

Agréger ou pas : une question d'oubli

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Overview

A protein, a polymer like another?

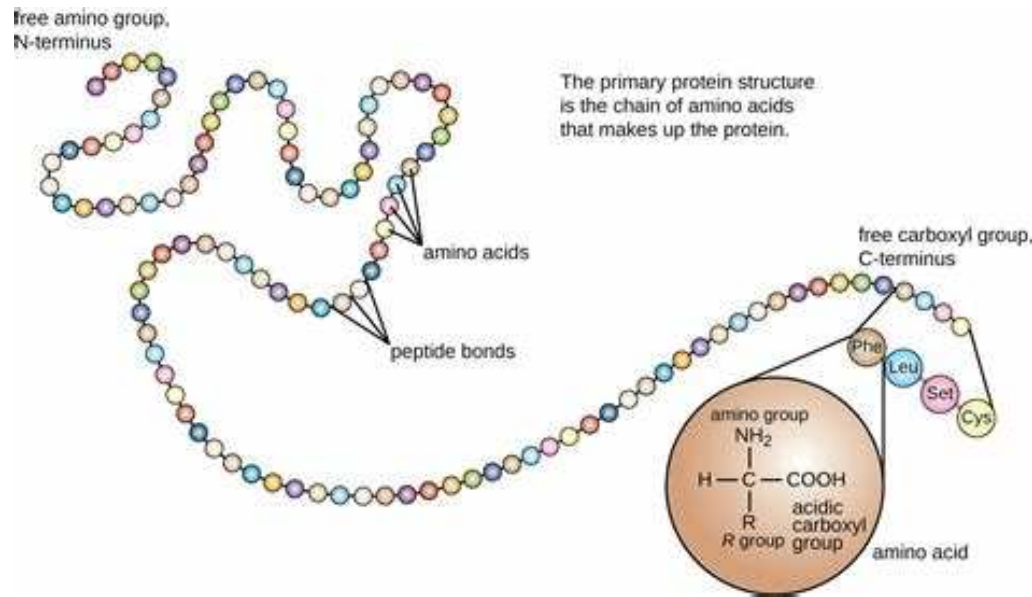
- Protein folding or folded proteins
- IDPs

NMR as a tool to study IDPs

Tau protein : function and (dys)function

Homogeneous solution, amyloid form and in between

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Periodic Chart of Amino Acids

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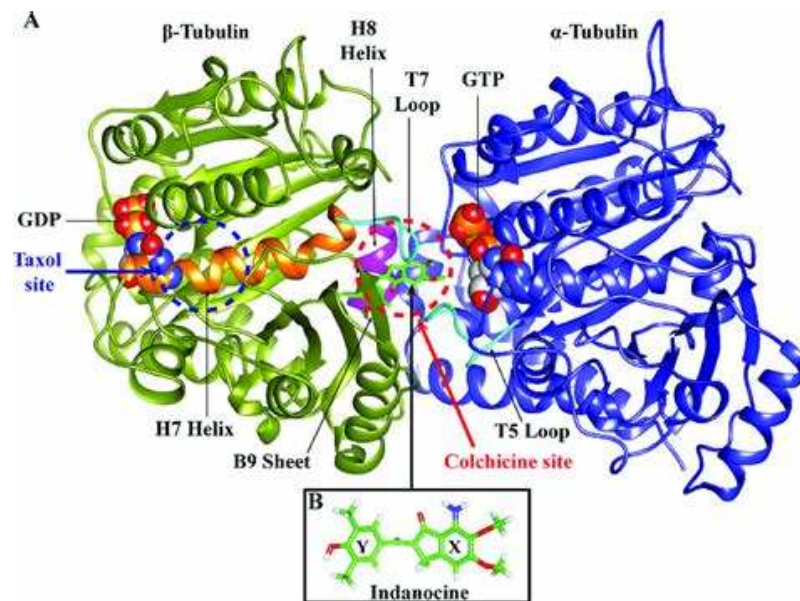
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Lys Lysine	Leu Leucine	Met Methionine	Asn Asparagine	Ser Serine	Tyr Tyrosine	Thr Threonine	Glu Glutamic Acid
Ile Isoleucine	Trp Tryptophan	Pro Proline	Val Valine	Ser Serine			

Legend:
 ■ Basic
 ■ Acidic
 ■ Polar, uncharged
 ■ Non-polar

Special amino acids:
 ■ Sulfur Amino Acids (Cys, Met)
 ■ Hydroxy Amino Acids (Ser, Thr)
 ■ Imino Amino Acid (Pro)

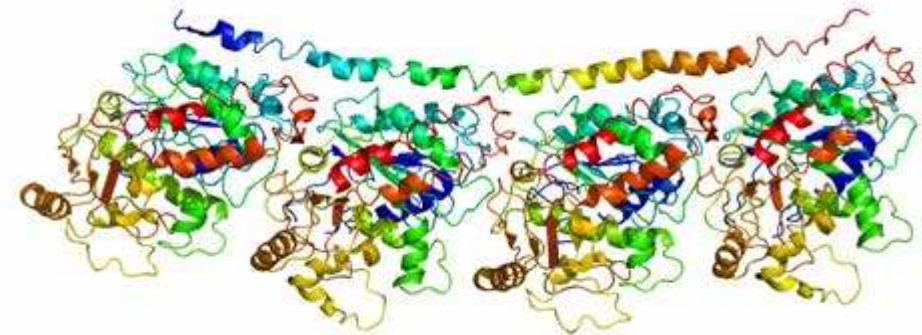
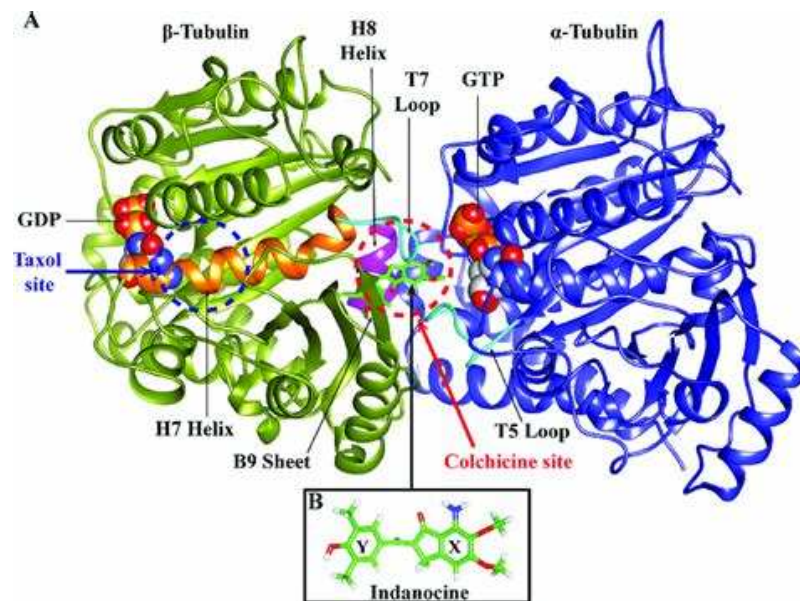
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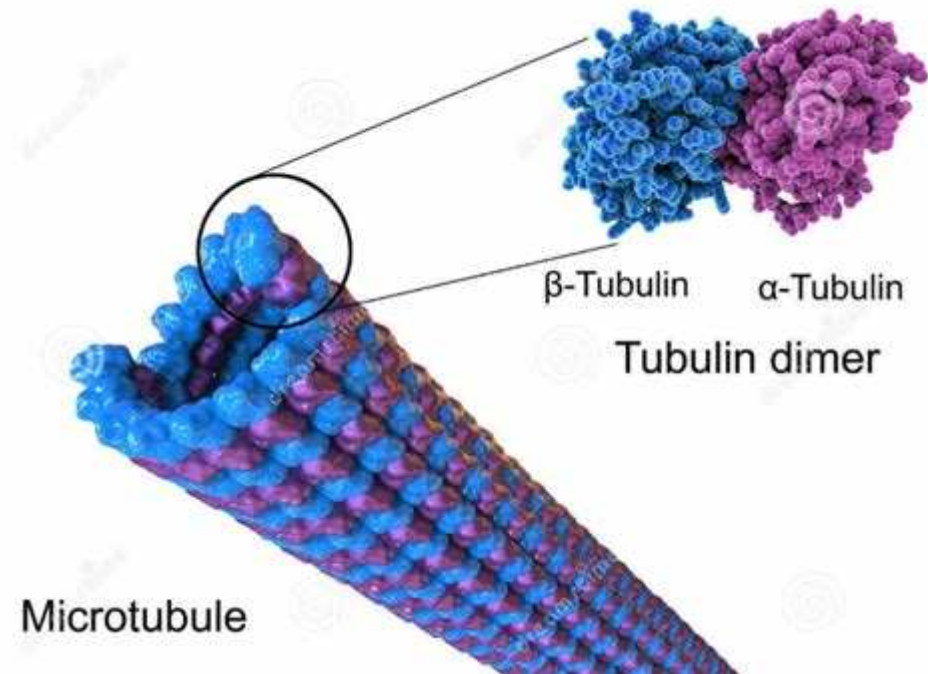
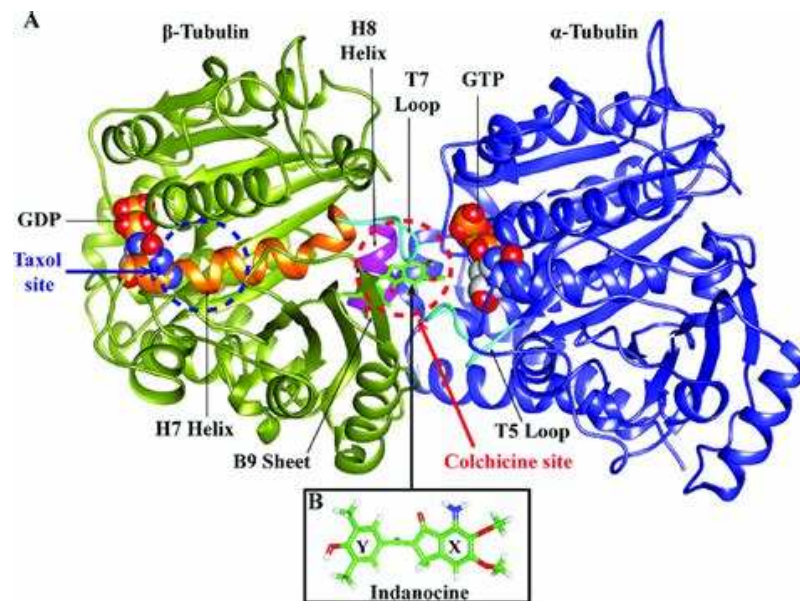


T2R complex : 2 tubulin dimers sequestered by stathmin helix

M. Knossow & B Gigant, Gif-sur-Yvette

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Amino Acid composition

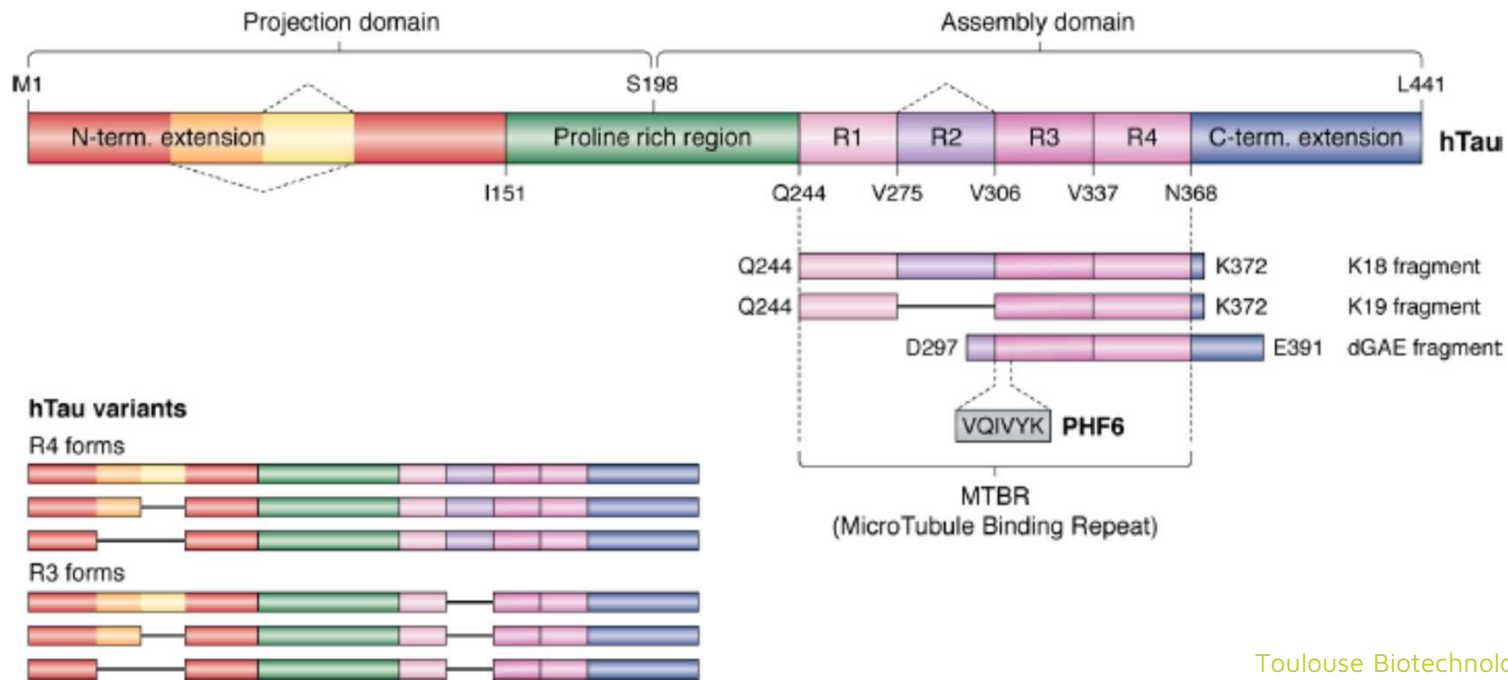
	#	%
Gly	49	11.4
Ser	45	10.2
Lys	44	10.0
Pro	43	9.8
Ala	34	7.7

5 aa = 50% !!!

