

Human Enterovirus 71 capsid protein

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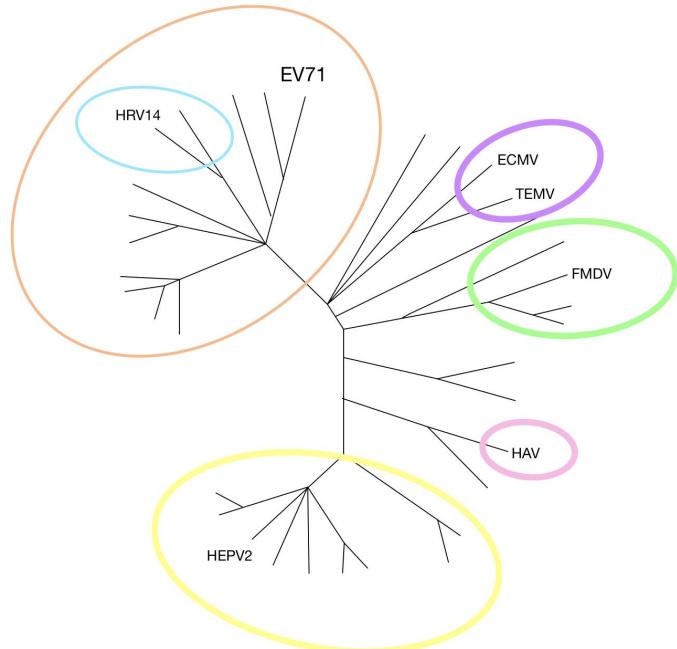


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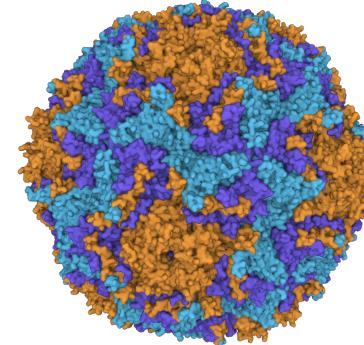
Human Enterovirus 71 and phylogeny

Picornaviridae family



- Enterovirus
- Rhinovirus
- Cardiovirus
- Aphtovirus
- Hepatovirus
- Parechovirus

EV71



Non-enveloped
ssRNA+ virus

VP1
VP2
VP3

Fig. 1: Phylogenetic tree of *Picornaviridae* family.
Adapted from Benschop, et al. 2006.

Clinical manifestations



HFMD

Hand, foot and mouth disease



NEUROLOGICAL MANIFESTATIONS

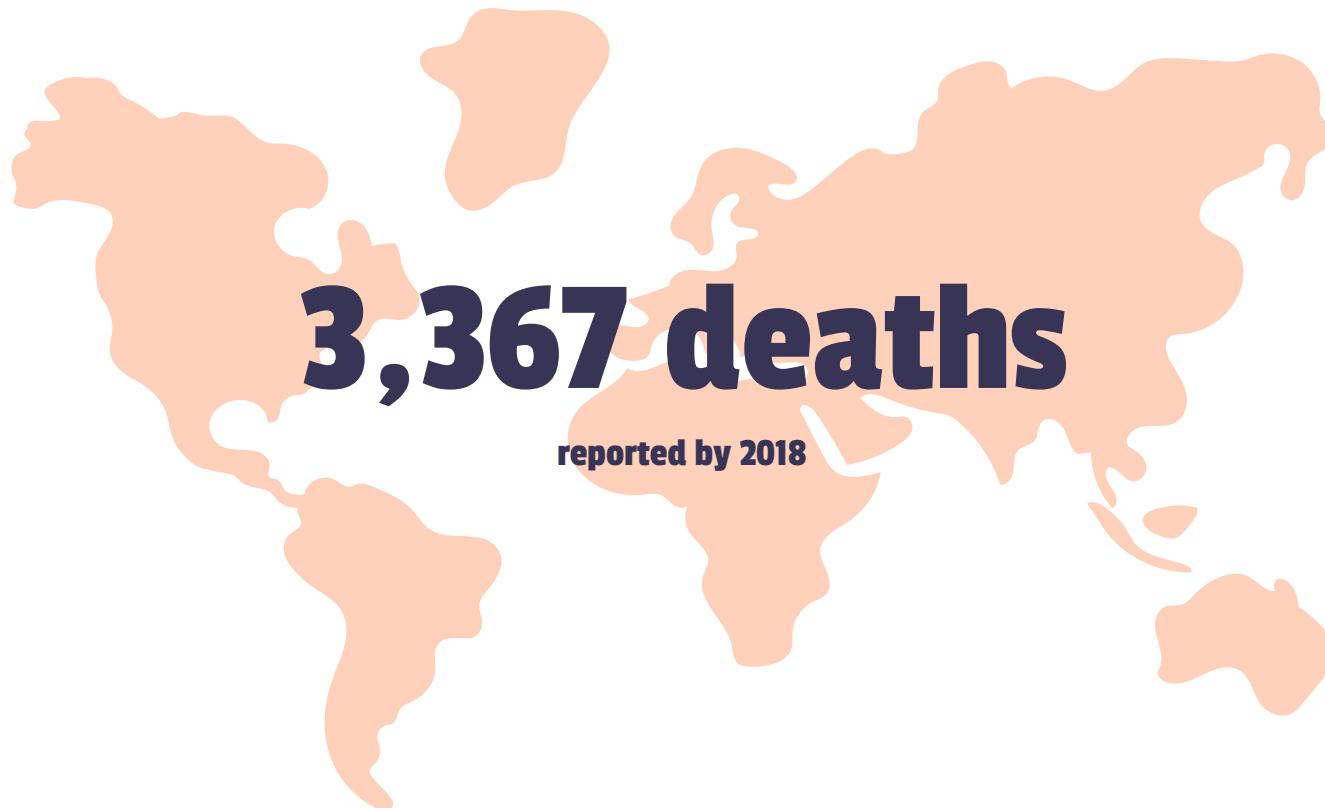
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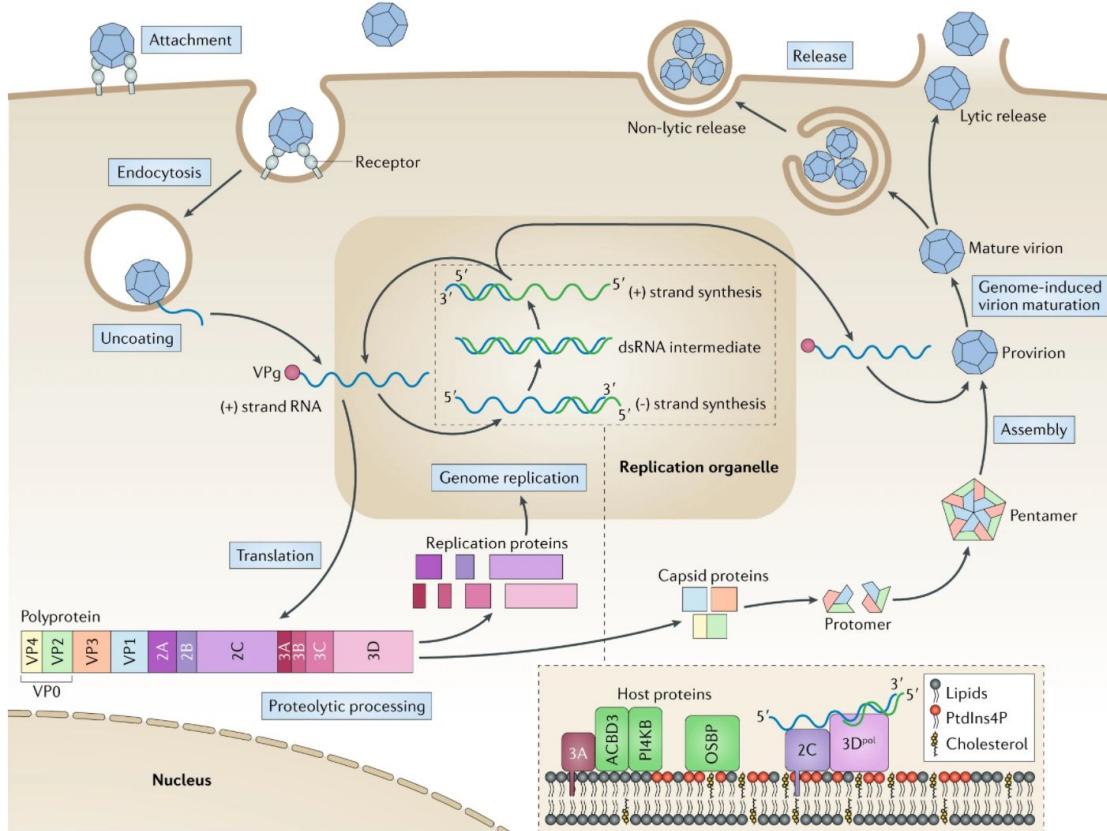


