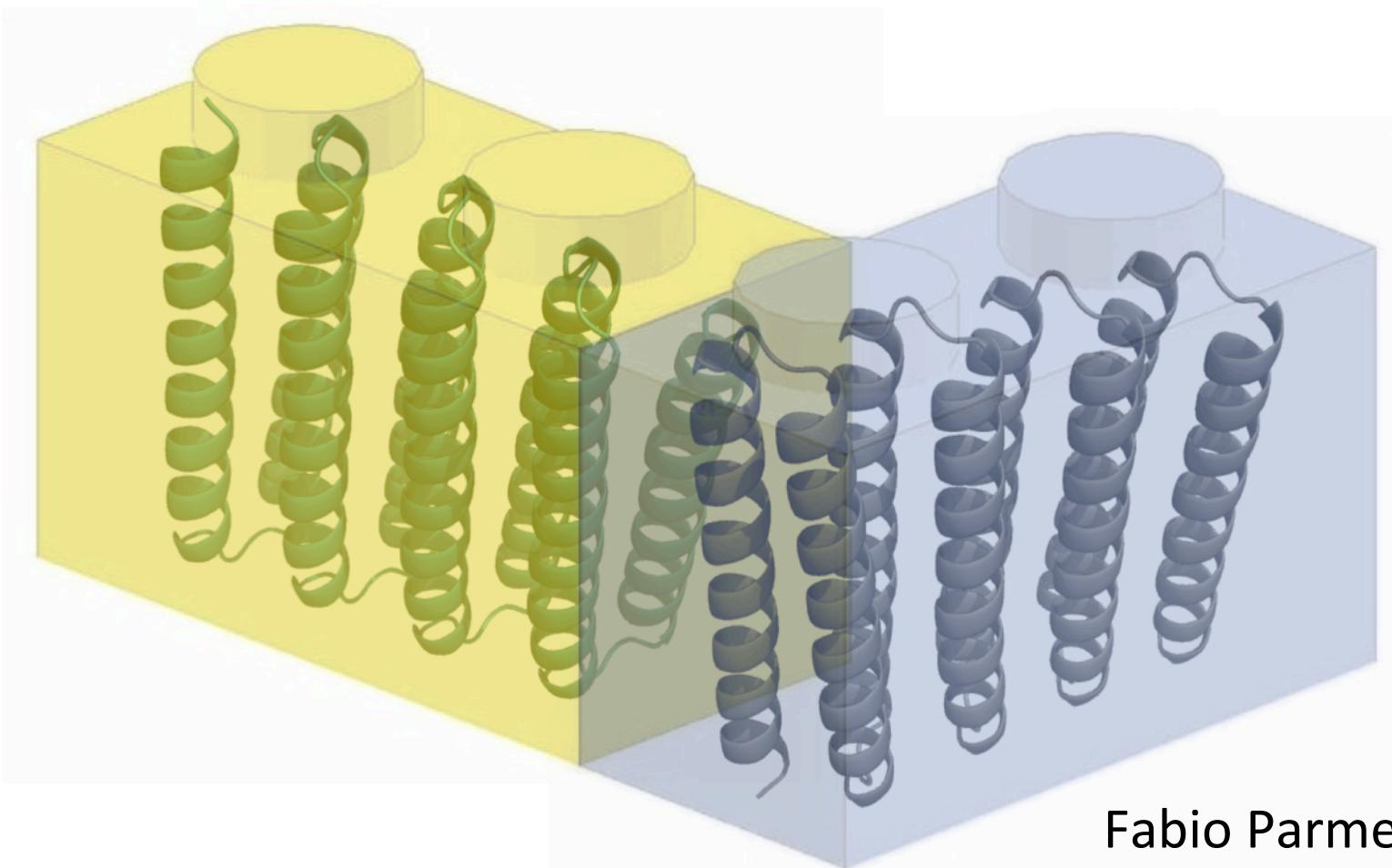


# Design of Repeat Proteins: Larger Structures from simpler topologies



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# The Scale of Things – Nanometers and More



## Things Natural



Dust mite  
200  $\mu\text{m}$



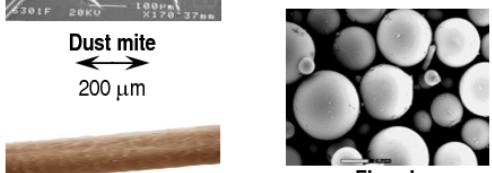
Human hair  
~ 60-120  $\mu\text{m}$  wide



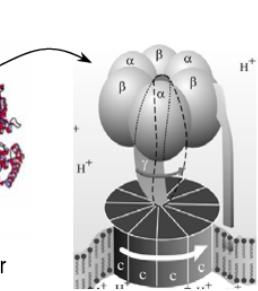
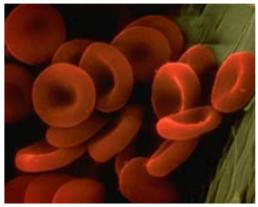
Red blood cells  
(~7-8  $\mu\text{m}$ )



Ant  
~ 5 mm



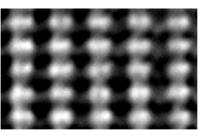
Fly ash  
~ 10-20  $\mu\text{m}$



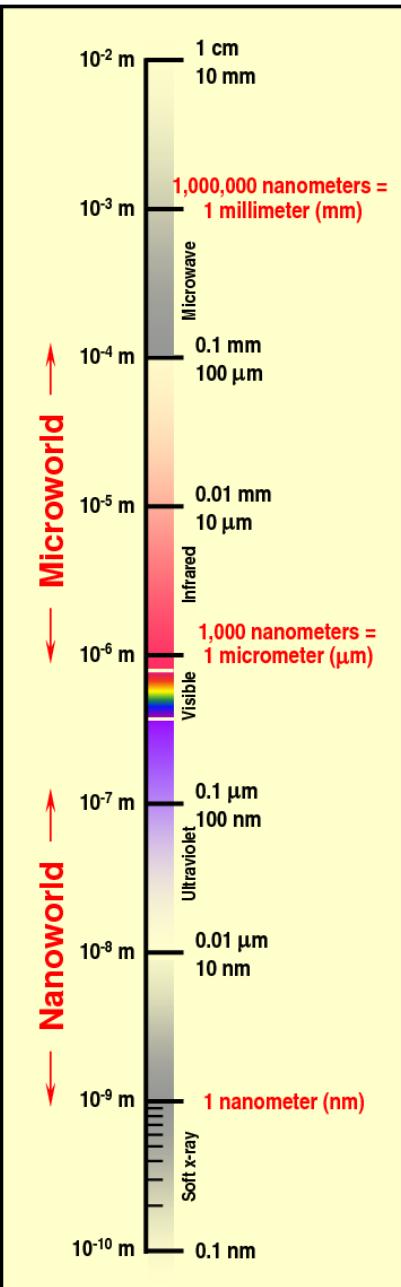
ATP synthase



DNA  
~2-1/2 nm diameter



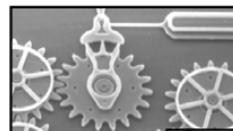
Atoms of silicon  
spacing 0.078 nm



## Things Manmade



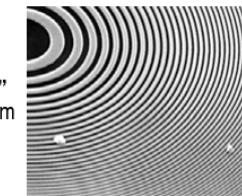
Head of a pin  
1-2 mm



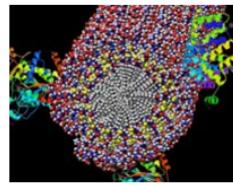
MicroElectroMechanical (MEMS) devices  
10 - 100  $\mu\text{m}$  wide



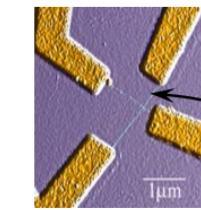
Pollen grain  
Red blood cells



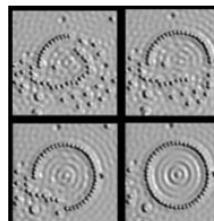
Zone plate x-ray "lens"  
Outer ring spacing ~35 nm



Self-assembled,  
Nature-inspired structure  
Many 10s of nm

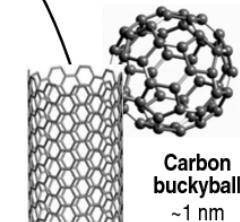
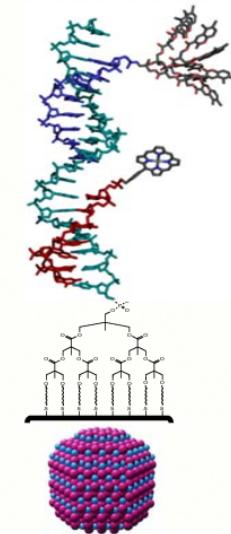


Nanotube electrode



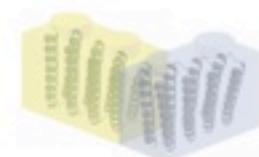
Quantum corral of 48 iron atoms on copper surface  
positioned one at a time with an STM tip  
Corral diameter 14 nm

