

Workshop em Celebração  
"60 anos do Prof. Glaucius Oliva"

**"30 anos de Cristalografia de Proteínas"**  
**IFSC/USP**



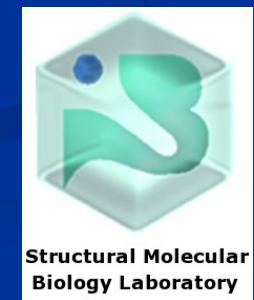
# 1988-2019

## Crystallography from São Carlos to Botucatu

1986



2019



# Arriving in São Carlos - 1986



1986



18 anos

# UFSCar – 1986

## Becoming a materialist....

1986/2



Dept. de Ciência de Materiais

# Scientific initiation– 1988

# USP – Material Sciences

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## FUNDAÇÃO DE AMPARO À PESQUISA DO ESTADO DE SÃO PAULO

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## TERMO DE OUTORGА E ACEITAÇÃO DE BOLSA

DUTORGANTE: FUNDACAO DE AMPARO A PESQUISA DO ESTADO DE SAO PAULO

DUTORGADO: MARCOS ROBERTO DE MATTOS FONTES

CPF: 170 450 293/49

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PRУESSO: 87/3136-4

BOLSA DE IC

ORIENTADOR: PROF. DR. MICHEL ANDRE AEGERTER

INSTITUICAO: INST FISICA QUIMICA SAO CARLOS/USP  
DEPTO FISICA CIENCIA MATERIAIS

AREA: FISICA DA MATERIA CONDENSADA

PROJETO:

PREPARACAO E CARACTERIZACAO DE SILICA AMORFA ULTRA PURA PELO METODO  
SOL-GEL.

INICIO DA BOLSA: 01JAN88

TERMINO: 30DEZ88

DURACAO: 12 MESES

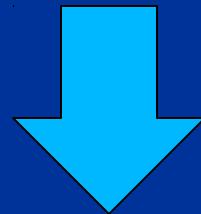
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A PARTIR DO SEGUNDO MES

VALOR MENSAL: CONFORME TABELA EM VIGOR

RELATORIOS: 30 JUN88 E 30DEZ88

DATA DO DESPACHO: 30DEZ87

First interaction with Glaucius  
Talking at IFQSC – second  
semester 1988



Moving the research interest to  
**BIOLOGICAL**  
**PHYSICS/BIOPHYSICS**

# Scientific initiation– 1989

## USP – Protein

*Recebido em 15 MAR 1989*

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## crystallography

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INTERESSADO: MARCOS ROBERTO DE MATTOS FONTES  
ÁREA: FÍSICA DA MATERIA CONDENSADA  
INST FÍSICA QUÍMICA SÃO CARLOS/USP  
ORIENTADOR PROF. DR. GLAUCIUS OLIVA  
PROJETO:  
ESTUDOS CRISTALOGRAFICOS DE MIOGLOBINA DE BALEIA DOPADA COM O MARCADOR DE SPIN PARAMAGNETICO ISOTIOCIANATO.

PARECER CUJA COPIA XEROGRAFICA SERA ENVIADA AO INTERESSADO:

O plano de trabalho proposto esta muito bem formulado para iniciar o aluno nas técnicas de resolução de estruturas cristalinas, em particular, de proteínas. O tema proposto, resolução da estrutura de cristais de mioglobina com adição de marcadores de spin, pode dar resultados que viriam a complementar estudos de EPR realizados com esta proteína.

O aluno apresenta um bom currículum, com bom desempenho nos cursos, e acredito que tem condições de executar o plano de trabalho. Recomendo a concessão desta bolsa.

# Master in Sciences – 1990-1992

UNIVERSIDADE DE SÃO PAULO  
INSTITUTO DE FÍSICA E QUÍMICA DE SÃO CARLOS

INTRODUÇÃO AOS MÉTODOS DE  
DETERMINAÇÃO DE ESTRUTURAS  
CRISTALINAS POR DIFRAÇÃO DE  
RAIOS-X: COMPLEXOS DE RUTÉNIO.

