

# Repliement des protéines avec la révolution d'AlphaFold2

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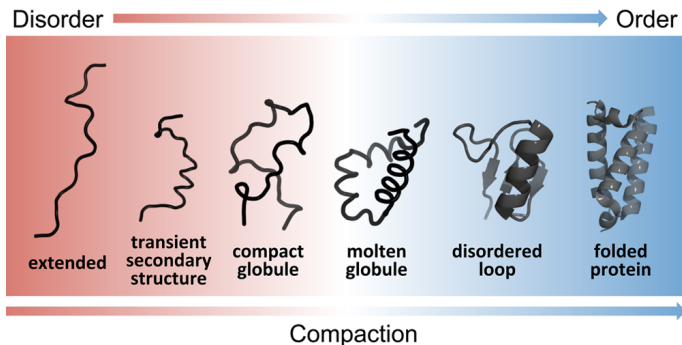
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# Processus du repliement

# Repliement



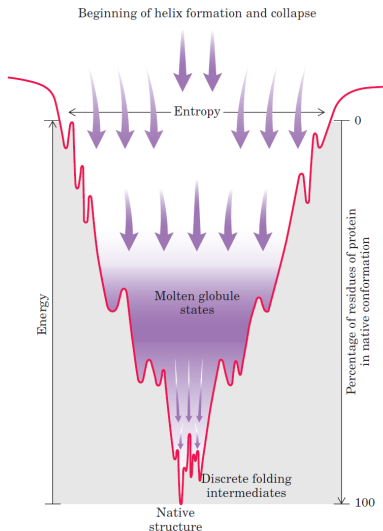
- Molten globule: interactions hydrophobes
- Structure 3D finale: liaisons hydrogènes

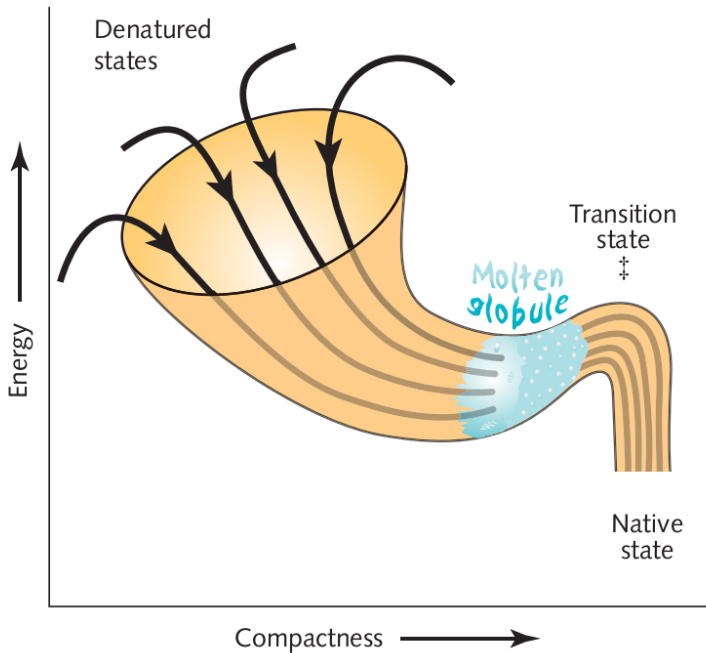
## Pourquoi est le repliement des protéines si rapide ?

Paradoxe de Levinthal (1968):

- chaque résidu n'a que deux possibilité de conformation
- une protéine de 100 résidu aurait  $2^{100} \approx 10^{30}$  conformations possibles.
- Conclusion: une protéine ne peut pas se replier par une recherche au hasard de la conformation native
- Elle doit suivre un chemin de repliement (*folding pathway*) plus efficace.

# Entonnoir du repliement







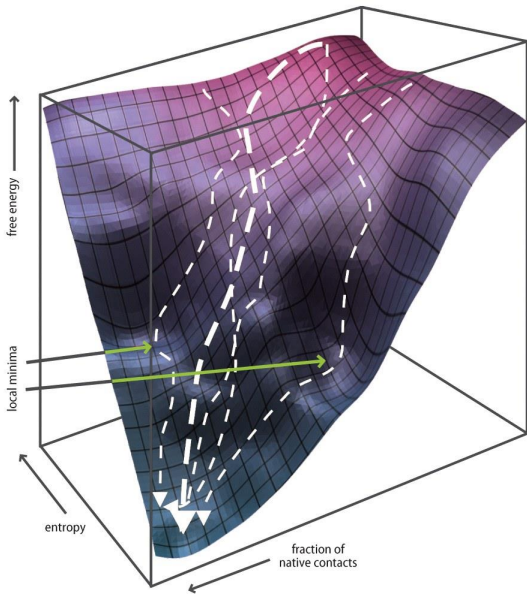
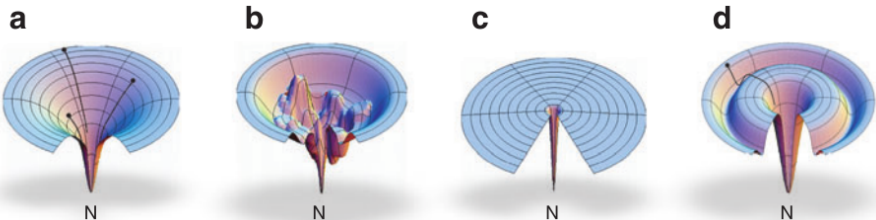


Figure 6.15 How Proteins Work (©2012 Garland Science)

# Entonnoir du repliement



a: fast folder

b: kinetic traps

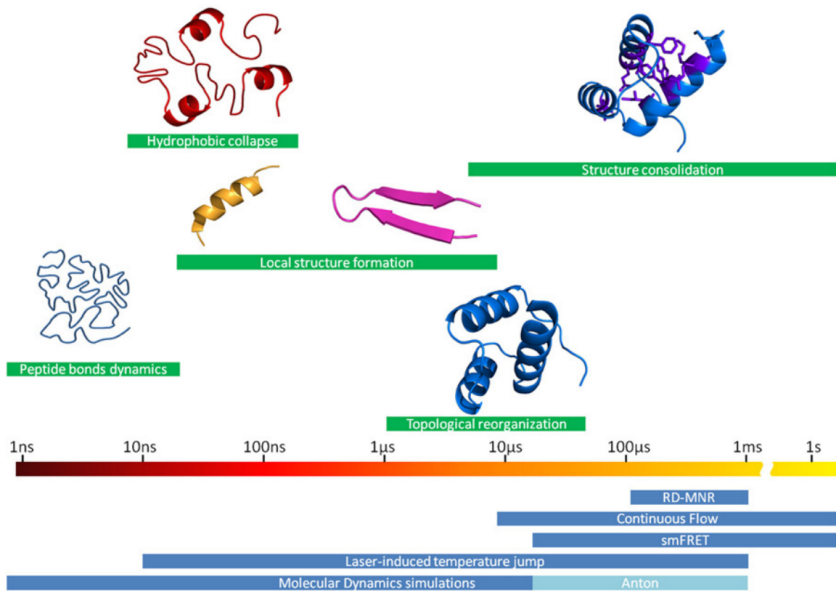
c: diffusional conformational search

d: obligatory intermediate

Ken A. Dill et al. (June 2008). en. In: *Annual Review of Biophysics* 37.1

# Vitesses du repliement

- Hélices se forment plus rapidement que des feuillet
- Hélices  $\Leftrightarrow$  contacts proches dans la séquence
- Feuillet  $\Leftrightarrow$  contacts distants dans la séquence
- Hélices: 0.1 - 1  $\mu\text{s}$ ,  $\beta$ -hairpins: 1 - 10  $\mu\text{s}$
- La vitesse 'limite' du repliement:  $N/50 \mu\text{s}$ , N: nombre de résidus



État déplié

## Rayon de giration

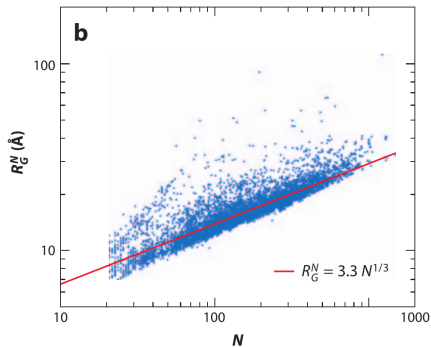
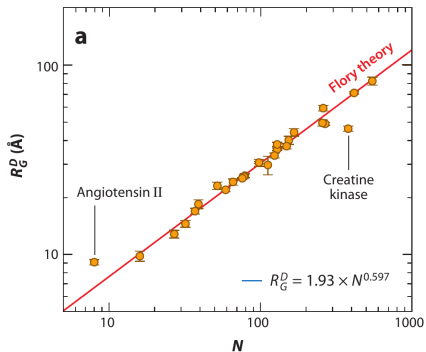
Protein	Number of residues	$R_G$ (native)	$R_G$ (denatured)	Ratio
PI3 kinase, SH3 domain	90	18.6	27.5	0.7
Horse heart cytochrome c	104	17.8	32.6	0.5
Hen egg white lysozyme	129	20.5	34.6	0.6
Yeast triose phosphate isomerase	247	29.7	49.7	0.6

- Si centre de gravité à l'origine, alors:

$$R_G = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_i m_i (x_i^2 + y_i^2 + z_i^2)}{\sum_i m_i}}$$

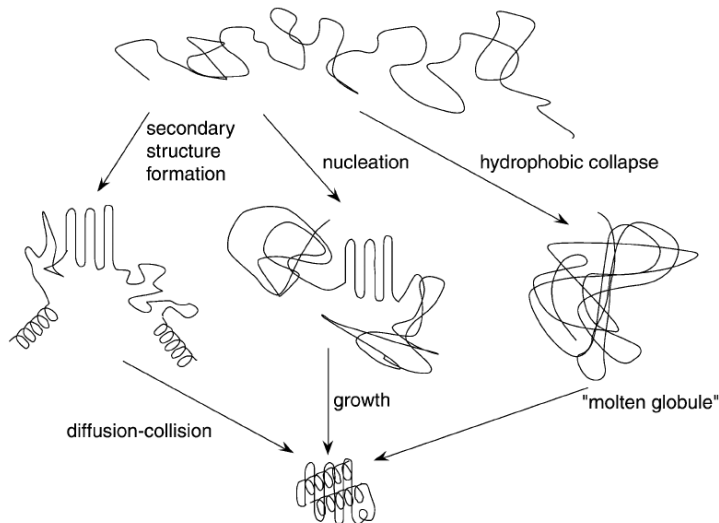
- Random coil:  $R_G \propto N^{0.6}$  avec N nombre de résidus
- Globule compacte:  $R_G \propto N^{0.33}$

## Rayon de giration



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## Modèles classiques pour le repliement



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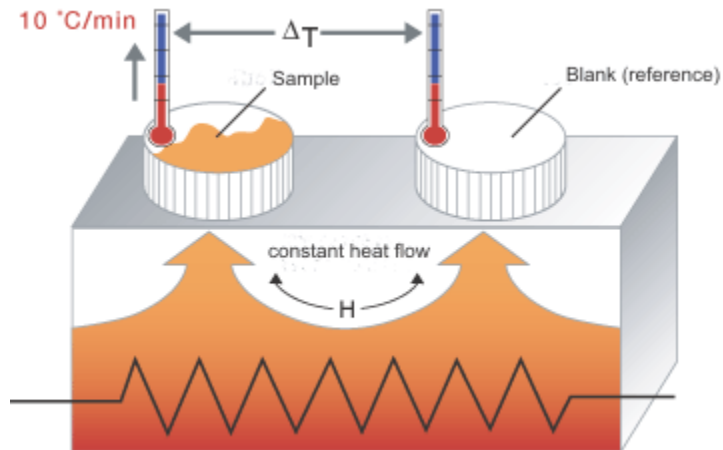
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  - Méthodes pour cinétique "ultra rapide"

# Méthodes thermodynamiques

# Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)

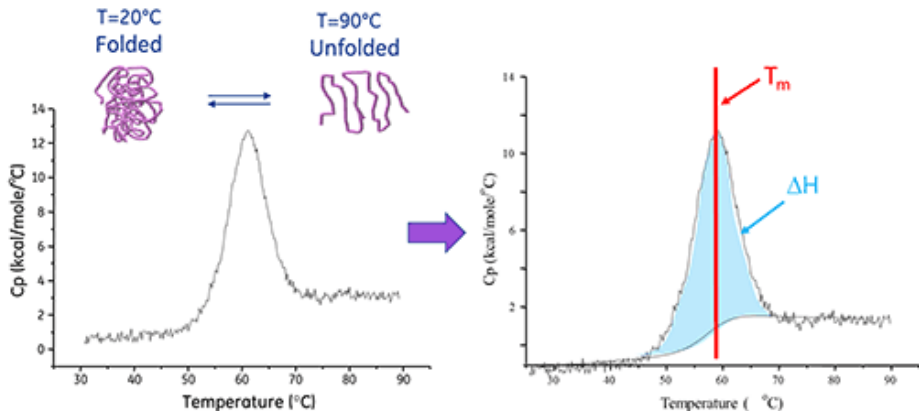


Principe: référence et échantillon sont chauffés simultanément

Protéine absorbe de la chaleur lors du dépliement =>  $\Delta T$

[www.itc.tu-bs.de/Abteilungen/Makro/Methods/dsc.htm](http://www.itc.tu-bs.de/Abteilungen/Makro/Methods/dsc.htm)

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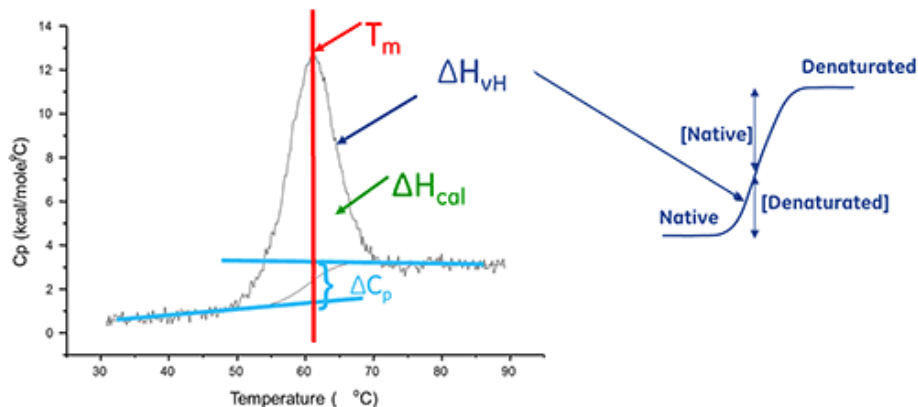
$T_m$ : température médiane de transition thermique (thermal transition midpoint)

$C_p$ : capacité calorifique (heat capacity)

H: enthalpie

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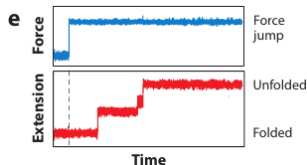
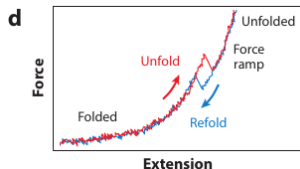
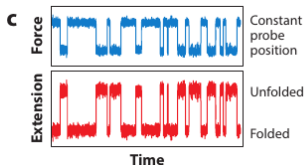
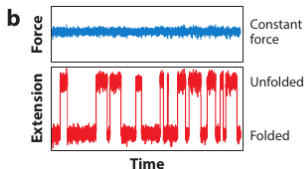
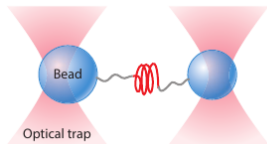
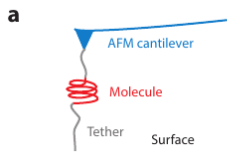
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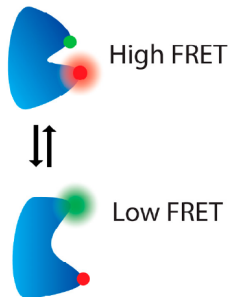
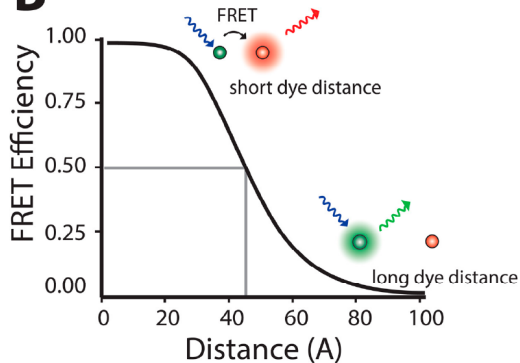
# Techniques sur molécule unique

