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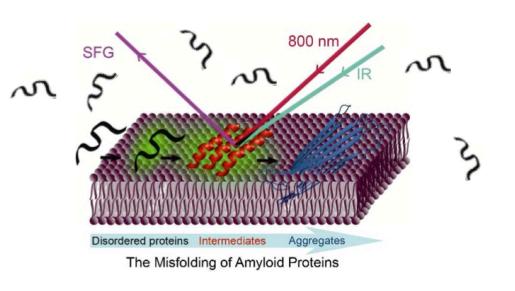


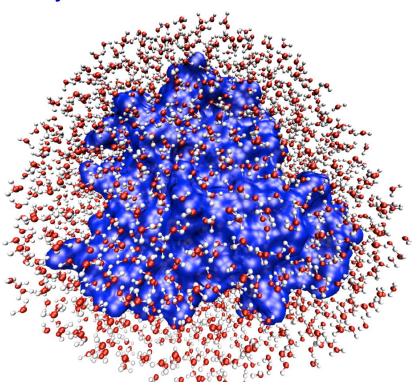
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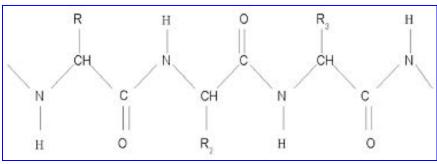
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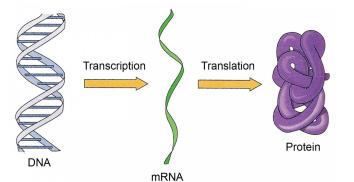


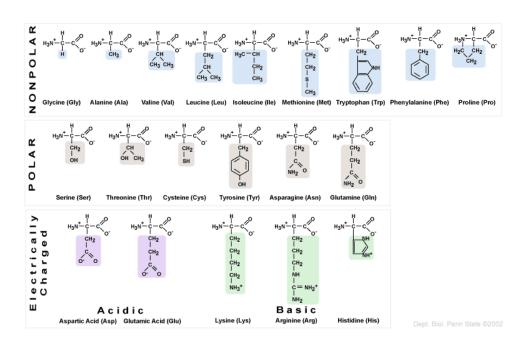


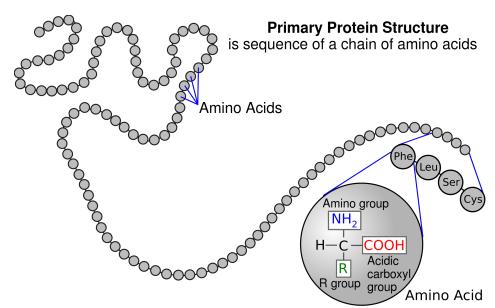
Motivation: Proteins

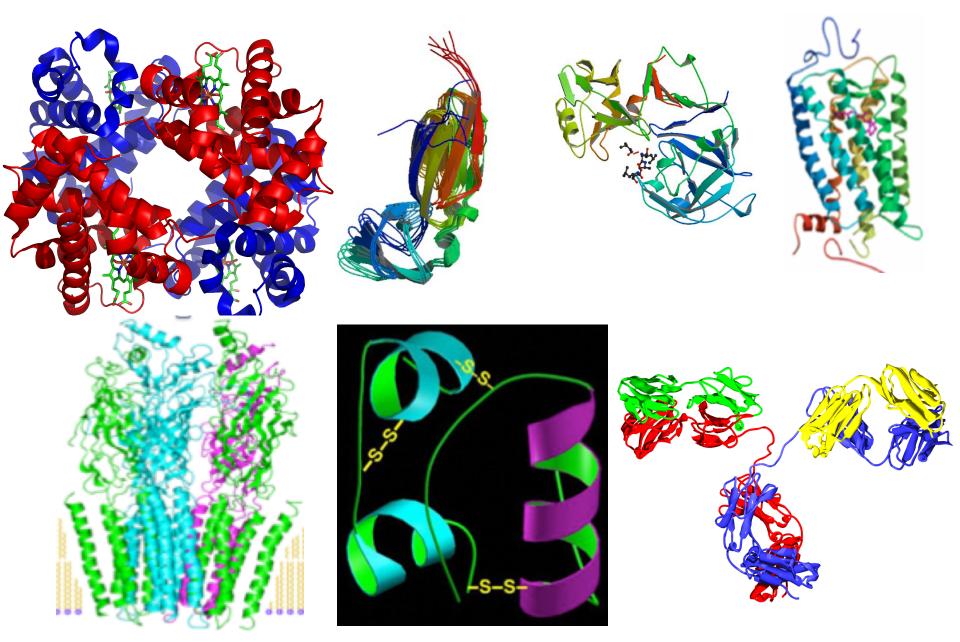


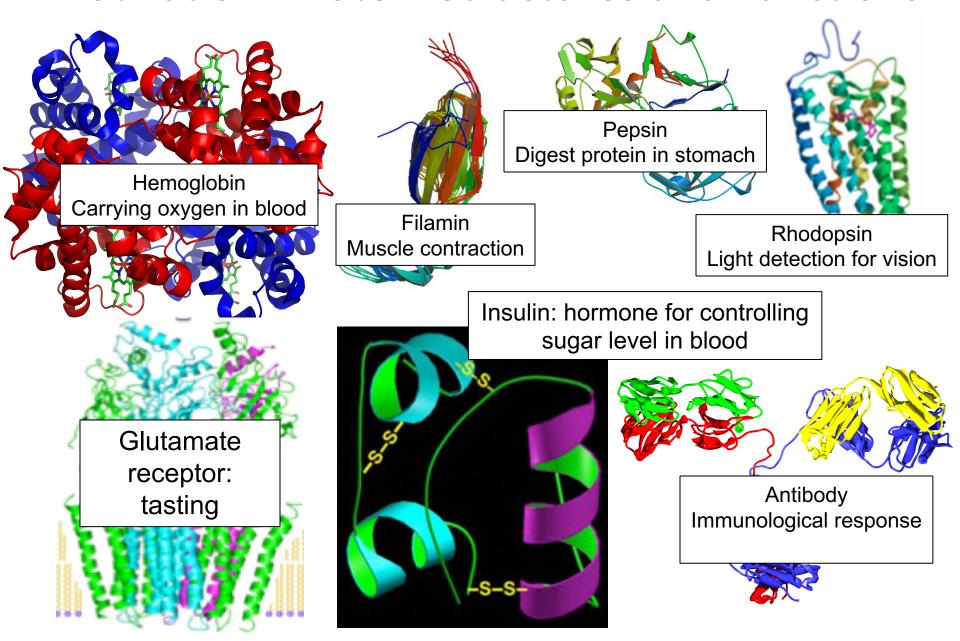


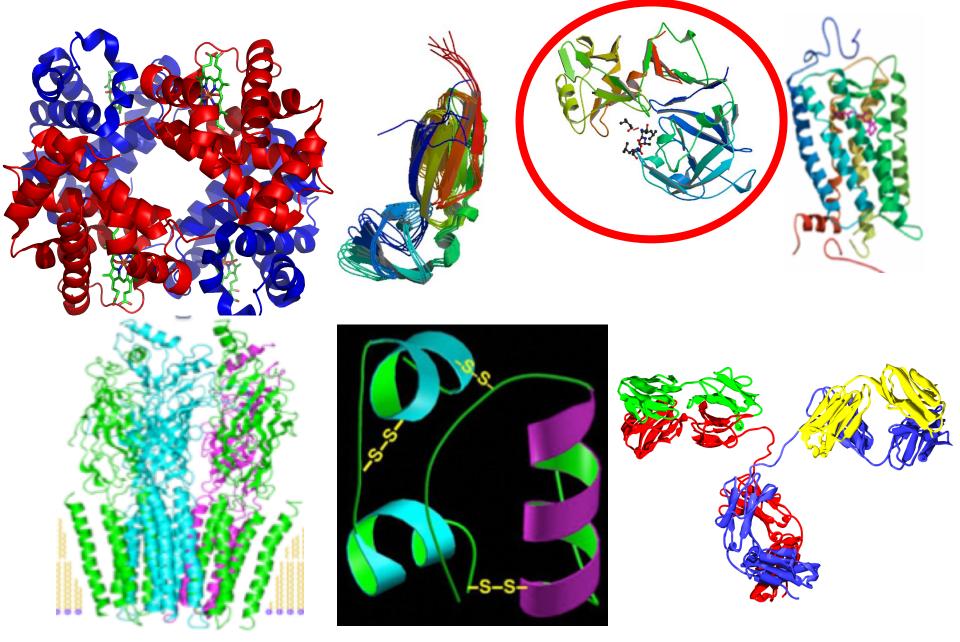


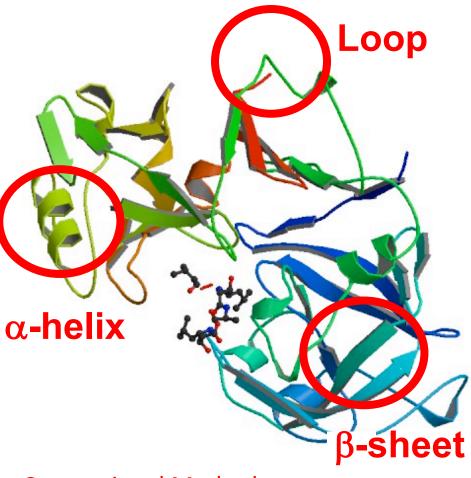






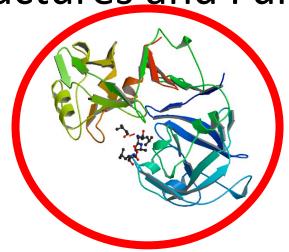






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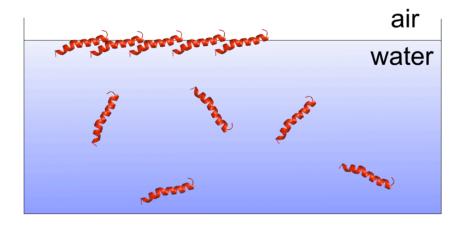
Protein Secondary structures:

- 1. Stability
- 2. Dynamics
- 3. Organization
- ⇒ Mechanism of protein functions
 - To explore disease mechanism
 - To develop therapeutics

=> Not surface sensitive

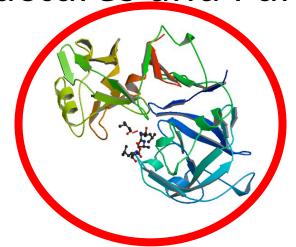
Signals overwhelmed by

- Solvent
- proteins in the bulk



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Motivation: Proteins at Interfaces

Molecular Transport Signal Transduction Cell Recognition and Adhesion Outside of cell Outside of cell Intracellular Agonist ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~| ~~~~~~~~| Cell surface proteins Extracellular GDP Intracellular Inside of cell Inside of cell **Immunological Response Drug Delivery** Macrophage Targeting moiety **Immunological Protein at Interfaces** ****** ***** receptor _____ B cel Cancer cell **Heterogeneous Biocatalyst Biosensor Biofuel Cell** Light source Enzyme Example Reaction Enzyme 2 Enzyme 1 Prism

Enzyme

Solid

substrate

Sensor chip

Flow channel

 O_2

▲ H₂O

H+

Cathode

Anode

Fuel

Product '

 $NH_3 + H_2O_2$

COOH

Motivation: Protein Structures at Interfaces

Interfaces and Bulk Media are **DIFFERENT!**

<u>Air</u>

Density 1.2 g/L

Refractive index: 1

Dielectric constant:1

? ? ?

