

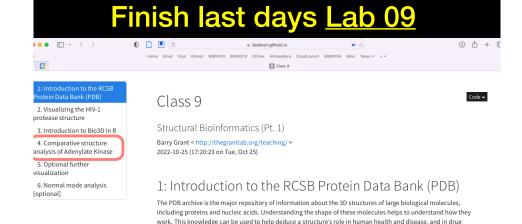
# Today's Menu

### Overview of structural bioinformatics

Motivations, goals and challenges

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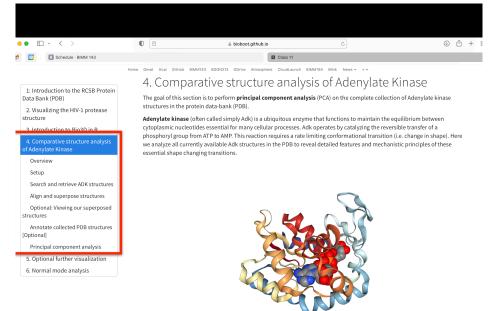
home page should allow you to determine most of these answers.

Visit: http://www.rcsb.org/ and answer the following questions

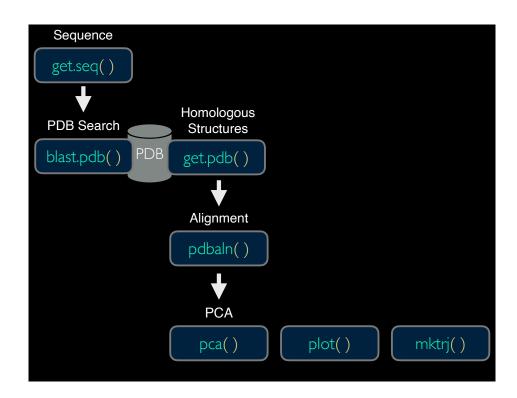
development. The structures in the PDB range from tiny proteins and bits of DNA or RNA to complex molecular

In the first section of this lab we will interact with the main US based PDB website (note there are also sites in Europe

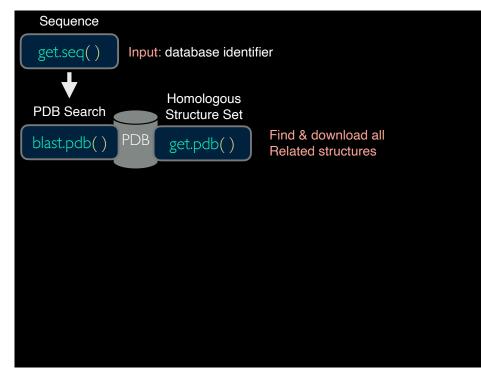
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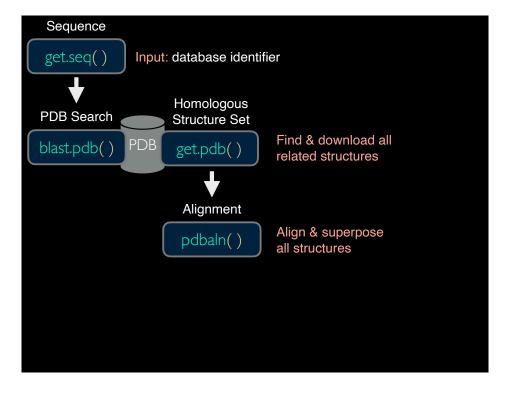


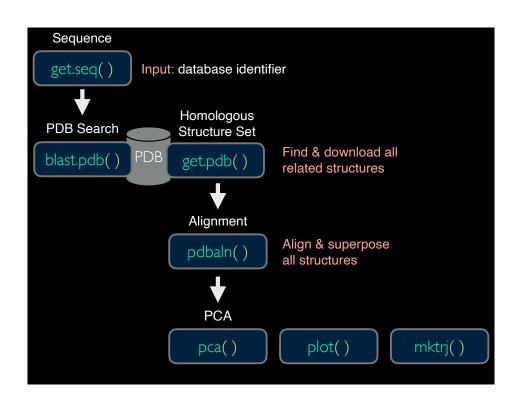
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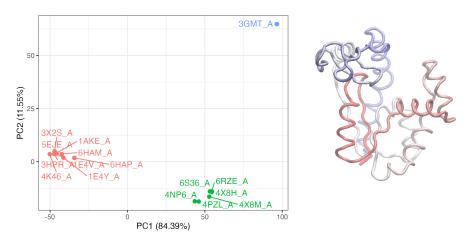








