

Structural Biology
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Lecture – 41
History of Molecular Visualizations of Biological Macromolecules

Hi everyone, welcome again to the course of structural biology. For the last few modules, we have discussed the core of the course, the structural biology techniques. Now, we are out of that; in this module, we will talk about visualization. So, to start visualization, very interestingly, I will take you to the first slide, which was used to start the course.

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Why we should learn “Structural Biology”?

Seeing is believing

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Kenneth Turnbull

History of molecular visualization

Process details of handling .pdb/.mtz files

Principle behind visualization

Popular Softwares



Why should we learn structural biology? And one of the reasons I started with seeing is believing. I also quoted Kenneth Turnbull, who said a picture is worth 1000 words. Today, I am going to talk about a module which is about visualization. But interestingly, when I started, I talked about picture visualization. Now, it is not limited to visualizing the picture; through the course, I have shown a lot of movies.

So, first of all, the techniques have improved a lot, the computational power improved and. So, today I will talk about visualization, but the whole module includes the history of molecular visualization because it is very interesting for you to know about how actually the visualizing happened from where it started from where people started the idea of making it under computation, what they did before computation all would be under the history of molecular visualization then process details of handling pdb and mtz files.

In the last modules, we discussed the structure, which is deposited under pdb and mtz; what was the electron density you will get? So, for an X-ray crystallographic structure for cryoelectron microscopy, you will need an electron density map we will talk about them. Then we will talk about the principle behind visualization what are the type of analysis we do, and what they are having an impact on the application. And then, we will discuss popular softwares like COOT, and PyMOL; why COOT and PyMOL? I will describe that also. So, let us welcome the history of molecular visualization of biological macromolecules.

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Why do we need Visualization:

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So, as I talk, why do we need visualization? Since learning is abstract, especially when dealing with what we cannot see, we have discussed the power of an eye. So, what is not coming under the power of an eye, we need some instrumentation starting from a simple lens, going to compound microscope, electron microscope getting more powerful resolution, other spectroscopic signals which will give us information all those comes under this.

If we could see that, we could merge them in microscopy; if we cannot see them, we take the information and build up the models. Computer modeling has provided a window to unseen and transformed science research. So, before a lot of things, people have to imagine themselves. But now, with the advent of high-resolution microscopy, spectroscopy, and computation, we can see the unseen. The gap between the research lab and the science classroom is getting smaller.

So, one thing was what the scientists were doing, what they saw, can the students could see them it was not possible, sometimes it was very expensive, the setups of the instruments. So, how the journey happened is the topic of today.

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Introduction:

Before computer visualization softwares were developed, molecular structures were presented by physical models of metal wires, rods and spheres

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The computer graphics helped analyze and compare protein structures to gain protein functions. It is applicable to all biological macromolecules, but as I always say, protein is a functional molecule. So, a lot of interests are always there in focus to the protein. Molecular visualization helps scientists and biomedical experts study, understand, and engineer biological macromolecules.

So, as I told in the previous modules, structural information is vital, but being able to look at it in high resolution is always helping our imagination power to be used at a higher level, and from understanding the system understanding a protein, DNA and all to engineer them comes from that concept, when we see them, when we compare between them when we compare between as we say when we imagine the comparison was difficult.

But when you are comparing, initially we are comparing between, let us say an apple with a pineapple and then we are comparing between an apple and an orange. And now we are getting the opportunity to compare apples and apples. That is where we are fortunate we could see them, we could compare them in front of us, and from there understand the real system. Because we have now a very good understanding of the real system we are going to engineer them.

A brief that I will talk about in the protein engineering part of the course, the user-friendly graphic interface makes the area of bioinformatics a fulfilled scientific thrill to bioscientists.

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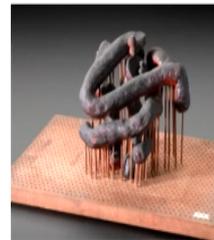
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The forest of rods obscured the view of the model and made it hard to adjust, it is much more difficult when than what we do nowadays a computer model. Its size made it cumbersome and problematic to move, so it stayed in one place. Because it is heavy, you cannot take it in the class. So, as I start with a difference between where the work is going on and where the model is established, from where the students are coming, there was a gap.

