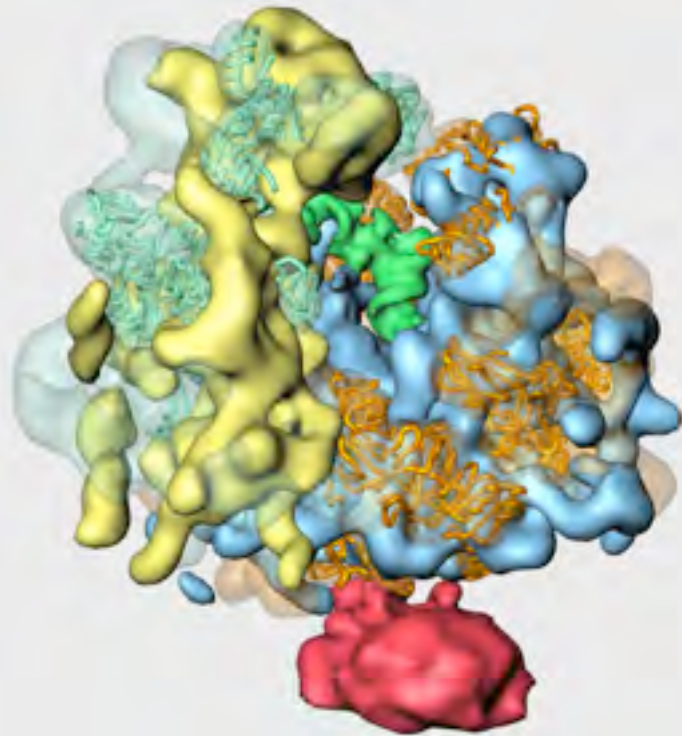
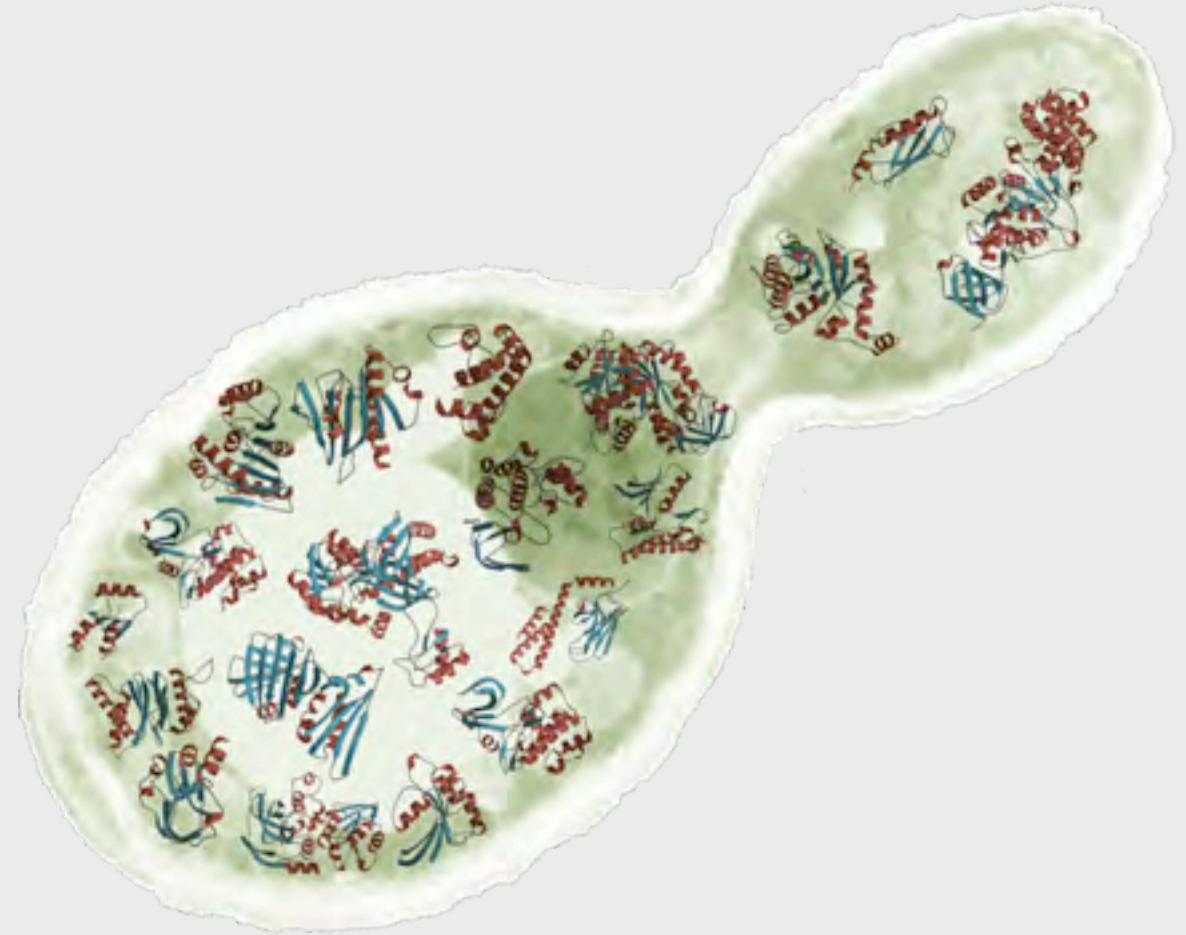
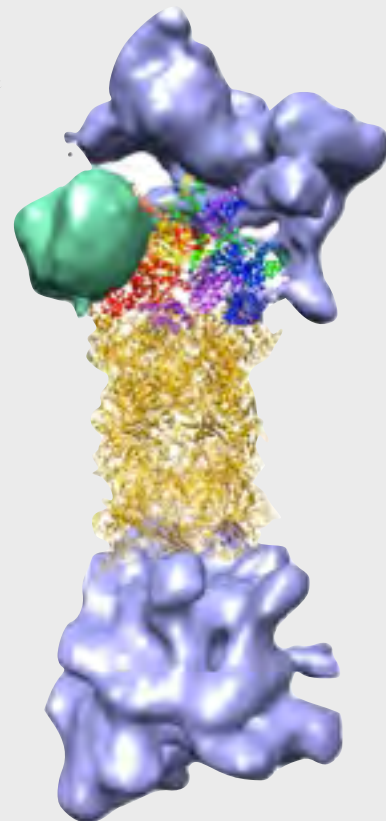
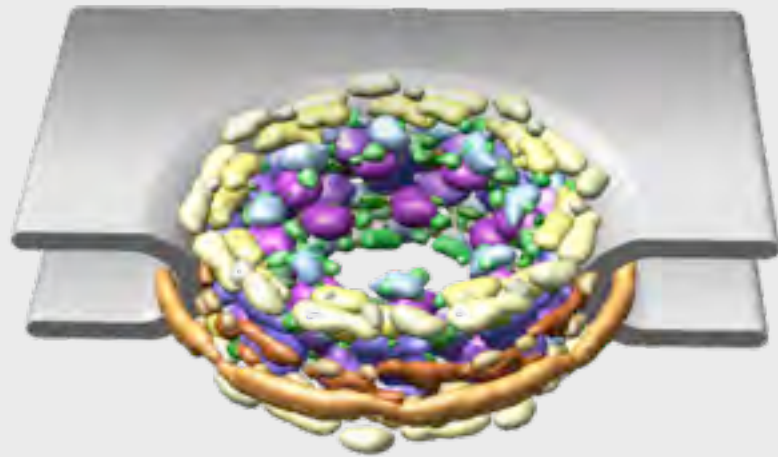


Virtual screening against comparative protein models (bioinformatician's toying with small molecules)



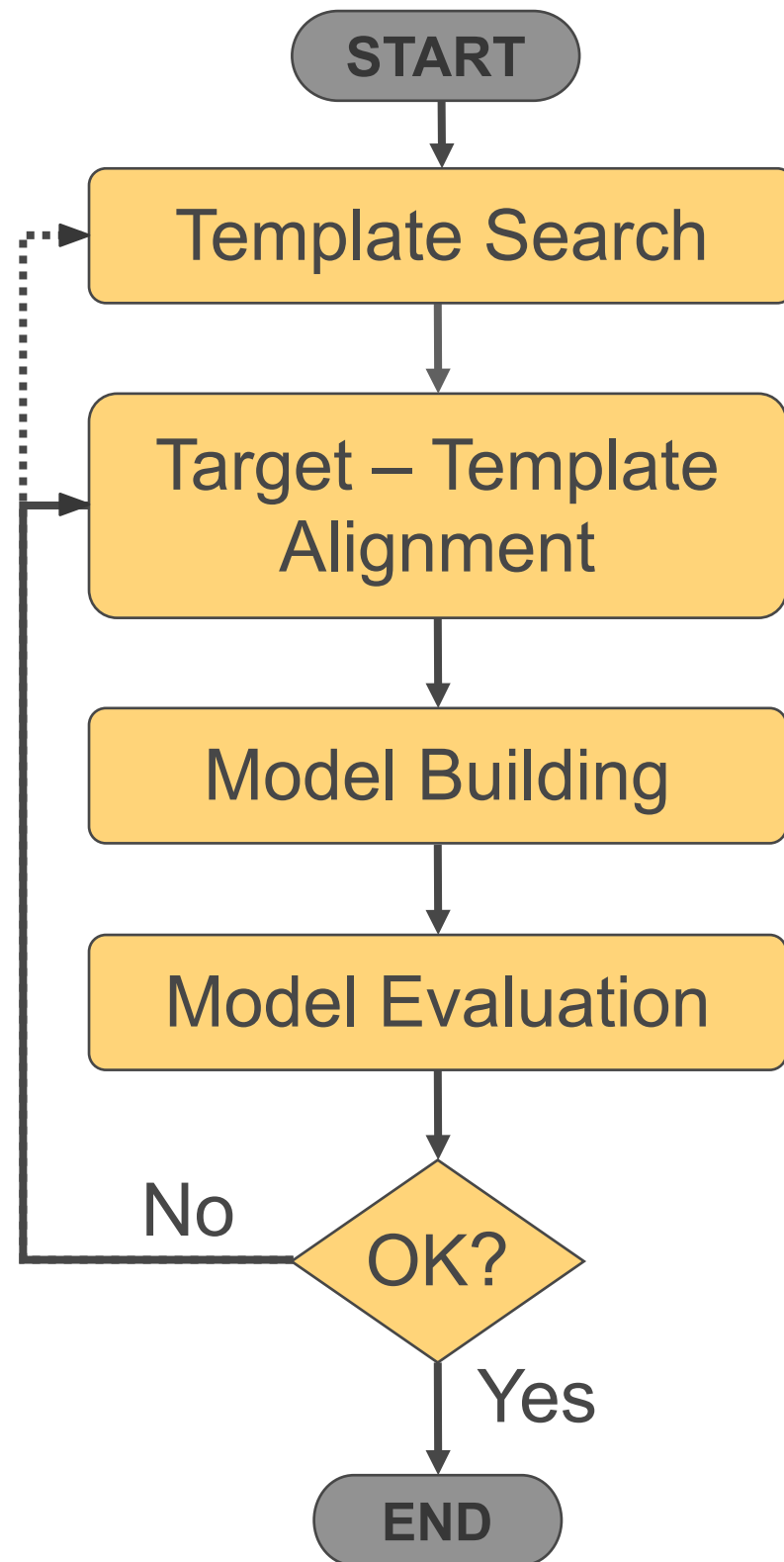
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Steps in Comparative Protein Structure Modeling



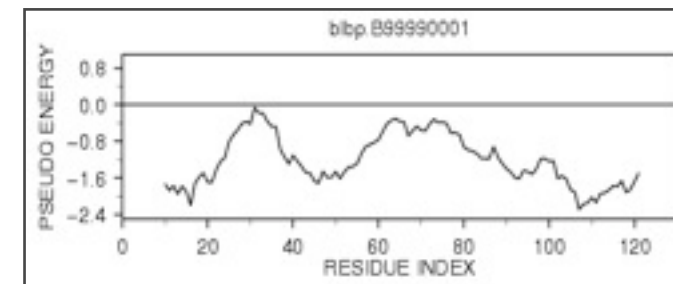
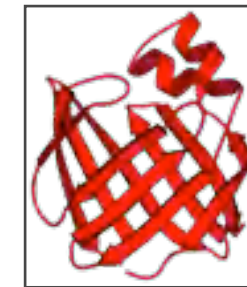
TARGET

ASILPKRLFGNCEQTSDEGLK
IERTPLVPHISAQNVCLKIDD
VPERLIPERASFQWMNDK

TEMPLATE



ASILPKRLFGNCEQTSDEGLK IERTPLVPHISAQNVCLKIDDVPERLIPE
MSVIPKRLYGNCETSEEAIRIEDSPIV---TADLVCLKIDEIPELVLGE

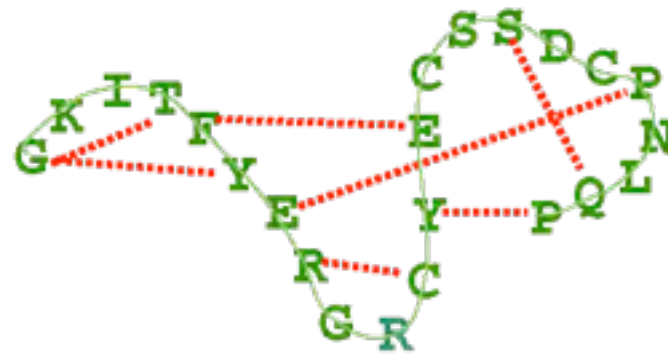


M. Marti-Renom *et al.* *Ann. Rev. Biophys. Biomolec. Struct.* **29**, 291, 2000.
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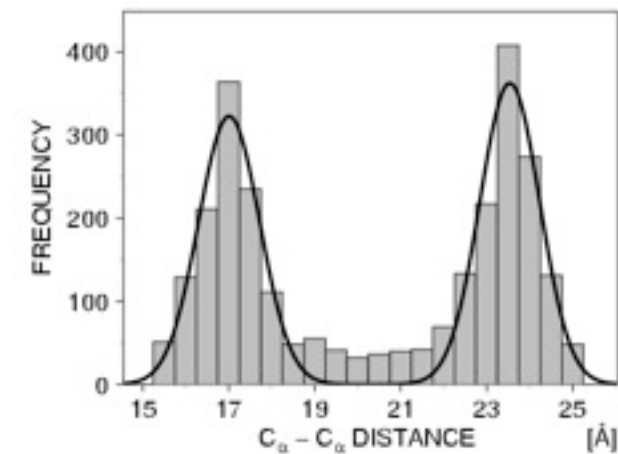
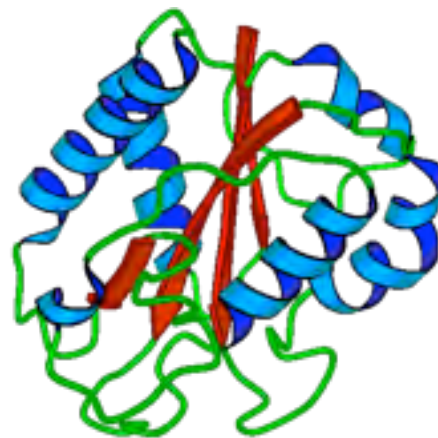
Comparative modeling by satisfaction of spatial restraints MODELLER

3D GKITFYERGFQGHCSYSDC-NLQP...
SEQ GKITFYERG---RCYESDCPNLQP...

1. Extract spatial restraints



2. Satisfy spatial restraints



$$P(\mathbf{R} / \mathbf{I}) = \prod_i p_i(\mathbf{r}_i / \mathbf{I}_i)$$

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.

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Comparative modeling of the UniProt database

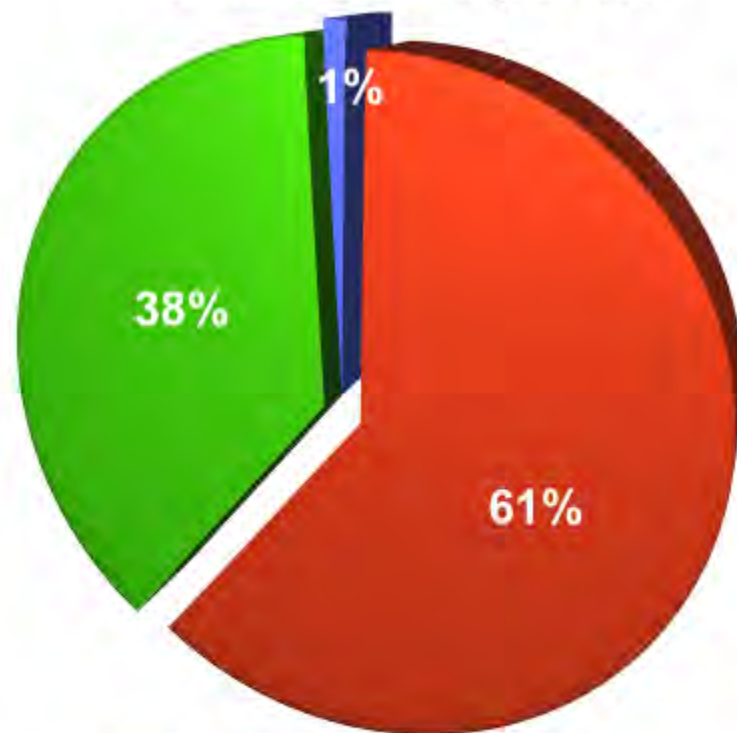
Unique sequences processed: 2,130,404

Sequences with fold assignments or models: 1,273,766 (60%)

70% of models based on <30% sequence identity to template.

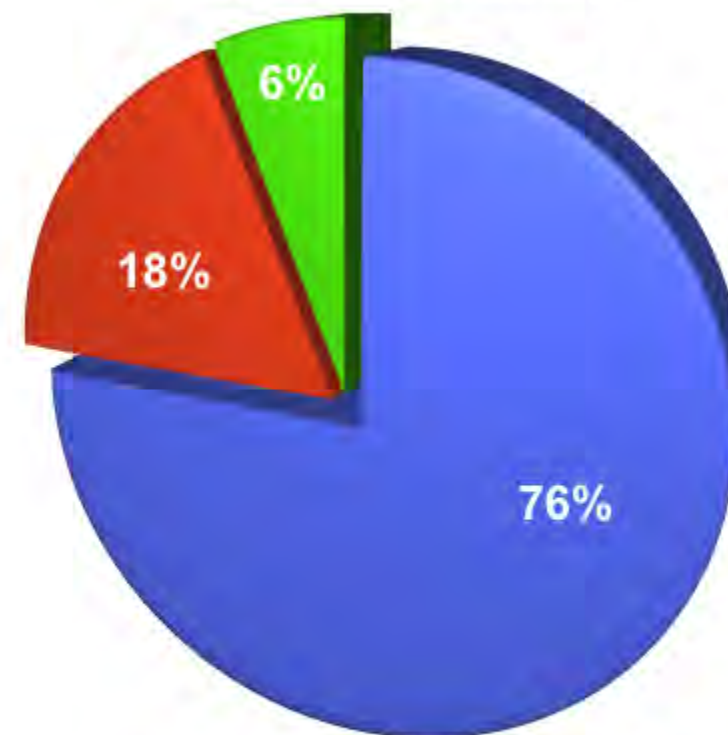
On average, only a domain per protein is modeled (an “average” protein has 2.5 domains of 175 aa).

Sources of 3D structural information for all known sequences



- Experimental Structure
- Comparative Model
- Unknown/Other

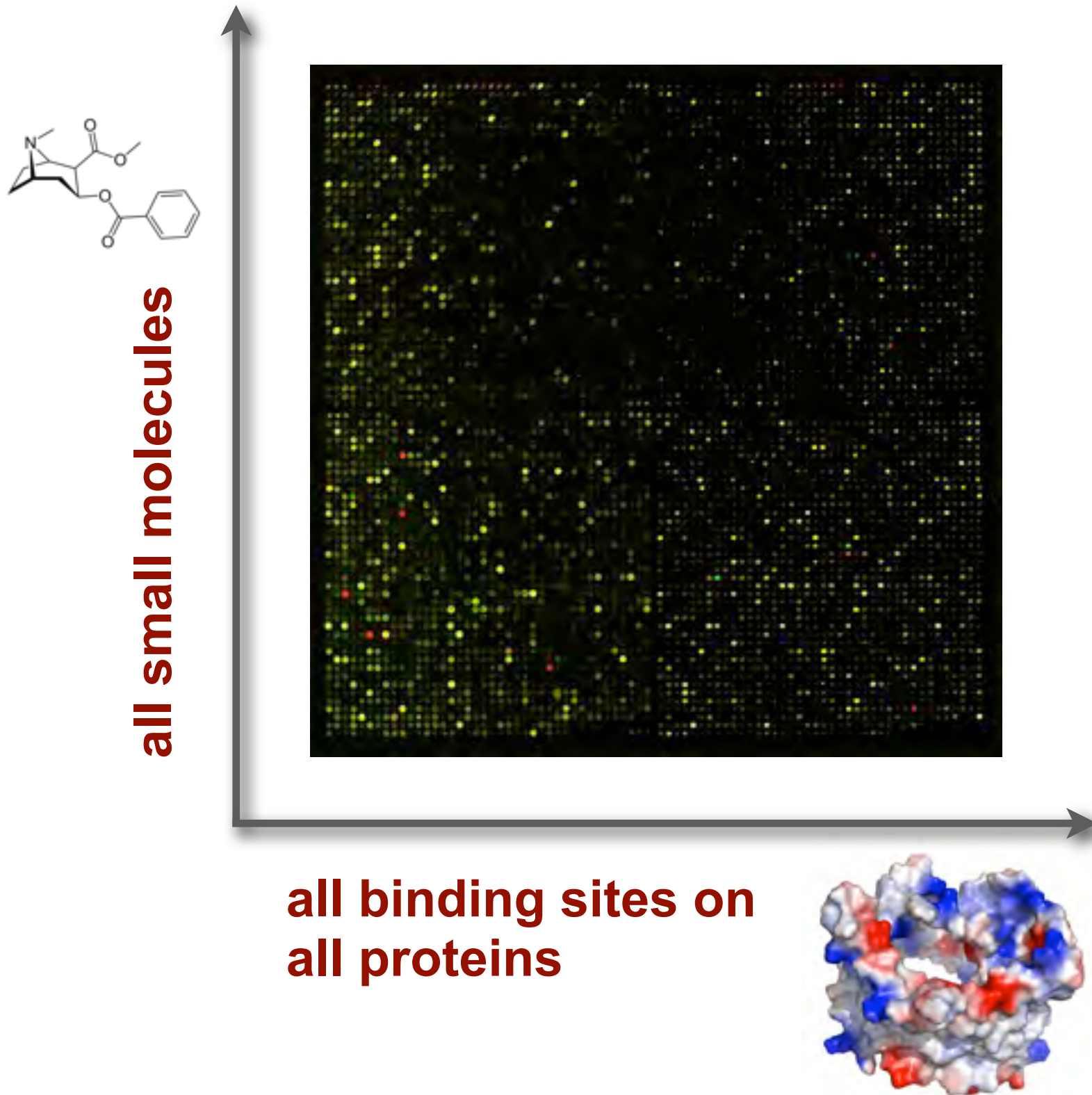
Sequence identity of these comparative models



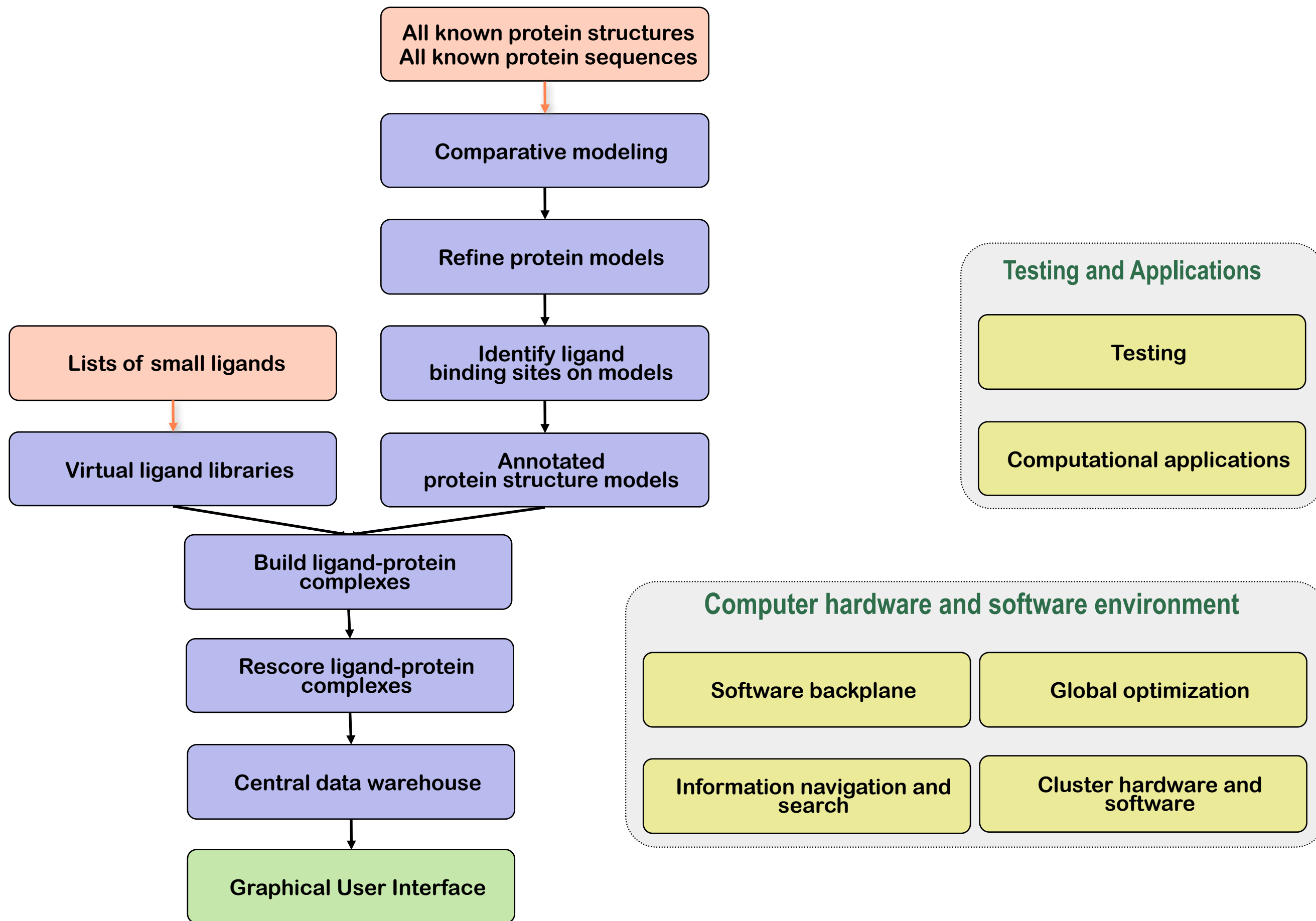
- Under 30%
- 30-40%
- Over 40%

Pieper *et al.* *Nucleic Acids Research*, 2006, 2011.