# **PCA Results**



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# Rey concept: Potential functions describe a systems energy as a function of its structure Structure/Conformation

Two main approaches:

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For physics based potentials energy terms come from physical theory

$$V(R) = E_{\text{bonded}} + E_{\text{non.bonded}}$$

$$V(R) = E_{bonded} + E_{non.bonded}$$

Sum of bonded and non-bonded atom-type and position based terms

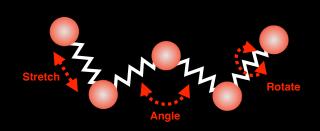
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# **Bond Stretch**

 $E_{bond.stretch}$ 



# **Bond Angle**

 $E_{bond.angle}$ 



# **Bond Rotate**

 $E_{bond.rotate}$ 



# **Bond Stretch**

$$\sum_{bonds} K_i^{bs}(b_i - b_o)$$



# **Bond Angle**

$$\sum_{angles} K_i^{ba}( heta_i - heta_o)$$



# **Bond Rotate**

$$\sum_{ihedrals} K_i^{br} [1 - cos(n_i \phi_i - \phi_o)]$$



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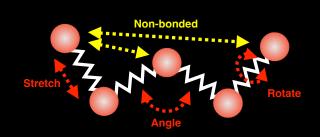
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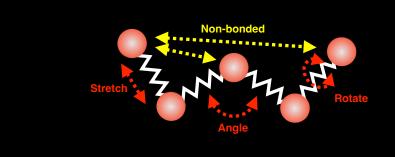
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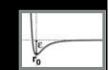
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$$E_{electrostatic} = \sum_{pairs.i.j} \frac{q_i q_j}{\epsilon r_{ij}^2}$$

$$E_{van.der.Waals} = \sum_{pairs.i.j} \left[ \epsilon_{ij} \left( \frac{r_{o.ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - 2\epsilon_{ij} \left( \frac{r_{o.ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{6} \right]$$



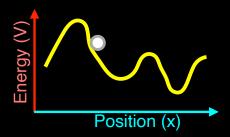
# **Total potential energy**

The potential energy can be given as a sum of terms for: Bond stretching, Bond angles, Bond rotations, van der Walls and Electrostatic interactions between atom pairs

$$V(R) = E_{bond.stretch} \\ + E_{bond.angle} \\ + E_{bond.rotate} \\ + E_{van.der.Waals} \\ + E_{electrostatic} \\ \} E_{non.bonded}$$

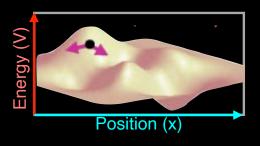
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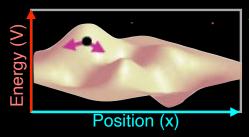
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# **Key concept:**

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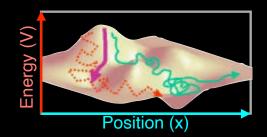
 The forces are the gradients of the energy

$$F(x) = -dV/dx$$

# **Moving Over The Energy Surface**

- Energy Minimization drops into local minimum
- Molecular Dynamics
   uses thermal energy to
   move smoothly over
   surface
- Monte Carlo Moves are random. Accept with probability:

 $exp(-\Delta V/dx)$ 



# PHYSICS-ORIENTED APPROACHES

### Weaknesses

Fully physical detail becomes computationally intractable Approximations are unavoidable

(Quantum effects approximated classically, water may be treated crudely) Parameterization still required

### Strengths

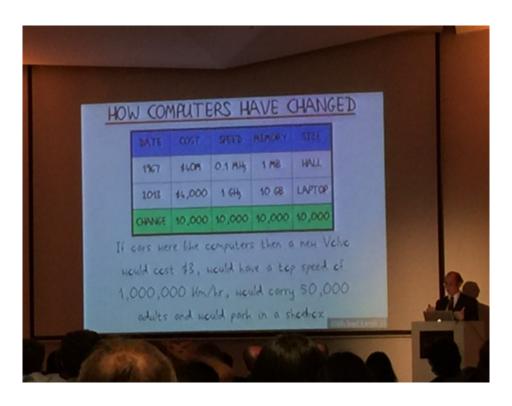
Interpretable, provides guides to design Broadly applicable, in principle at least Clear pathways to improving accuracy

