

Hex – Modeling Protein Docking Using Polar Fourier Correlations

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Outline

Basic Principles of Docking

Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) Docking Methods

Hex Polar Fourier Correlation Method Explained

The CAPRI Experiment

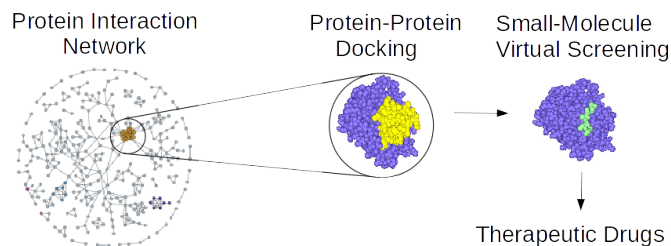
Demo: Using Hex on Linux

Practical: CAPRI Target 40 – API-A/Trypsin

Biological Importance of Protein-Protein Interactions

Protein interactions (PPIs) are central to many biological systems

- Humans have about 30,000 proteins, each having about 5 PPIs
- Understanding PPIs could lead to immense scientific advances

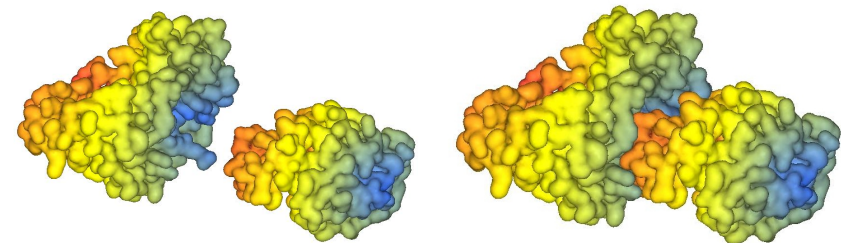


Protein-protein interactions as therapeutic drug targets

- Small “drug” molecules often inhibit or interfere with PPIs

Protein Docking – A Molecular Recognition Problem

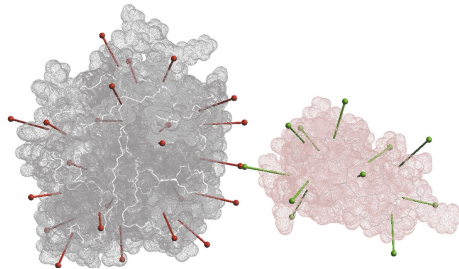
- A six-dimensional puzzle – do these proteins fit together?



- Yes, they fit!
- It is mostly a rotational problem: ONE translation plus FIVE rotations...
- But proteins are flexible => multi-dimensional space!
- So, how to calculate whether two proteins recognise each other?

ICM Docking – Multi-Start Pseudo-Brownian Search

- Stick pins in protein surfaces at 15Å intervals
- For each pair of pins, find minimum energy (6 rotations for each):
 - $E = E_{HVV} + E_{CVW} + 2.16E_{el} + 2.53E_{hb} + 4.35E_{hp} + 0.20E_{solv}$



- Often gives good results, but is computationally expensive

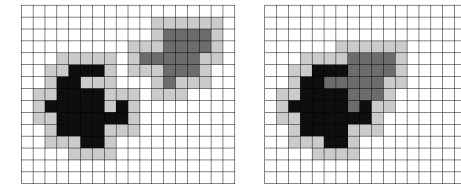
Fernández-Recio, Abagyan (2004), J Mol Biol, 335, 843–865



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Protein Docking Using Fast Fourier Transforms

- Conventional approaches digitise proteins into 3D Cartesian grids...



