

structural analysis of

# G-Proteins

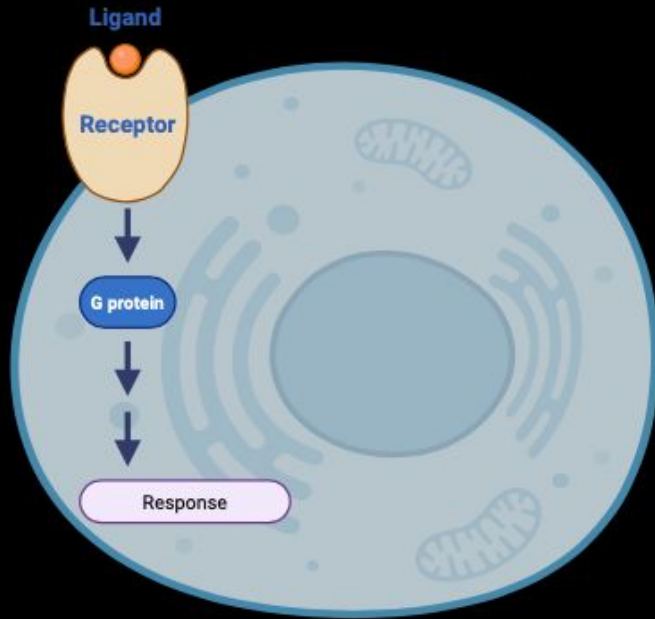
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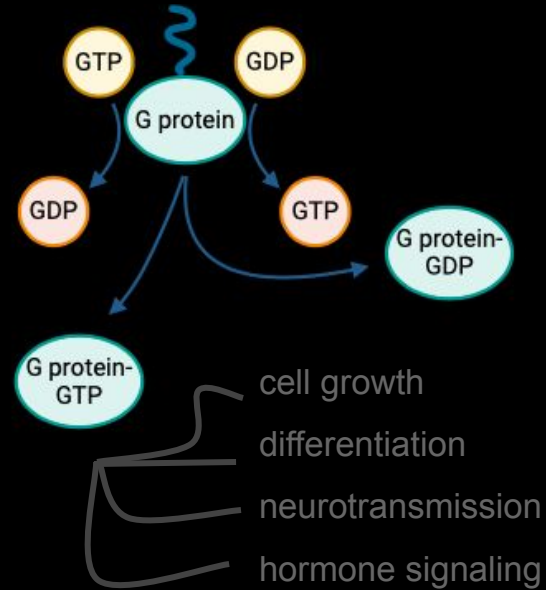
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# G-Proteins



transmission of signals from outside the cell  
to the inside



# G-Proteins Classification

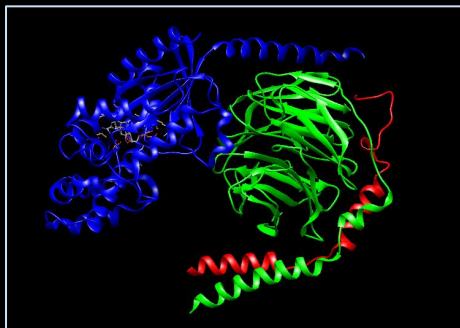
Heterotrimeric G-Proteins

Monomeric G-proteins

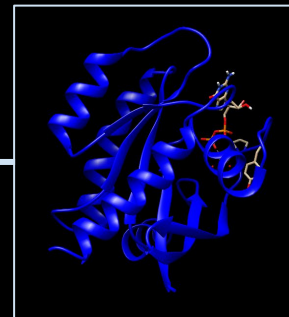


# Heterotrimeric vs Monomeric

heterotrimeric



monomeric

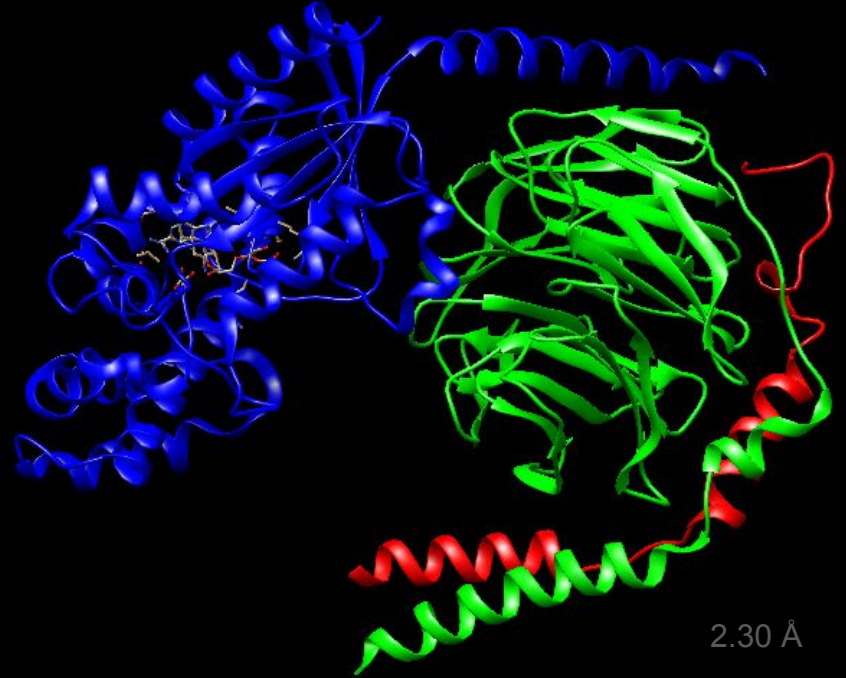
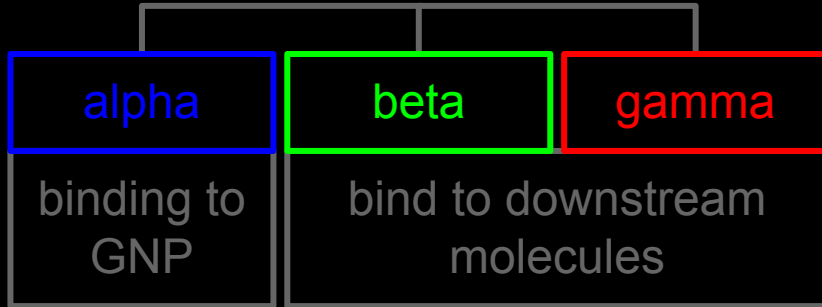


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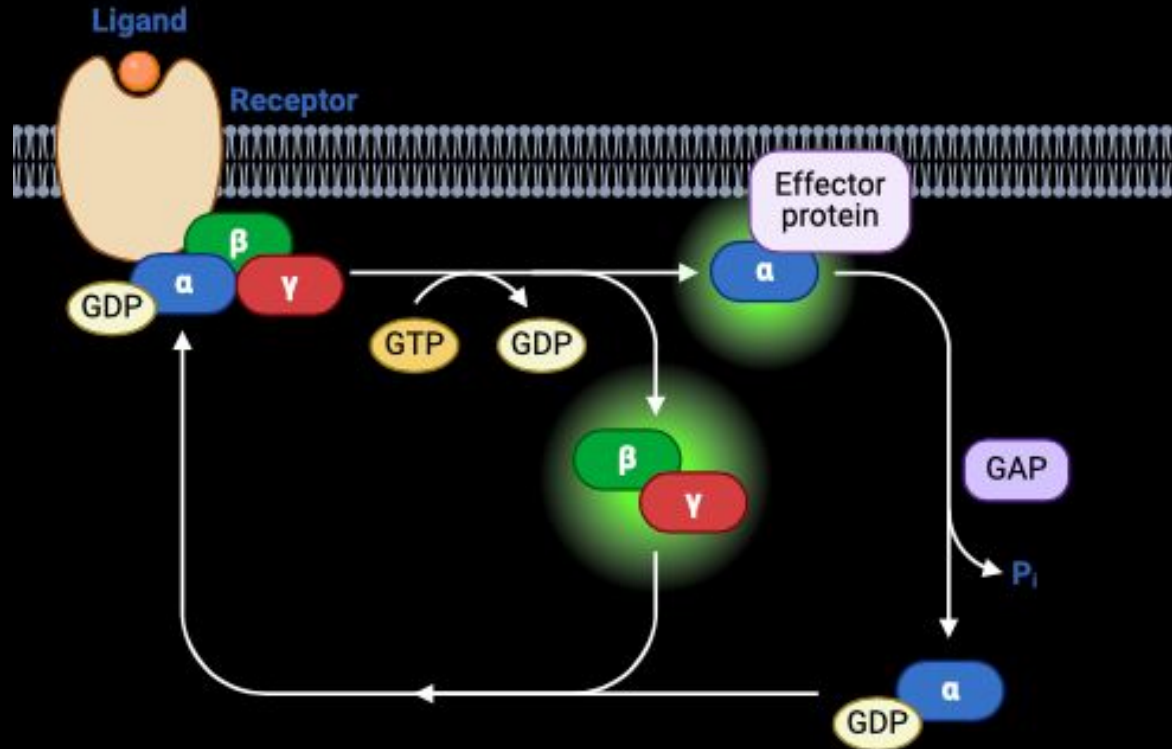
# Heterotrimeric G-Proteins

