Protein Structural Prediction for Mutagenesis

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The Presenter:

Warren Kaplan, PhD
University of the Witwatersrand (Wits), Johannesburg, South Africa, 1998.

PhD thesis:
The conformational stability of a detoxification enzyme widely used as a fusion-protein affinity tag.

Research and Work Experience

Dr Kaplan has a strong background in bioinformatics development and training. His PhD involved the heterologous expression, purification and characterisation of a glutathione S-transferase. Solvent- and thermal-denaturation studies were used to monitor the unfolding/refolding of the enzyme via the following physico-chemical techniques: steady-state kinetics, spectroscopy (UV/visible and fluorescence, electrophoresis (urea- and thermal-gradient gel) and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC).

From 1998-1999 he was Unix system administrator and molecular modeller, Department of Biochemistry, Wits University. His work at Entigen (1999-2001, http://www.entigen.com) included the design and integration of the Molecular Modelling programs for BioNavigator (www.bionavigator.com). He also wrote the relevant help documentation for the Molecular Modelling programs, and designed the Molecular Modelling protocols in BioNavigator to serve as an introduction to users new to Molecular Modelling. He has also written a training manual for users to integrate programs into BioNavigator using the Ajax Command Definition Language. His programming experience included writing parsers in the Python programming language, and he has experience in UNIX shell programming. He was involved in Molecular Modelling related customer support and conducted very extensive testing of the latest BioNavigator system.

He is familiar with most of the protein sequence related bioinformatics software and are very familiar with the molecular modelling packages WHAT IF, ICM, MolMol, and other related software packages such as Swiss PDB Viewer (Deep View), Molscript, GRASP, RasMol and Lipolet. He has experience with setting up and installing software on SGI, SUN, and Linux machines.

Teaching Experience

He designed and ran the MSc biotechnology course offered in the department of biochemistry at Wits over a 4 year period, lectured to undergraduate students and ran workshops introducing users to the computer programs What If, GRASP and ICM.

While at Entigen he was involved in staff training of the Molecular Modelling programs in BioNavigator, and lectured to customers on using BioNavigator.
A word of welcome!

Dear Student

Welcome to today's workshop on Protein Structural Prediction for Mutagenesis. At the beginning of this year Clare Johnson, from Value Added Wheat CRC Ltd., approached me with the idea of running today's series of lectures. From the outset our intention for this course has been to show you how enormously valuable three-dimensional structures of protein are. In so doing we hope to add value, and introduce a new way in which you go about designing experiments and interpreting results.

In order to do this, I have designed the course around two research papers: the first paper describes the structures of two bound proteins that were solved using X-ray crystallography. The second paper uses the structures in the first paper to build models of homologous proteins. Once the models are built the structures are examined and a decision is made to mutate 4 amino acids in the models. The paper then goes on to describe the observable effects of these mutations. My aim for today is to familiarise you with the structures of the first paper and then emulate the 'in silico' experiments of the second paper. By doing this I hope that you will be able to apply these similar steps to the protein that you may be interested in.
The notes in this booklet include all the slides that I will be using. Browsing through them you will notice that they are brief with only keywords, and the occasional diagram. I hope that you will not be disappointed by their brevity, but we’re in the business of learning about the three-dimensional structures of proteins and for most of my talks I will be using a protein structure viewer which will substitute for cumbersome, and non-interactive slides. The viewer we will be using is the Swiss PDB Viewer, also know as Deep View. The reasons for choosing Deep View are that it is fairly easy to use, it runs on most operating systems, it’s free, and offers the most functionality of all the free modelling programs that I know. I do need to emphasise that I don’t get paid to say nice things about Deep View, in fact you’ll probably hear me say some not so nice things about it too, but what I want to stress is that this course is about proteins structures, not Deep View. What I hope you will learn from it is the kind of things a modelling program should be able to do, the detail on how to do it will be available from the manual of the modelling program that you eventually use.

I thought I should tell you a little about myself too — I am a protein chemist that spent most of my research involved in protein folding and protein structure-function relationships. I spent some time as a molecular modeller before taking a job with the startup Bioinformatics company, Entigen that produced the BioNavigator system. Since March 2002 I have held the position of Bioinformatics Specialist in the newly created Peter Wills Bioinformatics Centre at the Garvan Institute, where I spend most of my time meeting very interesting people and doing exciting things, like what we will be doing today.

I hope you will find the day enjoyable and that it will assist you in achieving greater success in your research.

