Retrieving and Viewing Protein Structures from the Protein Data Base

7.88J Protein Folding

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PDB Acknowledgements

The **Protein Data Bank** (PDB - http://www.pdb.org/) is the single worldwide repository for the processing and distribution of 3-D biological macromolecular structure data.

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Data used in the "Retrieving, Viewing Protein Structures from the Protein Data Base" Lecture Notes for 7.88J - Protein Folding

PDB site data on page 4 ("PDB Growth") and 7 ("Not all Structures are Different").

PDB screenshots: pages 9 - 14.

Pages 20-22 contain screen shots from ExPASy (SwissPDB):

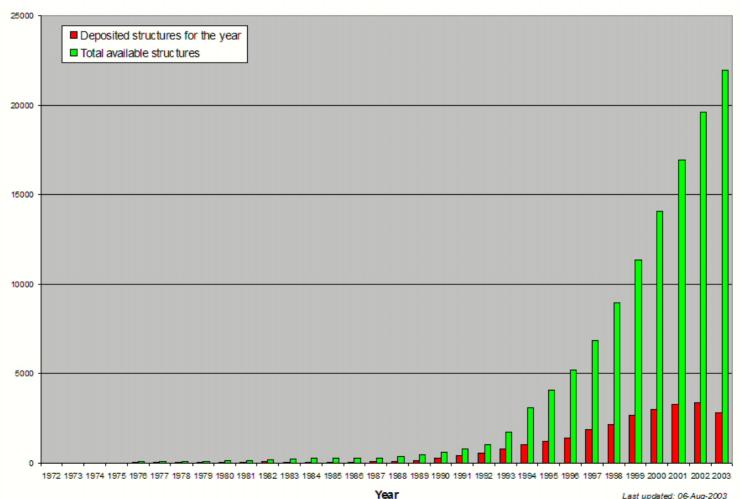
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(ExPASy (Expert Protein Analysis System) proteomics server disclaimer: http://us.expasy.org/disclaimer.html)

Protein Data Base

- Established in 1971
 - Funded by NSF, DOE, NIH
 - Operated by Rutgers, SDSC, NIST
- Purpose: Make protein structure data available to the entire scientific community
- In the beginning: "less than a dozen" protein structures
- Currently has 22,333 protein structures
- Growing at 20% per year
- New structures 50 times larger than those in 1971 are commonplace

PDB Growth



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Why the "Knee in the Curve"?

- Engineered bacteria as a source of proteins
- Improved crystal-growing conditions
- More intense sources of X-rays
- Cryogenic treatment of crystals
- Improved detectors & data collection
- New method NMR:
 - Accounts for 15% of new structures in PDB
 - Enables determination of structure of proteins in solution

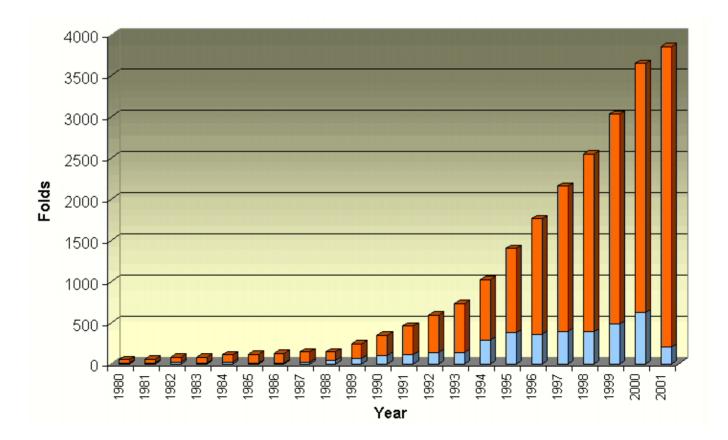
"Protein Structures: From Famine to Feast", Berman, et.al. American Scientist v.90, p.350-359, July-August 2002

Why is the PDB Important?

- "Collective Leverage" for ...
- Understanding molecular machinery
- Rational drug design
- Engineering new molecules
- Structural genomics

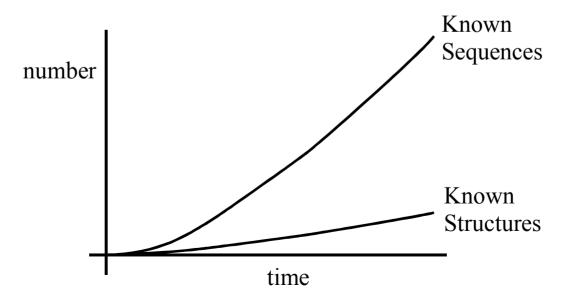
Not all Structures are Different

• PDB Growth in "New Folds"

