

Binding site identification

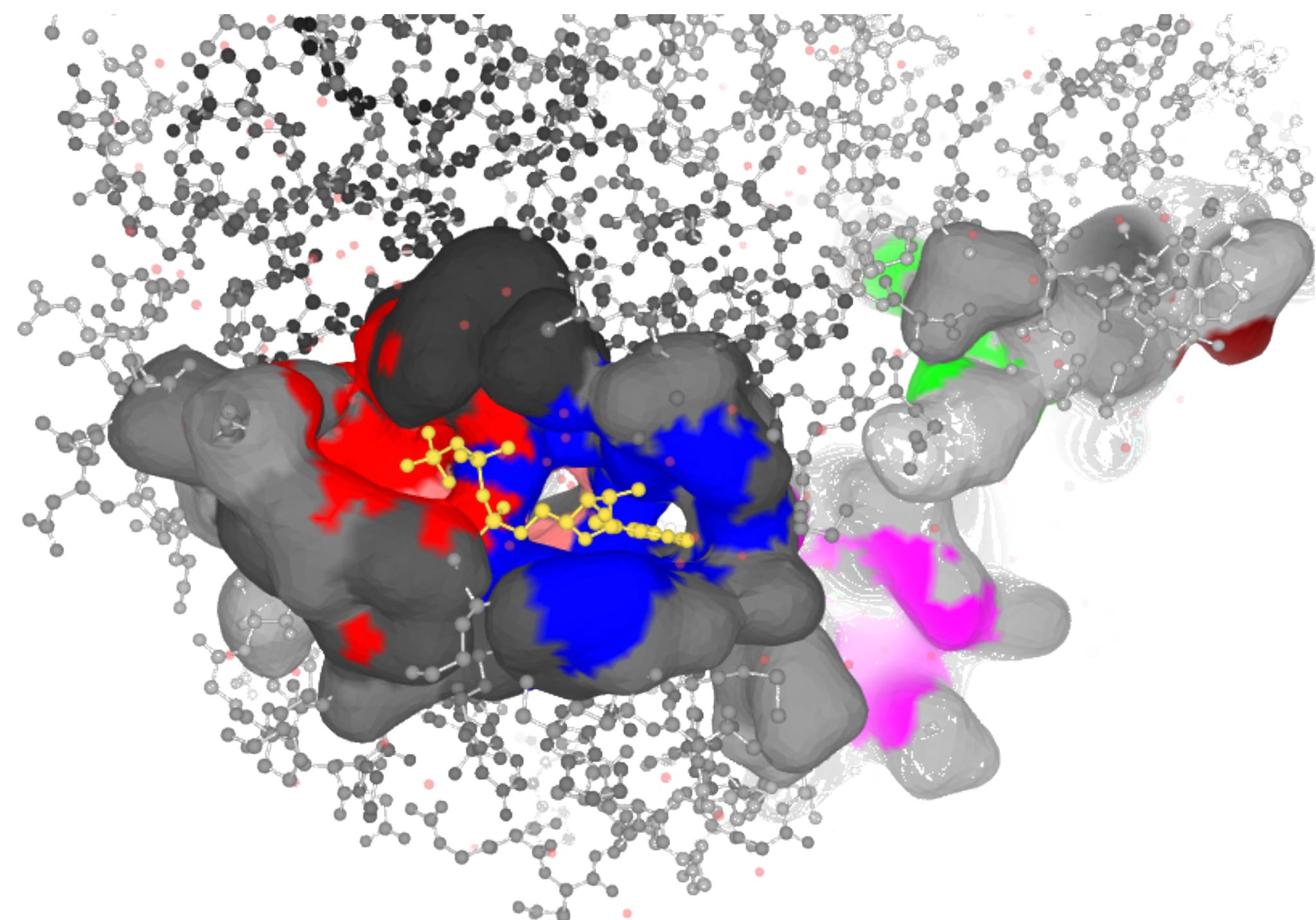
The Pocket Art

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Binding site

- Where a macromolecule interacts (forms contact) with other molecules
 - Structure-based drug discovery
 - Function annotation
 - Variation effect prediction
 - ...



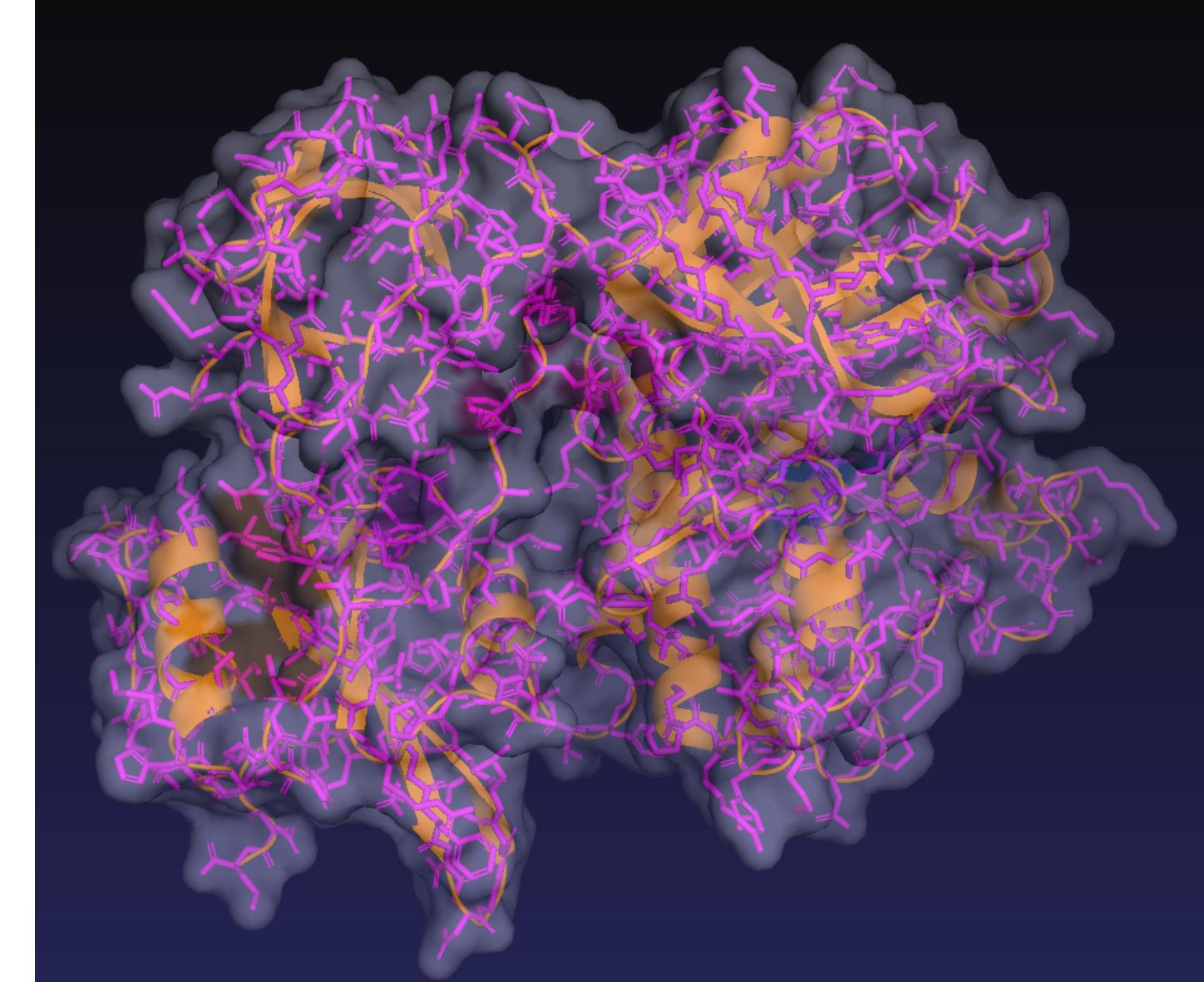
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Ligand binding sites prediction approaches

- Automatic approaches
 - Template-based
 - Template-free
 - Spatial
 - Energy-based
 - Knowledge-based (statistical)
 - Machine learning

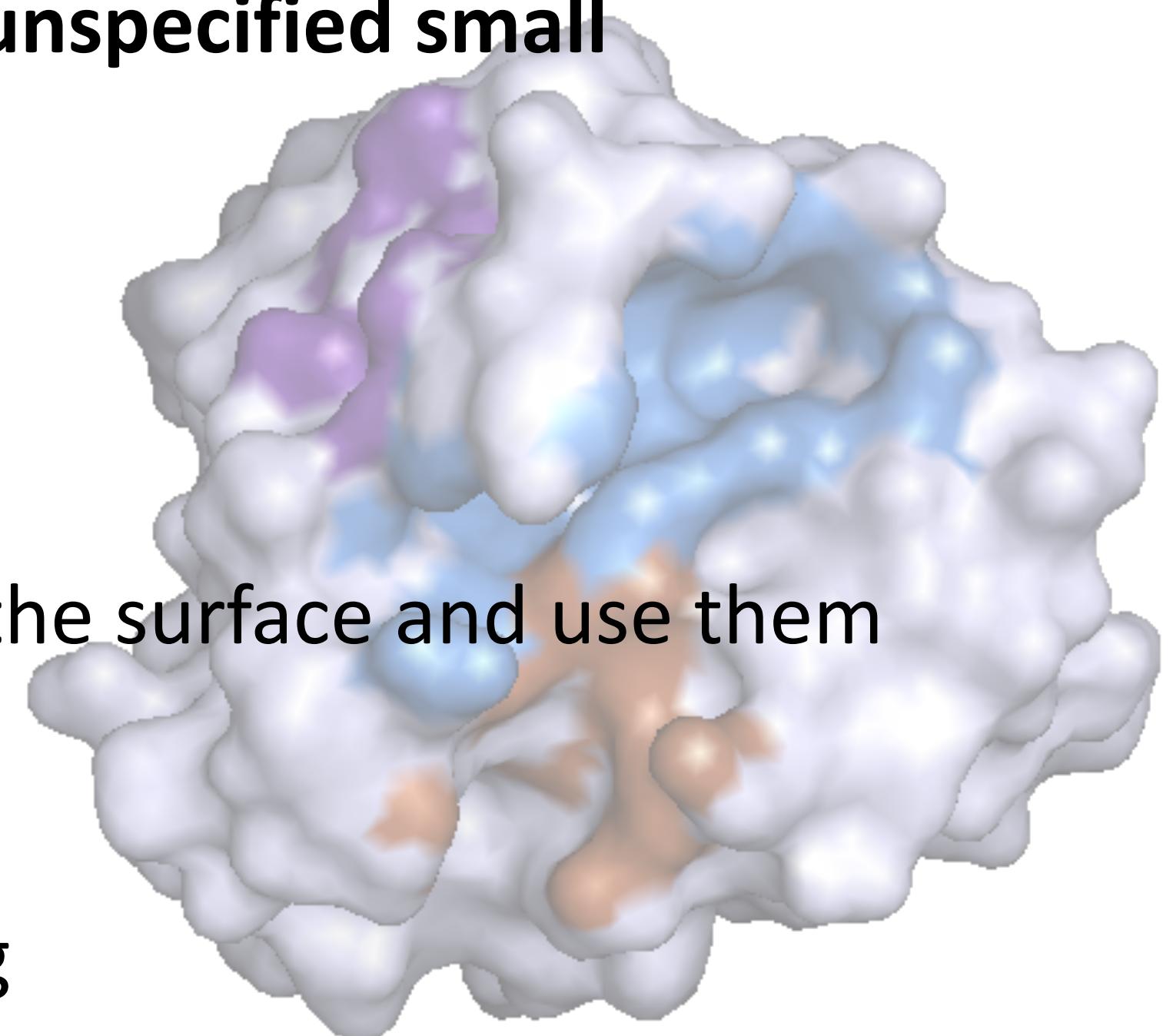
Over 50 methods developed, the comparison difficult!