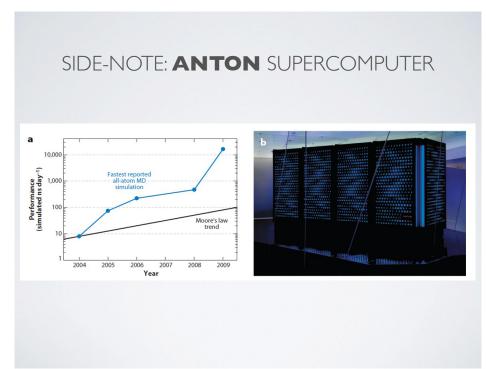
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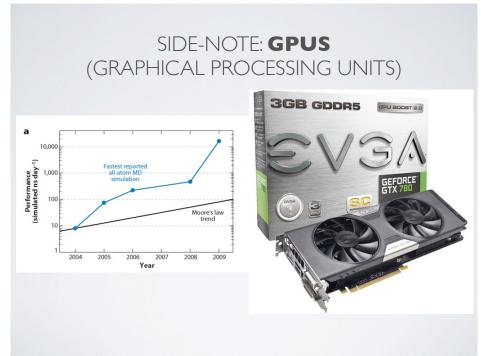
Useful, widely adopted but far from perfect Multiple groups working on fewer, better approxs

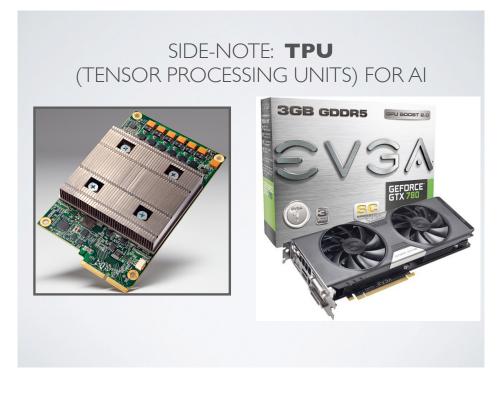
Force fields, quantum entropy, water effects

Moore's law: hardware improving









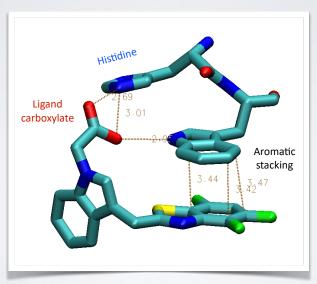
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# KNOWLEDGE-BASED DOCKING POTENTIALS



# ENERGY DETERMINES **PROBABILITY** (STABILITY)

Basic idea: Use probability as a proxy for energy



Boltzmann:

$$p(r) \propto e^{-E(r)/RT}$$

Probability

Inverse Boltzmann:

$$E(r) = -RT \ln \left[ p(r) \right]$$

### Example: ligand carboxylate O to protein histidine N

Find all protein-ligand structures in the PDB with a ligand carboxylate O

- 1. For each structure, histogram the distances from O to every histidine N
- 2. Sum the histograms over all structures to obtain  $p(r_{0-N})$
- 3. Compute  $E(r_{O-N})$  from  $p(r_{O-N})$

