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CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

- 08/2014 - 08/2018 Ph.D. in Computer Science at the Technical University Munich (Passed with summa cum laude)
- 04/2013 - 08/2014 Master of Science in Computer Science at the Ludwig Maximilian University (Passed with merit)
- 09/2010 - 04/2013 Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics at TU Munich / Ludwig Maximilian University
- 09/2006 - 07/2008 Business Informatics at the EDV-Schule Plattling (Passed as second best student)
- 10/2001 - 06/2005 Computer Engineering at the HTL Braunau (Technical college for electronics)

Research and Industry experience

- since 03/2024 Associate Professor at Seoul National University (tenured). *full-time*
- 03/2020 - 02/2024 Assistant Professor at Seoul National University. *full-time*
Laboratory of Machine Learning & Bioinformatics
- 10/2018 - 02/2020 Postdoctoral Fellow at the Salzberg Lab at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. *full-time*
Pathogen detection in human metagenomic data.
- 08/2014 - 09/2018 PhD Student at the Quantitative and Computational Biology Laboratory at the Max-Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry. *full-time*
Ultrafast and sensitive sequence search methods in the era of next generation sequencing.
- 04/2016 - 07/2018 Collaboration with Seok Lab at the Seoul National University.
Large-scale de-novo structure prediction based on coevolution analysis of metagenomics-enriched multiple sequence alignments.
- 03/2015 - 04/2016 Collaboration with Notredame Lab at the Centre for Genomic Regulation in Barcelona.
Supporting the development of a large scale multiple sequence aligner.
- 08/2014 - 12/2014 Visiting Scientist at the Seok Lab, Seoul National University. *full-time*
Improving energy calculation for docking and protein structure prediction.
- 05/2012 - 07/2014 Research assistant at the Soeding Lab, Gene Center, LMU Munich. *part-time*
Improving HMM remote homologues protein search method.
- 08/2013 - 10/2013 Visiting Scientist at the Sali Lab, UCSF. *full-time*
Implementing a Bayesian inference framework to determine enzyme pathways.
- 07/2011 - 05/2012 Visiting Scientist at Rost Lab, Technical University Munich. *part-time*
Full In-Silico mutagenesis of the human proteome using the Cloud.
- 06/2011 - 05/2012 Technical Architect / Scrum Master at Medability. *part-time*
Developing a haptic surgery simulator
- 09/2008 - 06/2011 Software Engineer / Security Tester / Performance engineering at Accenture Technology Solutions. *full-time*
- 09/2007 - 01/2008 Software Engineer / Technical Architect at visionary people AG. *freelancer*
- 09/2005 - 06/2006 Bezirkskrankenhaus Haar. Military service (community service) *full-time*,

ACHIEVEMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Distinctions

- 2025 **Fellow**, The Institute
Invitation-Only Fellowship Promoting Interdisciplinary Solutions for Public Benefit.
- 2024 **Overton Prize**, International Society for Computational Biology
Annual Award in Computational Biology for Outstanding Accomplishments.
- 2024 **Chair**, RECOMB 2025 (Seoul)
Flagship International Conference with 1,300+ Attendees from 30+ Countries..
- 2024, 2025 **Highly Cited Researcher**, Clarivate
Top 1% in Biology and Biochemistry.
- 2024 **"Top 2% Scientists," Stanford/Elsevier (single-year)**
Bioinformatics; rank 42/23,358.
- 2024 **Research Award**, College of Natural Sciences, Seoul National University
Innovative Interdisciplinary Research in Structural Bioinformatics.
- 2023 **Remarkable Outputs Award**, Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics
Recognized our work to large-scale protein structure clustering.

