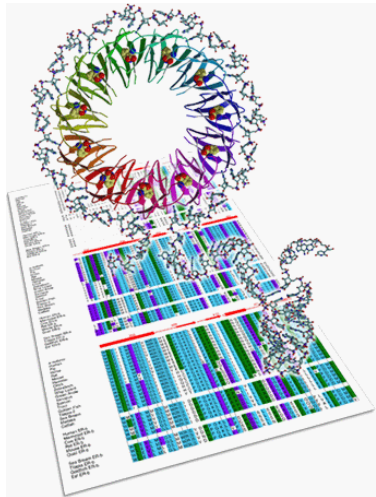


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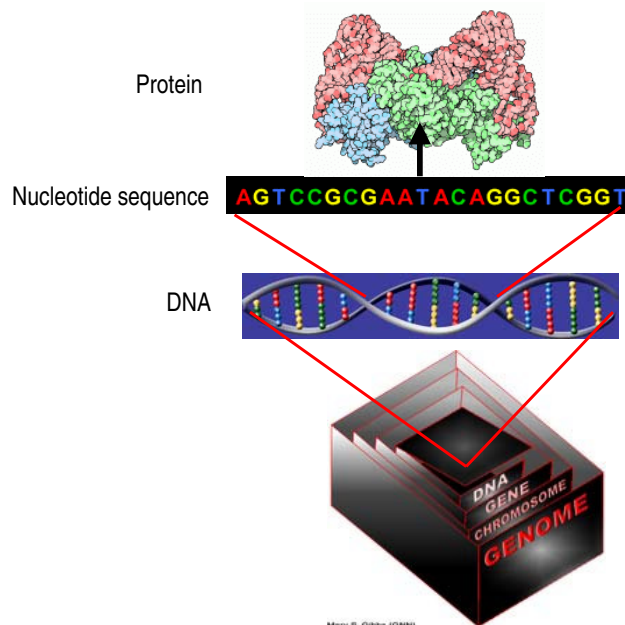
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Interacciones entre proteínas y pequeños ligandos

1. Funciones de las proteínas y movimientos asociados.
2. Concepto de ligando y sitio de unión. Ejemplos.
3. Bases de datos estructurales y programas asociados.
4. Caracterización estructural de moléculas pequeñas y sus complejos con proteínas.
5. Acoplamiento ligando-receptor ("docking"): algoritmos y programas.
6. Cribado virtual.
7. Relaciones estructura-actividad: QSAR y 3D-QSAR.
8. Diseño de nuevos ligandos.

Gene expression = Protein production



How Proteins Work

Proteins recognize and reversibly bind to other molecules:
cofactors, substrates, inhibitors... Also *ions* and other *proteins*.

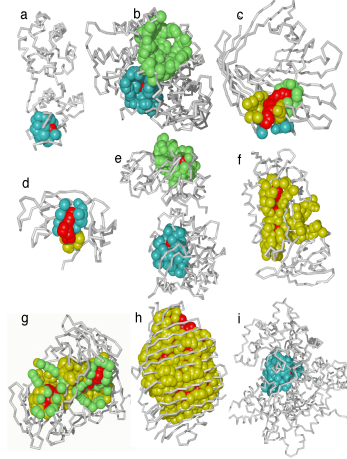
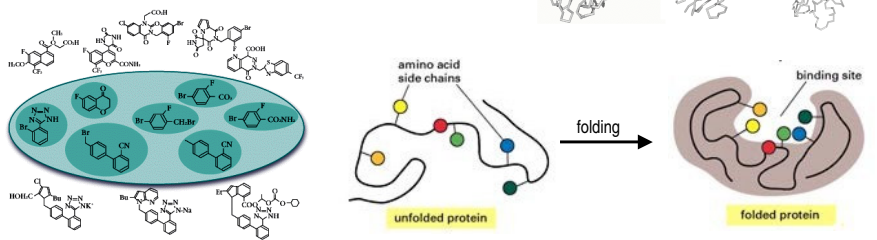
The bound molecule is called a **ligand**.

The region of a protein that associates with substrates and products is called the **active site**.

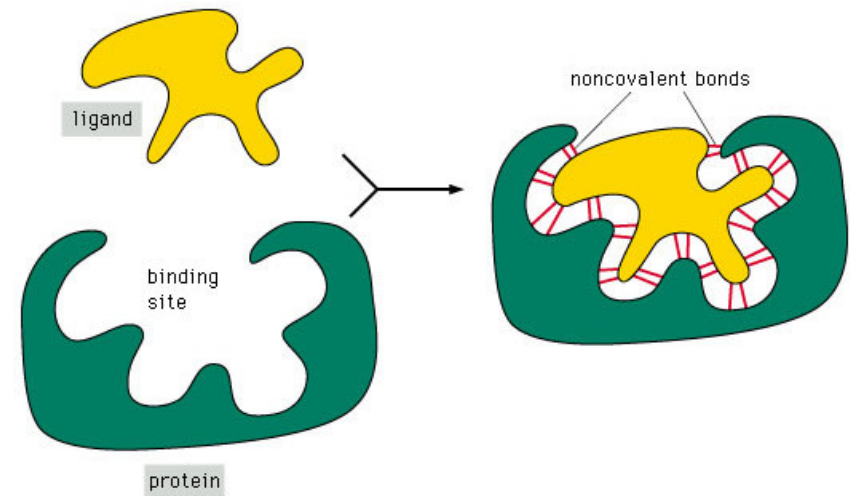
The region of a protein that associates with activator or inhibitor molecules is called an **allosteric site**.

Proteins can have > 1 binding site for different ligands

Proteins fold in such a way that they create **specific sites** that are the right *size*, *shape*, and *polarity* for their ligands.

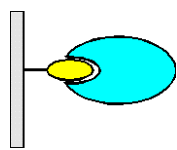


Ligand binding is highly selective



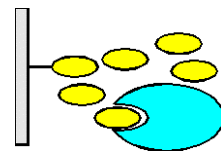
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Affinity chromatography is a powerful purification method: the protein binds specifically to a **ligand**



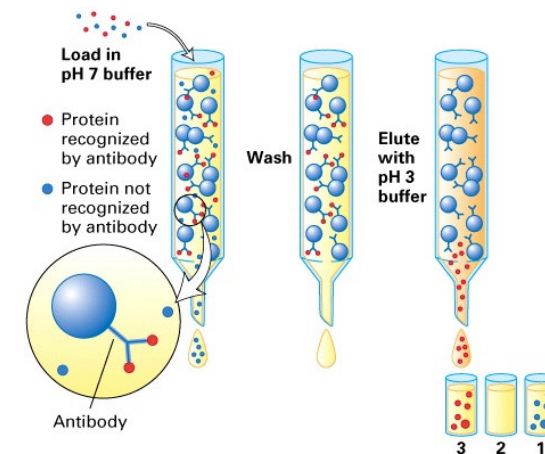
Ligand is covalently bound to the column

Protein specifically binds to a **ligand** for which it has a high affinity.

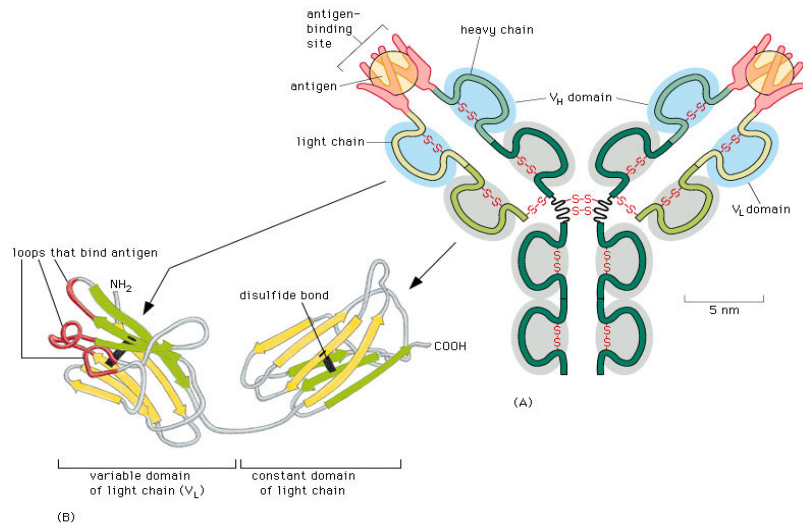


Elution of **protein** with unbound **ligand**

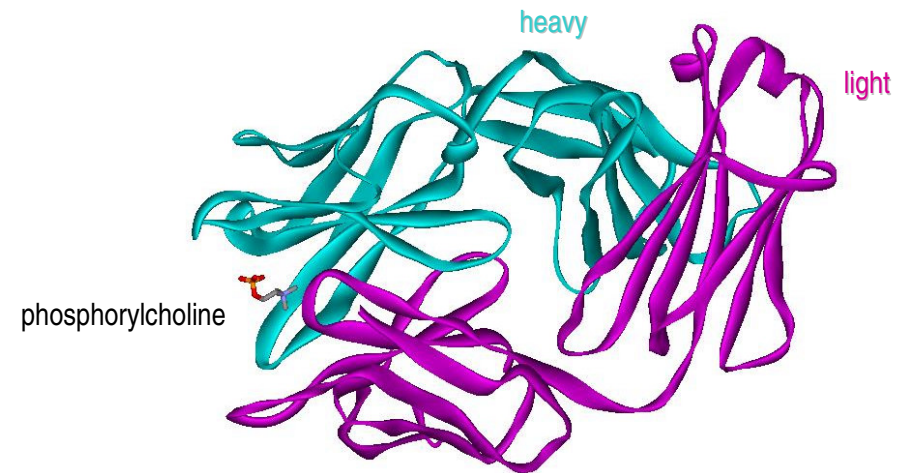
Separation of proteins by specific binding to another molecule: **affinity chromatography**



Antibodies selectively bind to antigens



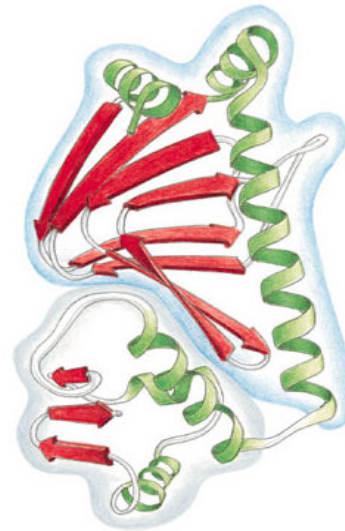
Immunoglobulin McPC603 Fab-Phosphocholine Complex (2mcp.pdb)



Protein Domains

Different parts of a polypeptide chain can fold independently to form a stable structure called a **domain**.