MARCOS ROBERTO DE MATTOS FONTES

Dissertação apresentada ao Instituto de Física e  
Química de São Carlos, USP, para a obtenção do título  
de *MESTRE EM FÍSICA APLICADA*

Orientador: Prof. Dr. Glaucius Oliva

Departamento de Física e Ciéncia dos Materiais

1992

# First article

2699

*Acta Cryst.* (1991) C47, 2699–2700

## Structure of 1,4-Bis(diphenylphosphinoyl)butane

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**Abstract.**  $C_{28}H_{28}O_2P_2$ ,  $M_r = 458.48$ , triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$ ,  $a = 5.826(1)$ ,  $b = 8.862(1)$ ,  $c = 12.517(2)\text{ \AA}$ ,  $\alpha = 100.29(1)$ ,  $\beta = 102.67(1)$ ,  $\gamma = 104.22(1)^\circ$ ,  $V = 592.5(3)\text{ \AA}^3$ ,  $Z = 1$ ,  $D_x = 1.285\text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\lambda(\text{Mo } K\alpha) = 0.71073\text{ \AA}$ ,  $\mu = 2.00\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $F(000) = 242$ ,  $T = 296\text{ K}$ , final  $R = 0.031$  for 1390 independent observed reflections. The  $-\text{(CH}_2)_4-$  group is essentially planar with the P atoms 0.126(1)  $\text{\AA}$  away from its calculated mean plane. Both phenyl rings are planar to within experimental accuracy. The P atom has a distorted tetrahedral configuration.

**Experimental.** During our studies, using  $\{\text{RuCl}_2[1,4\text{-bis(diphenylphosphino)]butane}\}$  as a starting material for reactions with bulky ligands like triethylphosphite, the title compound was obtained. Single colorless crystals were obtained from  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ /ether by slow evaporation at 293 K. The data collection and refinement parameters are summarized in Table 1. The structure was solved using standard direct methods and difference Fourier techniques. In final cycles of least-squares refinement, all non-H atoms were treated anisotropically, H atoms were refined isotropically. Scattering factors for non-H atoms were taken from Cromer & Mann (1968) with corrections for anomalous dispersion from Cromer & Liberman (1970); for H atoms from Stewart, Davidson & Simpson (1965). Programs used: *SHELX76* (Sheldrick, 1976) and *ORTEP* (Johnson, 1965).

**Table 1.** Crystallographic summary

Data collection <sup>i</sup>	
Mode	$\omega-2\theta$
Scan rate ( $^\circ \text{ min}^{-1}$ )	1.8, 5.5
$\theta$ range ( $^\circ$ )	0–23
Range of $hkl$	$-6 \leq h \leq 6$ , $-9 \leq k \leq 9$ , $0 \leq l \leq 13$
Total reflections measured	1848
Unique reflections	1647
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.01
Standard reflections ( $h^{-1}$ )	1
Variation	None significant
Crystal dimensions approx. (mm)	$0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$
Diffractometer	Enraf-Nonius CAD-4, graphite monochromator

Structure determination  
and refinement<sup>b,iii</sup>

Reflections used [ $I > 3\sigma(I)$ ]	1390
No. of variables	202
$R$ , $wR$	0.031, 0.030
$w$	$1/[e^2(F_o) + 0.0001F_c^2]$
Max. shift/e.s.d.	0.02
Max., min. density in final difference map ( $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$ )	0.20, -0.22
$S$	1.77

Notes: (i) Unit-cell parameters by least-squares refinement of the setting angles of 25 reflections with  $12 < \theta < 20^\circ$ . (ii) A secondary-extinction correction was applied [ $F_{\text{corr}} = F_o(1.0 \times 10^{-4} \chi F_o^2 / \sin \theta)$ ] where  $\chi$  refined to 0.009. No correction for absorption. (iii) Function minimized was  $\sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2$ .