# Single molecule force spectroscopy (SMFS)



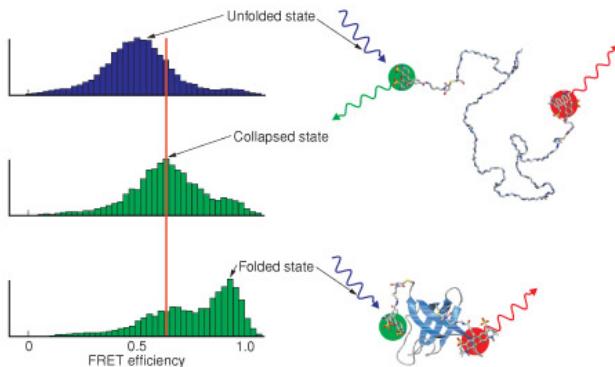
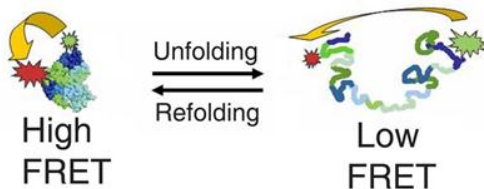
- a) Atomic force microscopy (AFM) and Optical tweezers
- b) Constant force mode: extension fluctuates
- c) Constant probe position: force and extension fluctuate
- d) Force-ramp mode: elastic stretching is interrupted by a "rip", hysteresis indicates a nonequilibrium process
- e) Force-jump mode: extension changes in steps

## Fluorescence resonance energy transfer (FRET)

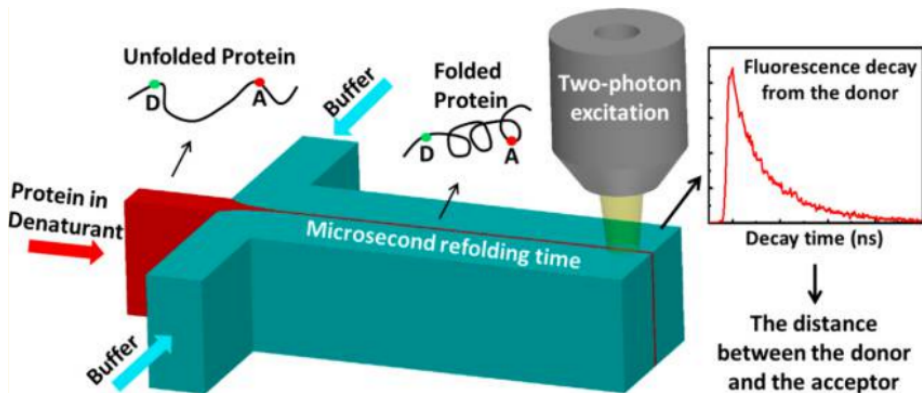
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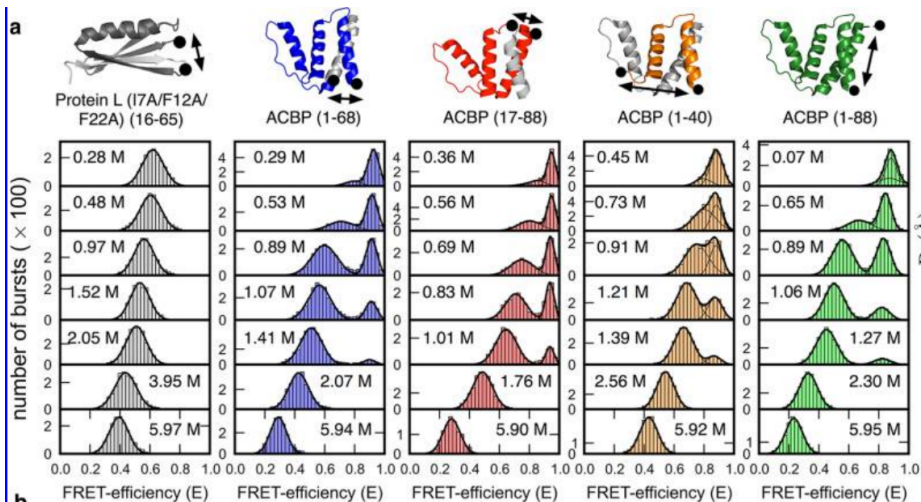
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# Time-resolved FRET (TR-FRET)

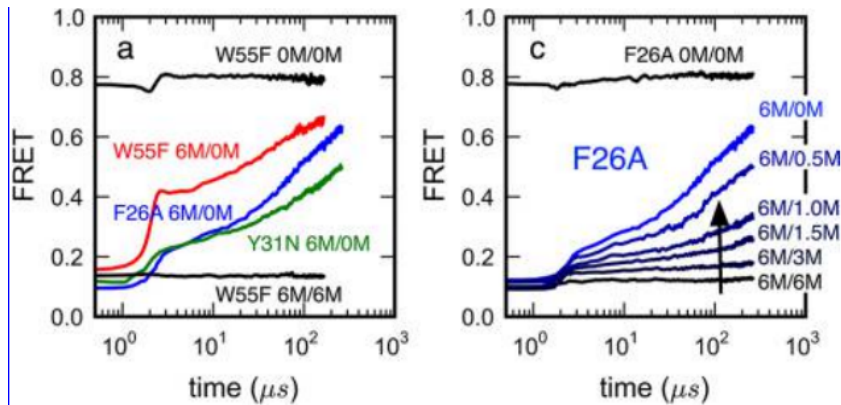


## FRET sur ACBP



## FRET sur ACBP - Collapse très lent

Solution dénaturant (6 M GuHCl) vers solution de repliement (0 M GuHCl):

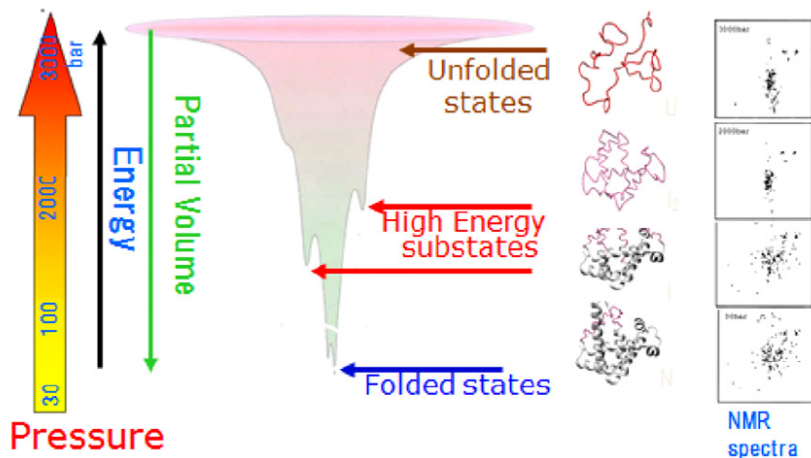


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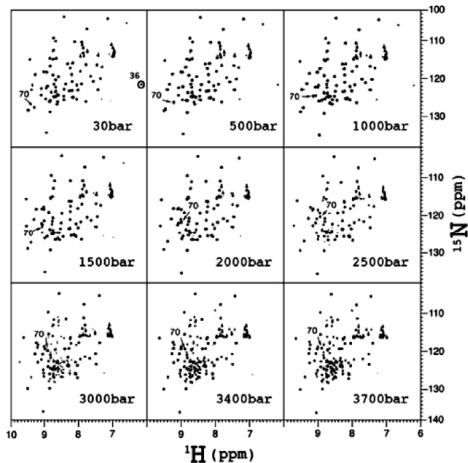
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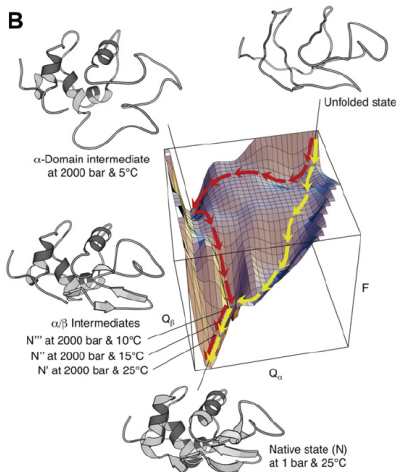
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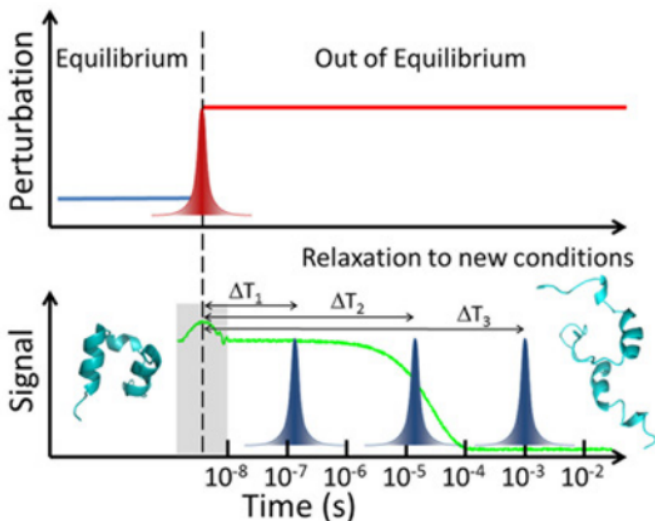
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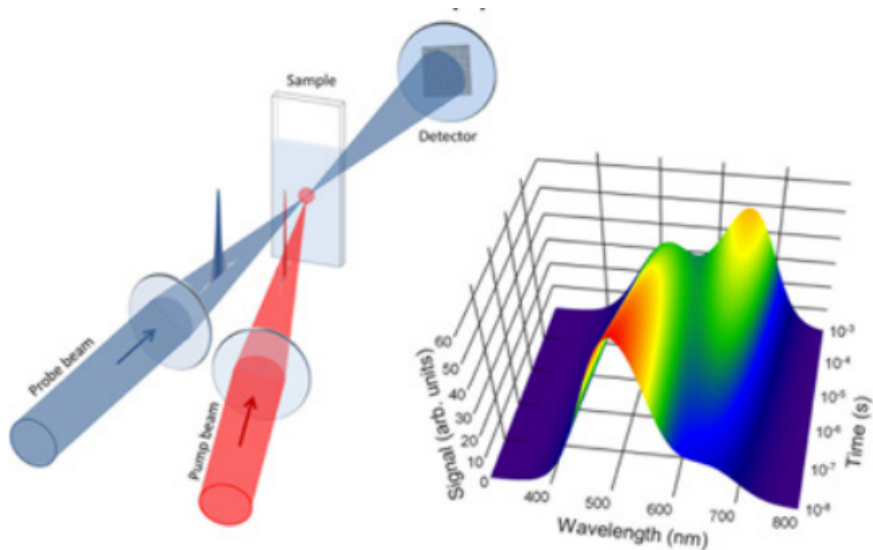
# Méthodes pour cinétique "ultra rapide"

## Laser T-jump

## Ultrafast Kinetic Perturbation Methods



# Laser T-jump



### 3 Repliement par dynamique moléculaire

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# Introduction

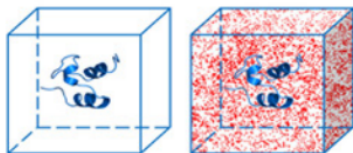
## Molecular Dynamics Simulations

## A. Force Field

$$U = \sum k_b (r - r_0)^2 + \sum k_\theta (\theta - \theta_0)^2 + \sum A [1 + \cos(nT - \phi)] + \sum \sum q_i q_j / r_{ij} + \sum \sum B \left[ \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left( \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right]$$

bond stretching
bending
torsional
electrostatics
van der Waals

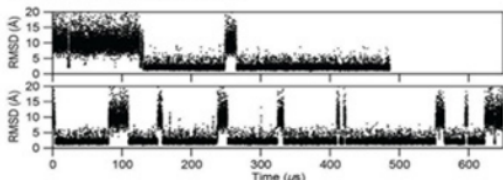
## B. Simulation System



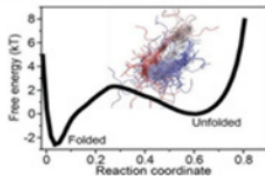
## C. Specialized High Performance Computing



