

# CLASS11 ALPHAFOLD

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## Background

In this hands-on session we will utilize AlphaFold to predict protein structure from sequence (Jumper et al. 2021).

Without the aid of such approaches, it can take years of expensive laboratory work to determine the structure of just one protein. With AlphaFold we can now accurately compute a typical protein structure in as little as ten minutes.

The PDB database (the main repository of experimental structures) only has  $\sim$  250 thousand structures (we saw this in the last lab). The main protein sequence database has over **200 million** sequences! Only 0.125% of known sequences have a known structure  $\sim$  this is called the “structure knowledge gap”.

```
250000 / 200000000*100
```

```
[1] 0.125
```

- Structures are much harder to determine than sequences
- They are expensive (on average  $\sim$  \$1million each)
- They take on average 3-5 years to solve!

## EBI AlphaFold Database

The EBI has a database of pre-computed AlphaFold(AF) models called AFDB. This is growing all the time and can be useful to check before running AF ourselves.

## Running AlphaFold

We can download and run locally (on our own computers) but we need a GPU. Or we can use “cloud” computing to run this on someone elses computers :-)

We will use ColabFold <https://github.com/sokrypton/ColabFold>

We previously found there was no AFDB entry for our HIV sequence:

```
>HIV-Pr-Dimer
```

```
PQITLWQRPLVTIKIGGQLKEALLDTGADDTVLEEMSLPGRWPKMIGGIGGFVKVRQYDQILIEICGHKAIGTVLVGPTPVNIIGRNLLTQ
```

Here will use AlphaFold2\_mmseqs2 ([https://colab.research.google.com/github/sokrypton/ColabFold/blob/main/run\\_colabfold.ipynb](https://colab.research.google.com/github/sokrypton/ColabFold/blob/main/run_colabfold.ipynb))



## Interpreting Results



Figure 1: Superposed image HIVPR<sup>4</sup>

Q. Can you identify the most variable regions by eye?

Yes, the most variable regions are the ones with lots of gaps/substitutions and where the sequences do not align well.