**Table 2.** Final atomic coordinates and isotropic temperature factors ( $\text{\AA}^2$ )

$$B_{iso} = (4/3) \sum_i \sum_j \beta_{ij} \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{a}_j$$

x	y	z	$B_{iso}$
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# Moving back to Protein Crystallography

Glucosamine 6-phosphate  
deaminase (GlcN6P)

First protein structure solved in  
South America

# PhD – 1992 - 1995

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**Determinação da estrutura cristalográfica da  
enzima Glucosamina-6-fosfato desaminase de  
*E. coli* K12 e seus complexos com ativador  
alostérico e inibidor**

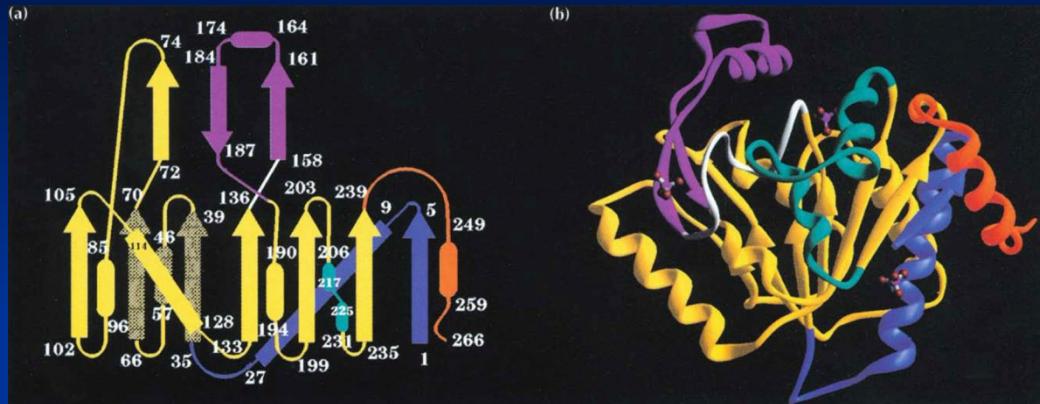
Por: Marcos Roberto de M. Fontes

Orientador: Prof. Dr. Glaucius Oliva

Tese apresentada ao Instituto de  
Física de São Carlos, para  
obtenção do título de Doutor em  
Física Aplicada

Agosto de 1995

# Glucosamine 6-phosphate deaminase



monomer



hexamer

# Glucosamine 6-phosphate deaminase

Structure solved by Multiple  
Isomorphous Replacement



Need to obtain heavy atom derivatives  
(several months)

R32 – space group – complicated  
process

# Glucosamine 6-phosphate deaminase

Structure of GlcN6P/allosteric activator

Structure of GlcN6P/inhibitor

# Glucosamine 6-phosphate deaminase

## Structure and catalytic mechanism of glucosamine 6-phosphate deaminase from *Escherichia coli* at 2.1 Å resolution

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**Background:** Glucosamine 6-phosphate deaminase from *Escherichia coli* is an allosteric hexameric enzyme which catalyzes the reversible conversion of D-glucosamine 6-phosphate into D-fructose 6-phosphate and ammonium ion and is activated by N-acetyl-D-glucosamine 6-phosphate. Mechanistically, it belongs to the group of aldose-ketose isomerases, but its reaction also accomplishes a simultaneous amination/deamination. The determination of the structure of this protein provides fundamental knowledge for understanding its mode of action and the nature of allosteric conformational changes that regulate its function.

**Results:** The crystal structure of glucosamine 6-phosphate

deaminase with bound phosphate ions is presented at 2.1 Å resolution together with the refined structures of the enzyme in complexes with its allosteric activator and with a competitive inhibitor. The protein fold can be described as a modified NAD-binding domain.

**Conclusions:** From the similarities between the three presented structures, it is concluded that these represent the enzymatically active R state conformer. A mechanism for the deaminase reaction is proposed. It comprises steps to open the pyranose ring of the substrate and a sequence of general base-catalyzed reactions to bring about isomerization and deamination, with Asp72 playing a key role as a proton exchanger.

