

## CASP15 – Ensembles and Multiple Conformational States

- 6:45 Gaetano Montelione - Multiple Conformational States of Proteins
- 7:05 Dan Rigden - Multi-Conformation Protein Targets in CASP15
- 7:20 Rhiju Das - Multiple Conformational States of RNA in CASP15

### CASP15 Ensemble Targets

[T1109-T1110 pair](#) (contact: Mark Wilson): These were released as two separate targets. Predictors were informed that: A pair of targets T1109 and T1110 represent a mutant and a wild-type structure of the isocyanide hydratase. Difference in the two structures is caused by the structurally disruptive D183A missense mutation.

[T1158 \(v0-4\)](#) (contact: Sergei Pourmal): A series of 5 targets representing the type IV ABC transporter, apo and mutant with different ligands. The conformational changes are rigid body movements of domains.

[T1160-T1161](#) (contact Shunsuke Tagami): Ancient protein reconstruction; crystallization condition induced different folds for T1160 and T1161 (43/48 residues identical) . Released as two targets.

[T1195-T1197](#) (contact Babis Kalodimos): Three kinase targets that were solved with an advanced NMR technique. For each of them, two to three structural conformations are present.

[\(RNA\) R1136 and R1138](#) (contact: Ebbe Andersen, Denmark): Released as one target each, but we warned people in the weekly digest that the structures are available in two conformations:

[\(RNA\) R1149 and R1156](#) (contact: Rachael Kretsch): Alternative conformations.

[T1170, H1171 \(v1,2\), H1172 \(v1-4\)](#), (contact Jiri Wald): A series of 3 targets: T1170 (A6:B0), H1171 (A6:B1); and H1172 (A6:B2); representing different intermediate conformational states of the multimolecular complex. A 15 bp dsDNA is present in all of them.

[T1189/R1189](#) (contact Su Zhaoming): T1190/R1190 RNA-protein complexes

# Multiple Conformational Modeling in CASP

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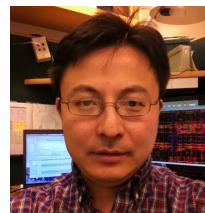
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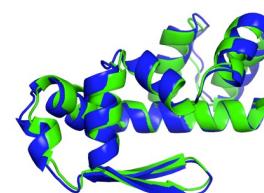
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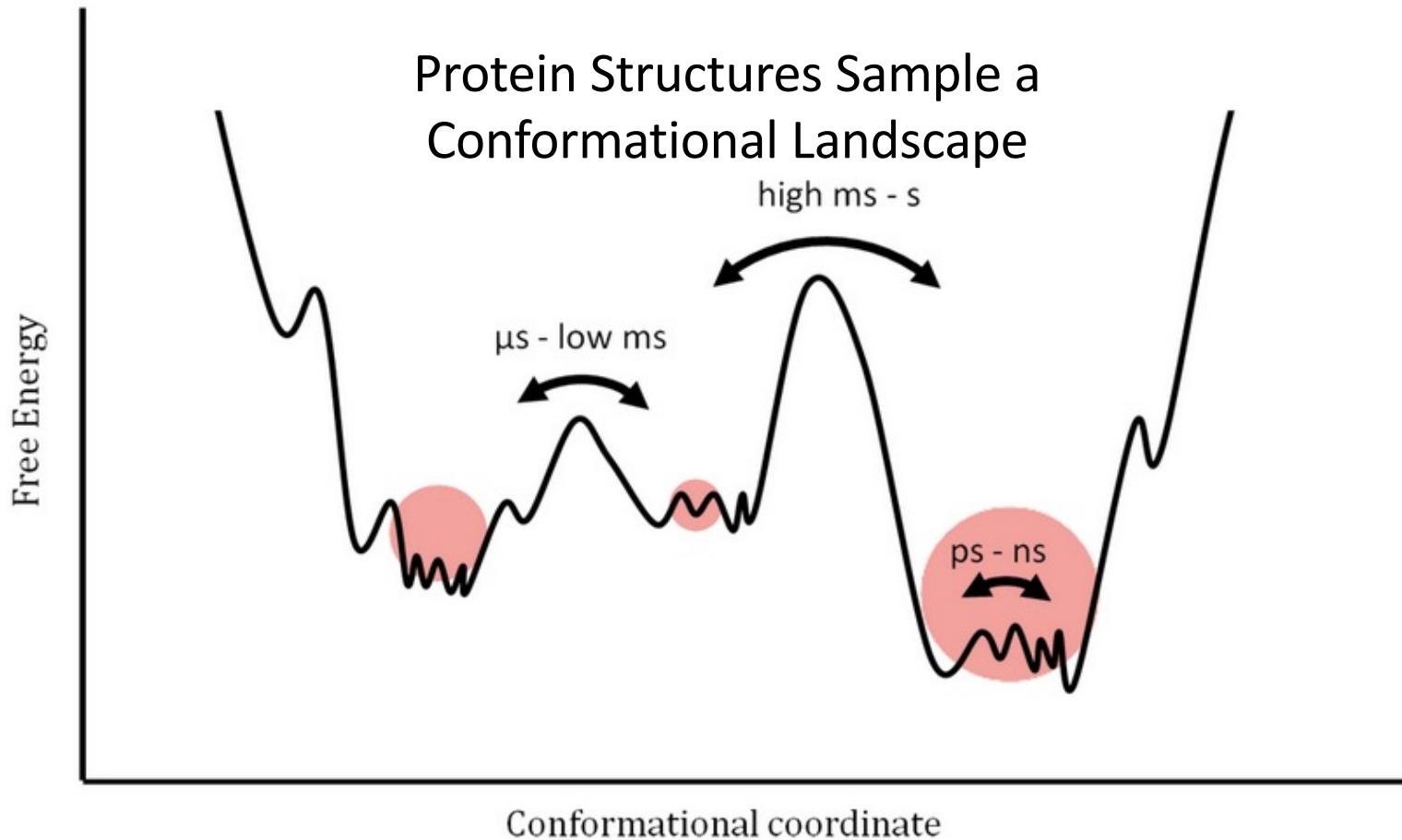
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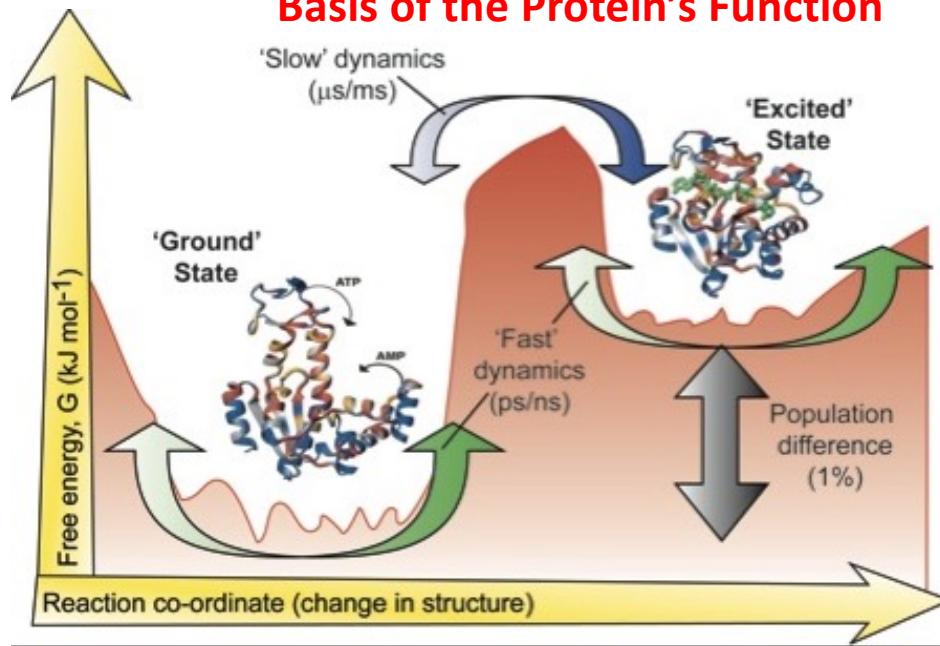
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# Protein Dynamics



