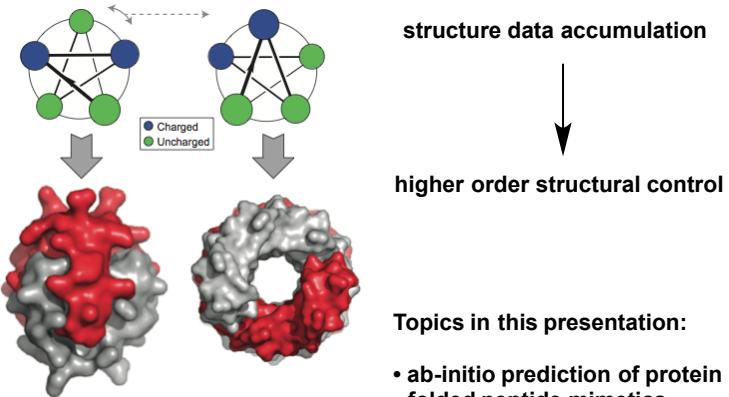


## Abstract



# Designing Folded Structure overview from protein to non-peptide oligomer

what I cannot create, I do not understand - Richard Feynman

16/08/06

Takuya Kaji

Topics in this presentation:

- ab-initio prediction of protein folding
- folded peptide mimetics  
(including main article)

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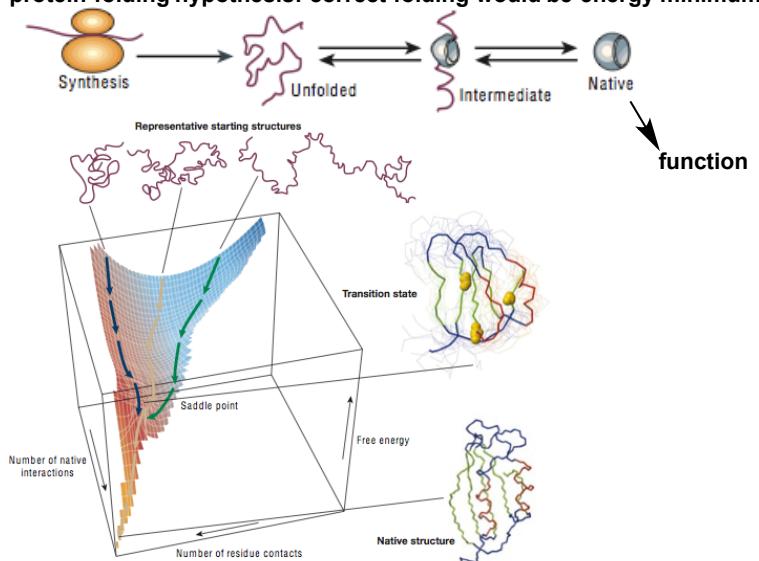
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1. ab-initio design of ideal protein structure  
(focus on David Baker's work)
2. designing folded peptide mimetics  
(focus on Gellman and Horne's work)
3. main article

## 1-1. Hypothesis of protein folding

protein folding hypothesis: correct folding would be energy minimum



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Dobson, C.M. *Nature*, 2003, 426, 884.

## 1-2. Introduction of Rosetta

1990~  
accumulation of protein structure  
(PDB: data base of protein structure)  
(120,879 entry (16/07/27)) + struture prediction method  
1. homology modeling  
based on template 3D-structure  
2. ab initio modeling  
based on physical principle

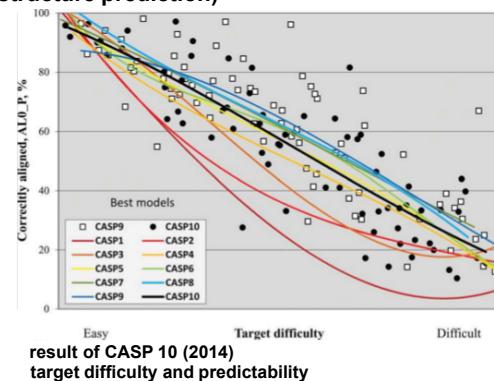
CASP (critical assessment of structure prediction)

1994~ every 2 year

Rosetta by Baker group:

improved predictability  
from CASP3

based on  
fragment alignment approach  
+  
Monte Carlo simulation

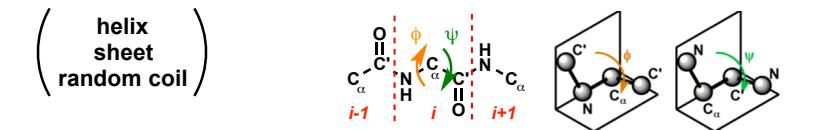


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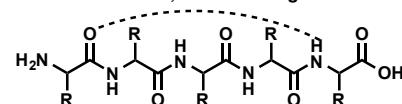
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secondary structure → different set of rotamer library

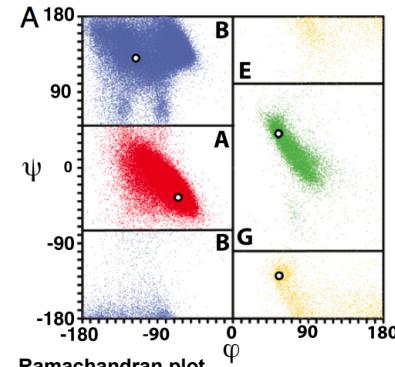
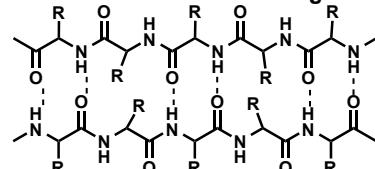


helix: intrastrand H-bonding

$\alpha$ -helix: i, i+4 H-bonding



sheet: interstrand H-bonding



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## 1-3. Hierarchical view of protein folding

primary structure  
(amino acid sequence)

EAEEDGDLQCLCVKTTSQVPRHITSLEVIKAGPH  
CPTAQLIATLKNRKCICLDLQAPLYKKIIKKLLES

secondary structure  
(defined by H-bonding pattern)

CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCCHHHEEEEEEECCCCC  
CCCCC EEEEEE CCCCE ECCCCC HHHHHHHHHHHCCC

helix (H) strand (E) random coil (C)

$\alpha$ -helix(4-turn) parallel

$3_{10}$  helix (3-turn) anti-parallel

$\pi$  helix (5 turn) etc.

in protein...

helix: 30%, strand: 20%, coil: 50%  
prediction based on database: ~85%

formation time scale (computer simulation)  
helix: < 100 ns,  $\beta$ -turn: 1  $\mu$ s, helical bundle: 50  $\mu$ s