Fig. 2: HEV71 life cycle . Baggen J, et al. 2018

Genome

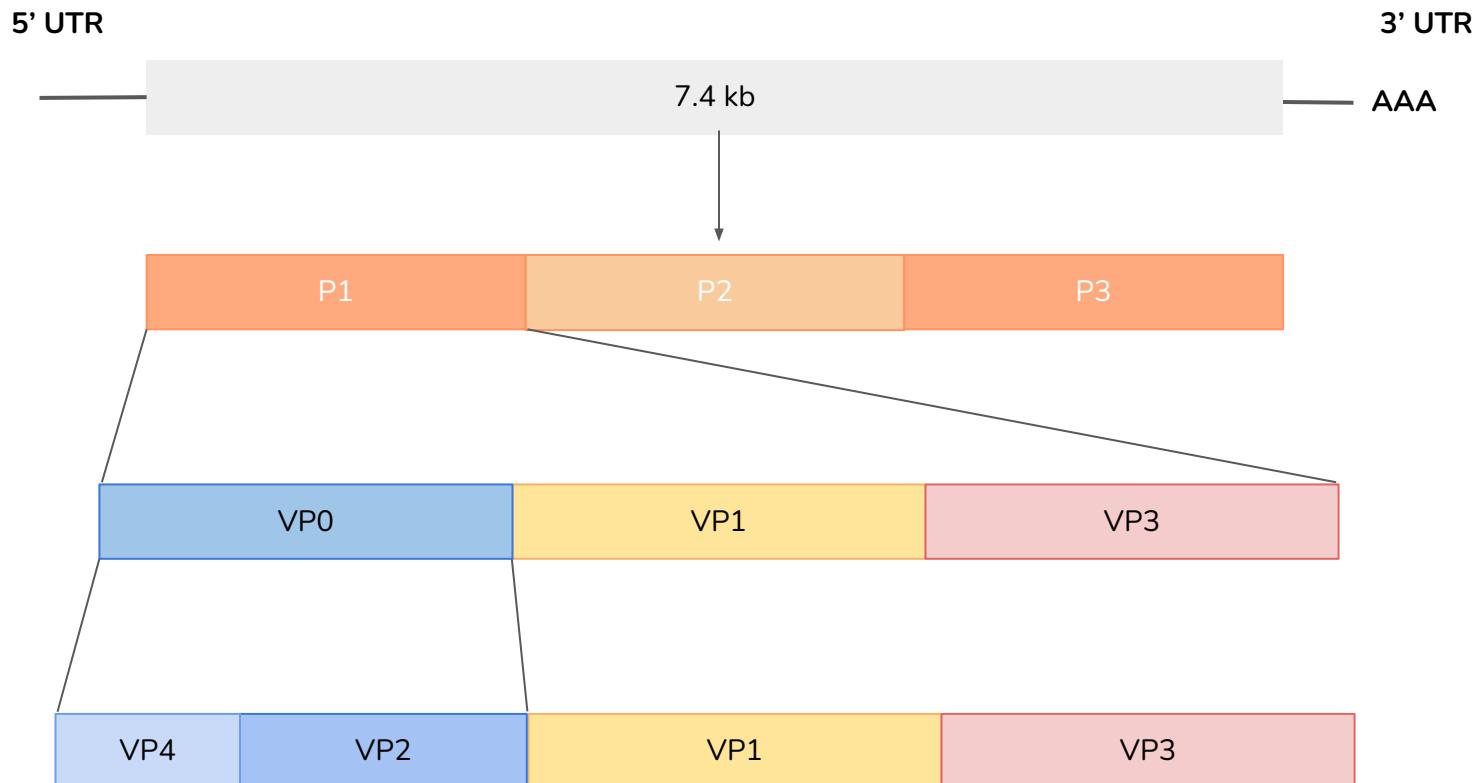


Fig. 3: HEV17 genome. Adapted from Cao J, et al. 2019.

Cleavage of VP0

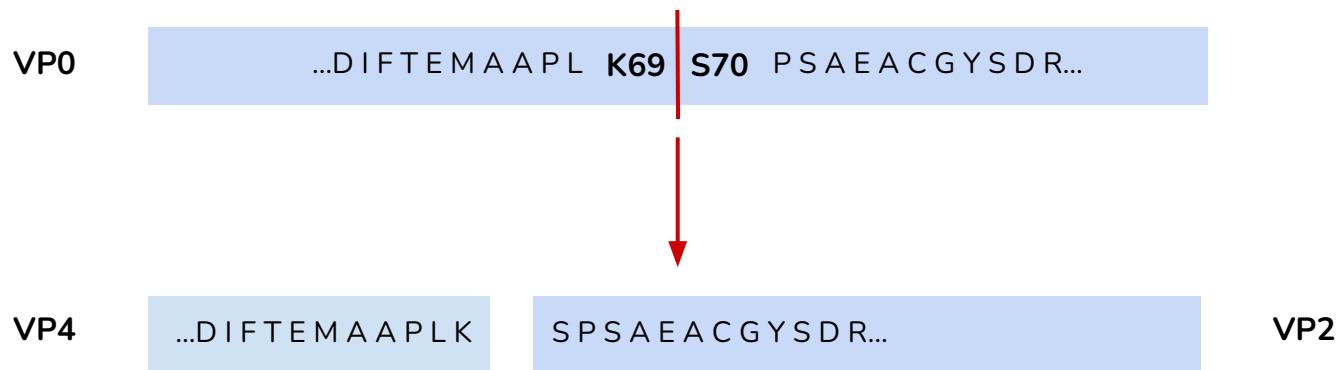
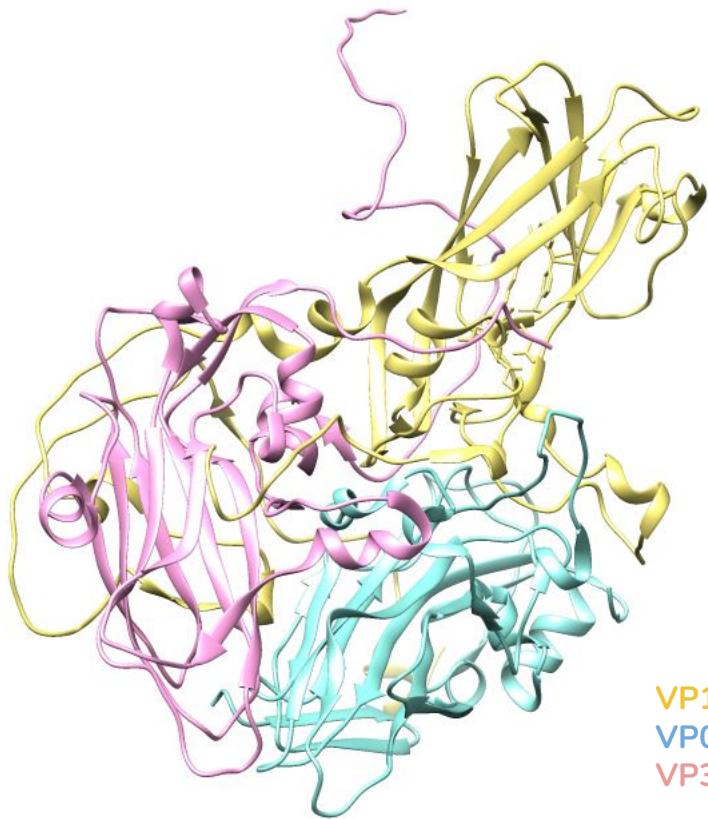
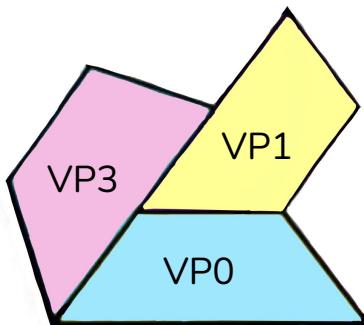


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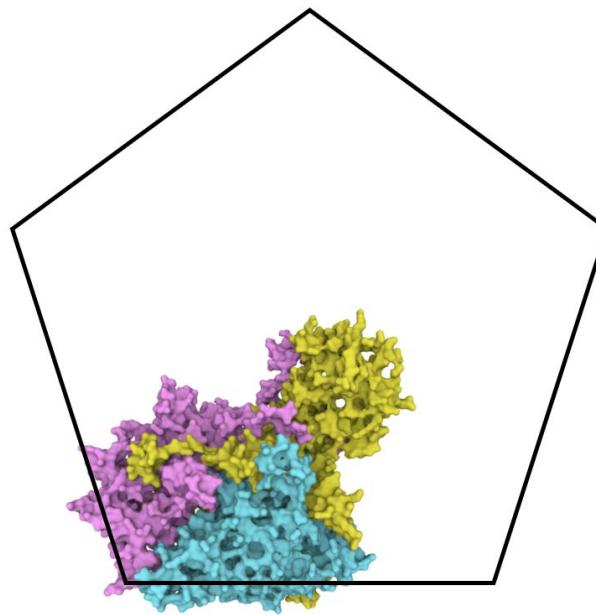
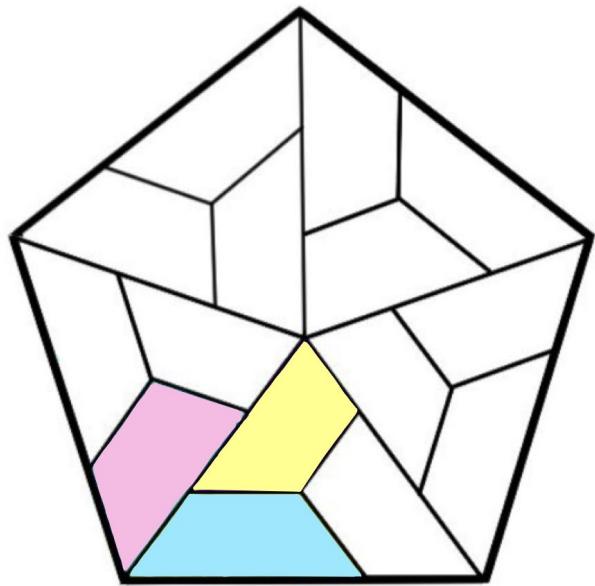
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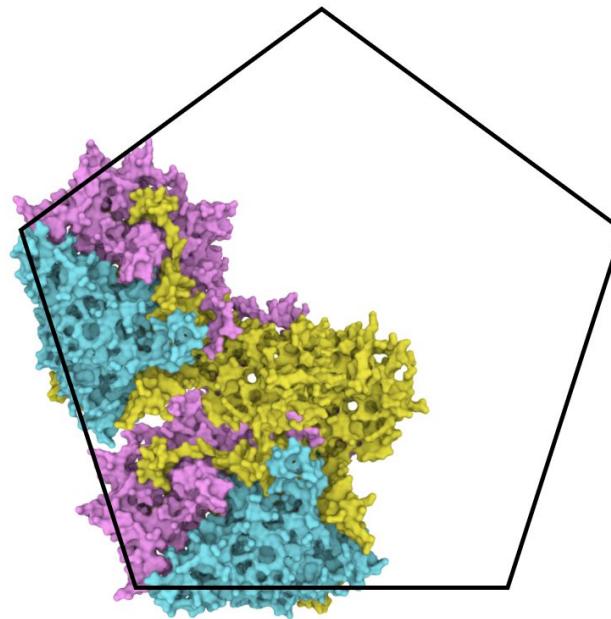
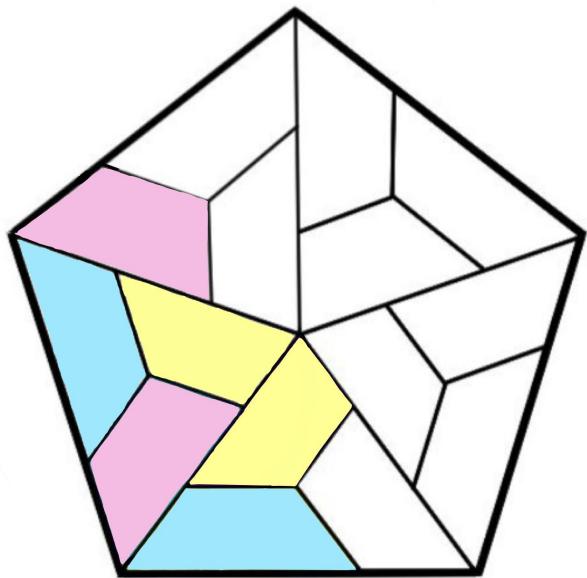
$VP0 + VP1 + VP3 = \text{protomer}$



