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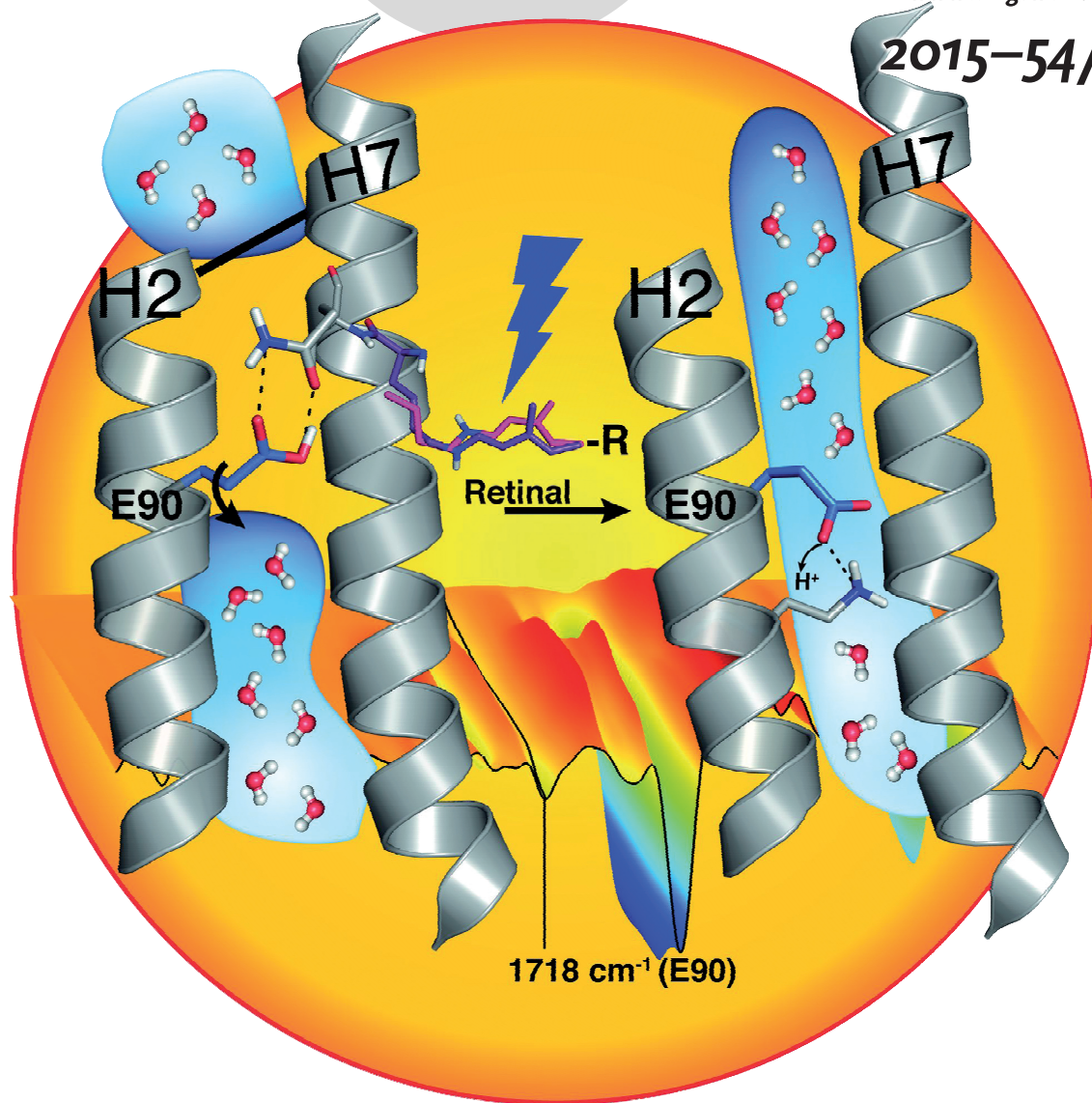
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The light-gated ion channel ...

... channelrhodopsin-2 (ChR₂) is the key protein in optogenetics. In their Communication on page 4953 ff., K. Gerwert et al. elucidate channel opening at a molecular level by a combination of time-resolved FTIR spectroscopy and molecular dynamics simulations.

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