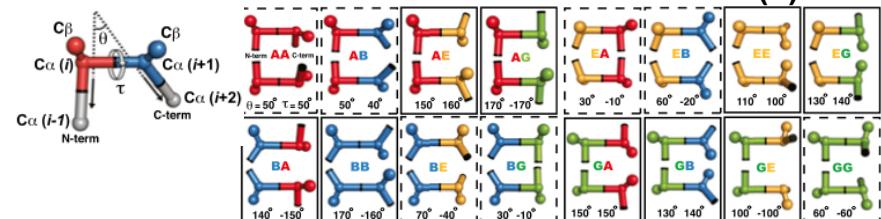
Problem: reducing calculation cost

Baker's concept:

determination of the rule to align fragment in the known library to predict target structure

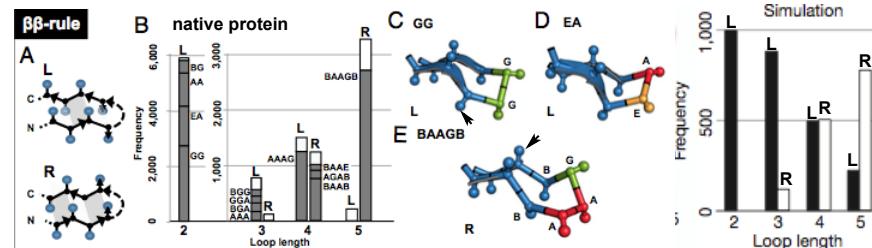
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## 1-5. Fundamental rules used in Rosetta (1)



pair of rotamer would show discrete tendency for chain orientation

investigation of observed tendency to connect secondary structure

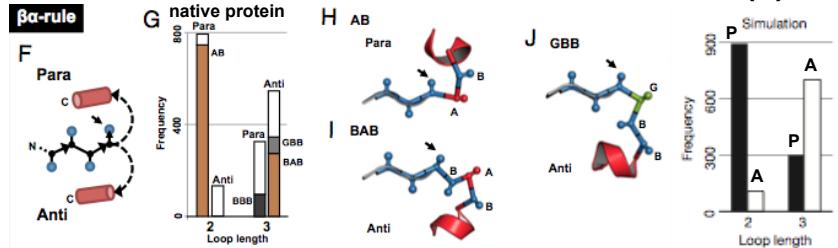


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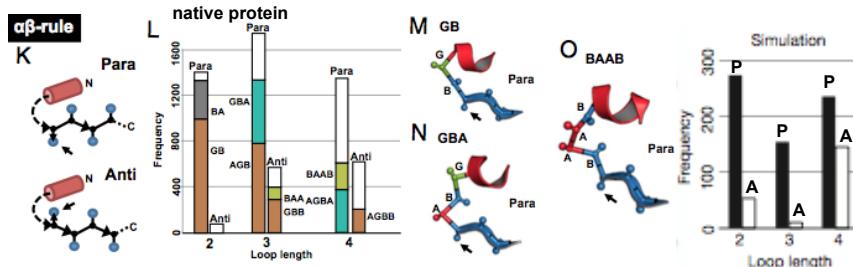
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## 1-6. Fundamental rules used in Rosetta (2)



Helix direction is determined by direction of the last residue and loop length

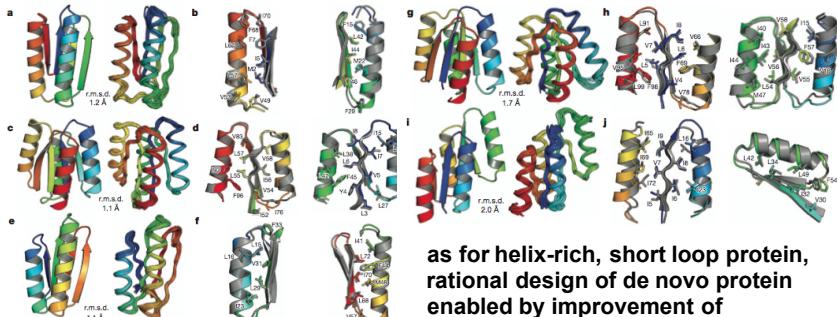


Pleat of the first strand residue points away from helix

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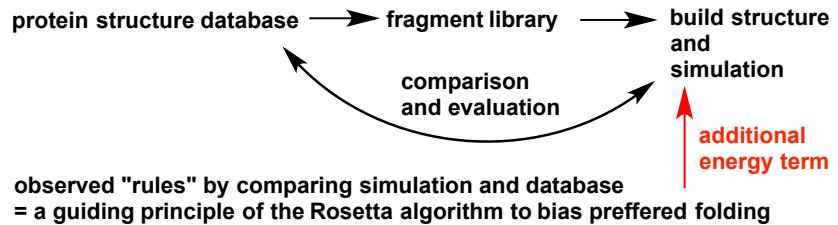
## 1-8. Results and short summary

design	expressed	soluble	stable	good NMR	success
Fold I	11	9	8	3	1 (9%)
Fold II	12	12	12	10	4 (33%)
Fold III	14	13	11	7	3 (21%)
Fold IV	5	4	4	2	2 (40%)
Fold V	12	11	10	3	1 (8%)



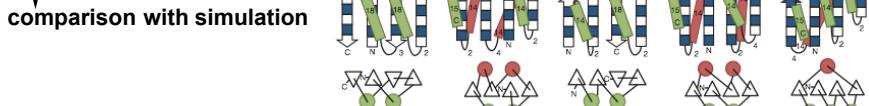
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## 1-7. Baker's evaluation experiment



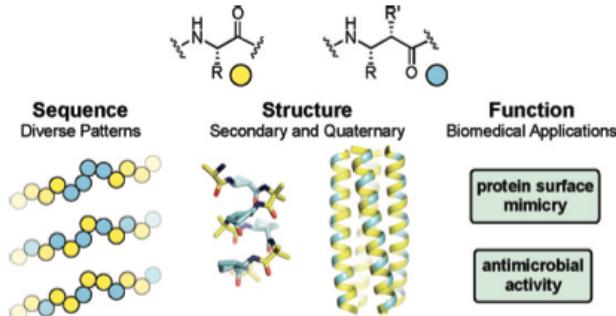
evaluation of method:  
designing 5 ideal protein by simulation (each Fold BLAST E-value<0.02 for NCBI nr database)

expression of protein and structure determination



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## 2-1. Designing folded peptide mimetics



Gellman and Horne:  
from "foldamer" to protein-like tertiary folding based on  $\alpha/\beta$ -peptide

\* foldamer = artificial folded molecular architecture

Gellman, S. H. *Acc. Chem. Res.* 1998, 31, 173.  
Horne, W. S.; Gellman, S. H. *Acc. Chem. Res.* 2008, 41, 1399.