- ...and use FFTs to calculate TRANSLATIONAL correlations:

$$C[\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta z] = \sum_{x,y,z} A[x, y, z] \times B[x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y, z + \Delta z]$$

- BUT for docking, have to repeat for many rotations – expensive!
- Conventional grid-based FFT docking = SEVERAL CPU-HOURS

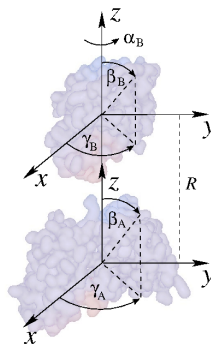
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Protein Docking Using Polar Fourier Correlations

- Rigid docking can be considered as a largely ROTATIONAL problem
- This means we should use ANGULAR coordinate systems



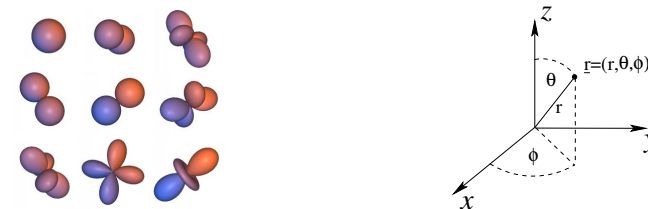
- With FIVE rotations, we should get a good speed-up?



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Some Theory – 2D Spherical Harmonic Surfaces

- Spherical harmonics (SHs) are classical “special functions”



- SHs are products of Legendre polynomials and circular functions:

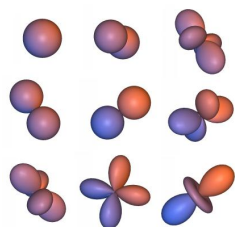
- Real SHs: $y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = P_{lm}(\theta) \cos m\phi + P_{lm}(\theta) \sin m\phi$
- Complex SHs: $Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = P_{lm}(\theta) e^{im\phi}$
- Orthogonal: $\int y_{lm} y_{kj} d\Omega = \int Y_{lm} Y_{kj} d\Omega = \delta_{lk} \delta_{mj}$
- Rotation: $y_{lm}(\theta', \phi') = \sum_j R_{jm}^{(l)}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) y_{lj}(\theta, \phi)$



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Spherical Harmonic Molecular Surfaces

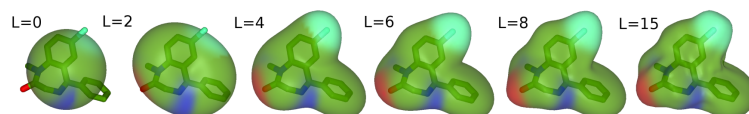
- Use spherical harmonics (SHs) as orthogonal shape “building blocks”



- Reals SHs $y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$, and coefficients a_{lm}
- Encode distance from origin as SH series:

$$r(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l=0}^L \sum_{m=-l}^l a_{lm} y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

- Calculate coefficients by numerical integration



- Good for shape-matching, not so good for docking...

Ritchie and Kemp (1999), J. Comp. Chem. 20, 383–395

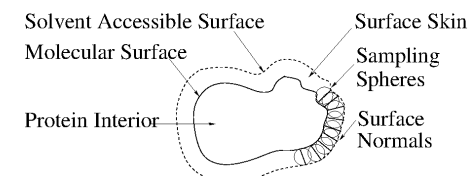
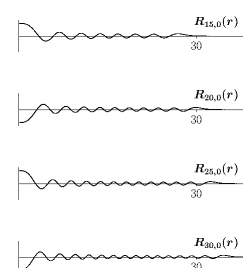


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Docking Needs 3D Polar Fourier Representation

- Special orthonormal Laguerre-Gaussian radial functions, $R_{nl}(r)$

$$R_{nl}(r) = N_{nl}^{(q)} e^{-\rho/2} \rho^{l/2} L_{n-l-1}^{(l+1/2)}(\rho); \quad \rho = r^2/q, \quad q = 20.$$



$$\sigma(r) = \begin{cases} 1; & r \in \text{surface skin} \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \tau(r) = \begin{cases} 1; & r \in \text{protein atom} \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Polar Fourier polynomial: } \sigma(r) = \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \sum_{m=-l}^l a_{nlm}^{\sigma} R_{nl}(r) y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\text{Analytic translations: } a_{nlm}^{\sigma'} = \sum_{n'l'} T_{nl, n'l'}^{(|m|)}(R) a_{n'l'm}^{\sigma} \quad (1)$$



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SPF Protein Shape-Density Reconstruction

$$\text{Interior density: } \tau(r) = \sum_{nlm} a_{nlm}^{\tau} R_{nl}(r) y_{lm}(\theta, \phi)$$

