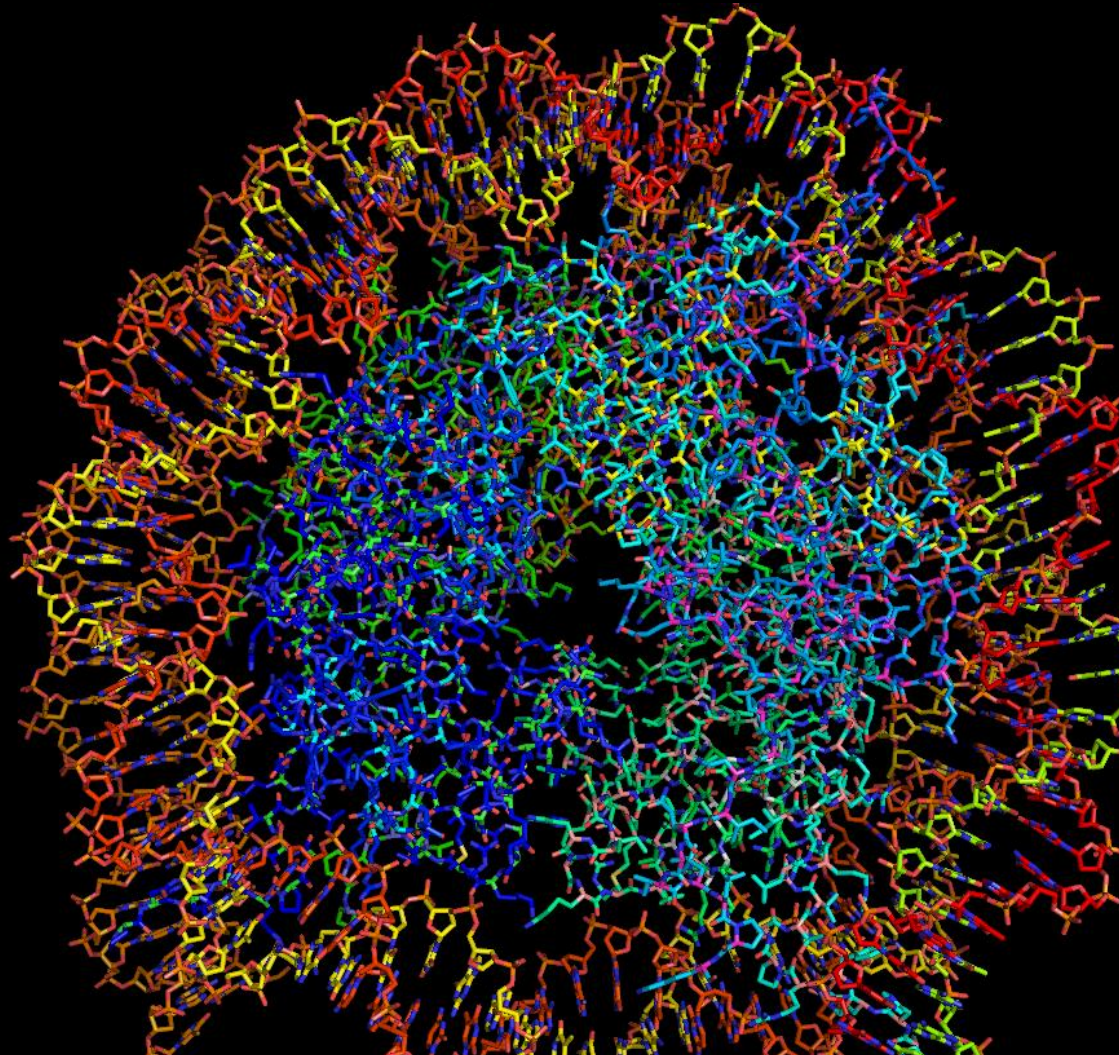


# NUCLEOSOME



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## Nucleosome

A **Nucleosome** is the basic unit of DNA packaging in eukaryotes, consisting of a segment of DNA wound in sequence around eight histone protein cores.

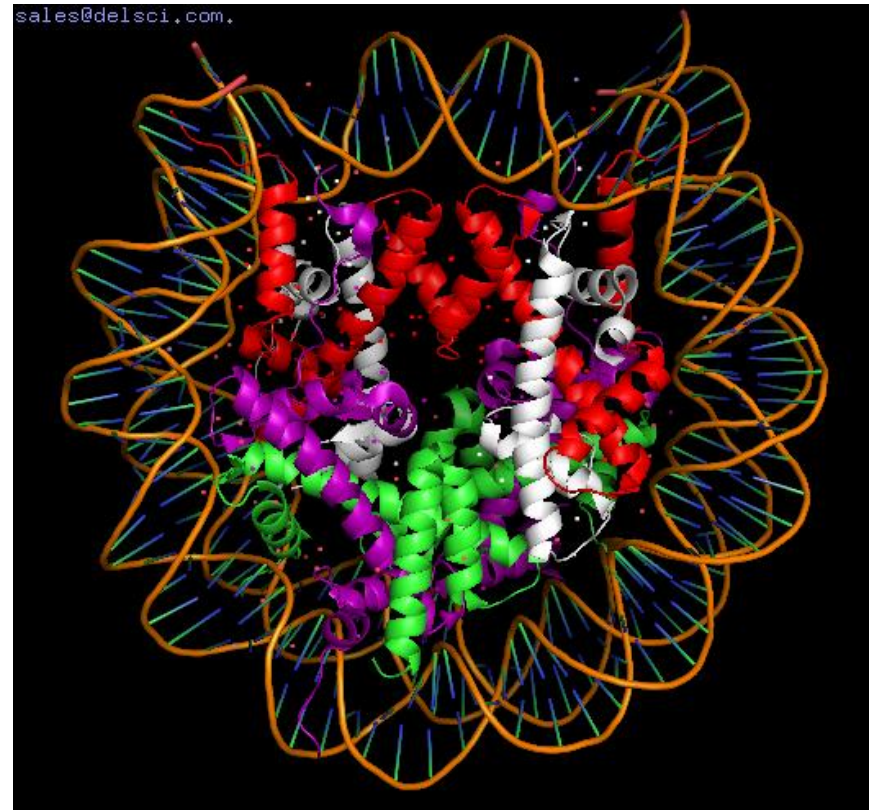


Figure1: nucleosome

## DNA compaction

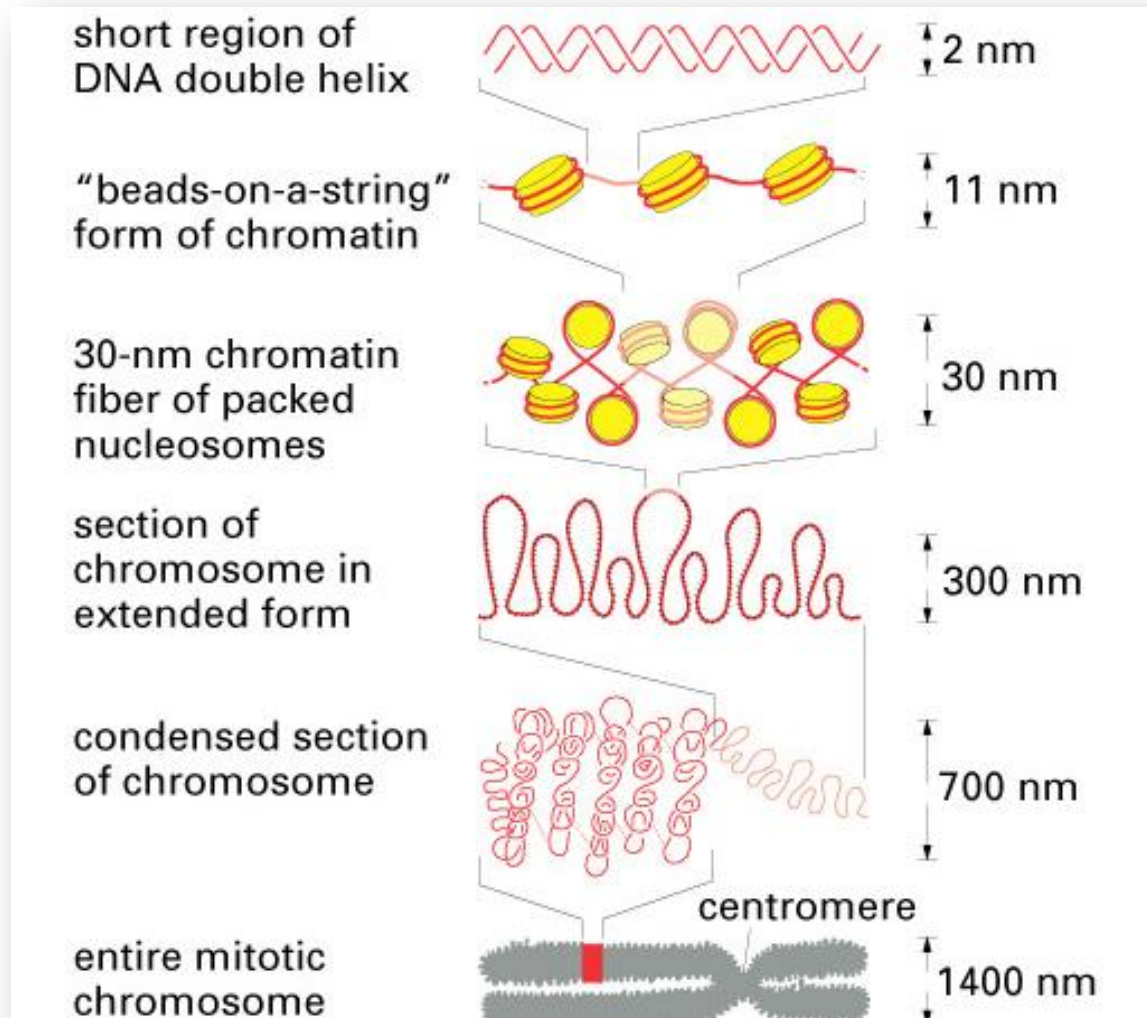


Figura2: levels of DNA condensation in the eukaryotic cell



## Nucleosome's discovery

- 1888, Albrecht Kossel, isolated the histones and he identified them as the basic substances that bind to nucleic acids.
- If the naked DNA is partially digested with a nonspecific endonuclease is obtained a range of polynucleotide fragments.
- Within the chromatin, Kornberg found that roughly 200 bp of DNA are wrapped around an octamer of histone proteins.
- At the same time, images were obtained by electron microscope of fibers extended chromatin.
- In the 1970s, Kornberg discovered the nucleosome as the basic protein complex packaging chromosomal DNA in the nucleus of eukaryotic cells.

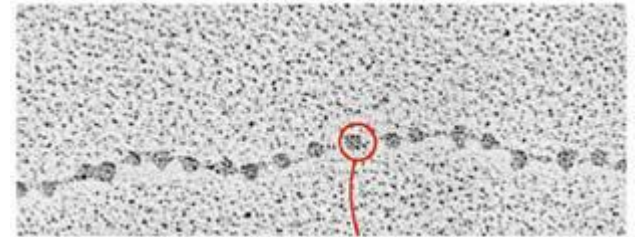


Figure3: Fibers extended chromatin

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### Histones

The highly basic nature of histones, aside from facilitating DNA-histone interactions, contributes to their water solubility.

	Histone3	Histone4	Histone 2A	Histone 2B
Basic residues	24.4%	26.4%	23.3%	24.8%

Normal basic content: 14%

Histones

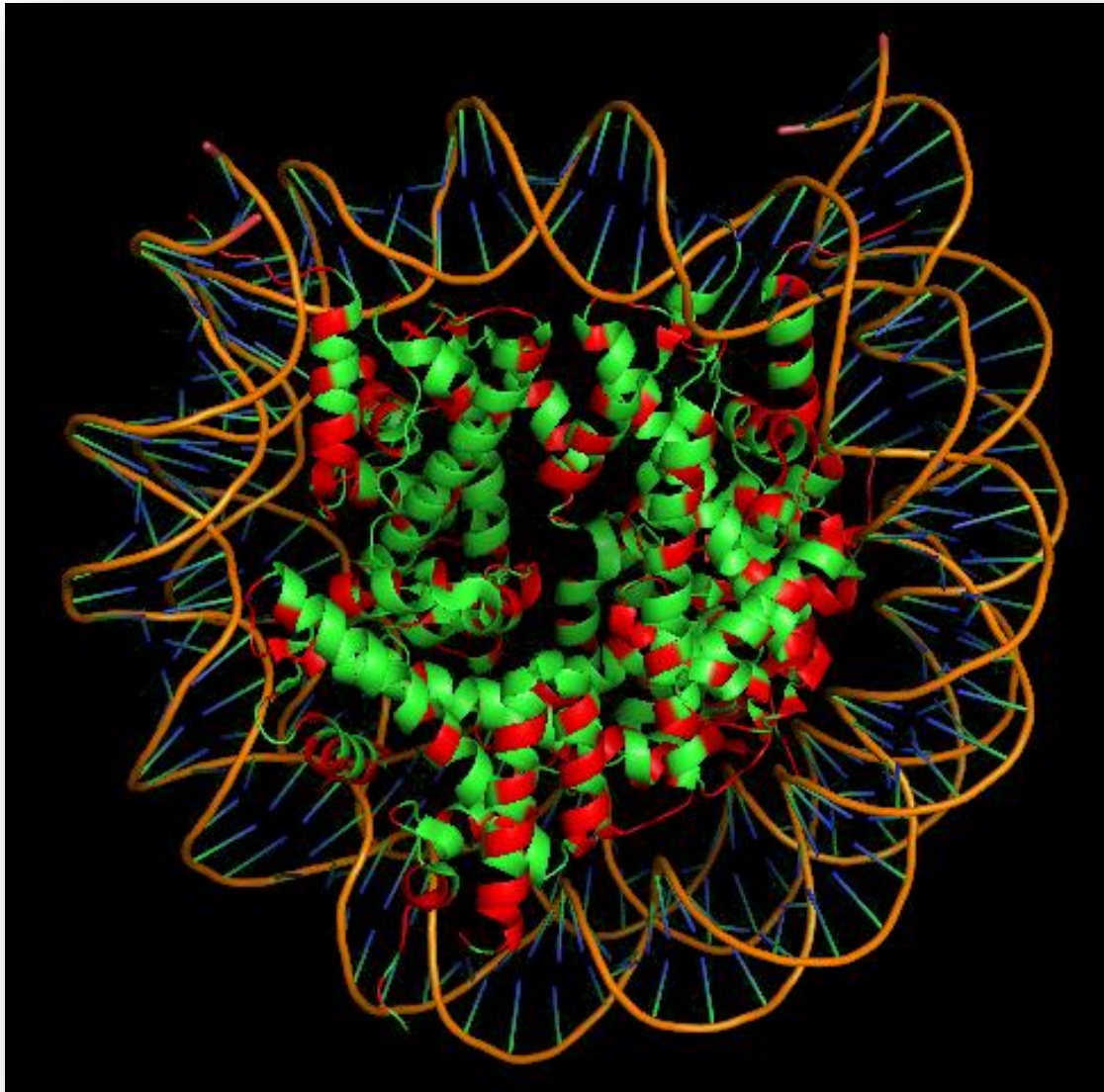


Figure5: histone core: four pairs of histones and 147 bp of DNA (PDBid: 3AFA)

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NCP:

- H2A
- H2B
- H3
- H4
- 147 base pairs of DNA

Linker:

- H1

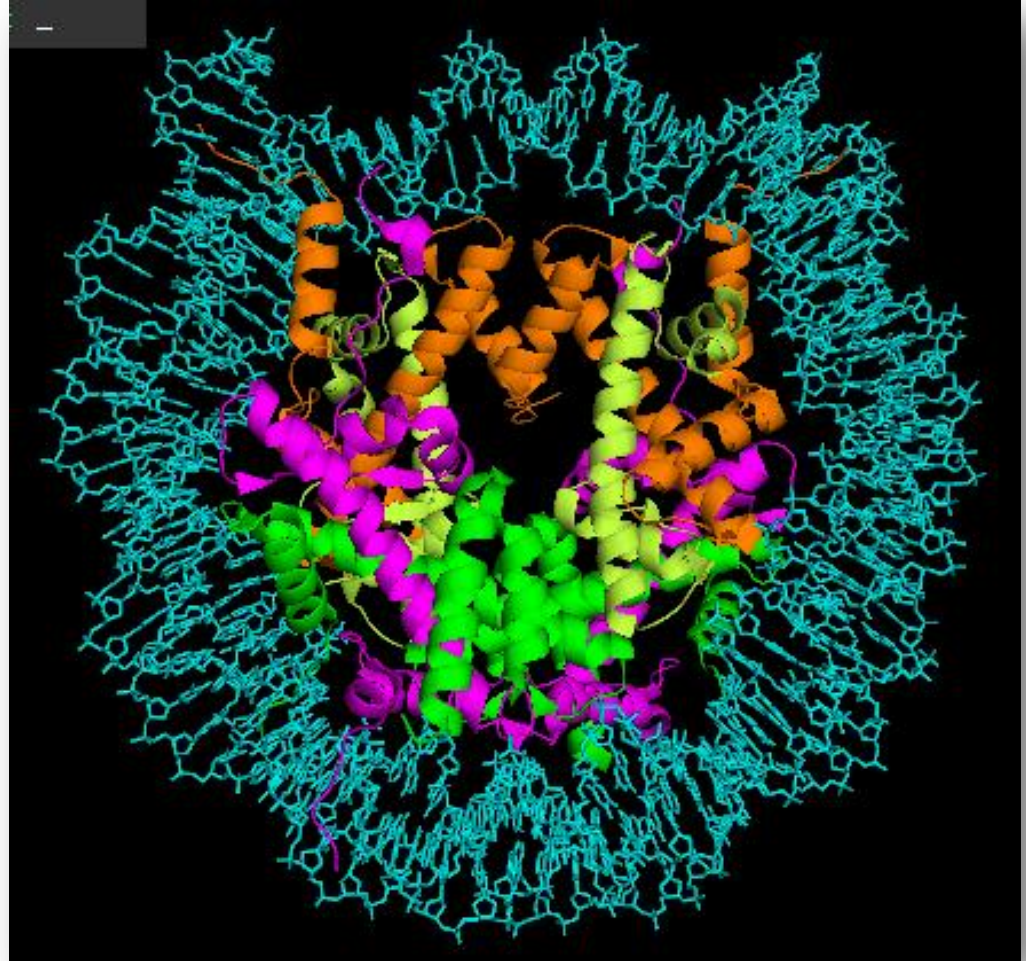


Figura6: histone core: four pairs of histones and 147 bp of DNA (PDBid: 3AFA)



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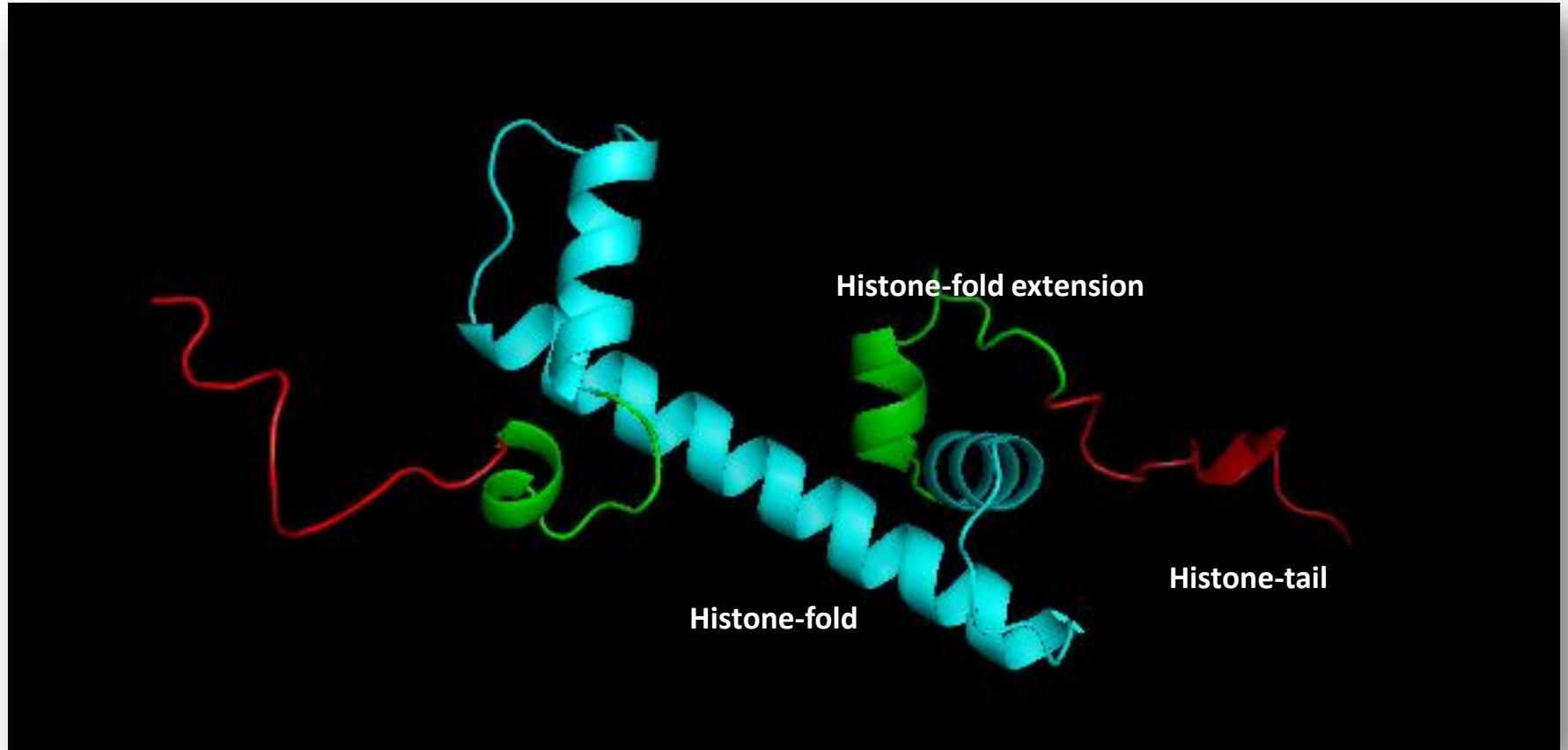


Figura7: Parts of the histone H2A (PDBid:1AOI)

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**SCOP Classification**

- **Class:** All alpha proteins
- **Fold:** Histone-fold
- **Superfamily:** Histone-fold
- **Family:** Nucleosome Core histones

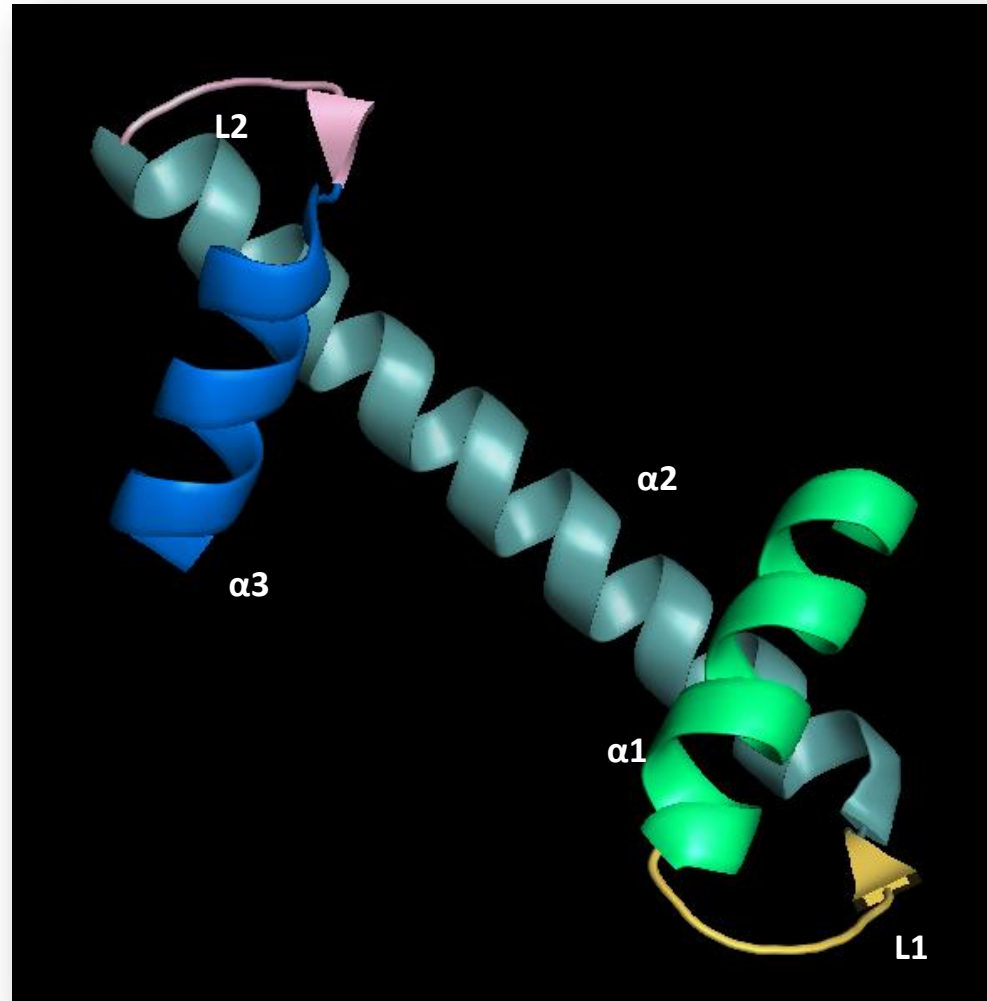


Figura8: Structure form the histone-fold from Histone-3 (PDBid: 3AFA)

## Origin of the histone fold

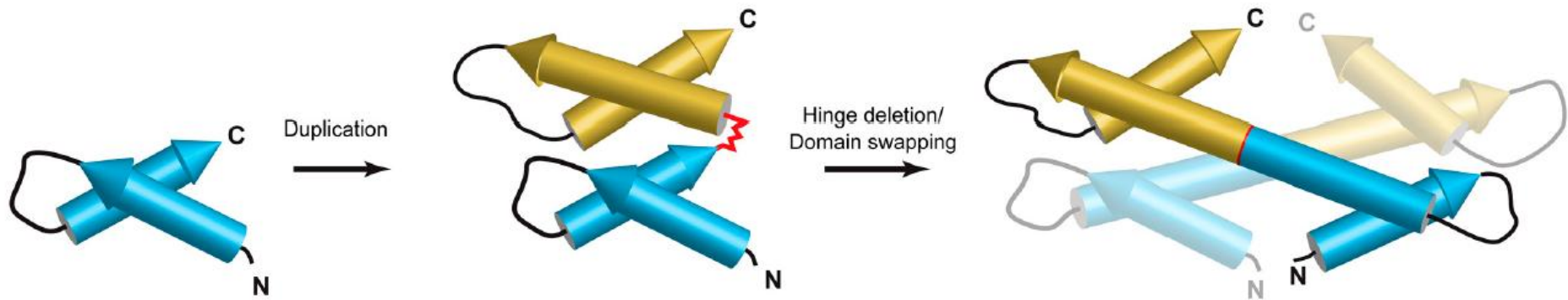


Figure9: Proposed evolutionary trajectory of the histone fold structure.

Hadjithomas M, Moudrianakis E. Experimental evidence for the role of domain swapping in the evolution of the histone fold. PNAS. 2011; 108 (33): 13462-7.

Experimental data suggests that the histone-fold motif appeared from a duplication and 3-D domain swapping of two HSH units.

