



BGGN 213

Structural Bioinformatics

Lecture 12

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... A hybrid of biology and computer science

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Goal: Data to Knowledge

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... computer aided structural biology!

Aims to characterize and interpret biomolecules and their assemblies at the molecular & atomic level

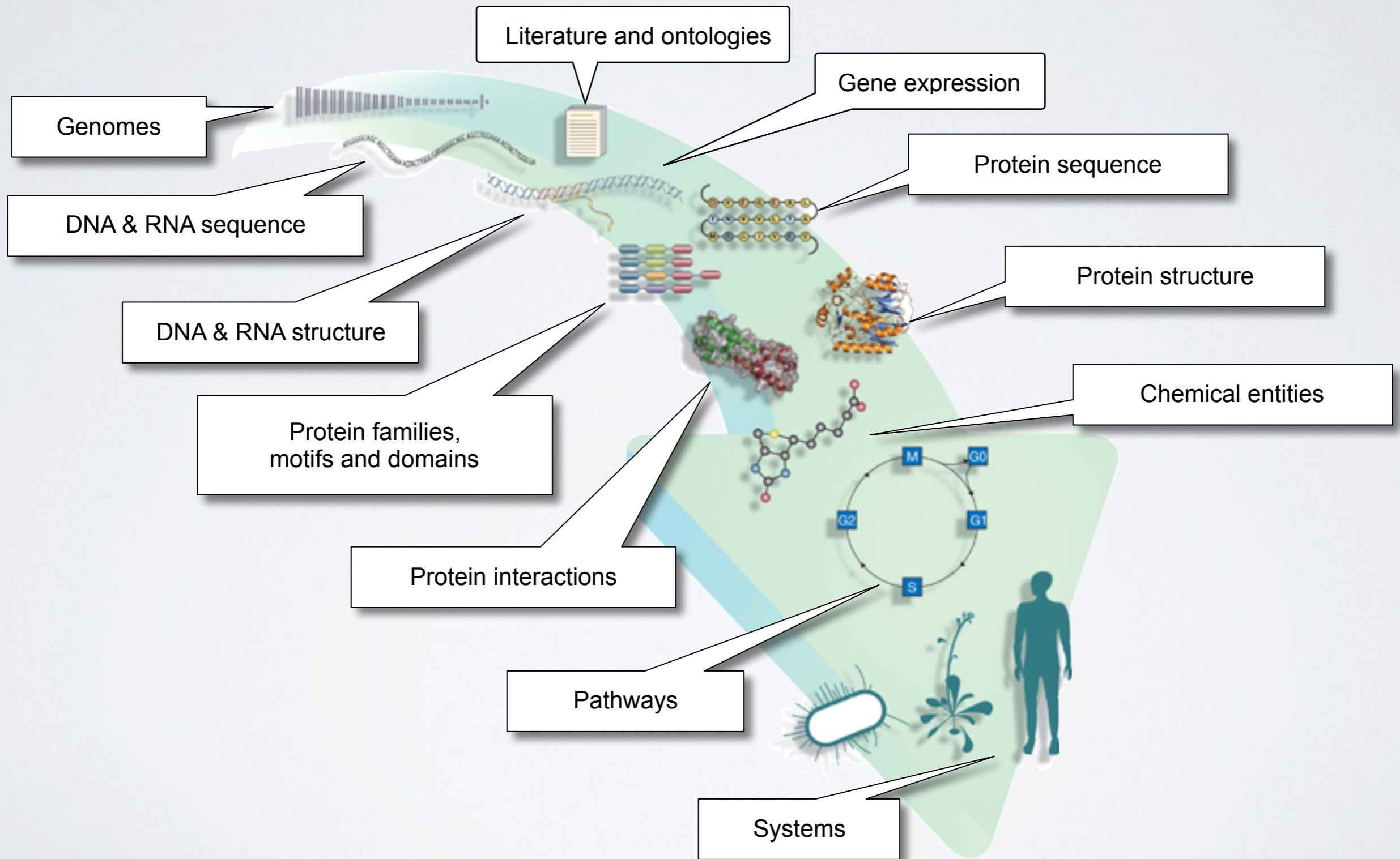
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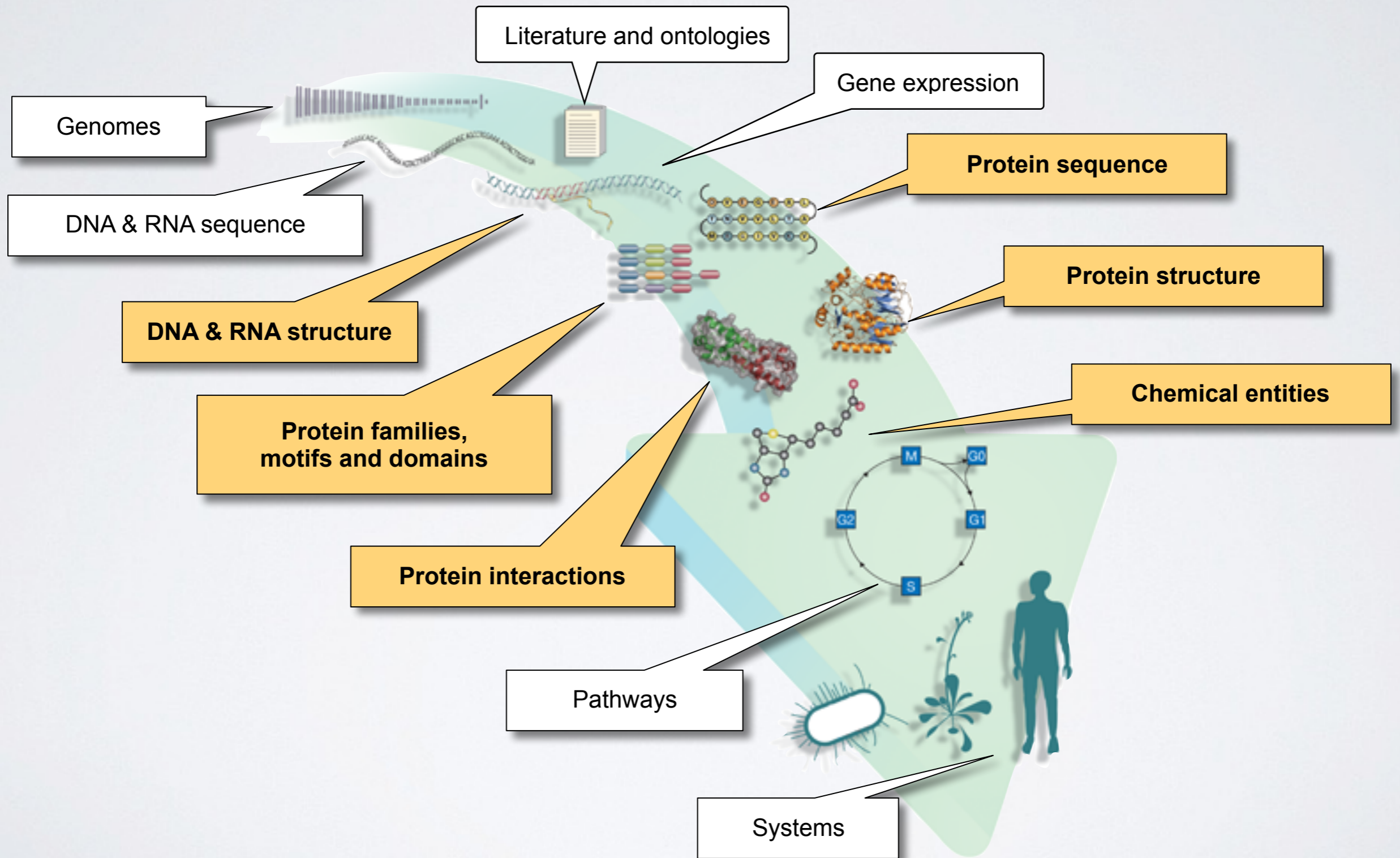
Because biomolecules are “nature’s robots”

... and because it is only by coiling into **specific 3D structures** that they are able to perform their functions

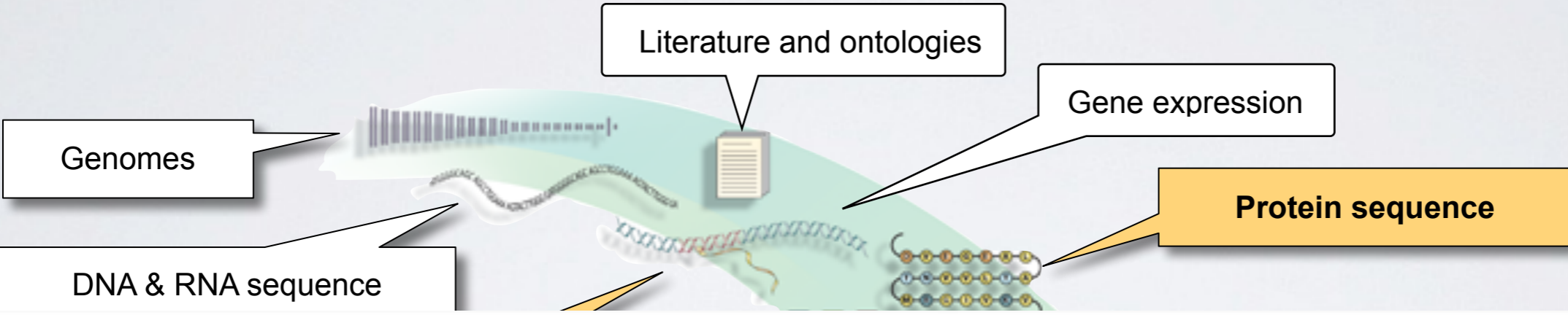
BIOINFORMATICS DATA



STRUCTURAL DATA IS CENTRAL



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Sequence > Structure > Function

DNA & RNA structure

Protein structure

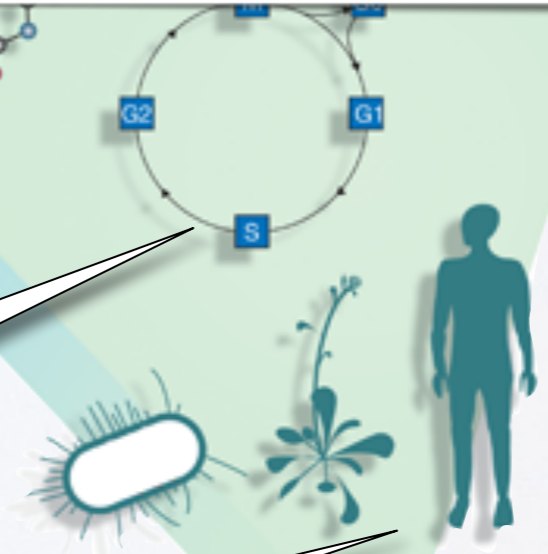
Protein families, motifs and domains

Chemical entities

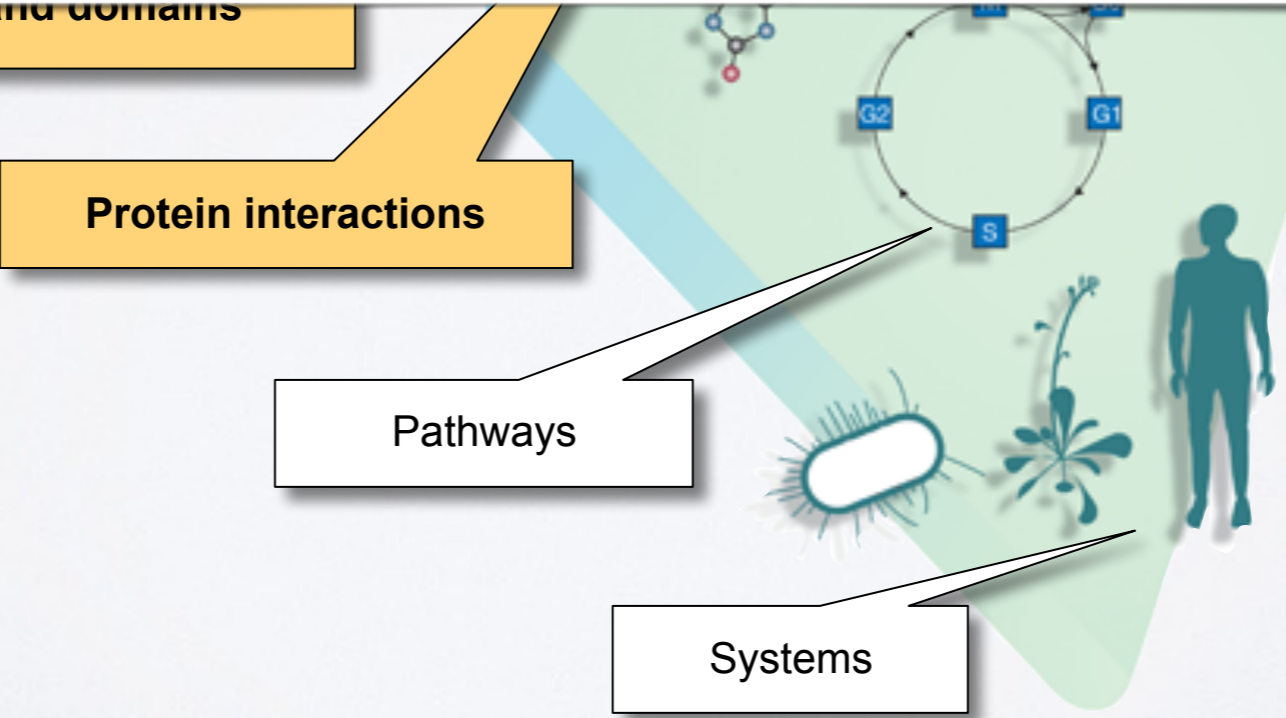
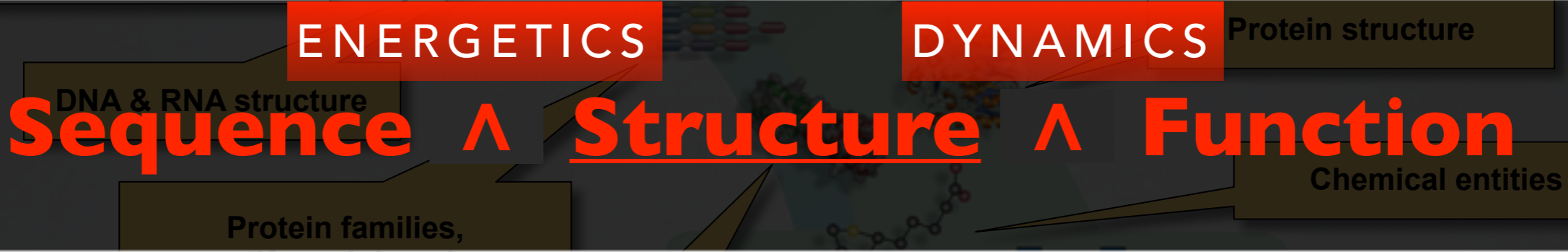
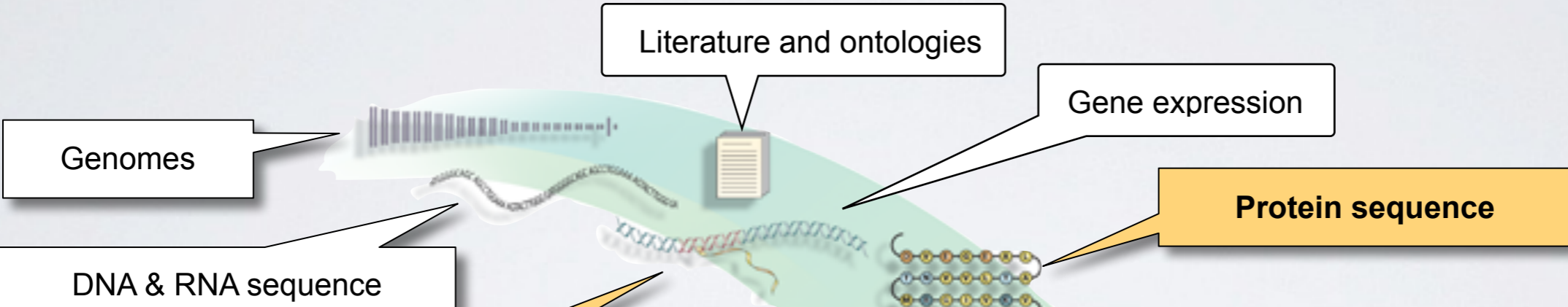
Protein interactions

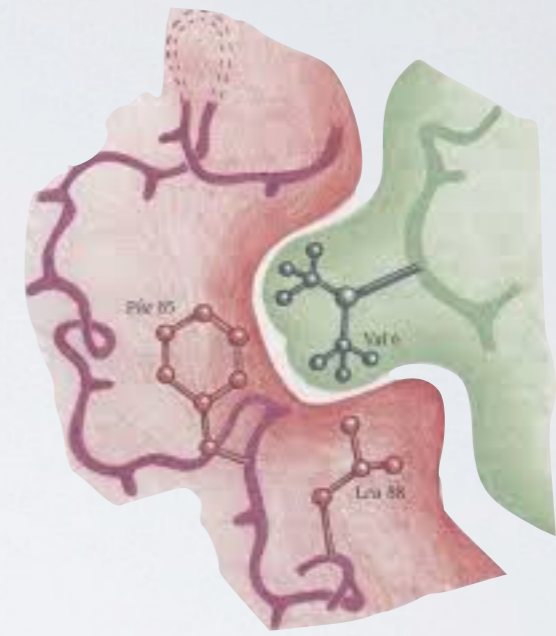
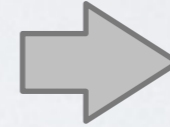
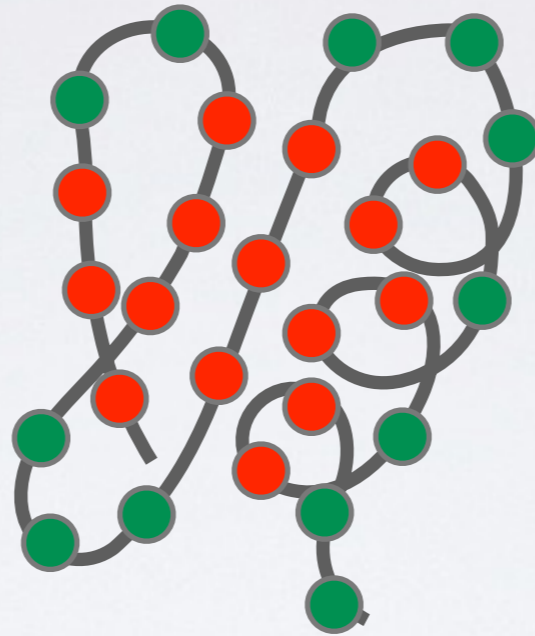
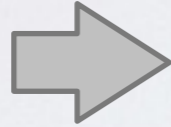
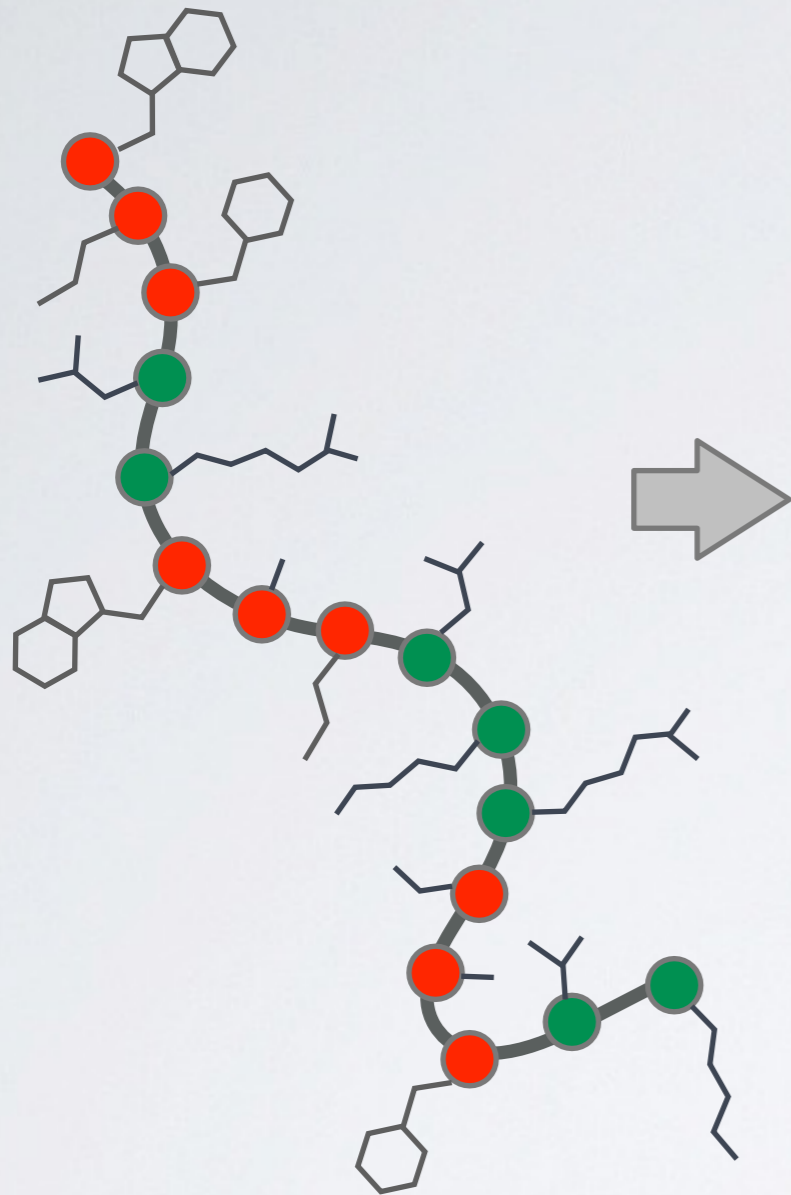
Pathways