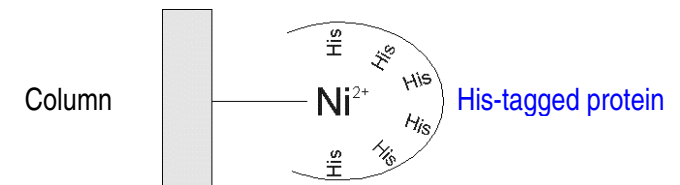
The different domains of a protein often have **different functions** such as the DNA binding domain (small) and the cyclic AMP binding domain of the CAP protein shown.



protein molecule
made of two
different domains

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Smallest **ligand binding domain**: His-His-His-His-His-His His-tag



Advantages:

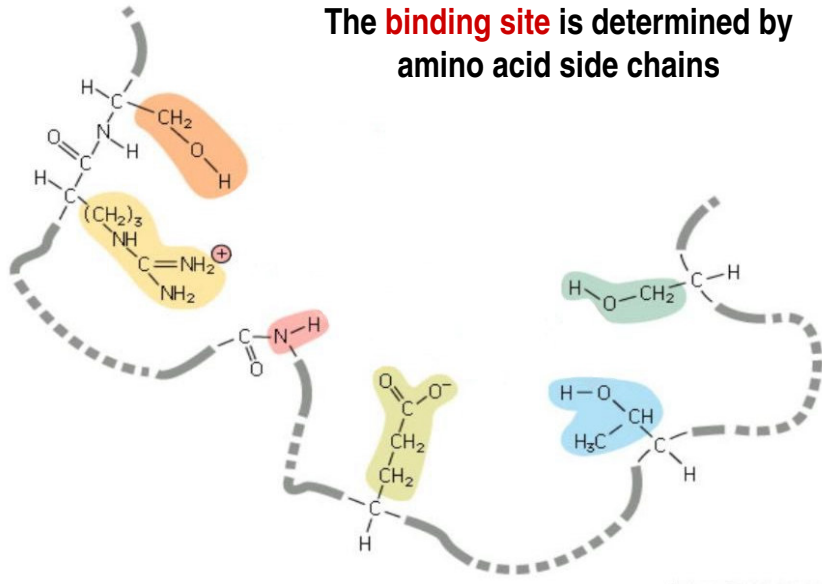
His-tags usually do not influence activity of protein, no need for removal

Allows purification in large quantities

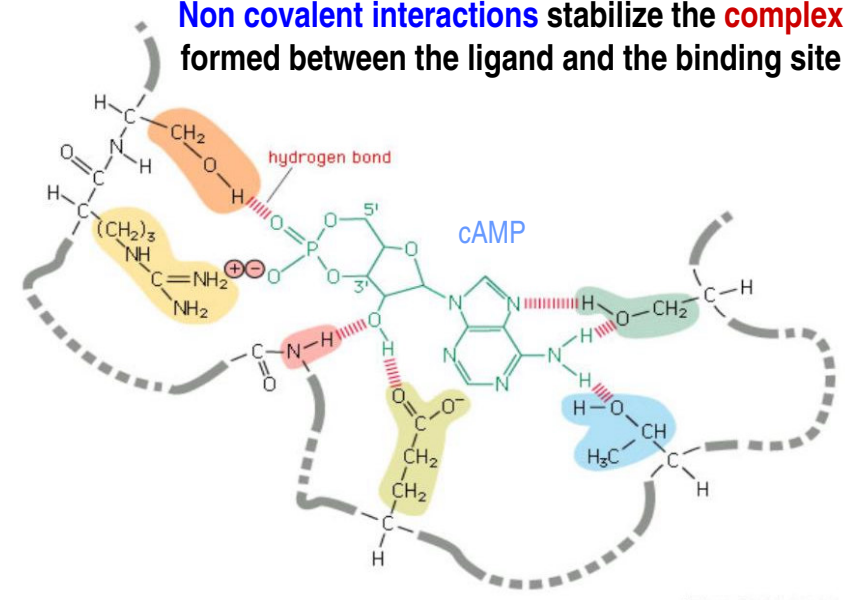
Simple to construct

Antibodies against the His-tag are available: detection of protein without need for specific antibodies

The **binding site** is determined by amino acid side chains



Non covalent interactions stabilize the **complex** formed between the ligand and the binding site



Proteins are:

Function

Enzymes
Structural
Transporters
Motors
Storage molecules
Signalling molecules
Receptor molecules
Regulatory molecules
Speciality molecules
Defenses

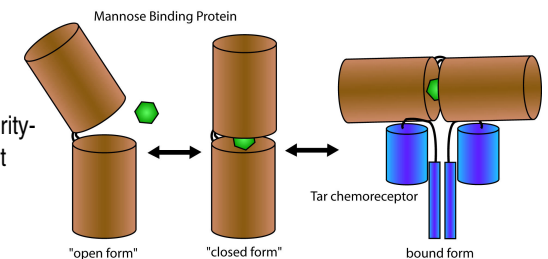
Example

DNA polymerase
collagen
hemoglobin
myosin
casein
insulin
rhodopsin
lactose repressor
antifreeze
antibodies

Proteins are flexible

- **conformational changes** can be **small**
(molecular vibrations, small movements of amino acids);
“**breathing**”
- or relatively **large**
structural domains moving several nm

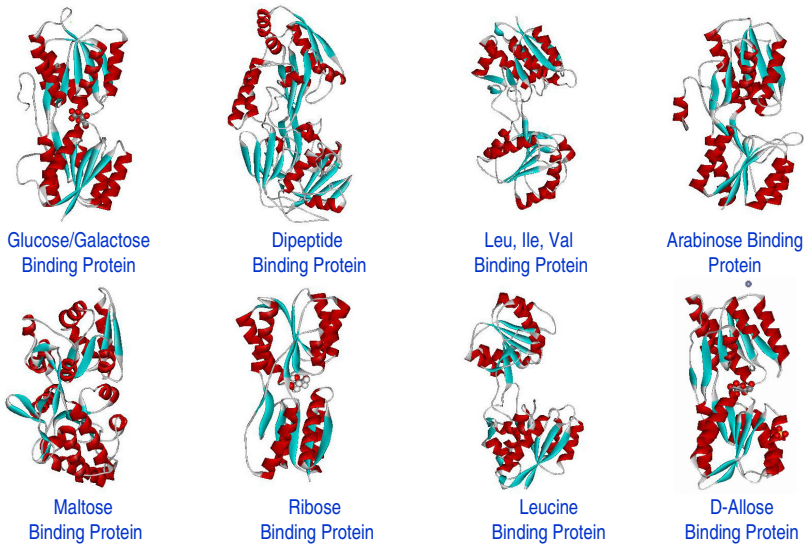
“**Induced fit**”: the complementarity-enhancing structural adaptation that occurs between protein and ligand



Conformational coupling: Ligand binding orients PBP receptor-binding face for signaling complex formation

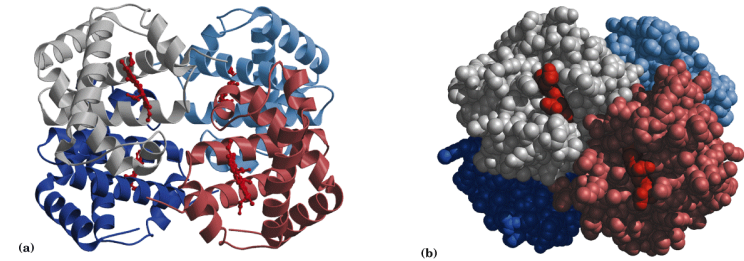
Periplasmic Binding Proteins

a structurally conserved family of bilobate, soluble receptor proteins



III. Larger Movements than Domain Movements involving the Motion of Subunits

A. Motion involves an allosteric transition - Proteins for which two or more conformations are known: aspartate transcarbamoylase, fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase, glycogen phosphorylase, hemoglobin, Lac repressor core (allosteric motion), Lac repressor upon binding DNA (subunit motion via tetramerization domain), phosphofructokinase...



B. Motion does not involve an allosteric transition - Proteins for which two or more conformations are known: aspartate receptor, Bam HI endonuclease, immunoglobulin (VL-VH movement), *S. cerevisiae* PPR1 Zn-finger DNA recognition protein, erythropoietin receptor, F1-ATPase, polymerase processivity factor PCNA...