## The Challenge

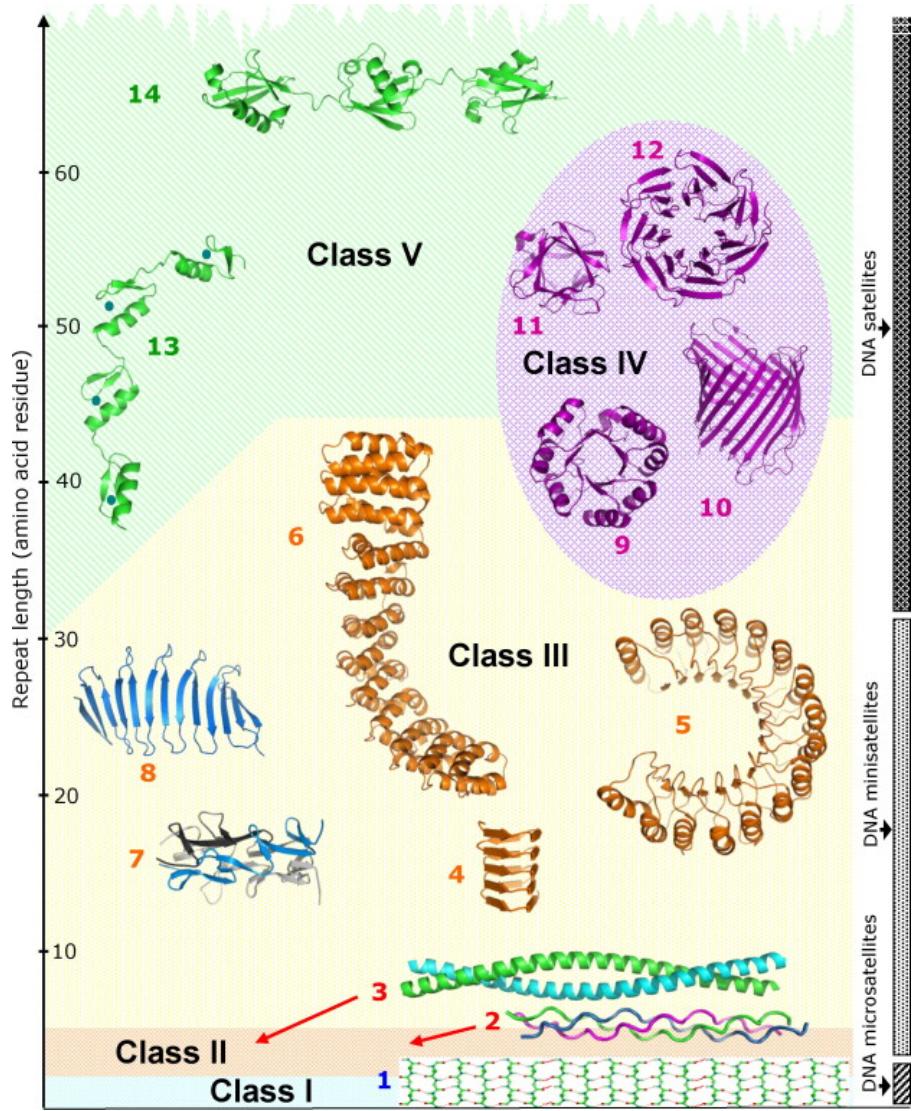


Carbon nanotube  
~1.3 nm diameter

# How to design large proteins?



# A modular approach



**Repeat protein:  
one chain with internal  
repeated sequences**

Repeat proteins among the most abundant families in database (LRR, ANK, WD40)

Involved often in protein-protein interaction

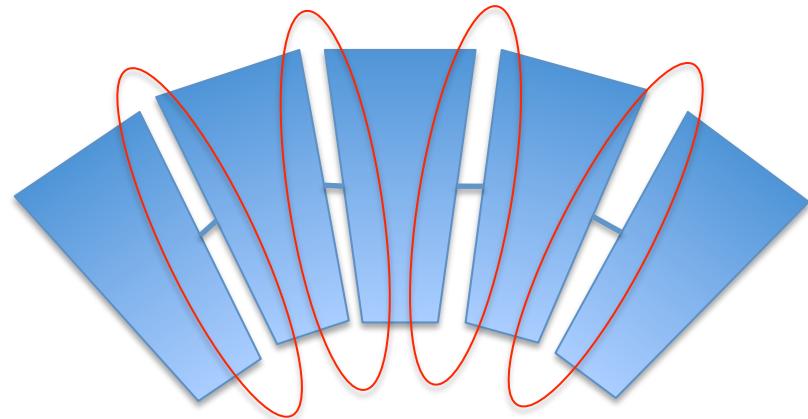
Generated by gene duplication events (early or late)



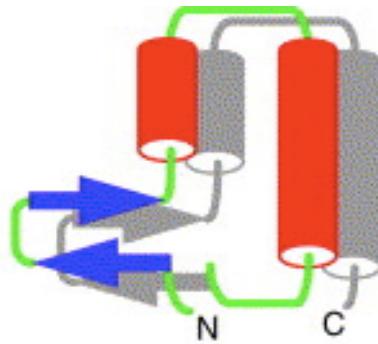
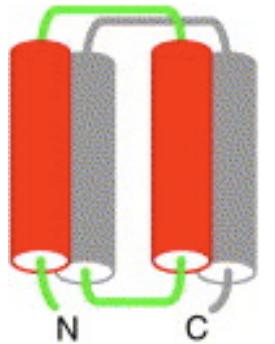
# Protein repeats as building blocks



Repeat



Repeat protein  
Single protein chain

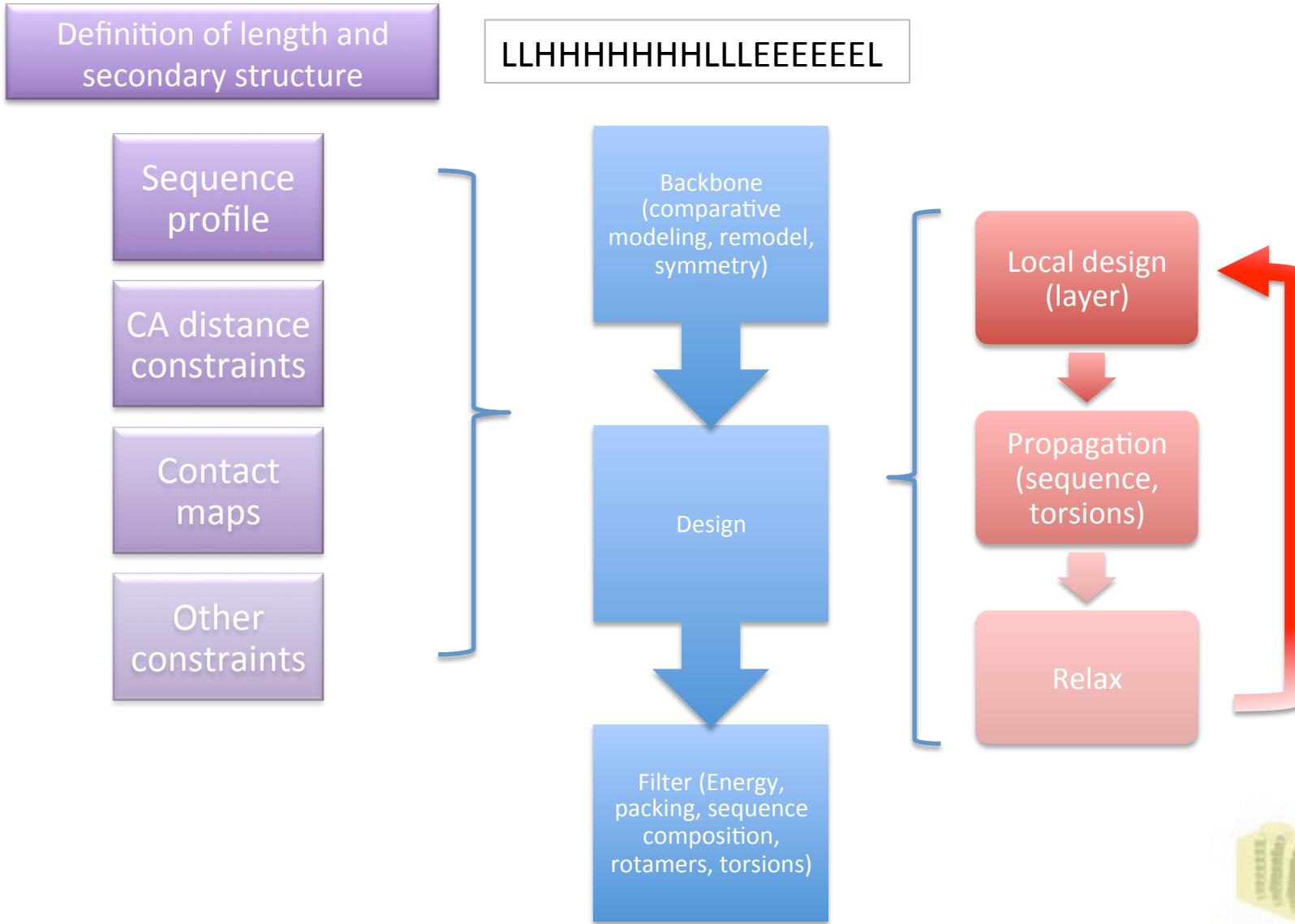


Conserved interface

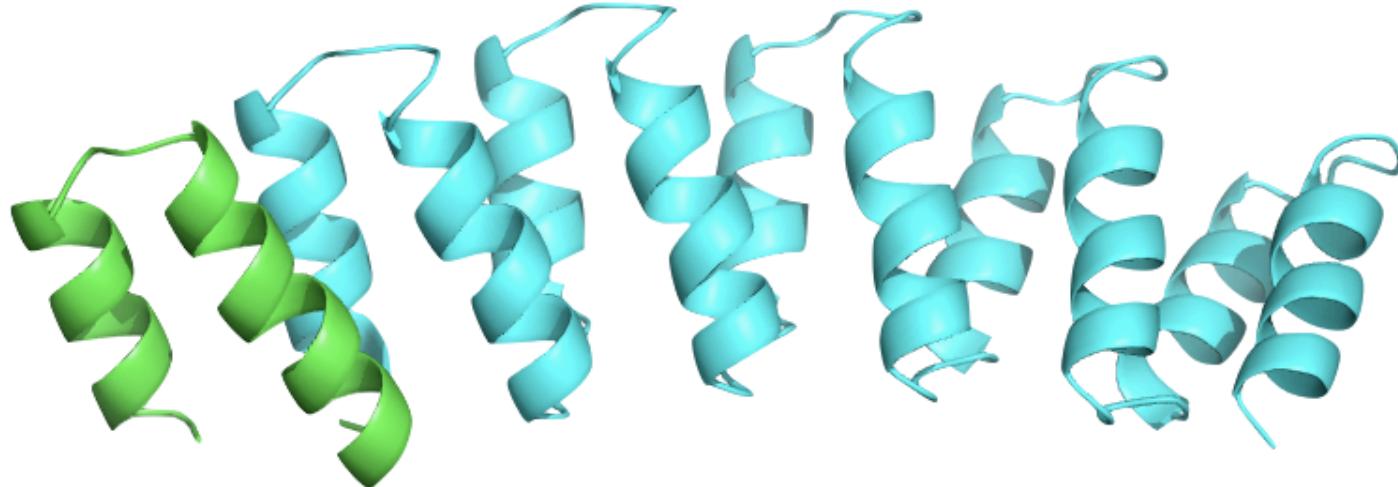
Mod. from Kobe, B. and Kajava, A. V.  
*Trends Biochem. Sci.* 2000



