

# MC\_DNA: A web server for the detailed study of the structure and dynamics of DNA and chromatin fibers

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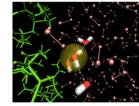
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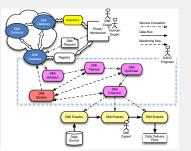
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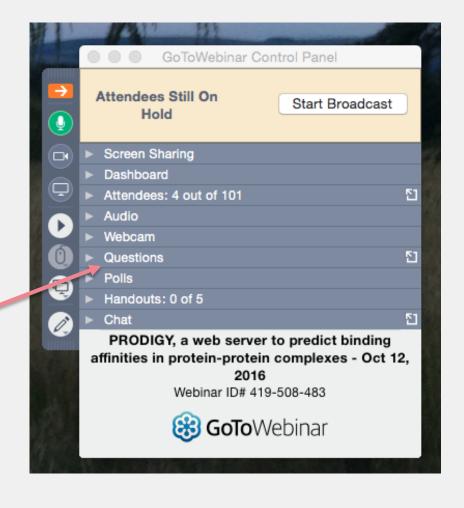




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# **Today's Presenter**

#### Jürgen Walther, IRB Barcelona

Jürgen obtained his B.Sc. degree at the University of Würzburg in Physics. His final degree work was done in Astrophysics.

He did his master degree at the University of Texas at Austin (USA) in Physics with specialization in Biophysics, where he worked on refining a microscope technique involving light microscopy, TIRF fluorescence and optical trapping to visualize the movement of molecular motors walking along microtubules.

He is now working as a PhD student in Modesto Orozco's Molecular modeling and bioinformatics laboratory of at the Institute for Research in Biomedicine, Barcelona.

His main focus is to bridge known information of free DNA and of chromatin maintaining a high level of resolution in the theoretical models used. The application MC\_DNA has been developed and integrated into a webserver. MC\_DNA is a component of the Multiscale Genomics project where a unified view of the genome at all length scales from base-pair to chromosome in form of a webserver is developed.





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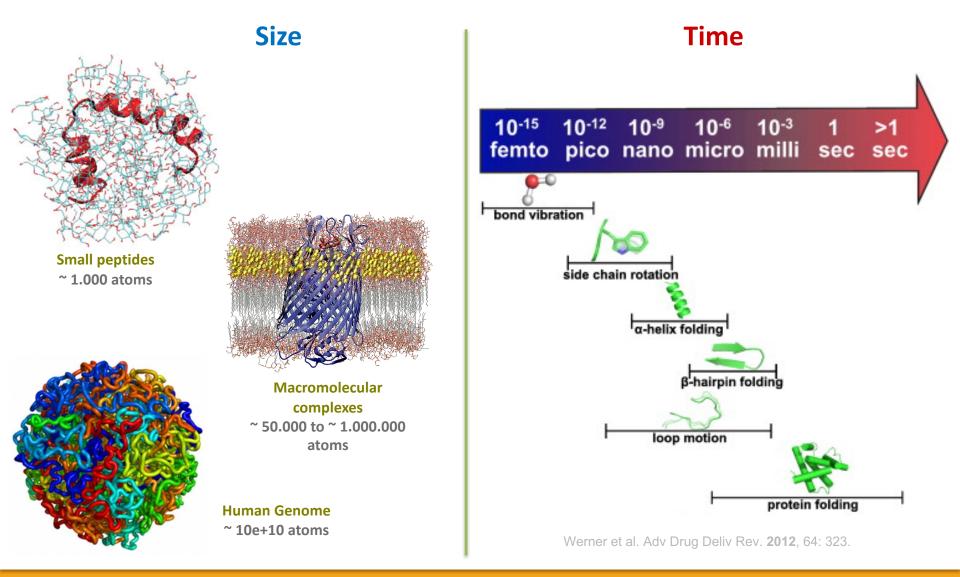


### Outline

- 1. Introduction into Biomolecular Simulations
- 2. MC\_DNA webserver
  - Method
  - Webpage
  - Input
  - Output
  - Analysis

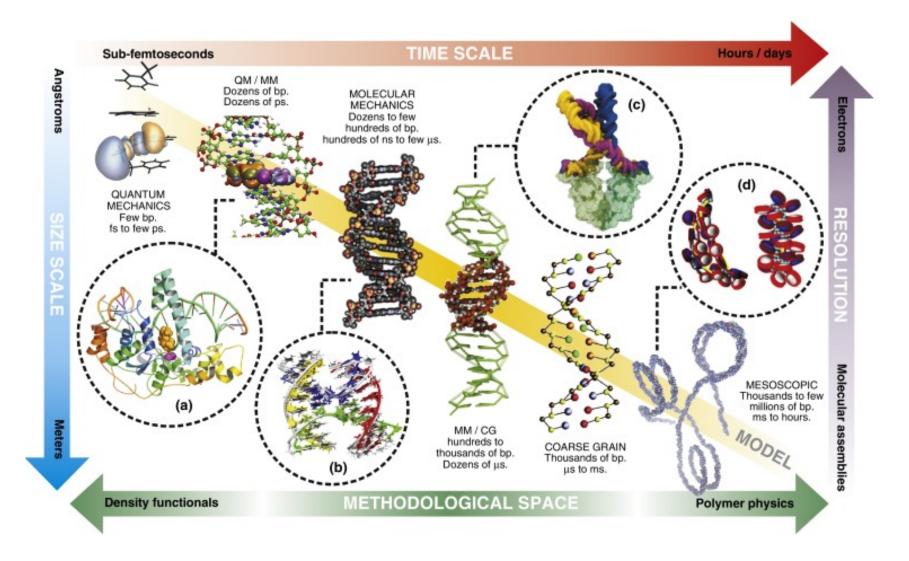


### **Biomolecular simulations: A matter of...**



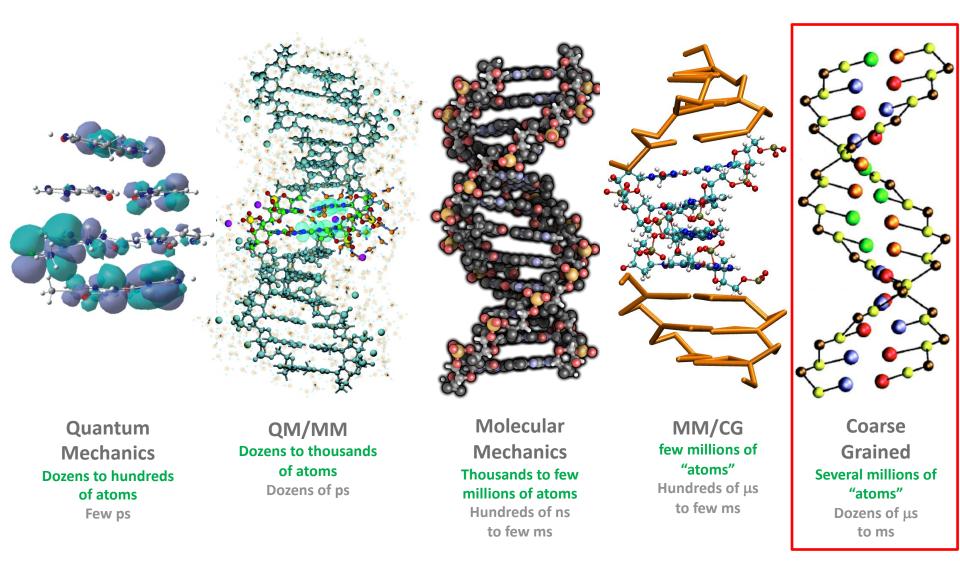


#### **Biomolecular simulations: The big picture**





**Biomolecular simulations: Models** 





### **Biomolecular simulations: A multi-scale problem**



DNA is not only among the most important molecules in life, but a meeting point for biology, physics and chemistry, being studied by numerous techniques. Theoretical methods can help in gaining a detailed understanding of DNA structure and function, but their practical use is hampered by the multiscale nature of this molecule. In this regard, the study of DNA covers a broad range of different topics, from sub-Angstrom details of the electronic distributions of nucleobases, to the mechanical properties of millimeter-long chromatin fibers. Some of the biological processes involving DNA occur in femtoseconds, while others require years. In this review, we describe the most recent theoretical methods that have been considered to study DNA, from the electron to the chromosome, enriching our knowledge on this fascinating molecule.

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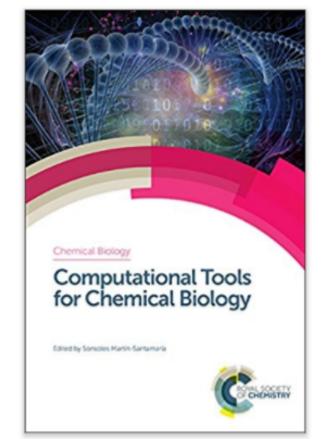
Corresponding author: Orozco, Modesto (modesto.orozco@irbbarcelona.org) in the day time-scale  $(10^5 \text{ s})$ ; the local breathing of nucleobases occurs in the millisecond range  $(10^{-3} \text{ s})$ , while electronic rearrangements take place in the sub-femtosecond time-scale  $(<10^{-15} \text{ s})$ .

