

# Protein structure prediction: the past, the present, and the future

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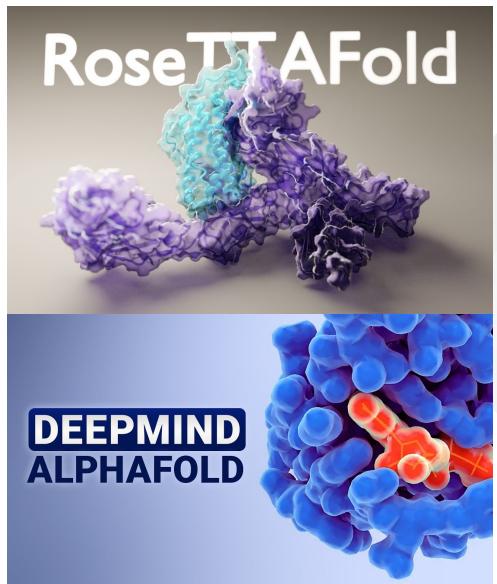
CASP15 meeting

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## AI-based protein modeling

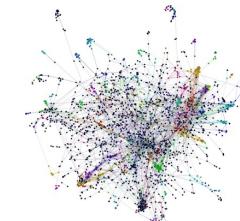
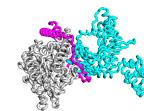
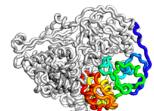


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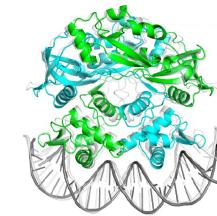


Protein B



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### Nucleic acid structure & interaction prediction



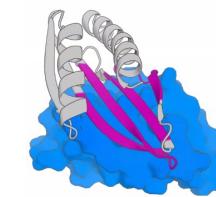
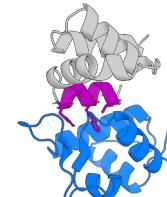
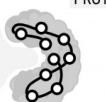
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### De novo functional protein design

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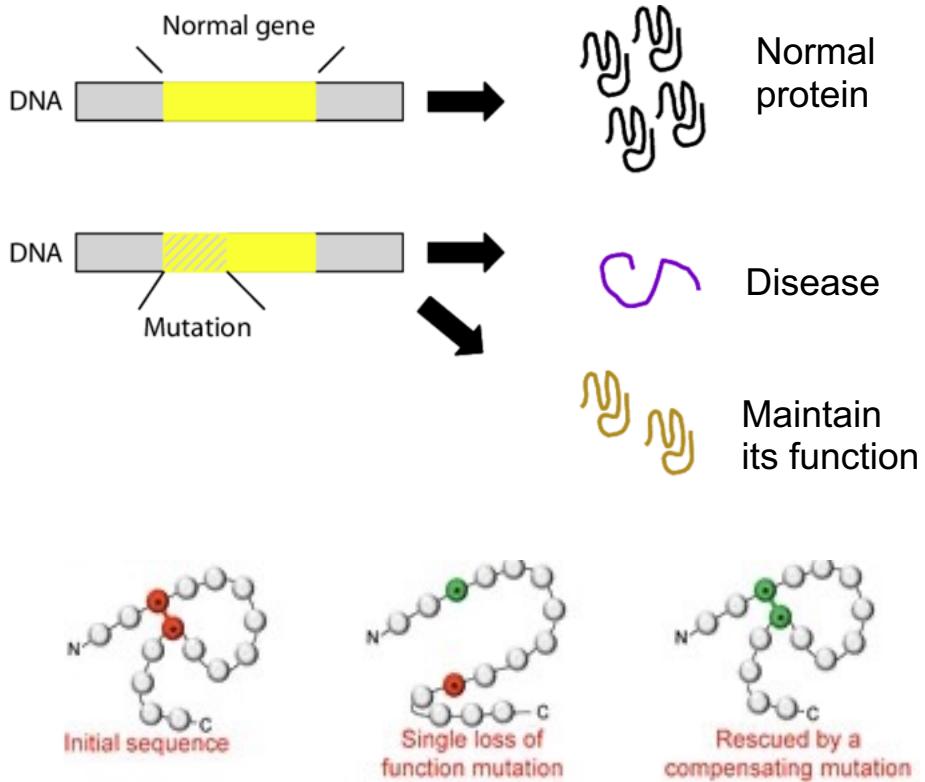
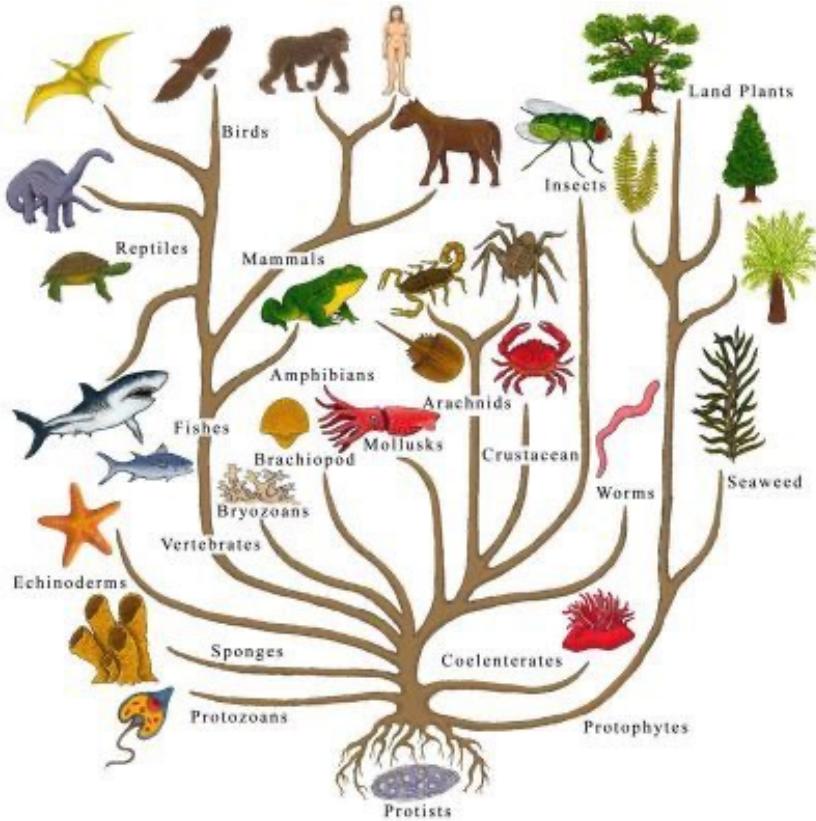


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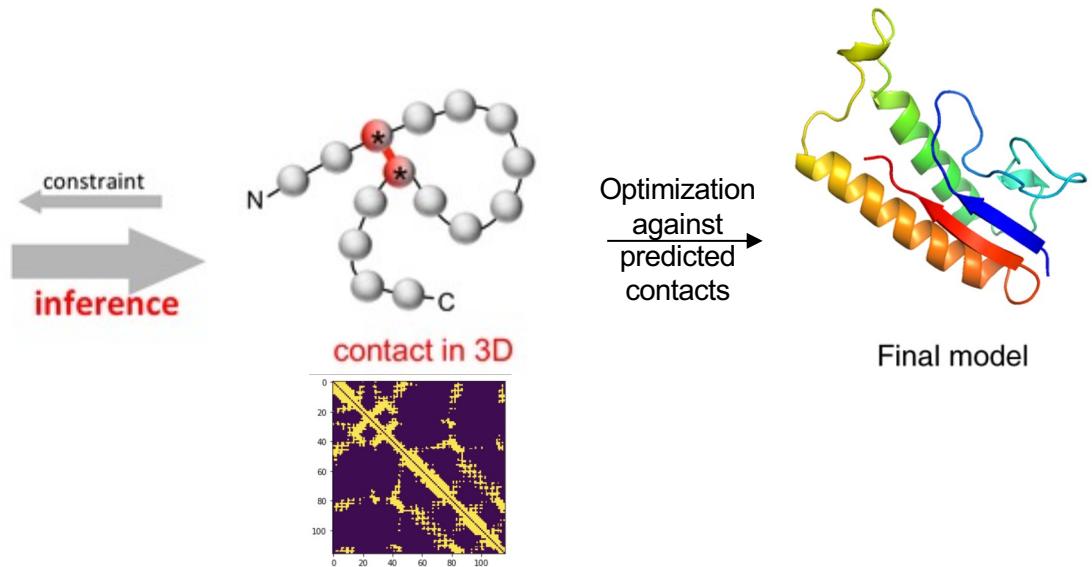
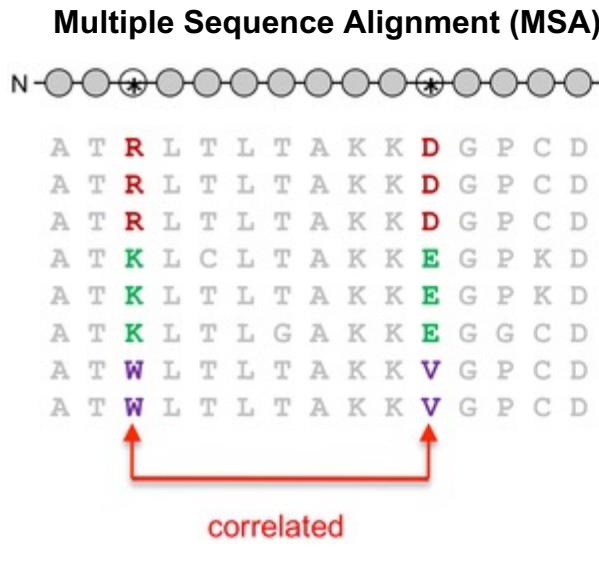


Wang, J., Lisanza, S., Juergens, D., Tischer, D., Watson, J., et al, *Science* (2022)

# Protein structure prediction using evolution history



# Coevolution guided modeling



**Q: How can we find the coevolution pattern from MSA?**

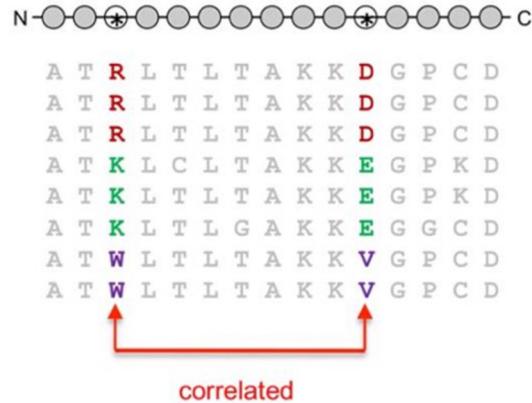
# Applying deep learning to protein structure prediction



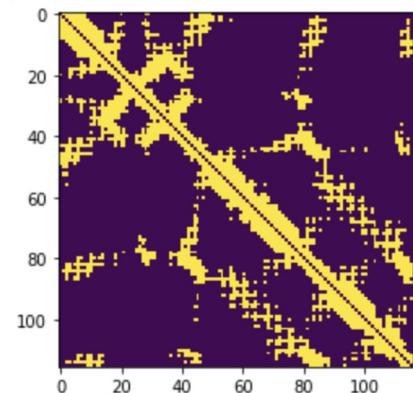
- Deep learning algorithms attempt to learn (multiple levels of) representation by using a **hierarchy of multiple layers**
- Exceptional effective at **learning patterns**
- If you provide the system **tons of training examples**, it begins to understand hidden patterns in data and respond in useful ways