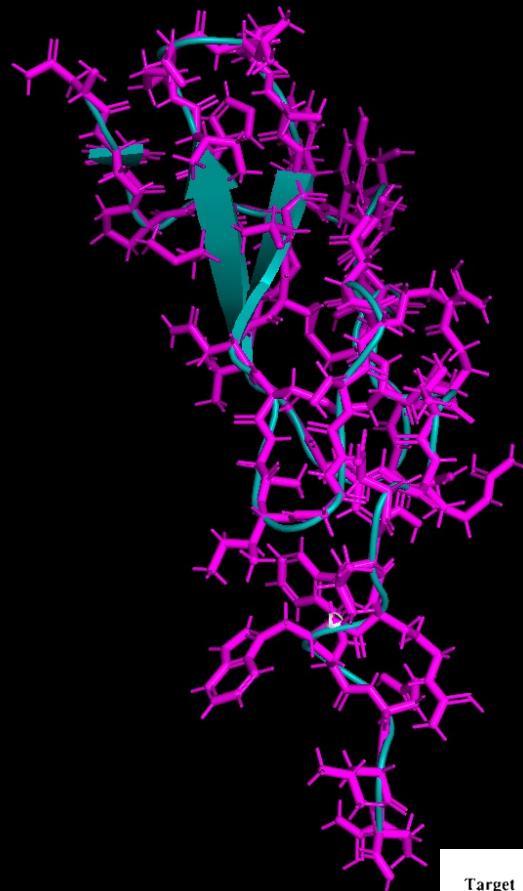
## The Conformational Landscape Provides the Basis of the Protein's Function



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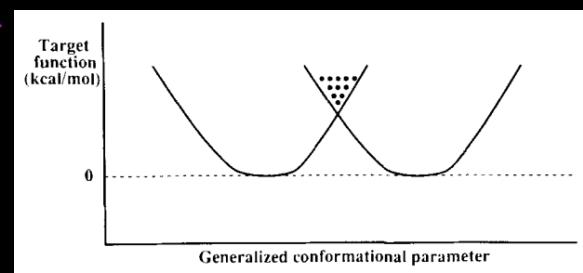
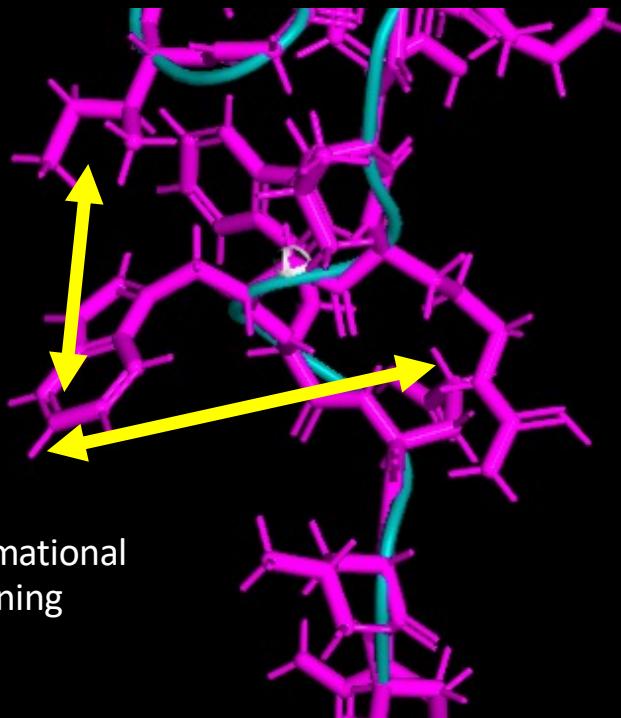
# Ground Truth Data

- X-ray Crystallography
  - Can see alternative conformations in different crystal forms
  - Multiple conformations in asymmetric unit
  - Can sometimes fit density to multiple conformations
  - Do crystal lattice interactions shift conformational distributions; e.g. stabilize low populated states
- CryoEM
  - Can generate multiple models from cryoEM data
  - Need a lot of data
  - Effects of freezing?
- NMR
  - Chemical shift, NOEs, RDCs, Paramagnetic effects
  - Particularly sensitive to motions
  - Limited in size (< 50 kDa)
  - Exchange broadening can make peaks “disappear”
- Fluorescence Energy Transfer, Chemical Cross Linking; Small Angle X-ray scattering



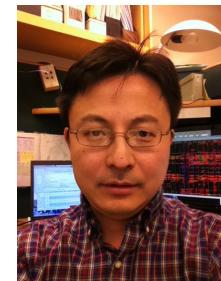
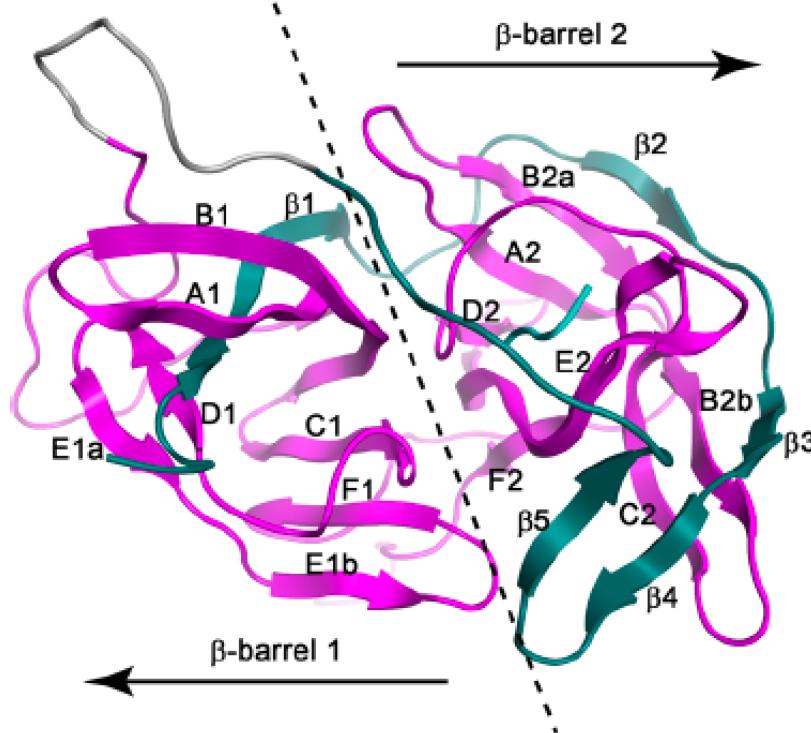
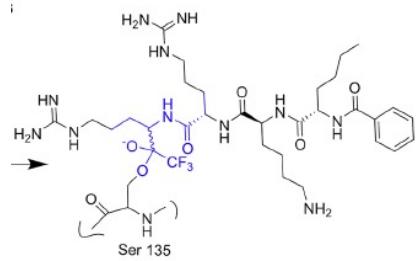
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### Conformational Pinning



