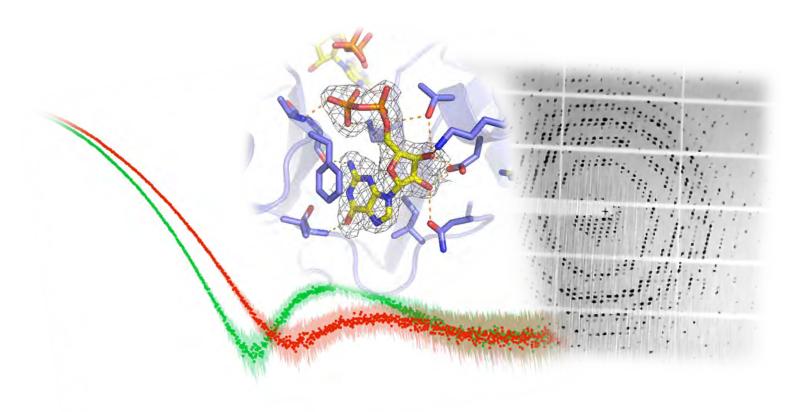
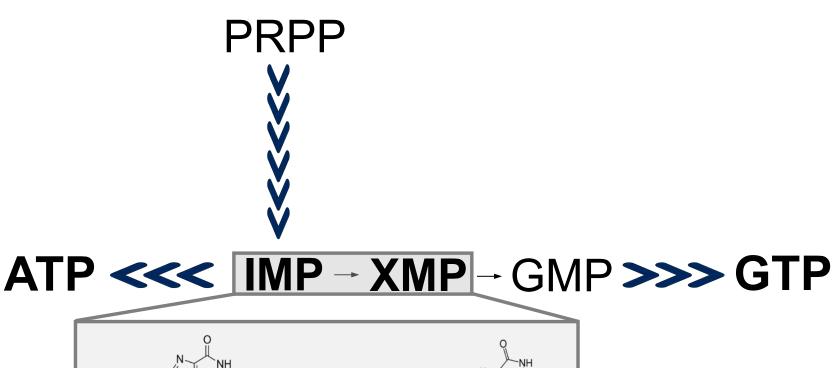
## STRUCTURAL APPROACHES TO IDENTIFY NOVEL IMP DEHYDROGENASE INHIBITORS



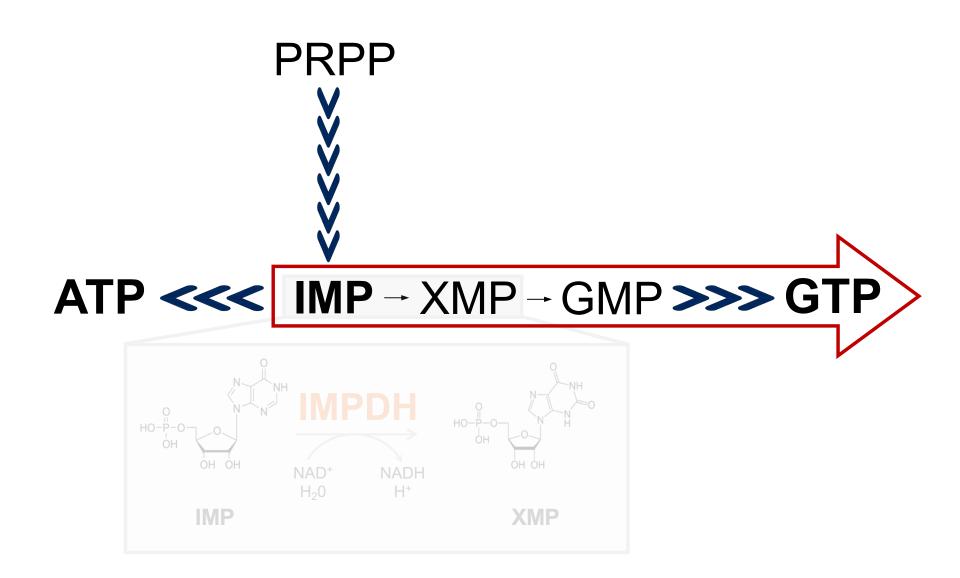
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#### 1st COMMITTED STEP IN GTP SYNTHESIS