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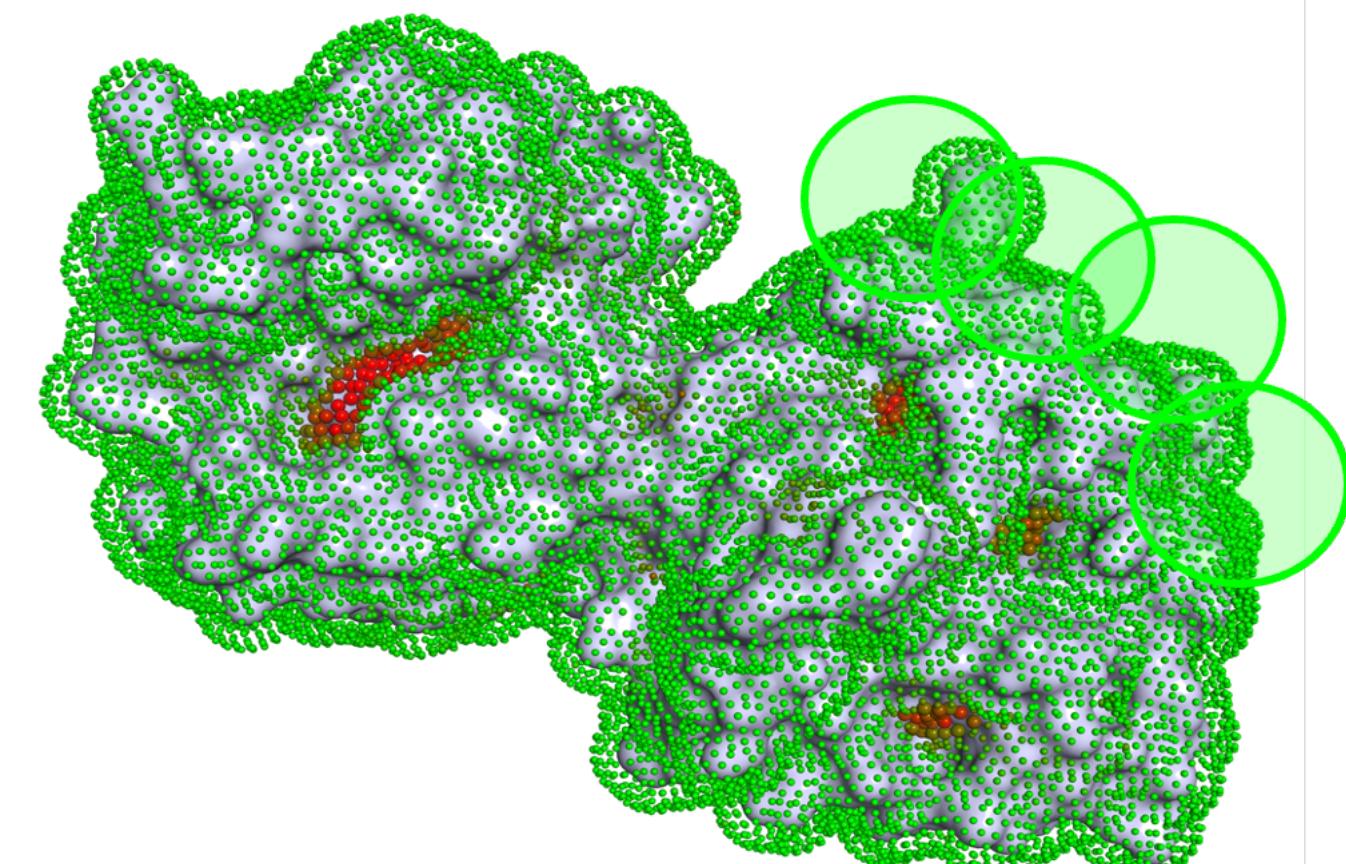
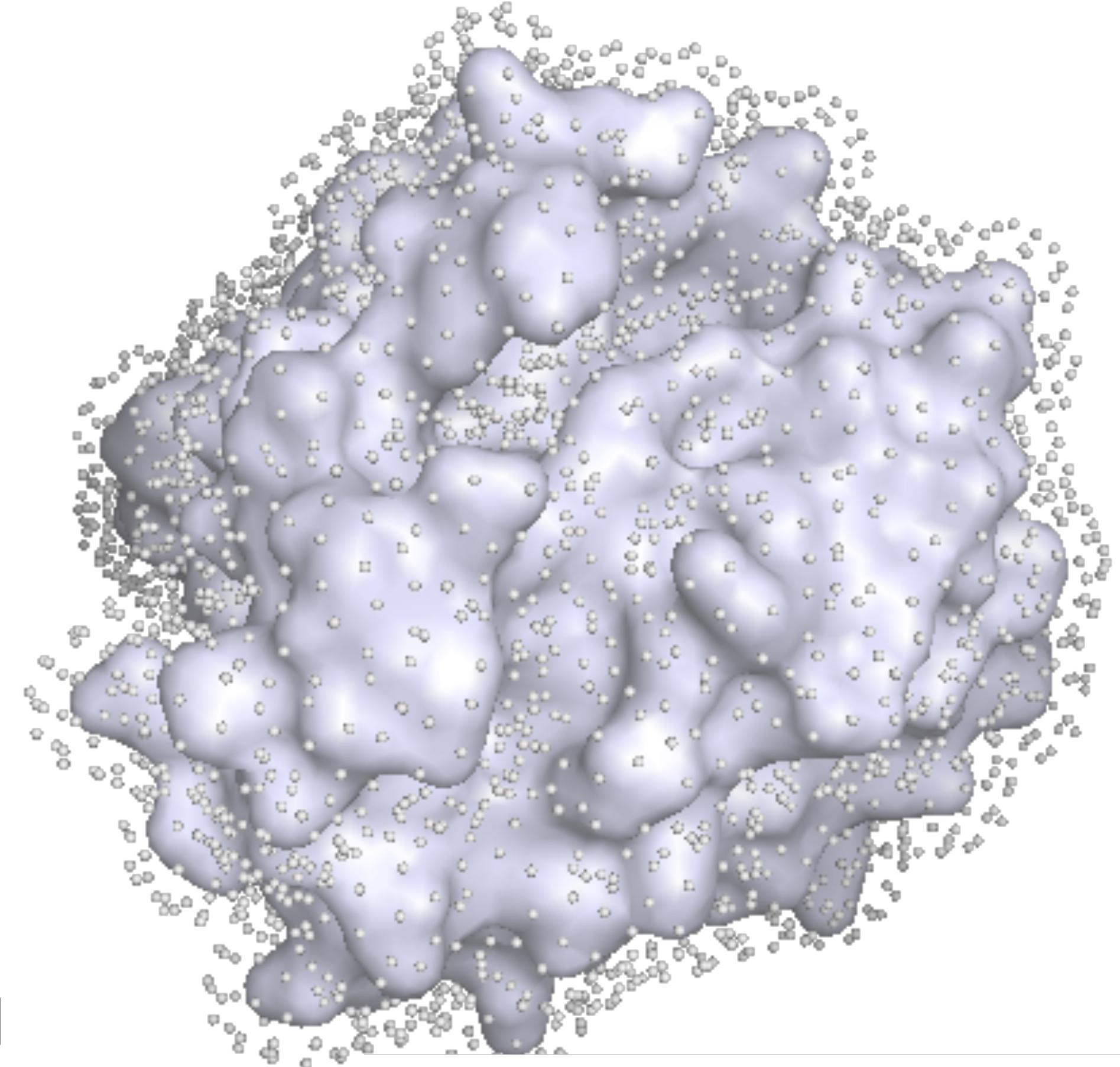
P2RANK

- Method to **identify surface regions** which are **capable of binding unspecified small molecule**
- **Input:** a protein structure
- **Method:** build a supervised ML model from features of points on the surface and use them for prediction
- **Output:** a list of surface regions probably capable of ligand binding



Model construction

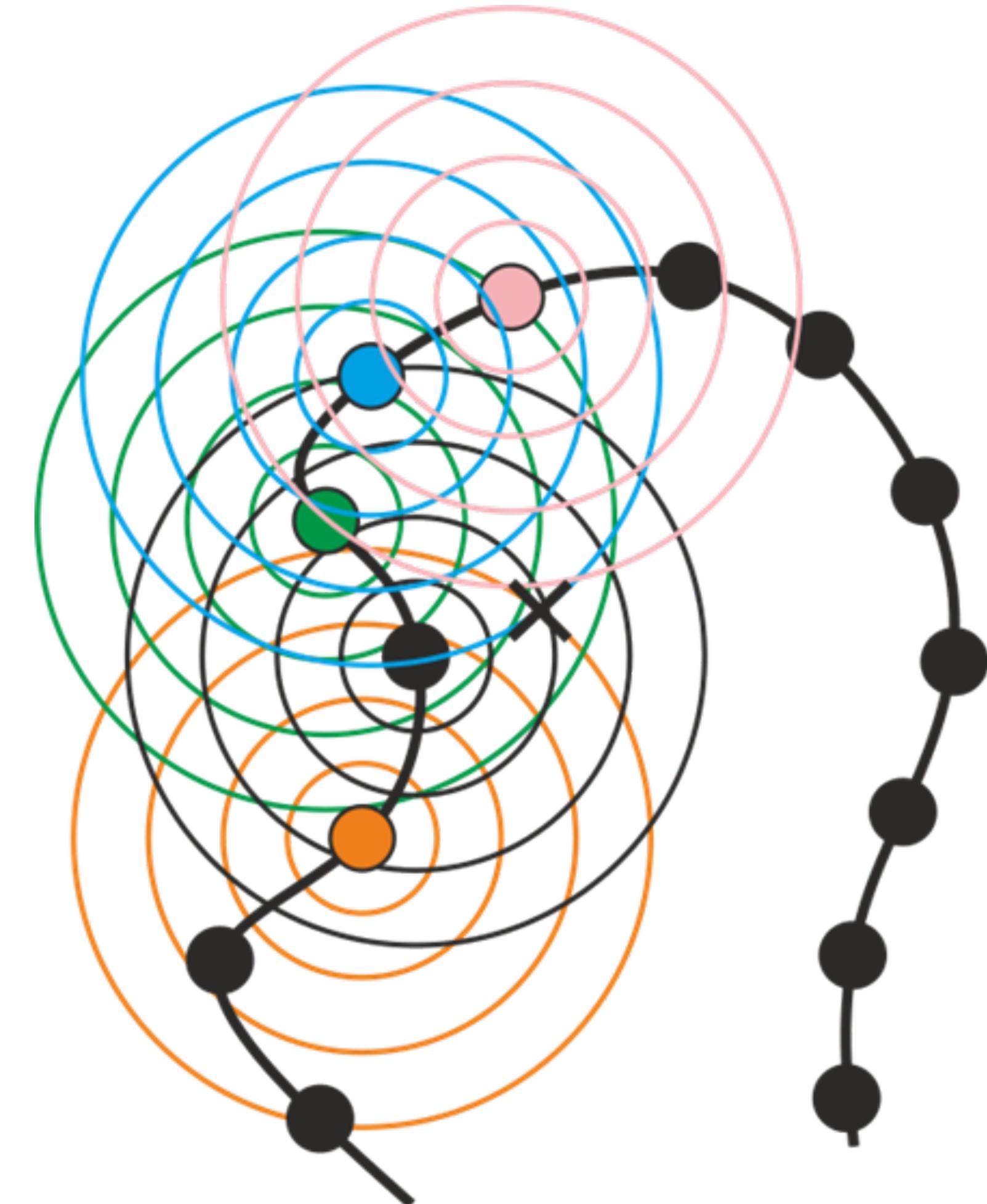
1. Obtaining known protein-ligand complexes
2. Cover the surface with a **mesh of points** (solvent accessible surface – SAS points)
3. **Label points** as binding/nonbinding
4. **Extract a vector of physico-chemical and structural features** for each SAS point of each protein
5. **Build a model**, which is able for given point (vector) decide with what probability is that point part of a pocket