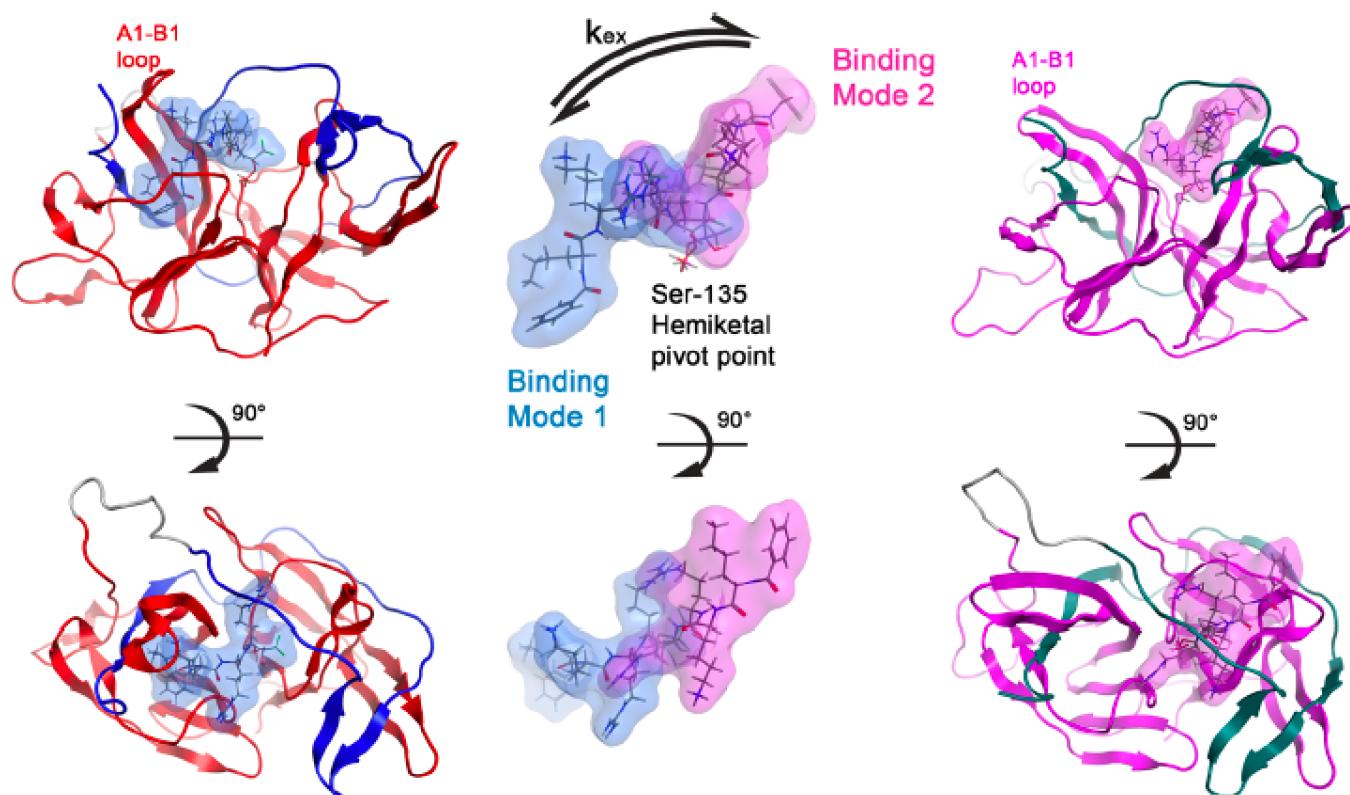
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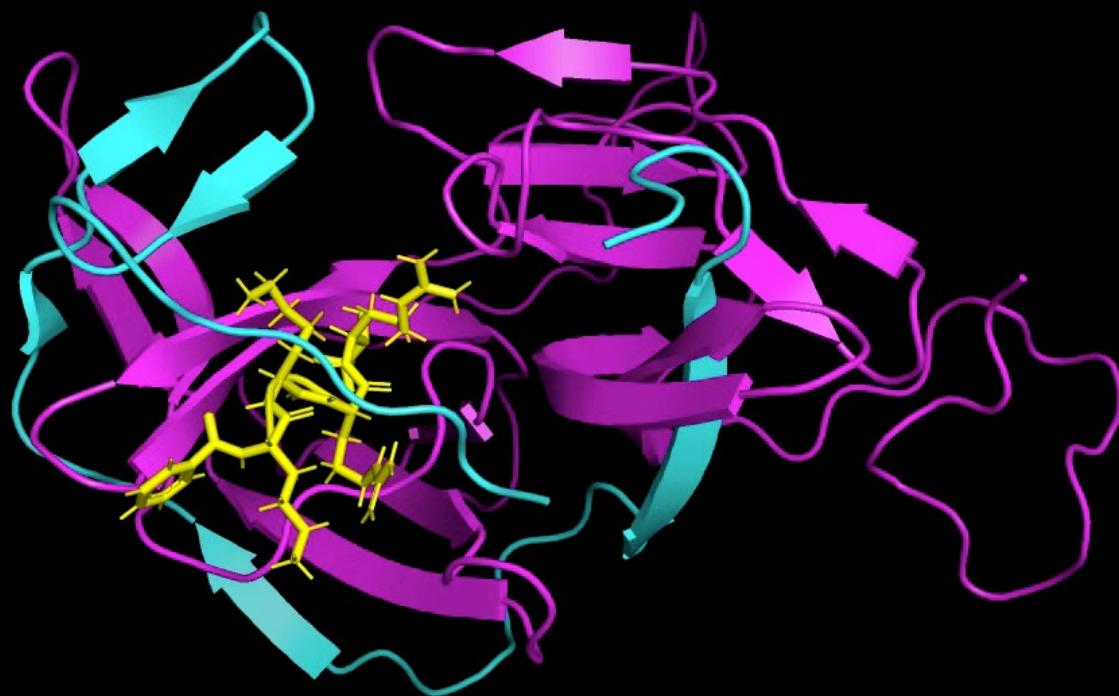
# Solution NMR Structure of DENV2-NS2B-NS3pro Protease Complex $^2\text{H}$ , $^{15}\text{N}$ , $^{13}\text{C}$ , ILVA Me Labeled