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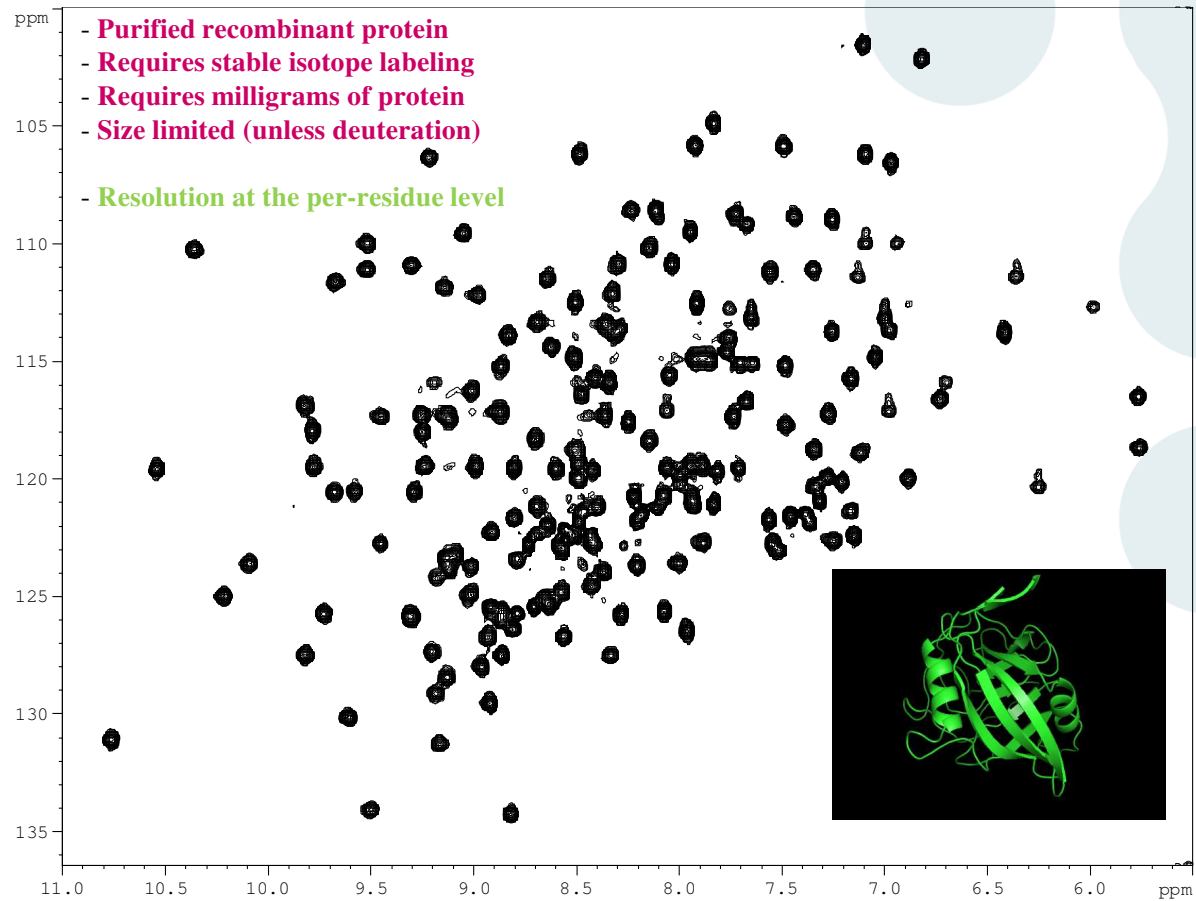
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Although dispersed, noncooperative and unstructured binding interactions may seem unusual, they may be very common in cell biology. To date, our most detailed structural information has been obtained from x-ray crystallography, which has concentrated on easily crystallizable and generally rigid structures. Thus, the protein and DNA, protein and other protein, or protein and ligand interactions studied so far are probably of structures with only a few stable conformations. Several important interactions in biology may not conform to such models.

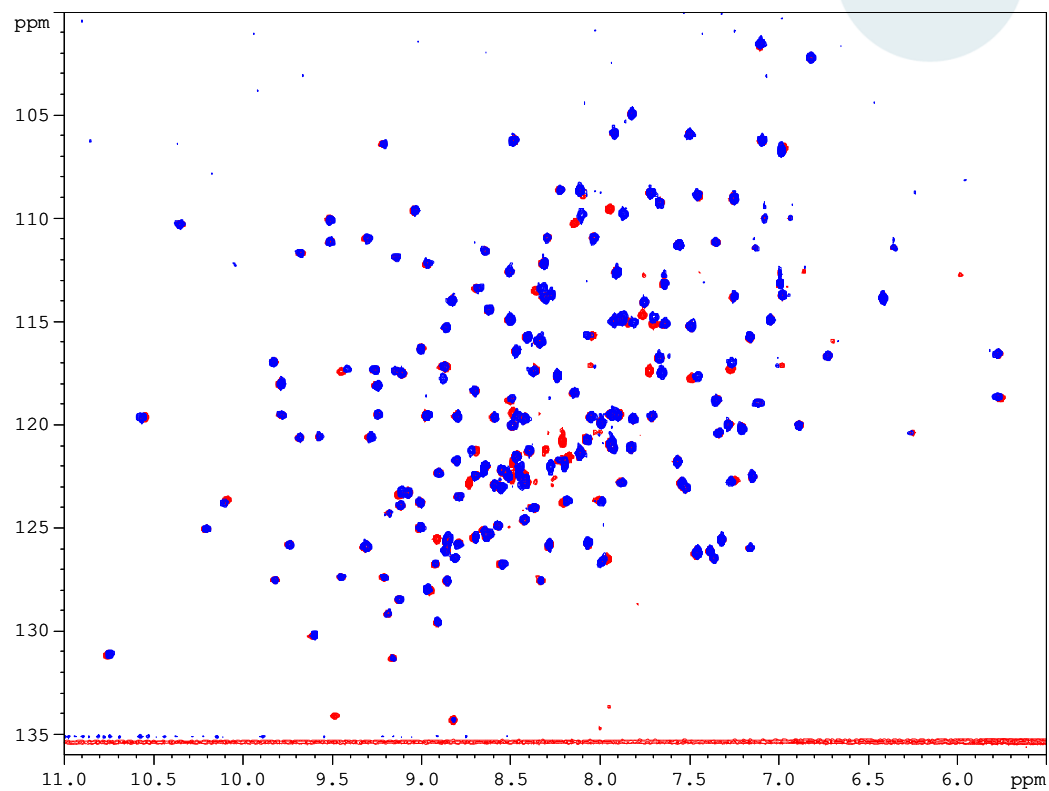
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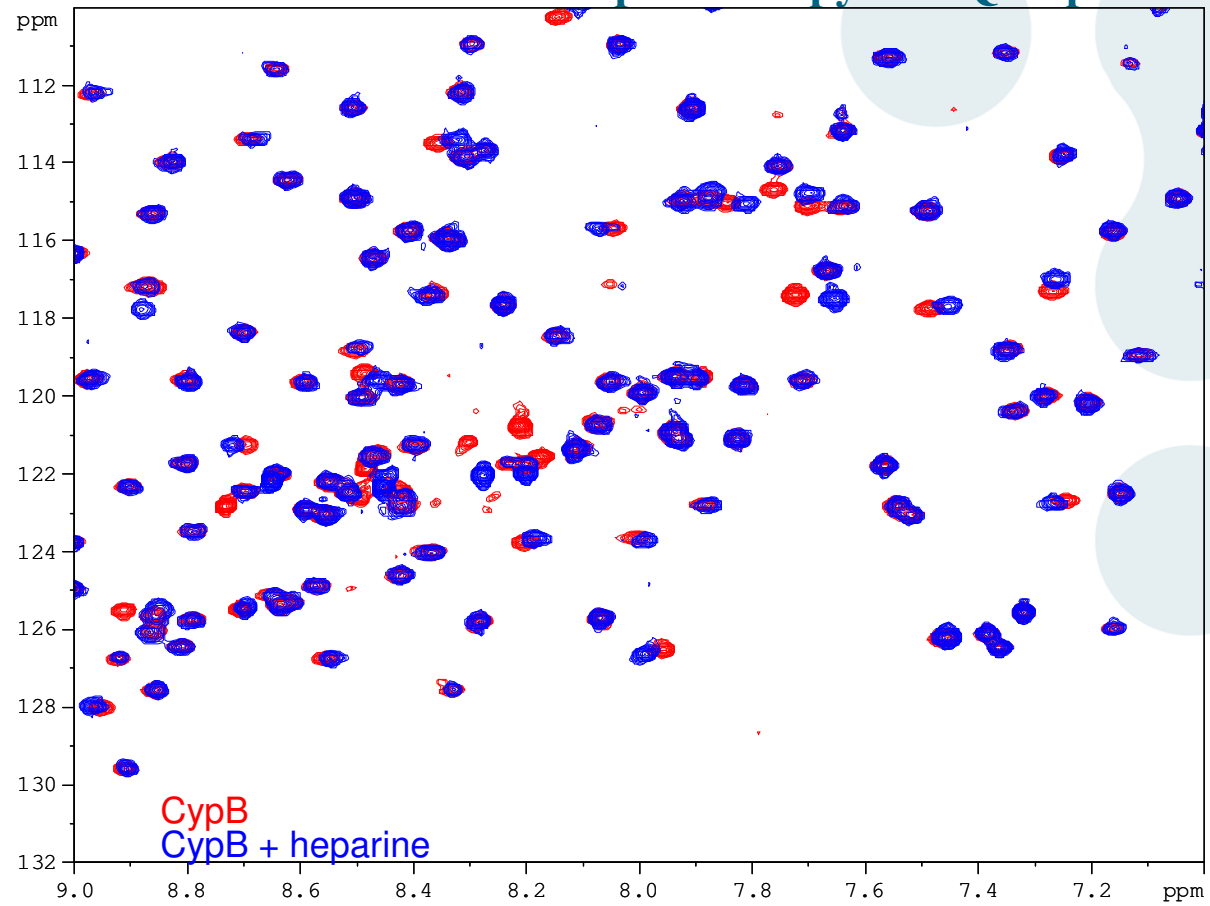
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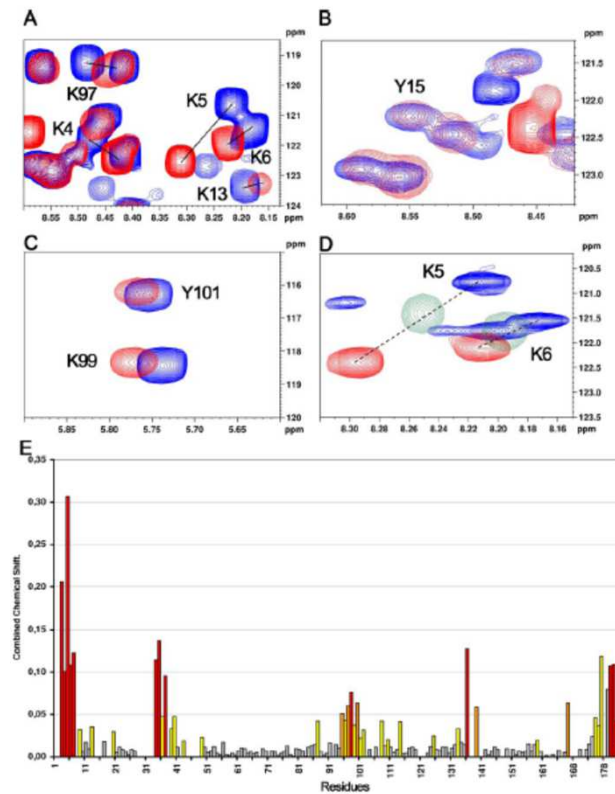
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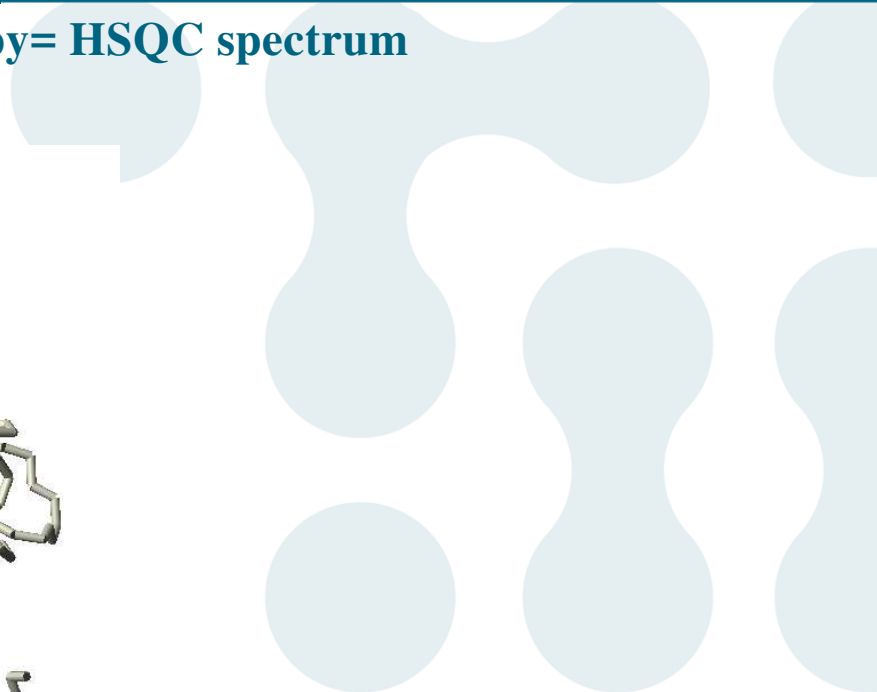
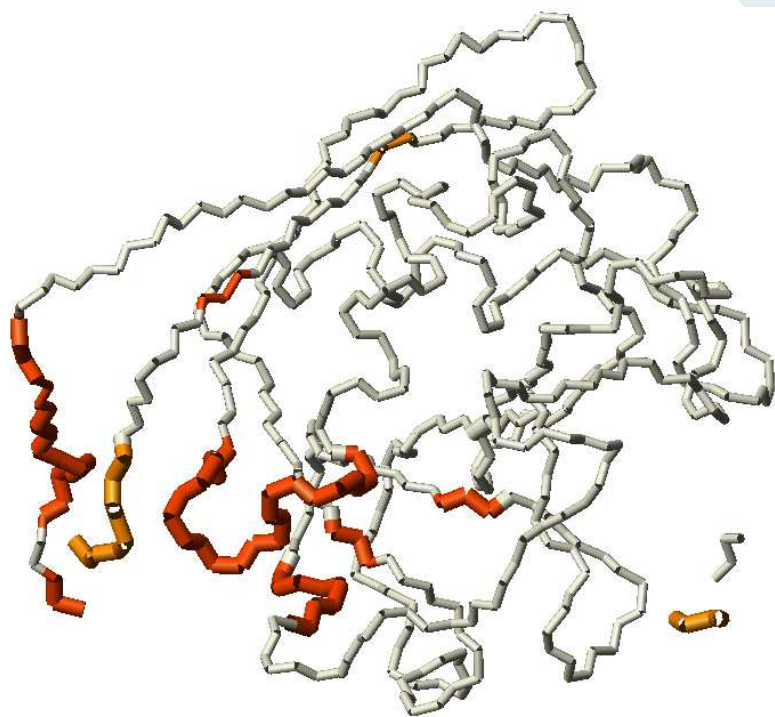
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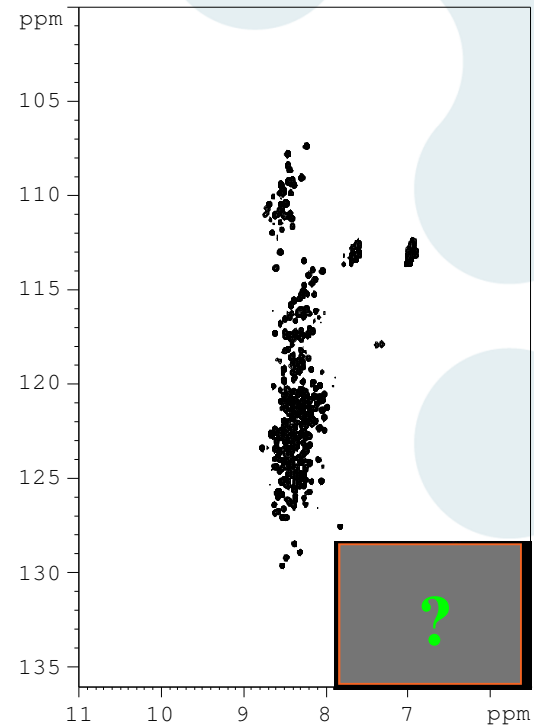
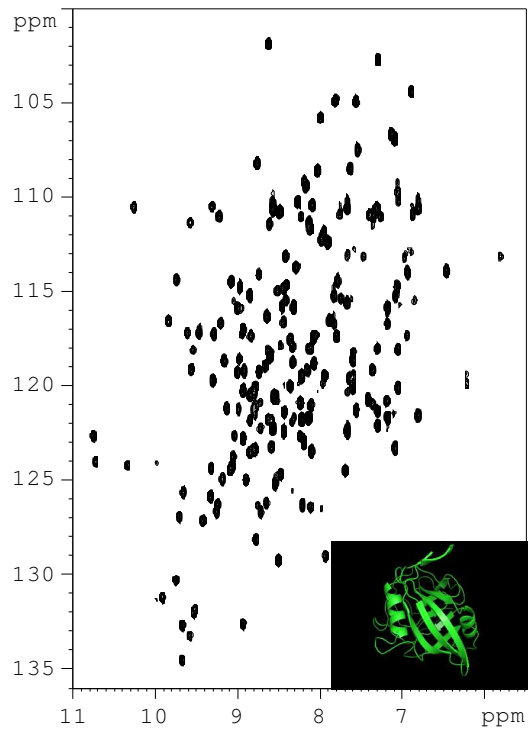
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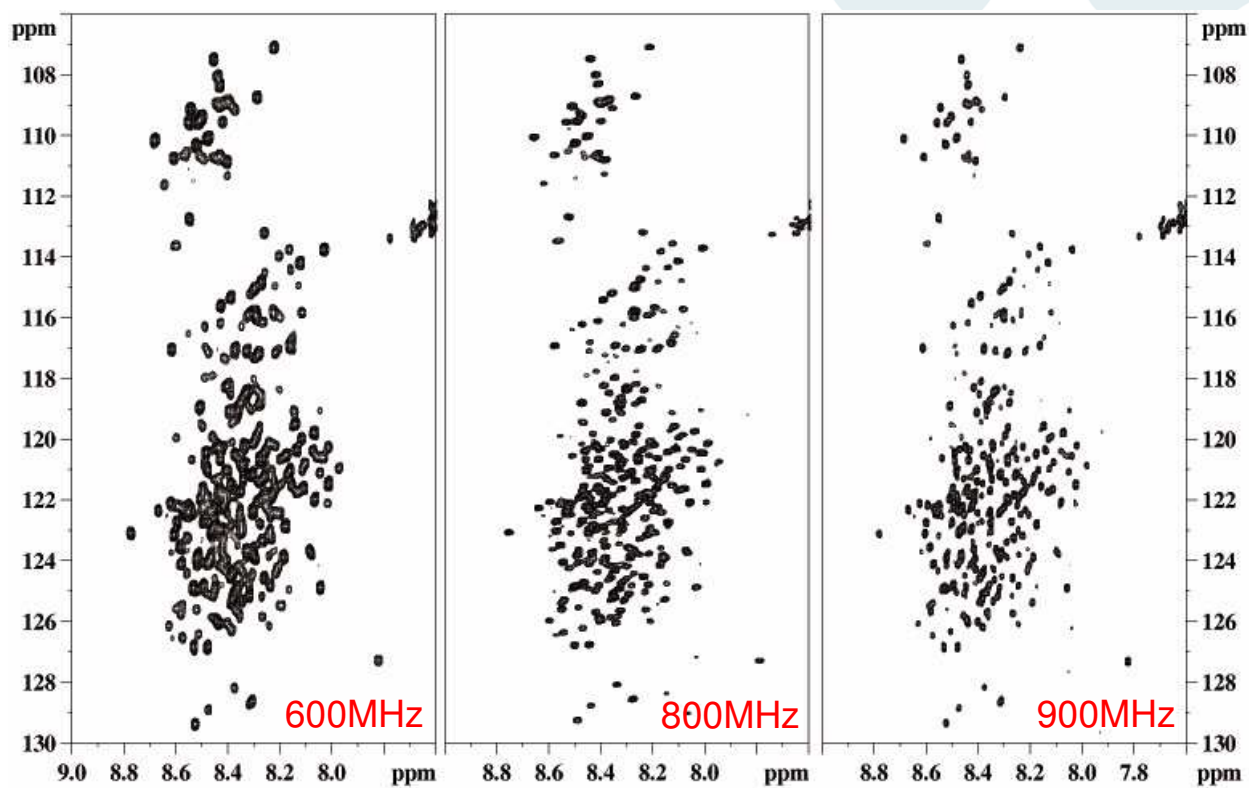
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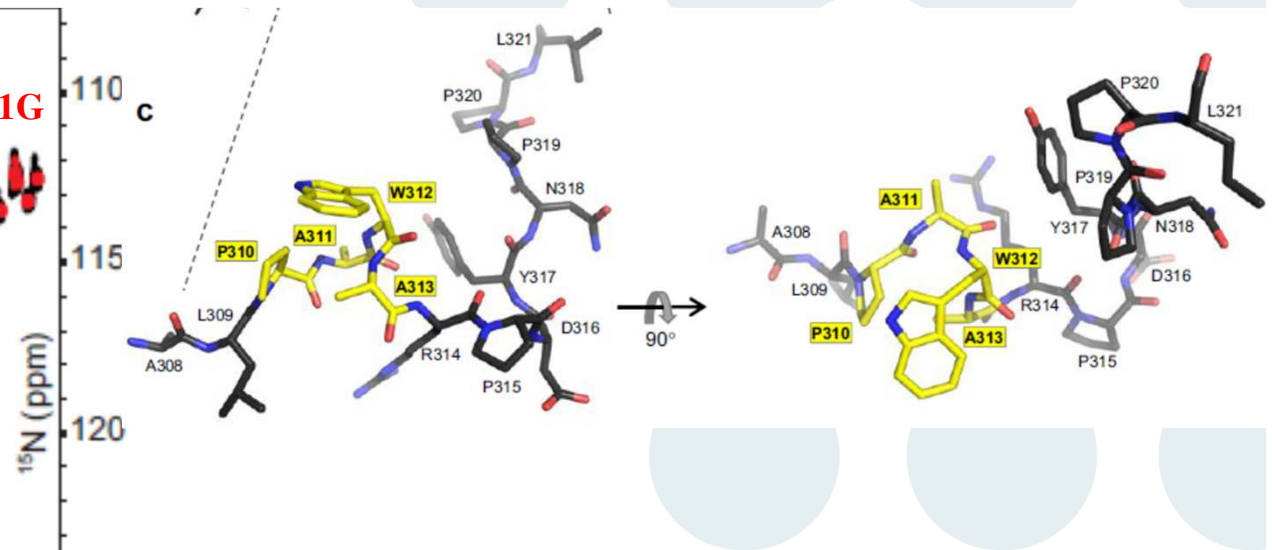
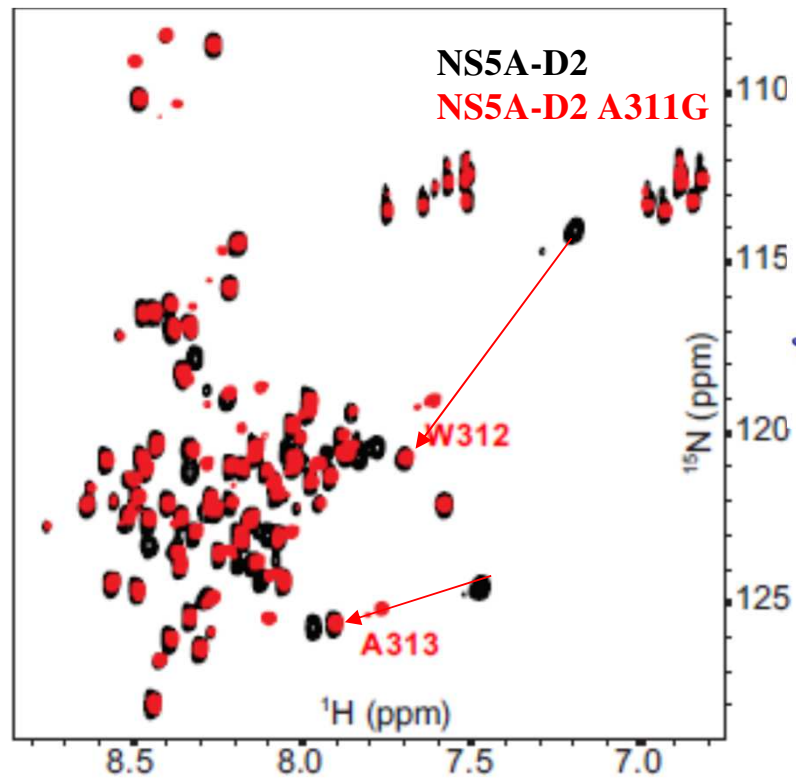
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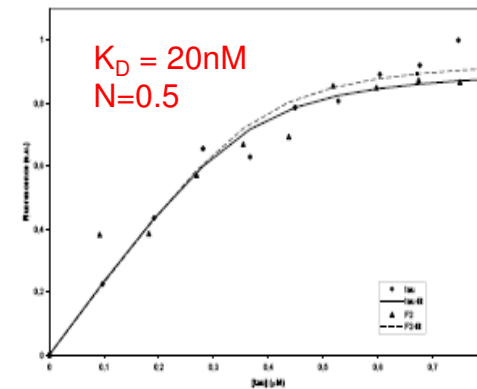
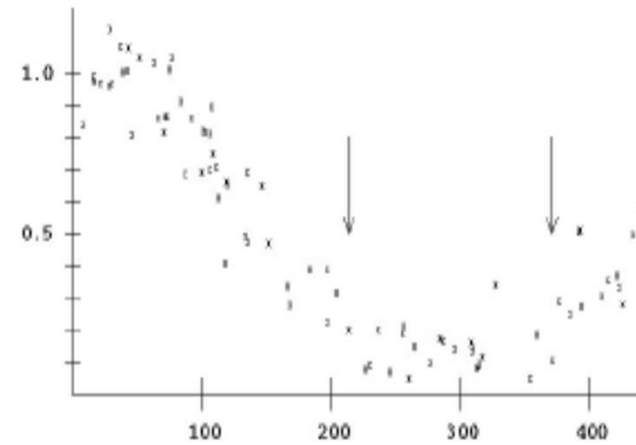
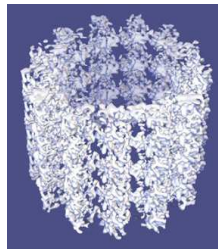
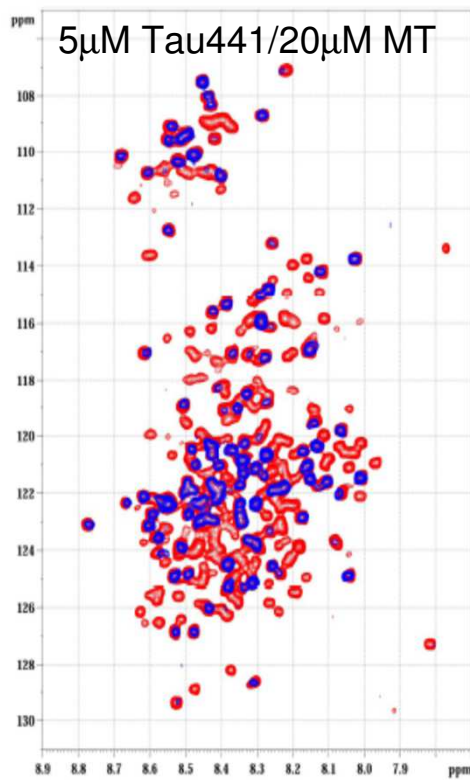
NMR detects tiny but vital structural features