? Interface ?

Water

Density 1000 g/L

Refractive index: 1.3

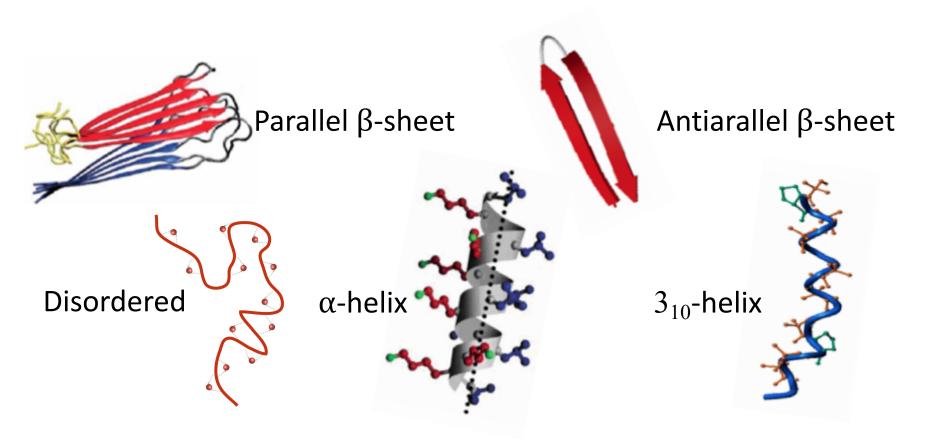
Dielectric constant: 80



Need:

Characterization of Protein in situ at Interfaces

Motivation: Protein Secondary Structures— Basic Functional Units of Proteins

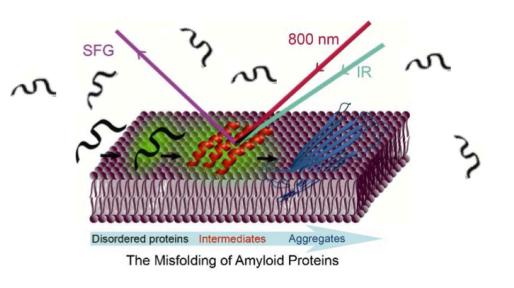


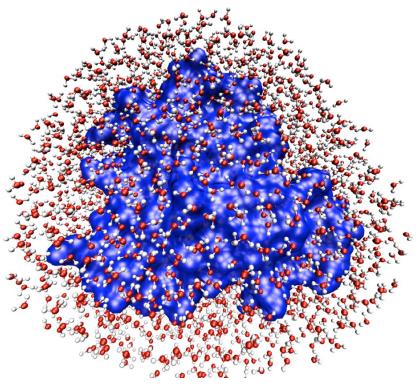
In situ characterization of protein secondary structures at interfaces is important to fundamental biological sciences and engineering.

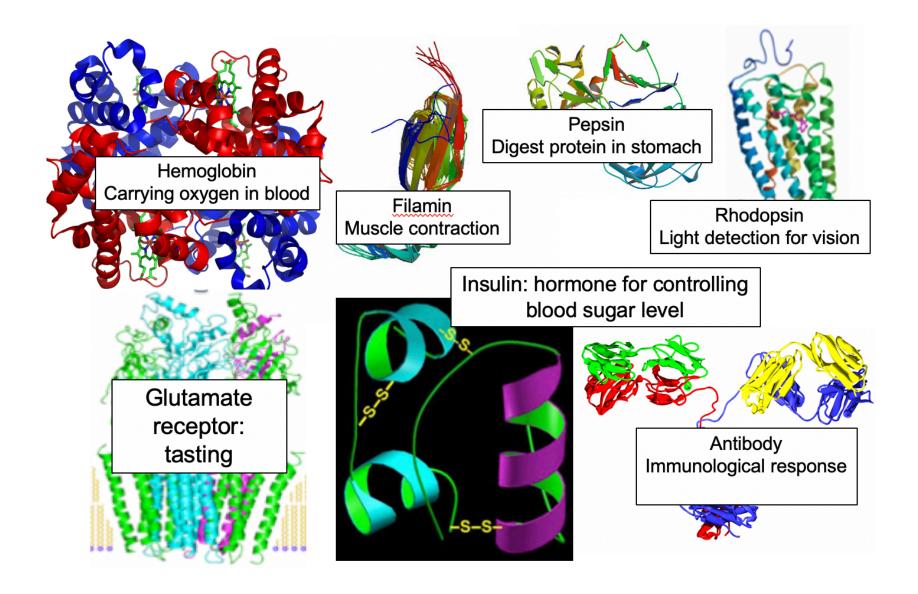
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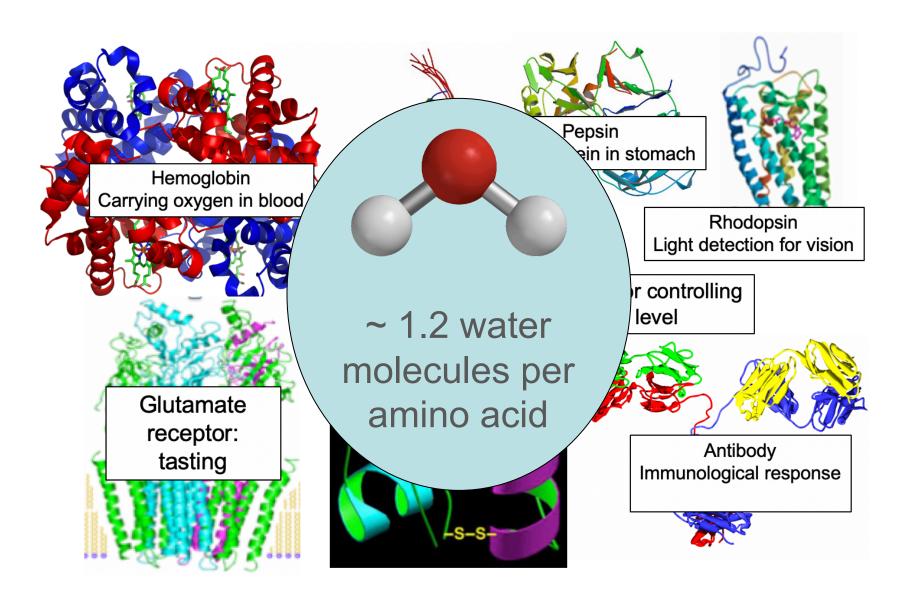
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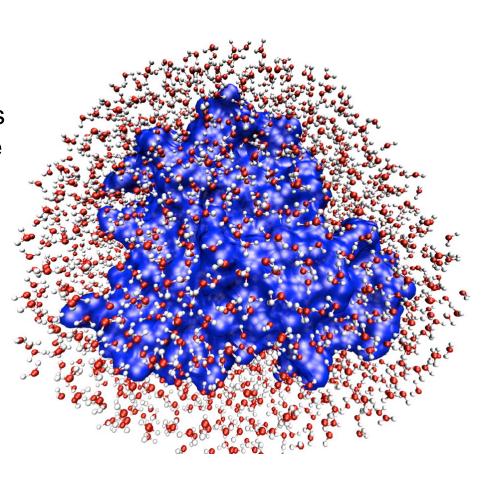






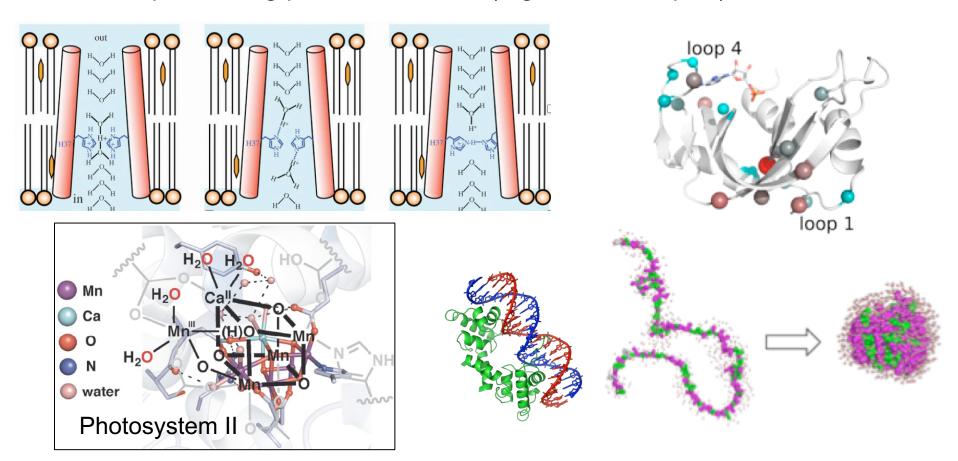
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- 4. Participation in biochemical reactions
- 5. Translocation ions across membrane

Water molecules are integral parts of proteins.

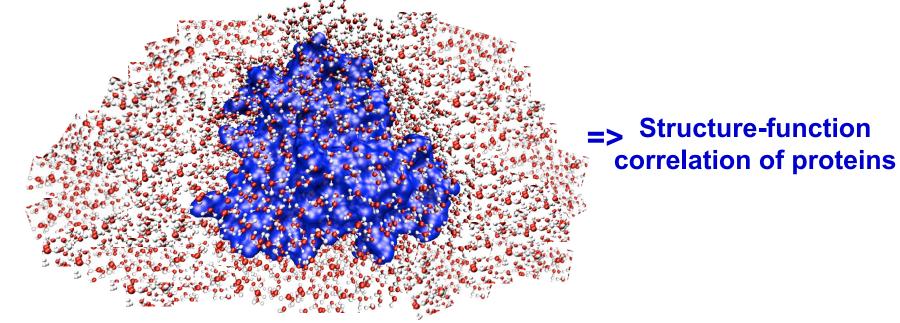


 $\Delta G_b(A)$

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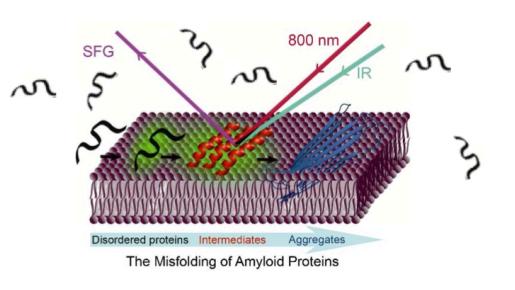
Challenges:

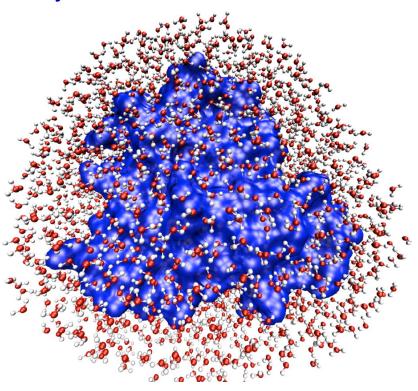
Background from a large population of water molecules in bulk solution