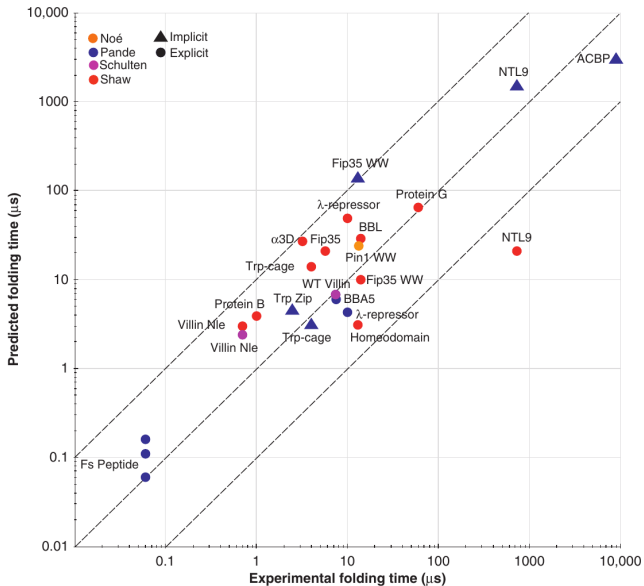
## D. Molecular Trajectories



## E. Free Energy Surface calculation

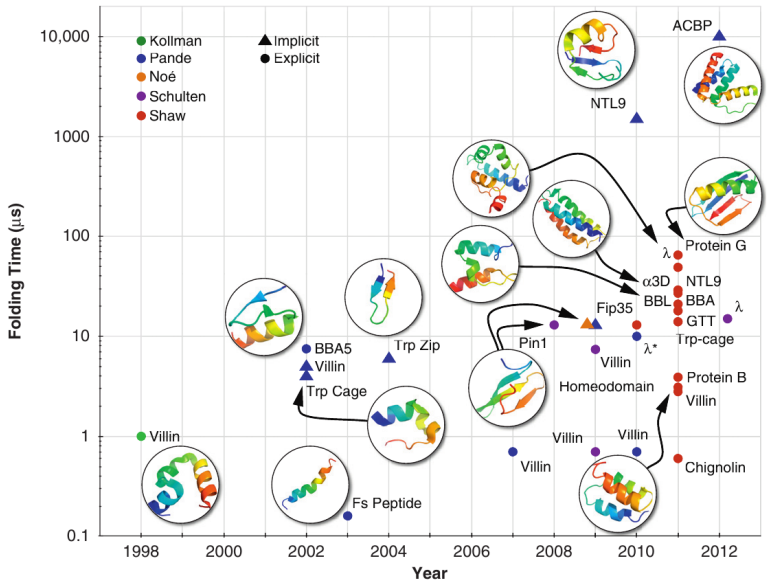


# Temps de repliement



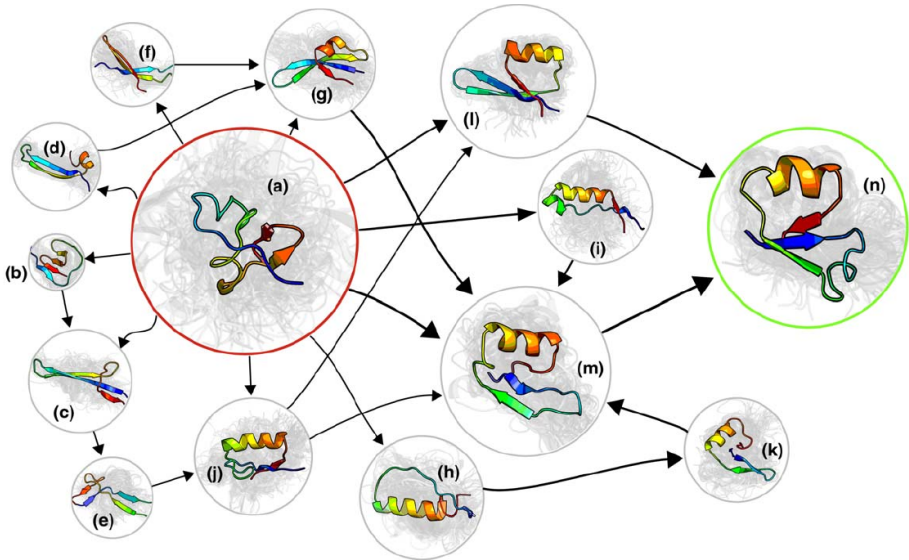
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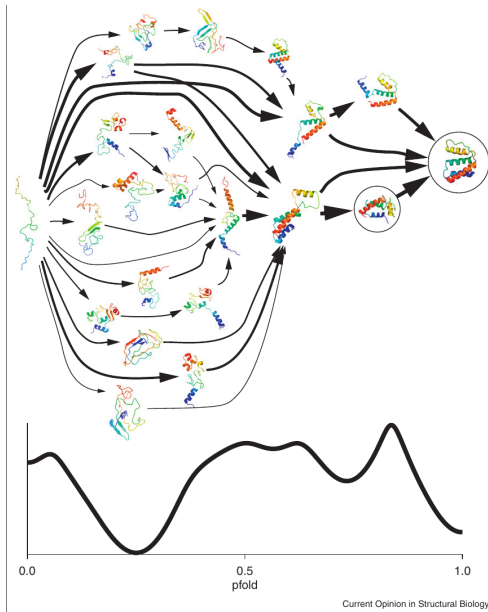
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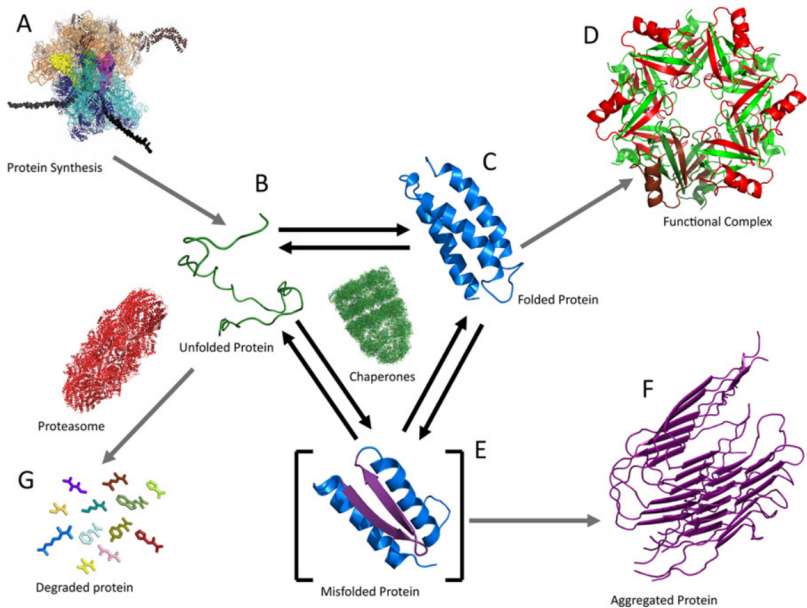


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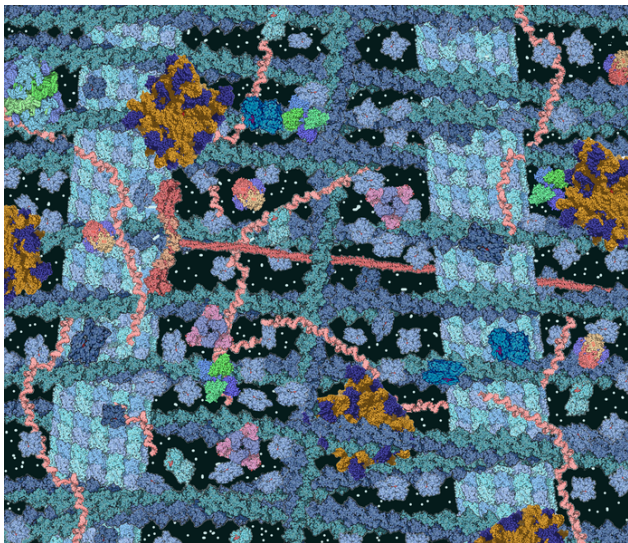
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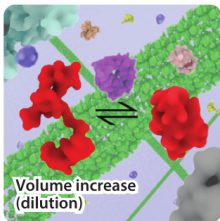
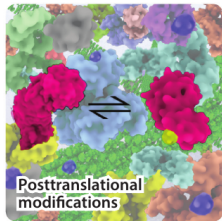
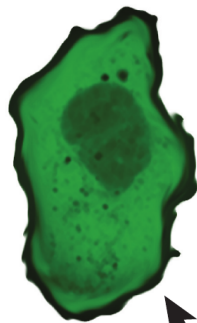
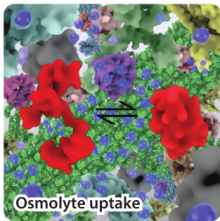
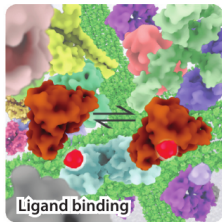
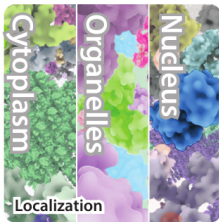
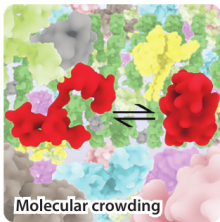


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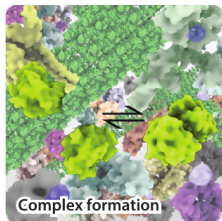


# Molecular crowding





External conditions  
(e.g., temperature,  
pressure, and  
osmolarity)



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## Protein design

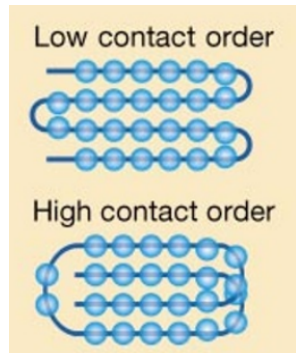
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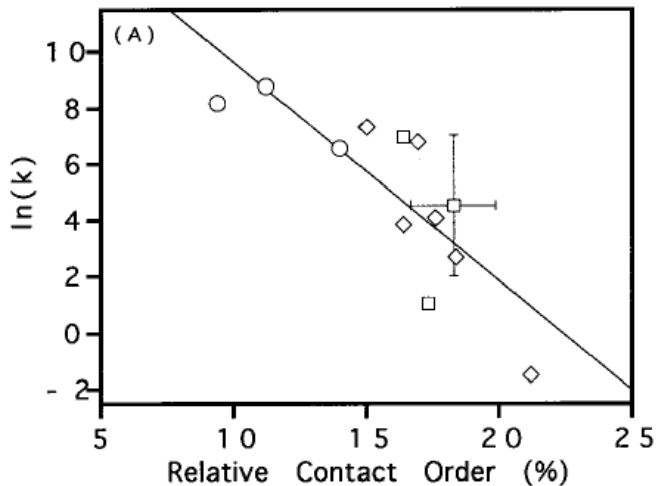
$$CO = \frac{1}{L \cdot N} \sum^N \Delta S_{i,j} \quad (1)$$

where  $N$  is the total number of contacts,  $\Delta S_{i,j}$  is the sequence separation, in residues, between contacting residues  $i$  and  $j$ , and  $L$  is the total number of residues in the protein.

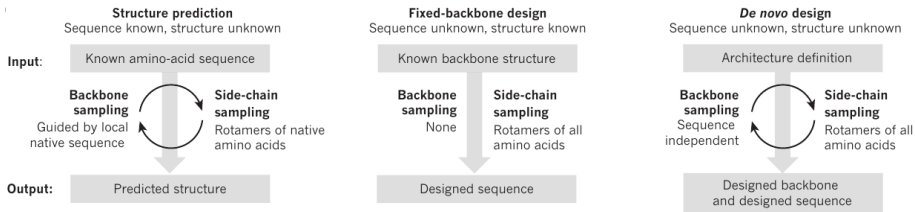


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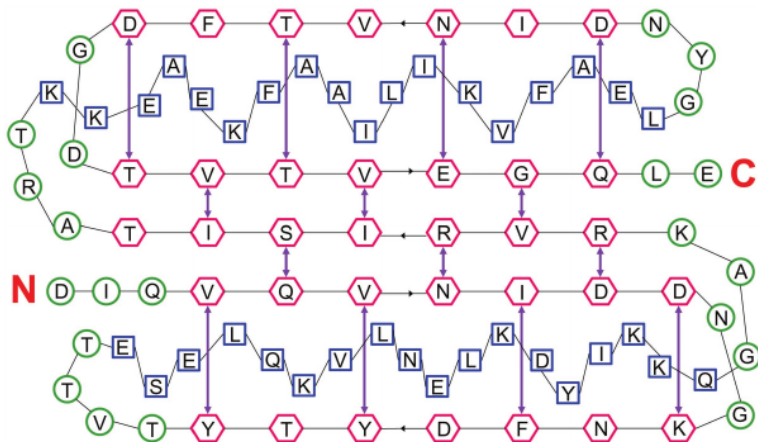


# De novo protein design



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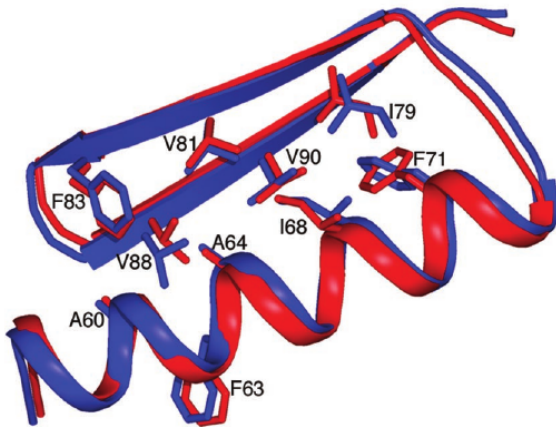
## Protein design - first success story



**Fig. 1.** A two-dimensional schematic of the target fold (hexagon, strand; square, helix; circle, other). Hydrogen bond partners are shown as purple arrows. The amino acids shown are those in the final designed (Top7) sequence.

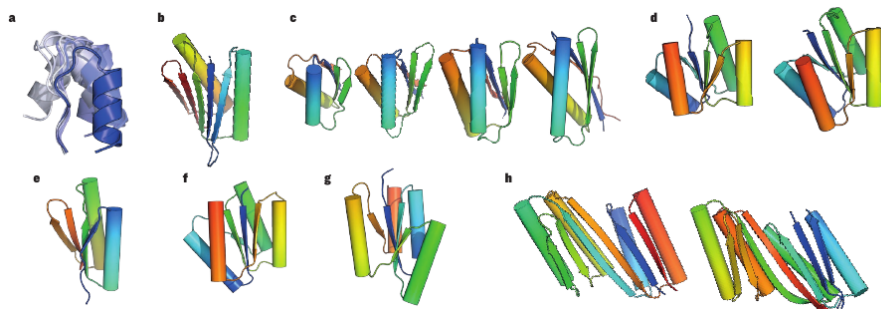


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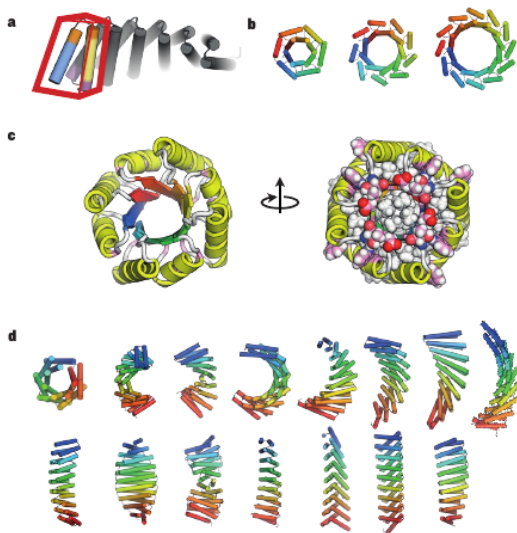
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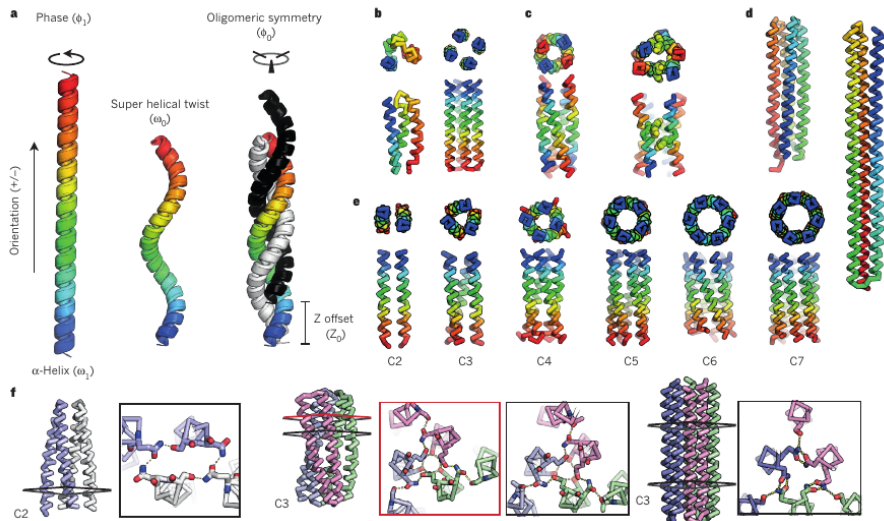