## 2-2. Difficulty of peptide folding

protein → folding occur and construct function

synthetic peptide → difficulty exist to make folding

polypeptide libraries: fewer than one in a billion exemplars is folded

major problem of synthetic peptide to fold:

1. high flexibility of folding process

= many energetically equivalent conformer exist



2. aggregation

= difficulty of controlling intra- and intermolecular interaction

3. low stability of folding structure (related to 1)

= in case of helix, free energy of folding is just a few H-bonds

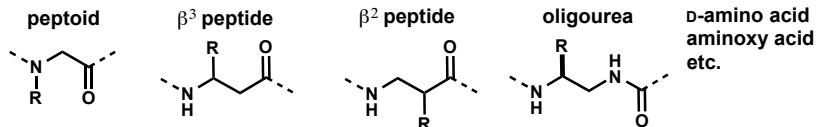
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## 2-3. Design strategy of foldamer

### 1. bottom up approach

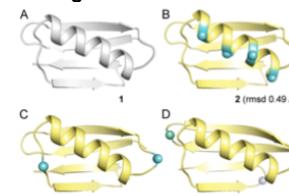
= expansion of backbone (local constraints or modification of H-Bonding)



### 2. top-down (sequence-based) approach

= modification of folding sequence

heterogeneous backbone



global constraints (side chain bridge, cyclization)



For constrained peptide, see also 081122\_LS\_Hiroaki\_Itoh

Guichard, G.; Huc, I. *Chem. Commun.* 2011, 47, 5933.  
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## 2-4. $\beta$ -peptide: well studied oligomer

$\beta$ -amino acid: one of the simplest and synthetically accessible monomer

mid 1990s:

Gellman

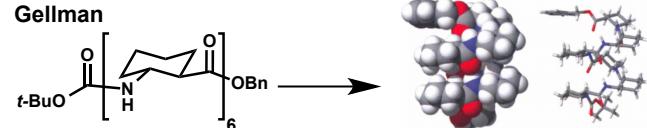
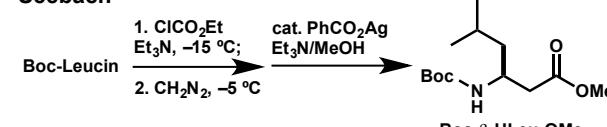


FIG. 2 Space-filling and line representations of Gellman's 14-residue  $\beta$ -helix, showing the periodicity and consequent stacking of cyclohexyl units.

Seebach



many helical  $\alpha/\beta$ -peptide were then synthesized and evaluated

Gellman, S. H. et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1998, 120, 173.  
Seebach, D. et al. *Helv. Chim. Acta*, 1996, 73, 913.

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## 2-5. $\alpha/\beta$ -peptide: synthesized sequences

incorporated amino acid into sequence (by Gellman)

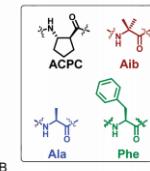
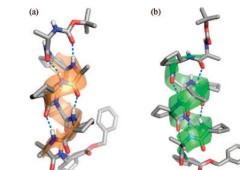
$\beta^{2,3} \rightarrow \beta^3 \rightarrow \beta^2 \rightarrow \alpha$  2004~  
helix bundle sequence-based

ca. 100  $\beta$ -containing peptides were synthesized by 2009

2007-2009 crystallographic analysis of  $\alpha/\beta$ -helix (X-ray)

Chart 1. Crystallized  $\alpha/\beta$ -Peptides

4	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-OBn	3	Boc-Alb-Alb-ACPC-Alb-Alb-OBn
5	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-OBn	4	Boc-Alb-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-OBn
6	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-OBn	5	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-OBn
6a	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-OBn		
6b	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-OBn		
7	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-OBn	6	Boc-ACPC-(Alb-Ala)-ACPC- <sub>2</sub> Alb-OPBB
7a	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-OBn	7	Boc-ACPC-(Alb-Ala)-ACPC- <sub>3</sub> Alb-OPBB
8	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-OBn	8	Boc-ACPC-ACPC- <sub>2</sub> Alb-ACPC-ACPC-Phe-OBn
8a	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-OBn	9	Boc-ACPC-ACPC-Phe-ACPC-ACPC-Alb-OPBB
8b	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-OBn	10	Boc-ACPC-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-ACPC-Alb-OBn
8c	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-OBn	11	Boc-Alb-ACPC-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-ACPC-Alb-OPBB
9	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-OBn	12	Boc-Alb-ACPC-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-ACPC-Ala-ACPC-ACPC-Alb-OPBB
9a	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-OBn	13	Boc-Alb-ACPC-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-ACPC-Ala-ACPC-ACPC-Alb-OPBB
10	Boc-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-Alb-OBn	14	Boc-Alb-ACPC-ACPC-Alb-ACPC-ACPC-Ala-ACPC-Alb-OPBB



$\alpha/\beta=1:1$

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2008, 130, 6544.

$\alpha/\beta=1:2, 2:1$

*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2009, 131, 2917.

NMR, X-ray analysis

→ accumulation of structure information  
(including dihydral angle)

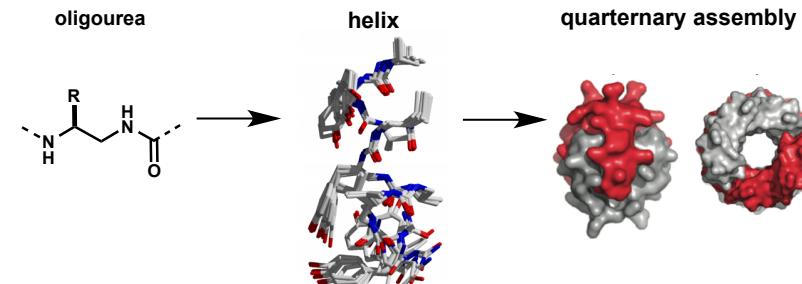
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### 3-1. Main article

**main article:**  
shaping quarternary assemblies of water-soluble non-peptide helical foldamers by sequence manipulation

