

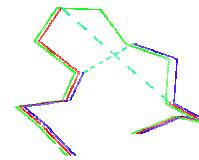
Structural Alignment of Proteins

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Goal

Align protein structures

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
PHE ASP ILE CYS ARG LEU PRO GLY SER ALA GLU ALA VAL CYS
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[Marian Novotny]

Terminology

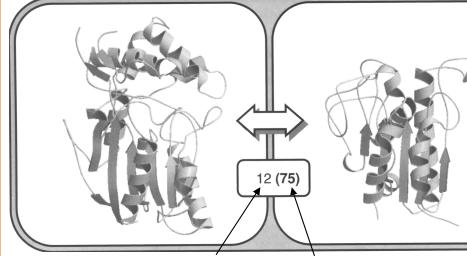
Superposition

- Given correspondences, compute optimal alignment transformation, and compute alignment score

Alignment

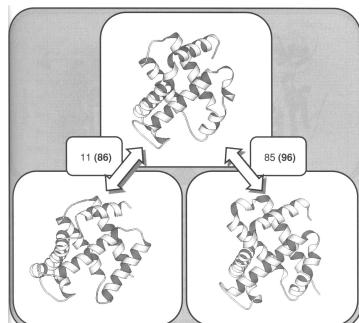
- Find correspondences, and then superpose structures

Structure vs. Sequence



[Orengo04, Fig 6.2]

Structure vs. Sequence



[Orengo04, Fig 6.1]

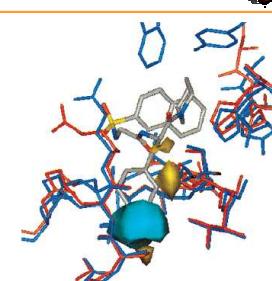
Applications

Fundamental step in:

- Analysis
- Visualization
- Comparison
- Design

Useful for:

- Structure classification
- Structure prediction
- Function prediction
- Drug discovery



[Katzenhofer09]

Goals

Desirable properties:

- Automatic
- Discriminating
- Fast

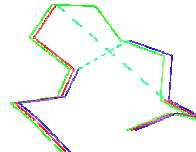


Theoretical Issues

NP-complete problem

- Arbitrary gap lengths
- Global scoring function

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Methodological Issues



Choices:

- Representation
- Scoring function
- Search algorithm

Methodological Issues



Factors governing choices:

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Methodological Issues



Factors governing choices:

- Application: homology detection, drug design, etc.
- Granularity: atom, residue, fragment, SSE
- Representation: inter-molecular, intra-molecular
- Scoring: geometric, gaps, chemical, structural, etc.
- Correspondences: sequential, non-sequential
- Gap penalty: expect gaps near loops, etc.
- Flexibility: rigid, flexible
- Target: single protein, representative proteins, PDB

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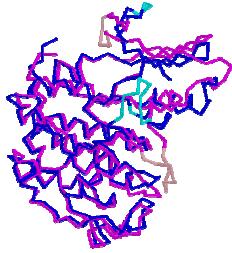
Representations:

- Residue positions
- Local geometry
- Side chain contacts
- Distance matrices (DALI)
- Properties (COMPARER)
- SSEs (SSM, VAST)
- Geometric invariants

Methodological Issues

Scoring functions:

- Distances (RMSD)
- Substitutions
- Gaps



Methodological Issues

Search algorithms:

- Heuristics (CE)
- Monte Carlo (DALI, VAST)
- Dynamic programming (STRUCTAL, SSAP)
- Graph matching (SSM)