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Program:

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Friday 4 October 2002

9.30 – 10.00  Registration and coffee

10.00-11.00  Introduction to protein structure

Beginning with a primary sequence of a protein we will build up the secondary, tertiary and quaternary structures, and also describe the bonds that are used to build these structures. We will then introduce the repository of macromolecular biological structures, the Protein Data Bank (PDB).

11.00-11.20  Morning tea

11.20-12.20  Protein viewers and analysis tools

Using the SwissPDBViewer, Deep View, we will discuss the various methods used for displaying proteins and then describe fundamental tools for analysing them. These will include the measuring of distances, or angles, between atoms and also the use of a Ramachandran plot.

12.20-1.00  Lunch

1.00-2.00  In Silico Site-Directed Mutagenesis

Site-directed mutagenesis is a very powerful technique used in wet-lab biology, but blindly mutating amino acids is not only expensive, it can also be very disappointing if the wrong residues are mutated. In this section we will discuss considerations that should be made when using this technique, by emulating these experiments on a computer.

2.00-3.00  Homology Modelling and Threading

Very often no known structure exists for the protein sequence that you are interested in. Both homology modelling and threading are very powerful techniques that are used to build theoretical models that may provide us with the structural information we require. In homology modeling, the alignment of the sequence of interest with the sequence of a homologous protein, with a known structure, is crucial for correct model building. Using an example, we will do a homology modelling experiment, and will also discuss threading.

3.00-3.30  Afternoon tea and close
Recommended Reading


Kaupp, Maria; Wohlfart, Gerd; & Olkkonen, Vesa M (2002), Analysis of the Munc 18b-syntaxin binding interface: Use of a mutant Munc 18b to dissect the functions of syntaxins 2 and 3, *JBC Papers in Press, published August 26, 2002 as Manuscript M208315200.*
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Outline of the course

• What’s so special about a protein’s 3D structure?
  – Provide understanding at an atomic level as to:
    – How a drug / ligand / protein binds to a protein
    – Where it binds
    – Why does it bind one protein but not another with a 99% sequence identity?
    – Why is it stable at boiling point?
    – Why does it aggregate?
    – Why is it soluble or insoluble?
The notes and style of the talk

- Notes plot a route that we will take, e.g. rotating a molecule.

Course overview

1. Background to the 2 papers
2. A little about Deep View
3. Introduction to Protein Structure
4. Analysis tools
5. Homology Modelling
Course overview cont...

Assessing the quality of the model

6. *In Silico* Site-Directed Mutagenesis
(Emulating a wet lab experiment on a computer)

1. Background to the 2 papers

*Misura KM, Scheller RH, Weis WI.*
Three-dimensional structure of the neuronal-Sec1-syntaxin 1a complex.

*Kauppi M, Wohlfahrt G, Olkkonen VM.*
Analysis of the Munc18b-syntaxin binding interface: use of a mutant Munc18b to dissect the functions of syntaxins 2 and 3.
2. A little about Deep View

- Runs on Windows, Mac, Linux/FreeBSD, Irix (SGI)
- Free for all, but no source code
- I don’t get paid to say nice things about Deep View
- Not a Deep View training course:
  We use it to learn about protein structures.

Solid 3D rendering parameters:

- Render image: [Left eye] [Standard] [Right eye]
- [Use Meshes (nicer but slower)] [Solid 3D stays in Motion]

**Bonds:**

| Line Width | 2.000 pixels |
| Radius | 0.200 Å |
| H-bond radius | 0.075 Å |
| Smoothness (1..13) | 7 |

**Atoms:**

- Radius | 0.300 Å |
- Alpha Carbons size (relative to other C): 100 %
- Atoms Smoothness (1..13) | 7 |
- Spacemapped atoms smoothness (1..13) | 7 |
- [Show Atoms]
  [Same color as bonds for C atoms] [and others]
- [Keep atoms proportions by multiplying atom radius by 1.1 for H, 1.5 for N, 1.7 for C, 1.4 for O, 1.85 for S, ...]
Deep View Windows

Menu Window

Control Panel
Selections

Sequence window

Getting Deep View
to talk to the World

Preferences: Network
File Server IP address: www.gwer.ch
Port: 27000
3. Introduction to Protein Structure