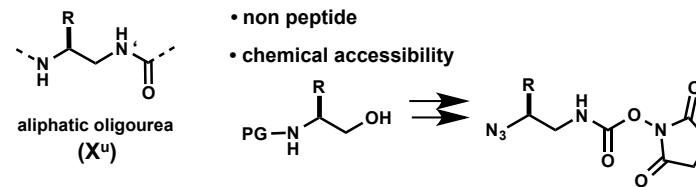
#### research overview



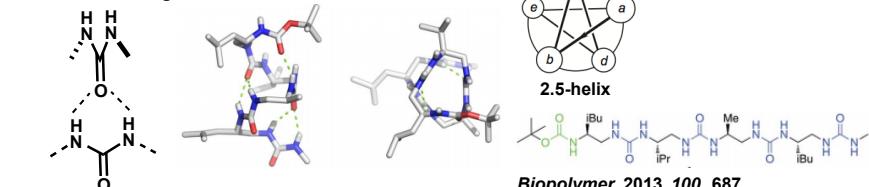
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### 3-2. Oligoureua as a building block



robust and tunable helicity (as short as 4 residues)  
stable H-bonding

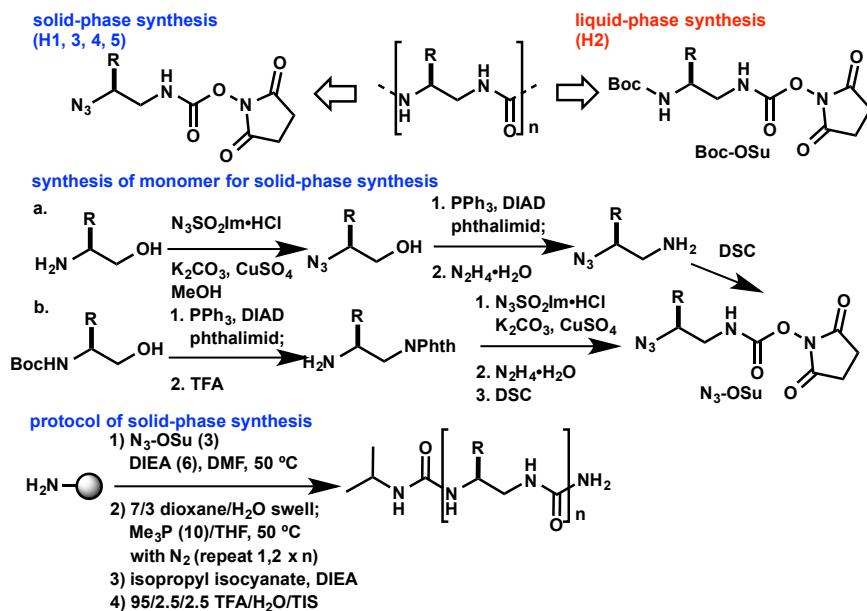


peptide backbone (helix type)	res/turn, $n$	rise/turn, $p$ (Å)	radius, $r$ (Å)
$\alpha$ ( $\alpha$ -helix) oligoureua (12/14-helix)	3.5	5.4	2.3
	2.5	5.1	2.7

platform to design  
foldamer assembly in water

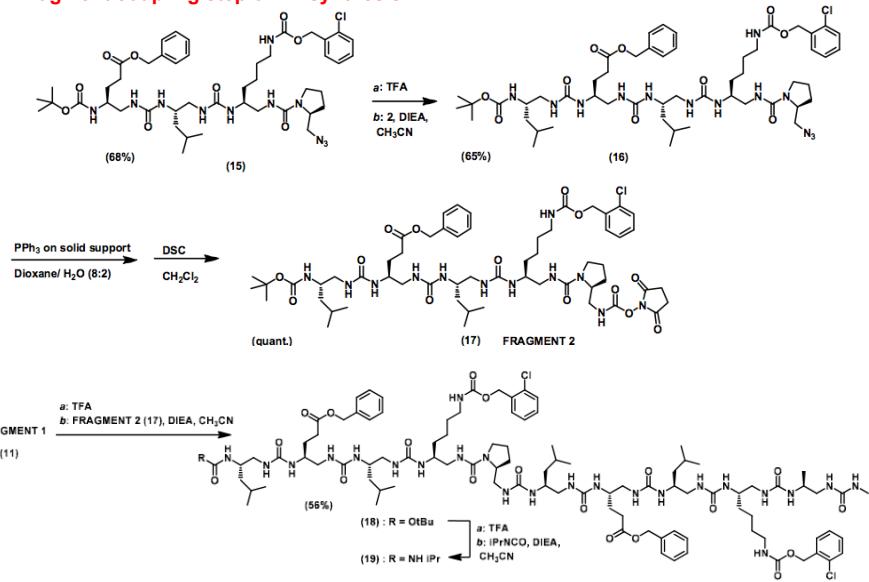
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### 3-3. Synthesis of oligoureua (1)



### 3-4. Synthesis of oligoureua (2)

#### Fragment coupling step of H2 synthesis



### 3-5. Evaluation of controllability of packing

*design strategy of helix bundle formation:*

maximizing polar and hydrophobic interaction

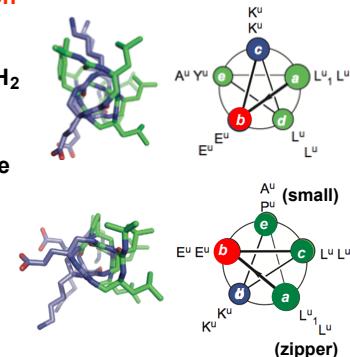
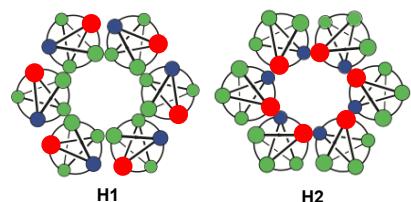
= distribution of polar and hydrophobic region

*proof of concept design of H1 and H2*

H1 *iPrN-L<sup>u</sup>-E<sup>u</sup>-K<sup>u</sup>-L<sup>u</sup>-Y<sup>u</sup>-L<sup>u</sup>-E<sup>u</sup>-K<sup>u</sup>-L<sup>u</sup>-A<sup>u</sup>-L<sup>u</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>*  
 a,d = Leu<sup>u</sup>, b = Glu<sup>u</sup>, c = Lys<sup>u</sup>, e = Tyr<sup>u</sup>, Ala<sup>u</sup>

