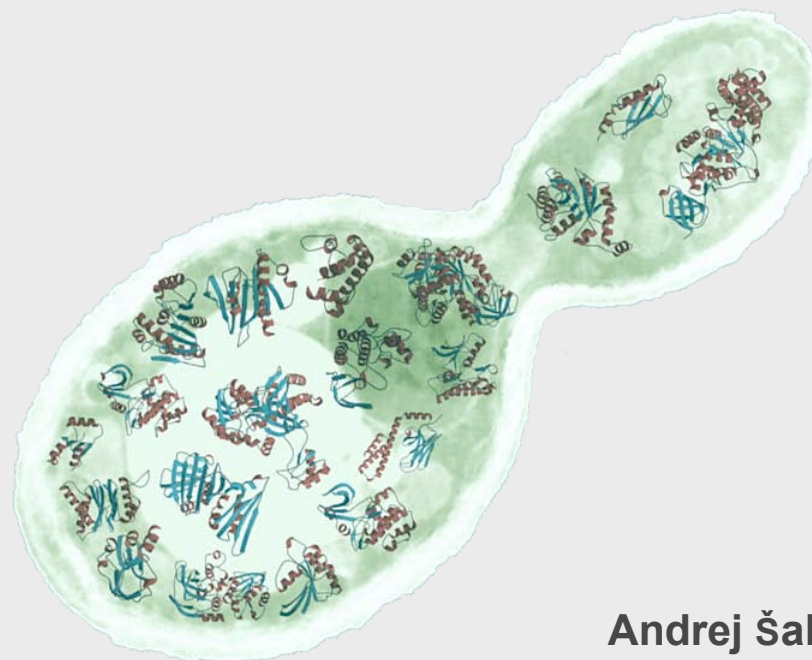
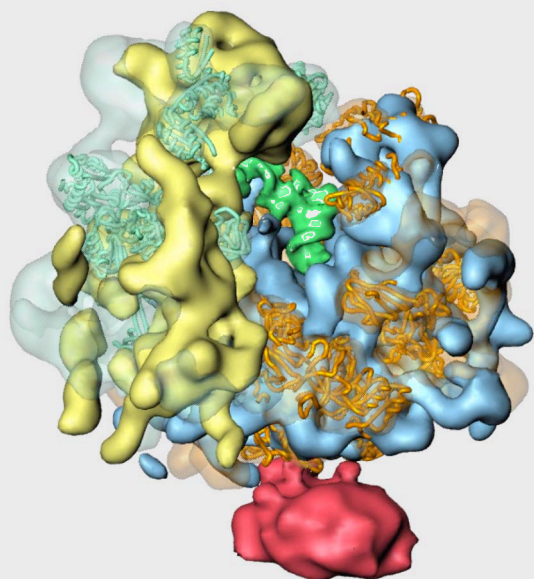
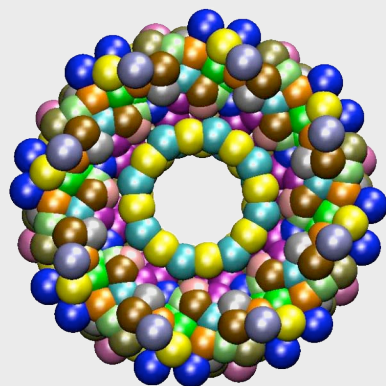


Modeling and Determining the Structures of Proteins and Macromolecular Assemblies



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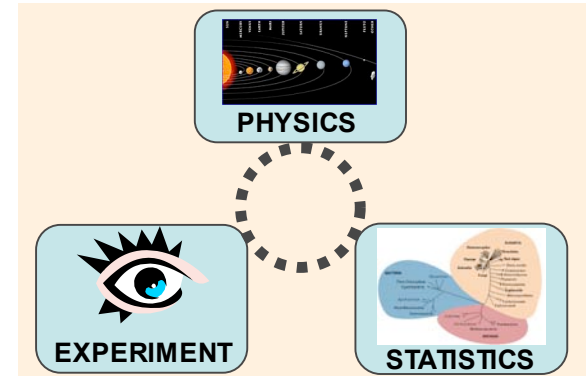
Structure characterization of macromolecular assemblies

1. Approach: integrated hierarchical system for structural biology.
2. Medium resolution: by EM & comparative modeling.
3. Low resolution: from “biochemical” information.

Determining the Structures of Proteins and Assemblies

Use structural information from any **source**: measurement, first principles, rules, **resolution**: low or high resolution to obtain the set of all models that are consistent with it.

Maximize efficiency, accuracy, resolution, and completeness of the structural coverage of protein assemblies.



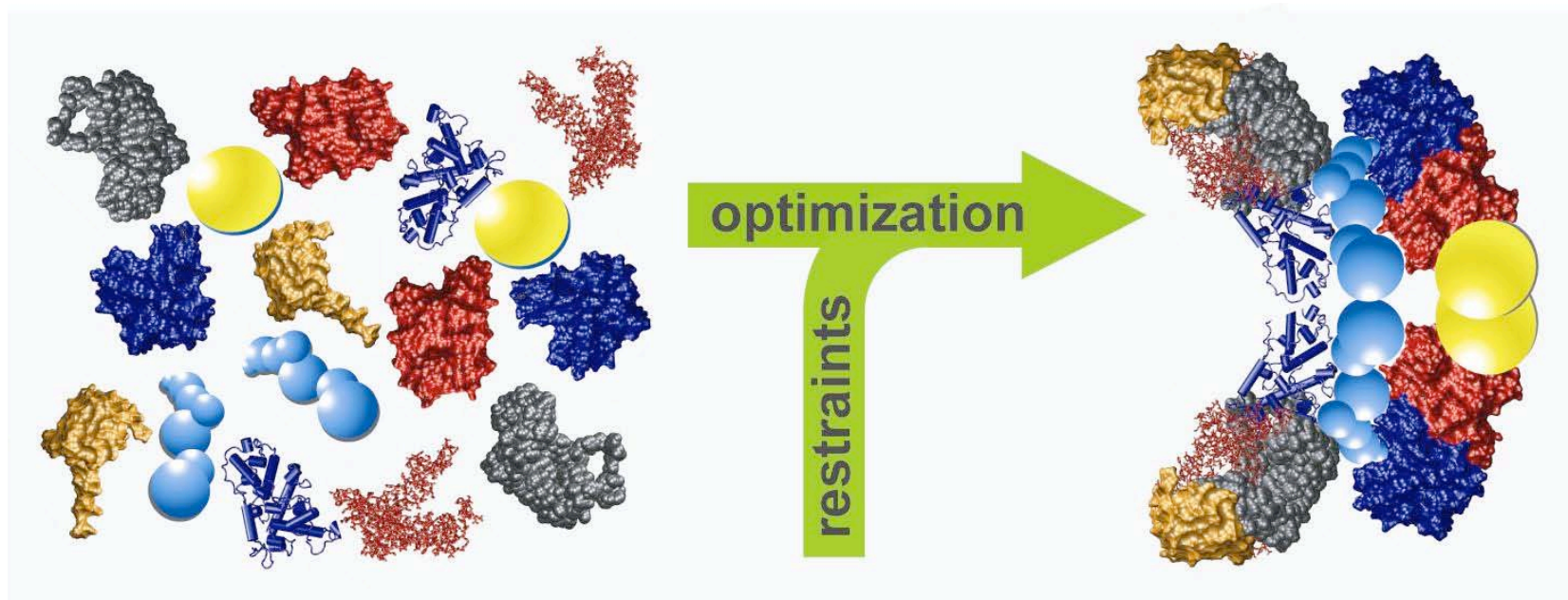
X-ray crystallography	NMR spectroscopy	2D & single particle electron microscopy	electron tomography	immuno-electron microscopy	chemical cross-linking	affinity purification mass spectroscopy
subunit structure	subunit structure				subunit structure	
subunit shape	subunit shape	subunit shape	subunit shape			
subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact		subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact
subunit proximity	subunit proximity	subunit proximity	subunit proximity	subunit proximity	subunit proximity	subunit proximity
subunit stoichiometry	subunit stoichiometry					
assembly symmetry	assembly symmetry	assembly symmetry	assembly symmetry	assembly symmetry		
assembly shape	assembly shape	assembly shape	assembly shape			
assembly structure	assembly structure					

FRET	site-directed mutagenesis	yeast two-hybrid system	gene/protein arrays	protein structure prediction	computational docking	bioinformatics
				subunit structure		
				subunit shape		
subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact		subunit-subunit contact	subunit-subunit contact
subunit proximity		subunit proximity	subunit proximity			

Characterizing Macromolecular Assemblies by Satisfaction of Spatial Restraints

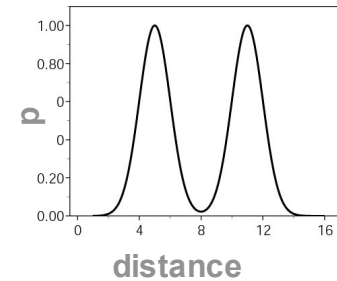
- 1) Representation of a system.
- 2) Scoring function (spatial restraints).
- 3) Optimization.

There is nothing but points and restraints on them.



Scoring Function

There is nothing but points
and restraints on them.



$$P(R/I) = \prod_i p_i(r_i/I_i)$$

R ... all degrees of freedom

I ... all information

r_i ... i^{th} restrained feature (eg, distance, angle, proximity, surface, density)

I_i ... information about i^{th} restrained feature

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Sali, Blundell. *J. Mol. Biol.* 234, 779, 1993.

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Challenges at the frontiers of structural biology

Andrej Šali and John Kuriyan

TIBS Millenium Issue, M20-M24, 1999.

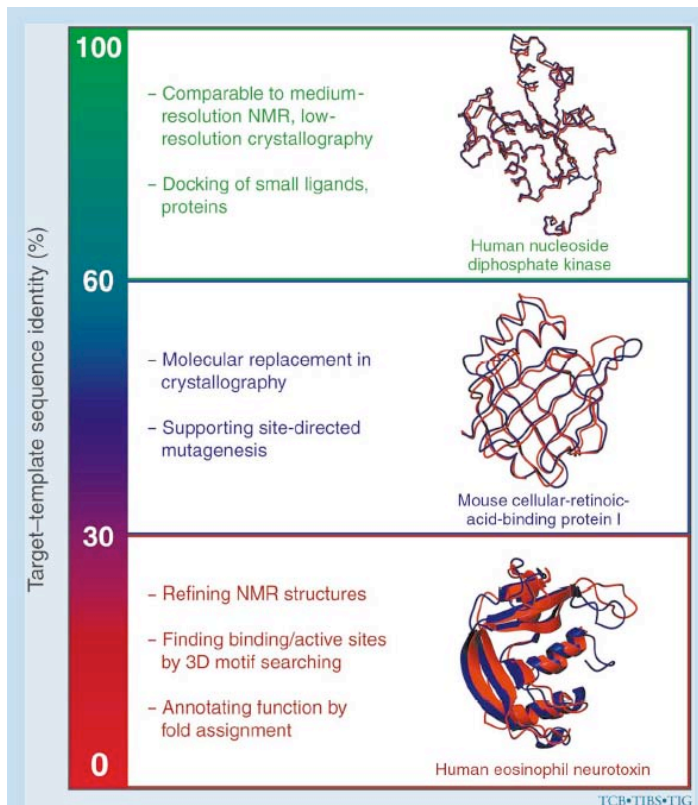


FIGURE 1. Schematic diagram showing the range of accuracy obtained by comparative modelling²³. The potential uses of comparative models depend on their accuracy. This in turn depends significantly on the sequence identity between the sequence modelled and the known structure on which the model was based. Sample models (red) are compared with the actual structures (blue).