**Structure** 15 December 1995, 3:1323–1332

Key words: aldose-ketose isomerase, α/β open structure, allosteric enzyme, NAD-binding domain

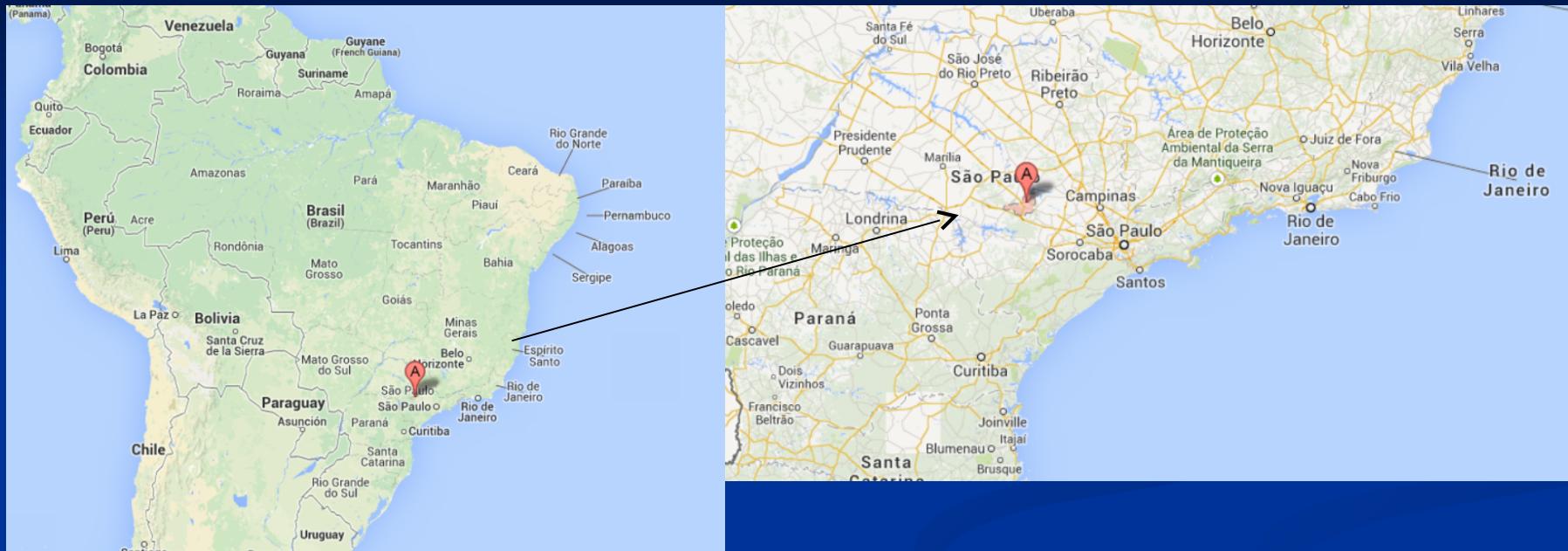
### Introduction

The enzyme glucosamine 6-phosphate deaminase (GlcN6P deaminase, E.C. 5.3.1.10) catalyzes the reversible isomerization and deamination of D-glucosamine 6-phosphate (GlcN6P) into D-fructose 6-phosphate (Fru6P) and ammonium ion [1–3]. This enzyme has been identified in several animal, fungal and bacterial species and completely purified to homogeneity from *Escherichia coli* [3], *Candida albicans* [4] and dog kidney [5]. The gene encoding the enzyme has been cloned from both *E. coli* [6] and *C. albicans* [4]. In *E. coli*, GlcN6P deaminase is an allosteric enzyme, activated by N-acetyl-D-glucosamine 6-phosphate (GlcNAc6P). It catalyzes a step in the catabolism of amino sugars, that allows bacteria to utilize glucosamine (GlcN) or N-acetyl-D-glucosamine (GlcNAc) from the medium as sources of carbon. Amino sugars are also components of lipopolysaccharide and proteoglycan that form the bacterial cell wall. When no

mediated by GlcNAc6P which binds to the product of the *nagC* gene — a repressor protein. GlcNAc6P, the co-inducer of the regulon, is also the allosteric activator of GlcN6P deaminase, the product of the *nagB* gene. This enzyme, therefore, plays a central role in the regulated balance of amino sugar synthesis and utilization due to its allosteric properties.

