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Ivan and colleagues determined crystallographic structures of several important membrane proteins, including the bacterial nitrate sensor NarQ and sodium pump KR2. More recently, Ivan's work is aimed at developing methods of protein engineering, with the highlights being the development of a palette of fluorescent proteins for anaerobic imaging, development of a method for protein engineering based on NMR model, and the first demonstration of computational conversion of a membrane protein into a soluble one without loosing the function of the transmembrane domain.