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These contour lines were then traced onto transparent plates (3 x 3 feet) The plates were mounted vertically, equally spaced, creating a sliced three dimensional electron density map

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A Kendrew-style model is on display at the US National Institutes of Health Museum, Building 10 (near the Lipsett Auditorium), Bethesda MD US

This model, built with a Richards box (no longer in existence), represents the Fab fragment of an antibody MoPC603, built by Eduardo A. Padlan in 1974

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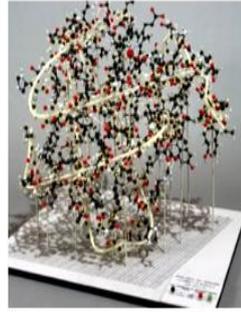
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Physical "Ball and Spoke" Models

After Kendrew *et al.* solved the structure of myoglobin, they built a physical "ball and spoke" model

Eric Francoeur has provided an illustrated account of this era, "**A. A. Barker's Models of Myoglobin**"

Twenty-nine of these models were sold to researchers around the world in the 1960's, manufactured by **Beevers Miniature Models**, an outfit still offering a variety of protein models today, including custom proteins



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As you could see 29 of these models were sold to researchers around the world in the 1960's manufactures by Beevers Miniature Models and Outfit still offers a variety of protein models today, including custom proteins. So, the company is still there, but at that time making them contributed to science because scientists were looking at that and designing further experiments so it was very important. Now, it is not so important, because thanks to the improvement of computational modeling, but still for educational purposes, to make people interested in protein, related structure, and related work, these models are indispensable.

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Byron's Bender:

Byron Rubin, while working as a crystallographer with Jane Richardson in the early 1970's, invented a machine for bending wire to follow the backbone trace of a protein. (Rubin & Richardson, 1972)

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These models were large and cumbersome the small backbone wire models from Byron's Bender were the most manipulable and portable models available at the time. So, as I told you when I was talking about the previous models, the previous models are made up of metal and also they were very heavy, very difficult to carry and all Byron's Bender makes a revolution in comparison to that.

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While comparing these physical models at the meeting, they realized that both proteins use a similar fold, despite having only about 9% sequence identity. So, at that time, as I told you the computational analysis, computational alignment, sequence alignment, structure alignment, and structure comparison were not available. So, David Davies's group, they have solved the immunoglobulin structure, and David Richardson's group, they have solved the superoxide dismutase.

But when both the structures are given to them, Byron's Bender they have developed the models, you look at the physical model and you realize them these 2 models are very similar. So, the folds are similar, though the sequence is very dissimilar, and only 9% sequence identity is available. So, this is not only helping you to learn, this is helping you to understand science. This is one of the major break-through where understanding the sequence to fold there is always thought about the correlation between sequences.

If there is a high identity, there is a chance of having a similar fold but it could be otherwise also, a similar fold could be found without having sequence identity. Byron's Bender has helped scientists looking at that, physically get a view and understand.

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Aside from the importance of the tactile as well as visual input these models provide, another of their great strengths is that they jiggle and vibrate when fondled, they are by simulated thermal motion show I just tried to help you understand that. So, those are light wires light means light with wire. So, depending on how the side chains are they respond to force. So, suppose this is one branch and that is another if this is having bigger amino acids, this is having lighter or smaller amino acids.

They would like to jiggle and vibrate differently giving an idea about the thermal motion. Too often, users of computer models lose sight of the fact that protein molecules in living systems are constantly flexing due to thermal motion, but these models help you understand them physically.

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Molecular Sculpture:

Shortly after conceiving the idea for his Bender, crystallographer Byron Rubin realized that the machine used in Midas Muffler shops to customize automobile tailpipes operated on a similar principle, but at larger scale

He collaborated with the local shop to construct a backbone sculpture of rubredoxin about 5 feet high from stainless steel tailpipe

Rubin's rubredoxin sculpture (not shown) won the Chandler competition at the University of North Carolina in 1973, and since then has stood in the lobby of the Paul M. Gross Chemistry Building at Duke University, Durham NC USA

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Other molecular sculptors:

Sculptor **Bathsheba Grossman** renders proteins within glass blocks --He makes "**laser crystals**" in which the macromolecule (DNA double helix shown at left and right) is represented by tiny laser-induced fractures within a glass block



Julian Voss-Andreae makes large protein sculptures in metal and other media (see photo at right)



Edgar Meyer makes molecular sculptures in wood, using a computer-controlled milling machine



Kenneth Eward offers a Gallery of Virtual Sculpture and Photography



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Other molecular sculptures, and sculptures made by Bathsheba Grossman render protein within glass blocks, he makes laser crystals in which the macromolecule DNA double helix as you see here, it is represented by tiny laser-induced fractures within a glass block. If you search Bathsheba Grossman you will see a lot of such laser models. They are still working with a lot of people a lot of crystallographer's electron microscopy they used to gift their students or people they want by making those models now.