# From MSA to 3D structures with deep learning

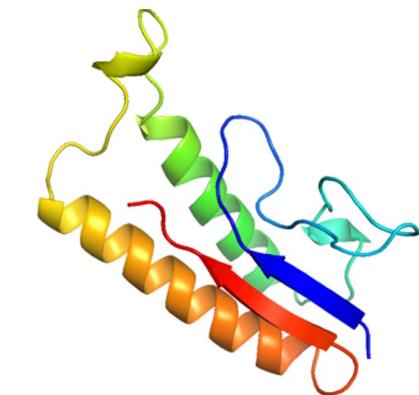
Multiple sequence alignments



Residue pairwise interaction

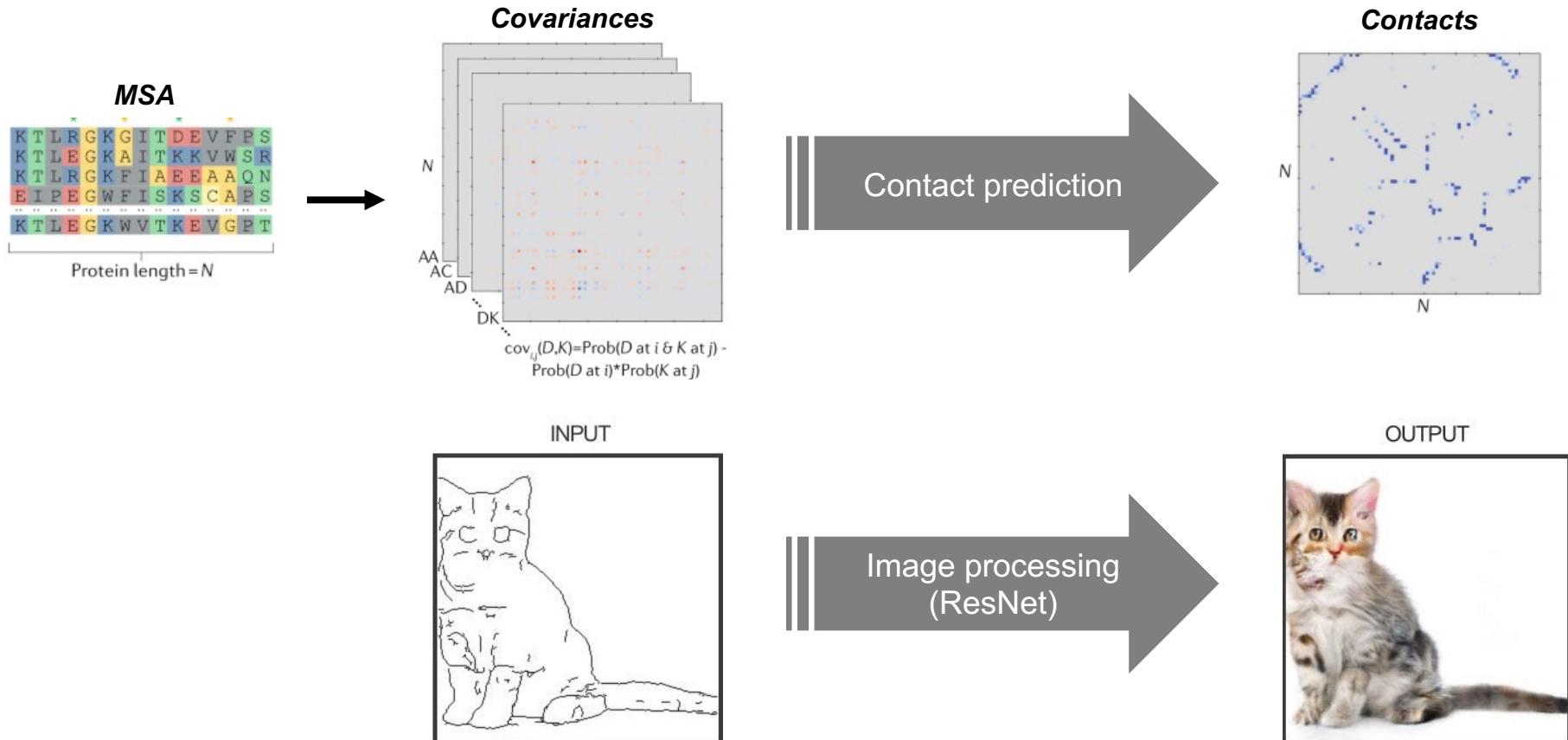


3D atomic coordinates

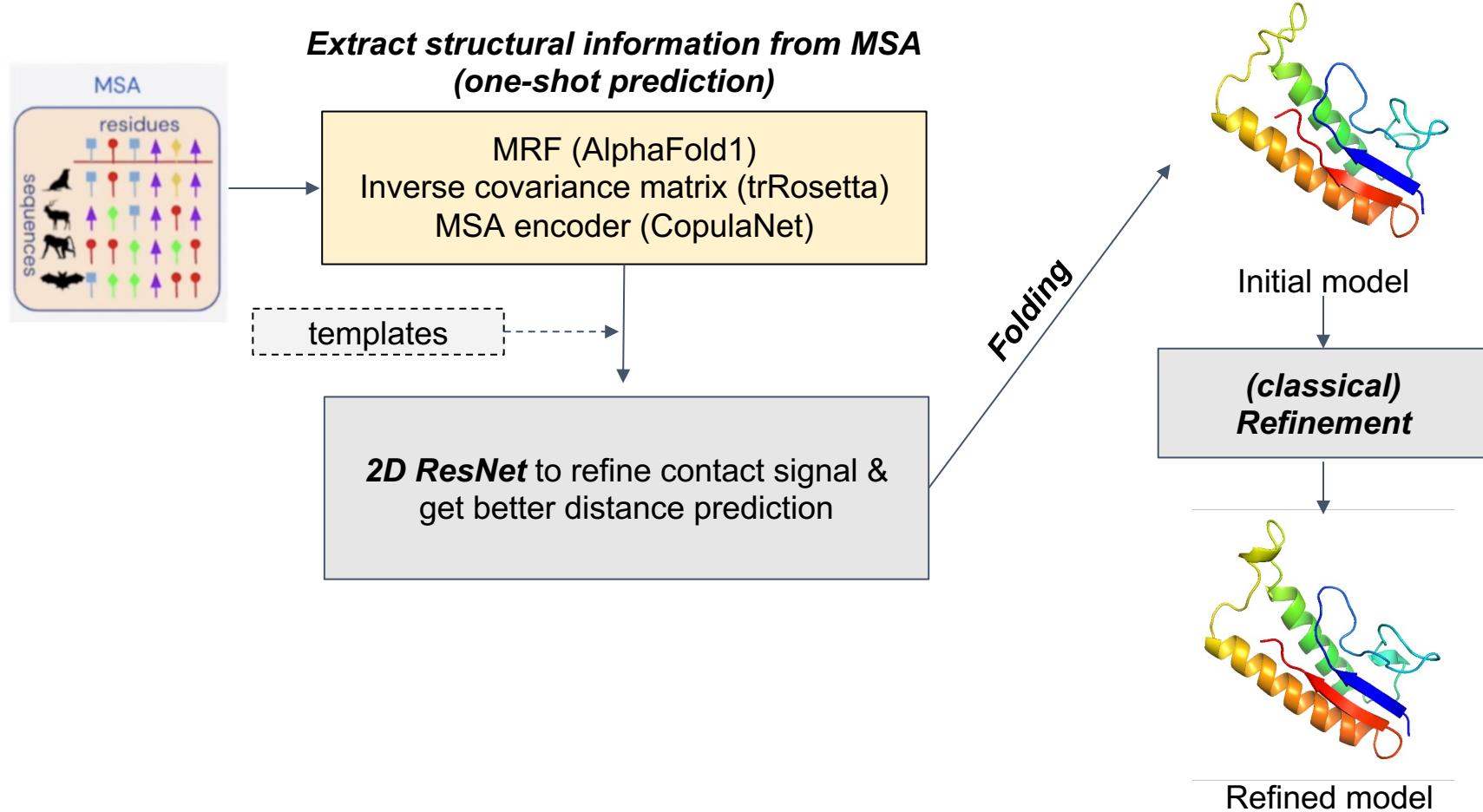


How to extract residue pairwise interactions & build 3D models based on that?

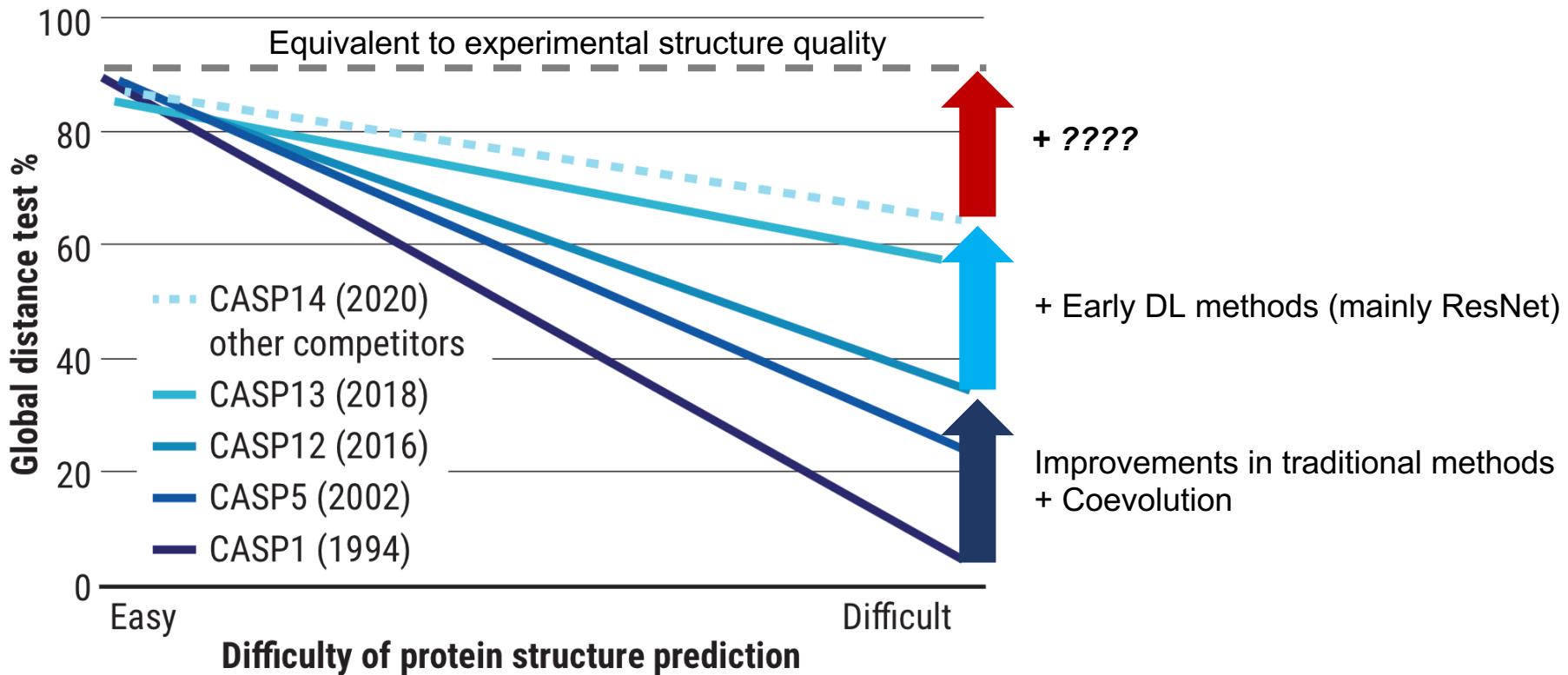
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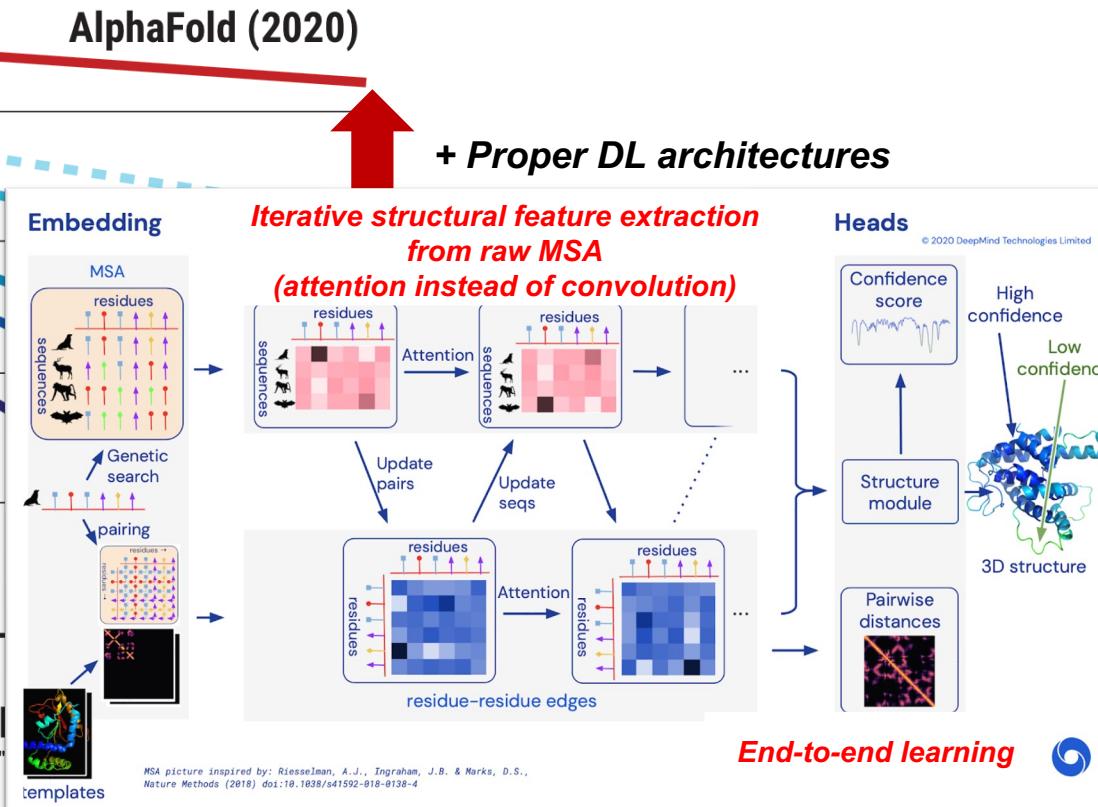
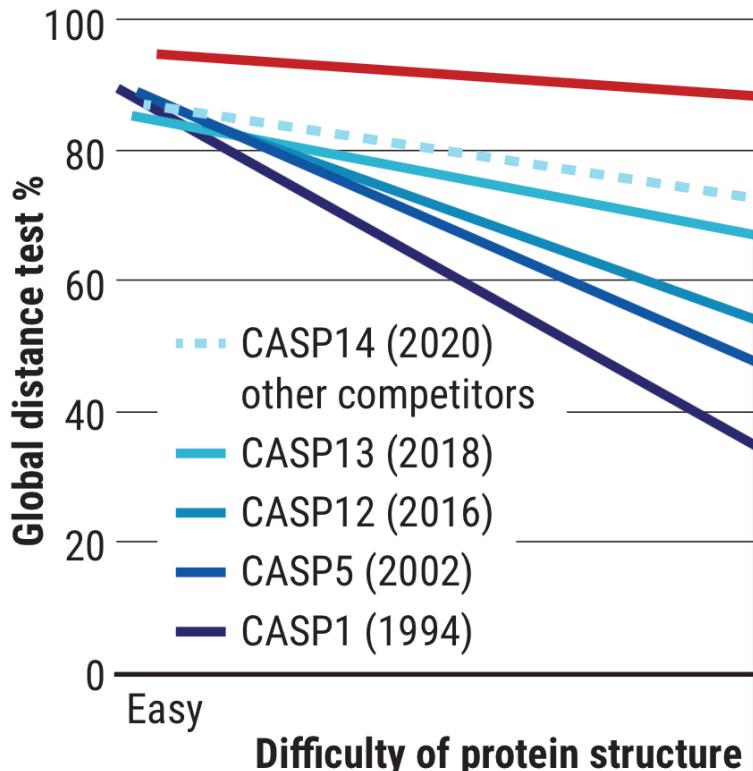
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# Progress in protein structure prediction



