

# DNA POLYMERASE I

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# DNA polymerase

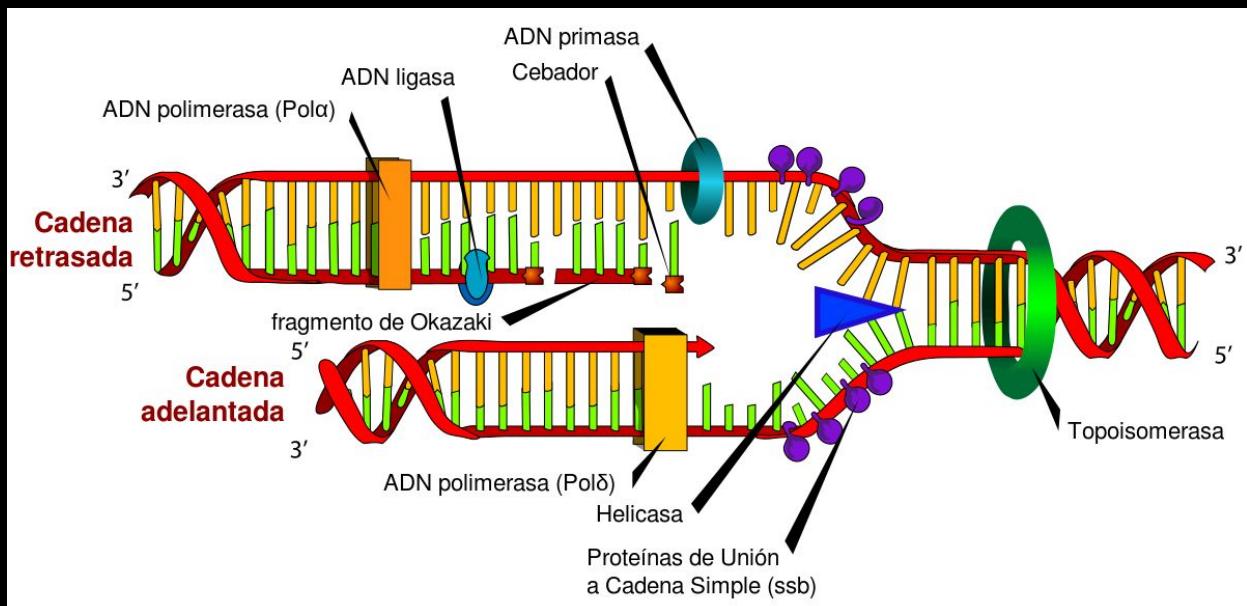
DNA pol I: RNA → DNA

DNA pol III: nucleotide insertion

Error rate:  $10^{-6}$

Exonuclease activity  $3' \rightarrow 5'$  and  $5' \rightarrow 3'$

Essential survival



# Families

A

DNA pol I  
Phage T7 and  $\gamma$  polymerase  
  
DNA reparation, Okazaki  
fragments, exonuclease activity  
  
Mammals :  $\nu$ ,  $\theta$

B

Replicative enzymes eukaryotes:  
 $\delta$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\zeta$   
  
Exonuclease 3'  $\rightarrow$  5' and primase  
activity  
Bacteriophage

C

DNA pol III  
  
Bacteria polymerase

D

Euryarchaeota  
  
Mainly replicative  
  
Not clearly defined

X

Small monomeric polymerases  $\rightarrow$   
filling small gaps in replication  
  
Polymerase  $\beta$ : BER process  
  
 $\lambda$ ,  $\mu$  pol: V(D)J recombination  
  
 $\sigma$ : sister chromatid cohesion

Y

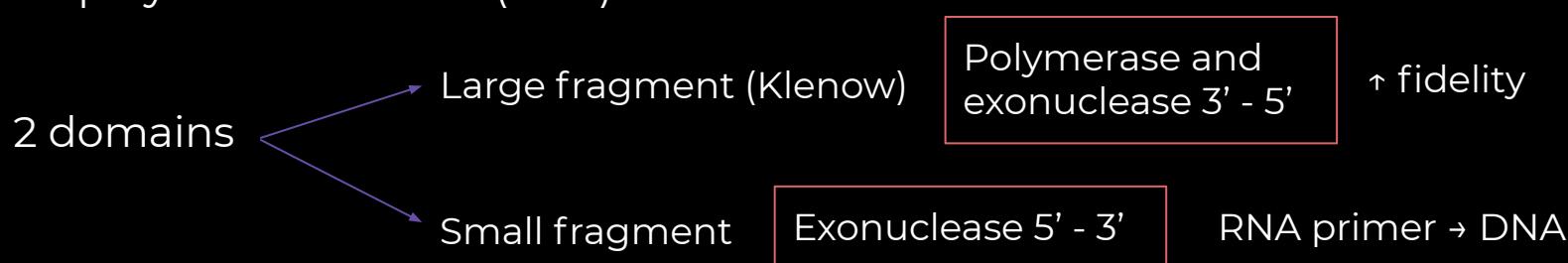
Injury tolerance pathways  $\rightarrow$   
translesion synthesis  
  
DNA distorted structure  
active site  
  
Polymerase  $\eta$ : UV lesions  
Pols  $\kappa$ , Rev 1

# DNA polymerase I

One polypeptide chain **928 aa** with molecular weight **109 kDa**

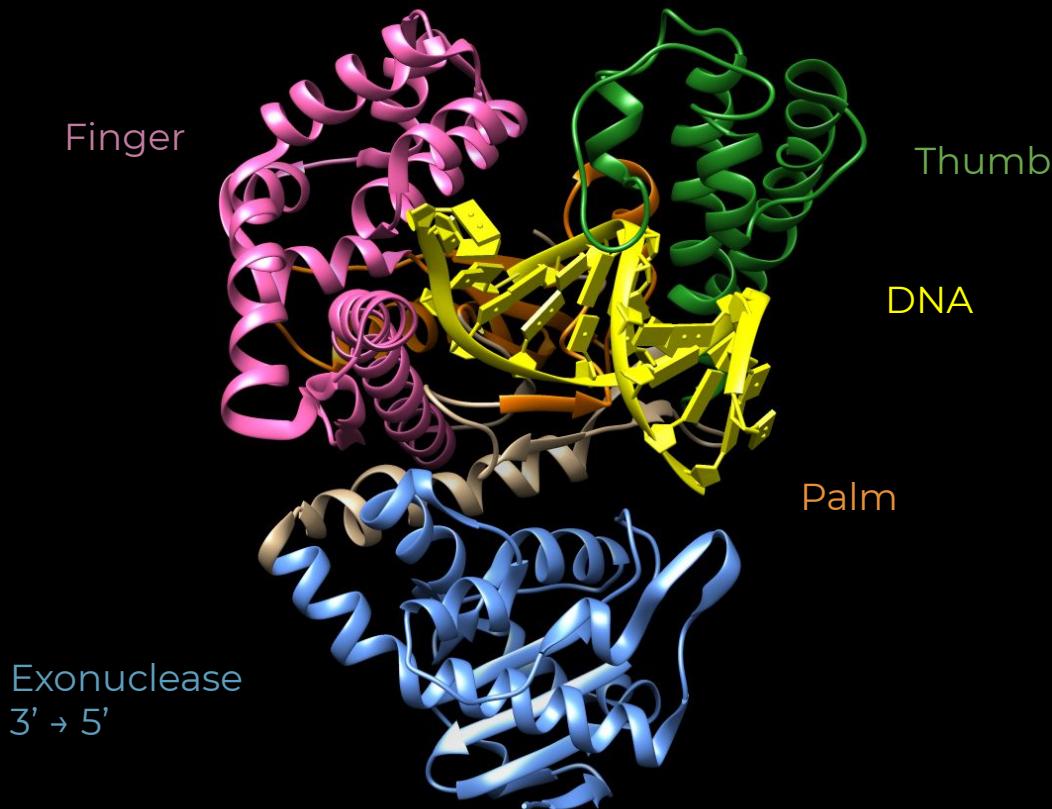
Codifying gene: **polA**

1st polymerase → E.coli (1956)

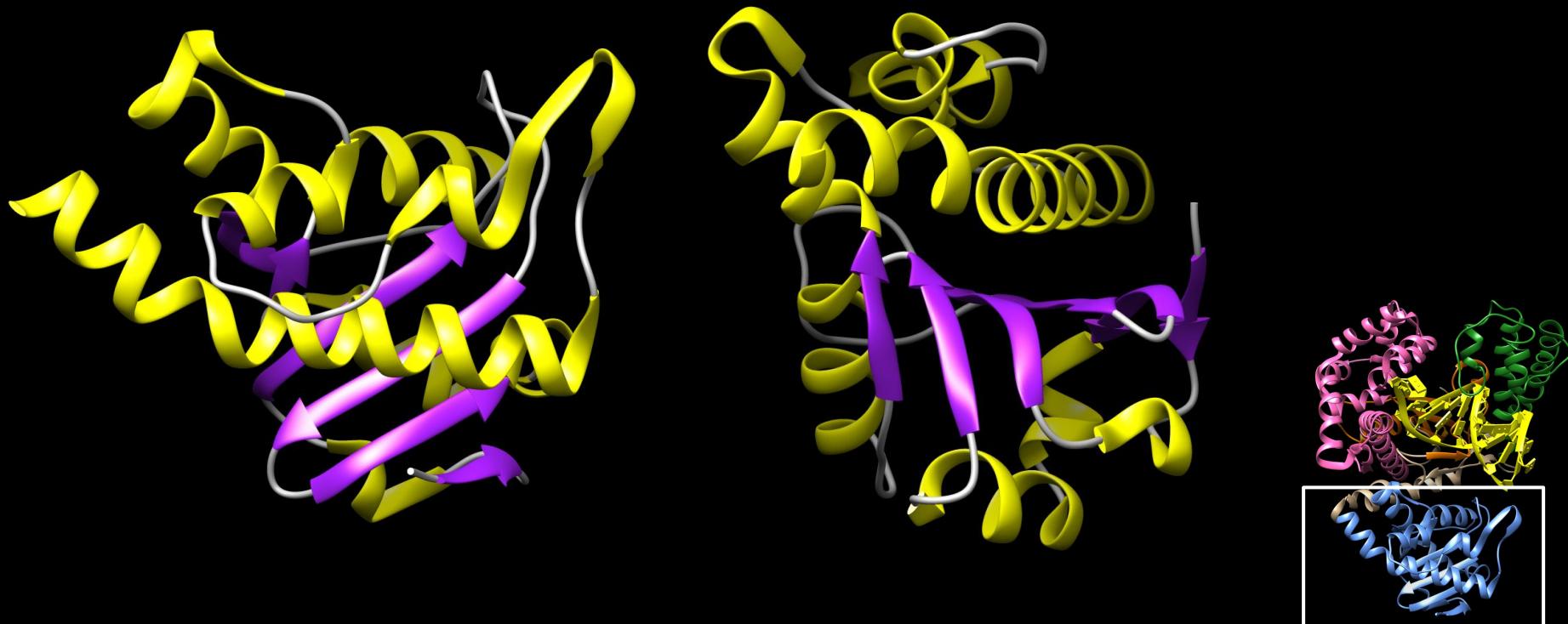


Repair and recombination DNA functions → double stranded DNA

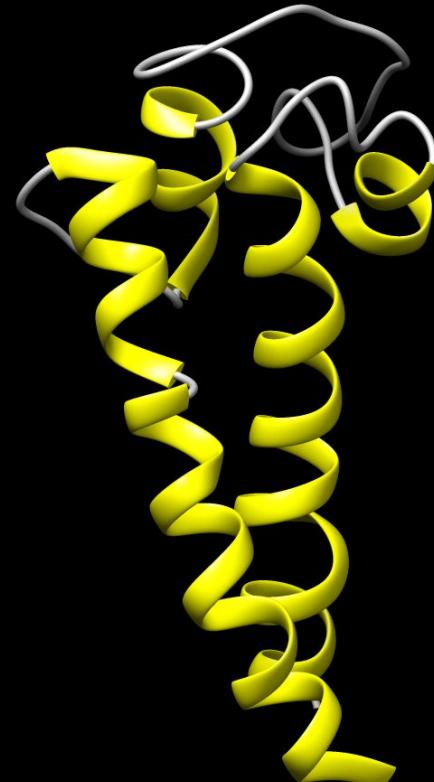
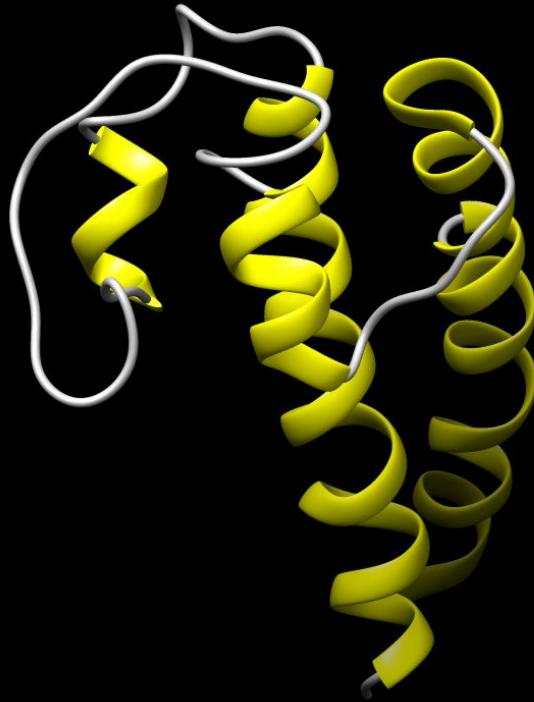
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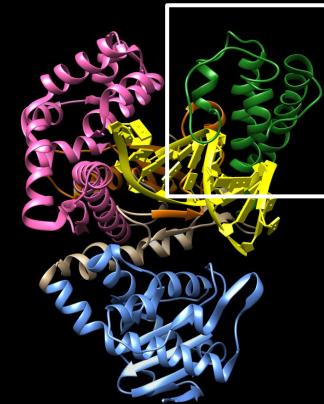
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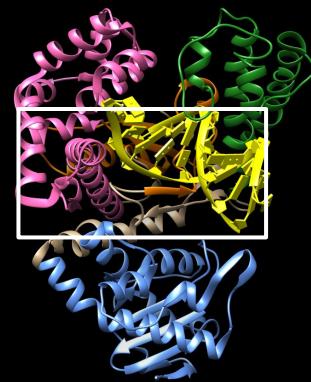
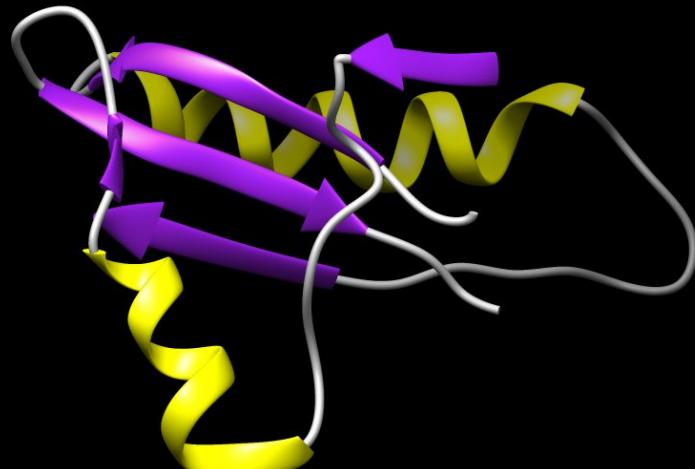
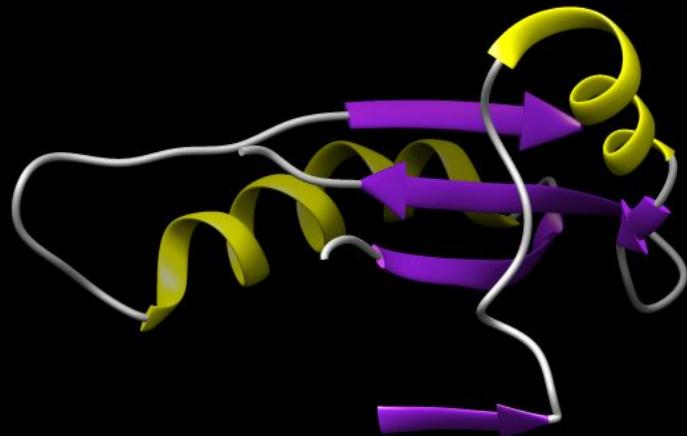
# Thumb



Residues:  
496 - 595



# Palm

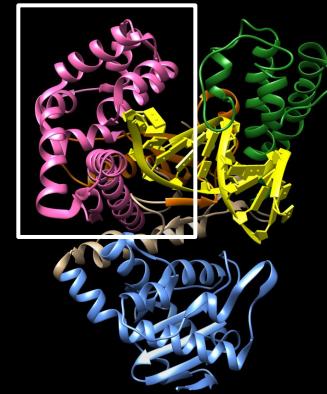
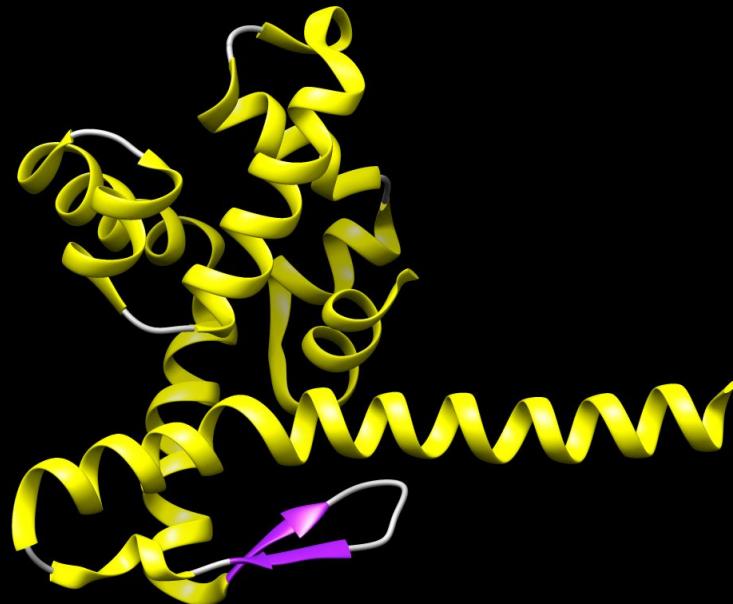


Residues:  
617- 655  
830-869

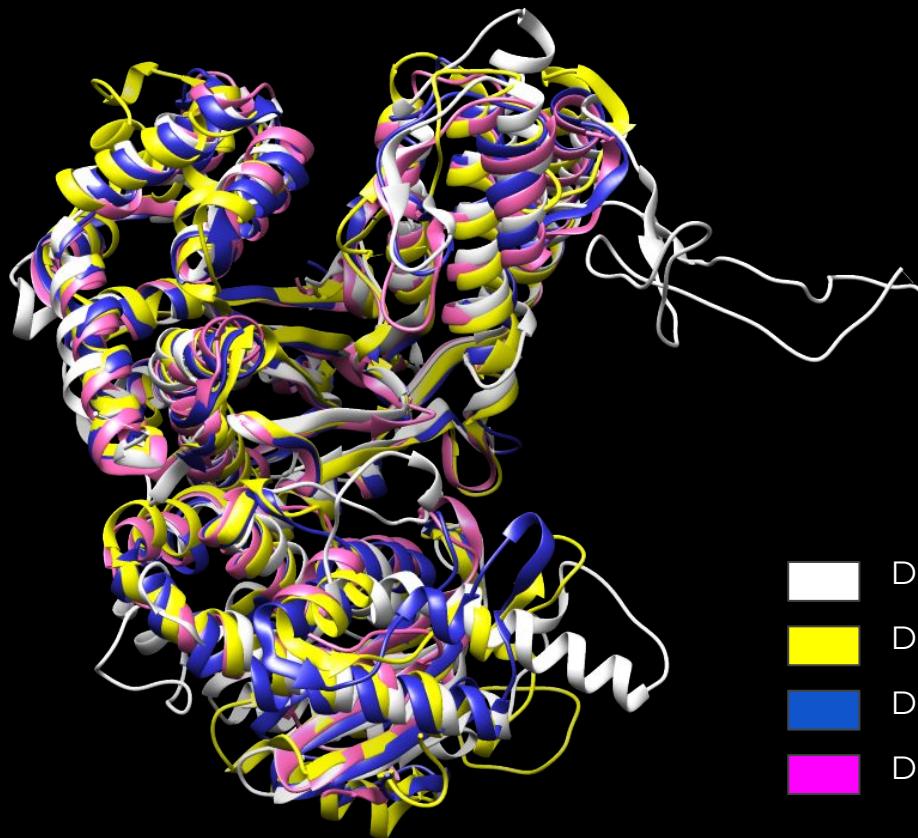
# Finger



Residues:  
656 - 818



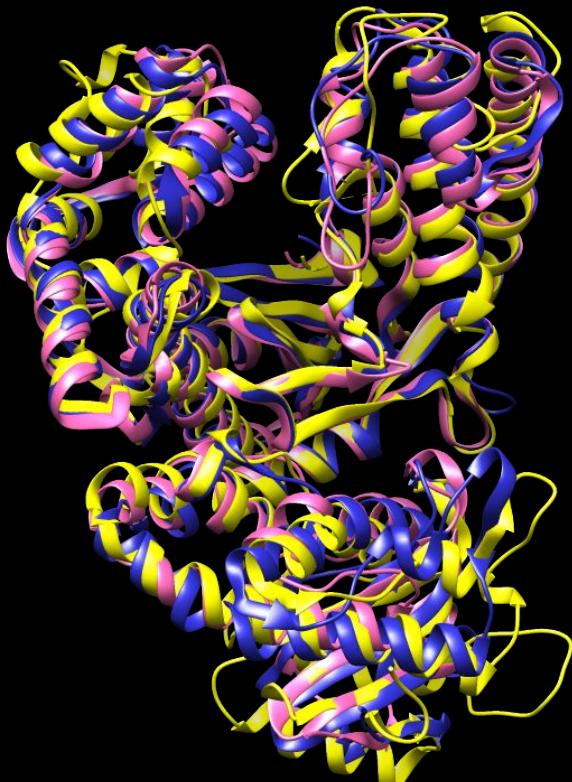
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**Sc = 7.092114**  
**RMSD = 2.212980**

