

Class 11

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AlphaFold Data Base

The EBI maintains the largest database of AlphaFold structure prediction models at:
<https://alphafold.ebi.ac.uk/>

From last class before Halloween, we saw that the PDB had 244,290 (Oct 2025)

The total number of protein sequences in UniProtKB is 199,579,901

Key Point: This is a tiny fraction of sequence space that has structural coverage(0.12%)

244290/199579901*100

```
[1] 0.1224021
```

AFDB is attempting to address this gap...

There are two “Quality Scores” from AlphaFold one for residues (i.e. each amino acid) this is called **pLDDT** score the second is the **PAE** score. PAE measures the confidence in the relative position of two residues (i.e. a score for every pair of residues).

Generating your own structure predictions

Figure of 5 generated HIV-PR models





And the top ranked model colored by chain
and model 5



Custom analysis of resulting models in R

Read key result files into R. The first thing I need to know is what my results directory is called (i.e. if name is different for every AlphaFold run/job)

```
results_dir<-"HIVPR_dimer_23119"

#File
pdb_files <- list.files(path=results_dir,
                         pattern="*.pdb",
```

```
    full.names = TRUE)
#Print our PDB File names
basename(pdb_files)
```

```
[1] "HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_001_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_4_seed_000.pdb"
[2] "HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_002_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_1_seed_000.pdb"
[3] "HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_003_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_5_seed_000.pdb"
[4] "HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_004_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_2_seed_000.pdb"
[5] "HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_005_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_3_seed_000.pdb"
```

```
library(bio3d)
m1<-read.pdb(pdb_files[1])
pdbc <- pdbaln(pdb_files, fit=TRUE, exefile="msa")
```

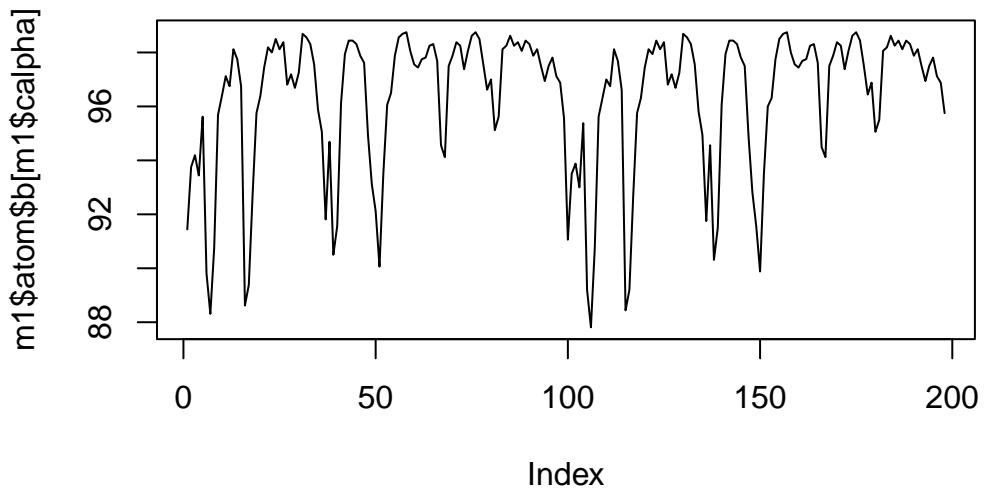
Reading PDB files:

```
HIVPR_dimer_23119/HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_001_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_4_seed_000.pdb
HIVPR_dimer_23119/HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_002_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_1_seed_000.pdb
HIVPR_dimer_23119/HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_003_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_5_seed_000.pdb
HIVPR_dimer_23119/HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_004_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_2_seed_000.pdb
HIVPR_dimer_23119/HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_005_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_3_seed_000.pdb
....
```

