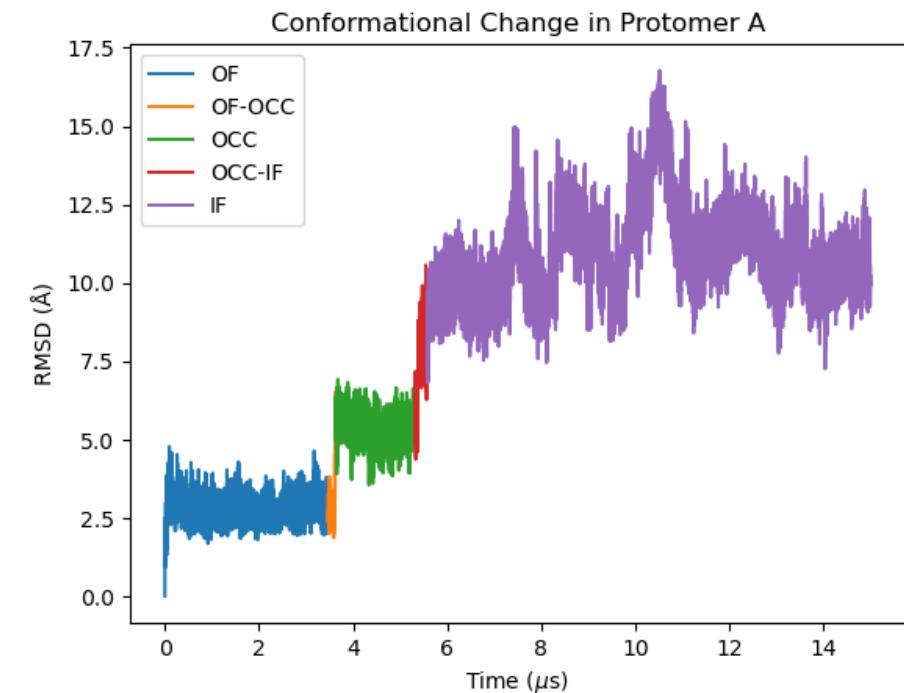
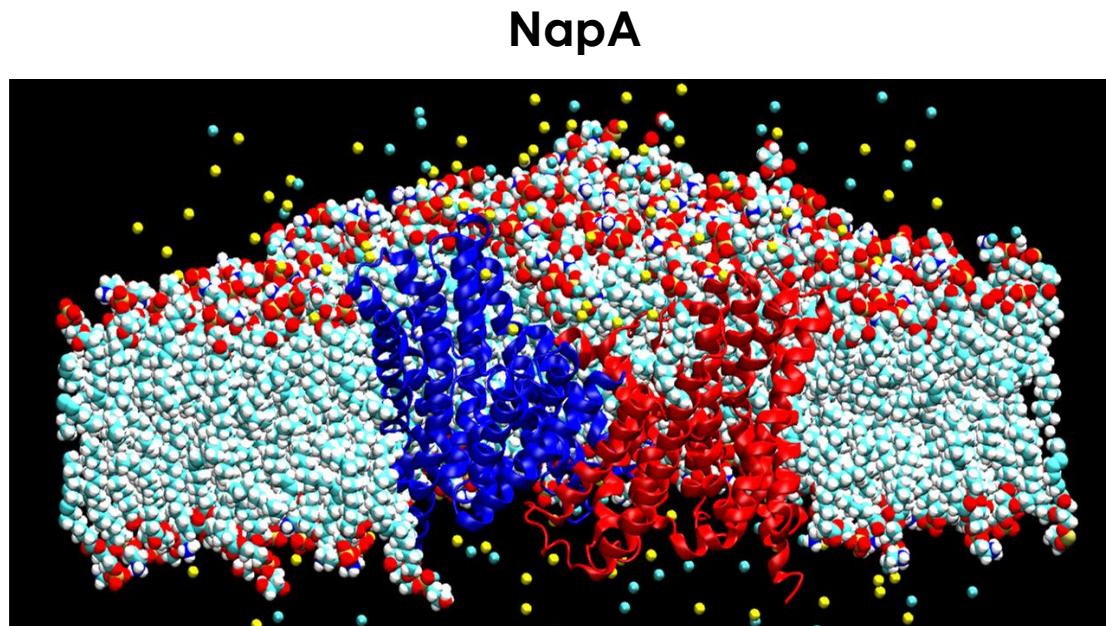