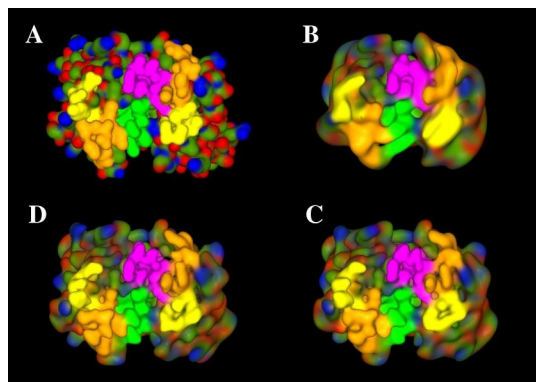


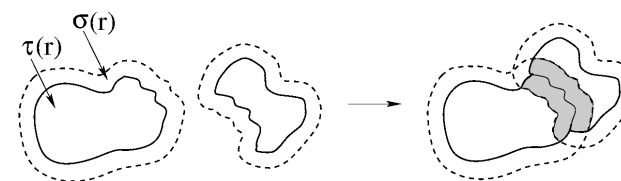
Image	Order	Coeffs
A	Gaussians	-
B	N = 16	1,496
C	N = 25	5,525
D	N = 30	9,455

Ritchie (2003), Proteins Struct. Funct. Bioinf. 52, 98–106



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Protein Docking Using SPF Density Functions



$$\text{Favourable: } \int (\sigma_A(r_A) \tau_B(r_B) + \tau_A(r_A) \sigma_B(r_B)) dV$$

$$\text{Unfavourable: } \int \tau_A(r_A) \tau_B(r_B) dV$$

$$\text{Score: } S_{AB} = \int (\sigma_A \tau_B + \tau_A \sigma_B - Q \tau_A \tau_B) dV, \quad \text{Penalty Factor: } Q = 11$$

$$\text{Orthogonality: } S_{AB} = \sum_{nlm} (a_{nlm}^{\sigma} b_{nlm}^{\tau} + a_{nlm}^{\tau} (b_{nlm}^{\sigma} - Q b_{nlm}^{\tau}))$$

$$\text{Search: } 6D \text{ space} = 1 \text{ distance} + 5 \text{ Euler rotations: } (R, \beta_A, \gamma_A, \alpha_B, \beta_B, \gamma_B)$$

Ritchie and Kemp (2000), Proteins Struct. Funct. Bioinf. 39, 178–194



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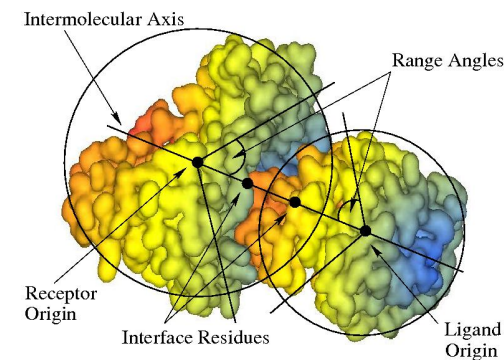
Hex SPF Correlation Example – 3D Rotational FFTs

- Set up 3D rotational FFT as a series of matrix multiplications:
- Rotate:
$$a'_{nlm} = \sum_{t=-l}^l R_{mt}^{(l)}(0, \beta_A, \gamma_A) a_{lt}$$
- Translate:
$$a''_{nlm} = \sum_{kj}^N T_{nl,kj}^{(|m|)}(R) a'_{kjm}$$
- Real to complex:
$$A_{nlm} = \sum_t a''_{nlt} U_{tm}^{(l)}, \quad B_{nlm} = \sum_t b_{nlt} U_{tm}^{(l)}$$
- Multiply:
$$C_{muv} = \sum_{nl} A_{nlm}^* B_{nlv} \Lambda_{lv}^{um}$$
- 3D FFT:
$$S(\alpha_B, \beta_B, \gamma_B) = \sum_{muv} C_{muv} e^{-i(m\alpha_B + 2u\beta_B + v\gamma_B)}$$
- On one CPU, docking takes from 15 to 30 minute...