molecular weight: 86 kDa

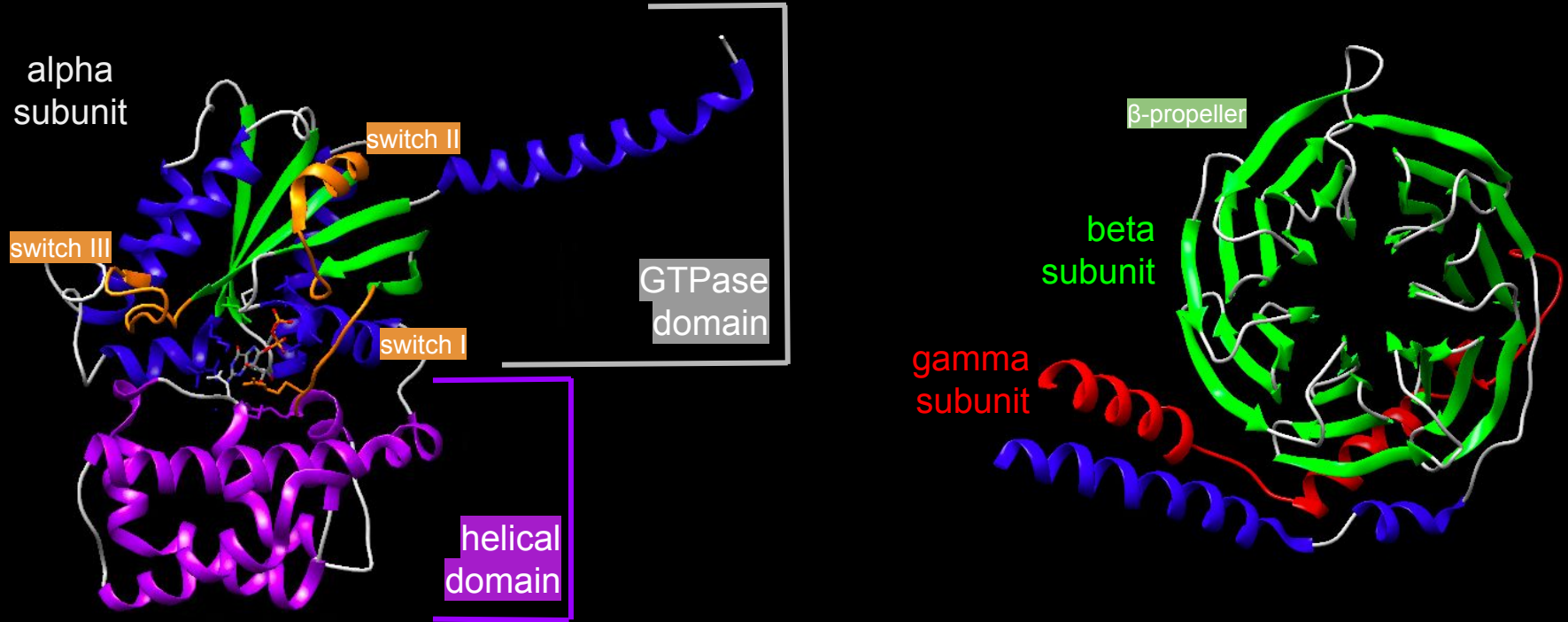
3 subunits



# Heterotrimeric G-Proteins



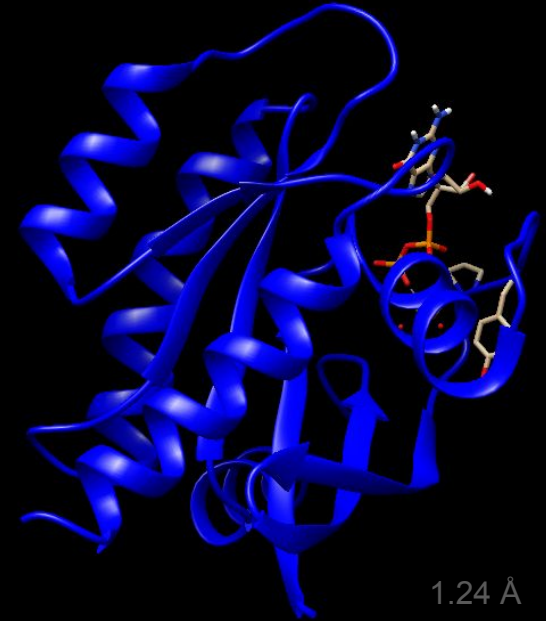
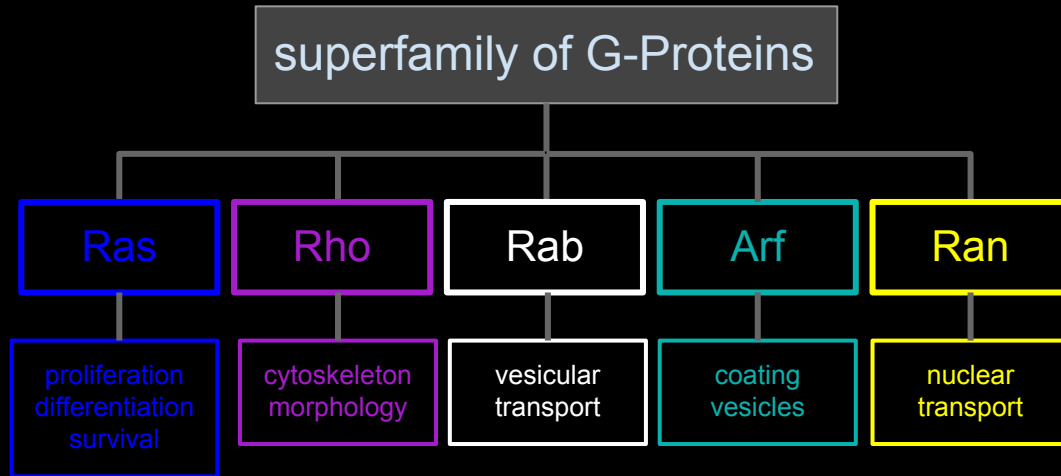
# Heterotrimeric G-Proteins





# Monomeric G-Proteins

molecular weight: 20 kDa



# Superimposition between families

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Sc = STAMP score, RMS = RMS deviation, Align = alignment length
Len1, Len2 = length of domain, NFit = residues fitted
Secs = no. equivalent sec. strucs. Eq = no. equivalent residues
%I = seq. identity, %S = sec. str. identity
P(m) = P value (p-1/10) calculated after Murzin (1993), JMB, 230, 689-694
(NC = P value not calculated - potential FP overflow)

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Pair 4  4lle          4obe         4.65 2.12 170 169 181 115 103 0 20.39 100.00 7.22e-04
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Reading in matrix file kras.mat...
Doing cluster analysis...
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See file kras.1 for the alignment and transformations
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See file kras.2 for the alignment and transformations
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See file kras.4 for the alignment and transformations
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Ras: k-Ras4B

Rho: RhoB

Rab: Rab3

Arf: Arf8A

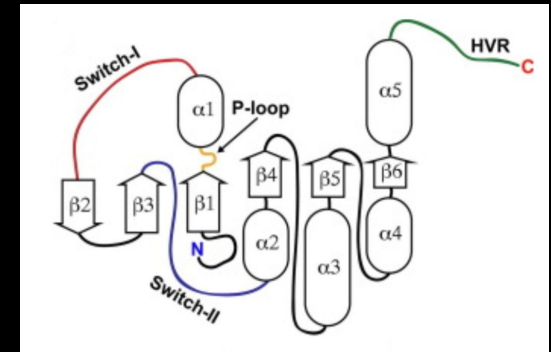
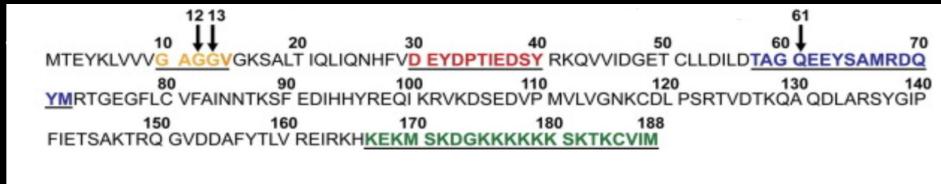
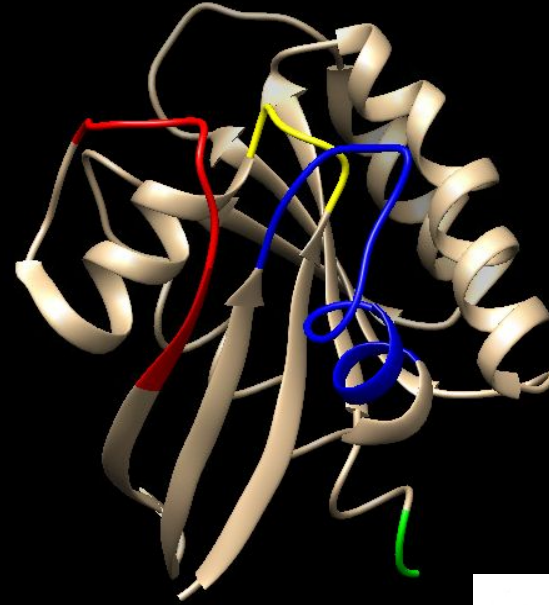
Ran: Rab3



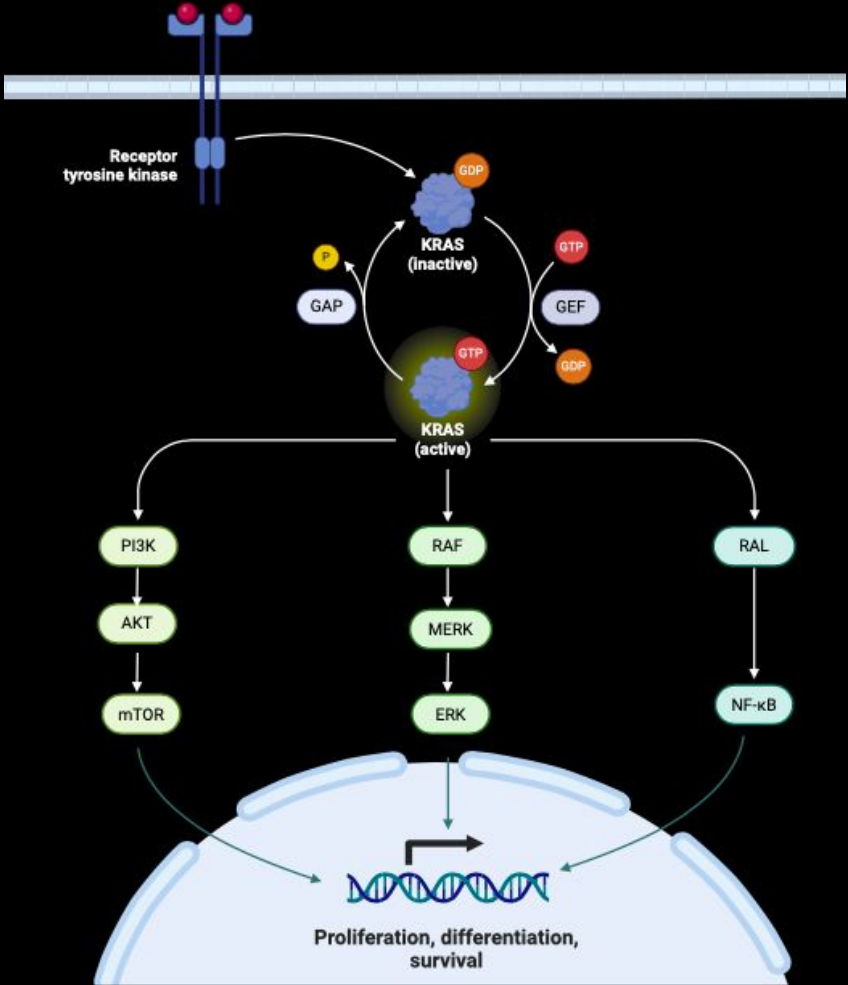
# Ras Family

## Ras structure

- GTPase domain (residues 1–166)
  - **Switch-I** (residues 30-40)
  - **Switch-II** (residues 58-72)
  - **P-loop** (residues 10–14)
  - N-terminal
- **C-terminal or the hypervariable region** (residues 167–188)

