

# Molecular dynamics methods applied to food chemistry

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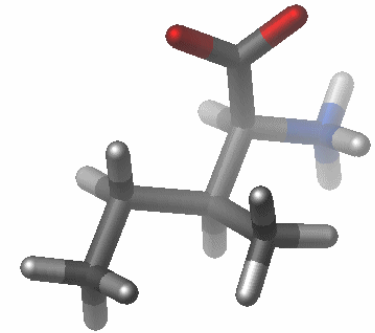
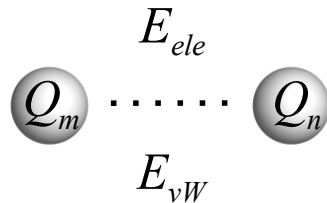
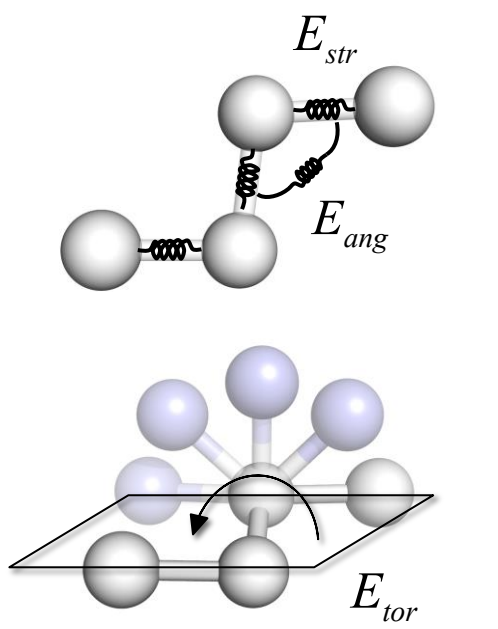
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# Molecular dynamics

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Bonded-terms

Non bonded-terms

Other

Polarization

Restraints

$$E = E_{str} + E_{bnd} + E_{tor} + E_{nb} + E_{other}$$

$$E_{str} = \sum_{bonds} K_{str} (l - l_o)^2$$

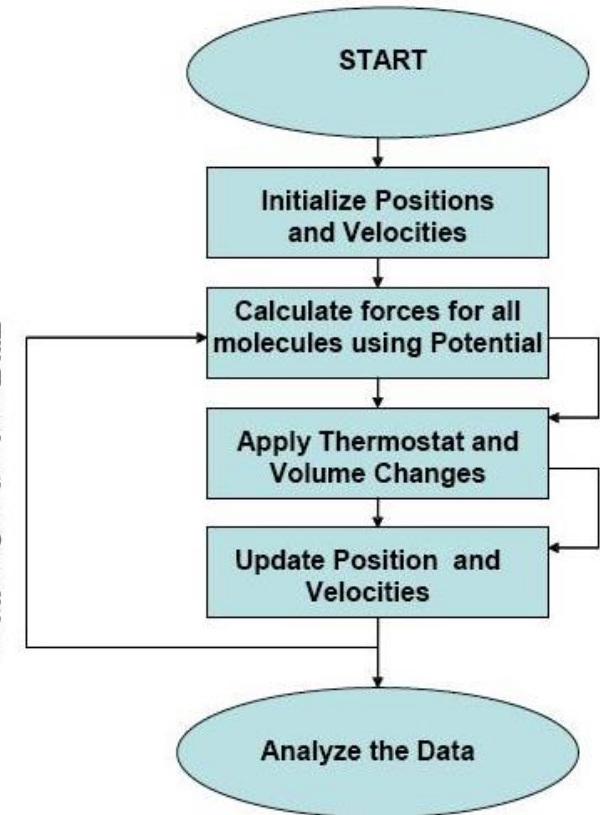
$$E_{bnd} = \sum_{angles} K_{ang} (\Theta - \Theta_o)^2$$

$$E_{tor} = \sum_{tor} \sum_{n=1}^3 \frac{V_n}{2} (1 + \cos n\Phi - \gamma)$$

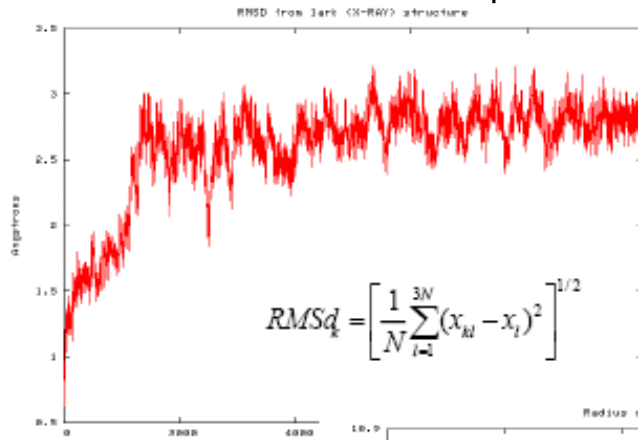
$$E_{ele} = \sum_{m,n} \frac{Q_m Q_n}{\epsilon(R_{mn}) R_{mn}}$$

$$E_{vW} = \sum_{i,j} \left( \frac{A_{ij}}{R_{ij}^{12}} - \frac{C_{ij}}{R_{ij}^6} \right)$$

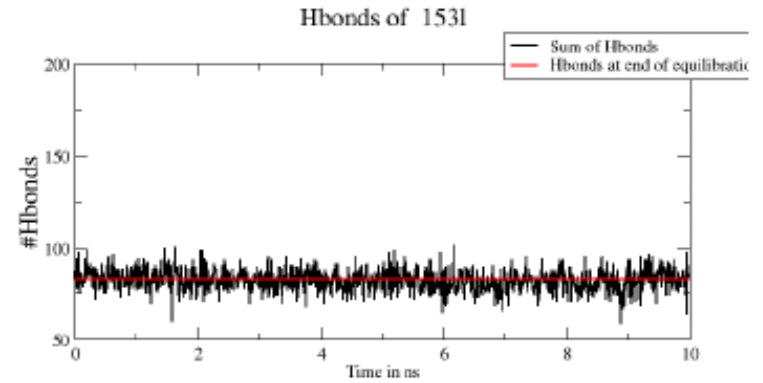
Till Termination Condition



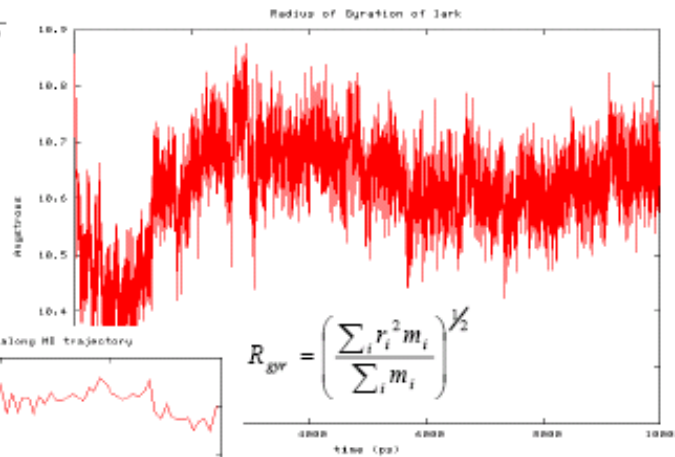
Root-mean Square deviation



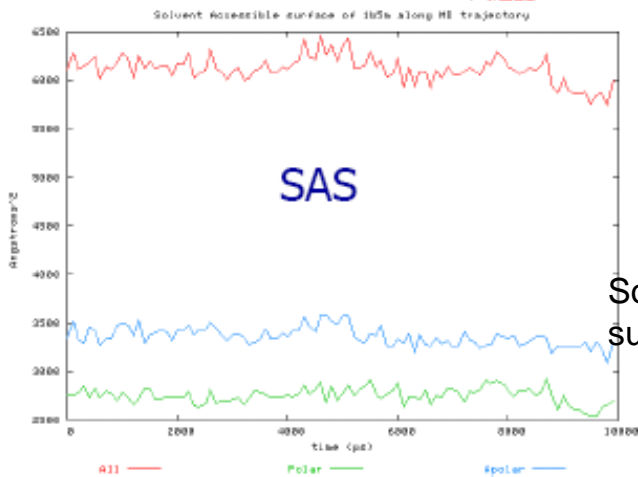
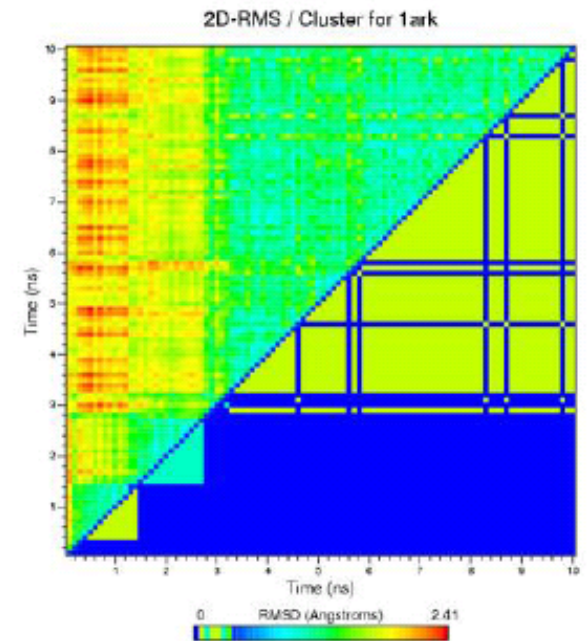
Specific interactions



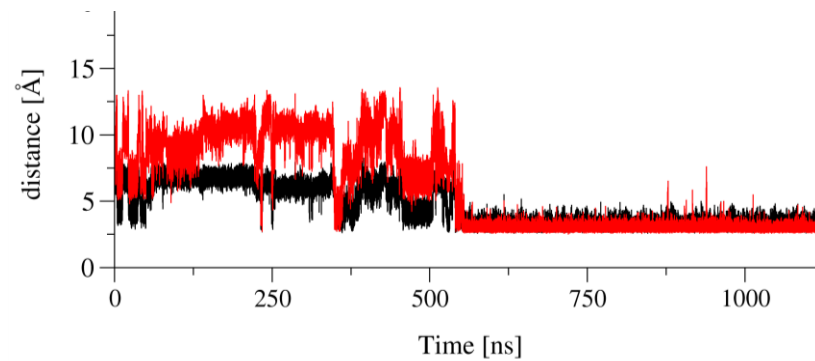
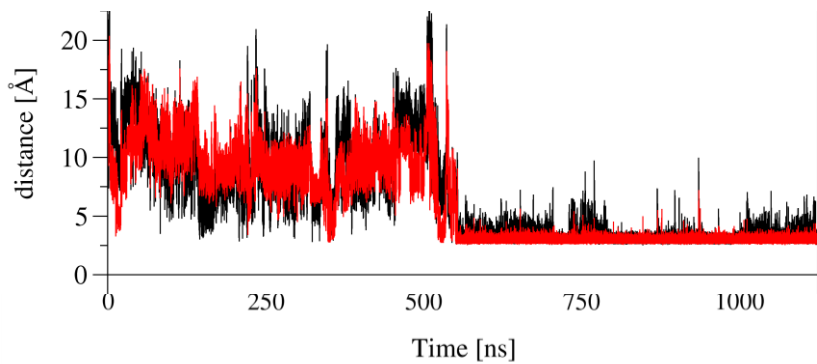
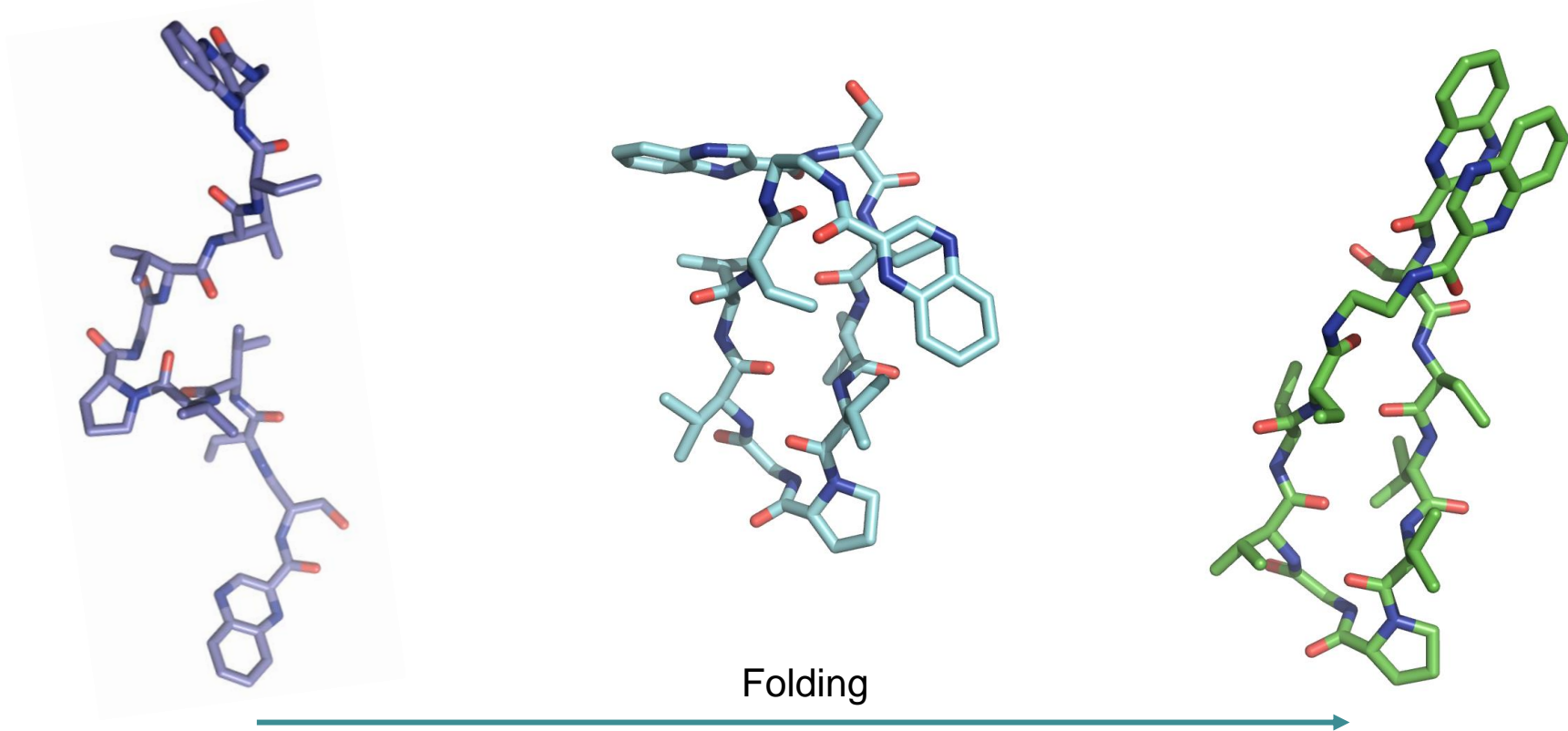
Radius of gyration