Outline

Alignment issues

Example alignment methods ←

Fold prediction experiment

Function prediction experiment

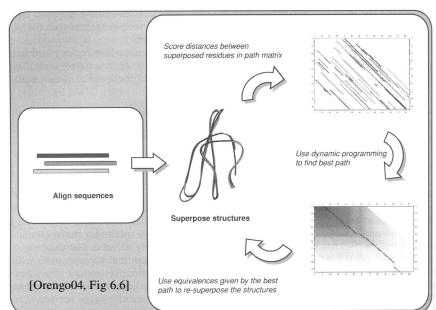
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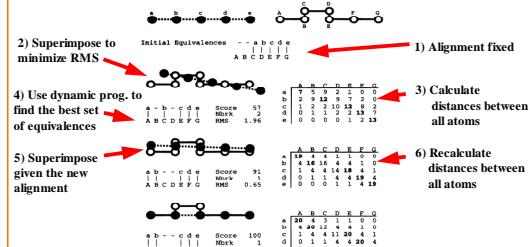
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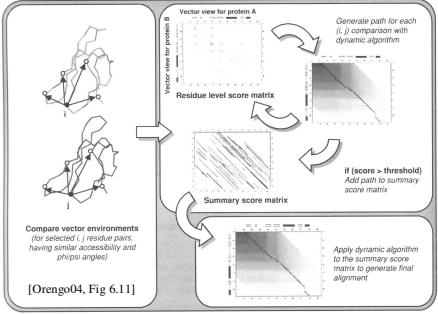
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STRUCTAL



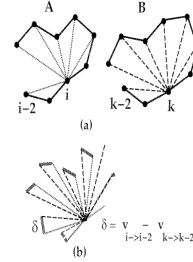
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[Orengo04, Fig 6.11]

[Orengo96]

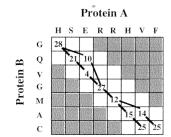
SSAP



(a)

$$\delta = V_{i \rightarrow i-2} - V_{k \rightarrow k-2}$$

(b)



Protein B

	H	S	E	R	R	H	V	F
G	20	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Q	11	20	11	11	11	11	11	11
V	11	11	20	11	11	11	11	11
G	11	11	11	20	11	11	11	11
M	11	11	11	11	20	11	11	11
A	11	11	11	11	11	20	11	11
C	11	11	11	11	11	11	20	11

(a)

Vectors from F to

	H	S	E	R	R	H	V	F
D	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
I	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
L	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
T	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11

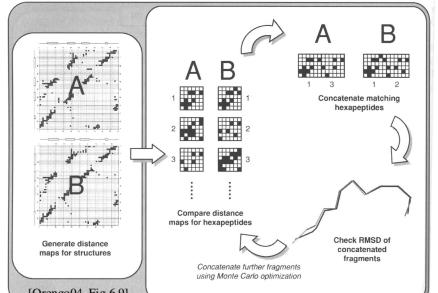
(b)

	H	S	E	R	R	H	V	F
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(c)

[Orengo96]

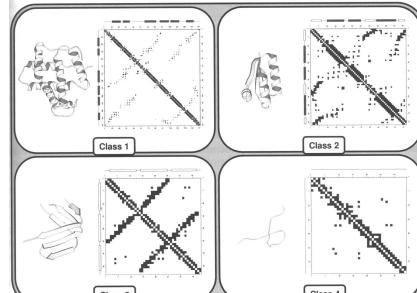
DALI



[Orengo04, Fig 6.9]

[Holm93]

DALI



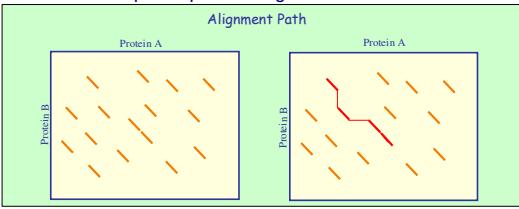
Distance Maps

[Orengo04, Fig 6.7]

CE

Basic steps:

1. Compare octameric fragments to create candidate aligned fragment pairs (AFPs)
2. Stitch together AFPs according to heuristics
3. Find the optimal path through the AFPs



SSM

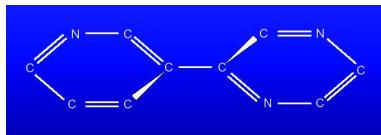
Two-step solution:

1. Graph representation of structures
2. Graph matching

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Graph representation of molecular structures



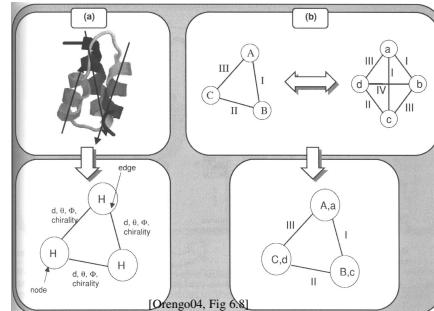
- Simple and intuitive, however results in intractably large graphs for proteins
- Solution: build graphs over stable substructures, such as secondary structure elements (SSEs). Having a correspondence between SSEs, one may use that for the 3D alignment of all core atoms.