Awards

- 2025 Mercator Fellow (Humans and Microbes)
- 2024 TUM Global Visiting Professor
- 2018 Poster award at the ECCB 2018
- 2016 Poster award at the Critical Assessment of Protein Structure Prediction 12 Conference
- 2015 Max Planck PhD fellowship
- 2013 Winner of the Twilio prize (~1000\$) at the Disrupt TechCrunch Hackathon (1200+ attendees)
- 2012 Excellence initiative research grant, Ludwig Maximilian University
- 2011 Finalist in the Big Data Challenge, CycleComputing
- 2008 Master prize of the Bavarian state government, EDV-Schule Plattling

Scientific advisor

- 2024-2027 Stylus Medicine
- 2024-2025 CJ Bioscience
- 2018-2019 Lifebit

Certificates

- 2011 Certified ScrumMaster (CSM)
- 2010 ASDA Application Developer (Massachusetts Institute of Technology / Accenture)
- 2010 Information Technology Infrastructure Library V3 Foundation
- 2010 SpringSource Certified Spring Professional
- 2010 ISTQB Certified Tester
- 2009 Sun Certified Java Programmer
- 2008 IBM Certified System Administrator

TALKS, POSTERS, AND PUBLICATIONS

Talks

Delivered 95 talks across 17 countries; keynotes are highlighted in red.

- 01/2026 PSB, USA, Exploring the Protein Universe via Multimers, Motifs and Interfaces
12/2025 EMBO, Germany, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
10/2025 AlphaFold Workshop, India, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
10/2025 iHuman, China, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
10/2025 Nature - AI Augmented Biology, China, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
10/2025 AEGIS, Copenhagen, Methods for Aligning Translated eDNA Sequences
10/2025 St Jude Childrens Hospital, USA, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
10/2025 Broad Institute, USA, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
10/2025 Stylus Medicine, USA, AI progress on protein analysis
09/2025 KSMCB, Korea, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
09/2025 KSBB, Korea, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
09/2025 KAIST, Korea, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
08/2025 KSPBT, Korea, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
08/2025 CJ Biology, Korea, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
06/2025 UKE, Germany, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
06/2025 SNUCRI Collaborative Symposium, Korea, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
06/2025 SweProt 2025 Lab ,Sweden, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
06/2025 SciLife Lab, Sweden, Exploring the Protein Universe via Highly Accurate Structural Predictions
05/2025 MPI-MR, Germany, Fast Search Methods to Organize the Structural Protein Universe
05/2025 xAlxBIO, Korea, Fast Search Methods to Organize the Structural Protein Universe
03/2025 Keystone, USA, Fast Search Methods to Organize the Structural Protein Universe
03/2025 Mosbach Symposia, Germany, Supercharged Protein Analysis in the era of AI
02/2025 KOGO, Korea, Supercharged Protein Analysis in the era of AI
11/2024 ETH, Switzerland, Methods related to the Nobel Prize of Chemistry 2024
11/2024 UNIL, Switzerland, Methods related to the Nobel Prize of Chemistry 2024
11/2024 ri.MED, Italy, Methods related to the Nobel Prize of Chemistry 2024
10/2024 LMU, Germany, Methods related to the Nobel Prize of Chemistry 2024
07/2024 ISMB 2024, Canada, Supercharged Protein Analysis in the era of AI
07/2024 ISCB Student Council, Canada, Metagenomic sequence analysis: from protein sequences to structures
07/2024 SMBE 2024, Mexico, Supercharged Protein Analysis in the era of AI
06/2024 EMBO Workshop, France, Supercharged Protein Analysis in the era of AI
05/2024 Wenner-Gren Symposia, Sweden, Supercharged Protein Analysis in the era of AI

