Recursive Protein Structure Modeling

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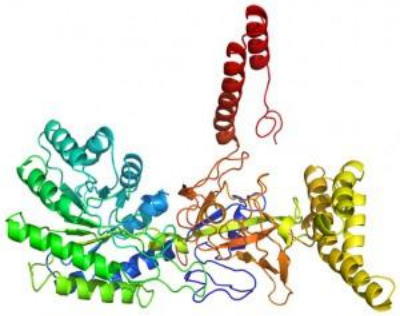

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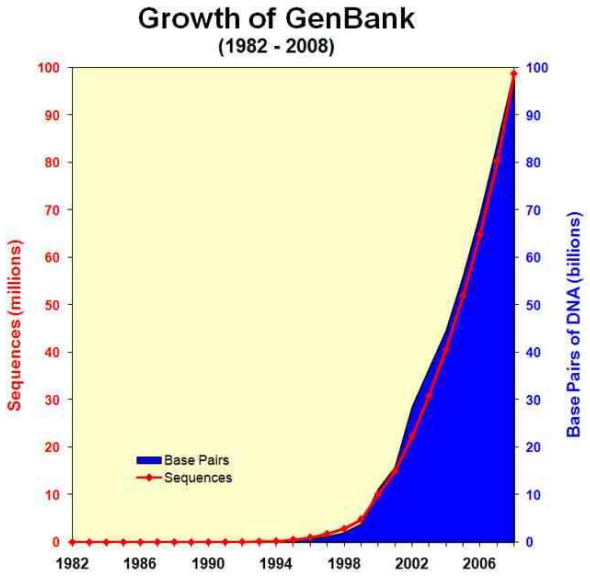
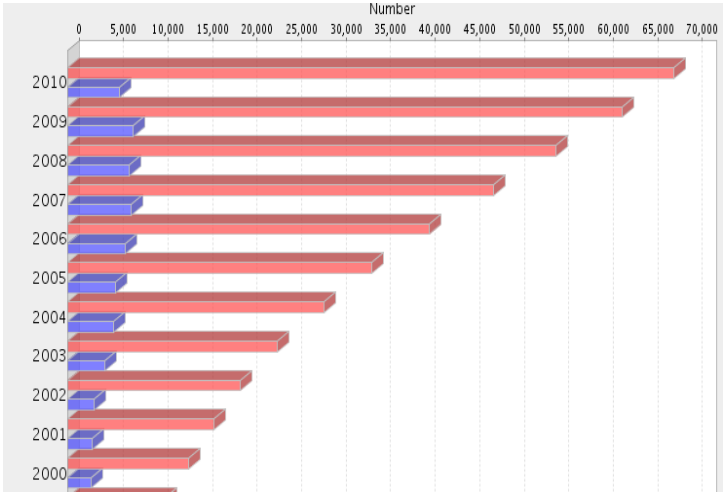
Protein Structure Prediction – A Key Challenge in the Genomic Era

Genome Sequencing

Genome Interpretation



Growth of PDB Structures



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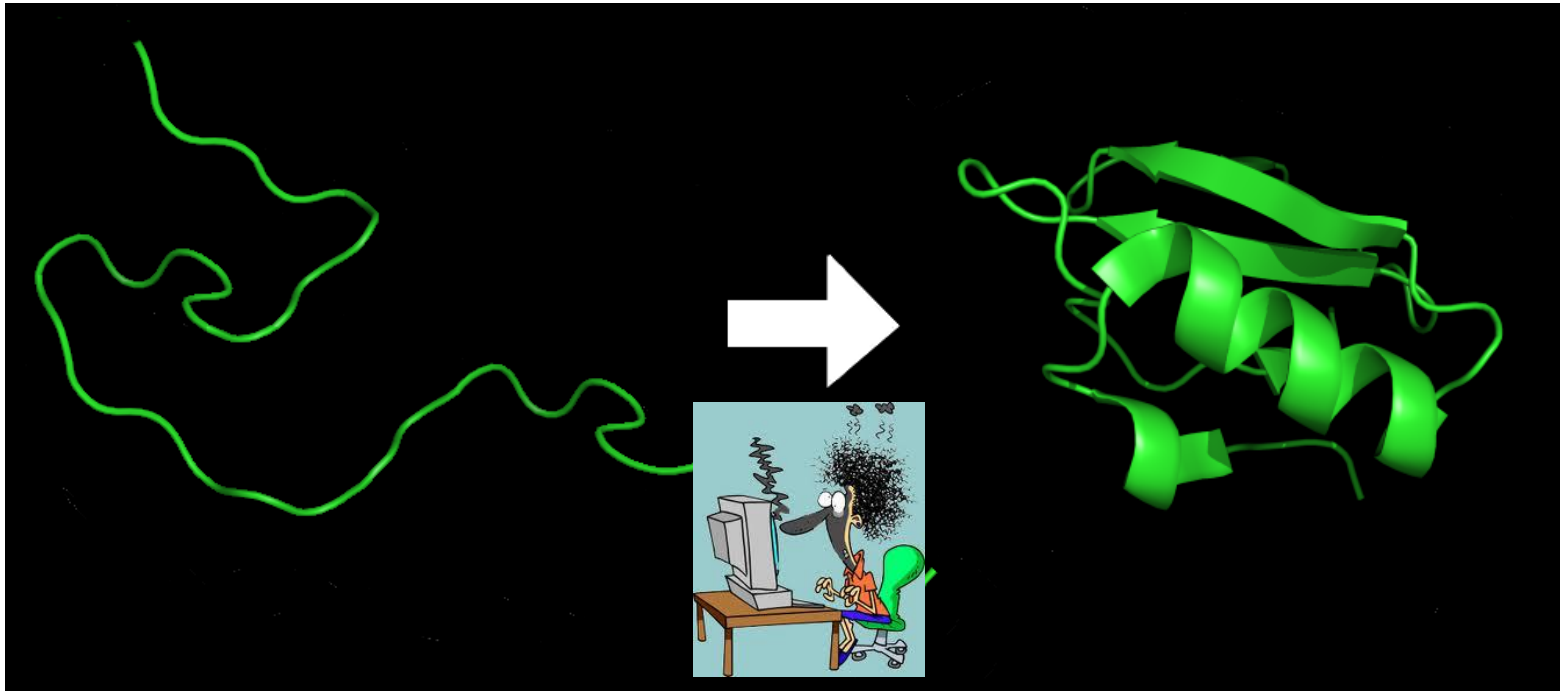
Computational Protein Structure Prediction