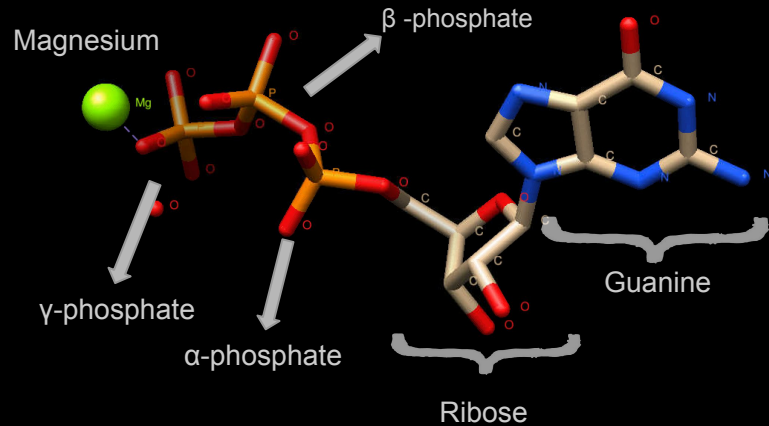


# Ras cycle

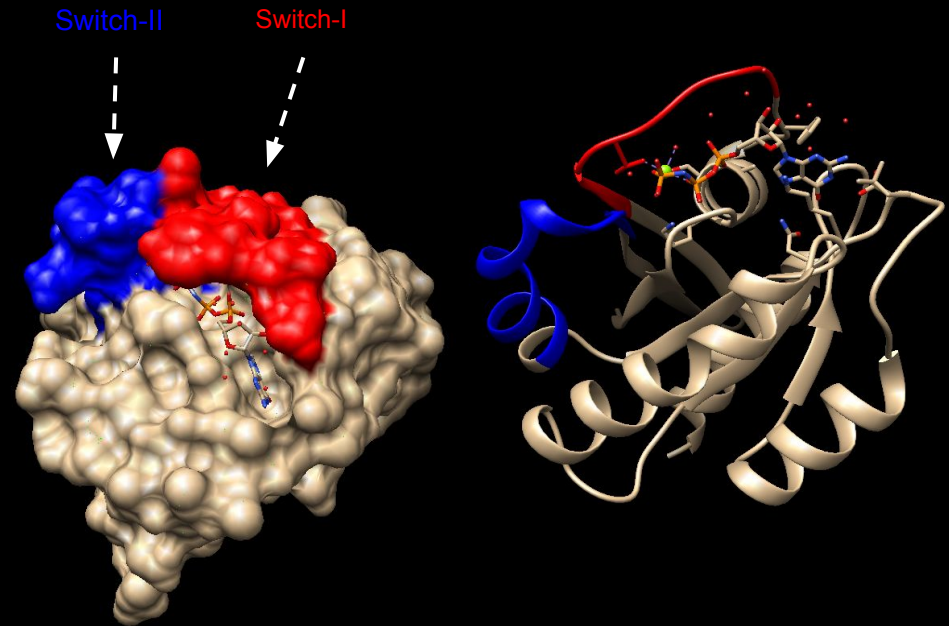


# Ras interaction with GTP

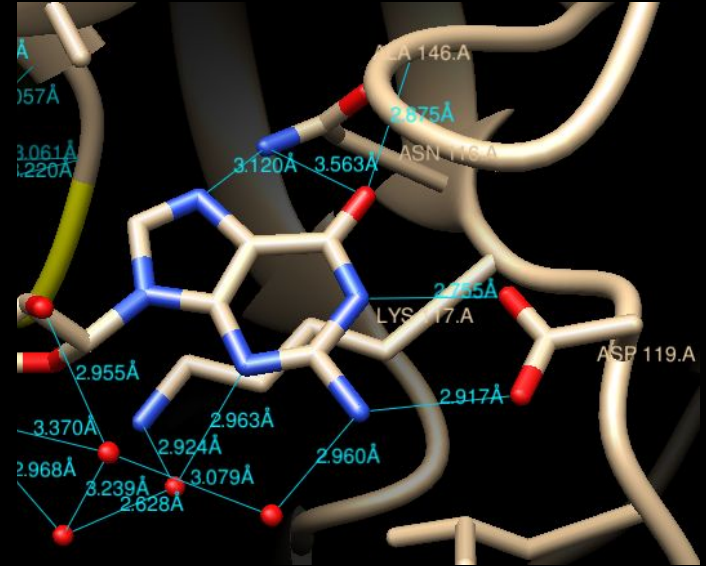
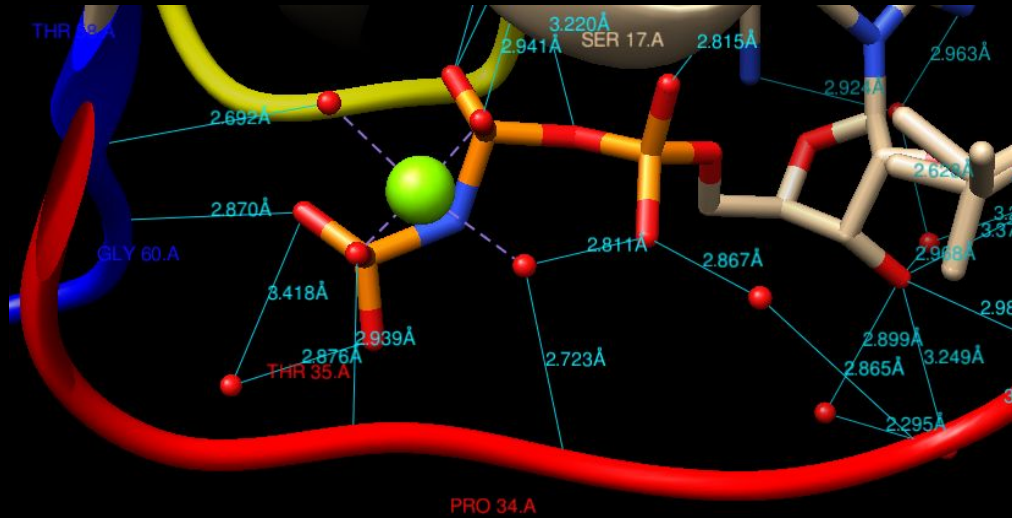
## GTP structure