Conformational families (clustering)

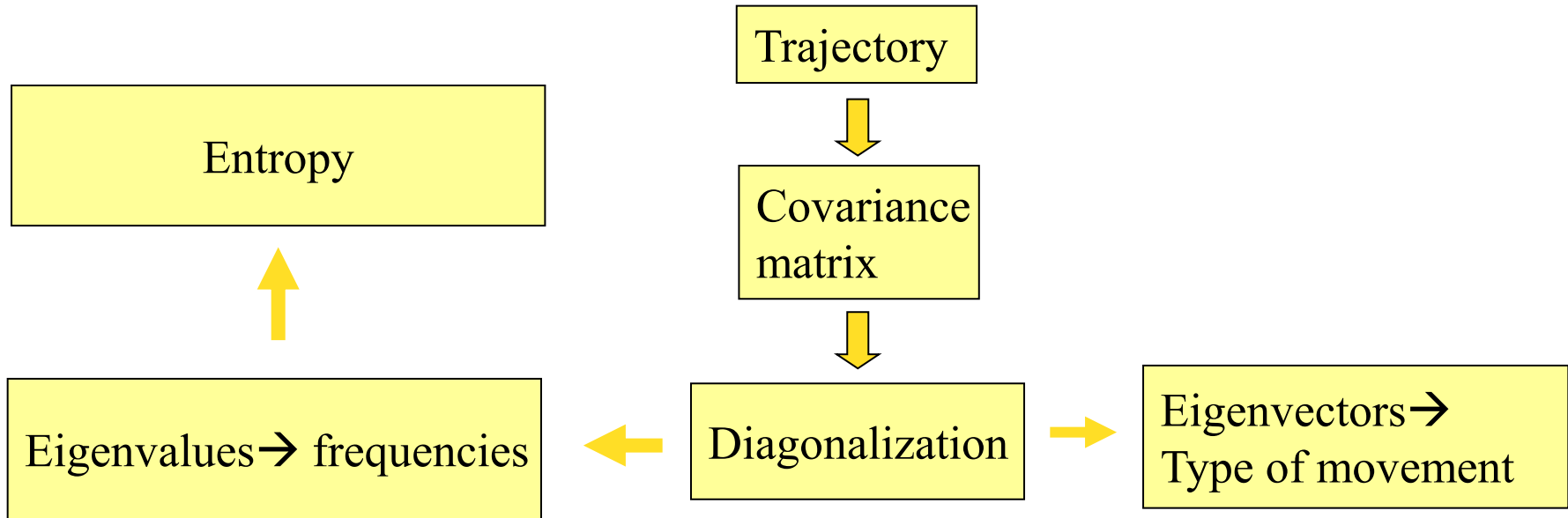


# Molecular Dynamics example



Time evolution of the hydrogen bond formation between the backbone  $\text{NH}\cdots\text{O}=\text{C}$  groups of both  $\beta$ -sheet strands

## Structural Flexibility: Essential Dynamics



For a set of principal eigenvectors,

absolute similarity index

relative similarity index

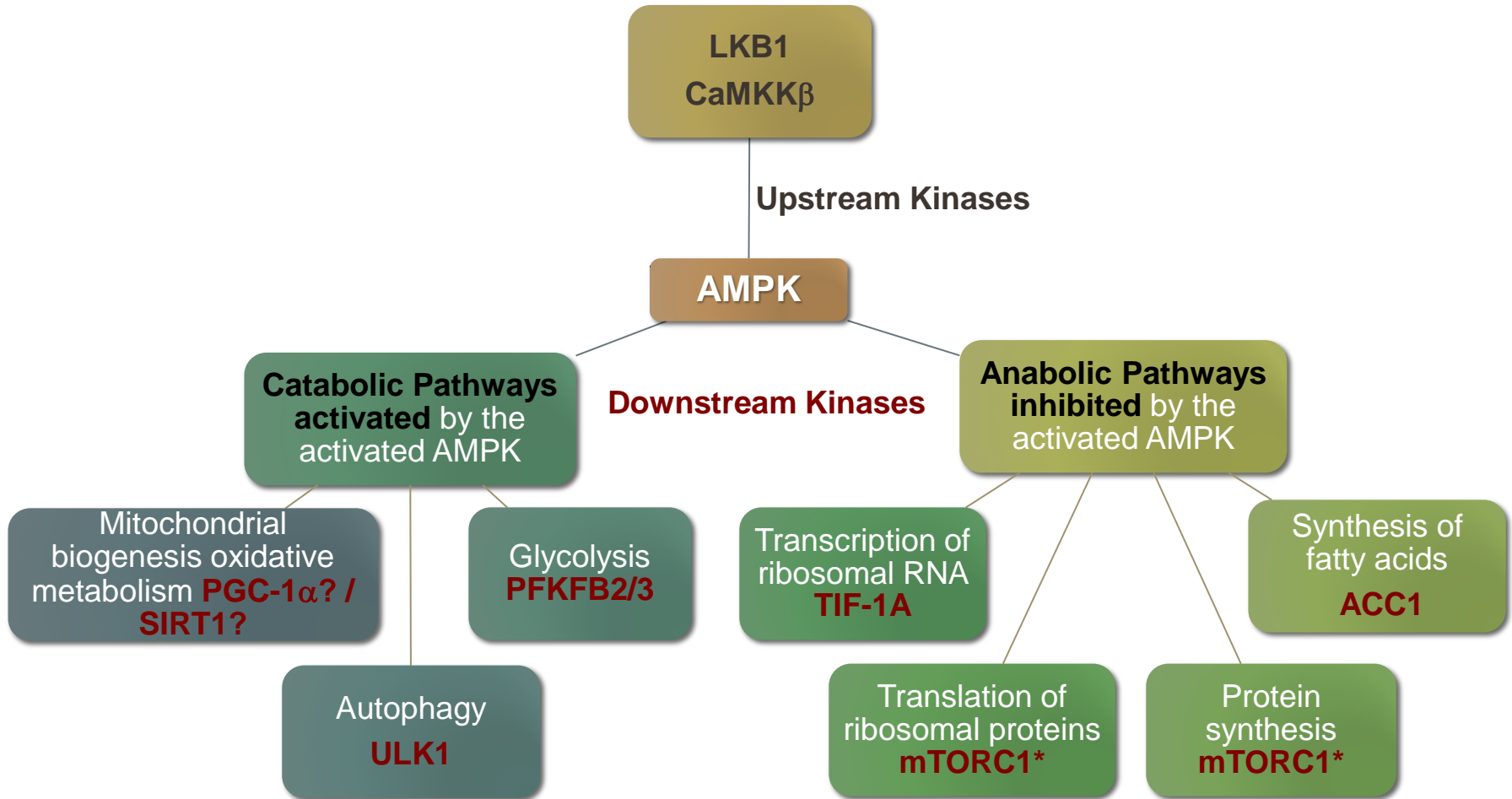
$$\gamma_{AB} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{v}_i^A \cdot \mathbf{v}_j^B)^2$$

$$\kappa_{AB} = 2 \frac{\gamma_{AB}}{\gamma_{AA} + \gamma_{BB}}$$

# Mechanisms of ligand activity: enzyme activator

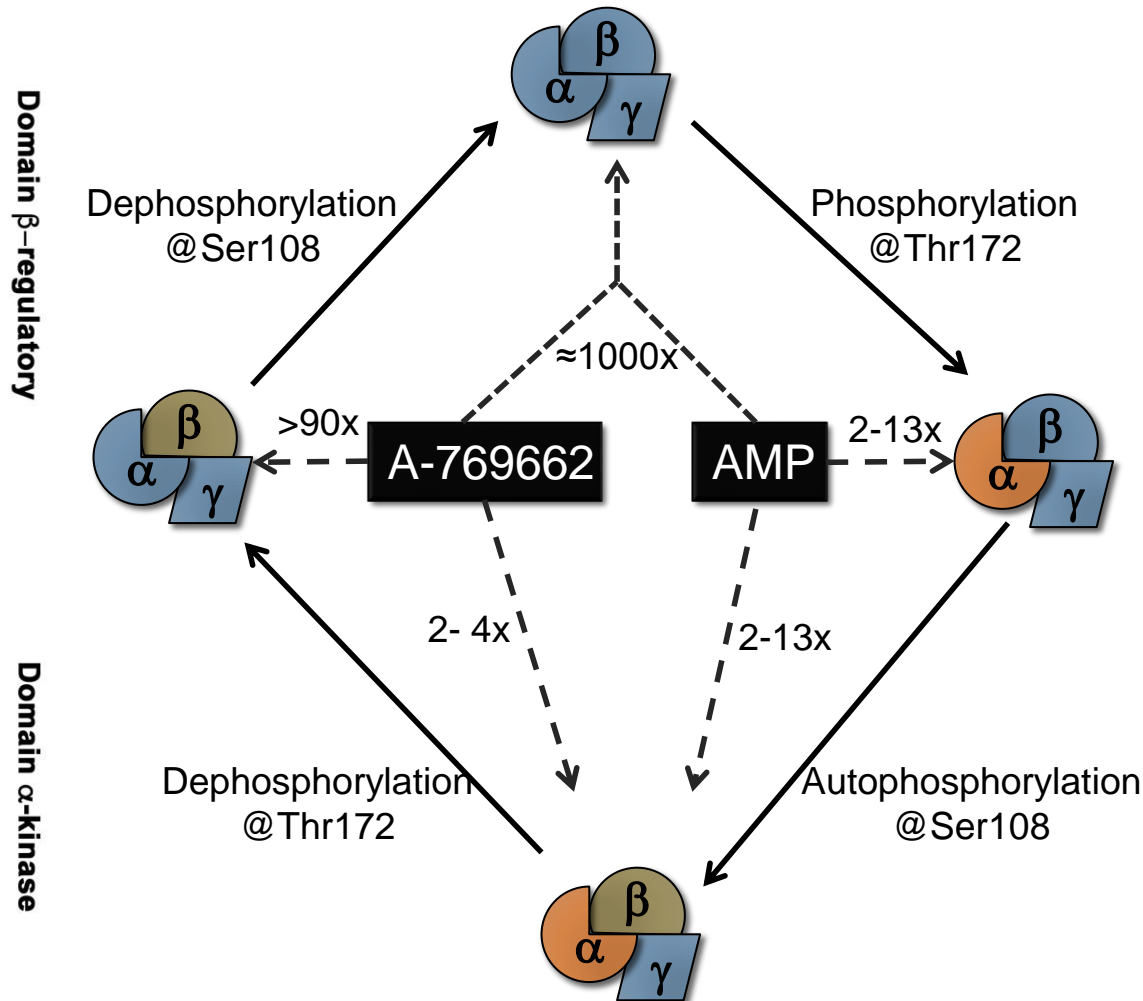
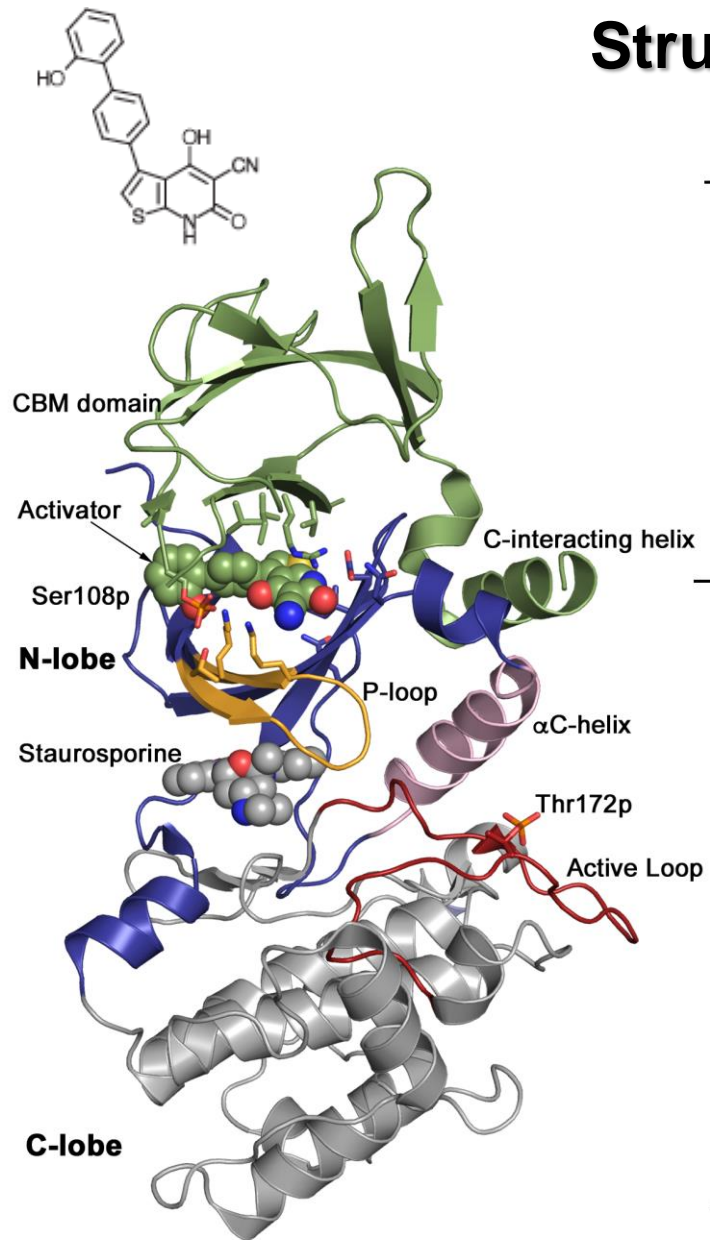
## AMPK (AMP-activated protein kinase)

