ECS 129

Project3

Protein Structure Prediction

Due: Monday, March 2nd, 2026

Protein geometry

Predicting the structure of a protein remains a formidable task. However, in the last three years, AlphaFold and its current version, AlphaFold3, have proven to be quite successful in solving this challenge, as demonstrated in successive protein structure prediction challenges (CASP). In this assignment, you will:
Predict the structure of two protein sequences, using either AlphaFold2 (https://colab.research.google.com/github/sokrypton/ColabFold/blob/main/AlphaFold2.ipynb) or AlphaFold3 (https://alphafoldserver.com/welcome)
- Compare the predictions with the "gold standard", i.e. the experimental structure of those proteins (see below)
- Discuss the results.

The two protein sequences

Sequence 1:
> Fimbrial adhesin|Proteus mirabilis (strain HI4320) (529507)
SIFSYITESTGTPSNATYTYVIERWDPETSGILNPCYGWPVCYVTVNHKHTVNGTGGNPA
FQIARIEKLRTLAEVRDVVLKNRSFPIEGQTTHRGPSLNSNQECVGLFYQPNSSGISPRGK
LLPGSLCGIAPPP

Sequence 2:
>CST complex subunit CTC1|Homo sapiens (9606)
AISQAIIRLLVEDGTAEAVVTCRNHHVAAALGLCPREWASLLD

Predicting the structures of the two protein sequences.

You will use AlphaFold2 or AlphaFold3, available at:

https://colab.research.google.com/github/sokrypton/ColabFold/blob/main/AlphaFold2.ipynb
(see https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mTjYvIU3KCY for how to use it)

https://alphafoldserver.com/welcome

Comparing with the gold standard

Sequence 1 corresponds to the protein structure identified as 6YAF chain A from the PDB (www.rcsb.org)
Sequence 2 corresponds to a fraction of the protein structure identified as 6W6W chain B from the PDB.

For convenience, I have provided the corresponding PDB files on the web page (those PDB files contain the part of the experimental structure corresponding to the sequences given above).

There is no need to send a lengthy write-up, but it should definitely include an introduction, results and analysis, and a conclusion.

Good Luck !