

# Using NMR to study Macromolecular Interactions

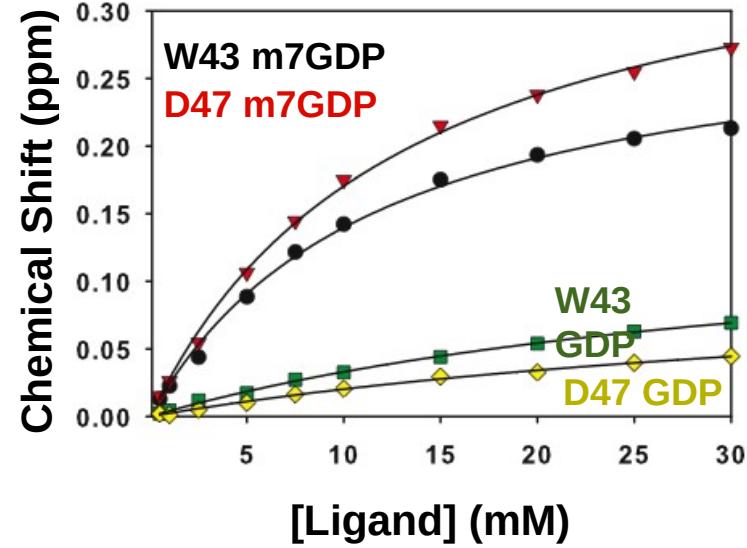
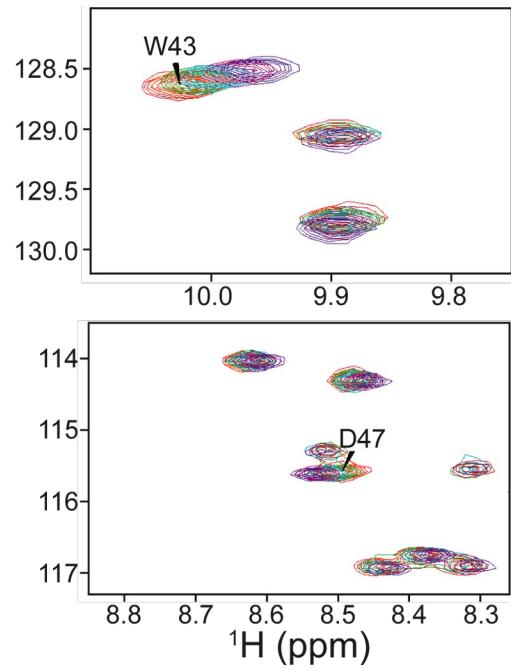
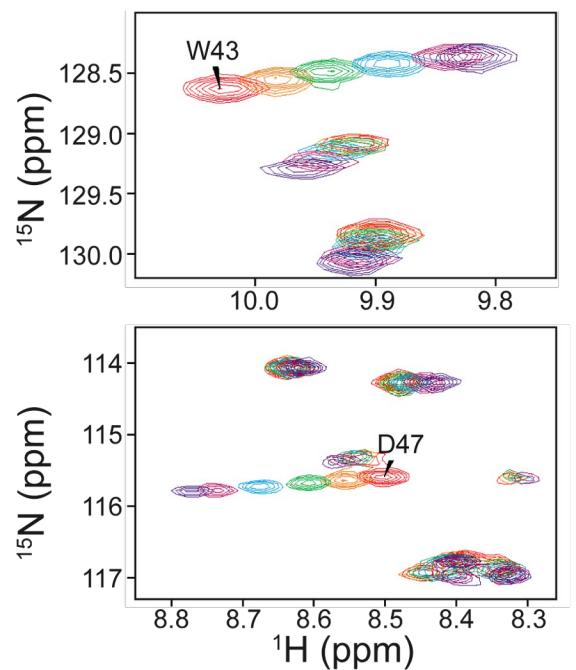
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# *Outline*