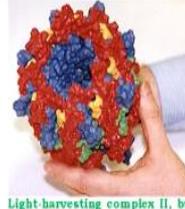
Julian Voss-Andreae makes large protein sculptures in metal and other media. So, this is a model of mating pheromones. Edgar Meyer makes molecular sculptures in wood using a computer-controlled milling machine, so this is the model made by Edgar Mayer. Kenneth, you would offer a gallery of virtual sculpture and photography, but somehow they are not available nowadays but they contribute that time significantly.

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Rapid Prototyping:

In the late 1990's, efforts were begun independently by Michael Bailey (San Diego Supercomputer Center) and Tim Herman (Milwaukee School of Engineering) to use the new engineering technologies of rapid prototyping for building physical models of proteins

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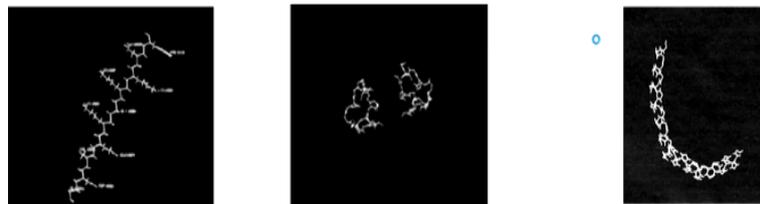
So, this is one they produced which is light-harvesting complex II built at the SDSC tele manufacturing facility and painted by hand according to the actual content. This is ATPase, a molecular motor built at the MSOE of biomolecular modeling and again painted by hand.

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Earliest Computer Representations, 1960's - 1970's:

As early as 1964, Cyrus Levinthal and his colleagues at MIT had developed a system that displayed, on an oscilloscope, rotating "wireframe" representations of macromolecular structures

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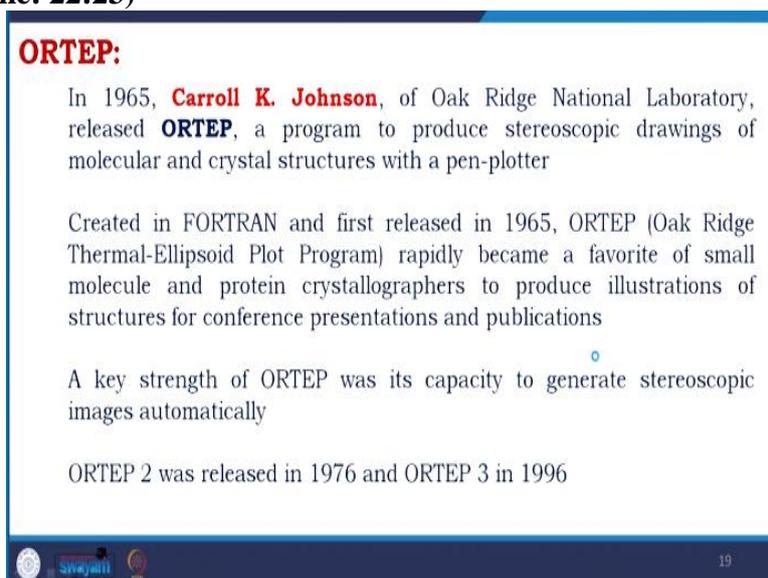


Coming to computer representations, so, what we are looking at, are early representations that are later brought together and made into movies. So, as early as 1964, Cyrus Levinthal and his colleagues at MIT developed a system that displayed on an oscilloscope rotating

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As I told for more on computer rendering you could see Eric Francoeur's gallery you could get many of them, but So, these are examples of how the initial attempt to make structural visualizations and structural graphics was done.

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ORTEP:

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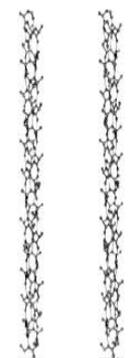
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A letter showing John Kendrew's reaction to the drawings of myoglobin produced by Johnson is a great example to proof the point.

Stereoscopic illustration of the alpha-helix produced with ORTEP



Johnson Carroll K. 1965. ORTEP: A FORTRAN Thermal Ellipsoid Plot Program for Crystal Structure Illustrations. ORNL Report 43794 Oak Ridge, Ten., Oak Ridge National Laboratory

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So, this is the stereoscopic illustration of the alpha helix produced with ORTEP one of the very good examples of how the crystallographic community of that time was excited comes from a letter showing John Kendrew's reaction to the drawings of the myoglobin produced by Johnson.