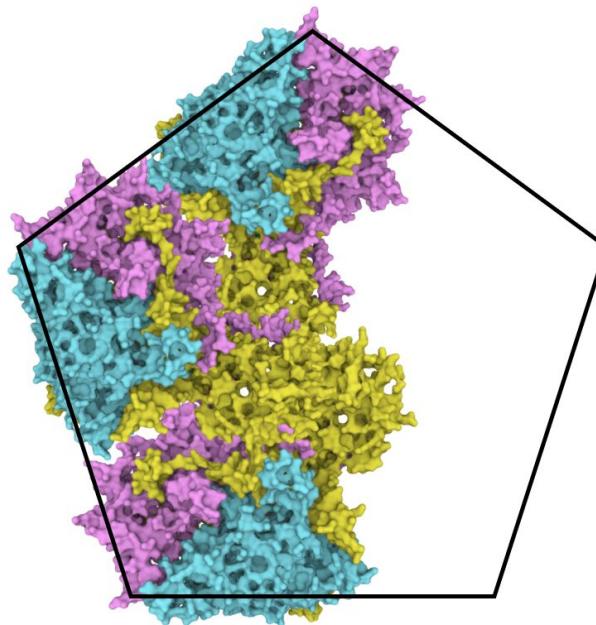
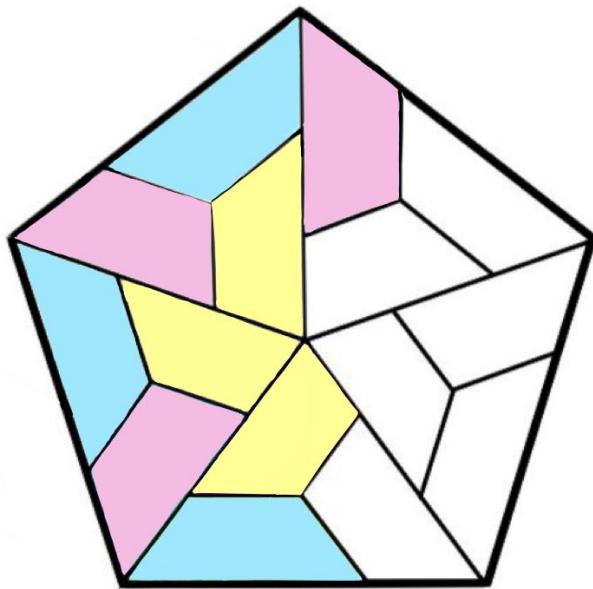
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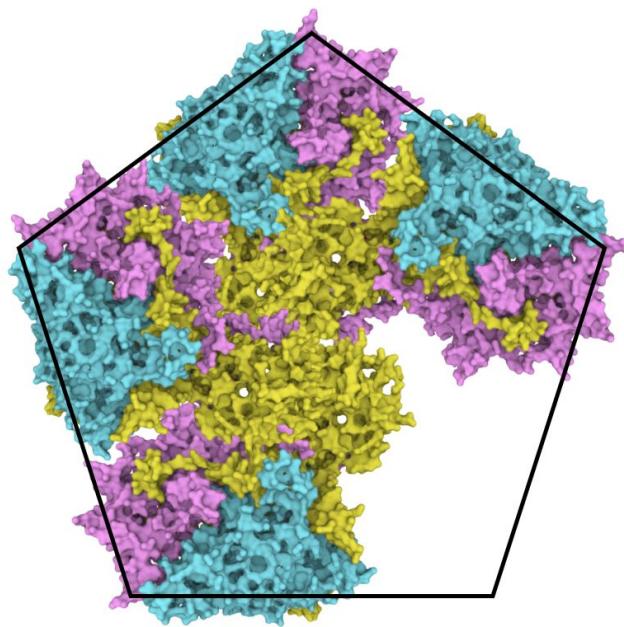
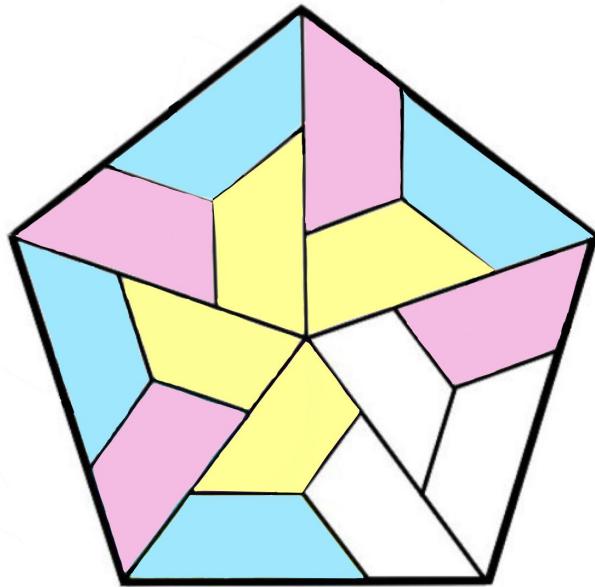
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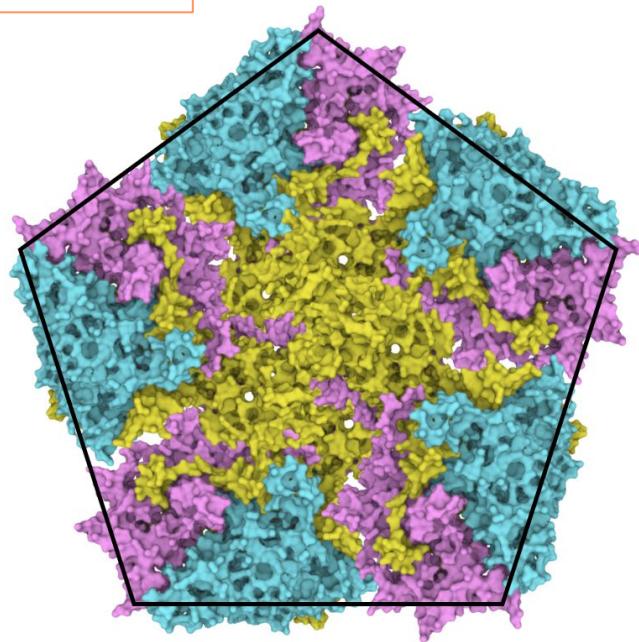
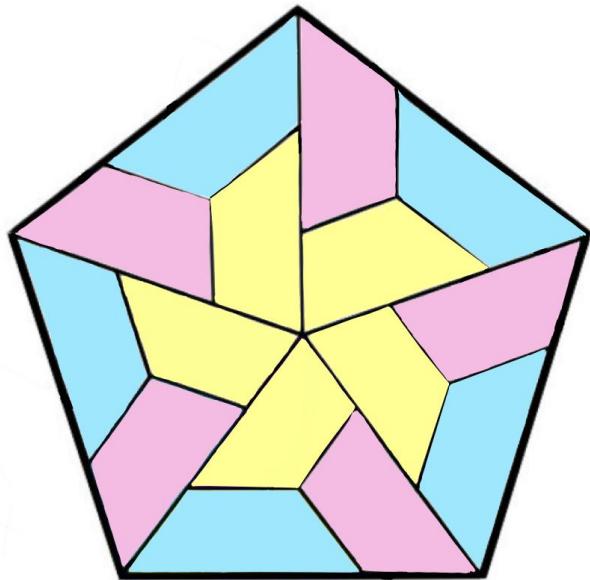