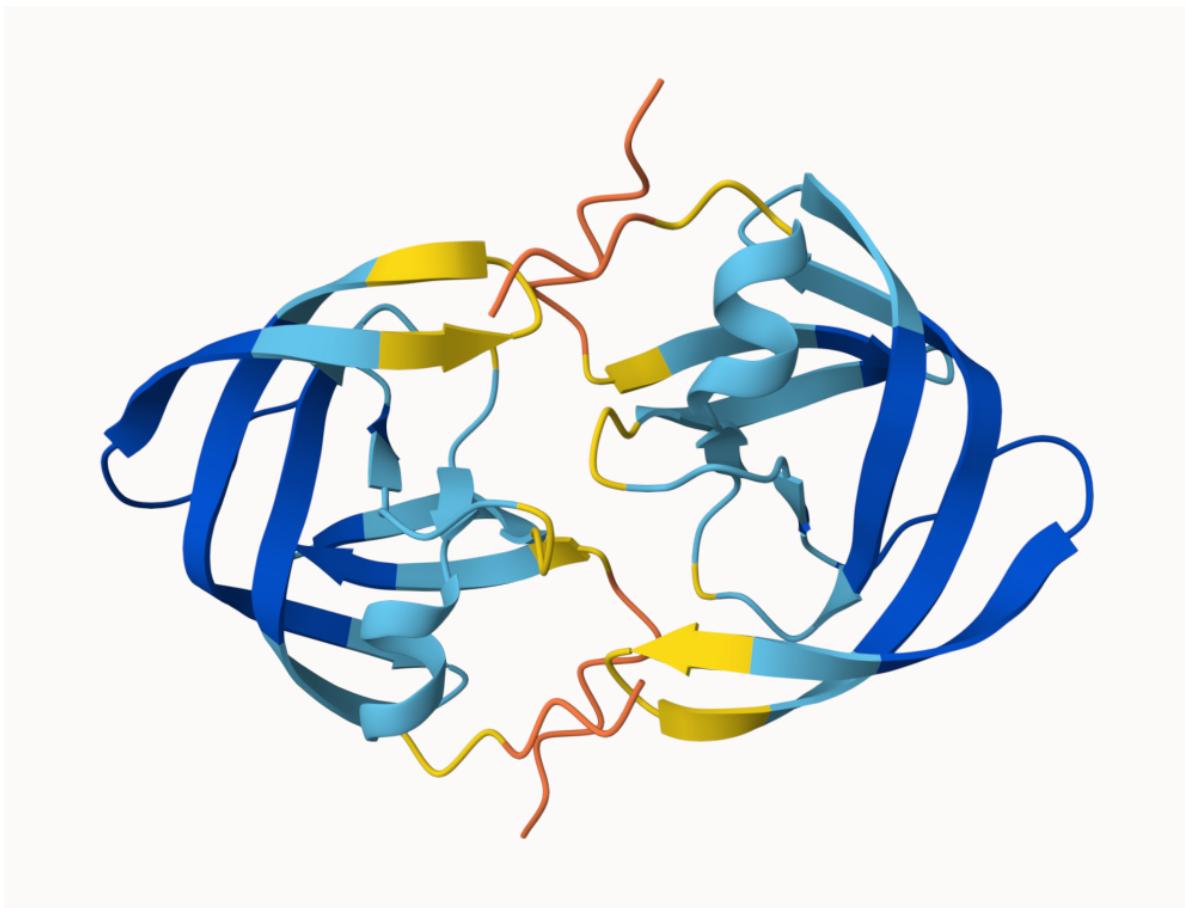


Figure 2: Superposed structures



Figure 3: Coloring by uncertainty disorder

## Custom analysis of resulting models

```
results_dir <- "HIVpr_23119"
```

## File name for all PDB models

```
pdb_files <- list.files(path = results_dir, pattern = "*.pdb", full.names = TRUE)  
basename(pdb_files)
```

```
[1] "HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_001_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_4_seed_000.pdb"  
[2] "HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_002_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_1_seed_000.pdb"  
[3] "HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_003_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_5_seed_000.pdb"  
[4] "HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_004_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_2_seed_000.pdb"  
[5] "HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_005_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_3_seed_000.pdb"
```

```
library (bio3d)
```

```
Warning: package 'bio3d' was built under R version 4.4.3
```

```
pdb <- pdbaln(pdb_files, fit=TRUE, exefile="msa")
```

```
Reading PDB files:
```

```
HIVpr_23119/HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_001_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_4_seed_000.pdb  
HIVpr_23119/HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_002_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_1_seed_000.pdb  
HIVpr_23119/HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_003_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_5_seed_000.pdb  
HIVpr_23119/HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_004_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_2_seed_000.pdb  
HIVpr_23119/HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_005_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_3_seed_000.pdb  
.....
```

```
Extracting sequences
```

```
pdb/seq: 1  name: HIVpr_23119/HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_001_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_4  
pdb/seq: 2  name: HIVpr_23119/HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_002_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_1  
pdb/seq: 3  name: HIVpr_23119/HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_003_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_5  
pdb/seq: 4  name: HIVpr_23119/HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_004_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_2  
pdb/seq: 5  name: HIVpr_23119/HIVpr_23119_unrelaxed_rank_005_alphaFold2_multimer_v3_model_3
```