# AlphaFold2: A game changer

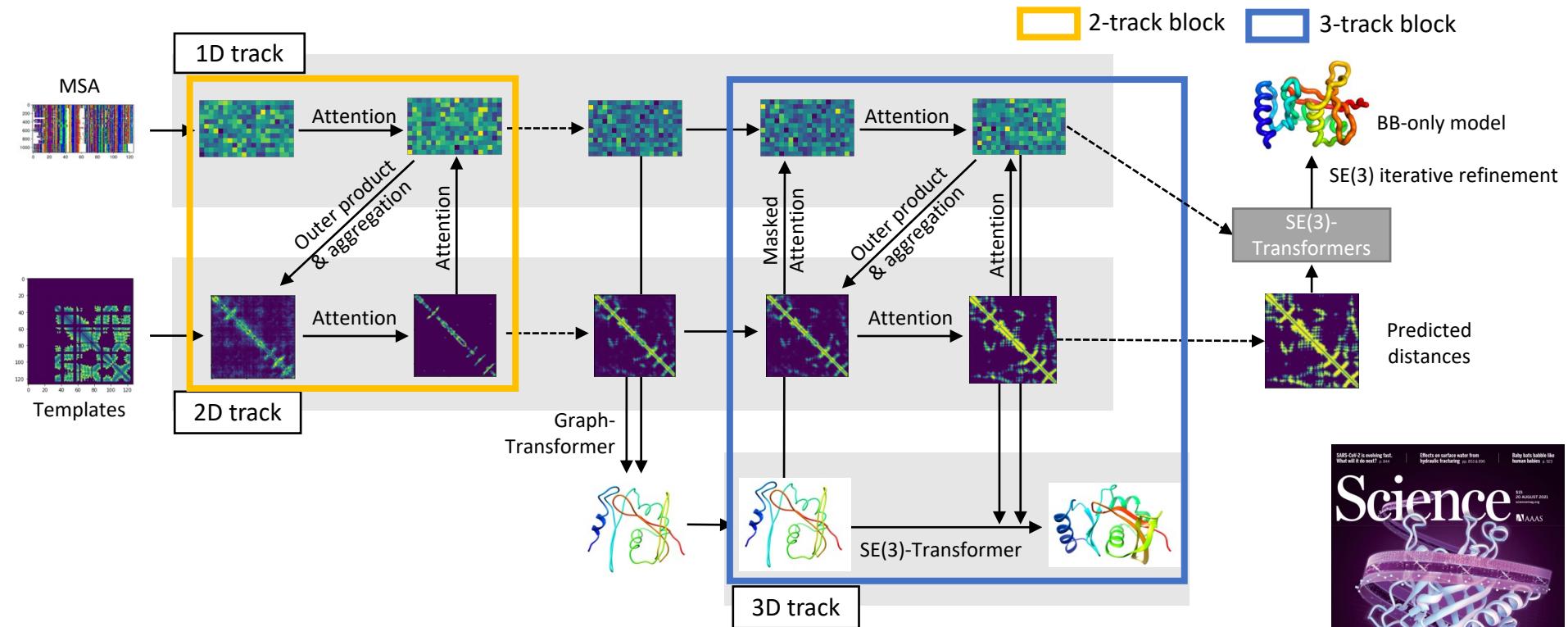


Service, Robert F. "The game has changed.'AI triumphs at protein folding."

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# RoseTTAFold: Can academia make something like AlphaFold?

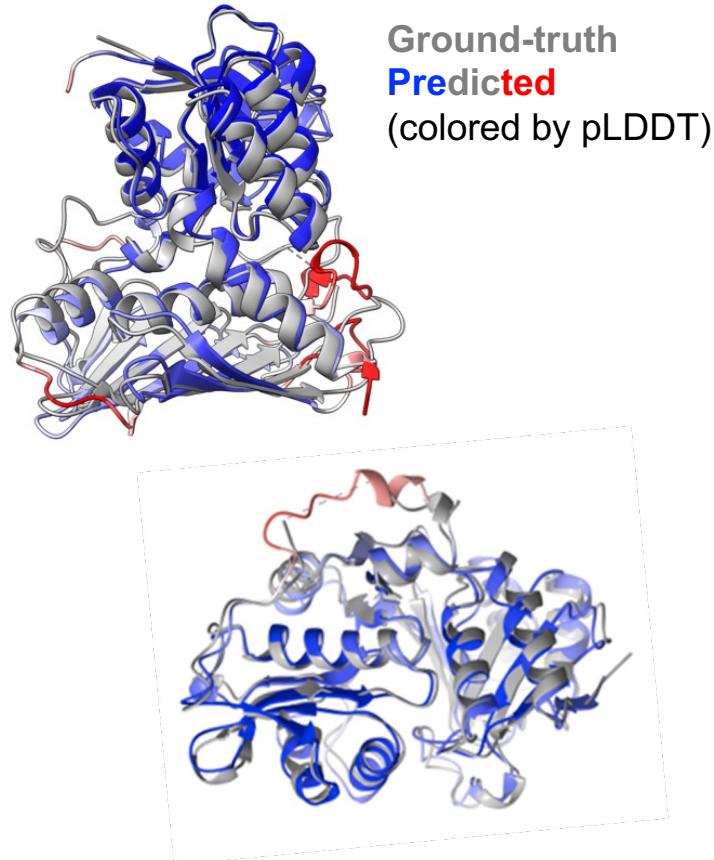
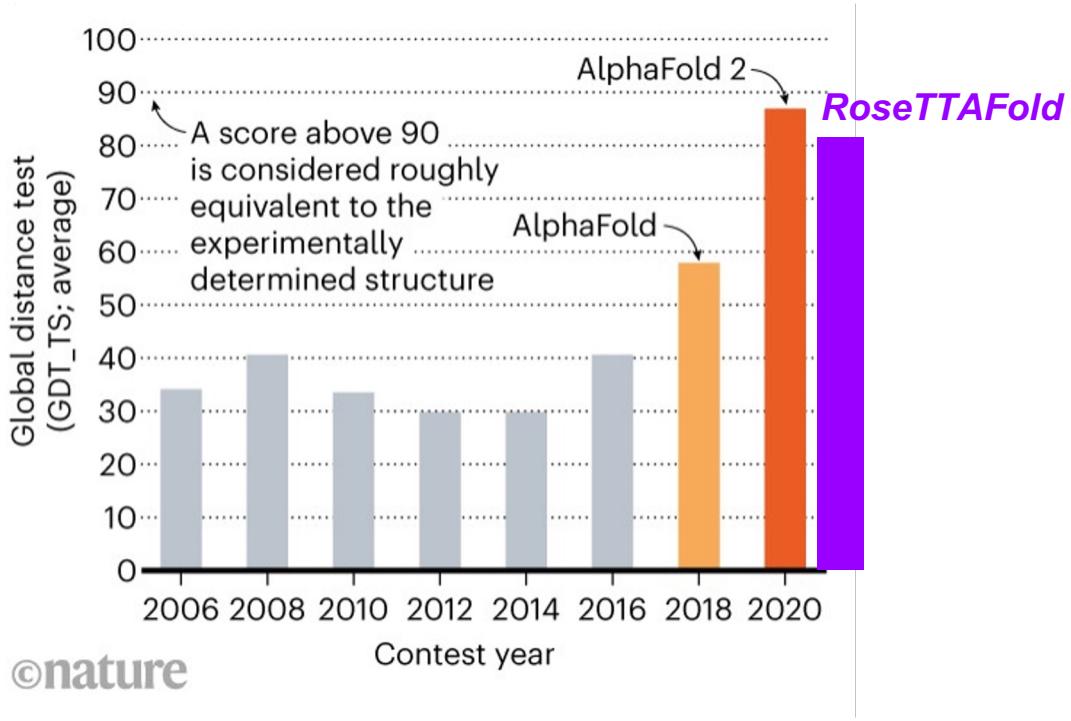


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# RoseTTAFold: Academia can do!

## Free modeling accuracy in CASP14



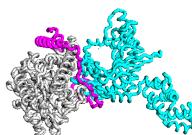
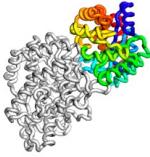
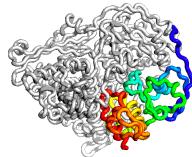
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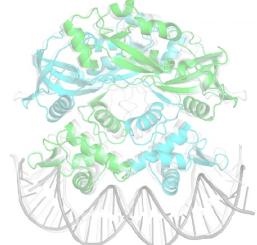
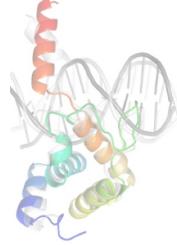
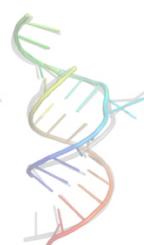


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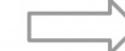
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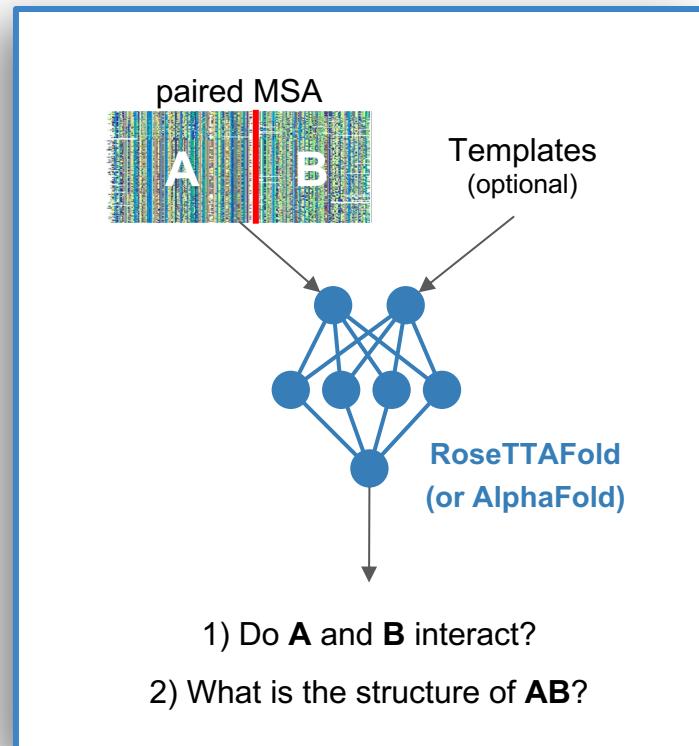
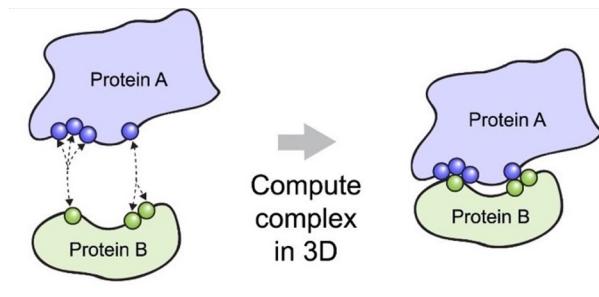
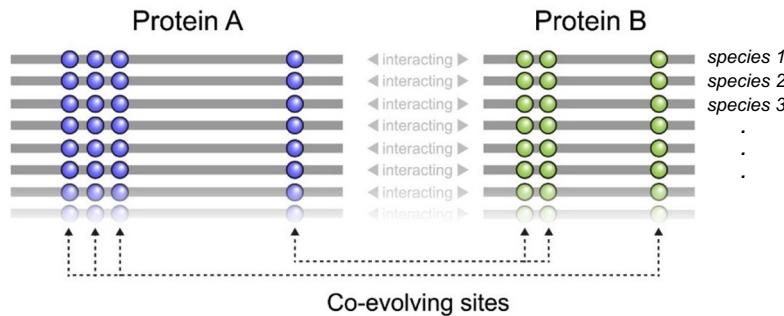


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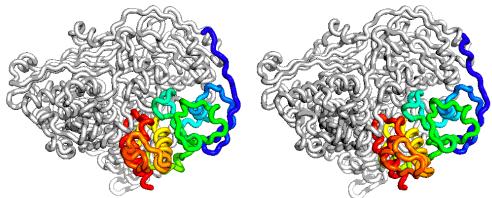
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# Protein-protein complex structure prediction



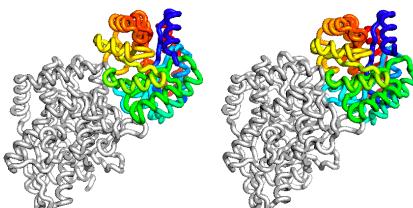
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Aldehyde oxidoreductase