Systems



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Sequence

- Unfolded chain of amino acid chain
- Highly mobile
- Inactive

Structure

- Ordered in a precise 3D arrangement
- Stable but dynamic

Function

- Active in specific "conformations"
- Specific associations & precise reactions

In daily life, we use machines with functional *structure* and *moving parts*



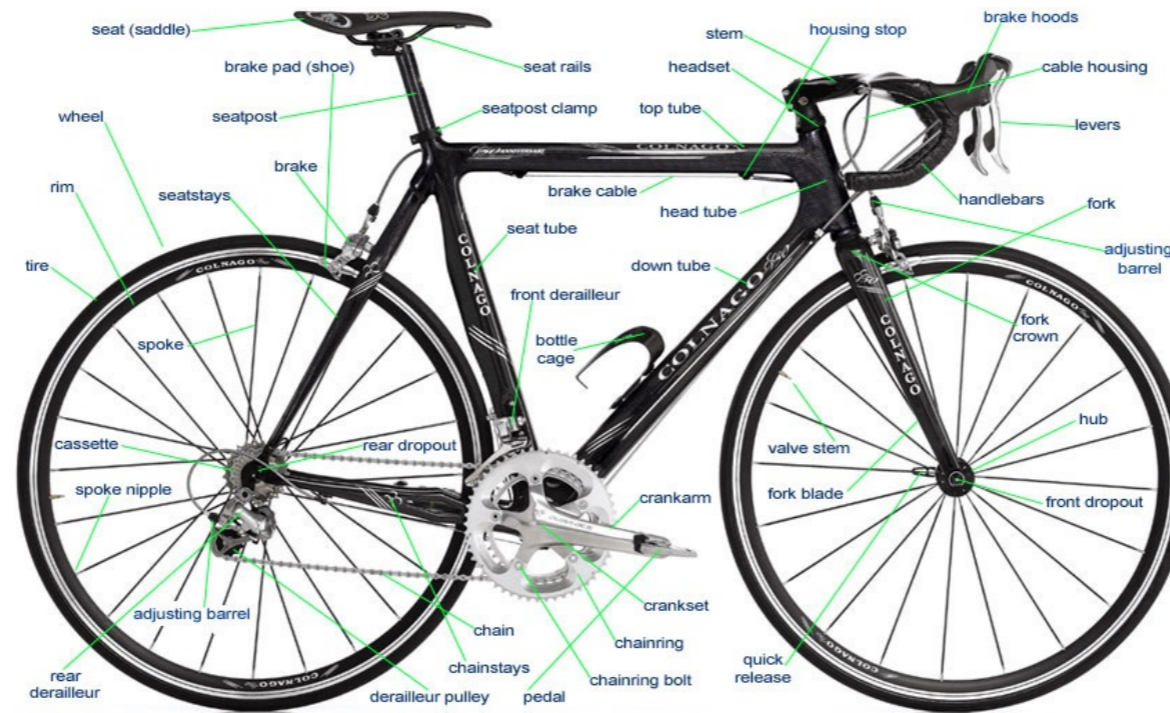
Genomics is a great start

Track Bike – DL 175

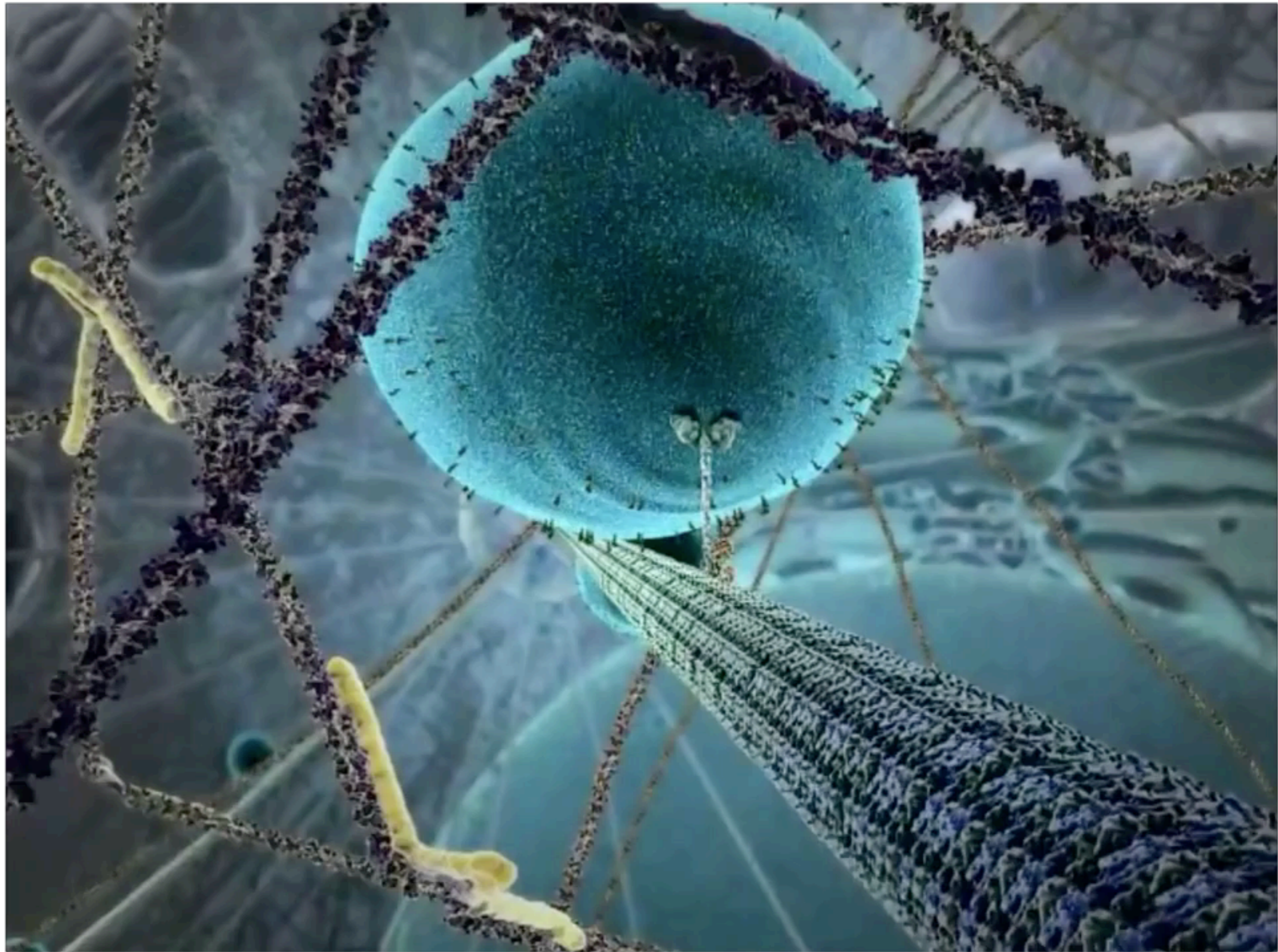
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2	157037	Fork for 24" Frame
3	191202	Handlebar TTT Competition Track Alloy 15/16"
4		Handlebar Stem, TTT, Specify extension
5	191278	Expander Bolt
6	191272	Clamp Bolt
7	145841	Headset Complete 1 x 24 BSC
8	145842	Ball Bearings
9	190420	175 Raleigh Pistard Seta Tubular Prestavalve 27"
10	190233	Rim, 27" AVA Competition (36H) Alloy Prestavalve
11	145973	Hub, Large Flange Campagnolo Pista Track Alloy (pairs)
12	190014	Spokes, 11 5/8"
13	145837	Sleeve
14	145636	Ball Bearings
15	145170	Bottom Bracket Axle
16	145838	Cone for Sleeve
17	146473	L.H. Adjustable Cup
18	145833	Lockring
19	145239	Straps for Toe Clips
20	145834	Fixing Bolt
21	145835	Fixing Washer
22	145822	Dustcap
23	145823	R.H. and L.H. Crankset with Chainwheel
24	146472	Fixed Cup
25	145235	Toe Clips, Christophe, Chrome (Medium)
26	145684	Pedals, Extra Light, Pairs
27	123021	Chain
28	145980	Seat Post
29		Seat Post Bolt and Nut
30	167002	Saddle, Brooks
31	145933	Track Sprocket, Specify 12, 13, 14, 15, or 16 T.

- But a parts list is not enough to understand how a bicycle works

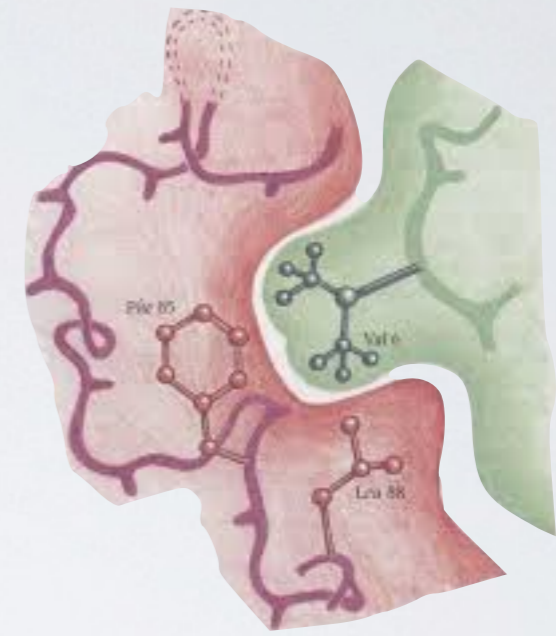
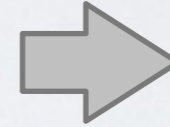
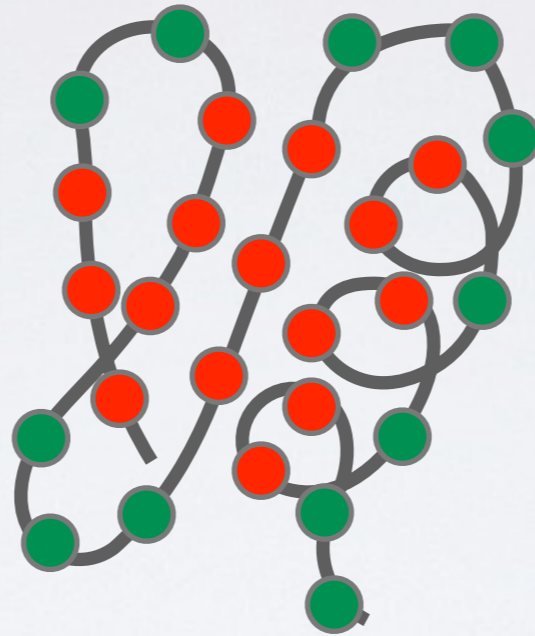
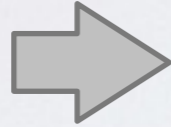
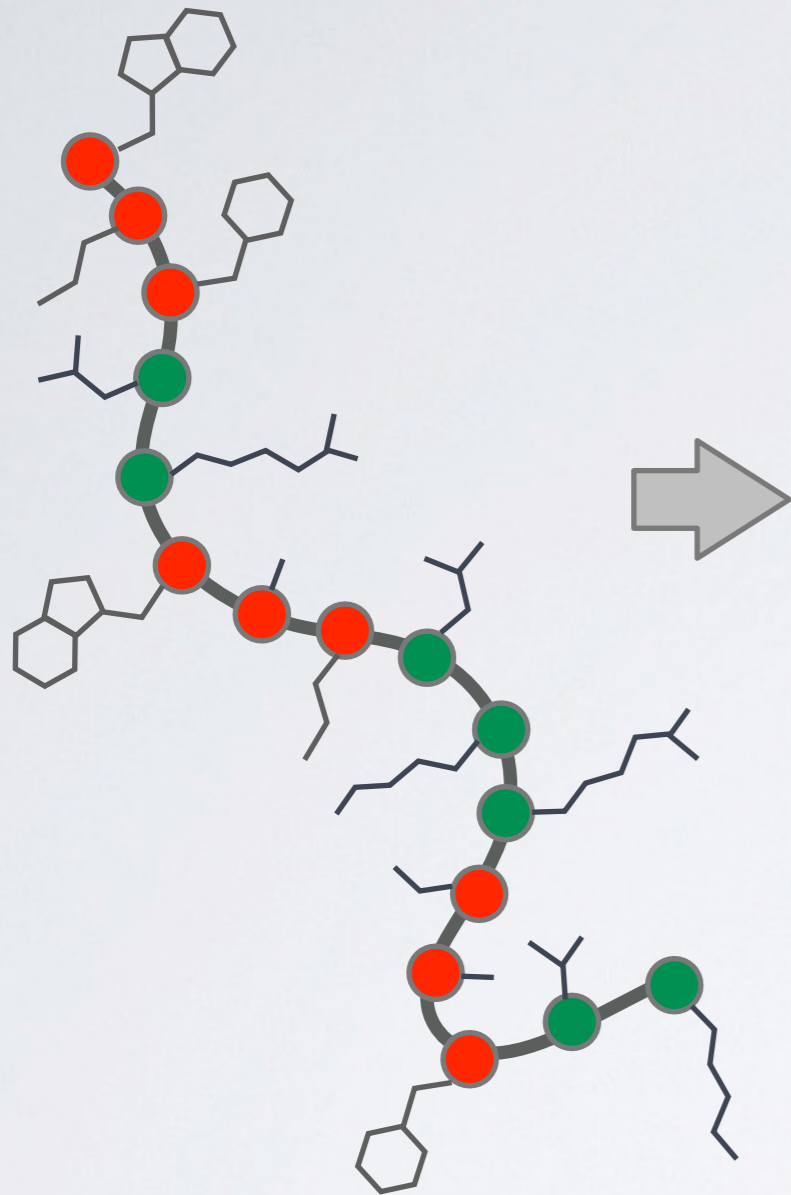
... but not the end



- We want the full spatiotemporal picture, and an ability to control it
- Broad applications, including drug design, medical diagnostics, chemical manufacturing, and energy



Extracted from The Inner Life of a Cell by Cellular Visions and Harvard
[YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-uuk4Pr2i8>]



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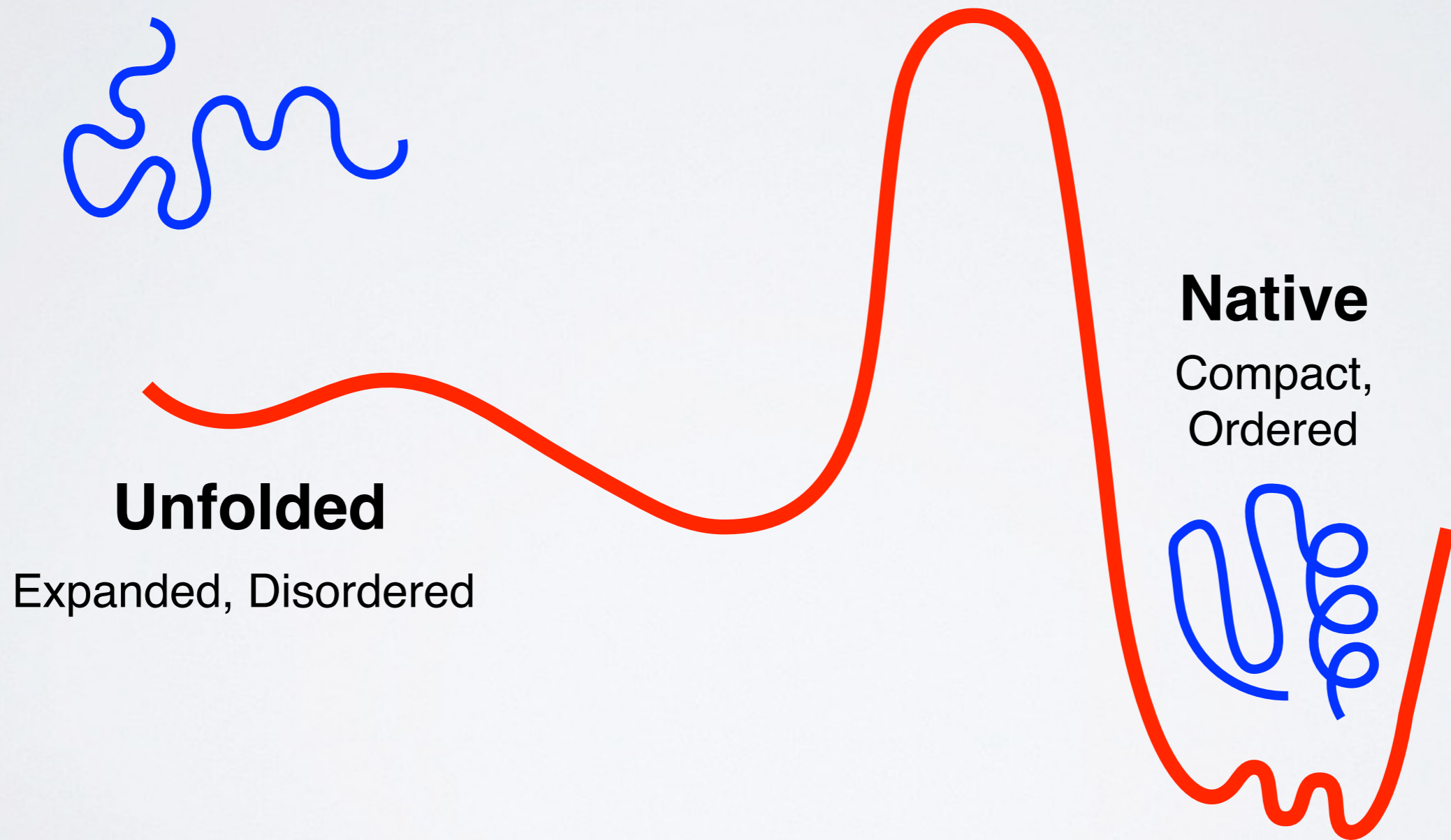
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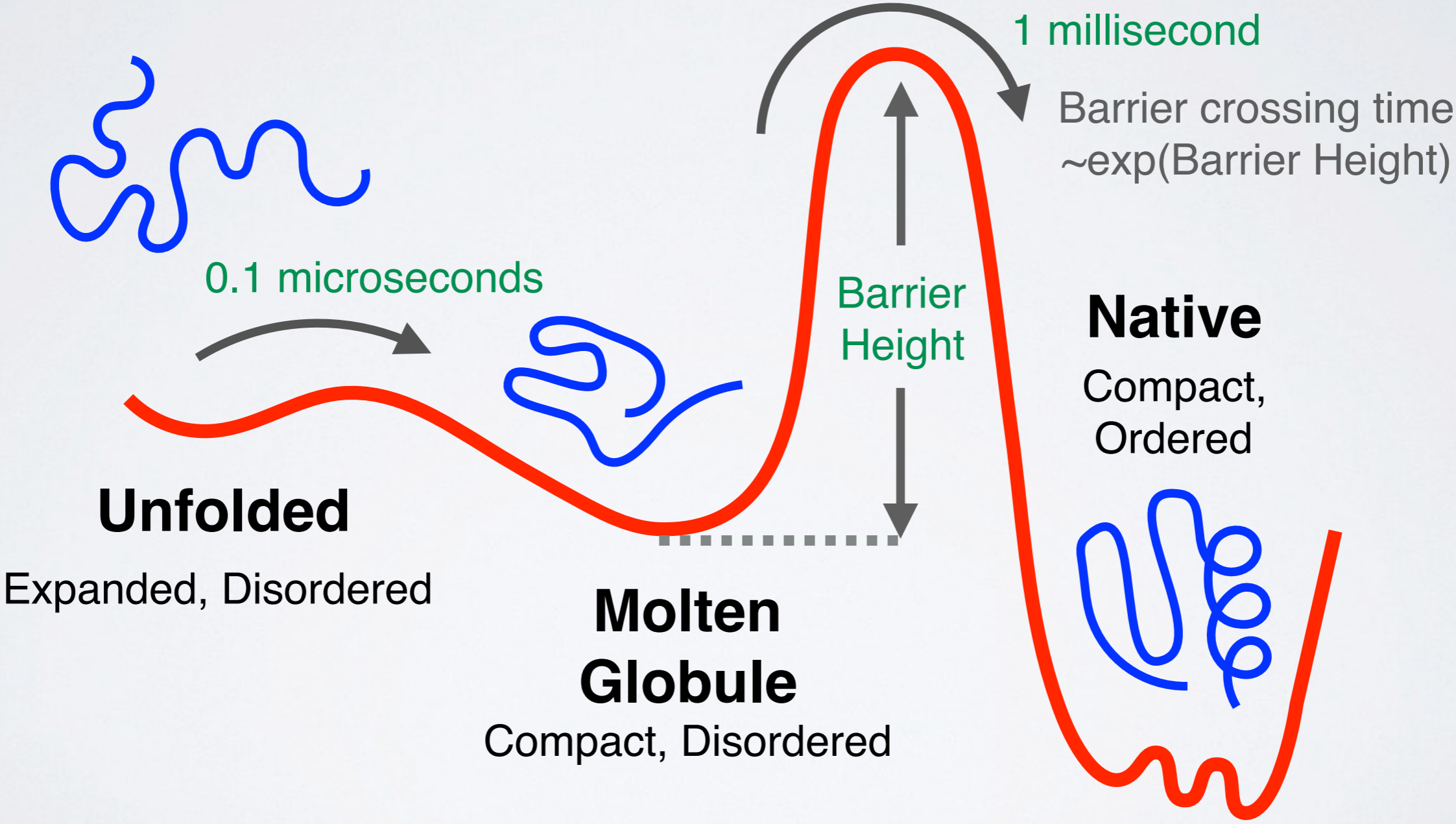
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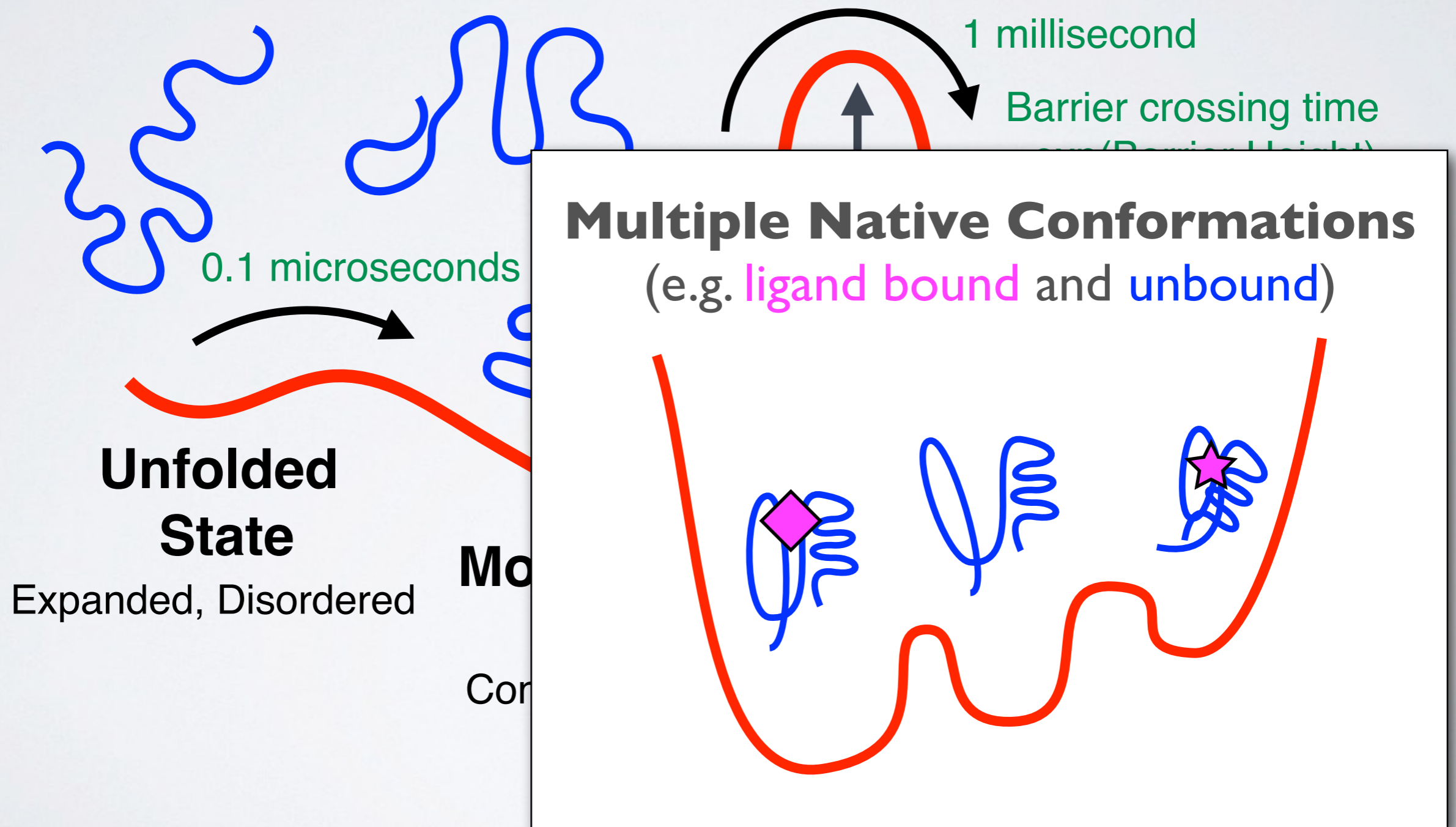
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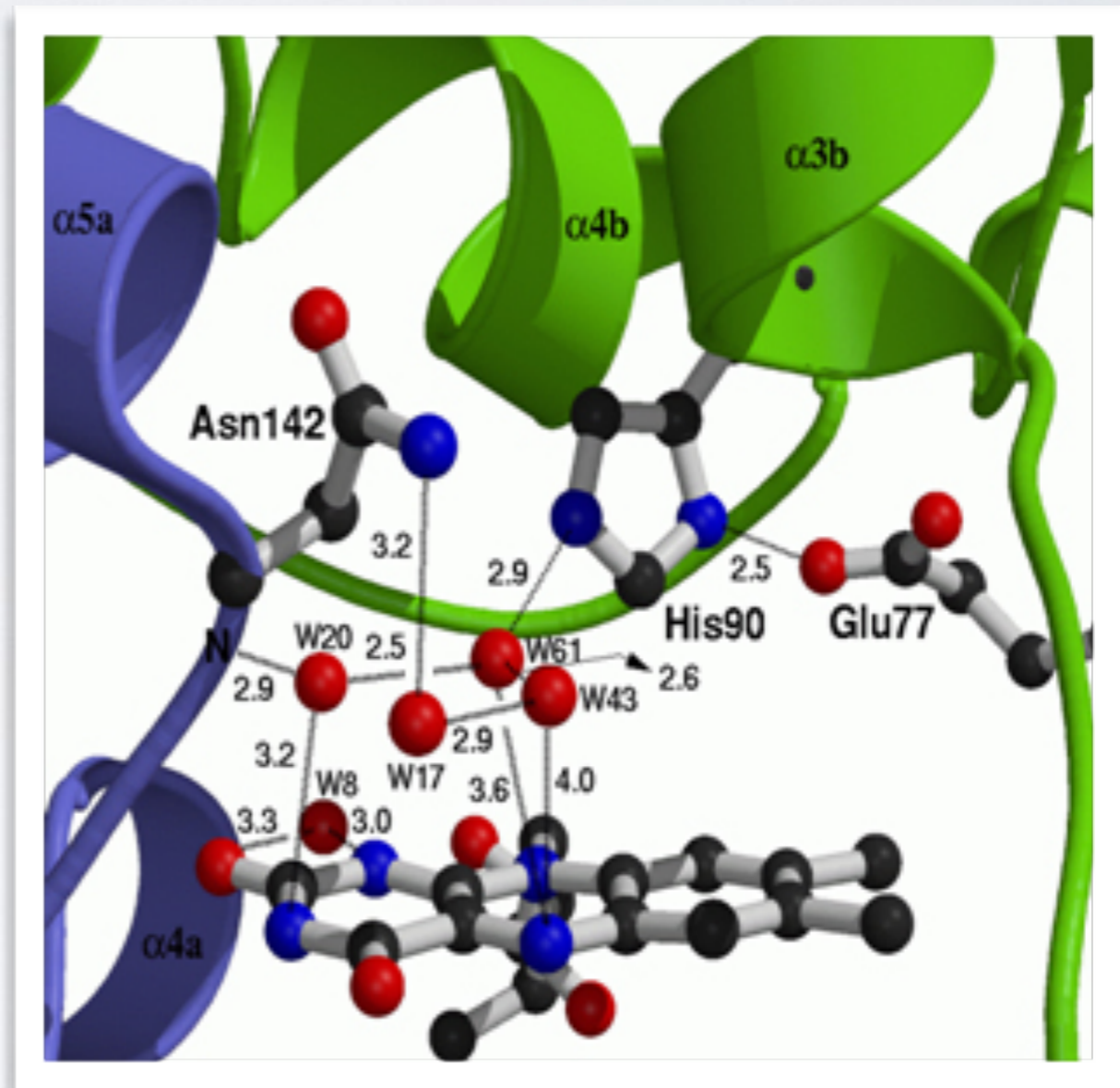
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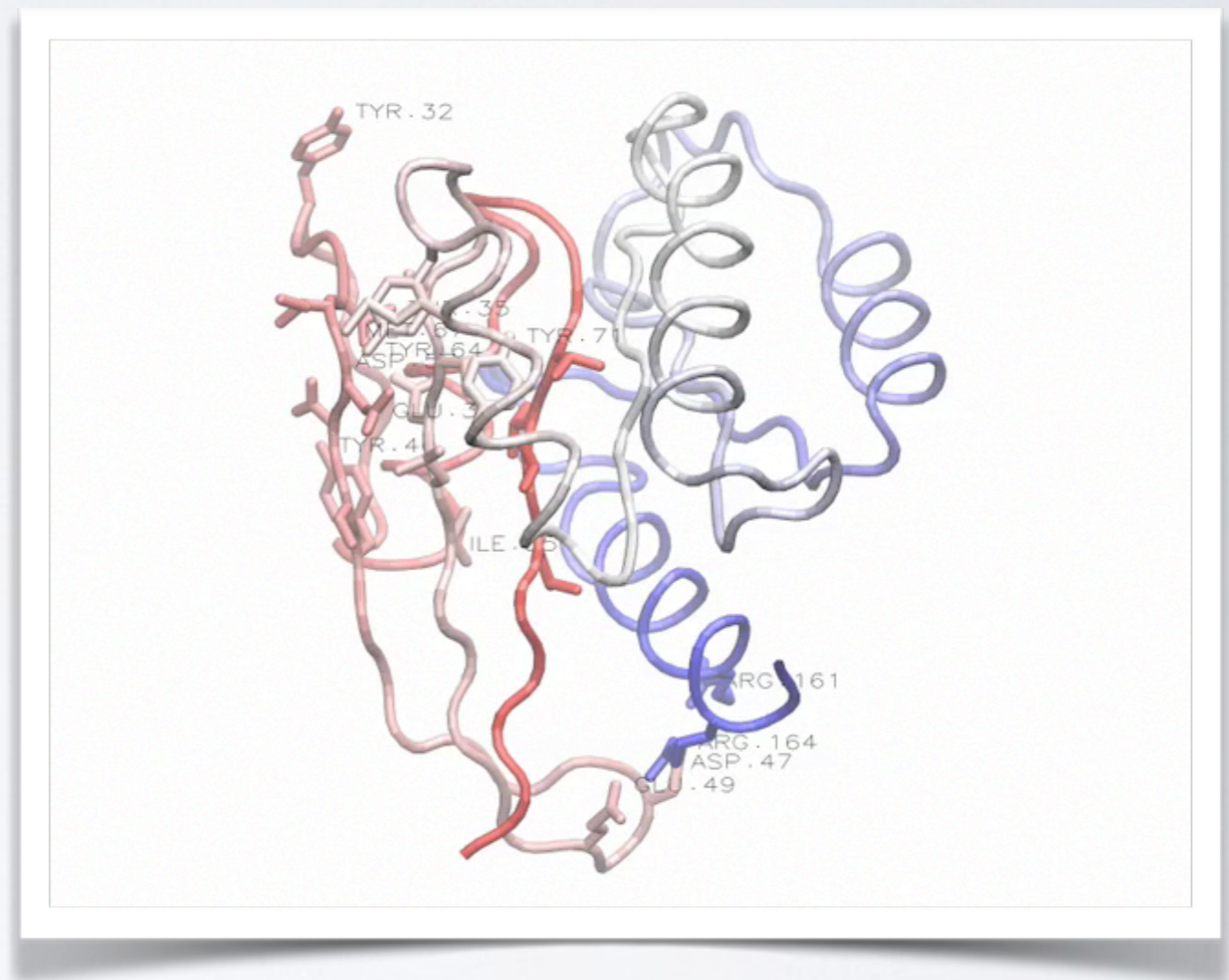
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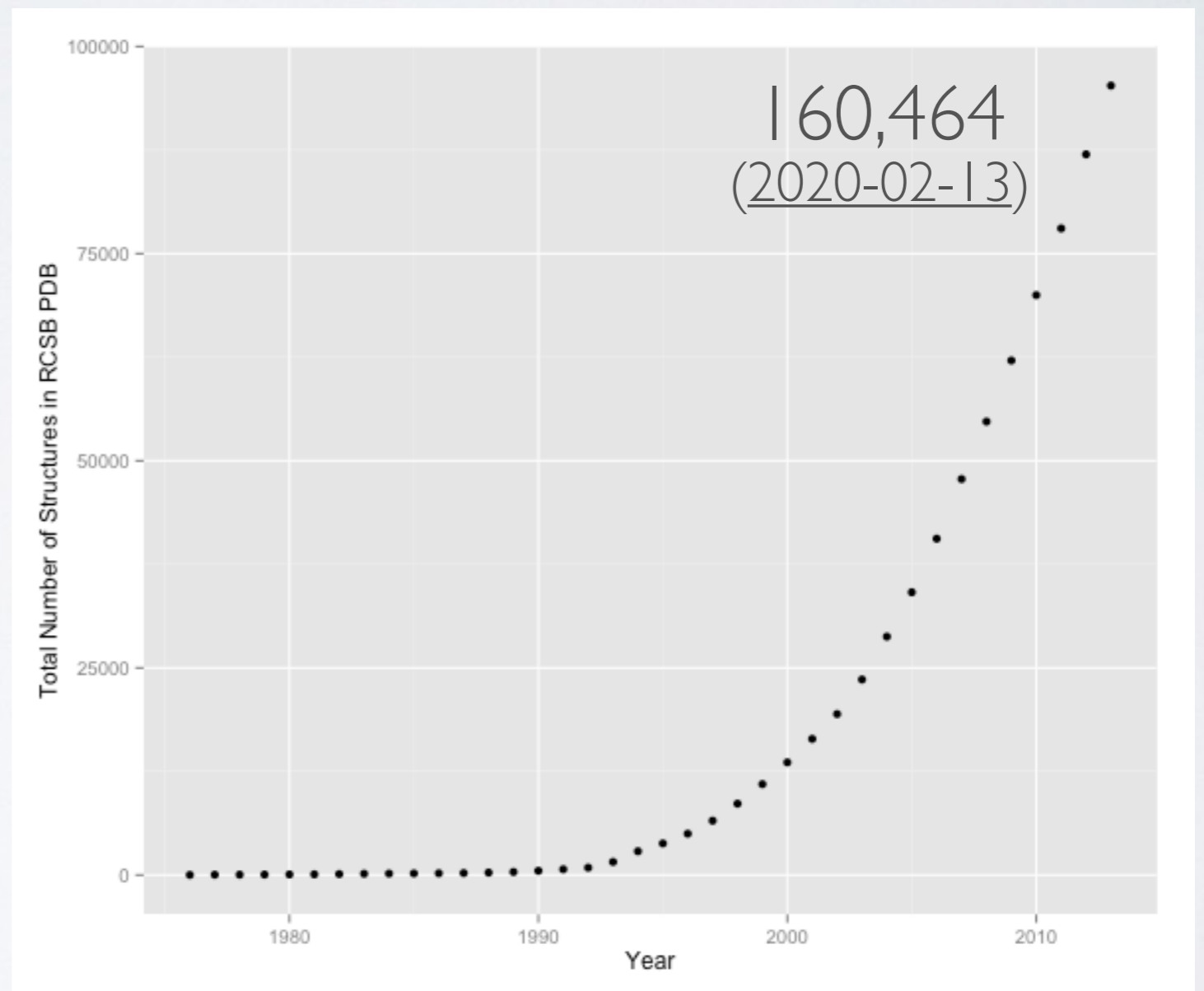
Computational modeling can
provide detailed insight into
functional interactions, their
regulation and potential
consequences of perturbation.