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Exploiting Proir Knowledge in SPF Docking



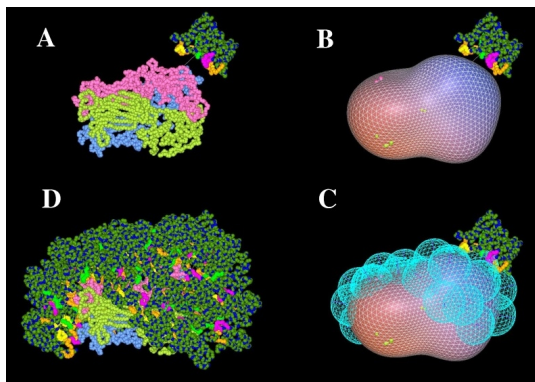
- Knowing just one key residue can reduce search space enormously...
- This accelerates calculation and helps to reduce false-positives...



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Docking Very Large Molecules Using Multi-Sampling

- Example: docking an antibody to the VP2 viral surface protein



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The CAPRI Experiment

- CAPRI = “Critical Assessment of PRedicted Interactions”

Predictor	Software	Algorithm	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7
Abagyan	ICM	FF			**			***	**
Camacho	CHARMM	FF	*					***	***
Eisenstein	MolFit	FFT	*	*					***
Sternberg	FTDOCK	FFT		*				**	*
Ten Eyck	DOT	FFT	*	*				**	
Gray		MC						**	***
Ritchie	Hex	SPF			**			***	
Weng	ZDOCK	FFT		**					**
Wolfson	BUDDA/PPD	GH	*						***
Bates	Guided Docking	FF	-	-	-				***
Palma	BIGGER	GF	-	-	-			**	*
Gardiner	GAPDOCK	GA	*	*	-	-	-	-	-
Olson	Surfdock	SH	*		-	-	-	-	-
Valencia		ANN	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vakser	GRAMM	FFT		*		-	-	-	-

* low, ** medium, *** high accuracy prediction; – no prediction

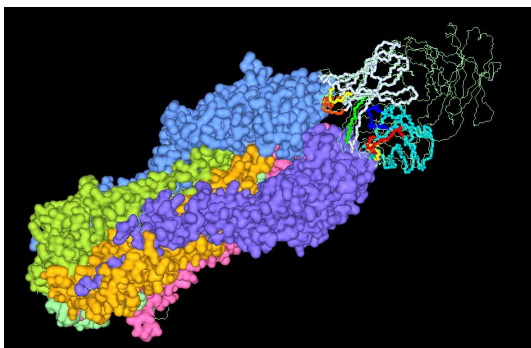
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Hex Protein Docking Example – CAPRI Target 3

- Example: best prediction for CAPRI Target 3 – Hemagglutinin/HC63



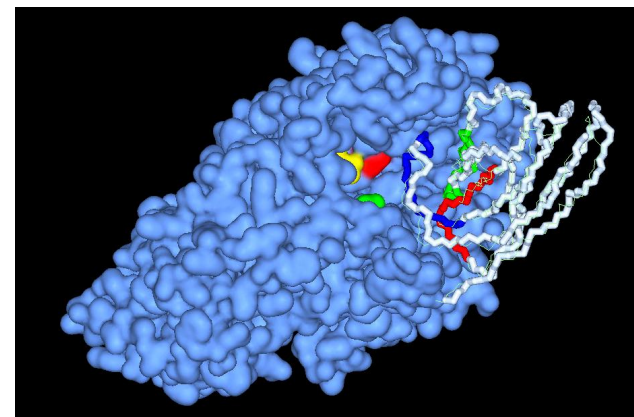
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Best Hex Orientation for Target 6 – Amylase/AMD9



- CAPRI “high accuracy” (Ligand RMSD $\leq 1\text{\AA}$)



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Subsequent CAPRI Targets 8 – 19

