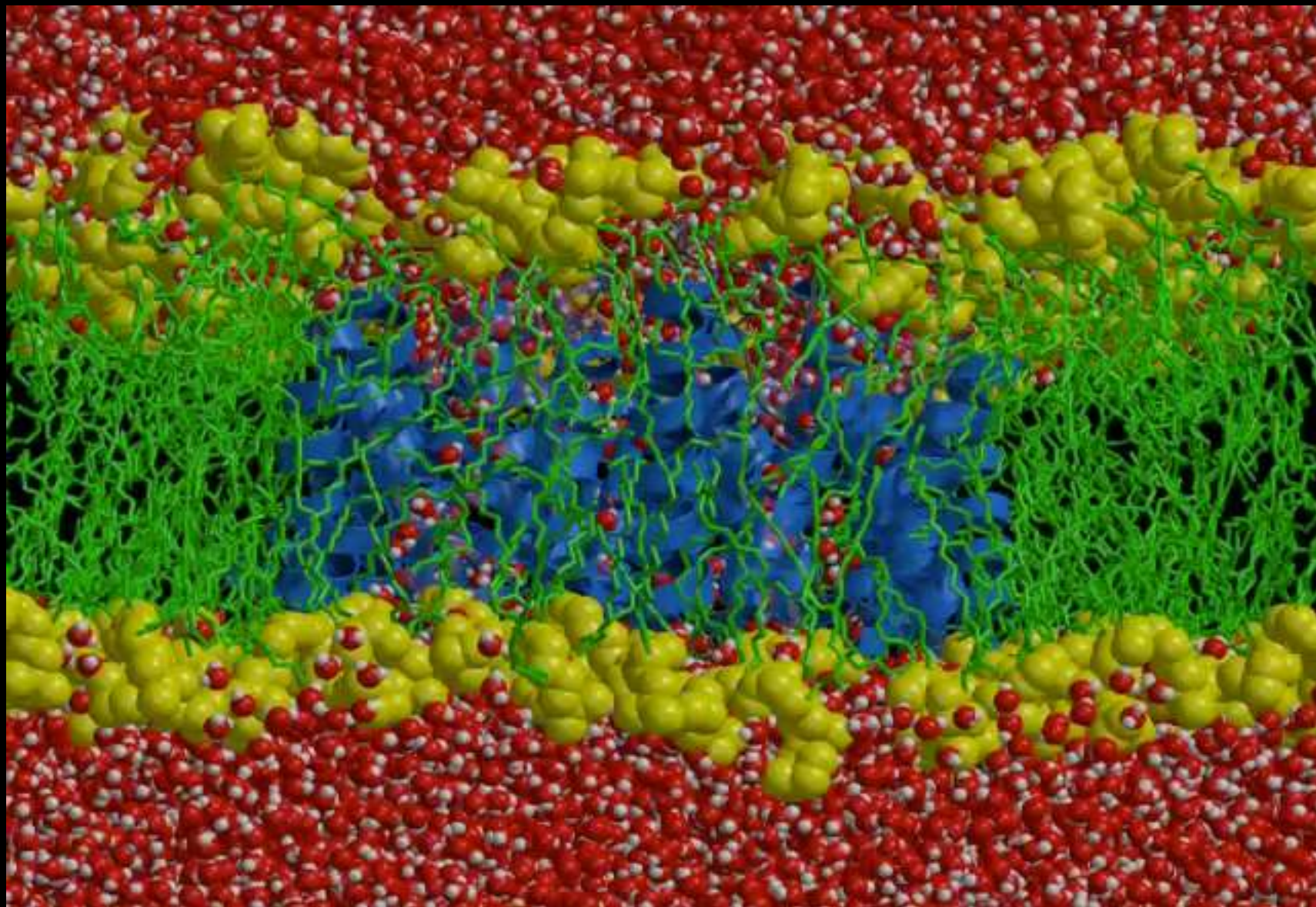
Saturn North Pole View



# ***MD-Experiments with Argon Gas***







4 nm

*Molecular dynamics simulation,  $1\text{s} \hat{=} 2 \cdot 10^{-11}\text{s}$*



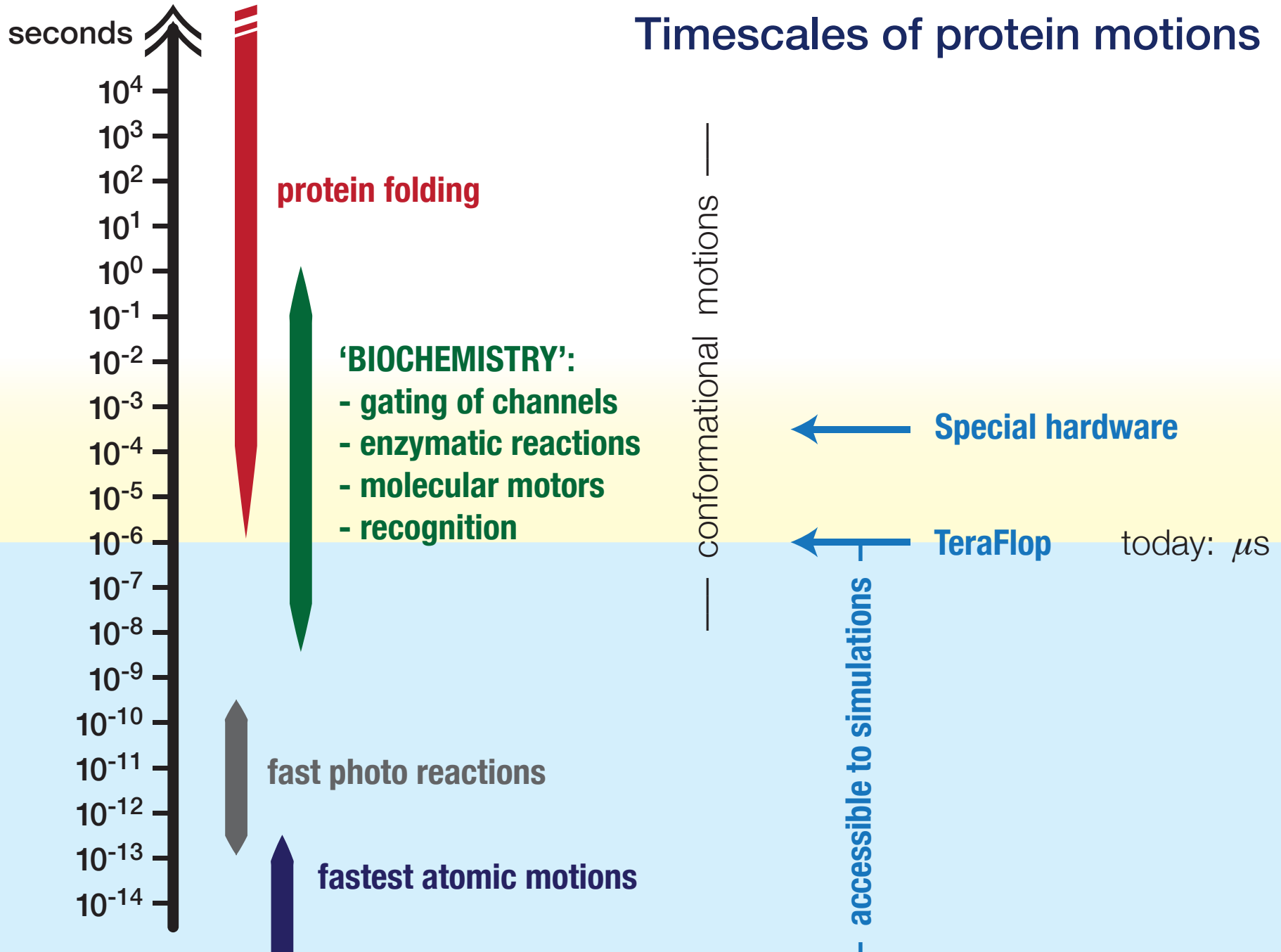
# *Water Permeation proceeds in steps*

*one out of 16 full  
spontaneous  
permeation events  
(2 ns)*



*(outside the channel, only  
few water molecules are  
shown)*

# Timescales of protein motions



# ***Towards a mechanistic understanding of protein function***

*(1) Ligand unbinding revisited*



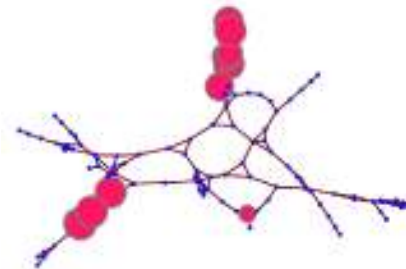
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*(4) The Dynasome*



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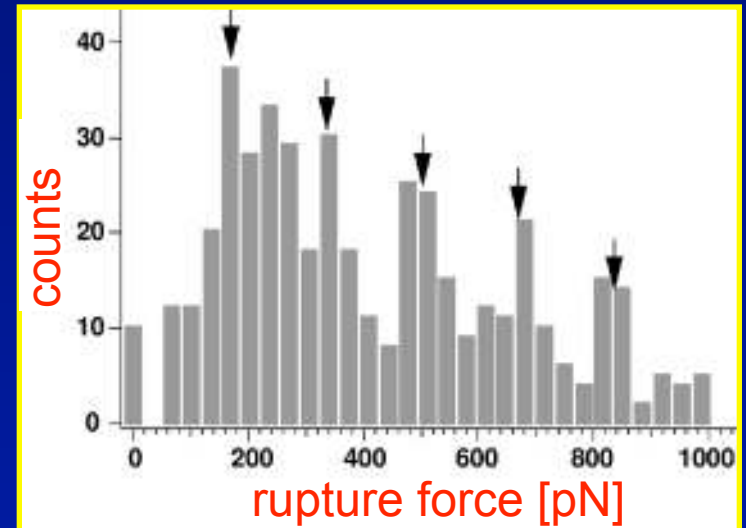
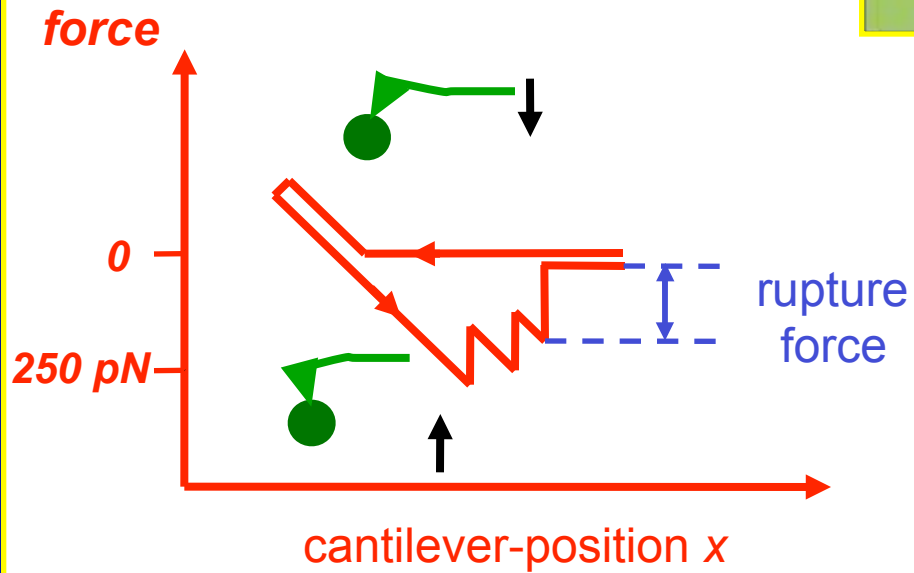
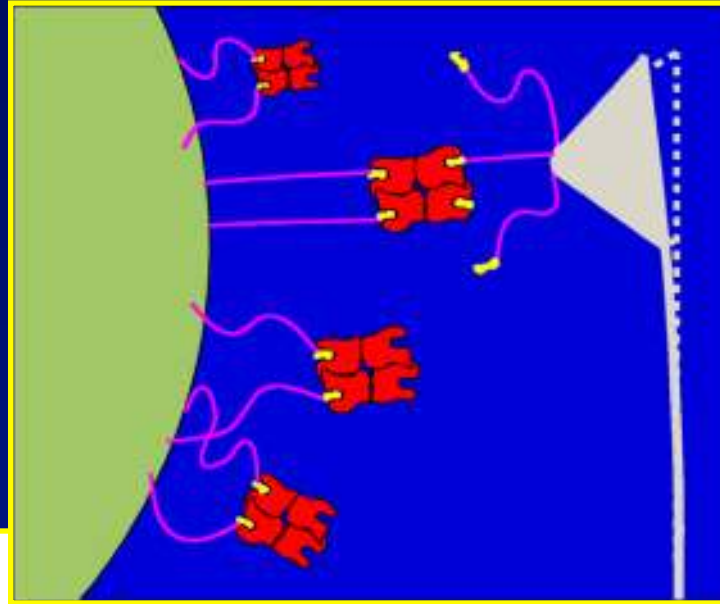
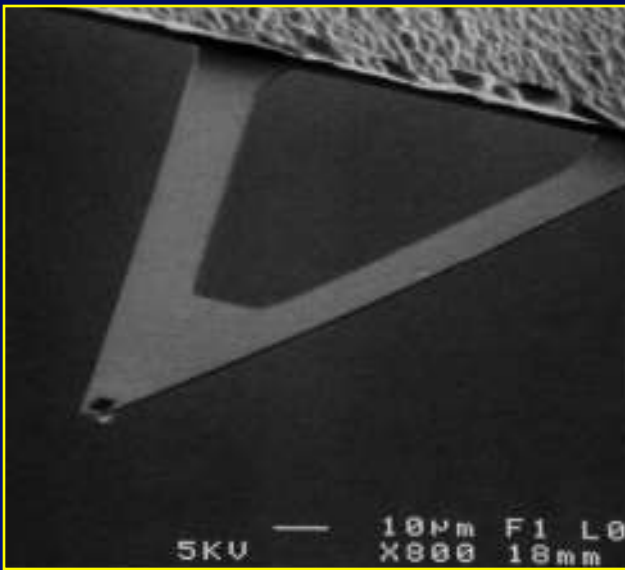
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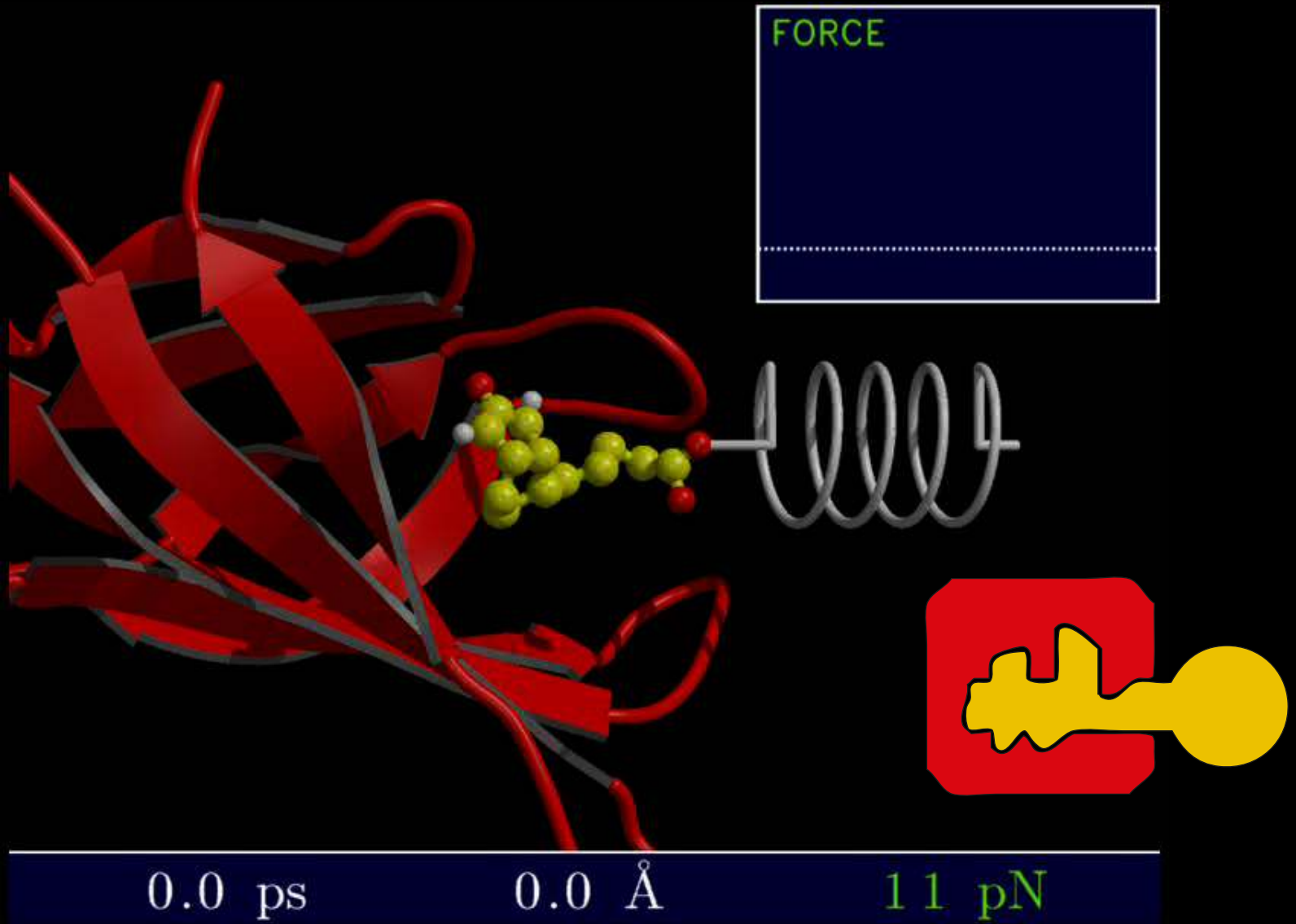
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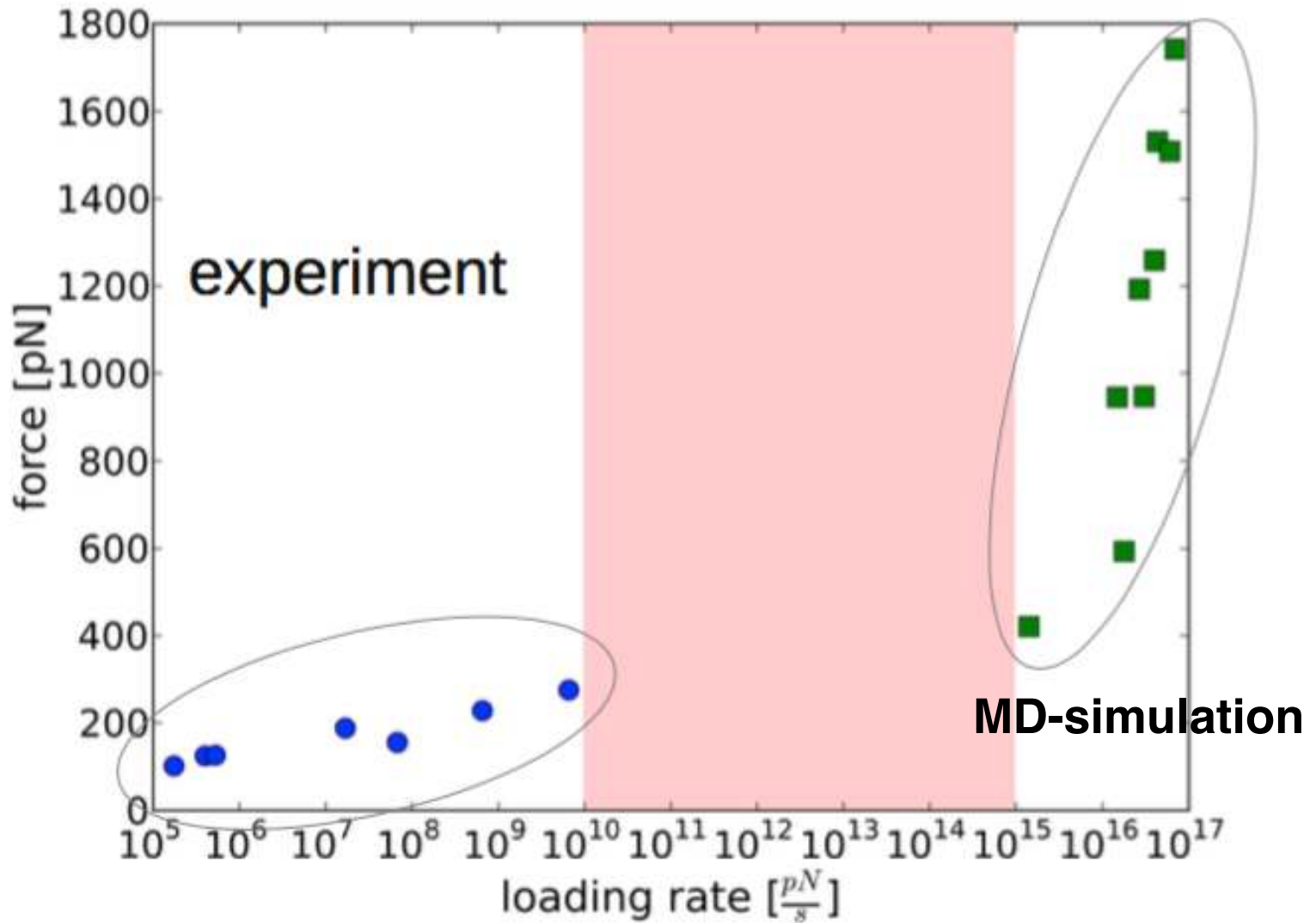
# Single Molecule Force Spectroscopy



# Force probe simulations



# AFM unbinding: Simulation vs Experiment (1996)





# Unbinding forces depend on time scale due to activated barrier crossing: **soft spring**

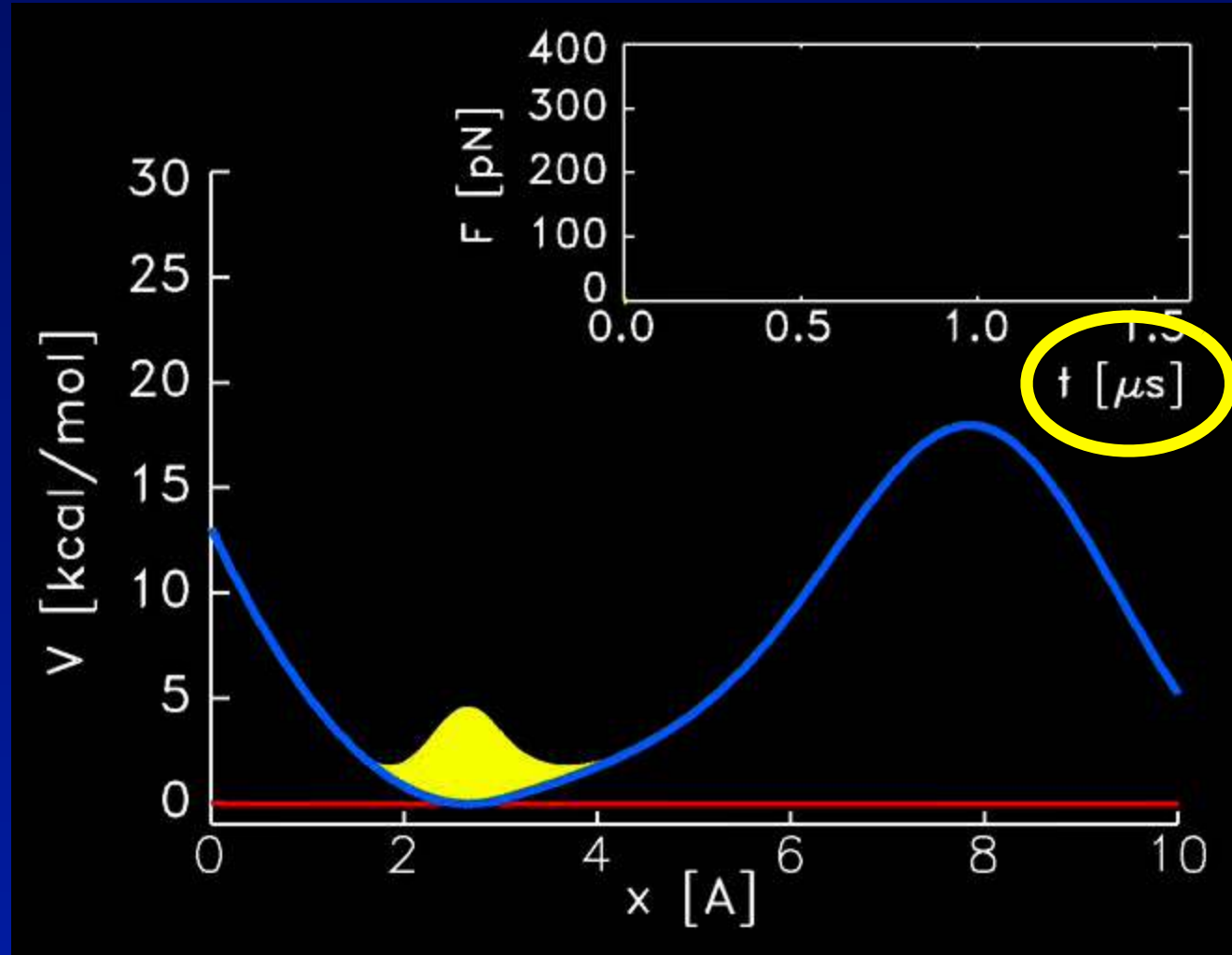
$F(x)$ :  
applied force

$G(x) + V(x,t)$

$G(x)$ :  
energy landscape  
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system

$V(x,t)$ :  
spring potential

$p(x)$ : reaction coordinate probability distribution



# Same process, $10^3$ times slower:

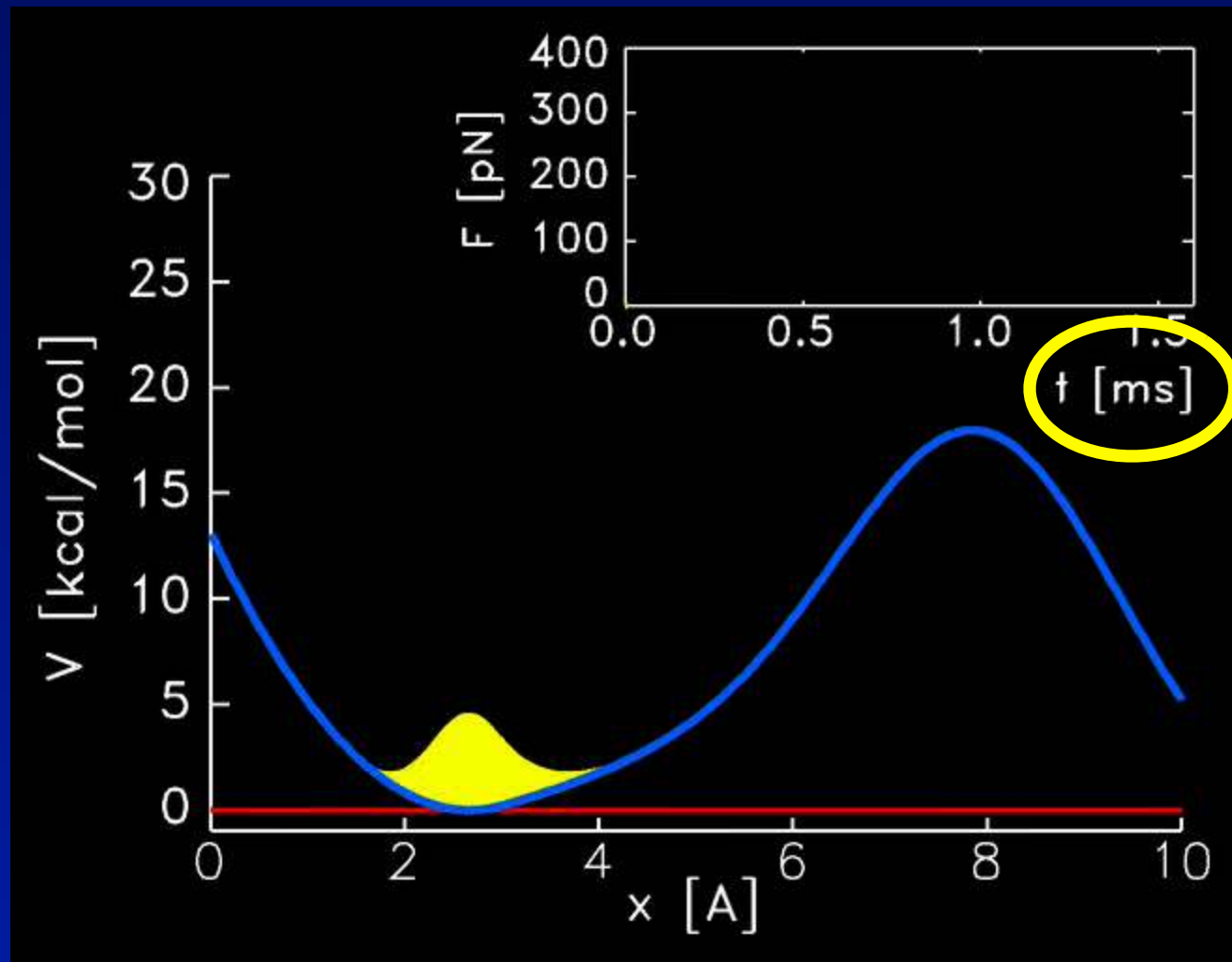
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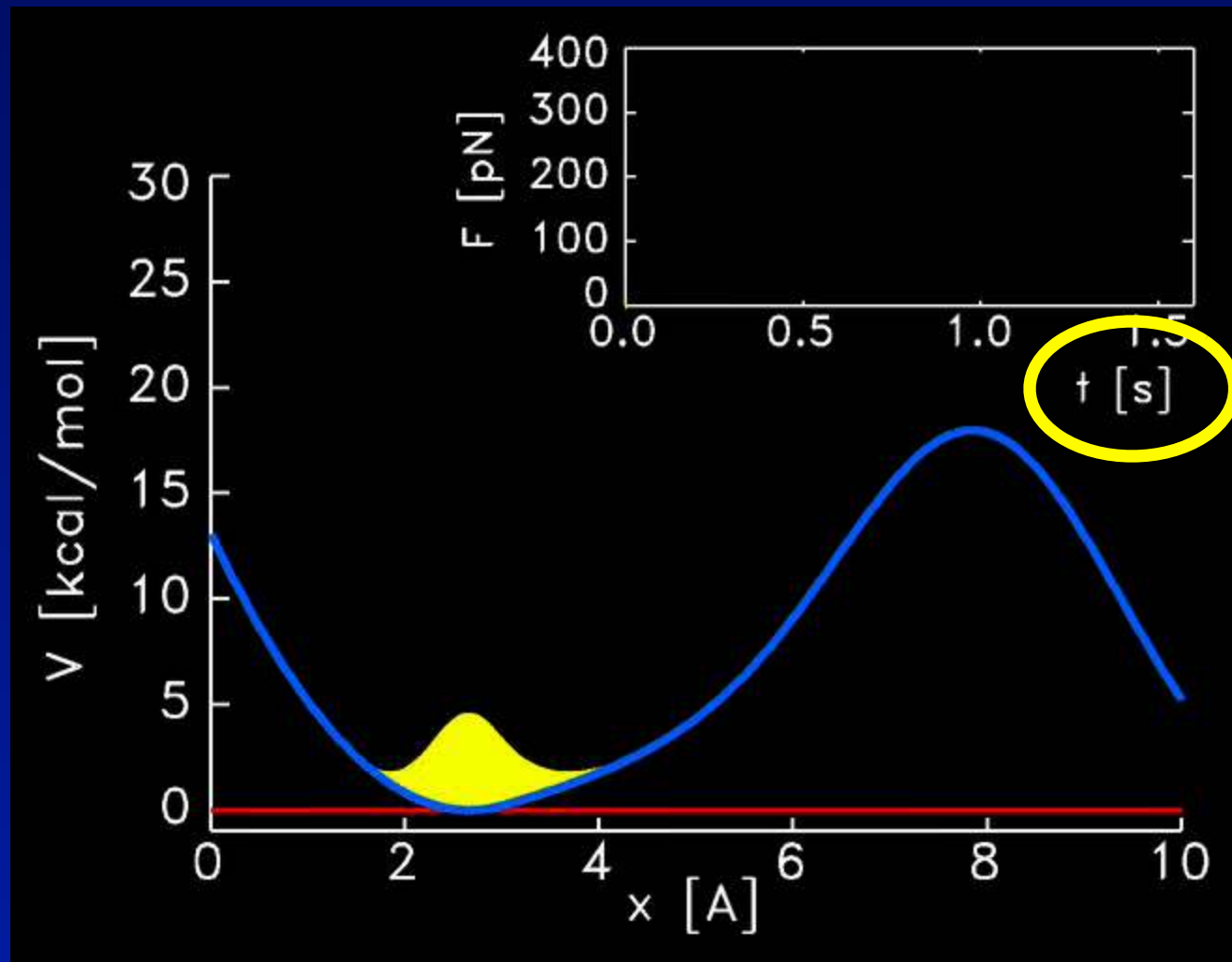
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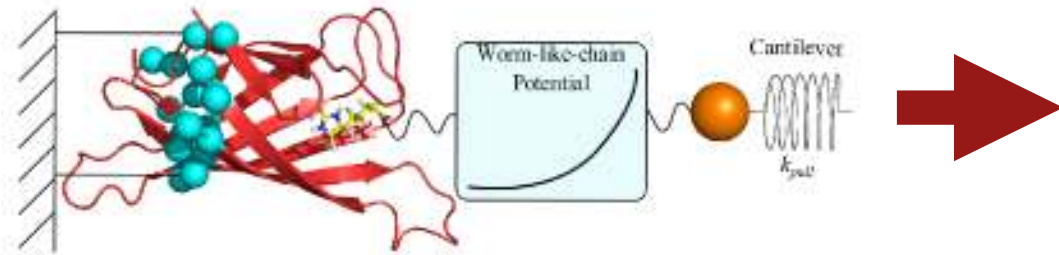
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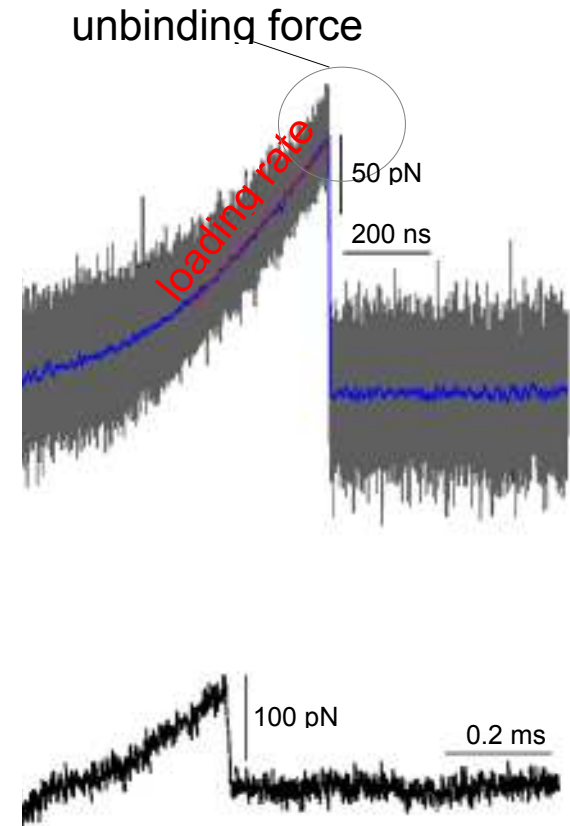
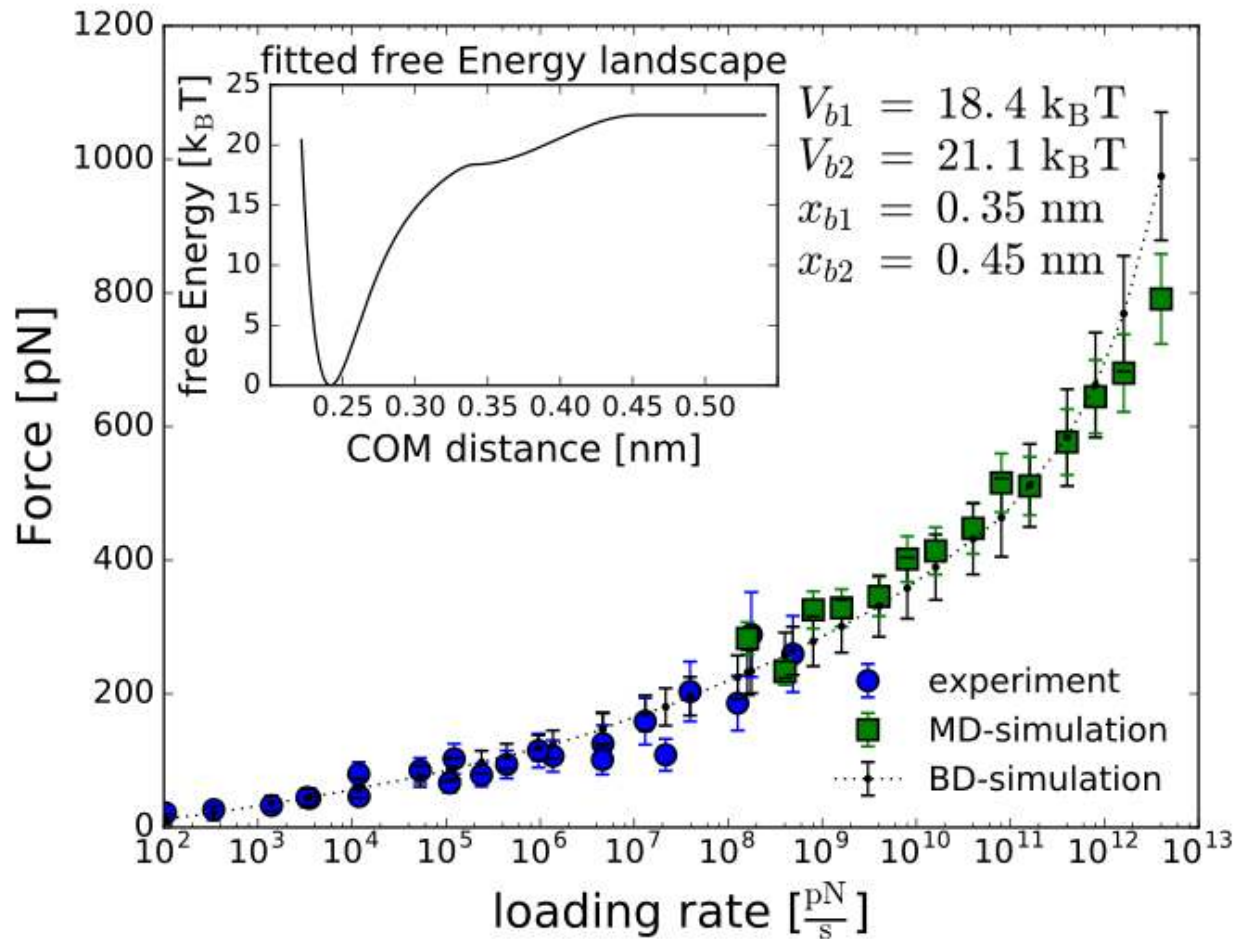


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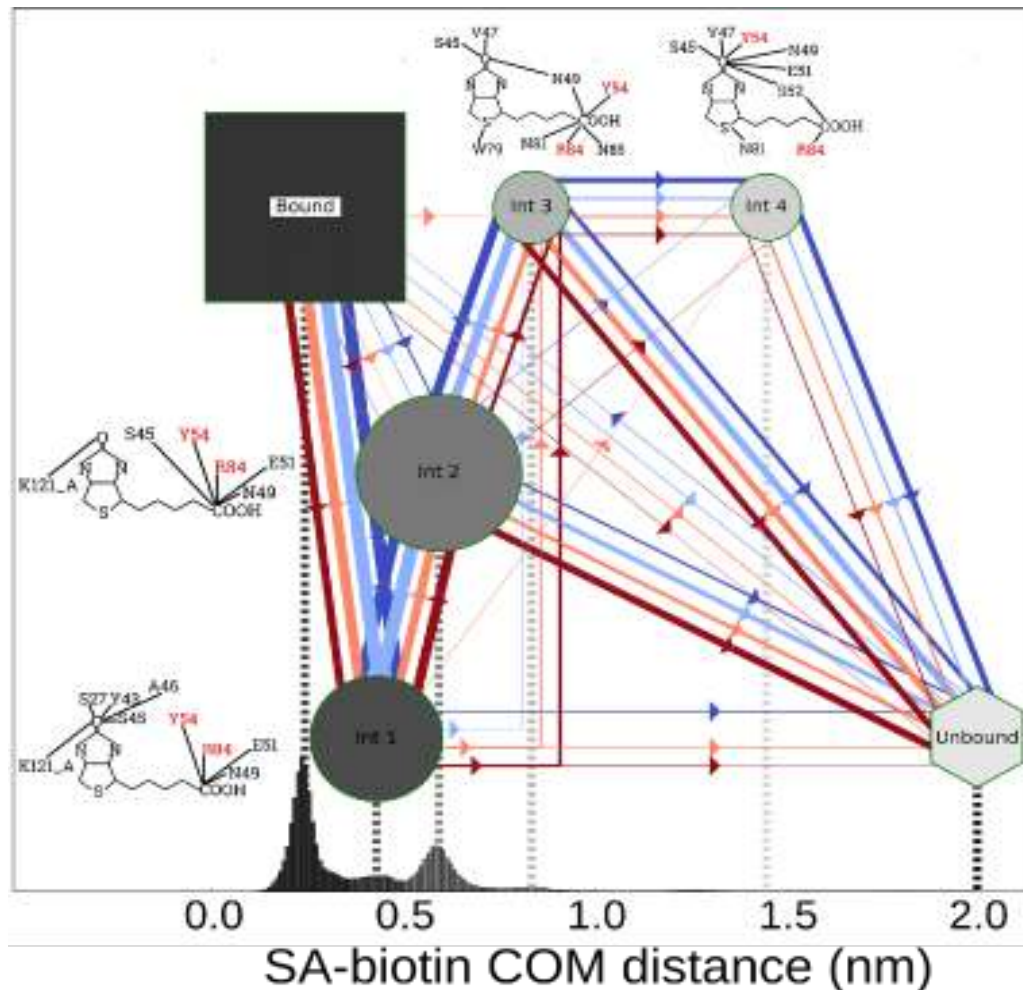
- Tetramer and monomer
- Pulling spring of cantilever
- Loading rates:  $10^7 \dots 10^{13}$  pN/s
- Simulation lengths up to  $8 \mu\text{s}$
- 10...20 simulations per velocity
- WLC-Potential to mimic PEG



# Exp + Sim -> Free energy landscape

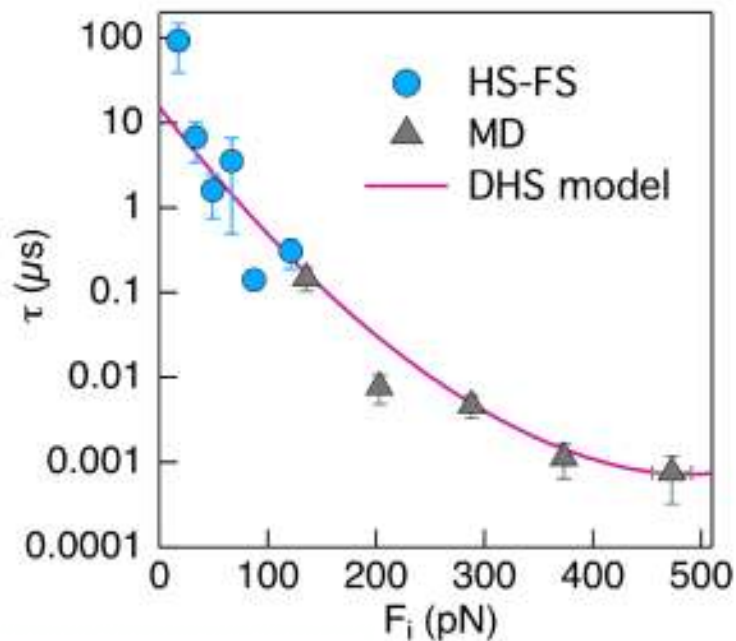
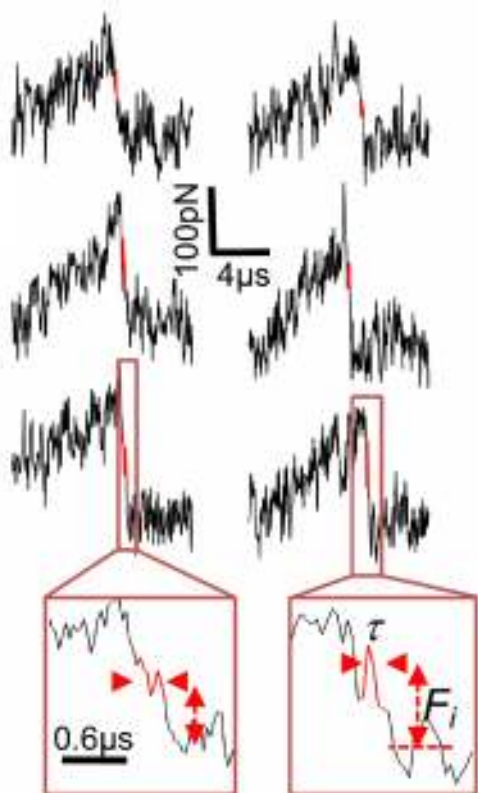


# Unbinding pathways change with loading rate





# Outer Intermediate



$$\tau(F) = \tau_0 \left(1 - \frac{vFx^\ddagger}{\Delta G^\ddagger}\right)^{1-1/v} \exp\left(-\beta \Delta G^\ddagger \left[1 - \left(1 - \frac{vFx^\ddagger}{\Delta G^\ddagger}\right)^{1/v}\right]\right)$$

Simulation

Experiment

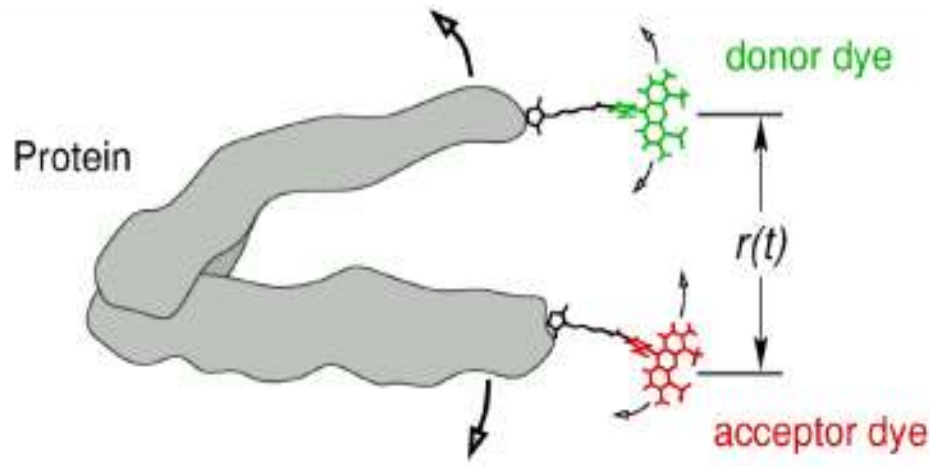
$$x^\ddagger = 0.23 \text{ nm}$$

$$\Delta G^\ddagger = 22.5 k_B T$$

[1] Dudko, O. K., Hummer, G. & Szabo, A. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **96**, 108101 (2006).

# Simulation of single molecule FRET experiments: FRET beyond $\kappa^2 = 2/3$

collab. U. Alexiev, C. Seidel, B. Schuler



**Förster Formula:**

$$\frac{I_A(t)}{I_A(t) + I_D(t)} = \frac{1}{1 + \left[\frac{r(t)}{r_0}\right]^6}$$

**Usual assumption ( $\kappa^2 = 2/3$ ):  
dye motion isotropic  
& uncorrelated**

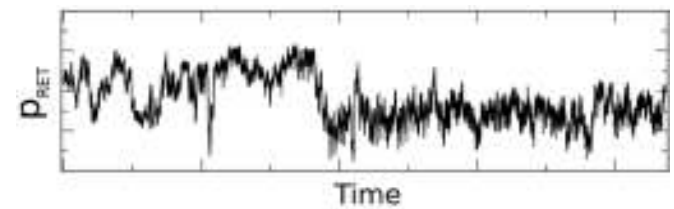
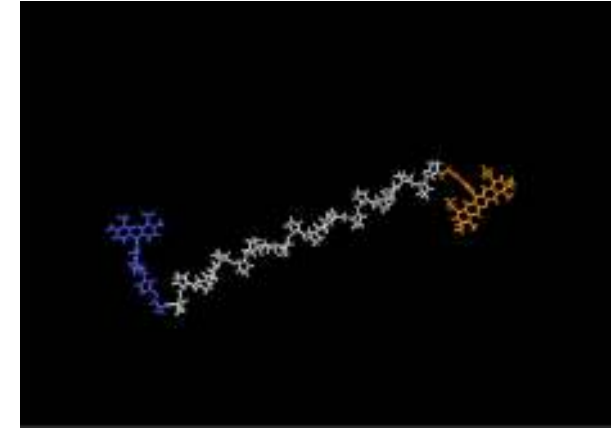
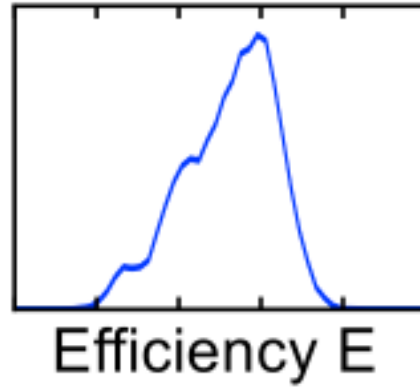
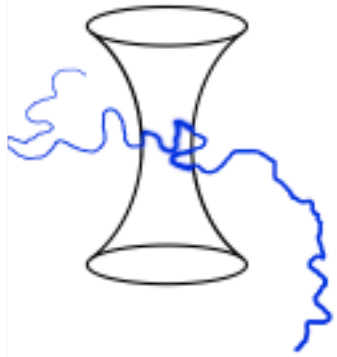


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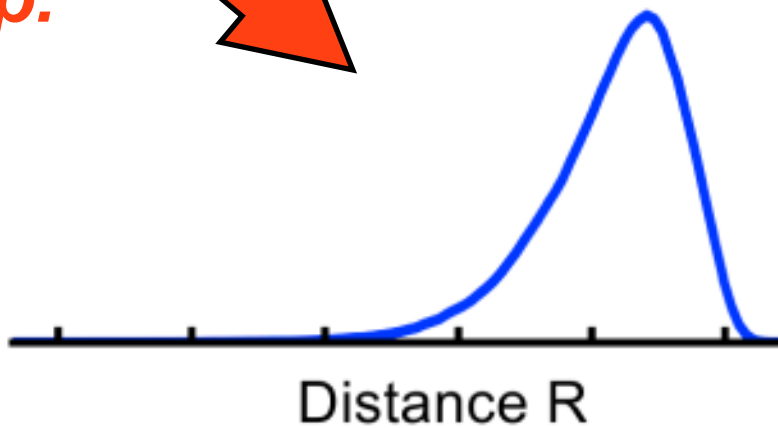


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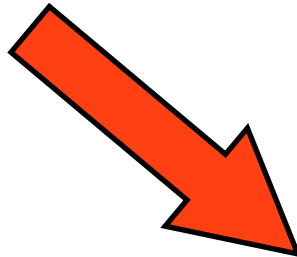
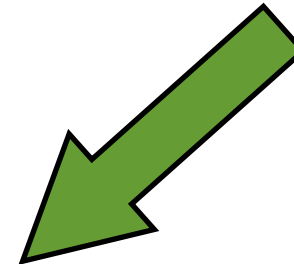
# Can we improve distance measurements by combining FRET and MD?



*Exp.*



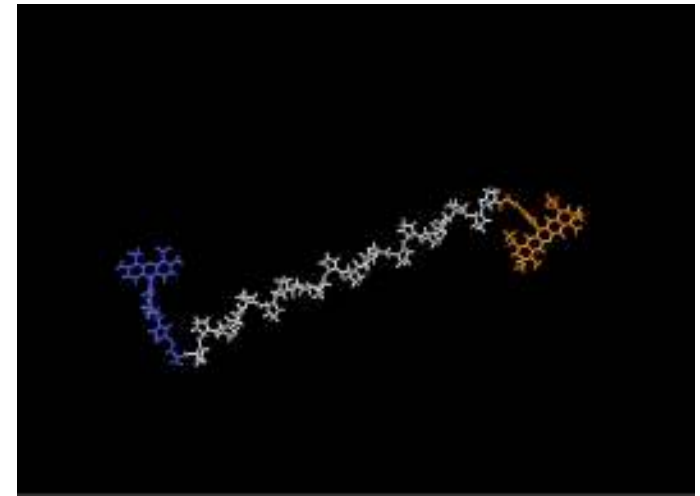
*Sim.*



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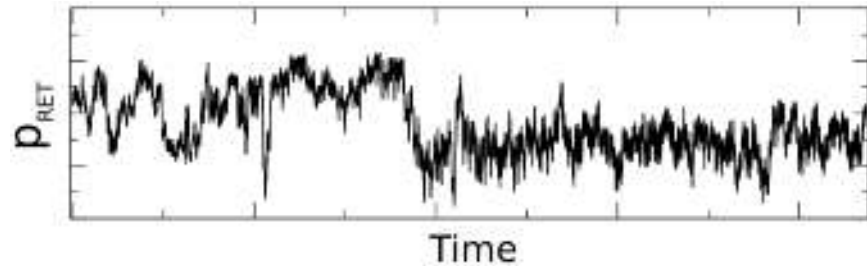
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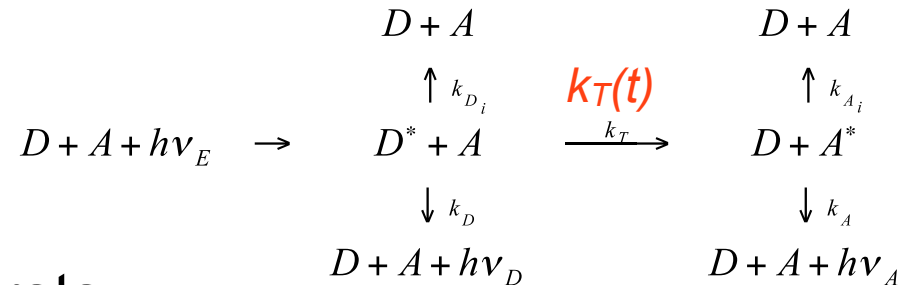
**Step 2:**

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**Step 3:**

obtain photon statistics via MC



**Step 4:**

combine photon counts into bursts  
 from measured burst size statistics  
 --> efficiency histogram

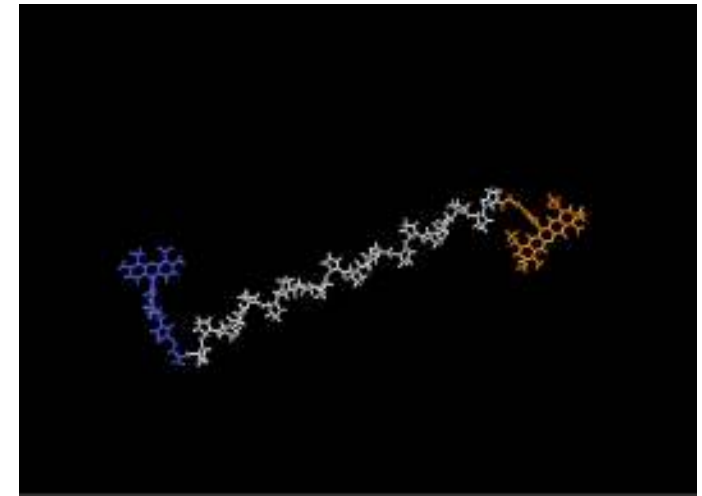
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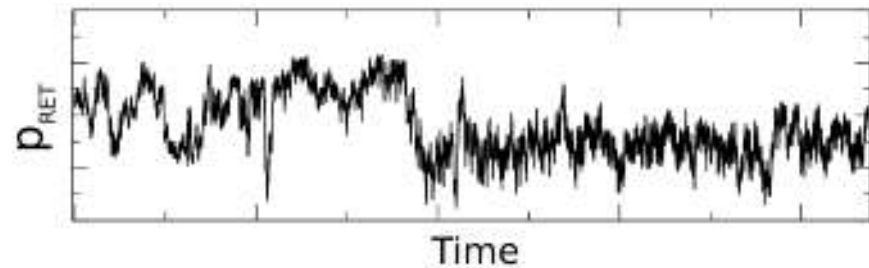
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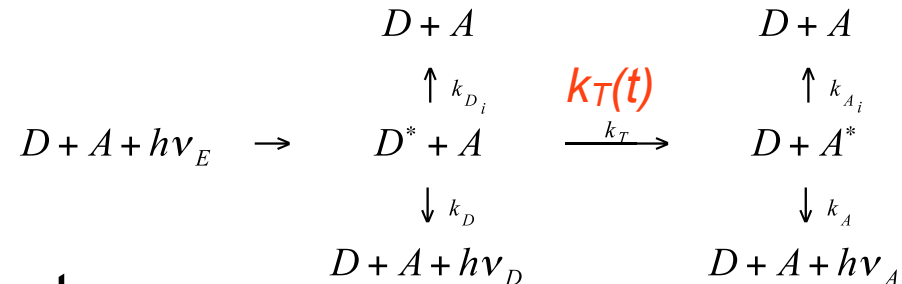
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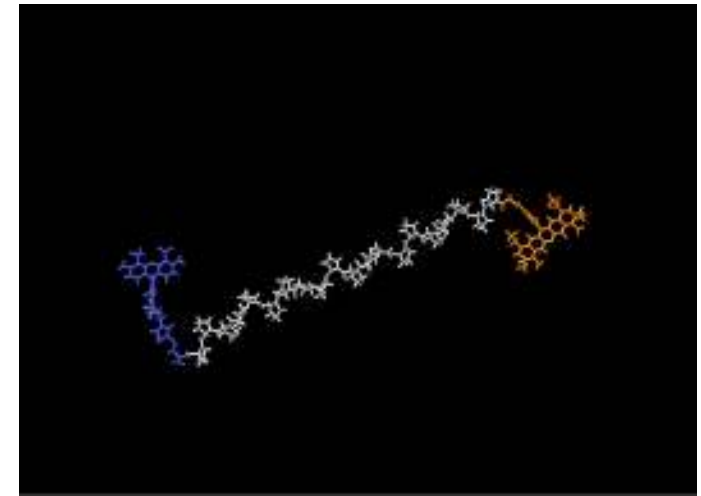
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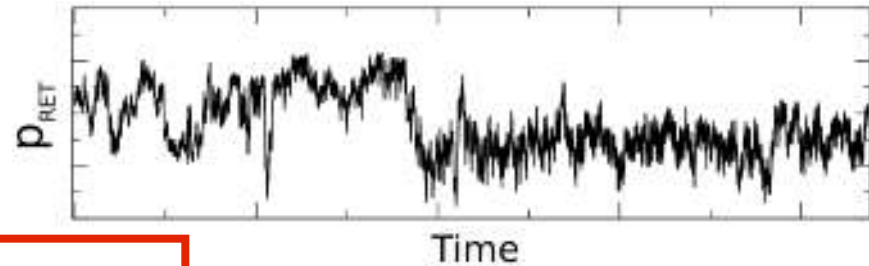
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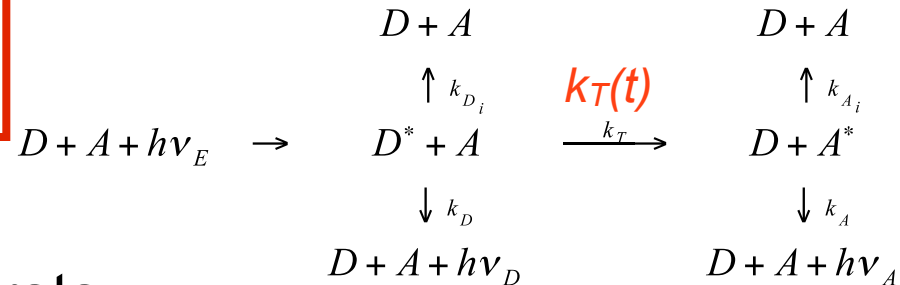
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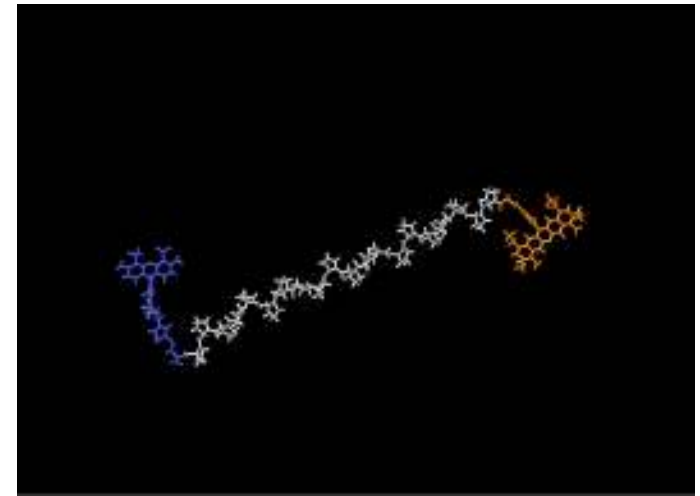
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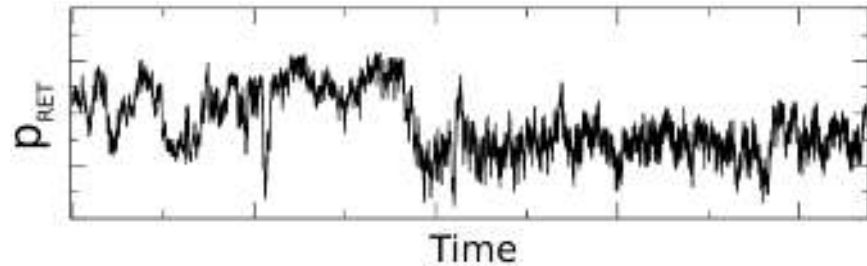
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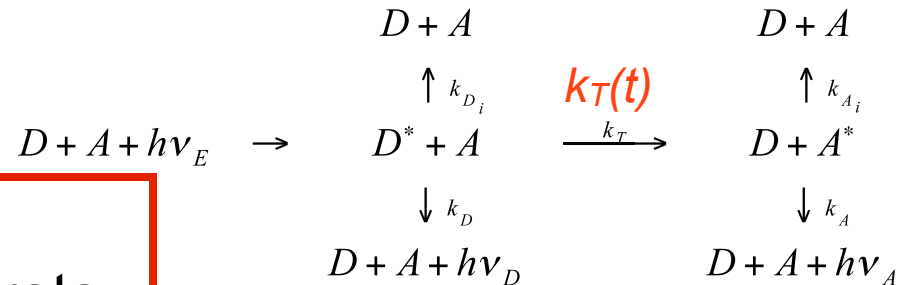
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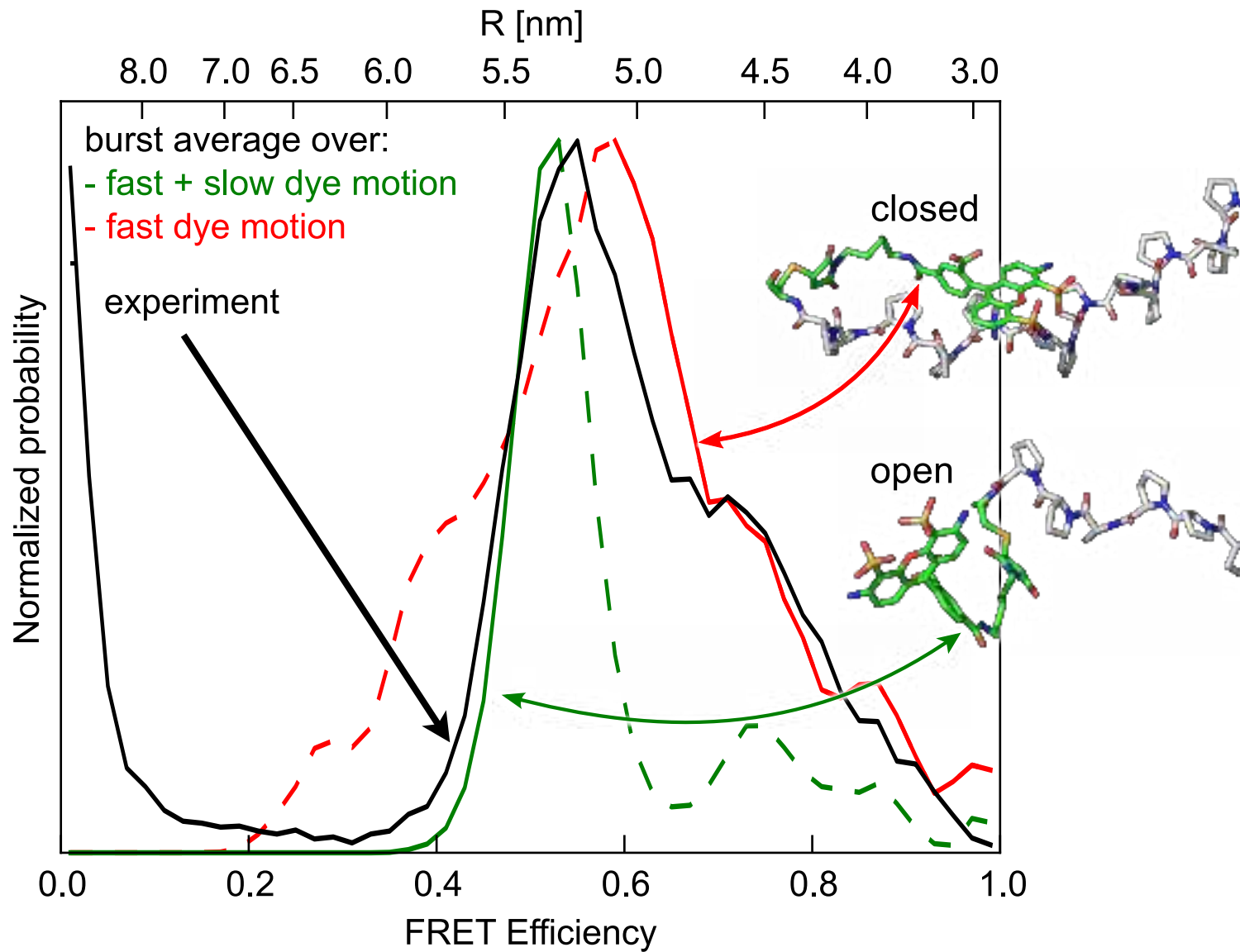