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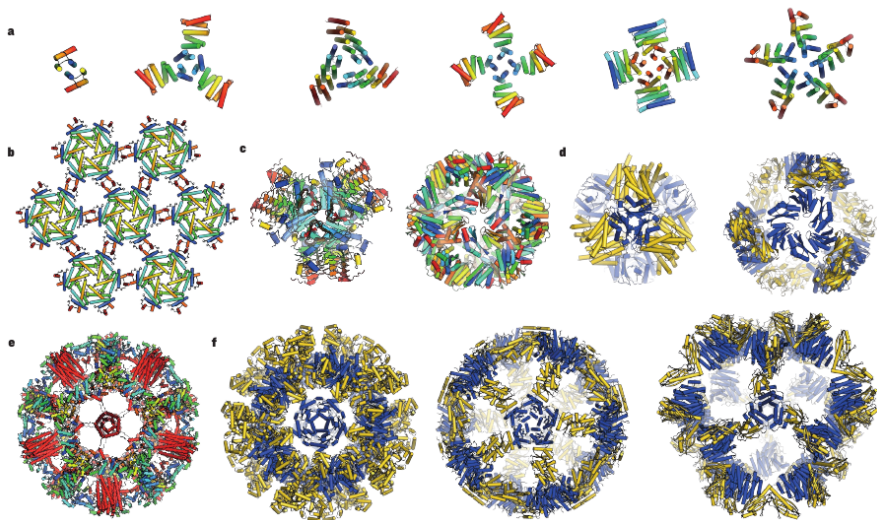
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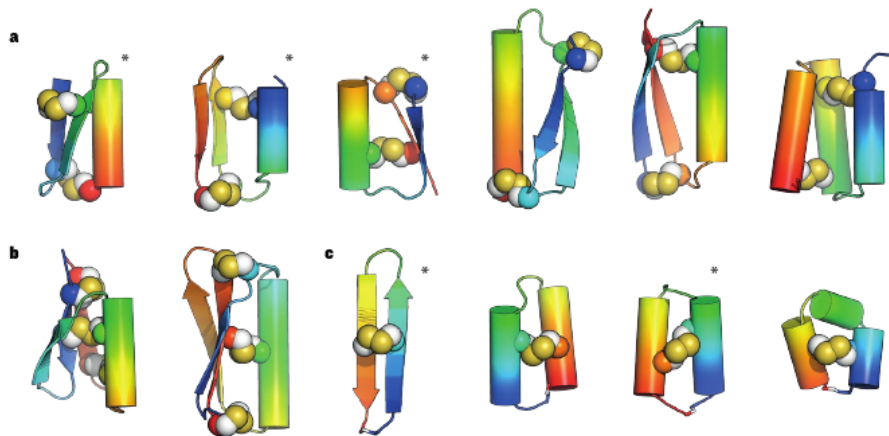
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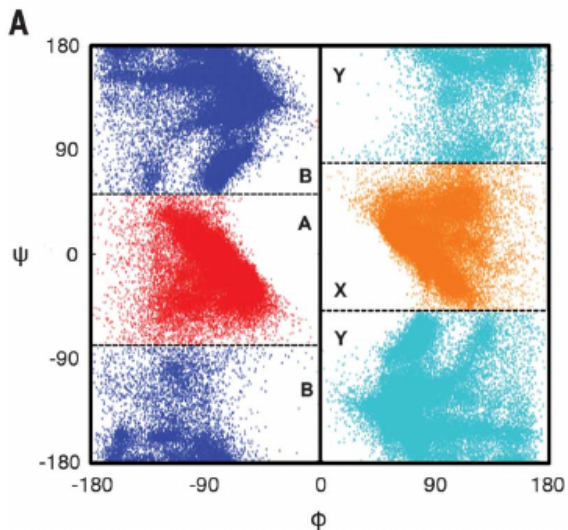
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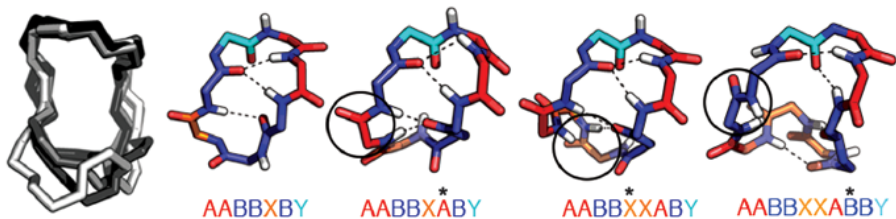


## Protein design - macrocycles



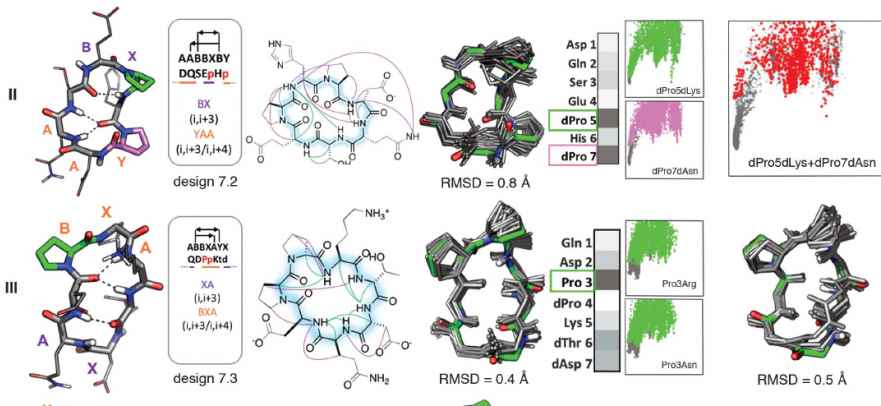


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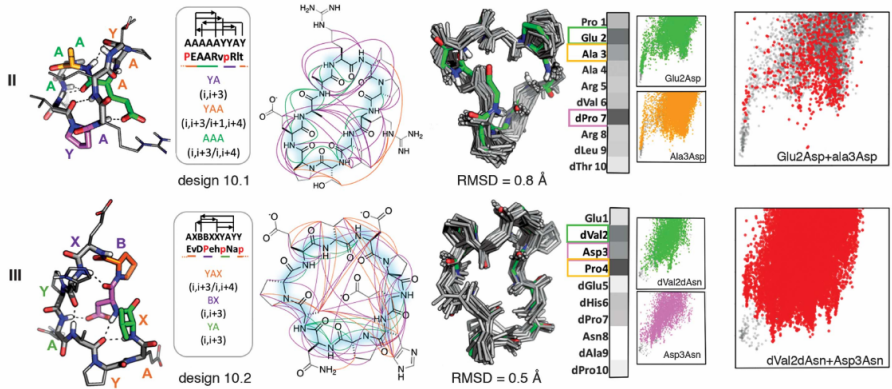
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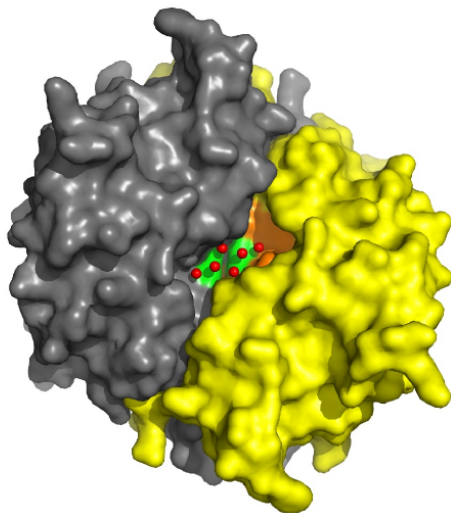
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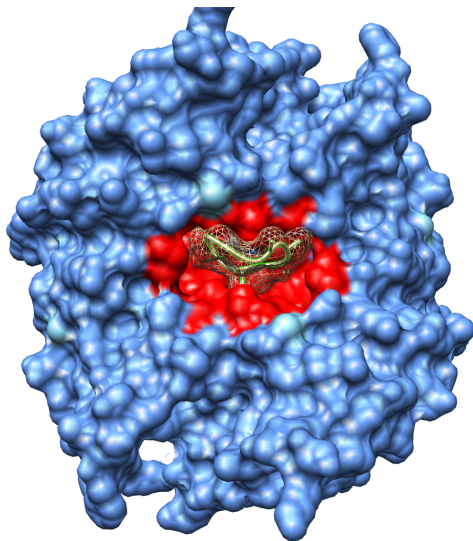
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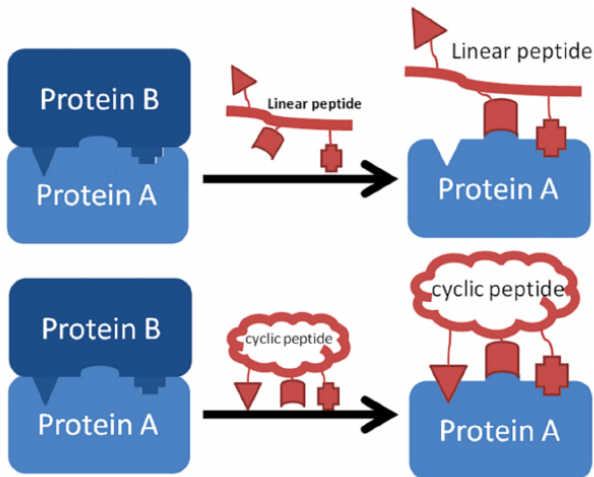
# Drug design: cibler les interactions protéine-protéine



# Drug = peptide cyclique



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## Alpha Fold

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# Alpha Fold - La révolution

## Le press release de CASP du 30 nov 2020

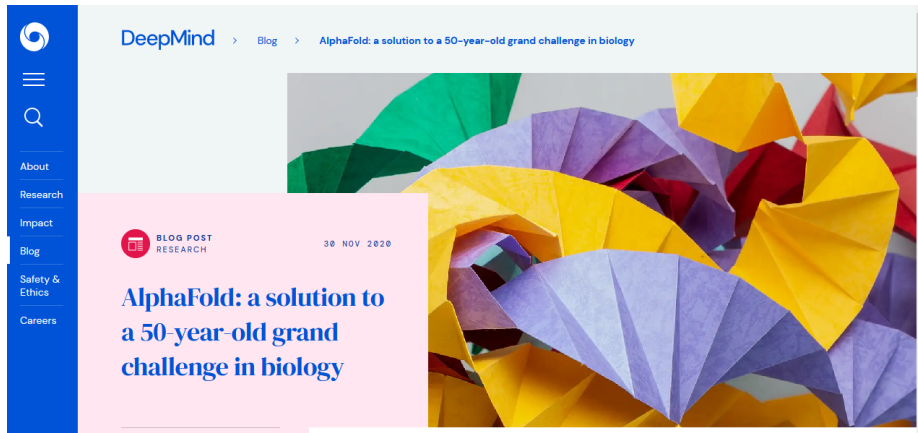
"Artificial intelligence solution to a 50-year-old science challenge could 'revolutionise' medical research"

"Today (Monday) researchers at the 14th Community Wide Experiment on the Critical Assessment of Techniques for Protein Structure Prediction (CASP14) will announce that an artificial intelligence (AI) solution to the challenge has been found."

"Nearly 50 years ago, Christian Anfinsen was awarded a Nobel Prize for showing that it should be possible to determine the shape of proteins based on their sequence of amino acids – the individual building blocks that make up proteins. That's why our community of scientists have been working on the biennial CASP challenge."

[https://predictioncenter.org/casp14/doc/CASP14\\_press\\_release.html](https://predictioncenter.org/casp14/doc/CASP14_press_release.html)

# DeepMind de google basé à Londres



The image shows a screenshot of a web page from DeepMind. On the left is a blue navigation sidebar with icons for a home page, a menu, a search function, and links for 'About', 'Research', 'Impact', 'Blog', 'Safety & Ethics', and 'Careers'. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'DeepMind > Blog > AlphaFold: a solution to a 50-year-old grand challenge in biology'. Below this is a large, colorful background image of folded paper structures in shades of green, purple, yellow, and red. A light pink overlay box contains the following text: a red icon of a document with a grid, the words 'BLOG POST' and 'RESEARCH' in a small font, the date '30 NOV 2020', and the main title 'AlphaFold: a solution to a 50-year-old grand challenge in biology' in a large, bold, blue font.

## Le relais immédiat dans Nature de l'annonce de CASP

30 nov 2020, Nature, "It will change everything': DeepMind's AI makes gigantic leap in solving protein structures"

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-03348-4>

## La presse

30 nov 2020, The New York Times, London AI claims breakthrough that could accelerate drug discovery

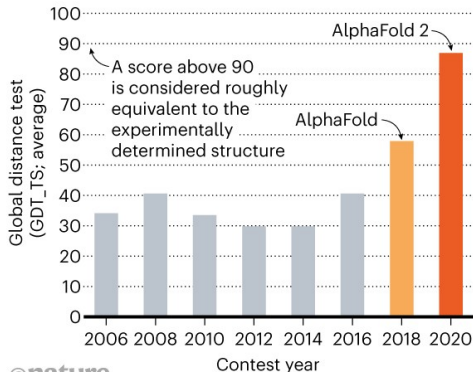
1 déc 2020, France Culture, Le "problème de repliement des protéines" résolu par une intelligence artificielle

11 déc 2020, Les Échos, DeepMind met les chercheurs du monde entier au tapis

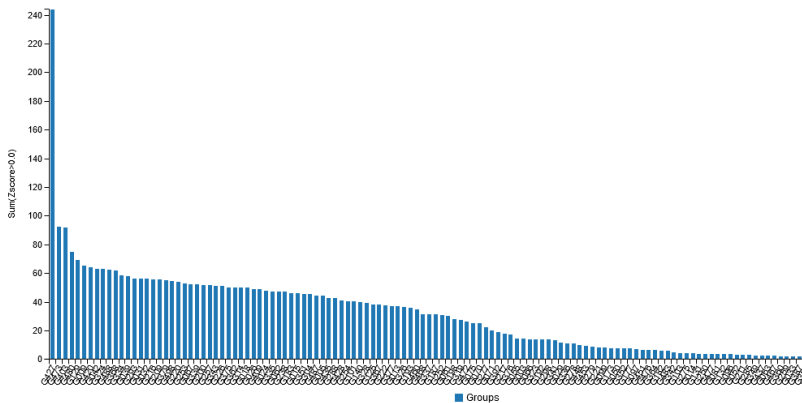
# CASP 14 et AlphaFold 2

## STRUCTURE SOLVER

DeepMind's AlphaFold 2 algorithm significantly outperformed other teams at the CASP14 protein-folding contest — and its previous version's performance at the last CASP.

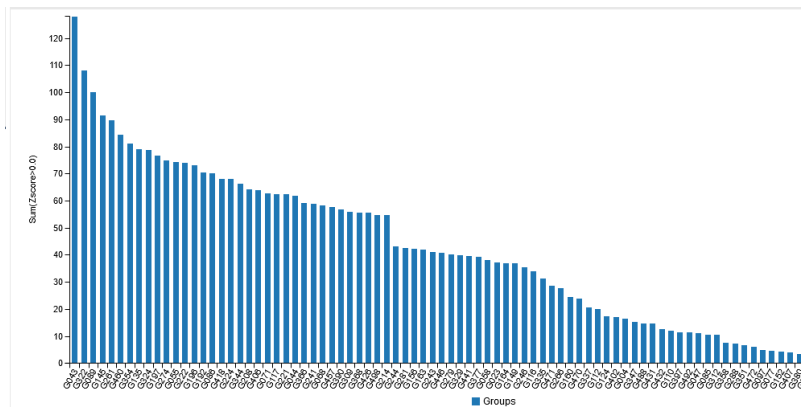


## CASP 14 et AlphaFold 2



#	◆ GR code	◆ GR name	◆ Domains Count	◆ SUM Zscore (>-2.0)	◆ Rank SUM Zscore (>-2.0)	◆ AVG Zscore (>-2.0)	◆ Rank AVG Zscore (>-2.0)	▼ SUM Zscore (>0.0)	▲ Rank SUM Zscore (>0.0)
1	427	AlphaFold2	92	244.0217	1	2.6524	1	244.0217	1
2	473	BAKER	92	90.8241	2	0.9872	2	92.1241	2
3	403	BAKER-experimental	92	88.9672	3	0.9670	3	91.4731	3
4	480	FEIG-R2	92	72.5351	4	0.7884	4	74.5627	4
5	129	Zhang	92	67.9065	5	0.7381	5	68.8922	5

## CASP 13 et AlphaFold 1



#	GR code	GR name	Domains Count	SUM Zscore (>-2.0)	Rank SUM Zscore (>-2.0)	AVG Zscore (>-2.0)	Rank AVG Zscore (>-2.0)	SUM Zscore (>0.0)	Rank SUM Zscore (>0.0)
1	043	A7D	104	120.4307	1	1.1580	1	128.0693	1
2	322	Zhang	104	107.5948	2	1.0346	2	108.1948	2
3	089	MULTICOM	104	99.4661	3	0.9564	3	99.9886	3
4	145	QUARK	104	90.9915	4	0.8749	4	91.5625	4
5	261	Zhang-Server	104	88.9540	5	0.8553	5	89.7597	5