Capsid assembly



Capsid assembly

5 protomers form a capsomer



Capsid assembly and viral phases

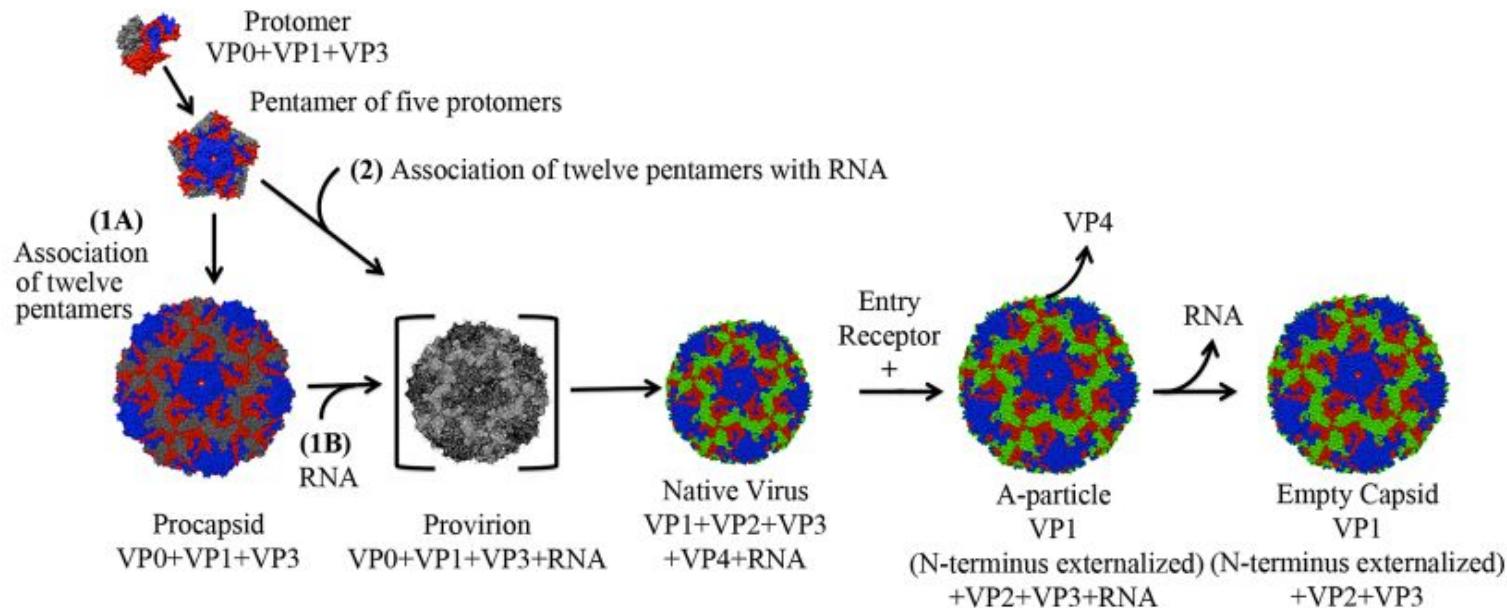
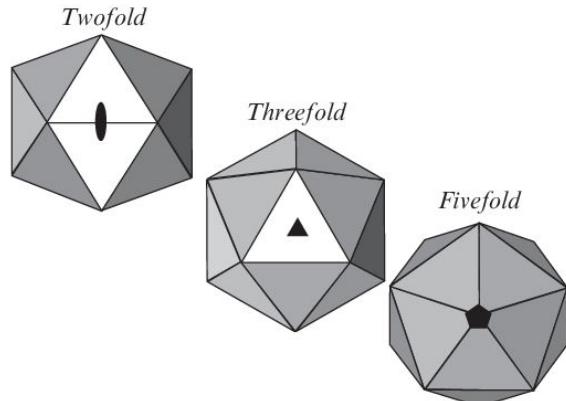
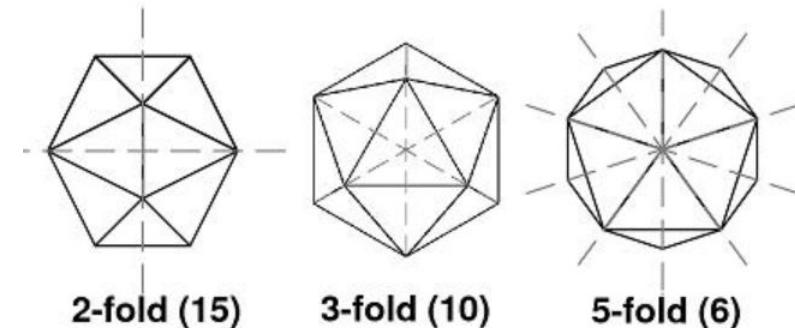


Fig. 5: HEV71 viral phases. Shinger KL, et al. 2013.

Axis of symmetry

Rotational symmetry is based on 2-3-5 Fold Symmetry:

- Two-fold axis: through the centre of each edge
- Three-fold axis: through the centre of each face
- Five-fold axis: through the centre of each vertex



Triangulation Number

Triangulation number gives us an idea of how big the capsid is and how many subunits compose the total capsid

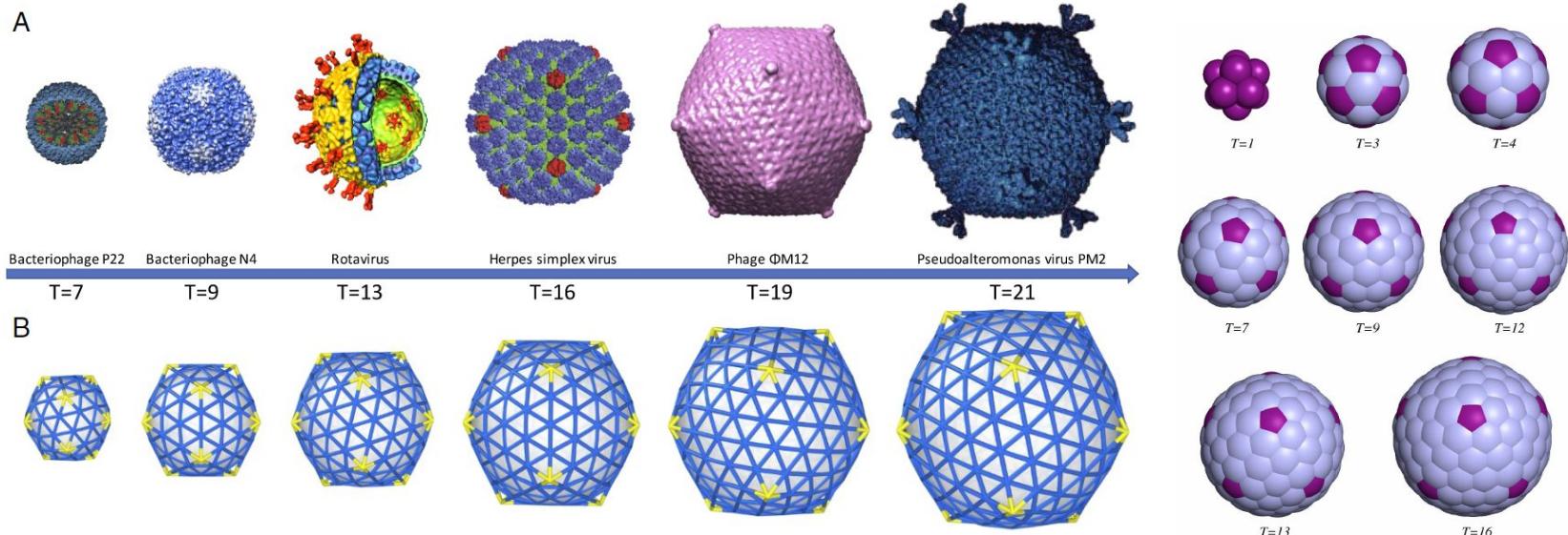


Fig. 6: Triangulation number. Cann, Alan J. et al. 2004.

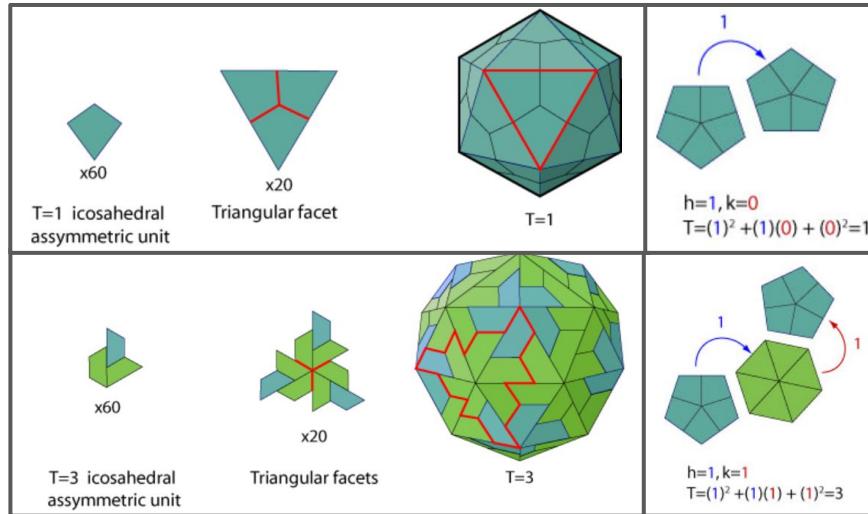


Fig. 7: Triangulation. Swiss institute of bioinformatics. 2015

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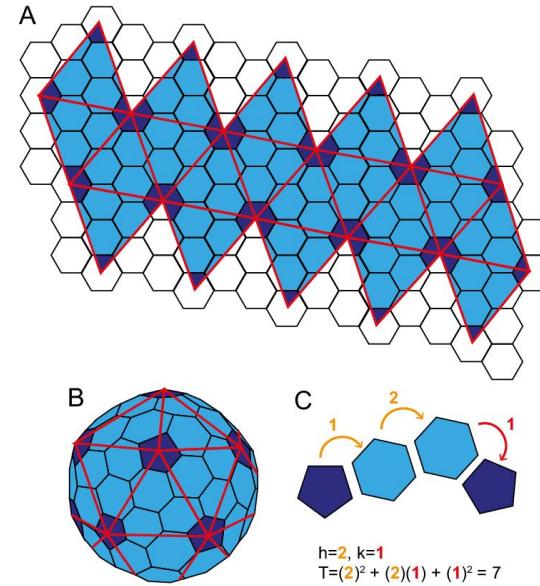
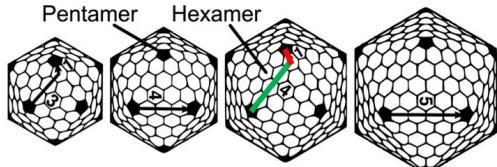
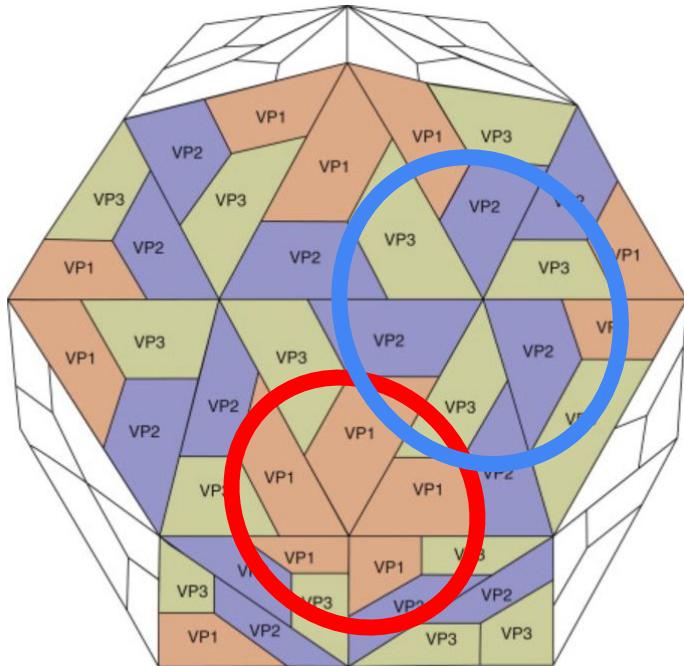


Fig. 8: Structural Studies of Viruses and Toxicological Studies. Seibert M. 2012

Quasi-equivalence and Pseudo T3



Equivalence:

- Each triangle is composed by 3 equal portions
- Each protein is the same environment

When T increases...