Structure = f (sequence) ? ⟺ **$E = MC^2$**



Computational Simulation

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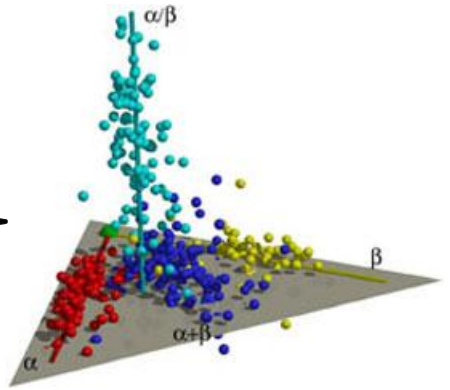
Template-Based Modeling

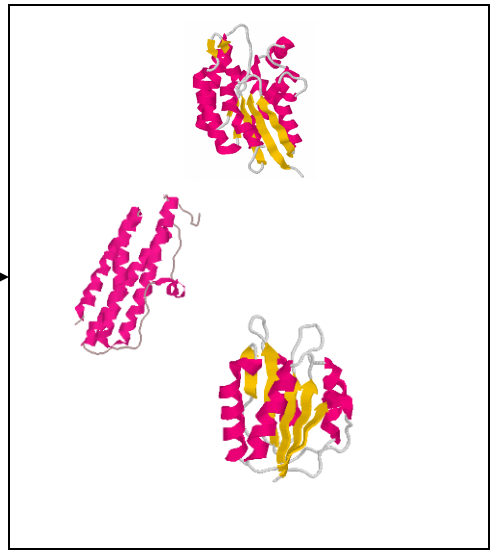


Sequence Space

Structure Space

Target protein

MWLKKFGINKH…



Protein Data Bank

Fold

Recognition

Alignment

Template

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Template-Based Modeling

TARGET

TEMPLATE

```
ASILPKRLFGNCEQTSDEGLK
IERTPLVPHISAQNVCLKIDD
VPERLIPERASFQWMNDK
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ASILPKRLFGNCEQTSDEGLKIERTPLVPHISAQNVCLKIDDVPERLIPE
MSVIPKRLYGNCEQTSEEAIRIEDSPIV---TADLVCLKIDEIPERLVGE
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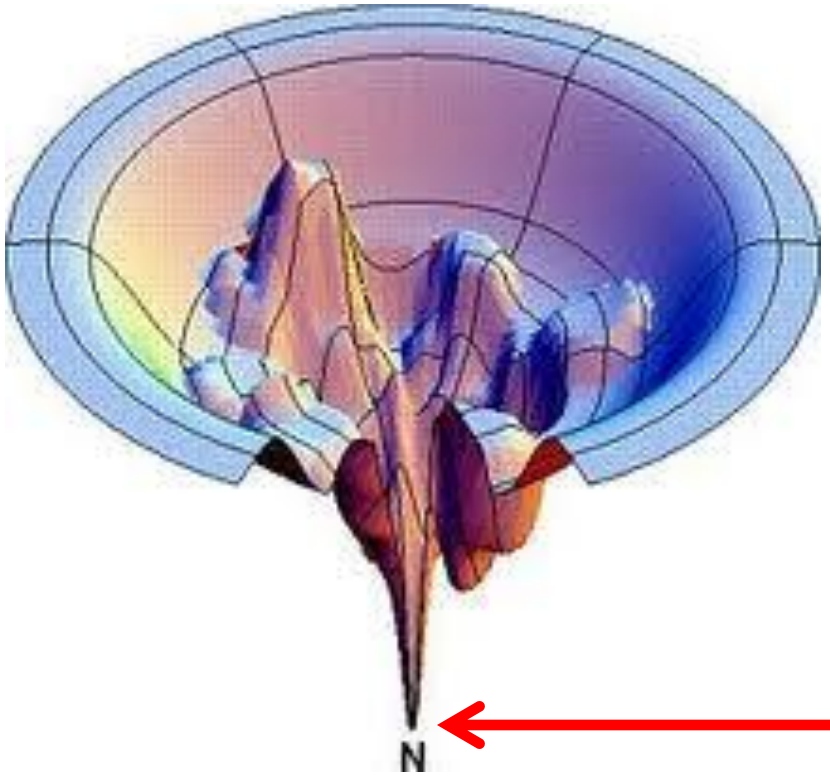
Modeller

A. Fisher, 2005

Template-Free (*Ab Initio*) Modeling



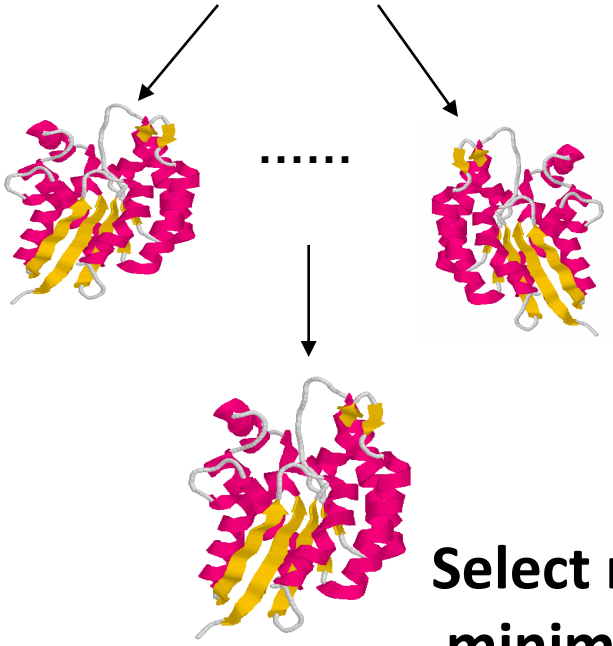
Native Structure

Protein Structure Space

Dill & Chan, 1997

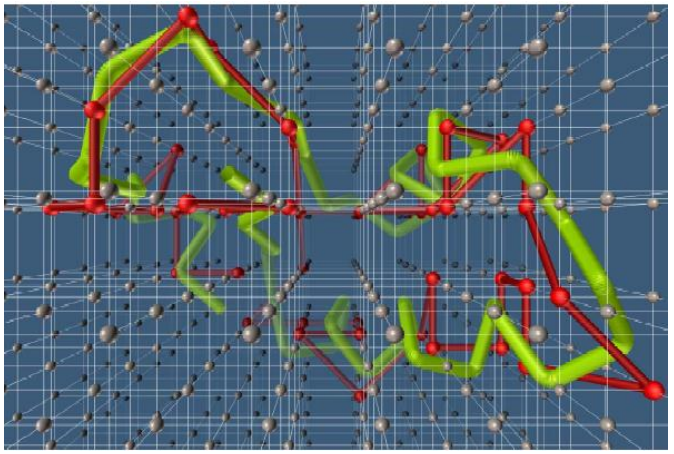
Template-Free Modeling

MWLKKFGINLLIGQSV…



Select model with
minimum free energy