Features extraction

- **More than 30 attributes** describing physical-chemical properties of amino acids within the local neighborhood of given point

$$\text{IFV}(P) = \sum_{A_i \in A(P)} \text{AFV}(A_i) \cdot w(\text{dist}(P, A_i)) \quad || \quad \text{FV}(P)$$



Feature name	T*	source**	description
hydrophobic	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for hydrophobic residues
hydrophilic	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for hydrophilic residues
hydrophathyIndex	a	AA tab.	side-chain hydrophathy index with values in range $(-4.5, 4.5)$ [5]
aliphatic	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for aliphatic residues
aromatic	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for aromatic residues
sulfur	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for residues containing sulfur
hydroxyl	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for hydroxyl group containing residues
basic	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for basic residues
acidic	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for acidic residues
amide	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for amide group containing residues
posCharge	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for positively charged residues
negCharge	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for negatively charged residues
hBondDonor	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for H-bond donor containing residues
hBondAcceptor	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for H-bond acceptor containing residues
hBondDonorAcceptor	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for residues that have H-bond donor AND acceptor
polar	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for polar residues
ionizable	a	AA tab.	binary attribute, 1 for ionizable residues
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vsAromatic	a	AT tab.	VolSite atomic level features [1]
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vsHydrophobic	a	AT tab.	
vsAcceptor	a	AT tab.	
vsDonor	a	AT tab.	
atomicHydrophobicity	a	AT tab.	Atom type hydrophobicity scale [3]
apRawValids	a	AT tab.	Ligand binding propensity for biologically valid ligands [4]
apRawInvalids	a	AT tab.	Ligand binding propensity for biologically invalid ligands [4]
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bfactor	a	given	B-factor number of the atom from pdb file
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atoms	p	calc.	absolute number of protein exposed atoms in the neighbourhood (within 6 Å radius of the point)
atomDensity	p	calc.	number of protein exposed atoms weighted by distance
atomC	p	calc.	number of carbon atoms in the neighbourhood
atomO	p	calc.	number of oxygen atoms in the neighbourhood
atomN	p	calc.	number of nitrogen atoms in the neighbourhood
hDonorAtoms	p	calc.	number of H-bond donor atoms in the neighbourhood
hAcceptorAtoms	p	calc.	number of H-bond acceptor atoms in the neighbourhood
protrusion	p	calc.	Protein surface protrusion inspired by [6] calculated simply as number of all protein atoms (not just exposed) within 10 Å radius of the point

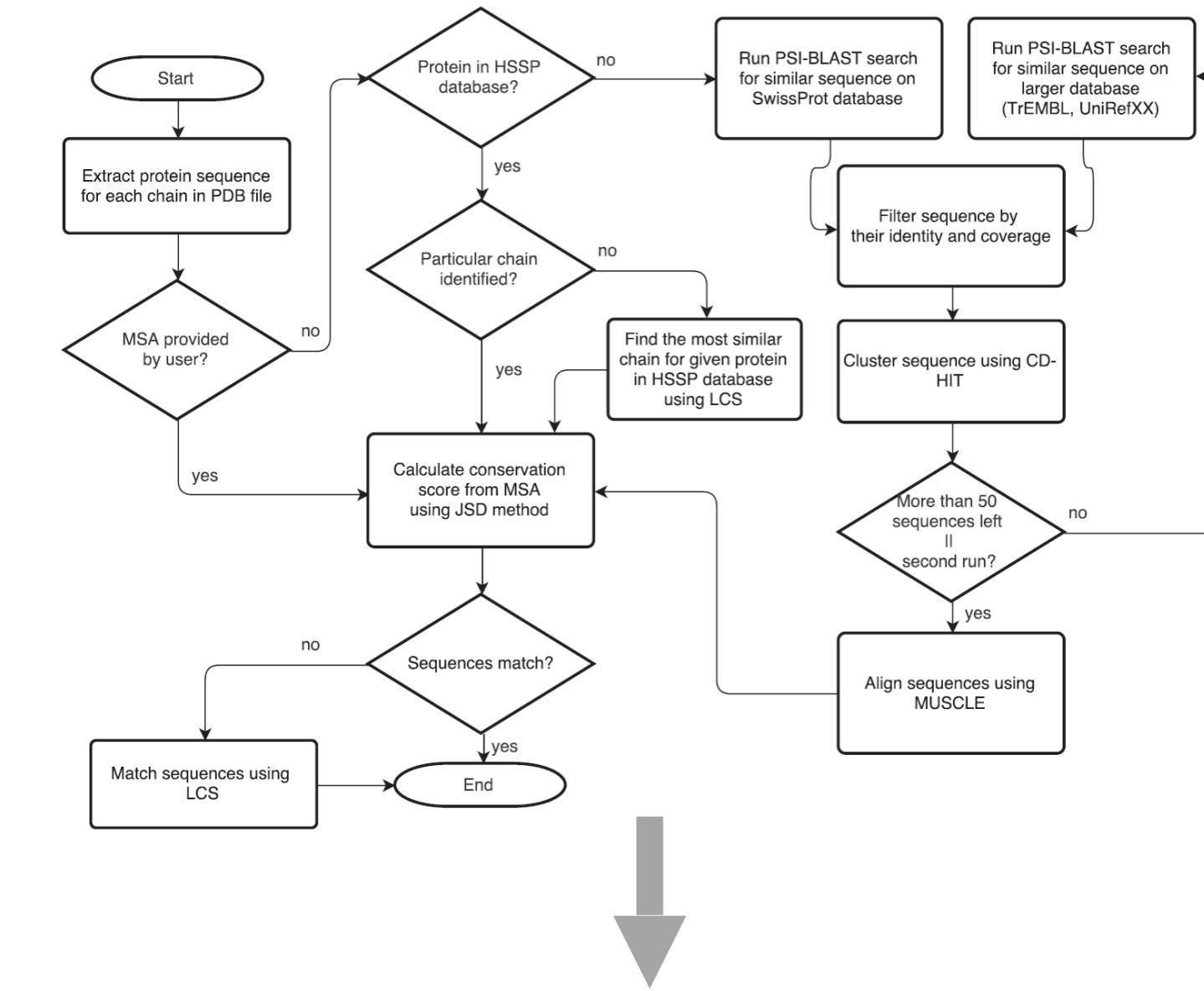
Features extraction - conservation

Sequence alignment showing conservation across multiple species. The sequences are color-coded by residue type.

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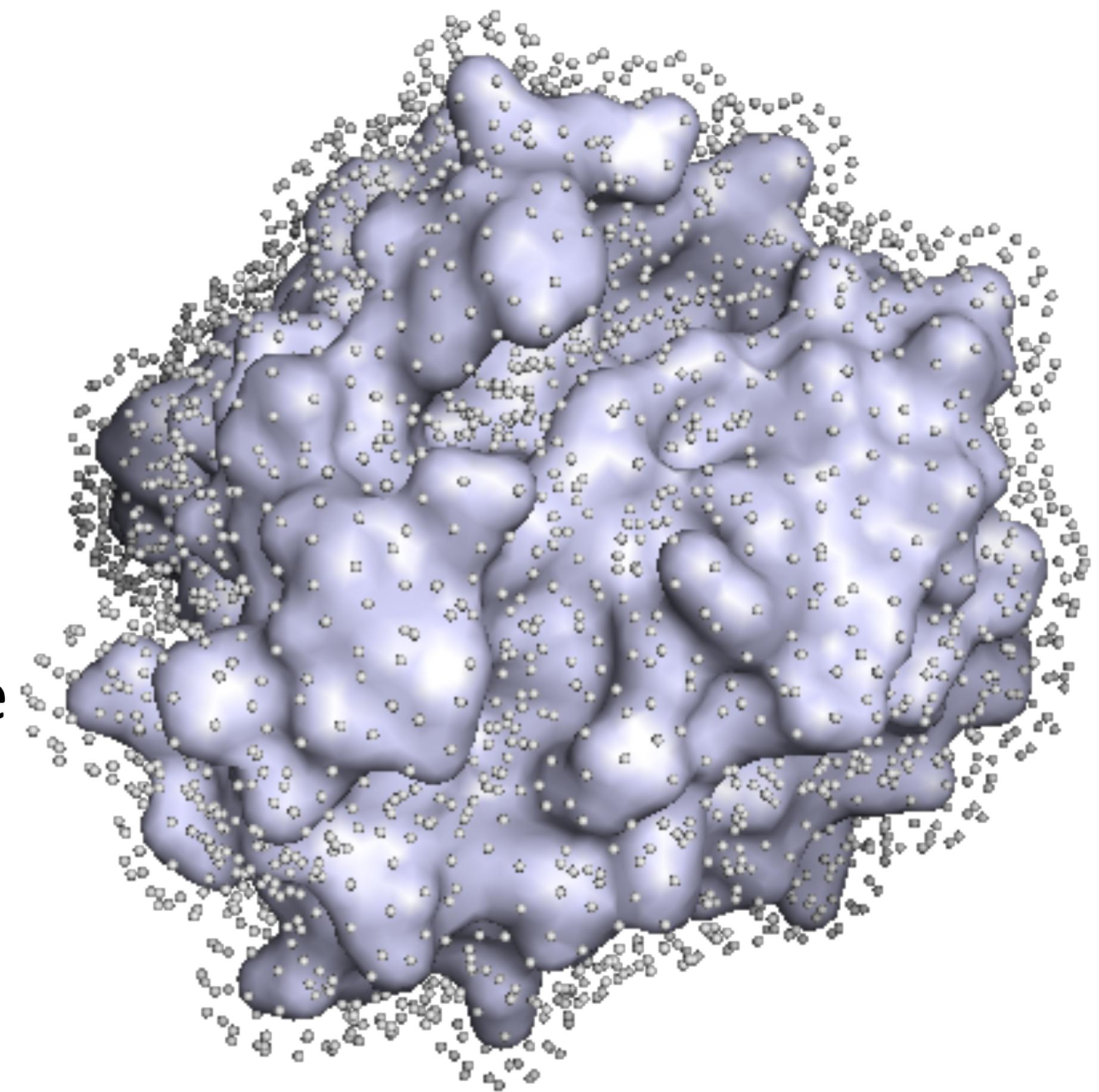
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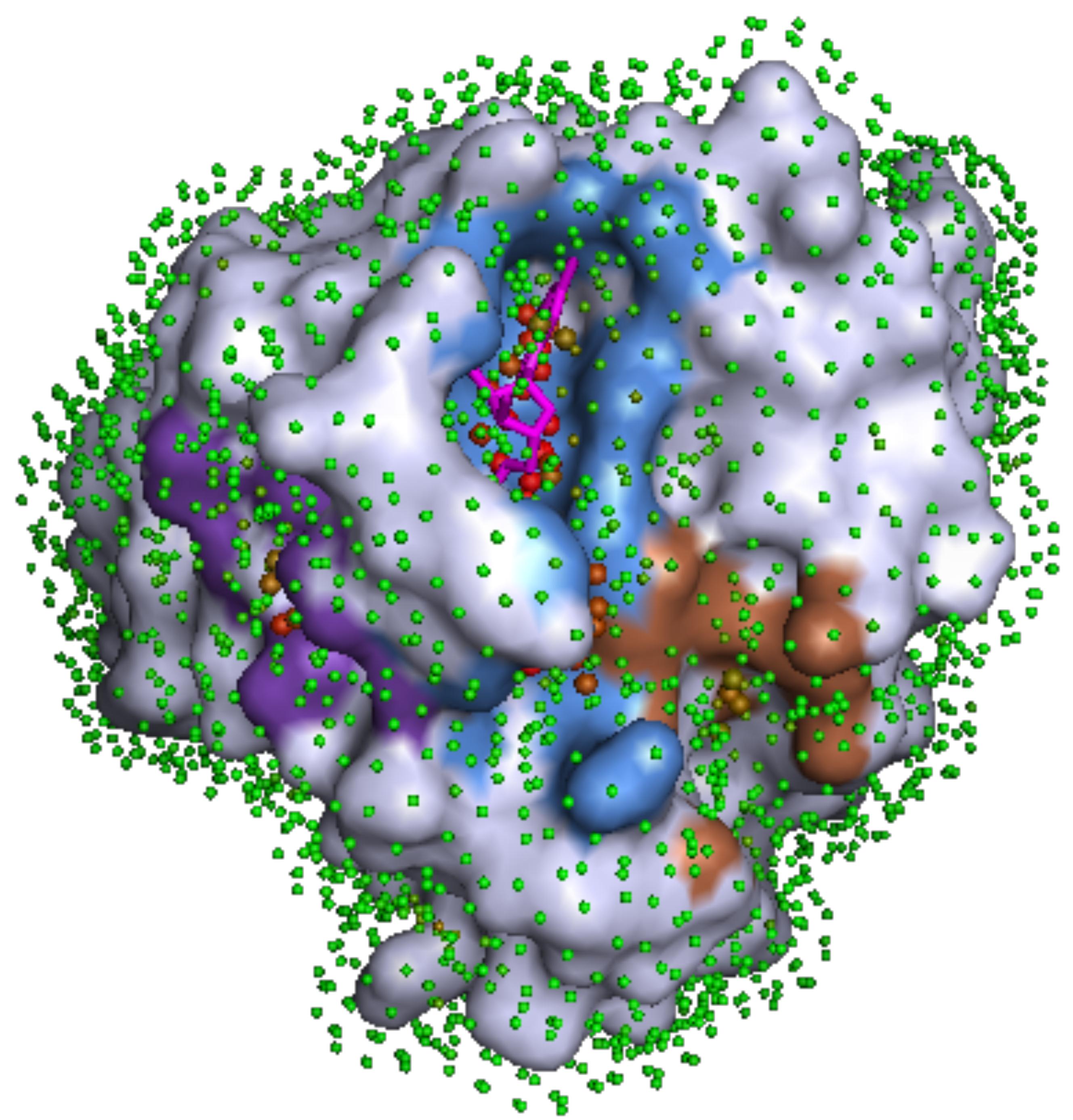
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Detection of binding sites