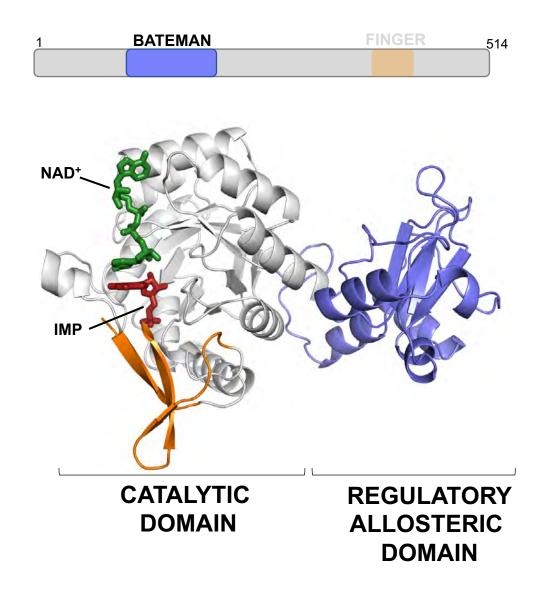
#### IMPDH CONTROLS GTP BIOSYNTHESIS



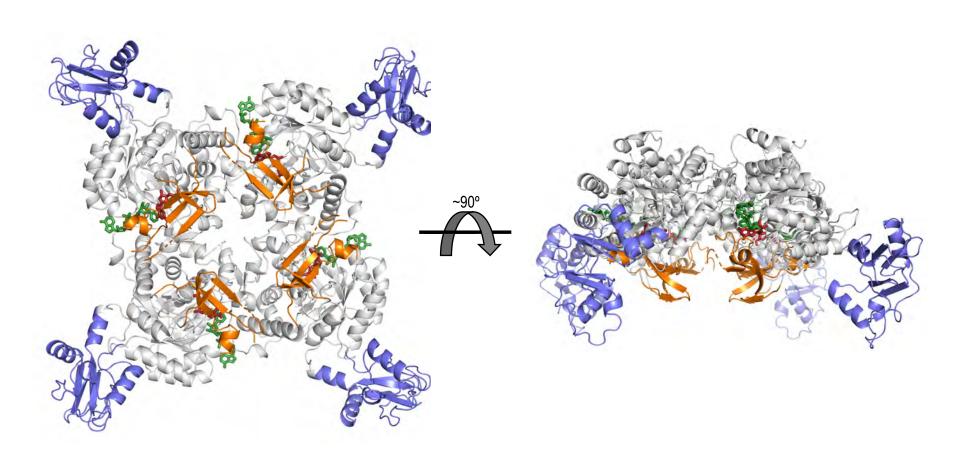
#### IMPDH IS A DRUG TARGET



#### IMPDH MONOMERIC STRUCTURE



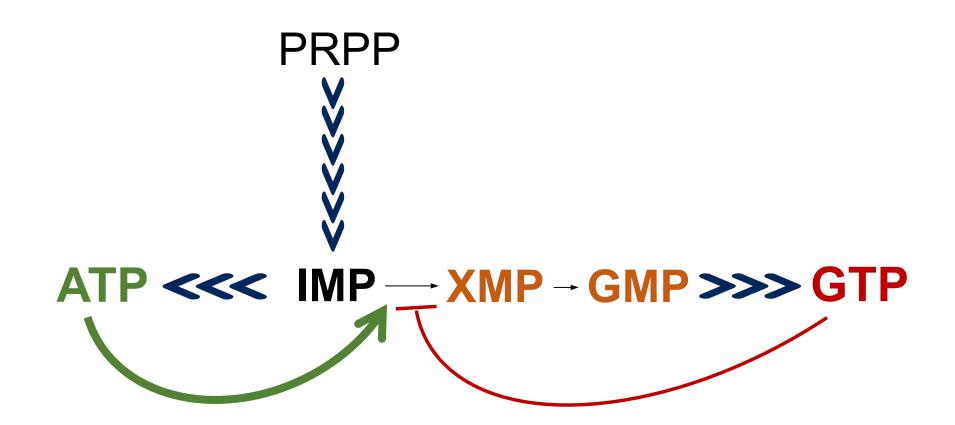
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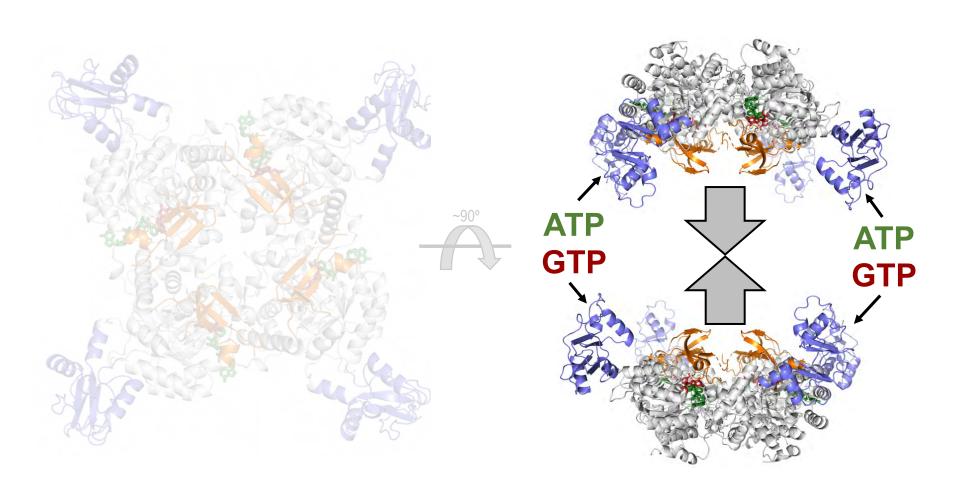