During the last years we have witnessed the development of a wide repertoire of theoretical methods that aimed to reproduce the properties of DNA, either isolated or protein bound. Even if primitive, these methods allow researchers to consider the DNA at different resolution levels, and provide information of great value on the structure, dynamics, and interactions of this fascinating molecule. We will briefly summarize some of these most recent theoretical approaches, focusing our analysis on the contributions of the last three years, when the field has experienced a significant improvement.

For the sake of simplicity, throughout this manuscript we will classify theoretical methods in four groups, according to their level of resolution (Figure 1): firstly, electronic, secondly, atomistic, thirdly, coarse grained, and lastly, mesoscopic. It is worth noting that moving in the resolution space means moving also in the methodological space since the basic physical models underlying the

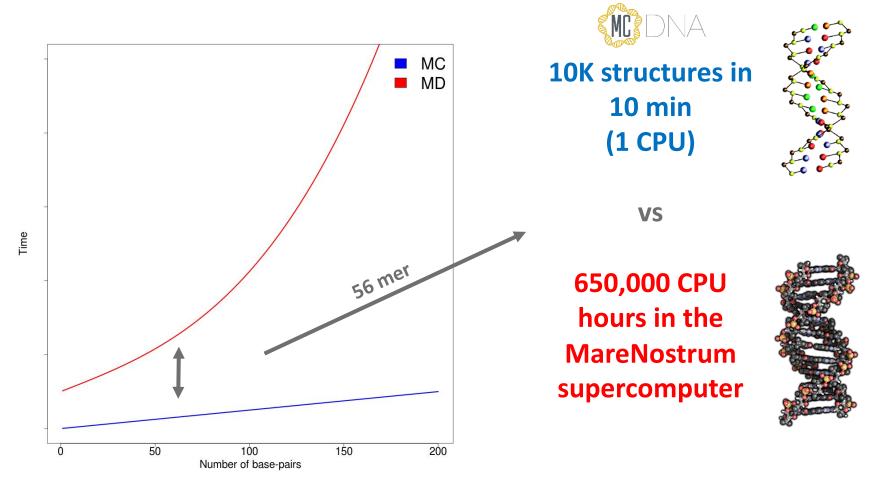
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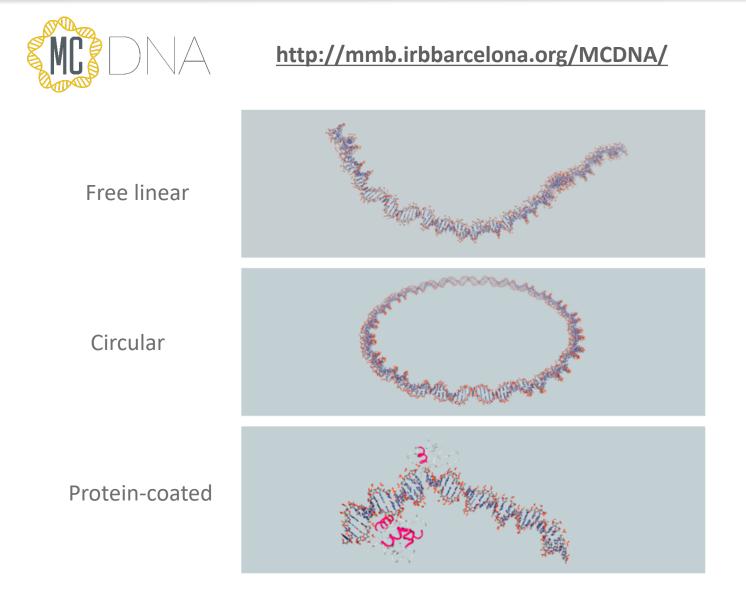


Calculation time: coarse-grained DNA (MC) vs atomistic DNA (MD) simulations



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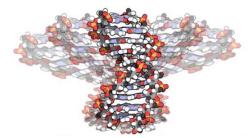




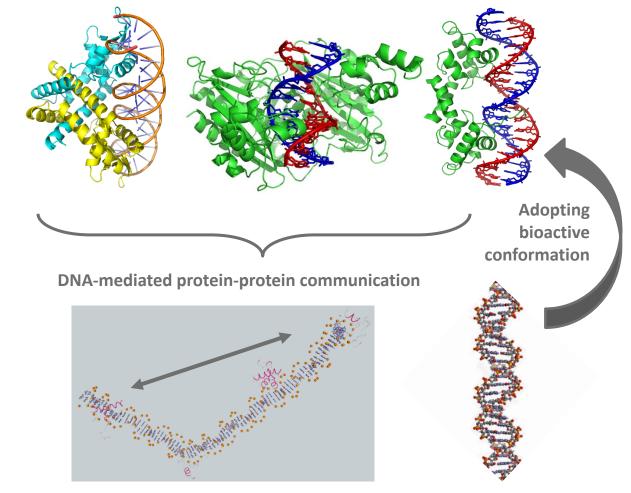




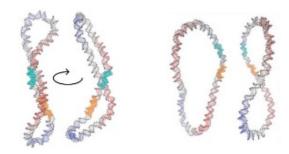
Dynamics of free linear DNA (MC\_DNA)



#### Accessibility of a protein-coated DNA fiber (MC\_DNA + proteins)

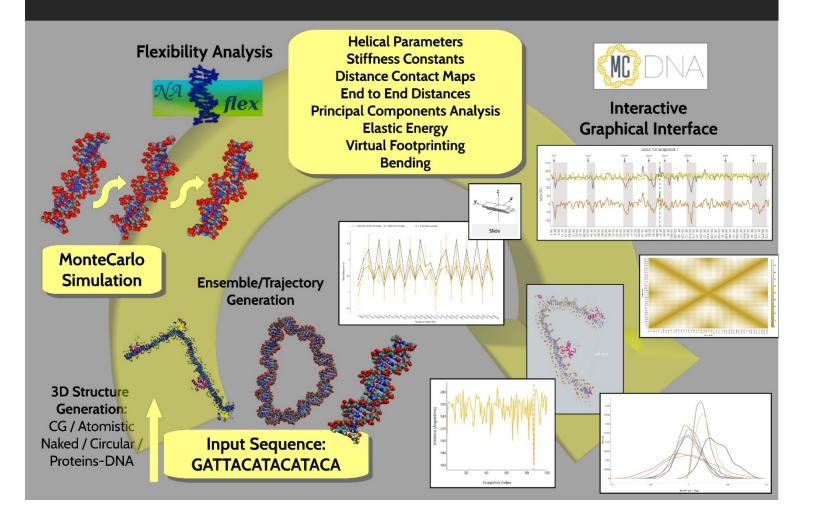


Distant contacts in a constrained environment (circular MC\_DNA)