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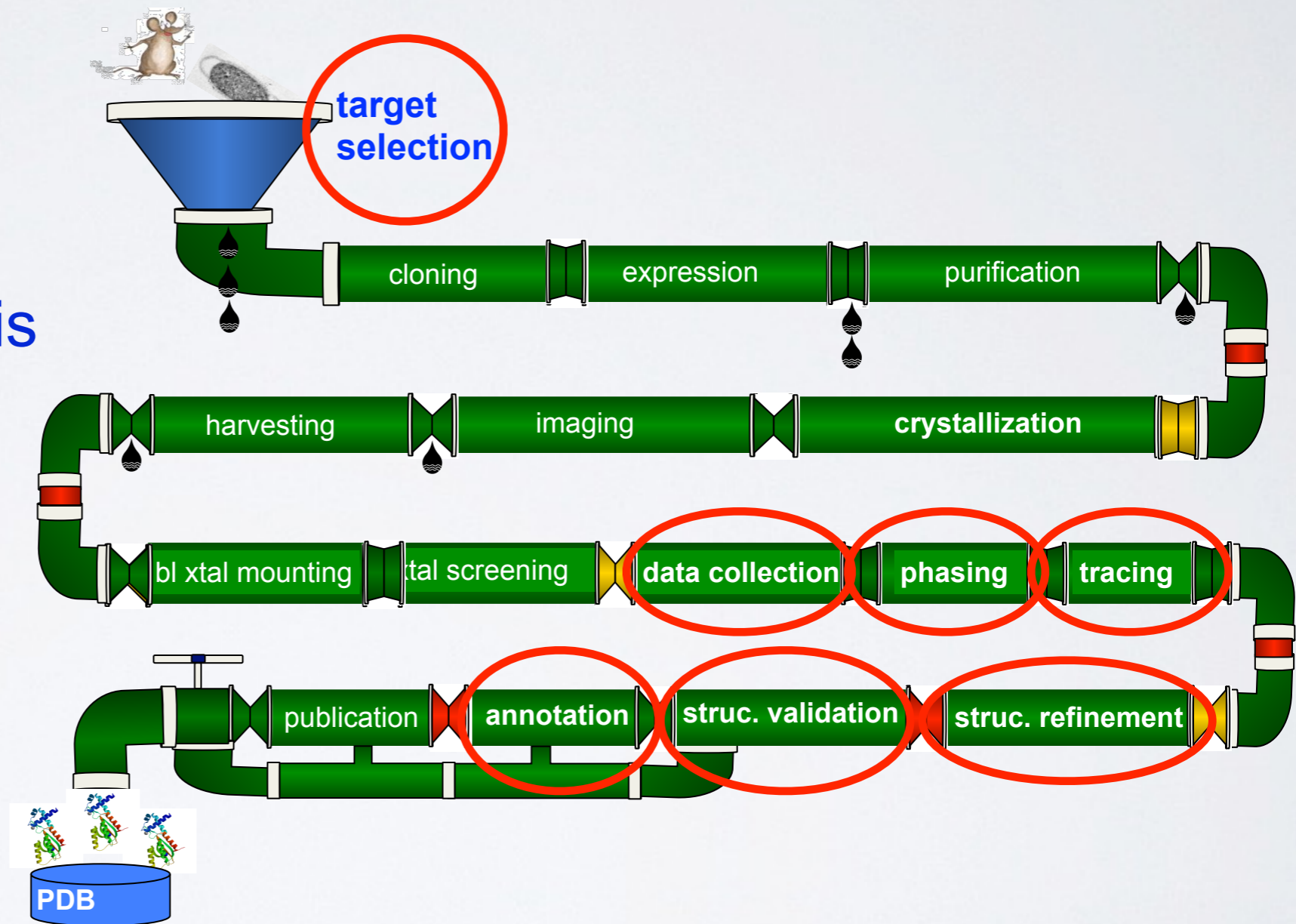
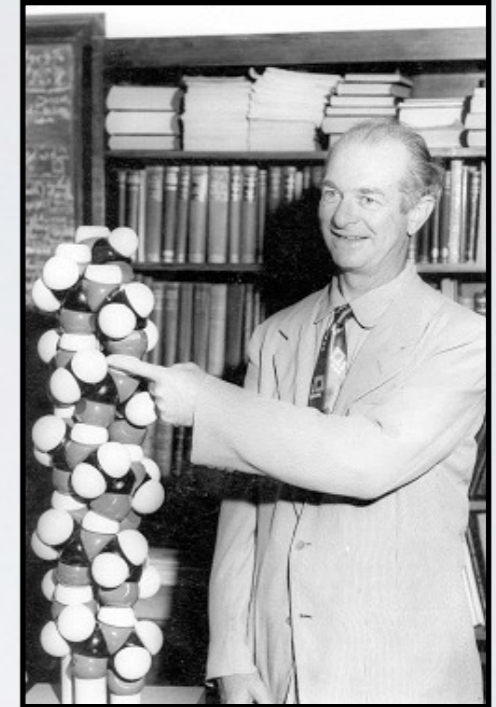
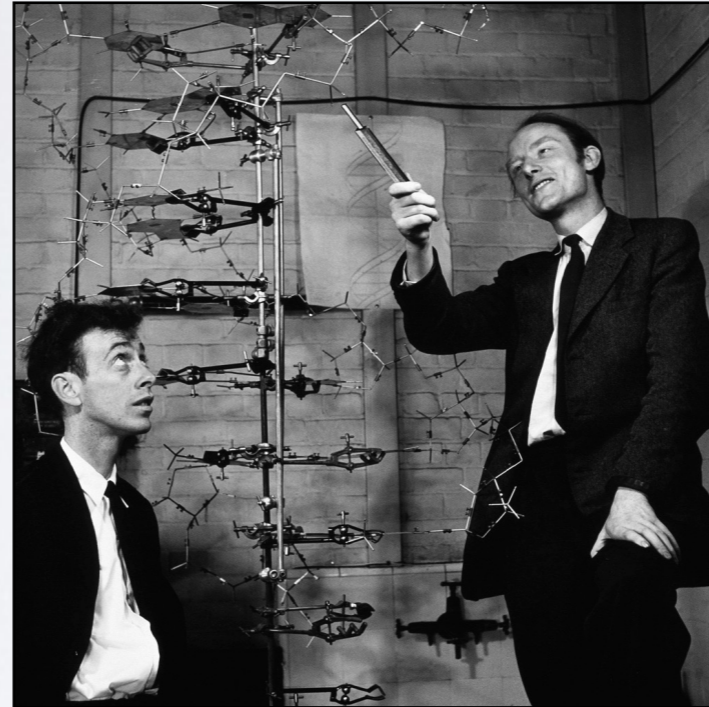


Image Credit: "Structure determination assembly line" Adam Godzik



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SUMMARY OF KEY **MOTIVATIONS**

Sequence > Structure > Function

- Structure determines function, so understanding structure helps our understanding of function

Structure is more conserved than sequence

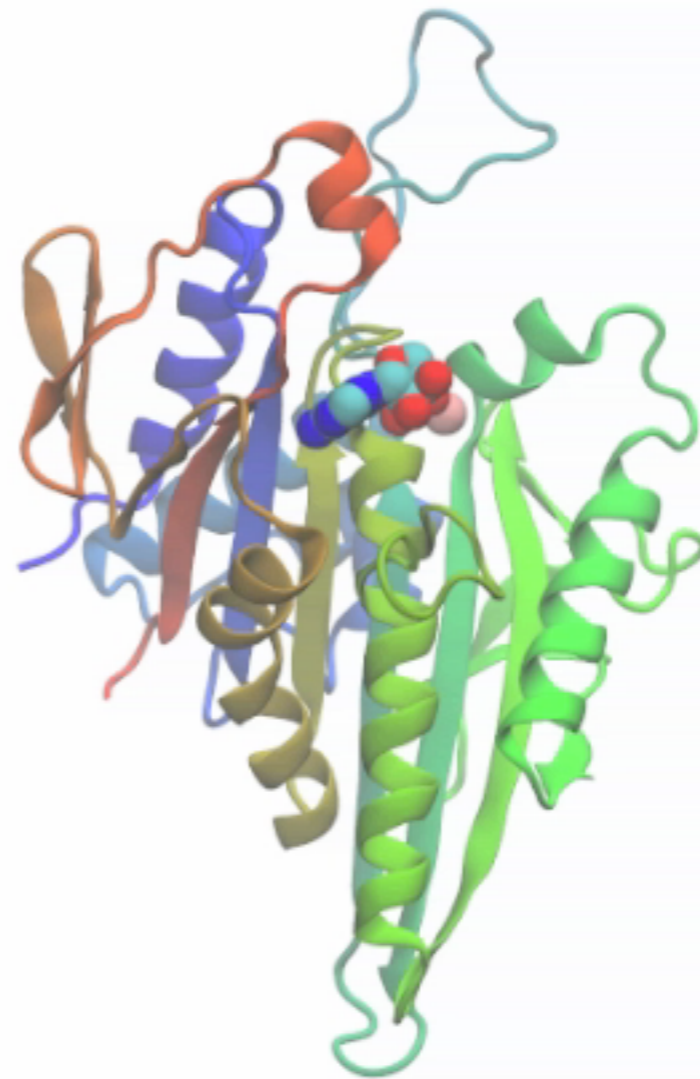
- Structure allows identification of more distant evolutionary relationships

Structure is encoded in sequence

- Understanding the determinants of structure allows design and manipulation of proteins for industrial and medical advantage

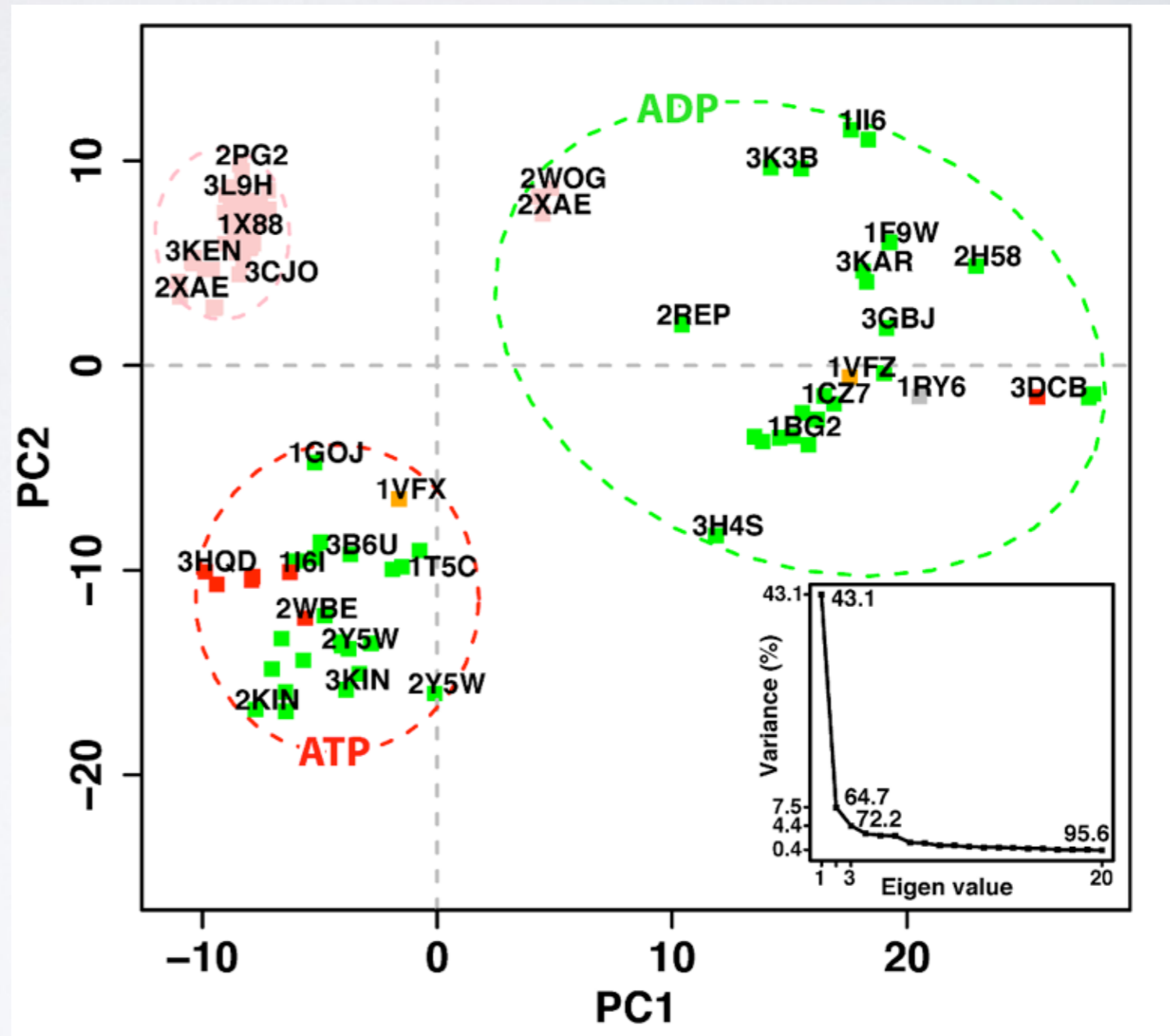
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- Prediction
- Design