1. Cover the surface with a **mesh of SAS points**
2. **Apply the model to every point of the mesh** → ligandability score
3. **Filter out points with low ligandability score**
4. **Cluster the remaining points** → **binding pocket**
5. **Score the pockets** – cumulative ligandability score
→ raw score → confidence score
6. **Map pocket SAS points onto atoms**



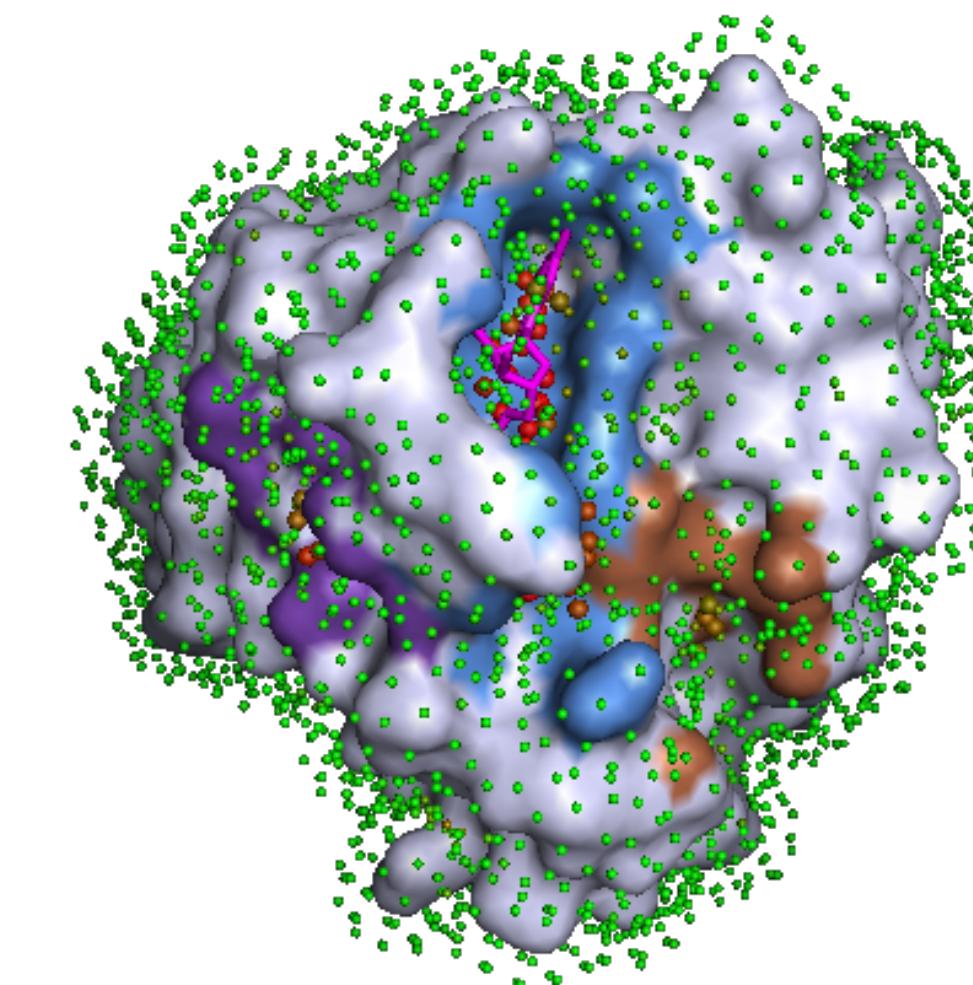


Binding sites prediction evaluation

Binding site evaluation metric

- Typical binary classification problem metrics not suitable
 - **No true negatives**
- **Success rate** with respect to **Top- $n + k$** pockets
 - n – number of true pockets in a protein
 - k - room for error

		True Class	
		Positive	Negative
Predicted Class	Positive	TP	FP
	Negative	FN	TN



Pocket detection criteria

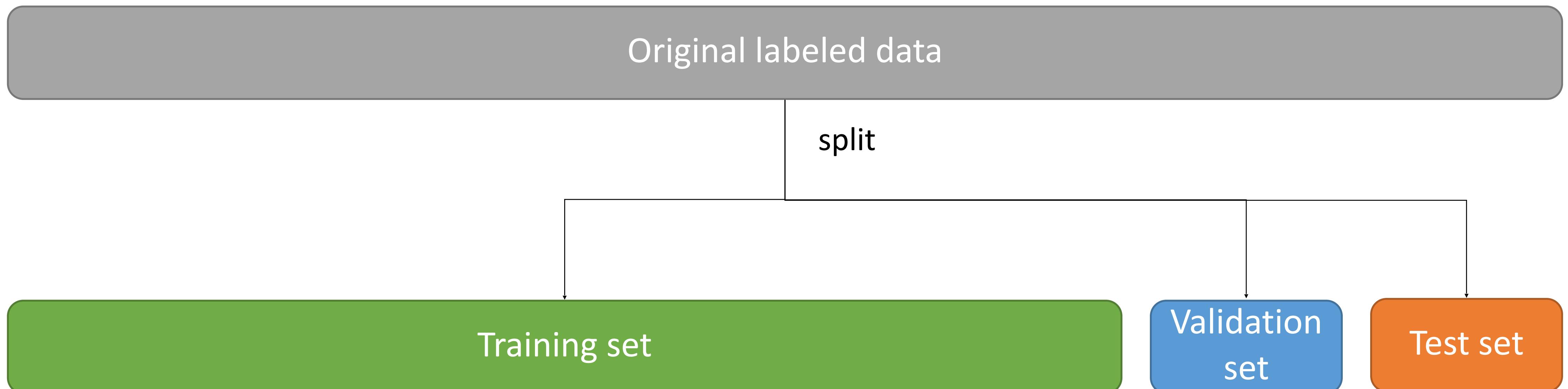
- Distance-based
 - **DCA** < threshold
 - the minimal distance between the center of the predicted pocket and any atom of the ligand
 - **DCC** < threshold
 - the distance between the centers of the predicted and true binding sites
- **DCA(4)** ... distance from the **center** of the pocket to **any ligand atom** $\leq 4 \text{ \AA}$

Top-(n+k) ... On a given protein structure
n = number of true binding sites (bound ligands)

If there is only 1 ligand:

Top-n ~ Top-1
Top-(n+2) ~ Top-3

ML evaluation methodology



Evaluation datasets

- **Training set – CHEN11**
 - 251 proteins, 476 ligands
 - Non-redundant
 - Superimposed ligands from close homologs
- **Validation set – JOINED**
 - B48/U48 - 48 proteins in a bound and unbound state
 - B210 - 210 proteins in bound state
 - DT198 - 198 drug-target complexes
 - ASTEX - 85 proteins that was introduced as a benchmarking
 - Dataset for molecular docking methods
- **Testing sets**
 - COACH420
 - 420 single chain structures that contain a mix of drug targets and naturally occurring ligands
 - HOLO4K
 - >4000 structures
 - Larger multi-chain structures

CHEN11: Chen K, Mizianty M, Gao J, Kurgan L (2011) A critical comparative assessment of predictions of protein-binding sites for biologically relevant organic compounds. *Structure* 19(5):613–621

B48/U48, B210: Huang B, Schroeder M (2006) Ligsitecsc: predicting ligand binding sites using the connolly surface and degree of conservation. *BMC Struct Biol* 6(1):19

DT198 : Zhang Z, Li Y, Lin B, Schroeder M, Huang B (2011) Identification of cavities on protein surface using multiple computational approaches for drug binding site prediction. *Bioinformatics* 27(15):2083–2088

ASTEX: Hartshorn M, Verdonk M, Chessari G, Brewerton S, Mooij W, Mortenson P, Murray C (2007) Diverse, high-quality test set for the validation of proteinligand docking performance. *J Med Chem* 50(4):726–741

COACH: Roy A, Yang J, Zhang Y (2012) Cofactor: an accurate comparative algorithm for structure-based protein function annotation. *Nucleic Acids Res* 40(W1):471–477

HOLO4K: Schmidtke P, Souaille C, Estienne F, Baurin N, Kroemer R (2010) Largescale comparison of four binding site detection algorithms. *J Chem Inf Model* 50(12):2191–200

Evaluation

	COACH420		HOLO4K	
	Top-n	Top-(n+2)	Top-n	Top-(n+2)
Fpocket	56.4	68.9	52.4	63.1
Fpocket+PRANK ^a	63.6	76.5	62.0	71.0
SiteHound [†]	53.0	69.3	50.1	62.1
MetaPocket 2.0 [†]	63.4	74.6	57.9	68.6
DeepSite [†]	56.4	63.4	45.6	48.2
P2Rank[protrusion] ^b	64.2	73.0	59.3	67.7
P2Rank	<u>72.0</u>	<u>78.3</u>	<u>68.6</u>	<u>74.0</u>

feature	importance
protrusion	0.084528
bfactor	0.013888
apRawInvalids	0.011785
vsAromatic	0.010165
apRawValids	0.009403
atom0	0.009275
hydrophobic	0.008630
hydrophilic	0.007643
vsAcceptor	0.006244
vsHydrophobic	0.005273
atoms	0.005188
aromatic	0.004433
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atomC	0.003687
vsDonor	0.003451
aliphatic	0.003350
atomicHydrophobicity	0.002663
hBondDonorAcceptor	0.002650
hDonorAtoms	0.002626
atomDensity	0.002549
polar	0.002402
ionizable	0.002142
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hBondAcceptor	0.001705
sulfur	0.001621
negCharge	0.001538
acidic	0.001504
basic	0.001467
hydroxyl	0.001328
vsAnion	0.001072
hBondDonor	0.001059
posCharge	0.001021
vsCation	0.000832
amide	0.000831

Effect of conservation

	COACH420		HOLO4K	
	Top- <i>n</i>	Top-(<i>n</i> +2)	Top- <i>n</i>	Top-(<i>n</i> +2)
Fpocket 1.0	56.4	68.9	52.4	63.1
Fpocket 3.1	42.9	56.9	54.9	64.3
SiteHound ^a	53.0	69.3	50.1	62.1
MetaPocket 2.0 ^a	63.4	74.6	57.9	68.6
DeepSite ^a	56.4	63.4	45.6	48.2
P2Rank	72.0	78.3	68.6	74.0
P2Rank+Cons. ^b	73.2	77.9	72.1	76.7

Table 2. Number of predicted binding sites and dataset statistics.