pdb\$

[Truncated_Name:1] HIVpr_2311	1	.	.	.	50
[Truncated_Name:2] HIVpr_2311	PQITLWQRPLVTIKIGGQLKEALLDTGADDTVLEEMSLPGRWPKPMIGGI				
[Truncated_Name:3] HIVpr_2311	PQITLWQRPLVTIKIGGQLKEALLDTGADDTVLEEMSLPGRWPKPMIGGI				
[Truncated_Name:4] HIVpr_2311	PQITLWQRPLVTIKIGGQLKEALLDTGADDTVLEEMSLPGRWPKPMIGGI				
[Truncated_Name:5] HIVpr_2311	PQITLWQRPLVTIKIGGQLKEALLDTGADDTVLEEMSLPGRWPKPMIGGI				
	*****				
	1	.	.	.	50
	51	.	.	.	100
[Truncated_Name:1] HIVpr_2311	GGFIKVRQYDQILIEICGHKAIGTVLVGPTPVNIIGRNLLTQIGCTLNFP				
[Truncated_Name:2] HIVpr_2311	GGFIKVRQYDQILIEICGHKAIGTVLVGPTPVNIIGRNLLTQIGCTLNFP				
[Truncated_Name:3] HIVpr_2311	GGFIKVRQYDQILIEICGHKAIGTVLVGPTPVNIIGRNLLTQIGCTLNFP				
[Truncated_Name:4] HIVpr_2311	GGFIKVRQYDQILIEICGHKAIGTVLVGPTPVNIIGRNLLTQIGCTLNFP				
[Truncated_Name:5] HIVpr_2311	GGFIKVRQYDQILIEICGHKAIGTVLVGPTPVNIIGRNLLTQIGCTLNFP				
	*****				
	51	.	.	.	100
	101	.	.	.	150
[Truncated_Name:1] HIVpr_2311	QITLWQRPLVTIKIGGQLKEALLDTGADDTVLEEMSLPGRWPKPMIGGI				
[Truncated_Name:2] HIVpr_2311	QITLWQRPLVTIKIGGQLKEALLDTGADDTVLEEMSLPGRWPKPMIGGI				
[Truncated_Name:3] HIVpr_2311	QITLWQRPLVTIKIGGQLKEALLDTGADDTVLEEMSLPGRWPKPMIGGI				
[Truncated_Name:4] HIVpr_2311	QITLWQRPLVTIKIGGQLKEALLDTGADDTVLEEMSLPGRWPKPMIGGI				
[Truncated_Name:5] HIVpr_2311	QITLWQRPLVTIKIGGQLKEALLDTGADDTVLEEMSLPGRWPKPMIGGI				
	*****				
	101	.	.	.	150
	151	.	.	.	198
[Truncated_Name:1] HIVpr_2311	GFIKVRQYDQILIEICGHKAIGTVLVGPTPVNIIGRNLLTQIGCTLNF				
[Truncated_Name:2] HIVpr_2311	GFIKVRQYDQILIEICGHKAIGTVLVGPTPVNIIGRNLLTQIGCTLNF				
[Truncated_Name:3] HIVpr_2311	GFIKVRQYDQILIEICGHKAIGTVLVGPTPVNIIGRNLLTQIGCTLNF				
[Truncated_Name:4] HIVpr_2311	GFIKVRQYDQILIEICGHKAIGTVLVGPTPVNIIGRNLLTQIGCTLNF				
[Truncated_Name:5] HIVpr_2311	GFIKVRQYDQILIEICGHKAIGTVLVGPTPVNIIGRNLLTQIGCTLNF				
	*****				
	151	.	.	.	198

Call:

```
pdbaln(files = pdb_files, fit = TRUE, exefile = "msa")
```

Class:

```
pdfs, fasta
```

```
Alignment dimensions:
```

```
5 sequence rows; 198 position columns (198 non-gap, 0 gap)
```

```
+ attr: xyz, resno, b, chain, id, ali, resid, sse, call
```

```
rd <- rmsd(pdfs, fit=T)
```

```
Warning in rmsd(pdfs, fit = T): No indices provided, using the 198 non NA positions
```

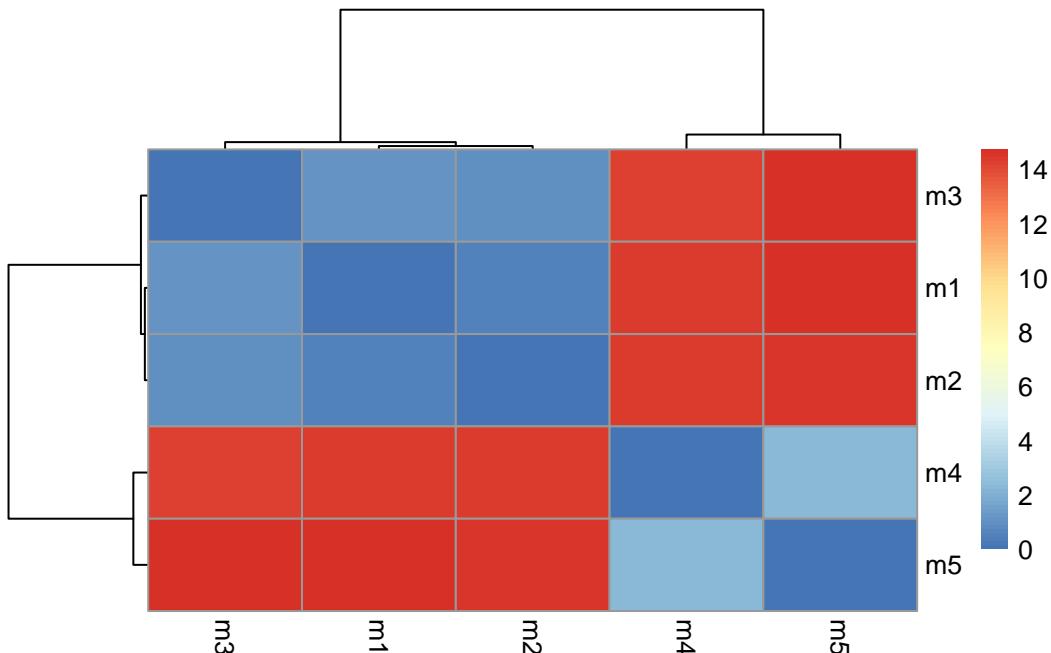
```
range(rd)
```

```
[1] 0.000 14.754
```

```
library(pheatmap)
```

```
Warning: package 'pheatmap' was built under R version 4.4.3
```

```
colnames(rd) <- paste0("m", 1:5)
rownames(rd) <- paste0("m", 1:5)
pheatmap(rd)
```