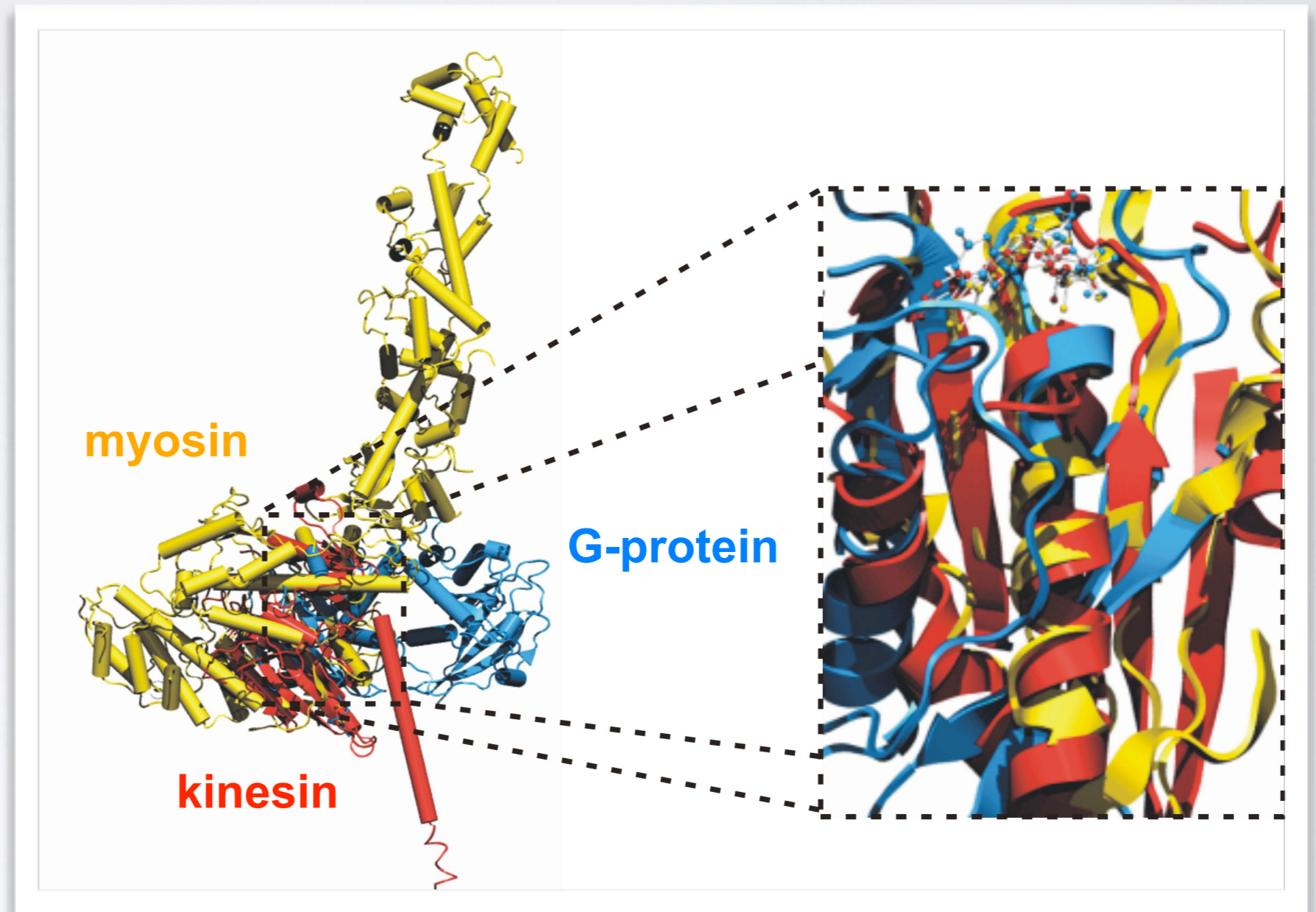
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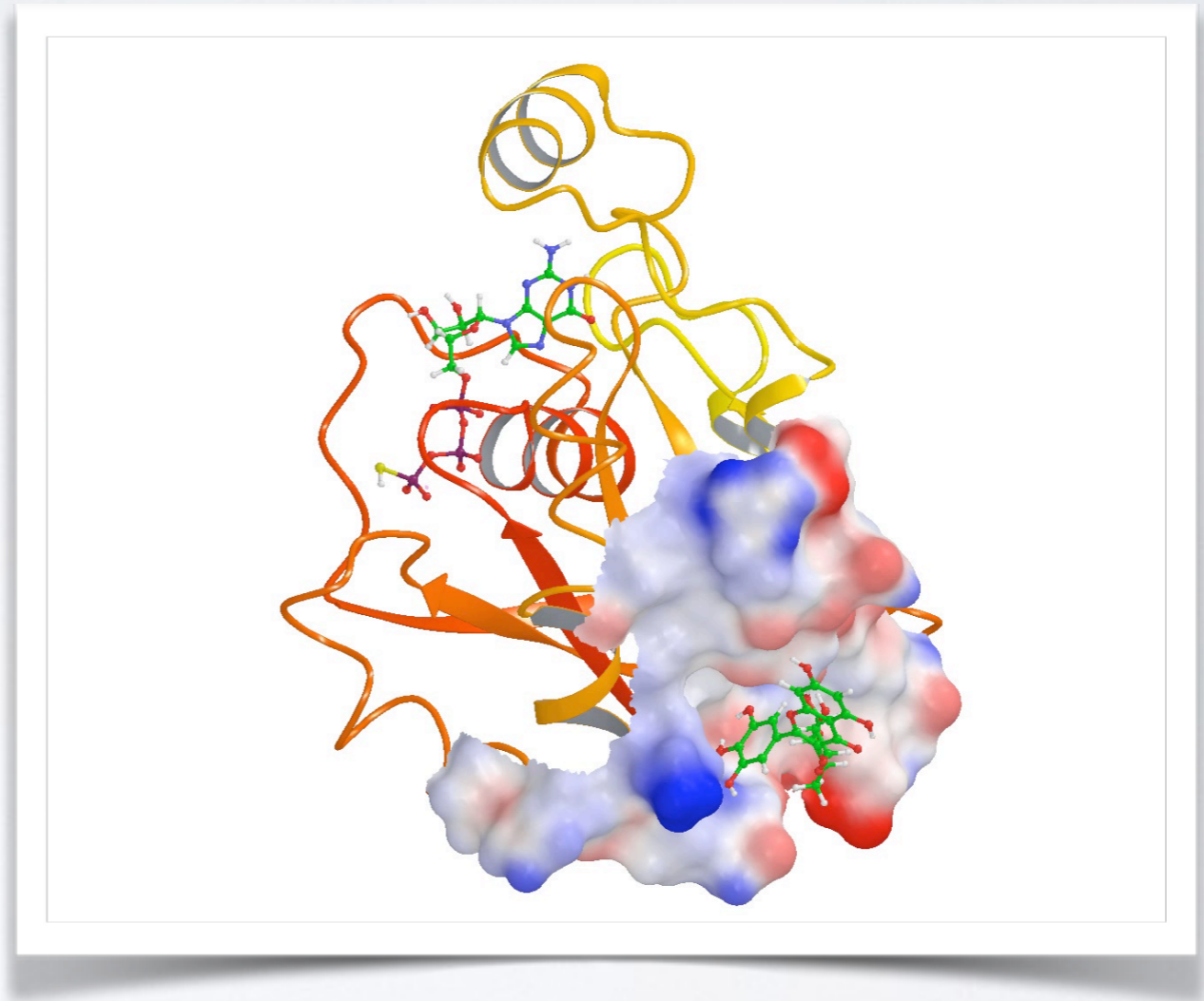
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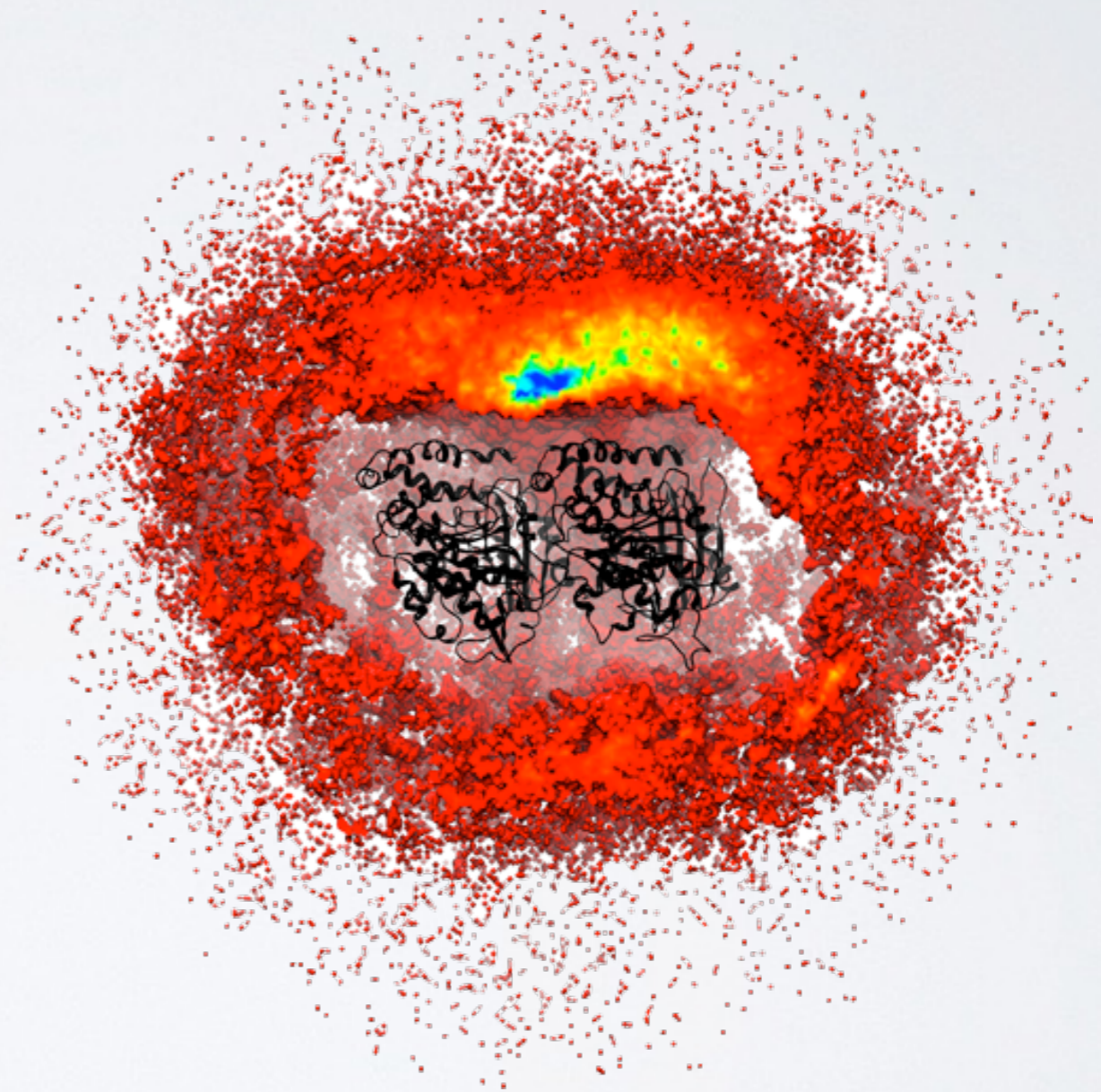
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Grant *et al.* PLoS One (2011, 2012)

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MAJOR RESEARCH AREAS AND CHALLENGES

Include but are not limited to:

- Protein classification
- Structure prediction from sequence
- Binding site detection
- Binding prediction and drug design
- Modeling molecular motions
- Predicting physical properties (stability, binding affinities)
- Design of structure and function
- etc...

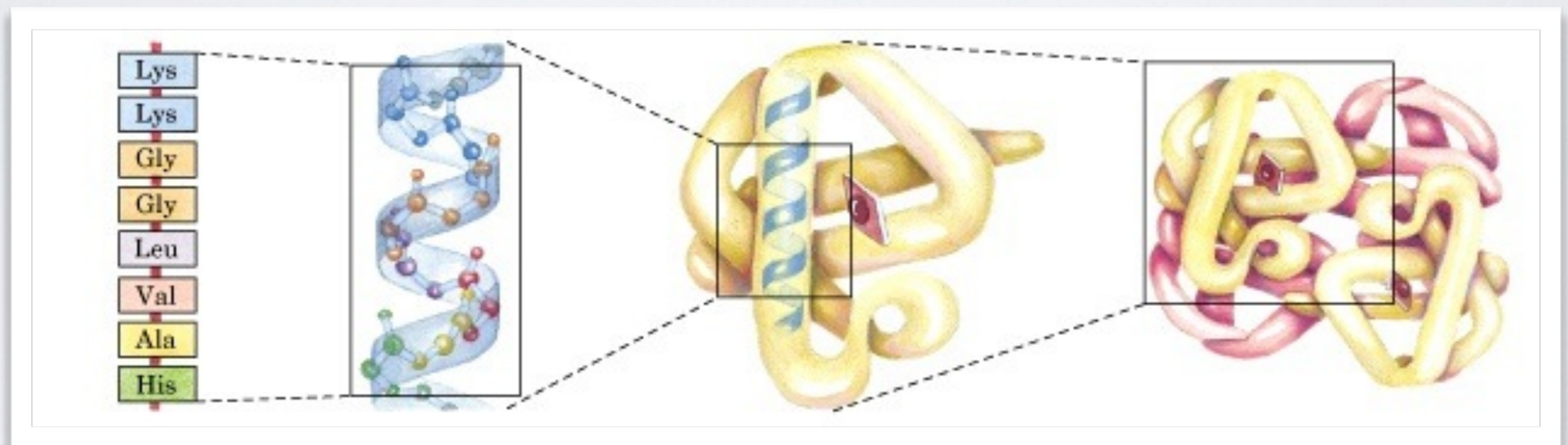
With applications to Biology, Medicine, Agriculture and Industry

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HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURE OF PROTEINS

Primary > Secondary > Tertiary > Quaternary



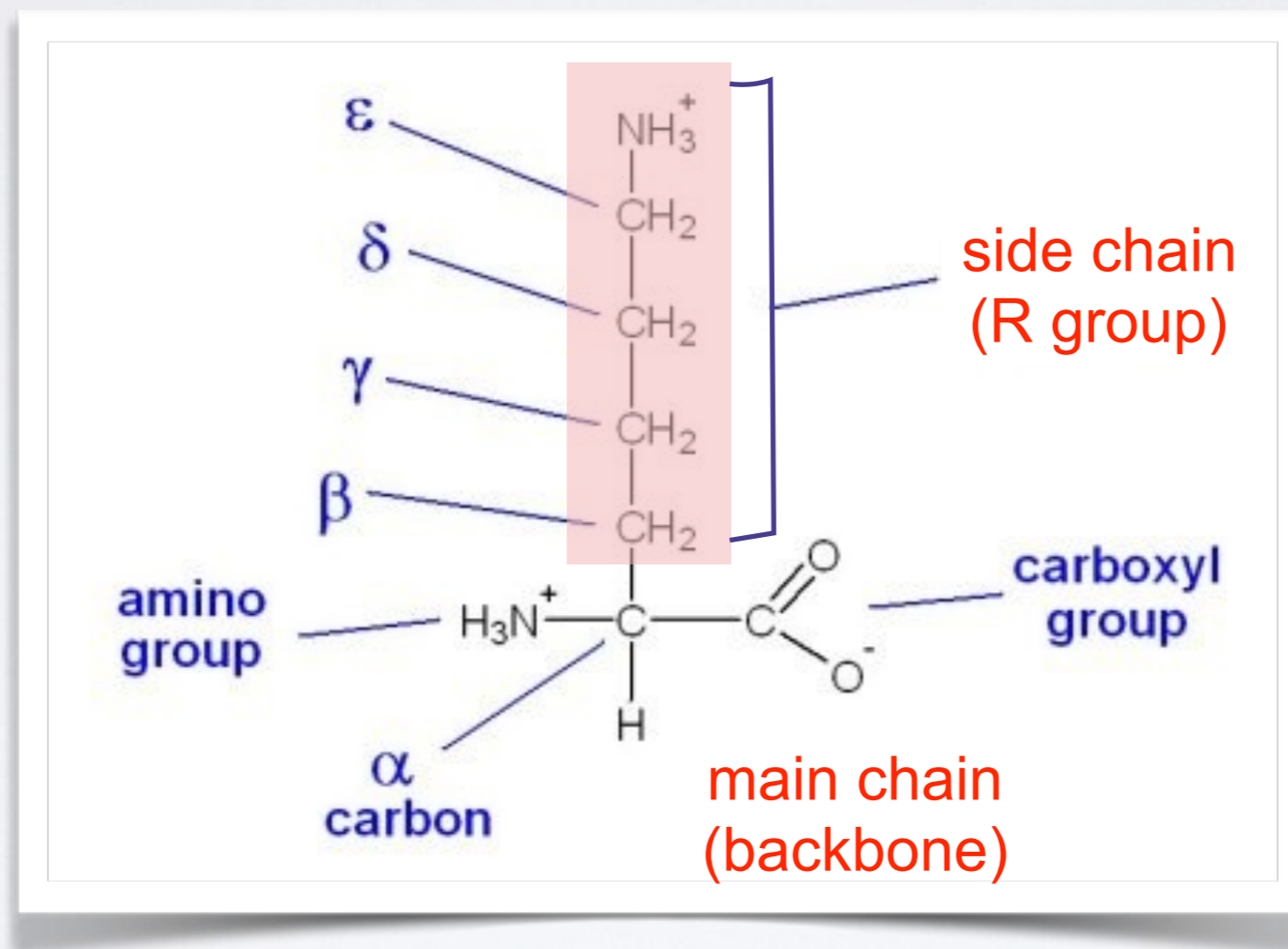
amino acid
residues

Alpha
helix

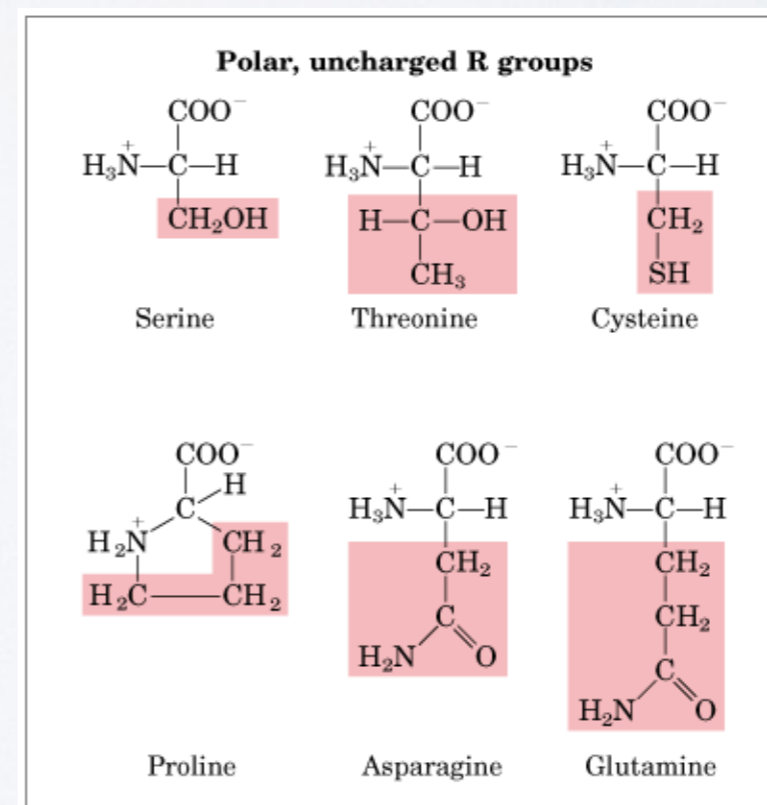
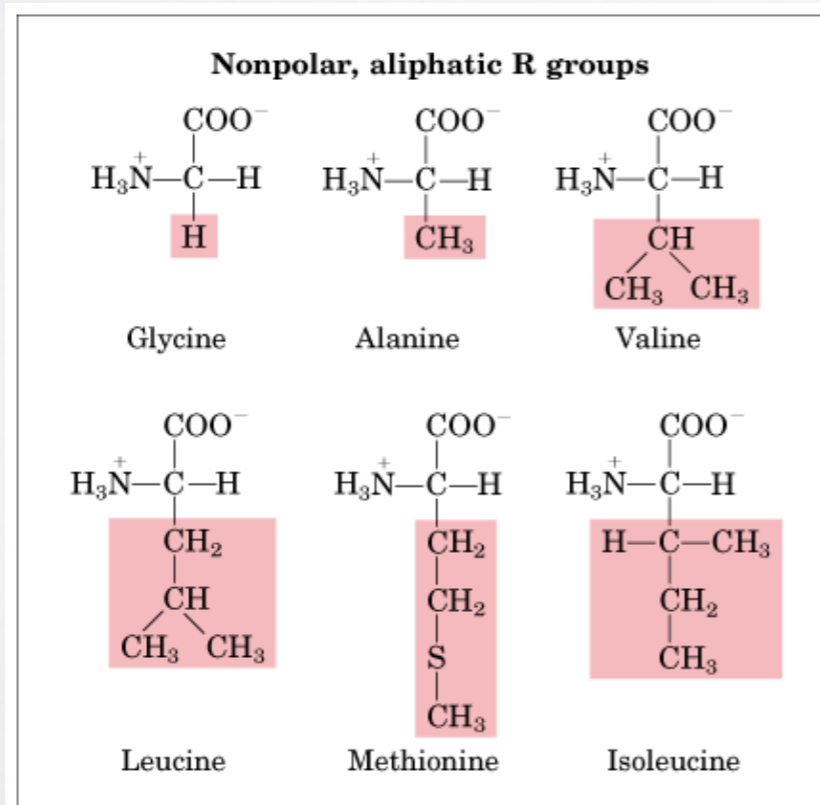
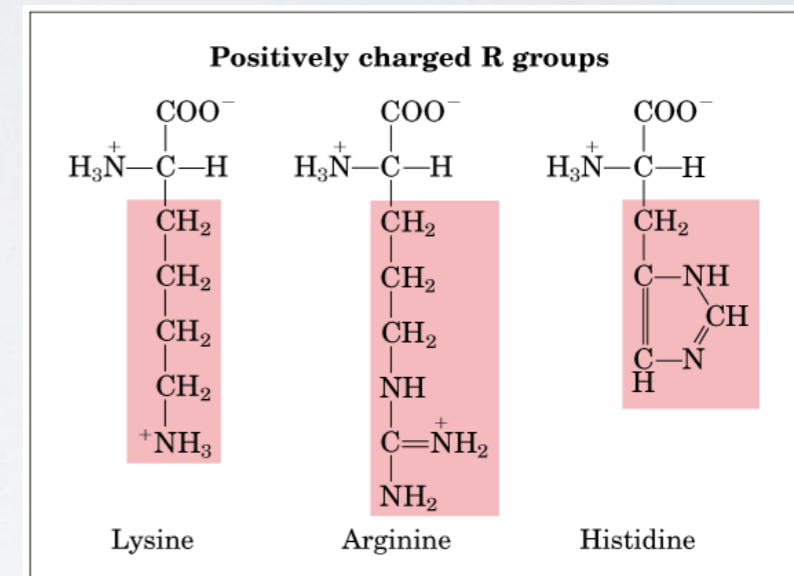
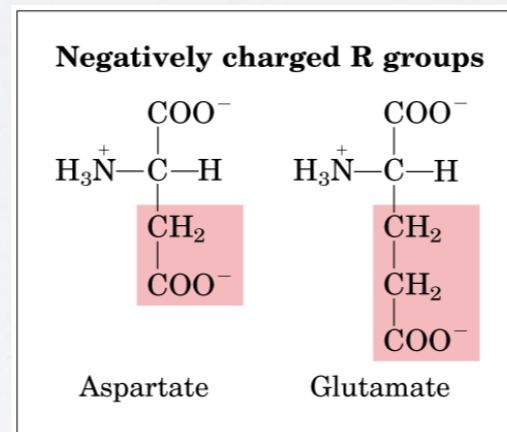
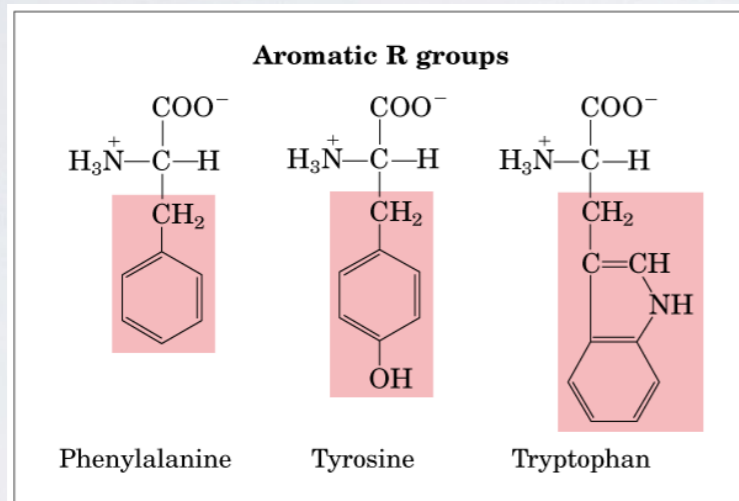
Polypeptide
chain

Assembled
subunits

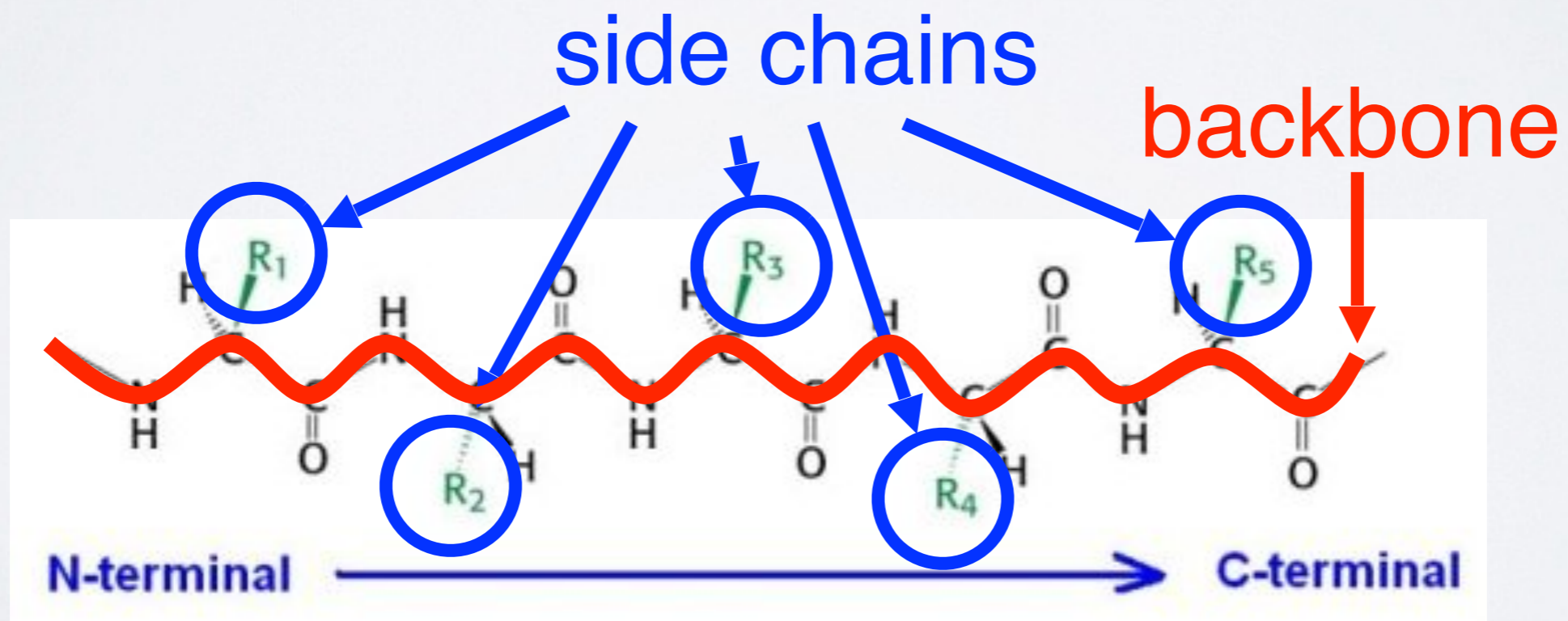
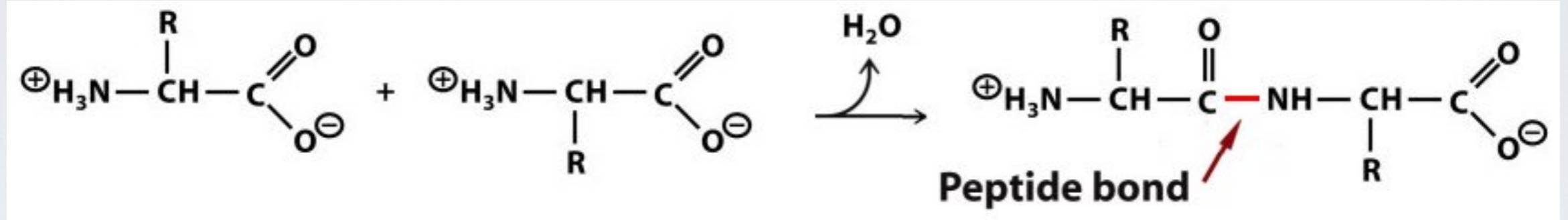
RECAP: AMINO ACID NOMENCLATURE