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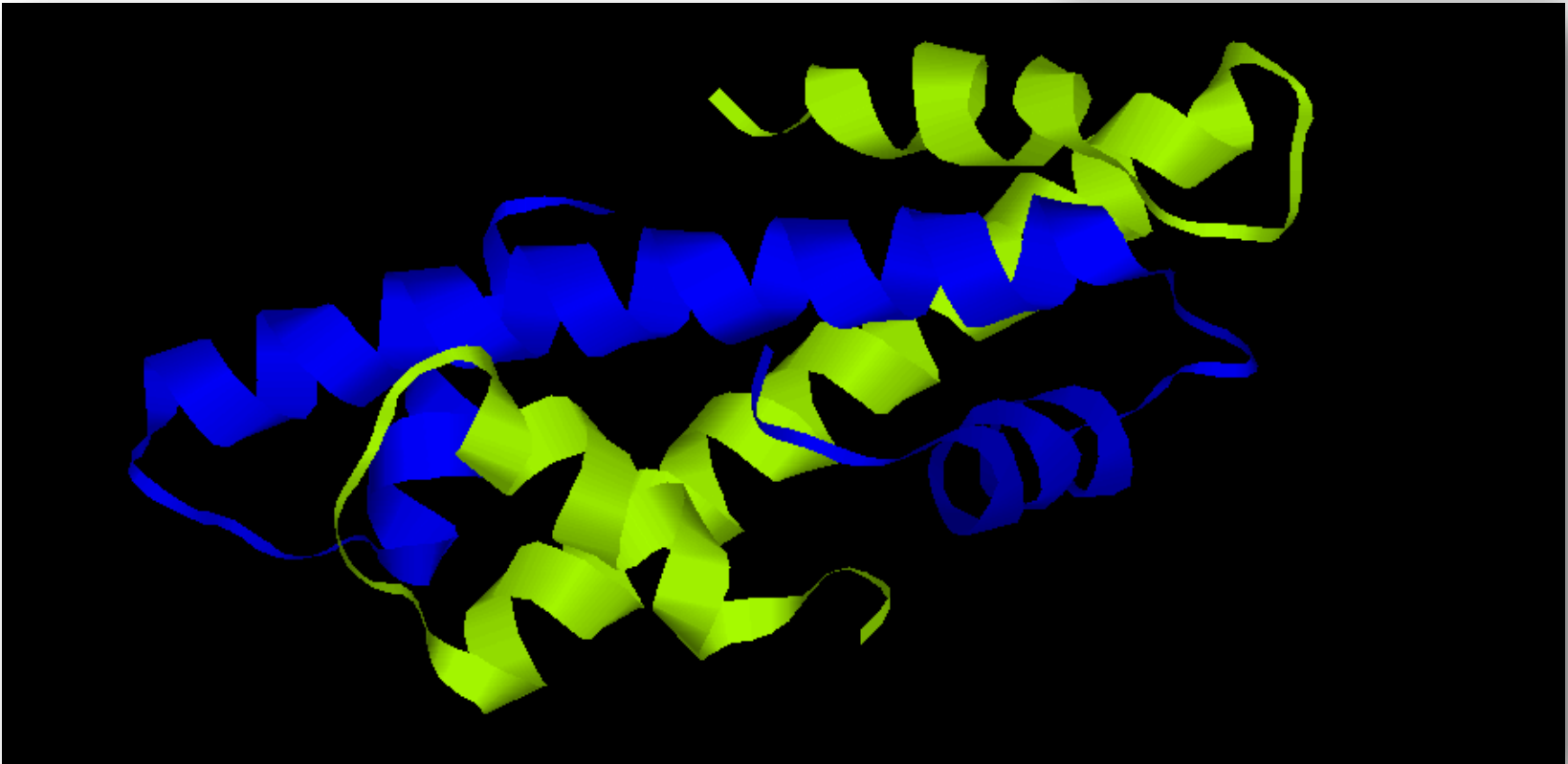
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## Handshake motif



Figure10: *handshake motif*.





## Structure conservation

The histone fold is conserved in the eight nucleosomal histones.

RMSD	SCORE
1.53	8.65



Figure11: superimposition of the 8 core histones (PDBid: 3AFA)

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CLUSTAL W(1.60) multiple sequence alignment

```
H2A      -VGRVHRLLRK-G-N-Y-SERVGAGAPVYLAHVLEYLTAEILELAGNAARDNKKTRIIPRHLQLAIRN-
H2A'     -VGRVHRLLRK-G-N-Y-SERVGAGAPVYLAHVLEYLTAEILELAGNAARDNKKTRIIPRHLQLAIRN-
H2B      -----SIYVYKVLKQVHPDTGISSKAMGIMNSFVNDIFERIAGEASRLAHYNNKRSTITSREIQTAVRLL
H2B'     -----SIYVYKVLKQVHPDTGISSKAMGIMNSFVNDIFERIAGEASRLAHYNNKRSTITSREIQTAVRLL
H3       RKLPPFQRLVREIAQDFKTDLRQSSAVMALQEACEAYLVGLFEDTNLCAIHAKRVTIMPKDIDLARRIR
H3'      RKLPPFQRLVREIAQDFKTDLRQSSAVMALQEACEAYLVGLFEDTNLCAIHAKRVTIMPKDIDLARRIR
H4       -----KPAIRRLARRGGV-KRISGLIYEETRGLVKVFLENVIRDAVITYTEHAKRKTVTAMDVVYALKR-
H4'      -----KPAIRRLARRGGV-KRISGLIYEETRGLVKVFLENVIRDAVITYTEHAKRKTVTAMDVVYALKR-
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Figure12: Multiple sequence alignment from NCP.

## Structure conservation

STAMP Structural Alignment of Multiple Proteins  
by Robert B. Russell & Geoffrey J. Barton  
Please cite PROTEINS, v14, 309-323, 1992

Running roughfit.

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Pair 1	H2A	H2B	7.24	2.08	62	65	62	57	55	0	25.45	100.00	0.00058	
Pair 2	H2A	H3	7.58	1.60	62	68	66	58	57	0	28.07	100.00	0.00026	
Pair 3	H2A	H4	7.13	1.41	62	63	63	50	48	0	12.50	100.00	1.00000	
Pair 4	H2B	H3	8.55	1.34	65	68	65	65	64	0	20.31	100.00	0.00609	
Pair 5	H2B	H4	8.26	1.38	65	63	64	60	59	0	15.25	100.00	1.00000	
Pair 6	H3	H4	7.69	1.39	68	63	65	59	58	0	18.97	100.00	0.03320	

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See file histonefold.3 for the alignment and transformations

Figure13: Output of the structural alignment performed with STAMP (PDBid: 3AFA)

Pairwise alignment shows that H2A is the one that differs the most, while the other three are very similar.

## Structure conservation

However, the sequence conservation is very low.

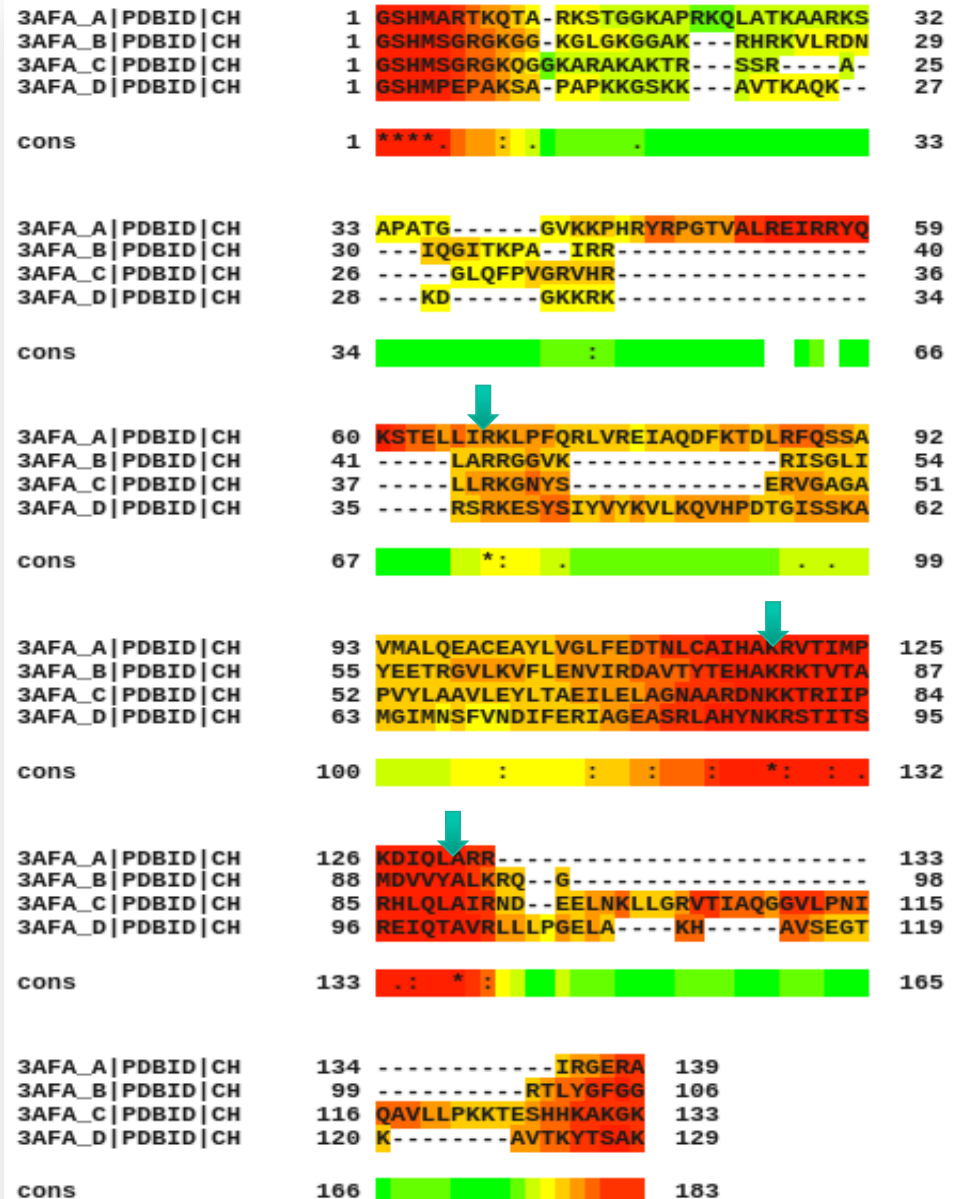


Figure14: Sequence alingment of the four histones in a NCP using the program T-COFFEE (PDBid: 3AFA).



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3AFA_A   PDBID   CH	1	GSHMARTKQTARKSTGGKAPRKQLATKAARKSA	33
3AFA_B   PDBID   CH	1	-----	0
3AFA_C   PDBID   CH	1	-----	0
3AFA_D   PDBID   CH	1	-----GSH	3
cons	1		33
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3AFA_B   PDBID   CH	1	-GSHMSGRGKGGKGLGKGGAKRHRKV-----LRD	28
3AFA_C   PDBID   CH	1	-----GSHMSGRGKGGKARAKAKTRS-----SRA	25
3AFA_D   PDBID   CH	4	MPEPAKSAPAPKKGSKKAVTKAQKKDGKKRKRS	36
cons	34	: . : : :	66
3AFA_A   PDBID   CH	67	RKLPFQRLVREIAQDFKTDLRFQSSAVMALQEA	99
3AFA_B   PDBID   CH	29	NIQGITKPAIRRLARRGGVVKRISGLIYEETRGV	61
3AFA_C   PDBID   CH	26	GLQFPVGRVHRLLRKGNYSERVGAGAPVYLAAY	58
3AFA_D   PDBID   CH	37	RKESYSIYVYKVLKQVHPDTGISSKAMGIMNSF	69
cons	67	.....	99
3AFA_A   PDBID   CH	100	CEAYLVGLFEDTNLCATIAKRVTIMPKDIQLAR	132
3AFA_B   PDBID   CH	62	LKVFLENVIRDAVITYTEHAKRKTVTAMDVVYAL	94
3AFA_C   PDBID   CH	59	LEYLTAEILELAGNAARDNNKTRIIPRHLQLAI	91
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cons	100	: : : : *	132
3AFA_A   PDBID   CH	133	RIRGERA-----	139
3AFA_B   PDBID   CH	95	KRQGRITLYG-----FGG-----	106
3AFA_C   PDBID   CH	92	RNDEELNKLGRVTIAQGGVLPNIQAVLLPKKT	124
3AFA_D   PDBID   CH	103	RLLLPGELAKHAVSEGTKAVTKYTSK-----	129
cons	133	: : : : :	165
3AFA_A   PDBID   CH	140	-----	139
3AFA_B   PDBID   CH	107	-----	106
3AFA_C   PDBID   CH	125	ESHHKAKGK	133
3AFA_D   PDBID   CH	130	-----	129
cons	166		174

Figure15: Sequence alingment of the four histones in a NCP using the program M-COFFEE(PDBid: 3AFA).

## H1 Linker histone

There's no histone-fold structure in H1 Linker histone.

### SCOP Classification

- **Class:** All alpha proteins
- **Fold:** DNA/RNA binding 3-helical bundle.
- **Superfamily:** winged helix DNA binding domain.
- **Family:** Linker histone H1/H5

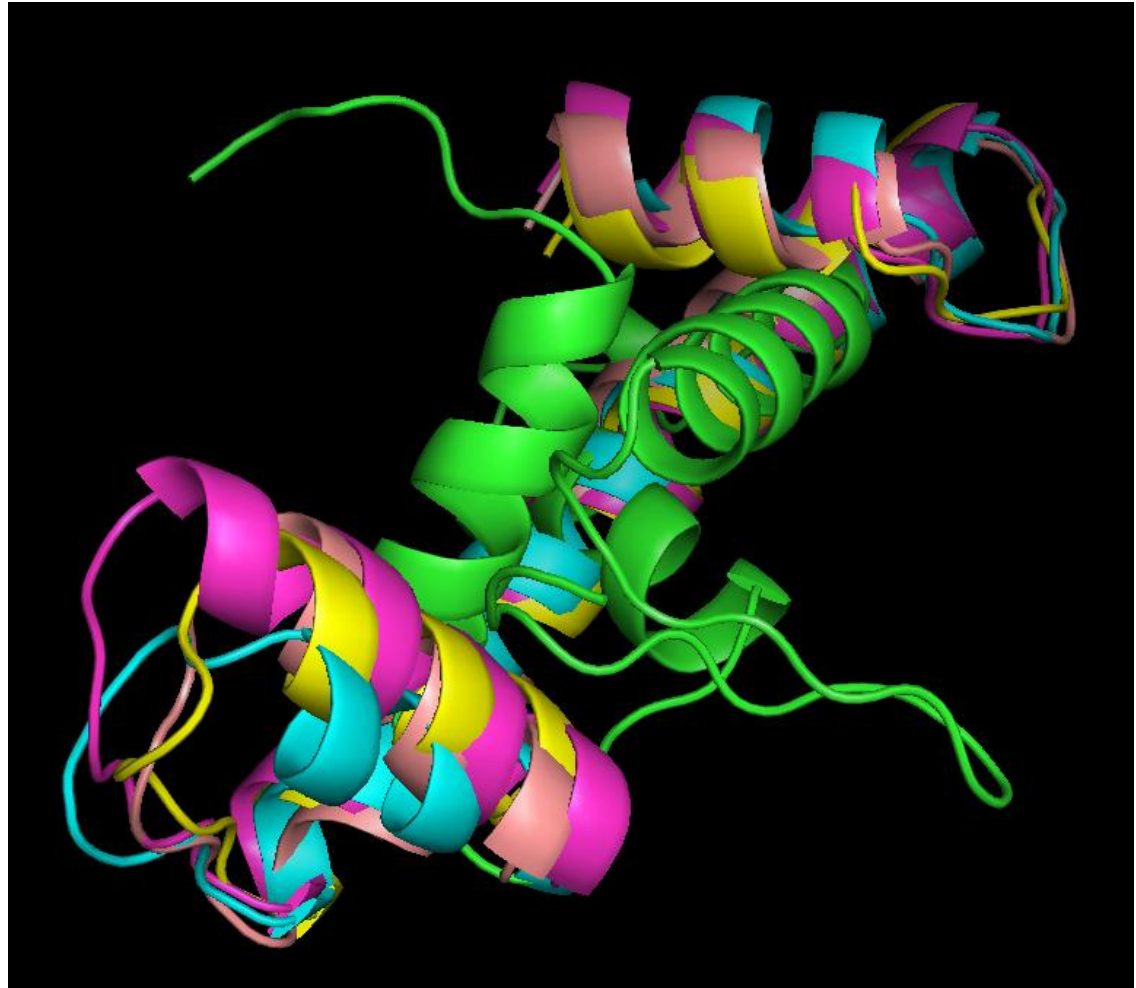


Figura16: Superimposition of the four core histones with the H1 linker.

## H1 Linker histone

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Pair 4	4	H2A	H1	1.49	2.38	62	78	67	25	25	0	4.00	100.00	1.00000
Pair 5	5	H2B	H3	8.55	1.34	65	68	65	65	64	0	20.31	100.00	0.00609
Pair 6	6	H2B	H4	8.26	1.38	65	63	64	60	59	0	15.25	100.00	1.00000
Pair 7	7	H2B	H1	0.32	100.00	65	78	73	2	0	0	0.00	0.00	1.00000
Pair 8	8	H3	H4	7.69	1.39	68	63	65	59	58	0	18.97	100.00	0.03320
Pair 9	9	H3	H1	0.36	100.00	68	78	86	2	0	0	0.00	0.00	1.00000
Pair 10	10	H4	H1	0.70	1.55	63	78	84	7	6	0	16.67	100.00	1.00000

LOW SCORE

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See file stamp\_h1.3 for the alignment and transformations

Cluster: 4 ( H1 & H2A H4 H2B H3 ) Sc 1.60 RMS 3.47 Len 80 nfit 11

See file stamp\_h1.4 for the alignment and transformations

LOW SCORE

Figura17: STAMP from four histone core with histone 1.

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## H1 Linker histone

CLUSTAL W(1.60) multiple sequence alignment

```
H1      EASSKSYRELIIEGLTALKERKG-----SSRP-ALKKFIK
H2A     -----VGRVHRLLRK---GNYAERVGAGAPVYL--AAVLEYLT-
H3      -----KLPFQRLVREIAQDFKTDLRFQSSAVMAL--QEASEAYL-
H2B     -----Y-AIYVYKVLK-Q---VHPDTGISSKAMSIM--NSFVNDVF-
H4      -----KPAIRRLAR-R---GGV-KRISGLIYEET--RGVLKVFL-
```

