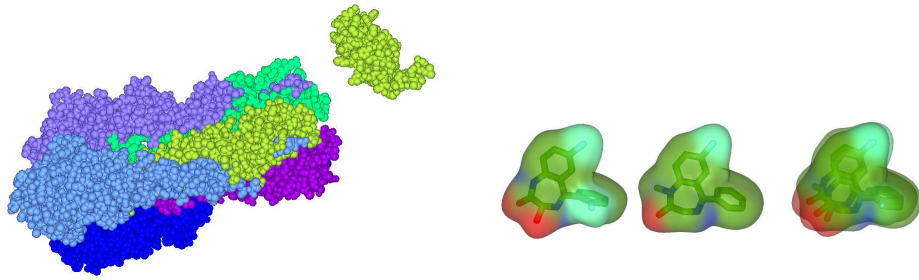


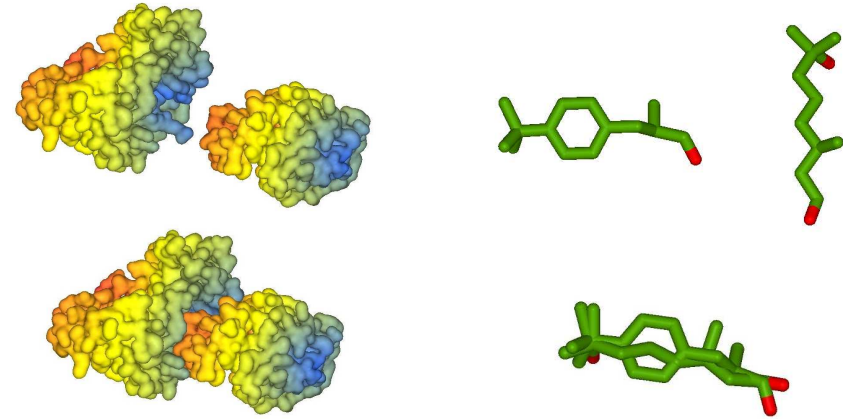
Protein Docking and Virtual Screening using Polar Fourier Correlations



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Docking and Shape Matching are Both Recognition Problems

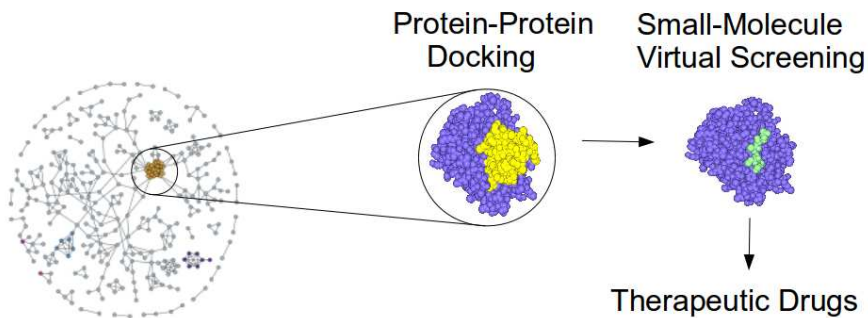
- Ignoring flexibility, docking and shape matching are both 6D search problems



- The challenge – find computationally efficient representations for:
 - protein docking ↔ translational + rotational search
 - ligand shape matching ↔ mainly rotational search

Protein-Protein Interactions and Therapeutic Drug Molecules

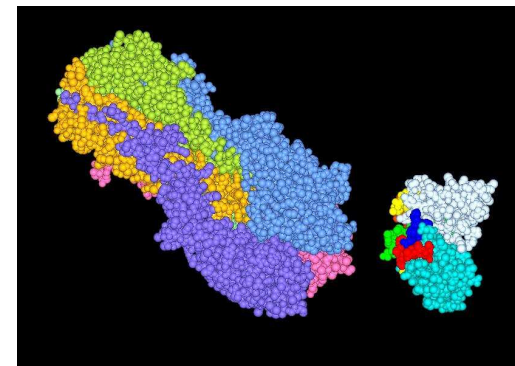
- Protein-protein interactions (PPIs) define the machinery of life
- Humans have about 30,000 proteins, each having about 5 PPIs



- Understanding PPIs could lead to immense scientific advances
- Small “drug” molecules often inhibit or interfere with PPIs

Why is Protein Docking Difficult ?

- Protein docking = predicting protein interactions at the molecular level

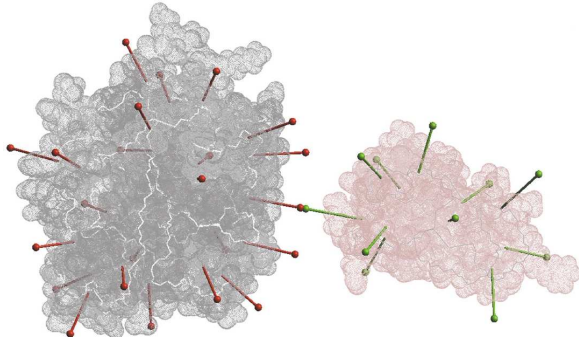


- If proteins are rigid => six-dimensional search space
- But proteins are flexible => multi-dimensional space!
- Current scoring functions cannot predict protein-protein binding affinity