- Ser/Thr protein kinase
- Activated by low levels of ATP and high levels of AMP/ADP
- Sensor of energy homeostasis in the cell

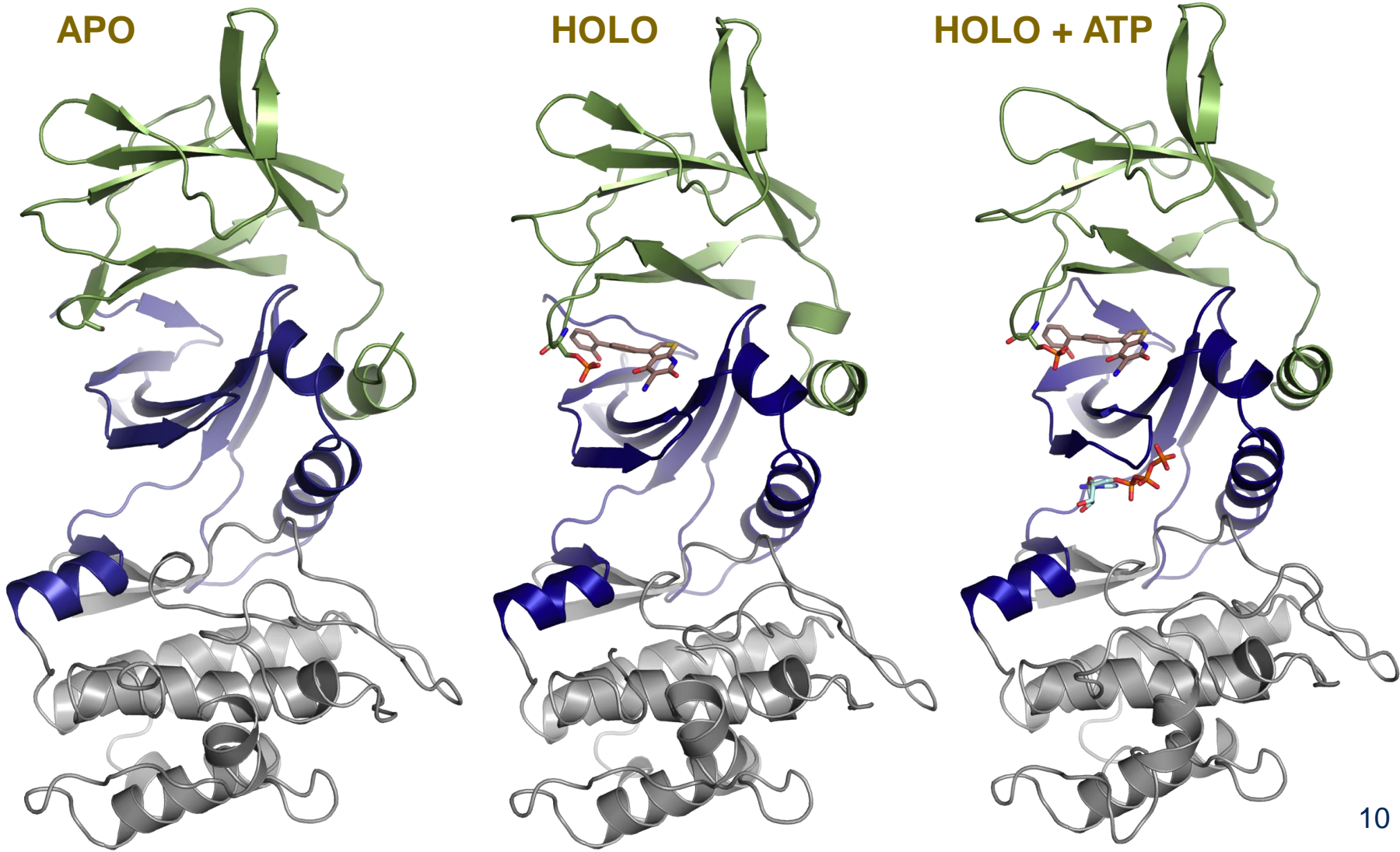




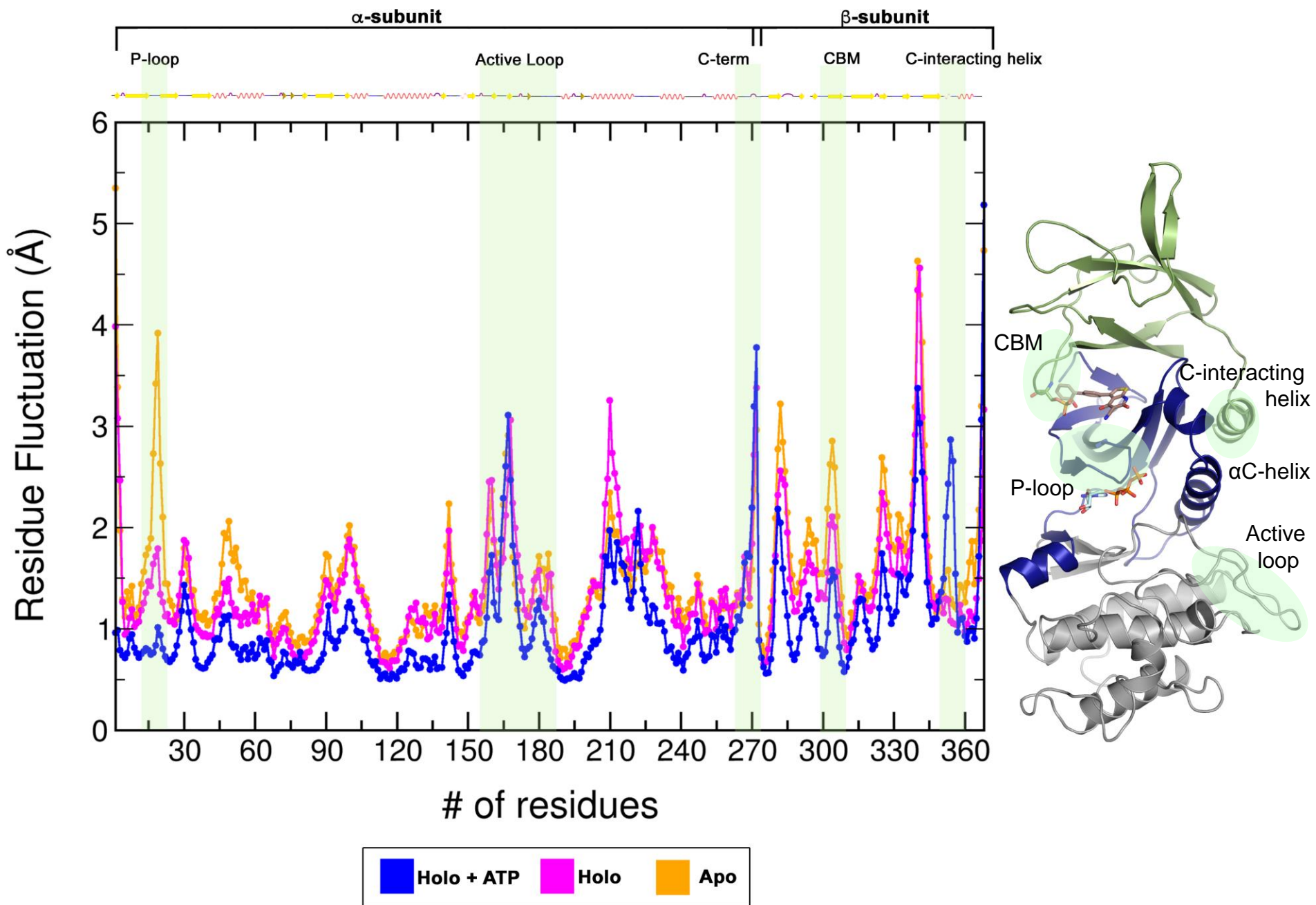
# Structure vs. Function



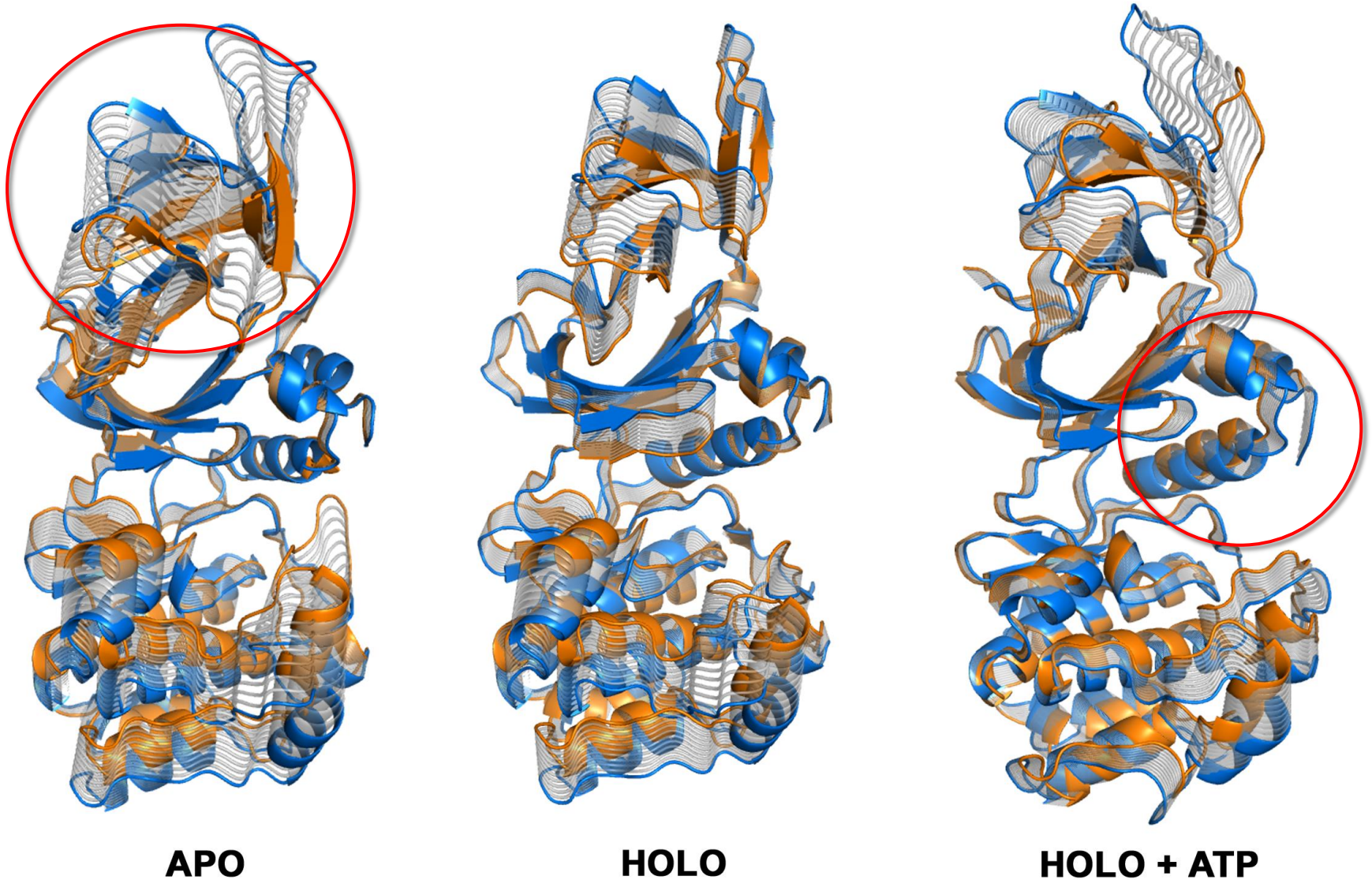
How does A-769662 trigger AMPK activation?

