

How Function Shapes Dynamics in Evolution of Proteins

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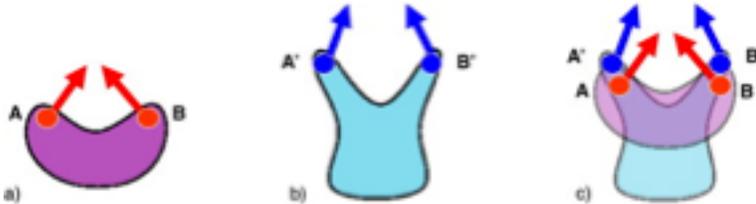
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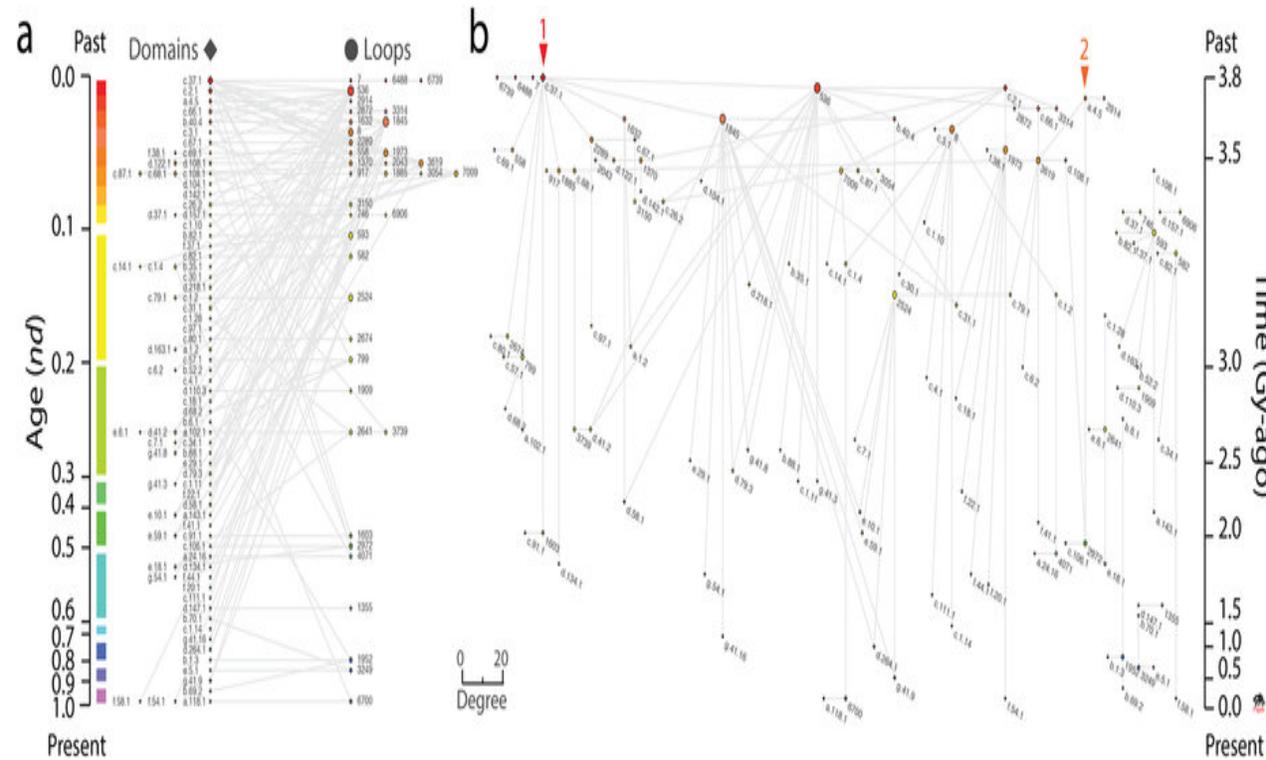


Relationship between protein dynamics and function

- Dynamics possess information that cannot be deciphered just by inspecting the structure.
- Proteins are found to be in various conformations as a dynamic ensemble (Orozco *et al.*, 2011).
- Evolution seems to constrain dynamics and flexibility (Micheletti, 2013), possibly to preserve function
 - Similar fluctuation in dynamics of Rossmann-like fold proteins (Keskin *et al.*, 2000; Pang *et al.*, 2005).
 - Common dynamics shared among members of the same protein family and superfamilies in comparison with unrelated/distant proteins (Maguid *et al.*, 2006; Maguid *et al.* 2008).
 - Common dynamics properties can be detected in proteins with different structure but common function (Ramanathan & Agarwal, 2011).