Comprehensive mapping of interactions between proteins and small ligands



Genome-Wide Mapping of Protein-Ligand Interactions



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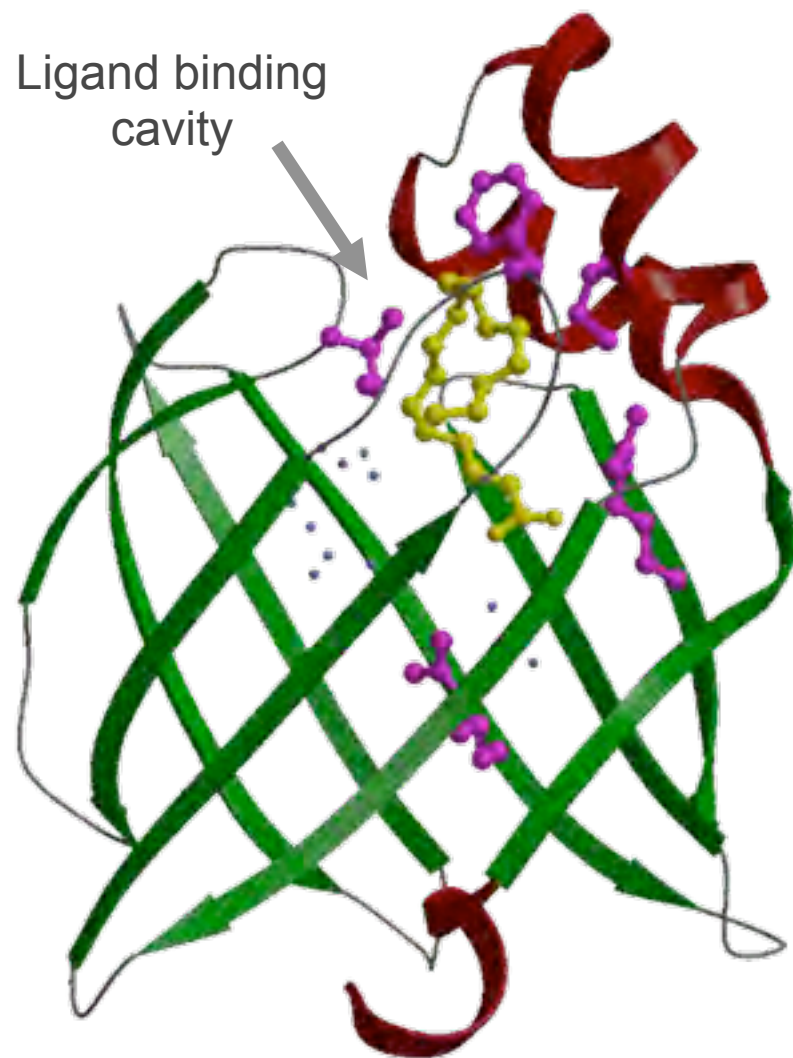
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What is the physiological ligand of Brain Lipid-Binding Protein?

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

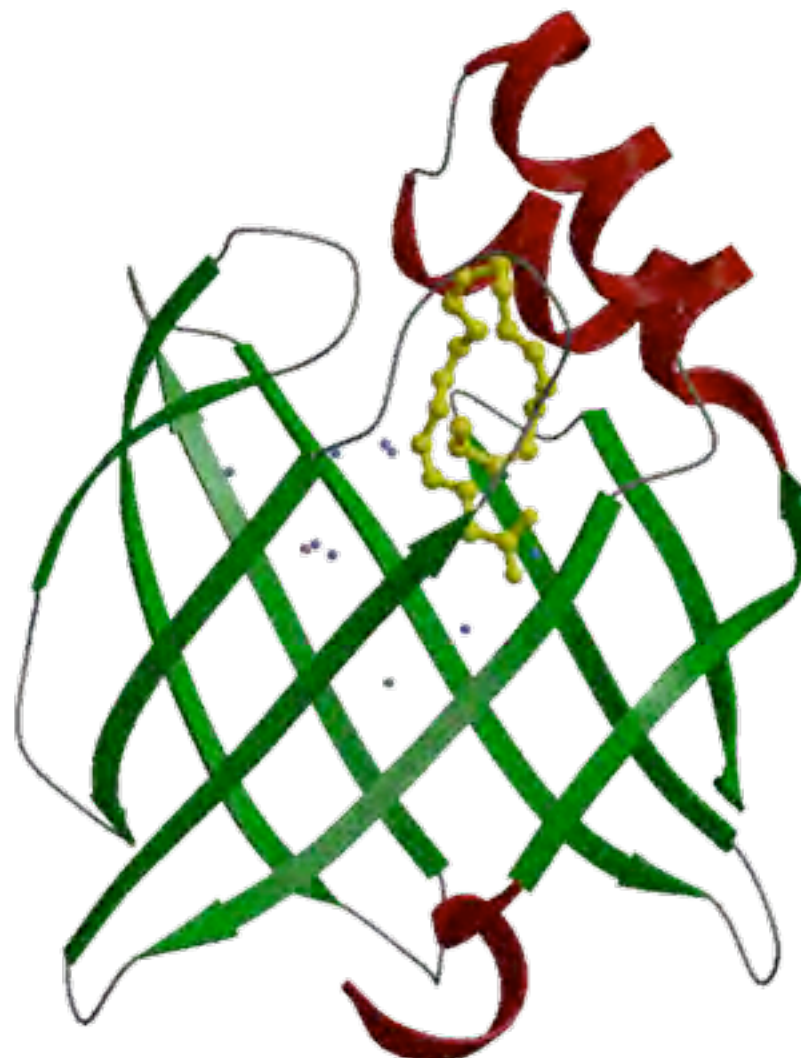
BLBP/oleic acid

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.

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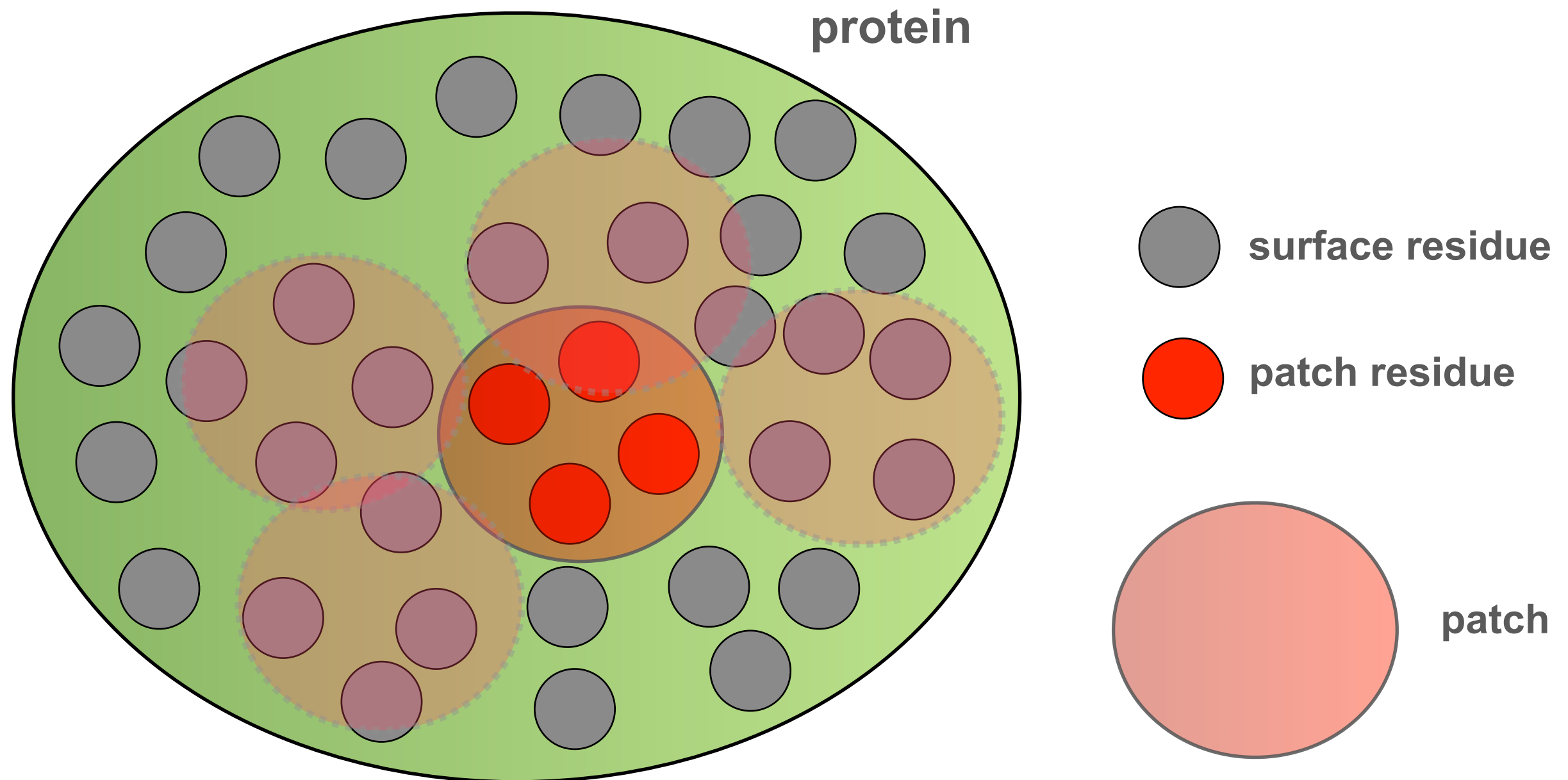
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Localization of a binding site of a given type by **optimizing** a scoring function that depends on properties of a surface residue patch



Rossi, Marti-Renom, Sali, *Prot Sci*, 2006.

Methods: Scoring Function

Our current scoring function assesses any patch based on these properties (requires examples of the binding site):

- Conservation (BLAST generated profiles)
- Compactness (average residue distance)
- Protrusion (nearest neighbor list)
- Convexity (exposure vectors)
- Rigidity (B-factor from crystallographic coordinates)
- Hydrophobicity (hydrophobicity scale)
- Charge density (CHARMM)
- Number of residues

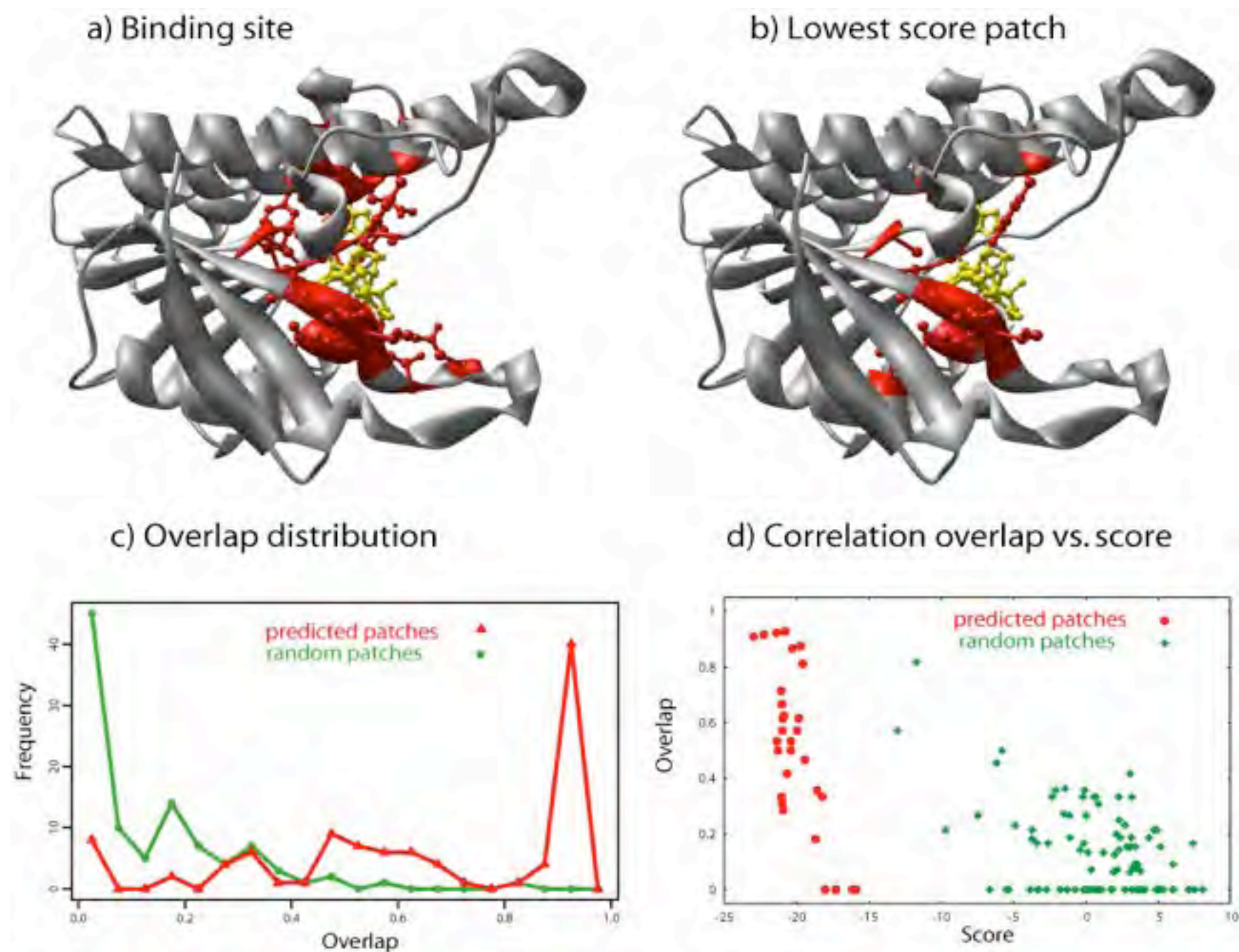
Properties are transformed into Z-scores (scored patch *versus* random patches):

$$Z_k = \left(f_k - \bar{f}_k \right) / \sigma_k$$

The scoring function is a linear combination of property Z-scores:

$$F(P; \{w_k\}) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_p} w_k Z_k(P)$$

Example: NAD binding site localization on dihydropteridine reductase (1dhr)



Large benchmark

For nonsugar ligands, such as various nucleotides, 20 different types of binding sites in 1008 structures were correctly identified in 55%–73% of the cases.

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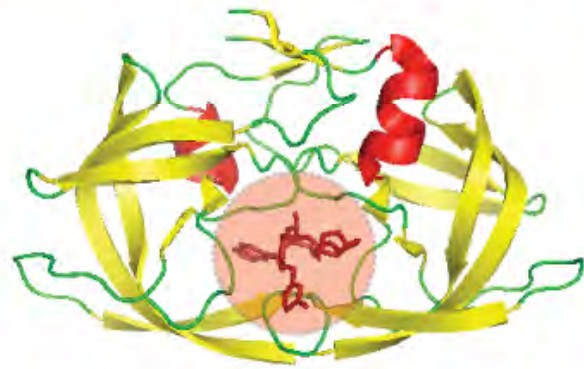
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Prediction of a binding site and ligand by homology

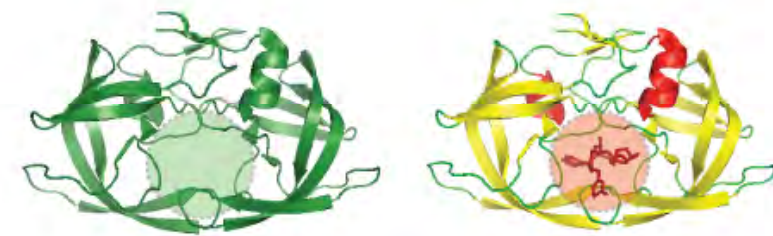
known structure with ligand



model with predicted binding site



known structure with predicted binding site

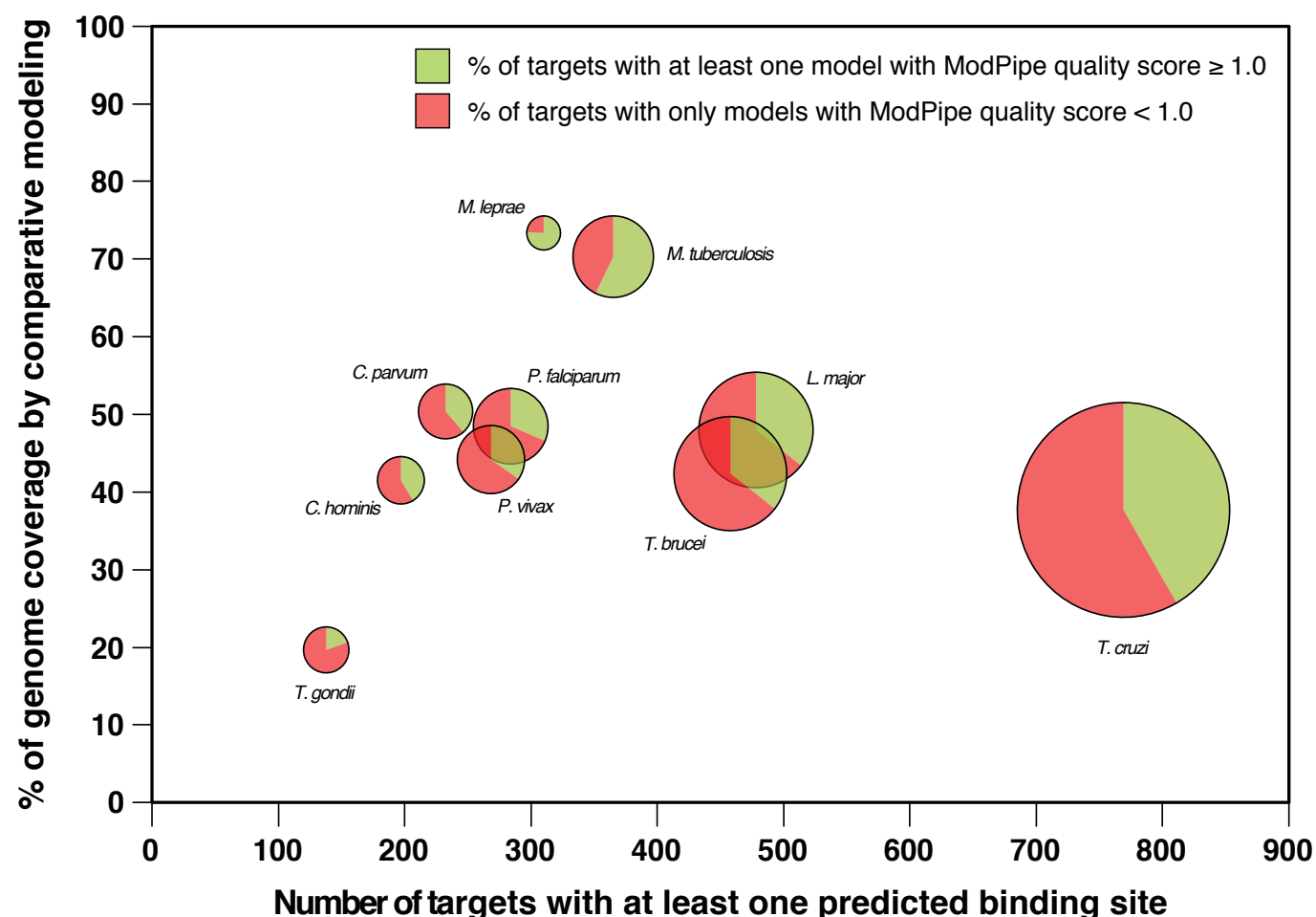


templates with **known** or predicted binding sites

Marti-Renom et al, Nucl Acids Res, 2007
Marti-Renom et al, BMC Bioinformatics 2006

Many others have explored these relationships (Thornton, Sternberg, Rost, ...)

A kernel for open source drug discovery in tropical diseases



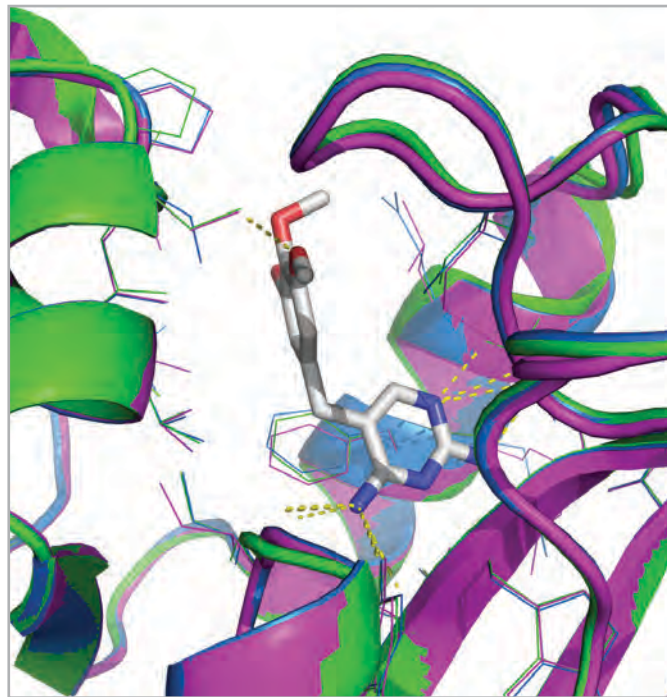
TrEMBL
PDB
ModPipe
ModBase
LigBase
DBAli
MSDChem
DrugBank

At least one binding site for a small molecule was predicted for 3499 proteins in 10 pathogen genomes, based on similarity to known binding sites. Relating ligands in the PDB to compounds in MSDChem and DrugBank predicts that 297 of these proteins bind a molecule similar to a known drug (143 are predicted to bind a known drug).

L. Orti, R.J. Carbajo, U. Pieper, N. Eswar, S. M. Maurer, A. K. Rai, G. Taylor, M. H. Todd, A. Pineda-Lucena, A. Sali, M. A. Marti-Renom, PLoS Negl Trop Dis, 2009

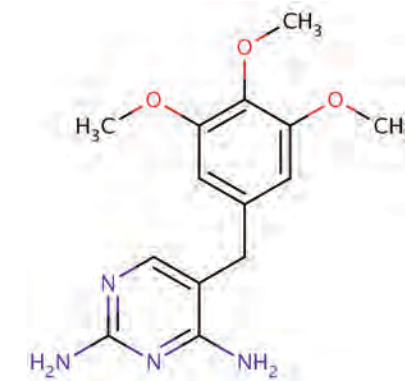
Examples of recovered known pathogen drugs

A) *M. leprae* dihydrofolate reductase



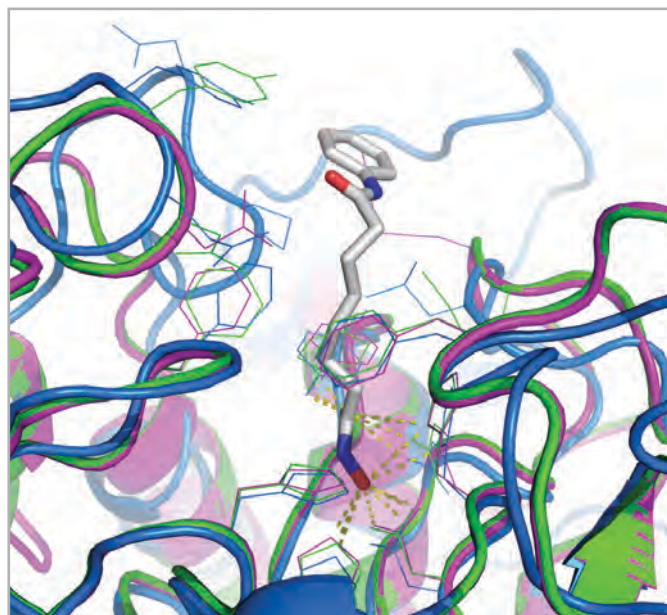
Trimethoprim
Small Molecule; Approved

Drug categories:
Antimalarials
Anti-Infectives



Drug indication:
For the treatment of initial episodes of uncomplicated urinary tract infections.

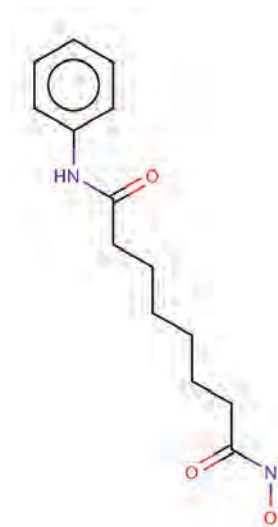
B)



L. major histone deacetylase

Vorinostat
Small Molecule; Approved; Investigational

Drug categories:
Anti-Inflammatory Agents, Non-Steroidal
Anticarcinogenic Agents
Antineoplastic Agents
Enzyme Inhibitors



Drug indication:
For the treatment of cutaneous manifestations in patients with cutaneous T-cell lymphoma who have progressive, persistent or recurrent disease on or following two systemic therapies.