Dujardin & Hanouille (2019)

Tau protein : function

Interaction Tau:taxol stabilized MTs



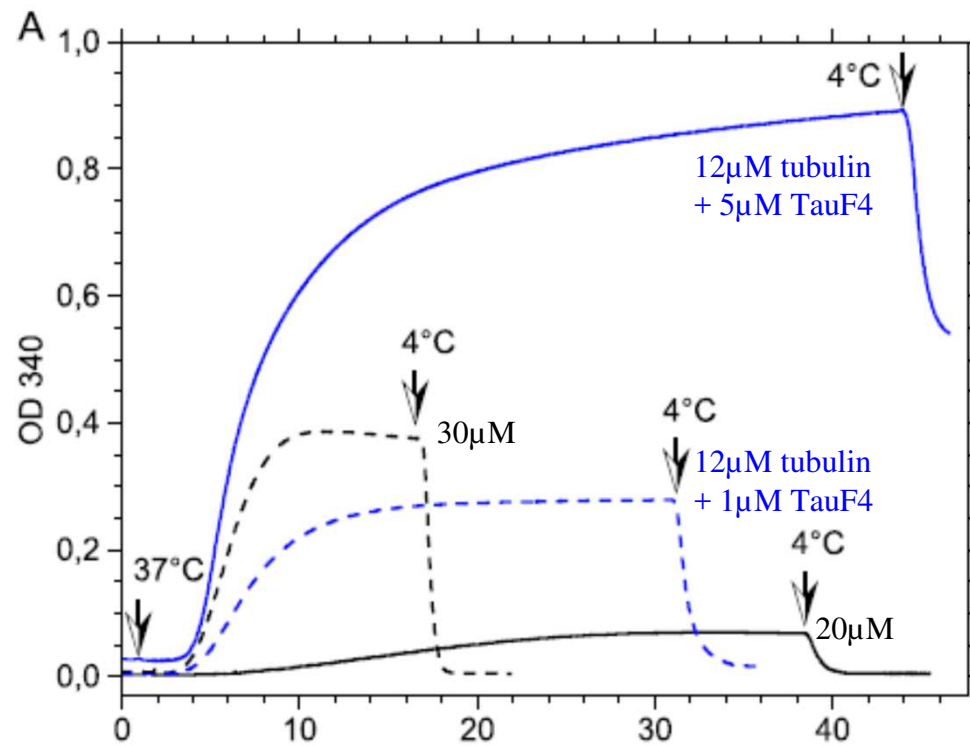
FRET between
acrylodan-Tau and MTs

Sillen & Lippens 2006

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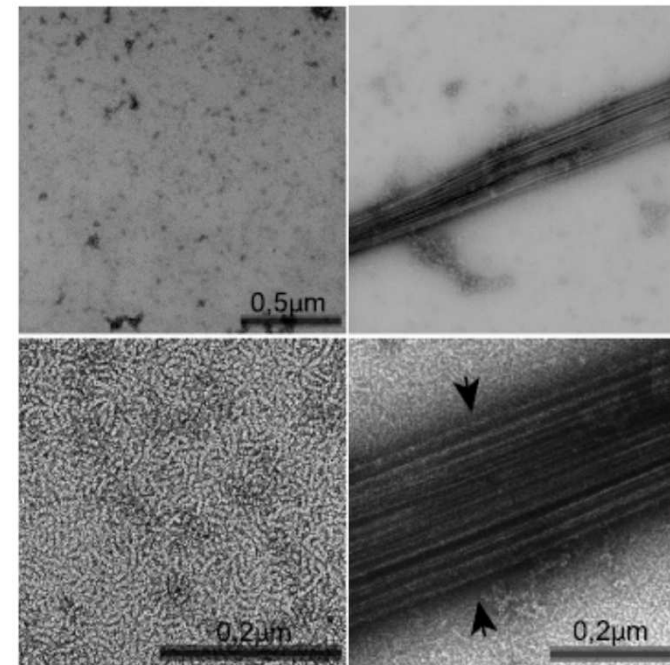
Tubulin polymerization assay