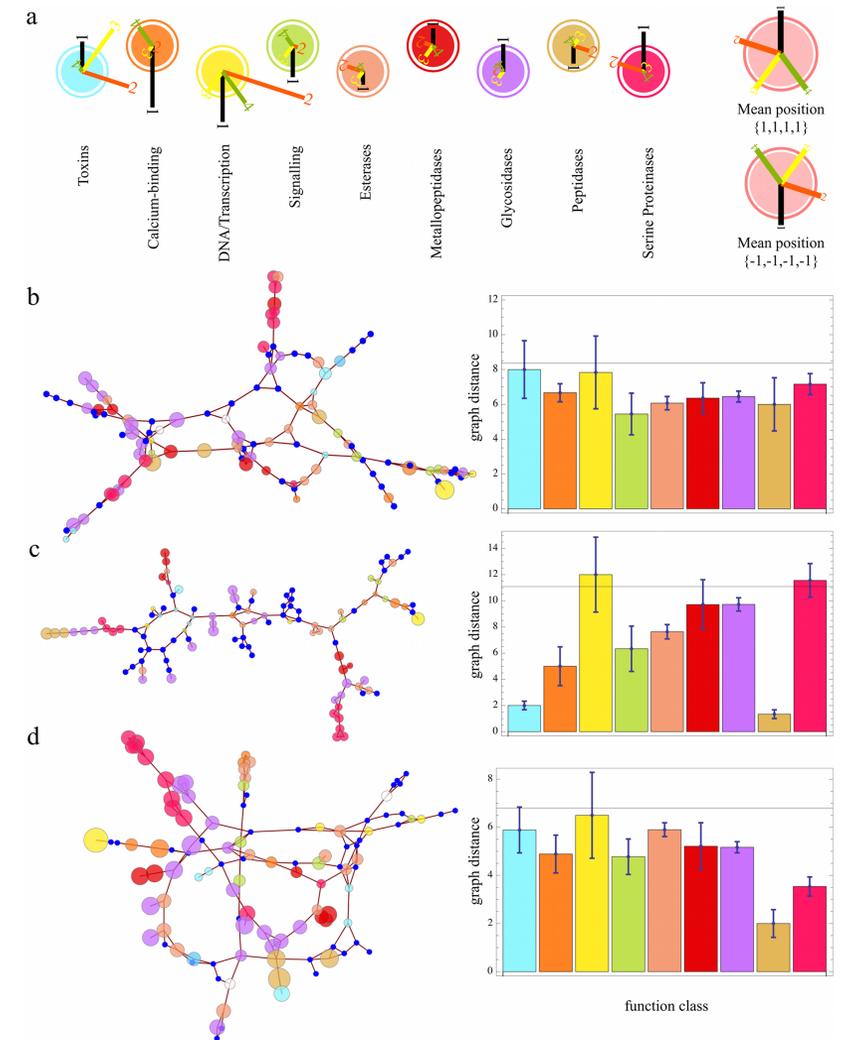
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Constructing the Dynasome

