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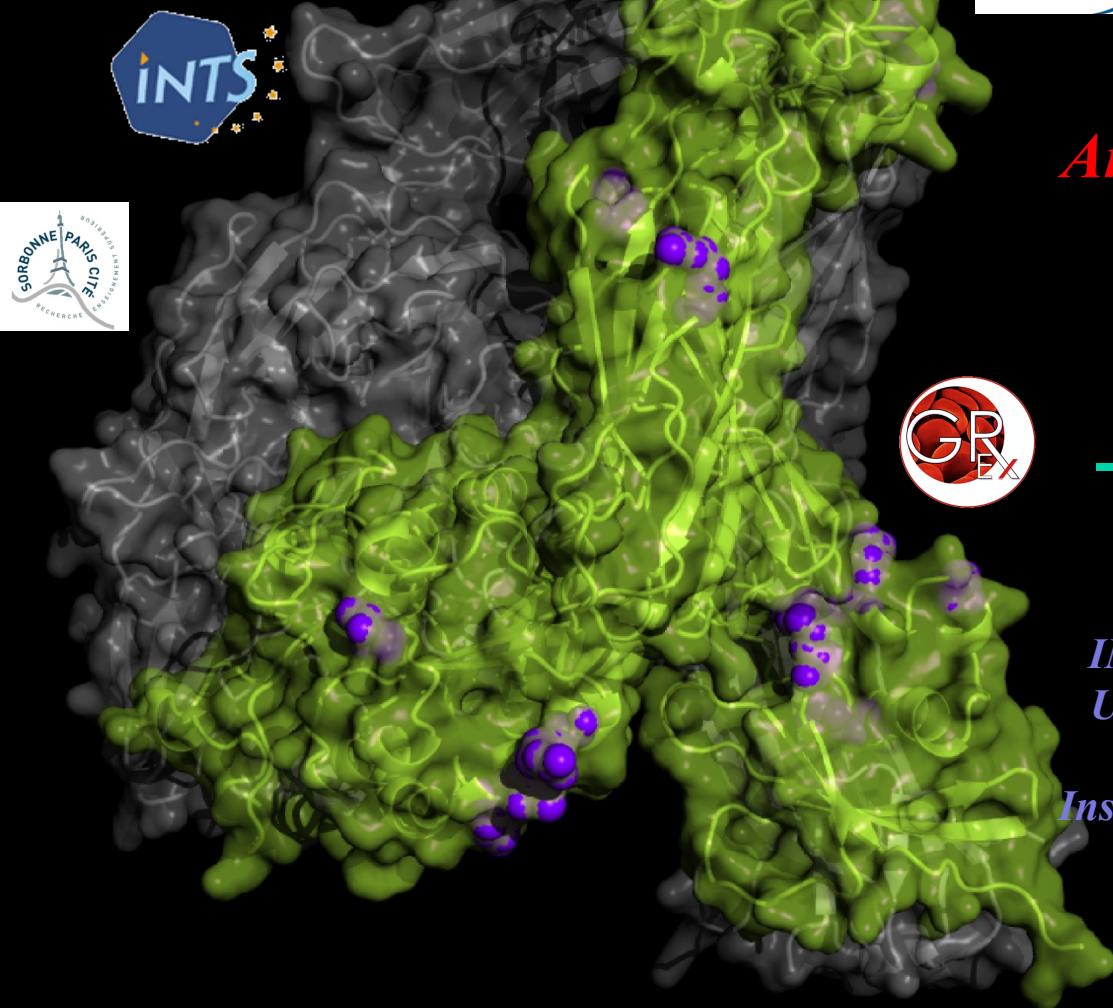
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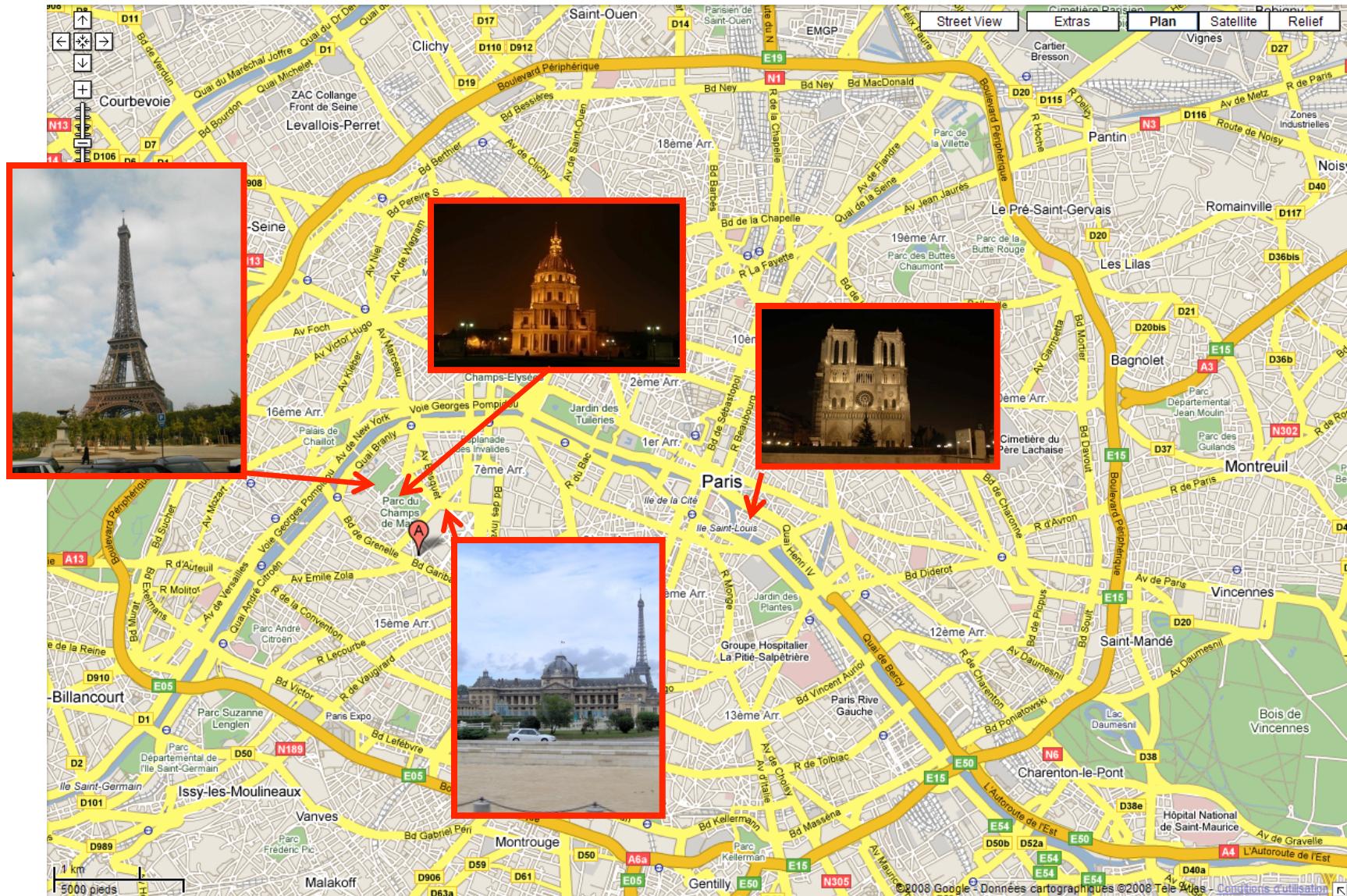
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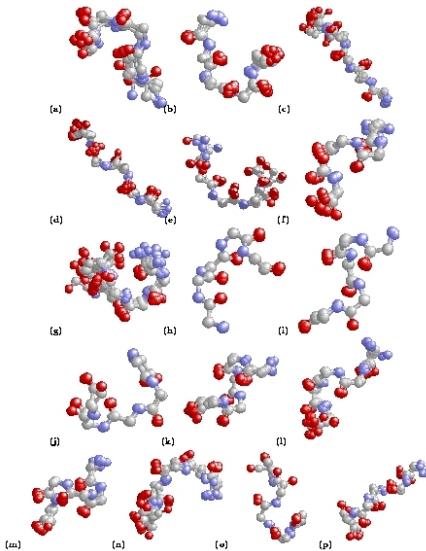
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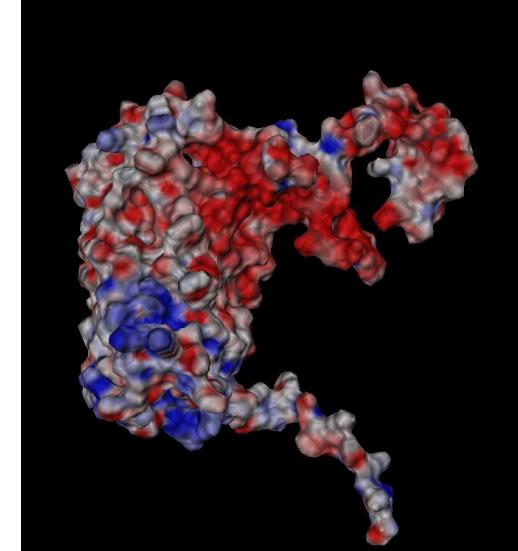


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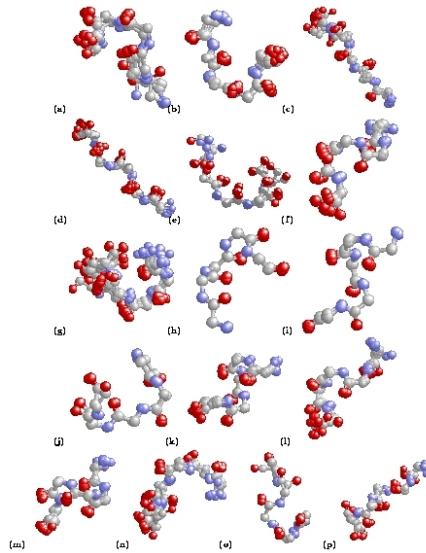


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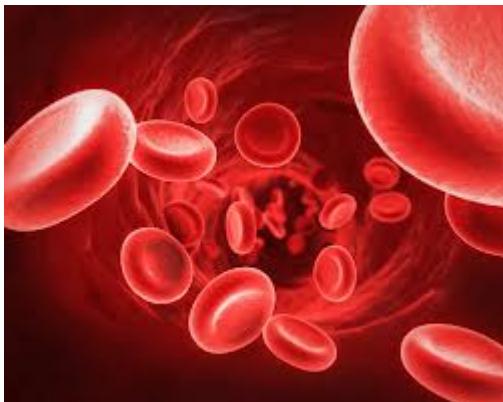
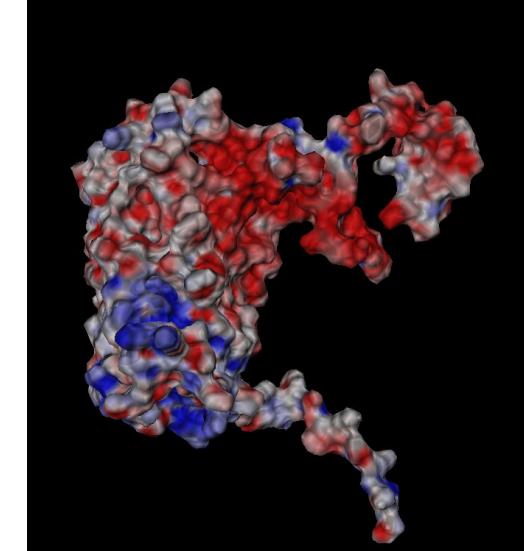


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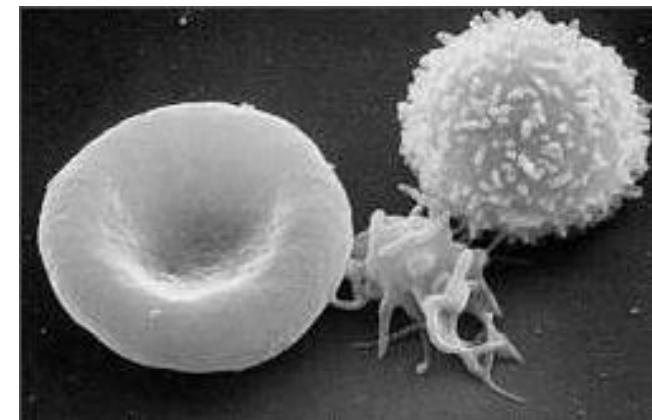