# Using tICA to identify the Causes of Conformational Changes in Transporters

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# NapA undergo Conformational Changes



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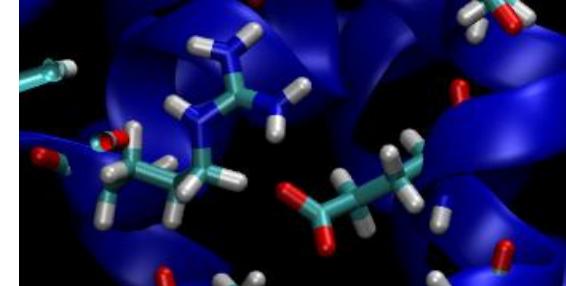
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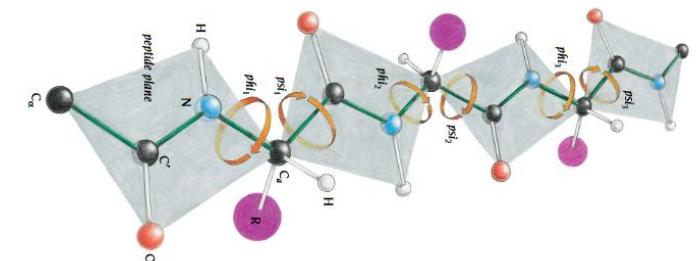
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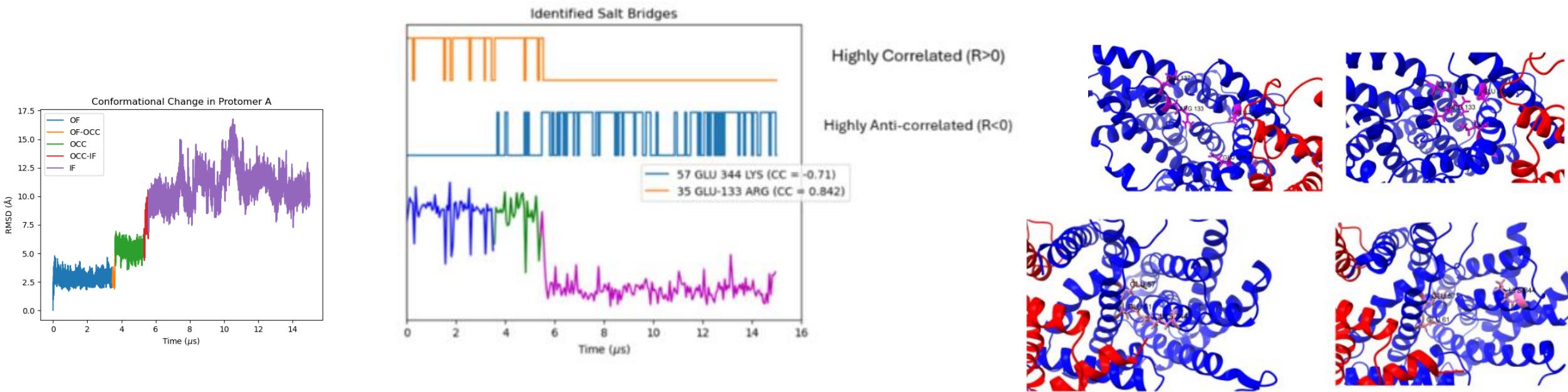


Dihedral Angles

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# tICA Slow Modes are associated with conformations



1. Can calculate modes from the combination of all possible salt bridges
2. Cross Correlations (CC) between mode shows association with conformations  $R = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} q_{sb}(t) \cdot u_{\text{mode}}(t) dt$
3. Acts as a “filter” for input time series (features).

# Appendix

$$\lambda_i = \exp\left(\frac{\Delta t}{\tau}\right)$$