- Multidimensional NMR
- Macromolecular Interactions
- Dynamics
- Dealing with large complexes
- Structure Determination

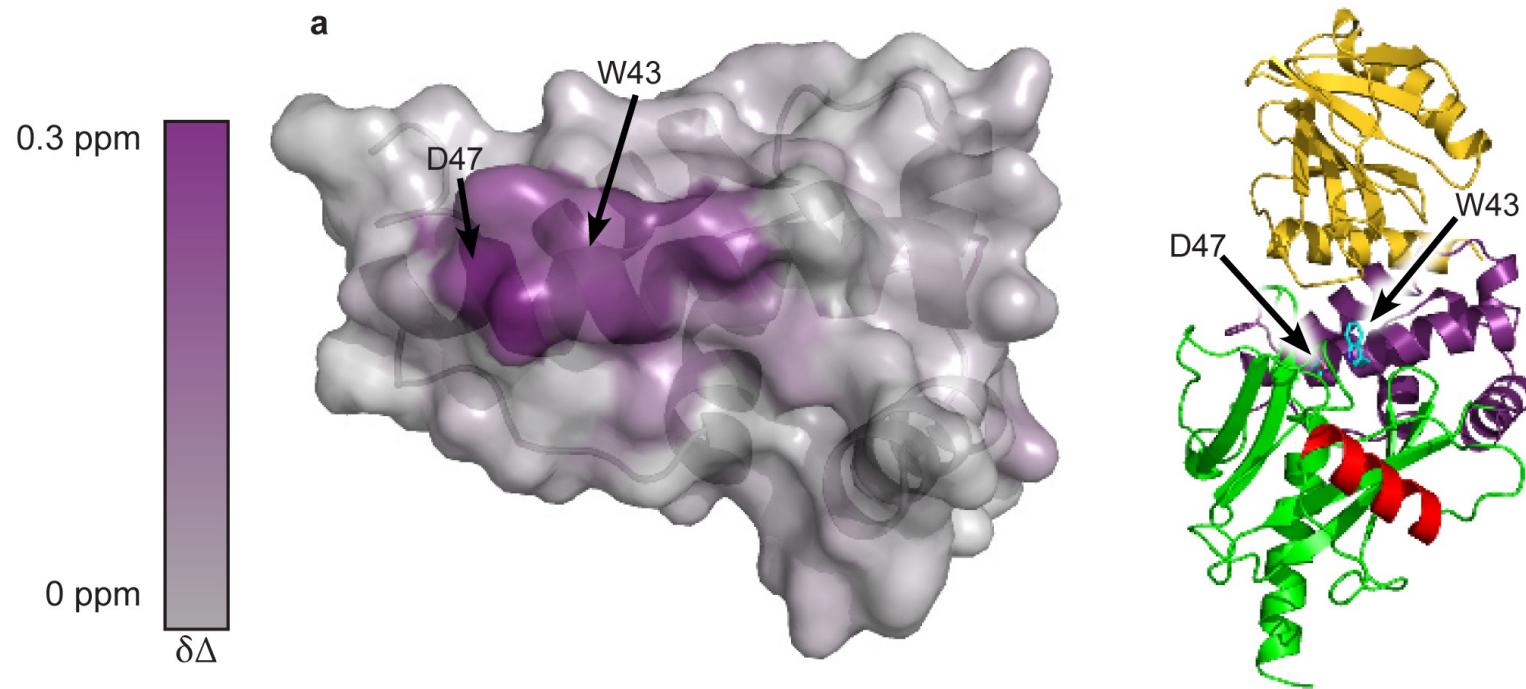
*Part II:*  
*Macromolecular Interactions Detected  
by NMR*