## La presse en 2021

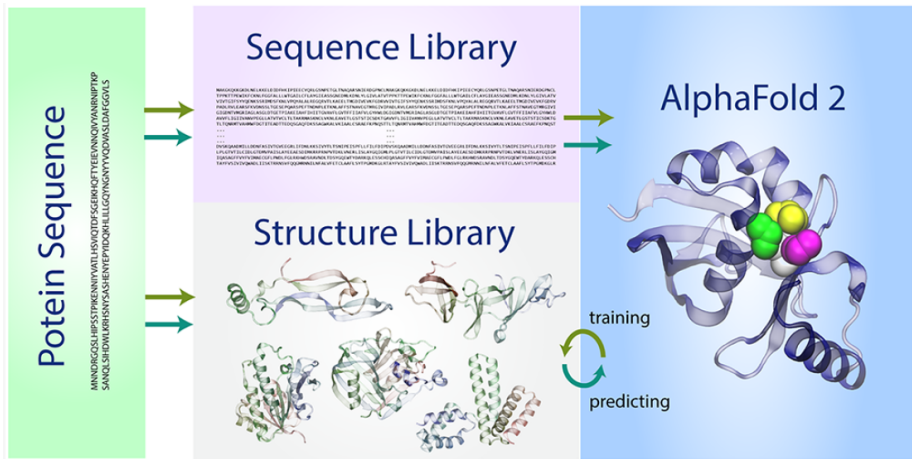
**3 oct 2021, Forbes: "AlphaFold is the most important achievement in AI - Ever"**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/robtoews/2021/10/03/alphafold-is-the-most-important-achievement-in-ai-ever/?sh=2857ff656e0a>

**22 juillet 2021, Fortune: "In giant leap for biology, DeepMind's A.I. reveals secret building blocks of human life"**

<https://fortune.com/2021/07/22/deepmind-alphafold-human-proteome-database-proteins/>

## Principe de Alpha Fold 2



Article

# Highly accurate protein structure prediction with AlphaFold


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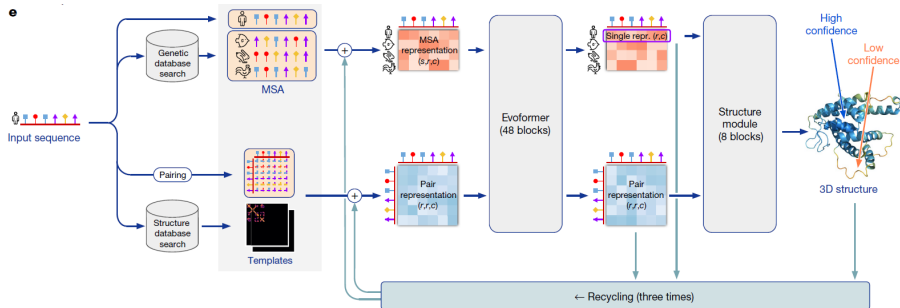
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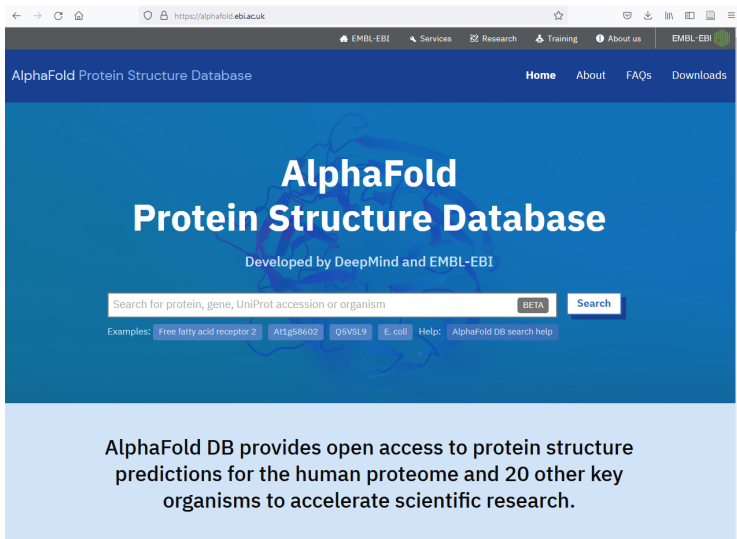
+27000 citations sur google scholar à ce jour (8 oct 2024) !

## Principe de Alpha Fold 2



# Applications de Alpha Fold

# Alpha Fold DB



AlphaFold Protein Structure Database

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## AlphaFold Protein Structure Database

Developed by DeepMind and EMBL-EBI

Search for protein, gene, UniProt accession or organism BETA Search

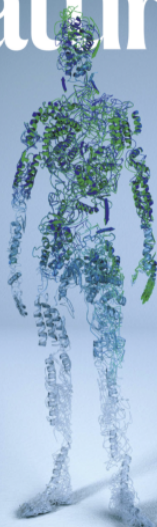
Examples: [Free fatty acid receptor 2](#) [AT1g58602](#) [Q5VSL9](#) [E. coli](#) Help: [AlphaFold DB search help](#)

AlphaFold DB provides open access to protein structure predictions for the human proteome and 20 other key organisms to accelerate scientific research.

The international journal of science / 26 August 2021

outlook  
Sickle-cell  
disease

# nature



## PROTEIN POWER

AI network predicts highly accurate 3D structures for the human proteome

**Troubled waters**  
The race to save the Great Barrier Reef from climate change

**Coronavirus**  
Time is running out to find the origins of SARS-CoV-2

**Storage hunting**  
Quantifying carbon held in Africa's montane forests

# Autres méthodes utilisant le deep learning



## Le pionnier: RaptorX de Jinbo Xu et al.

Serveur RaptorX:

<http://raptorx.uchicago.edu/>

CASP 14: score 38 vs 244 pour AlphaFold 2

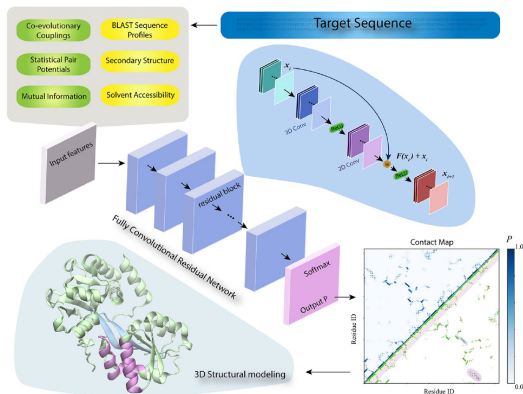
"This server was officially ranked 1st in contact prediction in both CASP12 and CASP13 and initiated the revolution of protein structure prediction by deep learning."

## DESTINI de Jeffrey Skolnick et al.

Serveur DESTINI:

<https://sites.gatech.edu/cssb/destini/>

CASP 14: score 29 vs 244 pour AlphaFold 2



# Le rattrapage de David Baker



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RoseTTAFold: Accurate protein structure prediction accessible to all

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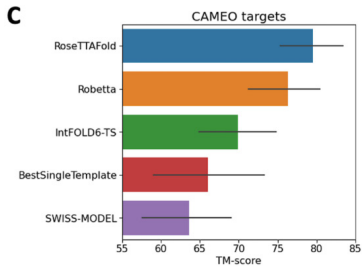
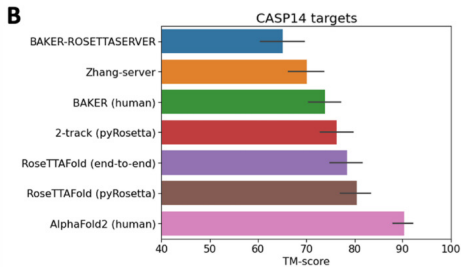
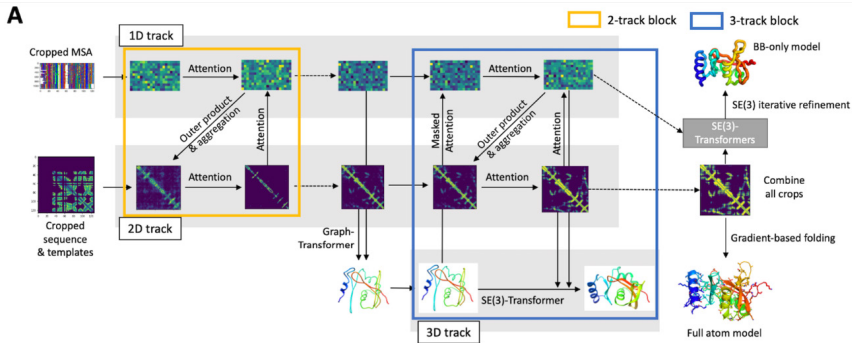
RESEARCH ARTICLES

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10.1126/science.abj8754 (2021).

## Accurate prediction of protein structures and interactions using a three-track neural network

Minkyung Baek<sup>1,2</sup>, Frank DiMaio<sup>1,2</sup>, Ivan Anishchenko<sup>1,2</sup>, Justas Dauparas<sup>1,2</sup>, Sergey Ovchinnikov<sup>3,4</sup>, Gyu Rie Lee<sup>1,2</sup>, Jue Wang<sup>1,2</sup>, Qian Cong<sup>5,6</sup>, Lisa N. Kinch<sup>7</sup>, R. Dustin Schaeffer<sup>6</sup>, Claudia Millán<sup>8</sup>, Hahnbeom Park<sup>1,2</sup>, Carson Adams<sup>1,2</sup>, Caleb R. Glassman<sup>9,10</sup>, Andy DeGiovanni<sup>12</sup>, Jose H. Pereira<sup>12</sup>, Andria V. Rodrigues<sup>12</sup>, Alberdina A. van Dijk<sup>13</sup>, Ana C. Ebrecht<sup>13</sup>, Diederik J. Opperman<sup>14</sup>, Theo Sagmeister<sup>15</sup>, Christoph Buhlheller<sup>15,16</sup>, Tea Pavkov-Keller<sup>15,17</sup>, Manoj K. Rathinaswamy<sup>18</sup>, Udit Dalwadi<sup>19</sup>, Calvin K. Yip<sup>19</sup>, John E. Burke<sup>18</sup>, K. Christopher Garcia<sup>9,10,11,20</sup>, Nick V. Grishin<sup>6,21,7</sup>, Paul D. Adams<sup>12,22</sup>, Randy J. Read<sup>8</sup>, David Baker<sup>1,2,23\*</sup>

publié le même jour que le Nature sur AlphaFold2 (15 juillet 2021) !  
mais "que" 4000 citations sur google scholar à ce jour (8 oct 2024)



## Next frontier: Oligomères

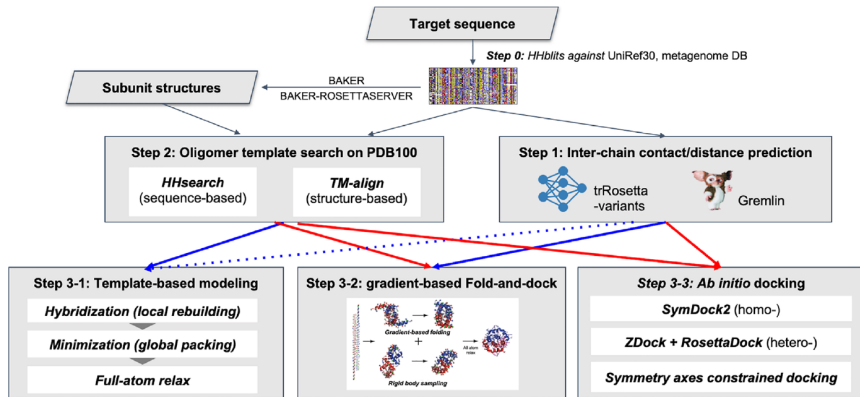


FIGURE 1 The oligomer structure modeling procedure used by the BAKER-experimental group

## RosettaFold: github et serveur

<https://github.com/RosettaCommons/RoseTTAFold>

<https://robetta.bakerlab.org/>

**voir aussi ici:**

<https://www.rosettacommons.org/>

# Comprendre Alpha Fold



## Le blog de "Oxford Protein Informatics Group"

[https://www.blopig.com/blog/2021/07/  
alphafold-2-is-here-whats-behind-the-structure-predict](https://www.blopig.com/blog/2021/07/alphafold-2-is-here-whats-behind-the-structure-predict)

"... we have many new questions. What is the secret sauce before the news splash, and why is it so effective? Is it a piece of code that the average user can actually run? What are AlphaFold 2's shortcomings? And, most important of all, what will it mean for computational biology? And for all of us?"

<https://moalquraishi.wordpress.com/2020/12/08/alphafold2-casp14-it-feels-like-ones-child-has-left-home-amp/>

# Mutations corrélées, MSA

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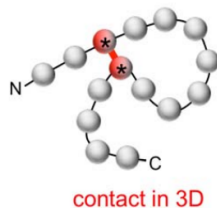
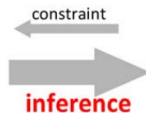
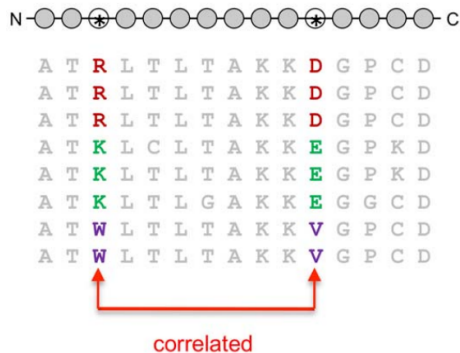


# Protein 3D Structure Computed from Evolutionary Sequence Variation

**Debora S. Marks<sup>1\*</sup>, Lucy J. Colwell<sup>2,3</sup>, Robert Sheridan<sup>3</sup>, Thomas A. Hopf<sup>1</sup>, Andrea Pagnani<sup>4</sup>, Riccardo Zecchina<sup>4,5</sup>, Chris Sander<sup>3</sup>**

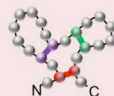
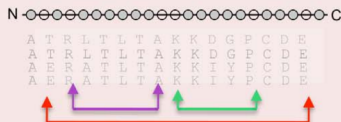
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## Principe



## Protocole de 2011 sans deep-learning

Align evolutionary diverged sequences



Calculate covariance matrix for each pair of sequence positions for all pairs of amino acids (A,B)

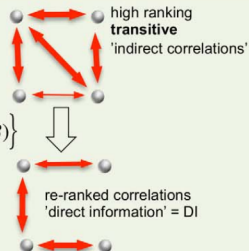
$$C_{ij}(A,B) = f_{ij}(A,B) - f_i(A)f_j(B)$$

$$C_{ij}^{-1}(A,B) = -e_{ij}(A,B)_{i \neq j}$$

Identify maximally informative pair couplings using **statistical model** of entire protein to infer residue-residue co-evolution

$$P_{ij}^{Dir}(A,B) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\{e_{ij}(A,B) + \tilde{h}_i(A) + \tilde{h}_j(B)\}$$

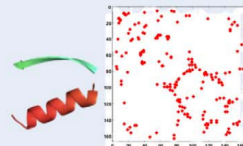
$$DI_{ij} = \sum_{A,B=1}^q P_{ij}^{Dir}(A,B) \ln \frac{P_{ij}^{Dir}(A,B)}{f_i(A)f_j(B)}$$



## Protocole de 2011 sans deep-learning

Analyze the highest scoring pairs to produce ranked list of residue pairs which we predict to be close in 3D space. Use these pairs as predicted close "evolutionary inferred contacts"<sup>3</sup>, EICs, in folding calculations

```
assign (resid 143 and name CA) (resid 123 and name CA) 4 4 3
assign (resid 16 and name CA) (resid 10 and name CA) 4 4 3
assign (resid 141 and name CA) (resid 82 and name CA) 4 4 3
assign (resid 129 and name CA) (resid 87 and name CA) 4 4 3
assign (resid 92 and name CA) (resid 11 and name CA) 4 4 3
assign (resid 116 and name CA) (resid 81 and name CA) 4 4 3
```

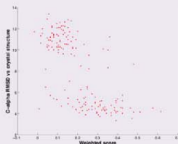


predicted contacts (EICs)

Start with extended structure  
use **distance geometry** and **simulated annealing** with predicted constraints, EICs, to fold the chain



Rank predicted structures using quality measure of backbone alpha torsion and beta sheet twist



good scores



bad scores



# Utiliser Alpha Fold



[https://colab.research.google.com/notebooks/intro.ipynb?utm\\_source=scs-index](https://colab.research.google.com/notebooks/intro.ipynb?utm_source=scs-index)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=inN8seMm7UI>

**Exemple pour faire de la MD ou aussi AlphaFold2 + MD:**

<https://github.com/pablo-arantes/Making-it-rain>

## Alpha Fold avec google colab

**une version amélioré d'alphaFold2:**

`https://colab.research.google.com/github/sokrypton/ColabFold/blob/main/AlphaFold2.ipynb`

**ou l'original:**

`https://colab.research.google.com/github/deepmind/alphafold/blob/main/notebooks/AlphaFold.ipynb`

## Alpha Fold en local

On peut l'installer aussi sur une machine en local, mais il faut qu'elle soit très puissante:

<https://github.com/deepmind/alphafold>

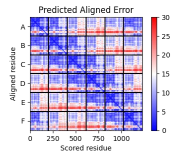
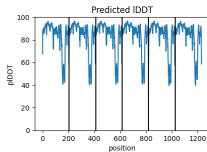
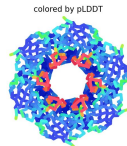
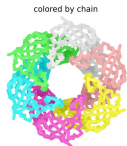
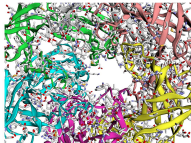
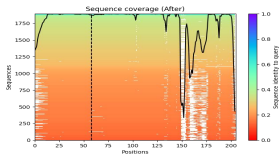
" The simplest way to run AlphaFold is using the provided Docker script. This was tested on Google Cloud with a machine using the nvidia-gpu-cloud-image with 12 vCPUs, 85 GB of RAM, a 100 GB boot disk, the databases on an additional 3 TB disk, and an A100 GPU."

