

# THE 26S PROTEASOME

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# THE 26S PROTEASOME

Protein degradation



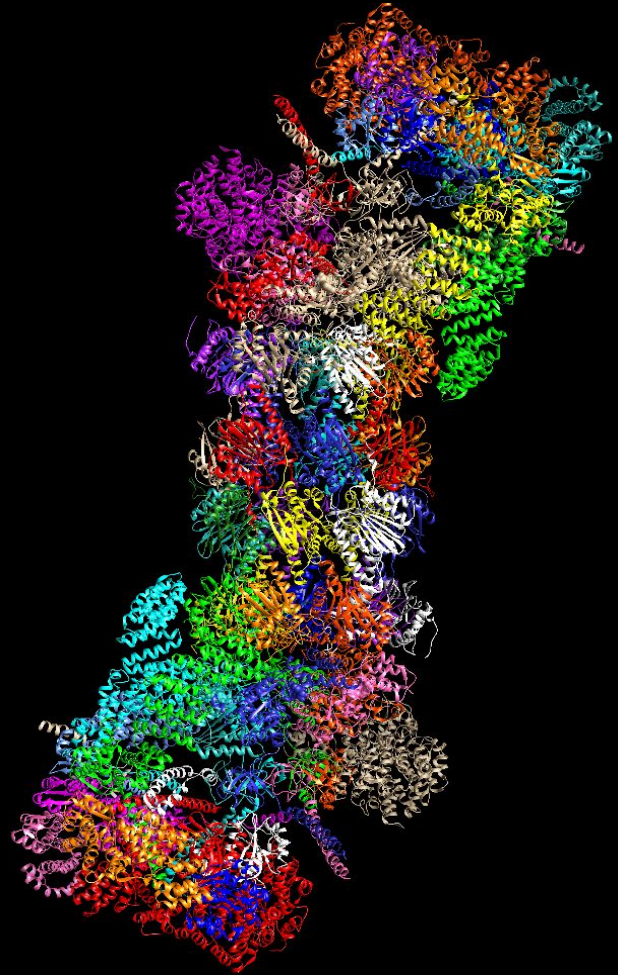
Ubiquitin - proteasome system



Ubiquitin modifications target proteins to the

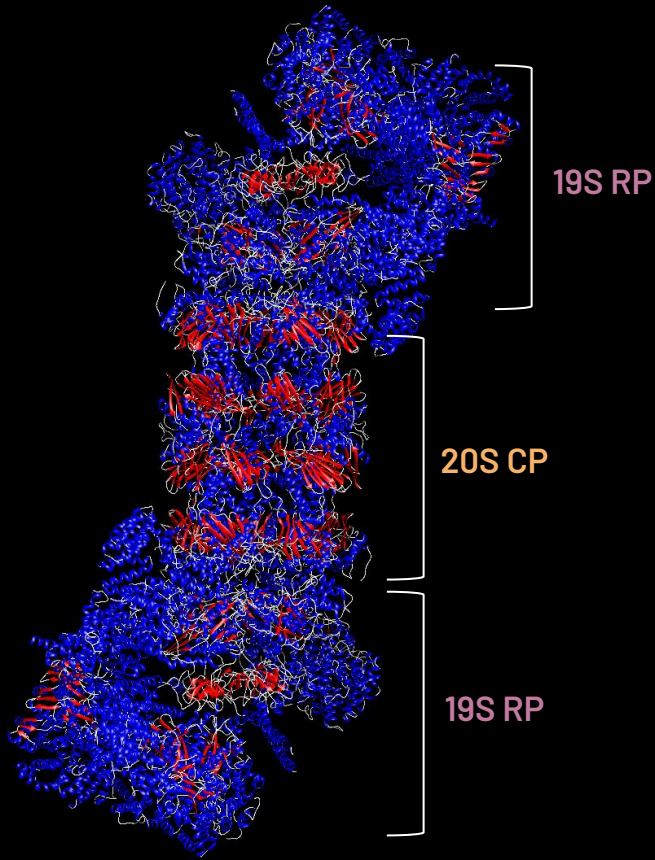
**PROTEASOME**

26S → 2.5 MDa



## THE 26S PROTEASOME:

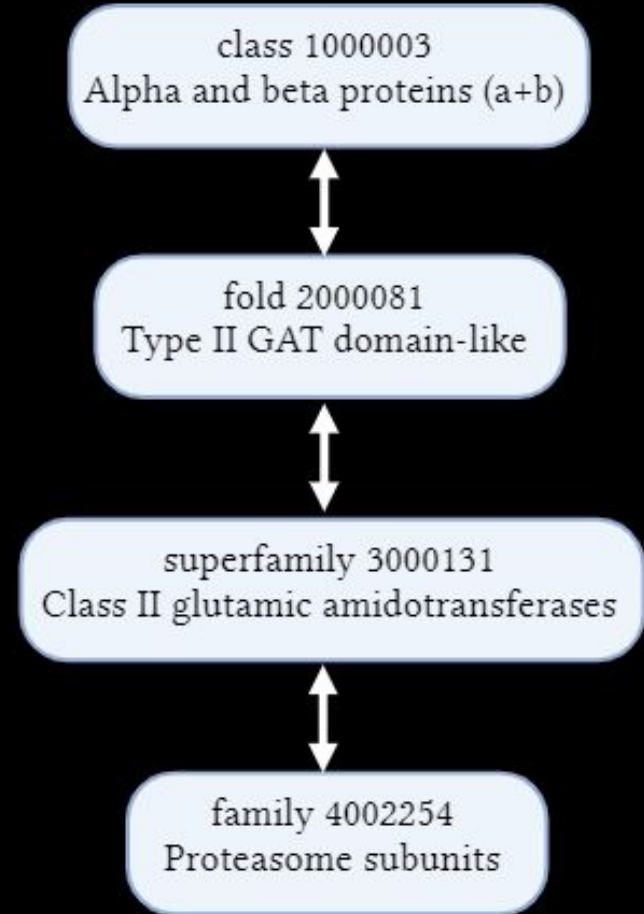
- **20S core particle (CP):**
  - Peptides hydrolysis
  - 28  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  subunits
- **19S Regulatory particle (RP):**
  - Ubiquitin recognition
  - 17 subunits



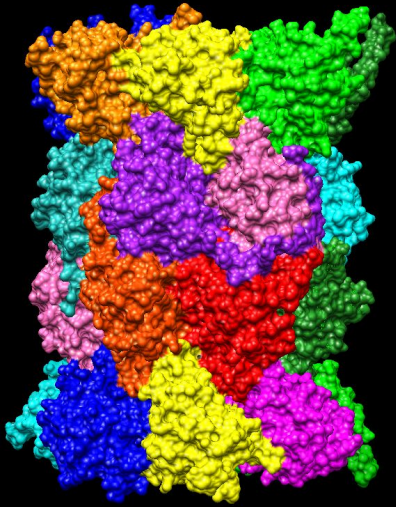
*Homo Sapiens*

# SCOP Classification

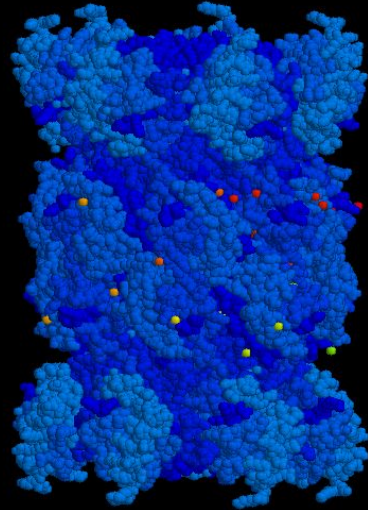
- **CLASS:** Alpha and beta proteins (a+b) class
- **FOLD:** Type II GAT domain-like  
Two antiparallel  $\beta$ -sheets, surrounded on either side by two  $\alpha$  helix
- **SUPERFAMILY:** Class II glutamine amidotransferase  
Fold similar to i class I glutamine amidotransferase, which consists of an  $\alpha/\beta/\alpha$  sandwich.
- **FAMILY:** Proteasome subunits



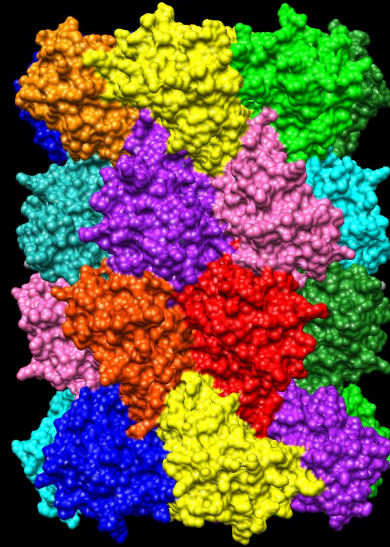
# INTRODUCTION TO HOMOLOGUES



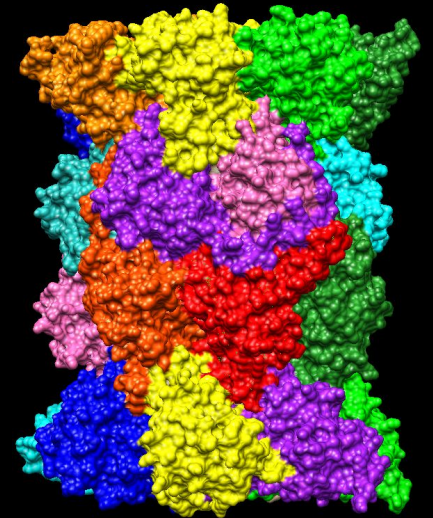
**Eukaryota**  
*Bos taurus*



**Archaea**  
*Archaeoglobus fulgidus*



**Archaea**  
*Thermoplasma acidophilum*



**Fungi**  
*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

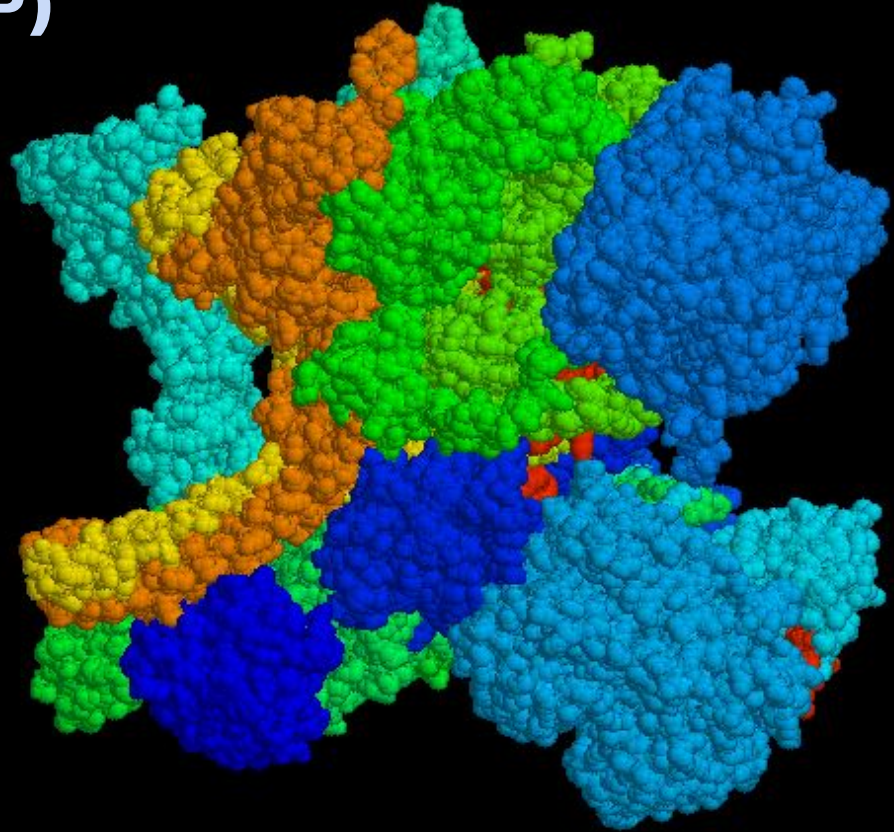
# **STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION**



# 19S – Regulatory Particle (RP)

## 17 SUBUNITS

- Captures ubiquitinated proteins
- Promotes substrate unfolding
- Opening of the gate to the  $\alpha$ -ring





# 19S – Regulatory Particle (RP)

- **BASE**

**Six** → AAA + ATPases ring **Rpt 1-6**

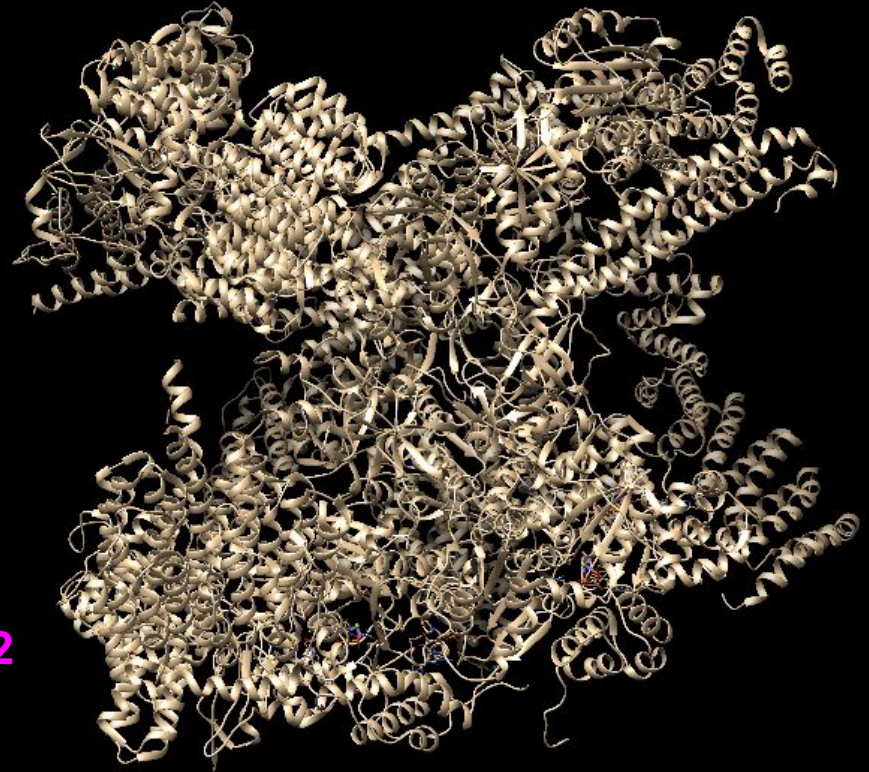
Responsible of the ATP hydrolysis that facilitates substrate translocation into the CP

