

Lecture 3

Protein Structure Prediction

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Why protein structure **prediction**?

	Y 2003	Y 2005
Sequences	1,000,000	millions
Structures	28,000	50,000

Why protein structure **prediction**?

	Y 2003
Sequences	1,000,000
Structures	300,000

Theory



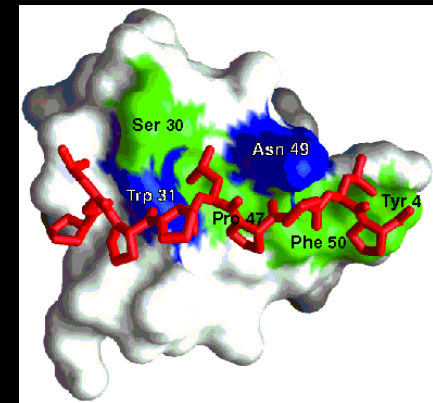
Experiment

<http://salilab.org/modbase/>

Function *via* Structure

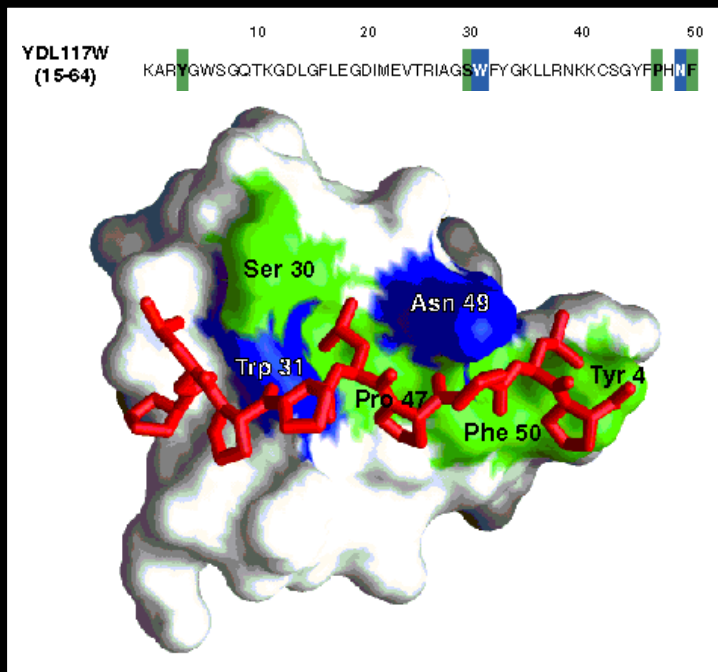
Sequence → Structure → Function

ASILPKRLFGNC



Why is it useful to know the **structure** of a protein, not only its **sequence**?

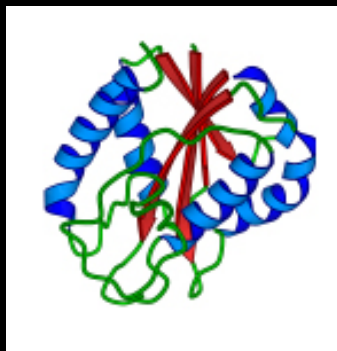
- The biochemical function (activity) of a protein is defined by its interactions with other molecules.
- The biological function is in large part a consequence of these interactions.
- The 3D structure is more informative than sequence because interactions are determined by residues that are **close in space** but are frequently **distant in sequence**.



In addition, since evolution tends to conserve function and function depends more directly on structure than on sequence, **structure is more conserved in evolution than sequence**

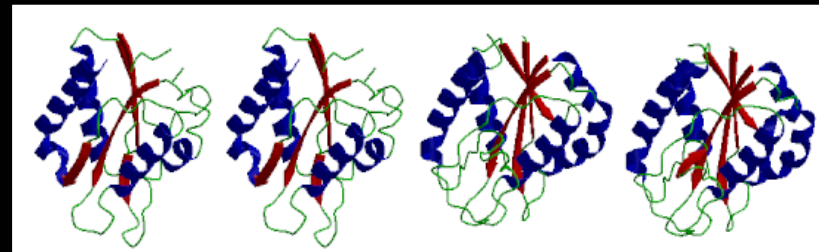
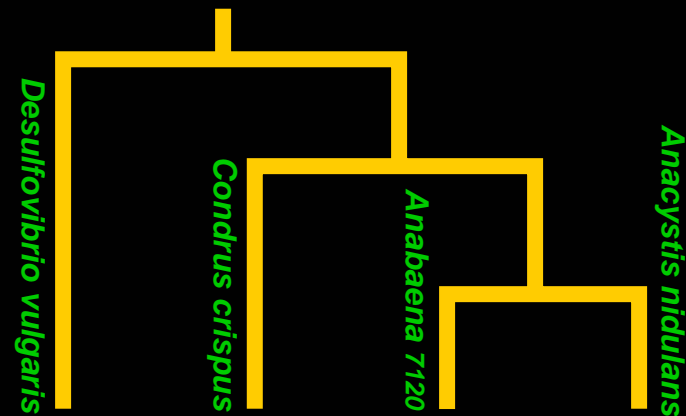
The net result is that **patterns in space are frequently more recognizable than patterns in sequence**.

Principles of Protein Structure



Folding

Ab initio prediction



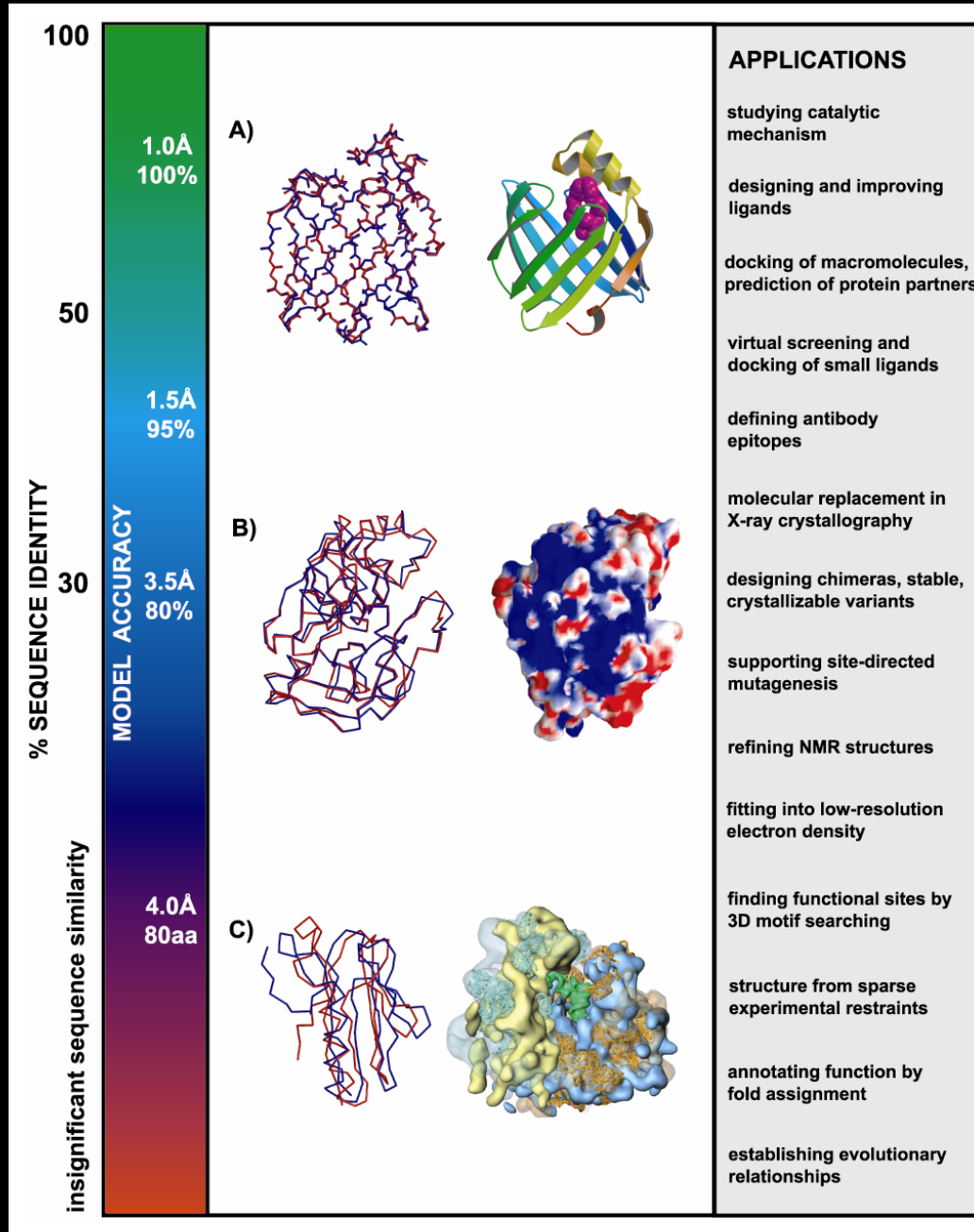
Evolution

Threading
Comparative Modeling

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Resolution ↔ Methods



A. Šali & J. Kuriyan.
TIBS 22, M20, 1999.

Methods for Protein Structure Prediction

- *Ab Initio*
 - *ROSETTA*
`[http://depts.washington.edu/bakerpg/]`
- *Threading – Fold assignment*
 - *THREADER*
`[http://www.hgmp.mrc.ac.uk/Registered/Option/threader.html]`
- *Comparative Modeling*
 - *MODELLER*
`[http://www.salilab.org/modeller]`

