Tables with information used for DNA sequence preference study (protocol 2) for bzip, p22 and TATA box binding proteins.

**Table 1**. Information used for bZIP-DNA binding. We asked MELD-DNA to satisfy at least 5 groups in each collection. Groups where defined based on all the combinatorics of residues in DNA pairing with those in the protein. Each group had 3 possible restraints between the  $C_b$  in the protein and 3 atoms in DNA.

Collection 1 (Domain 1)								
	DNA-resid	DNA atom	Prot-resid	Protein atom	Distance (Å)			
Groups (70)	121 to 125	P, OP1, OP2	4 to 17	Сь	8.0			
Collection 2 (Domain 2)								
	DNA-resid	DNA atom	Prot-resid	Protein atom	Distance (Å)			
Groups (75)	116 to 120	P, OP1, OP2	60 to 74	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0			

**Table 2.** Information used for the P22-DNA binding. Each group was evaluated best on one restraint and each collection was enforcing three groups according to the MELD-DNA strategy. Concretely, DNA Residue ID (DNA-resid), DNA atom, Protein Residue ID (Prot-Resid), Protein atom and distances (in Å) are indicated.

		Collection 1	(Domain 1)		
	DNA-resid	DNA atom	Prot-resid	Protein atom	Distance (Å)
Group 1	21	O5'	49	Сь	8.0
	21	O5'	59	Сь	8.0
	21	O5'	70	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
	21	O5'	74	Сь	8.0
	21	O5'	75	Сь	8.0
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Group 2	22	Р	49	Сь	8.0
	22	Р	59	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
	22	Р	70	Сь	8.0
	22	Р	74	Сь	8.0
	22	Р	75	Сь	8.0
Group 3	23	Р	49	Сь	8.0
	23	Р	59	Сь	8.0
	23	Р	70	Сь	8.0
	23	Р	74	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
	23	Р	75	Сь	8.0
Group 4	24	Р	49	Сь	8.0
	24	Р	59	Сь	8.0
	24	Р	70	Сь	8.0
	24	Р	74	Сь	8.0
	24	Р	75	Сь	8.0

Group 5	25	Р	49	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
	25	Р	59	Сь	8.0
	25	Р	70	Сь	8.0
	25	Р	74	Сь	8.0
	25	Р	75	Сь	8.0
Group 6	12	Р	69	Сь	8.0
	13	Р	69	Сь	8.0
	14	Р	69	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
	15	Р	69	Сь	8.0
	16	Р	69	Сь	8.0

## Collection 2 (domain 2)

	DNA-resid	DNA atom	Prot-resid	Protein atom	Distance
Group 1	3	Р	115	Сь	8.0
	3	Р	125	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
	3	Р	140	Сь	8.0
	3	Р	141	Сь	8.0
Group 2	4	Р	115	Сь	8.0
	4	Р	125	Сь	8.0
	4	Р	140	Сь	8.0
	4	Р	141	Сь	8.0
Group 3	2	Р	115	Сь	8.0
	2	Р	125	Сь	8.0
	2	Р	140	Сь	8.0

	2	Р	141	Сь	8.0
Group 4	5	Р	115	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
	5	Р	125	Сь	8.0
	5	Р	140	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
	5	Р	141	Сь	8.0
Group 5	6	Р	115	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
	6	Р	125	Сь	8.0
	6	Р	140	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
	6	Р	141	Сь	8.0
Group 7	32	Р	135	Сь	8.0
	33	Р	135	Сь	8.0
	34	Р	135	Сь	8.0
	35	Р	135	Сь	8.0
	36	Р	135	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0

**Table 3.** Information used for the TATA-DNA binding. A collection with a single group, in which 20 of the restraints were enforced at any step of the simulation. Concretely, DNA Residue ID (DNA-resid), DNA atom, Protein Residue ID (Prot-Resid), Protein atom and distances (in Å) are indicated.