# *Binding of nucleotide to protein*



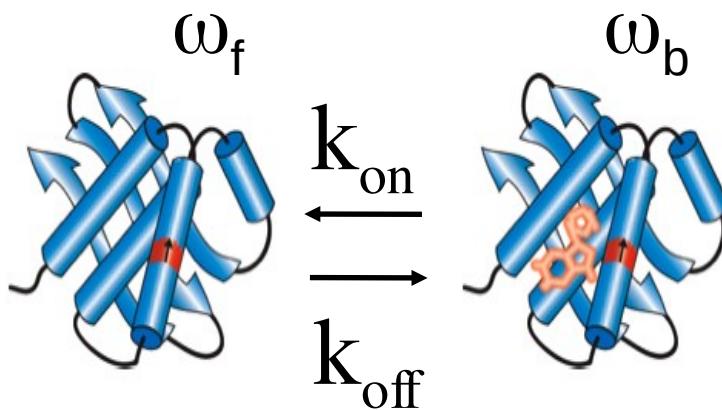
*Dose dependent resonance shifts can be fit to obtain  $K_d$*

*Shifts may be color coded onto surface to identify ligand binding site*



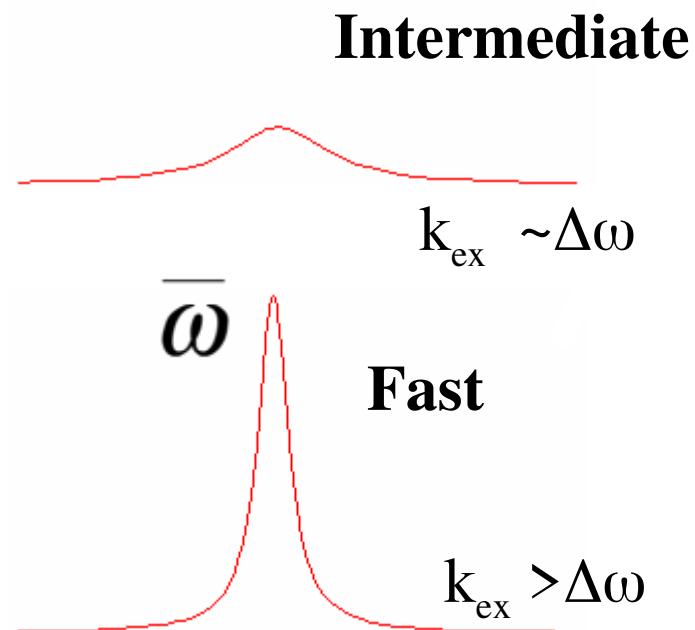
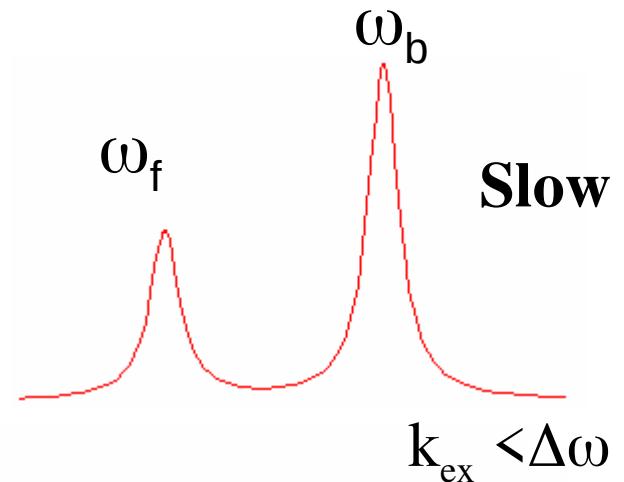
Caveats?