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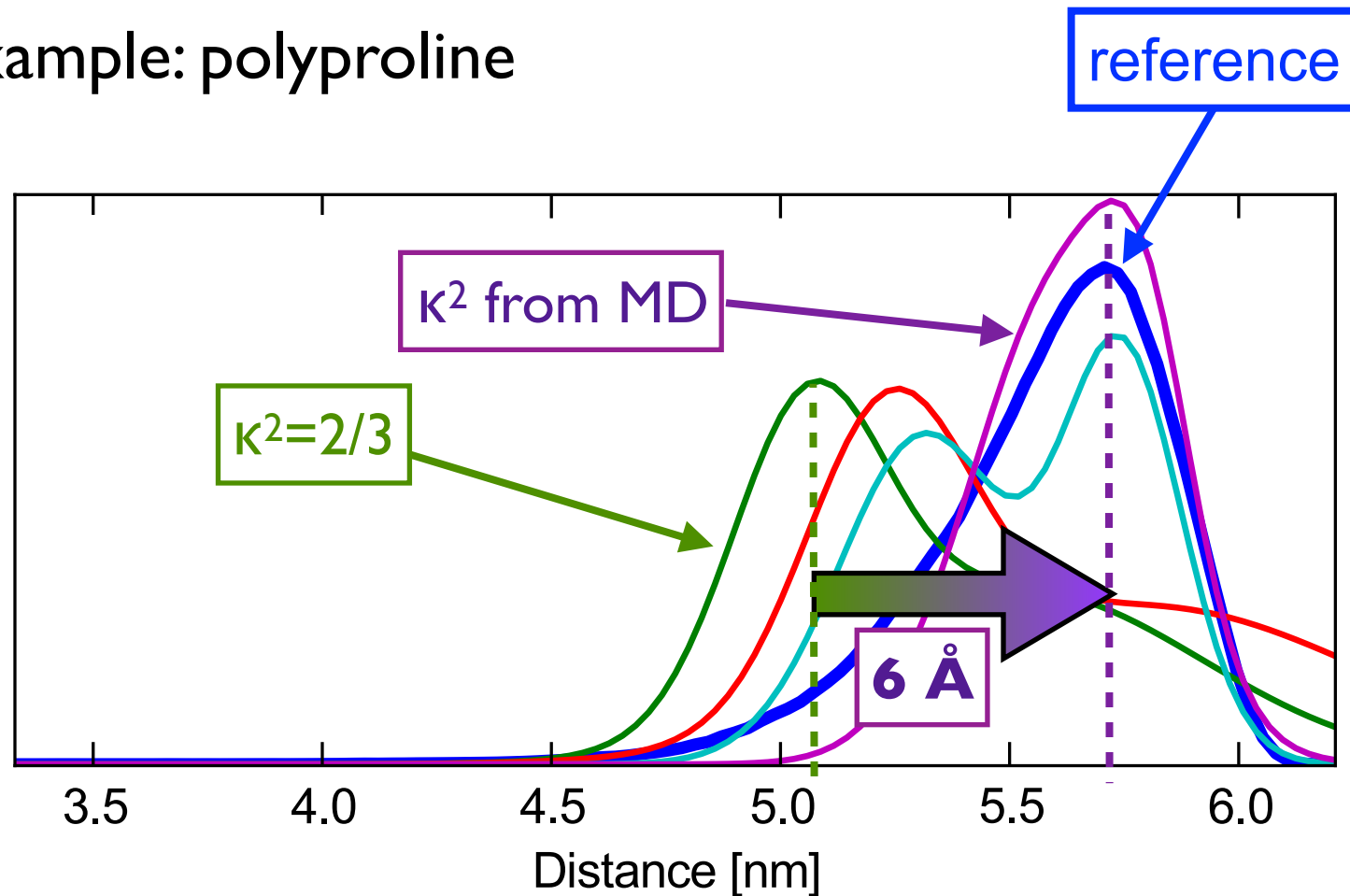
# Simulation vs. Experiment



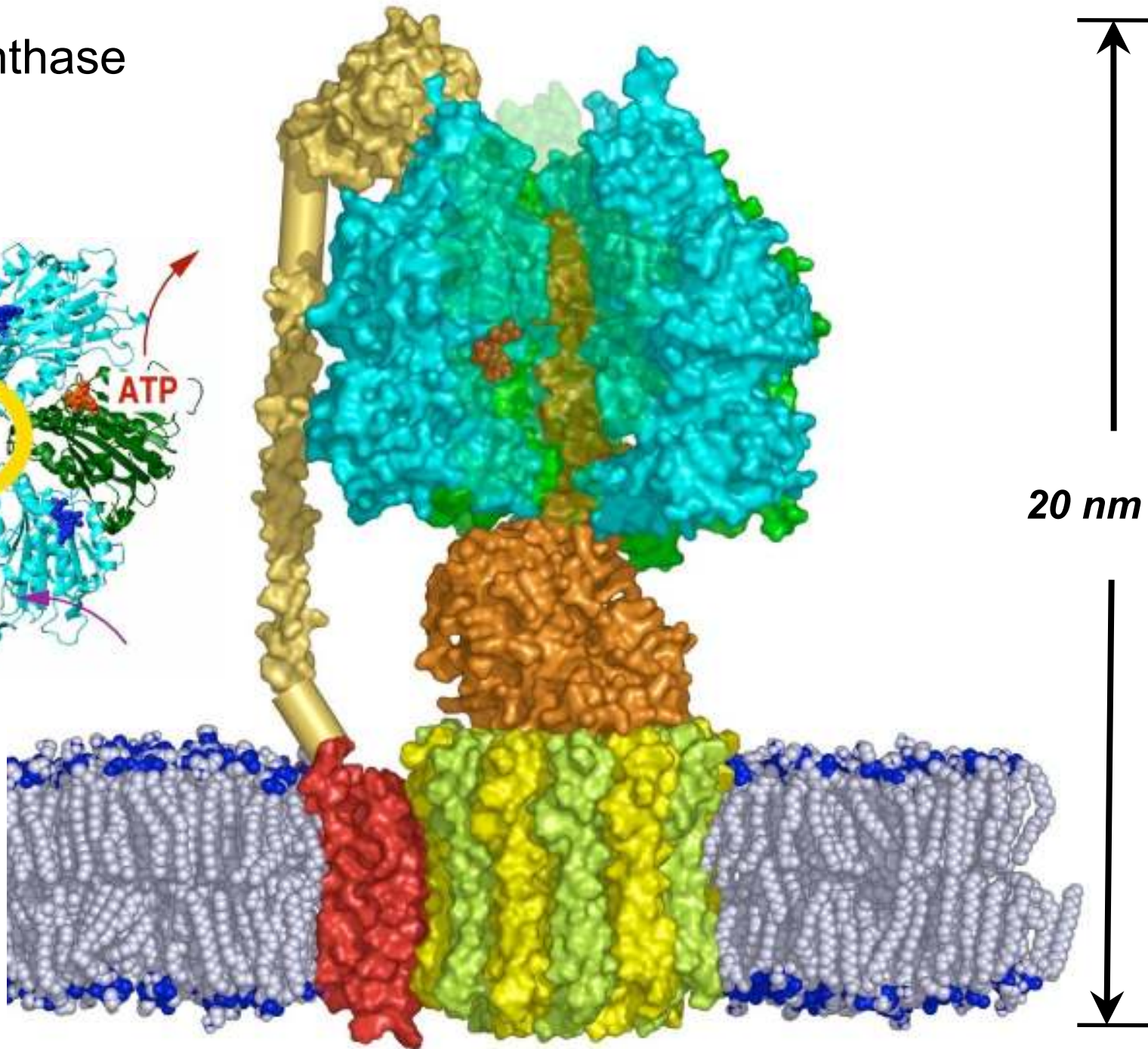
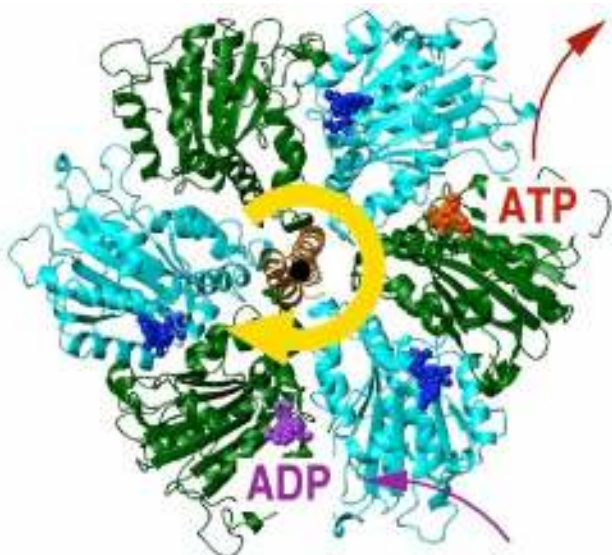


Can improved distance distributions be obtained? YES!

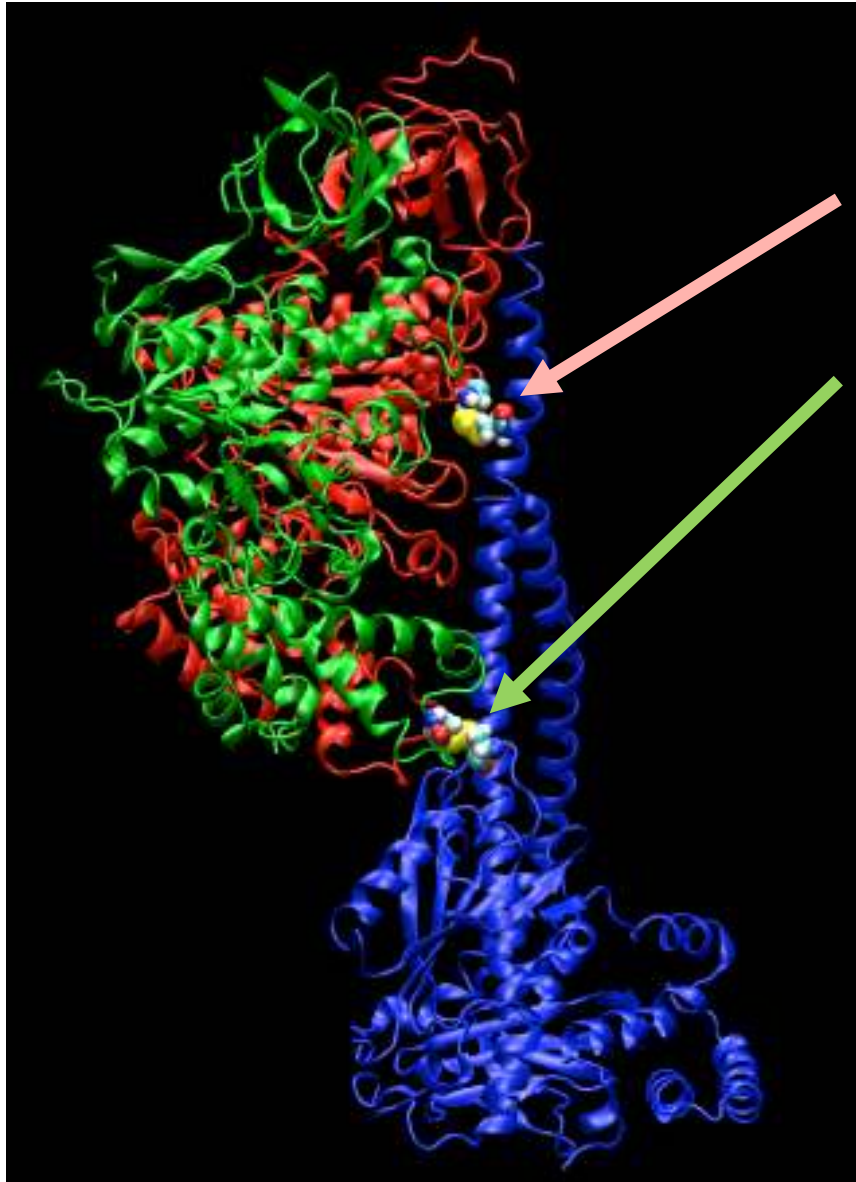
Example: polyproline



# F-ATP Synthase



# Elastic properties of the F<sub>1</sub>-ATPase rotor – simulation setup



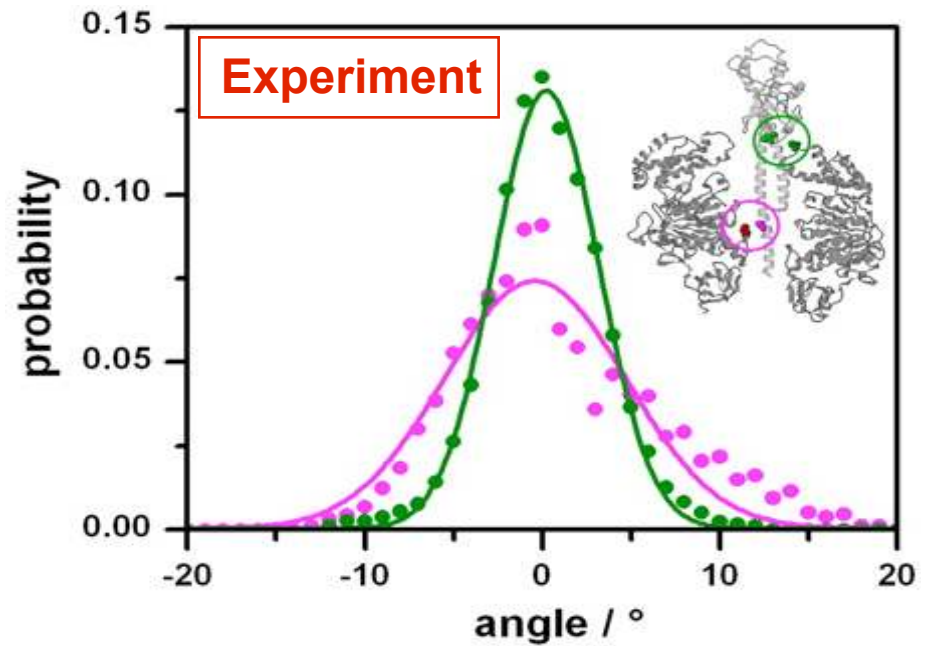
Disulfide bonds:

**MIDDLE:**

Cys ( $\alpha_E$ -292) -- Cys ( $\gamma$ -256)

**BOTTOM:**

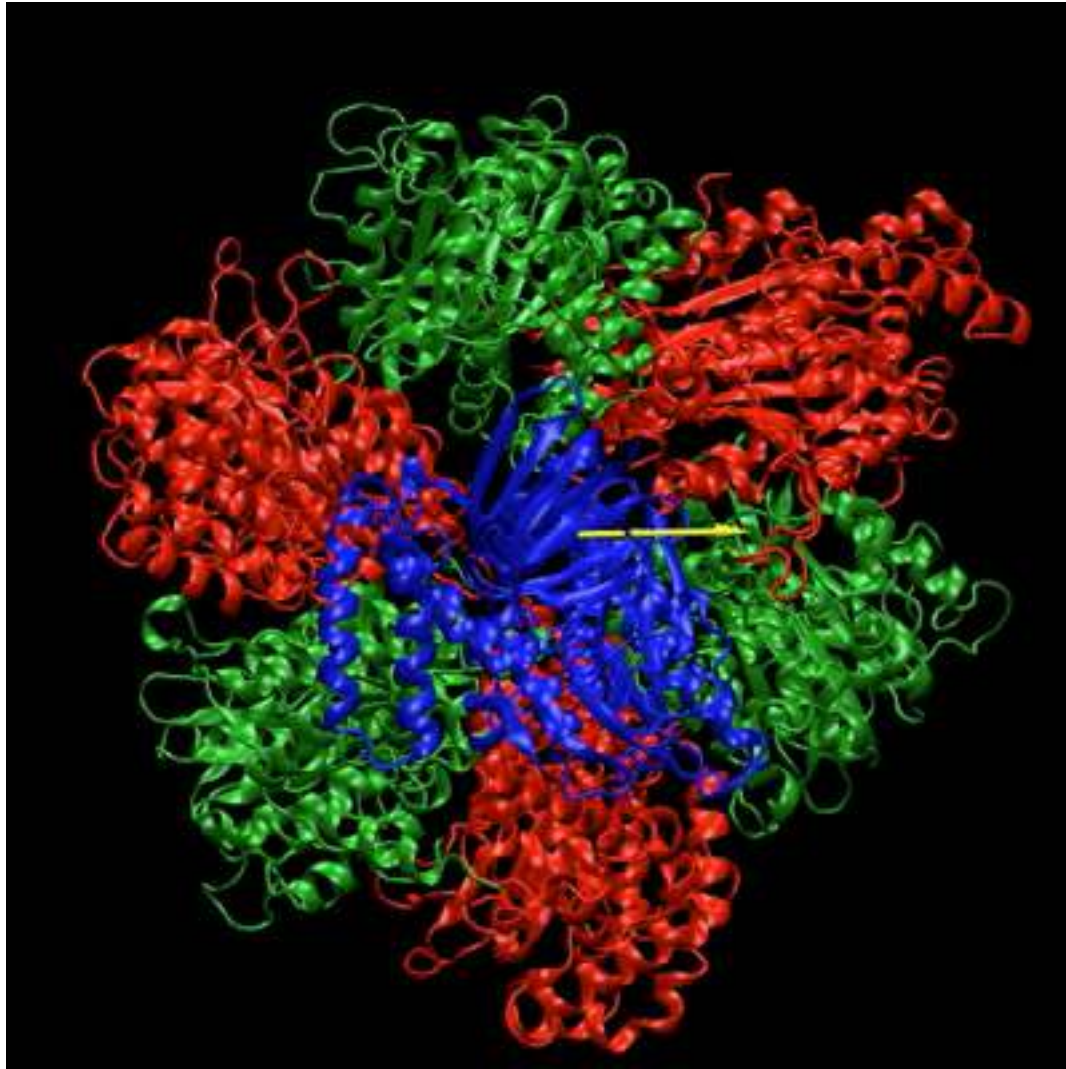
Cys ( $\beta_{TP}$ -395) -- Cys ( $\gamma$ -78)



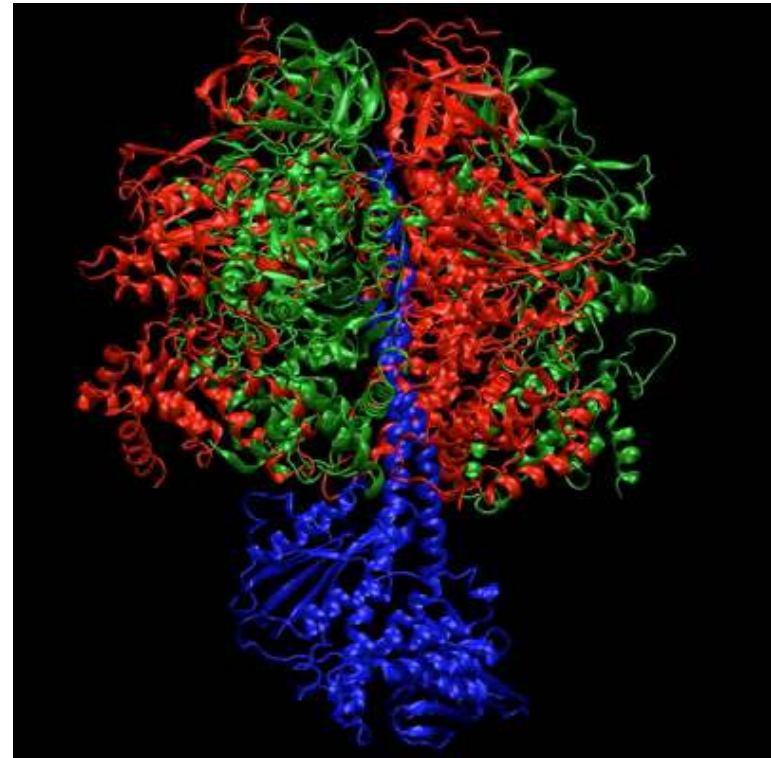
(Sielaff et al., PNAS 105:17760-17765, 2008)



# Simulation of fluctuating gamma subunit within complete F1 -- 400 ns



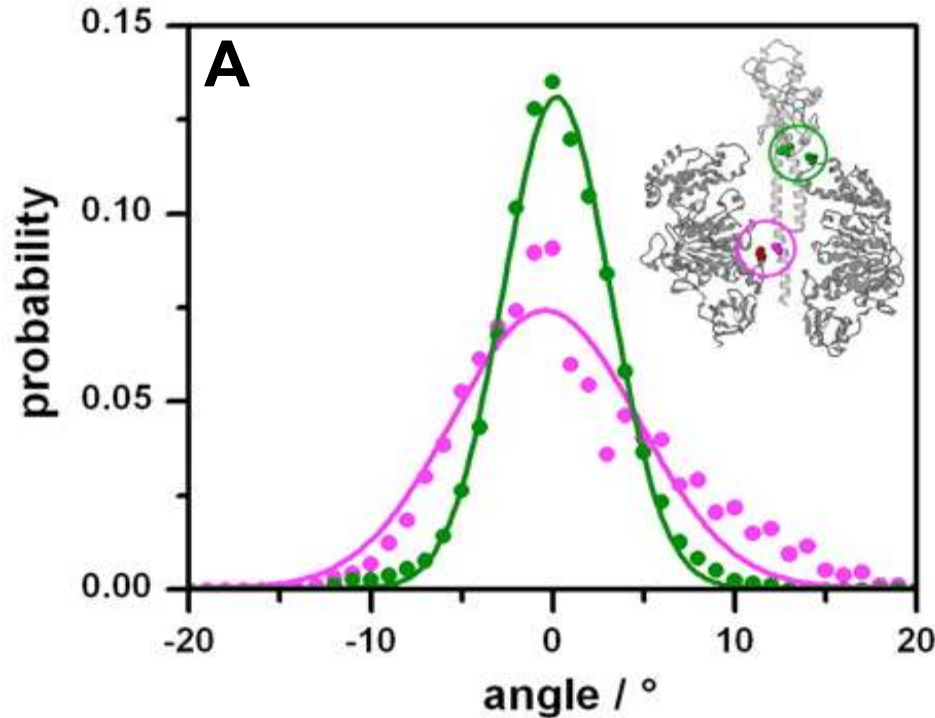
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(now Gdansk)**



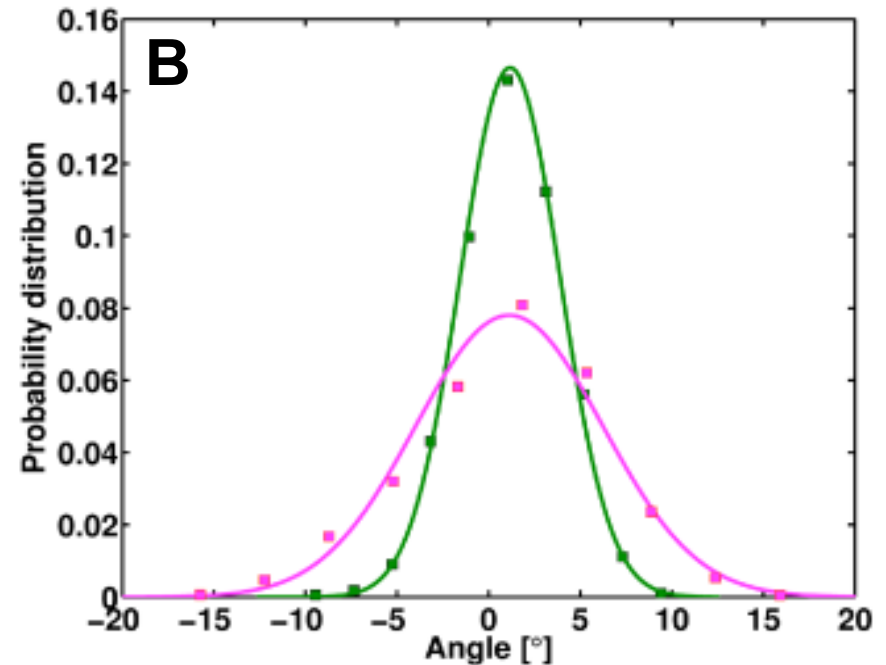


# Elastic properties of the F<sub>1</sub>-ATPase rotor – Results

Experiment

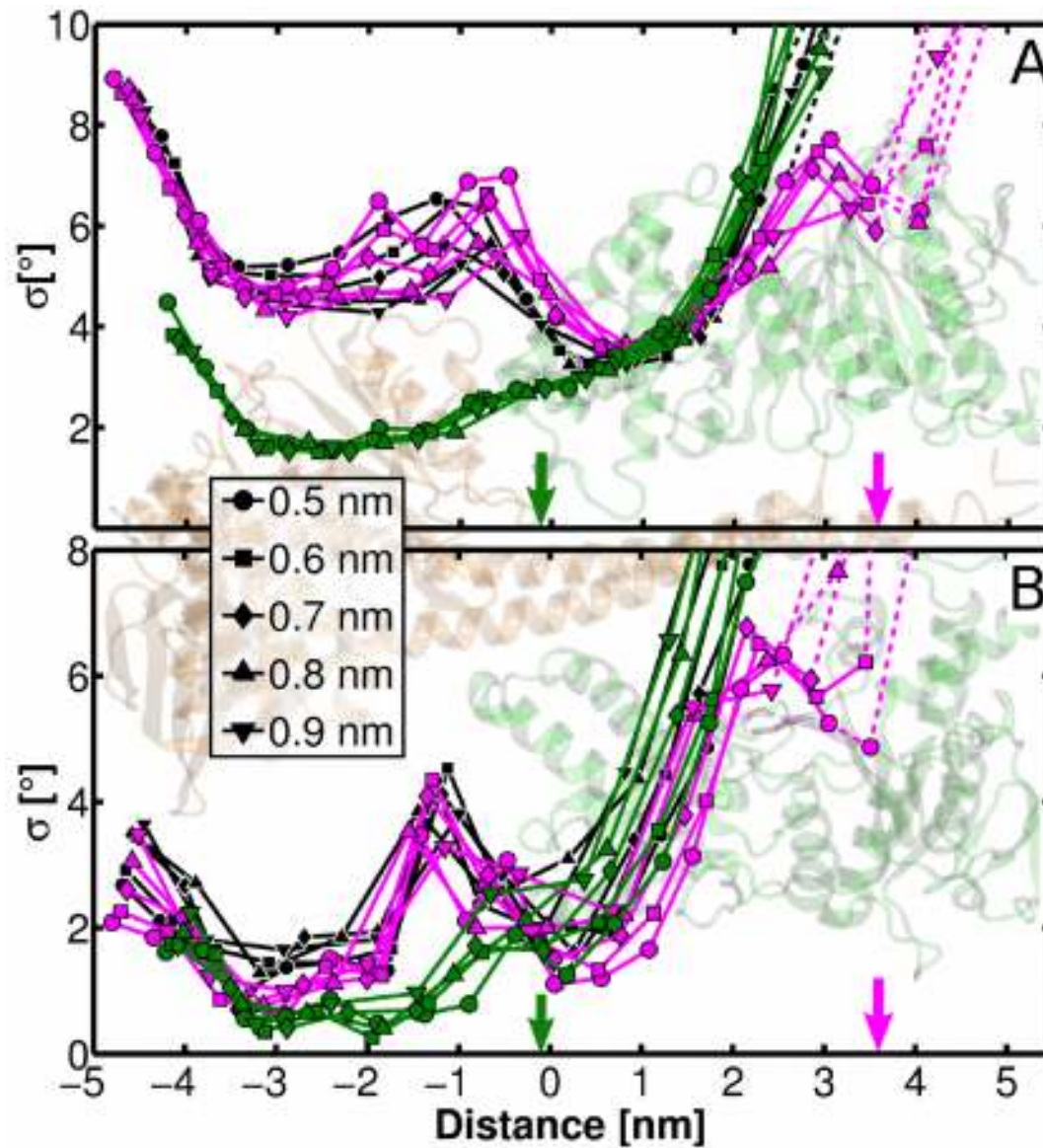


Simulation (400 ns each)

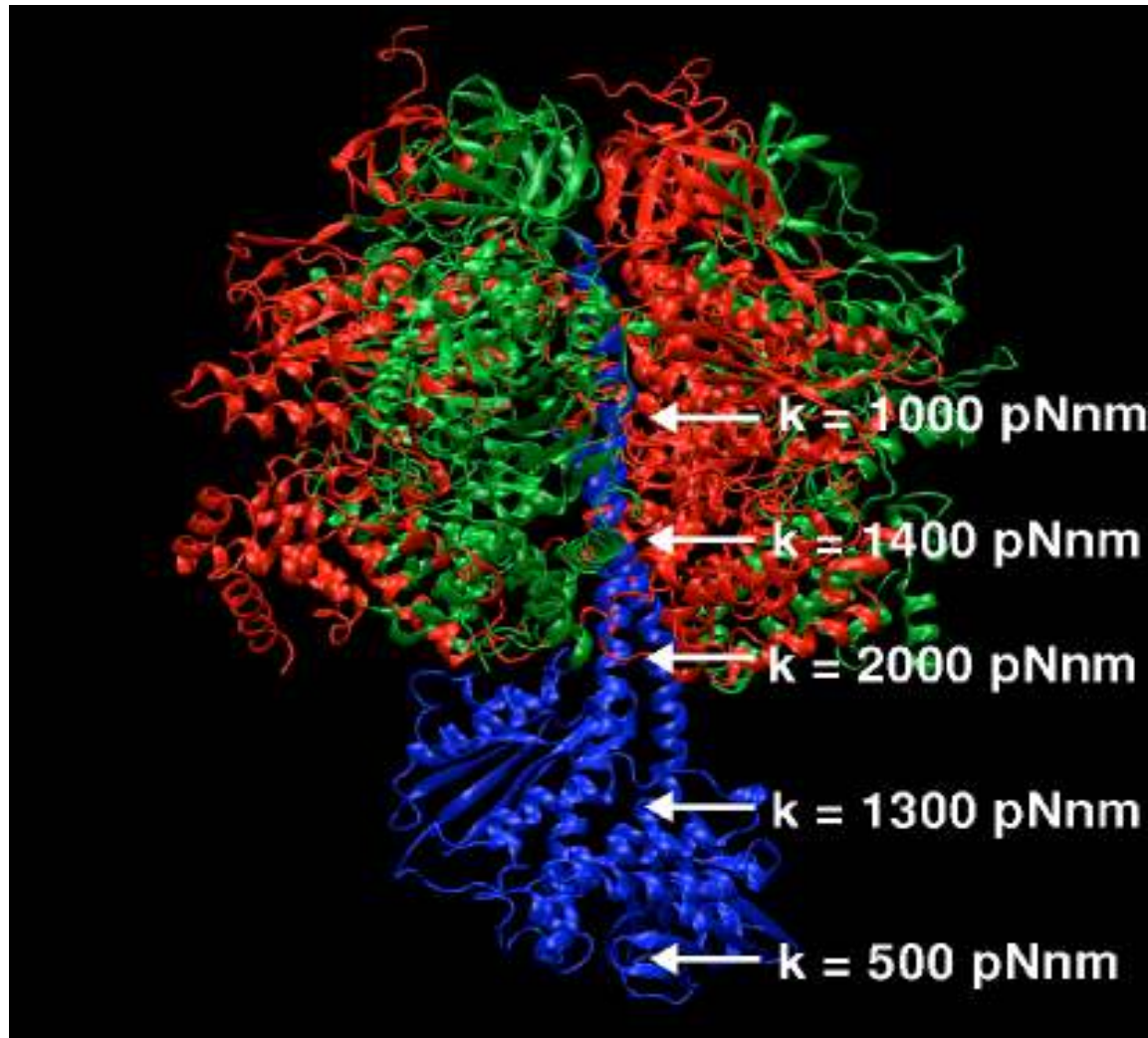


**Figure:** Distributions of the rotation angle observed in the experiment (Sielaff et al. PNAS 105:17760-, 2008) (A) and obtained from molecular dynamics simulations (B).

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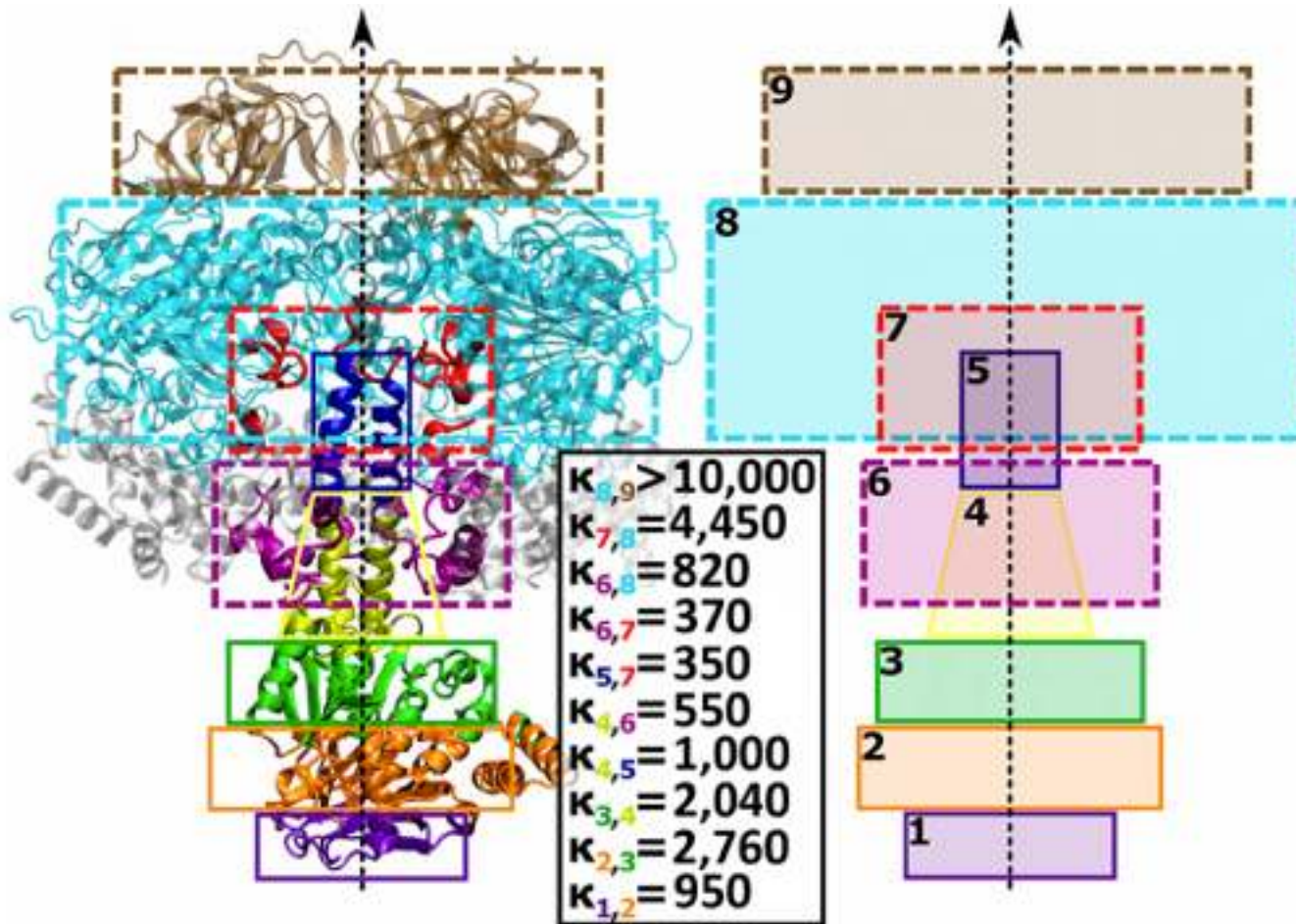


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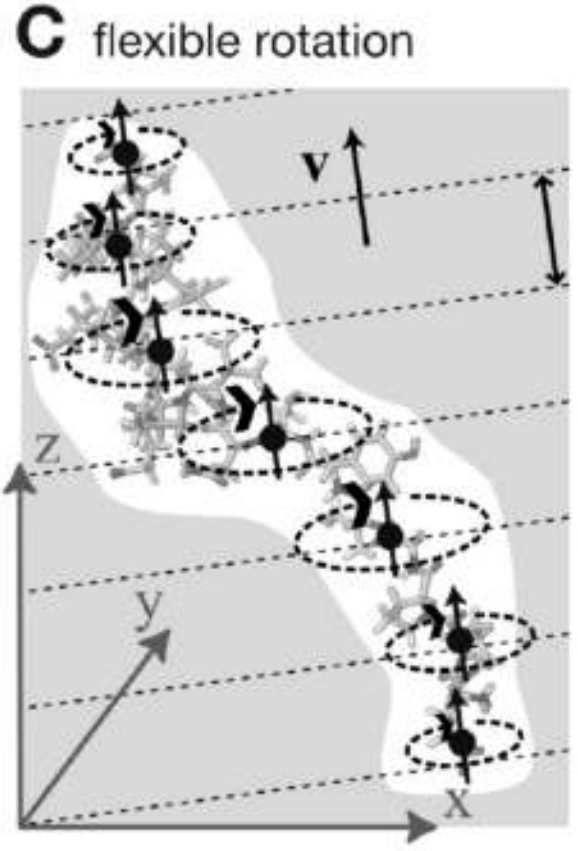
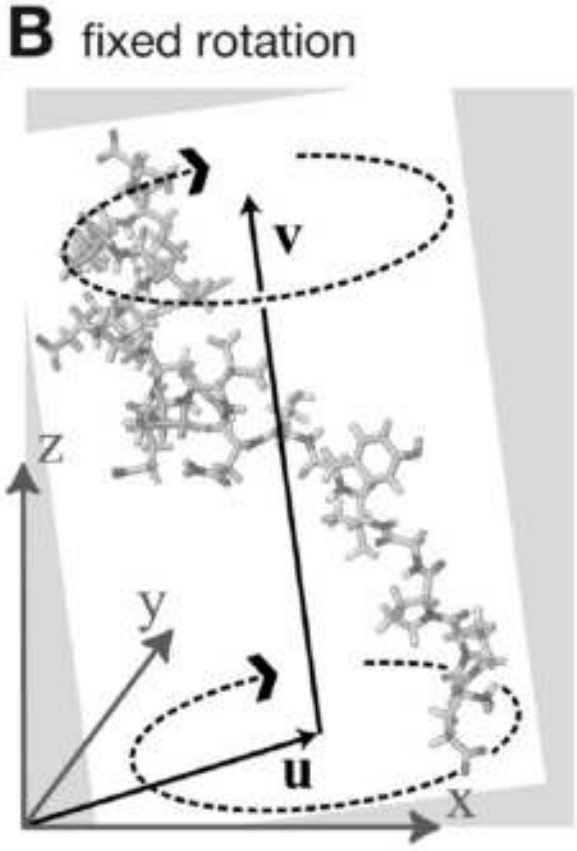
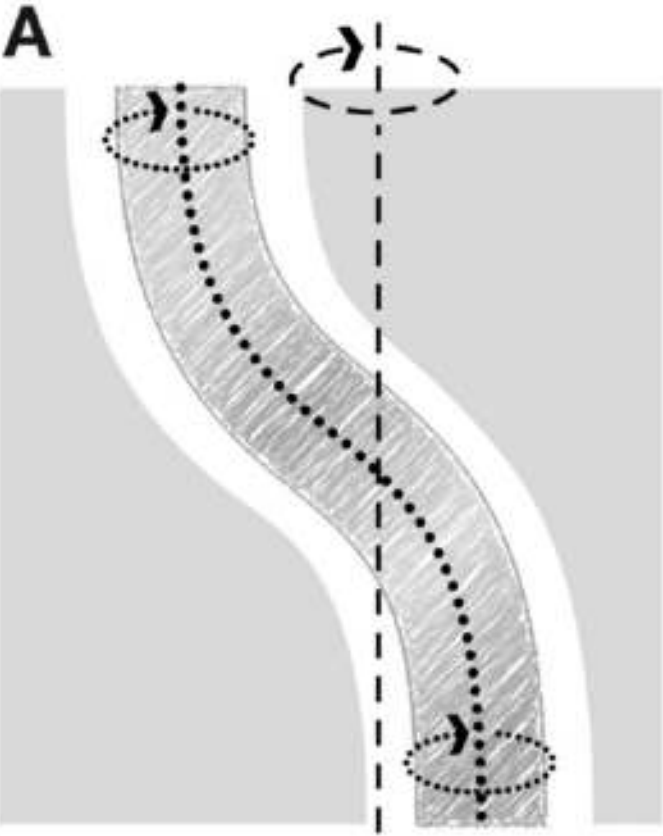
# Elastic properties – conclusions



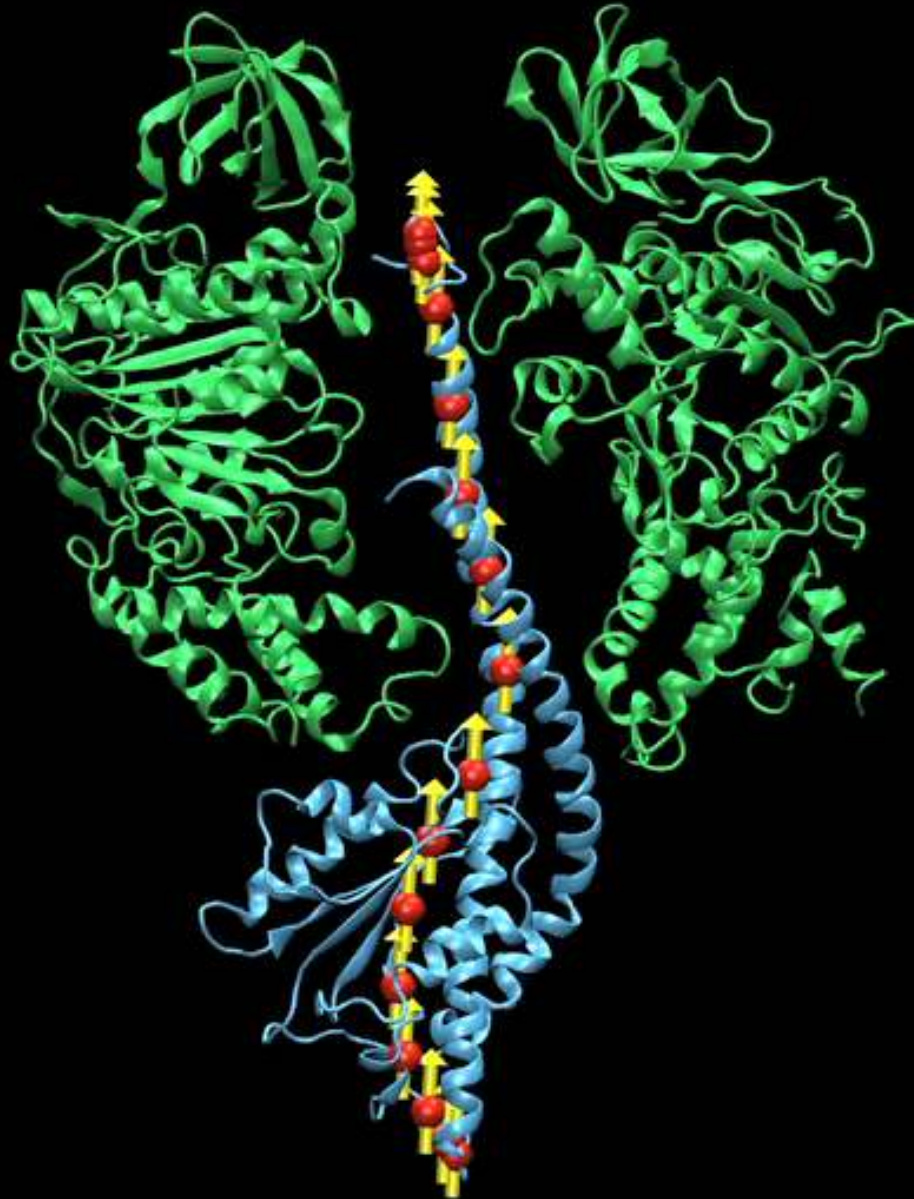
elastic moduli [pNnm]



# Driving Rotary motions with a flexible Axis

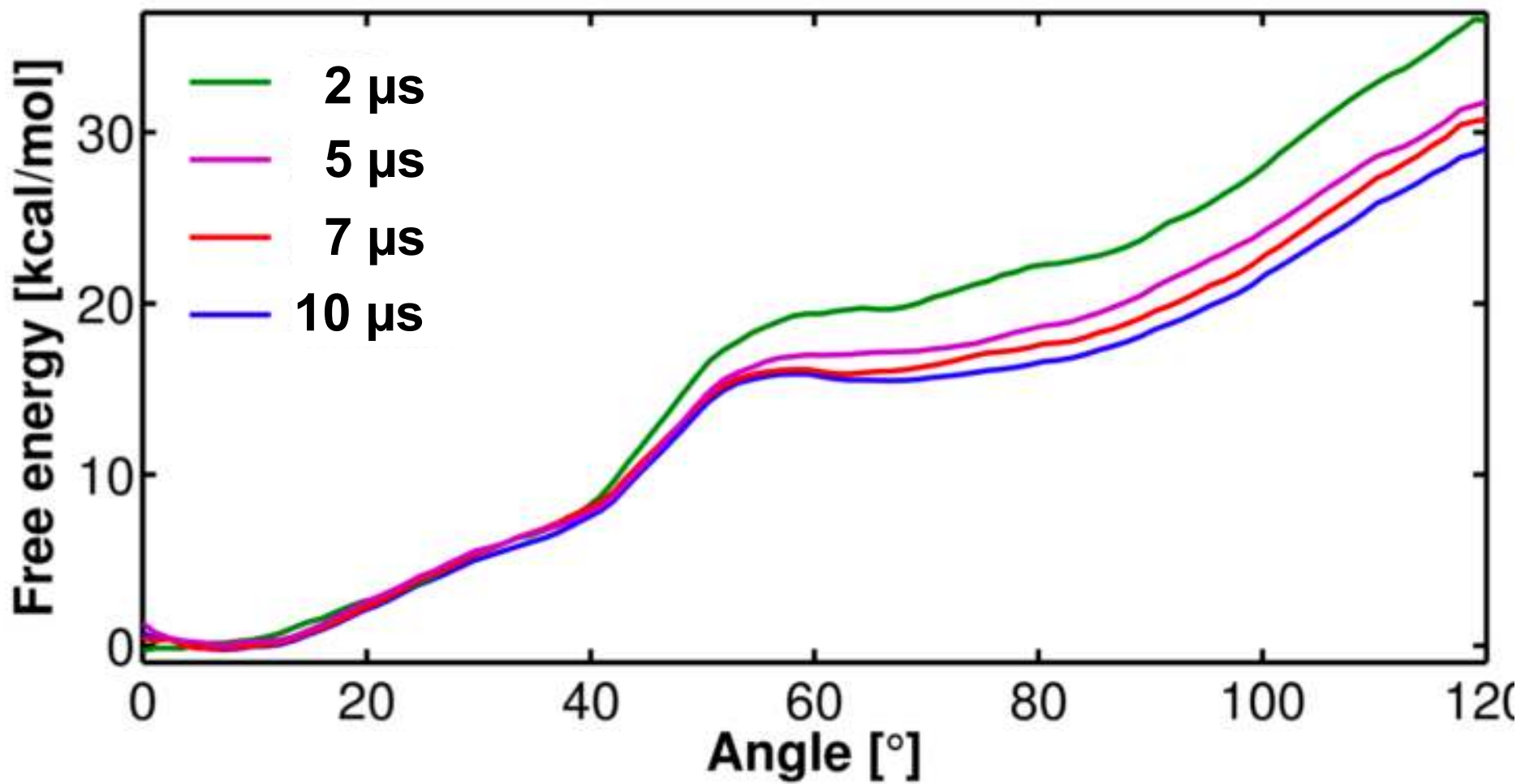


# 120° Gamma Subunit Rotation

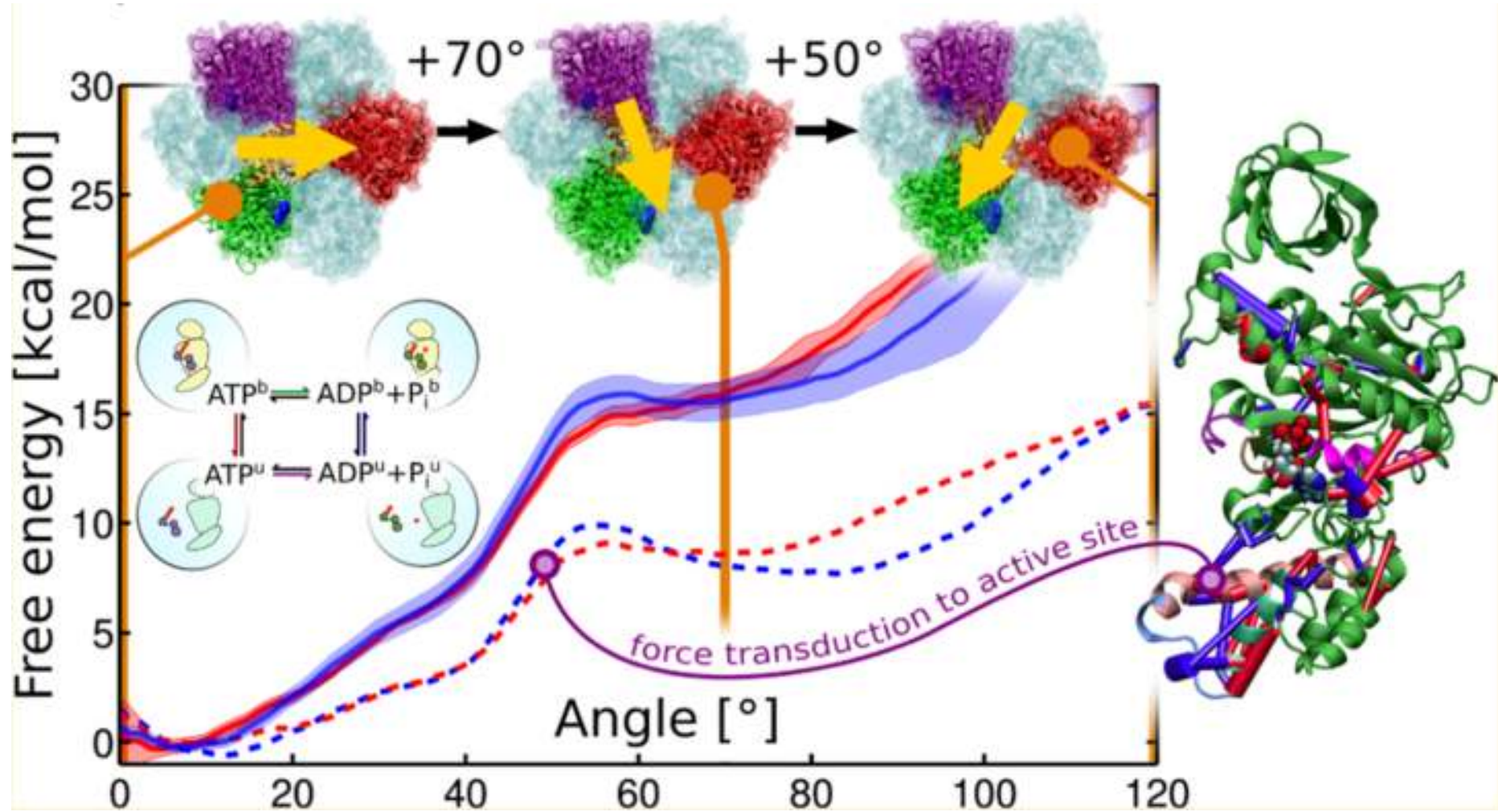


# Free energy landscape of gamma subunit rotation

with bound **ATP** --> Convergence



# Free energy landscape of gamma subunit rotation with bound **ATP** and **ADP**





# **Conformational changes upon gamma subunit rotation (in synthesis direction)**

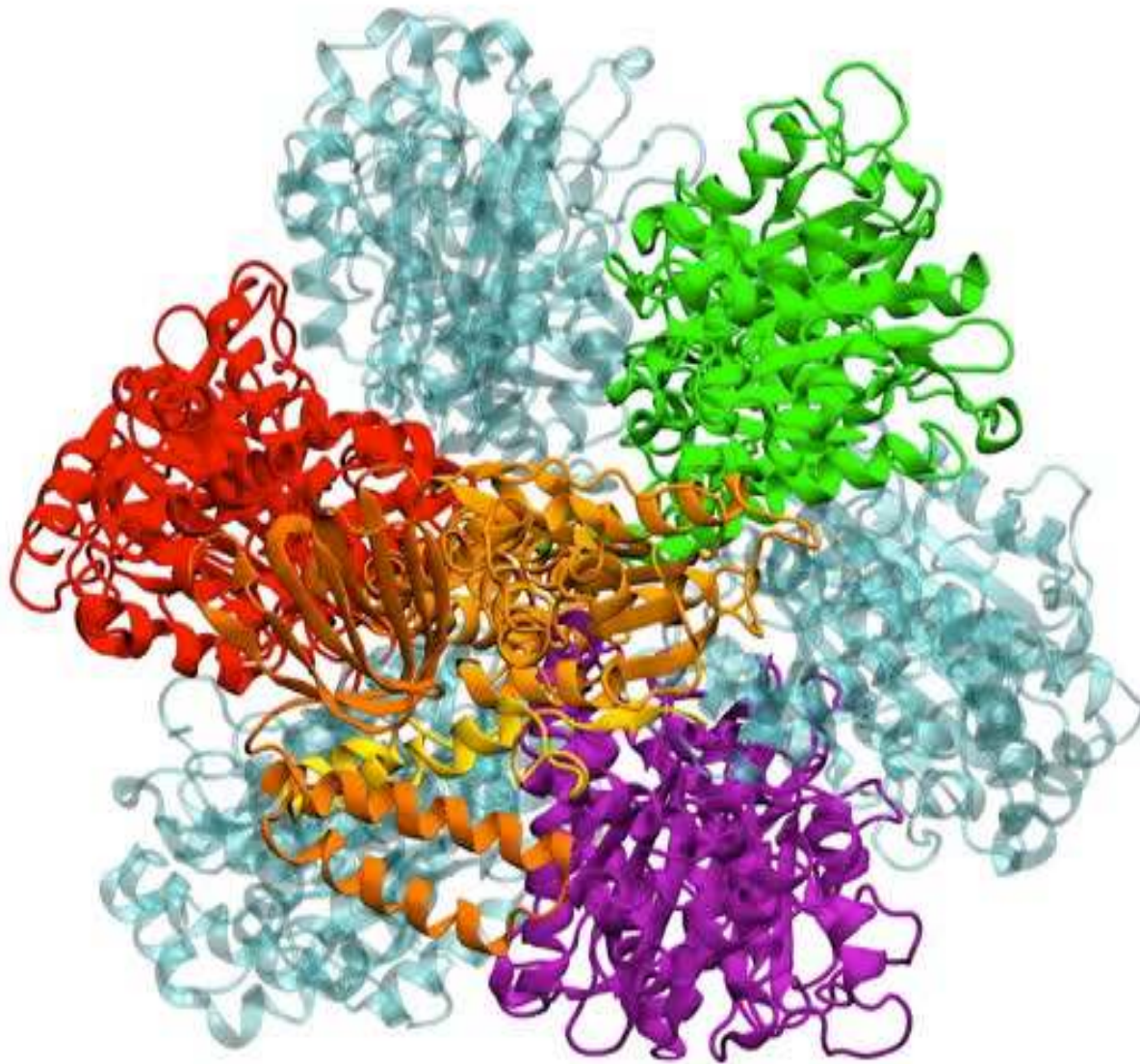
**70° sub-step seen as metastable free energy minimum (pre ATP release)**