AMINO ACIDS CAN BE GROUPED BY THE PHYSIOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES



AMINO ACIDS POLYMERIZE THROUGH **PEPTIDE BOND** FORMATION



PEPTIDES CAN ADOPT DIFFERENT CONFORMATIONS BY VARYING THEIR **PHI & PSI BACKBONE TORSIONS**

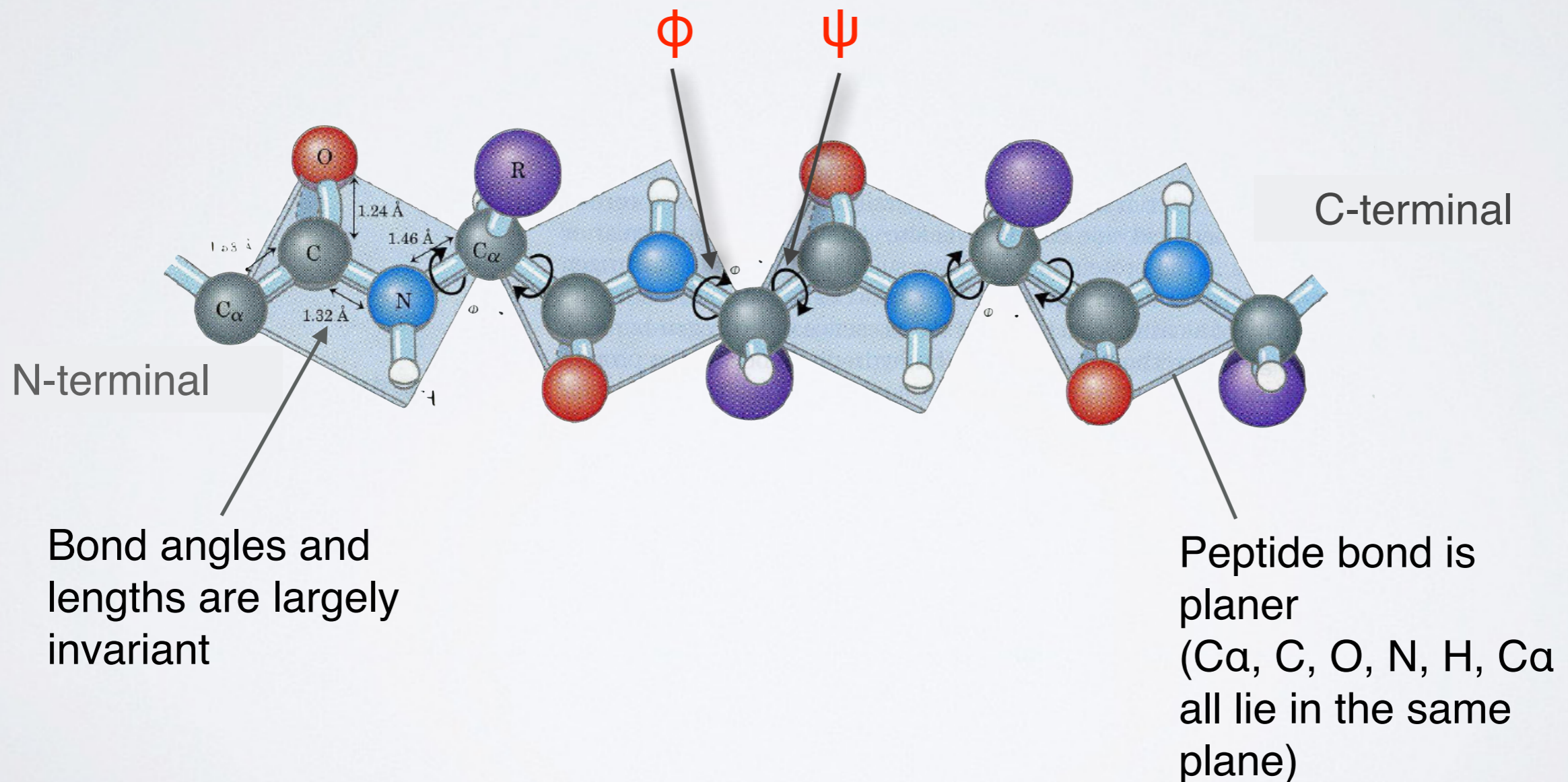
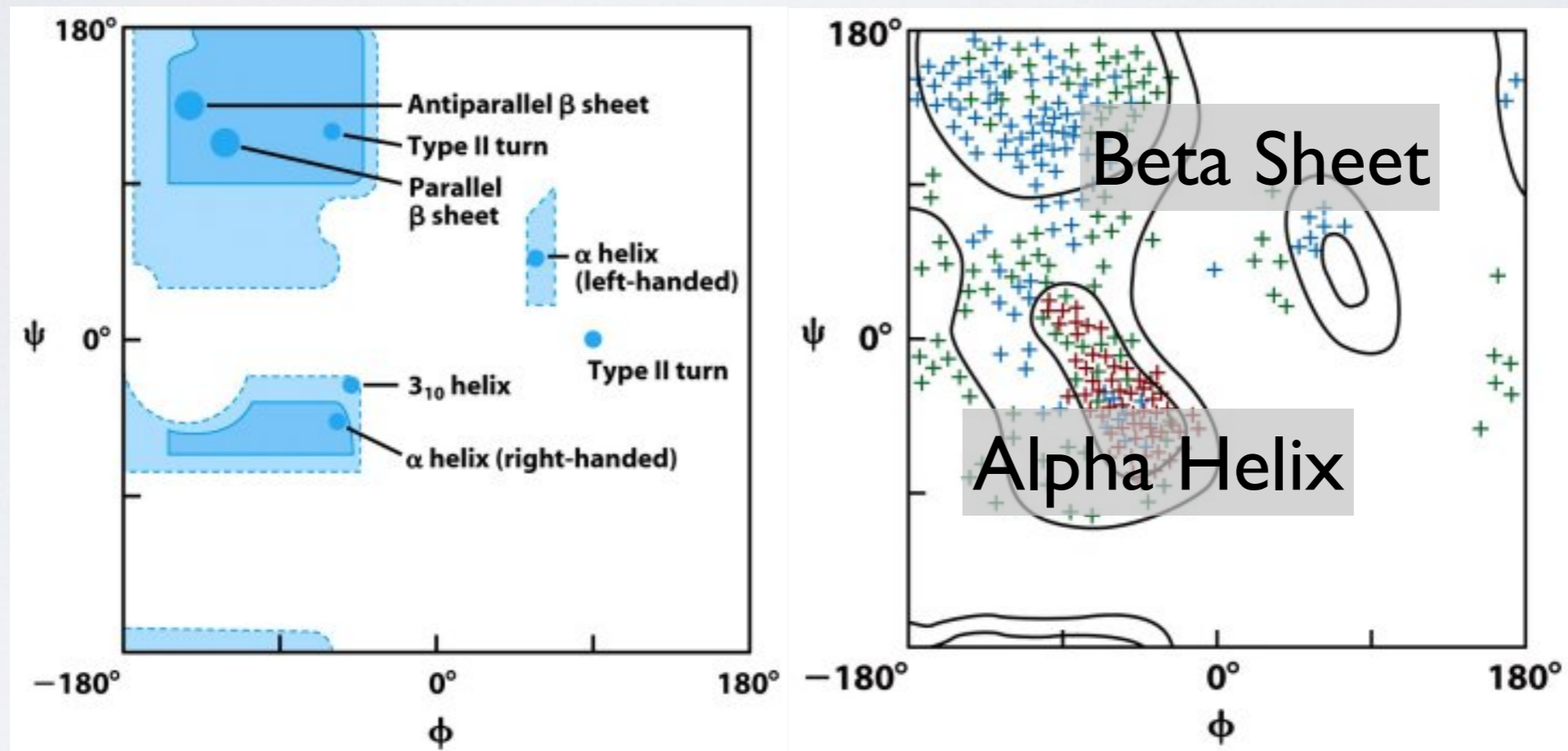


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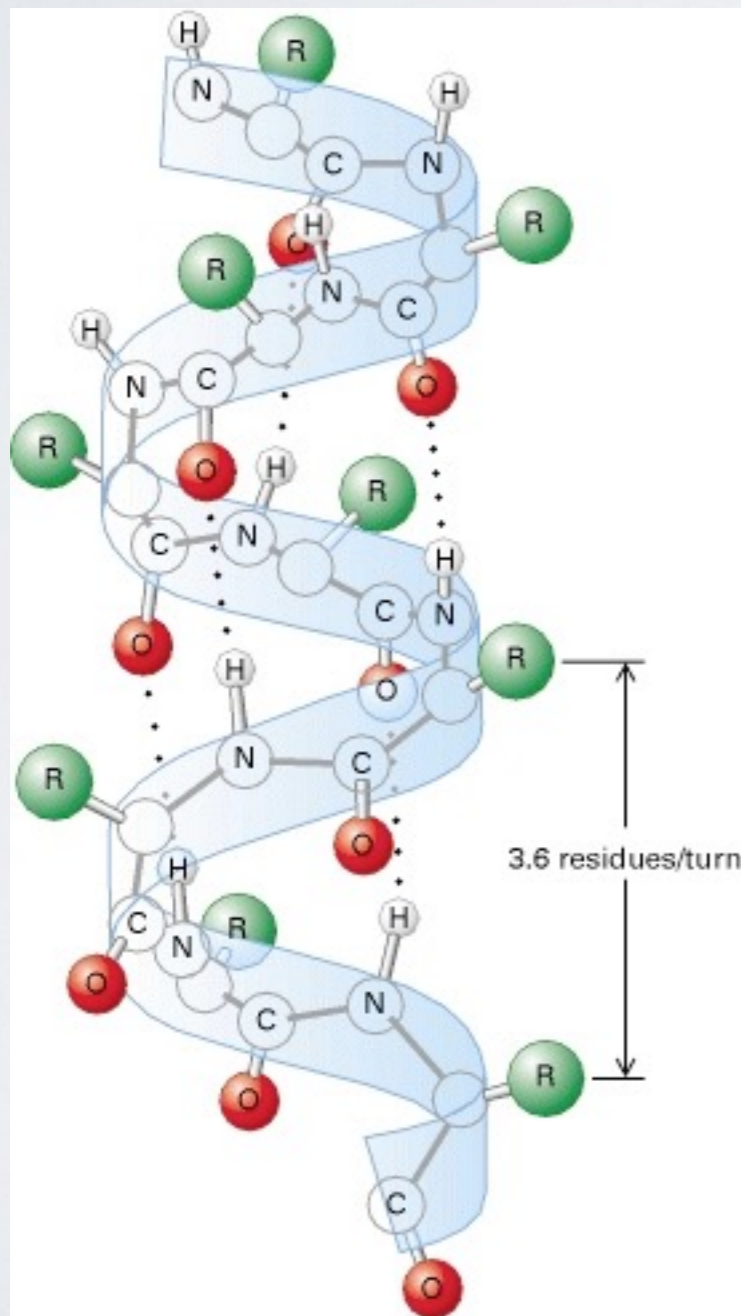
PHI vs PSI PLOTS ARE KNOWN AS **RAMACHANDRAN DIAGRAMS**



- Steric hindrance dictates torsion angle preference
- Ramachandran plot show preferred regions of ϕ and ψ dihedral angles which correspond to major forms of secondary structure

MAJOR SECONDARY STRUCTURE TYPES

ALPHA HELIX & BETA SHEET

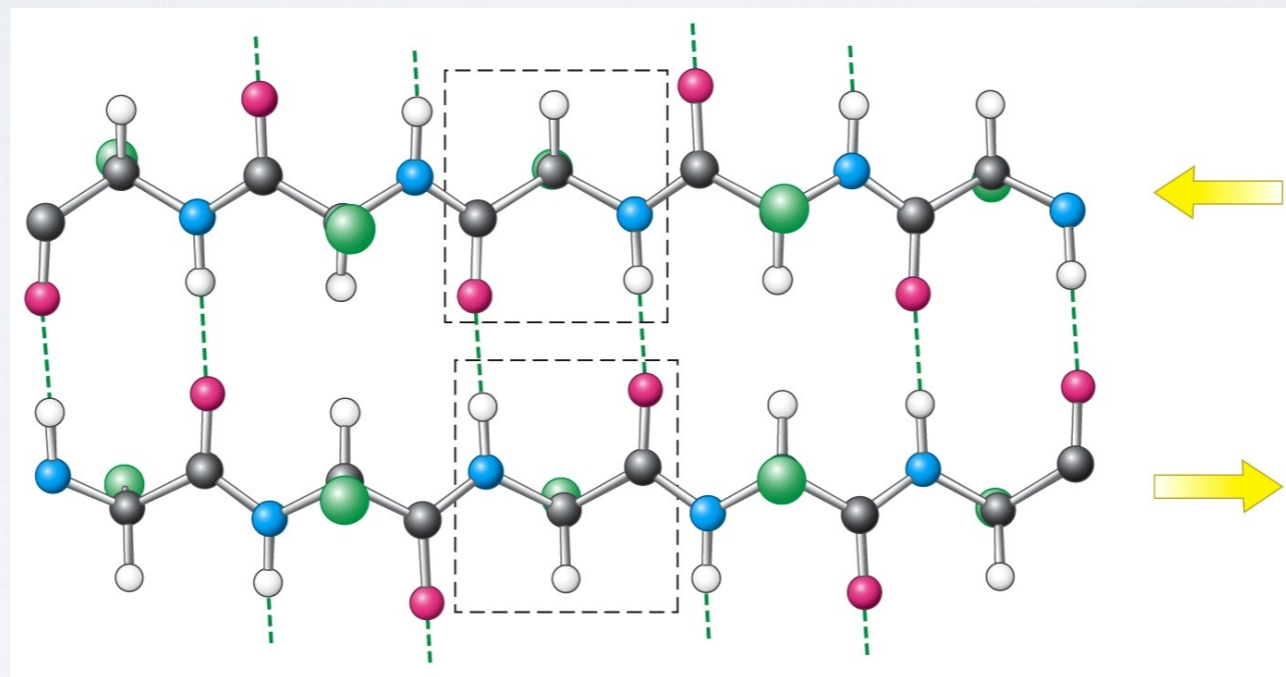


α -helix

- Most common form has 3.6 residues per turn (number of residues in one full rotation)
- Hydrogen bonds (dashed lines) between residue i and $i+4$ stabilize the structure
- The side chains (in green) protrude outward
- **3_{10} -helix** and **π -helix** forms are less common

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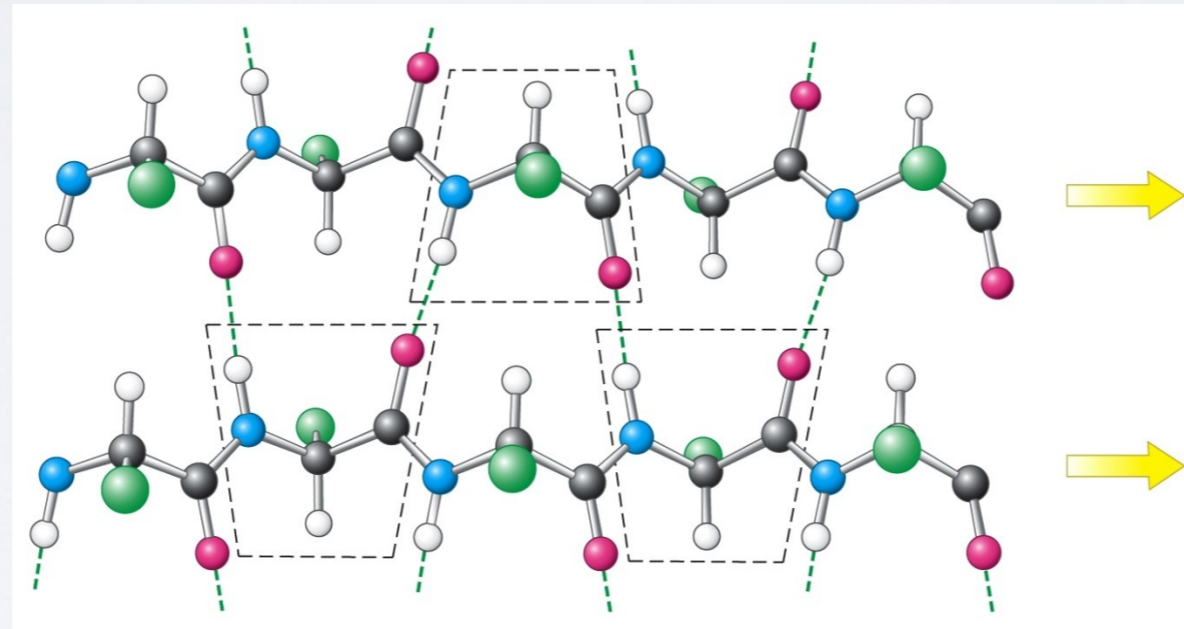
In antiparallel β -sheets

- Adjacent β -strands run in opposite directions
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Protein Data Bank (PDB) is the main repository for Biomolecular structure data

<http://www.rcsb.org>

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A Structural View of Biology

This resource is powered by the Protein Data Bank archive—information about the 3D shapes of proteins, nucleic acids, and complex assemblies that helps students and researchers understand all aspects of biomedicine and agriculture, from protein synthesis to health and disease.

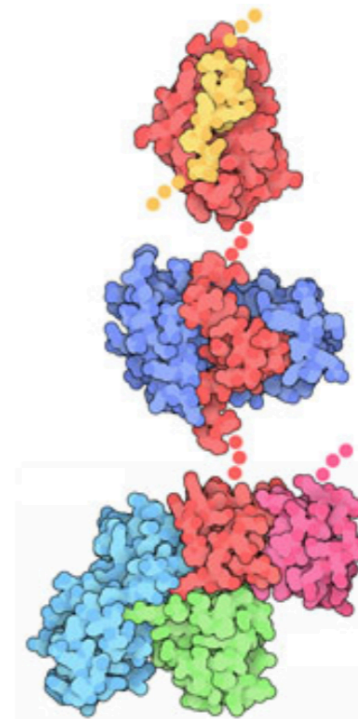
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MDM2 and Cancer

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Biological Assembly 1 ?

1IEP

CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF THE C-ABL KINASE DOMAIN IN COMPLEX WITH STI-571.

DOI: [10.2210/pdb1IEP/pdb](https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb1IEP/pdb)

Classification: [TRANSFERASE](#)

Organism(s): [Mus musculus](#)

Expression System: [Spodoptera frugiperda](#)

Deposited: 2001-04-10 Released: 2001-04-18

Deposition Author(s): [Nagar, B.](#), [Bornmann, W.](#), [Schindler, T.](#), [Clarkson, B.](#), [Kuriyan, J.](#)

Experimental Data Snapshot

Method: X-RAY DIFFRACTION

Resolution: 2.1 Å

R-Value Free: 0.262

R-Value Work: 0.231

wwPDB Validation

Metric	Percentile Ranks	Value
Rfree		0.264
Clashscore		15
Ramachandran outliers		1.3%
Sidechain outliers		2.9%
RSRZ outliers		15.7%

3D View: Structure | Electron Density | Ligand Interaction

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You can get a **3D View** of and read details about the experiment and molecule

<http://www.rcsb.org>

The screenshot shows the RCSB PDB website interface for PDB entry 1IEP. The browser address bar shows www.rcsb.org/3d-view/1IEP. The navigation menu includes 'RCSB PDB', 'Deposit', 'Search', 'Visualize', 'Analyze', 'Download', 'Learn', and 'More'. The '3D View' button is highlighted with a red box and an arrow. The main content area displays the title '1IEP' and the subtitle 'CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF THE C-ABL KINASE DOMAIN IN COMPLEX WITH STI-571.'. Below the title is a note: 'Note: Use your mouse to drag, rotate, and zoom in and out of the structure. Mouse-over to identify atoms and bonds. [Mouse controls documentation.](#)'. The central part of the page features a 3D ribbon diagram of the protein structure, colored by domain (blue, yellow, orange, red). To the right of the structure is a settings panel with tabs for 'Structure View', 'Electron Density Maps', and 'Ligand View'. The 'Structure View' tab is active, showing a list of settings: Assembly (Bioassembly 1), Model (Model 1), Symmetry (None), Style (Cartoon), Color (Rainbow), Ligand (Ball & Stick), Quality (Automatic), Water (unchecked), Ions (checked), Hydrogens (checked), and Clashes (unchecked). A 'Default Structure View' button is at the bottom of the settings panel. A 'Contact Us' button is visible on the far right edge.

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Side-Note: PDB File Format

- PDB files contains atomic **coordinates** and associated information.

	Element	Amino Acid	Chain	Sequence/Residue Number	Coordinates			(etc.)	
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carboxyl group

side chain (R group)

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CE ϵ

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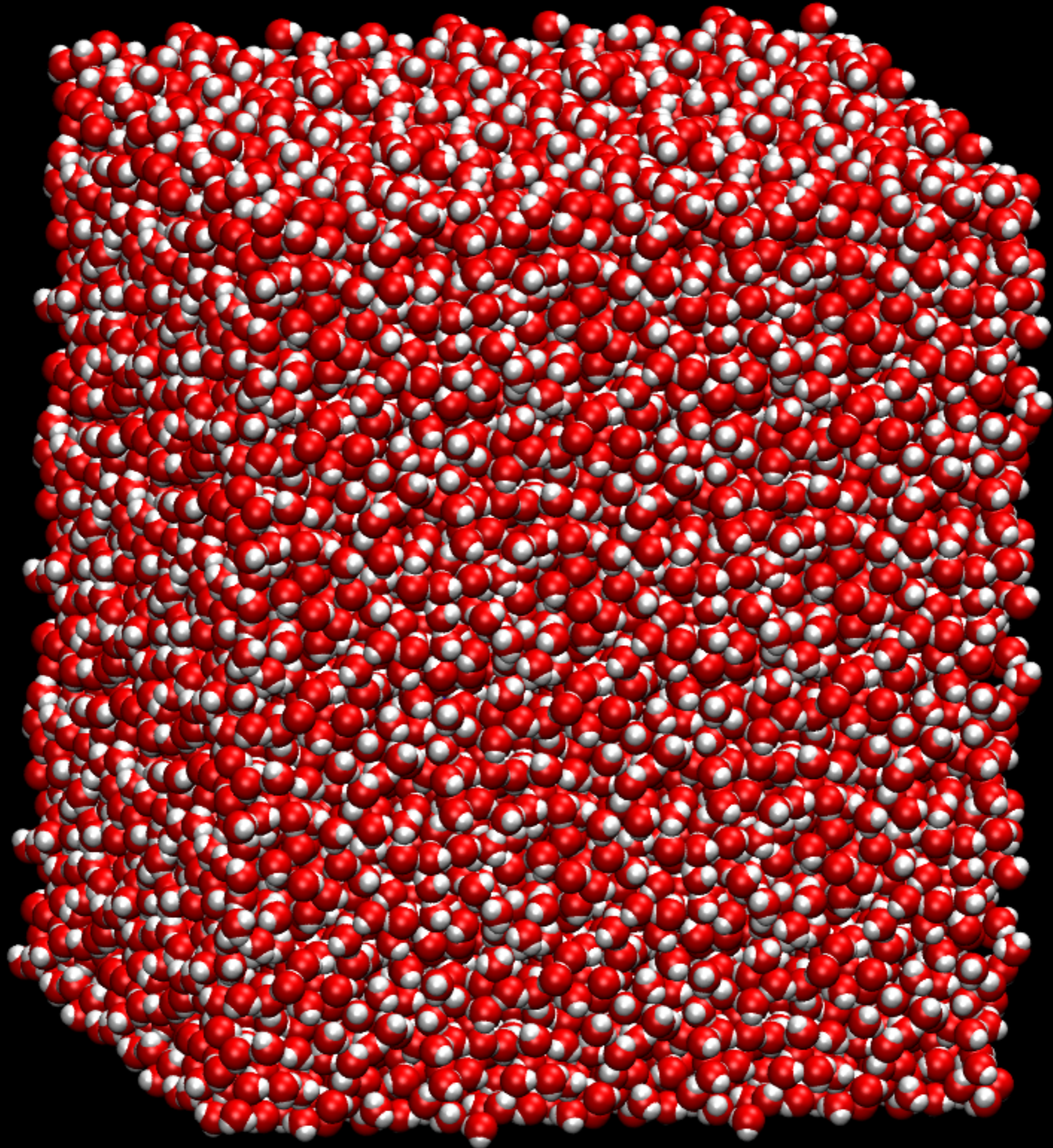
CG γ