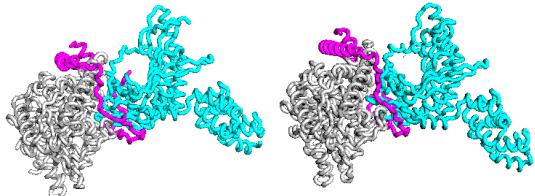
TM-score: 95

Tryptophan synthase



TM-score: 92

tRNA-dependent amidotransferase



TM-score: 89



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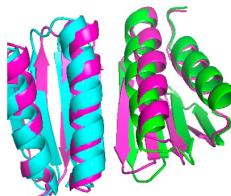
Adding a big enough number for "residue\_index" feature is enough to model hetero-complex using AlphaFold (green&cyan: crystal structure / magenta: predicted model w/ residue\_index modification).  
#AlphaFold #alphafold2

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to residue index  
residue_index']
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in each chain
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+ = 200
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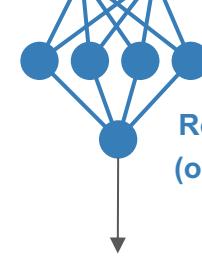
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dex'] = idx_res
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paired MSA



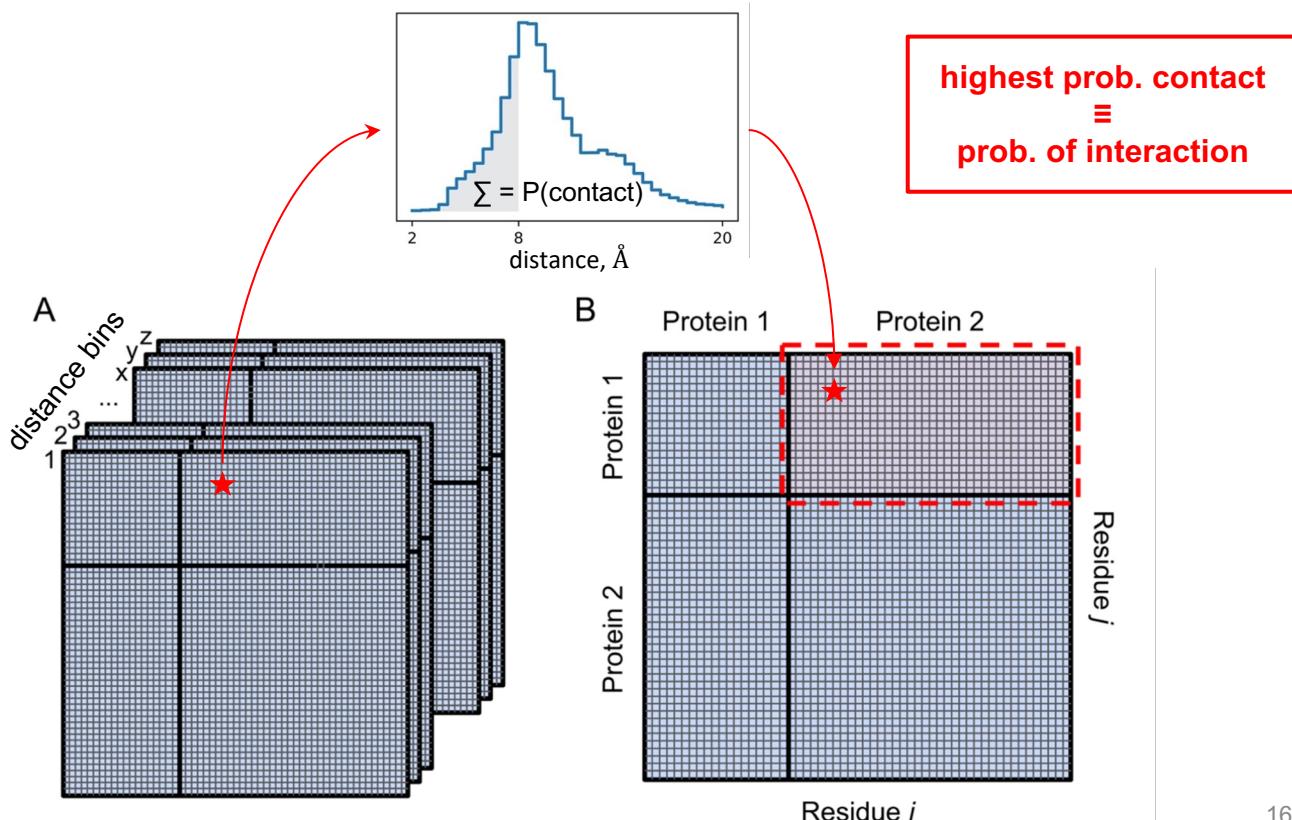
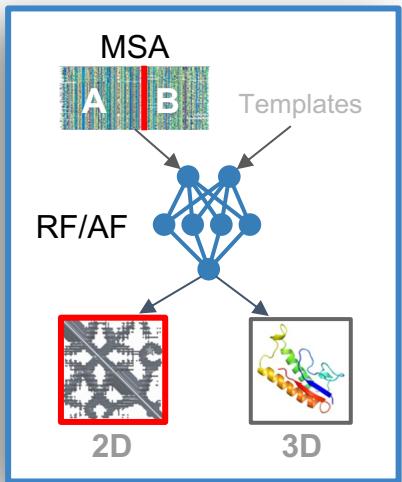
Templates  
(optional)



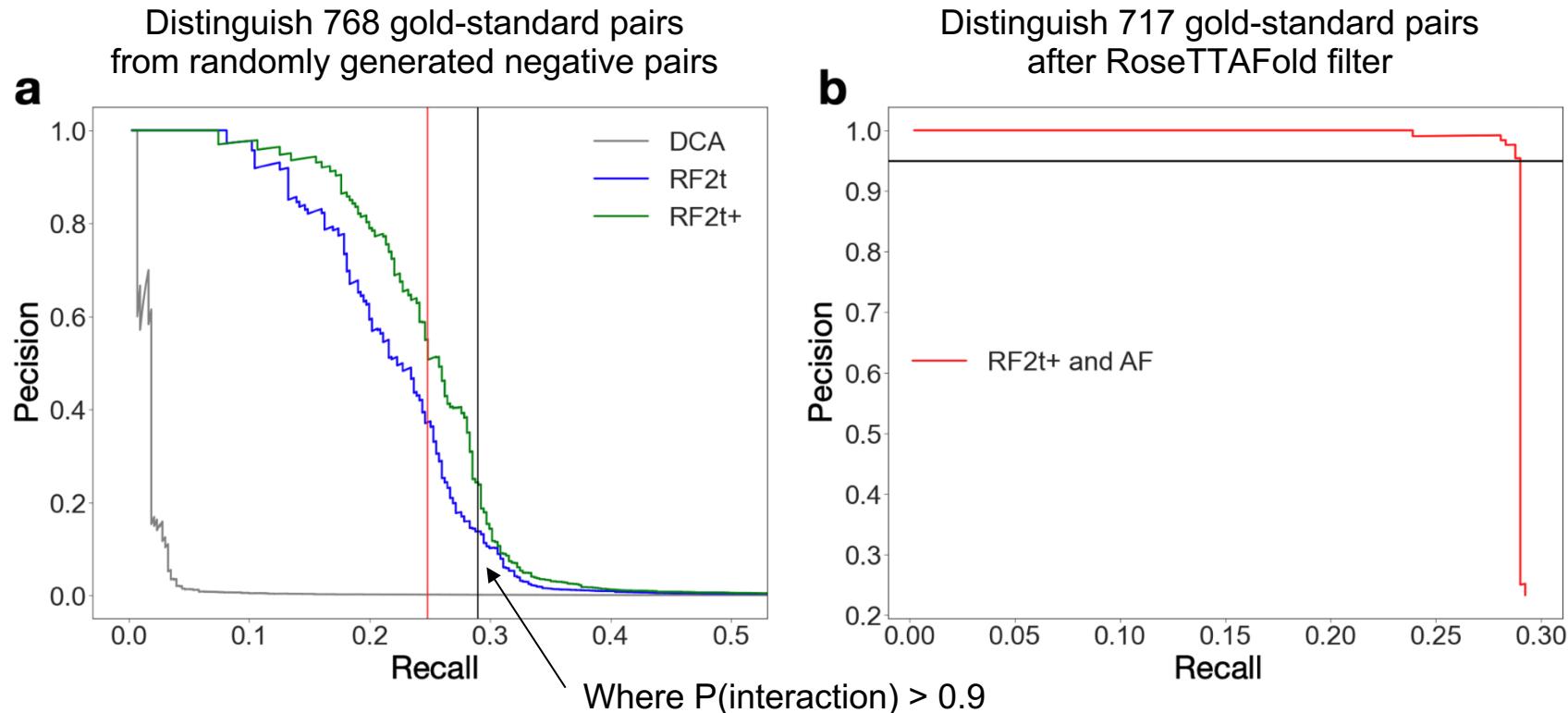
RoseTTAFold  
(or AlphaFold)

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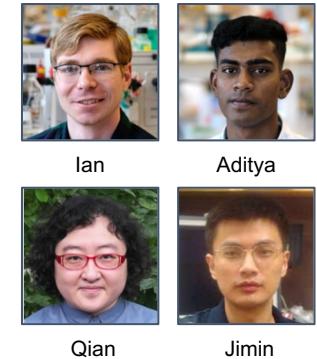
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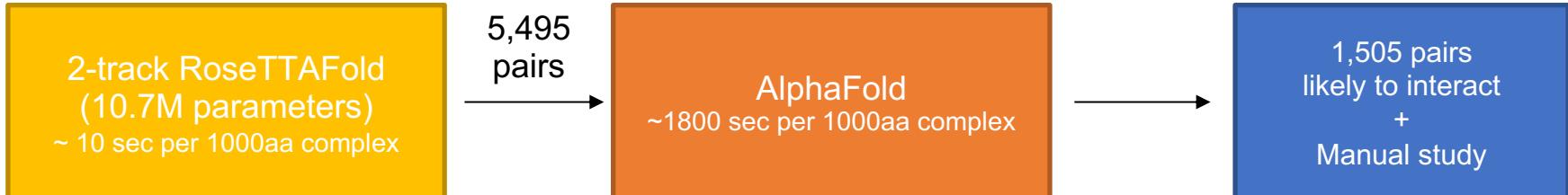
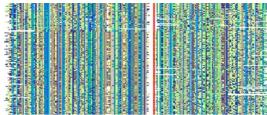


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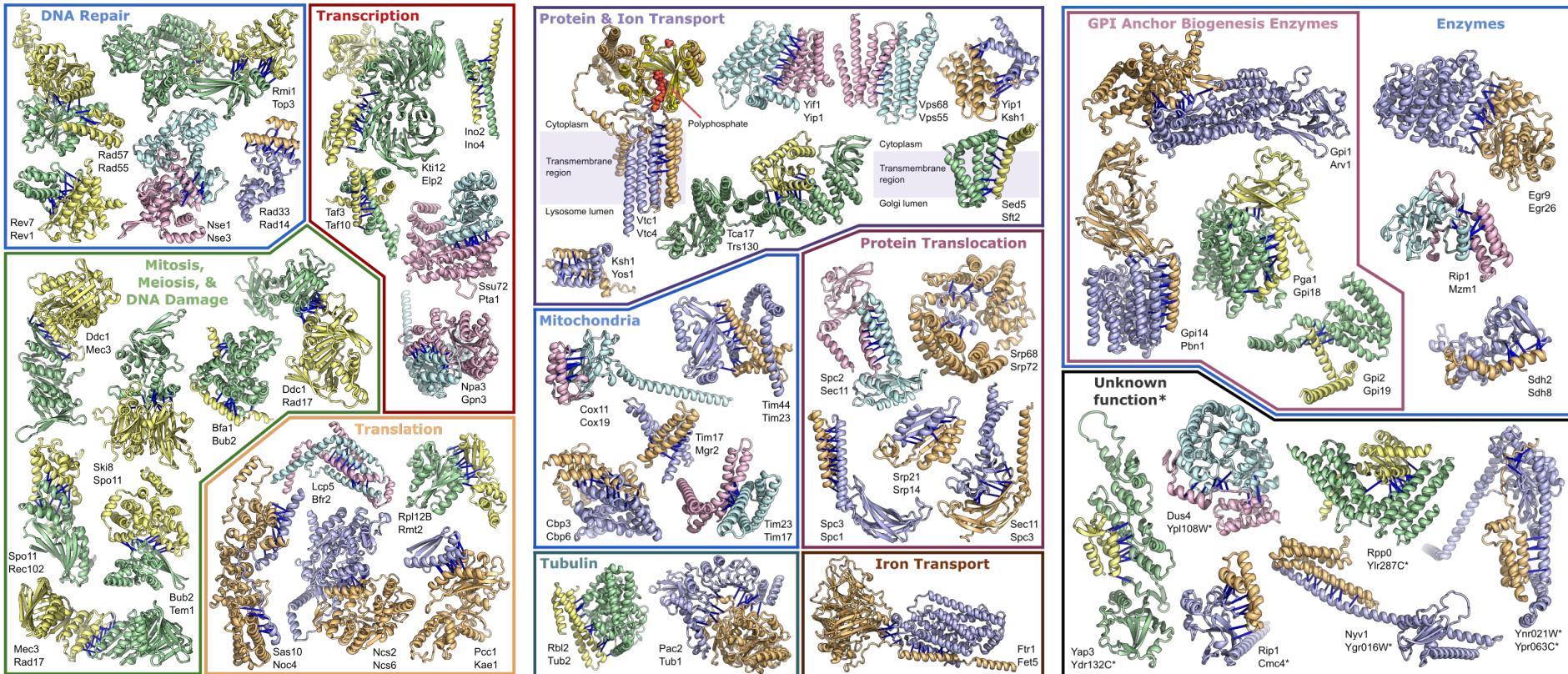