# KNOWLEDGE-BASED POTENTIALS

### Weaknesses

Accuracy limited by availability of data

# Strengths

Relatively easy to implement Computationally fast

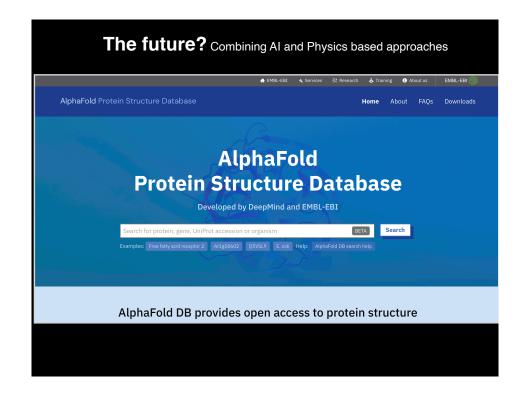
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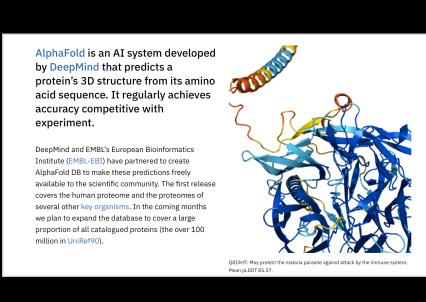
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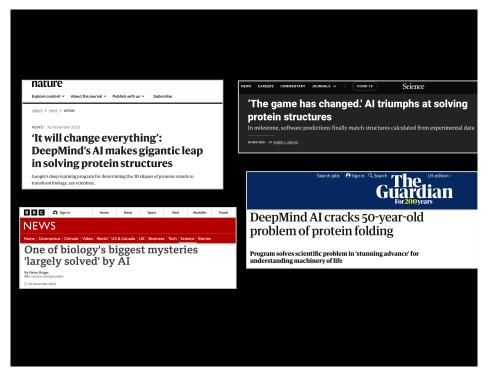
May be at point of diminishing returns

(not always clear how to make improvements)

# - Break -

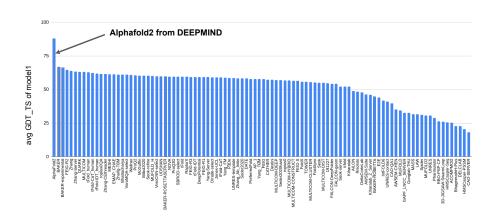




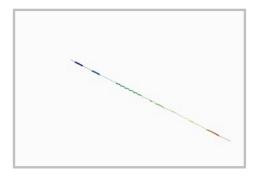


# Protein Folding Problem For a given sequence, find structure with lowest free energy Sequence MRIILLGAPGAGKGTQAQFIM EKYGIPQISTGDMLR DIII, K.A. and MacCallum, J.L., 2012. The protein-folding problem, 50 years on. science, 338(6110), pp.1042-1046.

# Results from CASP14 (Critical Assessment of protein Structure Prediction)



# Rosetta - Protein "folding" with Energy function + fragments recombination





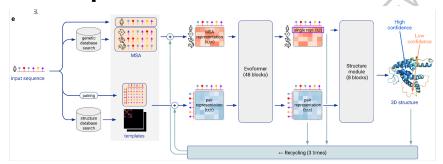
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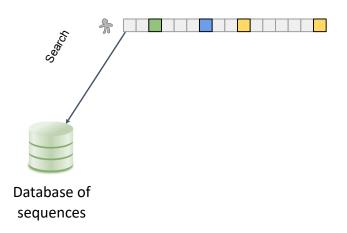


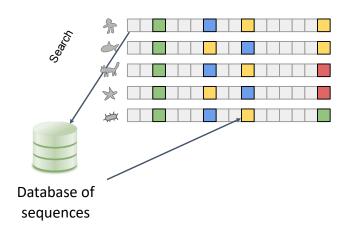
Start with a single sequence



Search against a database of sequences

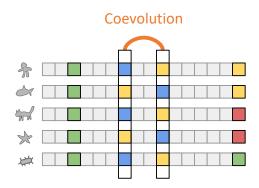
Generate a multiple sequence alignment

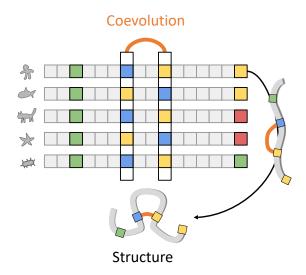




# Analyze the MSA for coevolution

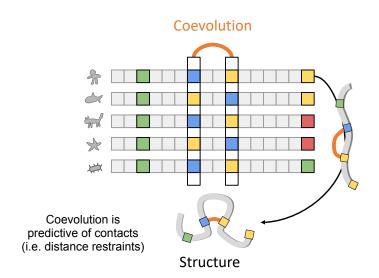
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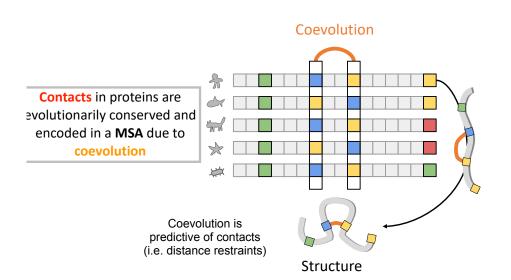