DNA-resid	DNA atom	Prot-resid	Protein atom	Distance (Å)
6	Р	161	Сь	8.0
6	Р	162	Сь	8.0
8	Р	175	Сь	8.0
10	Р	130	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
11	Р	45	Сь	8.0
12	Р	88	Сь	8.0
12	Р	90	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
12	Р	92	Сь	8.0
13	Р	72	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
13	Р	88	Cb	8.0
13	Р	89	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
14	Р	68	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
14	Р	72	Сь	8.0
22	Р	70	Сь	8.0
23	Р	71	Сь	8.0
23	Р	75	Сь	8.0
24	Р	84	Сь	8.0
24	Р	96	Сь	8.0
25	Р	41	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
26	Р	40	Сь	8.0
27	Р	135	Сь	8.0
27	Р	183	Сь	8.0
28	Р	179	Сь	8.0
28	Р	181	Сь	8.0

28	Р	183	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
29	Р	163	Сь	8.0
29	Р	179	Сь	8.0
29	Р	180	C <sub>b</sub>	8.0
29	Р	181	Сь	8.0

**Table 4.** Competitive binding simulation information for the P22 system. Each group contains information that can be satisfied with respect to one DNA sequence or the other. 12 of the 19 groups were enforced at any time in the simulation. Concretely, DNA Residue ID (DNA-resid), DNA atom, Protein Residue ID (Prot-Resid), Protein atom and distances (in Å) are indicated.

	DNA-resid	DNA atom	Prot-resid	Protein atom	Distance (Å)
Group 1	3	Р	164	C <sub>b</sub>	6.0
	43	Р	164	Сь	6.0
Group 2	3	Р	165	Сь	6.0
·	43	Р	165	Сь	6.0
Group 3	4	Р	180	C <sub>b</sub>	6.0
	44	Р	180	Сь	6.0
Group 4	34	Р	174	C <sub>b</sub>	6.0
Oroup 4	74	Р	174	Сь	6.0
		'	17-7	Ob	0.0
Group 5	34	Р	177	Сь	6.0
	74	Р	177	Сь	6.0
Group 6	34	P	178	Сь	6.0
Group 0	74	' Р	178	Сь	6.0
	74	<b>F</b>	170	Ob	0.0
Group 7	33	Р	190	Сь	6.0
	73	Р	190	Сь	6.0
C 0	22		400		6.0
Group 8	33	Р	189	Сь	6.0
	73	Р	189	Сь	6.0
Group 9	33	Р	193	Сь	6.0

	73	Р	193	C <sub>b</sub>	6.0
Group 10	32	Р	187	Сь	6.0
	72	Р	187	Сь	6.0
Group 11	32	Р	188	Сь	6.0
	72	Р	188	C <sub>b</sub>	6.0
Group 12	13	Р	124	Cb	6.0
	53	Р	124	Сь	6.0
Group 13	13	Р	127	Сь	6.0
	53	Р	127	Сь	6.0
0	40	D.	400	0	0.0
Group 14	13	Р	122	Сь	6.0
	53	Р	122	Сь	6.0
Group 15	14	Р	109	Сь	6.0
	54	Р	109	Сь	6.0
Group 16	14	Р	108	C <sub>b</sub>	6.0
	54	Р	108	Сь	6.0
			115		
Group 17	14	Р	112	Сь	6.0
	54	Р	112	Сь	6.0
Group 49	23	Р	98	C	6.0
Group 18				Сь	
	63	Р	98	Сь	6.0
Group 19	24	Р	114	Сь	6.0

64	Р	114	C <sub>b</sub>	6.0

**Table 5.** Competitive binding simulation information for the TATA binding protein. Each group contains information that can be satisfied with respect to one DNA sequence or the other. 6 of the 8 groups were enforced at any point in the simulation. Concretely, DNA Residue ID (DNA-resid), DNA atom, Protein Residue ID (Prot-Resid), Protein atom and distances (in Å) are indicated.

	DNA-resid	DNA atom	Prot-resid	Protein Atom	Distance (Å)
Group 1	28	OP1	213	OG	5.0
	60	OP1	213	OG	5.0
Group 2	23	OP1	102	NH2	5.0
	23	OP1	102	NH1	5.0
	55	OP1	102	NH2	5.0
	55	OP1	102	NH1	5.0
Group 3	24	OP1	109	NH2	5.0
	24	OP1	109	NE	5.0
	56	OP1	109	NH2	5.0
	56	OP1	109	NE	5.0
Group 4	24	OP1	116	OG1	5.0
	56	OP1	116	OG1	5.0
Group 5	10	OP1	222	NZ	5.0
	42	OP1	222	NZ	5.0
Group 6	9	O3'	222	NZ	5.0

	41	O3'	222	NZ	5.0
Group 7	12	OP1	124	NZ	5.0
	44	OP1	124	NZ	5.0
Group 8	8	OP1	200	NH1	5.0
	40	OP1	200	NH1	5.0