Fauquant & Knossow (2011)

Tubulin

Tubulin - F4

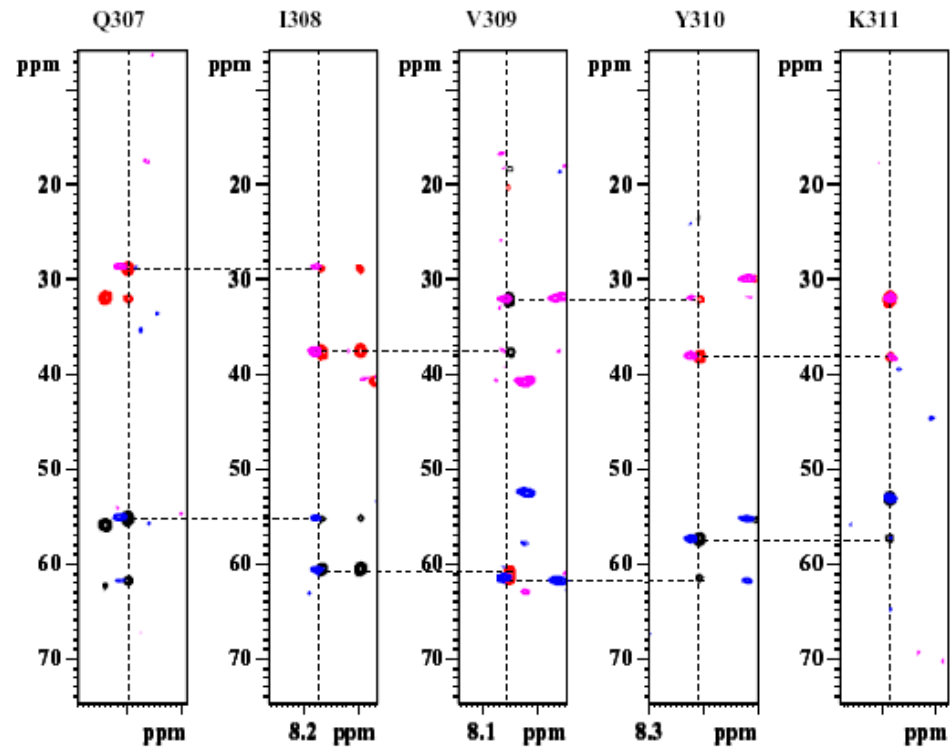
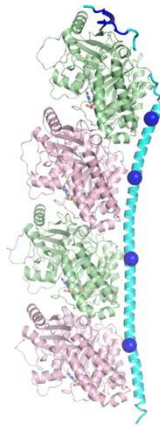
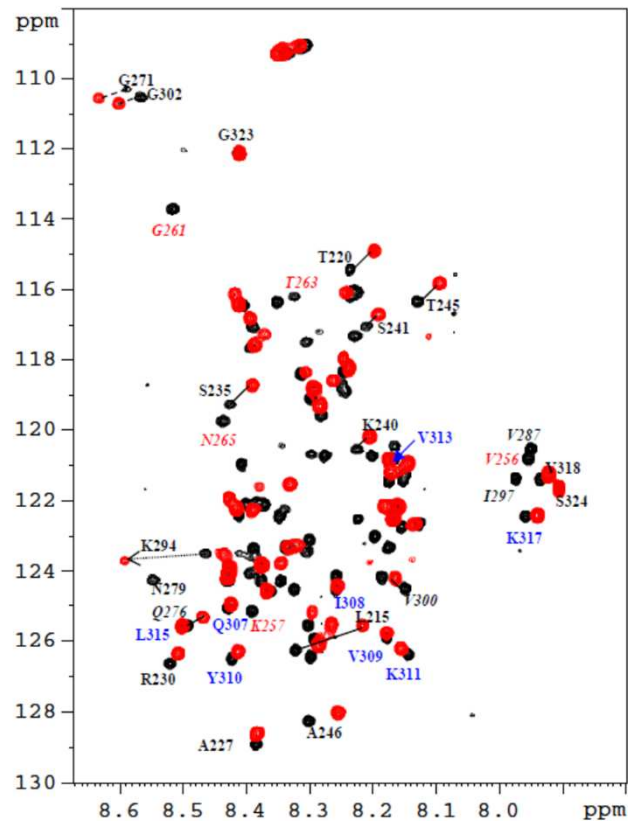


13μM tubulin

13μM tubulin + 5μM TauF4

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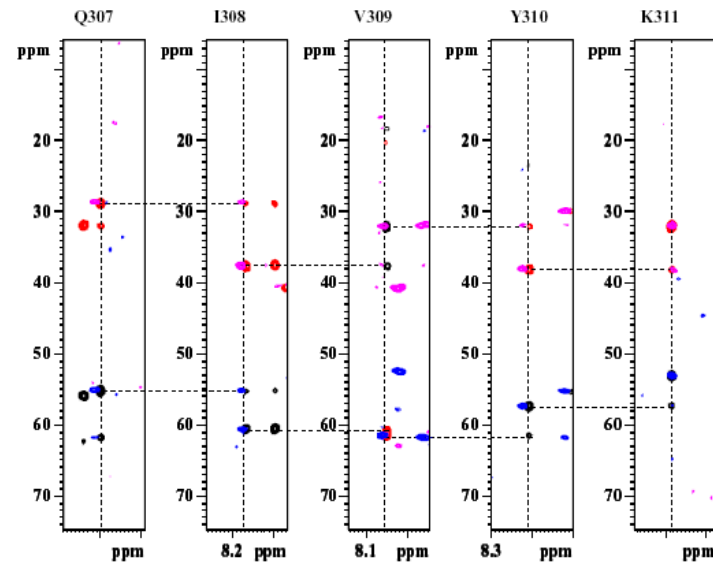
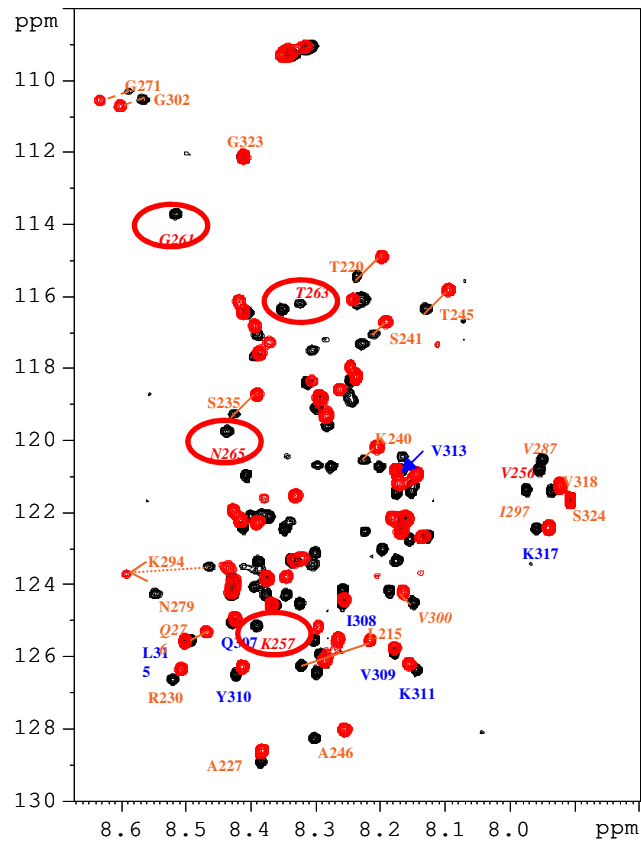
TauF4 and T₂R by NMR



Important mobility at the tubulin surface
No defined structure on T₂R

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VKSKIGS₂₆₂TEN peptide in R1 invisible

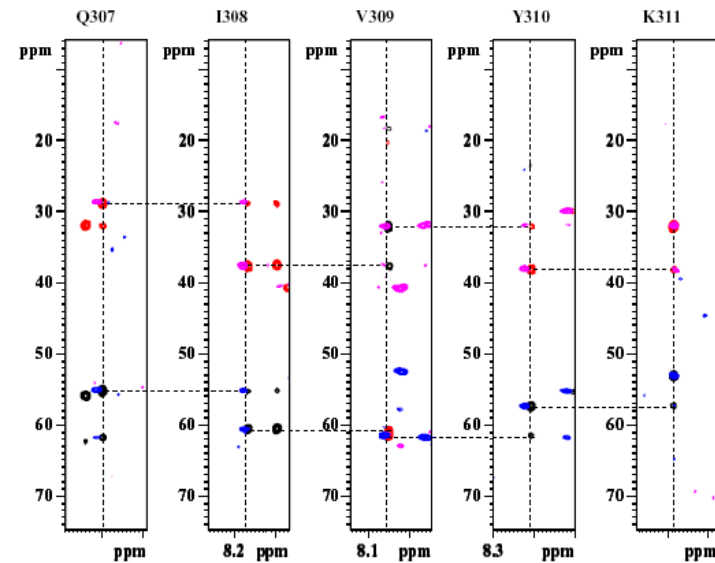
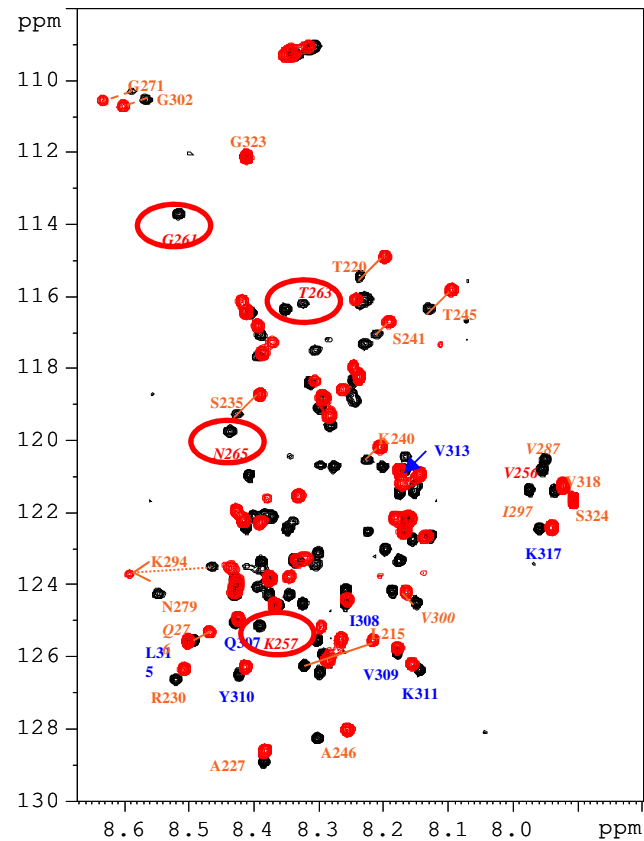
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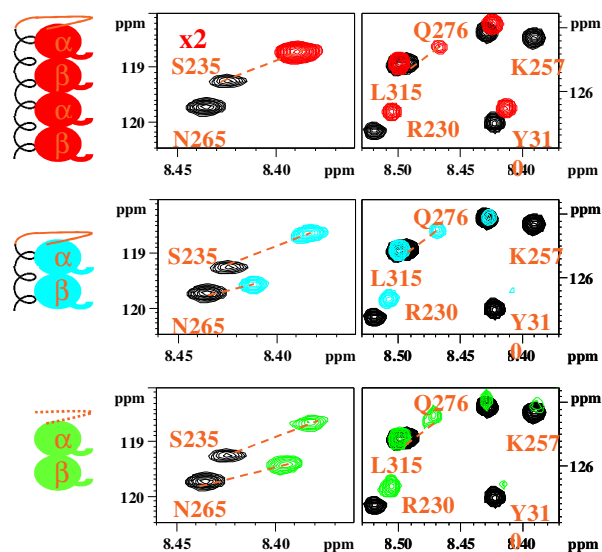
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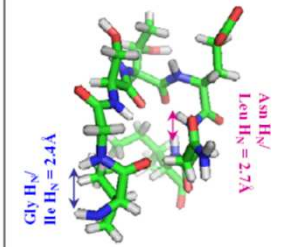
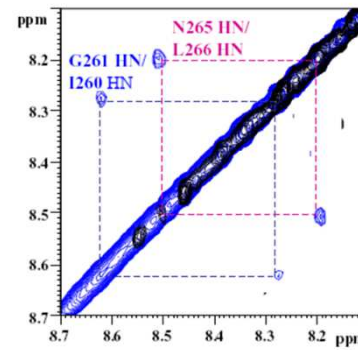
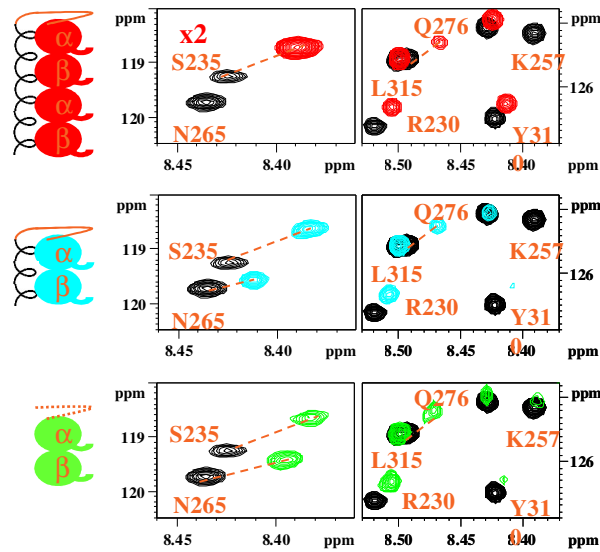


V₂₅₆KSKIGSTENLKHQPGG₂₇₃ peptide becomes visible in constructs with a single tubulin heterodimer

PHF6 loses its intensity in the same constructs

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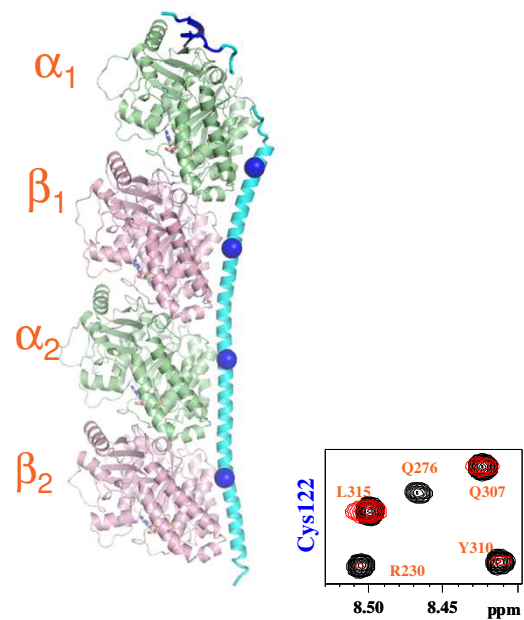
Citrate synthase
(PDB code 3MSU)