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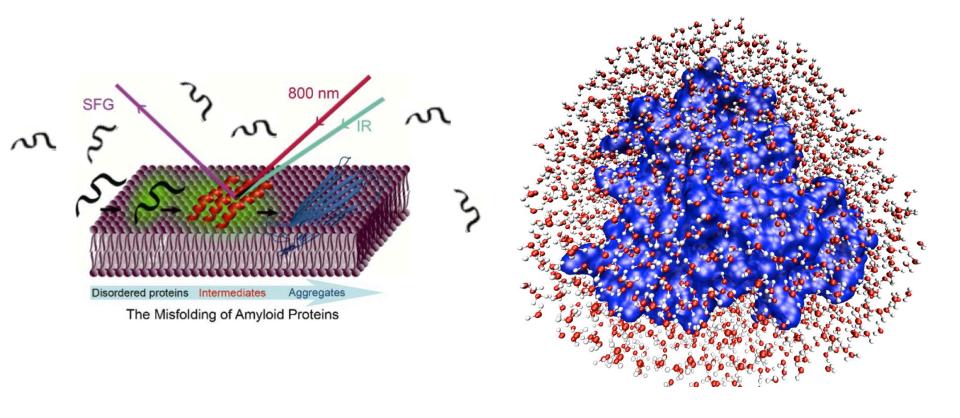
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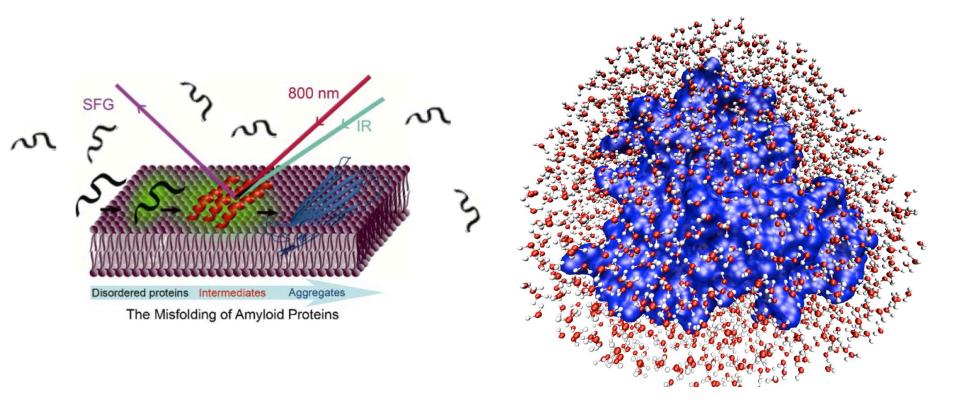
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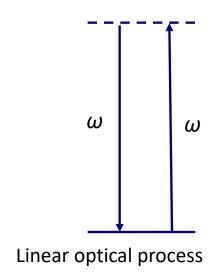
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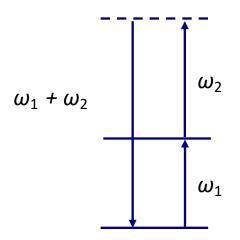
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Development of Chiral SFG

- 1. Shen (Berkeley): Observation of chiral SFG from pure chiral bulk liquid (Belkin et al, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 2000)
- 2. Simpson (Purdue): Theory of surface-sensitive chiral SFG for probing macroscopic chiral structures (Simpson, ChemPhysChem, 2004)
- 3. Chen (Michigan): First application to study amide I of a β -sheet on polymer surface (Wang *et al.*, *PNAS*, 2005)
- 4. Geiger (Northwestern): First application to study double helix DNA on glass surface (Stoke et al., JACS, 2007,)

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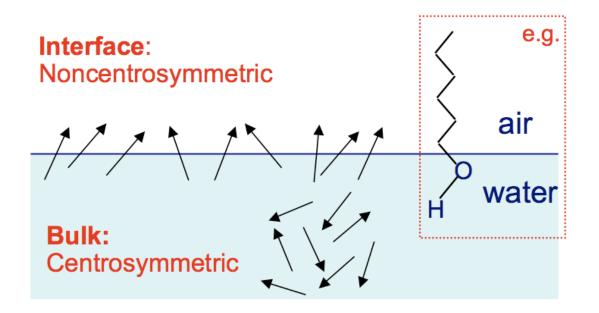




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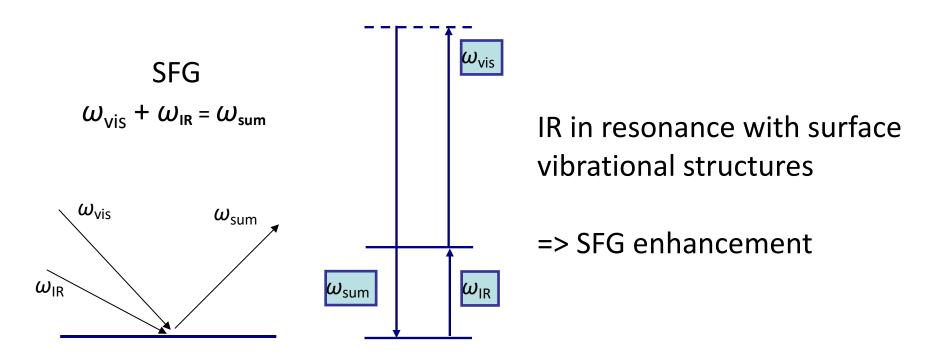
A second-order optical technique

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Noncentrosymmetric Interface => Surface-selectivity

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SFG: a surface-specific vibrational spectroscopy

$$I_{SFG} = \left| \vec{E}_{SFG} \right|^{2}$$

$$\vec{E}_{SFG} = E_{SFG}^{x} \hat{x} + E_{SFG}^{y} \hat{y} + E_{SFG}^{z} \hat{z}$$

$$E_{SFG}^{I} \propto \sum_{JK} \chi_{IJK}^{(2)} E_{vis}^{J} E_{IR}^{K}$$

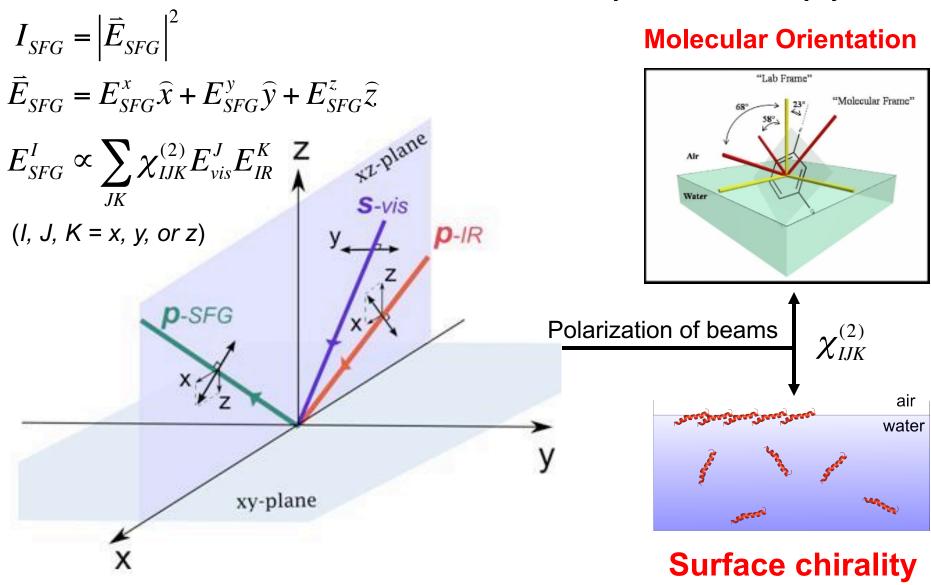
$$(I, J, K = x, y, or z)$$

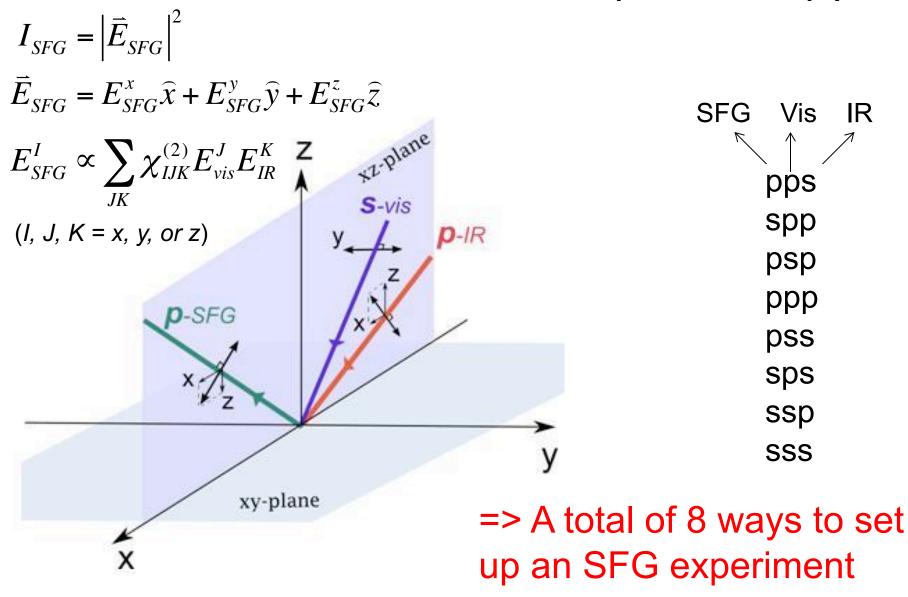
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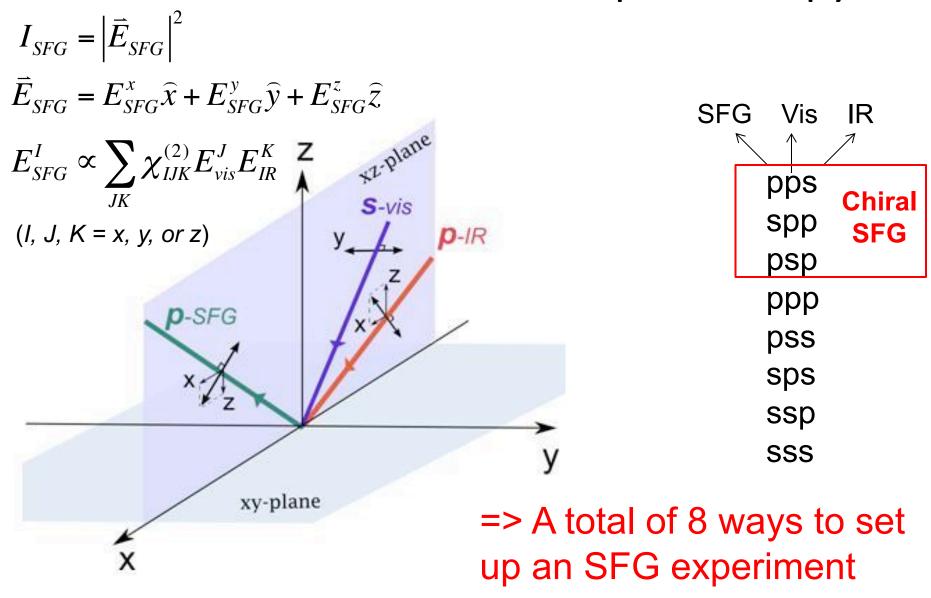
$$xy\text{-plane}$$