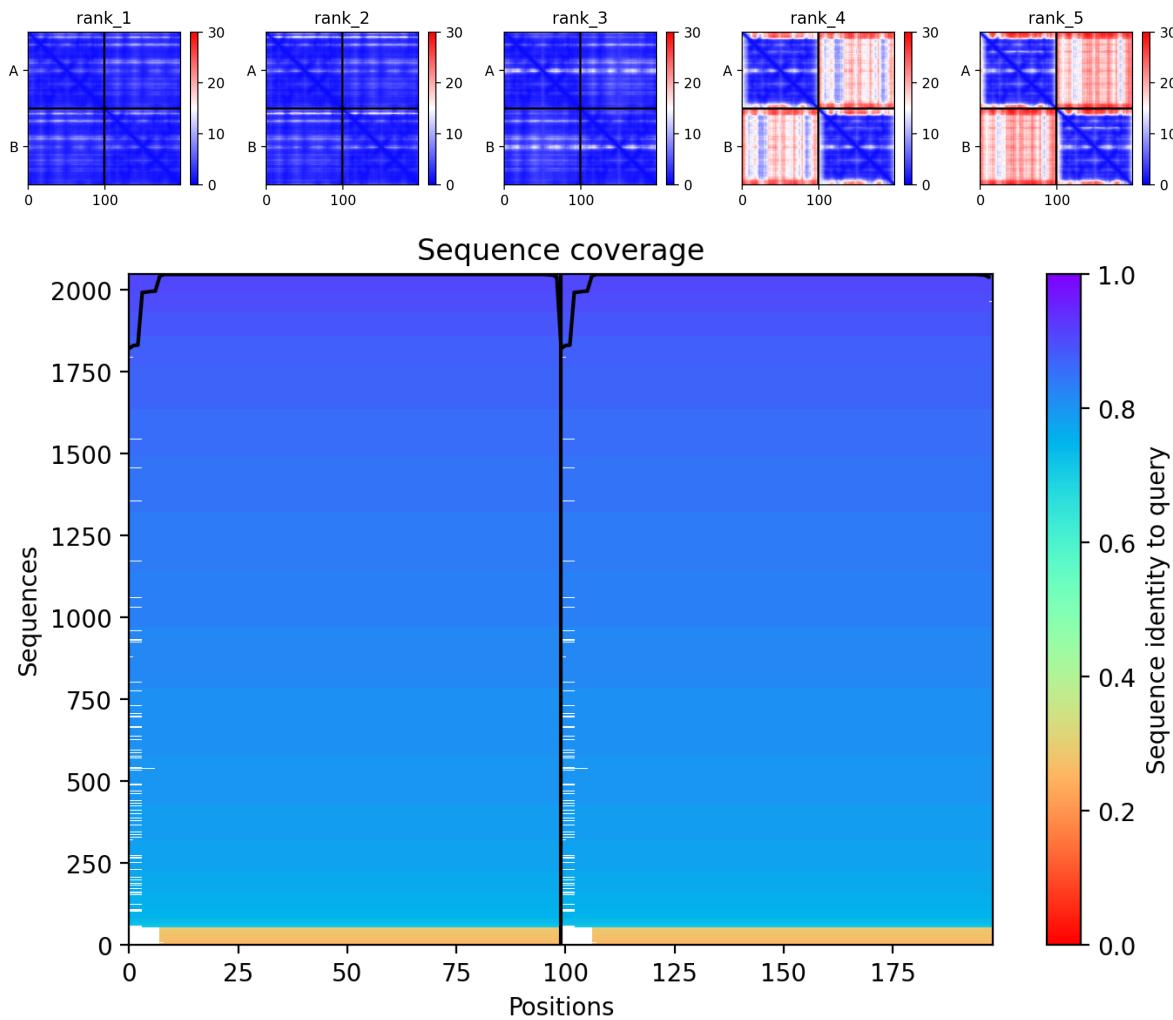
Extracting sequences

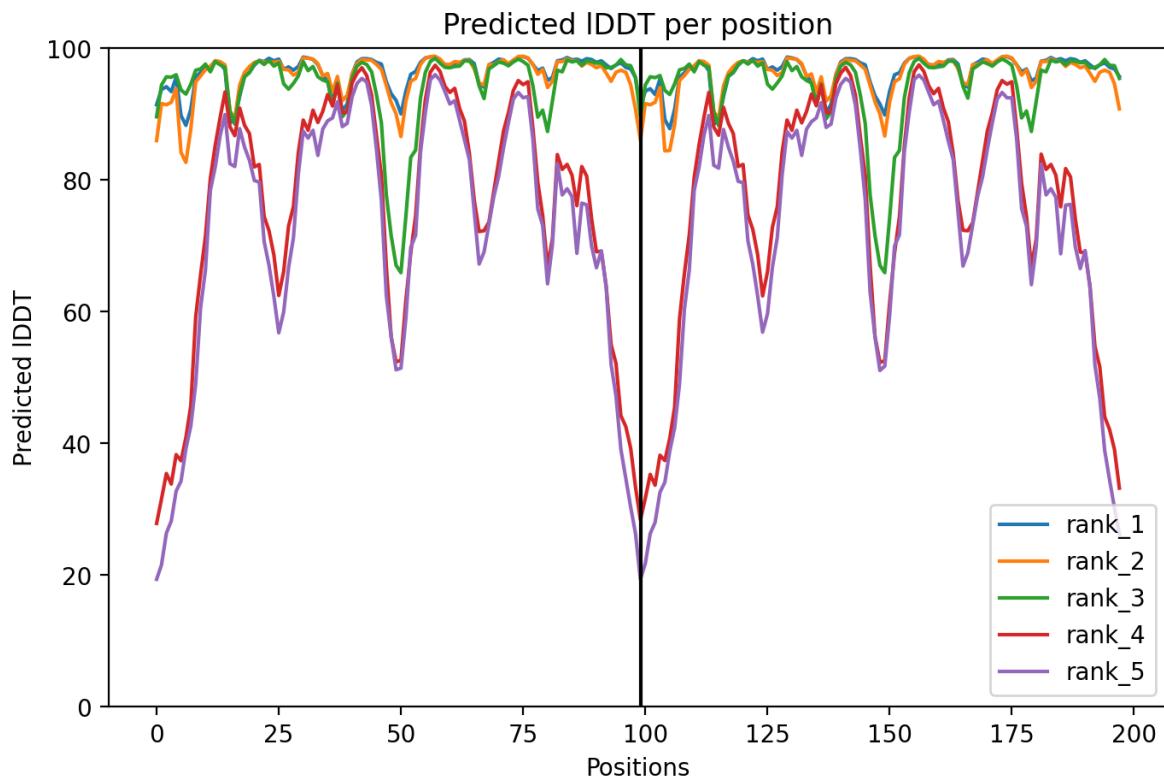
```
pdb/seq: 1  name: HIVPR_dimer_23119/HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_001_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_4_seed_000.pdb
pdb/seq: 2  name: HIVPR_dimer_23119/HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_002_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_1_seed_000.pdb
pdb/seq: 3  name: HIVPR_dimer_23119/HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_003_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_5_seed_000.pdb
pdb/seq: 4  name: HIVPR_dimer_23119/HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_004_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_2_seed_000.pdb
pdb/seq: 5  name: HIVPR_dimer_23119/HIVPR_dimer_23119_unrelaxed_rank_005_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_3_seed_000.pdb
```

```
plot(m1$atom$b[m1$calpha], typ="l")
```