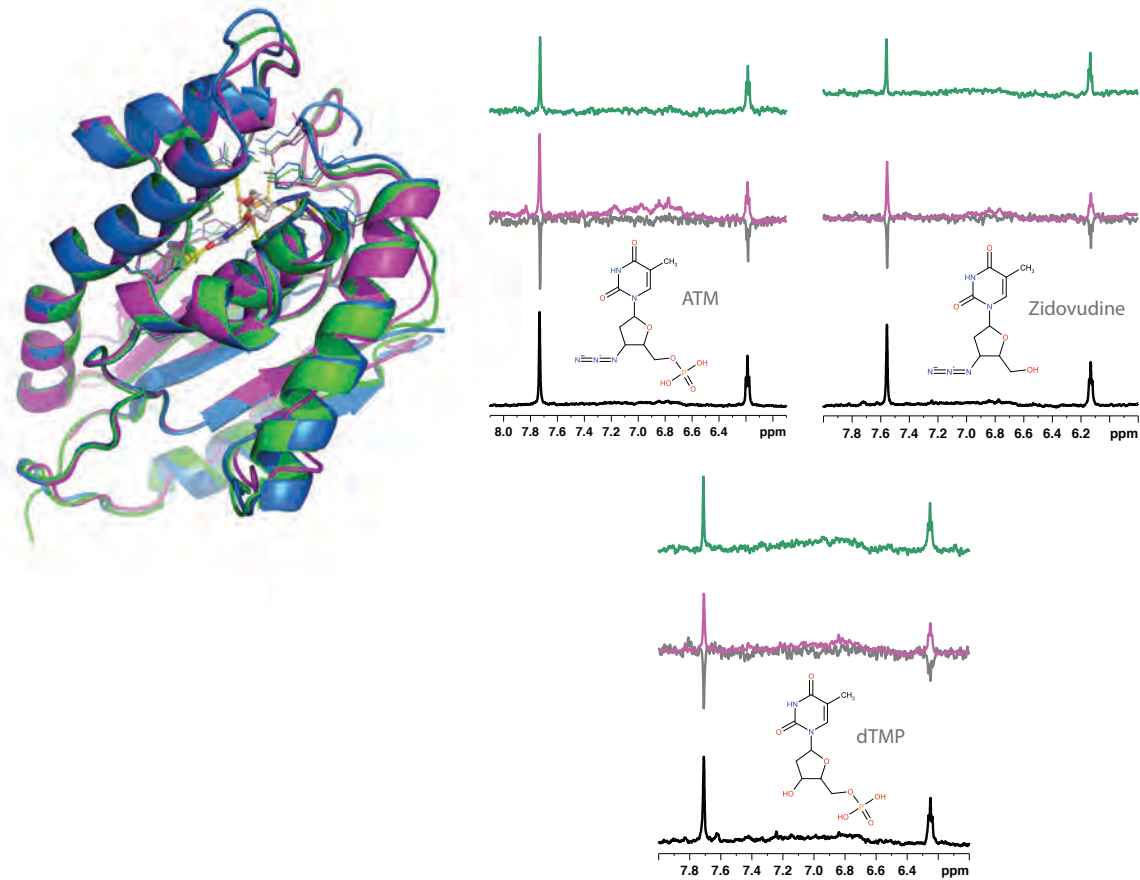
The original PDB structure with the ligand bound is shown in blue; the transferred binding site in the template structure is shown in green; and a comparative protein structure model of the target sequence is shown in magenta.

Orti et al, PLoS Negl Trop Dis, 2009

Testing of predicted pathogen protein - drug interactions

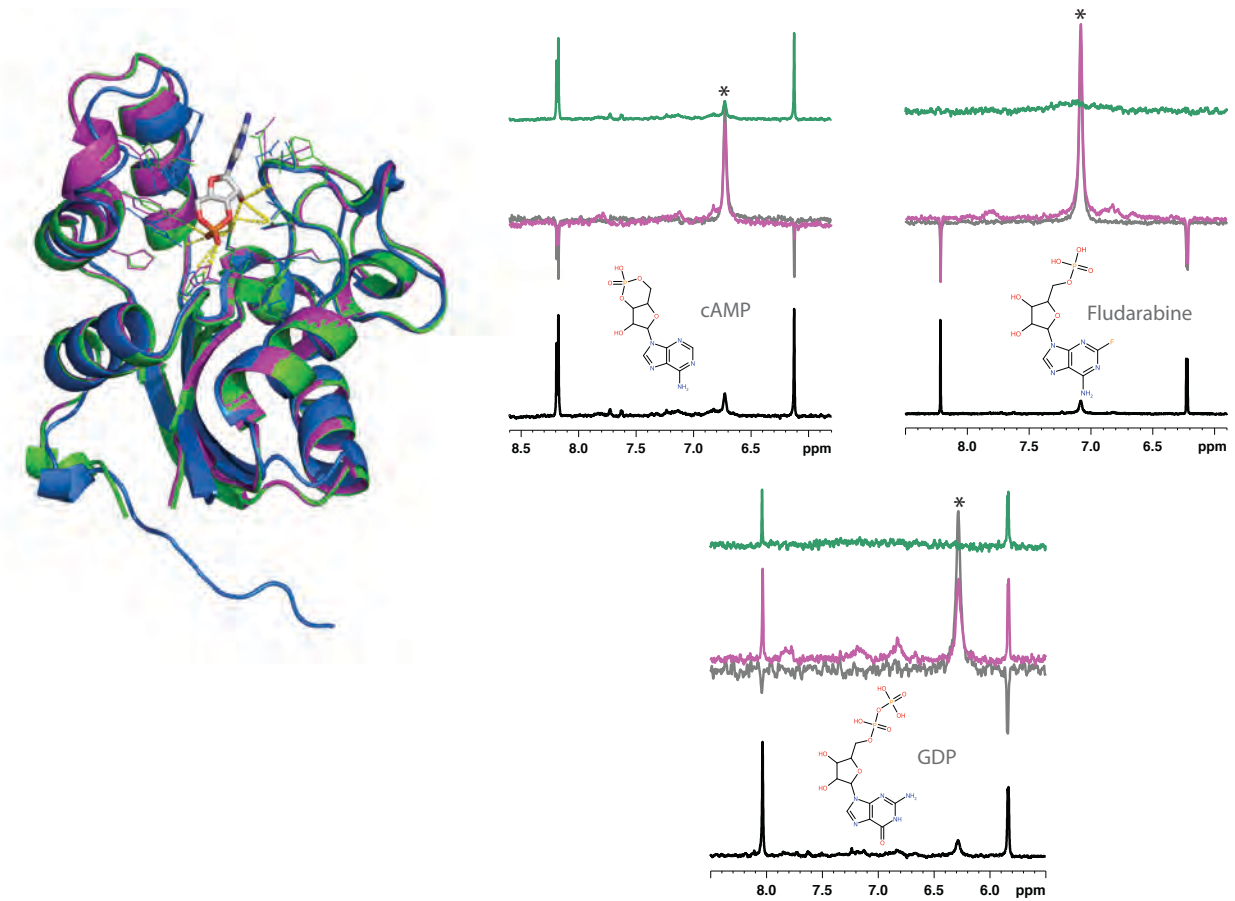
Water-LOGSY NMR spectroscopy

A)



Validated: *P. falciparum* thymidylate kinase interactions with dTMP, ATM and Zidovudine.

B)



Invalidated: *M. leprae* nucleoside diphosphate kinase interactions with GDP, cAMP and Fludarabine.

Each NMR spectrum shows a detail of the aromatic region for the interacting molecules, the bottom spectra corresponding to the reference 1D ^1H experiment (black line). In this experimental setting, a non-interacting compound results in negative resonances in the Water-LOGSY experiment and no signals in the STD spectrum. In contrast, protein-ligand interactions in the Water-LOGSY (magenta line) are characterized by positive signals or by a reduction in the negative signals obtained in the absence of the protein (reference spectrum, grey line). In the STD experiment, a positive interaction is recognized by the presence of positive signals (green line). Signals marked with an asterisk arise from exchangeable protons, and although positive, do not indicate an interaction between the protein and the ligand, as they also show the same behavior in the absence of protein.

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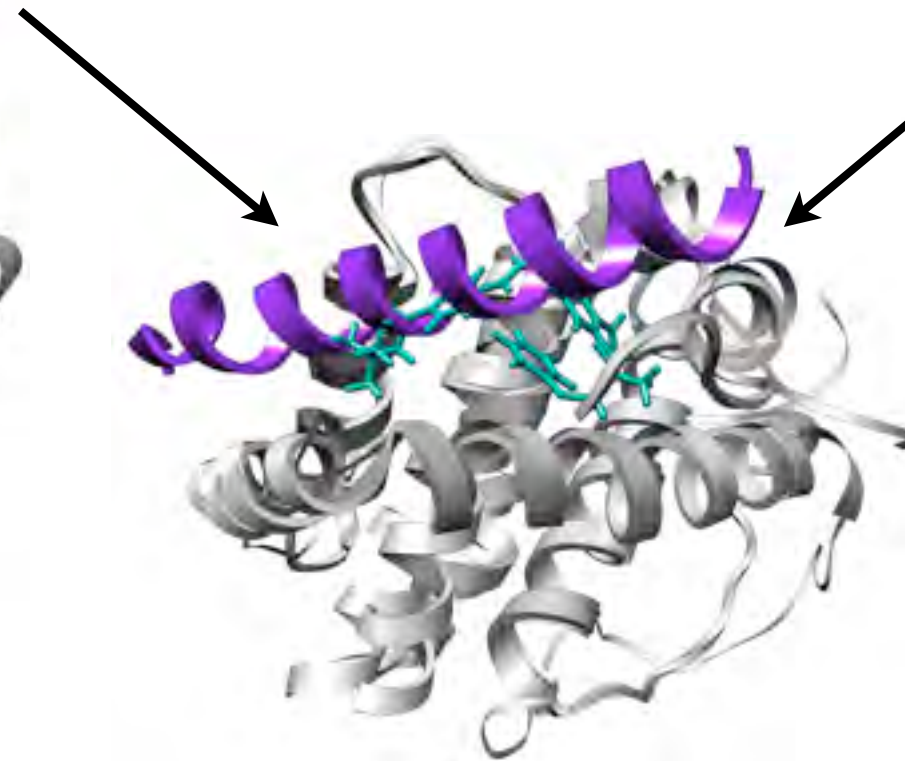
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Do small molecule and protein binding sites overlap within families?



Mcl-1 – NoxA
(PIBASE: 2jm6)



Bcl-2 – acyl-sulfonamide ligand
(LIGBASE: 2o22)

Protein binding site

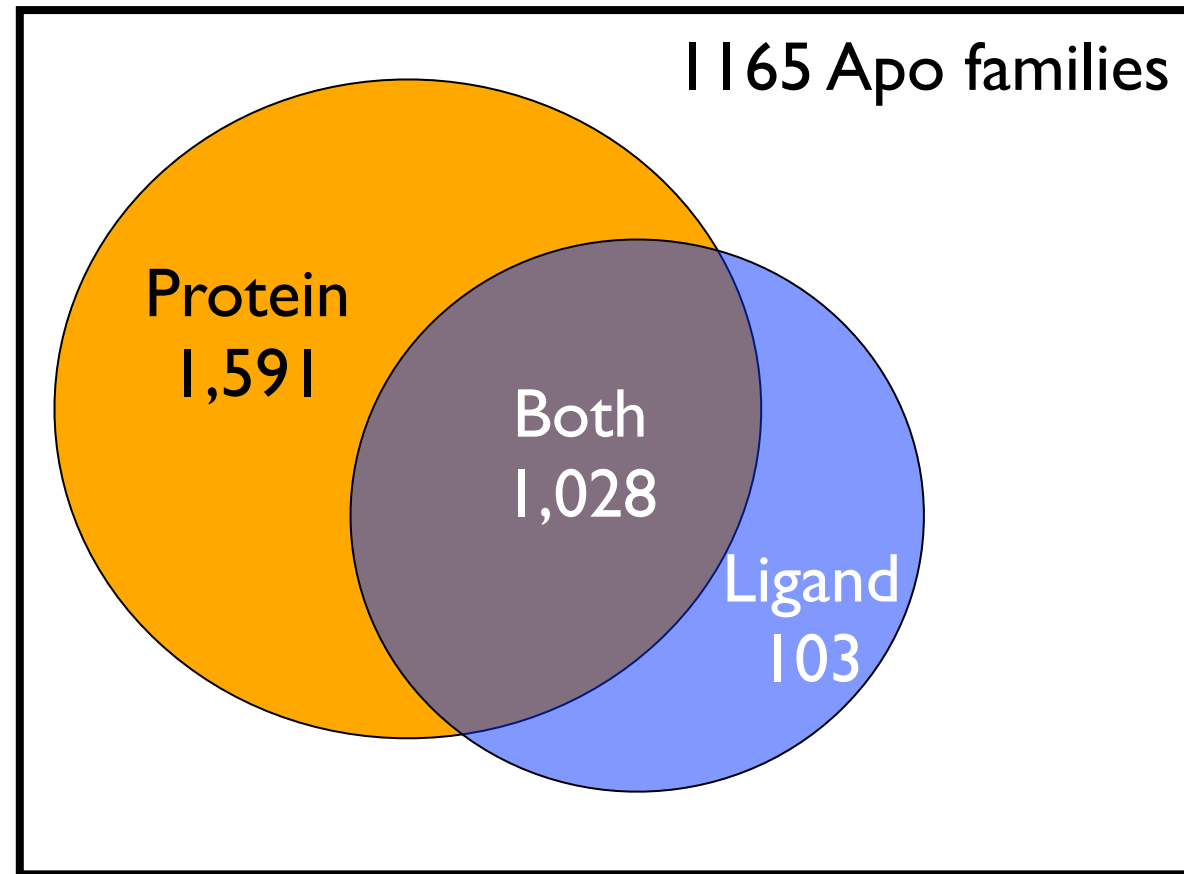
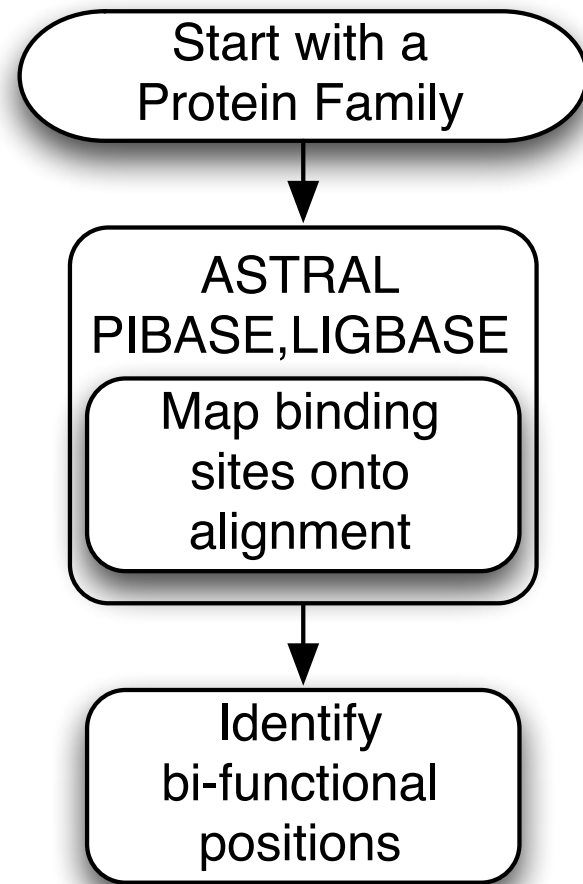
Overlapping
(bi-functional)

Ligand binding site

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BDP89399-0_SCOP.d2o22a1  lhtwiqdnggwdaFvelYgpsmr---
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(ASTRAL alignment)

Many families bind both small molecules and proteins



Ligand:
250-1000 Da

Total: 3,643 families (SCOP v1.73)

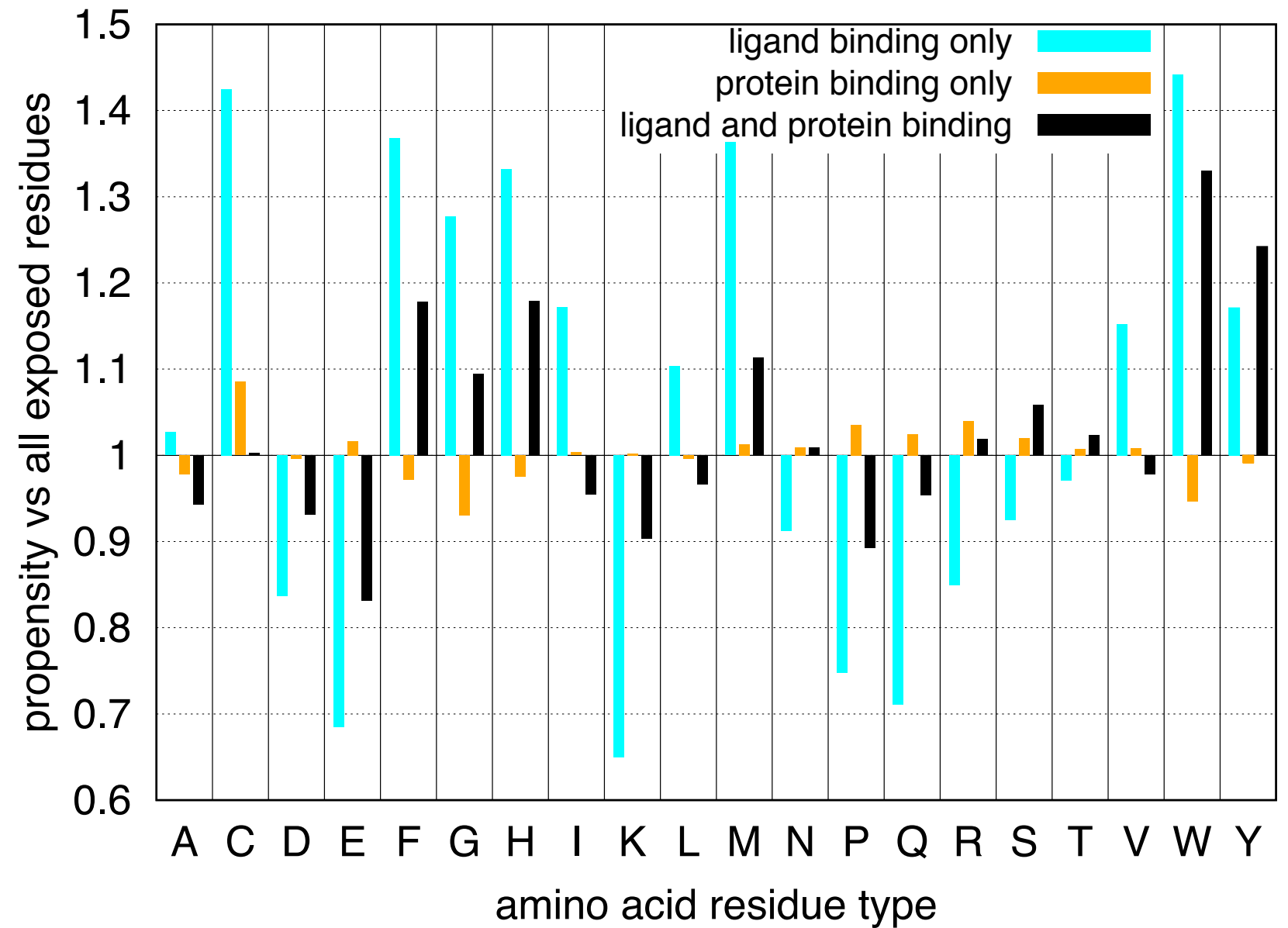
Stuart et al. ASTRAL, *Bioinformatics* 2002
 Davis et al. PIBASE, *Bioinformatics* 2005
 Chandonia et al. LIGBASE, *Nucl Acids Res* 2004

<i>Number of families</i>	Total	bind small molecules	≥ 5 bi-functional positions
Total	3,463	1,131	
Domain-peptide	469	232	150
Domain-domain, inter-chain	2,120	900	570
Domain-domain, intra-chain	1,189	562	356
Total protein-binding	2,619	1,028	736*

*197 statistically significant

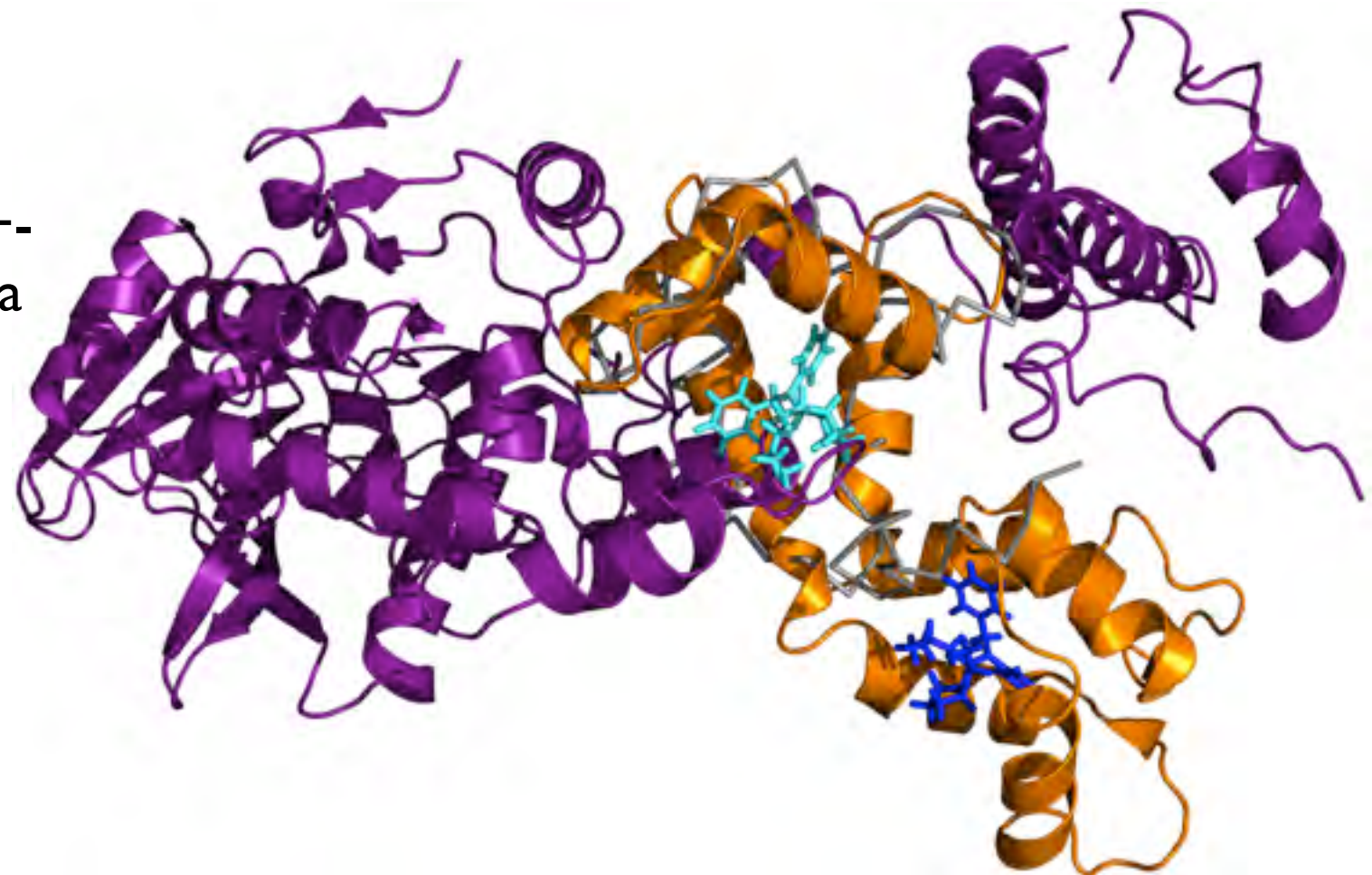
Properties of bi-functional positions: composition and conservation

- residue propensities are significantly different than mono-functional positions; similar to energetic hot-spots
- enriched for Trp and Tyr;
- less conserved than other surface positions



Overlapping binding sites can suggest structural mechanisms for the effects of small molecules

- Bepridil was an FDA-approved Ca^{++} -channel blocker for refractory angina
- Bepridil inhibits cellular entry of anthrax edema and lethal factors. (Sanchez, *et al. Antimicrob Agents Chemother* 2007)



Calmodulin – Anthrax Edema Factor (IK93; 2002)
Troponin C – bepridil (IMRW; 2002)

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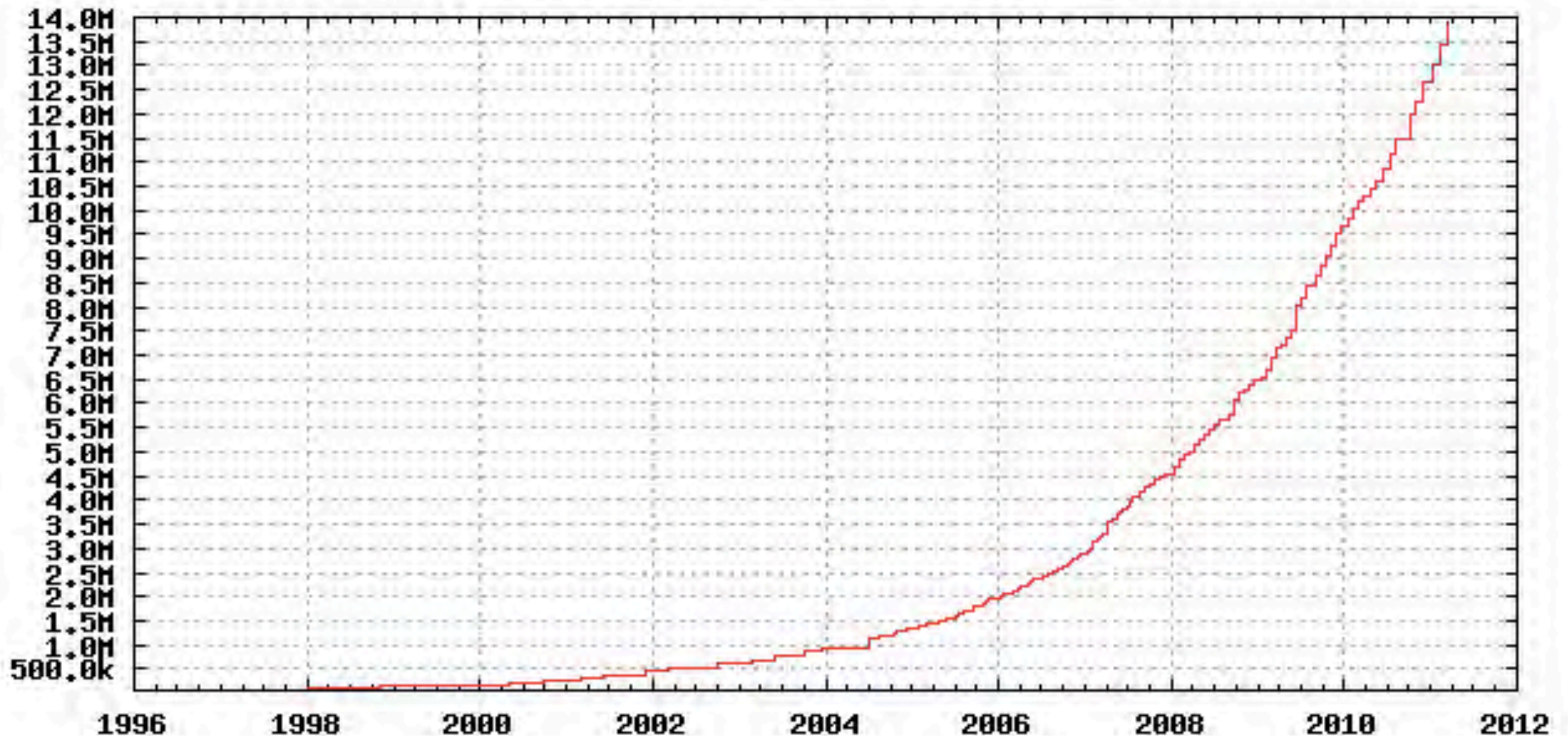
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The number of protein sequences is “exploding” !