Quasi-equivalence:

- The proteins composing each triangle vary
- Positioning of each protein is not equivalent: proteins have different neighbours

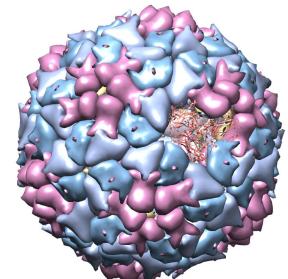
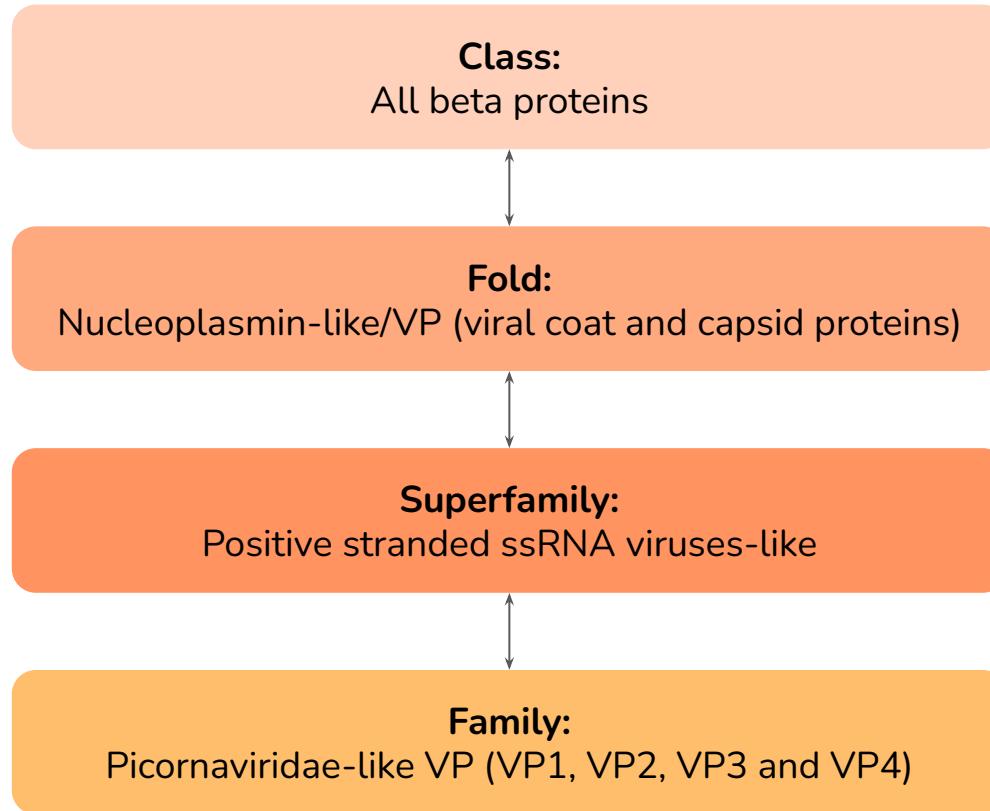
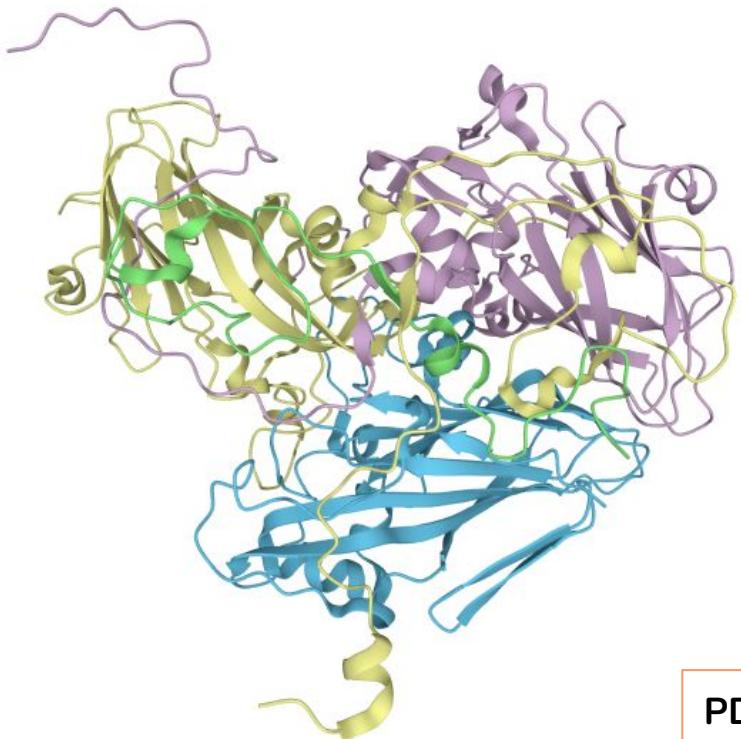


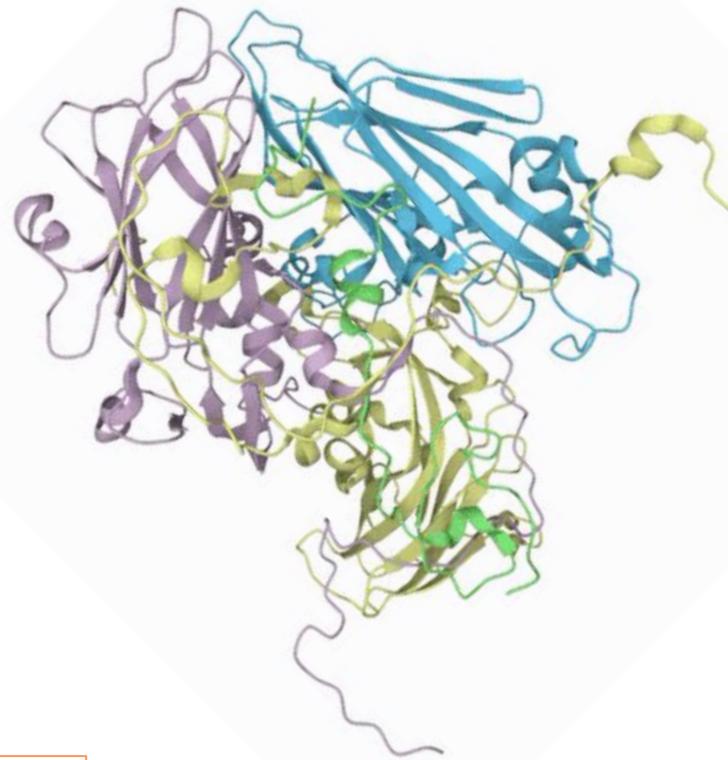
Fig. 9: Principles of Molecular Virology. Cann, Alan J. et al.



Polyprotein 1: capsid protein



PDB entry: 3VBS



VP1
VP2
VP3
VP4

Asymmetric unit: VP1

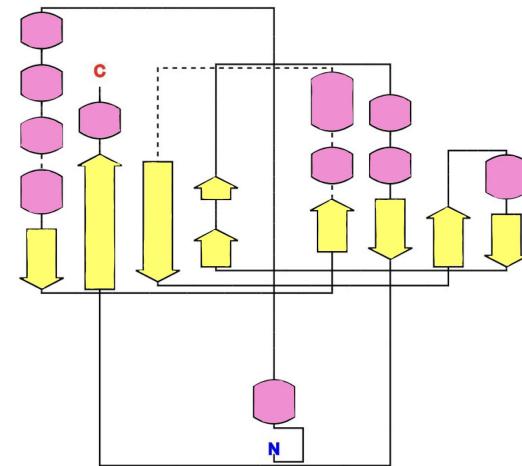
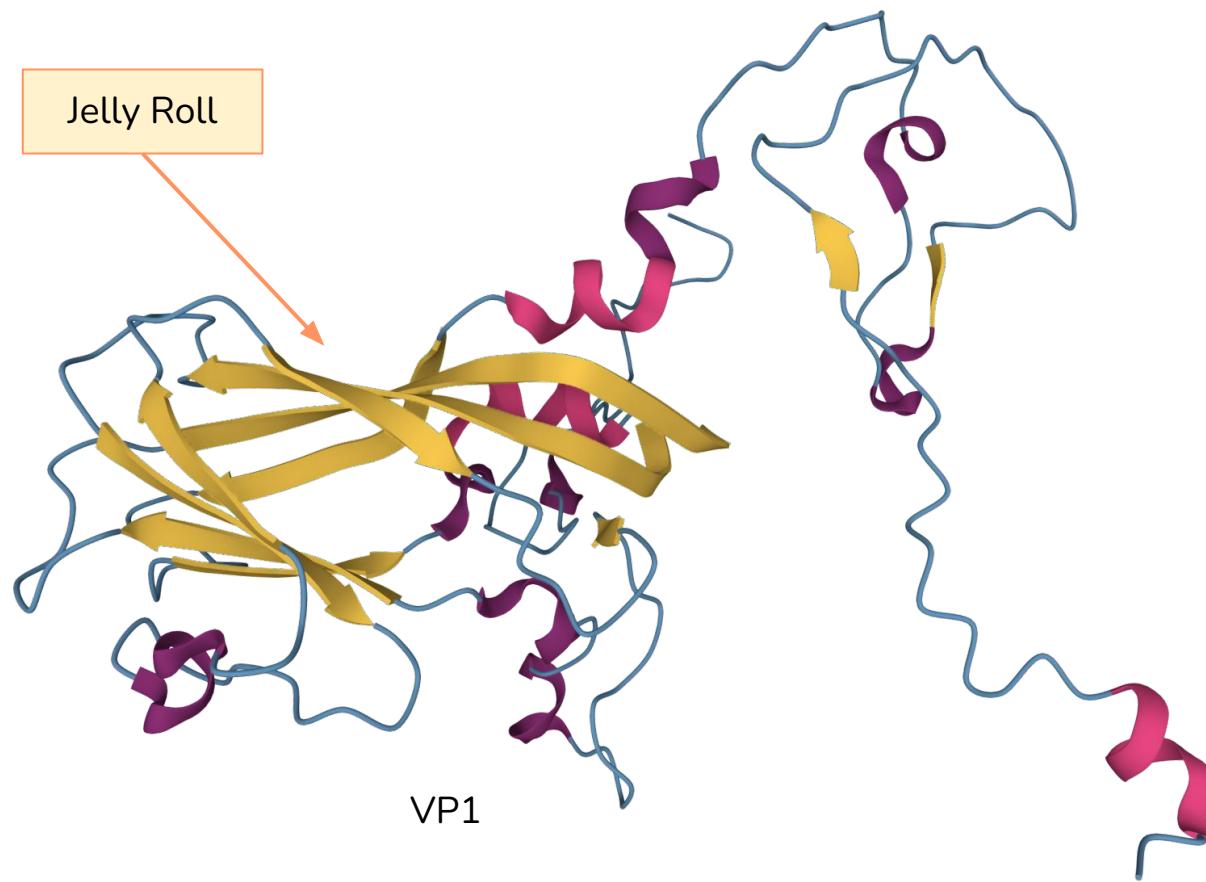