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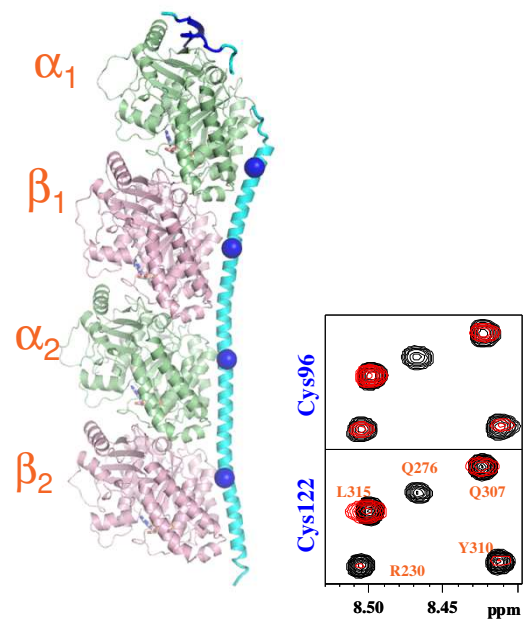
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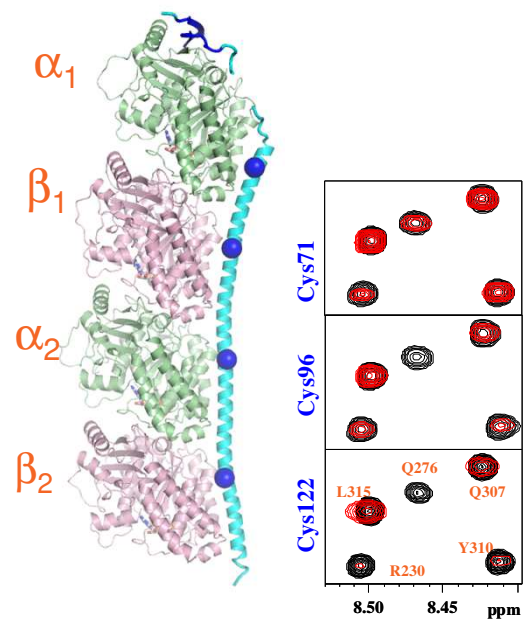
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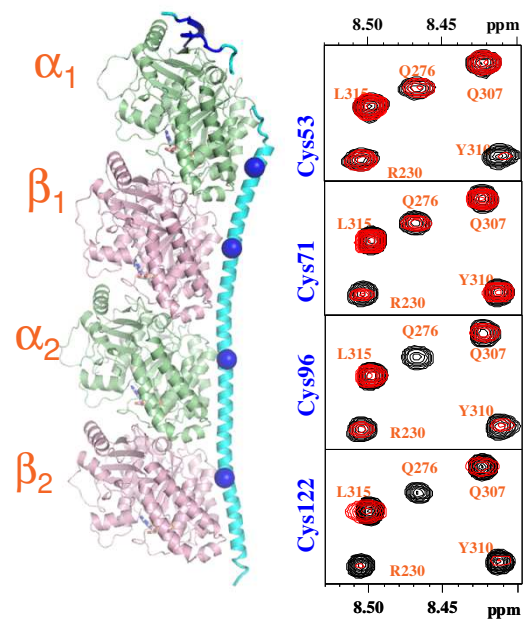
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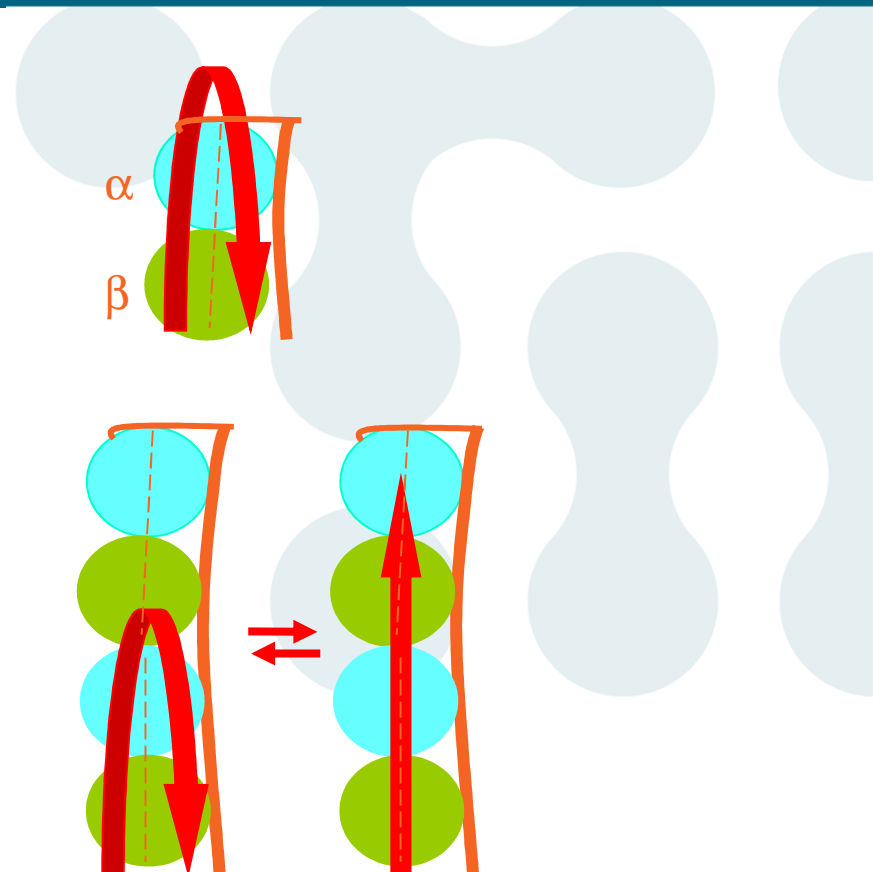
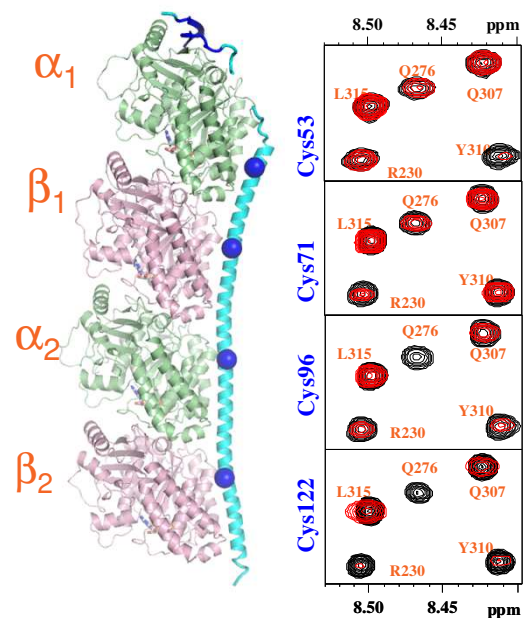
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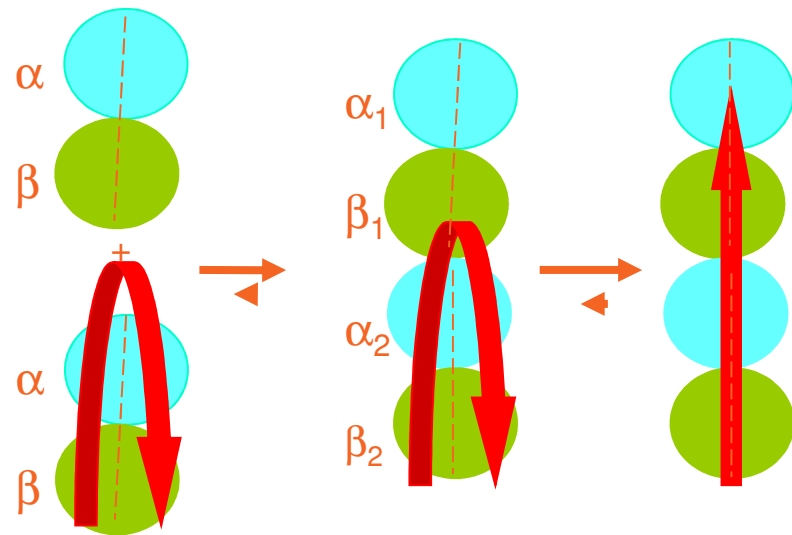
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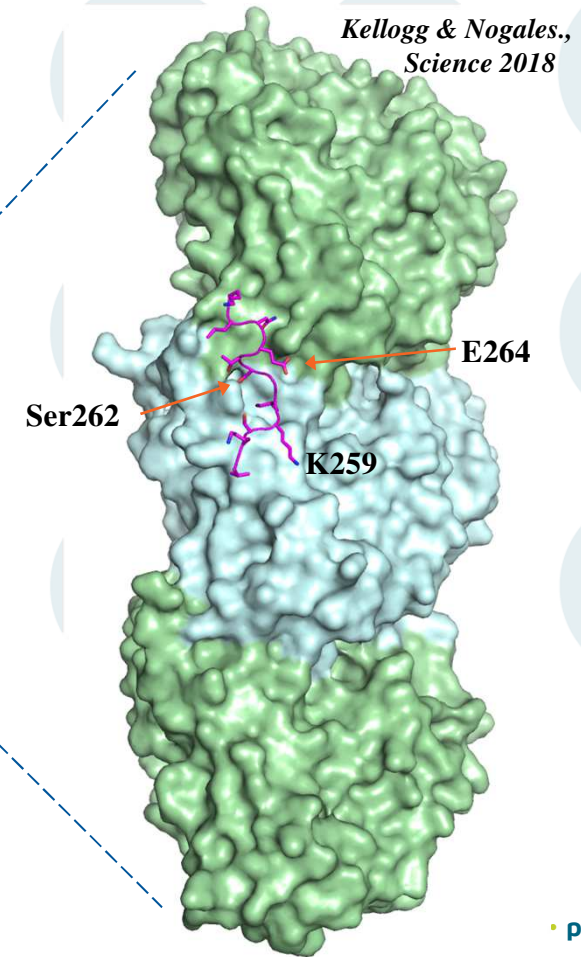
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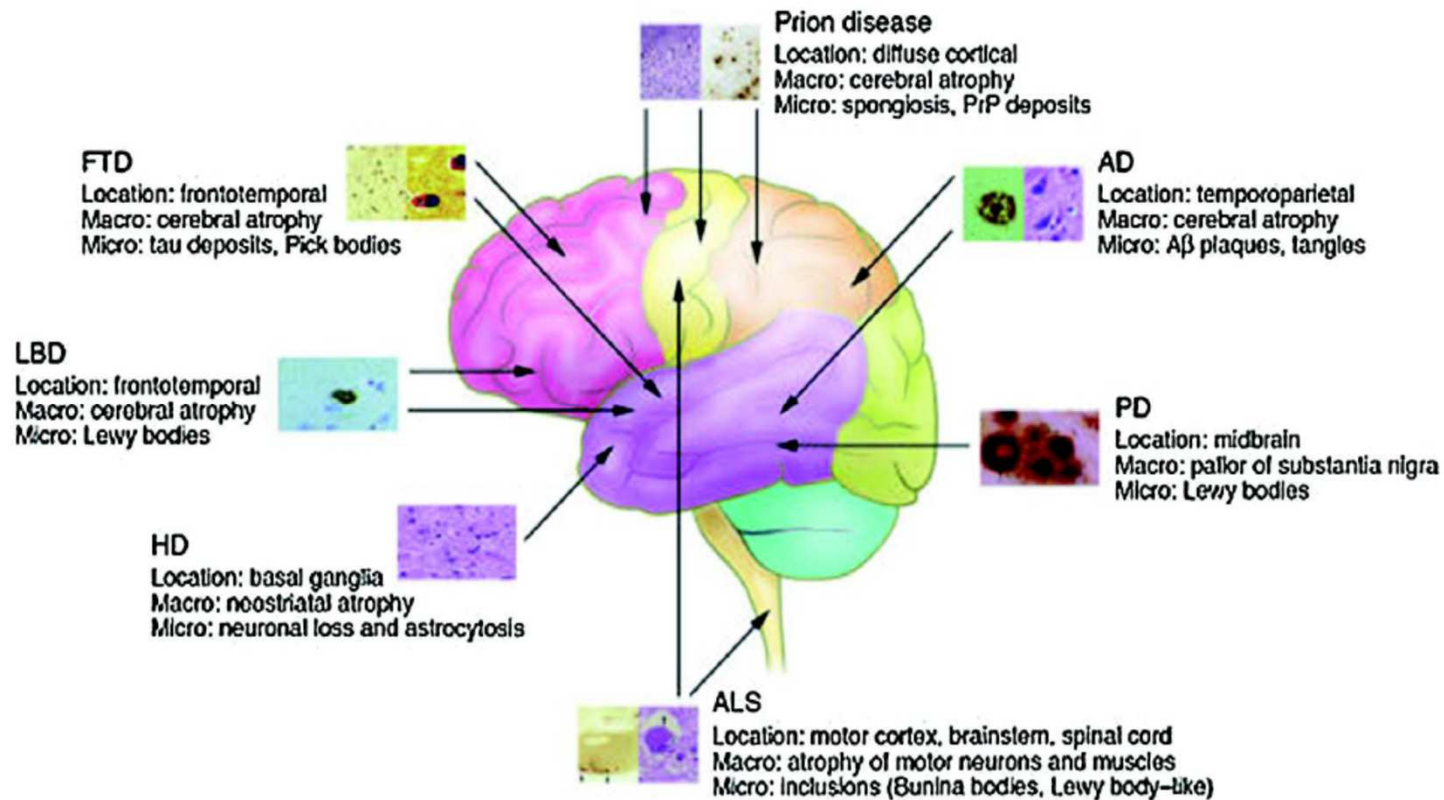
If pSer₂₆₂ : not possible anymore

Gigant et al., JACS 2014



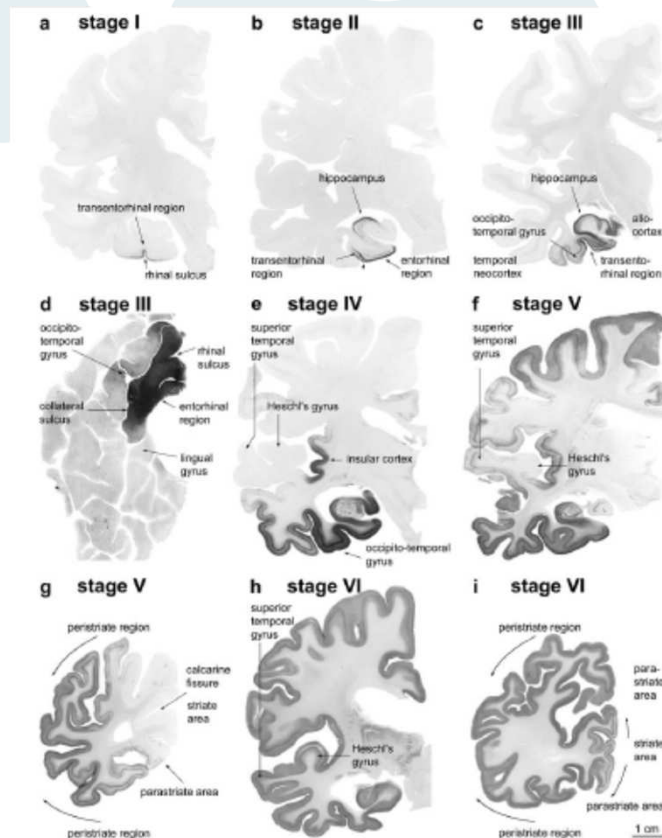
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Amyloid diseases



