

# Tutorial

On this tutorial, we are going to demonstrate some features of the parKVFinder, including the graphical user interface (*parKVFinder PyMOL Tools*) and the command-line interface.

All files used on this tutorial can be found under **input** directory, on the **parKVFinder** directory.

## parKVFinder PyMOL Tools

First, load **input/1FMO.pse** into PyMOL viewer, which loads two objects in your scene. The **1FMO** is a subunit of a protein kinase A and the **ligs\_1FMO** is an adenosine (ADN) and a peptide kinase inhibitor (PKI).



## Whole protein detection

The default parameters are designed to make a simple and fast whole protein detection.

On PyMOL, open **parKVFinder PyMOL Tools** under **Plugin** tab. The objects on the scene will be listed on the **Input PDB** listbox, on the **Main** tab. If not, press the **Refresh List**

The **Input PDB** selection sets which object will be analyzed by parKVFinder. Select **1FMO** on the listbox.



To run parKVFinder with the default parameters, just click **Run parKVFinder** button or press **Enter**.



to highlight the residues around the cavities on a new object named **residues**.



## Changing cavity ceiling

parKVFinder is all about parameter customization. One of parKVFinder's most powerful assets is the ability to manually set the cavity ceiling. parKVFinder works with a double probe system. A smaller probe, called Probe In, and a bigger one, called Probe Out, that defines two molecular surfaces with different molecular accessibility. The space left between these surfaces is considered cavities.

Let's show the effect of varying **Probe Out** and **Removal Distance** on the cavity ceiling.

First, we should copy the adenosine to a new object using the following PyMOL commands:

```
# Copy adenosine
select resn ADN
create adenosine, sele
delete sele
```

Also, copy the adenosine cavity (KAF) to a new object (adnsite) to compare the cavity ceiling from the previous execution.

```
# Copy adenosine cavity
select resn KAF and output.KVFinder.output
create adnsite, sele
delete sele
```

Finally, prepare the new PyMOL scene.

```
# Prepare PyMOL scene
color magenta, adnsite
disable
enable (adnsite, adenosine)
```



### Adjusting Probe Out

As mentioned above, adjusting the Probe Out size changes the level of the cavity ceiling. So let's go back on the **Main** tab and change the **Probe Out** size to 8.0 Å. Run parKVFinder again.



Again, copy the adenosine cavity (KAF) to a new object (adnsitePO).

```
# Copy new adenosine cavity
select resn KAF and output.KVFinder.output
create adnsitePO, sele
delete sele
```

Finally, prepare the PyMOL scene.