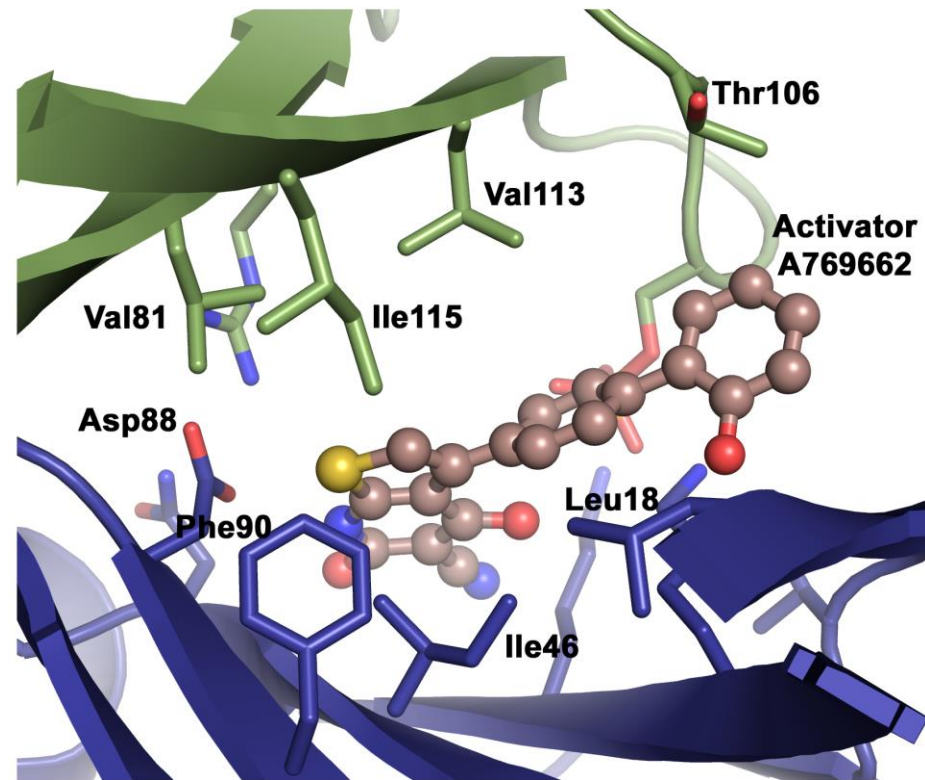
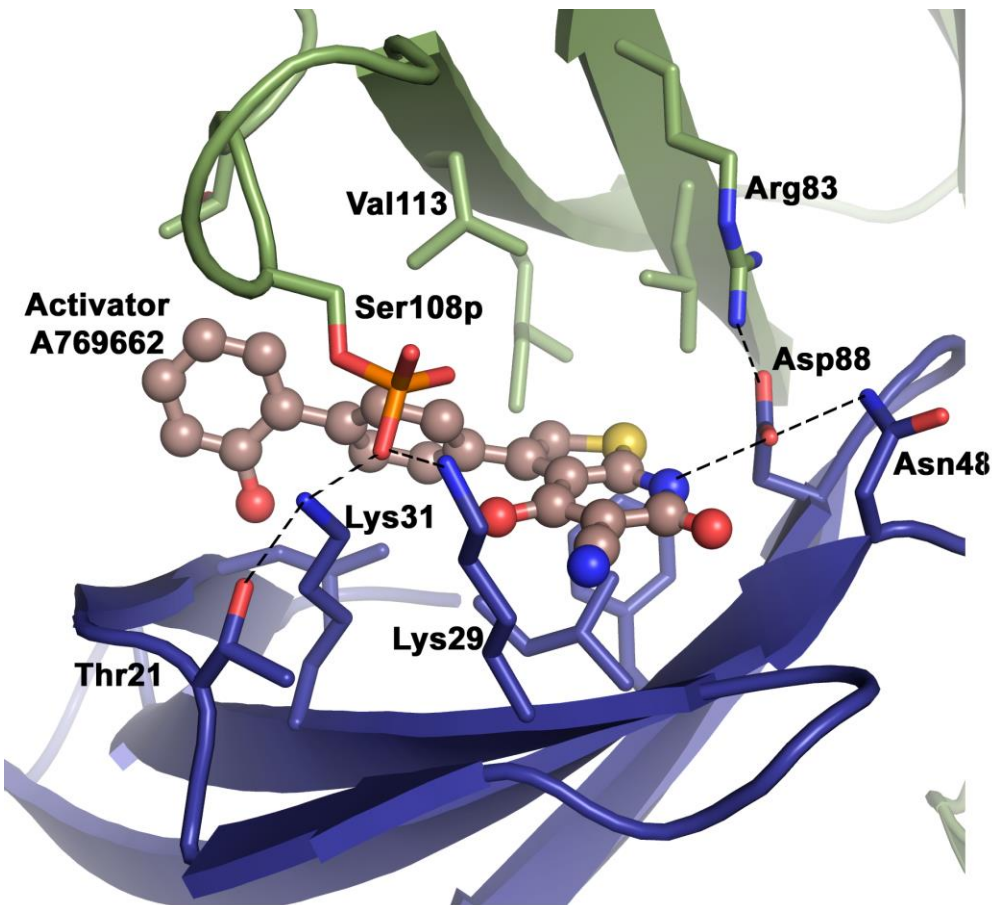


# Mechanisms of ligand activity: enzyme activation



## The effect of activator and ATP in the conformational and dynamic behaviour

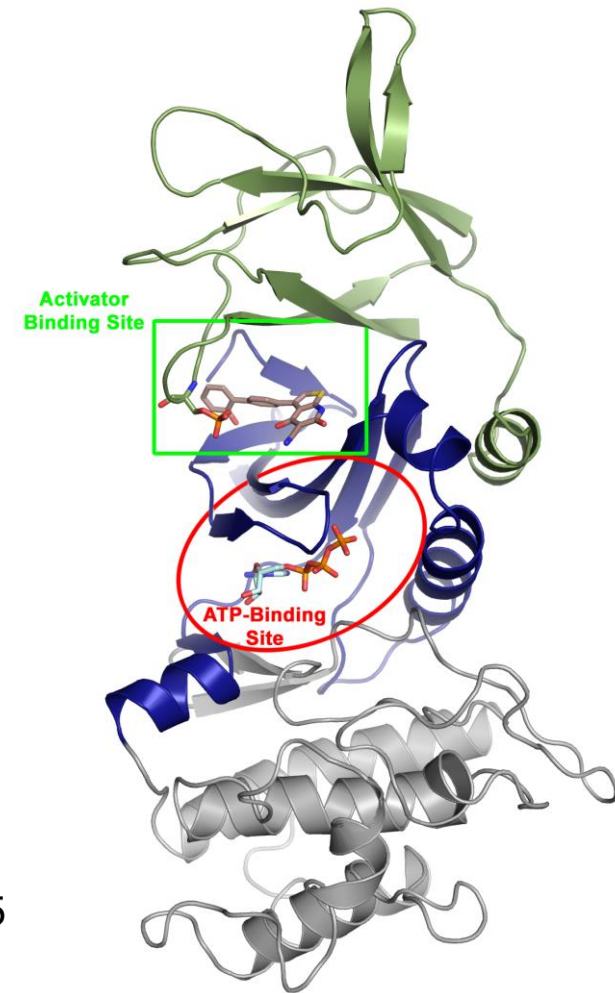
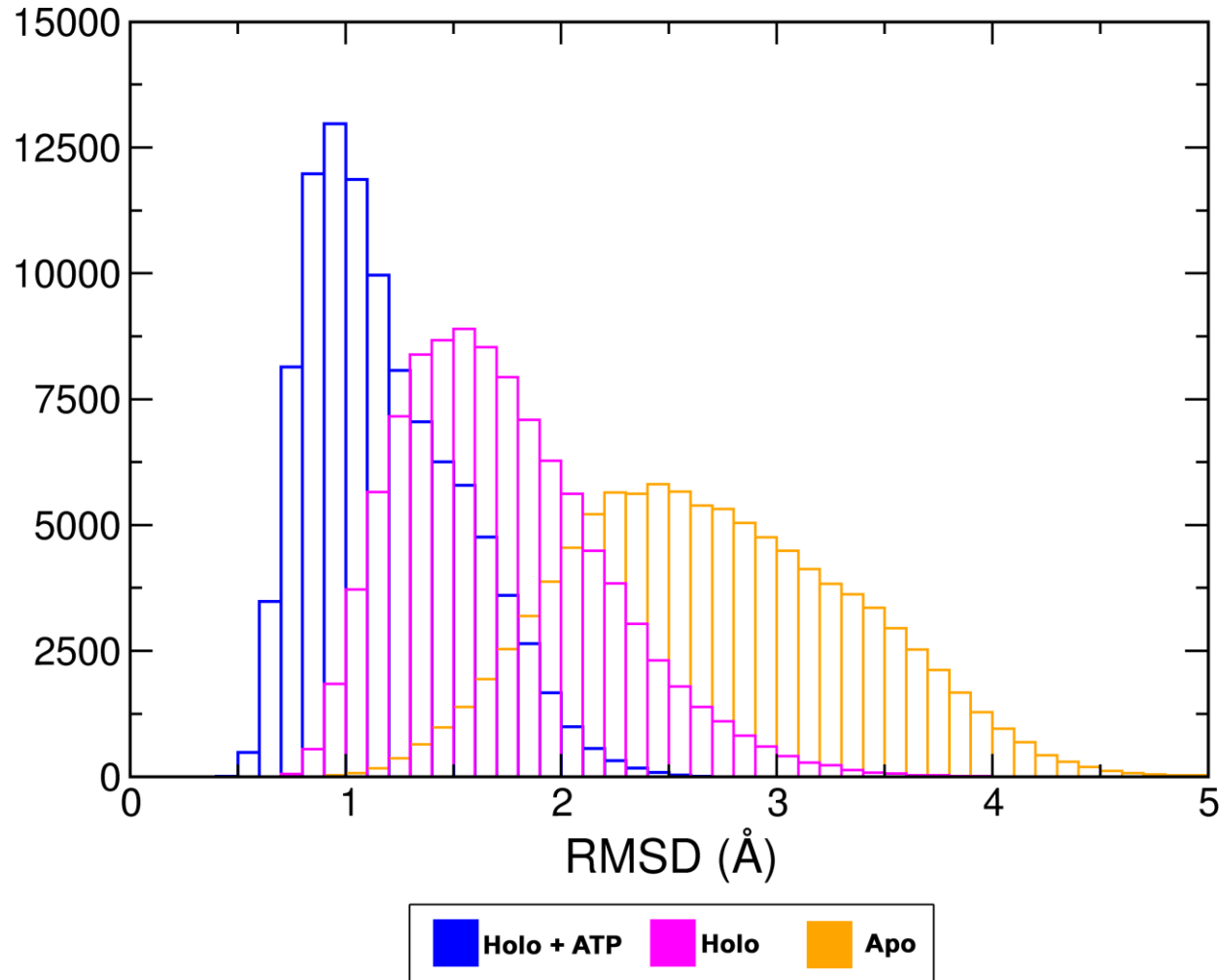




The activator acts like a glue between the  $\alpha$ -kinase domain and the CBM domain of  $\beta$ -subunit

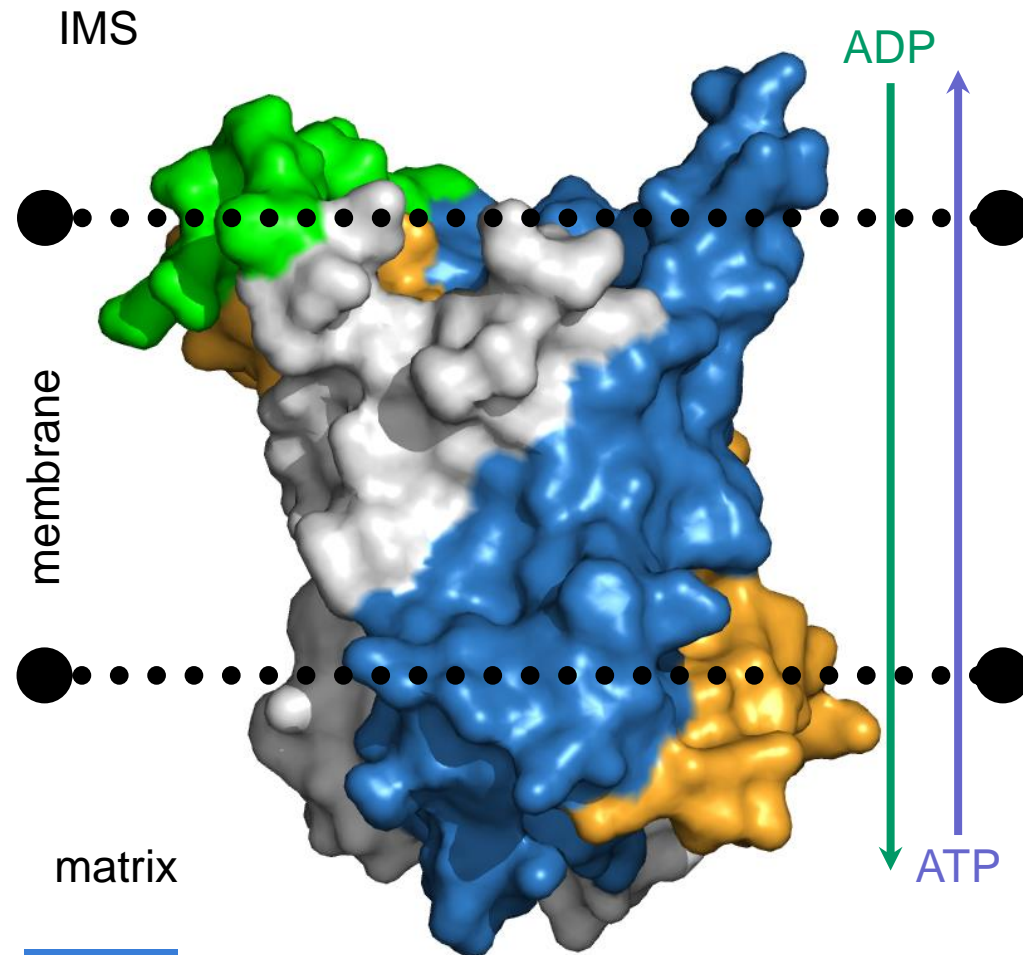
# Allosteric Hypothesis

The activator pre-organizes the ATP-Binding Site



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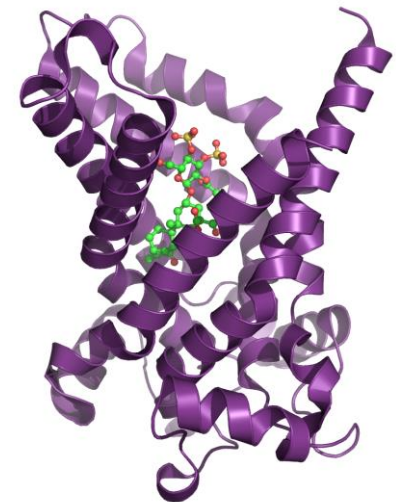