Fig. 10: Topological diagram of the secondary structures of VP1

Asymmetric unit: VP2

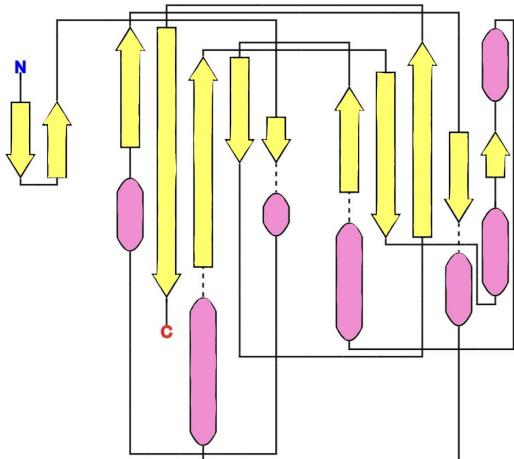
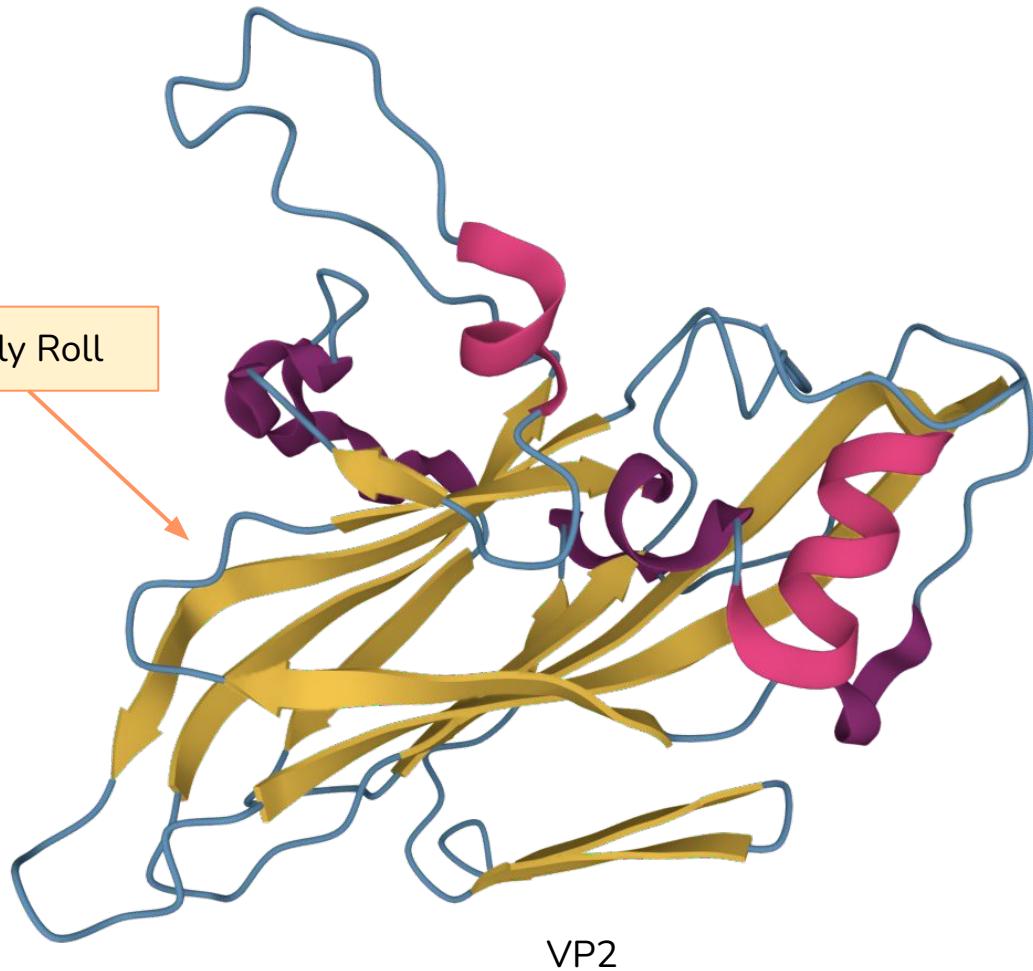
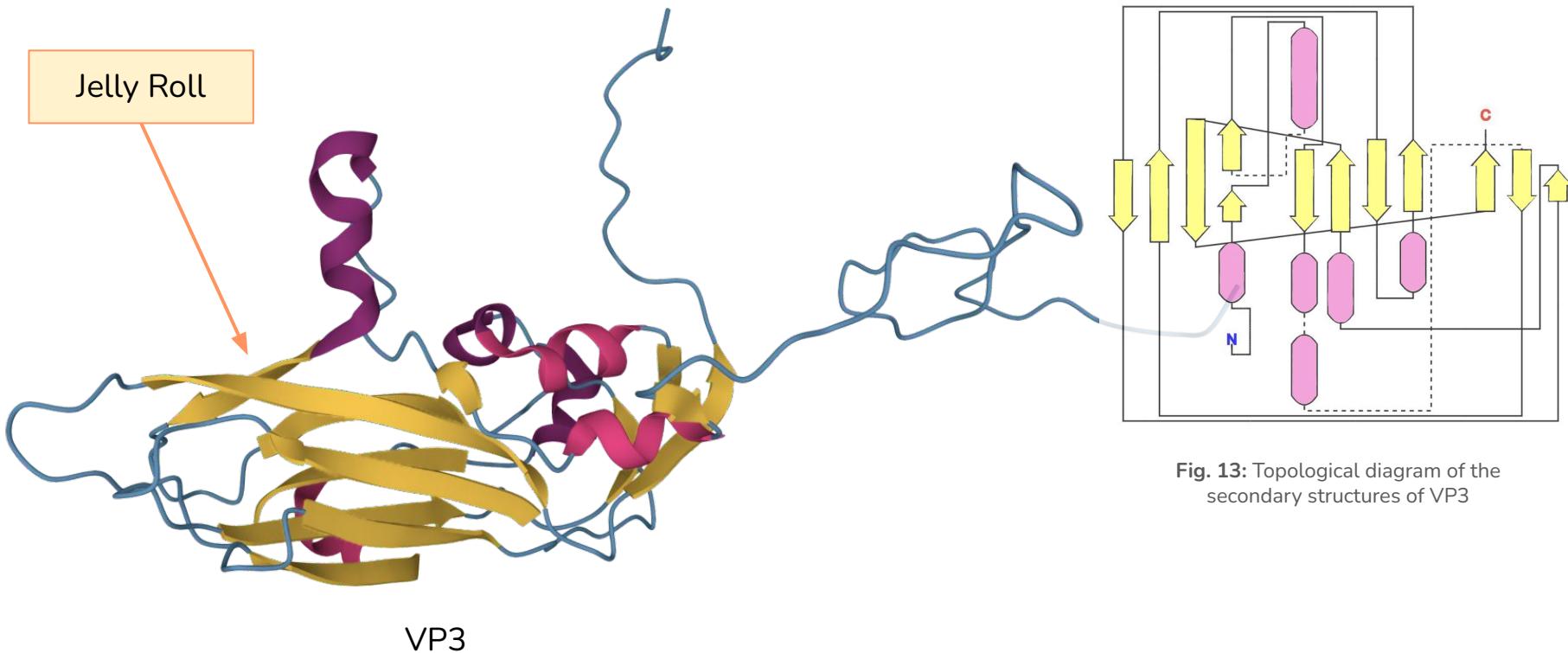