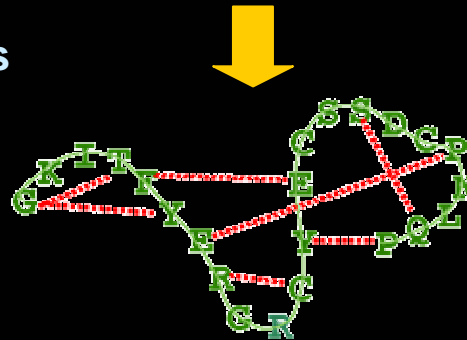
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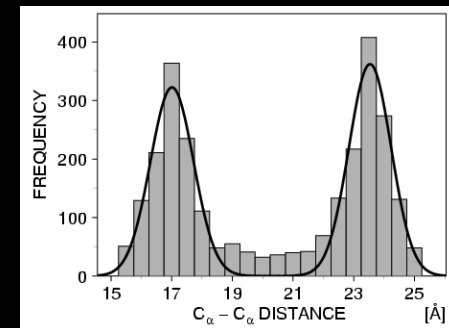
Comparative Modeling by Satisfaction of Spatial Restraints (MODELLER)

3D **GKI TFYERGFQGH CYESDC-NLQP...**
 SEQ **GKI TFYERG---RCYESDCPNLQP...**

1. Extract spatial restraints



2. Satisfy spatial restraints



$$F(R) = \prod_i p_i(f_i/l)$$

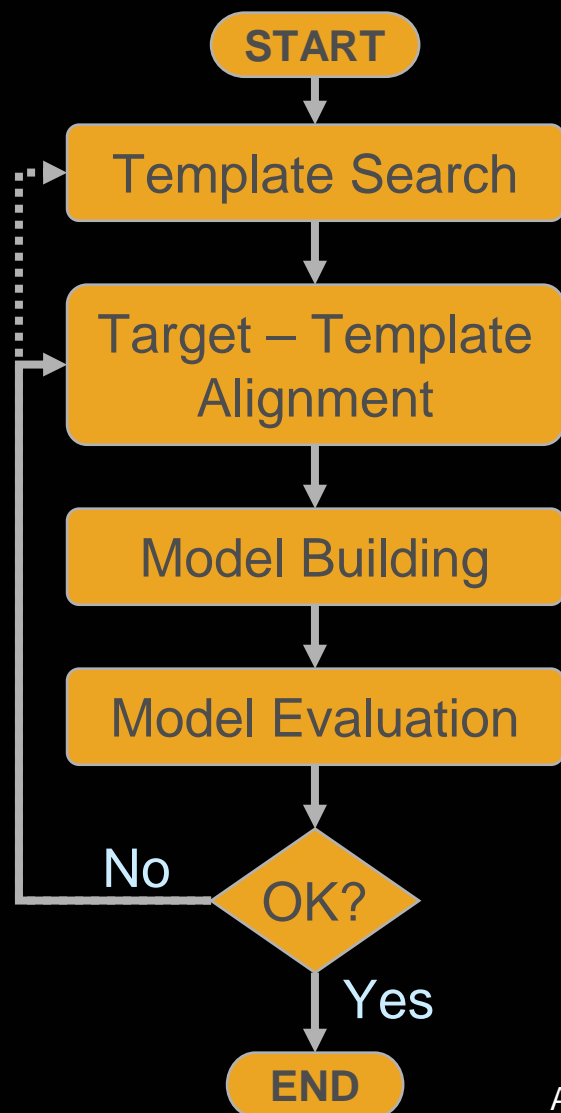
A. Šali & T. Blundell. *J. Mol. Biol.* **234**, 779, 1993.
 J.P. Overington & A. Šali. *Prot. Sci.* **3**, 1582, 1994.
 A. Fiser, R. Do & A. Šali, *Prot. Sci.*, **9**, 1753, 2000.

<http://www.saliilab.org/>

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Steps in **Comparative** Protein Structure Modeling



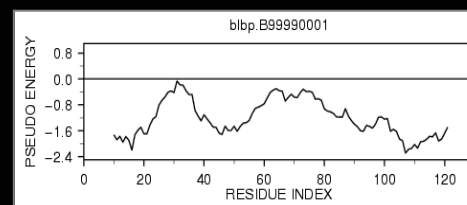
TARGET

ASI LPKRLFGNCEQTSDEGLK
I ERTPLVPHI SAQNVCLKI DD
VPERLI PERASFQWMNDK

TEMPLATE



ASI LPKRLFGNCEQTSDEGLKI ERTPLVPHI SAQNVCLKI DDVPERLI PE
MSVI PKRLYGNCEQTSEEAI RI EDSPV V---TADLVCLKI DEI PERLVGE



A. Šali, *Curr. Opin. Biotech.* 6, 437, 1995.

R. Sánchez & A. Šali, *Curr. Opin. Str. Biol.* 7, 206, 1997.

M. A. Martí-Renom *et al.* *Ann. Rev. Biophys. Biomolec. Struct.*, 29, 291, 2000.

Template Search Methods

- **Sequence similarity searches**
 - BLAST [<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/>]
 - FastA program [<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/fasta33/>]
- **Profile and iterative methods**
 - HMMs [<http://www.cse.ucsc.edu/research/compbio/HMM-apps/>]
 - PSI-BLAST [<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/>]
- **Structure based threading**
 - THREADER [<http://bioinf.cs.ucl.ac.uk/threader/>]
 - PROFIT [<http://www.came.sbg.ac.at/>]

Target – Template Alignment Methods

- **Dynamic Programming Pairwise Alignment**
 - ALIGN [<http://www.salilab.org/modeller/>]
- **Multiple Alignments,**
 - Psi-Blast [<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/>]
 - HMM [<http://www.cse.ucsc.edu/research/compbio/HMM-apps/>]
 - ALIGN4D [<http://www.salilab.org/modeller/>]
 - CLUSTALW [<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/clustalw/>]
- **Structure based approaches**
 - Threading [<http://bioinf.cs.ucl.ac.uk/threader/>]

Model Building Methods

- **Rigid Body Assembly**
 - COMPOSER [<http://www-cryst.bioc.cam.ac.uk/>]
- **Segment Matching**
 - SEGMOD
- **Satisfaction of Spatial Restraints**
 - MODELLER [<http://www.salilab.org/modeller/>]

Model Evaluation methods

- Stereochemistry

- PROCHECK/ WHAT-IF

[<http://www.biochem.ucl.ac.uk/~roman/procheck/procheck.html>]

- Environment

- VERIFY3D [http://www.doe-mbi.ucla.edu/Services/Verify_3D/]

- Statistical potentials based methods

- PROSAll [<http://www.came.sbg.ac.at/>]

- ANOLEA [<http://protein.bio.puc.cl/cardex/servers/index.html>]

http://www.salilab.org/bioinformatics_resources.shtml

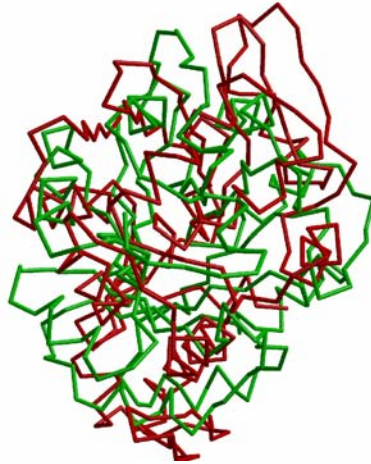
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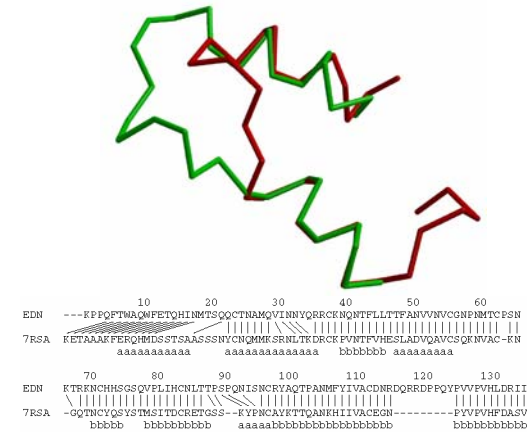
Typical Errors in Comparative Models