05/2024	Quadram, UK, Metagenomic analysis: from sequence to structures
03/2024	UNIST, Korea, Supercharged Protein Analysis in the era of AI
02/2024	UCL, UK, Supercharged Protein Analysis in the era of AI
01/2024	UNIST, LMs and AI for Protein Analysis
12/2023	Tokyo University, Japan, Supercharged Protein Analysis in the era of AI
12/2023	DTMBIO, Japan, Supercharged Protein Analysis in the era of AI
12/2023	World Bio Innovation Forum, Online, Metagenome annotation in the era of next generation protein structure prediction
12/2023	LG, Korea, Supercharged Protein Analysis in the era of AI
11/2023	PSI seminar, China, Structure analysis in the era of next-generation structure prediction
11/2023	KSBI, Korea, Clustering predicted structures at the scale of the known Protein Universe
10/2023	University of Auckland, New Zealand, Structure analysis in the era of next-generation structure prediction
10/2023	KoSAIM, Korea, Clustering predicted structures at the scale of the known Protein Universe
10/2023	Sookmyeong University, Clustering predicted structures at the scale of the known Protein Universe
10/2023	Swedish/Korean metagenomics meeting, From sequence to structure
09/2023	ShanghaiTech, China, Clustering predicted structures at the scale of the known Protein Universe
08/2023	KRIBB, Korea, From protein sequence to structure
07/2023	CASP, USA, Clustering predicted structures at the scale of the known Protein Universe
06/2023	Korean In silico bioDesign and Discovery Society, Korea, Clustering predicted structures at the scale of the known Protein Universe
06/2023	Korean Society for Structural Biology, Korea, Clustering predicted structures at the scale of the known Protein Universe
06/2023	Joint Symposium of Hanyang Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology, Korea, Clustering predicted structures at the scale of the known Protein Universe
03/2023	SAP, Germany, From protein sequence to structure
02/2023	University of Toronto, Canada, From protein sequence to structure
02/2023	Western, Canada, From protein sequence to structure
02/2023	Harvard, USA, Foldseek: fast and accurate protein structure search
02/2023	Stanford, USA, From protein sequence to structure
01/2023	MBU50, India, From protein sequence to structure
01/2023	Norwegian Biochemistry Society Meeting, Norway, From protein sequence to structure
01/2023	International Symposium on Structure and Folding of Disease Related Proteins, Korea, Foldseek: fast and accurate protein structure search
12/2022	ISCB-Asia/GIW, Taiwan, From protein sequence to structure
11/2022	Hanyang University, Korea, Next generation protein analysis tools in the ear of highly accurate protein structure prediction
11/2022	SNU Pharmaceutical department, Korea, Metagenomic sequence classification: from sequences to structures.
10/2022	Sungkyunkwan University, Korea, Next generation protein analysis tools in the ear of highly accurate protein structure prediction
09/2022	UNIST, Korea, Next generation protein analysis tools in the ear of highly accurate protein structure prediction
08/2022	Korea Brain Research Institute, Korea, Next generation protein structure analyze with ColabFold and Foldseek