- Dna Polymerase Phage T7
- Dna Polymerase I *Escherichia coli*
- Dna Polymerase I *Geobacillus streatotermophilus*
- Dna Polymerase I *Thermus aquaticus*

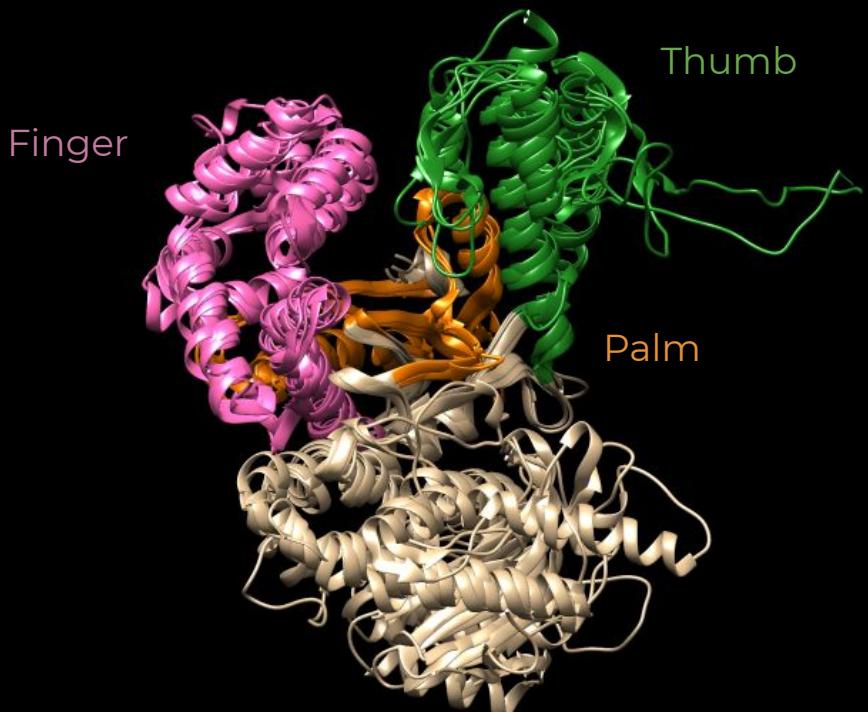
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**RMSD = 1.921819**

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# Structural alignment: domains

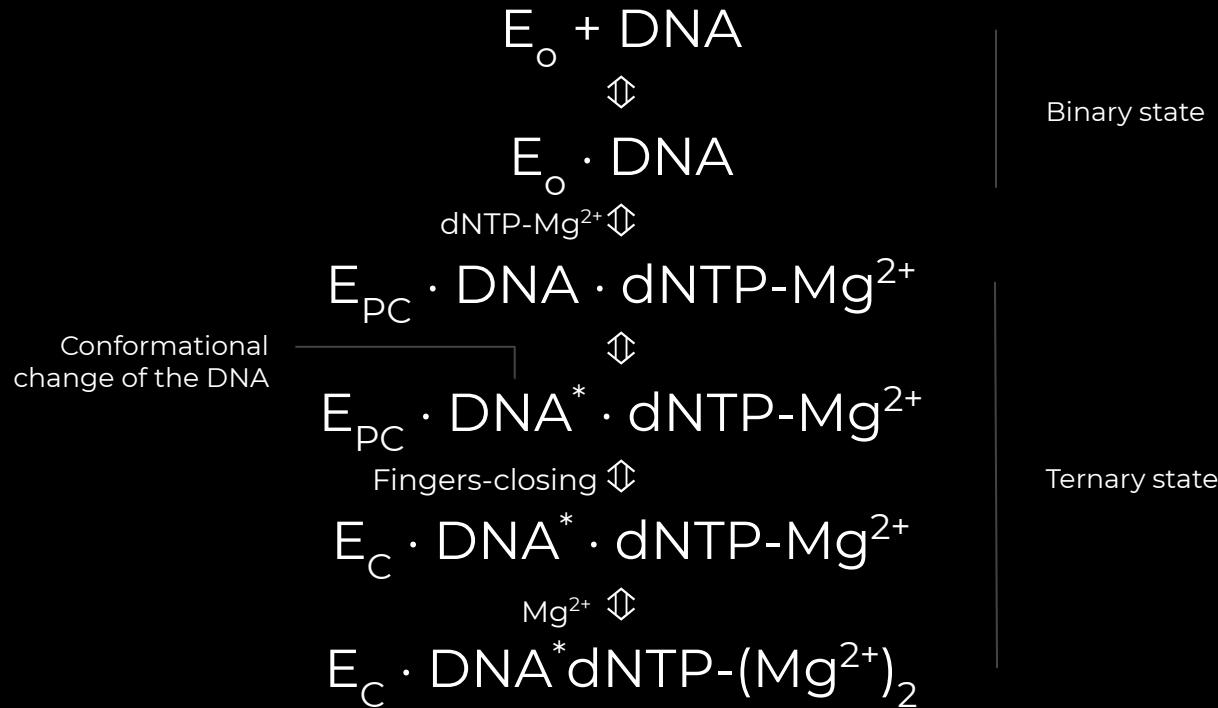


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Pol_Ecoli	DLQKHKGPM-----LNVFENIEMPLVVLSSRIERNGVKIDPKVLHNH
Pol_Bacillus	ELRRN-EQ-----DRLLVELEQPLSSILAEEMEFAGVKVDTKRLEQM
Pol_Taq	RLEGEERL-----LWLYREVERPLSAVLAHMEATGVRLDVAYRAL
Pol_T7	YVELAARRSELLRKLTTETF-GSWYQPKGGTEMFCHPRTGKPLPKYPRIKTPKVGIDTRE
Pol_Ecoli	SEELTRLRAELEKKAHIEIAGEE-----
Pol_Bacillus	GKELAEQLGTVEQRIYELAQUE-----
Pol_Taq	SLEVAEIIARLEAEVFRLAGHP-----
Pol_T7	YVAGAGYTPVEHVFVNPNSSRDHIQKKLQ-EA--G--WVPTKYTD-KGAPVV--DDE--VL
Pol_Ecoli	FNL-S--STKQLQ-TILFEKQGKIP-----LKKTPSTSEEVL
Pol_Bacillus	FNINSPQKQLQVLFKEKL--Q--LPVKKTK--TGYST--SAD--VL
Pol_Taq	FNLNSRDQQLERVLFDL--G--LPAIGKTEKTGKRST--SAA--VL
Pol_T7	YVAGAGYTPVEHVFVNPNSSRDHIQKKLQ-EA--G--WVPTKYTD-KGAPVV--DDE--VL
Pol_Ecoli	EELALDY--PLPKVILEYRGLAKLKSTYTD-K--LPLMINPKTGRVHTSYHQAVTA
Pol_Bacillus	EKLA-PY--HEIVENILHYRQLGKQSTYIE-G--LLKVRPDTKVKHTIFQALTQ
Pol_Taq	EALR-EA--HPIVEKILQYRELTKLKSTYID-P--LPDLIHPRTRGHLTRFNQATA
Pol_T7	TGRATHAFPNLAQIPGVRSQPVGEQCRAAFGEAHH-LDGITGKPVWQAGIDASGLERLCL
Pol_Ecoli	TGRLSSTDPNLQNIPIV-RNEEGRRIRQAFIA--P-E----D-YIVVSDAYSQIELRIMA
Pol_Bacillus	TGRLSSTEPLQNIPII-RLEEGRKIRQAFVP--SES----D-WLIFAAUDYSQIELRVL
Pol_Taq	TGRLSSSDPLQNIPIV-RTPLQQRIRRAFIA--E-E----G-WLLVALDYSQIELRVL
Pol_T7	HFMARFDNGEYAHIELN-GDIHTKNOI-----AAEL-----PT--RDNA-KTFI
Pol_Ecoli	HLS-R-D-KGALLTAFAEGKDIHRATAAEVFGPLPLETVTSEQ-----R-RSAKAIN
Pol_Bacillus	HIA-E-D-DNLMEAFRRLDHTKTM-----DIFQVSEDEVTPNMRQAA-KAVN
Pol_Taq	HLS-G-D-ENLIRVFQEGRDIHTETAS-----WMFGVPREAVDPLMRRRAA-KTIN
Pol_T7	YGFLYGAGDEKIGQIVGAGKGERGKELKKFLENTPAIAALRESIQQTLVKEWKRRWIKGL
Pol_Ecoli	FGLIYGMASAGLQLNIPRKEAQKYMDFLYFERYPGVLEYMERTRAQAK--EQGVYETL
Pol_Bacillus	FGIVYGISDYGLAQNLNLNISRKEAEFIERYFESFPGVKRYMENIVQEAK--QKGVVTL
Pol_Taq	FGVLYGMSAHLRSQELAIPYEEAQAIFIERYFQSFQPKVRAWIEKTLLEGR--RRGYVETL
Pol_T7	DGRKVHV-R-----SPHAALNTLLQSAGALICKLWIKEEMLVEKGKLGHWGD
Pol_Ecoli	DGRRLYLPDIKSNGARRAAAERAIAINAPMQTAADIIKRAMIAVDAWLQAEQPR-----
Pol_Bacillus	LHRRRLPDITSRNFNVRNSFAERMAMNTPIQGSAADIIKKAMIDLNRALARKEERLQ-----
Pol_Taq	FGRRRYVVPDLEARVKSREAERMAFNMVQPGTAADLMKLMVLFPRLEE--MG-----
Pol_T7	DFAYMAWVHDEIIVGCRTEEIAQVVIETAQEMARW-VGDHNFRCLLDTEGKMPNWAIC
Pol_Ecoli	-VRMIMQVHDELVFEVHK--DDVDAVAKQIHQLMENCTR--L-DPVLVVEVGSGENWDQA
Pol_Bacillus	-AHLLLQVHDELILEAPK--EEMERLCLRLPVEFMEQ-AV--TLRVPKLVDHYGSTWYDA
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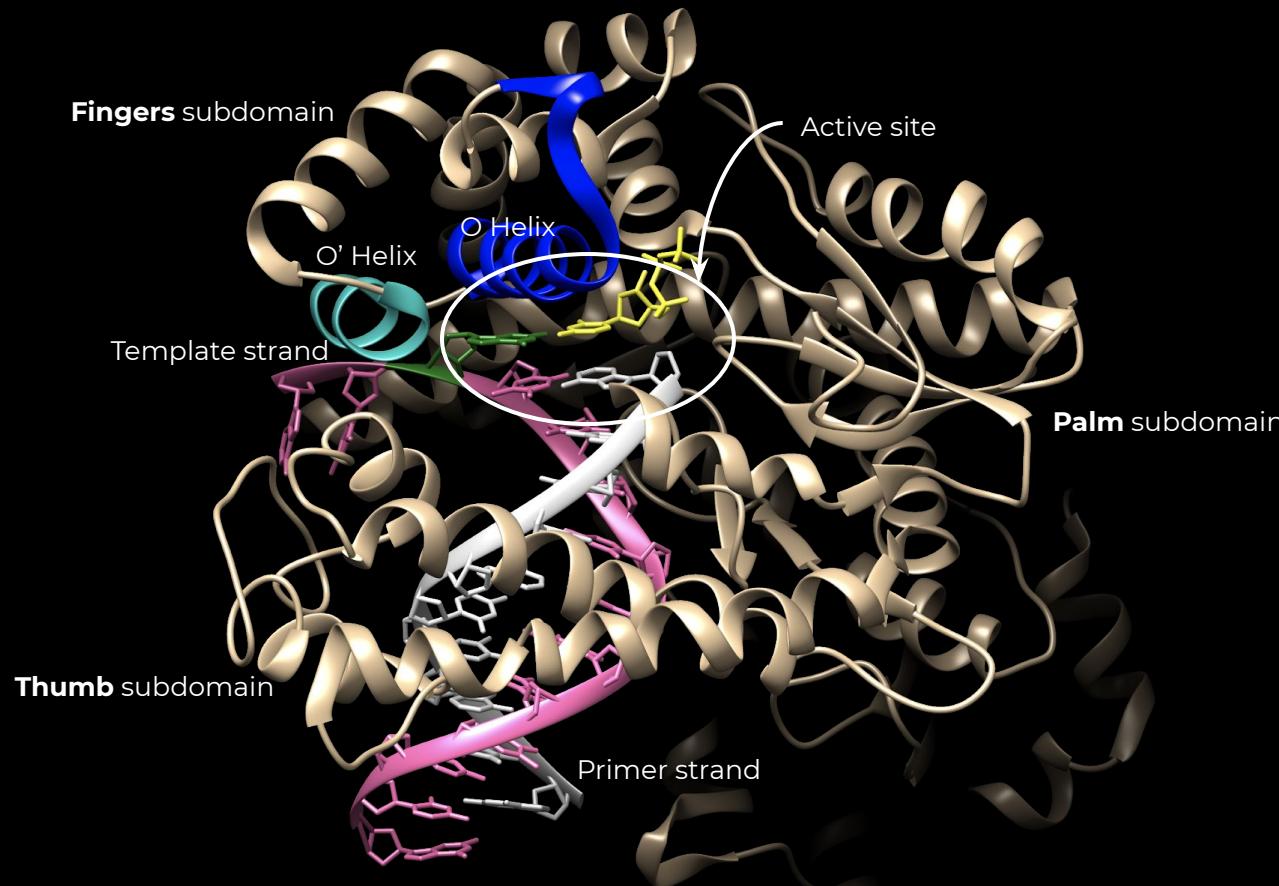
# Function of the DNA Pol I

*Bacillus stearothermophilus*

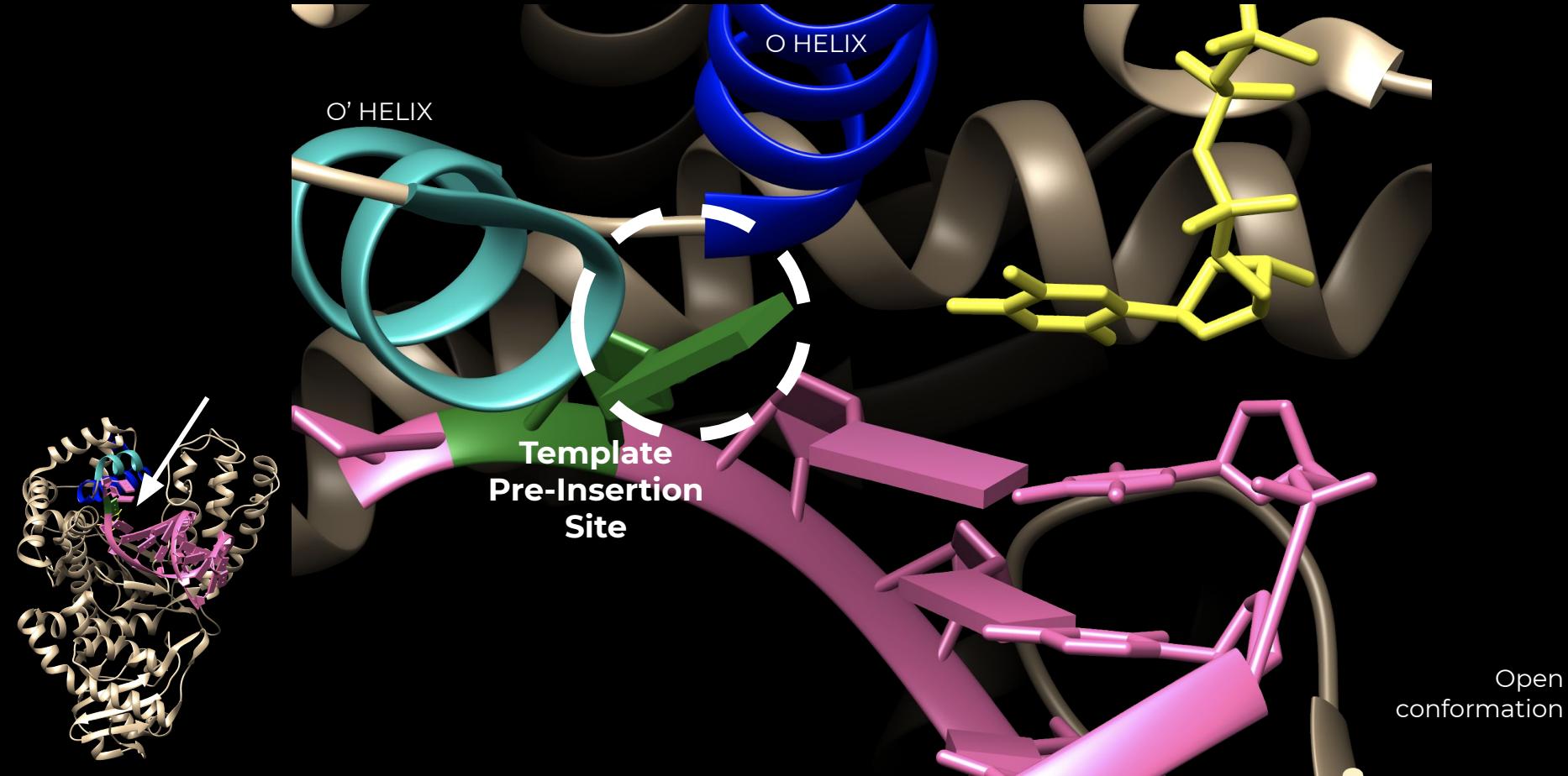
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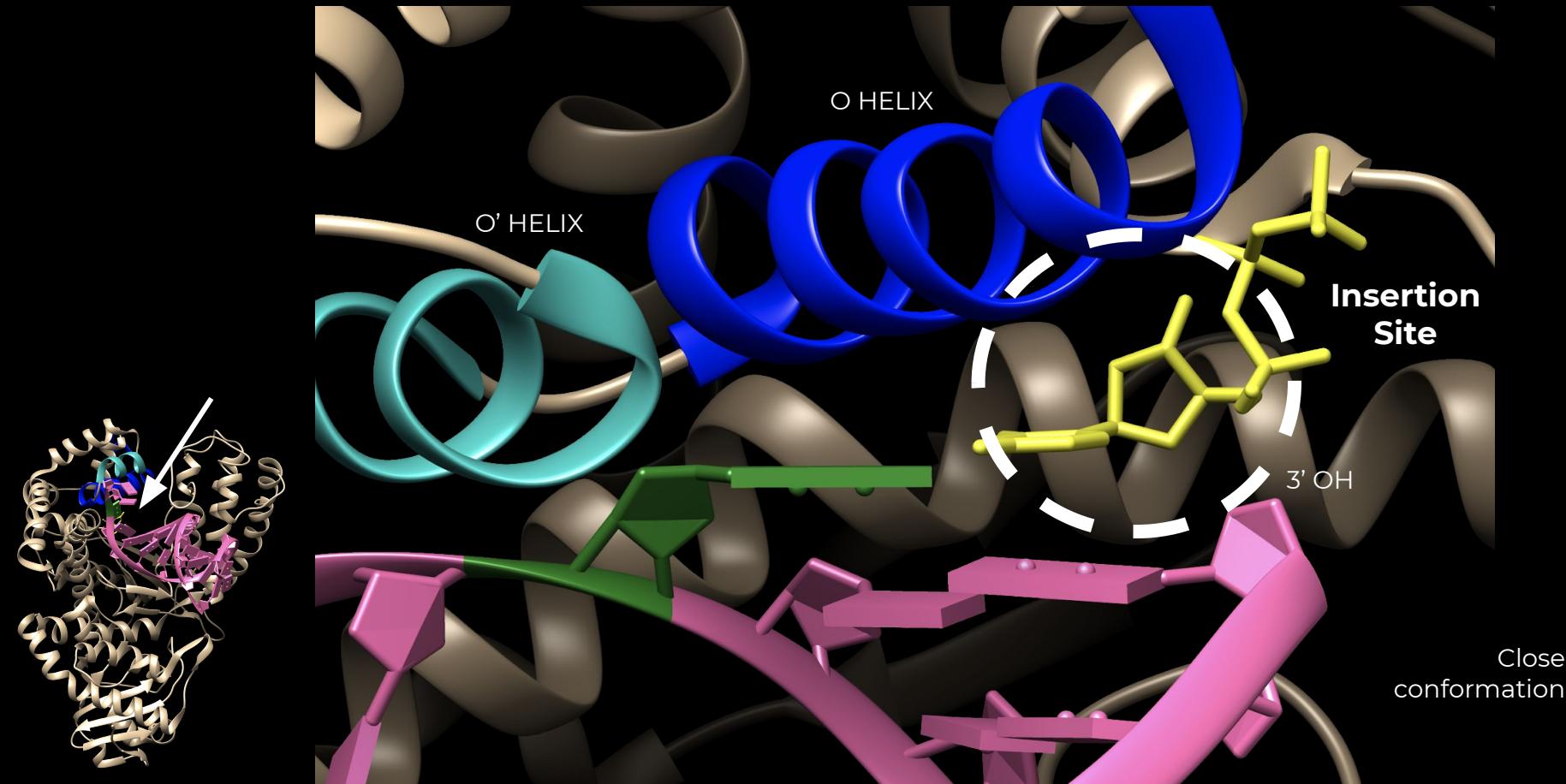
## General View



