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ADDock
High-Ambiguity Driven Docking

Bridging artificial intelligence and physics-based docking for better modelling of biomolecular complexes

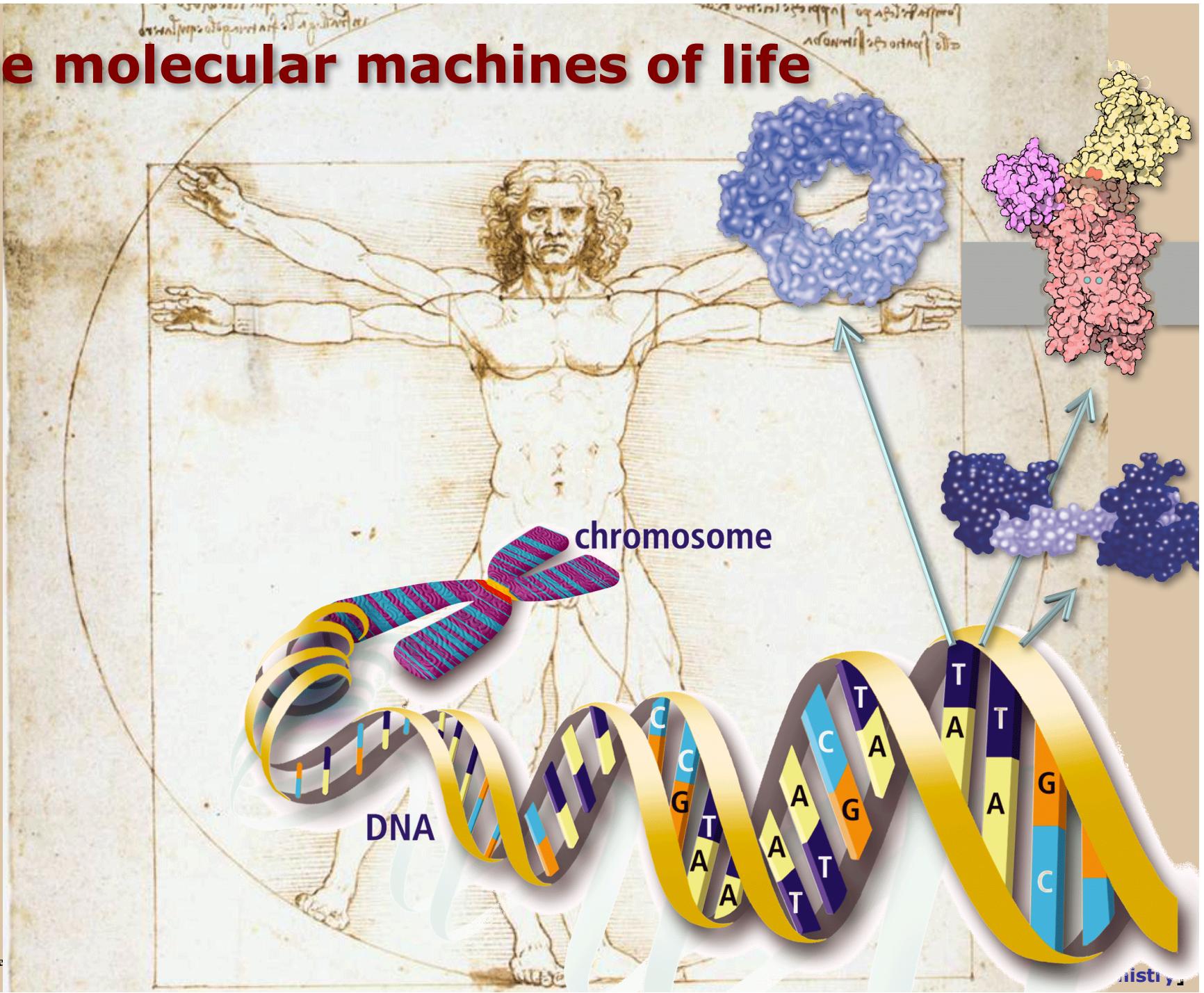
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The molecular machines of life

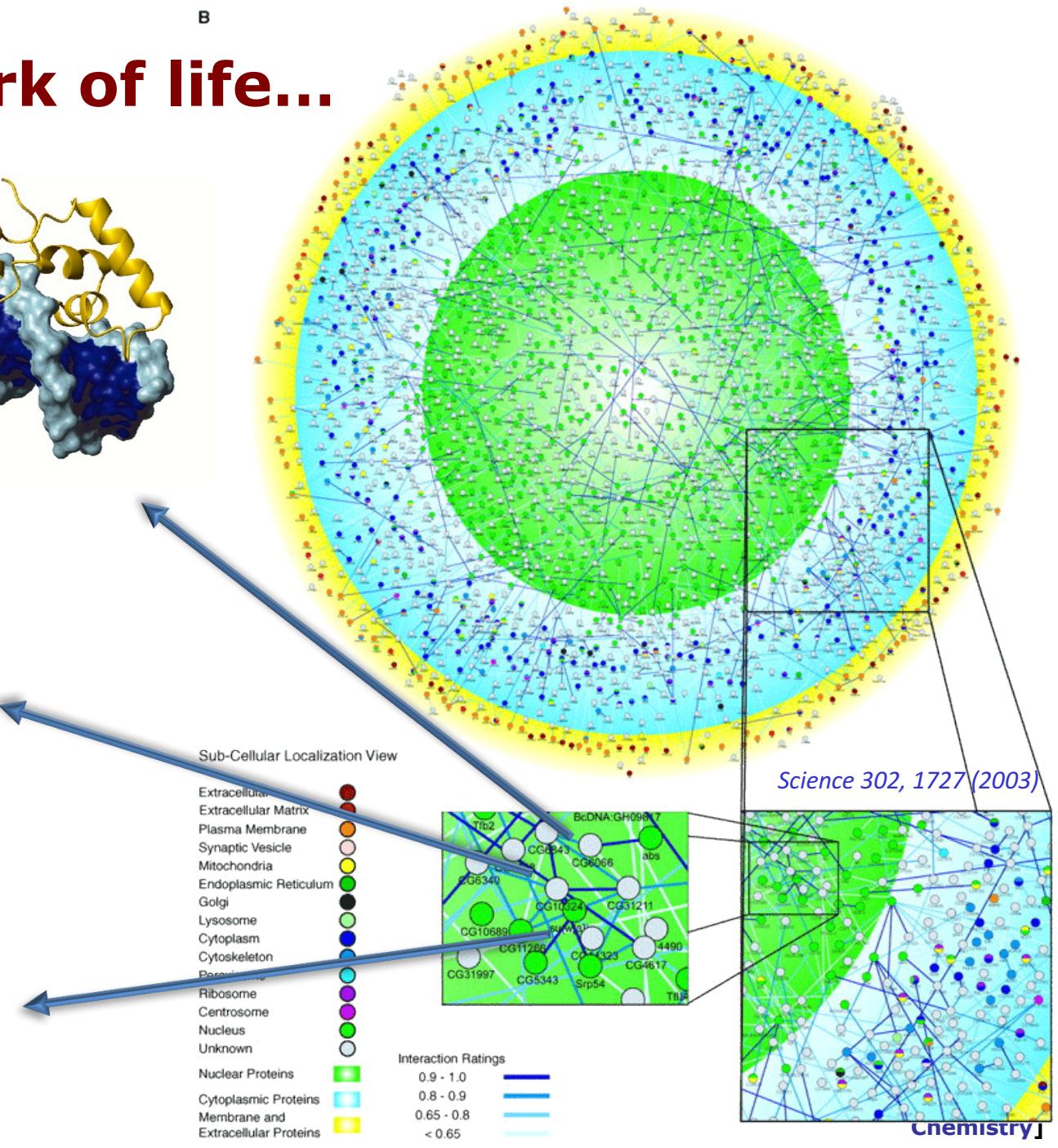
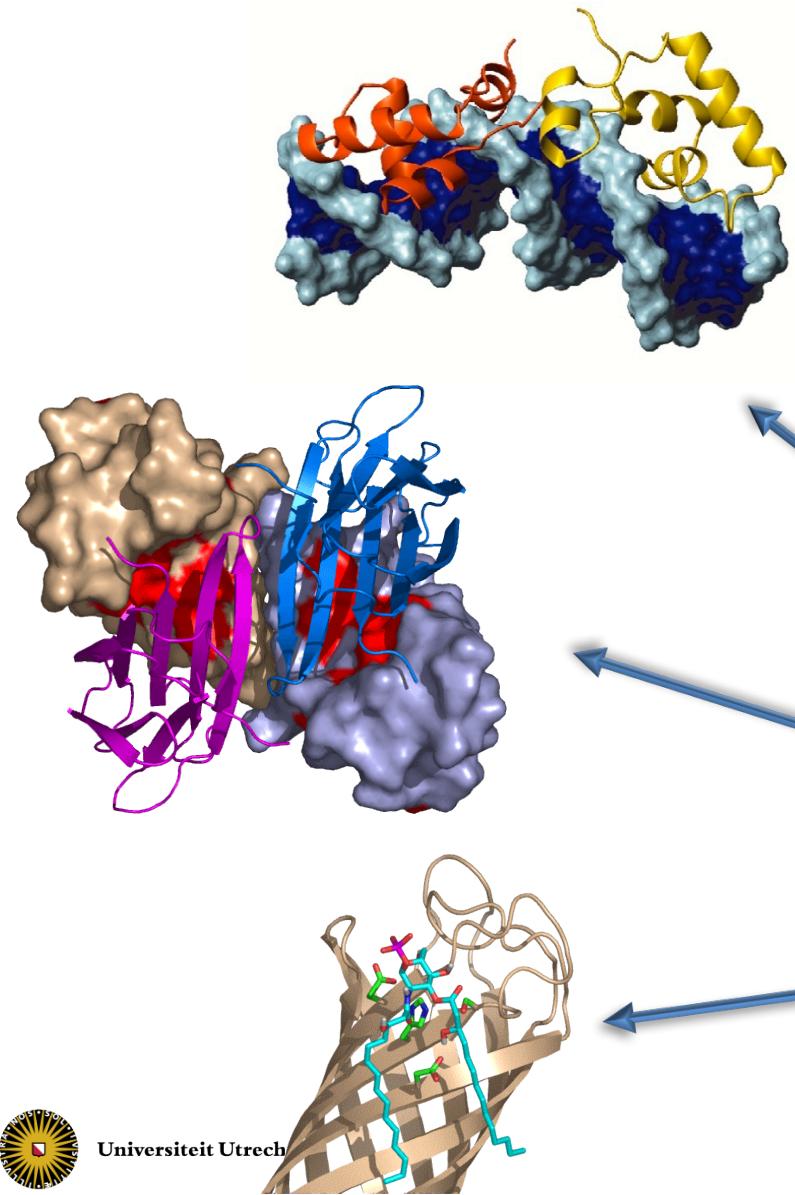


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The network of life...

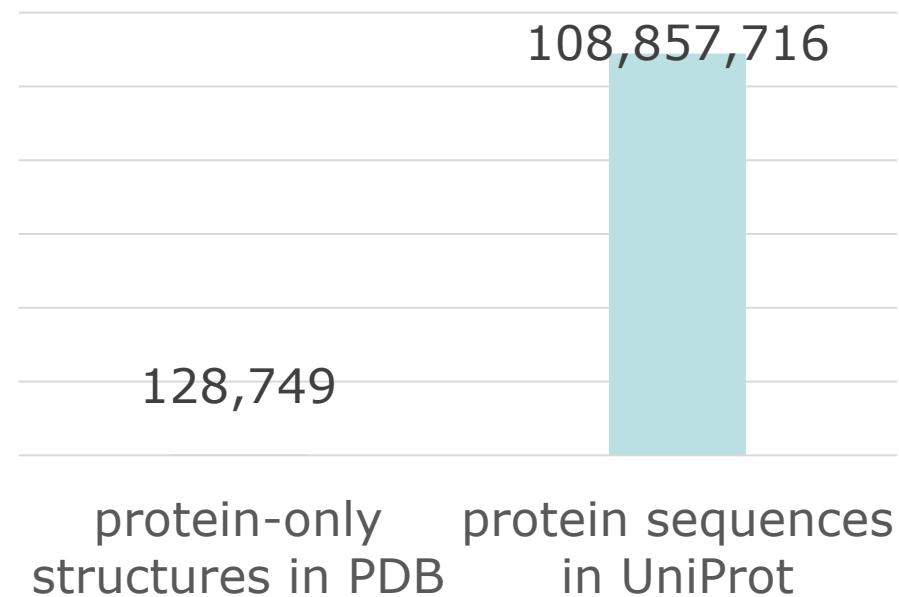


The Quest for 3D Structures of Protein Complexes

Structures/Models

- Provide structural insight into protein function and regulation.
- Can guide experimental studies
- Can help rationalize the effect of genetic defects
- Can function as drug target

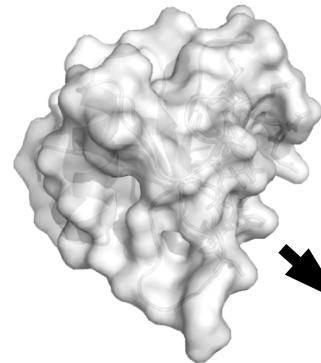
BUT: The number of experimentally solved protein structures are greatly lagged behind of sequences



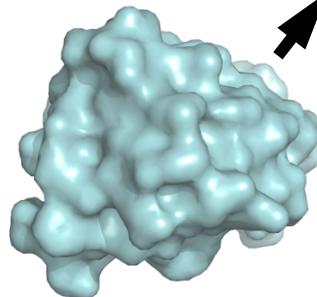
This calls for complementary computational methods

Protein-Protein Docking & its challenges

Protein A

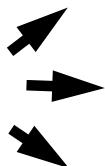
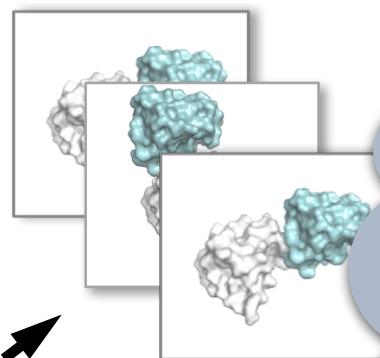