06/2022	Korea Institute For Advanced Study, Korea, Fast structure prediction and search
05/2022	NWO Life, Nederland, Mega scale protein structure prediction and search
05/2022	Nobel Symposium, Sweden, Mega scale protein structure prediction and search
05/2022	Yonsei, Korea, Mega scale protein structure prediction and search
04/2022	Microbiome Forum Johns Hopkins, USA, Metagenomic sequence classification: from sequences to structures.
02/2022	BASF, Germany, Next generation protein analysis tools in the ear of highly accurate protein structure prediction
02/2022	KMB 2021, Korea, Mega scale protein structure prediction and search
11/2021	Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Switzerland, Next generation protein analysis tools in the ear of highly accurate protein structure prediction
11/2021	KSMCB 2021, Korea, Mega scale protein structure prediction and search
08/2021	Boston Protein Design and Modeling Club, USA, ColabFold - Making protein folding accessible to all via Google Colab!
07/2021	BiATA Conference, Russia, MMseqs2 profile/profile: fast and ultra sensitive searches beyond the twilight zone
06/2021	BVCN Conference, USA, Metagenomic pathogen detection using MMseqs2, Plass, and Linclust
12/2020	MicroEvo Meeting Informatics, Denmark, The unresolved dying of the Mariana crows
09/2020	Genome Informatics, UK, Protein-guided nucleotide viral genome assembly for huge metagenomic datasets
09/2019	University of Salzburg, Austria, New algorithms and tools for large-scale sequence analysis of metagenomic data
05/2019	University of Konstanz, Germany, New algorithms and tools for large-scale sequence analysis of metagenomic data
04/2019	RECOMB-SEQ 2019, USA, New algorithms and tools for large-scale sequence analysis of metagenomics data
01/2019	Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, Metagenomics data analysis on steroids
10/2018	Johns Hopkins University, USA, Metagenomics data analysis on steroids
09/2018	Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology, Germany, Metagenomics data analysis on steroids
07/2018	BiATA 2018, Russia, New algorithms and tools for large-scale sequence analysis of metagenomics data
07/2018	ISMB 2018, USA, MMseqs2 enables sensitive protein sequence searching for the analysis of massive data sets
04/2018	European Bioinformatics Institute, England, Fast and sensitive protein sequence search, clustering and assembly tools for the analysis of massive metagenomics datasets
04/2018	NGS 2018, Spain, Fast and sensitive protein sequence search, clustering and assembly tools for the analysis of massive metagenomics datasets
01/2018	Johns Hopkins University, USA, Search, Clustering and Assembly tools for huge metagenomics datasets
01/2018	Rutgers University, USA, Search, Clustering and Assembly tools for huge metagenomics datasets
05/2017	Tokyo University, Japan, MMseqs2 / Linclust
05/2017	National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science, Japan, MMseqs2 / Linclust
06/2016	SocBIN2016, Russia, Sensitive protein sequence searching for the analysis of massive data sets
06/2015	Beijing Genomics Institute, China, HH-suite for sensitive protein sequence searching. / MMseqs for protein search
05/2015	Quest for Orthologs 4, Spain, MMseqs for clustering huge protein sets
03/2015	European Bioinformatics Institute, England, Sequence clustering and search in the ear of NGS
06/2014	ISCB NGS14, Spain, MMseqs suite for fast and sensitive batch searching

Poster

I have presented **40** poster as the Principal Investigator

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| 11/2019 | Genome Informatics 2019, USA, Terminating contamination: large-scale search identifies more than 2,000,000 contaminated entries in GenBank |
| 11/2019 | Genome Informatics 2019, USA, New algorithms and tools for large-scale sequence analysis of metagenomic data |
| 09/2018 | ECCB18, USA, MMseqs2 desktop and local web server app for fast, interactive sequence searches |
| 07/2018 | ISMB 2018, USA, MMseqs2 enables sensitive protein sequence searching for the analysis of massive data sets |
| 04/2017 | ISMB NGS 2017, Spain, Sensitive protein sequence searching for the analysis of massive data sets |
| 12/2016 | CASP12, Italy, Sensitive protein sequence searching for the analysis of massive data sets |
| 04/2016 | ISMB NGS 2016, Spain, Sensitive protein sequence searching for the analysis of massive data sets |
| 03/2016 | ABLS 2016, Belgium, Fast and sensitive searching of proteomic data |
| 05/2015 | Quest for Orthologs 4, Spain, MMseqs for clustering huge protein sets |
| 09/2014 | KIAS Conference on Protein Structure and Function, Republic of Korea, Accelerated pairwise HMM alignment using SIMD programing and improved structure scoring |

Research Grants

Money raised **PI 5.0 Mio., total 97.6 Mio. USD** (* indicates a joint grant)