## HOW IS IMPDH REGULATED?

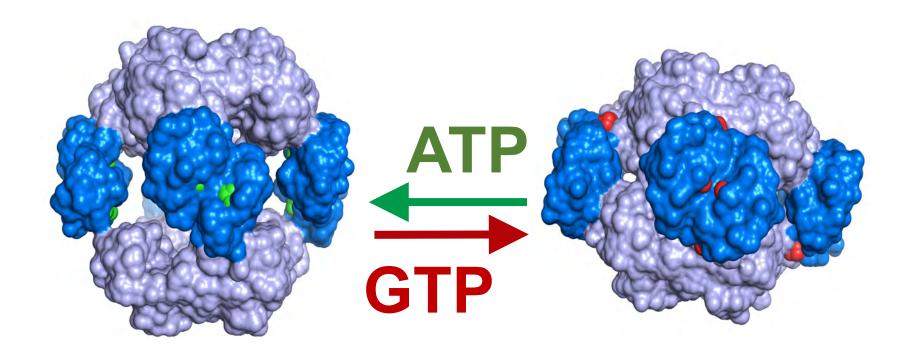
#### ATP & GTP ARE ALLOSTERIC MODULATORS



#### **ATP & GTP INDUCE OCTAMERS**

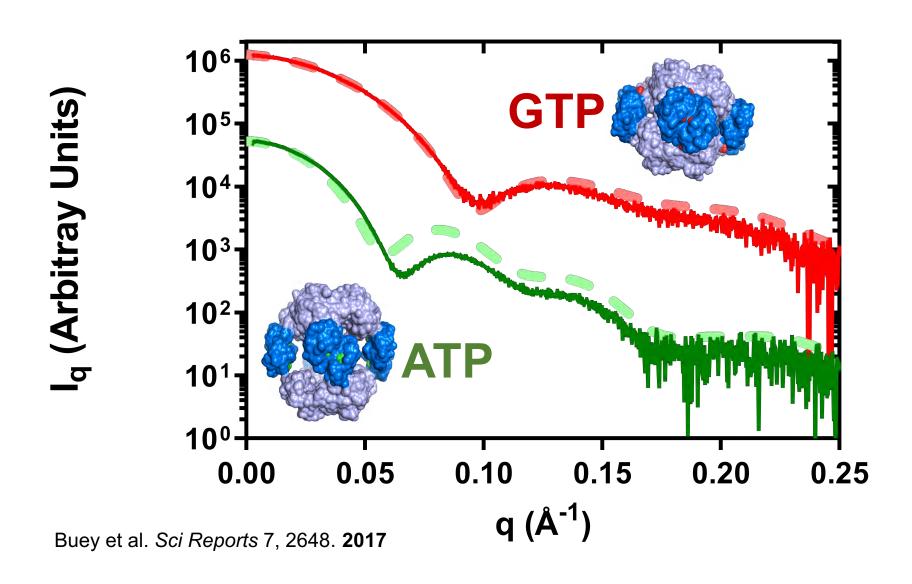


#### **CONFORMATIONAL SWITCH**

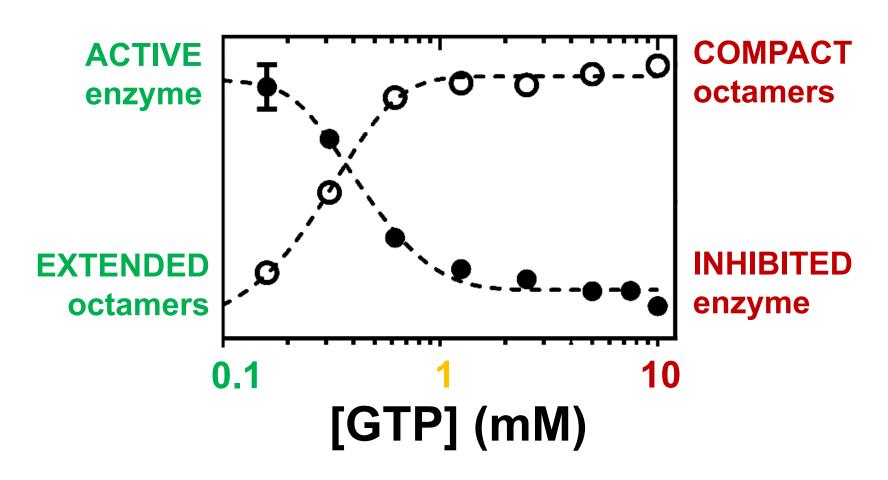


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#### **CONFORMATIONAL SWITCH BY SAXS**



## THE CONFORMATIONAL SWITCH CONTROLS ENZYME ACTIVITY





## HOW IS IMPDH REGULATED?



#### IMPDH IS A DRUG TARGET



## ALL KNOWN IMPDH INHIBITORS ARE ORTHOSTERIC

#### Mycophenolic Acid (MPA)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & CH_3 & OH \\ \hline \\ O & CH_3 & CH_3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

#### Mycophenolate Mofetil (MMF)

#### Tiazofurin

#### Ribavirin

#### VX-944

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & & & \\ & & & \\$$

#### FF-10501

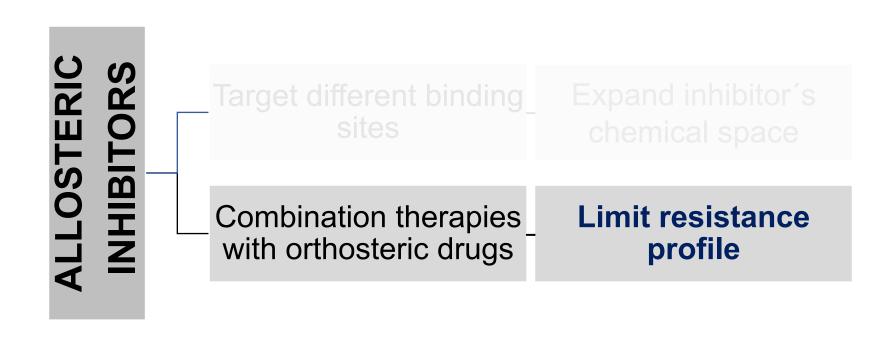


# CAN WE OBTAIN ALLOSTERIC IMPDH INHIBITORS?

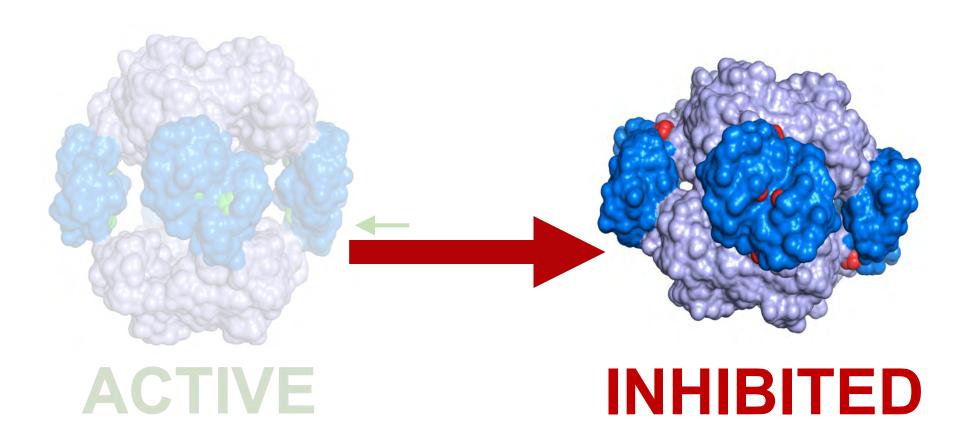
#### **BENEFITS OF ALLOSTERIC INHIBITORS**