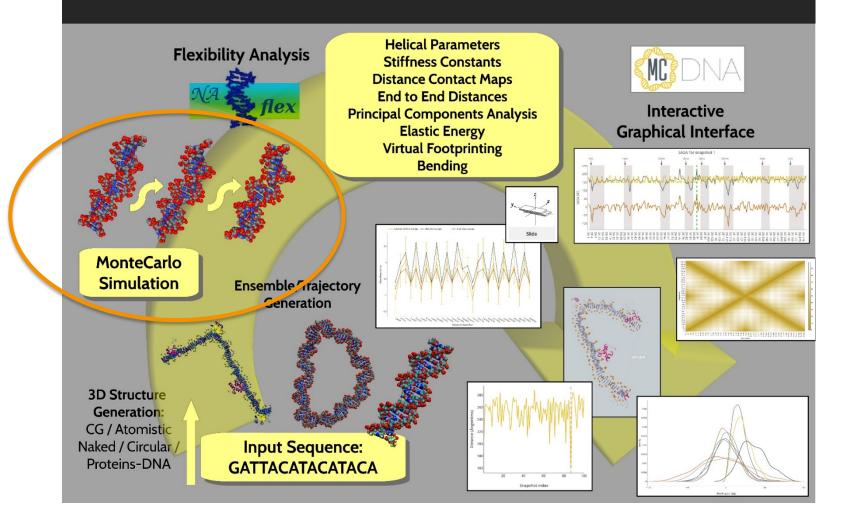


### MCDNA: MonteCarlo Coarse-Grained Simulations.



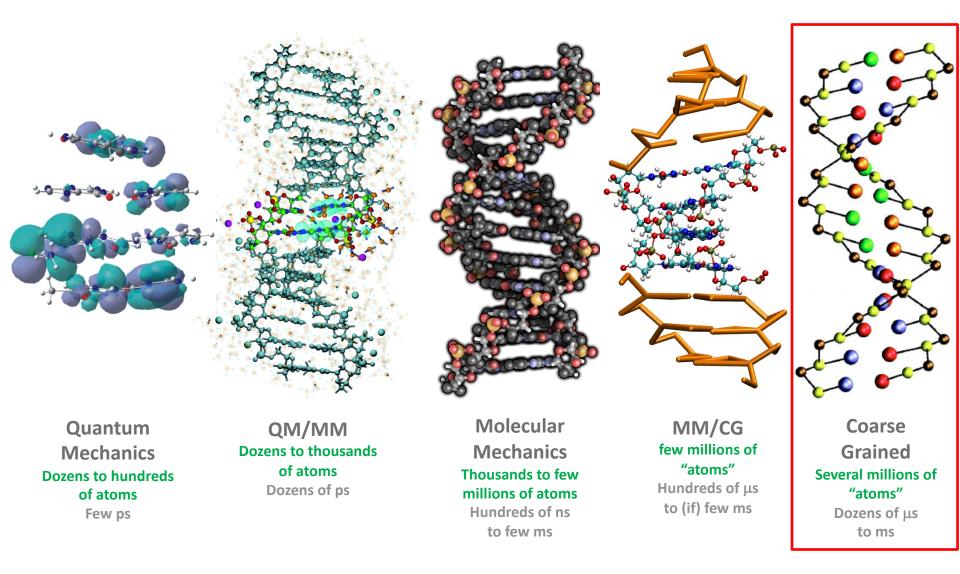


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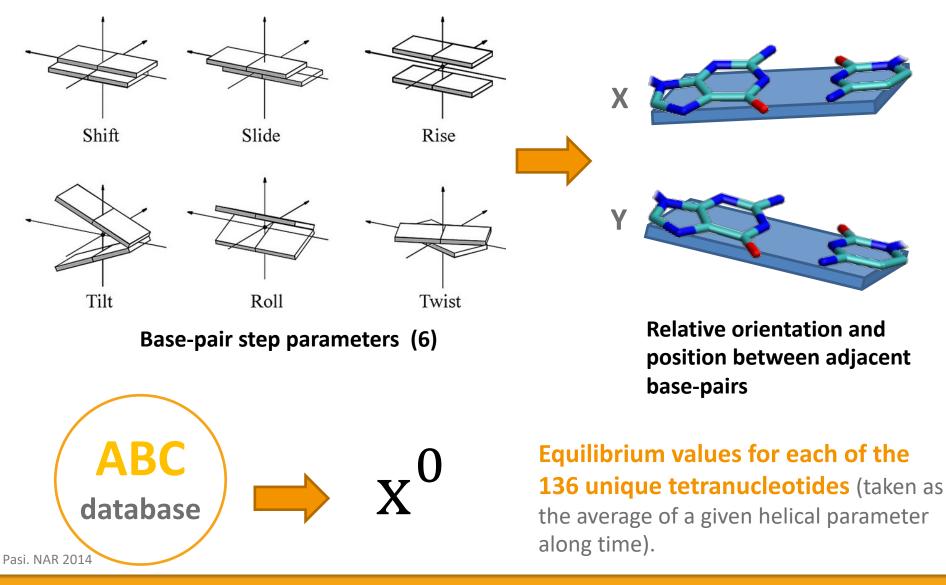


#### From molecular mechanics to coarse grained





From cartesian to helical space





#### Obtaining the force constants from the covariance matrix in the helical space

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA Vol. 95, pp. 11163–11168, September 1998 Biophysics

# DNA sequence-dependent deformability deduced from protein–DNA crystal complexes

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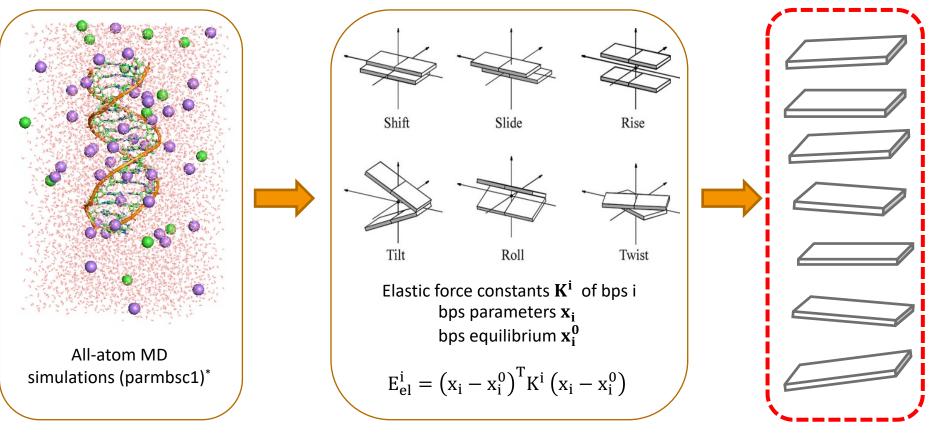
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$$\mathbf{E}_{el}^{i} = \left(\mathbf{x}_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{i}^{0}\right)^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{K}^{i} \left(\mathbf{x}_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{i}^{0}\right) \qquad \mathbf{x}_{i} \in \mathbb{R}^{6}, \mathbf{K}_{i} \in \mathbb{R}^{6 \times 6}$$



MC\_DNA – The method: next-nearest neighbor model

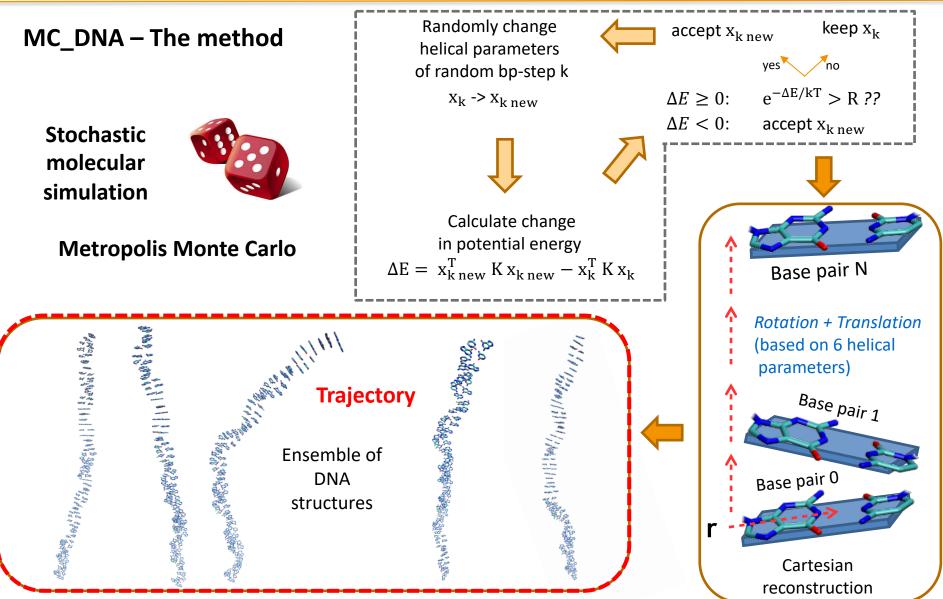
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Sequence-specific effects (NN model) included in elastic force constants K

Equilibrium structure built with x<sup>0</sup>

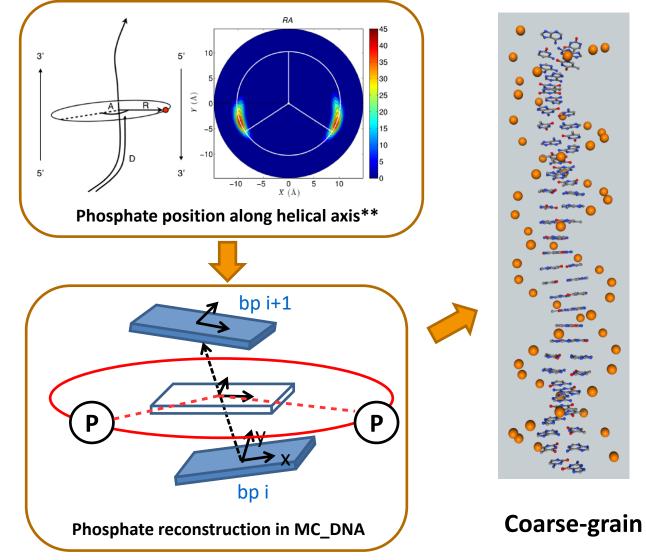


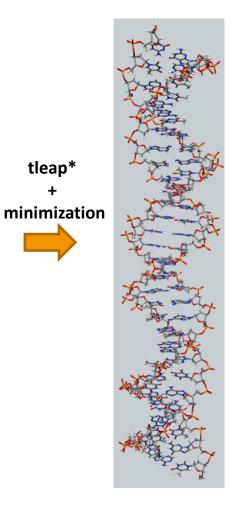


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MC\_DNA – Resolution



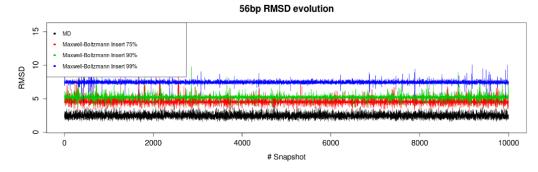


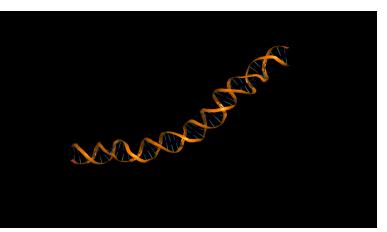
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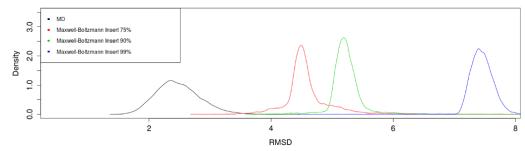
### MC\_DNA