- Mitochondrial Carrier Family member.
- 6 TM helices
- Imports ADP to the matrix of the mitochondria and exports ATP to the Inter-membrane space (IMS)
- Two possible conformations, but only one has been crystalized

Capacity to interconvert between two different conformations to achieve proper nucleotide transport

AAC + CATR

Fixed conformation



H1-H2

H3-H4

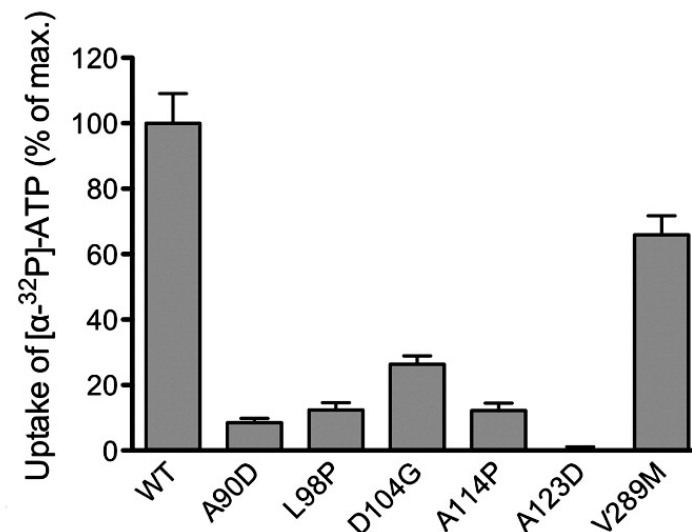
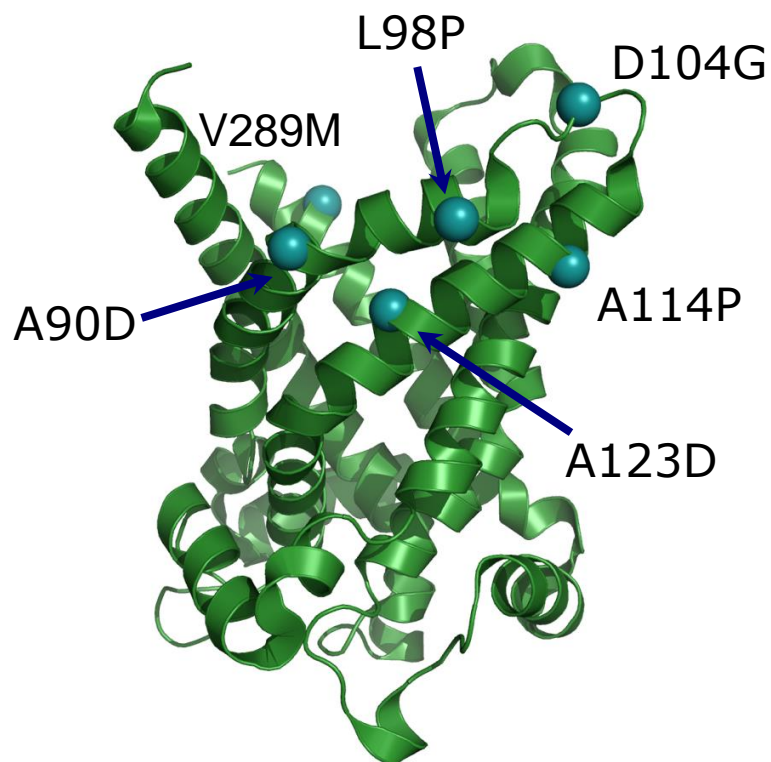
H5-H6



## Measured Activity in *E. Coli* membrane

6 pathological mutations have been detected, all of them in the IMS

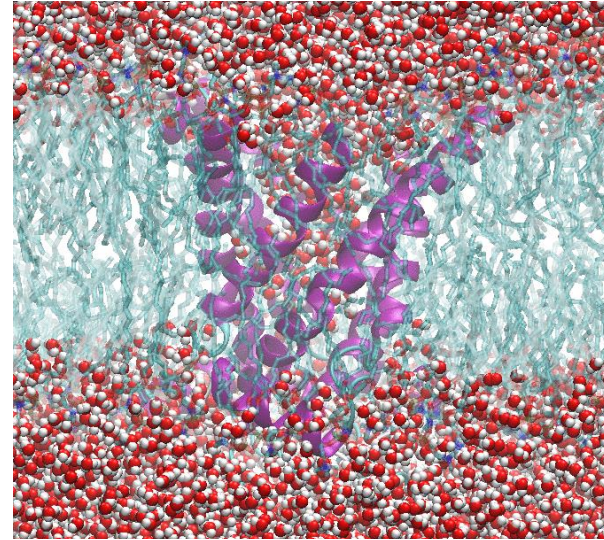
### Localization in the protein structure



	$K_M$	$V_{max}$
Wild-Type	$23.7 \pm 5$	$14.6 \pm 0.6$
A90D	$82.1 \pm 7.8$	$7.8 \pm 0.4$
L98P	$18.5 \pm 9.8$	$1.7 \pm 0.3$
D104G	$15.9 \pm 6.4$	$4.1 \pm 0.4$
A114P	$104.1 \pm 47.9$	$4.5 \pm 1.1$
A123D	ND	ND
V289M	$17.0 \pm 2.4$	$10.3 \pm 0.4$

## Simulated systems

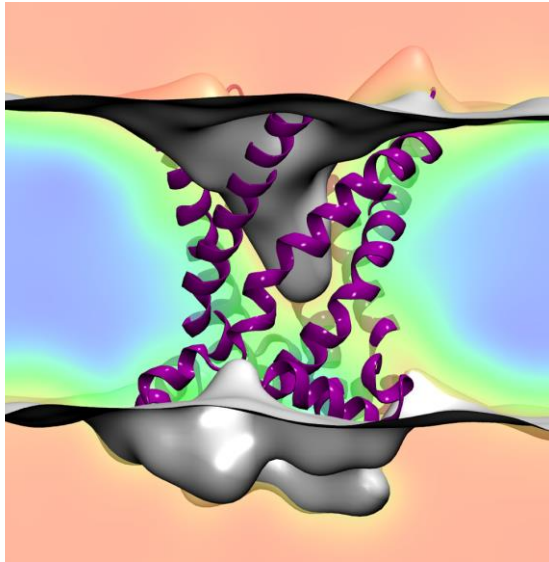
- Wild-type or mutant protein immersed in a lipid bilayer of united atom POPC lipids
- 114 lipids per leaflet
- System solvated with TIP3P waters
- 0.15 M NaCl concentration
- Total system box size of 90x81x81
- charmm27 forcefield with CMAP corrections.
- NPT ensemble. PBC and PME.
- 100 ns MD simulations for each system



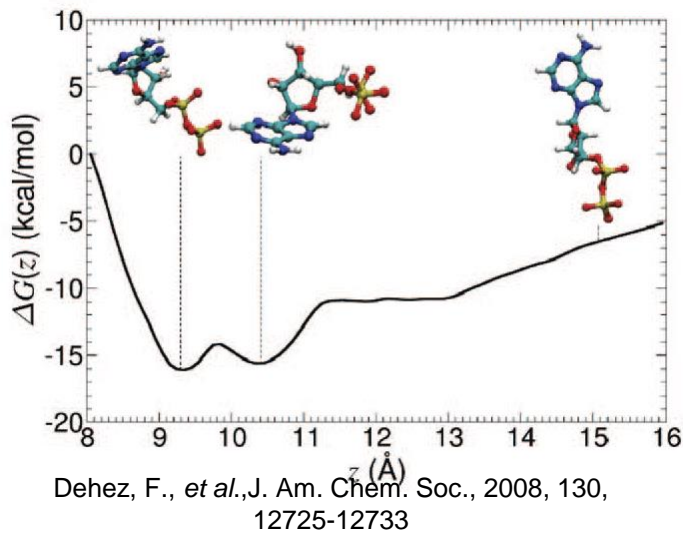
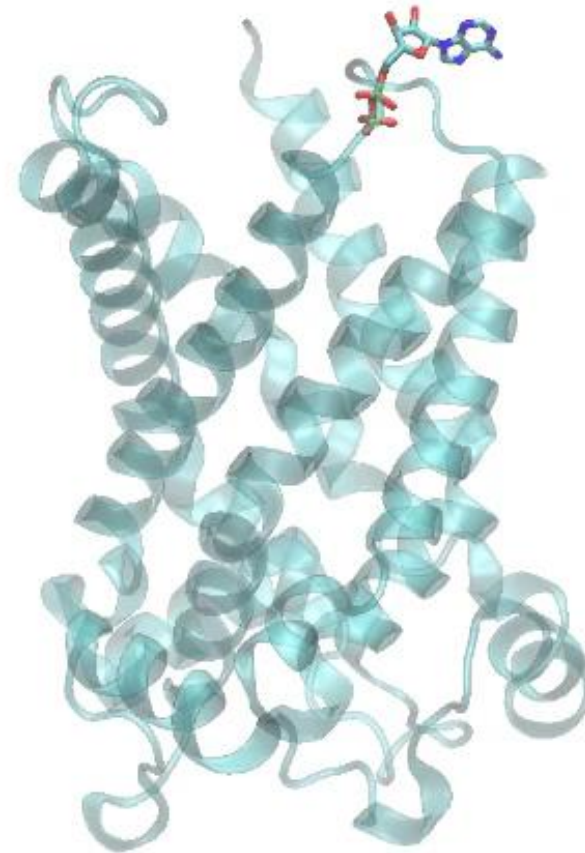
RMSD	Backbone Atoms	All Heavy Atoms
WT	1.9 ± 0.2	2.4 ± 0.2
A90D	1.6 ± 0.3	2.0 ± 0.3
A114P	1.5 ± 0.2	1.7 ± 0.2
L98P	1.5 ± 0.2	1.9 ± 0.2
D104G	1.7 ± 0.3	2.2 ± 0.5
A123D	1.5 ± 0.2	1.8 ± 0.2
V289M	1.5 ± 0.2	1.9 ± 0.2

# Mechanisms of ligand activity: enzyme mutation

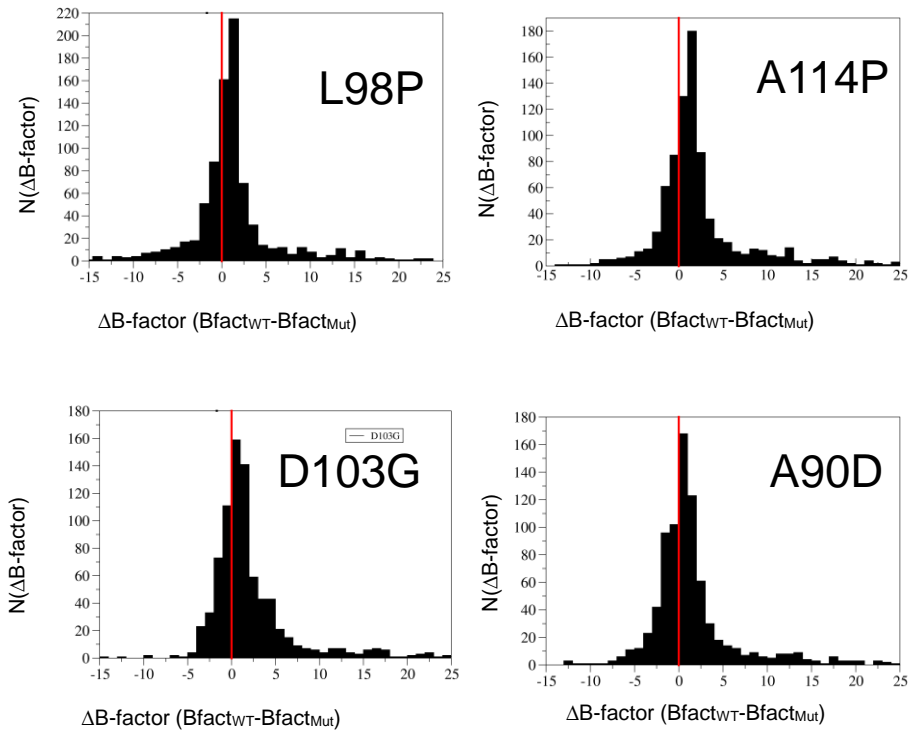
Electrostatic funnel



Binding of the ADP molecule is driven by an electrostatic funnel that attracts the phosphate moiety of ADP



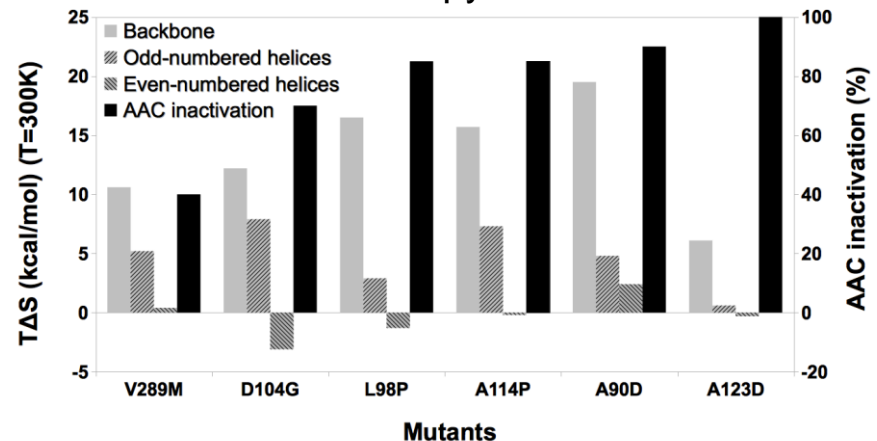
Path to the bottom of the cavity is nearly barrierless and is modulated by two basic patches



- Mutations A114P, L98P, A90D and D103G have a clear impact on the flexibility of the carrier which is reflected in a lower nucleotide uptake.