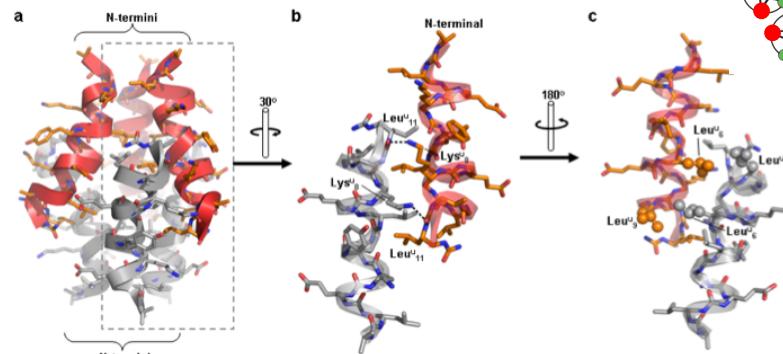
H2 *iPrN-L<sup>u</sup>-E<sup>u</sup>-L<sup>u</sup>-K<sup>u</sup>-P<sup>u</sup>-L<sup>u</sup>-E<sup>u</sup>-L<sup>u</sup>-K<sup>u</sup>-A<sup>u</sup>-NHMe*  
 a,c = Leu<sup>u</sup>, b = Glu<sup>u</sup>, d = Lys<sup>u</sup>, e = Pro<sup>u</sup>, Ala<sup>u</sup>

*estimated formation of hexamer*



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### 3-6. Crystal structure of H1



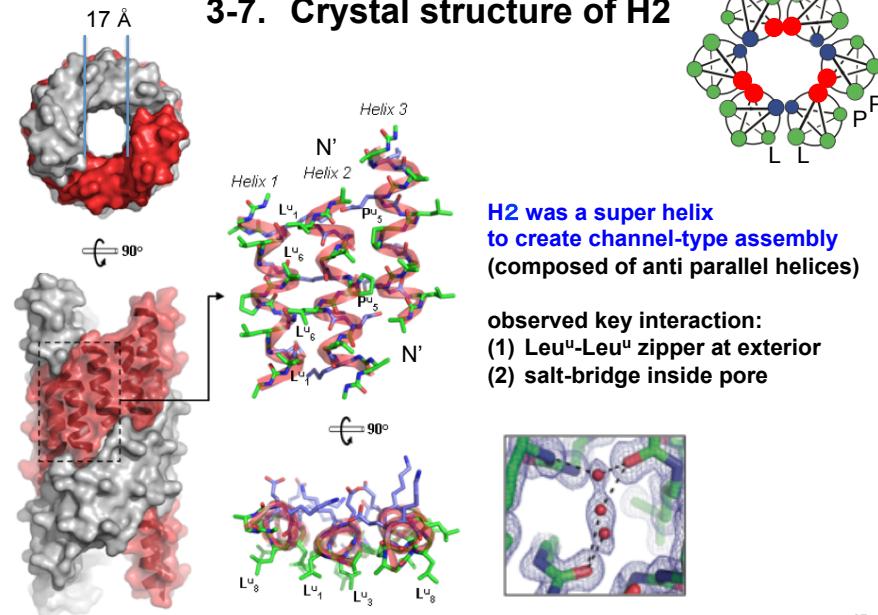
H1 was a non-cylindrical hexamer formed by anti-pararell helices

observed key driving force of packing:

- (1) Leu<sup>u</sup>-Leu<sup>u</sup> zipper (helices dimer)
- (2) H-bond between free C=O of Leu<sup>u</sup>11 and Lys<sup>u</sup>8 (helices dimer)
- (3) hydrophobic packing to form of Leu<sup>u</sup> rich core (as anticipated)

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### 3-7. Crystal structure of H2



H2 was a super helix to create channel-type assembly (composed of anti parallel helices)

observed key interaction:  
 (1) Leu<sup>u</sup>-Leu<sup>u</sup> zipper at exterior  
 (2) salt-bridge inside pore

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### 3-8. Design of H3: negative control of H1

designed to evaluate importance of Leu

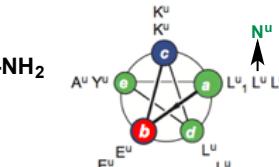
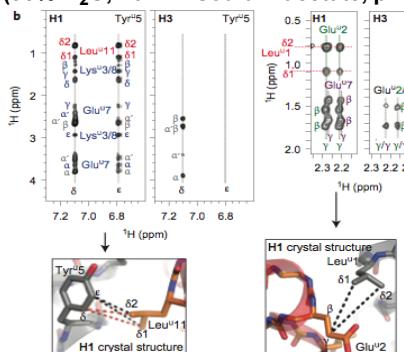
H3 *iPrN-L<sup>u</sup>-E<sup>u</sup>-K<sup>u</sup>-L<sup>u</sup>-Y<sup>u</sup>-N<sup>u</sup>-E<sup>u</sup>-K<sup>u</sup>-L<sup>u</sup>-A<sup>u</sup>-L<sup>u</sup>-NH<sub>2</sub>*

Leu<sup>u</sup>6 to Asn<sup>u</sup>6 substitution:

insertion of hydrophilic residue into hydrophobic helical face

NOESY

(98% D<sub>2</sub>O, 20 mM sodium acetate, pH 4.0)



NOESY of H1, H3

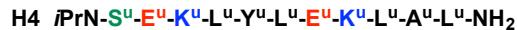
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 H1 showed corresponding intermolecular interaction

H3 showed no specific intermolecular interaction

Leu<sup>u</sup> to Asn<sup>u</sup> substitution affected helix assembly formation

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### 3-9. Design of H4: control experiment for H3

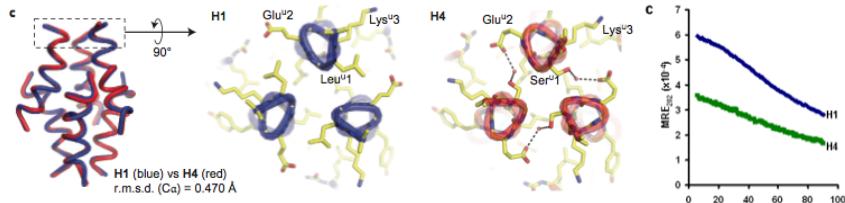


**Leu<sup>U1</sup> to Ser<sup>U1</sup> substitution:**

- 1: not contribute to the hydrophobic packing
2. possible H-bonding at L<sup>U1</sup>-E<sup>U2</sup>

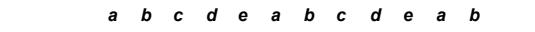
X-ray crystal of H4 (1.69 Å)

H4 showed helical bundle identical to that of H1



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### 3-10. Design of H5: modification of H2