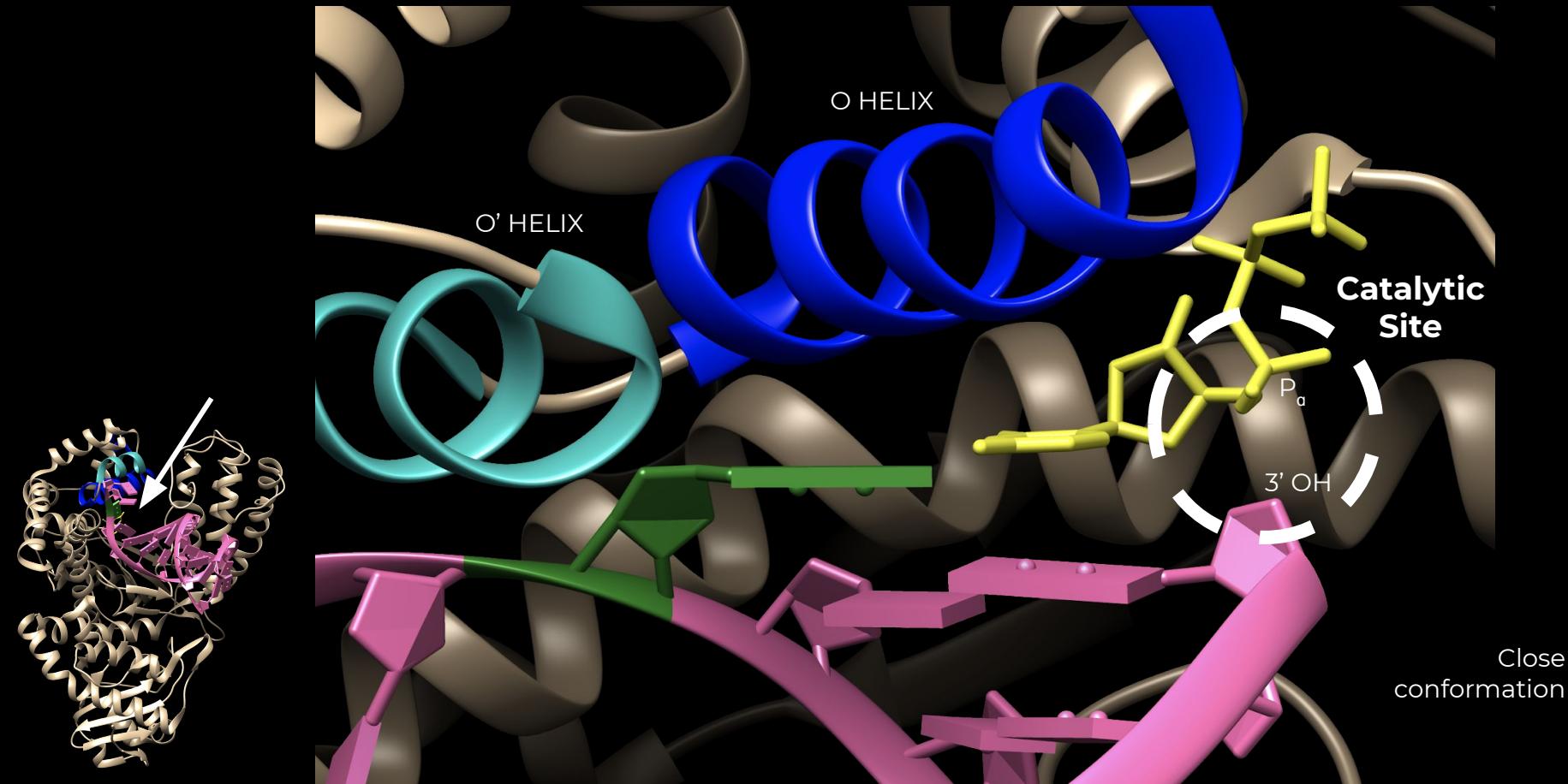
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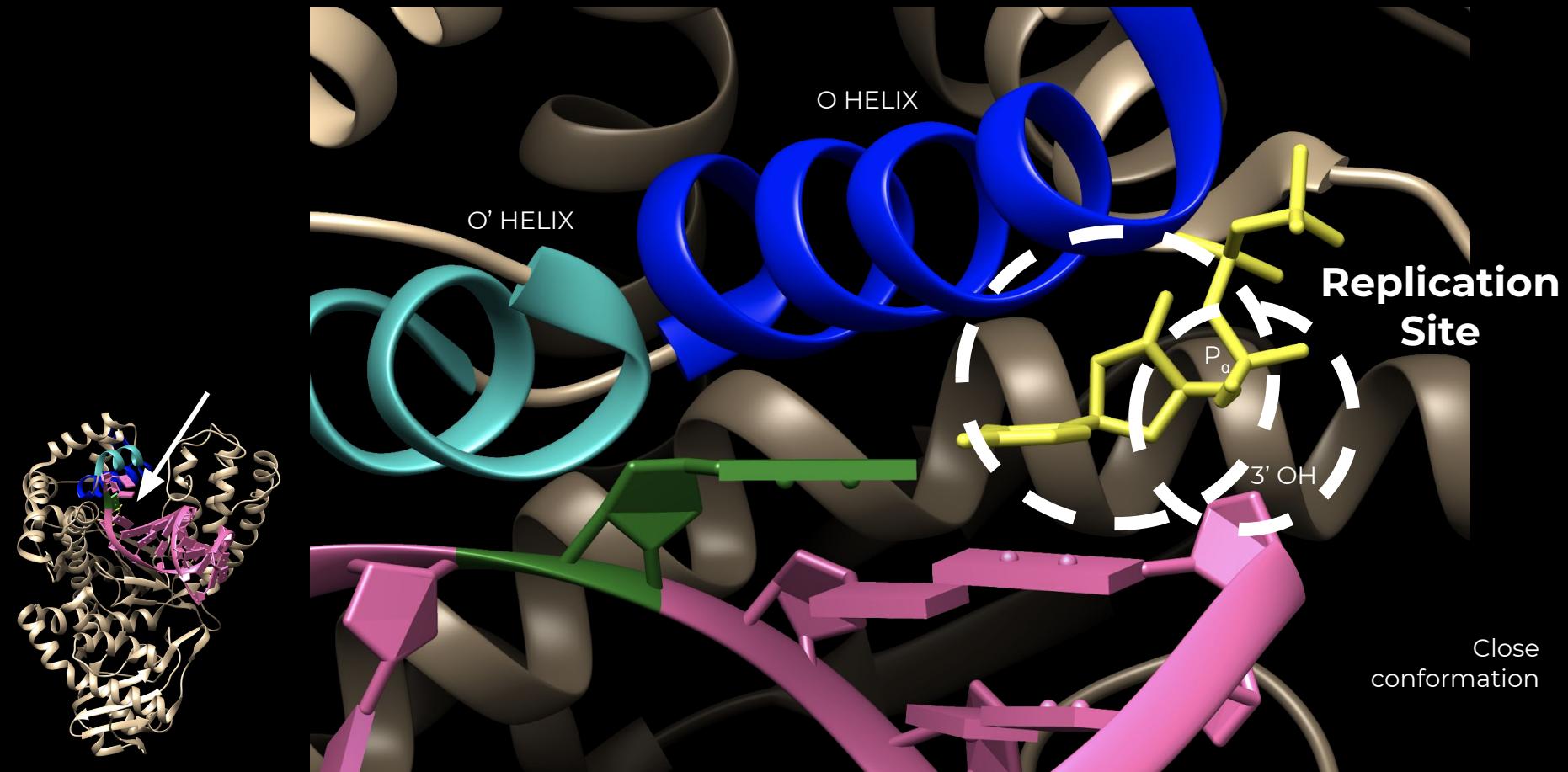
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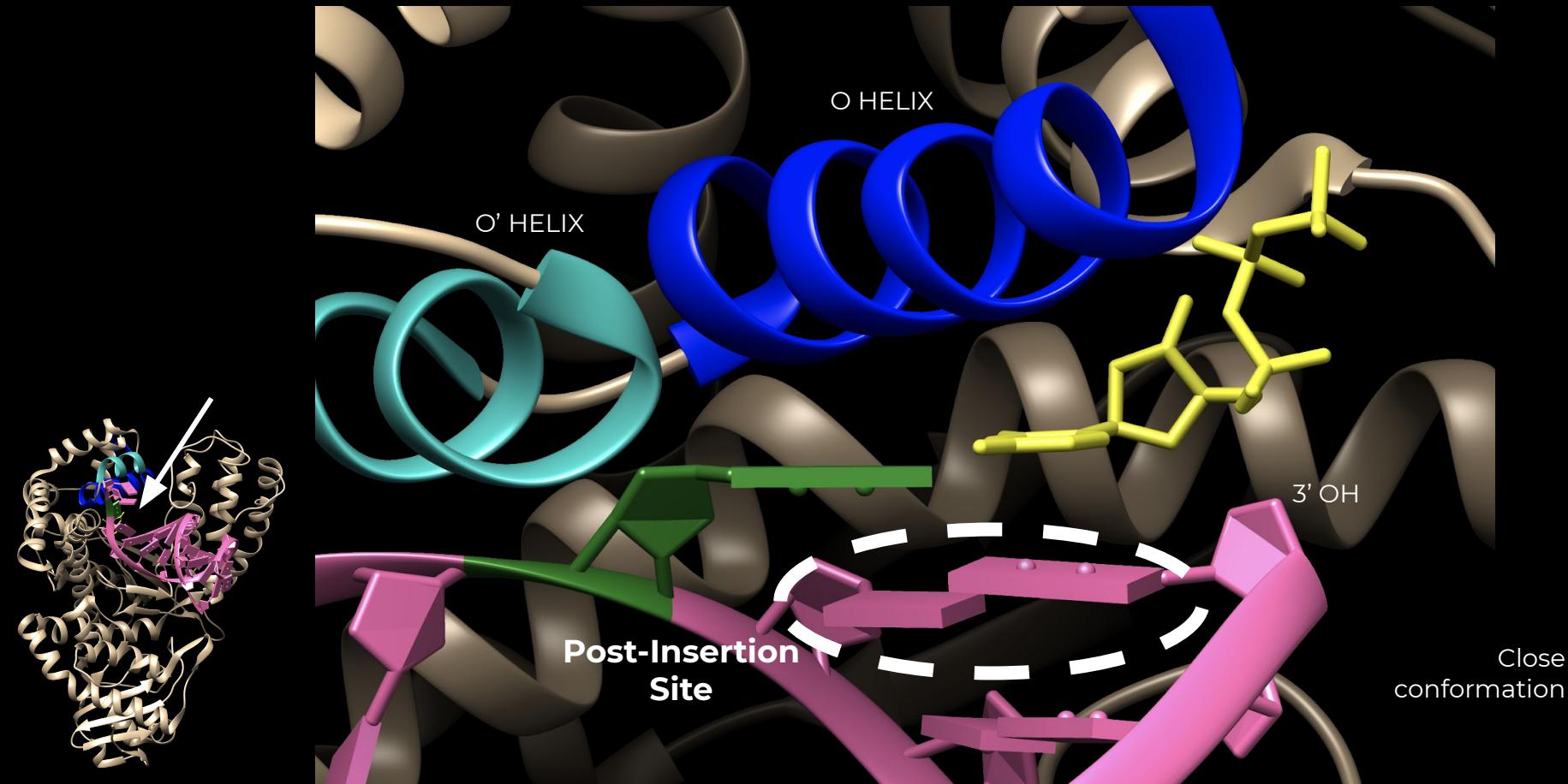
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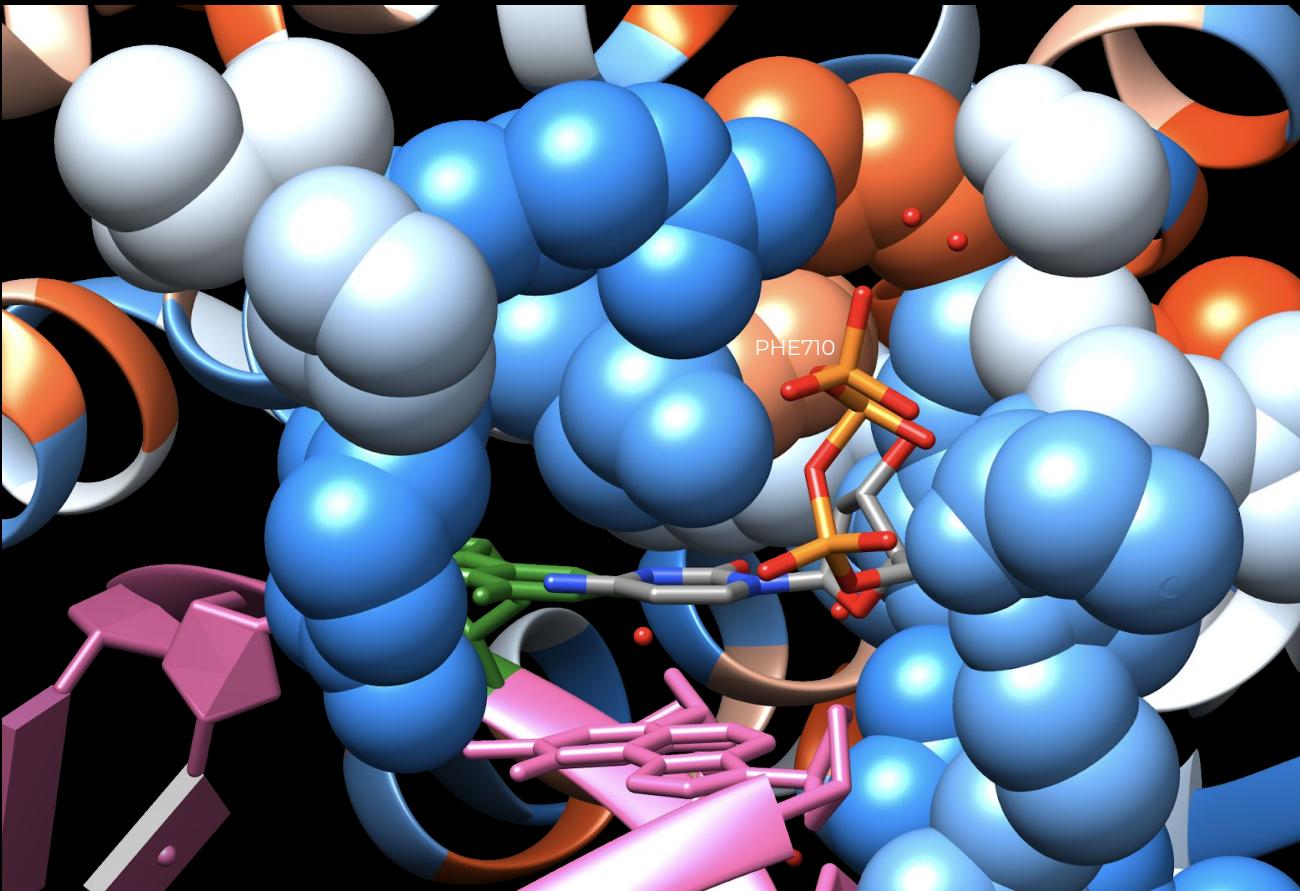
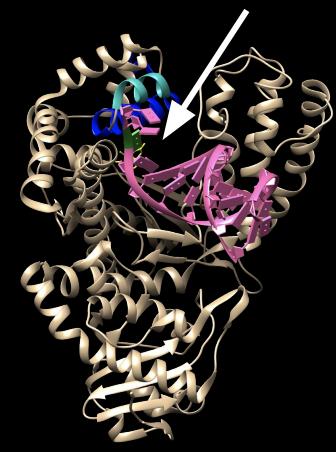


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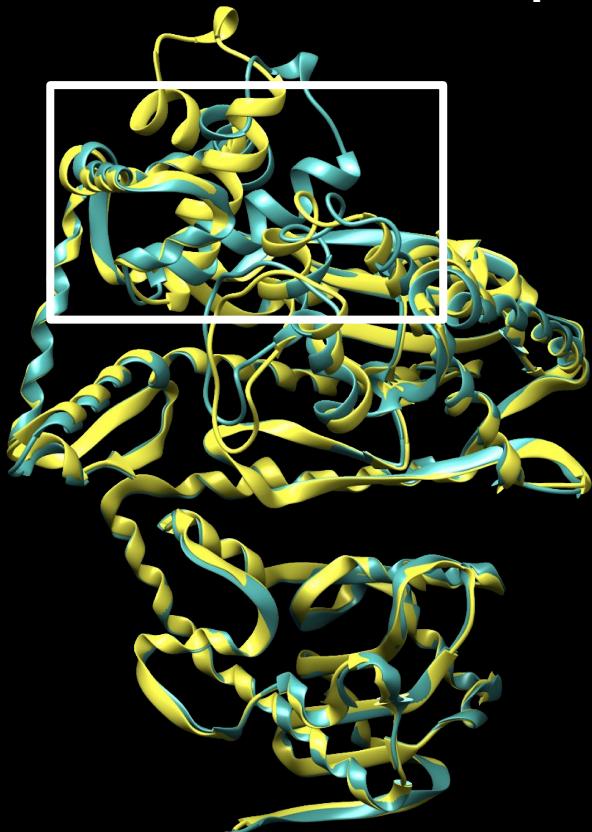


## Hydrophilic Active Site

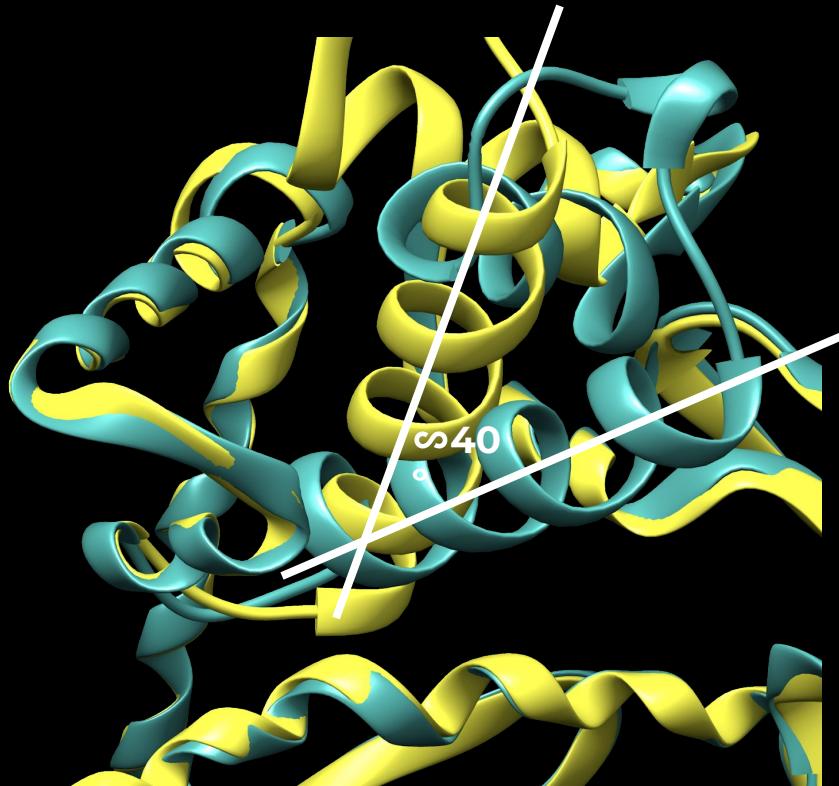
- The active site presents a mostly hydrophilic center



