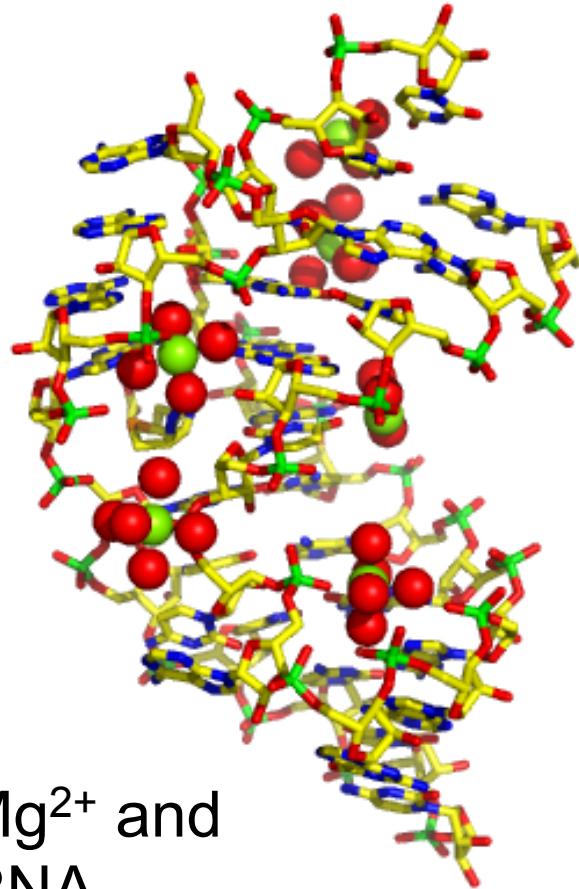
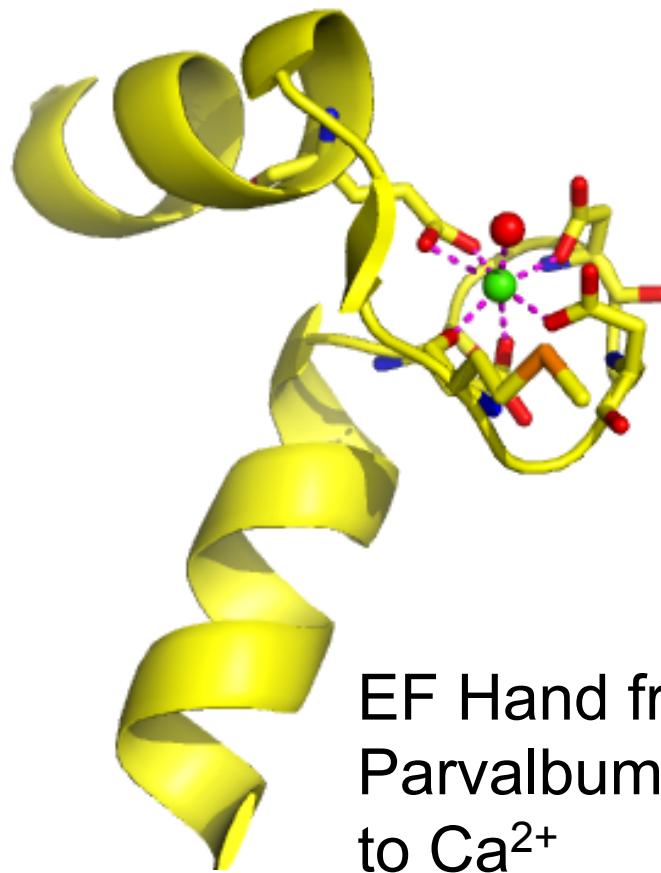


Hardened Metals



Mg^{2+} and
RNA



EF Hand from
Parvalbumin bound
to Ca^{2+}

Sequence Alignment of EF Hand

Parvalbumin 1 FAII**DQDKS**GF**I**EED**E**LKLF

Parvalbumin 2 LKAG**DSDGDGK****I**GV**D**EFTAL

Camodulin 1 FSLF**DKDGDT****I**TT**K**E LGTV

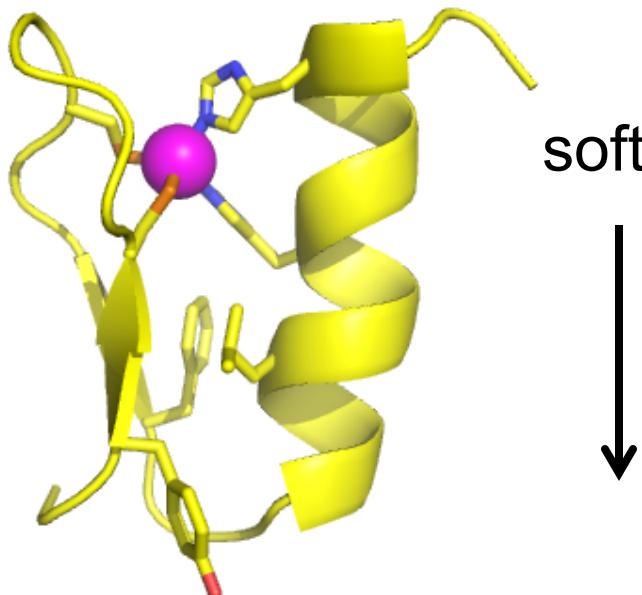
Camodulin 2 INEV**DADGN**T**I**DFP**E**FLTM