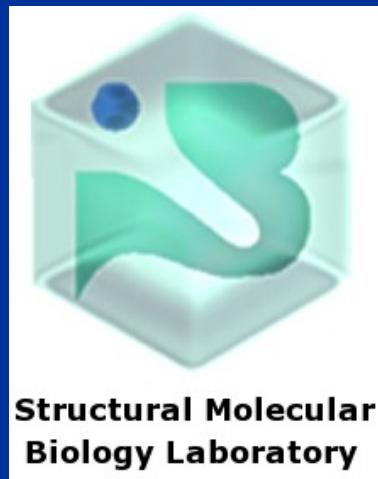
GlcN6P deaminase is a hexameric protein composed of identical subunits of 266 residues whose sequence is known from its encoding gene. A systematic search for sequence homology did not reveal significant similarity with any other protein, except with GlcN6P deaminases from other species [10]. The enzyme from *E. coli* has been purified from an overproducing strain [11] and the kinetics of its allosteric activation have been studied in detail [12]; it displays homotropic cooperativity towards its substrates GlcN6P and Fru6P in the forward and

# Botucatu-SP-Brazil



# Structural Molecular Biology Lab.

1994-2019 (25 years)





Just a desktable and a  
chair...

No Laboratory

No internet

No infrastructure and  
chemicals

# Full Professor Exam - 2010



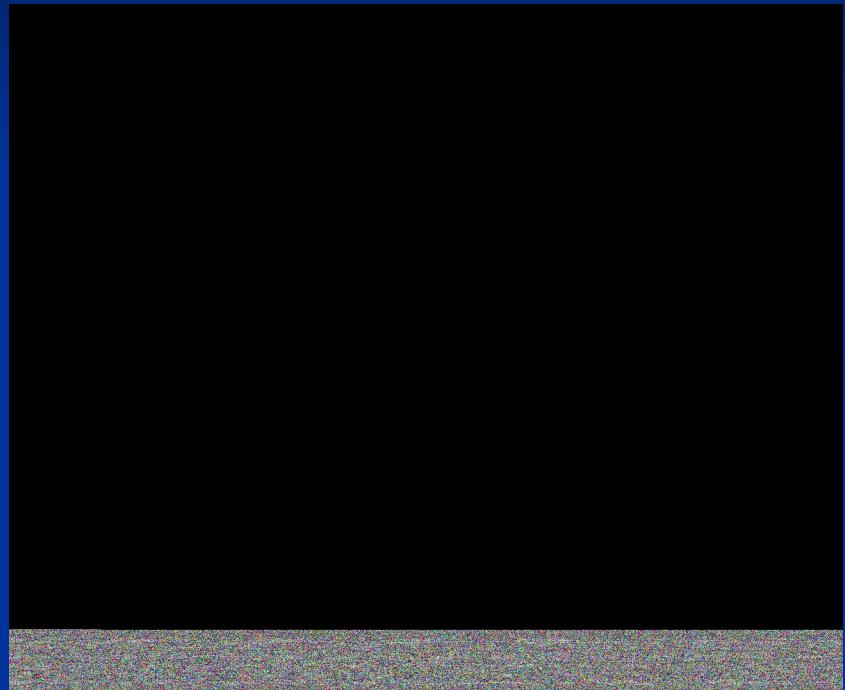
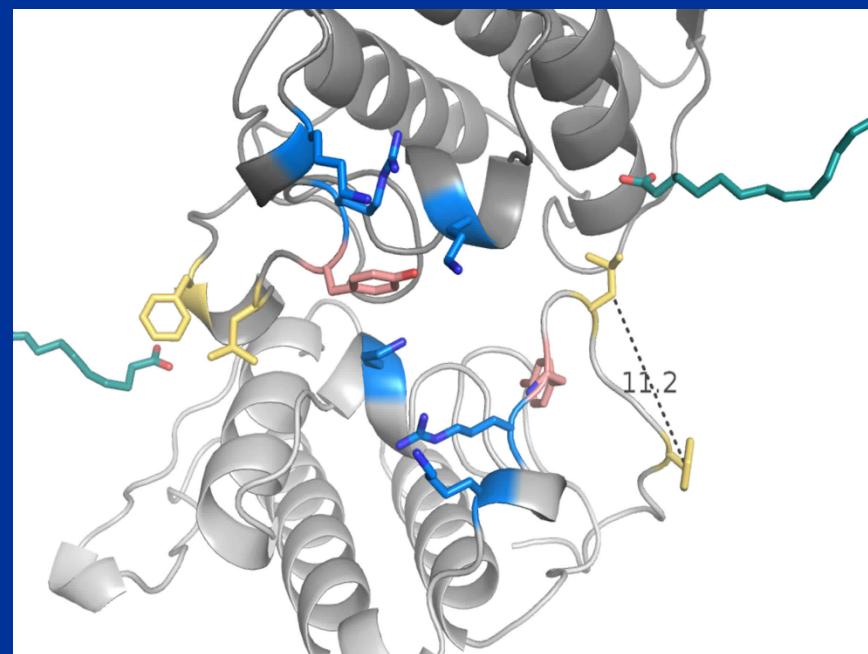
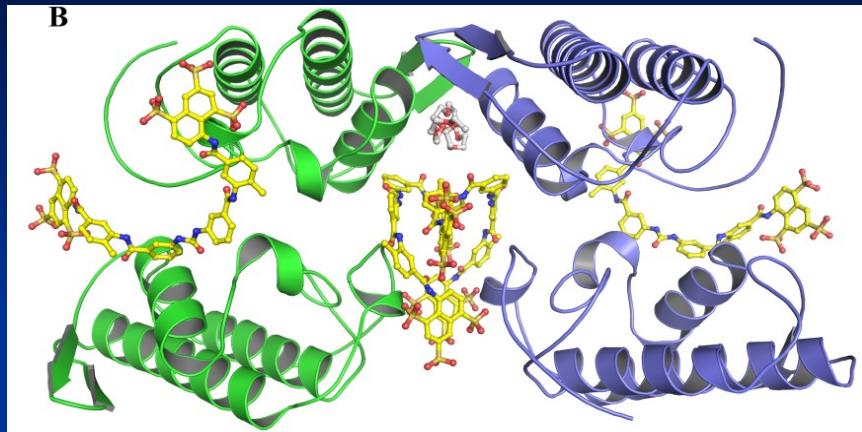
# Full Professor Exam - 2010