Target	Description	Comments
T8	Nidogen- γ 3 - Laminin	U/U
T9	LiCT homodimer	build from monomer – 12Å RMS deviation
T10	TBEV trimer	build from monomer – 11Å RMS deviation
T11	Cohesin - dockerin	U/U; model-build dockerin
T12	Cohesin - dockerin	U/B
T13	SAG1 - antibody Fab	SAG1 conformational change: 10Å RMS
T14	MYPT1 - PP1 δ	U/U; model-build PP1 α \rightarrow PP1 δ
T18	TAXI - xylanase	U/B
T19	Ovine prion - antibody Fab	model-build prion

- T15-T17 cancelled: solutions were on-line & found by Google !!
- T11, T14, T19 involved homology model-building step...



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CAPRI Results: Targets 8–19 (2003 – 2005)

Software	T8	T9	T10	T11	T12	T13	T14	T18	T19
ICM	**		*	**	***	*	***	**	**
PatchDock	**	*	*	*	*	-	**	**	*
ZDOCK/RDOCK	**			*	***	***	***	**	**
FTDOCK	*		*	**	*		**	**	*
RosettaDock	-			**	***	**	***		***
SmoothDock	**			***	***	***	**	**	*
RosettaDock	***	-	-	**	***				**
Haddock	-	-	**	**		***	***		
ClusPro	**				***	*			*
3D-DOCK	**			*	*		**		*
MolFit	***			*	***		**		
Hex				**	***	*	*		
Zhou	-	-		-	***	**	*	*	
DOT					***	***	**		
ATTRACT	**		-	-	-	-	***		**
Valencia	*			*	*	-			-
GRAMM	-	-		-	-	-	**	**	
Umeyama				**	*				
Kaznessis	-	-			***				
Fano	-	-		*					

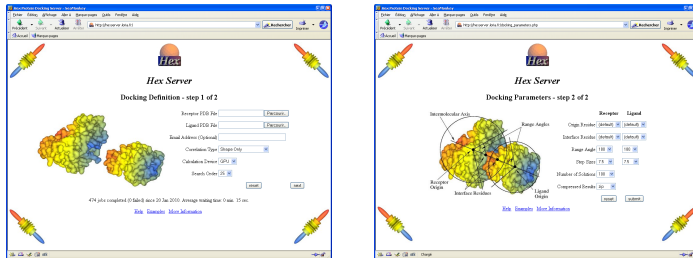
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“Hex” and “HexServer”

- Hex: interactive docking (~ 33,000 downloads) – <http://hex.loria.fr/>
- Hexserver (~ 1,000 docking jobs/month) – <http://hexserver.loria.fr/>



Ritchie and Kemp (2000), Proteins 39 178–194

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Macindoe et al. (2010), Nucleic acids Research, 38, W445–W449



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Inside Hex – High Order FFTs, Multi-threading on GPUs

- SPF approach => analytic translational + rotational correlations:

$$\text{In particular: } S_{AB} = \sum_{jsmlvrt} \Lambda_{js}^m T_{js,lv}^{(lm)}(R) \Lambda_{lv}^{tm} e^{-i(r\beta_A - s\gamma_A + m\alpha_B + t\beta_B + v\gamma_B)}$$

- This allows high order FFTs to be used – 1D, 3D, and 5D
- It also allows calculations to be easily ported to modern GPUs



- Up to 2048 arithmetic “cores”
- Up to 8 Gb memory
- Easy API with C++ syntax
- Grid of threads model (“SIMT”)

- BUT – for best results, need to understand the hardware...

Ritchie, Kozakov, Vajda (2008), Bioinformatics 24, 1865–1873

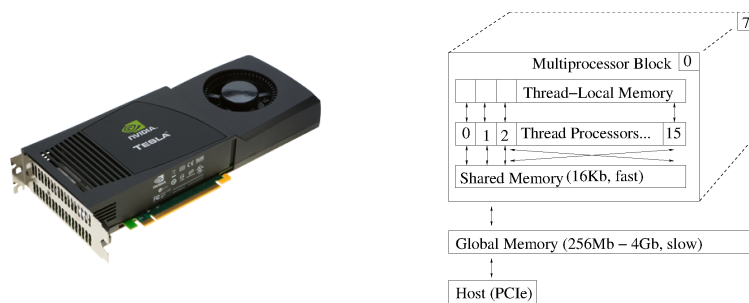
Ritchie and Venkatraman (2010), Bioinformatics, 26, 2398–2405