Fig. 11: Topological diagram of the secondary structures of VP2



Asymmetric unit: VP3



Asymmetric unit: VP4

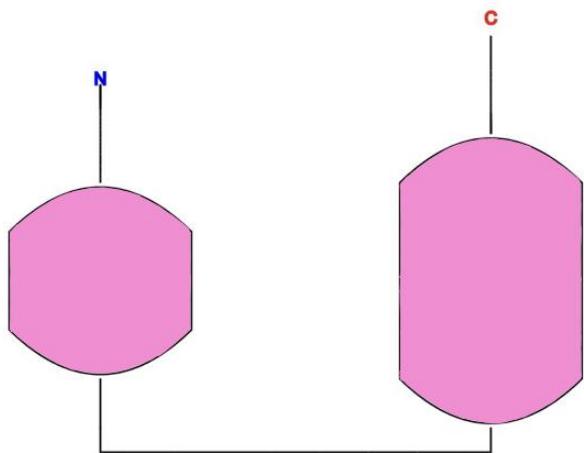
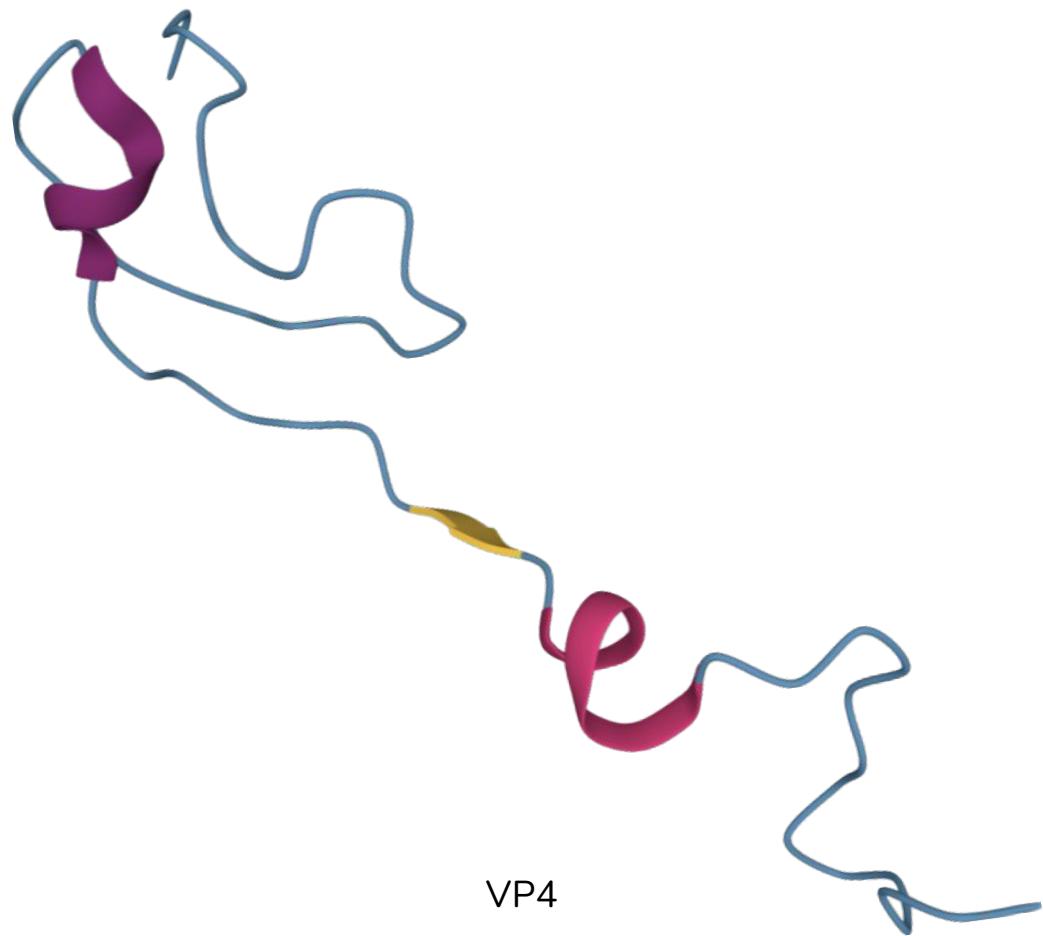


Fig. 14: Topological diagram of the secondary structures of VP4



Loops of VP1

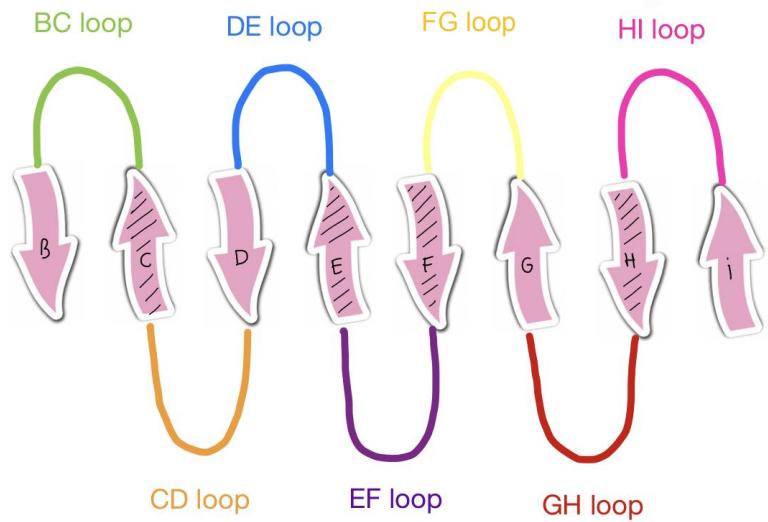
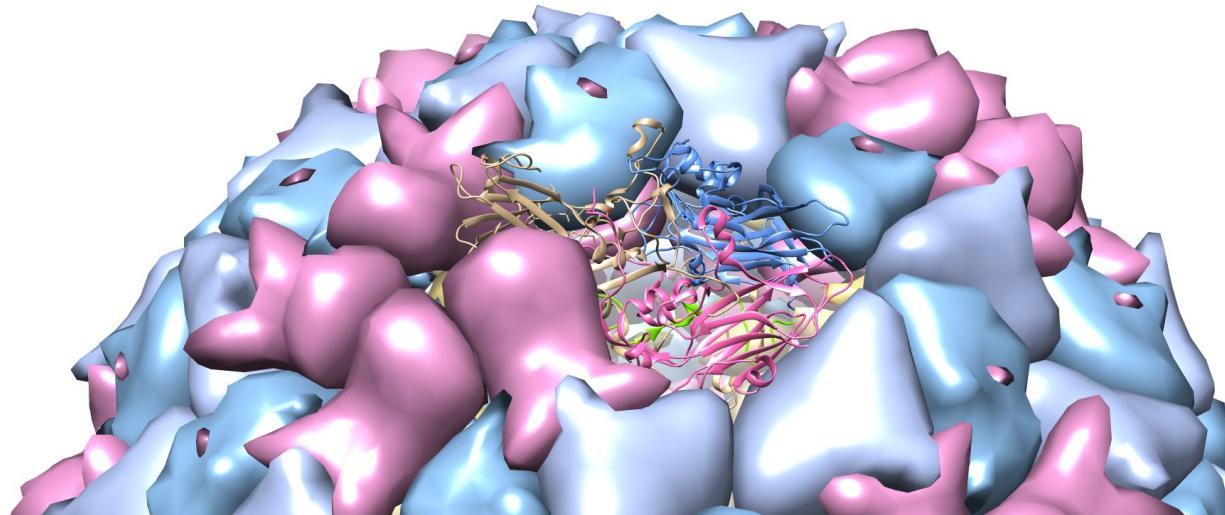


Fig. 15: Topological diagram of the loops.
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Surface features

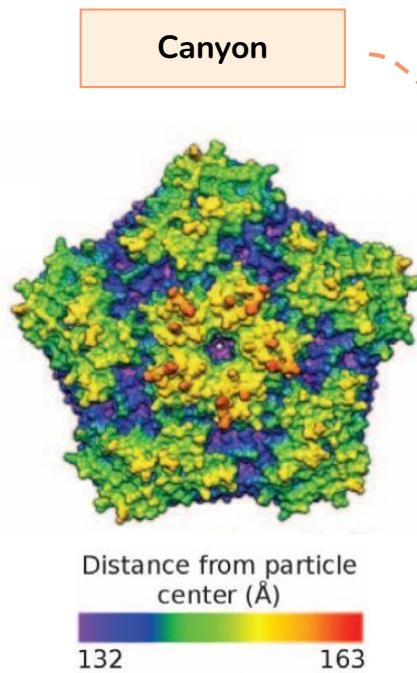
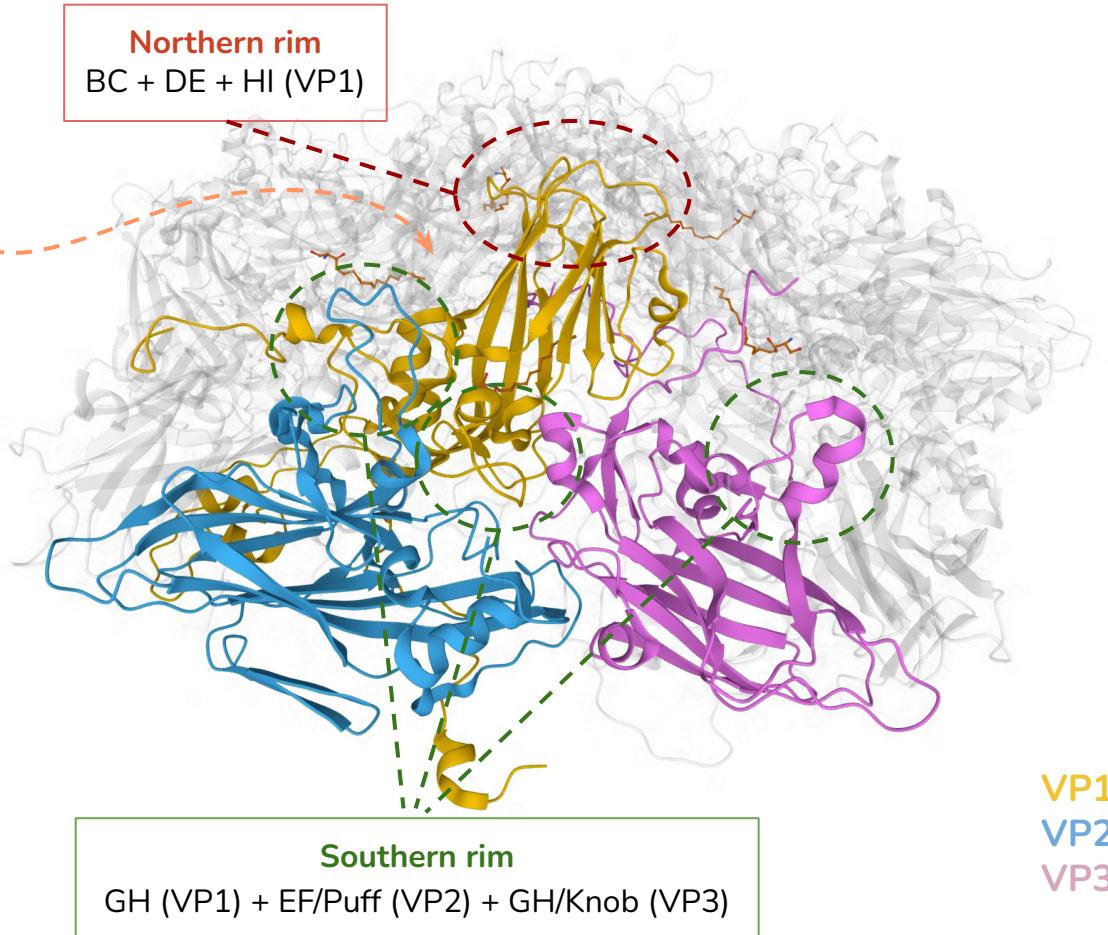


Fig. 16: Canyons.
Plevka P, et al. 2012.