# *NMR to monitor ligand binding*



$$k_{\text{ex}} = k_{\text{on}}[L] + k_{\text{off}}$$

$$\Delta\omega = \omega_f - \omega_b$$

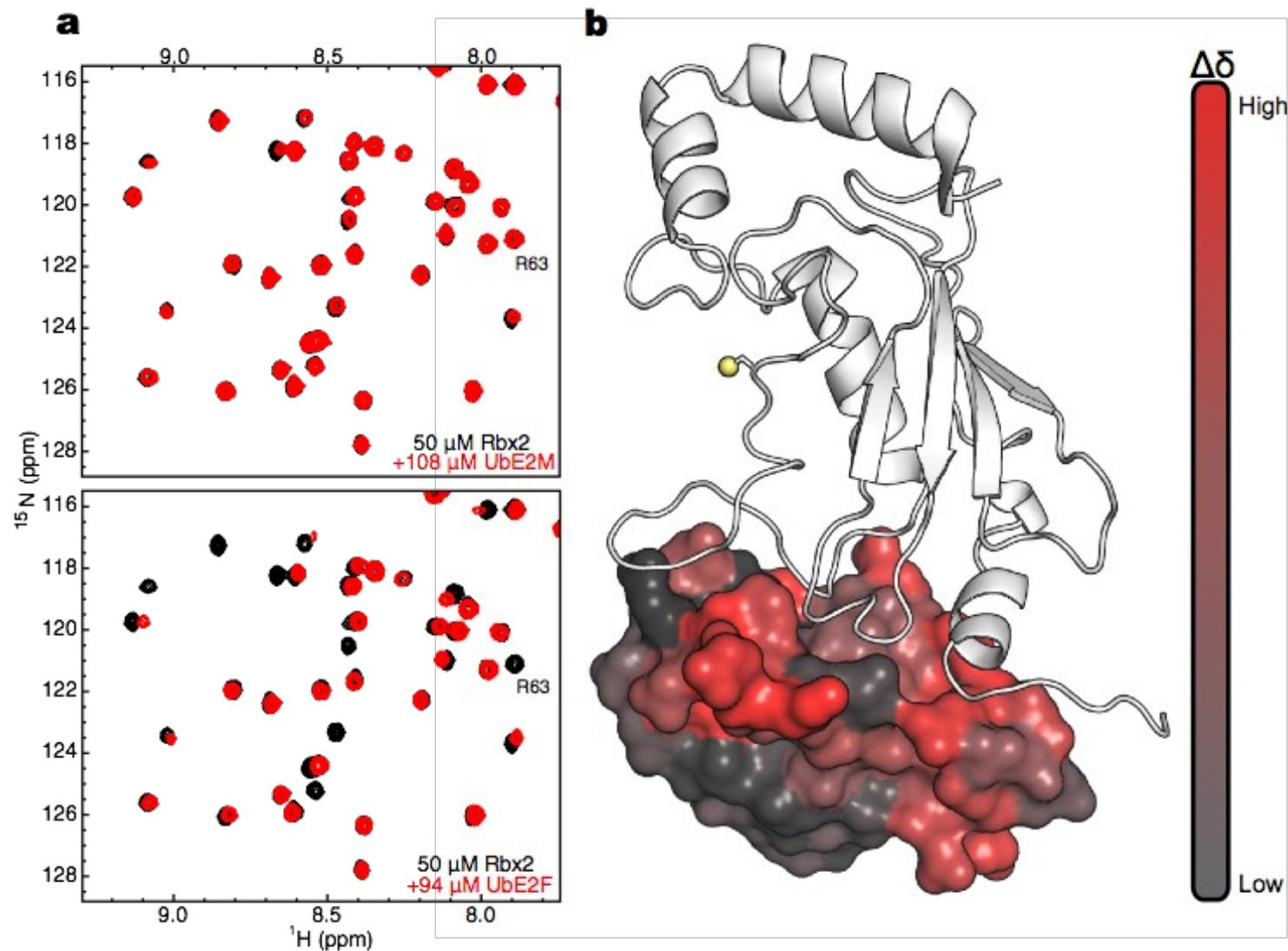


# Fraction bound of labeled protein

$$P_b = \frac{\bar{\omega} - \omega_f}{\bar{\omega}_b - \omega_f} = \frac{[L]}{[L] + K_d}$$

