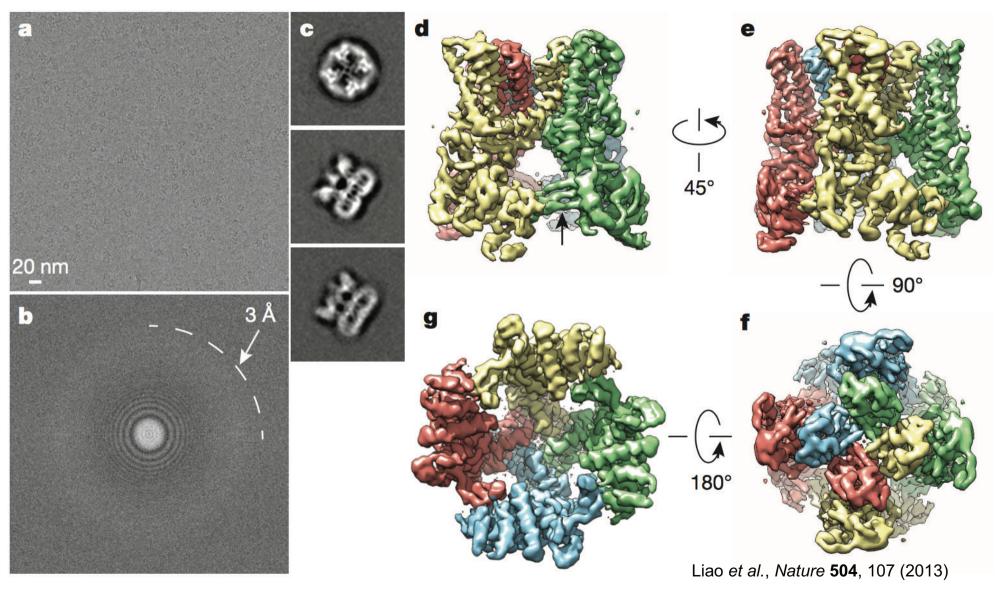
Cryo-electron microscopy

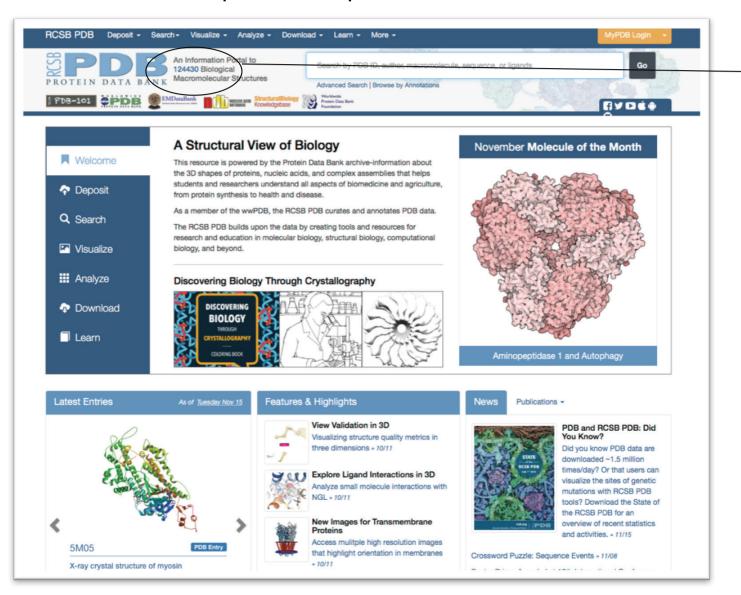


- TRPV1 receptor (receptor for capsaicin making chili "hot")
- 3.4 Å resolution breaking side-chain resolution barrier (PDB: 3J5P)

Protein Structure Database

Protein Data Bank (PDB) www.rcsb.org:

The home of all experimental proteins structures



Soon 135,000 structures Not all are unique

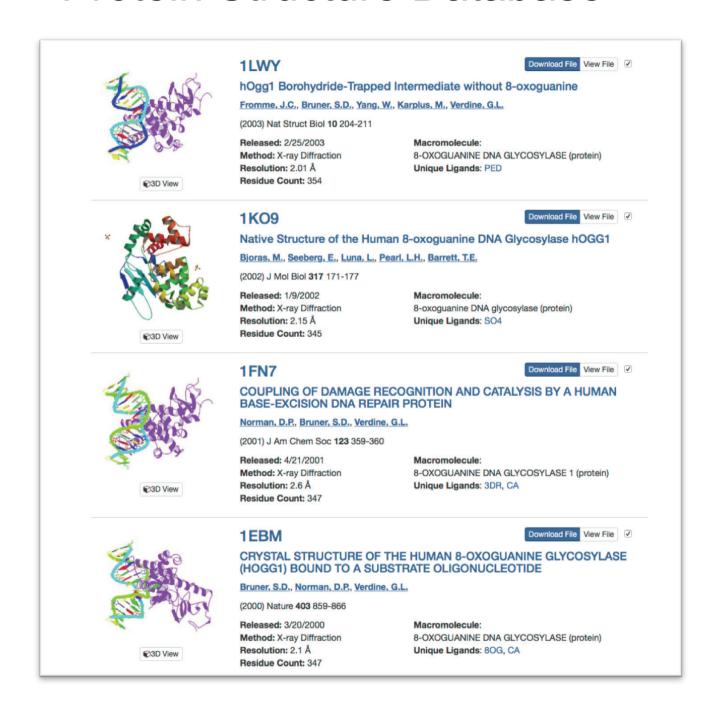
Some few 1000 unique protein folds

126,551,501,141 bases in 135,440,924 sequence records in the traditional GenBank divisions as of April 2011

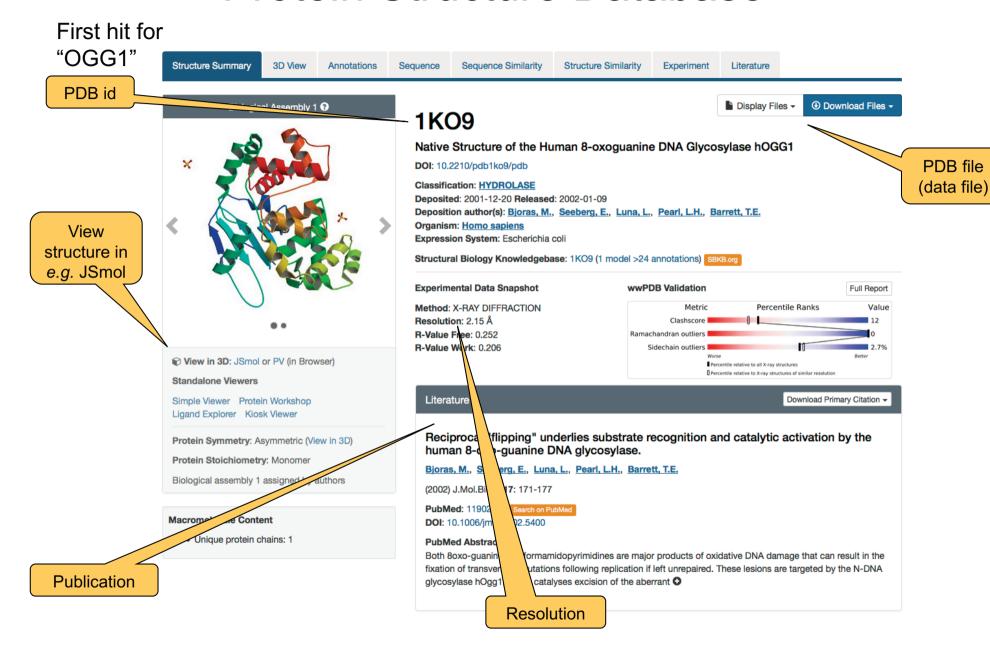
PDB identifiers are on the form 1LYZ, 2B6C, 1T06 (and does not "mean" anything)

Protein Structure Database

Search for "OGG1"