Camodulin 3 FRVF**DKDG**NGY**I**SAA**E**LRHV

Camodulin 4 IREA**NIDG**DGQ**V**NY**E**FVQM

Metal Ion Specificity of CP1

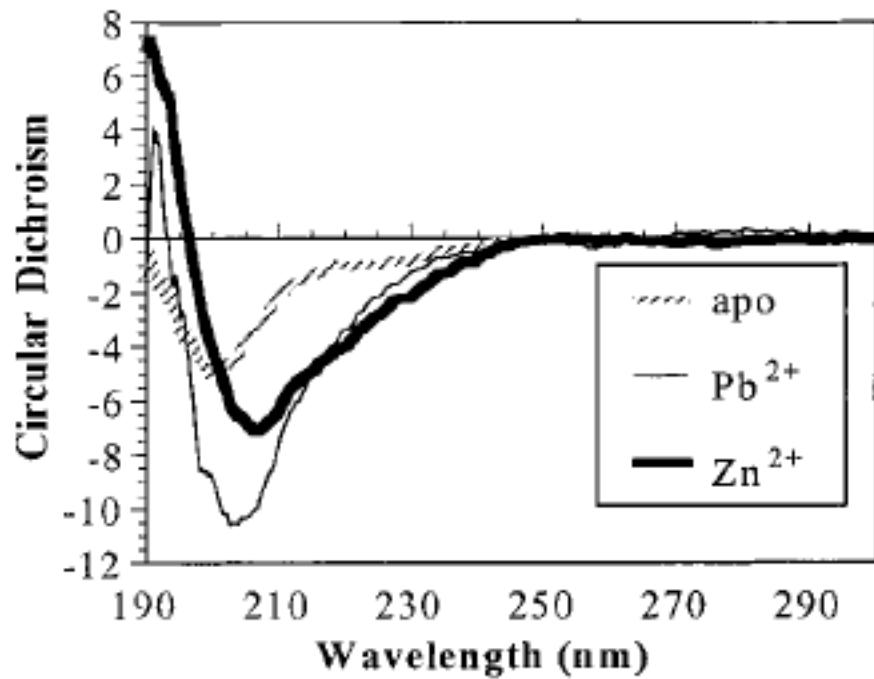
CP1 (CCHH)	P Y K C P E C G K S F S Q K S D L V K H Q R T H T G
CP1 (CCHC)	P Y K C P E C G K S F S Q K S D L V K H Q R T C T G
CP1 (CCCC)	P Y K C P E C G K S F S Q K S D L V K C Q R T C T G



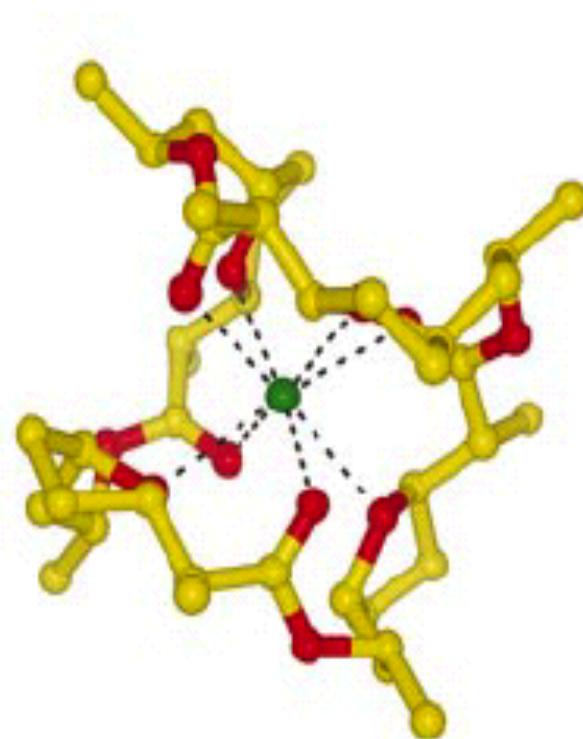
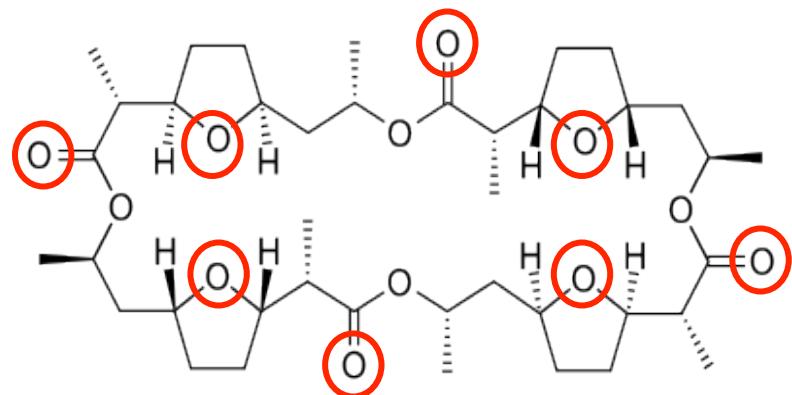
softer	softer	softer	softer	K_d	K_d	K_d
				CP1 (CCHH)	CP1 (CCHC)	CP1 (CCCC)
Mn^{2+}	$> 10 \mu M$					
Fe^{2+}	2.5 μM			2.4 μM		
Co^{2+}	63 nM			63 nM		350 nM
Zn^{2+}	5.7 pM			3.2 pM		1.1 pM
Cd^{2+}	2 nM			6.4 pM		0.040 pM