```
H1      ENYPIVGSAS-N-----FDL--YFN--NAIKKGVEAGDFEQPKGPAGAVKLAKK
H2A     ---AEILELAGNAARDNKKTRIIPRH-LQLA-VR-----
H3      ---VALFEDTNLCAIHAKRVTIMPKD-IQLARRIR-----
H2B     ---ERIAGEASRLAHYNKRSTITSRE-IQTAVRLL-----
H4      ---ENVIRDAVTYTEHAKRKTVTAMD-VVYALKRQ-----
```

Figura18: CLUSTAL. Estructural alignment



## Structure conservation

Lys49 and Ala61\* are the only two very conserved residues

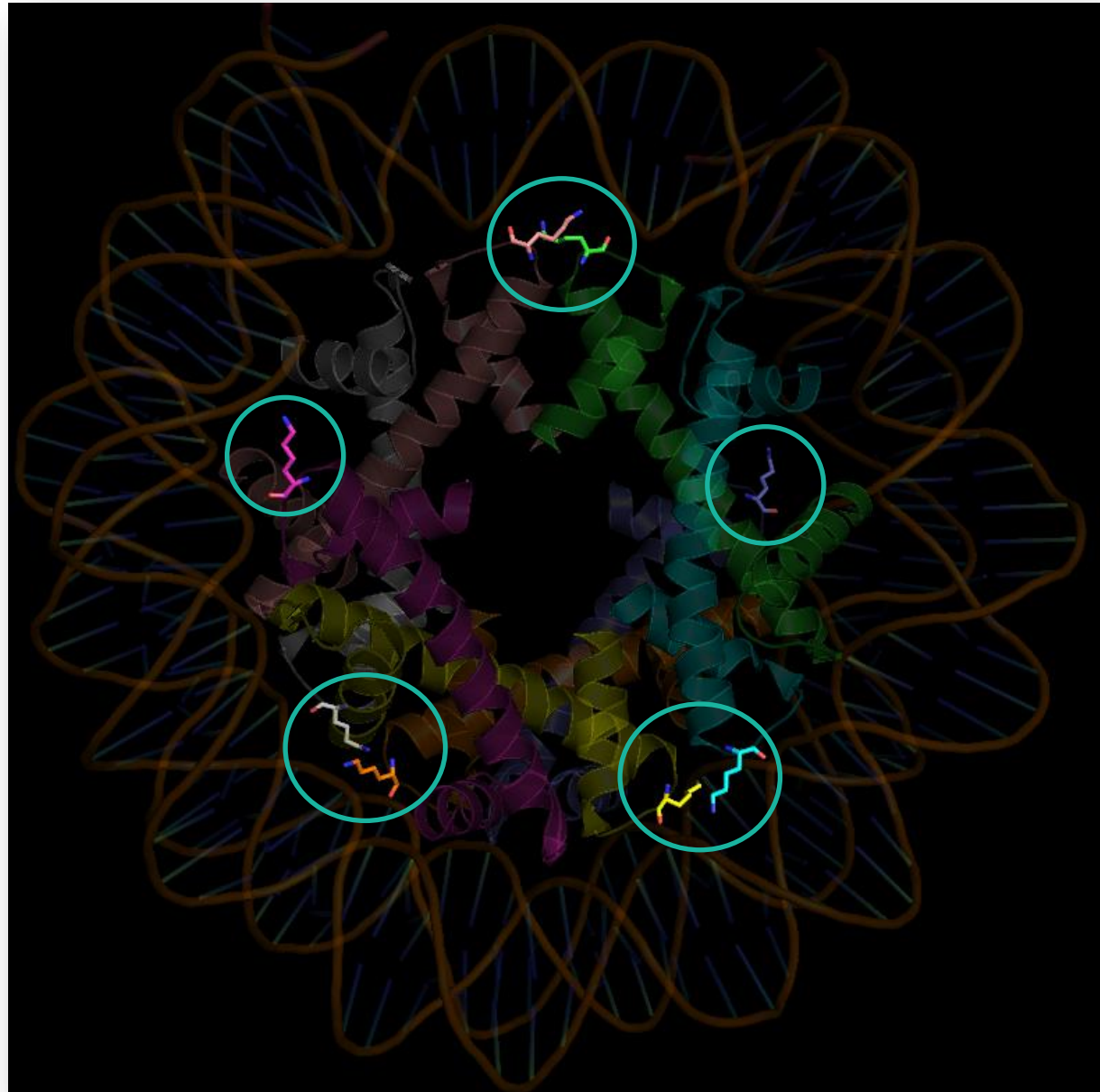


Figure19: Lys49\* sequence conservation, shown in the nucleosome structure.

\* Being 1 the first residue of each histone-fold sequence

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STAMP LYS

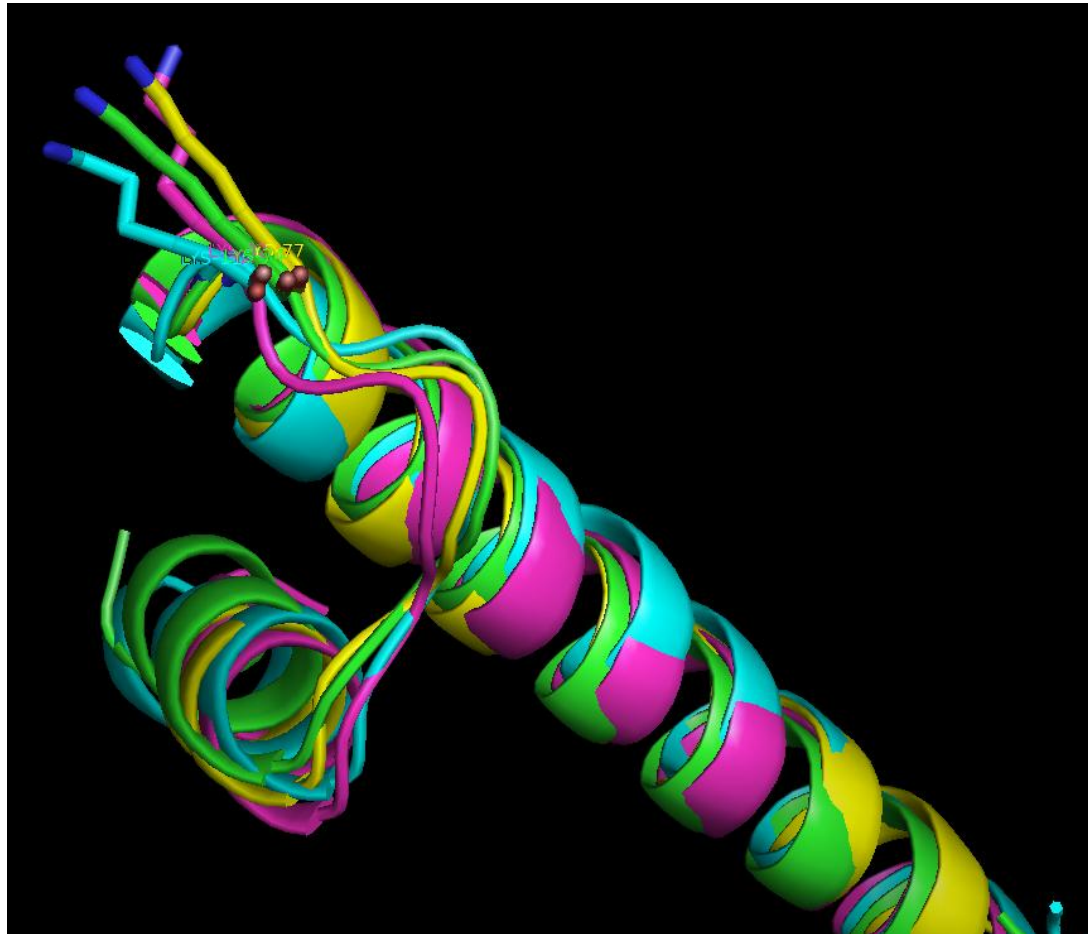


Figura20: STAMP. LYS.

## Structure conservation

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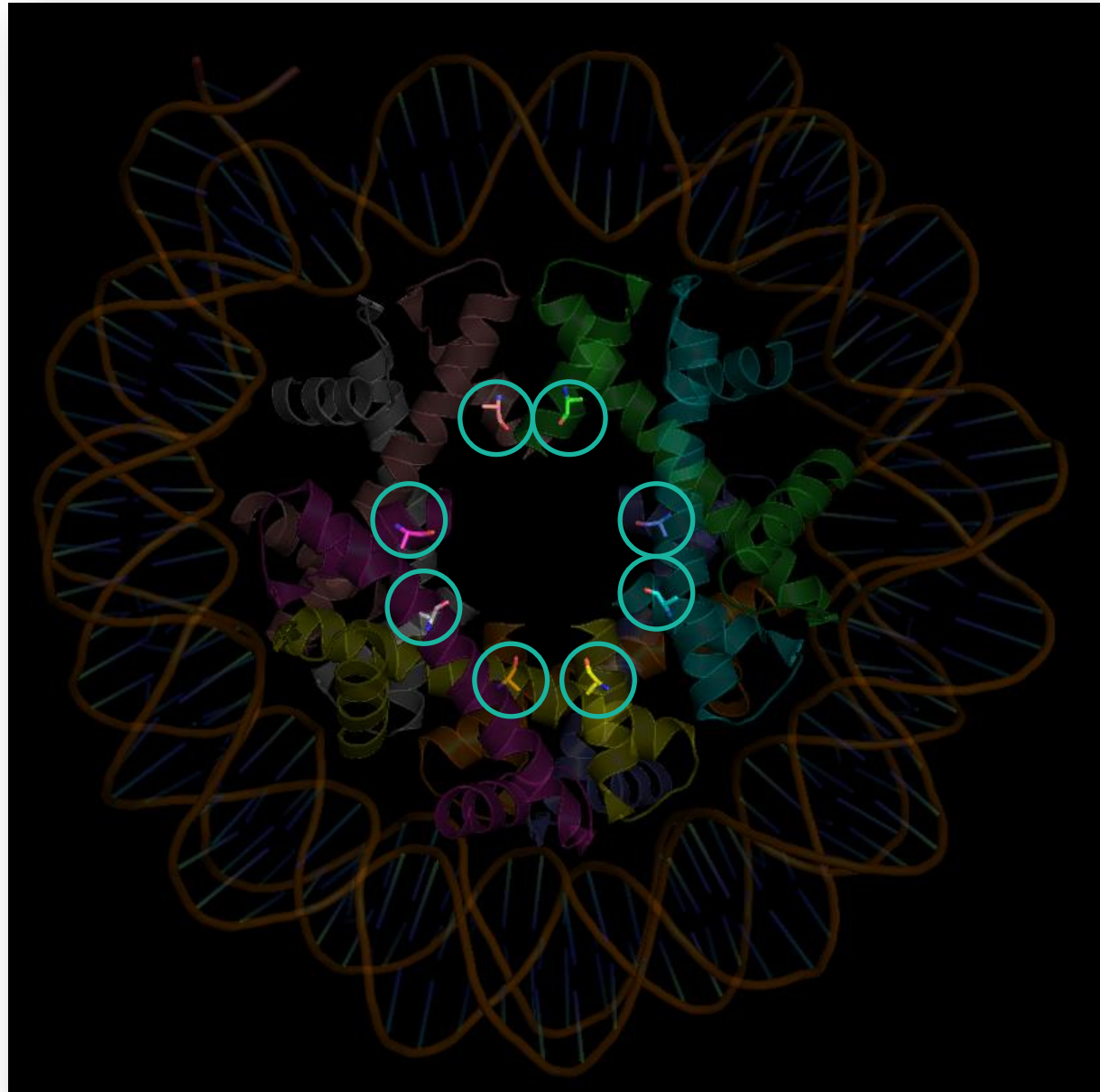


Figure21: Ala61\* sequence conservation, shown in the nucleosome structure.

\* Being 1 the first residue of each histone-fold sequence

## Histone-fold in other proteins

### Family:

1. Nucleosome core particles
2. Archeal histone
3. TBP-associated factors
4. Archeal histone-fold protein

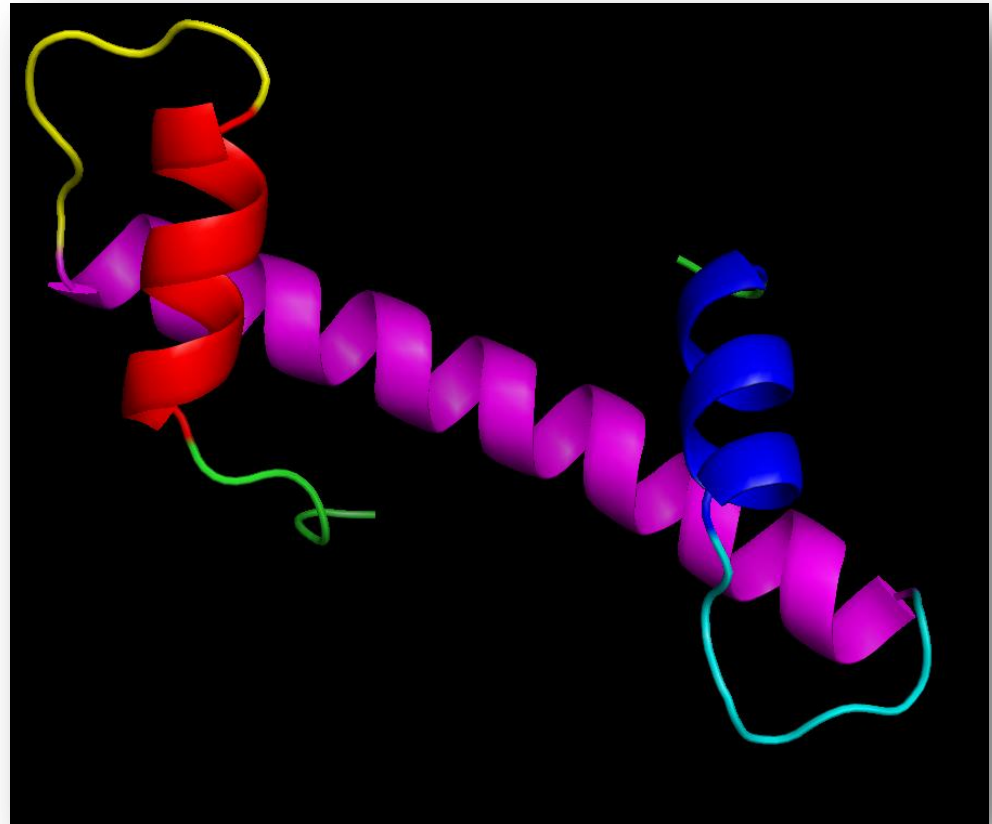


Figure22: Archeal histone A, *Methanothermobacter thermautotrophicus* (PDBid: 1HTA)



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4. Archeal histone-fold protein

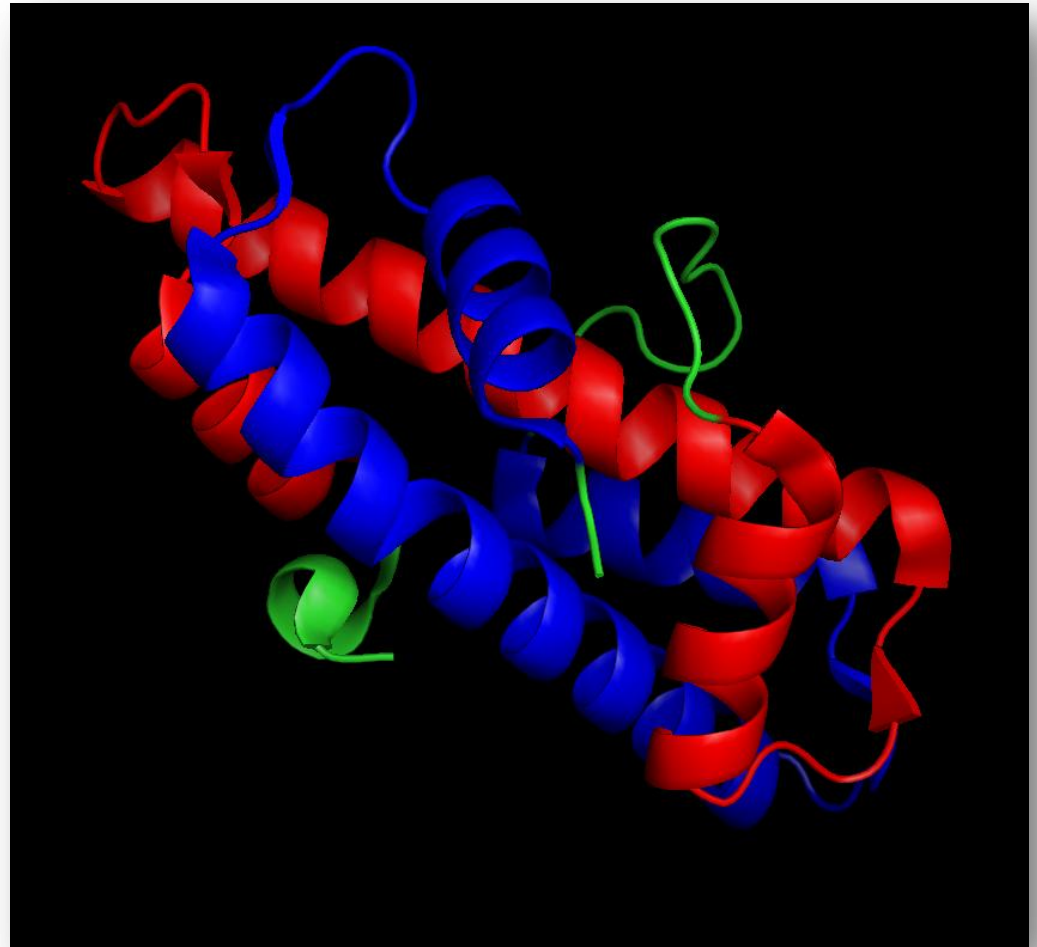


Figure23: Archeal histone-fold protein (PDBid: 1F1E)

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1. Nucleosome core particles
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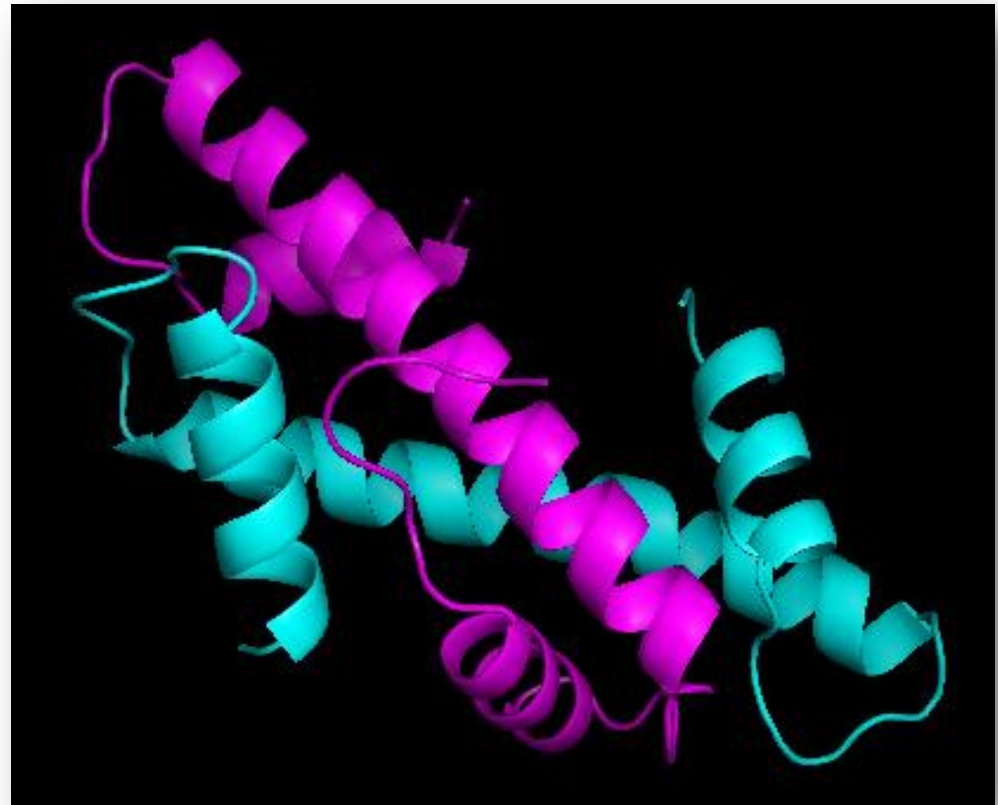
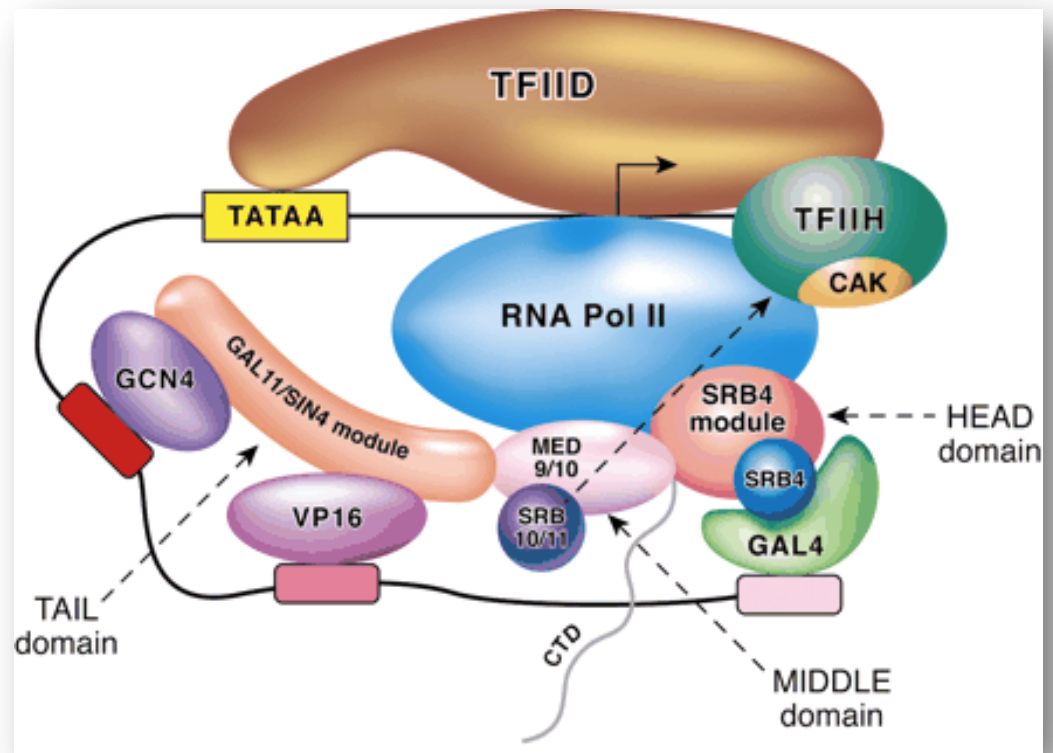


Figure24: TFIID TBP Associated Factor (PDBid: 3TAF)

## TBP Associated Factor (TAFs)

TAF are important coactivations  
an core promoter recognition  
factors.



**Figure25. Transcription complex.**

Lewis B, Reinberg D. *The mediator coactivator complex: functional and physical roles in transcriptional regulation*. Journal of Cell Science. 2003; 116: 3667-75.

**TBP Associated Factor (TAFs)**

Figure26. STAMP. Four histone core with TAFs

**Quaternary structure**

- **Protein-protein interaction**
  - Histone dimerization
  - Histone tetramerization
  - Histone octamer
- **Protein-DNA interaction**
  - $\alpha 1\alpha 1$  motif
  - L1L2 motif

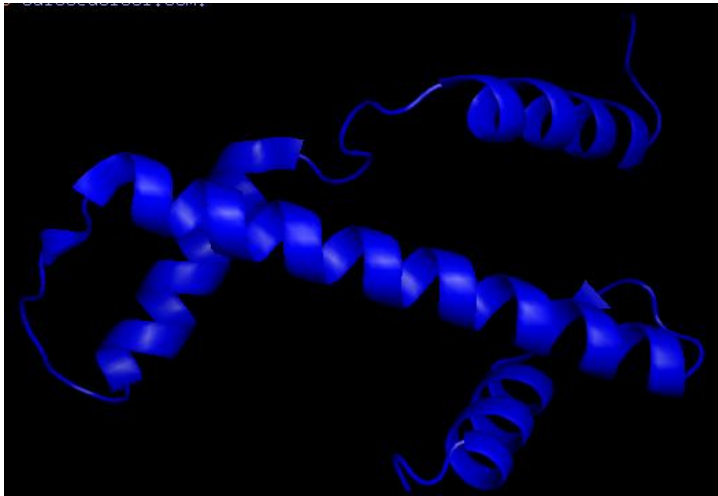
**Protein-protein interaction: Dimerization**

Figure26. Histone 3

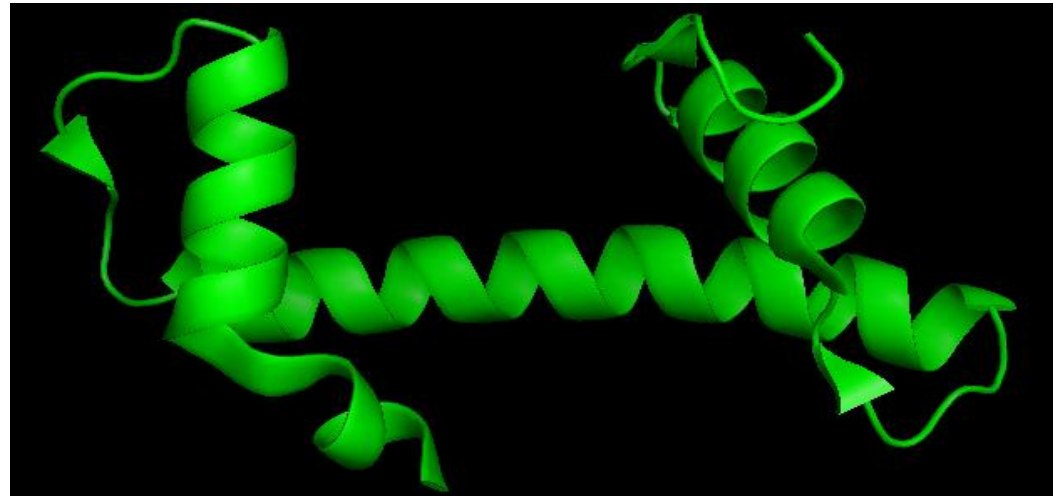
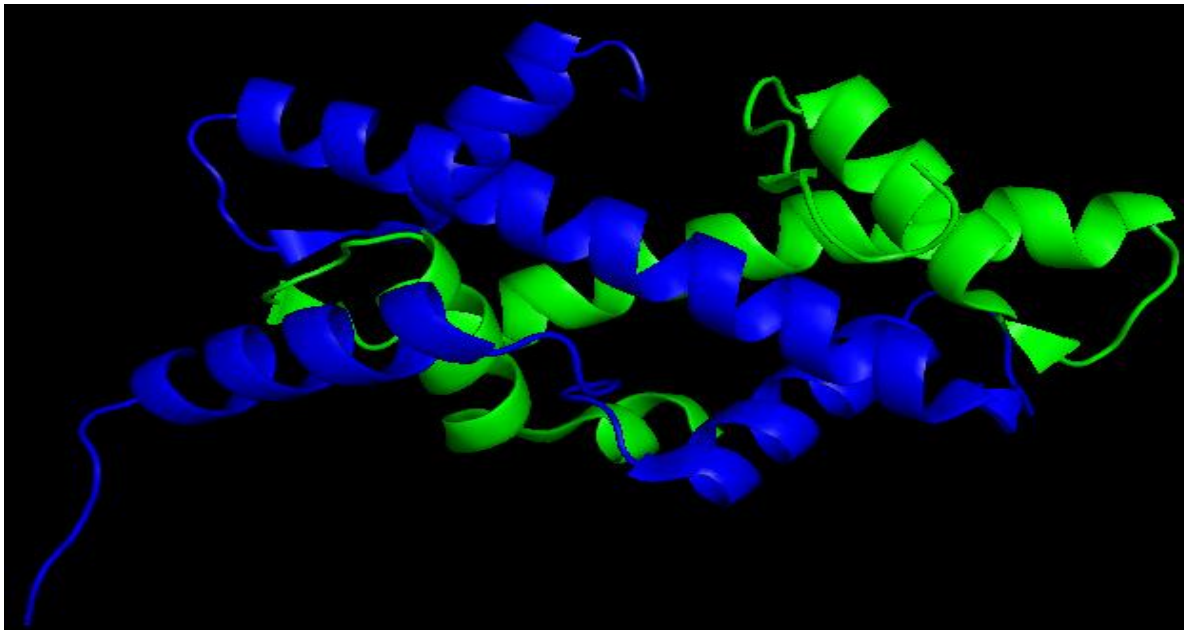


Figure27. Histone 4



H3  
H4

Figure28. Dimer Histone 3-Histone 4



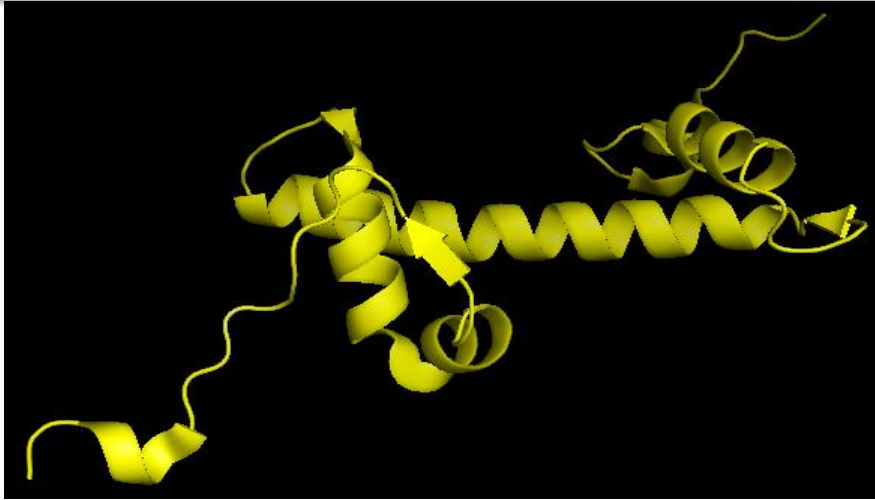
**Protein-protein interaction: Dimerization**

Figure29 Histone H2A

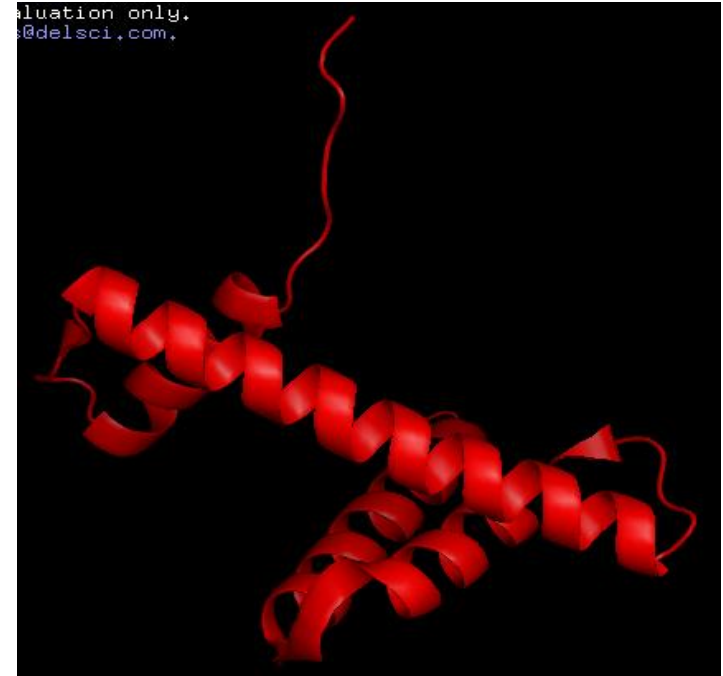
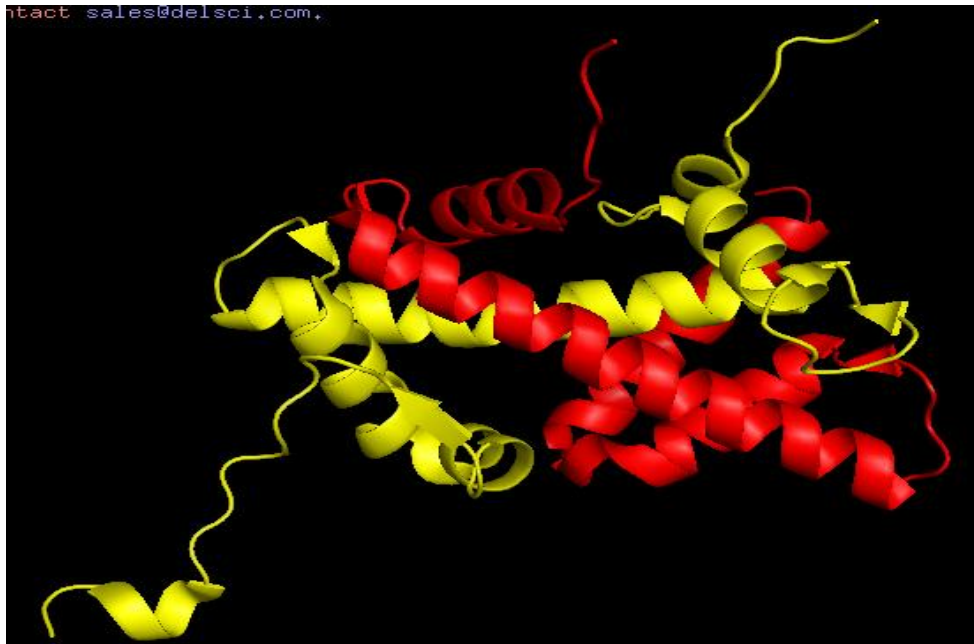


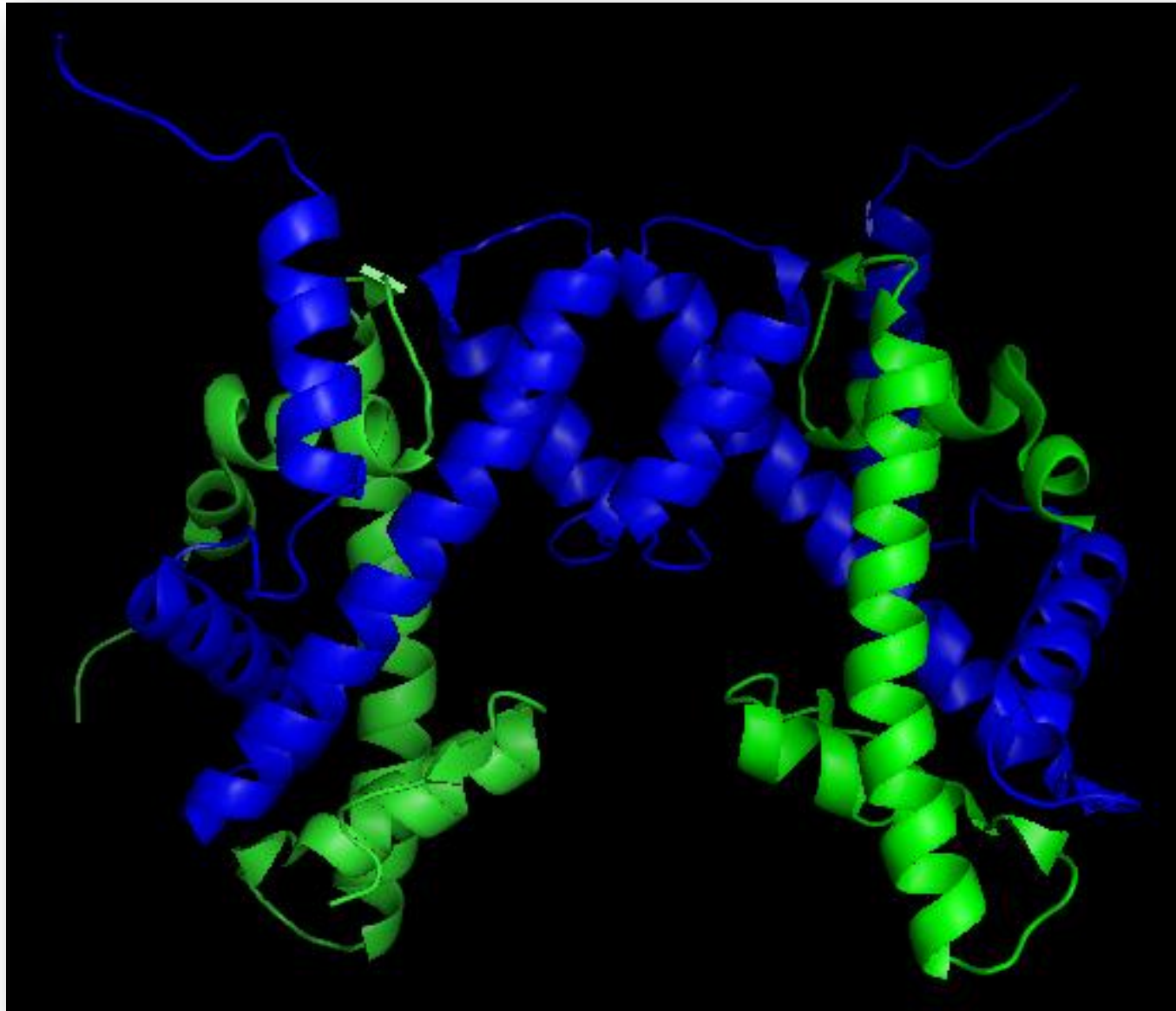
Figure29 Histone H2B



H2A

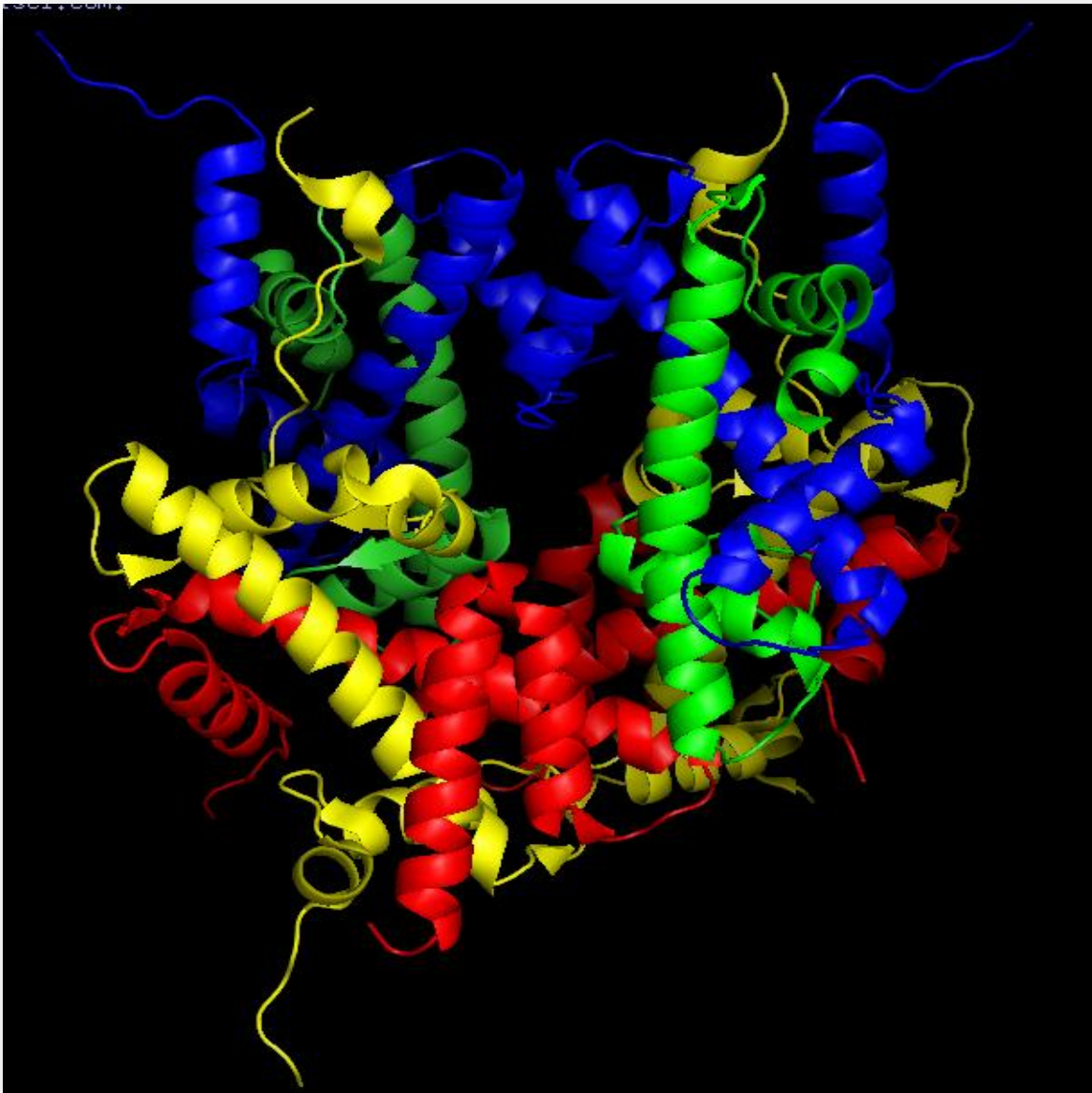
H2B

Figure31. Dimer Histone H2A-Histone H2B