## Time-dependent pseudo trajectories





56bp RMSD distribution





### Circular MC\_DNA

#### Mathematical background

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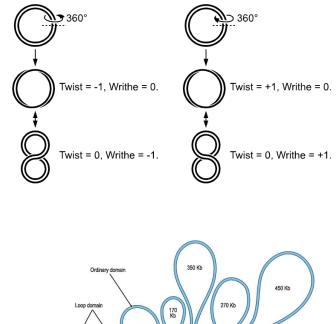
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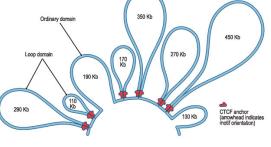
Plasmids, chromosomal bacterial DNA, DNA with robust anchor point (topological domains), RNAP

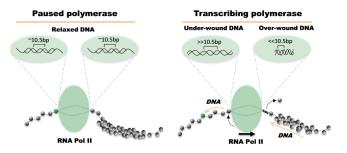
#### **Effects of supercoiled DNA**

Distal sites are brought into close proximity -> gene expression

DNA recognition by proteins

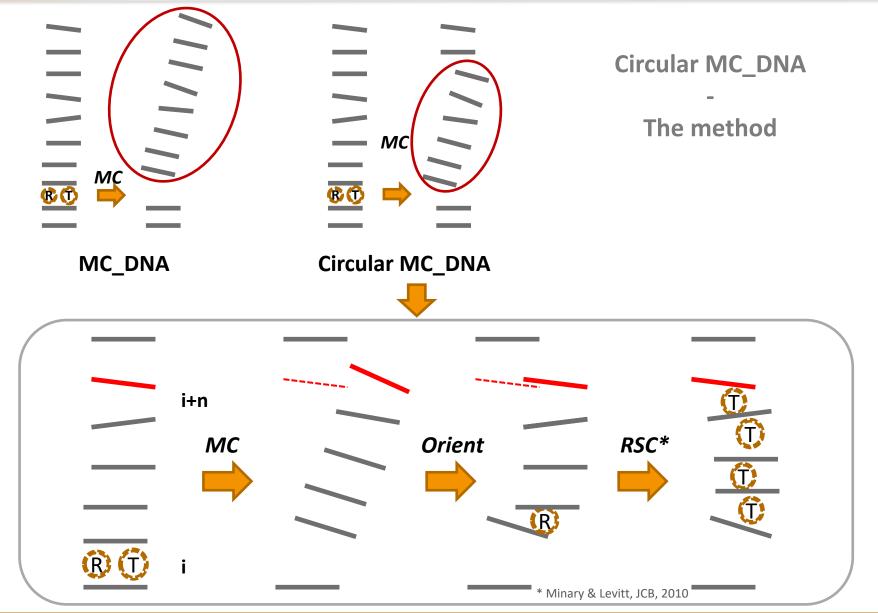






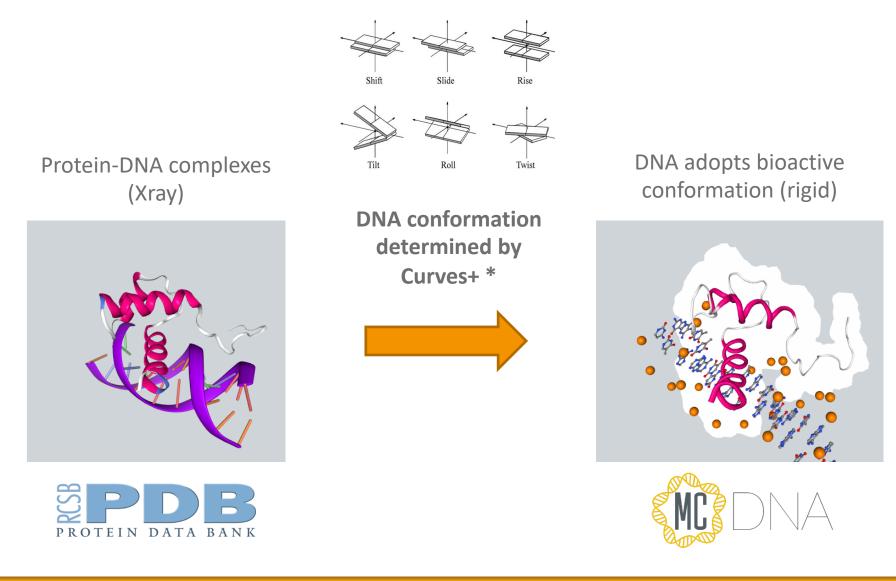
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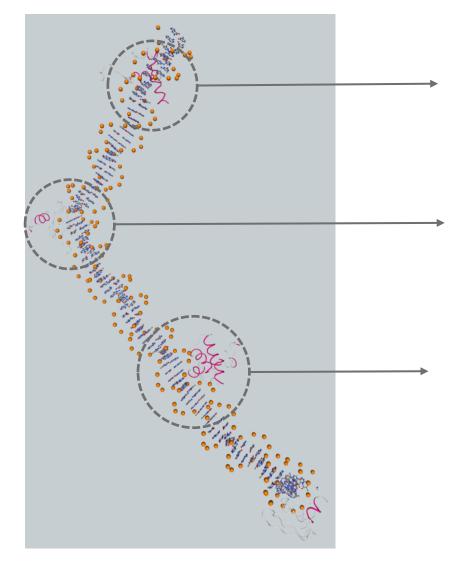


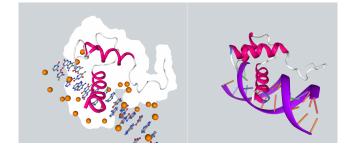
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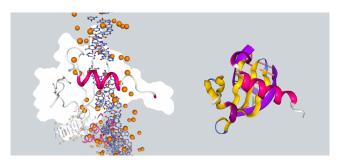


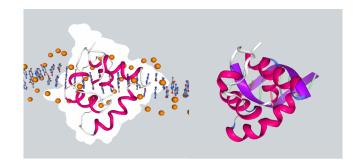


### MC\_DNA + Proteins









Protein-DNA (MC\_DNA) Protein-DNA (PDB)



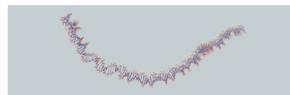
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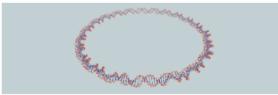
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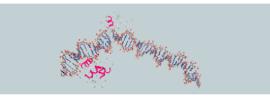
#### Welcome to MC DNA

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#### MC DNA







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The name of the webserver was inspired by the sampling method used to simulate DNA structures. MCDNA uses Monte Carlo sampling to obtain a set of representative DNA conformations at base pair step level accuracy. MCDNA provides an intuitive environment where in addition to simulations of unconstrained DNA MCDNA can simulate DNA in a constrained environment such as circular DNA and protein-DNA simulations while its performance exceeds common molecular dynamics simulations by several orders of magnitude.

Apart from the sequence it is possible to choose the resolution of the simulated DNA ('Coarse Grain' or 'Atomistic') and the type of operation to execute ('Create Structure' and 'Create Trajectory') which makes the webserver a flexible tool that can be tailored to the user's needs. Additionally, in the case of 'circular DNA' the amount of initial over- or undertwisting can be specified. In 'protein-DNA' the user can manually indicate the protein(s) to be superimposed onto the DNA at a given position in the sequence.

The graphical output of the simulations is complemented with a flexibility analysis done by Curves+ (backbone torsions, BI/BII, alpha/gamma, sugar puckering, grooves, axis base pair and inter base pair parameters), princial component analysis, contact matrix, bending and energy penalty calculations as well as individual analysis depending on the chosen simulation type (see more details in Help).

MCDNA is integrated in the Virtual Research Environment of the MuG project (https://www.multiscalegenomics.eu).

