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Dynamics and mechanism of water-protein interactions

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Water-protein interactions are essential to biology and such interactions are not static but dynamic in nature. With femtosecond spectroscopy and site-directed mutagenesis, we have systematically investigated protein surface hydration dynamics and the actual time scales of their fluctuations. These new results are significant to understanding the physics of protein dynamics at the most fundamental level.