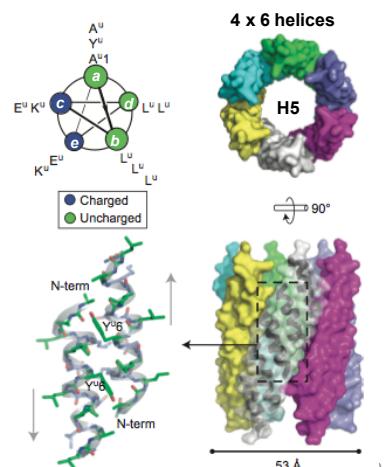
**modification design:**

1. chain length: 10 to 12 (+1 for both N', C')
2. exchanged N'-side Glu<sup>U</sup> and Lys<sup>U</sup>
3. Pro<sup>U</sup> to Tyr<sup>U</sup> substitution

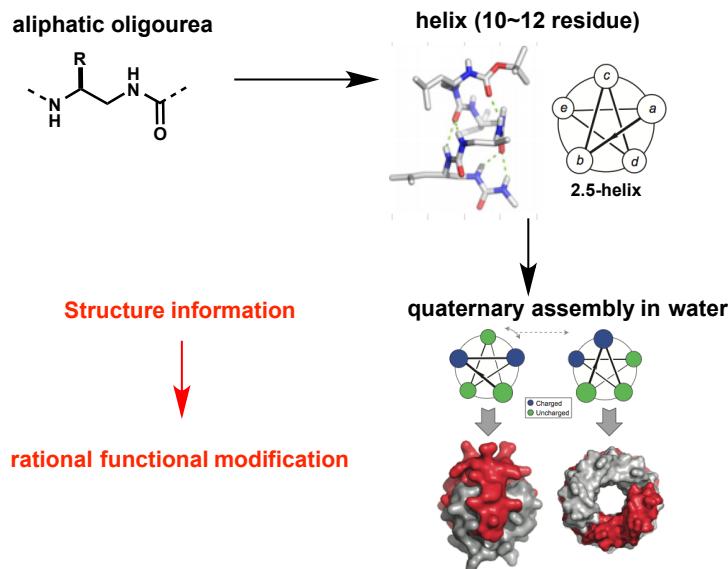
X-ray crystal of H5 (1.47 Å)

**H5 was multistranded superhelical channel**

- formed from six intertwined helices (composed of antiparallel dimer)
- 24-mer superhelix per complete turn
- changed pore diameter (17 to 26 Å)



### 3-11. Summary



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### Future perspective

expand predictability?

folded structure (especially helix) → non-folded structure (such as loop, cyclic peptide)

structure library (design & synthesis)

structure prediction & evaluation

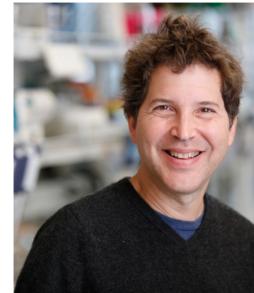
random screening

appropriate screening method

*Expansion of predictability of non-predictable is a continuous challenge*

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## A-1. David Baker



**David Baker** is Professor of Biochemistry, Director of the Institute for Protein Design, Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and adjunct professor of Genome Sciences, Bioengineering, Chemical Engineering, Computer Science, and Physics at the University of Washington. He received his Ph.D. degree in biochemistry with Randy Schekman at the University of California, Berkeley and did postdoctoral work in biophysics with David Agard at UCSF. His research group is focused on the prediction and design of macromolecular structures, interactions

## Appendix

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**recent publication:**  
*Science*, 2016, 353, 389  
*Science*, 2016, 352, 680  
*Nature*, 2015, 528, 585  
*Nature*, 2015, 528, 580  
*Nat. Chem. Biol.*, 2015, 12, 29  
*Science*, 2015, 348, 1365

all related to de novo design of protein and its assembly

<http://www.ipd.uw.edu/people/ipd-faculty-staff/david-baker/> (viewed 16/0802)

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## A-2. Rosetta Energy terms

### Energy terms using in standard.wts

fa_atr	lennard-jones attractive
fa_rep	lennard-jones repulsive
fa_sol	lazaridis-jarplus solvation energy
fa_intra_rep	lennard-jones repulsive between atoms in the same residue
fa_pair	statistics based pair term, favors salt bridges
fa_plane	pi-pi interaction between aromatic groups, by default = 0
fa_dun	internal energy of sidechain rotamers as derived from Dunbrack's statistics
ref	reference energy for each amino acid
hbond_lr_bb	backbone-backbone hbonds distant in primary sequence
hbond_sr_bb	backbone-backbone hbonds close in primary sequence
hbond_bb_sc	sidechain-backbone hydrogen bond energy
hbond_sc	sidechain-sidechain hydrogen bond energy
p_aa_pp	Probability of amino acid at phi psi
dslf_ss_dst	distance score in current disulfide
dslf_cs_ang	cangles score in current disulfide
dslf_ss_dih	dihedral score in current disulfide
dslf_ca_dih	ca dihedral score in current disulfide
pro_close	proline ring closure energy

### Energy Terms using in score12.wts\_patch

rama	ramachandran preferences
omega	omega dihedral in the backbone

[https://www.rosettacommons.org/manuals/rosetta3\\_user\\_guide/score\\_types.html](https://www.rosettacommons.org/manuals/rosetta3_user_guide/score_types.html) (160802 viewed)

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## A-3. Characterization of Baker's ideal protein