Protein B

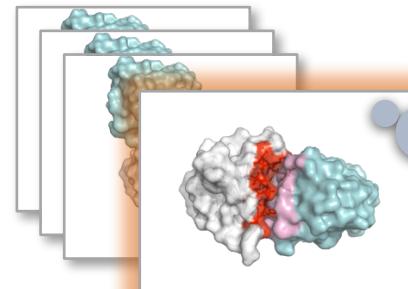


Docking
Program

Docking generates *vast numbers* of docked conformations



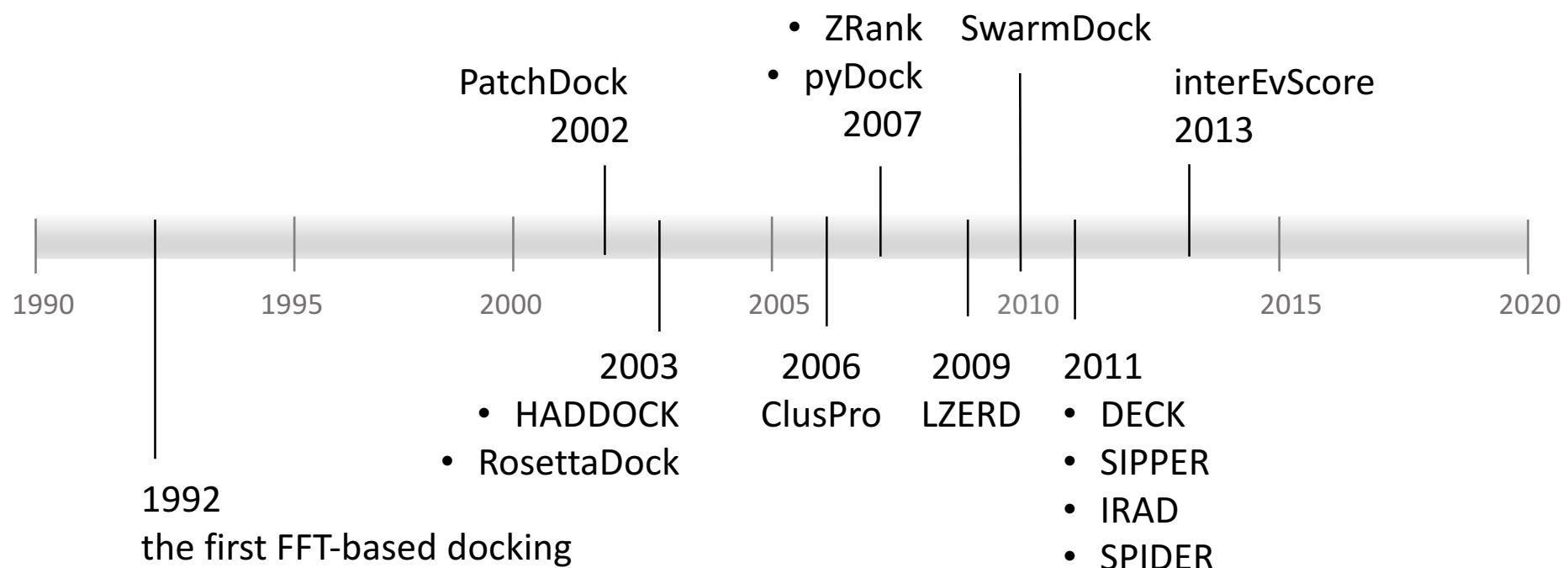
Challenge 1 - Huge sampling space:
How to generate native-like (correct) models for *flexible* proteins?



Challenge 2 - Scoring: How to select the native-like models?

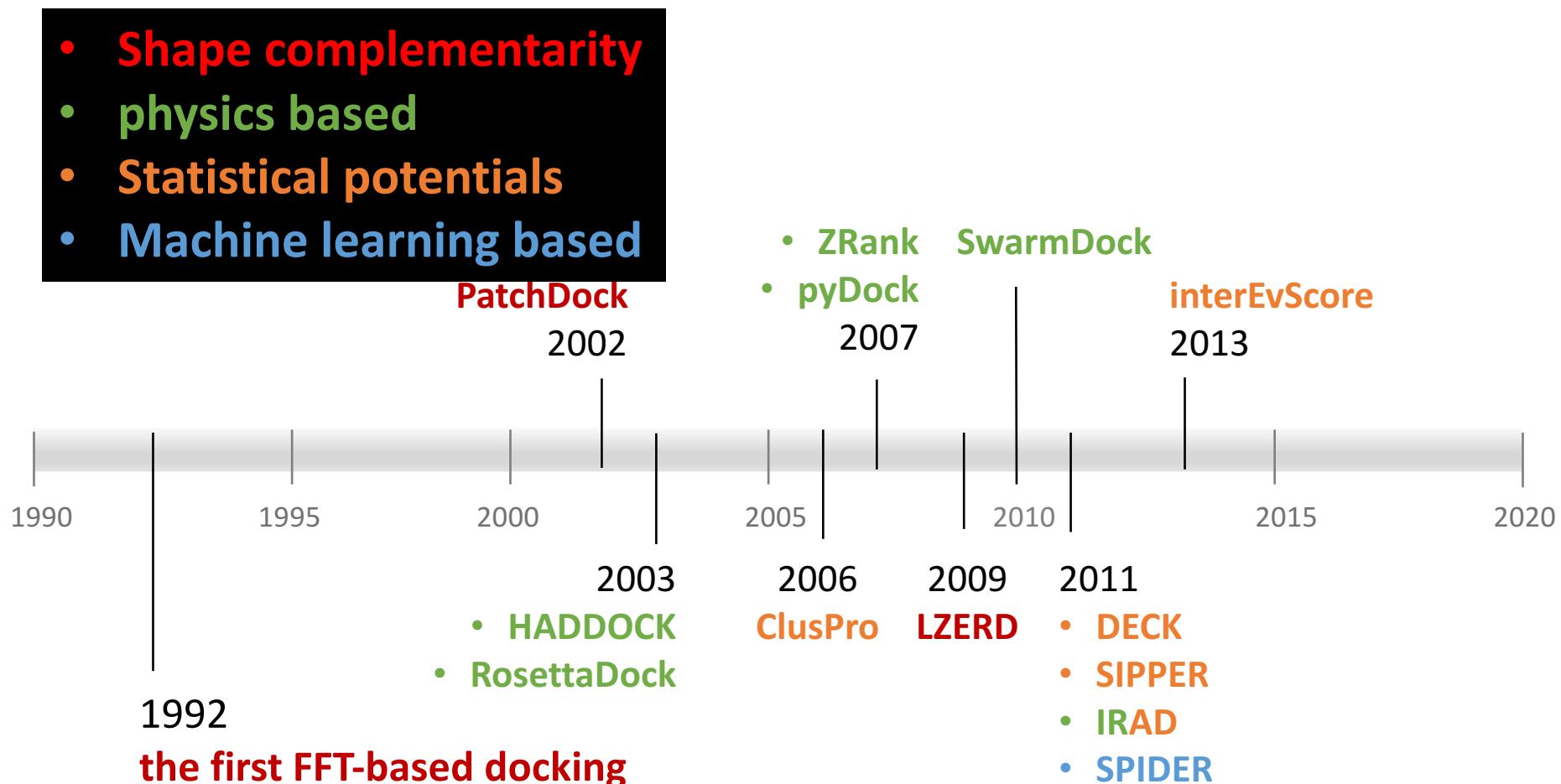
Scoring in the past 25 years

> 100 scoring functions published



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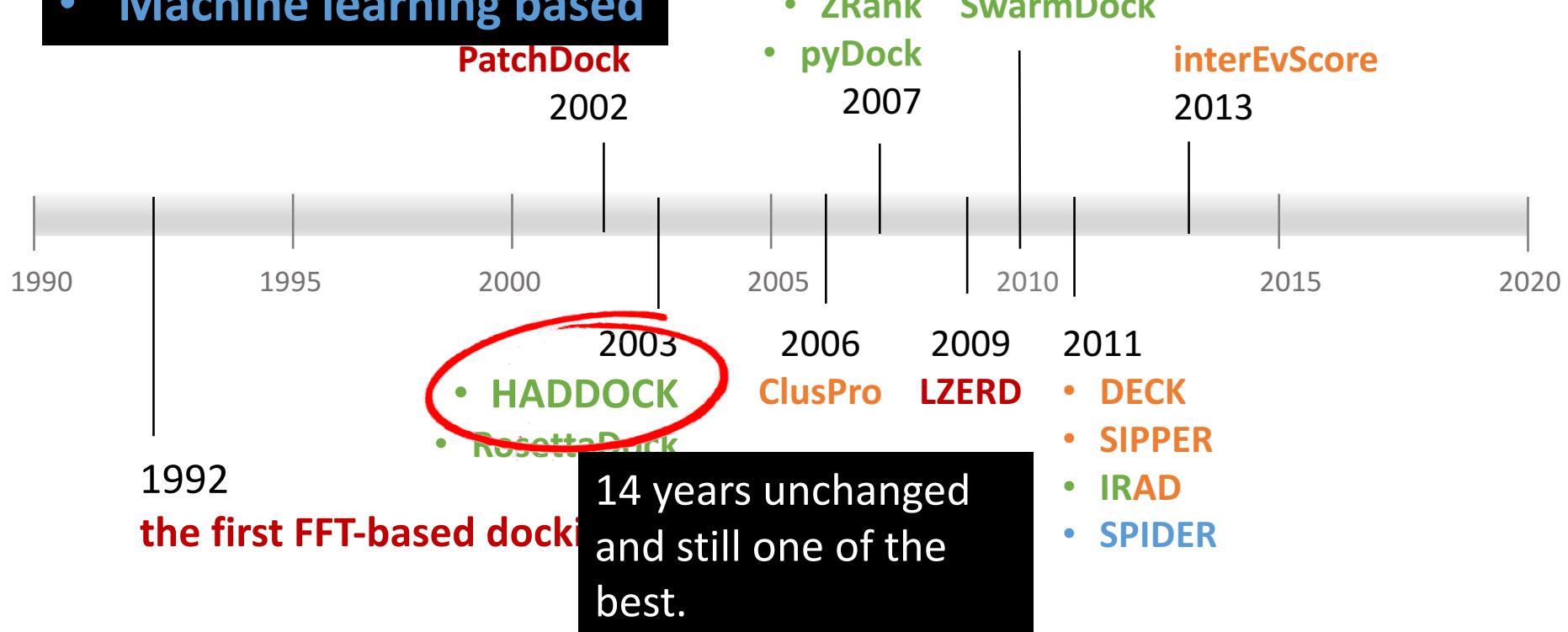
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Scoring in the past 25 years

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- Shape complementarity
- physics based
- Statistical potentials
- Machine learning based



Scoring in the past 25 years

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- More data accumulated
- More computational power
- Better machine learning algorithms