Rien que la carte graphique A100 coûte le prix d'une petite voiture:

<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/1005002408111365.html>

# ColabFold

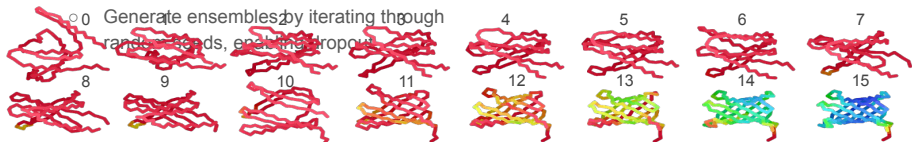
Making Protein folding accessible to all via Google Colab  
**(and the unintended uses of AlphaFold)**



[github.com/sokrypton/ColabFold](https://github.com/sokrypton/ColabFold)

# ColabFold - Advanced options

- Modify MSA input
  - Custom or MMseqs2 (much faster)
  - Trim
- **Complexes**
  - **Homo-oligomers**
  - **Hetero-oligomers**
- Fine control
  - Number of recycles
- Sample (Output more than 5 models)

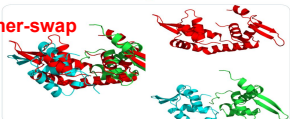




# Can predict protein-protein/peptide interactions

**Cesar Ramirez-Sarmiento** @cxarramirez · Jul 22  
Replying to @cxarramirez @sokrypton and 3 others  
OMG 🤯 the monomers in the predicted "homodimer" of FoxP1 (cyan, green) show very similar orientations when compared to the monomers in the domain-swapped structure (red) 🤖

dimer-swap

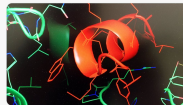


**James Murray** @jem\_imperial · Jul 24  
Replying to @drpetarmood  
There are already notebooks to predict heterodimers and homooligomers. [github.com/sokrypton/Colo](https://github.com/sokrypton/Colo). For my unpublished intertwined dimer, the monomer and dimer predictions were essentially identical, also matching the crystal structure exactly except for a few rotamers.

intertwined dimer

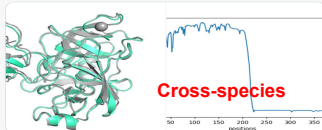


**Eugene Vekov** @eugenevekov · Jul 26  
After days of running [AlphaFold2](https://github.com/sokrypton/Colo), I am still astounded by InSightSight provides. Here, it predicted mode of peptide binding "completely consistent" with biochemical data and mutagenesis and gave additional clues which we will explore!



consistent w/  
biochem data

**padhorny** @padhorny · Jul 20  
Replying to @sokrypton and @minkbaek  
Amazing stuff. Seemingly can even do cross-species complexes (at least the strong binders). Here is what it gave me for [rcsb.org/structure/1AVX](https://rcsb.org/structure/1AVX) (not the top model though):



## Preprints rolling in...

Can AlphaFold2 predict protein-peptide complex structures accurately?

Junsu Ko, Juyong Lee

bioRxiv 2021.07.27.453972; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.07.27.453972>

Harnessing protein folding neural networks for peptide-protein docking

Tomer Tsaban, Julia Varga, Orly Avraham, Ziv Ben-Aharon, Alisa Khrumshin, Ora Schueler-Furman

bioRxiv 2021.08.01.454656; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.08.01.454656>

Improved Docking of Protein Models by a Combination of AlphaFold2 and ClusPro

Usman Ghani, Israel Desta, Akhil Jindal, Omeir Khan, George Jones, Sergey Kotelnikov, Dzmiry Padhorny, Sandor Vajda, Dima Kozakov

bioRxiv 2021.09.07.459290; doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.09.07.459290>

## ColabFold se diversifie, services en 2022

## Making Protein folding accessible to all via Google Colab!

<b>Notebooks</b>	<b>monomers</b>	<b>complexes</b>	<b>mmseqs2</b>	<b>jackhmmmer</b>	<b>templates</b>
<a href="#">AlphaFold2_mmseqs2</a>	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
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## ColabFold se diversifie, services en 2024

<https://github.com/sokrypton/ColabFold>

### Making Protein folding accessible to all via Google Colab!

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<a href="#">AlphaFold2_advanced_v2</a> (new experimental notebook)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

# ColabDesign

`https://github.com/sokrypton/ColabDesign`

## ColabDesign

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### Making Protein Design accessible to all via Google Colab!

- P(structure | sequence)
  - [TrDesign](#) - using TrRosetta for design
  - [AfDesign](#) - using AlphaFold for design
  - [WIP] [RfDesign](#) - using RoseTTAFold for design
- P(sequence | structure)
  - [ProteinMPNN](#)
  - [WIP] TrMRF
- P(sequence)
  - [WIP] [MSA\\_transformer](#)
  - [WIP] [SEQ](#) - (GREMLIN, mfDCA, arDCA, plmDCA, bmDCA, etc)
- P(structure)
  - [Rfdiffusion](#)

# AlphaFold-Multimer de DeepMind

Richard Evans et al. en preprint sur bioRxiv depuis 2021, jamais publié dans un journal avec processus de review !

<https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.10.04.463034v2>

Pour aller plus loin: EMBL webinar

# EMBL webinar "How to interpret AlphaFold structures"

8 sept 2021

<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/training/events/how-interpret-alpha-fold-structures/>

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the EMBL-EBI website. The address bar shows the URL: <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/training/events/how-interpret-alpha-fold-structures/>. The navigation menu includes: EMBL-EBI, Services, Research, Training, About us, and a search icon. The breadcrumb trail reads: EMBL-EBI Training > On-demand training > Recorded webinar > How to interpret AlphaFold structures.

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There are two tabs: "Overview" (selected) and "How to attend". The "Overview" tab contains the following text:

This webinar will introduce AlphaFold system for prediction and interpretation of protein structures. This webinar is designed for experimental biologists who wish to understand the strengths and limitations of AlphaFold and use the models to guide their experimental studies.

In this webinar we will provide an overview for the AlphaFold method and statistics that can be used to understand the reliability of the models. We will also introduce the AlphaFold Database, which provides hundreds of thousands of ready-made models across the tree of life, as well as highlight the AlphaFold Open Source and Colab notebooks that can be used to generate structures of sequences not yet available within the AlphaFold Database.

On the right side, there are several buttons and information:

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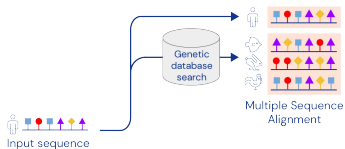
# Introduction to AlphaFold

**Presenter:** Kathryn Tunyasuvunakool  
Research Scientist at DeepMind





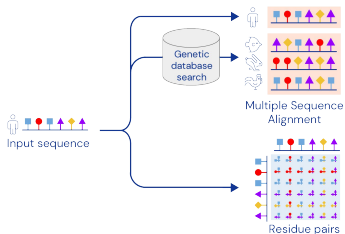
# Inputs



A key AlphaFold input is the MSA, containing sequences evolutionarily related to the target. Related sequences are found using standard tools and public databases.

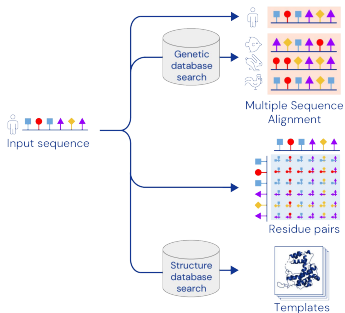


# Inputs



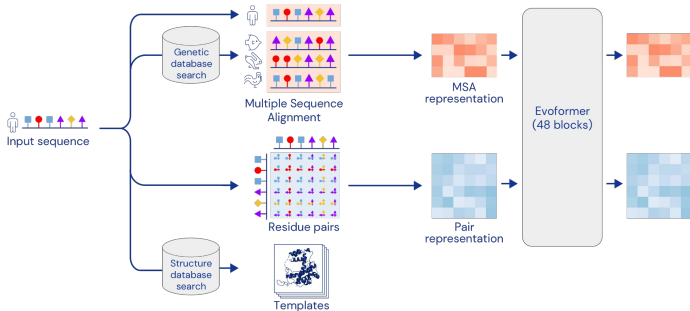
The input sequence is used to create an array of numbers representing all residue pairs.

# Inputs



AlphaFold can also use template structures from the PDB, found using standard tools. However, it often produces accurate predictions without a template.

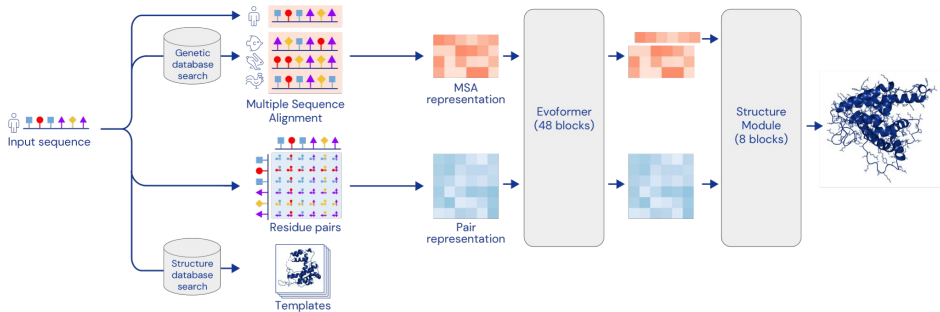
# Network



The Evoformer blocks extract information about the relationship between residues.  
The MSA representation can update the pair representation and vice versa.

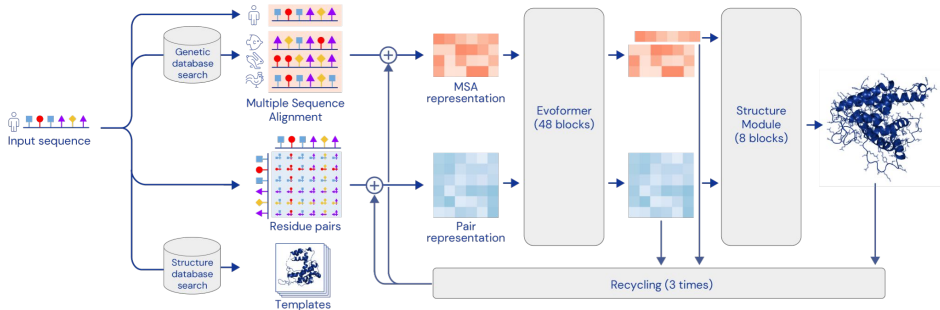
# Network

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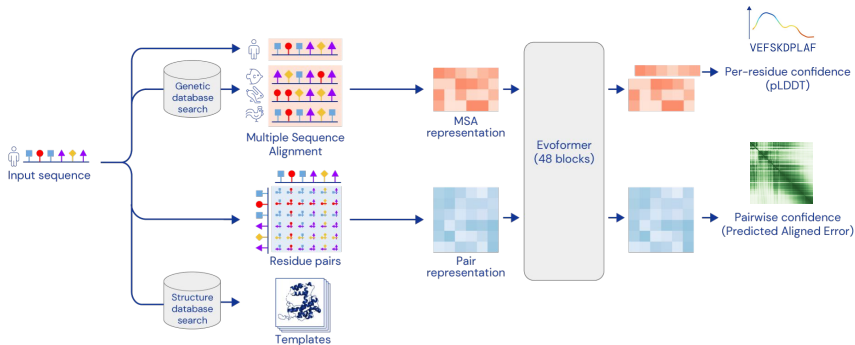
The Structure Module predicts a rotation + translation to place each residue.  
A small network predicts side chain chi angles. The final structure is run through a relaxation process.

# Network



Feeding certain outputs back through the network again improves performance

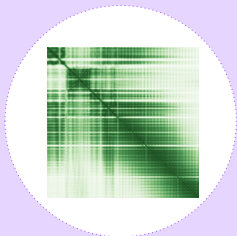
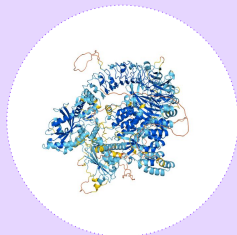
## Other outputs



As well as a predicted structure, AlphaFold produces two confidence estimates

# Interpreting predictions

The short version: use **both** confidence metrics

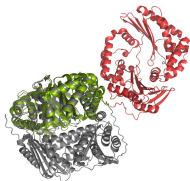


## Predicted LDDT: definition

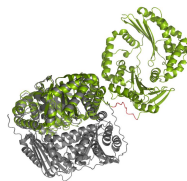
AlphaFold's per-residue prediction of its IDDT-Ca score\*

Roughly, IDDT measures the percentage of correctly predicted interatomic distances, not how well the predicted and true structures can be superimposed.

It rewards **locally correct** structures, and **getting individual domains right**.  
pLDDT behaves similarly, as a measure of **local confidence**



Alignment-based metric



IDDT

\*Mariani et al. 2013



## Predicted LDDT: format

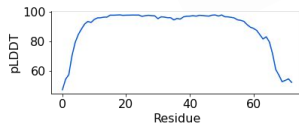
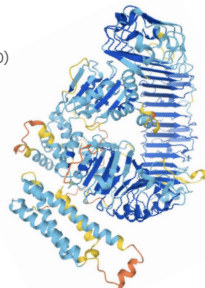
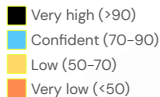
pLDDT ranges from 0 to 100 (100 is most confident)

We use a consistent “confidence bands” color scheme when displaying predictions

A pLDDT plot is also displayed by some of our tools

Prediction files always contain pLDDT in the B-factors  
Therefore a **higher** B-factor is better!