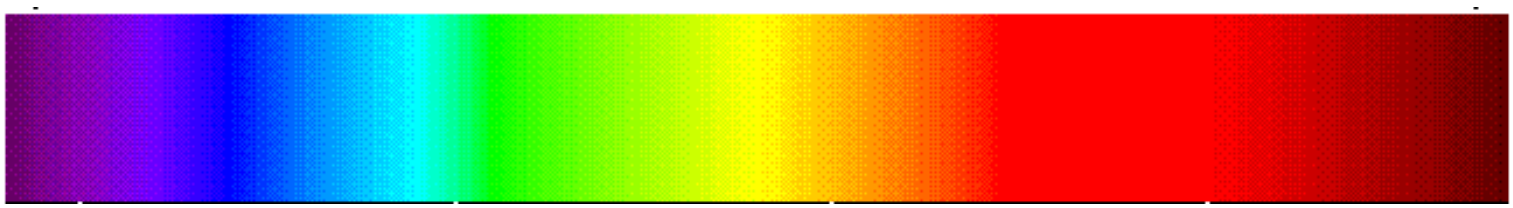
3D Simulation



Methods: molecular dynamics, fragment assembly, distance / contact-based modeling

Combination of Template-Free and Template-Based Modeling

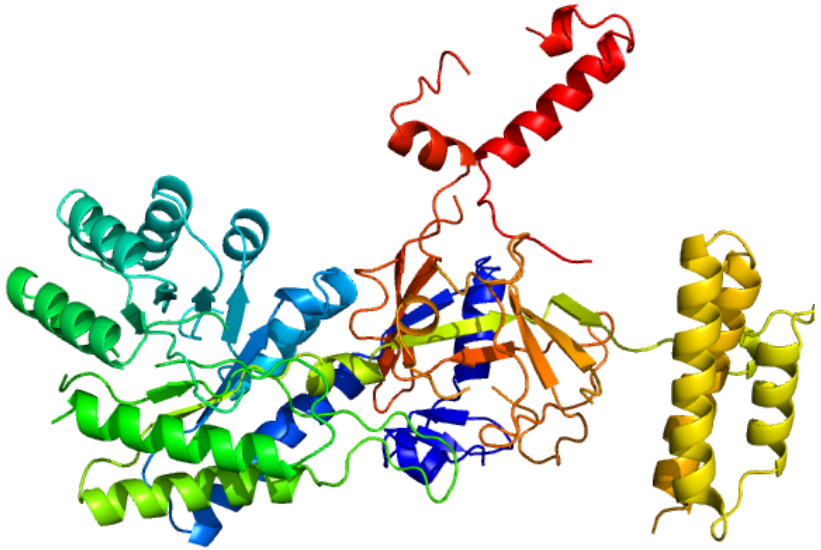
100% TBM 50% TBM+50%FM 100% FM



Protein Modeling Spectrum

Region Decomposition from Alignment

A)



B)

Template: 1TWIA

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EAFKRWEEETG--KEFIVAYAYKANANLAITRLLAKLGC----GADVVSGGELYIAKLSNVPSK----K
IVFNGNC-KTKEEIIMGIE---ANIRA-FNVDSISELILINETAKE-LGETANVAFRINPNVNPKTHPK
ISTGLKKNKFGLDVESGIAMKAIKMALE--MEYV-NVVGVHCHIGSQLTDISPFIEETRKVMDFVVELK
E-----E-GI-EIEDVNLGGGLGIPYYKDKQI----PTQKDLADAIINIMLKYKD--KVEMPNLILEPG
RSLVATAGYLLGKVHHIKETPVT----------------------------------------------
----------------------------------------------KWVMIDAGMNDMMRP-AMYE
AY-HHIINCK----VKN----EKEVVSIAGGLCESSDVFGRDR-------ELD-KVEVGD---VLAIFD
VGAYGISMAN-NYNARGRPRMVLTS--KKG-V--FLIRERETYADLIAK----------------------
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Query: T0547

Domain 3

Domain 4