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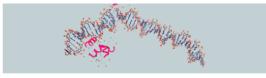


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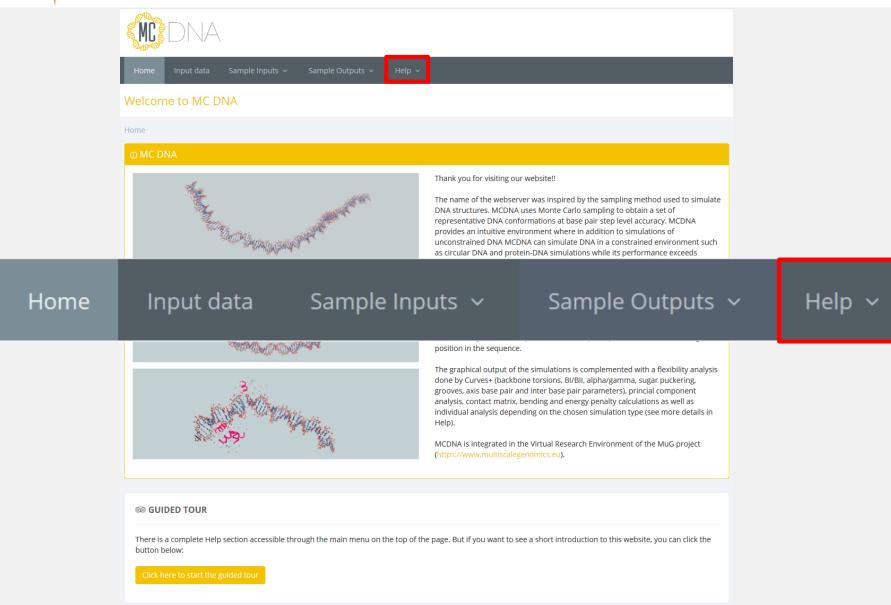
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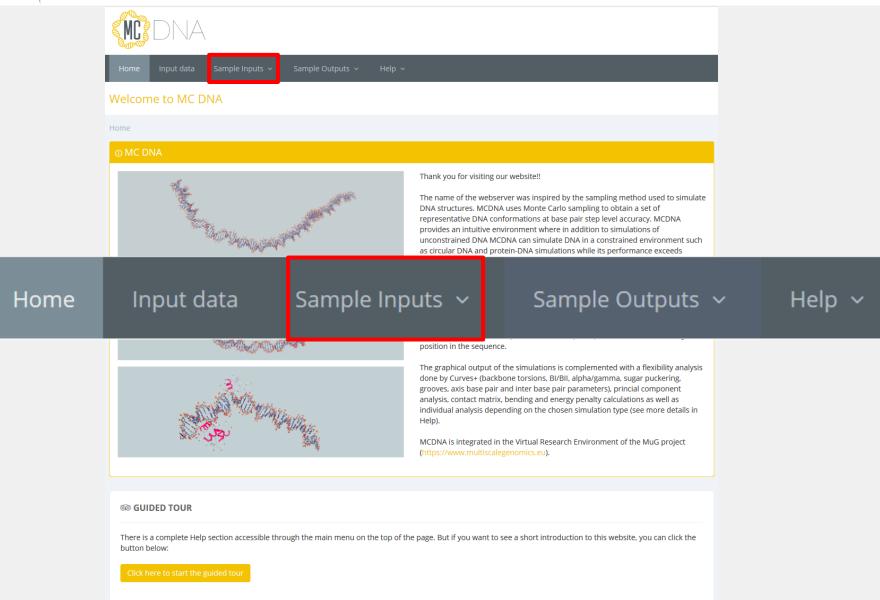
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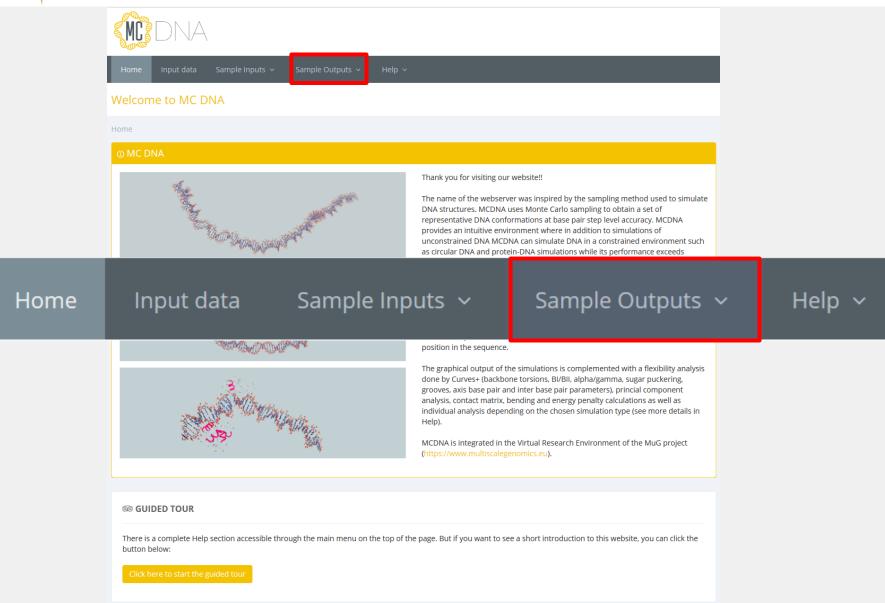






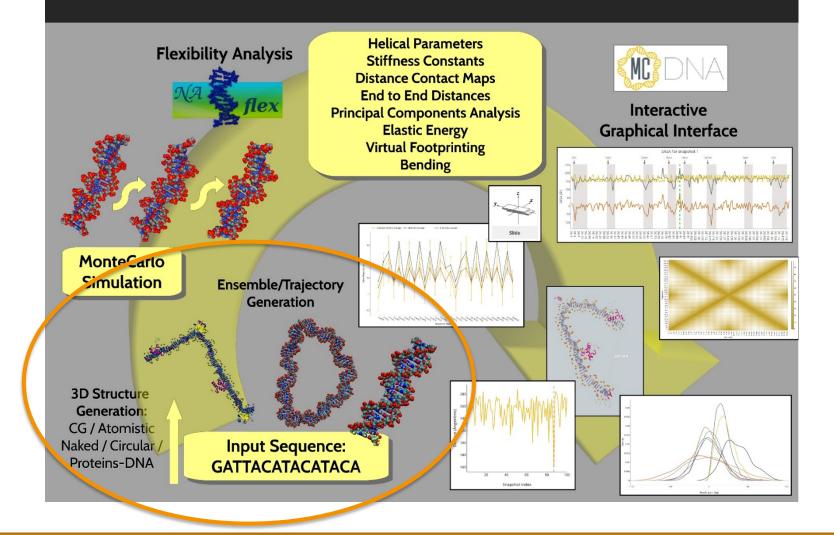








### MCDNA: MonteCarlo Coarse-Grained Simulations.





#### Sample input – MC\_DNA

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#### Sample input – Circular MC\_DNA

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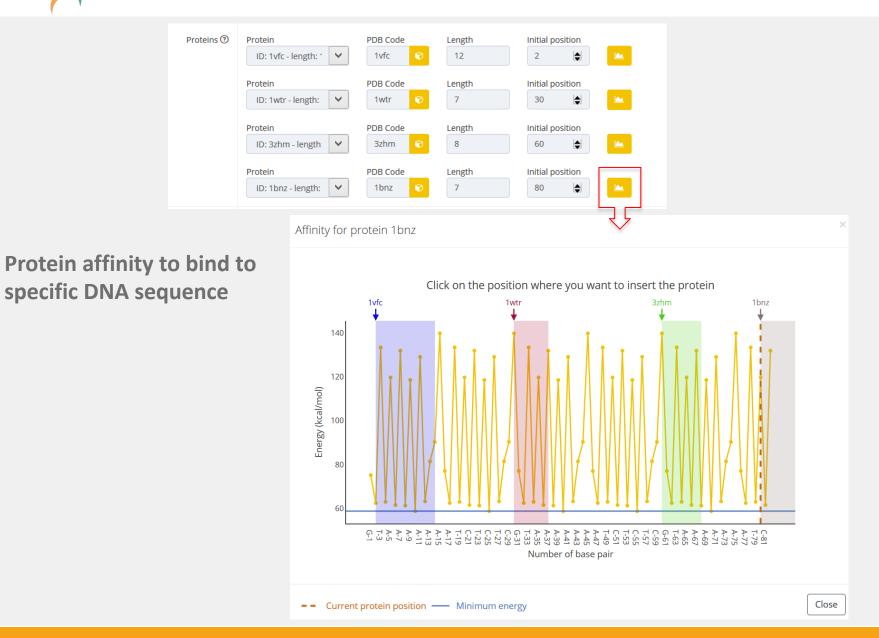
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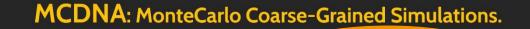
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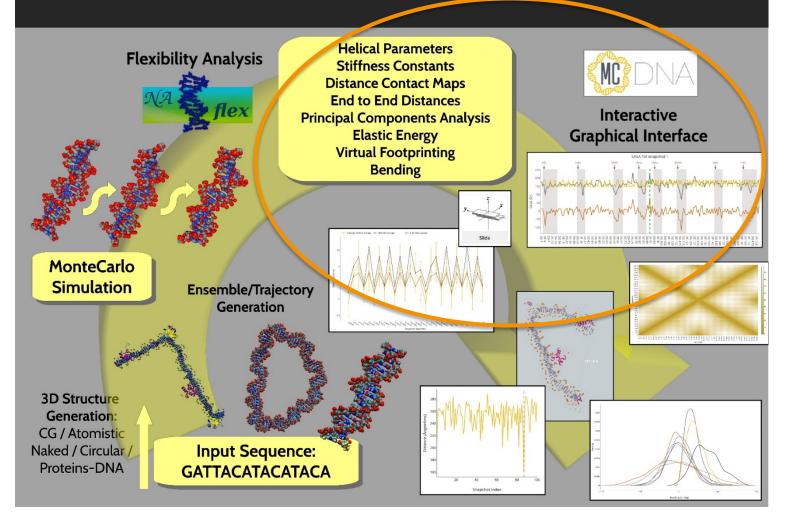
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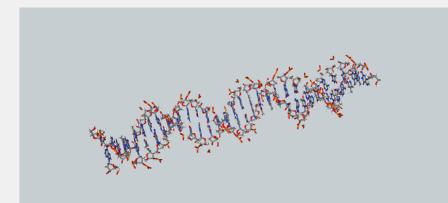