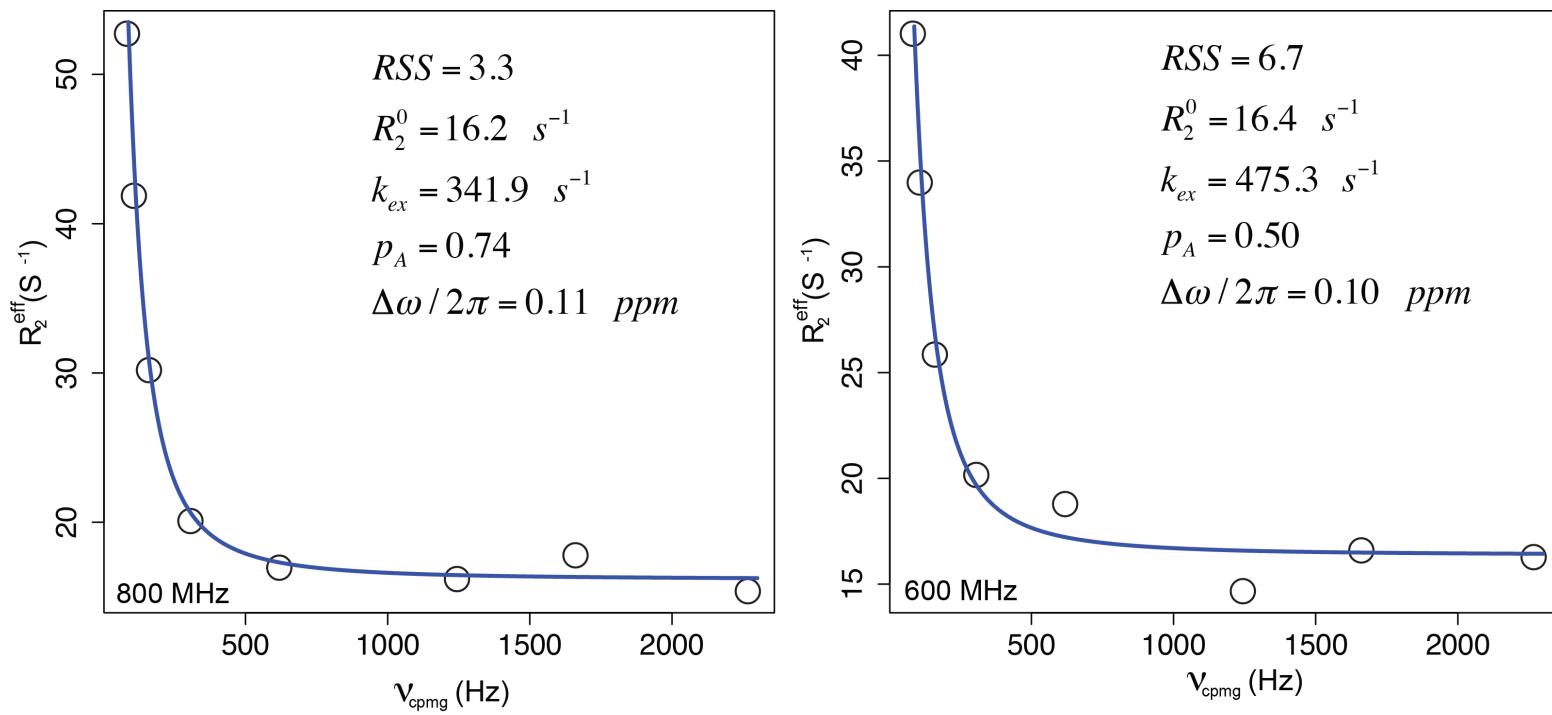
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# NMR Reveals Two Non-Overlapping Inhibitor Binding Sites in DENV2-NS2B-NS3pro Protease Complex

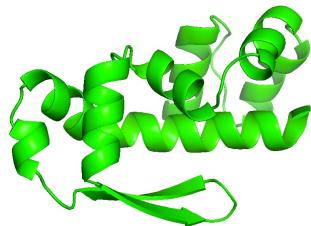




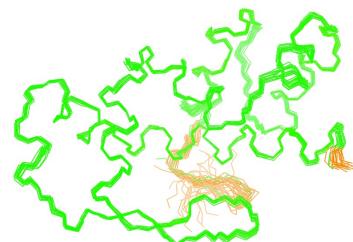
# NMR Relaxation Dispersion (CPMG) Bound Inhibitor Resonances Reveal Dynamic Interconversion Between Two Sites on the Millisecond Timescale



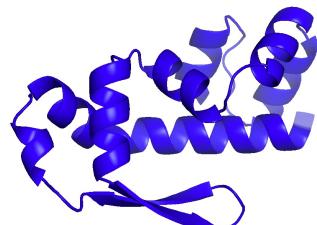
For NMR ensemble: well-defined region based on convergence (Cyrange) and  $^{15}\text{N}$  relaxation



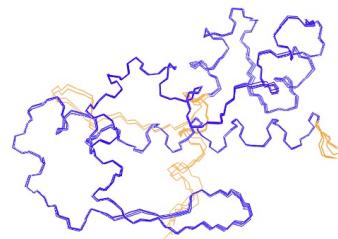
NMR Model



NMR Ensemble



AF2 Model



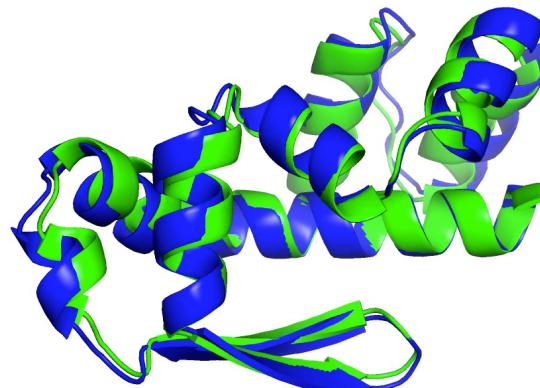
AF2 Ensemble

For AF9 ensemble well-defined region based on convergence and AF2 confidence scores