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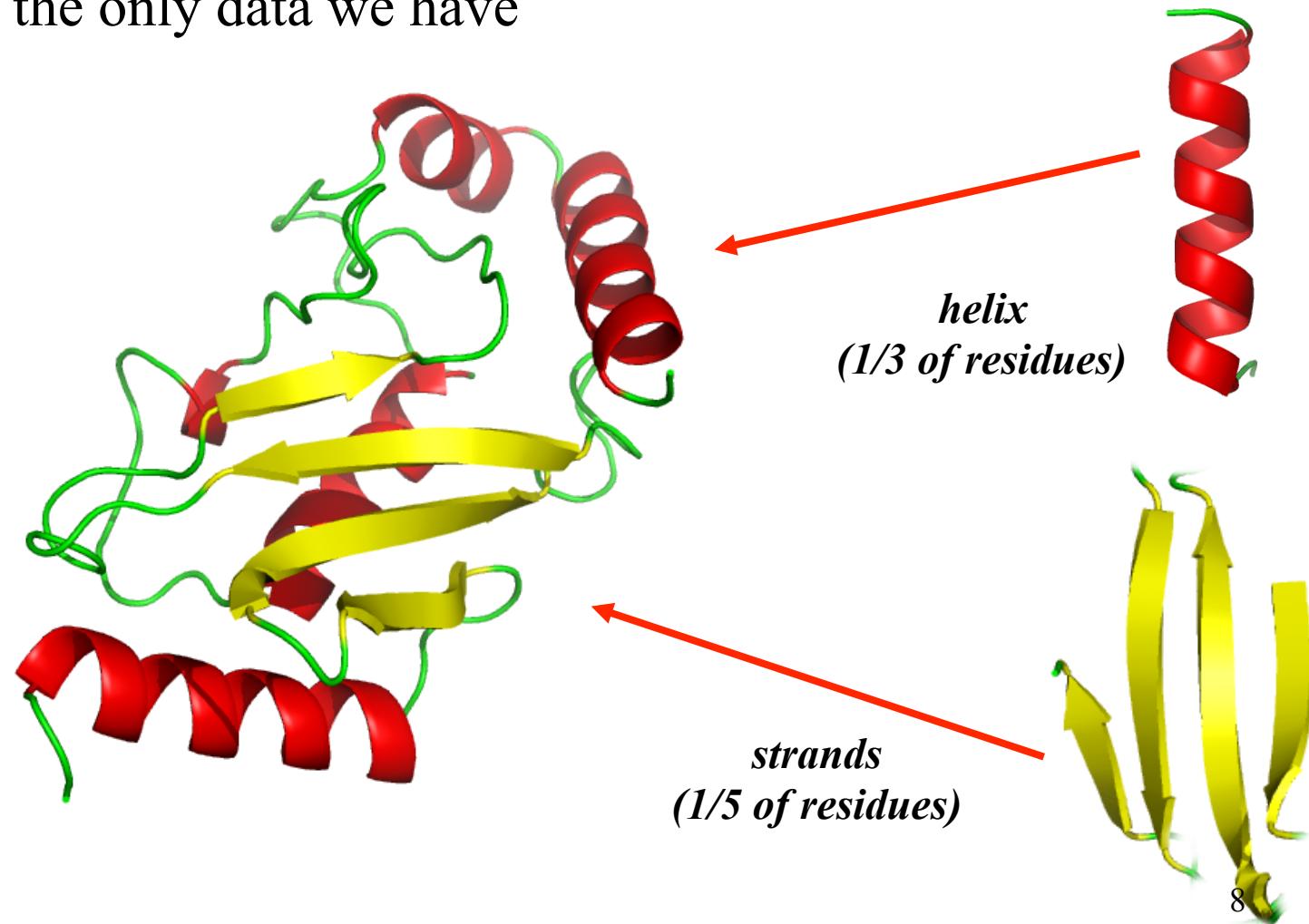
A part of the journey

- ❖ Why going beyond classical secondary structure ?
- ❖ How ?
- ❖ How is it useful for analysis of protein dynamics ?
- ❖ Can it be used also for protein disorder ?

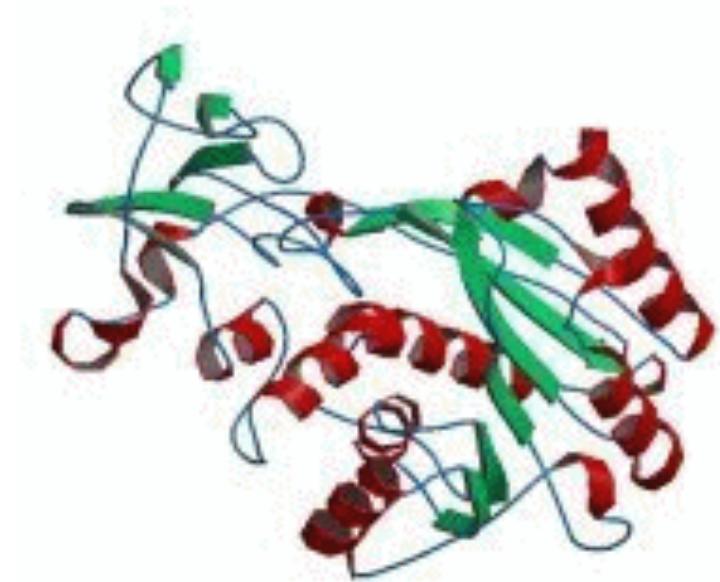
SECONDARY STRUCTURE

The secondary structures

- That's the only data we have



Secondary structures: some questions



No simple
concensus
between methods

DSSP

Assignment example for the *Hhai Methyltransferase* protein (PDB code :10MH) by DSSP, STRIDE, PSEA, DEFINE, PCURVE, XTLSSTR and SECSTR.

L. Fourrier, C. Benros & A.G. de Brevern (*BMC Bioinfo*, 2004)

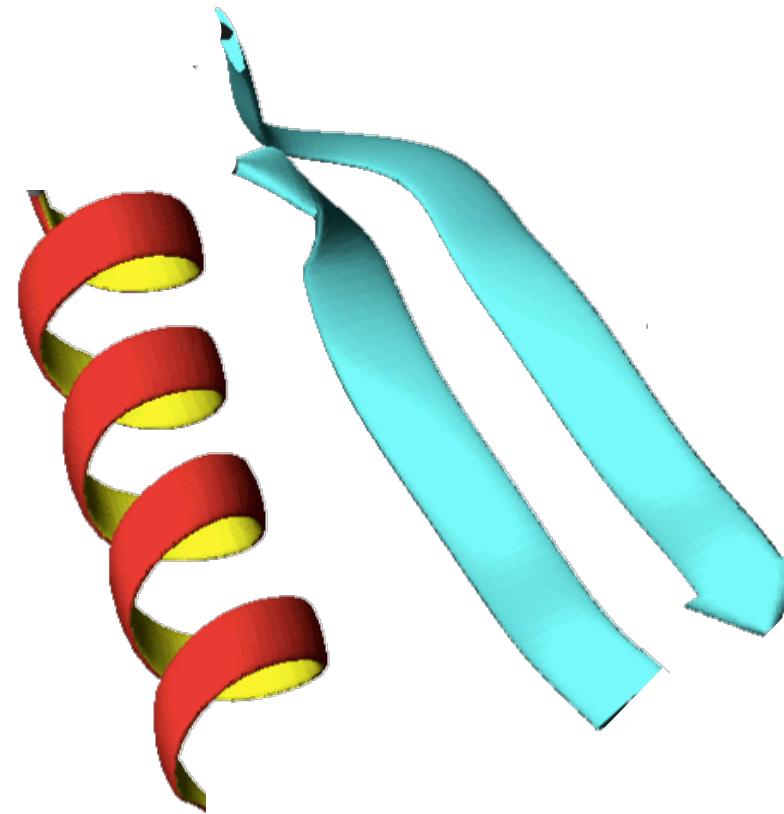
Secondary structures: some questions



J. Martin, G. Letellier, J.F. Taly, A. Martin, A.G. de Brevern & J.F. Gibrat (*BMC Structural Biology*, 2005)

Secondary structures: some questions

Moreover .



Secondary structures: some questions

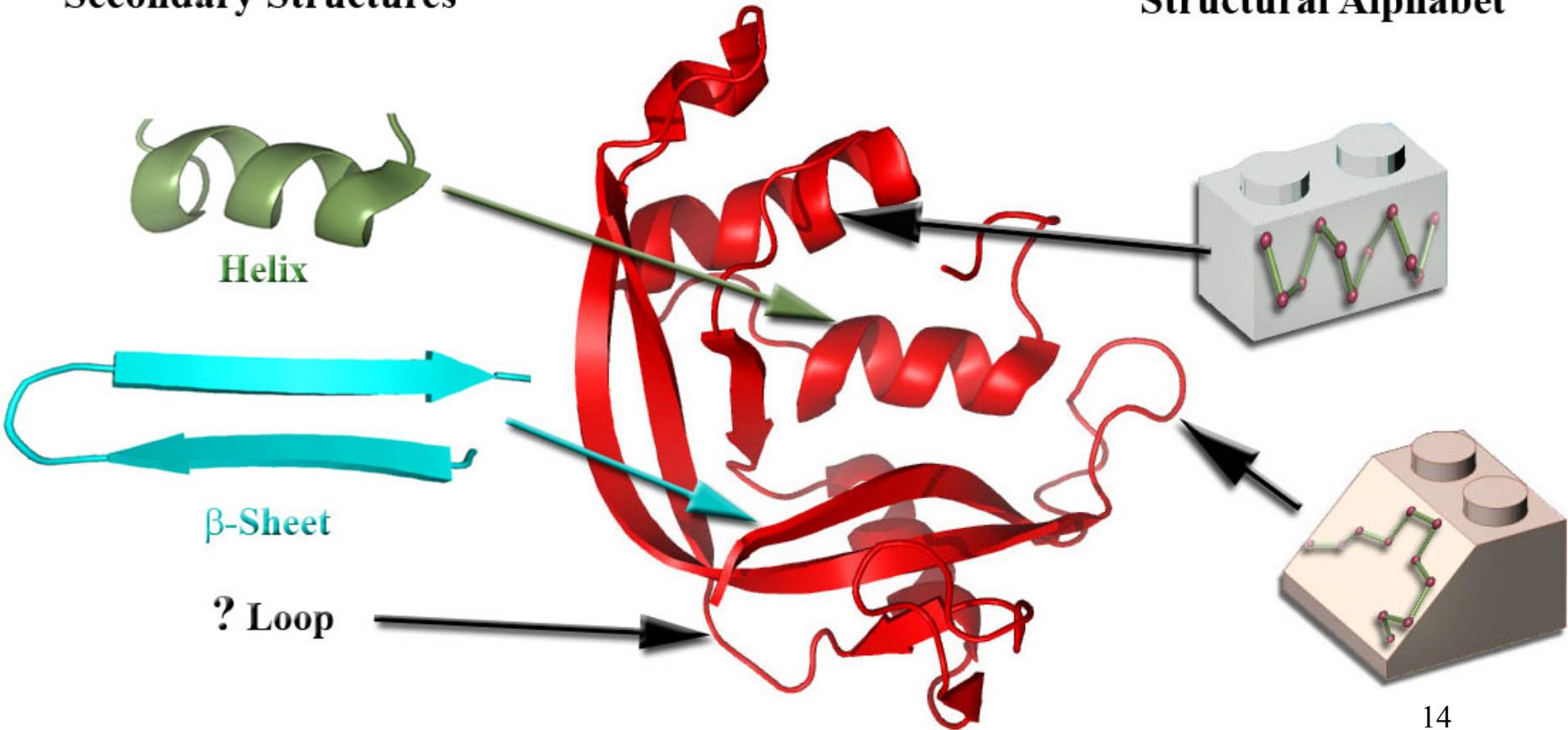
- It is possible to look at protein structures in a different ways
- At a local level.

STRUCTURAL ALPHABET

Structural alphabet

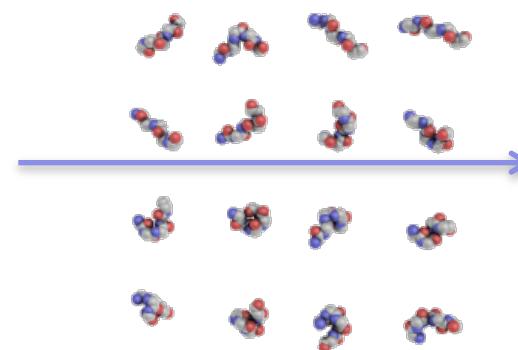
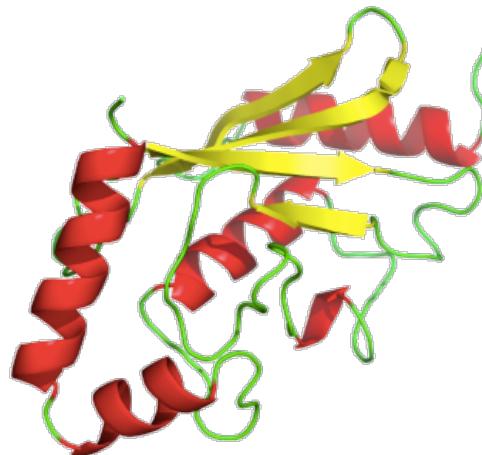
- Another vision

Secondary Structures



Structural alphabet

- Structural Alphabet (SA):
Structure translation (3D -> 1D)



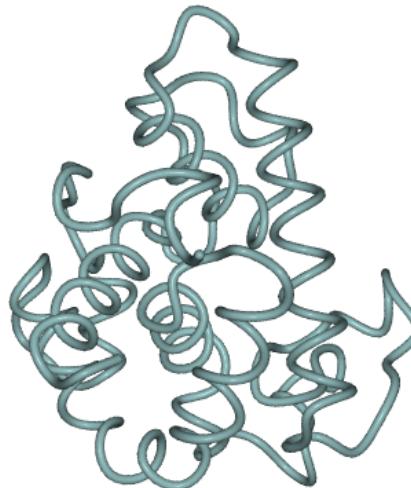
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3D protein structure

1D Sequence

de Brevern A.G., Etchebest C. & Hazout, S. (*Proteins*, 2000).