## Superposition: Open - Close

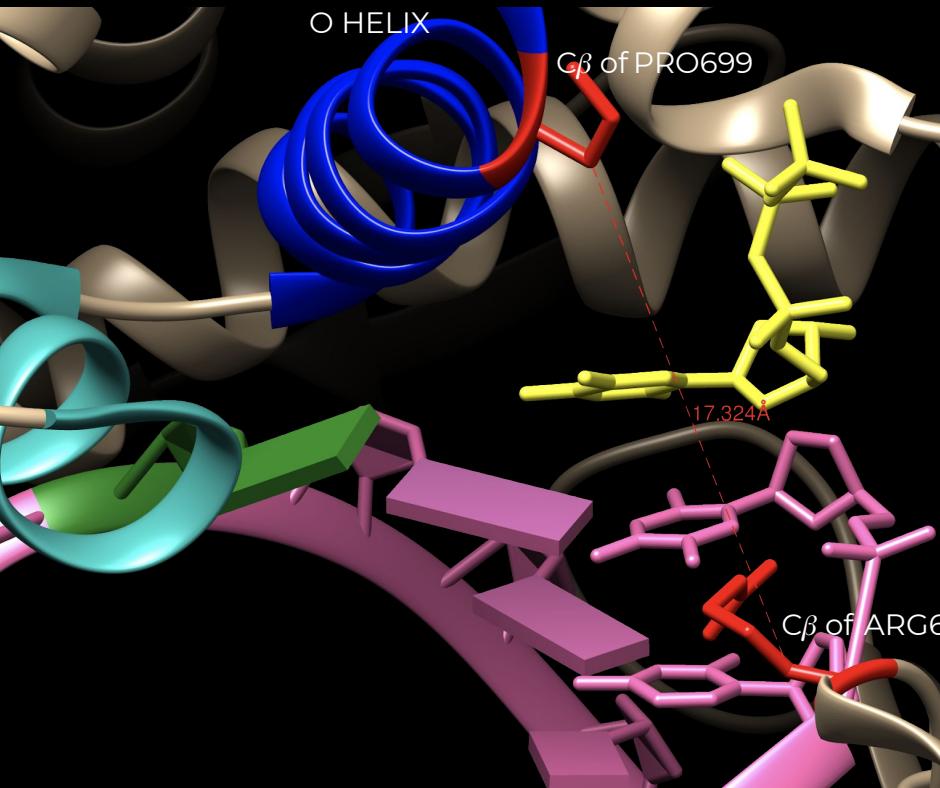


Close conformation: blue  
Open conformation: yellow

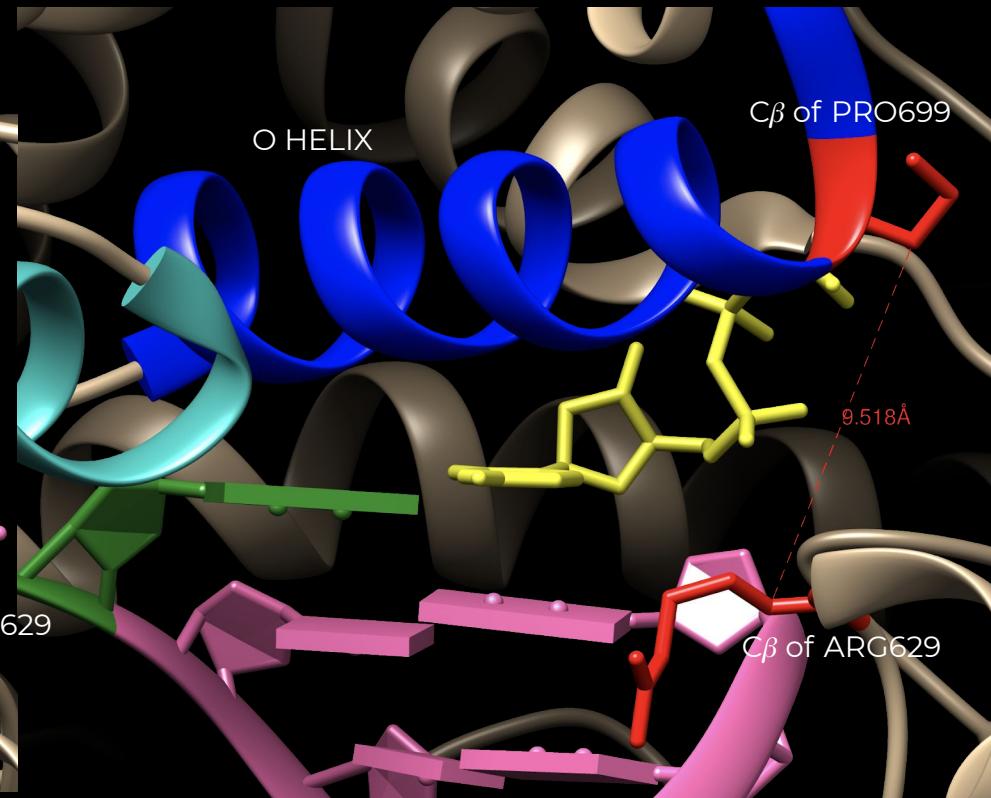


## Differences between Open and Close

Open conformation

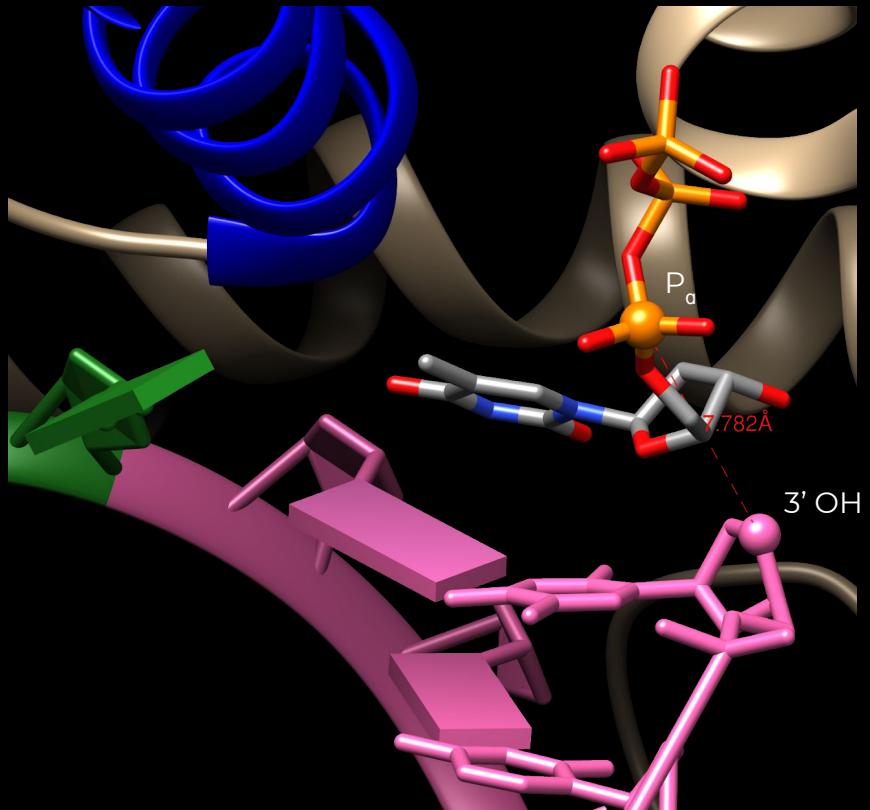


Close conformation

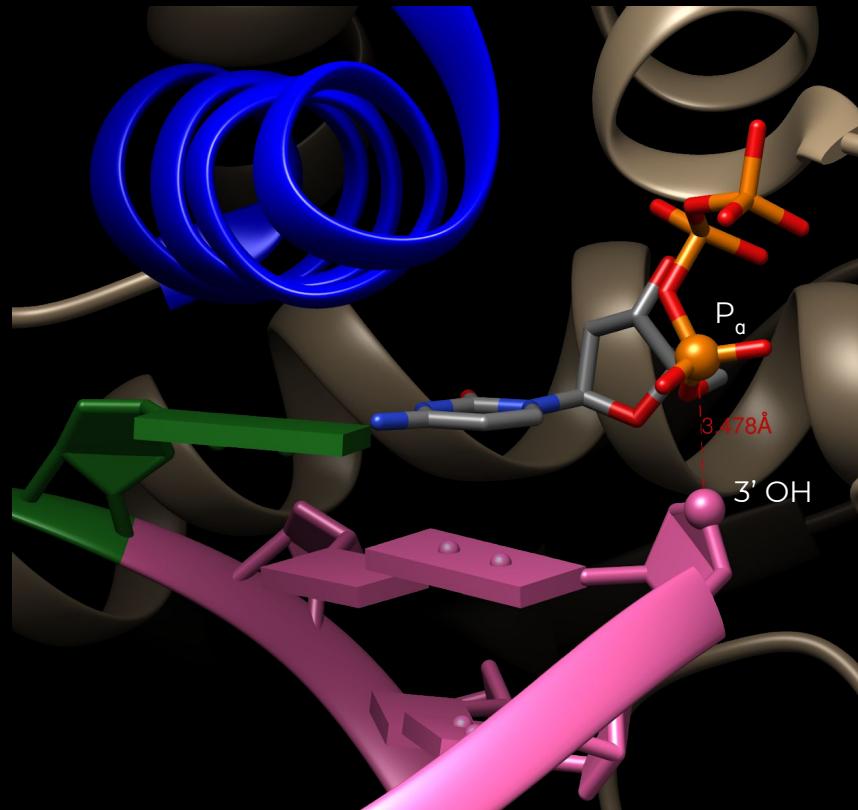


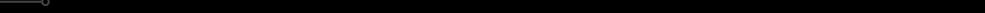
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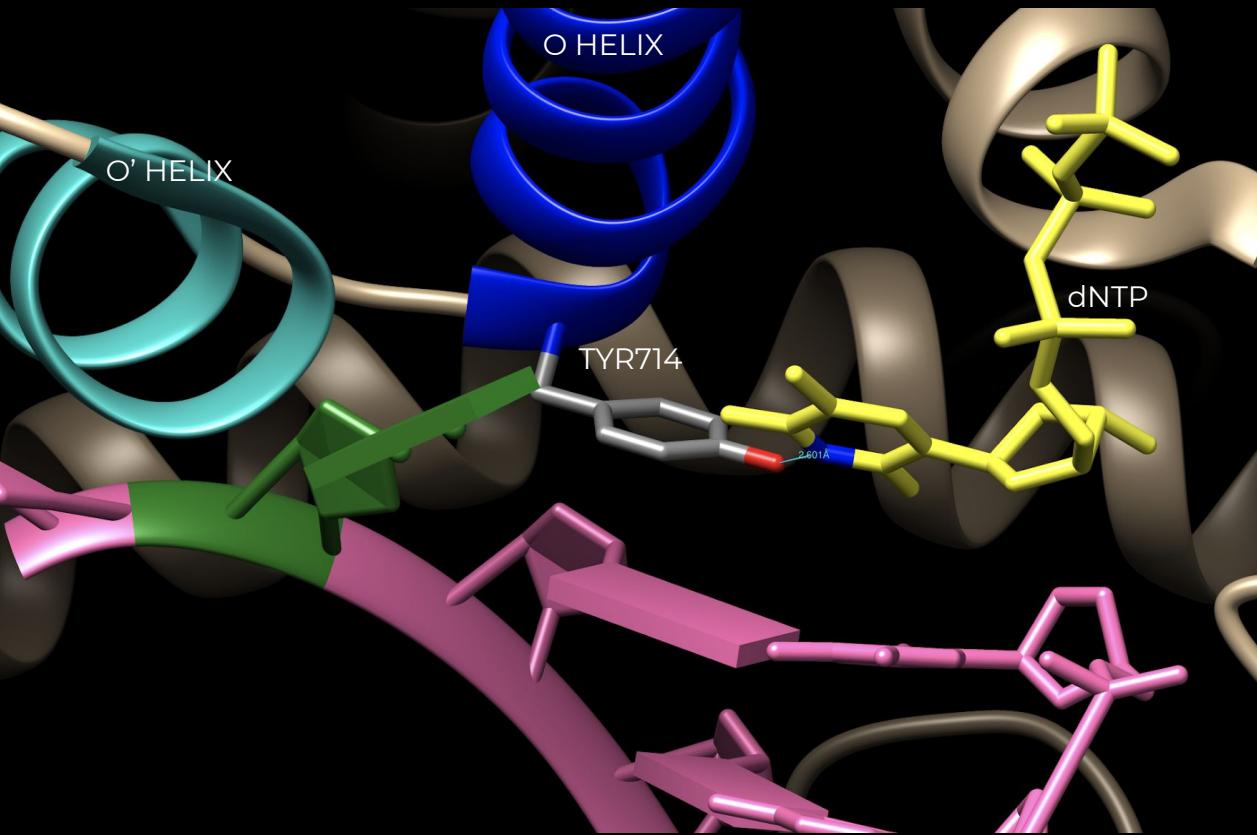
Close conformation





**OPEN Conformation**

## Residue Tyr714



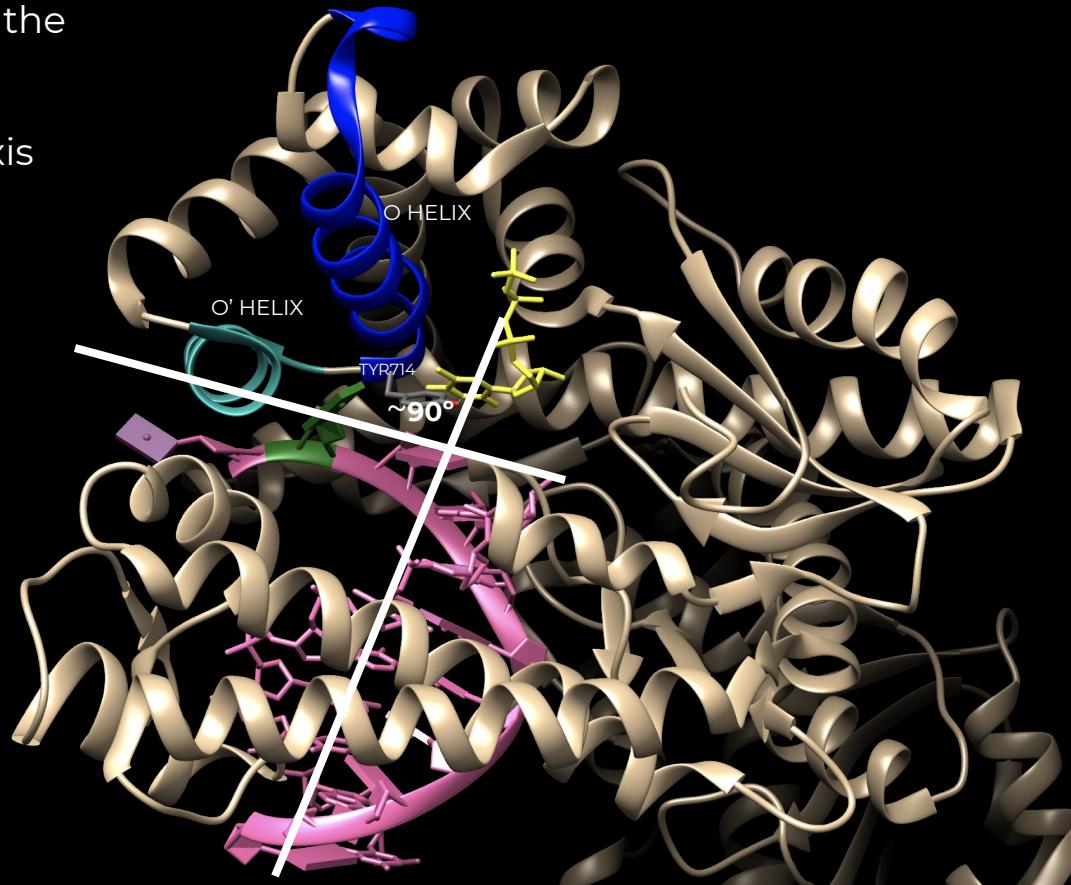
- Tyr714 is at the same position predicted for the acceptor base (T)
- Hydrogen Bond with the N of the base (P)

## Residues of the loop

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sp P56105 DP01_HELPY	SKALFG---EYLAKEKRSIAKSINFGLVY <b>G</b> MGSKKLSETLNIS-----
sp P74933 DP01_TREPA	AAYIFNVSI-DDVQPAMRRIAKTINF <b>G</b> IY <b>G</b> MSAFRLSDELKIS-----
sp 051498 DP01_BORBU	ASKLFKIEE-KEITPNLRRIAKSINF <b>G</b> IY <b>R</b> MSDFRLAKELGIT-----
sp P52026 DP01_GEOSE	AMDIFHVSE-EDVTANMRRQAKAVNFG <b>I</b> Y <b>G</b> ISDYGLAQNLNIT-----
sp Q04957 DP01_BACCA	AMDIFQVSE-DEVT <sup>P</sup> NMRRQAKAVNFG <b>I</b> Y <b>G</b> ISDYGLAQNLNIS-----
sp 032801 DP01_LACLM	AMRVFGIEKAEDVTANDRRNAKAVNFG <b>V</b> V <b>G</b> ISDFGLARNLGIT-----
sp P59200 DP01_STRR6	AMRVFGIERPDNV <sup>T</sup> ANDRRNAKAVNFG <b>V</b> V <b>G</b> ISDFGLSNNLGIS-----
sp Q59156 DP01_ANATD	AAEVFGVDI-ADVTPEMRSQAKAVNFG <b>I</b> Y <b>G</b> ISDYGLARDIKIS-----
sp P46835 DP01_MYCLE	ASRAFGIPI-EDITPELRRRVKAMSYGLAY <b>G</b> L SAYGLATQLKIS-----
sp P00582 DP01_ECOLI	AAEVFGLPL-ETVTSEQRRSAKAINFG <b>I</b> Y <b>G</b> MSAFGLARQLNIP-----
sp Q9F173 DP01_SALTY	AAEVFGLPL-DSVTGEQRRSAKAINFG <b>I</b> Y <b>G</b> MSAFGLSRQLNIP-----
sp P43741 DP01_HAEIN	AAEIFGVSL-DEVTSEQRRNAKAINFG <b>I</b> Y <b>G</b> MSAFGLSRQLGIS-----
sp Q9HT80 DP01_PSEAE	AAEVFGVPL-EDVSGDQRRSAKAINFG <b>I</b> Y <b>G</b> MSAFGLAKQIGVE-----
sp Q9S1G2 DP01_RHILE	ASEMFGVPV-EGMPGEVRRRAKAINFG <b>I</b> Y <b>G</b> ISAFGLANQLSIE-----
sp P19821 DP01_THEAQ	ASWMFGVPR-EAVDPLMRRAAKTINF <b>G</b> VLY <b>G</b> MSAHRLSQELAIP-----
sp P52027 DP01_DEIRA	AAQVLGLDE-ATVDANQRRAAKTVNFGVLY <b>G</b> MSAHRLSNDLGIP-----
sp 008307 DP01_CHLAA	ASRLFGVEP-TAVDKNQRRVAKTVVFG <b>V</b> IY <b>G</b> ISAFGLAQRLGIE-----
sp Q55971 DP01_SYN3	AKLLFGKED--ITPAERNLGKTINF <b>G</b> V <b>I</b> Y <b>G</b> MGAKRFARETG <b>I</b> S-----
sp Q7TQ07 DPOLN_MOUSE	LTSQWKDIPIERVTHMDREQTKKVV <b>S</b> V <b>V</b> <b>G</b> AGKERLAACLGVT-----
sp Q7Z5Q5 DPOLN_HUMAN	LTSQWKDVPVEQVTHADREQTKKVV <b>Y</b> AV <b>V</b> <b>G</b> AGKERLAACLGVP-----
sp 075417 DPOLQ_HUMAN	AAEWKMIEP-ESVGDDLQQAK <b>Q</b> IC <b>Y</b> <b>G</b> IY <b>G</b> MGAKSLGEQMG <b>I</b> K-----
sp P00581 DPOL_BPT7	LNGDIHTKNQIAAE <sup>P</sup> TRDNAKTFIY <b>G</b> FLY <b>G</b> AGDEKIGQIVGAG-----