CASP14 Target T1055

well-defined region:  
residues 305 - 426

Common Region  
for RMSD / GDT  
comparison:  
310-426

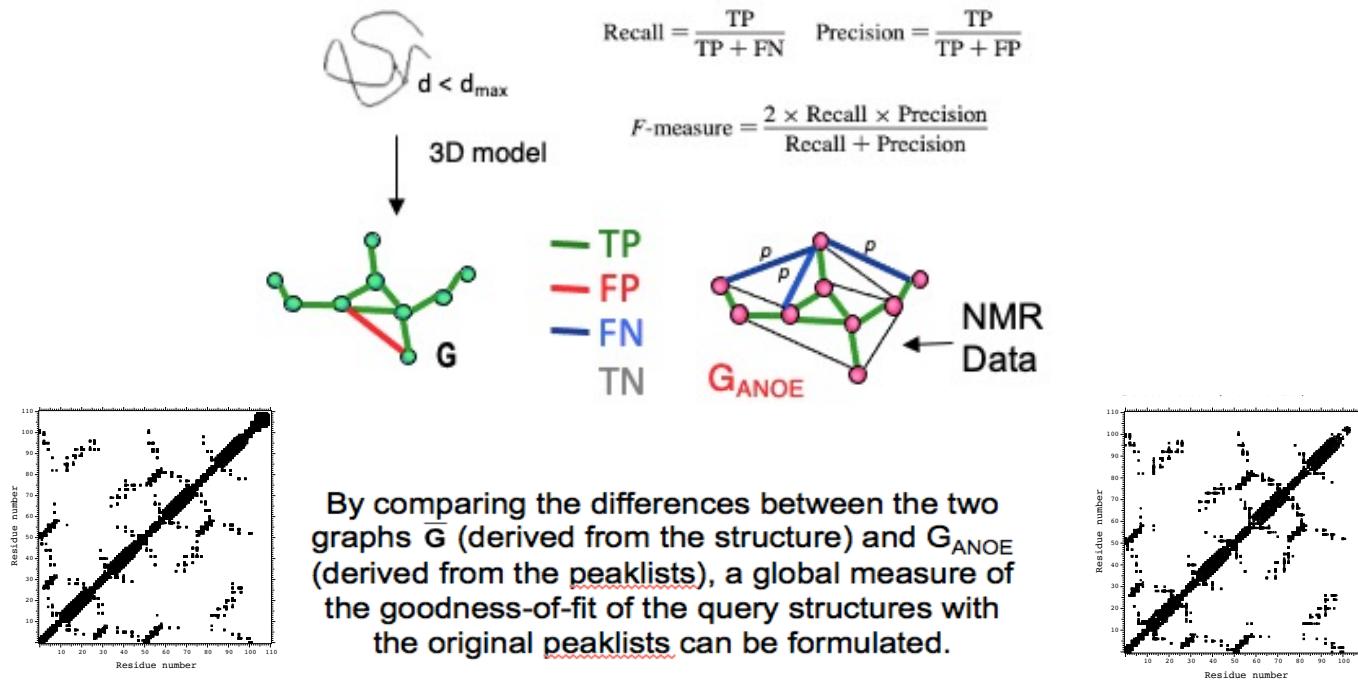


well-defined region:  
residues 310-428

$\langle \text{RMSD} \rangle = 0.97 \text{ \AA}$   
GDT = 0.90

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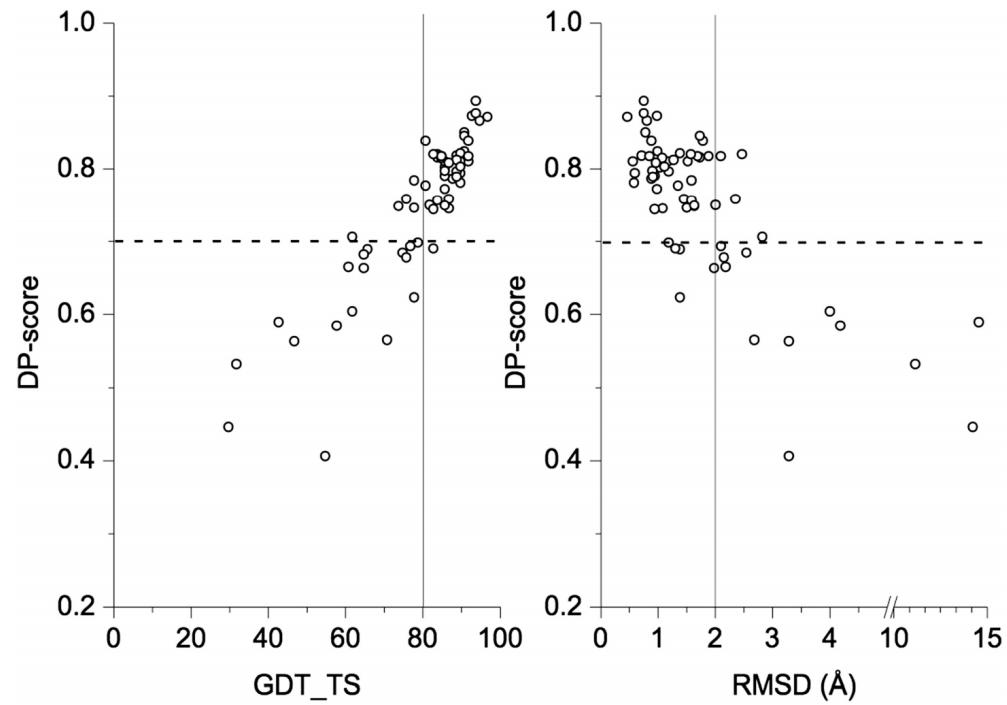
## RPF-DP Score – a measure of how well the NOESY peak list matches to the structural model; “NMR R factor”



Similar to IDDT  
developed later by  
Schwede and  
coworkers

Huang, Y J ; Powers, R ; Montelione, G T *J. Amer. Chem. Soc.* 2005, 127: 1665.  
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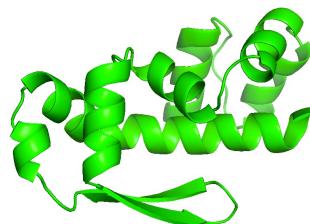
## NMR DP scores correlate with structure accuracy



CASD-NMR

## Comparative Recall Analysis: Compare two models against NOE data Asks if there are NOE data that fit one mode

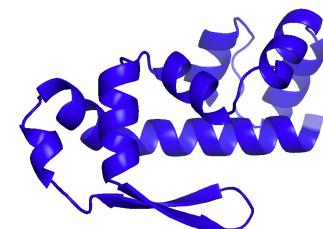
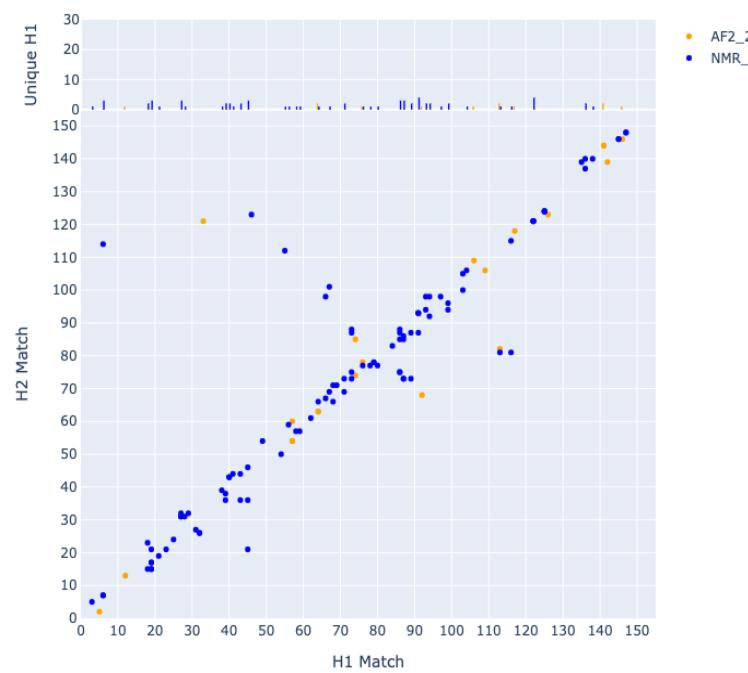
CR analysis reveals that the NMR data equally-well fit NMR, and AF models (actually slightly better fit to NMR model)