Release 2011_03 of 08-Mar-2011 of UniProtKB/TrEMBL contains 13897064 sequence entries, comprising 4465597779 amino acids .

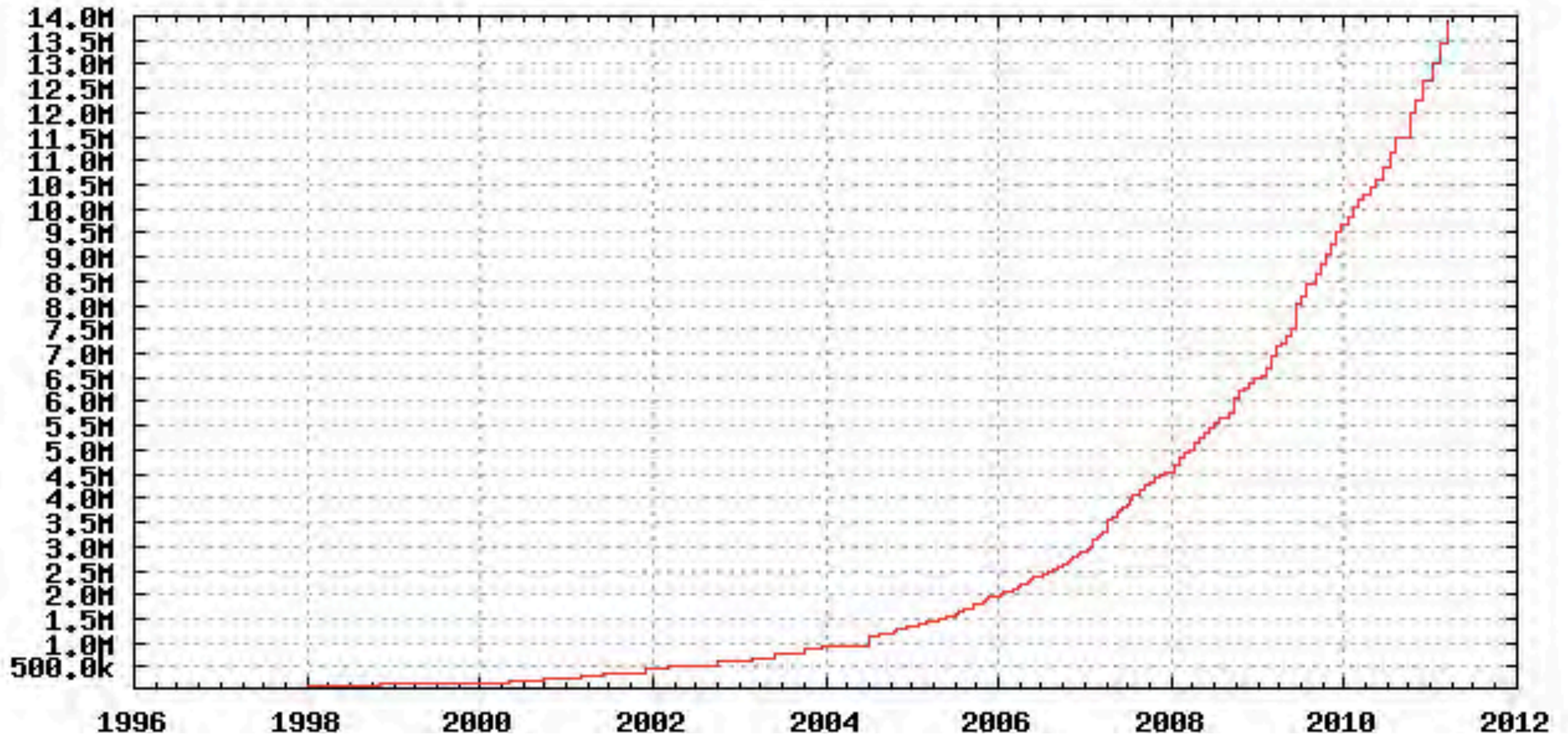
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At least one-half have unknown/uncertain functions

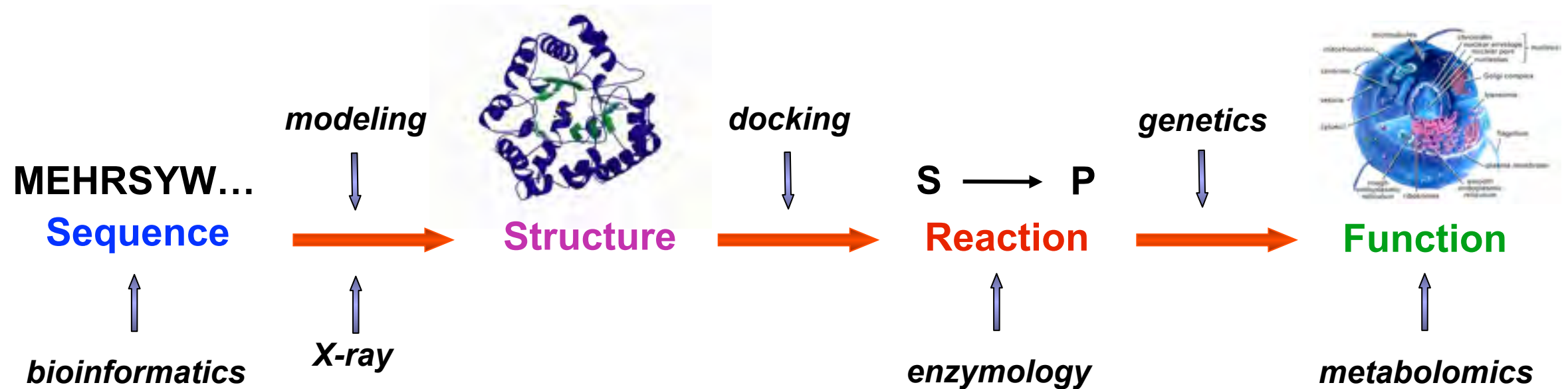
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Functional assignment: high-throughput computation ?

U54 GM093342: “Enzyme Function Initiative” (EFI)



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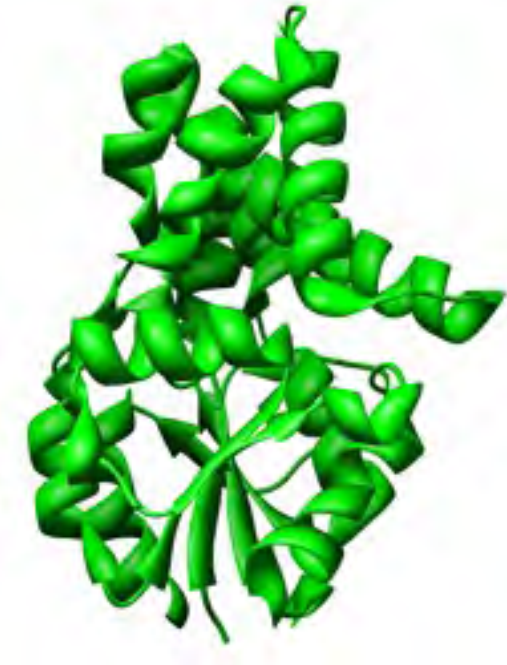
EFI: Deliverables

1. **Develop a robust sequence/structure-based strategy** for facilitating discovery of *in vitro* enzymatic and *in vivo* metabolic/physiological functions of unknown enzymes discovered in genome projects.
2. **Disseminate to the community** the intellectual, computational, and experimental tools, protocols, materials, and guidelines for determining *in vitro* and *in vivo* functions of unknown enzymes.
3. **Collaborate with the community** to facilitate sequence/superfamily analyses as well as homology modeling and *in silico* docking of ligand libraries to unknown members of other enzyme superfamilies.

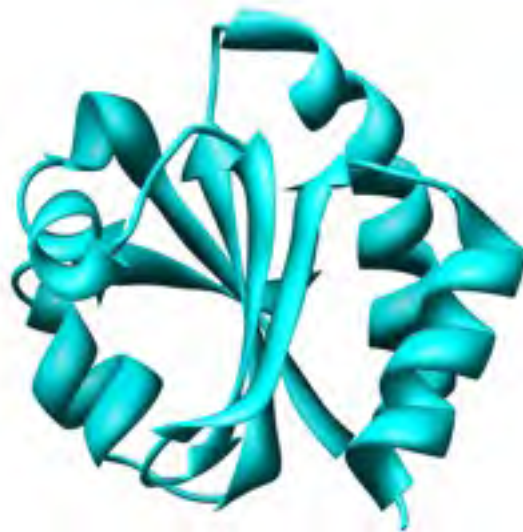
EFI targets: 5 structurally diverse superfamilies



Enolase: > 7,000 sequences
Amidohydrolase: > 23,000 sequences



HAD: > 34,000 sequences

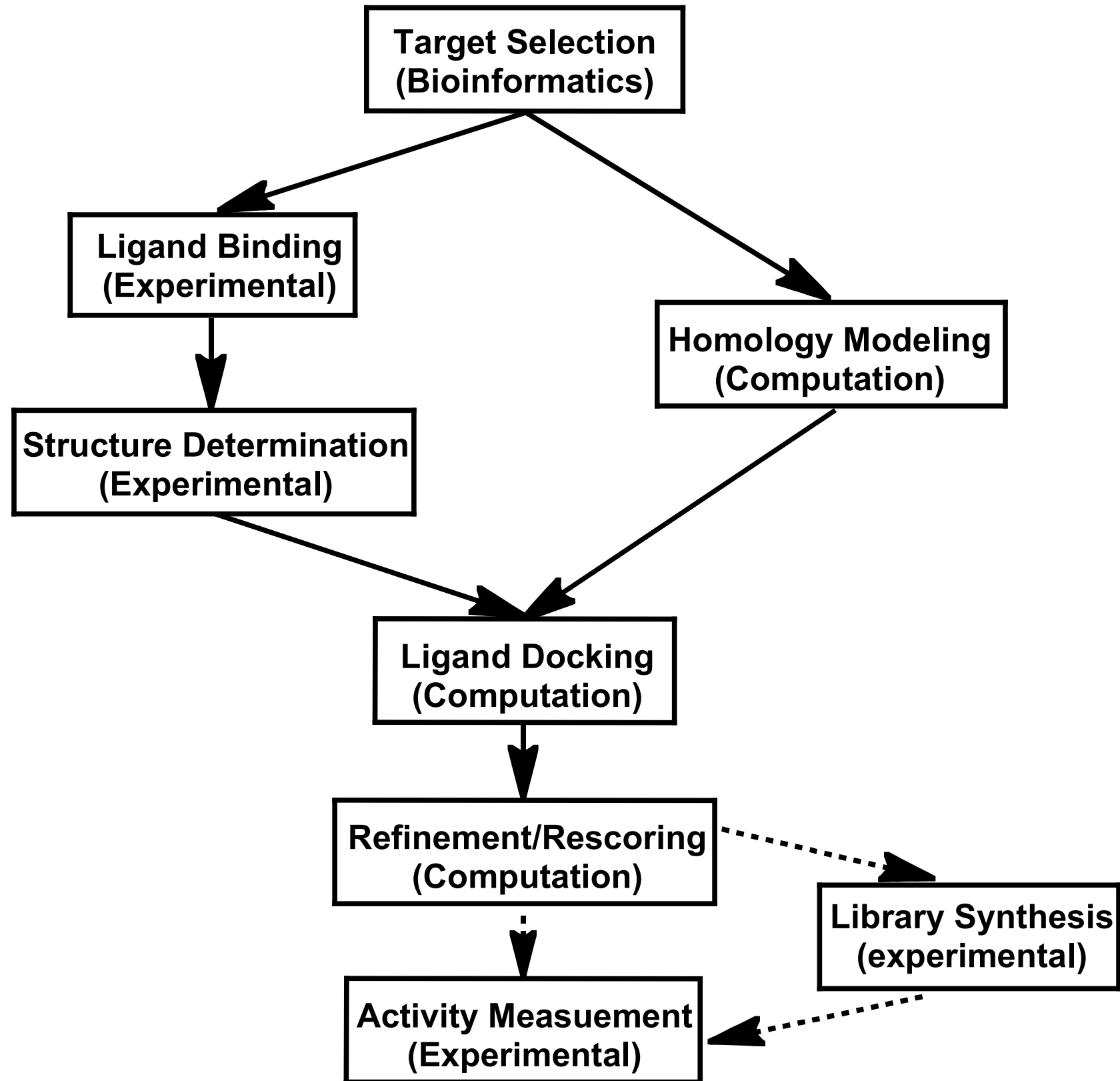


GST: > 8,000 sequences

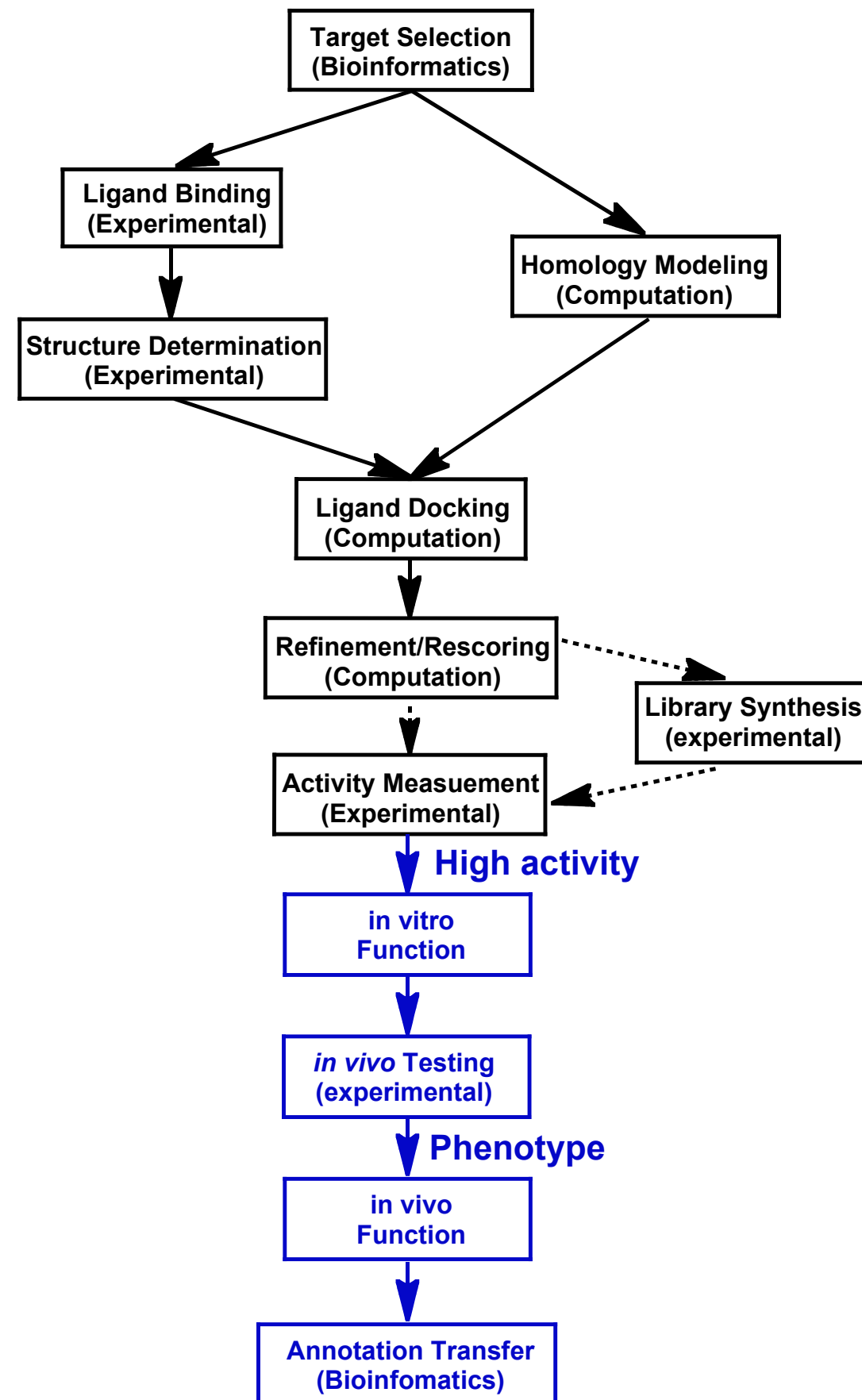


Isoprene synthase: > 4,700 sequences

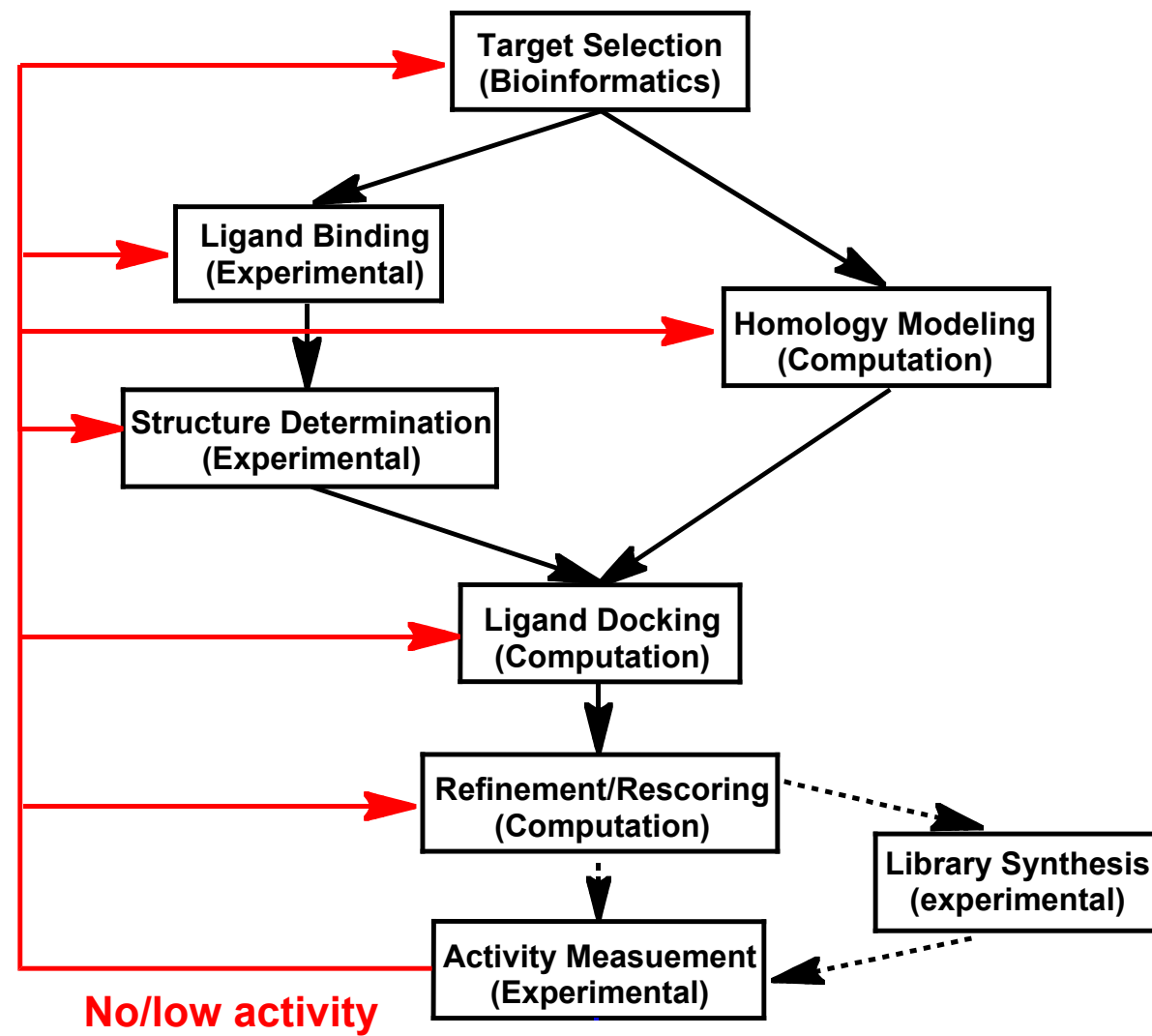
EFI pipeline: develop function assignment strategy



EFI pipeline: if correct, functional assignment



EFI pipeline: if incorrect, inform and improve strategy



Enzyme Function Initiative

<http://enzymefunction.org>

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MEHRSYW...
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WELCOME

The Enzyme Function Initiative (EFI) will develop a robust sequence/structure-based strategy for facilitating discovery of *in vitro* enzymatic and *in vivo* metabolic/physiological functions of unknown enzymes discovered in genome projects, a crucial limitation in genomic biology. This goal will be accomplished by integrating bioinformatics, structural biology, and computation with enzymology, genetics, and metabolomics. The EFI will establish five **Scientific Cores** for: **1)** directing target selection as well as devising strategies for functional assignment based on sequence relationships and genome context; **2)** expression and purification of targets; **3)** experimental determination of structures of targets; **4)** computational determination of structures of targets (homology modeling) and, also, *in silico* docking of ligand libraries to direct experimental assignment of *in vitro* functions by focused library screening; and **5)** microbiological and metabolomic characterization of the *in vivo* roles of the *in vitro* assigned functions.

