

# **Crowded environments tune the fold-switching in metamorphic proteins**

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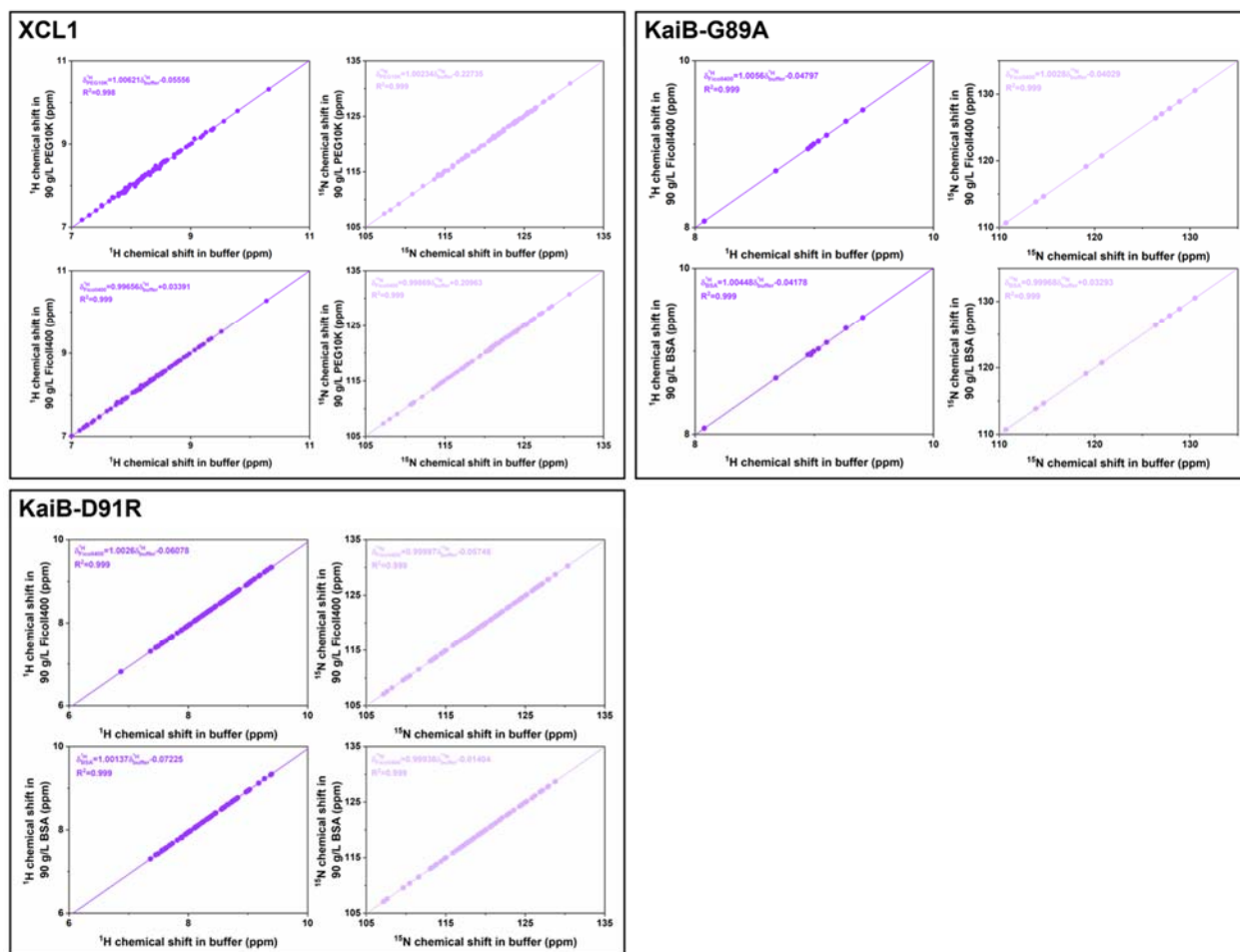
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