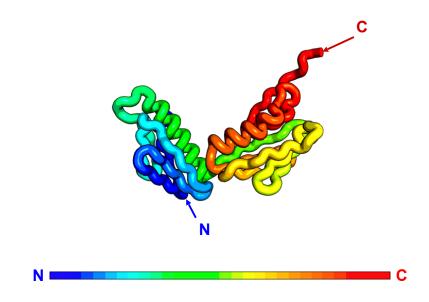
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By measuring coevolution, we can infer contacts!

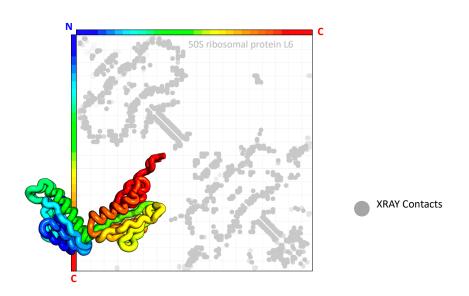




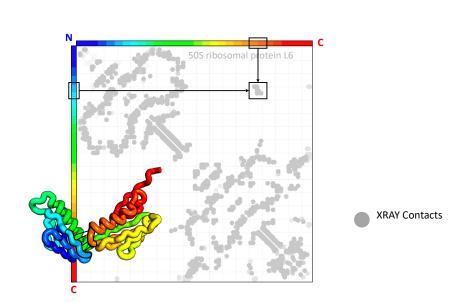
Review - How to read a contact/distance matrix?



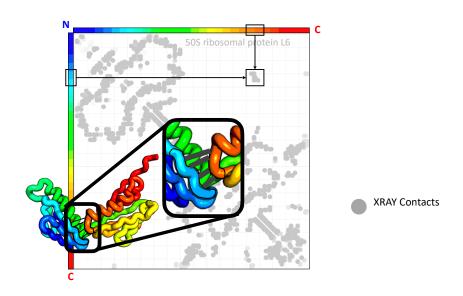
# Contact map



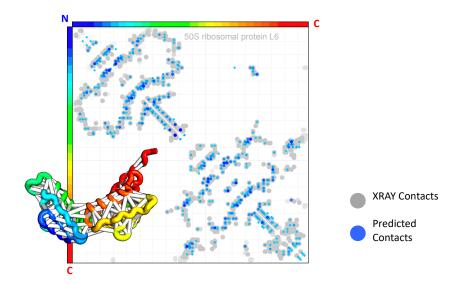
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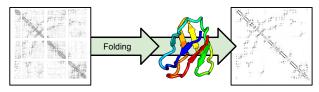


# Overlay of predicted contacts on real contacts

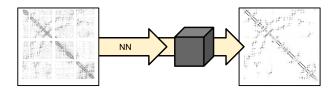


# How to solve this problem?

- Enumerate folds and see which matches contacts best
- Try different number (or combination) of restraints
- Lots of sampling with ambiguous restraints

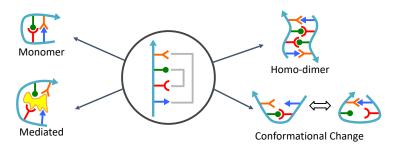


• Use NN to filter/enhance contacts before trying to fold



citations: bit.ly/3Mr8351

# The origin of contacts



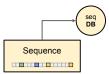
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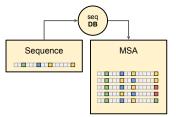
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Sequence