Pb²⁺ and Zinc Fingers

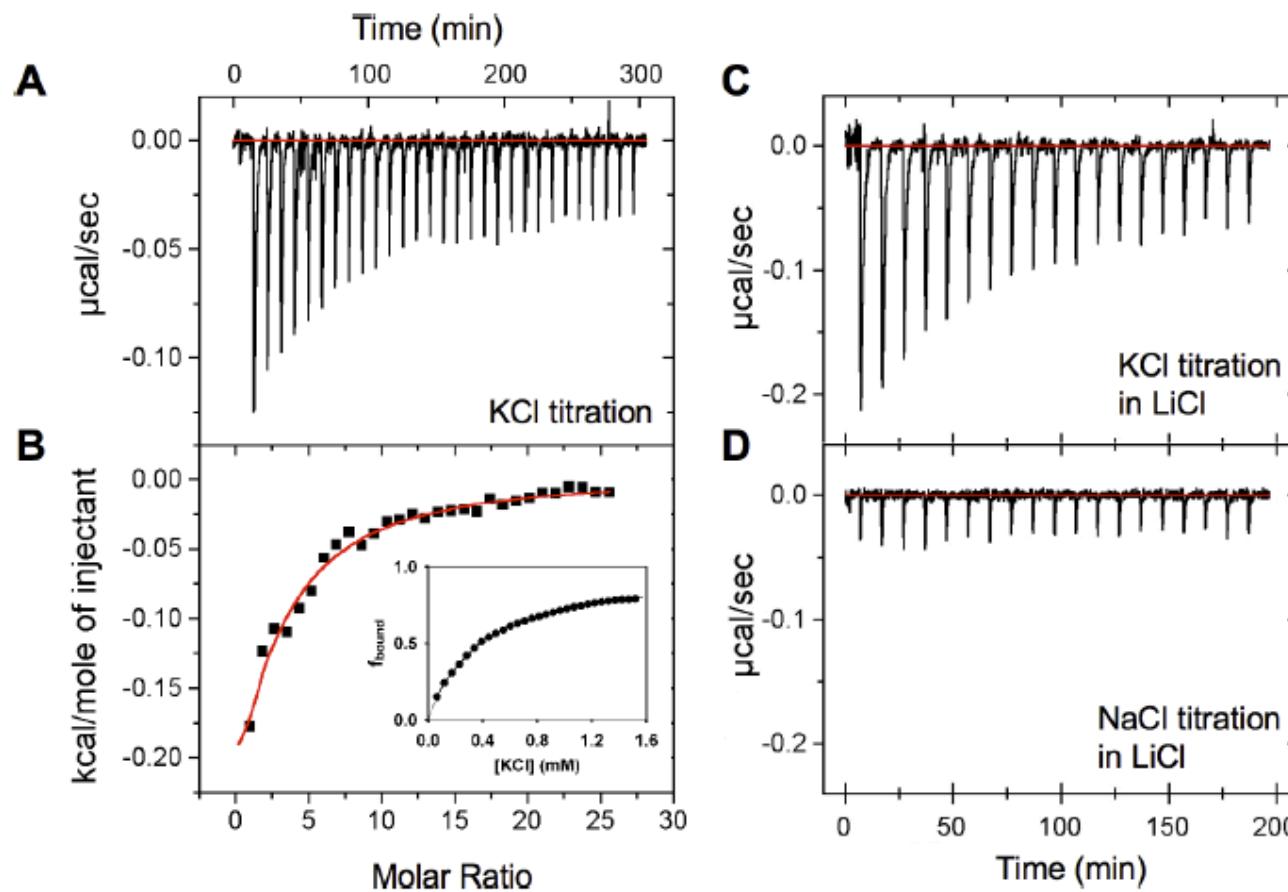
peptide	K_d^{Zn}	K_d^{Pb}
CP-CCHH ^a	5.7×10^{-12}	5×10^{-11}
CP-CCHC ^a	3.2×10^{-12}	8×10^{-11}
CP-CCCC ^a	1.1×10^{-12}	3.9×10^{-14}