Dynamics and Relaxation

• Time scales and molecular motions

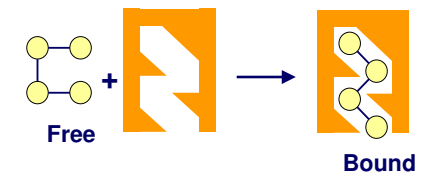
Atomic fluctuations, vibrations	10^{-15} to 10^{-12} s	$< 1 \text{ \AA}$
Group motions (covalently linked units)	10^{-12} – 10^{-3} s	$< 1 \text{ \AA} - 50 \text{ \AA}$
Molecular rotation, reorientation	10^{-12} – 10^{-9} s	
Molecular translation, diffusion		
Rotation of methyl groups	10^{-12} – 10^{-9} s	
Flips of aromatic rings	10^{-9} – 10^{-6} s	
Domain motions	10^{-8} – 10^{-3} s	
Proline isomerization	$> 10^{-3}$ s	

Chemical exchange (e.g. two protein conformations)
Amide exchange
Ligand binding

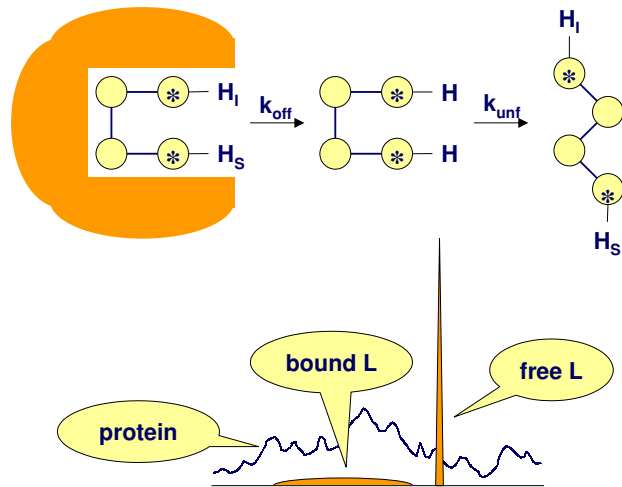
• Time scales and molecular motions

Atomic fluctuations, vibrations	Influences bond length measurements
Group motions (covalently linked units)	
Molecular rotation, reorientation	Relaxation, linewidths, correlation times
Molecular translation, diffusion	DOSY NMR
Rotation of methyl groups	^2H NMR
Flips of aromatic rings	^2H NMR
Domain motions	^2H NMR

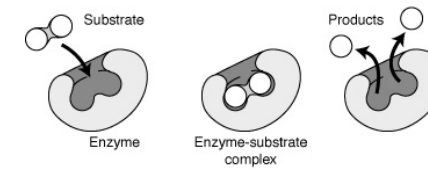
Chemical exchange, Pro isomerization	Chemical shifts
Amide exchange	^{15}N - ^1H HSQC
Ligand binding	Transferred NOE measurements



Transferred NOEs



Enzymes: A special case of protein function

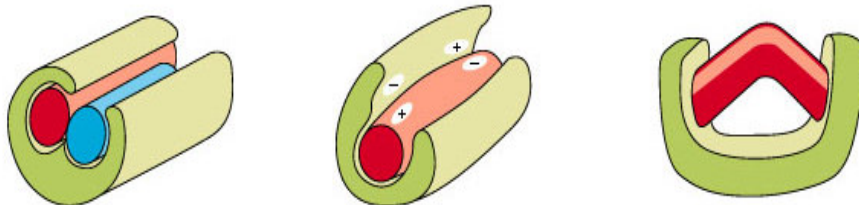


Enzymes bind and assist in the **chemical transformation** of other molecules

Substrate: molecule acted upon by an enzyme (analogous to ligand)

Catalytic site: substrate-binding site (analogous to ligand-binding site)

How do enzymes catalyze reactions?



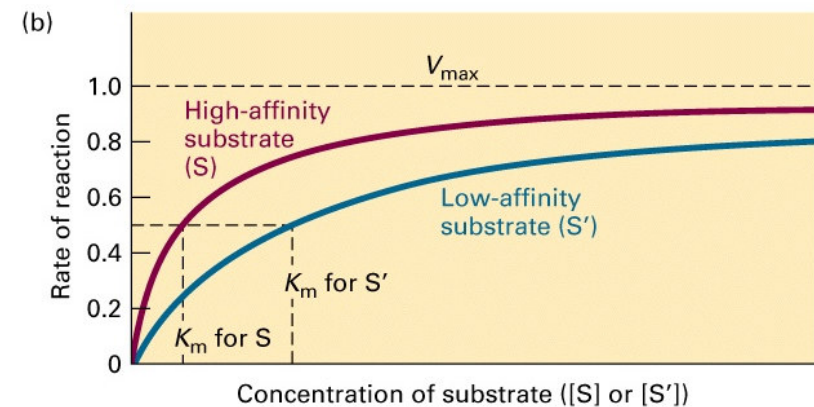
(A) enzyme binds to two substrate molecules and orients them precisely to encourage a reaction to occur between them

(B) binding of substrate to enzyme rearranges electrons in the substrate, creating partial negative and positive charges that favor a reaction

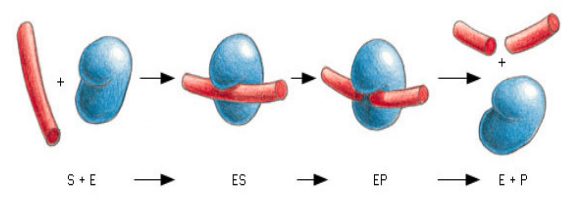
(C) enzyme strains the bound substrate molecule, forcing it toward a transition state to favor a reaction

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Kinetics of an enzymatic reaction are described by V_{max} and K_m



Lysozyme catalyzes the cutting of a polysaccharide chain



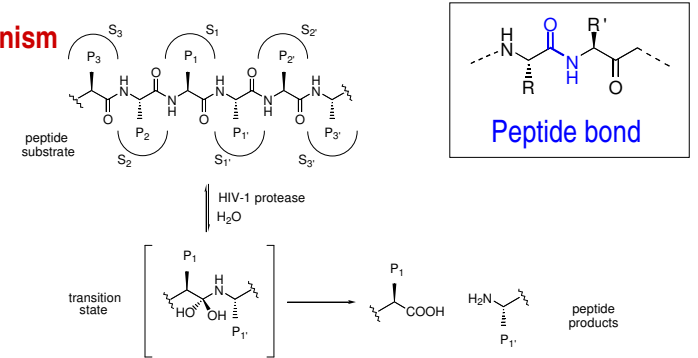
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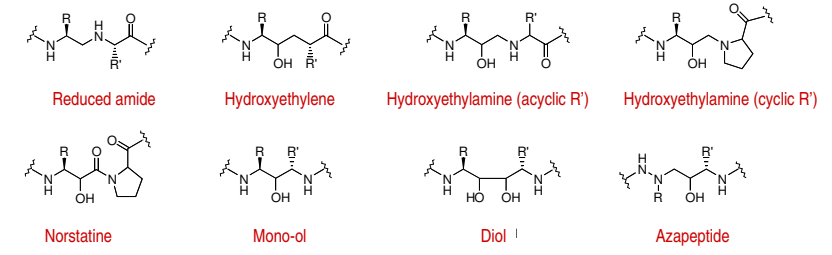
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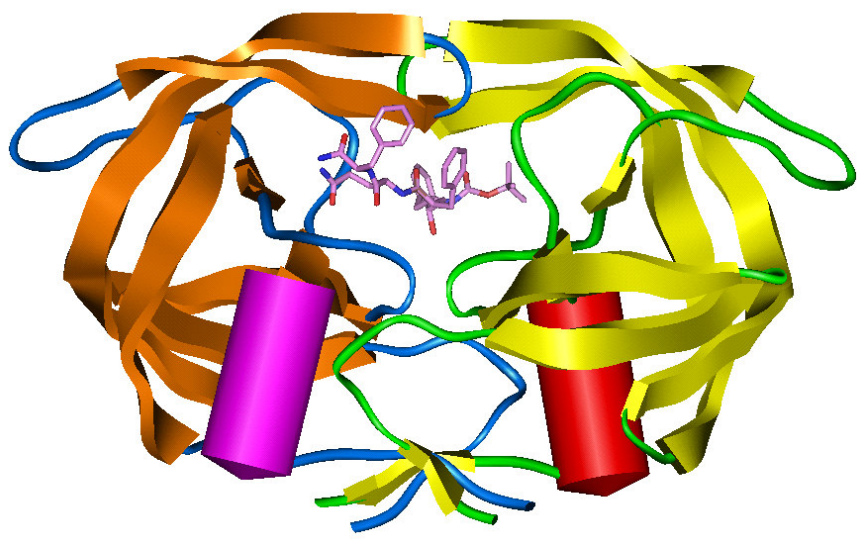
Hydrolytic mechanism in HIV-1 protease



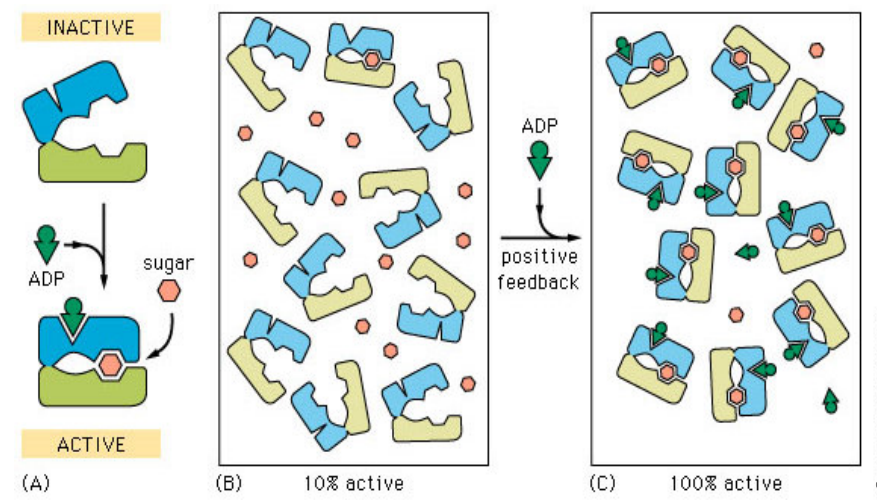
Examples of non-hydrolyzable isosteres of the peptide bond cleaved by HIV-1 protease