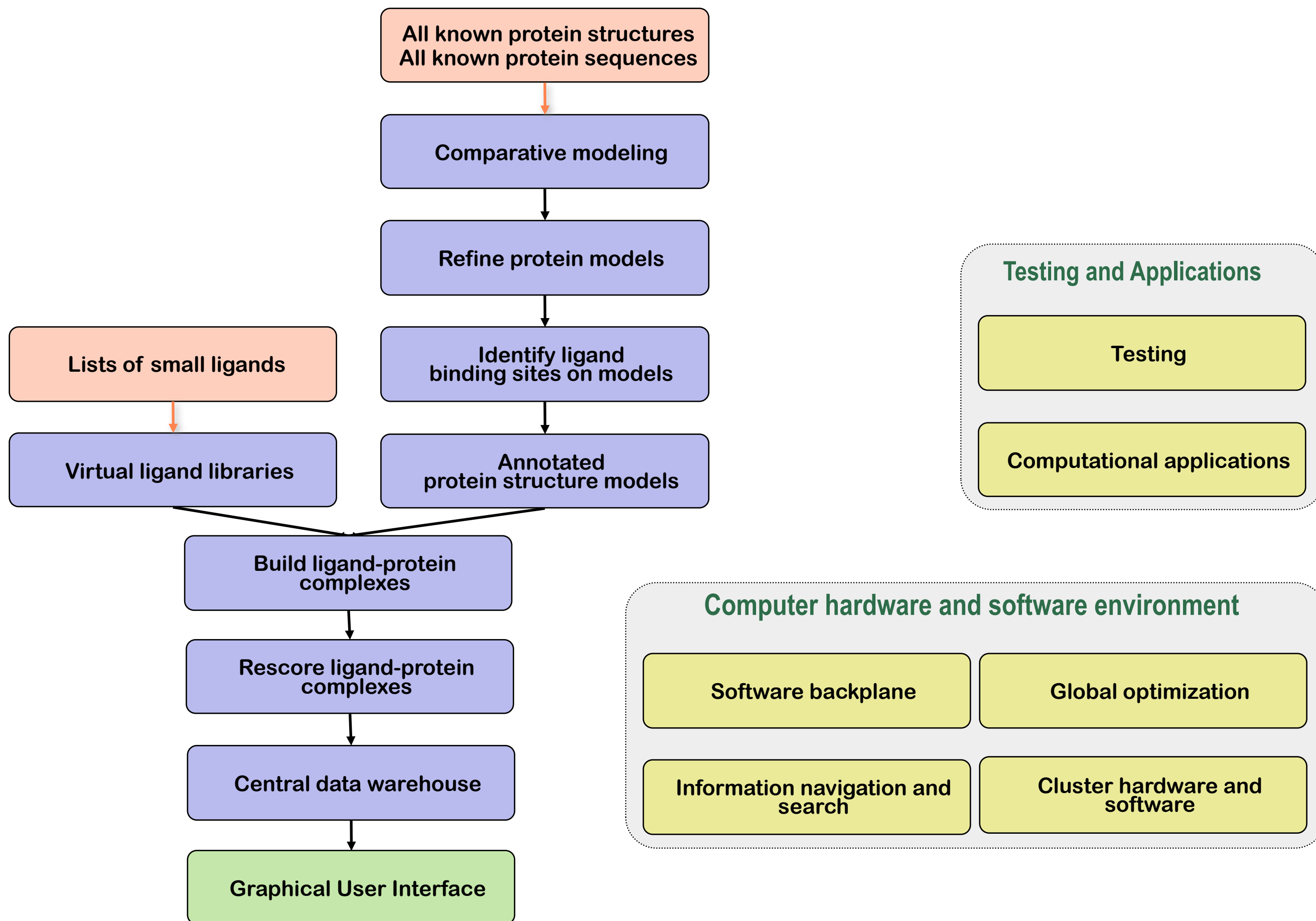
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Benchmarking Comparative Models In Virtual Ligand Screening

Hao Fan, John J. Irwin, Benjamin M. Webb, Gerhard Klebe,

Brian K. Shoichet, and Andrej Sali

J. Chem. Inf. Model., 2009

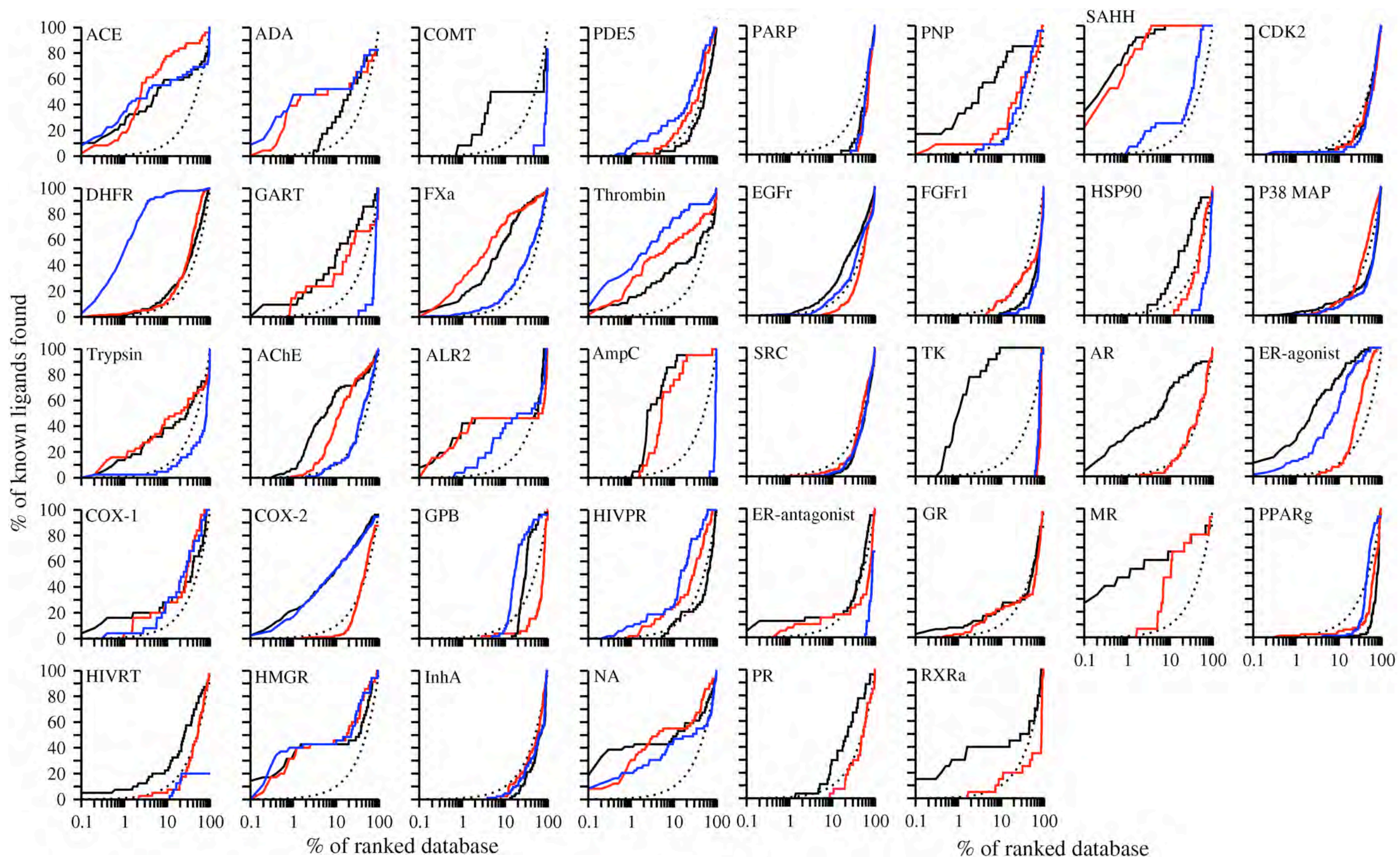
Questions

1. How does docking against comparative models compare to random selection?
2. How does docking against comparative models compare to docking against the template structures?
3. If multiple models are calculated on the basis of different templates, can any of them outperform apo and even holo X-ray structures of the target?
4. If so, can one reliably identify which model will be most enriching?
5. Can the docking screens be improved by employing multiple models?

Method

- Automated comparative modeling by MODELLER (Sali & Blundell, *J Mol Biol*, 1993).
- Automated virtual screening by DOCK (Meng, Shoichet, & Kuntz, *J Comp Chem*, 1992).
- “Directory of useful decoys” (DUD): 38 proteins with known ligands, ligand decoys, apo, holo, and related X-ray structures (Huang *et al*, *J Med Chem*, 2006).
- Consensus enrichment for virtual screening: For a given target protein, rank a compound by the best score against any of the alternative models or templates for the target (this project).

Results: Enrichment curves for DUD targets



— holo X-ray

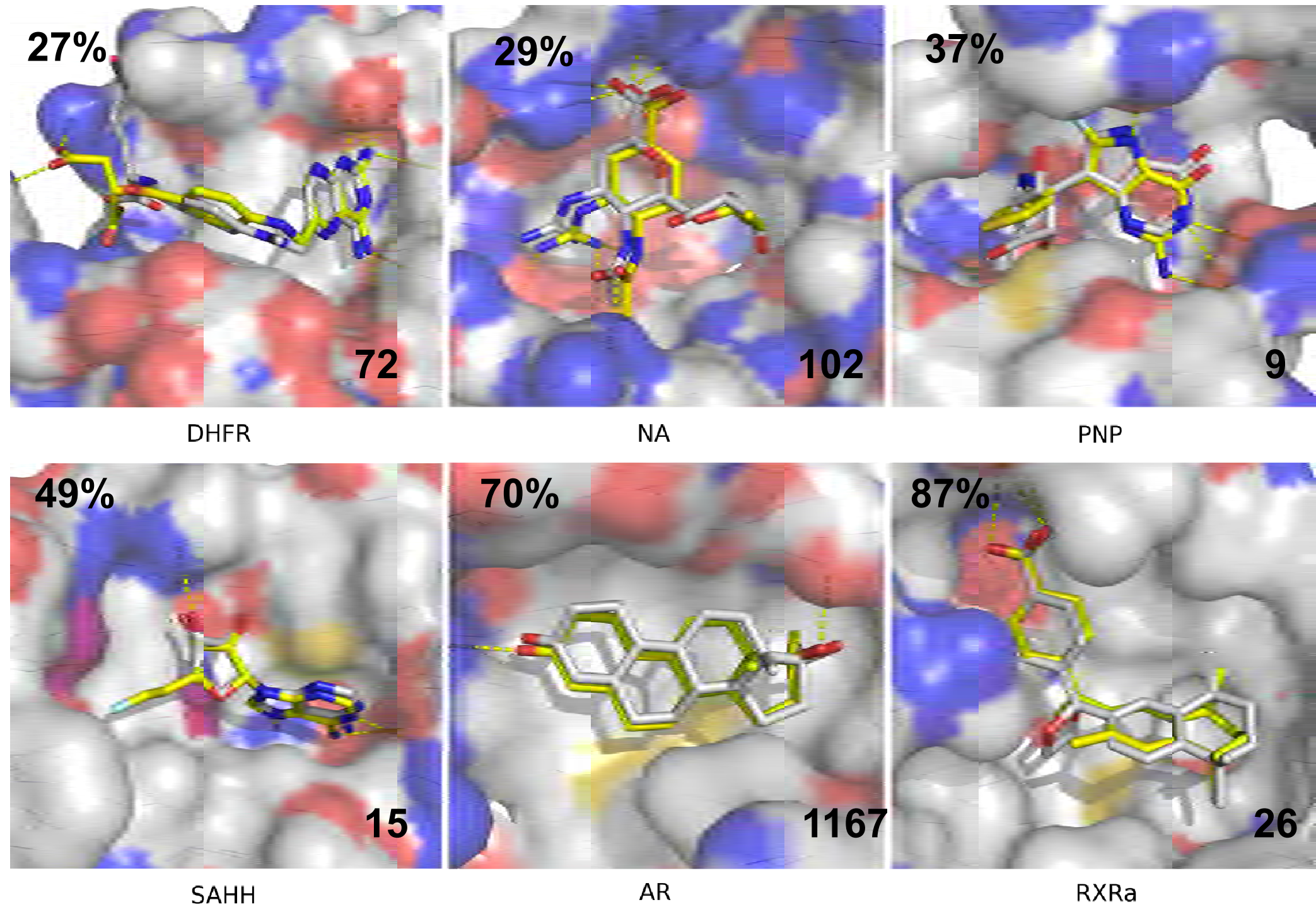
— apo X-ray

— model consensus

..... random

Results: Sample accurate docking poses

Sequence identity and rank among 95,316 DUD decoys.



Both scoring and sampling need to be improved.

Answers

1. **How does docking against comparative models compare to random selection?** Comparative models typically outperform random selection significantly, doing so for 27 out of the 38 targets.
2. **How does docking against comparative models compare to docking against the template structures?** For the entire benchmark, comparative models are on average no more enriching than the corresponding templates. This measurement, however, is confounded by the likelihood of orthologous templates genuinely recognizing the ligands for the modeled target. Conversely, a modeled structure based on a paralogous template with at least 25% sequence identity to the target is 2.5 times more likely to be significantly more enriching than the template.
3. **If multiple models are calculated for a target, each one based on a different template, can any of them outperform apo and even holo X-ray structures of the target?** Typically, the holo X-ray structure returns the best enrichments, but the modeled structures are often competitive. For 15 of the 38 targets, the most enriching model is better for virtual screening than the holo X-ray structure; for nine targets, the most enriching model is as good as the holo X-ray structure. As compared to apo X-ray structures, the best model performance is better still.
4. **Can one reliably identify which model will be most enriching?** No, none of the tested sequence or structural attributes (i.e., the overall target-template sequence identity, the binding site target-template sequence identity, and the predicted accuracy of a model) can reliably predict the accuracy of ligand docking.
5. **Can the docking screens be improved by employing multiple models instead of a single model?** Yes. For the 38 targets, the enrichment of the model based on the highest sequence identity is better than or comparable to the enrichment for the apo and holo X-ray structures in 65% and 45% cases, respectively; in contrast, the consensus enrichment for multiple models (and templates) is better than or comparable to the enrichment for the apo and holo X-ray structures in 70% (79%) and 47% (50%) cases, respectively. For the 222 target-template pairs, the consensus enrichment is better and worse than the template enrichment in 23% and 10% of the cases, respectively. For the 87 paralogous target-template pairs related at more than 25% sequence identity, the consensus enrichment is better and worse than the template enrichment in 33% and 3% of the cases, respectively.

Structure-based discovery of prescription drugs that interact with the norepinephrine transporter (NET)

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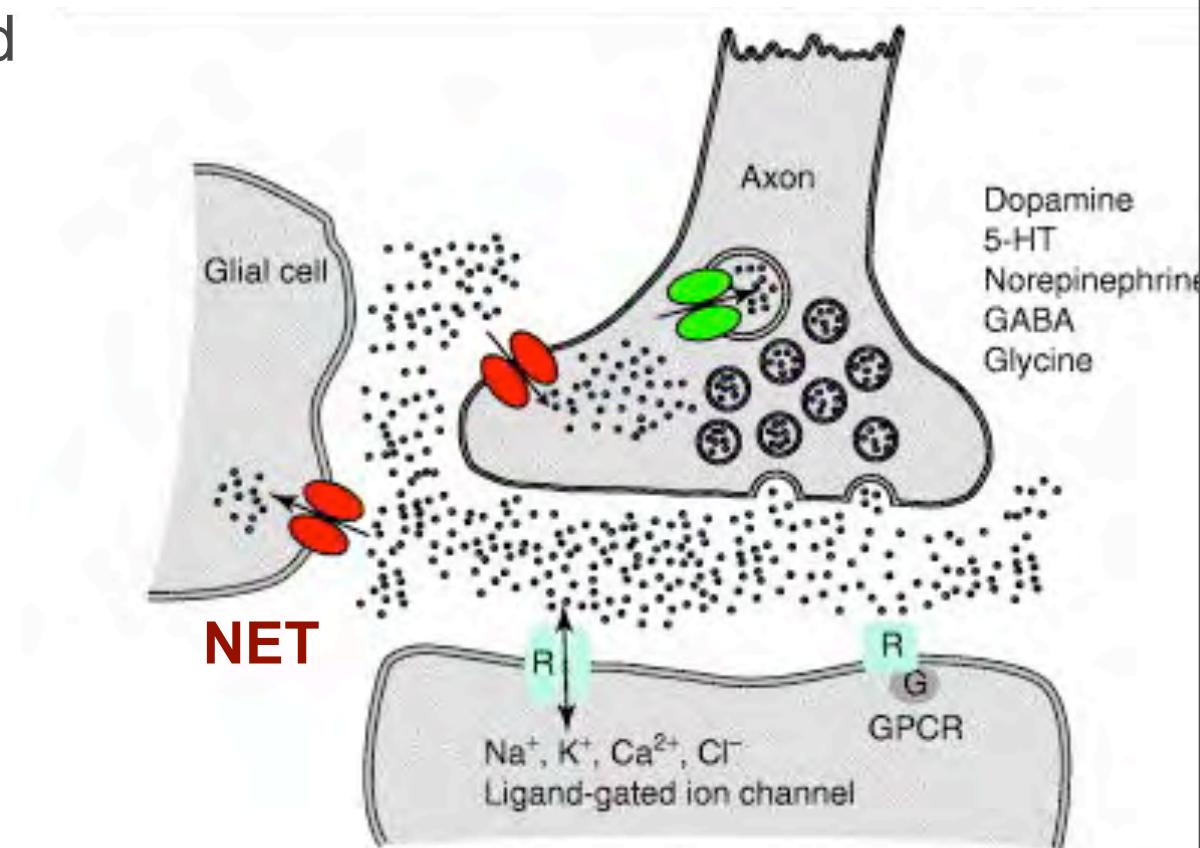
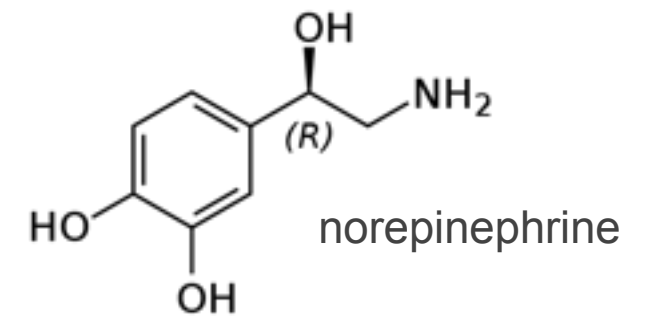
The norepinephrine transporter (NET, SLC6A2)

Biological Function:

- Na⁺- and Cl⁻- dependent neurotransmitter transporter, from the synapse to presynaptic neurons
- Mutations are associated with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), panic disorder, and severe orthostatic hypotension

Pharmacology:

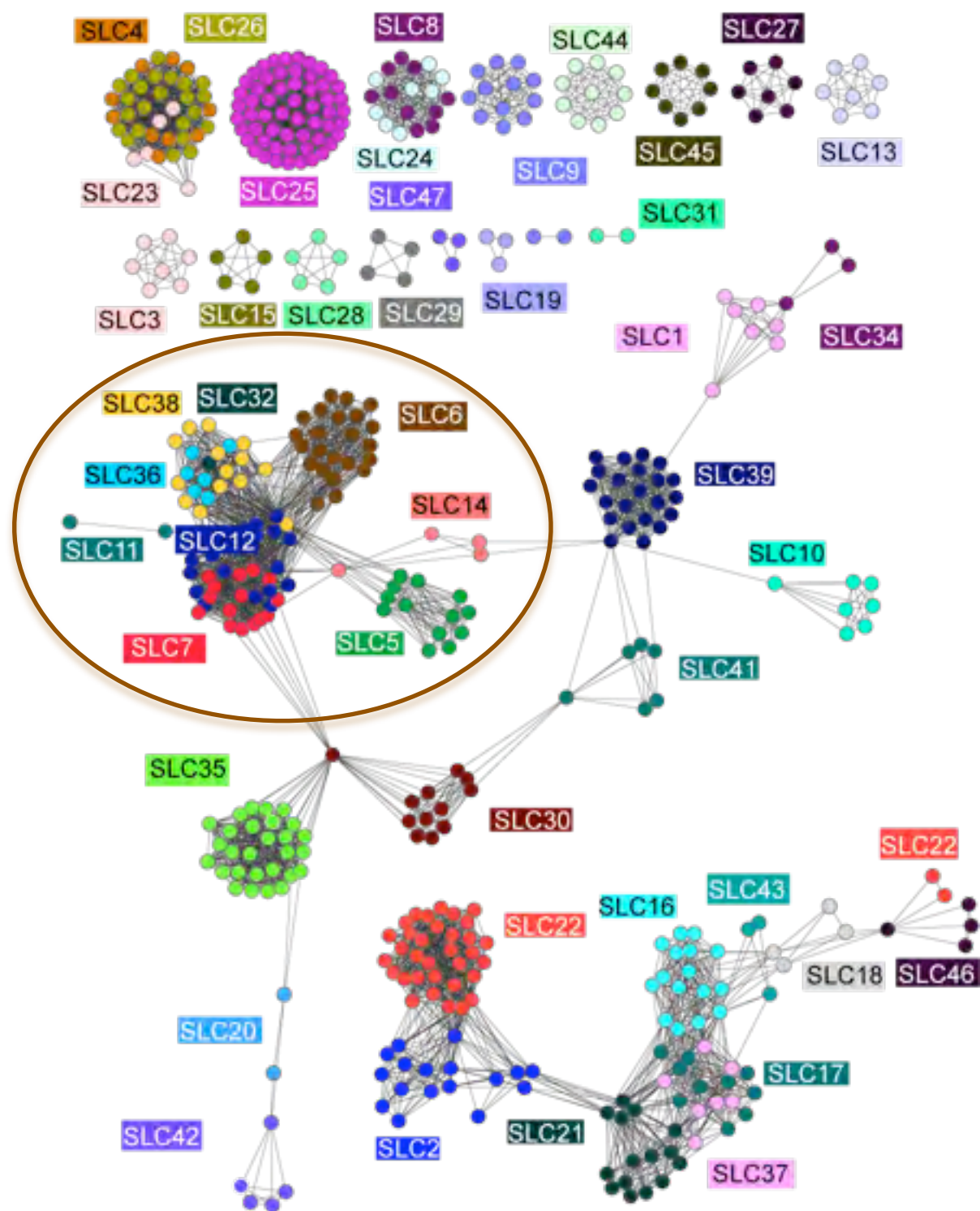
- Antidepressants, psychostimulants, ADHD, neuropathic pain, weight loss, nasal decongestion, hypotension



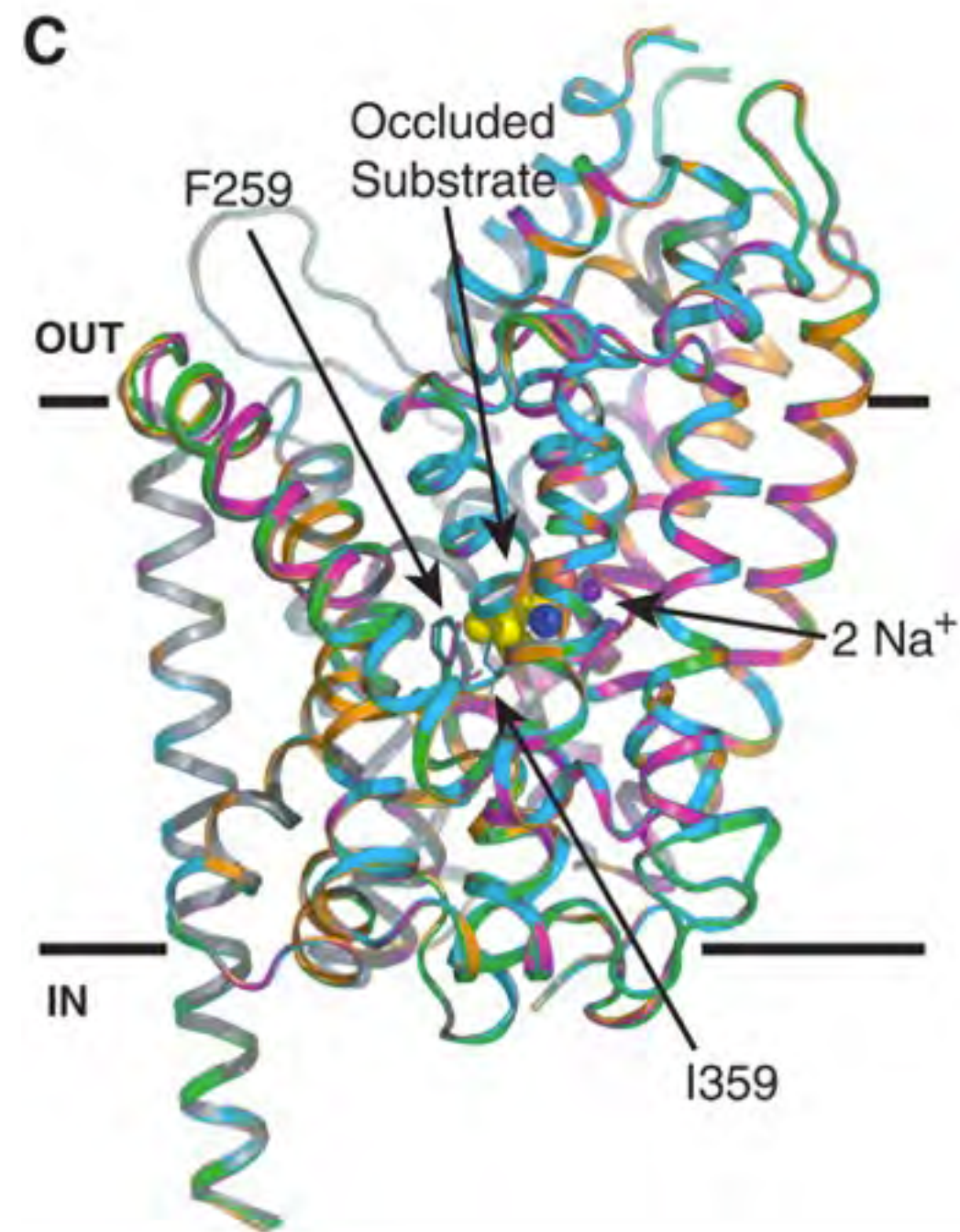
Schousboe *et al.* Trends Pharmacol Sci., 2006.

Solute Liquid Carrier (SLC) transporters

NET has the neurotransmitter: sodium symporter-like fold



Schlessinger *et al.* Protein Sci., 2010.



LeuT transporter from *Aquifex aeolicus*
Sing *et al.* Science, 2008.