Structural alphabet



>153L [secondary structures]

HHHH

HHHHHH

HHHHHHH

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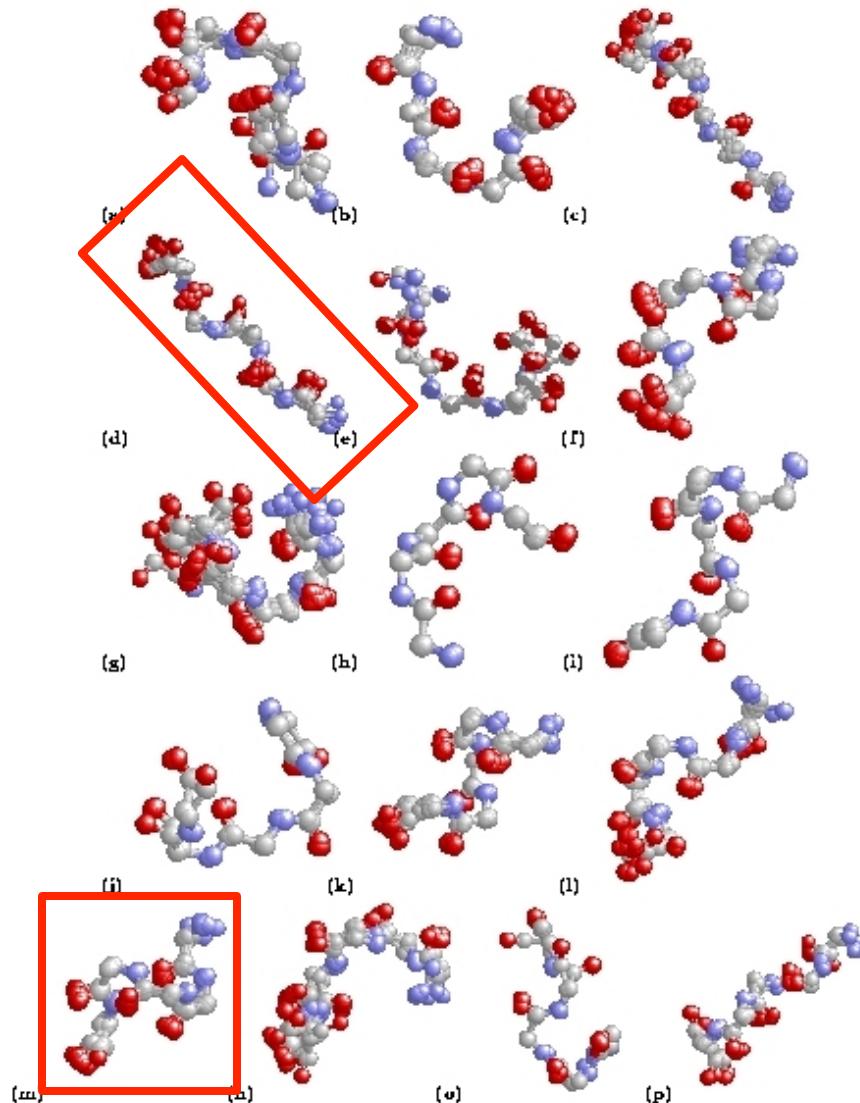
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HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH

>153L [structural alphabet]

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Structural alphabet

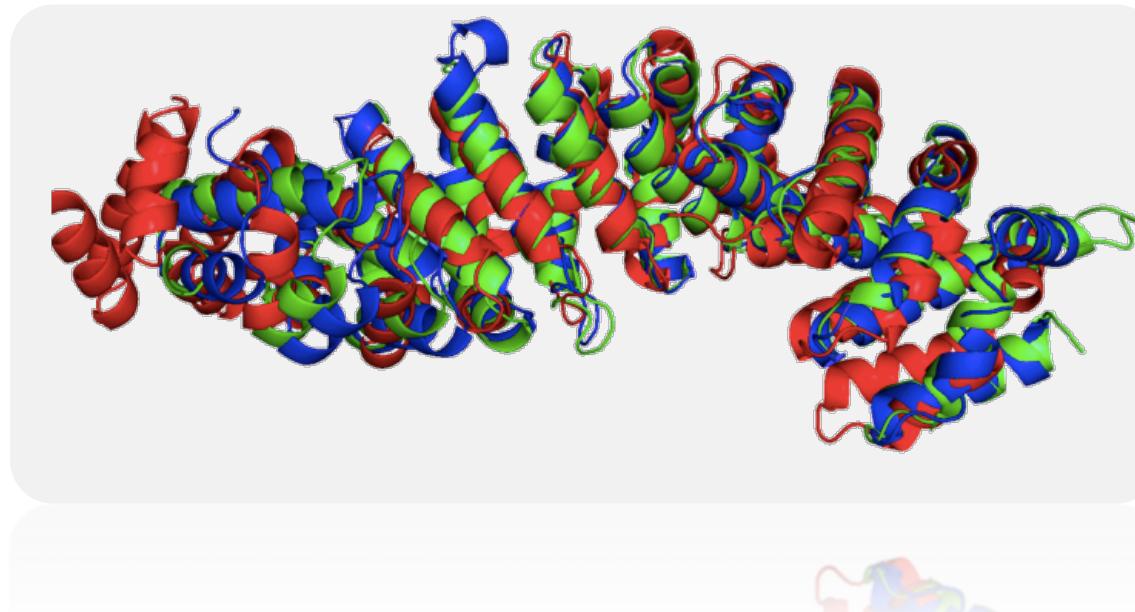


Pr. Serge Hazout

de Brevern A.G., Etchebest C. & Hazout, S. (*Proteins*, 2000).

16 Protein Blocks

➤ Superimposition of 3D protein structures



Narayanaswami Srinivasan
(IISc Bangalore)

Joseph A.P., Srinivasan N. & de Brevern A.G. (2011) *Biochimie*, **93**(9):1434-45

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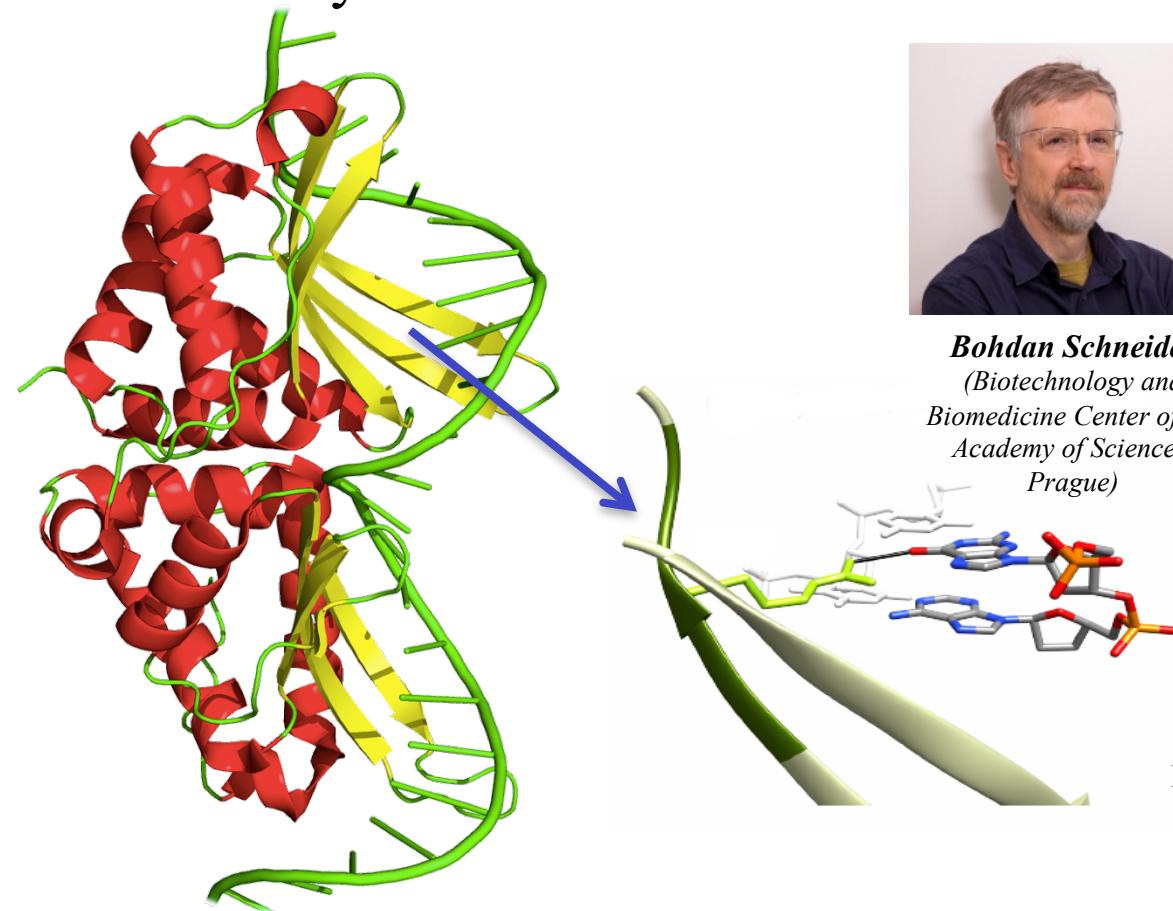
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Joseph A P, Srinivasan N & de Breyer A G (2012) *Biochimie* **94**:2025-34

Léonard S, Joseph A P, Srinivasan N, & de Breyne A G (2014). *J Biol Struct Dyn*, **32**(4):661-8.

Structural alphabet

➤ Protein interface analyses



Bohdan Schneider
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Biomedicine Center of the
Academy of Sciences,
Prague*)

PB d + Nt 19
PDB code 3eh8

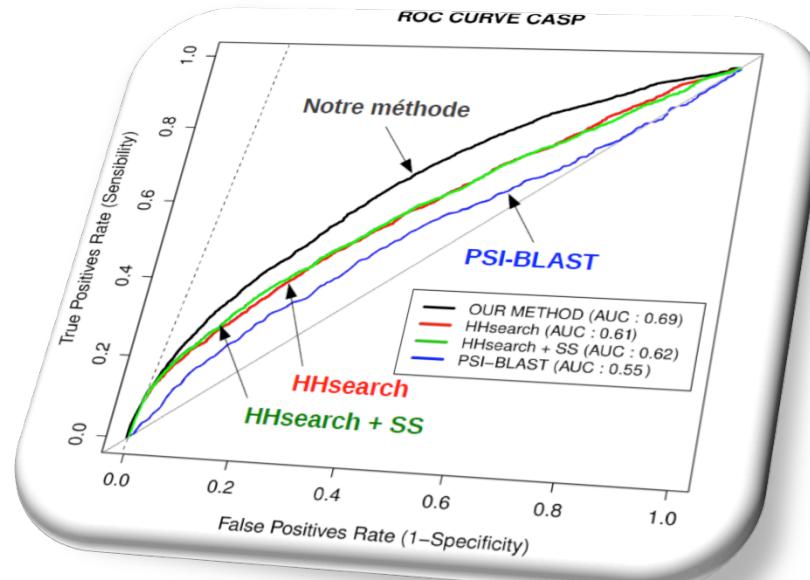
Structural alphabet

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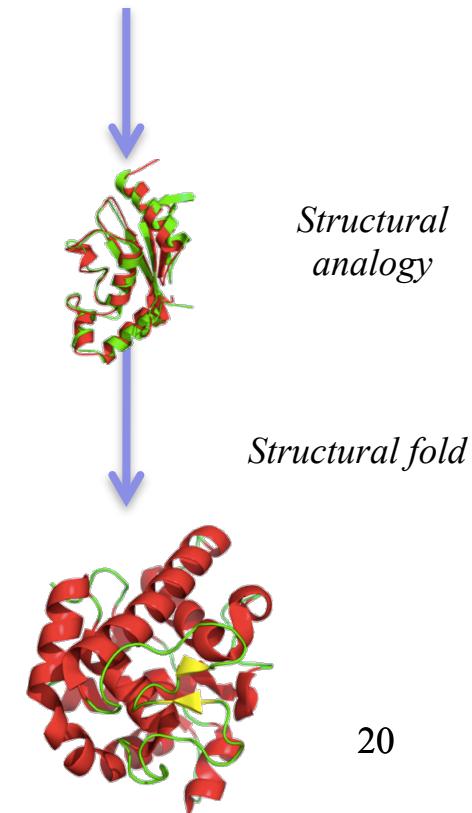
*Prediction
of PBs*

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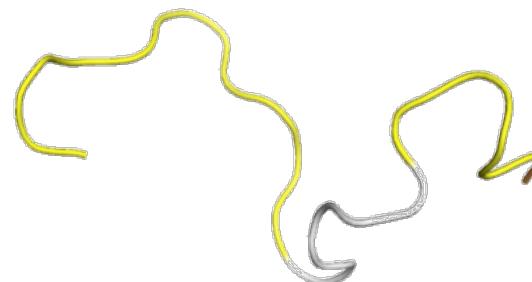
Dr. J.-C. Gelly

(*Bioinformatics*, 2015; *Sci Rep*, 2016)



Structural alphabet

- ❖ The most used structural alphabet at this day (Web Of Sciences: 156 citations, Google scholar: 288)
- ❖ More than 20 teams worldwide
- ❖ Used for local and global analysis, prediction (locale, specific, flexibility), le *protein design*, building of structural models, etc.