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[Orengo04, Fig 6.8]

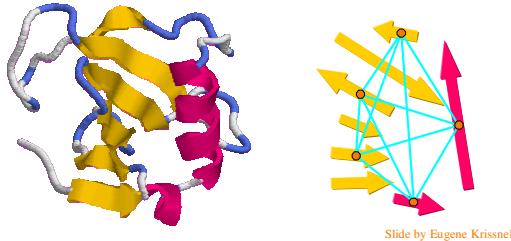
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Graph representation of protein SSEs

E. M. Mitchell et al. (1990) J. Mol. Biol. 212:151
A. P. Singh and D. L. Brutlag (1997) ISMB-97 4:284



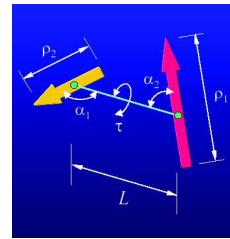
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Protein graph labeling



Composite label of a vertex

- type - helix or strand
- length r

Composite label of an edge

- length L (directed if connects vertices from the same chain)
- vertex orientation angles α_1 and α_2
- torsion angle τ

Vertex and edge labels are matched with thresholds on particular quantities

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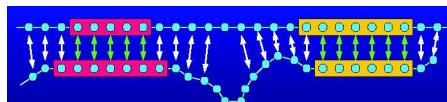
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C_α alignment

- SSE-alignment is used as an initial guess for C_α -alignment
- C_α -alignment is an iterative procedure based on the expansion of shortest contacts at best superposition of structures



- C_α -alignment is a compromise between the alignment length N_a and r.m.s.d. The optimised quantity is

$$Q = \frac{N_a^2}{(1 + (r.m.s.d./R_0)^2) N_1 N_2}$$

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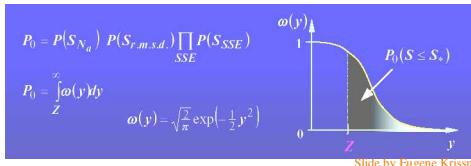
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Statistical significance of match

- The overall probability of getting a particular match score by chance is the measure of the statistical significance of the match

$$P_{value} = 1 - \left(1 - P(S_{N_a}) P(S_{r.m.s.d.}) \prod_{SSE} P(S_{SSE}) \right)^{N_{combinations}}$$

- P_M is traditionally expressed through so-called Z-characteristics



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SSM output

- Table of matched Secondary Structure Elements (SSE alignment)
- Table of matched core atoms (C_a - alignment) with dists between them
- Rotational-translation matrix of best structure superposition
- R.m.s.d. of C_a - alignment
- Length of C_a - alignment N_a
- Number of gaps in C_a - alignment N_g
- Quality score Q
- Probability estimate for the match P_M
- Z-characteristics
- Sequence identity

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List of matches

Structure Alignment Results

Selection of output

Query: pdb entry 1ldc chain A : 479 residues
L-LACTATE DEHYDROGENASE: CYTOCHROME C OXIDOREDUCTASE 1LDc 3 (FLAVOCYTOCHROME B+D)
(E.C.1.1.23) MUTANT WITH THR143 1LDC4 REPLACED BY PHE (Y143P) COMPLEXED WITH PYRUVATE 1LDC5

Examined 18295 entries (39511 chains),
Matches 1–14 of 14.

Back to query

reset results

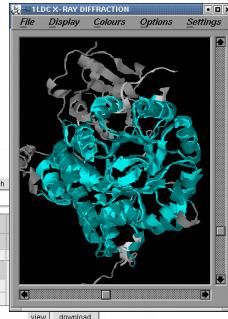
#	Scoring	Query	Target (PDB entry)									
	Q	P	Z	Rmsd	N_{align}	N_g	%_seq	%_sse	Match	%_sse	N_{res}	Title
1	1.00	82.6	27.4	0.00	478	0	100	100	11dc:A	100	478	L-LACTATE DEHYDROGENASE: CYTOCHROME C OXIDOREDUCTASE 1LDc 3 (FLAVOCYTOCHROME B+D) (E.C.1.1.23) MUTANT WITH THR143 1LDC4 REPLACED BY PHE (Y143P) COMPLEXED WITH PYRUVATE 1LDC5
2	0.99	62.7	23.8	0.30	478	1	100	100	11dc:A	91	480	L-LACTATE DEHYDROGENASE
3	0.98	59.5	23.1	0.41	478	1	100	100	11dc:A	91	481	FLAVOCYTOCHROME B+D (E.C.1.1.23) 1LDC4
4	0.94	59.1	23.1	0.56	478	1	100	97	1fcb:A	91	494	FLAVOCYTOCHROME B+D (E.C.1.1.23) 1FCB 3
5	0.91	55.4	22.3	0.51	474	2	98	97	1kbi:A	86	504	CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE RECOMBINANT L-LACTATE DEHYDROGENASE (LDH) FROM BACILLUS SUBTILIS AND FLAVOCYTOCHROME B2 COMPARED WITH THE INACTIVATING ENZYME

