Comparative Protein Structure Prediction

MODELLER tutorial

```
$>mod9v7 model.py
```

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Obtaining MODELLER and related information

- MODELLER (9v7) web page
- http://www.salilab.org/modeller/

- Download Software (Linux/Windows/Mac/Solaris)
- HTML Manual
- **Join Mailing List**


Using MODELLER

- No GUI! ☹
- Controlled by command file ☹☹
- Script is written in PYTHON language ☺
- You may know Python language is simple ☺☺

Using MODELLER

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

Modeling of BLBP
Input

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

```
>P1;blbp
sequence:blbp:::::::
VDAFCATWKLTDSQNFDEYMKALGVGFATRQVGNVTKPTVIISQEGGKVVIRTQCTFKNTEINFQLGEEFEETSIDDRNCKSVV
RLDGDKLIHVQKWDGKETNCTREIKDGKMVVTLTFGDIVAVRCYEKA*
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STEP 1: Align blbp and 1hms sequences

Python script for target-template alignment

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# Example for: alignment.align()

# This will read two sequences, align them, and write the alignment
# to a file:

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aln.append(file='blbp.seq', align_codes=('blbp'))

# The as1.sim.mat similarity matrix is used by default:
aln.align(gap_penalties_1d=(-600, -400))
aln.write(file='blbp-1hms.ali', alignment_format='PIR')
aln.write(file='blbp-1hms.pap', alignment_format='PAP')
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>P1;1hms
structureX:1hms:    1 : : 131 : :undefined:undefined:-1.00:-1.00
VDAFLGTWKLVDSKNFDDYMKSLGVGFATRQVASMTKPTTIIEKNGDILTLKTHSTFKNTEISFKLGVEFDETTA
DDRKVKSIVTLDGGKLVHLQKWDGQETTLVRELIDGKLILTLTHGTAVCTRTYEKE*
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sequence:blbp:     : :      : : : : 0.00: 0.00
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```