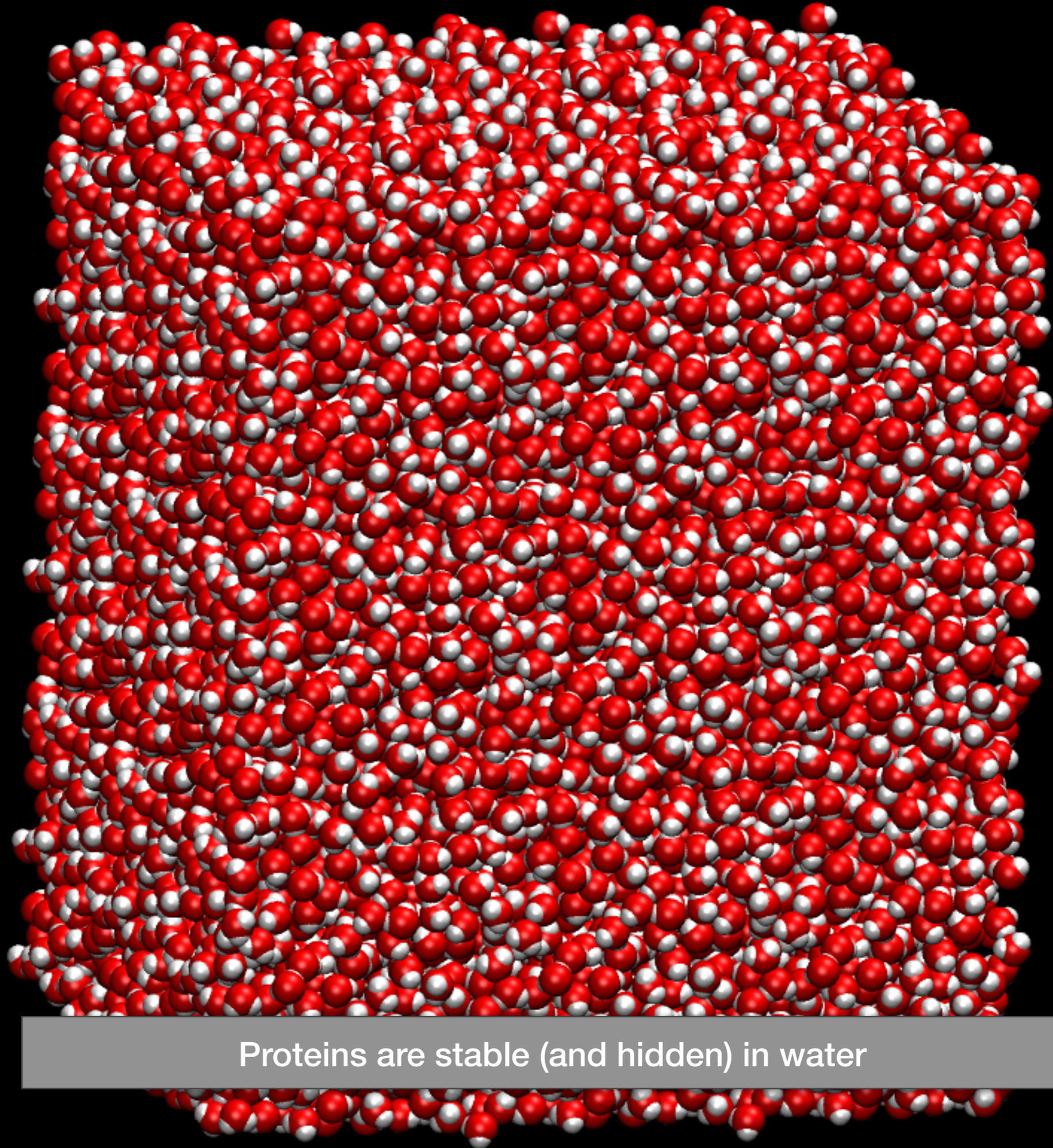
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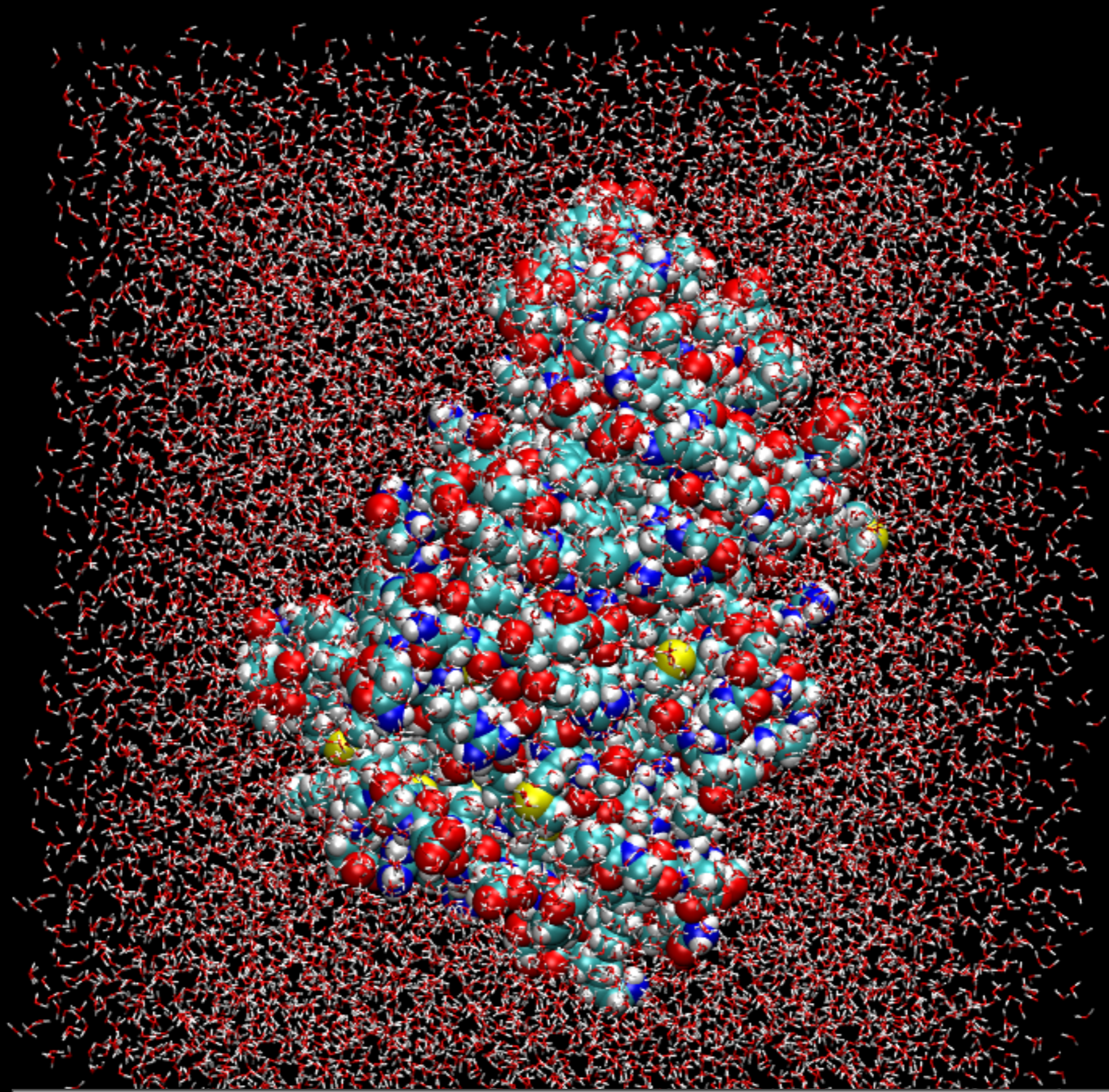
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What Does a Protein Look like?

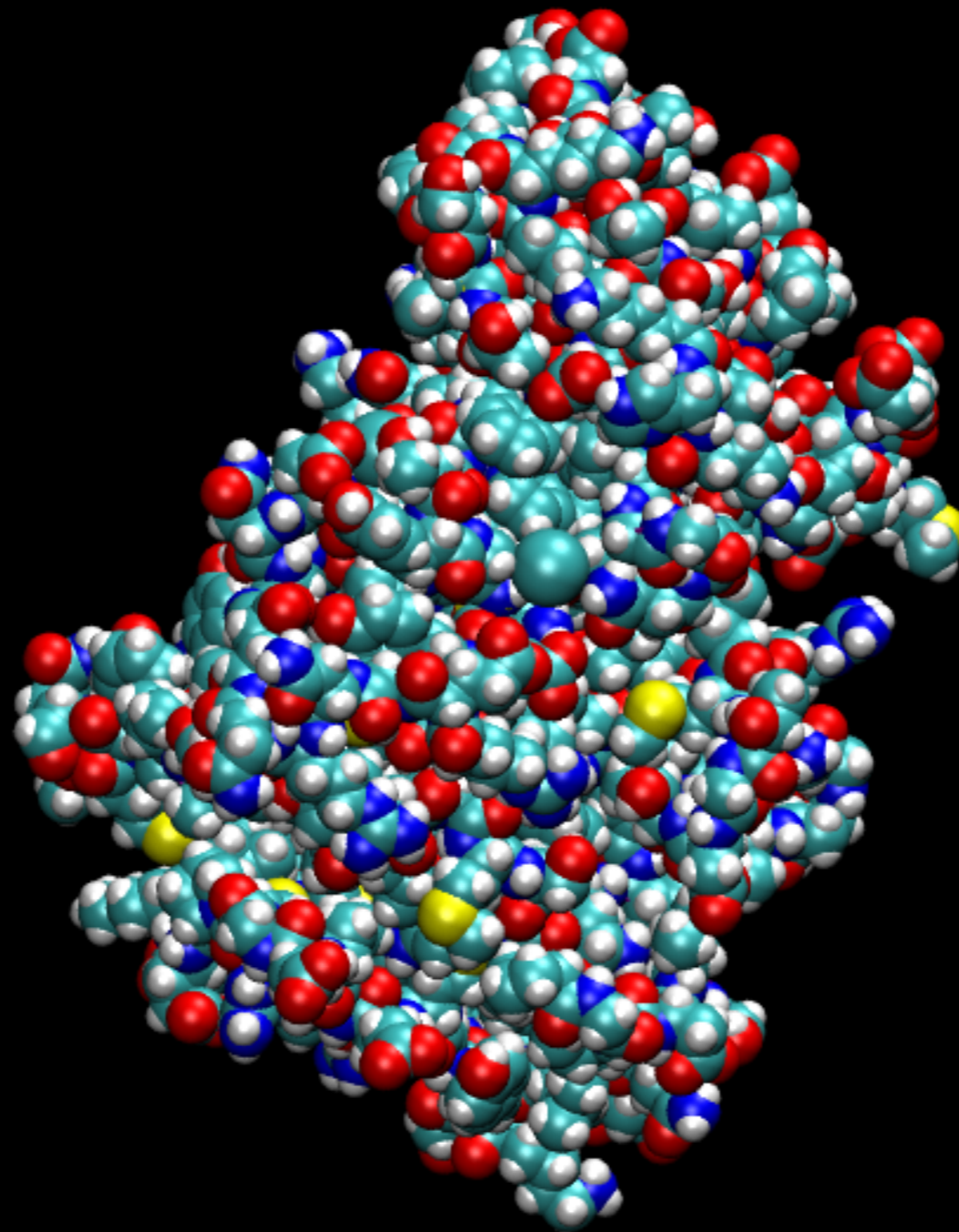




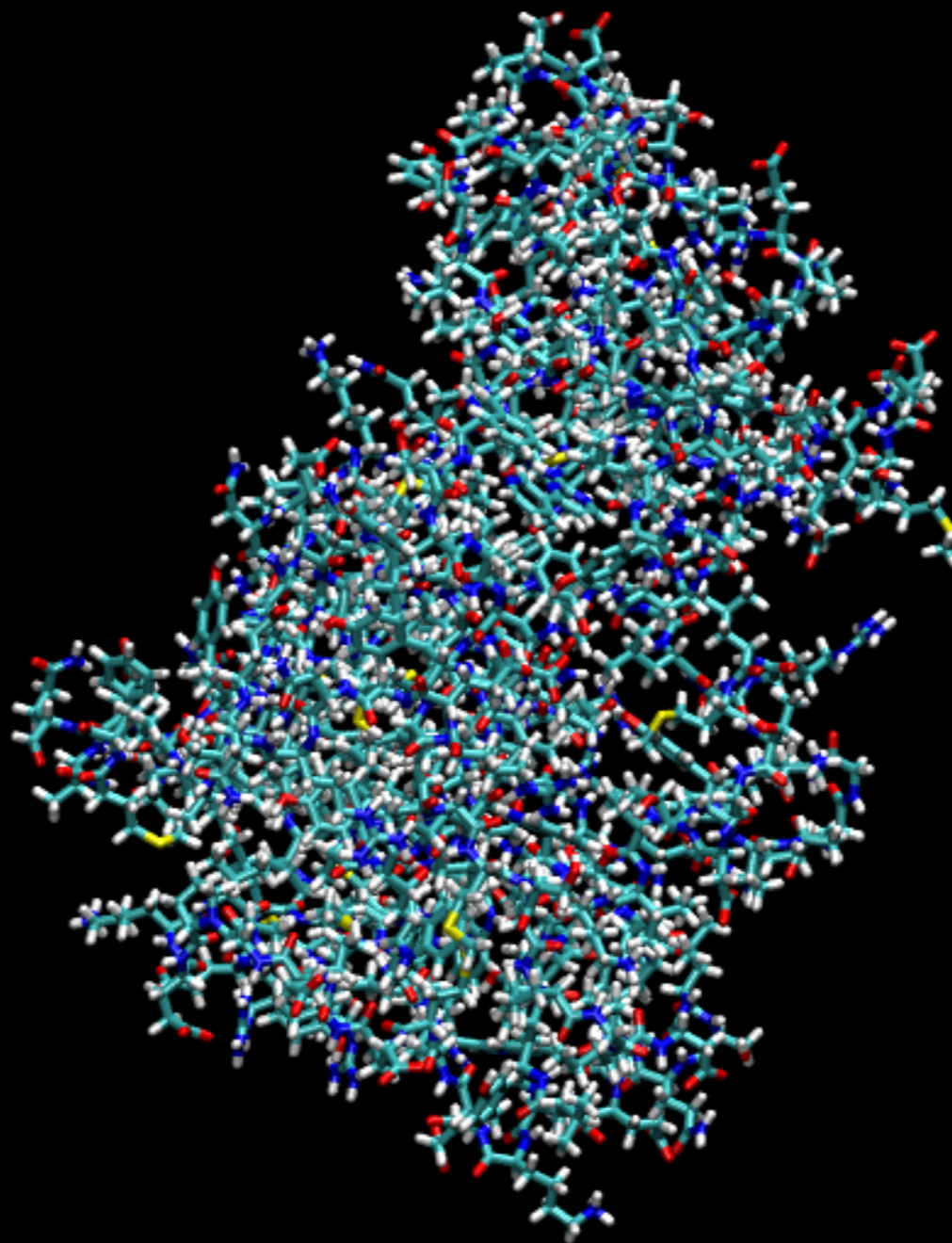
Proteins are stable (and hidden) in water



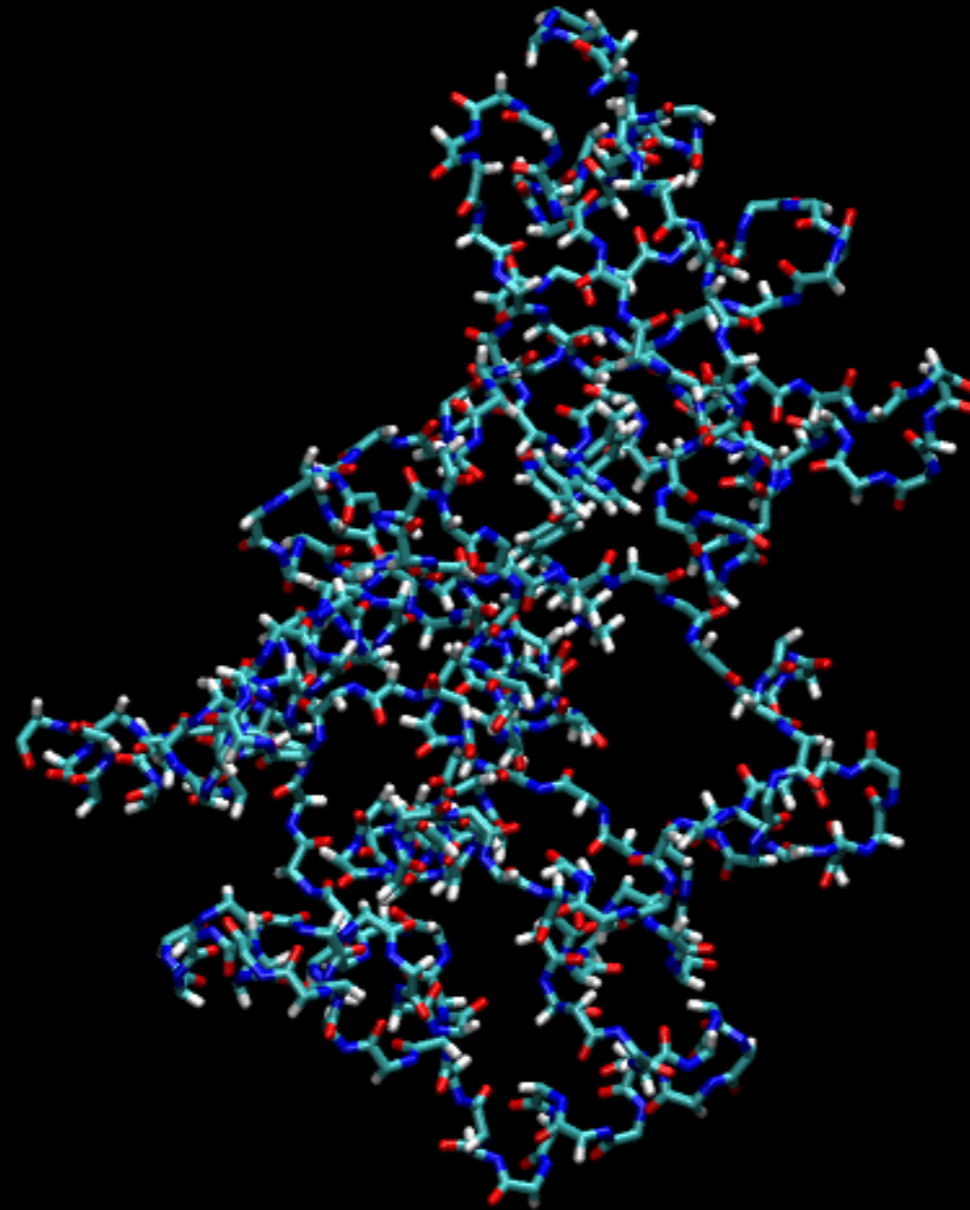
Proteins closely interact with water



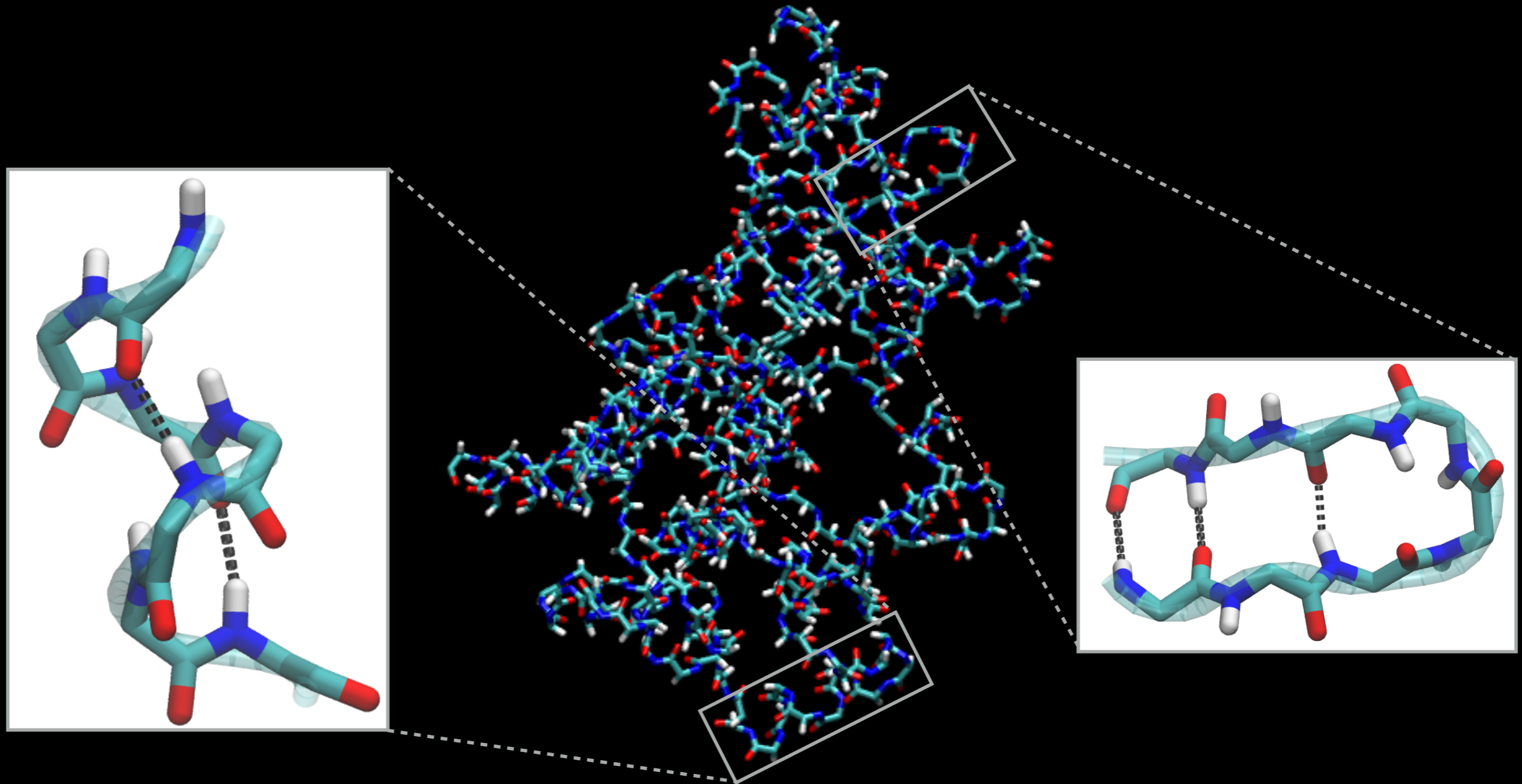
Proteins are close packed solid but flexible objects (globular)



Due to their large size and complexity it is often hard to see what's important in the structure



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Backbone or main-chain representation can help trace chain topology & reveal secondary structure



Tube or trace representation is one of the simplest views



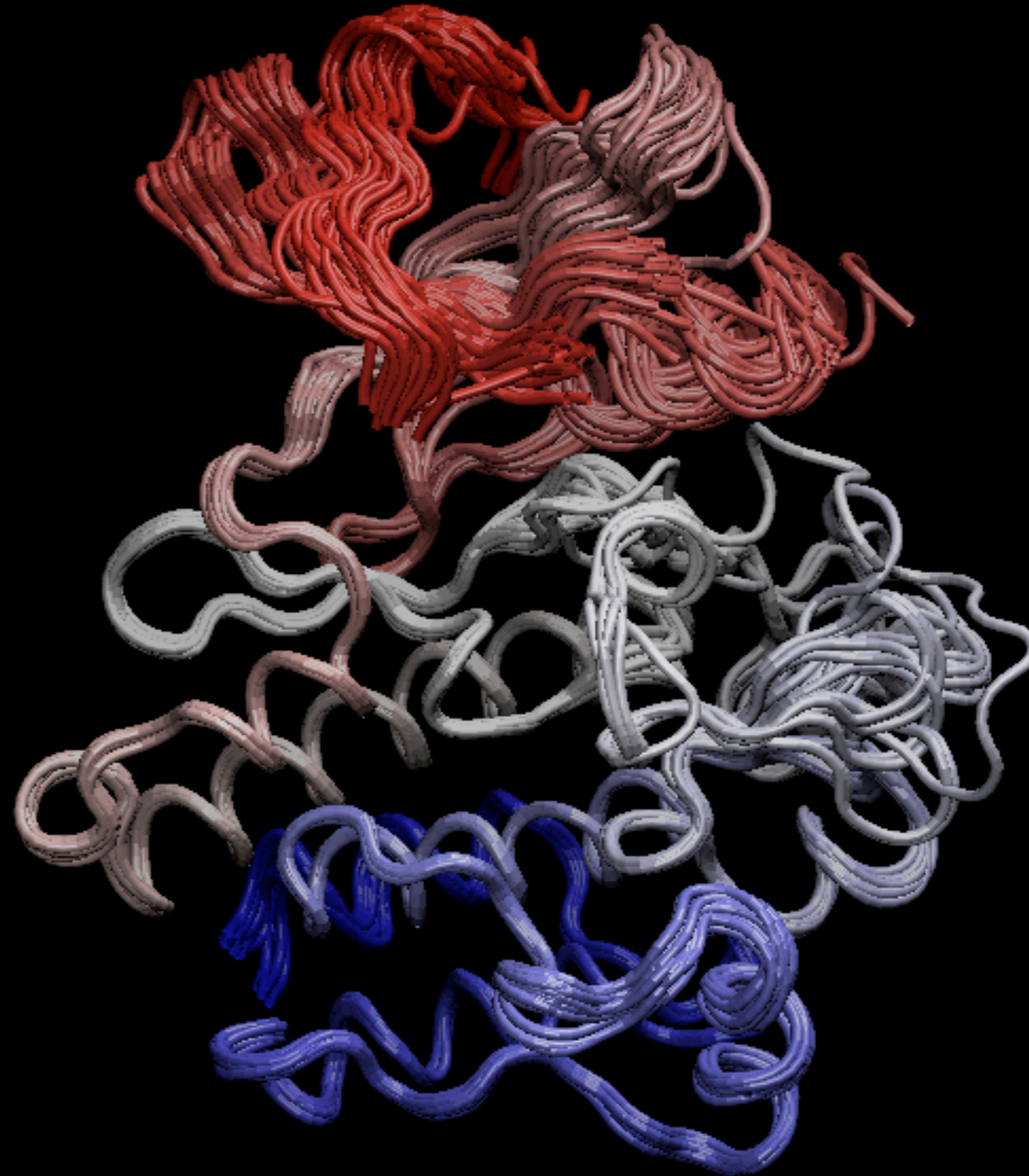
Tube with added colors to highlight secondary structure