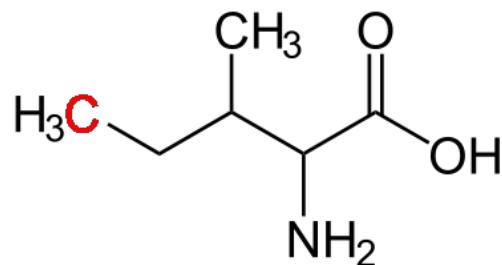
$\bar{\omega}$  : observed chemical shift

# *Monitoring Protein/Protein Interactions by HSQC*

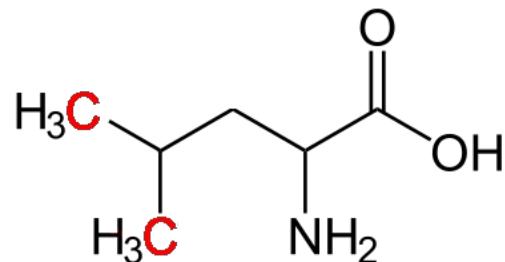


# *Sparse Labeling to Simplify Spectra*

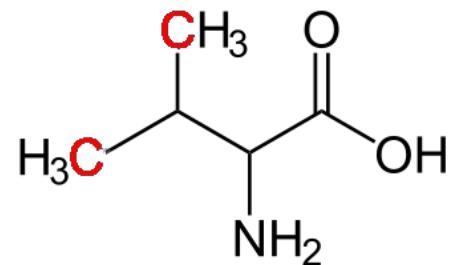
Selectively label R group methyls with C-13 (NMR visible)