MODEL
X-RAY
TEMPLATE

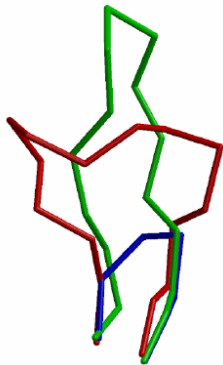
Incorrect template



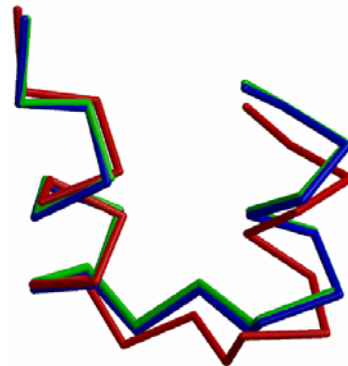
Misalignment



Region without a template



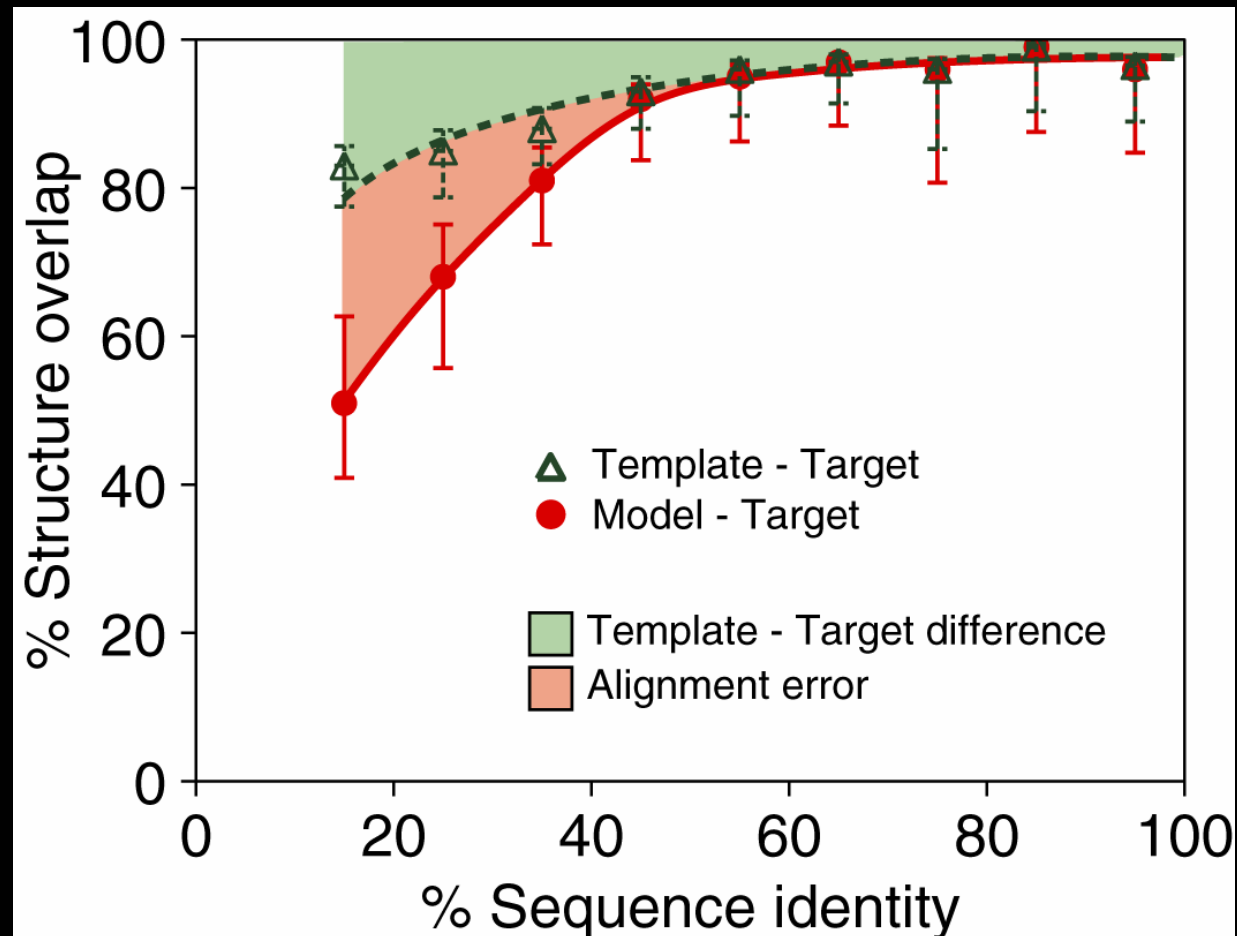
Distortion in correctly aligned regions



Sidechain packing



Model Accuracy as a Function of Target-Template Sequence Identity



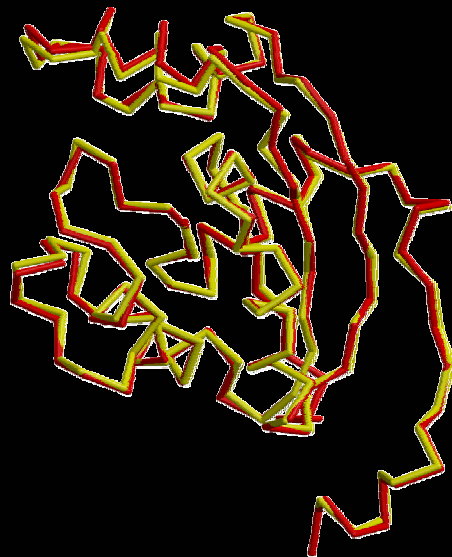
Sánchez, R., Šali, A. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A.* 95 pp13597-602. (1998).

Model Accuracy

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HIGH ACCURACY

NM23
Seq id 77%
C α equiv 147/148
RMSD 0.41Å

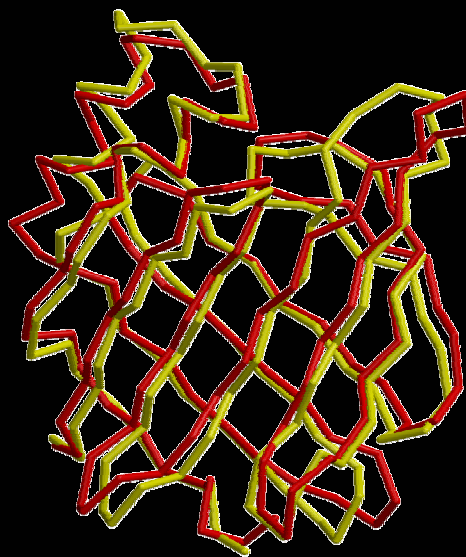


Sidechains

X-RAY MODEL

MEDIUM ACCURACY

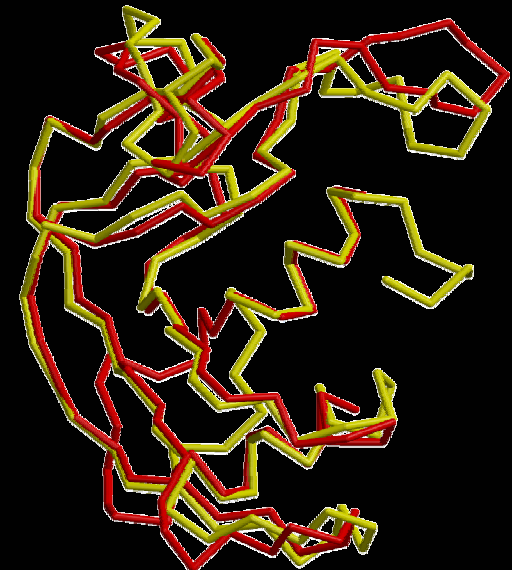
CRABP
Seq id 41%
C α equiv 122/137
RMSD 1.34Å



Sidechains
Core backbone
Loops

LOW ACCURACY

EDN
Seq id 33%
C α equiv 90/134
RMSD 1.17Å

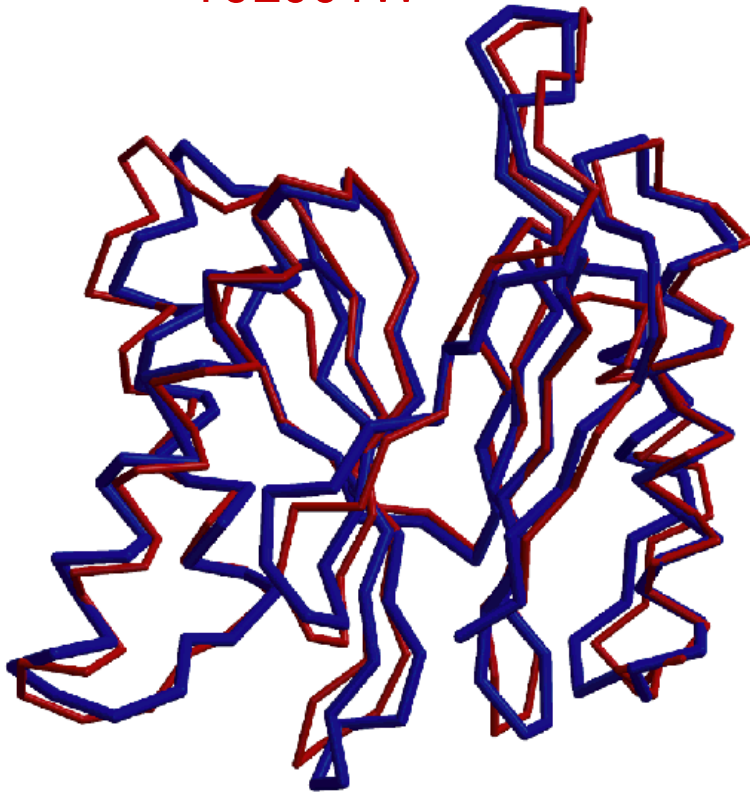


Sidechains
Core backbone
Loops
Alignment
Fold assignment

Some Models Can Be Surprisingly Accurate (in Some Core or Active Site Regions)

24% sequence identity

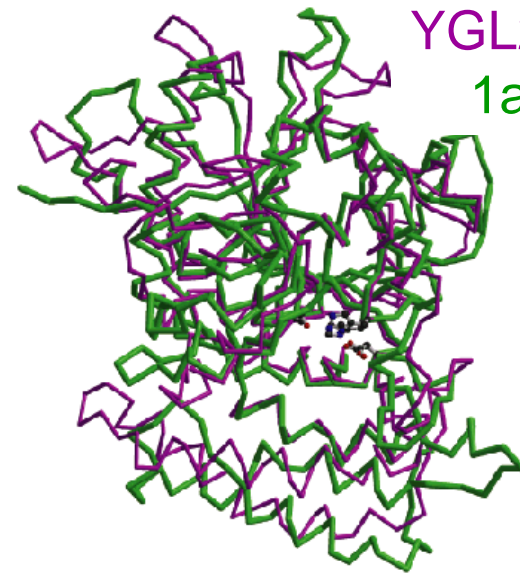
YJL001W



25% sequence identity

YGL203C

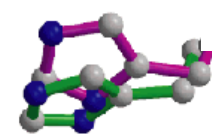
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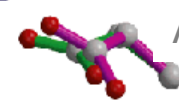
Ser 176



His 488



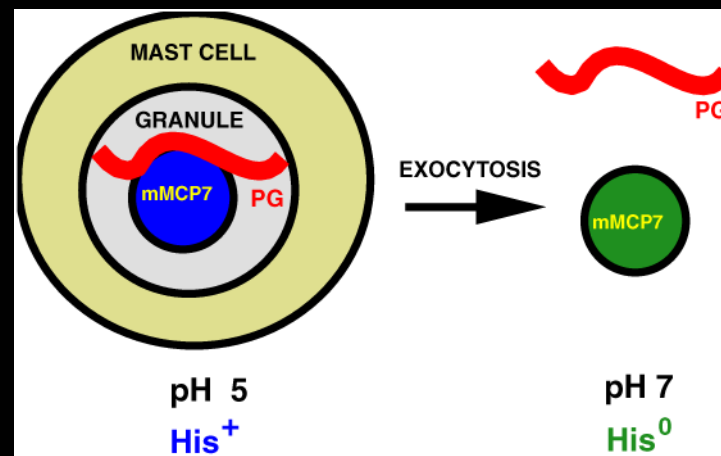
Asp 383



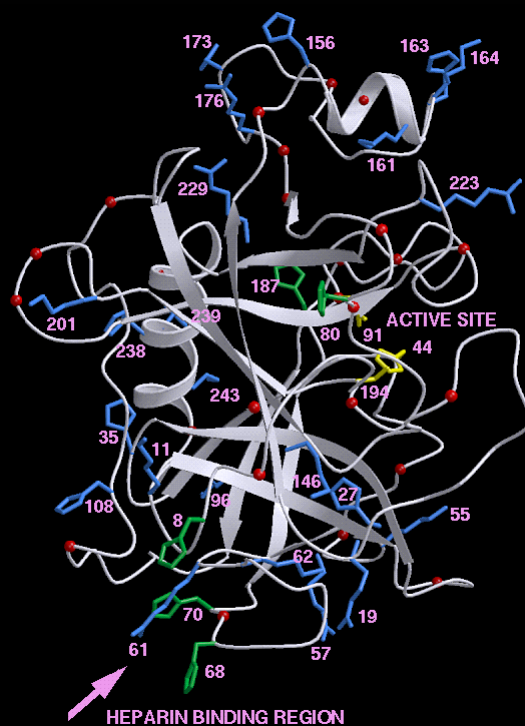
Do mast cell proteases bind proteoglycans? Where? When?