**Four** → Non-ATPases **Rpn 1,2,10,13**

- **LIDS**

**Ten** → Non-ATPases **Rpn 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12**

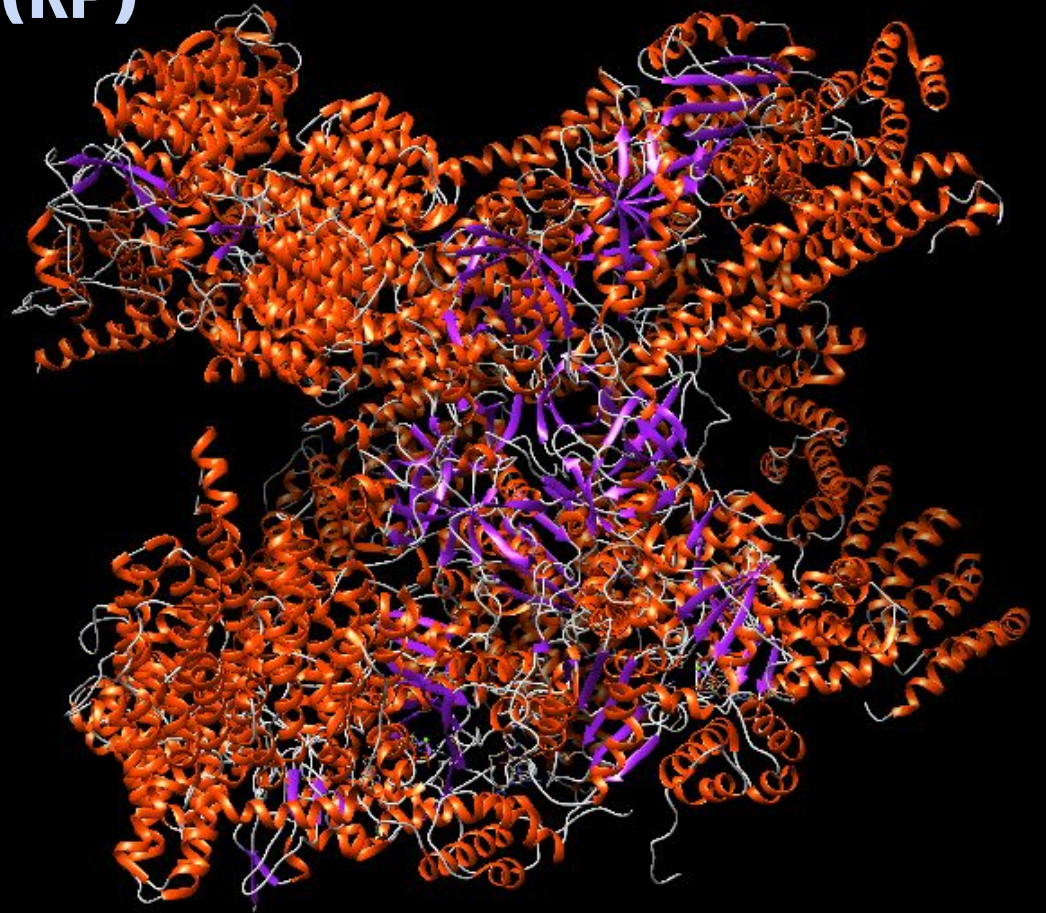
Recognises the ubiquitin complex



# 19S - Regulatory Particle (RP)

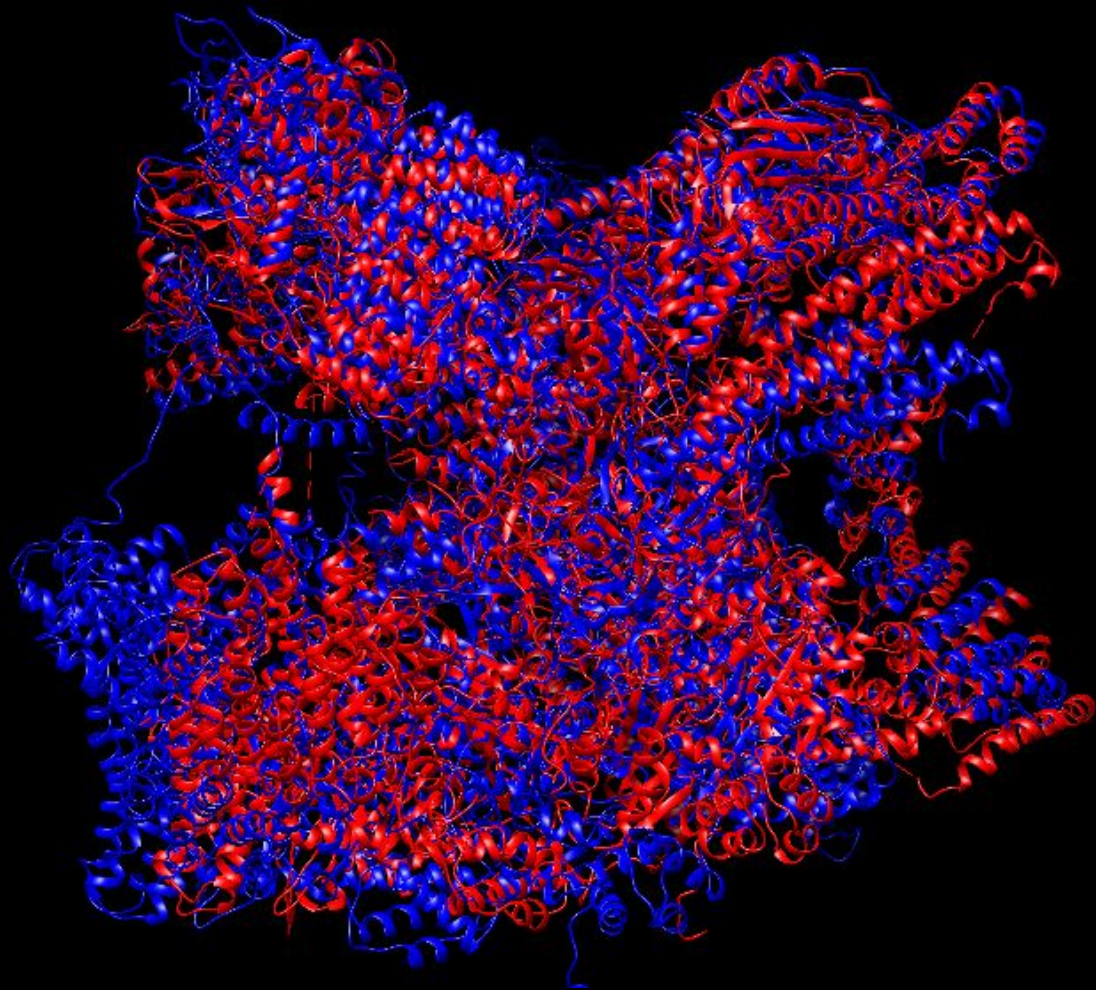
258  $\alpha$  - helix

111  $\beta$  - strands



# Homo Sapiens vs *S. Cerevisiae*

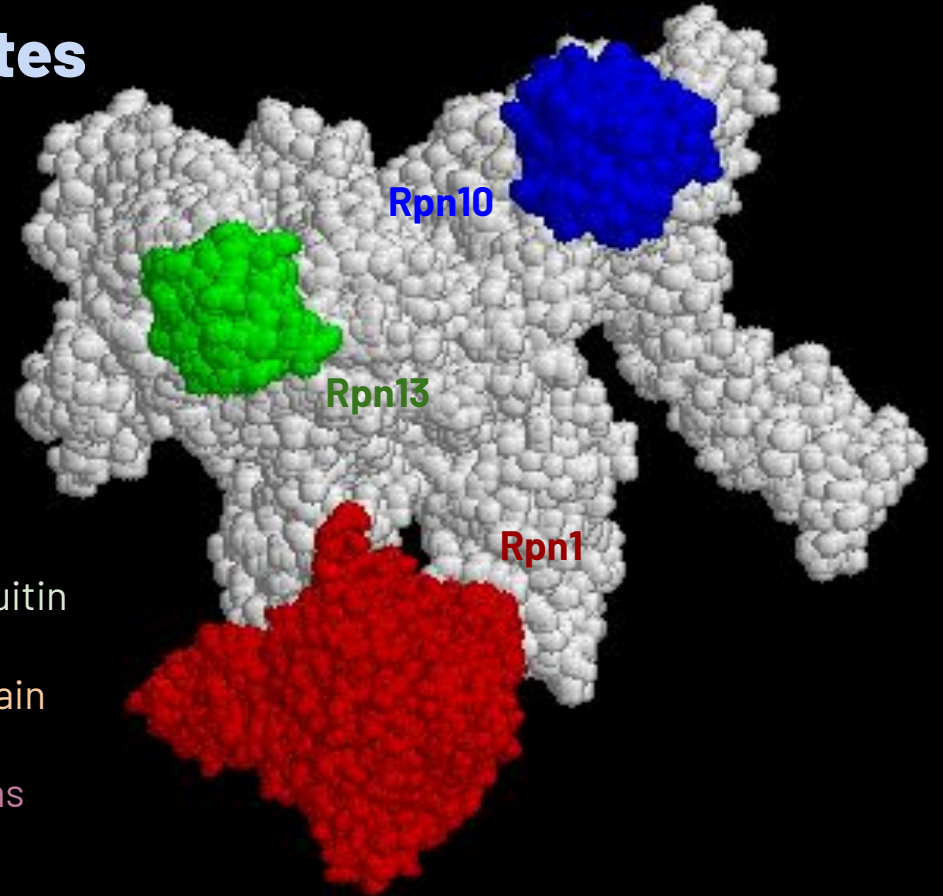
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RMSD	2.8