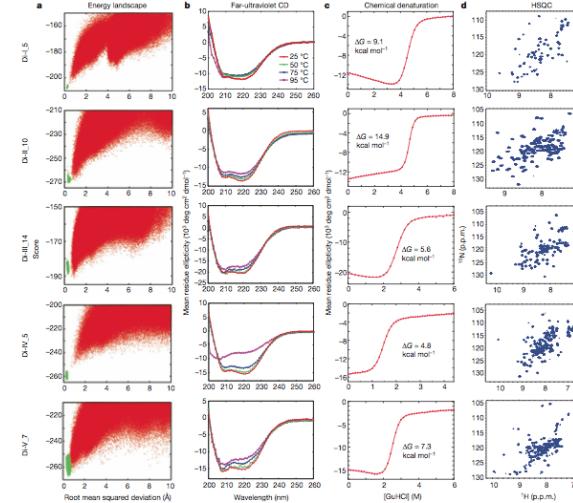


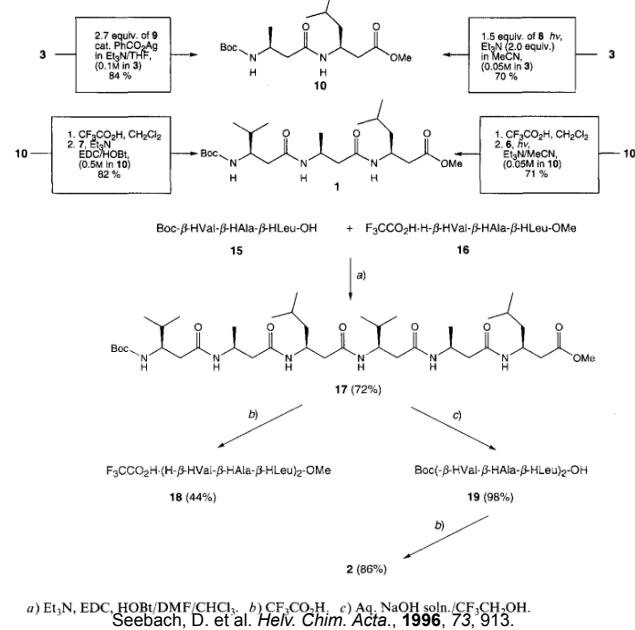
Figure 3 | Characterization of design for each of the five folds. a, Energy landscapes observed from Rosetta ab initio structure prediction. Red points represent the lowest-energy structures obtained in independent Monte Carlo structure prediction trajectories on an extended chain for each sequence; the y axis shows the Rosetta all-atom energy and the x axis shows the Cx root mean squared deviation from the design model. Green points represent the lowest-energy structures obtained in

trajectories starting from the design model. Less sampling around the designed structure is observed for the highest-order topology, Fold-D<sup>XIV</sup>. b, The far-ultraviolet circular dichroism (CD) spectra taken at various temperatures. c, Chemical denaturation with GuHCl (square brackets denote concentration) at 220 nm and 25 °C. The data were fitted to a two-state model (red solid line) to obtain the free energy of unfolding ΔG. d, Two-dimensional <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>15</sup>N HSQC spectra at 23 °C and 600 MHz, p.p.m., parts per million.

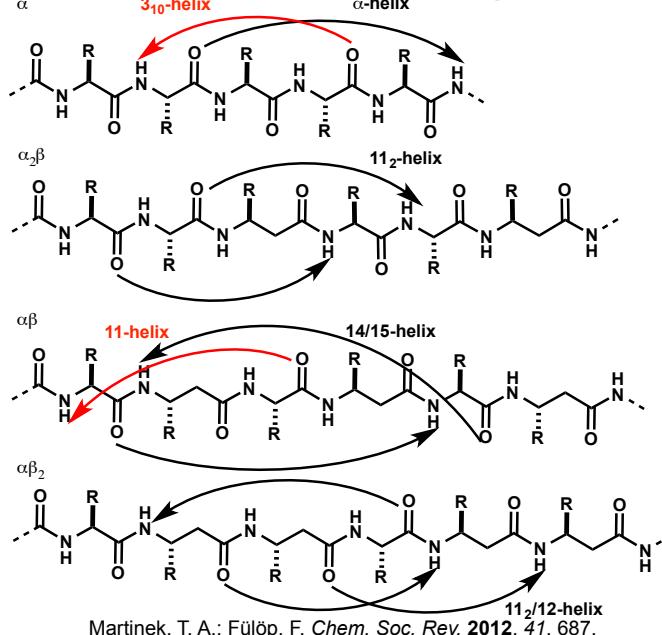
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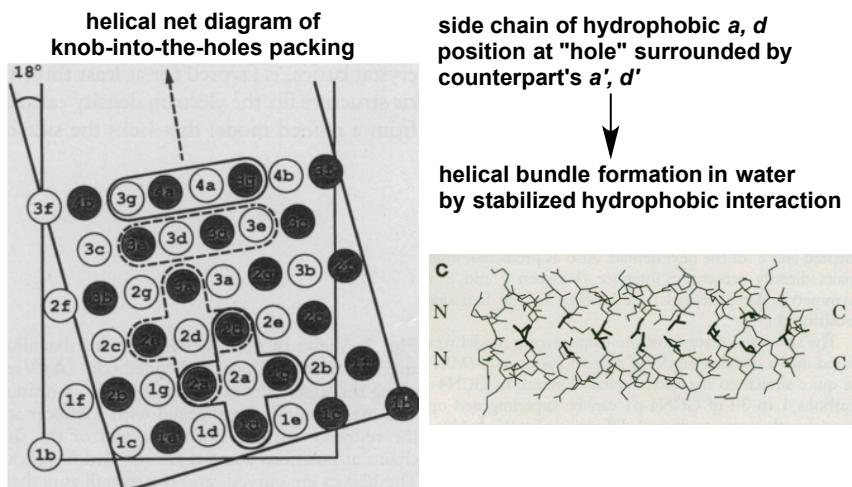
## A-4. Seebach's synthesis of $\beta$ -peptide



## A-5. H-bonding pattern of $\alpha/\beta$ -peptide

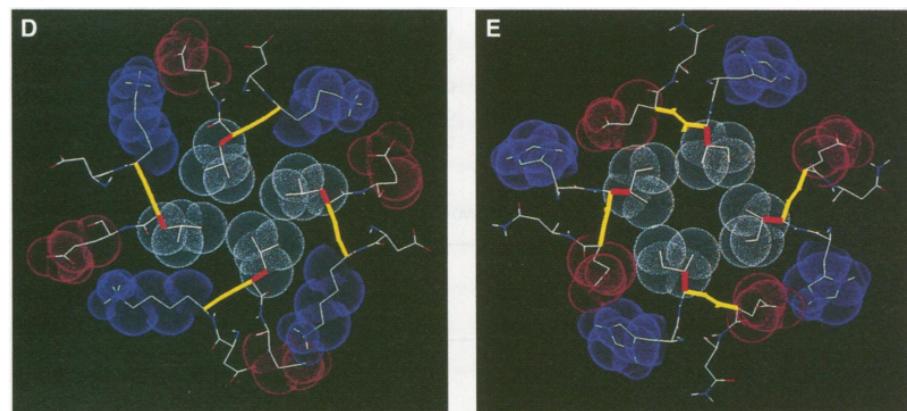


## A-6. Knobs-into-the-holes packing



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## A-7. Salt bridge of GCN4-pLI