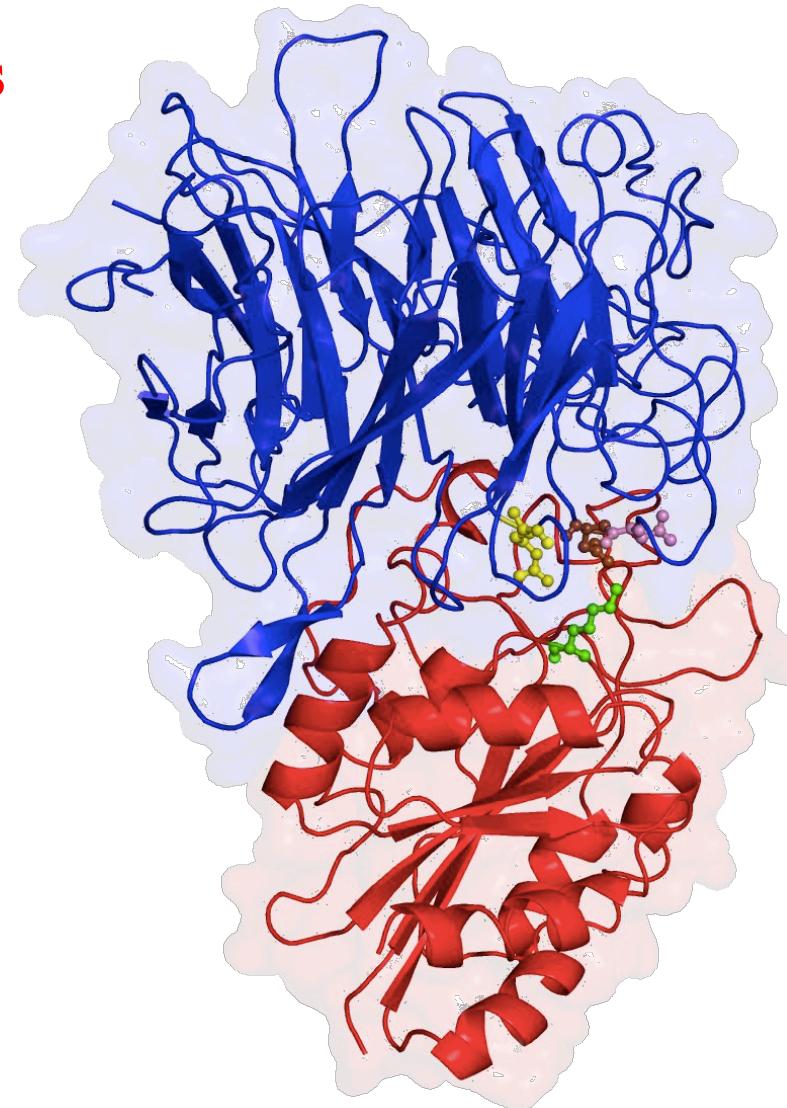


Analysis of molecular dynamics of protein and peptide

STRUCTURAL ALPHABET & FLEXIBILITY: MD

Integrins

Integrins



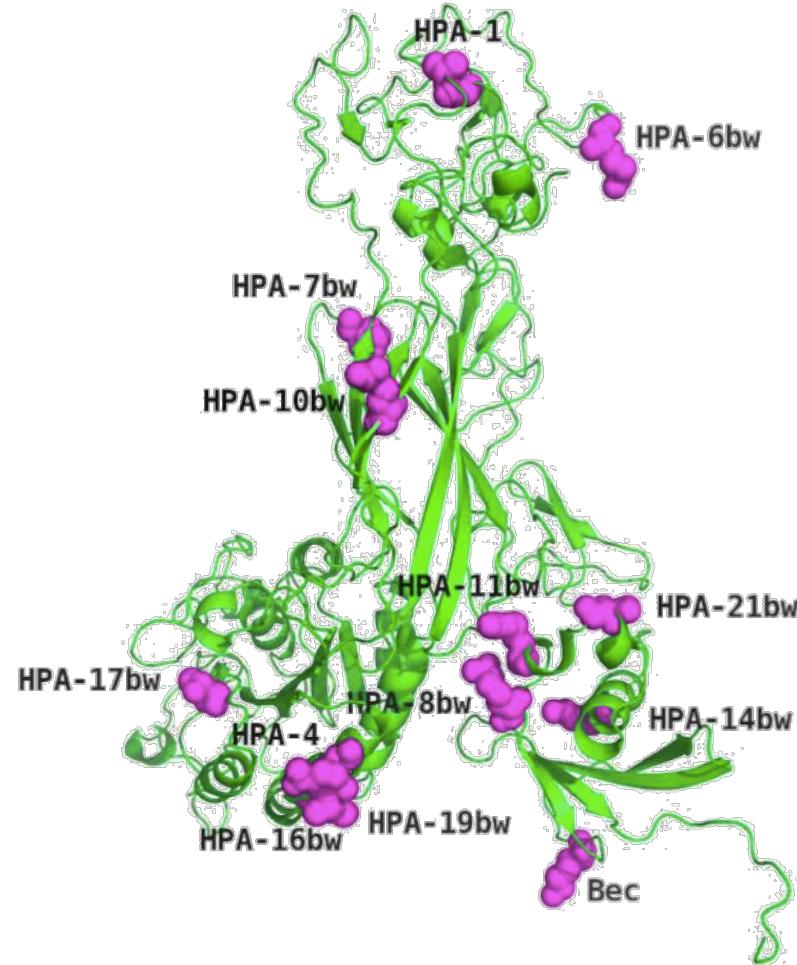
Dr. Vincent Jallu
Platelet department



One complex (Integrin):

- Glanzmann's thrombasthenia is an abnormality of the platelets, an extremely rare coagulopathy.
- Fetal / Neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia (FNAIT), a severe bleeding syndrome in which fetal / neonatal platelet destruction is mediated by maternal antibodies directed to specific antigens (or alloantigens) inherited from the father
Also the only blood group not on Red Blood Cells.

Integrins



Integrins

- This protein is *very* flexible



We compute Root Mean Square Fluctuation (RMSF)

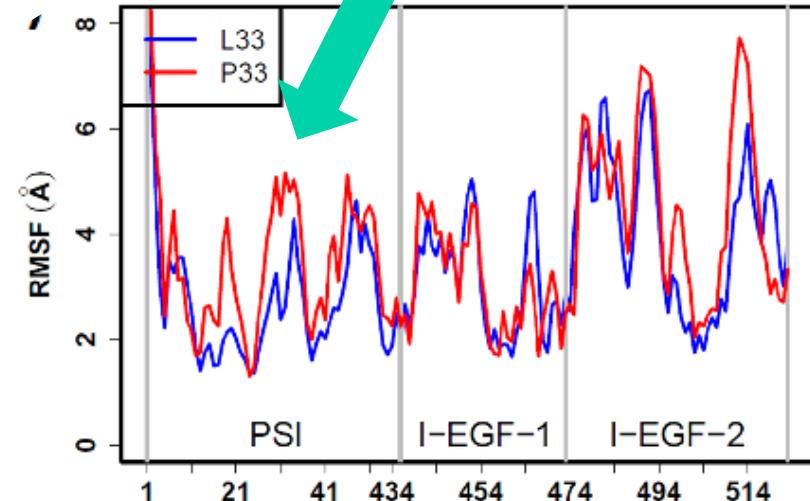
$$RMSF_i = \sqrt{\frac{1}{nstep} \sum_{t=1}^{nstep} \|\vec{r}_i(t) - \langle \vec{r}_i \rangle\|^2}$$

Integrins

- This protein is *very* flexible



Residue 33 is associated to high RMSF



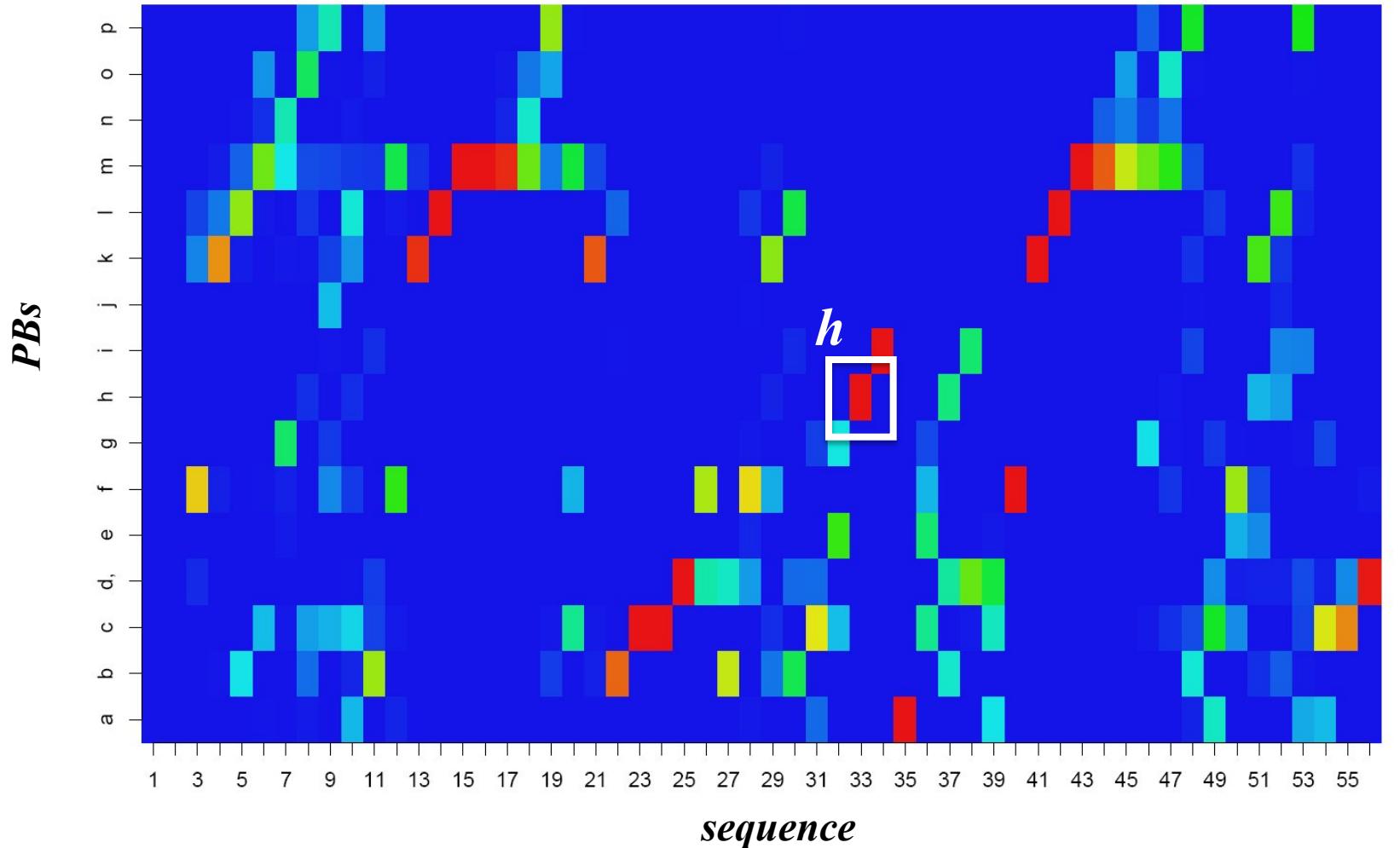
Integrins

- How to use Protein Blocks here ?