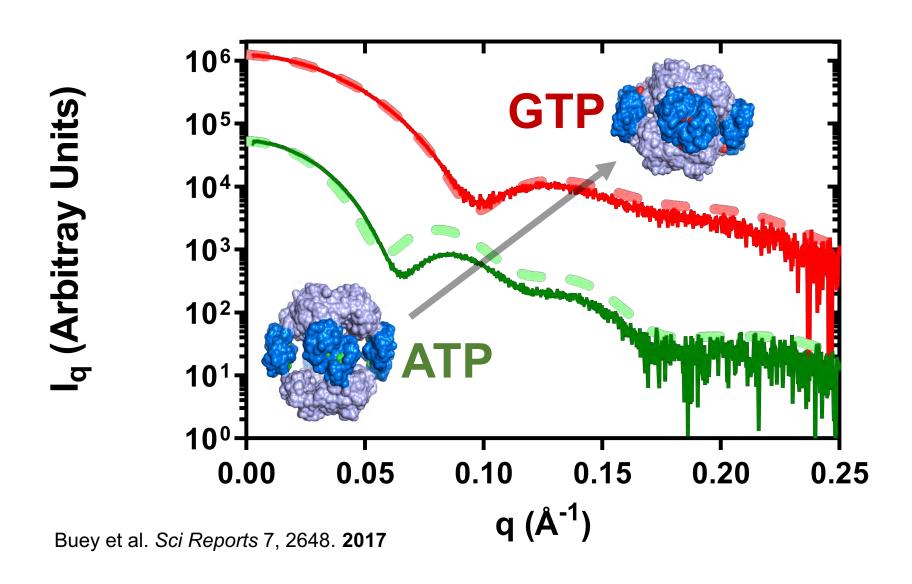
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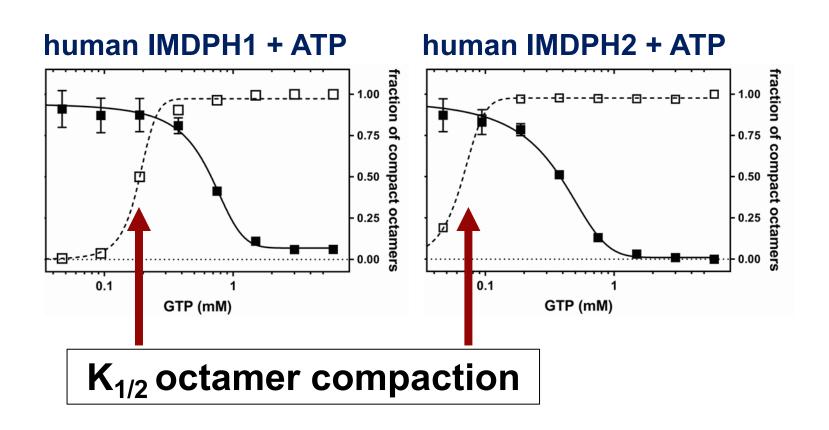
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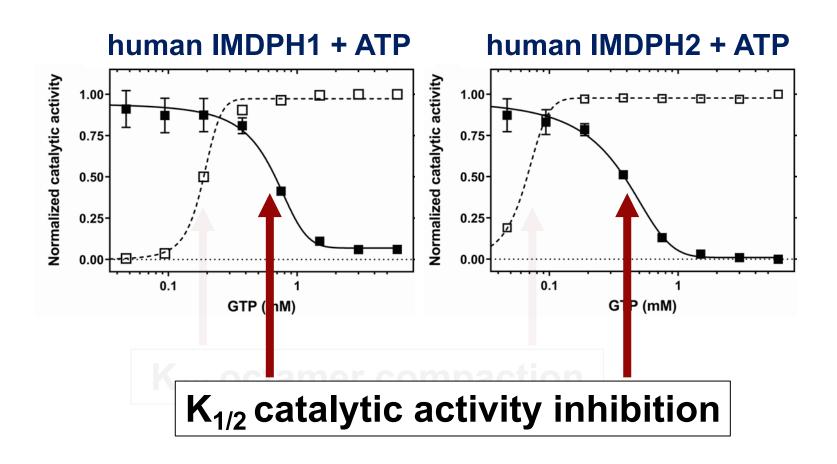
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## CONFORMATION SHIFTS AT SUB-INHIBITORY CONCENTRATIONS

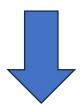


## CONFORMATION SHIFTS AT SUB-INHIBITORY CONCENTRATIONS



## SAXS IS MORE SENSITIVE THAN FUNCTIONAL ASSAYS

SAXS SCREENING



ACTIVITY INHIBITION SCREENING



**CONFORMATIONAL CHANGE** 

**ACTIVITY INHIBITION** 

[INHIBITOR]