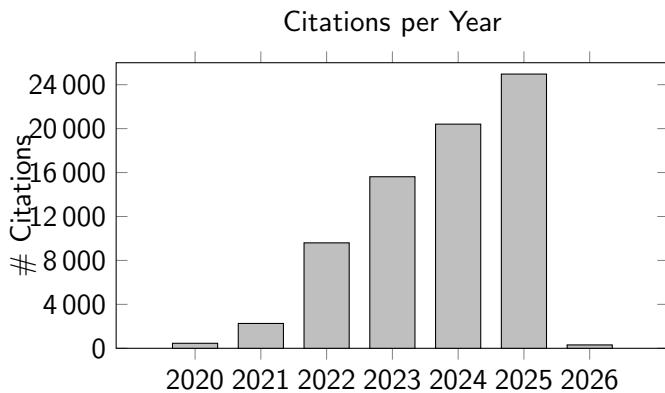
2025	NVIDIA Hardware Donation <i>Provide MMseqs2 through BioNeMo</i> 450 Mio KRW: approx. 350,000 USD
2024–2027	*NRF (Korea) and DFG (Germany) <i>Accurate and fast AI-based methods for predicting and classifying structurally resolved protein interactomes</i> 490 Mio KRW (317,617 USD); total 569,009 USD
2024–2031	*Novo Nordisk Foundation <i>Ancient Environmental Genomics Initiative for Sustainability (AEGIS)</i> PI 1,488 Mio KRW (974,026 USD); total 124,387.85 Mio KRW (87,768,576 USD)
2024–2029	National Research Foundation of Korea <i>De-novo enzyme design platform and its application in industrial enzyme development</i> PI 2,420 Mio KRW (1,707,833 USD); total 5,700 Mio KRW (4,022,582 USD)
2023–2025	Seoul National University <i>Accurate genomic annotation through a homology-aware AI model</i> PI 200 Mio KRW (141,153 USD)
2022–2025	Samsung <i>Rapid and precise diagnosis of infectious diseases using metagenomics</i> 90 Mio KRW (63,519 USD)
2021–2026	National Research Foundation of Korea <i>Folding the protein universe (FoldU): Metagenomics-scale protein structure prediction using machine learning</i> 728.581 Mio KRW (514,208 USD)
2021–2025	*National Research Foundation of Korea <i>Development of Cryo-EM/ET technology for 3D bio-imaging at molecular resolution</i> 388.3 Mio KRW (274,068 USD); total 2,975 Mio KRW (2,100,395 USD)
2020–2029	Seoul National University, Creative-Pioneering Researchers Program <i>Petasearch: Surveilling pathogens on a global scale</i> 568 Mio KRW (408,956 USD)
2020–2024	*National Research Foundation of Korea <i>In silico protein design by artificial intelligence and physical chemistry</i> 566.77 Mio KRW (400,120 USD); total 2,220 Mio KRW (1,567,243 USD)
2020–2023	National Research Foundation of Korea <i>Discovery of novel genomes through protein-guided assembly</i> 150 Mio KRW (105,865 USD)
2020–2021	Seoul National University, New Faculty Startup Fund <i>Capture probe design in the era of next-generation sequencing</i> 40 Mio KRW (28,230 USD)
2012	AMD Research Grant ~700 USD (one graphics card)
2012	NVIDIA Research Grant ~3,000 USD (two graphics cards)
2011	Amazon Research Grant 10,000 USD (AWS credits)

Features of work or interviews

Interviews or coverages of our work.