Predicting features of a model that are not present in the template

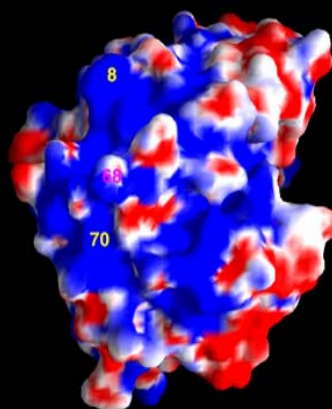
1. mMCPs bind negatively charged proteoglycans through electrostatic interactions?
2. Comparative models used to find clusters of positively charged surface residues.
3. Tested by site-directed mutagenesis.



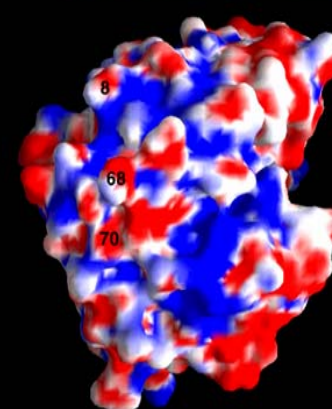
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Surface Potential: -2.570 -1.789 0.000 1.472 2.945 3.411

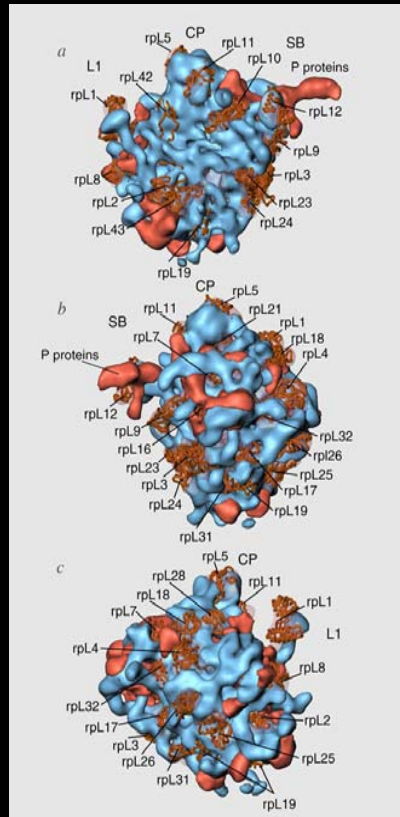
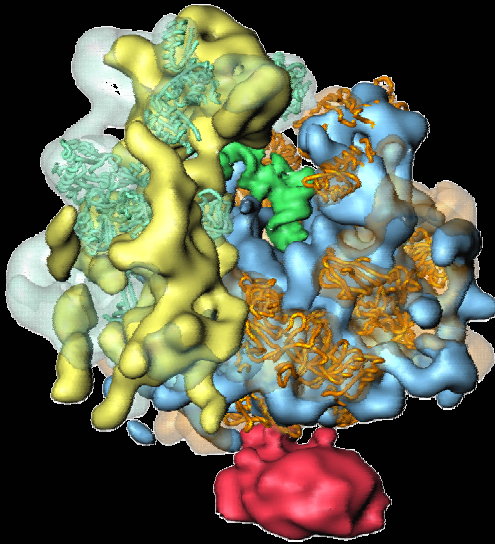


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Some Models Can Be Used in Docking to Density Maps

(Yeast Ribosomal 40S subunit)

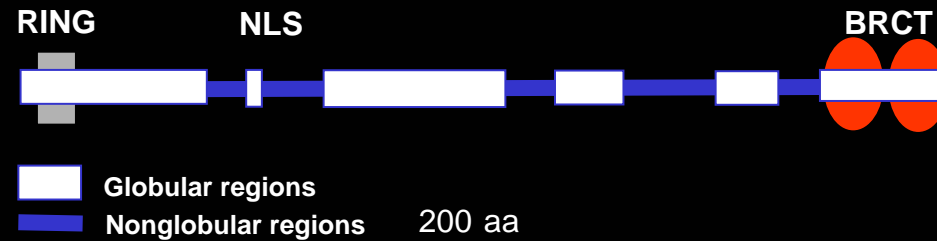


Docking of comparative models into the cryo-EM map.

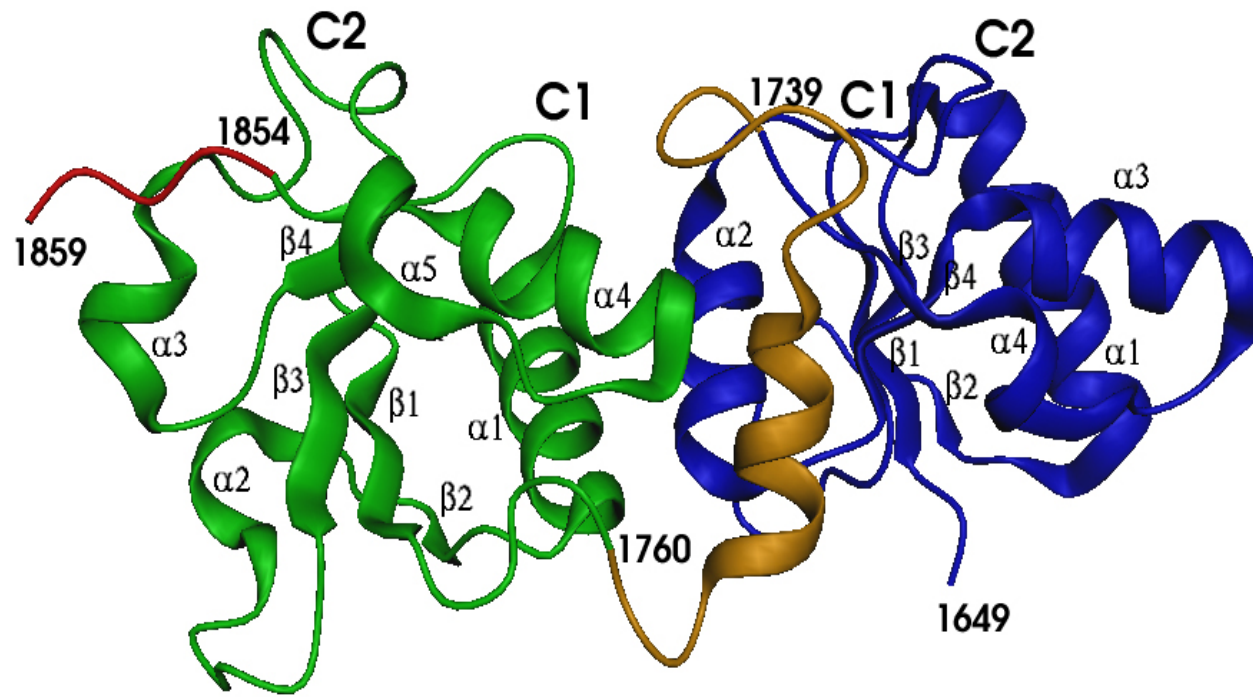
Spahn *et al.* 2001 Cell **107**:373-386

Small 30S subunit from *Thermus thermophilus*
Large 50S subunit from *Haloarcula marismortui*

Human **BRCA1** and its two **BRCT** domains (structural analysis of missense mutations SNPs)



BRCA1 BRCT repeats, 1jnx



Williams, Green, Glover. *Nat.Struct.Biol.* 8, 838, 2001

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BRACAnalysis™

Comprehensive BRCA1-BRCA2 Gene Sequence Analysis Result

Niecee Singer, MS
Strang Cancer Prevention Center
428 E 72nd St
New York, NY 10021

SPECIMEN
Specimen Type: Blood
Draw Date: n/a
Accession Date: Oct 27, 2000
Report Date: Nov 17, 2000

PATIENT
Name:
Date of Birth: Feb 02, 1953
Patient ID:
Gender: Female
Accession #: 00019998
Requisition #: 56694

Physician: Fred Gilbert, MD

Test Result

Gene Analyzed	Specific Genetic Variant
BRCA2	H2116R
BRCA1	None Detected

Interpretation

GENETIC VARIANT OF UNCERTAIN SIGNIFICANCE

The BRCA2 variant H2116R results in the substitution of arginine for histidine at amino acid position 2116 of the BRCA2 protein. Variants of this type may or may not affect BRCA2 protein function. Therefore, the contribution of this variant to the relative risk of breast or ovarian cancer cannot be established solely from this analysis. The observation by Myriad Genetic Laboratories of this particular variant in an individual with a deleterious truncating mutation in BRCA2, however, reduces the likelihood that H2116R is itself deleterious.