Goals of NET ligand discovery

Pharmacogenetics of Membrane Transporters (K. Giacomini, UCSF)
Center for Structures of Membrane Proteins (R. Stroud, UCSF)

- Find unknown biological functions
- Find leads for drug development (*eg*, Pt derivative transport)
- Explain drug efficacy and side effects
- Rationalize impact of point mutations on the function
- Describe substrate specificity in the SLC6 family
- Aid crystallographic structure determination

Approach: comparative modeling, docking, and virtual screening

1. Search for template
PDB, OPM

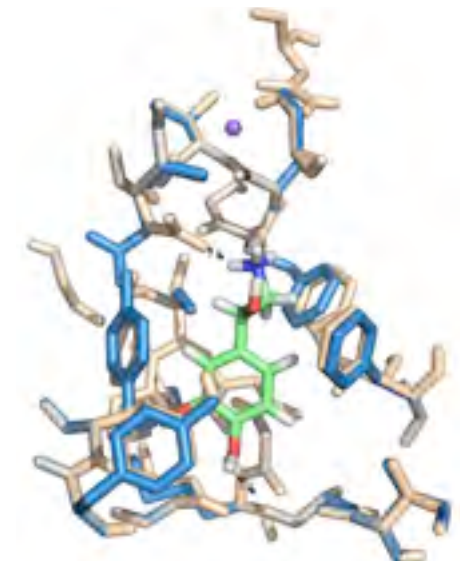
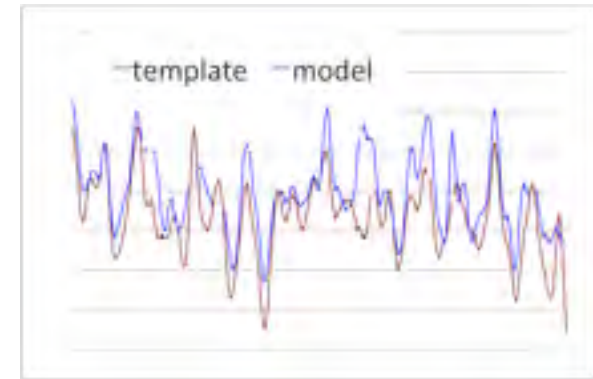
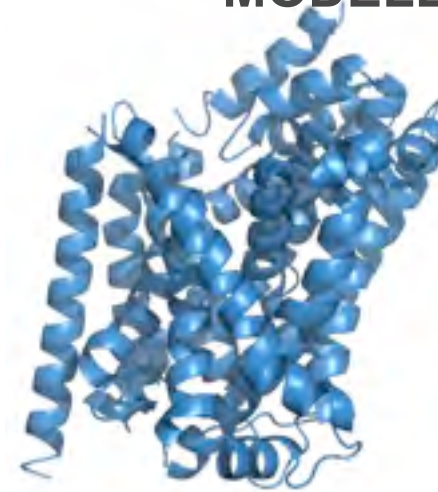
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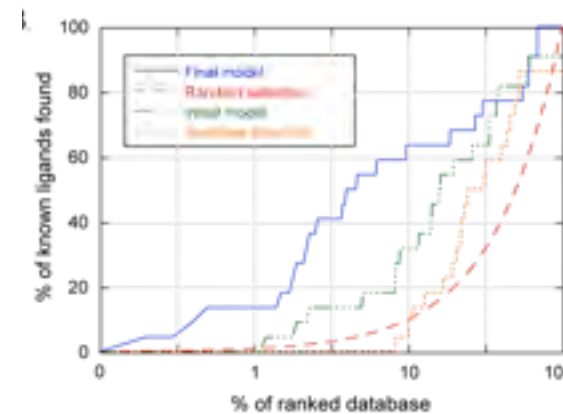
2. Align target and template
SALIGN, PROMALS3D

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AIM--QPMIAFLEDELKL-

3. Construct and assess model
MODELLER, DOPE



4. Refine side chains
SCRWL4

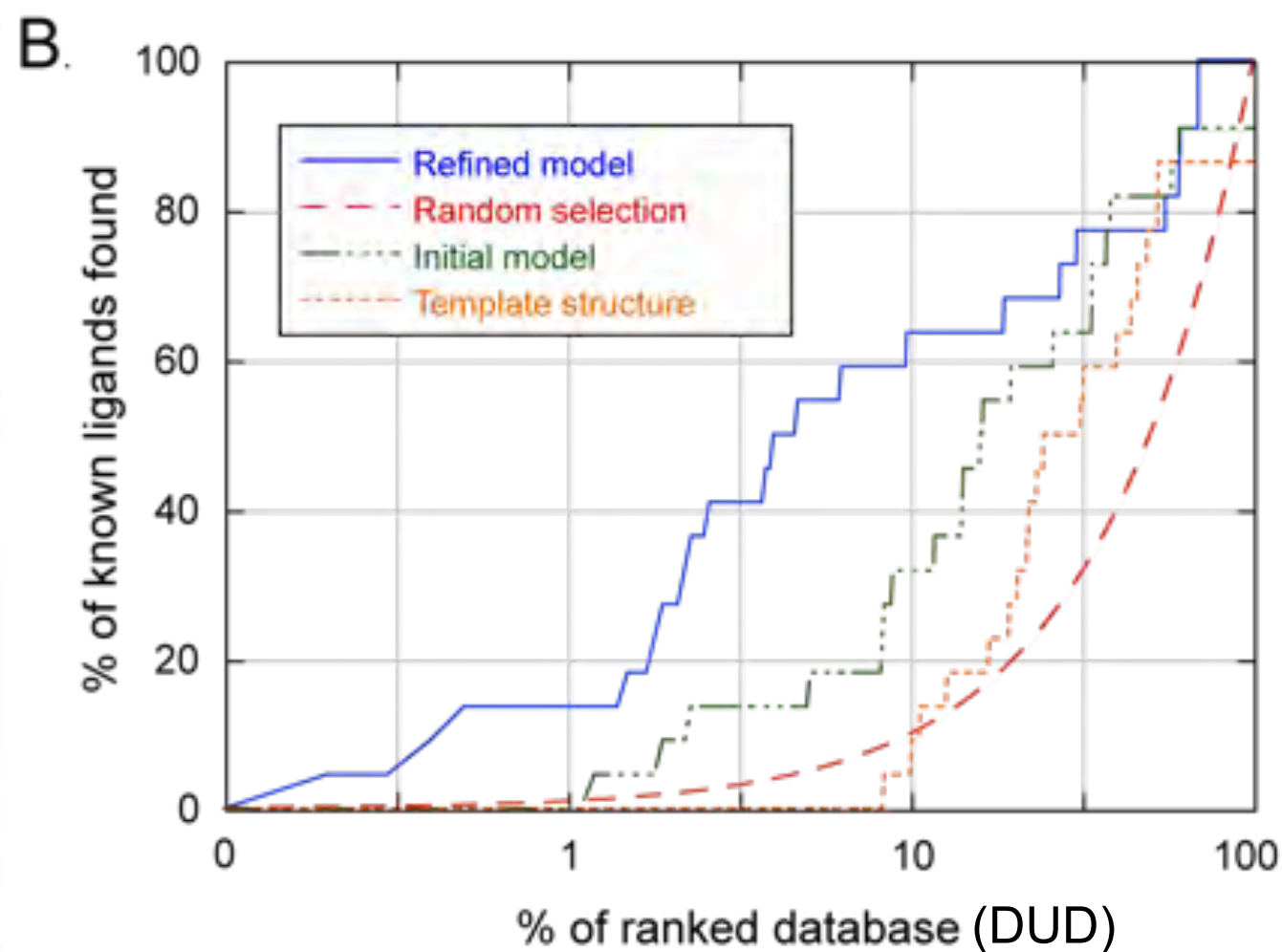
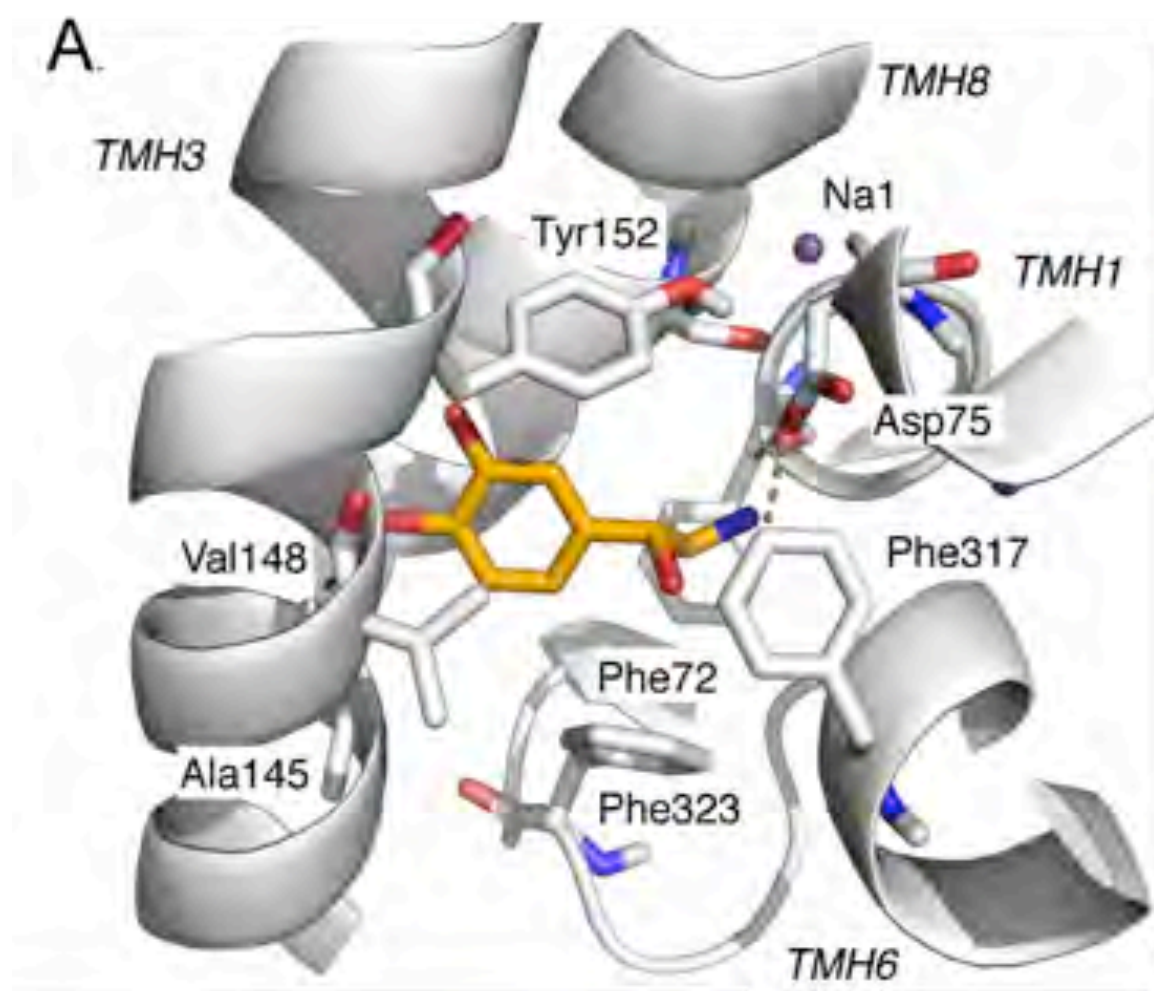


5. Validate binding site
DOCK, DUD

6. Virtual screening
DOCK



Final model can discriminate between ligands and non-ligands

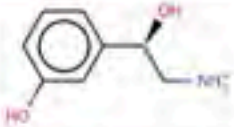
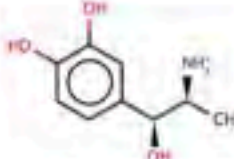
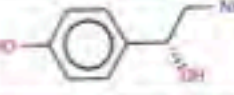
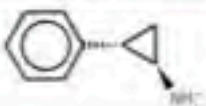
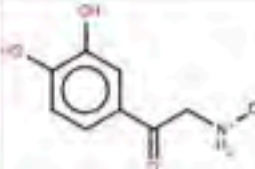


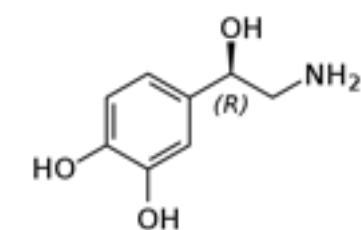
logAUC for final model 37.6
(without optimizing for enrichment)

Virtual screening of 6,436 drugs from the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes (KEGG DRUG) database against the NET model

- 200 highest-ranked drugs (the top 3.1% of the library) were analyzed manually for the similarities of their predicted poses to those in structurally defined complexes, frequent scaffolds, and common pharmacological function.
- **5** high-confidence (similar to NE) and **13** medium-confidence (dissimilar to NE) compounds were selected for validation in the lab.

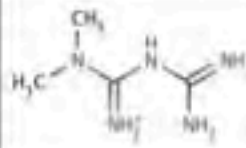
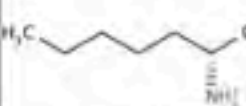
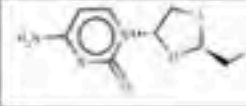
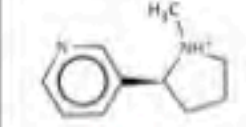
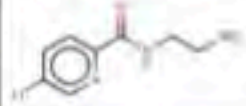
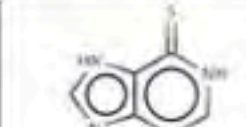

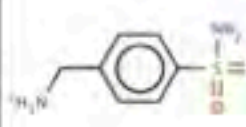
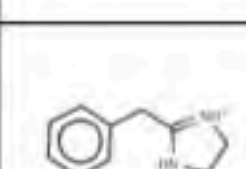
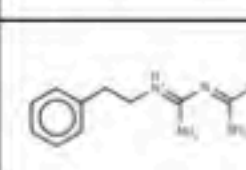
High-confidence hits

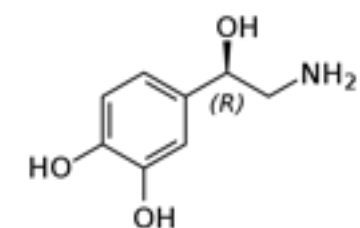
High-confidence predictions					
<u>Rank^a</u>	<u>ZINC id^b</u>	<u>Name^c</u>	<u>Indication^d</u>	<u>Tc^e</u>	<u>Structure^f</u>
3	119286	<u>Norfefrine</u>	Cardiac stimulant	0.34 (0.94)	
4	34159	<u>Levonordefrin</u>	Vasoconstrictor; hypotensive; topical nasal decongestant	0.47 (0.90)	
10	388198	<u>Octopamine</u>	Cardiac stimulant; hypotensive	0.34 (0.90)	
25	1482197	Tranylcypromine	Antidepressant	0.37 (0.38)	
112	57542	<u>Adrenalone</u>	Hemostatic; vasoconstrictor	0.40 (0.61)	



norepinephrine

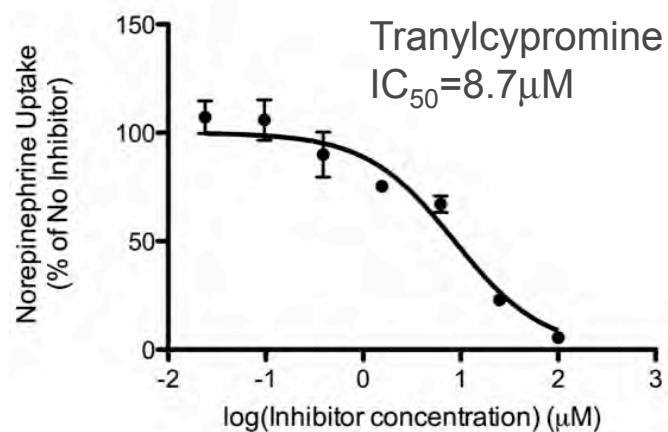
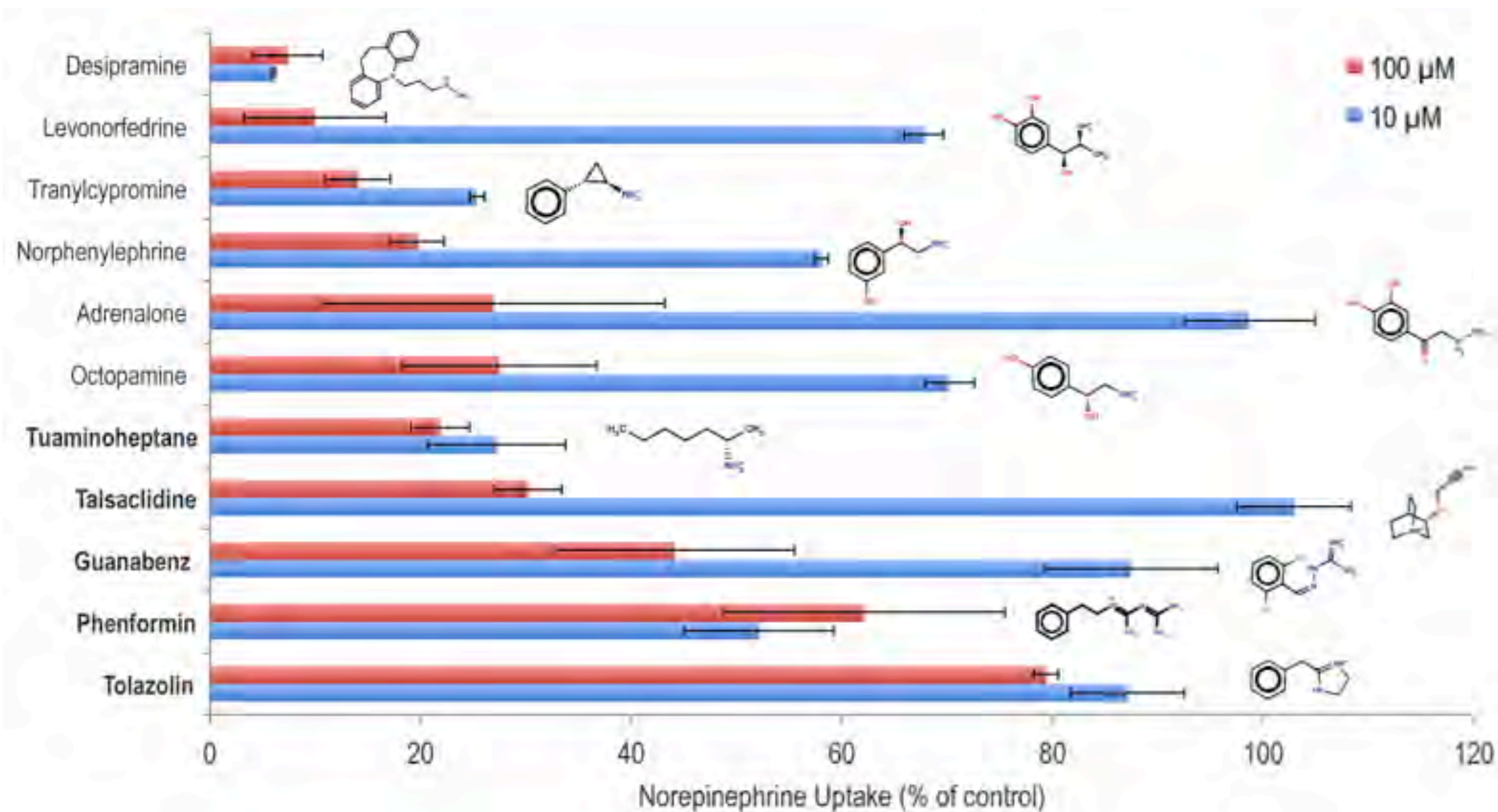
Medium-confidence hits (10 of 13)

Medium-confidence predictions					
16	896658	Metformin	<u>Antidiabetic</u>	0.13 (0.09)	
18	2015538	<u>Tuaminoheptane</u>	Nasal decongestant; stimulant; vasoconstrictor	0.23 (0.18)	
40	16952920	Lamivudine	Antiviral (HIV and HBV).	0.18 (0.14)	
46	391812	Nicotine	Stimulant	0.28 (0.46)	
79	1542229	<u>Lazabemide</u>	Alzheimer disease	0.25 (0.20)	
92	18119521	6-mercaptopurine	Antineoplastic; immunosuppressive; antimetabolite	0.13 (0.16)	
93	1535336	<u>Talsaclidine</u>	Alzheimer's Disease	0.17 (0.26)	
98	1644	<u>Mafenide</u>	Severe burns; synthetic antimicrobial agent	0.35 (0.56)	
104	125006	<u>Tolazolin</u>	Vasodilator (peripheral)	0.29 (0.45)	
124	14768667	<u>Phenformin</u>	<u>Antidiabetic</u>	0.29 (0.35)	



norepinephrine

Experimental validation of 18 hits (positives only shown)



NET uptake inhibition measured in transfected human embryonic kidney 293 (HEK293) cells
Chen *et al*, J Pharmacol Exp Ther., 2007

Clinical implications

Membrane transporters in drug development

*The International Transporter Consortium**

Abstract | Membrane transporters can be major determinants of the pharmacokinetic, safety and efficacy profiles of drugs. This presents several key questions for drug development, including which transporters are clinically important in drug absorption and disposition, and which *in vitro* methods are suitable for studying drug interactions with these transporters. In addition, what criteria should trigger follow-up clinical studies, and which clinical studies should be conducted if needed. In this article, we provide the recommendations of the International Transporter Consortium on these issues, and present decision trees that are intended to help guide clinical studies on the currently recognized most important drug transporter interactions. The recommendations are generally intended to support clinical development and filing of a new drug application. Overall, it is advised that the timing of transporter investigations should be driven by efficacy, safety and clinical trial enrolment questions (for example, exclusion and inclusion criteria), as well as a need for further understanding of the absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion properties of the drug molecule, and information required for drug labelling.

Giacomini *et al.* Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2010.

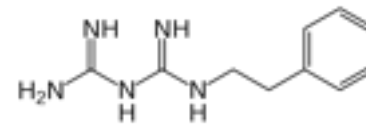
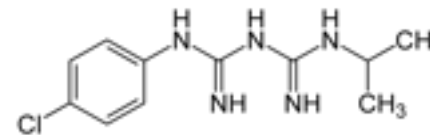
Clinical implications of NET positives

1. Possible efficacy of drugs for other primary targets (enzymes, receptors):

- Sympathetic drugs: Epirenor, Stryphnasal, Zondel, Corbadrin
- Antidepressants: Parnate (monoamine oxidase inhibitor)

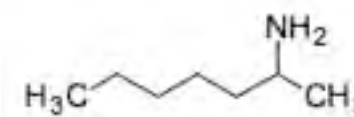
2. Possible side effects of drugs with other primary targets:

- Anorexia and high blood pressure
- Phenformin (anti diabetic)
- Anti-malarial drug proguanil

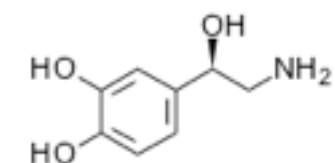


3. Novel NET ligand scaffolds discovered:

- eg, Tuaminoheptane – no aromatic ring



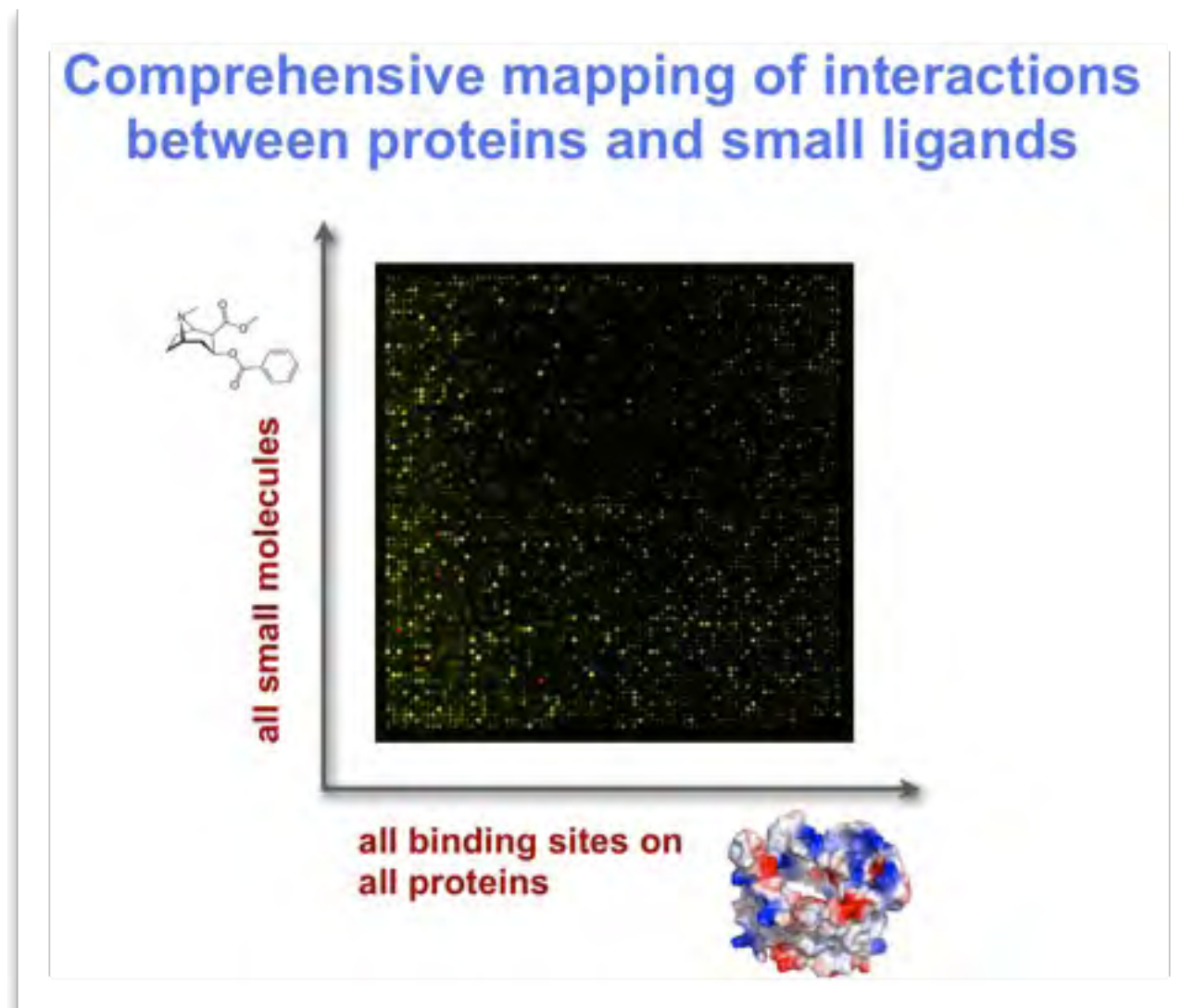
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Summary

Even when the target is a membrane protein sharing only 27% sequence identity and a dissimilar binding profile to the template structure, comparative modeling, docking, and virtual screening can be informative.

Future



It is difficult to imagine how significant progress towards this goal can be achieved without virtual screening against comparative models, though there are also many other bottlenecks. As we progress, an optimal, integrative approach involving a variety of techniques will evolve.

For docking against models, both scoring and sampling need to be improved.

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- idea of stat pot - DOPE joint pdf
- app to prot-lig eq, sample, atm types, reference, optimization on training (criteria)
- sample distribution
- testing on testing set
- results: absolute, relative
- discussion points: glass ceiling

DOPE philosophy

Equation

Conditional probability - statistical preference

$$P(C | d_{ij}) = P(C) * \frac{P(d_{ij} | C)}{P(d_{ij})}$$

$P(C|d_{ij})$, the probability that a structure is correct, given distances $\{d_{ij}\}$. **The score.**

$P(d_{ij}|C)$ - the probability of observing $\{d_{ij}\}$ in a correct structure. **Given by the sample of known structures.**

$P(d_{ij})$ - the probability of observing $\{d_{ij}\}$ in any structure. **The reference state - remains to be determined.**

$P(C)$ - the probability of observing a correct structure. **Constant for a given ligand (but not in virtual screening).**

Variables

Protein atom type: 158 DOPE types.