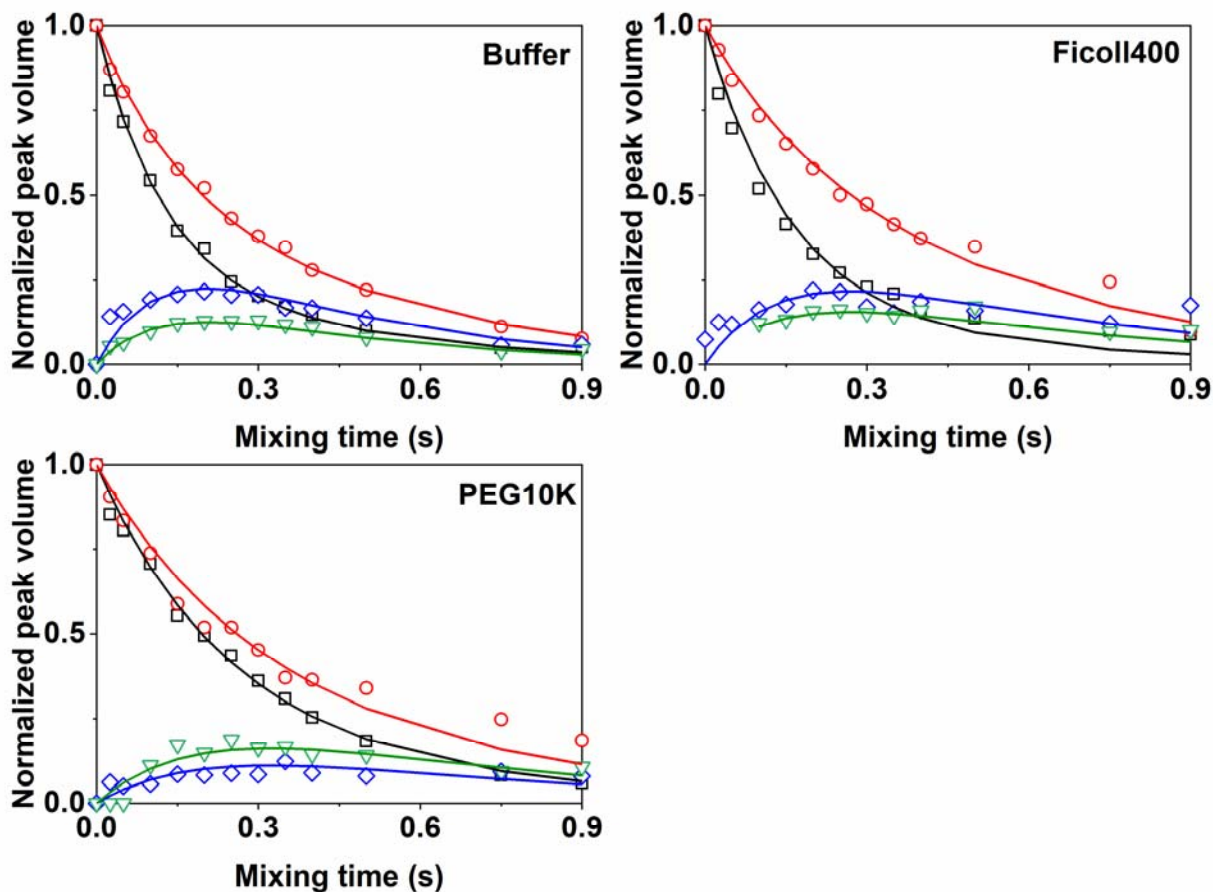
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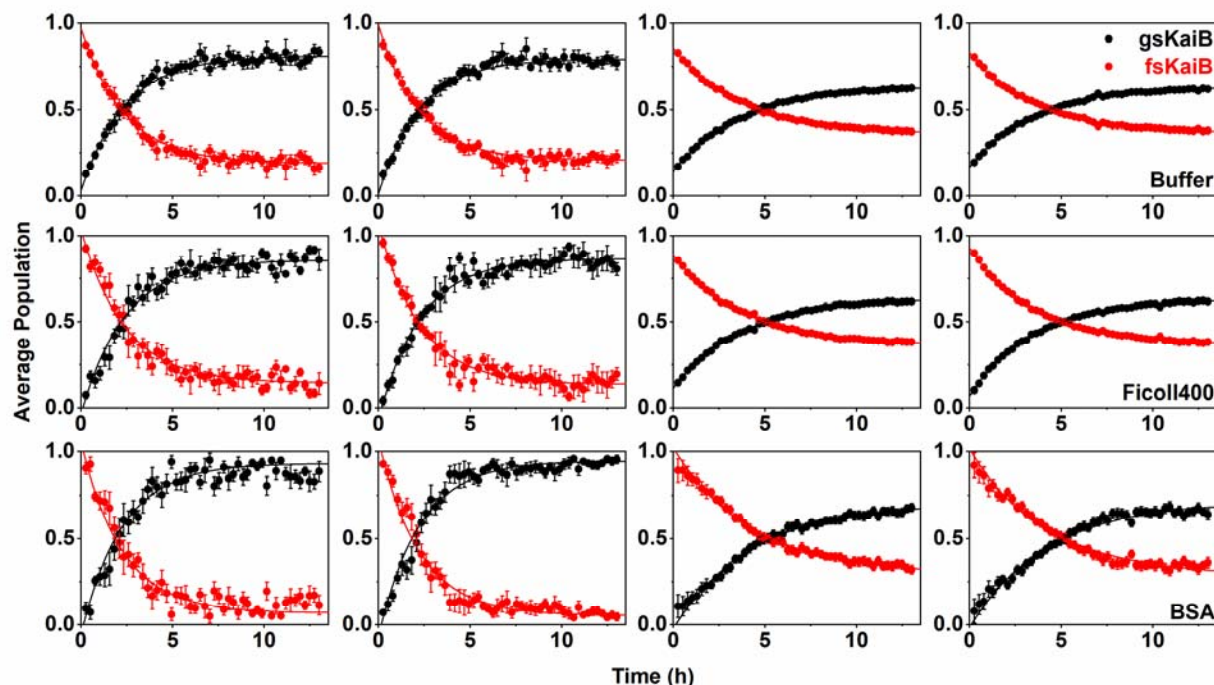
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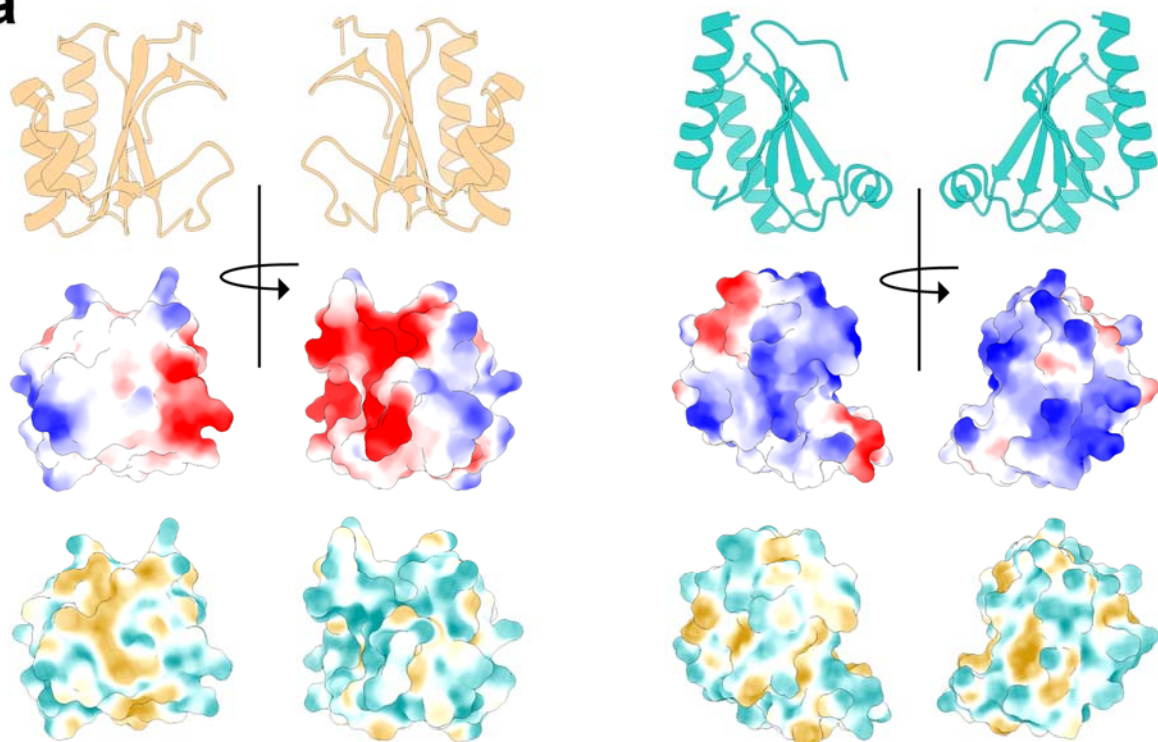