## Residue Tyr714

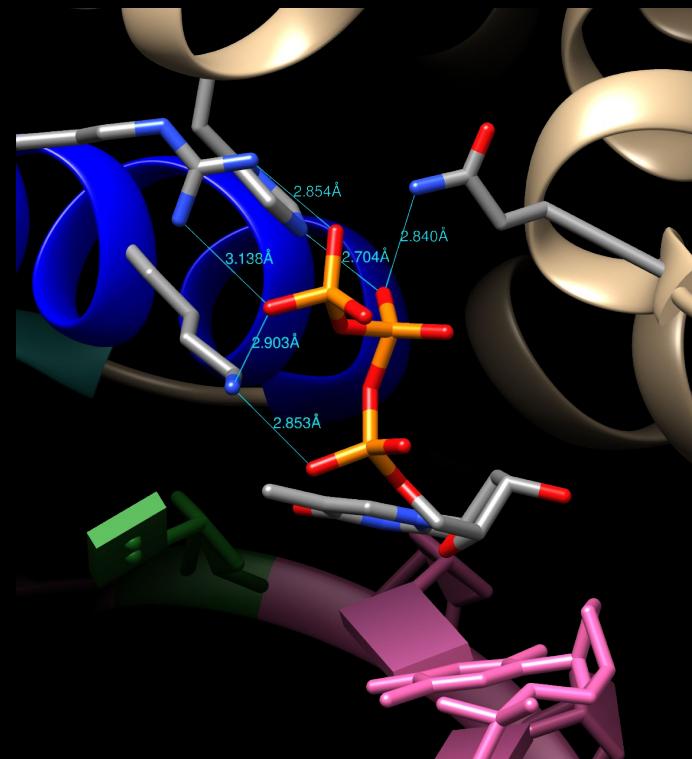
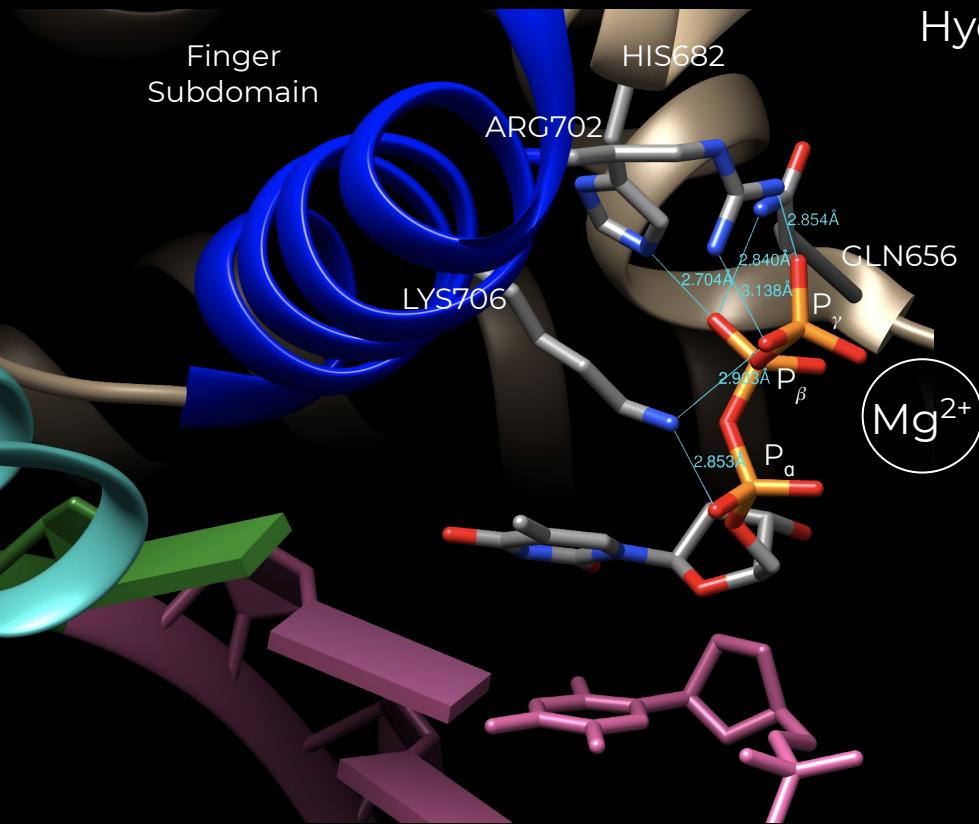
The overhang of the template strand turns  $\sim 90^\circ$  in relation to the axis of the duplex



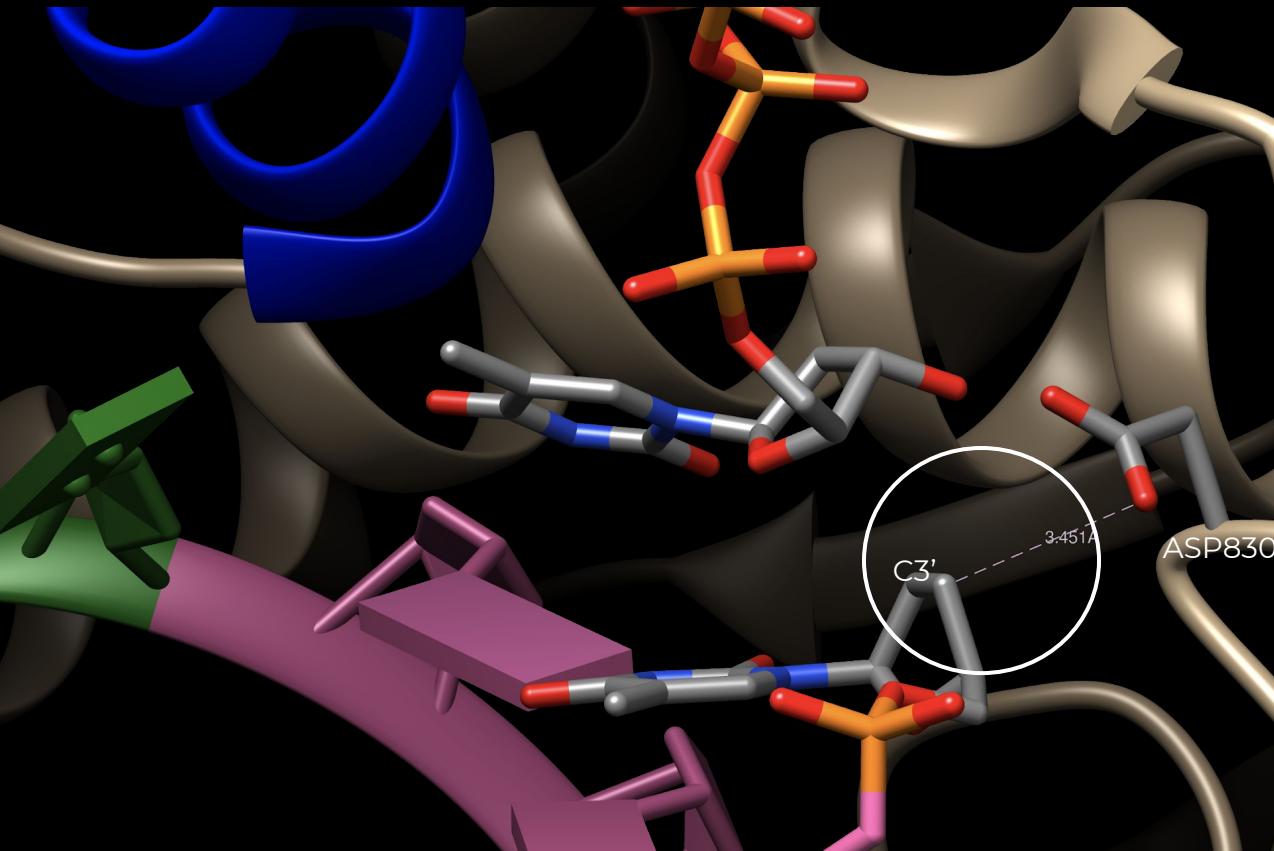
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sp 075417 DPOLQ_HUMAN	AAEWKMIEP-ESVGDDLRQQAKQICYGLIYGMGAKSLGEQMGIK-----
sp P00581 DPOL_BPT7	LNGDIHTKNQIAAELPTRDNAKTFIYGFYAGDEKIGQIVGAG-----

# Phosphates of dNTP and O Helix



## 3' OH “hidden” by Asp830



- A ddNTP was used at the end of the primer strand
- Asp830 avoids phosphodiester bonds in open conformation

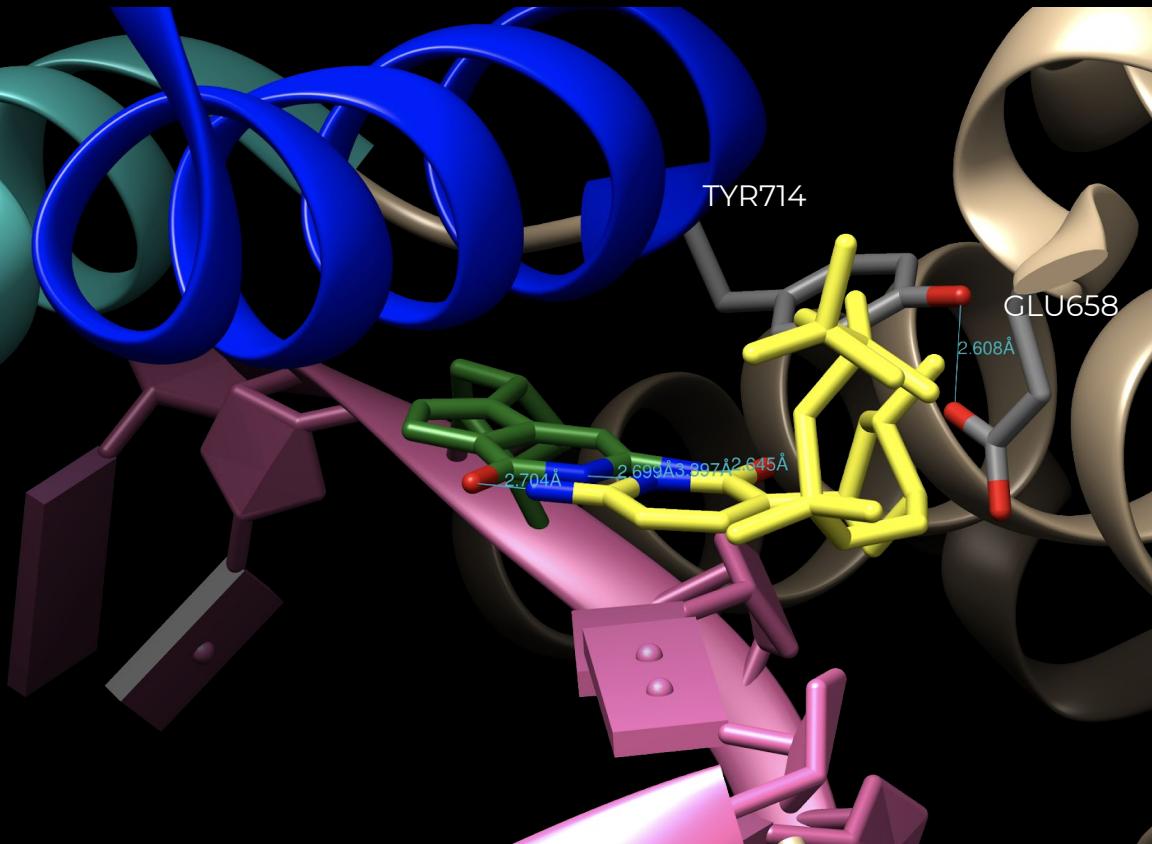
## Residue Asp830

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sp P74933 DP01_TREPA	-LLLQVH <b>DELIFEAPAAETAIVKEILFAEMEHAVE</b> -----LSIPLRIH
sp 051498 DP01_BORBU	-ILLQVH <b>DEMLIESPIEEENEVKKILKIMMETAYT</b> -----LNLPLRAN
sp P52026 DP01_GEOSE	-LLLQVH <b>DELILEAPKEEIERLCRLVPEVMEQAVT</b> -----LRVPLKVD
sp Q04957 DP01_BACCA	-LLLQVH <b>DELILEAPKEEMERLCRLVPEVMEQAVT</b> -----LRVPLKVD
sp 032801 DP01_LACLM	-LLLQVH <b>DEIILDVPLEELEDIKALVKQTMEEAIE</b> -----LAVPLKVD
sp P59200 DP01_STRR6	-MLLQVH <b>DEIVLEVPKSELVEMKKLVQTMEEAIQ</b> -----LSVPLIAD
sp Q59156 DP01_ANATD	-IILQVH <b>DELLIEAPYEEKDIVKEIVKREMEMAVA</b> -----LKVPVVE
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sp P43741 DP01_HAEIN	-MIMQVH <b>DELVFEVRSKEVVAFFREQIKQHMEAEE</b> -----LVVPLIVE
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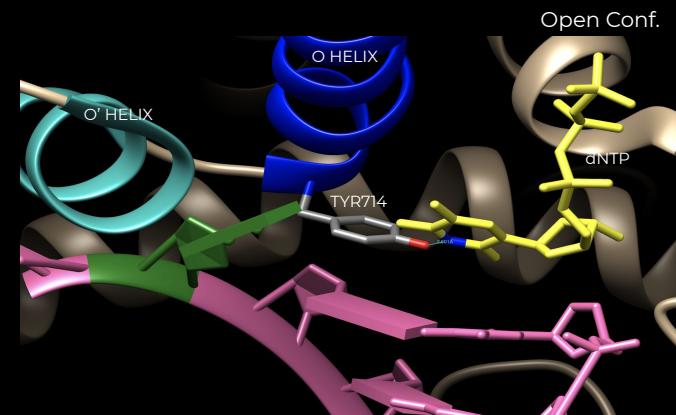


**CLOSE Conformation**

## Residue Tyr714



- The acceptor base of the template is now in the **insertion site**
- Tyr714: water salt bridge with Glu658
- HBond between bases



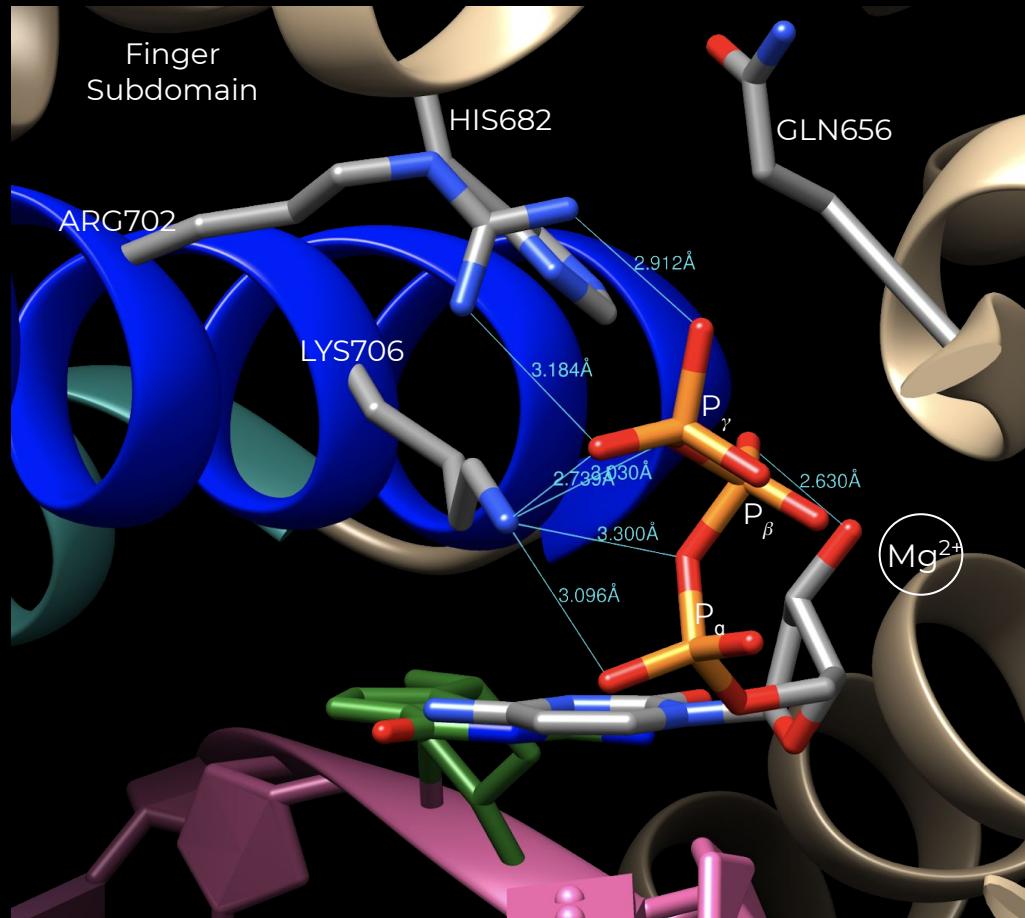
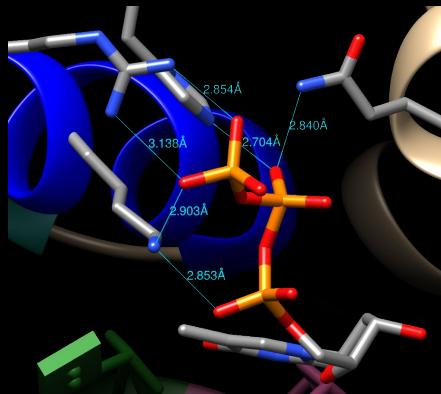
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## Phosphates of dNTP and O Helix

- Change in the HBonds interactions between the O helix and the dNTP, compared to open conformation.