	COACH420	HOLO4K
Proteins	420	4009
Avg. protein atoms	2179	3908
Avg. ligands	1.2	2.4
Fpocket 1.0	14.6	27.0
Fpocket 3.1	13.9	16.0
SiteHound	66.2	99.5
MetaPocket 2.0	6.3	6.4
DeepSite	3.2	2.8
P2Rank	6.3	12.6
P2Rank+Conservation	3.4	7.7

Displayed is the average total number of binding sites predicted per protein by each method on a given dataset.

Runtime

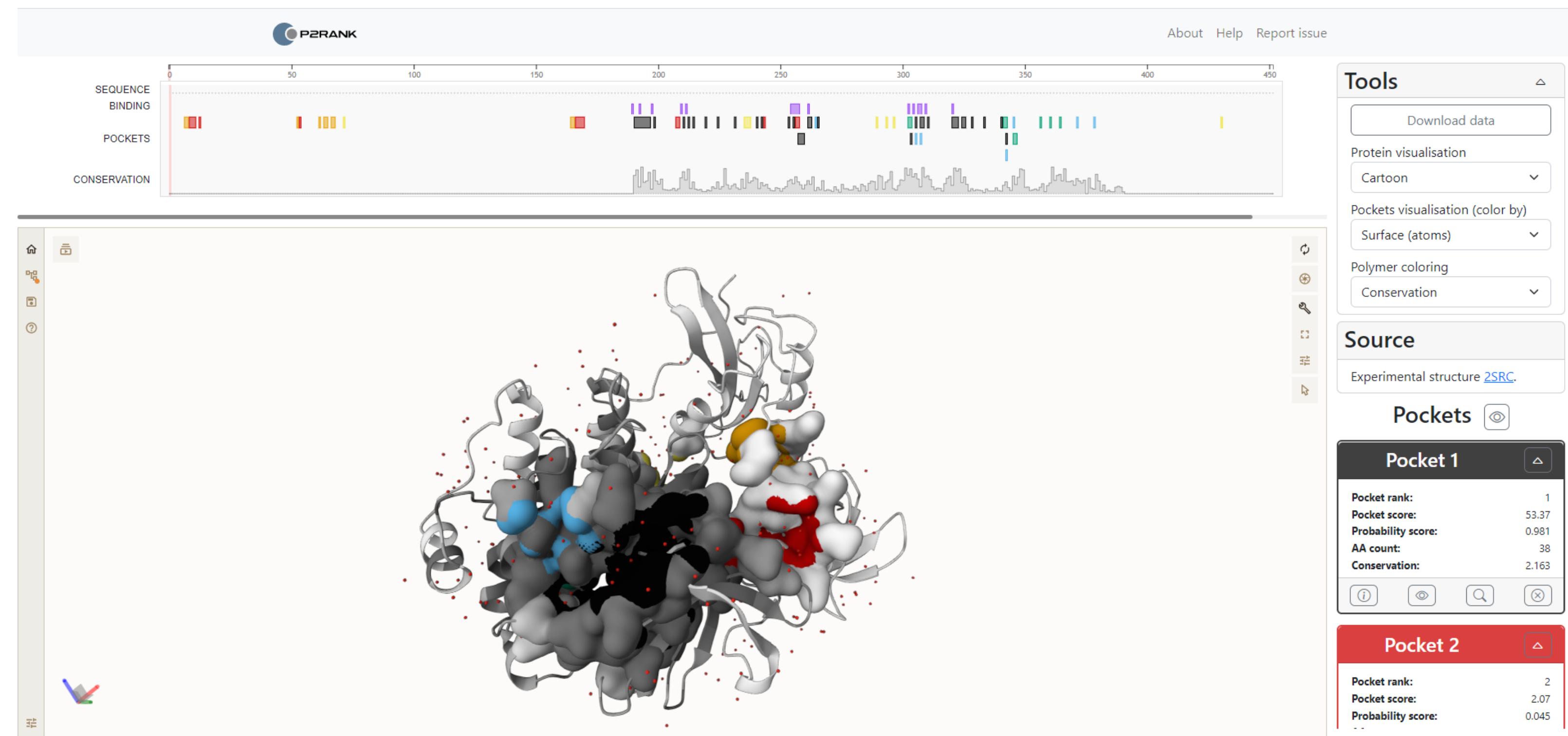
Method	Time [†]
COACH (web server)	15 h (self reported estimate)
eFindSite (web server)	6.9 ± 0 h
COACH (stand-alone)	6.4 ± 2 h
GalaxySite (web server)	2 h (self reported estimate)
3DLigandSite (web server)	1–3 h (self reported estimate)
ISMBLab-LIG (web server)	71 ± 2 min
FTSite (web server)	39 ± 3 min
LISE (web server)	39 ± 0.1 min
MetaPocket 2.0 (web server)	2.8 ± 0.4 min
DeepSite (web server)	38 ± 0.03 s
SiteHound (stand-alone)	12 ± 0.5 s
P2Rank (stand-alone)	6.8 ± 0.2 s (cold start*)
	0.9 s (in larger dataset*)
Fpocket (stand-alone)	0.2 ± 0.01 s

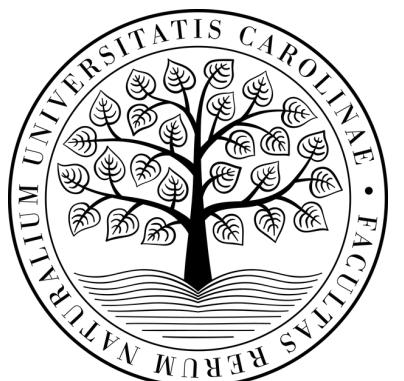
[†] Average time required for LBS prediction on a single protein. Displayed is self reported estimate or a result of our test on a small dataset of 5 proteins \sim 2500 atoms. Stand-alone tools were tested on a single 3.7 GHz CPU core. For web servers the wall time from submitting a job to receiving the result was measured.

*Difference is due to JVM initialization and model loading cost

Availability

- Command line app
 - <https://github.com/rdk/p2rank>
 - Java, PyMOL
- Webserver
 - <https://prankweb.cz>
 - AlphaFold, conservation, API



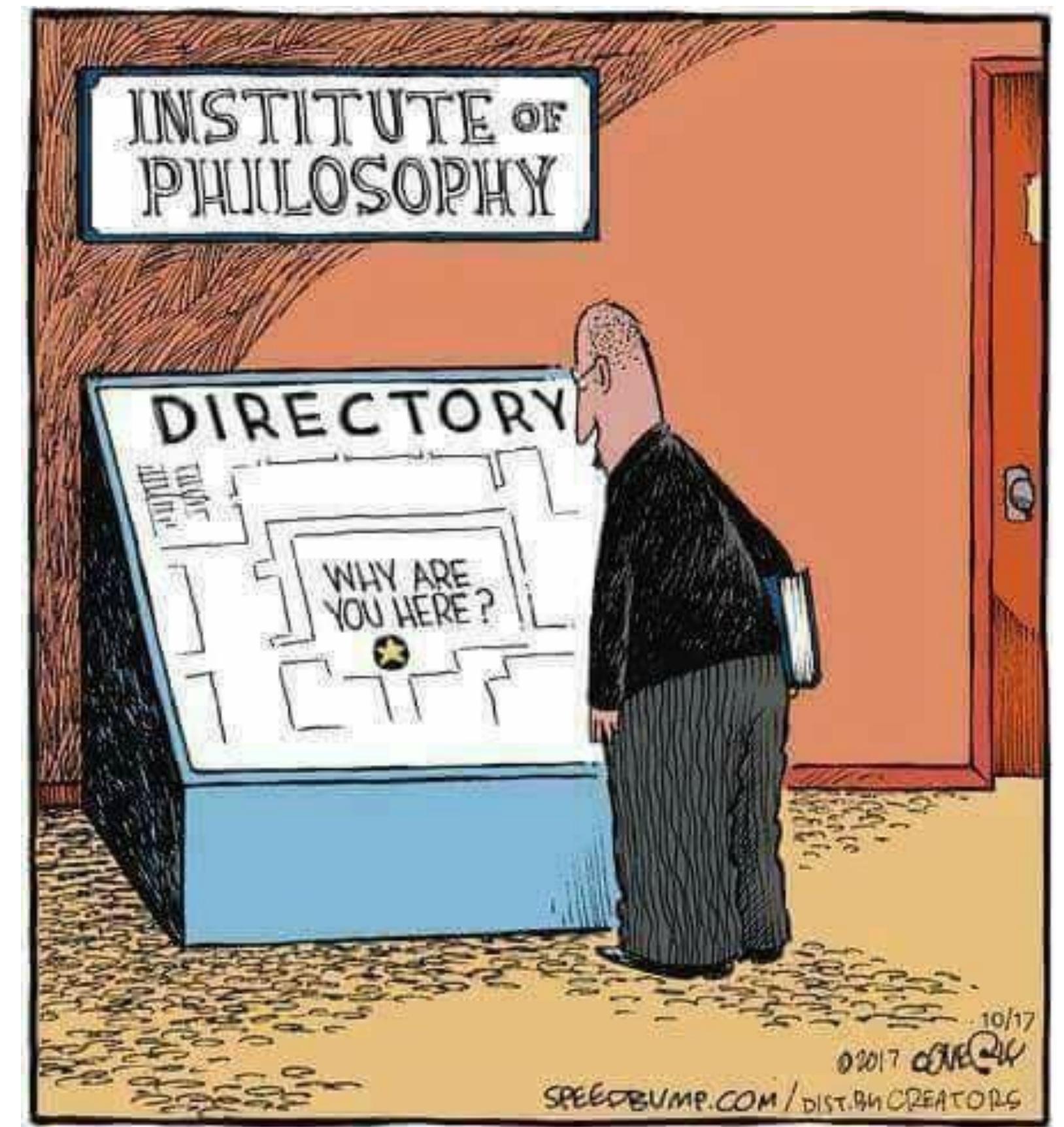


AHoJ-DB: A PDB-wide assignment of apo & holo relationships based on individual protein- ligand interactions



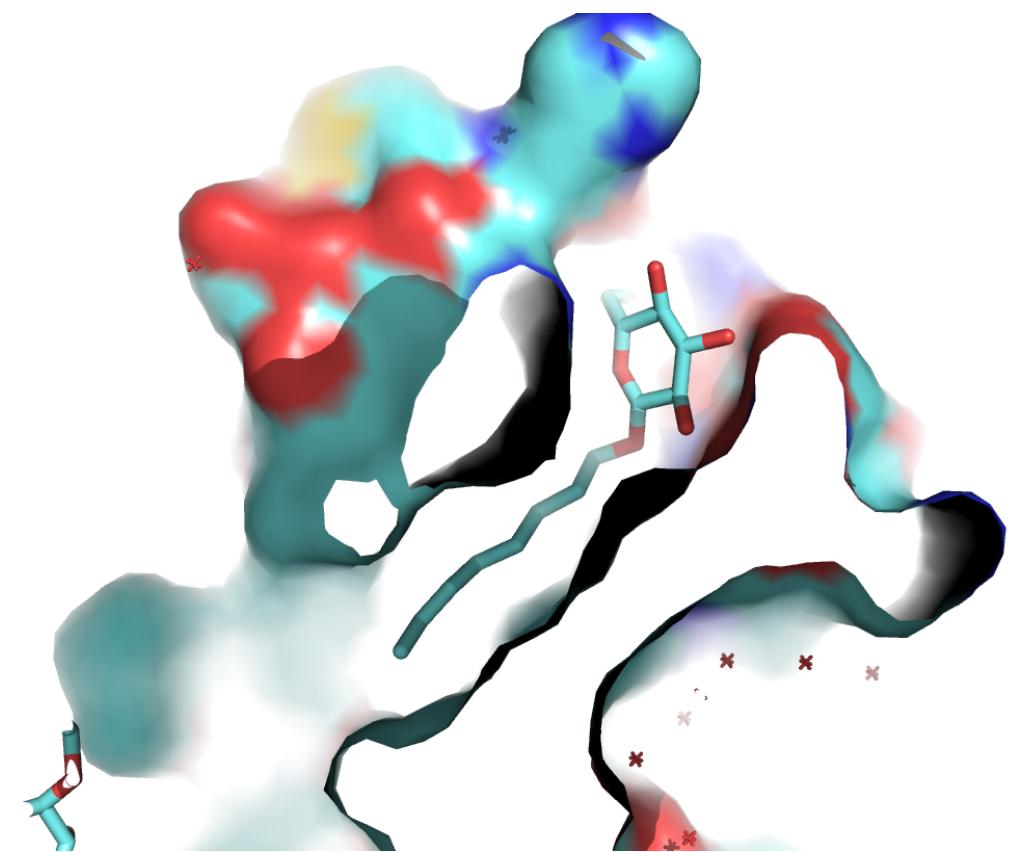
Motivation for AHoJ – can we test better?