Small molecule atom type: 26 Sybyl types

X-ray structure resolution: 2.0 Å, 2.5 Å.

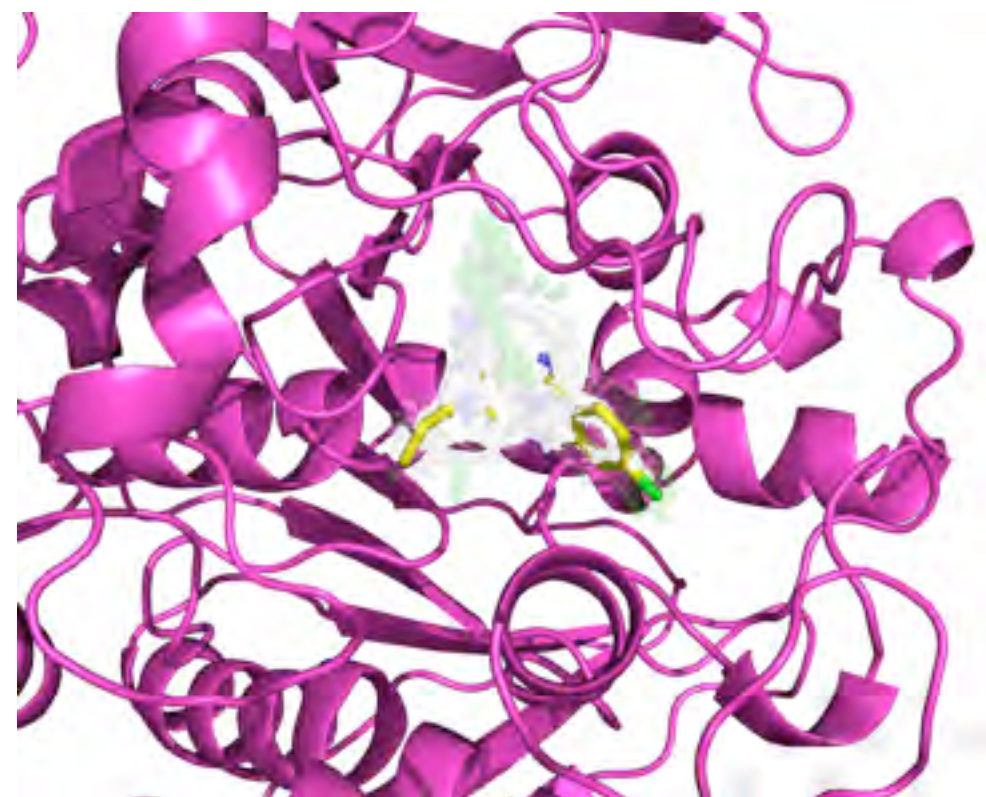
Distance cut-off: 6 Å, 8 Å, 10 Å, 12 Å, 14 Å.

Reference equation: Sippl, DFIRE.

**Reference resource: PDB,
PDB + DOCK decoys,**

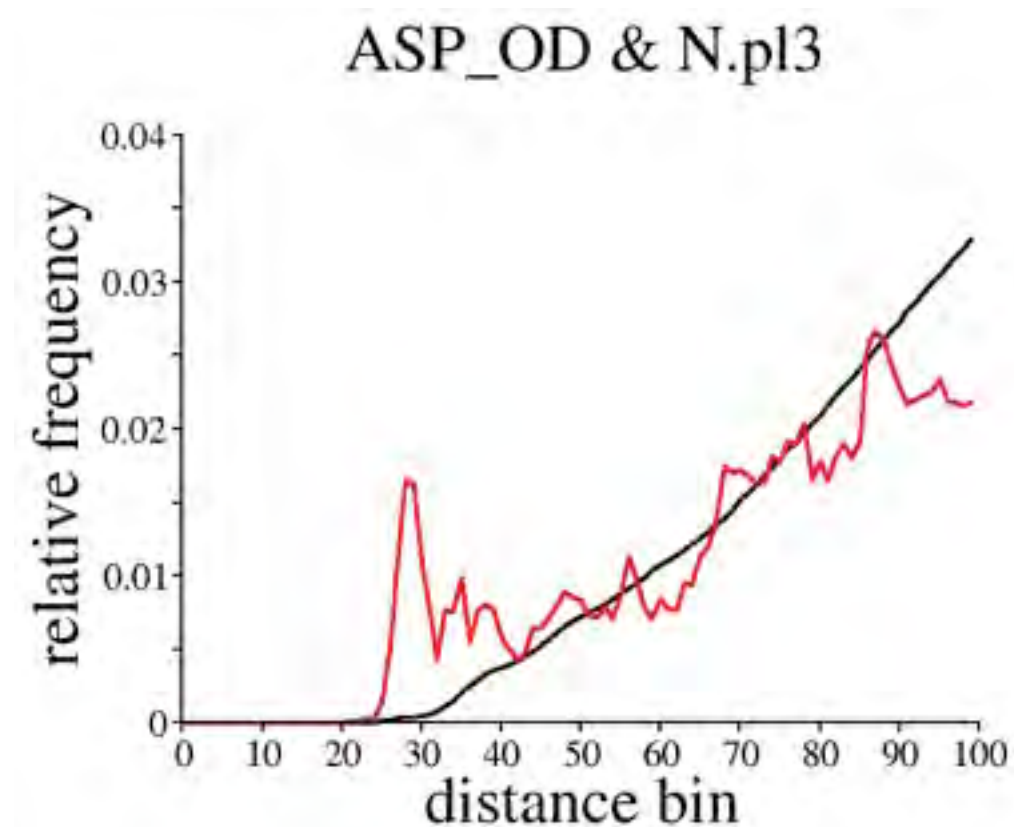
Random distribution.

$P(C)$ in virtual screening.



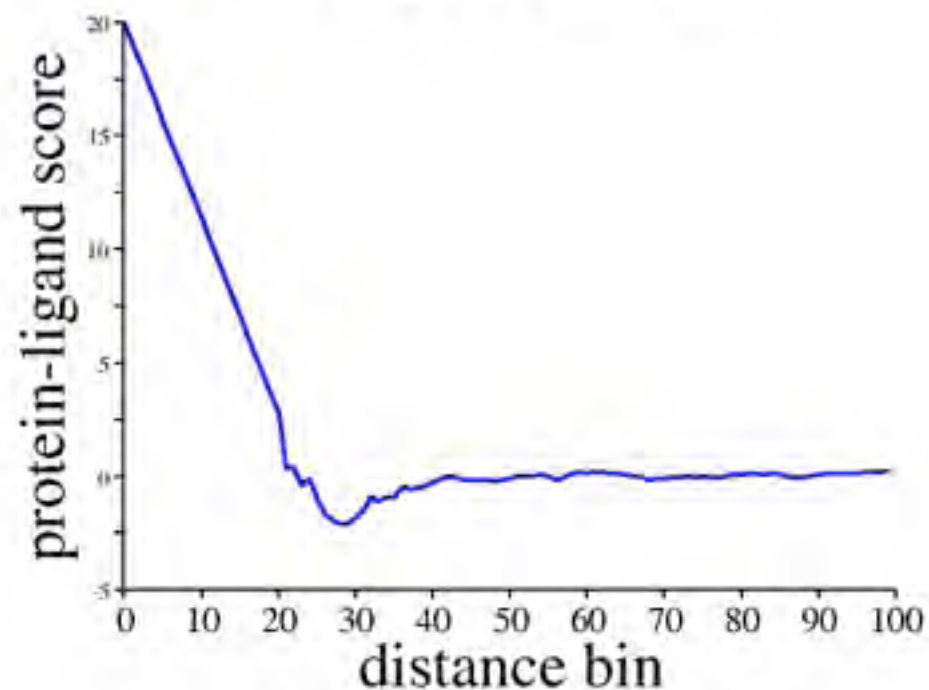
Pairwise score

One example for ASP_OD & N.pl3 (10, 0.1)



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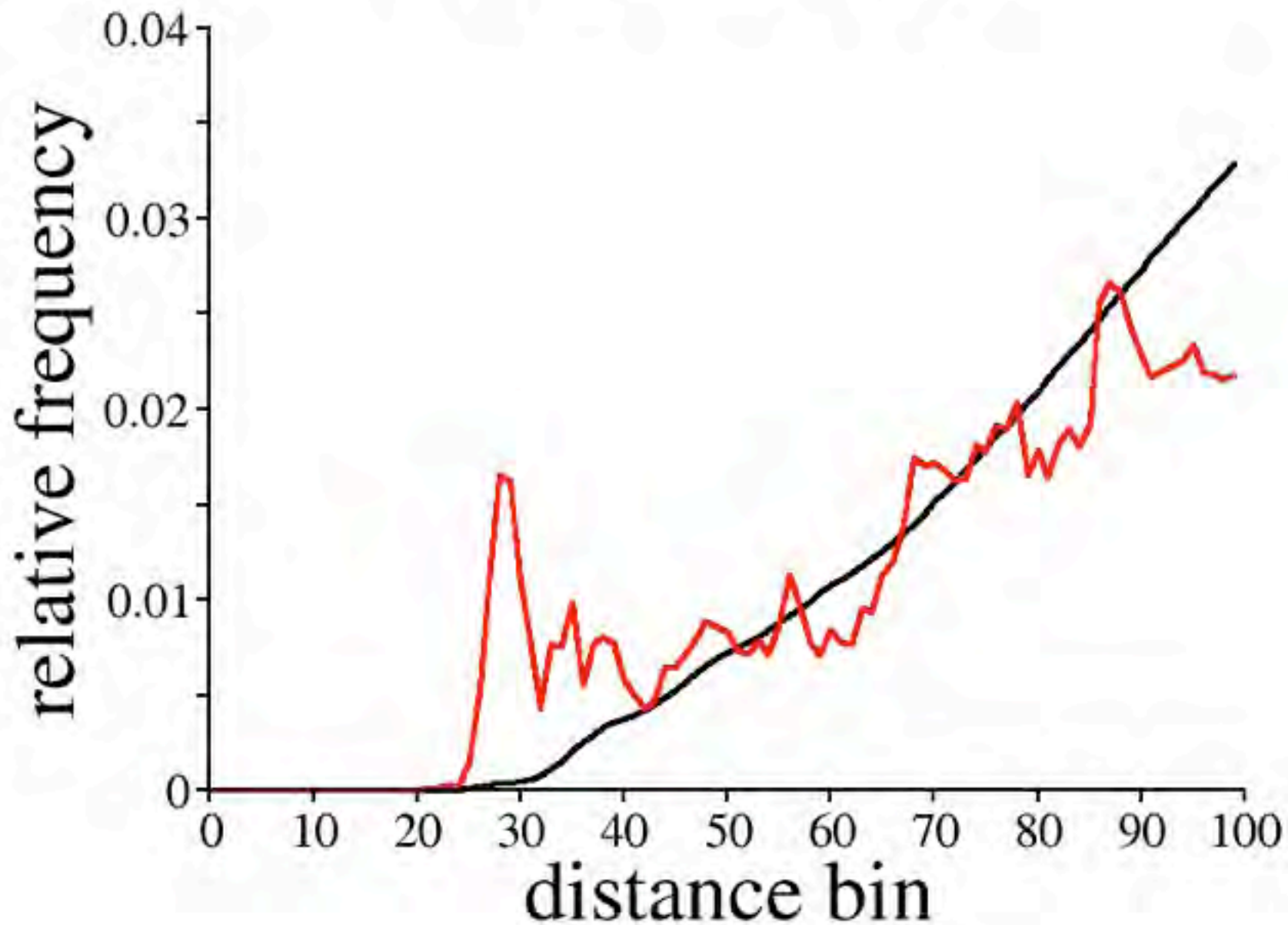
**Sippl, J Mol Biol
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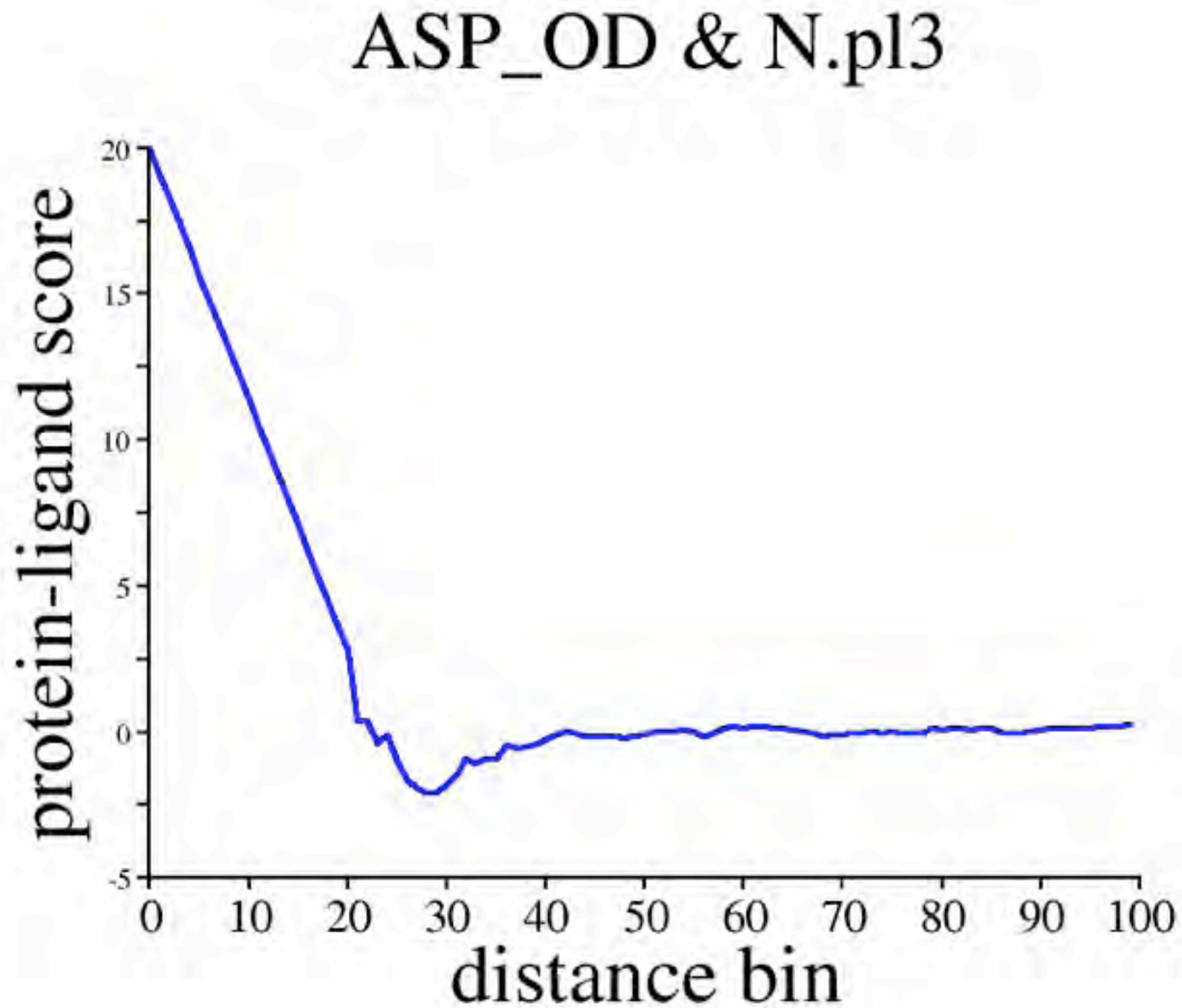
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Training and Validation

Geometry (single ligand, X-ray and decoy poses)

X-ray pose or decoy pose ≤ 2.0 Å ranked first

- **Training set on the basis of Astex, generated by DOCK**
70 targets, 100 decoys
For all targets, at least 1 decoy ≤ 2.0 rmsd Å to X-ray
- **Validation set - Wang's dataset, generated by autodock**
100 targets, 100 decoys
For 91 targets, at least 1 decoy ≤ 2.0 rmsd Å to X-ray

Training and Validation

Enrichment (ligands and decoy compounds)

compare rescoring LogAUC to DOCK LogAUC

- **Training set : DUD-1**

ACE	ALR2	PNP	P38 MAP
COMT	COX-1	SAHH	AR
PDE5	GPB		ER _{antagonist}
FXa	HIVRT	CDK2	MR
Trypsin	InhA	FGFr1	PR

- **Validation set : DUD-2**

ADA	AmpC	PARP	TK
DHFR	COX-2	HSP90	ER _{agonist}
GART	HIVPR		GR
Thrombin	HMGR	EGFr	PPARg
AChE	NA	SRC	RXRa

Result

- **Geometry validation**

Scores	Native	Native / Decoy < 2 Å	Decoy < 2 Å
Gscore	70	88	69
Gscore _{random}	73	89	69
DrugScore _{CSD}	77	87	66
DrugScore _{PDB}	49	72	65
PMF	32	52	48
PLP	52	76	70
AutoDock	8	62	66

Result

- Enrichment validation - rescoring vs DOCK

Protein	DOCK	Escor	Protei	DOCK	Escor	Protein	DOCK	Escor
ADA	22.7	45.8	HIVP	11.9	33.1	SRC	9.5	26.6
DHFR	18.9	62.0	HMG	40.9	35.3	TK	63.5	75.4
GART	35.3	40.0	NA	47.6	58.4			
Thrombi	29.4	22.1	PARP	8.2	40.7	ER _{agoni}	55.4	61.9
AChE	38.5	39.8	HSP9	24.6	29.6	GR	20.5	28.2
AmpC	47.4 (53.8)	10.3 (19.3)				PPARg	4.4	17.6
COX-2	40.8	19.2	EGFr	21.5	17.0	RXRa	37.9	45.1

13 out of 19, score > DOCK (1.4 Å desolvation radius)

Result

- Enrichment validation - rescoring vs DOCK

Protein	Rank of ligand		Protein	Rank of ligand		Protein	Rank of ligand	
	DOCK	Escor		DOCK	Escor		DOCK	Escor
ADA	2989	74	HIVP	5200	24	SRC	7536	2
DHFR	166	2	HMG	19	3	TK	319	40
GART	123	72	NA	15	1			
Thrombi	21	1	PARP	15976	292	ER _{agoni}	3	4
AChE	304	107	HSP9	2967	108	GR	9	1
AmpC	1098 (628)	27680 (14)				PPARg	16898	462
COX-2	12	74	EGFr	257	103	RXRa	1	5

AmpC A chain is broken in X-ray structure

The rank of the best ranked ligand is < 500 in all cases

Result

- **Enrichment validation - rescoring vs rescoring**

Escore	FLEXX	PMF	PLP	Screen	PLOP
Better	10	11	11	10	13
Equal	3	3	6	4	1
Worse	6	5	2	5	5

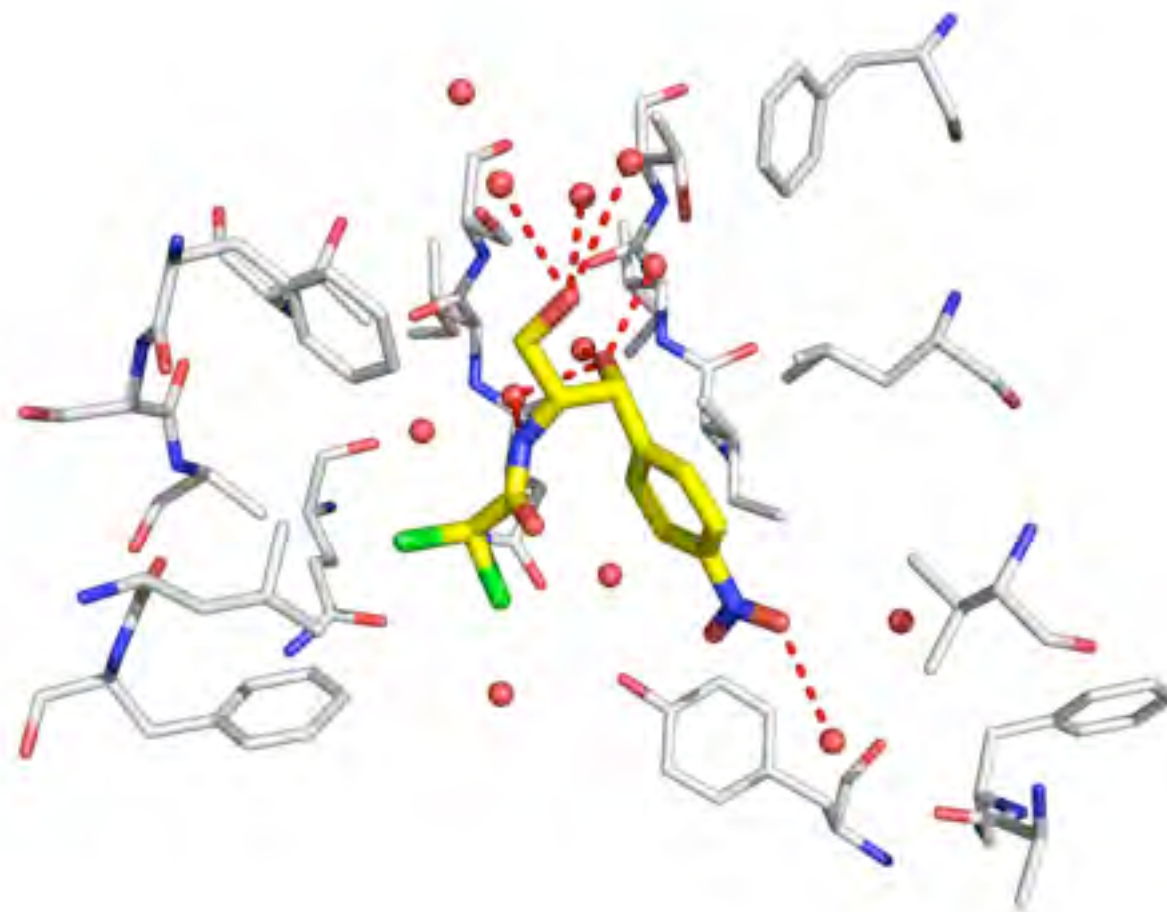
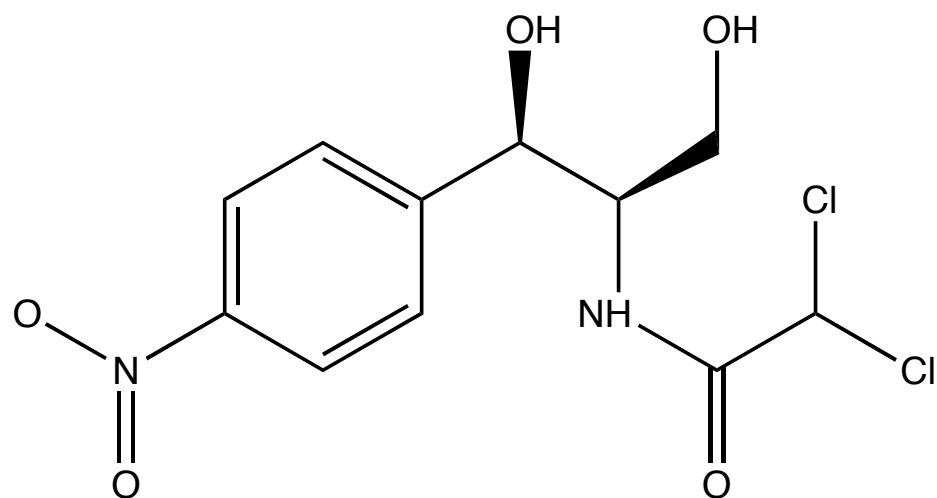
Discussion

- **Geometry validation - failed cases**

3CLA, 1.75 Å; type III chloramphenicol acetyltransferase (1CLA)