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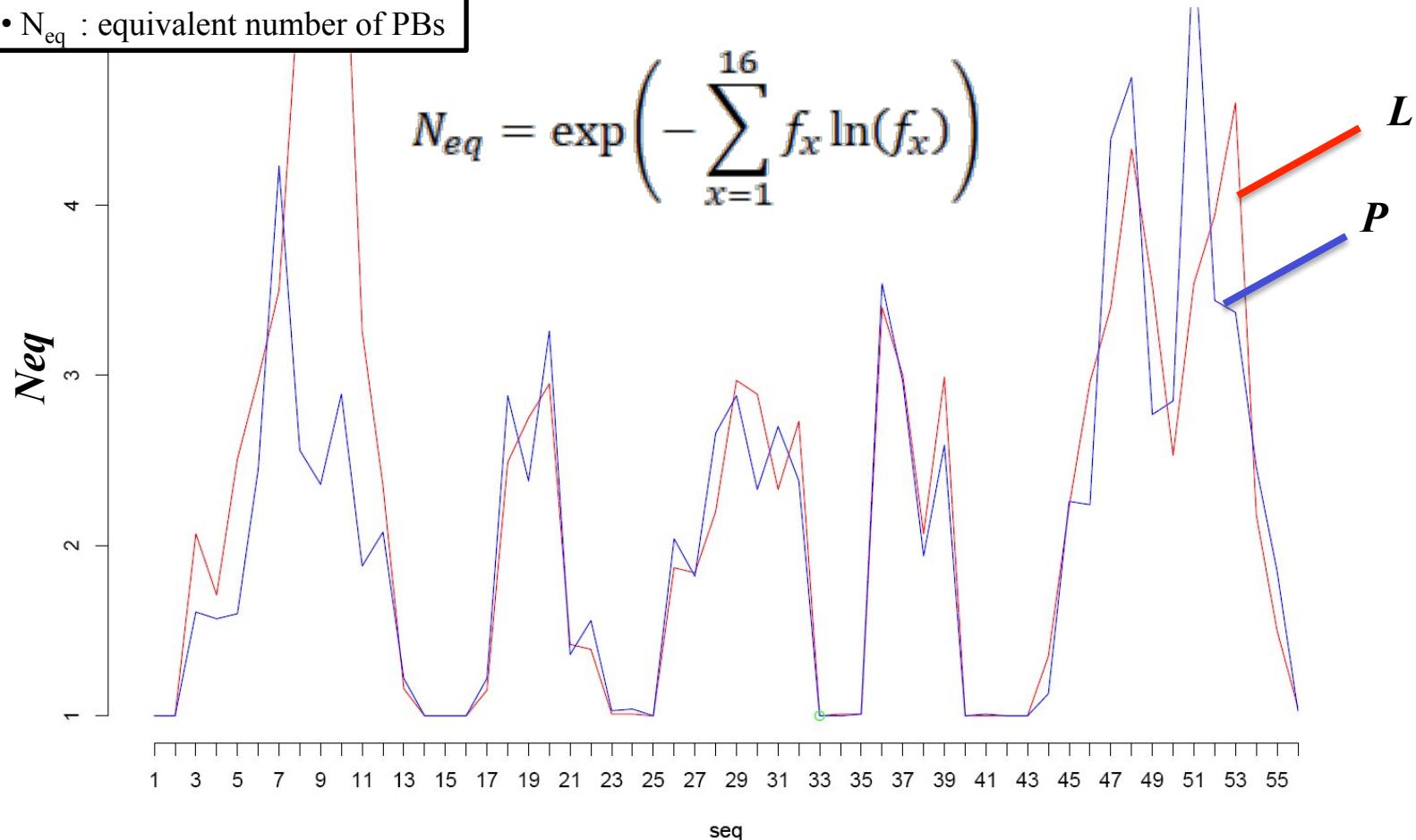
- Then count for every snapshots, the frequency of PBs



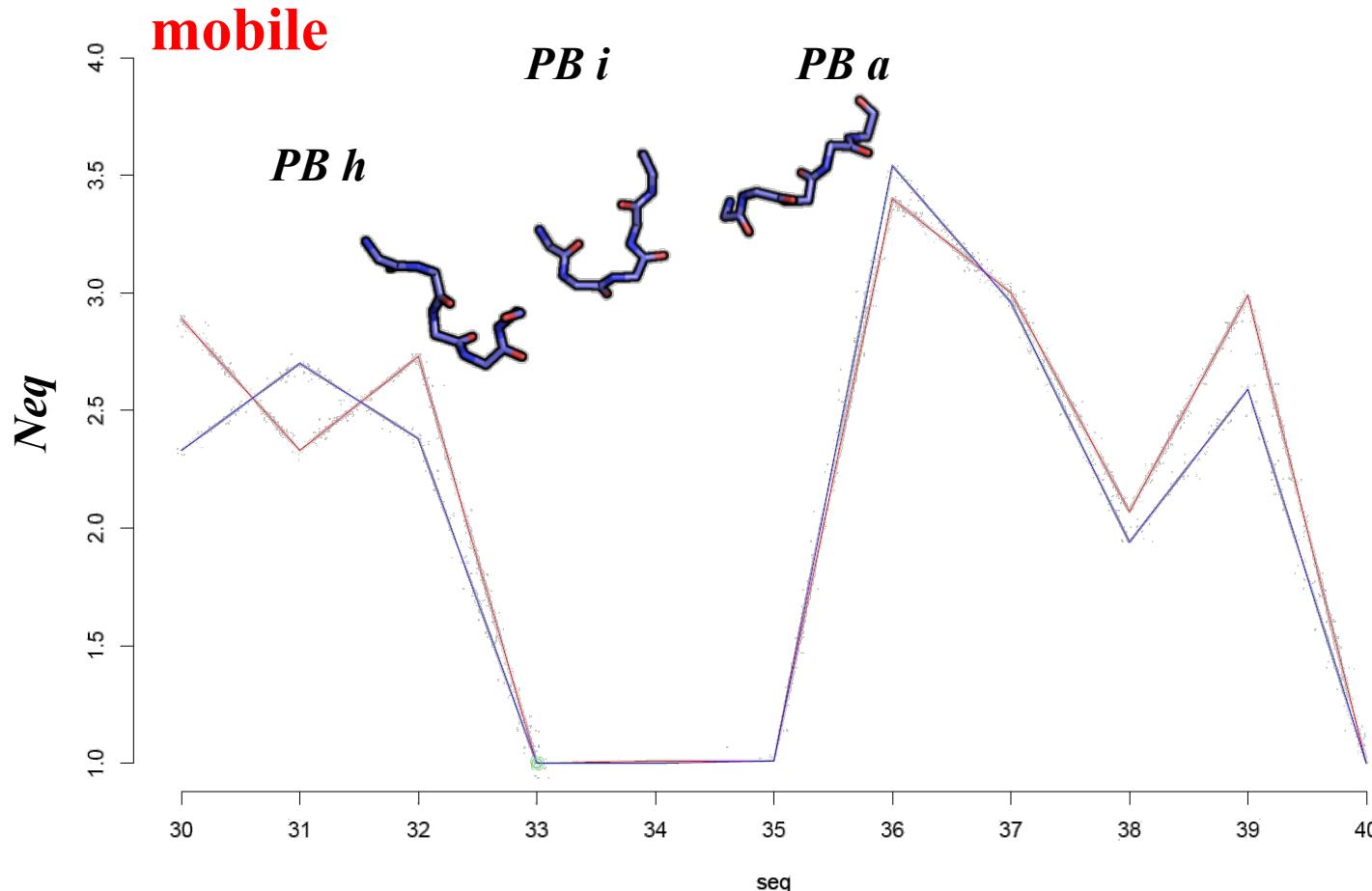
- Both sets of simulations are quite similar

- N_{eq} : equivalent number of PBs

$$N_{eq} = \exp\left(-\sum_{x=1}^{16} f_x \ln(f_x)\right)$$



- But position 33 is not ‘flexible’, it stays highly constraint ➔

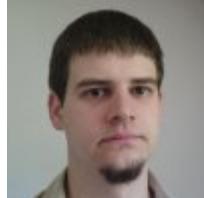


Conclusion

- Not real change of the epitope, always highly accessible
- But not flexible, it is mobile within deformable regions
- Proof of interest of Protein Blocks for the analysis => does not correlate with RMSf

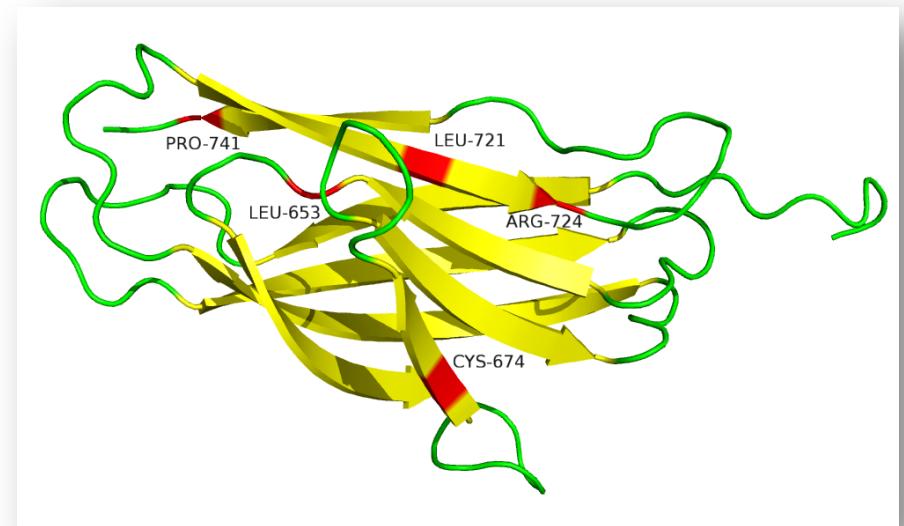
Allostery

- A more systematic approach: an example of Calf-1 domain
- Calf-1 domain : 141 residus (603-743) from α chain
- 7 mutations involved in GT:



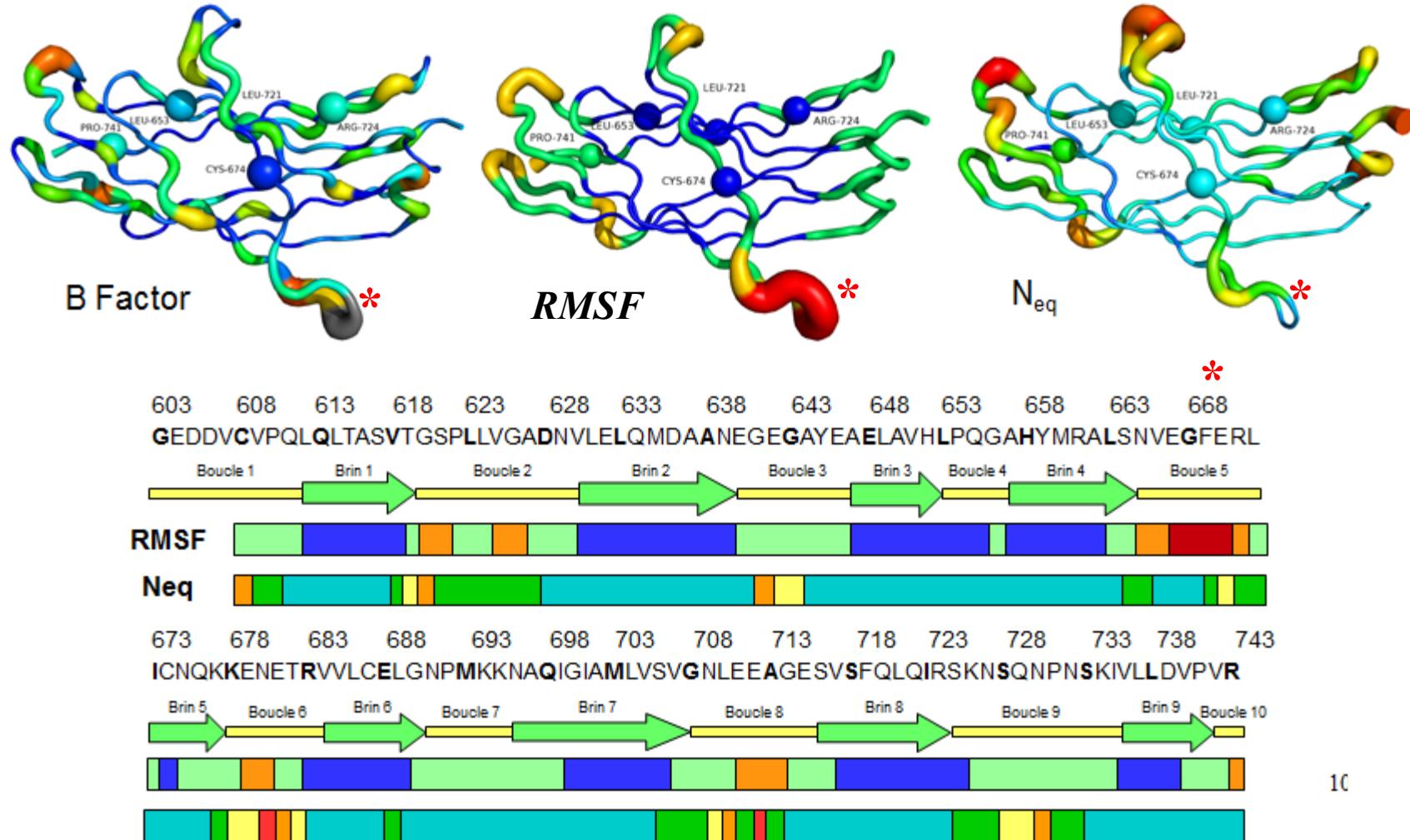
- L653R
- C674R
- L721V / L721R

Matthieu Goguet R724P / R724Q
(master 2 student) P741R

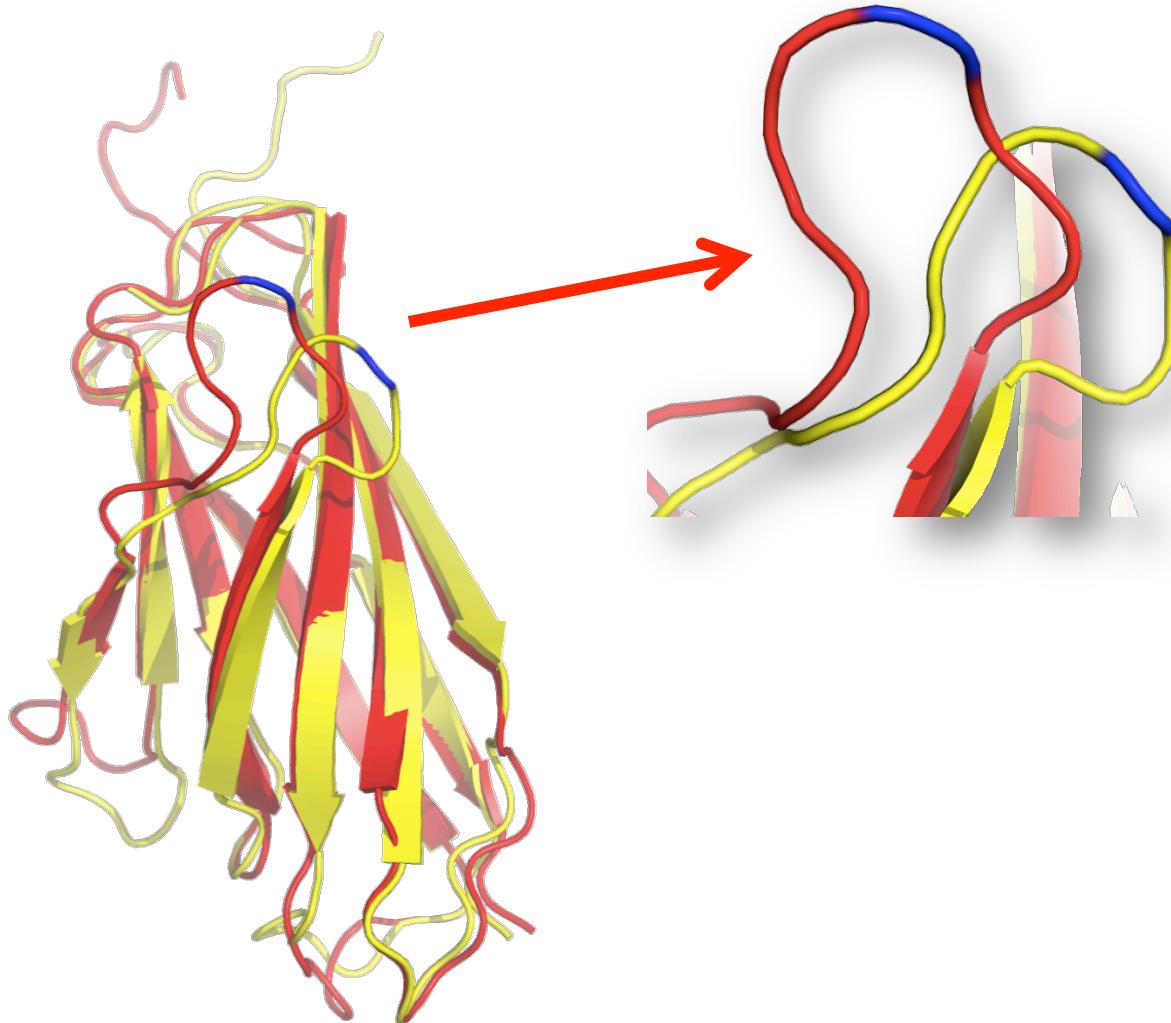


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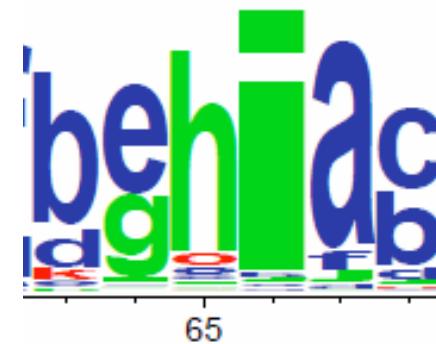
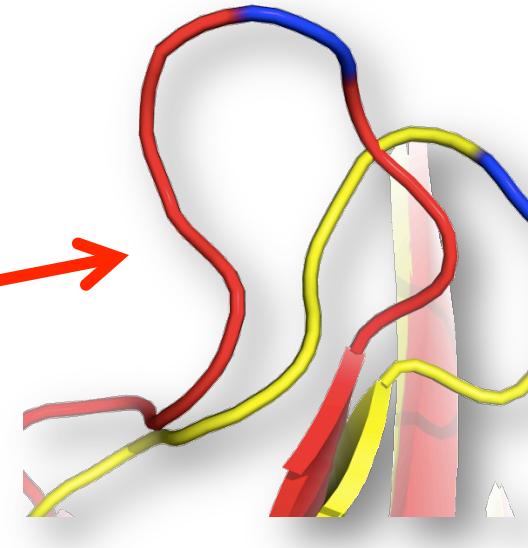
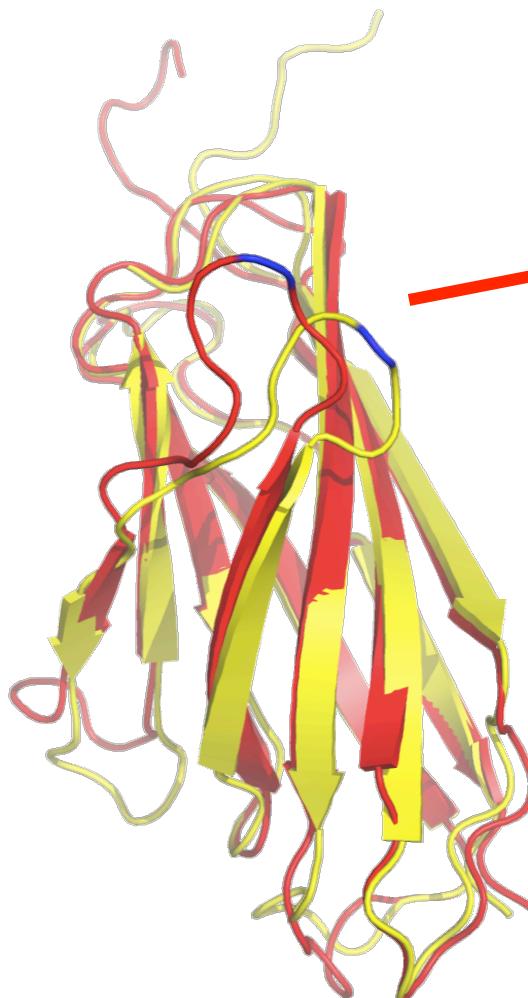
➤ Analysis of WT Calf-1



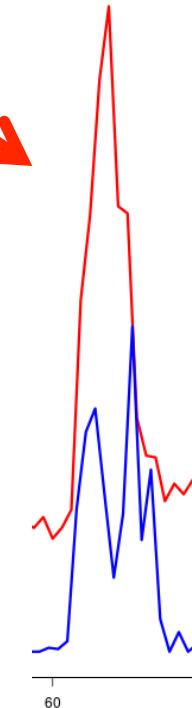
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Allostery



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Allostery

➤ More details in

Craveur *et al.*, (*Frontiers in Mol Sci*, 2015)



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Protein flexibility in the light of structural alphabets

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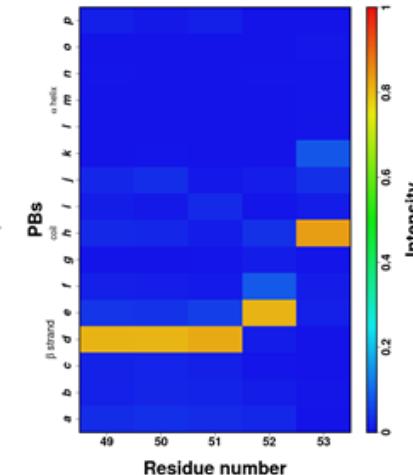
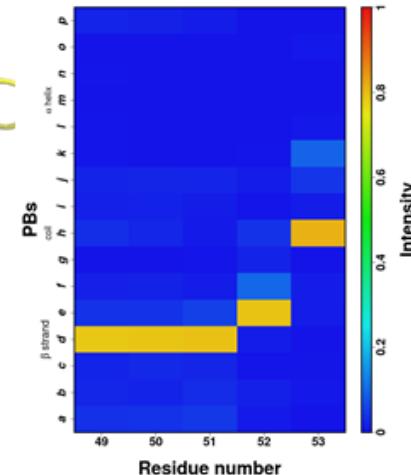
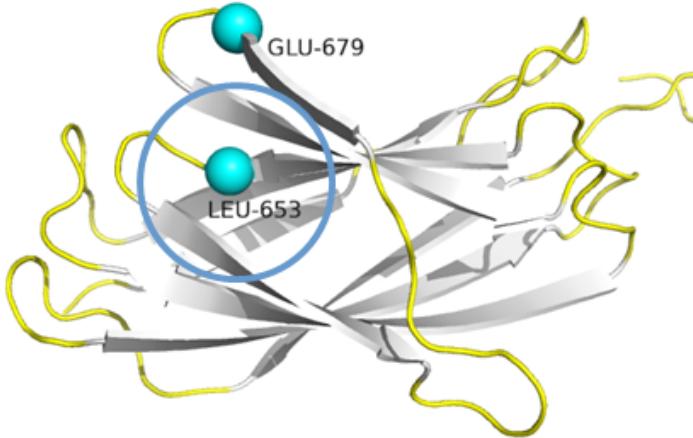
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Protein structures are valuable tools to understand protein function. Nonetheless, proteins are often considered as rigid macromolecules while their structures exhibit specific flexibility, which is essential to complete their functions. Analyses of protein structures and dynamics are often performed with a simplified three-state description, i.e., the classical secondary structures. More precise and complete description of protein backbone conformation can be obtained using libraries of small protein fragments that are able to approximate every part of protein structures. These libraries, called structural alphabets (SAs), have been widely used in structure analysis field, from definition of ligand binding sites to superimposition of protein structures. SAs are also well suited to analyze the dynamics of protein structures. Here, we review innovative approaches that investigate protein flexibility based on SAs description. Coupled to various sources of experimental data (e.g., B-factor) and computational methodology (e.g., Molecular Dynamic simulation), SAs turn out to be powerful tools to analyze protein dynamics, e.g., to examine allosteric mechanisms in large set of structures in complexes, to identify order/disorder transition. SAs were also shown to be quite efficient to predict protein flexibility from amino-acid sequence. Finally, in this review, we exemplify the interest of SAs for studying flexibility with different cases of proteins implicated in pathologies and diseases.

Keywords: protein structures, disorder, secondary structure, structural alphabet, protein folding, allostery, protein complexes, protein–DNA interactions

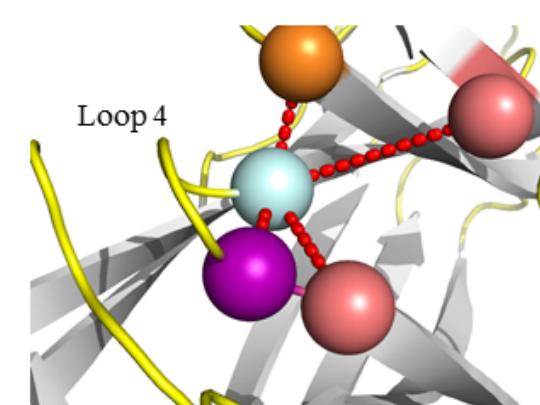
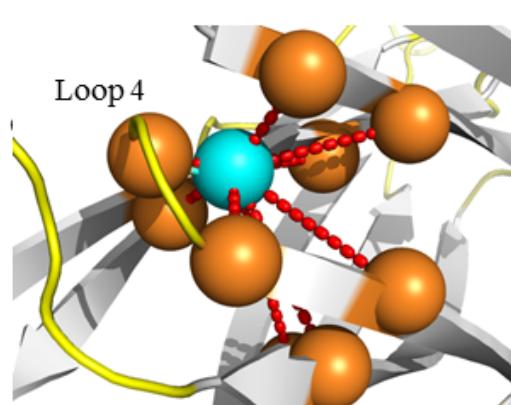
Allostery

Variant L653R : Mutation site



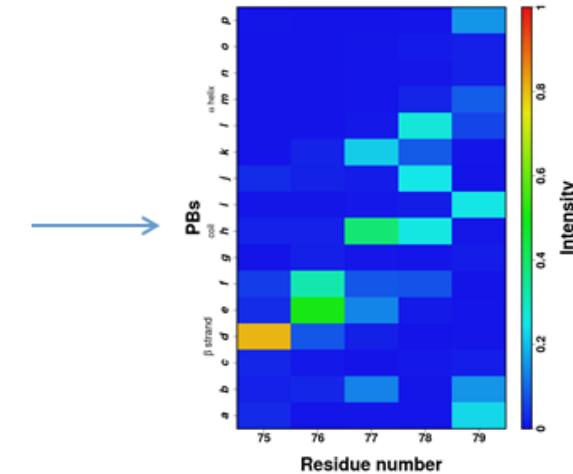
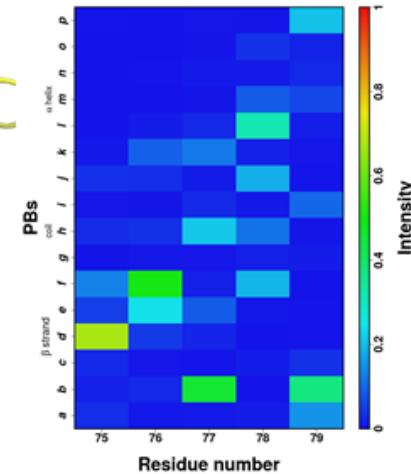
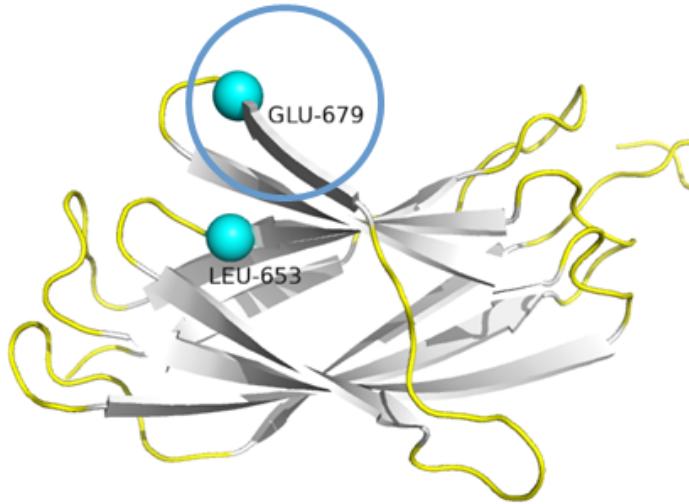
WT : 9 interactions