Nonactin is a K⁺-Selective Ionophore



Isothermal Titration Calorimetry

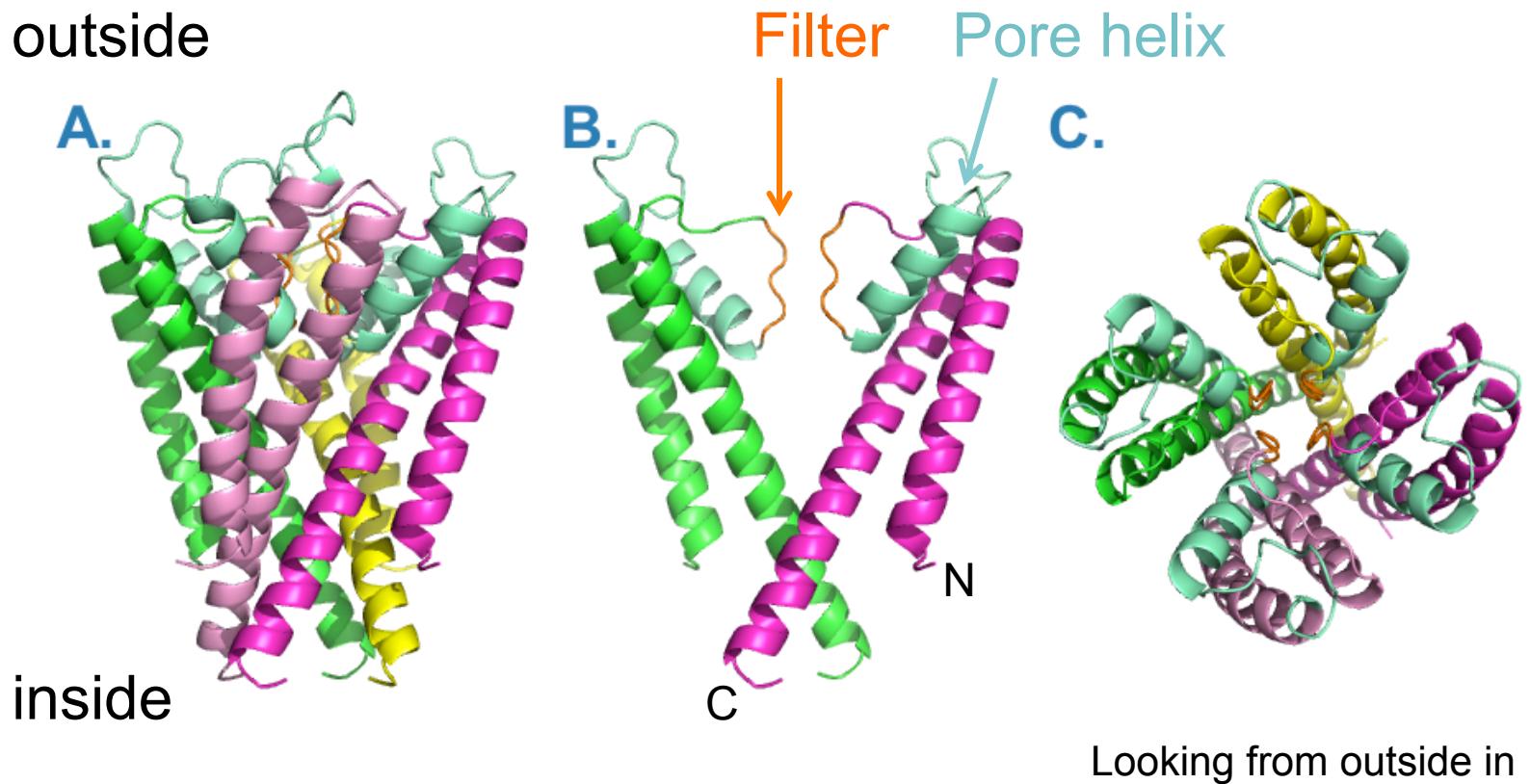


Results from ITC

Table 1. Thermodynamic Parameters Obtained for Ion Binding to KcsA

Ion	Radius	K_D (mM)	ΔG° (kcal M $^{-1}$)	ΔH° (kcal M $^{-1}$)	ΔS° (cal M $^{-1}$ K $^{-1}$)
Na $^+$	0.95 Å	nhd			
K $^+$	1.33 Å	0.43 \pm 0.04	-4.54 \pm 0.06	-1.24 \pm 0.13	11.2 \pm 0.48
Rb $^+$	1.48 Å	0.12 \pm 0.06	-5.29 \pm 0.29	-1.93 \pm 0.24	11.4 \pm 1.27
Cs $^+$	1.69 Å	0.44 \pm 0.13	-4.53 \pm 0.17	-1.81 \pm 0.30	9.23 \pm 1.18
Mg $^{2+}$	0.65 Å	nhd			
Ca $^{2+}$	0.99 Å	nhd			
Ba $^{2+}$	1.35 Å	0.19 \pm 0.06	-5.03 \pm 0.15	5.51 \pm 0.68	35.7 \pm 2.37