# 19S - Ubiquitin interaction sites

Ubiquitinated protein → Ubiquitin receptors

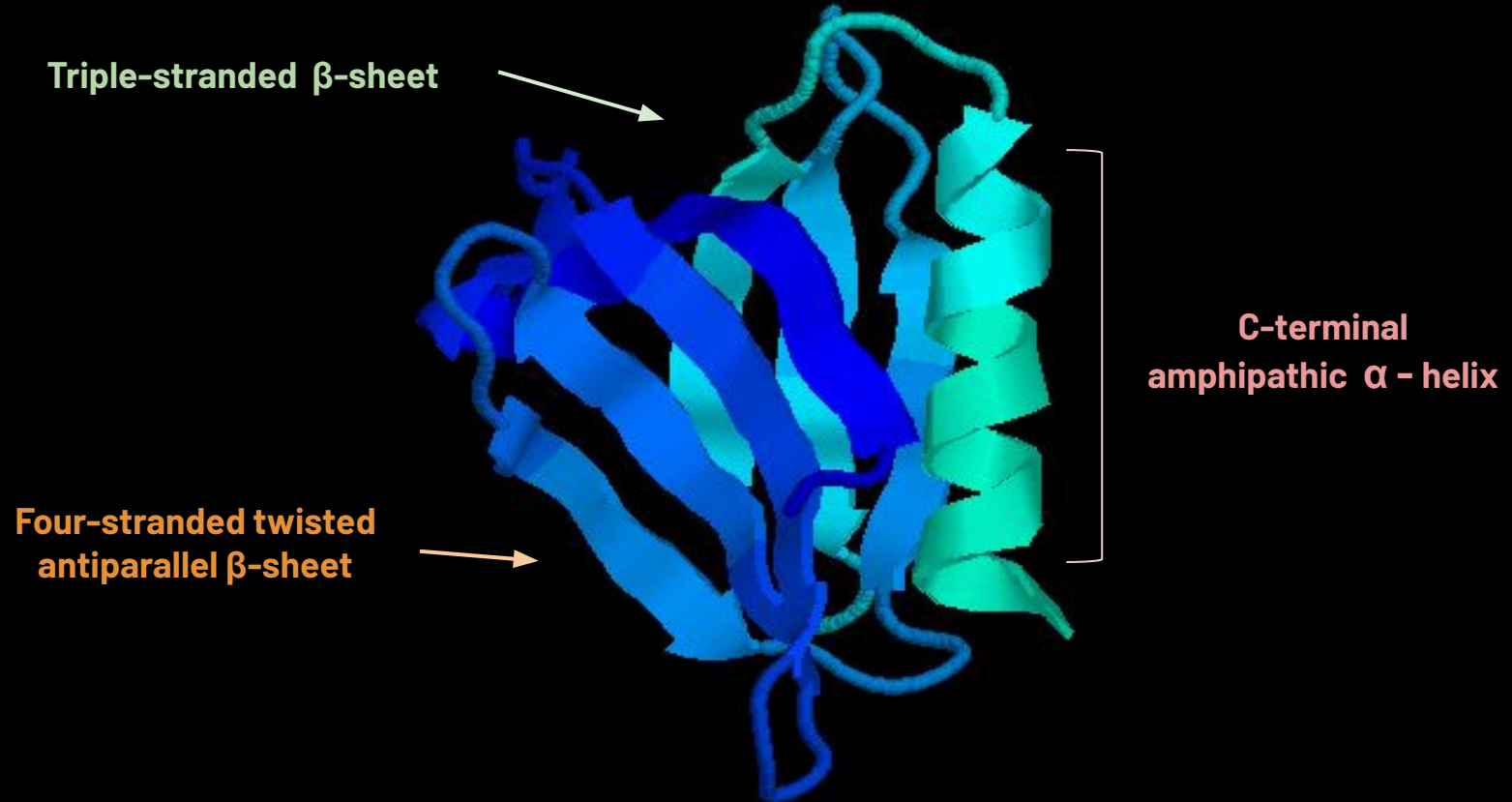


**Rpn13** : PRU , Pleckstrin-like receptor for ubiquitin

**Rpn10** : UIM, von Willebrand factor type A domain

**Rpn 1**: UBL, ubiquitin and ubiquitin-like domains

# RPN13: PRU Pleckstrin-like receptor for ubiquitin



# RPN13

## SALT BRIDGES

**ASP117 - ARG92**

ASP21 - LYS29

ASP41 - ARG43

ASP52 - LYS27

ASP54 - ARG42

ASP63 - ARG43

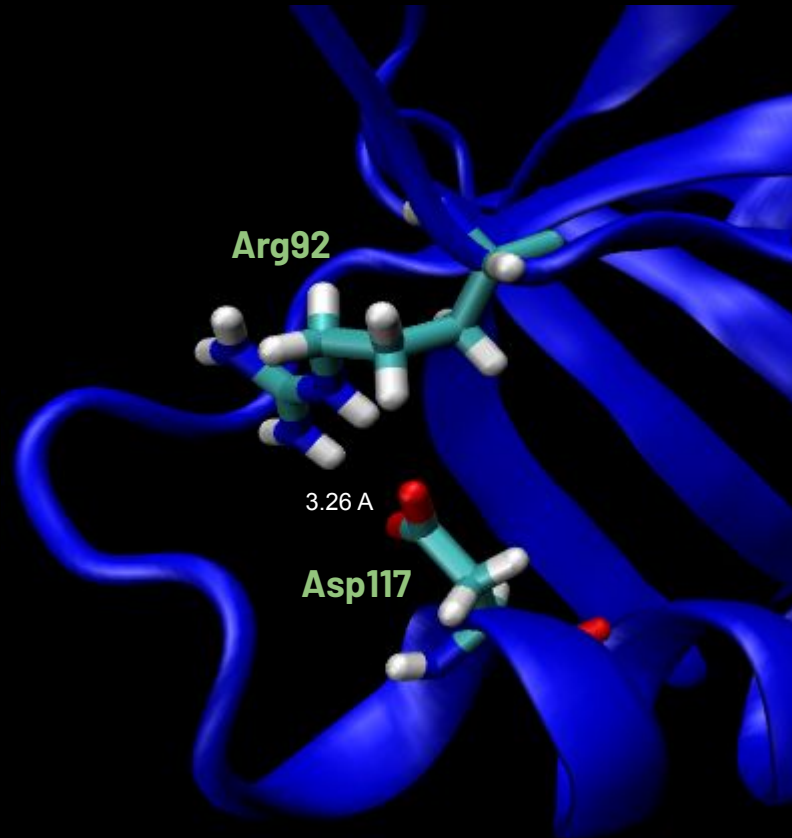
ASP71 - LYS30

ASP72 - HIS58

ASP79 - HIS68

GLU111 - ARG27

GLU70 - ARG43



# RPN13

## Interacting residues of Rpn13

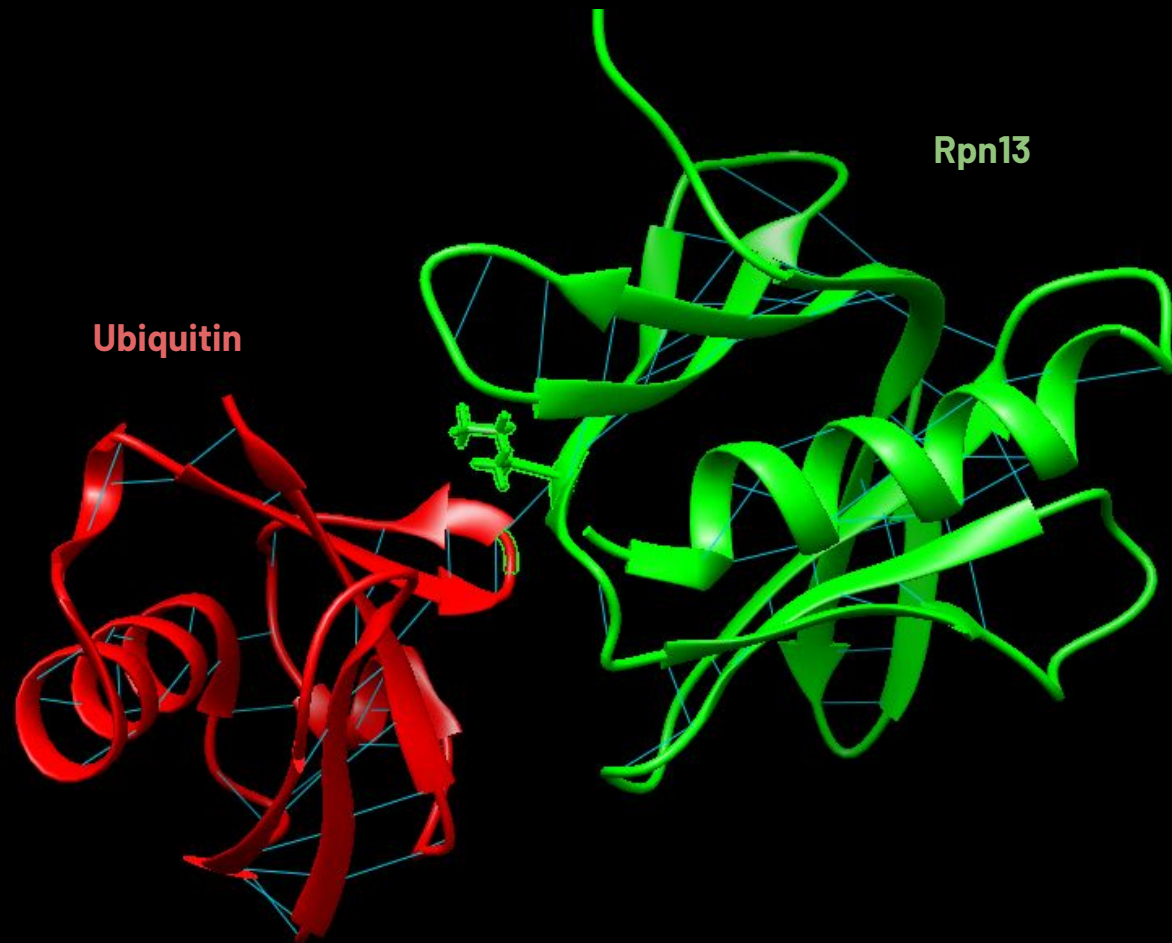
Leu-56

Leu-73

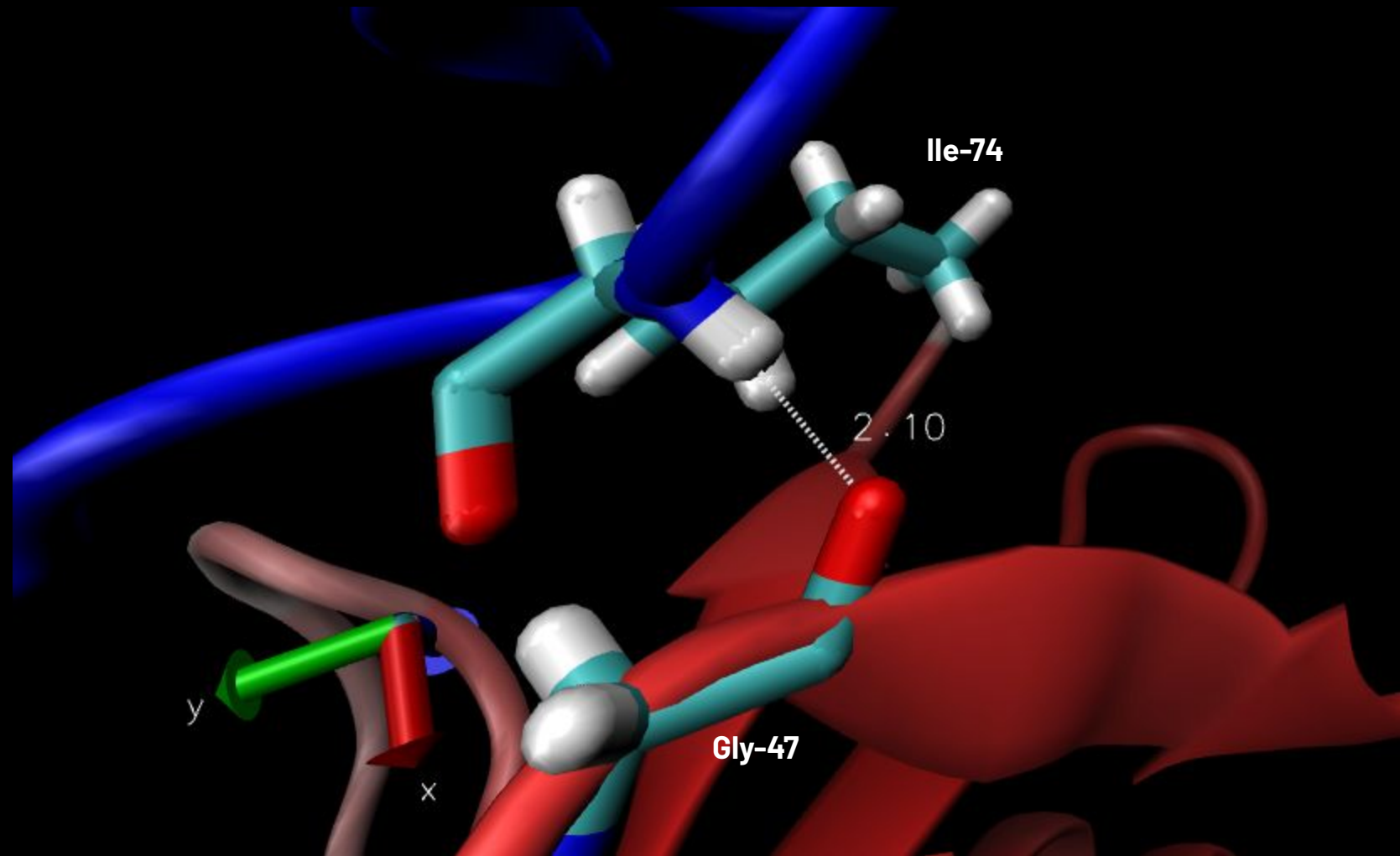
Ile-74

Phe-76

Phe-98







# RPN10: UIM von Willebrand factor type A domain

**N-terminal** vWA (Von Willebrand factor type A) domain

**C-terminal** Ubiquitin Interacting Motif (UIM) domain

Ile 44, Val70, and Leu80

## SALT BRIDGES

ASP140 - HIS170

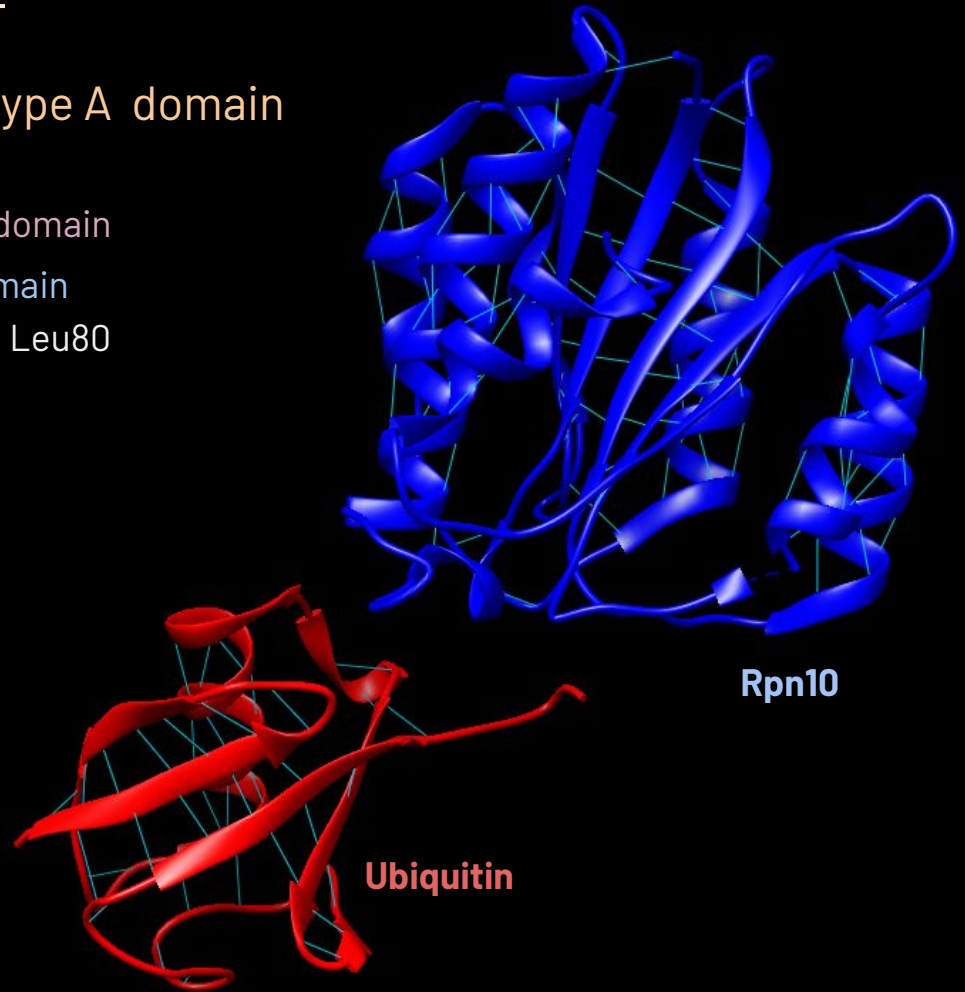
ASP20 - ARG25

ASP21 - LYS29

GLU156 - ARG122

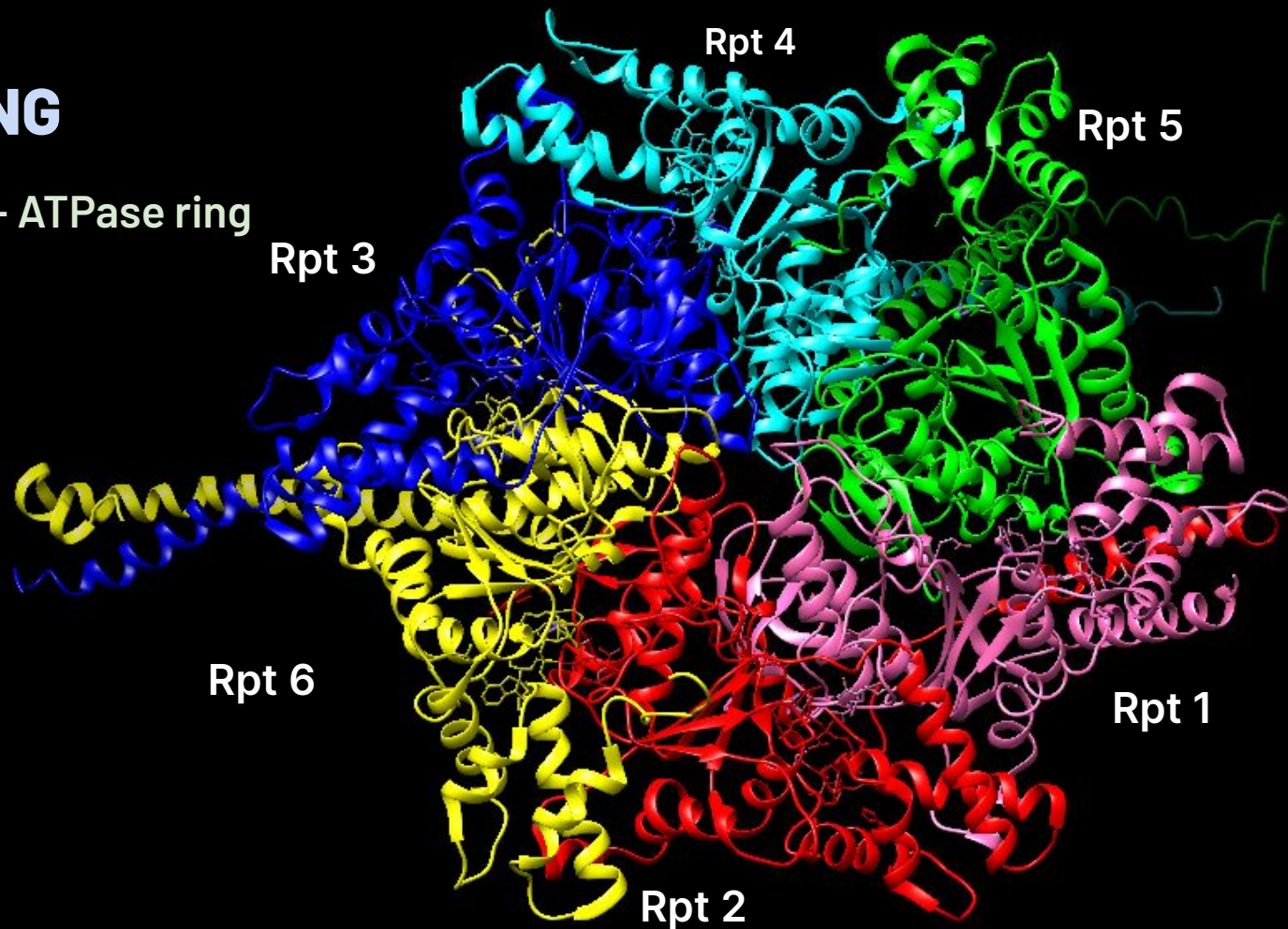
GLU27 - ARG23

GLU4 - LYS40



# ATPase RING

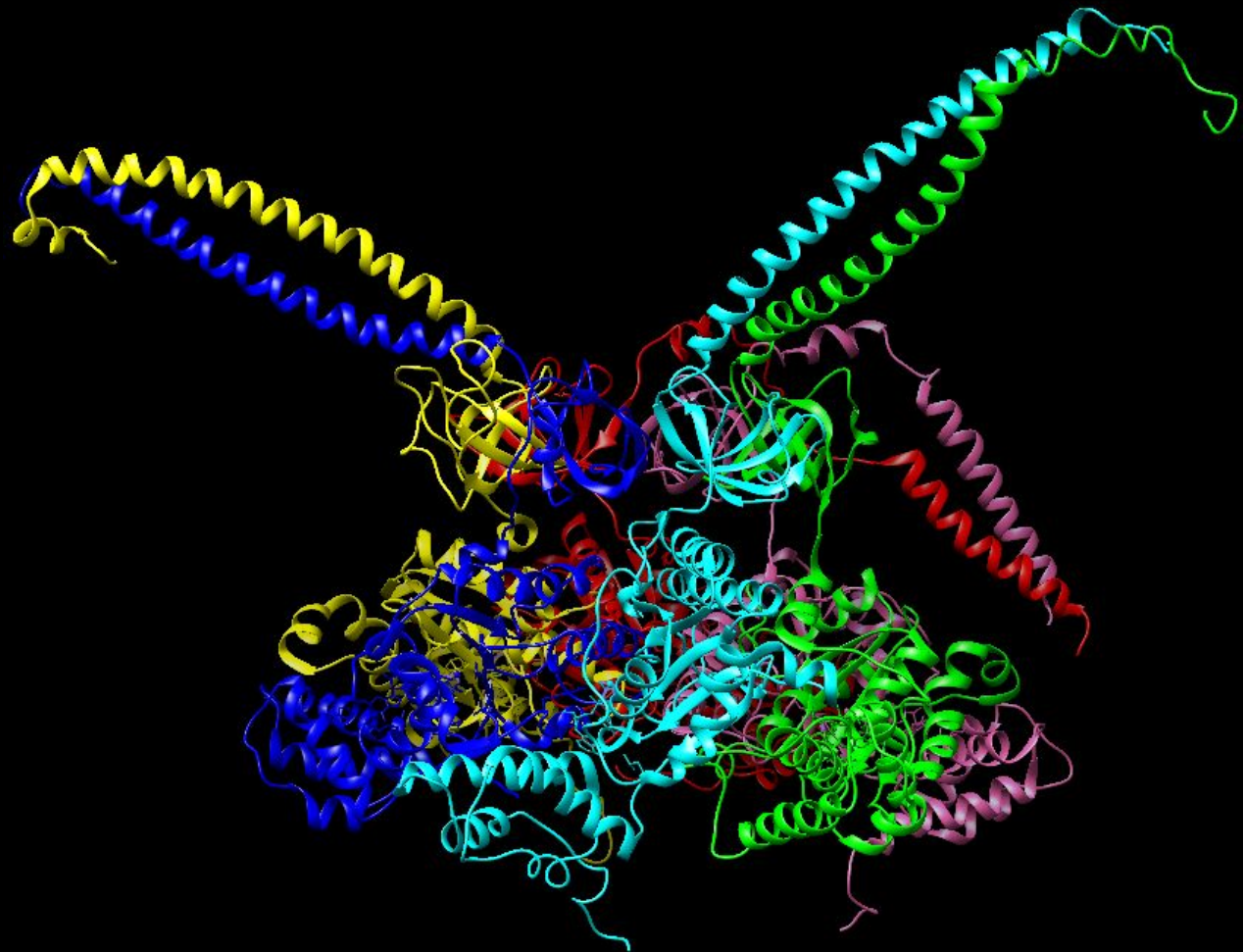
Six membered - ATPase ring



# ATPase RING

Pore 1 loop

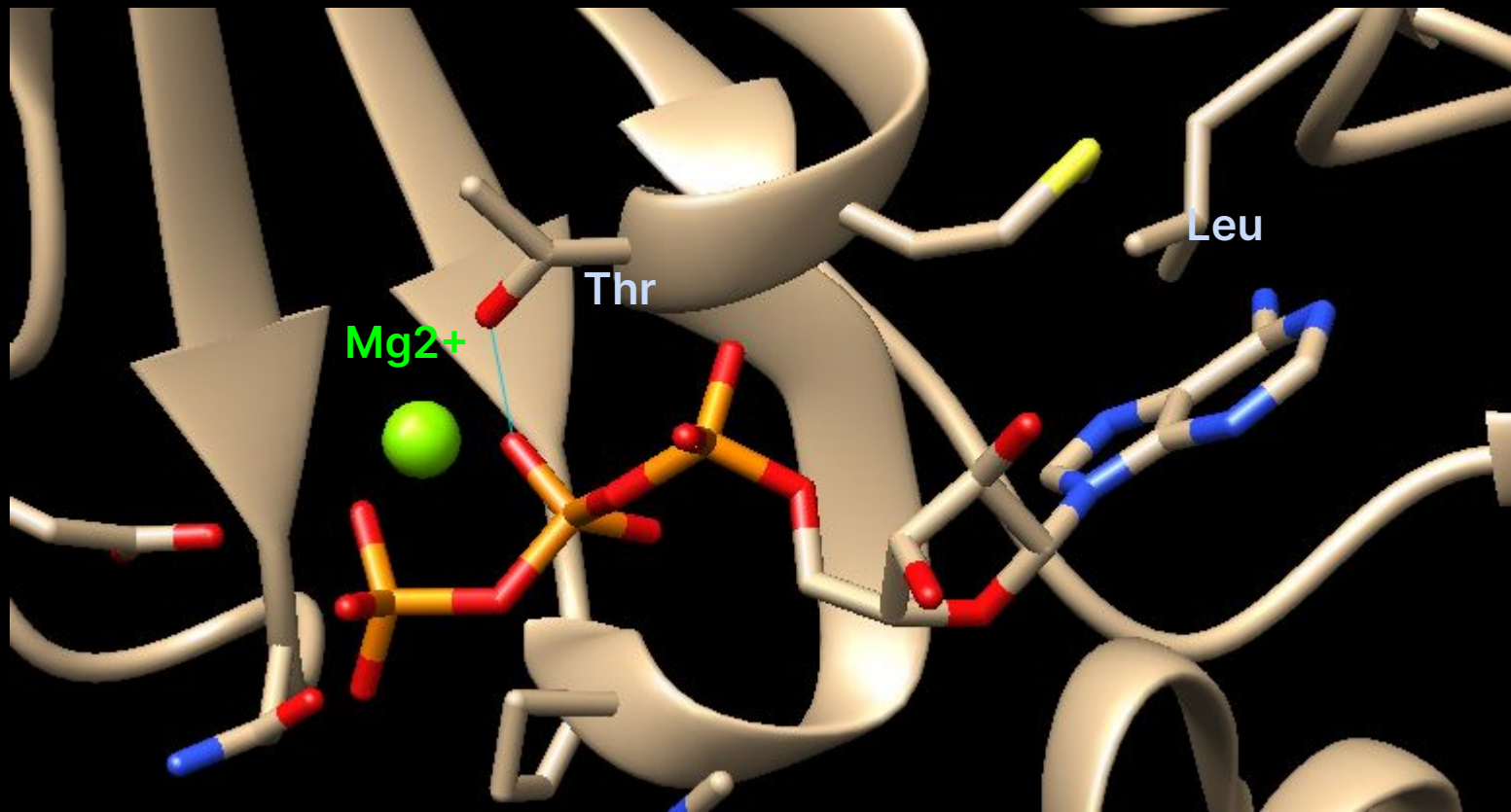
Pore 2 loop





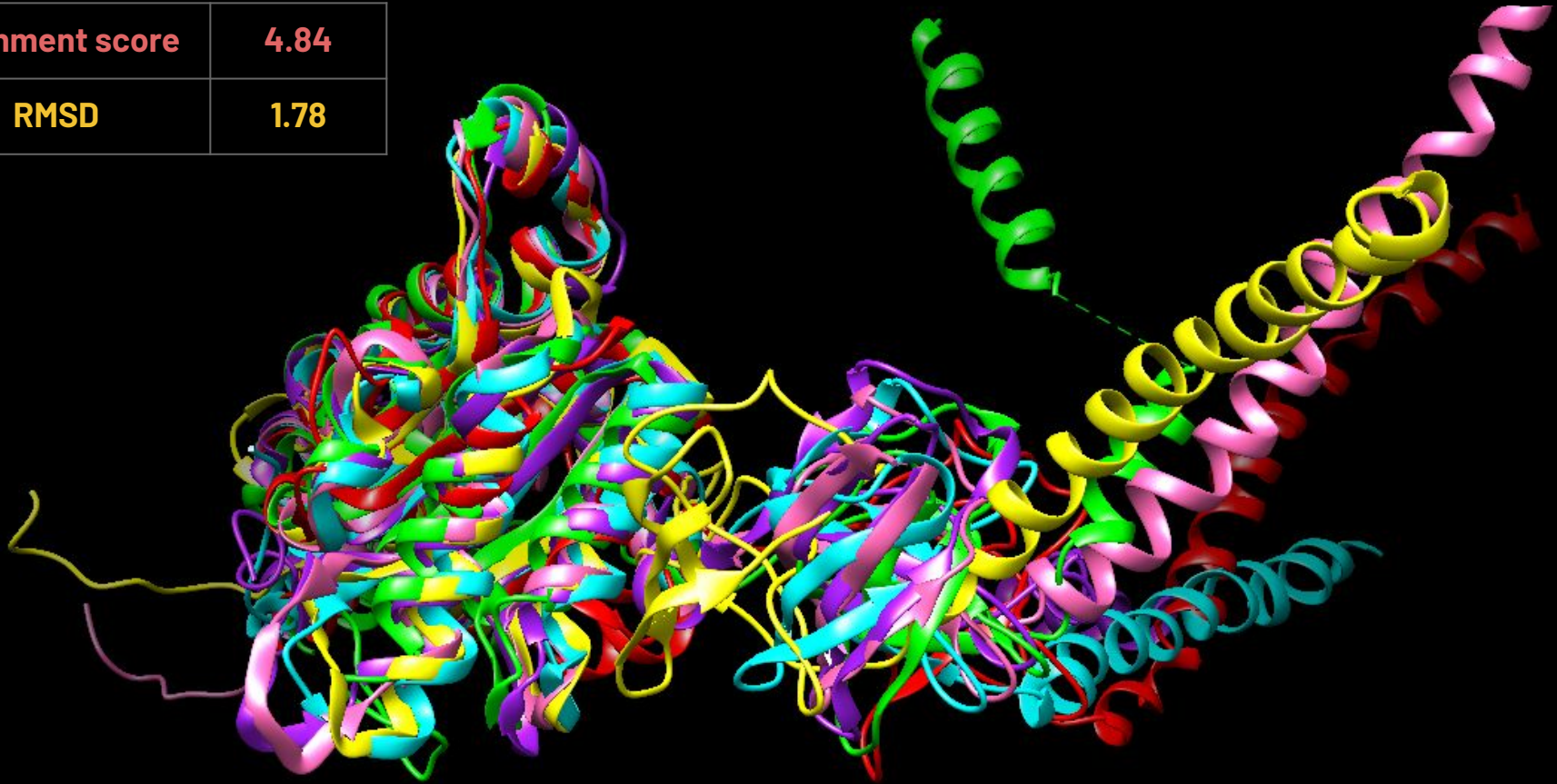
# ADP - RPT3

2.1 - 2.8A



# *Homo Sapiens* vs *S. Cerevisiae* vs *T. Acidophilum*

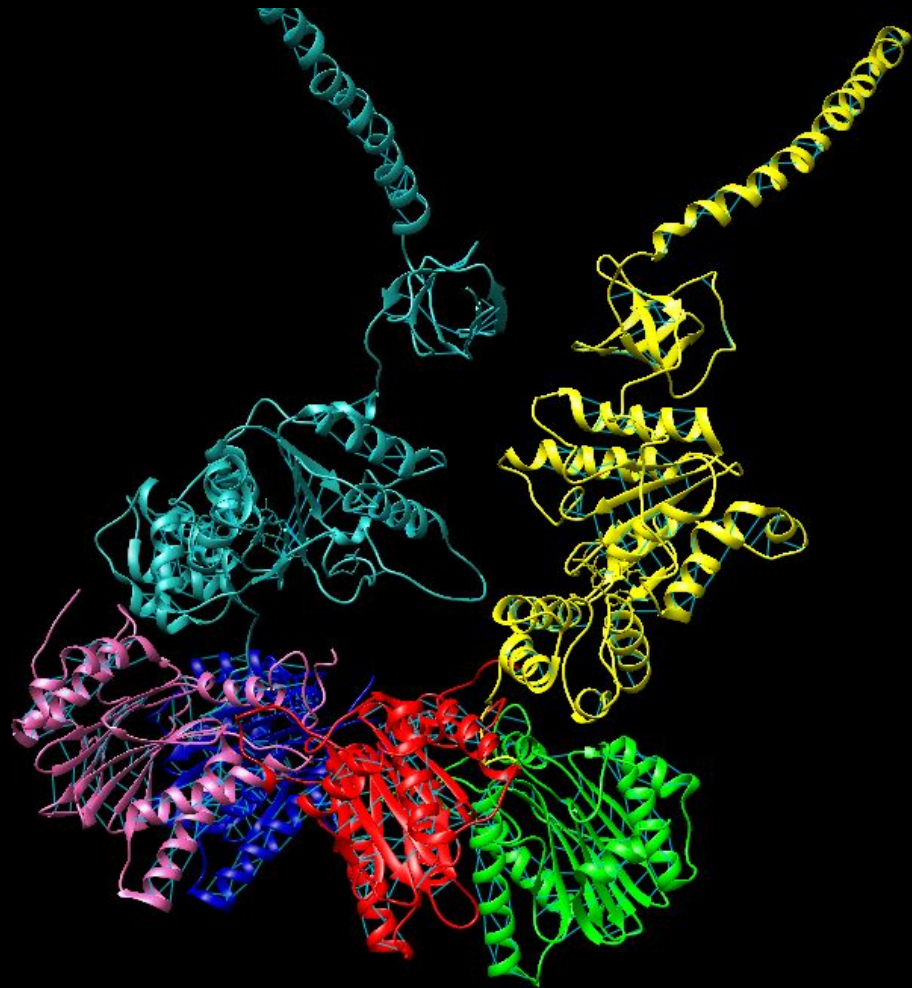
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# Interaction 19S-20S