MODEL		0									
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ATOM	3	C	MET	A	1	-11.469	-6.615	32.714	1.00	63.75	C
ATOM	4	CB	MET	A	1	-9.419	-7.112	31.341	1.00	63.75	C
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ATOM	6	CG	MET	A	1	-8.311	-6.411	30.547	1.00	63.75	C
ATOM	7	SD	MET	A	1	-7.766	-7.280	29.061	1.00	63.75	S
ATOM	8	CE	MET	A	1	-7.045	-8.751	29.798	1.00	63.75	C
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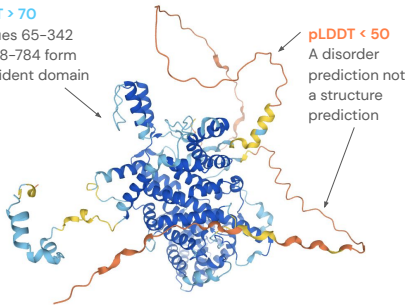


# Predicted LDDT: usage

Identifying domains & possible disordered regions

**pLDDT > 70**

Residues 65-342  
and 418-784 form  
a confident domain



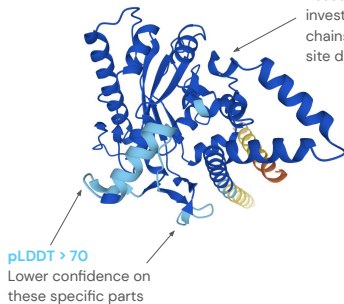
**pLDDT < 50**

A disorder  
prediction not  
a structure  
prediction

Assessing confidence within a domain

**pLDDT > 90**

Reasonable to  
investigate side  
chains / active  
site details



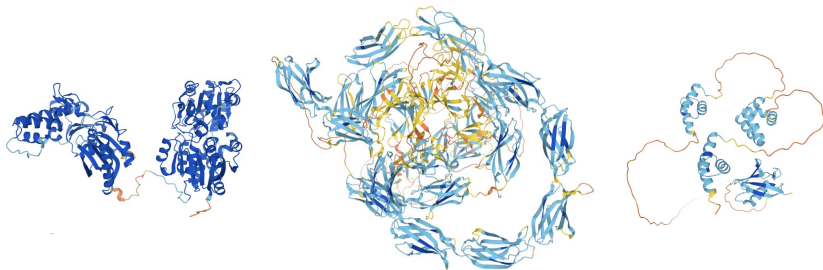
**pLDDT > 70**

Lower confidence on  
these specific parts

# Predicted LDDT: pitfalls

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High pLDDT on all domains does **not** imply AlphaFold is confident of their relative positions



## Predicted Aligned Error: definition

AlphaFold's prediction of its position error at residue  $x$ ,  
if the predicted and the true structures were aligned on residue  $y$

PAE aims to measure confidence in the **relative positions** of **pairs of residues**

Mainly used to assess relative domain positions, but applicable whenever pairwise confidence is relevant

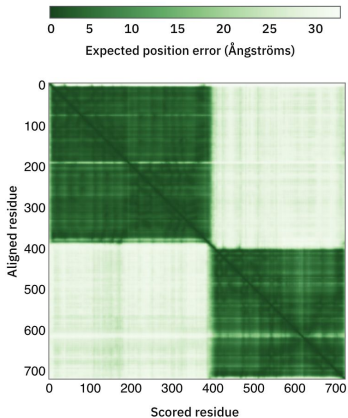
# Predicted Aligned Error: format

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PSE is displayed as a 2D plot.

Suppose residue  $y$  were aligned to the true structure and we measured the position error at residue  $x$ . The color at  $(x, y)$  is the predicted position error.

In this case the square correspond to two domains.



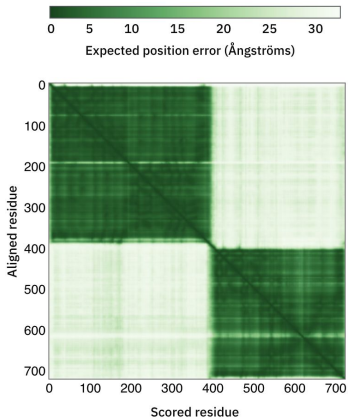
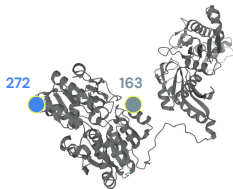
# Predicted Aligned Error: format

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RAE is displayed as a 2D plot.

Suppose residue  $j$  were aligned to the true structure  
and we measured the position error of residue  $i$ .  
The color of  $(i, j)$  is the predicted position error.

AlphaFold is confident in relative positions within each domain.



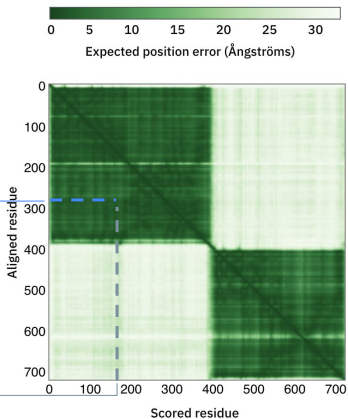
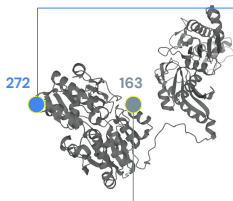
# Predicted Aligned Error: format

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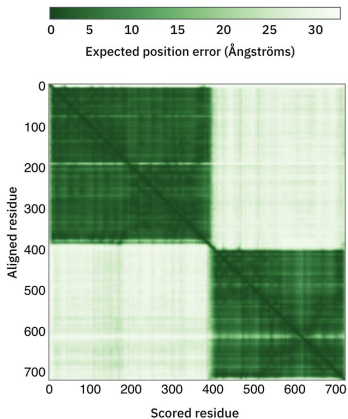
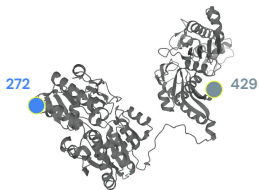
# Predicted Aligned Error: format

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Suppose residue  $y$  were aligned to the true structure  
and we measured the position error of residue  $x$ .  
The color of  $(x, y)$  is a graphical representation of the error.

Just read between domains.





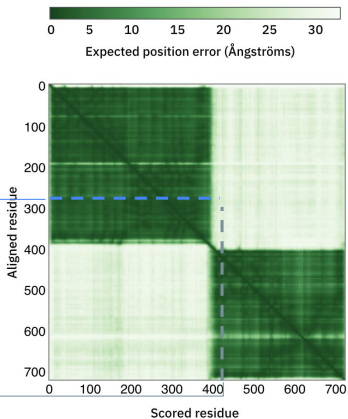
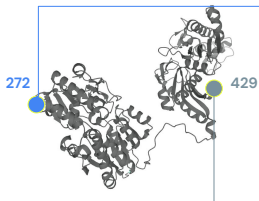
# Predicted Aligned Error: format

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RAE is displayed as a 2D plot.

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The color of  $(x, y)$  is a statistically quantification of the error.

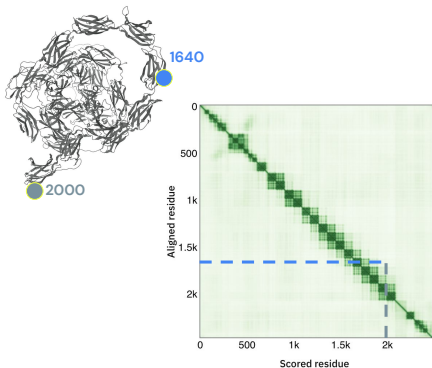
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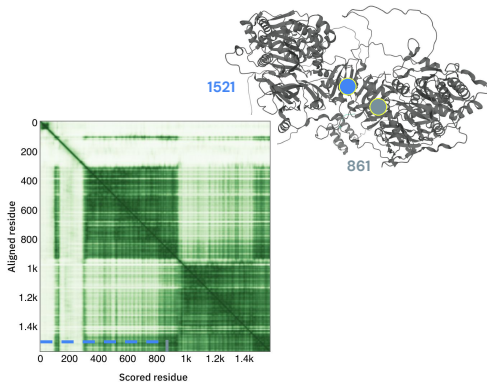
# Predicted Aligned Error: usage

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No confidence in relative domain positions



Predicted domain packing



# Things to be aware of

## Uncertain domain placement

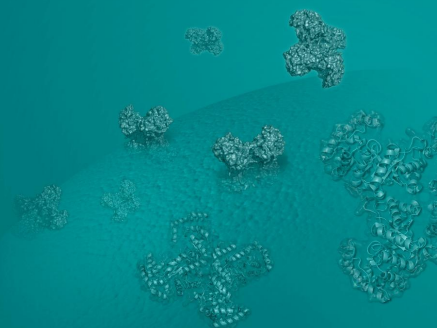
- If AlphaFold is uncertain, it won't necessarily place domains sensibly relative to each other
  - Membrane proteins won't leave space for the cell membrane
  - Clashes can occur

## Complexes

- For proteins that exist in complex, AlphaFold is missing context about their binding partners
  - Heteromers more problematic than homomers
  - Worst case: the protein is flexible in isolation
- Some have had success predicting complexes by joining 2 sequences with a linker
  - We think it is possible to extend the ideas in AlphaFold to complexes
  - However, this linker setup remains to be benchmarked

# AlphaFold database

Sameer Velankar  
EMBL-EBI

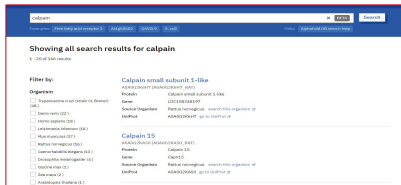


## AlphaFold Database

- ~365K predicted structures for proteins from 21 model organisms
- For the organisms currently covered, predicted structures available for sequences in the UniProt reference proteome that are between 16 and 2700 amino acids long and contain only standard amino acids
- Only one prediction (out of 5 independent predictions) is made available in the release
- Accession – AF-P12345-F[1-N]
- Files
  - AF-P12345-F[1-N]-model\_V[1-N].[pdb, mmCIF]
  - AF-P12345-F[1-N]-predicted-aligned-error\_V[1-N].json

# AlphaFold web pages

- Basic search system
- Allows search using UniProt accession, UniProt id, protein name, gene name and organism
- Clear indication that the structure shown is a prediction
- Allow easy download of structure data
- Basic information about protein
- Clearly indicates if there are experimental structures available
- Display residue-quality information in 3D viewer (pLDDT – predicted Local Distance Difference Test)
- Predicted Aligned Error (PAE viewer)



Showing all search results for **catpain**  
8 / 100 of 100 results

**Filter by:**

**Organism**

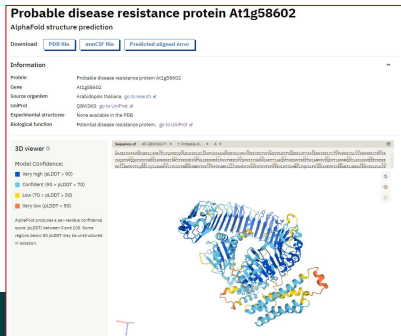
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- Rattus norvegicus (16)
- Caenorhabditis elegans (14)
- Escherichia coli (Genus: Es. Diver) (13)
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- Zooniverse (2)
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**Calpain small subunit 1-like**  
Accession: P05052 (UniProt)

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**UniProt:** A0A022K647 [go to UniProt](#)

**Calpain 15**  
Accession: P04605 (UniProt)

**Protein:** Calpain 15  
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**Probable disease resistance protein At1g58602**  
AlphaFold structure prediction

Download [PDB file](#) [swaCIF file](#) [Predicted aligned error](#)

**Information**

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**Biological function:** Potential disease resistance protein. [go to UniProt](#)

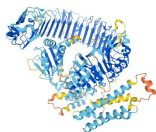
**3D Viewer**

Sequence of At1G58602:1 [Download](#) [View](#) [Close](#)

**Model Confidence:**

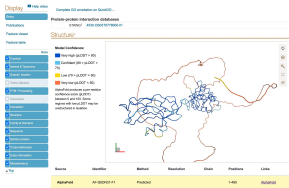
- Very High (pLDDT > 90)
- Confident (50 < pLDDT <= 90)
- Low (70 <= pLDDT <= 50)
- Very Low (pLDDT < 50)

AlphaFold produces a per-residue confidence score (pLDDT) between 0 and 100. Some regions below 50 pLDDT may be worth cautious inspection.

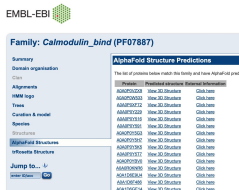


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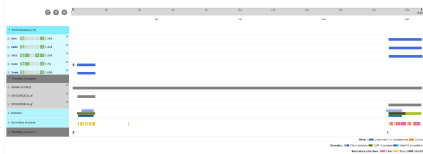
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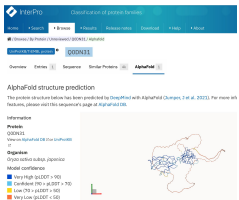
Pfam



PDBe-KB



InterPro



## AlphaFold Database – limitations

- Information on complexes with other proteins, nucleic acids (DNA or RNA) or ligands. In some cases, the single-chain prediction may correspond to the structure adopted in a complex. The missing context from surrounding molecules may lead to an uninformative prediction
  - AlphaFold does not make any predictions about any of the non-protein components such as cofactors, metals, ligands including drug-like molecules, ions, carbohydrates and other post-translational modifications
- Protein dynamics - AlphaFold will usually only produce one of multiple conformations
- AlphaFold has not been trained or validated for predicting the effect of mutations
- May (or may not) lead to hypotheses about protein function – any hypotheses have to be tested by further experimentation



## What's next – under discussion

- Remove signal peptides from predictions
- Making 5 independent predictions available for each protein
- Additional metadata
  - MSA – need to consider data size
  - information on templates
  - quality criteria e.g. predicted TM score
- Updating database to UniRef90 dataset (~130 million structures)

# Impact of AlphaFold database on life science research

# Structural bioinformatics – (structure/function)

- Predicting complexes between macromolecules
  - Homo- and Hetero- Protein-protein; Protein-nucleic acid complexes
  - Intrinsically disordered proteins
- Provide information on protein dynamics
  - Relevant conformational states
- Functionally important residues
  - Impact of mutation; Binding sites; Conformationally important residues
  - Interfaces
- Ligand prediction – What binds?
  - What might bind in a pocket

**Wookyoung Park** (@wypark) · Jul 22  
Adding a big enough number for "residue\_index" feature is enough to model hetero-complex using AlphaFold (openbaker: crystal structure / regular prediction model of residue\_index modification)  
#AlphaFold #protein

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feature_dict['number of residues'] = lambda i: len(align_prev[i]); y += L_i; dict['residue_ind']
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**Martin Storz** (@MStorz) · Aug 16  
Quality of structure prediction and ensemble modeling of alignment of 2 and 3D protein ensembles through Single-Disk vs. ensemble MD simulation by different system of the protein.  
#AlphaFold #protein #ensemble

**Wookyoung Park** (@wypark) · Jul 22  
#AlphaFold vs. experimental protein-protein complexes: complex structures of E2Fs. We recently looked at various E2F interactions and how well AF can model them. Some work, some don't, but all are enlightening. For details and more examples see <https://doi.org/10.26434/chemrxiv-2022-07-01>

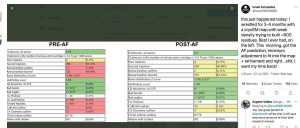
**nomandrew** · AlphaFold- IDR ...

**Patrick Wolfe** (@patrickwolfe) · Jul 22  
Comments if you've needed detection you get lots of low predictions in long regions of contact involving the disorder regions. Most of the top 2 predicted pocket residues. Make sure, in this case the rest of the protein is partially hidden by the long disorder link.

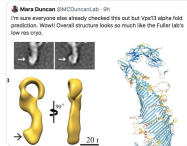
**Patrick Wolfe** (@patrickwolfe) · Jul 22  
One that AlphaFold thing is - IDPs. That's an important deep mechanical learning idea with practical relevance. Not surprising as the AlphaFold model (with Fails). The combinations observed are typically as good as better than with experimentally derived structures.