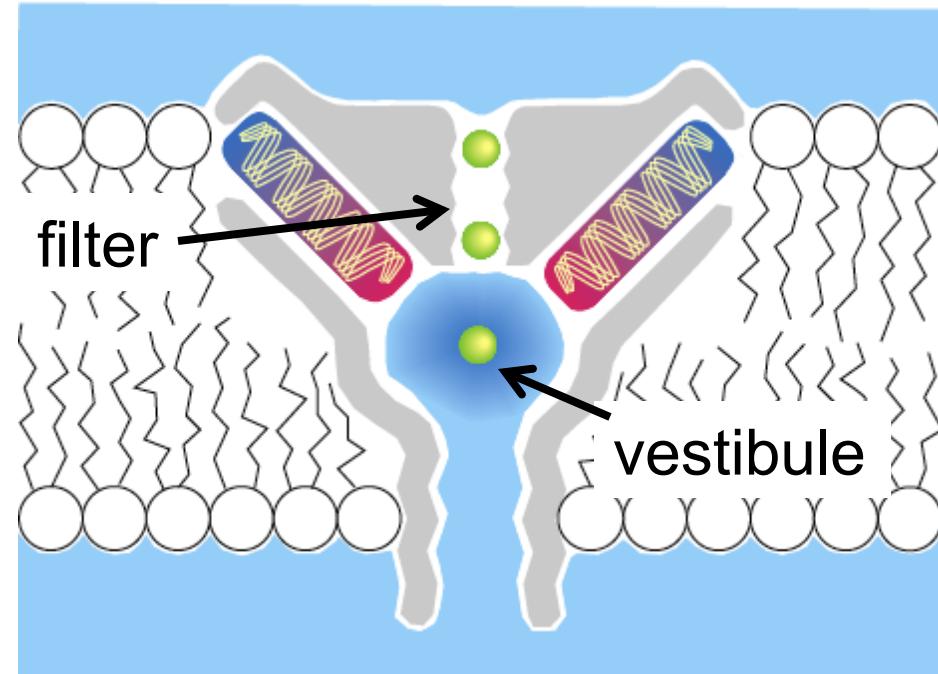
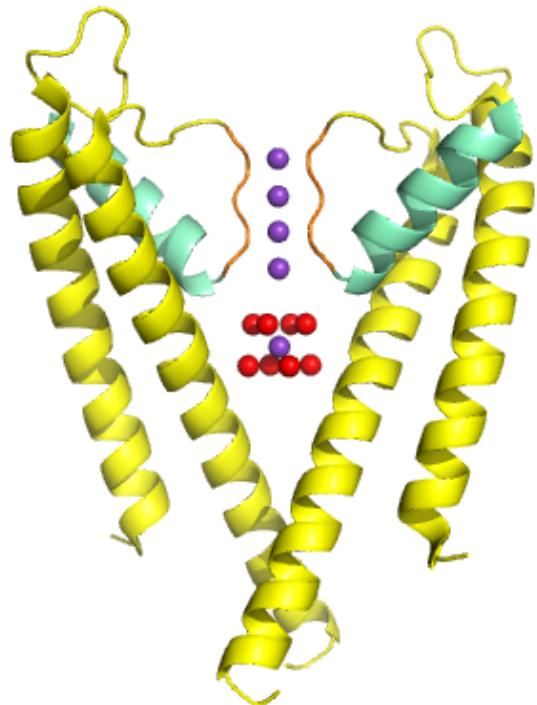
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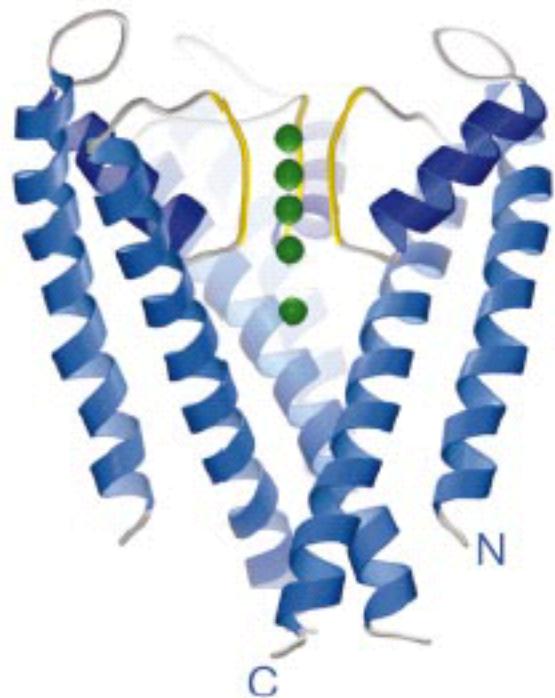