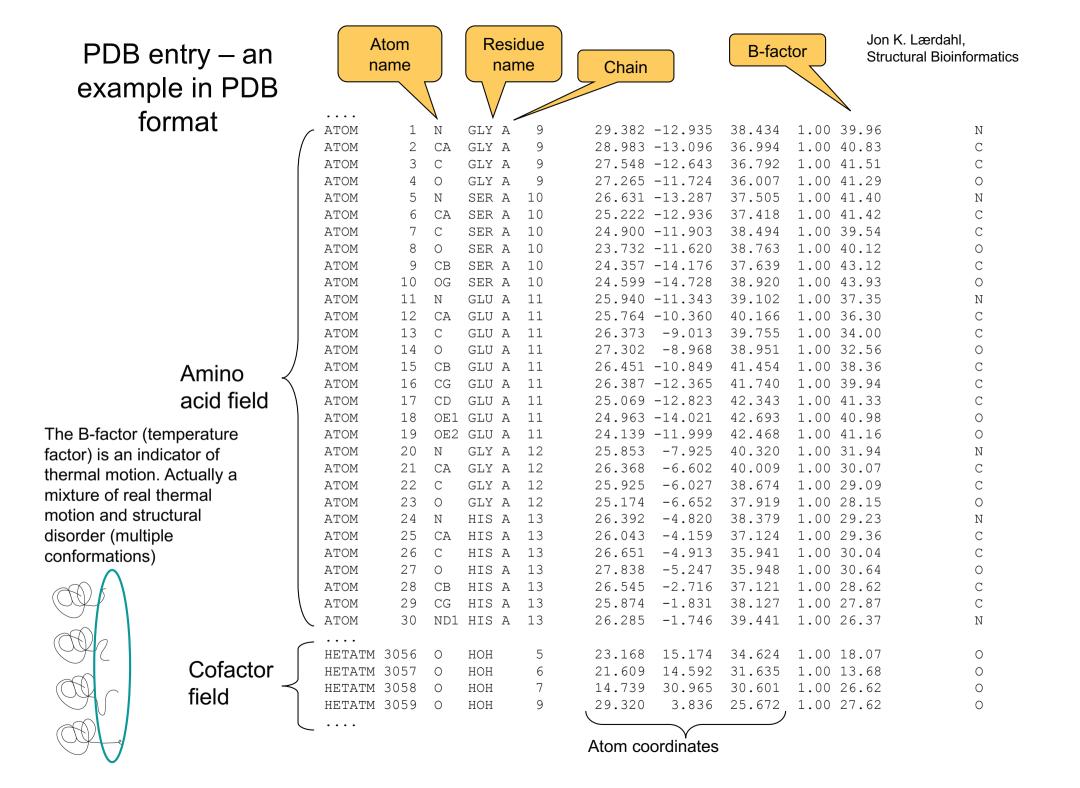
Protein Structure Database



PDB entry – an example in PDB format

- Standard since early 1970s
- FORTRAN compatible format
- Some limitations
 - Number of atoms
 - Number of chains
 - Length of fields
- Not good for parsing by computers

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PDB entry – an example in mmCIF format

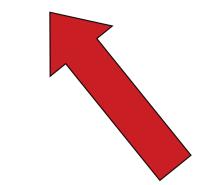
Newer data format and alternative to "PDB format"

- No limitations in number of atoms, chains, fields etc.
- Better suited for automatic parsing/processing

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Structural bioinformatics

Experimental structure is hard to get



The 3D structure on a protein is determined by the amino acid sequence (primary structure)





There are many orders of magnitude more sequences available than there are structures

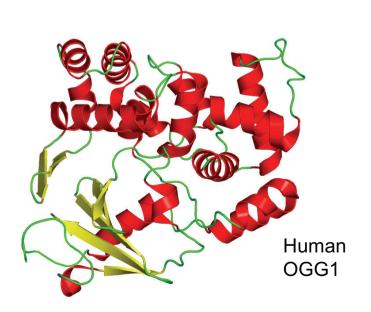


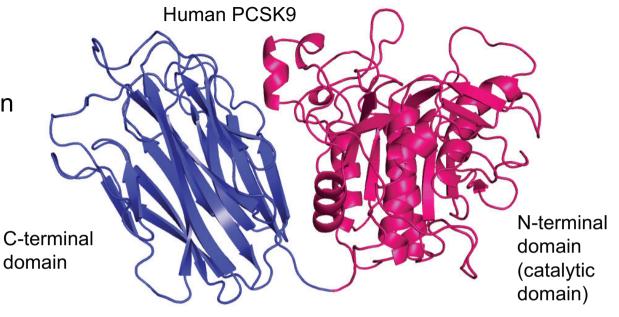
How do we get information about structure from sequence?