```
MMDYGIDIWGNENFIIK-NGKVCINYEKKPAI-IDIVKELR----DDGYKGPLLLRFPHLIQKQIENIY
GNFNKARKEFGYKGGFNAVYPLKVNQYPGFVKNLVKLGKDYNYGLEAGSKAELLLAMAYNNEGA----P
ITVNG-F-KDRELINIGFIAAEMGHNITLTIEGLNEVEAIIDIAKERFKPKPNIGLRVRLHSAGVGI-W
AKSGGINSKFGLTSTE--LIEAVNLLKE--NKLLEQFTMIHFHLGSQITEIHPLKKALNEAGNIYTELR
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RFVAANHAVLIAPVLELFSQEYAENKLILKKQNPKLID-ELYDLYKSI--KPSNALEYLHDSIDHLESI
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QN-FPIMPLD----RLD--EEPTRSASIWDITCDSDGEISYSKD---KPLFLH-DVDVEKENYFLGFFL
VGAYQEVLGM-KHNLFTHPTEAIISINEKG-YEVEGIIEAQSILDTLEDLDYDIHAIMDILNERISNSK
LVNDKQKKHILGELYLFLNDNGYLKSIGV*
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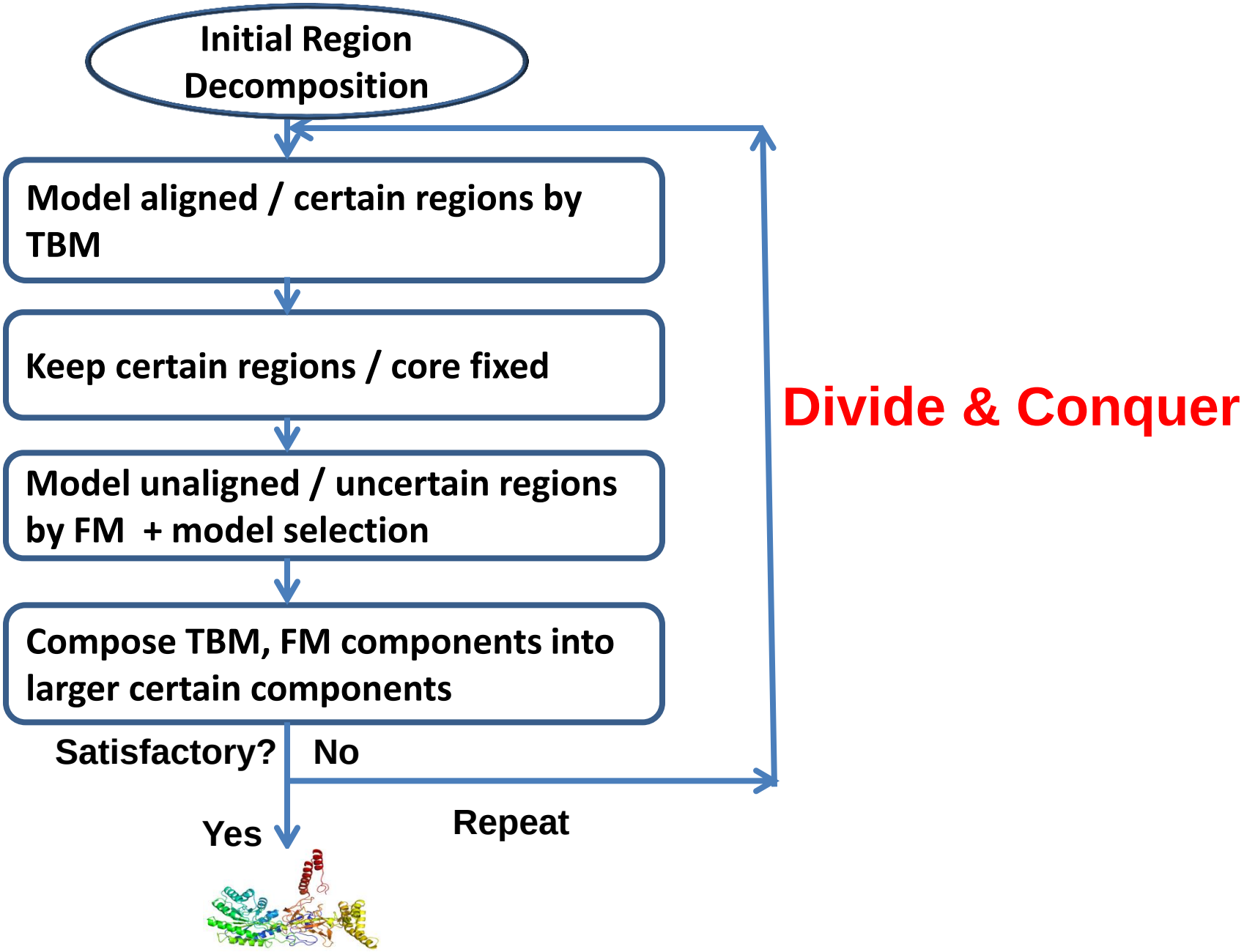
Aligned