**Protein-protein interaction: Tetramer**

H3  
H4

Figure31. Tetramer

**Protein-protein interaction: Histone octamer**

H3

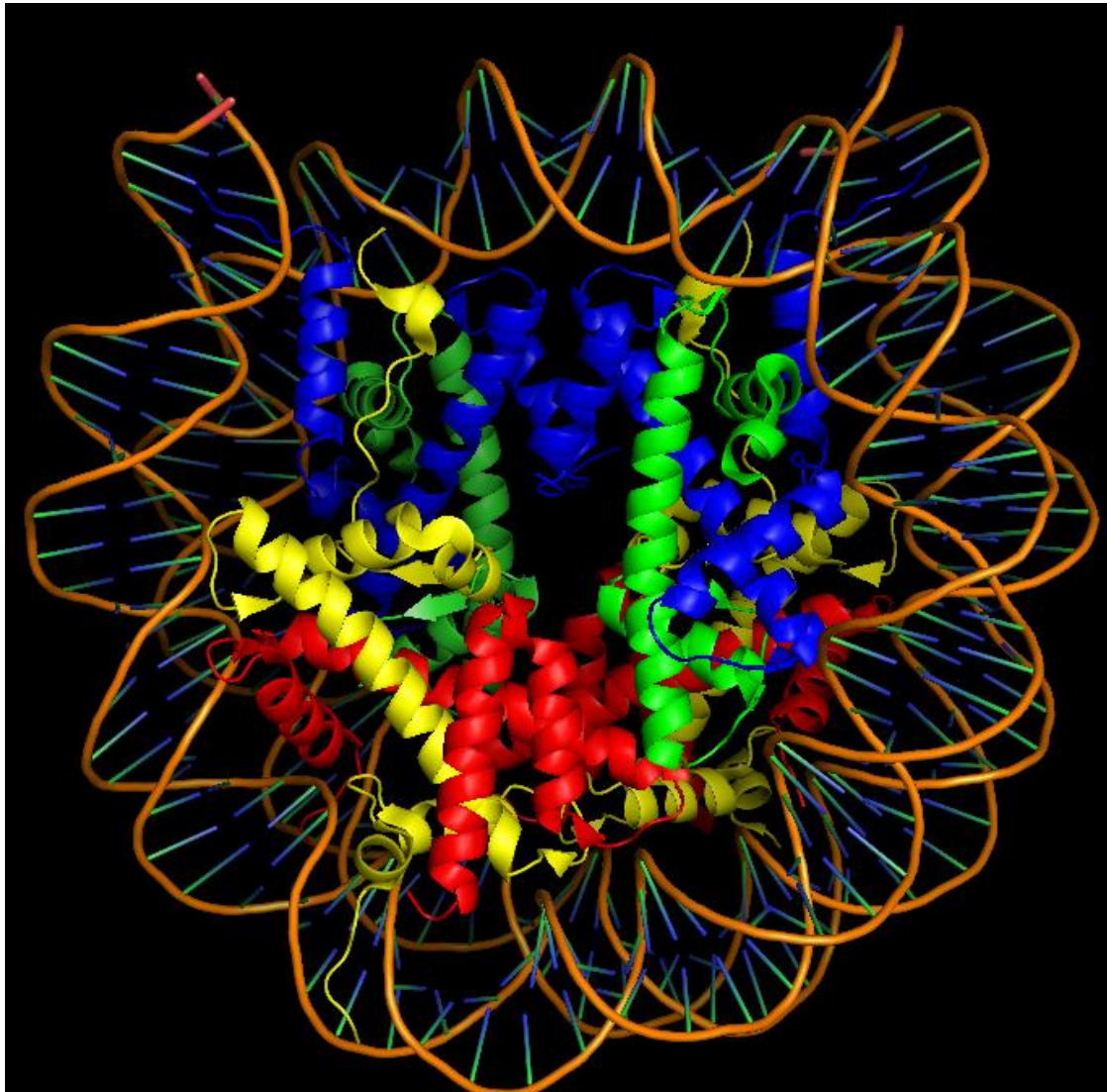
H4

H2A

H2B

Figure32. Octamer

## Protein-protein interaction: Nucleosome



DNA

H3  
H4H2A  
H2B

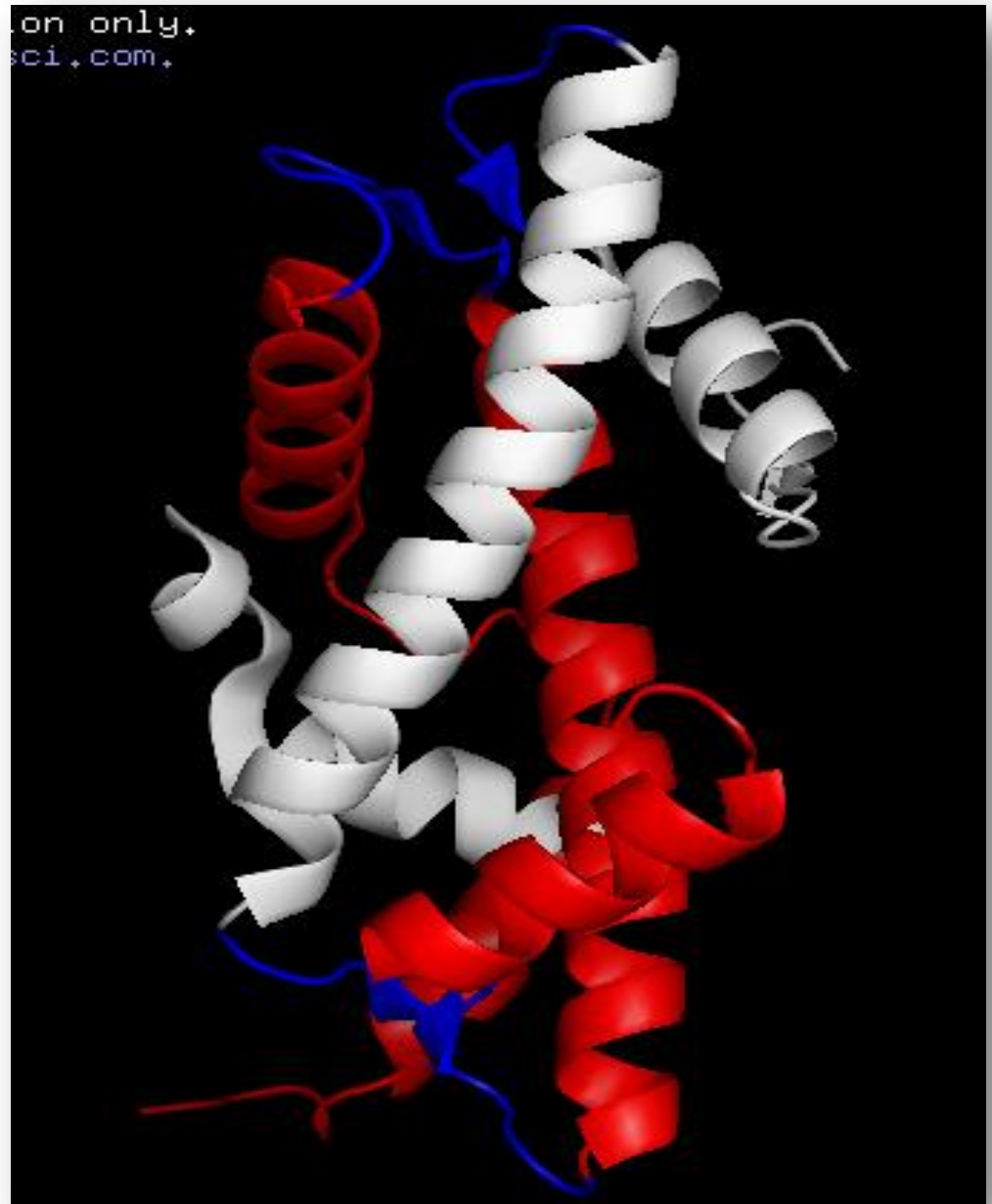
Figure33. Nucleosome



## Protein-protein interaction: Dimerization

The **H3** and **H4** histones use **L1-L2** motif

Figure34. Dimer H3-H4



## Protein-protein interaction: Dimerization

There are several hydrophobic interaction. **H3**-H4

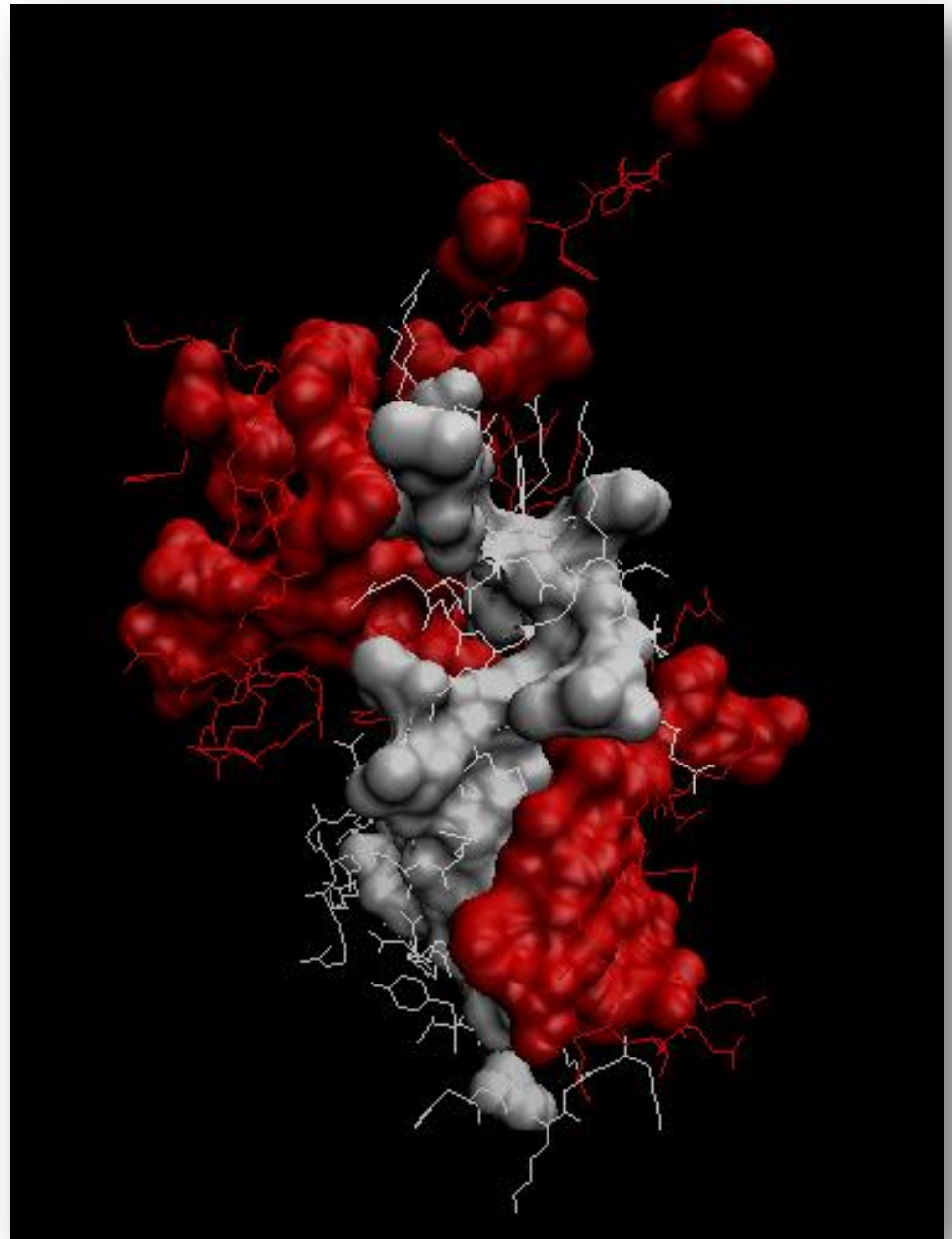


Figure35. Hydrophobic forces in dimer H3-H4



## Protein-protein interaction: Dimerization

H4/R45(SC)-H3/V117(MC)  
H4/R45(SC)-H3/I119(SC)

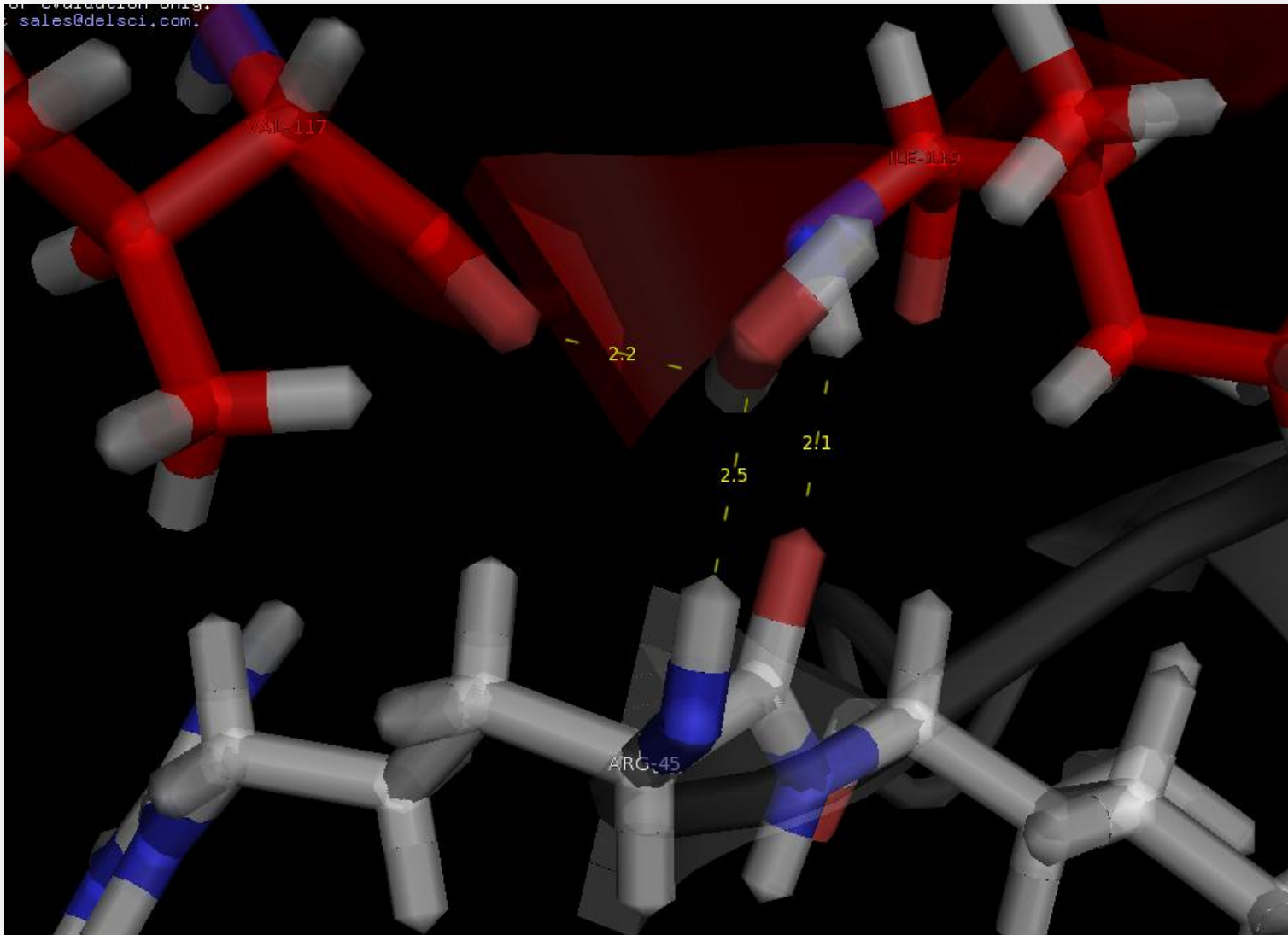


Figure 36. Dimer H3-H4.  
Interaction in the L1L2  
motif.

Protein-protein interaction:  
Dimerization

H4/K79(MC)-**H3/R83(SC)**  
H4/V81(MC)-**H3/R83 (SC)**

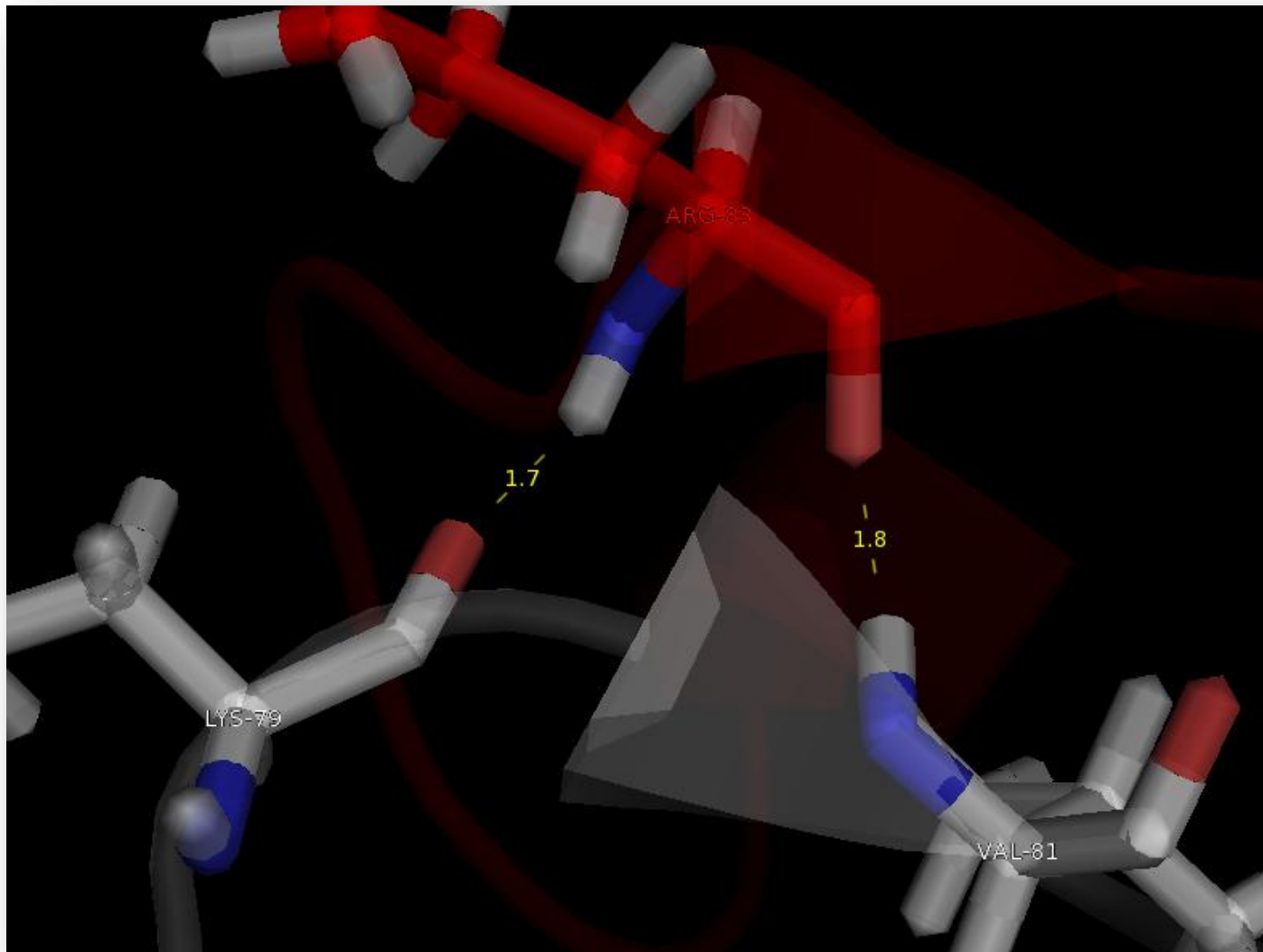


Figure 37. Dimer H3-H4.  
Interaction in the L1L2  
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## Protein-protein interaction: Dimerization

The **H2A** and **H2B** use the same motif  
**L1L2**

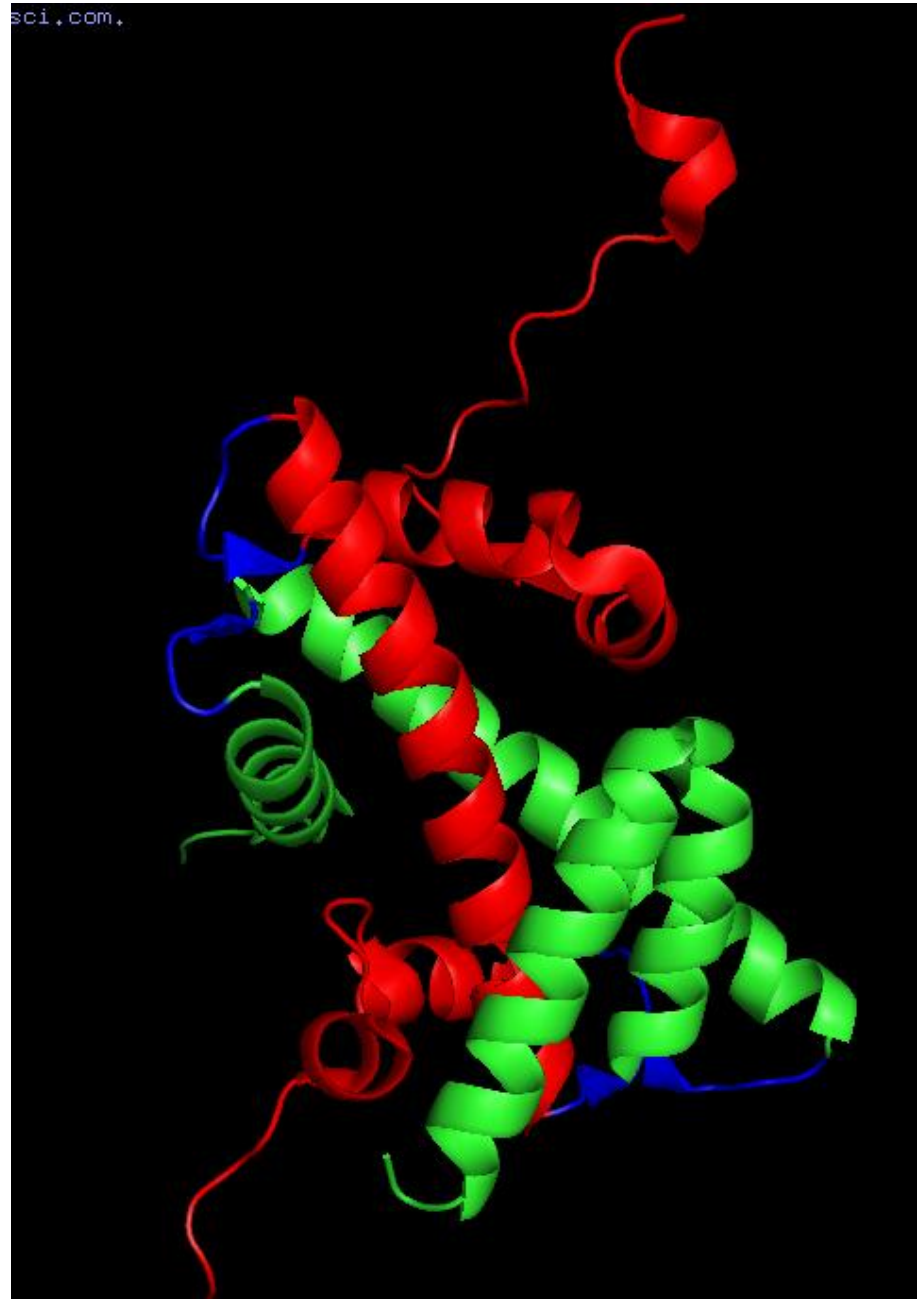


Figure38. Dimer H2A-H2B

## Protein-protein interaction: Dimerization

There are several hydrophobic interaction. H2A, H2B

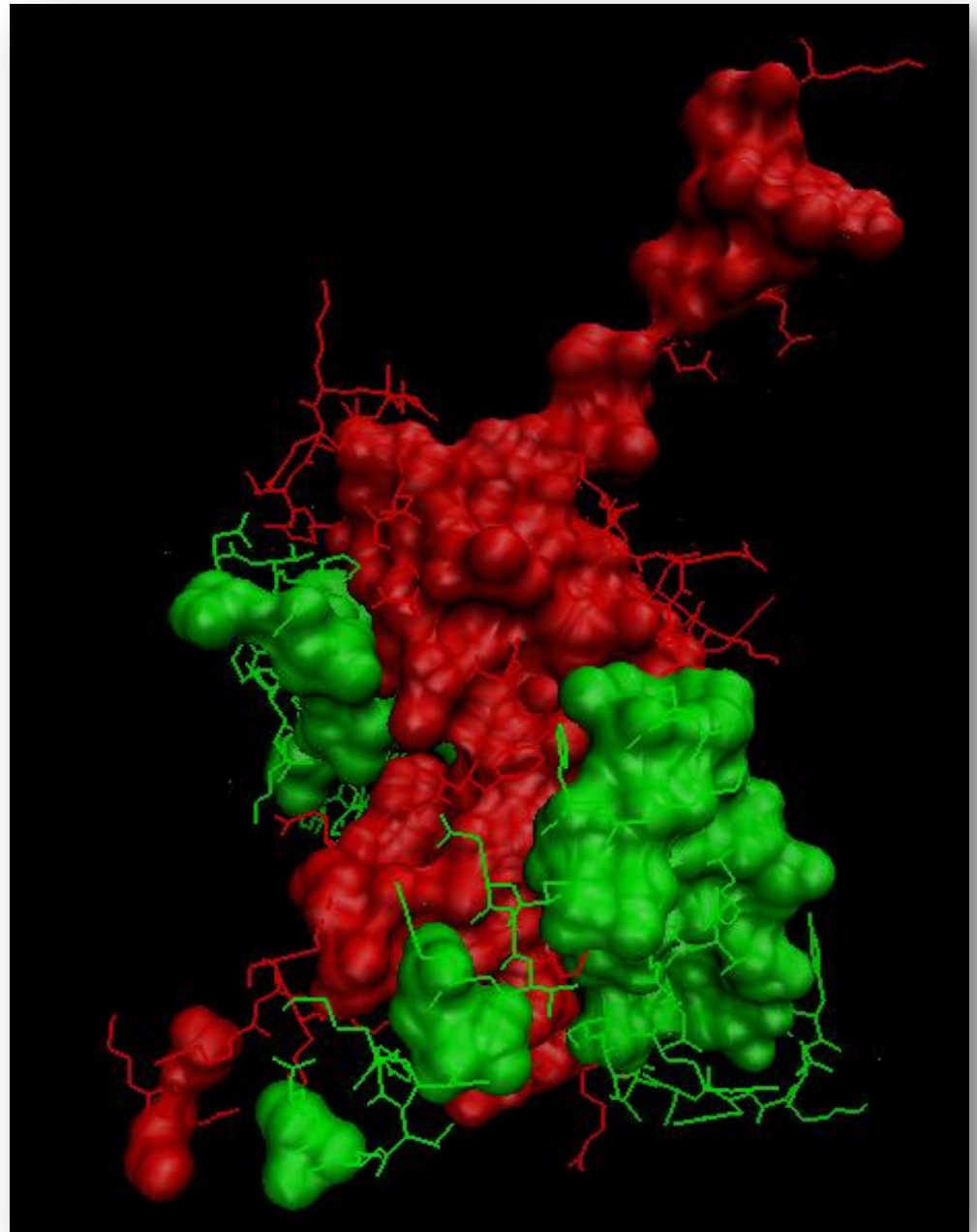


Figure39. Hydrophobic forces in dimer H3-H4

## Protein-protein interaction: Dimerization

H2A/R42(SC)-H2B/I86(SC),  
H2A/R42(SC)-H2B/T85(MC),  
H2A/G44(MC)-H2B/I86(MC)

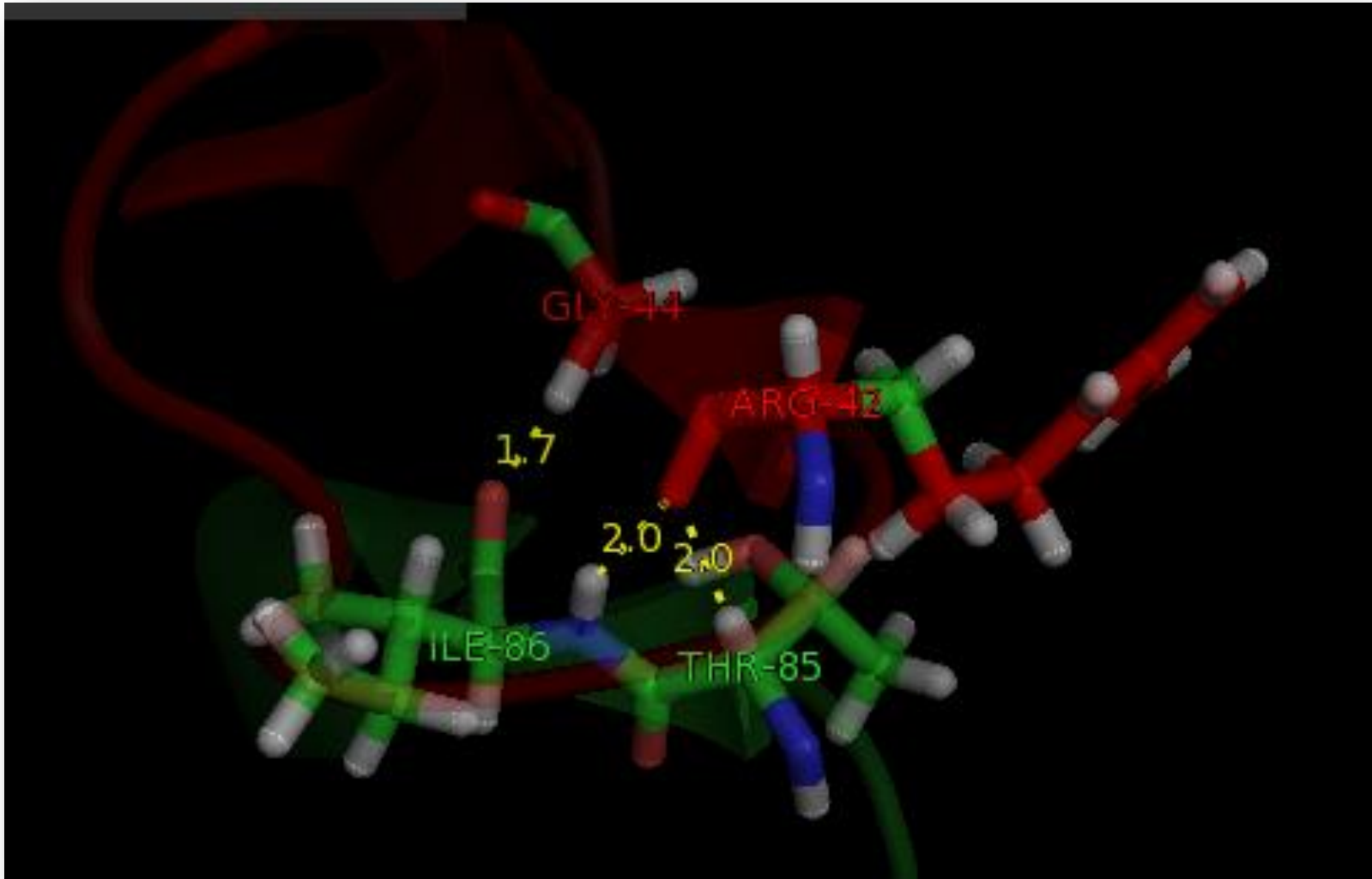


Figure40. Dimer H2A-H2B. Interaction in the L1L2 motif.

## Protein-protein interaction: Tetramer

Two **H3-H4** dimers are arranged in a tetramer via a four-helix bundle



H3-H3' 4-  
HELIX  
BUNDLE  
STRUCTURE

Figure41. Tetramer



## Protein-protein interaction: Tetramer

Several hydrophobic interactions. **H3**-H3'

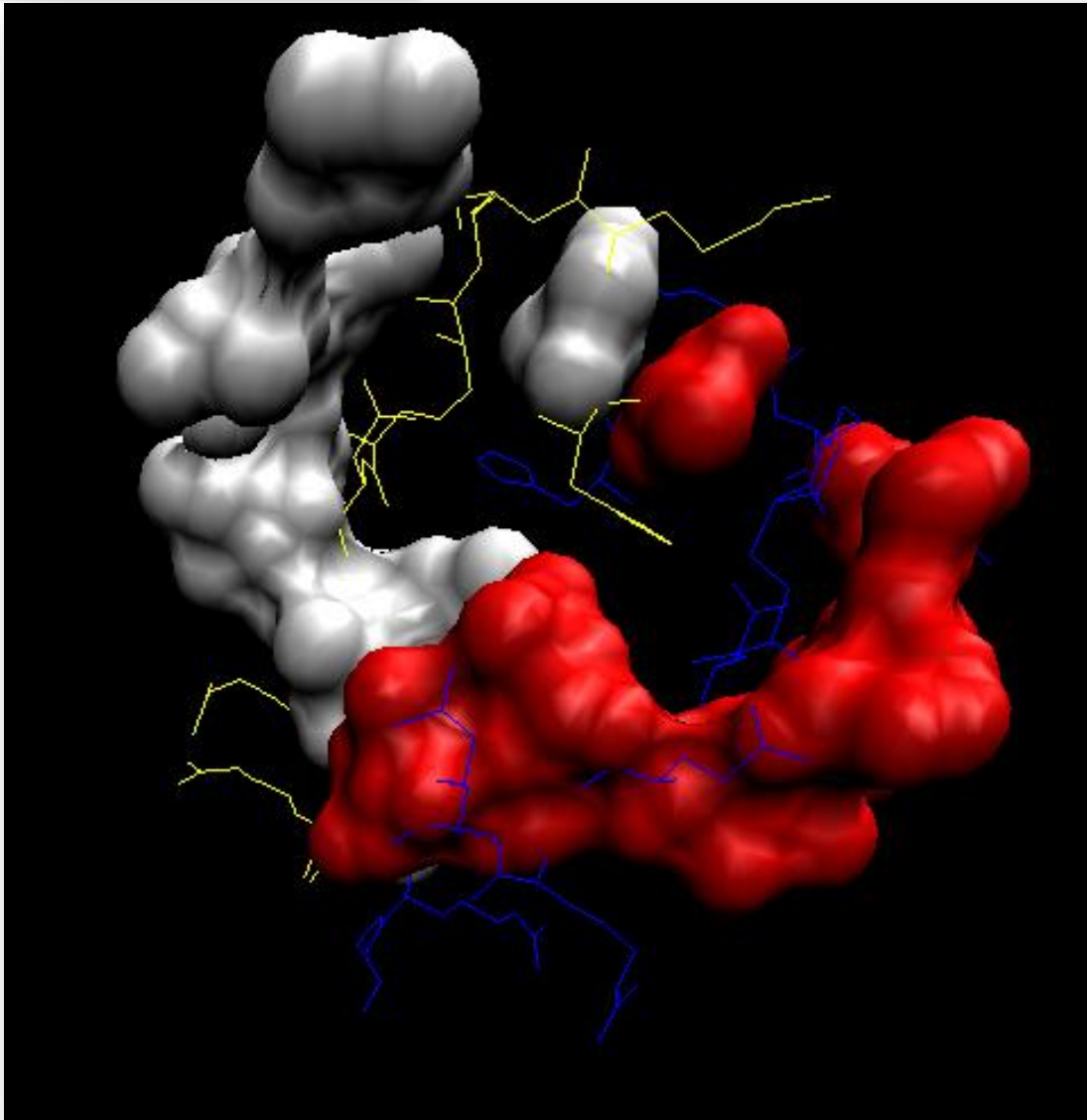


Figure42. Hydrophobic forces  
in dimer H2B-H2A

## Protein-protein interaction: Tetramer

H3/D123(SC)-H3'/H113(SC), H3/H113(SC)-H3'/D123(SC)

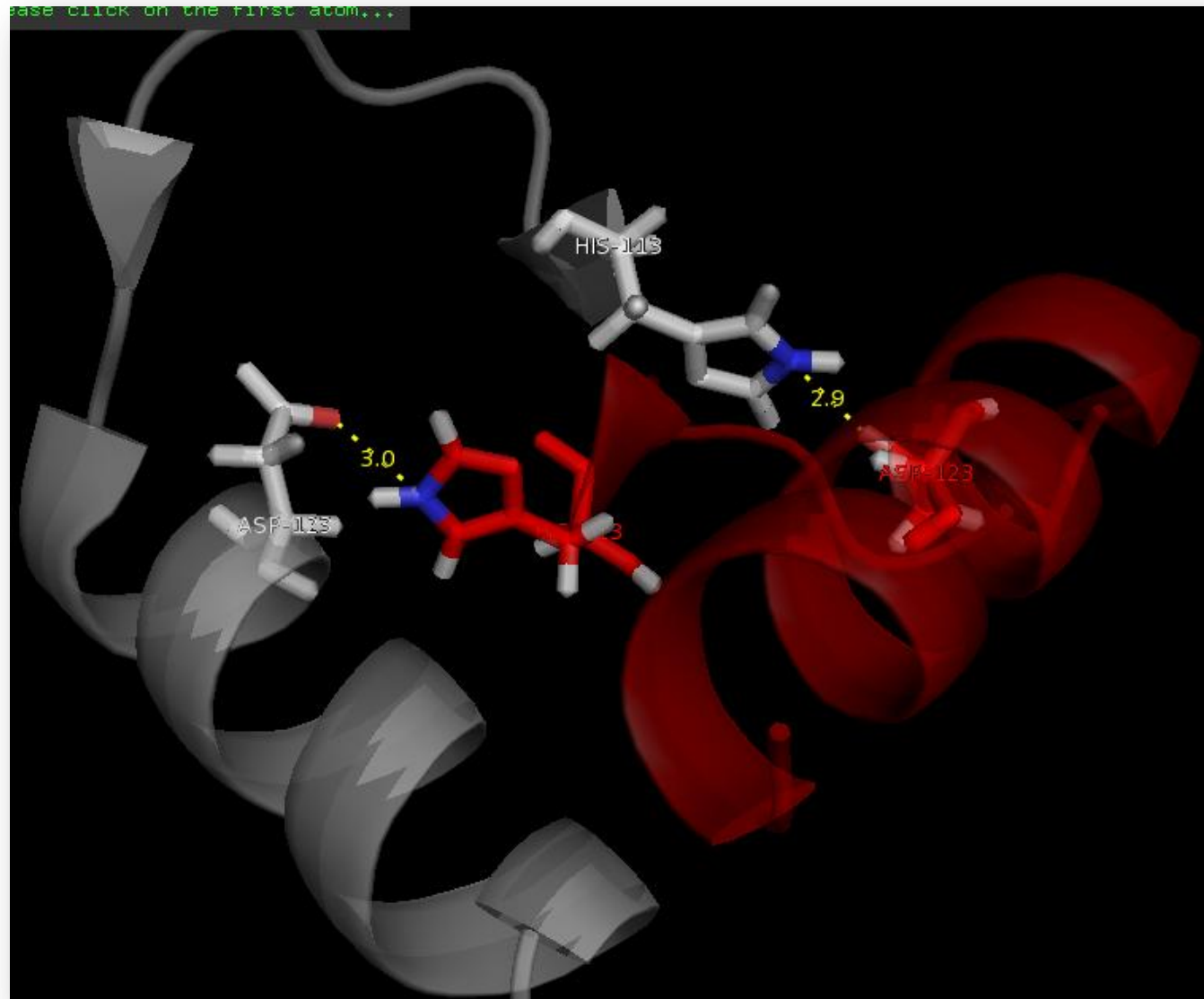


Figure43. Dimer H2A-H2B.

## Protein-protein interaction: Histones octamer

- Single **H3'-H3** association to form the tetramer and two **H2B-H4** associations to produce the octamer.

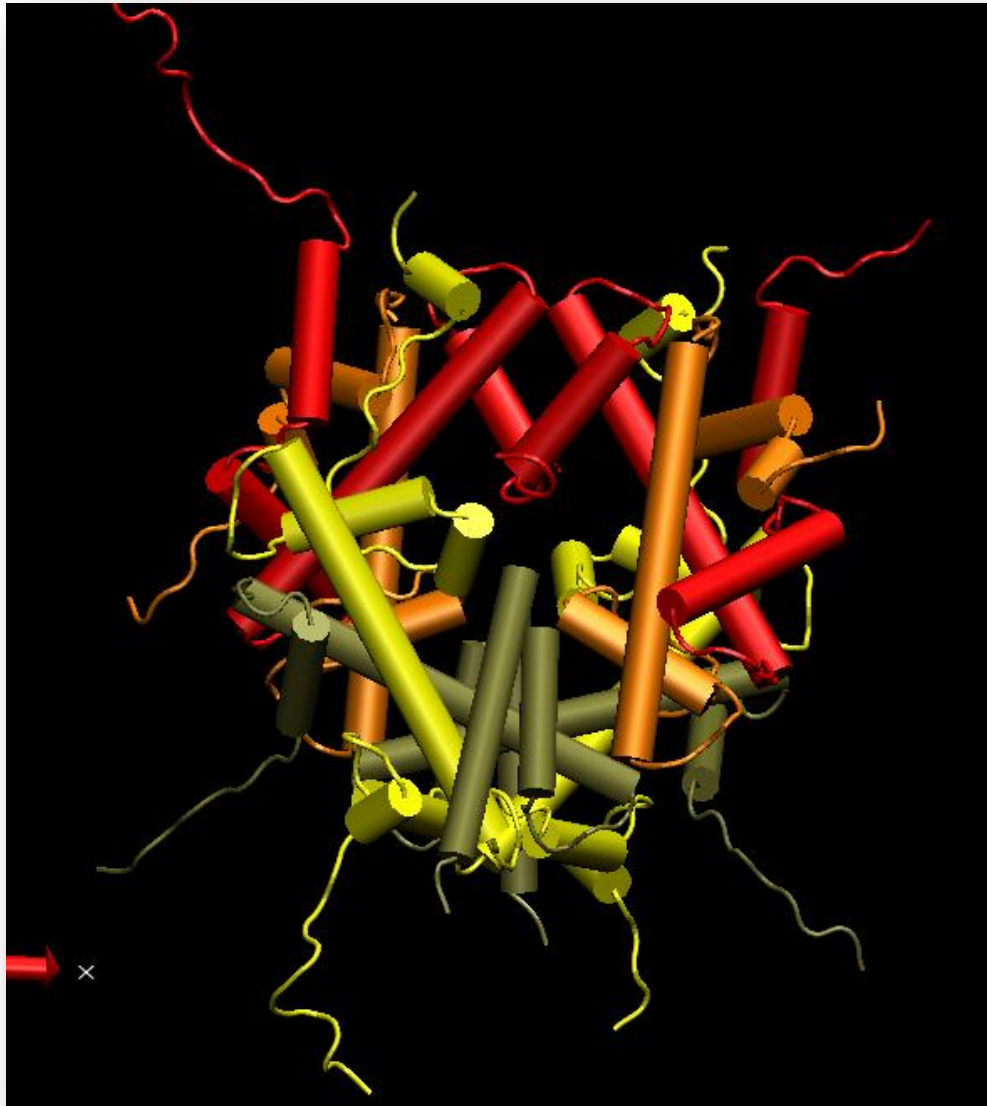
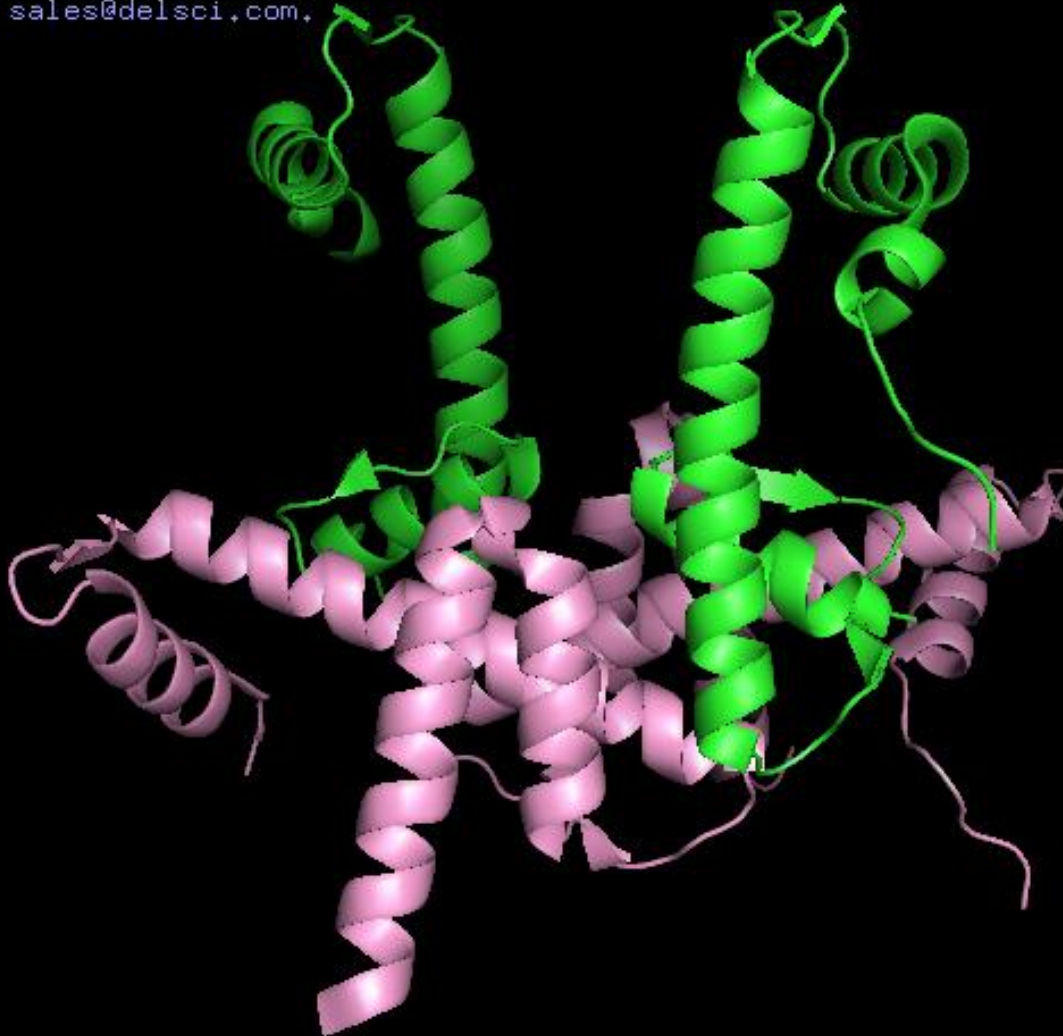


Figure44. Histone Octamer.

**Protein-protein interaction:  
Histones octamer**

H4, H2B

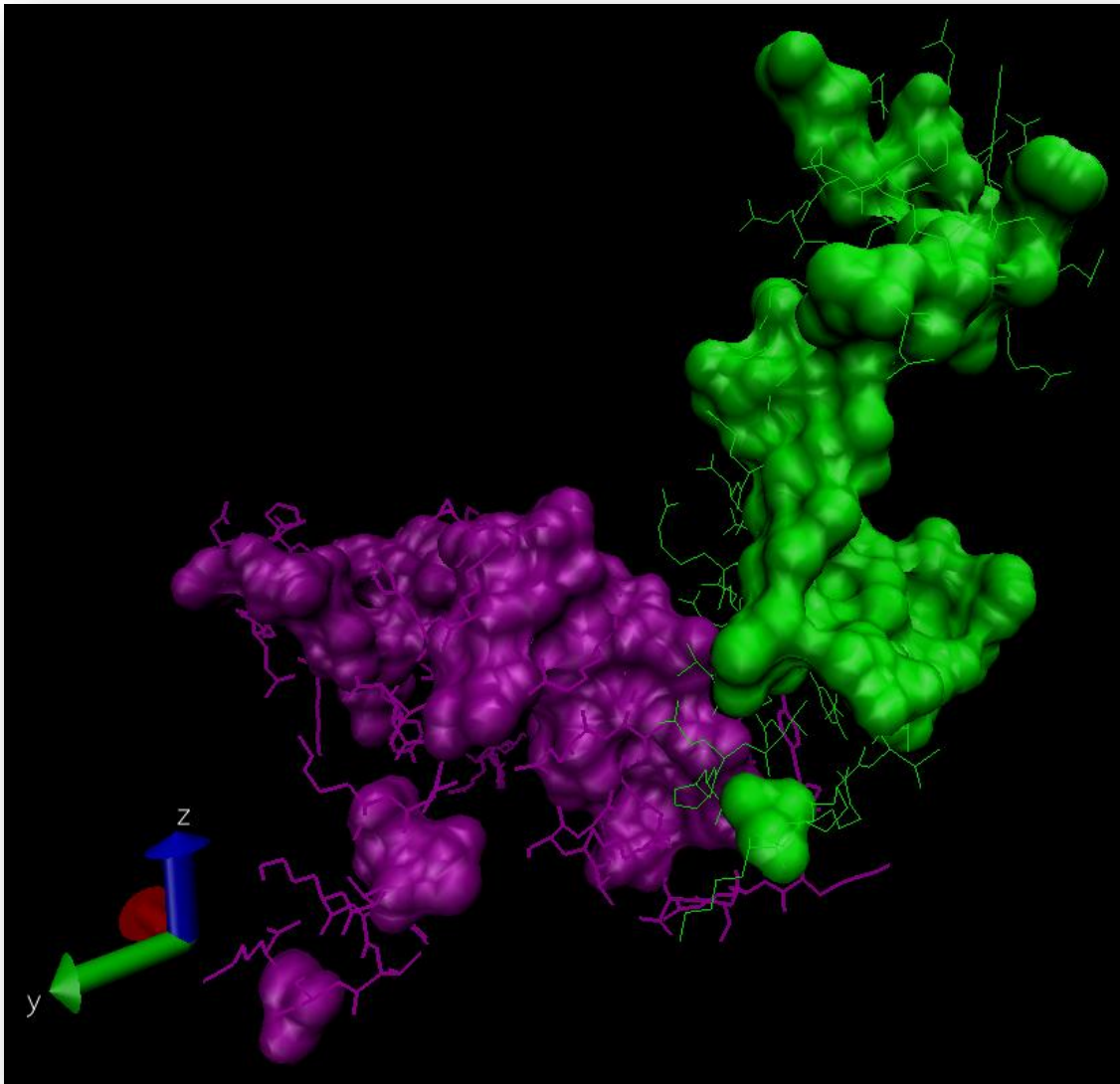
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**Figure 45 . Histone octamer. H2B-H4**

**Protein-protein interaction:  
Histones octamer**

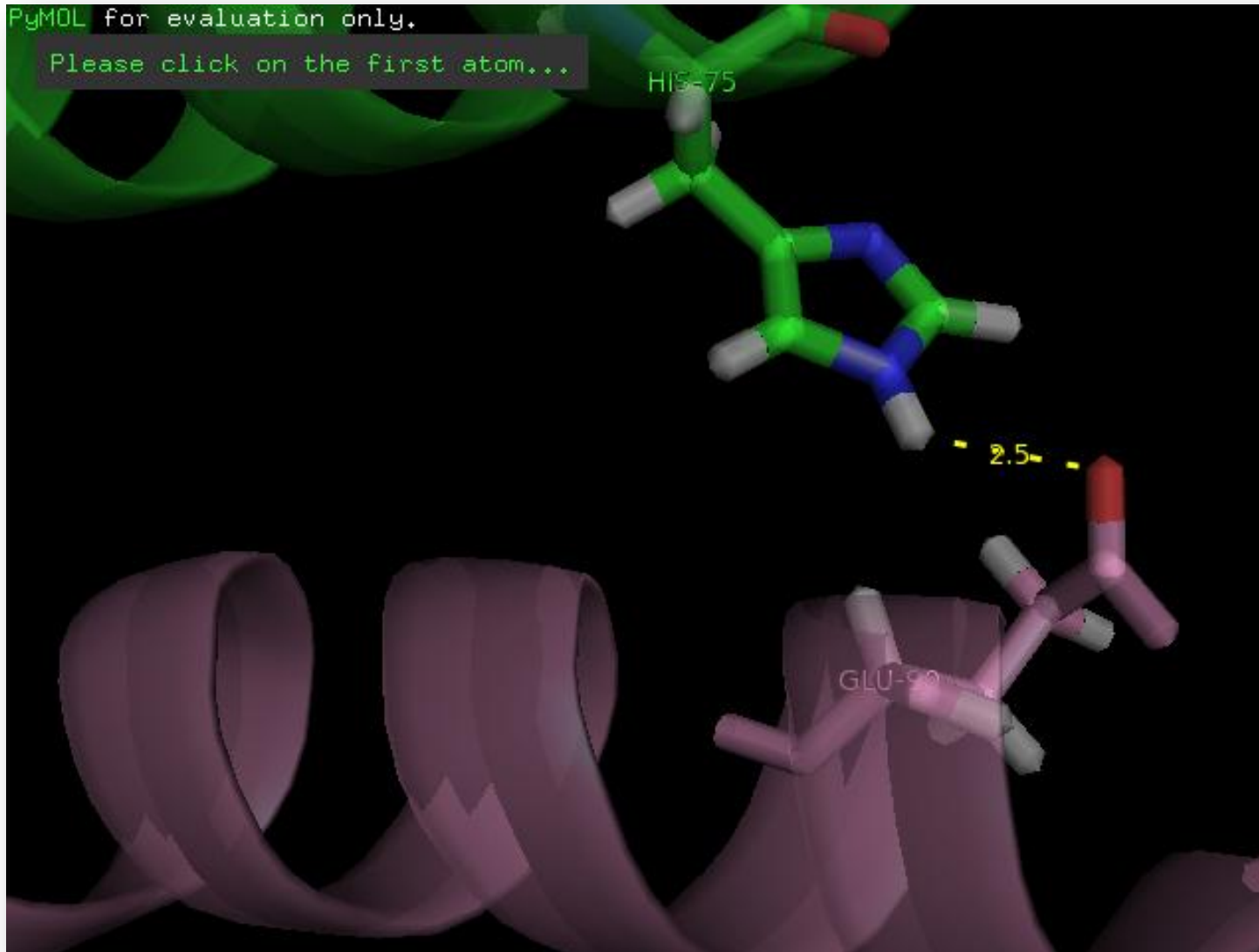
Several hydrophobic bonds. H4, H2B



**Figure46. Hydrophobic forces  
in H2B-H4**

**Protein-protein interaction:  
Histones octamer**

H4/H75(SC)-H2B/E90(SC)

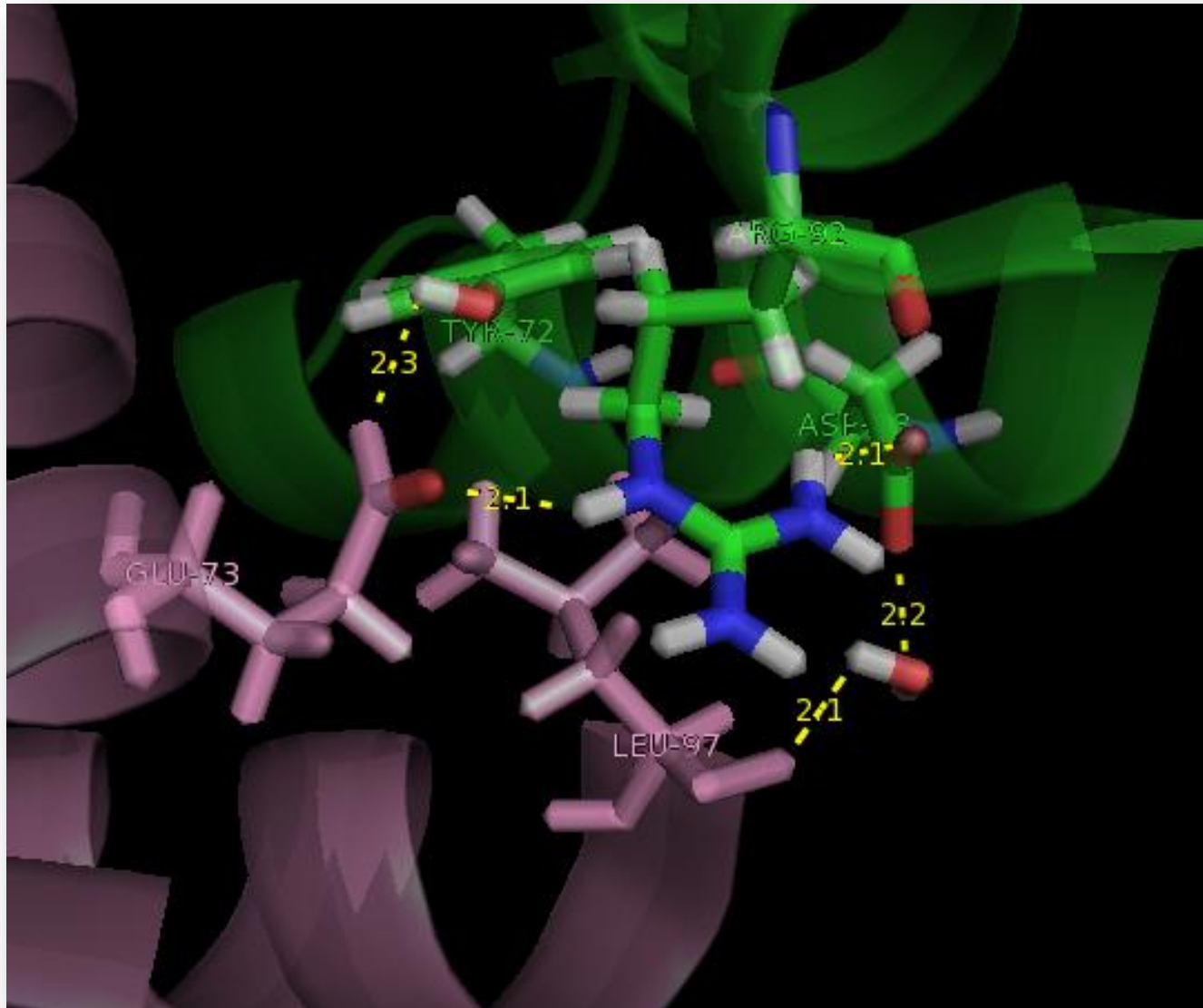