## Activated Ras, GTP-bound



# Ras interaction with GTP



# Nucleophilic attack

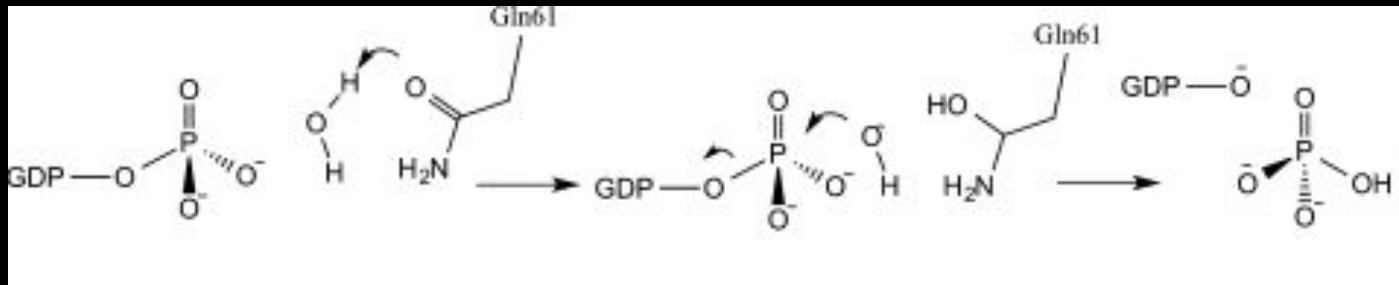
A water molecule acts as a nucleophile



The oxygen donates a pair of electrons to the  $\gamma$ -phosphate



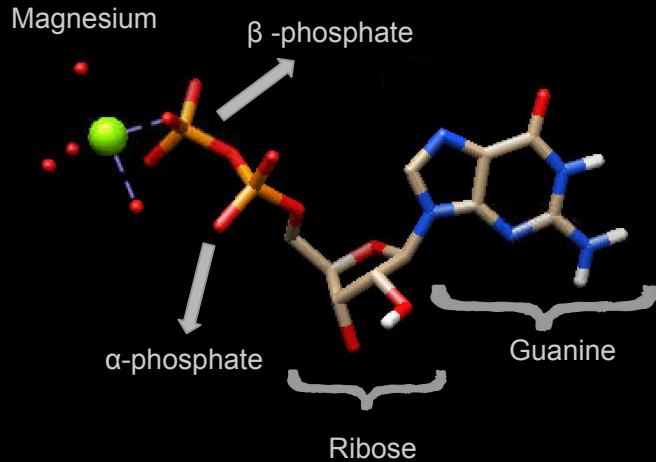
Cleavage of the phosphodiester bond



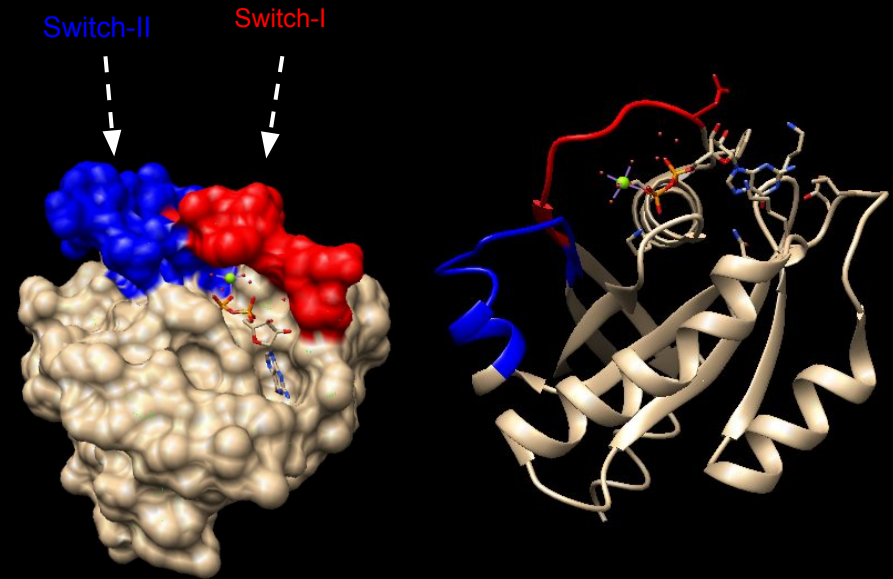


# Ras interaction with GDP

## GDP structure

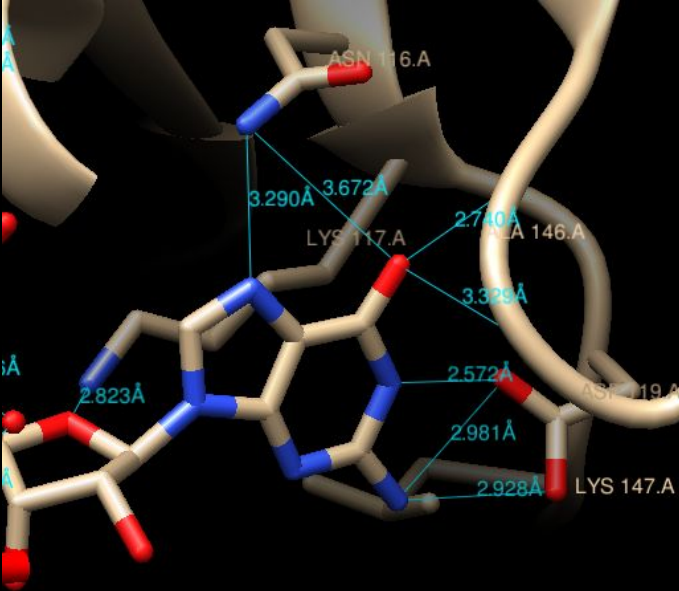
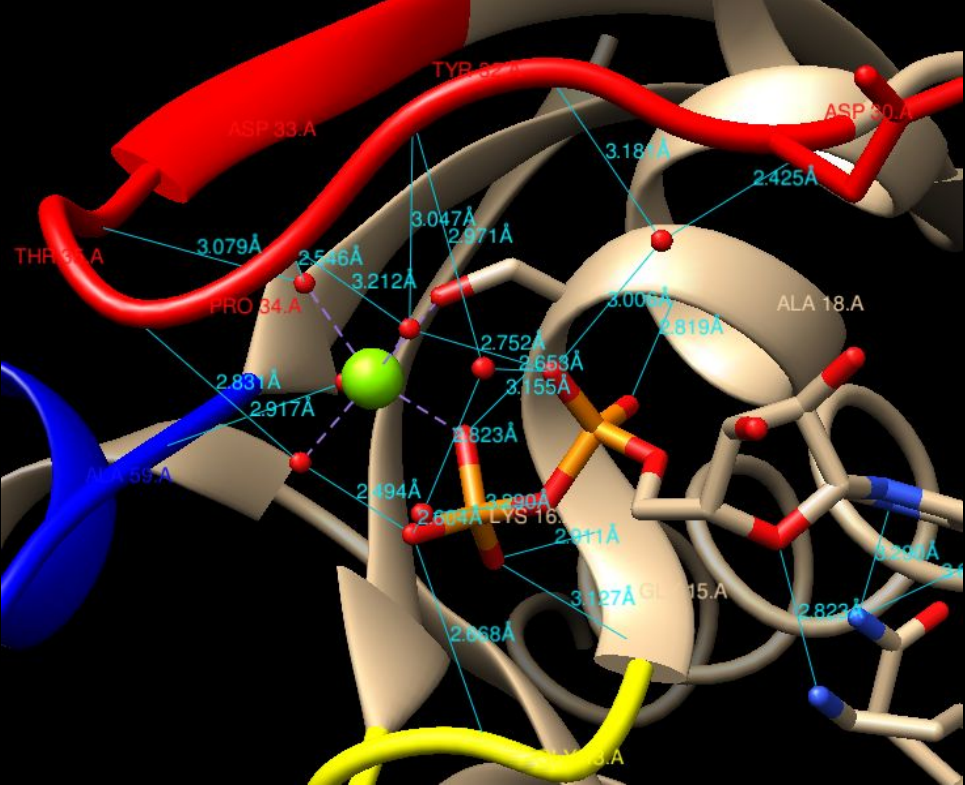


## Inactivated Ras, GDP-bound





# Ras interaction with GDP



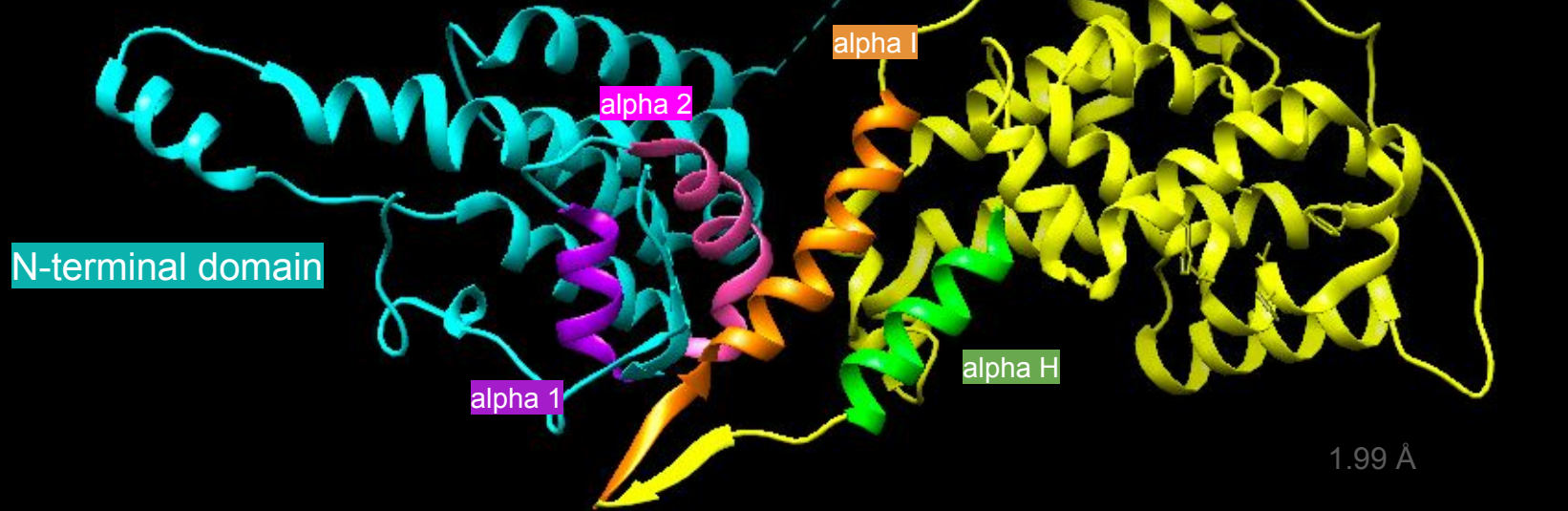
# Ras interaction with GEF: overview

- The insertion into Ras of an alpha-helix from Sos results in the displacement of the Switch 1 region of Ras, opening up the nucleotide-binding site.
- Side chains presented by the alpha-helix and by a distorted conformation of the Switch 2 region of Ras alter the chemical environment of the binding site for the phosphate groups of the nucleotide and the associated magnesium ion, so that their binding is no longer favored.

So the Ras–Sos complex adopts a structure that allows nucleotide release and rebinding.

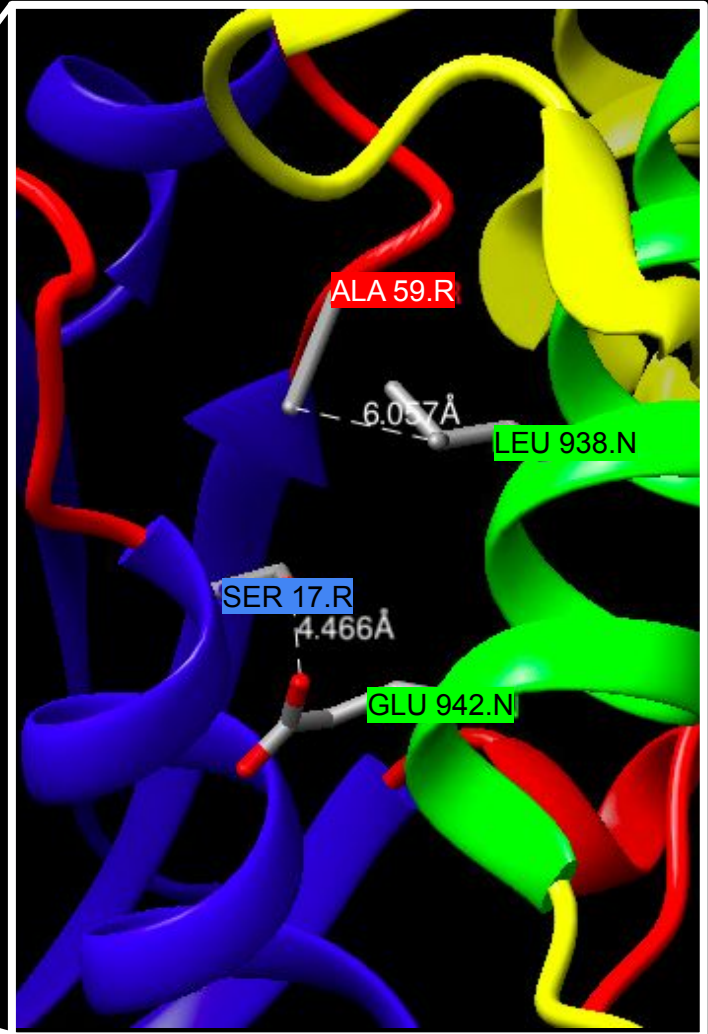
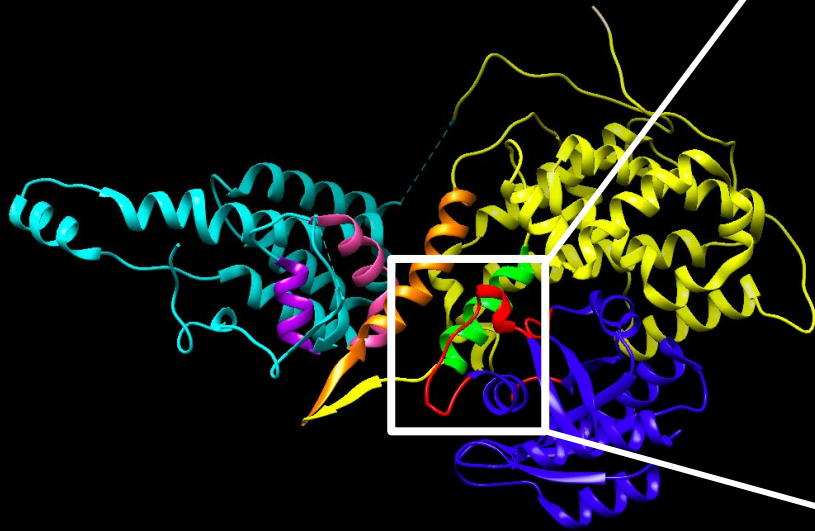
# Ras interaction with GEF