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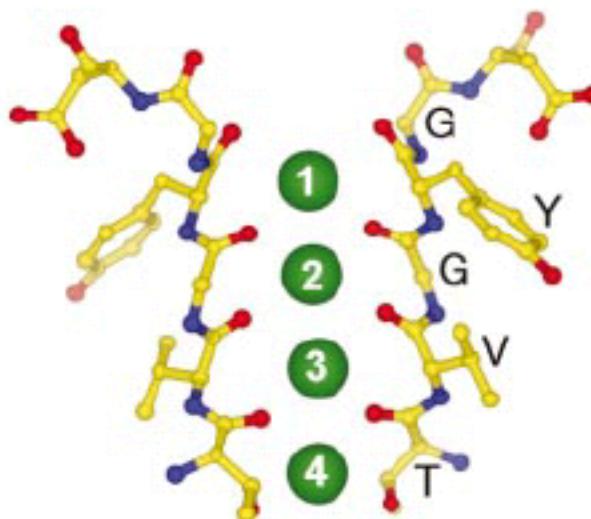
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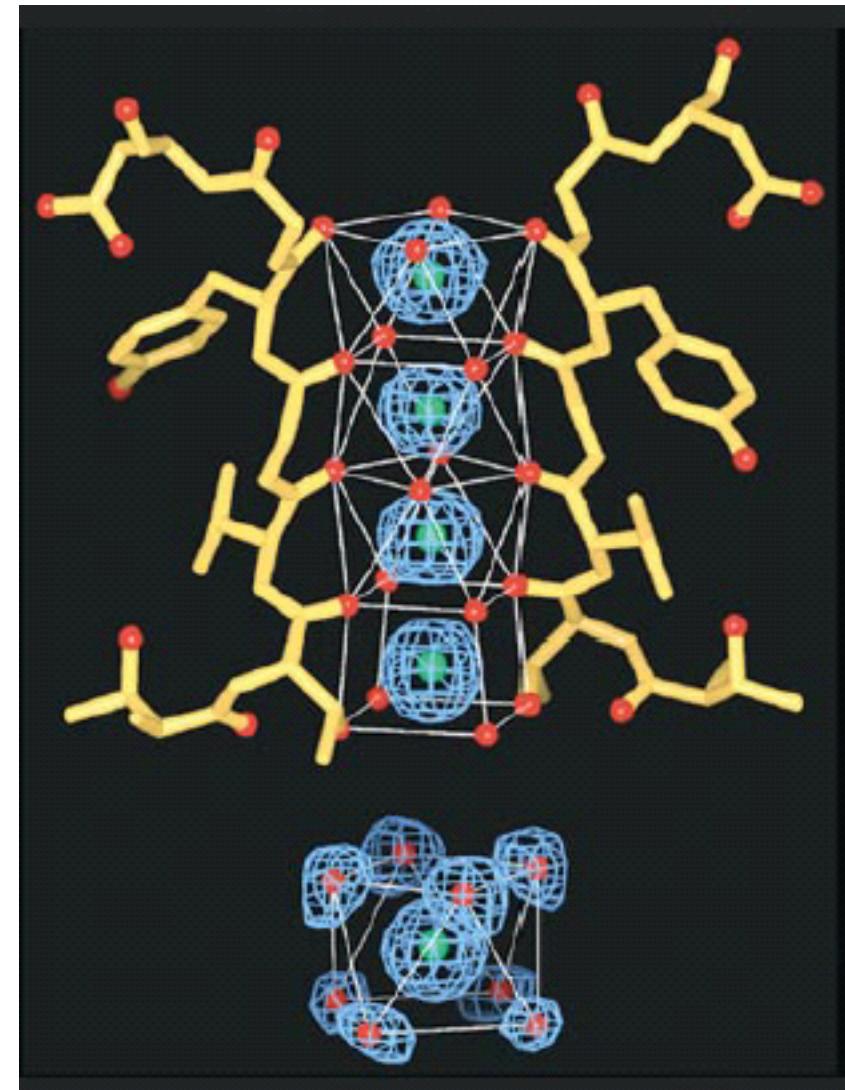
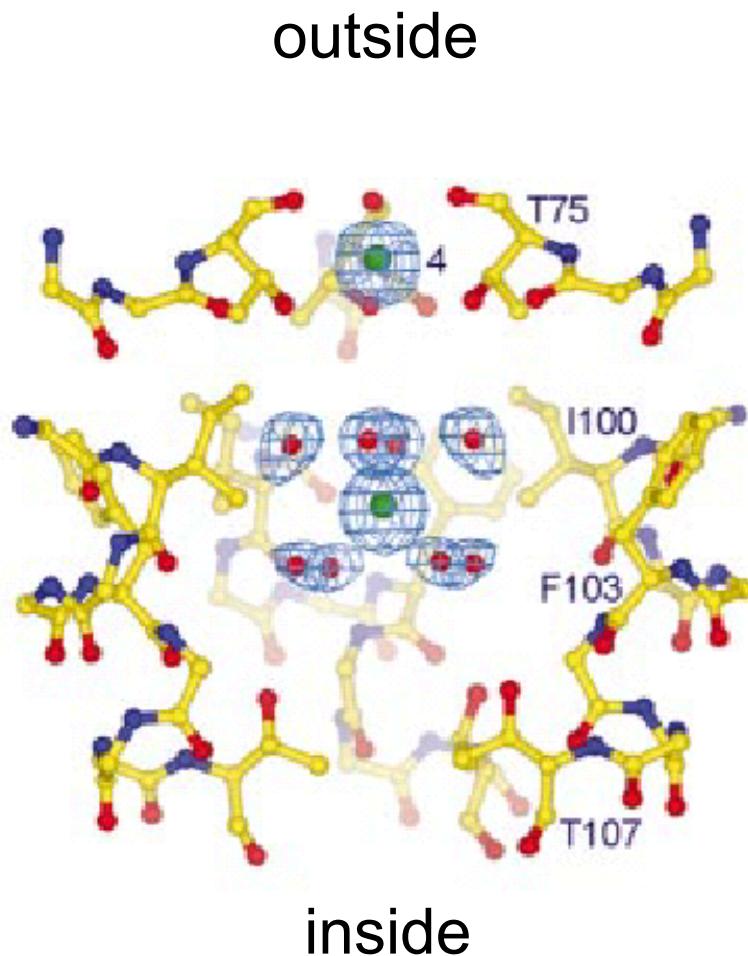