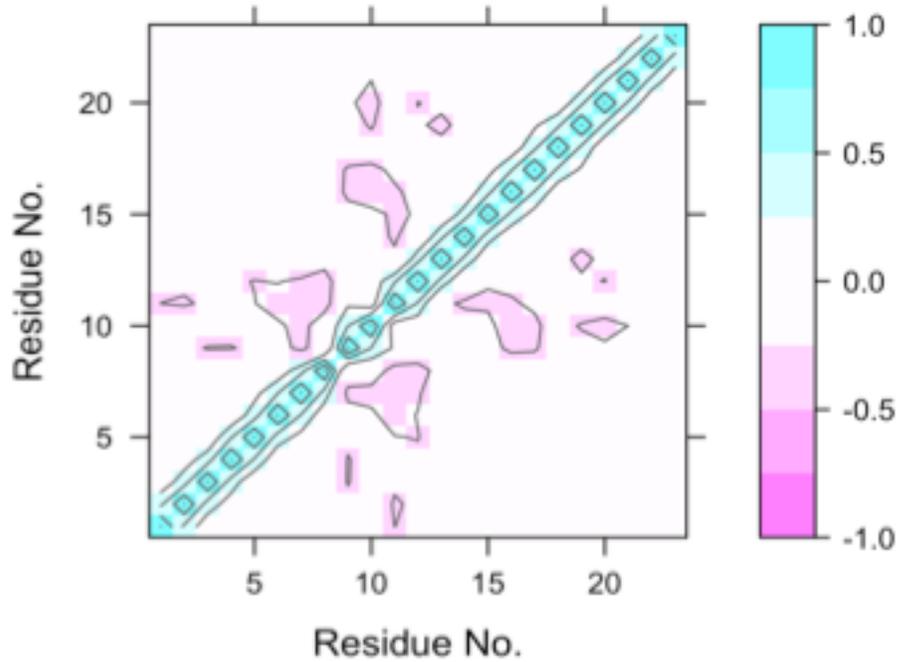
- Construction of a dynamics space based on MD data
- Functionally similar proteins tend to cluster together.
- Dynamics space is continuous.
- Combining structure and dynamics information for prediction of function yielded better results than using either of the two alone.
- Experimental overview:
 - 87 ArchDB Classifications
 - 116 GO Molecular Functions
 - 18 SCOP Fold Families
 - 10 ns NPT production runs in NAMD 2.9 with CHARMM36



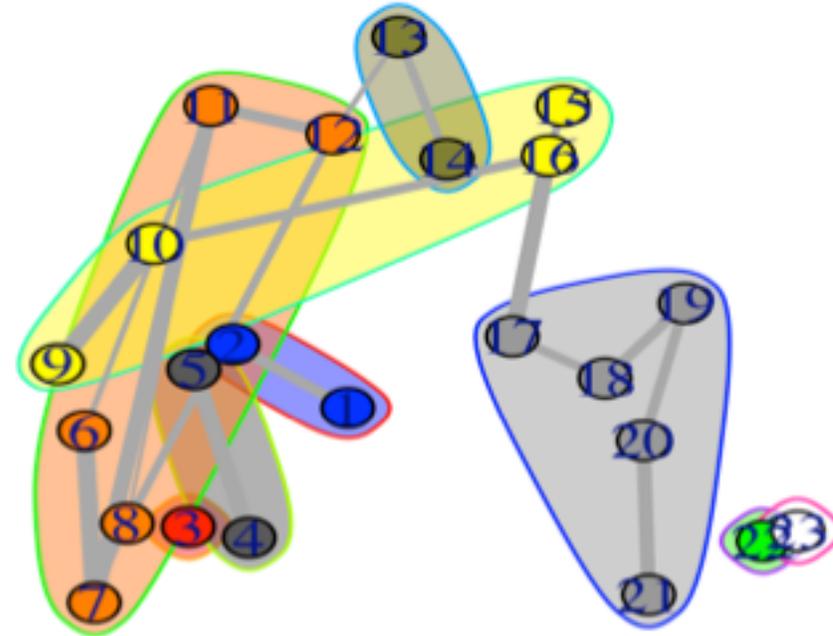
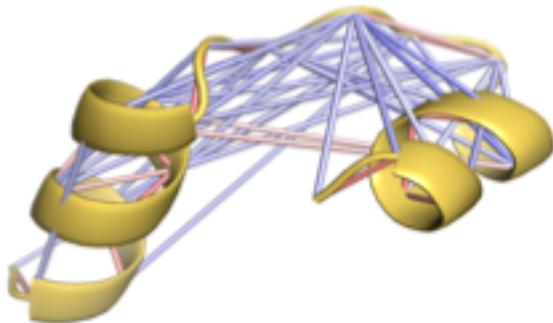
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Phenyl tRNA Synthetase (1B7Y_B_408)