Authorized Signature:

Brian E. Ward, Ph.D.
Laboratory Director

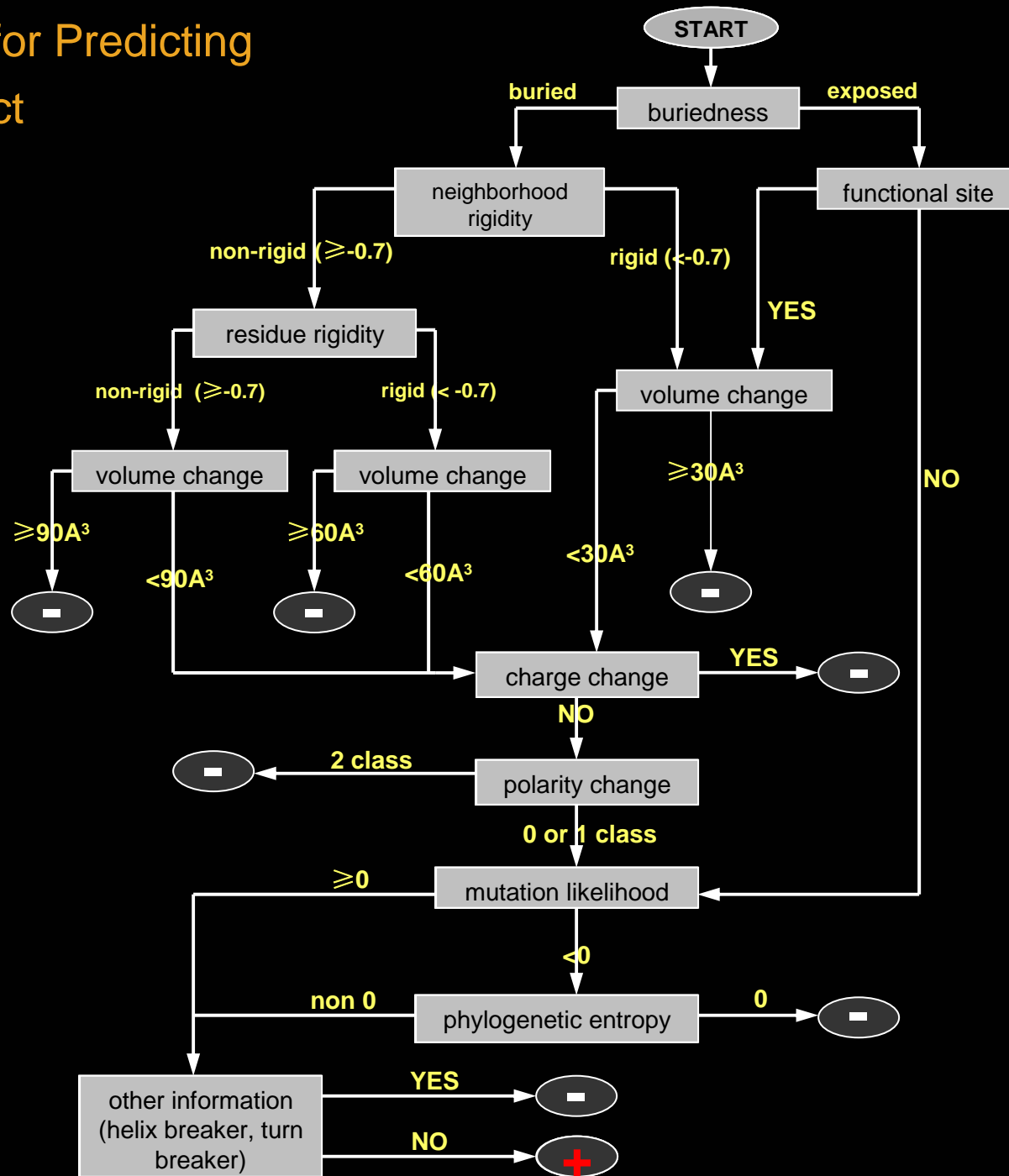
Thomas S. Frank, M.D.
Medical Director

These test results should only be used in conjunction with the patient's clinical history and any previous analysis of appropriate family members. It is strongly recommended that these results be communicated to the patient in a setting that includes appropriate counseling. The accompanying Technical Specifications summary describes the analysis, method, performance characteristics, nomenclature, and interpretive criteria of this test. This test may be considered investigational by some states. This test was developed and its performance characteristics determined by Myriad Genetic Laboratories. It has not been reviewed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The FDA has determined that such clearance or approval is not necessary.

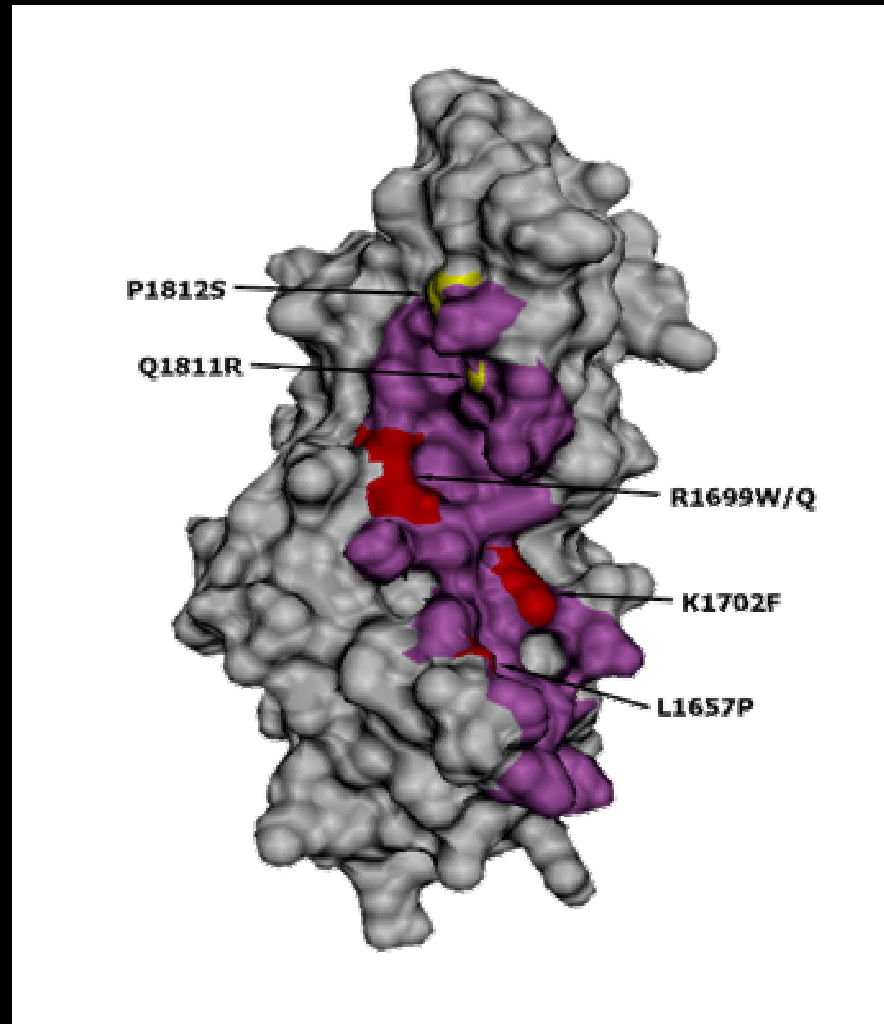
Missense Mutations in **BRCT** Domains by Function

	cancer associated	not cancer associated	?				
no transcription activation	C1697R R1699W A1708E S1715R P1749R M1775R		M1652K L1657P E1660G H1686Q R1699Q K1702E Y1703H F1704S	L1705P S1715N S1722F F1734L G1738E G1743R A1752P F1761I	F1761S M1775E M1775K L1780P I1807S V1833E A1843T		
transcription activation		M1652I A1669S		V1665M D1692N G1706A D1733G M1775V P1806A			
?			M1652T V1653M L1664P T1685A T1685I M1689R D1692Y F1695L V1696L R1699L G1706E W1718C	W1718S T1720A W1730S F1734S E1735K V1736A G1738R D1739E D1739G D1739Y V1741G H1746N	R1751P R1751Q R1758G L1764P I1766S P1771L T1773S P1776S D1778N D1778G D1778H M1783T	C1787S G1788D G1788V G1803A V1804D V1808A V1809A V1809F V1810G Q1811R P1812S N1819S	A1823T V1833M W1837R W1837G S1841N A1843P T1852S P1856T P1859R