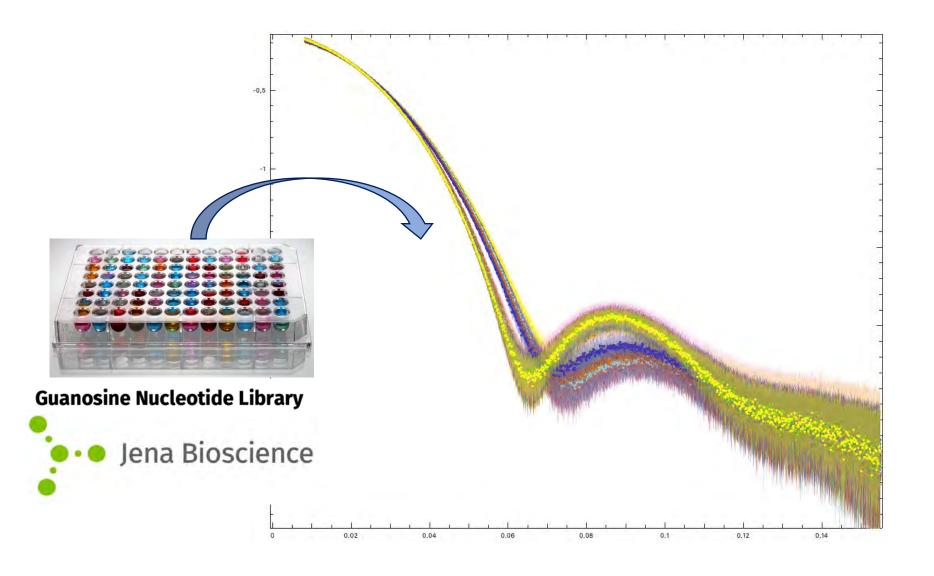


## SAXS AS A PRIMARY SCREENING METHOD?

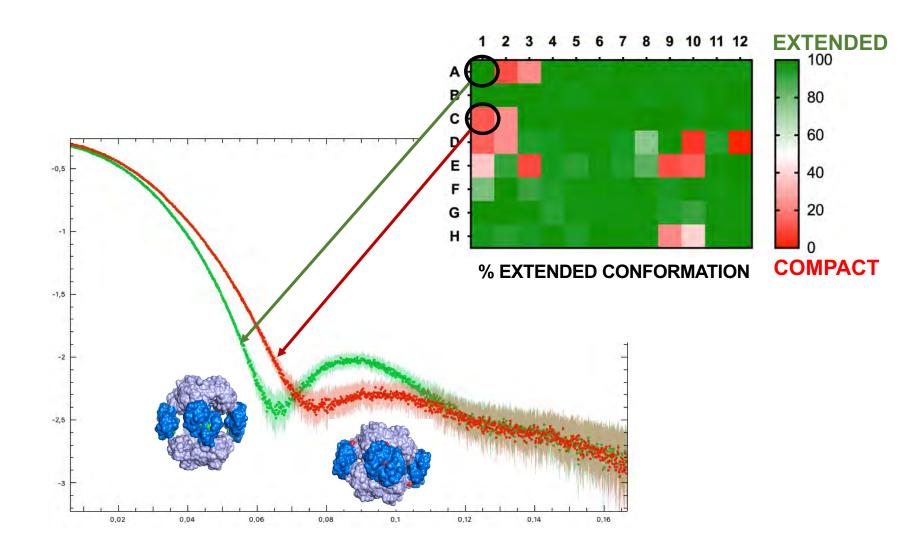
## IDENTIFYING ALLOSTERIC INHIBITORS BY HT-SAXS