Son Of Sevenless (SOS)



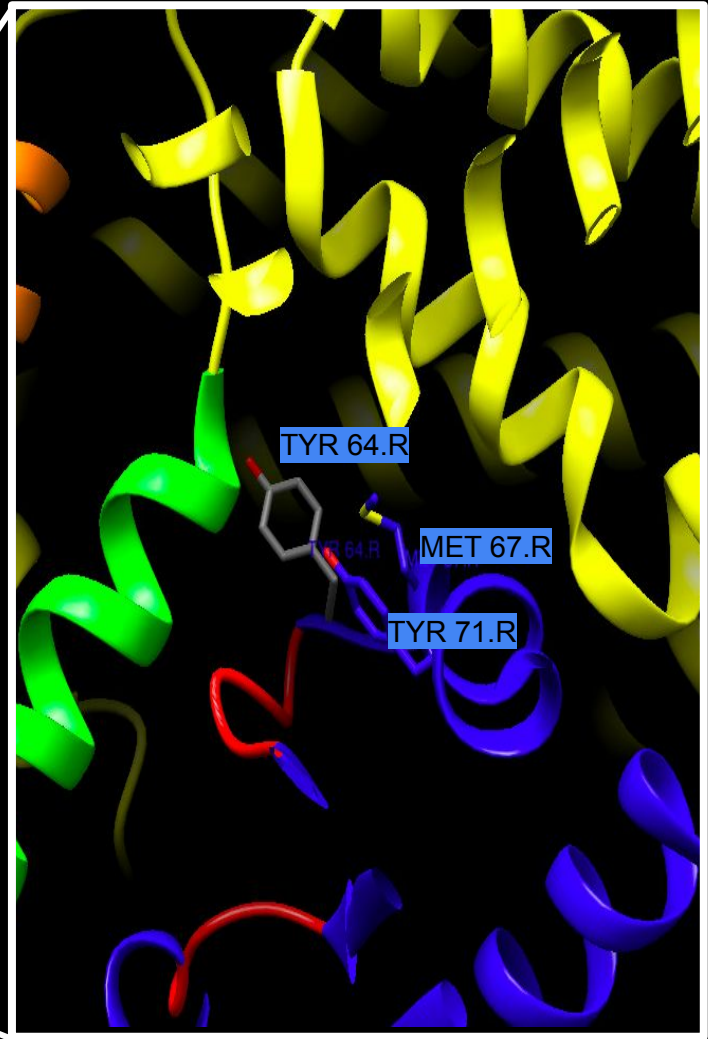
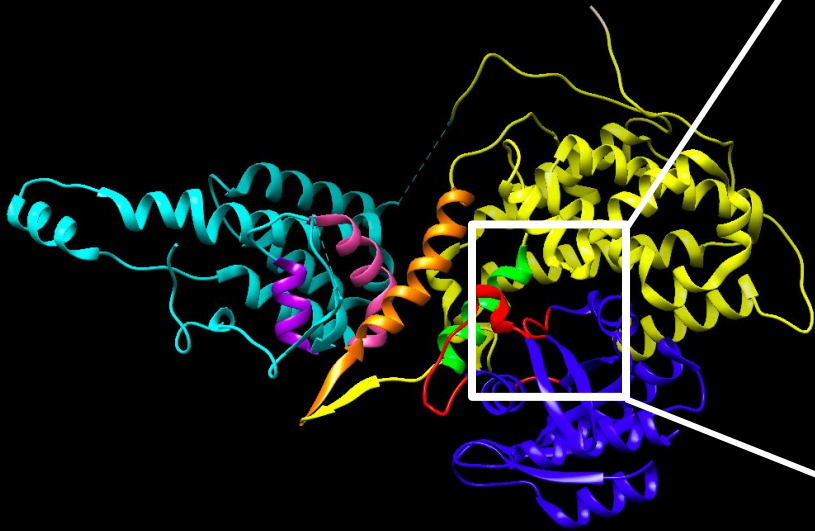
# Ras interaction with GEF

structural changes of Switch 1



# Ras interaction with GEF

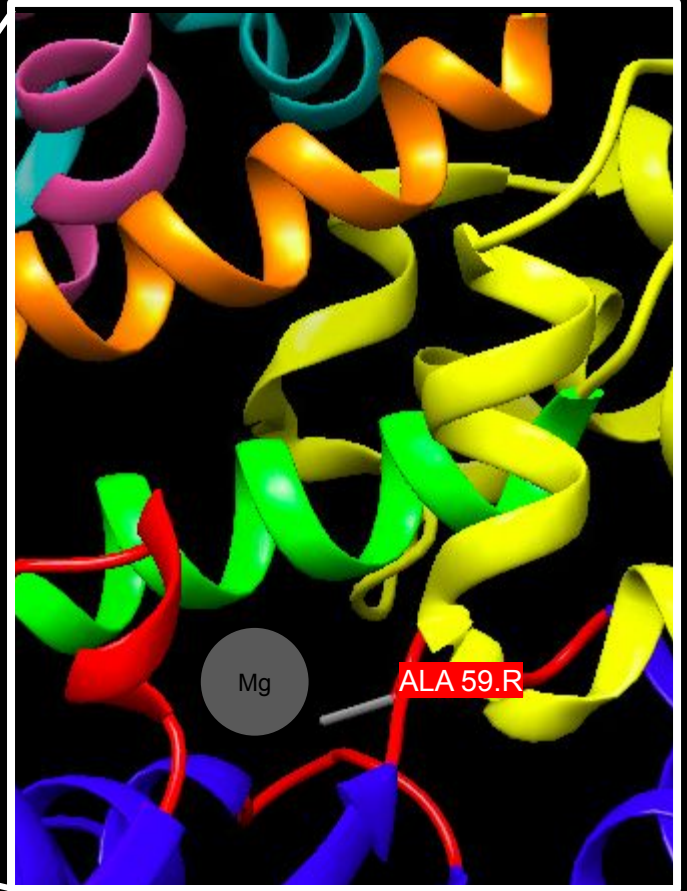
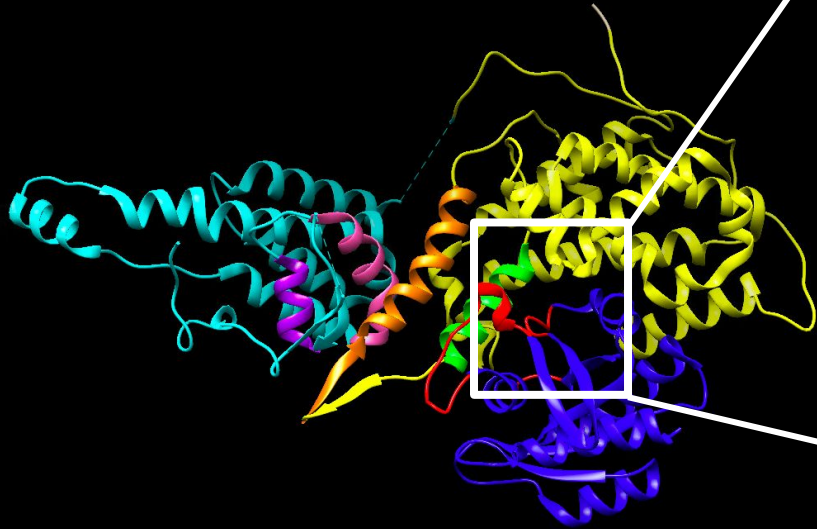
structural changes of Switch 2