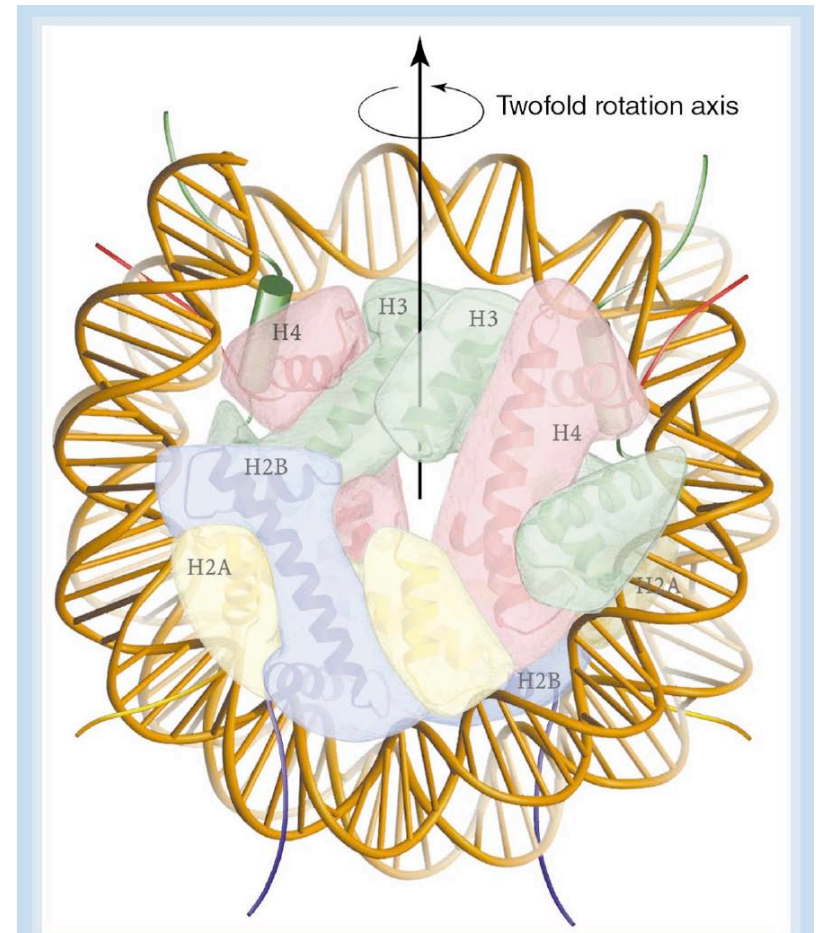
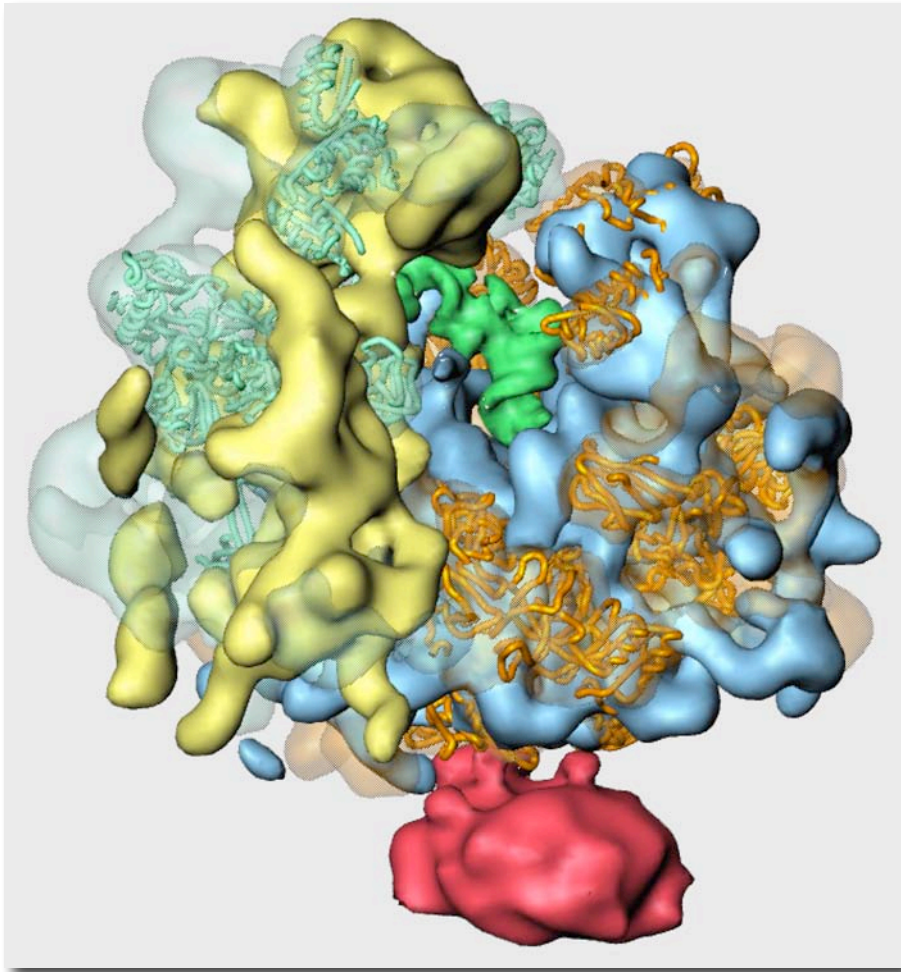


FIGURE 3. The structure of the nucleosome core, as determined by Richmond and colleagues⁴¹. The histone proteins form a spiral-shaped octameric assembly around which DNA is coiled. The histone octamer consists of two copies each of four different histone proteins – H2A, H2B, H3 and H4. These proteins contain tails that are shown protruding from the nucleosome. The tails are likely to be important in stabilizing the arrangement of nucleosomes in higher-order structures. Copyright 1999, Lore Leighton, used with permission.

S. cerevisiae ribosome



Fitting of comparative models into 15Å cryoEM density map.

43 proteins could be modeled on 20-56% seq.id. to a known structure.

The modeled fraction of the proteins ranges from 34-99%.

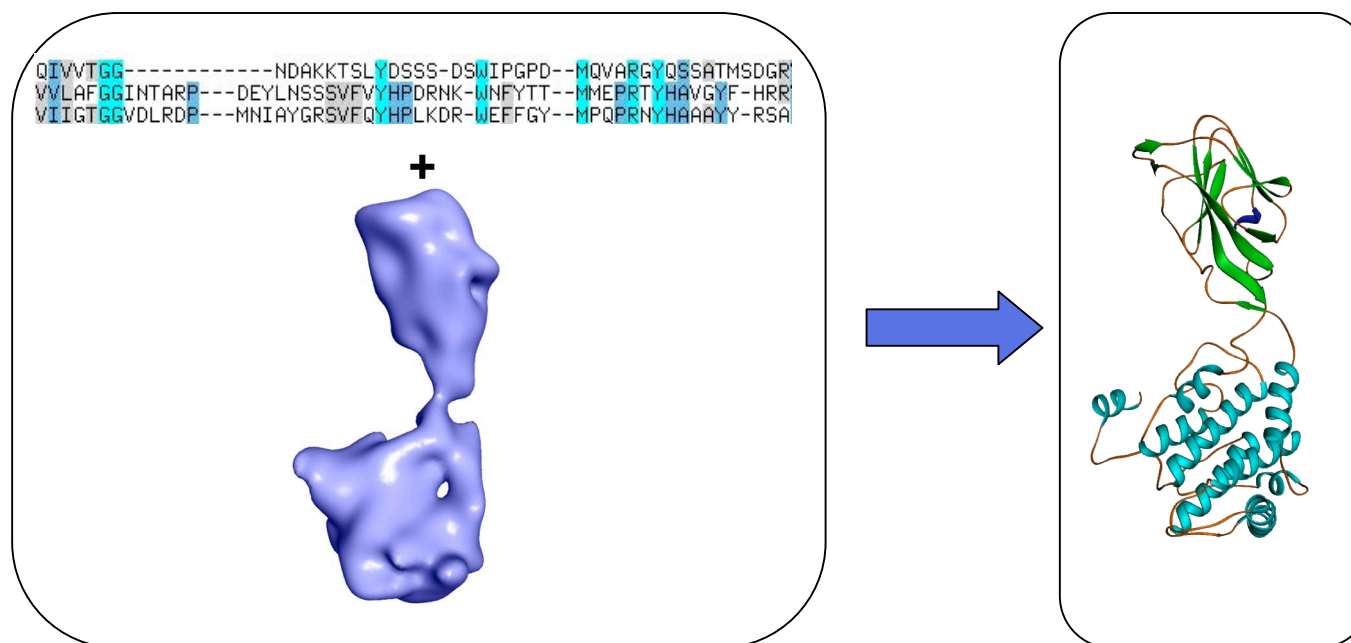
Architecture of the protein-conducting channel associated with the translating 80S Ribosome

C. Spahn, R. Beckmann, N. Eswar, P. Penczek, A. Sali, G. Blobel, J. Frank.
Cell **107**, 361-372, 2001.

Comparative modeling and fitting into EM density

Maya Topf, Frank Alber, Matt Baker, Wah Chiu

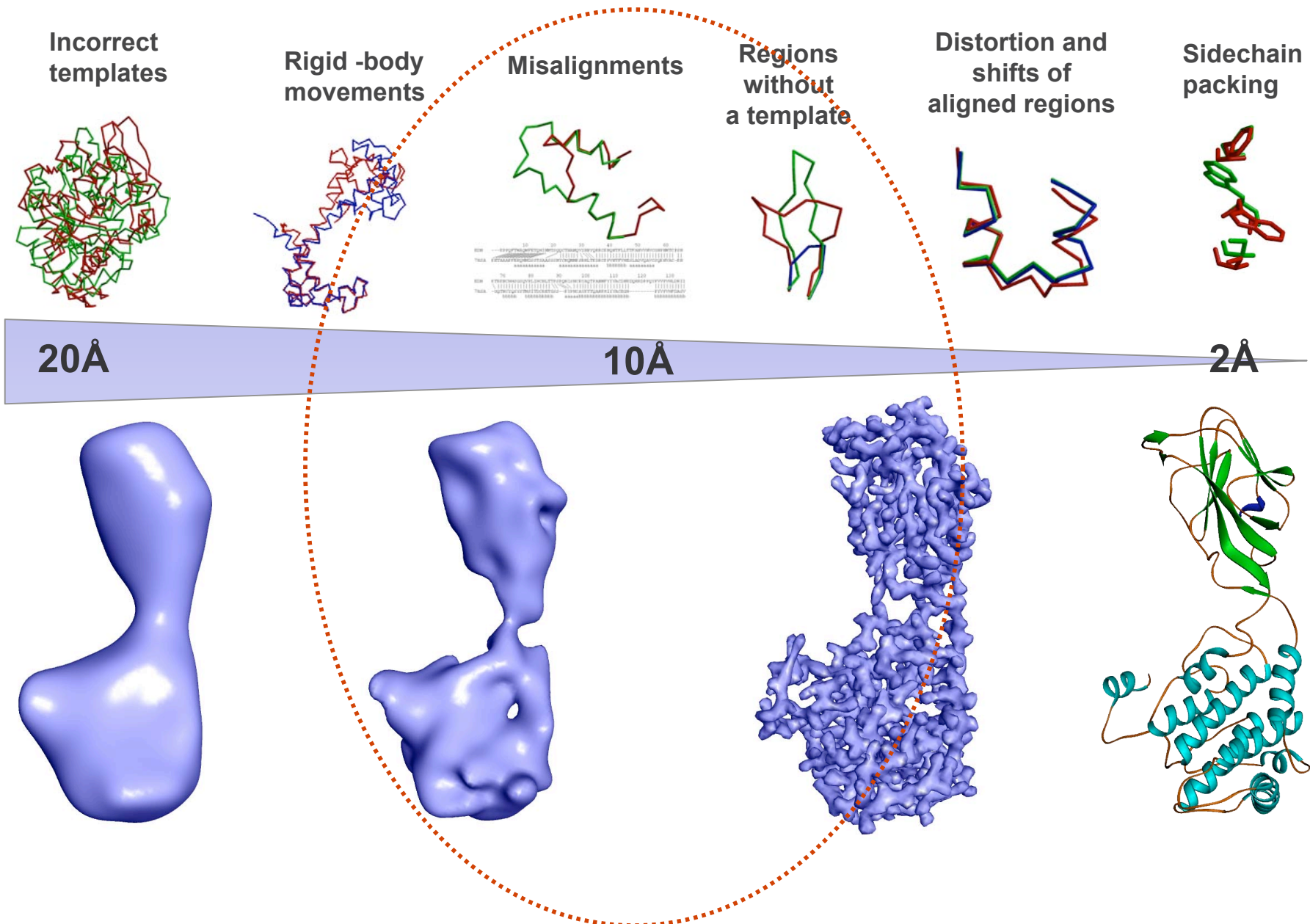
Improve comparative modeling by fitting models into the target EM density map;
Improve fitting into an EM density map by simultaneous model building.