Aligned

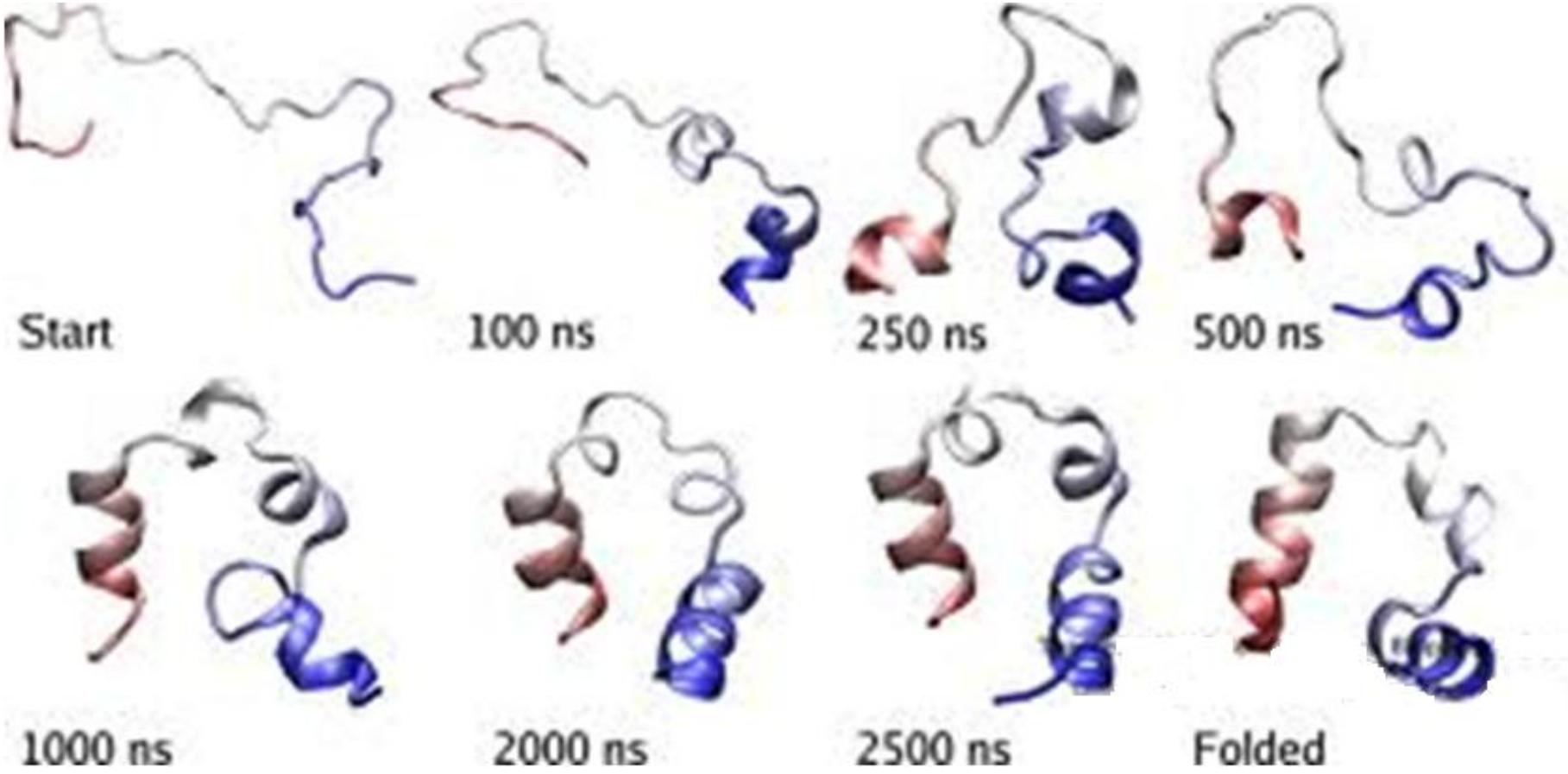
Unaligned

Unaligned

Recursive Protein Modeling – Integrate TBM and FM



Recursive Modeling Mimics Protein Folding Cascade



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Case 1: Domain-Level Recursive Protein Modeling – CASP9 T0547

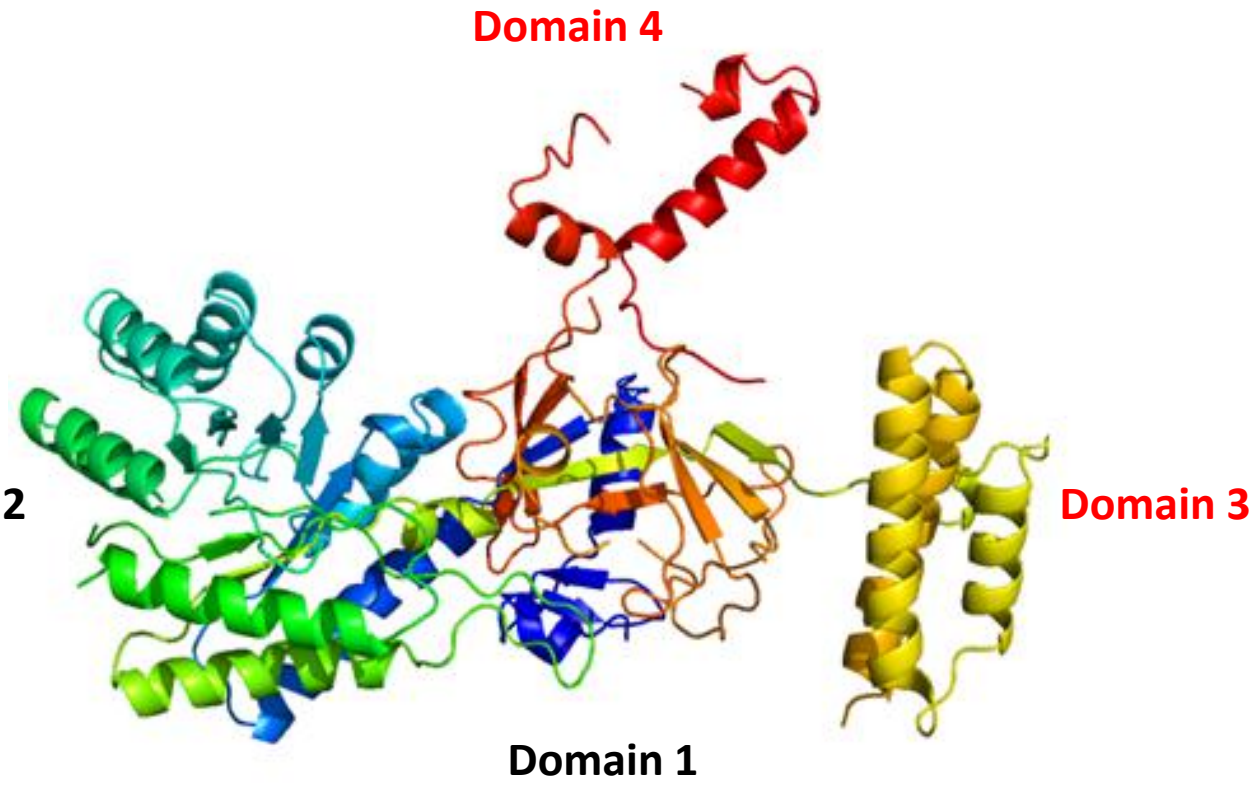
Domain 1	Domain 2	Domain 1	Domain 3	Domain 1	Domain 4

