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The **images at right** show how the electron density map<sup>[1]</sup> becomes more accurate and detailed as the uncertainty (resolution value) decreases from 5.0 Å to 0.5 Å.

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At 0.5 Å in the movie, every atom<sup>[1]</sup> of the tryptophan sidechain in the top center of the frame is clearly represented by a sphere of electron density. At 2.5 Å (a bit worse than the median in the PDB), the overall shape and position of the Trp sidechain is still clear, as is the alpha helical conformation of the main chain. However, at 5.0 Å, only an

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#### Tutorial: How do we get the oxygen we breathe

oxygen binds to hemoglobin, which we will soon observe. Do the colors of the spheres represent the true colors of the heme group? No, they do not. Remember that we are looking at a representation of the real structure, and in this case we have artificially colored each atom in the heme according to a common color scheme called the Corey-Pauling-Koltun scheme ( C H O N S Fe ). Remember too that although we cannot change the positions of the atoms in our experimentally determined protein structure, we can freely choose different ways to show, color, and connect these atoms in order to best comprehend and convey the niceties of the complex 3D structure. We have previously represented the atoms of the heme group as individual spheres in what is called a spacefilling representation, but we could just as easily represent the atoms as very small spheres with thick lines connecting the bonded atoms in what is called a ball and stick representation. Notice that the positions and identities of the atoms do not change. (THINK: Earlier we learned that the α- and β-monomers have so far been shown in cartoon representation. Why can't we show the heme groups in cartoon representation?)

#### Capturing oxygen

Hemoglobin captures oxygen and transports it through the bloodstream by binding oxygen to each of its **four heme groups**. These **heme** 

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#### **Proton Channels**

The M2 protein of influenza A virus is a proton channel. Its function is essential for productive infection by the virus.

See Category:Proton\_channel for a list of all proton channel structures.

In January, 2008, crystallographic and NMR structures were published side by side in *Nature* for the transmembrane domains of the M2 protein: 3bkd to 2rlf. The former appeared to be in an open conformation blocked by amantadine, while the latter appeared to be in a closed conformation stabilized by rimantadine. (Neither drug is shown in the morph at right.)

At right is a linear-interpolation morph between 3BKD and 2RLF, showing the proposed opening and closing of this channel.

In addition to watching the animation as alpha-helical ribbons, it is useful to watch it **spacefilled**. Be sure to rotate the molecule with your mouse to watch the animation from different perspectives!

HIs37 and Trp41 are believed to be crucial for pH-dependent gating. (The apparent collapse and re-expansion of their sidechains is an artifact due to the linear interpolation method of morphing.) Here are His and Trp spacefilled.

To be explained in a later revision, along with new scenes: Morph from Yale ₪

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# Assignments for class



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## Photosystem II



Thermosynechococcus elongatus, at 3.0Å<sup>[1]</sup> and at 3.50

Å<sup>[2]</sup>. PDB codes are 2axt and 1s5l, respectively.

Cyanobacteria and plants both contain Photosystem II

while photosynthetic bacteria contain the bacterial reaction center. This photosynthetic protein complex is associated with a variety of functional ligands. It is a dimer composed mainly of alpha-helices. Nineteen



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Another important facet of Photosystem II is its ability to oxidize water to oxygen with its oxygen evolving centers. These centers are cubane-like structures with 3 manganese, 4 oxygen and a calcium linked to a fourth manganese.<sup>[1]</sup> Oxidation of water leaves 2 H <sup>+</sup> on the lumenal side of the membrane, helping to establish the proton gradient essential for ATP synthesis in the CF<sub>1</sub>CF<sub>0</sub>-ATP sythase protein.

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# Diseases & Drugs

#### Pharmaceutical Drugs - Proteopedia, life in 3D & Joel L. Sussman my tal v contributions log out edit this page history protect delete watch move Pharmaceutical Drugs The Pharmaceutical industry is one of the world's largest industries, grossing well over \$300 billion in the United States alone. Understanding how the drugs the pharma industry develops work and different characteristics of these compounds is important to nearly everyone as 50% of the US population takes at least one prescription medication regularly and nearly everyone takes a pharmaceutical pill at some point in their life.<sup>[1]</sup> The following is a growing list of pharmaceutical compounds organized by See Pharmaceutical Drug Targets for a list of drug targets organized by disease.

The majority of all modern medicinal drugs target members of the superfamily of proteins called the G protein-coupled receptors or GPCRs<sup>[2][3]</sup>.

#### Treatments

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The following is a list of pharmaceutical treatments for various diseases, organized by disorder. Each entry highlights general information about the therapeutic, pharmacokinetic data comparisons within its drug class, and a structural analysis explaining how the drug compound functions in vivo.

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**1ACJ**<sup>\*</sup> shows the crystal structure of *Torpedo californica* acetylcholinesterase (TcAChE) complexed with tacrine.

Tacrine was the first cholinesterase inhibitor approved for the treatment of **Alzheimer's disease**.

Tacrine s ringed structure is stacked between the aromatic rings of Trp84 and Phe330.

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In 1991, the laboratory of Joel L. Sussman and Israel Silman determined the 3D structure of the enzyme acetylcholinesterase (AChE) isolated from the Pacific electric ray (Torpedo californica). Later, in 1995, the structure of AChE in complex with the snake toxin fasciculin-II (FAS-II) was solved by Sussman, Silman, Bourne, Taylor, and Marchot, This Proteopedia page, (http://www.proteopedia.org/w/ Acetylcholinesterase: Substrate Traffic and Inhibition) with the use of two physical models, compares the structure of the AChE/acetylcholine (ACh) complex to illustrate the process of ACh hydrolysis; which we term the substrate traffic story, and the structure of the AChE/FAS-II complex to illustrate the process of AChE inhibition by FAS-II; which we refer to as the inhibition story. Visitors to this page may view video clips of these physical models, demonstrating the substrate traffic story and the inhibition story as well as comparative computer models of how the physical models were designed.

AChE, embedded in the postsynaptic membrane, is essential for termination of the nerve impulse at the cholinearcic synapse. Unlike other enzymes that have active



Fig. 1. Structure of the AChE/FAS-II complex. AChE is colored green and is shown as a ribbon diagram, whereas FAS-II is colored magenta and is shown as a ribbon diagram with the molecular surface highlighted. Residues that form the AChE active site: serine at position 200, glutamic acid at position 327 and histidine at position 440, are shown in ball and stick format (carbon atoms, yellow; nitrogen atoms, blue; oxygen atoms, red). Acheampong *et al* Sussman & Granberry *BAMBED* (2012) **40**, 144



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#### More than just pretty pictures EMBO Member Joel L. Sussman makes students love structural biology

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"This website gives students and other users a chance to view protein structures, which turn out to be extraordinarily appealing to them," explains project initiator and EMBO Member Joel L. Sussman from the Weizmann Insti-

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