Motivation:

- Number of known structures in PDB: ~30,000
- Number of known sequences modeled by CM: ~850,000
(Pieper et al., NAR 2004).

Errors in comparative models vs. resolution



Fitting a model into an EM map (Mod-EM)

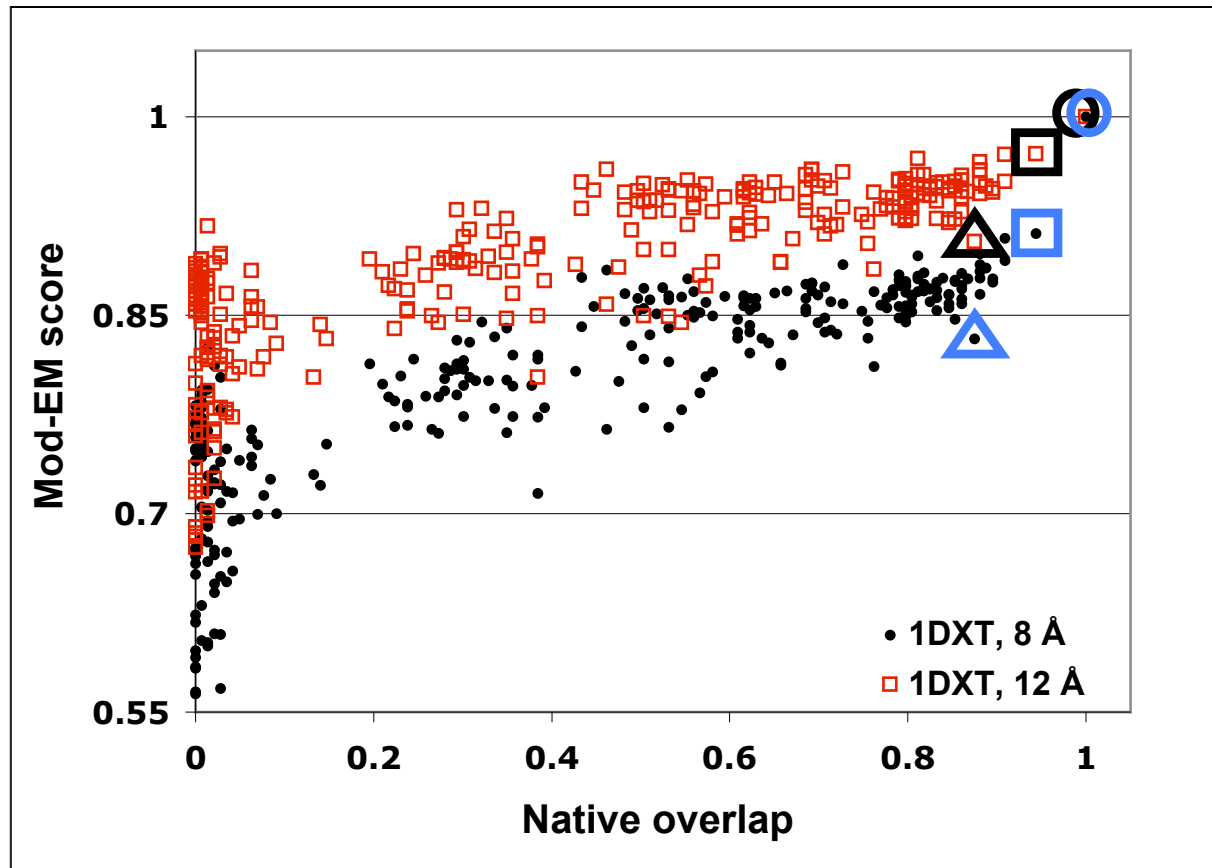
Developed a rigid body fitting procedure in MODELLER, MOD-EM, that optimizes a correlation coefficient between the map and a given model using a combination of grid search and Monte Carlo procedures.

Prepared a benchmark of 300 comparative models of varying accuracy covering the whole range of sequence-structure alignment accuracy for each of 20 test structures.

Tested how well is the best model selected by the quality of its fit into a given density map, as a function of resolution and noise.

Topf, Baker, John, Chiu, Sali. *J. Str. Biol.* **149**, 191-203, 2005.

Correlation between model accuracy and quality of a fit into density



$R^2=0.6-0.7$

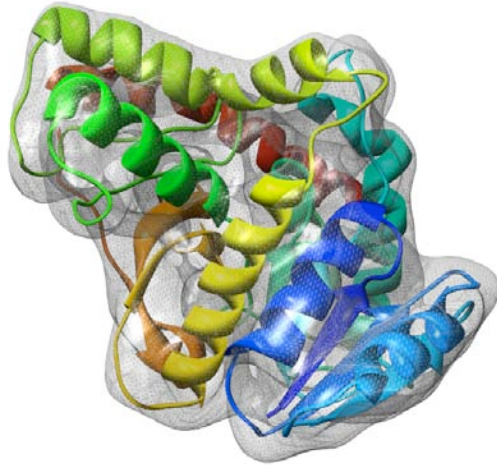
Native (1dxt, circle): 1

Best model (square): 2

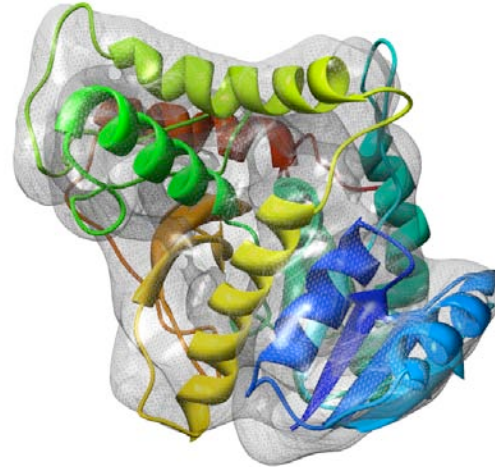
Template (1hbg, triangle): 132(8Å), 139(12Å)

10Å map
2cmd - 6ldh
310 aa

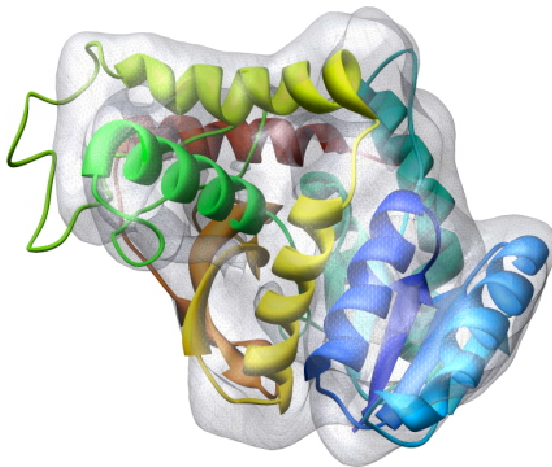
Native structure



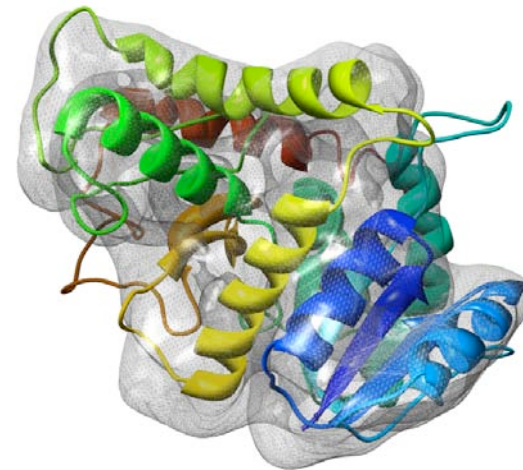
Most accurate model,
Best-fitting model (rank 1)



Template
(rank 5)



Best Prosall model
(rank 256)