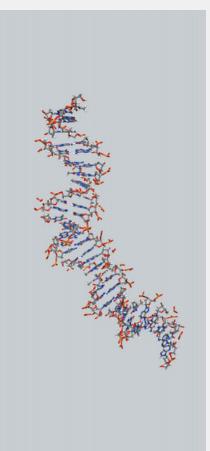
Trajectory Flexibility Analysis

#### Trajectory

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#### Structure





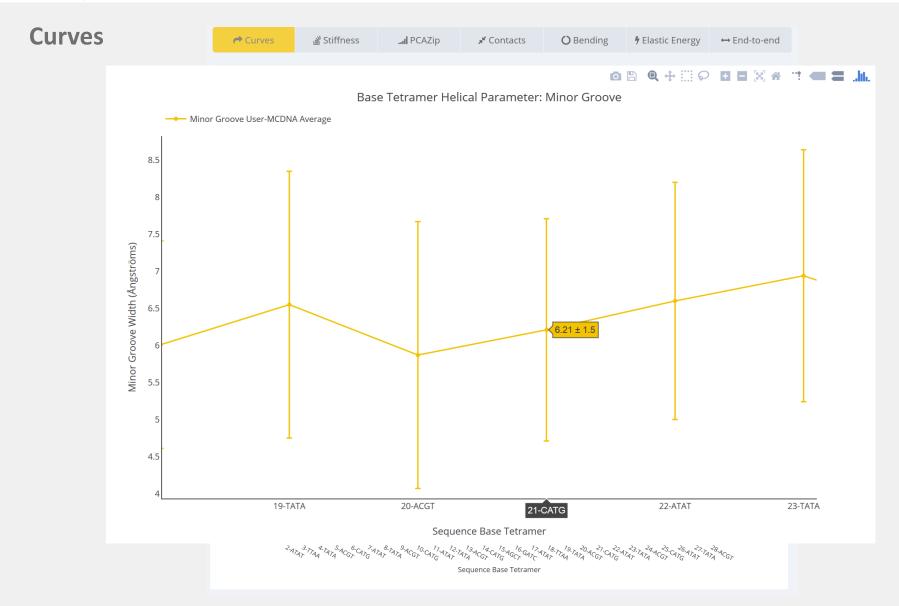


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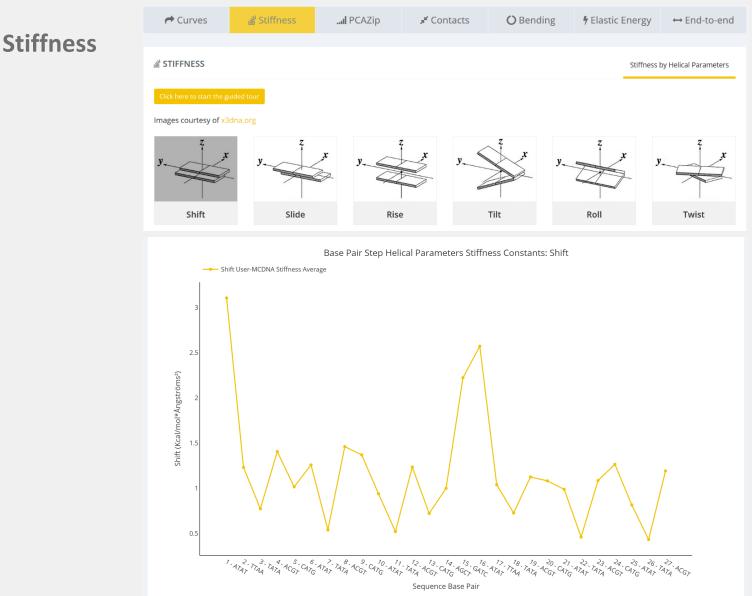
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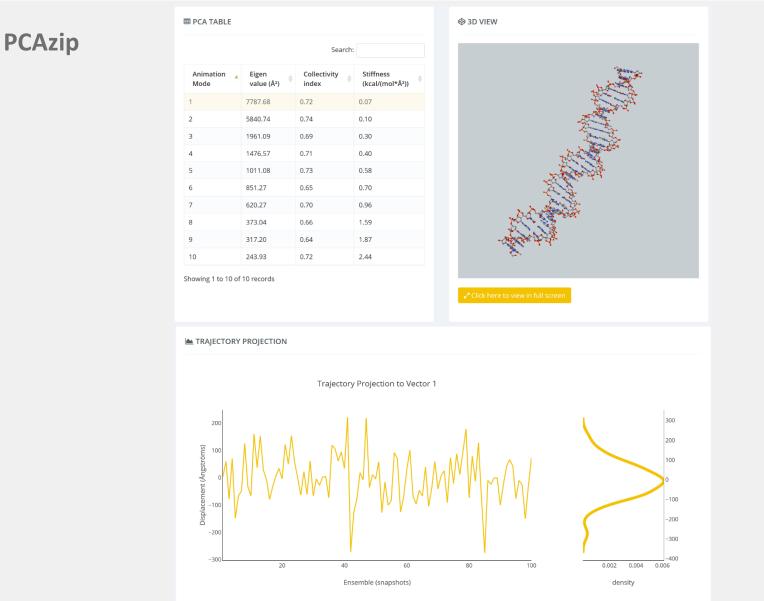