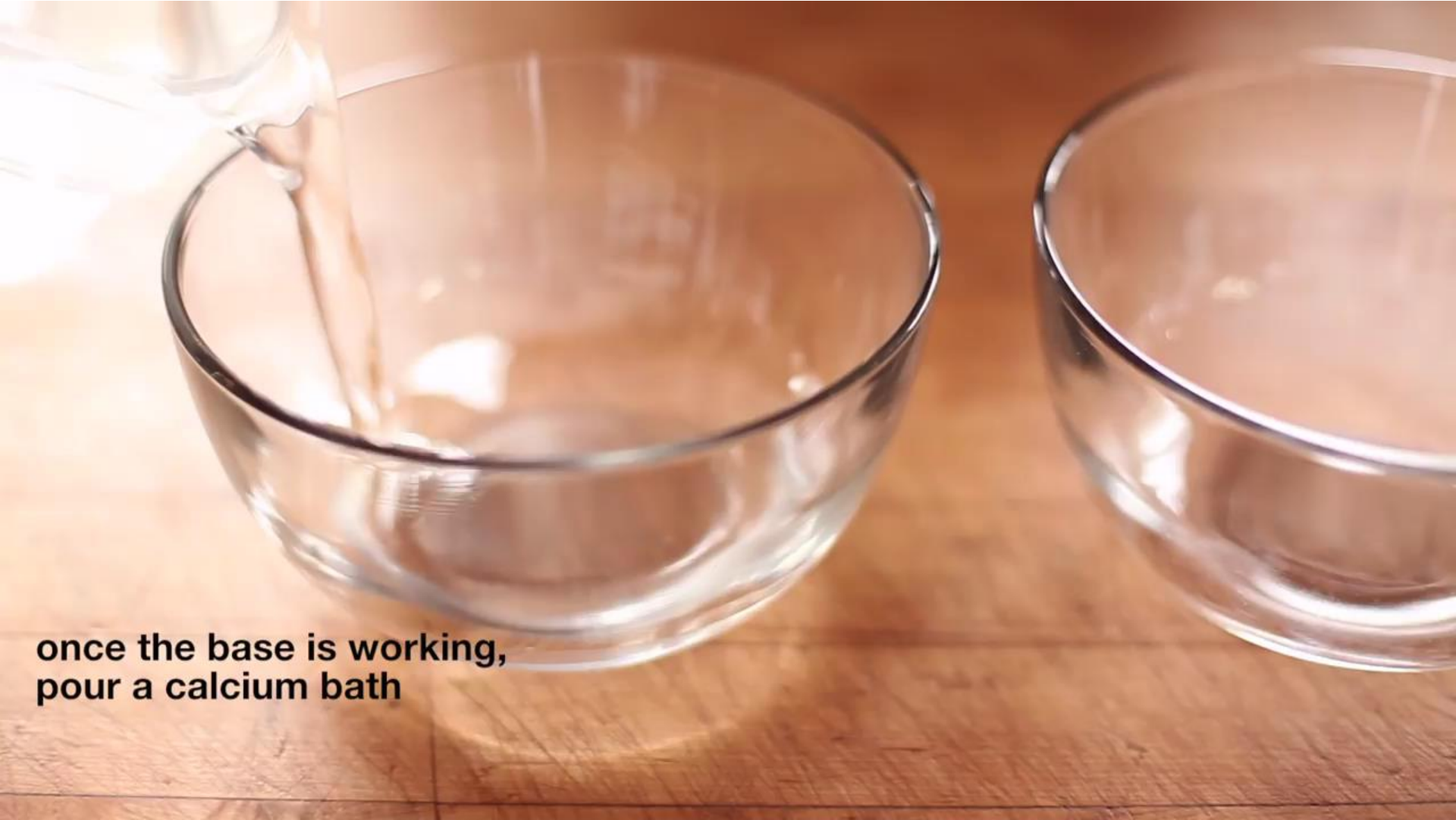
B-factors were inferred from the atomic positional fluctuations computed for the backbone atoms along the molecular dynamics trajectory multiplied by  $(8/3)\pi^2$ .

- Configurational entropies were obtained using the Schlitter approximation with the eigenvalues that result from diagonalisation of the mass weighted covariance matrix, and differences were obtained as  $T \times (S_{\text{infWT}} - S_{\text{infMUT}})$ .  $S_{\text{inf}}$  was obtained by curve fitting of the configurational entropy computed at different times along the MD trajectory to the formula  $S(t) = S_{\text{inf}} - at^b$



# Spherification: Role of calcium cations in alginate aggregation





**once the base is working,  
pour a calcium bath**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxD2E-bVoUbaVFL0Q3PvJTg>

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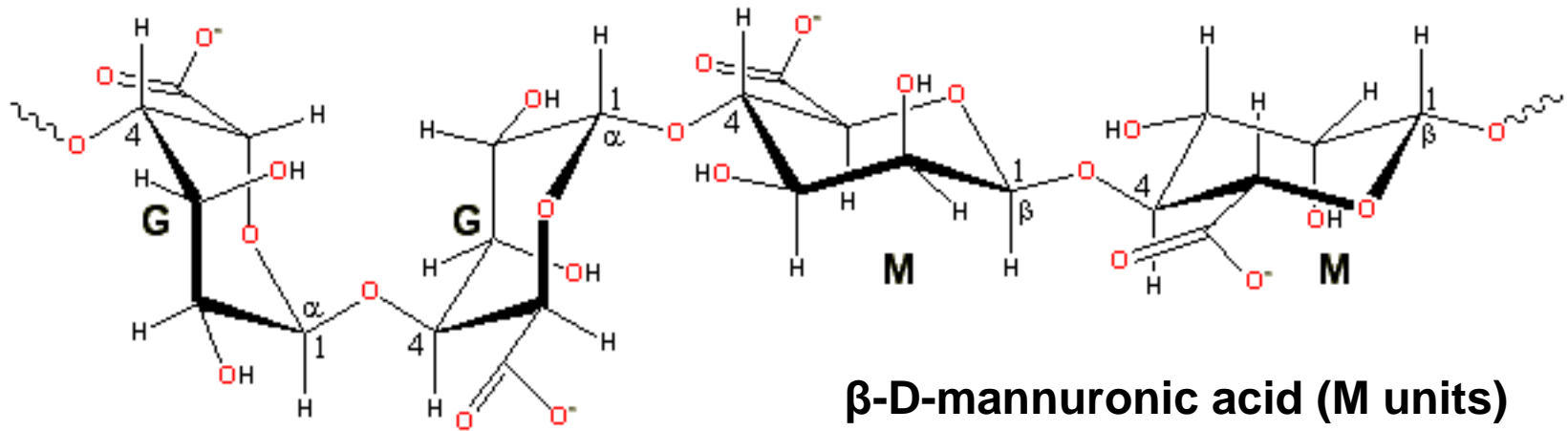
## Origin

Obtained from brown algae of the *Phaeophyceae* class. Their cellular walls contain alginic acid and its different sodium, potassium or calcium salts in different proportions.

## Comercial name

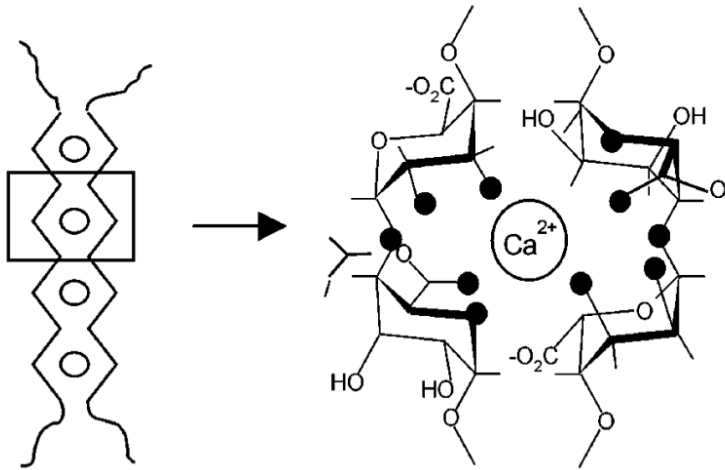
Alginate, Soduim Alginate, E-400.

## Chemical structure



**$\alpha$ -L-guluronic acid (G units)**

## Preferential affinity for G compared to M: 'egg-box' model

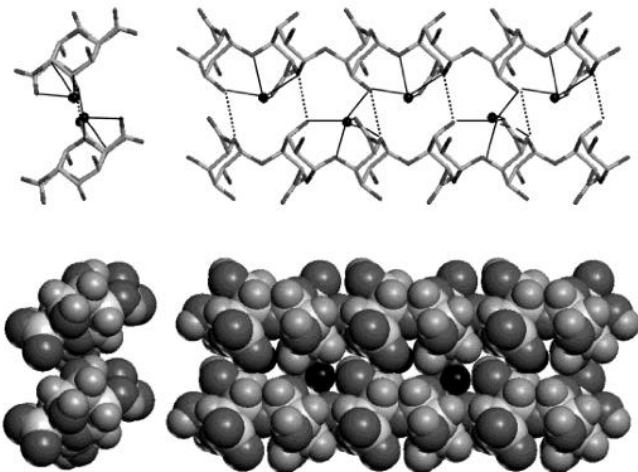


10 oxygens from the guluronate molecules

Hydroxyl groups coordinating  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ .

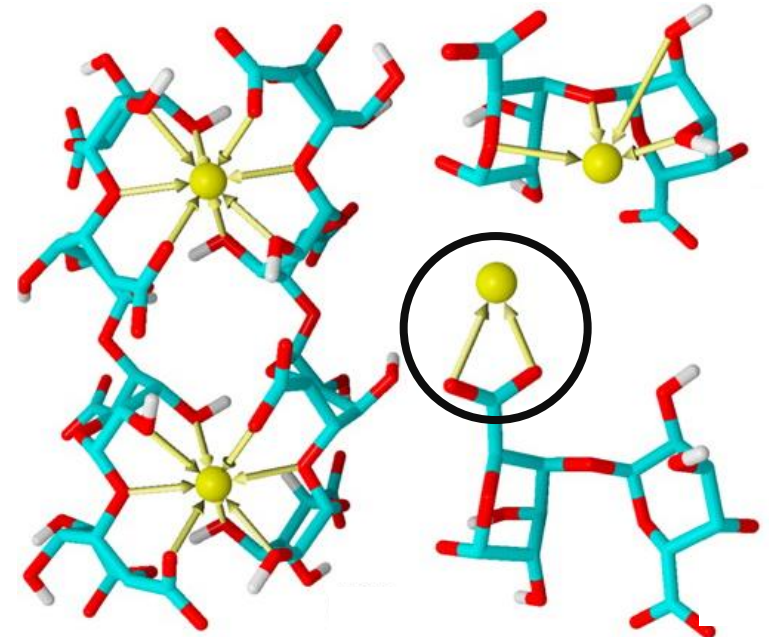
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## Molecular Mechanics methods