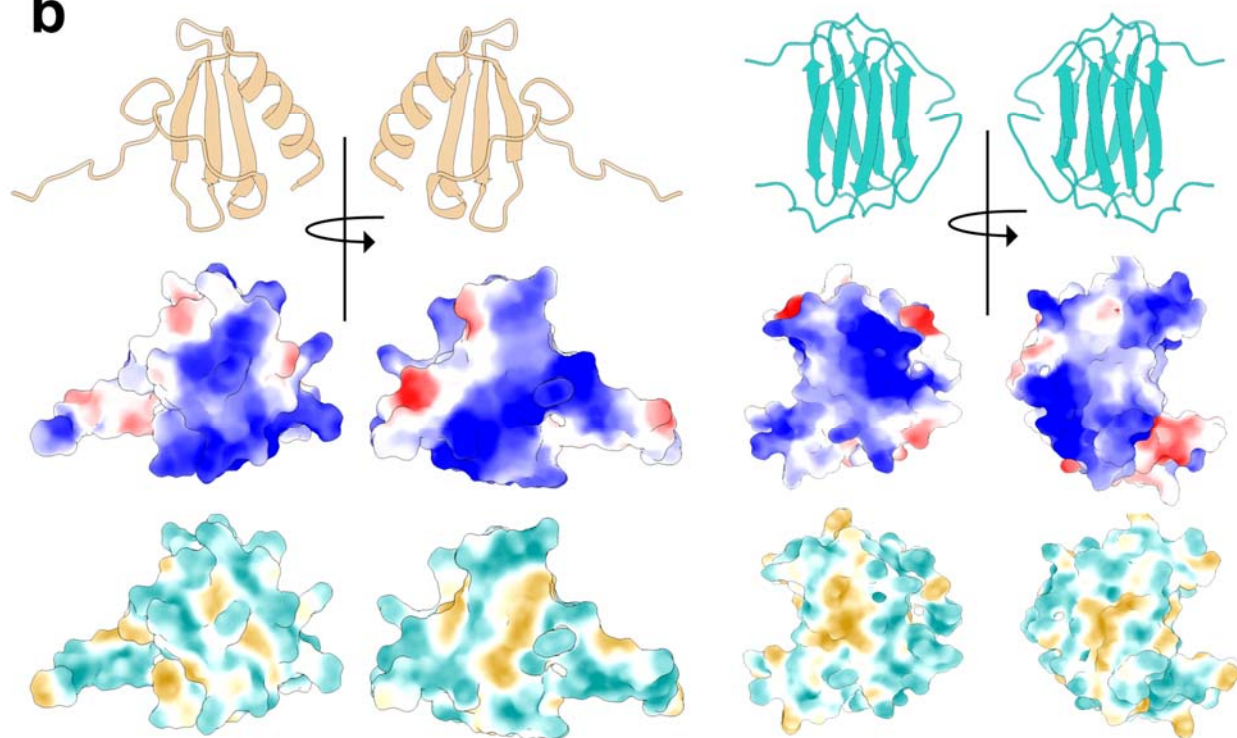
**Fig. S1 |  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{15}\text{N}$  Chemical shifts comparisons.** Perfect linear regression (all slopes equal to ca. 1) between  $^1\text{H}$  ( $^{15}\text{N}$ ) chemical shifts in buffer and that in crowded conditions. Dark purple and light purple are corresponding to the  $^1\text{H}$  chemical shift comparison and  $^{15}\text{N}$  chemical shifts comparison, respectively.