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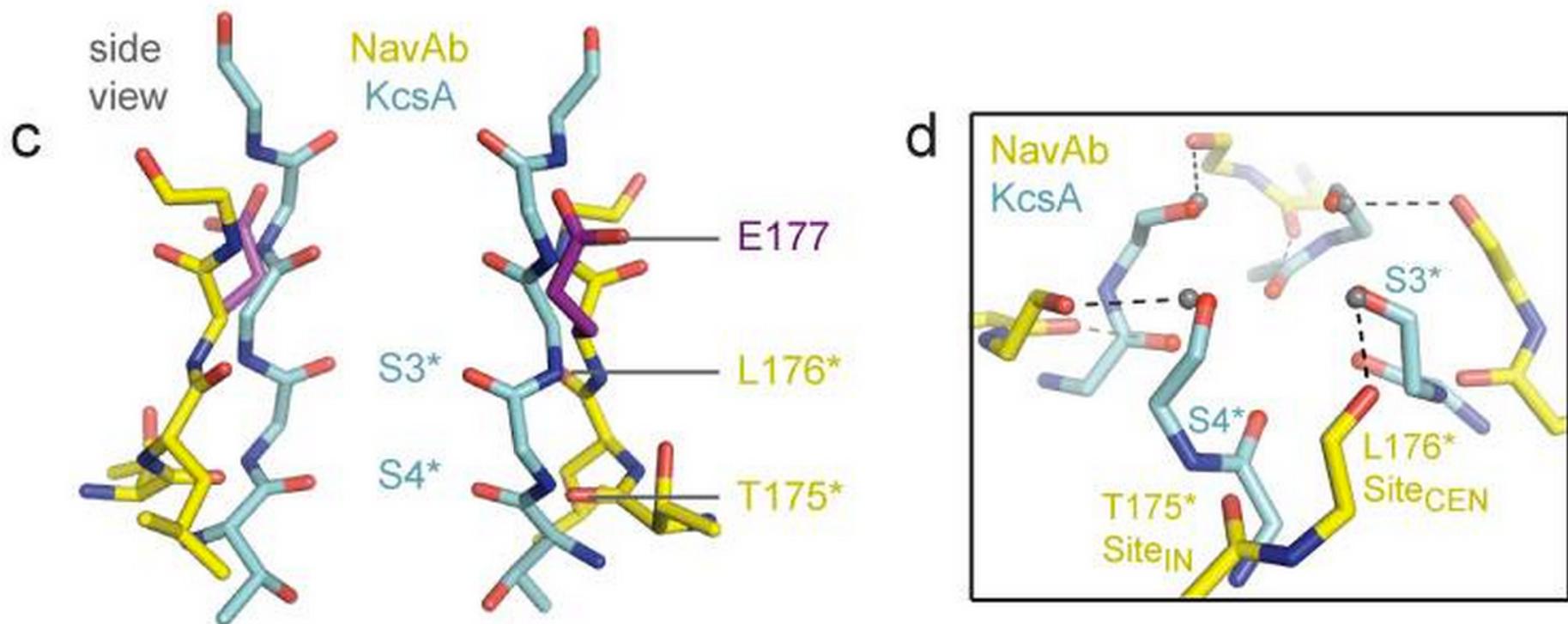
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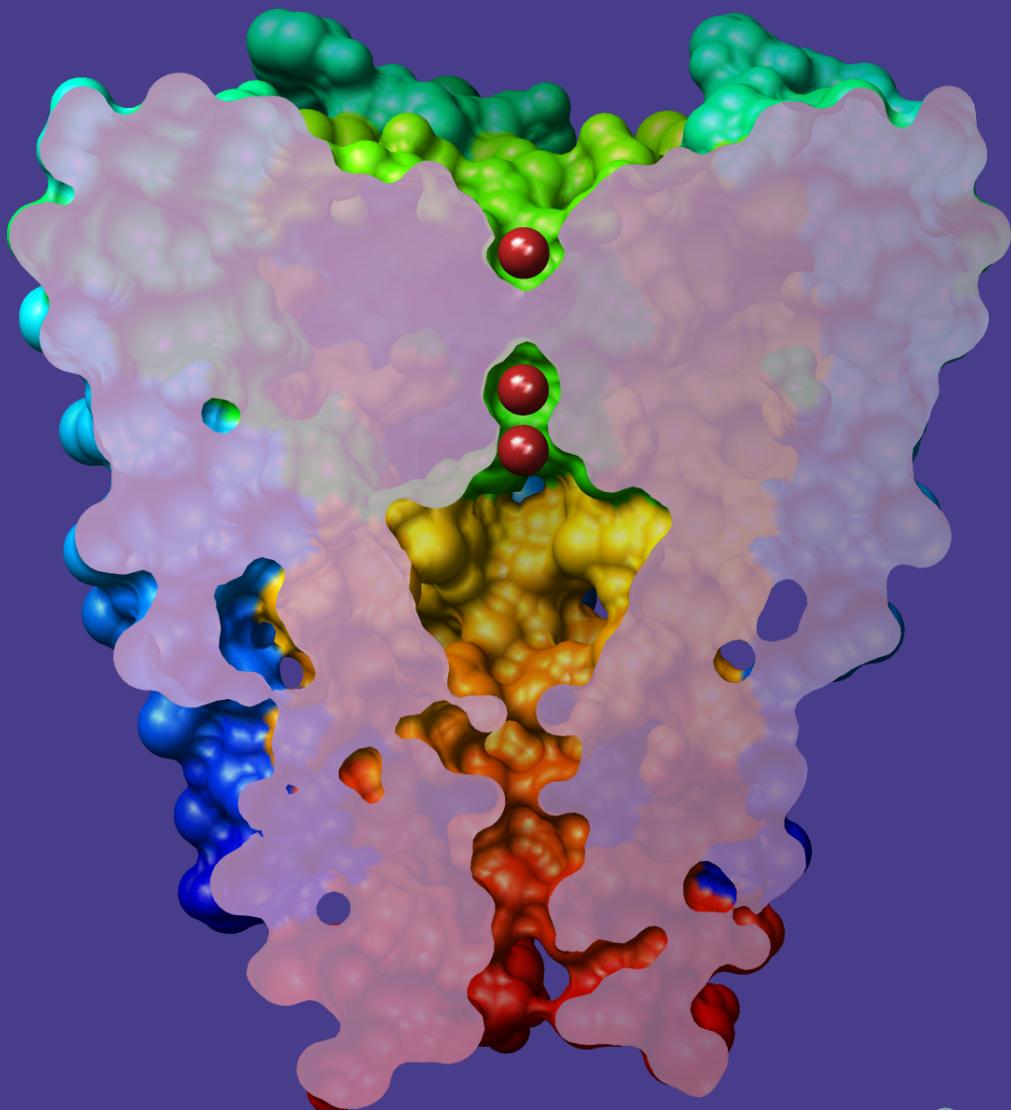