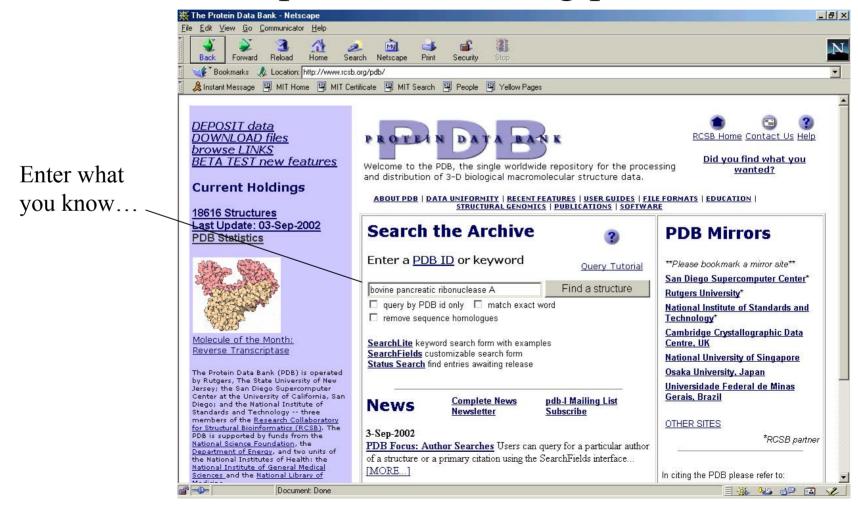


Structure vs Sequence

- New protein structures are being solved more slowly than new protein sequences are being solved
 - Currently, known protein sequences outnumber known protein structures
 - The "sequence-structure" gap continues to widen



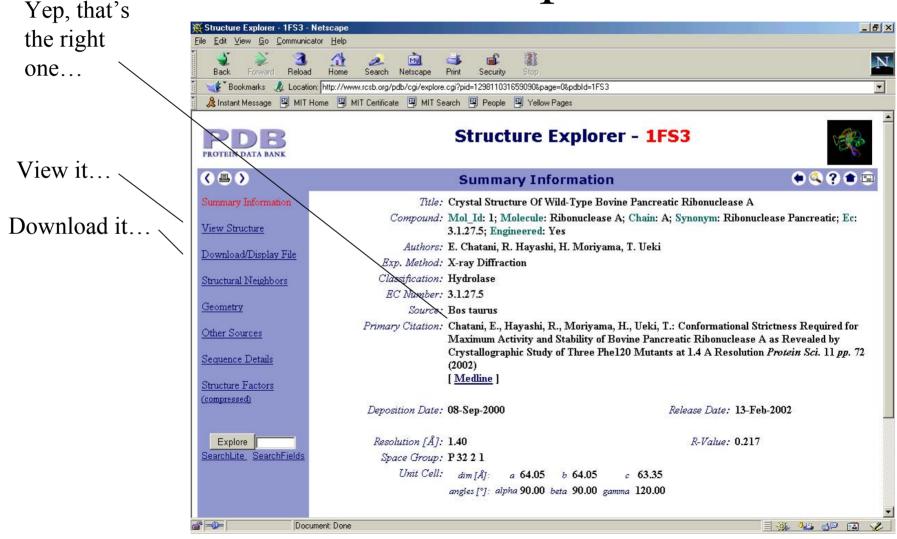
PDB Website http://www.rcsb.org/pdb/



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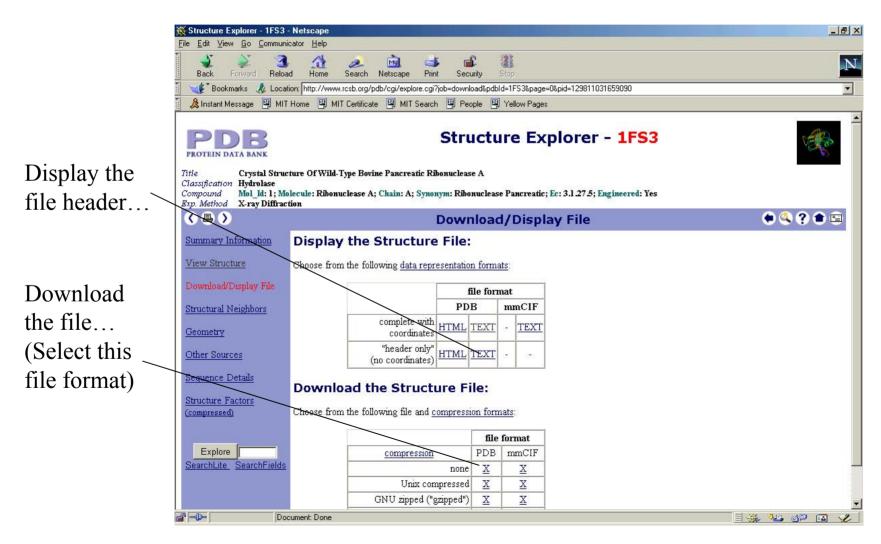