# Design protocol



# Remodel: repeat mode



blueprint

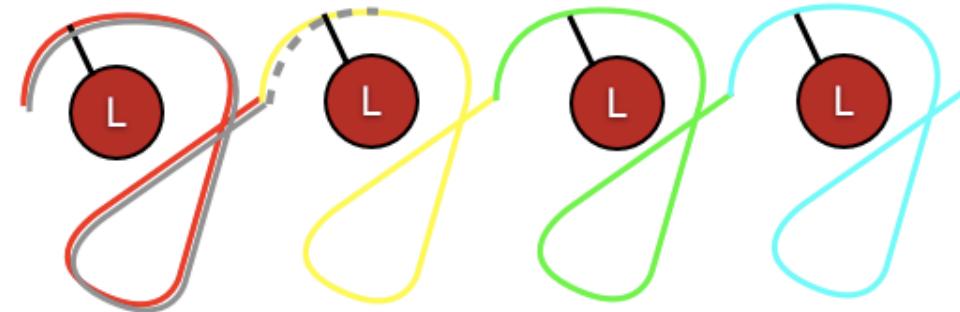
IAH  
0xH  
0xH  
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0xH  
0xH  
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0xL  
0xL  
0xL

or

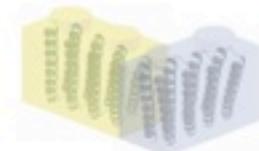
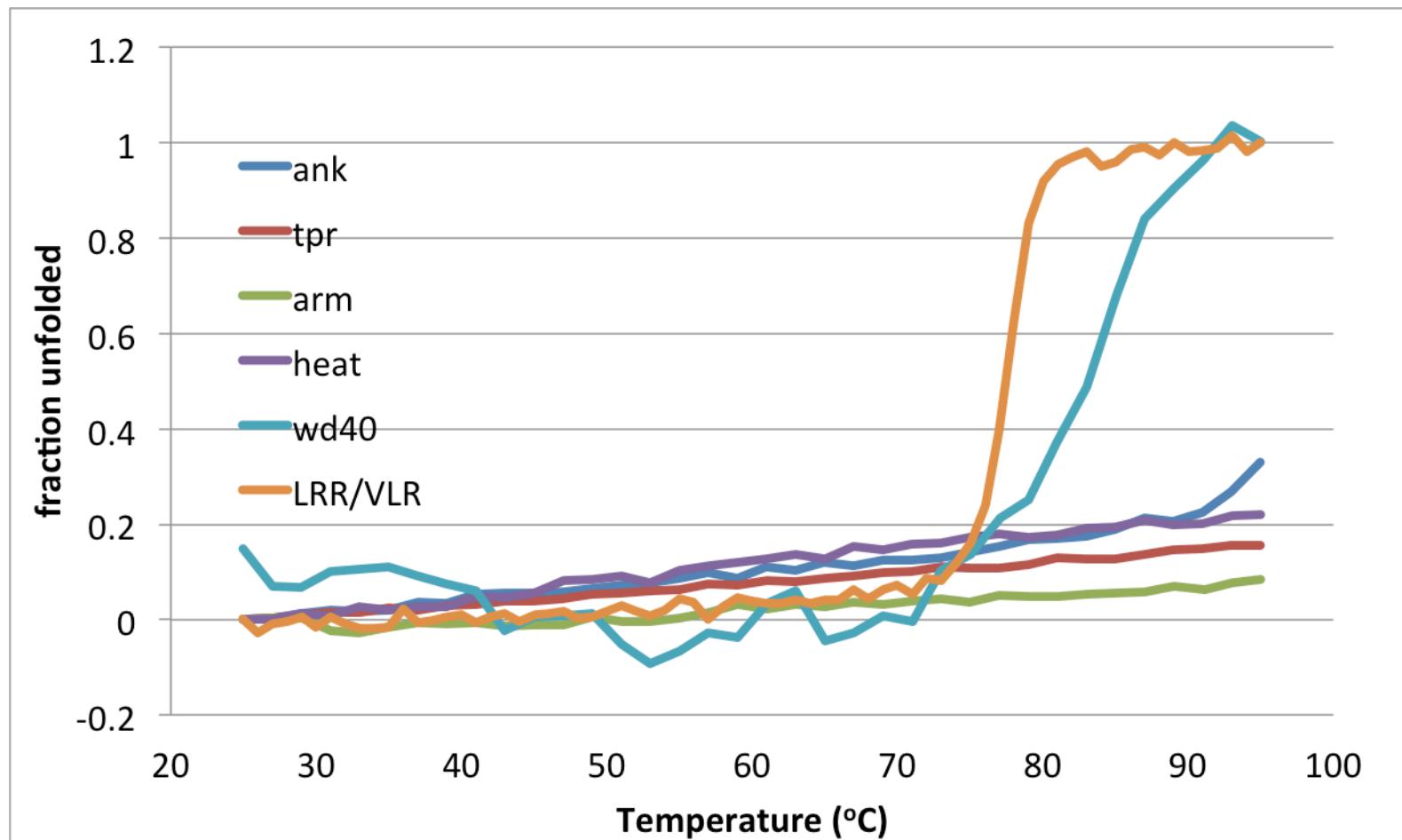
IYH  
2QH  
3AH  
4A.  
5V.  
6D.  
7G.  
8A.  
9R.  
10KL  
11AL  
12NL