ICM – Multi-Start Pseudo-Brownian Monte-Carlo Energy Minimisation

- Start by sticking “pins” in protein surfaces at 15Å intervals
- Find minimum energy for each pair of starting pins (6 rotations each):

$$E = E_{HVW} + E_{CVW} + 2.16E_{el} + 2.53E_{hb} + 4.35E_{hp} + 0.20E_{solv}$$

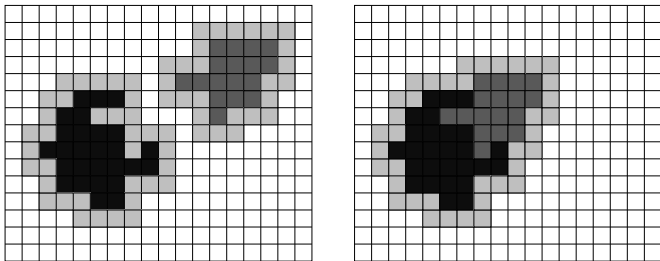


- Often gives good results, but is computationally expensive

Fernández-Recio, Abagyan (2004), J Mol Biol, 335, 843–865

Protein Docking Using Fast Fourier Transforms

- Conventional approaches digitise proteins into 3D Cartesian grids...



- ...and use FFTs to calculate TRANSLATIONAL correlations:

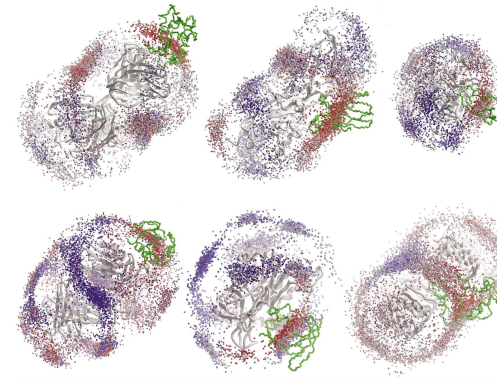
$$C[\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z] = \sum_{x,y,z} A[x, y, z] \times B[x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y, z + \Delta z]$$

- BUT for docking, have to REPEAT for many rotations – EXPENSIVE!
- Conventional grid-based FFT docking = SEVERAL CPU-HOURS

Katchalski-Katzir et al. (1992) PNAS, 89 2195–2199

Predicting Protein-Protein Binding Sites

- Many algorithms / servers are available for predicting protein binding sites
- For recent review, see: [Fernández-Recio \(2011\), WIREs Comp Mol Sci 1, 680–698](#)
- Many docking algorithms often show clusters of preferred orientations – docking “funnels”



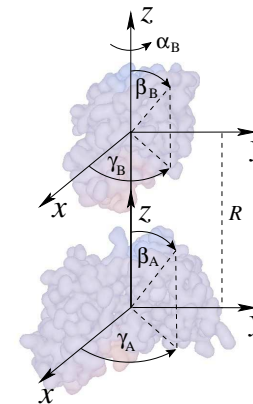
- Lensink & Wodak proposed that docking methods are the best predictors of binding sites

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Lensink, Wodak (2010), Proteins, 78, 3085–3095

Protein Docking Using Polar Fourier Correlations

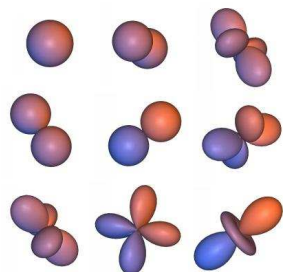
- Rigid body docking can be considered as a largely ROTATIONAL problem
- This means we should use ANGULAR coordinate systems



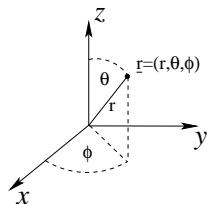
- With FIVE rotations, we should get a good speed-up?

Some Theory – The Spherical Harmonics

- The spherical harmonics (SHs) are examples of classical “special functions”



- Spherical polar coordinates: $\underline{r} = (r, \theta, \phi)$



- The spherical harmonics are products of Legendre polynomials and circular functions:

- Real SHs: $y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = P_{lm}(\theta) \cos m\phi + P_{lm}(\theta) \sin m\phi$

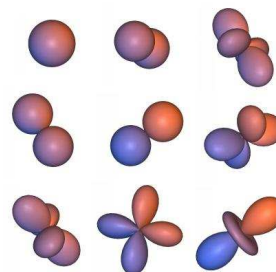
- Complex SHs: $Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = P_{lm}(\theta) e^{im\phi}$

- Orthogonal: $\int y_{lm} y_{kj} d\Omega = \int Y_{lm} Y_{kj} d\Omega = \delta_{lk} \delta_{mj}$

- Rotation: $y_{lm}(\theta', \phi') = \sum_j R_{jm}^{(l)}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) y_{lj}(\theta, \phi)$

Spherical Harmonic Molecular Surfaces

- Use SHs as orthogonal shape “building blocks”:



- Encode distance from origin as SH series to order L:

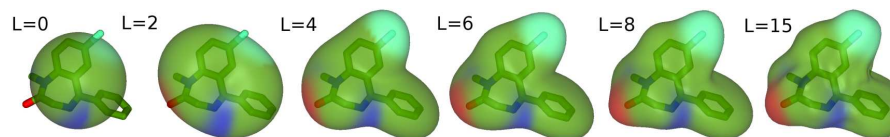
- $r(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^L \sum_{m=-l}^l a_{lm} y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$