- 4.3 million protein pairs

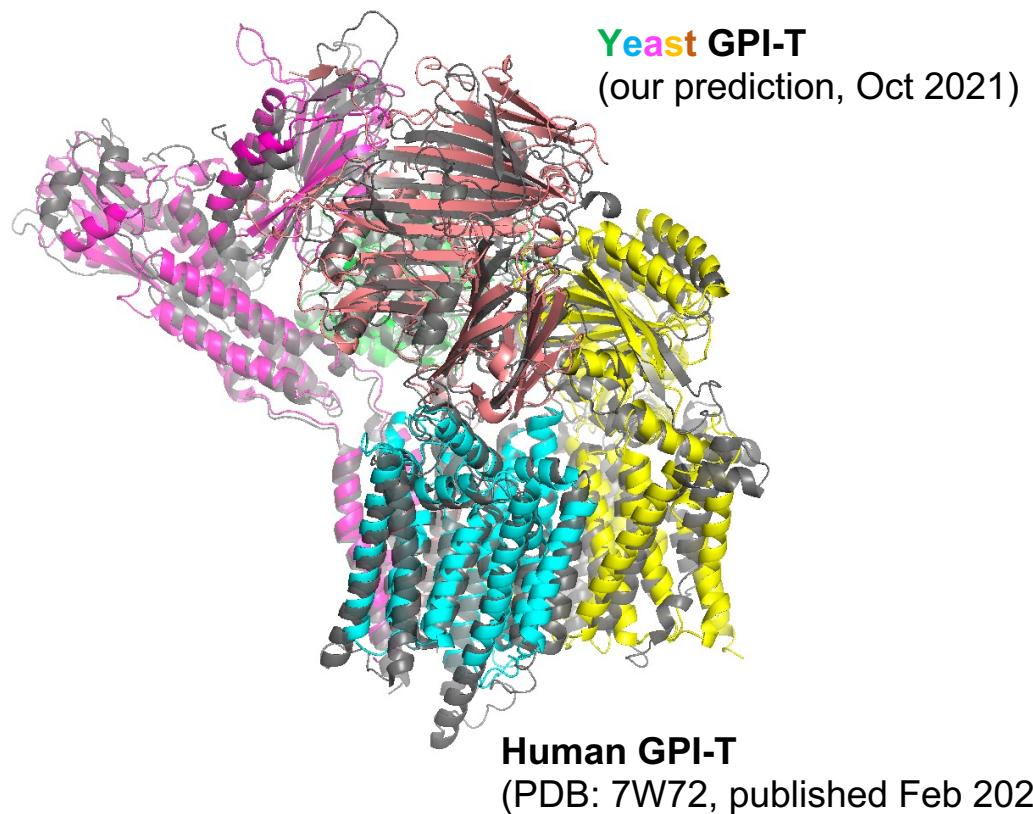
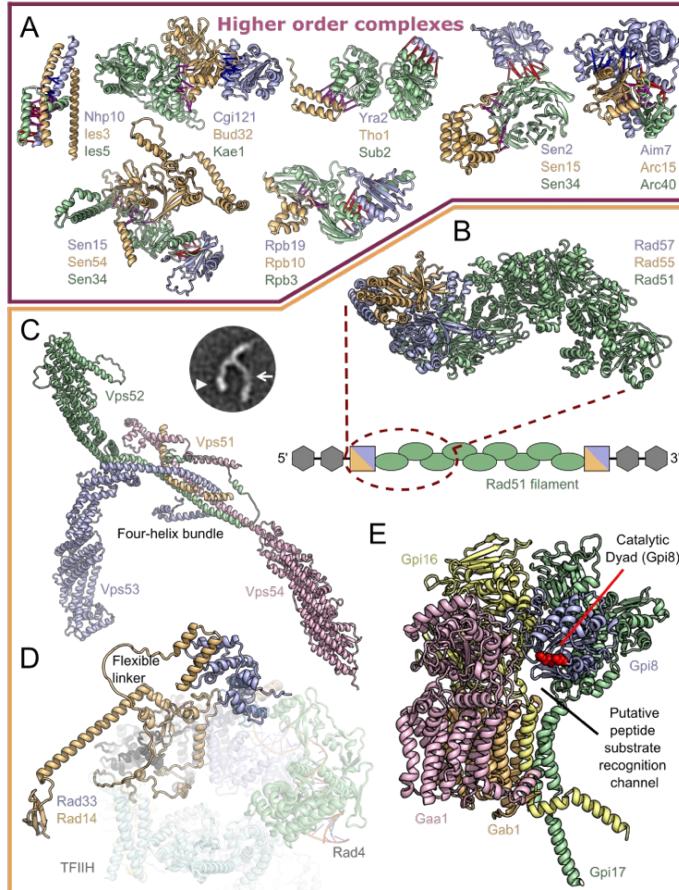
pMSA



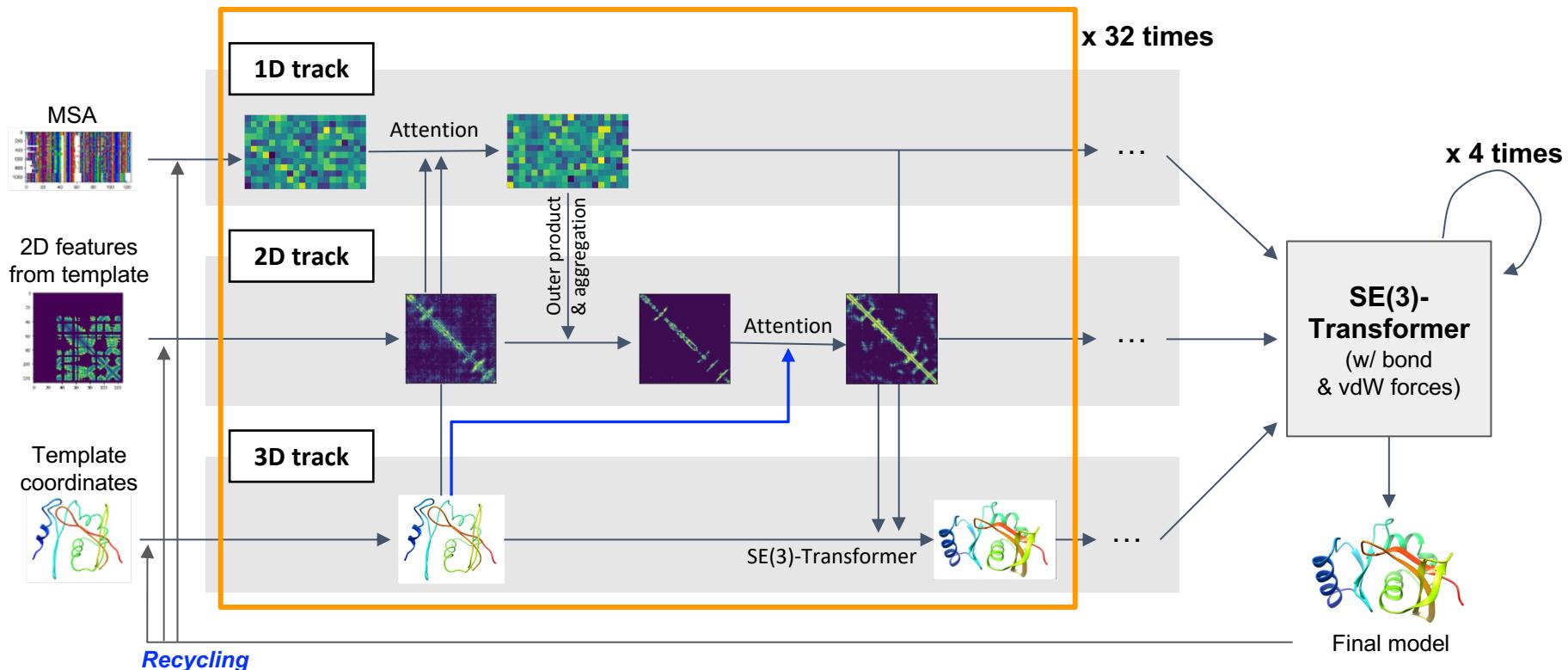
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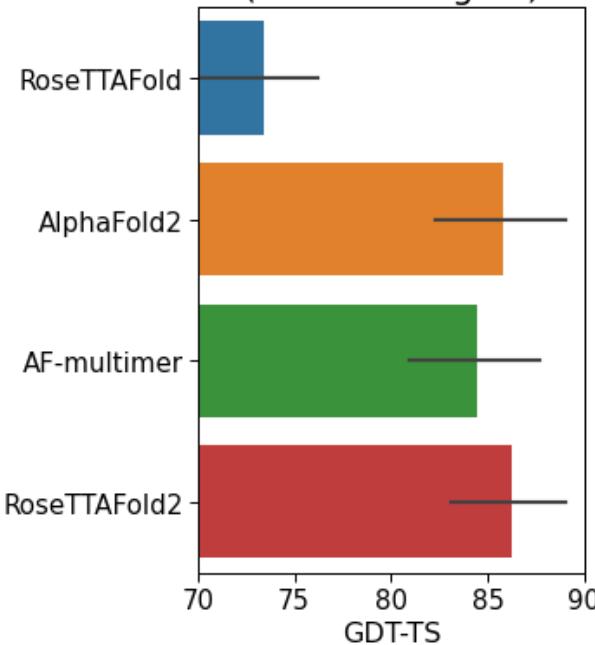


# RoseTTAFold2: improving RF for better modeling & screening

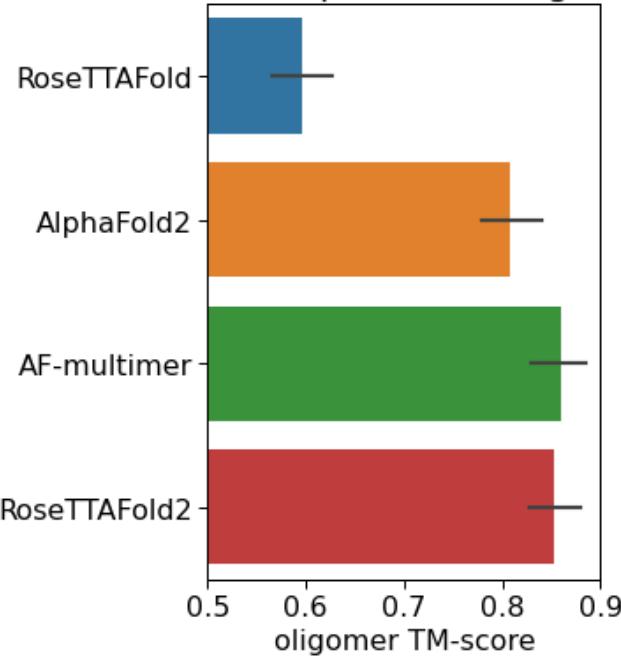


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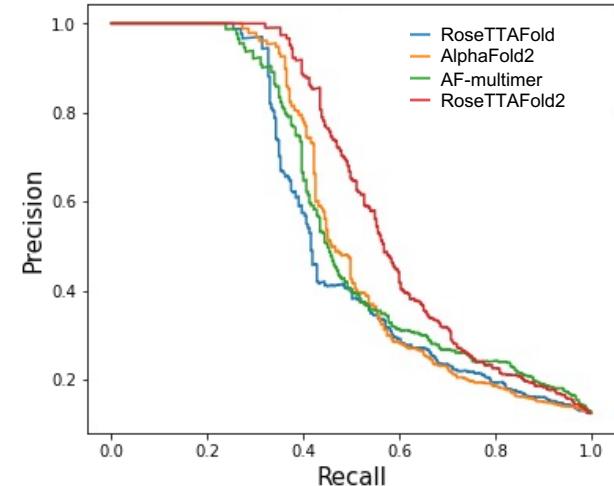
Tertiary structure modeling  
(CASP14 targets)



Complex modeling



PPI screening benchmark

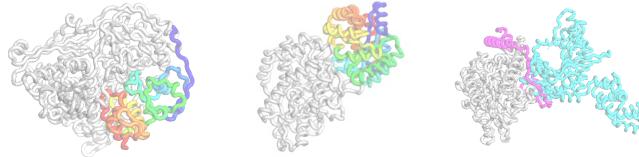


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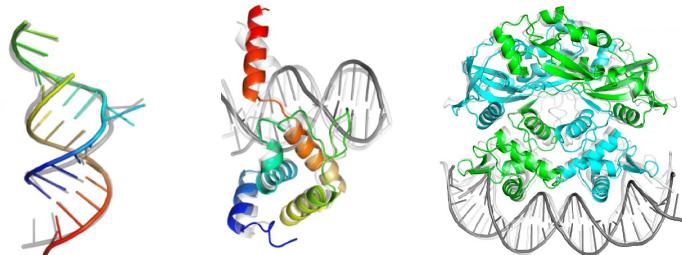