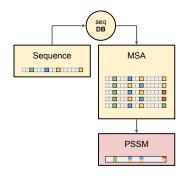
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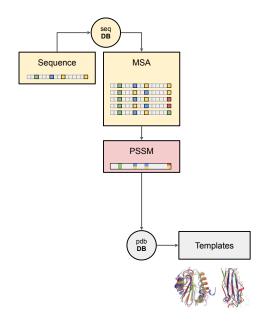
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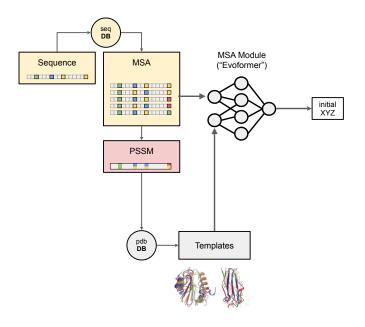
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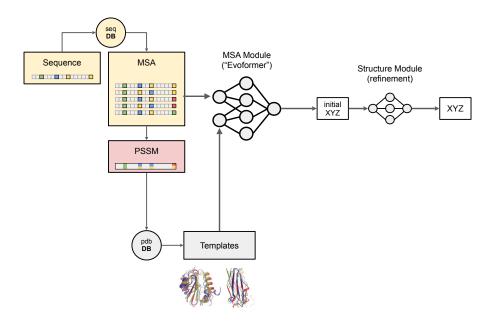
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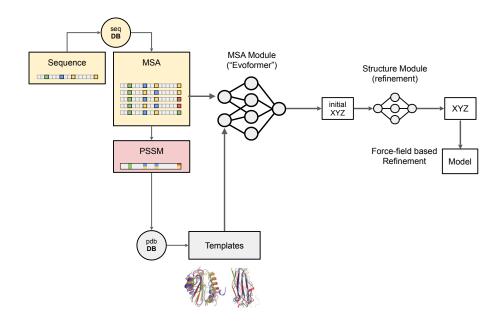
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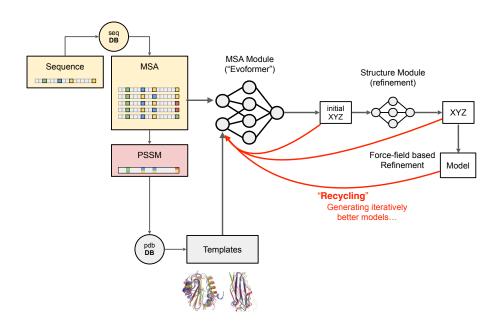
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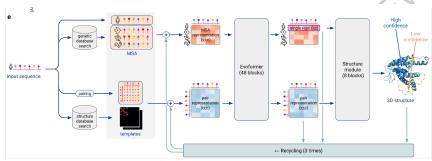


## Alphafold2 - New Critical detail Recycling



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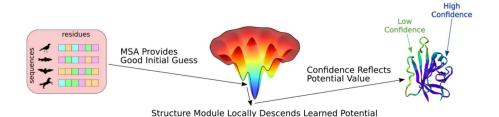
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### Hypothesis:

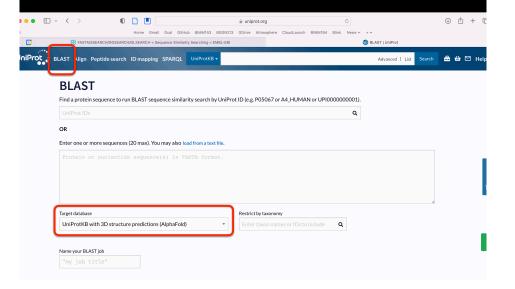
AlphaFold uses input MSA/Templates to "solve" the global search problem. The rest of the model refines the structure using the learned energy potential.