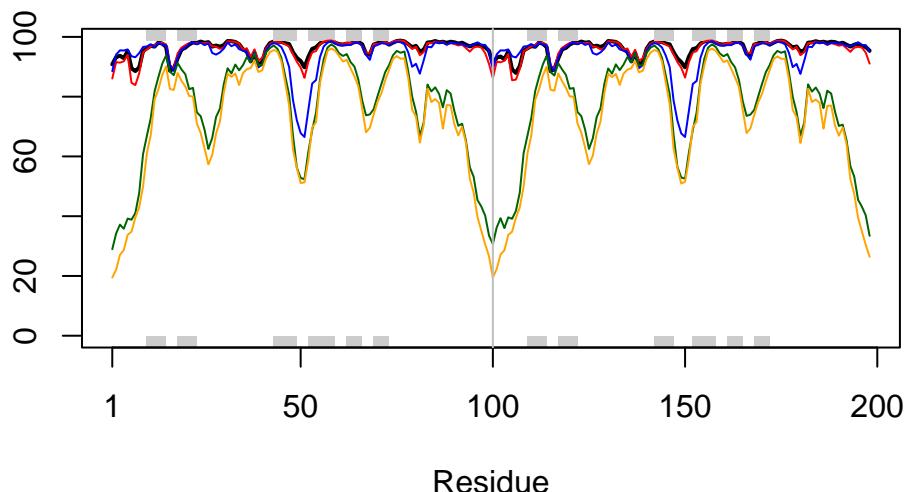


## Read a reference PDB structure

```
pdb <- read.pdb("1hsg")
```

Note: Accessing on-line PDB file

```
plotb3(pdbs$b[1,], typ="l", lwd=2, sse=pdb)
points(pdbs$b[2,], typ="l", col="red")
points(pdbs$b[3,], typ="l", col="blue")
points(pdbs$b[4,], typ="l", col="darkgreen")
points(pdbs$b[5,], typ="l", col="orange")
abline(v=100, col="gray")
```



```
core <- core.find(pdbs)
```

```
core size 197 of 198  vol = 9885.419
core size 196 of 198  vol = 6898.241
core size 195 of 198  vol = 1338.035
core size 194 of 198  vol = 1040.677
core size 193 of 198  vol = 951.865
```

```
core size 192 of 198 vol = 899.087
core size 191 of 198 vol = 834.733
core size 190 of 198 vol = 771.342
core size 189 of 198 vol = 733.069
core size 188 of 198 vol = 697.285
core size 187 of 198 vol = 659.748
core size 186 of 198 vol = 625.28
core size 185 of 198 vol = 589.548
core size 184 of 198 vol = 568.261
core size 183 of 198 vol = 545.022
core size 182 of 198 vol = 512.897
core size 181 of 198 vol = 490.731
core size 180 of 198 vol = 470.274
core size 179 of 198 vol = 450.738
core size 178 of 198 vol = 434.743
core size 177 of 198 vol = 420.345
core size 176 of 198 vol = 406.666
core size 175 of 198 vol = 393.341
core size 174 of 198 vol = 382.402
core size 173 of 198 vol = 372.866
core size 172 of 198 vol = 357.001
core size 171 of 198 vol = 346.576
core size 170 of 198 vol = 337.454
core size 169 of 198 vol = 326.668
core size 168 of 198 vol = 314.959
core size 167 of 198 vol = 304.136
core size 166 of 198 vol = 294.561
core size 165 of 198 vol = 285.658
core size 164 of 198 vol = 278.893
core size 163 of 198 vol = 266.773
core size 162 of 198 vol = 259.003
core size 161 of 198 vol = 247.731
core size 160 of 198 vol = 239.849
core size 159 of 198 vol = 234.973
core size 158 of 198 vol = 230.071
core size 157 of 198 vol = 221.995
core size 156 of 198 vol = 215.629
core size 155 of 198 vol = 206.8
core size 154 of 198 vol = 196.992
core size 153 of 198 vol = 188.547
core size 152 of 198 vol = 182.27
core size 151 of 198 vol = 176.961
core size 150 of 198 vol = 170.72
```

```
core size 149 of 198 vol = 166.128
core size 148 of 198 vol = 159.805
core size 147 of 198 vol = 153.775
core size 146 of 198 vol = 149.101
core size 145 of 198 vol = 143.664
core size 144 of 198 vol = 137.145