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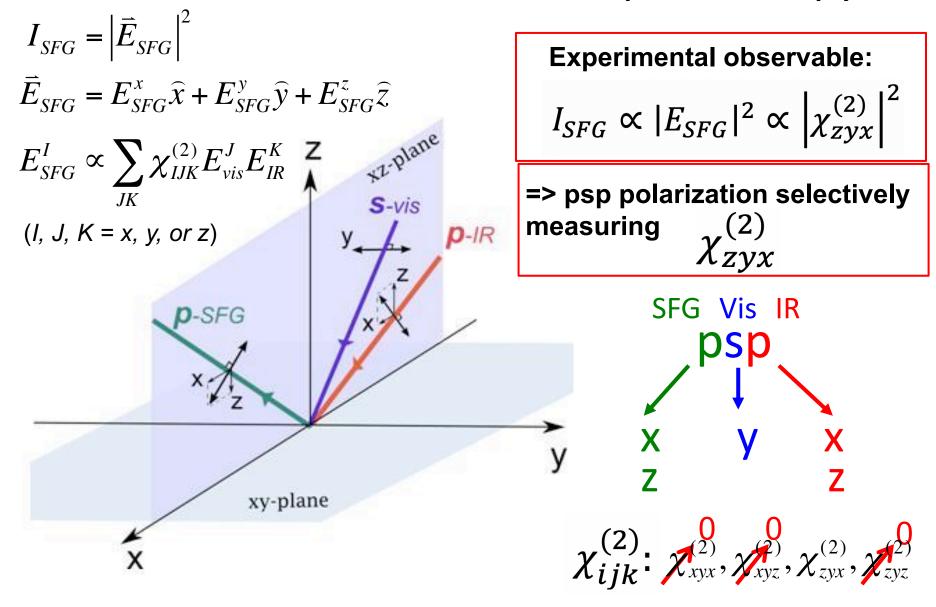
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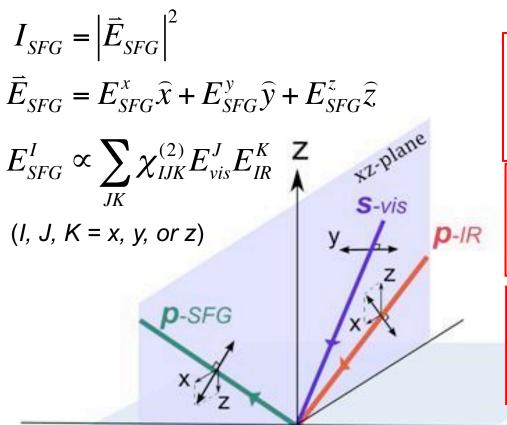
$$psp$$

$$ppp$$

$$pss$$

$$sps$$





xy-plane

Chiral

SFG

pps

psp

Experimental observable:

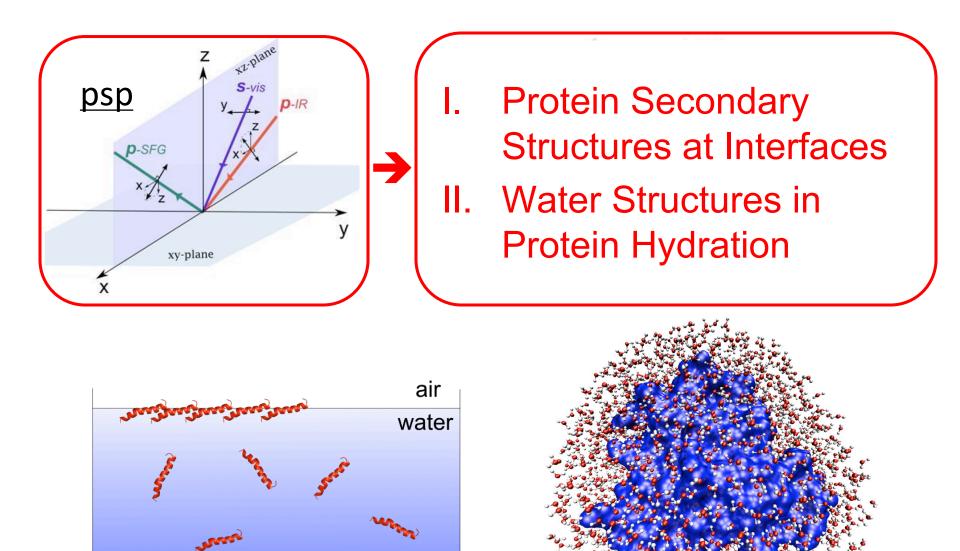
$$I_{SFG} \propto |E_{SFG}|^2 \propto \left|\chi_{zyx}^{(2)}\right|^2$$

=> psp polarization selectively measuring $\chi^{(2)}_{zyx}$

$$\chi^{(2)}_{IJK}(I \neq J \neq K)$$
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Orthogonal $\chi^{(2)}$ Element Characteristics of Chiral Surfaces

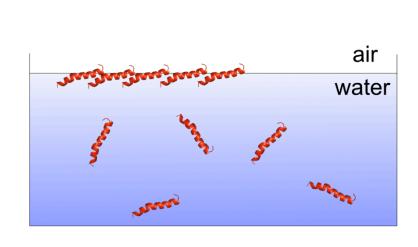
=> psp polarization can be used to probe surface chirality

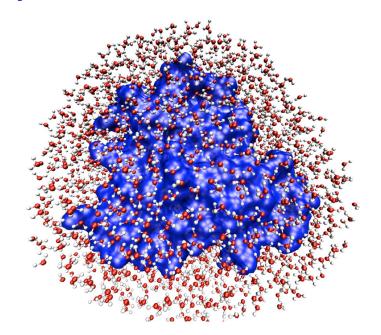


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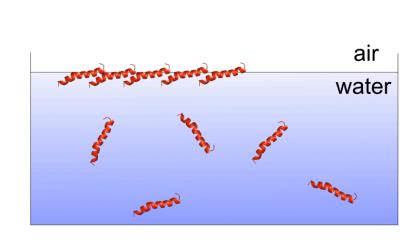


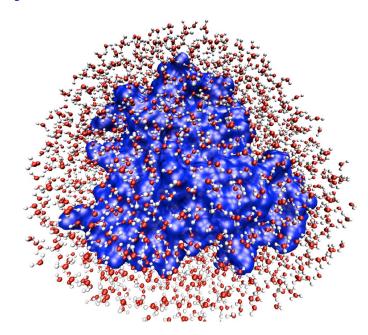


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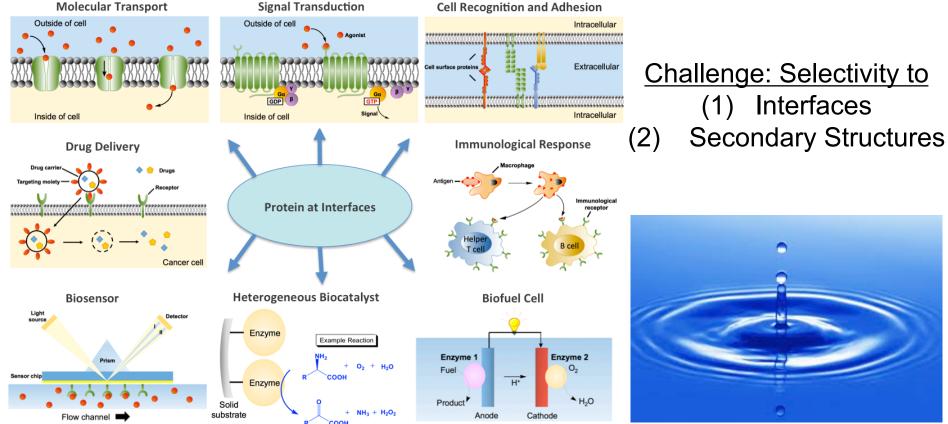
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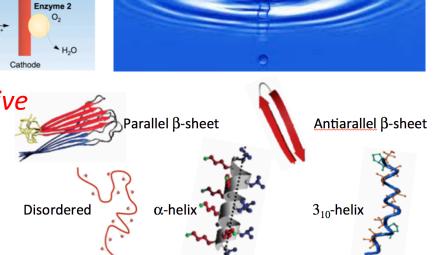


Protein Secondary Structures at Interfaces



Conventional Methods—Not surface selective

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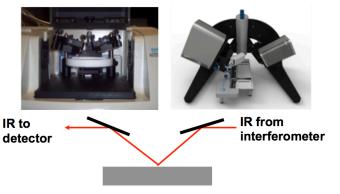


Protein Secondary Structures at Interfaces Challenge: Selectivity to

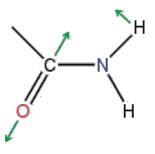
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(2) Secondary Structures

Infrared Reflection Absorption Spectroscopy (IRRAS)

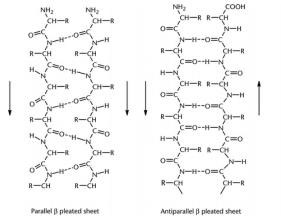


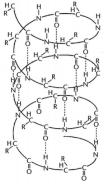




Secondary structure	Band position in H ₂ O/cm ⁻¹		
	Average	Extremes	
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β-sheet	1633	1623-1641	
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Turns	1672	1662-1686	
Disordered	1654	1642-1657	







Right-handed α helix

Deconvolution

Spectral overlapping

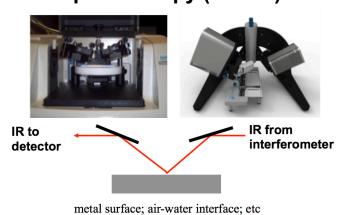
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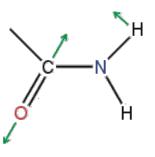
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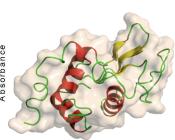






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Lysozyme



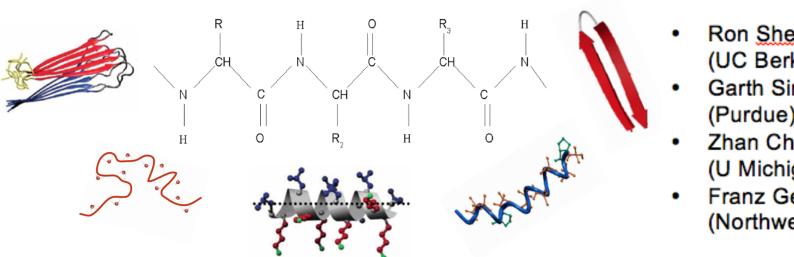
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Challenge: Selectivity to (1) Interfaces (2) Secondary Structures

Chiral Sum Frequency Generation Spectroscopy



- Ron Shen (UC Berkeley)
- Garth Simpson (Purdue)
- Zhan Chen (U Michigan)
- Franz Geiger (Northwestern U)

Protein Backbone (Amide I and N-H Stretch) Chiral Vibrational Structures Characterization of Protein Secondary Structures at Interfaces