Open conformation

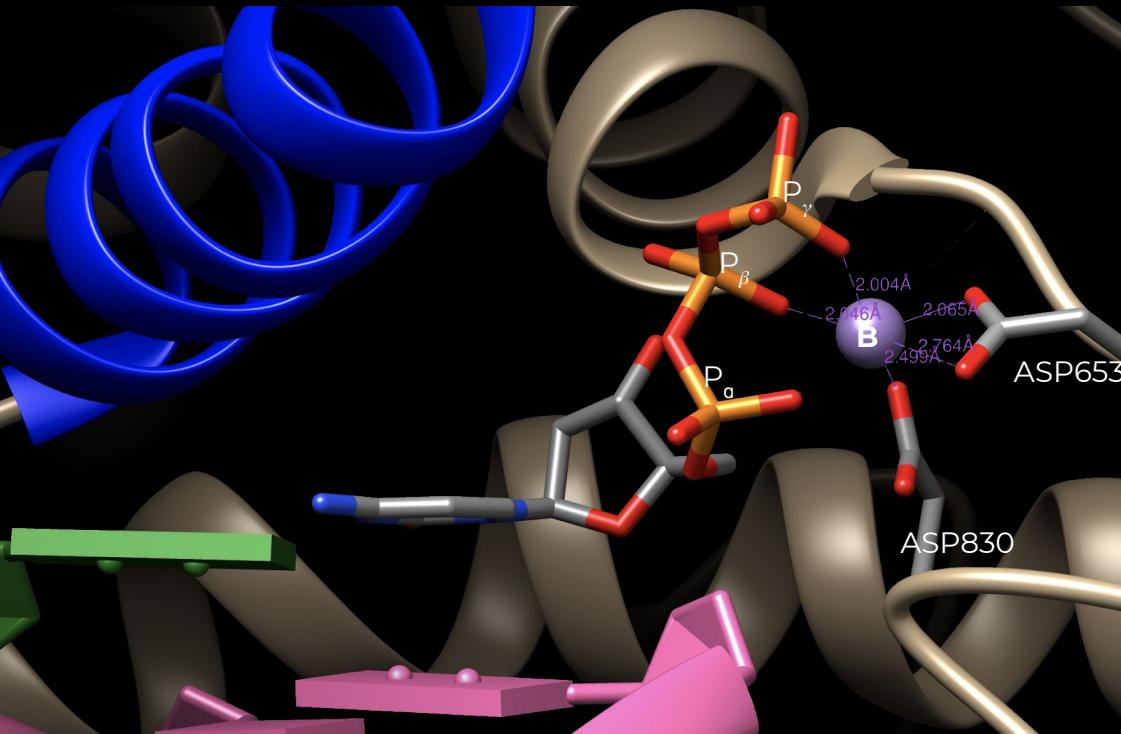


## Residues of the O Helix

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## Mg<sup>2+</sup>: Metal Sites A and B

### Metal Site B



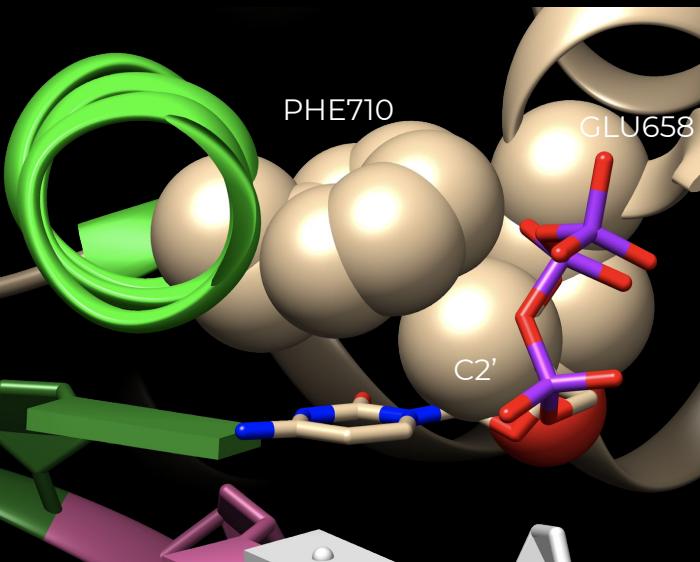
- dNTP-Mg<sup>2+</sup>
- The  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  phosphates interact with the Mg<sup>2+</sup> through metallic bonding

## Residue Asp653

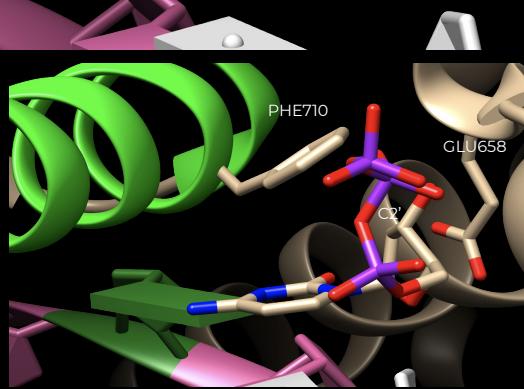
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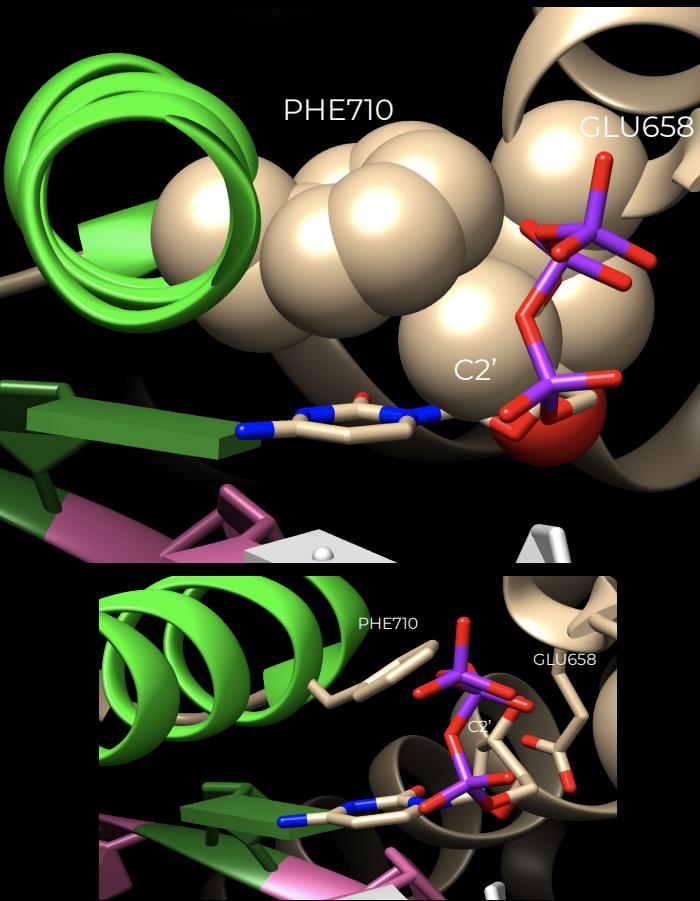
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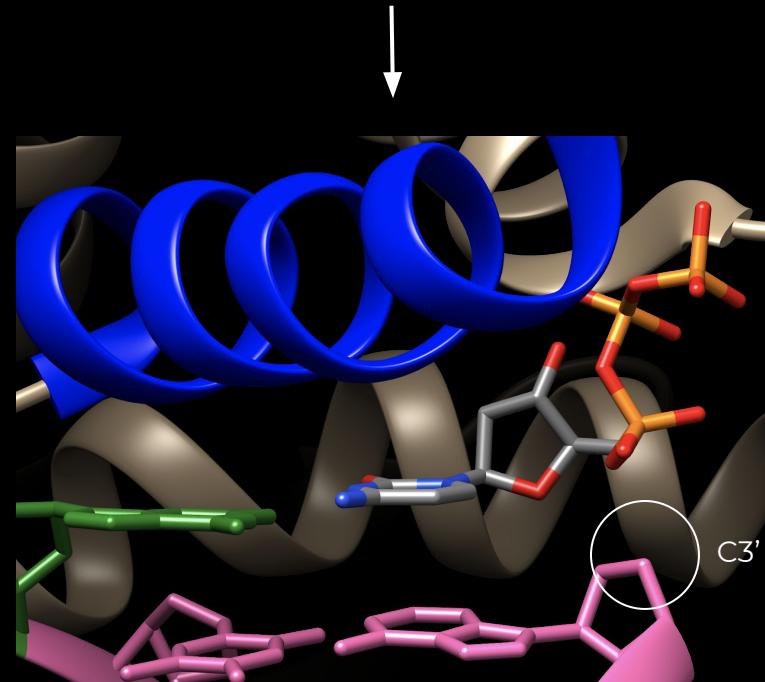
← Specificity of a deoxyribose over a ribose



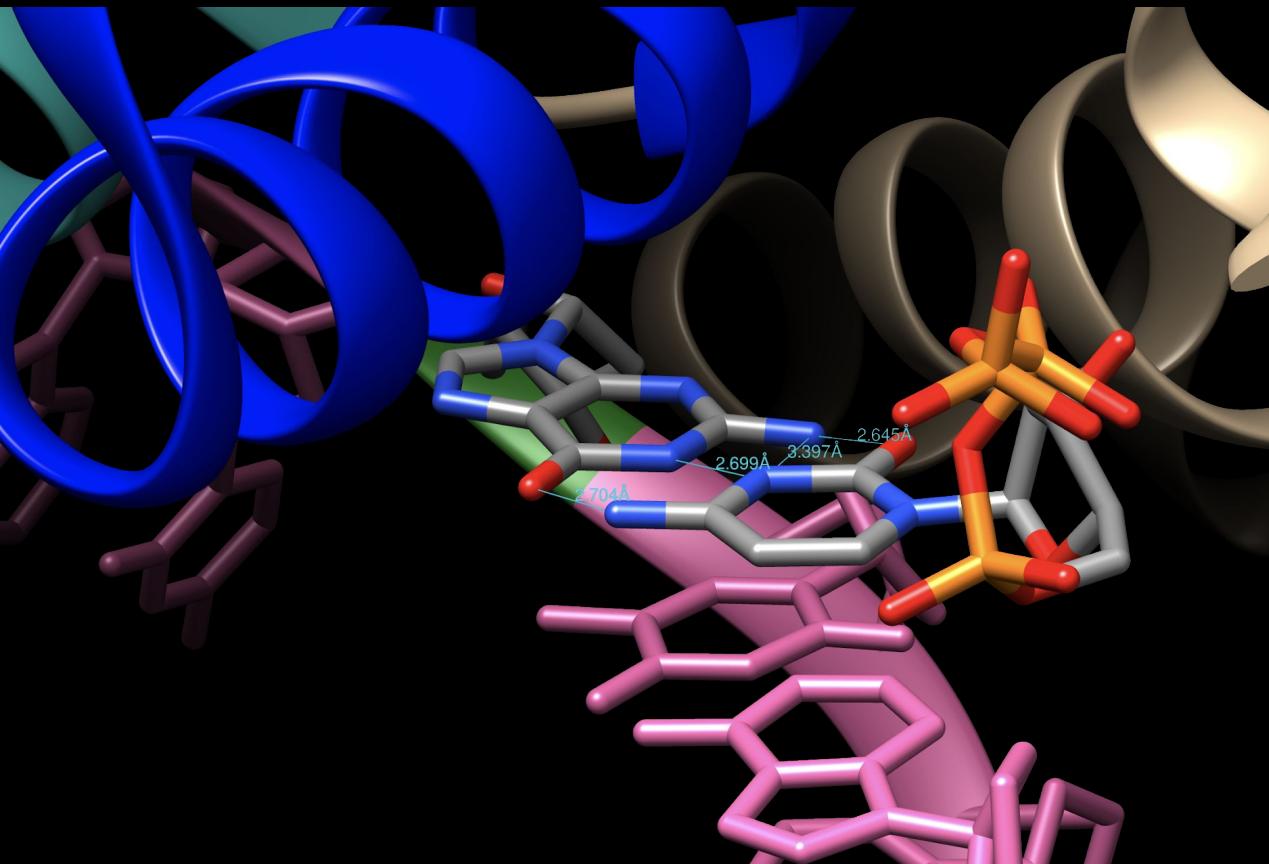
## Sugar specificity of the dNTP



- ← · Specificity of a deoxyribose over a ribose
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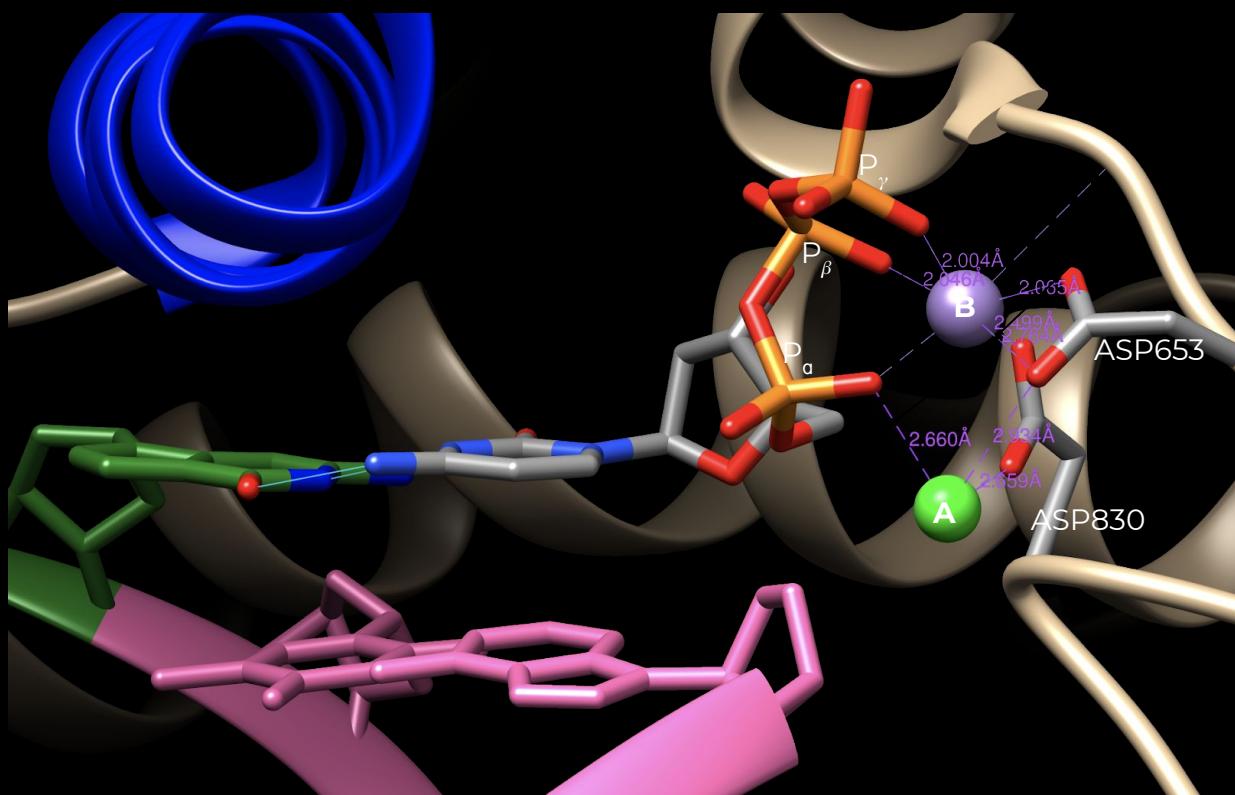
## Hydrogen Bonds between base pairs



- The insertion site must be geometrically and energetically favourable in order to establish HBonds between bases

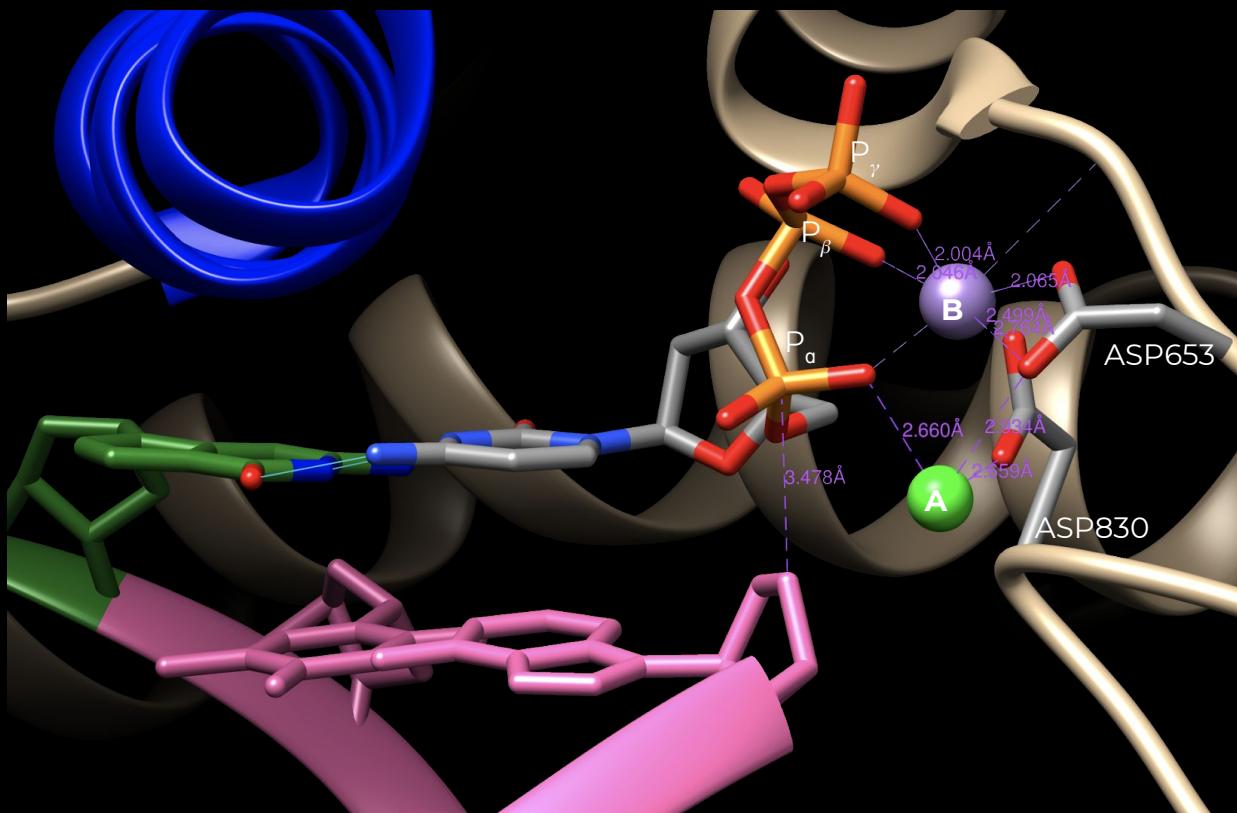
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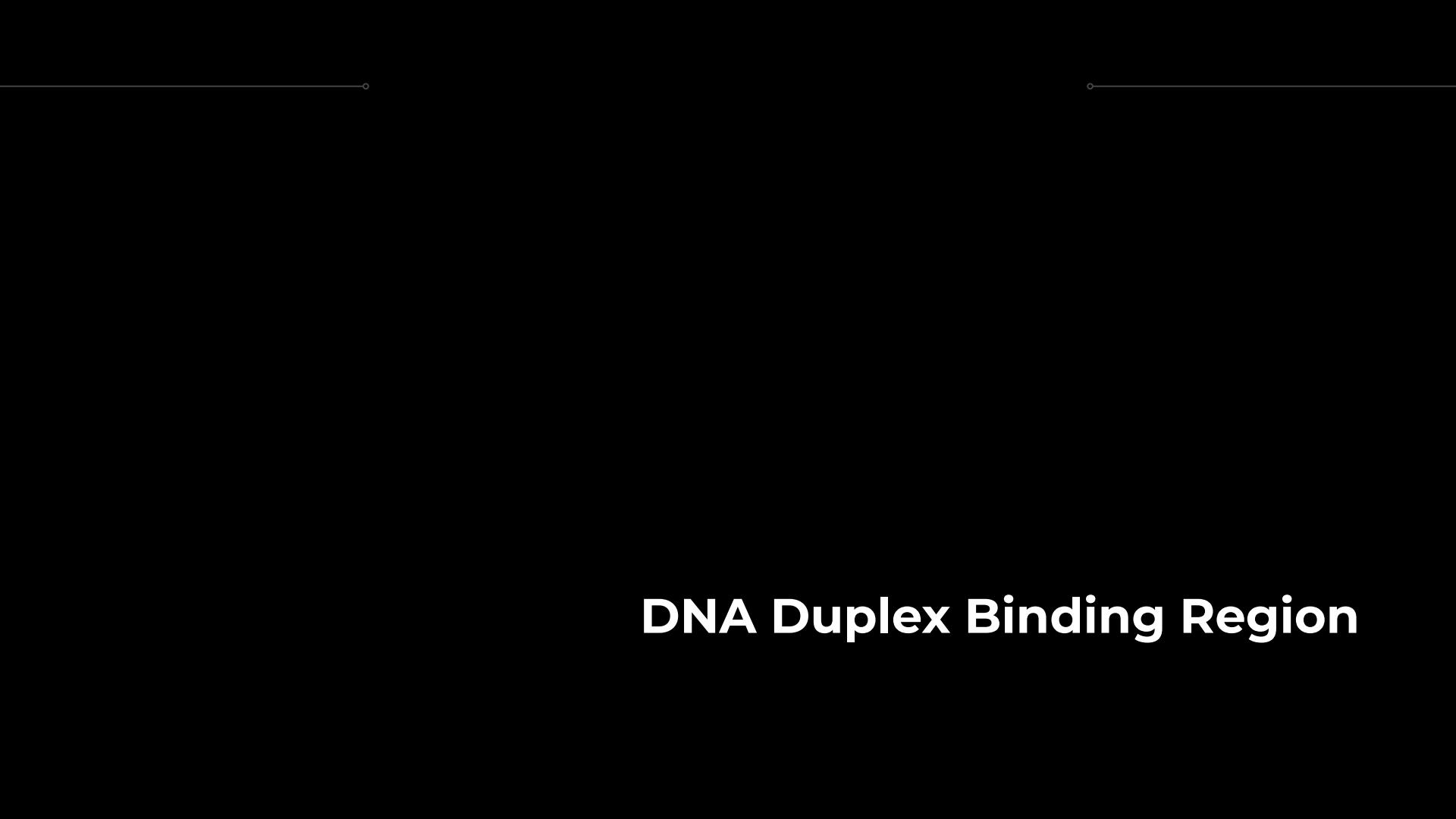
- Second Mg<sup>2+</sup> ion
- The  $\alpha$  phosphate interacts with the Mg<sup>2+</sup> through metallic bonding