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Match details



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SSE alignment

Secondary Structure Alignment

Query PDB 1ldc-A	Target PDB 1lbu:A
101HL 131ALA ASN 124	1LBU 136
111HL 101ALA THR 137	<-> 21HL 131ALA ASN 7
121HL 101ALA ASN 146	1LBU 29
131HL 101ALA ASN 146	21HL 101ALA ASN 34
141HL 101ALA ASN 146	VAL 43
151HL 101ALA ASN 146	1LBU 135
161HL 81ALRD 234	1LBU 114
171BD 51AIGM 249	1LBU 126
181BD 41ALRD 253	1LBU 130
191BD 41ALRD 253	1LBU 149
191BD 41ALBD 277	1LBU 280
201HS 81AIGR 289	141BD 51AIGR 152
211BD 61ALRD 301	1LBU 156
221BD 61ALRD 346	1LBU 224
231BD 11AIGR 353	1LBU 237
241BD 11AIGR 353	1LBU 235
251BD 16AIALA 383	1LBU 245
271BD 11AIGR 398	231BD 101AYAL 261
281BD 11AIGR 414	1LBU 249
291BD 11AIGR 414	251BD 11AIGR 289
301BD 31AIGR 424	1LBU 299

OCA SCOP domain SCOP family

GeneCensus IFSBP 3Ges CATH PDBsum

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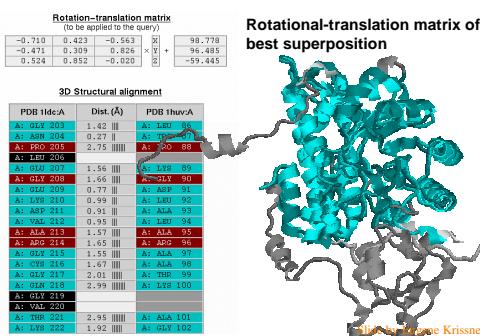
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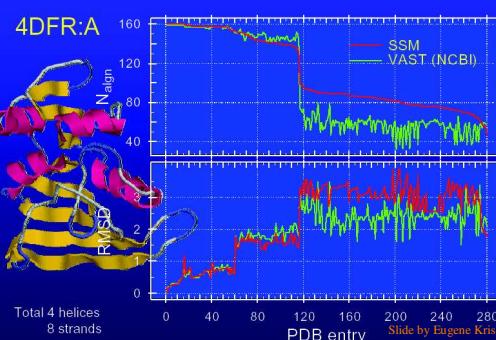
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C - alignment

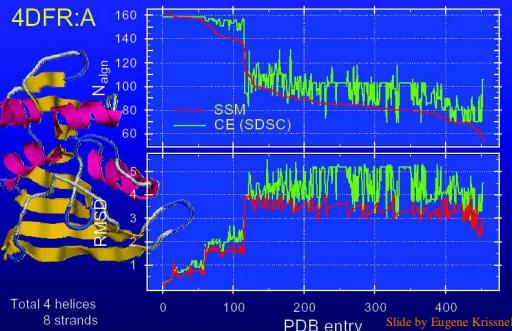


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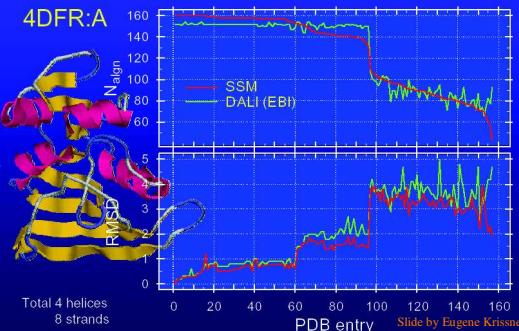
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SSM Results



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Outline

- Alignment issues
- Example alignment methods
- Fold prediction experiment ←
- Function prediction experiment

Fold Prediction Experiments

Evaluate how useful alignment algorithms are for predicting a protein's fold

How?