core size 143 of 198 vol = 132.523
core size 142 of 198 vol = 127.237
core size 141 of 198 vol = 121.579
core size 140 of 198 vol = 116.78
core size 139 of 198 vol = 112.575
core size 138 of 198 vol = 108.175
core size 137 of 198 vol = 105.137
core size 136 of 198 vol = 101.254
core size 135 of 198 vol = 97.379
core size 134 of 198 vol = 92.978
core size 133 of 198 vol = 88.188
core size 132 of 198 vol = 84.032
core size 131 of 198 vol = 81.902
core size 130 of 198 vol = 78.023
core size 129 of 198 vol = 75.276
core size 128 of 198 vol = 73.057
core size 127 of 198 vol = 70.699
core size 126 of 198 vol = 68.976
core size 125 of 198 vol = 66.707
core size 124 of 198 vol = 64.376
core size 123 of 198 vol = 61.145
core size 122 of 198 vol = 59.029
core size 121 of 198 vol = 56.625
core size 120 of 198 vol = 54.369
core size 119 of 198 vol = 51.826
core size 118 of 198 vol = 49.651
core size 117 of 198 vol = 48.19
core size 116 of 198 vol = 46.644
core size 115 of 198 vol = 44.748
core size 114 of 198 vol = 43.288
core size 113 of 198 vol = 41.089
core size 112 of 198 vol = 39.143
core size 111 of 198 vol = 36.468
core size 110 of 198 vol = 34.114
core size 109 of 198 vol = 31.467
core size 108 of 198 vol = 29.445
core size 107 of 198 vol = 27.323
```

```
core size 106 of 198  vol = 25.82
core size 105 of 198  vol = 24.149
core size 104 of 198  vol = 22.647
core size 103 of 198  vol = 21.068
core size 102 of 198  vol = 19.953
core size 101 of 198  vol = 18.3
core size 100 of 198  vol = 15.723
core size 99 of 198  vol = 14.841
core size 98 of 198  vol = 11.646
core size 97 of 198  vol = 9.435
core size 96 of 198  vol = 7.354
core size 95 of 198  vol = 6.181
core size 94 of 198  vol = 5.667
core size 93 of 198  vol = 4.706
core size 92 of 198  vol = 3.664
core size 91 of 198  vol = 2.77
core size 90 of 198  vol = 2.151
core size 89 of 198  vol = 1.715
core size 88 of 198  vol = 1.15
core size 87 of 198  vol = 0.874
core size 86 of 198  vol = 0.685
core size 85 of 198  vol = 0.528
core size 84 of 198  vol = 0.37
FINISHED: Min vol ( 0.5 ) reached
```

```
core inds <- print(core, vol=0.5)
```

```
# 85 positions (cumulative volume <= 0.5 Angstrom^3)
  start end length
1      9   49     41
2     52   95     44
```

```
xyz <- pdbfit(pdb, core inds, outpath="corefit_structures")
```