## Mg<sup>2+</sup>: Metal Sites A and B

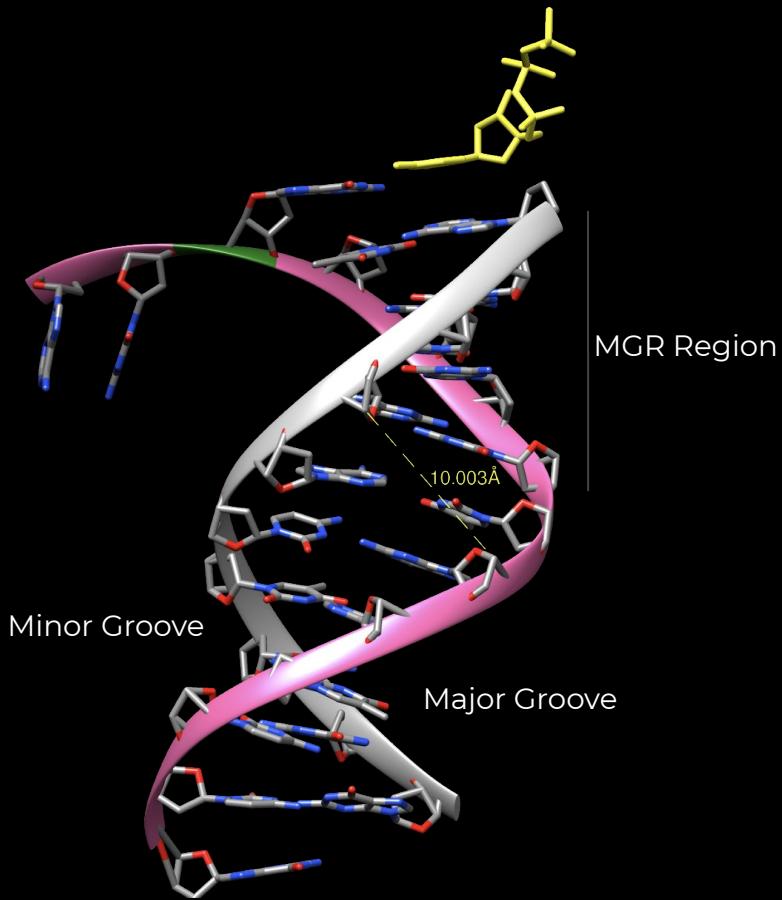
- The distance ( $P_{\alpha}$  and C3') is lower than  $\sim 4\text{\AA}$
- The second Mg<sup>2+</sup> enables catalytic reaction
- The C3' of the deoxyribose must switch to C3'-endo sugar pucker (A-form)





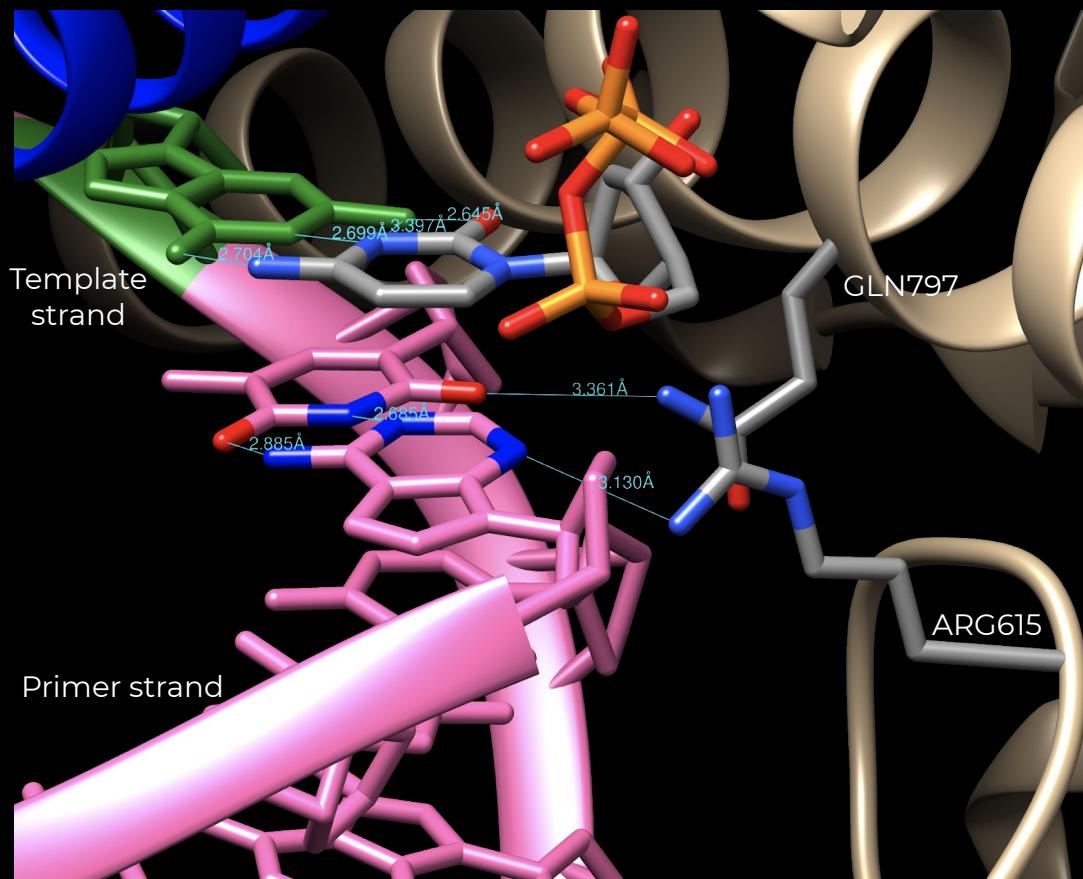
# DNA Duplex Binding Region

## Change in the DNA conformation



- The first three base pairs of the DNA duplex adopt a A-form DNA conformation
- The Minor Groove becomes more shallow and wider
- The Minor Groove is sequence-independent

## DNA duplex binding region



- **Post-Insertion site:**  
**1st base pair**
- HBonds with the Minor Groove N bases
- Steric complementarity

# Residues Arg615 and Gln797

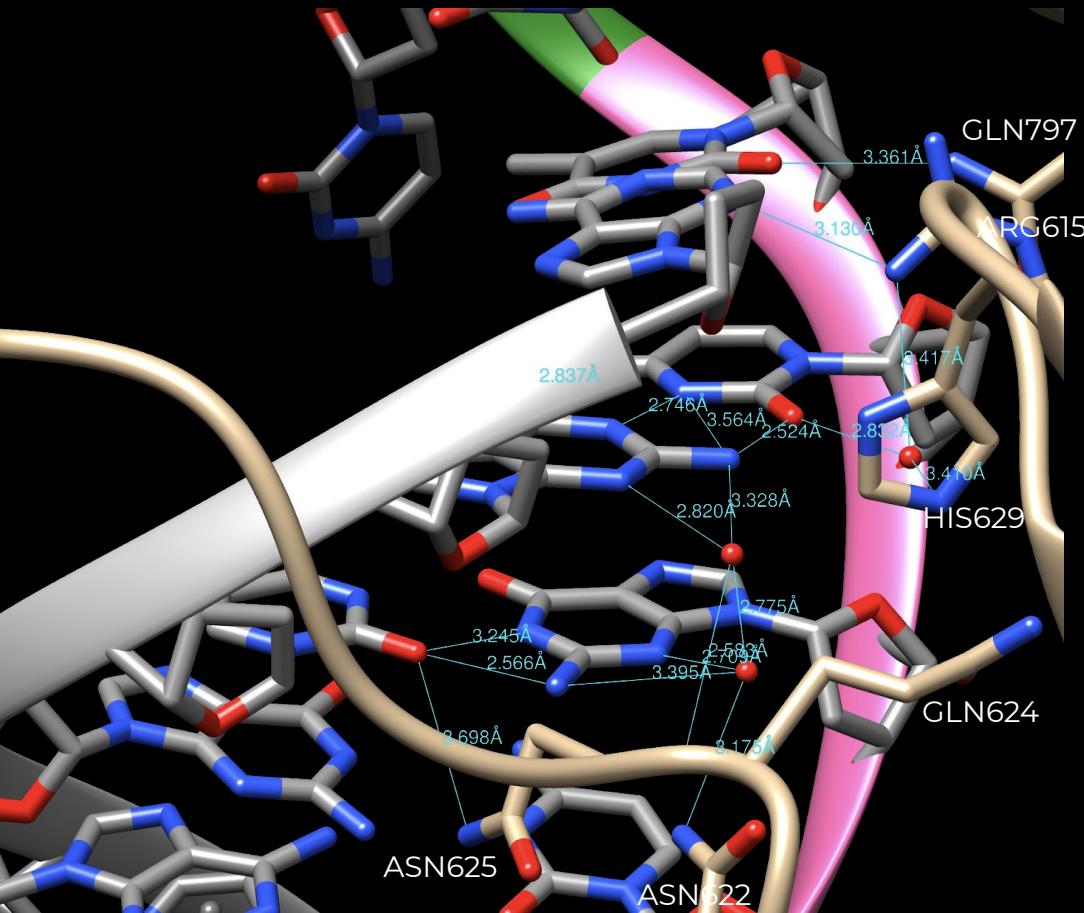
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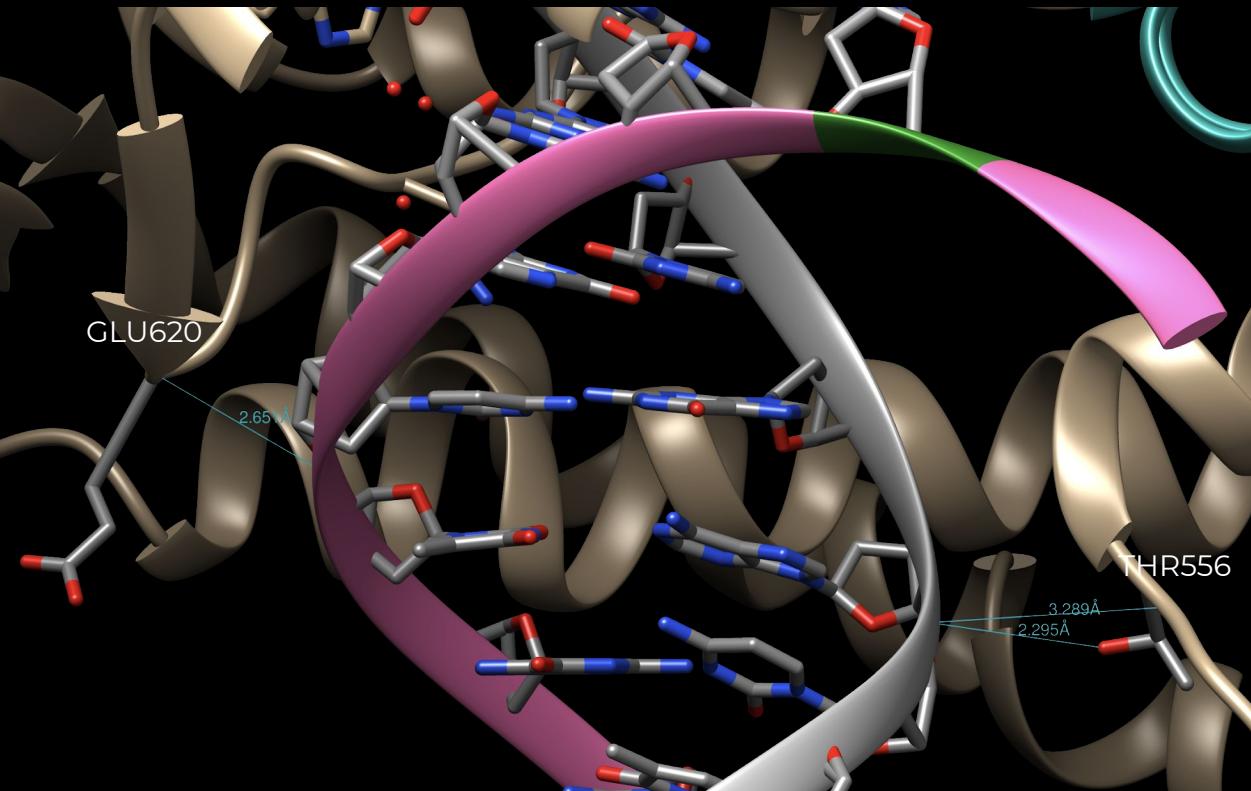
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## DNA duplex binding region



- **Minor-Groove Recognition (MGR) region**
- A-form DNA: C3' -endo conformation
- Interaction between **the first 3 base pairs** of the duplex with side-chains or water molecules anchored to the side chains of the **palm** subdomain (HBonds)

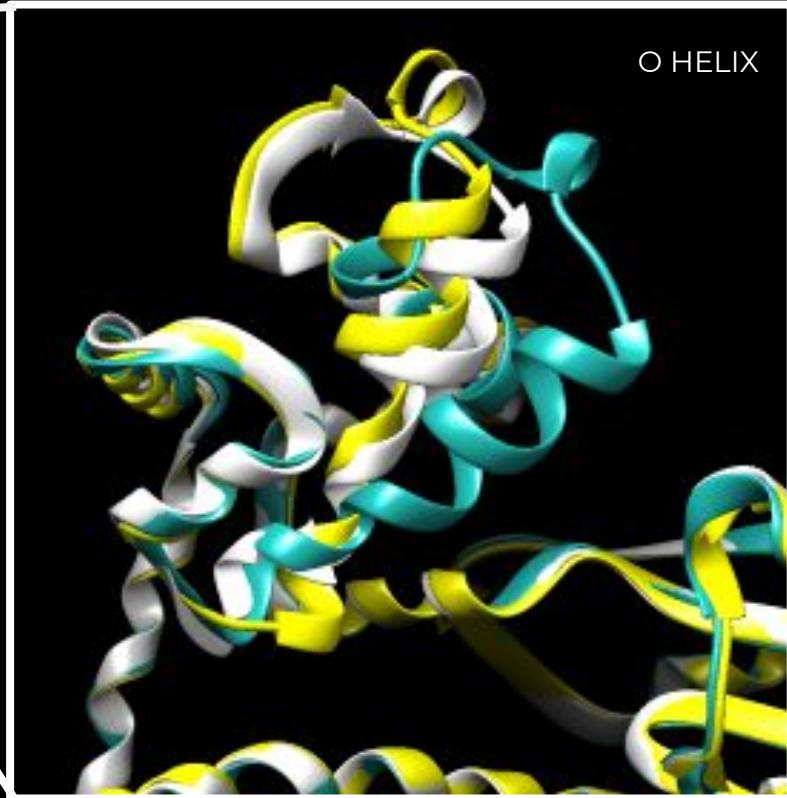
## DNA duplex binding region



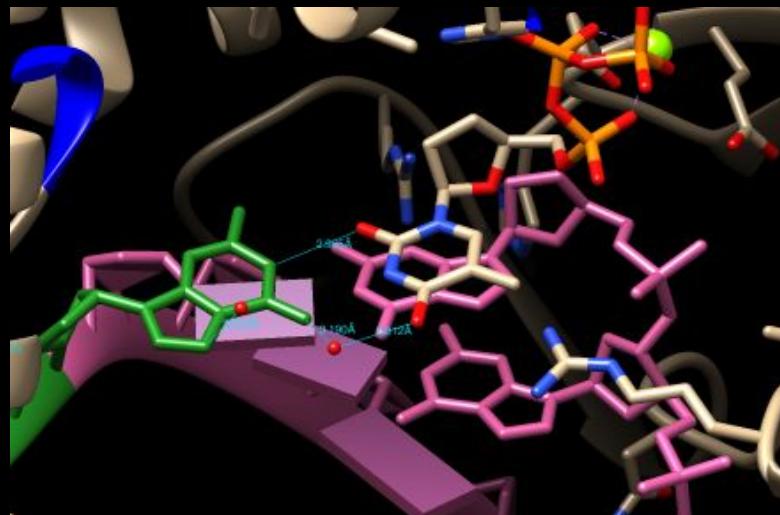
- **Distal part of the DNA duplex binding region**
- Sequence-independent binding region  
↓  
Sugar-phosphate bb
- B-form DNA, a more hydrated conformation

