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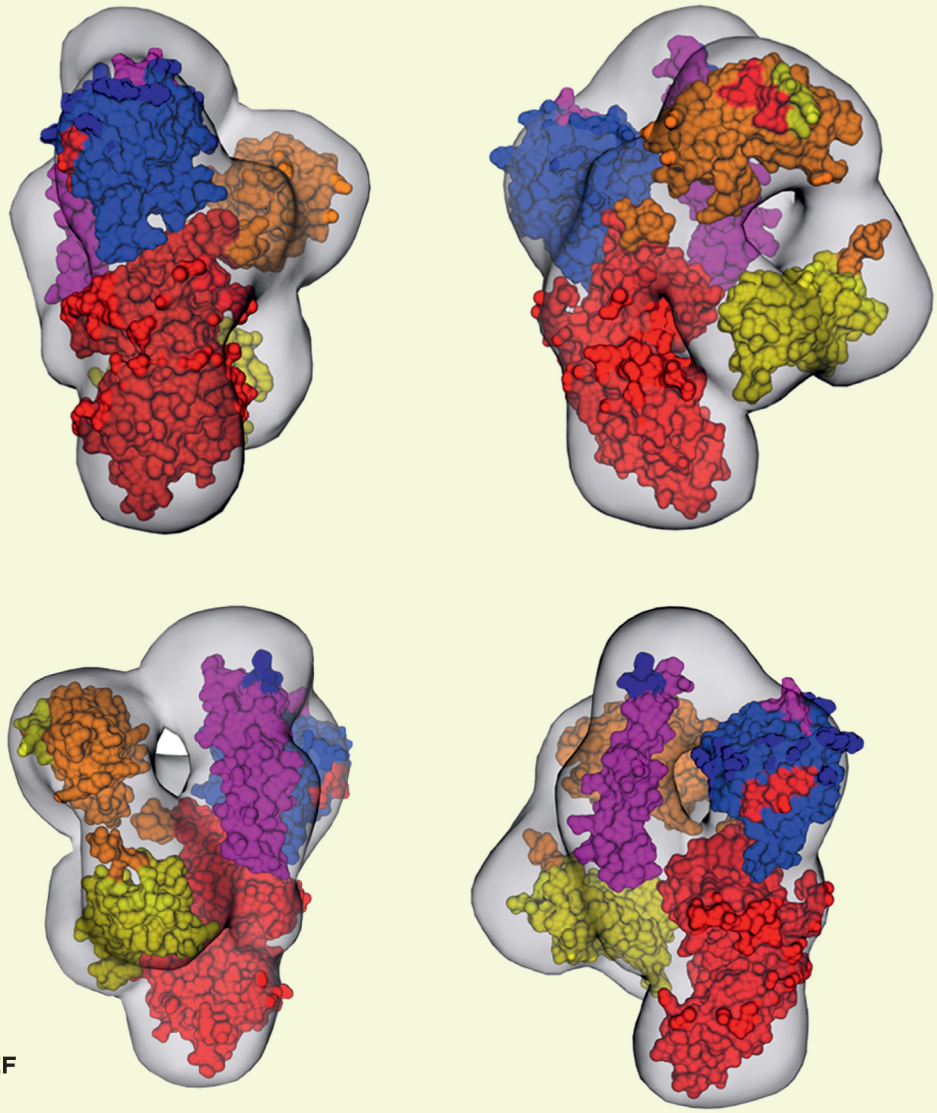

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The domain architecture of Rasal, a Ras/Rap dual GTPase-activating protein (GAP), has been unravelled by the combination of low-resolution negative staining electron microscopy 3D reconstruction and molecular docking of high-resolution structures of domain homologues, offering a more complete understanding of the role of these modular domains in the Ras/Rap dual-specificity mechanism. On the front cover four views of homologous 3D structures of the distinct Rasal domains and the C-terminus 3D model docked into the protein 3D reconstruction (as surface representation) are shown. Color code: yellow, C2A domain; orange, C2B domain; red, RasGAP domain; blue, PH domain; purple, C-terminus (Ct), which is not a defined domain by itself and shows no similarity to any known 3D structure. For more information see the article by Cuellar et al. on pp. 63–72 in this issue.
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