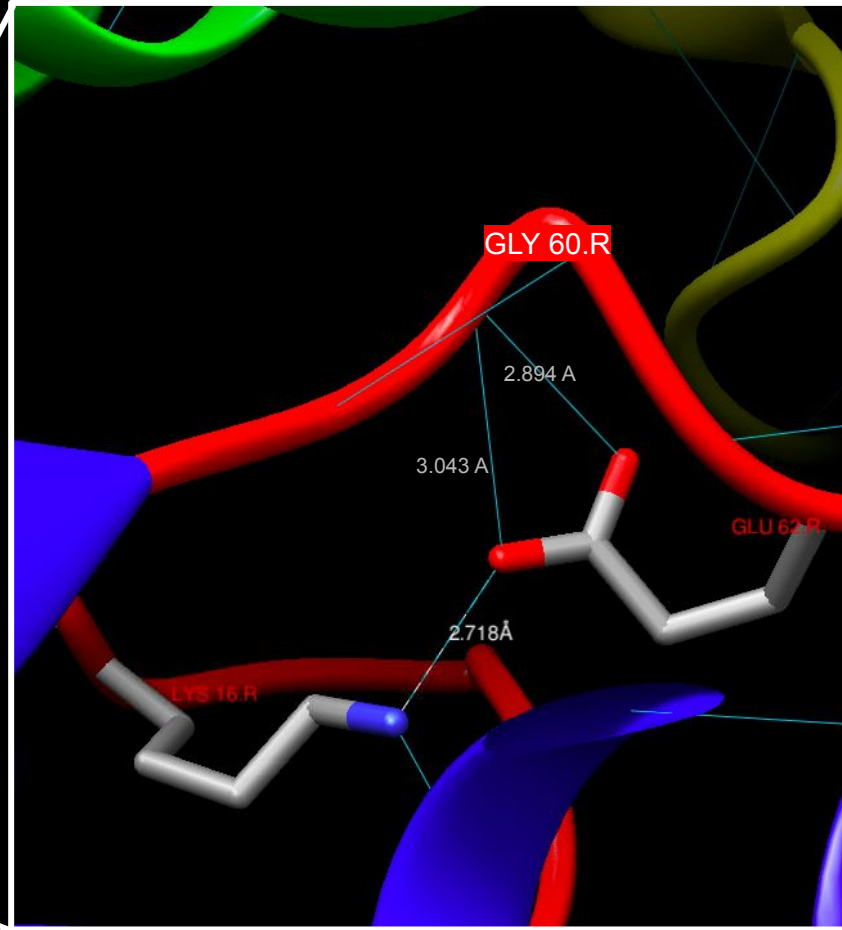
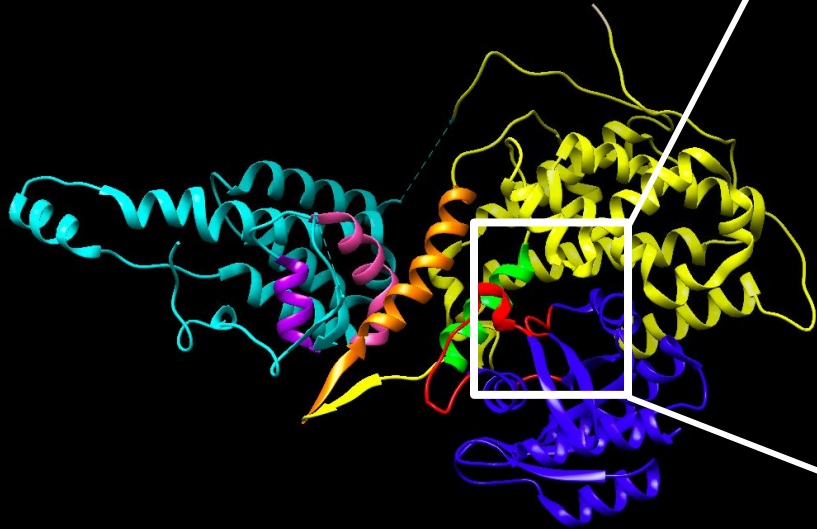
# Ras interaction with GEF

structural changes of Switch 2



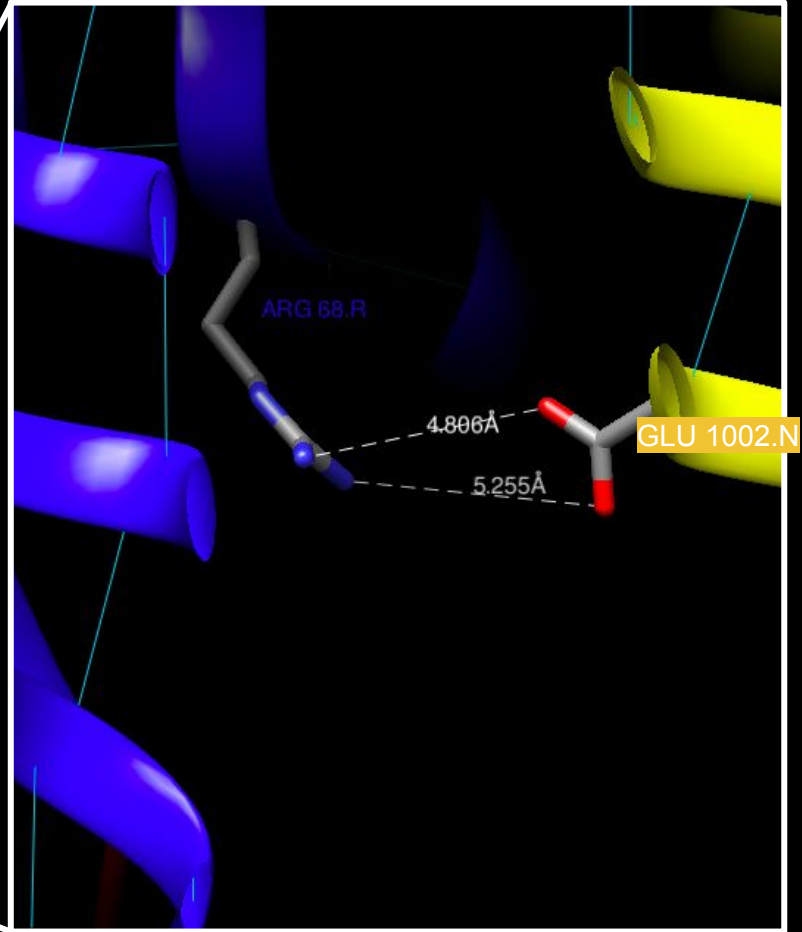
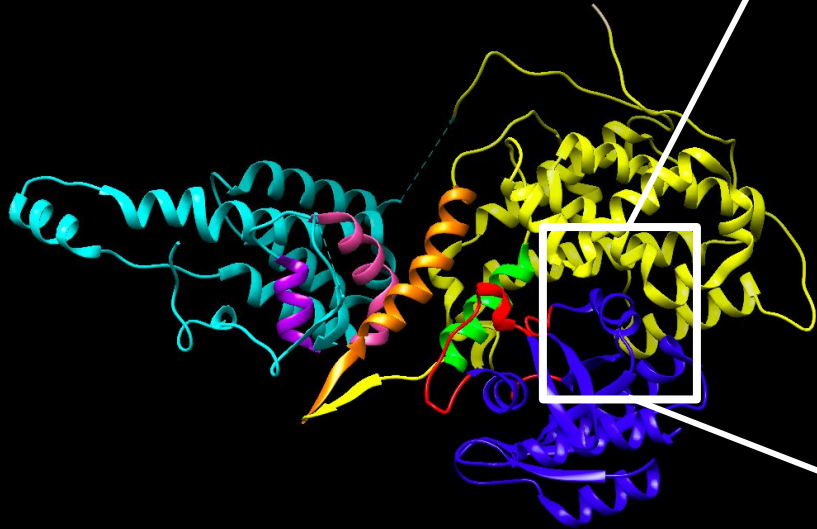
# Ras interaction with GEF