**Rpt3** → **α1**, **α2**

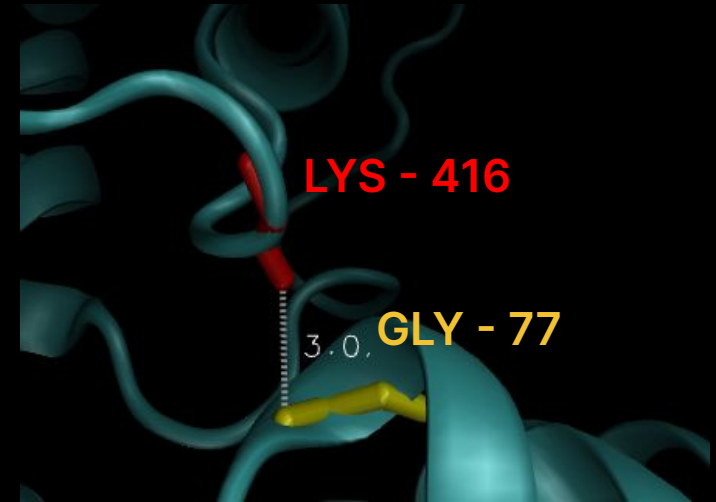
**Rpt5** → **α5**, **α6**



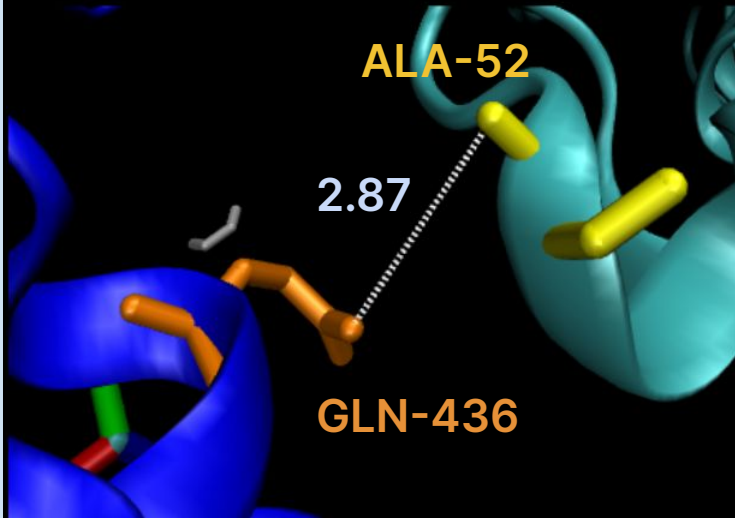


# Rpt3: Hydrogen Bonds

Donor Amino Acid	Acceptor Amino Acid	Alpha Subunit
Lys418	Gly30	$\alpha$ 1
Lys418	Tyr75	$\alpha$ 1
Lys416	Gly77	$\alpha$ 2
Glu415	Lys52	$\alpha$ 2
Tyr417	Glu26	$\alpha$ 1
Tyr417	Leu22	$\alpha$ 1
Tyr417	Hydrophobic residues	$\alpha$ 1
Phe416	Hydrophobic residues	$\alpha$ 1



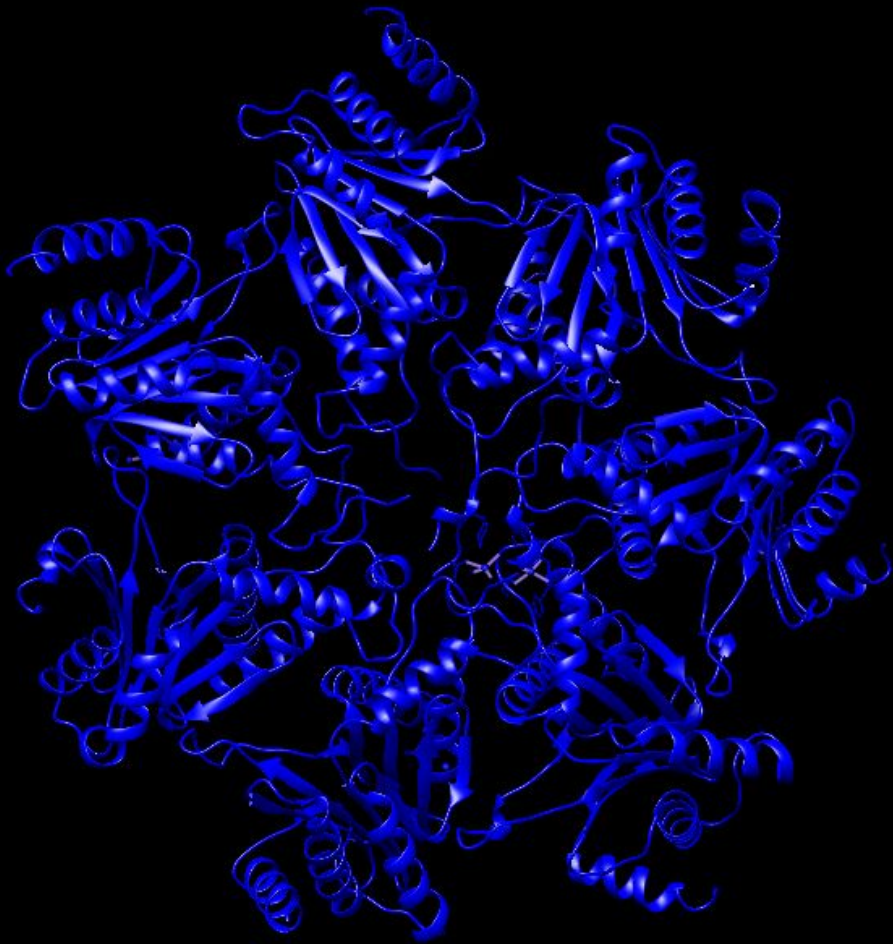
# Rpt5: Hydrogen bonds



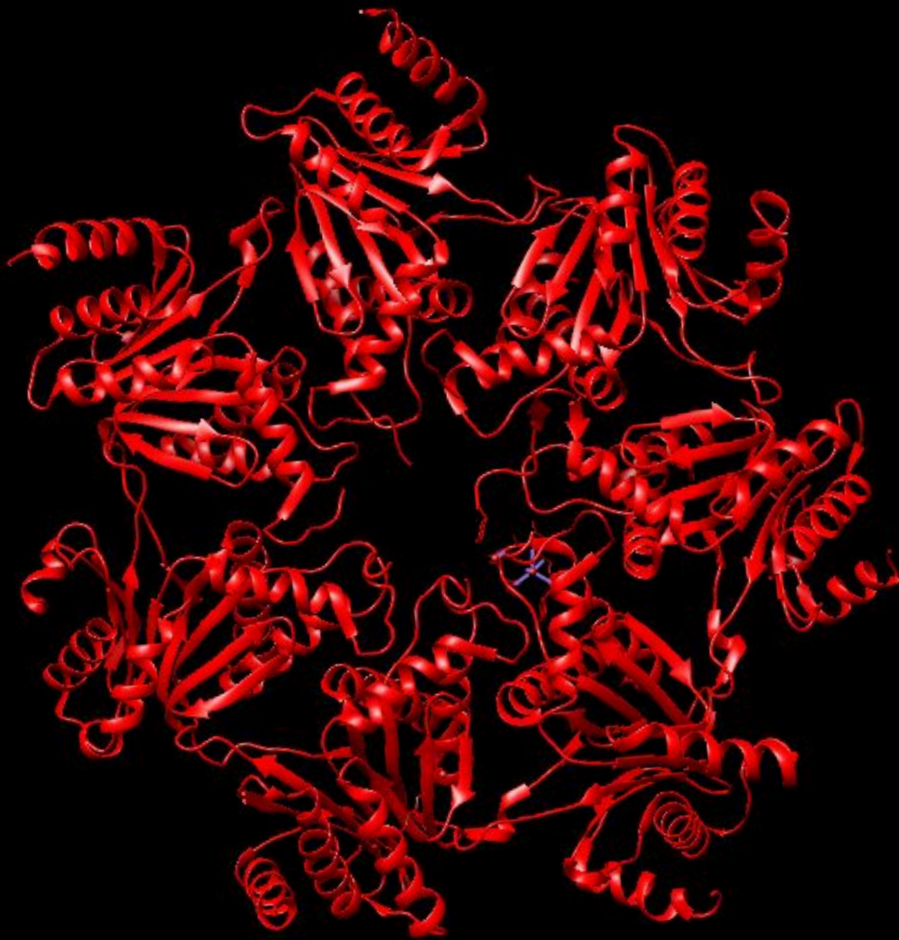
Donor Amino Acid	Acceptor Amino Acid	Alpha Subunit
Ala439	Gln60	$\alpha$ 6
Ala439	Lys62	$\alpha$ 6
Gln436	Ala52	$\alpha$ 5
Gln437	Gln53	$\alpha$ 5
<i>Tyr437</i>	<i>Nearby Residue</i>	$\alpha$ 5
<i>Tyr438</i>	<i>Nearby Residue</i>	$\alpha$ 5



***CLOSED GATE***

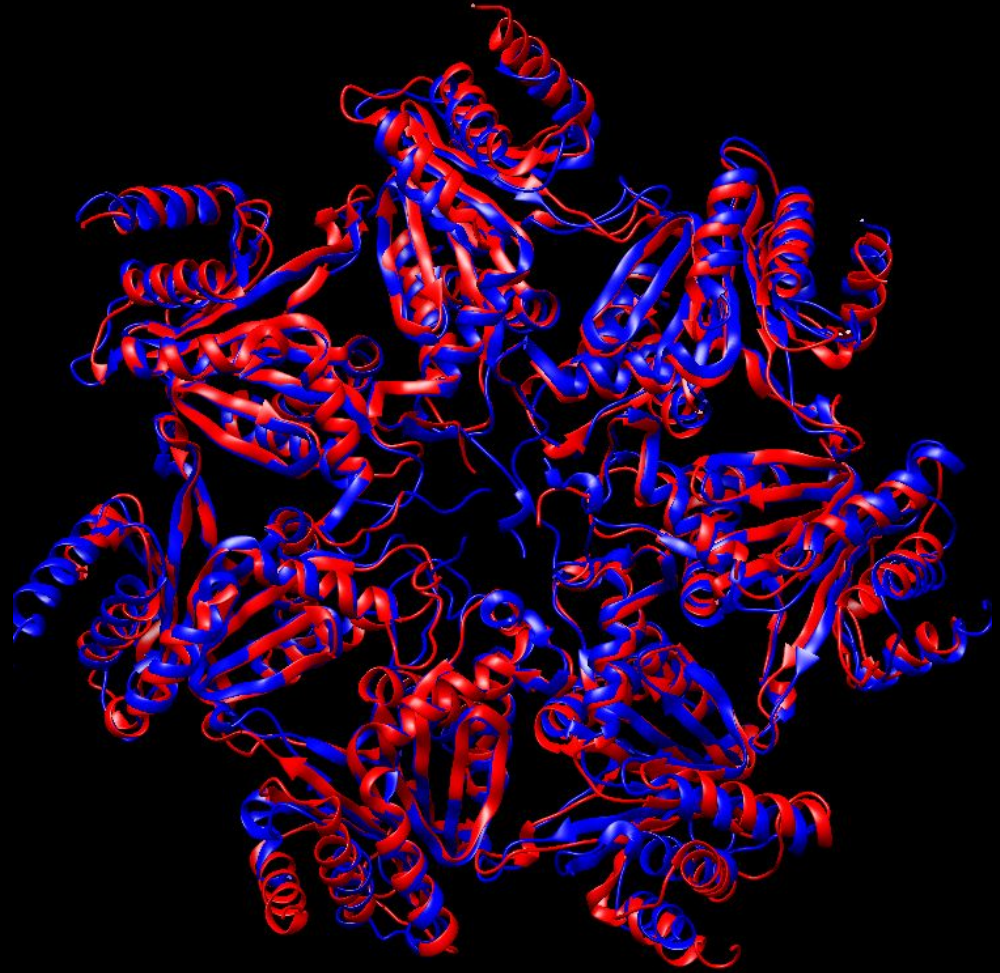


***OPEN GATE***



# OPEN VS CLOSED GATE

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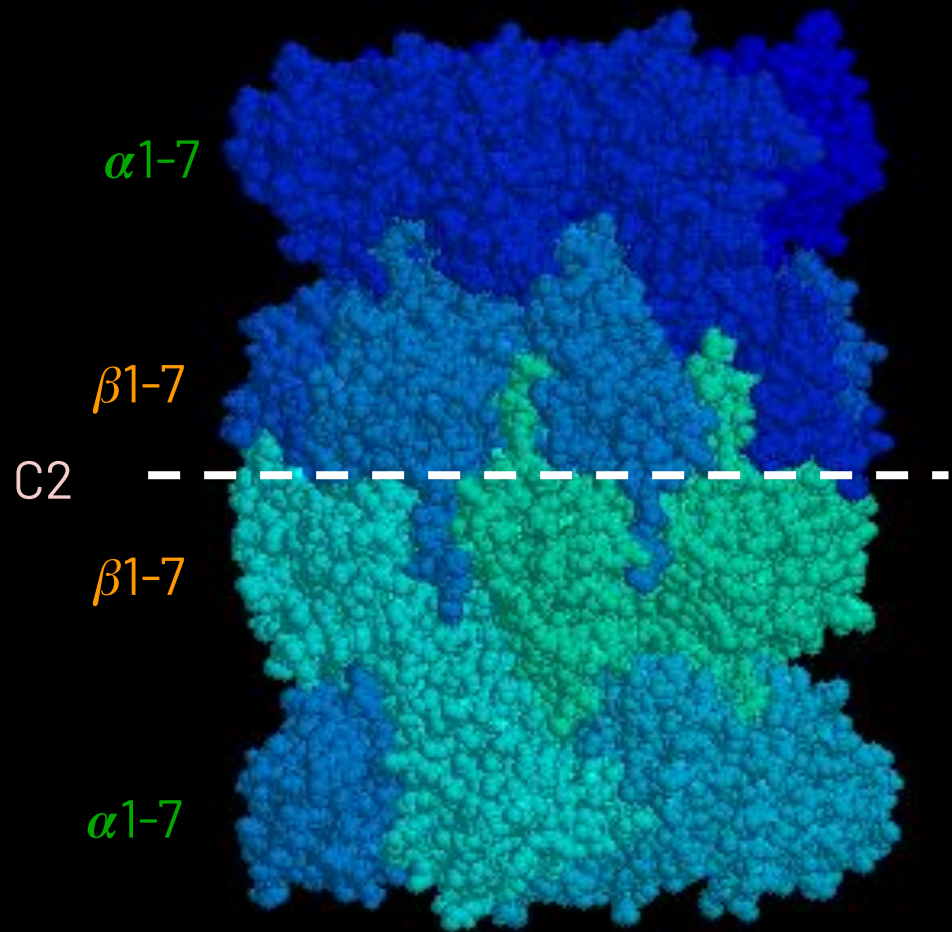