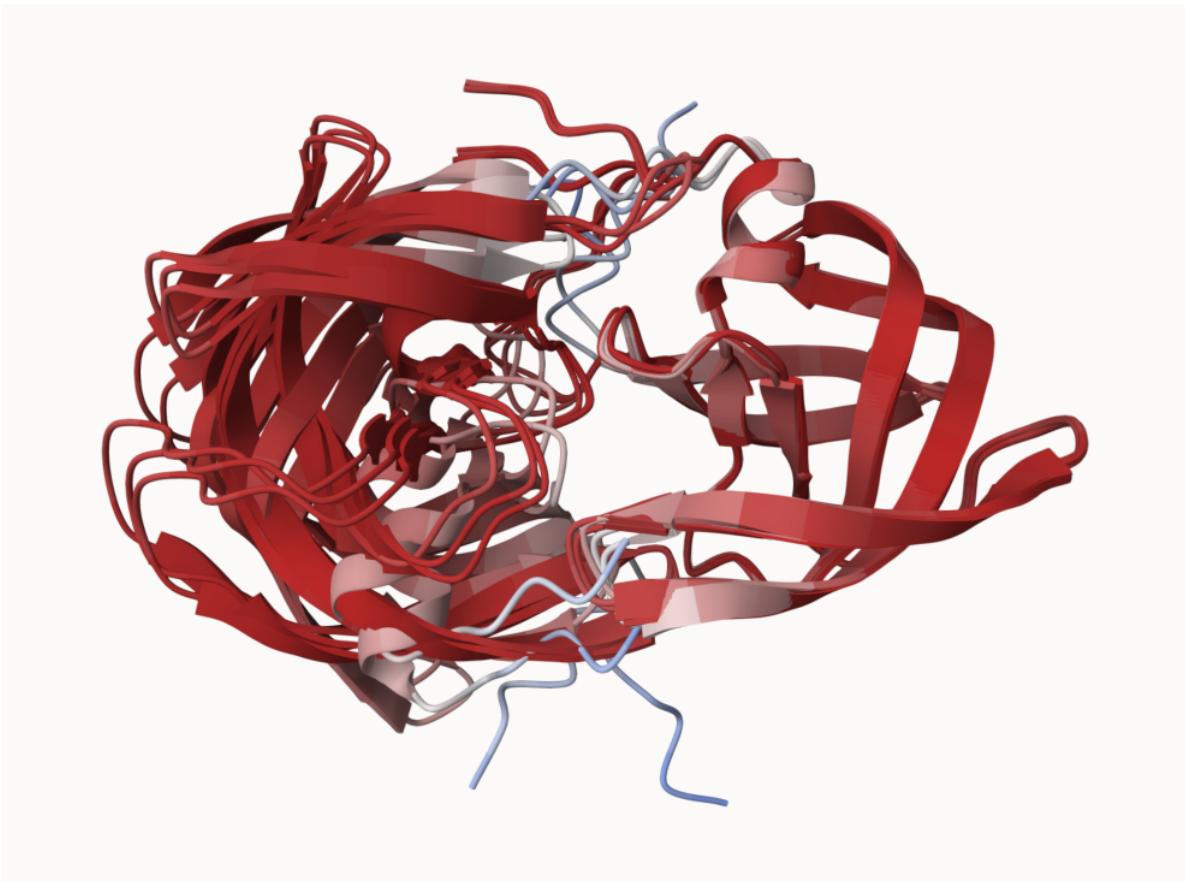
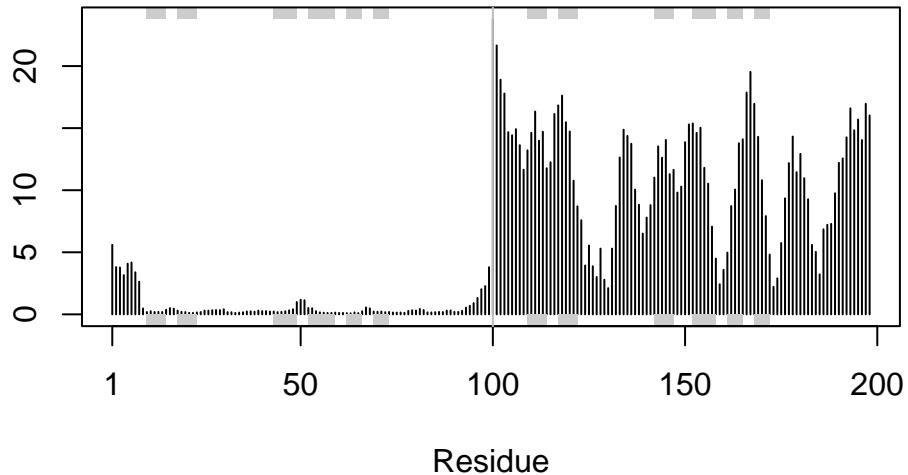


Figure 4: superposed structures colored by B-factor

```
rf <- rmsf(xyz)

plotb3(rf, sse=pdb)
abline(v=100, col="gray", ylab="RMSF")
```