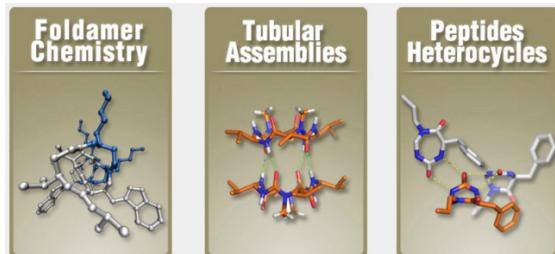
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## A-8. Gilles Guichard



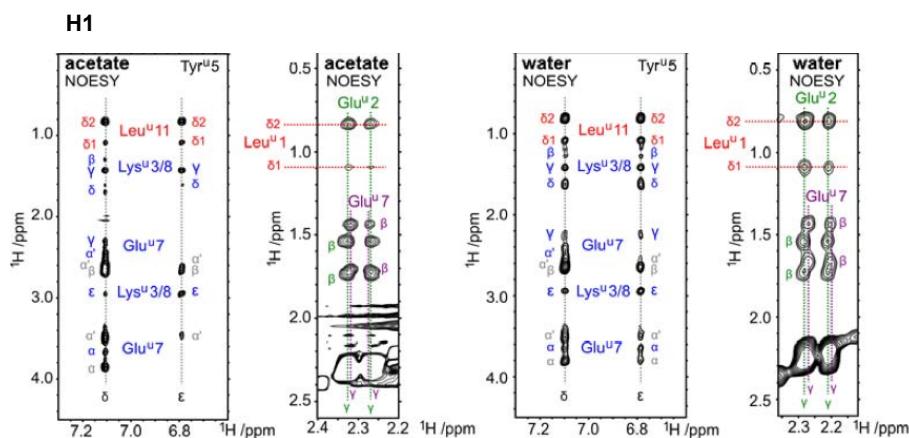
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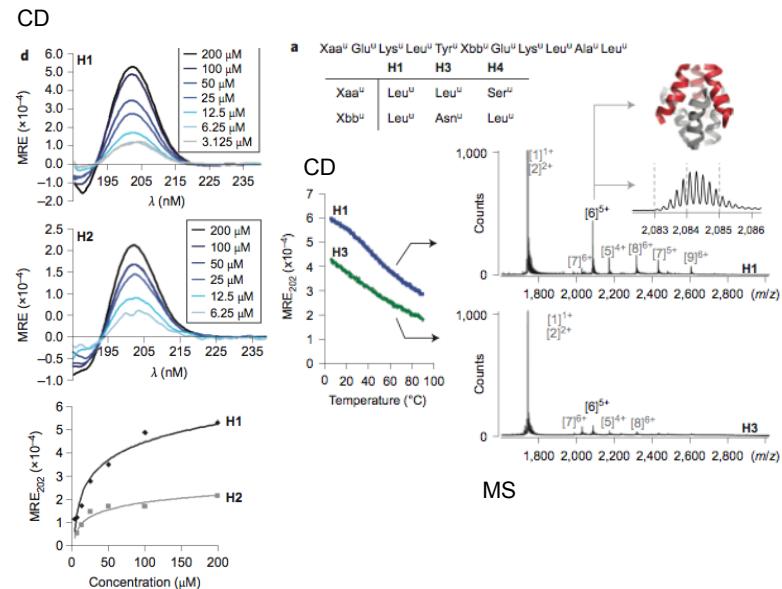


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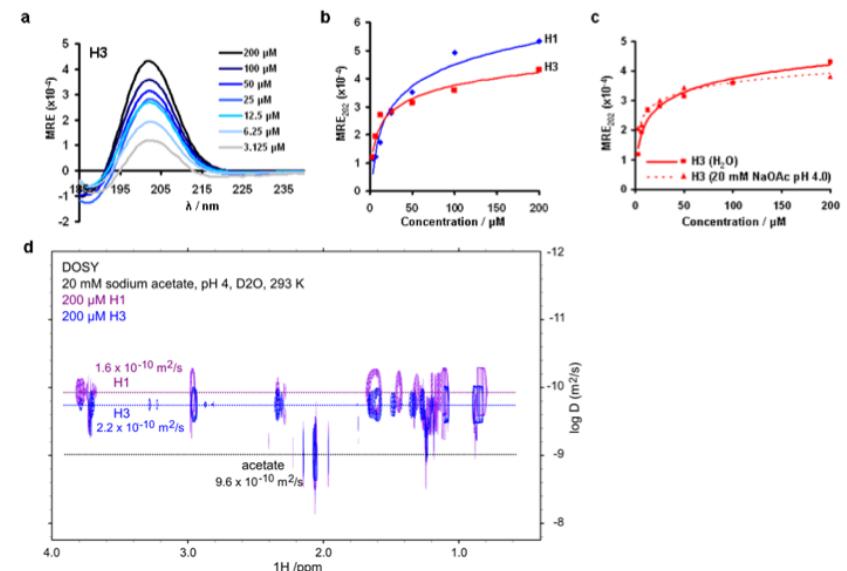
## A-10. NOESY of H1



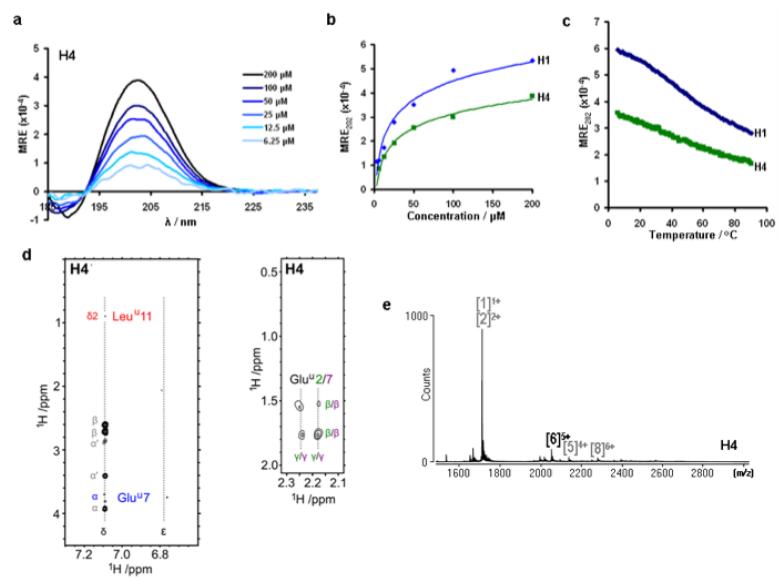
## A-9. Biophysical characterization of H1



## A-11. Biophysical characterization of H3



## A-12. Biophysical characterization of H4



## A-13. Biophysical characterization of H2, H5