# 20S - Core Particle (CP)

28 SUBUNITS

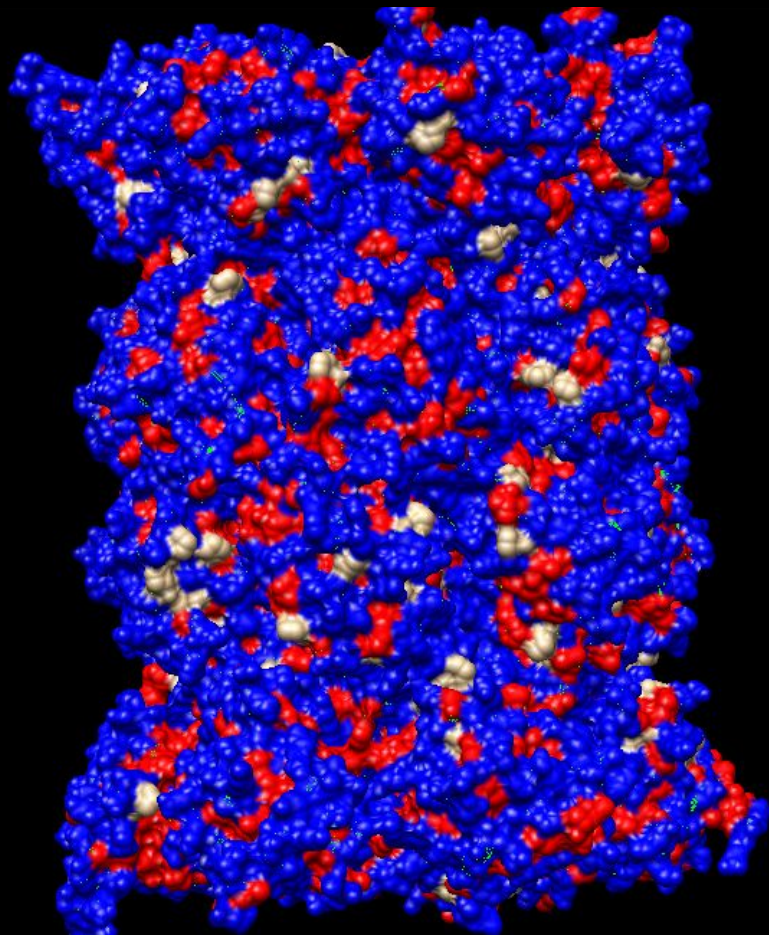
2 alpha rings

2 beta rings

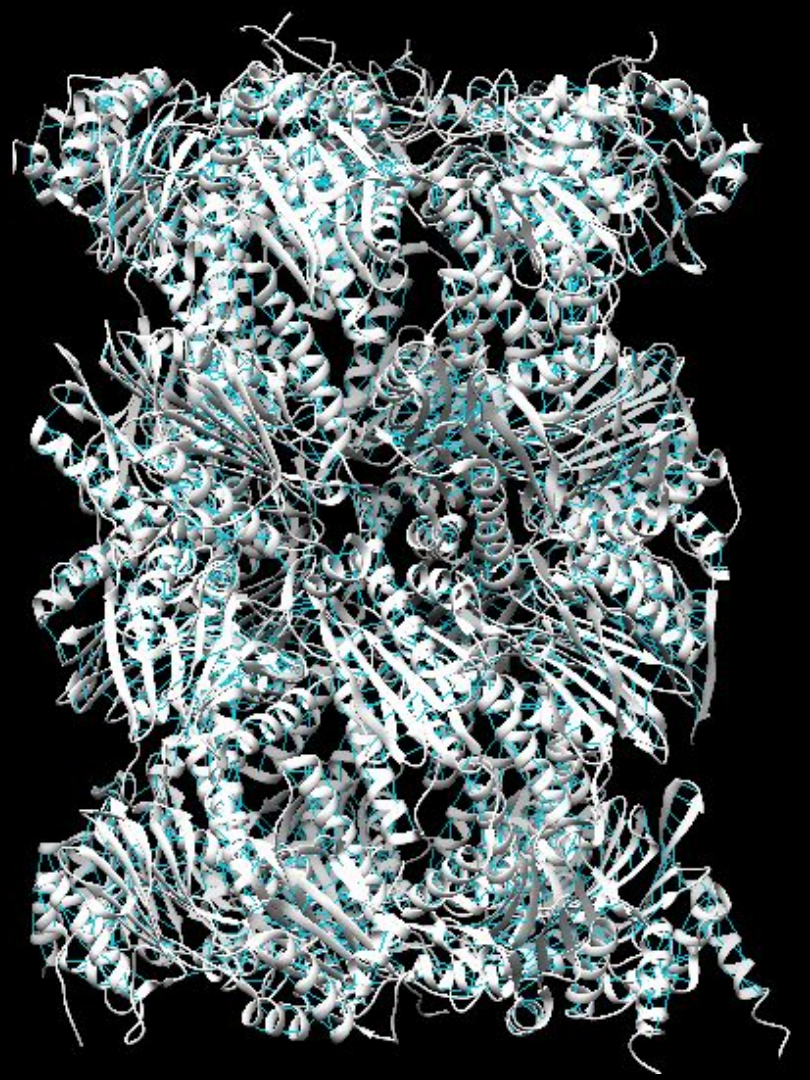




**HYDROPHOBICITY**

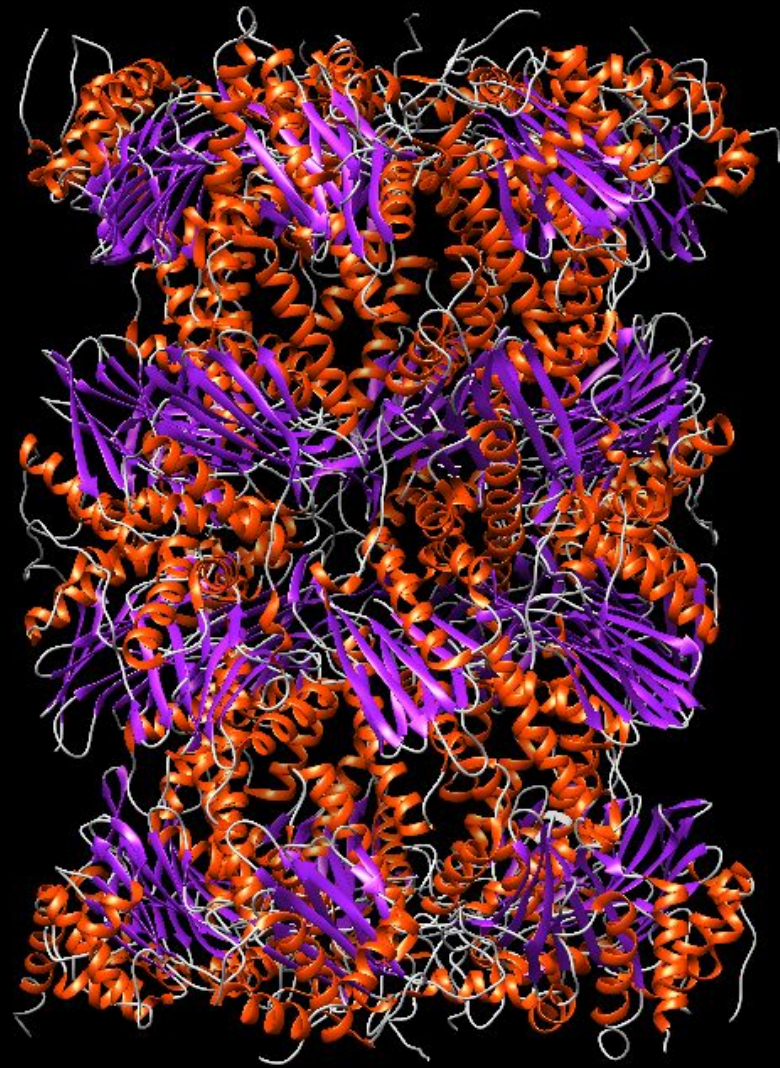


# **HYDROGEN BONDS**



**179  $\alpha$  helices**

**330  $\beta$  strands**





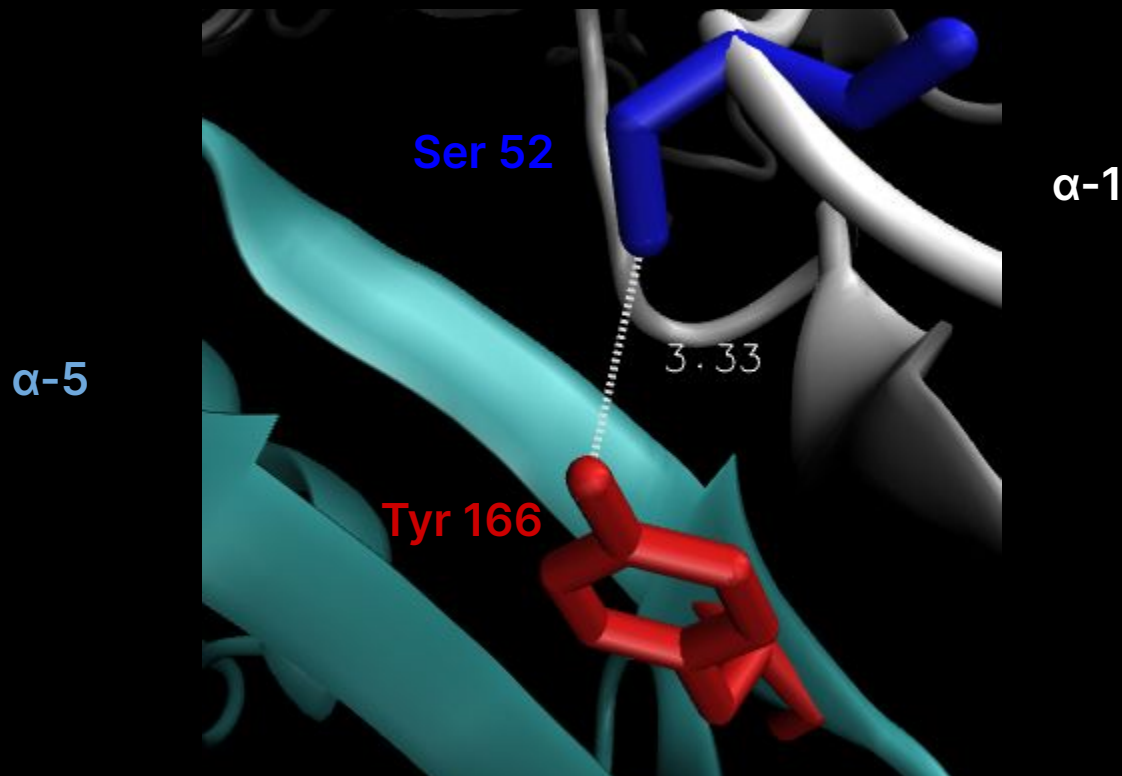
# ALPHA RING



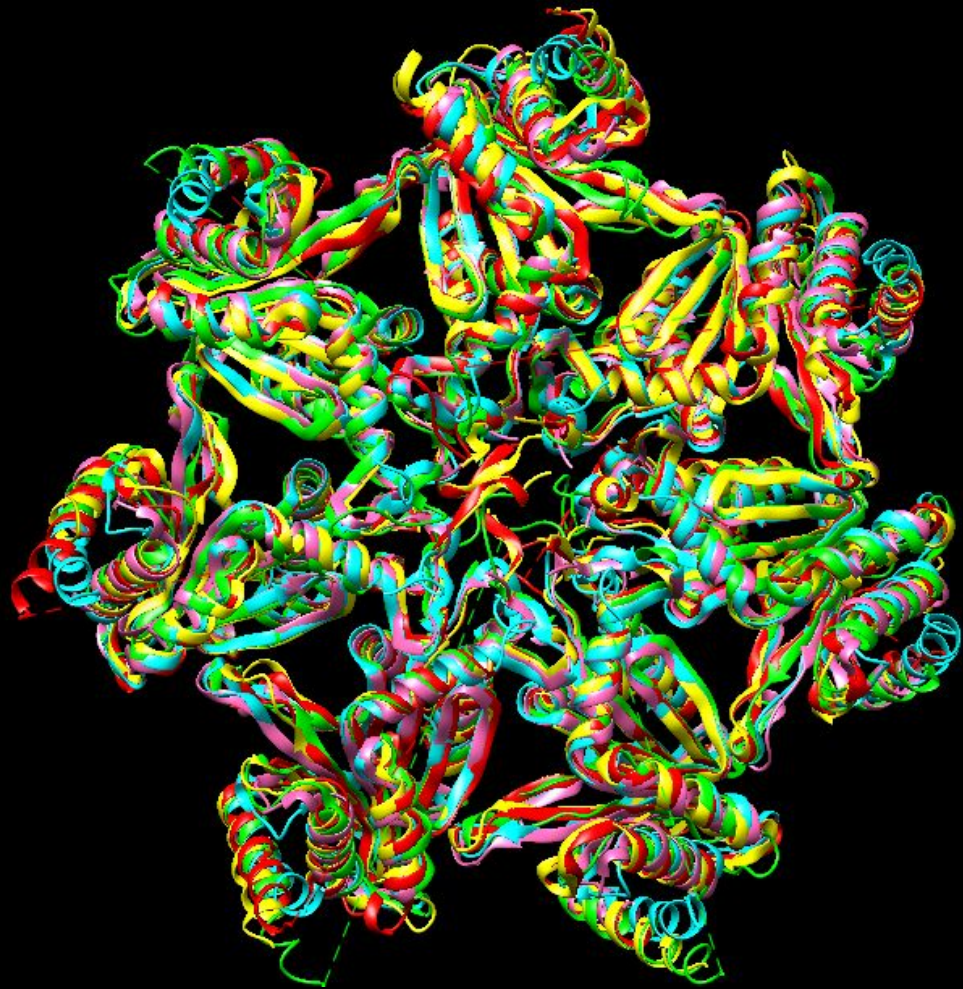
<b>DONOR</b>	<b>ACCEPTOR</b>
Asp166 (alpha5)	Leu56 (alpha1)
Ser 52 (alpha1)	Tyr 166 (alpha5)
Lys157(alpha7)	Leu58(alpha5)
Glu60(alpha5)	Ala155(alpha7)
Ser134(alpha5)	Gln120(alpha7)
Asn122(alpha7)	Ala132(alpha5)
Lys160(alpha4)	Leu53(alpha7)
Asp55(alpha7)	Gly158(alpha4)
Arg125(alpha7)	Gln123(alpha4)
Asp57(alpha4)	Ala156(alpha2)
Lys158(alpha2)	Leu55(alpha4)

<b>DONOR</b>	<b>ACCEPTOR</b>
Arg127(alpha2)	Gln127(alpha6)
Ala129(alpha6)	Gly125(alpha2)
Lys164(alpha6)	Leu55(alpha2)
Asp62(alpha6)	Gly159(alpha3)
Trp161(alpha3)	Leu60(alpha6)
Gly162(alpha3)	Leu60(alpha6)
Arg132(alpha6)	Leu124(alpha3)
Tyr123(alpha1)	Ala127(alpha3)
Arg129(alpha3)	Gln121(alpha1)
Glu59(alpha3)	Asp155(alpha1)
Arg157(alpha1)	Leu57(alpha3)

# ALPHA RING INTERACTION



# ALPHA RING AMONG SPECIES



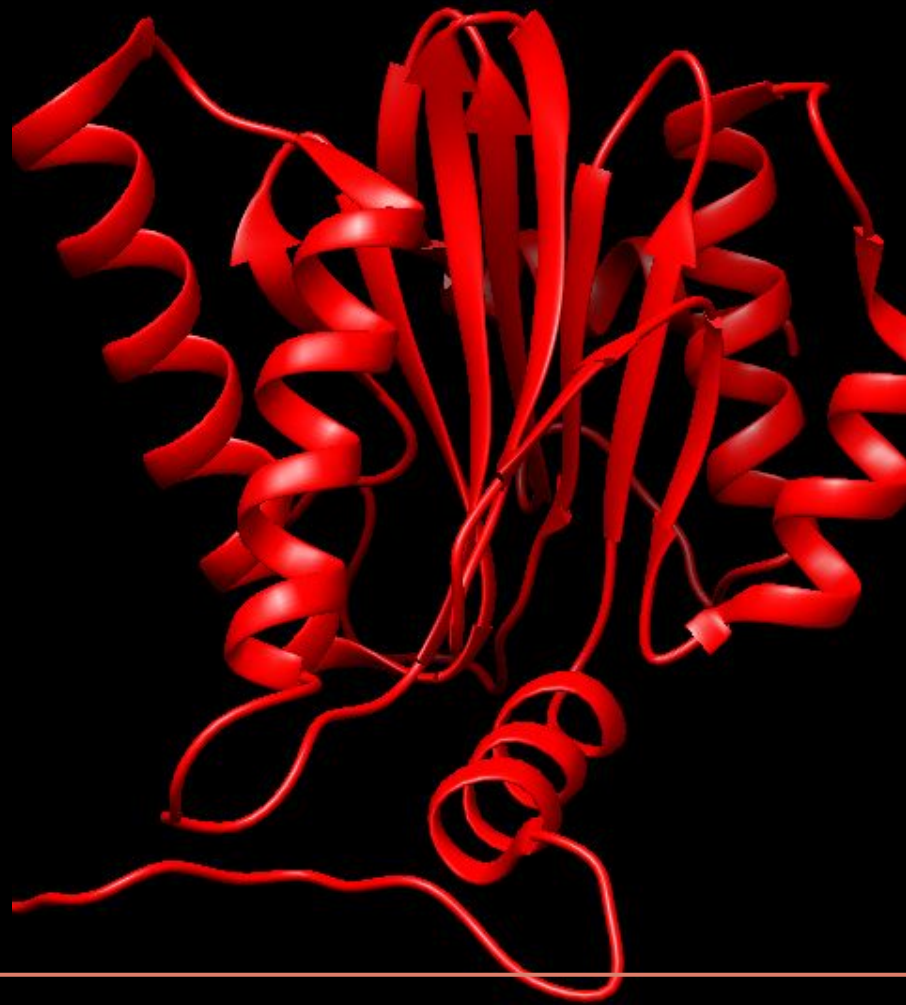
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**ALPHA 1**