**Figure47. H2B-H4.  
Intermolecular  
interaction**



**Protein-protein interaction:  
Histones octamer**

H4/D68(SC)-H2B/L97(SC),  
H4/R92(SC)-H2B/E73(SC),  
H4/Y72(SC)-H2B/E73(SC)

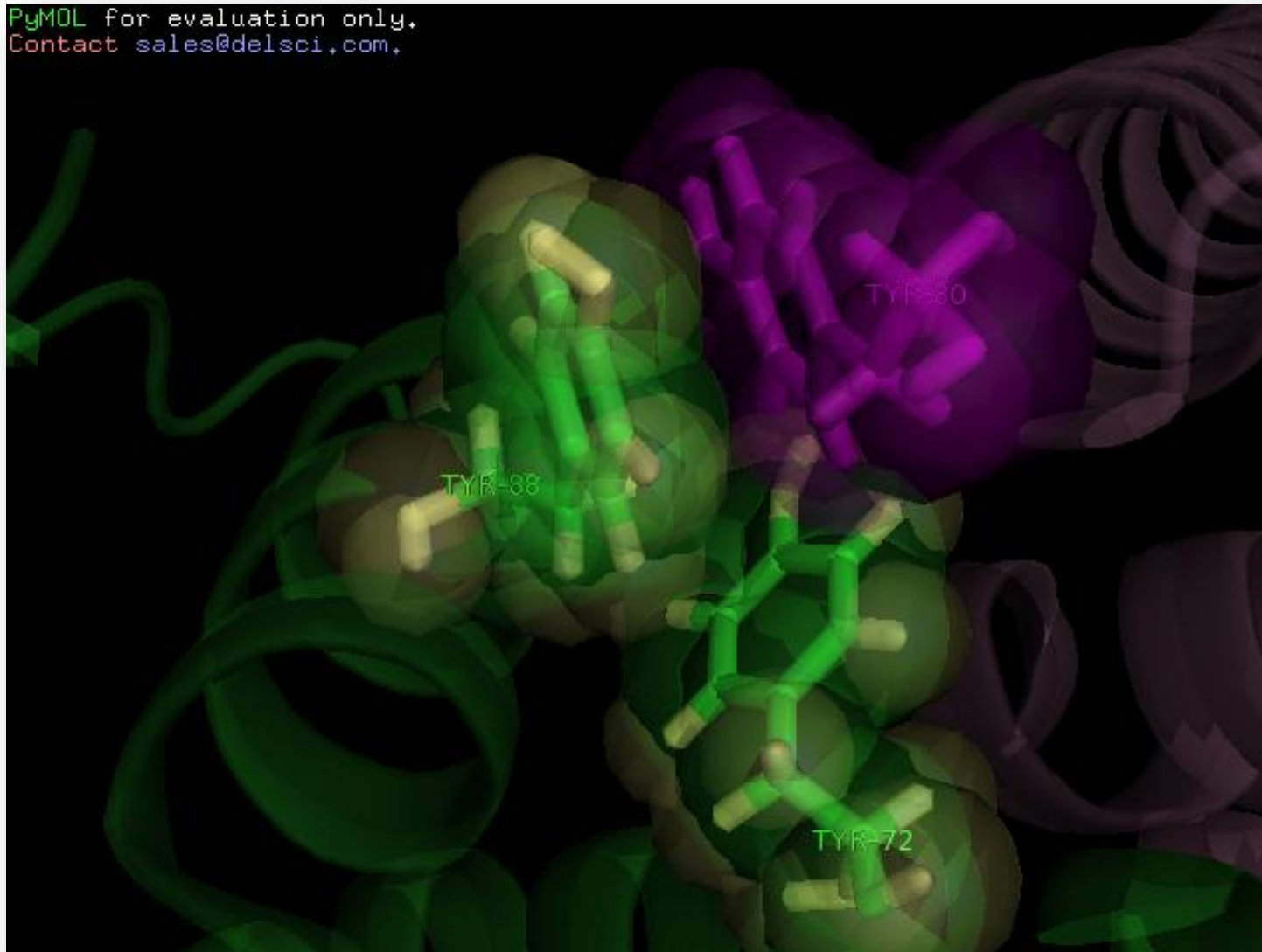


**Figure48. H2B-H4.  
Intermolecular  
interaction**

## Protein-protein interaction: Histones octamer

Hydrophobic cluster: H4/Y72, H4/Y88, H2B/H80

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**Figure49.**  
Hydrophobic  
cluster in H2B-H4  
interaction.

**Protein-DNA interaction.**

- The histone-fold DNA-binding sites can be divided into two types:
  - $\alpha 1\alpha 1$  motif.
  - L1L2 motif and termini of the  $\alpha 2$  helices.
- The binding of the DNA to the nucleosome core particle is not sequence-specific.

## Protein-DNA interaction: $\alpha 1\alpha 1$ binding site

H3/K64  $\rightarrow$  main chain

H3/R63, H3/R69, H3/R72  $\rightarrow$  side chain

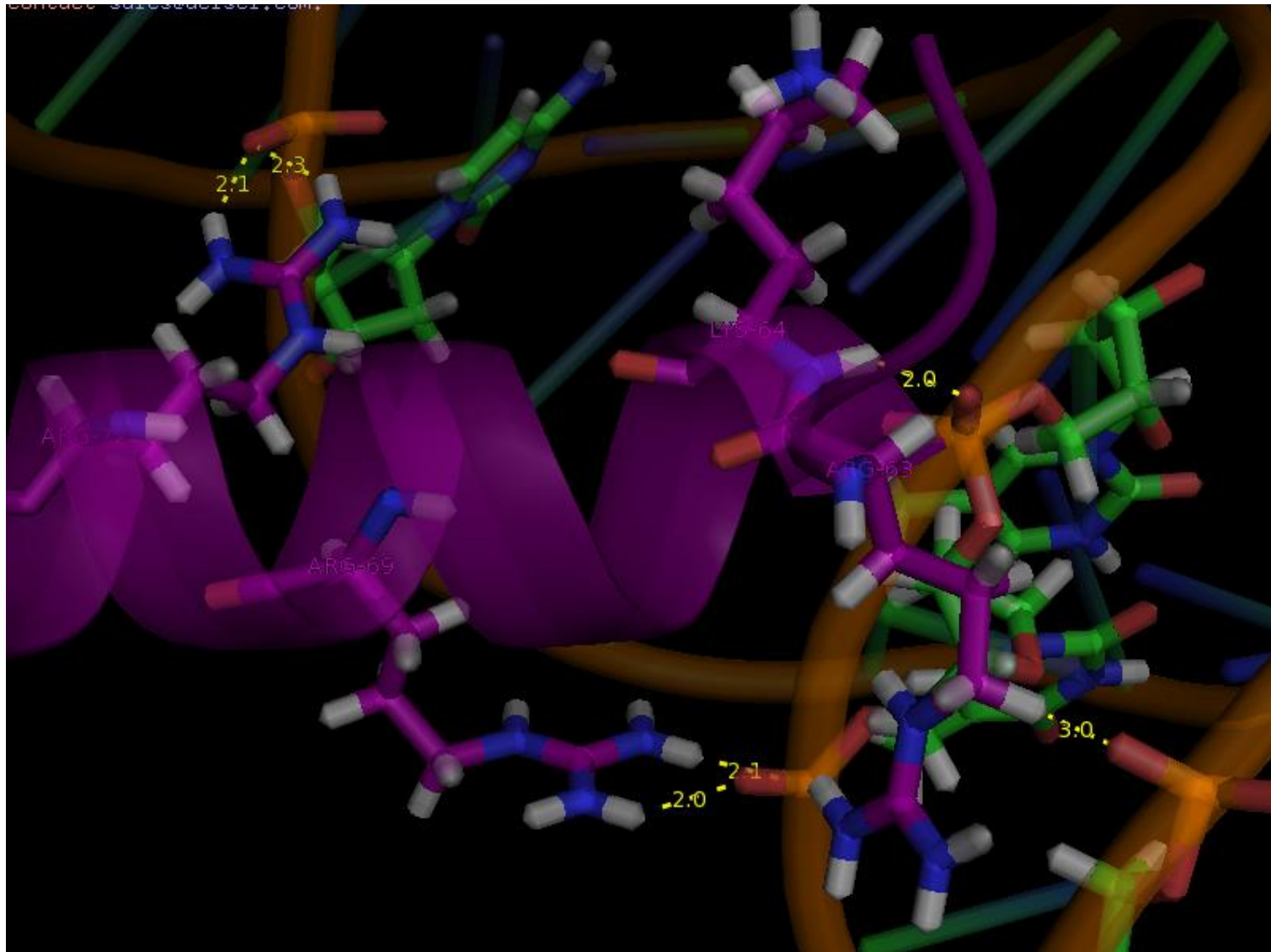


Figure 50.  $\alpha 1\alpha 1$  binding site. Interaction of histone 3 with DNA.

## Protein-DNA interaction: $\alpha 1\alpha 1$ binding site

H4/R36, H4/R35  $\rightarrow$  side chain.

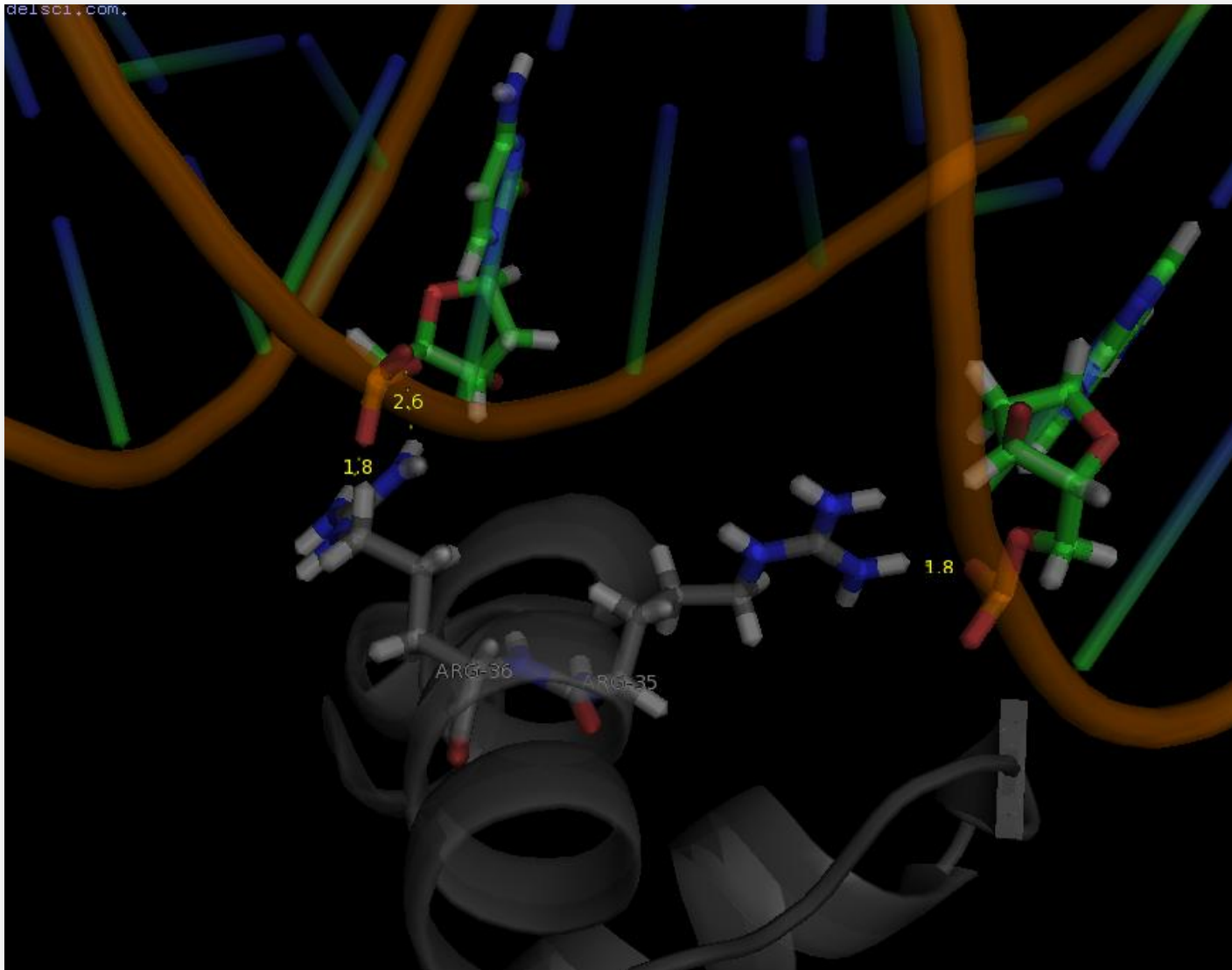


Figure 51.  $\alpha 1\alpha 1$  binding site. Interaction of histone 4 with DNA.



## Protein-DNA interaction: $\alpha 1\alpha 1$ binding site

H2B/I36 H2B/S33, H2B/Y37 → main chain

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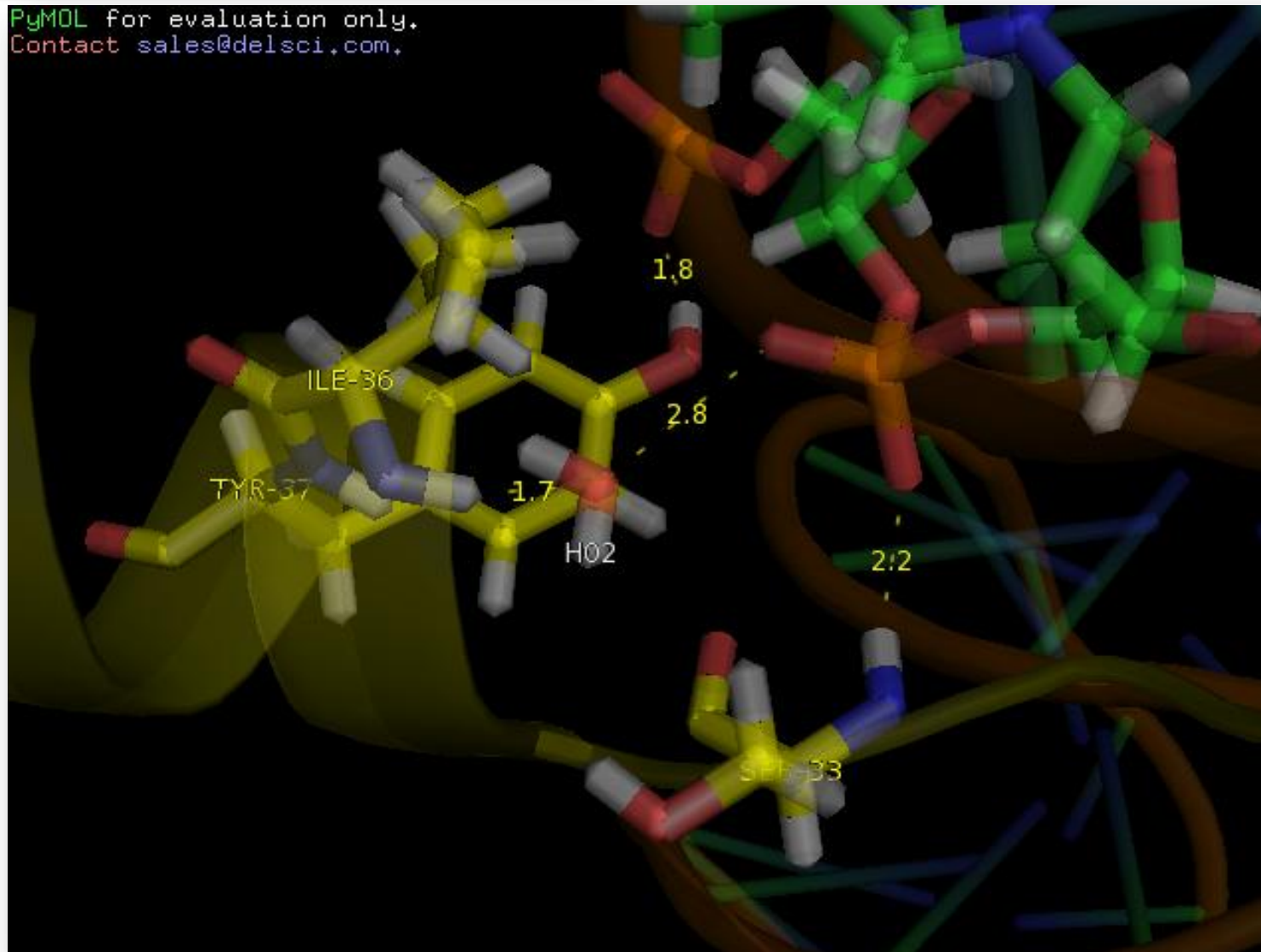


Figure 52.  $\alpha 1\alpha 1$  binding site. Interaction of histone 2B with DNA.



**Protein-DNA interaction:  $\alpha 1\alpha 1$   
binding site**

H2A/R29, H2A/R32  $\rightarrow$  side chain

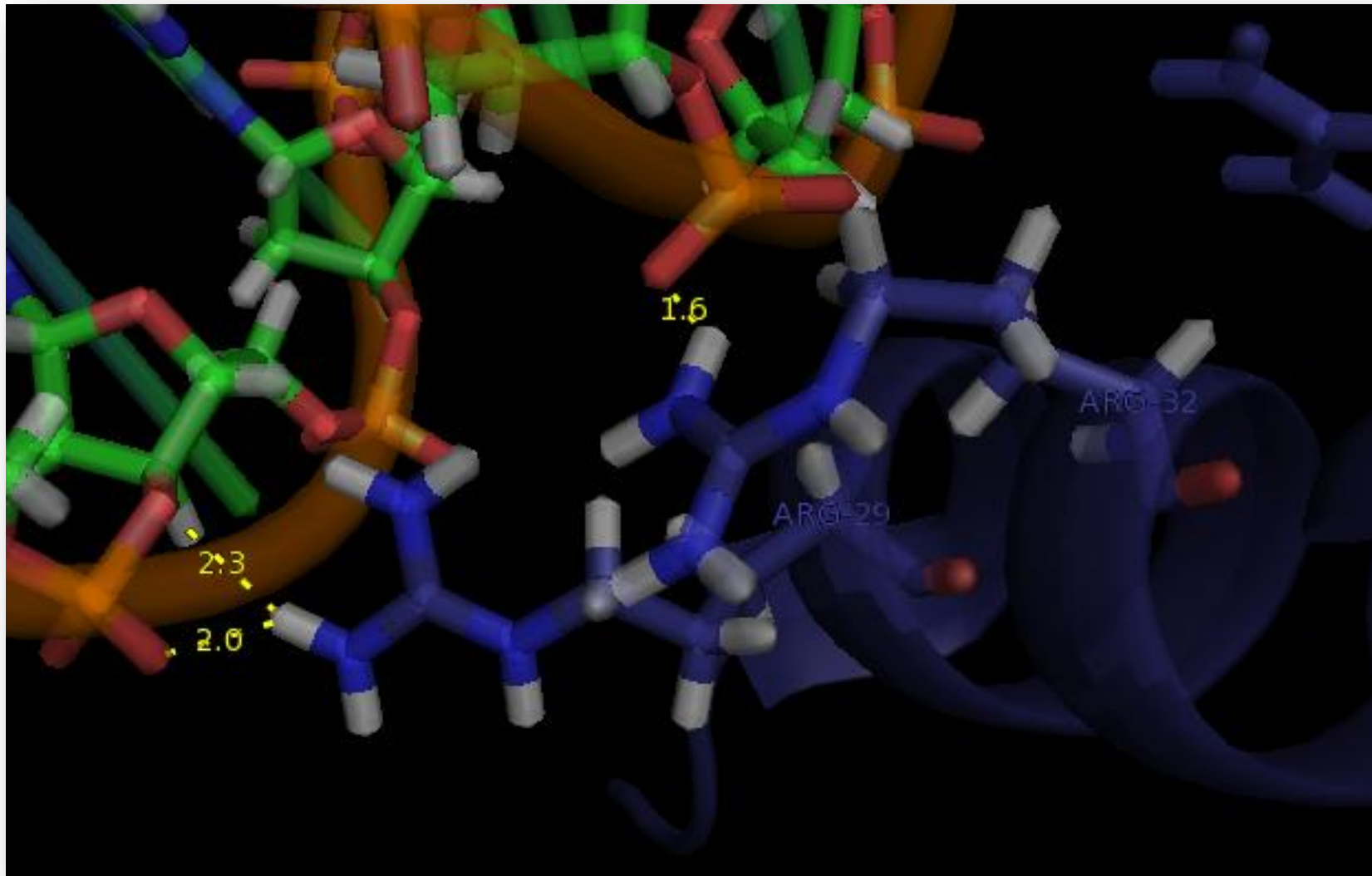


Figure 53.  
 $\alpha 1\alpha 1$   
binding site.  
Interaction  
of histone  
2A with  
DNA.

## Protein-DNA interaction: L1L2 binding site

H3/K115, H3/R83 → side chain H3/T118, H3/F84 → main chain

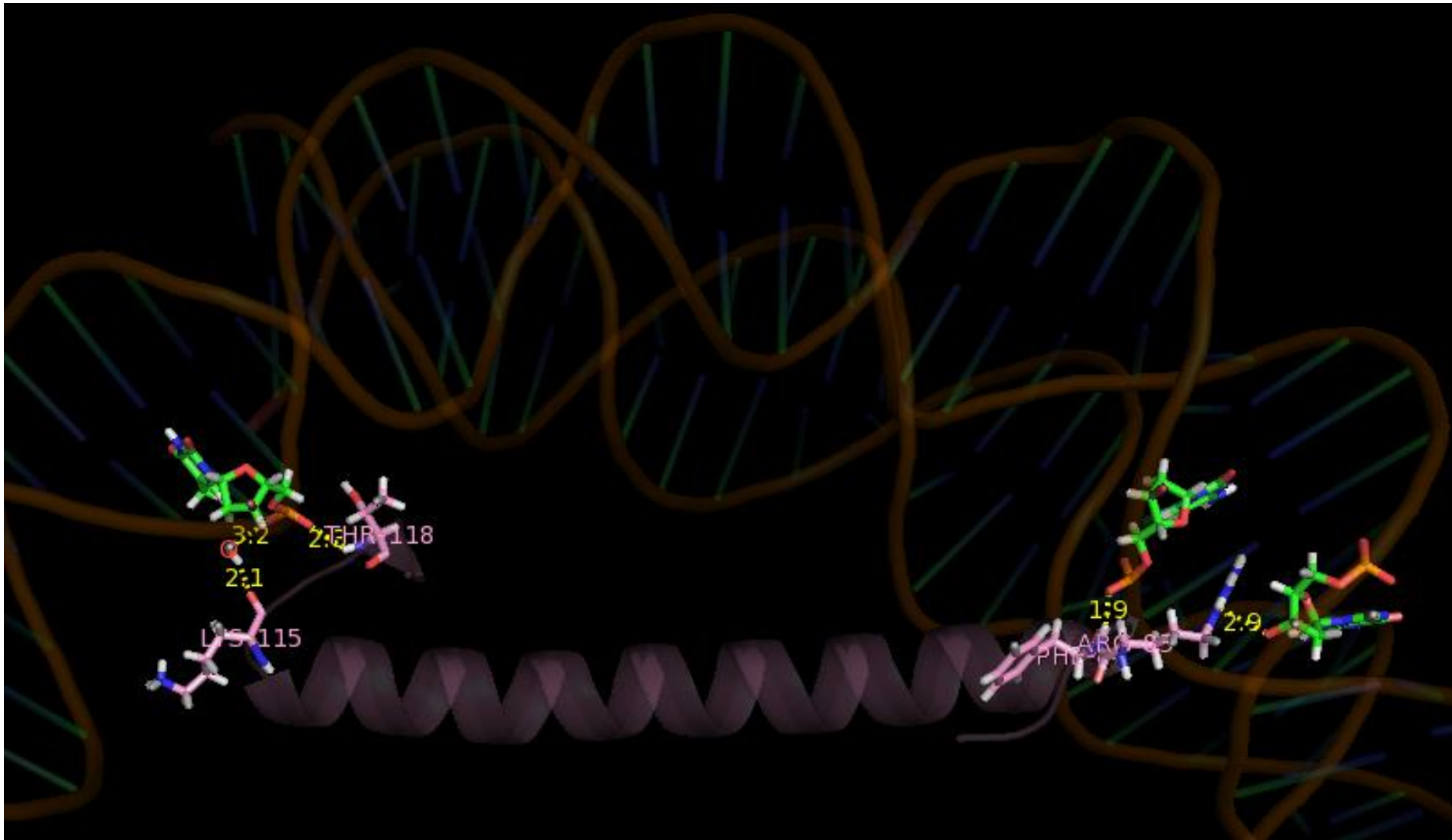


Figure 54. L1L2 binding site. Interaction of histone 3 with DNA.

## Protein-DNA interaction: L1L2 binding site

H3/K115 → side chain  
H3/T118 → main chain

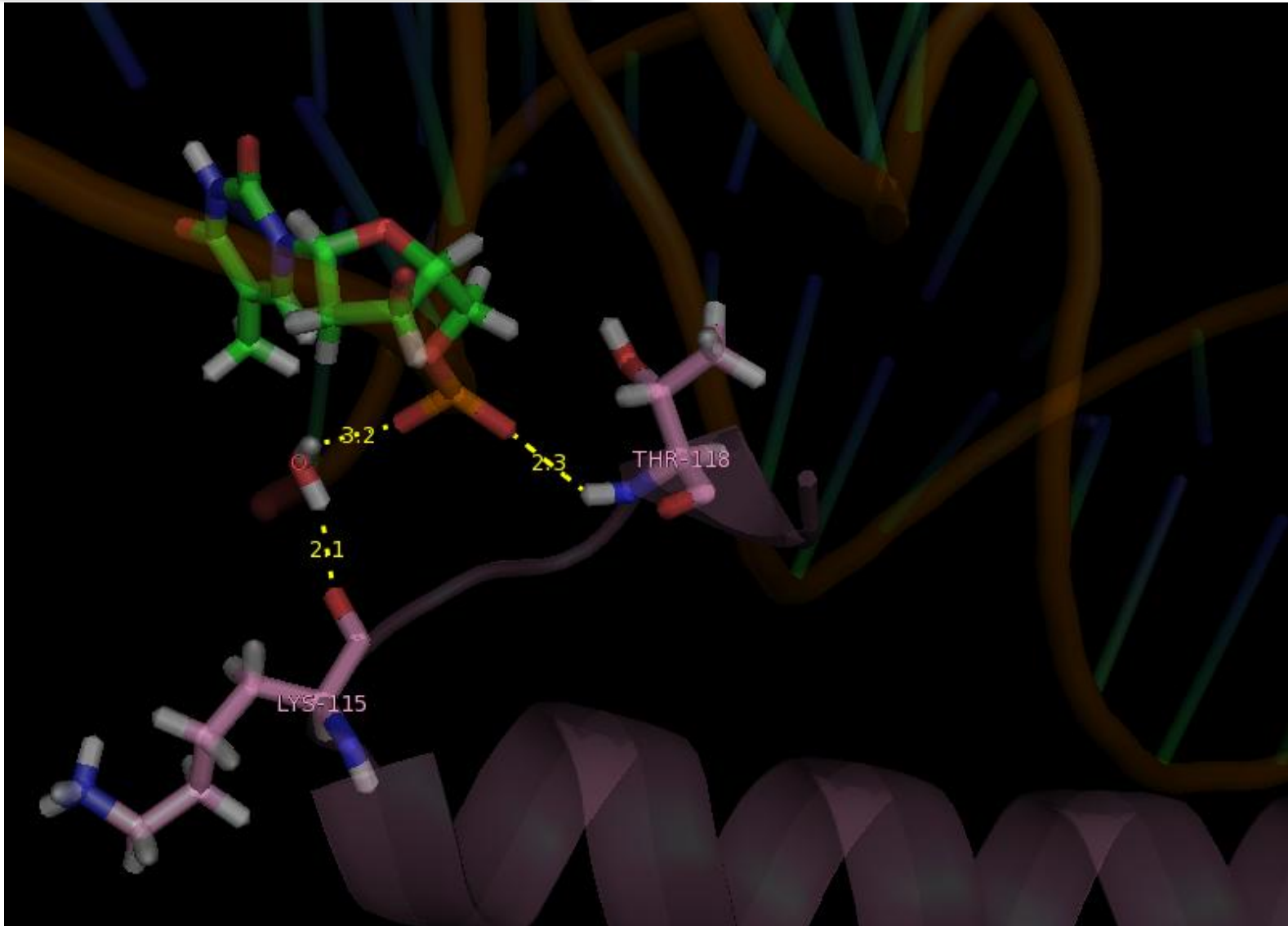


Figure 55. L1L2 binding site. Interaction of histone 3 with DNA.

## Protein-DNA interaction: L1L2 binding site

H3/R83 → side chain  
H3/F84 → main chain

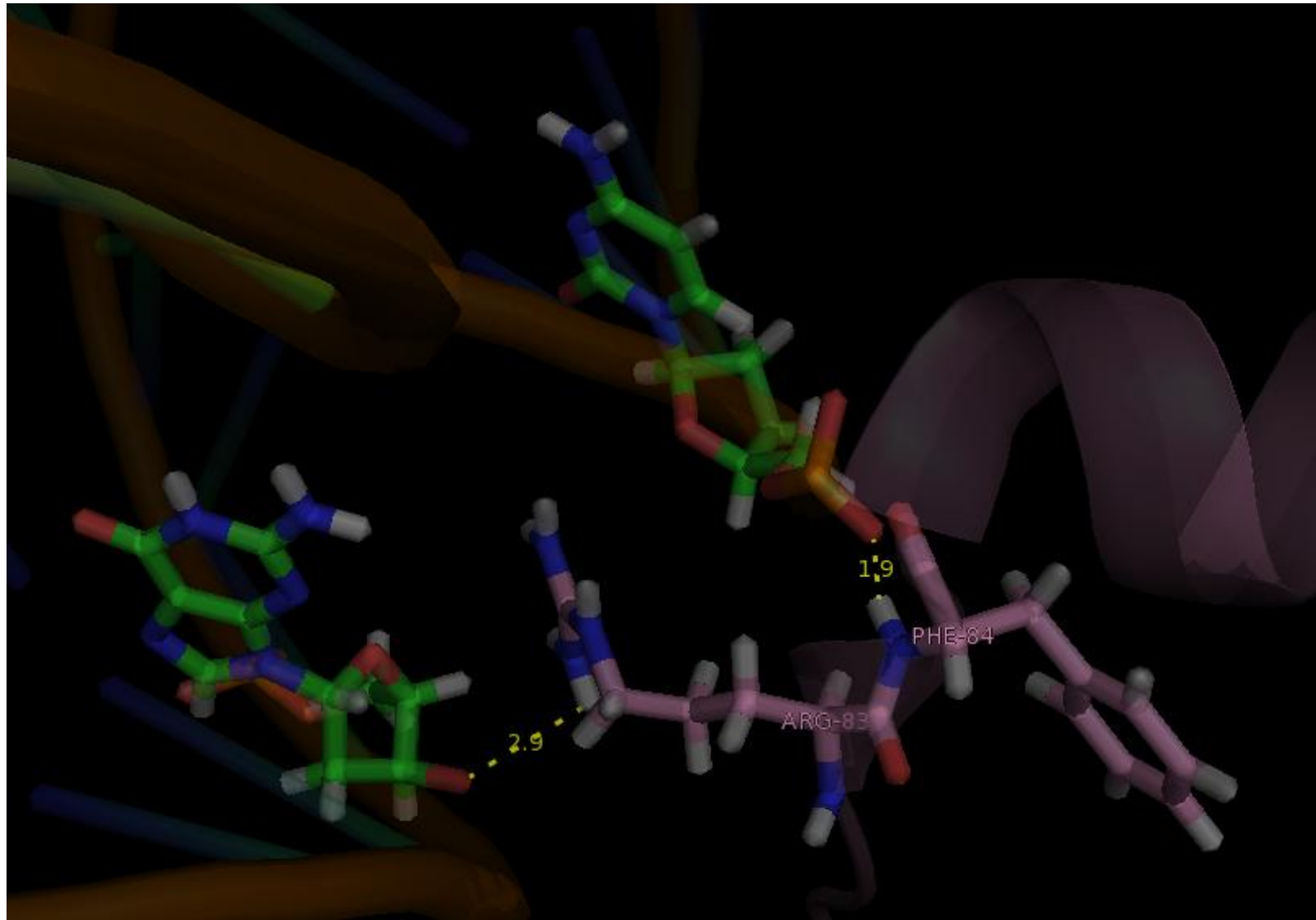


Figure 56. L1L2 binding site. Interaction of histone 3 with DNA.

## Protein-DNA interaction: L1L2 binding site

H4/R45, H4/K77 → side chain.  
H4/I46, H4/G48, H4/K79 → main chain.

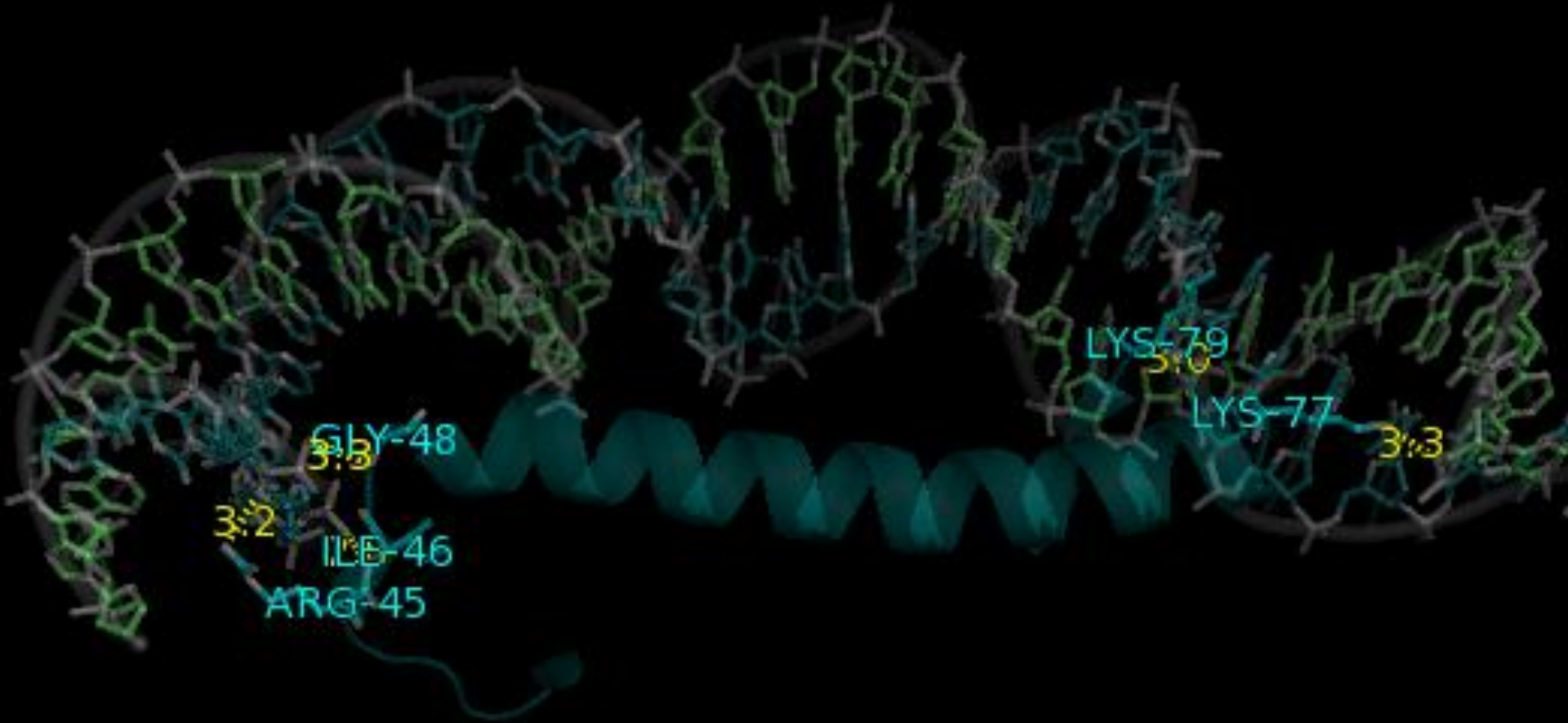


Figure 57. L1L2 binding site. Interaction of histone 4 with DNA.



## Protein-DNA interaction: L1L2 binding site

H4/R45 → side chain  
H4/I46, H4/G48 → main chain.

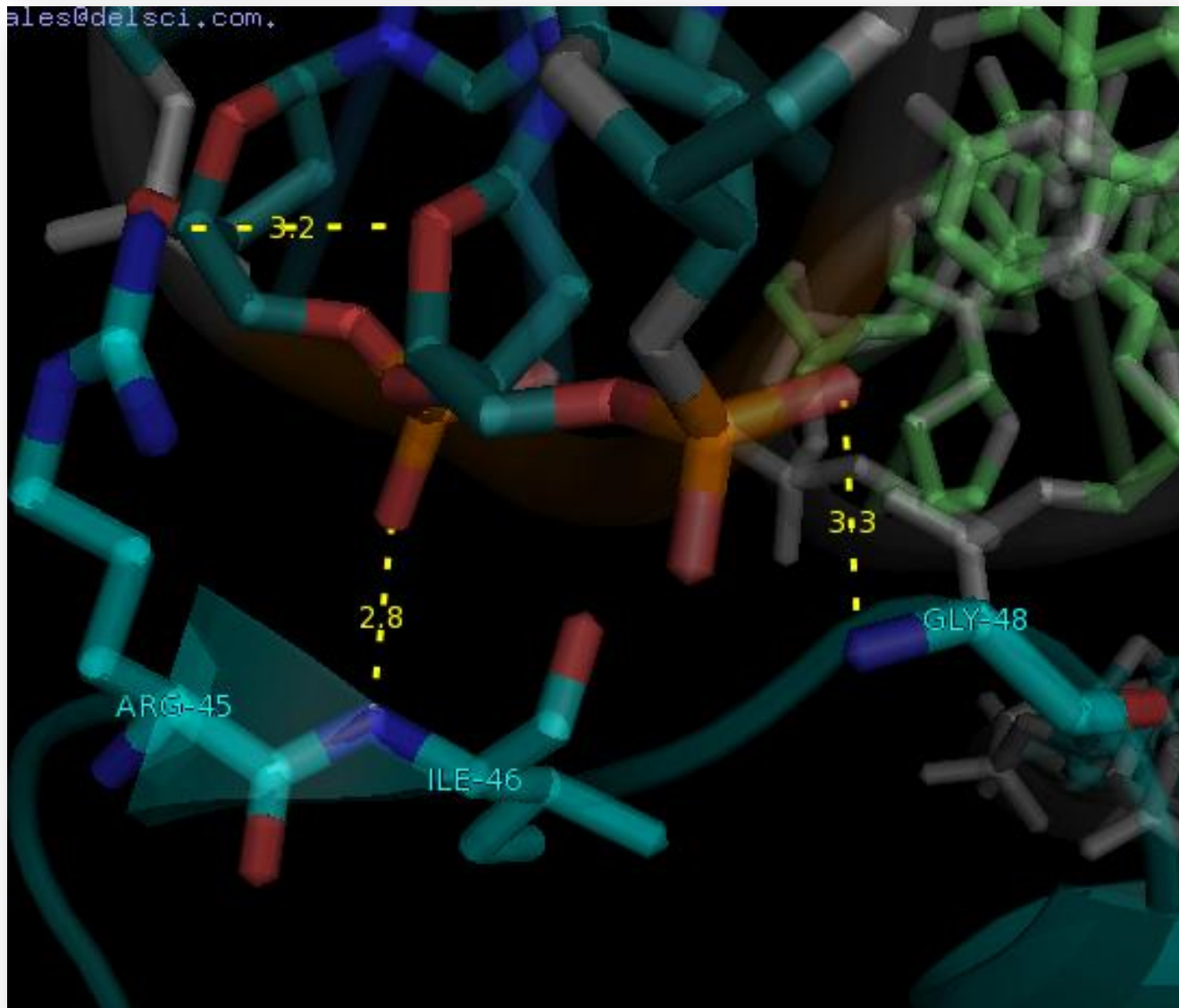


Figure 58. L1L2 binding site. Interaction of histone 4 with DNA.



## Protein-DNA interaction: L1L2 binding site

H4/K77 → side chain.  