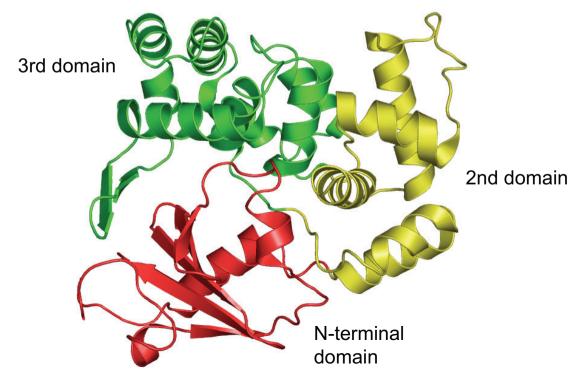
Domain: Compact part of a protein that represents a structurally independent region

Domains are often separate functional units that may be studied separately

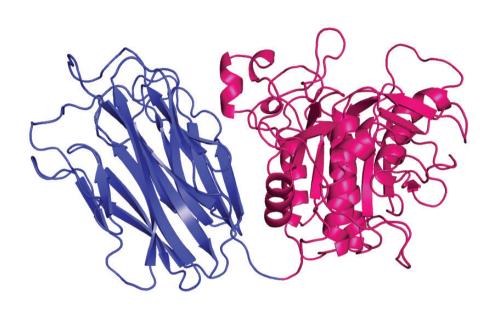
Domains fold independently? Not always...



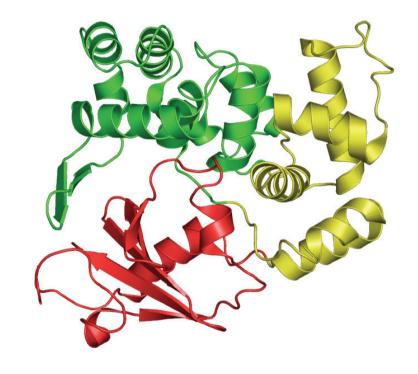




Dividing a protein structure into domains: no "right way to do it" or "correct algorithm", *i.e. a lot of subjectivity involved*



Most people would agree there are two domains here



Three domains?
One domain?
Two?

SCOP vs. CATH?

Very often we model, compare, classify domains – not full-length proteins

Instead of working with full length proteins that may be

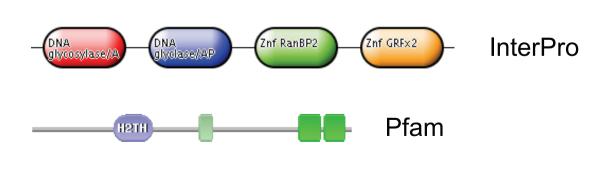
- very large
- contain one or many separate modules (*i.e.* domains)
- have both structured and unstructured parts

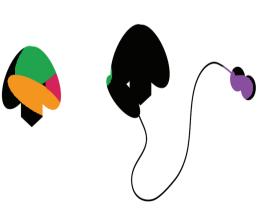
We often instead work with protein domains that are

- more compact
- can be studied separately
 - function
 - structure by X-ray crystallography/NMR
 - bioinformatics modeling

may be viewed as the "spare parts" building up full-length proteins

Far from trivial to detect boundaries between domains from sequence only:





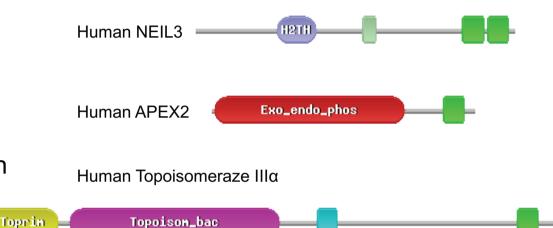
Many proteins are structured domains, "spare parts", connected by short loops or long disordered regions

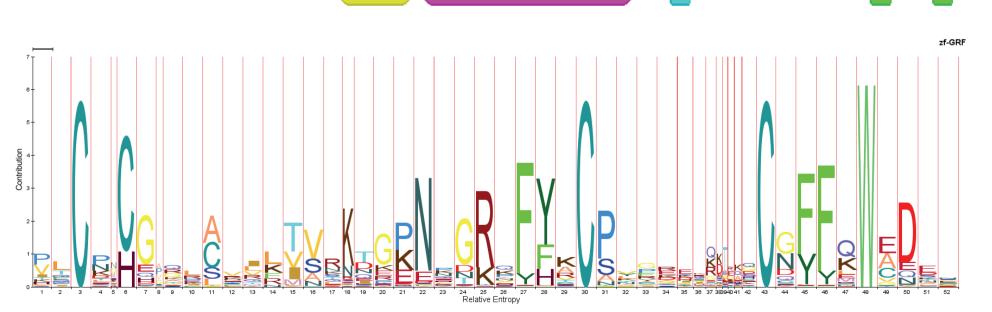
Domains have a "signature sequence" that can be described as a HMM Logo

Important to think in terms of domains!!