### Predicted Alignment Error for domains

```
library(jsonlite)
```

```
Warning: package 'jsonlite' was built under R version 4.4.3
```

```
# Listing of all PAE JSON files
pae_files <- list.files(path=results_dir,
                        pattern=".*model.*\\.json",
                        full.names = TRUE)
```

```
pae1 <- read_json(pae_files[1],simplifyVector = TRUE)
pae5 <- read_json(pae_files[5],simplifyVector = TRUE)

attributes(pae1)
```

```
$names
[1] "plddt"    "max_pae"   "pae"       "ptm"       "iptm"
```

```
# Per-residue pLDDT scores  
# same as B-factor of PDB..  
head(pae1$plddt)
```

```
[1] 90.81 93.25 93.69 92.88 95.25 89.44
```

```
pae1$max_pae
```

```
[1] 12.84375
```

```
pae5$max_pae
```

```
[1] 29.59375
```

```
pae2 <- read_json(pae_files[2], simplifyVector = TRUE)  
pae3 <- read_json(pae_files[3], simplifyVector = TRUE)  
pae4 <- read_json(pae_files[4], simplifyVector = TRUE)
```

```
pae2$max_pae
```

```
[1] 20.07812
```

```
pae3$max_pae
```

```
[1] 16.09375
```

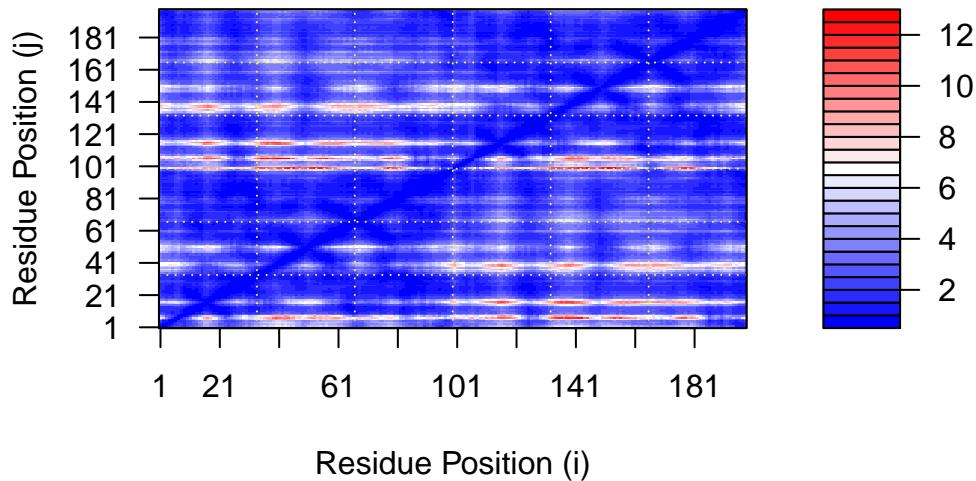
```
pae4$max_pae
```

```
[1] 29.60938
```

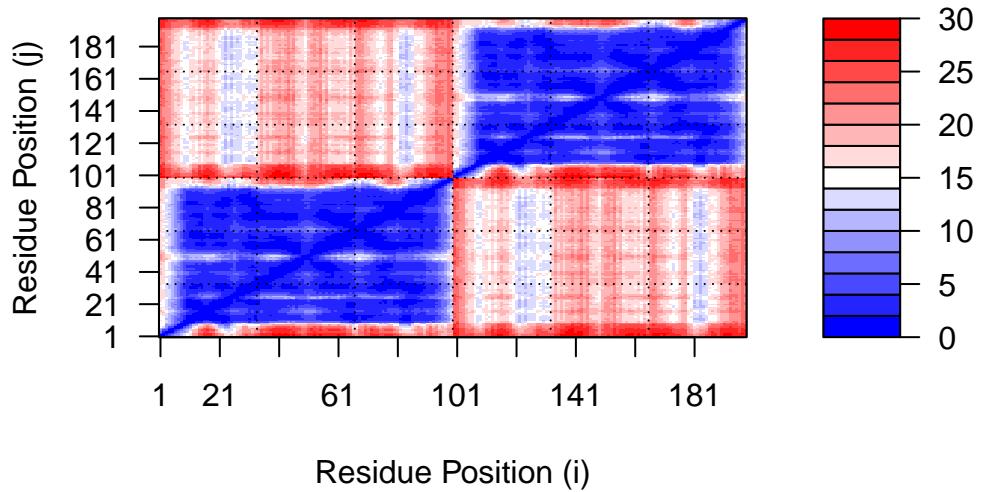
Q. What are the max PAE score for the models?