Rotamer link + NCS constraints

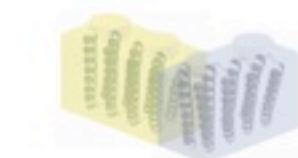
-repeat\_structure 4

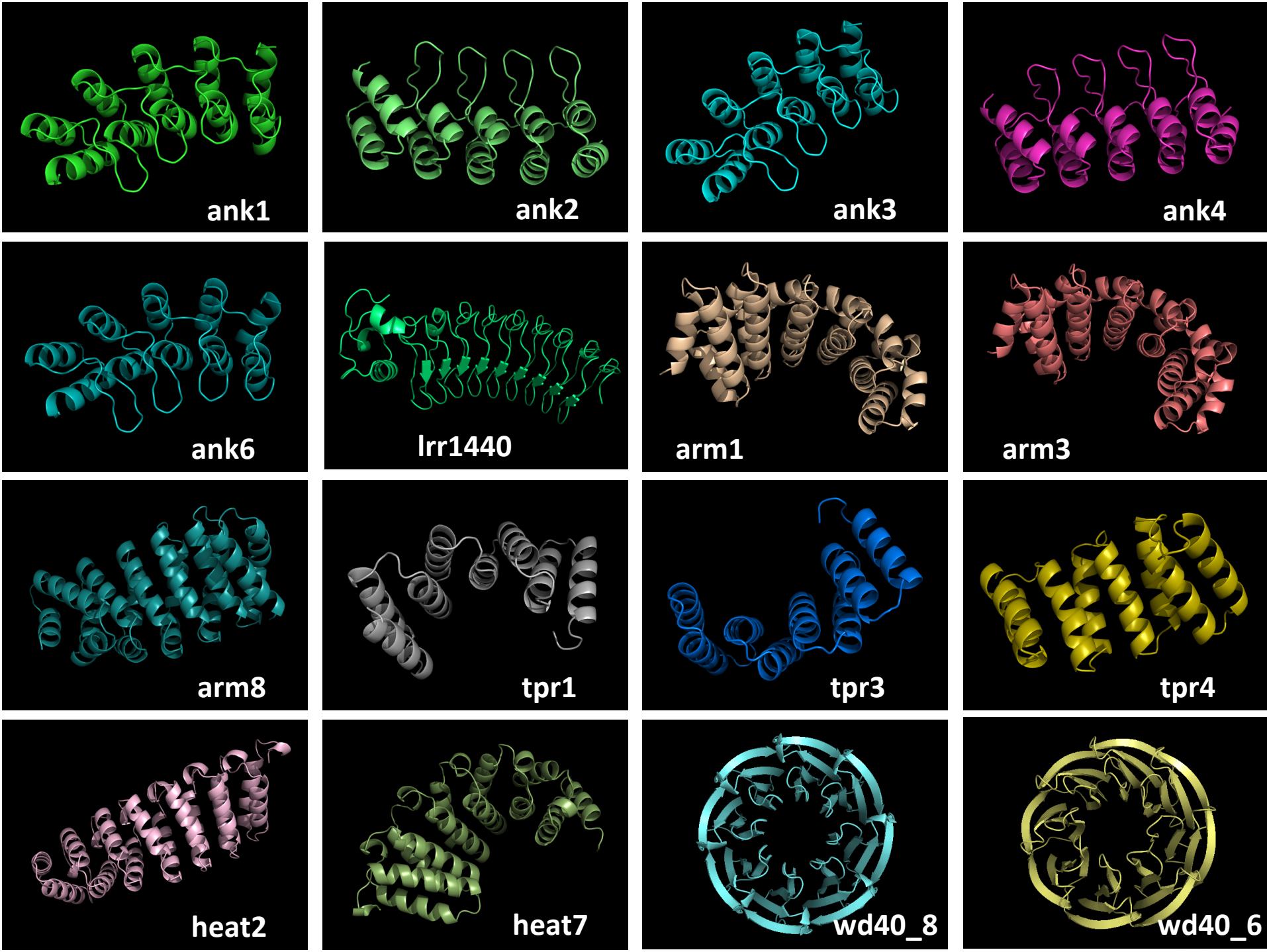


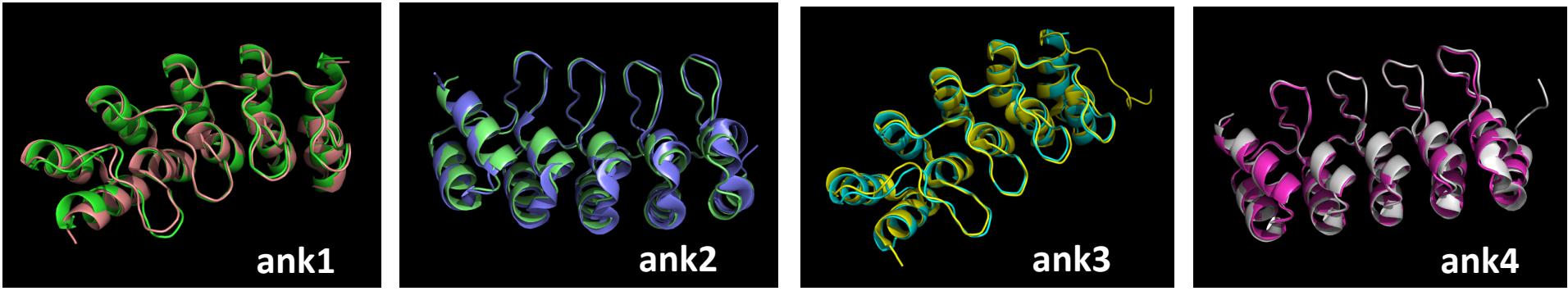
# Design of existing repeat protein families



family	tested	expressed	soluble	folded	monomer
ankirin	6	6	6	6	6
tpr	6	6	6	5	3
armadillo	8	7	7	3	3
heat	8	8	5	2	1
Wd40 #	12	9	7	2	1*
LRR/VLR	2	2	2	2	2
Kelch #	10	0			
hexapep	3	0			
pentapep	5	0			





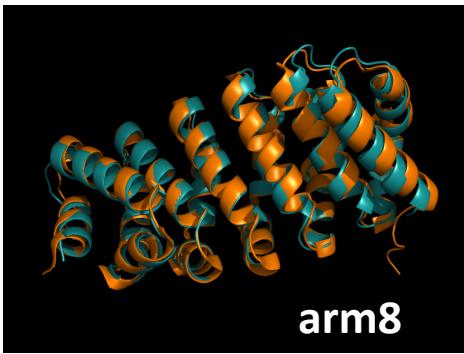


RMSD C $\alpha$ : 0.5 Å  
126 residues

RMSD C $\alpha$ : 0.9 Å  
126 residues

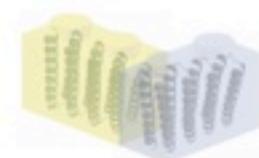
RMSD C $\alpha$ : 0.7 Å  
126 residues

RMSD C $\alpha$ : 0.7 Å  
126 residues



RMSD C $\alpha$ : 1.0 Å  
252 residues

Comparison with  
crystal structures



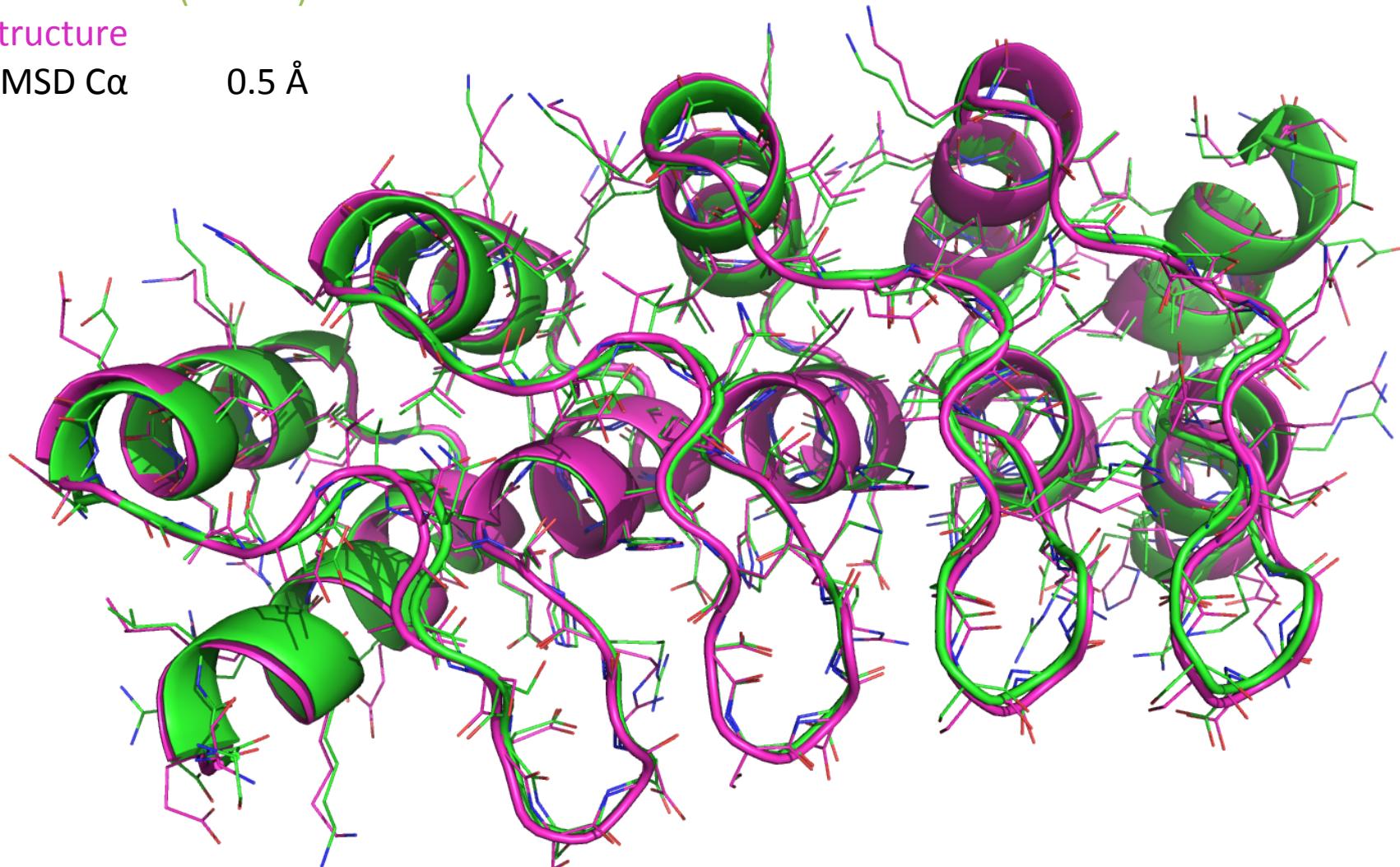
# Protocol validation: crystal structure

Model ank1 (162 aa)