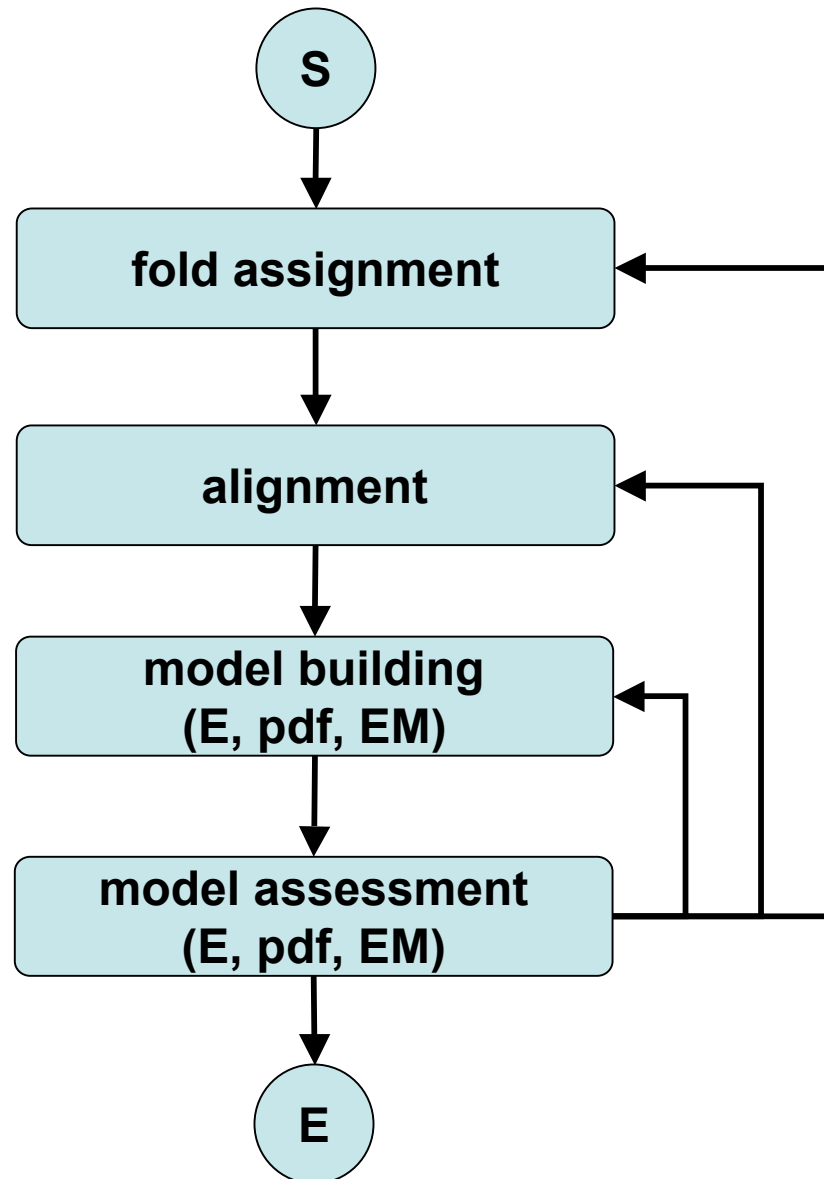
Quality of the best-fitting model

Protein name	RMS error of the most accurate model (Å)	Difference between the RMS errors of the best-fitting model and the most accurate model (Å)						Prosall
		Noise level (σ)	Resolution of the map (Å)					
			5	8	10	12	15	
		Mod-EM						
1CID	3.4	0.00	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.2
1MUP	3.3		0.3	2.9	2.9	2.9	10.4	0.7
1LGA	3.2		0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0
2CMD	2.5		1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.8
1DXT	2.0		0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
1BBH	2.5		0.3	0.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.1
1ONC	2.2		0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.8	0.4
1C2R	3.4		1.9	0.4	0.2	2.0	2.3	0.2
Average	2.8	0.00	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.9	2.0	0.7
		0.25	0.3	0.6	1.0	1.0	2.0	
		0.75	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	2.0	
FOLDHUNTER								
Average	2.8	0.00	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.3	1.6	0.7
		0.25	0.3	0.3	0.5	1.4	1.7	
		0.75	0.3	0.3	0.4	1.4	1.6	

Conclusions (CM & EM)

- EM density maps at 5-15 Å resolution contain information that can be exploited in comparative modeling, both for improving sequence-structure alignment and for model building.
- Fitting comparative models instead of template structures into EM maps can make a large difference in the accuracy of the final hybrid atomic models.
- Scope: ~60 times more sequences can be modeled than have been determined by crystallography or NMR spectroscopy, and most of them are modeled on less than 30% sequence identity to the closest known structure.

Combined comparative modeling and fitting



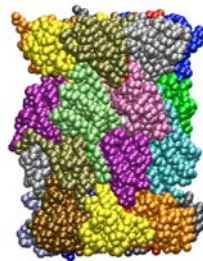
Very Low-Resolution Modeling of Large Assemblies

Many times the structures of some subunits are not available.

In such cases, we can only model the **configuration** of the subunits in the complex.



atoms



residues



proteins

The Yeast Nuclear Pore Complex

1. Structure
2. Evolution
3. Mechanism of assembly
4. Mechanism of action

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Jasmine Zhou
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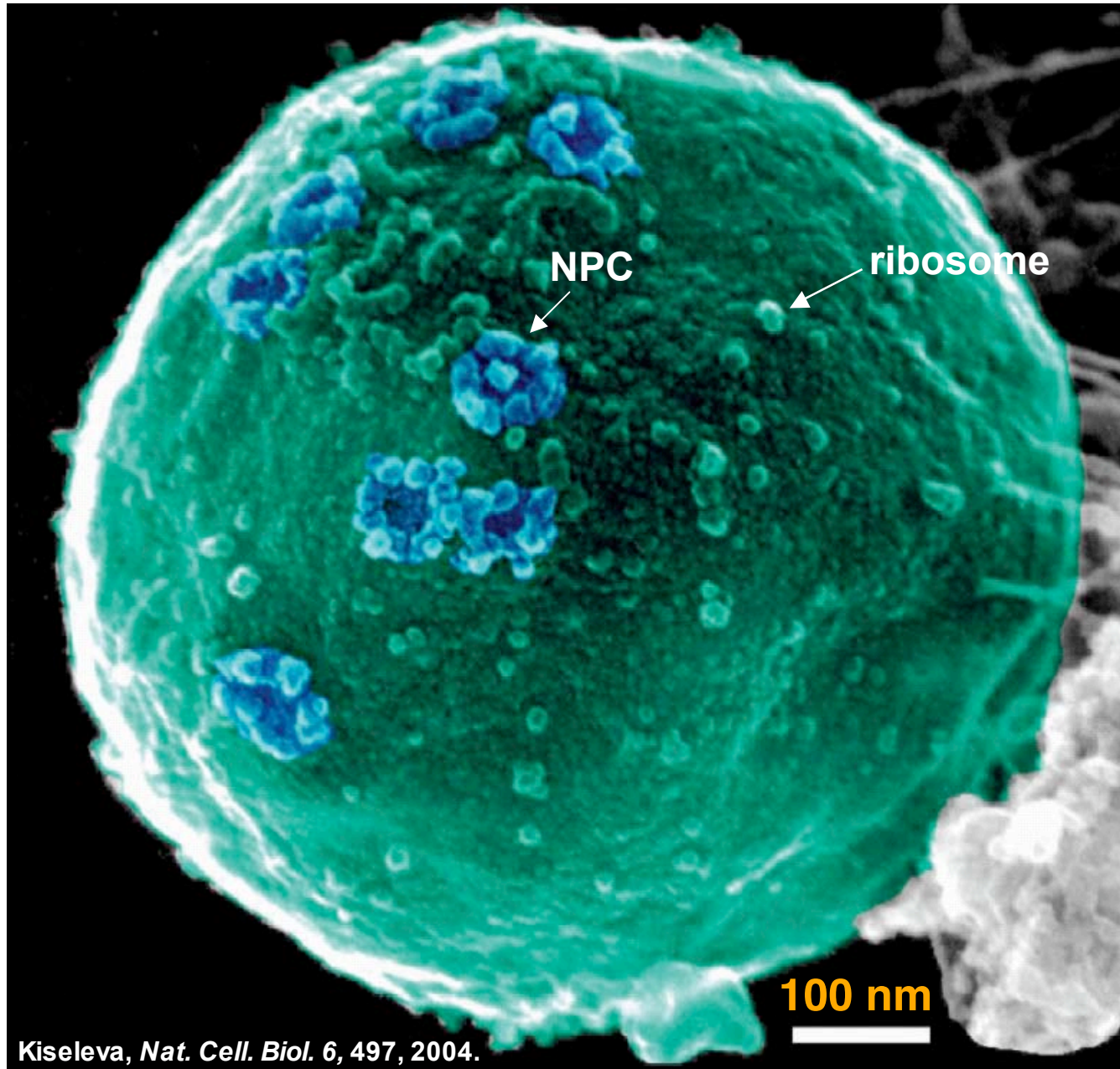
Mike Rout

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Veenhoff, Svetlana Dokudovskaya

Brian Chait

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The Rockefeller University, New York

Nuclear Pore Complex (NPC)

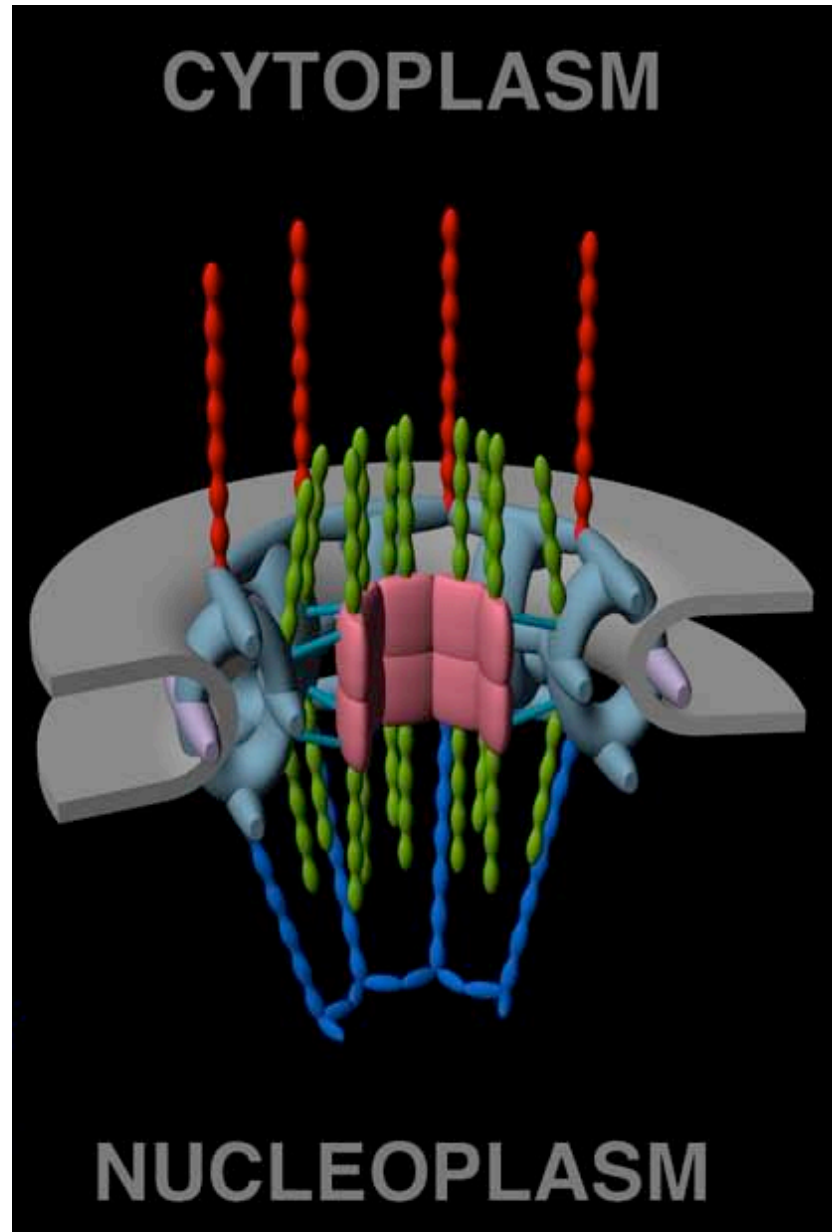


Consists of broadly conserved nucleoporins (nups).

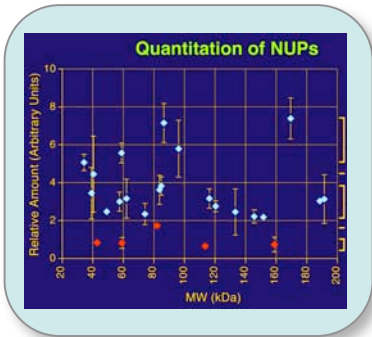
50 MDa complex: ~480 proteins of 30 different types.

Mediates all known nuclear transport, *via* cognate transport factors.