**Major free energy input via  $\gamma$ -rotation before 70° sub-step**

**=> Fine-tuned for 13 kcal/mol total energy turnover**

**=> compatible with kinetics**

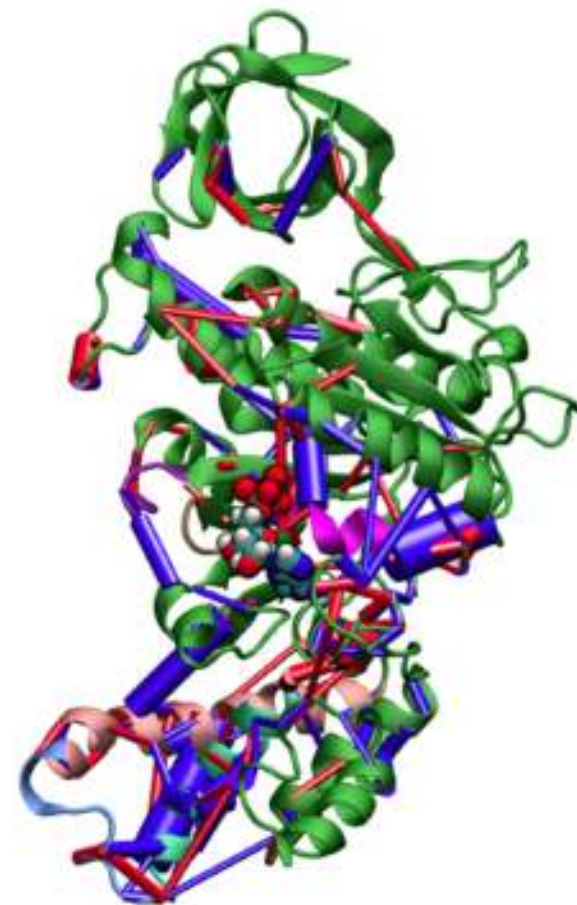
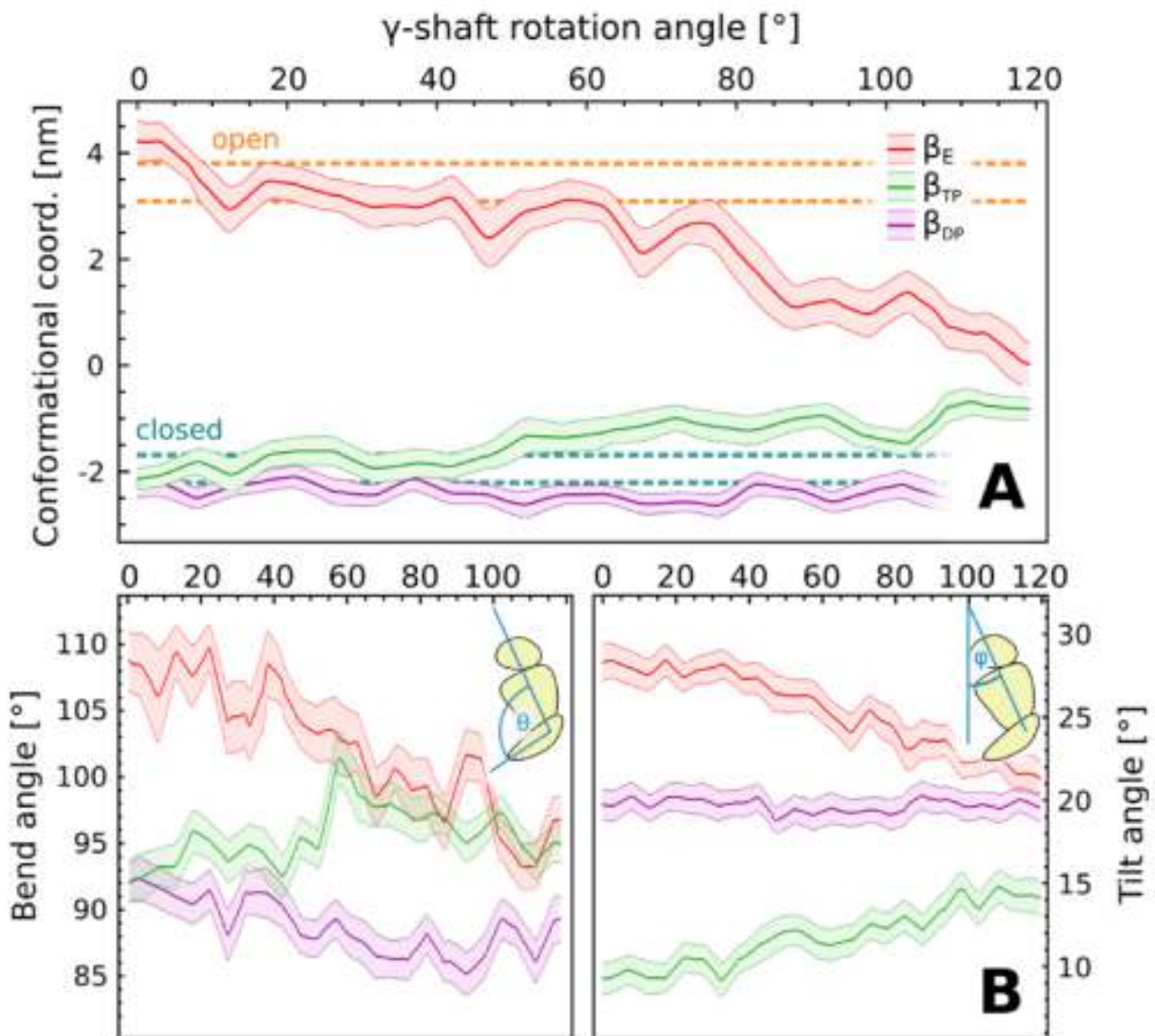
## *120° Gamma Subunit Rotation*



0 ns

0°

# Conformational changes upon gamma subunit rotation



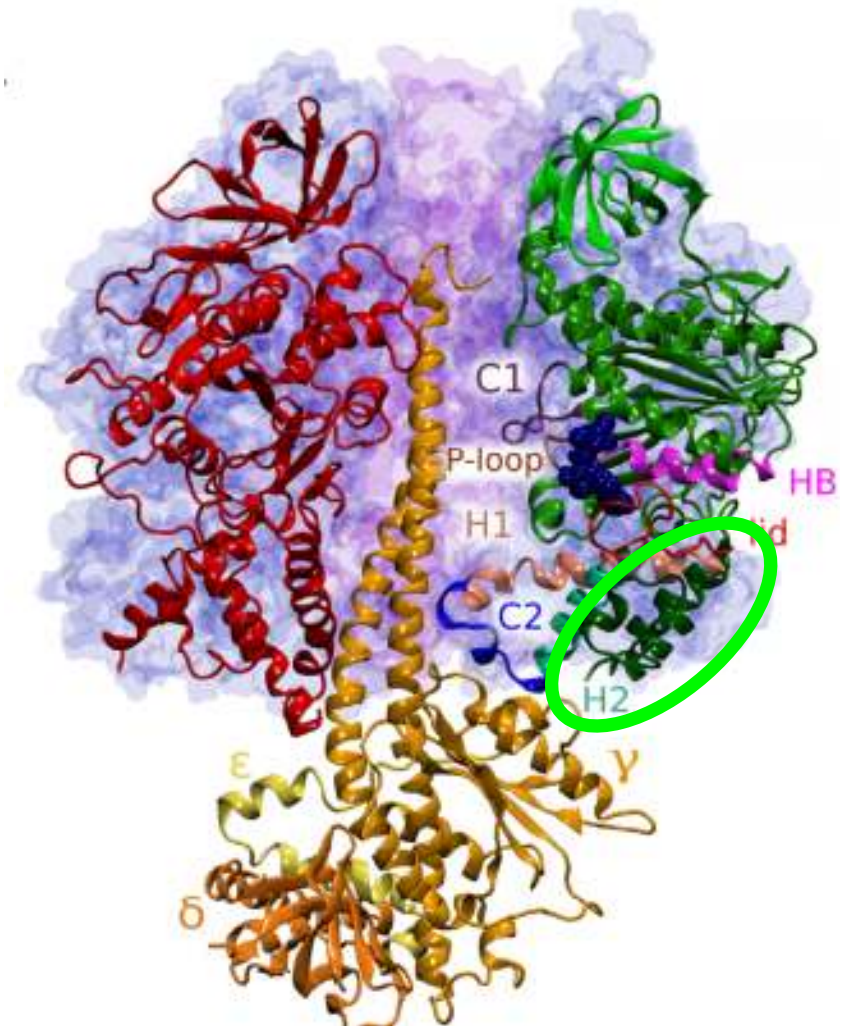


# Conformational changes upon gamma subunit rotation (in synthesis direction)

$\beta_{TP}$  opens only partially during  $\gamma$ -rotation

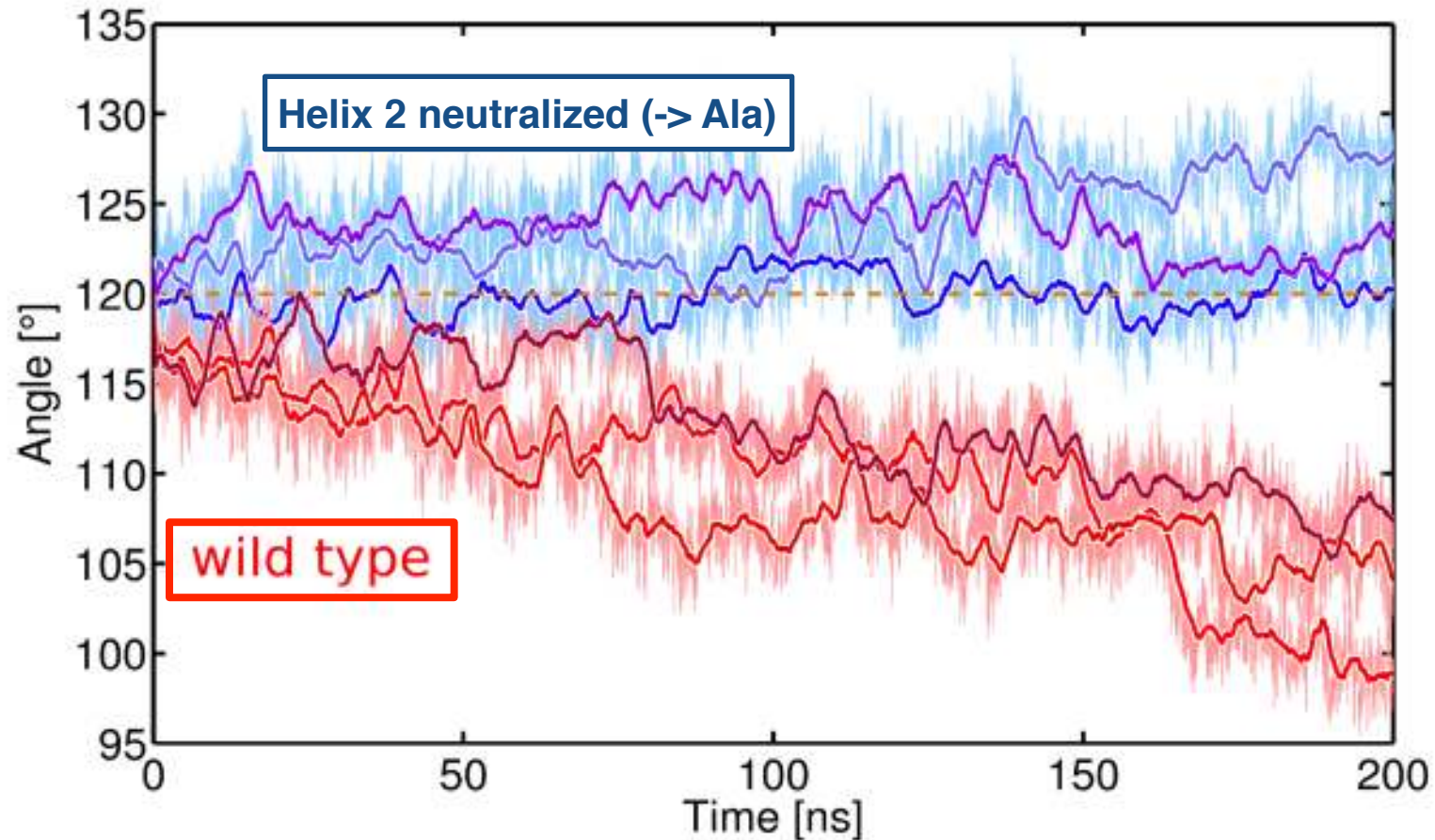
=> full  $\beta_{TP}$  opening only after ATP release

=> **Helix 2** as a gate-keeper





# Electrostatic repulsion between H2 and gamma prevents completion of opening before ATP release



# Conformational changes upon gamma subunit rotation (in synthesis direction)

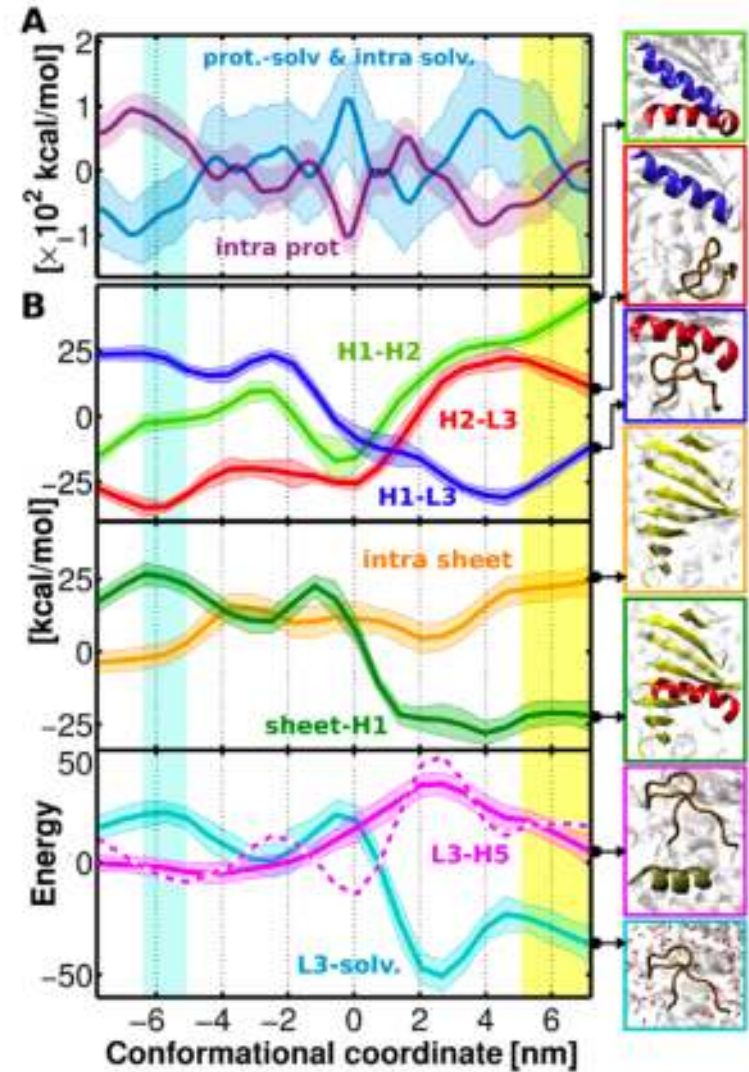
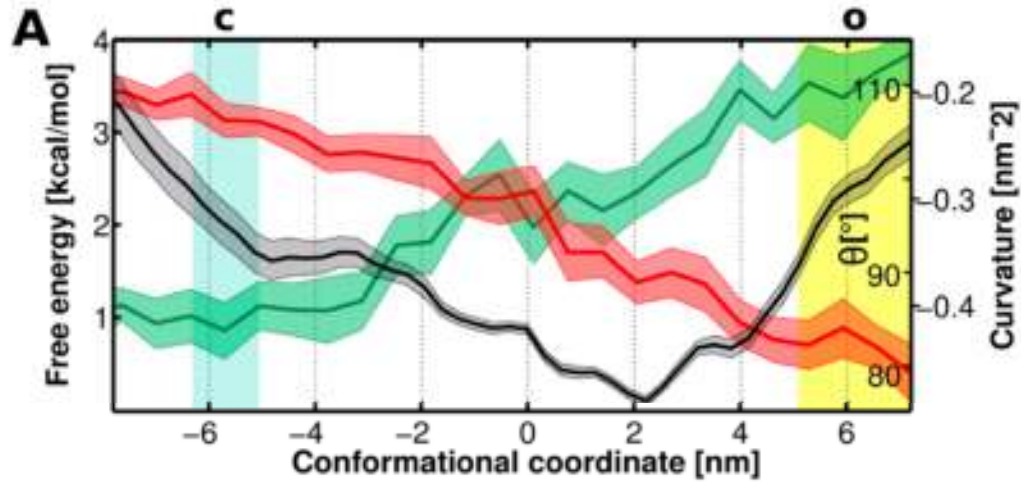
$\beta_E$  closes spontaneously during  $\gamma$ -rotation, to stable half-open state

=> not the rate-limiting step

=> subsequent ADP binding allosterically contributes to full  $\beta_{TP}$  opening

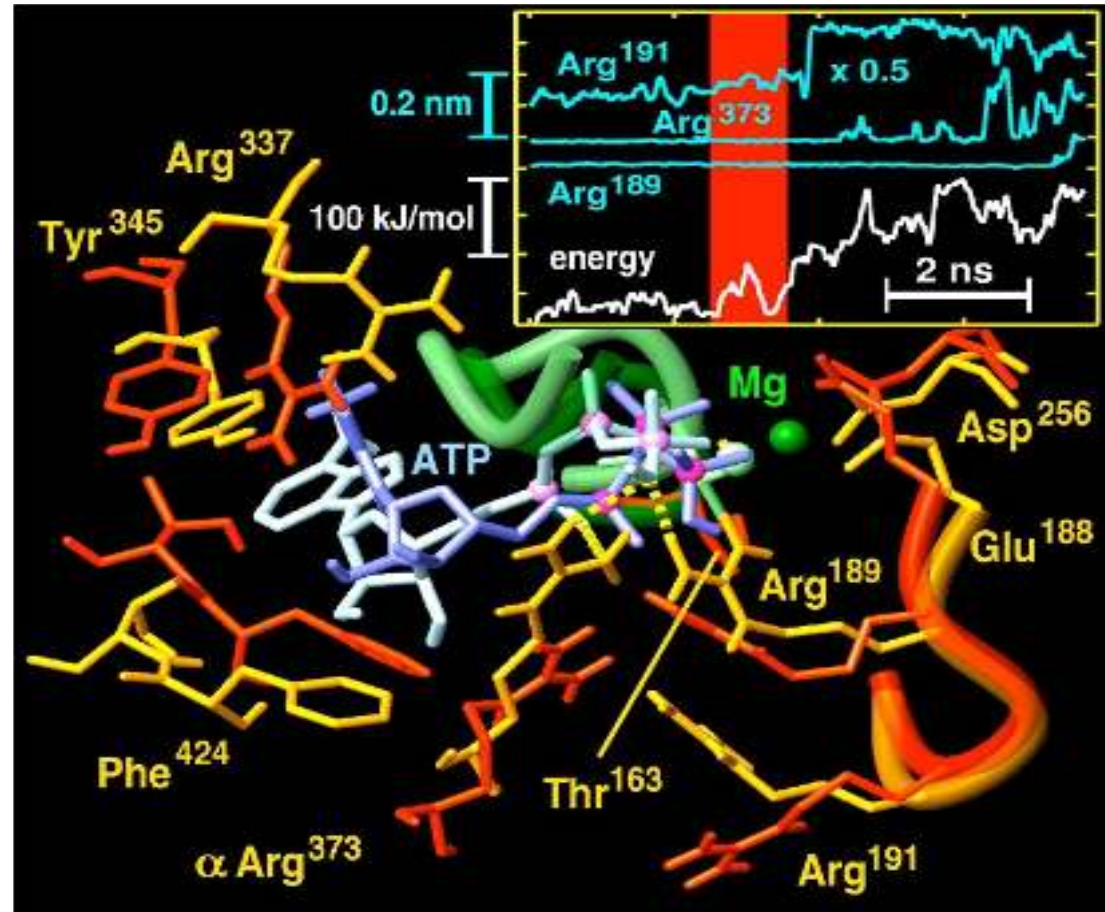
=> avoids 'waste' of energy through irreversible downhill ADP binding

# Spontaneous closure of $\beta_E$ is driven by competing interactions



# Conformational changes upon gamma subunit rotation (in synthesis direction)

Affinity reduction for bound ATP  
due to electrostatic  
coupling with Arg finger(s)





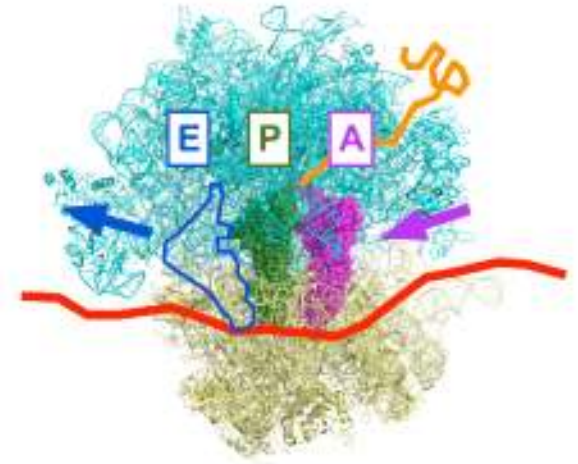
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# Ribosomal tRNA translocation and stalling: X-ray + cryoEM + MD

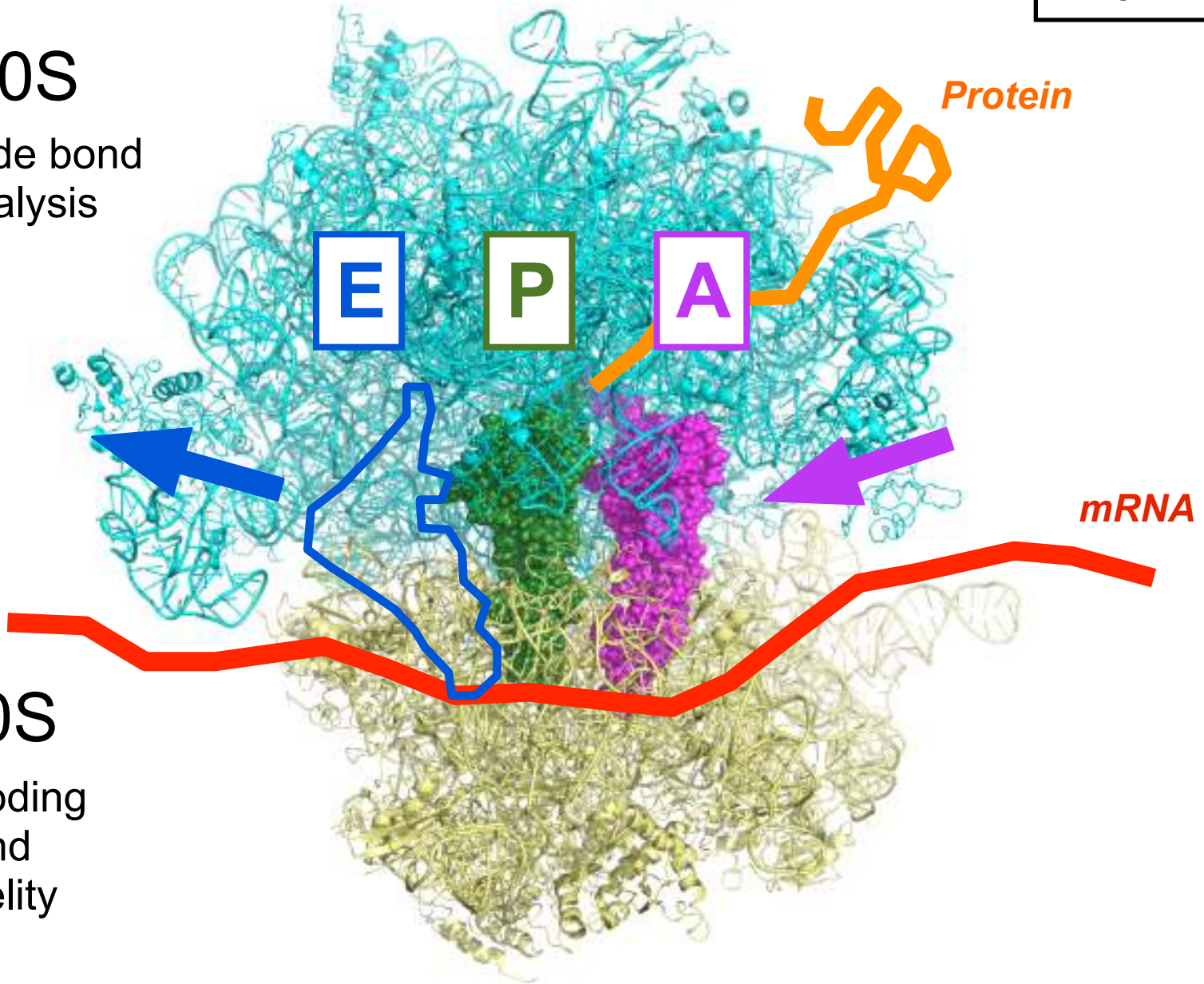
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# The Ribosome

2.5 MDa

**50S**  
Peptide bond  
catalysis



*Protein*

*mRNA*

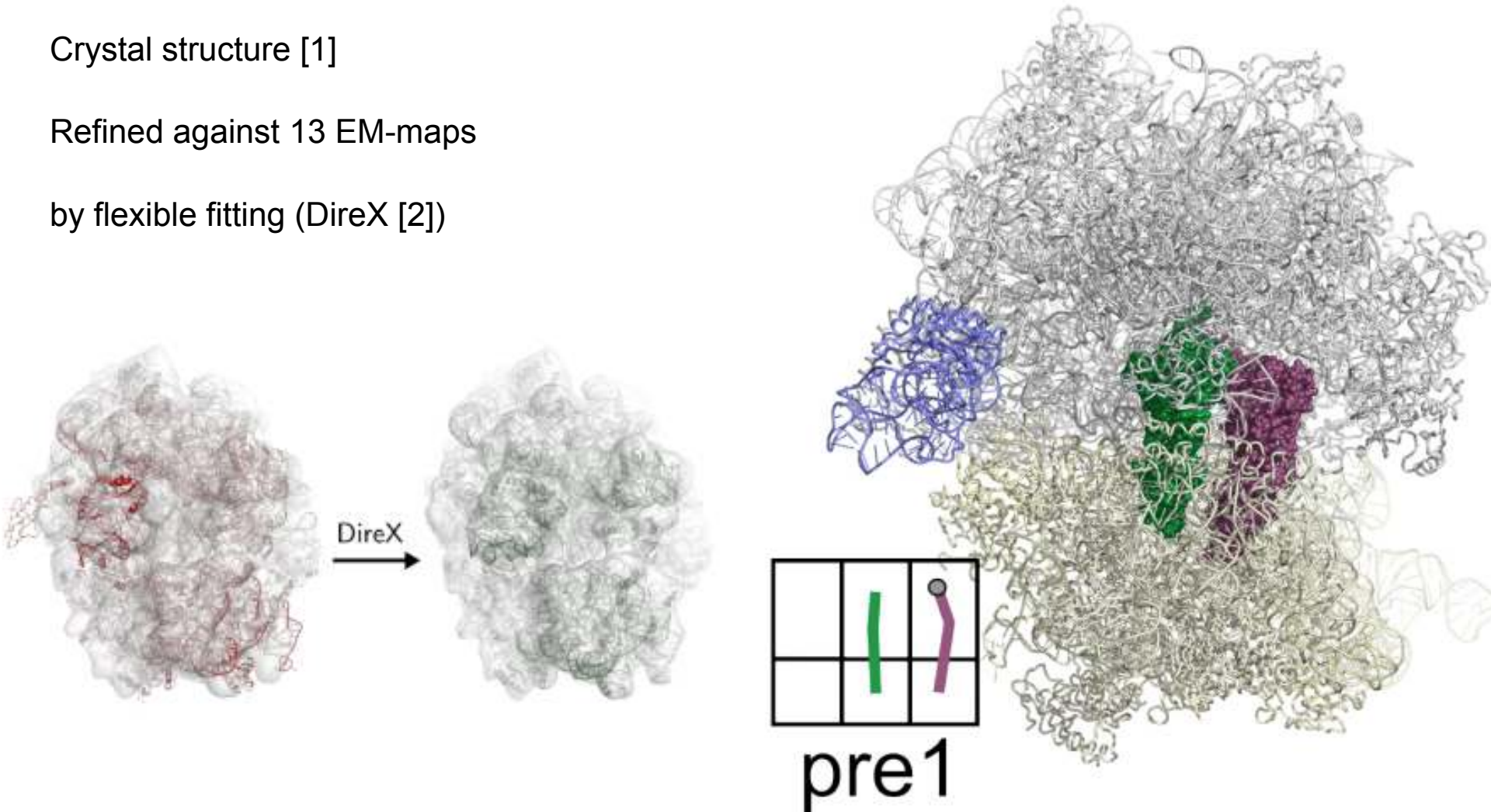
**30S**  
Decoding  
and  
fidelity

# Refinement of x-ray structure against Cryo-EM densities

Crystal structure [1]

Refined against 13 EM-maps

by flexible fitting (DireX [2])





Correlation does not imply causality

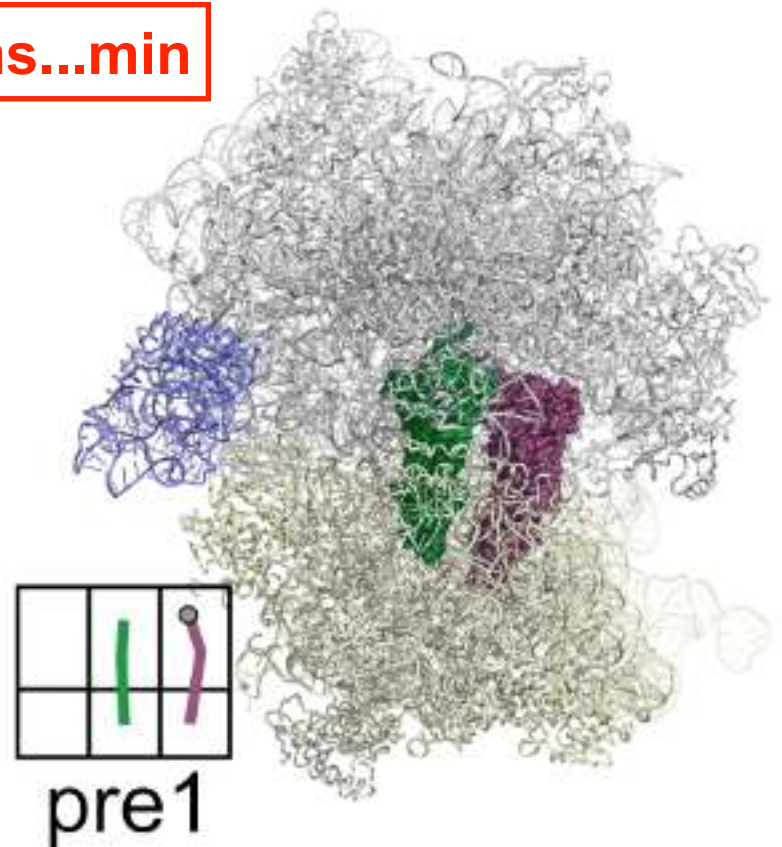


# Multiple MD Simulations

- 13 MD simulations (min one per state)
- at least 100 ns for each state  
~1500 ns total simulation time

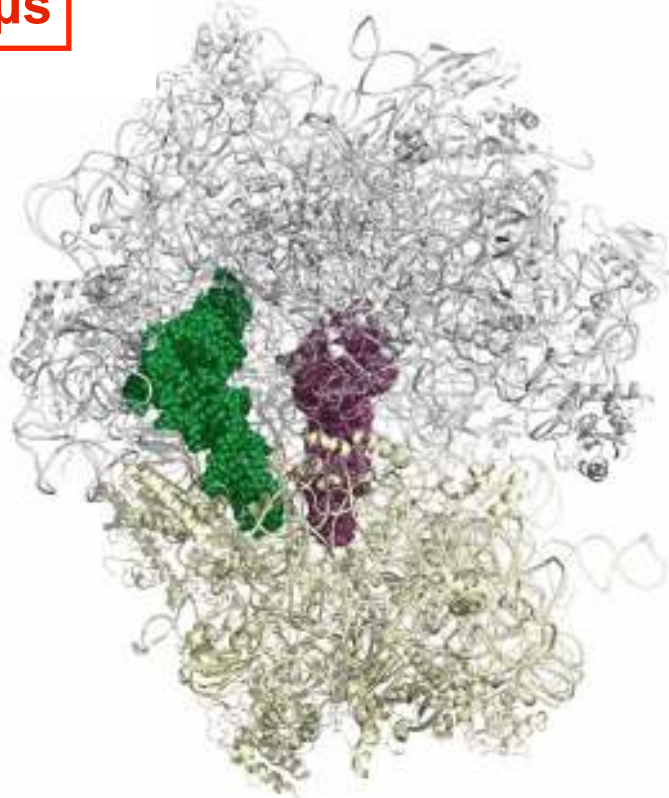
- Amber99sb force field
- GROMACS 4.0
- 150mM KCl 7mM Mg2Cl
- SPC/E water
- 2.2 M atoms
- NPT simulations

ms...min

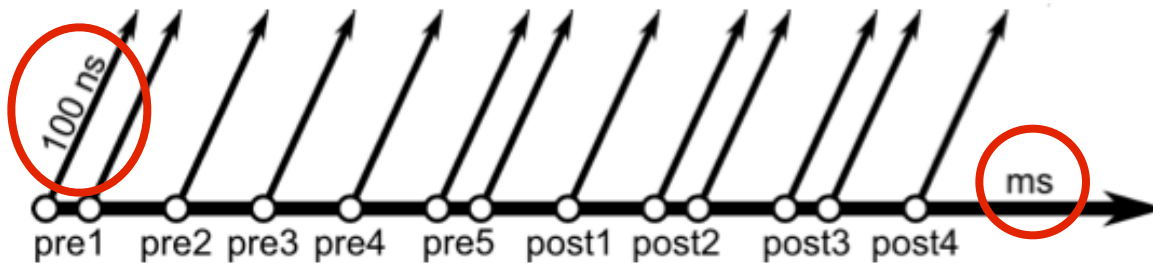
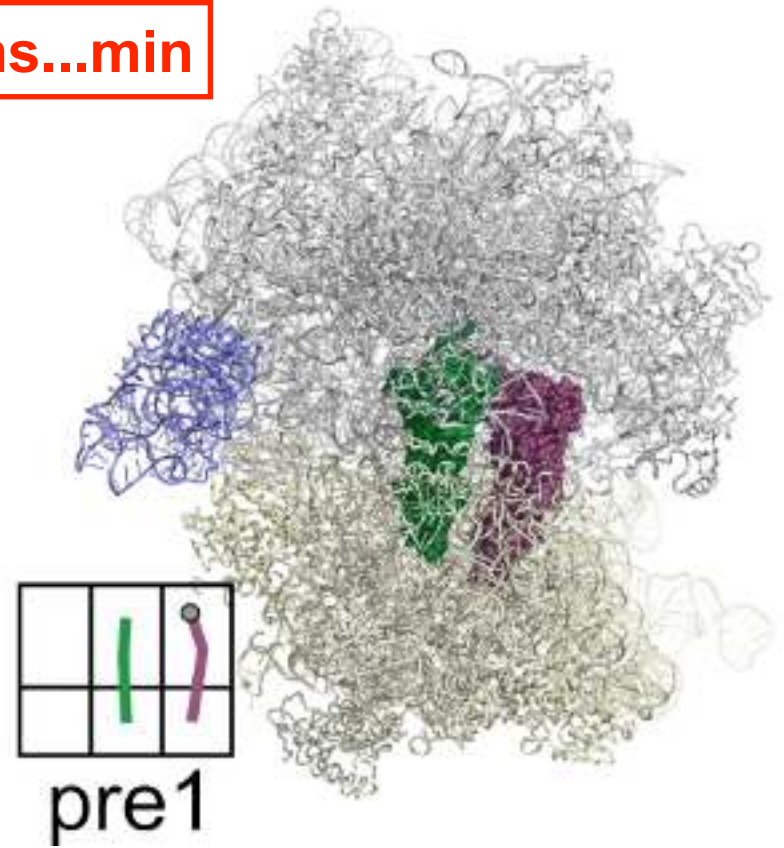


# Dynamics, energetics, and driving forces from MD Simulations

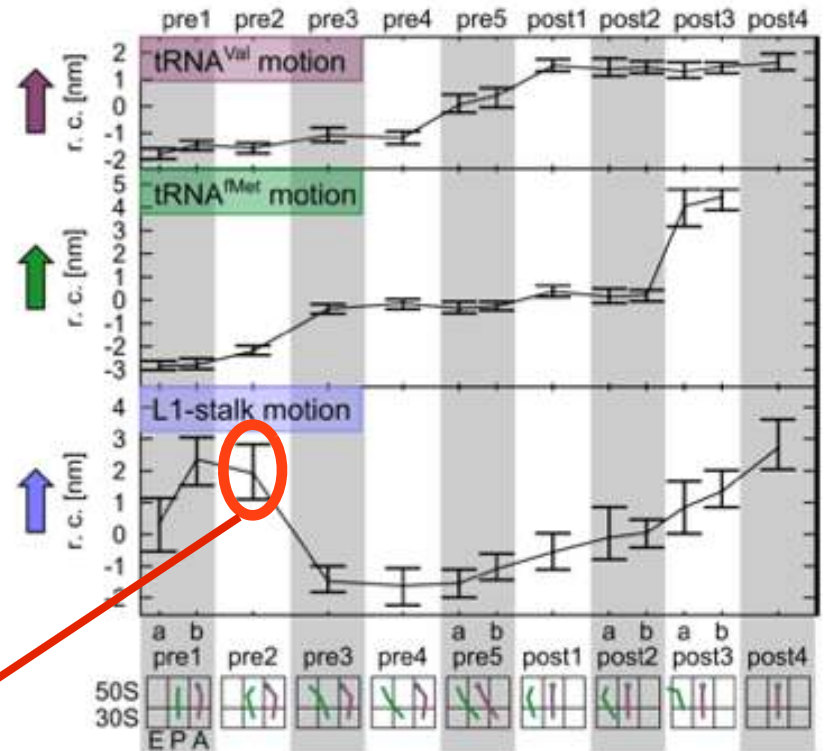
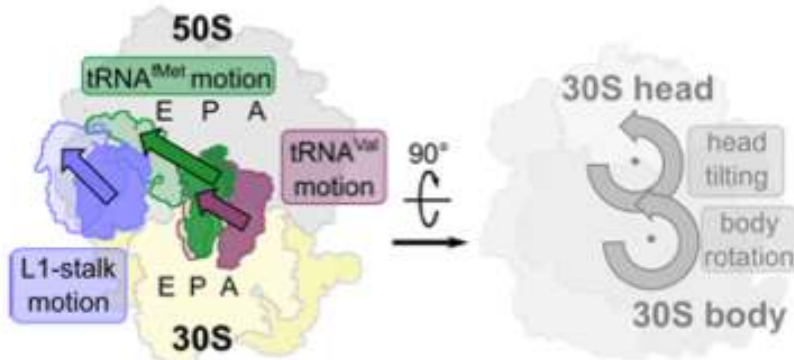
ns... $\mu$ s



ms...min



# Coordinated conformational motions: L1 and tRNAs



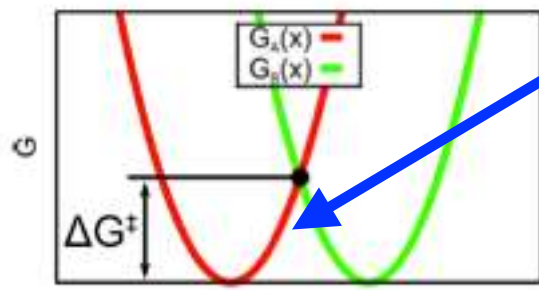
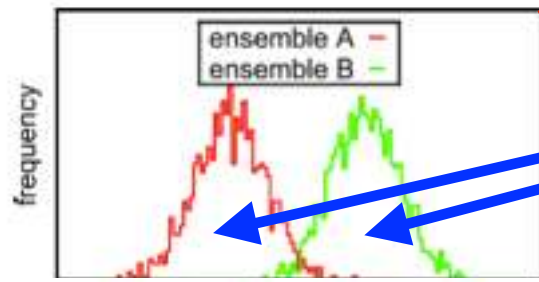
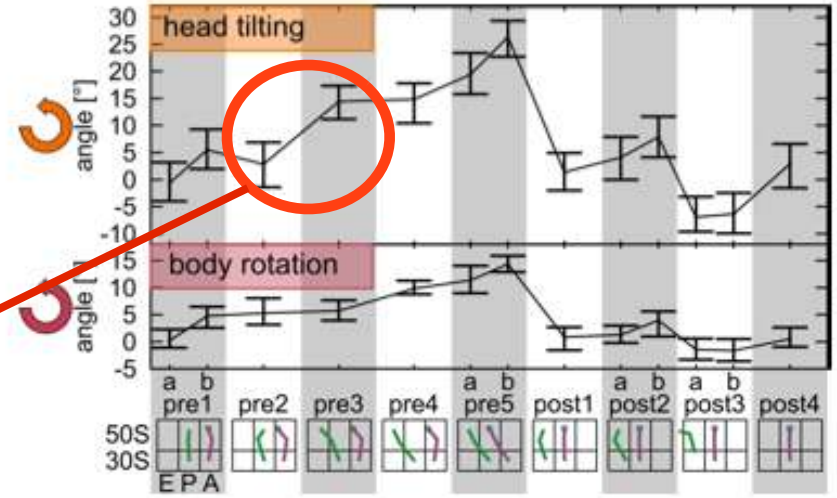
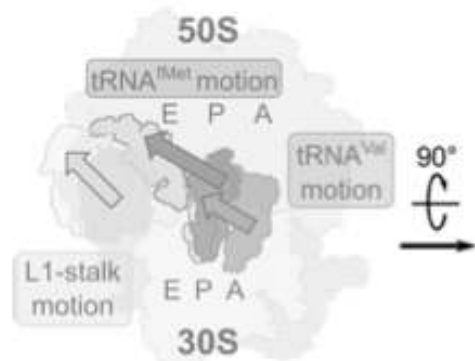
structural fluctuations @ 100 ns

*Which motions limit translocational transition rates?*

*... and how are these overcome by the ribosome?*



# Transition rate estimates from MD



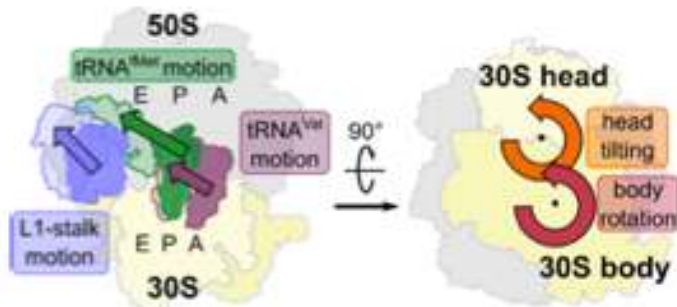
MD: fluctuations @ 100 ns

overlap -> barrier height

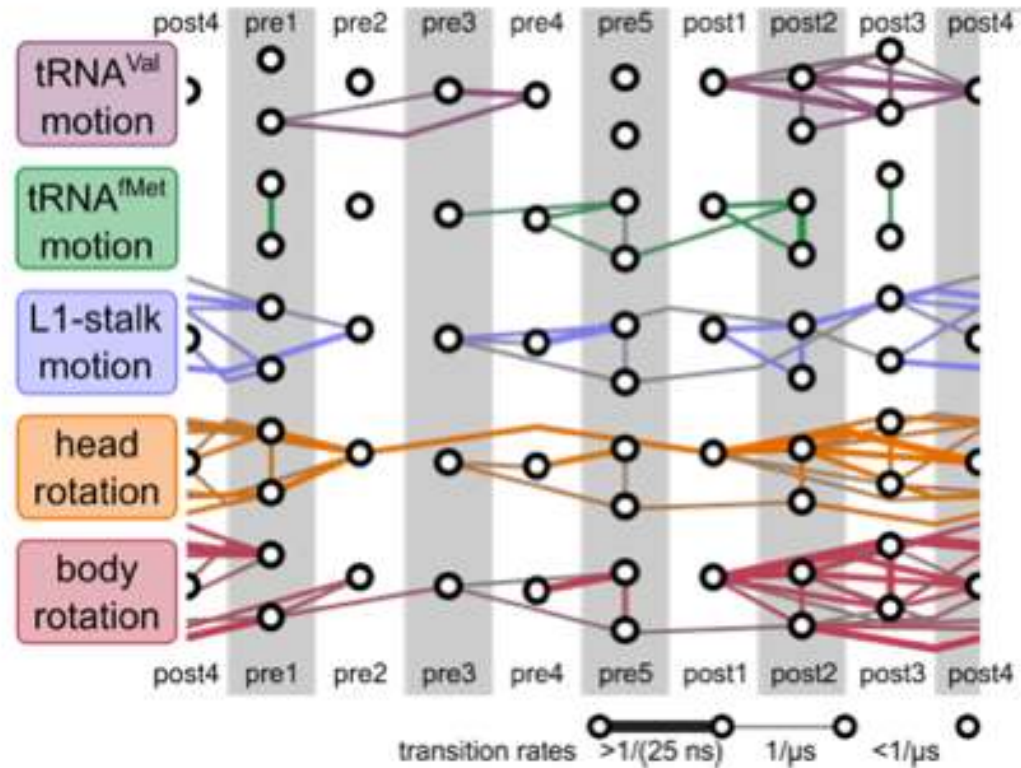
MD: Attempt frequency

$$k = A \exp(\Delta G^\ddagger / k_b T)$$

# Rate-limiting: tRNA movement

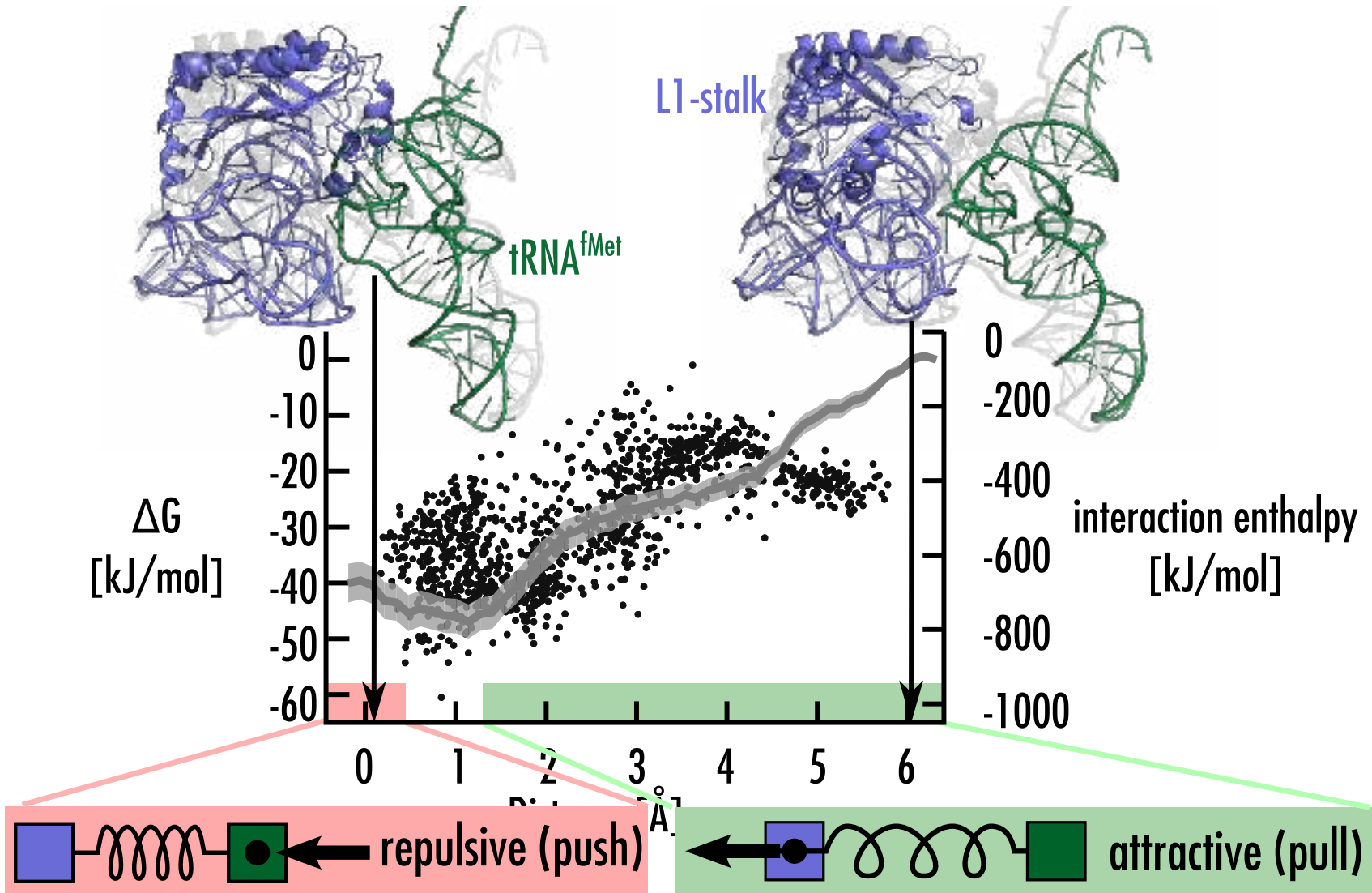


Most transition rates are determined by barriers which limit tRNA movement.

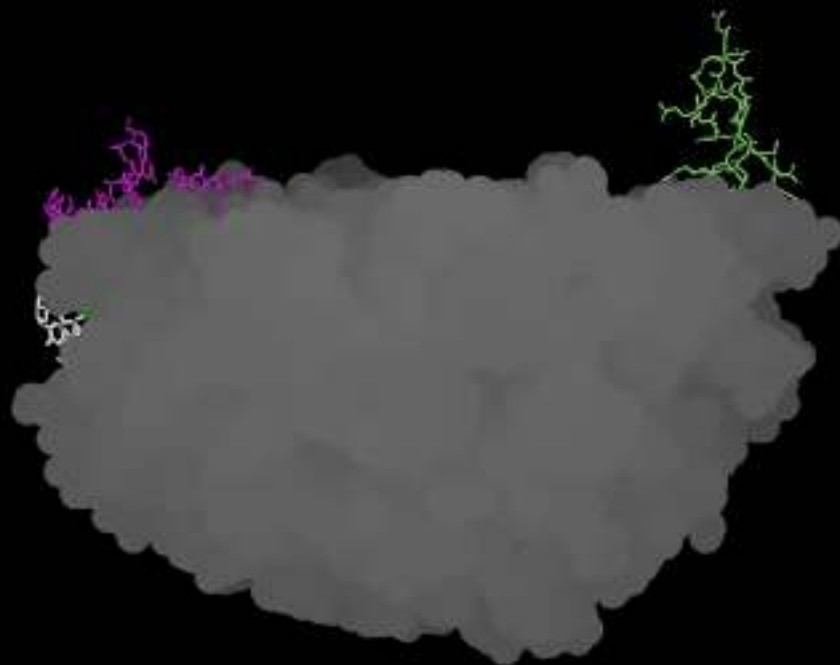


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# Local interactions: L1 stalk

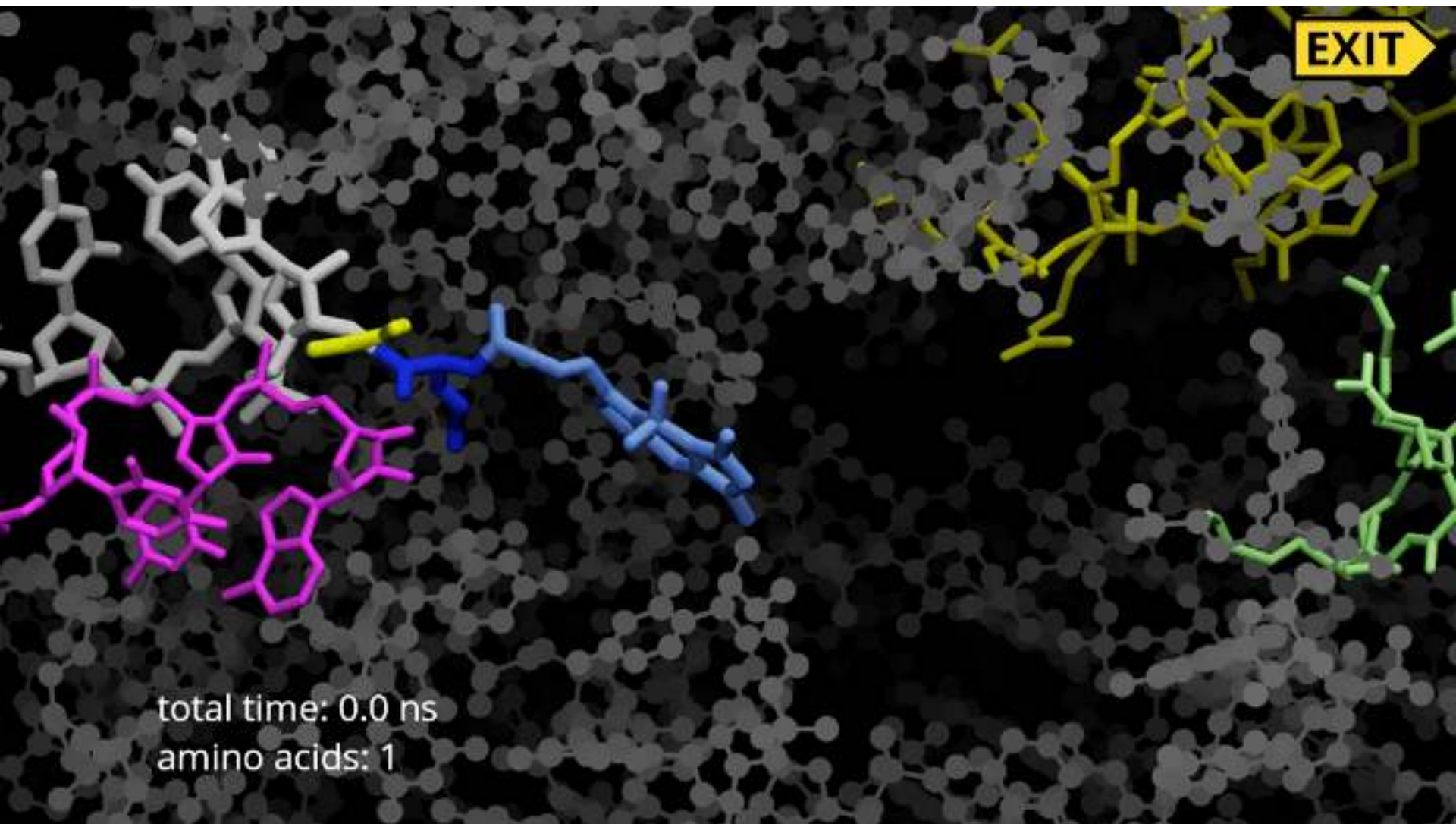


# Elongation dynamics of the nascent peptide in the exit tunnel



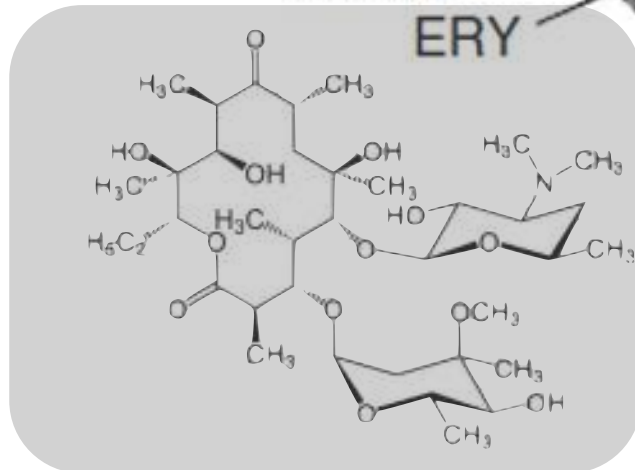
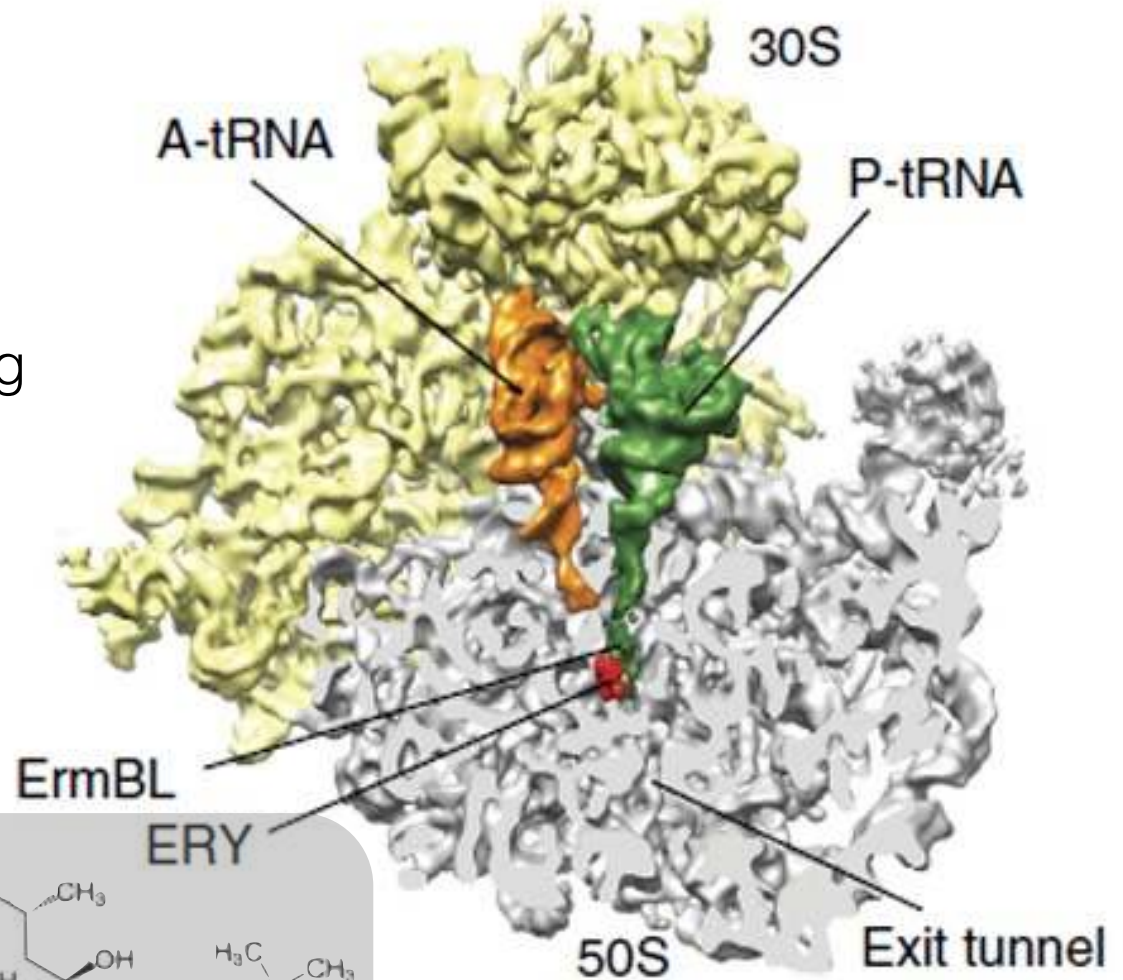