**NMR Model**

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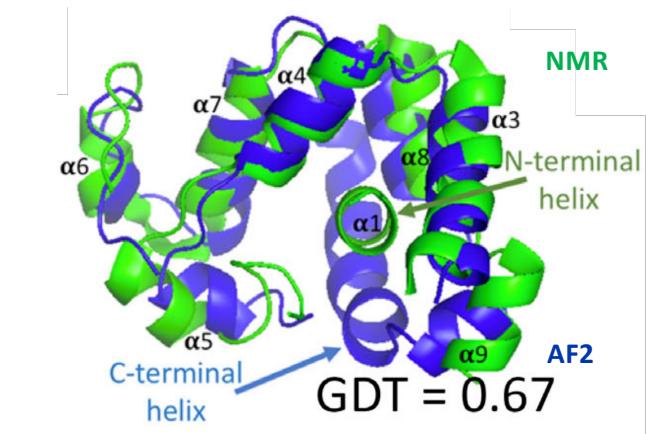
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**AF2 Model**

CASP14 Target T1055

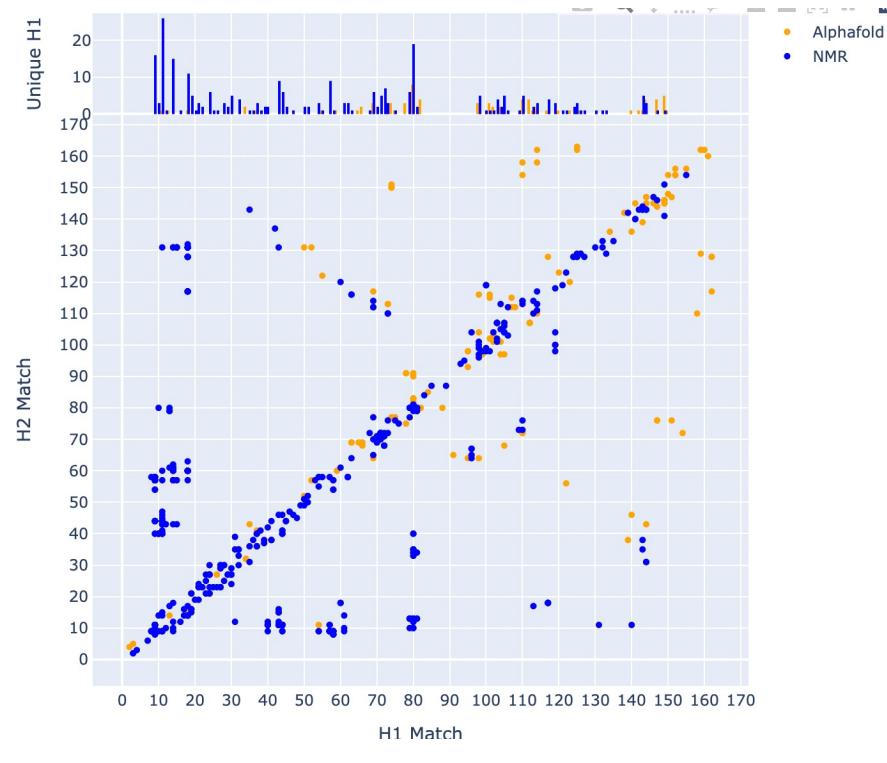
# Double Recall Violation Analysis



AF appears to identify an alternative conformation present in solution.

NOESY peaks consistent with NMR model;  
not explained by AF2 model

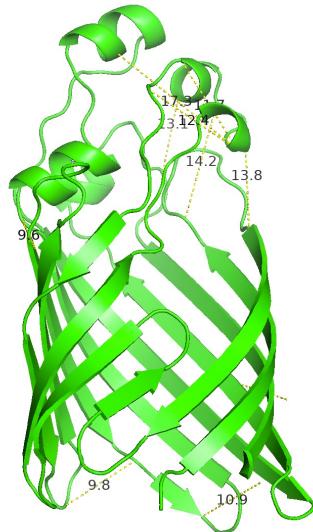
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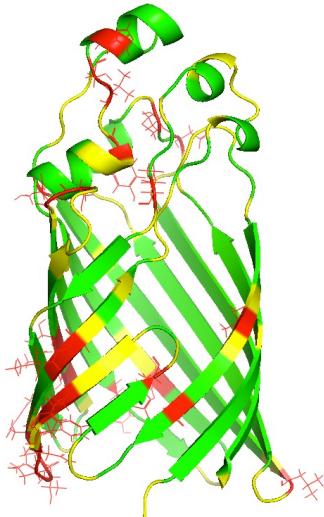
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PDB ID 7D2O –luciferase GLuc.

Wu N, Kobayashi N, Tsuda K, et al. *Sci Rep.* 2020, v10: 20069



AF2  
MipA  
Model



**CASP14 Target T1088**  
*Klebsiella pneumoniae MipA*

many successful  
CASP14 methods  
predicted ideal  $\beta$ -  
barrel “open” form  
of MipA

Regions  $\beta$ 2- $\beta$ 3- $\beta$ 4- $\beta$ 5 of AF2 models  
are inconsistent with NMR data

Dihedral Angle Constraints generated from  
TalosN from chemical shift data

Green – no violations  
Yellow – no restraints from TalosN  
Red – violations in  $\geq 3$  models

## *Klebsiella pneumoniae* MipA in detergent micelles

### EC-NMR Structure

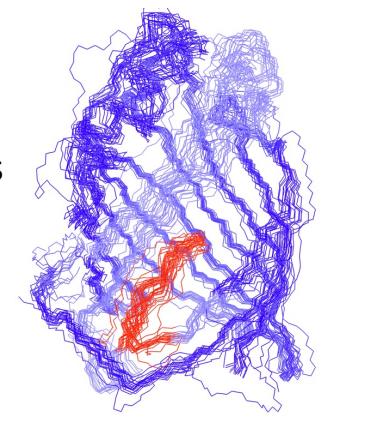
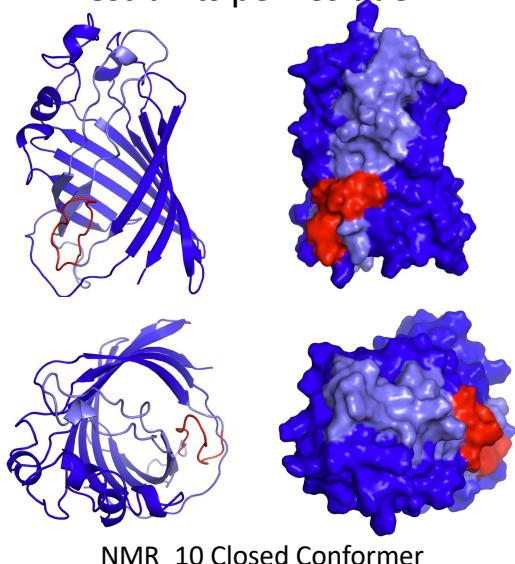
240 Residues

Perdeuterated Sparse Restraints

$^{15}\text{N}$ - $^1\text{H}$ ,  $\text{C}^\alpha$ ,  $\text{C}^\beta$ , some  $\text{CH}_3$