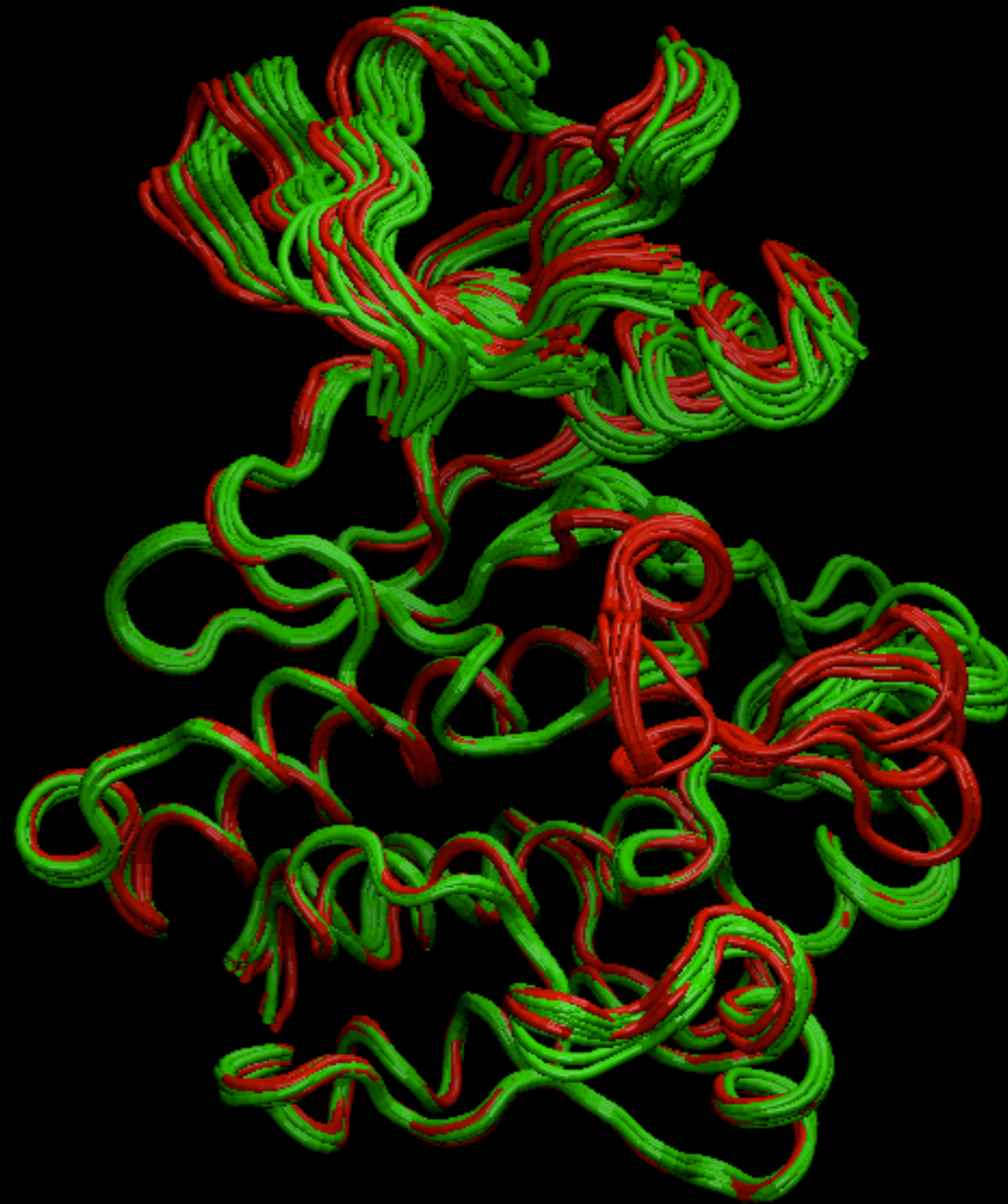
Simplified "cartoon" secondary structure representations are commonly used to communicate structural details



Viewing in 3D is often essential for interpretation. Now we can clearly see 2° and 3° structure - the coiled chain of connected secondary structures



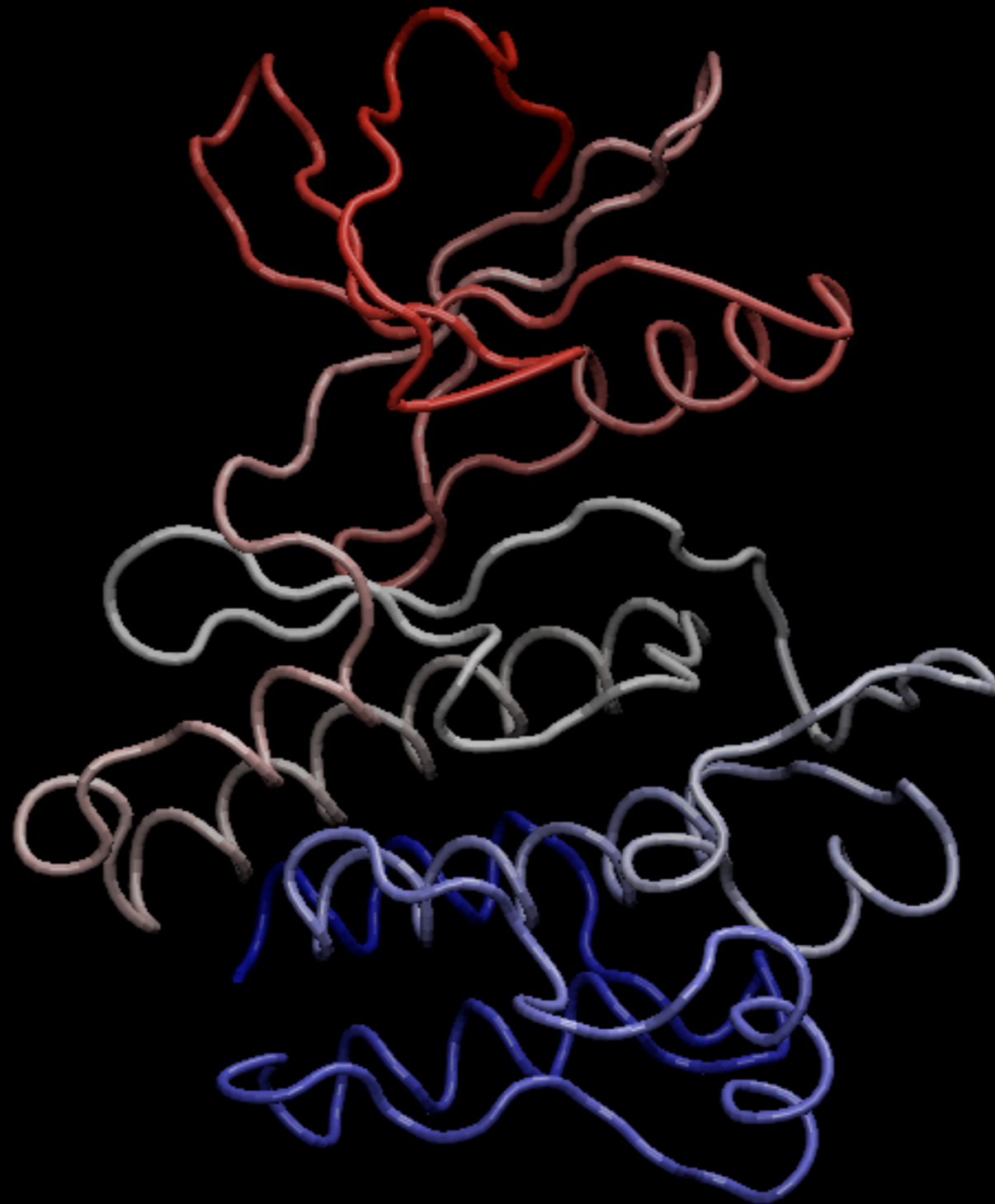
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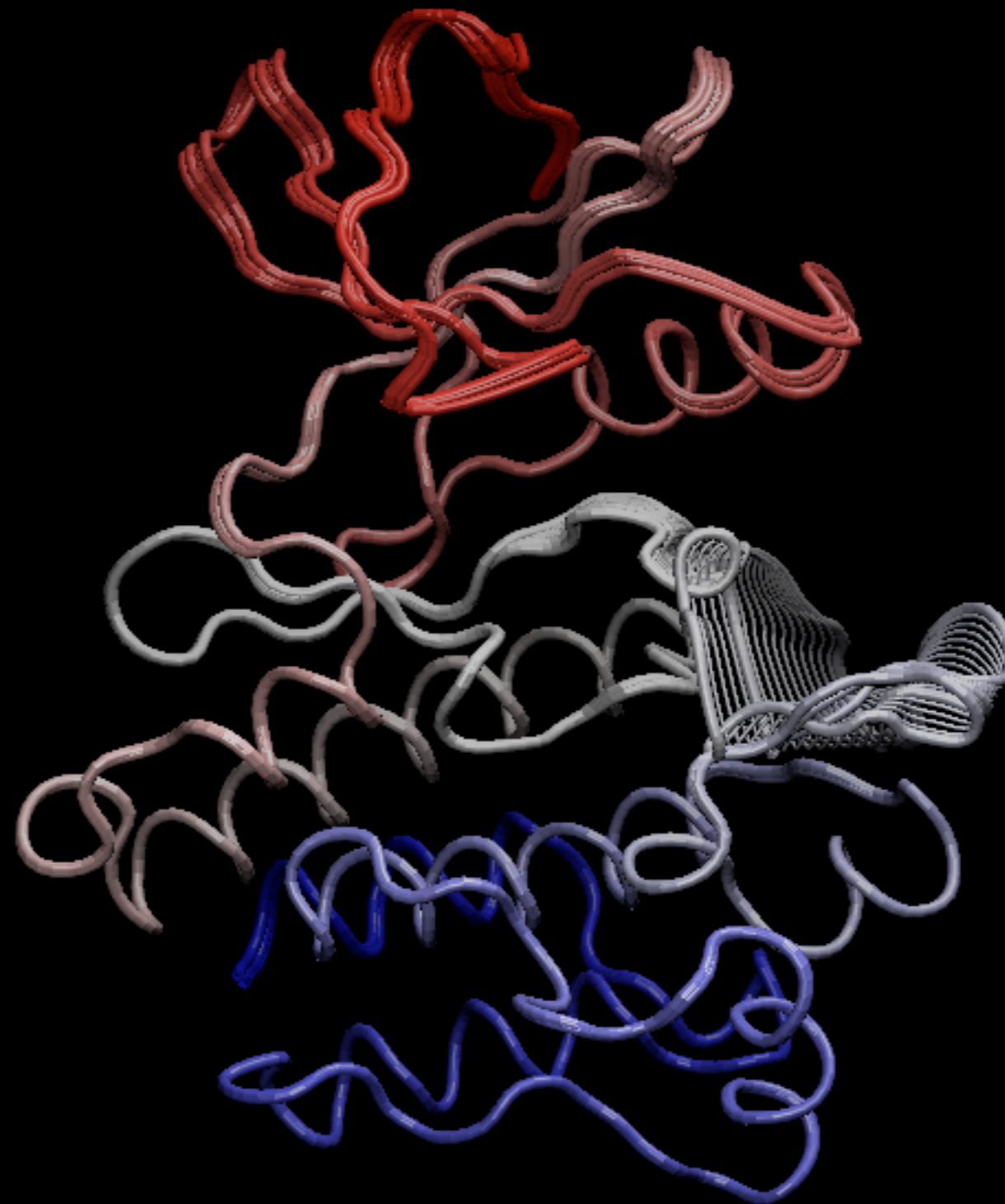
Active

Inactive

Viewing multiple superposed structures solved under different conditions can highlight distinct conformations



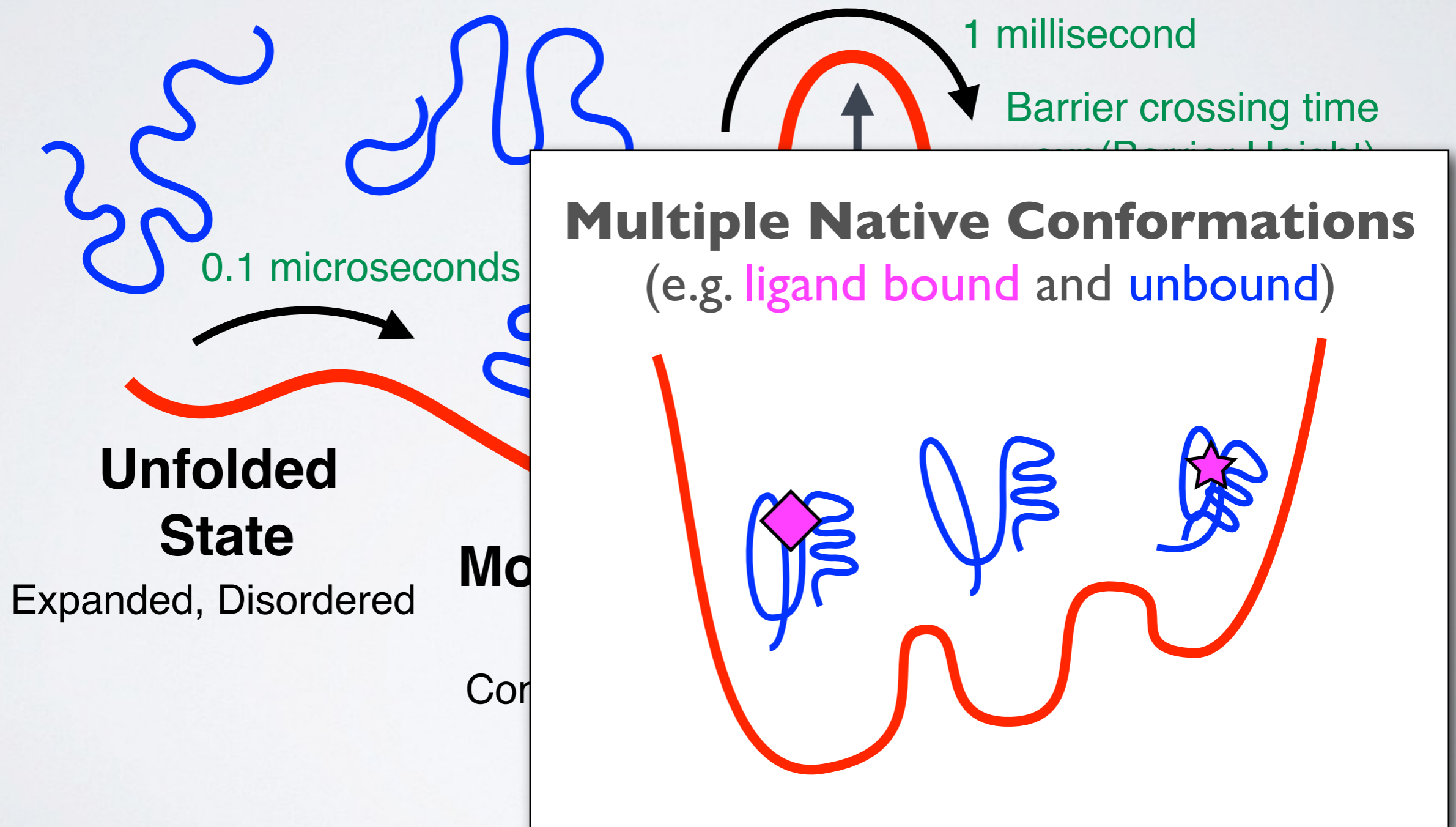
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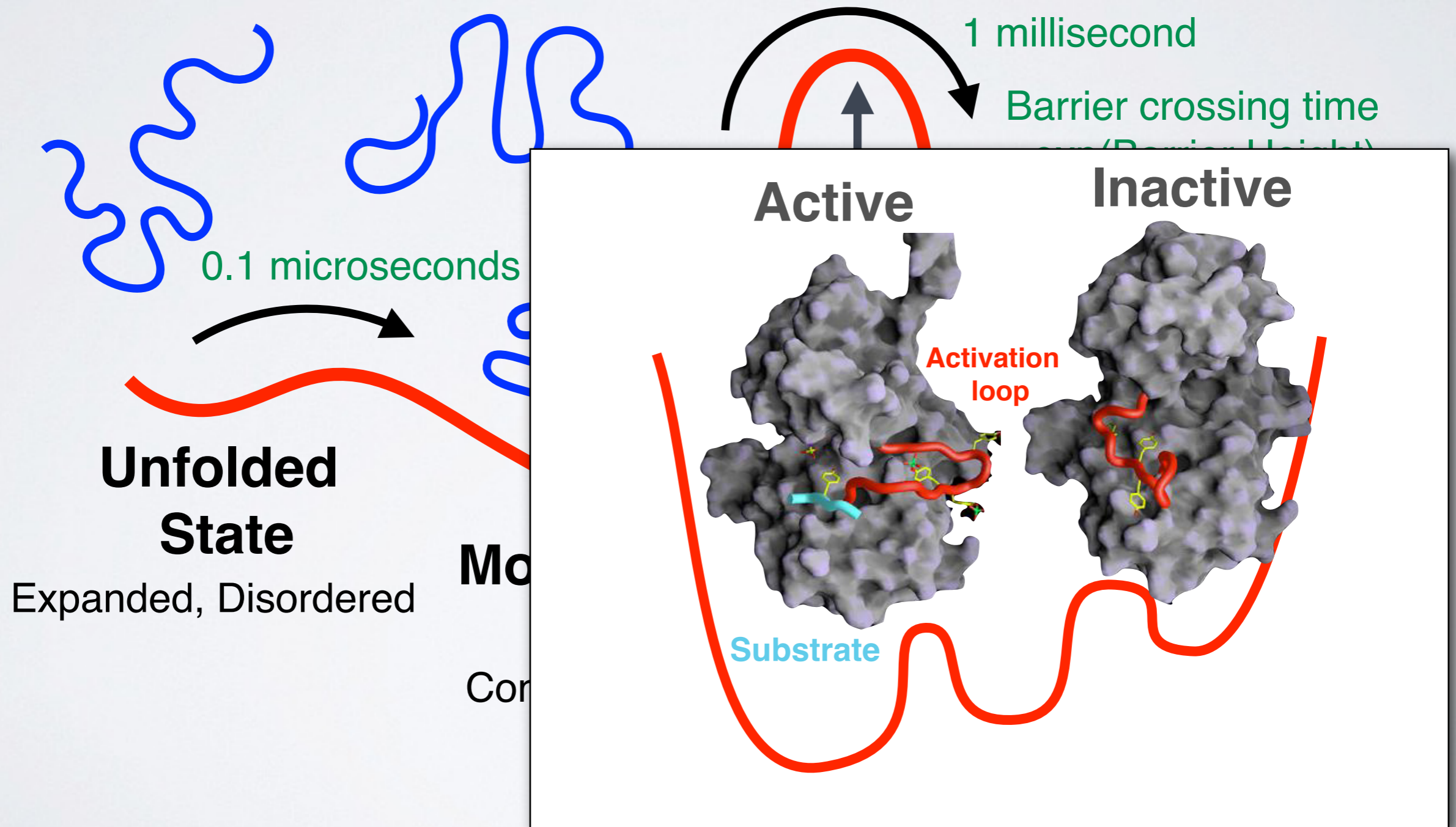
"Activation loop"

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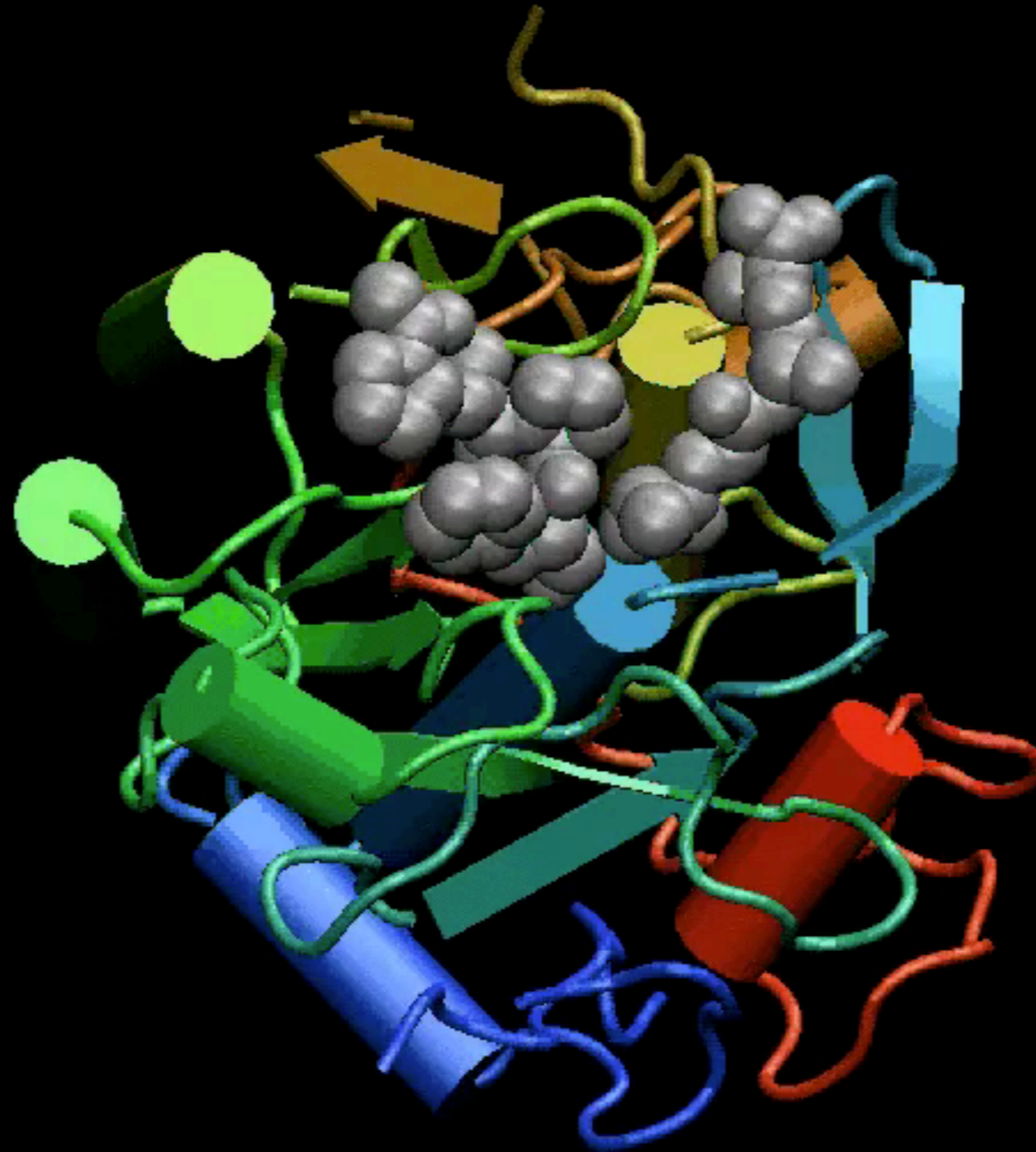
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NMA is a bioinformatics method to predict the intrinsic dynamics of biomolecules

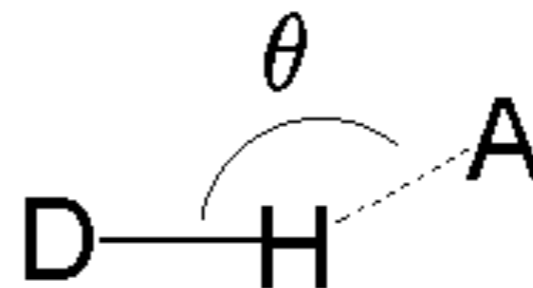
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- Hydrophobicity