Variant : only 1 conserved but 3 news to
→ No structural changes



Allostery

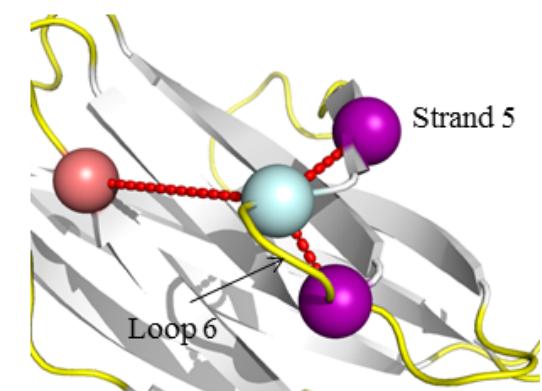
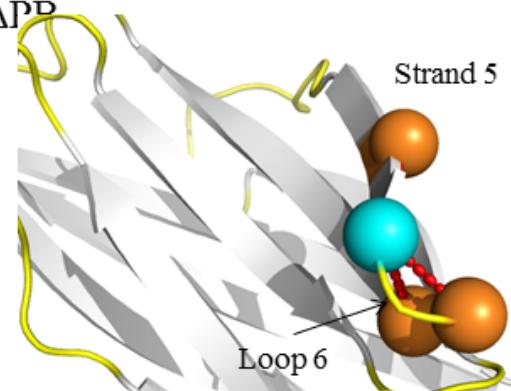
Variant L653R : position E679



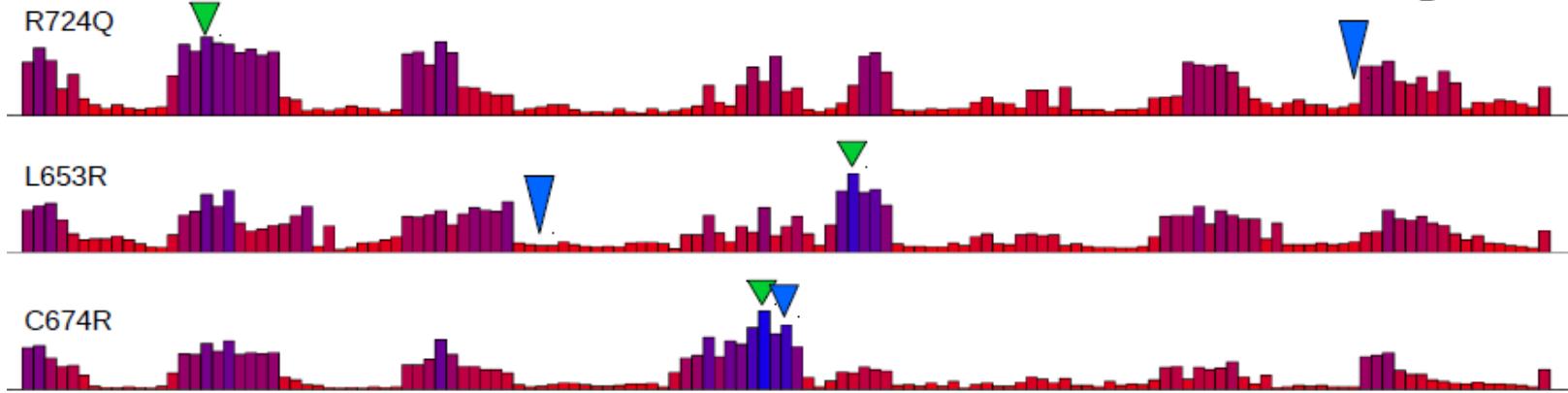
N_{eq} similar in WT and variant but high ΔPP

Interaction reshuffle (no conservation)

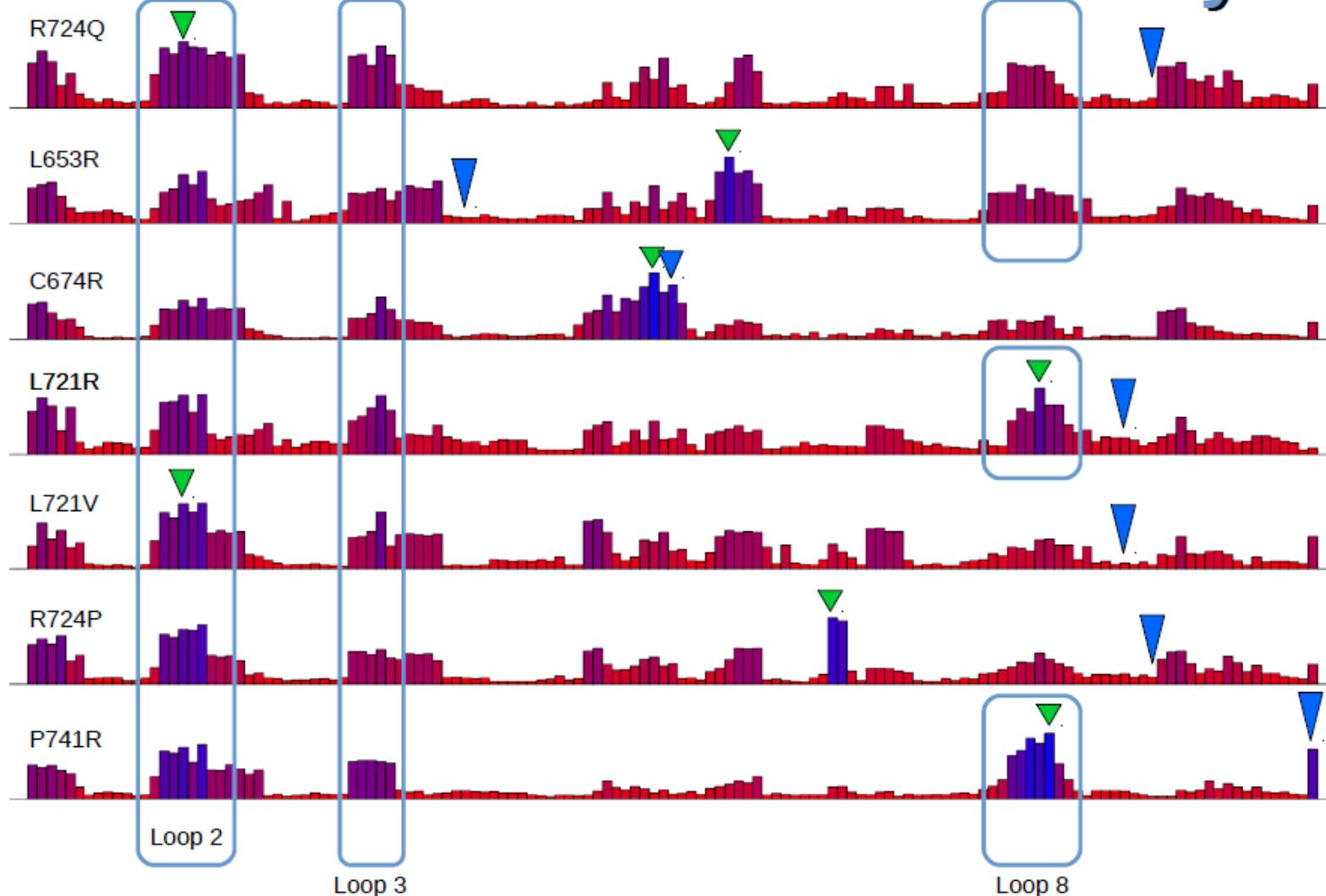
→ Structural desorganization



Results : Global variant mobility



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Conclusion (1)

- Reliable, automated and efficient molecular dynamics protocol with interesting use of Protein Blocks
- Results on Calf-1 : no changes on mutation spots but structural local impact observed at another place.
- Does these allosteric effects are common to all of these variants ?
- Future: Study of this and others integrins

Recent results

- Last developments: deposit on ArXiv, now published in PeerJ

<https://github.com/pierrepo/PBxplore>

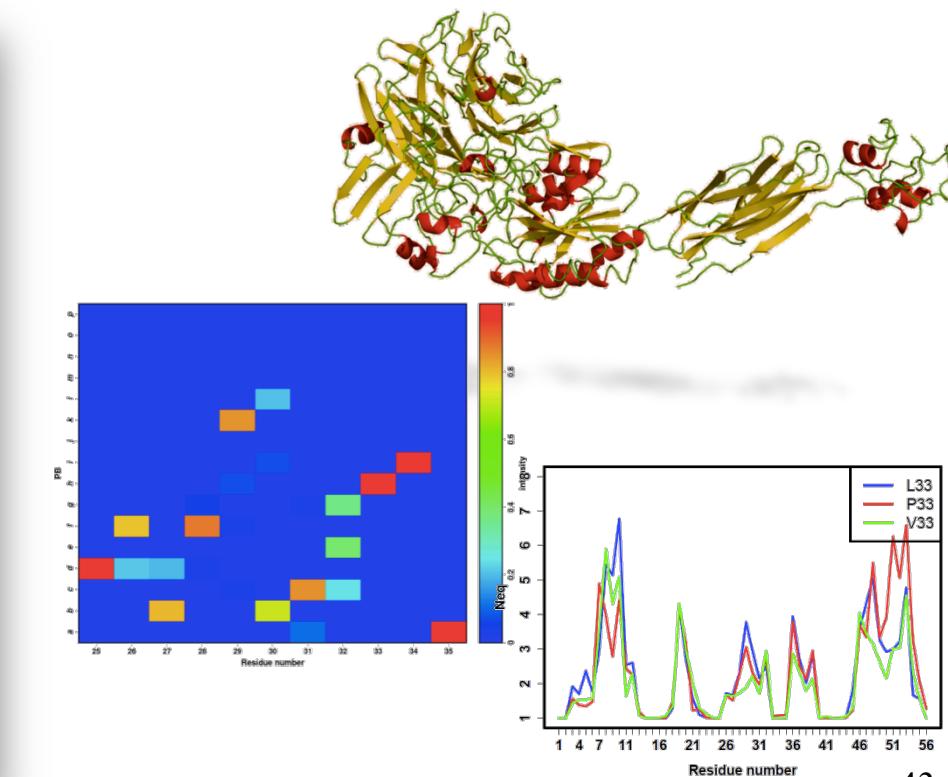
A program to explore protein structures with Protein Blocks

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- demo added more test files for PDBx/mmCIF format 7 months ago
- demo Number of cluster is now a mandatory option in PBclust.py. 3 months ago
- demo_paper Added images in demo_paper 5 months ago
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- PBlib.py Simplify PBassign command line function 2 months ago
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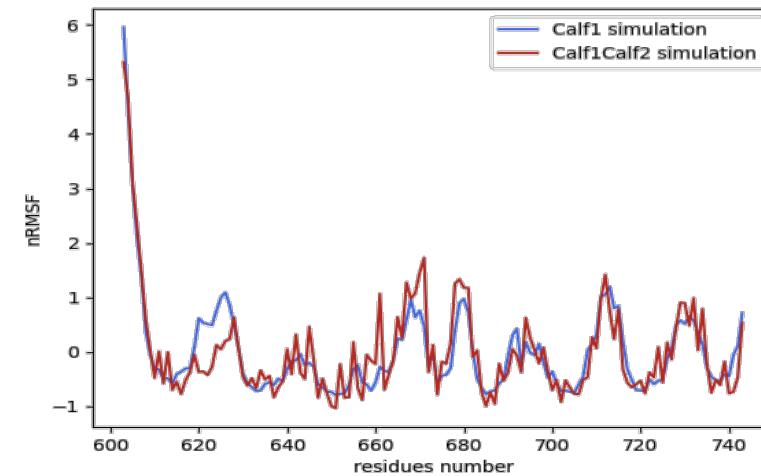
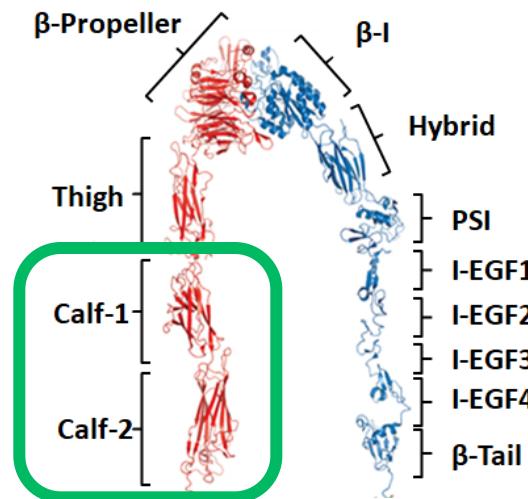