*Ajar conformation*

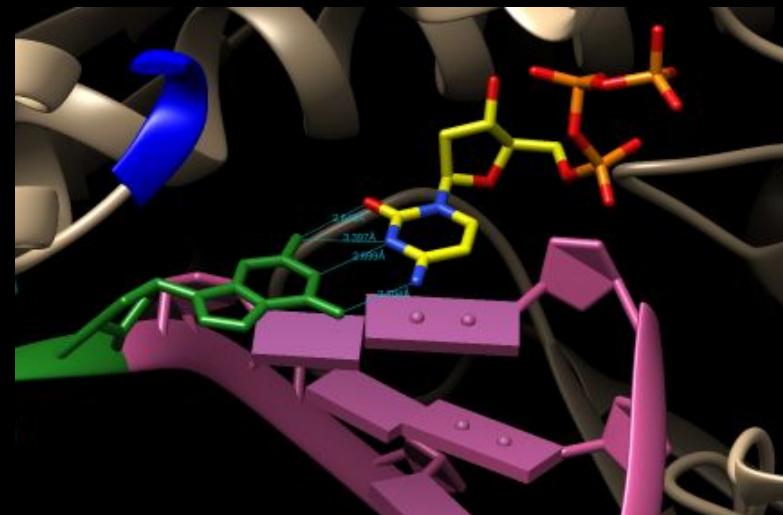
## Superposition: Open - Close - Ajar



## Ajar: base pair mismatch

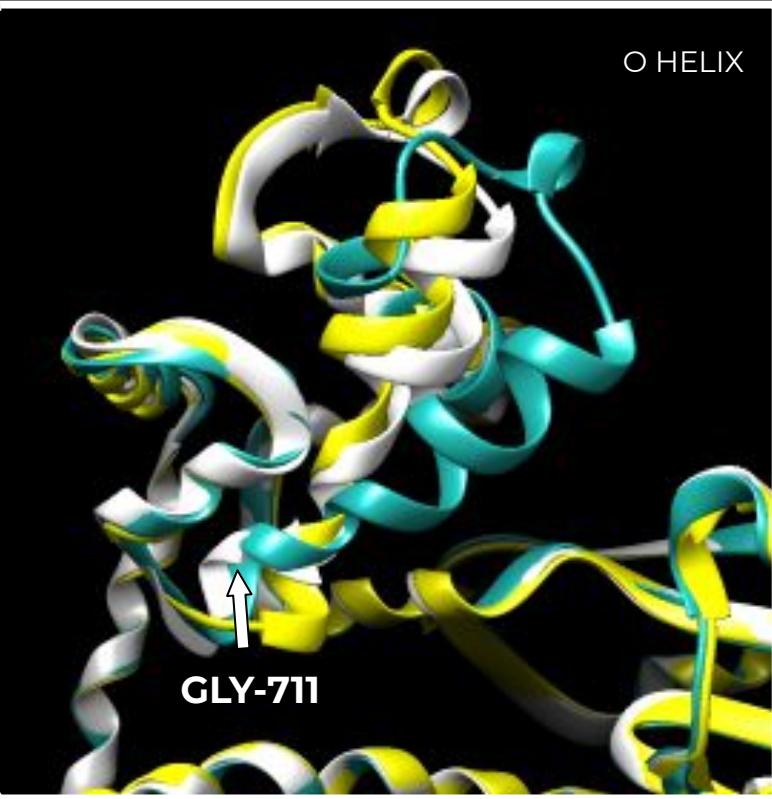


Mismatch



Correct pairing

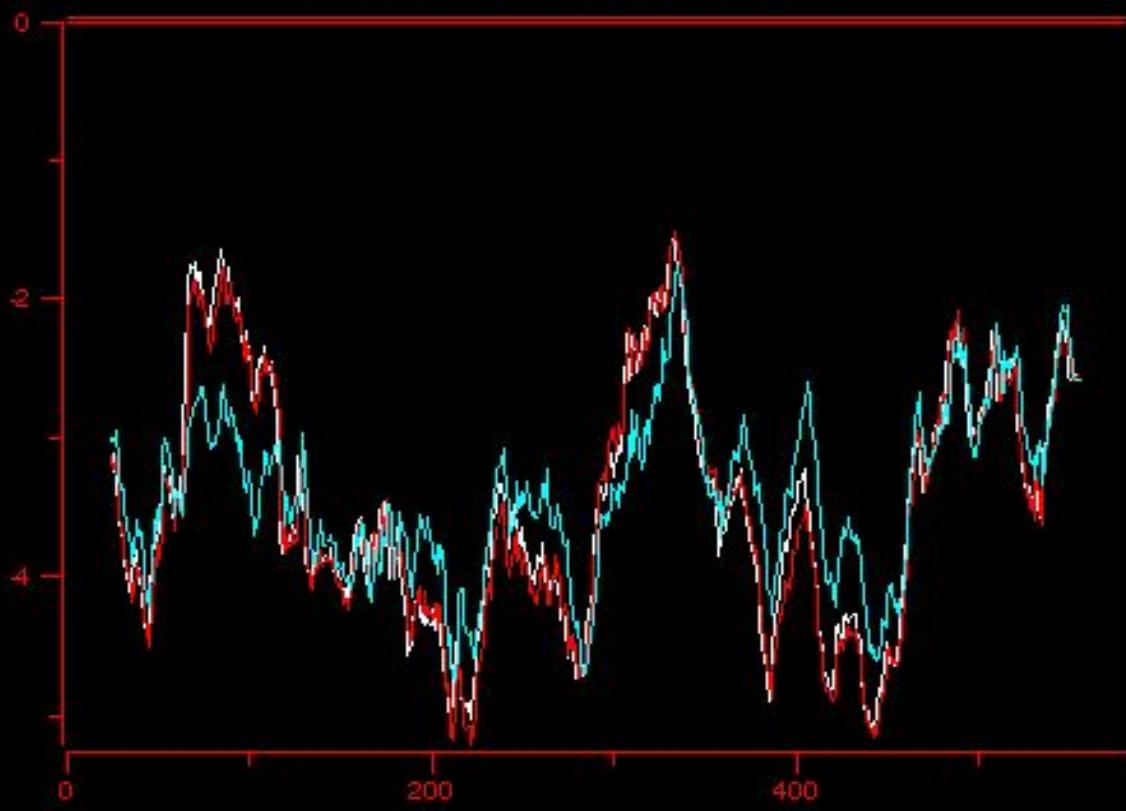
## Superposition: Open - Close - Ajar



## Residue Gly711

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## Conformations Energies

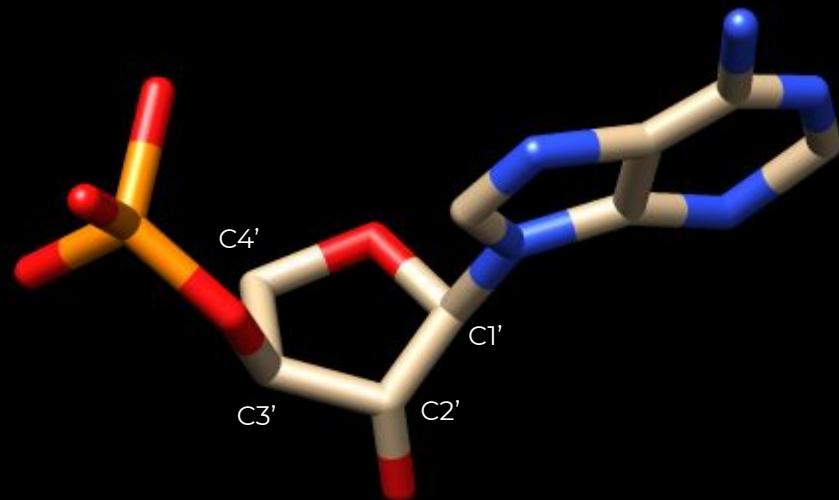


- The Close conformation is the most stable one
- Open and Ajar conformations are more energetically unfavourable

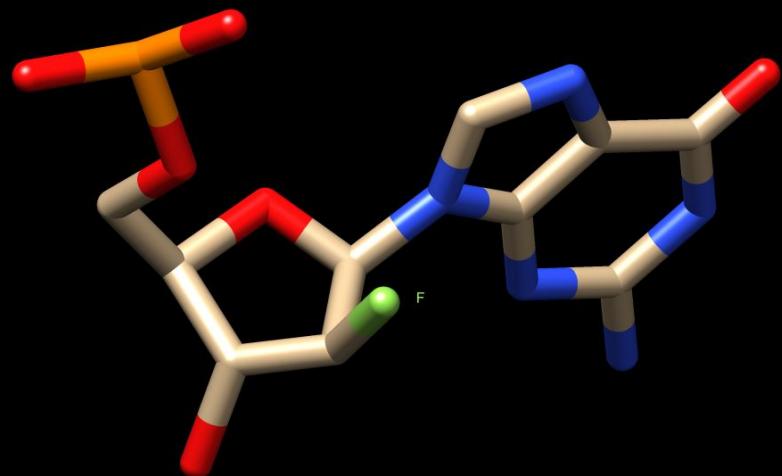
# XNA reverse transcriptase

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## Sugar differences

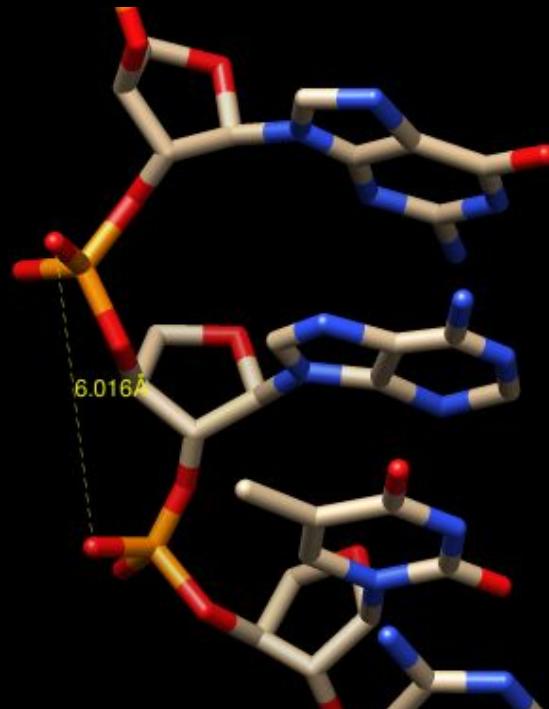


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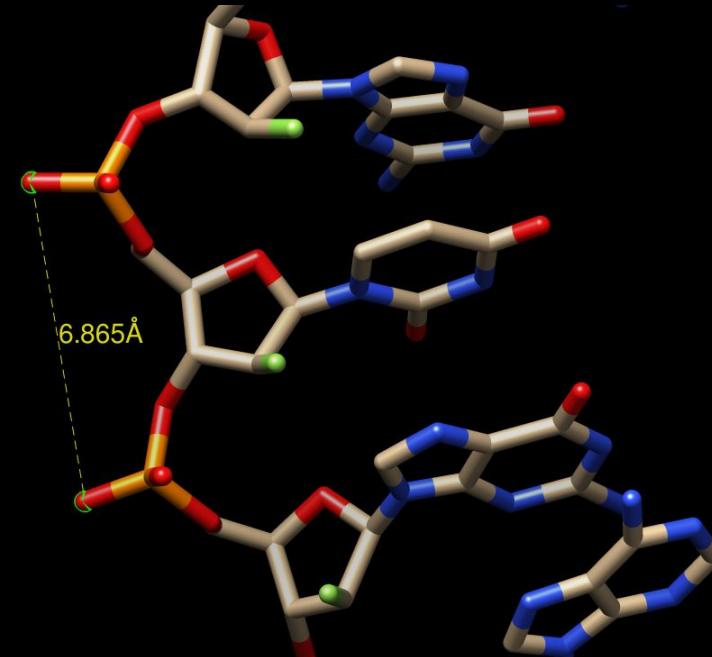


FANA

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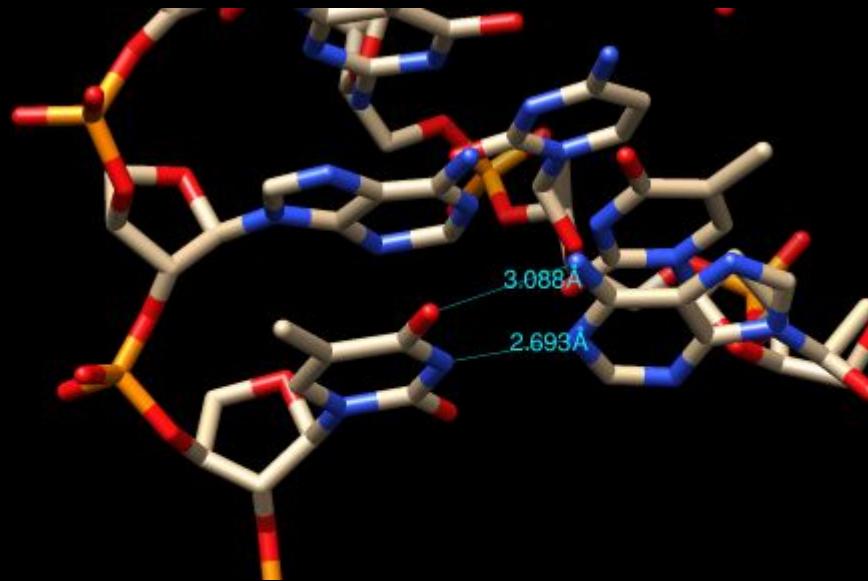


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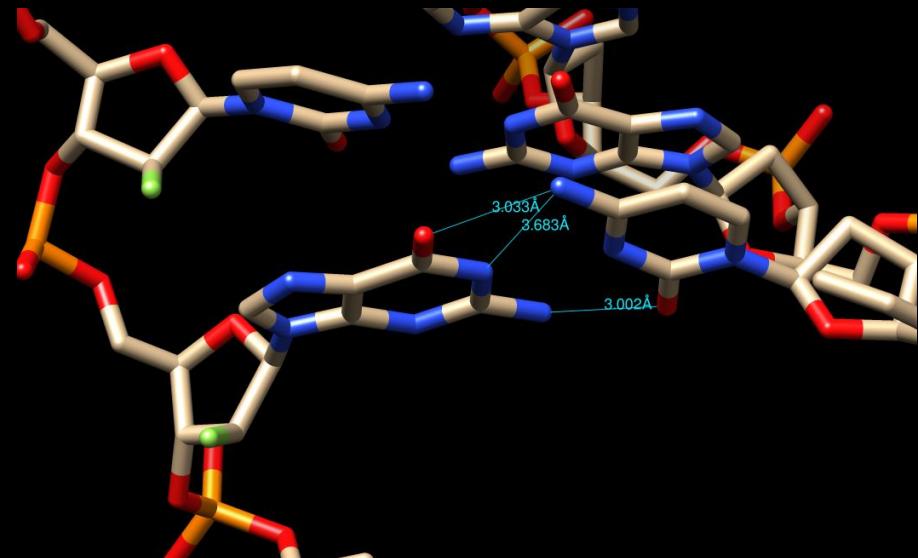


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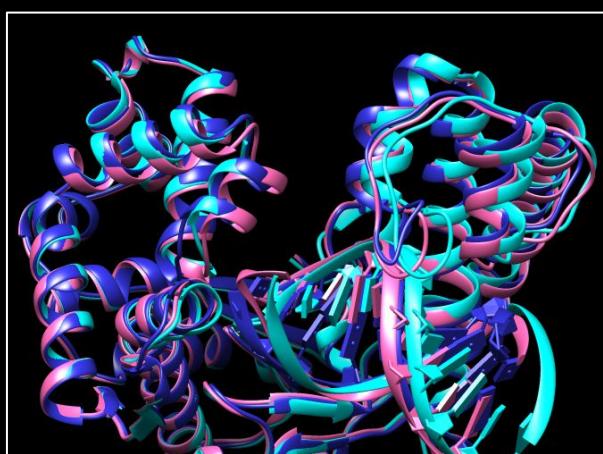


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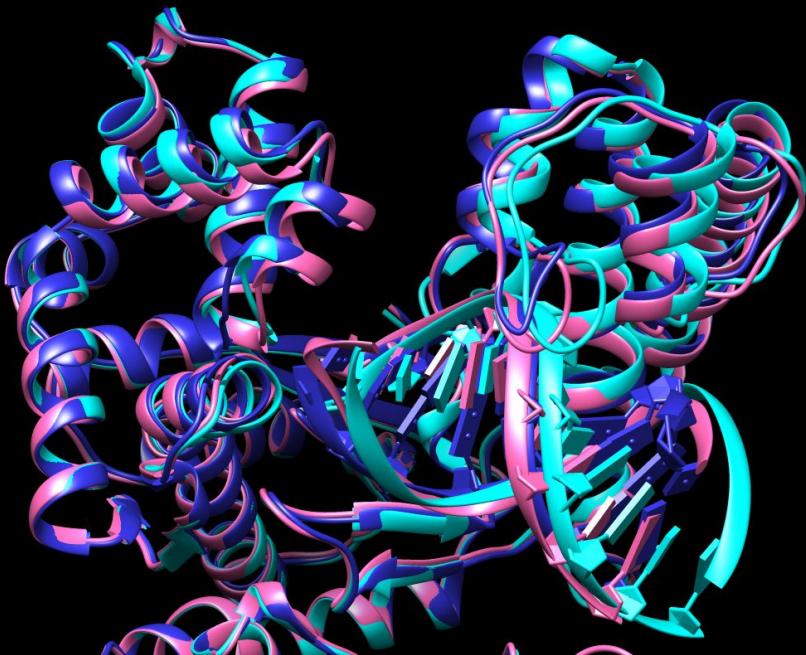


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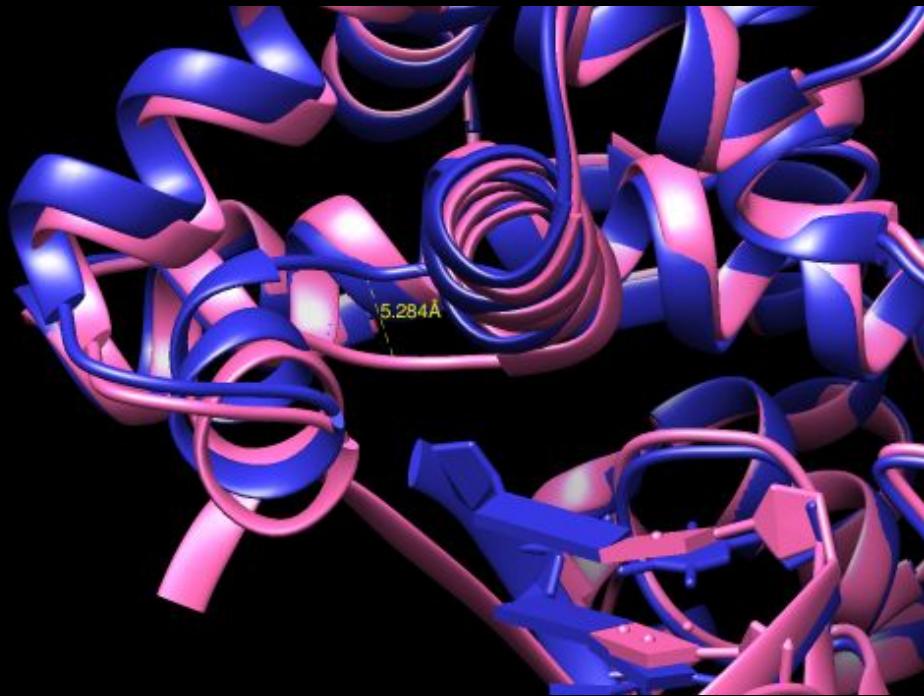
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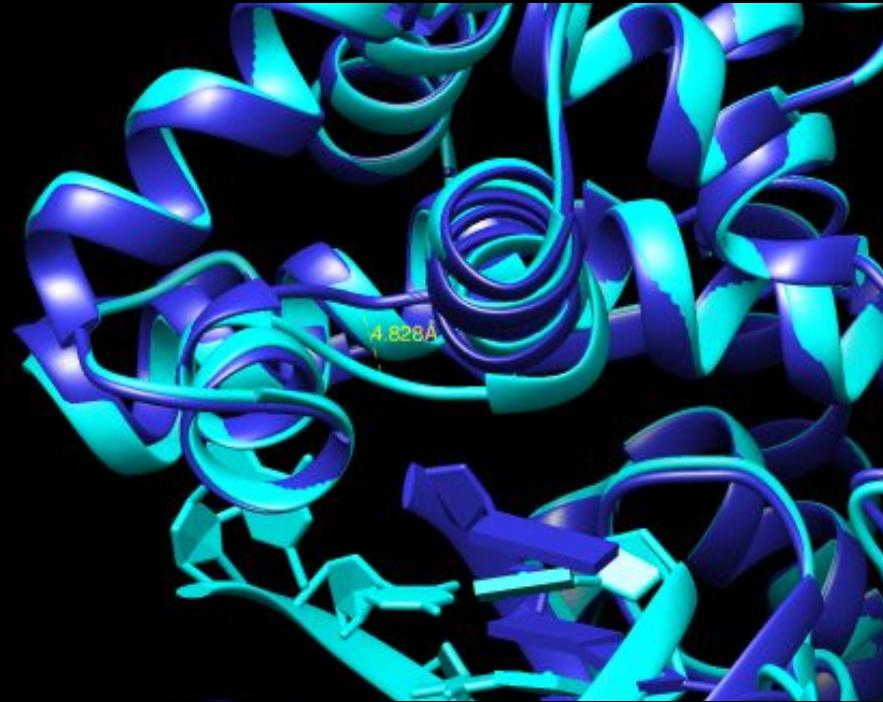
■ DNA ■ FANA ■ TNA



## O helix



DNA/TNA



DNA/FANA

## Conformations and Interactions



- Movement → finger domain and helix O/O1
- Interactions palm → recognition template
- Tyr 714 similar orientation
- B-form helix duplex

## Final View

- DNA Polymerases is a **huge protein superfamily** present in all domains of life
- There are different **families**, adopting new additional functions
- Its **conformation** is essential for a correct nucleotide incorporation: Ajar, Open and Close are the only ones crystallized
- DNA Pol I presents a high **fidelity** rate thanks to the Pre-Insertion Site
- The **Pre-Insertion Site** is highly conserved in A-family DNA Polymerases

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**Thanks for your attention**

## PEM Questions

1. Which is the main change observed between open and closed conformations?
  - a. A new interaction between residues of the palm
  - b. A 40° rotation of the O Helix
  - c. A shorter distance between the alpha-phosphate of the dNTP and 3'OH of the primer strand
  - d. The incorporation of two Mg<sup>2+</sup> ions
  - e. **B and C are correct**
2. In relation to the polymerization process, the incorrect answer is:
  - f. The Pre-Insertion Site avoids an early contact between the two bases
  - g. The phosphodiester bond occurs after the hydrogen bonds between the base pair
  - h. Two metal ions (Mg<sup>2+</sup>) are needed in order to catalyze the reaction
  - i. **The base pair formed don't need to be align with the other base pairs**
  - j. The active site is mostly hydrophilic
3. At the DNA duplex binding region:
  - k. There are Hydrogen bonds between the bases and side-chains with water molecules as intermediaries
  - l. The DNA is adopting a A-form conformation in the first three base pairs
  - m. The interactions in this region are in the minor groove and the phosphate-sugar backbone
  - n. **All the answers are correct**
  - o. All the answers are wrong
4. Which domains are involved in the nucleotide incorporation?
  - p. Thumb, palm, exonuclease
  - q. **Thumb, palm, finger**
  - r. Finger
  - s. Palm, exonuclease
  - t. Finger, exonuclease, thumb

## PEM Questions

5. To which DNA polymerase family does the DNA polymerase I belong?
  - a. Family X
  - b. Family B
  - c. Family A**
  - d. Family C
  - e. Family D
6. Which is the most stable conformation that participates in the polymerase activity?
  - a. Open
  - b. Closed**
  - c. Ajar
  - d. A and C are correct
  - e. All the conformations are unstable
7. Relative to DNA polymerase general functions, which is the incorrect answer:
  - a. It has proofreading activity (exonuclease 3' - 5')
  - b. Okazaki fragments belong to the lagging strand**
  - c. Single stranded binding proteins are necessary to stabilize DNA
  - d. Exonuclease 5' - 3' activity remove RNA primer
  - e. All the answers are incorrect
8. The correct answer is:
  - a. FANA contains a fluorine in the sugar
  - b. DNA pol conformation that adopts with TNA is not exactly the same as with DNA
  - c. A and B are correct
  - d. Geobacillus stearothermophilus polymerase can naturally catalyze DNA from XNA templates
  - e. All the answers are correct**

## PEM Questions

9. Ajar conformation is normally done when:
  - a. **Mismatch**
  - b. Before open conformation
  - c. Between open and close conformation
  - d. Only at high temperatures
  - e. All the answers are correct
10. Which of these reasons does not happen during the polymerization?
  - a. The alignment between the two nitrogenous bases
  - b. The closing of the conformation thanks to the O Helix
  - c. A conformational change of the DNA
  - d. **An hydratation of the DNA inside the active site**
  - e. Two Mg<sup>2+</sup> ions binding inside the insertion site