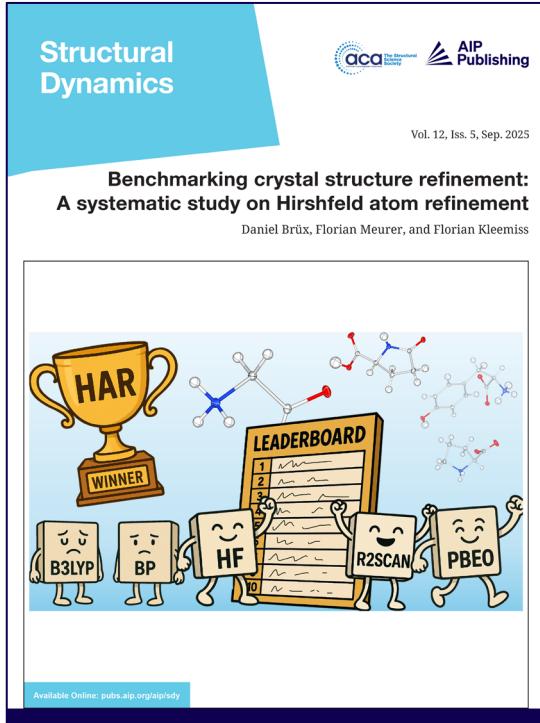


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# Engagement Opportunities with *Structural Dynamics*

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# About Structural Dynamics



**Structural Dynamics** (co-published with the ACA) is a peer-reviewed, open access journal that focuses on experimental and theoretical methods and techniques that explore characterization and dynamics of a broad range of compounds including macromolecules, organic and inorganic small molecules, organometallic complexes and bulk or layered materials.

# Why Support *Structural Dynamics*?



## Support the ACA

Structural Dynamics is the ACA's journal, and contributing to it directly supports the society.



## Bring the Community Together

Initiatives such as Special Topics help connect researchers and highlight emerging areas of science.



## Maximize Impact

As a fully open access journal, SDY ensures research reaches a global audience while allowing authors to retain copyright of their work



## Leadership & Visibility

Take advantage of opportunities for leadership and visibility while strengthening connections across the ACA community.

# Lead a Special Topic as Guest Editor

## Why Lead a Special Topic?

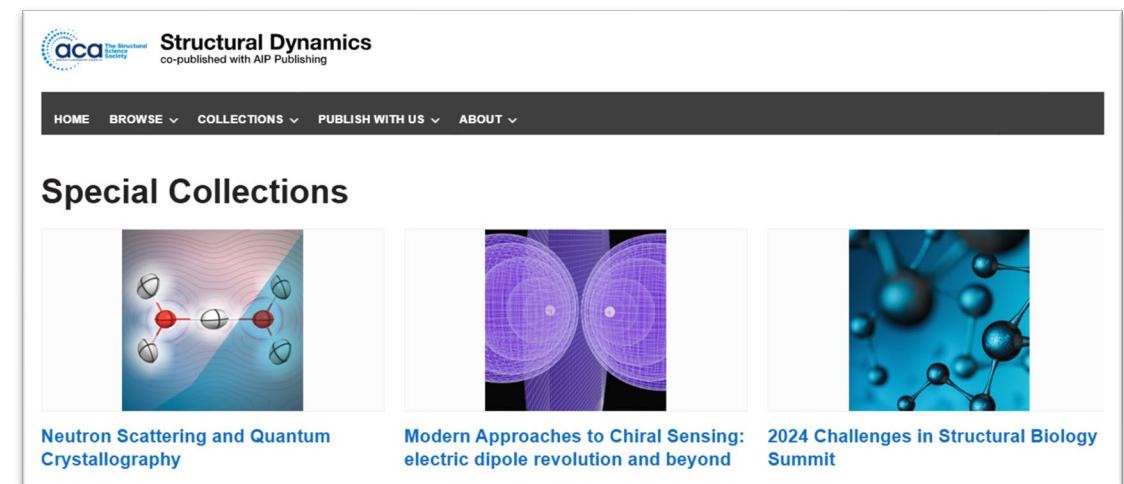
- Shape the conversation on the topics that matter most to your community
- Curate cutting-edge research from around the world in one focused collection
- Increase visibility and impact—authors benefit from being published alongside related work, boosting discovery and citations.

## What Does a Guest Editor Do?

- Define the **title** and **scope** of the Special Topic
- Recommend **authors** to invite and help maintain communication to encourage submissions.

## How to Submit a Proposal

- Prepare title, scope statement (100–200 words), 5–15 key topics or keywords
- Send proposals to:  
[StructuralDynamics@aip.org](mailto:StructuralDynamics@aip.org)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Structural Dynamics journal, co-published with AIP Publishing. The header features the ACA logo and the journal title "Structural Dynamics" with the subtitle "co-published with AIP Publishing". A navigation bar includes links for HOME, BROWSE, COLLECTIONS, PUBLISH WITH US, and ABOUT. Below the header, a section titled "Special Collections" is displayed, featuring three thumbnail images and their corresponding titles: "Neutron Scattering and Quantum Crystallography", "Modern Approaches to Chiral Sensing: electric dipole revolution and beyond", and "2024 Challenges in Structural Biology Summit".

# Become a Special Topic Ambassador

## What Is a Special Topic Ambassador?

- A **steward** for one of our open Special Collections within the ACA community
- Helps raise visibility and participation across SIGs and membership

## Your Primary Role

- Share a **short outreach message** with ACA members or relevant SIGs
- Encourage researchers to submit to the Special Topic

## Why Ambassadors Matter

- Invitations from a **familiar colleague** dramatically increase submission rates
- Authors are more likely to contribute when the request comes from someone they know
- Your involvement directly supports the success and impact of the collection
- Helps strengthen the journal's engagement with the ACA community

# Current Open Special Topics

If you are interested in serving as an ambassador for any of our open collections below, reach out to us at [StructuralDynamics@aip.org](mailto:StructuralDynamics@aip.org).

## **Tribute to a Lifelong Innovator: John Markley and the Evolution of Biomolecular NMR**

Guest Editors: Milo Westler and Art Edison

## **Neutron scattering and quantum crystallography**

Guest Editors: Xiaoping Wang and Anna Hoser

## **Liquid Phase UED and X-ray Scattering**

Guest Editors: Elisa Biasin and Thomas Wolf



# “Structural Dynamics Spotlight” at ACA Meeting

## Recognize Notable Talks

- Work with conference organizers to select notable talks
- Identify 10–30 standout speakers per session
- Award the designation “Structural Dynamics Spotlight” within the conference program

## Invite Spotlight Speakers to Publish

- Send an outreach to each Spotlight speaker
- Acknowledge their conference contribution
- Invite them to submit their work to *Structural Dynamics*



# Become a Peer Reviewer

## Already an Experienced Reviewer?

- Make sure you have an active account in our submission platform: <https://sd.peerx-press.org/>
- Keep your profile up-to-date — especially your research expertise and subject areas.
- The more complete your information, the easier it is for Editors to match you with suitable manuscripts.

## Interested in Learning How to Review?

- Visit our “How to Become a Reviewer” webpage for:
  - An overview of reviewer expectations
  - A recorded peer-review training
  - Guidelines and best practices for reviewing
  - An opportunity to sign up as an Engaged Reviewer

<https://publishing.aip.org/resources/researchers/publishing-academy/becoming-a-peer-reviewer-everything-you-need-to-know/>

# Thank you!

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