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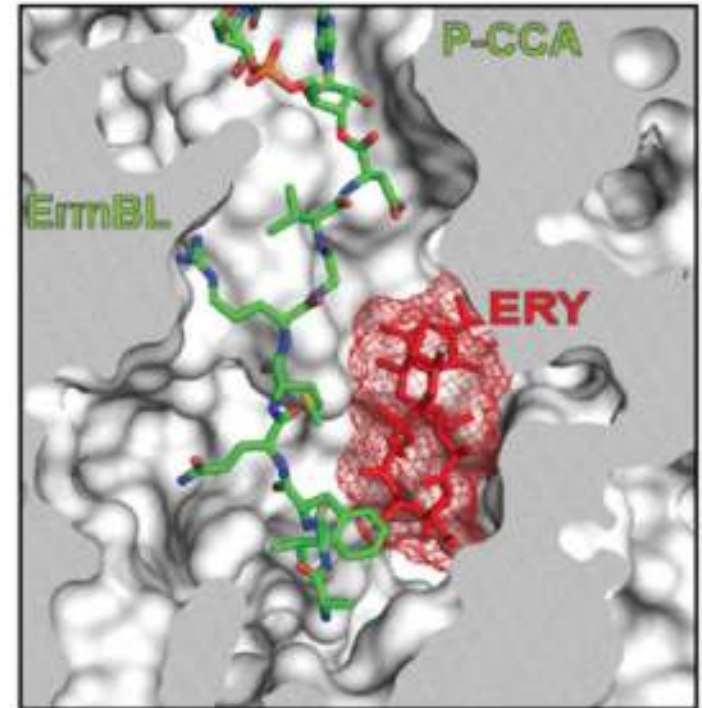
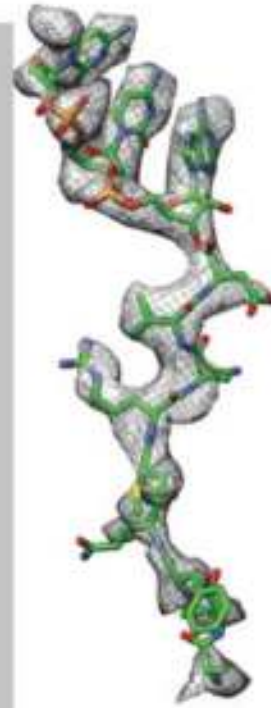
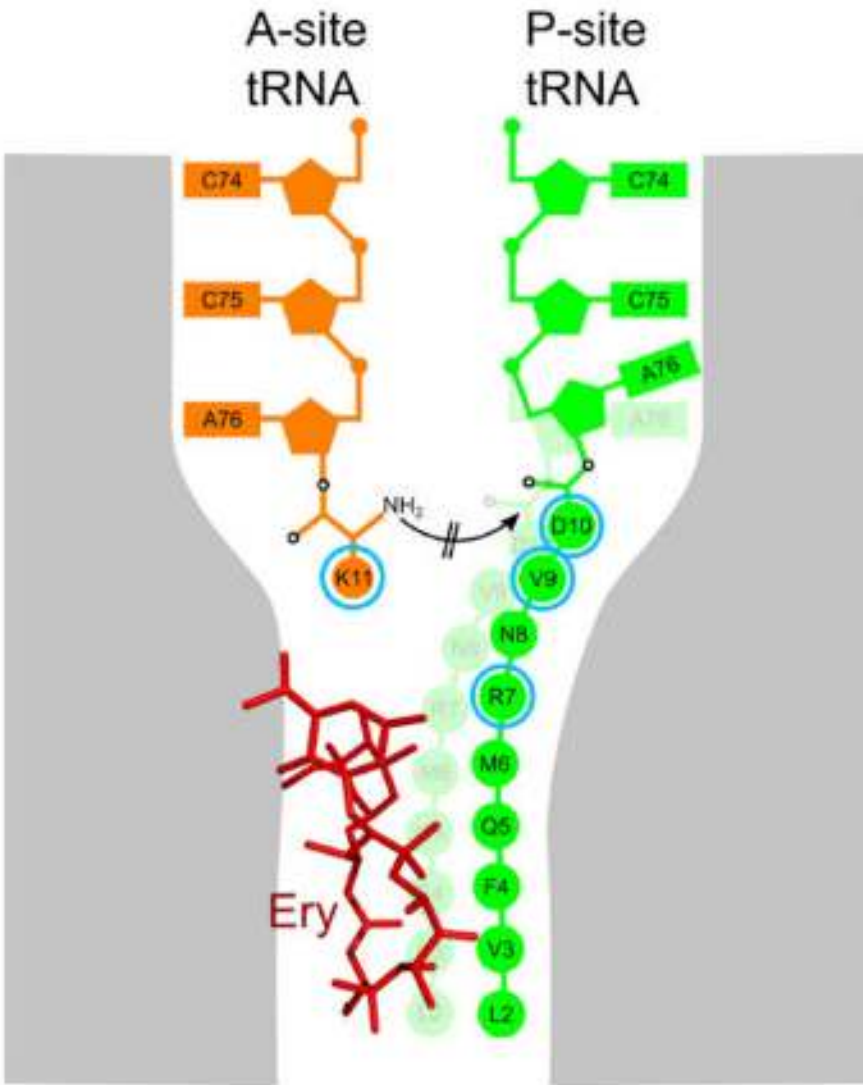
# Erythromycin (Ery) binds in the exit tunnel

- Most peptides translated
- Stalls the ribosome during ErmBL translation (and others)



Arenz *et al* Nat. Commun. (2014)

# Erythromycin stalls the ribosome: Codon 10 of ErmBL

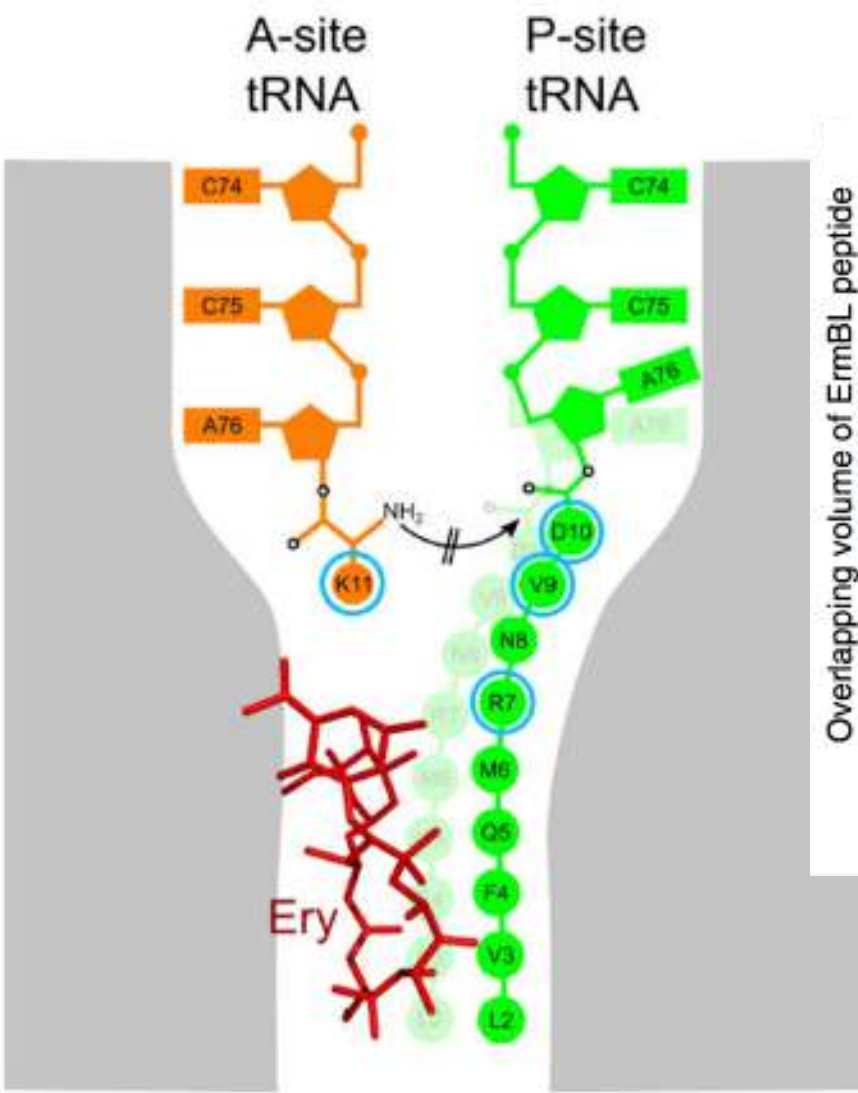


3.6 Å cryo-EM structure of ErmBL stalled complex

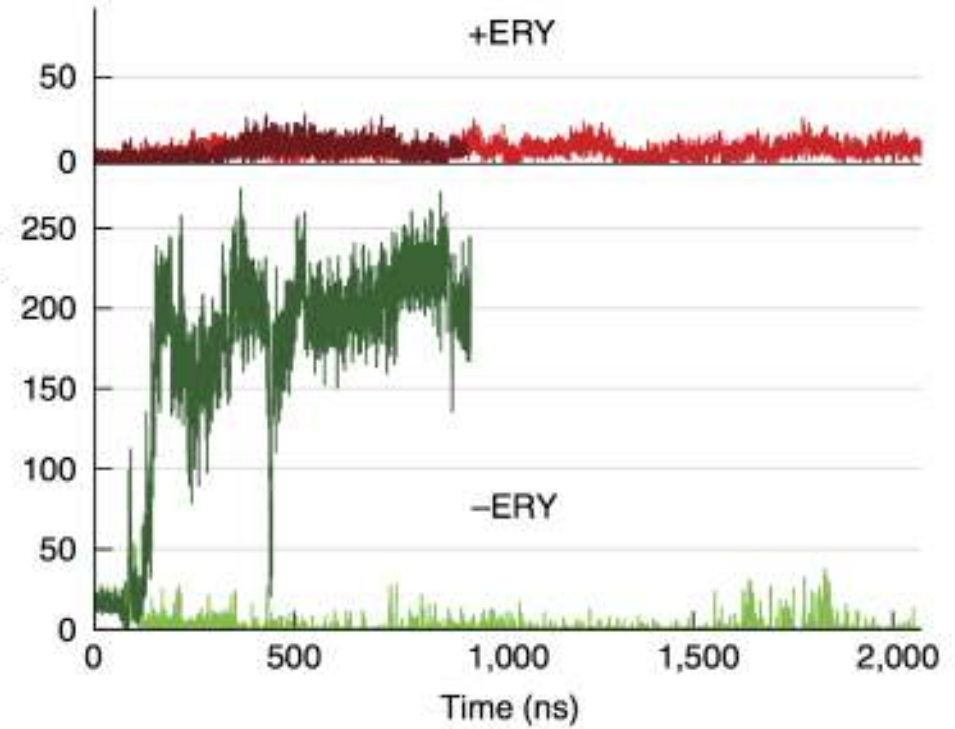
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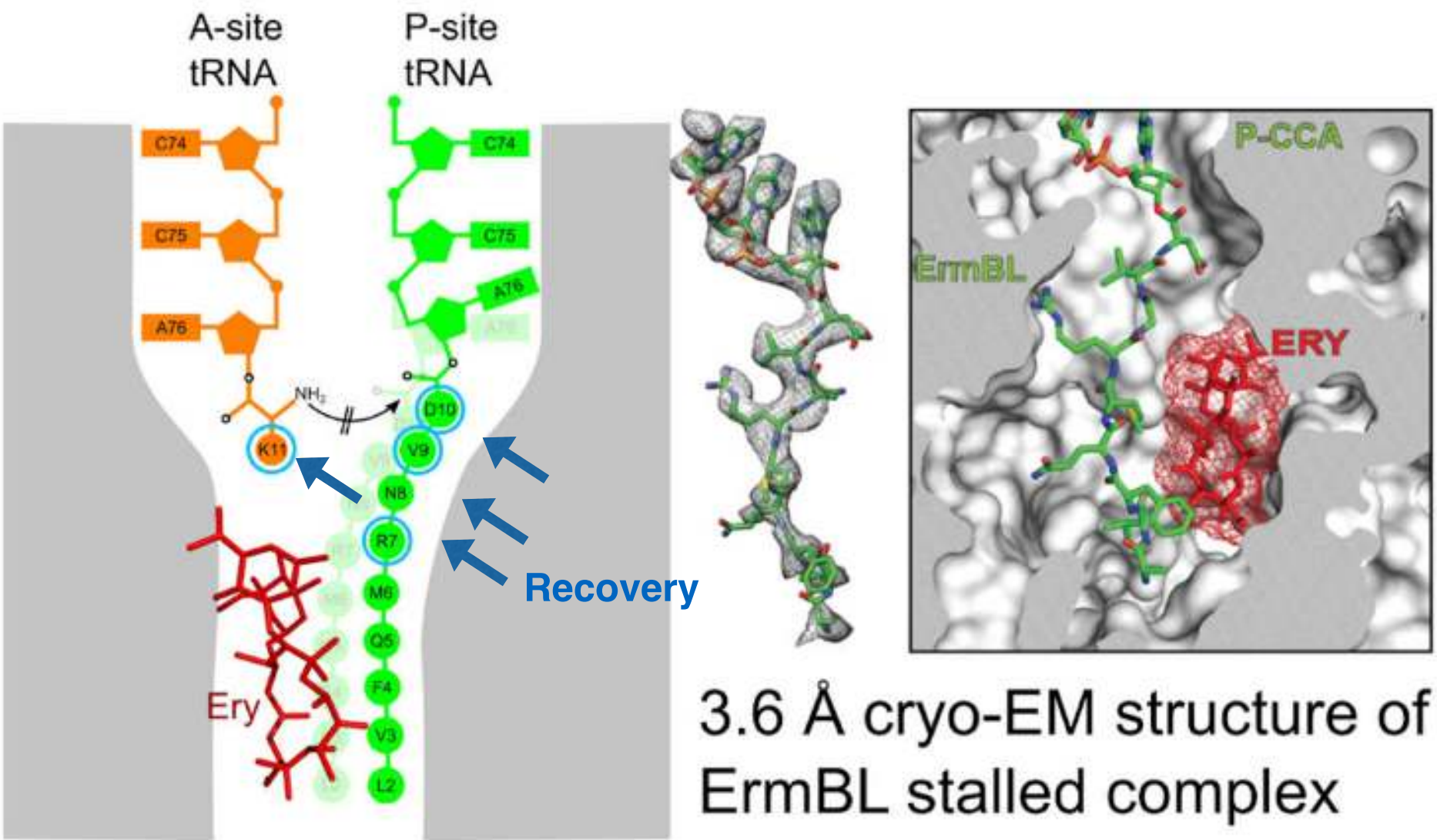
Overlapping volume of ErmBL peptide and ERY (Å<sup>3</sup>)



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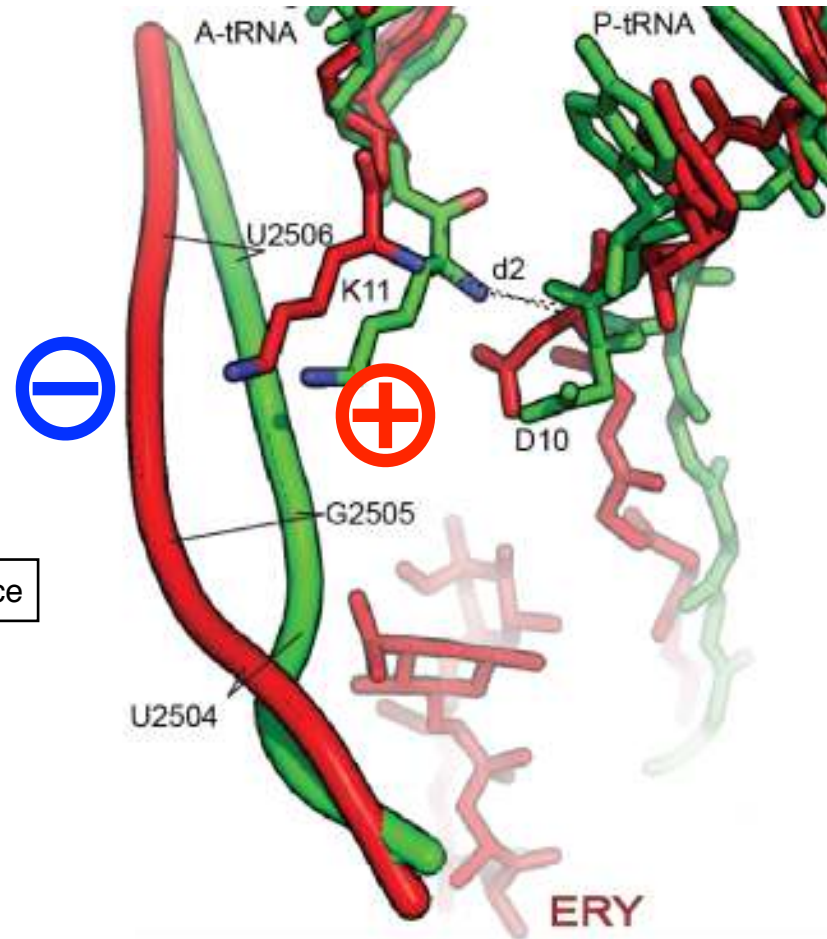
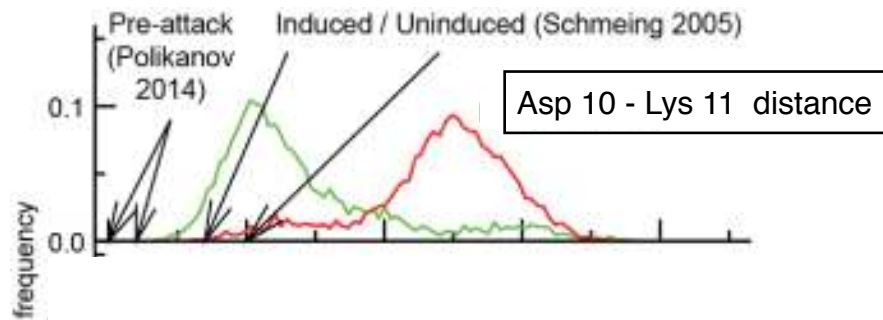
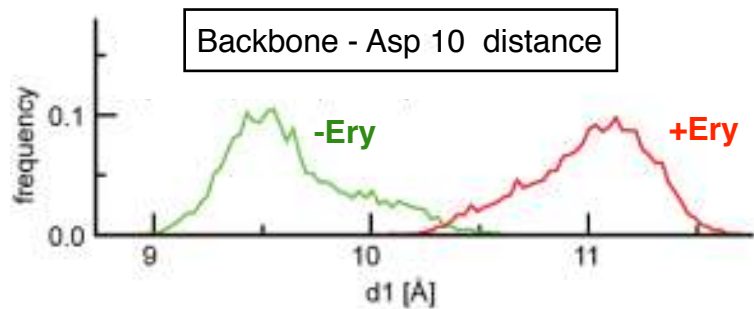
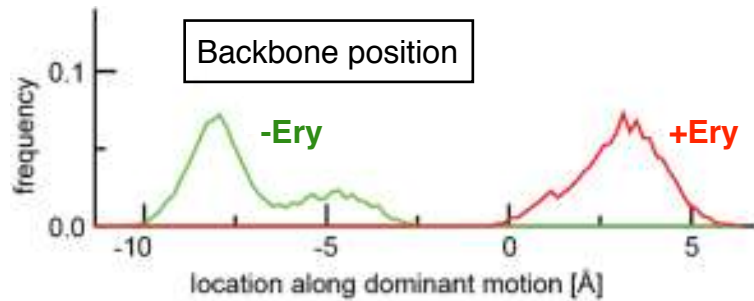
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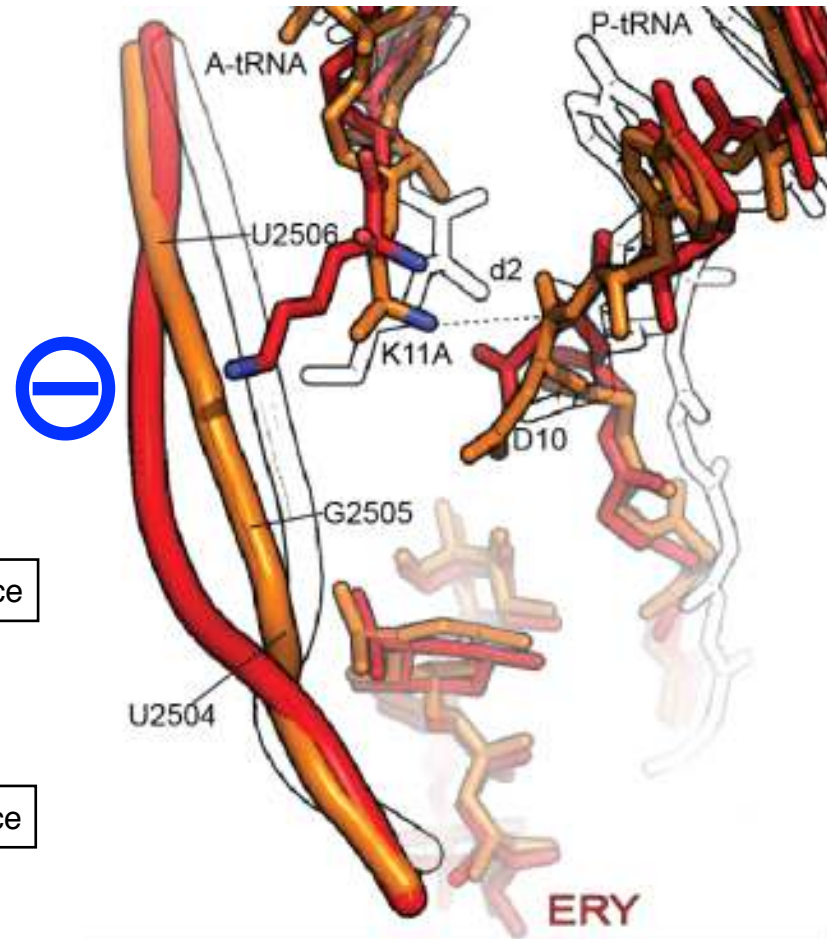
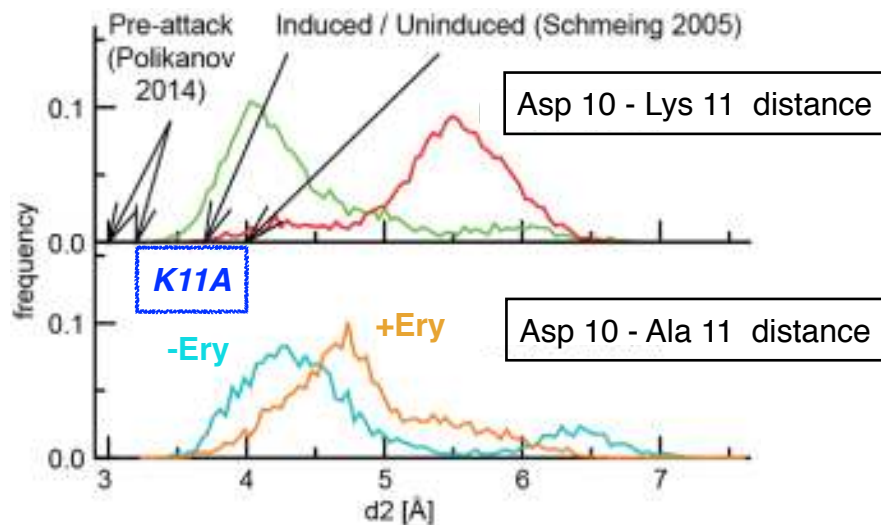
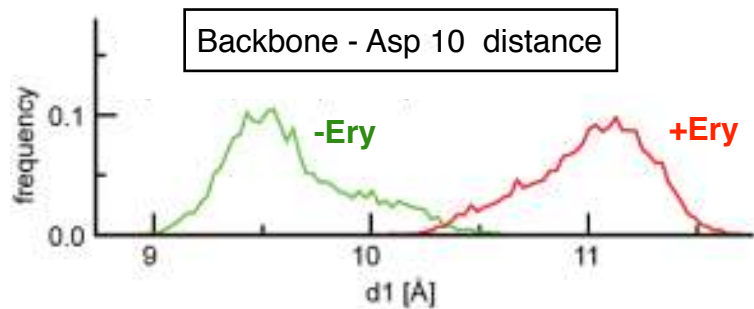
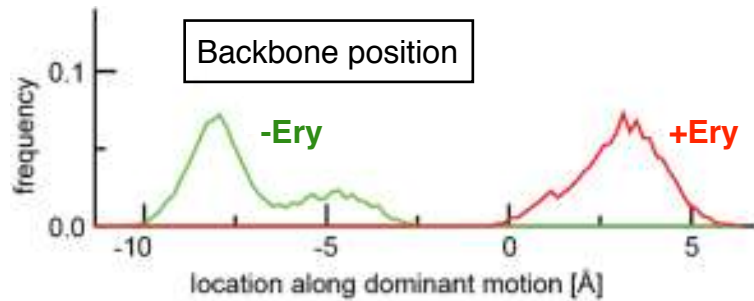
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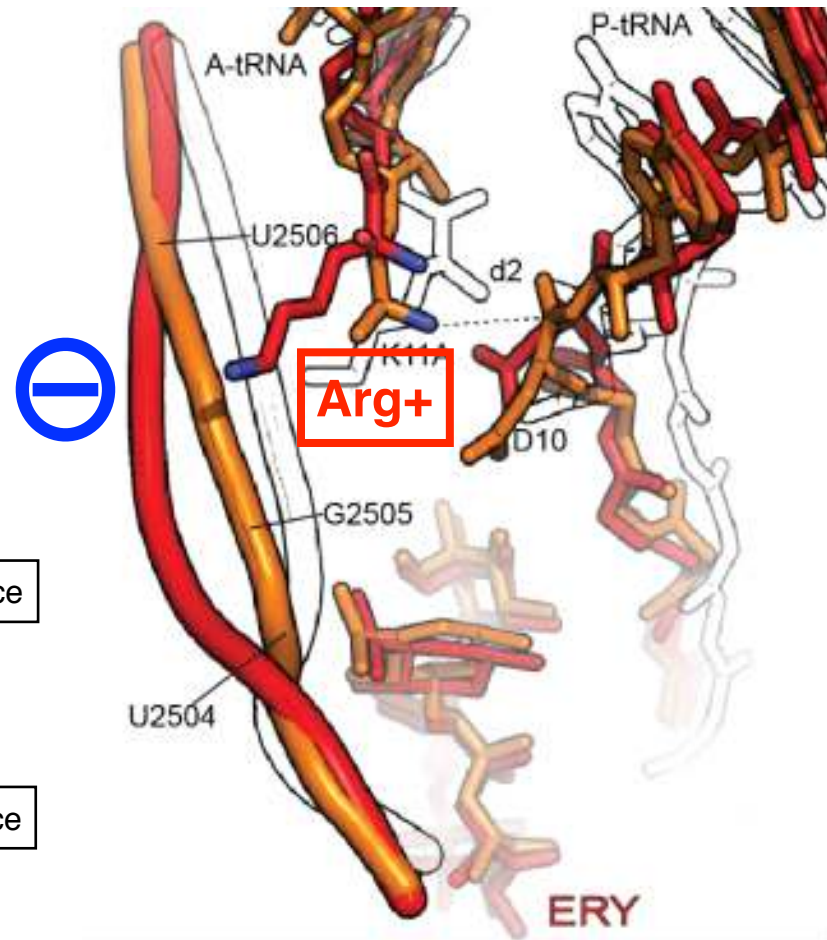
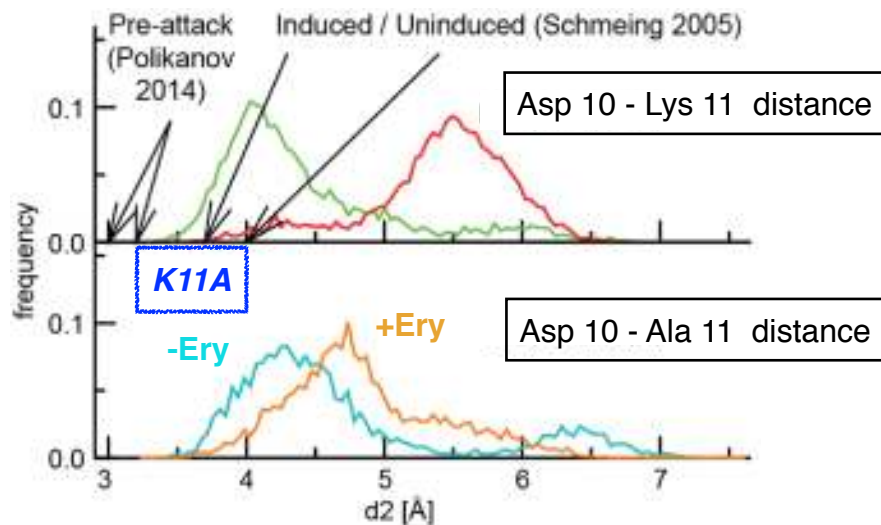
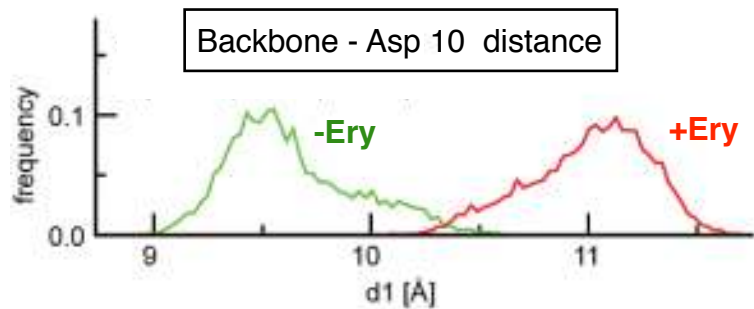
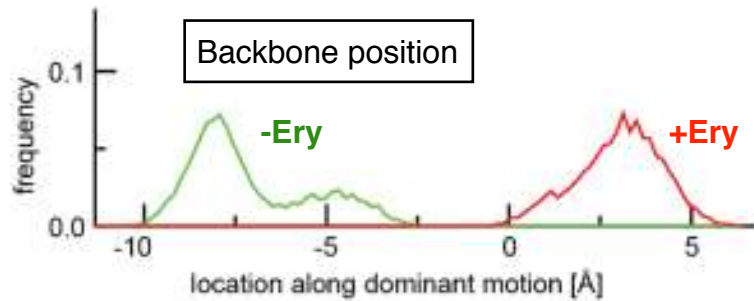


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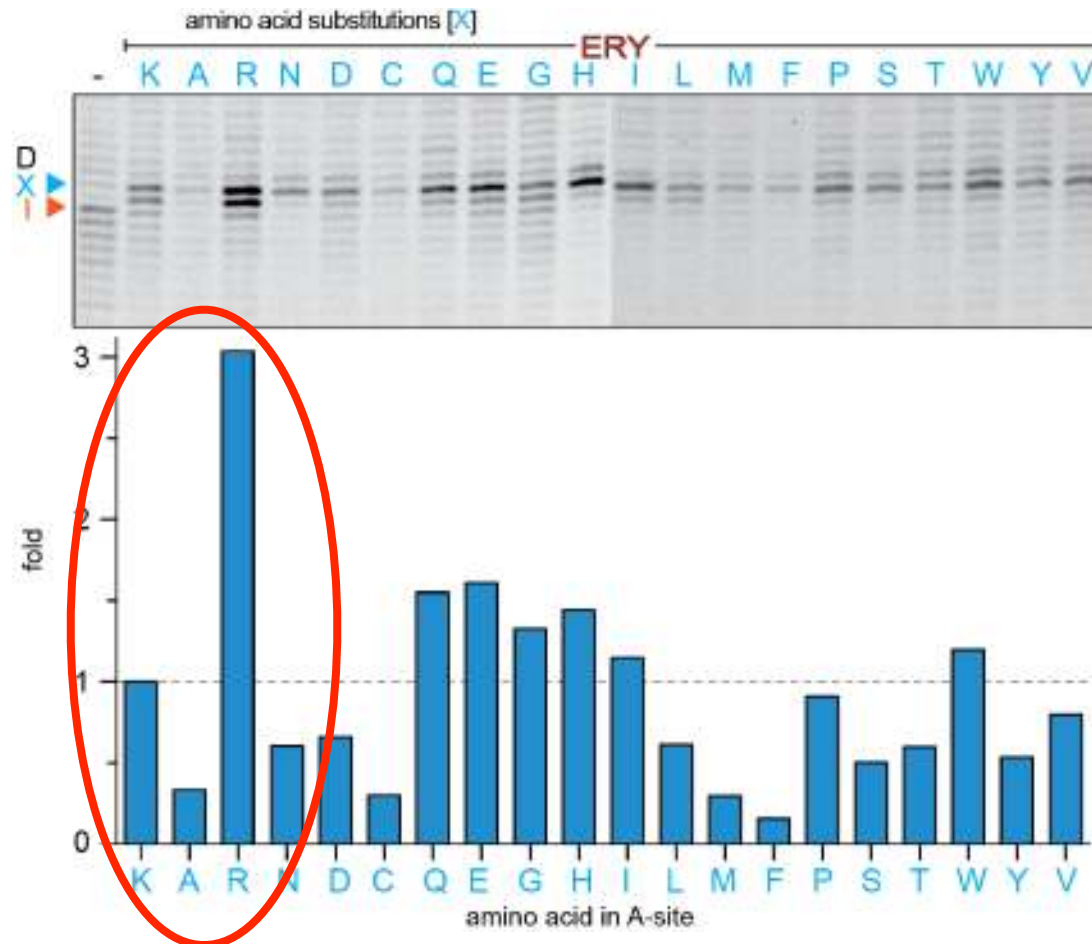
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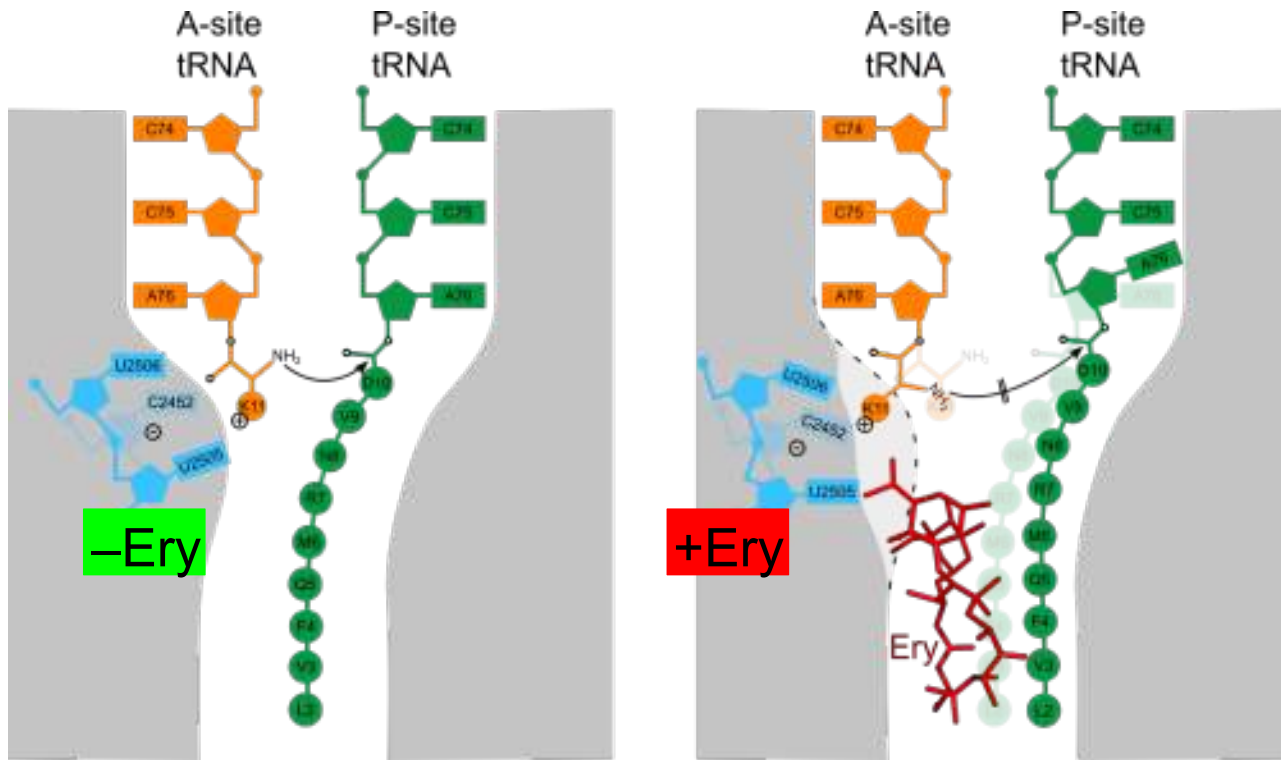
# Prediction confirmed

An Arg at codon 11 also stalls the ribosome



# Mechanism of stalling by erythromycin

Collaboration: Daniel Wilson (Univ. Munich)



+Erythromycin:

1) peptide conformation changed  
→ P-site tRNA

2) A-site crevice perturbed → A-site amino acid K11 shifts

Distance between attacking  $\text{NH}_2$  and carbonyl C increased

→ Inhibition of peptide bond formation

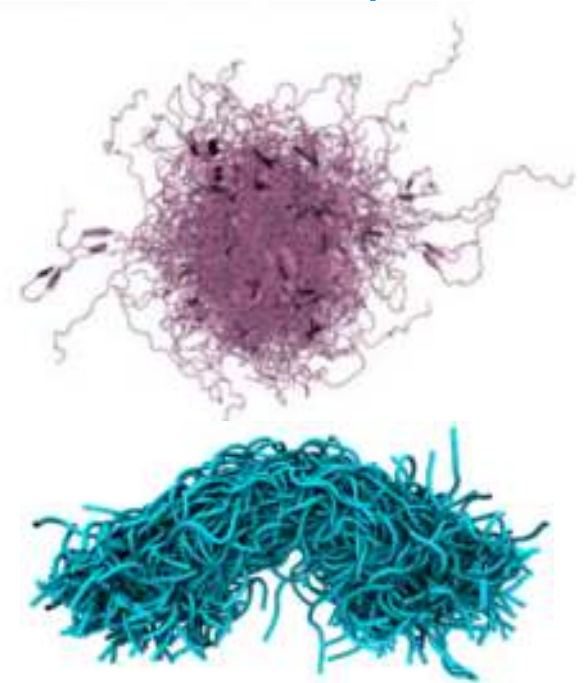
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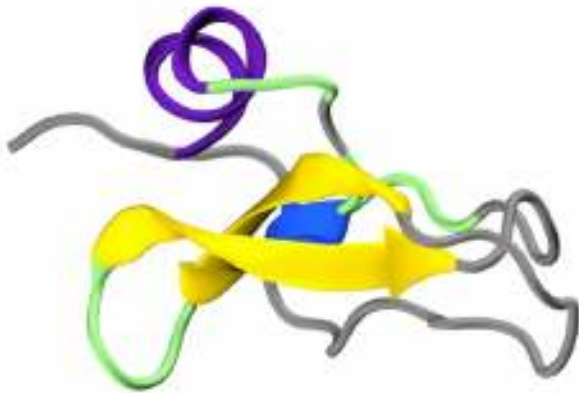
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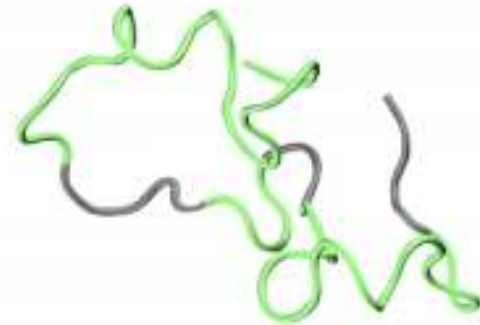


# Folded vs. disordered proteins

> 30% of eukaryotic proteins  
> 75% cancer linked proteins



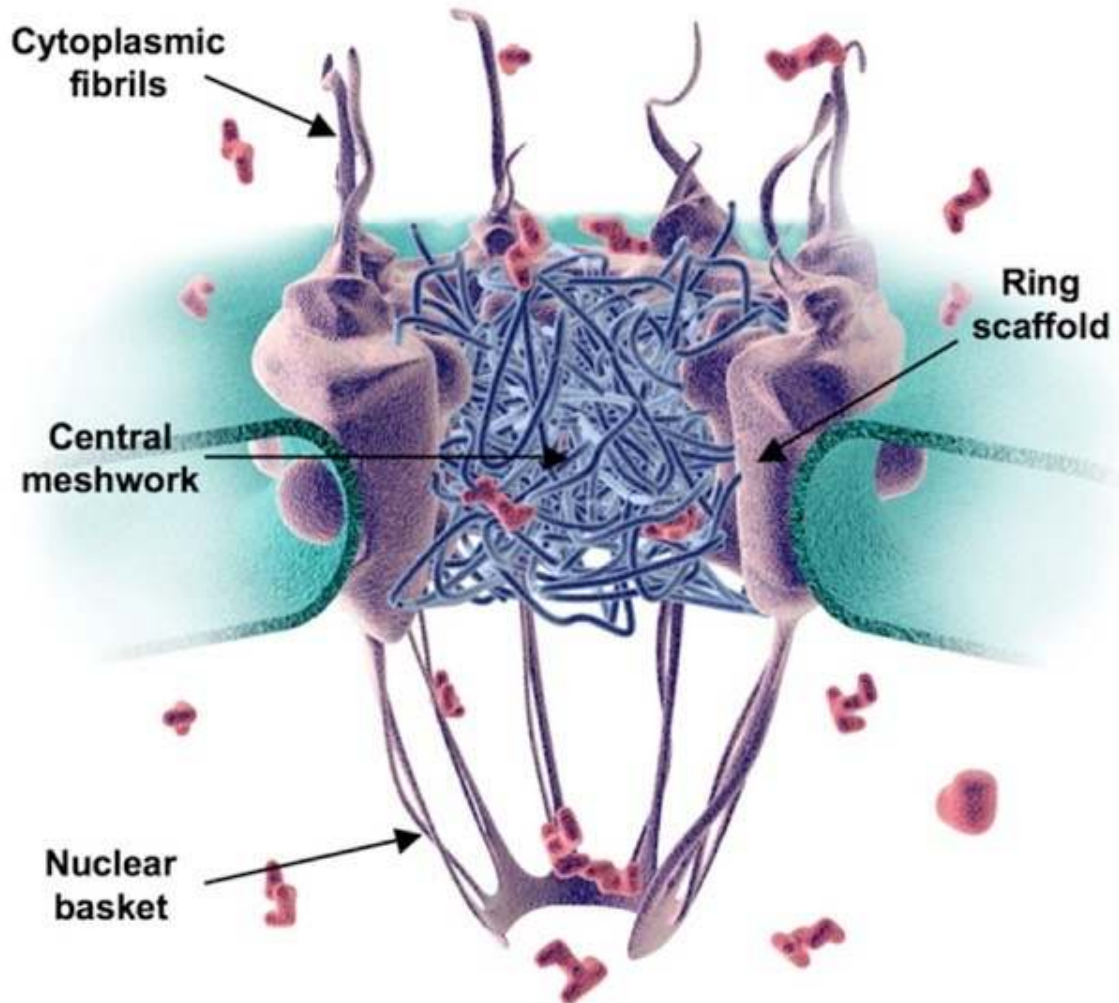
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Disordered

# Nucleoporins are prototypic disordered proteins

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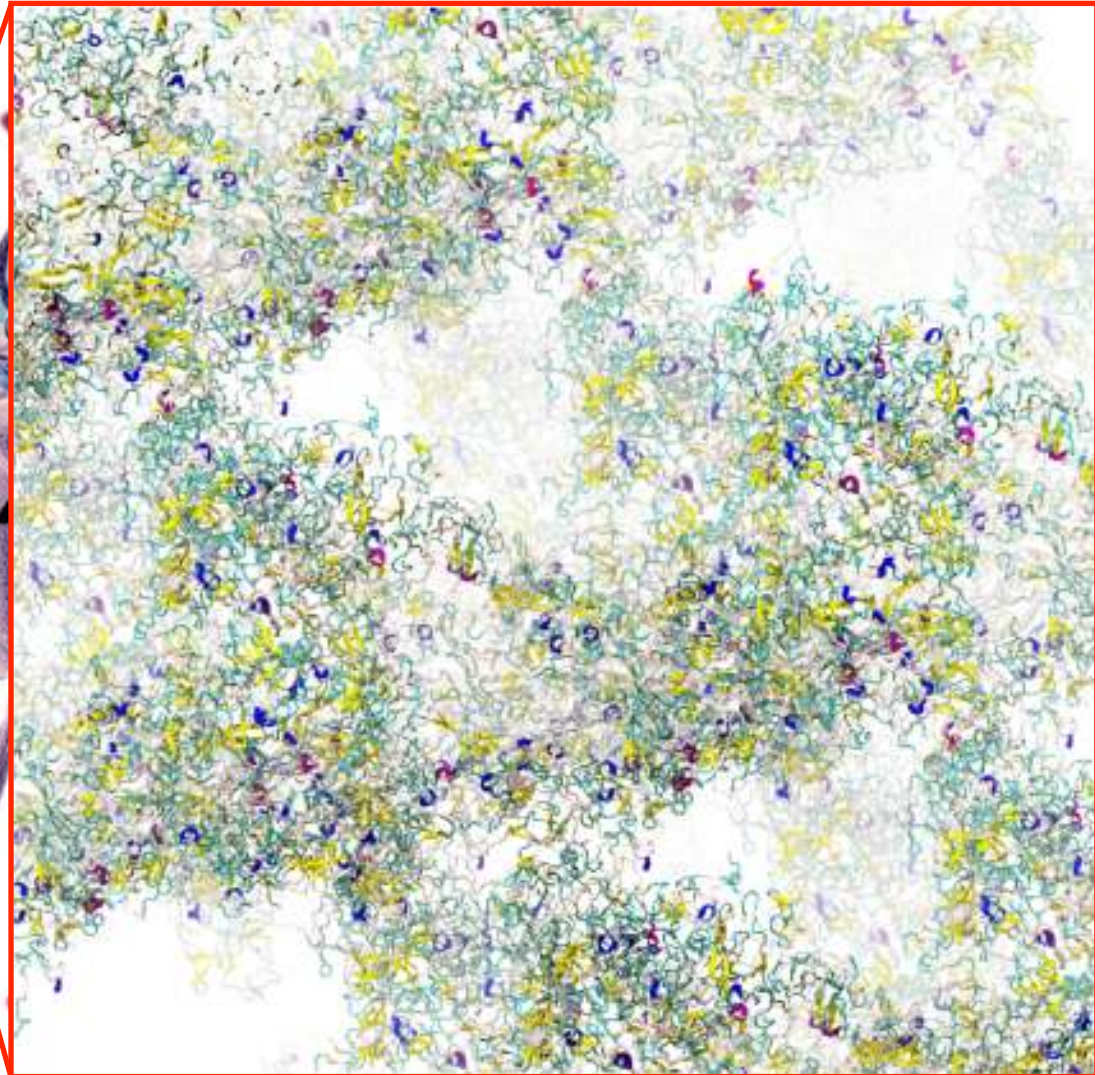
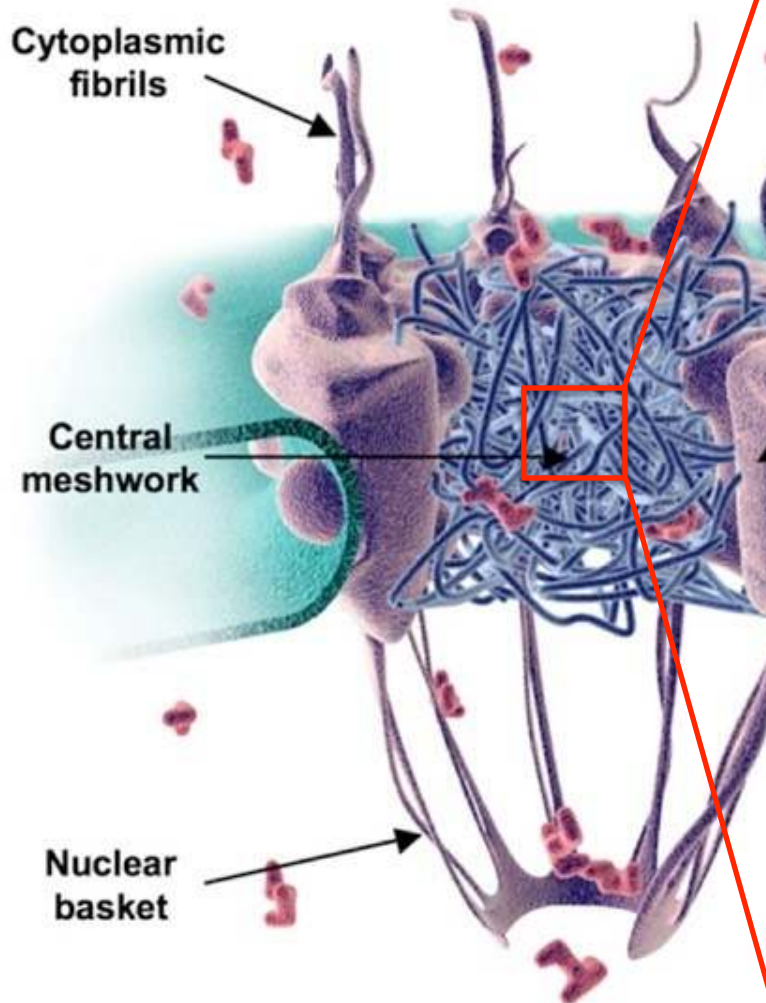
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The nuclear pore complex is responsible for selective transport of macromolecules larger than 40 kDa into and out of the nucleus.



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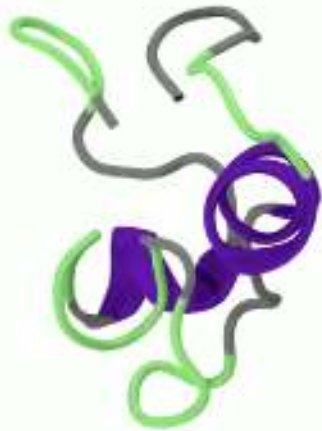


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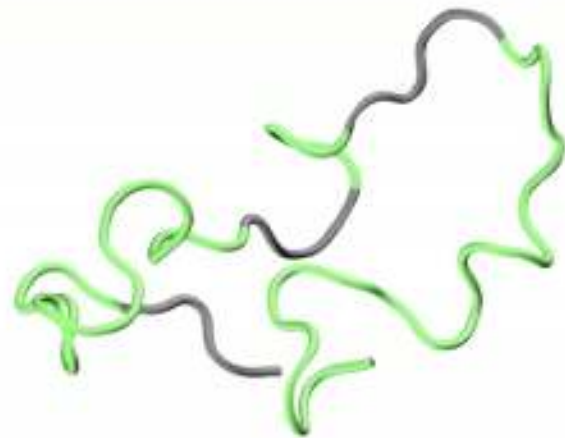
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# MD Simulations of Disordered Proteins

ff99sb\*-ildn



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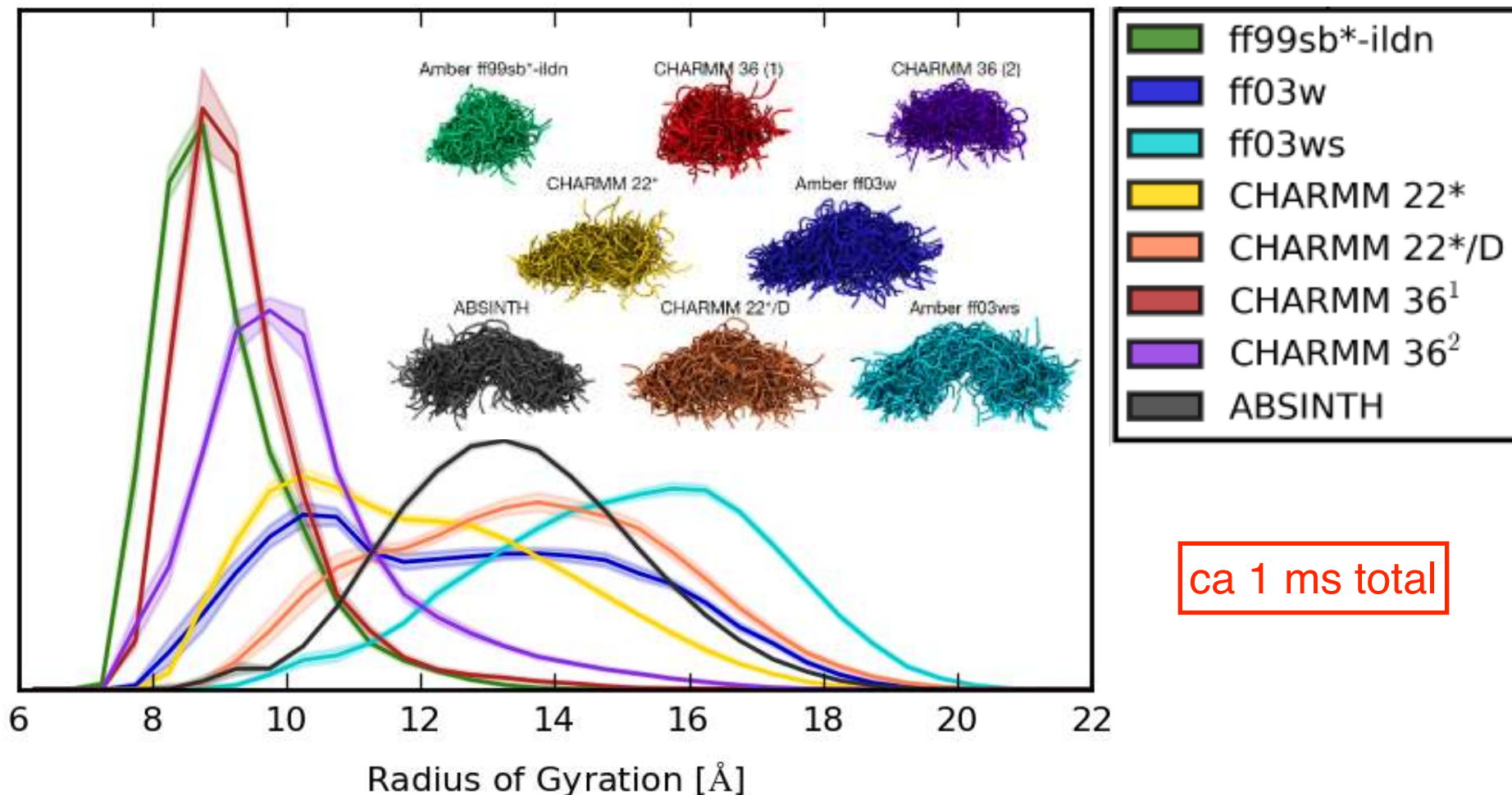
# Force Fields Compared for Disordered Proteins

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# Force Fields Differ Dramatically in Compactness

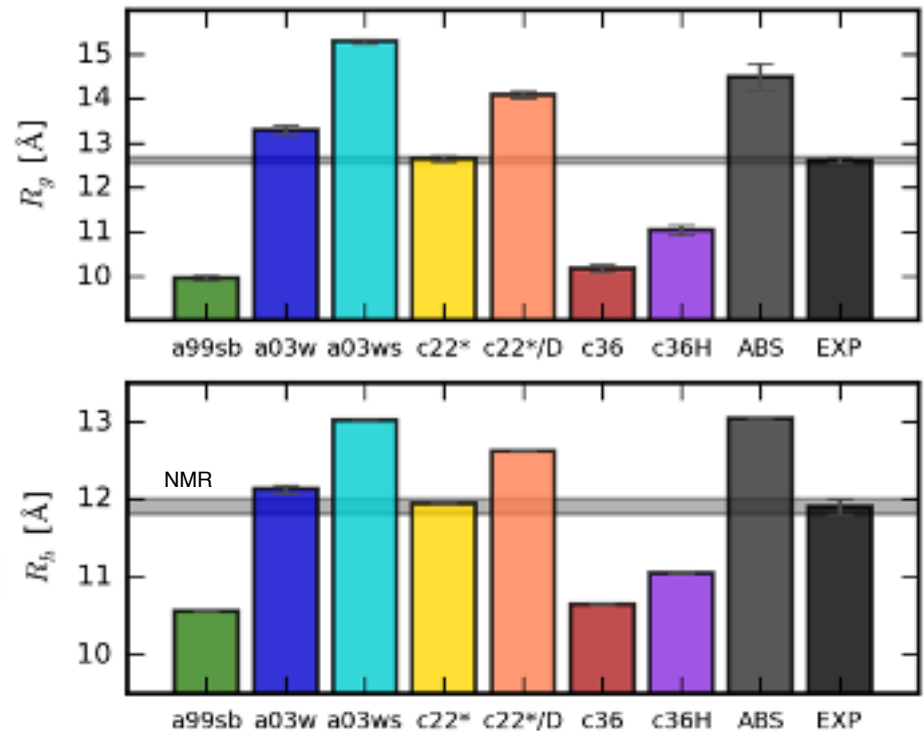
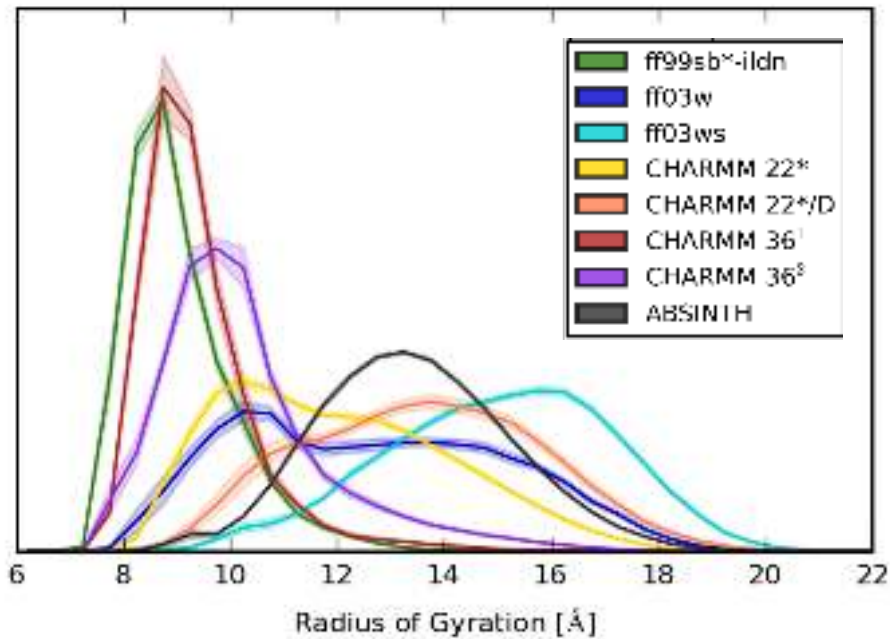
'RS-Peptide' **GAMGPSYGRSRSRSRSRSRSRSRSRSRS**

Xiang, S. Q. et al Structure , 2162-2174 (2013).