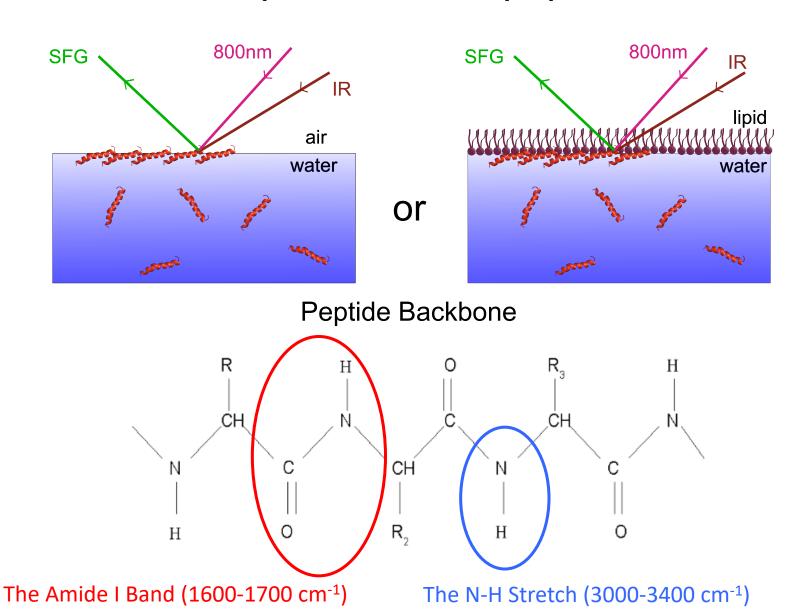
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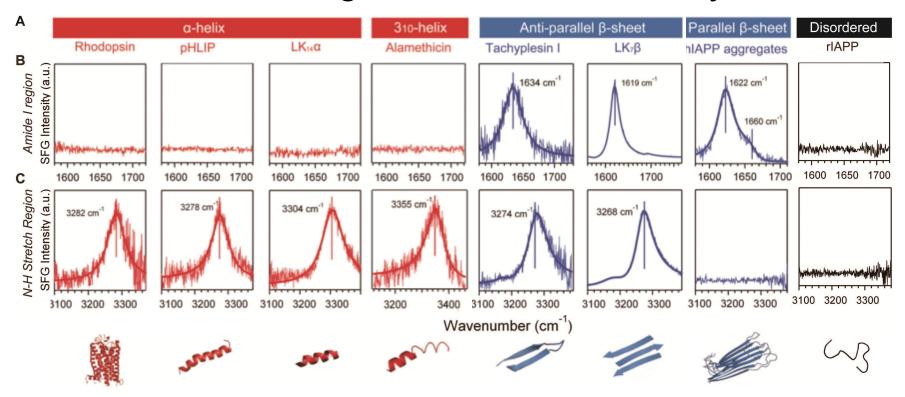
Parallel β-sheet Antiparallel β-sheet **SFG Chiral Vibrational Signatures** ω_{vis} ω_{sum} ω_{IR} psp polarization α -helix 3₁₀-helix Unstructured

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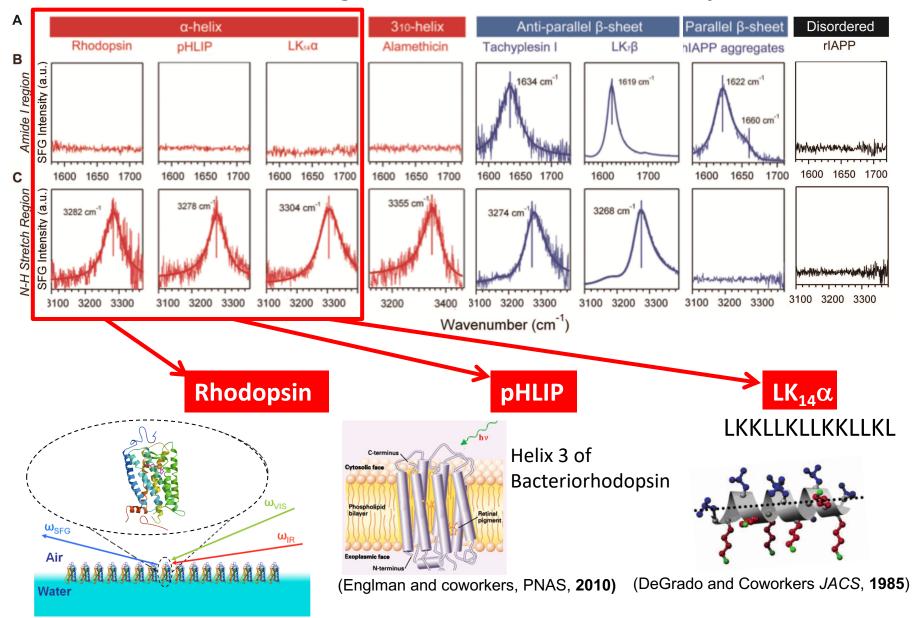
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Chiral SFG Experiments—psp Polarization

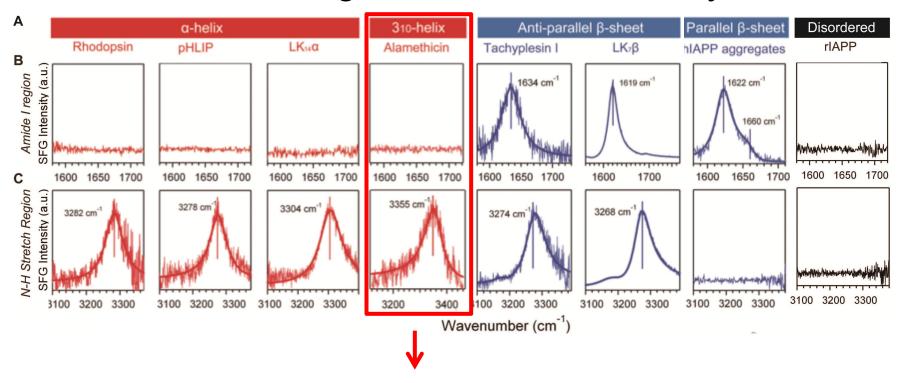




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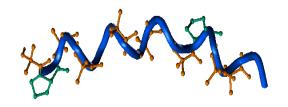
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A mixture of α -helix & 3_{10} helix

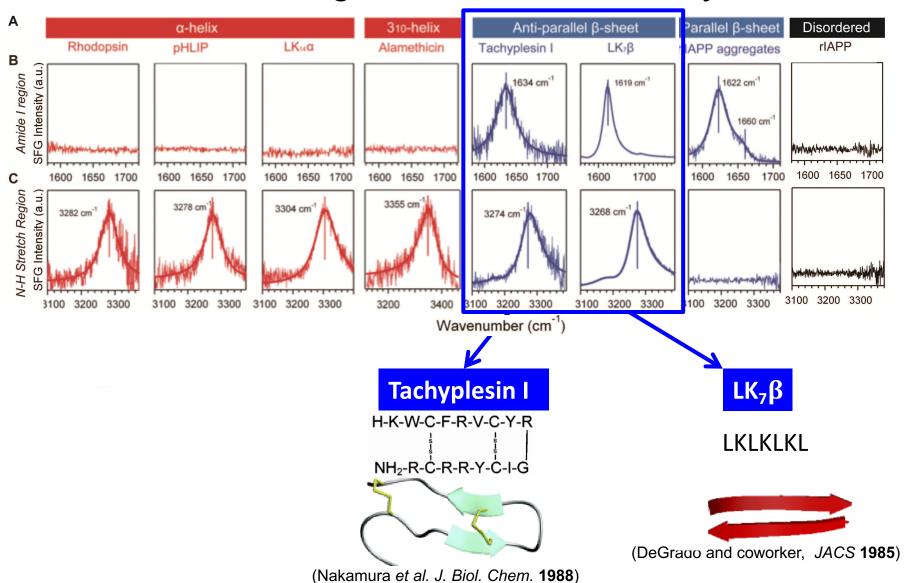
Alamethicin

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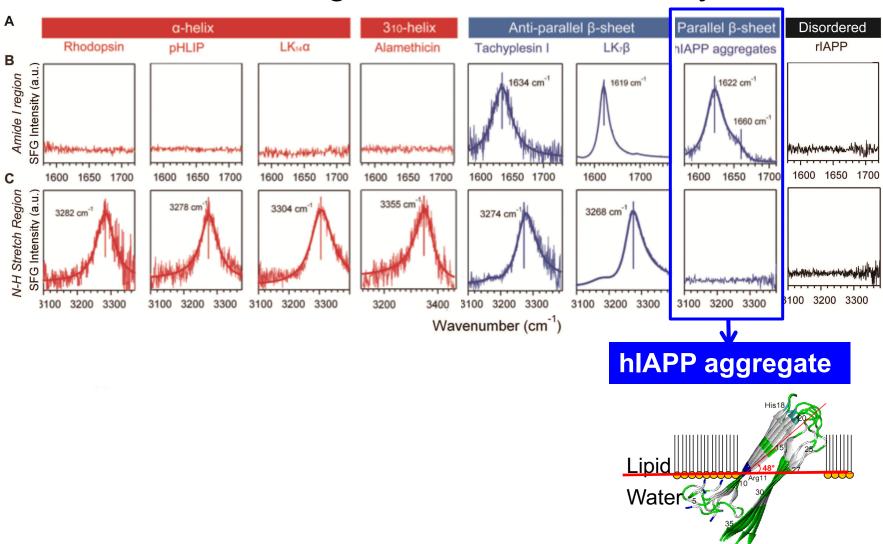
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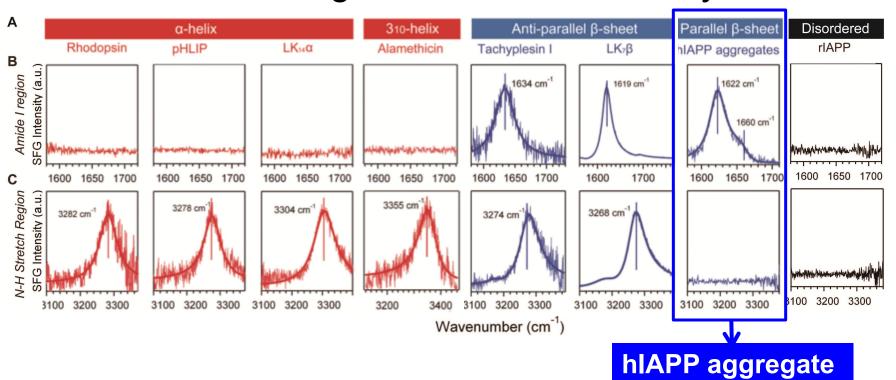


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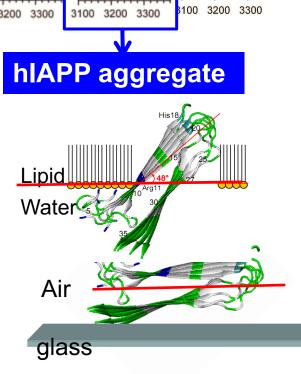
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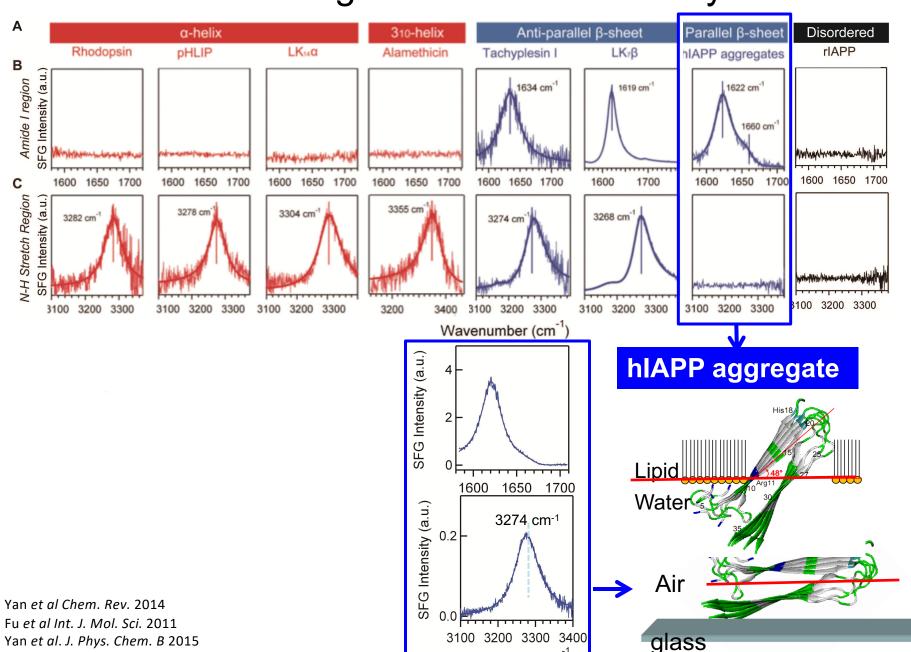