H4/K79 → main chain

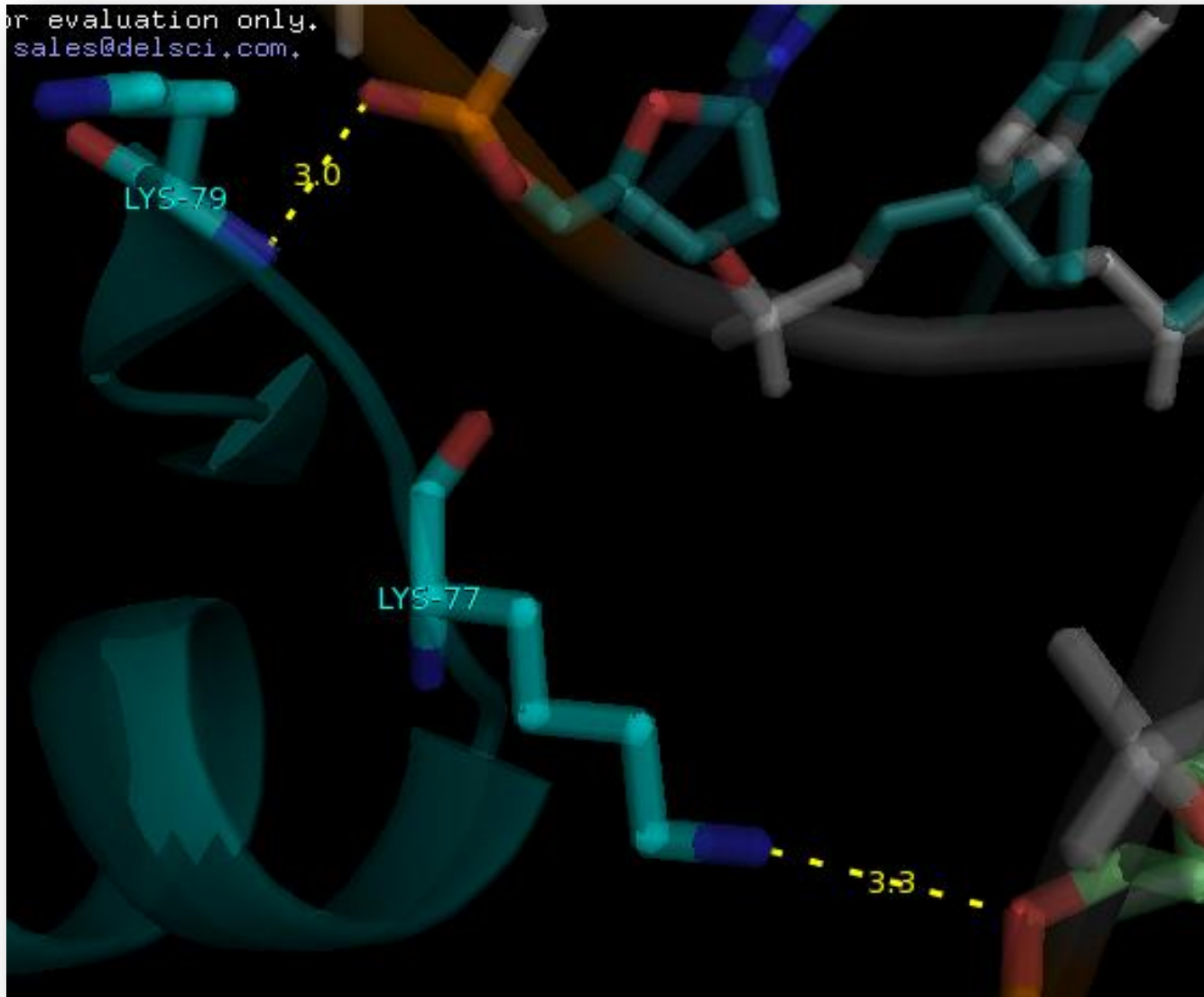


Figure 59. L1L2 binding site. Interaction of histone 4 with DNA.

**Protein-DNA interaction: L1L2  
binding site**

H2A/V43, H2A/A45, H2A/R77 → main chain.  
H2A/K74 → side chain.

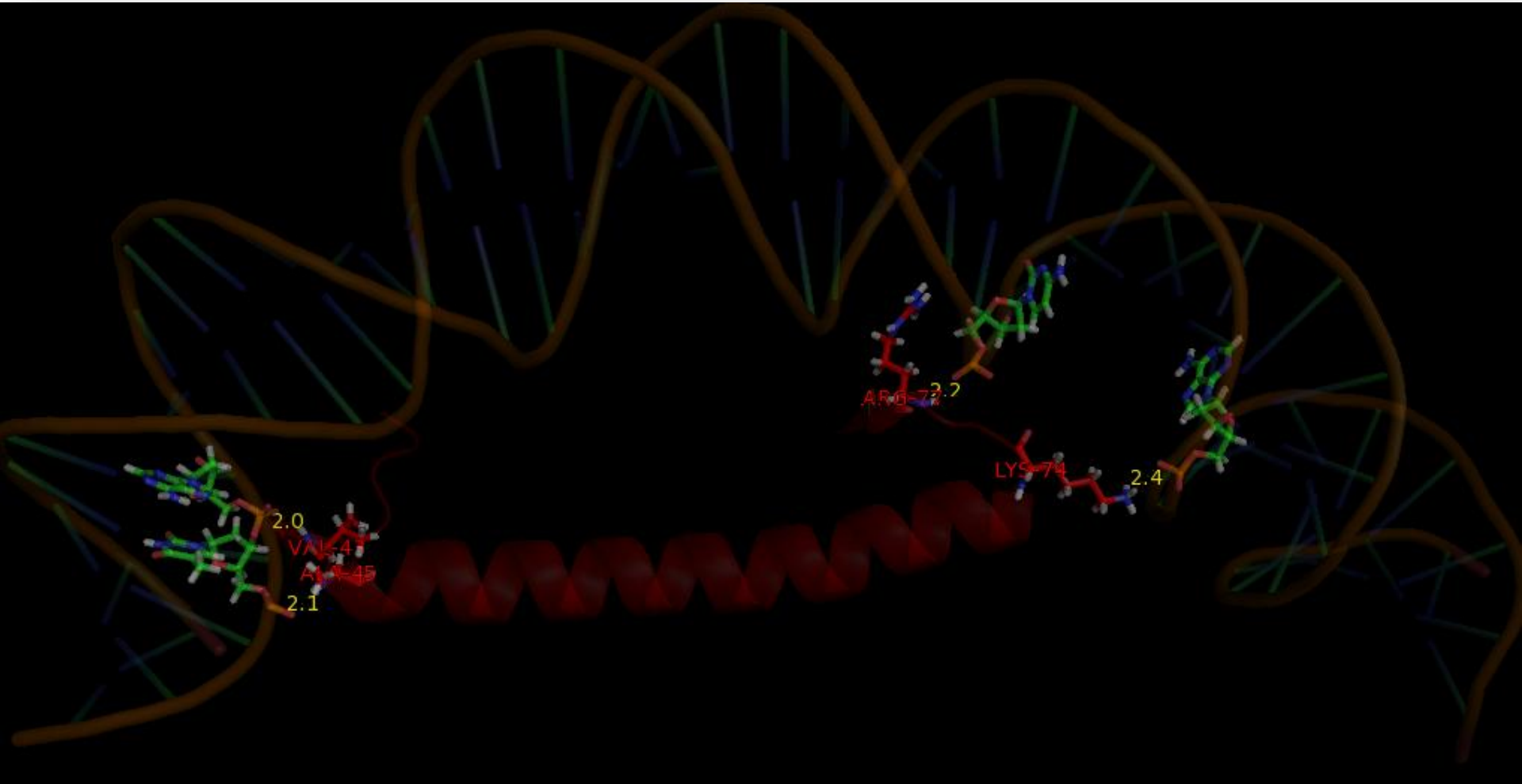


Figure 60. L1L2 binding site. Interaction of histone 2A with DNA.

Protein-DNA interaction: L1L2  
binding site

H2A/V43, H2A/A45 → main chain

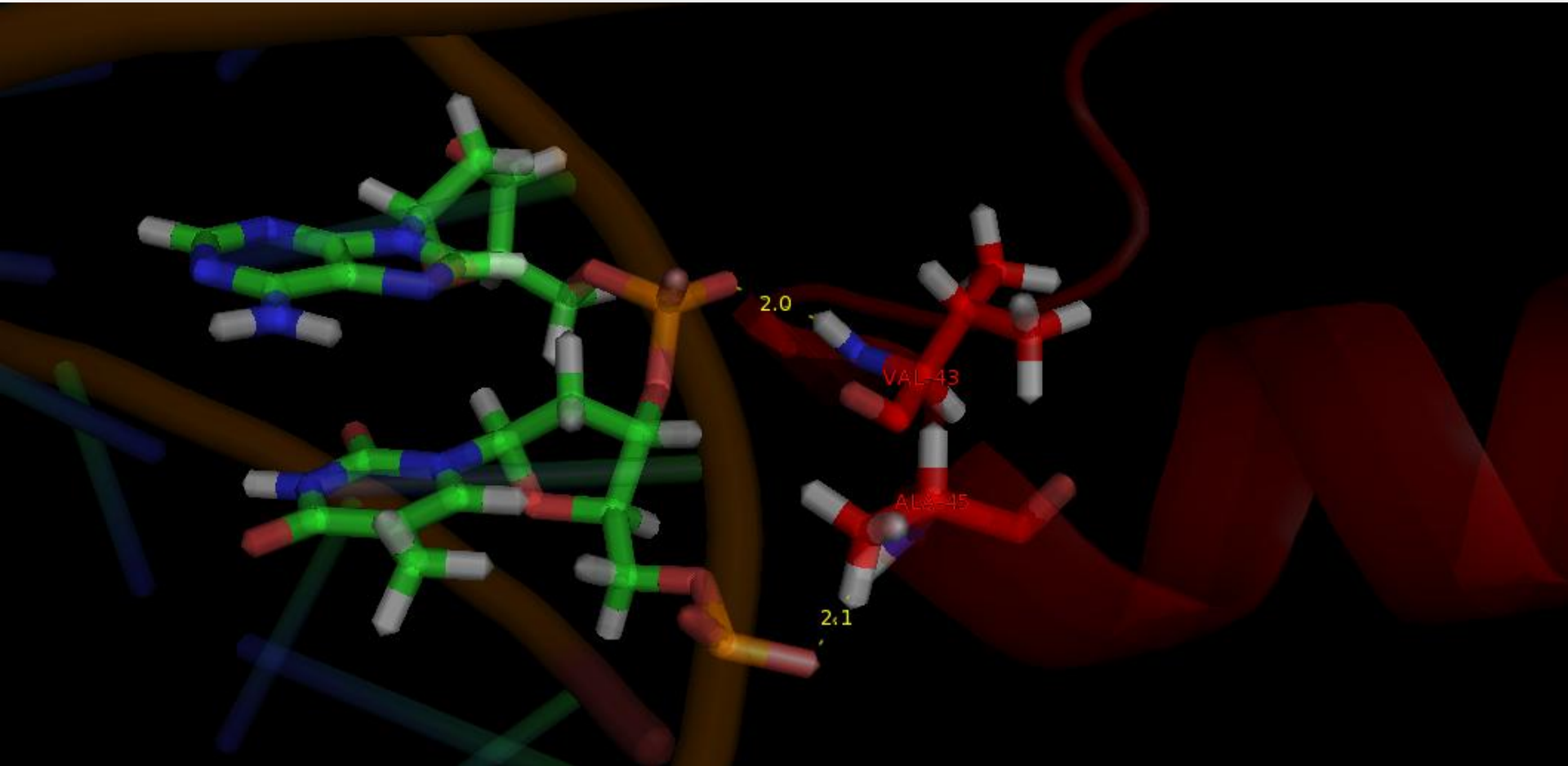


Figure 61. L1L2 binding site. Interaction of histone 2A with DNA.

**Protein-DNA interaction: L1L2  
binding site**

H2A/R77 → main chain  
H2A/K74 → side chain

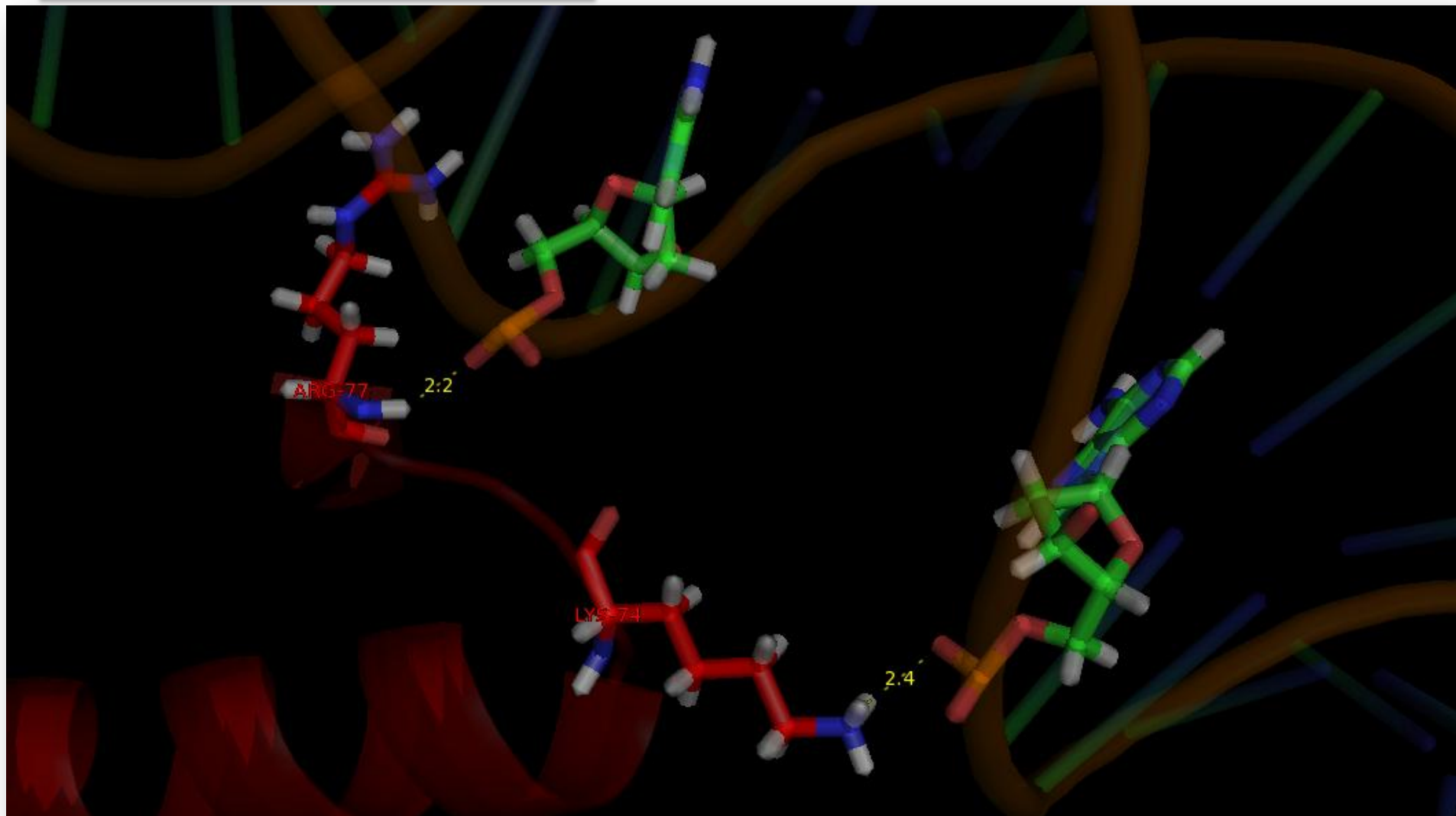


Figure 62. L1L2 binding site. Interaction of histone 2A with DNA.

## Protein-DNA interaction: L1L2 binding site

H2B/K82, H2B/R83 → side chain  
H2B/T85, H2B/S53 → main chain.

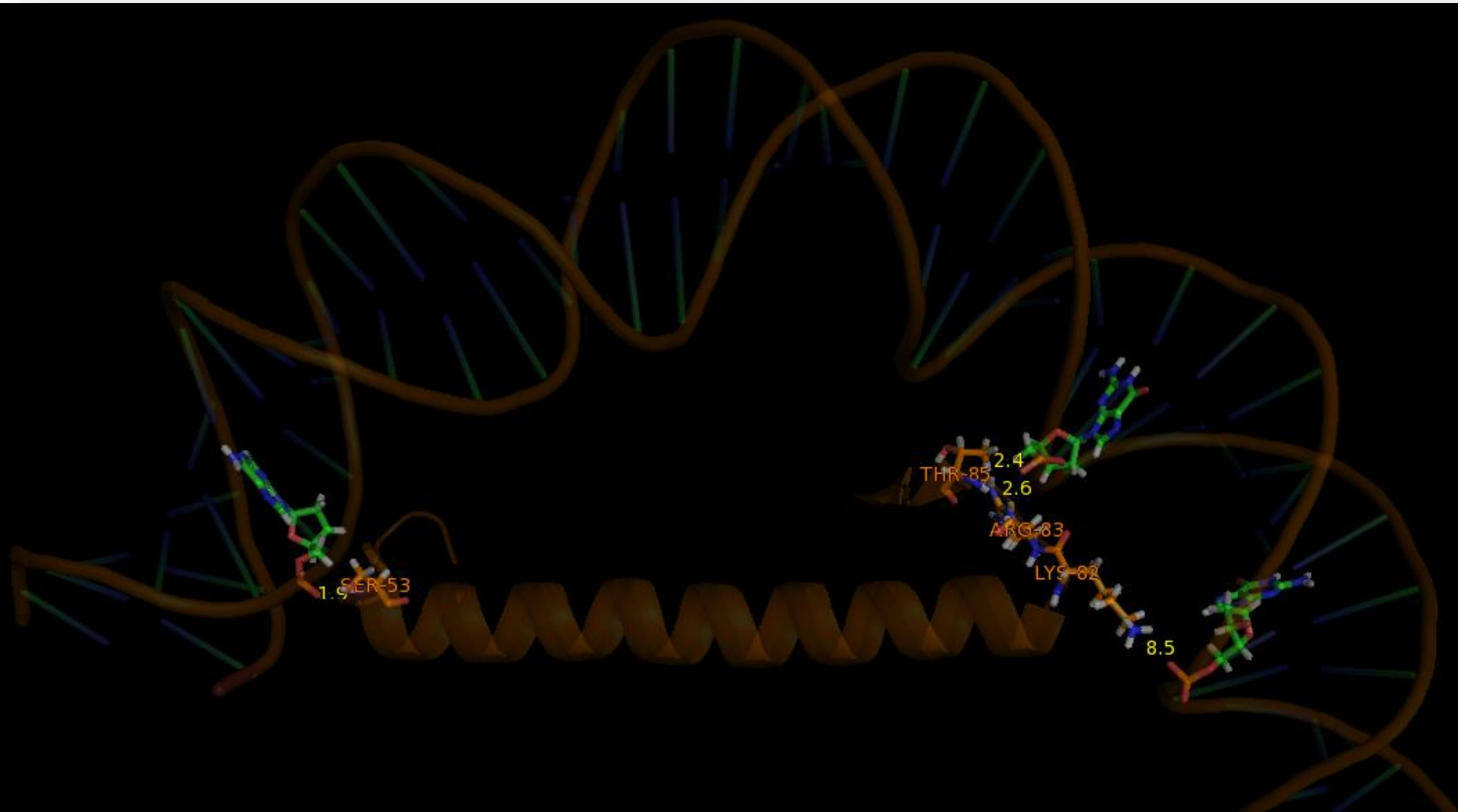


Figure 63. L1L2 binding site. Interaction of histone 2B with DNA.

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H2B/S53 → main chain

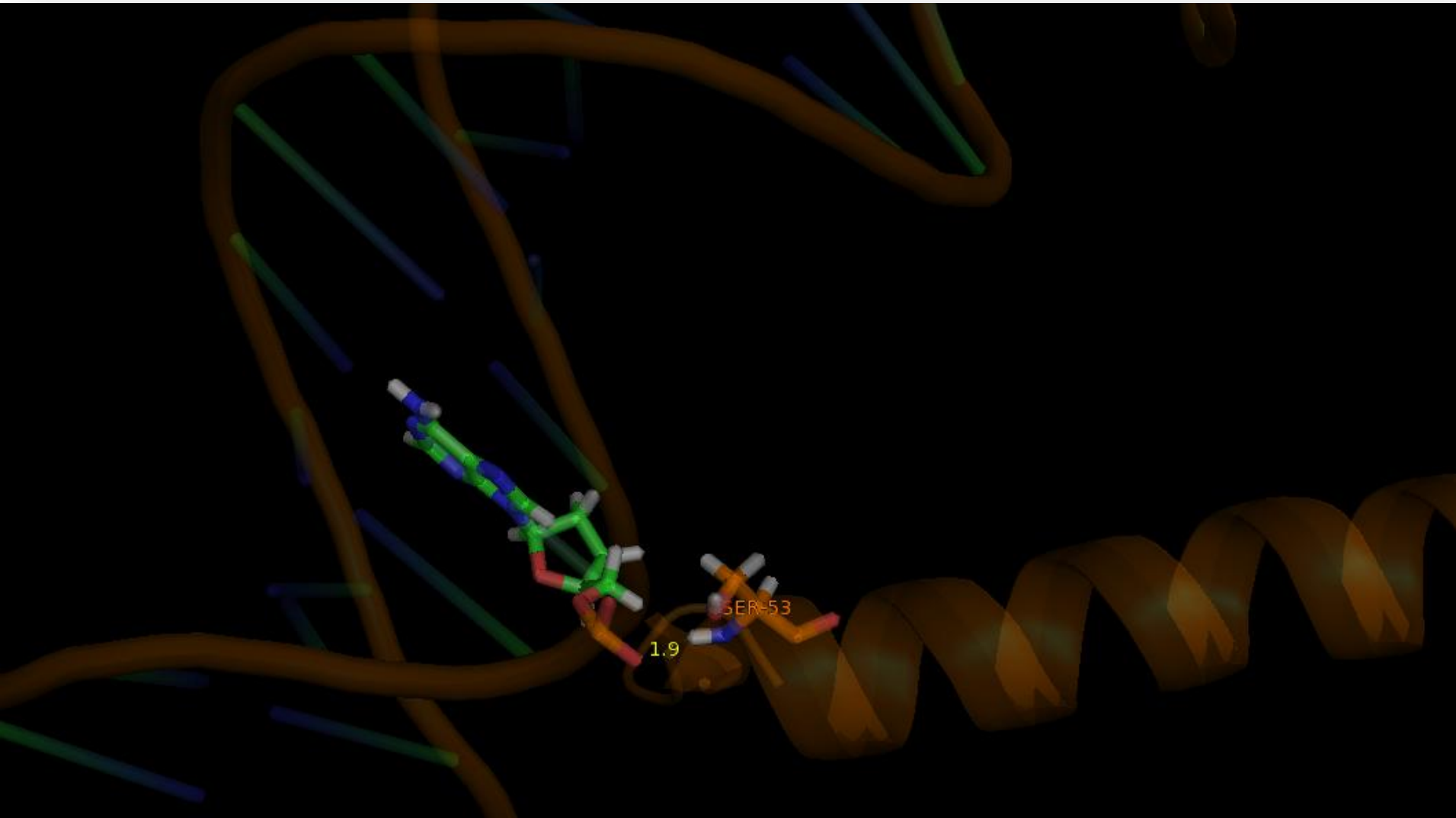


Figure 64 L1L2 binding site. Interaction of histone 2B with DNA.



**Protein-DNA interaction:  $\alpha 1\alpha 1$   
binding site**

H2B/K82, H2B/R83  $\rightarrow$  side chain  
H2B/T85  $\rightarrow$  main chain

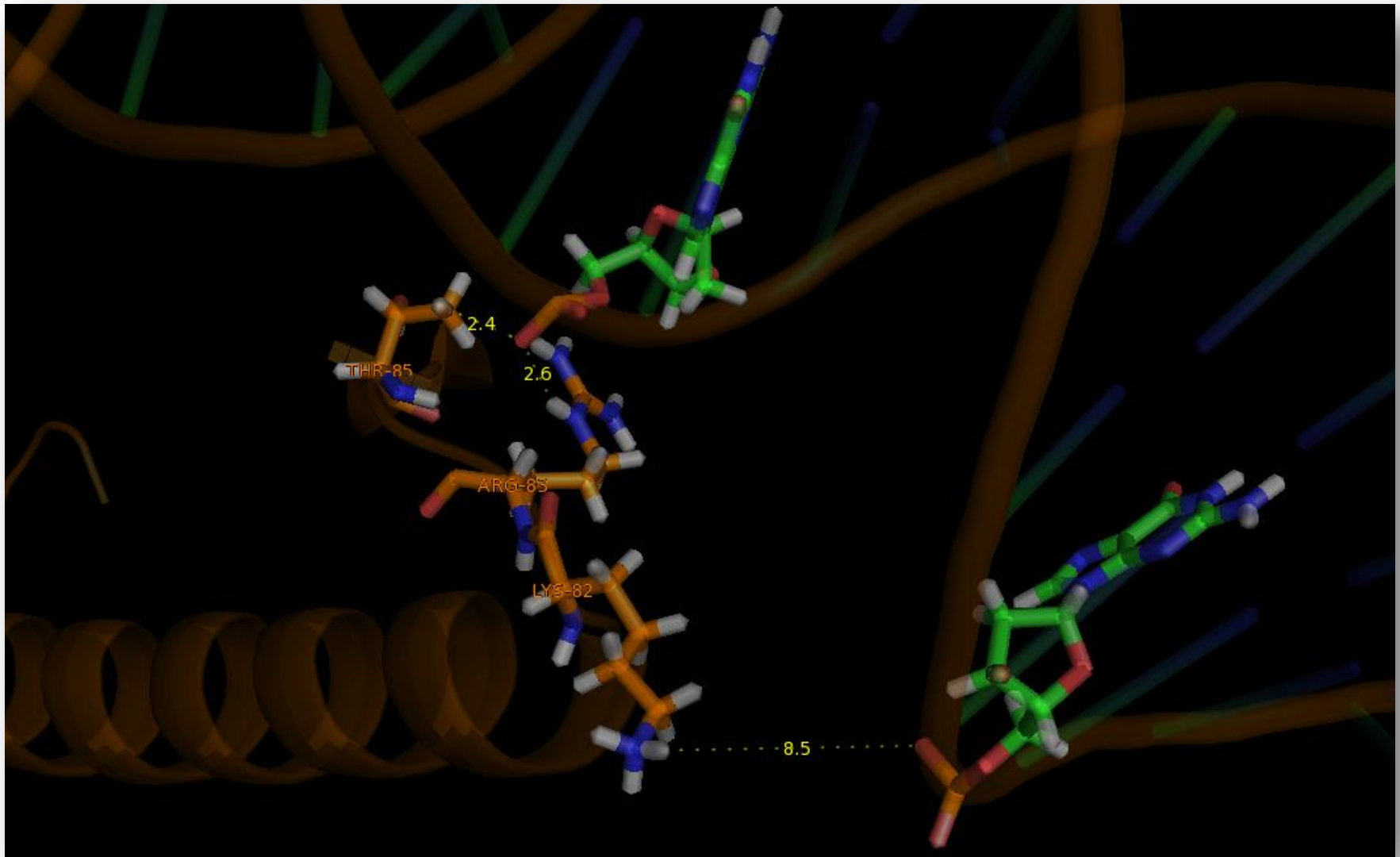


Figure 65. L1L2 binding site. Interaction of histone 2B with DNA.

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- Histones are found in animals, plants and lower eukaryotes.
- They always act as mediators of DNA compactation into chromatin.
- Archaeobacteria show two strains of small histone-like proteins and induce super-coils: HMf and HMt.

## HMf and HMt

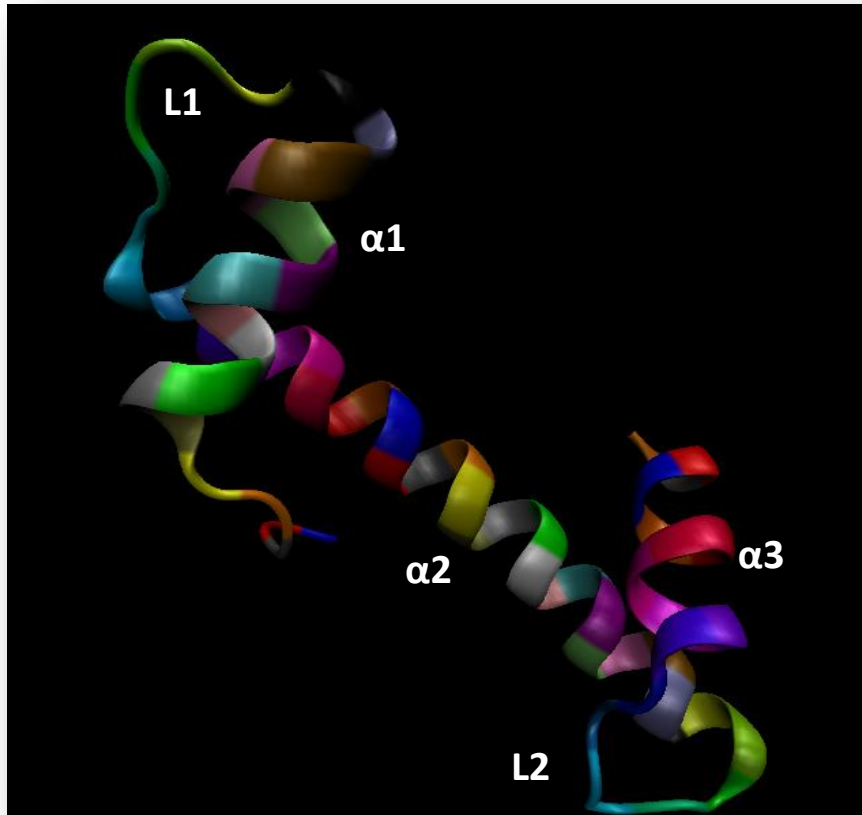


Figure66: structure of the HMfA of *Methanothermobacter fervidus* (PDBid: 1HTA)

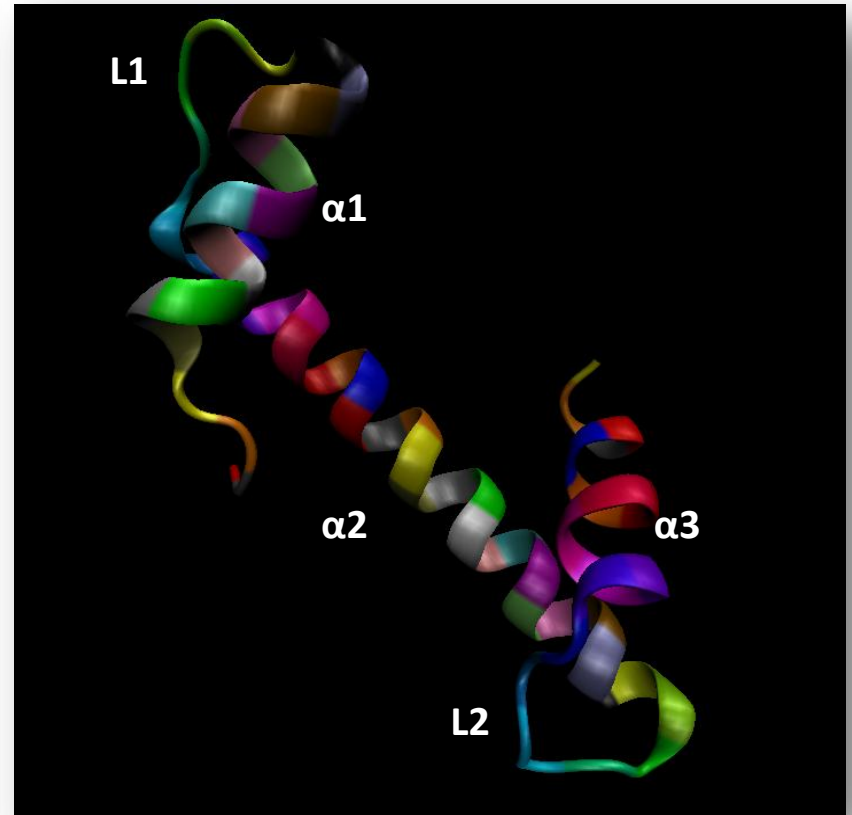


Figure67: structure of the HMfB of *Methanothermobacter fervidus* (PDBid: 1A7W)

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**Figure68: T-coffee**

## H3

	RMSD	SCORE
H2A	1.73	8.89
H2B	1.22	8.90
H3	1.10	8.70
H4	1.31	8.48

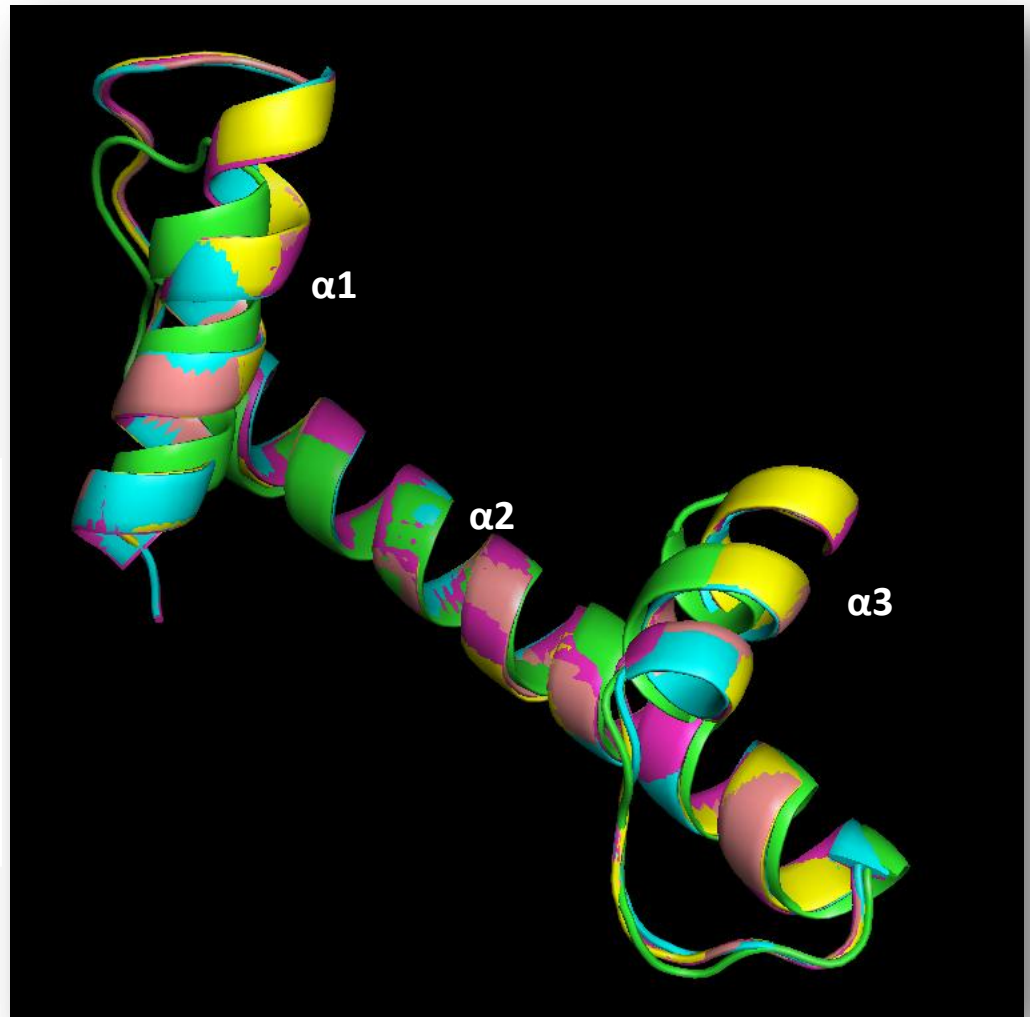


Figure69: Evolutionary structure conservation of H3 + HMfA  
(PDBid: 1A7W, 1AOI, 2NQB, 3AFA, 1ID3)

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## H3

2NQB_A	PDBID	CH	1	----	ARTKQTARKSTGGKAPRKQLATKAARKSA	29
1A0I_A	PDBID	CH	1	-----	-----LATKAARKSA	10
3AFA_A	PDBID	CH	1	GSHM	ARTKQTARKSTGGKAPRKQLATKAARKSA	33
1ID3_A	PDBID	CH	1	----	ARTKQTARKSTGGKAPRKQLASKAARKSA	29
1A7W_A	PDBID	CH	1	-----	-----	0
cons			1			33
2NQB_A	PDBID	CH	30	PATGGVKKPHRYRPGTVALREIRRYQKSTELLI		62
1A0I_A	PDBID	CH	11	PATGGVKKPHRYRPGTVALREIRRYQKSTELLI		43
3AFA_A	PDBID	CH	34	PATGGVKKPHRYRPGTVALREIRRYQKSTELLI		66
1ID3_A	PDBID	CH	30	PSTGGVKKPHRYKPGTVALREIRRFQKSTELLI		62
1A7W_A	PDBID	CH	1	-----MELP-		4
cons			34			66
2NQB_A	PDBID	CH	63	RKLPFQRLVREIAQDFKTDLRFQSSAVMALQEA		95