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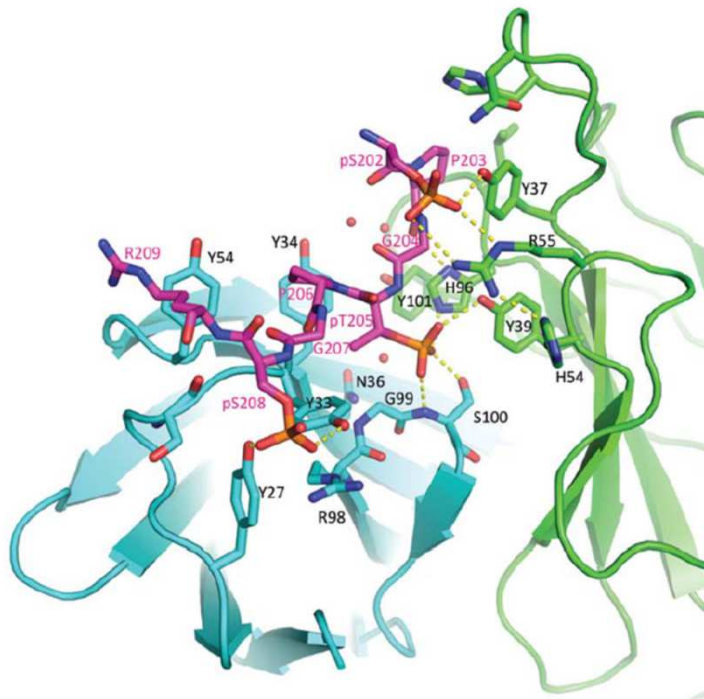


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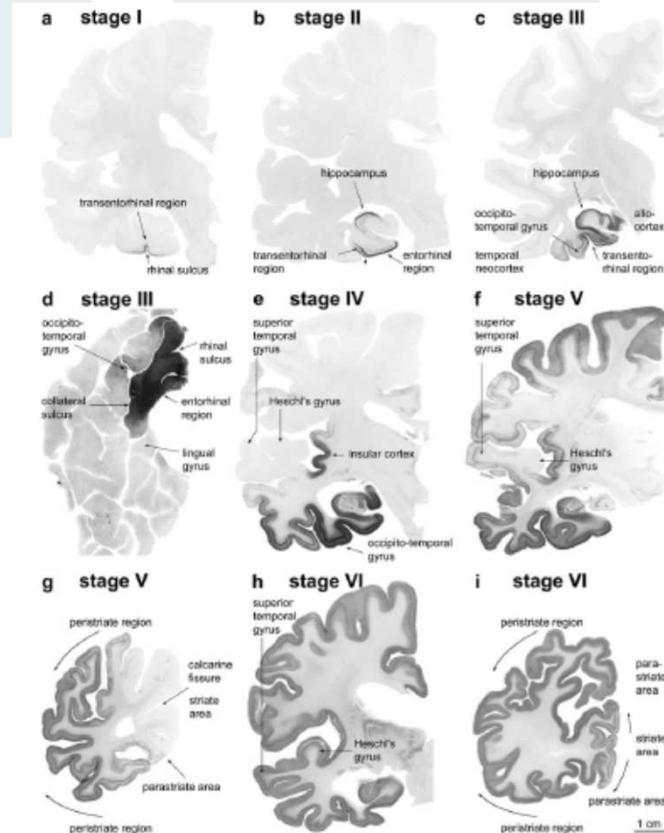
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Malia et al., Proteins 2016



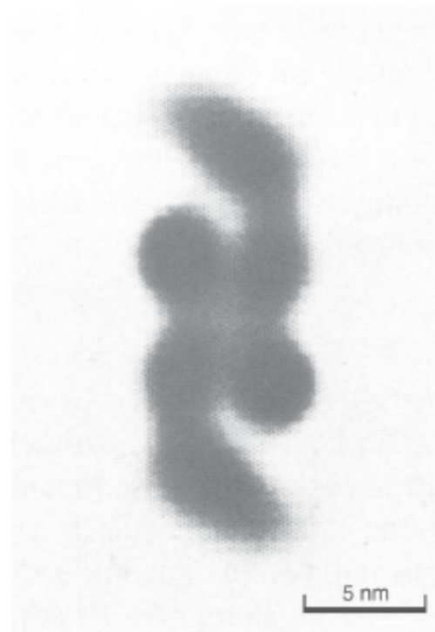
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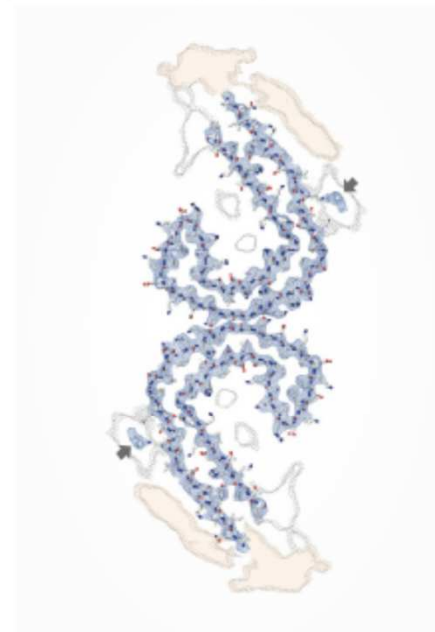
Resolution of Tau fibrils in Alzheimer's disease



1964: EM image of brain tissue, first report of "paired helical filament" Kidd (1964)



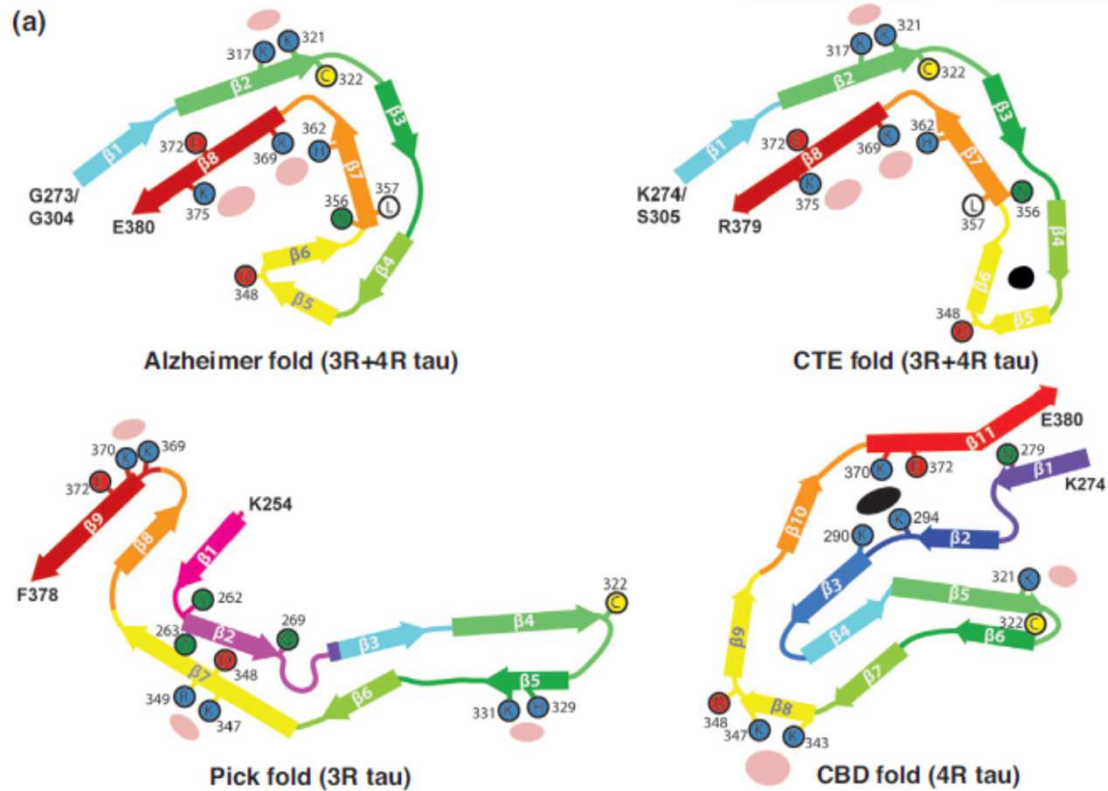
1985: Reconstructed cross-section of paired helical filament Crowther & Wischik (1985)



2017: Cryo-EM structure of paired helical filament Fitzpatrick *et al.* (2017)

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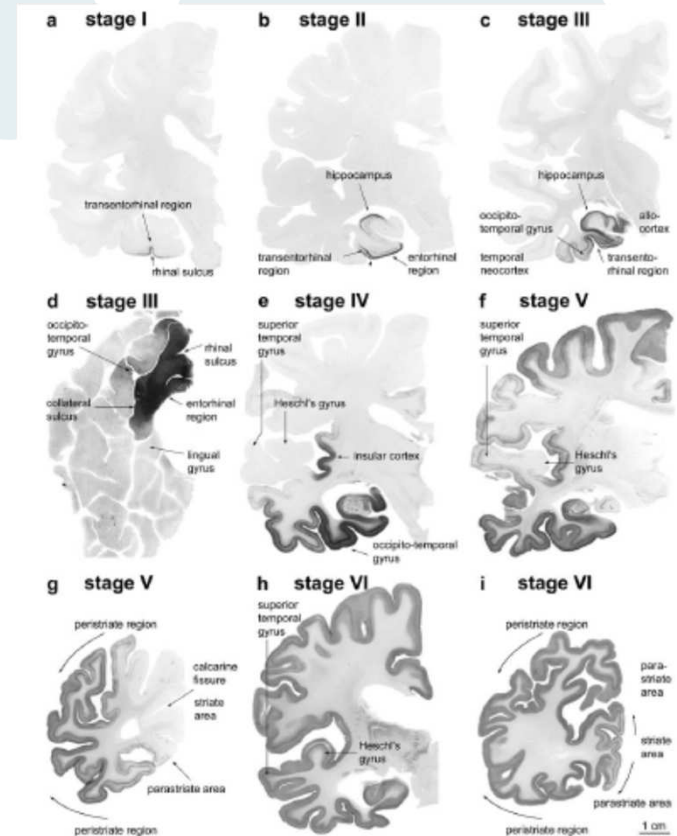
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Propagation

Crapper & De Boni

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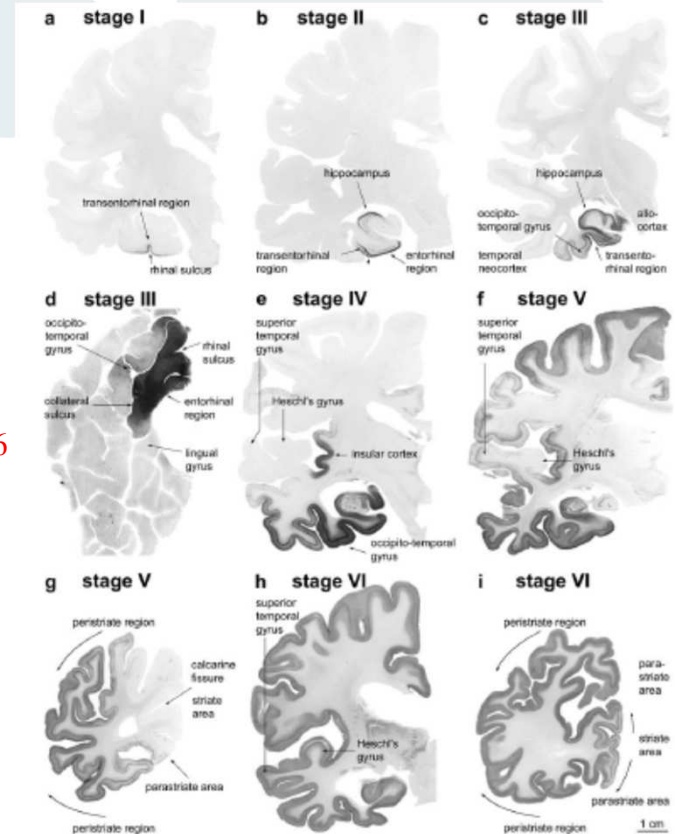
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Propagation of Tau

Weingarten MD, Lockwood AH, Hwo SY, Kirschner MW.
A protein factor essential for microtubule assembly.
Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 1975 **Tau**

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Can we characterize the propagating species???

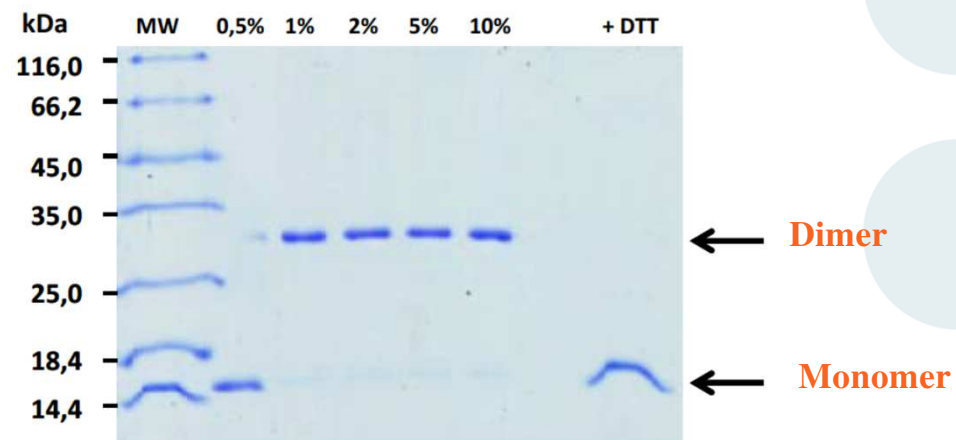
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Michel et al., JBC 2014	Monomer	<i>Extracellular Monomeric Tau Protein Is Sufficient to Initiate the Spread of Tau Protein Pathology</i>
Kim et al., Sci Reports 2014	Dimer	<i>Identification of disulfide crosslinked tau dimer responsible for tau propagation</i>
Mirbaha et al., JBC 2015	Trimer	<i>Tau Trimers Are the Minimal Propagation Unit Spontaneously Internalized to Seed Intracellular Aggregation</i>
Wu et al., JBC 2013	LMW oligomers	<i>Small Misfolded Tau Species Are Internalized via Bulk Endocytosis and Anterogradely and Retrogradely Transported in Neurons</i>
Takeda et al., Nat Comm 2015	HMW oligomers	<i>Neuronal uptake and propagation of a rare phosphorylated high-molecular-weight tau derived from Alzheimer's disease brain</i>

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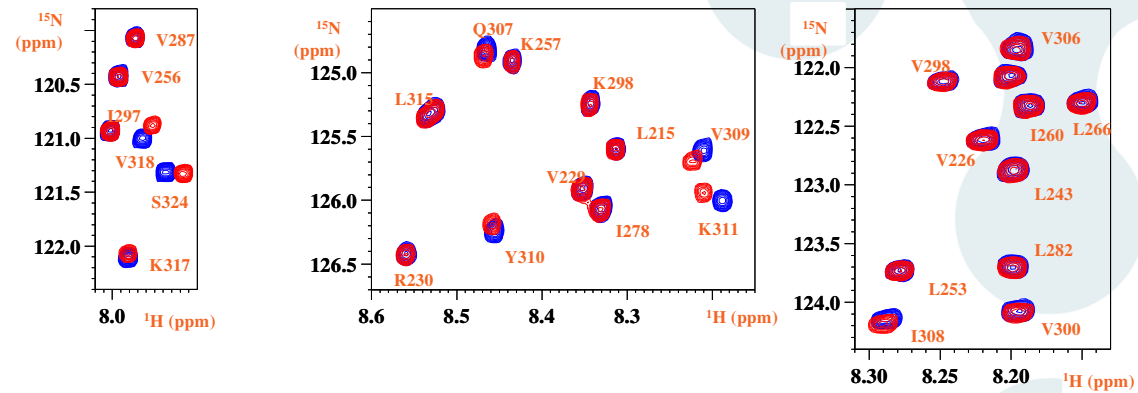
Kim et al., **Dimer**
Sci Reports 2014