1990

1992

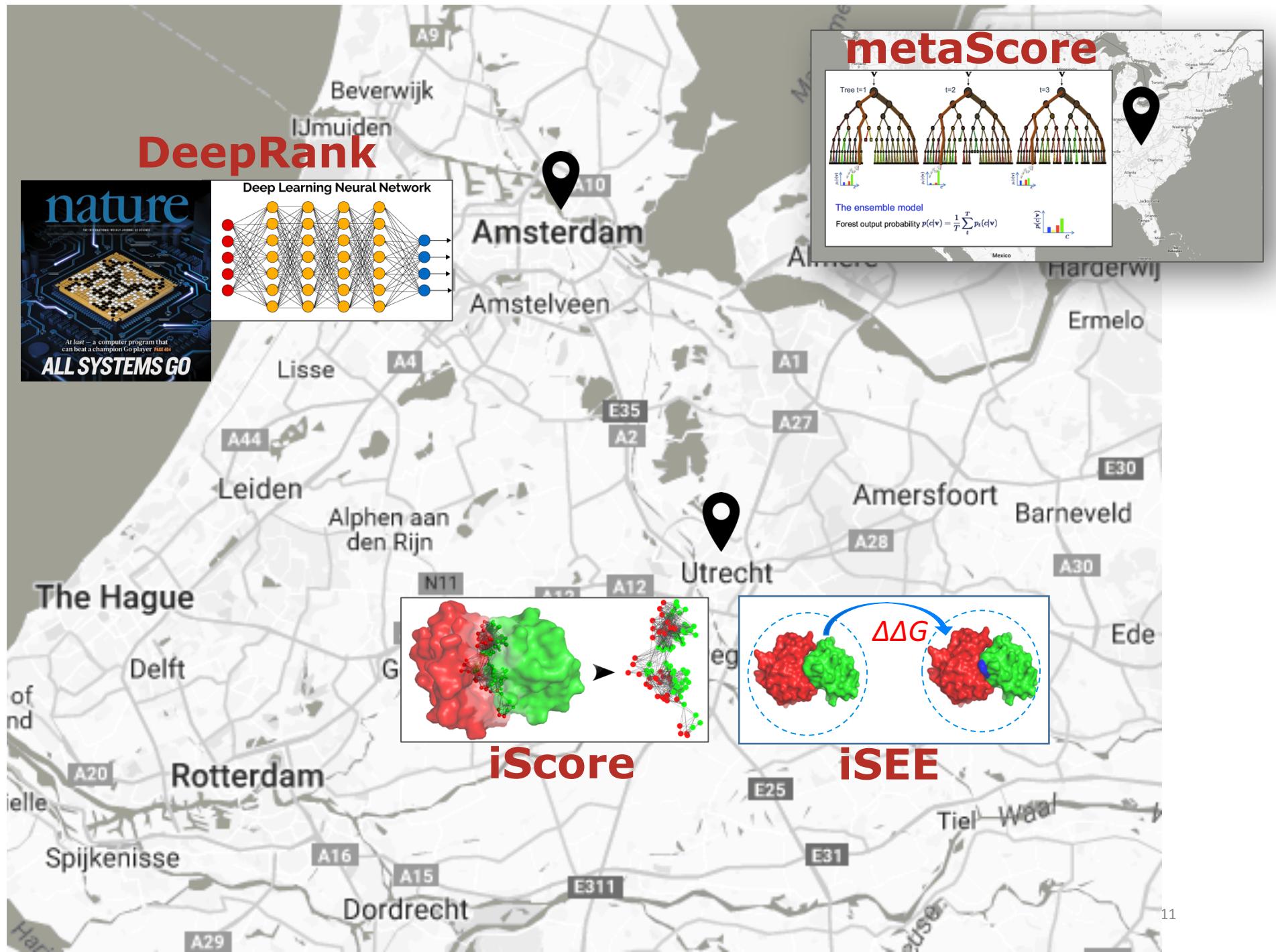
the first FFT-based docking

2020

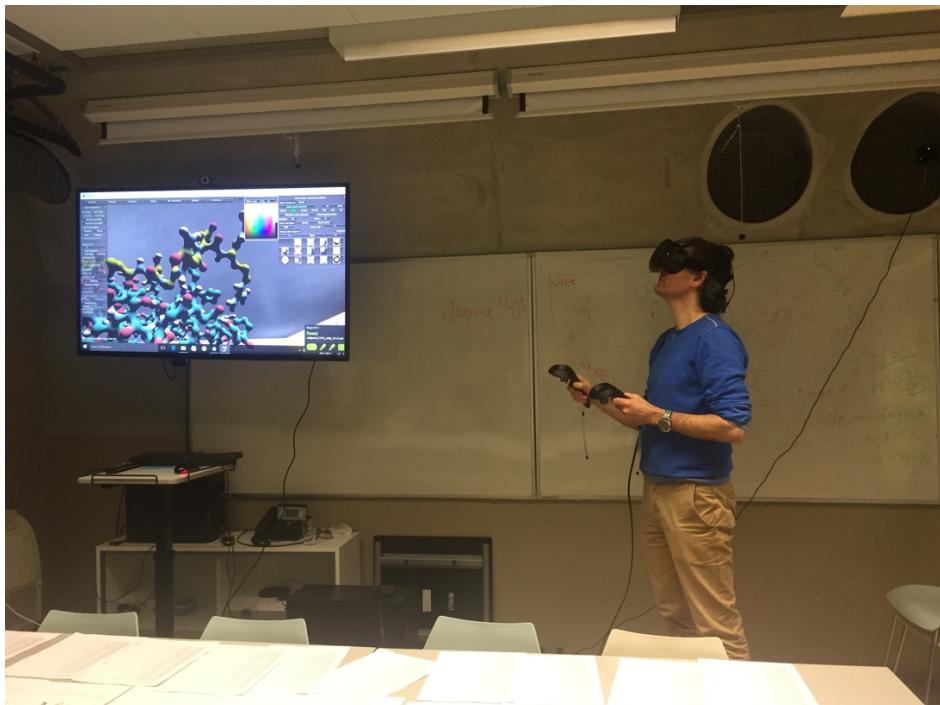
Can we do Better?

- TRAD
- SPIDER



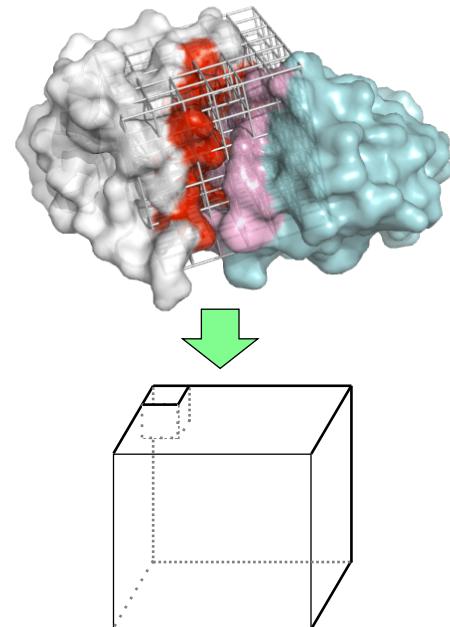


Our DeepRank project: Why Deep Learning, specifically convNets?



Human expert visually checking the interface of a docked model
@ CAPRI 38 competition – manual selection stage

A docked model
with its interface (red/pink) in a grid box



**Use convNets to scan the
interface of a docked model**

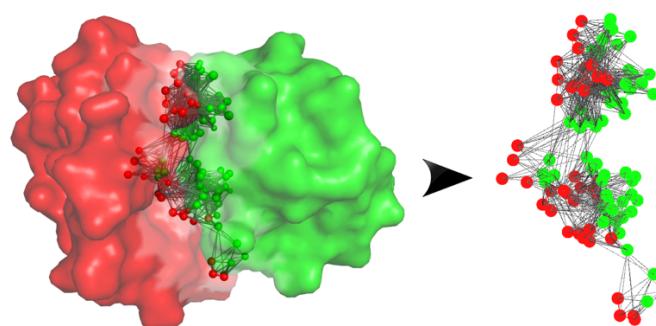


<https://github.com/DeepRank>

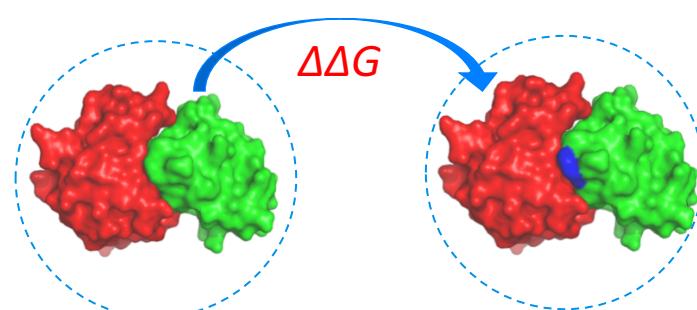
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Outline

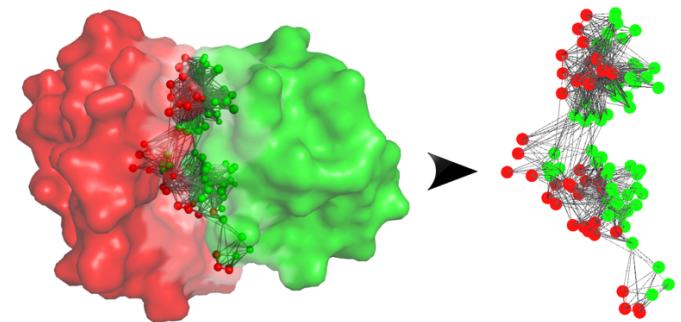
iScore



iSEE



structure → interactions → binding free energy → function



iScore

interface graph based docking scoring function

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iScore: a novel machine learning based scoring function

I propose a novel approach that treat the scoring problem as a *graph comparison problem*.

A docked model and its interface graph

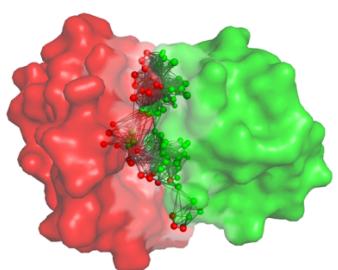
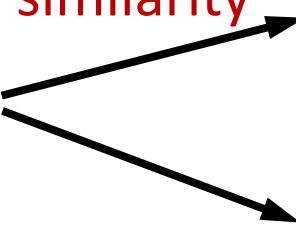


Figure credit: Cunliang Geng

Calculate
graph
similarity



Training data

Positive data

Interface graphs from
correct protein-protein structures

Negative data

Interface graphs from
wrong protein-protein models

iScore: a novel machine learning based scoring function

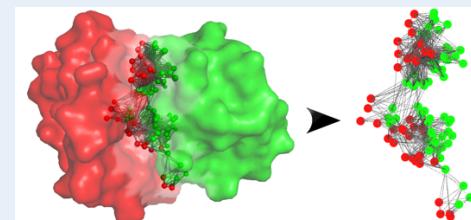
Strength #1: Much higher resolution of the input information is considered.

Typical machine learning scoring function :

Uses ***whole interface descriptors instead of*** working at the resolution of atoms or residues.

iScore exploits:

- Network topology
- Atom/Residue level information (node label)
- Pairwise information (edge label)



iScore: a novel machine learning based scoring function

Strength #2: Full profile of interface conservation can be exploited.

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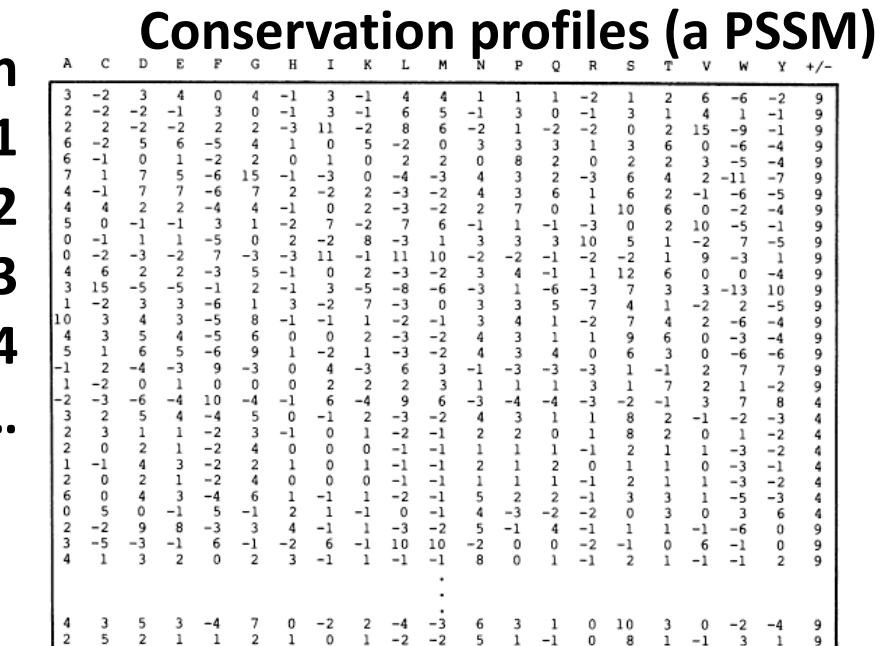
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Position

Evolution information is critical for

- Protein recognition
- Protein folding

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iScore v1.0: an evolution based scoring function

iScore v1.0:

- uses residue conservation only.
- Residue level resolution

Trained on 114 bound complexes, 114 wrong models.

Tested on 64 cases, 400 docked models per case.

iScore vs. HADDOCK score

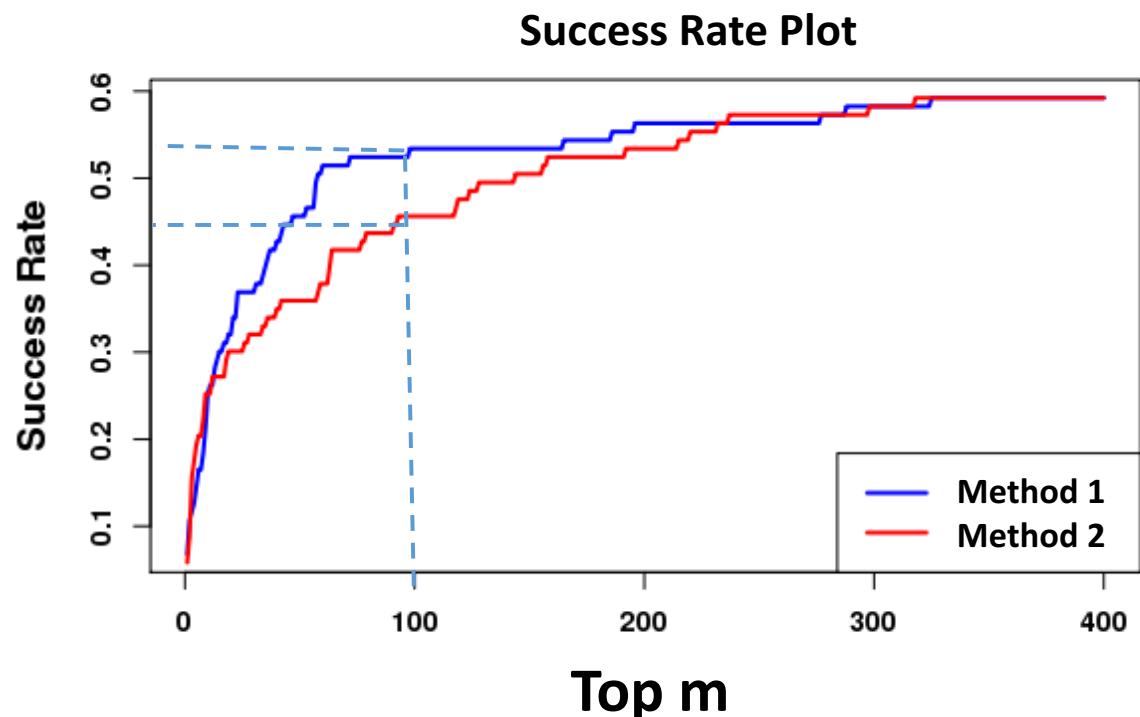
HADDOCK score	iScore v1.0
Atom resolution	Residue resolution
Interaction cutoff: 8.5 Å	Interaction cutoff: 6 Å
Linear function	Non-linear graph similarity based
Interaction energy based	Residue conservation based
Fast: 2 seconds per model	Slow: 0.05-0.5 second per graph pair , but many comparisons

Evaluation: success rate and hit rate

A hit: a correct (near-native) docked model (interface RMSD $\leq 4 \text{ \AA}$)

Success Rate:

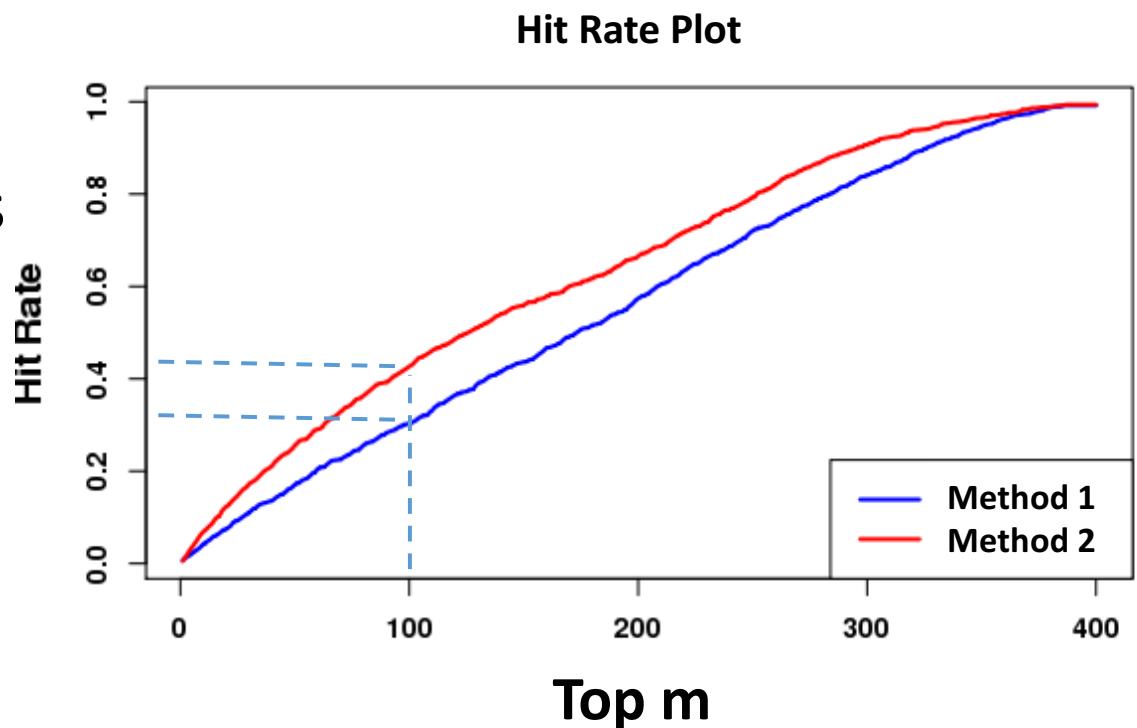
the percentage of cases that have at least one hit among the top m conformations.