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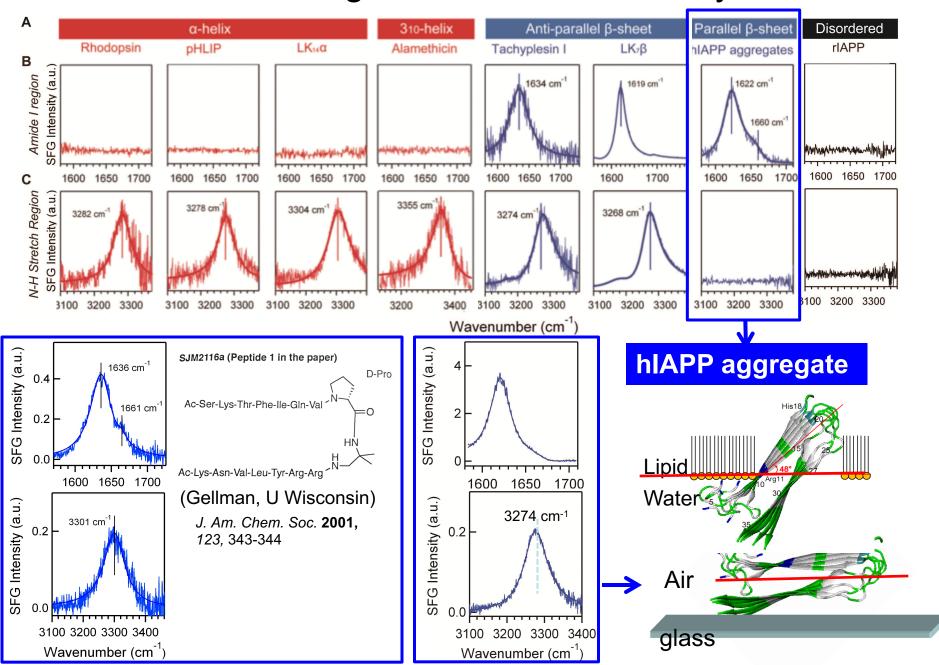
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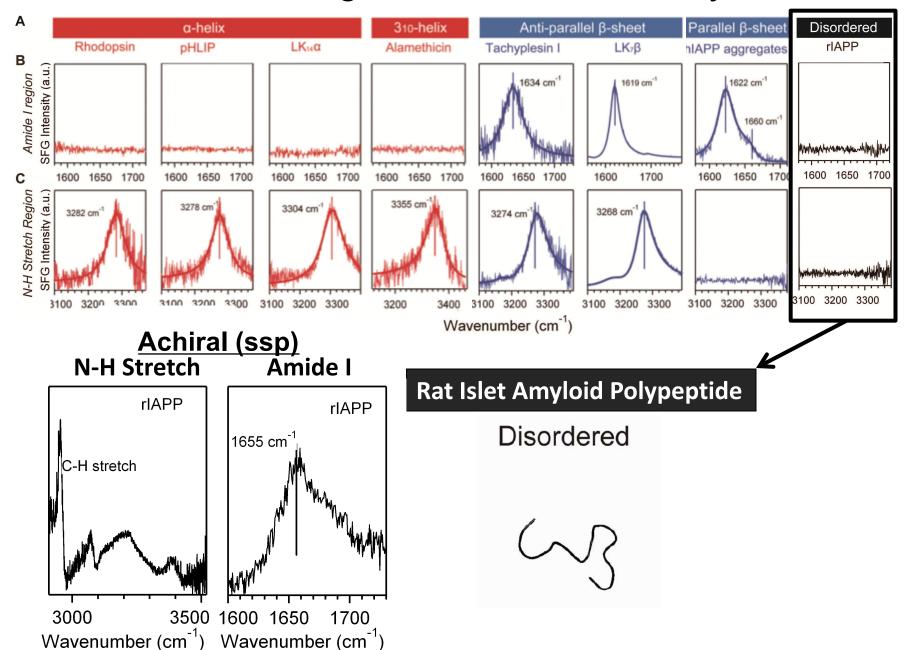


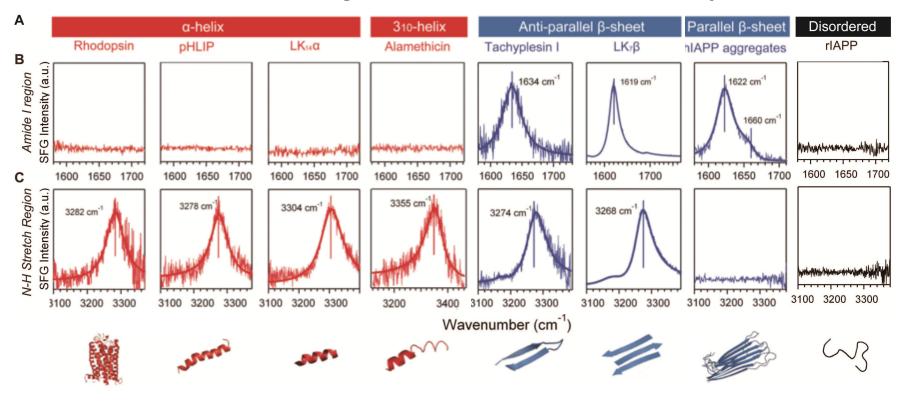


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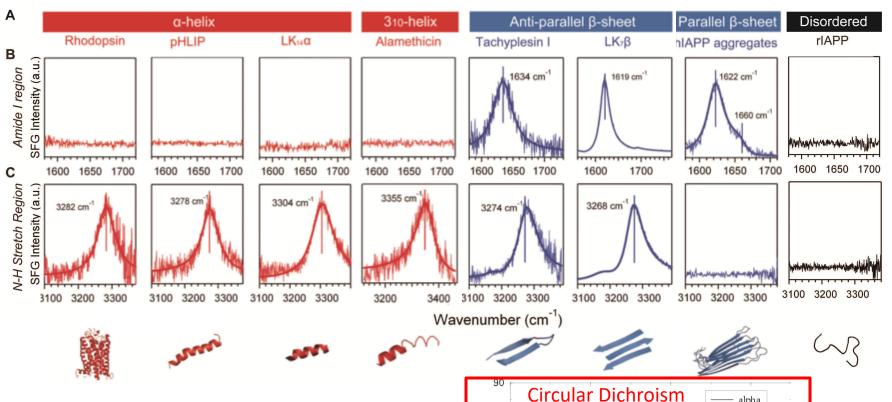






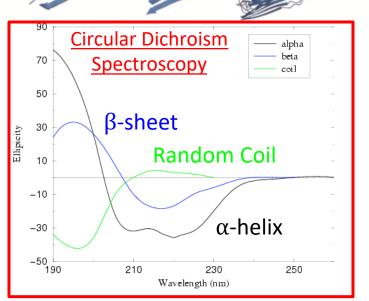
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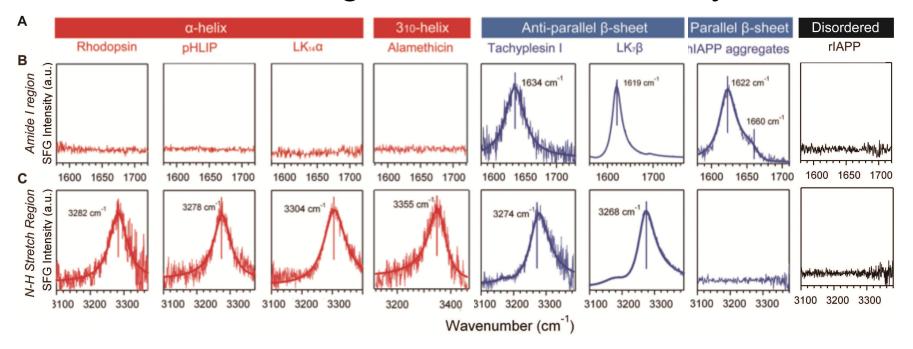
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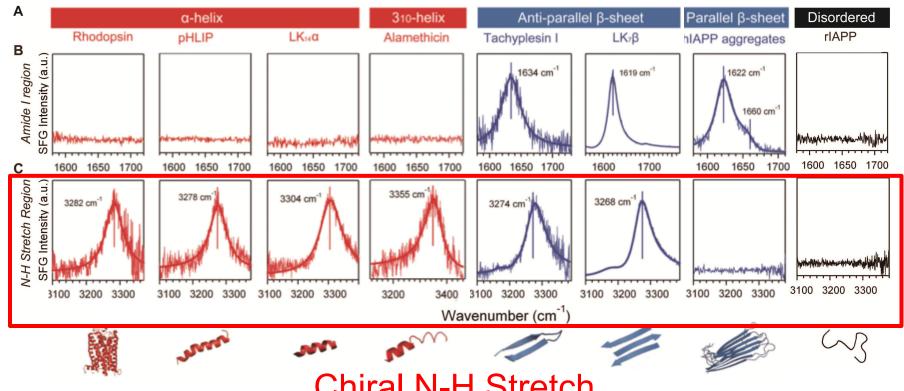


Compared to IR Spectroscopy

Secondary structure	Band position in H ₂ O/cm ⁻¹	
	Average	Extremes
α-helix	1654	1648-1657
β-sheet	1633	1623-1641
β-sheet	1684	1674-1695
Turns	1672	1662-1686
Disordered	1654	1642-1657

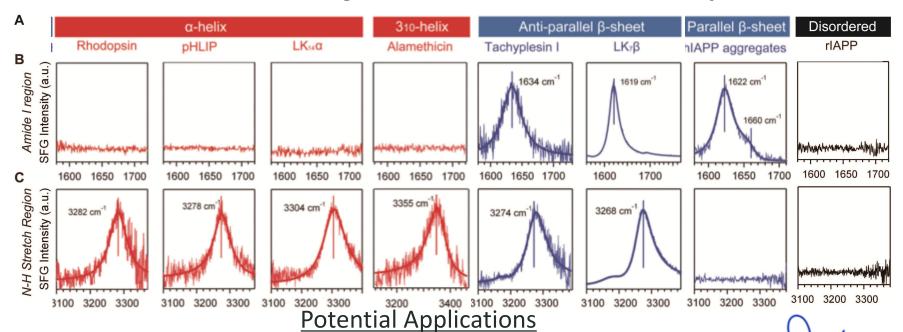
Chiral SFG

- 1. Spectrally well separated
- 2. Background Free from water
- 3. Optically clean
- 4. H₂O as solvent