- A. Suspiciously good results from P2Rank -> need for harder/more realistic targets (= apo structures)
 - B. No apo-holo dataset in literature
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- Specifications
 - ✓ Search by ligand binding site
 - ✓ Apply quality filters (resolution, experimental method)
 - ✓ Accept multiple search
 - ✓ Visualization

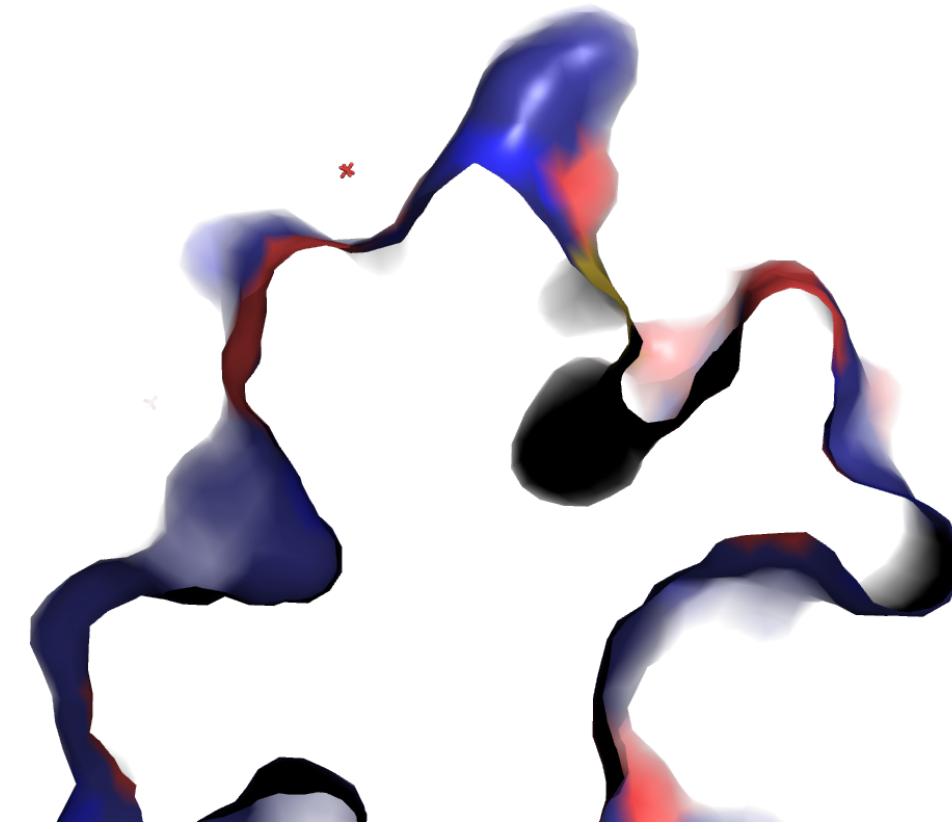


Cryptic binding sites

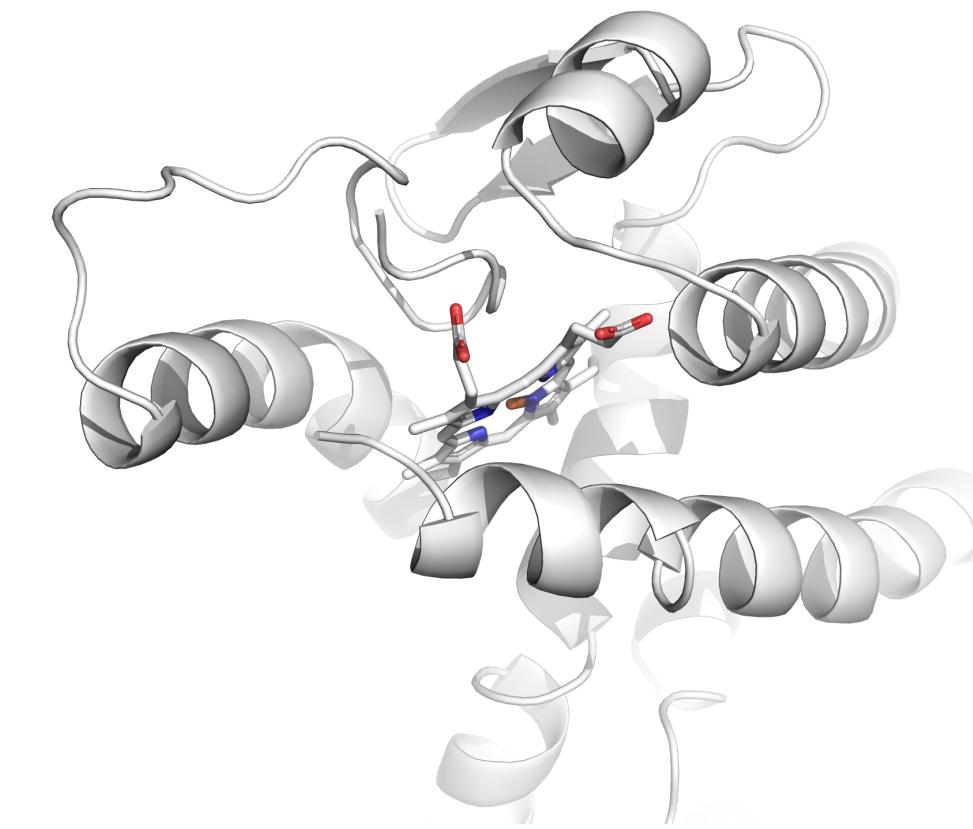
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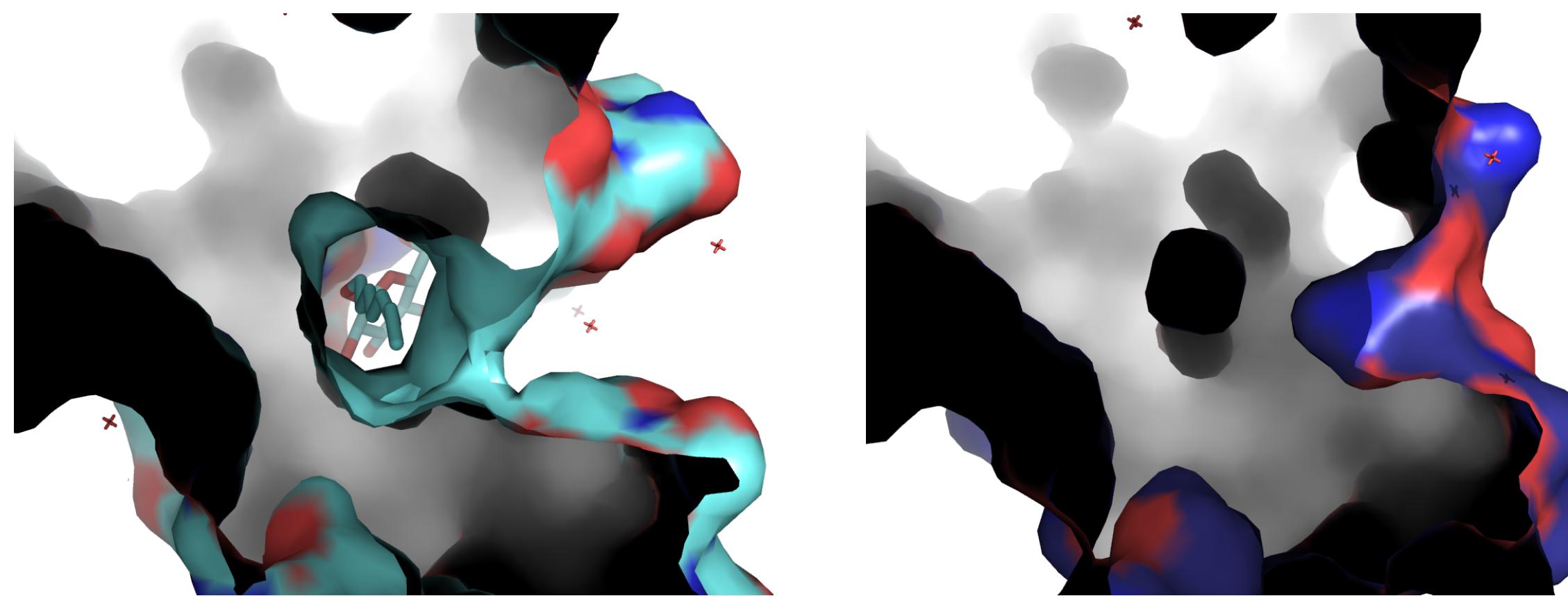
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Search for Apo-Holo pairs

Query / Queries

example1 example2 example3

2SRC A PTR

Job Name (optional)

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Options

- X-ray structures only
- Exclude NMR structures
- Ligand-free sites
- Consider water as ligand
- Consider non-standard residues as ligands
- Consider D-amino acids as ligands
- Save aligned Apo chains
- Save aligned Holo Chains

Binding residues threshold: %Sequence overlap threshold: %Resolution threshold: ÅMinimum TM-score: Ligand scanning radius: Å**Submit Job**