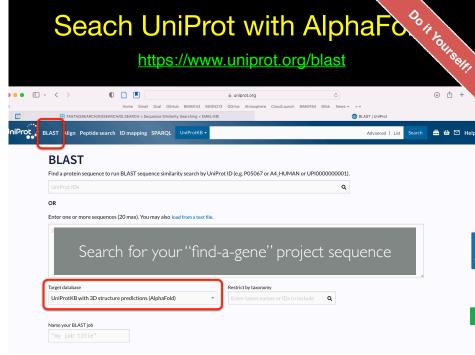


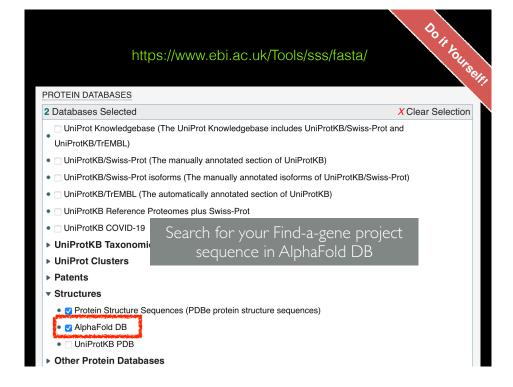
AlphaFold is an AI system developed by DeepMind that predicts a protein's 3D structure from its amino acid sequence. It regularly achieves accuracy competitive with experiment. DeepMind and EMBL's European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI) have partnered to create AlphaFold DB to make these predictions freely available to the scientific community. The first release covers the human proteome and the proteomes of several other key organisms. In the coming months we plan to expand the database to cover a large proportion of all catalogued proteins (the over 100 million in UniRef90). Q8I3H7: May protect the malaria parasite against attack by the immune sys-

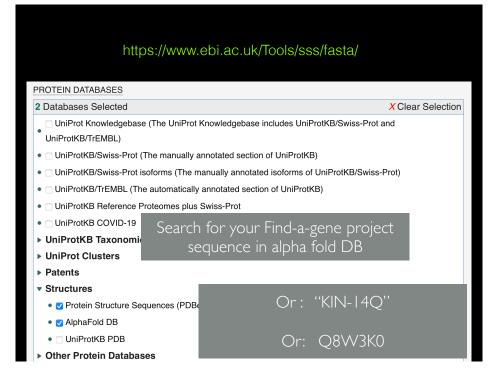
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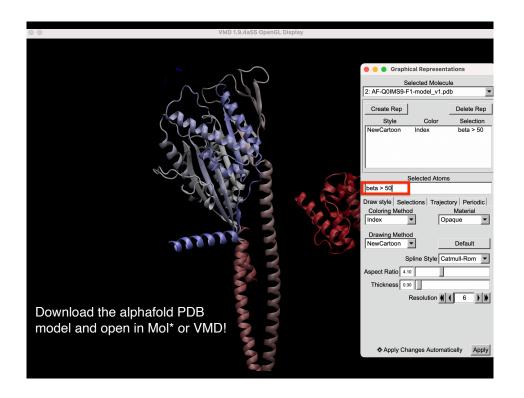
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# AlphaFold low confidence regions

- AlphaFold produces a per-residue confidence score (pLDDT) between 0 and 100 that is written to the B-factor column.
- To remove low confidence regions (with low pLDDT scores)

```
p <- read.pdb("AF-model.pdb")

# Find atoms with good confidence score (pLDDT)
atoms <- which( p$atom$b > 70 )

# Trim to selected atoms
p2 <- trim.pdb(p, as.select( atoms ) )
write.pdb(p2, file="high_confidence_model.pdb")</pre>
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https://github.com/sokrypton/ColabFold

# Evolutionary scale modeling (ESM)

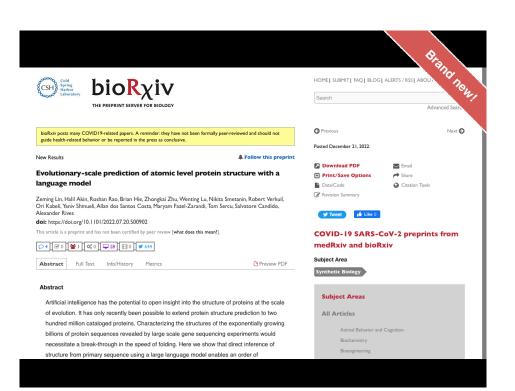
For short monomeric proteins (< 400 amino acids) consider using the new <a href="ESMFold">ESMFold</a>

https://esmatlas.com/

[No need for GPU & comparatively fast]

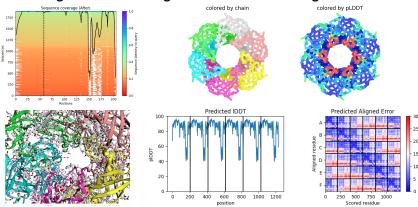
# Alternative: Language Models

- AlphaFold (and related methods) need to search through large protein databases to identify related sequences.
- They require a large group of evolutionarily related sequences as input so that they can extract the patterns that are linked to structure.
- ESM-fold uses a language model that learns these evolutionary patterns during its training on protein sequences, enabling faster structure prediction from a single sequence.



# ColabFold

# Making Protein folding accessible via Google Colab



github.com/sokrypton/ColabFold

https://github.com/sokrypton/ColabFold