Isoleucine



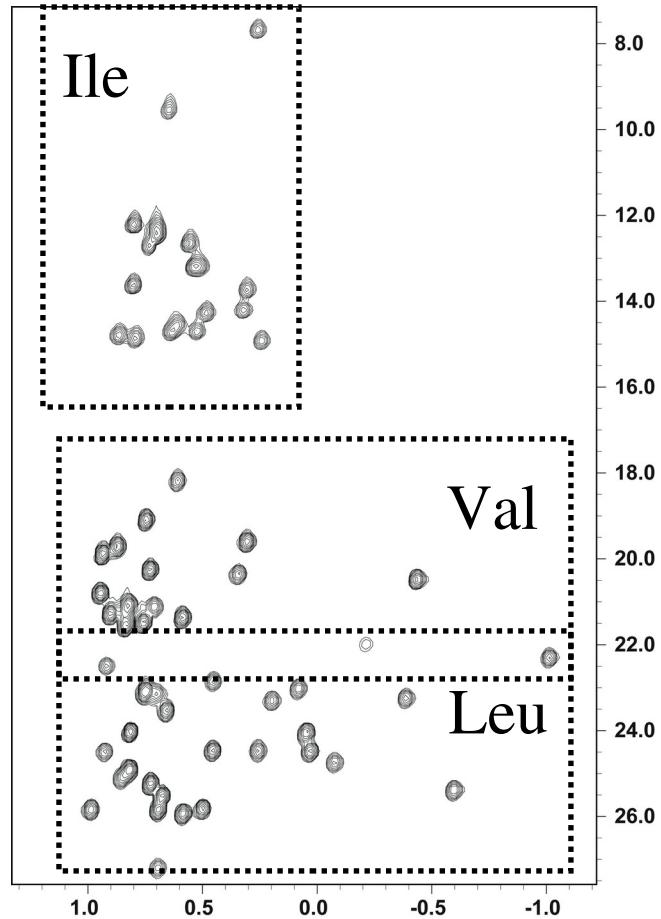
Leucine



Valine

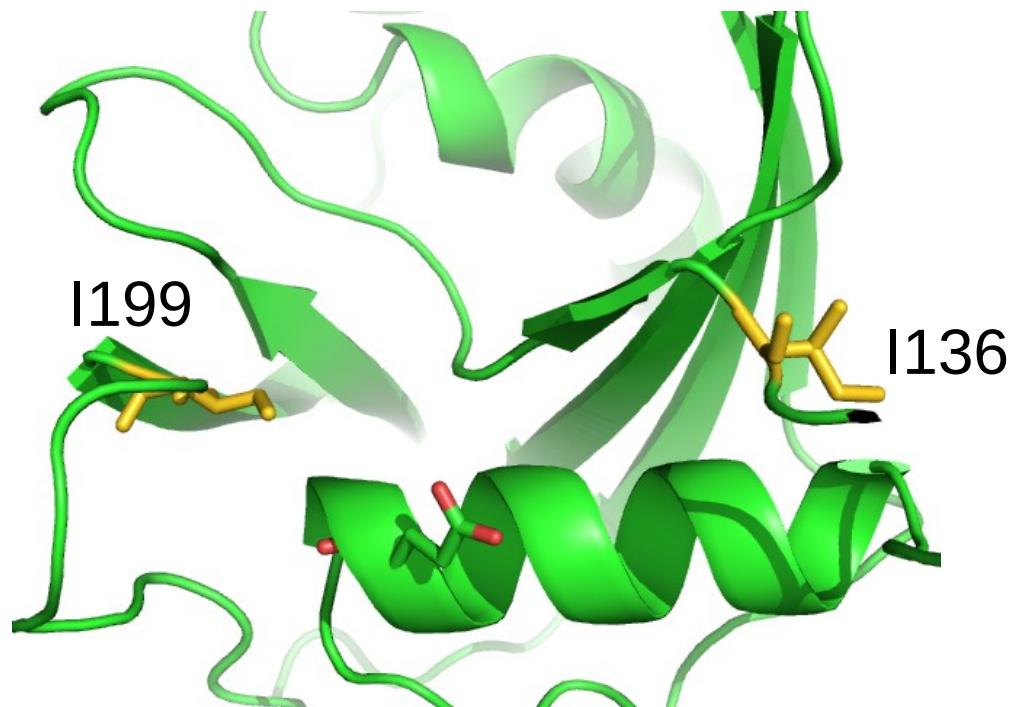
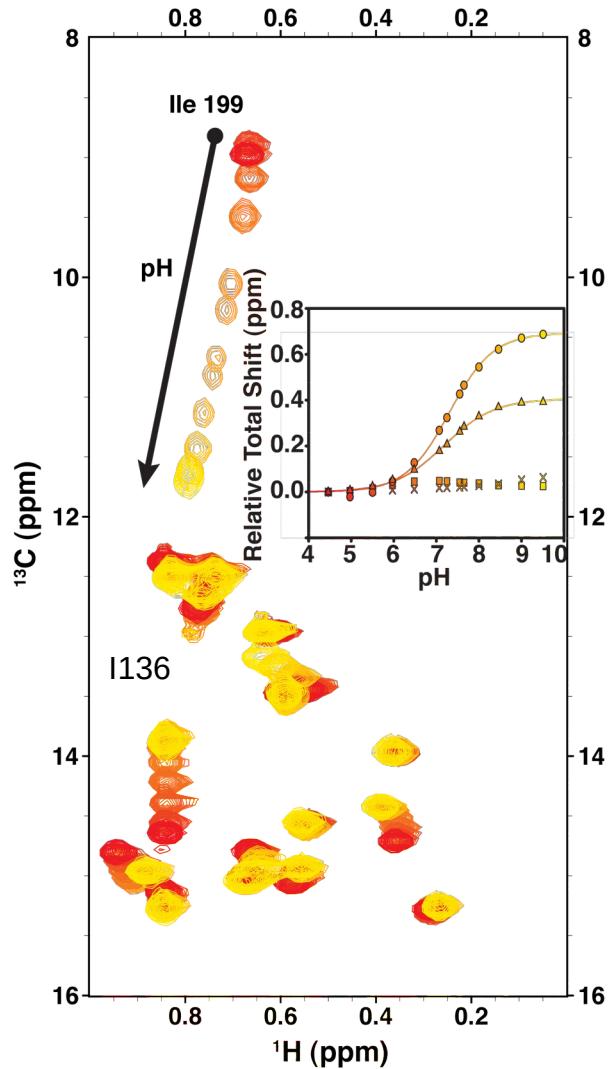
(add alpha-ketoacid precursors to ILV 30 minutes prior to induction )