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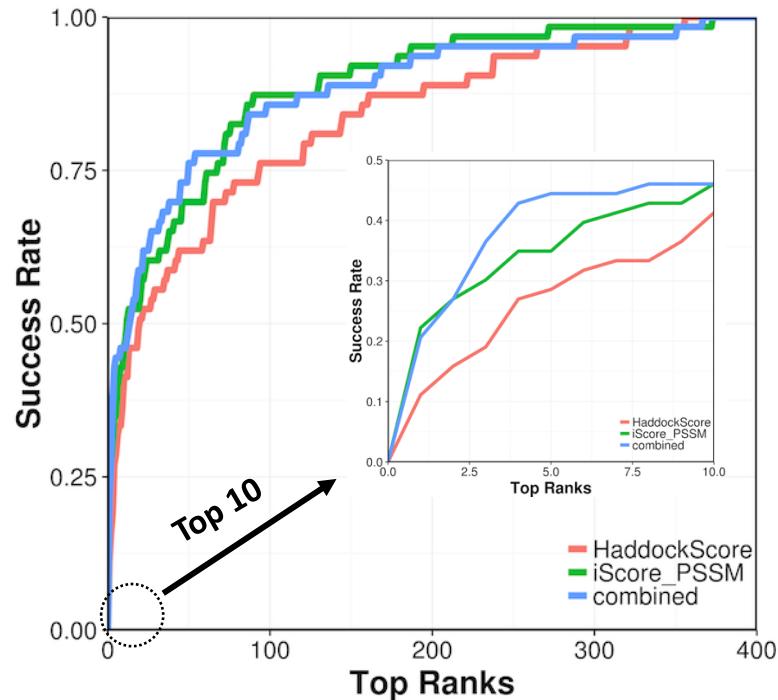
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Average Hit Rate:
the percentage of hits
that are included
among the top m
conformations.

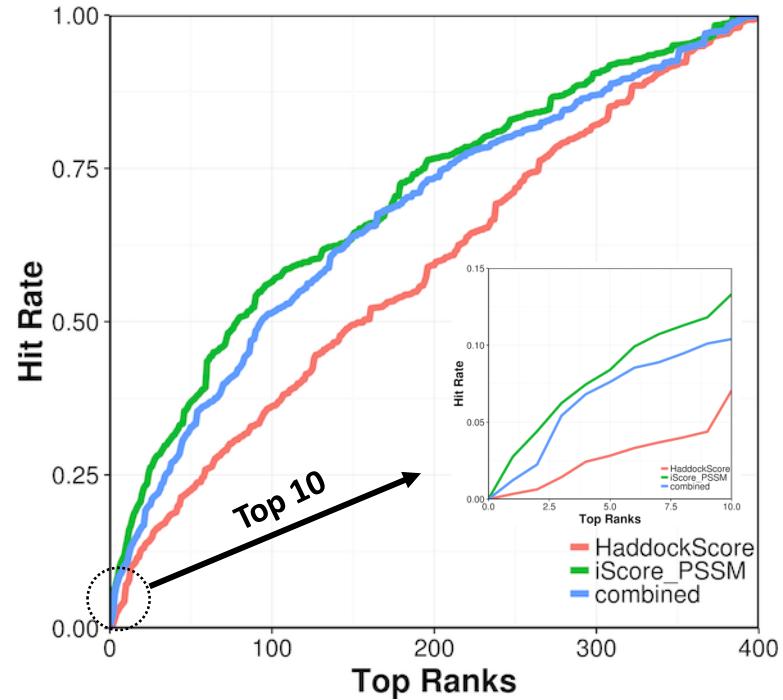


iScore vs. HADDOCK score

Success rate



Hit rate



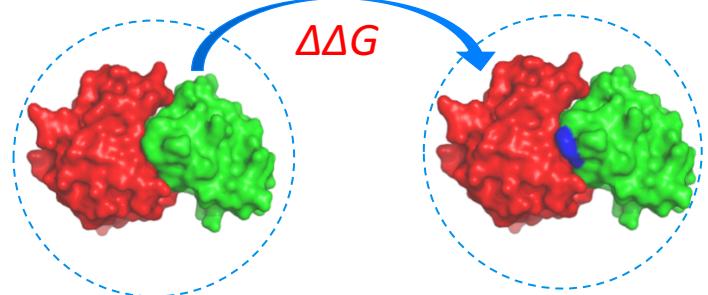
The Combined Score is the average of iScore and Haddock Score.

Summary of iScore

- iScore is an effective graph based scoring function.
- iScore v1.0 (*based on conservation only*) outperforms HADDOCK scoring function on the majority of dimer cases of docking benchmark 4.0.

iScore complements HADDOCK score:

$$\text{HADDOCK score} = 1.0 \text{ Evdw} + 0.2 \text{ Eelec} + 1.0 \text{ Edesolv}$$



iSEE

interface **S**tructure, **E**nergy and **E**volution based $\Delta\Delta G$
predictor

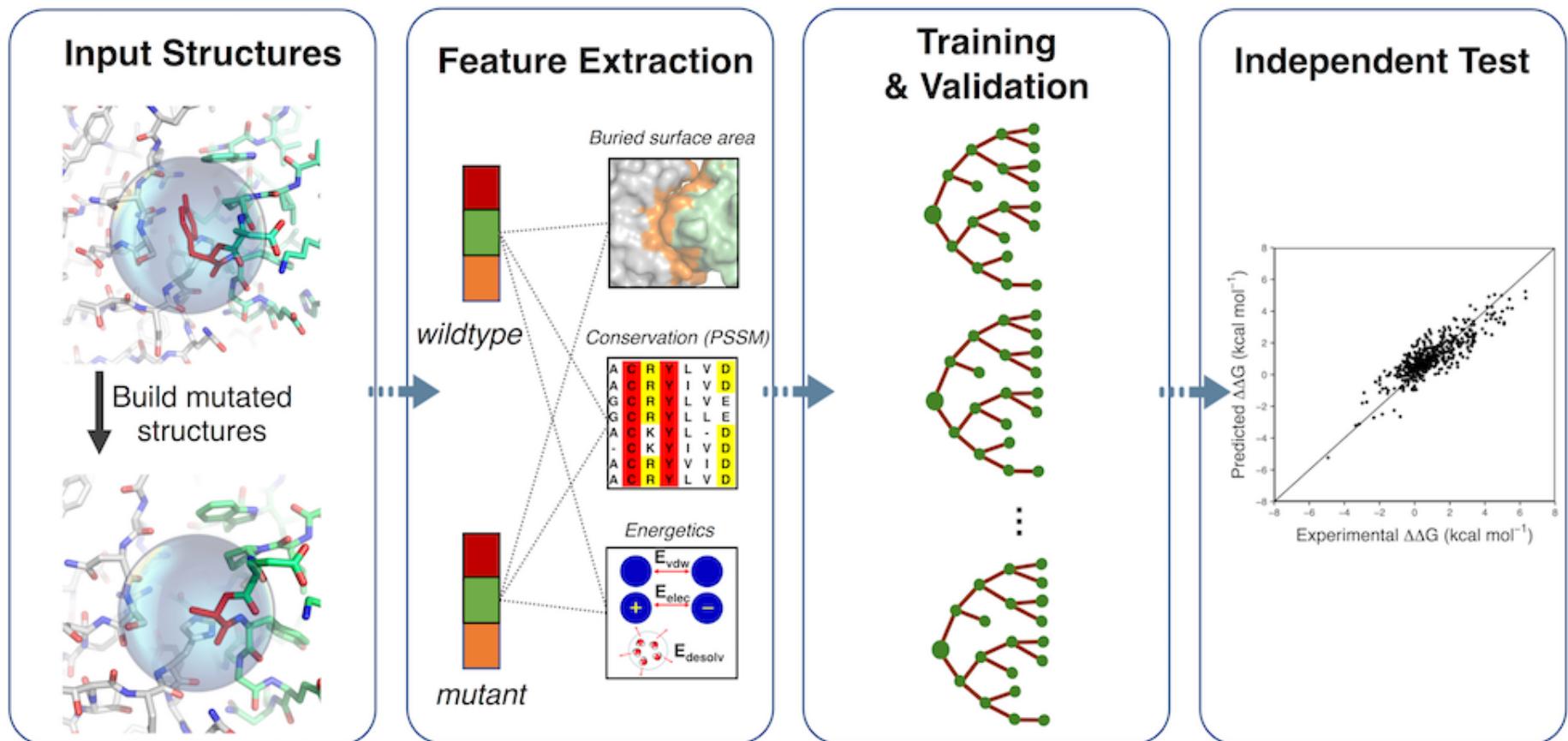
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Why are we interested in mutations?

- Coding variants -> phenotype
- Carcinogens
- Errors in reading tRNAs at the ribosome
- The generation of antigen-binding CDR loops of antibodies
- Protein engineering
- Directed evolution

iSEE aims to model:

Binding affinity change upon mutation ($\Delta\Delta G$) = f (features of the mutation site)

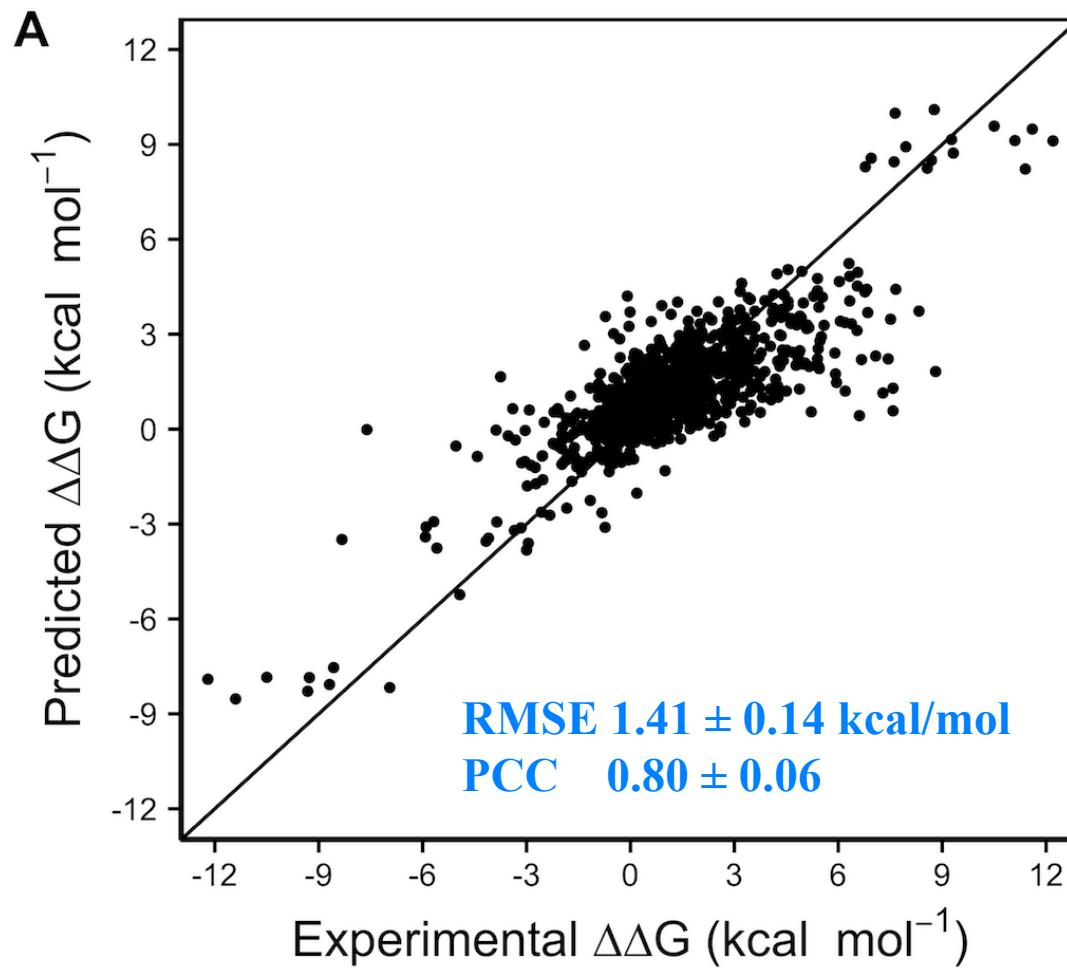


Geng et al. iSEE: Interface Structure, Evolution and Energy-based random forest predictor of binding affinity changes upon mutations, submitted to Bioinformatics.