Job: 4QT6H

Query: 2SRC A PTR

Status: done

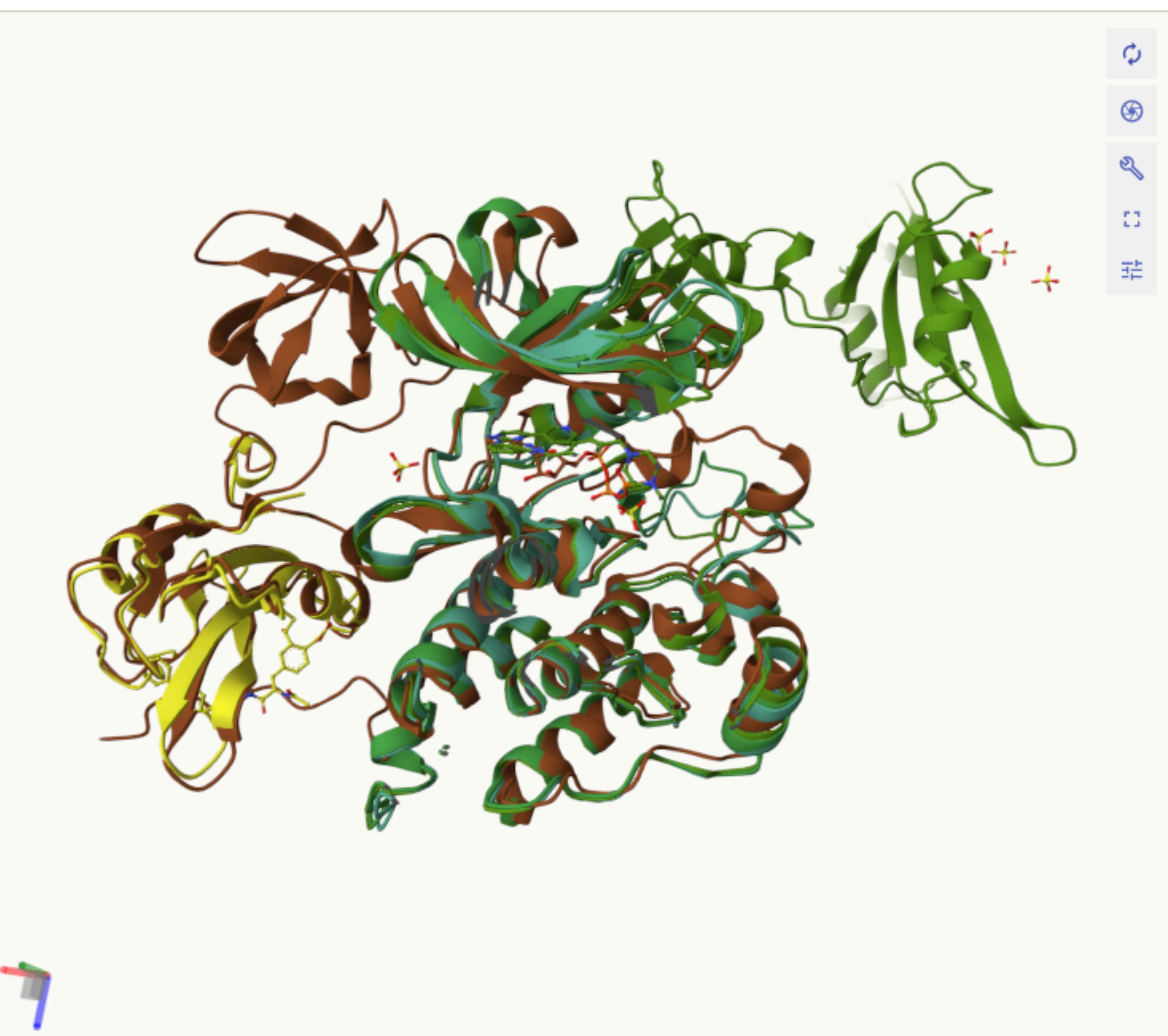
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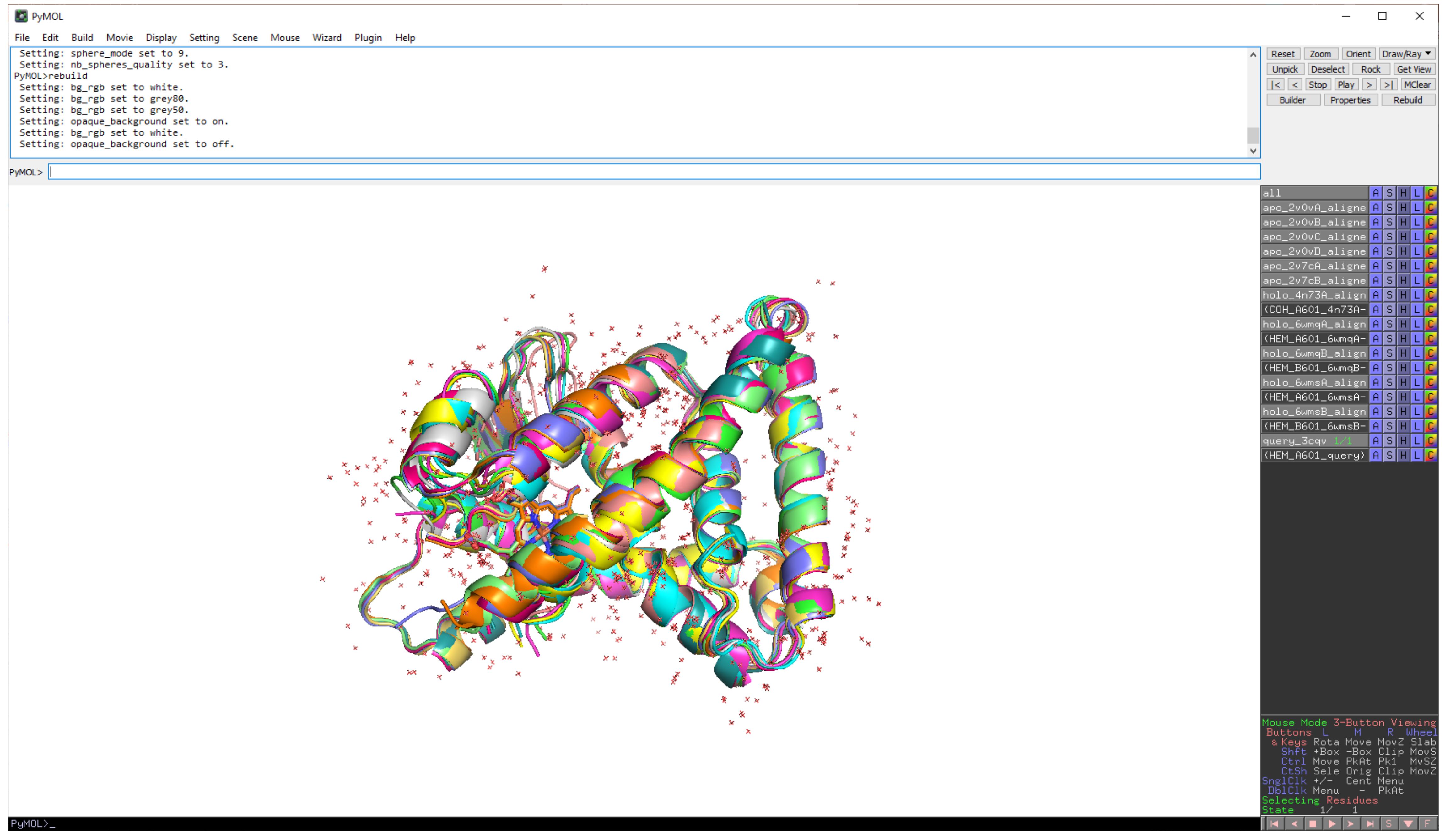
Found APO Chains / Structures: 35 / 18

Chain	AT	Res	SO	MBR	RMSD	TM-sc	Lig	⊕
1y57 / A	A	1.91	100.0	100.0	2.49	0.541		⊕
7yqe / A	A	3.5	35.6	67.0	1.55	0.368		⊕
7yqe / B	A	3.5	35.6	67.0	1.44	0.362		⊕
4f59 / A	A	1.71	23.8	67.0	0.89	0.238		⊕
1yi6 / A	A	2.0	61.2	33.0	2.53	0.526		⊕
1yi6 / B	A	2.0	61.2	33.0	2.39	0.534		⊕
7ng7 / A	A	1.5	60.6	33.0	1.66	0.565		⊕
4mxo / A	A	2.105	58.8	33.0	2.32	0.524		⊕
6e6e / A	A	2.15	58.8	33.0	2.25	0.527		⊕
6e6e / B	A	2.15	58.8	33.0	2.22	0.528		⊕

Found HOLO Chains / Structures: 53 / 45

Chain	AT	Res	SO	MBR	RMSD	TM-sc	Lig	⊕
1ksw / A	A	2.8	100.0	100.0	0.91	0.986	PTR	⊕
4k11 / A	A	2.3	99.6	100.0	0.89	0.988	PTR	⊕
2h8h / A	A	2.2	98.9	100.0	0.84	0.982	PTR	⊕
1fmk / A	A	1.5	96.7	100.0	1.14	0.95	PTR	⊕
4f5b / A	A	1.57	23.8	67.0	0.84	0.238	PTR	⊕
4f5a / A	A	1.8	23.8	67.0	0.89	0.237	P04	⊕
1o43 / A	A	1.5	23.4	67.0	0.9	0.233	821	⊕
1o4a / A	A	1.5	23.4	67.0	0.89	0.233	197	⊕
1o48 / A	A	1.55	23.4	67.0	0.91	0.233	853	⊕
1o4g / A	A	1.55	23.4	67.0	1.0	0.23	CSO I59	⊕
1o4k / A	A	1.57	23.4	67.0	0.91	0.233	PSN	⊕
1o4n / A	A	1.6	23.4	67.0	0.86	0.233	OXD	⊕





AHoJ-DB - PDB- wide identification of apo/holo structure pairs

- database of precalculated apo/holo pairs for individual binding sites
- biologically relevant ligands
- search by binding site, uniprot id or ligand id

Biologically-relevant ligands

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Zhong Lab website. At the top left is a molecular model icon. Next to it is the text "Zhong Lab" with a red star-like logo. To the right is the University of Michigan logo. A navigation bar below the header includes links for Home, Research (which is highlighted in blue), COVID-19, Services, Publications, People, Teaching, Job Opening, News, Forum, and Lab Only.

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BioLiP2
for
Ligand-protein binding database

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BioLiP is a semi-manually curated database for high-quality, biologically relevant ligand-protein binding interactions. The structure data are collected primarily from the [Protein Data Bank \(PDB\)](#), with biological insights mined from literature and other specific databases. BioLiP aims to construct the most comprehensive and accurate database for serving the needs of ligand-protein docking, virtual ligand screening and protein function annotation. Questions about the BioLiP Database can be posted at the [Service System Discussion Board](#).

Since ligand molecules (e.g., Glycerol, Ethylene glycol) are often used as [additives](#) (i.e., false positives) for solving the protein structures, not all ligands present in the PDB database are biologically relevant. BioLiP uses a [composite automated and manual procedure](#) for examining the biological relevance of ligands in the PDB database. Each entry in BioLiP contains a comprehensive list of annotations on:

- ligand-binding residues;
- ligand binding affinity (from the original literature, plus [Binding MOAD](#), [PDBbind-CN](#), [BindingDB](#));
- catalytic site residues (mapped from [Mechanism and Catalytic Site Atlas](#));
- [Enzyme Commission](#) (EC) numbers and [Gene Ontology](#) (GO) terms mapped by the [SIFTS](#) database;
- crosslinks to external databases, including [RCSB PDB](#), [PDBe](#), [PDBj](#), [PDBsum](#), [Binding MOAD](#), [PDBbind-CN](#), [Mechanism and Catalytic Site Atlas](#), [QuickGO](#), [ExPASy](#)



AHoJ-DB

PREVIEW

Number of entries: **272,716**

Database of precomputed Apo-Holo search results for (almost) every **protein chain** and **ligand** in the **PDB**. Each entry represents a target PDB chain and a bound ligand and contains a list of matching chains that are labeled as **APO** or **HOLO** with respect to the **binding site** defined by the ligand.