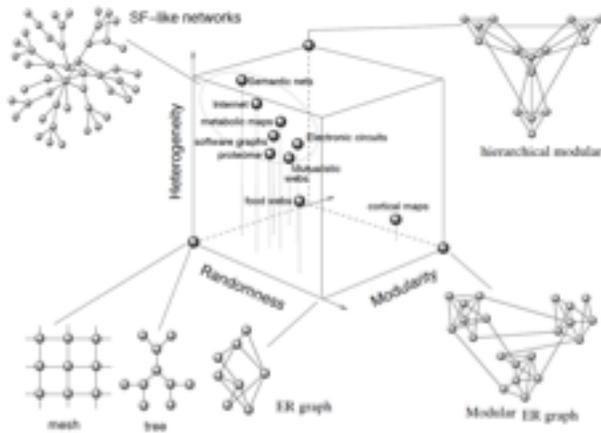
Residue Cross Correlation



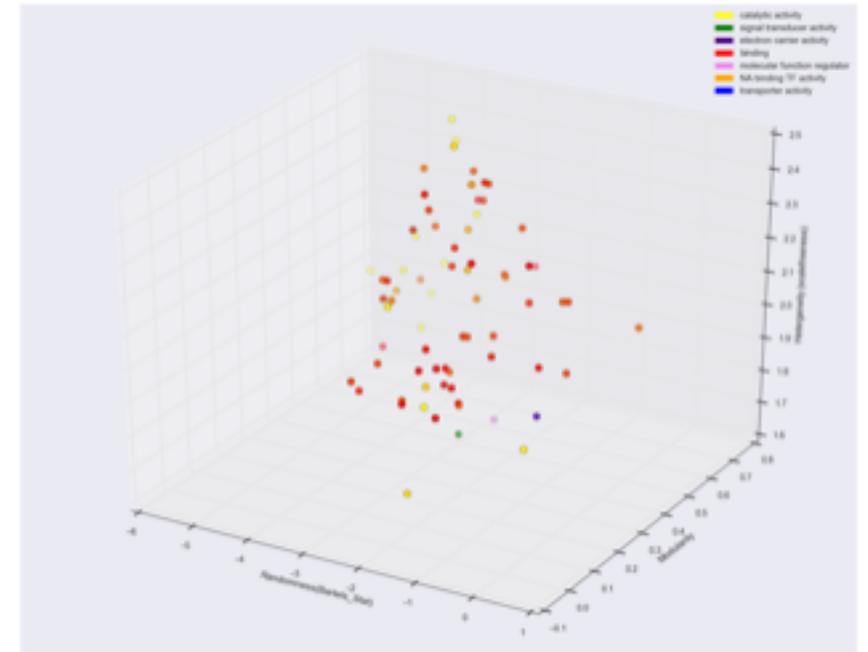
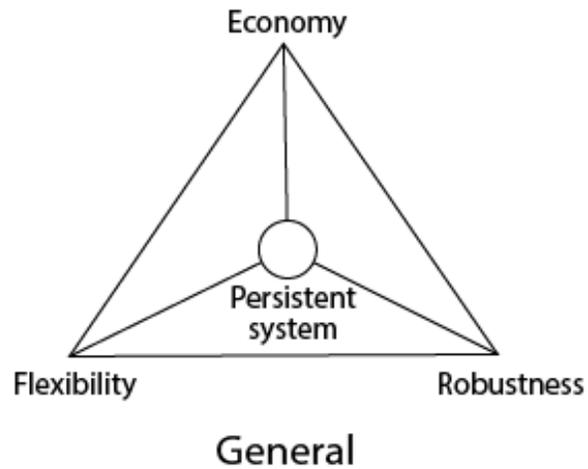
GO:0000049	tRNA binding
GO:0000287	magnesium ion binding
GO:0004826	phenylalanine-tRNA ligase activity



Visualizing the design space of dynamics community networks



Solé, R., & Valverde, S. (2004). *Complex networks*, 189-207.



Future Directions

- Clustering of all simulations based on the dynamical variables
- Devising methods for classifying community structure patterns
- Construct a “structure-evolution” space to complement the dynamics space
- Uniformly sampling more protein loops representative of all protein function classification.
- Longer timescale simulations are pertinent in capturing “slower” dynamics.