Structure

RMSD Ca

0.5 Å

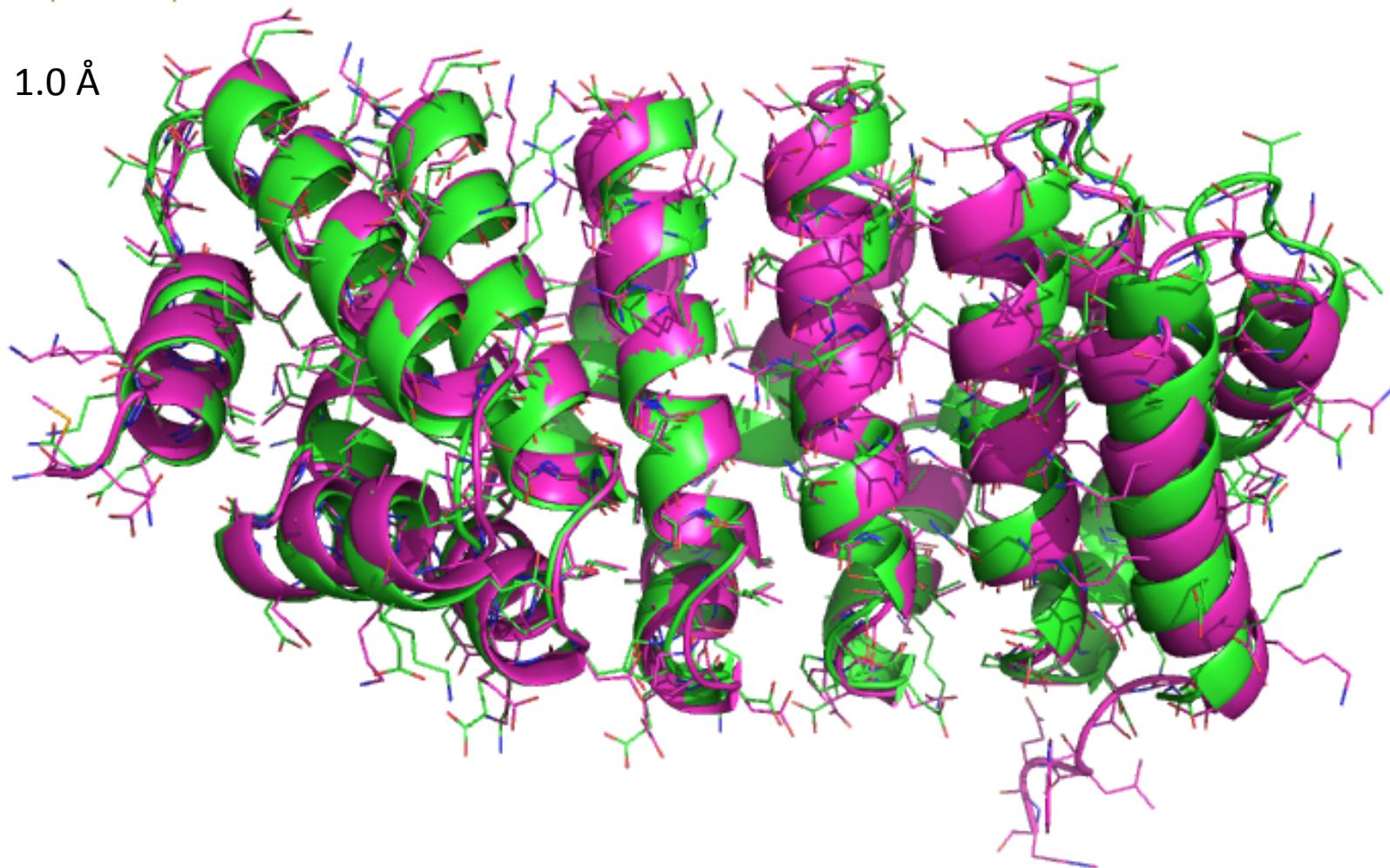


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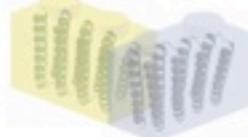
Model arm8 (252 aa)