- [1] Weijie Zhao (2025) New methods are revolutionizing biology: an interview with Martin Steinegger, *NSR*, doi: 10.1093/nsr/nwaf142
- [2] Andrea Lius (2025) Innovative platform empowers scientists to transform venoms into therapeutics, *American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*
- [3] Mallory L Wiper (2024) The 2024 ISCB Overton Prize Award—Dr Martin Steinegger, *Bioinformatics*, doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btae288
- [4] Sara Reardon (2024) Five tasks that still challenge protein designer, *Nature*, doi: 10.1038/d41586-024-03595-9
- [5] Ewen Callaway (2024) Chemistry Nobel goes to developers of AlphaFold AI that predicts protein structures, *Nature*, doi: 10.1038/d41586-024-03214-7
- [6] Laurel Oldach (2024) Structure search suggests roles for thousands of viral proteins *c&en* ISSN 0009-2347
- [7] Raphael Rashid (2024) What will it take to open South Korean research to the world? *Nature Index* doi: 10.1038/d41586-024-02685-y
- [8] Laura Tran (2023) Lasker Award for Revolutionizing Protein Structure Predictions, *The Scientist*
- [9] Ewen Callaway (2023) The world's largest proteins? These mega-molecules turn bacteria into predators, *Nature*, doi: 10.1038/d41586-023-03937-z
- [10] Ewen Callaway (2023) 'A Pandora's box': map of protein-structure families delights scientists, *Nature*, doi: 10.1038/d41586-023-02892-z
- [11] Arunima Singh (2023) Speedier protein structure search, *Nature Methods*, doi: 10.1038/s41592-023-01953-5
- [12] Matthew Hutson (2023) Foldseek gives AlphaFold protein database a rapid search tool, *Nature*, doi: 10.1038/d41586-022-02083-2
- [13] Laurel Oldach (2022) Advancing structural biology to blazing speed, *ASBMB Today*
- [14] Ewen Callaway (2022) AlphaFold's new rival? Meta AI predicts shape of 600 million proteins *Nature*, doi: 10.1038/d41586-022-03539-1
- [15] Ewen Callaway (2022) 'The entire protein universe': AI predicts shape of nearly every known protein, *Nature*, doi: 10.1038/d41586-022-02083-2
- [16] Ewen Callaway (2022) What's next for AlphaFold and the AI protein-folding revolution, *Nature*, doi: 10.1038/d41586-022-00997-5
- [17] Henrik Müller (2022) Computerbasierte Proteinstruktur Vorhersage *Laborjournal* (in German)
- [18] Michael Eisenstein (2021) Artificial intelligence powers protein-folding predictions, *Nature*, doi: 10.1038/d41586-021-03499-y
- [19] Henrik Müller (2021) Interview mit Martin Steinegger über AlphaFold2 und ColabFold *Laborjournal* (in German)
- [20] Nikki Forrester, (2021) How new principal investigators tackled a tumultuous year, *Nature*, doi: 10.1038/d41586-021-01311-5
- [21] Lin Tang, (2020) Contamination in sequence databases, *Nature Methods*, doi: 10.1038/s41592-020-0895-8

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	All	Since 2019
Citations	74,305	73,618
h-index	39	39
i10-index	63	62

Total 80 publications — Avg. Citation per Publication 929, Avg. Impact 195.6. Listed below are papers with Impact > 8, ranked by Impact; "#" is rank, "*" marks Steinegger first/corresponding author.

#	TotalCitations	Impact	Year	First/Corresponding	Journal
1	44524	8904.80	2021		Nature
2	8848	2212.00	2022	*	Nat. Methods
3	4374	486.00	2017	*	Nat. Biotechnol.
4	2856	571.20	2021		IEEE TPAMI
5	2270	756.67	2023	*	Nat. Biotechnol.
6	1626	542.00	2023		Nucleic Acids Res.
7	1227	175.29	2019	*	BMC Bioinf.
8	982	122.75	2018	*	Nat. Commun.
9	824	137.33	2020		Curr. Protoc. Bioinf.
10	820	82.00	2016	*	Nucleic Acids Res.
11	649	162.25	2022	*	Nat. Protocols
12	594	84.86	2019		Bioinformatics
13	493	70.43	2019	*	Nat. Methods
14	460	92.00	2021		Proteins
15	340	113.33	2023	*	Nature
16	295	29.50	2016	*	Bioinformatics
17	294	58.80	2021		Nucleic Acids Res.
18	292	146.00	2024		NAR Genomics and Bioinformatics
19	272	54.40	2021		Bioinformatics
20	248	41.33	2020	*	Genome Biol.
21	223	37.17	2020		CASP14
22	129	32.25	2022		eLife
23	113	56.50	2024	*	Nat. Protocols
24	95	31.67	2023		Commun. Biol.
25	76	76.00	2025		Nature Structural & Molecular Biology
26	75	15.00	2021		Nucleic Acids Res.
27	72	24.00	2023		Trends in Biochemical Sciences
28	72	14.40	2021		Biodesign
29	72	14.40	2021	*	bioRxiv
30	71	35.50	2024	*	bioRxiv
31	61	30.50	2024	*	Nucleic Acids Res.
32	49	49.00	2025	*	Nat. Methods
33	49	49.00	2025		Journal of Molecular Biology (JMB)