- Reals SHs: $y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$

- Coefficients: a_{lm}

- Solve the coefficients by numerical integration

- Normally, L=6 is sufficient for good overlays

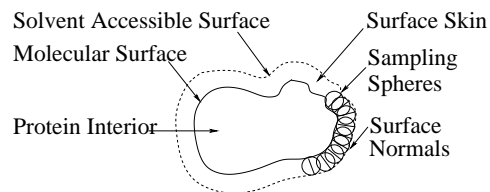
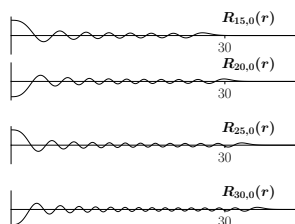


Ritchie and Kemp (1999) J. Comp. Chem. 20 383–395

Docking Needs a 3D “Spherical Polar Fourier” Representation

- Need to introduce special orthonormal Laguerre-Gaussian radial functions, $R_{nl}(r)$

- $R_{nl}(r) = N_{nl}^{(q)} e^{-\rho/2} \rho^{l/2} L_{n-l-1}^{(l+1/2)}(\rho); \quad \rho = r^2/q, \quad q = 20.$



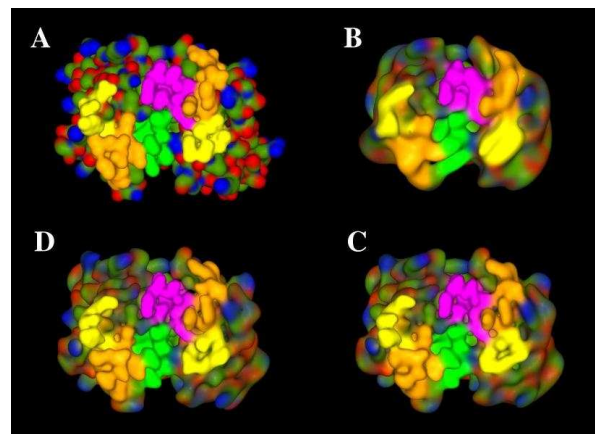
- Surface Skin: $\sigma(\underline{r}) = \begin{cases} 1; & \underline{r} \in \text{surface skin} \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ Interior: $\tau(\underline{r}) = \begin{cases} 1; & \underline{r} \in \text{protein at} \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

- Parametrise as: $\sigma(\underline{r}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \sum_{m=-l}^l a_{nlm}^{\sigma} R_{nl}(r) y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$

- TRANSLATIONS: $a_{nlm}^{\sigma'} = \sum_{n'l'}^N T_{nl,n'l'}^{(|m|)}(R) a_{n'l'm}^{\sigma}$

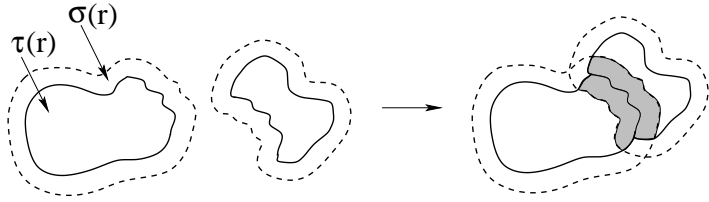
SPF Protein Shape-Density Reconstruction

Interior density: $\tau(\underline{r}) = \sum_{nlm}^N a_{nlm}^{\tau} R_{nl}(r) y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$



| Image | Order | Coefficients |
|-------|-----------|--------------|
| A | Gaussians | - |
| B | N = 16 | 1,496 |
| C | N = 25 | 5,525 |
| D | N = 30 | 9,455 |

Protein Docking Using SPF Density Functions



Favourable:
$$\int (\sigma_A(\underline{r}_A)\tau_B(\underline{r}_B) + \tau_A(\underline{r}_A)\sigma_B(\underline{r}_B))dV$$

Unfavourable:
$$\int \tau_A(\underline{r}_A)\tau_B(\underline{r}_B)dV$$

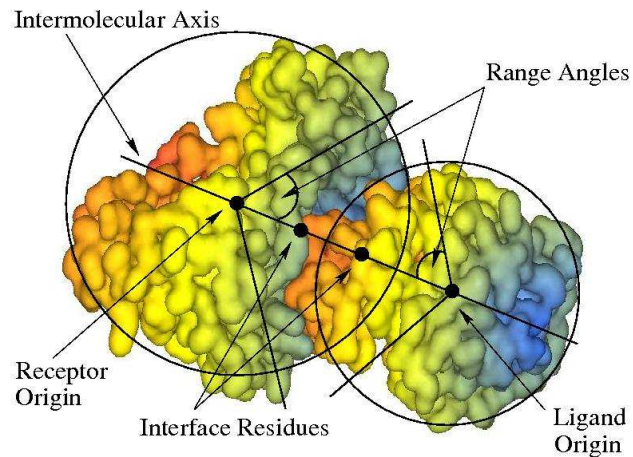
Score:
$$S_{AB} = \int (\sigma_A\tau_B + \tau_A\sigma_B - Q\tau_A\tau_B)dV$$
 Penalty Factor: $Q = 11$