Only H-bond with crystal water, No decoy < 2.0 Å

X-ray pose ranked 4th



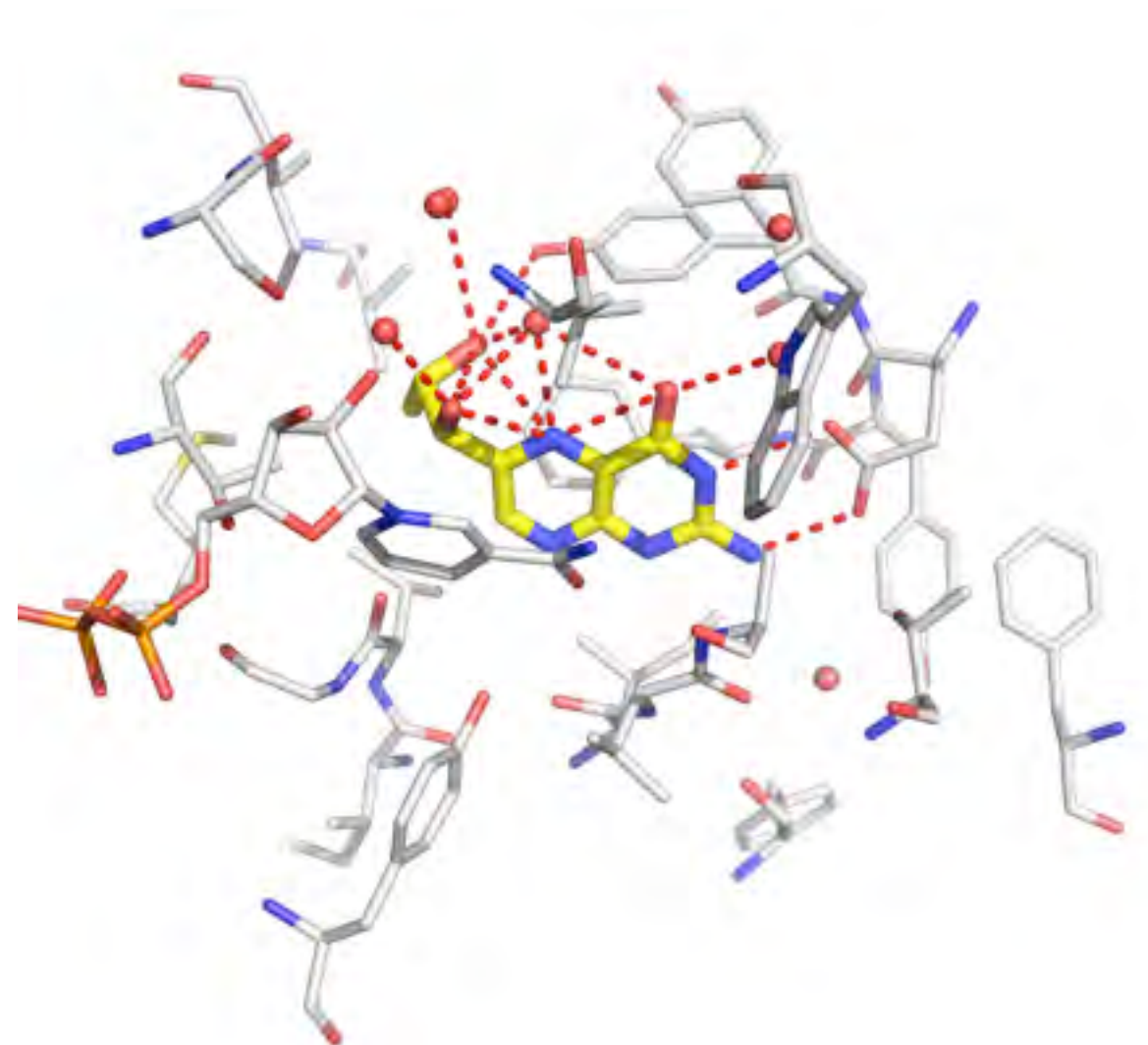
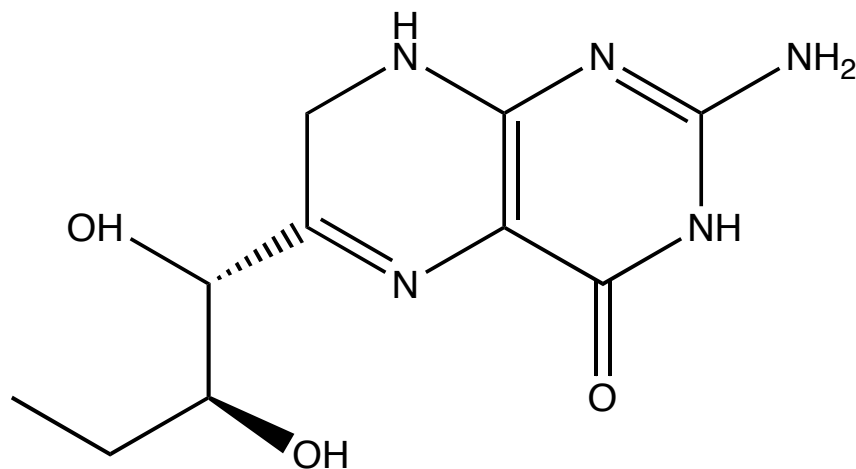
Discussion

- **Geometry validation - failed cases**

1DR1, 2.20 Å; chicken DHFR

cofactor NADP+, H-bond with crystal water;

X-ray pose ranked 2nd



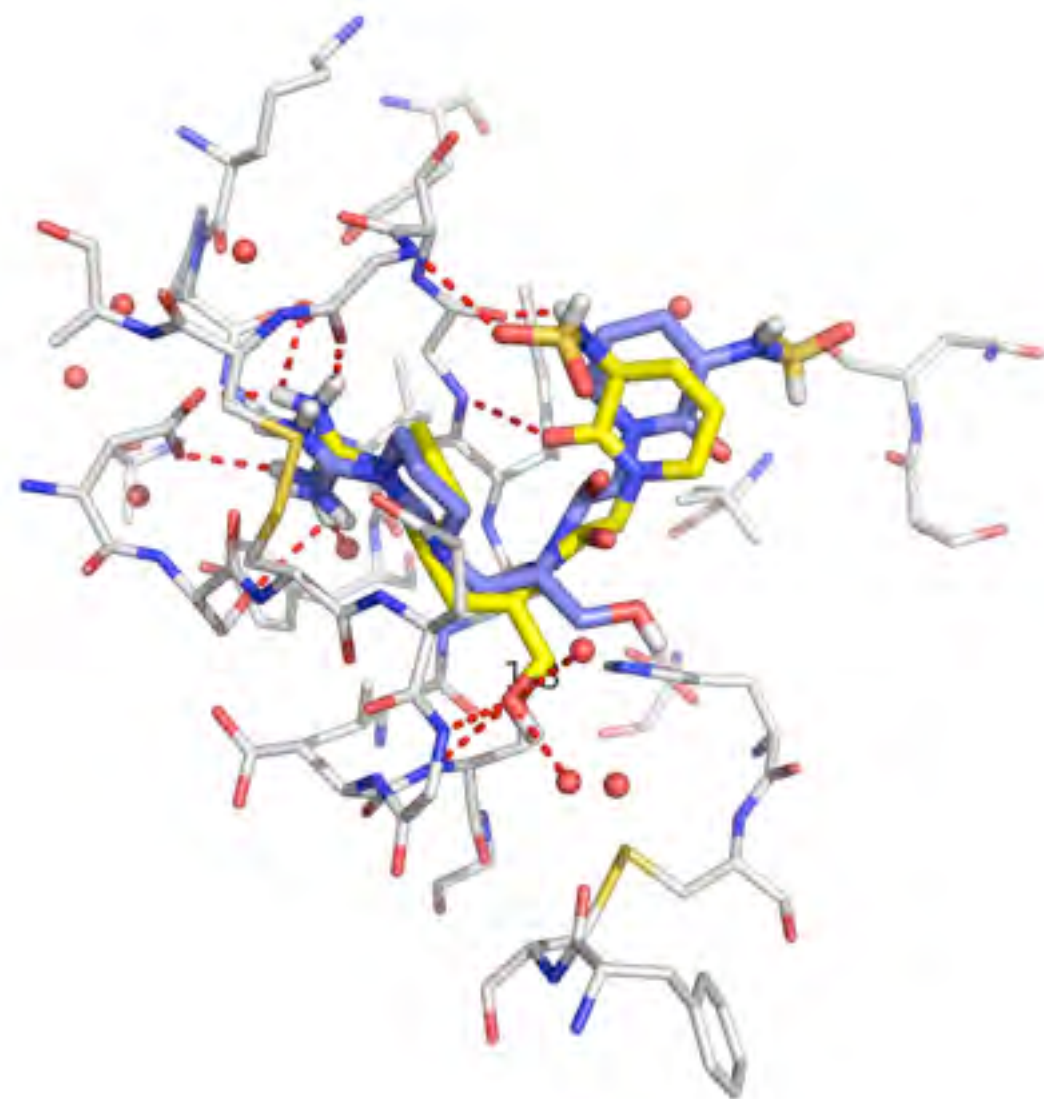
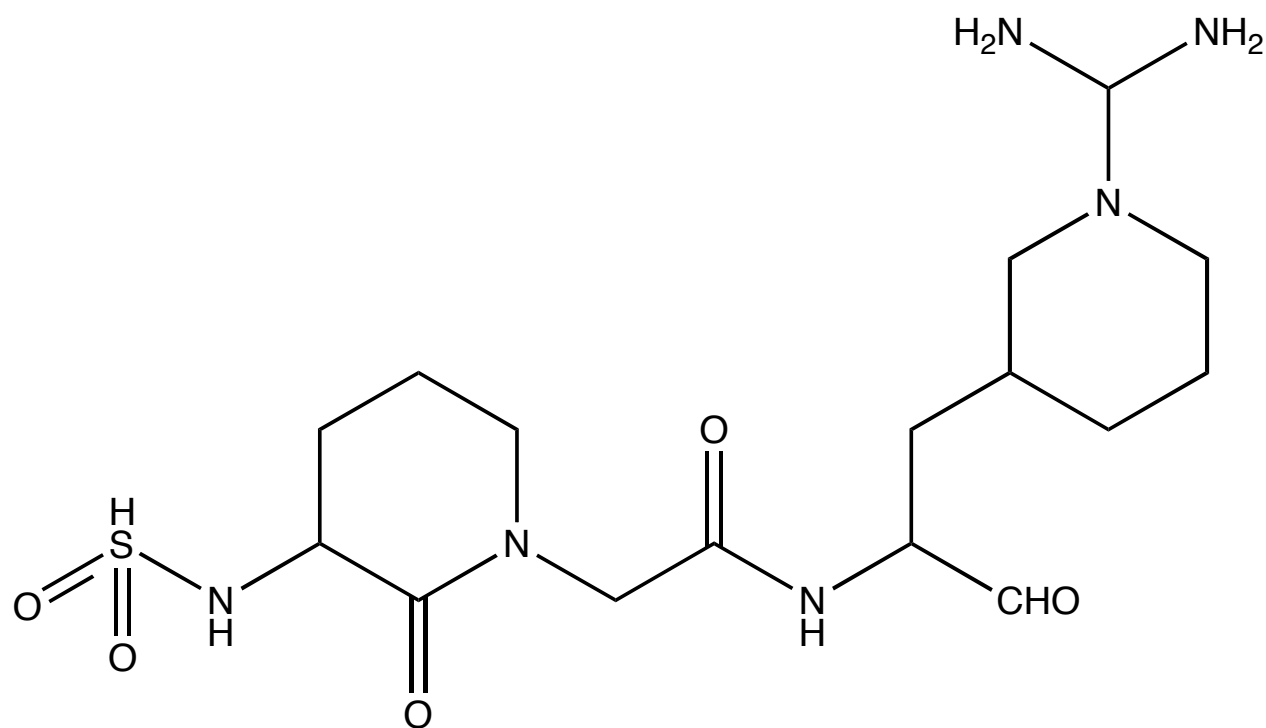
Discussion

- **Geometry validation - failed cases**

1ZZZ, 1.90 Å; Thrombin

Transition state with Ser195, H-bond with crystal water;

X-ray pose ranked 2nd



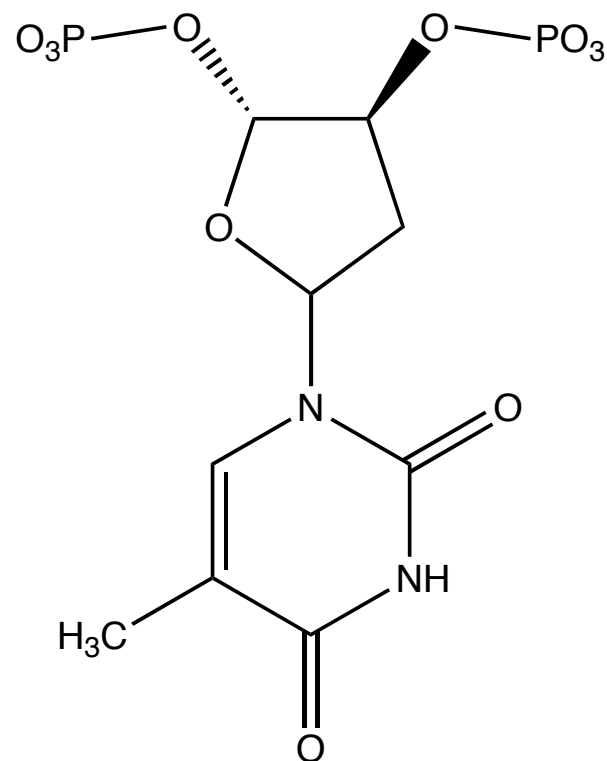
Discussion

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2SNS, 1.50 Å; Staphylococcal nuclease

Close distance (1.9 Å) with Arg35 and Ca;

Decoy < 2 Å (1.44 Å) ranked 2nd



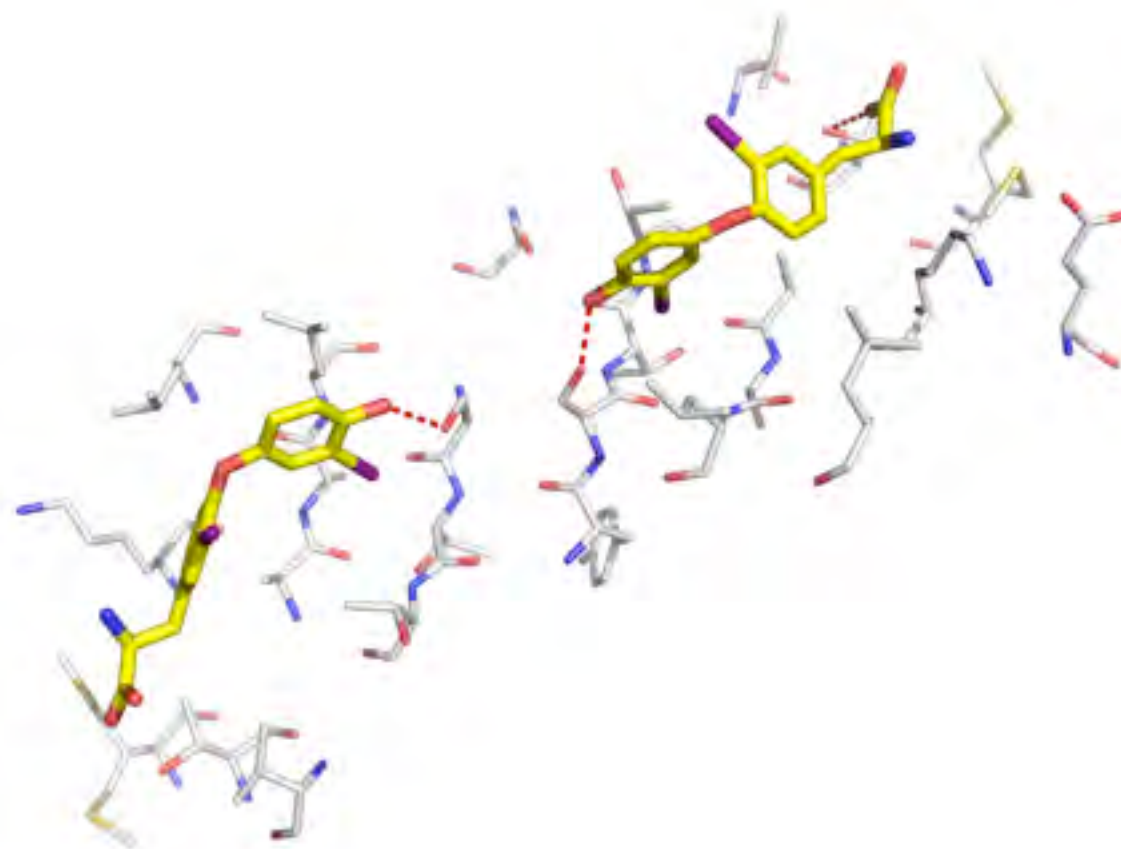
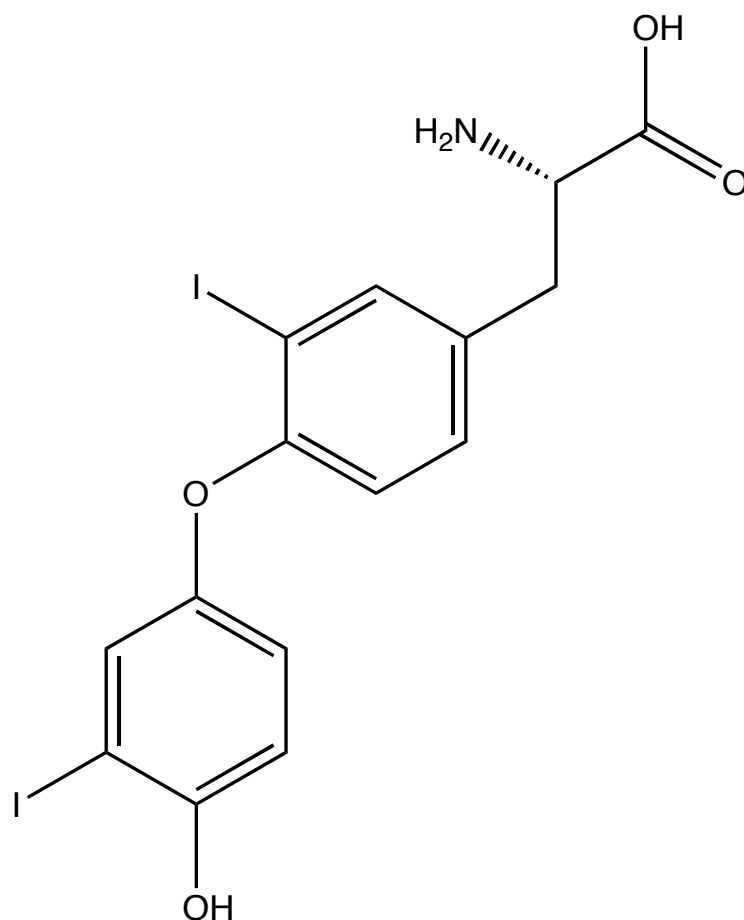
Discussion

- **Geometry validation - failed cases**

1tha, 2.00 Å; human serum transthyretin

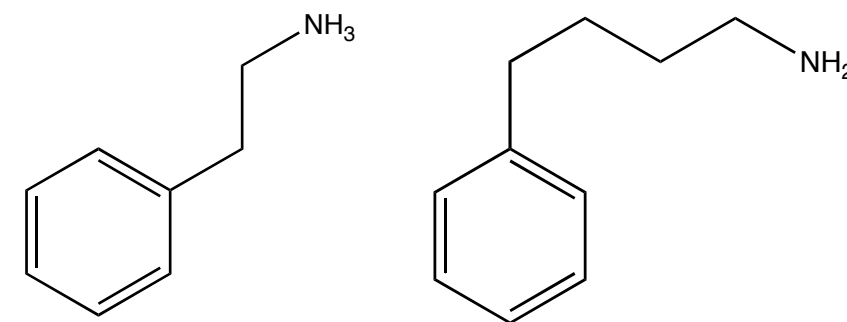
Protein co-crystallized with two ligands;

X-ray pose ranked 3rd

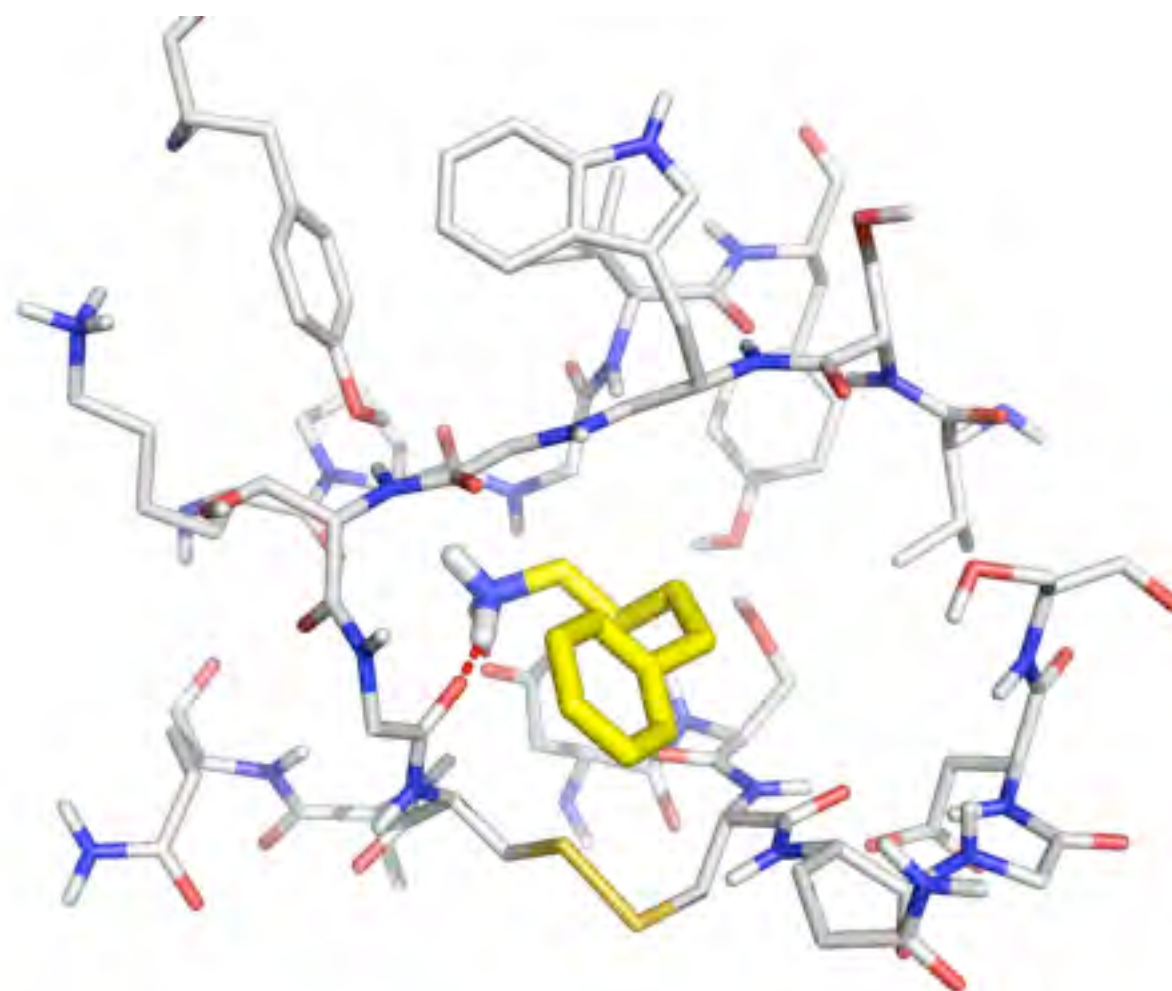
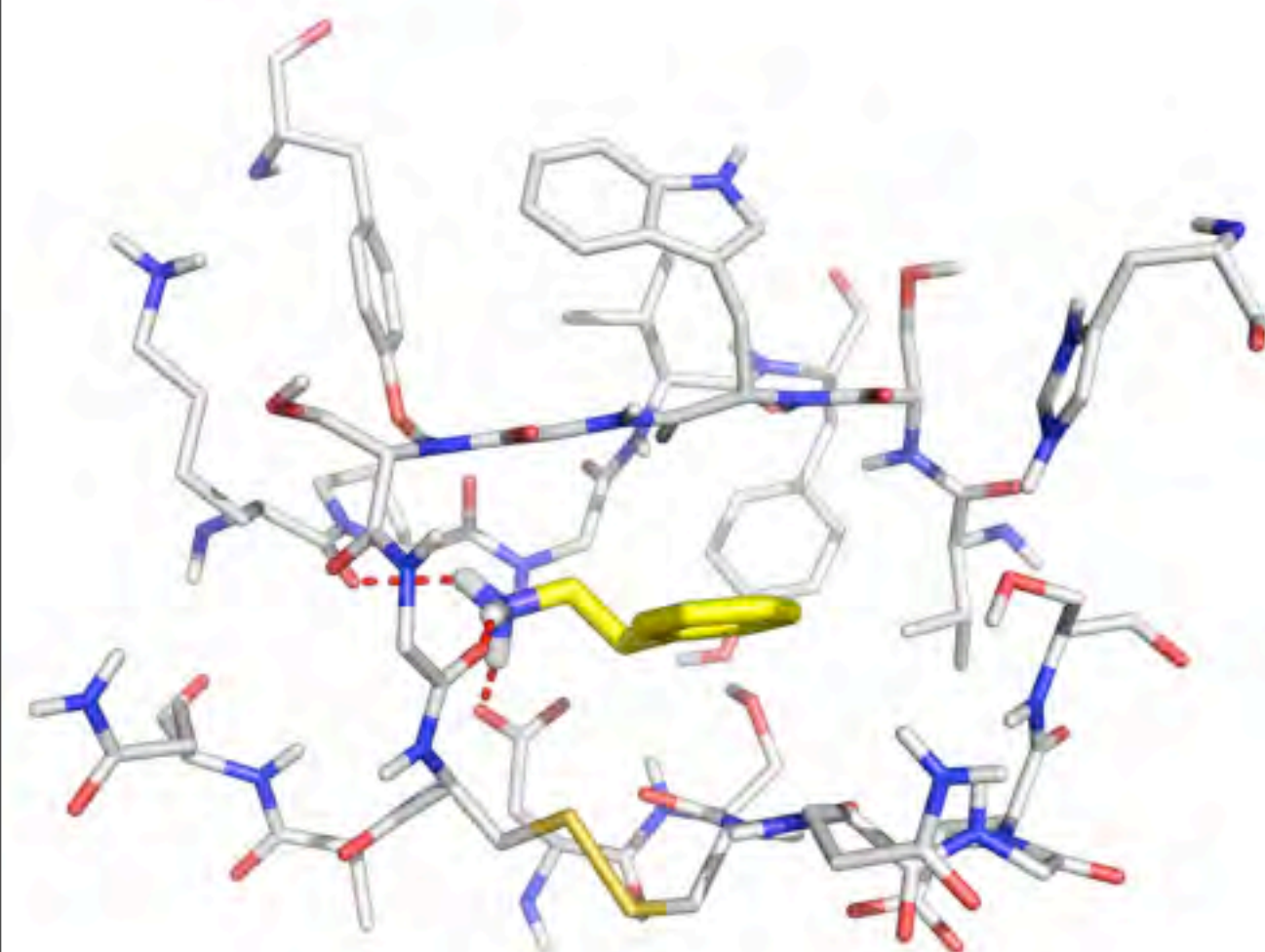


Discussion

- **Geometry validation - failed cases**



1tnj, 1.80 Å; serine proteinase trypsin; 1tni, 1.80 Å; serine proteinase trypsin
X-ray pose ranked 2nd **X-ray or decoy < 2.0 Å not top 5**



Conclusion

- When interested in maximum accuracy, it may be worth considering a statistical potential.