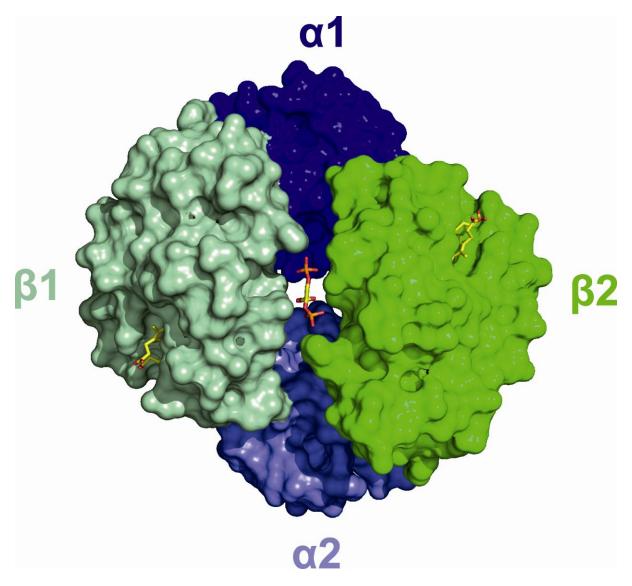


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**Figure S1** Two Cross-eyed Stereo views of the DTT ligand fitted in two alternative conformations within the ArnA central binding pocket. The  $2F_{obs}$ - $F_{calc}$  simulated annealing electron density map is shown as a grey mesh isosurface contoured on  $0.8\sigma$  level. The upper view is along the trimeric NCS axis, the lower view is perpendicular to the trimeric NCS axis.

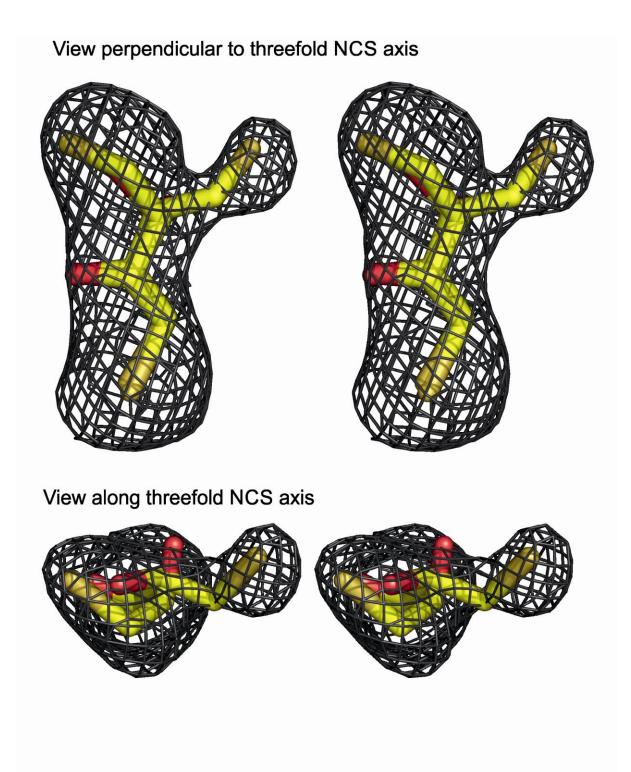


Figure S2 Crystal structure of the complex between deoxyhemoglobin and 2,3-BPG (PDB ID code 1B86). The two  $\alpha$  subunits are shown in shades of blue, the two  $\beta$  subunits in shades of green. The two heme groups bound to the two  $\beta$  subunits, each, are shown as stick model. In the center of the molecule, the bound 2,3-BPG effector is shown as a ball-and-stick model.