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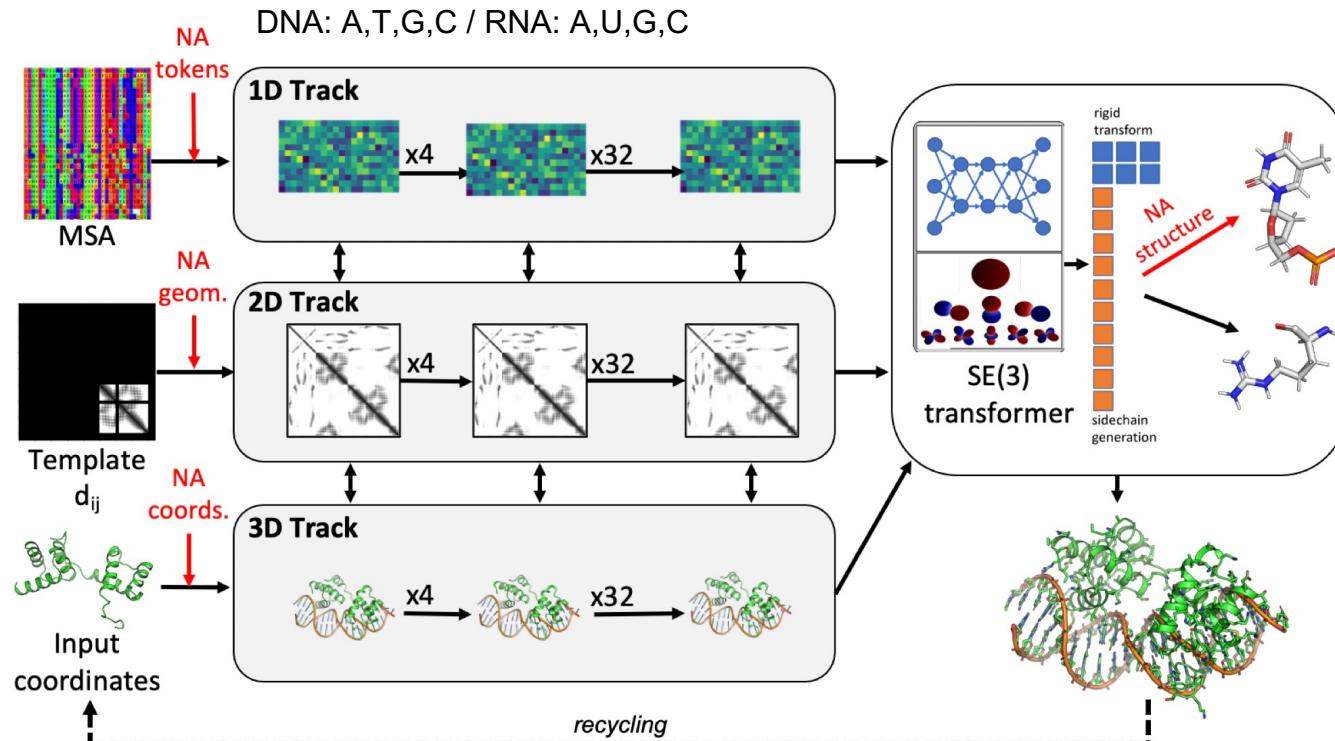


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# Extending RoseTTAFold – nucleic acid prediction

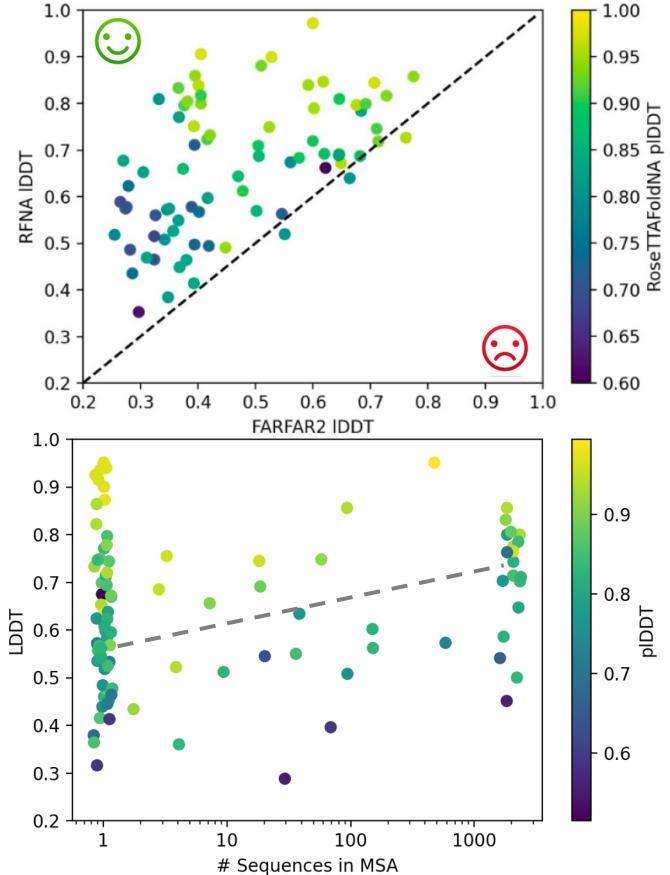


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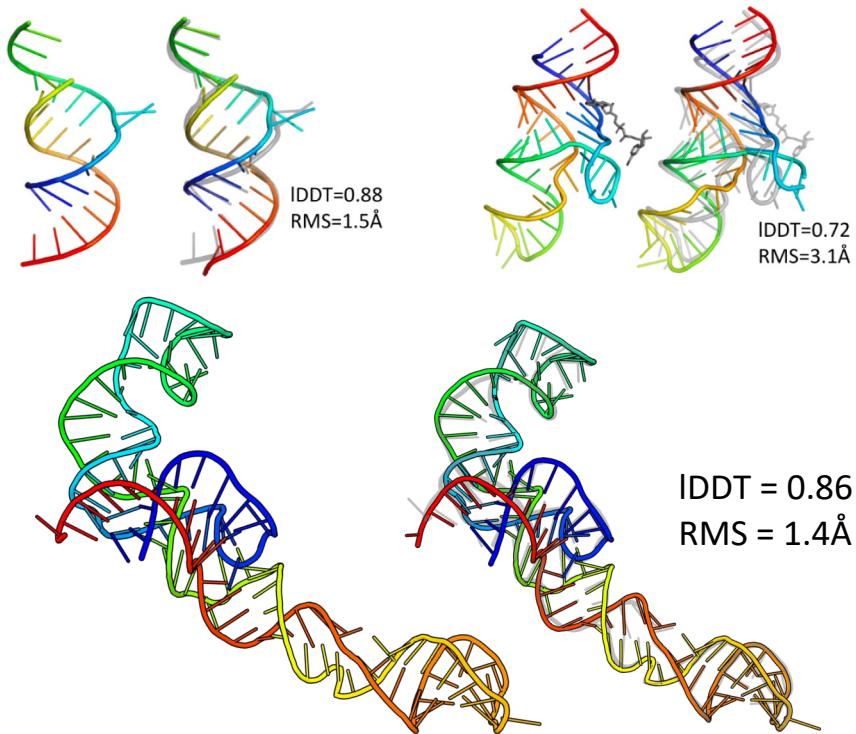
Trained on protein only set (>26k clusters) + **nucleic acid included structures (~3k clusters)**

# RoseTTAFoldNA shows promising results

## RNA structure prediction

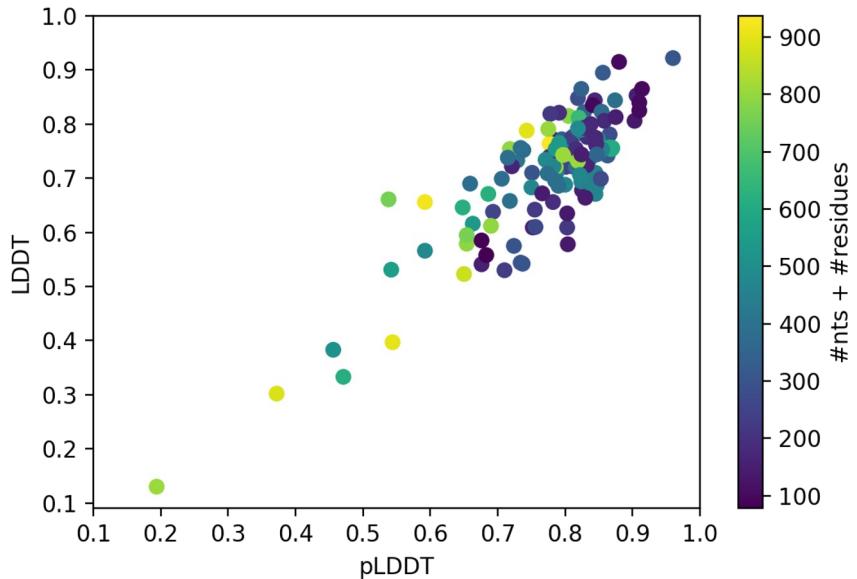


Ground-truth (left) vs Predicted (right)

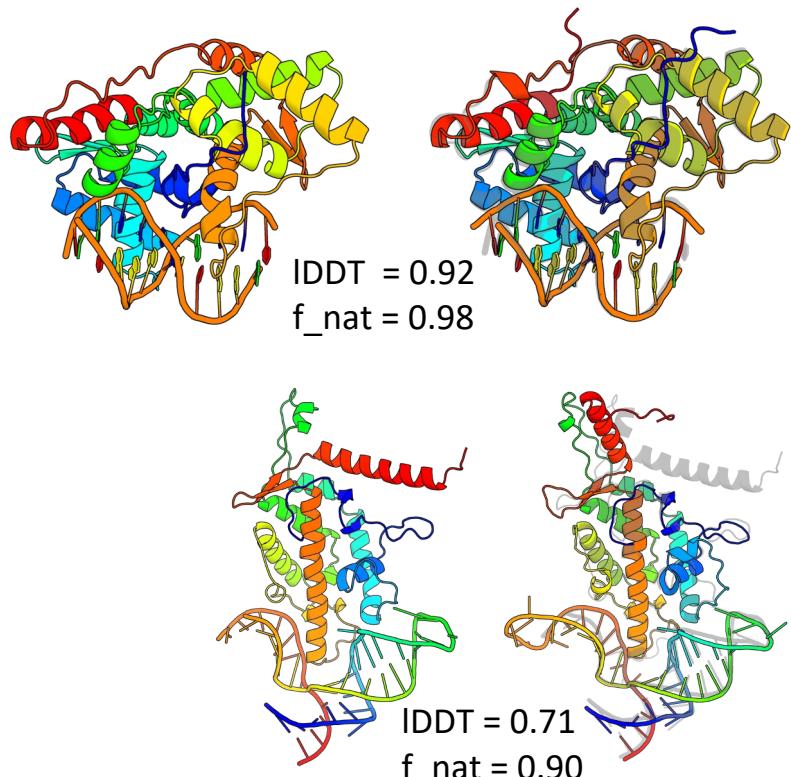


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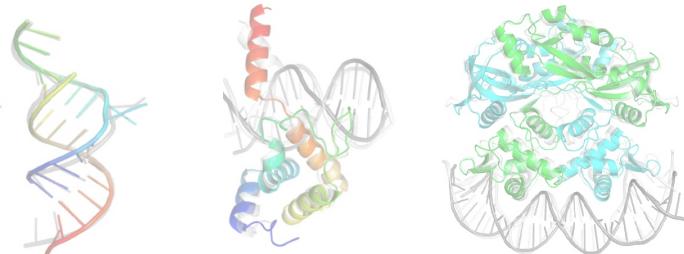


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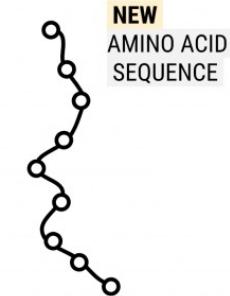
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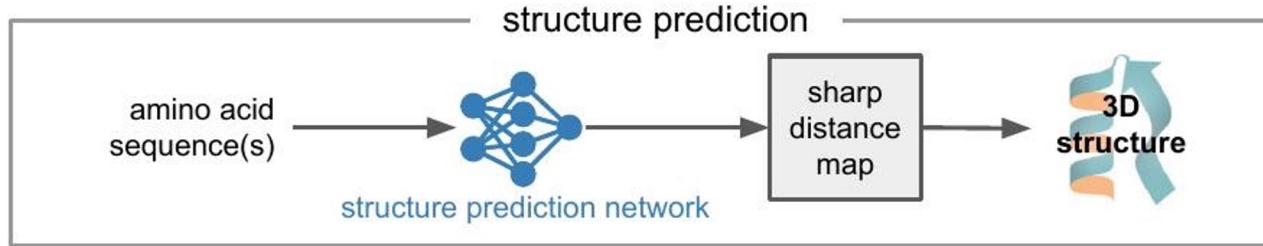
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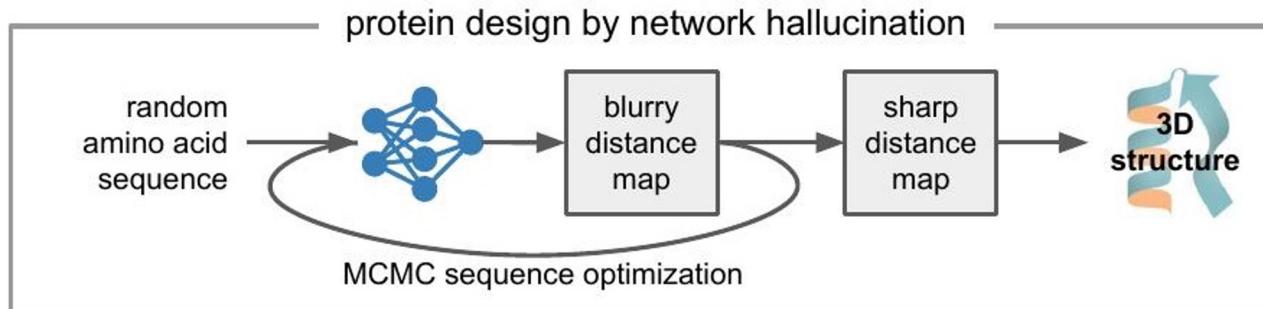
# Hallucination: Optimize sequence to have a structure