 _aln.pos          10         20         30         40         50         60
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 _consrvd ****  **** ** *** *** **********   **** **   *       *  ******* * **

 _aln.p    70         80         90        100        110        120        130
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# Homology modelling by the automodel class
from modeller.automodel import *    # Load the automodel class
log.verbose()                        # request verbose output
env = environ()                      # create a new MODELLER environment

# directories for input atom files
env.io.atom_files_directory = './:../atom_files'

a = automodel(env,
              alnfile  = 'blbp-1hms.ali',     # alignment filename
              knowns   = '1hms',              # codes of the templates
              sequence = 'blbp')              # code of the target
a.starting_model= 1                  # index of the first model
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PDB file

Can be viewed with Chimera

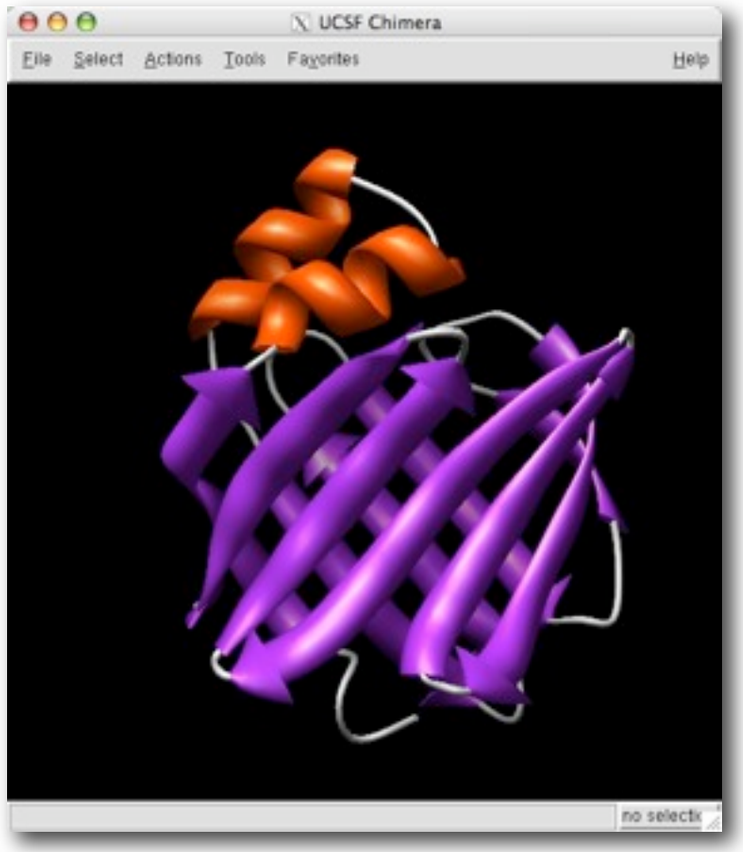
http://www.cgl.ucsf.edu/chimera/

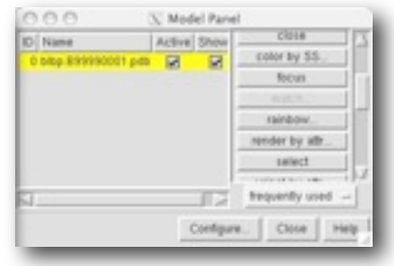
Rasmol

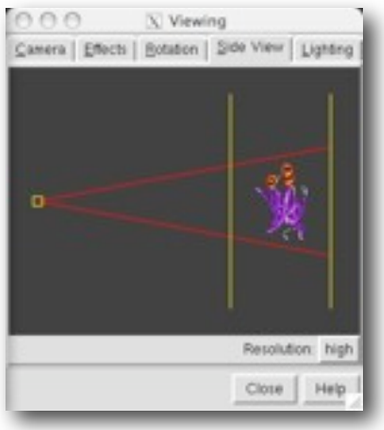
http://www.openrasmol.org

PyMol

http://pymol.sourceforge.net/







Model file →

`blbp.B99990001.pdb`

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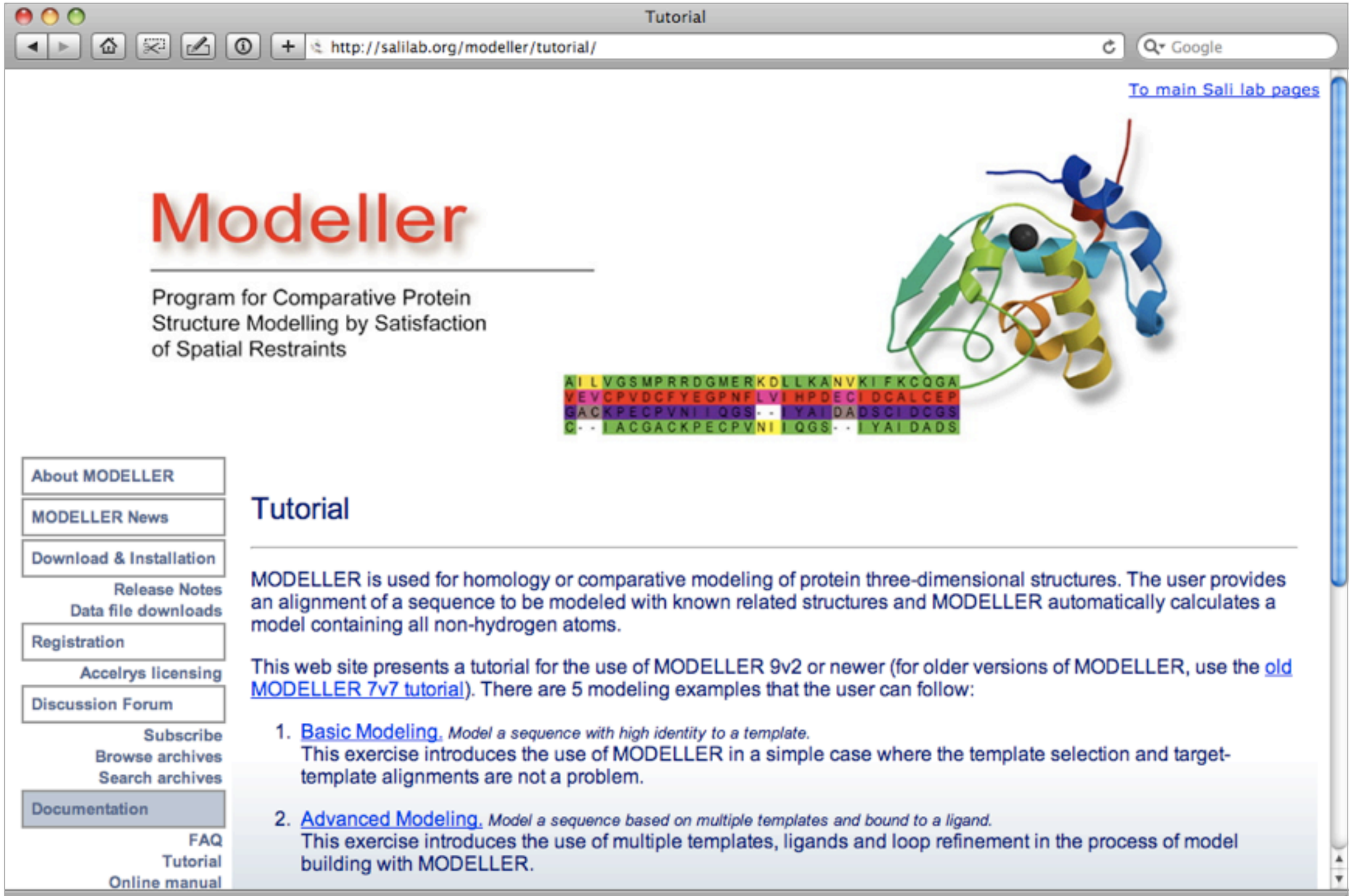

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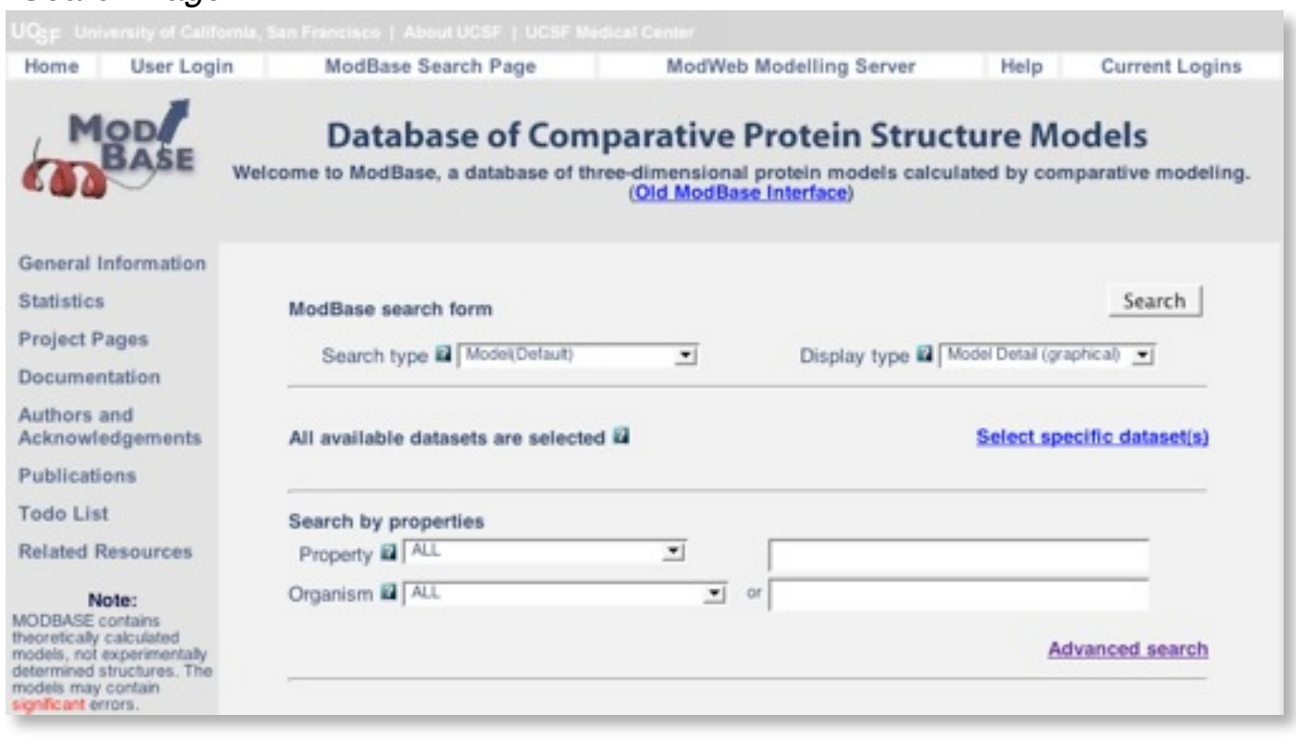

Model Details

Sequence Overview

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Pieper et al. (2004) Nucleic Acids Research 32, D217-D222

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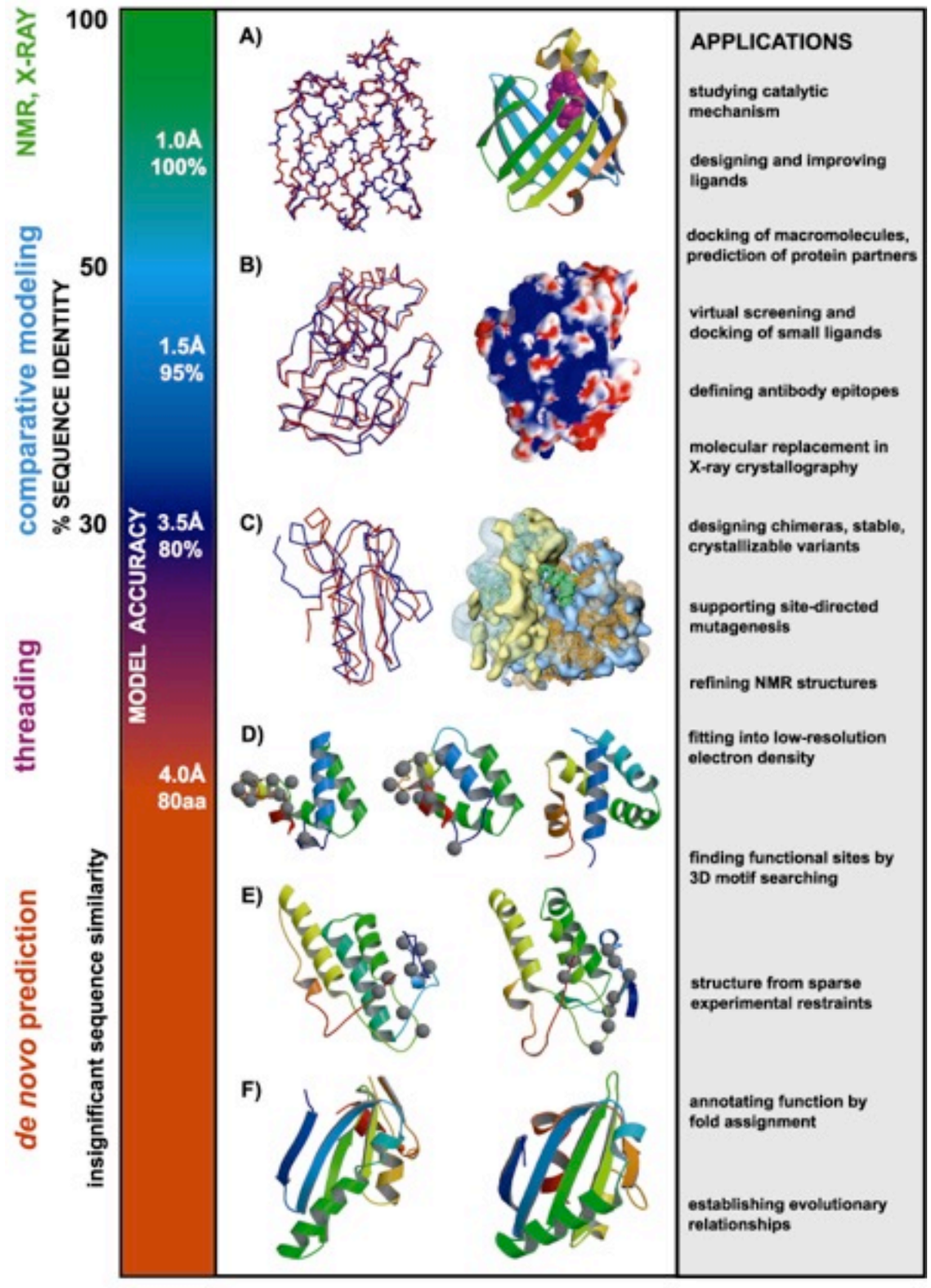

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