Fold Prediction Experiments

- Kolodny, Koehl, & Levitt [2005]
 - ROC curves and geometric measures using CATH
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Large scale alignment study

- 2,930 structures (all pairs)
- 6 structural alignment algorithms
- 4 geometric scoring functions
- Evaluation with respect to CATH topology level
- 20,000 hours of compute time



Tested Methods

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Best-of-All	Best of above methods

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Scoring Functions



Consider # aligned residues & geometric similarity:

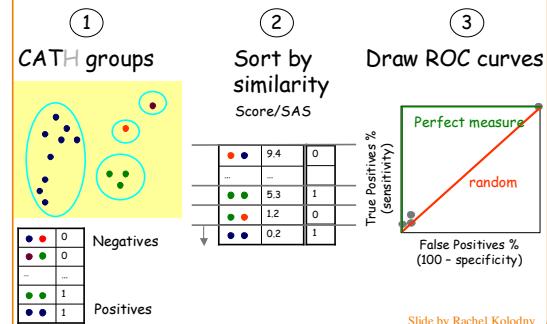
$$SAS = \frac{RMSD \times 100}{N_{mat}}$$

Also penalize gaps:

$$GSAS = \begin{cases} if(N_{mat} > N_{gap}) & \frac{RMSD \times 100}{N_{mat} - N_{gap}} \\ else & 99.9 \end{cases}$$

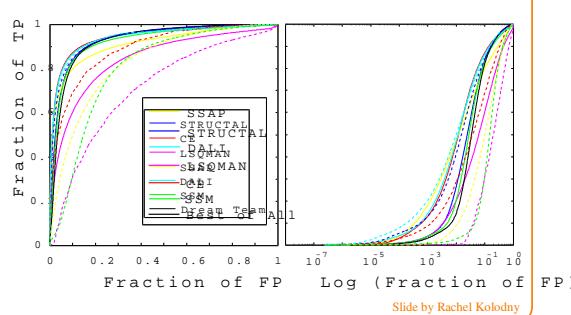
[Kolodny05]

Evaluation Using ROC Curves



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SAS & Native ROC Curves



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ROC Curve Issues



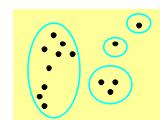
Uses only internal ordering

- Estimation of similarity can be very wrong

● ● 9.4	...
...	...
● ● 5.3	1
...	—
● ● 1.2	0
...	—
● ● 0.2	1
...	—

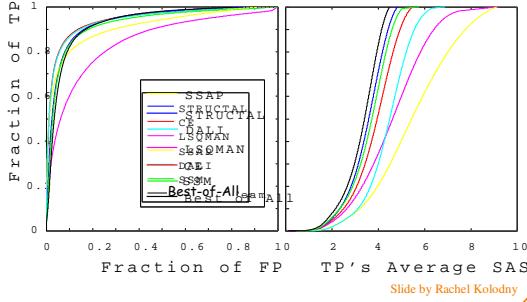
Native scores or SAS

Converts a classification gold standard into binary truth

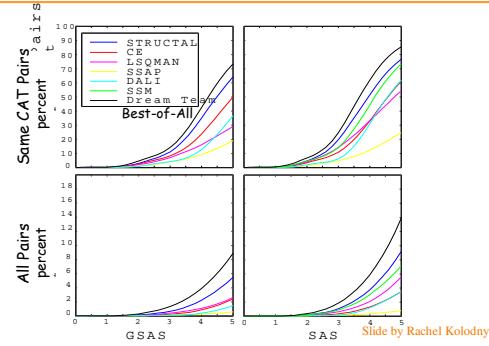


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Comparing SAS Values Directly



GSAS & SAS Distributions



Contributions to “Best-of-All”