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34	49	12.25	2022	*	Nucleic Acids Res.
35	43	14.33	2023		Genome Biol.
36	43	10.75	2022		Front. Bioinf.
37	40	10.00	2022		eLife
38	39	13.00	2023		Genome Biol.
39	37	37.00	2025		biorxiv
40	32	10.67	2023	*	Bioinformatics
41	31	15.50	2024	*	Nat. Methods
42	29	29.00	2025	*	Nat. Methods
43	26	8.67	2023		bioRxiv
44	21	10.50	2024	*	CSH Perspect. Biol.
45	15	15.00	2025		Nat. Biotechnol.
46	13	13.00	2025		bioRxiv

Publications

The most important articles are highlighted in red.

Current preprints

- [1] Akiyama Y., Zhang Z., Mirdita M., **Steinegger M.**, Ovchinnikov S. (2025) Scaling down protein language modeling with MSA Pairformer *bioRxiv*, doi: 10.1101/2025.08.02.668173
- [2] Kim H., Kim SR., Mirdita M., **Steinegger M.** (2025) Structural motif search across the protein-universe with Folddisco *bioRxiv*, doi: 10.1101/2025.07.06.663357
- [3] Yeo J., Han Y., Bordin N., Lau A.M., Kandathil S.M., Kim H., Levy Karin E., Mirdita M., Jones D.T., Orengo C., **Steinegger M.** (2025) Metagenomic-scale analysis of the predicted protein structure universe *bioRxiv*, doi: 10.1101/2025.04.23.650224
- [4] Fernandez-Guerra A., Wörmer L., Borrel G., Delmont T.O., Elberling B., Elvert M., Eren A.M., Gribaldo S., Henriksen R.A., Hinrichs K-U. and others (2025) Two-million-year-old microbial communities from the Kap København Formation in North Greenland *bioRxiv*, doi: 10.1101/2023.06.10.544454 (under review Nature)
- [5] St. John P., Lin D., Binder P., Greaves M., Shah V., St. John J., Lange A., Hsu P., Illango R., Ramanathan A. and others (2024) BioNeMo Framework: A Modular, High-Performance Library for AI Model Development in Drug Discovery *arXiv*, doi: 10.48550/arXiv.2411.10548
- [6] Caroline Puente-Lelievre, Ashar J. Malik, Jordan Douglas, David Ascher and others (2023) Tertiary-interaction characters enable fast, model-based structural phylogenetics beyond the twilight zone *bioRxiv*, doi: 10.1101/2023.12.12.571181
- [7] Tymor Hamamsy, Meet Barot, James T. Morton, **Martin Steinegger**, Richard Bonneau, Kyunghyun Cho (2023) Learning sequence, structure, and function representations of proteins with language models *bioRxiv*, doi: 10.1101/2023.11.26.568742
- [8] Weissenow, K., Heinzinger, M., **Steinegger, M.**, and Rost, B. (2022) Ultra-fast protein structure prediction to capture effects of sequence variation in mutation movies, *bioRxiv*, doi: 10.1101/2022.11.16.471726
- [9] Vanni, C., Schechter, M., Delmont, T., and others (2021), AGNOSTOS-DB: a resource to unlock the uncharted regions of the coding sequence space *bioRxiv*, doi: 10.1101/2021.06.07.447314

Peer-reviewed manuscripts

2025 (13)