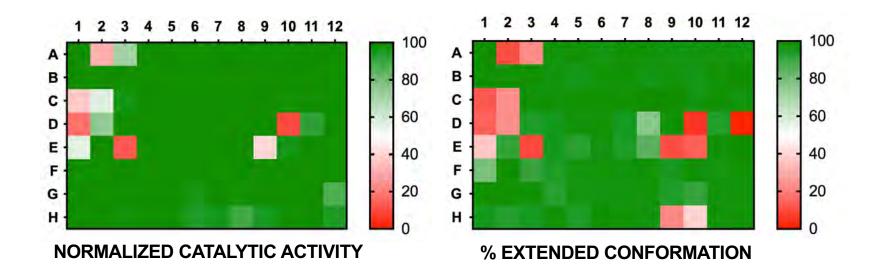
#### **SCATTERING PROFILES**



#### **EXTENDED vs COMPACT OCTAMERS**



#### FUNCTIONAL vs STRUCTURAL ASSAY

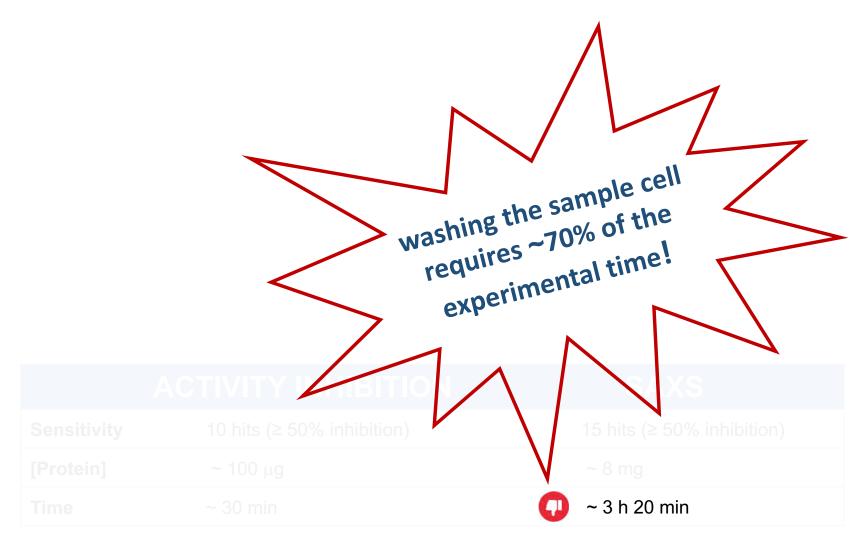


#### FUNCTIONAL vs STRUCTURAL ASSAY



	ACTIVITY INHIBITION	SAXS
Sensitivity	10 hits (≥ 50% inhibition)	15 hits (≥ 50% inhibition)
[Protein]	🕧 ~ 100 μg	
Time	<b>1</b> ∼ 30 min	