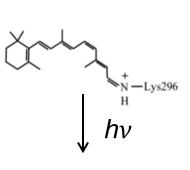


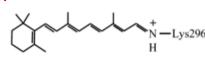
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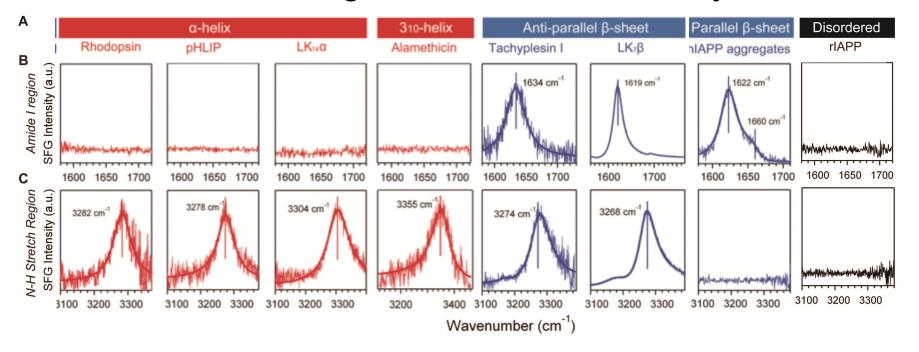
- Chiral SFG—Background-free from water O-H stretch
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- Changes in Secondary Structures
 - => Protein Folding at Interfaces
- Changes in Conformation and Orientation
 - => Protein Functions at Interfaces
- Surface Sensitive—Monolayer of Proteins
 - => Membrane Proteins--Small Sample Size (~μg)
- Background Free
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 - => Ultrafast Dynamics—IVR, Photobiological Systems

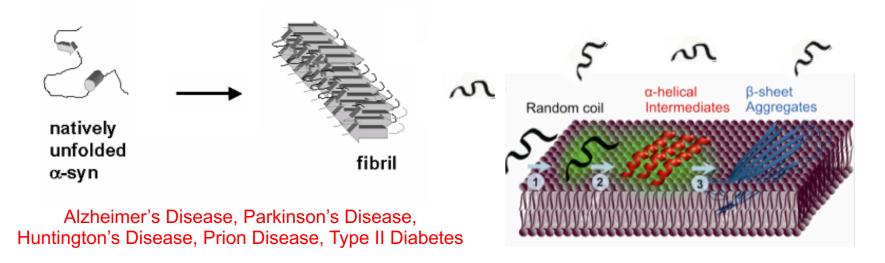






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- 1. Small oligomer interrupt cell membrane and cause cytotoxicity:
- 2. Aggregation catalyzed by interactions with lipid membrane

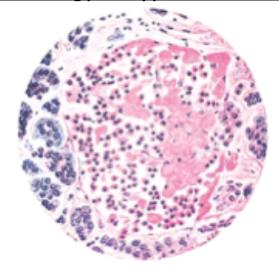
Challenge: Selectivity to (1) Interfaces (2) Secondary Structures

- NMR, EPR, CD—not surface-selective
- Reflective IR—spectral overlapping

Human Islet Amyloid Polypeptide (hIAPP)



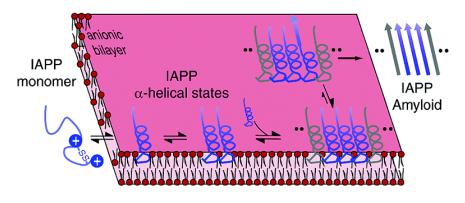
Pathology of type II diabetes



(Jo et al. The New England Journal of Medicine)

- IAPP forms fibrils in pancreas
- IAPP aggregation
 - => Death of β cells
 - => Production of Insulin

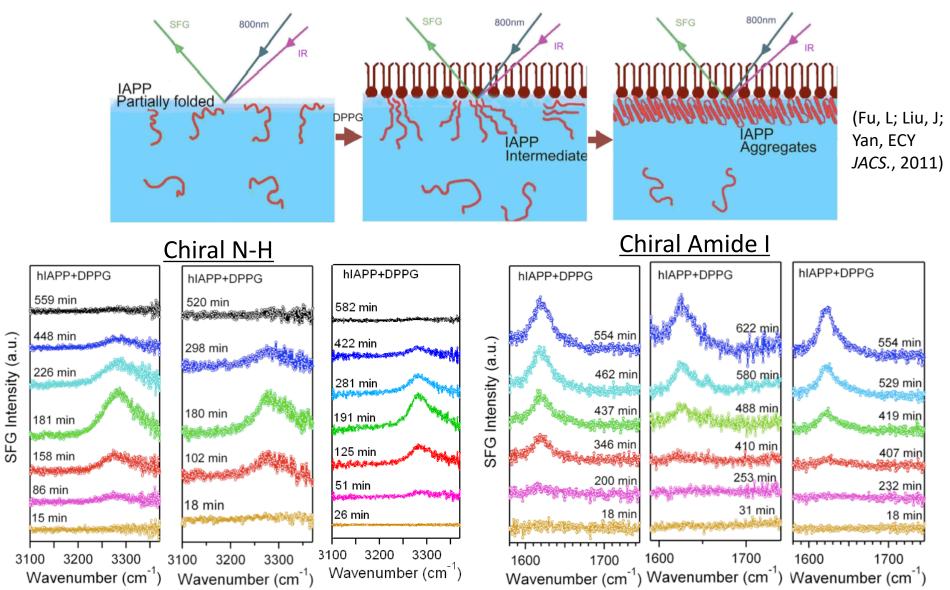
Model of IAPP aggregation

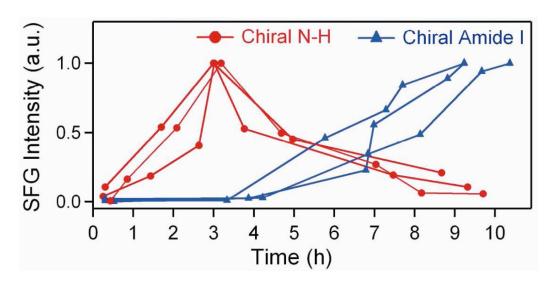


(Knight et al Biochemistry 2006)

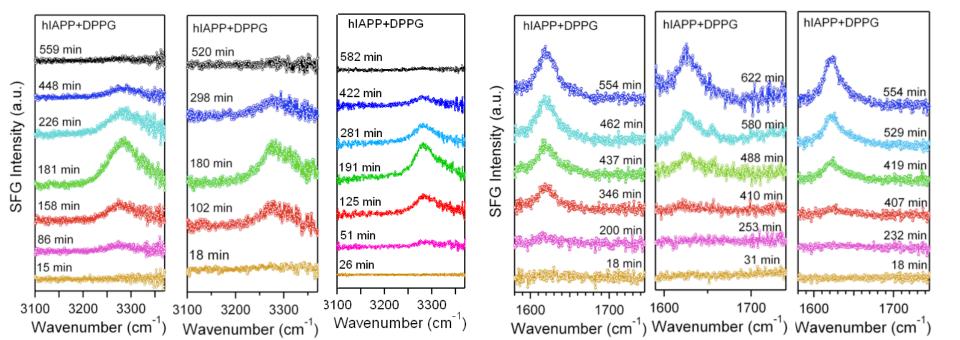
- Adsorption as α -helices
- Alignment of α -helices
- Conversion to β-sheets

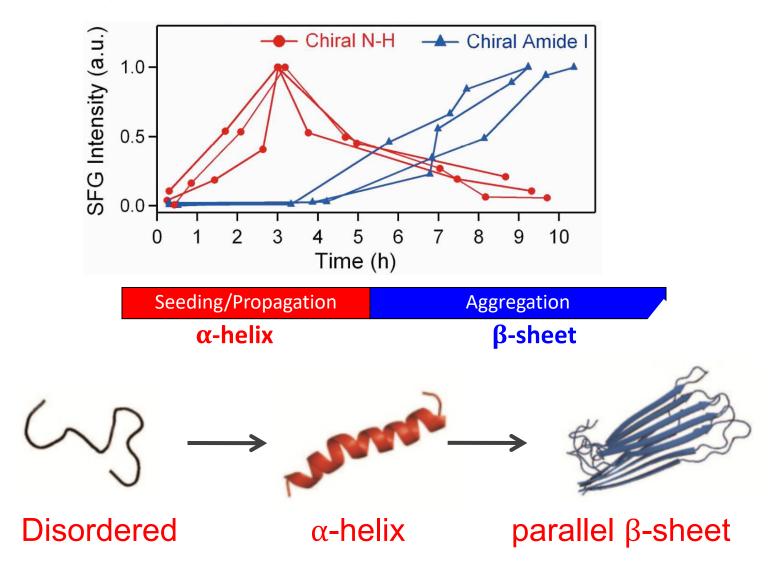
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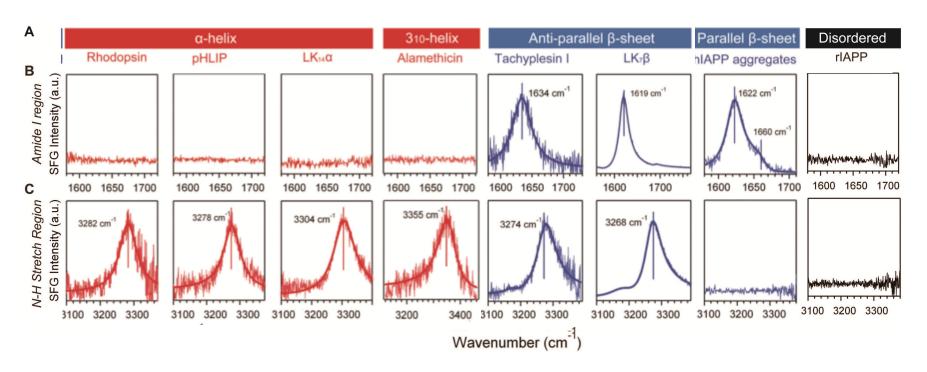
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Summary: Characterization of Protein Secondary Structures at Interfaces

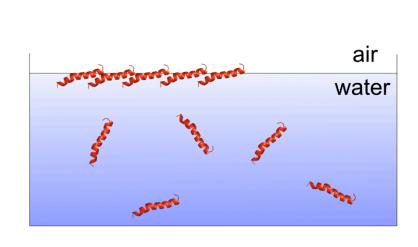


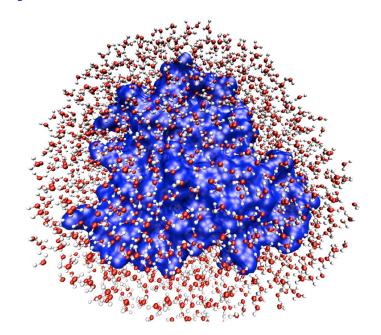
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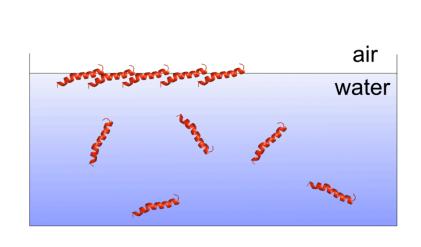


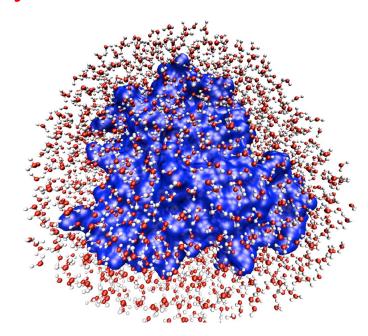


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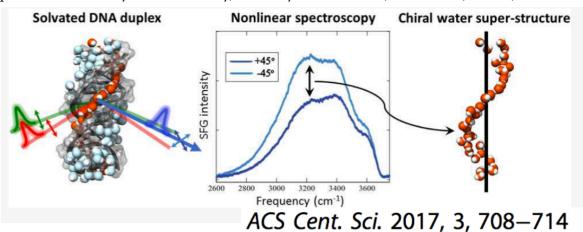


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DNA's Chiral Spine of Hydration