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Your Sincerely,
John. C. Kendrew

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

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UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE MEDICAL SCHOOL
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21st Feb., 1966

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cc. Dr. Herman Watson

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So, this is the letter I am not going into details the 2 lines indicate dear Dr. Johnson, I have just had a letter from Herman Watson enclosing, your extremely beautiful pictures of myoglobin. I am quite delighted by them and do congratulate you on the quality of the results. So that will help to understand a letter from Kendrew, that time Nobel laureate how excited he was and this is the original letter coming from Kendrew

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In the mid 1970's, a protein structure was solved crystallographically and visualized entirely with computers for the first time (without building a physical Kendrew model) by David and Jane Richardson and colleagues ([Beem et al., 1977, Metal sites of copper-zinc superoxide dismutase, Biochemistry 16:1930](#))

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One of the large advantages was that the computer kept track of the atomic coordinates, whereas atomic coordinates had to be measured manually from a Kendrew model, atom by atom

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In 1977 a **wireframe Atlas of Macromolecular Structure** was published. Also in the late 1970's, Thomas K. Porter [then of the Division of Computer Research and Technology (DCRT), NIH] developed computer algorithms for shaded space filled representations

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TAMS: Teaching Aids for Macromolecular Structure, 1980

DCRT found it to be prohibitively expensive to publish an atlas of computer-generated, space filled images in color

A breakthrough occurred when they learned of an inexpensive cardboard viewer for stereo slides, which would accommodate a pair of 35 mm slides in 2x2 inch mounts

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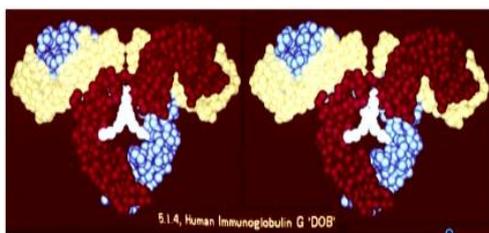


And then comes, TAMS which is called Teaching Aids for Macromolecular Structure. That is one of the initial components of DCRT. DCRT found it to be prohibitively expensive to publish an atlas of computer-generated specific images in color. A breakthrough occurred when they learned of an inexpensive cardboard viewer for stereo slides you could see here in stereo slides and you could get the stereo-specific view which could accommodate a pair of 35-millimeter slides 2 into 2 inches mounts.

This viewer folded flat for convenient enclosure in the cover pocket of the 3-ring binder in which TAMS was distributed. So, even when you get the publication to get the journal you get the viewer in the package so you could see the protein you could get the stereo-specific view.

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The TAMS teaching unit was published in 1980, and included sections on the peptide bond, alpha helix, beta structure, tertiary structure, quaternary structure, prosthetic groups, and active sites

The TAMS unit included 116 stereo pairs of color slides illustrating these sections. A student viewer (Taylor Merchant's patented Stereo 7) was provided, along with 7 pairs of images for each of these sections, representing a 49-image subset of the full 116

Each image was accompanied by a paragraph of description, and a study question

The slide-images were constructed using a frame buffer which had one byte of memory (256 colors only!) for each pixel on a CRT screen

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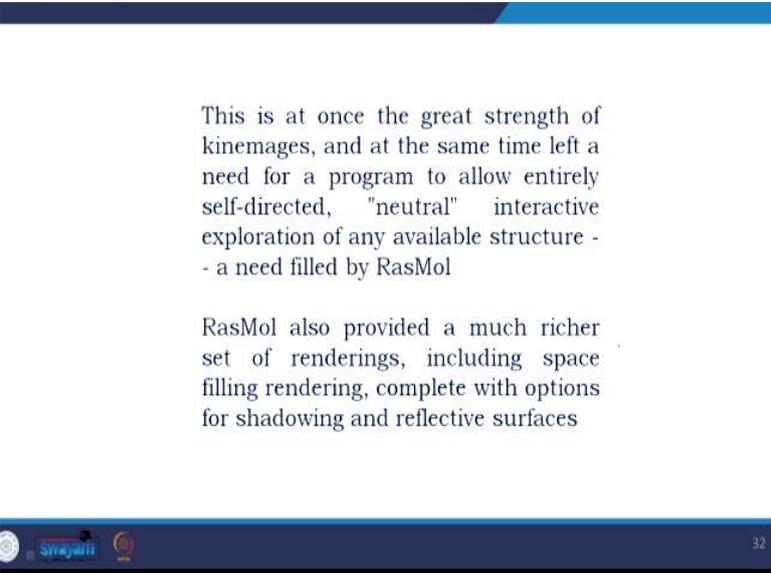
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correlate the structure with function which is the major challenge where we are working as I talked about, we have sequence we have structure and we have function.