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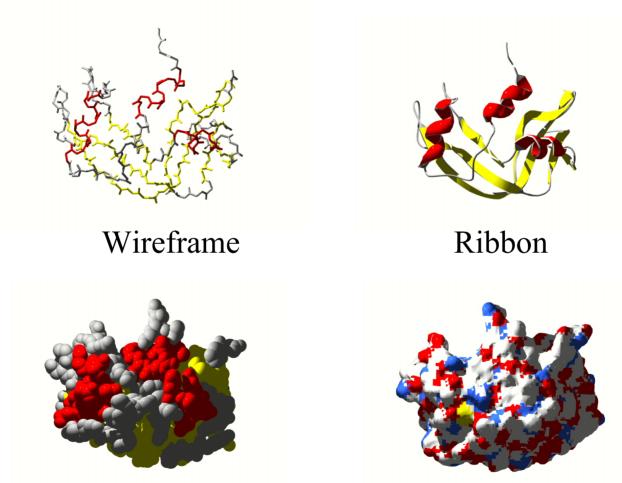
Visualizing Proteins

- High complexity
- Multiple levels of structure
- Important properties are "distributed" throughout the 3D structure
- No single/simple "point" at which to look

Visualization Objectives

- Structure
 - Backbone; secondary, tertiary & quaternary
- Side chain groups
 - Hydrophobic, charged, polar, acidic/base, etc.
- Cross-links
 - Hydrogen bonds, disulfide bonds
- Surfaces
 - VanderWaals, solvent-accessible
- Charge distributions, distances & angles, etc.

Display Conventions



Spacefill

Molecular Surface

Visualization Tools

- Viewers (free)
 - 1960's : MAGE, RasMol, Chime
 - 2003 : SwissPDB, Protein Explorer, Cn3D, etc.
- Operating systems Unix, Windows, Mac
- Our choice (arbitrary) :
 - Chime (plug-in to NETSCAPE)
 - SwissPDB (stand-alone)

Important URL's

• Protein Data Base

– http://www.rcsb.org/pdb/

• Chime

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MDL_Chime

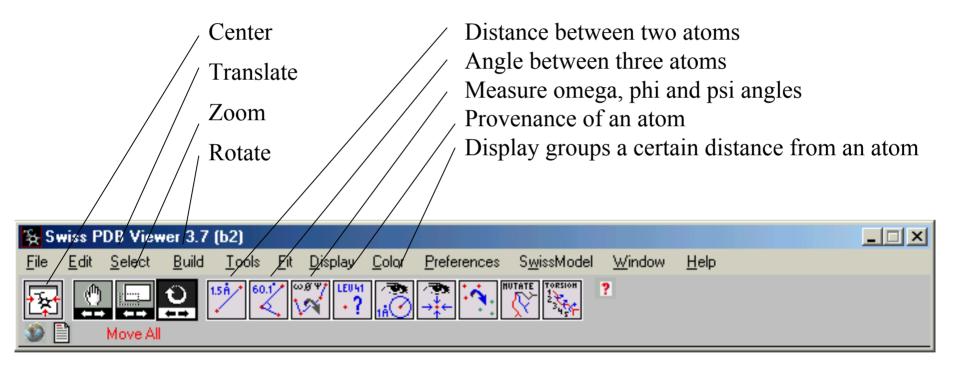
- SwissPDB
 - http://www.expasy.ch/spdbv/
- History of Visualization of Macromolecules

- http://www.umass.edu/microbio/rasmol/history.htm

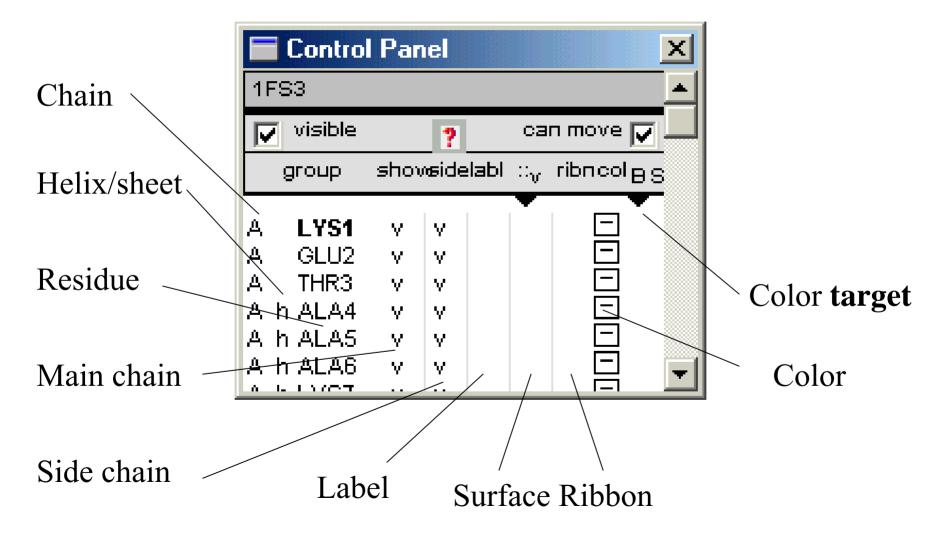
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Point of Information

- Today's lecture material is:
 - a subset of the information available to you in online tutorials
 - presented to "get you started" quickly and to "shorten the learning curve"
 - not exhaustive or even sufficient
 - => should be augmented by actually working through the online tutorials

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