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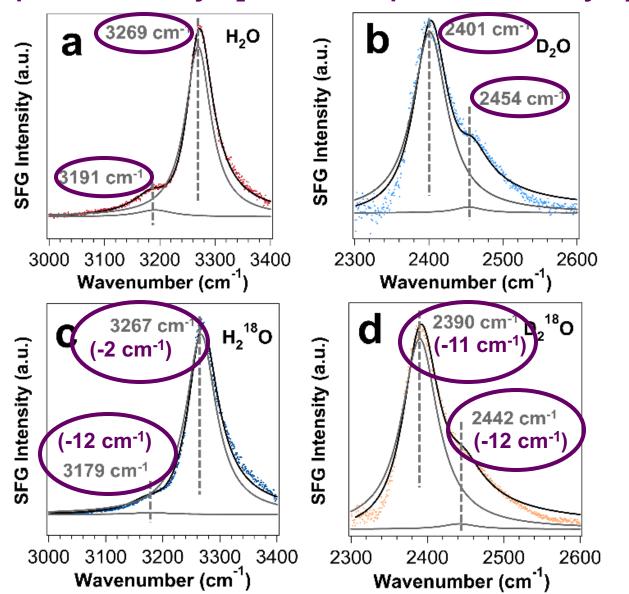
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Model peptide, $LK_7\beta$ (LKLKLKL): antiparallel β -sheet



Isotopic Shifts of LK₇β Thin Film Spectra

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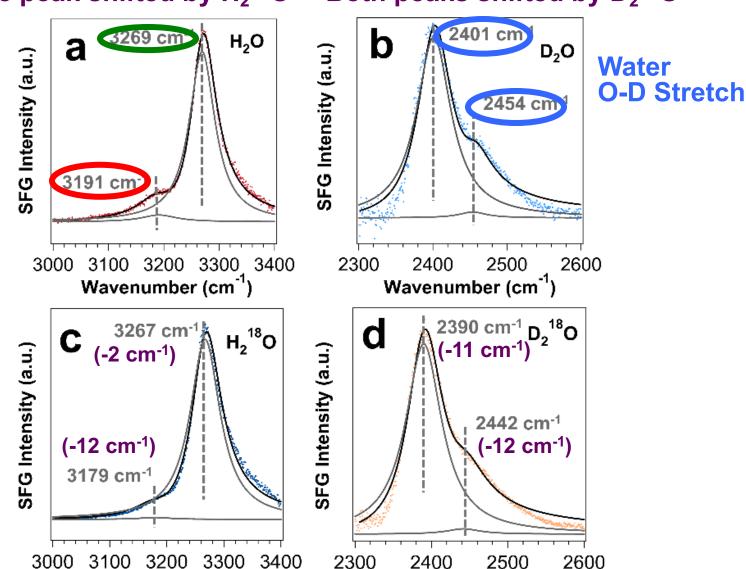
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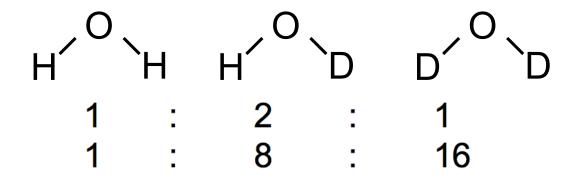
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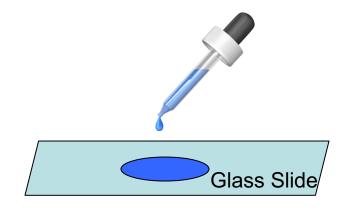
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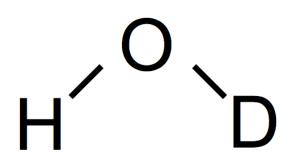


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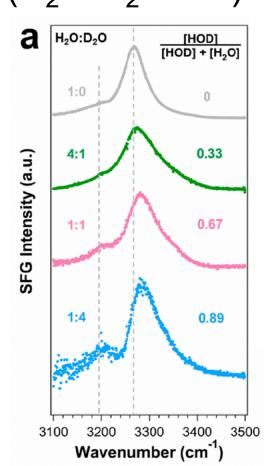


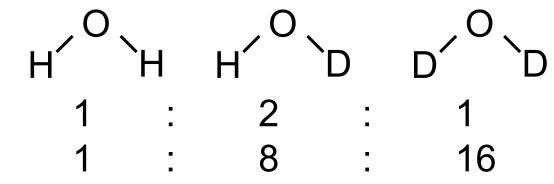


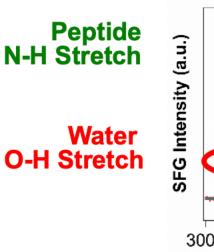
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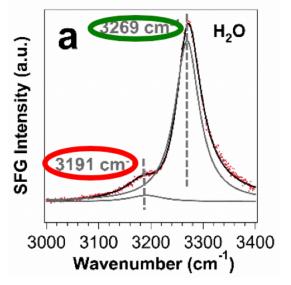
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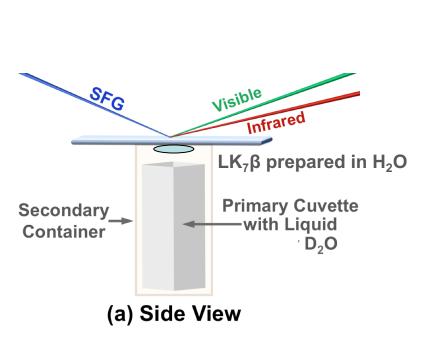


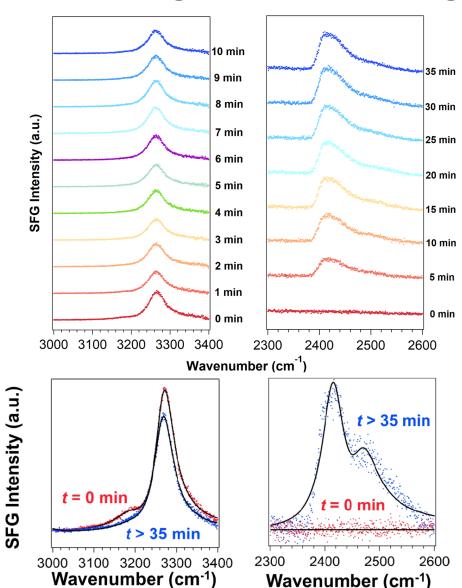




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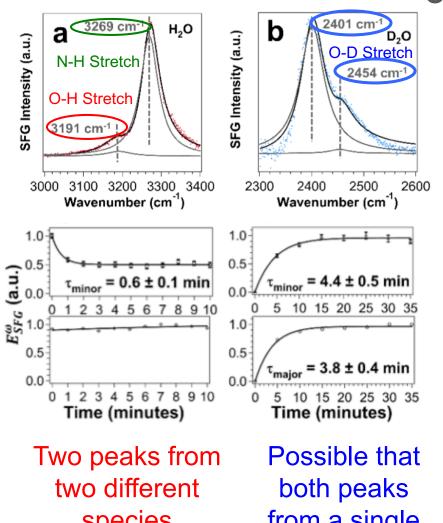
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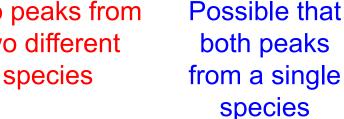


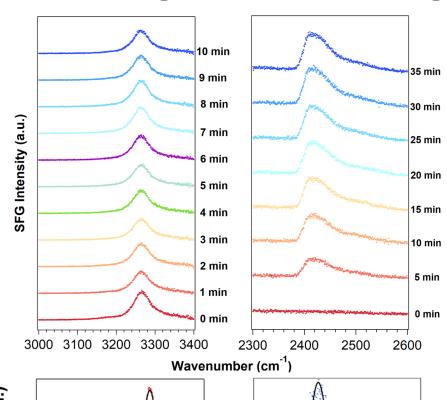


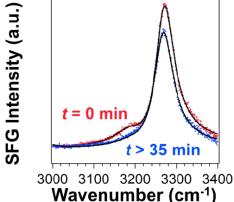
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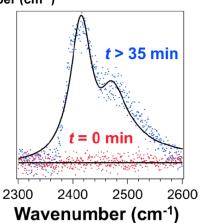






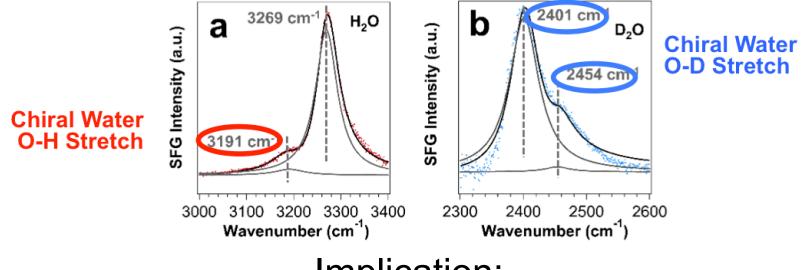






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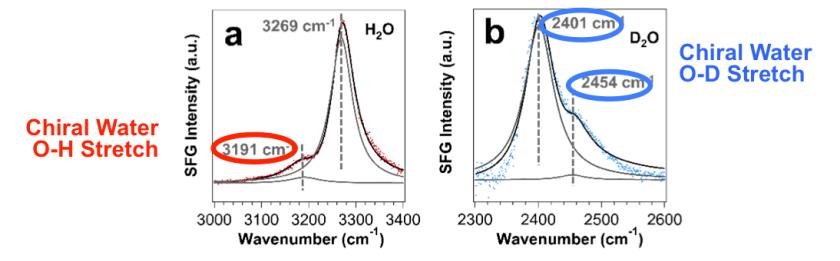


Implication:

- 1. Individual water molecules are achiral.
- 2. A protein secondary structure can imprint its chirality onto surrounding water
- 3. Water molecules form chiral supermolecular structures.

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In progress:

- 1. Phase measurements using peptides made with L- and D-formed amino acids.
- 2. Protein denaturation mechanism.
- 3. MD simulations and computational studies:
 - to simulate the chiral SFG spectra
 - to explore the structures of water surrounding the peptide

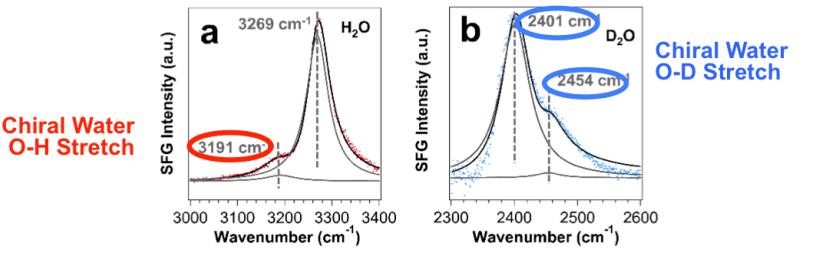




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Chiral SFG for studying water vibrational structures and dynamics in protein

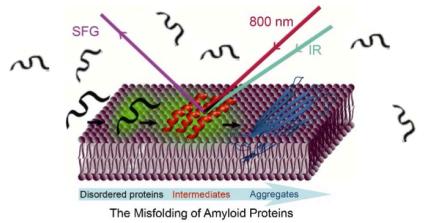
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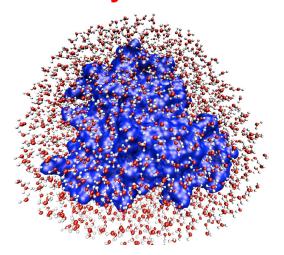
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Conclusion

Protein Secondary Structures at Interfaces



Water Structures in Protein
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Chiral SFG can introduce some new opportunities to probe protein structures and dynamics

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