**Fig. S2 | The kinetics and thermodynamics of XCL1 metamorphosis in dilute buffer and crowded conditions.** Normalized ZZ-exchange peak volume plots for residue Gly44 of XCL1 in buffer, Ficoll400 and PEG10K. Black squares and red circles correspond to the Ltn10-like and Ltn40-like XCL1, respectively. Blue diamonds and green triangles correspond to forward interconversion from Ltn10-like XCL1 to Ltn40-like XCL1 and reverse interconversion from Ltn40-like XCL1 to Ltn10-like XCL1, respectively.



**Fig. S3 | The kinetics and thermodynamics of KaiB metamorphosis in dilute buffer and crowded conditions.** a, The populations of gsKaiB (black dots) and fsKaiB (red dots) of KaiB<sup>G89A</sup> (left two columns) and KaiB<sup>D91R</sup> (right two columns) variants were calculated from averaged HSQC peak volumes of reporter residues in buffer (upper), Ficoll400 (middle) and BSA (bottom) and are plotted as a function of time. All kinetic parameters and thermodynamic parameters were extracted by fitting these time courses of averaged peak volumes.

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**Fig. S4 | The electrostatic and hydrophobic analysis of two native states of metamorphic KaiB (a) and XCL1 (b).** **a**, top row: the ribbon diagram of gsKaiB (left, PDB ID: 2QKE) and fsKaiB (right, PDB ID: 5JYT); middle row: the electrostatic potential analysis of both KaiB states. Red for negative potential through the white to blue for positive potential; bottom row: the hydrophobic analysis of both KaiB states. Dark cyan corresponds to the most hydrophilic zone to white to dark golden represents most hydrophobic surface. **b**, top row: the ribbon diagram of Ltn10-like XCL1 (left, PDB ID: 1J8I) and Ltn40-like XCL1 (right, PDB ID: 2JP1); middle row: the electrostatic potential analysis of both XCL1 states, red for negative potential through the white to blue for positive potential; bottom row: the hydrophobic analysis of both XCL1 states. Dark cyan corresponds to the most hydrophilic zone to white to dark golden represents most hydrophobic surface. All calculations were carried out in ChimeraX.

**Table S1 | van der Waals volume calculation and solvent-accessible surface area calculation**

GETAREA <sup>1</sup>			
Ltn10-like XCL1 (1J8I)	5334.51 Å <sup>2</sup>	gsKaiB (2QKE)	6719.45 Å <sup>2</sup>
Ltn40-like XCL1 (2JP1)	7698.96 Å <sup>2</sup>	fsKaiB (5JYT)	6635.17 Å <sup>2</sup>
ProteinVolume <sup>2</sup>			
Ltn10-like XCL1 (1J8I)	6980.78 Å <sup>3</sup>	gsKaiB (2QKE)	11019.23 Å <sup>3</sup>
Ltn40-like XCL1 (2JP1)	12055.63 Å <sup>3</sup>	fsKaiB (5JYT)	10193.09 Å <sup>3</sup>

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