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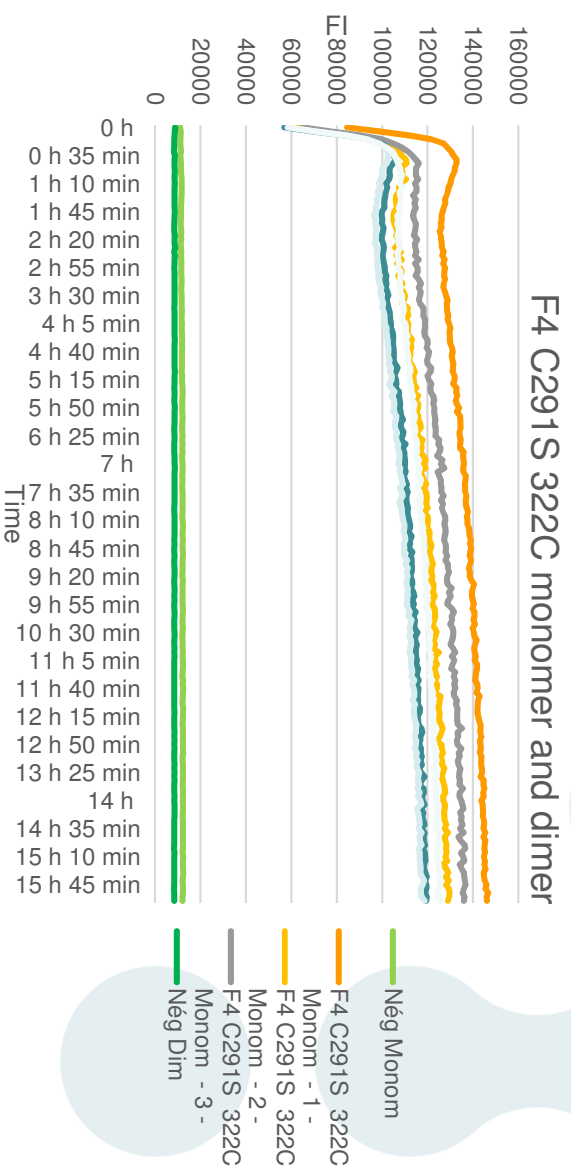
Propagation of Tau



TauF4 C291S dimer without or with DTT

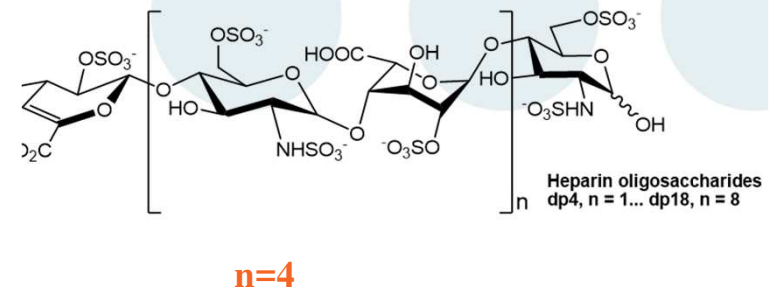
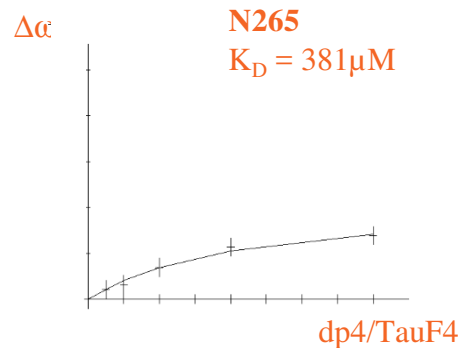
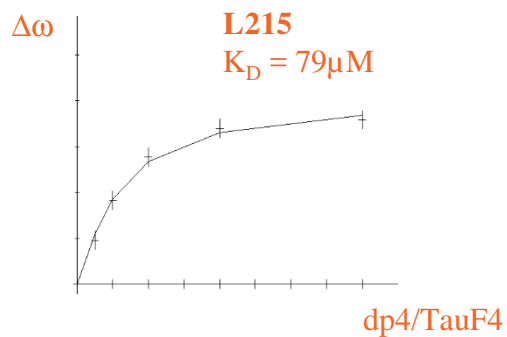
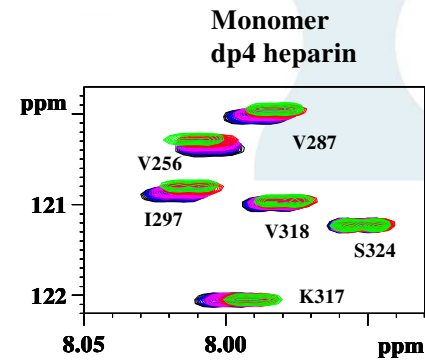
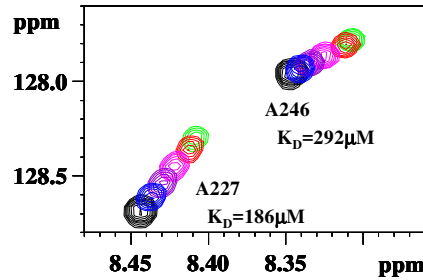
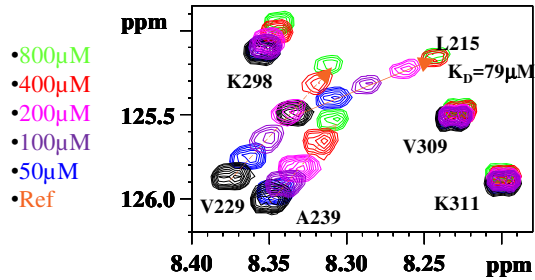
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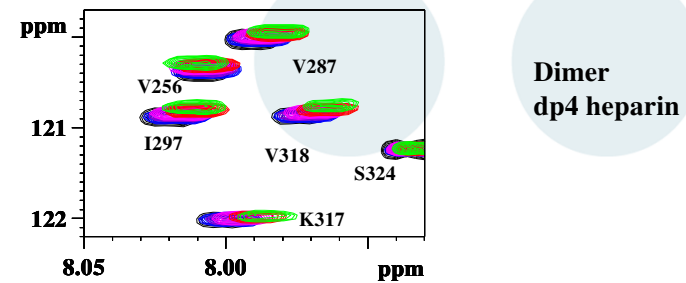
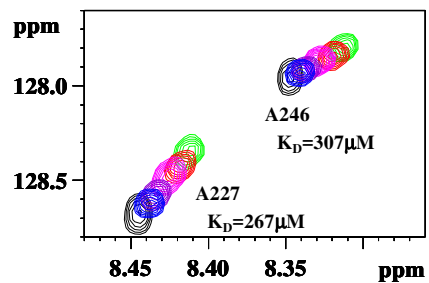
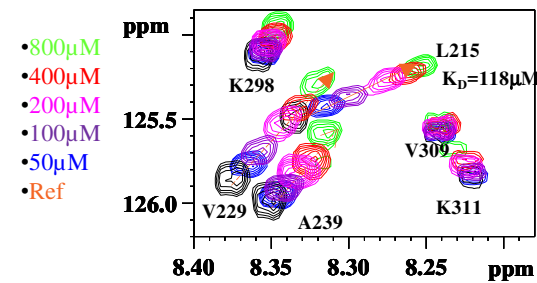
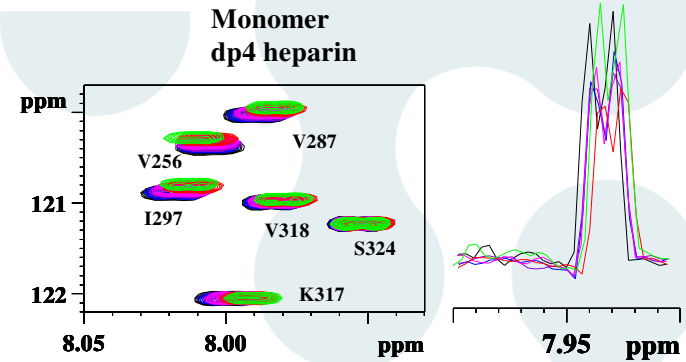
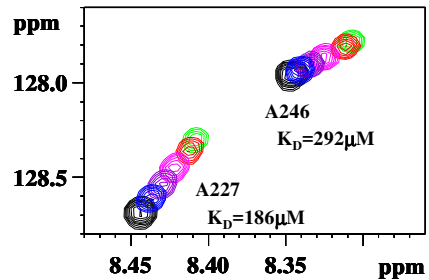
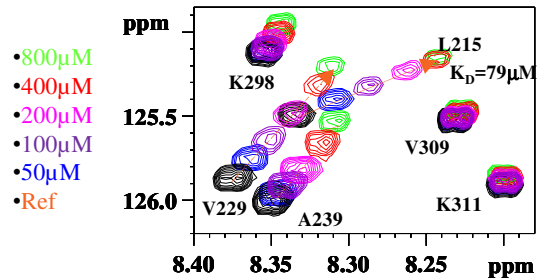
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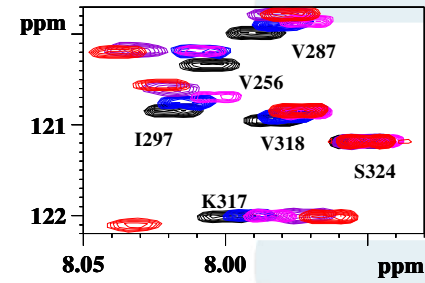
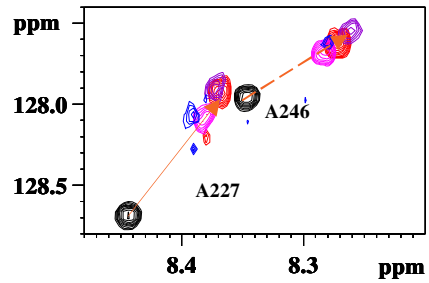
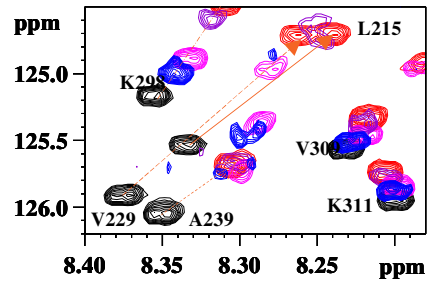
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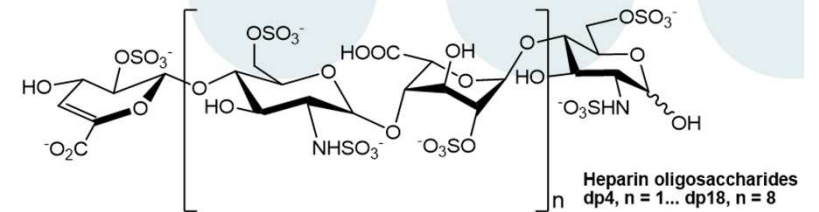


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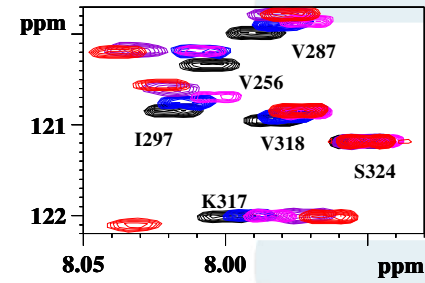
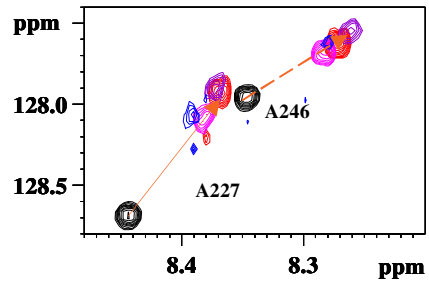
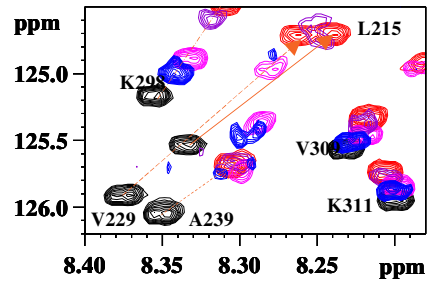


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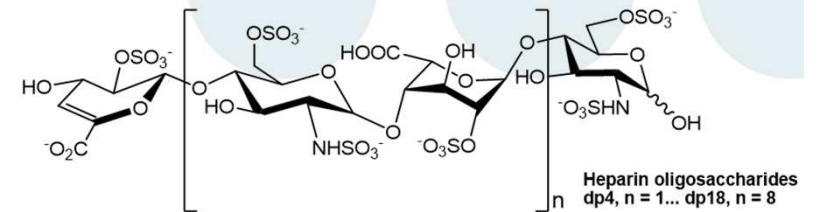