**ALPHA 2**



**ALPHA 3**



**ALPHA 4**



**ALPHA 5**





# ALPHA 6

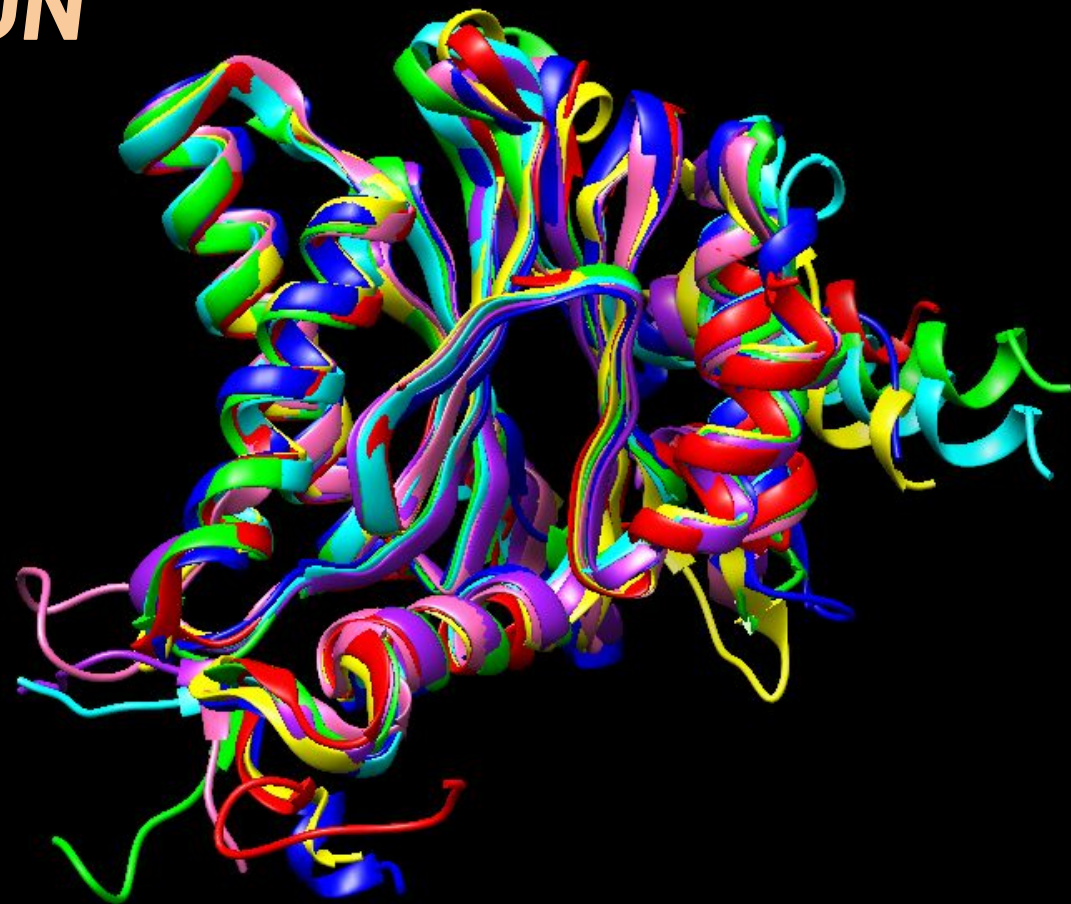


**ALPHA 7**



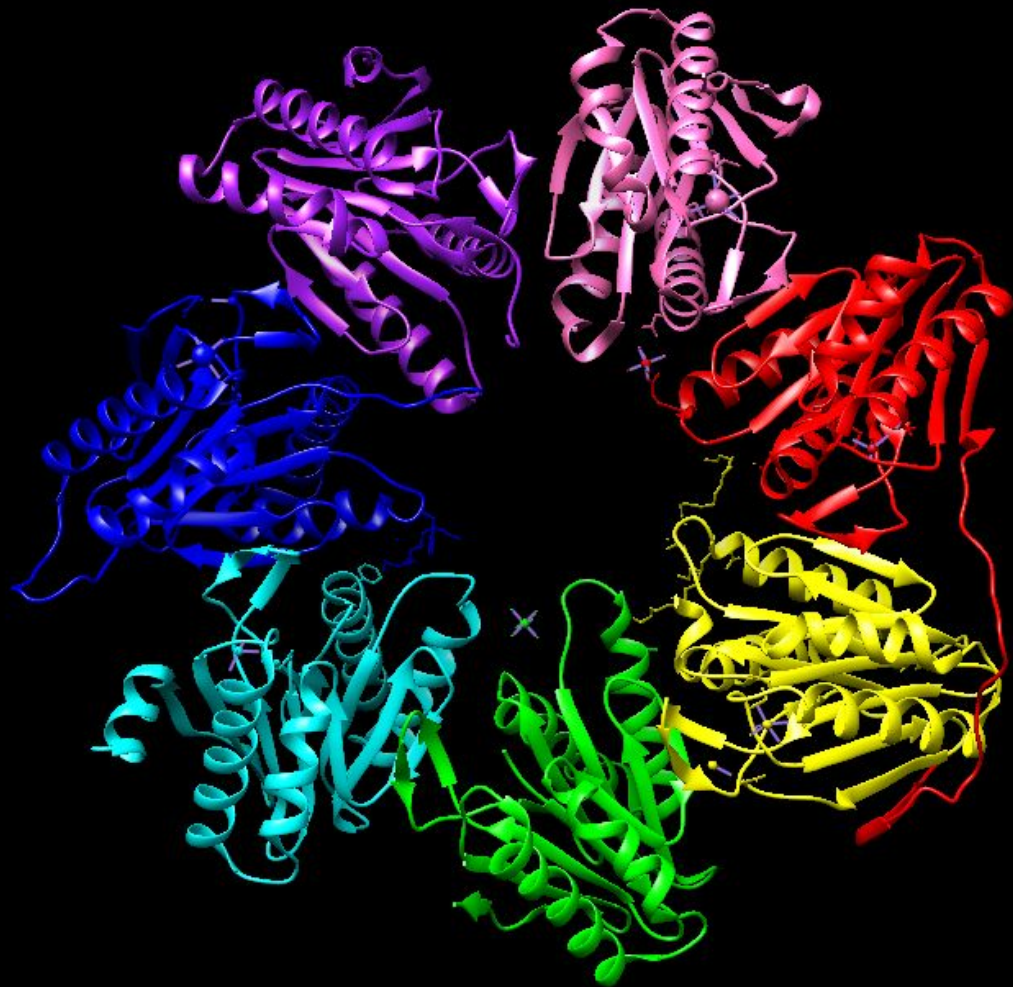
# ***SUPERIMPOSITION***

## ***ALPHA RING***



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# BETA RING



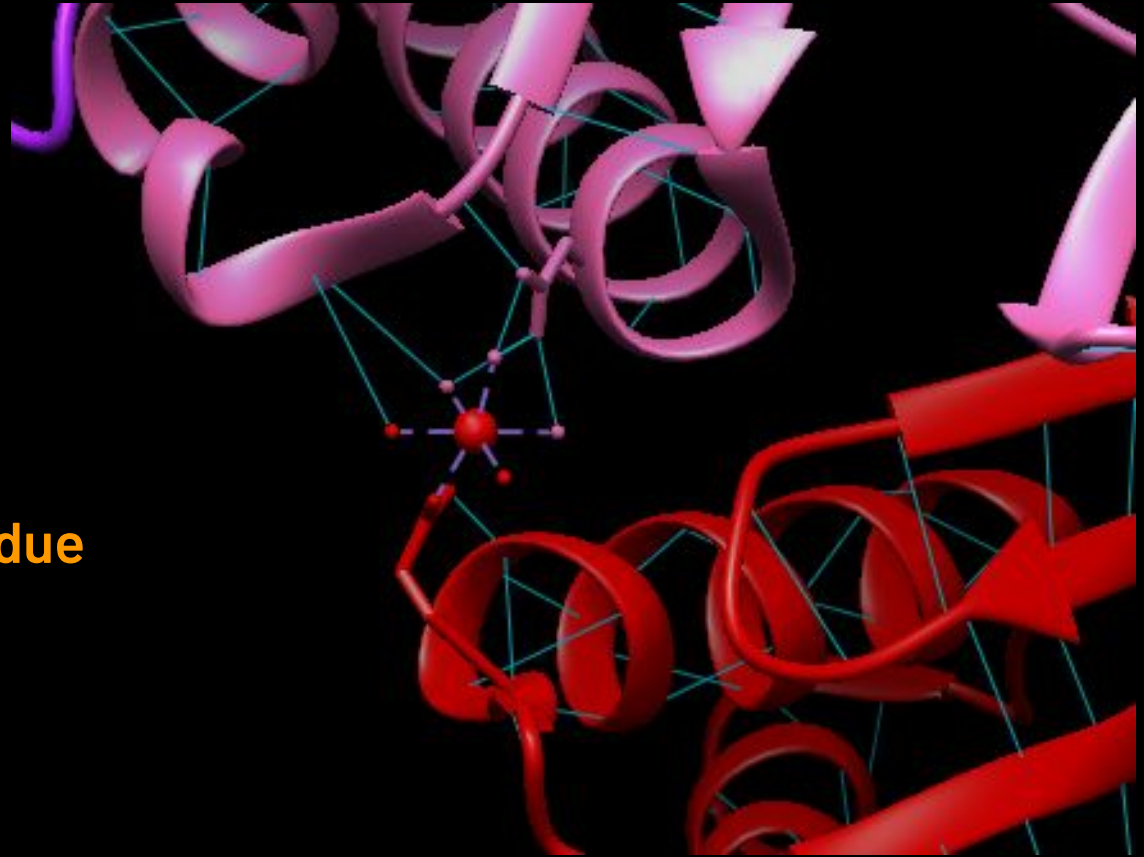
# Mg<sup>2+</sup> interaction

Positively charged



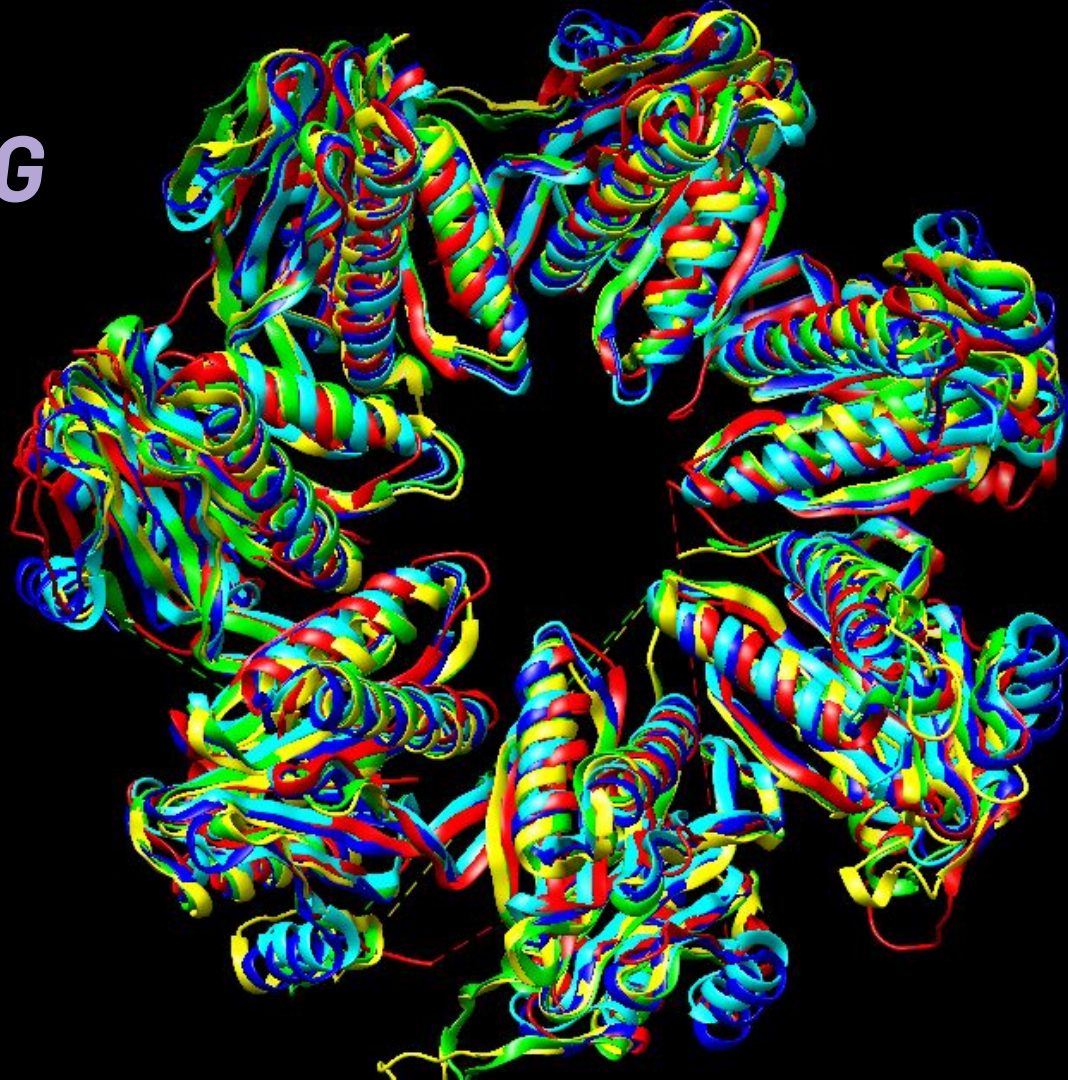
**Negatively charged residue**

Asp or Glu





# BETA RING AMONG SPECIES



Alignment score

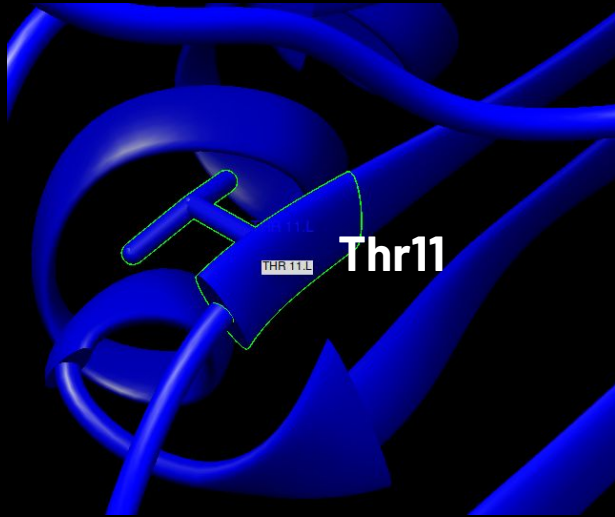
8.73

RMSD

1.70

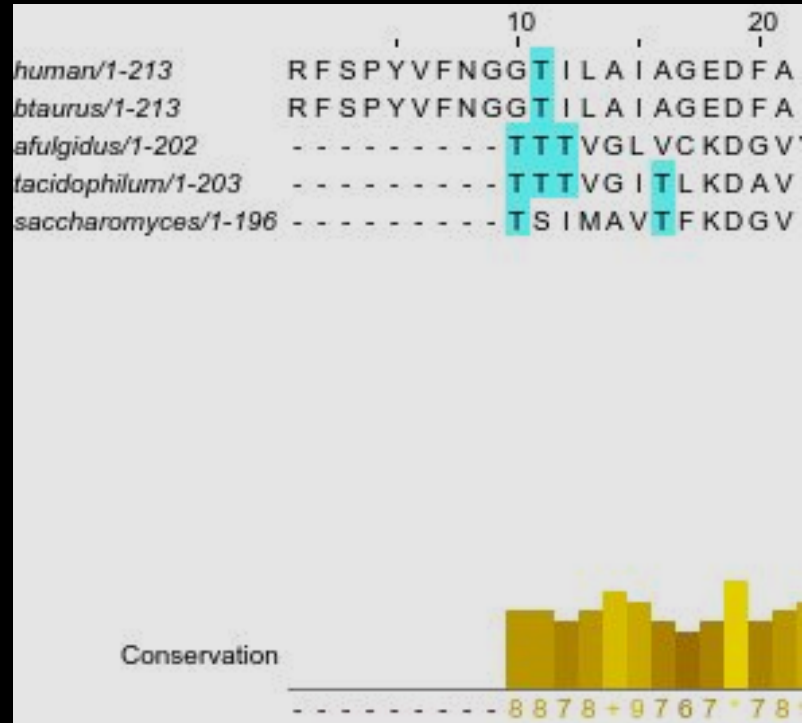
# BETA 1

Caspase-like  
catalytic activity



# BETA 1

Threonine residues are conserved in all the species



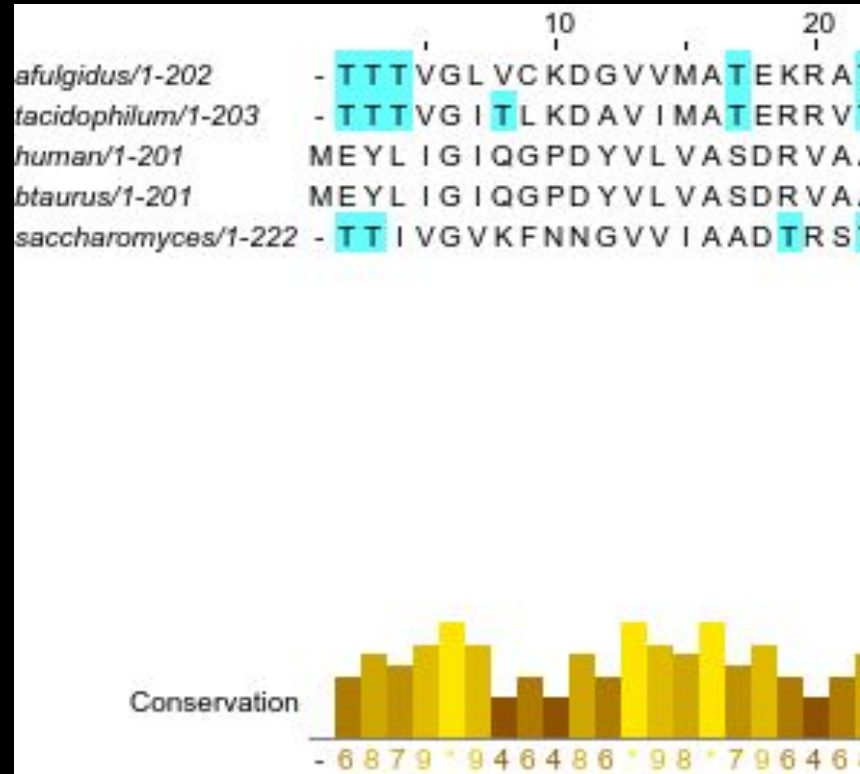
# BETA 2

Trypsin-like  
catalytic activity



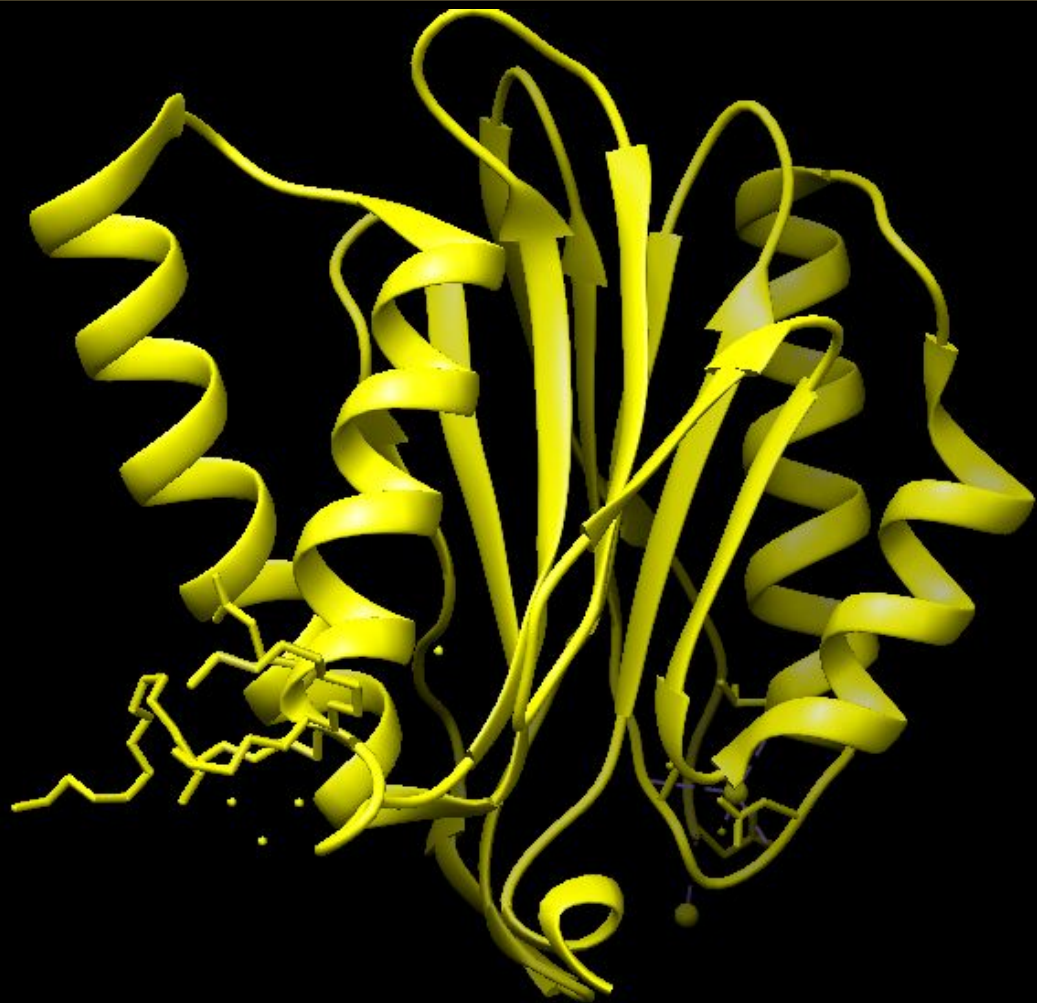
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Threonine residues are not conserved in eukaryotes

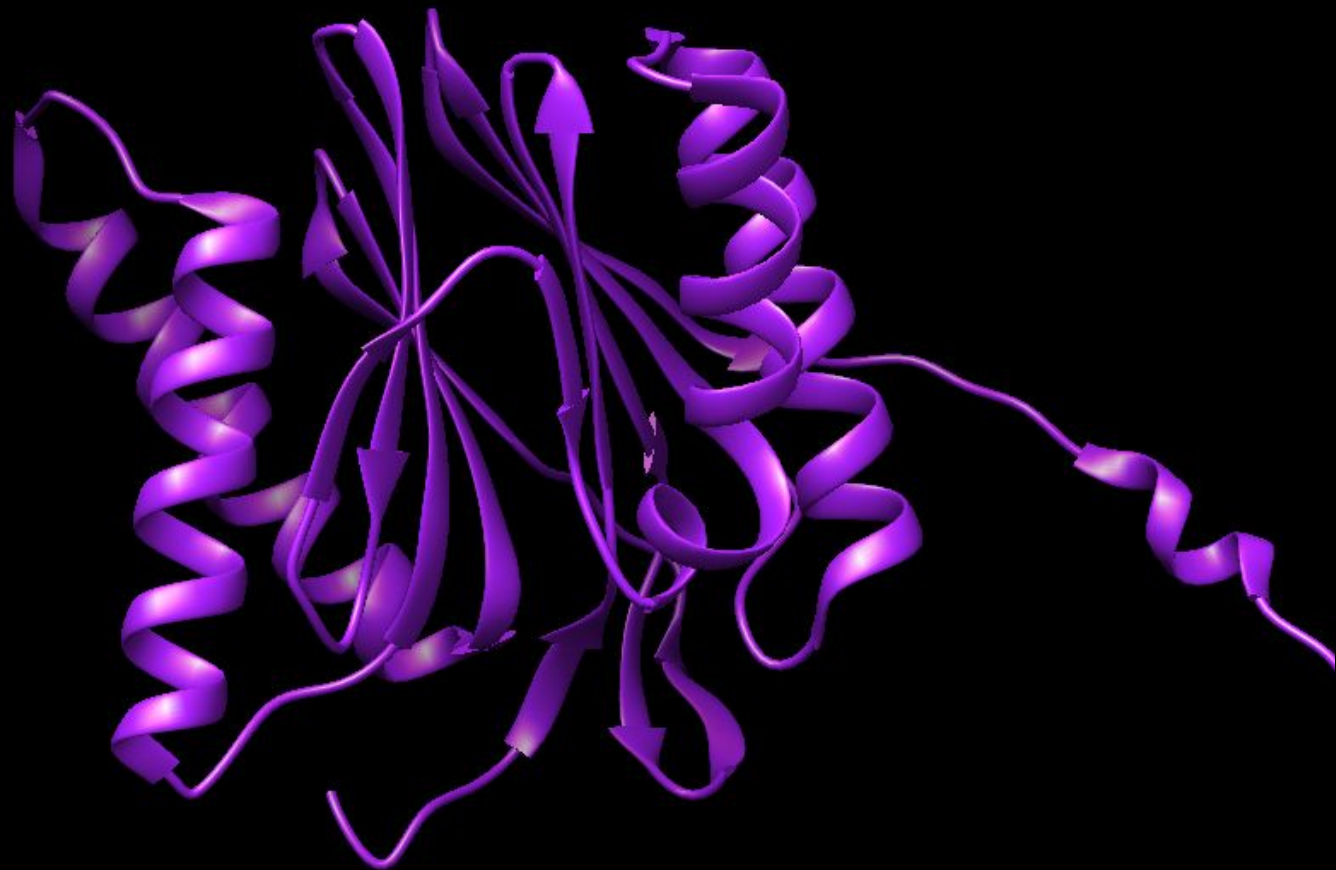




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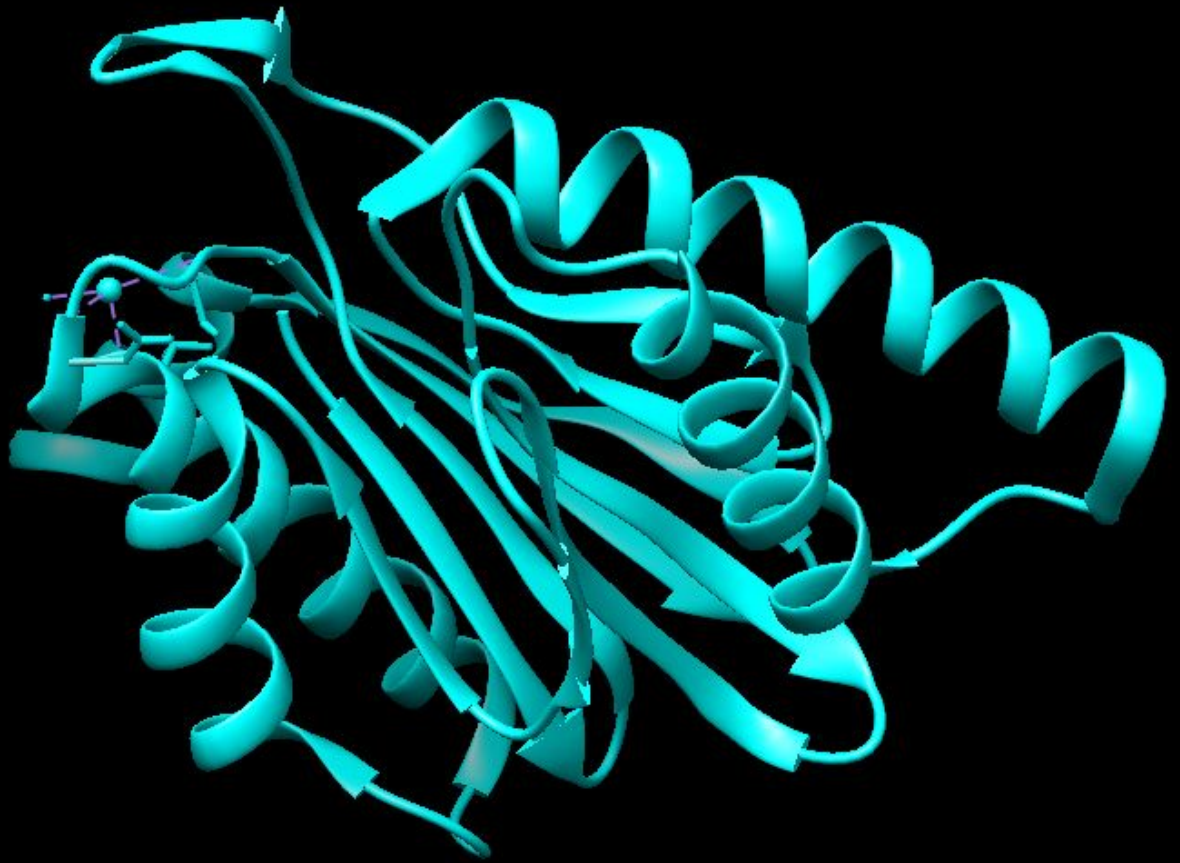
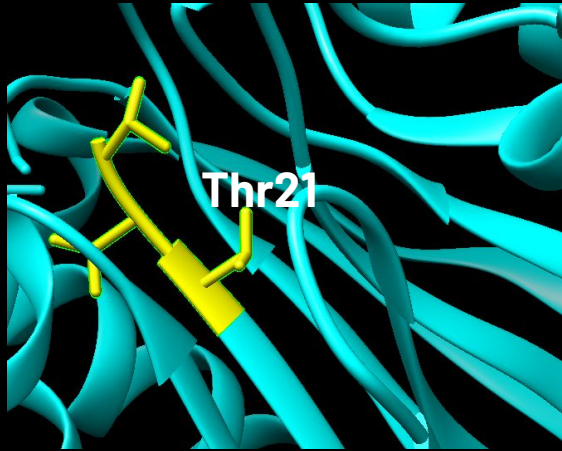