Orthogonality:
$$S_{AB} = \sum_{nlm} (a_{nlm}^\sigma b_{nlm}^\tau + a_{nlm}^\tau (b_{nlm}^\sigma - Qb_{nlm}^\tau))$$

Search: 6D space = 1 distance + 5 Euler rotations: $(R, \beta_A, \gamma_A, \alpha_B, \beta_B, \gamma_B)$

D.W. Ritchie and G.J.L. Kemp (2000) *Proteins Struct. Funct. Bionf.* 39 178–194

Exploiting Prior Knowledge in SPF Docking



- Knowledge of even only one key residue can reduce search space enormously...
- This accelerates the calculation and helps to reduce false-positive predictions

Hex Polar Fourier Correlation Example – 3D Rotational FFTs

- Set up 3D rotational FFT as a series of matrix multiplications...

Rotate:
$$a'_{nlm} = \sum_{t=-l}^l R_{mt}^{(l)}(0, \beta_A, \gamma_A) a_{lt}$$

Translate:
$$a''_{nlm} = \sum_{kj} T_{nl,kj}^{(|m|)}(R) a'_{kjm}$$

Real to complex:
$$A_{nlm} = \sum_t a''_{nlm} U_{tm}^{(l)}, \quad B_{nlm} = \sum_t b_{nlm} U_{tm}^{(l)}$$

Multiply:
$$C_{muv} = \sum_{nl} A_{nlm}^* B_{nlv} \Lambda_v^{um}$$

3D FFT:
$$S(\alpha_B, \beta_B, \gamma_B) = \sum_{muv} C_{muv} e^{-i(m\alpha_B + 2u\beta_B + v\gamma_B)}$$

- On one CPU, docking takes from 15 to 30 minutes

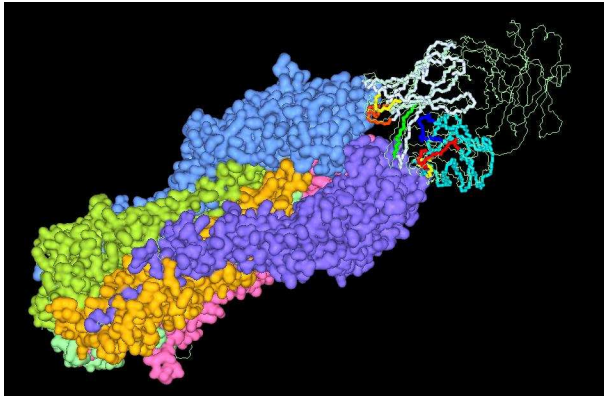
The CAPRI Experiment (Critical Assessment of PRedicted Interactions)

| Predictor | Software | Algorithm | T1 | T2 | T3 | T4 | T5 | T6 | T7 |
|------------|----------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| Abagyan | ICM | FF | | | ** | | | *** | ** |
| Camacho | CHARMM | FF | * | | | | | *** | *** |
| Eisenstein | MolFit | FFT | * | * | | | | ** | * |
| Sternberg | FTDOCK | FFT | | * | | | | ** | * |
| Ten Eyck | DOT | FFT | * | * | | | | ** | *** |
| Gray | | MC | | | | | | ** | *** |
| Ritchie | Hex | SPF | | | ** | | | *** | |
| Weng | ZDOCK | FFT | | ** | | | | | ** |
| Wolfson | BUDDA/PPD | GH | * | | | | | | *** |
| Bates | Guided Docking | FF | - | - | - | | | | *** |
| Palma | BIGGER | GF | - | - | - | | | ** | * |
| Gardiner | GAPDOCK | GA | * | * | - | - | - | - | - |
| Olson | Surfdock | SH | * | * | - | - | - | - | - |
| Valencia | | ANN | * | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Vakser | GRAMM | FFT | | * | | - | - | - | - |

* low, ** medium, *** high accuracy prediction; — no prediction

Hex Protein Docking Example – CAPRI Target 3

- Example: best prediction for CAPRI Target 3 – Hemagglutinin/HC63



Ritchie and Kemp (2000), *Proteins Struct. Funct. Bioinf.* 39 178–194

Ritchie (2003), *Proteins Struct. Funct. Genet.* 52 98–106

CAPRI Results: Targets 8–19 (2003 – 2005)

| Predictor | Software | T8 | T9 | T10 | T11 | T12 | T13 | T14 | T15–T17 | T18 | T19 |
|--------------------|-------------|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|
| Abagyan | ICM | ** | | * | ** | *** | * | *** | | ** | ** |
| Wolfson | PatchDock | ** | * | * | * | * | - | ** | | ** | * |
| Weng | ZDOCK/RDOCK | ** | | | * | *** | *** | *** | | ** | ** |
| Bates | FTDOCK | * | | * | ** | * | | ** | | ** | * |
| Baker | RosettaDock | - | | | ** | *** | ** | *** | | | *** |
| Camacho | SmoothDock | ** | | | | *** | *** | ** | | ** | * |
| Gray | RosettaDock | *** | - | - | ** | *** | | | | | ** |
| Bonvin | Haddock | - | - | ** | ** | | *** | *** | | | |
| Comeau | ClusPro | ** | | | | *** | * | | | | * |
| Sternberg | 3D-DOCK | ** | | | * | * | | ** | | | * |
| Eisenstein | MolFit | *** | | | * | *** | | ** | | | |
| Ritchie | Hex | | | | ** | *** | * | * | | | |
| Zhou | | - | - | | - | *** | ** | * | | * | |
| Ten Eyck | DOT | | | | | *** | *** | ** | | | |
| Zacharias | ATTRACT | ** | | - | - | - | - | *** | | | ** |
| Valencia | | * | | | * | * | - | | | | - |
| Vakser | GRAMM | - | - | | - | - | - | ** | | ** | |
| Homology modelling | | | | | # | | | # | | | # |
| Cancelled | | | | | | | | | # | | |