method development



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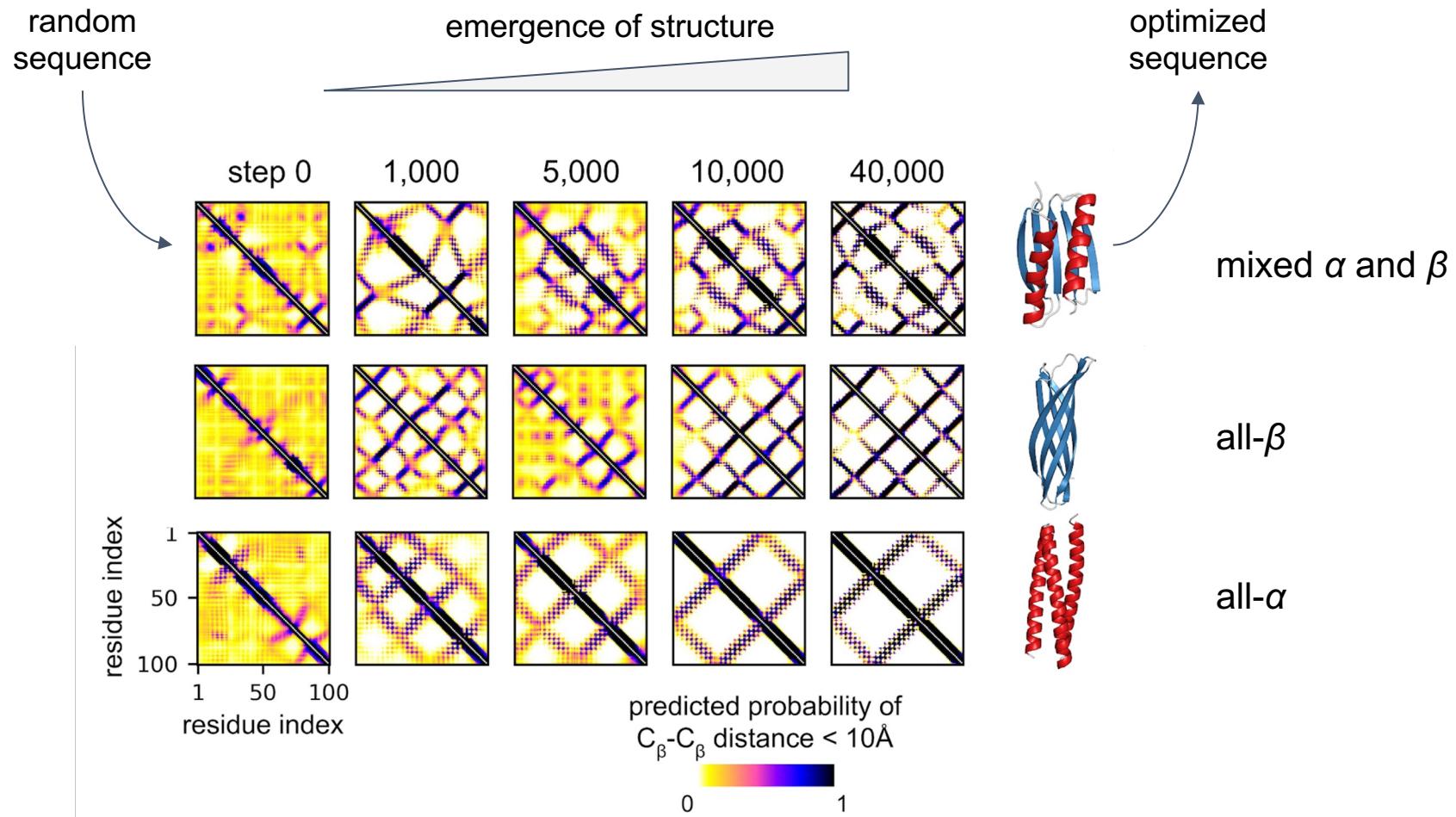


experimental validation



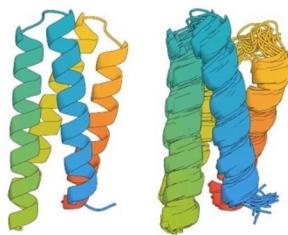
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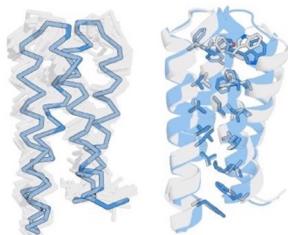


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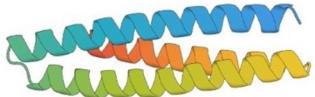


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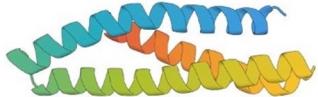
Hallucination/NMR  
1.82 Å bb RMSD over 100 aa

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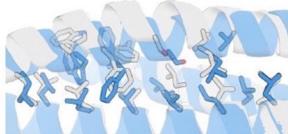


Crystal



Hallucination/Crystal

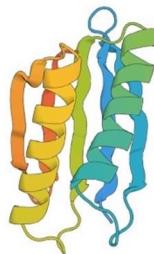
2.53 Å bb RMSD over 100 aa



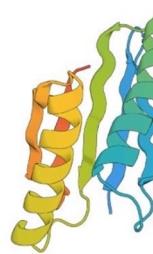
## Structures of 3 hallucinations were confirmed experimentally

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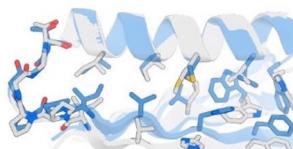


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3.68 Å bb RMSD over 96 aa

Hallucination/Crystal

1.32 Å bb RMSD over 53 aa

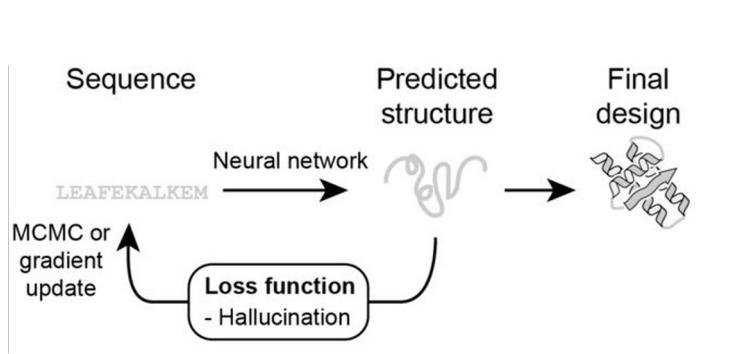


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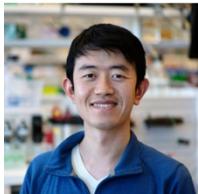
2.17 Å bb RMSD over 43 aa



# Constrained hallucination: design a new protein having a given functional motif



Free hallucination:  
generate novel protein folds



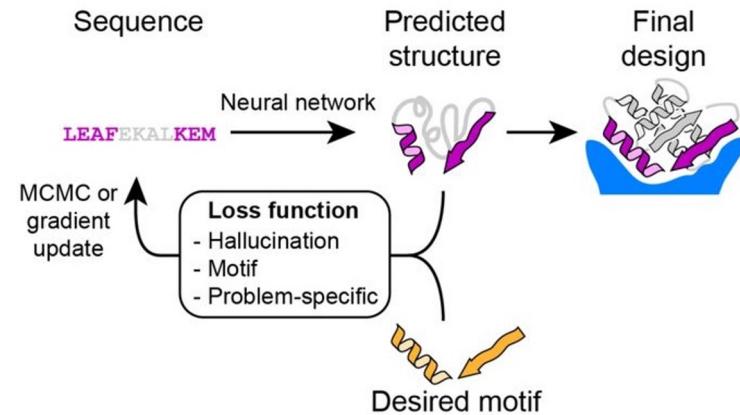
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Doug



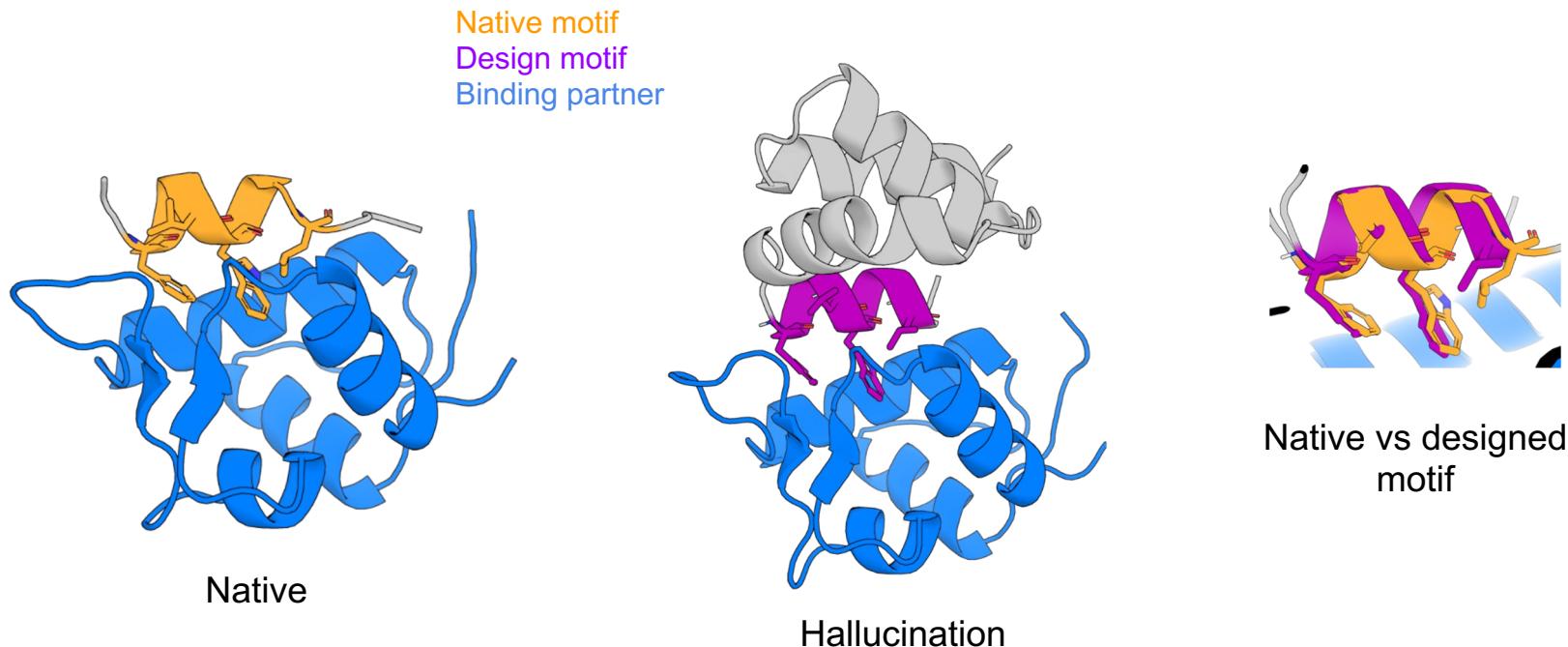
Sidney



Constrained hallucination:  
generate scaffolds harboring  
pre-specified functional sites

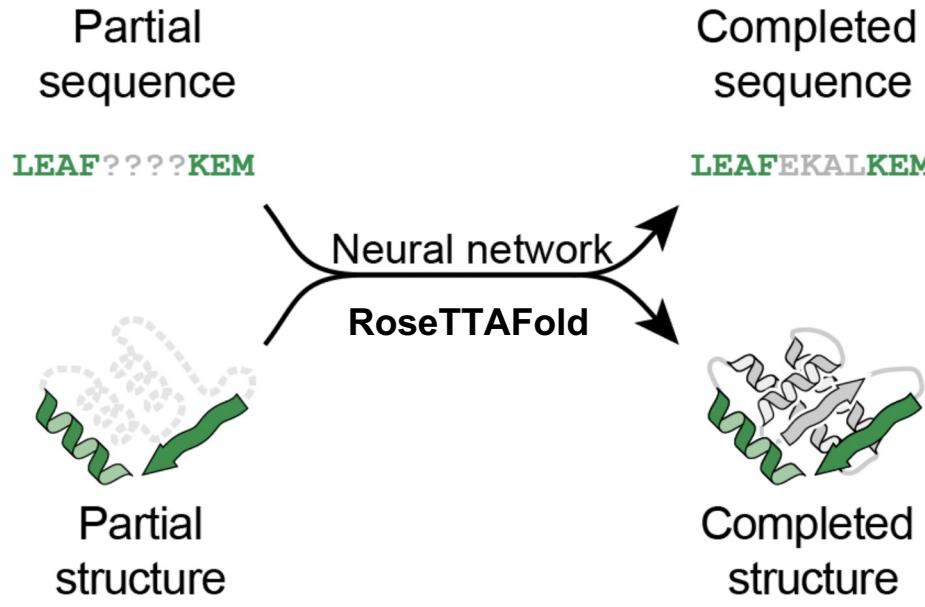
# Applications of constrained hallucination

Scaffolding p53 helix to bind cancer-signaling protein mdm2

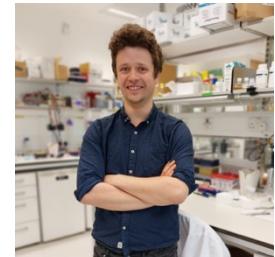


# Protein Design via Inpainting

Formulate motif-based protein design as information completion (or inpainting)