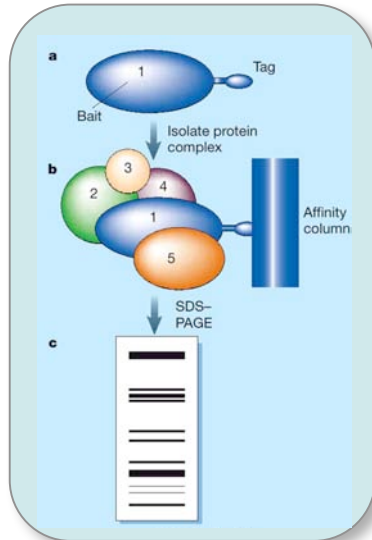
NPC



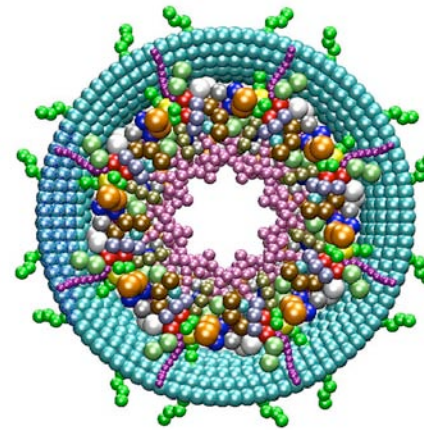
Use All Spatial Information



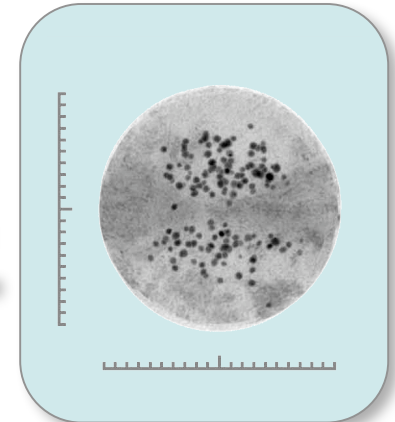
NUP Stoichiometry



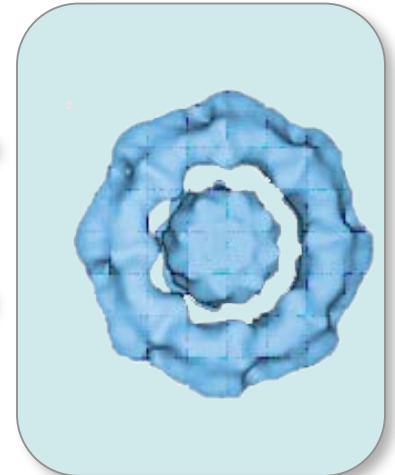
NUP-NUP Interactions



NUP Localization



Symmetry Global shape



NUP Shape



Density Gradient Centrifugation

Centrifugal Force ↑

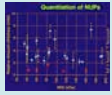
Density Gradient

Sample Zone

MODBASE

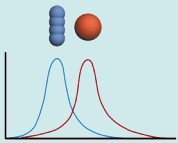
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All Spatial Restraints on the NPC



Stoichiometry:

30 proteins, **456 copies** in total

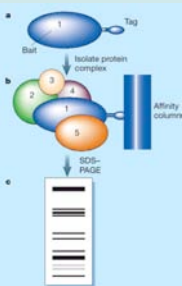


Protein (and subcomplex) shape from Stokes radii:

1,680 intra protein distance restraints and **5,776** lower bound distance restraints

Excluded volume of proteins:

~456²/2 distance lower bounds



Protein-protein proximity: (immuno-purification)

5,472 upper distance bounds

Subcomplex connectivity: (immuno-purification)

3,344 binary restraints

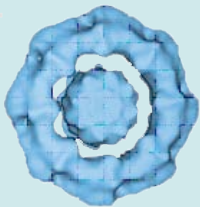
Binary protein-protein contacts: from “overlay” experiments

208 binary restraints



Radial and axial localization of proteins: (IEM)

916 absolute positional restraints and **1,813** upper and lower distance restraints



Symmetry considerations: (cryo-EM)

~100,000 symmetry distance and **~100** symmetry dihedral angle restraints and **5,596** angle restraints

Modeling in the context of the nuclear envelope: NE shape and dimension (EM)

876 membrane particles

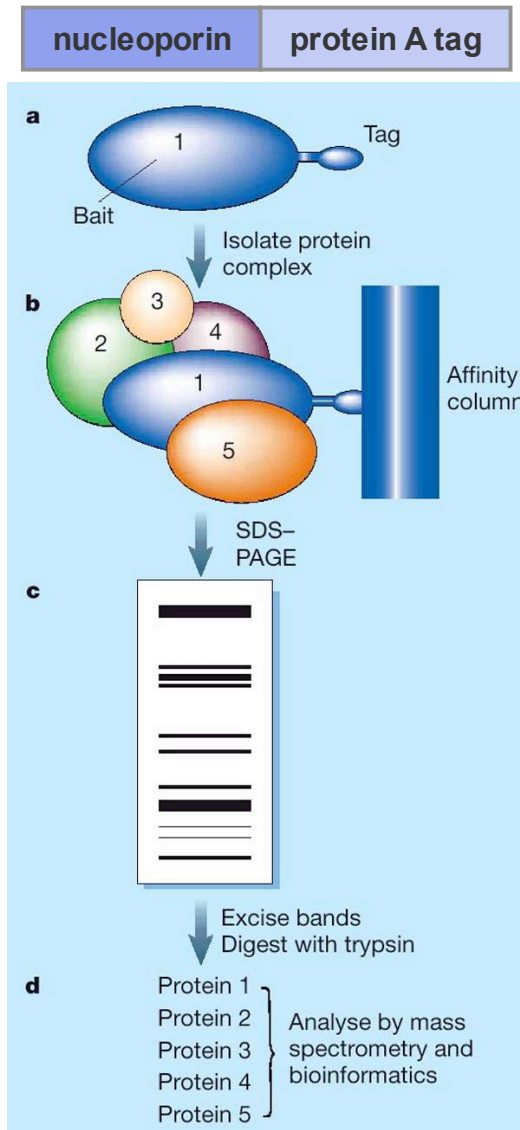
Membrane spanning protein regions:

48 surface restraints, **112** volume restraints

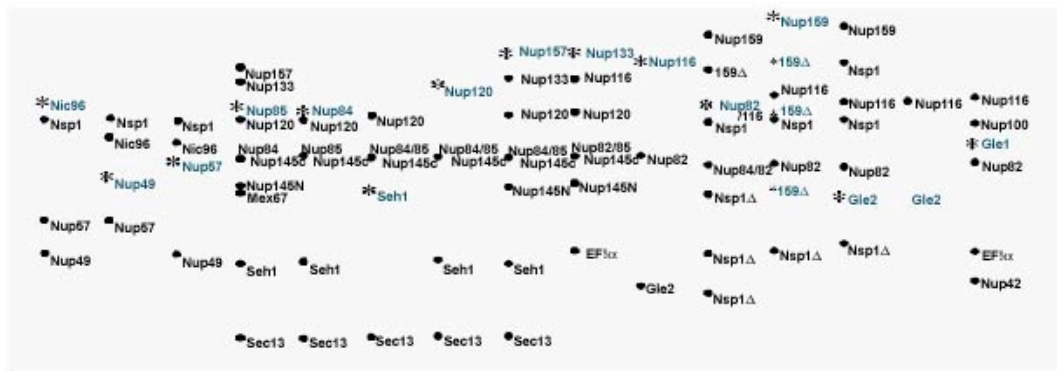
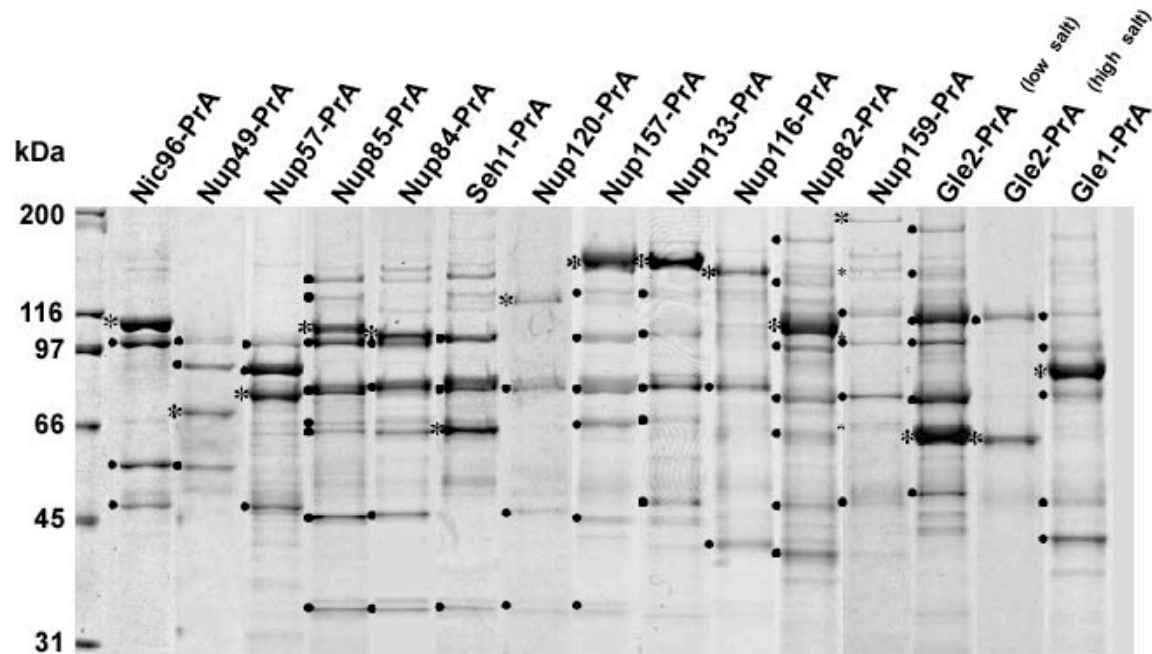
Luminal Pom152 ring: (EM)

16 binary restraints

Tagging, Immunopurification and Analysis of Nucleoporin Subcomplexes



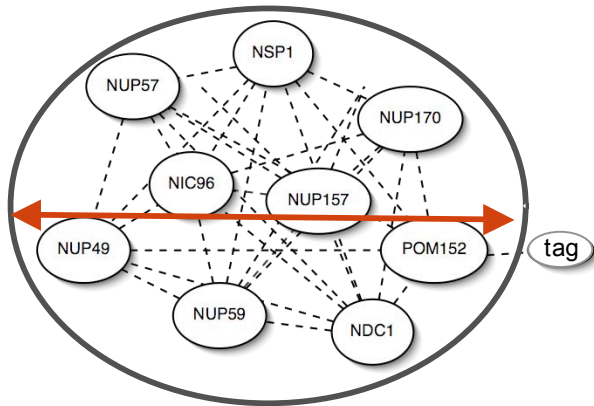
- several *hundred* pullouts
- ~1,300 protein bands identified by MS



Structural Information from Pullouts

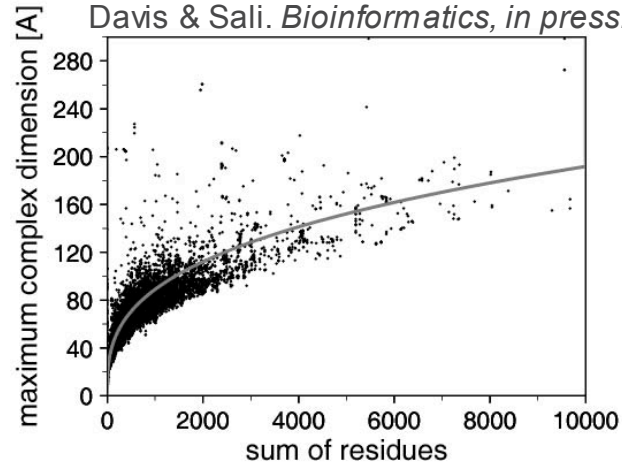
Subcomplex **Proximity** restraint

upper distance bound between all subunit beads in a pullout



derived from assemblies in PIBASE*

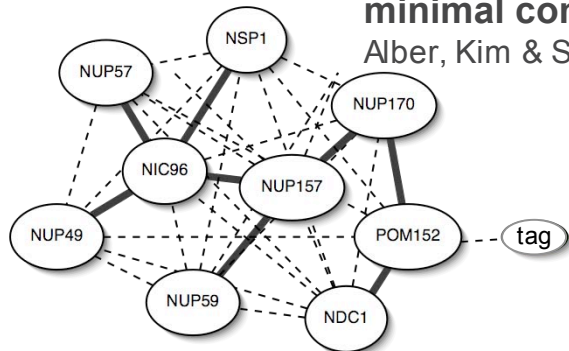
Davis & Sali. *Bioinformatics*, in press.