HIV-1 protease in complex with inhibitor QF-34



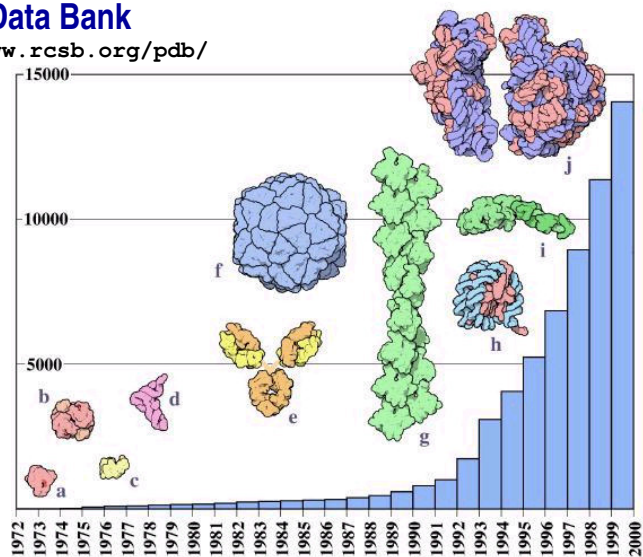
Enzyme activation caused by an allosteric change



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Protein Data Bank

<http://www.rcsb.org/pdb/>



- (a) myoglobin (b) hemoglobin (c) lysozyme (d) transfer RNA
 (e) antibodies (f) viruses (g) actin (h) the nucleosome
 (i) myosin (j) the ribosome

Courtesy of David Goodsell, TSRI

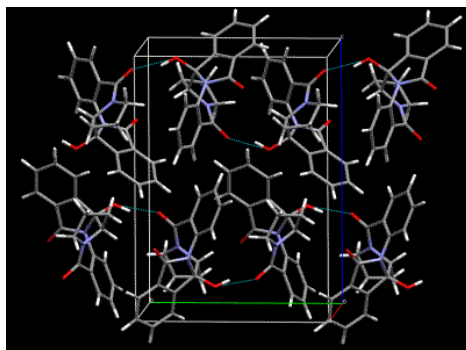
Cambridge Structural Database

The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC) builds, maintains and distributes the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD), a searchable database of organic and metallo-organic crystal structures.

The CCDC also produce and distribute software products which make use of the data contained in the CSD.

<http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/>

Increasing the Value of Crystallographic Databases



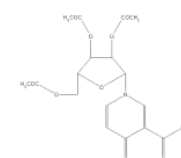
- Derived knowledge bases
- Knowledge-based applications programs
- Data mining tools for protein-ligand complexes



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2D Chemical Connectivity



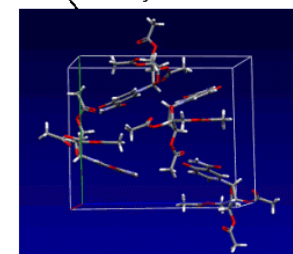
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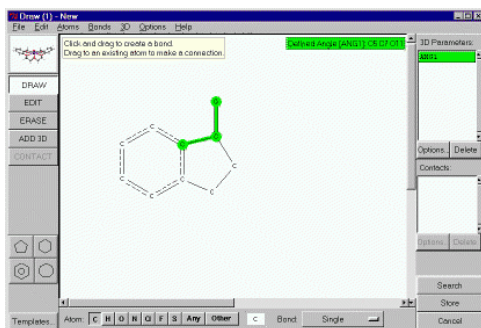


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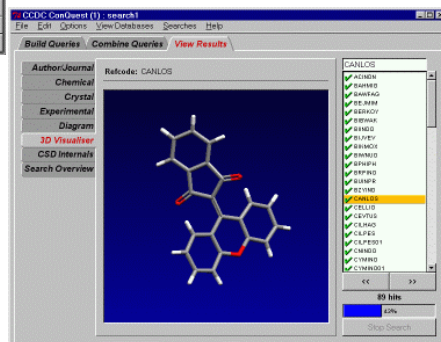


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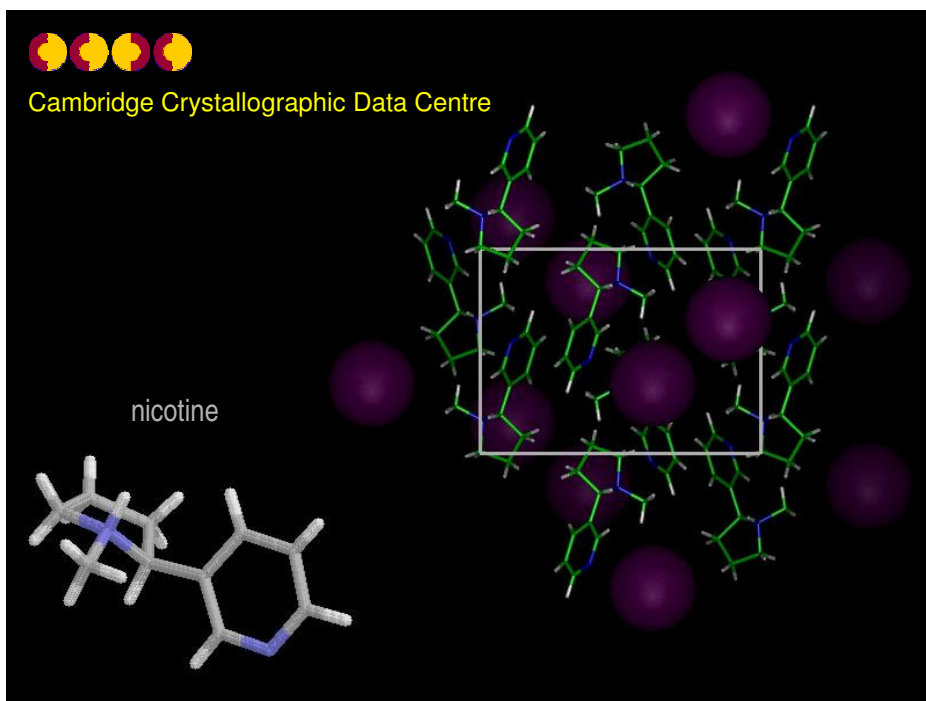
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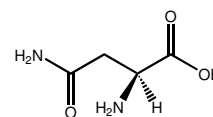
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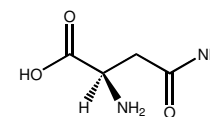


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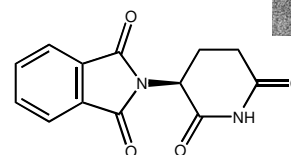
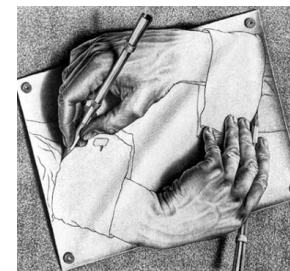


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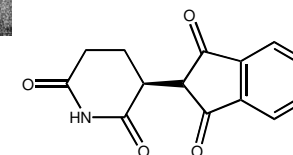


Sweet



Thalidomide

Extreme teratogen



Anti-morning sickness



IsoStar and SUPERSTAR

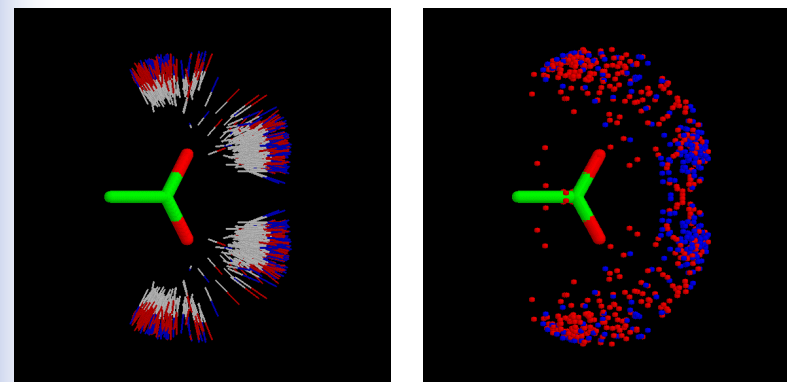
IsoStar - knowledge base of information about intermolecular interactions

SuperStar - program for predicting binding points in an enzyme active site

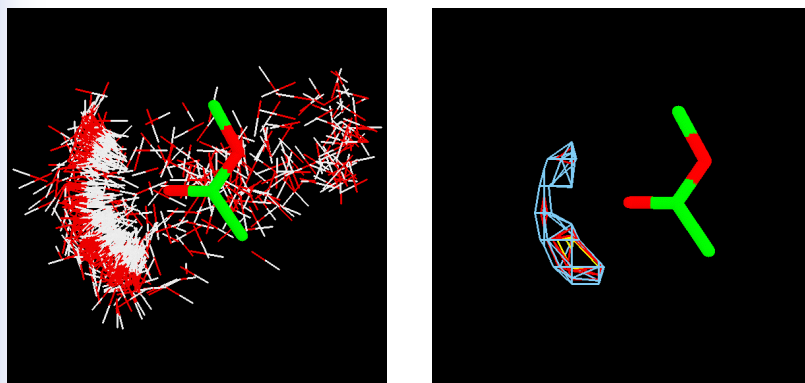
SuperStar predictions based solely on **IsoStar** data