The max PAE score for model 2 is 20.08. The max PAE score for model 3 is 16.09. The max PAE score for model 4 is 29.61.

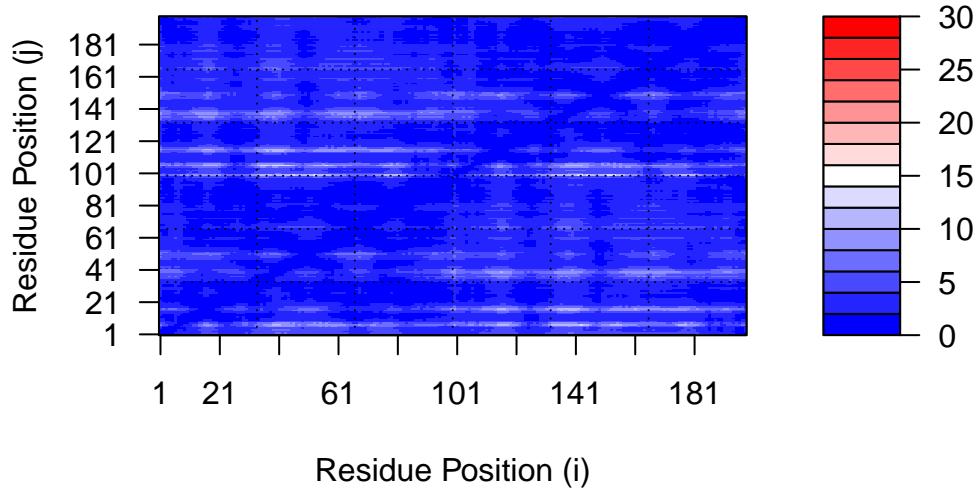
```
plot.dmat(pae1$pae,
          xlab="Residue Position (i)",
          ylab="Residue Position (j)")
```



```
plot.dmat(pae5$pae,
          xlab="Residue Position (i)",
          ylab="Residue Position (j)",
          grid.col = "black",
          zlim=c(0,30))
```



```
plot.dmat(pae1$pae,
           xlab="Residue Position (i)",
           ylab="Residue Position (j)",
           grid.col = "black",
           zlim=c(0,30))
```



### Residue Conservation from alignment file

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

```
[1] "HIVpr_23119/HIVpr_23119.a3m"
```

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

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

Q. How many sequences are in this alignment?

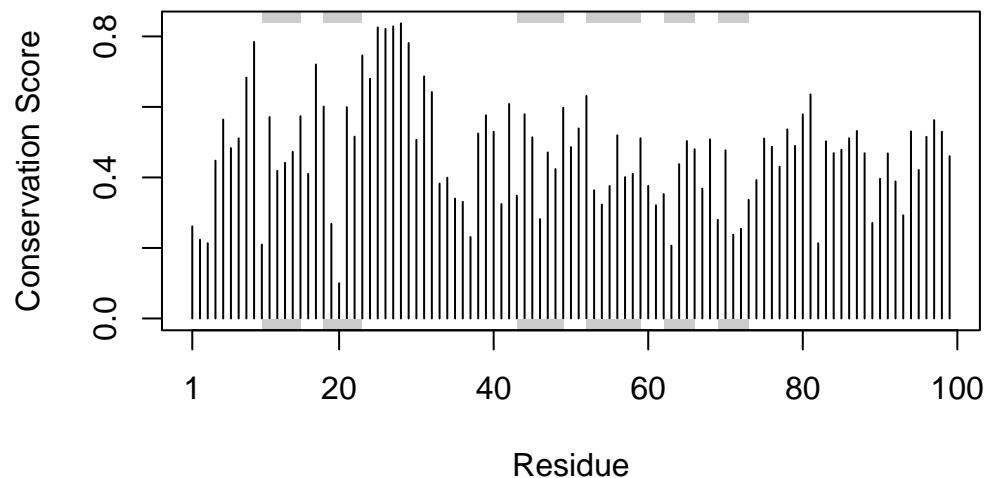
There are 5397 sequences in this alignment.

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

```
[1] 5397 132
```

```
sim <- conserv(aln)
```

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



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

```
[1] "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-"  
[19] "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "D" "T" "G" "A" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-"  
[37] "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-"  
[55] "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-"  
[73] "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-"  
[91] "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-"  
[109] "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-" "-"  
[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")
```