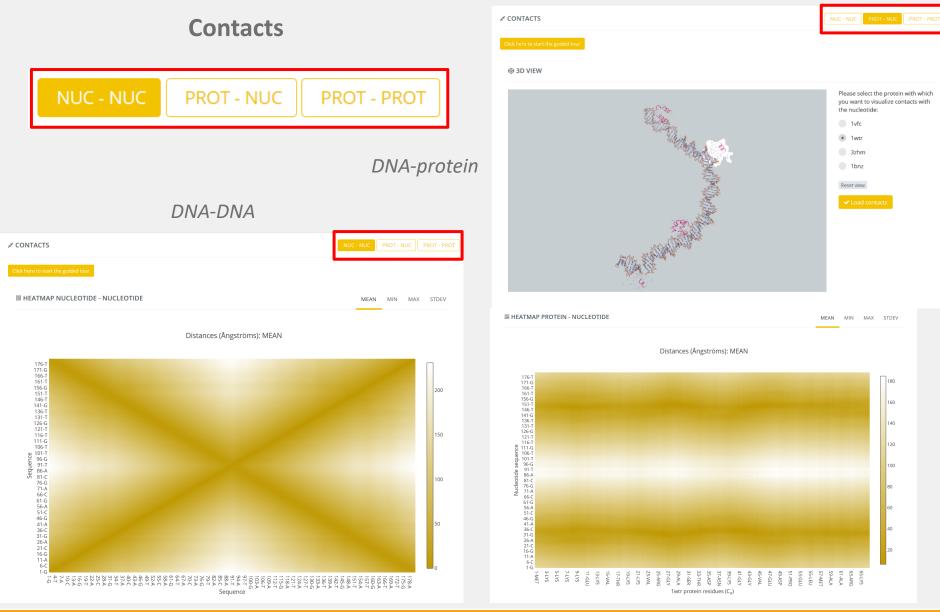




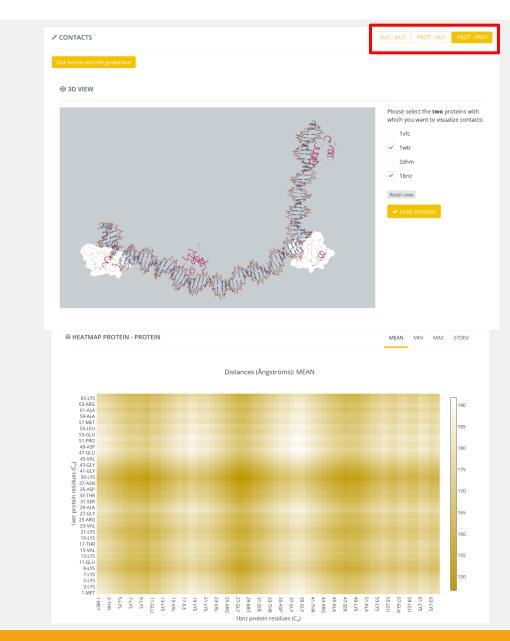










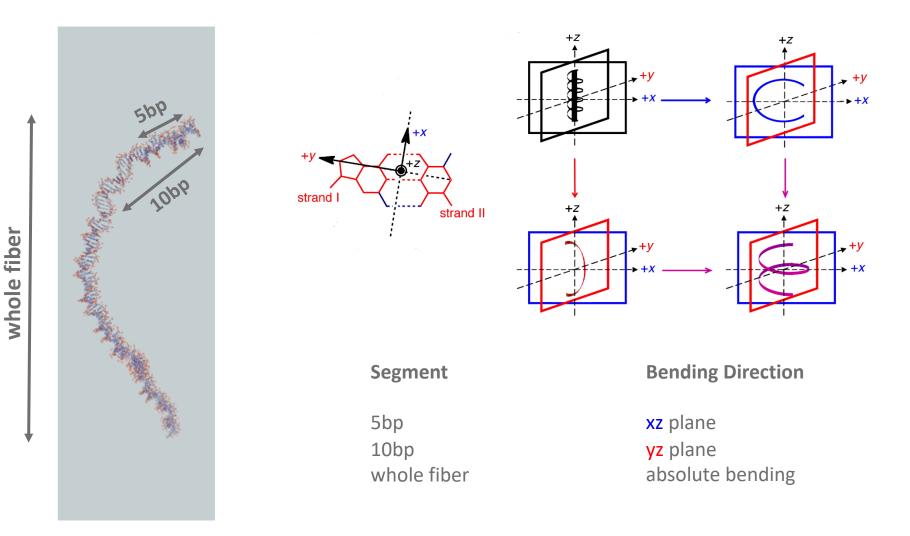


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#### Protein-Protein

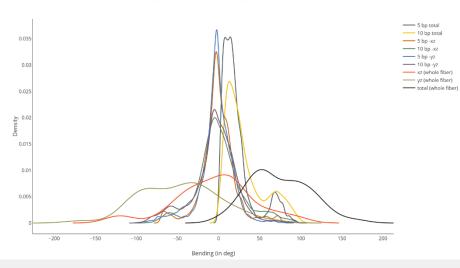


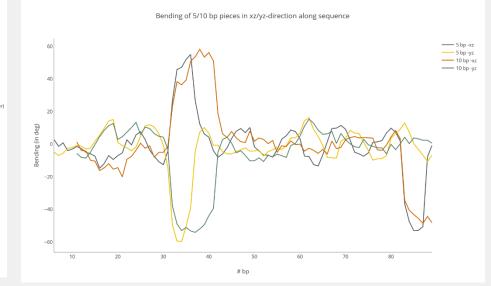
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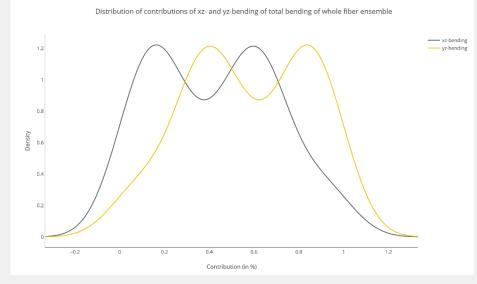


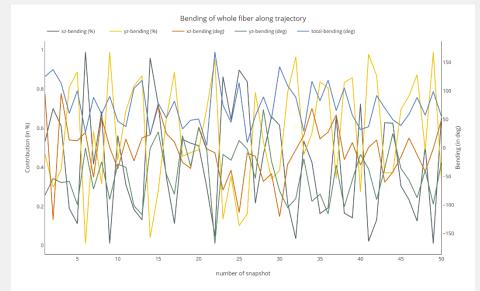


Bending distribution of 5/10 bp segments and the whole fiber

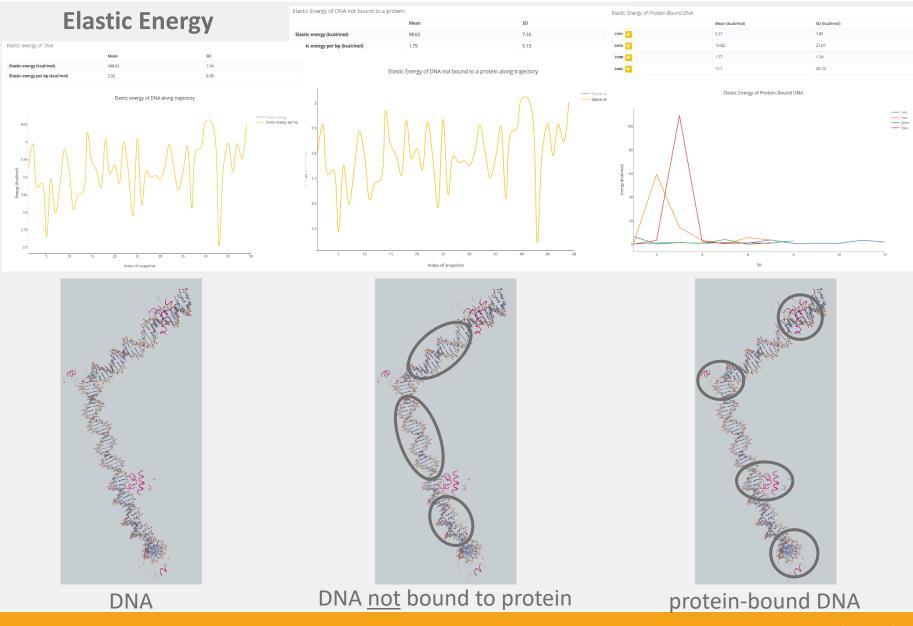












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#### Elastic energy of DNA

	Mean	SD
Elastic energy (kcal/mol)	348.82	7.16
Elastic energy per bp (kcal/mol)	3.92	0.08

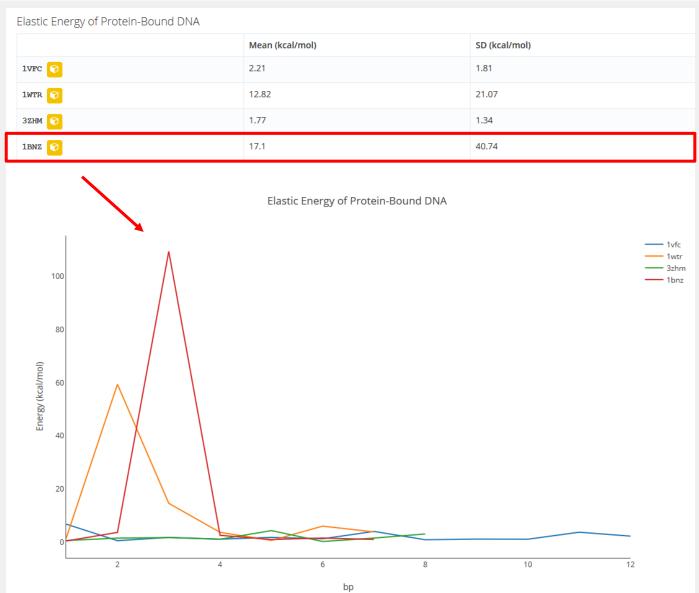
#### Elastic Energy of DNA not bound to a protein

	Mean	SD
Elastic energy (kcal/mol)	98.63	7.16
Elastic energy per bp (kcal/mol)	1.79	0.13

#### Elastic Energy of Protein-Bound DNA

	Mean (kcal/mol)	SD (kcal/mol)
1VFC 🝞	2.21	1.81
1WTR 😯	12.82	21.07
ЗZHM 😯	1.77	1.34
1BNZ 🝞	17.1	40.74