IsoStar Scatterplots



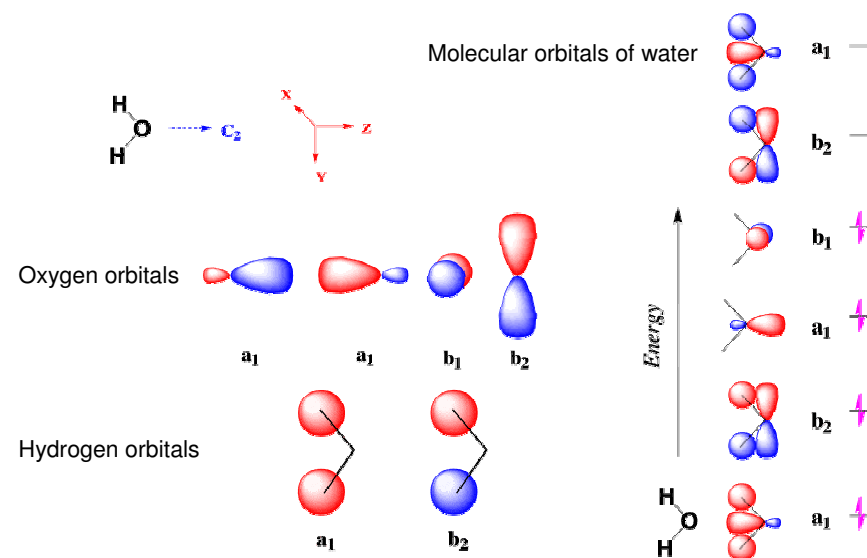
IsoStar Density Surfaces



A probability surface derived from the observed positions of hydrogen-bonding hydrogen atoms around aliphatic esters.

Quantum Chemistry

Atomic orbitals can be combined to give molecular orbitals



Ab initio METHODS

* [Hartree-Fock method](#)

* [Electron correlation methods](#)

☛ **variational methods**

Configuration Interaction with double excitations (CID)

Configuration Interaction with single and double excitations (CISD)

☛ **perturbation methods**

Møller and Plesset (MP2, MP3, MP4)

Quadratic Convergence CI method (QCISD)

☛ **density functional methods (DFT)**

BP86 - developed by Becke and Perdew in 1986

BLYP - developed by Becke, Lee, Yang and Parr

B3LYP - a modification of BLYP in which a 3-parameter functional developed by Axel Becke is used.

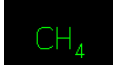
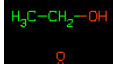
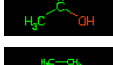
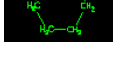
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Simplified Molecular Input Line Entry Specification

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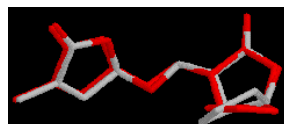
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3. Branching is indicated by parentheses.
4. Ring closures are indicated by pairs of matching digits.

Examples

Depiction	SSMILES	Name	Remark
	C	methane	hydrogens fill normal valence
	CCO	ethanol	a single bond is assumed to join adjacent atoms
	CC(=O)O	acetic acid	parentheses are used to indicate branching
	C1CCCCC1	cyclohexane	bonds can also be represented by pairs of matching digits



Automatic generation of three-dimensional atomic COoRdINates



http://www2.chemie.uni-erlangen.de/software/corina/free_struct.html



BABEL A program designed to interconvert a number of file formats currently used in molecular modelling

Input type codes:

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cadpac -- Cambridge CADPAC file
charmm -- CHARMM file
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c3d2 -- Chem3D Cartesian 2 file
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fdat -- CSD FDAT file
gstat -- CSD GSTAT file
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dpdb -- Dock PDB file
feat -- Feature file
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gamout -- GAMESS Output file
gzmat -- Gaussian Z-Matrix file
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g94 -- Gaussian 94 Output file
gr96A -- GROMOS96 (A) file
gr96N -- GROMOS96 (nm) file
hin -- Hyperchem HIN file
sdf -- MDL Isis SDF file
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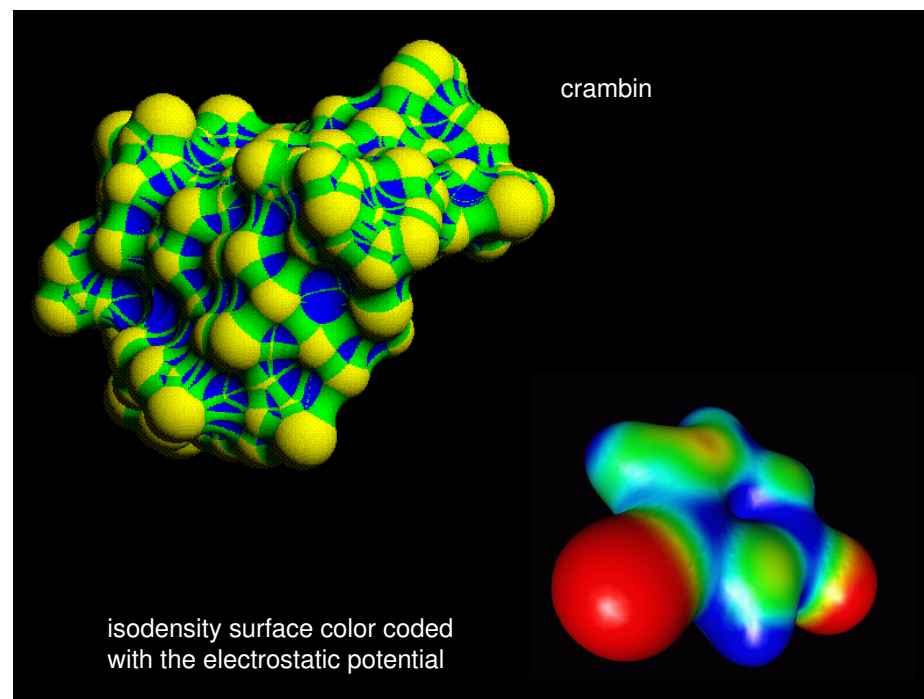
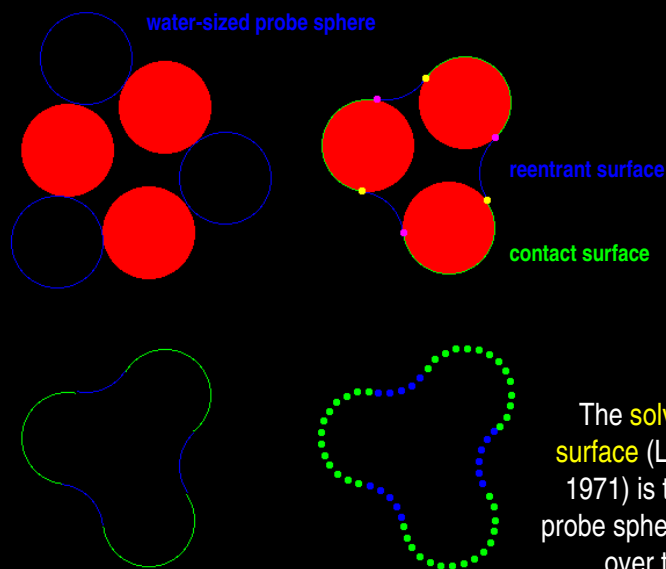
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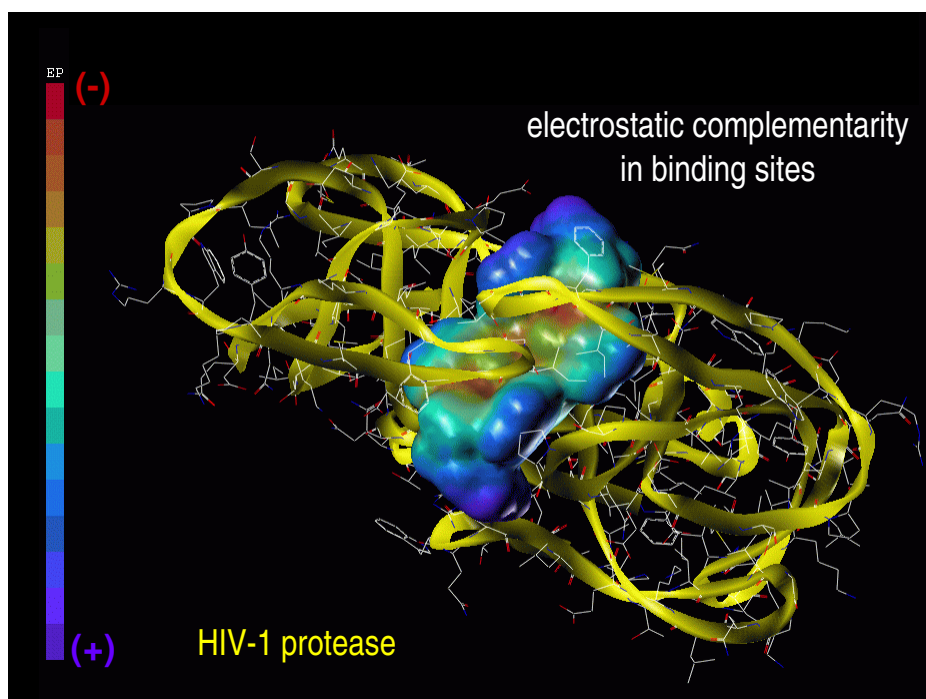
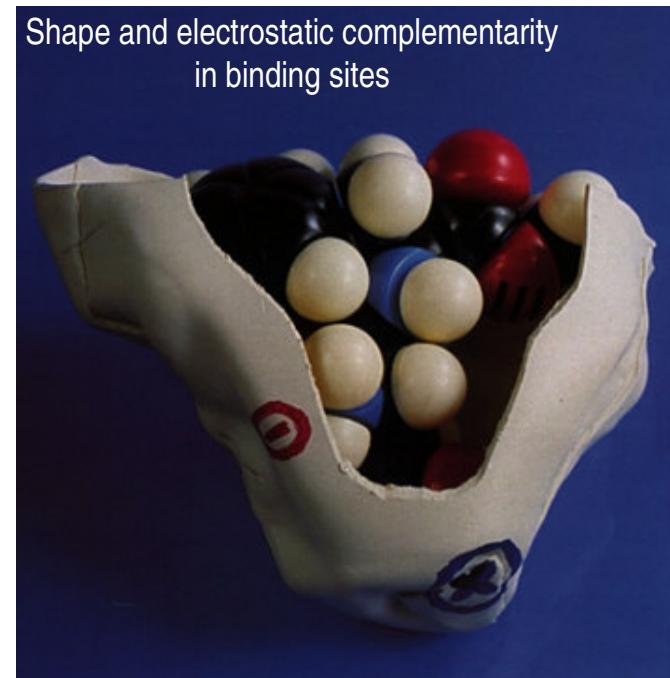
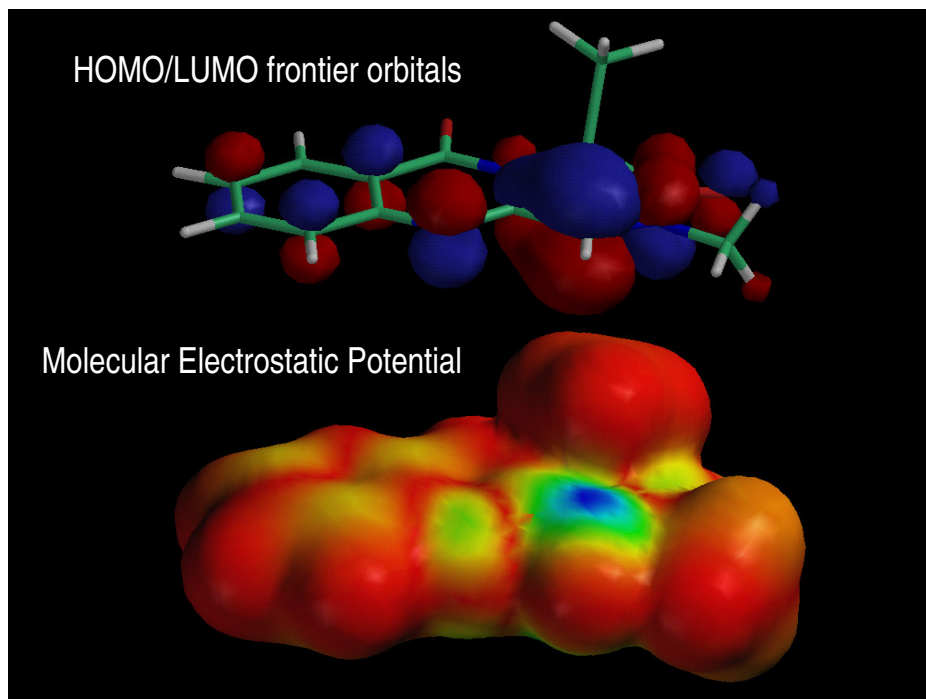
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fhz -- Fenske-Hall ZMatrix file
gamin -- Gamess Input file
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g -- Gaussian Z-matrix file
gotmp -- Gaussian Z-matrix tmplt file
hin -- Hyperchem HIN file
icon -- Icon 8 file