~ 1000 Conformational Restraints

~ 4 restraints per residue

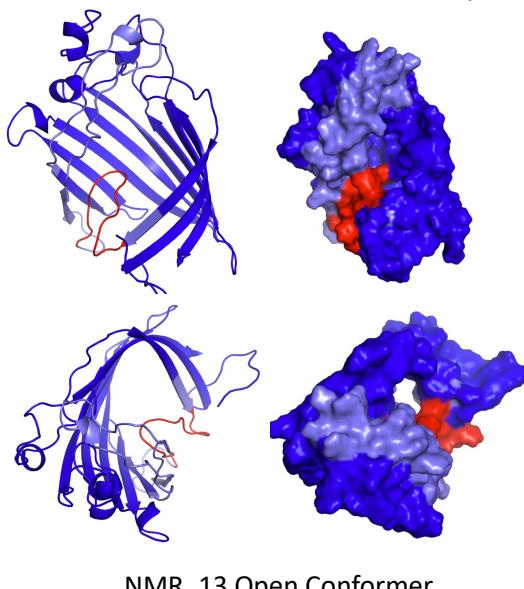


Structural variations in formation of strand  $\beta 2$ ,  $\beta 3$ ,  $\beta 4$ , and  $\beta 5$

Antibiotic resistance factor

Extensive exchange broadening in red hairpin; do not see many HN-HN NOEs

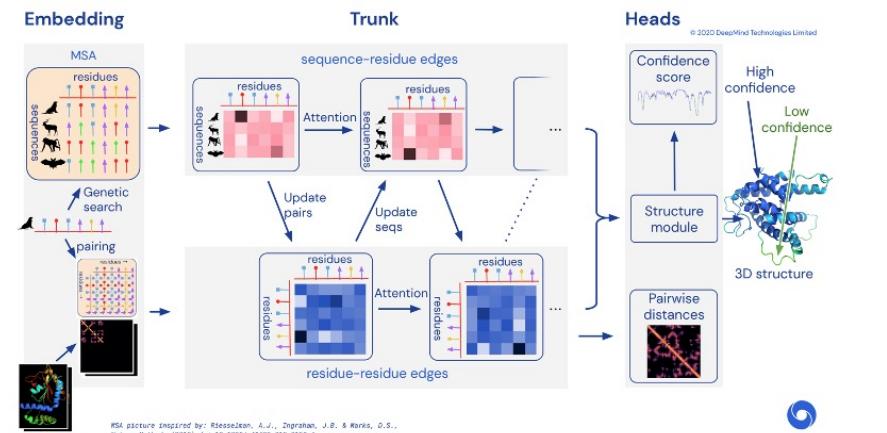
Chemical shift data indicate  $\beta 3$ - $\beta 4$  hairpin is not beta strand -> rather indicate a dynamic local structure



# Exploring AlphaFold to Predict Multiple Conformational States

attention-based machine learning

Use shallow MSAs to provide subsets of ECs



John Jumper  
CASP14 Talk Dec 2020



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## Sampling alternative conformational states of transporters and receptors with AlphaFold2

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### RESEARCH ARTICLE



## Multi-state modeling of G-protein coupled receptors at experimental accuracy

Lim Heo | Michael Feig

### Prediction of multiple conformational states by combining sequence clustering with AlphaFold2

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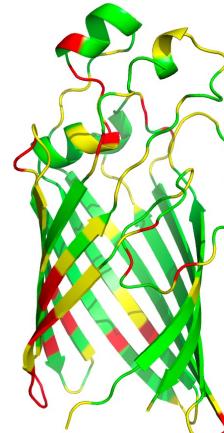
AF\_ALT generates three clusters of models  
structural variation in strands  $\beta$ 2,  $\beta$ 3,  $\beta$ 4,  $\beta$ 5 region



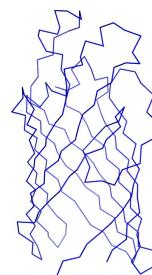
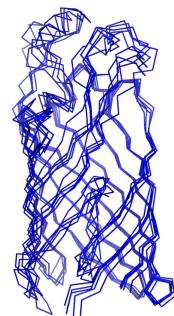
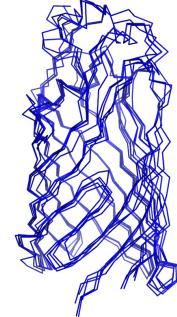
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DP\_max = 0.59



AF-ALT\_2  
cluster 2  
DP\_max = 0.61



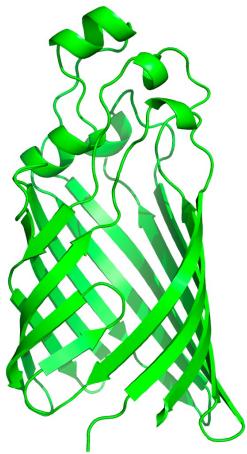
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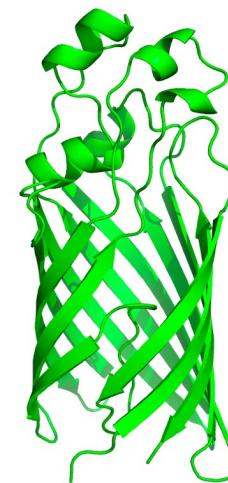
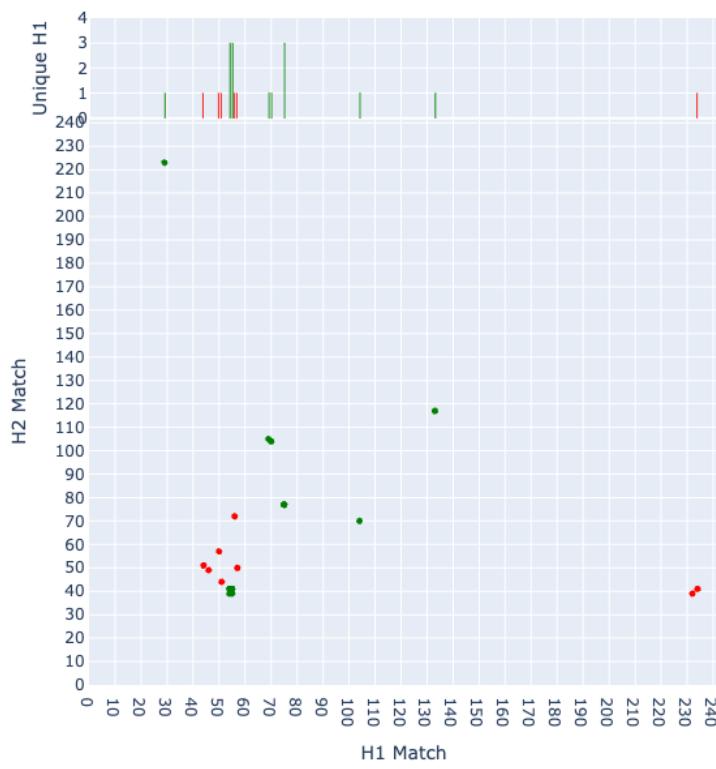
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# Comparative Recall Analysis