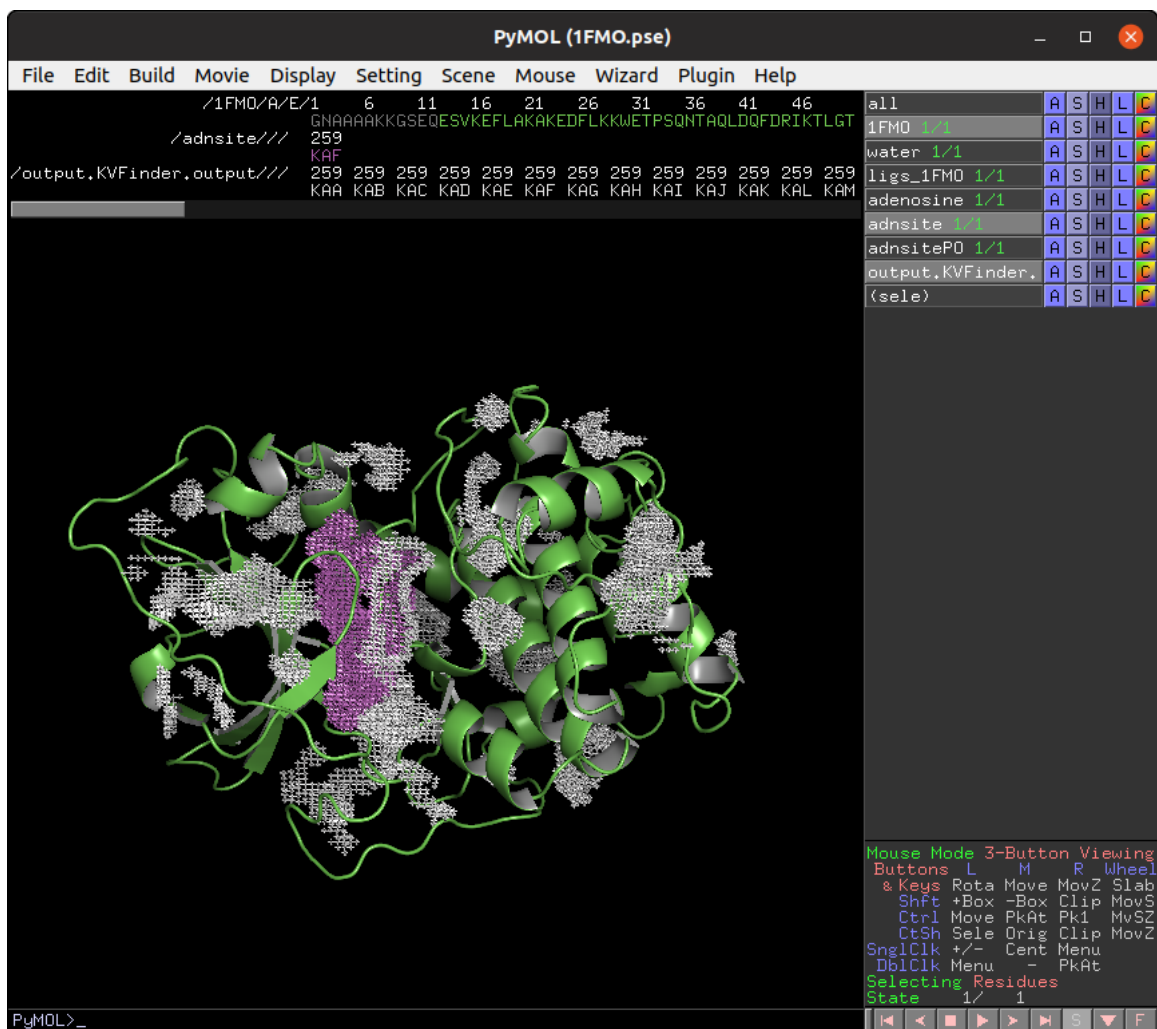
```
# Prepare PyMOL scene
disable
enable (adenosine, adnsite, adnsitePO)
```



Note that the adenosine cavity detected with the 4 Å Probe Out (magenta) has a lower ceiling than that detected with the 8 Å probe (white). Therefore, by increasing the size of the Probe Out, the cavity ceiling is also raised.

### Adjusting Removal Distance

Besides adjusting the Probe Out size, we can also adjust the Removal Distance to change the cavity ceiling. So let's go back to the **Main** tab and change the **Removal Distance** to 1.2 Å and the size of **Probe Out** back to 4.0 Å. Run parKVFinder again.