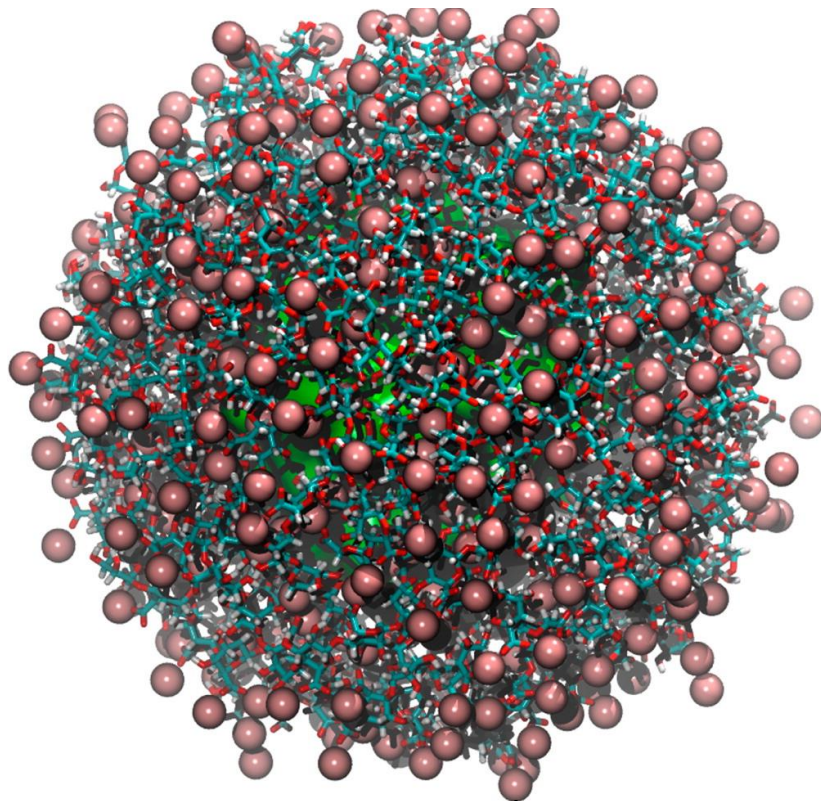
I. Braccini and S. Pérez. *Biomacromolecules* 2001, 2, 1089–1096

## DFT-MD methods



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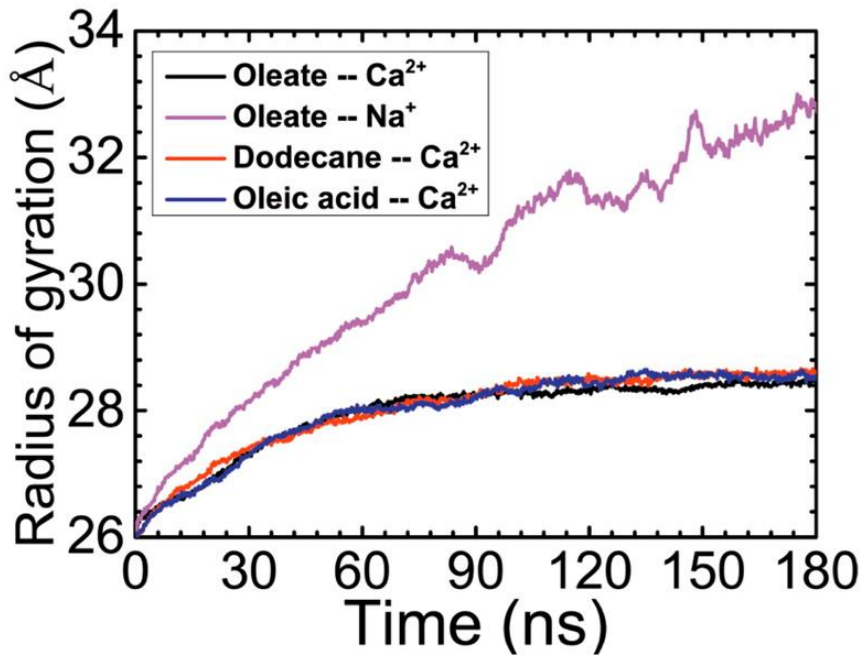
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OC	oleate	charged	$\text{CaCl}_2$	1	106 611	30 422	102 × 101 × 103
OAC	oleic acid	hydropilic	$\text{CaCl}_2$	1	114 282	32 905	102 × 105 × 107
DC	dodecane	hydrophobic	$\text{CaCl}_2$	1	113 370	32 795	104 × 104 × 104
OS	oleate	charged	$\text{NaCl}$	2	106 581	30 407	110 × 96 × 97



36 linear alginate chains

600 calcium ions randomly placed

TIP3P water molecules



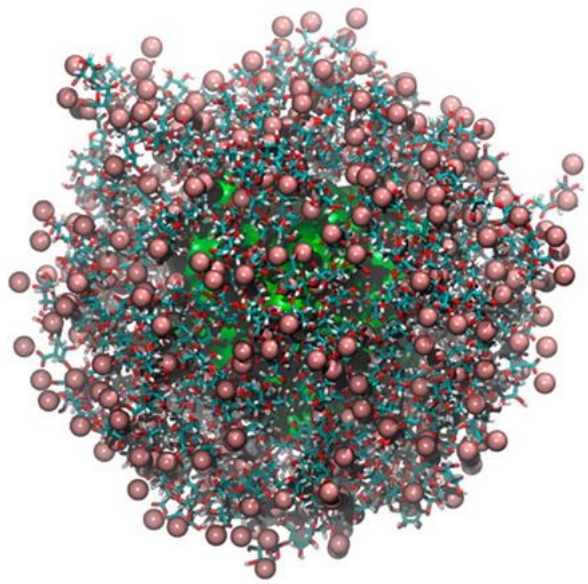
$$R_g^2 = \sum m_i (r_i - R_C)^2 / M$$

$m_i$  = mass of atom  $i$

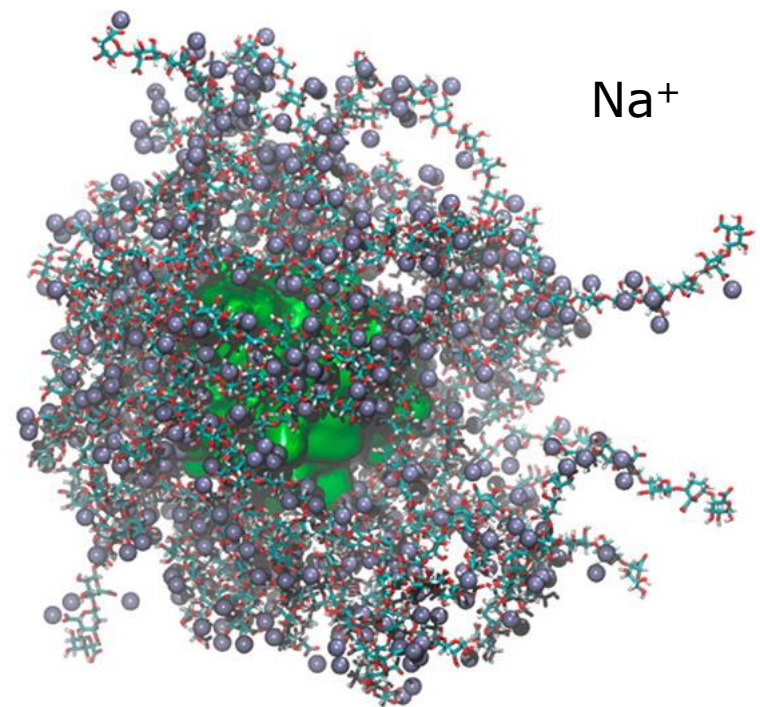
$M$  = summed mass of the atoms

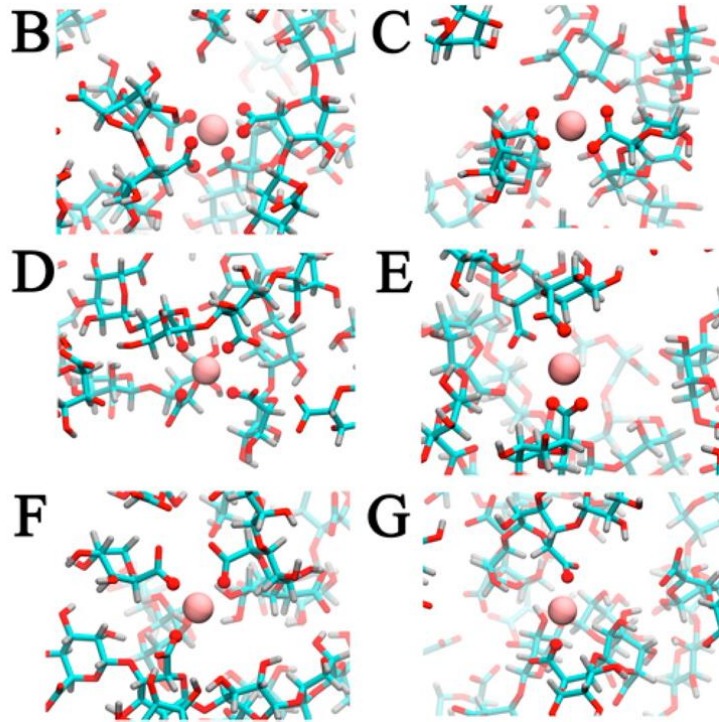
$R_C$  = central reference point coords.

Ca<sup>+2</sup>

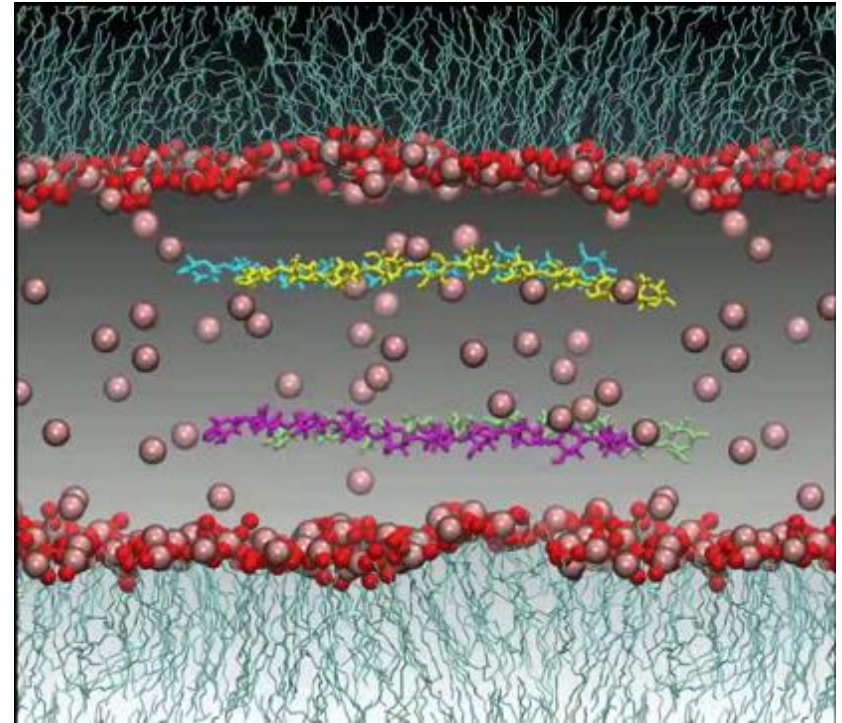


Na<sup>+</sup>





Characteristic chain-chain interaction modes in the alginate membrane



Spontaneous association of alginate chains in non-restrained MD simulations of calcium alginate salts in solution.

# Olfactory receptors: the influence of food odor

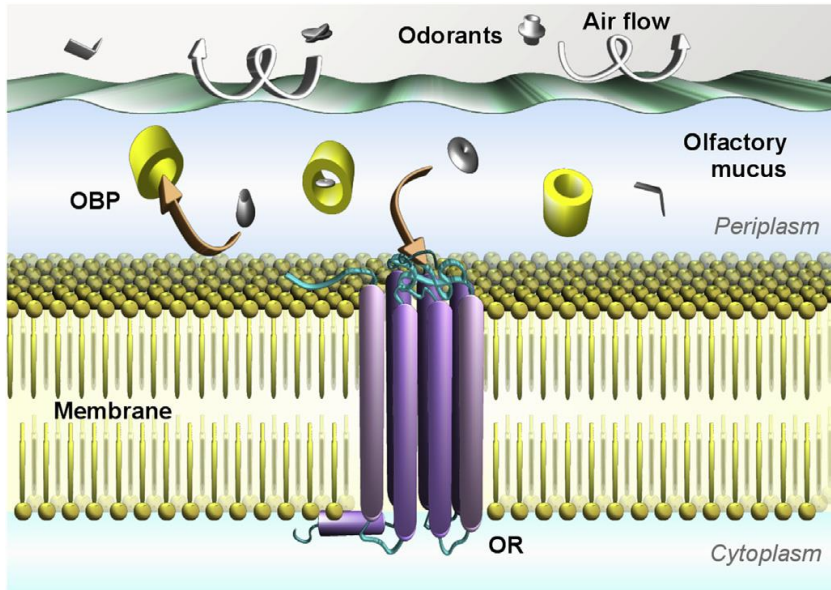
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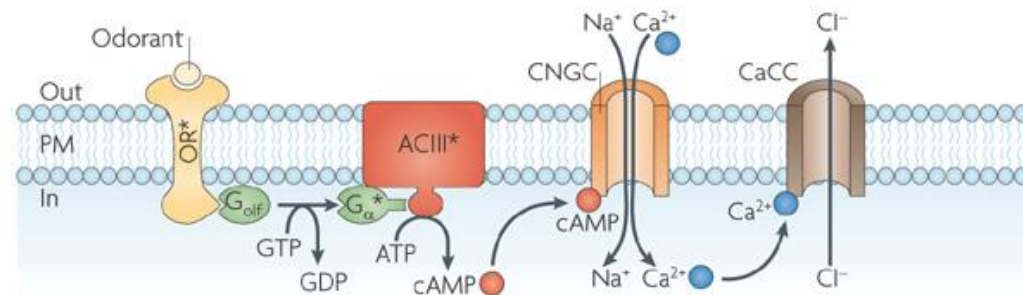
## The actors