# Many research fields...

- Snake venom toxins (PLA<sub>2</sub>, PLA<sub>2</sub>s inhibitors metaloproteases, serino-proteases, L-aminoacid oxidases, lectins).
- Nuclear import proteins from different organisms
- Fungi glycogen metabolism related proteins
- Trypanosomatid parasite proteins, Telomeric proteins

# Several crystal structures ...ed...



# Papers published, citations, grants...

- ~125 articles published
- > 3100 citations
- Grants: 11 FAPESP, 5 CNPq, 4 FINEP, 2 CAPES, 1 INCT
- Well equipped laboratory

# But the most important: people ~100

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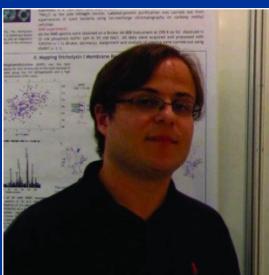
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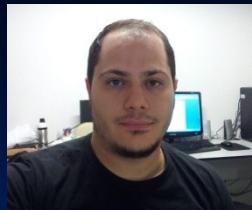
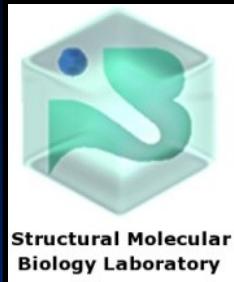