10 times 10-fold cross validations

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iSEE: interface Structure, Energy and Evolution based $\Delta\Delta G$ predictor.



iSEE on two blind test datasets

The NM dataset (19 mutations)

Method	RMSE*	PCC
iSEE	1.37	0.73
BindProfX	1.11	0.81
FoldX	1.15	0.72
ZeMu	1.28	0.70
CC/PBSA ^a	1.33	0.60
pred2	1.44	0.48
pred1	1.49	0.39
BeAtMuSiC	1.70	0.24
mCSM	1.83	0.16

The MDM2-p53 dataset (33)

Method	RMSE*	PCC
iSEE	0.77	0.65
BindProfX	1.17	0.51
FoldX	1.36	0.50
BeAtMuSiC	1.02	0.48
mCSM	0.97	0.22

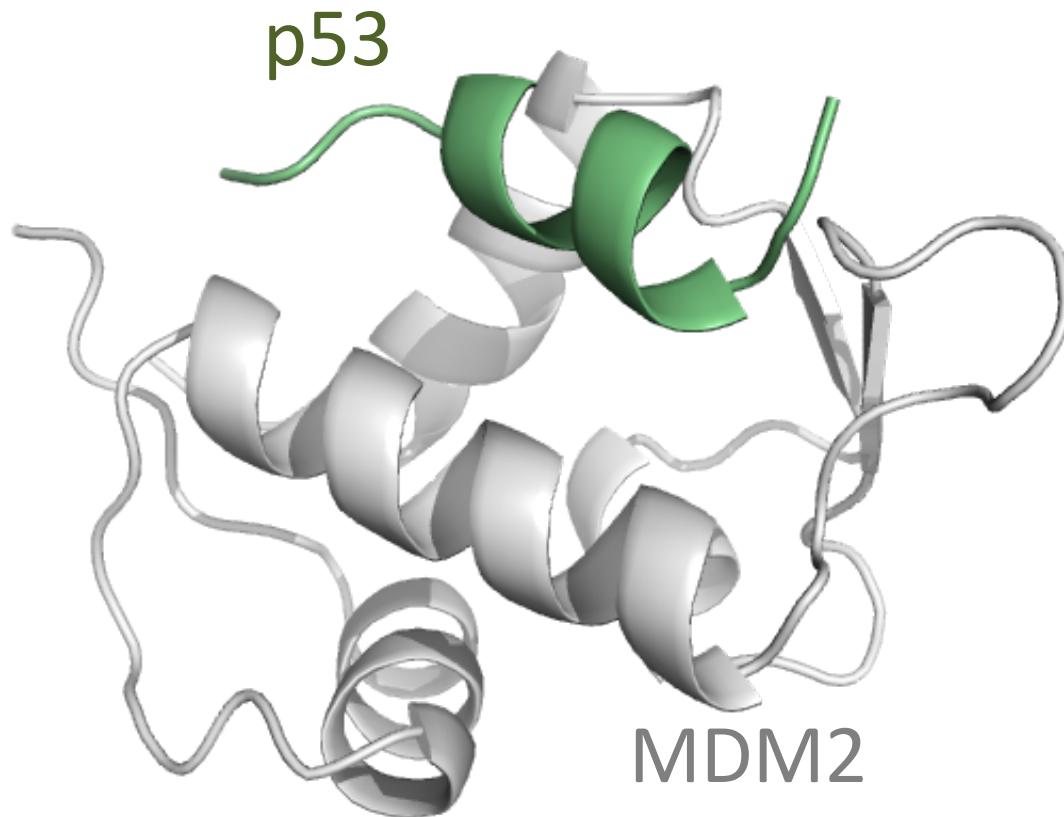
*RMSE in kcal mol⁻¹

^a The CC/PBSA predictor was trained on a dataset including the NM dataset.

iSEE competes favorably with state-of-the-art $\Delta\Delta G$ predictors on two blind test datasets.

Full mutation scanning on MDM2-p53 complex

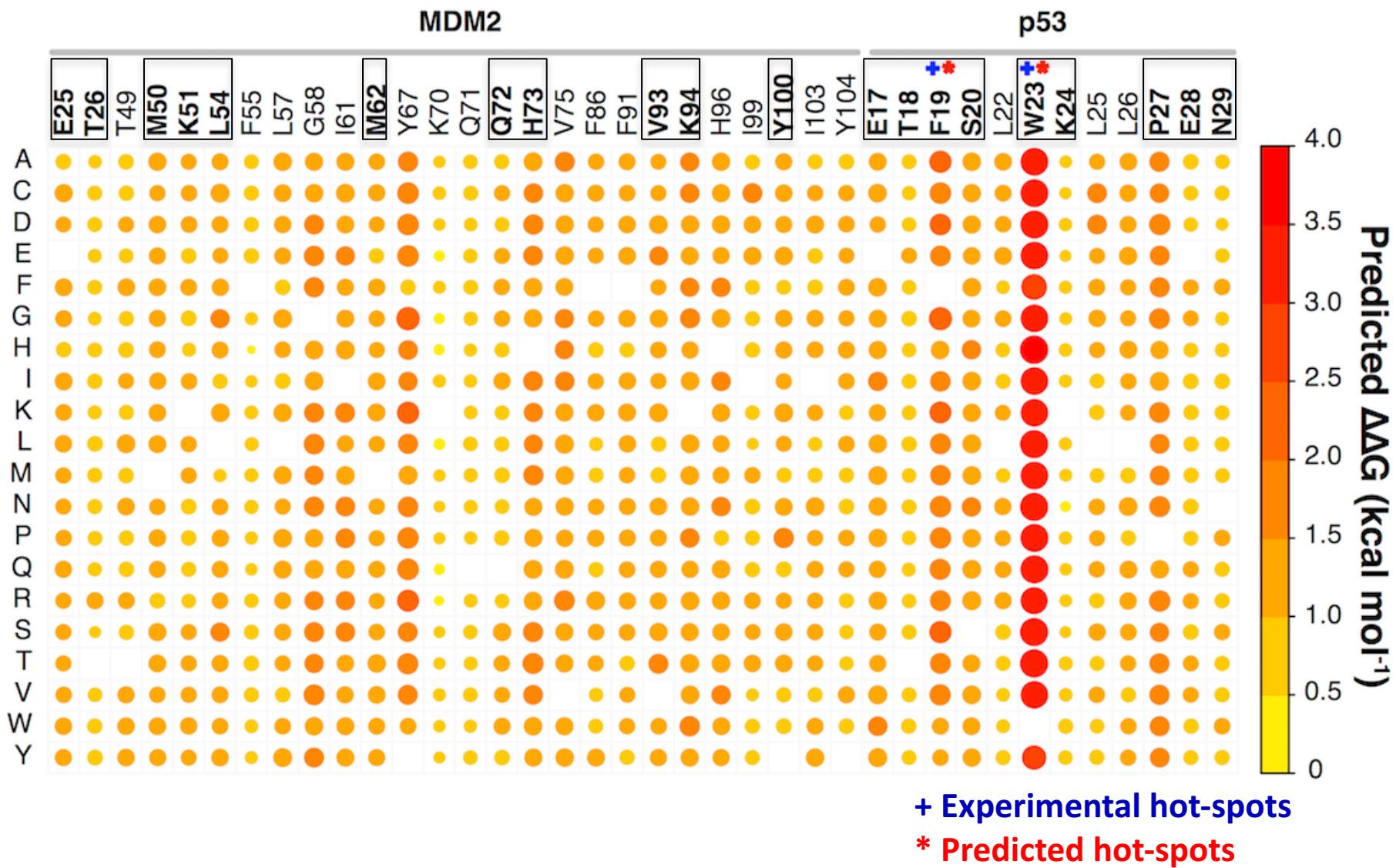
MDM2-p53 is a prime target for cancer therapeutics



- MDM2-p53 dataset**
- 33 mutations: MDM2(16) and p53(17).
 - With corresponding experimental $\Delta\Delta G$ data.

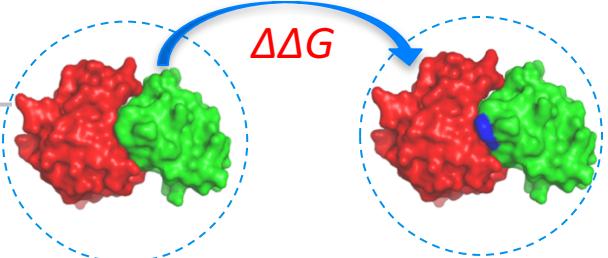
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Full mutation scanning on MDM2-p53 complex



iSEE enables high-throughput scanning.

Summary of iSEE



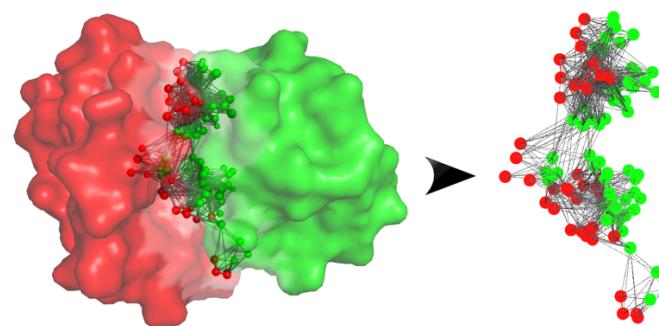
- iSEE is a machine learning-based $\Delta\Delta G$ predictor.**
- iSEE competes with state-of-the-art predictors.**
- iSEE can be used for high-throughput applications.**



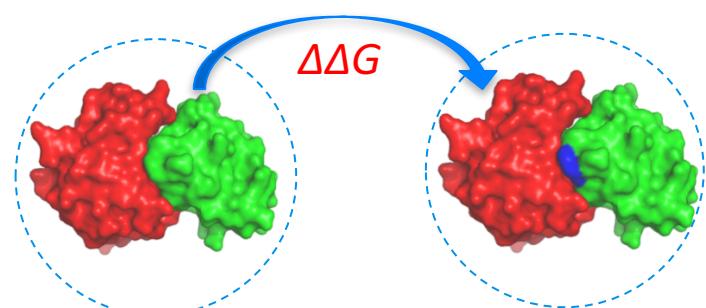
<https://github.com/haddocking/iSee>

Summary

iScore

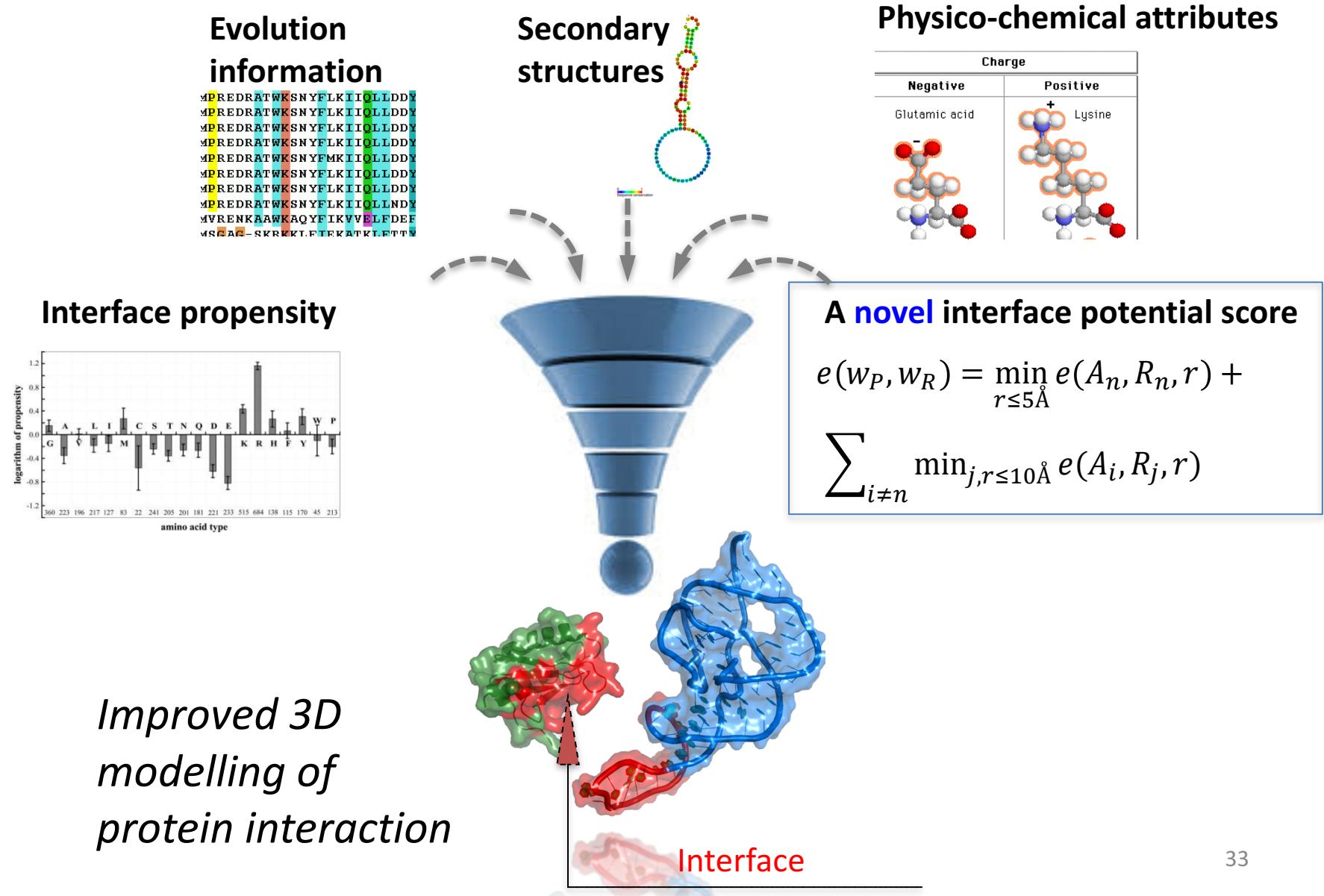


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Artificial Intelligence Toward protein Interaction Prediction



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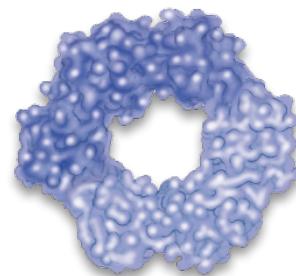
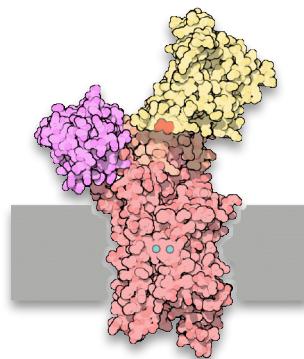
West-Life



Thank You !