$^{13}\text{C}$  HMQC of ILV labeled protein



# Measuring $pK_a$ by NMR

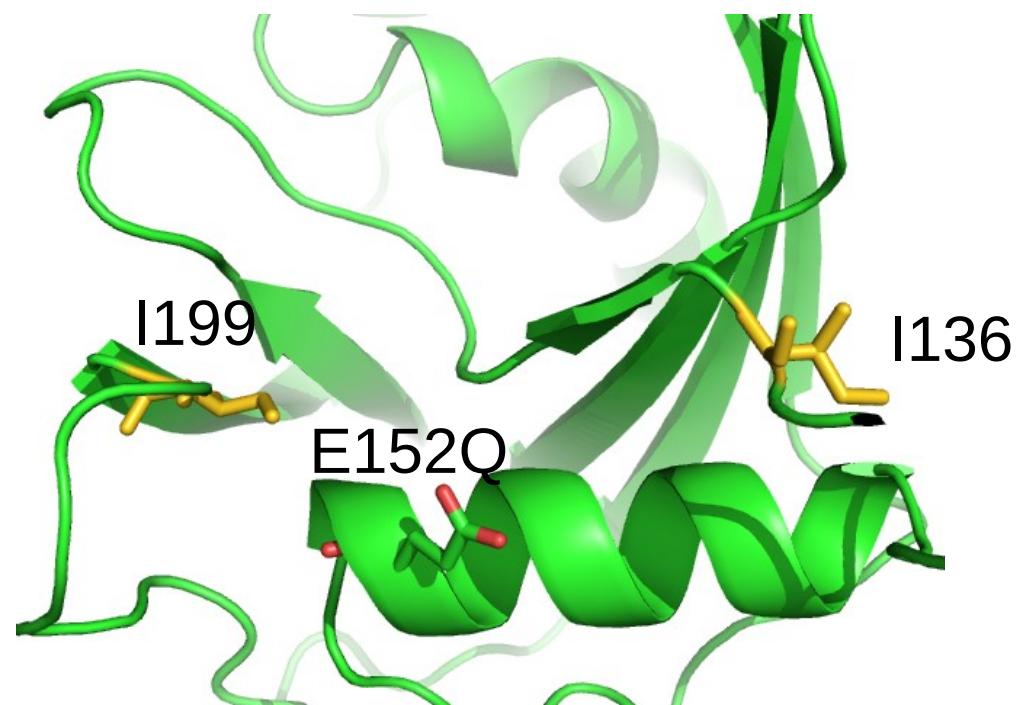
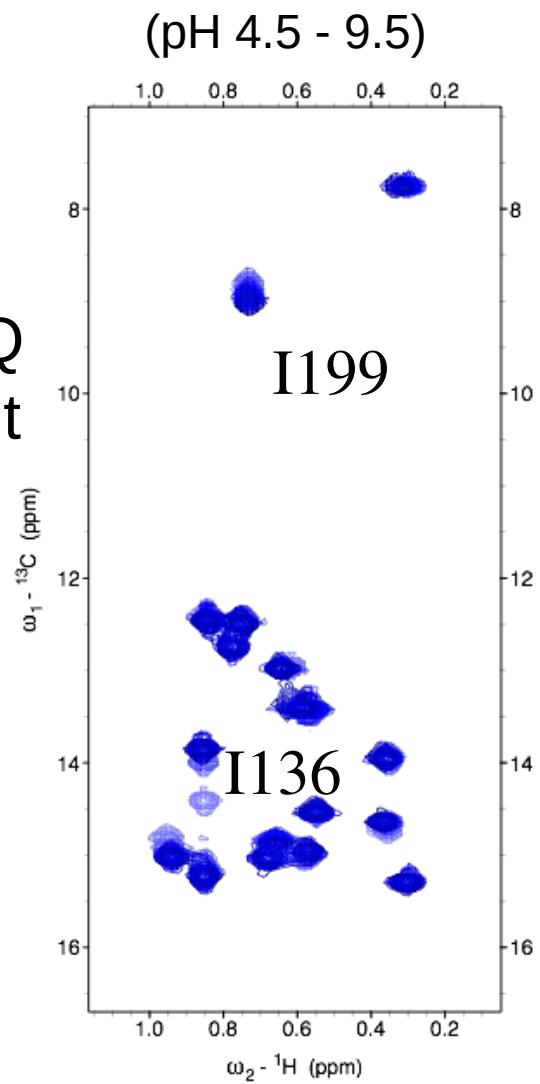
(pH 4.5 - 9.5)