	Total	SSAP	STRUCTAL	DALI	LSQMAN	CE	SSM
GSAS≤5 Å (100%)	275,547	832 (0.3%)	199,871 (70%)	5868 (2.1%)	54,606 (20%)	24,370 (8.8%)	—
SAS≤5 Å (100%)	539,205	498 (0.09%)	286,972 (53%)	15,648 (2.9%)	103,408 (19.2%)	15,844 (2.9%)	117,385 (21.8%)
SI≤5 Å (100%)	978,531	3745 (0.4%)	497,330 (51%)	24,767 (2.5%)	201,202 (21%)	17,142 (1.8%)	234,345 (24%)
MI≤0.8 (100%)	880,503	4579 (0.5%)	373,542 (65%)	31,402 (3.6%)	63,088 (7.2%)	72,974 (8.3%)	134,918 (15.3%)

The absolute number of alignments contributed by each method is listed and the percentage of alignments is given in parentheses. The largest contributor is shown in bold.

[Kolodny05]

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Data Set

Proteins crystallized with bound ligands

- PDB file must have resolution ≤ 3 Angstroms
- Ligands must have ≥ 20 HETATOMS

Classified by reaction/reactant

- PDB file must have an EC number (enzymes only)
- EC number must have a KEGG reaction with a reactant whose graph closely matches ligand in PDB file

Non-redundant

- No two ligands contacting domains with same CATH S95
- No two ligands contacting domains with same SCOP SP
- No two ligands from same PDB file

Data Set

351 proteins / 58 Reactions (189 outliers)

55 NAD (34/9) 25 NDP (9/5) 38 NAP (18/8) 11 FAD (9/3)

21 ATP (8/2) 29 ADP (10/5) 6 GDP (6/2) 12 COA (5/2)

Data Set

REACTION	NAME	#	REACTION	NAME	#	REACTION	NAME	#
R00145	NAD	2	R00162	ATP	3	R00408	FAD	5
R00214	NAD	2	R03647	ATP	2	R00924	FAD	2
R00342	NAD	7	R00124	ADP	2	R01175	FAD	2
R00538	NAD	3	R00497	ADP	2	MISC	FAD	2
R00623	NAD	5	R00756	ADP	2	R00351	COA	3
R00703	NAD	5	R01515	ADP	2	R03582	COA	2
R00740	NAD	2	R00312	AMP	2	MISC	COA	1
R01403	NAD	2	R03647	AMP	2	R02361	SAM	3
R01778	NAD	3	R00330	GDP	2	MISC	SAM	3
R00112	NAP	2	R01135	GDP	4	R03552	ACO	2
R00343	NAP	2	R01130	IMP	3	R00291	GDU	2
R00625	NAP	2	R02094	TMP	2	R03522	GTT	12
R00939	NAP	2	R02101	UMP	6	R01746	PQQ	3
R01041	NAP	4	R00365	USP	2	R00190	PRP	2
R01050	NAP	2	R00320	AMP	2	R03450	IMA	2
R01195	NAP	2	R01229	SGP	2	R03435	BPF	2
R02477	NAP	2	MISC	ATP	16	R02386	CBI	4
R00703	NAI	2	MISC	ADP	19	R01590	ACD	2
R00939	NDP	5	MISC	AMP	10	R00529	ADX	2
R01063	NDP	2	MISC	A3P	5	R03491	SIA	2
R01195	NDP	2	MISC	GTP	2	R00137	NMN	3
MISC	NAH	21	MISC	UMP	4	R03592	MYA	2
MISC	NAP	20	MISC	UMP	1	R03509	ISF	2
MISC	NAH	2	MISC	SGP	1	MISC	etc	etc
MISC	NAI	2						
MISC	NDP	16						

Evaluation Method

"Leave-one-out" classification experiment

Ø Match every ligand against all the others in data set

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Same Class Different Class

Evaluation Method

"Leave-one-out" classification experiment

- Match every ligand against all the others in data set
- Ø Log a "hit" when best match performs same reaction
- Report percentage of hits (correctly classified ligands)

Query 1st 2nd 3rd 4th ...

Nearest Neighbor Matches "HIT"

Evaluation Method

Classification rate is 33% in this example

Query 1st 2nd 3rd 4th ...