When you have to correlate between structure and function, you cannot only generate a total structure, you might emphasize a particular loop, you might talk about one particular active site, one particular amino acid, one particularly interesting part alpha leagues, beta seeds anything or interaction between like and an enzyme between protein DNA, protein RNA, protein-small molecule any salt you want to focus. So, that focus was provided for the first time by the Kinemages.

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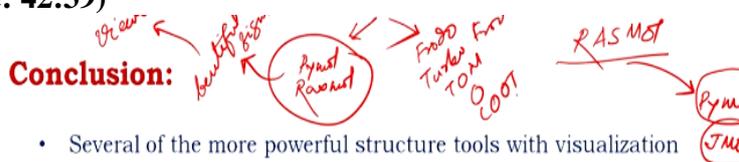
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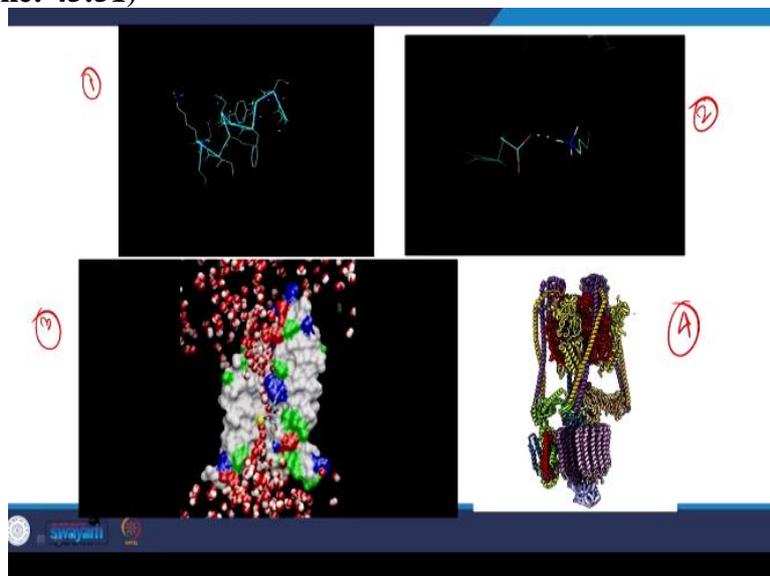
to be named MOL viewer MOL MOL a lot of there was an explosion of different in your techniques.

But if you compare between those techniques, they have 2 definite category one category where PyMOL, RasMol and all of their molecular viewers, they are producing beautiful pictures, beautiful figures so, we call them molecular viewer. And there are another set where it comes like FRODO, Turbo FRODO, Tom O COOT here actually you could work on so, we call them builder. So, one is viewer type up another is builder type up.

And, as I told, I am going to talk about the popular software's one I picked up PyMOL which is again a molecular few are written in Python language and COOT, COOT which is named on a small bird is a builder program and in this current time, it is the most popular molecular builder program. So, those all those software's are instrumental in investigating your structures to convey important and useful information for understanding and designing better experiments.

Ray Trace output is again a revolution the Ray Trace output since for based rendering and artistic flash have given much better quality to the current publication quality structures.

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So, if you look at the movie 1 and movie 2, this is a representation of how you could normally work in PyMOL or how you could work and develop high resolution movies. As I told the current journey is not only restricted to the high quality high resolution static figures,

but we are developing movies which is giving us more insight. So, here is one which is a movie of aquaporin, you see that how the channel is taking part in the flow of water.

And this one the show this if I consider So, 3 aquaporin the fourth one is ATPase which is solved by electron microscopy taking one lakh 0.1 million micrographs and then develop this 3D structure which could move and which shows you the bending the flexibility and all the functional aspects of the structure. So, we have gone through a huge journey starting from the metal mid models, going through better models shifting from there to the Byron Bender.

And there are many other sculptures which contributed in between we shifted it to computer at last and then developing better computer model and current moment. We have very, very high quality movies very, very high quality static pictures which are helping us to understand science in a next level. Not only to as I told you, not only to understand or know about a system, but also designing protein designing, protein engineering is something which is going through its golden era. And a huge thanks to the molecular visualization with that I thank all of you for listening. Thank you very much.