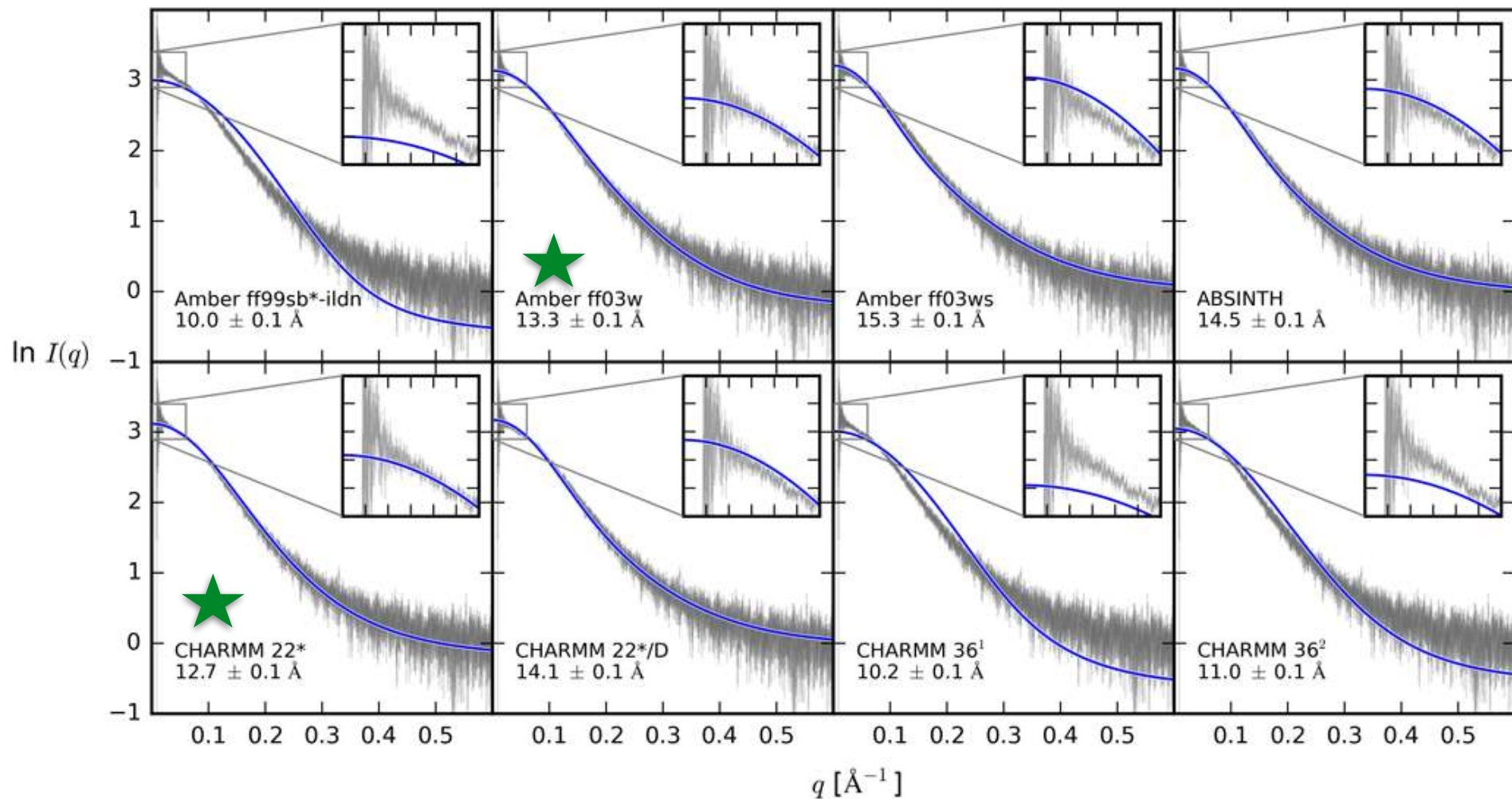
# Comparison to Experiment

## I. Small Angle X-Ray Scattering (Compactness)



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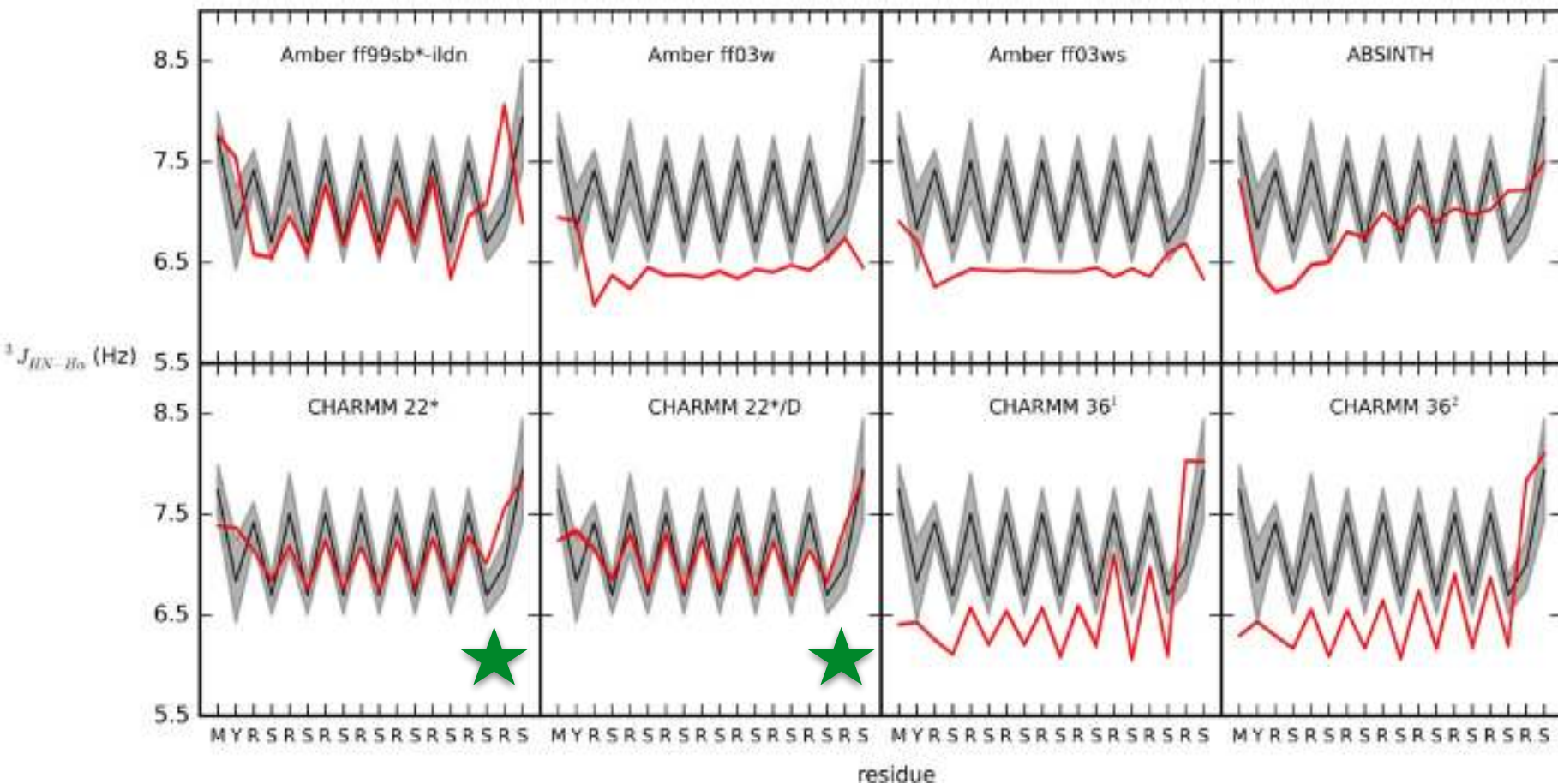
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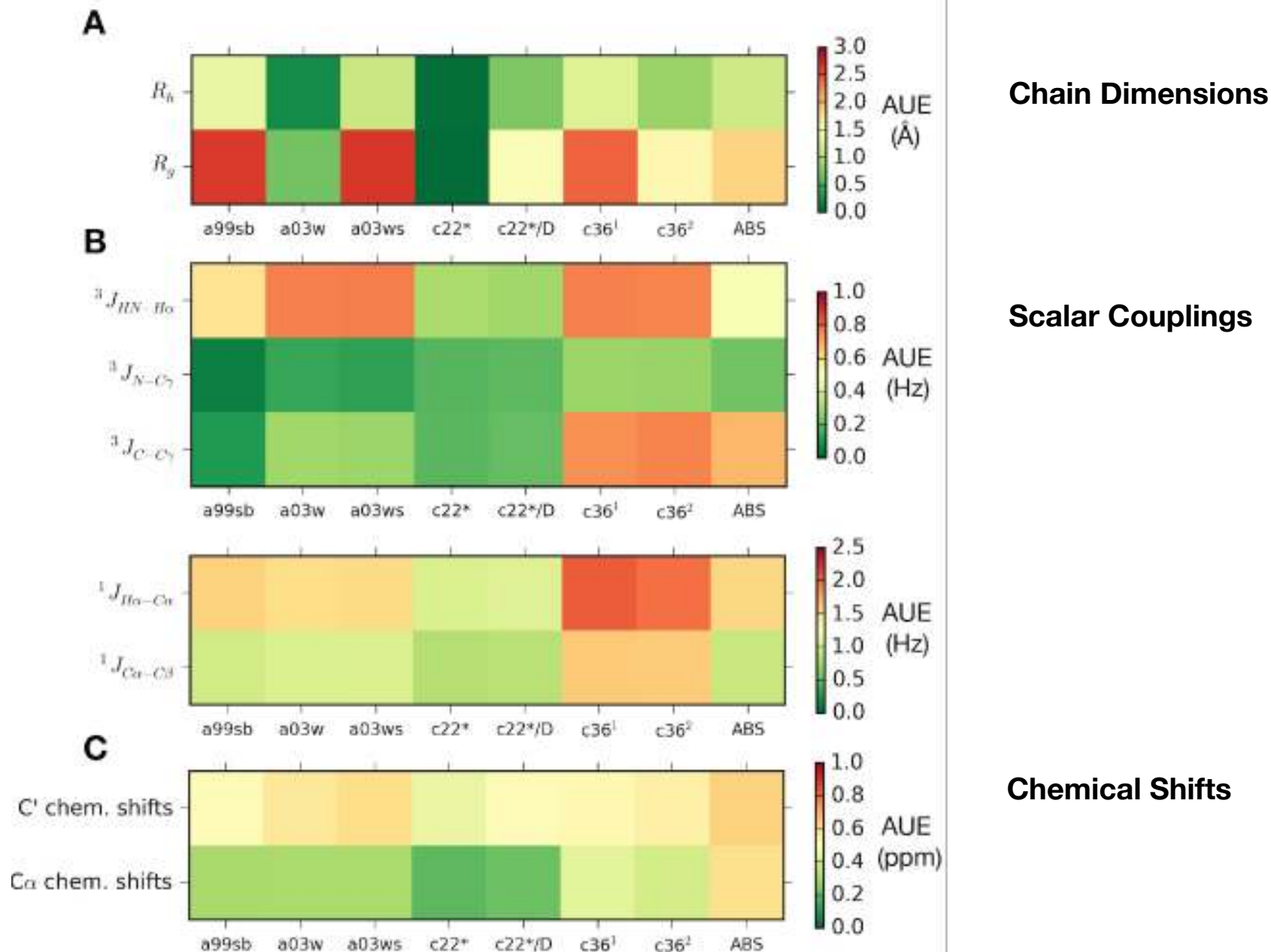


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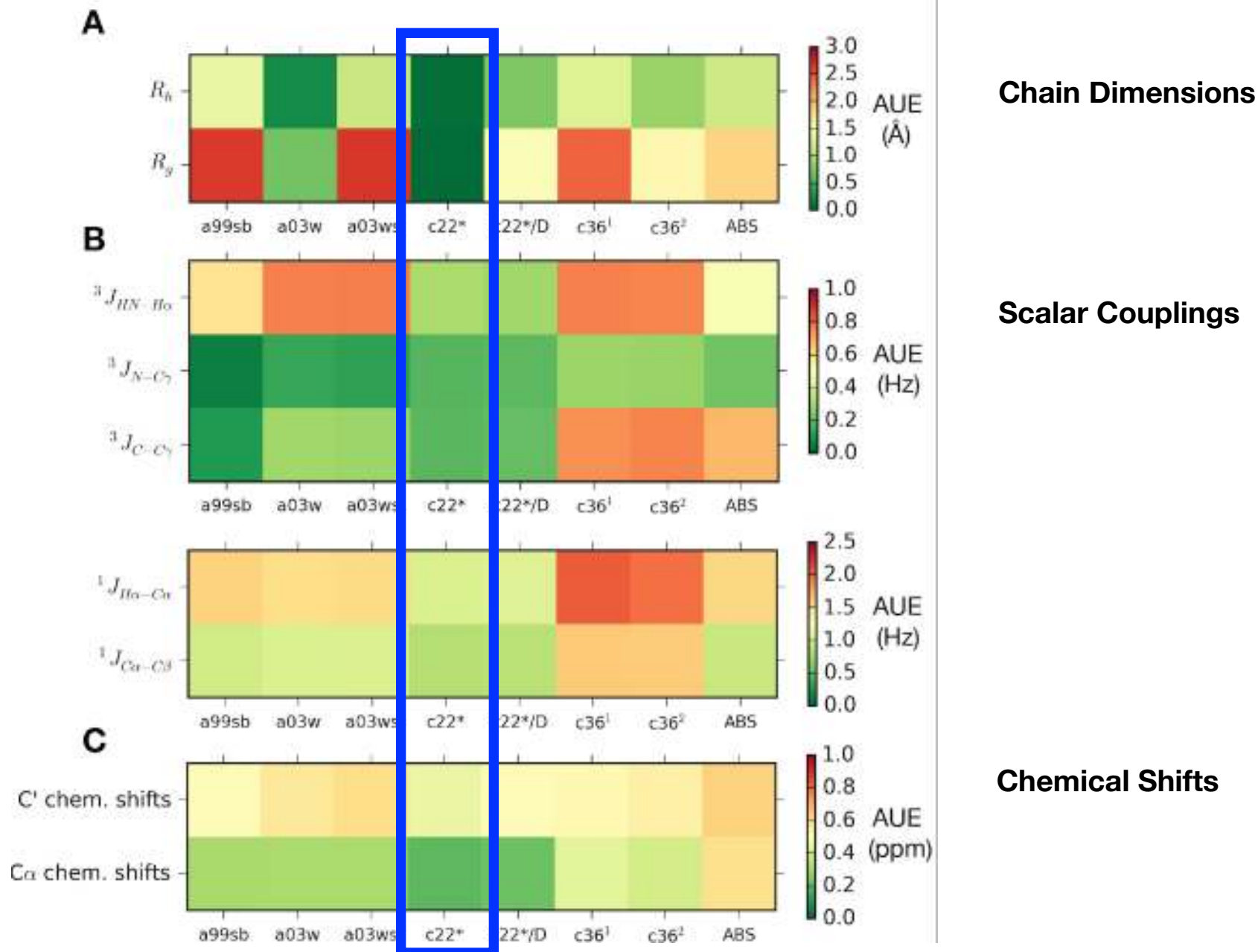
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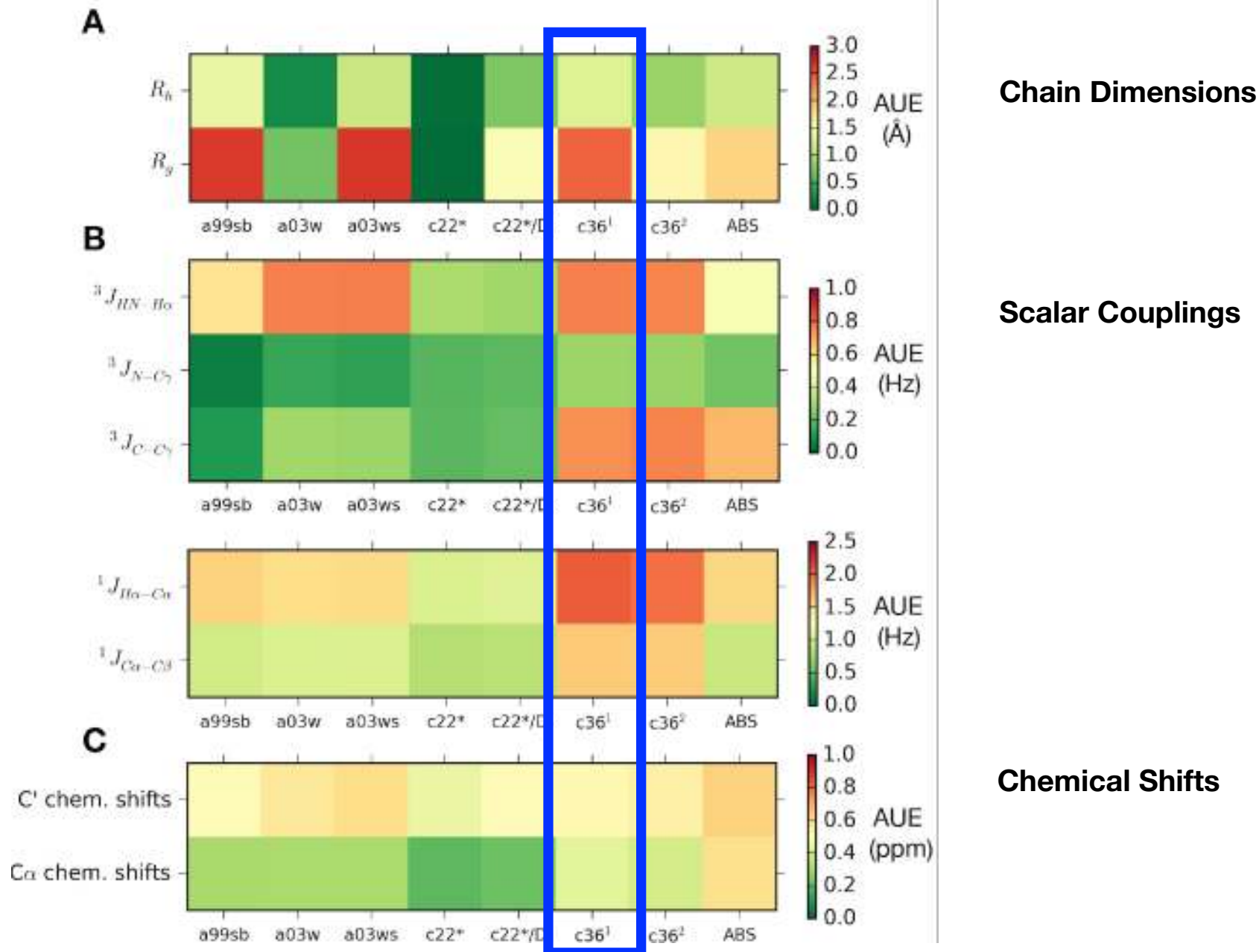
# Summary: Comparison to Experiment



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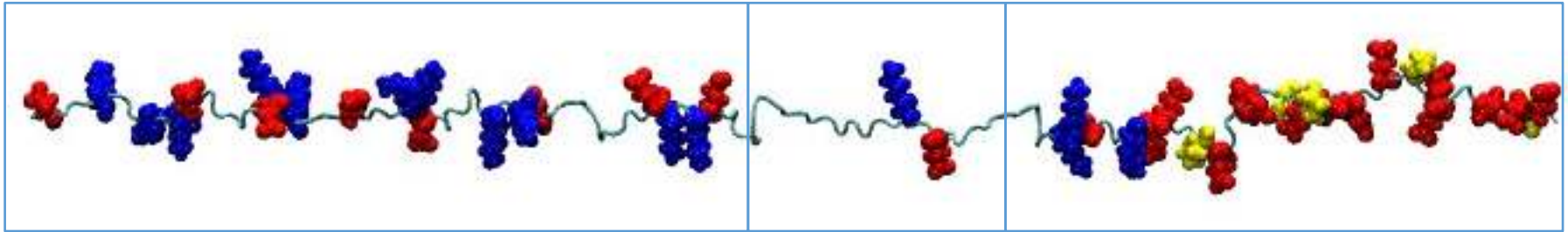
# New Force Field Version:

Validated against 14 peptides and 15 proteins,  
cumulative simulation time of more than 500  $\mu$ s

## **CHARMM36m: Improved conformational sampling in simulations of intrinsically disordered peptides**

Jing Huang,<sup>1</sup> Sarah Rauscher,<sup>2</sup> Ting Ran,<sup>1</sup> Michael Feig,<sup>3</sup> Bert de Groot,<sup>2</sup> Helmut  
Grubmueller,<sup>2</sup> Alexander D. MacKerell Jr.<sup>1\*</sup>

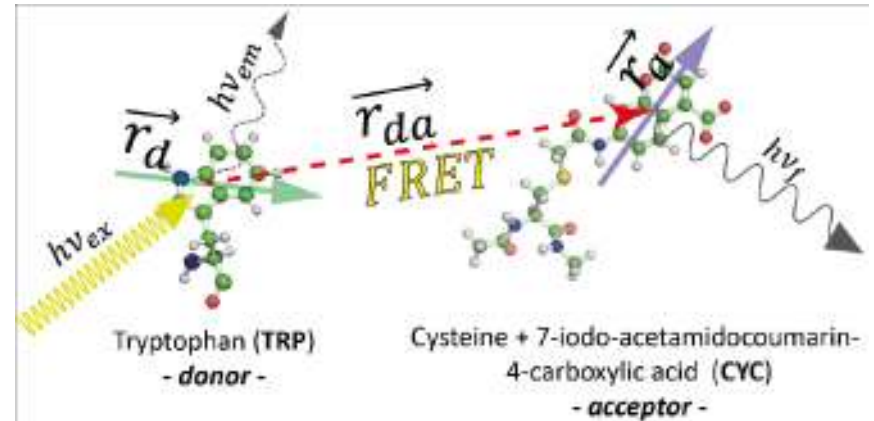
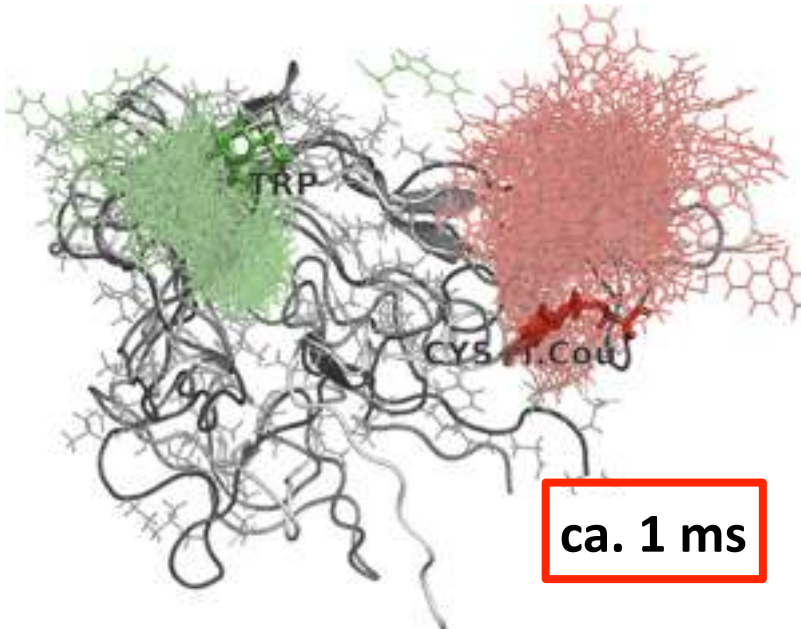
# $\alpha$ -synuclein (aS)



N-terminus aa::1–60, +4e

NAC aa::61-95, -1e

C-terminus aa::



## Collaborations

trFRET: Elisha Haas (Bar Ilan)

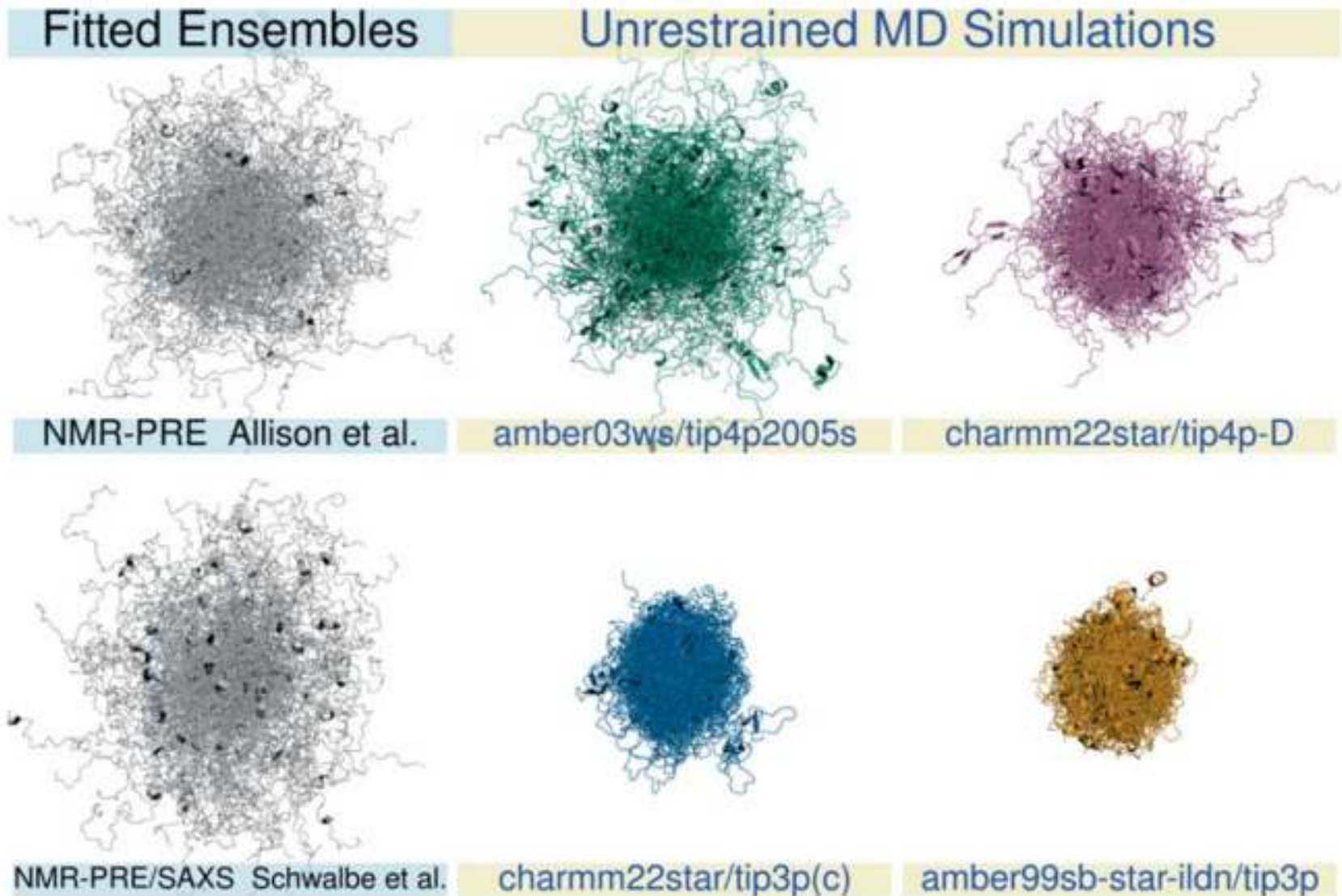
NMR/SAXS: Marcus Zweckstetter (MPIIbpc)

Graen et al., JCTC (2014)

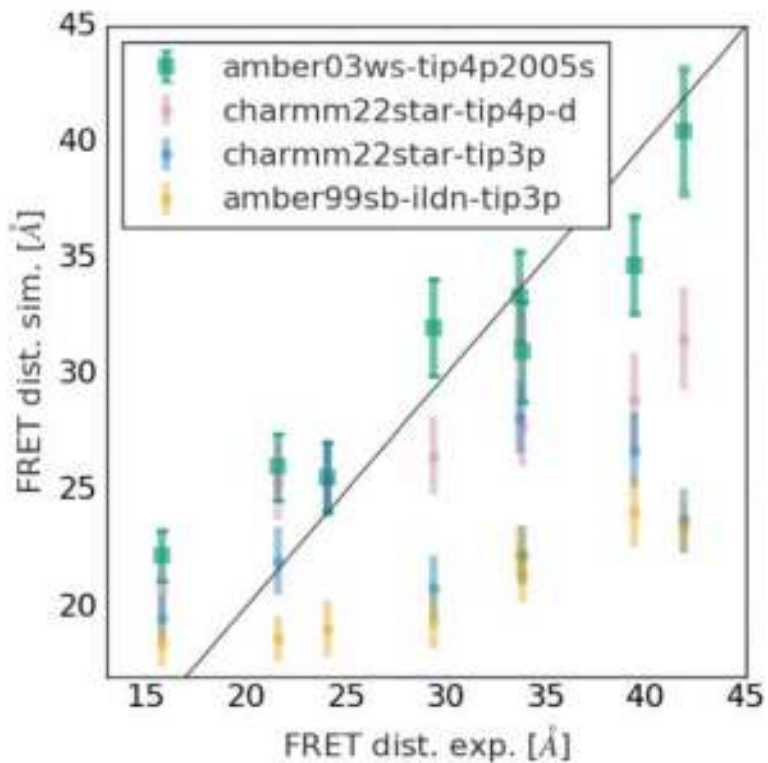
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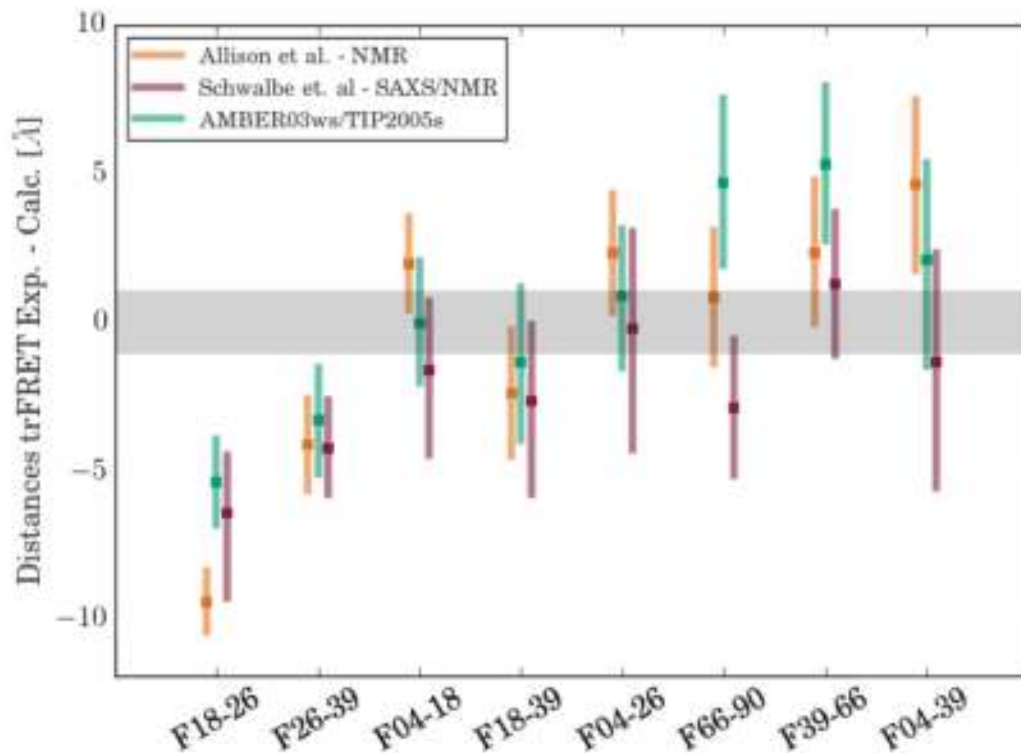
# Structural Dynamics of Monomeric $\alpha$ -Synuclein on the ns- $\mu$ s Time Scale derived from MD Simulations



## free MD vs FRET

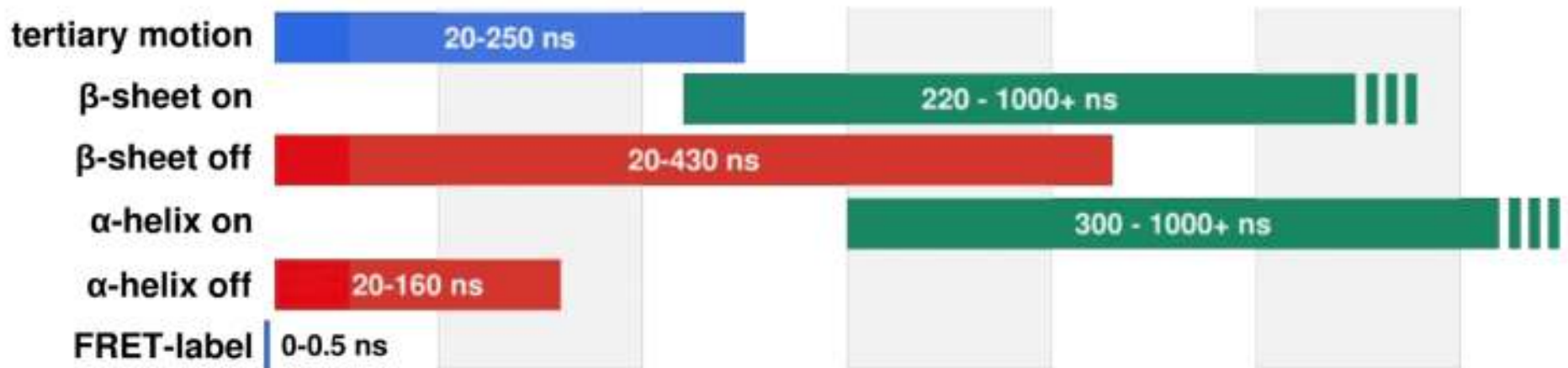


## restrained NMR ensembles and free MD vs FRET





## *Time scales, formation-, and dissociation rates*



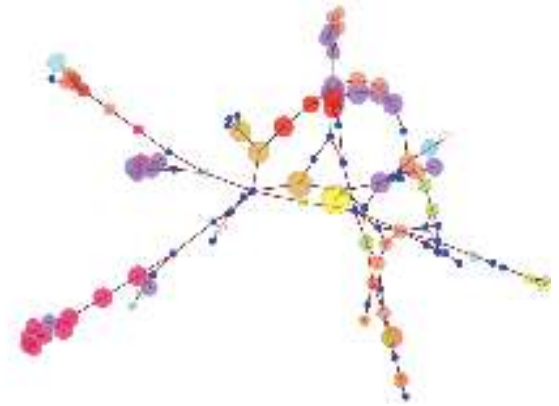
# *Towards a mechanistic understanding of protein function*

*(1) Ligand unbinding revisited*

*(2) Ribosomal antibiotics mechanism*

*(3) Disordered Proteins*

*(4) The Dynasome*



**AFM+ X-ray + cryo EM + MD**

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Benjamin von Ardenne*

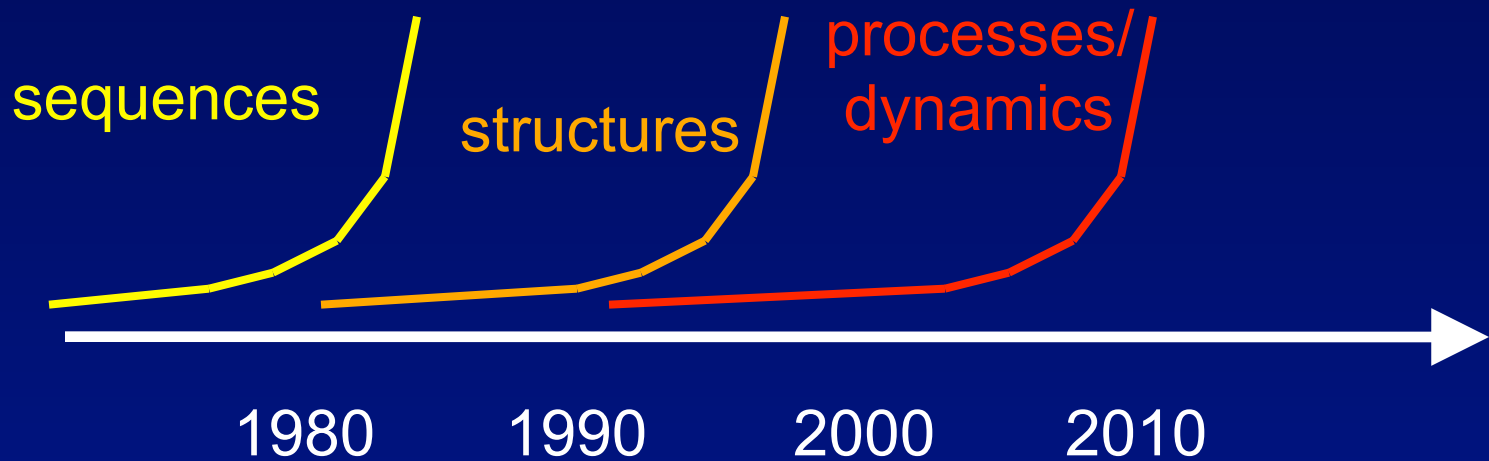
*Holger Stark, Marina Rodnina (MPI Göttingen)  
Roland Beckmann, Daniel Wilson (Univ. Munich)  
Simon Scheuring (Cornell Univ.)*

***Charting the Protein Dynamics  
Landscape:  
The Dynasome***

***Ulf Hensen, Tim Meyer, Jürgen Haas, Rene Rex***

***Collab.: Gert Vriend (Nijmegen, NL)***

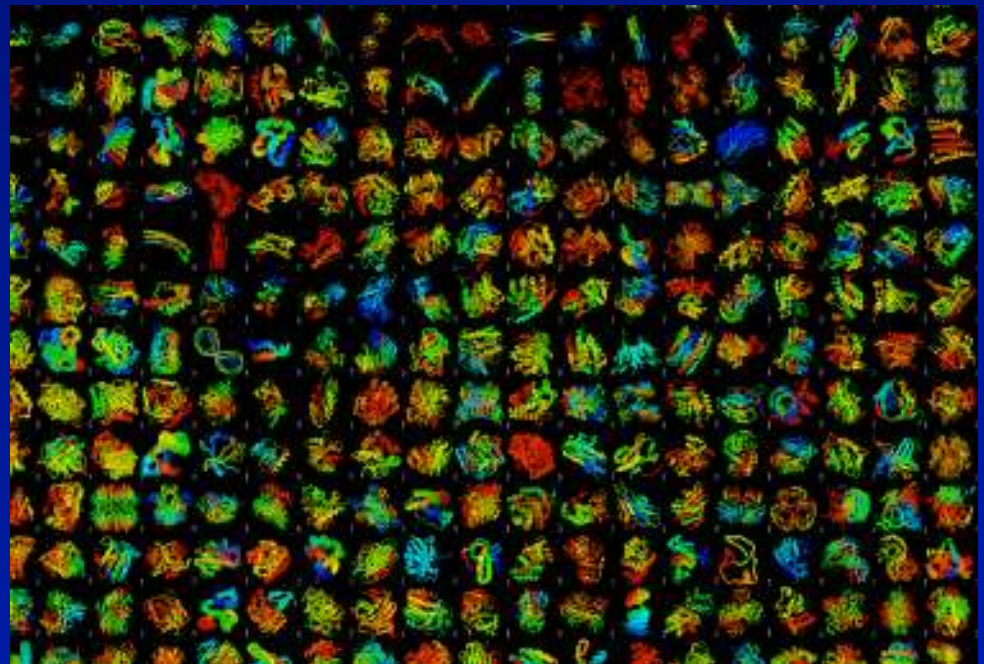
# Perspective: The ‚Dynasome‘



Phylogenetic trees

Protein structures fall into families

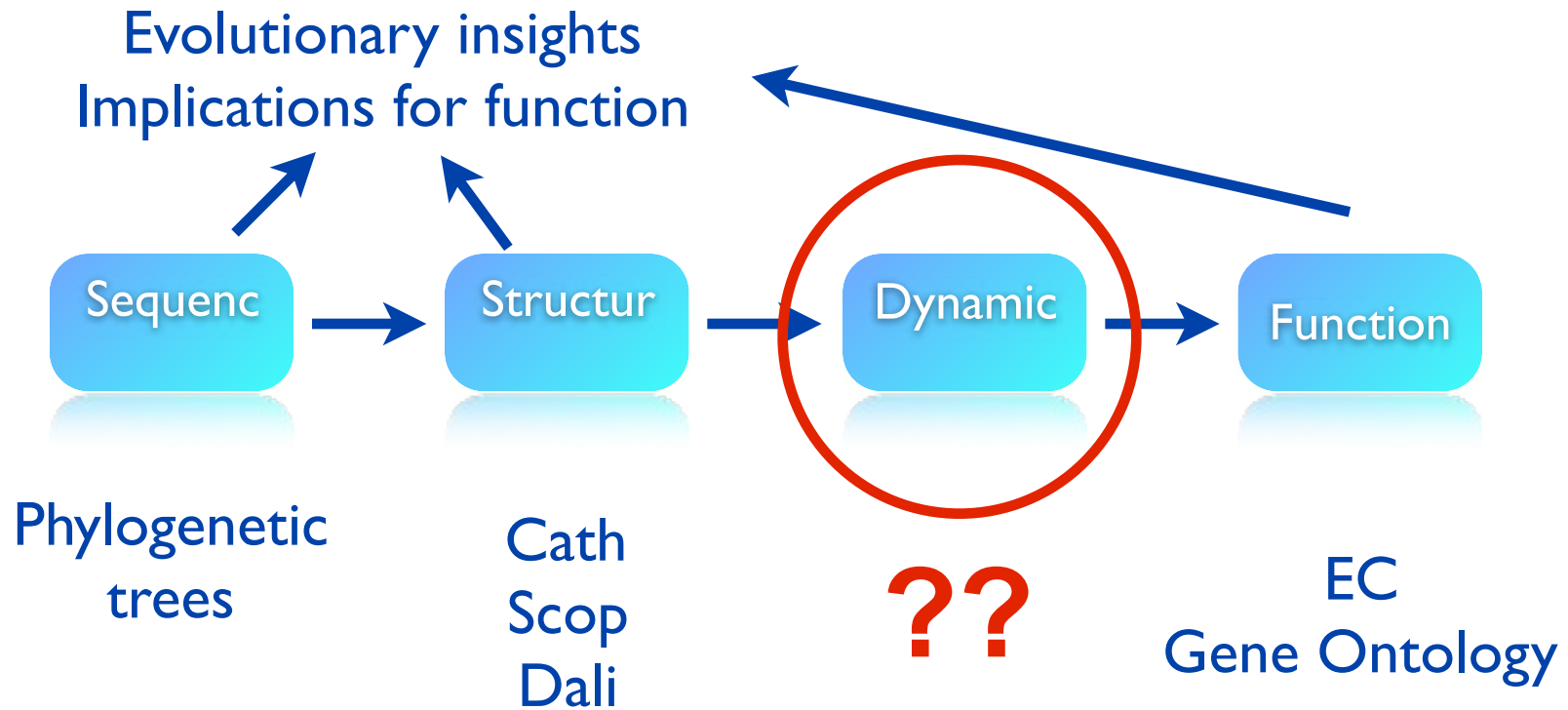
-> Can we also identify and classify dynamics motifs?





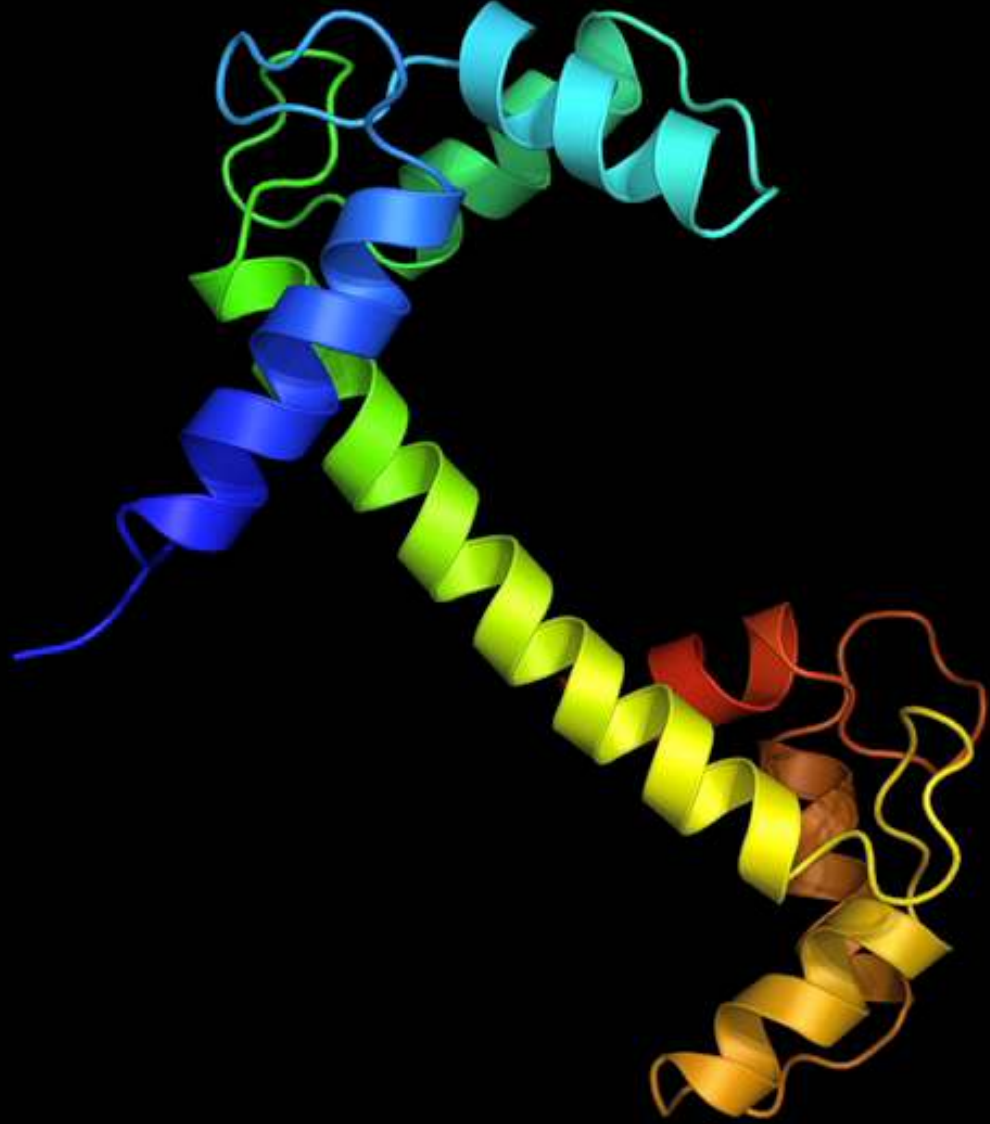
# Exploring the protein dynamics space:

## Structure / dynamics / function relationship



Ulf Hensen, Tim Meyer,  
Jürgen Haas, René Rex,  
Collaboration: Gert Vriend

Pang A, Arinaminpathy Y, Sansom M, Biggin P (2005) *Proteins* 61: 809–822.  
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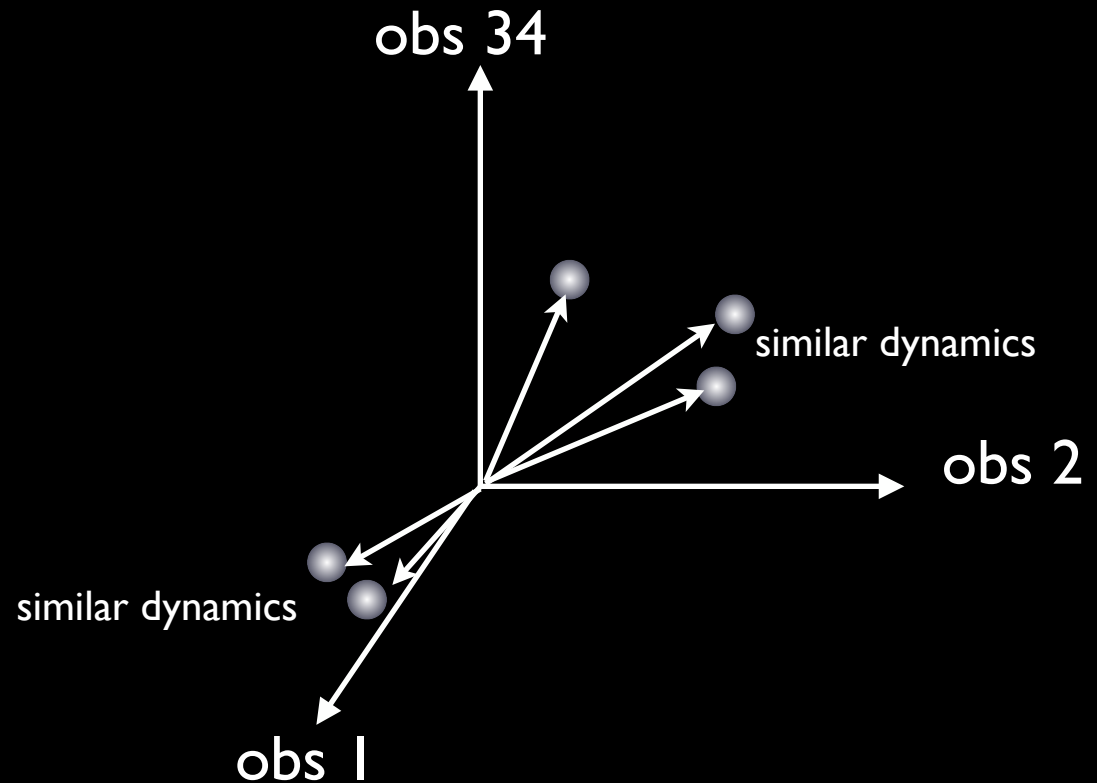


## 34 Dynamics observables

from 100 ns Simulations of 112 representative proteins

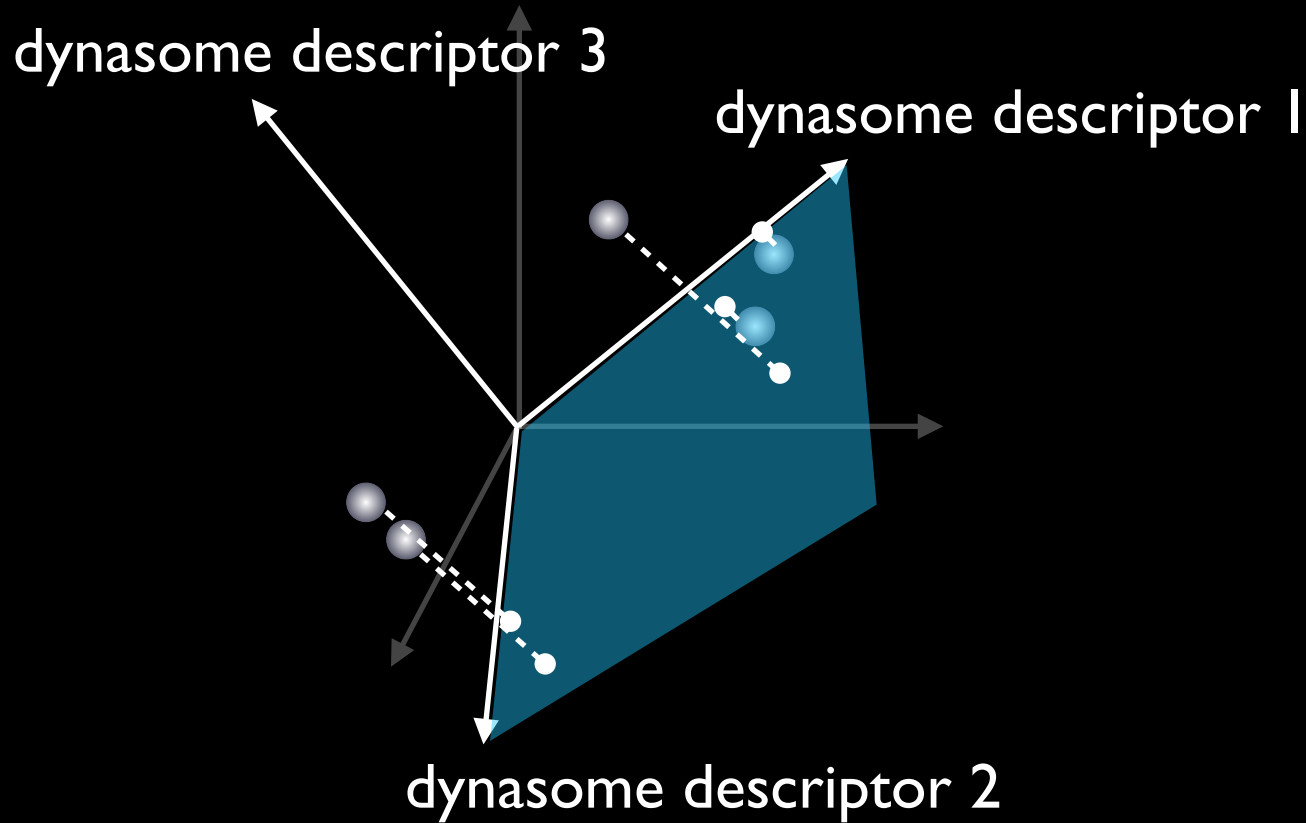
Index	Symbol	Description
1, ..., 5	$\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_5$	Eigenvalues 1, ... 5
6	$m^\lambda$	Slope of the middle third of the eigenvalue spectrum
7	$\chi_\lambda^2$	$R^2$ value of that fit
8, ..., 12	$\cos_1, \dots, \cos_5$	Cosine content of the principal components 1-5
13, 14, 15	$\chi_{N,1}^2, \chi_{N,2}^2, \chi_{N,3}^2$	Goodness of fit of a Gaussian fit to principal components 1-3
16, ..., 20	$f_1^{\text{acf}}, \dots, f_5^{\text{acf}}$	Friction constant derived from a fit to the autocorrelation function of principal components 1-5
21	$\mu(\gamma)$	Measure of the average ruggedness of the energy landscape: Average slope of a linear fit to the time dependent eigenvalue spectrum $\lambda$ .
22	$\text{skew}(\gamma)$	Skewness of the distribution of these ruggedness values (6) of each collective degree of freedom.
23	$\text{kurt}(\gamma)$	Kurtosis thereof.
24	$\mu^{\text{RMSD}}$	Average root-mean square deviation from the X-ray structure
25	$c_v^{\text{RMSD}}$	Coefficient of variation thereof
26	$\mu^{\text{RMSF}}$	Average residual fluctuations with respect to the average ensemble structure
27	$c^{R_g}$	Coefficient of variation of the radius of gyration
28, ..., 31	$c^{\text{struct}}, c^\alpha, c^\beta, c^{\text{turn}}$	Coefficient of variation of secondary structure content: total, $\alpha$ -helix, $\beta$ -sheet, turn
32	$\mu^{\text{SAS}}$	Average solvent accessible surface
33	$c^{\text{SAS}}$	Coefficient of variation thereof
34	$S_{\text{RMSF}}$	RMSF entropy

Each protein  $\rightarrow$  vector in dynamics space



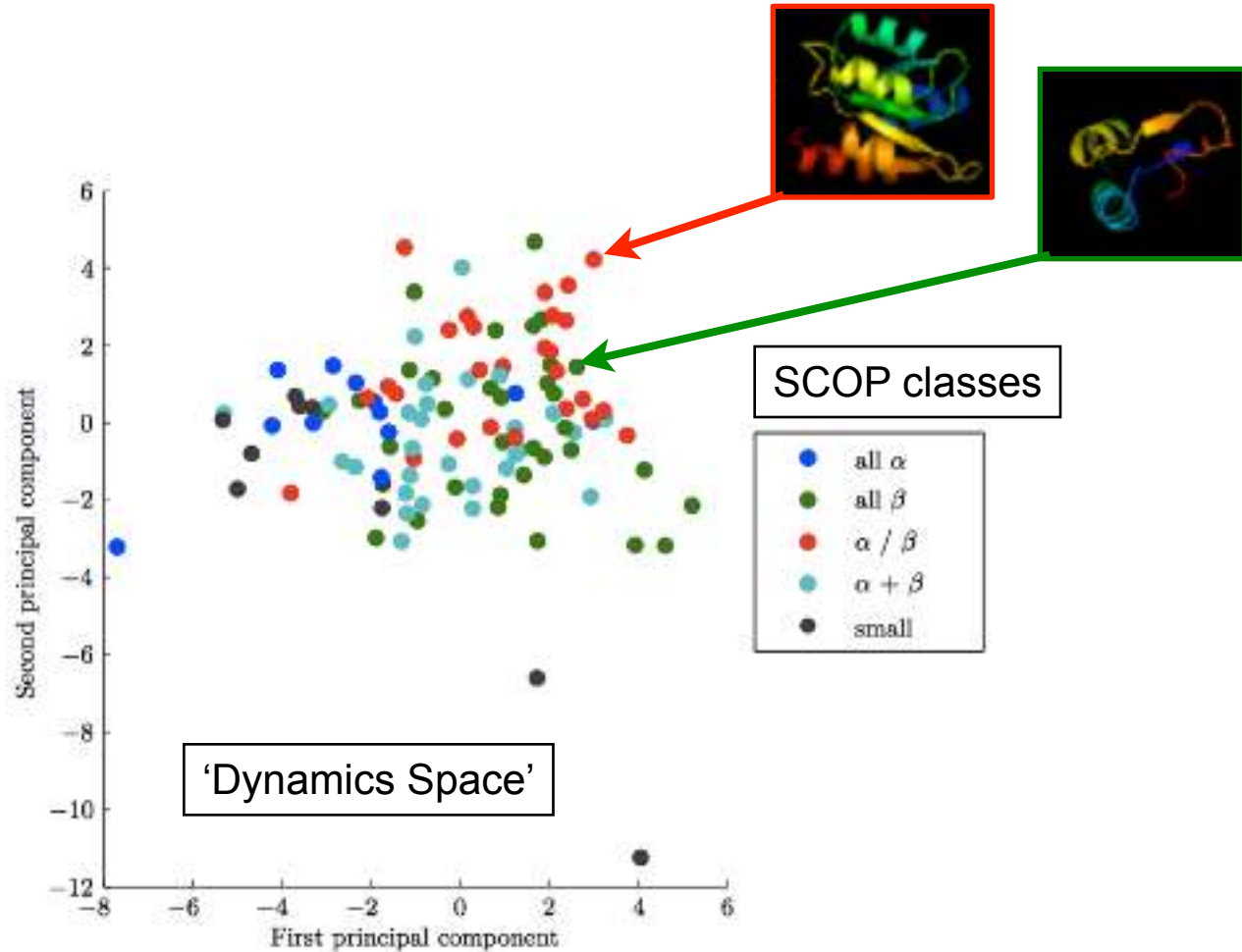
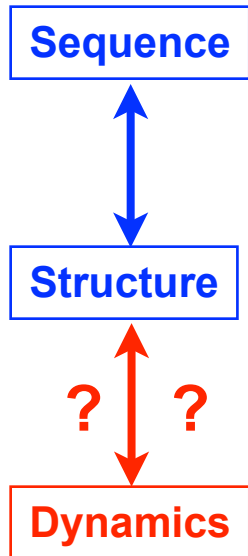


# Projection into essential subspace: PCA



Collective descriptors: linear combinations of observables

# Structure / dynamics relationship



## Questions:

- What is the meaning of the principal components?
- Does similar structure imply similar dynamics?
- Does similar dynamics require similar structure?
- How does function correlate with dynamics?