Subcomplex **Connectivity** restraint**

minimal connectivity between all subunits in a pullout

Aber, Kim & Sali. *Structure* 13, 435, 2005



Optimization

- Start with a random configuration of protein centers.
- Minimize violations of input restraints by conjugate gradients and molecular dynamics with simulated annealing.
- Obtain an “ensemble” of many independently calculated models (~300,000).

Membrane spanning proteins:

Pom152 Pom34
Ndc1

FG repeat proteins:

Nup159 Nup60
Nsp1 Nup59
Nup1 Nup57
Nup100 Nup53
Nup116 Nup49
Nup145N Nup42

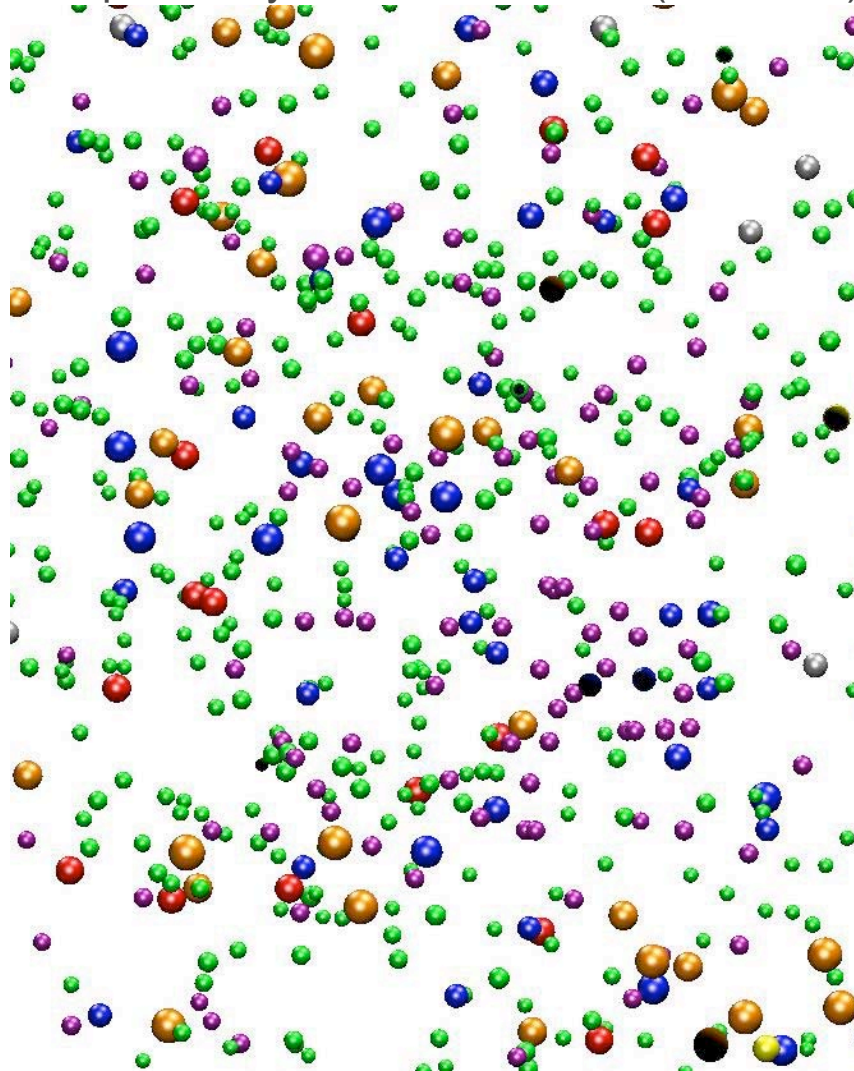
Nup84 complex:

Nup84 Seh1
Nup85 Sec13
Nup120 Nup145C
Nup133

Large Core proteins:

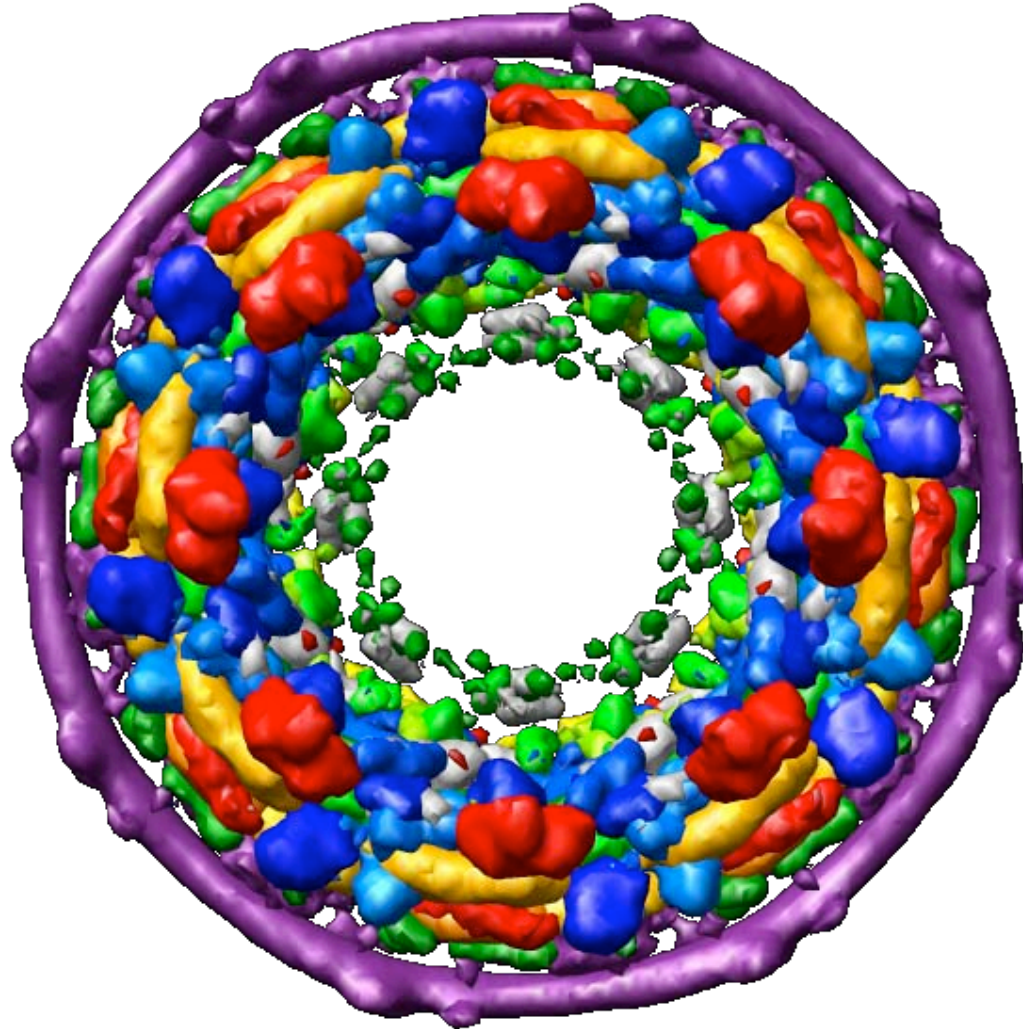
Nup192 Nup170
Nup188 Nup157

Nup82
Nic96



Protein Localization Probability

Calculated from the structural superposition of the ensemble of models that satisfy all input restraints

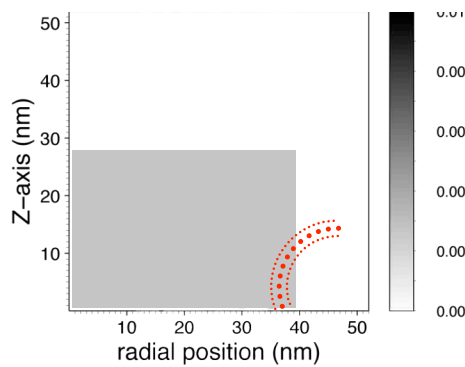
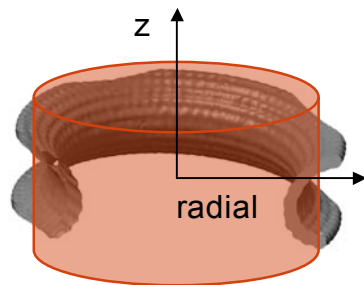


Protein Localization Probability

There is enough information to localize most nups

Nup188:

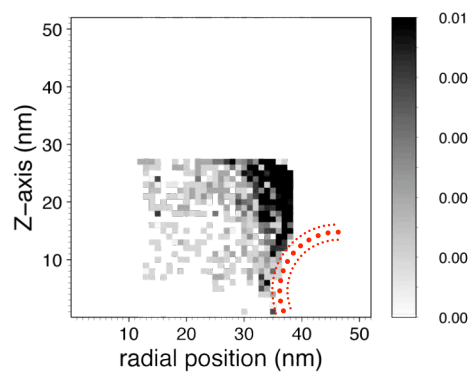
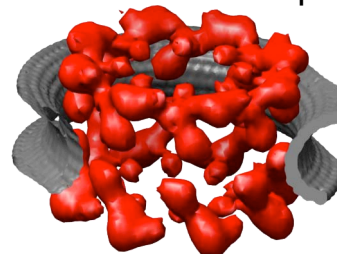
Immuno-EM



H: 10.01

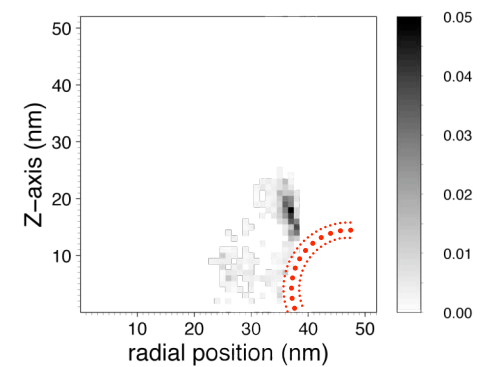
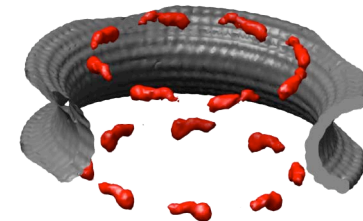
$$H = -\sum_i p_i \log_2 p_i$$