structural changes of Switch 2



# Ras interaction with GEF

structural changes of Switch 2





# Ras interaction with GAP

GAP

Ras

L1: Finger loop

P-loop

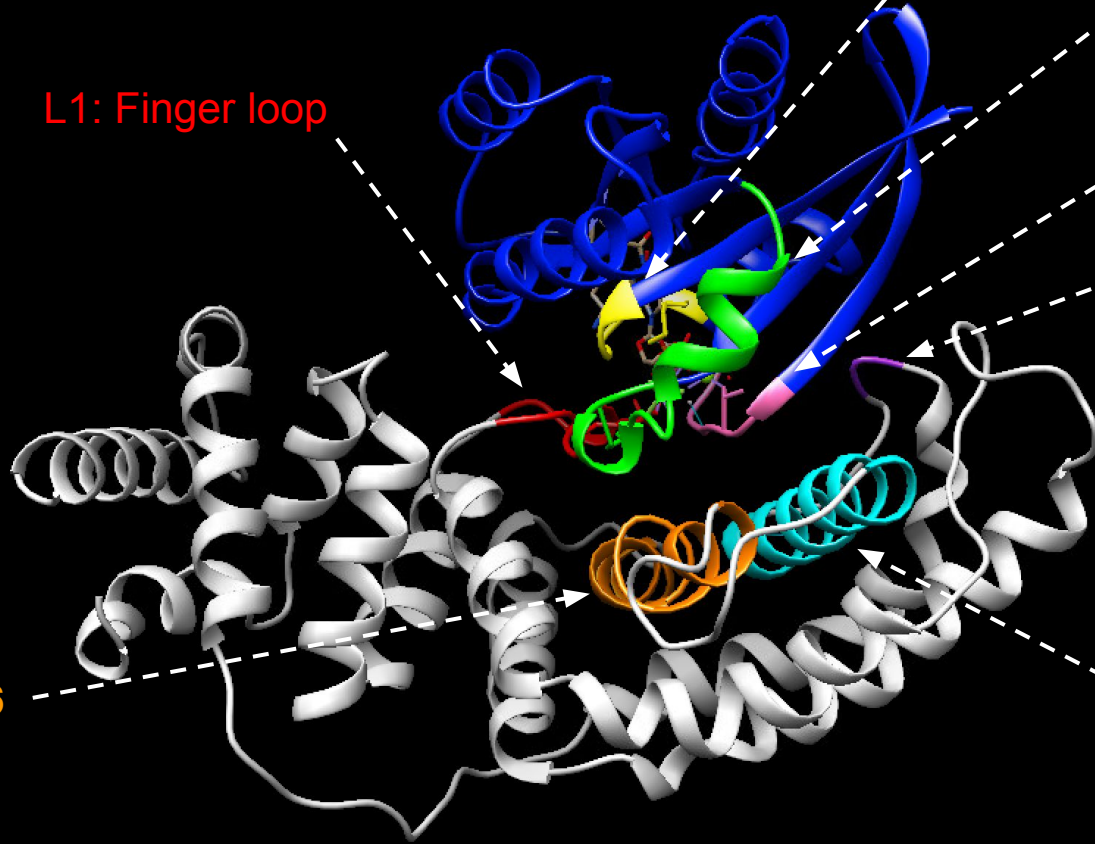
Switch II

Switch I

L6: Variable loop

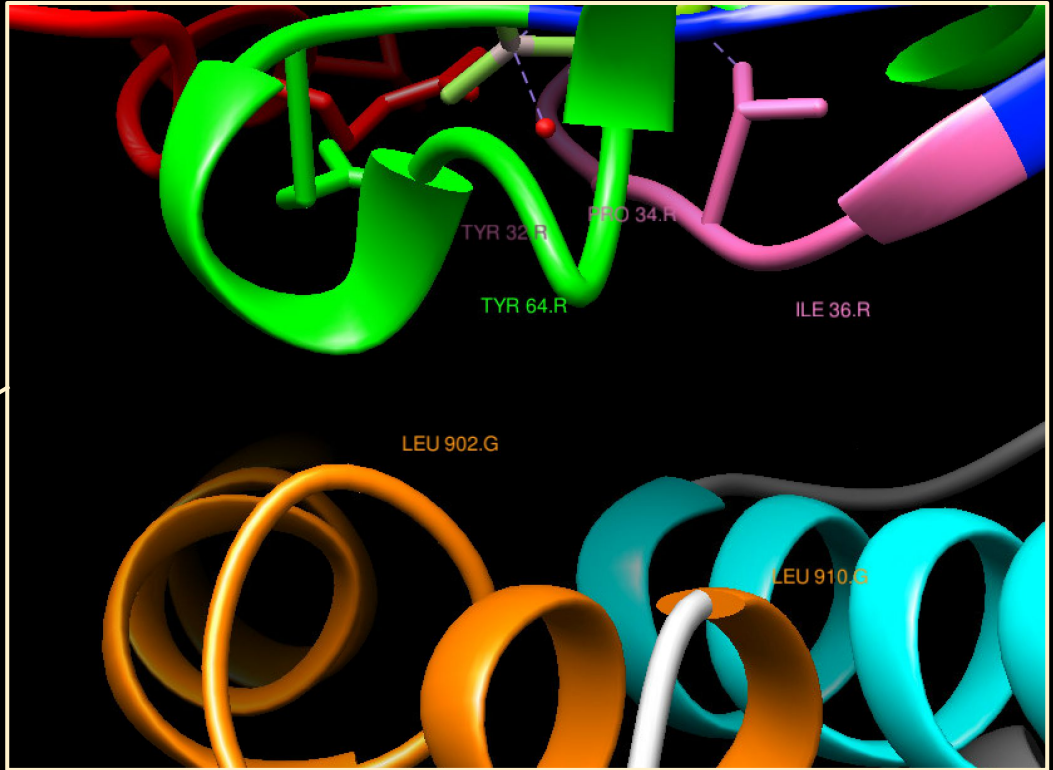
Helix  $\alpha 6$

Helix  $\alpha 7$



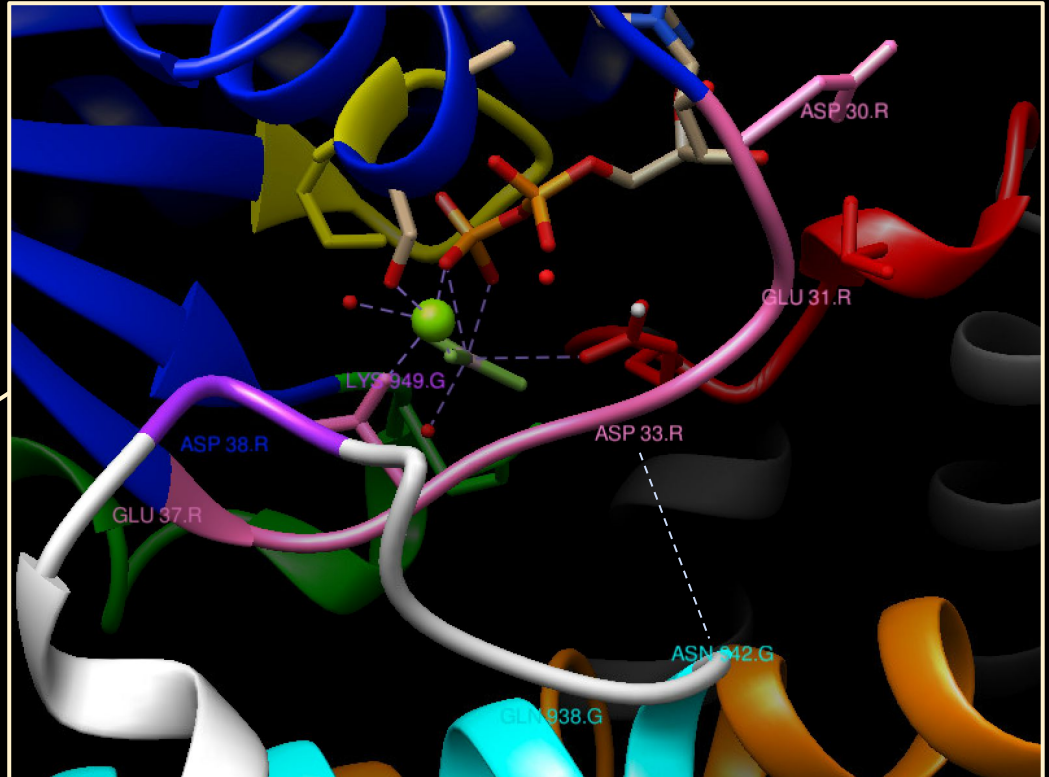
# Ras interaction with GAP

Hydrophobic interactions



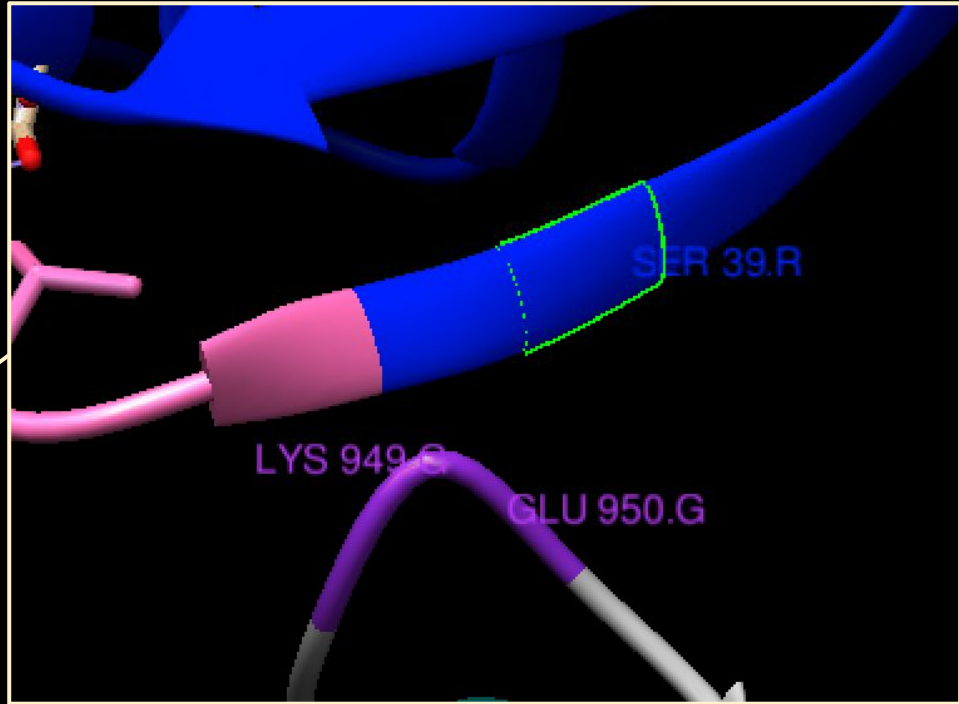
# Ras interaction with GAP

Switch I



# Ras interaction with GAP

Variable loop: L6



# Ras interaction with GAP

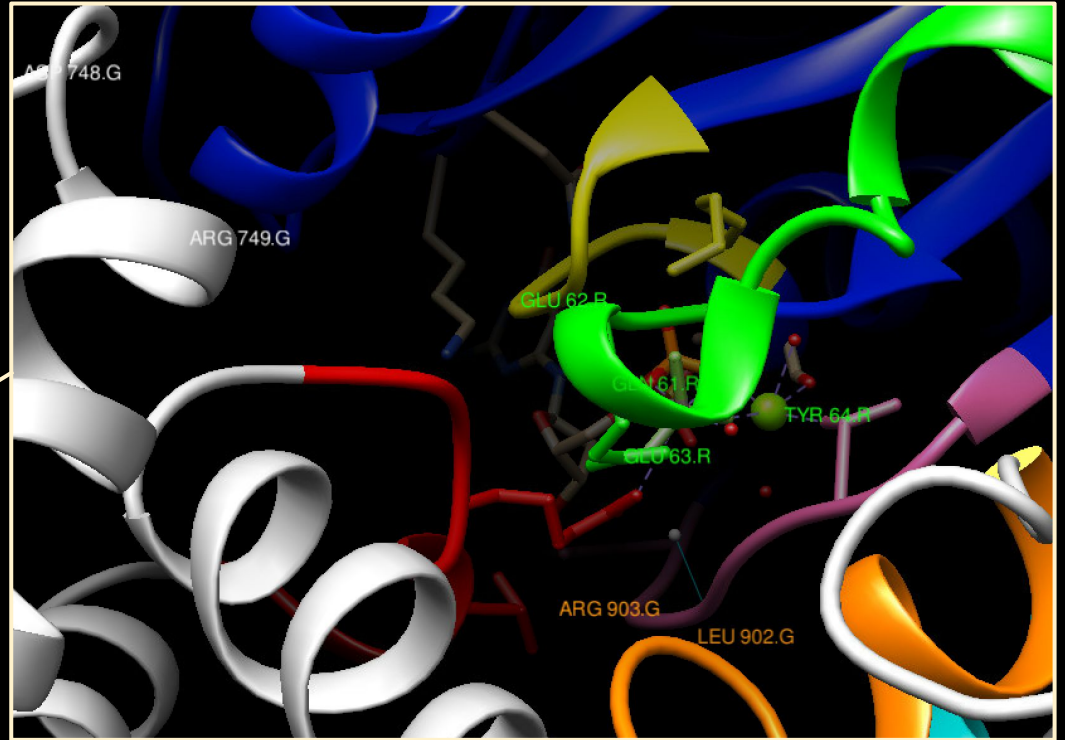
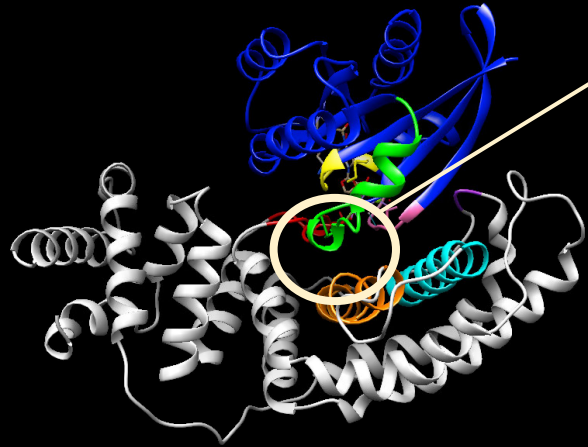
Switch II