Recent results

Calf-1 + Calf- 2

- No impact of the forcefield used
- No impact on the domains cutting

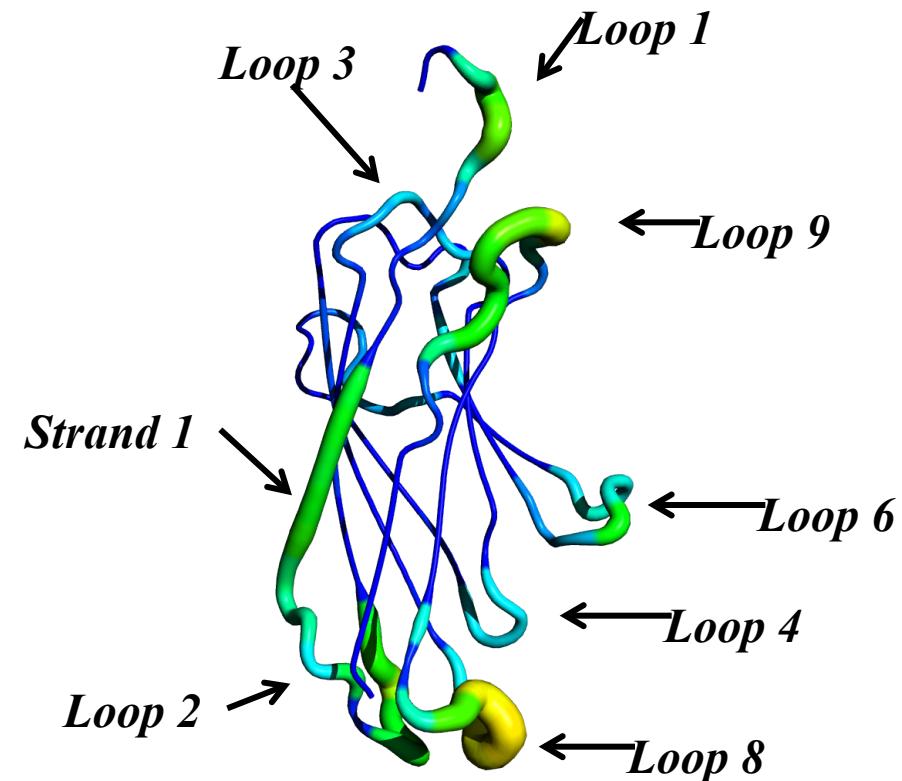
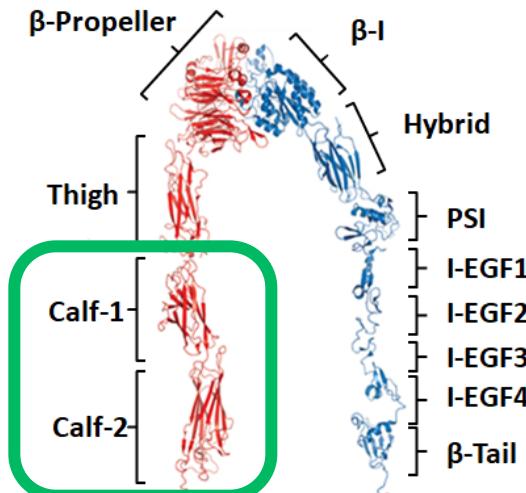
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Calf-1 + Calf-2

➤ BUT allosteric effect of Calf-2 variant on Calf-1 domain !

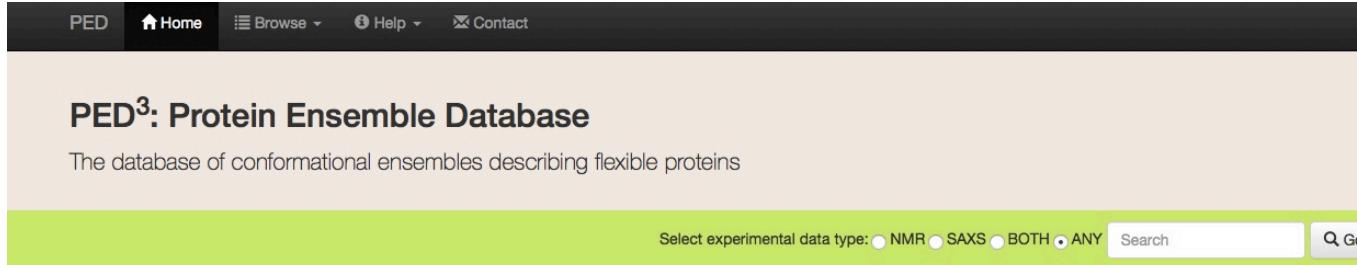


Calf-1: ΔPB

Conclusions (2)

- Secondary structures are useful tools, but they have their own limitations
- Other complementary approaches are interesting, i.e., a simple structural alphabet as the Protein Blocks
- They can help to analyze molecular dynamics, i.e., you can see what you can see without.

- Thanks to last Belbi 2016, I am now really more interested into this question



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What is an IDP?

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[Read more about IDPs...](#)

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The goal of PED is to serve as an openly accessible database for the deposition of structural information on IDP- and denatured protein ensembles based on Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) and Small-angle X-ray Scattering (SAXS) data. We are also hosting purely computational models, typically from Molecular Dynamics (MD) simulations. The deposition of structural coordinates as well as primary data can be used for evaluating and re-calculating the ensembles, thus supporting the evolution of new modeling methods leading to much improved skills of connecting "unstructure" with function.

[Read more about ensembles...](#)

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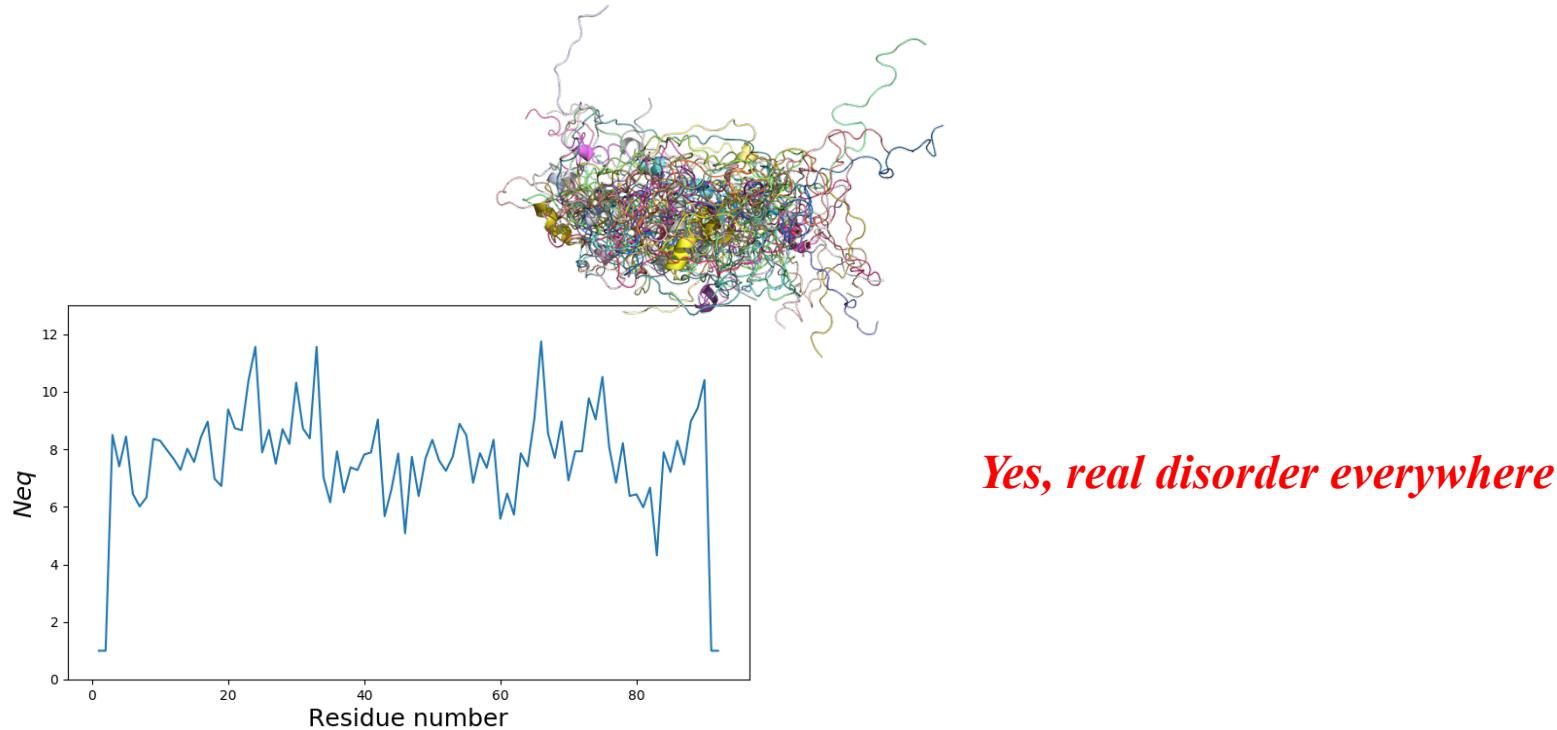
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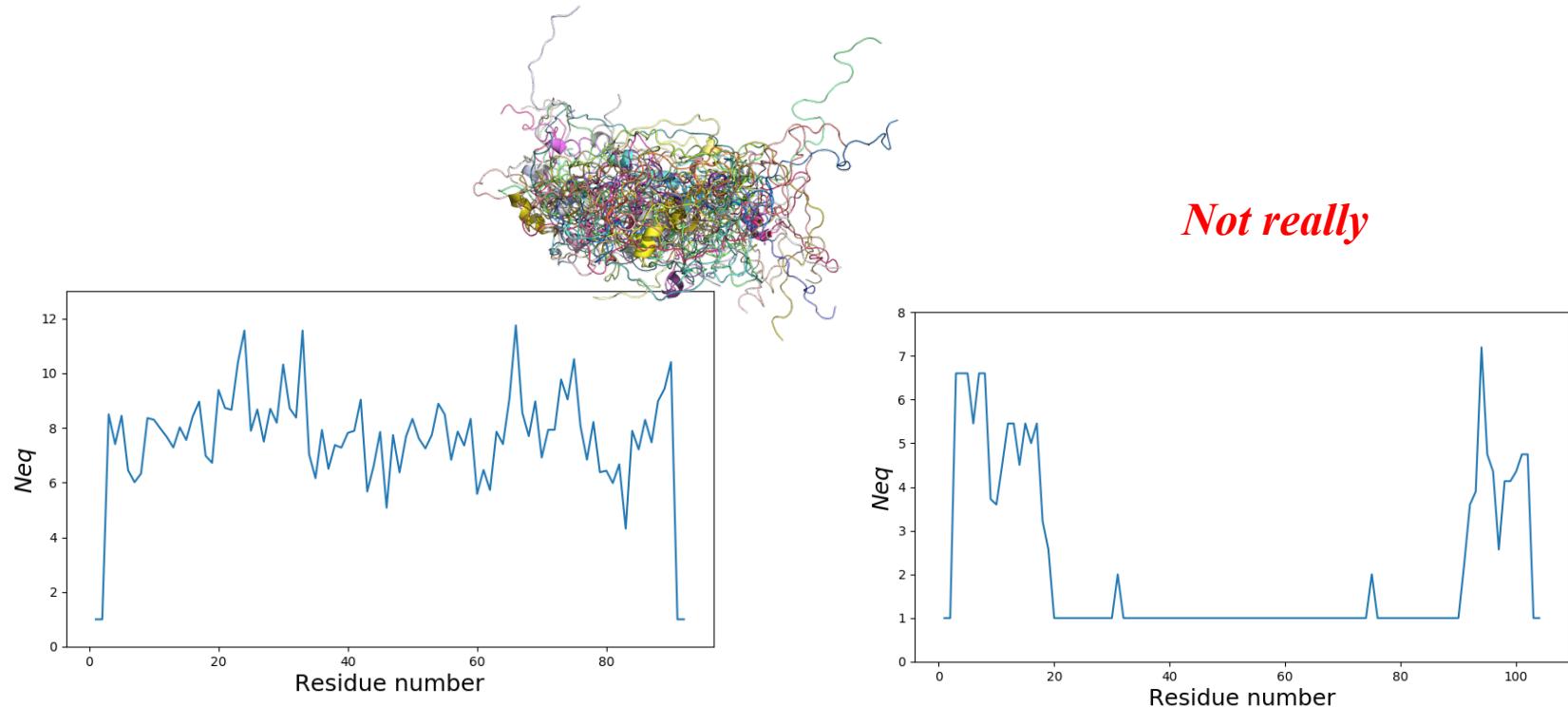
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Flexibility, mobility, disorder ...

- PBs can be a good tool for that... needs more works

Rigid → *flexible* → *disorder*

Rigid / mobile → *flexible/deformable* → *disorder*

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