### Olfactory Receptor Neuron surface

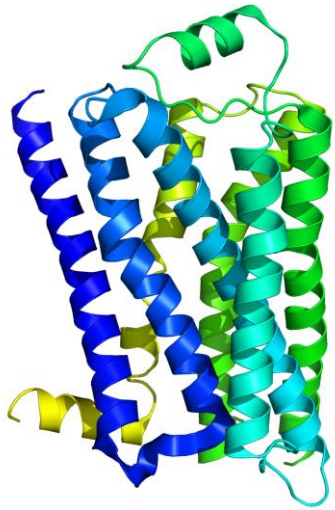


### Olfactory receptors

- G-Protein Coupled Receptors
- Odorant binding activates signal cascade pathway
- Promiscuous
- Odours are fruit of the cooperativity

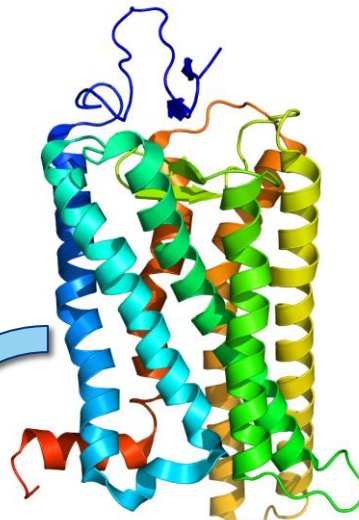


$\beta_2$ -adrenergic



PDB ID: 5D6L

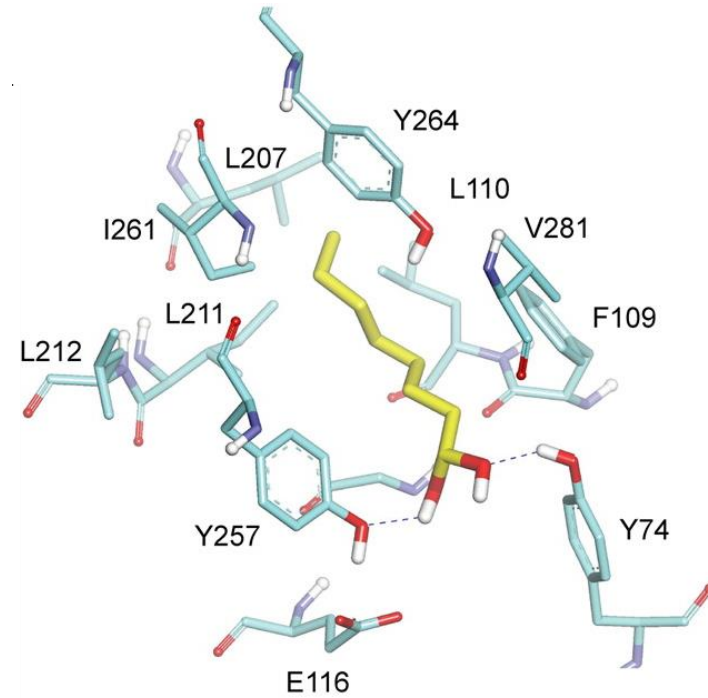
Rhodopsin



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Homology modeling

Docking





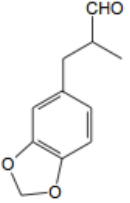
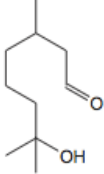
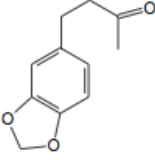
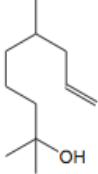
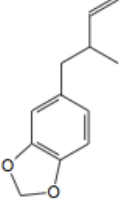
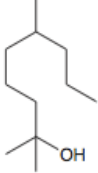
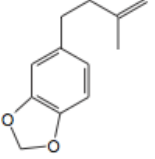
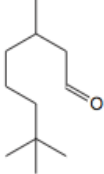
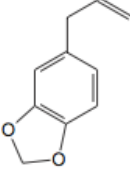
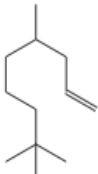
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Odorant	Structure	Odor properties	Odorant	Structure	Odor properties
Helional (1)		Floral <sup>a</sup> Green, aldehydic <sup>b</sup> S <sup>c</sup>	Hydroxycitronellal (6)		Muguet (lily of the valley) S <sup>c</sup>
Heliotropyl acetone (2)		Fruity <sup>a</sup> Sweet, blackberry <sup>b</sup> S <sup>c</sup>	2,6-Dimethyl-8-nonen-2-ol (7)		Floral (muguet) <sup>a</sup> Lime <sup>b</sup> M <sup>c</sup>
Helional analogue (3)		Pungent <sup>a</sup> S <sup>c</sup>	2,6-Dimethyl-nonan-2-ol (8)		Soapy, green <sup>a</sup> Floral <sup>b</sup> S <sup>c</sup>
Heliotropyl acetone analogue (4)		Fruity (peach, apricot) <sup>a</sup> S <sup>c</sup>	3,7,7-Trimethyloctanal (9)		Floral aldehydic <sup>a</sup> Green, fruity <sup>b</sup> VS <sup>c</sup>
Safrole (5)		Aniseed <sup>a</sup> Black pepper, nutmeg <sup>b</sup> S <sup>c</sup>	4,8,8-Trimethyl-1-nonene (10)		Floral (white floral) <sup>a</sup> W <sup>c</sup>

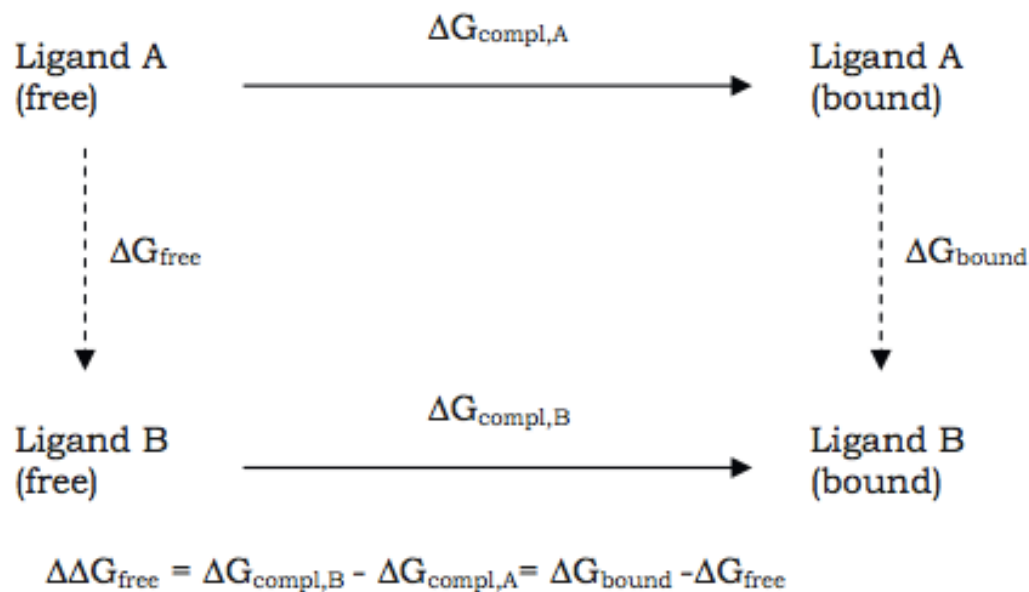
VS: very strong; S: strong; M: medium; W: weak.

<sup>a</sup> First note.

<sup>b</sup> Secondary note.

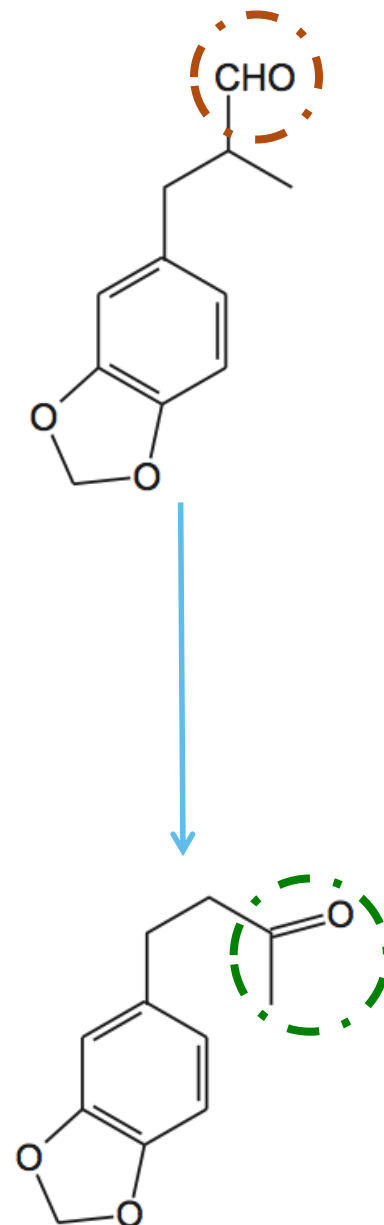
<sup>c</sup> Intensity.

## Thermodynamic integration MD simulations



$\Delta\Delta G$  values (kJ/mol) for all the possible couples of ligands. A positive score means that the binding is favourable.

A	B	
	Helional (1)	Heliotropylacetone (2)
Helional (1)	-	21.7
Heliotropyl acetone (2)	-21.7	-
Helional analogue (3)	-41.3	-19.6
Heliotropyl acetone analogue (4)	-35.5	-13.8
Safrole (5)	-31.2	-9.6



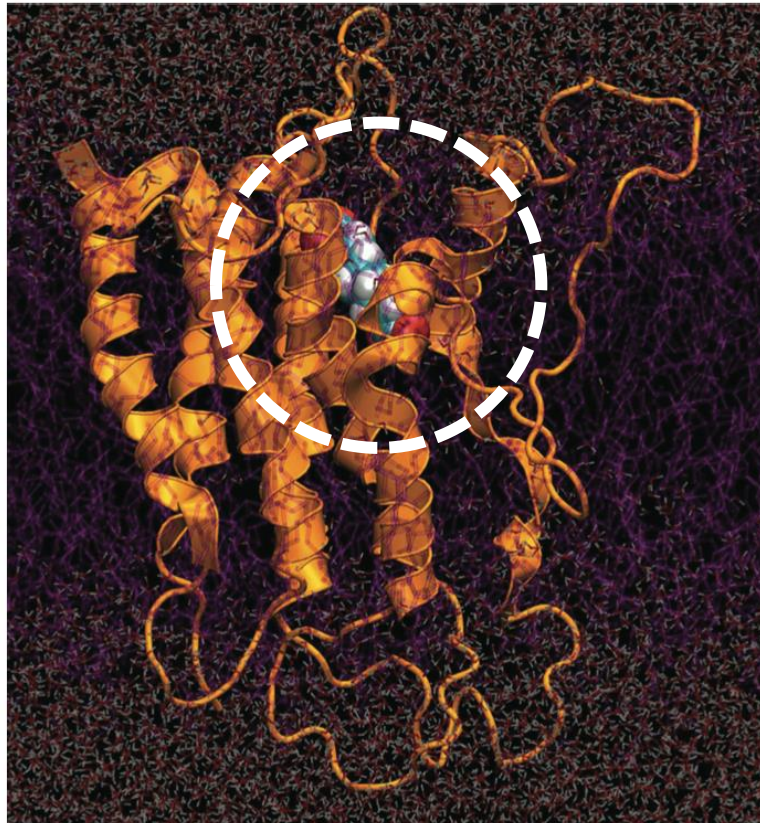
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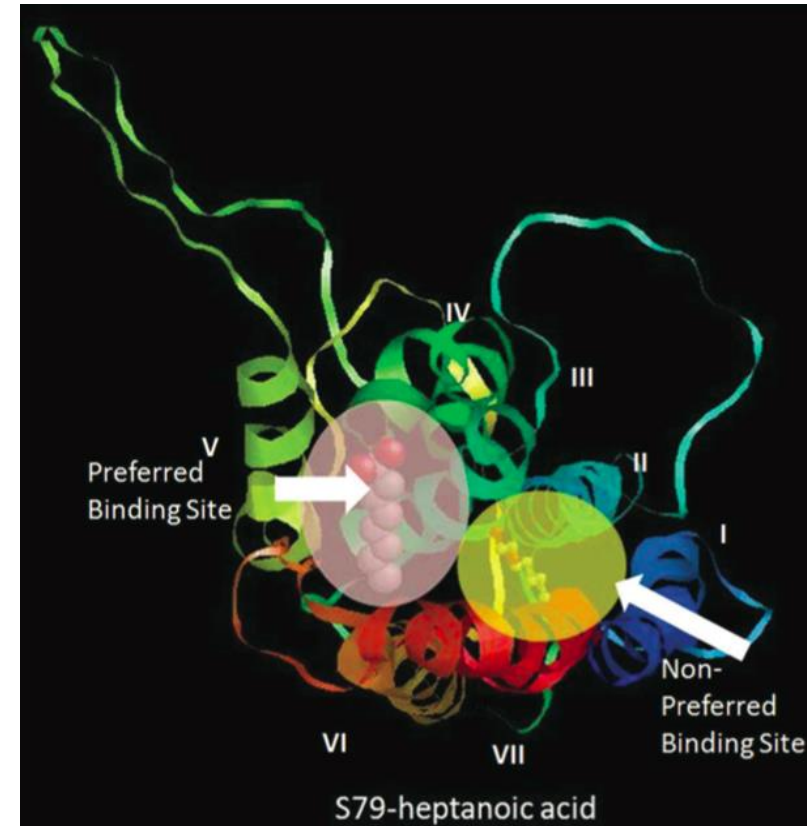
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		Acid					
		Heptanoic	Octanoic	Nonanoic	Decanoic	Undecanoic	Dodecanoic
OR	S79	+	+	+		-	
	S86				+		-



Docking  
+  
MD



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