Template-Based

Template-Based

Template-Free

Template-Free



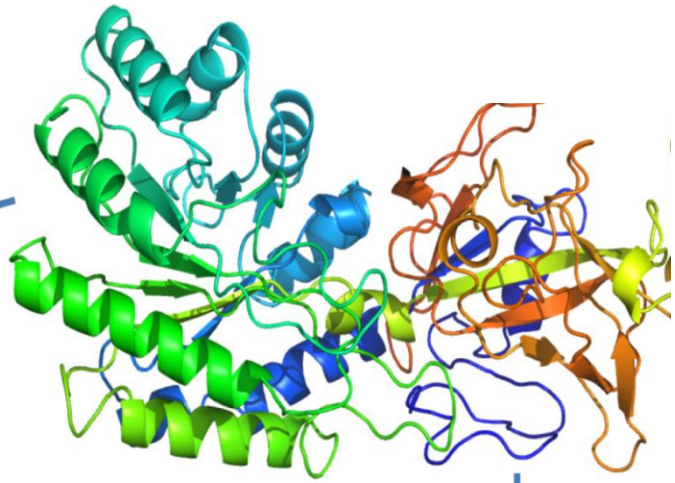
Domain 1	Domain 2	Domain 1	Domain 3	Domain 1	Domain 4

Template-Based

Template-Based

Template-Free

Template-Free



TBM Domain 2
(Insertion)
GDT-TS = 0.74

TBM Domain 1 – Three Discontinuous Fragments
GDT-TS = 0.66

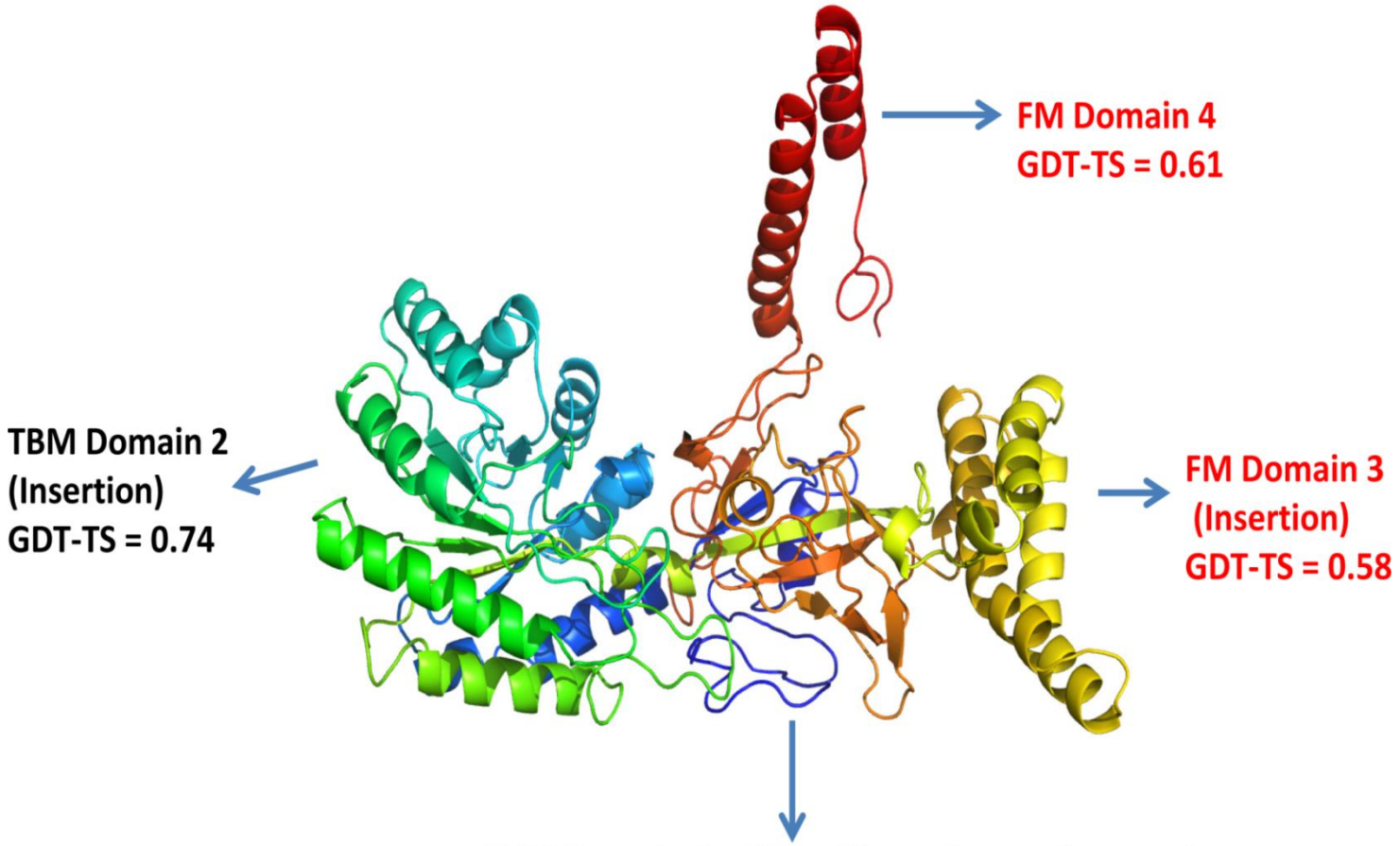
Domain 1	Domain 2	Domain 1	Domain 3	Domain 1	Domain 4

Template-Based

Template-Based

Template-Free

Template-Free



Case 2: Refine uncertain regions of a largely template-based modeling (T0539)

Core-Constrained Tail Refinement

Template protein

```
>P1;1VI8B
structureX:1VI8B: 1: : 146 : : : :
--------------------------SLIWKRKITLEALNAMGEGNMVGFLDIRFEHIGDDTLEATMPVDSRTKQPFGLLHGGASVVL
AESIGSVAGYLCTEGEQKVVGLEINAHVRSAREGRVRGVCKPLHLGSRHQVWQIEIFDEKGRLCCSSRLTTAILEGGSHHHHH*
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Query protein