Immuno-EM
Stoichiometry
Excluded volume
Symmetry
Nuclear Envelope



7.8

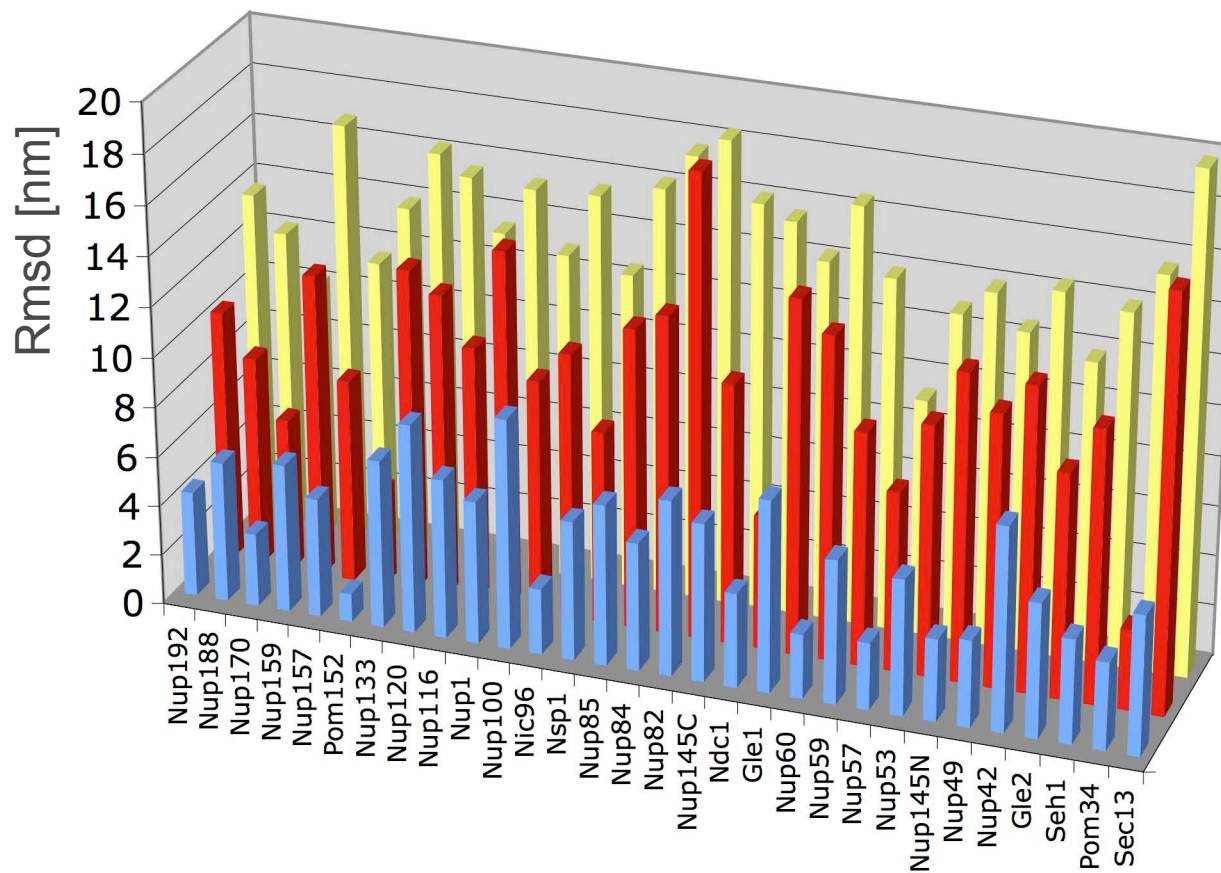
Immuno-EM
Stoichiometry
Excluded volume
Symmetry
Pullouts



4.5

Average Mean Displacement of each Protein

There is enough information to localize most nups



A

Immuno-EM

B

Immuno-EM
Stoichiometry
Excluded volume
Symmetry
NE

C

Immuno-EM
Stoichiometry
Excluded volume
Symmetry
NE
Pullouts

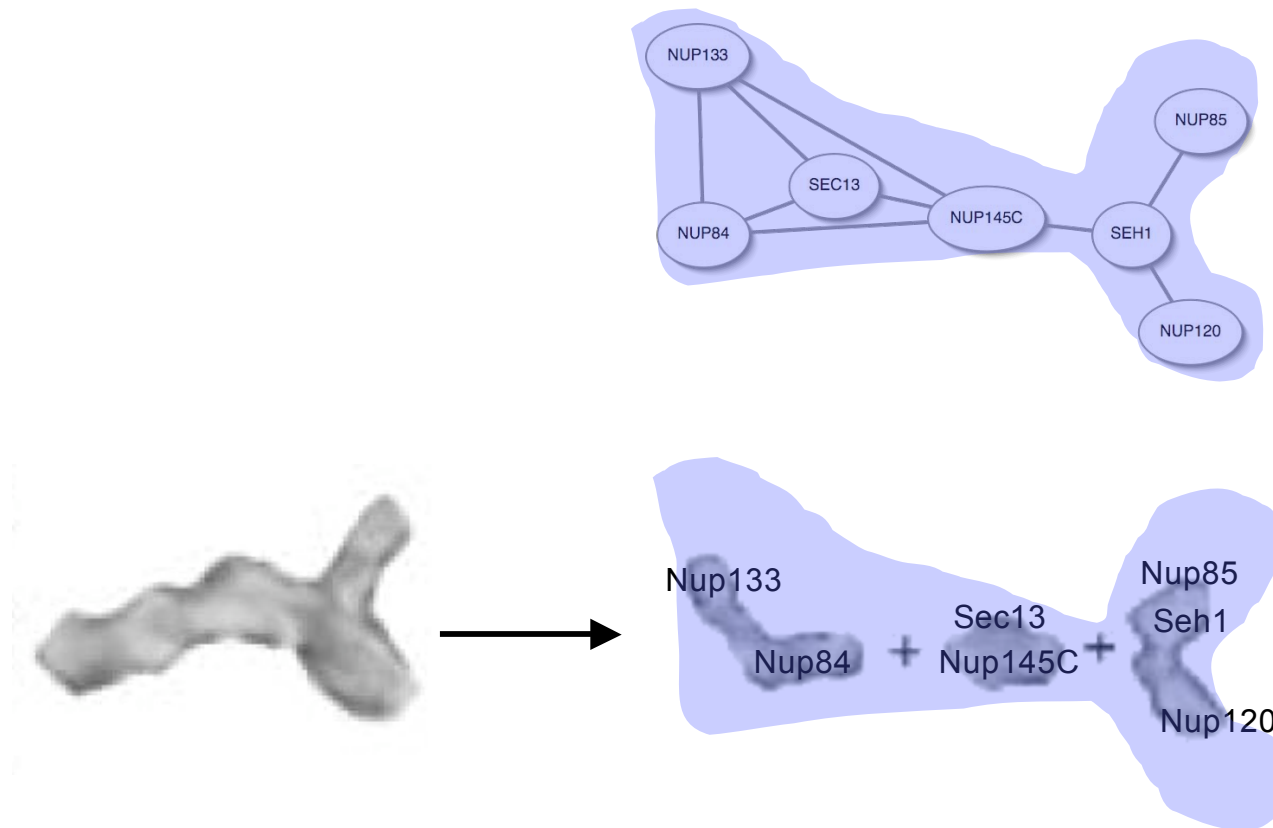
Assessing the Well Scoring Models

1. How similar are the models to each other?
2. Do the models make sense given other data?
3. Using simple models as benchmarks.

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Nup84 Complex Topology

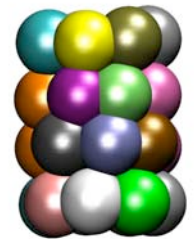
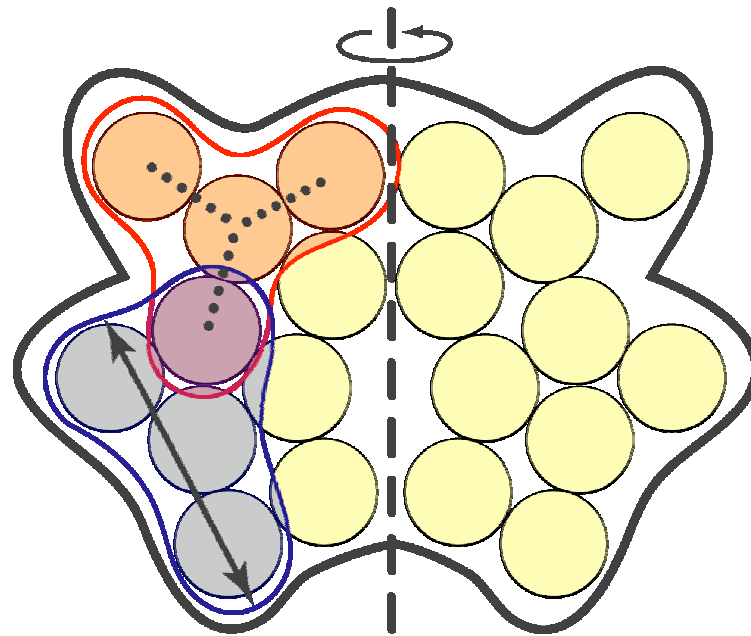
Consistent with experimental data (not included in the calculations)



M. Lutzmann, R. Kunze, A. Buerer, U. Aebi & E. Hurt, *EMBO J.* 21, 387, 2002.

Structural characterization of assemblies from overall shape and subcomplex compositions

F. Alber, M. Kim, A. Sali. *Structure* 13, 435, 2005.



- (i) the subunit excluded volume,
- (ii) the assembly shape,
- (iii) the subunit proximity in the subcomplex (the proximity restraint),
- (iv) the subunit connectivity in the subcomplex (the connectivity restraint),
- (v) the symmetry.

Test case

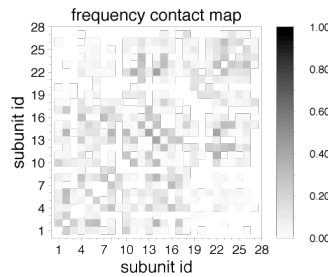
Data set: 27 pullouts

representative model

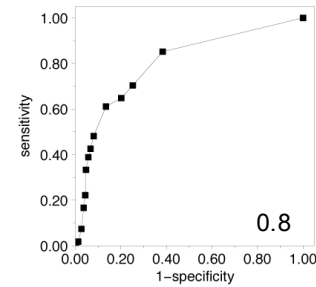


Subunit excluded volume
Subcomplex proximity

Frequency contact maps



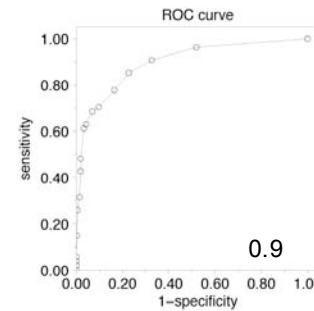
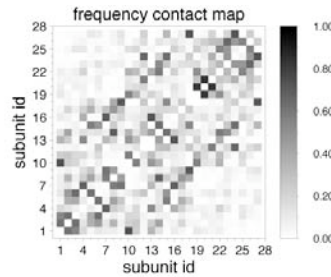
ROC-curves



True positive rate: TPR
False positive rate: FPR
DRMS: smallest (average)

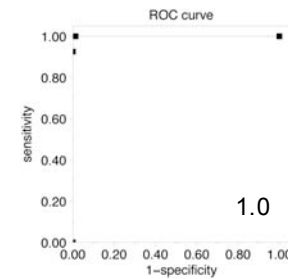
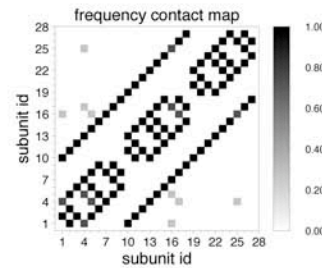
TRP: 22.2 %
FPR: 52.2%
DRMS: 1.6 (1.9)