#### **BIO-SAXS BEAMLINE OPTIMIZATION**





# SCREENING LARGE CHEMICAL LIBRARIES USING SAXS?

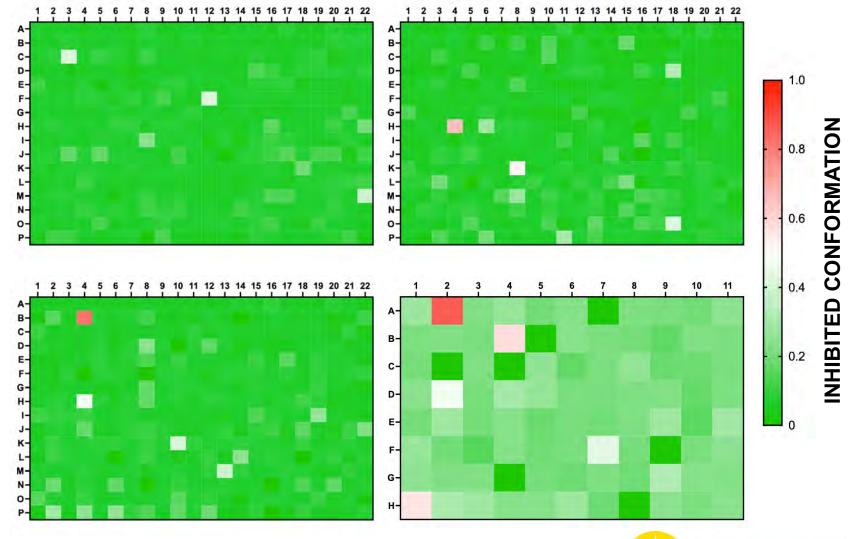
#### REDUCING SAXS EXPERIMENTAL TIME

**Fragment libraries** 

MAXIMIZE CHEMICAL SPACE REDUCE SAMPLE COUNT

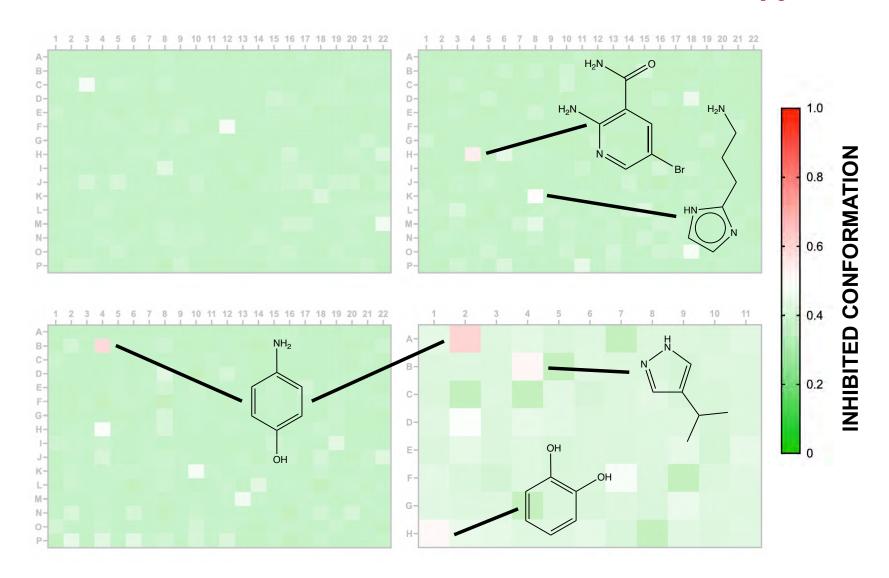
Compound pooling

#### **EU-OPENSCREEN FRAGMENT LIBRARY**

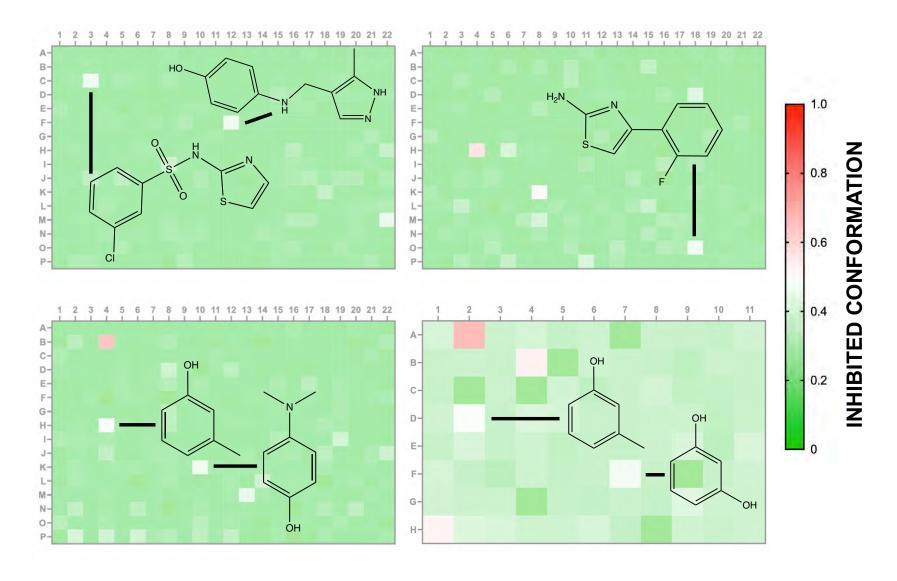


~ 42 HOURS @ B21 diamond