```
>P1;Query
  : : : : : : : : :
MDKRLQQDRIVDKMERFLSTANEEFKDVLSSIVDGLLAKQERRYATYLASLTQIESQEREDGRFEVRLPIGPLVNNPLNMVHGGITATL
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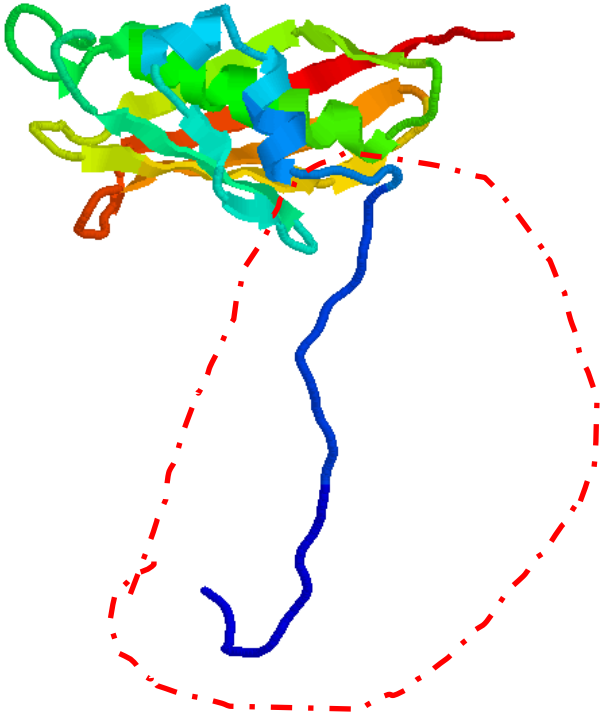


Core-Constrained Tail Refinement

A)

Before tail refinement
GDT-TS = 0.64

Core-Constrained Tail Refinement

A)

Before tail refinement
GDT-TS = 0.64

B)

After tail refinement
GDT-TS = 0.73

Core-Constrained Tail Refinement

A)

Before tail refinement
GDT-TS = 0.64

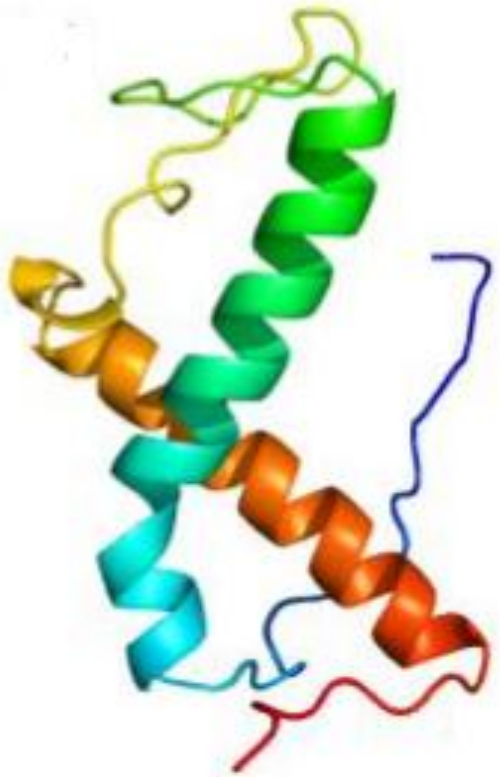
B)

After tail refinement
GDT-TS = 0.73

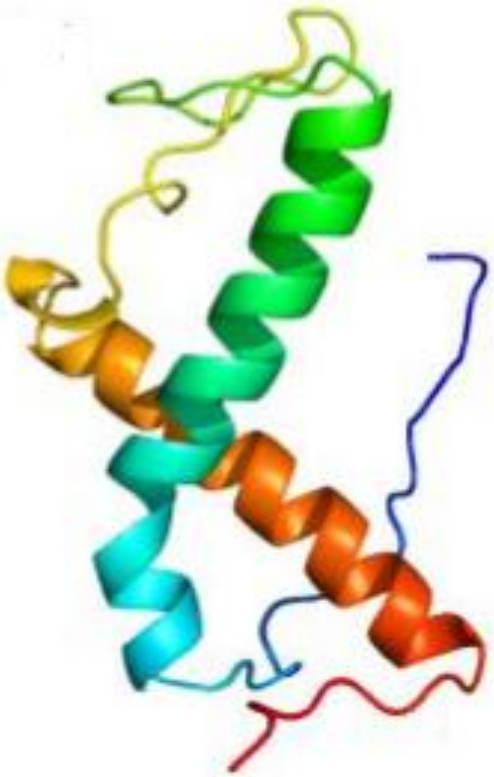
C)

Superposition
Green: model, Blue: structure

Case 3: Expanding a template-based core into a full structure (T0616)