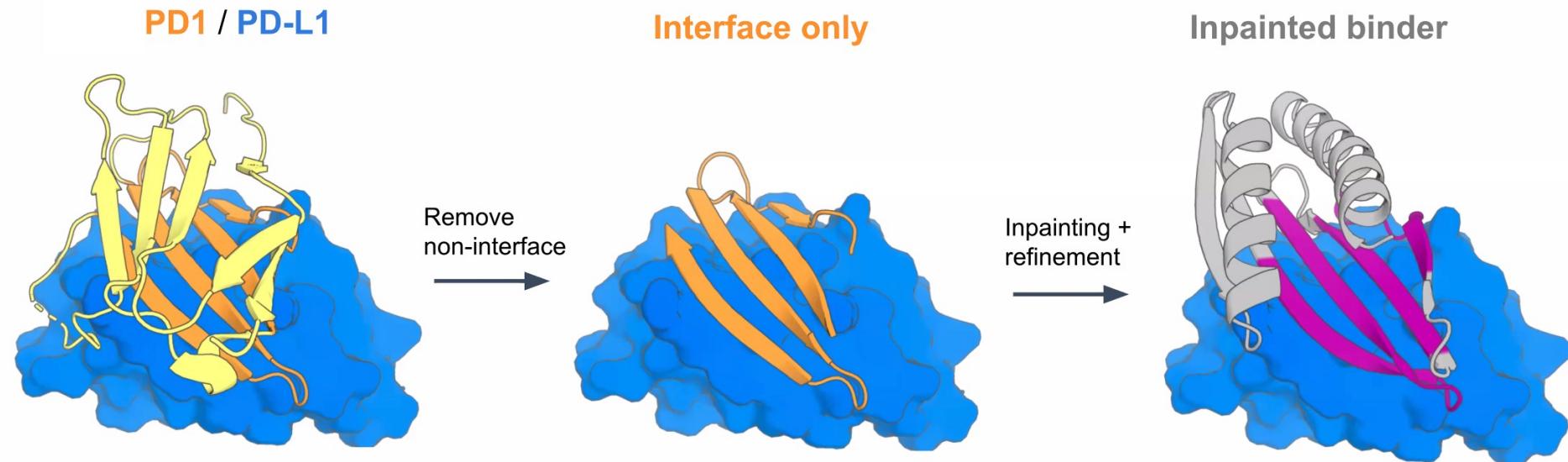
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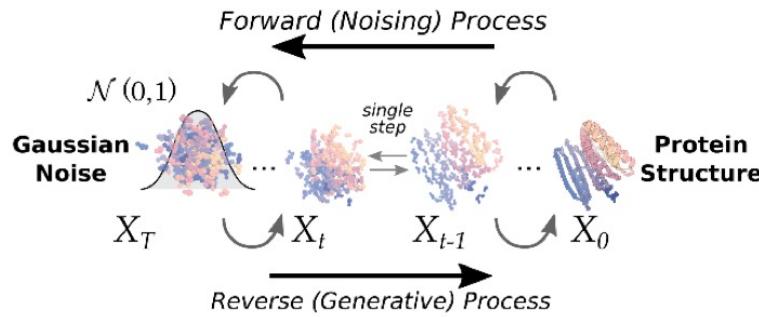
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# Design PD-L1/PD-1 binding inhibitor via inpainting

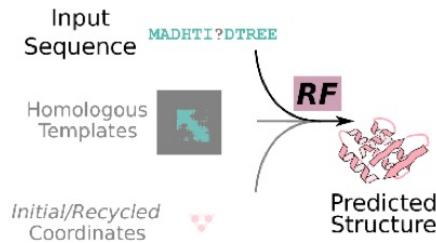


# Generative model for protein design (RFdiffusion)

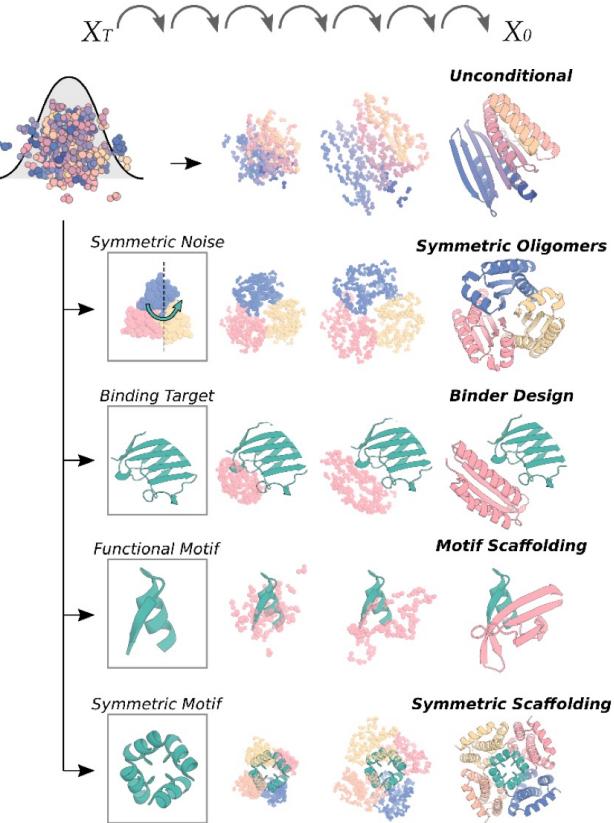
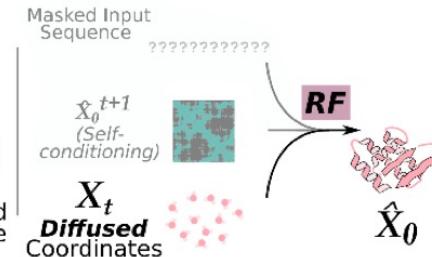
## Diffusion Model



## RoseTTAFold

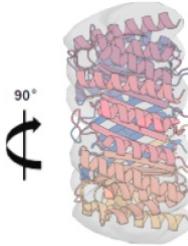
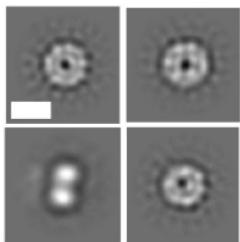
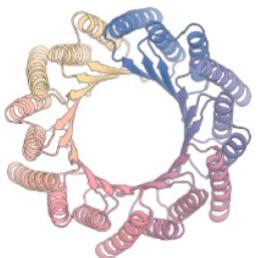


## RFdiffusion

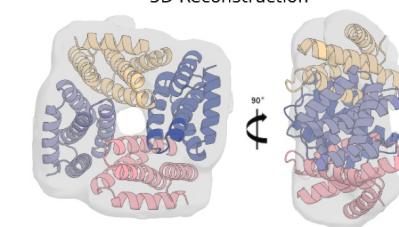
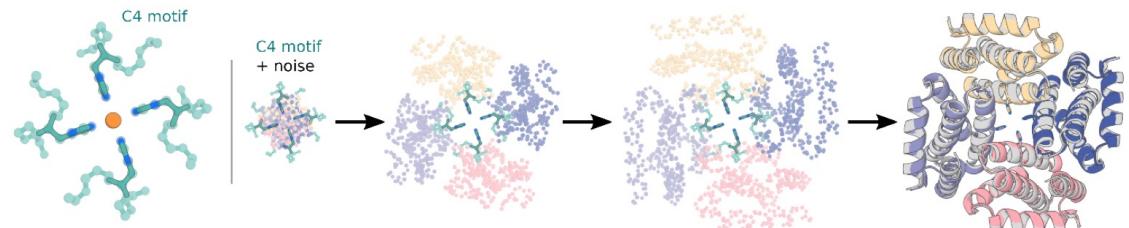
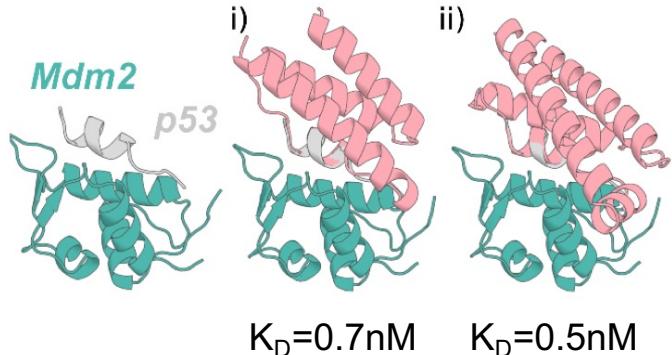


# RFdiffusion can do various design tasks

## High-order symmetric assemblies

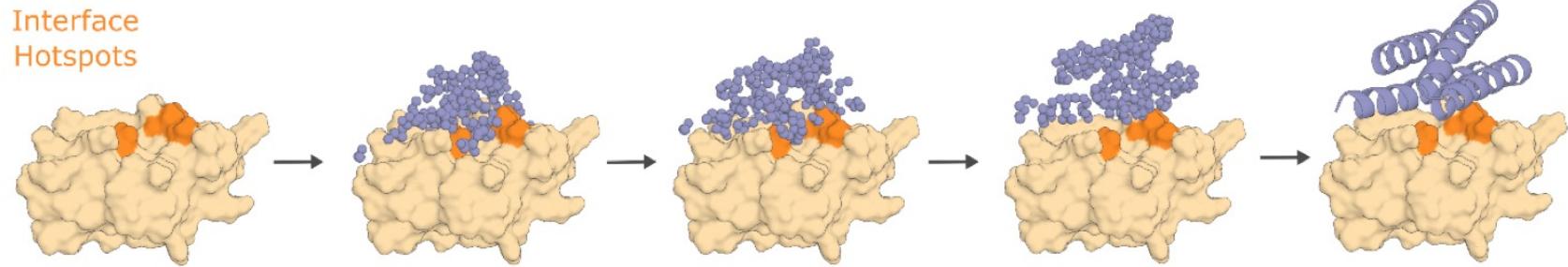


## Motif scaffolding

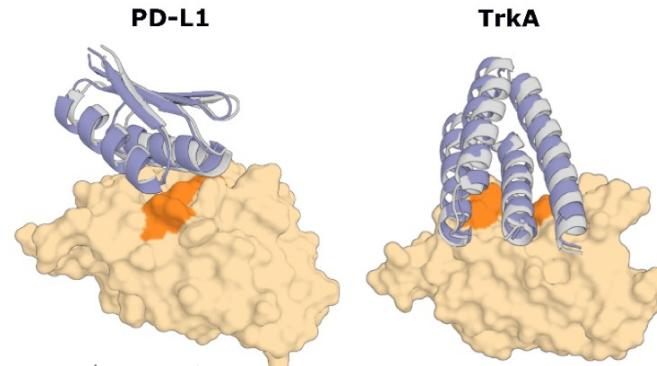
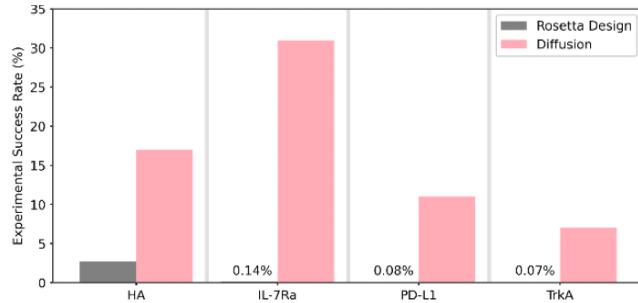


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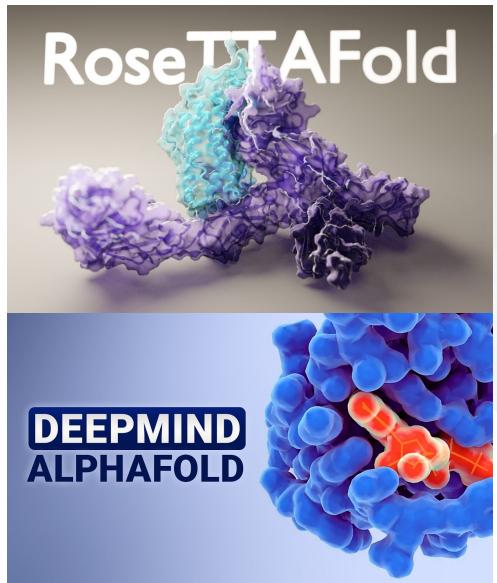
*Binder design based on a given interface*



RFdiffusion has orders-of-magnitude higher **experimental** success rates than previous methods



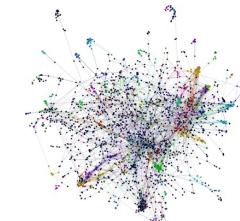
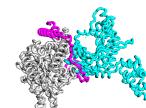
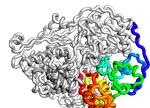
## AI-based protein modeling



### Large-scale *in silico* PPI screening

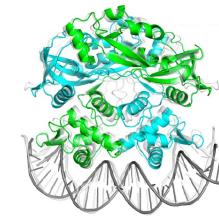
Protein A

Protein B



Humphreys, I., Pei, J., Baek, M., Krishnakumar, A., et al, *Science* (2021)

### Nucleic acid structure & interaction prediction



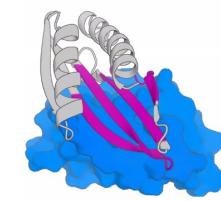
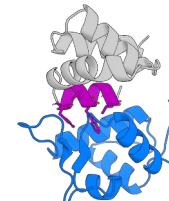
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### De novo functional protein design

DESIGNED PROTEIN



NEW AMINO ACID SEQUENCE



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