“Decision” Tree for Predicting Functional Impact of Genetic Variants

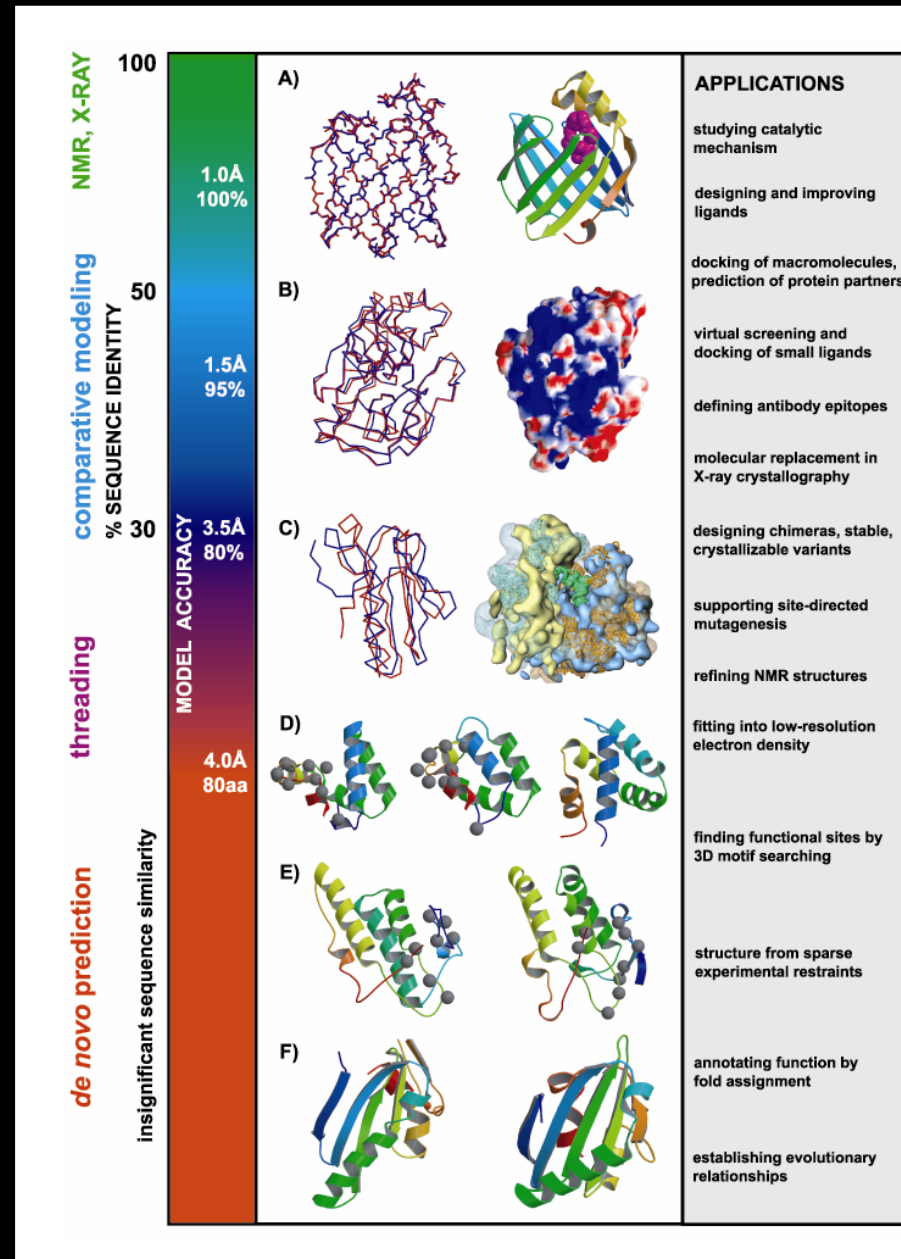


Putative Binding Site on **BRCA1**



RMSMVVSG**L**TPE**F**MLVYKFARKHHIT**L**T**N**LITEETHVVMKTDAEFV**C**ERT**L**K**F**LGIAAGGKWVVSFYFWVTQSIKERKM
LNEHDFEVRGDIVNGRNHQGPKRARESQDRKIFRGLEICCYGPF**T**N**M**PTDQLEWMVQLCGASVVKELSSFTLGTGVHPIV
VV**Q****P**DAWTEdNGFHAIGQMCEAPVVT**R**E**W****L**DSVALYQCQELDYLIPQIP

Applications of Comparative Models



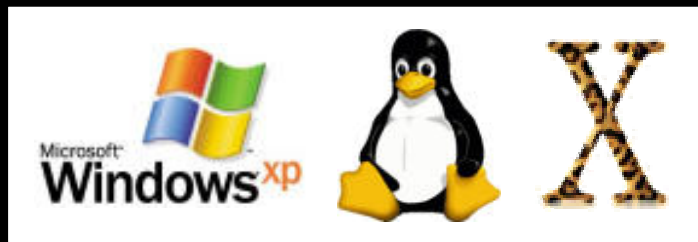
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Obtaining **MODELLER** and related information

- **MODELLER** (6v2) **web page**
- `http://www.salilab.org/modeller/`
 - Download Software
(Linux/Windows/Mac)
 - HTML Manual
 - Join Mailing List



Using MODELLER

- No GUI! 😞
- Controlled by command file (script) 😞😞
- Script is written in TOP language 😞😞😞
- TOP language is simple 😊😊😊😊

Using MODELLER

- INPUT:
 - Target Sequence (FASTA/PIR format)
 - Template Structure (PDB format)
 - TOP command file
- OUTPUT:
 - Target-Template Alignment
 - Model in PDB format
 - Other data

Example 1: Modeling of BLBP

Input

- ✓ Target: Brain lipid-binding protein (BLBP)
- ✓ BLBP sequence in PIR (MODELLER) format:

```
>P1;blbp
sequence:blbp:::::::::
VDAFCATWKLTDSONFDEYMKALGVGFATRQVGNVTKPTVIIISQEGGKVIRTQCTFKNTEINFQLGEEFEETSI
DDRNCKSVVRLDGDKLIHVQKWDGKETNCTREIKDGKMVTLTFGDIVAVRCYEKA*
```

- PSI-BLAST template search: Template: PDB file 1HMS:_

Example 1: Modeling of BLBP

STEP 1: Align **blbp** and **1hms** sequences

TOP script for target-template alignment

```
READ_MODEL FILE = '1hms.pdb'  
SEQUENCE_TO_ALI ALIGN_CODES = '1hms'  
READ_ALIGNMENT FILE = 'blbp.seq', ALIGN_CODES = 'blbp', ADD_SEQUENCE = on  
ALIGN  
WRITE_ALIGNMENT FILE='blbp-1hms.ali', ALIGNMENT_FORMAT = 'PIR'  
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Output

```
>P1;1hms
```

```
structureX:1hms: 1 : : 131 : :undefined:undefined:-1.00:-1.00
```

```
VDAFLGTWKLVD SKNFDDYMKSLGVGFATRQVASMTKPTTIEKNGDILTLKTHSTFKNTEISFKLGVEFDETTA  
DDRKVKSIVTLDGGKLVHLQKWDGQETTLVRELIDGKLILTLTHGTAVCTRTRYEKE*
```

```
>P1;blbp
```

```
sequence:blbp: : : : : : 0.00: 0.00
```

```
VDAFCATWKLTD SQNFDEYMKALGVGFATRQVGNVTKPTVIISQEGGKVIRTQCTFKNTEINFQLGEEFEETSI  
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structureX:1hms:    1 : : 131 : :undefined:undefined:-1.00:-1.00
VDAFLGTWKLVD SKNFDDYMKSLGVGFATRQVASMTKPTTIEKNGDILTLKTHSTFKNTEISFKLGVEFDETTA
DDRKVKSIVTLDGGKLVHLQKWDGQETTLVRELIDGKLILTLTHGTAVCTRTRYEKE*

>P1;blbp
sequence:blbp:      : :      : : : : 0.00: 0.00
VDAFCATWKLTD SQNFDEYMKALGVGFATRQVG NVTKPTVIISQEGGKV VIRTQCTFKNTEINFQLGEEFEETSI
DDRNCKSVVRLDGD KLIHVQKWDGKETNCTREIKDGKMVVTLTFGDIVAVRCYEKA*
```

Example 1: Modeling of BLBP

STEP 1: Align **blbp** and **1hms** sequences

Output

```

aln.pos      10      20      30      40      50      60
1hms         VDAFLGTWKLVD SKNFDDYMKSLGVGFATRQVASMTKPTTII EKNGDILTLKTHSTFKNT
blbp         VDAFCATWKLTD SQNFDEYMKALGVGFATRQVG NVTKPTVIISQEGGKV VIRTQCTFKNT
_consrvd     ****  ****  **  ***  ***  *****  ****  **  *      *  *****

aln.pos      70      80      90     100     110     120
1hms         EISFKLGVEFDETTADDRKVKSIVTLDGGKLVHLQKWDGQETTLVRELIDGKLILTLTHG
blbp         EINFQLGEEFEETSIDDRNCKSVVRLDGDKLIHVQKWDGKETNCTREIKDGKMVVTLTFG
_consrvd     **  *  **  **  **  ***  **  *  ***  **  *  *****  **  **  ***  ***  *

aln.pos      130
1hms         TAVCTR TYEKE
blbp         DIVAVR CYEKA
_consrvd     *  *  ***

```


Example 1: Modeling of BLBP

STEP 2: Model the **blbp** structure using the alignment from step 1.

TOP script for model building