- [1] Gilchrist C.L.M., Mirdita M., **Steinegger M.** (2024) Multiple protein structure alignment at scale with FoldMason *Science in-press*, doi: 10.1101/2024.08.01.606130
- [2] Lee S., Kim J., Mirdita M., **Steinegger M.** (2025) Easy and interactive taxonomic profiling with Metabuli App *Bioinformatics*, doi: 10.1101/2025.03.10.642298
- [3] Kallenborn F., Chacon A., Hundt C., Sirelkhatim H., Didi K., Dallago C., Mirdita M., Schmidt B., **Steinegger M.** (2025) GPU-accelerated homology search with MMseqs2 *bioRxiv*, doi: 10.1101/2024.11.13.623350 (accepted at *Nature Methods*)
- [4] Kim D., Park S., **Steinegger M.** (2025) Unicore enables scalable and accurate phylogenetic reconstruction with structural core genes *GBE*, doi: 10.1093/gbe/evaf109
- [5] Santus L., Espinosa-Carrasco J., Rauschning L., Mir-Pedrol J., Trujnara I., Vignoli A., Mansouri L., Baltzis A., Floden E.W., Di Tommaso P. and others (2025) An nf-core framework for the systematic comparison of alternative modeling tools: the multiple sequence alignment case study *NAR Genomics and Bioinformatics*, doi: 10.1101/2025.03.14.642603

- [6] Park J.B., Lee G., Han Y-Y., Kim D., Heo K., Kim J., Park J., Yun H., Lee C.W., Cho H-S. and others (2024) Structural basis of the catalytic and allosteric mechanism of bacterial acetyltransferase PatZ *PNAS*, doi: 10.1101/2024.11.12.623305 (accepted)
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Web servers and public resources

Tool	Type	Description
COLABFOLD	M, W	ColabFold makes fast and highly accurate protein folding accessible to all (AlphaFold2/ESMfold/BioEMU/RoseTTAFold2) >57M web uses, >3.3k installs per day. https://colabfold.com
FOLDSEEK	M, W	Ultra-fast, sensitive protein structure search using our 3D structural alphabet (3Di). >1M web uses, >300k times . https://foldseek.com
MMSEQS2	M	Fast, sensitive sequence search and clustering, 10,000-fold faster than BLAST, comparable sensitivity to PSI-BLAST. >1.2M installs. https://mmseqs.com
FOLDSEEK-MULTIMER	M, W	Fast method to compare protein structure complexes. https://search.foldseek.com/multimer
AFDB-CLUSTER	M, R, W	Clusters ~214M AlphaFold DB structures into ~2.3M structural groups, revealing novel families and organizing global protein structure space. https://afdb-cluster.foldseek.com
FOLDMASON	M, W	Rapid multiple protein structure alignment leveraging Foldseek's 3Di alphabet. https://foldmason.foldseek.com
PLASS	M	Protein-level assembler reconstructing proteins directly from short reads; recovers up to 10× more proteins from metagenomes compared to nucleotide-based assembly. https://plass.mmseqs.com
BFVD	R, W	Comprehensive repository with >350,000 viral protein structure predictions (via ColabFold), facilitating large-scale structural virology analyses. https://bfvd.foldseek.com
METACLUST	R	Database of 424M clustered metagenomic proteins (50% and 95% identity); enhances diversity for sensitive profile-based searches and structure prediction. https://metaclust.mmseqs.com
BFD	R	Database of ~300M clusters (30% identity) from ~2.5B sequences; foundational dataset for training AlphaFold2 and improving protein annotation. https://bfd.mmseqs.com
AFESM-CLUSTER	R, W	Integration of AlphaFold DB and ESMAAtlas (~821M total models); identified 11,000 novel domain combinations and biome-specific structural groups. https://afesm.foldseek.com
UNICLUST	R	Hierarchical clustering of UniProt sequences (30/50/90% identity); provides consistent annotations and precomputed MSAs for sensitive homology detection. https://uniclust.mmseqs.com

Legend: M: Method, R: Resource, W: Webserver

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