# Collective dynamics descriptors

Descriptor 2	
$f_1^{\text{act}}(-)$	(12 %)
$f_2^{\text{act}}(-)$	(8 %)
$f_4^{\text{act}}(-)$	(7 %)
$\chi_{N,1}^2(-)$	(7 %)
$\text{kurt}(\gamma)(+)$	(7 %)

**Kinetics**

slow

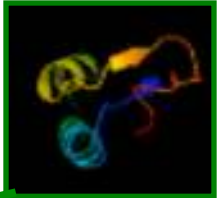
....

fast

'Dynamics Space'

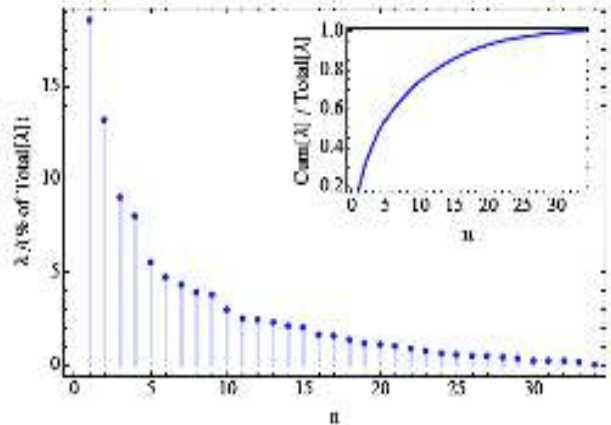
flexible .... rigid

**Thermodynamics**

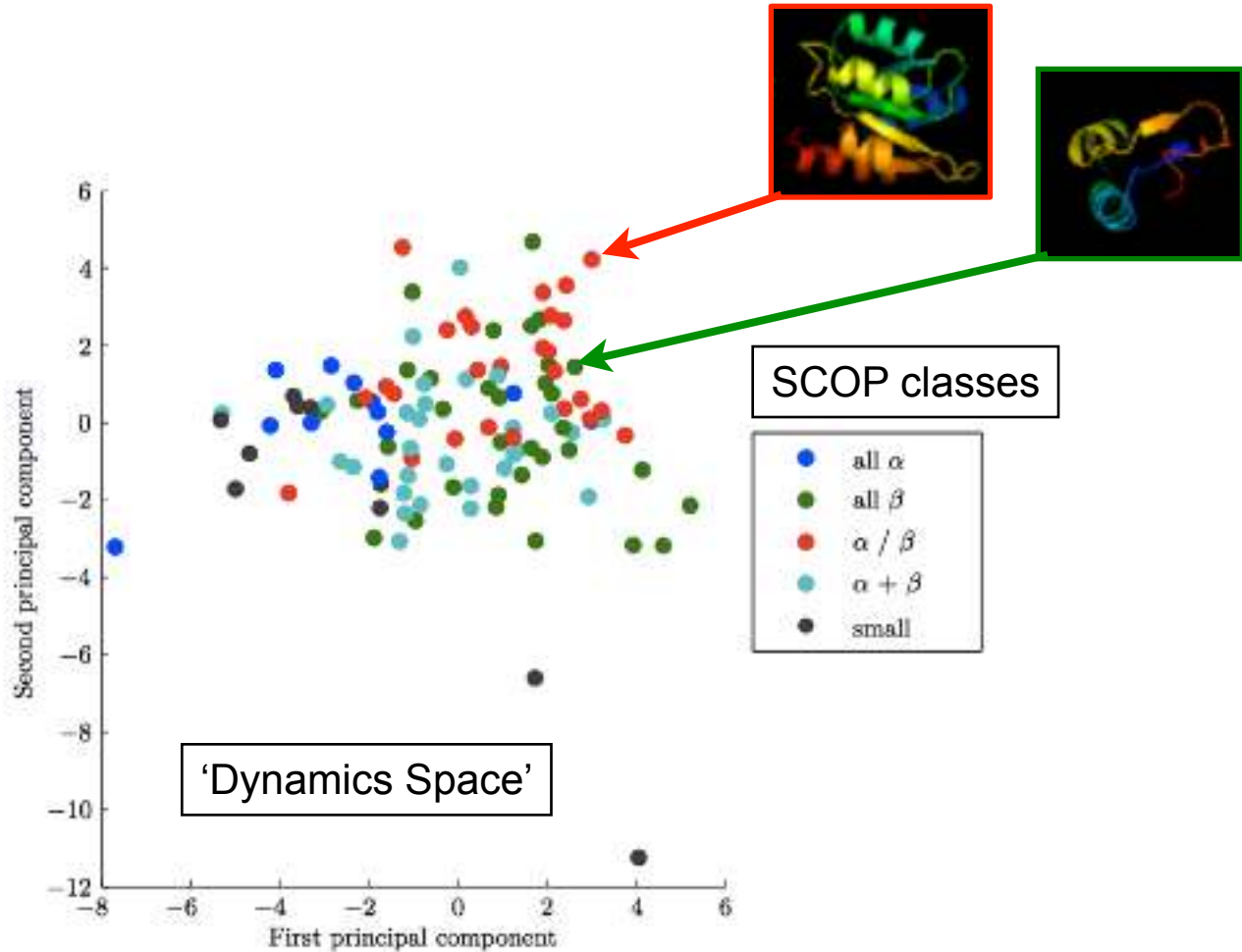
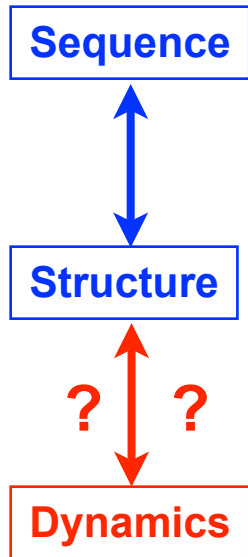


- all  $\alpha$
- all  $\beta$
- $\alpha / \beta$
- $\alpha + \beta$
- small

Descriptor 1	
$\mu^{\text{RMSF}}(-)$	(10 %)
$\mu^{\text{RMSD}}(-)$	(9 %)
$c^{\text{rg}}(-)$	(9 %)
$\text{skew}(\gamma)(+)$	(7 %)
$\mu(\gamma)(+)$	(7 %)



# Structure / dynamics relationship

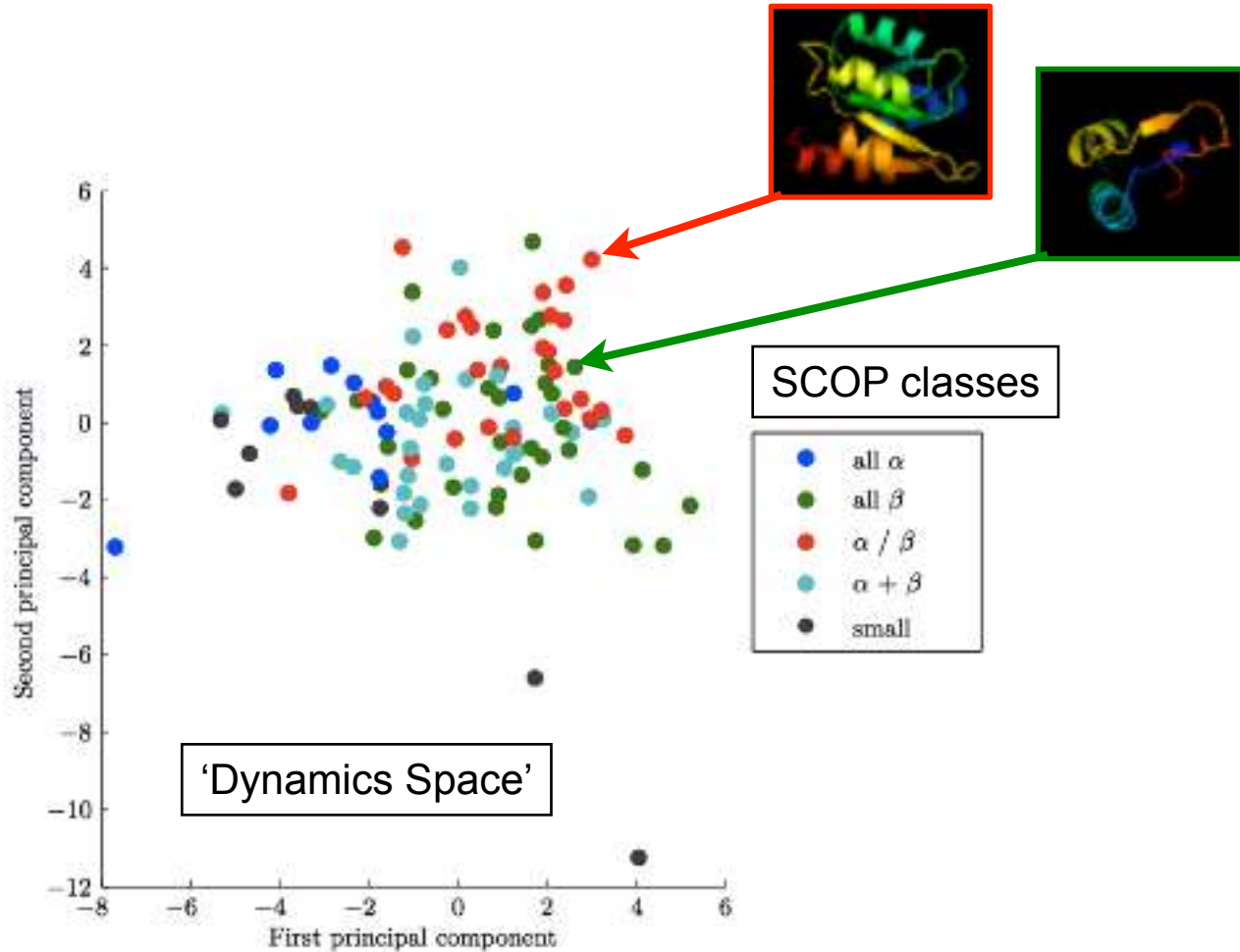
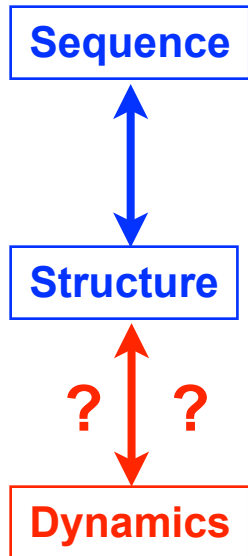


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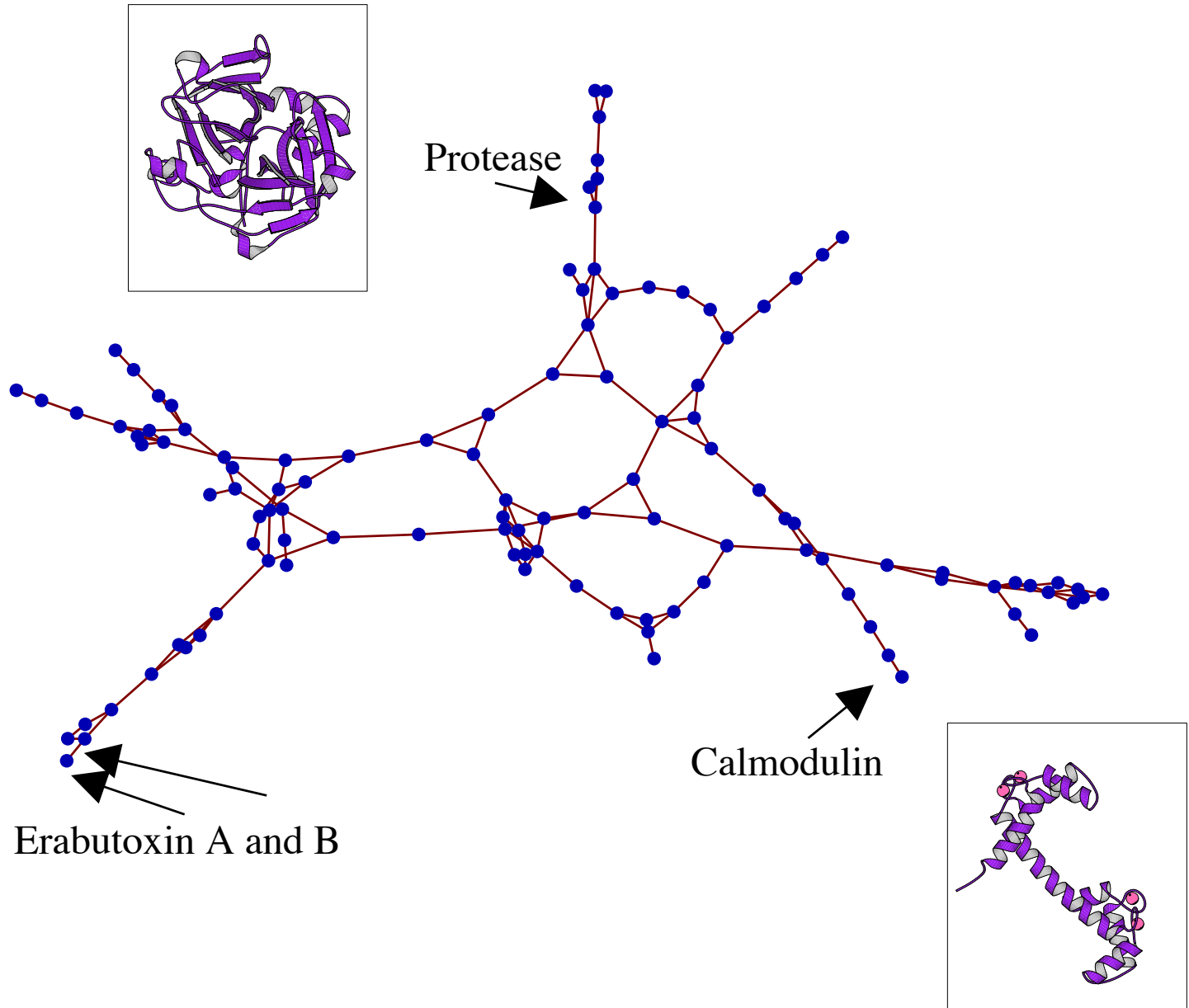
# Structure / dynamics relationship



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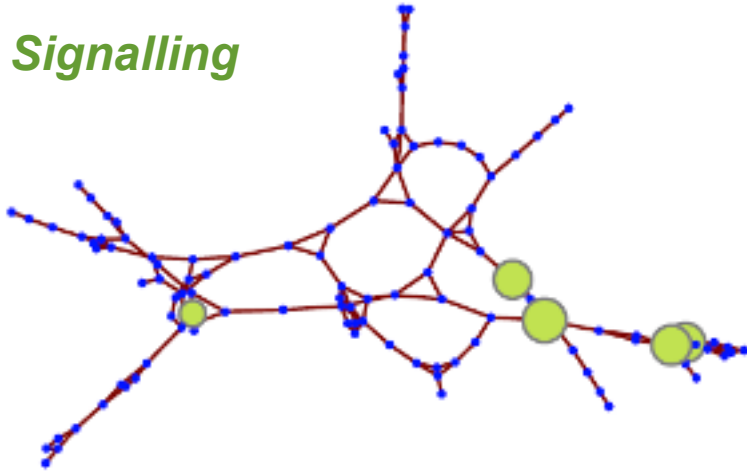
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# The fine structure of the dynasome

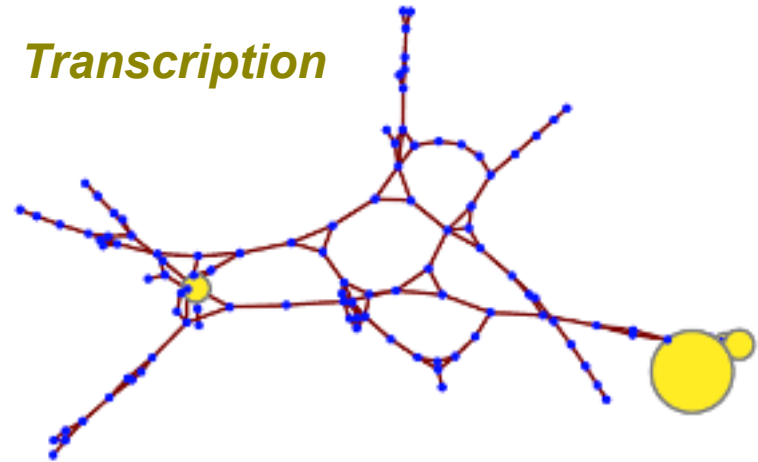


# Dynamics correlates with function!

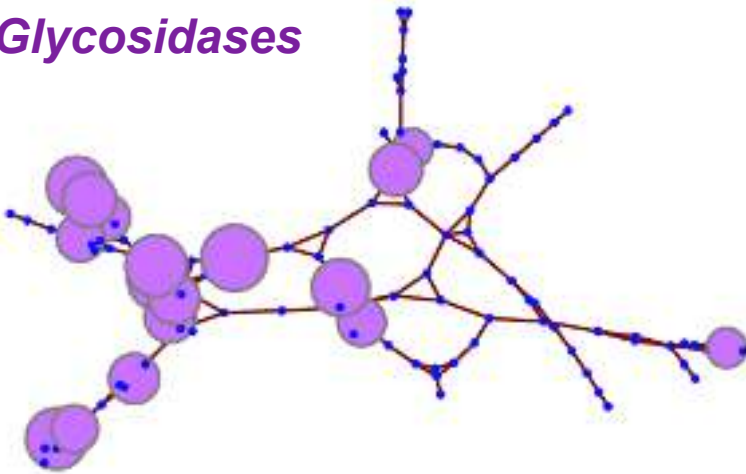
*Signalling*



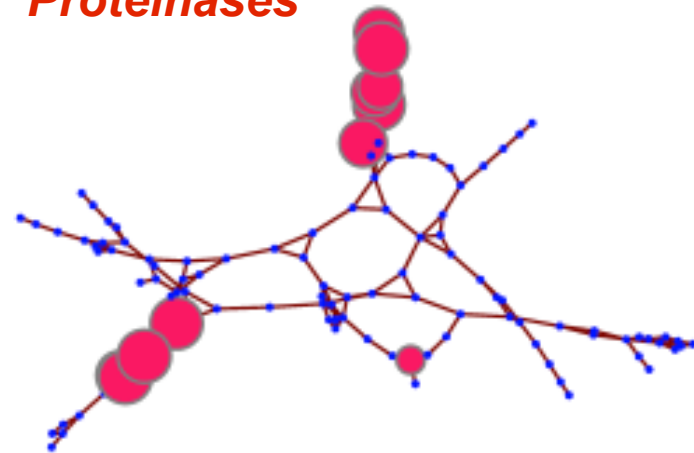
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*Glycosidases*

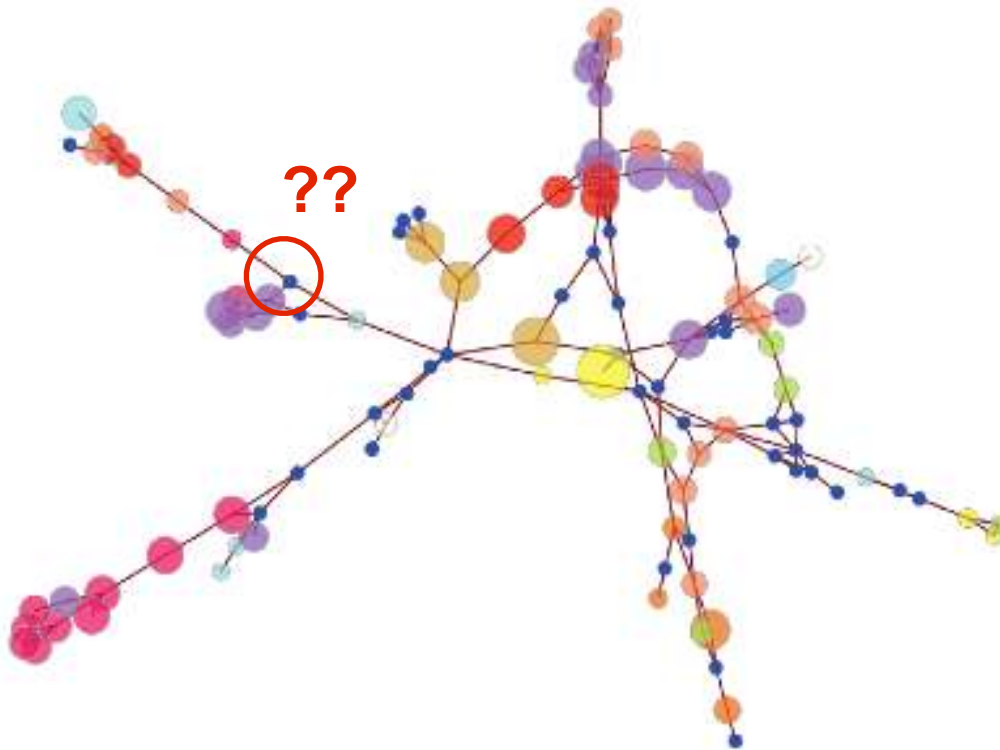


*Proteinases*



# Protein Function Prediction

1. **New protein of unknown function:**
2. Based on its dynamics, determine its position in the graph.
3. function from closest cluster.



<i>dyn</i>	<i>struct</i>	<i>random</i>
46 %	32 %	11 %



# ***Femtoseconds XFEL single molecule diffraction ('diffract and destroy')***

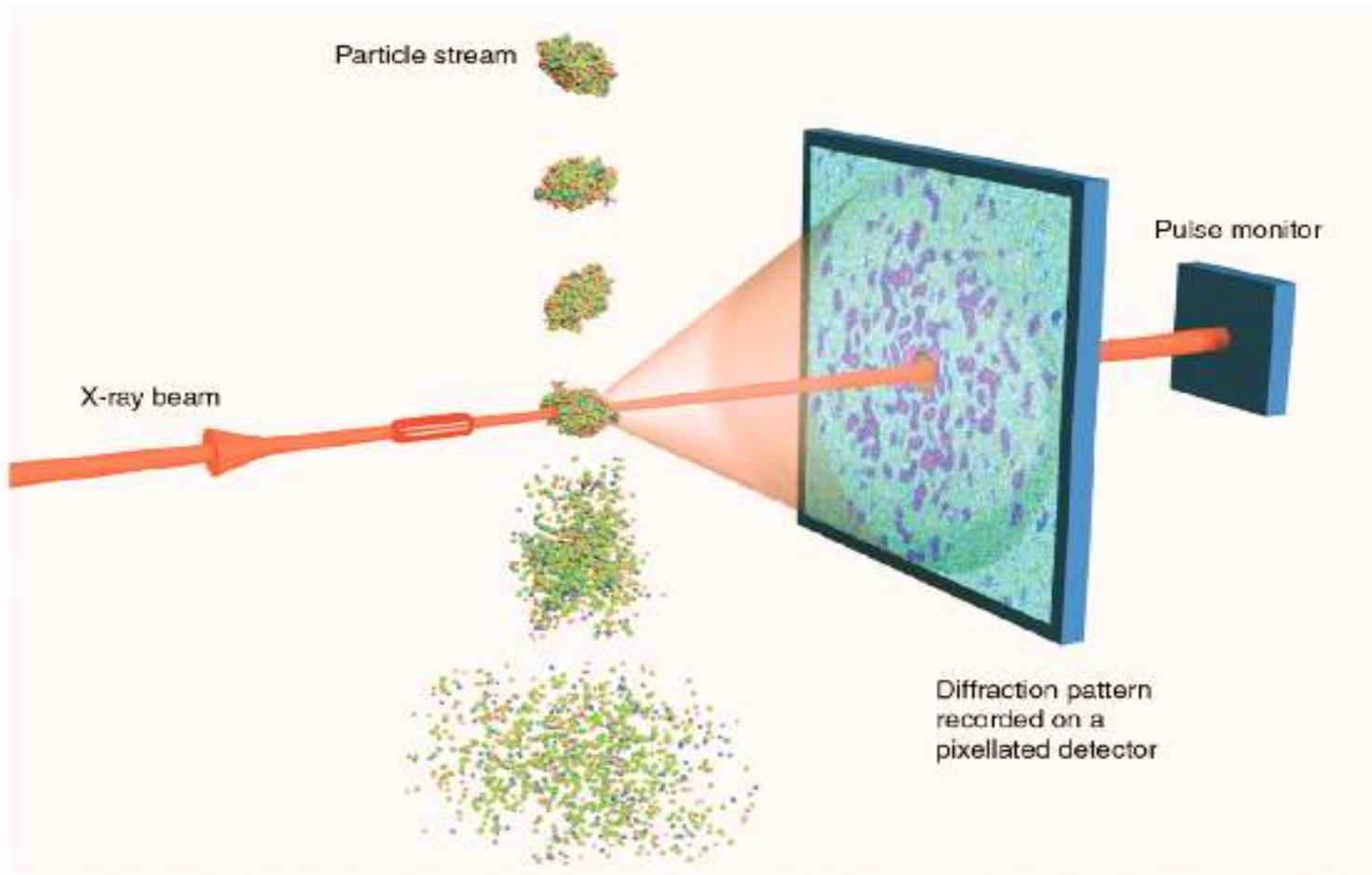
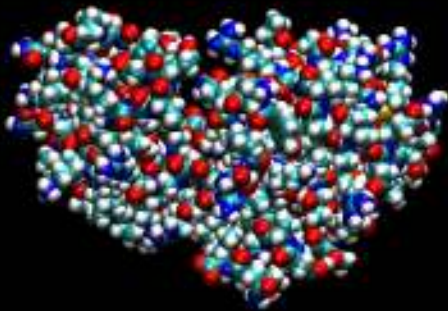
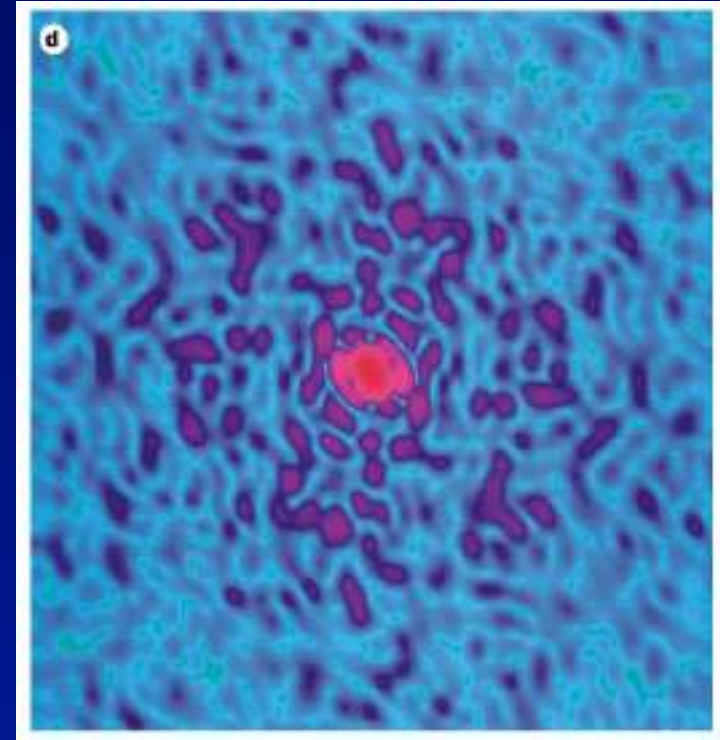


Illustration from Gaffney and Chapmann (2007), Science 316,1444

# Structure determination from XFEL fs xray pulses?



G. Groenhof & H. Grubmüller

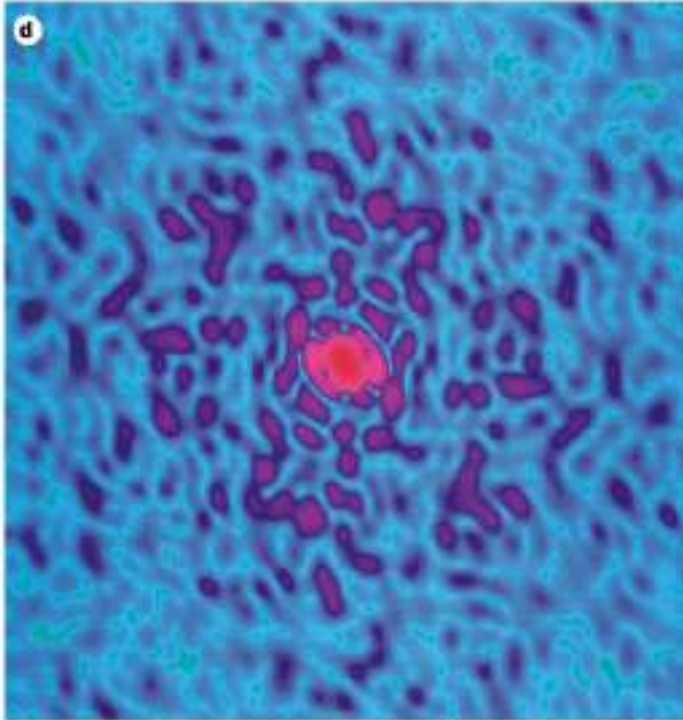


R. Neutze et al., Nature 406, 752-757

Lysozyme Coulomb explosion after XFEL xray pulse exposure

**Simple Force Field!**

*Ideal case: continuous diffraction pattern (infinite intensity)*

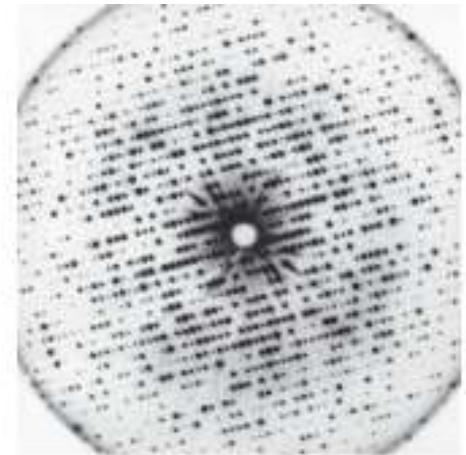


**(calculated!)**

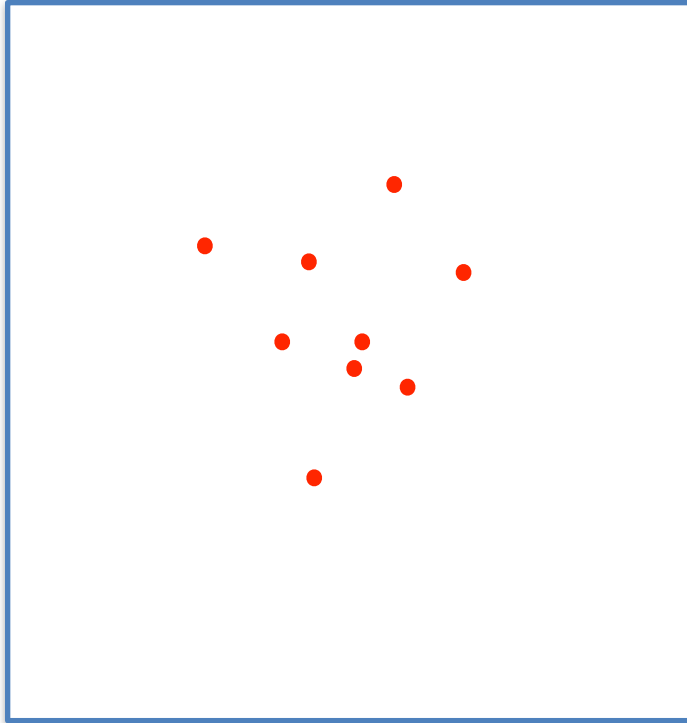
Fourier Transform

no phases

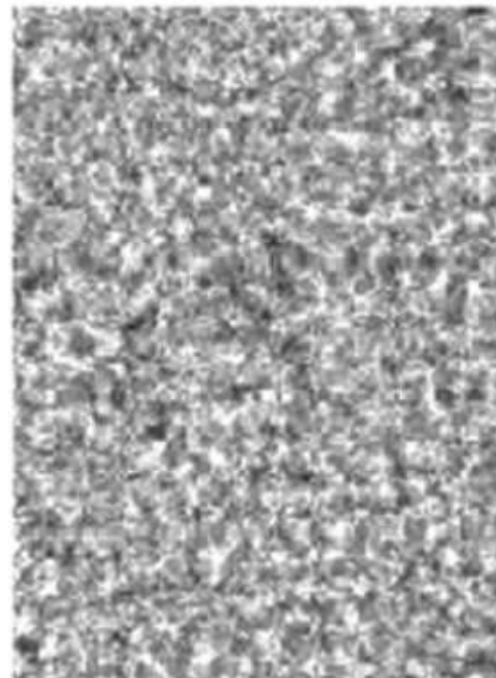
BUT: continuous sampling  
-> phase reconstruction  
much easier



*Reality: extreme low photon statistics (Poisson limit)*



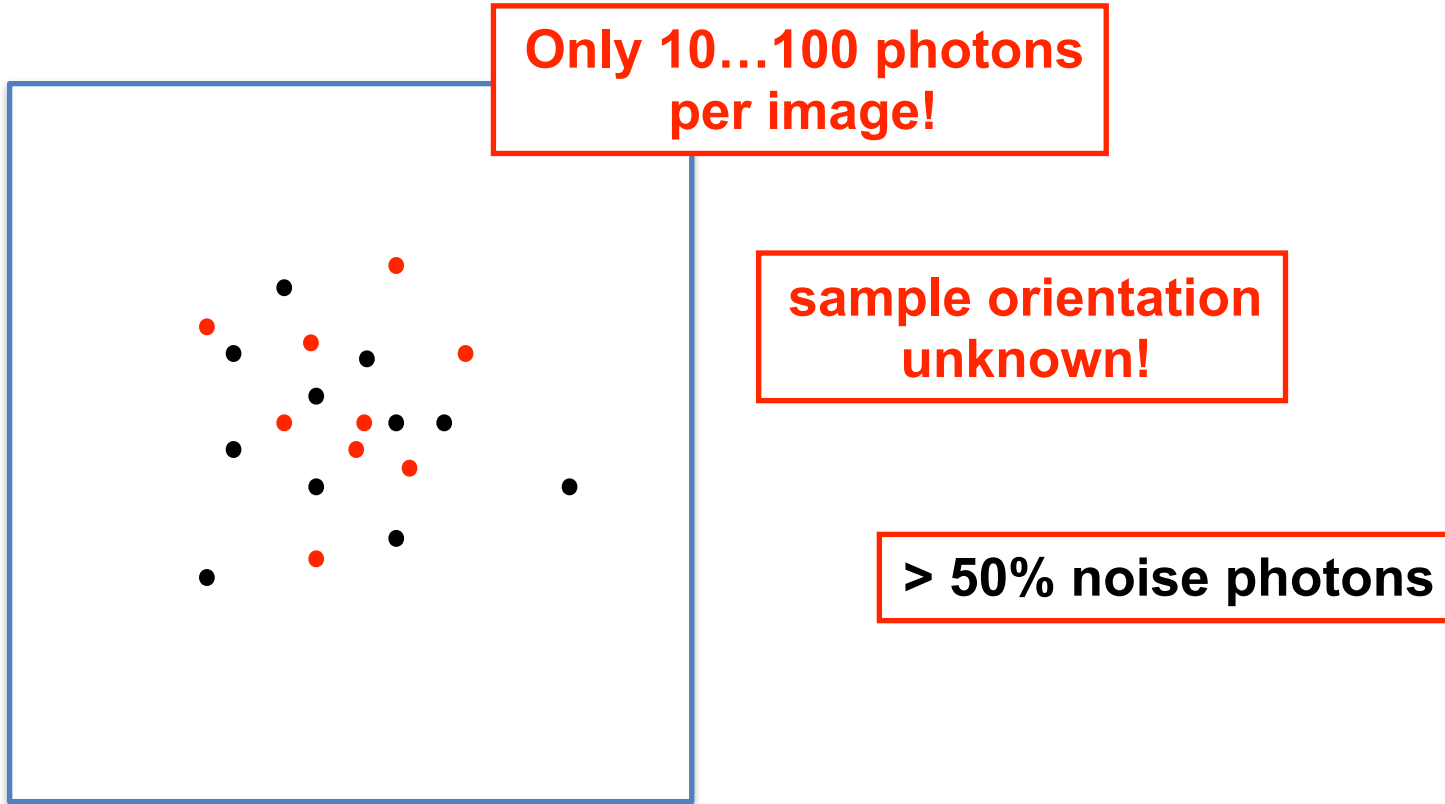
**Only 10...100 photons  
per image!**



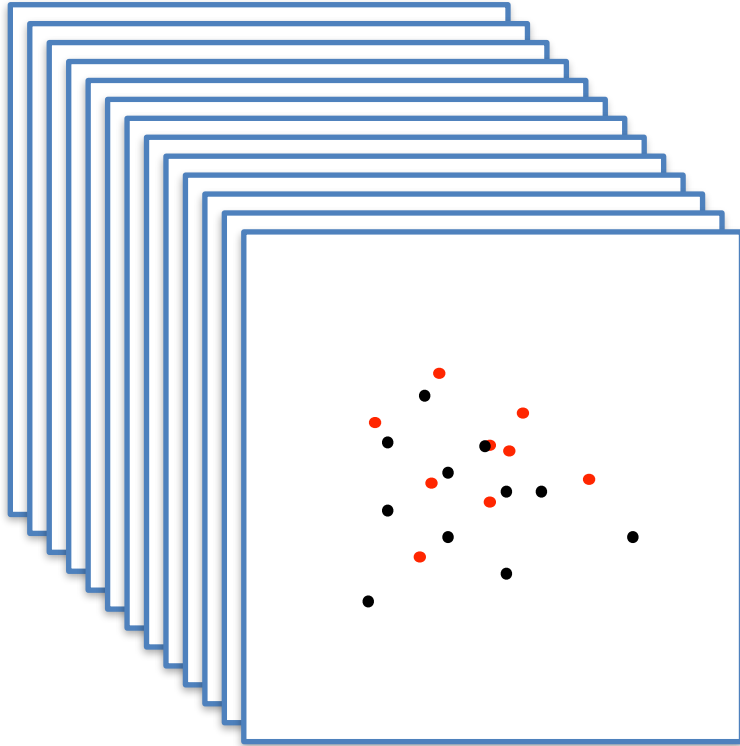
**Single Molecule Cryo-EM**



# *Reality: extreme low photon statistics (Poisson limit)*



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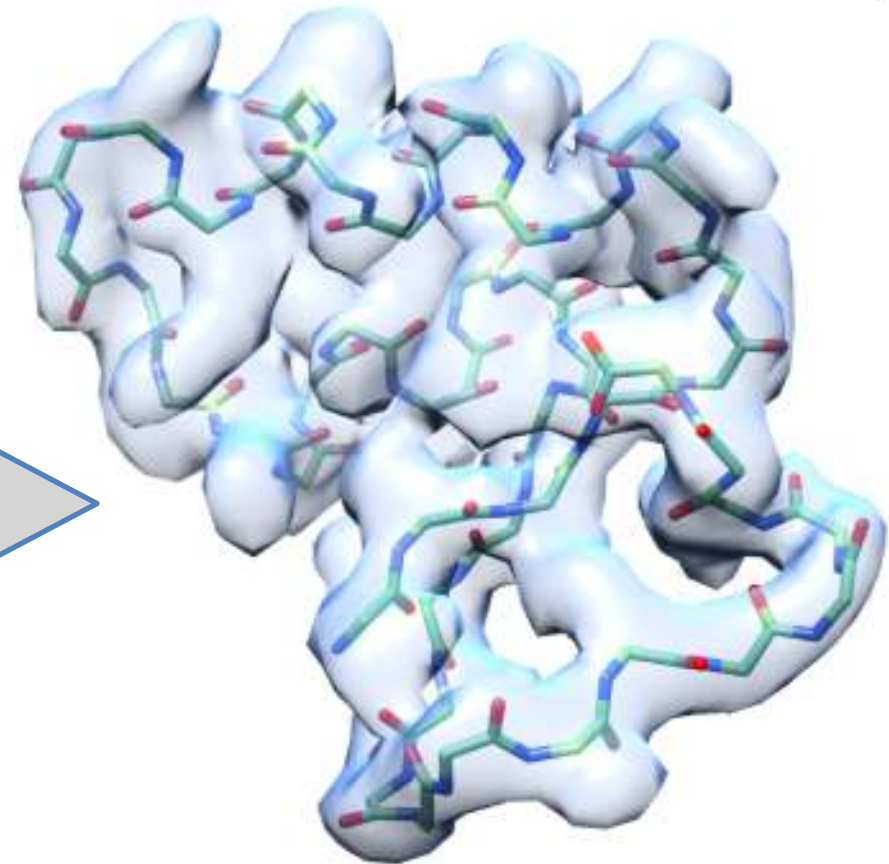
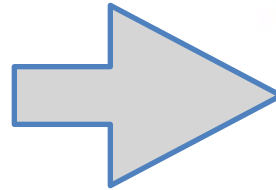
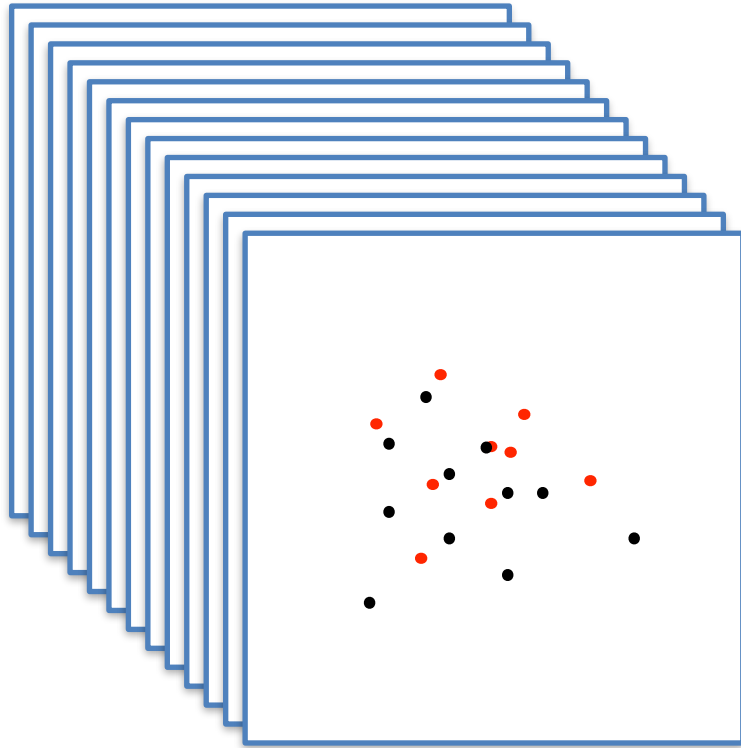


**BUT:  $10^6 \dots 10^9$  images**

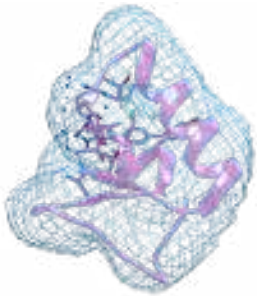
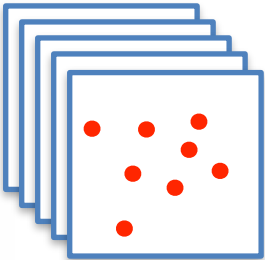
**(27000 pulses /sec)**

**How few photons will do?**

**state of the art:  
>300 photons per image**



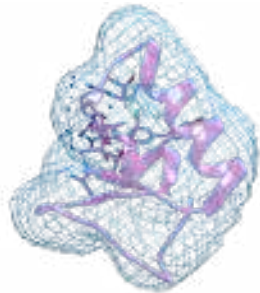
# Trick #1: Maximize

$$P(\text{  | \text{  })$$

*Benjamin von Ardenne*

*Martin Mechelke*

Find the one



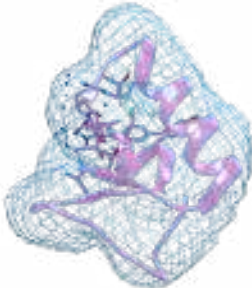
for which  $P(\text{ | } )$  is largest



# Trick #1: Maximize

$$P(\text{protein} \mid \text{data}) \leftarrow \text{we can NOT calculate this}$$

Find the one



for which  $P(\mid)$  is largest

# Bayes' formula

$$P(\text{Structure} \mid \text{Data})$$

MD or Markov chain  
sampling techniques,  
Gaussian ensembles



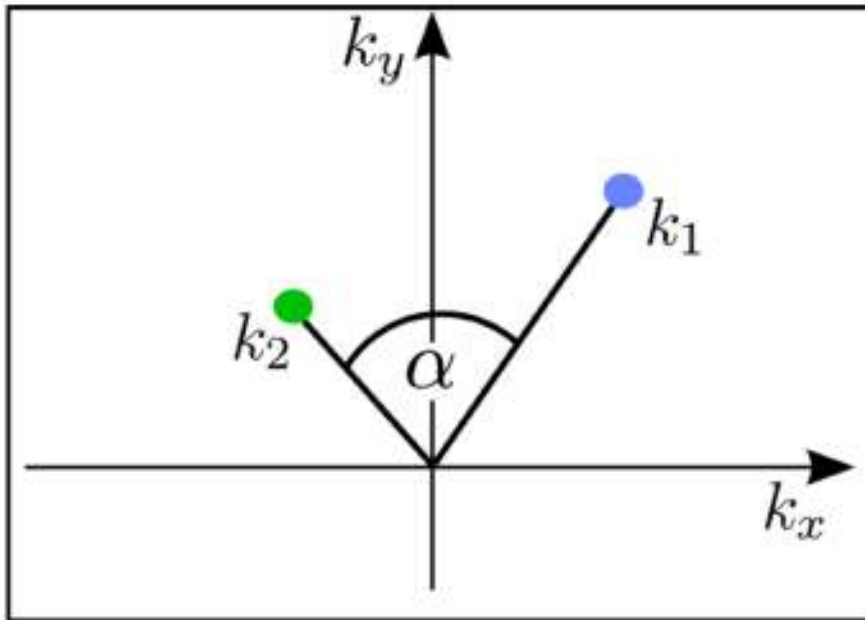
$$\approx P(\text{Data} \mid \text{Structure}) \times P(\text{Structure})$$



we can calculate this

## Trick #3: New correlation method

Two Photons

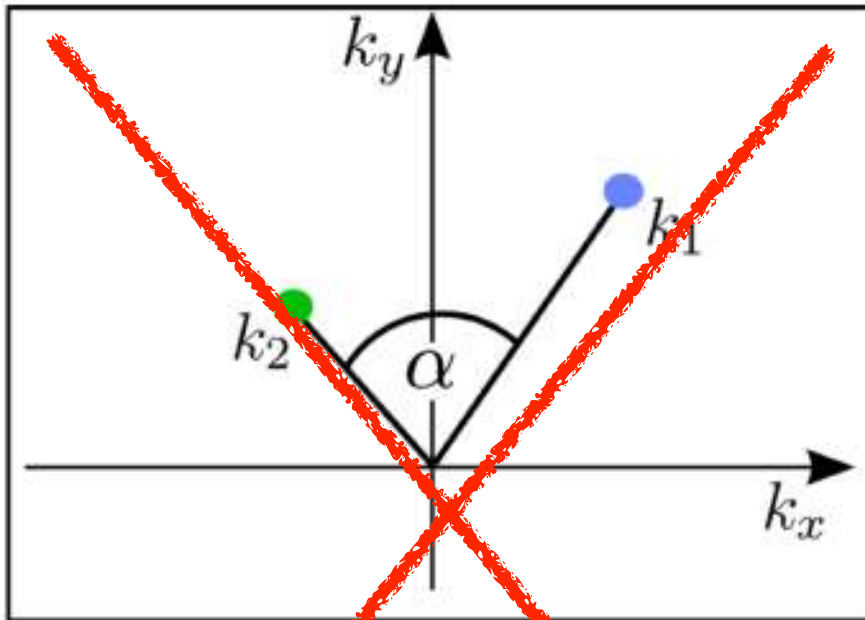


$$c_{k_1, k_2, \alpha} = \sum_l P_l(\cos(\alpha)) \cdot \sum_m A_{lm}(k_1)(\omega) A_{lm}^*(k_2)$$

Analytical inversion exists  
BUT: underdetermined

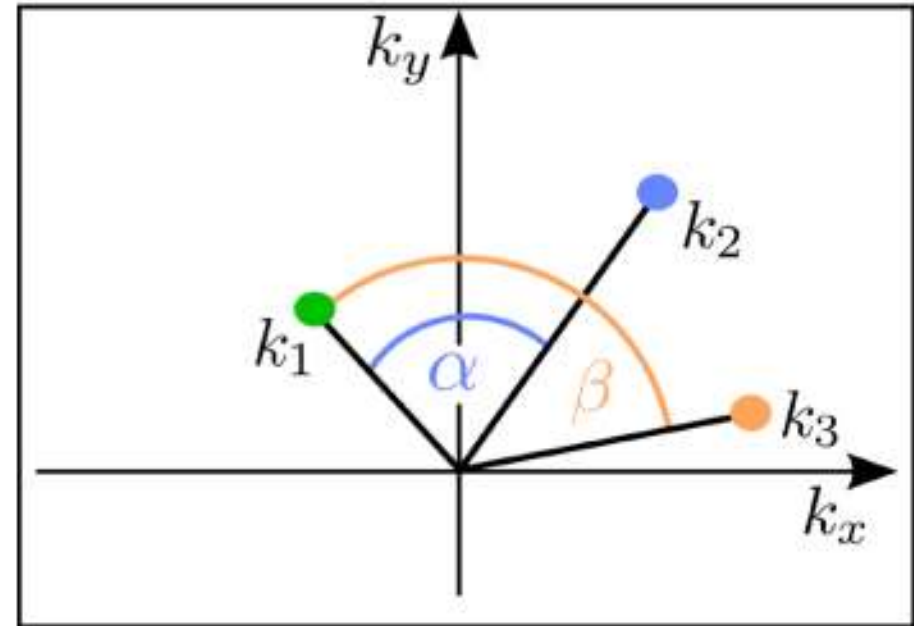
# 3-photon correlations DO encode structure

Two Photons



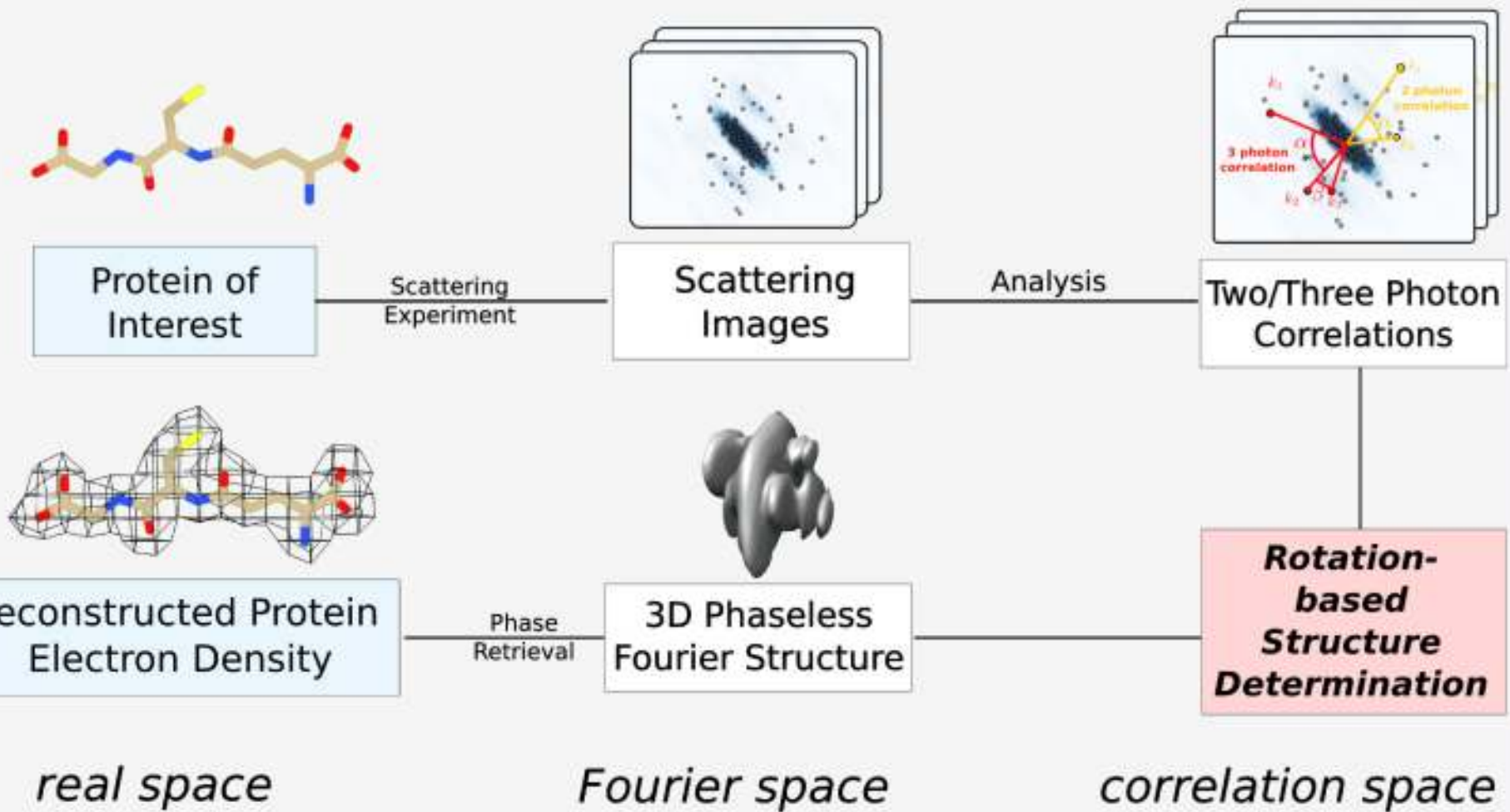
$$c_{k_1, k_2, \alpha} = \sum_l P_l(\cos(\alpha)) \cdot \sum_m A_{lm}(k_1)(\omega) A_{lm}(k_2)$$

Three Photons



$$t_{k_1, k_2, k_3, \alpha, \beta} = \sum_{l_1 l_2 l_3} \sum_{m_1 m_2 m_3} A_{l_1 m_1}(k_1) \cdot A_{l_2 m_2}(k_2) A_{l_3 m_3}^*(k_3) \cdot f(l_1, l_2, l_3, m_1, m_2, m_3, \alpha, \beta)$$

# New: 3-photon correlation method

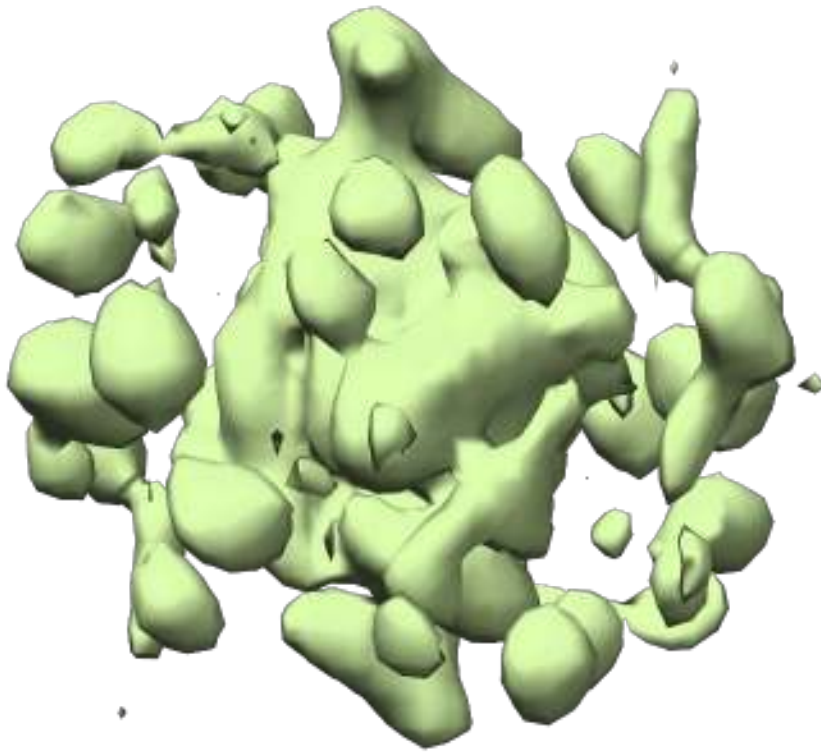




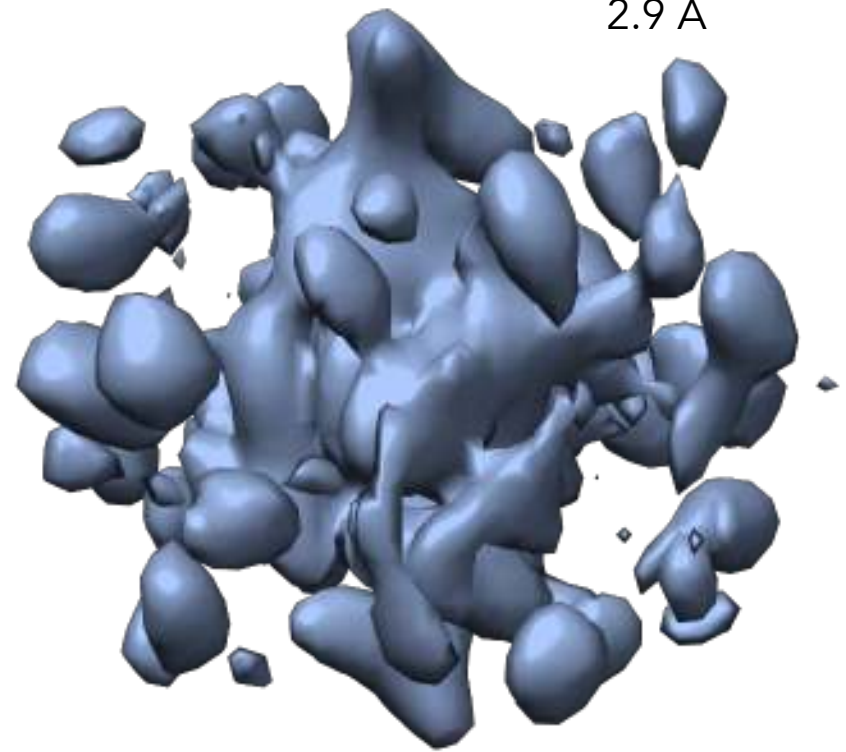
# Fourier density derived from 3-photon correlations

$$I(\mathbf{k}(k, \varphi, \theta)) = \sum_{l=0}^L \sum_{m=-l}^l A_{lm}(k) Y_{lm}(\varphi, \theta)$$

Maximum achievable:  
2.9 Å

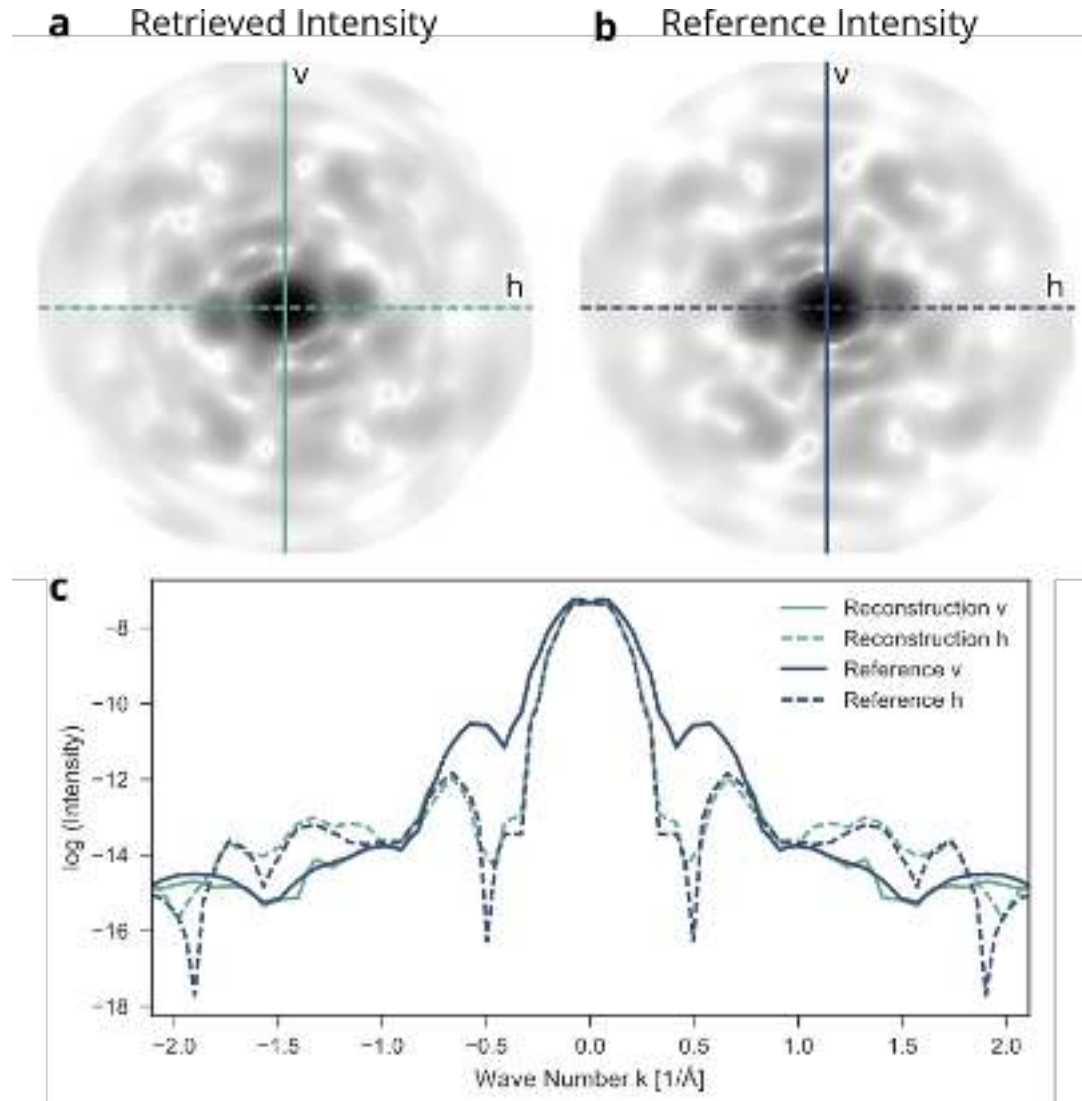
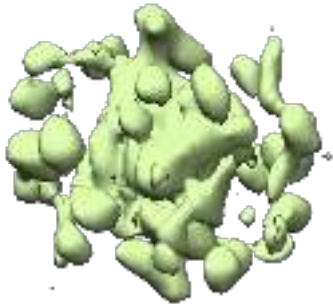