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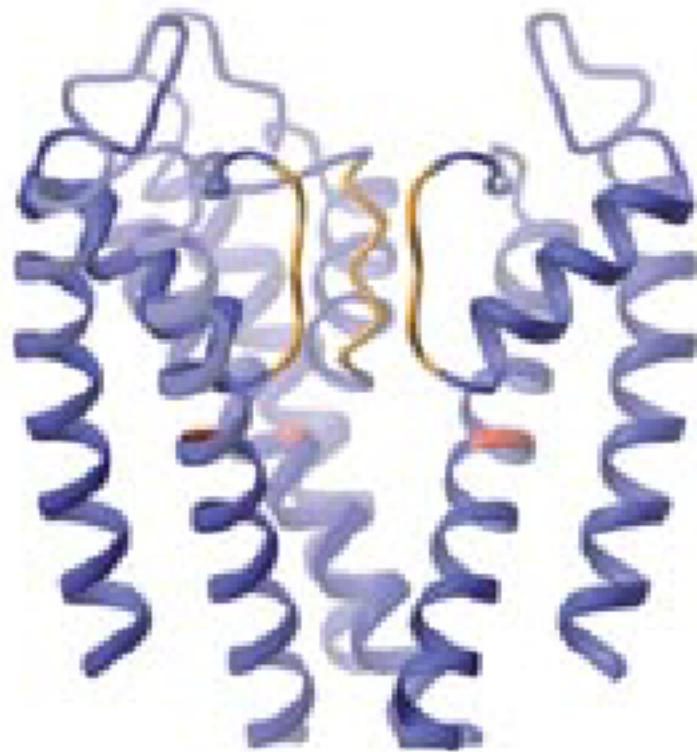


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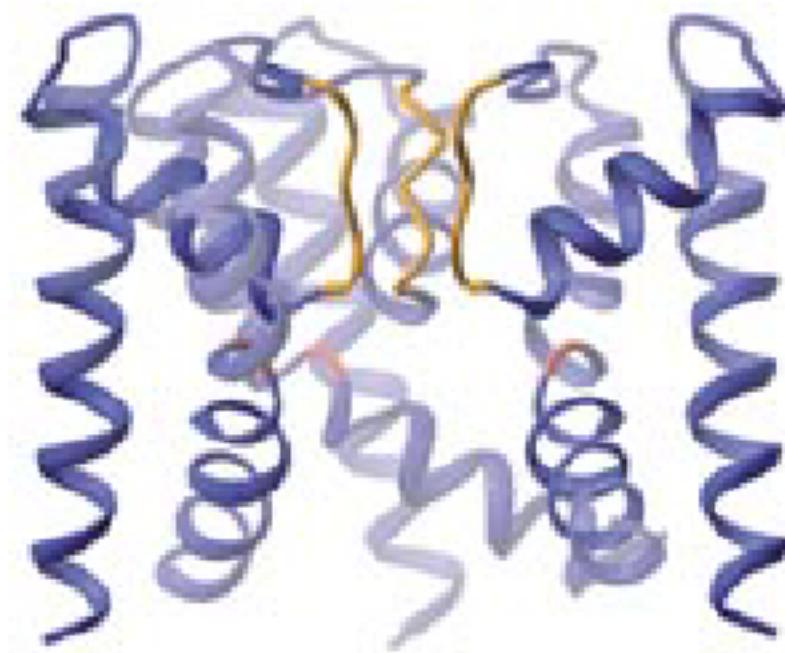
KcsA vs. MthK

Closed



KcsA

Opened



MthK