Structure

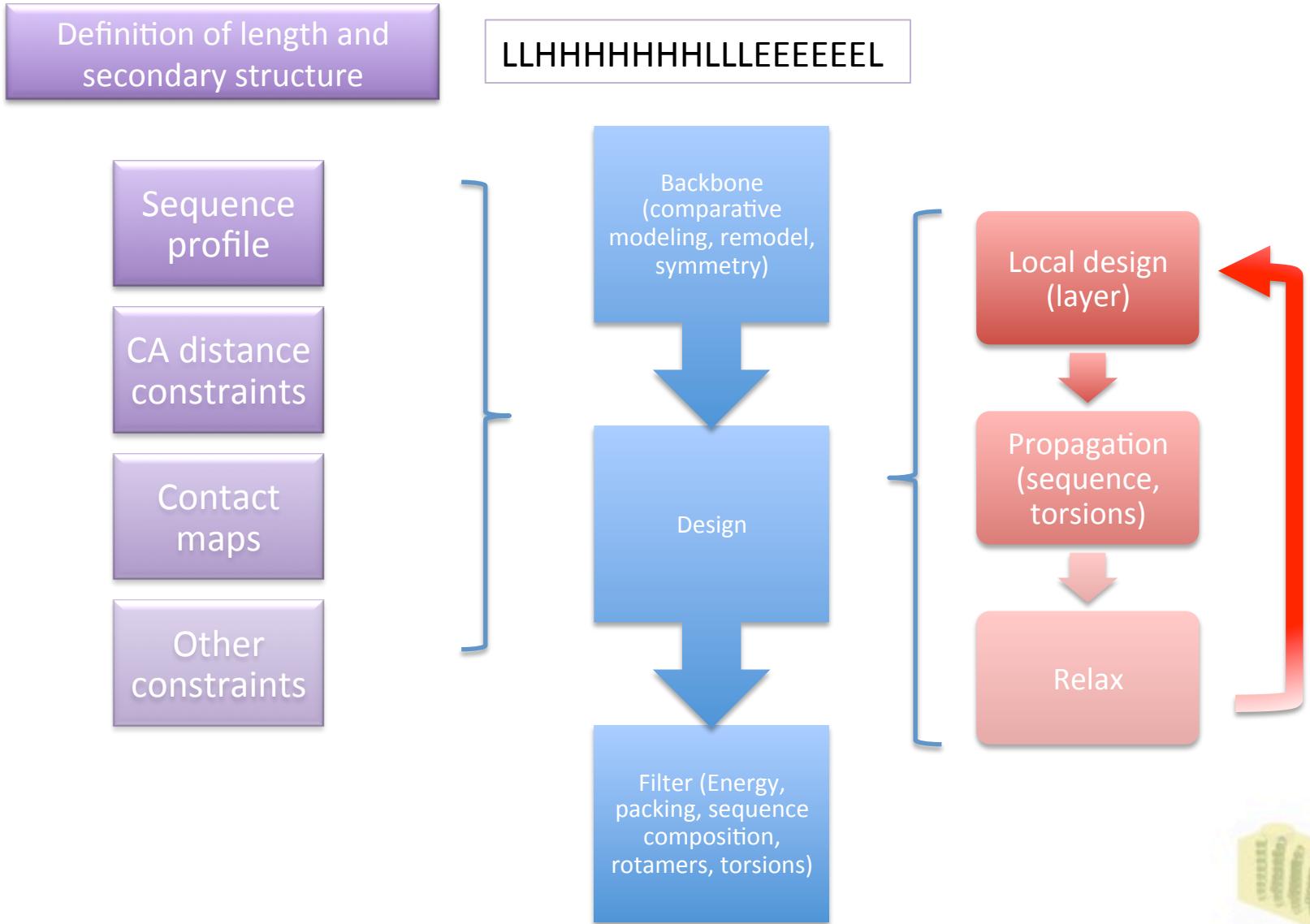
RMSD  $\text{Ca}$  1.0 Å



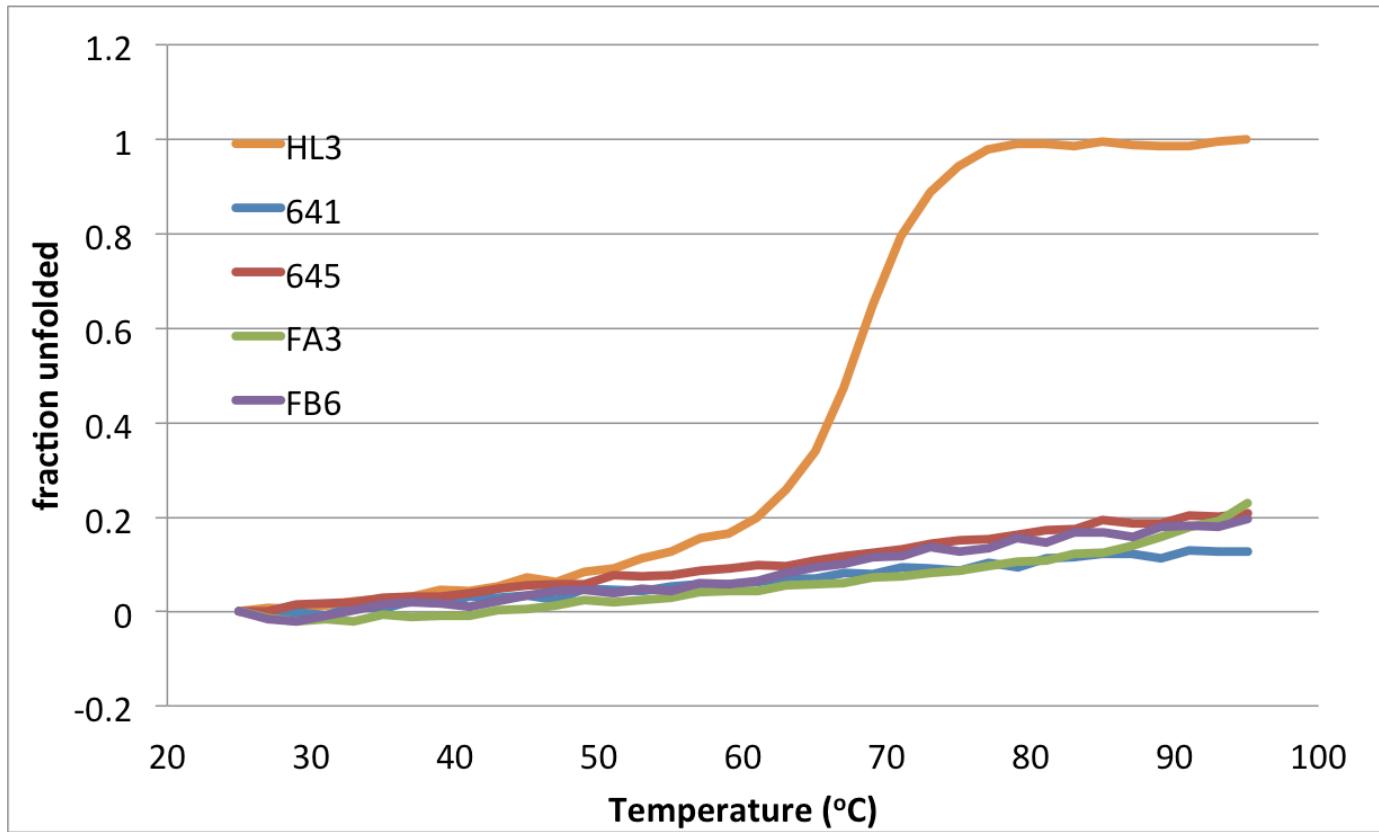
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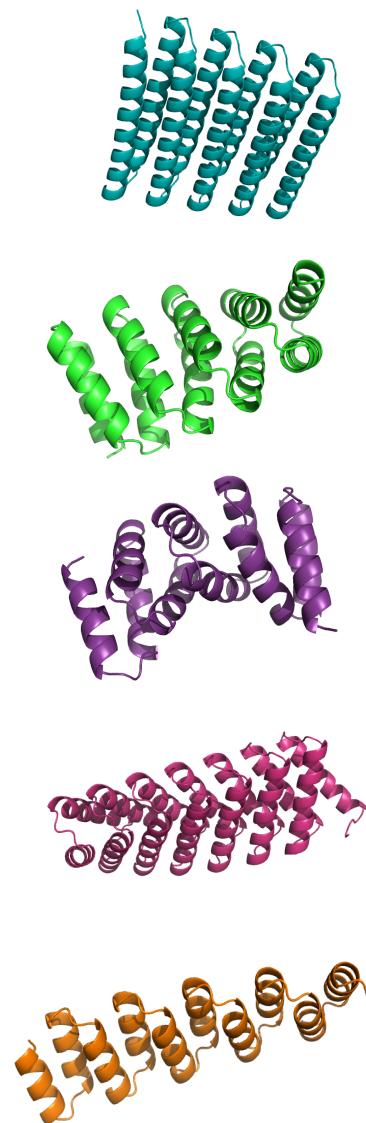
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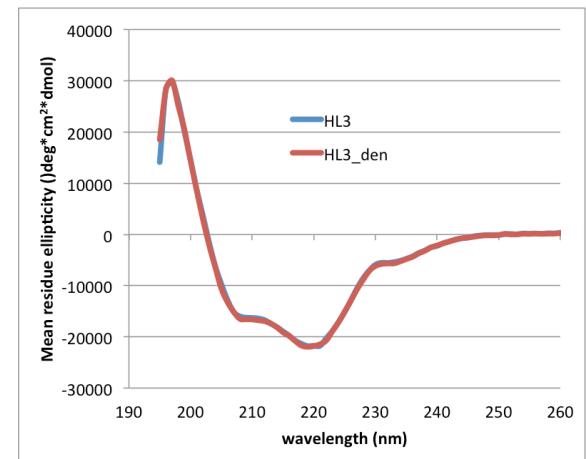
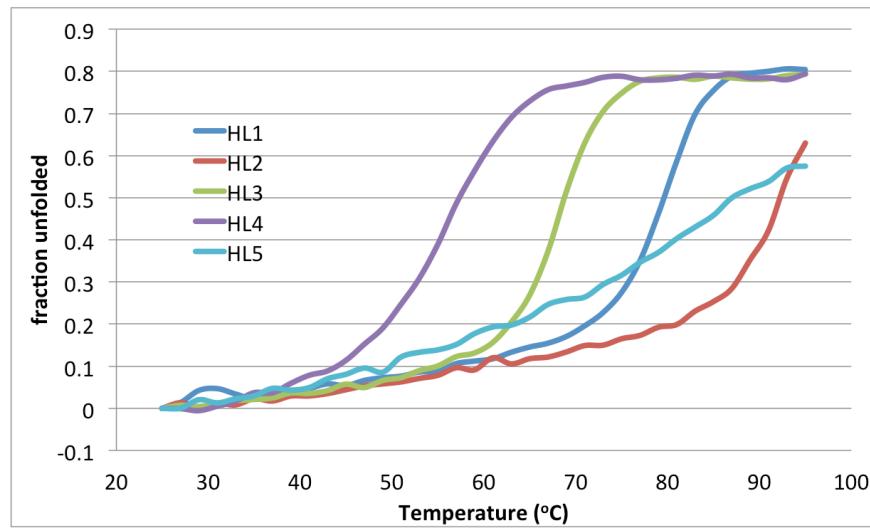
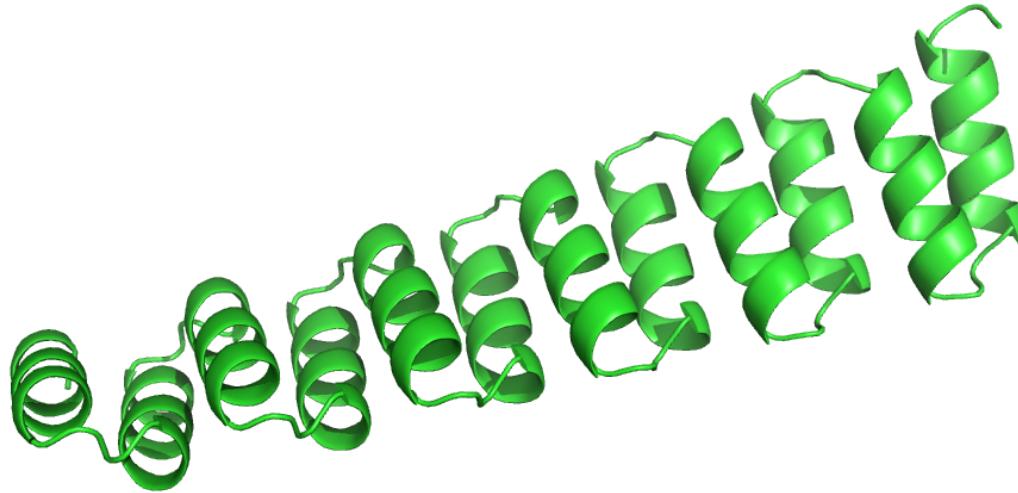
# *De novo* designs: two helices topologies



family	tested	expressed	soluble	folded	monomer
HL	9	9	9	4	2
6xx *	16	16	16	2	2
FA-B	12	10	10	5	5

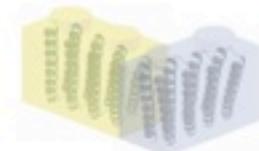
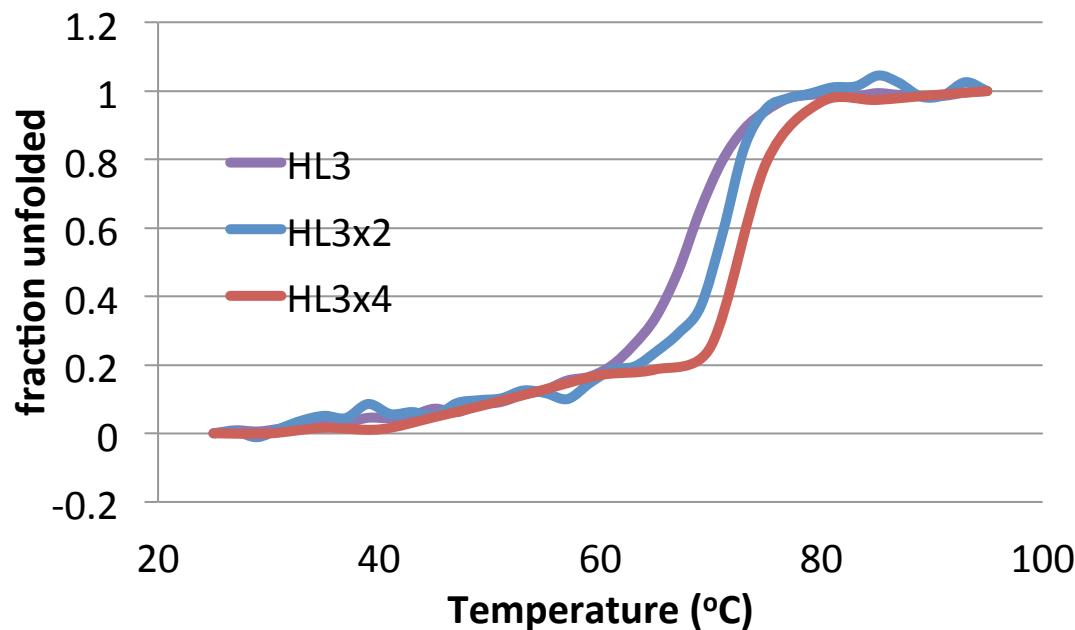
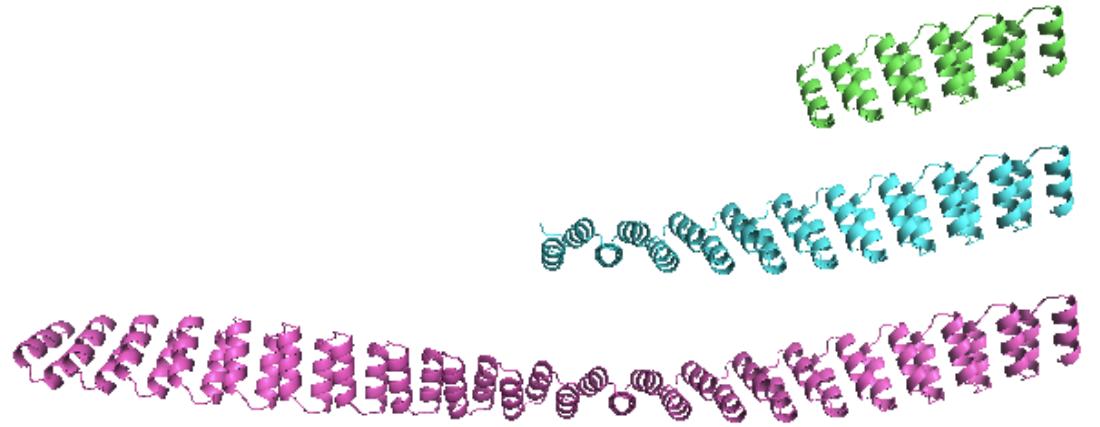