Mendez et al. (2005) *Proteins Struct. Funct. Bioinf.* 60 150-169

High Order FFTs, Multi-Threading, and Graphics Processors

- Spherical polar coordinates give an analytic formula for 6D correlations:

In particular:

$$S_{AB} = \sum_{jsmlvrt} \Lambda_{js}^{rm} T_{js,lv}^{(|m|)}(R) \Lambda_{lv}^{tm} e^{-i(r\beta_A - s\gamma_A + m\alpha_B + t\beta_B + v\gamma_B)}$$

- This allows high order FFTs to be used – 1D, 3D, and 5D
- ... multiple FFTs can easily be executed in parallel
- ... also, it is relatively easy to implement on modern GPUs



- Up to 512 arithmetic “cores”
- Up to 6 Gb memory
- Easy API with C++ syntax
- Grid of threads model (“SIMT”)

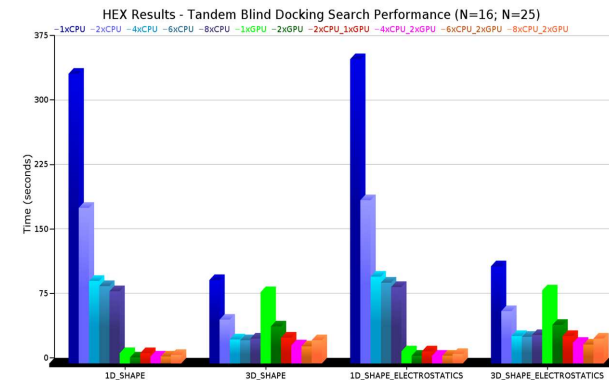
- Due to memory latency effects, 1D FFTs are MUCH FASTER than 3D FFTs ...

Ritchie, Kozakov, Vajda (2008), *Bioinformatics* 24 1865–1873

Ritchie, Venkatraman (2010), *Bioinformatics*, 26, 2398–2405

Protein Docking Speed-Up using Multiple GPUs and CPUs

- With multi-threading, we can use as many GPUs and CPUs as are available



- For best performance: use 2 GPUs alone, or 6 CPUs plus 2 GPUs
- With 2 GPUs, docking takes about 10 seconds – very important for large-scale!

Speed Comparison with ZDOCK and PIPER

- Hex: 52000 x 812 rotations, 50 translations (0.8Å steps)
- ZDOCK: 54000 x 6 deg rotations, 92Å 3D grid (1.2Å cells)
- PIPER: 54000 x 6 deg rotations, 128Å 3D grid (1.0Å cells)
- Hardware: GTX 285 (240 cores, 1.48 GHz)

| | Kallikrein A / BPTI (233 / 58 residues)# | | | | | |
|-------|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|------------------|
| | ZDOCK | PIPER [†] | PIPER [†] | Hex | Hex | Hex [†] |
| FFT | 1xCPU | 1xCPU | 1xGPU | 1xCPU | 4xCPU | 1xGPU |
| 3D | 7,172 | 468,625 | 26,372 | 224 | 60 | 84 |
| (3D)* | (1,195) | (42,602) | (2,398) | 224 | 60 | 84 |
| 1D | - | - | - | 676 | 243 | 15 |

execution times in seconds

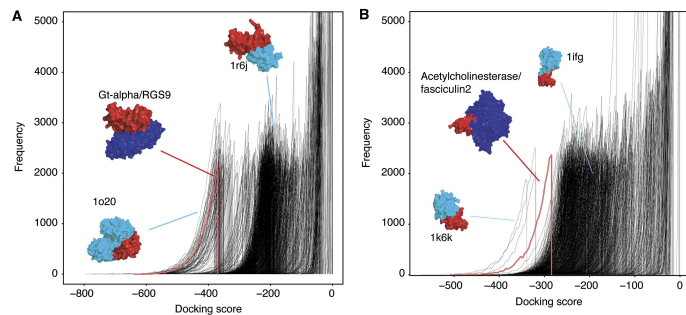
* (times scaled to two-term potential, as in Hex)

What's next?

- Better energy functions & constraints...
- Using homology templates...
- Modeling flexibility...
- Multi-component complexes...

Can Cross-Docking Distinguish The Correct PPI Partners?

- Wass et al. used Hex to cross-dock 56 true protein pairs with 922 non-redundant “decoys”
- For each pair, they plotted the profile of the best 20,000 docking scores...