Hydrogen-bond donor Hydrogen-bond acceptor



← d →

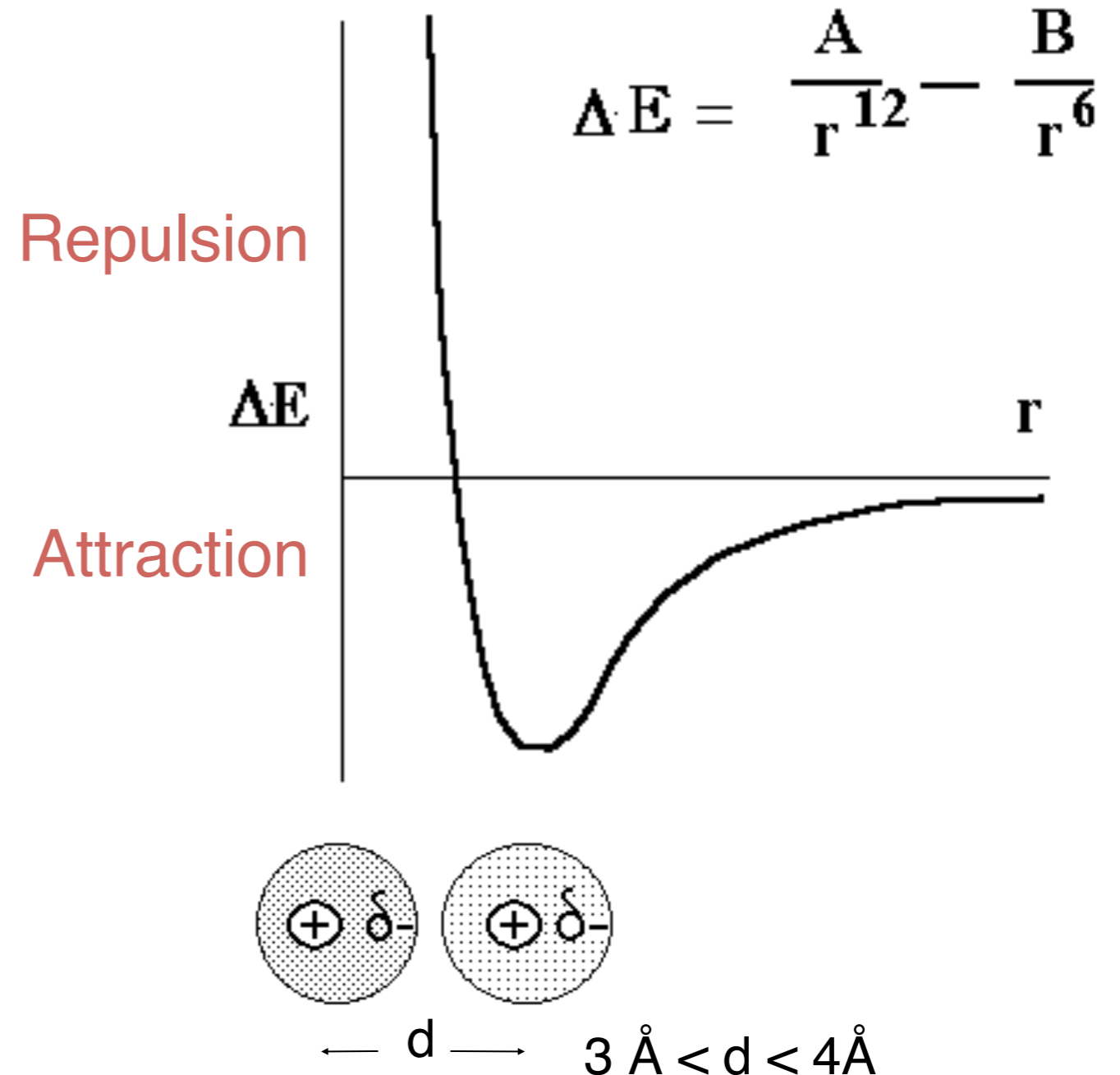


$$2.6 \text{ \AA} < d < 3.1 \text{ \AA}$$

$$150^\circ < \theta < 180^\circ$$

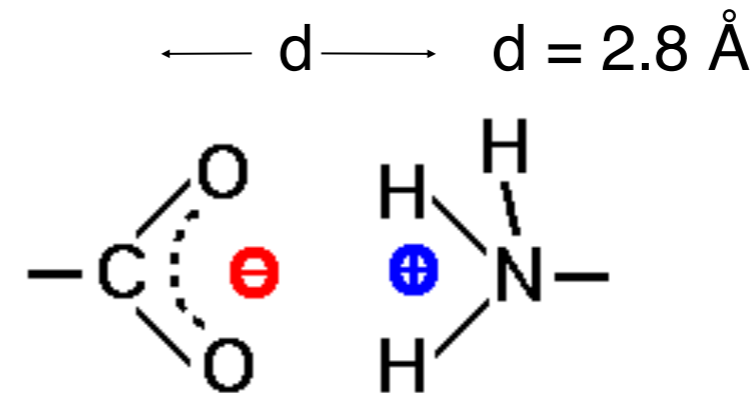
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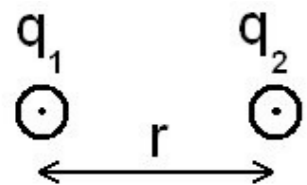
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carboxyl group and amino group

(some time called IONIC BONDS or SALT BRIDGES)



Coulomb's law

$$E = \frac{K q_1 q_2}{D r}$$

E = Energy

k = constant

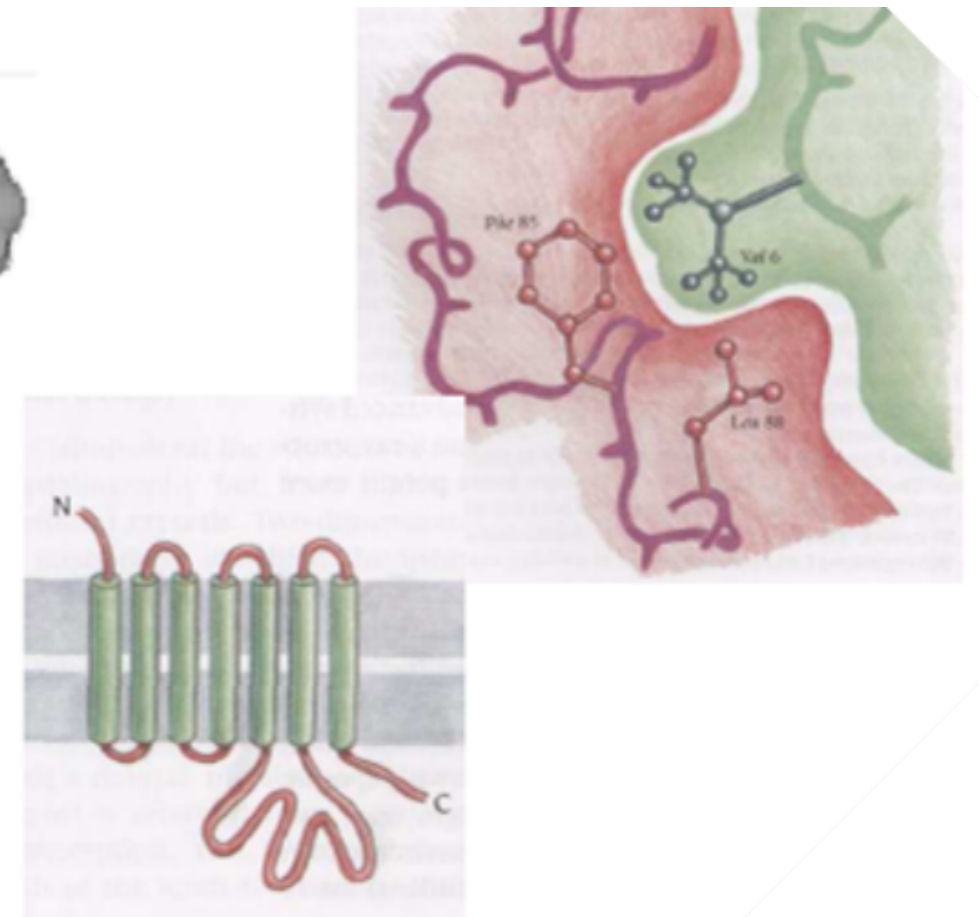
D = Dielectric constant (vacuum = 1; H₂O = 80)

q₁ & q₂ = electronic charges (Coulombs)

r = distance (Å)

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The force that causes hydrophobic molecules or nonpolar portions of molecules to aggregate together rather than to dissolve in water is called Hydrophobicity (Greek, “water fearing”). This is not a separate bonding force; rather, it is the result of the energy required to insert a nonpolar molecule into water.

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Hand-on time!

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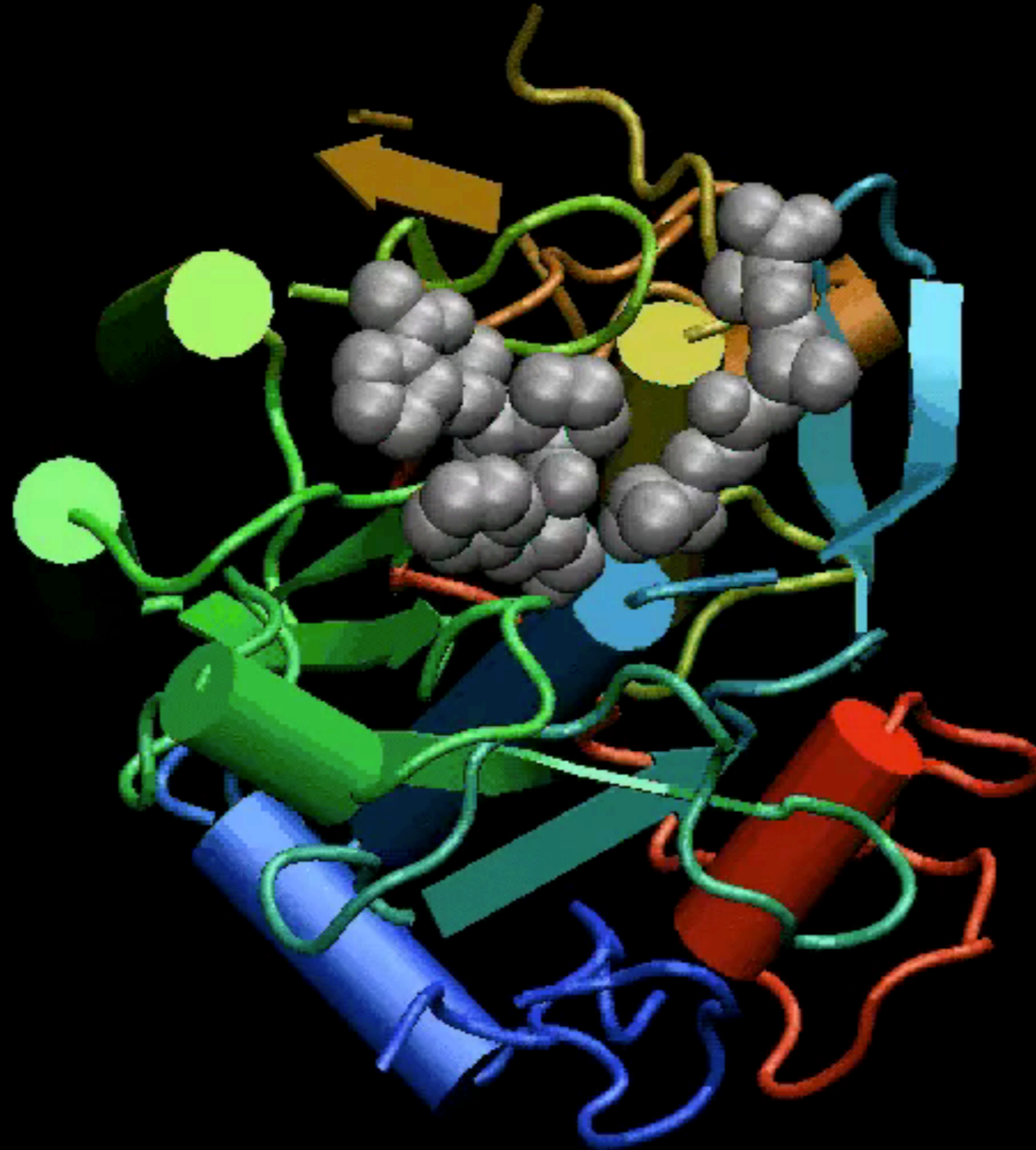
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Download VMD



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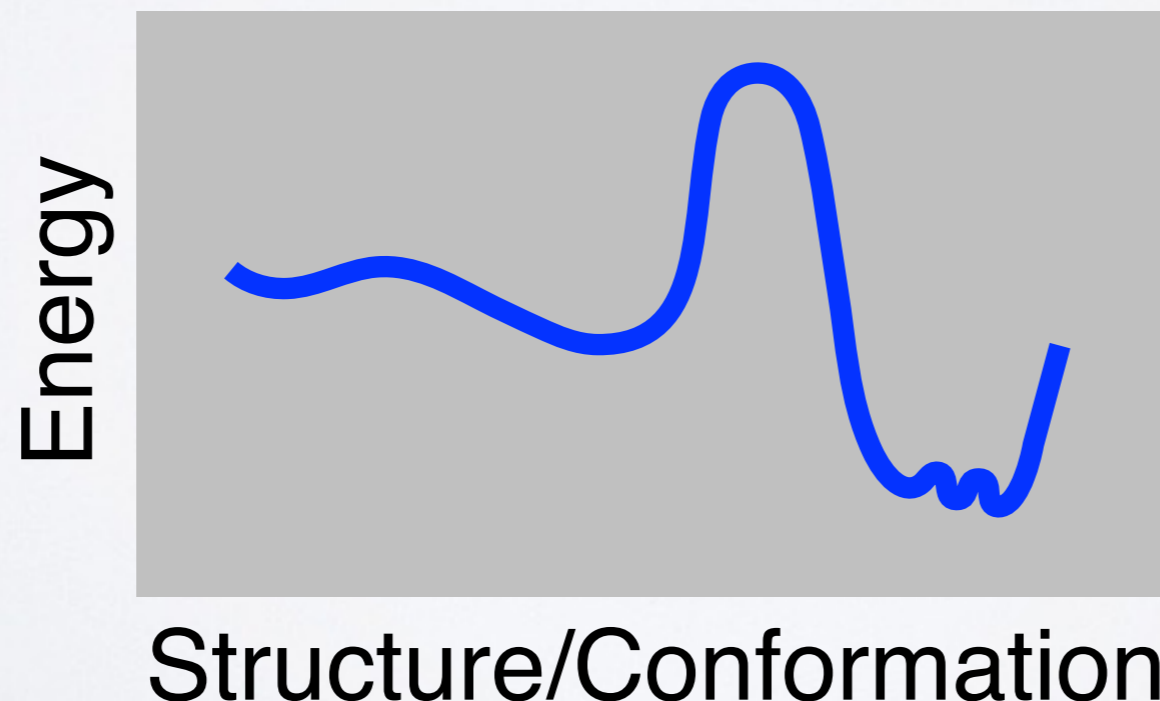
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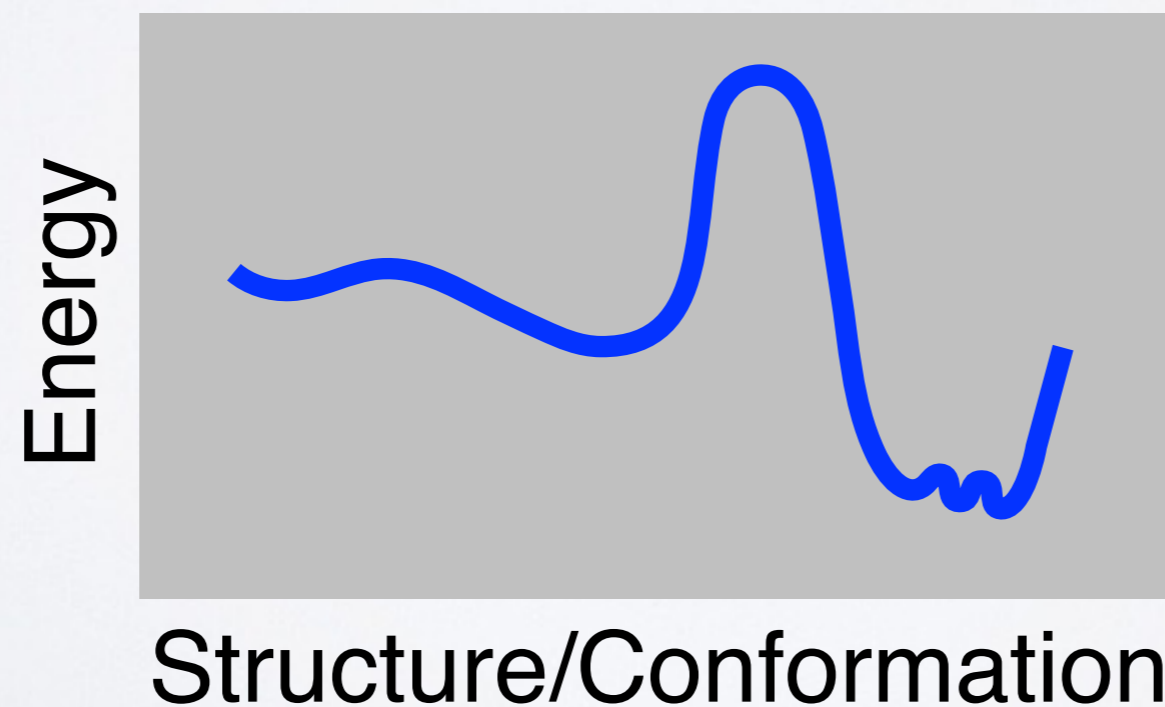
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SUMMARY

- Structural bioinformatics is computer aided structural biology
 - Described major motivations, goals and challenges of structural bioinformatics
 - Reviewed the fundamentals of protein structure
 - Explored how to use R to perform advanced custom structural bioinformatics analysis!
- Introduced both physics and knowledge based modeling approaches for describing the structure, energetics and dynamics of proteins computationally

[Muddy Point Assessment]

Reference Slides

Bio3D view()

- If you want the 3D viewer in your R markdown you can install the development version of **bio3d.view**
- In your R console:

```
> install.packages("devtools")
```

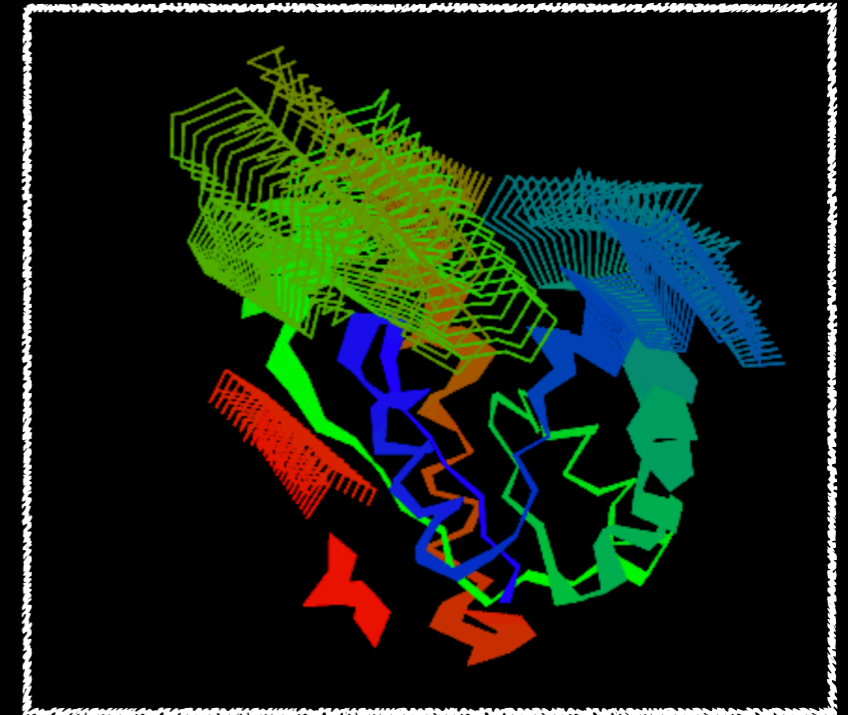
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> devtools::install_bitbucket("Grantlab/bio3d-view")
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```
> library("bio3d.view")
```

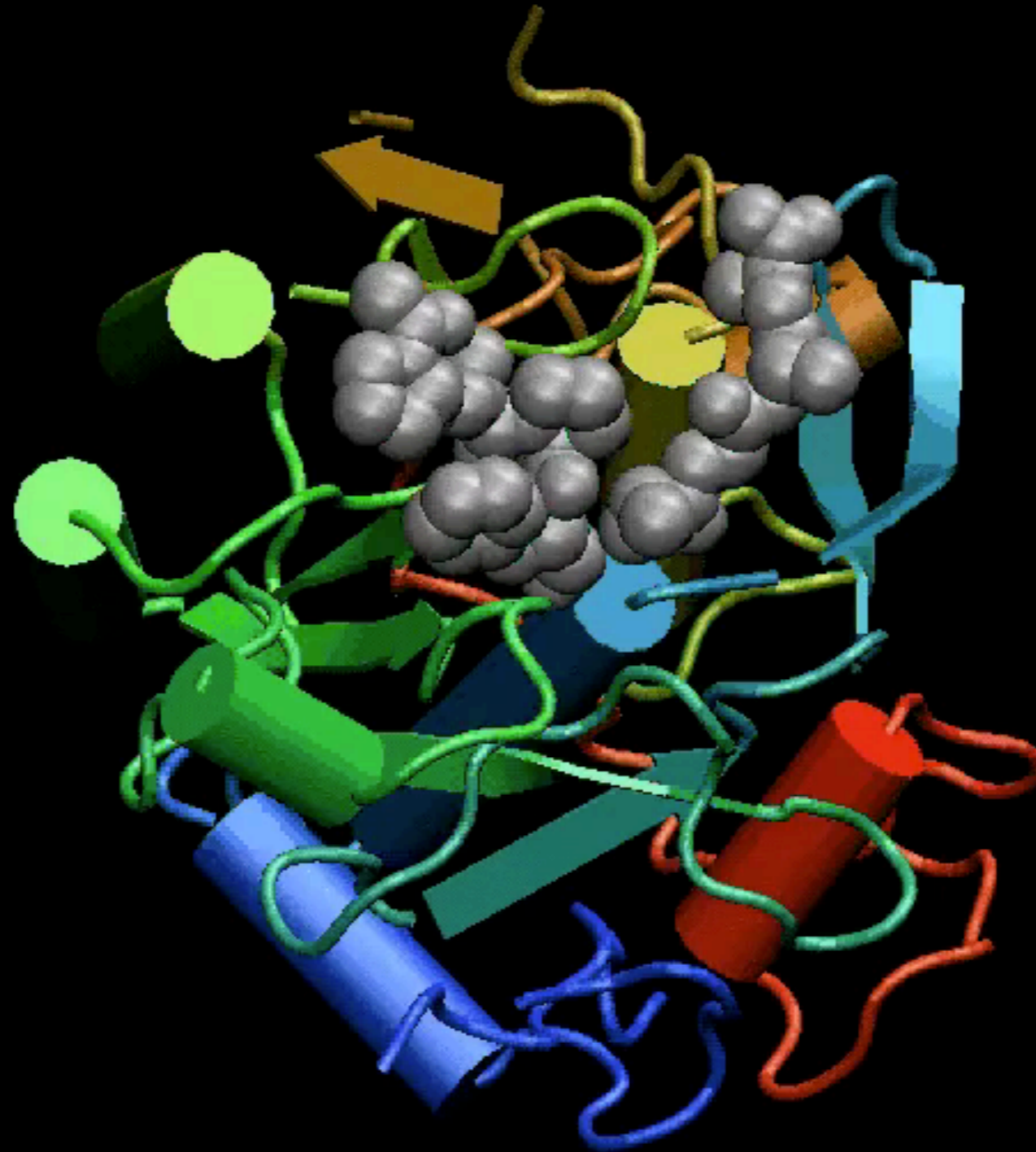
```
> pdb <- read.pdb("5p21")
```

```
> view(pdb)
```

```
> view(pdb, "overview", col="sse")
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NMA models the protein as a network of elastic strings



Proteinase K

NMA in Bio3D

- Normal Mode Analysis (NMA) is a bioinformatics method that can predict the major motions of biomolecules.

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`` {r}
library(bio3d)
library(bio3d.view)
``
```

```
`` {r}
pdb <- read.pdb("1hel")
modes <- nma( pdb )
m7 <- mktrj(modes, mode=7, file="mode_7.pdb")

view(m7, col=vec2color(rmsf(m7)))
``
```

Bio3D view()

- If you want the interactive 3D viewer in Rmd rendered to **output: html_output** document:

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```{r}
library(bio3d.view)
library(rgl)
```
```

```
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modes <- nma(read.pdb("1hel"))
m7 <- mktrj(modes, mode=7, file="mode_7.pdb")

view(m7, col=vec2color(rmsf(m7)))
rglwidget(width=500, height=500)
```
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