Search AHoJ-DB

Specify one or more of the following:

[example1](#) [example2](#) [example32](#)

PDB_ID/s:

UniProt_ID/s:

Ligand/s:

 PNN

Filters

 X-ray structures only Exclude NMR structuresResolution threshold: ÅSearch



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Search Results Summary

Entries

Entry

1fxv-B-PNN-1001

1gm7-B-PNN-1577

1uob-A-PNN-1311

1uof-A-PNN-1312

3huo-A-PNN-300

3huo-A-PNN-302

3huo-A-PNN-303

3huo-A-PNN-304

3huo-B-PNN-301

Found APO Chains / Structures: 3 / 3

Chain	AT	Res	SO	MBR	RMSD	TM-sc	Lig	Eye
1gkf / B	B	1.41	100.0	100.0	0.39	0.998		Eye
1pnk / B	B	1.9	100.0	100.0	0.47	0.997		Eye
1jx9 / B	B	2.28	100.0	100.0	0.58	0.996		Eye

Found HOLO Chains / Structures: 20 / 20

Chain	AT	Res	SO	MBR	RMSD	TM-sc	Lig	Eye
1gk9 / B	B	1.3	100.0	100.0	0.38	0.998	EDO	Eye
1gm7 / B	B	1.45	100.0	100.0	0.39	0.998	EDO	Eye
							PNN	
1e3a / B	B	1.8	100.0	100.0	0.4	0.998	EDO	Eye
1gm9 / B	B	1.8	100.0	100.0	0.35	0.998	EDO	Eye
							SOX	
1fxh / B	B	1.97	100.0	100.0	0.17	1.0	PAC	Eye
1gm8 / B	B	2.0	100.0	100.0	0.35	0.998	SOX	Eye
1h2g / B	B	2.0	100.0	100.0	0.39	0.998	EDO	Eye
1ajq / B	B	2.05	100.0	100.0	0.45	0.997	SPA	Eye
1k7d / B	B	2.15	100.0	100.0	0.59	0.996	GRO	Eye
1kec / B	B	2.3	100.0	100.0	0.58	0.996	GRO	Eye
1ain / B	B	2.31	100.0	100.0	0.49	0.997	OMD	Eye
3huo / A			Q9L5C8		1.5			

The main panel displays a 3D ribbon model of a protein complex. The structure consists of several distinct polypeptide chains, each represented by a different color (blue, green, red, orange). The chains are shown in a ribbon format, highlighting their secondary structure elements like alpha-helices and beta-sheets. The overall shape of the protein is somewhat irregular and compact. On the left side of the main panel, there is a vertical toolbar with four icons: a camera (view), a magnifying glass (search), a crosshair (select), and a double arrow (refresh). Below the 3D model, there is a horizontal navigation bar with several tabs: '4merOP' (selected), 'Model 1', 'Instances 1', 'EEE', 'P', 'G', 'LN', '272'. To the right of the 3D model, there is a table with the following data:

PNN (A_303)	353.29	58.88	61	9	View	Download
PNN (A_304)	322.66	64.53	69	1	View	Download
PNN (B_301)	567.94	31.55	10	60	View	Download

Most common binding sites

Holo (input)				Apo (output)				Coverage as % of input				
Ligand	#UniProt	#structures	#chains	#sites	#UniProt	#structures	#chains	#sites	%UniProt	%structures	%chains	%sites
ZN	1937	8259	16681	22635	745	3646	6713	8127	38	44	40	36
MG	2188	5943	13149	17515	1527	4170	9388	12794	70	70	71	73
CLA	200	147	1637	16114	40	49	386	4441	20	33	24	28
CA	1360	4378	8163	14269	778	2524	4415	6616	57	58	54	46
HEM	360	2147	4200	4741	36	196	432	451	10	9	10	10
MN	510	1675	3233	4679	292	854	1572	2455	57	51	49	52
SF4	275	872	1997	3221	26	105	195	227	9	12	10	7
ADP	584	1301	2797	3089	366	873	1932	2087	63	67	69	68
GLC	317	719	1164	2850	241	545	874	2038	76	76	75	72
CU	160	733	1505	2801	76	340	669	924	48	46	44	33
FE	254	835	1891	2522	78	268	721	1087	31	32	38	43
ATP	434	923	1891	2353	290	630	1206	1508	67	68	64	64
FAD	273	1006	1909	2163	23	46	105	135	8	5	6	6
BGC	276	581	921	2157	209	423	673	1458	76	73	73	68
NAD	272	686	1662	1939	128	328	814	886	47	48	49	46
MAN	238	556	1030	1910	157	349	636	942	66	63	62	49
BCL	33	69	585	1702	2	2	2	2	6	3	0	0

Conclusions

- Are the holo structures the right one for testing machine learning-based tools?
- Ahoj allows for specific ligand binding site identification of apo/holo structure pairs
- Ahoj-DB – PDB-wide assignment of apo/holo pairs for BioLIP database

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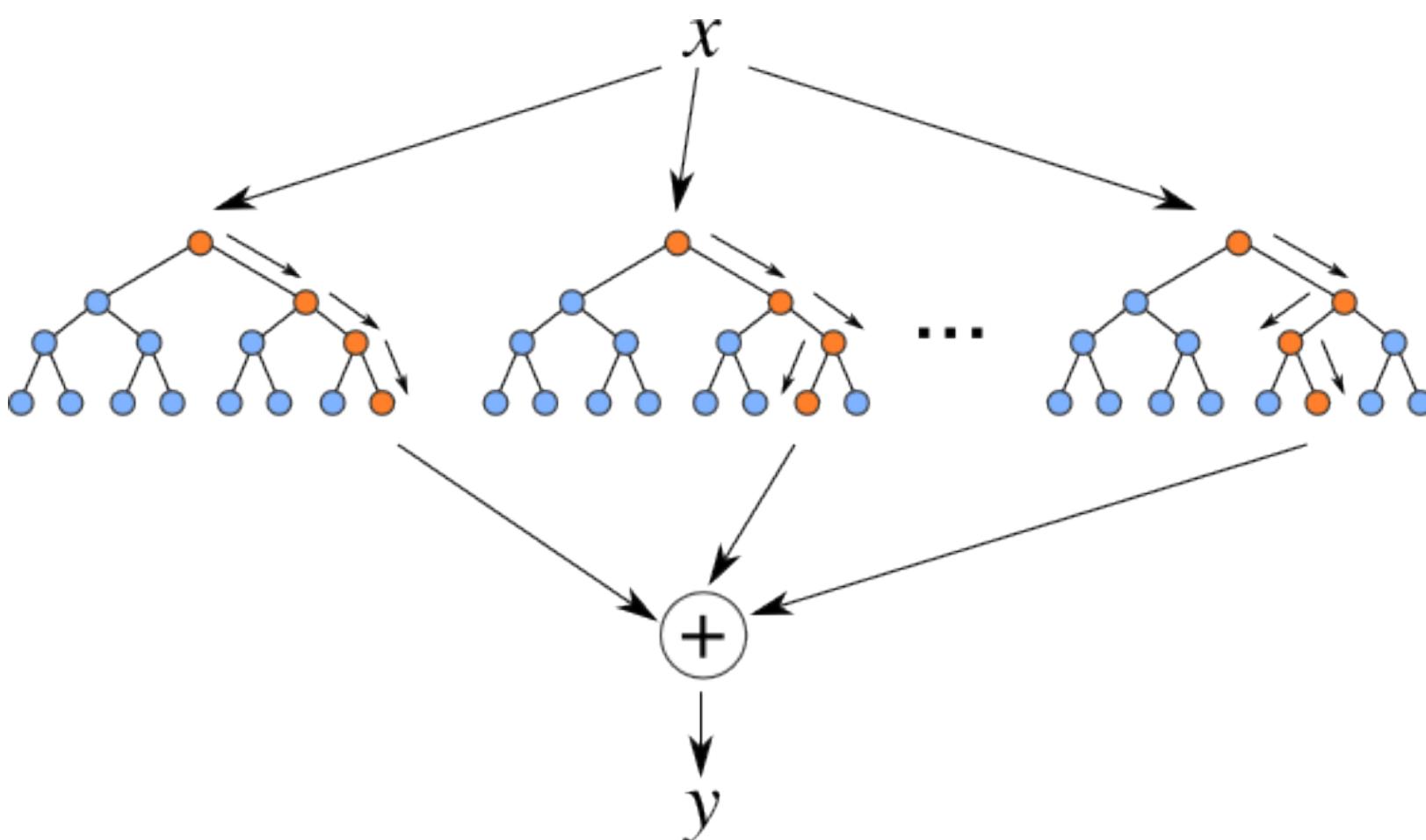
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Random Forests classification

- Ensemble of decision trees

- Single decision tree

- Unstable
- Overfits



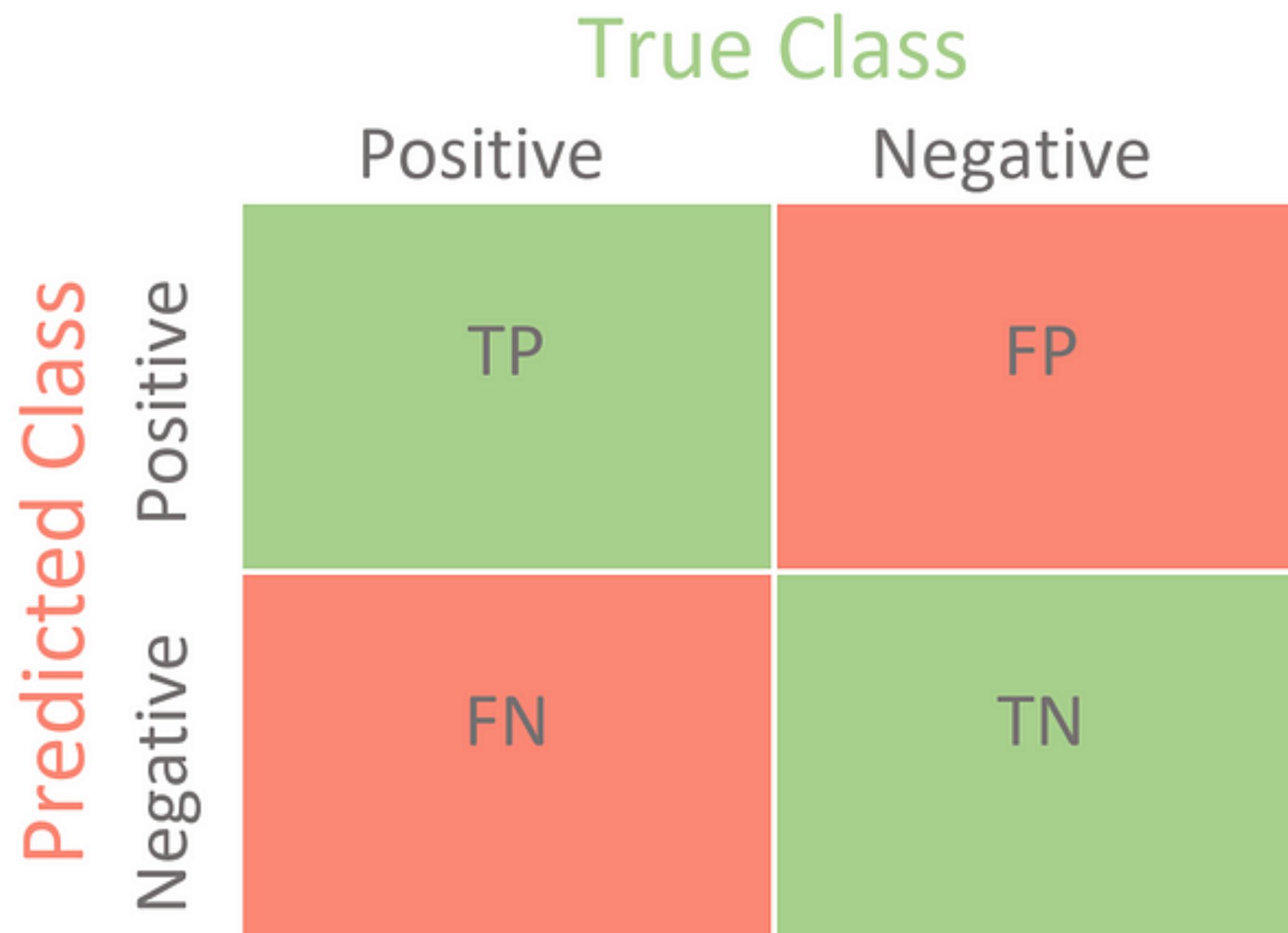
- Solution

- Aggregate multiple decision trees on bootstrapped data
- Random choice of descriptors

- Advantages

- Suitable for imbalanced data sets
- Estimates of what variables are important in the classification

Classification evaluation metrics



$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

$$F1 = 2 * \frac{\text{Recall} * \text{Precision}}{\text{Recall} + \text{Precision}}$$

$$MCC = \frac{TP * TN - FP * FN}{\sqrt{TP + FP} * (TP + FN) * (TN + FP) * (TN + FN)}$$