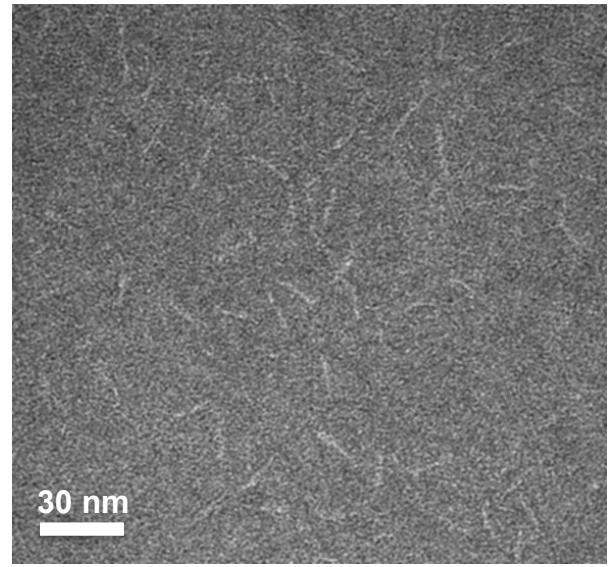
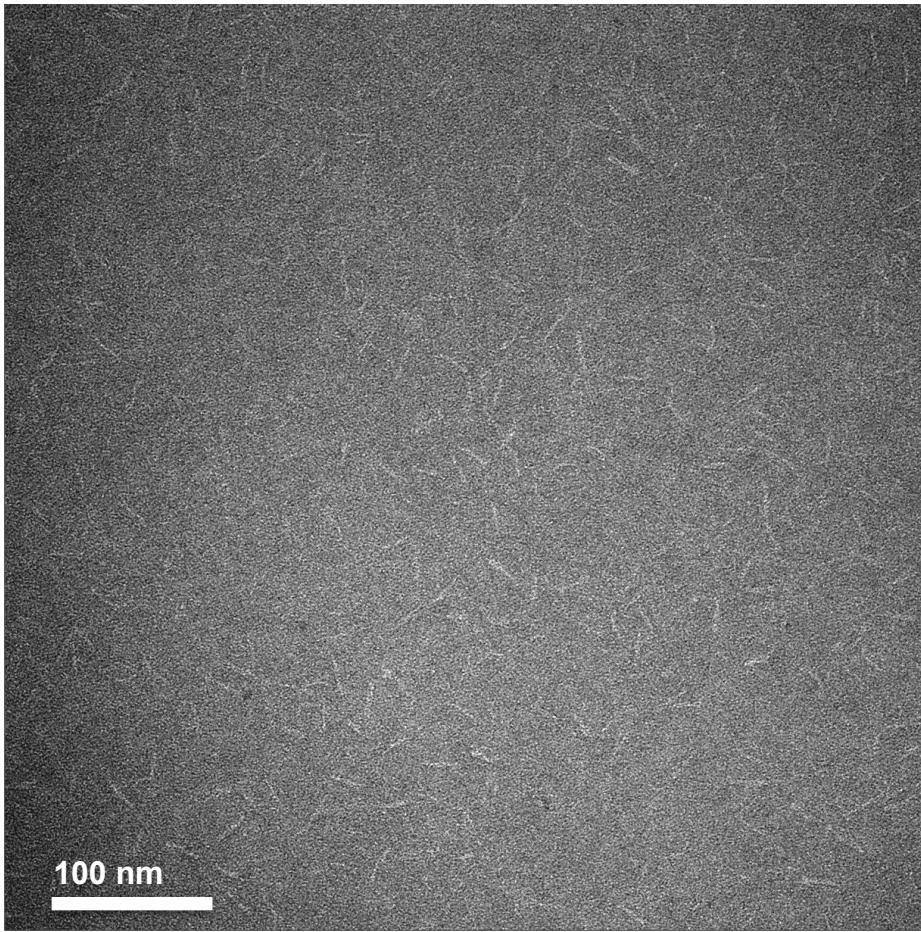
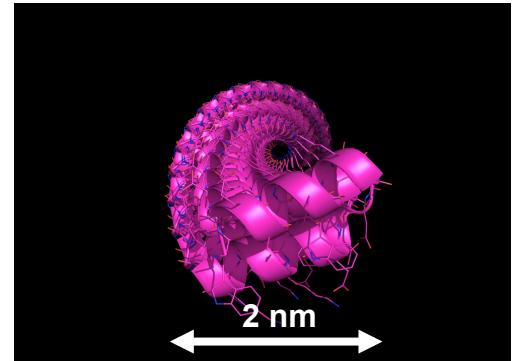
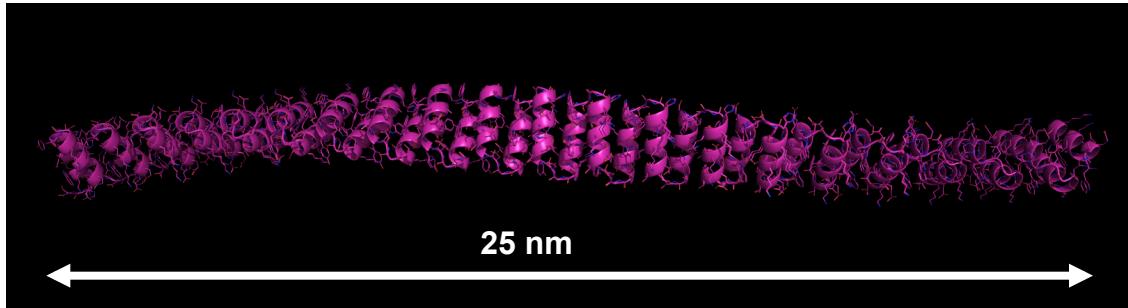
# *De novo* design: HL



# Controlling size

- HL3: 5 repeats
- HL3x2: 10 repeats
- HL3x4: 20 repeats

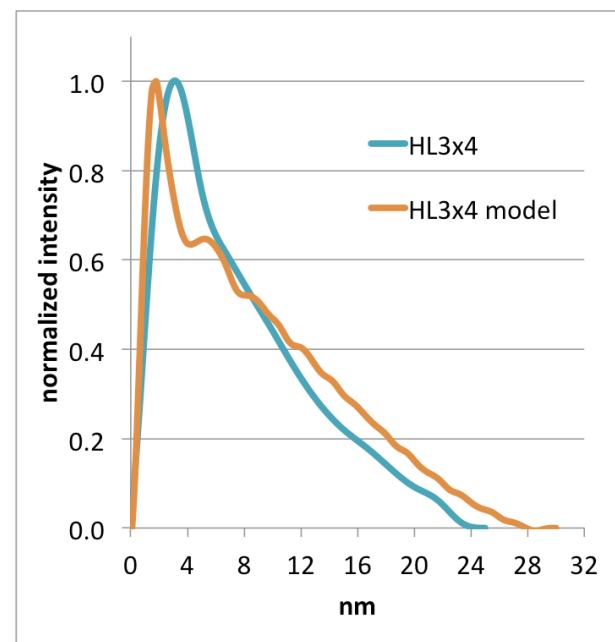
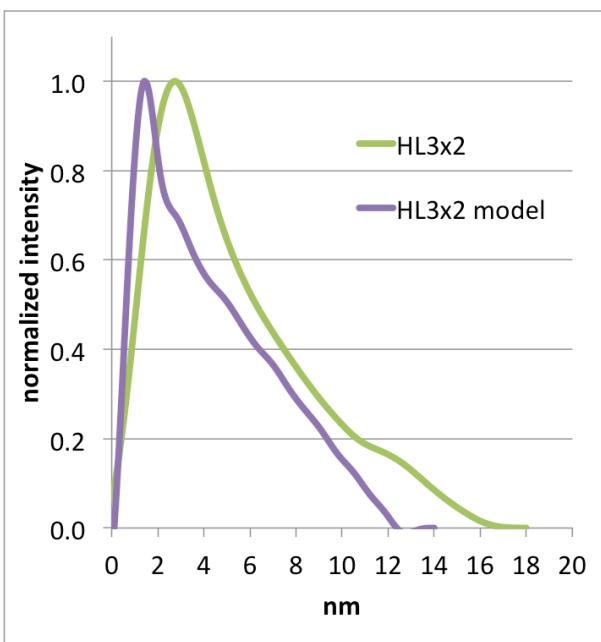
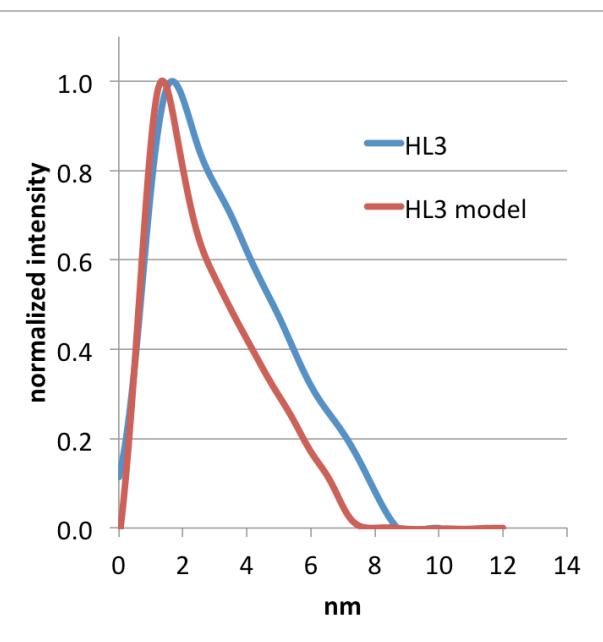