1A0I_A	PDBID	CH	44	RKLPFQRLVREIAQDFKTDLRFQSSAVMALQEA		76
3AFA_A	PDBID	CH	67	RKLPFQRLVREIAQDFKTDLRFQSSAVMALQEA		99
1ID3_A	PDBID	CH	63	RKLPFQRLVREIAQDFKTDLRFQSSAIGALQES		95
1A7W_A	PDBID	CH	5	-IAPIGRIIKDAGAERVSD-----ARITLAKI		31
cons			67			99
2NQB_A	PDBID	CH	96	SEAYLVGLFEDTNLCAIHAKRVTIMPKDIQLAR		128
1A0I_A	PDBID	CH	77	SEAYLVGLFEDTNLCAIHAKRVTIMPKDIQLAR		109
3AFA_A	PDBID	CH	100	CEAYLVGLFEDTNLCAIHAKRVTIMPKDIQLAR		132
1ID3_A	PDBID	CH	96	VEAYLVSLFEDTNLAAIHAKRVTIQKKEIKLAR		128
1A7W_A	PDBID	CH	32	LEEMGRDIASEAIKLARHAGRKTIKAEDIELAV		64
cons			100			132
2NQB_A	PDBID	CH	129	-RIRGERA	135	
1A0I_A	PDBID	CH	110	-RIRGERA	116	
3AFA_A	PDBID	CH	133	-RIRGERA	139	
1ID3_A	PDBID	CH	129	-RLRGERS	135	
1A7W_A	PDBID	CH	65	RRF---KK	69	
cons			133		140	

Figure70: Sequence alignment of H3 residues 1-140 in eukaryotes and HMf.

Figure70: Sequence alignment for histone H3 of eukaryotes and Hmf.



## CLUSTAL W(1.60) multiple sequence alignment

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→ 1A7W      -IAPIGRIIKD---A-GAERVSDDARITLAKILEEM
    1ID3      RKLPFQRLVREIAQDFKTDLRFQSSAIGALQESVEAY
    3AFA      RKLPFQRLVREIAQDFKTDLRFQSSAVMALQEACEAY
    1A0I      -KLPFQRLVREIAQDFKTDLRFQSSAVMALQEASEAY
    2NQB      -KLPFQRLVREIAQDFKTDLRFQSSAVMALQEASEAY

→ 1A7W      GRDIASEAIKLARHAGRKTIKAEDIELAVR--
    1ID3      LVSLFEDTNLAAIHAKRVTIQKKEIKLARR--
    3AFA      LVGLFEDTNLCAIHAKRVTIMPKDIQLARRIR
    1A0I      LVALFEDTNLCAIHAKRVTIMPKDIQLARRIR
    2NQB      LVGLFEDTNLCAIHAKRVTIMPKDIQLARRIR
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Figure71: CLUSTAL, estructural alignment.

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## H4

2NQB_B PDBID CH	1	---	ITGRGKGGKGLGKGGAKRHRKVL	RDNIQGI	30	
1ID3_B PDBID CH	1	---	SGRGKGGKGLGKGGAKRHRKIL	RDNIQGI	29	
1A0I_B PDBID CH	1	-----	-----	KRHRKVL	RDNIQGI	14
3AFA_B PDBID CH	1		GSHMSGRGKGGKGLGKGGAKRHRKVL	RDNIQGI	33	
cons	1		*****	.*****	33	
2NQB_B PDBID CH	31		TKPAIRRLARRGGVKRISGLIYEETR	GV	LKVFL	63
1ID3_B PDBID CH	30		TKPAIRRLARRGGVKRISGLIYEETR	GV	RAVLKSFL	62
1A0I_B PDBID CH	15		TKPAIRRLARRGGVKRISGLIYEETR	GV	LKVFL	47
3AFA_B PDBID CH	34		TKPAIRRLARRGGVKRISGLIYEETR	GV	LKVFL	66
cons	34		*****	.*	***	66
2NQB_B PDBID CH	64		ENVIRDAVTYTEHAKRKT	VTAMD	VVYALKRQGR	96
1ID3_B PDBID CH	63		ESVIRDSVTYTEHAKRKT	VTSLD	VVYALKRQGR	95
1A0I_B PDBID CH	48		ENVIRDAVTYTEHAKRKT	VTAMD	VVYALKRQGR	80
3AFA_B PDBID CH	67		ENVIRDAVTYTEHAKRKT	VTAMD	VVYALKRQGR	99
cons	67		*.	*****	.:*****	99
2NQB_B PDBID CH	97		TLYGFGG	103		
1ID3_B PDBID CH	96		TLYGFGG	102		
1A0I_B PDBID CH	81		TLYGFGG	87		
3AFA_B PDBID CH	100		TLYGFGG	106		
cons	100		*****	106		

Figure72:T-coffee histones 4.

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## H2A

2NQB_C   PDBID   CH	1	---	SGRG-KGGKVKGKAKSRSNRAGLQFPVGR	28
1ID3_C   PDBID   CH	1	S---	GGKGGKAGSAAKASQSRSAKAGLTFPVGR	30
1A0I_C   PDBID   CH	1	---	G--KQGGKTRAKAKTRSSRAGLQFPVGR	26
3AFA_C   PDBID   CH	1	GSHMSGRGKQGGKARAKAKTRSSRAGLQFPVGR	33	
cons	1		* : * . : : * * : * * * * * *	33