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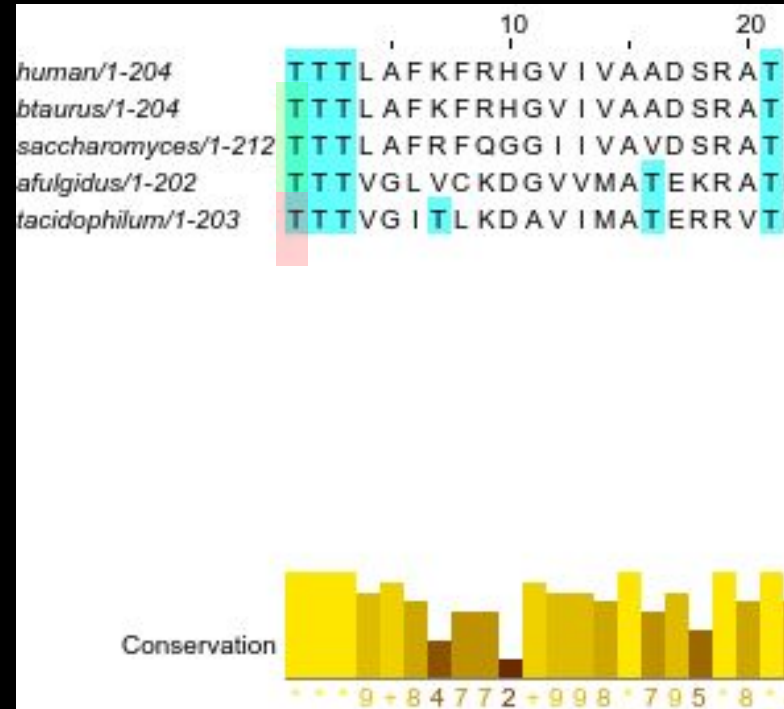
# BETA 5

Chymotrypsin-like  
catalytic activity

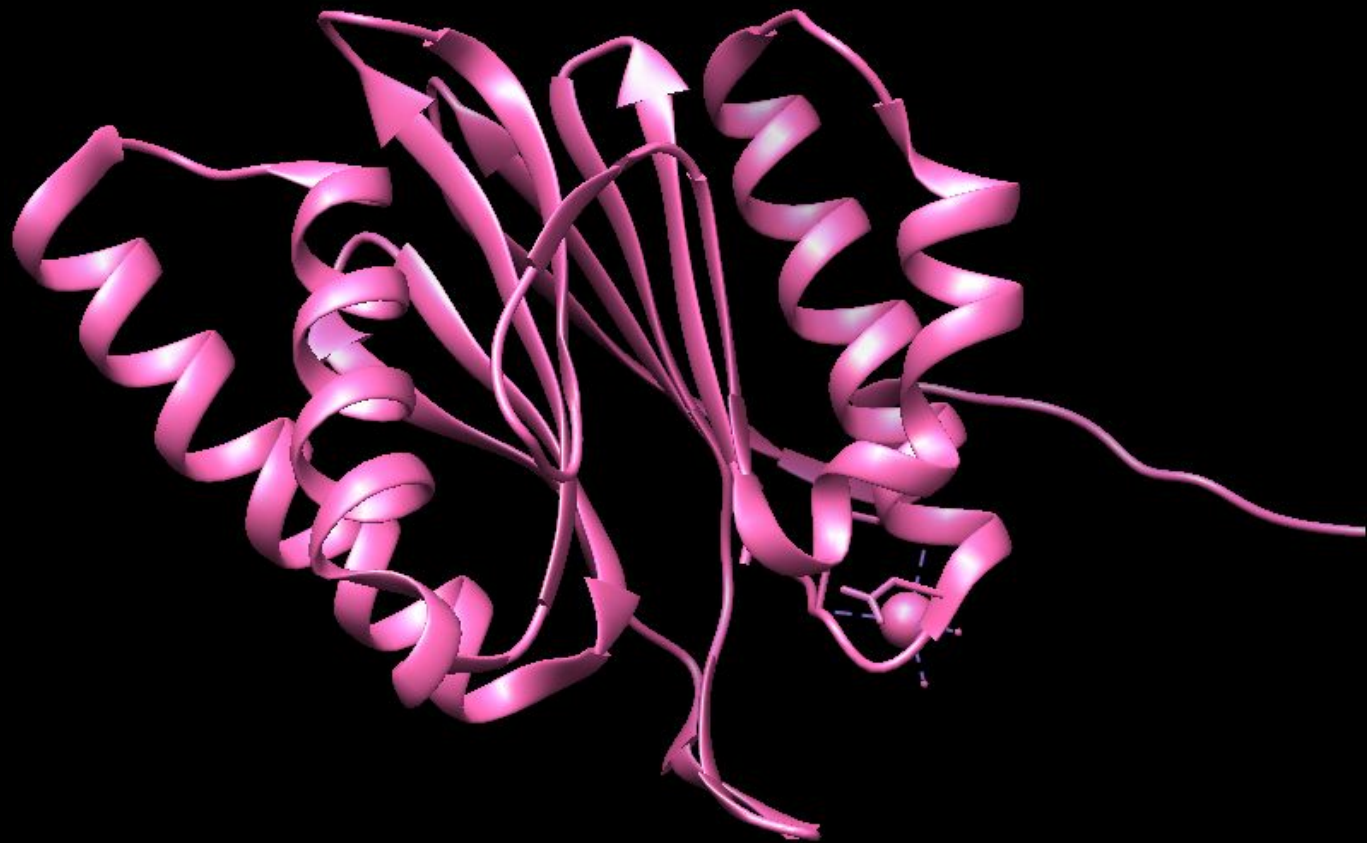


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Threonine residues are conserved in all the species

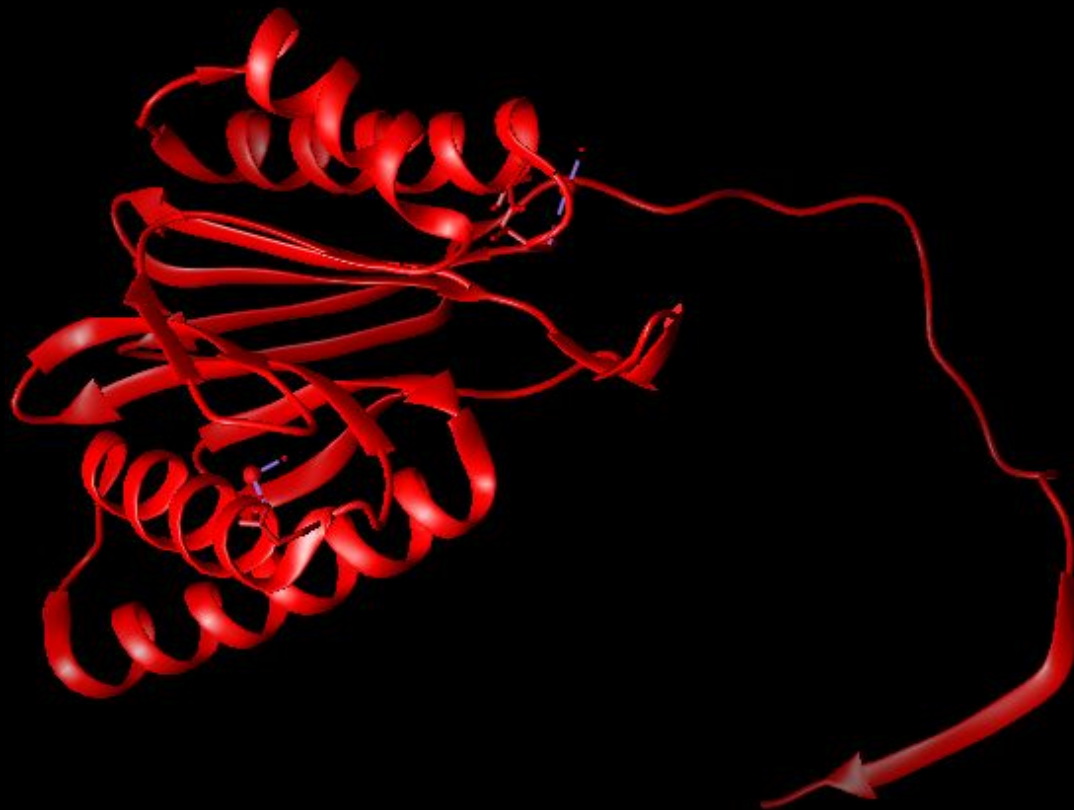


**BETA 6**





# BETA 7



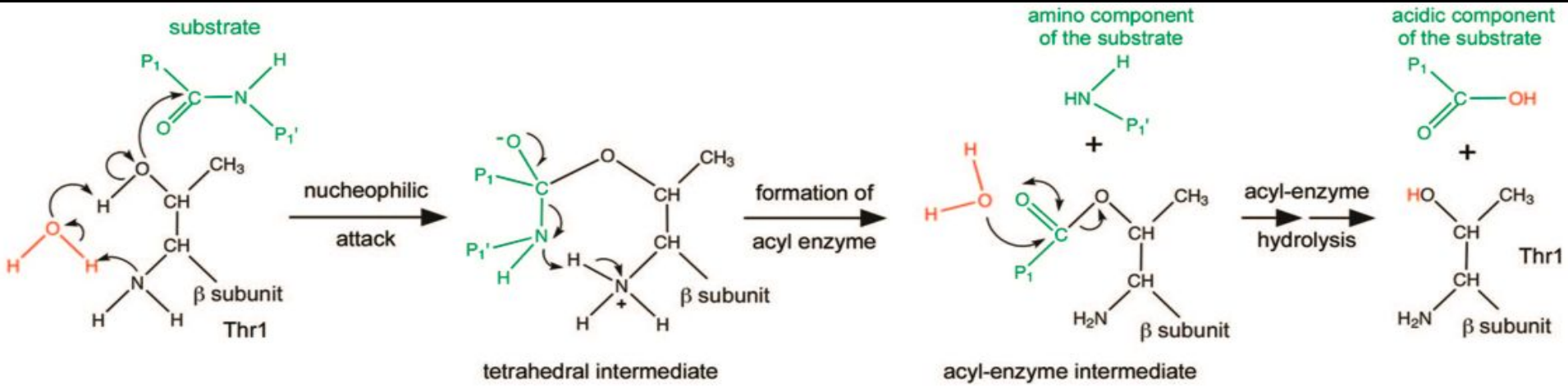
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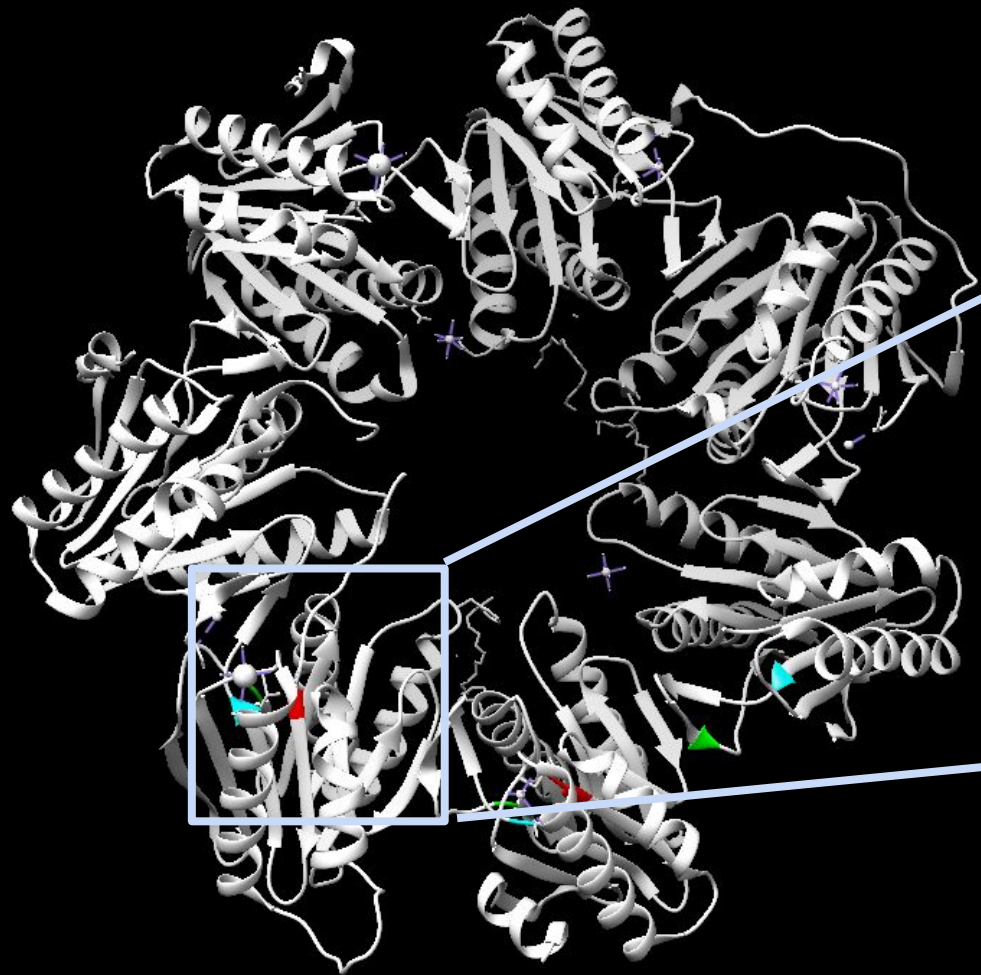
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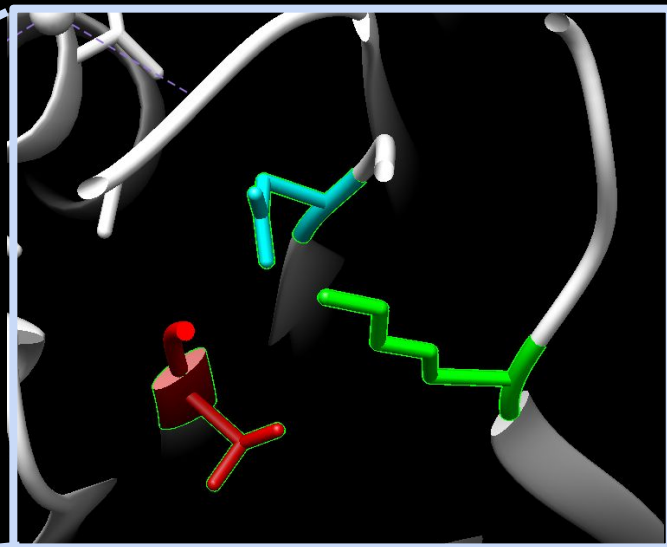
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# CATALYTIC MECHANISM