What can we learn from 3D structures (models) of complexes?



- ◎ **Models provide structural insight into function and mechanism of action**
- ◎ **Models can drive and guide experimental studies**
- ◎ **Models can help understand and rationalize the effect of disease-related mutations**
- ◎ **Models provide a starting point for drug design**



Why a reliable scoring function is so important?

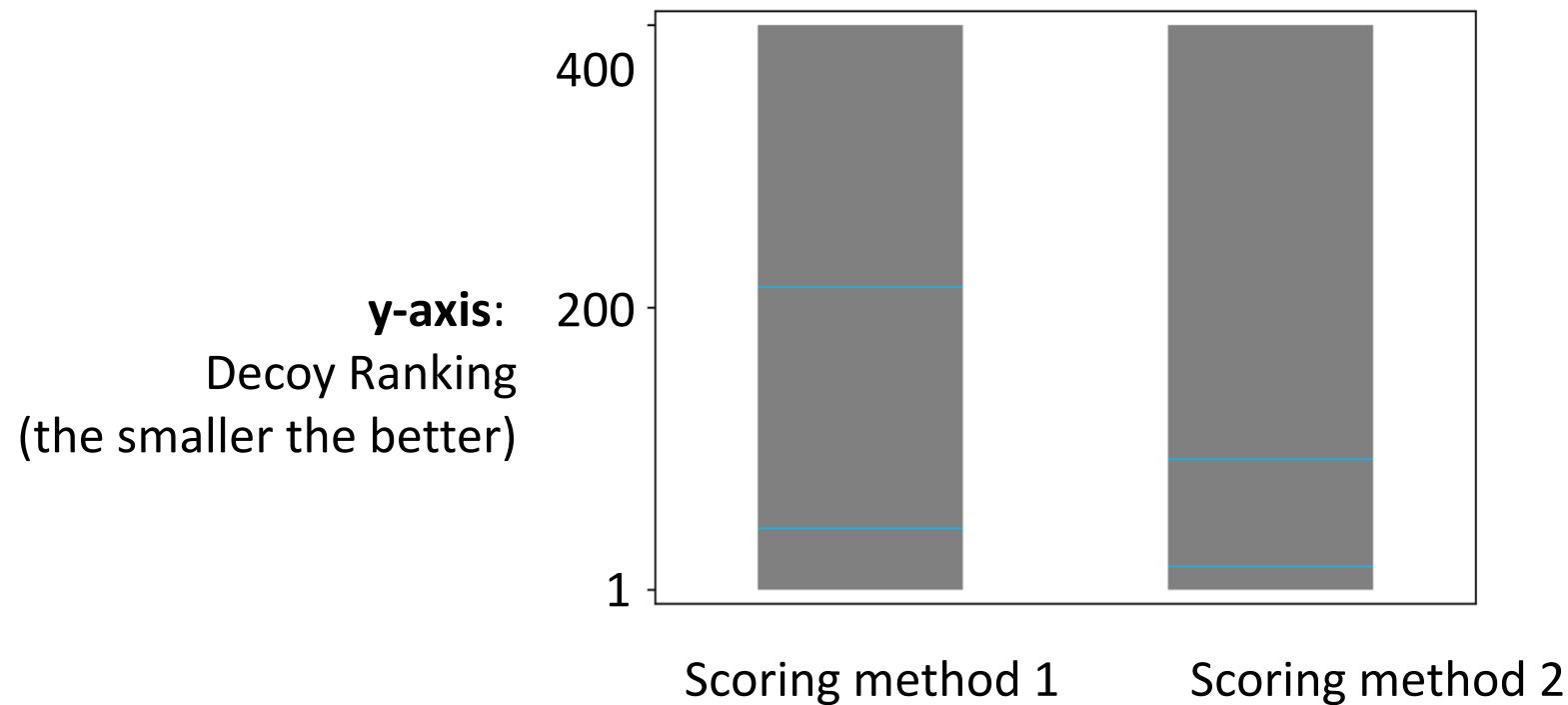
- Docking
- Binding affinity estimation
- Hot-spot identification (ddG)
- Interaction design
- Interactome prediction



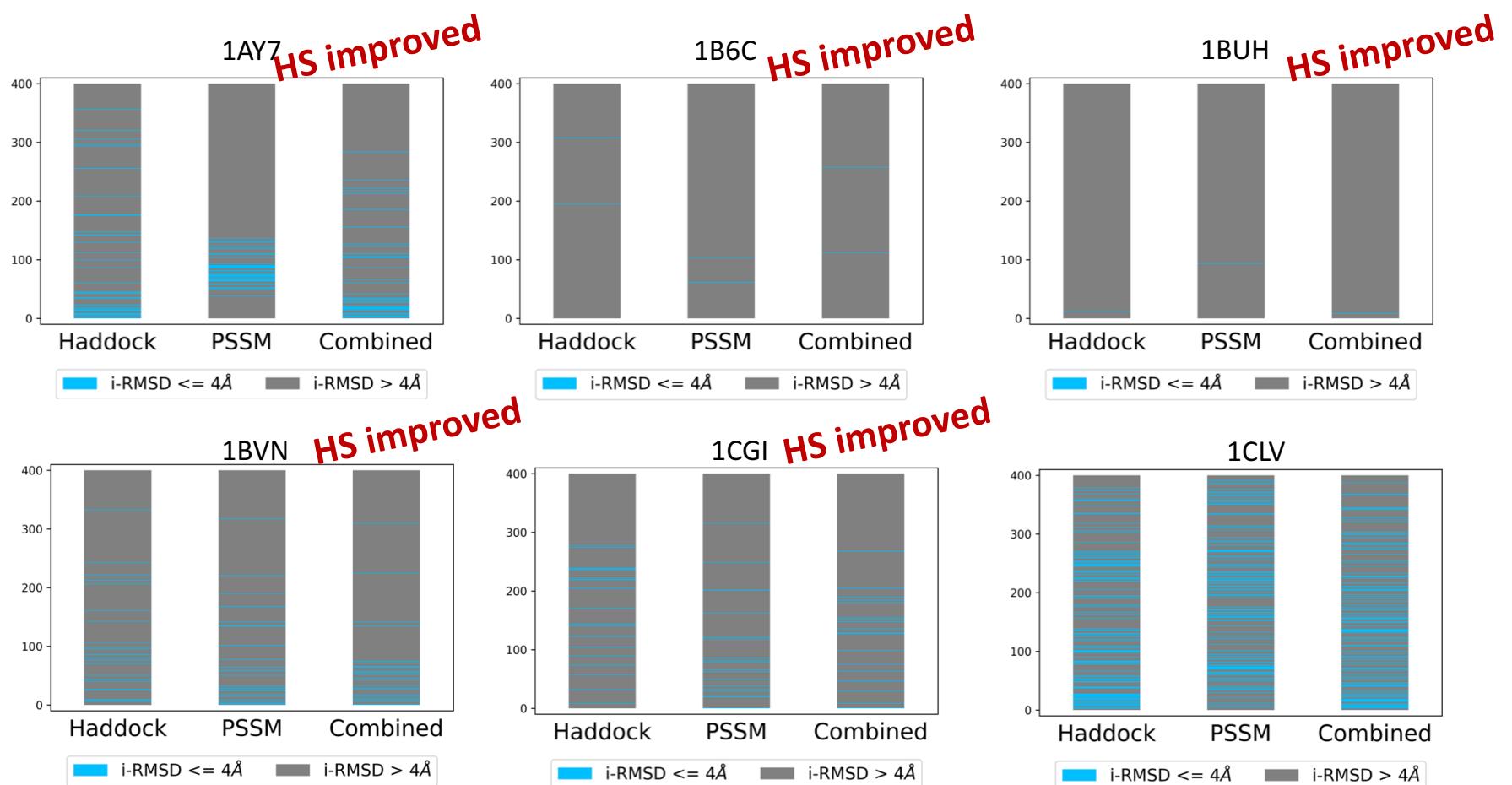
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Evaluation - melquipplot



iScore vs. HADDOCK score



Computational methods for predicting $\Delta\Delta G$

Rigorous methods, e.g.,

FEP

Accurate

However,

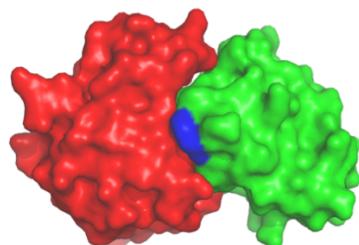
Requires extensive
conformation sampling

**Empirical energy based
methods**

Fast but not accurate

Machine learning based

Fast and can integrate
heterogenous data



Current leading $\Delta\Delta G$ predictors

BindProfX (Y Zhang et al., 2017)

Interface structural profile + FoldX physics potentials

mCSM (D Pires et al., 2014)

contacts + pharmacophore change on mutation position

ZeMu (D Dourado et al., 2014)

MD simulations for flexibility of mutation zone + FoldX potentials

BeAtMuSiC (Y Dehouck et al., 2013)

Statistical potentials

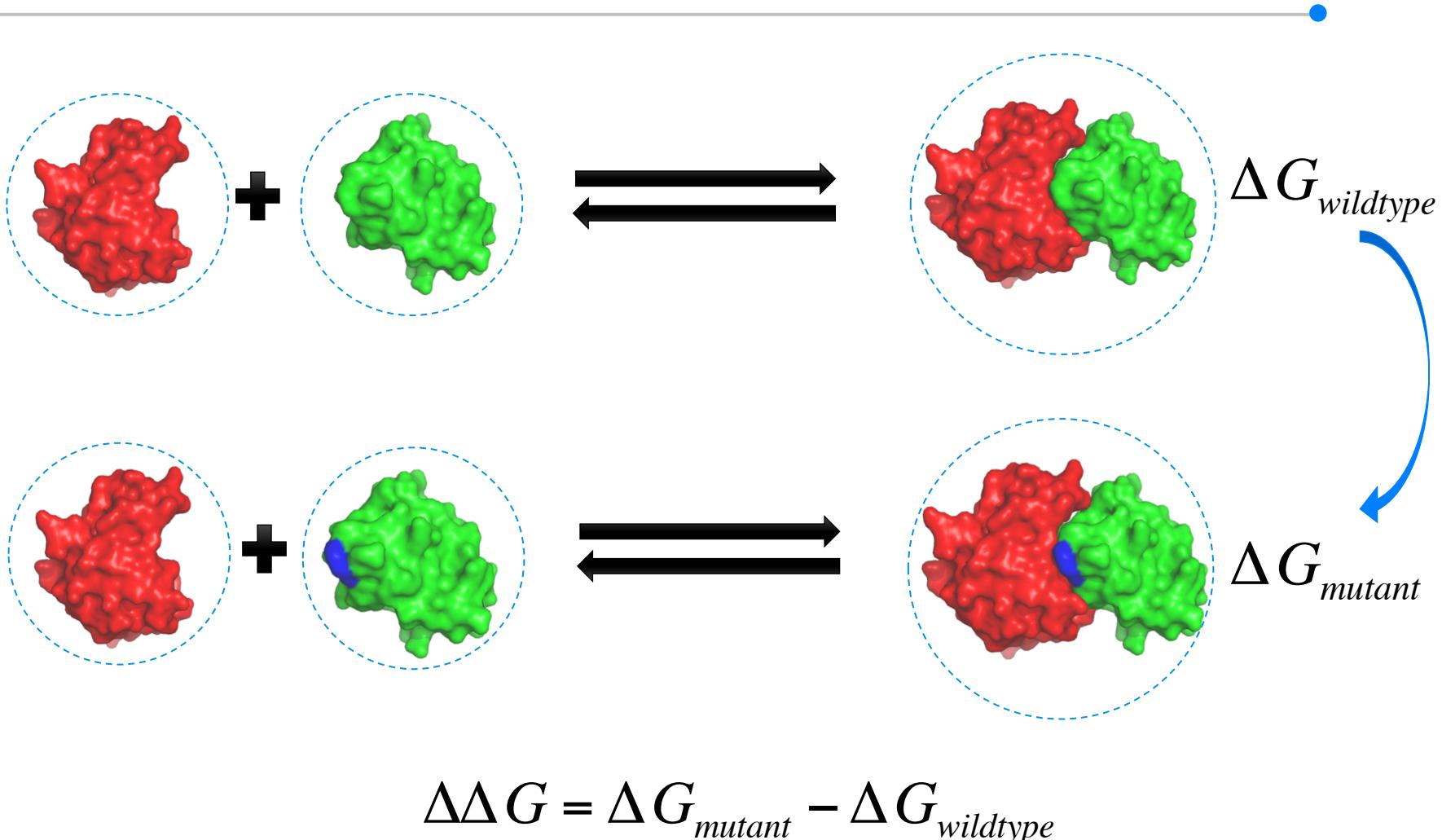
CC/PBSA (A Benedict et al., 2009), **pred1** and **pred2** (A Panchenko et al., 2014)

MD simulations + PBSA for solvation effect

FoldX (R Guerois et al., 2002)

10 force field based energy terms + rotamers for sidechain flexibility

Binding affinity change upon mutation ($\Delta\Delta G$)

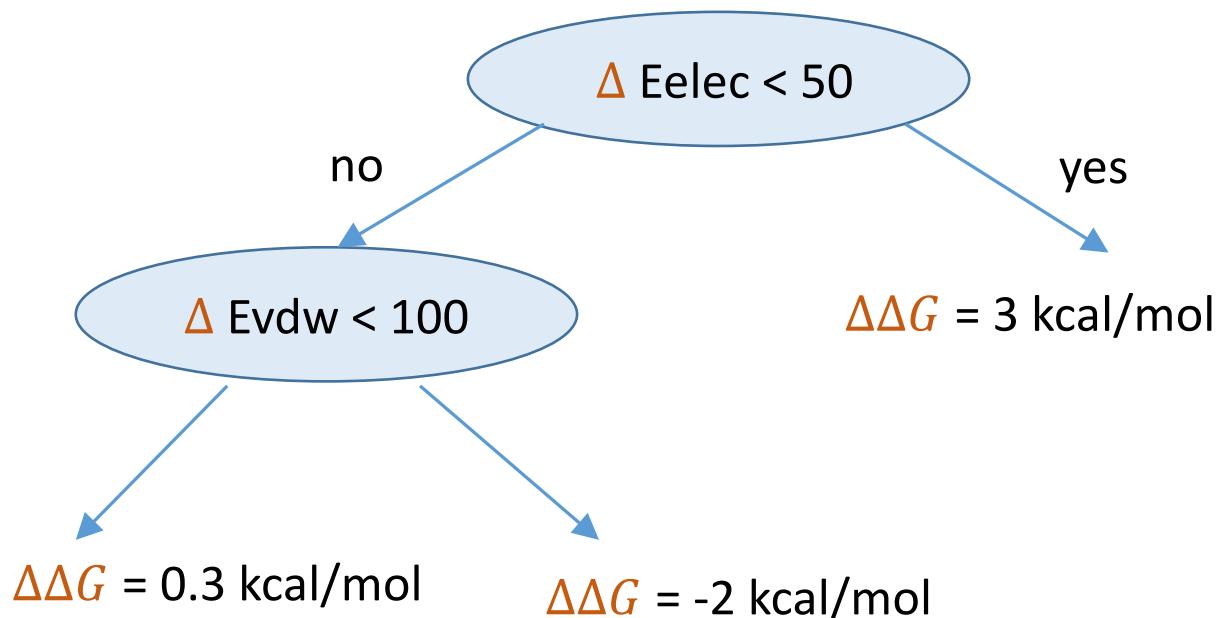


iSEE uses random forest to predict $\Delta\Delta G$

iSEE aims to model:

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A random forest is a forest of decision trees.