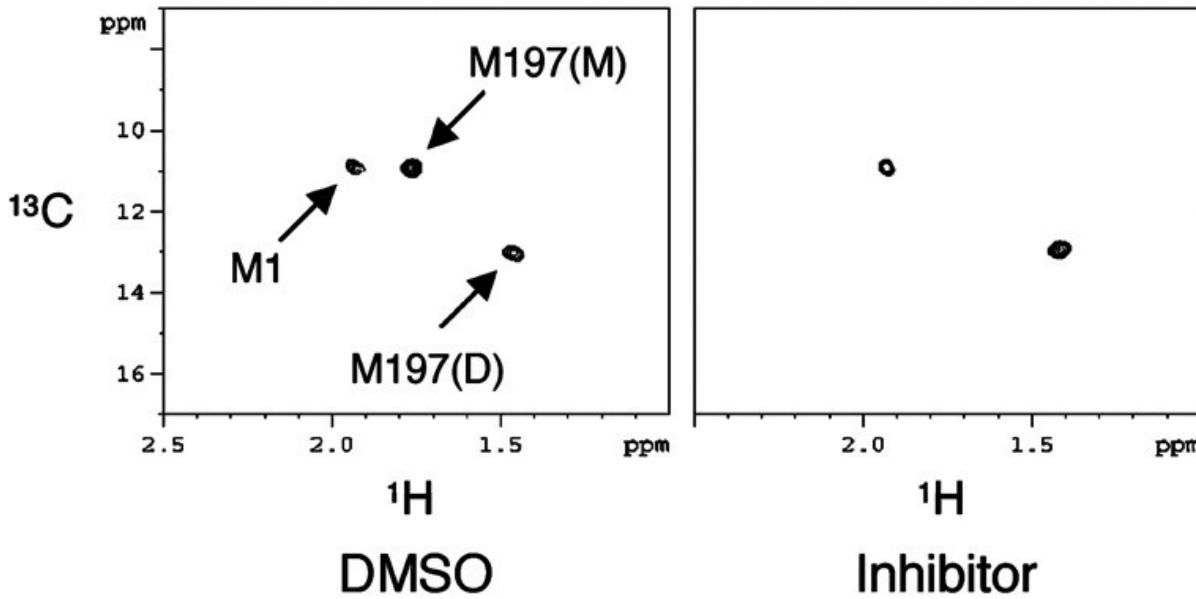
$pK_a$  of 7.2, elevated for Glu

*Identification of titratable residue by  
site-directed mutagenesis and NMR*

E152Q  
mutant



*Example of slow exchange:  
monomer-dimer equilibrium*



Inhibition of KSHV Pr  
stabilizes  
the dimeric conformation

Methionine specific labeling simplifies analysis