i -- IDATM file
macmol -- Mac Molecule file
k -- Macromodel file
micro -- Micro World file
mi -- MM2 Input file
mo -- MM2 Ouput file
mm3 -- MM3 file
mmads -- MMADS file
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ac -- Mopac Cartesian file
ai -- Mopac Internal file
pc -- PC Model file
p -- PDB file
report -- Report file
spar -- Spartan file
mol -- Sybyl Mol file
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Molecular Surfaces

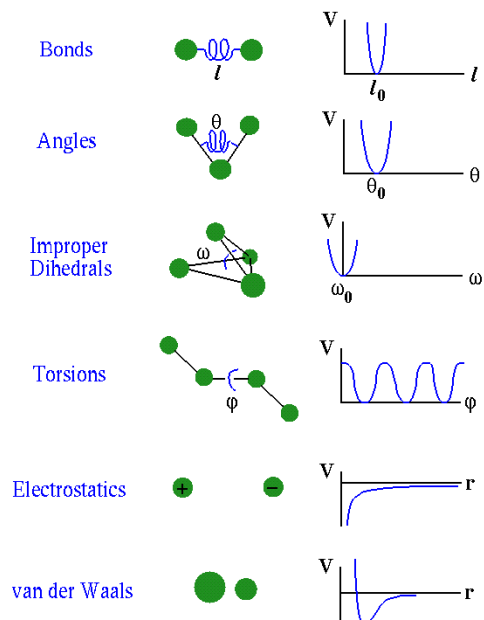




MOLECULAR MECHANICS (MM)

- A computational technique used to model the **conformational behaviour** and **energetic properties** of molecules.
- The molecule is treated at the **atomic level**, i.e. the electrons are not treated explicitly.
- MM uses an **Energy Function**, defined so that given a particular conformation, (i.e. given a set of spatial coordinates for all the atoms) the energy of the molecule can be calculated.
- The energy function is **empirical**, i.e. it is not entirely derived from rigorous theories.
- The energy function makes a distinction between ' **bonded**' and ' **nonbonded**' interactions.

Empirical Potential Energy Function



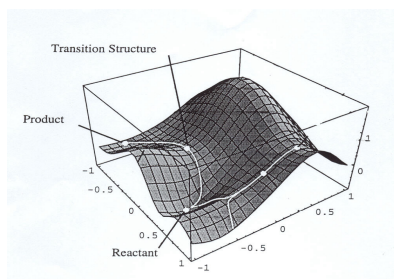
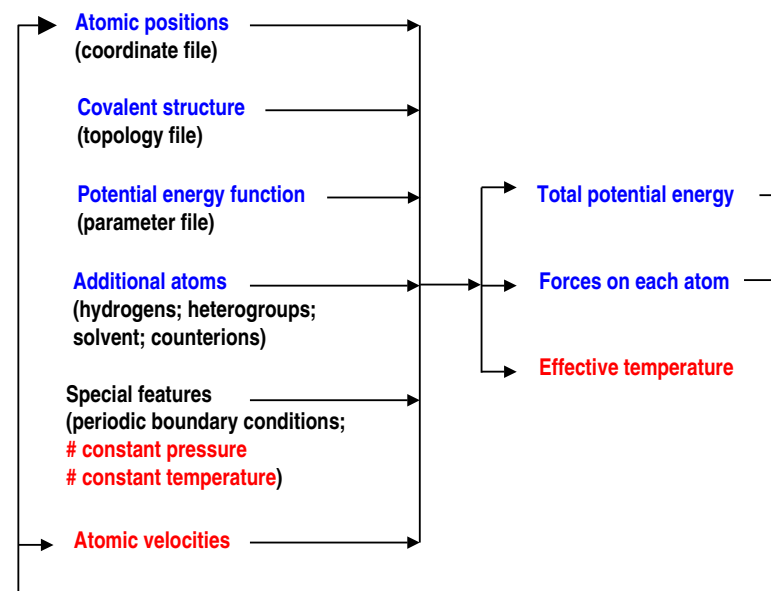
Summary of interactions included in a representative molecular mechanics **force field**

$$E_{\text{total}} = \sum_{\text{bonds}} K_r (r - r_{e0})^2 + \sum_{\text{angles}} K_\theta (\theta - \theta_{e0})^2 + \sum_{\text{dihedrals}} \frac{V_n}{2} [1 + \cos(n\phi - \gamma)] + \sum_{i < j} \left[\frac{A_{ij}}{R_{ij}^{12}} - \frac{B_{ij}}{R_{ij}^6} + \frac{q_i q_j}{\epsilon R_{ij}} \right] + \sum_{\text{H-bonds}} \left[\frac{C_{ij}}{R_{ij}^{10}} - \frac{D_{ij}}{R_{ij}^4} \right]$$