Retrieved Intensity  
K=26, L=18



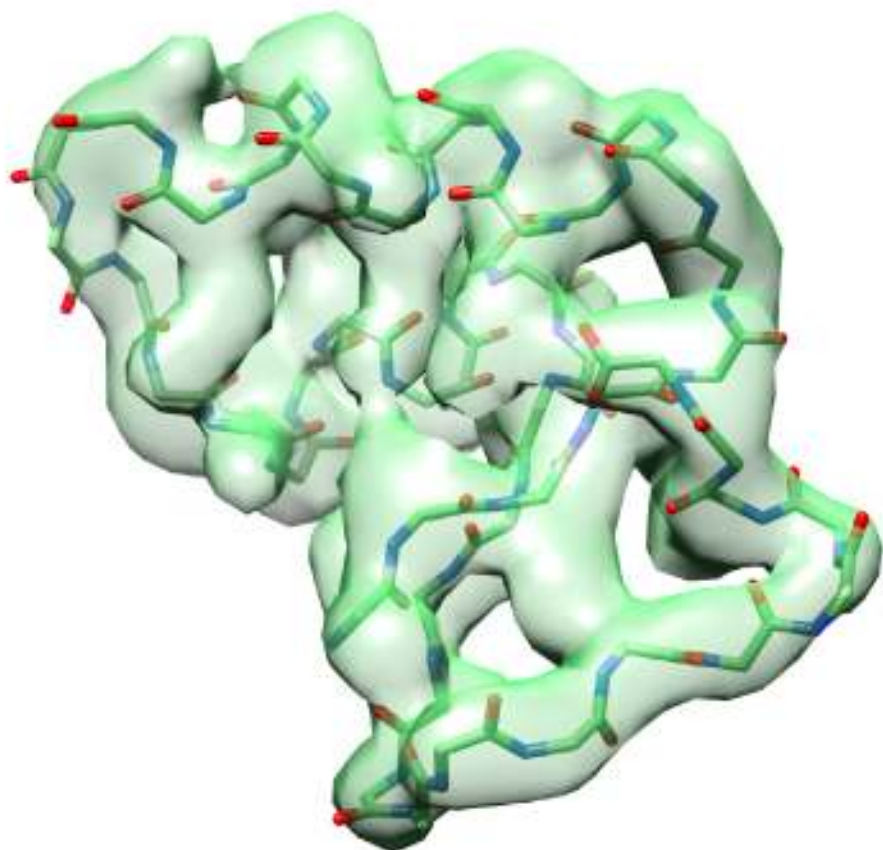
Original Intensity  
K=26, L=18

# Fourier density derived from 3-photon correlations

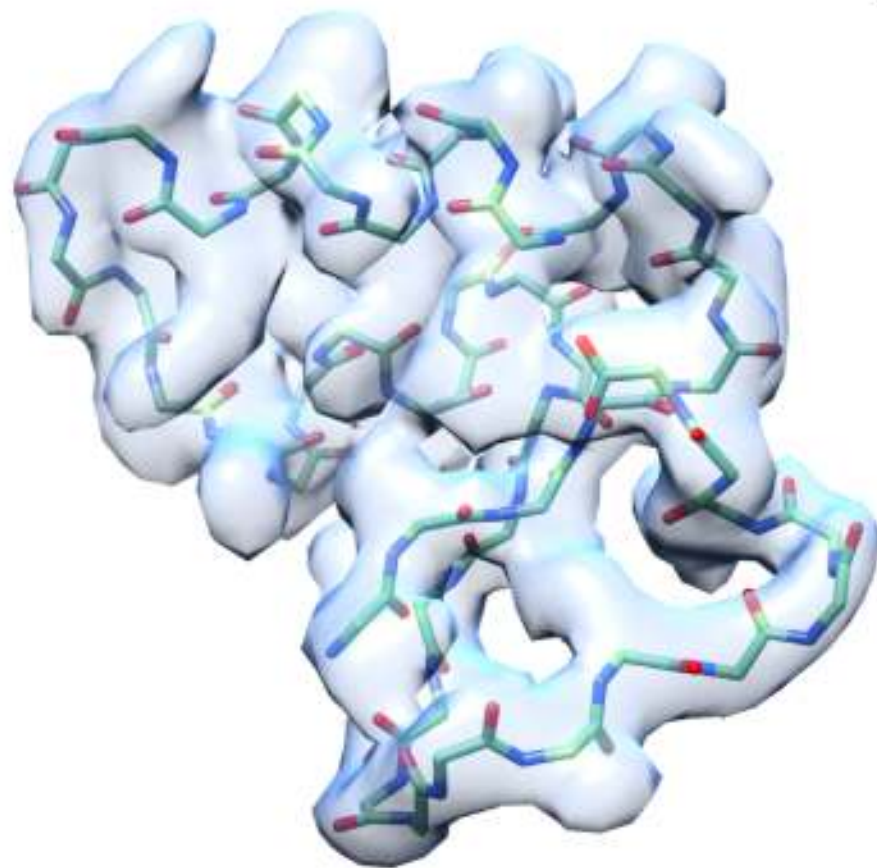


ca  $10^8$  photon-triples

## New: 3-photon correlation method

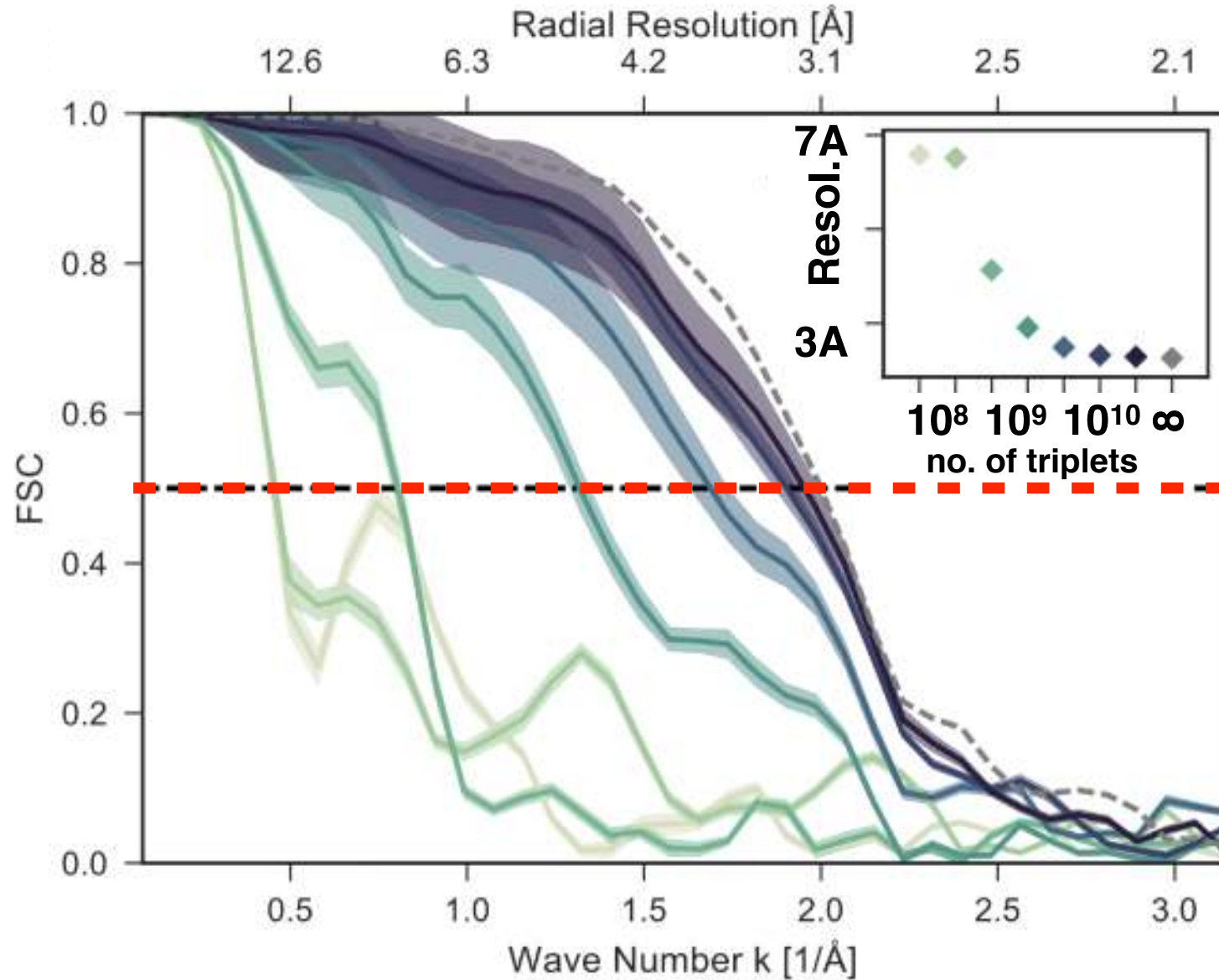


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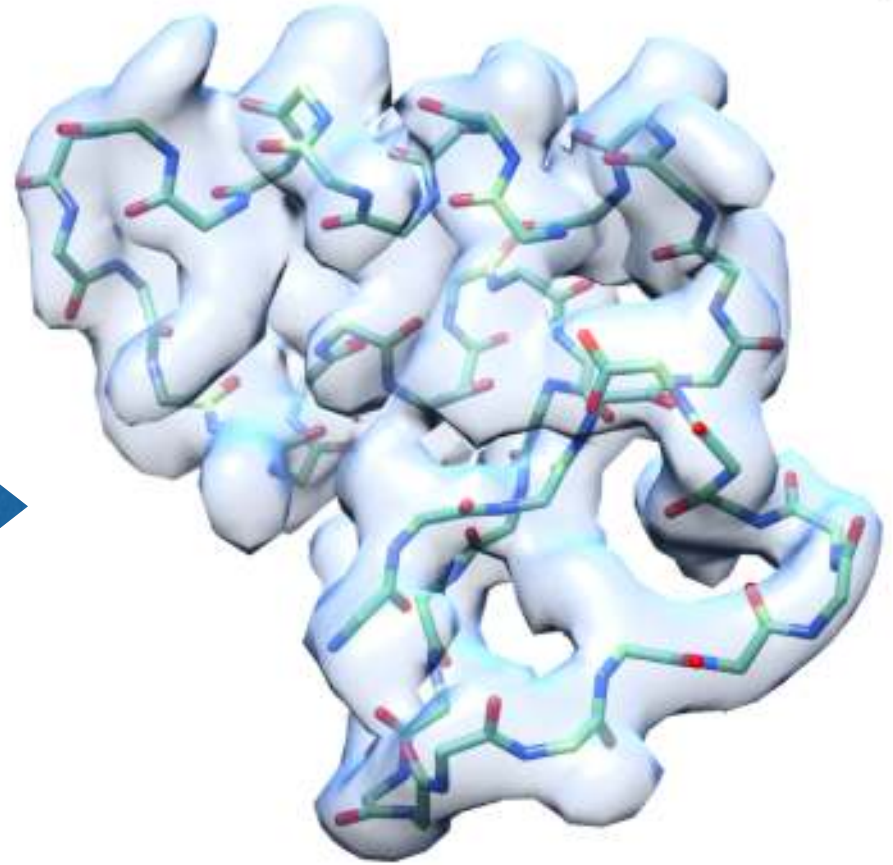
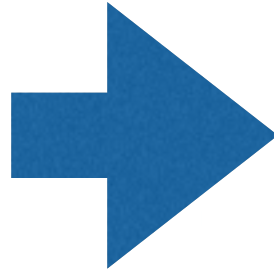
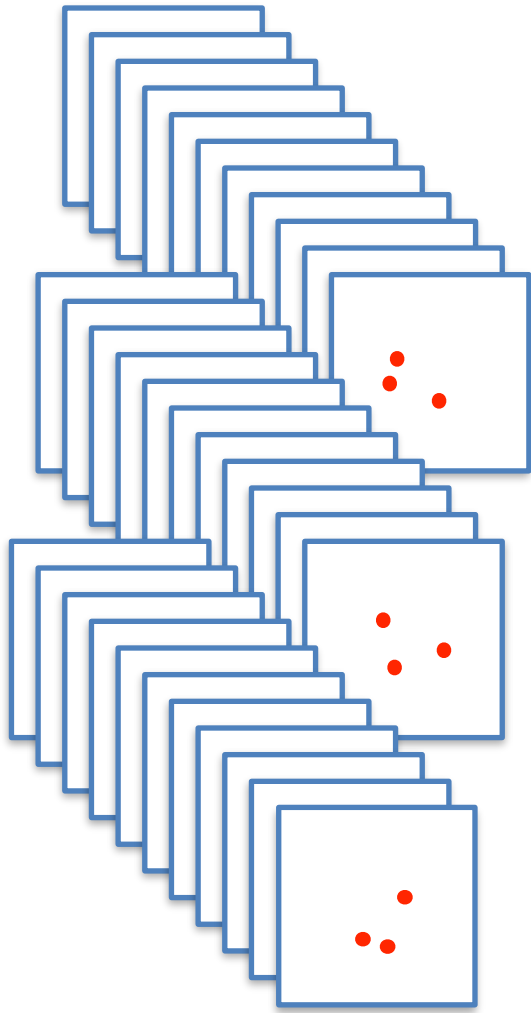
ca  $4 \times 10^7$  pictures, 10 photons per picture

# What resolution can be achieved?





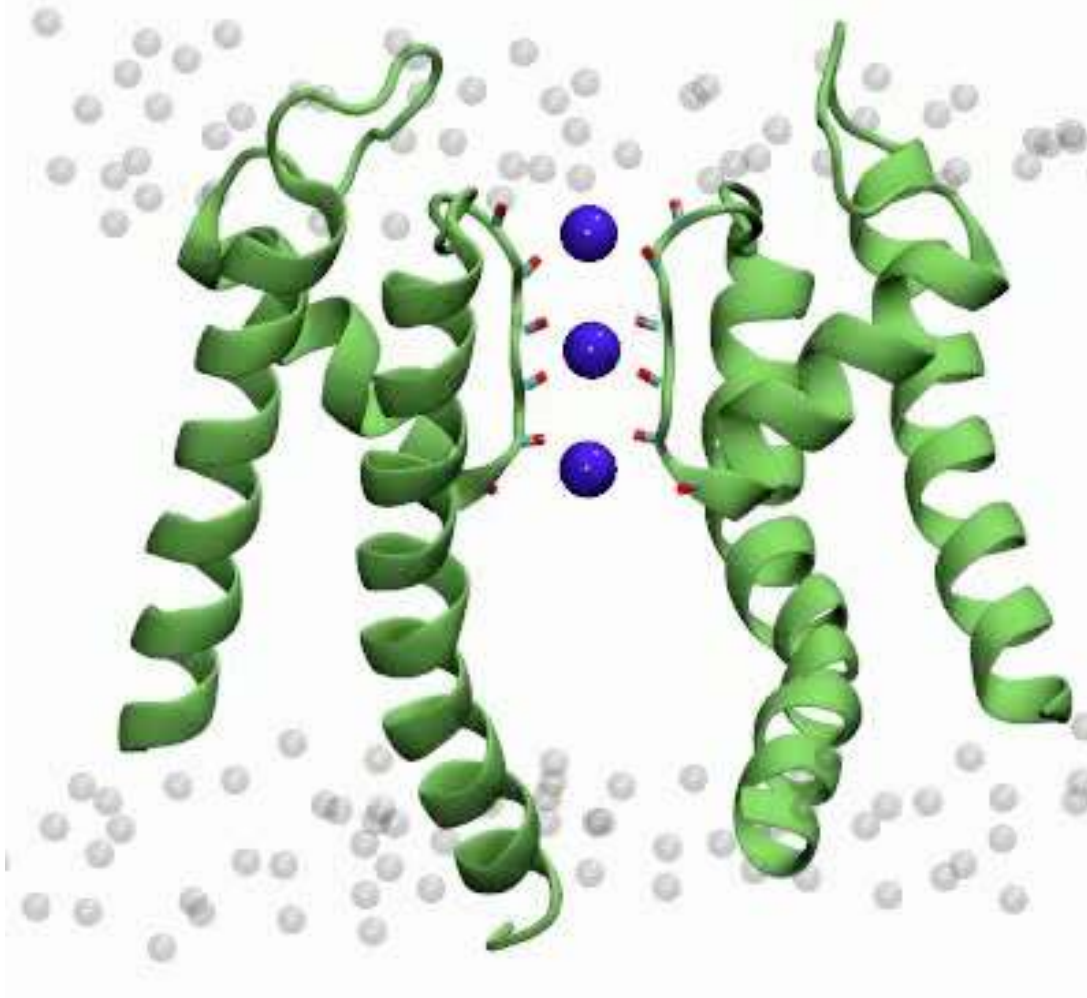
**3 photons per picture suffice!** (for REALLY many pictures)



**(simulated experiment)**

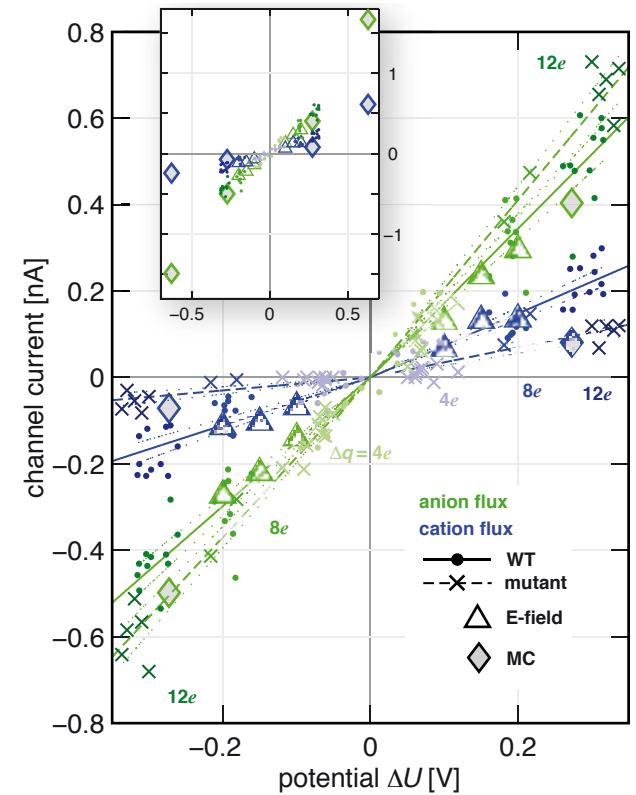
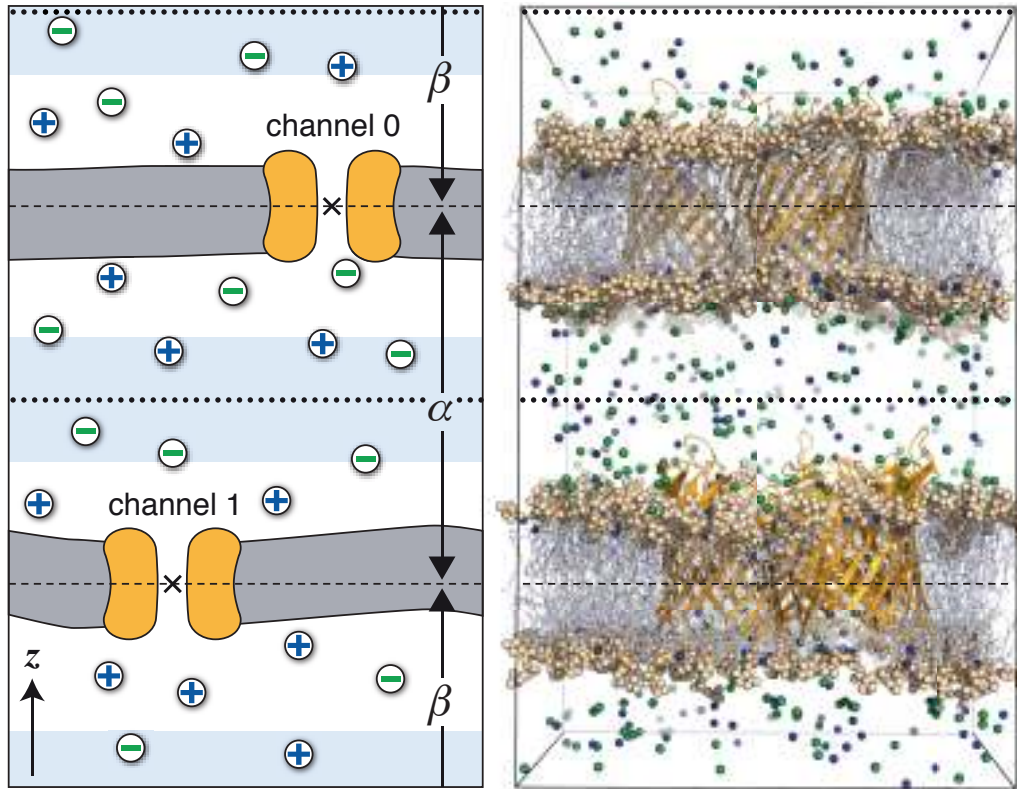


# Computational electrophysiology



Potassium channel

# Computational electrophysiology



Ulrich  
Zachariae

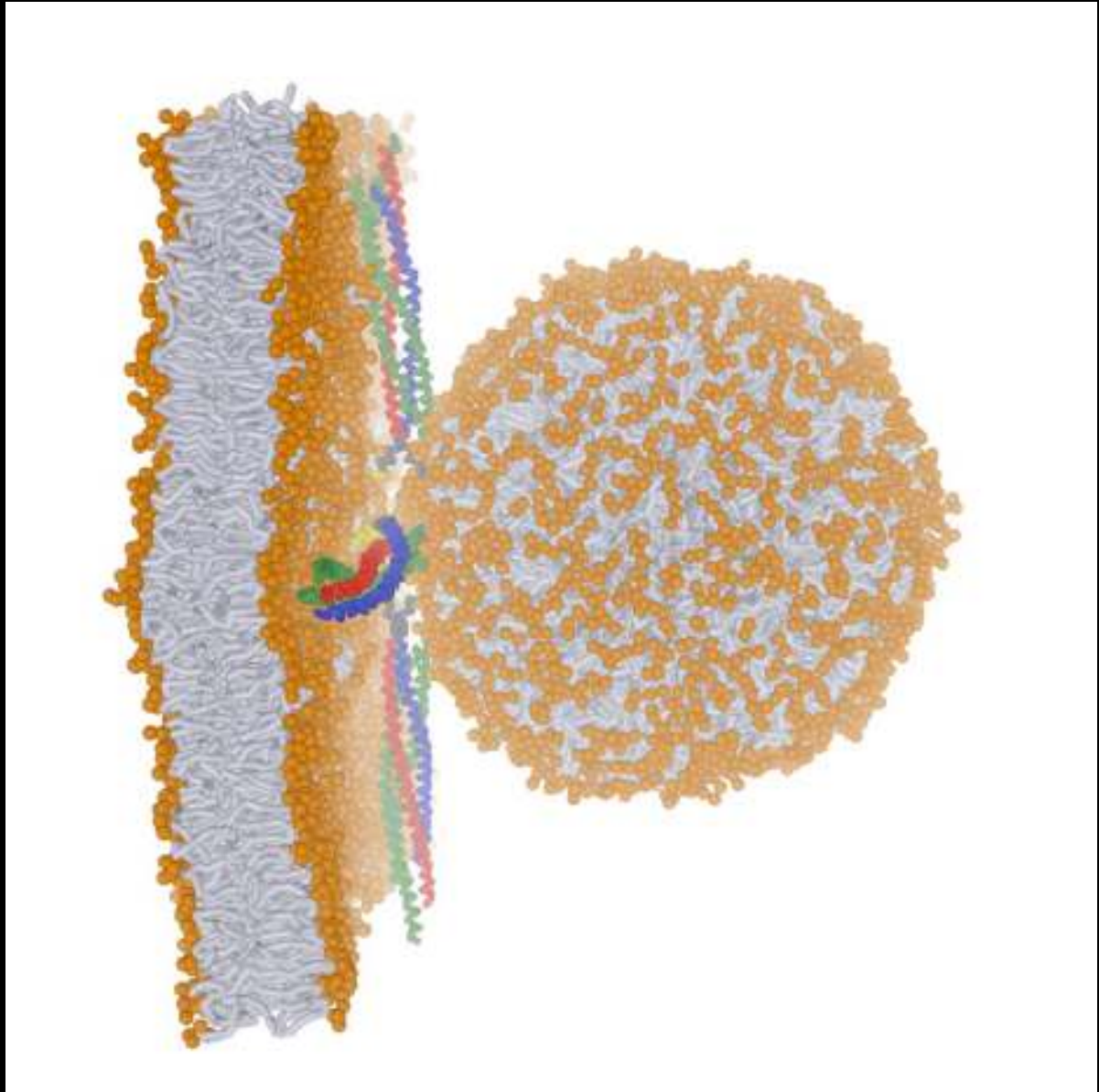
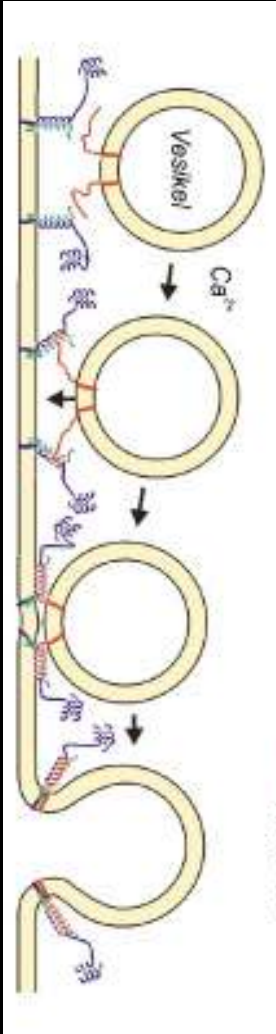
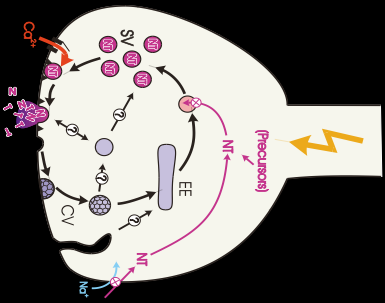


Carsten  
Kutzner



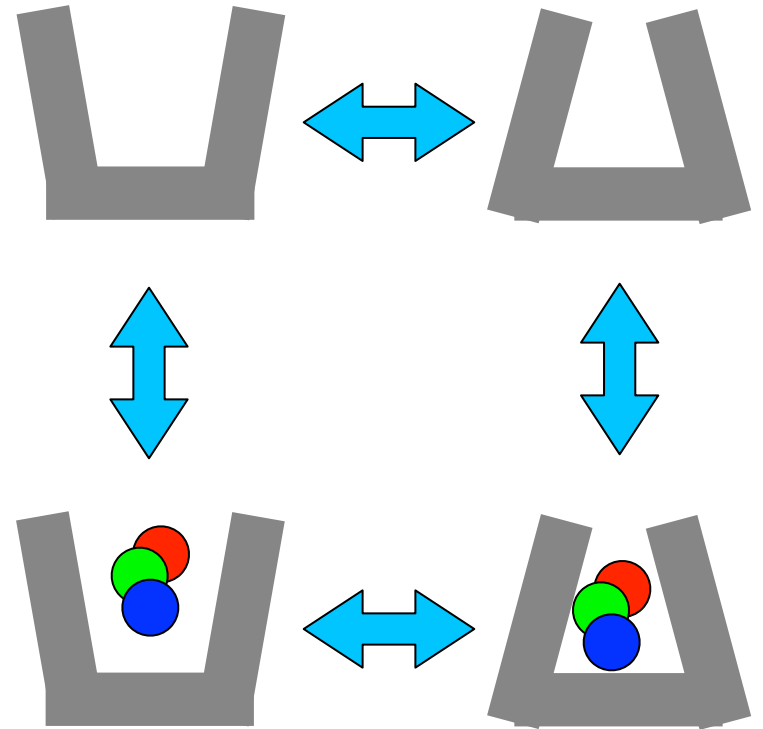
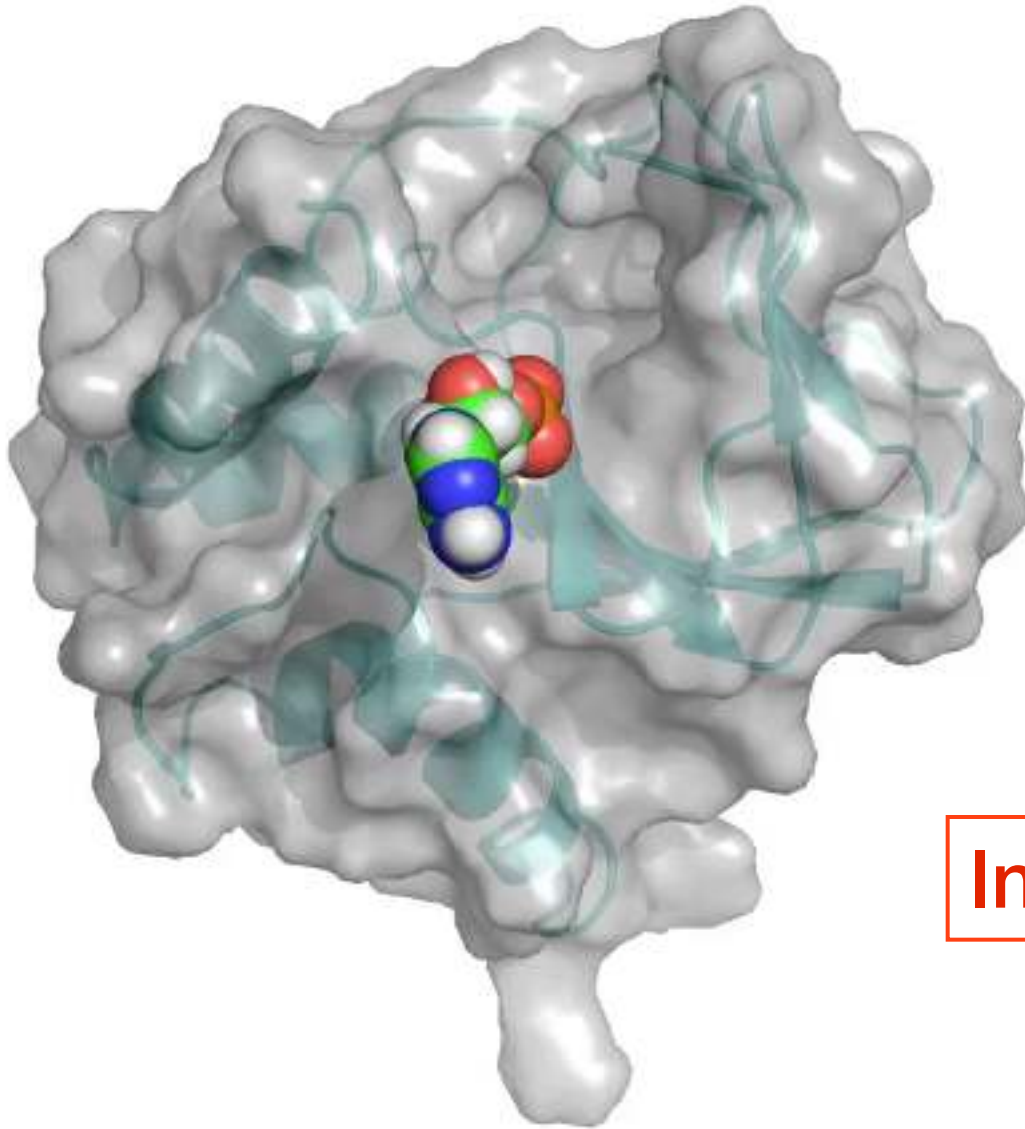
Bert  
de Groot

# Synaptic fusion



# First principles docking: MloK1

Collab. Benjamin Kaupp



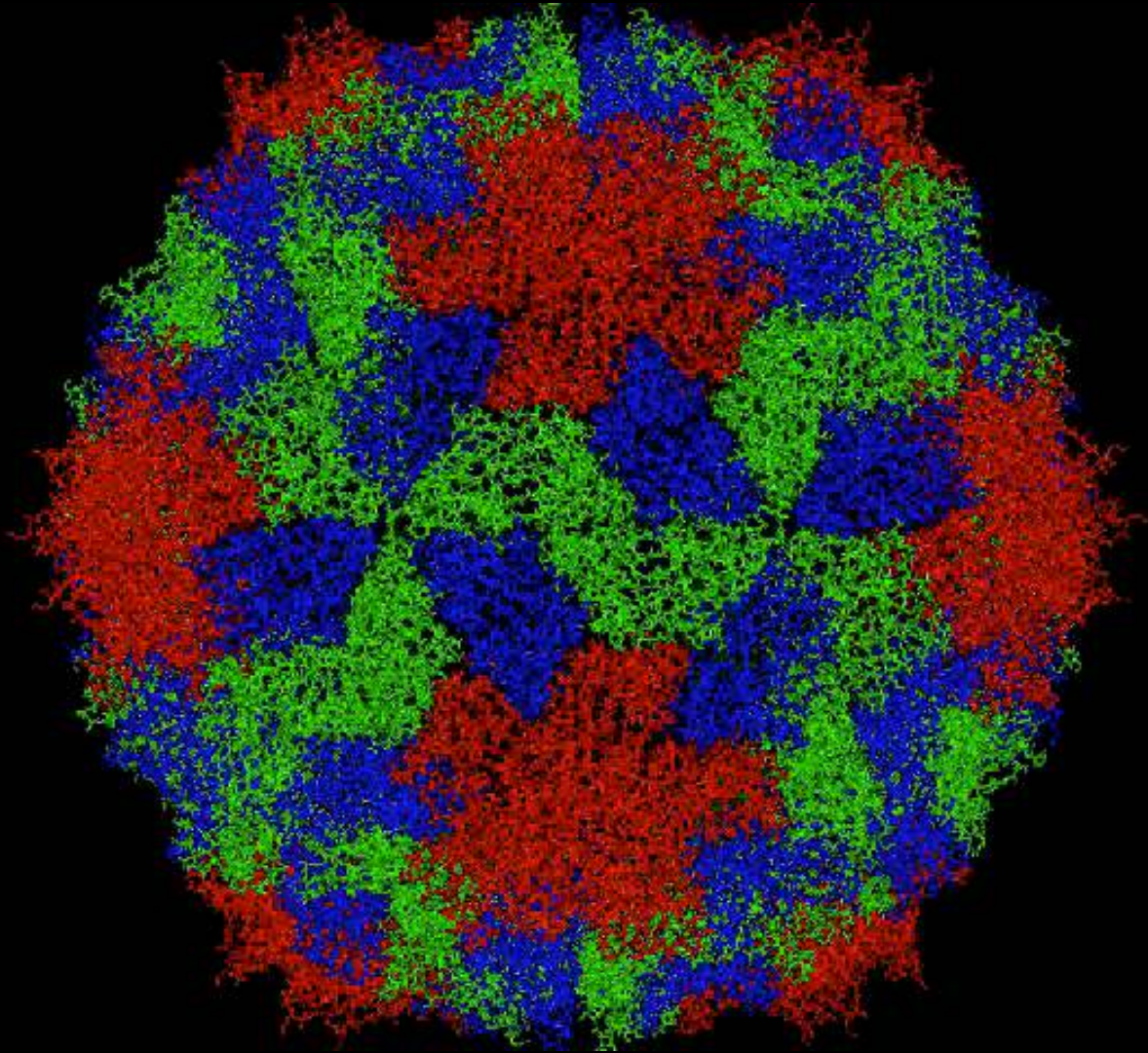
**Induced Fit**



Bela Voss



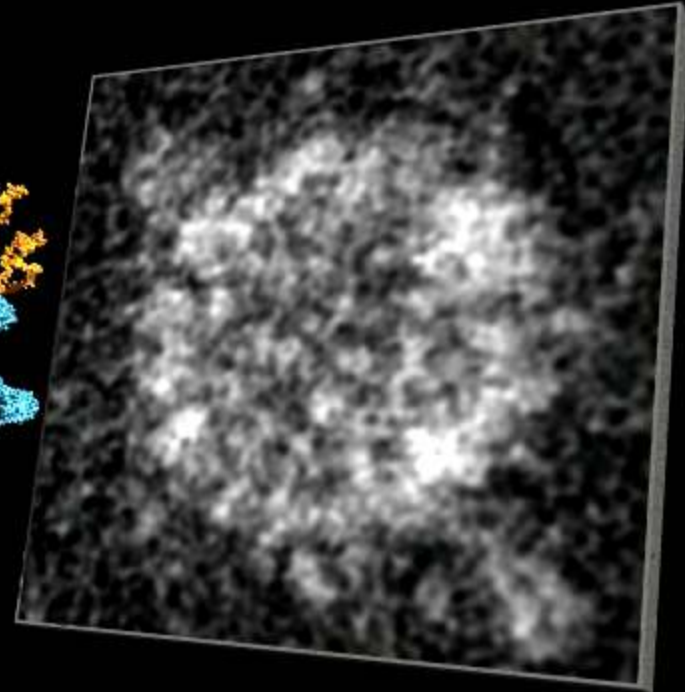
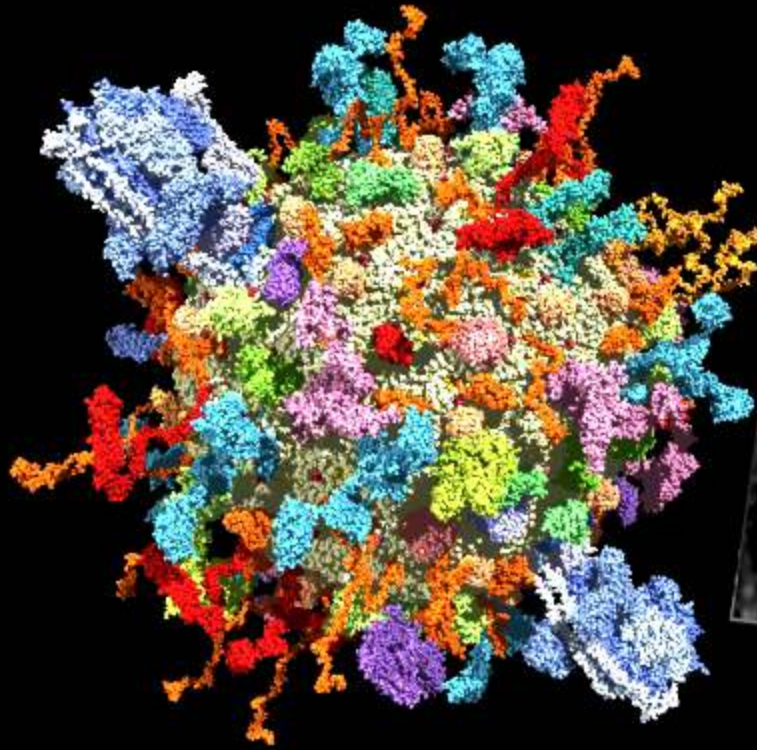
# Southern Bean Mosaic Virus – Mechanical Properties



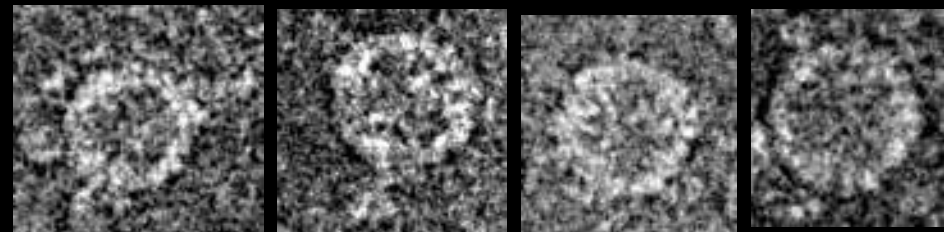
~4,500,000 particles



# *Anatomy of a Synaptic Vesicle*



Simulated EM image



EM images by D. Riedel and R. Jahn

*J. Haas, B. de Groot, H. Grubmüller, et al.  
R. Jahn (Cell, 2007)*

## **What have we learned ?**

### **(1) AFM + force probe MD -> Overlap, 11 orders total**

- Solved puzzle of too low AFM forces
- Unbinding free energy landscape, 3rd barrier
- Loading rate dependent unbinding paths

### **(2) Combined mechanism for erythromycin stalling:**

- Perturbation of peptide conformation
- Perturbation of A-site crevice

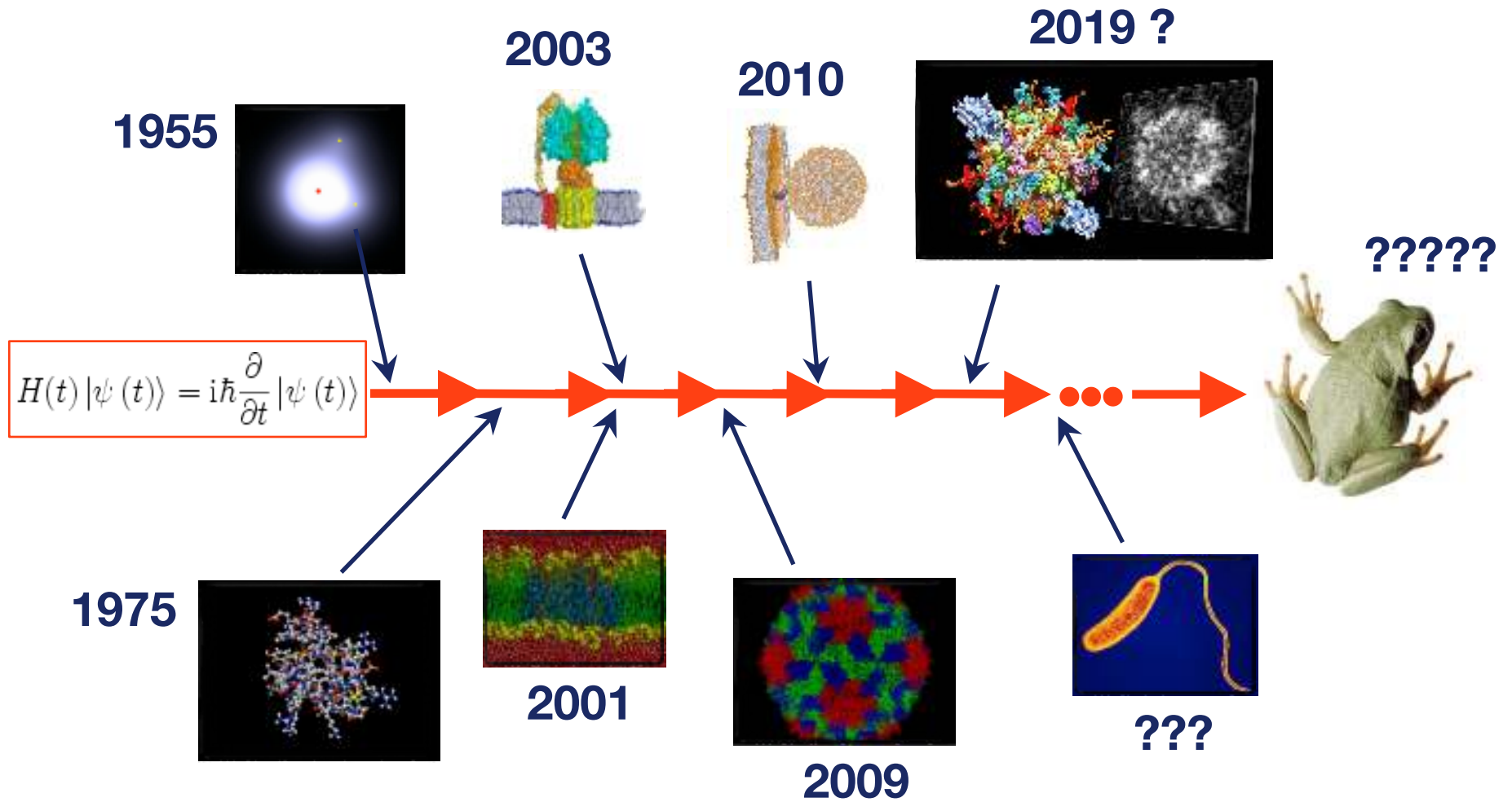
### **(3) Intrinsically disordered proteins:**

- CHARMM36m
- First principles alpha-Synuclein ensemble

### **(4) The Dynasome:**

Structure -> Dynamics -> Function

Towards a *fundamental understanding of life* processes from *first principles*







Positions available





# ABCE1: A simpler prototypic ATPase motor domain

(collaboration: Robert Tampe, Univ. Frankfurt)

AKA: RLI, PIXIE (archaea/eukaryotes)

Translation termination:

Separation of ribosomal subunits

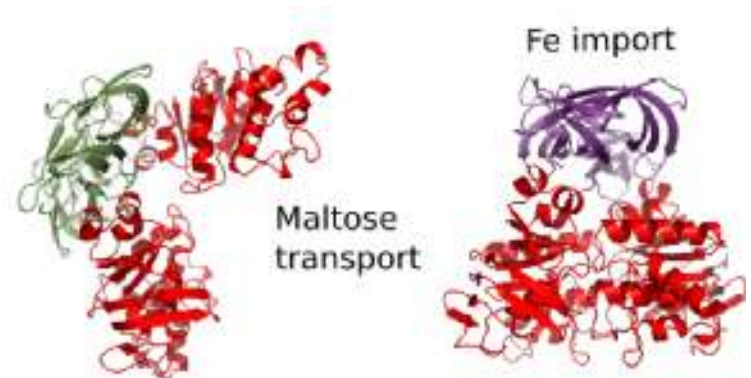
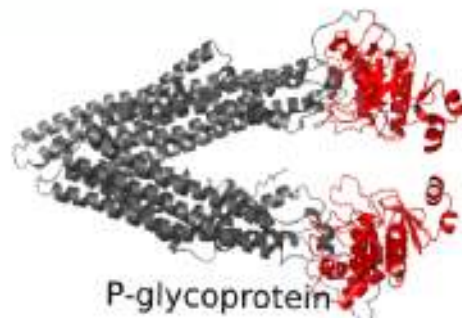
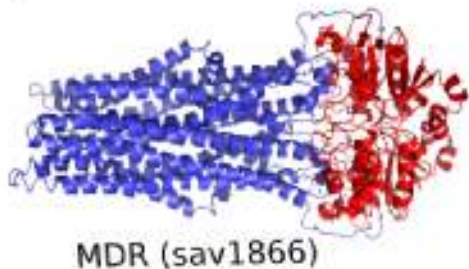
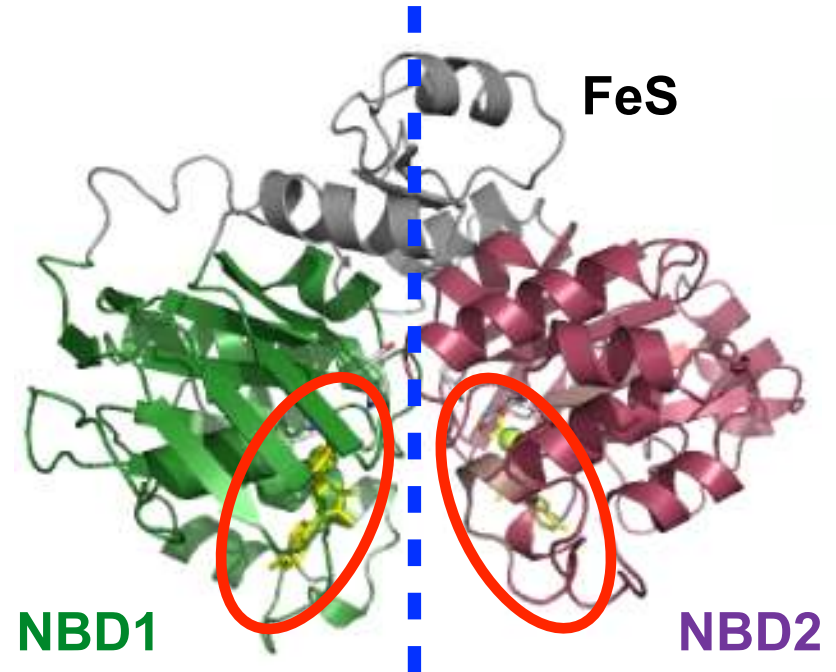
(Pisareva et al. EMBOJ, 2011)

Stall recovery

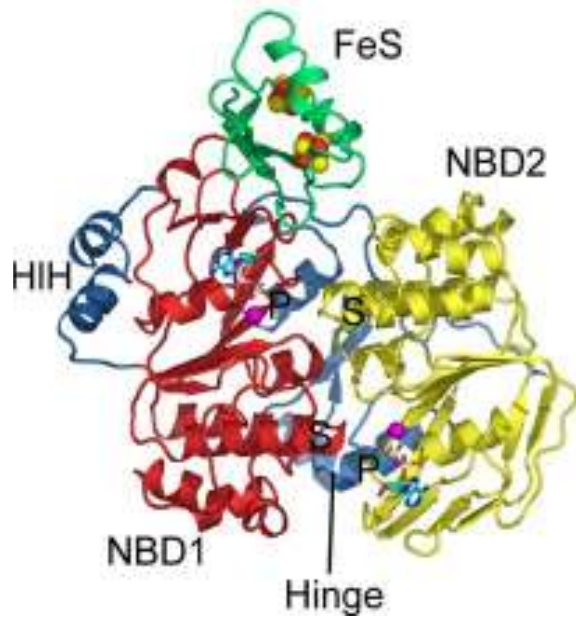
(Preis et al. CelRep, 2014)

Maybe translation initiation

(Heuer et al. NSMB 2017)

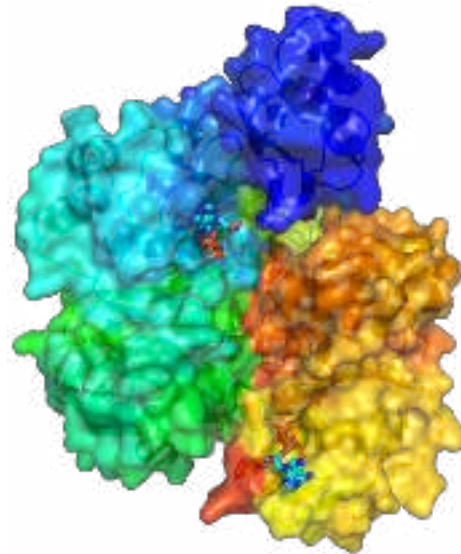


# ABCE1: Two nucleotide binding sites, open/closed



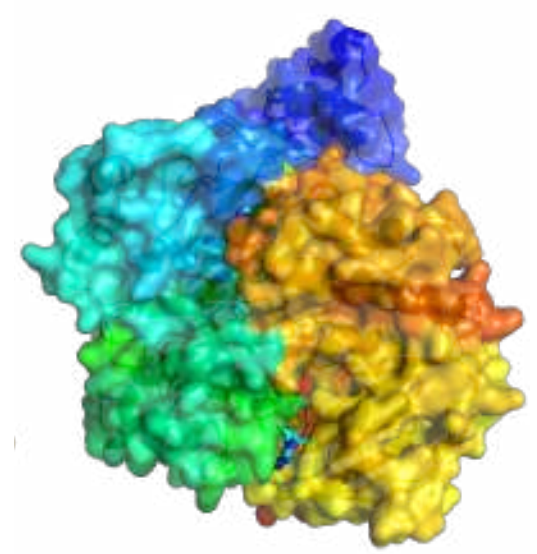
Annette Karcher et al. JBC 2008

OPEN



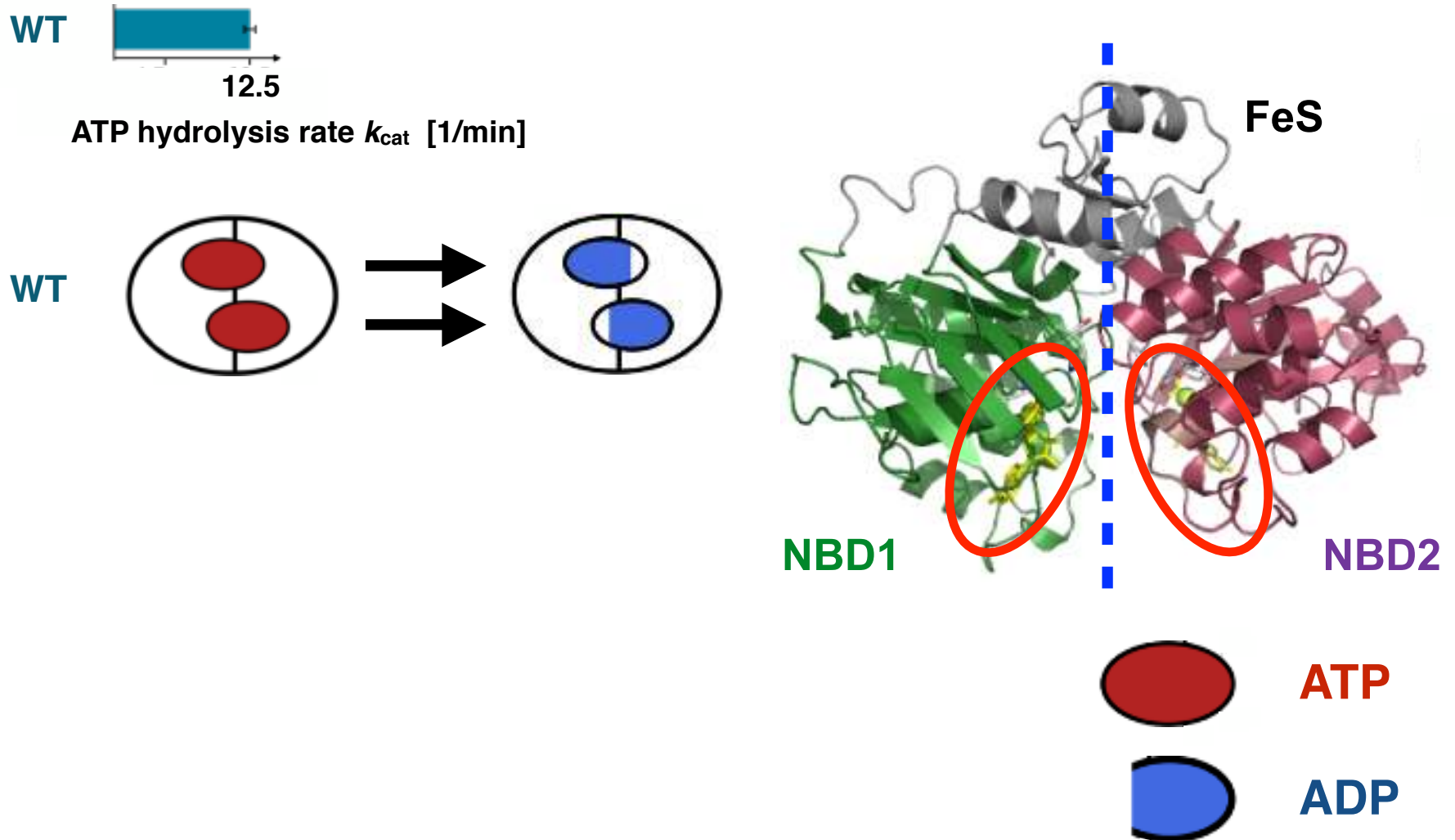
Karcher et al., J Biol Chem, 2008

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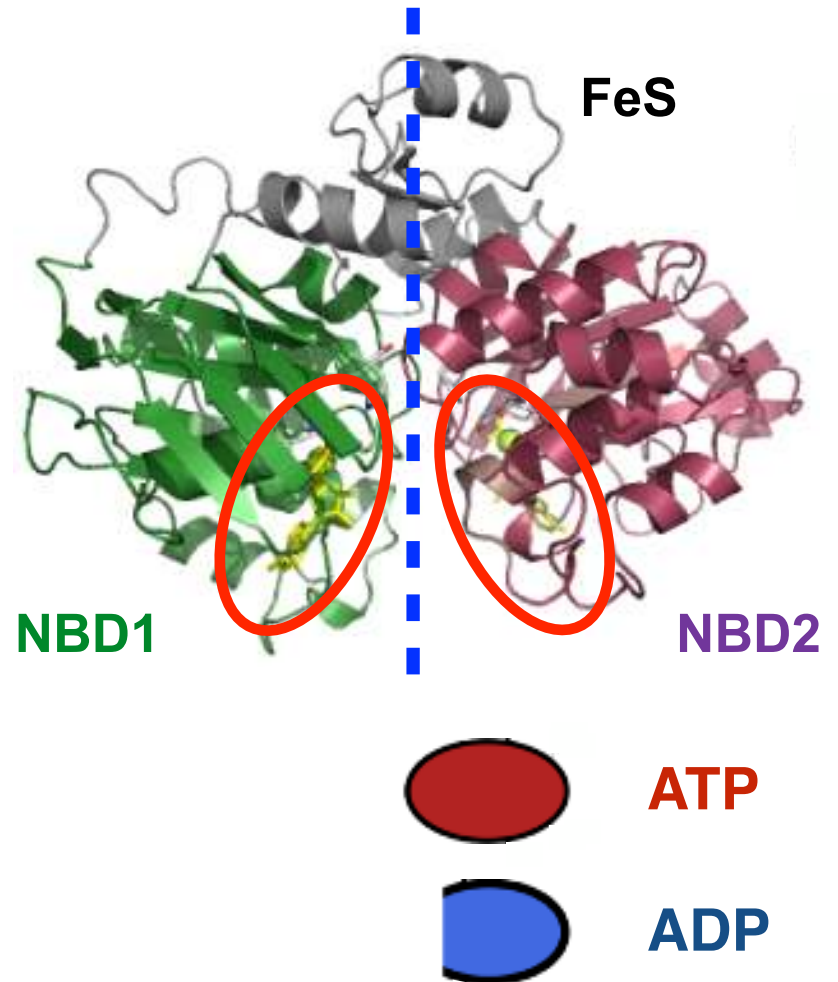
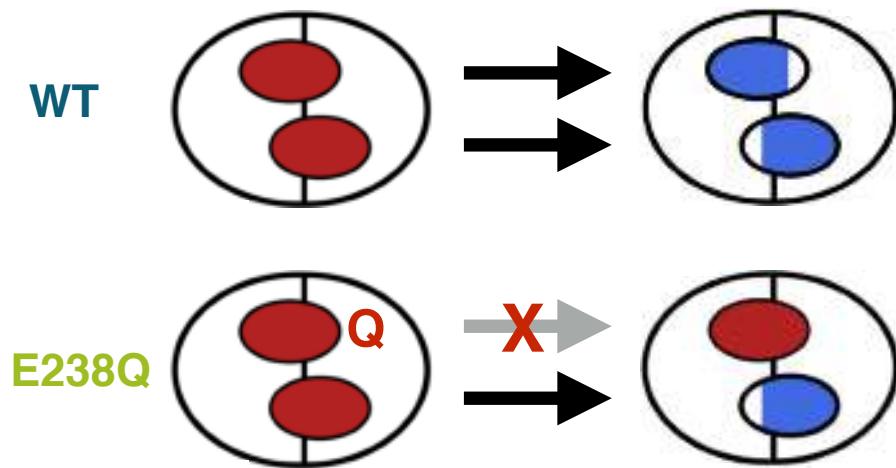
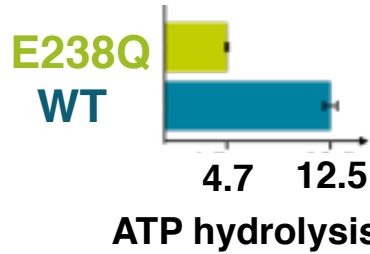


Heuer et al., Nat Struct Mol Biol, 2017

# ABCE1: Both nucleotide binding sites hydrolyse ATP

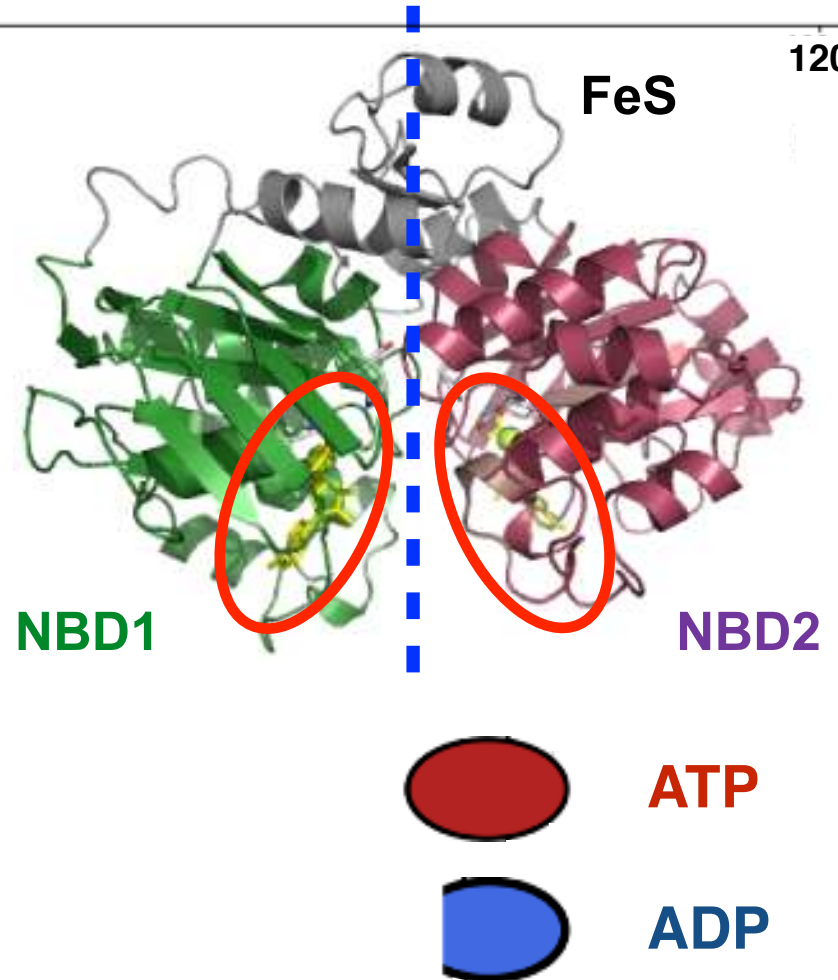
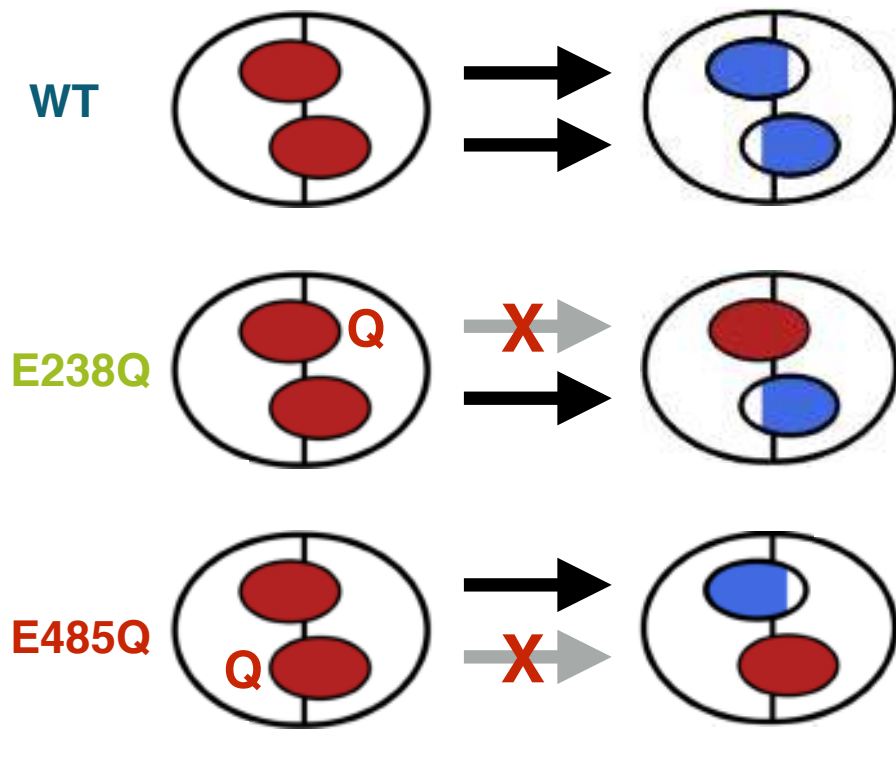
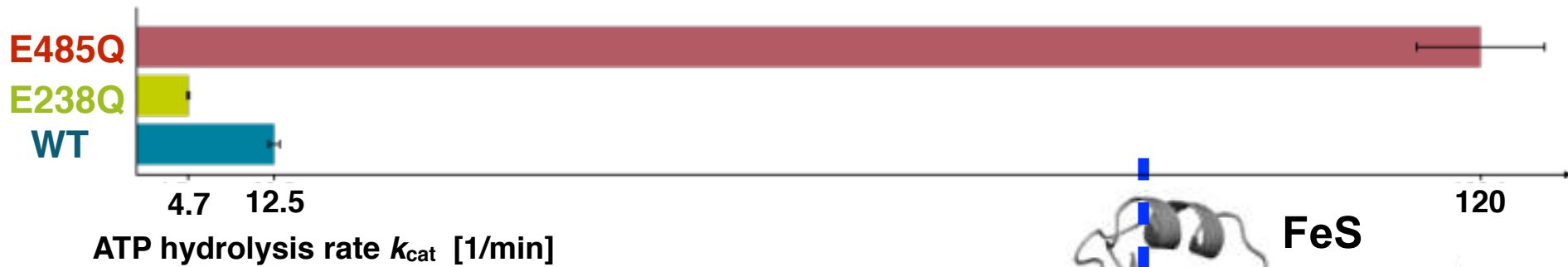