Native Structure



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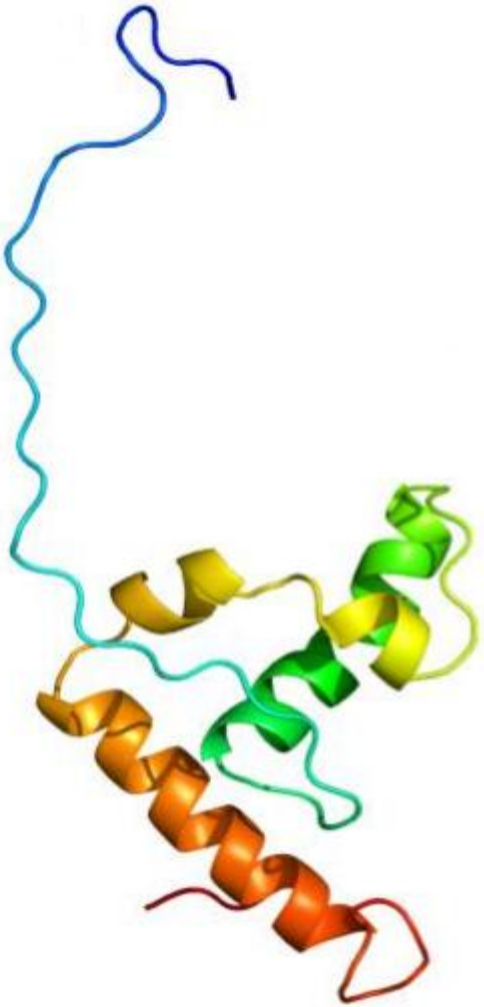
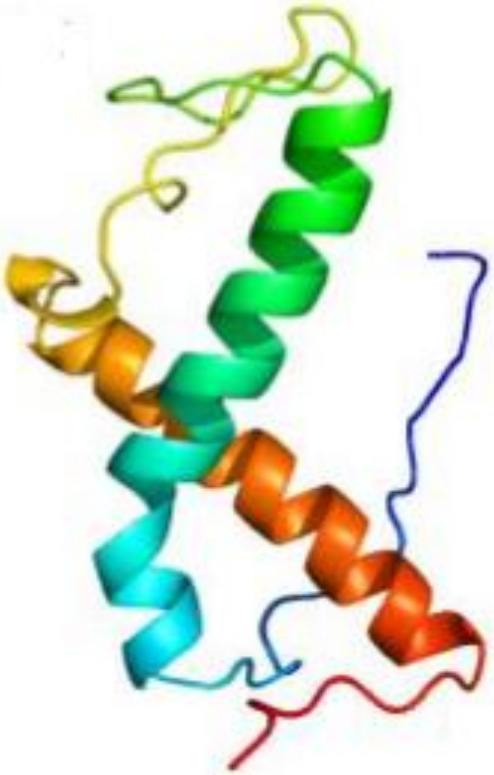


Template-based modeling
(GDT-TS = 0.34)



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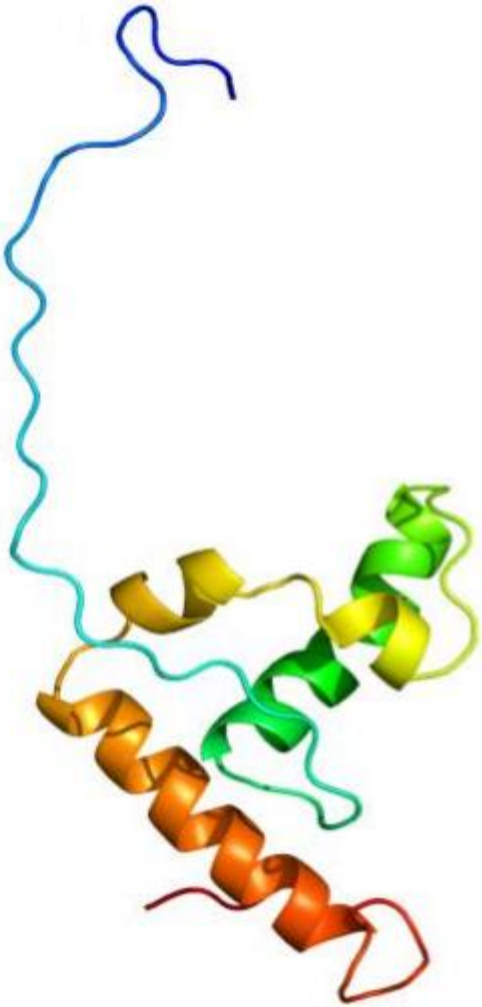

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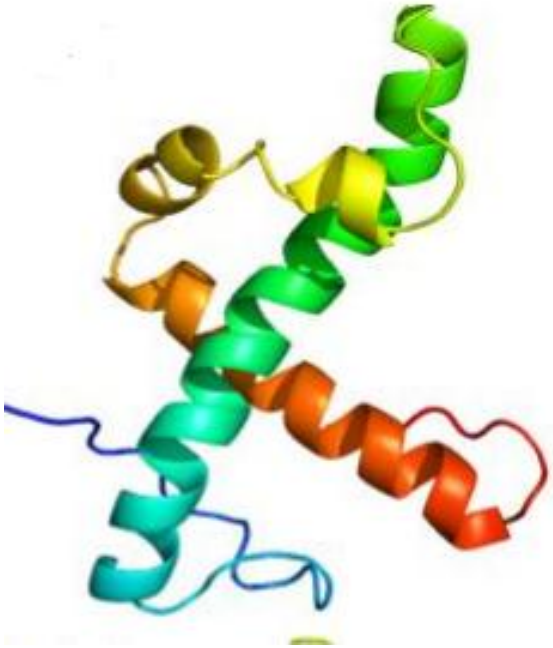

Template-based + Ab Initio
(GDT-TS = 0.39)

Advantages of Recursive Protein Modeling

- Avoiding error-prone hard decisions on the classification of a protein target or a region
- Combining the strength of template-based modeling and template-free modeling
- Improving sampling efficiency by recursively expanding certain regions
- Easy to implement and improve

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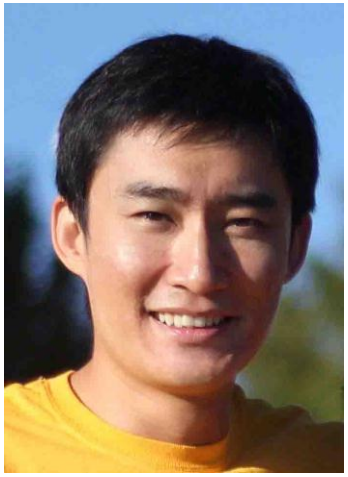

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Comparison with Previous Approaches

- **Compared with loop modeling**

  Region of any size: loop, partial domain, domain, multiple domains

  Region of any type: helix, strand, loop

- **Compared with TASSER**

  Common: template-based + template-free

  Different: gap filling VS. alternated, recursive certainty expansion