2NQB_C   PDBID   CH	29		IHRLLRKGNYAERVGAGAPVYLAAVMEYLAAEV	61
1ID3_C   PDBID   CH	31		VHRLLRGNYAQRIGSGAPVYLTAVLEYLAAEI	63
1A0I_C   PDBID   CH	27		VHRLLRGNYAERVGAGAPVYLAAVLEYLTAEI	59
3AFA_C   PDBID   CH	34		VHRLLRKGNYSERVGAGAPVYLAAVLEYLTAEI	66
cons	34		: * * * * : * * * : : * : * * * * * : * * : * * * : * *	66
2NQB_C   PDBID   CH	62		LELAGNAARDNKKTRIIPRHLQLAIRNDEELNK	94
1ID3_C   PDBID   CH	64		LELAGNAARDNKKTRIIPRHLQLAIRNDDELNK	96
1A0I_C   PDBID   CH	60		LELAGNAARDNKKTRIIPRHLQLAVRNDDEELNK	92
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cons	67		* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * : * * * : * * *	99
2NQB_C   PDBID   CH	95		LLSGVTIAQGGVLPNIQAVLLPKKTEKK-----	122
1ID3_C   PDBID   CH	97		LLGNVTIAQGGVLPNIHQNLPPKSAKATKASQ	129
1A0I_C   PDBID   CH	93		LLGRVTIAQGGVLPNIQSVLLPKK-----	116
3AFA_C   PDBID   CH	100		LLGRVTIAQGGVLPNIQAVLLPKKTESHHKAKG	132
cons	100		* * . * * * * * * * * * * : * * * * *	132
2NQB_C   PDBID   CH	123	-A	123	
1ID3_C   PDBID   CH	130	EL	131	
1A0I_C   PDBID   CH	117	--	116	
3AFA_C   PDBID   CH	133	-K	133	
cons	133		134	

Figure73:T-coffee histones 2A.

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## H2B



2NQB_D   PDBID   CH	1	---IP---PKTSGKAAKKAGK-AQKNITKTD-K	25
1ID3_D   PDBID   CH	1	SS-AAEKKPASKAPAEKKPAA--KKTSTSVDGK	30
1AOI_D   PDBID   CH	1	-----K	1
3AFA_D   PDBID   CH	1	GSHMPE--PAKSAPAPKKGSKKAVTKAQKKDGK	31
cons	1		33
2NQB_D   PDBID   CH	26	KKKRKRKESYAIYIYTVLKQVHPDTGISSKAMS	58
1ID3_D   PDBID   CH	31	KRSKVRKETYSYIYKVLKQTHPDTGISQKSMS	63
1AOI_D   PDBID   CH	2	KRRKTRKESYAIYVYKVLKQVHPDTGISSKAMS	34
3AFA_D   PDBID   CH	32	KRKRSRKESYSIYVYKVLKQVHPDTGISSKAMG	64
cons	34	*: : *::*: *:*.*****.*****.::*	66
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1AOI_D   PDBID   CH	35	IMNSFVNDVFERIAGEASRLAHYNKRSTITSRE	67
3AFA_D   PDBID   CH	65	IMNSFVNDIFERIAEASRLAHYNKRSTITSRE	97
cons	67	*.*****.*****.***.***.***.***.::*	99
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1AOI_D   PDBID   CH	68	IQTAVRLLLPGELAKHAVSEGTKAVTKYTSA--	98
3AFA_D   PDBID   CH	98	IQTAVRLLLPGELAKHAVSEGTKAVTKYTSA--	128
cons	100	*****.*****.*****.***.***.***.***.::*	132
2NQB_D   PDBID   CH	123	K	123
1ID3_D   PDBID   CH	130	A	130
1AOI_D   PDBID   CH	99	K	99
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cons	133		133

Figure73:T-coffee histones 2B.

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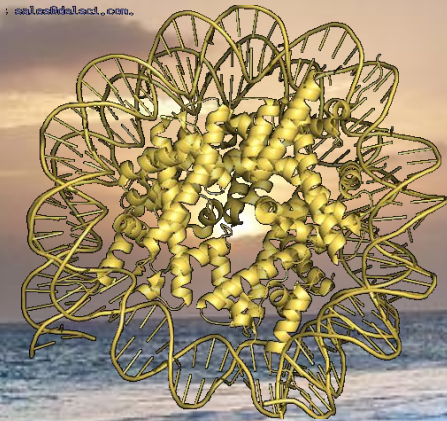
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To sum up...

- The conservation of structure is not sequence conservation dependent.
- The histone fold origin is a duplication form and HSH segment.
- Protein and DNA interactions are very conserved.
- 75% of the histone structure is has an helix conformation.
- Many histone residues are critical in the contacts with other histones and with DNA.
- NCP are very important for the chromosomal molecules.

# Questions and comments



## ONE MONTH LEFT, CABO VERDE!!



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