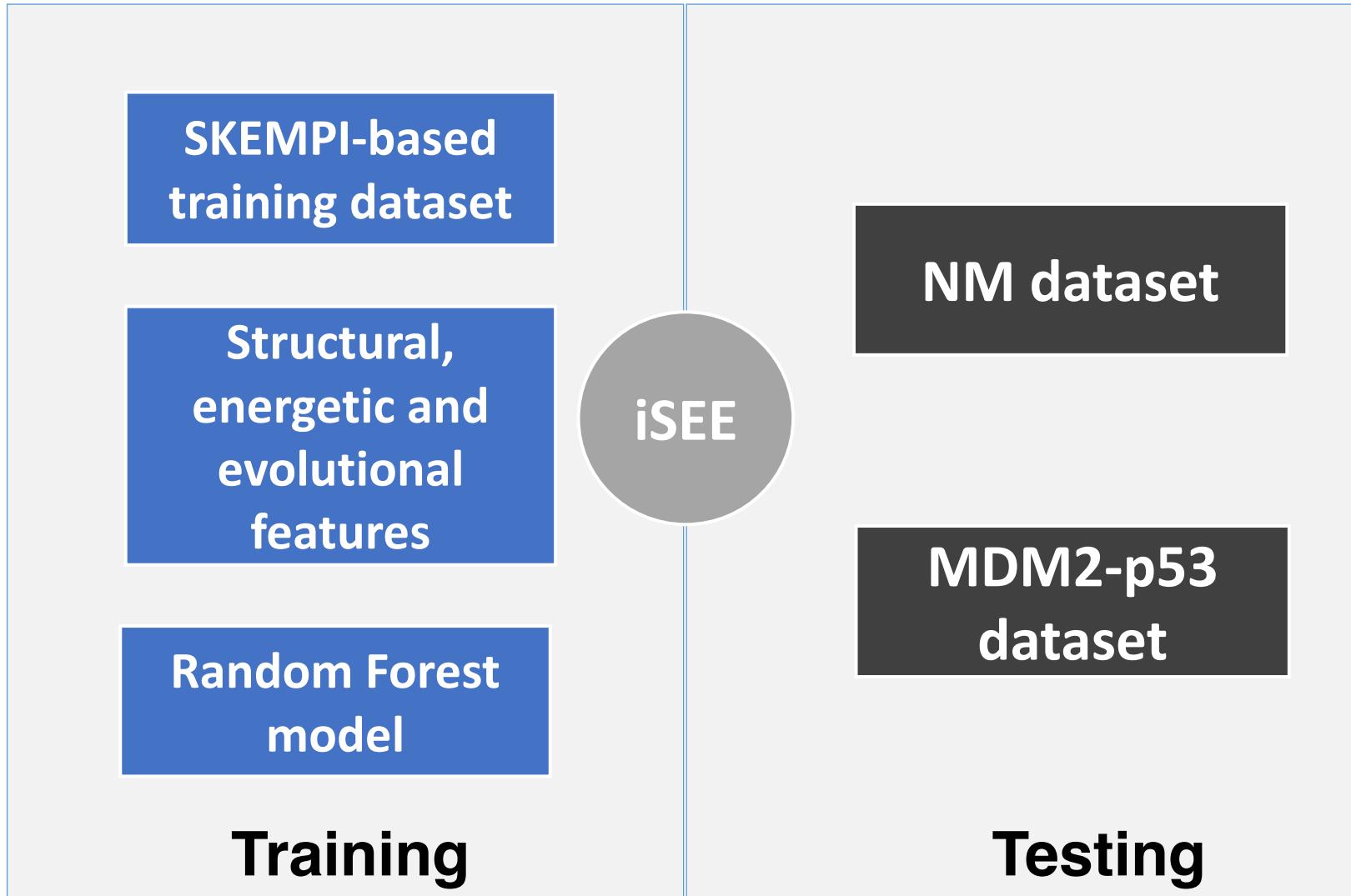


INPUT: a feature vector of the mutation site

OUTPUT: predicted $\Delta\Delta G$

A conceptual decision tree.

Methods



Training and Evaluation

10 times 10-fold cross validations are used for training.

Root Mean Square Error (RMSE):

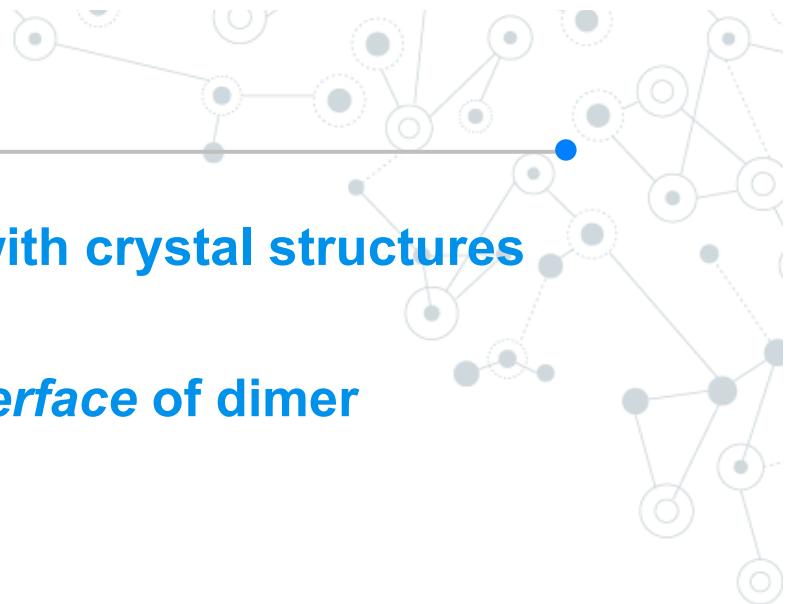
$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_1^n (\Delta\Delta G_{exp} - \Delta\Delta G_{pred})^2}{n}}$$

Pearson's Correlation Coefficient (PCC):

$$PCC = \frac{cov(\Delta\Delta G_{exp}, \Delta\Delta G_{pred})}{\sigma_{\Delta\Delta G_{exp}} \cdot \sigma_{\Delta\Delta G_{pred}}}$$

Training and test datasets

- Wildtype protein-protein complexes with crystal structures and experimental $\Delta\Delta G$ values
- Only *single point mutations* in the *interface* of dimer complexes are considered.



Training dataset:

1102 mutations in 57 complexes from the SKEMPI database

Blind test datasets:

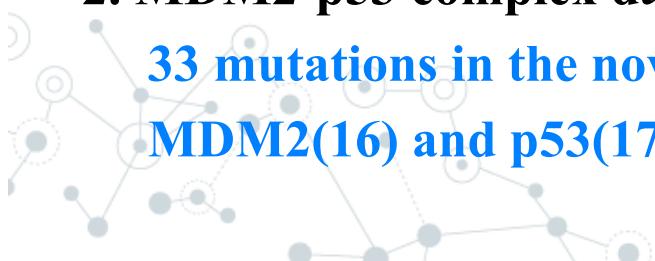
1. NM dataset

37 mutations in 2 complexes, 1BXI(18) and 1IAR(19).

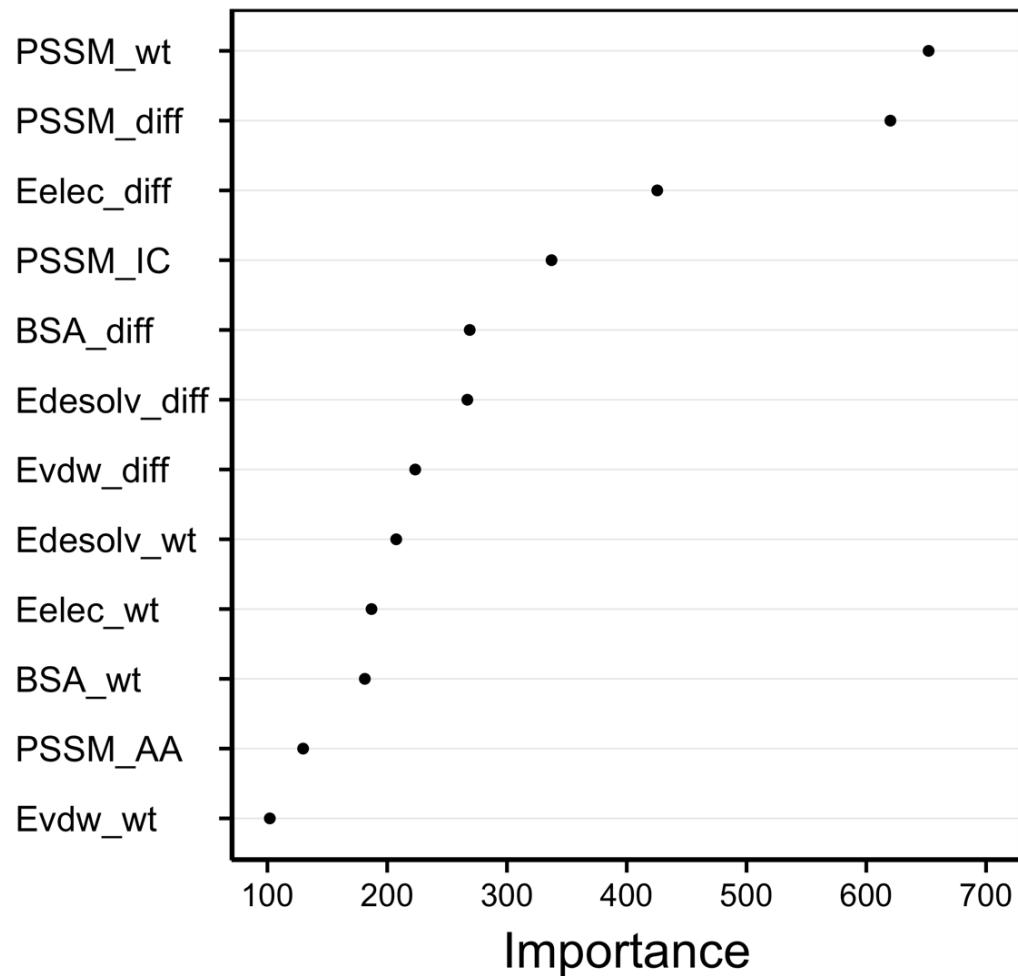
2. MDM2-p53 complex dataset

33 mutations in the novel MDM2-p53 complex.

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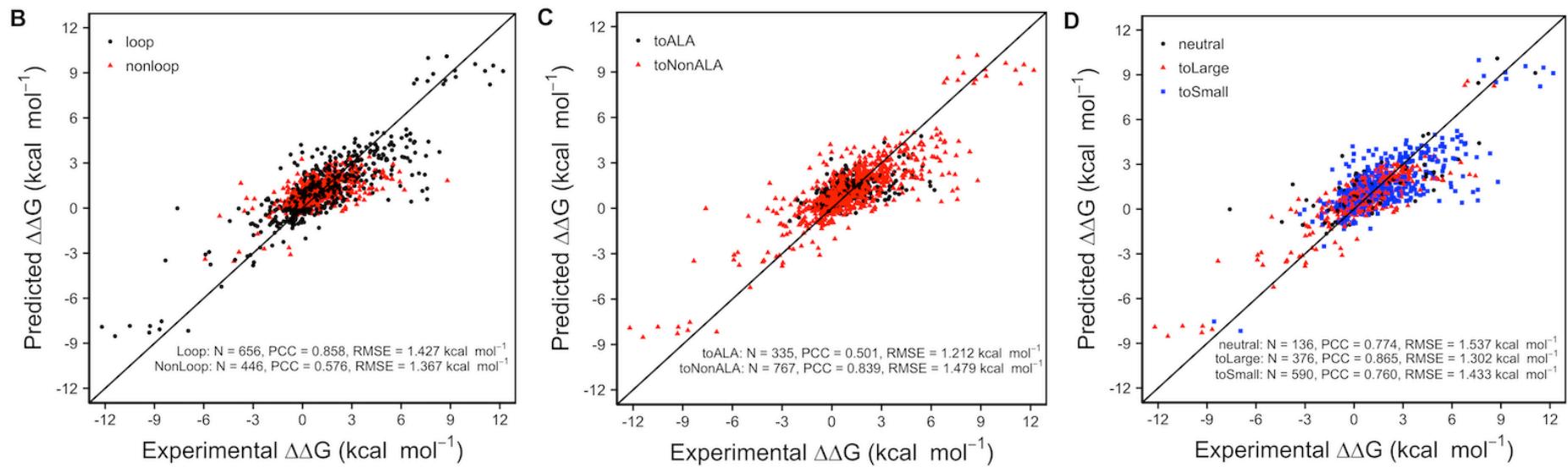