# Block binding site 1: half hydrolysis rate

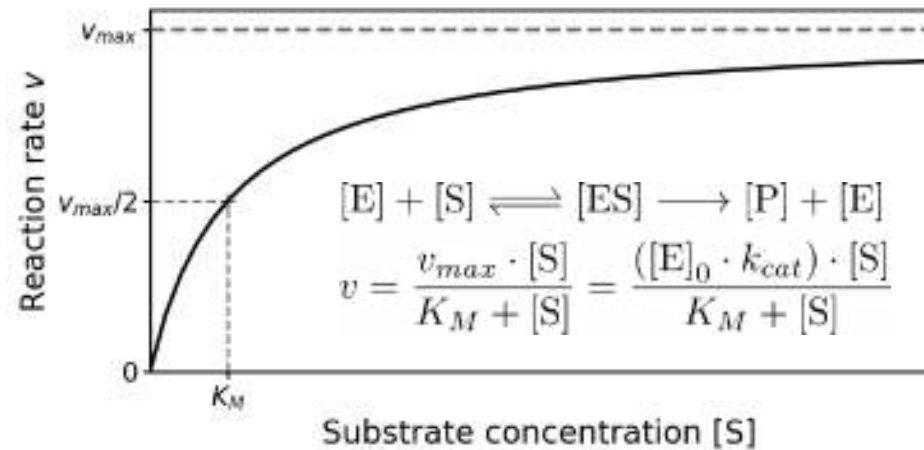
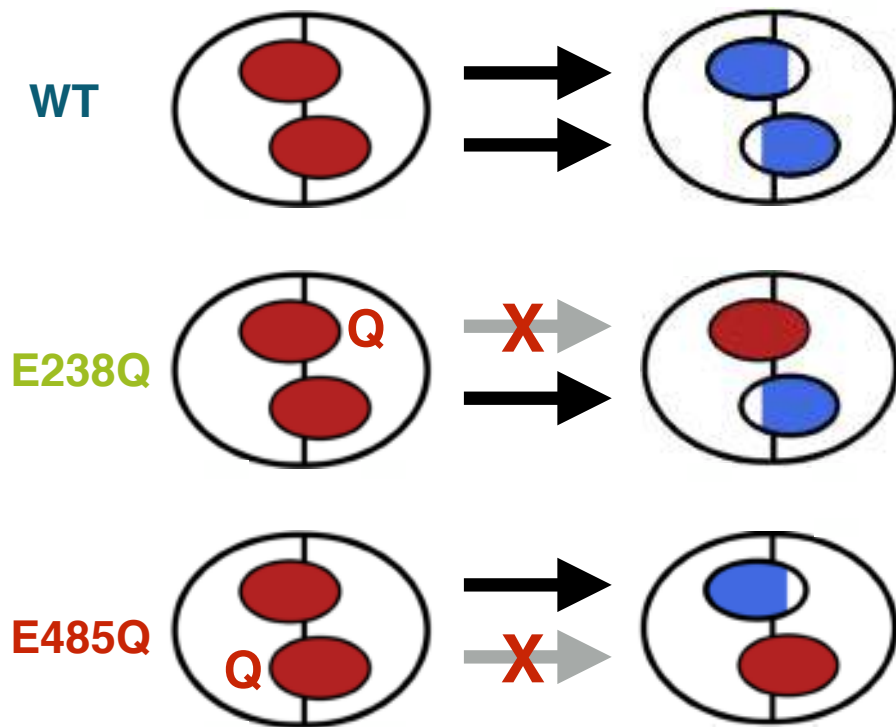
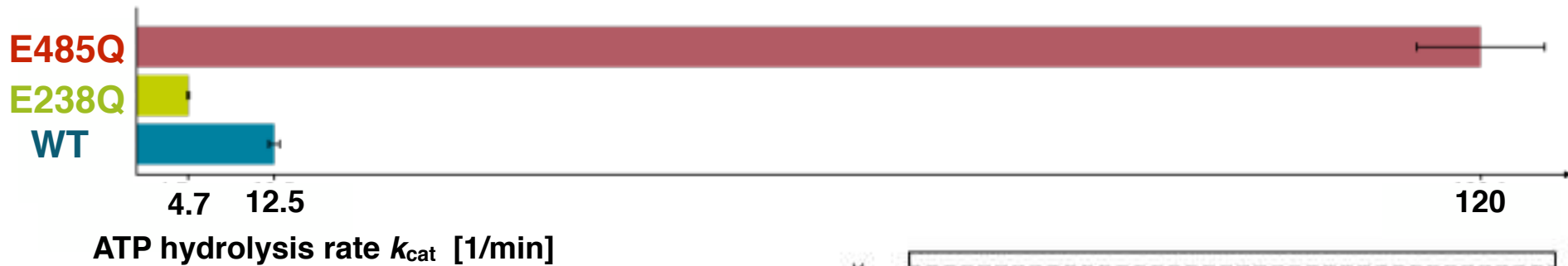




# Block binding site 2: 10-fold hydrolysis rate!

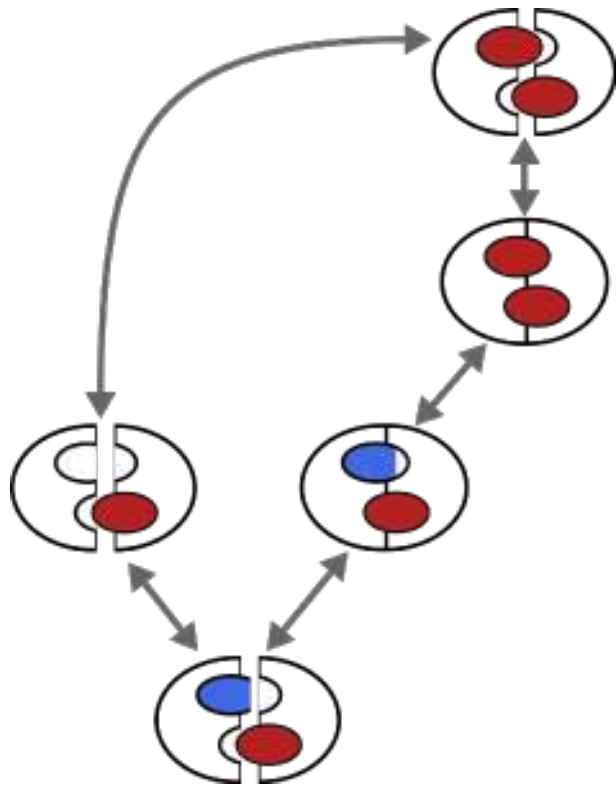


# Measured $k_{cat}$ and $K_M$ (WT & 2 mutants)

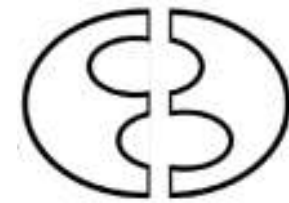


Protein	$k_{cat}$ [ $\text{min}^{-1}$ ]	$K_M$ [mM]
Wild type	12.5 ± 0.5	0.68 ± 0.05
E238Q	4.7 ± 0.1	0.20 ± 0.06
E485Q	122.1 ± 5.8	0.76 ± 0.12

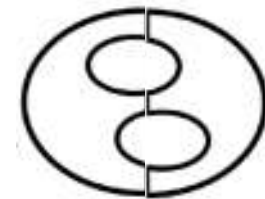
# ABCE1: A simple Markov State Model



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**open**



**closed**



**ATP**

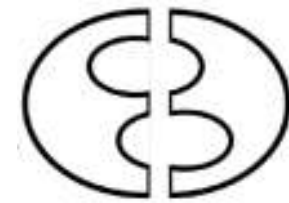
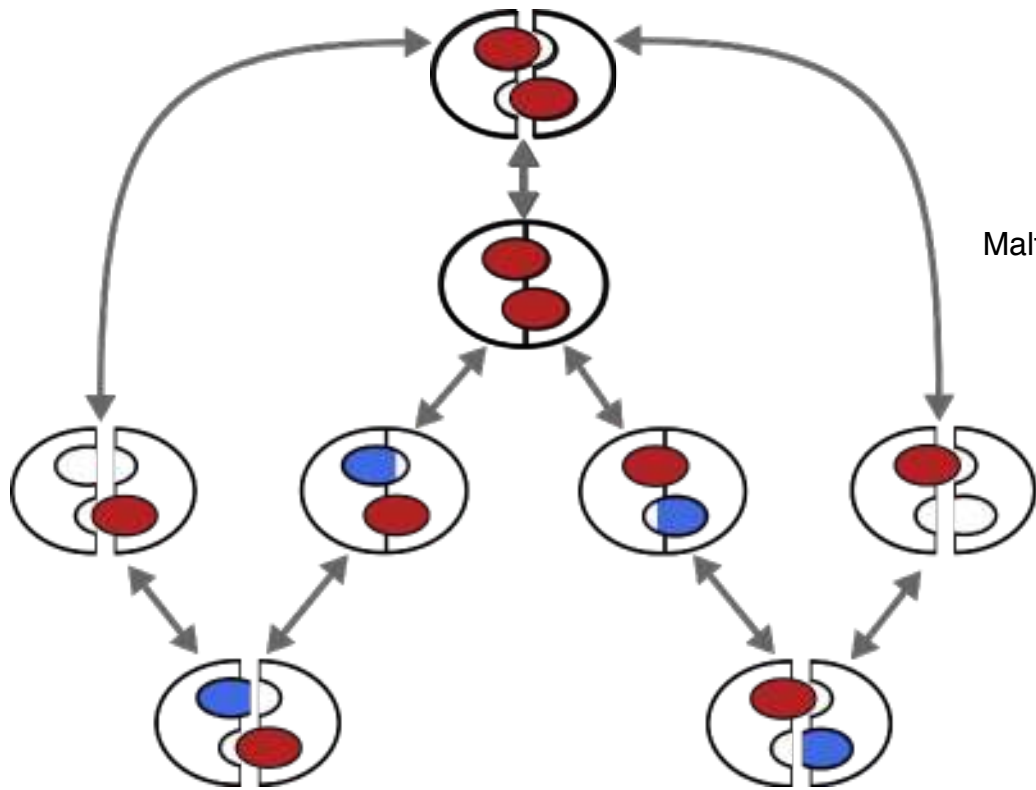


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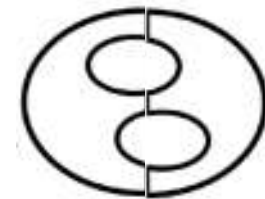
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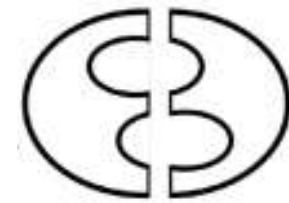
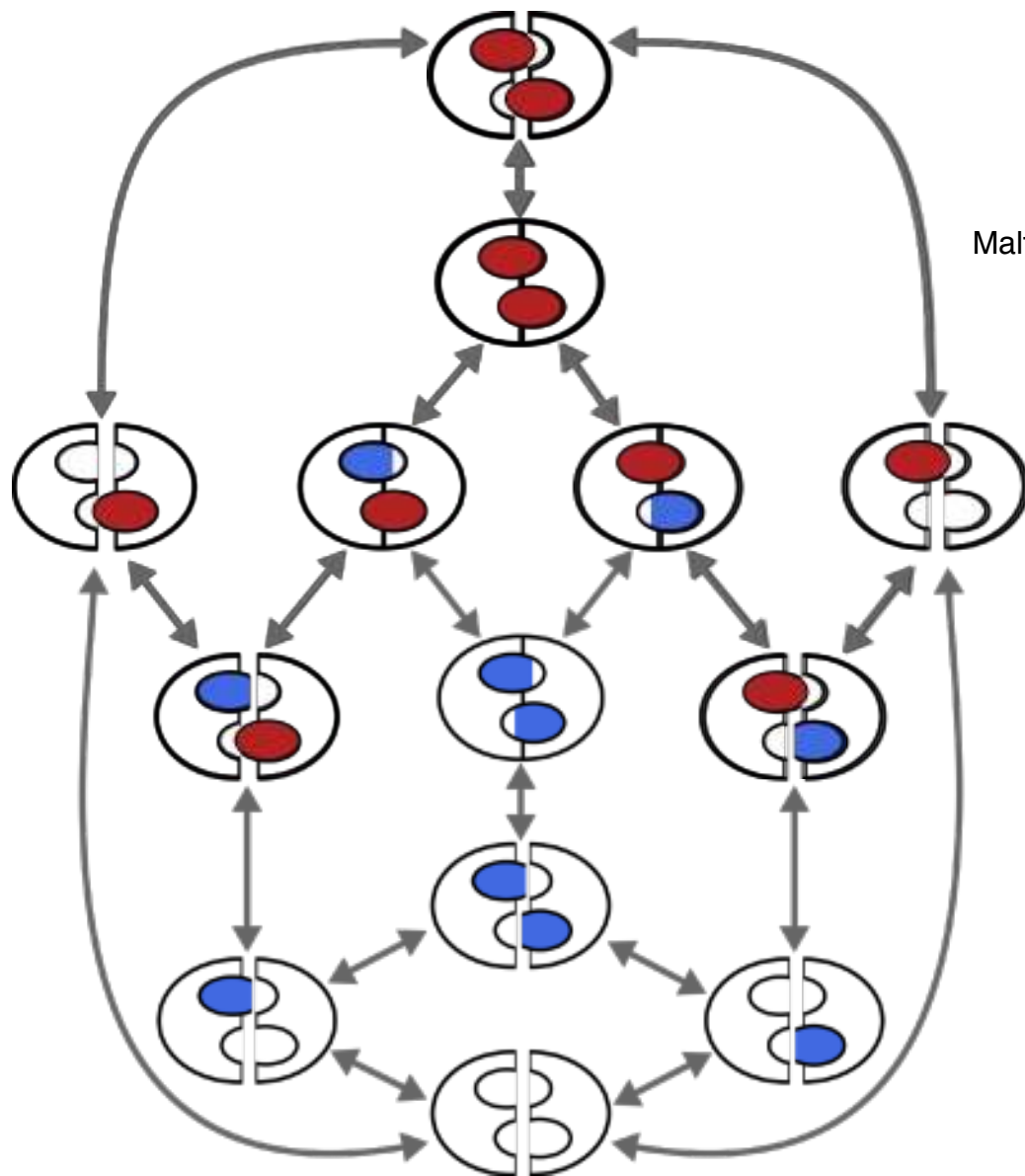
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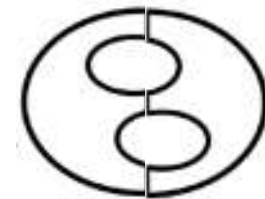
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# ABCE1: 13 states , 30 independent rates $\{k_{ij}\}$

Rate coefficient Matrix  $\mathbf{M}$

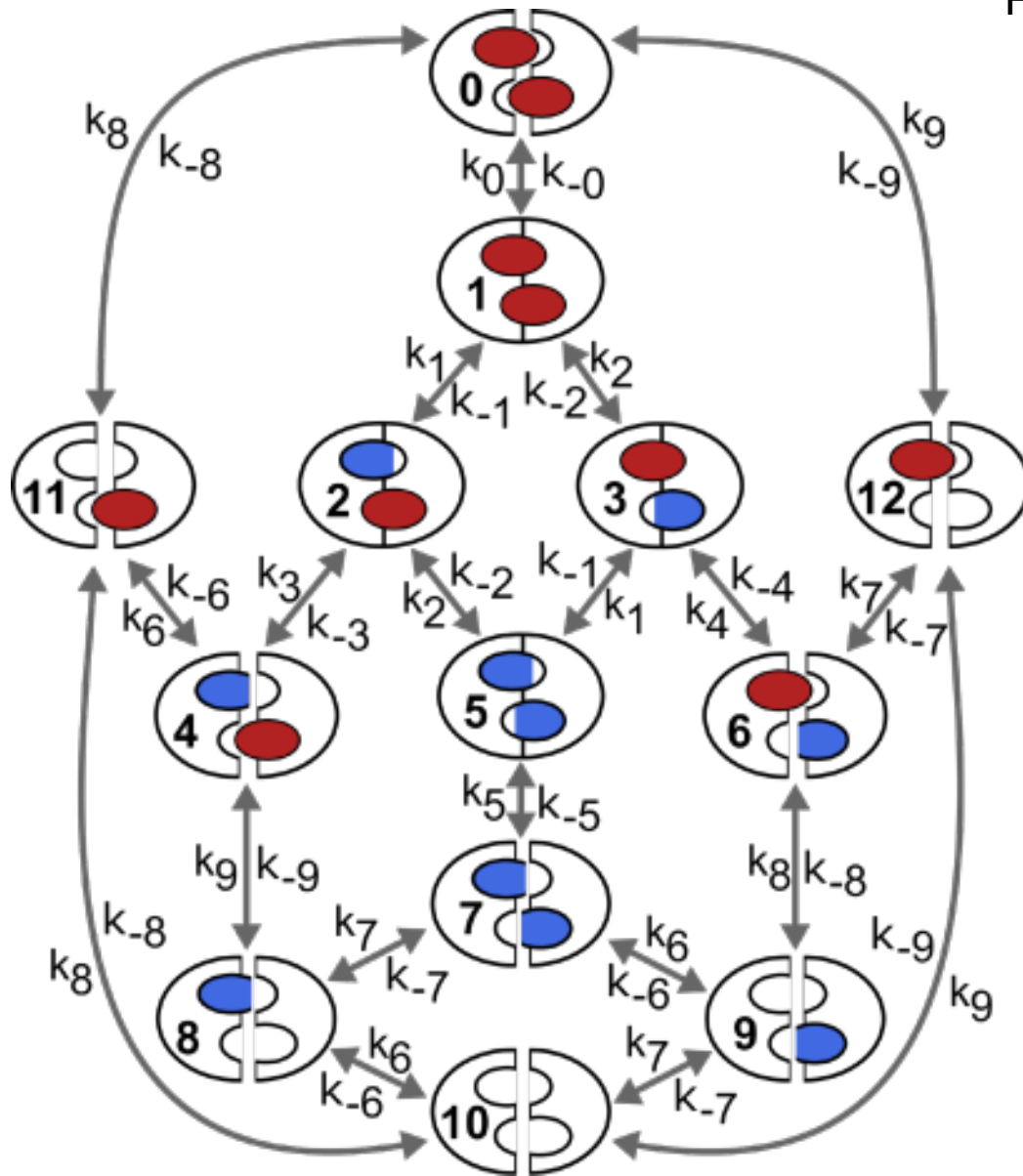
$$M_{ij} = k_{j \rightarrow i}$$

$$M_{ii} = - \sum k_{i \rightarrow j}$$

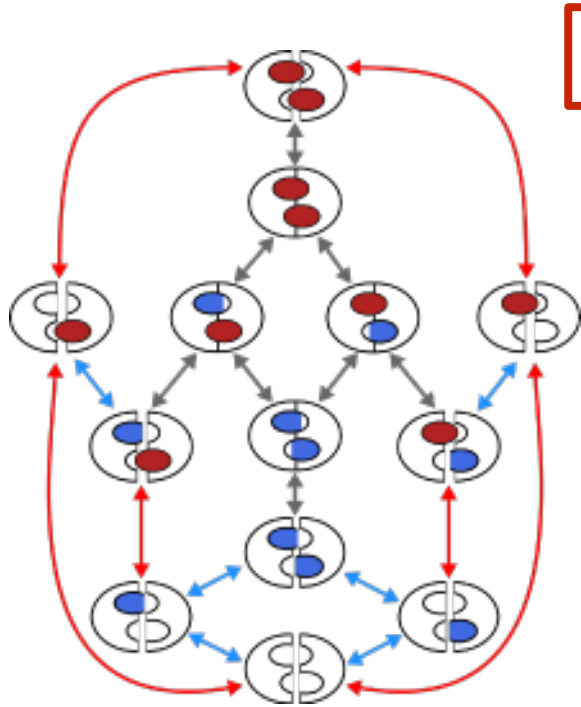
$$\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{p} = \dot{\mathbf{p}}$$

Stationary state:

$$\mathbf{M} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{0}$$



# Each set of 30 rates --> ATP hydrolysis rate



**WT**

Hydrolysis rates =  $\Sigma$  fluxes

Rate coefficient Matrix **M**

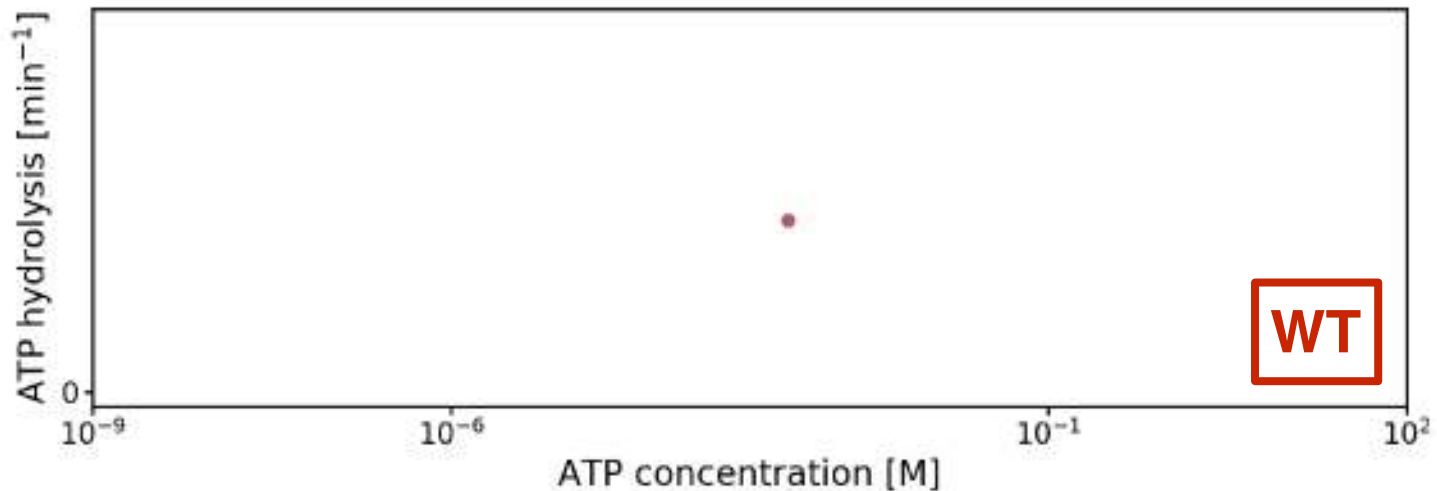
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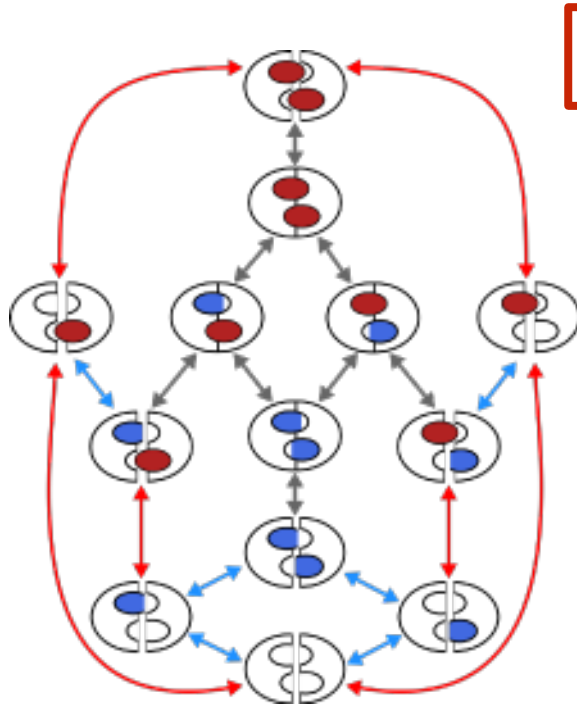
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Stationary state:

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# Vary ATP concentration --> $k_{cat}$ and $K_M$



**WT**

Hydrolysis rates =  $\Sigma$  fluxes

ATP binding rates  $\propto$  [ATP]

Rate coefficient Matrix **M**

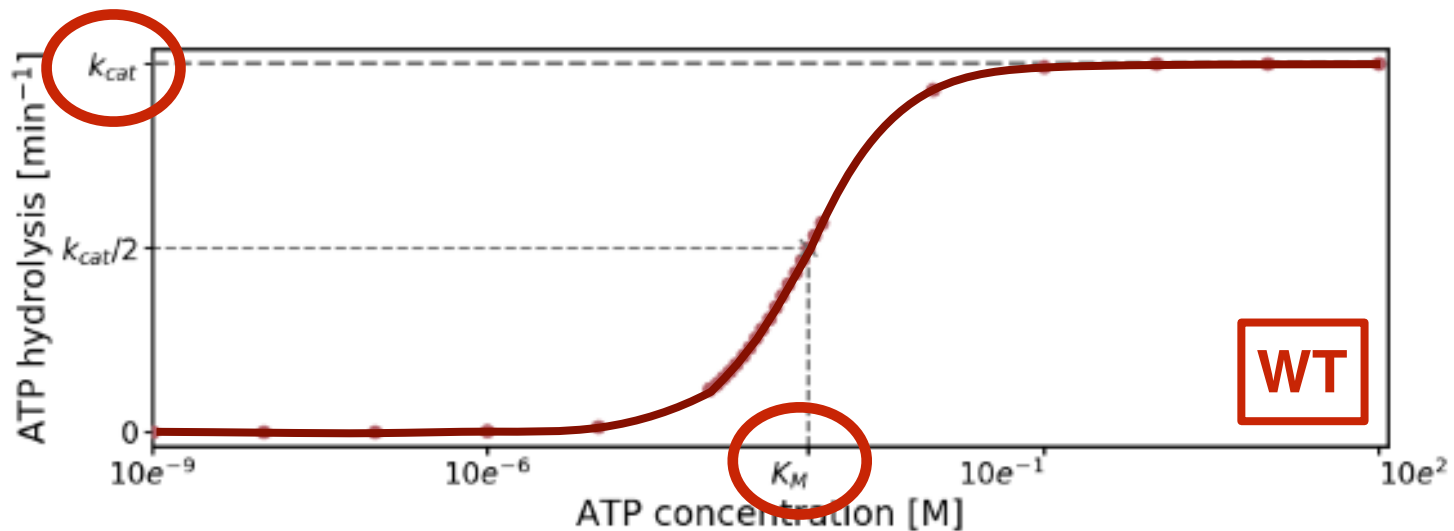
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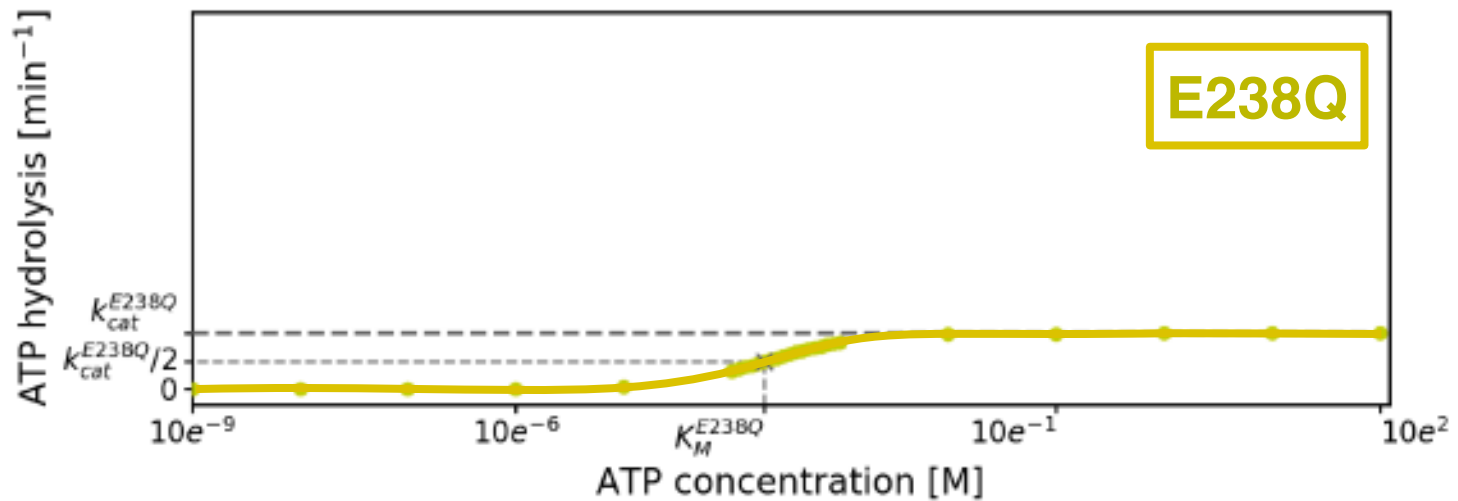
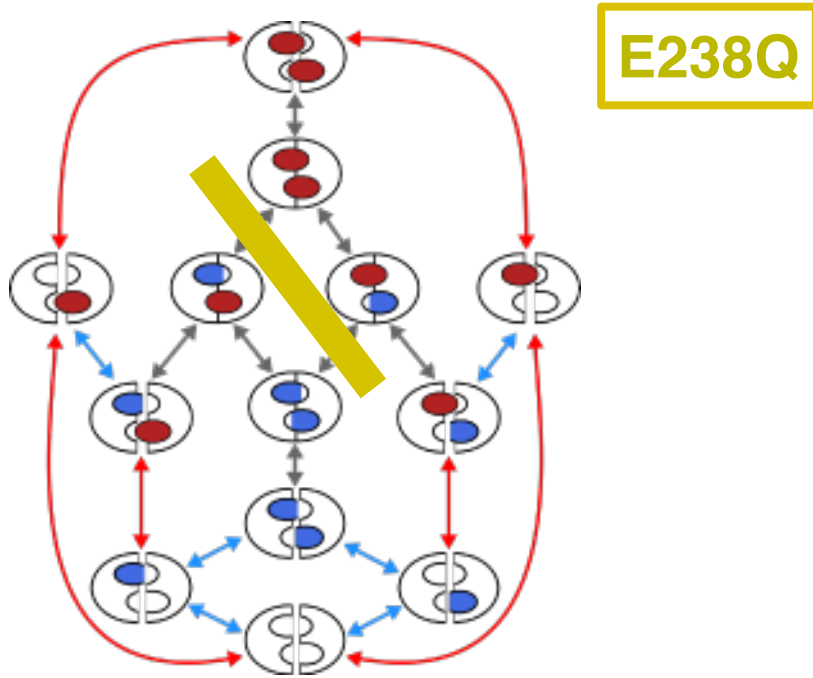
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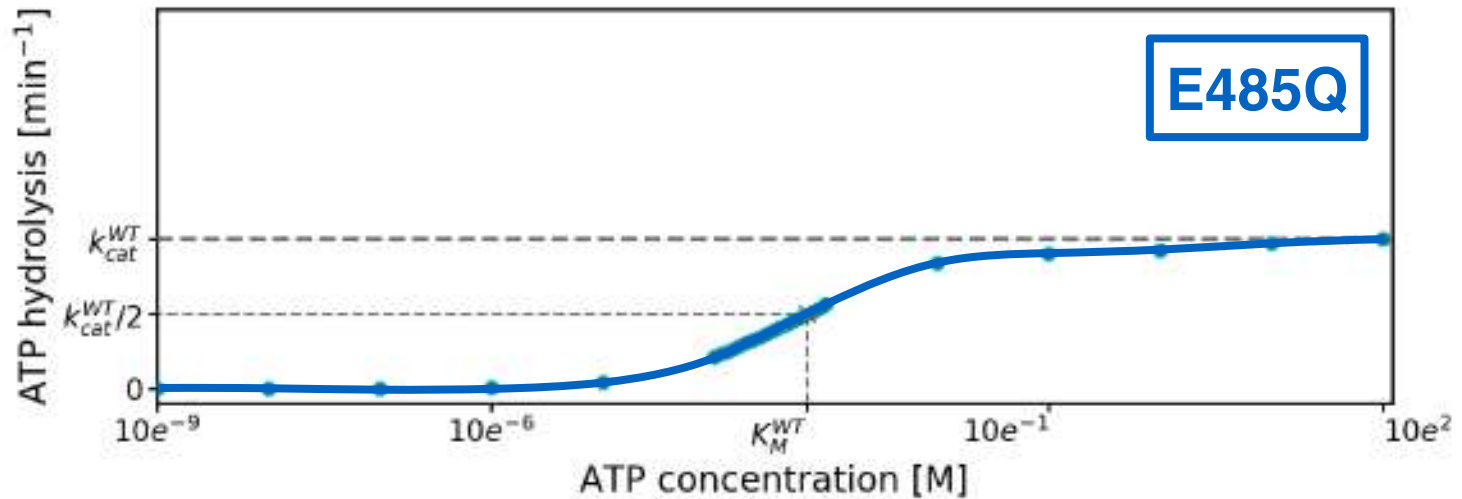
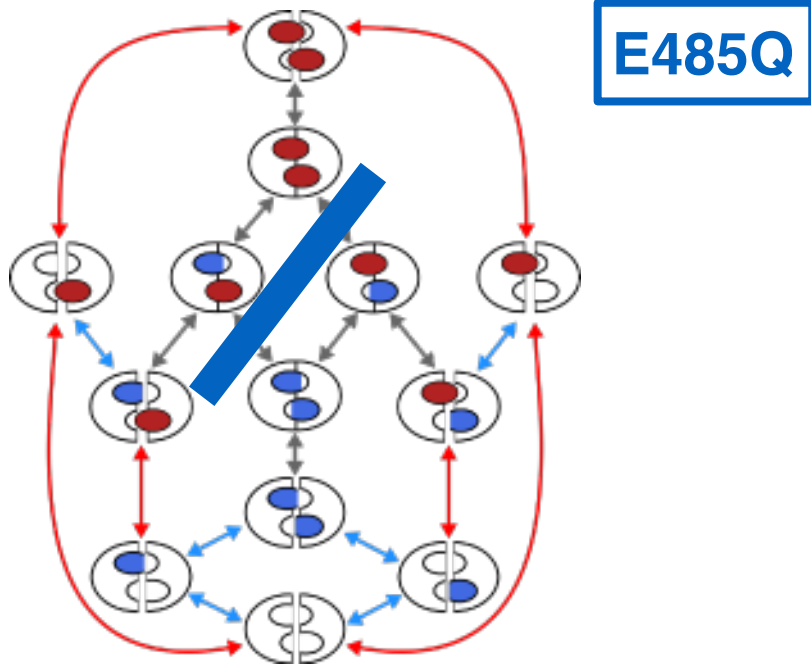




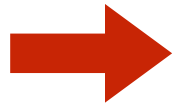
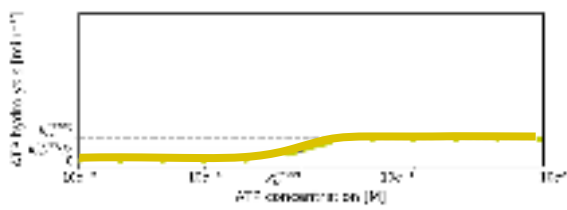
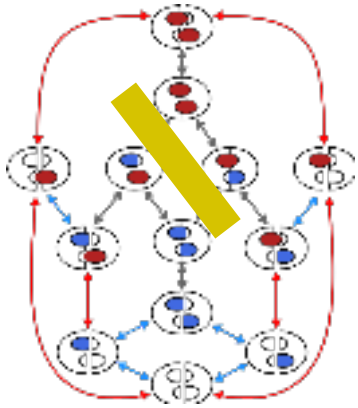
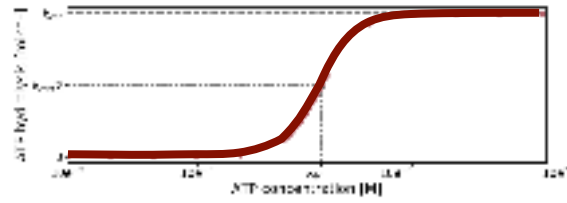
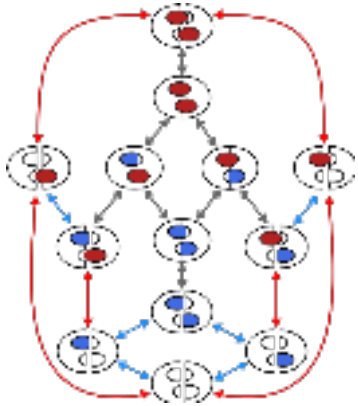
# Block binding site 1 --> $k_{cat}$ and $K_M$ for E238Q



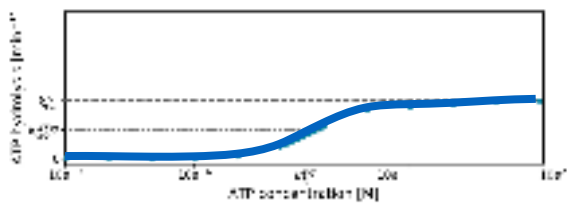
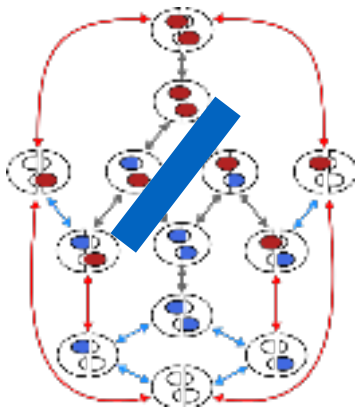
# Block binding site 2 --> $k_{cat}$ and $K_M$ for E485Q



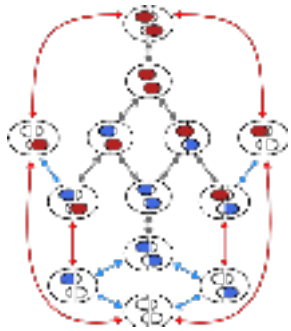
# Compare 3 x $k_{cat}$ and $K_M$ to experiment $\rightarrow p(\{k_{ij}\} | \{k_{cat}, K_M\})$



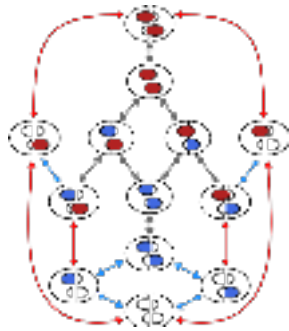
$$LD := \sqrt{\sum_i \left( \log \frac{kp_{sim_i}}{kp_{exp_i}} \right)^2}$$



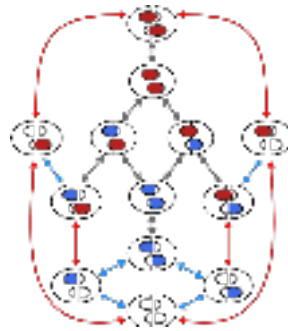
# Exhaustive sampling of Markov models $\{k_{ij}\}$



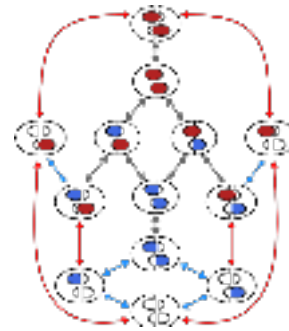
LD = 53%



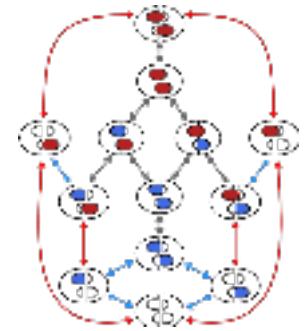
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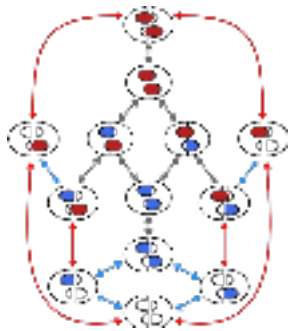
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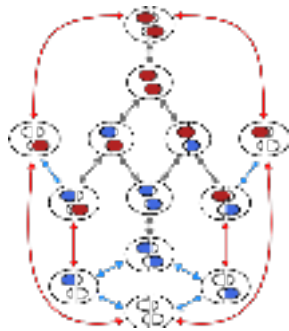
LD = 1%



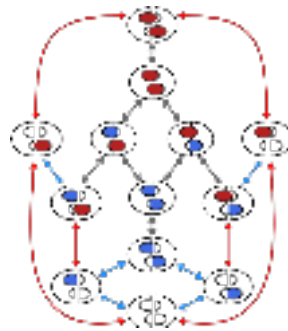
LD = 5%



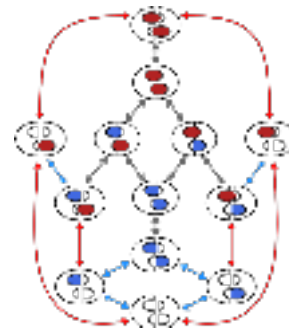
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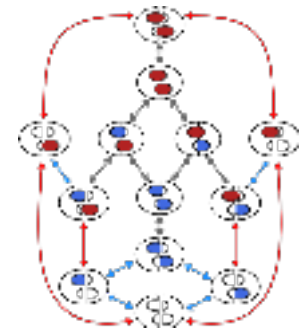
LD = 2%



LD = 99%



LD = 67%

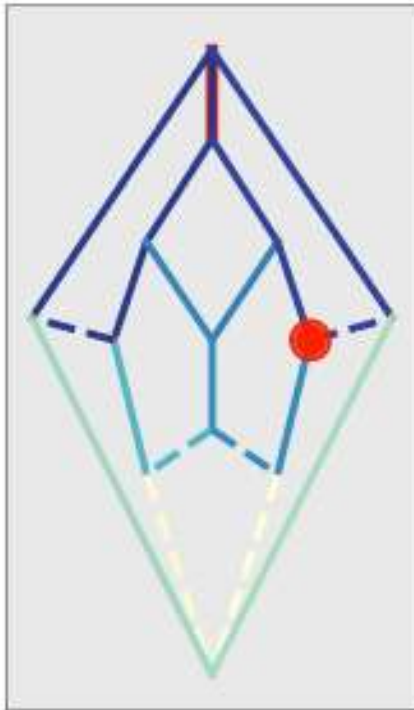


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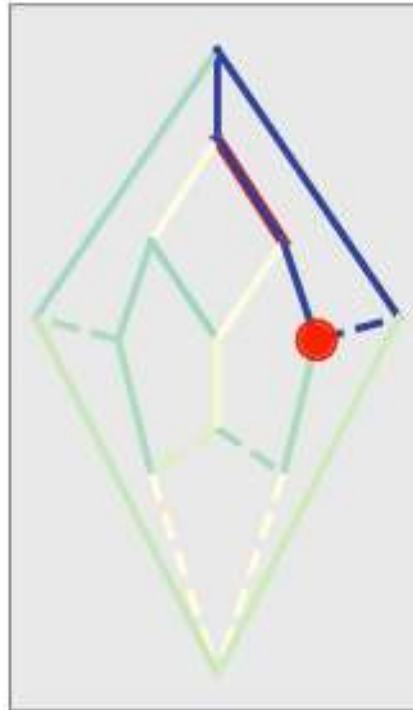
--> 10,000,000 sets of rate coefficients, enhanced sampling

# Markov Models $\{k_{ij}\}$ that agree best with experiment

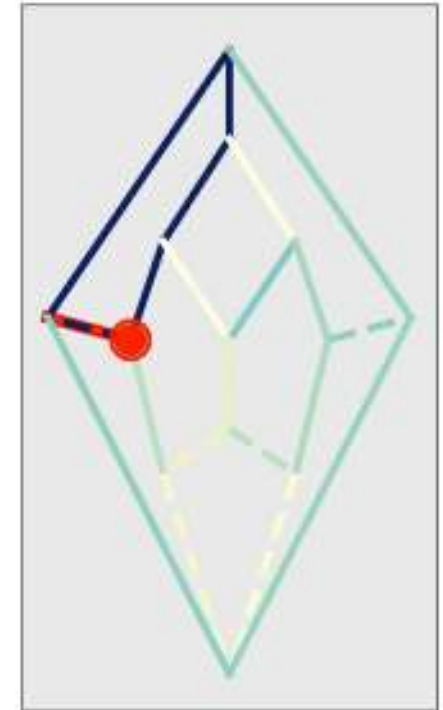
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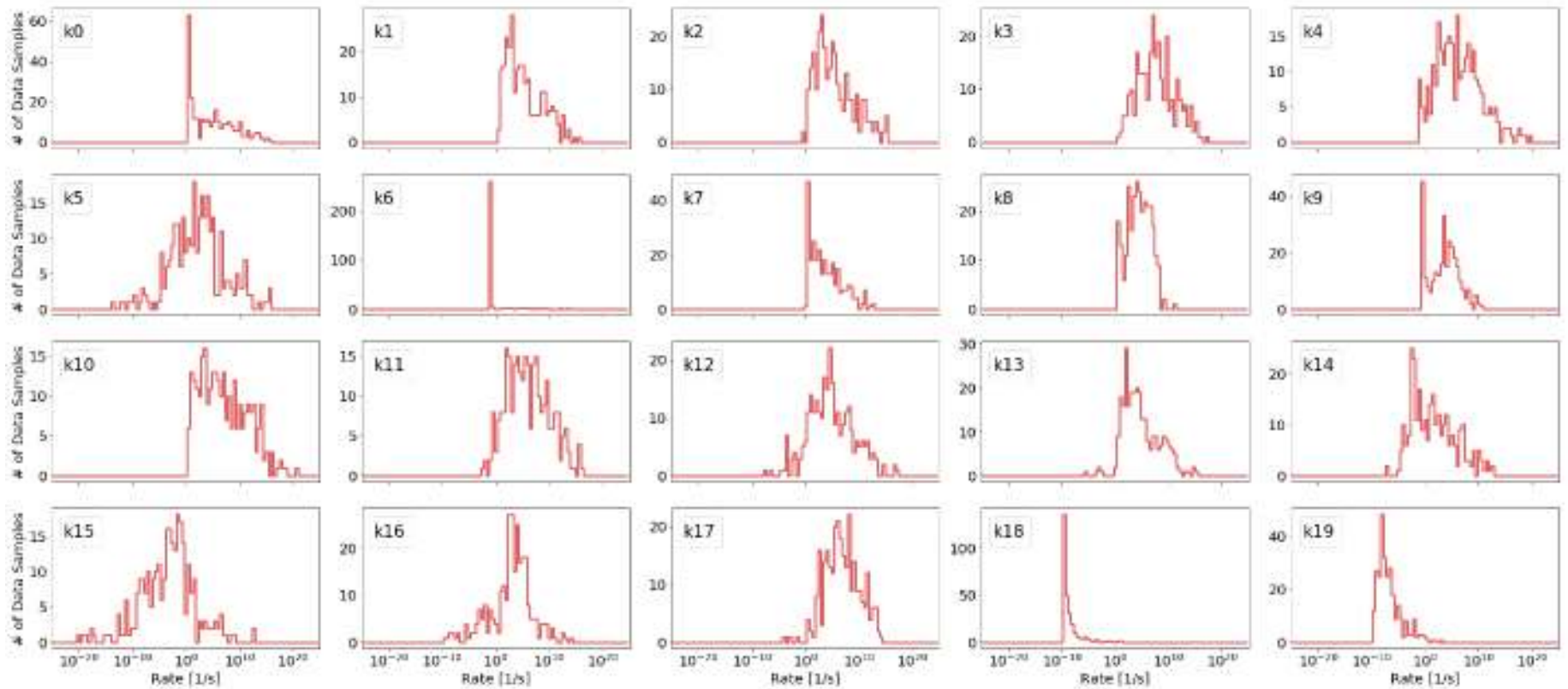


*flux: low high*  
*red: bottleneck*

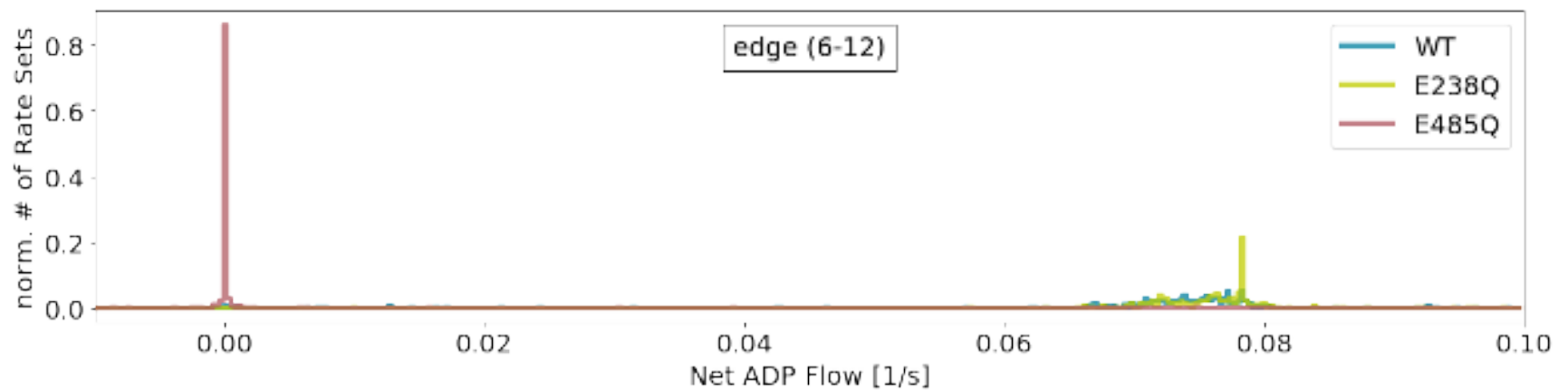
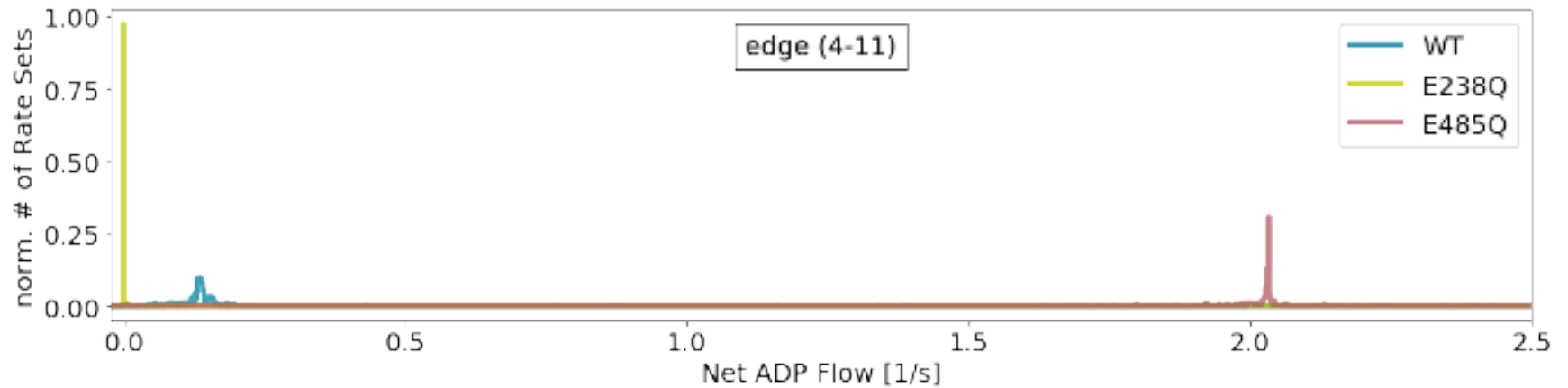
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# Broad distributions of rate coefficients

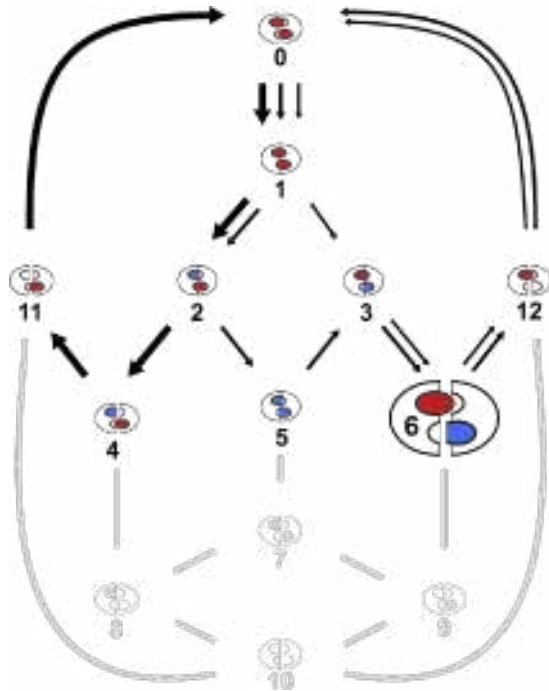


# Narrow distributions of fluxes

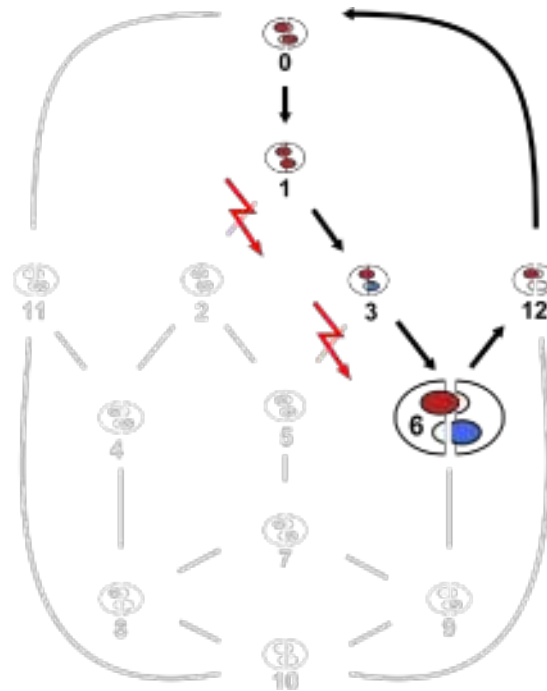


# ABCE1 Consensus Kinetic Model

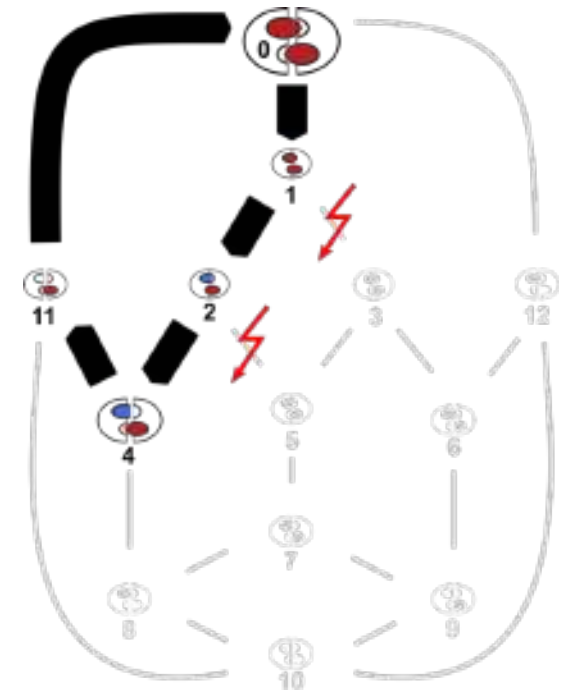
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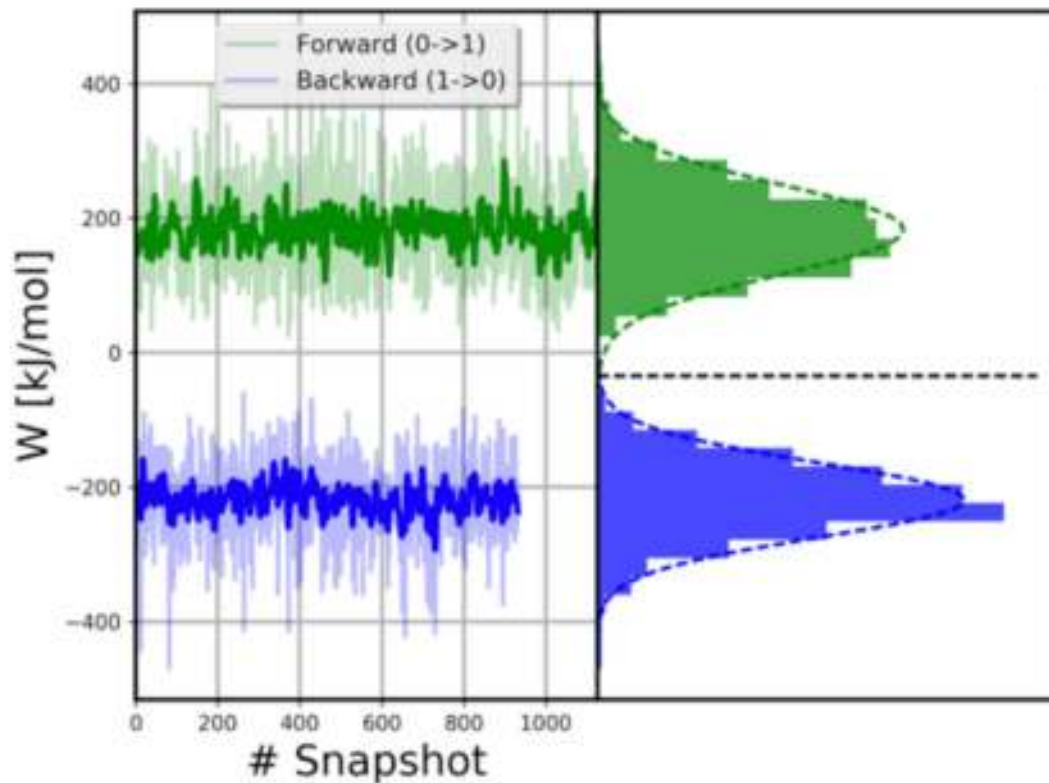
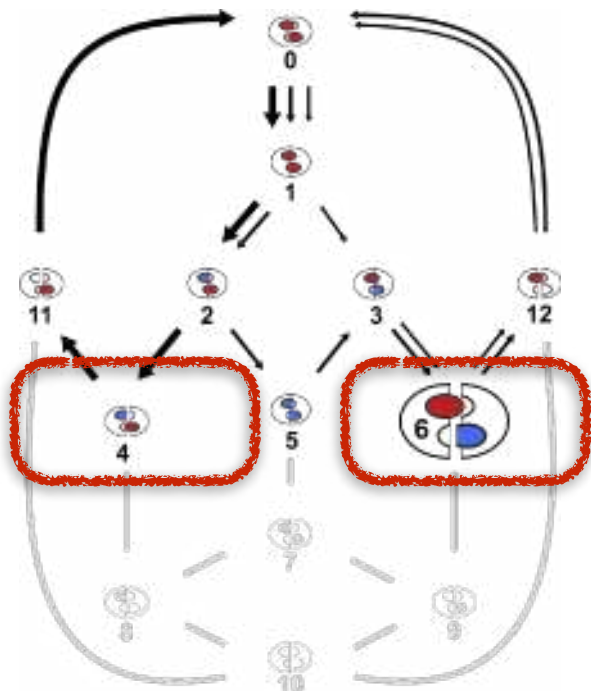


Line thickness: Flux

Symbol size: Population

# Prediction: Free energy difference (MD / Crooks NE-sampling)

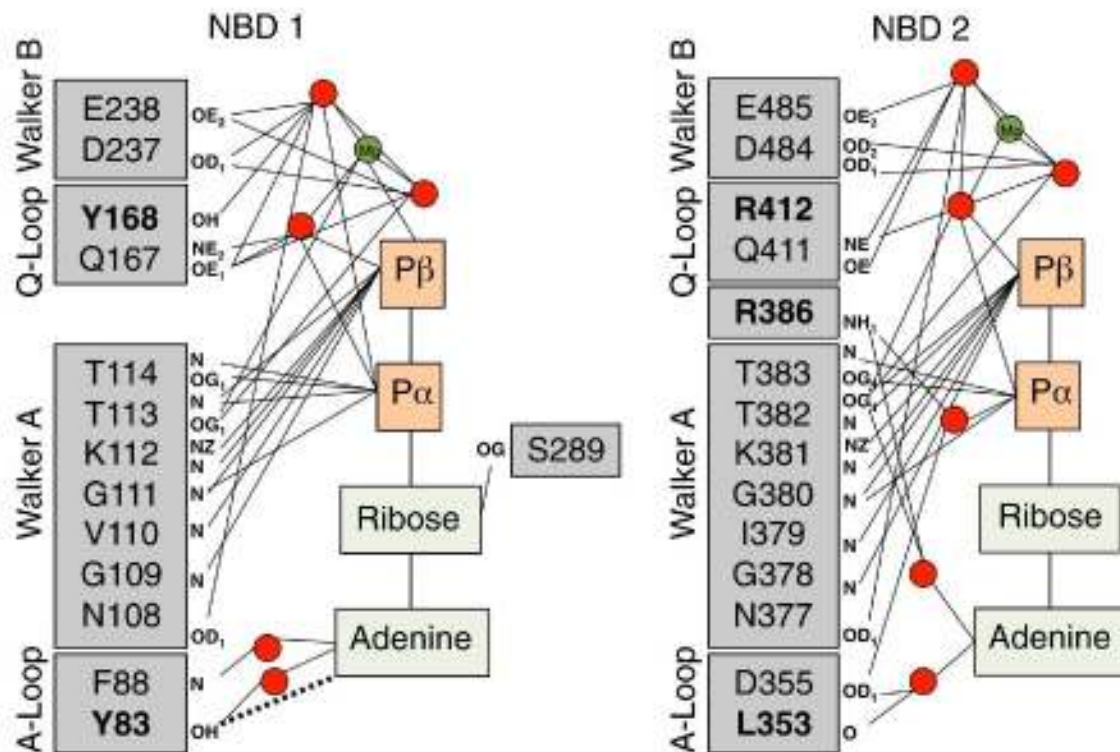
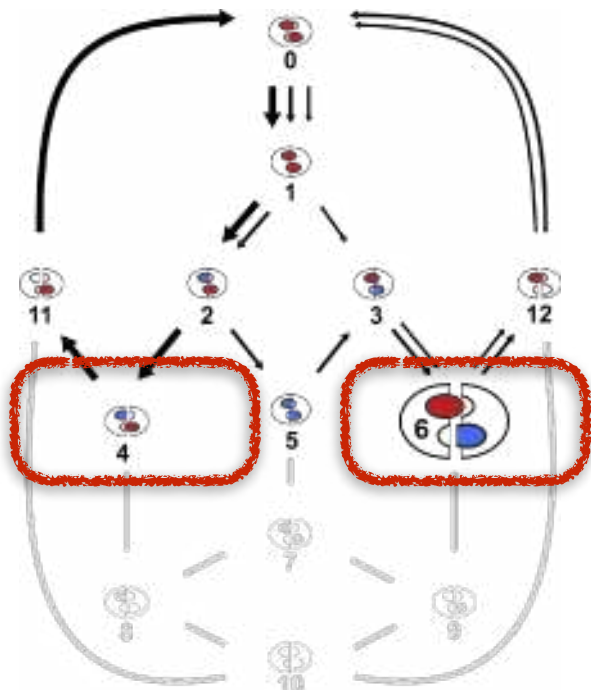
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$$\Delta G_{6-4} = - 30 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

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Barthelme et. al. PNAS 2011, Fig. S2

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# Theory vs. Experiment: Occupancies