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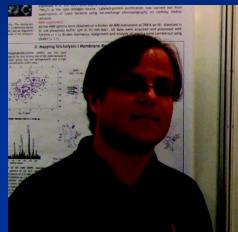
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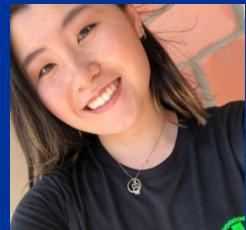
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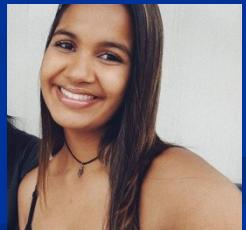
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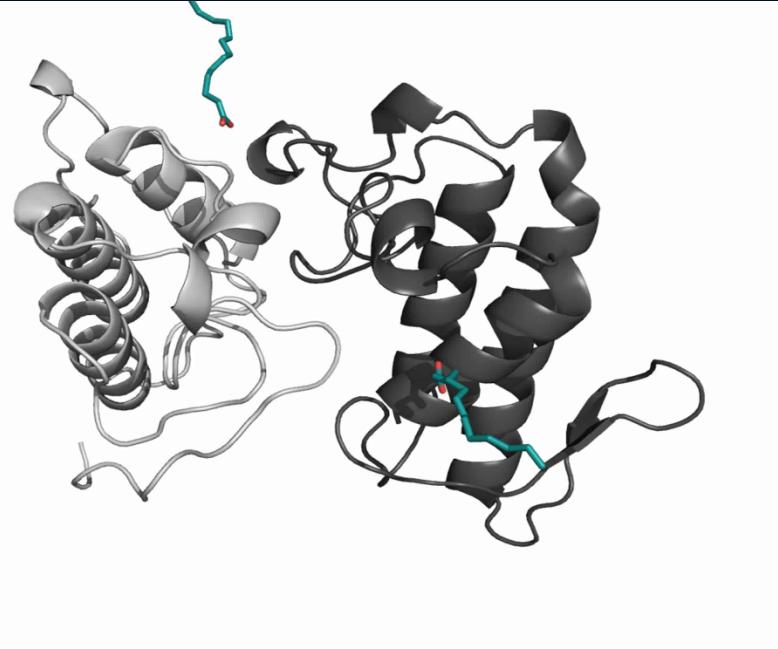
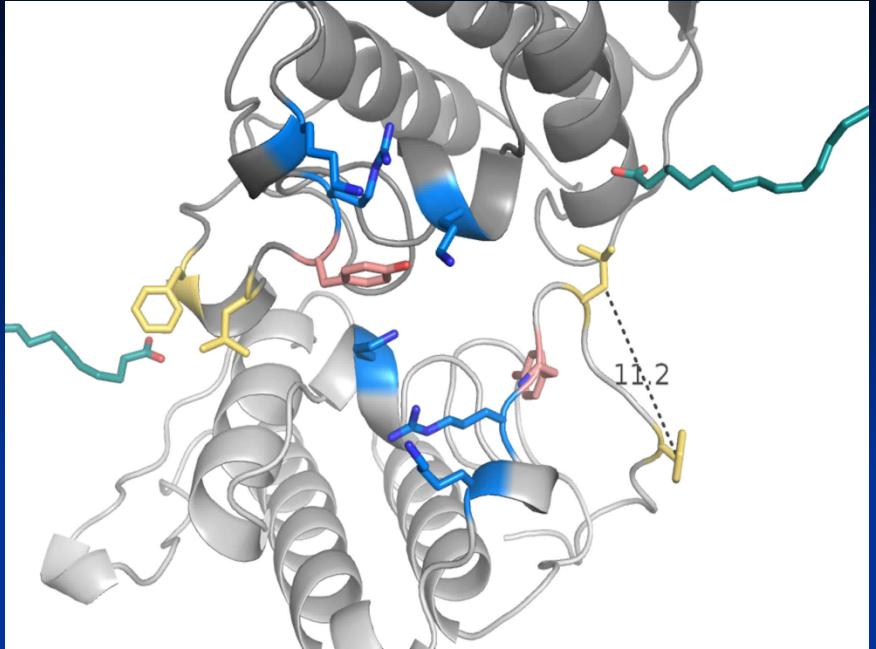
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