# Structural biology

- Accelerating structure studies
  - Improved construct design
  - Starting model for structure determination
  - Fitting models in low resolution EM maps
  - Time resolved studies to understand mechanism

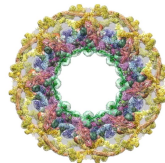


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## Structural biology

- Integrative/hybrid methods
  - Models for individual components
- Combination of sparse experimental data and predicted model may lead to actionable data to test hypothesis
  - Chemical foot printing
  - Hydrogen-Deuterium exchange
  - smFRET - Single molecule fluorescence resonance energy transfer



I/H Methods Structures  
552-protein yeast Nuclear Pore Complex  
Kim et al. (2018) *Nature* 555, 475-82  
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**Jochem Smit** @Jhsmit - 23 Jul  
Replying to @eitan\_jerner  
If we had a curated **smFRET** / structure database it could probably serve as an input to a modified **AlphaFold** which might give us structures of transient species or ratios of subpopulations  
(and/or HDX-MS etc)  
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**Dina Grohmann** @DinaGrohmann - 23 Jul  
I'm amazed by the accuracy of the predicted structure in the Mid/PIWI lobe. Apart from that, I think that **AlphaFold** could help us **smFRET** folks to find suitable positions for dye engineering.  
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# Validation et impact d'AlphaFold en 2024

## "AlphaFold two years on: Validation and impact"

revue de Kovalevskiy et al. dans PNAS de mars 2024 (soumis octobre 2023)

Oleg Kovalevskiy, Juan Mateos-Garcia, and Kathryn Tunyasuvunakool (Aug. 2024). In: *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 121.34

- 1 Impact on Experimental Structure Determination
- 2 Predicting Protein-Protein Interactions
- 3 Use in Protein Design
- 4 Enabling New Computational Work
- 5 Experimental Validation of AlphaFold Models
  - Single Chains
  - Complexes
  - Biologically Relevant States

# Impact on Experimental Structure Determination

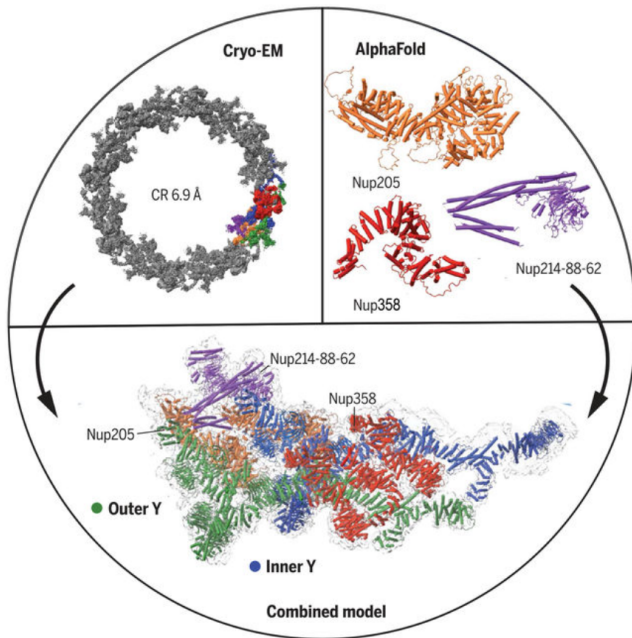
## 1 X-ray crystallography

- Phase problem => Molecular Replacement solved by AlphaFold
- on challenging cases where no PDB template can be found
- on novel folds
- de novo design proteins
- automated process with AlphaFold

## 2 Cryo-EM

- Combine cryo-EM with AlphaFold
- example : Nuclear pore complex (120 MDa)
- find structure in AlphaFoldDB for unknown subunits in cryo-EM map

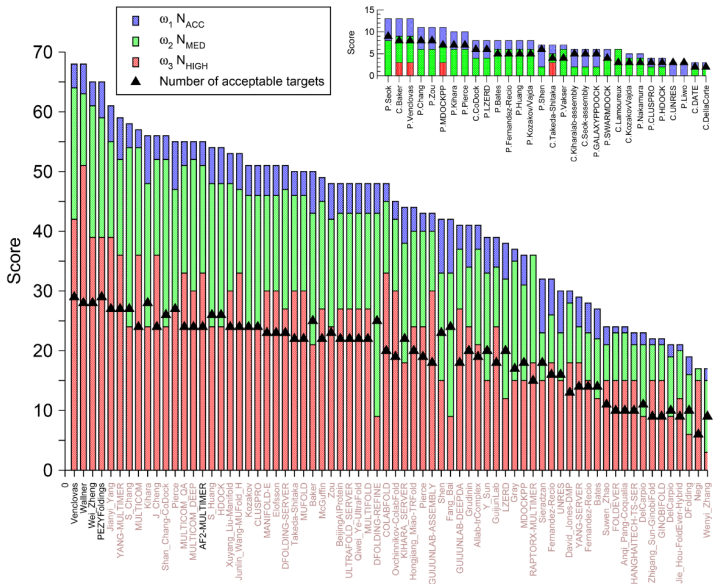




# Predicting protein-protein Interactions

- AlphaFold-Multimer (2021)
- AlphaFold3

## CASP 15 (2022): joint CASP-CAPRI experiment



## CASP 15 (2022): joint CASP-CAPRI experiment

- Huge improvement from previous CASP-CAPRI (2020) experiment, due to AlphaFold 2 and AlphaFold-Multimer
- for 40% of the targets high quality models have been obtained (previously: only 8%)
- Webservers are on par with human groups
- Antibodies and Nanobodies remain challenging
- Targets with important conformational flexibility remain challenging

Marc F. Lensink et al. (2023). en. In: *Proteins: Structure, Function, and Bioinformatics* 91.12

## Conclusion

Is the protein-protein docking problem solved ?

Challenges:

- Better sampling and scoring
- Conformational changes upon binding
- Predicting domain motions
- Folding upon binding
- Large scale docking => Interactome, Large molecular assemblies
- Predicting which proteins interact => Predicting binding affinities

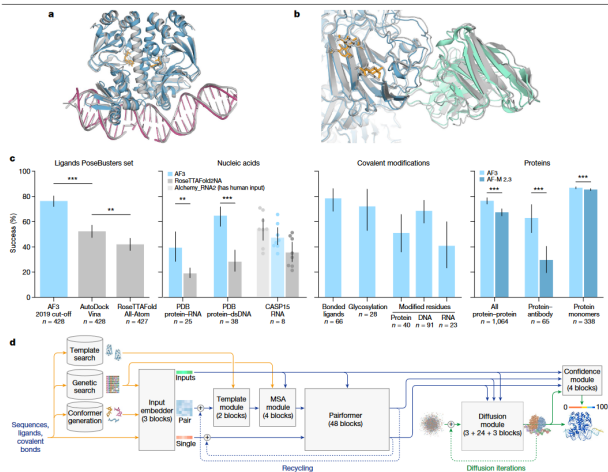
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## AlphaFold3

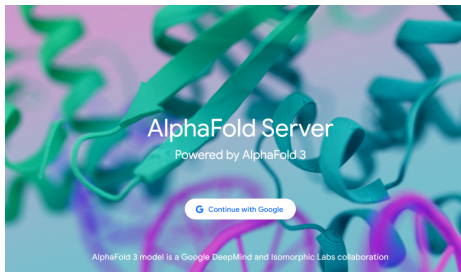
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# AlphaFold3



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## AlphaFold3 clone: HelixFold3

**Serveur:**

`https:`

`//paddlehelix.baidu.com/app/all/helixfold3/forecast`

**Github (= code source):**

`https://github.com/PaddlePaddle/PaddleHelix`

**publie en preprint:**

[Lihang Liu et al. \(Aug. 2024\). en](#)

## AlphaFold3 clone: Chai-1

**Serveur:**

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`//www.chaidiscovery.com/blog/introducing-chai-1`

**Github (= code source):**

`https://github.com/chaidiscovery/chai-lab`

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`https://chaiassets.com/chai-1/paper/technical_report_v1.pdf`

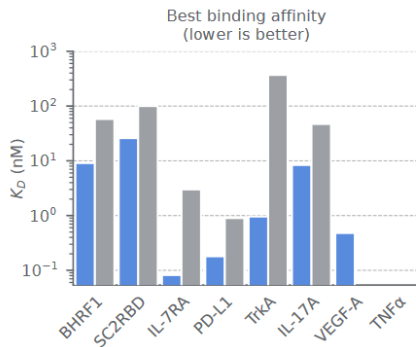
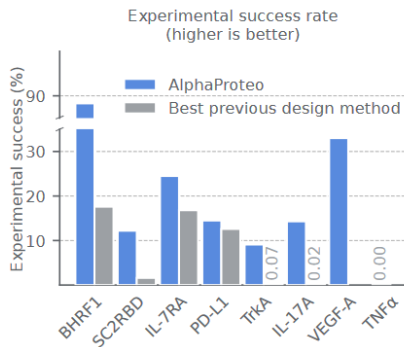
# HelixFold3, AlphaProteo, Chai-1

[https://newsletter.towardsai.net/p/  
tai-116-rise-of-the-protein-foundation](https://newsletter.towardsai.net/p/tai-116-rise-of-the-protein-foundation)

Model	AlphaFold-3 (May 2024)	HelixFold3 (Aug 2024)	AlphaProteo (Sep 2024)	Chai-1 (Sep 2024)
<b>Focus</b>	Predicting the structure and interactions of biomolecules, including proteins, DNA, RNA, ligands, ions.	Replicating AlphaFold-3 functionalities; structures of proteins, nucleic acids, and small molecule ligands.	Designing novel protein binders based on target molecule structure and small binding locations.	Multi-modal structure prediction for proteins, small molecules, DNA, and RNA.
<b>Architecture</b>	New diffusion-based architecture. Uses a simplified "pairformer" module for reduced MSA processing and a diffusion module for direct prediction of atom coordinates.	Insights from AlphaFold-3 and previous HelixFold versions utilize Evoformer and diffusion networks.	Generative model. Alphafold distillation. Design scoring system and filter.	Leverages pair-bias self-attention, similar to AlphaFold-3. Incorporates language model embeddings for single-sequence prediction and constraint features to utilize experimental data.
<b>Training Data</b>	PDB data released before September 30, 2021, enriched with structures predicted by AlphaFold-Multimer (cross-distillation).	Protein Data Bank (PDB) targets released before September 30, 2021, self-distillation datasets.	Protein Data Bank (PDB) and over 100 million AlphaFold predicted structures.	PDB structures released before January 12, 2021, and AlphaFoldDB structures.
<b>Key Capabilities</b>	Improved accuracy in protein-ligand, protein-nucleic acid, and antibody-antigen predictions compared to specialized tools and AlphaFold-Multimer.	Comparable accuracy to AlphaFold-3 in predicting protein, nucleic acid, and ligand structures. Open-source for academic research.	Designs high-affinity protein binders with higher success rates than existing methods. Experimentally validated on various targets.	Achieves state-of-the-art performance on various structure prediction benchmarks. Strong protein-ligand and multimer prediction, including antibody-antigen complexes.
<b>Limitations</b>	Limitations in stereochemistry, the potential for hallucinations in some regions, and challenges with antibodies. Not fully open-sourced; access via AlphaFold Server. Restrictions on ligands and modifications.	Accuracy in protein-protein complex prediction still lags behind AlphaFold-3.	Unable to design successful binders for all targets (e.g., TNFa).	Sensitivity to modified residues and difficulty in accurately predicting relative orientations of chains in a complex. Model weights and code available for non-commercial use; commercial access through a web interface.

## AlphaProteo

collaboration DeepMind et Isomorphic Labs  
 Vinicius Zambaldi et al. (Sept. 2024).



"Google DeepMind WetLab"

[https://www.crick.ac.uk/news/2022-07-06\\_](https://www.crick.ac.uk/news/2022-07-06_)

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# Prix Nobel 2024 en Chimie

## The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2024

### They cracked the code for proteins' amazing structures

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2024 is about proteins, life's ingenious chemical tools. David Baker has succeeded with the almost impossible feat of building entirely new kinds of proteins. Demis Hassabis and John Jumper have developed an AI model to solve a 50-year-old problem: predicting proteins' complex structures. These discoveries hold enormous potential.

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# Prix Nobel 2024 en Chimie

## The 2024 chemistry laureates

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2024 was awarded with one half to David Baker “for computational protein design” and the other half jointly to Demis Hassabis and John M. Jumper “for protein structure prediction”.

Demis Hassabis and John Jumper have successfully utilised artificial intelligence to predict the structure of almost all known proteins. David Baker has learned how to master life’s building blocks and create entirely new proteins.



David Baker, Demis Hassabis and John Jumper. Ill. Niklas Elmehed © Nobel Prize Outreach

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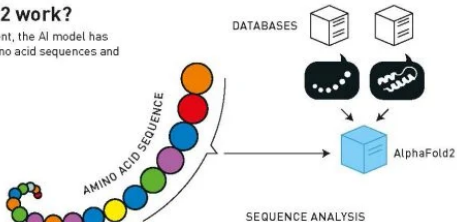


# How does AlphaFold2 work?

As part of AlphaFold2's development, the AI model has been trained on all the known amino acid sequences and determined protein structures.

## 1. DATA ENTRY AND DATABASE SEARCHES

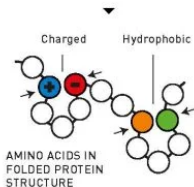
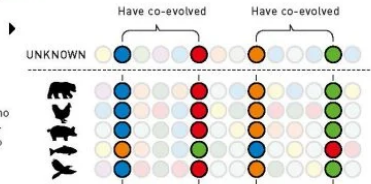
An amino acid sequence with unknown structure is fed into AlphaFold2, which searches databases for similar amino acid sequences and protein structures.



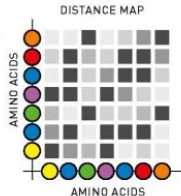
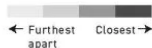
## 2. SEQUENCE ANALYSIS

The AI model aligns all the similar amino acid sequences – often from different species – and investigates which parts have been preserved during evolution.

In the next step, AlphaFold2 explores which amino acids could interact with each other in the three-dimensional protein structure. Interacting amino acids co-evolve. If one is charged, the other has the opposite charge, so they are attracted to each other. If one is replaced by a water-repellent (hydrophobic) amino acid, the other also becomes hydrophobic.



Using this analysis, AlphaFold2 produces a distance map that estimates how close amino acids are to each other in the structure.

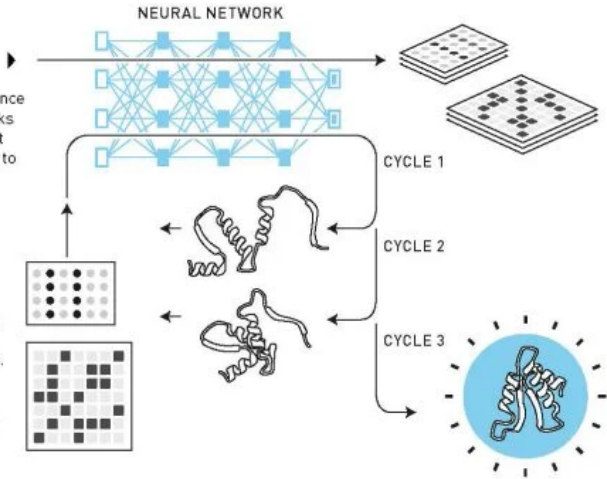


### 3. AI ANALYSIS

Using an iterative process, AlphaFold2 refines the sequence analysis and distance map. The AI model uses neural networks called transformers, which have a great capacity to identify important elements to focus on. Data about other protein structures – if they were found in step 1 – is also utilised.

### 4. HYPOTHETICAL STRUCTURE

AlphaFold2 puts together a puzzle of all the amino acids and tests pathways to produce a hypothetical protein structure. This is re-run through step 3. After three cycles, AlphaFold2 arrives at a particular structure. The AI model calculates the probability that different parts of this structure correspond to reality.



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# The end

- MERCI pour votre attention!

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