NOEs satisfied by ALT1 but not ALT2  
NOEs satisfied by ALT2 but not ALT1



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Open Form

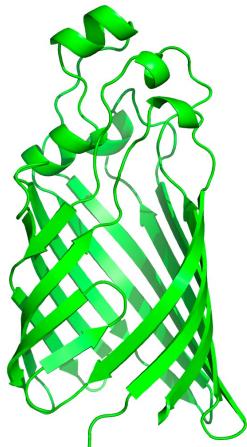


AF\_ALT\_2  
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Closed Form

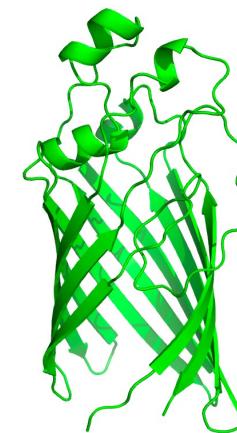
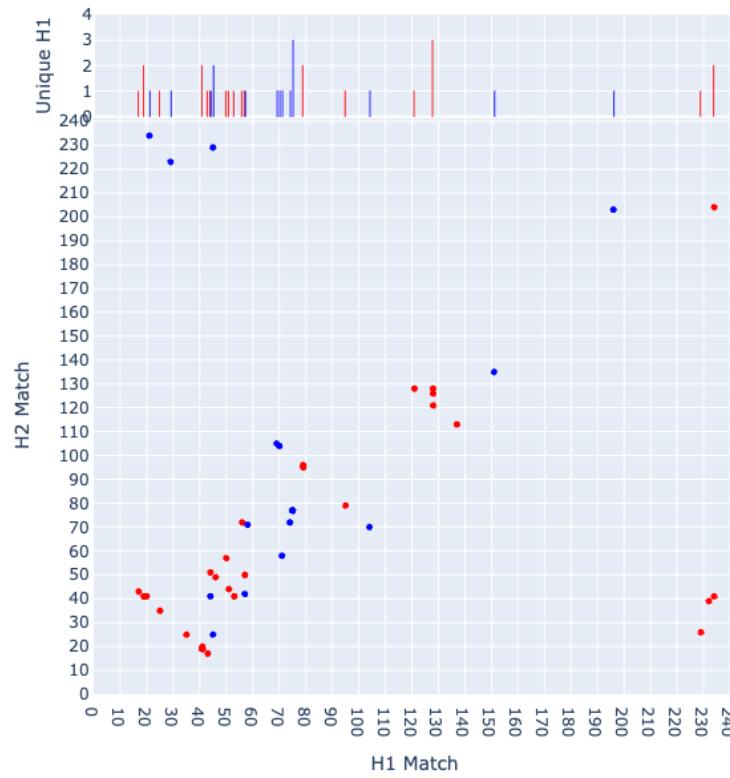
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NOEs satisfied by ALT1 but not ALT3

NOEs satisfied by ALT3 but not ALT1



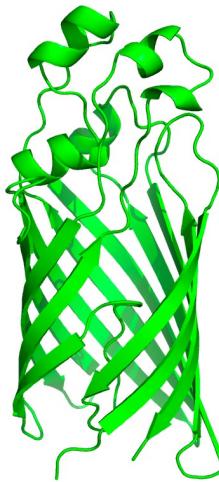
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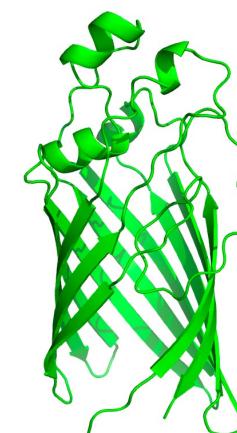
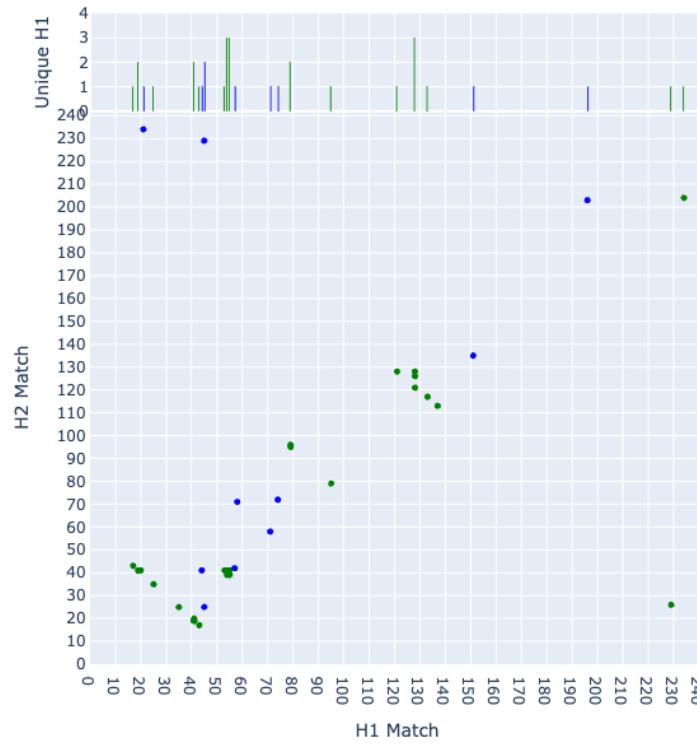
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NOEs satisfied by ALT2 but not ALT3  
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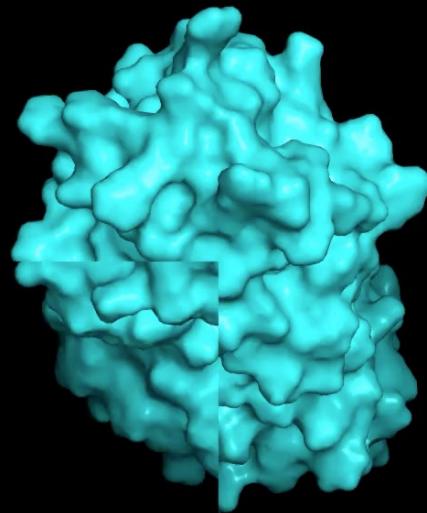
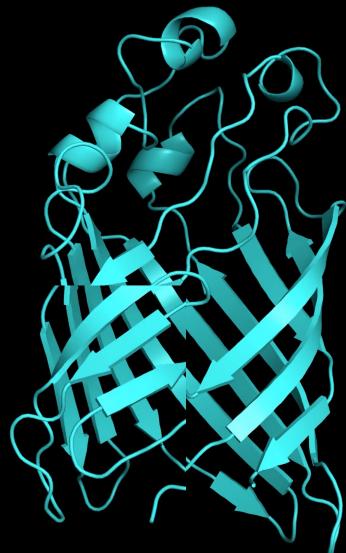


AF\_ALT\_2  
DP = 0.61  
Closed Form



AF\_ALT\_3  
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Closed Form

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## Conclusions

For CASP14 target T1055 the experimental data are about equally consistent for AF2 model or the experimentally-reported NMR model.

Similar results were obtained for 10 other proteins studied by AF2 and NMR

For CASP14 target T1027, the experimental data are not fully consistent with either the AF or experimentally-reported NMR model, but rather suggest a dynamic conformational exchange between these two conformations in solution.

For CASP14 target T1088, the NMR data are consistent with an equilibrium between multiple conformations generated by AF2-alt. All are significantly populated at 313 K

We introduce Comparative Recall Analysis for assessing how well pairs of models fit distance restraint data

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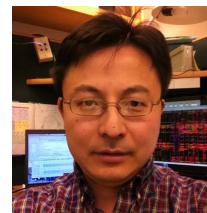
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