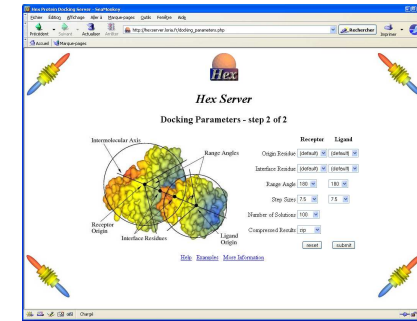
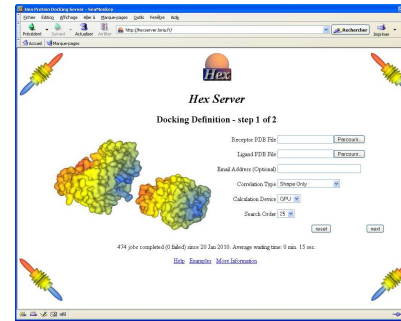
(negative scores are good; red/blue = correct PPI; red/cyan = incorrect interactions)

- 48/56 true PPIs have significantly (statistically) higher energies than background false pairs
- Only 8/56 true PPIs have indistinguishable profiles to the non-binders
- NB. this experiment is detecting energy funnels, not necessarily the correct docking pose

Wass et al. (2011) Mol Sys Biol 7, article 469

“Hex” and “HexServer”

- Multi-threaded Hex: first (only) docking program to get full benefit of GPUs



- Hex: Over 25,000 down-loads...
- HexServer: About 1,000 docking jobs per month...

Ritchie and Kemp (2000) Proteins, 39, 178–194

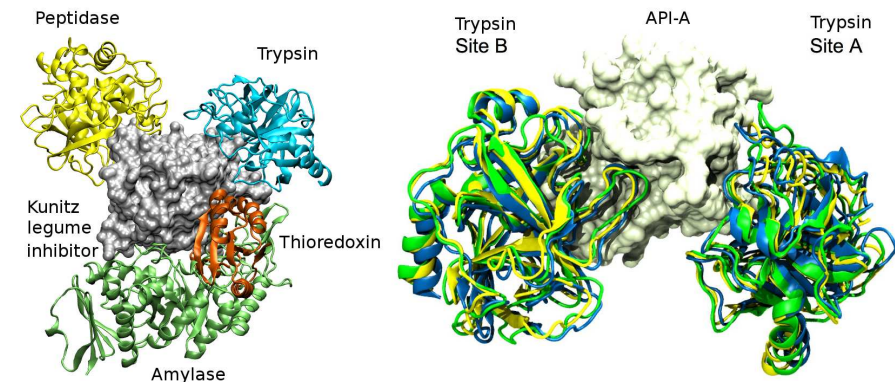
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Knowledge-Based Protein Docking: CAPRI Target 40 (2009) – API-A/Trypsin

- We searched SCOPPI and 3DID for similar domain interactions to the target
- This helped to identify two key inhibitory loops on API-A around L87 and K145

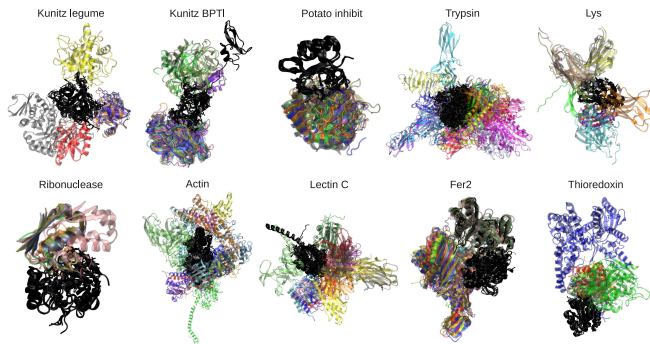
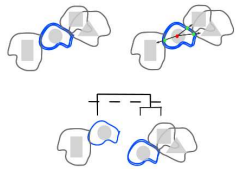
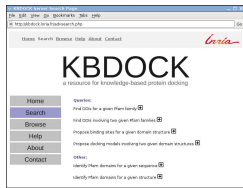


- Performing focused Hex + MD refinement gave a total of 9 “acceptable” solutions

The KBDOCK Database and Web Server

- Content: 2,721 non-redundant hetero DDIs involving 1,029 PFAM domain families
- For each PFAM family, all DDIs are superposed and spatially clustered

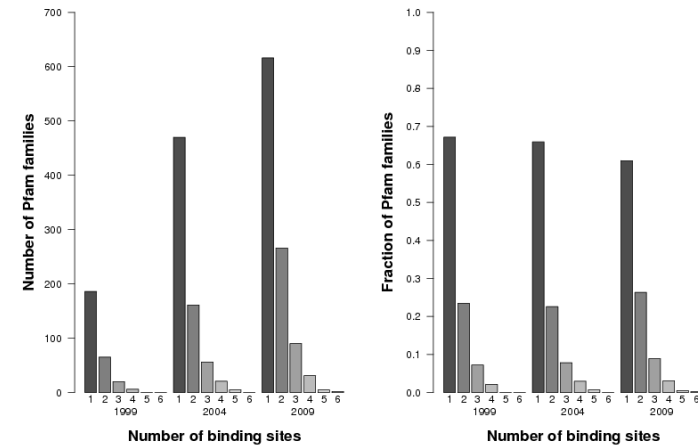
<http://kbdock.loria.fr/>



- Aim: to provide PFAM family-level structural templates for knowledge-based docking

KBDOCK – Analysis of PFAM Domain Family Binding Sites

- Nearly 70% of PFAM domain families have just one binding site
- Very few domains have more than two or three binding sites



- This supports the notion that protein binding sites are often re-used...