```
INCLUDE  
SET ALNFILE = 'blbp-1hms.ali'  
SET KNOWNNS = '1hms'  
SET SEQUENCE = 'blbp'  
SET STARTING_MODEL = 1  
SET ENDING_MODEL = 1  
CALL ROUTINE = 'model'
```

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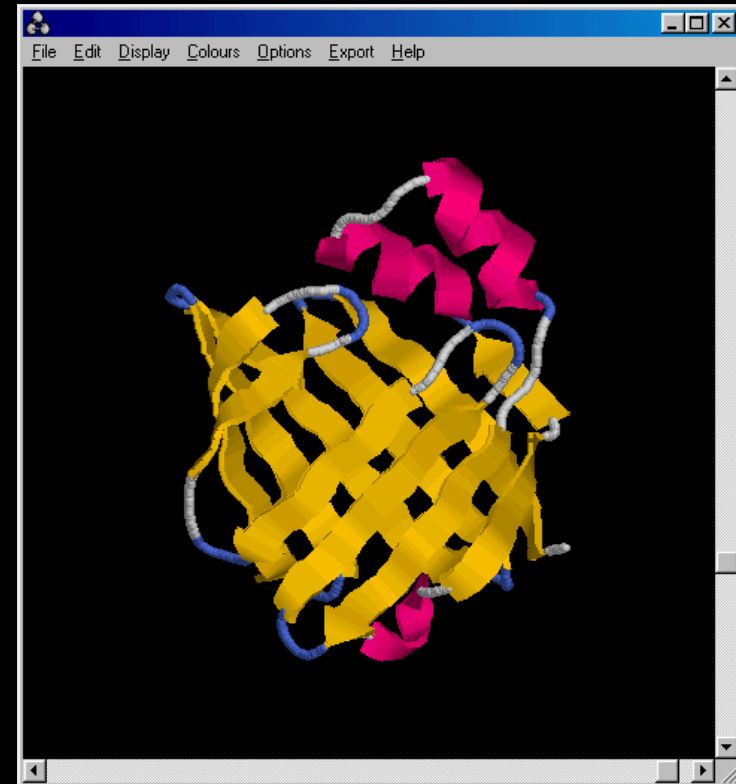
STEP 2: Model the **blbp** structure using the alignment from step 1.
Output coordinates file

Model file → `blbp.B99990001`

- PDB file
- Can be viewed with Chimera
[<http://www.cgl.ucsf.edu/chimera/>]

Rasmol

[<http://www.bernstein-plus-sons.com/software/rasmol/>]

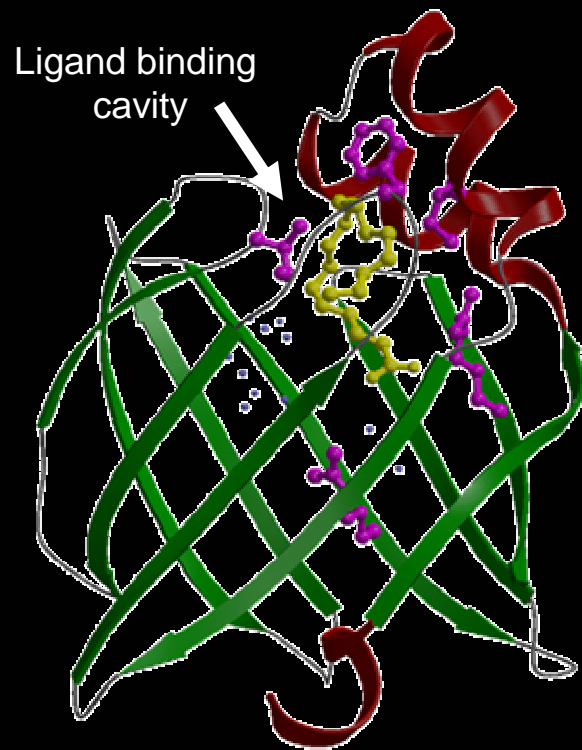


What is the physiological ligand of Brain Lipid-Binding Protein?

Predicting features of a model that are not present in the template

BLBP/oleic acid

Cavity is **not** filled



BLBP/Docosahexaenoic acid

Cavity **is** filled



1. BLBP binds fatty acids.
2. Build a 3D model.
3. Find the fatty acid that fits most snugly into the ligand binding cavity.

L. Xu, R. Sánchez, A. Šali, N. Heintz, *J. Biol. Chem.* **271**, 24711, 1996.

Summary

- Protein Structure Prediction and why is it useful?
- Methods in Protein Structure Prediction
- Comparative Modeling
 - ✓ Steps in CM (overview + some details)
 - ✓ Accuracy of comparative models
 - ✓ Case example in MODELLER
 - ✓ CM and Structural Genomics

Structural Genomics

- **Definition:**
 - The aim of structural genomics is to put every protein sequence within a modeling distance of a known protein structure.
- **Size of the problem:**
 - There are a few thousand domain fold families.
 - There are ~16,000 sequence families (30% sequence id).
- **Solution:**
 - Determine many protein structures.
 - Increase modeling distance.

Šali. *Nat. Struct. Biol.* **5**, 1029, 1998.
Šali & Kuriyan. *TIBS* **22**, M20, 1999.

Burley *et al.* *Nat. Genet.* **23**, 151, 1999.
Sanchez *et al.* *Nat. Str. Biol.* **7**, 986, 2000

How can **Comparative Modeling** be used in **Structural Genomics**?

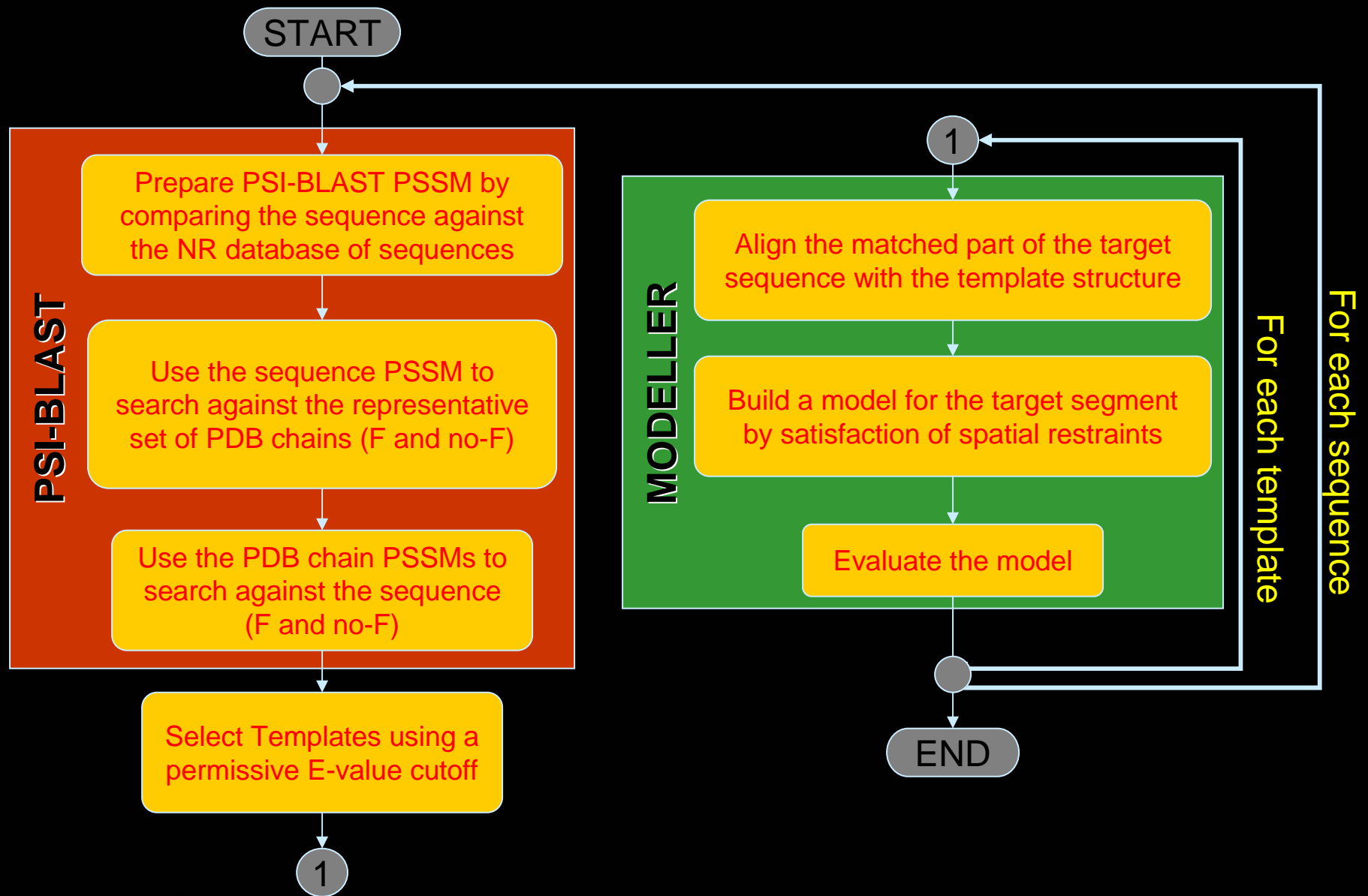
- **Target Selection**

How many structures need to be solved?
Which structures should we solve first?

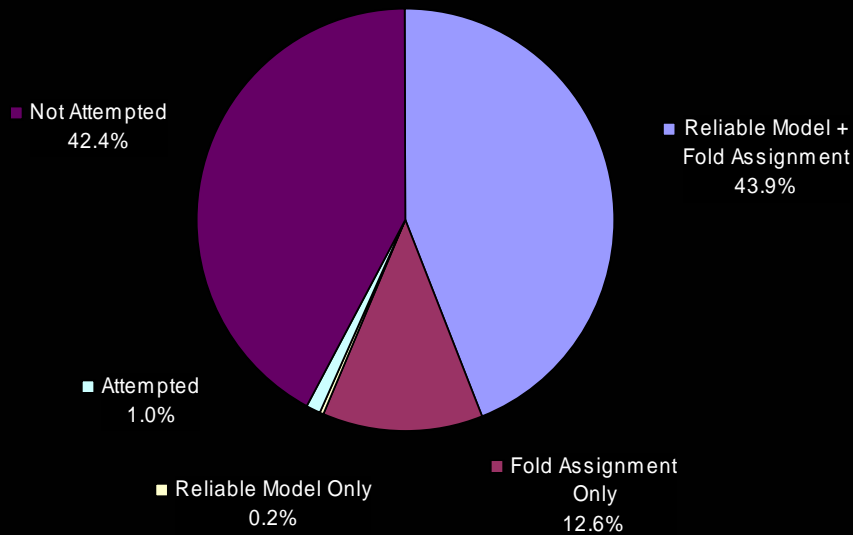
- **Target Amplification**

How much of the sequence space is covered by:
a new structure
all structures

MODPIPE: Large-Scale Comparative Protein Structure Modeling

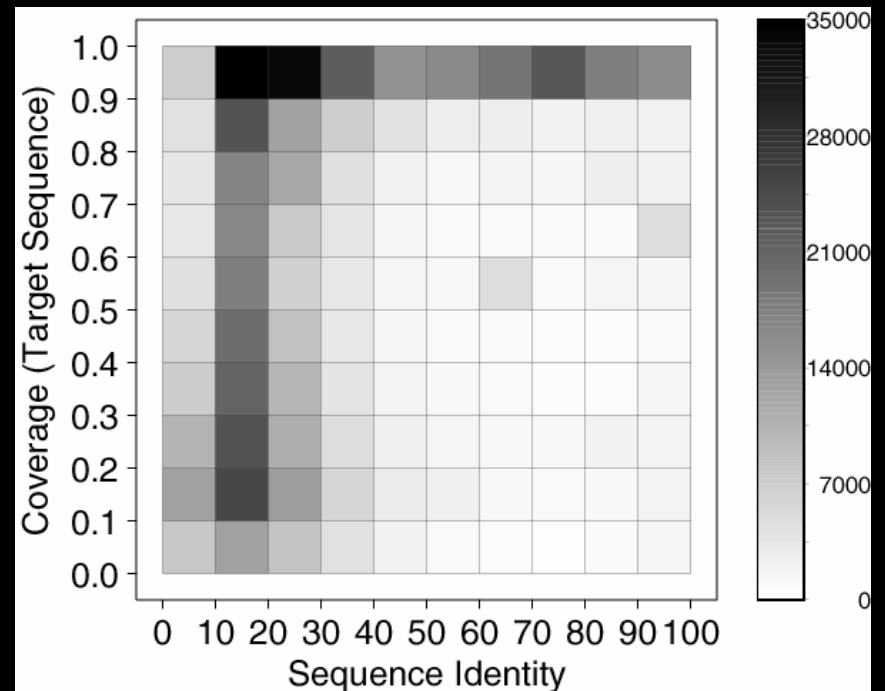


Modeling Coverage Of The Sequence Space

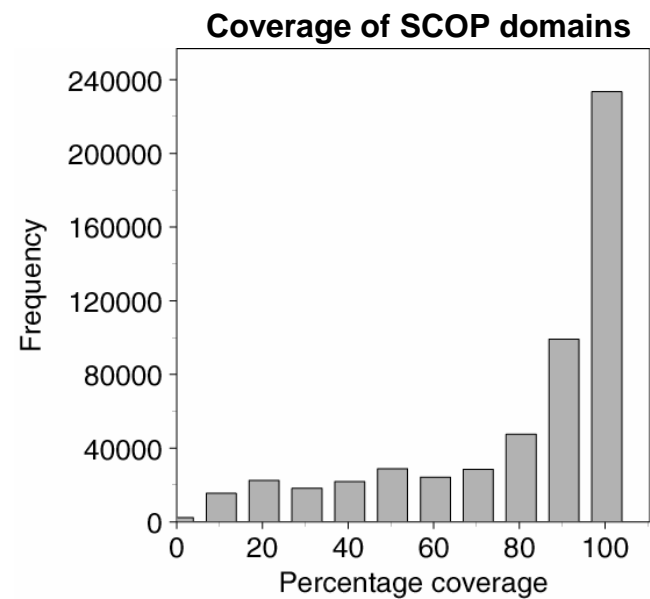
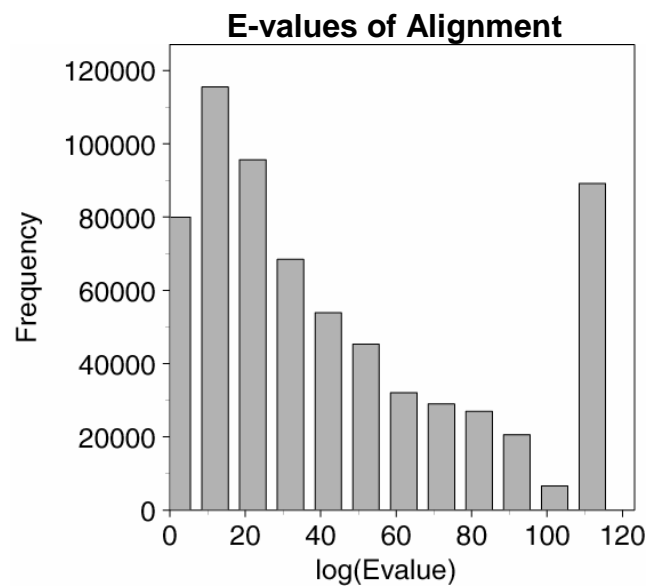
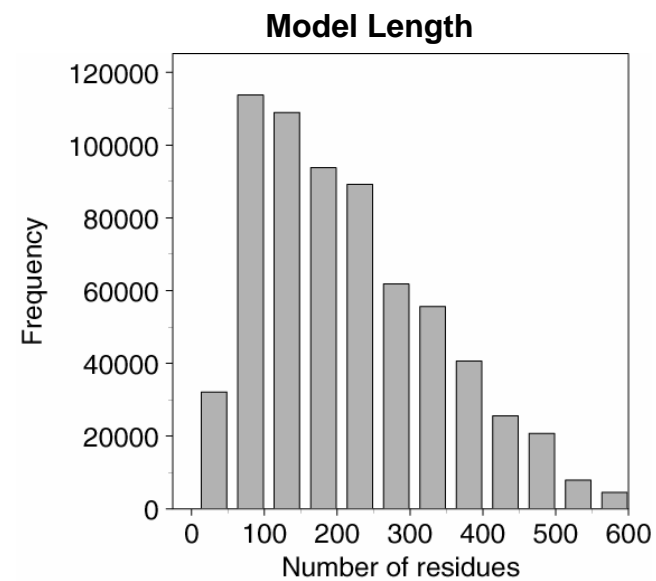
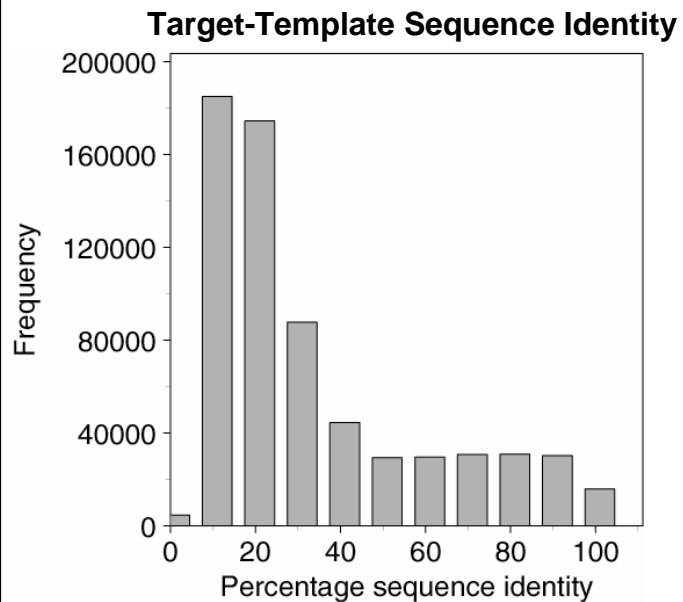


Fold assignment:
Reliable Model:

PSI-BLAST E-value $\leq 1e^{-4}$
Model Score ≥ 0.7



Comparative Models for TrEMBL Sequences



The screenshot displays the Jvarkit software interface, which is used for protein structure visualization and analysis. The main window shows a 3D ribbon diagram of a protein structure, colored by residue type (e.g., alpha-helices in red, beta-sheets in green, loops in blue). The structure is shown in a perspective view, with a coordinate system (x, y, z) visible in the bottom left corner.

On the left side, there is a list of protein sequences, each with a unique identifier and a description. The sequences are listed in a table-like format, with columns for the sequence ID, the protein name, and the source. The sequences are color-coded (green, red, blue) to match the corresponding regions in the 3D structure.