Primary Structure

>1DN1:A SYNTAXIN BINDING PROTEIN 1
MAPGLKAVQEKIMHDVVKKGEWKLVDQLM5RLSSCCMDDMTEGITYED
INRKREEEPDLEAYLIPSESKSWSIIIDFDPPTAXAYNVTFTSGCPDLPNEEK
SRAAVKIKVYEINIAFLIPVESQVYSDASDQSFPSPHAQMKNPITIEPLAEQIAIT
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ILGQVSLNEMRCAYEVTQANGKEVLIGSHTILTFQKLLDLTLLKLNLDDEEIISS

>1DN1:B SYNTAXIN 1A
MKDTQHELRTAKDDDDDDDVTVTVDREPMDFEFQVEEIDGFIDKBVAEEVKKIHSA
IIASPNDPEKTEEELLEEMSDIKKTANKVRKLSIEQSIQEQEEGLNRSSADLRIRKQH
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IIMDSISSQALSETEHHSEIKLESSRELHDMFMADMVLVESQGMIDREYNSVHIA
VDYVERAVSDTAVKYQSKARRKKIN
Peptide Backbone

There’s more to Alanine than just an A

3 Letter code
Each amino acid has a unique structure
Uniqueness of the R group
Cheat using DeepView

Secondary Structure

Alpha Helices
Beta Sheets/Strands
Loops/ coils
Select: Secondary Structure

H=helix; B=residue in isolated beta bridge; E=extended beta strand; G=310 helix; I=pi helix; T=hydrogen bonded turn; S=bend

Tertiary Structure

The coming together of secondary structure elements
Quartenary Structure

Molecules of proteins associate to form multimers

Colour: Chain

Anatomy of a PDB file

Header
PDB code
Remark
Resolution
Remark 350
Generating biological multimer
SEQRES
Sequence
HELIX
SHEET
SSBOND
CRYST1
ATOM
TER
HETATM
CONNECT
END
Bonds

Covalent
  Disulfide Bridges
  Backbone

Non-Covalent (Van der Waals Interactions)

Hydrogen Bonds

Salt Bridges

4. Analysis Tools
Manipulating the molecule

- Rotating
  - In a plane
- Translating
- Zooming

Selecting and Displaying

Control Panel: Select all, Chain, Secondary Structure, Individual
Colouring

Control Panel: Colour Individual, ranges
Colour entire structure e.g. Ribbons

Measuring and labelling

Menu Bar
Select: Neighbours of selected amino acid
Ramachandran Plot

- Identify
- Manipulate
- N terminus
- C terminus

5. Homology Modelling

1. Template detection
2. Sequence alignment
3. Alignment optimisation
4. Replacement of template sidechains with model sidechains
5. Modelling insertions and deletions
6. Optimising the model
7. Detecting errors
8. Iterating all of the steps above to remove errors
While the high precision structures required for detailed studies of protein-ligand interaction can only be obtained experimentally, theoretical protein modelling provides the molecular biologists with "low-resolution" models which hold enough essential information about the spatial arrangement of important residues to guide the design of experiments. The rational design of many site-directed mutagenesis experiments could therefore be improved if more of these "low-resolution" theoretical model structures were available.

N. Guex and M. Peitsch

**Identifying Model Templates**

BLAST Evalue < 10E⁻⁵

~30% identity
Use up to 10 templates in the modelling process
Aligning the model sequence with the template sequence

Align core regions and ignore the non-conserved loops

Building the Model

Framework Construction
Loop insertion using ‘spare parts’ (only Ca)
Backbone Completion (C=O and N)
  -library of pentapeptides < 2.0 Angstroms
Adding side Chains
  -table of rotamers
  -check for bumps
Model Refinement
  -energy minimization
  -molecular dynamic simulation
(http://www.chemaxon.com/marvin/doc/example-view3.2.html)
Assessing the quality of the Model

General Considerations
Mistake if not within 0.5 Angstroms RMSD of the control structure
(http://www.chemaxon.com/marvin/doc/example-view3.2.html)
Deviation of stereochemical values
(bond lengths and angles) WhatCheck

Causes of Errors
Wrong Sequence
Rubbish Template
Bad Alignment

Using the Models
Incorrect alignments
(may not affect the area of interest
e.g. conserved active site)

Correct Alignments
(can still have low quality because of low seq. Identity)

High Sequence Identity
(useful in drug design)
Display Model
- confidence factor
Secondary Structure Succession
- trace the molecule
Ramachandran Plot
  Only GLY and ALA in the forbidden regions
Select
  - amino acids making clashes
  - amino acids making clashes with the backbone
  - sidechains lacking proper Hydrogen Bonds
Display
  - sidechains even when backbone is hidden
  - colour: type
  - select group kind: Nonpolar see 1PRC
  - select group kind: Acidic
  - select group kind: Basic