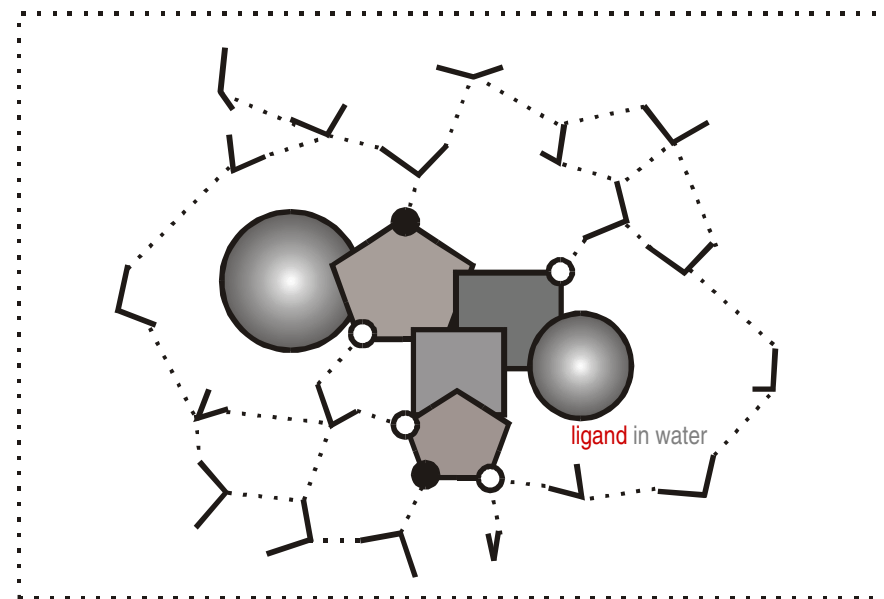
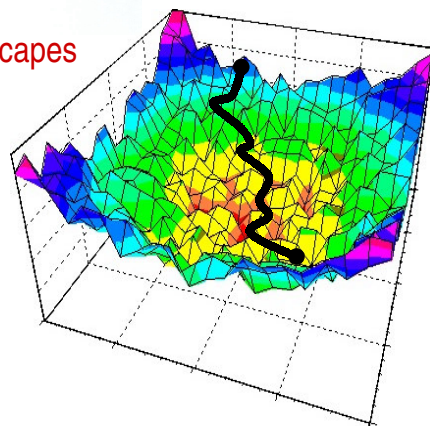
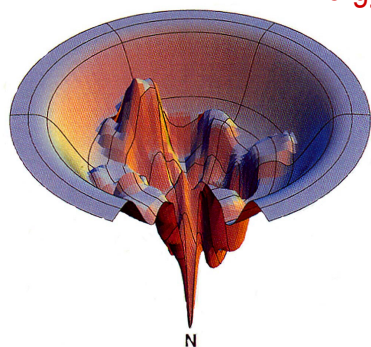
➔ The empirical potential energy function is **differentiable** with respect to the atomic coordinates.

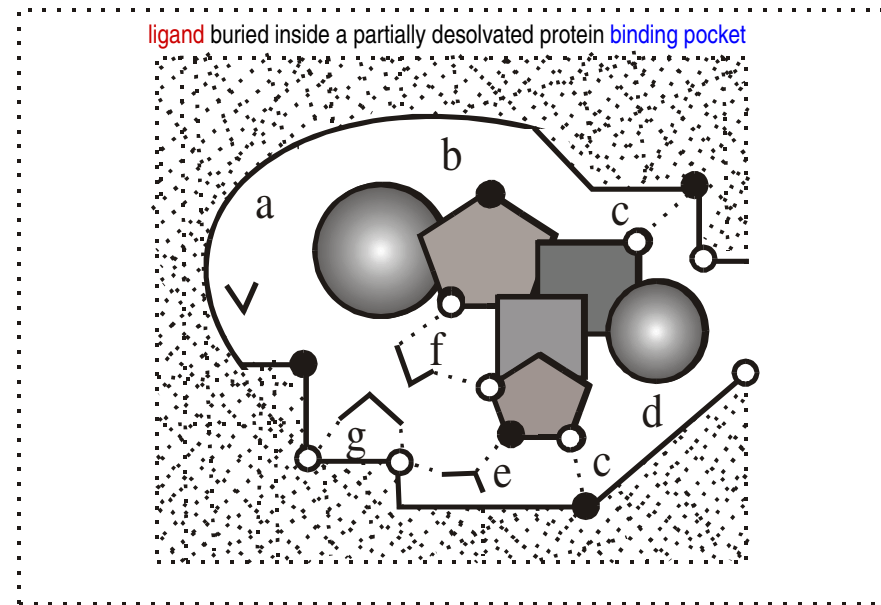
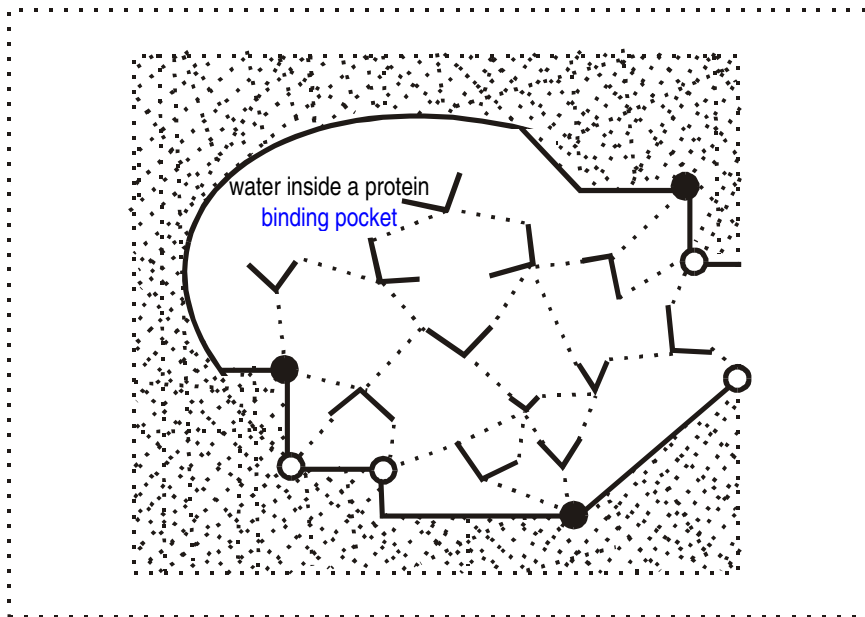
➔ This gives the value and the direction of the **force** acting on each atom and can thus be used in a **molecular dynamics simulation**.

ALGORITHMS FOR ENERGY MINIMIZATION AND MOLECULAR DYNAMICS

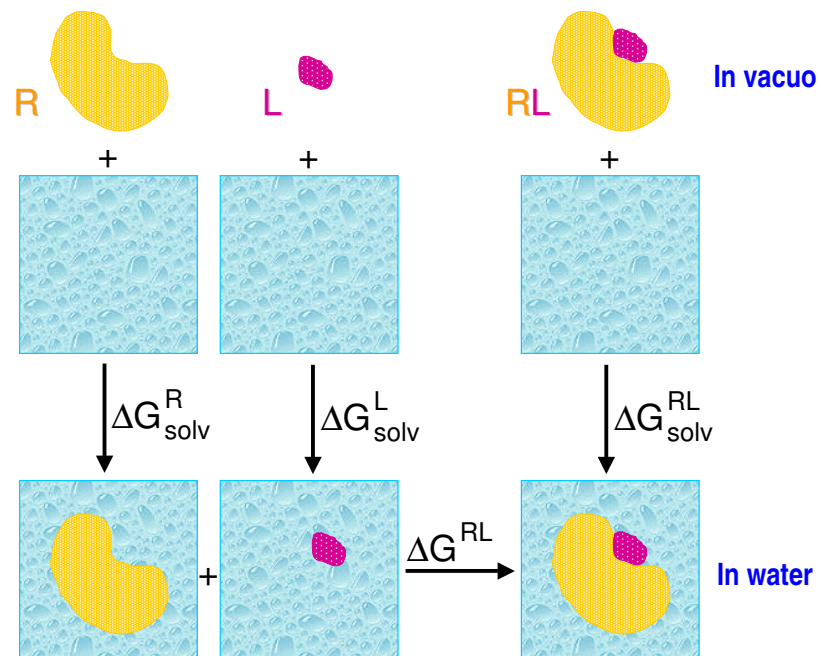


Energy landscapes





Conclusion: Any comprehensive method that attempts to model ligand binding must also consider the energy of solvation and entropic contributions to the binding process.



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Kim A. Sharp, Anthony Nicholls & Barry Honig

Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, Columbia University, New York

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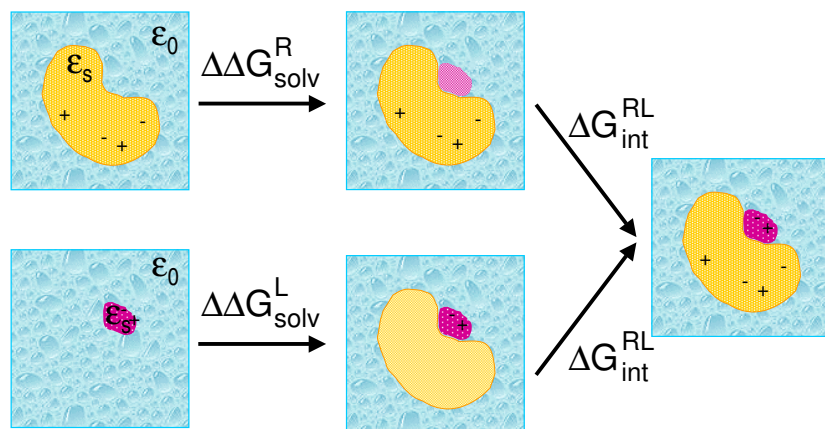
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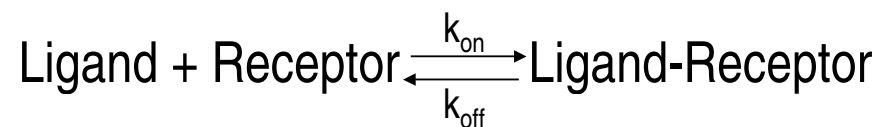
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Affinity vs. Specificity



$$K_d = \frac{k_{\text{off}}}{k_{\text{on}}} = \frac{[\text{Ligand}] [\text{Receptor}]}{[\text{Ligand-Receptor}]}$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

Binding constant

$$\Delta K_d$$

Binding energy

ΔG (kcal/mol)

2x	0.5
5x	1.0
13x	1.5
29x	2.0
68x	2.5
158x	3.0

$$\Delta G = 2.303 RT \log K_d$$

“GRID: A Computational Procedure for Determining Energetically Favorable Binding Sites on Biologically Important Macromolecules”