Predicted Alignment Error for Domains





Residue conservation from alignment file

Find the large AlphaFold alignment file

```
aln_file <- list.files(path=results_dir,
                        pattern=".a3m$",
                        full.names = TRUE)
aln_file
```

```
[1] "HIVPR_dimer_23119/HIVPR_dimer_23119.a3m"
```

How many sequences are in this alignment

```
aln <- read.fasta(aln_file[1], to.upper = TRUE)
```

```
[1] " ** Duplicated sequence id's: 101 **"
[2] " ** Duplicated sequence id's: 101 **"
```

```
dim(aln$ali)
```

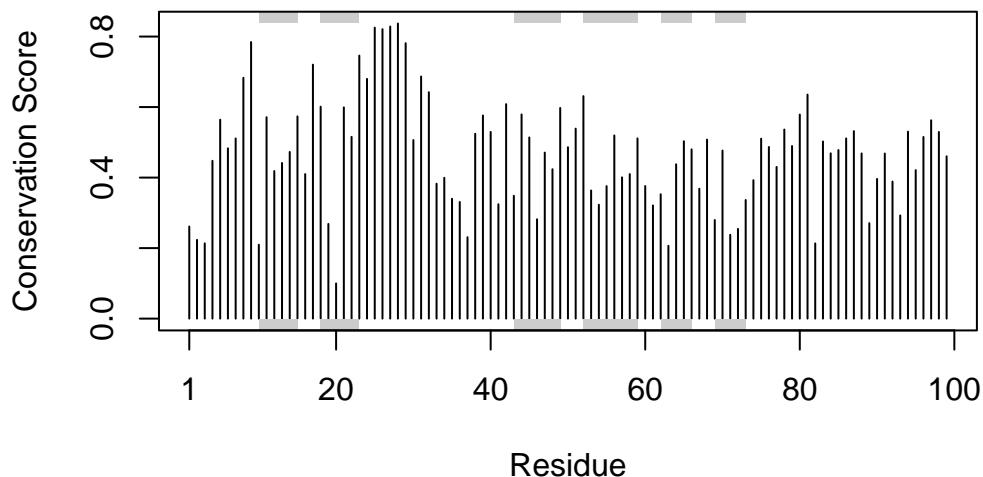
[1] 5397 132

We can score residue conservation in the alignment with the `conserv()` function.

```
sim <- conserv(aln)
pdb <- read.pdb("1hsg")
```

Note: Accessing on-line PDB file

```
plotb3(sim[1:99], sse=trim.pdb(pdb, chain="A"),  
       ylab="Conservation Score")
```



```
con <- consensus(aln, cutoff = 0.9)  
con$seq
```

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[127] "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-"
```

```
m1.pdb <- read.pdb(pdb_files[1])  
occ <- vec2resno(c(sim[1:99], sim[1:99]), m1.pdb$atom$resno)  
write.pdb(m1.pdb, o=occ, file="m1_conserv.pdb")
```