6. *In Silico* Site-Directed Mutagenesis
   (Emulating a wet lab experiment on a computer)
Going about deciding which residue/s you want to mutate
read
look
think

Not all substitutions are created equal
Chemical properties of amino acids
(See Figures)
Charge
Hydrophobicity
Type e.g. alcohols
Size
Suggested Amino Acid Substitutions

- **Solvent exposed (SEA^3>30 A^2)** / **interior (SEA^3<10 A^2)**

### Special Cases:

- Proline
- Glycine

Mutations followed by energy minimization

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Amino acids connected by a solid line can be substituted with 95% confidence (D. Bordy and P. Argos, J. Mol. Biol. 217(1991)721-729)

*SEA=solvent exposed area*
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Protein Structure Bioinformatics
This course will provide training in molecular modelling and is intended for biologists who would like to build three-dimensional protein structures from a protein sequence of interest. By using the Swiss Modelling server and its dedicated molecular modelling program, Swiss PDB Viewer (Deep View), the course will cover a basic introduction to protein structure and tools used for the analysis of macromolecular structures. Databases related to protein structure will be used for comparative homology modelling and threading. Assessing the model's quality will also be addressed. There are no pre-requisites for the course.

Microarray Bioinformatics
This course will cover subjects including Microarray Technologies, Design of Microarray Experiments, Image Analysis, Normalisation, and Interpretation of Results. A range of bioinformatics tools will be used in the course. The course will review some of the more popular programs in the field and introduce the statistical programming language "R" as a flexible tool for all stages in the analysis of array data. There are no pre-requisites for the course.

Bioinformatics Computer Systems
This course will cover the technical aspects of running of UNIX® like workstations and servers for biologists and bioinformaticians, providing an understanding of the power and wealth of bioinformatics applications available under UNIX® both for the desktop and as a shared server. The course will cover from a practical viewpoint how to setup and maintain a UNIX® like systems and provide basics services such as shared network file systems, printers, web servers and the installation of bioinformatics tools. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or desktop machines to install a UNIX® like operating system or use the computers provided by BioLateral. There are no pre-requisites for the course.

Bioinformatics Programming
The popular and easy programming language "Python" will be used to introduce the basics of programming for bioinformatics applications. There will be an emphasis on biological applications, including wrapping of unix programs and tools found on web sites. The course will introduce participants to the technical aspects of bioinformatics software development and will "demystify" the bioinformatics software development process. Suitable for people who have little or no programming experience. Participants are encouraged to bring their own problems and projects to work on throughout the course. There are no pre-requisites for the course.

Bioinformatics Web Services
This course is designed for bioinformatics researchers who need to publish databases or make software available on the WWW or who repetitively use other WWW sites and want to learn techniques for "wrapping" these sites so that they can be accessed automatically. The course covers how to master technologies of web serving, HTML authoring, web forms (POST and GET methods), and running applications on WWW sites using CGI. The course will review the use of the Unix Shell and Python scripts to integrate remote web sites. Participants will learn how to set up local web services and write CGI scripts to serve web contents. The course will focus on on biological data and problems. Pre-requisites for this course is Python programming.

Bioinformatics Primer
A brief introduction to the many aspects of bioinformatics required by researchers and / or educators. Topics touched on will include Bioinformatics software and databanks (Biological Databanks, Molecular Sequence Annotation, Using the Complete Human Genome Sequence, Protein Structure Prediction and Modelling, Phylogenetic analysis) and Bioinformatics development (Programming, Integrating Remote Bioinformatics Services, Relational Database Systems for bioinformatics, Developing Web Services, Choosing and Upgrading Computer Hardware, Administration of bioinformatics Workstations and Installing Bioinformatics Tools). There are no pre-requisites for the course.
BioInformatics Databases
This course will explain the problems involved with the use of various databases systems and why Relational Database Management Systems can help in data storage and querying. The example RDBMs used is the freely available and powerful MySQL system. The aim is to show basic operation of a RDBMS including installation, design and creation of databases, and learning the standard Structured Query Language (SQL) in order to query the database. There are no prerequisites for the course. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops—otherwise BioLateral will provide desktop computers for the duration of the course. Participants with PC laptops who would like to install UNIX on their laptops during the course are required to backup all their data prior to attending the course.

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