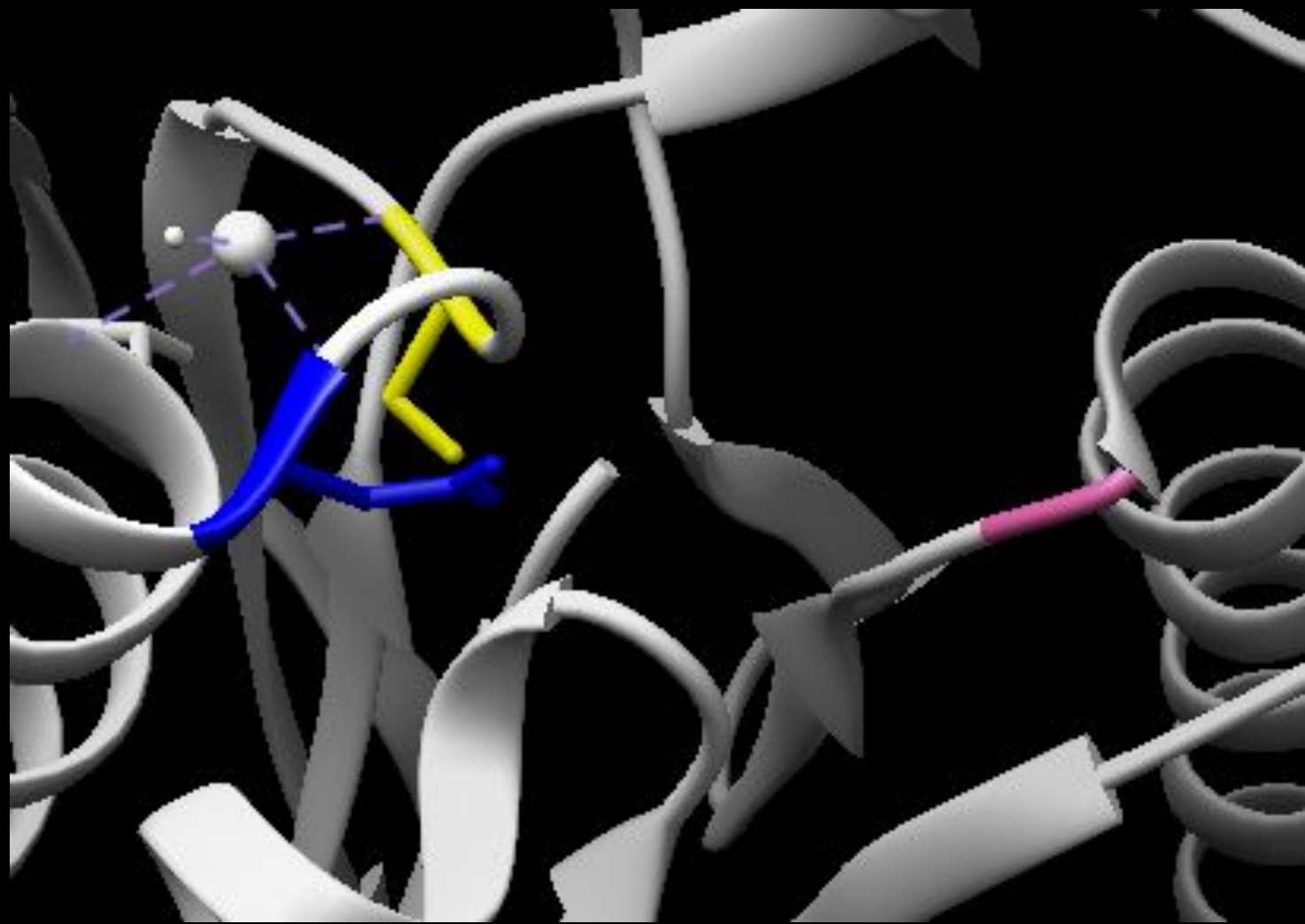




Thr 1  
Asp 17  
Lys 33







# SUBSTRATE PROTEOLYSIS

19S



Alpha

20S

Beta

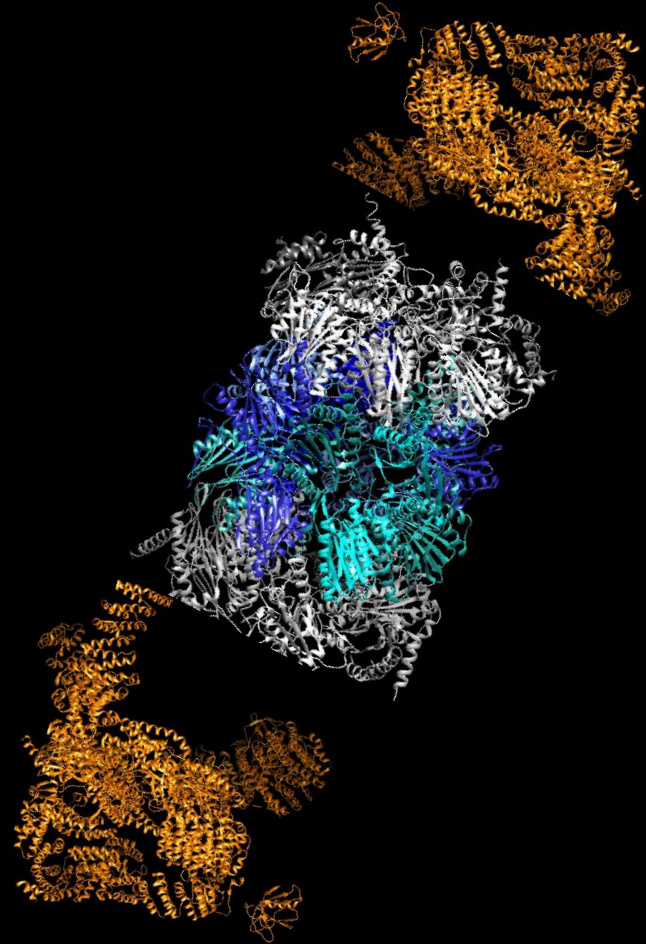
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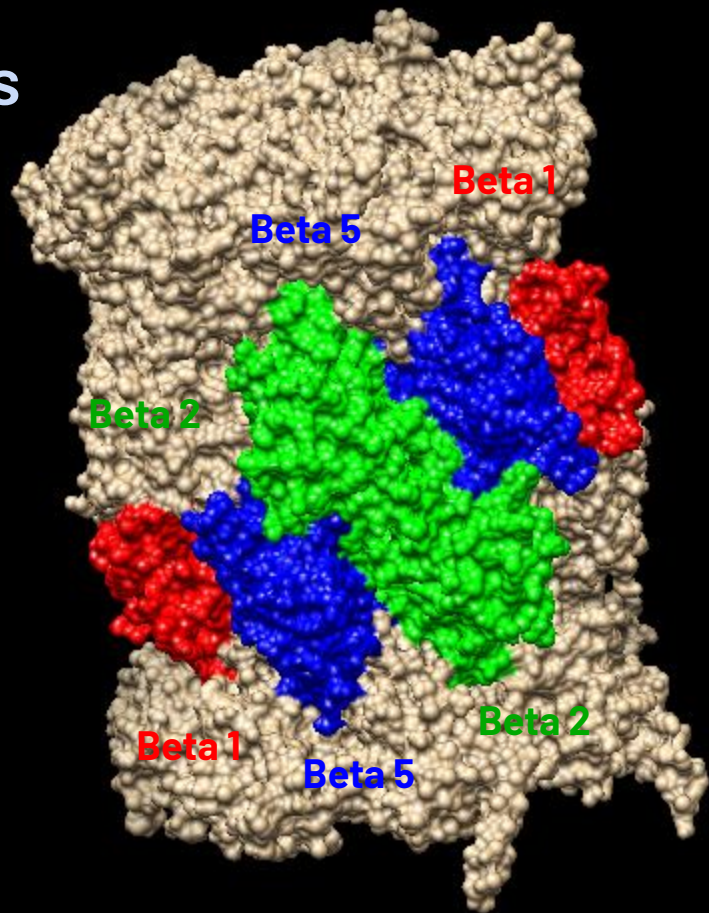
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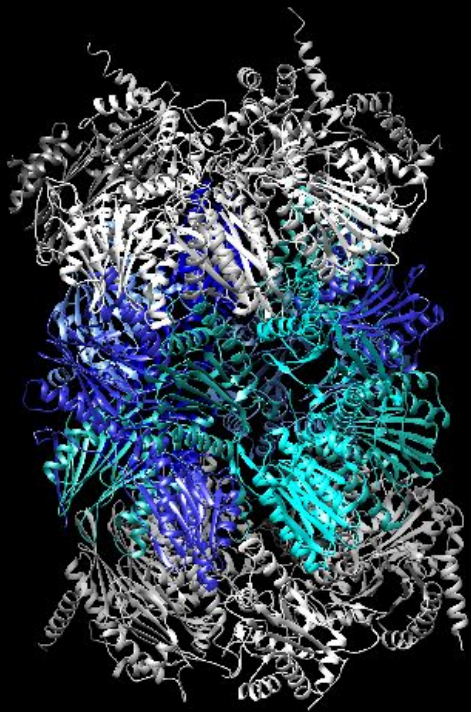
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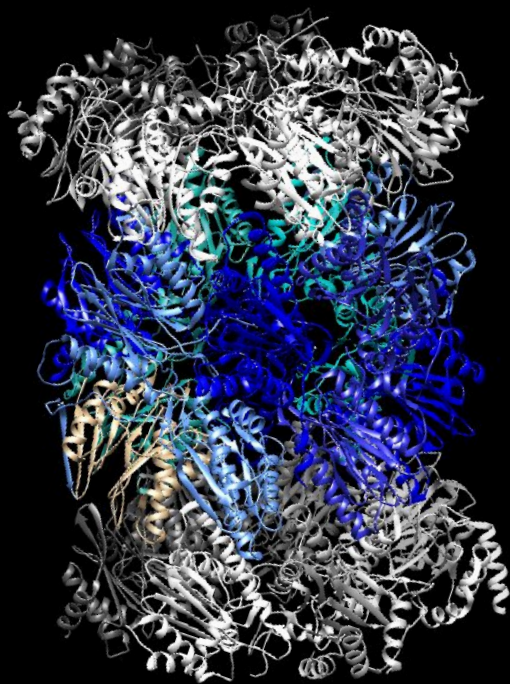
# Hydrolisation sites



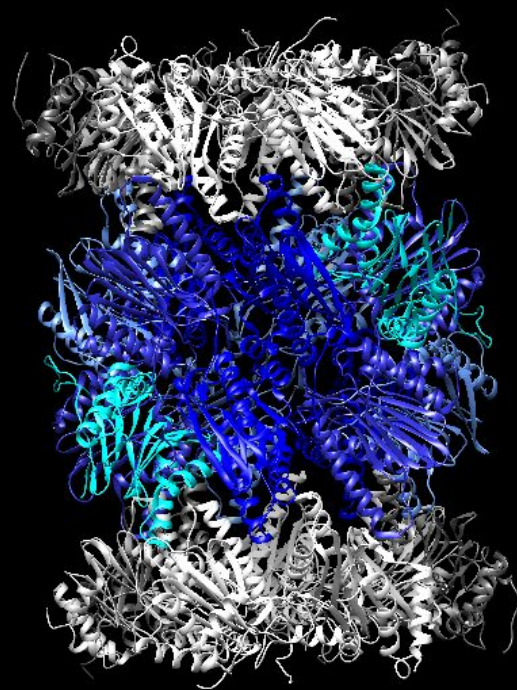
# **TYPES OF PROTEASOME**



**CONSTITUTIVE**



**IMMUNOPROTEASOME**

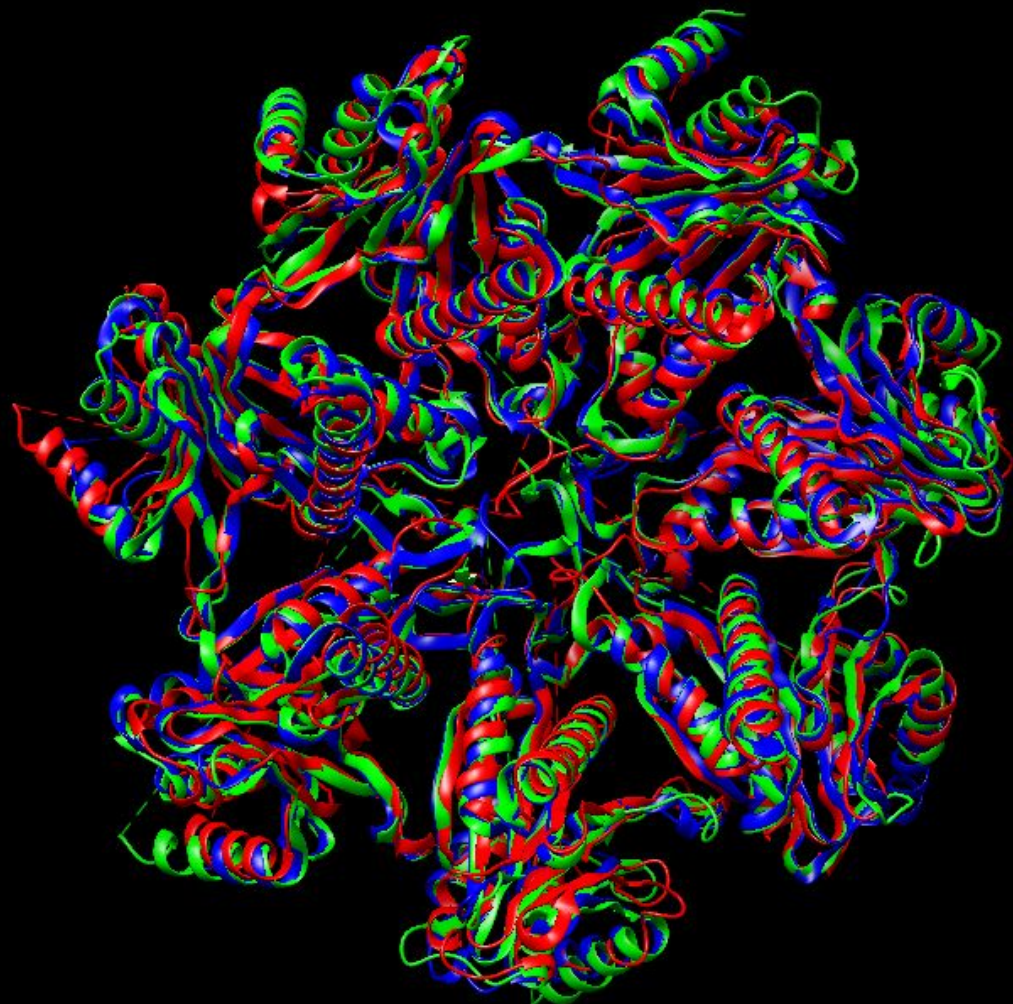


**THYMOPROTEASOME**



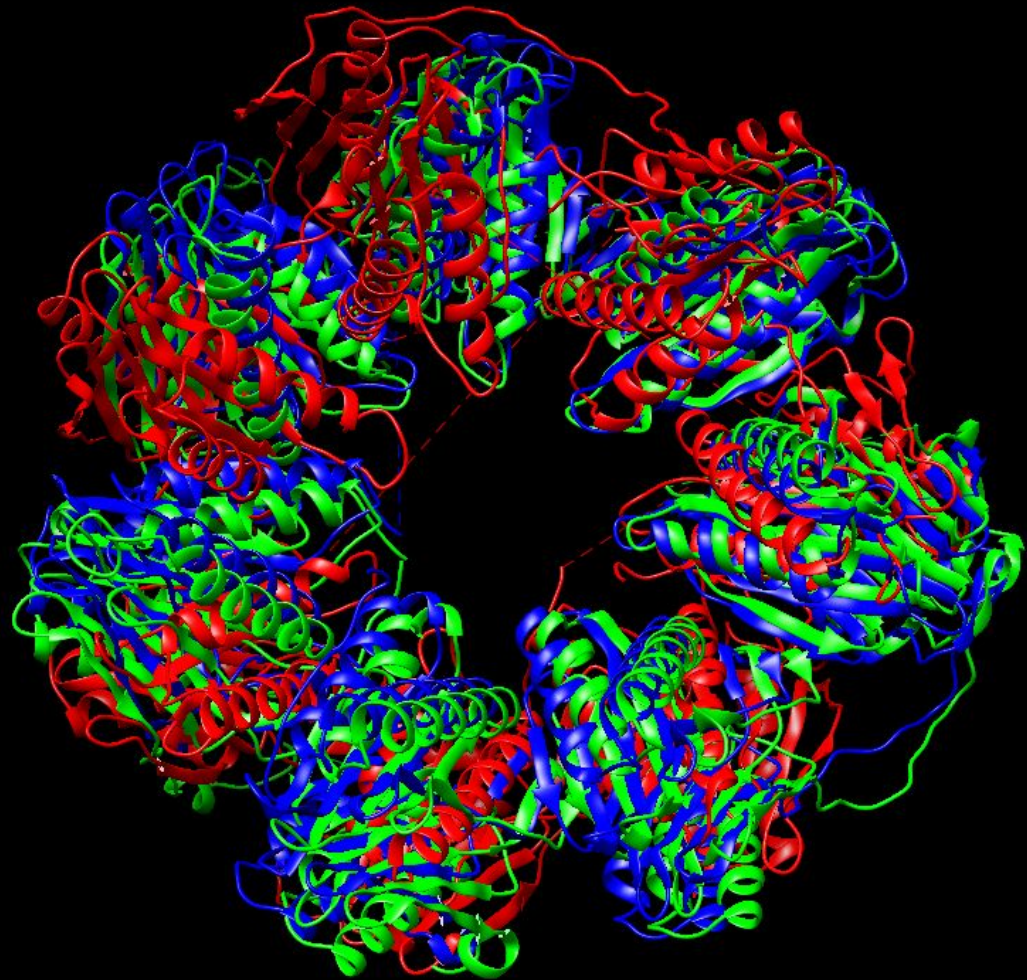
# ALPHA RING

ALIGNMENT	SCORE	RMSD
IMMUNO VS THYMUS	8.32	1.14
VS CONSTITUTIVE	3.89	1.78



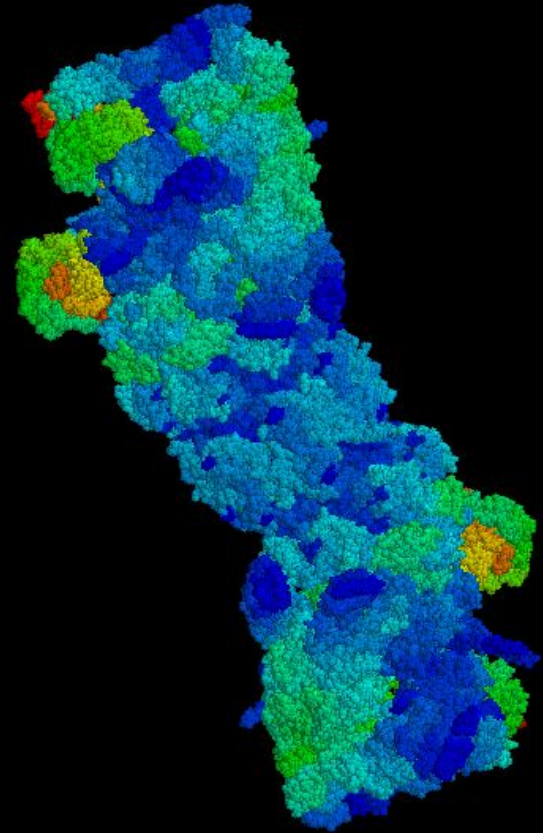
# BETA RING

ALIGNMENT	SCORE	RMSD
IMMUNO VS THYMUS	8.78	0.97
VS CONSTITUTIVE	1.98	4.03



# CONCLUSIONS

1. Function and importance
2. Structure
3. Gate opening
4. Evolution
5. Complexity



# QUESTIONS

Which beta subunits of the proteasome are responsible for substrate proteolysis?

- a. beta 1
- b. beta 2
- c. a and b are correct
- d. beta 5
- e. all of the above are correct

Which of the following is not a role of the 19S (RP) proteasome?

- a. ATP hydrolysis
- b. Ubiquitin recognition
- c. Unfolding of the substrate
- d. Peptide proteolysis
- e. Aperture of the gate

About the structure of the proteasome, select the CORRECT one:

- a. The 20S (CP) is organized forming a C2 symmetry, and divided in 4 subunits (A,b,b,a)
- b. The 26S is the regulatory part of the proteasome
- c. The 20S (CP) does not have symmetry and it is divided in 4 alpha rings
- d. The proteasome is divided in two different parts, the 26S regulatory and the 19S core particles
- e. All the answers are incorrect

Which statement about the catalytic activity of  $\beta 5$  in the proteasome complex is true?

- a.  **$\beta 5$  cleaves bonds on the amino side of hydrophobic amino acids.**
- b.  $\beta 5$  cleaves bonds on the carboxyl side of acidic amino acids.
- c.  $\beta 5$  cleaves bonds on the carboxyl side of large hydrophobic amino acids.
- d.  $\beta 5$  cleaves bonds on the amino side of basic amino acids.
- e.  $\beta 5$  does not present catalytic activity

Which protein domain in Rpn13 interacts with ubiquitin by forming a specific groove to accommodate the hydrophobic patch and C-terminal tail of ubiquitin?

- a. **PRU domain**
- b. UIM domain
- c. vWA domain
- d. ATPase domain
- e. Non-ATPase domain

What is the main function of the interaction between the C-terminal domains of the ATPases Rpt2, Rpt3, and Rpt5 and the hydrophobic pockets on the axial face of the core particle in the 26S proteasome?

- a. Binding to the ubiquitinated substrates
- b. **Inducing gate opening to allow substrate passage into the proteolytic chamber**
- c. Facilitating ATP hydrolysis to provide the energy required for proteolytic activity
- d. Establishing asymmetric interactions with the hexameric Rpt ring and the heptameric  $\alpha$  ring of the proteasome
- e. Hydrolysis of peptides

What is the function of the HbYX motif found in the C-terminal tails of ATPases Rpt3, Rpt2, and Rpt5?

- a. Substrate recognition
- b. Unfolding of the substrate
- c. **Inducing gate opening in the 20S core particle**
- d. Catalyzing the hydrolysis of ATP
- e. Anchoring the ATPases to the proteasomal core



What type of catalytic activity does subunit beta 2 ( $\beta 2$ ) of the proteasome exhibit?

- a. Caspase-like activity
- b. **Trypsin-like activity**
- c. Chymotrypsin-like activity
- d. Metalloprotease activity
- e. Subunit beta 2 does not present catalytic activity

Which statement regarding the proteasome is incorrect?

- a. The proteasome is primarily responsible for protein degradation in eukaryotic cells.
- b. The N-terminal threonine residues of the beta-subunits act as nucleophiles in peptide bond hydrolysis.
- c. The outer part of the proteasome is composed of hydrophilic residues, while the inside part is composed of hydrophobic residues.
- d. **The 19S regulatory particle directly interacts with the catalytic sites of the proteasome to facilitate substrate degradation.**
- e. The proteasome contains only one type of catalytic site, located on the  $\beta 1$  subunit.

Which of the following statements about the catalytic mechanism of the proteasome is incorrect?

- a. The proteasome belongs to the family of N-terminal nucleophilic (Ntn) hydrolases.
- b. The catalytic mechanism involves a conserved threonine residue on the N-termini of all active  $\beta$ -subunits.
- c. The free N-terminal Thr1 deprotonates the Thr1 hydroxyl group to generate a nucleophilic Thr10 for peptide-bond cleavage.
- d. Proteasomes cleave peptide bonds by a mechanism in which a hydroxyl group of the N-terminal threonine serves as the catalytic nucleophile.
- e. **The catalytic mechanism of the proteasome does not involve interactions with aspartic acid and lysine residues for catalytic activity and structural integrity.**

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