**Glu61 - Arg789**

Glu62 - Arg749

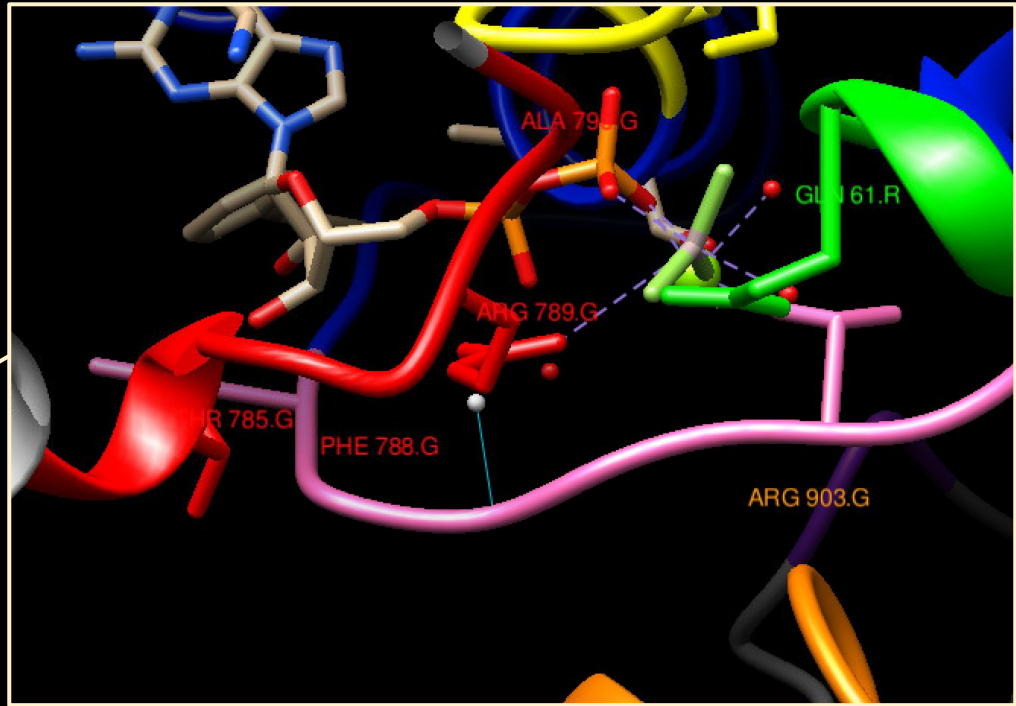
Glu63 - Arg903

Stabilizes switch II



# Ras interaction with GAP

Finger loop





# SCOP classification



6 beta-sheets  
surrounded by  
5 alpha helices

**Class:** Alpha and beta  
proteins (a/b)

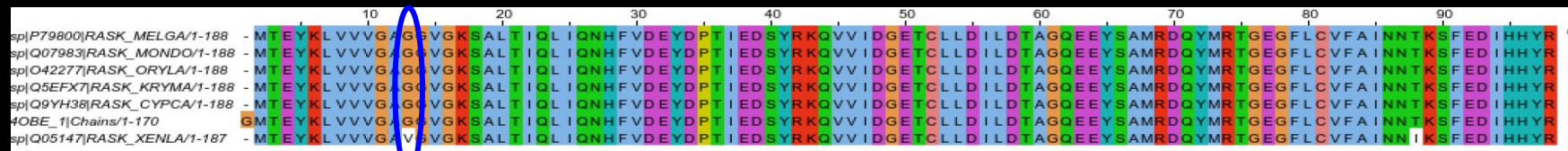
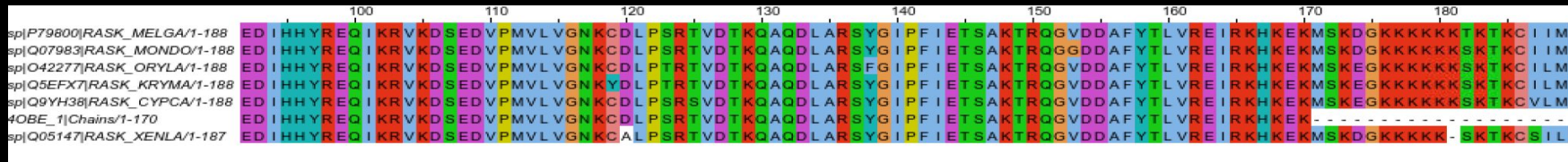
**Fold:** G domain-like

**Superfamily:** Ras-like  
P-loop GTPases

**Family:** Ras-like  
monodomain GTPases

**Protein:** K-ras

# Species alignment: K-ras



G13V

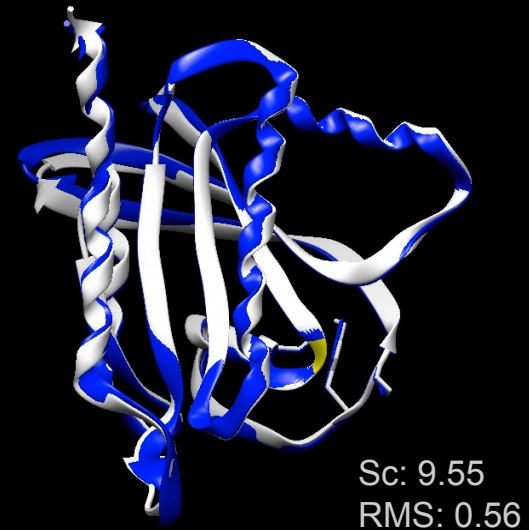


# Cancer: G12C K-Ras

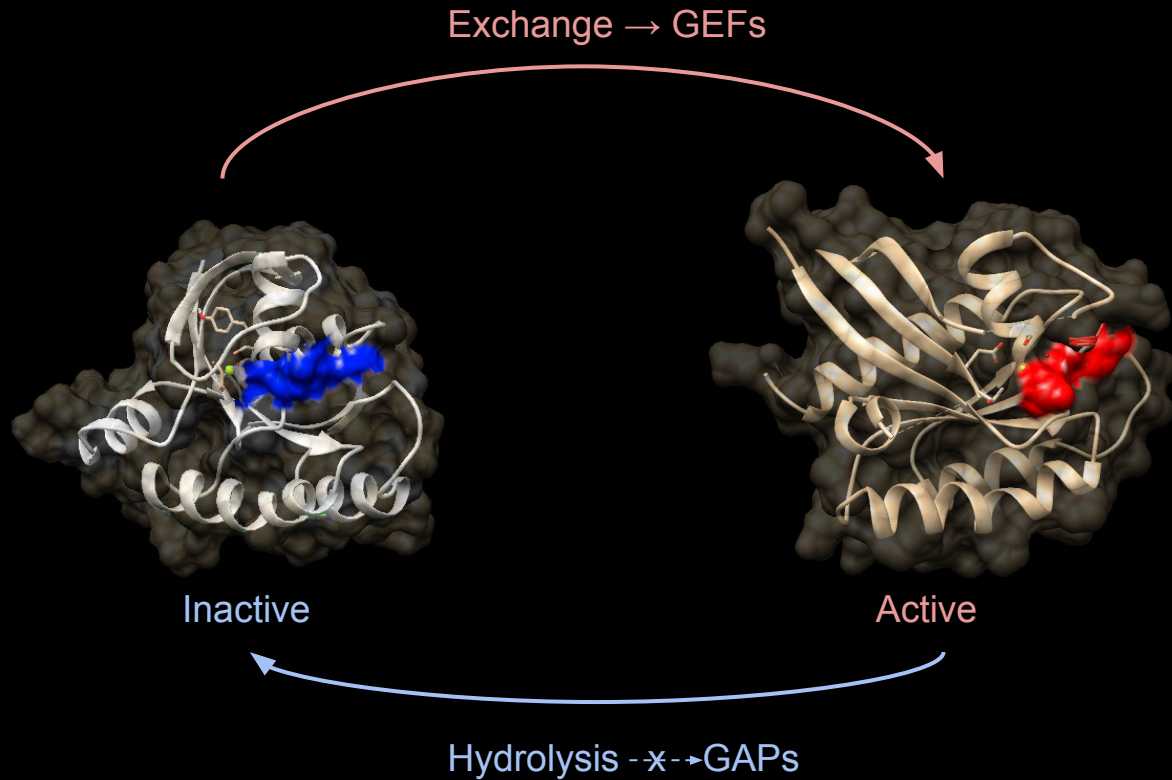
- KRAS is the most oncogenic RAS proteins.
- It is found predominantly in lung, pancreatic, and colorectal cancer.
- Gly12 interacts with Finger loop of GAP.



Superimposition



# Cancer: G12C K-Ras



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# PEM

Monomeric G proteins

- a) structural and functional homology with the alpha subunit of the heterotrimeric g proteins
- b) only functional homology with the alpha subunit of the heterotrimeric g proteins
- c) only structural homology with the alpha subunit of the heterotrimeric g proteins
- d) structural and functional homology with the beta subunit of the heterotrimeric g proteins
- e) only structural homology with the alpha subunit of the heterotrimeric g proteins

The beta subunit of heterotrimeric G proteins has the structure of

- a) TIM barrel
- b) Rossmann fold
- c) beta propeller
- d) greek key
- e) Jelly roll

Monomeric G proteins are active when bound to

- a) ATP
- b) ADP
- c) GDP
- d) GTP
- e) the beta and gamma subunits

The binding interface of ras is formed by:

- a) The Hypervariable region
- b) The P-loop
- c) Switch I region
- d) Switch I and Switch II
- e) None of the above

Upon GTP binding, Ras proteins:

- a) Dissociates from the membrane
- b) Become unactivated
- c) Adopt a more open conformation
- d) Adopt a more closed conformation
- e) Translocate to the nucleus

Which of the following ions interacts with GTP and GDP?

- a) Ca
- b) Zn
- c) Na
- d) Mg
- e) Fe

Ras interacts with GTP and GDP mainly through:

- a) Van der Waals bonds
- b) Ionic bonds
- c) Covalent bonds
- f) Metallic bonds
- g) Hydrogen bonds

What regions of Ras are involved in the interaction with its GTPase-activating protein (GAP)?

- a) Switch I.
- b) Loop L1.
- c) Switch II.
- d) Helices alpha-6 and alpha-7.
- e) All of the above.

What is the role of Arg789 in loop L1 in the interaction between Ras and its GAP?

- a) Stabilizes switch II.
- b) Forms a hydrogen bond with Asn942.
- c) Acts as the arginine finger.
- d) Interacts with Tyr-64.
- e) Stabilizes loop L6.

What structural changes in the Ras-Sos interface are primarily responsible for preventing the coordination of magnesium and phosphate in the nucleotide-binding site?

- a) Rearrangement of the Switch I region.
- b) Formation of the alpha 1-alpha 2 pocket in the N-domain.
- c) Interaction between Leu 938 and Glu 942.
- d) Compression of the backbone in Switch II.
- e) Protrusion of a helical hairpin from the catalytic domain.