KBDOCK – Template-Based Protein Docking Results

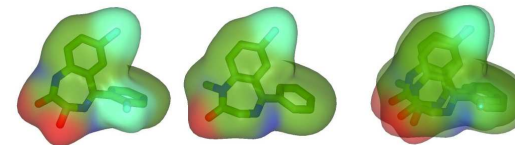
- The Protein Docking Benchmark 4.0 contains 176 protein-protein complexes
- We selected 73 single-domain complexes
- A “Full-Homology” (FH) template matches both target domains
- A “Semi-Homology” (SH) template matches just one target domain

| Target class | Total targets | FH templates | Two SH templates | One SH template | Zero templates |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Without date filtering | | | | | |
| Enzyme | 36 | 24 / 24 | (3 + 1) / 5 | 3 / 5 | 2 |
| Other | 37 | 21 / 21 | (0 + 0) / 3 | 5 / 11 | 2 |
| With date filtering | | | | | |
| Enzyme | 36 | 13 / 13 | (2 + 1) / 5 | 7 / 11 | 7 |
| Other | 37 | 13 / 13 | (0 + 0) / 1 | 8 / 15 | 8 |

- If a FH template exists, it is almost always correct
- Even if there is no FH template, SH templates can still provide useful information

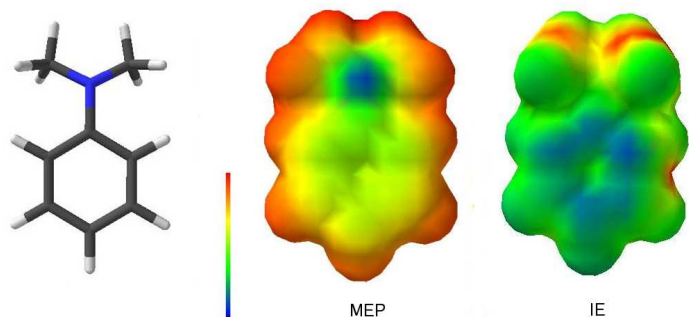
Ghoorah et al. (2011), *Bioinformatics*, 27, 2820–2827

But What About the Virtual Screening ?



ParaSurf – SH Surfaces & Properties from Semi-Empirical QM

- From MOPAC or VAMP calculate:
 - Density contours of $2 \times 10^{-4} e/\text{\AA}^3$ (\sim SAS)
 - Key local properties: MEP, IE_L , EA_L , α_L
- Encode as SH expansions to L=15: $f(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^L \sum_{m=-l}^l f_{lm} y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$



Lin & Clark (2005) J Chem Inf Model, 45, 1010–1016; Clark (2004) J Mol Graph 22 519–525

ParaFit – High Throughput SH Surface & Property Matching

Distance: $D = \int (r_A(\theta, \phi) - r_B(\theta, \phi))^2 d\Omega$ (in units of area)

Orthogonality: $D = |\underline{a}|^2 + |\underline{b}|^2 - 2\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}'$

Rotation: $b'_{lm} = \sum_{m'} R_{mm'}^{(l)}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) b_{lm'}$

Hodgkin: $S = 2\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}' / (|\underline{a}|^2 + |\underline{b}|^2)$

Carbo: $S = \underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}' / (|\underline{a}| \cdot |\underline{b}|)$

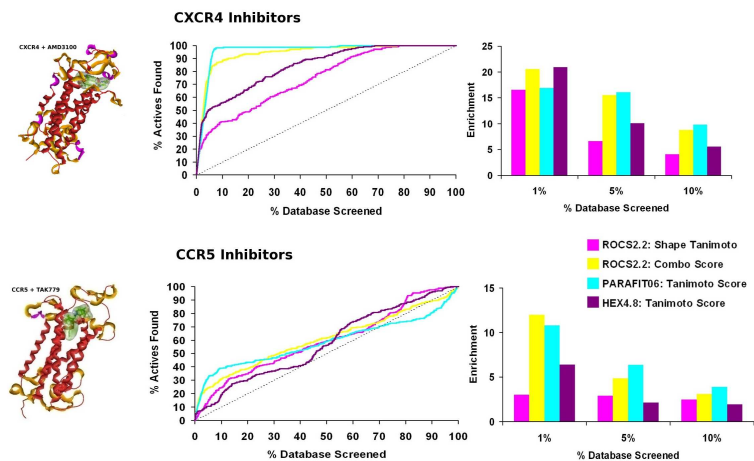
Tanimoto: $S = \underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}' / (|\underline{a}|^2 + |\underline{b}|^2 - \underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}')$

Multi-property: $S = pS^{\text{shape}} + qS^{\text{MEP}} + rS^{\text{IE}_L} + sS^{\text{EA}_L} + tS^{\alpha_L}$

Perez-Nueno et al. (2010), Mol Inf, 30, 151–159

SH-Based Virtual Screening of HIV Entry Inhibitors

- Database of 248 CXCR4 and 354 CCR5 inhibitors + 4696 decoys
- Performed SH-based VS to distinguish actives from decoys...