Subunit excluded volume
Subcomplex proximity
Assembly shape



TPR: 48.0 %
FPR: 18.8%
DRMS: 0.6 (1.2)

Subunit excluded volume
Subcomplex proximity
Assembly shape
Subcomplex connectivity



TPR: 48.0 %
FPR: 18.8%
DR 0.0 (0.1)

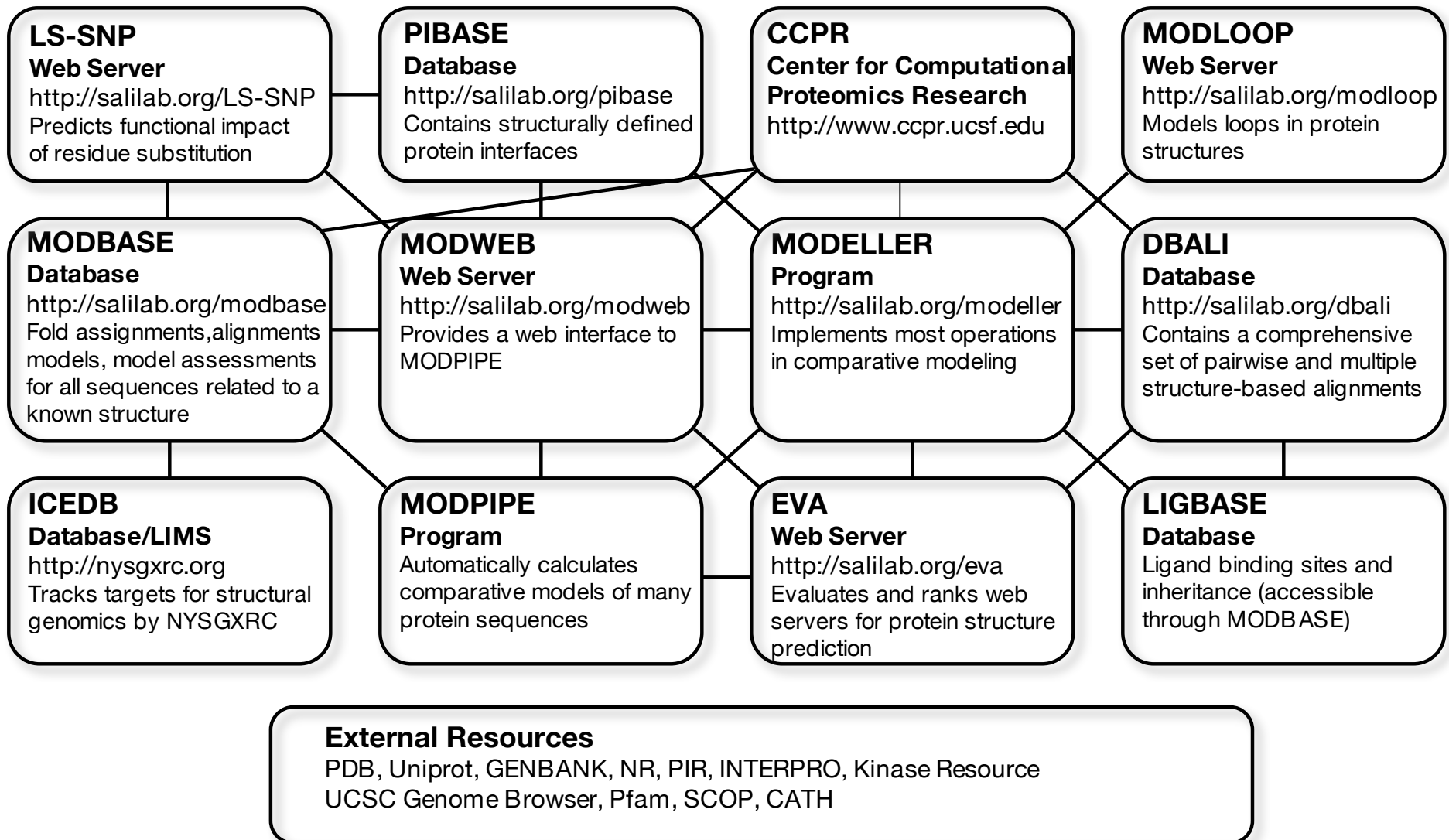
Alber, Kim, Sali, *Structure*, 2005

Towards a higher resolution structure of NPC

Characterize structures of the individual subunits, then fit them into the current low-resolution model.

A suite of programs, servers and databases for comparative protein structure modeling

<http://salilab.org>

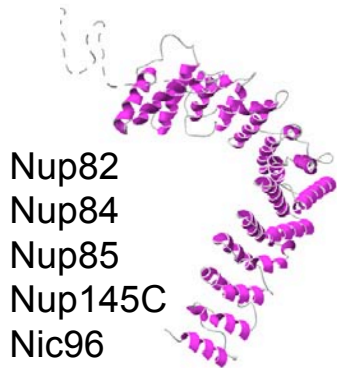


Fold Prediction

Devos, Dokudavskaya, Alber, Williams, Chait, Sali, Rout. *PLoS Biology* 12, 1, 2004

- 1) Simplicity of fold organization: 5 fold types describe 95 % of all residues in the NPC.
- 2) NPC has evolved through extensive gene duplication.

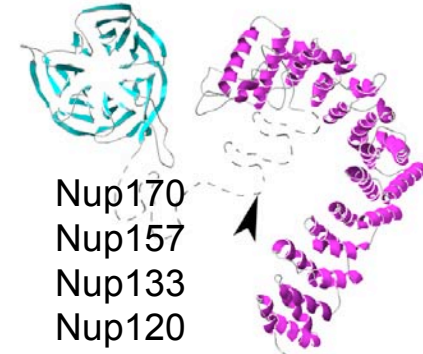
α -solenoid



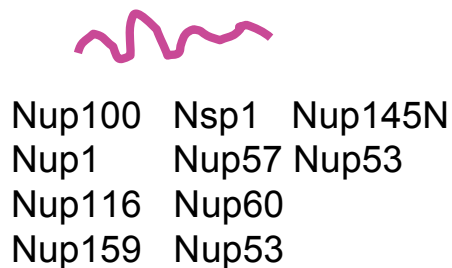
β -propeller



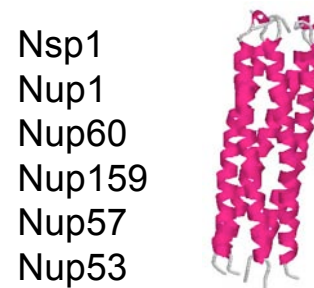
Clathrin-like



unstructured-FG repeat regions



Coiled-coiled



IgG-fold

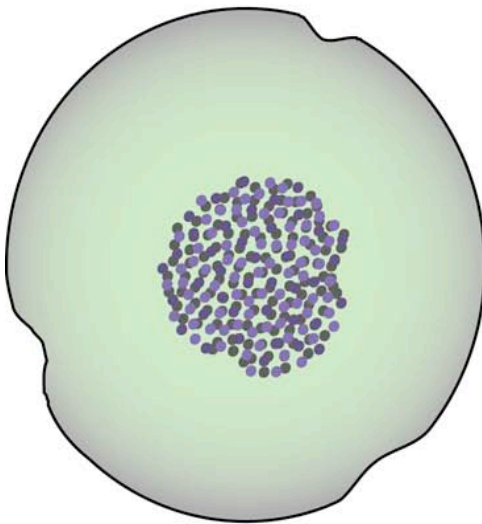


Trans-membrane helices



Eukaryotic evolution

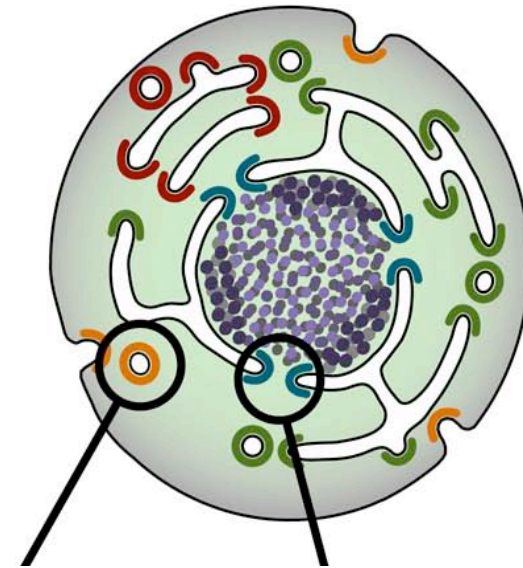
Prokaryote



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Complex internal compartmentalization

Modern Eukaryote



How could such a complicated system evolve in organisms with no analogous transport system?

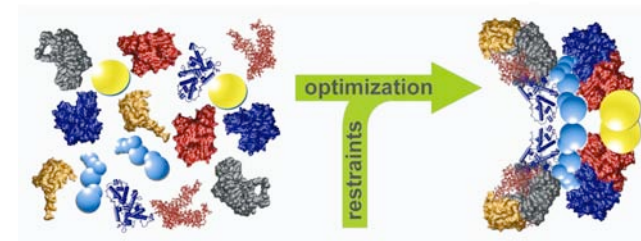
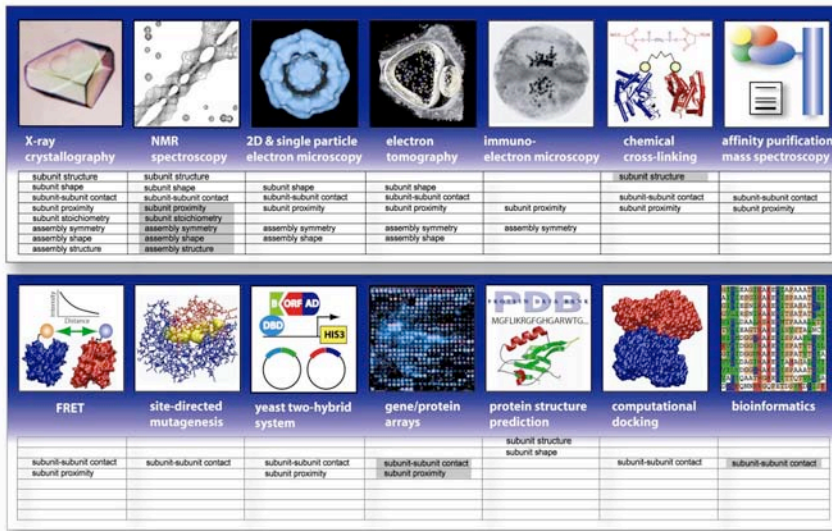
Summary: NPC Structure

- There are models (configurations) that satisfy all input restraints.
- These models are similar to each other in terms of protein-protein contacts.
- The model is in harmony with some other data.
- Simple models indicate feasibility.
- The model inspired hopefully testable hypotheses about evolution of the NPC and coated vesicles (as well as the mechanism of pore formation).
- The model will hopefully provide a starting point for a higher resolution characterization of the assembly (eg, EM, tomography, x-ray, cross-linking).

In Conclusion

The goal is a comprehensive description of the multitude of interactions between molecular entities, which in turn is a prerequisite for the discovery of general structural principles that underlie all cellular processes.

This goal will be achieved by a **tight** integration of experimental and computational approaches, spanning all relevant size and time scales.



Sali, Earnest, Glaeser, Baumeister. From words to literature in structural proteomics. Nature 422, 216-225, 2003.