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# SAXS

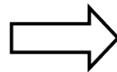


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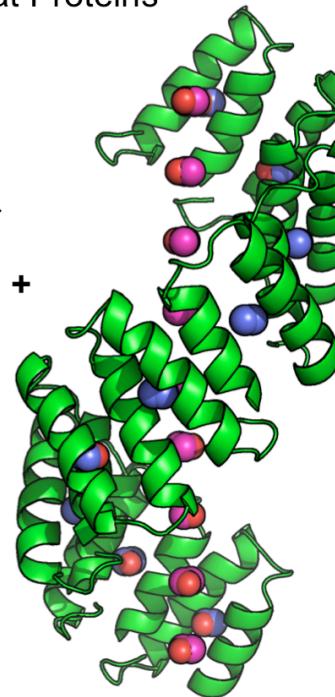
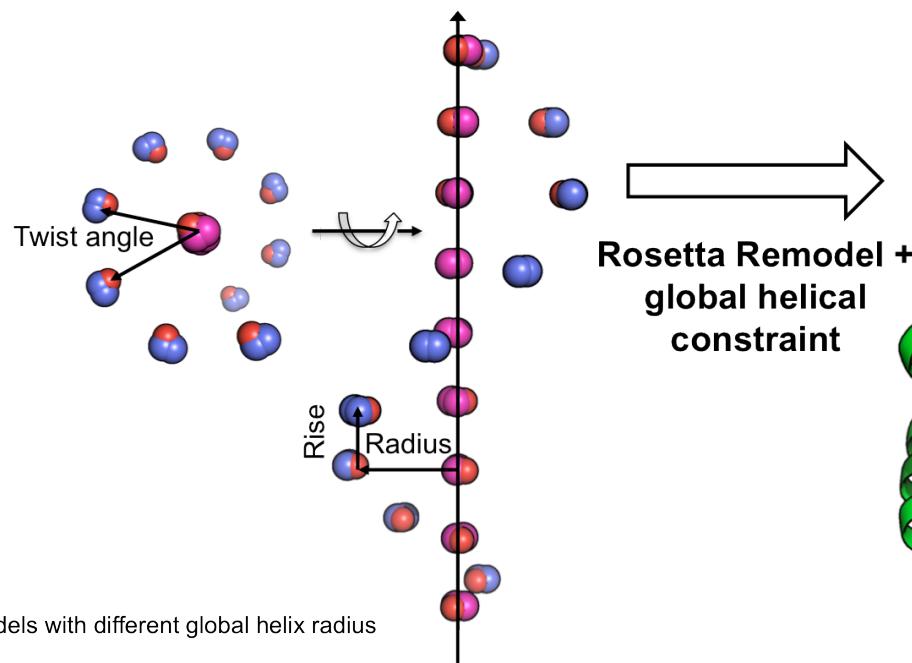


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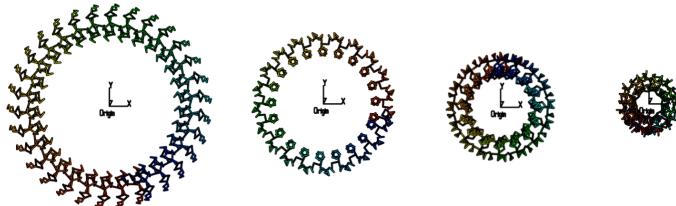
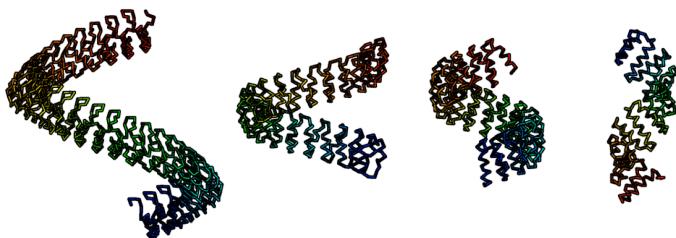
Global super-helical parameters  
Radius – Rise – Twist



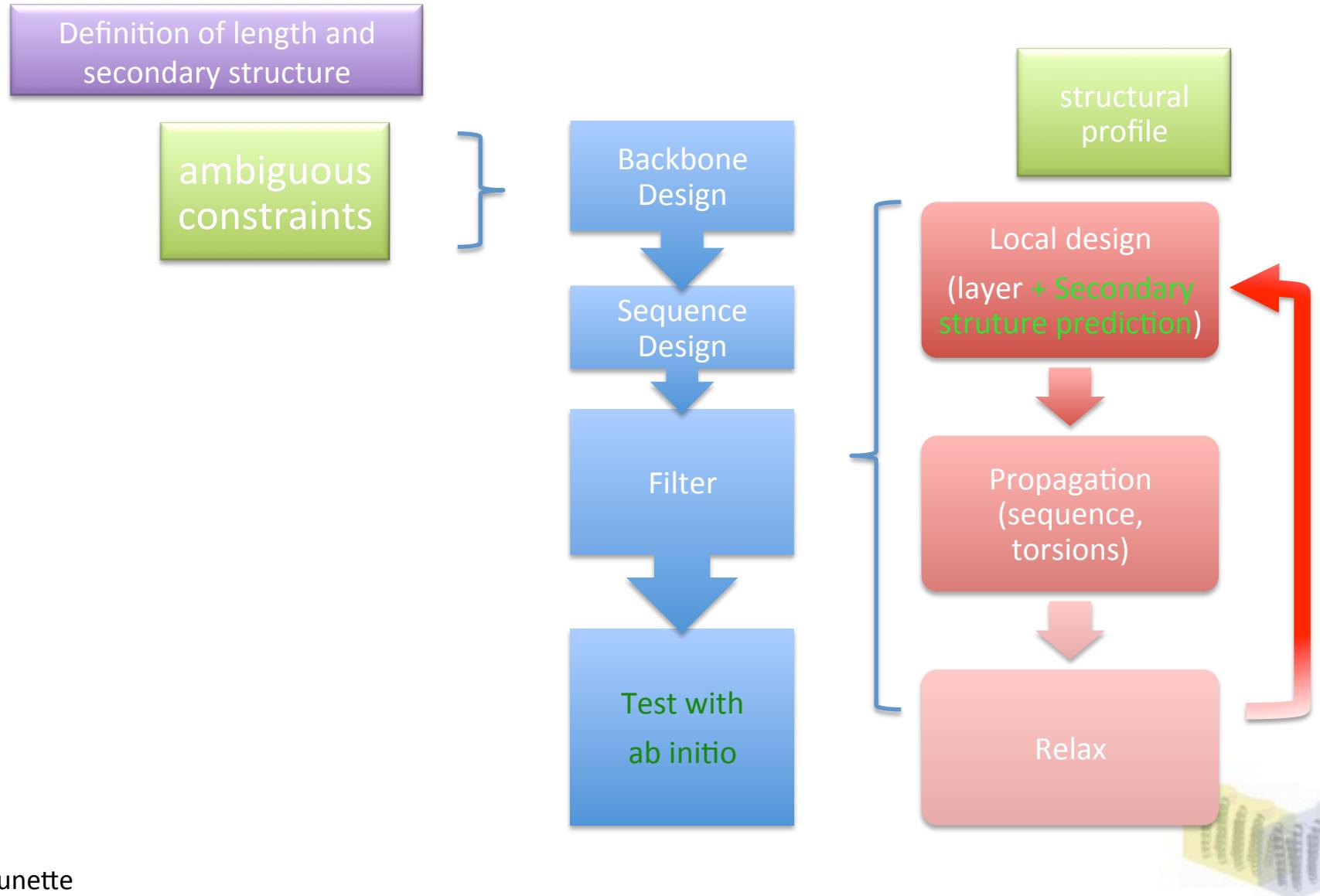
Parametric design  
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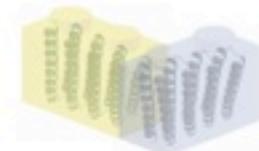


# Sampling topologies



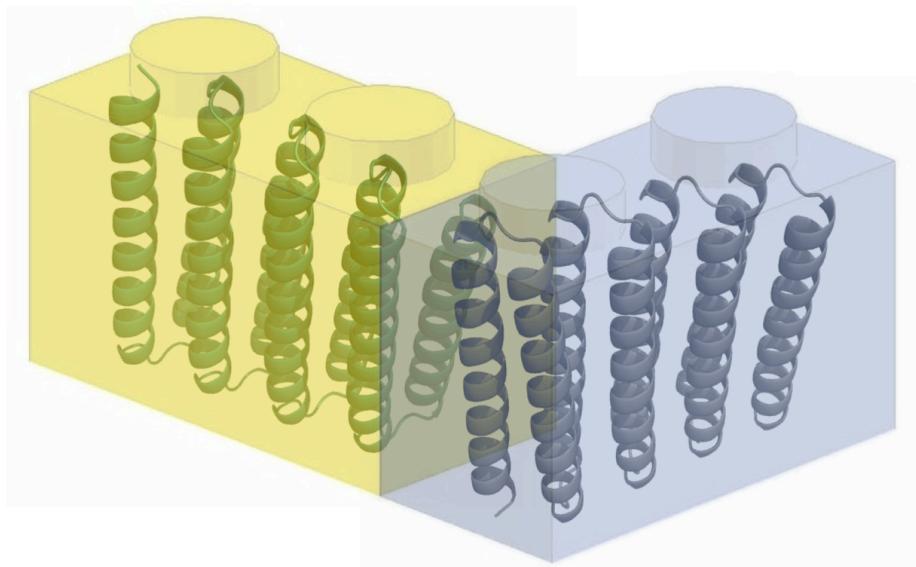
# Implementation in Rosetta

- Control angle in remodel
  - -helical\_radius 5.0, –helical\_rise 3.0, –helical\_omega 1.2
- Link residues in Rosetta Scripts.
- <LinkResidues name=link\_res>  
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- Radius of gyration local energy term  
  -rg\_local\_span 1 80
- Tune sequence to improve likelihood of ab initio success
  - Improved secondary structure match as predicted by psipred
  - Use of structural profile in packer



# Summary

- Design of repeat proteins
  - Simplified design
  - Modularity
  - Stability
- Large designed proteins
- Control of shape and topology
- New scaffolds for
  - molecular recognition
  - assembly
    - Interface design
    - Fusions



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