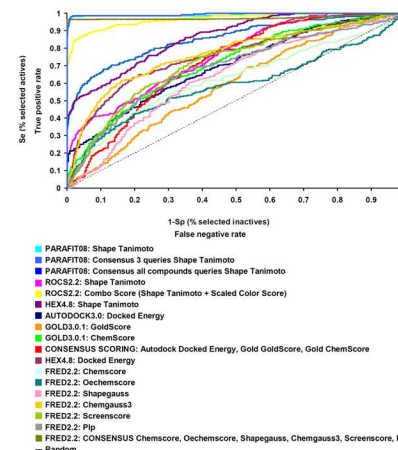
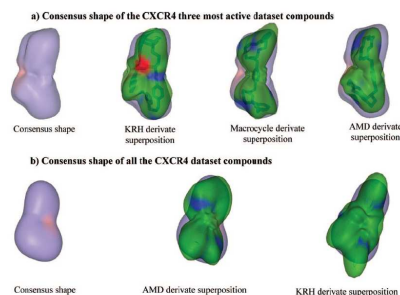
(for CXCR4, query = AMD3100; for CCR5, query = TAK779)

Pérez-Nueno et al. (2008) J Chem Inf Model 48, 509–533

SH Consensus Shapes Can Improve VS Screening Performance

- The Consensus shape is the “average” of a group of shapes...

$$\tilde{r}(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{lm} a_{lm}^k y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

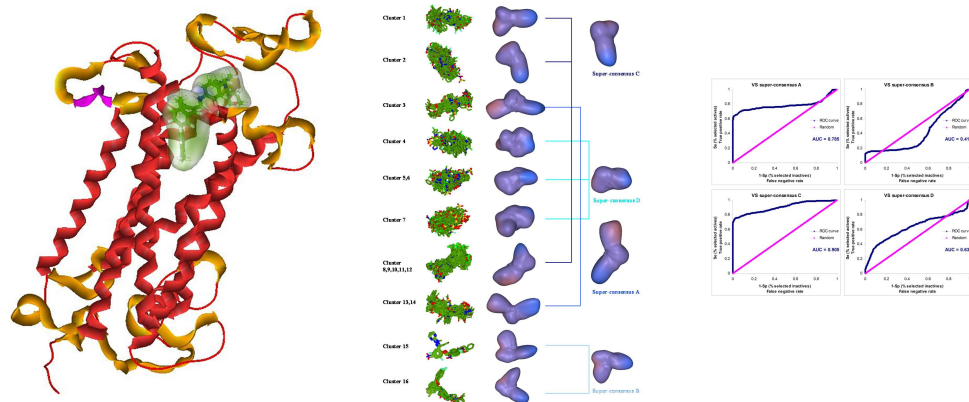


- For CXCR4, using the consensus of top 3 actives gives best overall VS performance

Pérez-Nueno et al. (2008) J Chem Inf Model 48, 509–533

Clustering and Classifying Diverse HIV Entry Inhibitors

- We clustered the 354 known inhibitors for CCR5

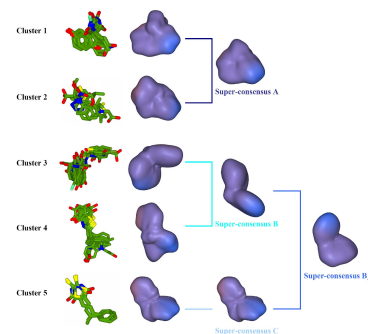


- We classified the inhibitors into four main clusters; merging clusters worsens the AUCs
- Therefore, the CCR5 ligands form no less than FOUR main groups
- Docking with Hex indicates these groups bind within THREE sub-sites in the CCR5 pocket

Pérez-Nueno, Ritchie, et al., (2008) *J Chem Inf Model* 48(11) 2146-2165

Promiscuous Protein Targets Seem to be Rather Common

- Example: ALR2 is known to bind at least 5 different ligand scaffold families...



- Several other promiscuous targets in the literature:

- the $\alpha 1\beta 1$ and $\alpha 2\beta 1$ integrins,
- factor H, LRP6, PPAR- γ , LXR- β ,
- ACHE, P38, FXA, VEGFR2, PXR,
- β -secretase, thrombin, CDK2,
- LAIR-1, LAIR-2, LTBLP-2, NS2B-NS3.

- For ligand-based virtual screening, these examples suggest:
 - cluster the 3D shapes of any known ligands before performing VS ...
 - compare shape-based VS performance with and without clustering ...
 - ... any large differences could suggest a promiscuous (multi-site?) substrate.

Pérez-Nueno, Ritchie (2011). *Expert Opinion on Drug Discovery*, 7, 1–17.

Conclusions and Future Prospects

- Polar Fourier representations are useful for protein docking and VS
- Rigid-body protein docking on a GPU now takes only a few seconds
- Knowledge-based protein docking is becoming increasingly useful
- Most Pfam families have just one binding site – often re-used
- Several proteins bind multiple ligand families – promiscuous targets
- SH consensus shape queries can improve and explain VS performance
- GPU-based correlation techniques could open several possibilities:
 - All-vs-all protein docking and ligand shape-matching ?

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