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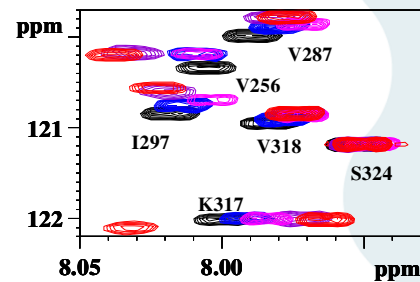
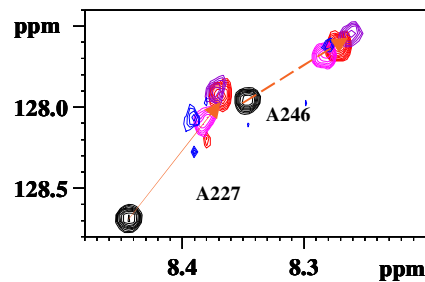
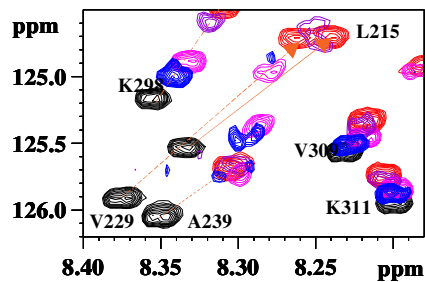
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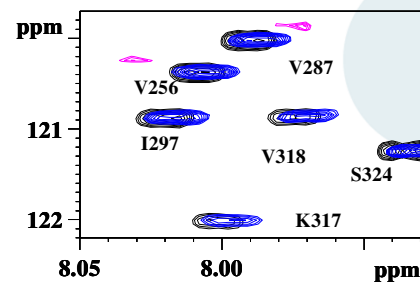
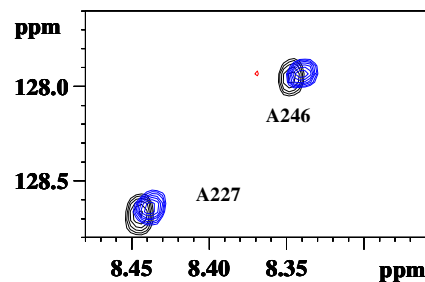
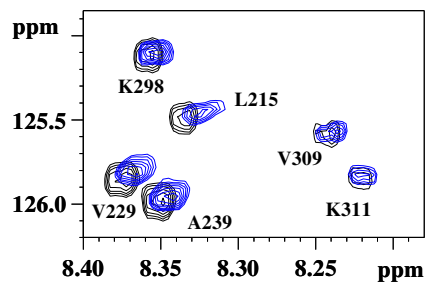
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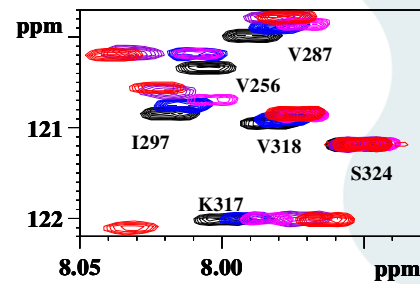
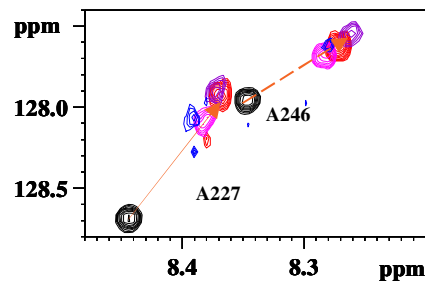
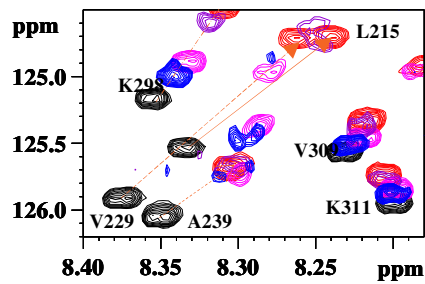
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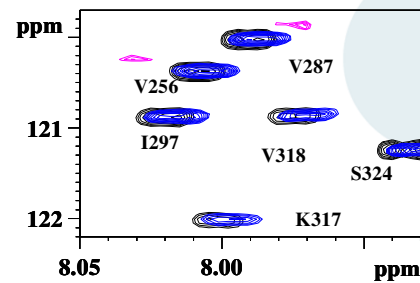
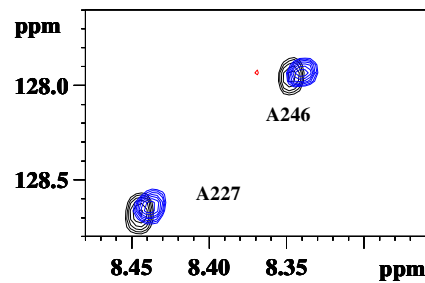
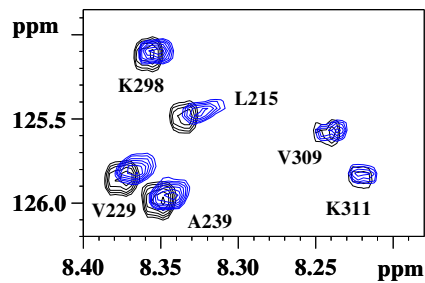
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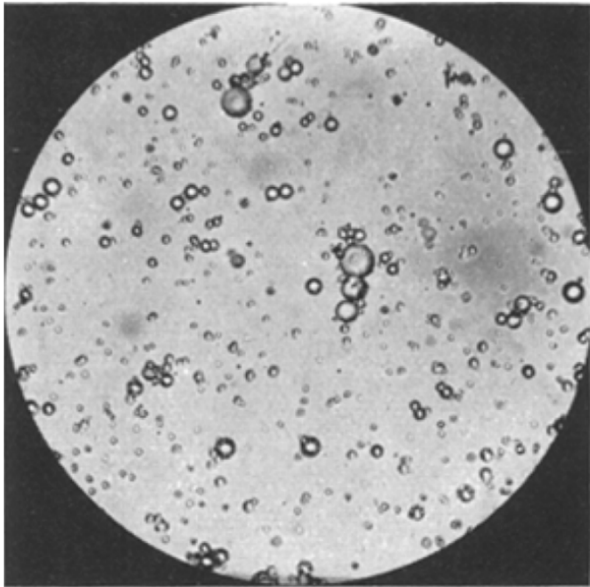


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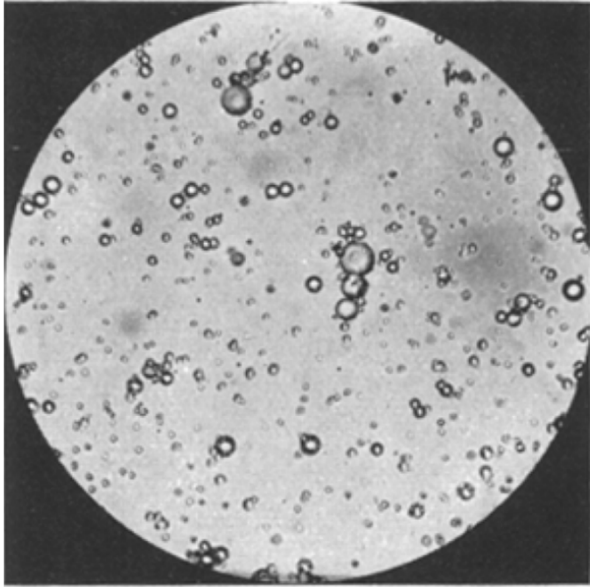


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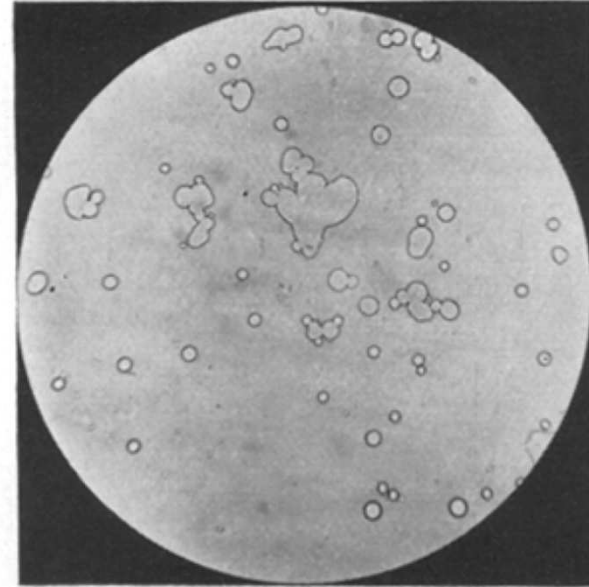
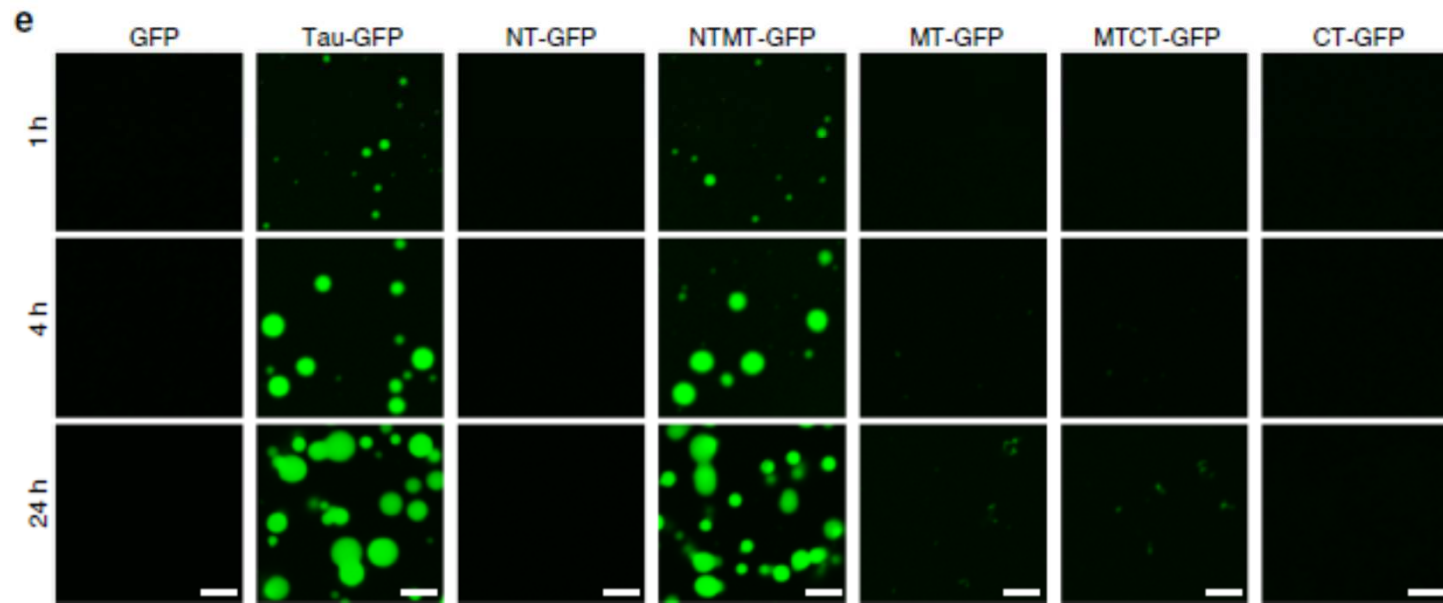
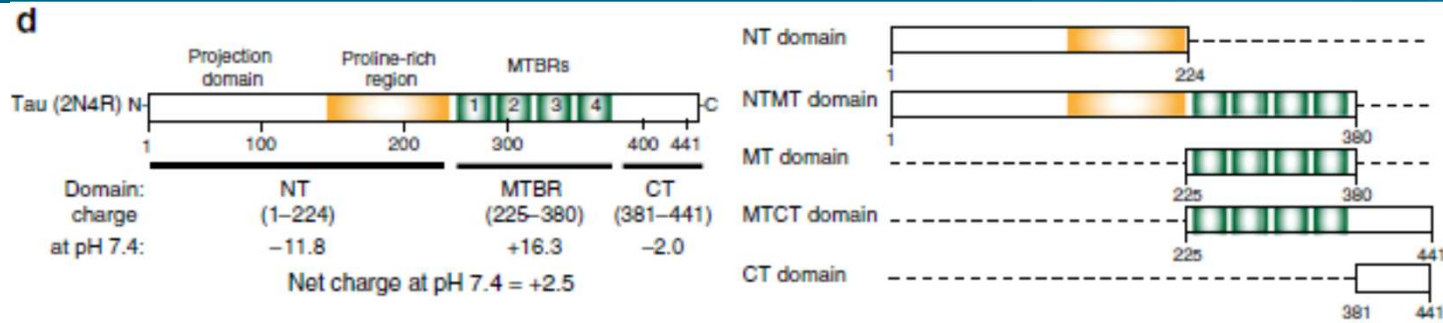


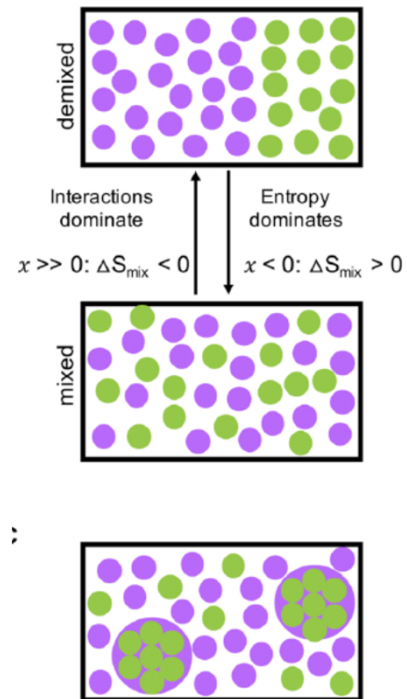
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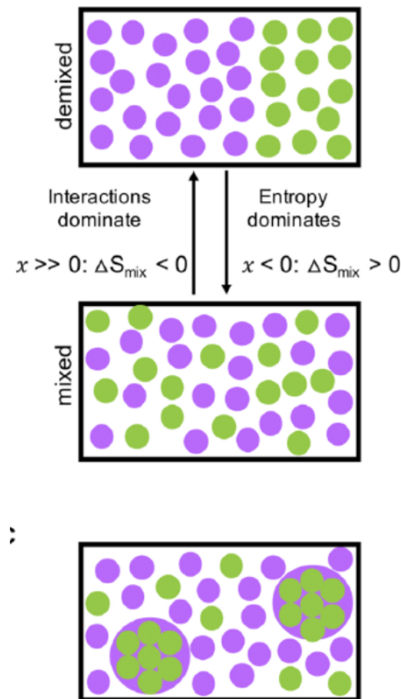
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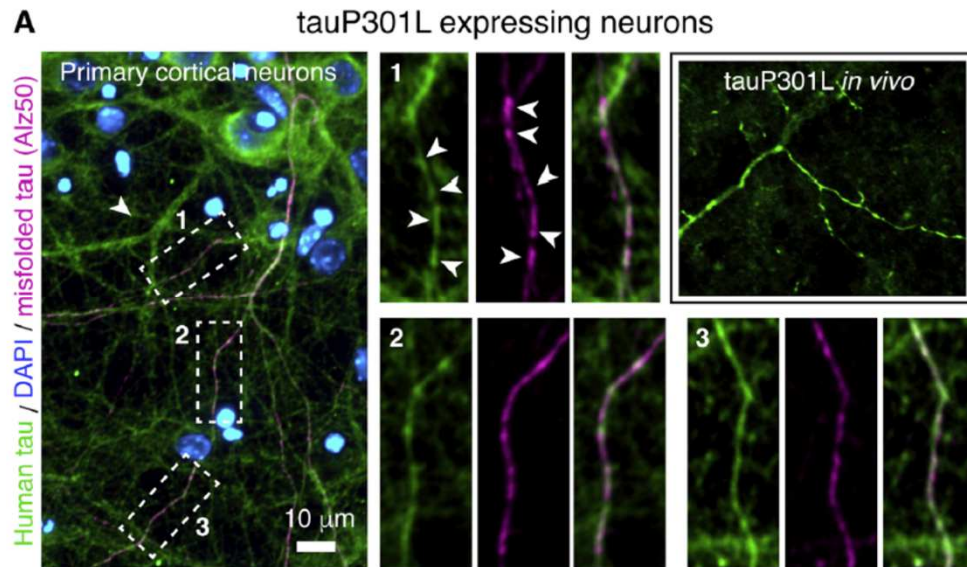
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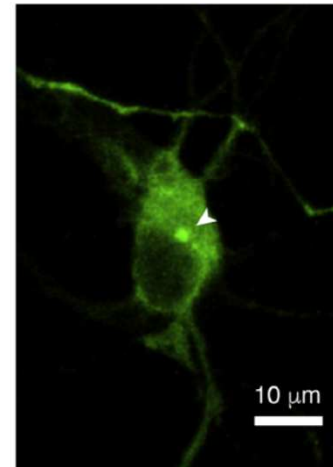
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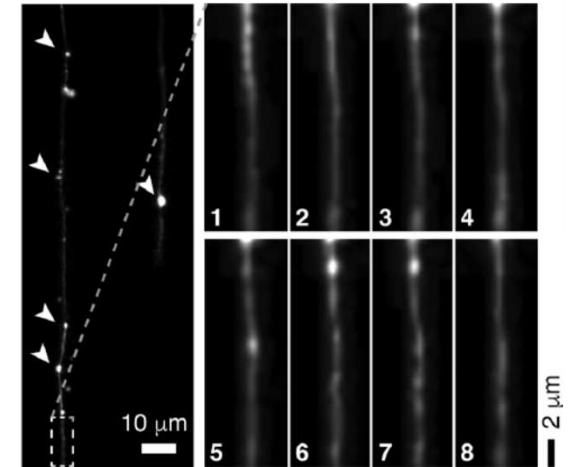
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