On the right side, there is a panel with various controls and information. It includes a "File" menu, a "View" menu, and a "Help" menu. Below these, there are buttons for "Open", "Save", "Load", and "Print". There is also a "Toggle Panel" button and a "Show/Hide" button. The panel also displays the "Sequence" and "Structure" of the selected protein, along with the "Model" and "View" options.

The bottom of the interface shows a "Command" window with a list of commands and their parameters. The commands are listed in a table-like format, with columns for the command name, the parameters, and the description. The commands are color-coded (green, red, blue) to match the corresponding regions in the 3D structure.



BayGenomics



A Server for Comparative Protein
Structure Modeling
<http://www.salilab.org/modweb>

Netscape: ModWeb: Comparative Modeling Server: Ver.0

File Edit View Go Communicator Help

Location: <http://pipe.rockefeller.edu/mwtest-cgi/main.cgi>

ModWeb

Server for Comparative Protein Structure Modeling

Please choose input type:

☐ Single Sequence ☐ Many Sequences ☐ Single Structure

Note: Access is currently restricted to academic users.
Please contact the [authors](#) for access information.

ModWeb takes as input:

(i) upto 50 sequences and attempt to calculate their comparative models;
(ii) a structure and attempt to calculate models for upto 1500 of its most similar sequences from the NCBI non-redundant sequence database.

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Location: <http://pipe.rockefeller.edu/mwtest-cgi/submit/form.cgi>

Your e-mail address:

A name for the run (optional):

A master run name (optional):

Input

Paste the sequence in the window

or upload a file containing the sequence (FASTA format only)

Options

☐ Add output to ModBase ☐ Receive models by e-mail ☐ Fast calculation of models

Advanced Options

Maximum number of iterations for PSSM: E-value cutoff for inclusion in PSSM:

E-value cutoff for PSI-BLAST search: E-value cutoff for IMPALA search:

Hit Selection: ☐ soft ☐ normal ☐ strict

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File Edit View Go Communicator Help

Location: <http://pipe.rockefeller.edu/mwtest-cgi/submit/form.cgi>

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A name for the run (optional):

A master run name (optional):

Input

Enter the 4-letter PDB code of the structure:

or upload a file containing the structure (PDB format only)

Output

You will receive an e-mail informing you how to access the models in ModBase.

Advanced Options

Maximum number of iterations for PSSM: E-value cutoff for inclusion in PSSM:

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Conclusions

- ✓ Comparative models help to understand protein's function:
 - ✓ Detecting remote structural (functional?) relationships.
 - ✓ Revealing features that are not present in the templates.
 - ✓ Revealing features that are not recognizable from the sequence.
- ✓ Currently, useful 3D models can be obtained for domains in approximately 50% of the proteins (30% of domains), because of the improved **methods** and because of the many **known protein structures and sequences**.
- ✓ We will be able to calculate useful models for most globular domains soon after the completion of the genome projects, because of **structural genomics**.

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