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CUDA Device Architecture

- Typically 8–16 multiprocessor blocks, each with 16 thread units



- NB. only a very small amount of fast shared memory is available
- NB. global memory is ~ 80x slower than shared memory
- Strategy: aim for “high arithmetic intensity” in shared memory



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CUDA Programming Example – Matrix Multiplication

- Matrix multiplication $C = A * B$
- Each thread is responsible for calculating one element: $C[i,k]$

$$\begin{matrix} & k \\ C & \\ i & \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} & k \\ A & \\ i & \end{matrix} \times \begin{matrix} & k \\ B & \\ & \end{matrix}$$

- Conventional algorithm:
- $C[i,k] = A[i] * B[k]$

$$\begin{matrix} & k \\ C & \\ by & \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} & k \\ A & \\ tx & \end{matrix} \times \begin{matrix} & k \\ B & \\ ty & \end{matrix}$$

- Thread-block algo uses TILES
- Tiles of 16x16 is just right!

- Threads co-operate by reading & sharing tiles of A & B
- Multi-processor launches multiple blocks to compute all of C
- Executing thread-blocks concurrently hides global memory latency



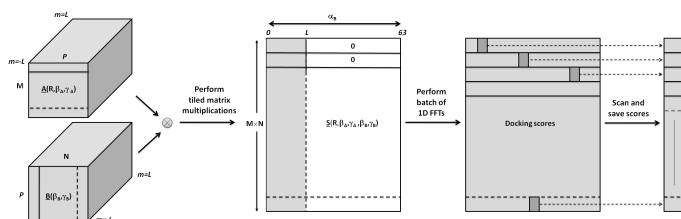
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GPU Implementation – Perform Multiple FFTs

- Calculate multiple 1D FFTs of the form:

$$S_{AB}(\alpha_B) = \sum_m e^{-im\alpha_B} \sum_{nl} A_{nlm}^\sigma(R, \beta_A, \gamma_A) \times B_{nlm}^\tau(\beta_B, \gamma_B)$$

- Cross-multiply transformed A with rotated B coefficients
- Perform batch of 1D FFTs using cuFFT and save best orientations



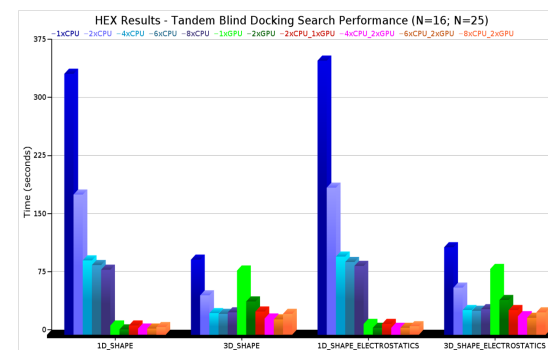
- 3D FFTs in $(\alpha_B, \beta_B, \gamma_B)$ can be calculated in a similar way...



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Results – Multiple GPUs and CPUs

- With Multi-threading, we can use all available GPUs and CPUs



- Best performance: use 2 GPUs alone, or 6 CPUs plus 2 GPUs
- 2 GPUs => 6D docking in about 15 sec – important for large-scale!



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Speed Comparison with ZDOCK and PIPER

- Hex: 52000 x 812 rotations, 50 translations (0.8Å steps)
- ZDOCK: 54000 x 6 deg rotations, 92Å 3D grid (1.2Å cells)
- PIPER: 54000 x 6 deg rotations, 128Å 3D grid (1.0Å cells)
- Hardware: GTX 285 (240 cores, 1.48 GHz)

FFT	Kallikrein A / BPTI (233 / 58 residues)#					
	ZDOCK 1xCPU	PIPER† 1xCPU	PIPER† 1xGPU	Hex 1xCPU	Hex 4xCPU	Hex‡ 1xGPU
3D	7,172	468,625	26,372	224	60	84
(3D)*	(1,195)	(42,602)	(2,398)	224	60	84
1D	–	–	–	676	243	15

- What's next ?
 - Better energy functions?
 - Modeling flexibility?
 - Multi-component complexes?
 - Cross-docking?