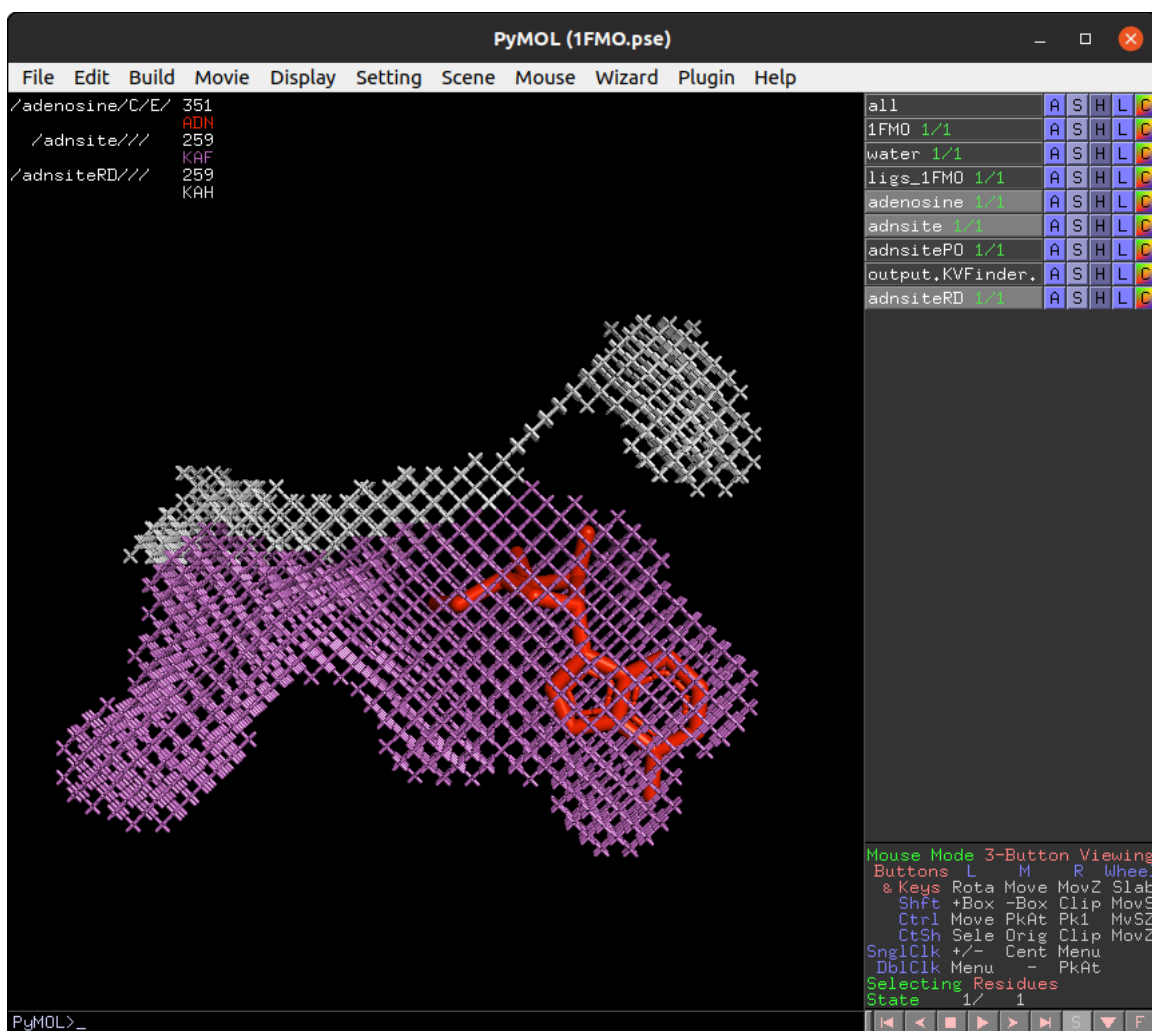
Again, copy the adenosine cavity (KAH) to a new object (adnsiteRD).

```
# Copy new adenosine cavity
select resn KAH and output.KVFinder.output
create adnsiteRD, sele
delete sele
```

Finally, prepare the PyMOL scene.

```
# Prepare PyMOL scene
disable
enable (adenosine, adnsite, adnsiteRD)
```





Note that the adenosine cavity detected with the 2.4 Å Removal Distance (magenta) has a lower ceiling than that detected with the 1.2 Å (white). Therefore, by decreasing the Removal Distance, the cavity ceiling is also raised.

Furthermore, changing the cavity ceiling by varying Probe Out and Removal Distance also affects cavity segregation.

*Note:* Usually the Removal Distance adjustment is less time consuming than the Probe Out adjustment for similar effects.

### Steered detection

An important feature of parKVFinder is the steered detection of cavities. We continue our tutorial illustrating two distinct methods of cavity segmentation.

### Box adjustment mode

Box adjustment mode explores closed regions with a custom box, which can be drawn via the GUI.

On the **Search Space** tab, select **Box Adjustment** option under **Search Procedure** group. This will enable a **Box Adjustment** frame, which handles the custom box in PyMOL viewer.



Select the adenosine ligand. This can be made on the PyMOL viewer by clicking on the ligand structure or using `select resn ADN` PyMOL command. Click on **Draw Box** Button.

### Ligand adjustment mode

### Command line interface

parKVFinder has a command-line interface, which can be useful for molecular dynamics and high-throughput analysis. It also handles the same parameters available in parKVFinder PyMOL Tools, except for box rotations in box adjustment mode.