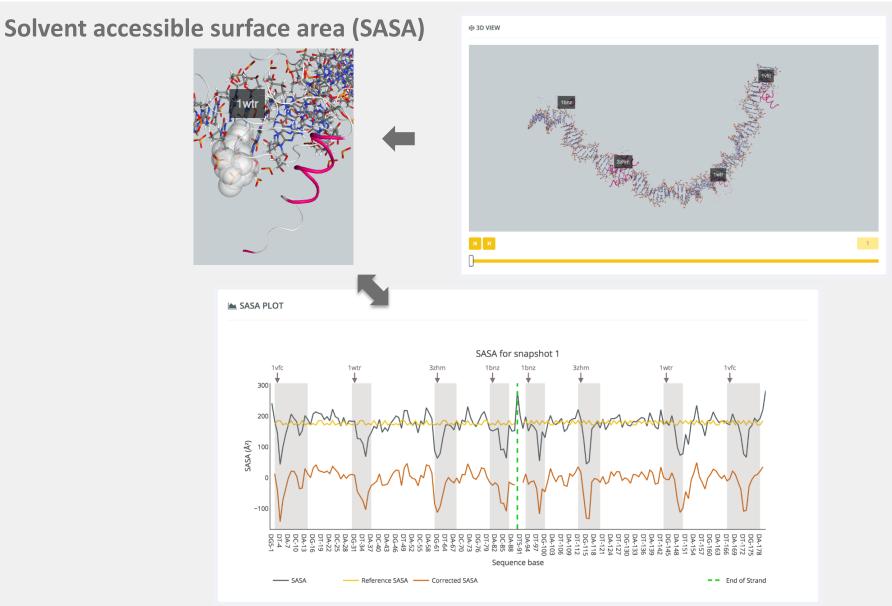




#### **End-to-end distance**









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## Multiscale Complex Genomics

## http://multiscalegenomics.eu/MuGVRE/

#### What's MuGVRE?

The MuG Virtual Research Environment supports the expanding 3D/4D genomics community by developing tools to integrate the navigation in genomics data from sequence to 3D/4D chromatin dynamics data.



#### Virtual Research Environment: <u>https://vre.multiscalegenomics.eu/home/</u>





# Joint MuG-BioExcel workshop

# Multi-resolution Nucleic Acids Simulations

22.06.2018 (Barcelona, Spain)

https://bioexcel.eu/events/multi-resolution-nucleic-acidssimulations-a-joint-mug-bioexcel-workshop/

**co-located with the** <u>International Society of Quantum Biology and</u> Pharmacology (ISQBP) President's meeting (19.-21.6.) in Barcelona (Spain)







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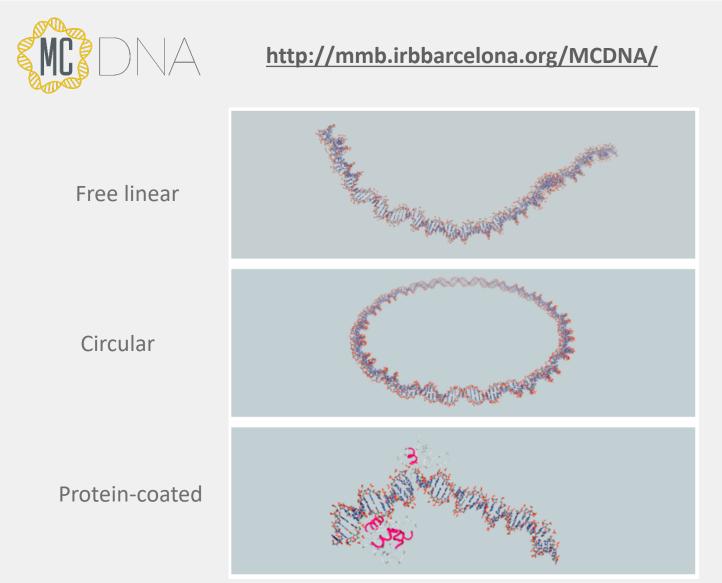
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Genís Bayarri (Webdevelopper)

Webdesign, Front-end

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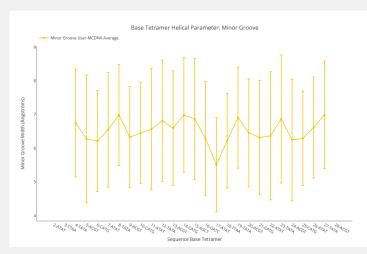


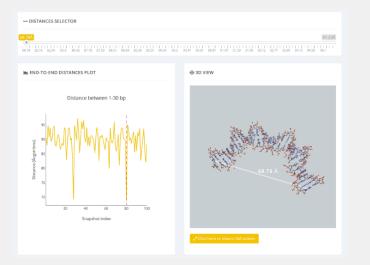


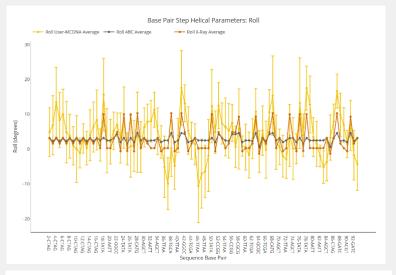


#### MC\_DNA – Sample Output MC\_DNA

Circular MC\_DNA



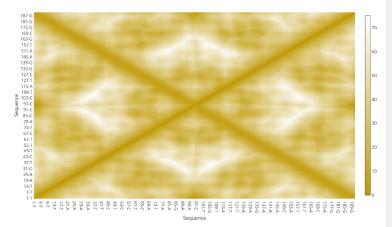




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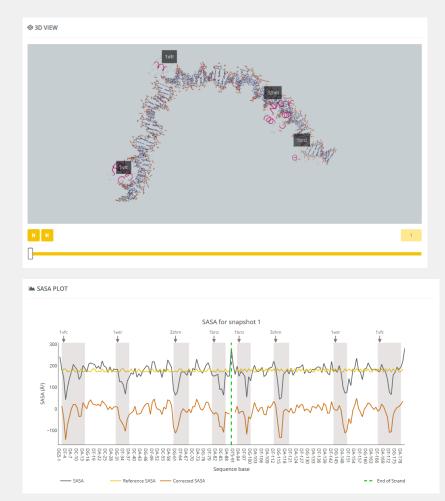
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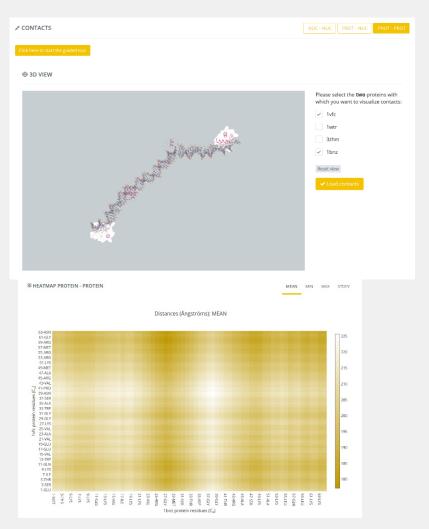
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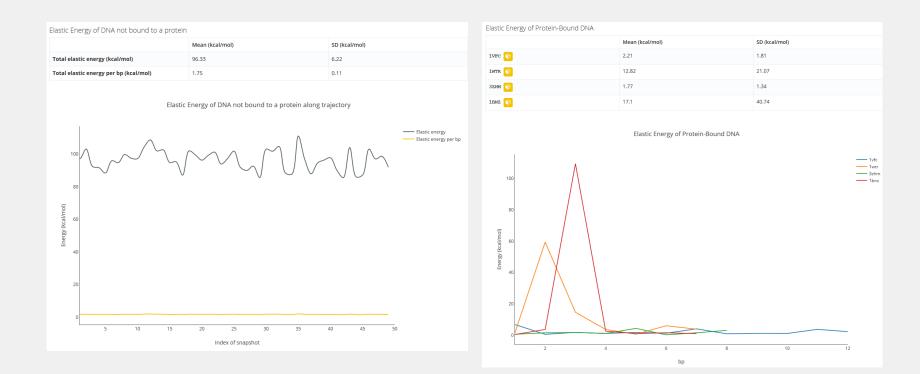
#### MC\_DNA – Sample Output: MC\_DNA + Proteins







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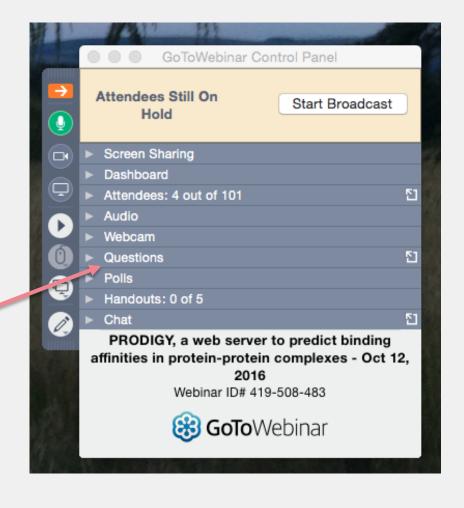




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- <u>10th May</u>: "High-Confidence Protein–Ligand Complex Modeling by NMR Guided Docking Enables Early Hit Optimization", Presenter: Andrew Proudfoot, Novartis