Sequence Alignment Method

Use FASTA to compute Smith-Waterman score for every pair of SCOP domains contacting ligand

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> fasta34 dlgv0a diguya

      10       20       30       40       50       60
dlgv0a AGVLDSLRSFPIAMELGQDMDVTCVCLGSGHDAMWVFVVKYTITVAGIPVADLISABEAE
.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.
diguya AGVLDAARYRTFPIAMEAGVSQEVQAMLGGHGDDEMVPFLRFRSTISGIVPSEFIAPIDRPA
      10       20       30       40       50       60
      70       80       90      100      110      120
dlgv0a ELVERTRGAEVINHLKNSQFSYSPATVSEVEMESVLRDLRKRVLCAVSCLDGQYQGID
.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.
diguya QIVERTRKGGIEVNLLTKTSAYYAPAAATAQMVQEAVLKQDKKVRMVAAYLTGQYGINDI
      70       80       90      100      110      120
      130      140      150      160
dlgv0a FFGVPGVPLKGKNVHEIYIEKILDQSDLLLQKSAKIVDENCKML
.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.:.
diguya YFGVPGVPLKGAKGVKEELPLPNEEEMALLNASKAVRATLDTL
      130      140      150      160

54.49% identity,
  156 out of 463 amino acids overlap
Smith-Waterman score: 588

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Sequence Alignment Method

Use FASTA to compute Smith-Waterman score for every pair of SCOP domains contacting ligand

$$D(A, B) = \max_{A_i \in A, B_j \in B} SmithWaterman(A_i, B_j)$$

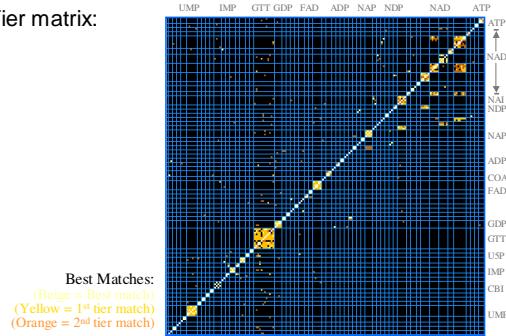
Sequence Alignment Method

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 diguya ACDUADANPVEPTMAGCAGVQDQVOMI MCQHODPMURIBRETTSYTSCINMRCETPDRIA
 54.487% identity
 156 out of 163 amino acids overlap
 Smith-Waterman score: 588

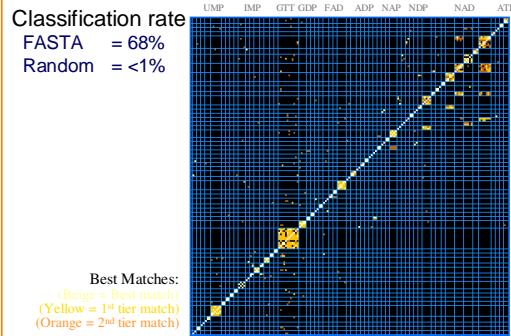
Sequence Alignment Results

Tier matrix:



Sequence Alignment Results

Classification rate
FASTA = 68%



Structure Alignment Method

Use CE to compute similarity of protein structures

CE - -/ebi/data/pdbs/1jsu.pdb A -/ebi/data/pdbs/lhcl.pdb _ scratch

Structure Alignment Calculator, version 1.02, last modified: Jun 15, 2001.

CE Align

Aligner

Rmsd

Z-Score

CPU

Seque

Rmsd = 2.28 Å
Z-Score = 6.8
Gaps = 30 (11.5%)

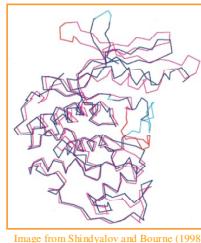
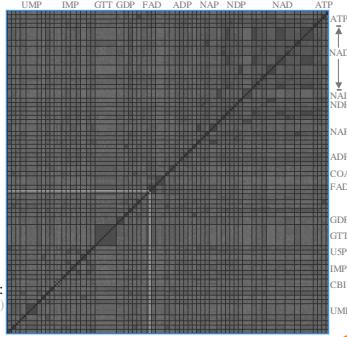


Image from Shindyalov and Bourne (1998)

Structure Alignment Results

Similarity matrix:

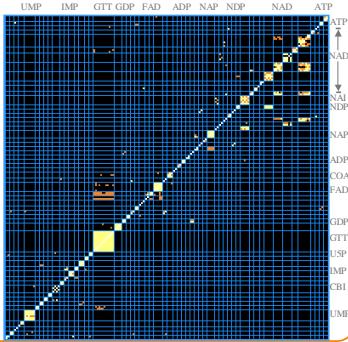


1/CE -Z-Score:

(Darker means better match)

Structure Alignment Results

Tier matrix:



Best Matches:
(Best = Blue match)
(Yellow = 1st tier match)
(Orange = 2nd tier match)

Structure Alignment Results

Classification rate:

FASTA = 68%

CE = 65%

Random = <1%

Structure Alignment Results

Classification rate: When Smith-Waterman ≥ 500 :

FASTA = 68%

Sequence = 80%

CE = 65%

CE = 72%

Random = <1%

Random = <1%

When Smith-Waterman < 500 :

CE = 53%

FASTA = 44%

Random = <1%

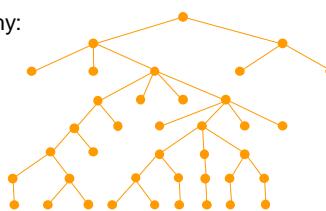
CATH Matching Method

Distance measure is proximity in CATH hierarchy

- $D(A,B) = \text{least } \# \text{levels to common ancestor in hierarchy}$ for any pair of contacting chains

CATH hierarchy:

- Class
- Architecture
- Topology
- Homology
- S35 (Family)
- S95
- S100



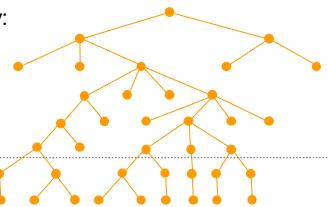
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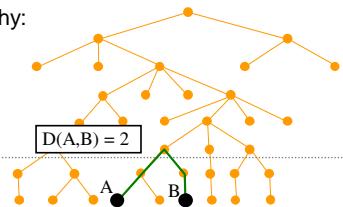
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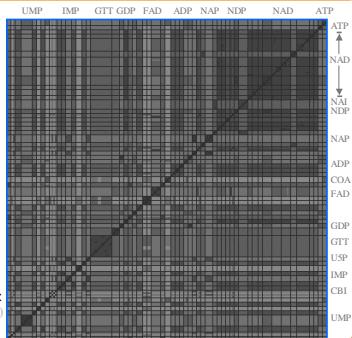
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CATH Matching Results



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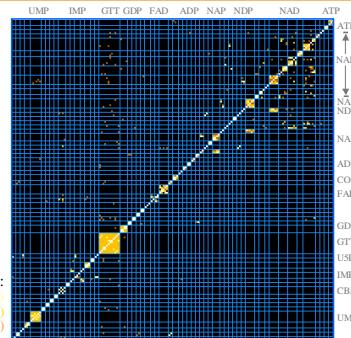


CATH Distance:
 (Darker means better match)

CATH Matching Results



Tier matrix:



Best Matches:
 (Bright yellow = 1st tier match)
 (Yellow = 2nd tier match)
 (Orange = 3rd tier match)

CATH Matching Results



Classification rate: When Smith-Waterman ≥ 500 :
 FASTA = 68% FASTA = 80%
 CE = 65% CE = 72%
 CATH = 58% CATH = 65%
 Random = <1% Random = <1%

When Smith-Waterman < 500 :

CE	= 53%
CATH	= 44%
FASTA	= 44%
Random	= <1%

SCOP Matching Results



Classification rate: When Smith-Waterman ≥ 500 :
 FASTA = 68% FASTA = 80%
 CE = 65% CE = 72%
 SCOP = 64% SCOP = 72%
 CATH = 58% CATH = 65%
 Random = <1% Random = <1%

When Smith-Waterman < 500 :

CE	= 53%
SCOP	= 47%
CATH	= 44%
FASTA	= 44%
Random	= <1%

Conclusion



Many algorithms for structural alignment,
differing according to

- Application: homology detection, drug design, etc.
- Granularity: atom, residue, fragment, SSE
- Representation: inter-molecular, intra-molecular
- Scoring: geometric, gaps, chemical, structural, etc.
- Correspondences: sequential, non-sequential
- Gap penalty: expect gaps near loops, etc.
- Flexibility: rigid, flexible
- Target: single protein, representative proteins, PDB

None seems best for all situations

All probably provide some benefit over sequence