Feature importance



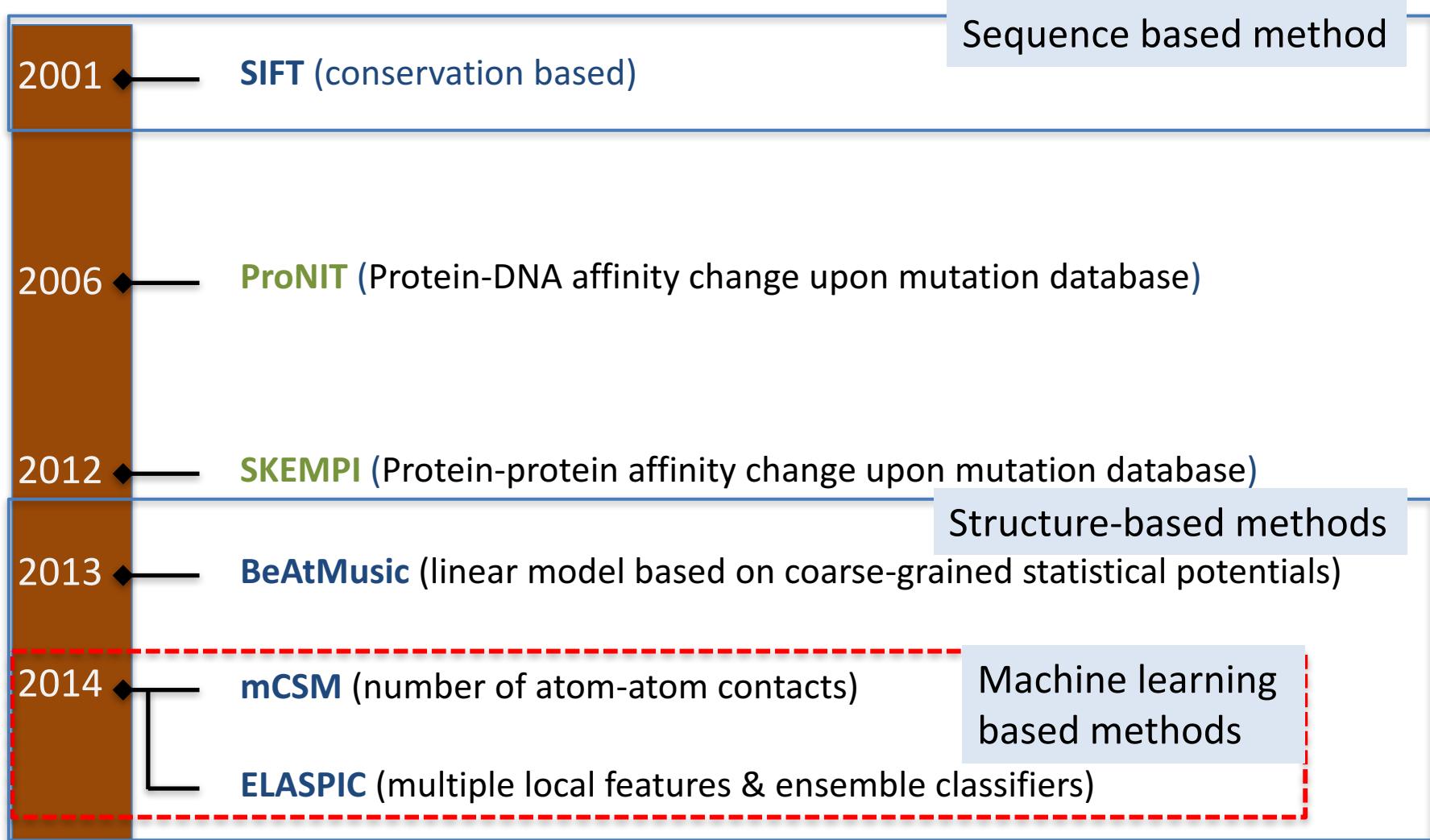
Evolutionary features ranked top.

iSEE performance on different types of mutations



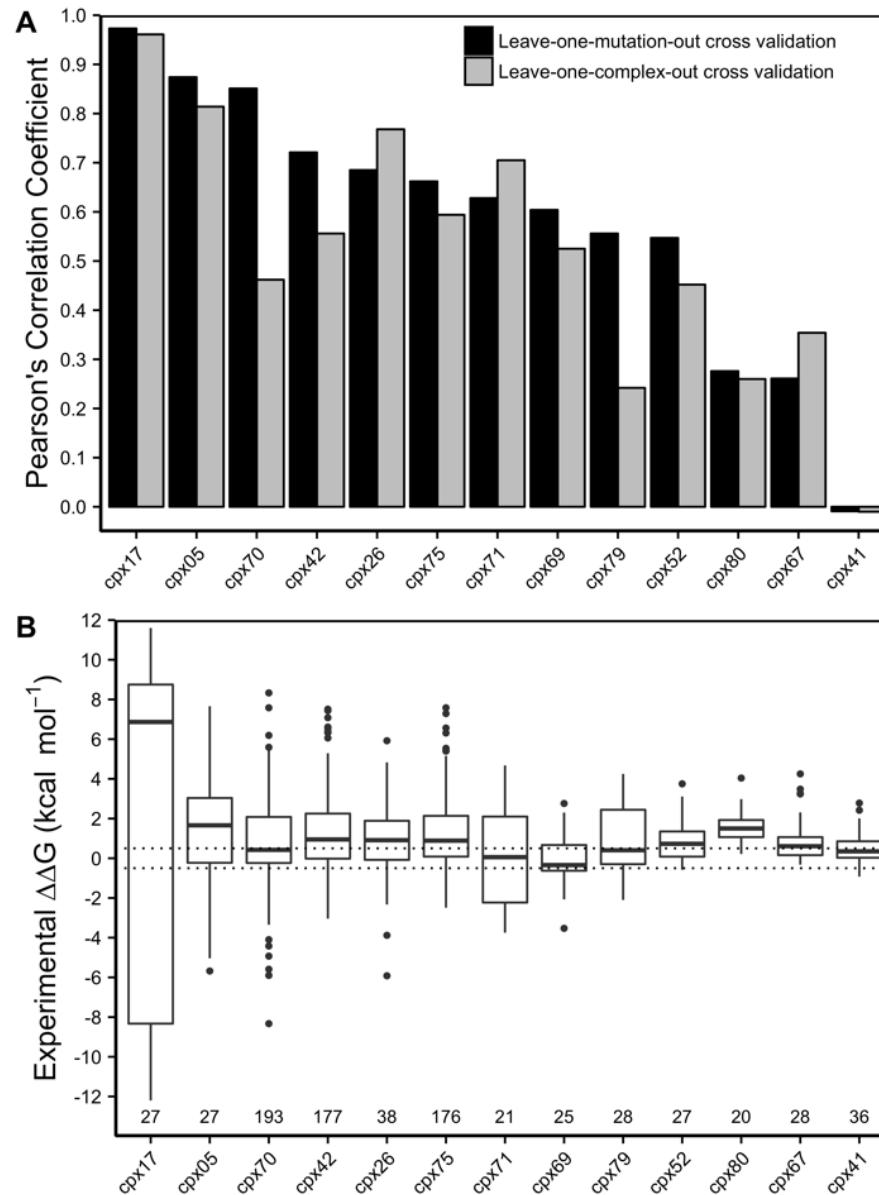
iSEE highly and consistently performed on different types of mutations

Machine Learning based prediction methods

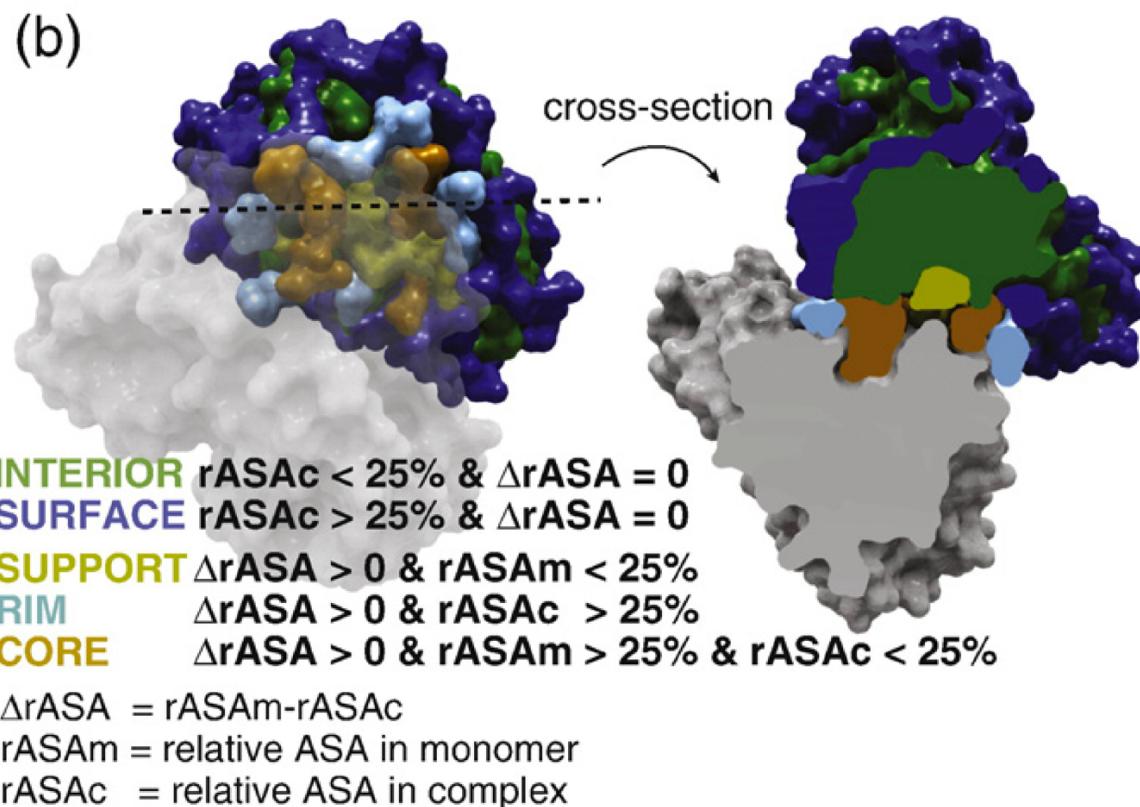


Machine learning based methods are significantly better than other methods

Leave-one-type-out CV

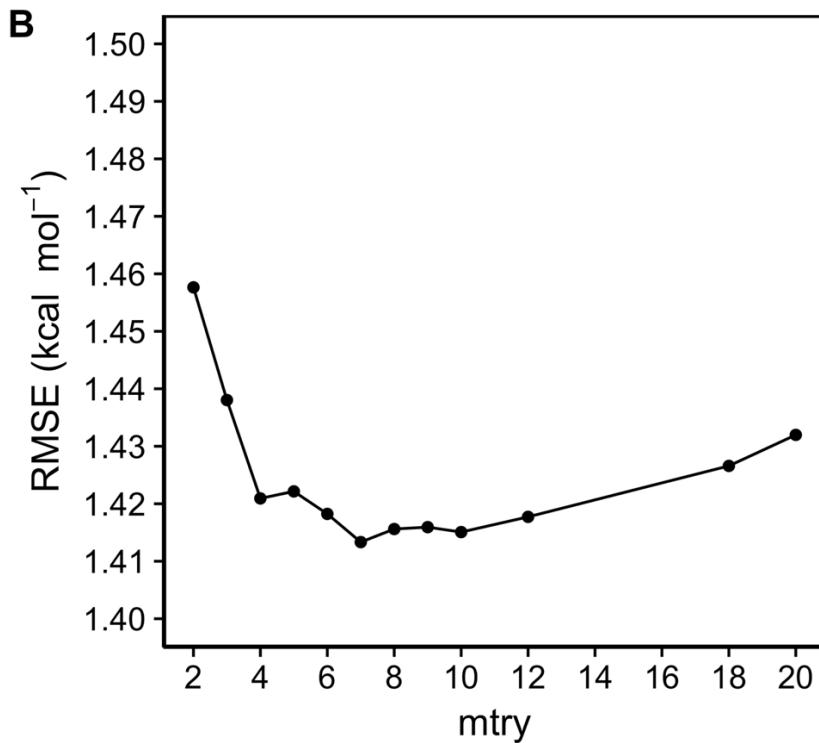
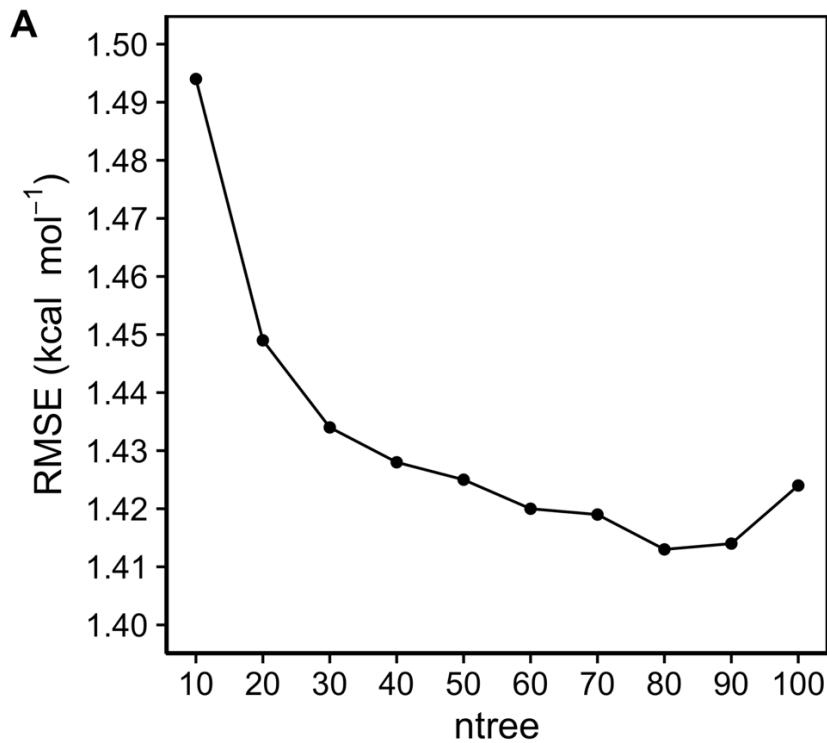


Interface positions



Optimization of RF models

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Achieved highest performance at ntree=80 and mtry=7