GRF zinc finger domain

Domains can be "switched". They can be viewed as "spare parts" that can be used to build new proteins through evolution





Pfam HMM-logo for the GRF zinc finger domain

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Protein domains Nature of the protein universe

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The protein universe is the set of all proteins of all organisms. Here, all currently known sequences are analyzed in terms of families that have single-domain or multidomain architectures and whether they have a known three-dimensional structure. Growth of new single-domain families is very slow: Almost all growth comes from new multidomain architectures that are combinations of domains characterized by $\approx\!15,\!000$ sequence profiles. Single-domain families are mostly shared by the major groups of organisms, whereas multidomain architectures are specific and account for species diversity. There are known structures for a quarter of the single-domain families, and >70% of all sequences can be partially modeled thanks to their membership in these families.

featured in a recent report on the Protein Structure Initiative (7) that expressed concern that because the number of new families is expanding rapidly determining three-dimensional structures for a representative of each family may not be possible (8).

Here, we approach the problem differently. Instead of clustering entire protein sequences (6), we rely on the occurrence of protein sequence patterns termed "sequence profiles." These patterns can be derived from a few members of the family and then used to add new members that match the same pattern.

An obvious way to cluster sequences into families is by pairwise comparison (4) of all sequences preceded by indexing (5) to eliminate close pairs. Such a combination led to massive clustering of millions of protein sequences from both known species and environmental samples by Yooseph et al. (6). Their remarkable conclusion was that the number of protein families as measured by the number of sequence clusters showed no sign of saturation. Indeed, the cluster count was increasing at the same rate as new sequences were being determined. This result

(6) Yooseph D, et al. (2007) The Sorcerer II global ocean sampling expedition: Expanding the universe of protein families. PLoS Biol **5**:e16.

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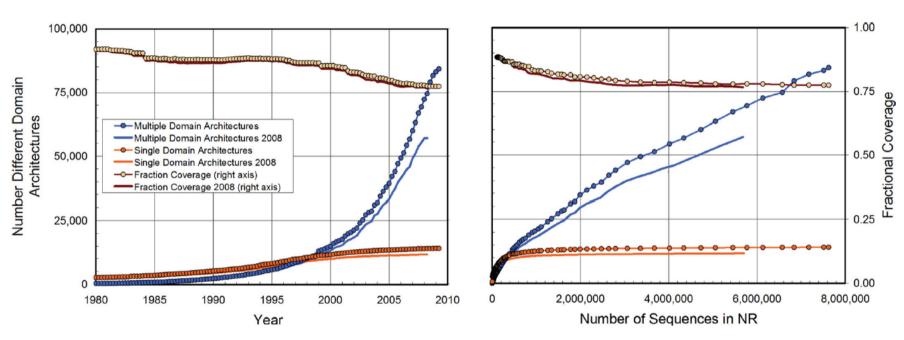


Fig. 1. As the NR database grows, the number of different multidomain architecture (MDA) families found by CDART is increasing rapidly with year (*Left*) or added sequence (*Right*). In contrast, the number of single-domain architecture (SDA) families is increasing much more slowly. Because the number of sequences is growing exponentially, fractional sequence coverage (number of sequences in a SDA or MDA family divided by the total number of NR sequences) has dropped slightly from 0.88 to 0.76; more than three-quarters of current sequences still contain a domain recognized by a known sequence profile. Merged CDART sequence profiles are used here. Corresponding results with unmerged CDART sequence profiles are given in Fig. \$1. The solid curves marked "2008" were made with a release of CDART from February 9, 2008, which contained fewer sequence profiles (24,083 compared with 27,036). This gave rise to smaller numbers of SDA and MDA families and lower coverage. During this time, the number of sequences in the NR database increased by 2 million.

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