Peter Goodford, Oxford University

J. Med. Chem. 28, 849-857 (1985)

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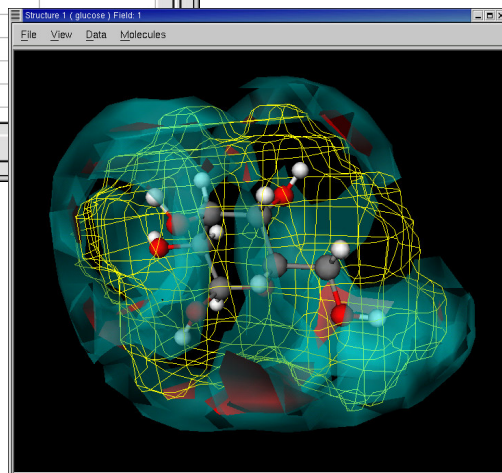
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5	C1=	sp2 CH aromatic or vinyl
6	N:#	sp N with lone pair
7	N:=	sp2 N with lone pair
8	N:	sp3 N with lone pair
9	N-:	Anionic tetrazole N
10	N1	Neutral flat NH eg amide
11	N1+	sp3 amine NH cation

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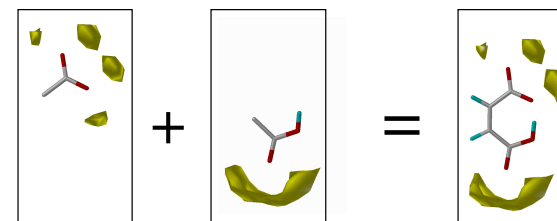
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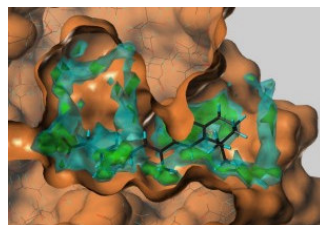


- Calculate binding positions for specific probe atoms in protein active sites
- Identify functional groups in binding-site
- Look up relevant IsoStar scatterplots and overlay on functional groups
- Contour - combining by taking products



SuperStar Features

map for aromatic CH carbon probe generated at the binding site of the protein-ligand complex 1CPS



- Cavity detection
- Surface or pharmacophore point display
- Metal coordination
- Hyperlinking to IsoStar scatterplots
- Choice of CSD- or PDB-based maps
- Gaussian fits

Relibase+

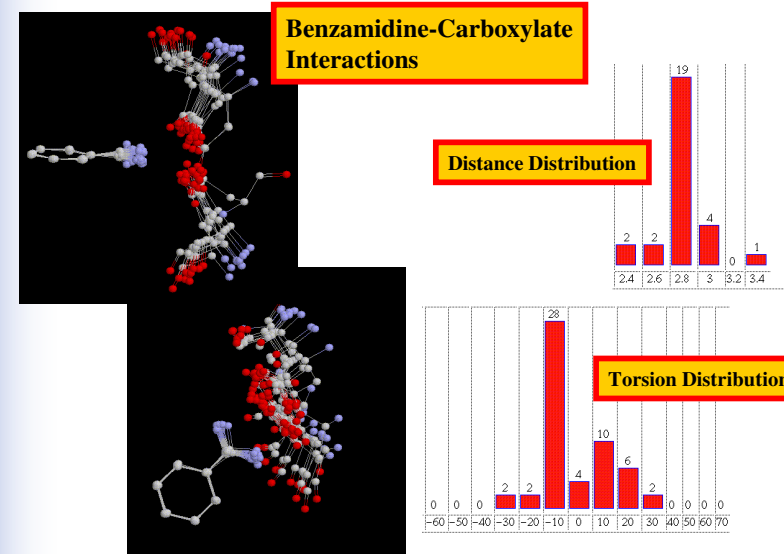
- Protein-ligand database system
- Based on original software developed by Manfred Hendlich and colleagues at Merck and Marburg University
- Enables searching of PDB and of in-house proprietary databases

Relibase: <http://relibase.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/>

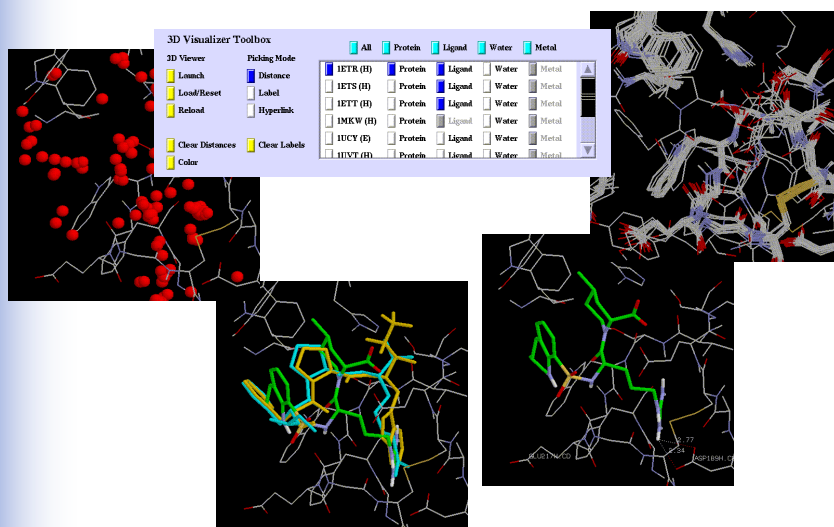
Some Relibase+ options

- Text searching
- Sequence searching
- 2D substructure and similarity searching
- 3D substructure searching
- Logical combination of hit lists
- Searching for intermolecular interactions
- Auto-superposition of similar binding sites
- Scripting facility based on Python

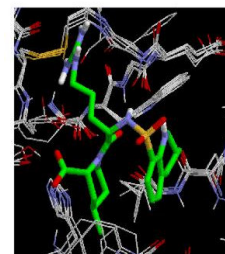
Analysis of 3D Queries



Binding Site Superposition



Relibase



Relibase: A program for searching protein-ligand databases.

Version 4.0, October 2000

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LIGPLOT

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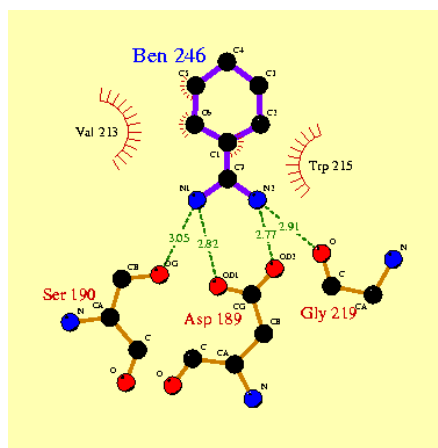
Program for automatically plotting protein-ligand interactions (by A. Wallace & R. Laskowski)

Automatically generates schematic diagrams of protein-ligand interactions for a given PDB file.

hydrogen bonds: dashed lines between the atoms involved.

hydrophobic contact: an arc with spokes radiating towards the ligand atoms they contact. The contacted atoms are shown with spokes radiating back.

Atom accessibilities can also be depicted; the ligand atoms can be colour-coded to indicate their accessibility to solvent.

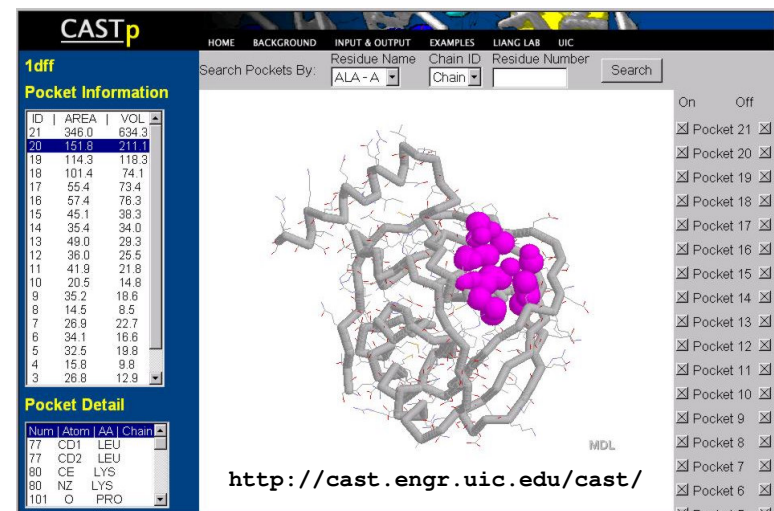


benzamidine (PDB code 2TBS)

CASTp

A Server for Identification of Protein Pockets & Cavities

- Identifies all pockets and cavities.
- Measures the volume and area analytically.



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numberofhydrogenandionicbonds	1.50	
interactionsurfacearea(Å ²)	1.31	
calculatedmolecularefractivity(ligand)	1.3	1
molecularweight(ligand)		1.29
numberofatoms(ligand)		1.28
numberofdonors(ligand)		1.20
numberofrotatablebonds(ligand)	1.1	6
numberofacceptors(ligand)		1.14
ClogP(ligand)		1.01

* variable influence on projection parameter

O. Roche, R. Kiyama & C. L. Brooks
J. Med. Chem. **44**, 3592-3598 (2001)

Break - Descanso

Top 10 ways to tell you drink too much coffee

- 10 Juan Valdéz names his donkey after you
- 9 You get a speeding ticket even when you're parked
- 8 You grind your coffee beans in your mouth
- 7 You sleep with your eyes open
- 6 You watch videos in fast-forward
- 5 You lick your coffeepot clean
- 4 Your eyes stay open when you sneeze
- 3 The nurse needs a scientific calculator to take your pulse
- 2 You can type sixty words a minute with your feet
- 1 You can jump-start your car without jumper cables.