#### **INHIBITED CONFORMATION ≥ 50%**



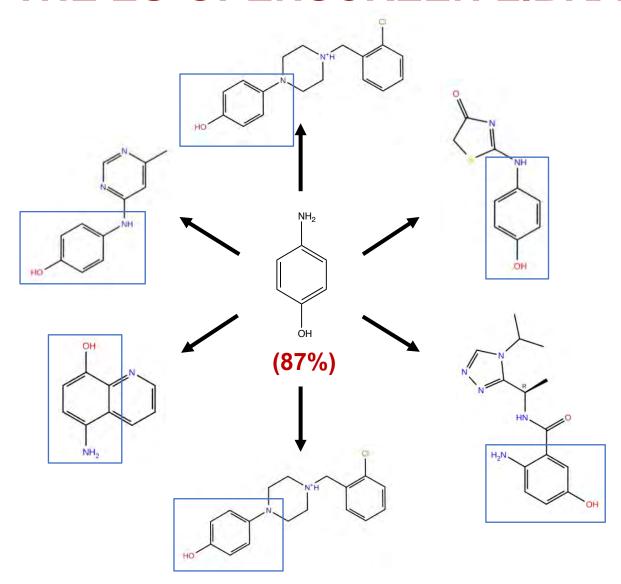
#### 50% ≥ INHIBITED CONFORMATION ≥ 40%



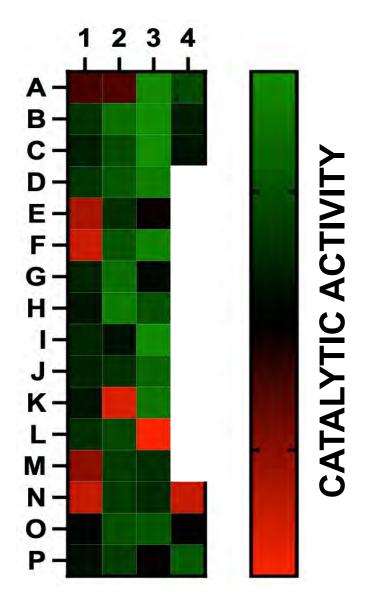
#### **2 MAJORITARY FRAGMENT CHEMOTYPES**

$$H_2N$$
  $H_2N$   $H_2N$ 

## ENHANCED SUB-STRUCTURE SEARCH IN THE EU-OPENSCREEN LIBRARY



#### **EFFECT ON CATALYTIC ACTIVITY**



in progress...

#### **COLLABORATORS**