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Conclusions

- (+) Rigid-body docking on a GPU now takes only a few seconds:
 - This was implemented using only 5 or 6 GPU kernels
- (–) Modeling protein flexibility during docking is still difficult
- SPF approach => high-throughput shape comparison now feasible:
 - All-vs-all docking ?
 - Electron-microscopy density fitting ?
 - Assembling multi-component machines ?
- (?) The next challenge – modeling “the structural interactome”



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<http://hex.loria.fr/>



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Hex Demo – Basic Operations

- Hex web site: <http://hex.loria.fr/dist800/>
 - Loading structures into Hex
 - Basic concepts: “receptor”, “ligand”, “complex” (reference)
 - Graphical viewing modes
 - Editing the scene (moving structures around)
 - Setting docking parameters
 - Launching a docking calculation
 - Viewing the results
 - Saving structures
 - ...
 - Ask me!
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- Disclaimer: please remember, Hex is not “commercial” software!



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Practical: CAPRI Target 40 – API-A/Trypsin

R Bao *et al.* (2009), J Biol Chem, 284, 26676–26684

“The Ternary Structure of the Double-headed Arrowhead Protease Inhibitor API-A Complexed with Two Trypsins Reveals a Novel Reactive Site Conformation”

The double-headed arrowhead protease inhibitors API-A and -B from the tubers of *Sagittaria sagittifolia* (Linn) feature two distinct reactive sites, unlike other members of their family. Although the two inhibitors have been extensively characterized, the identities of the two P1 residues in both API-A and -B remain controversial. The crystal structure of a ternary complex at 2.84 Å resolution revealed that **the two trypsins bind on opposite sides of API-A and are 34 Å apart**. The overall fold of API-A site sides of API-A belongs to the β -trefoil fold and resembles that of the soybean Kunitz-type trypsin inhibitors. The two P1 residues [on API-A] were unambiguously assigned as **Leu87** and **Lys145**, and their identities were further confirmed by site-directed mutagenesis...

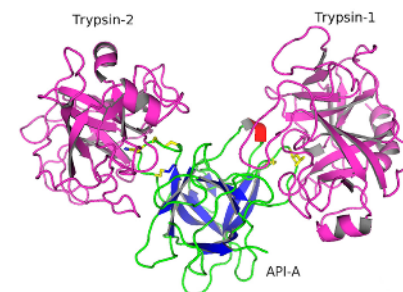
- The CAPRI challenge: **blind prediction of the two binding modes...**



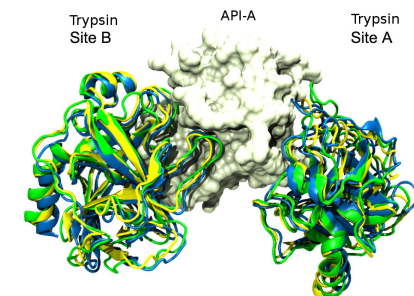
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CAPRI T40 Results

X-ray solution



Our predictions



- Using Hex + MD refinement gave NINE “acceptable” solutions



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Practical Activities

- Download the structures from: <http://hex.loria.fr/emmsb/t40.tgz>
 - t40.a.pdb (Trypsin 1)
 - t40.b.pdb (Trypsin 2)
 - t40.c.pdb (API-A)
 - t40.abc.pdb (solution)
 - t40.col (Hex colour file)
- Load the structures C+A or C+B as “receptor” and “ligand”
- Experiment with different graphical viewing options
- Use the “edit mode” to try docking by hand
- Load the solution structure as “complex” and try again by hand
- Load the color file to highlight the key residues
- Does this help?
- Finally, place the API-A key residue near the trypsin site
- Set up and run a focused docking calculation (45 deg on each)
- View and analyse by eye the solutions generated