Hydrophobic pocket

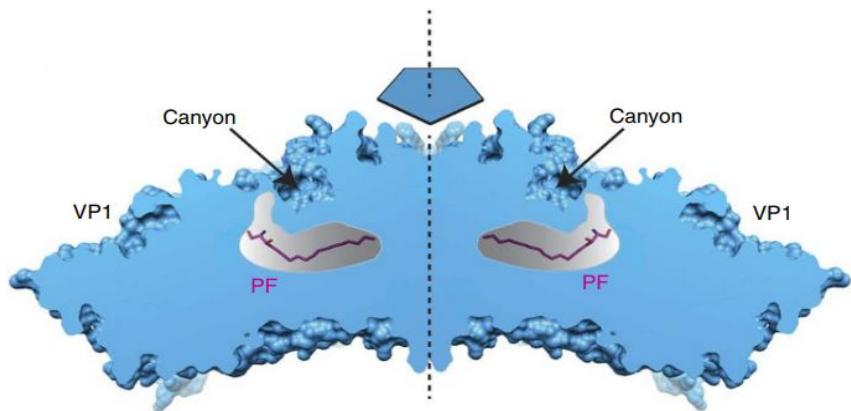
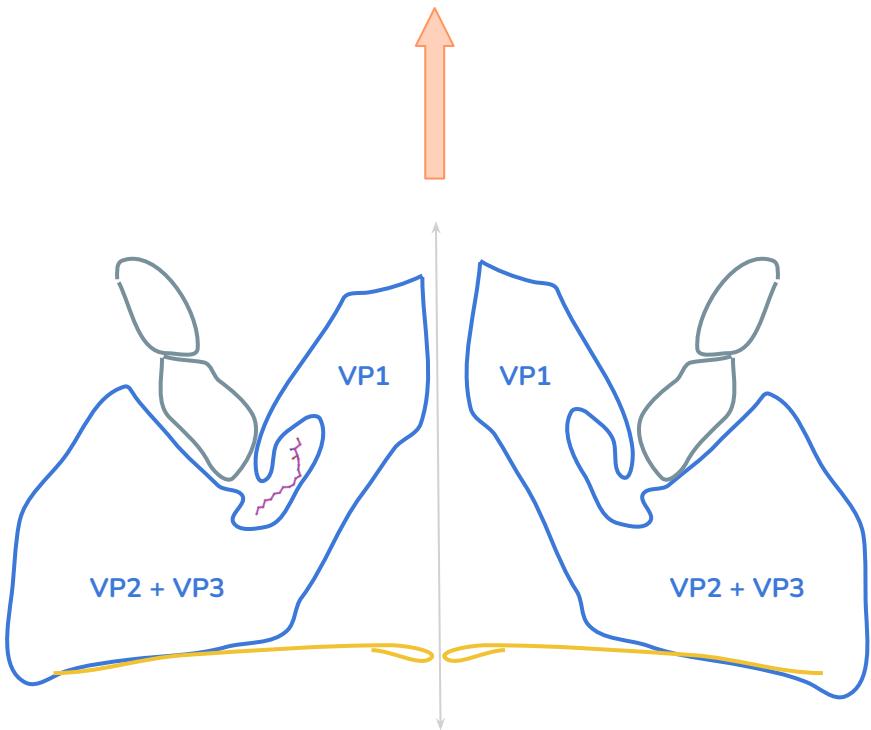


Fig. 17: Hydrophobic pocket. De Colibus L, et al. 2014.



Viral uncoating



Hydrophobic pocket

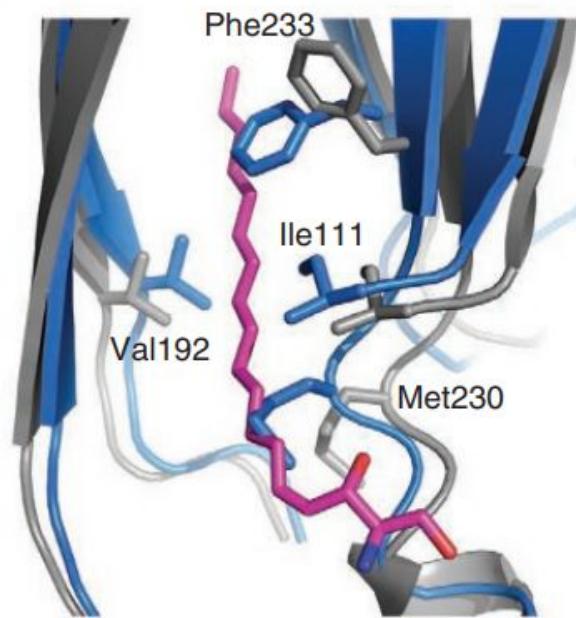
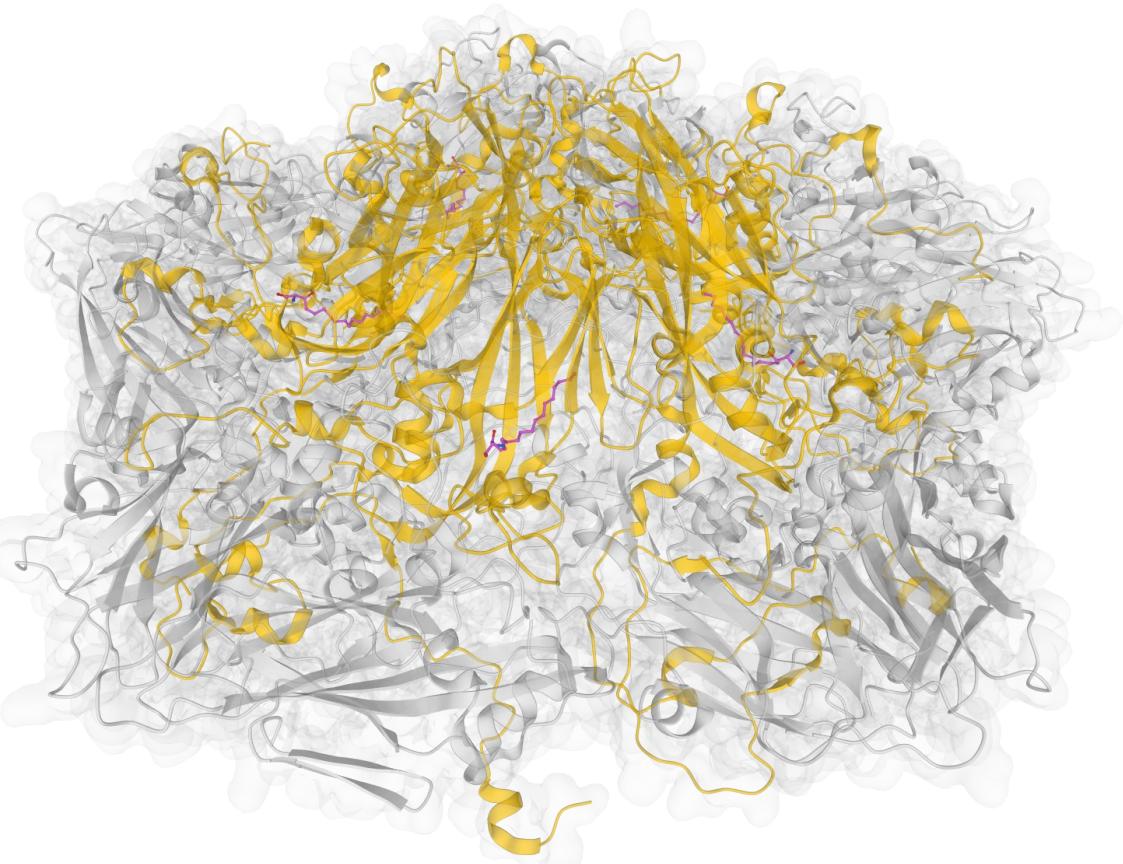


Fig. 18: Hydrophobic pocket with sphingosine. Wang X, et al. 2012.

ALD inhibitor

Imidazolidinone derivative

- A: Pyridine ring
- B: Phenoxy ring
- C: Imidazole



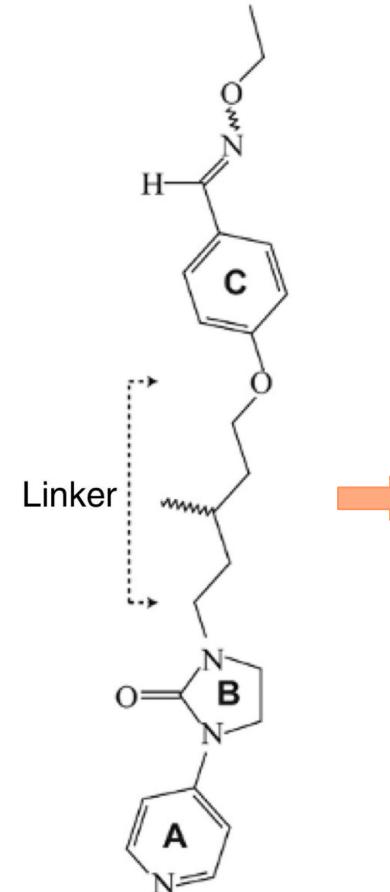
ALD inhibitor

CH_3
in the linker
 CONH_2
in the pyridine ring

WHY?

- Increases the solubility
- Enhances the affinity for the virion

Imidazolidinone derivative



ALD inhibitor

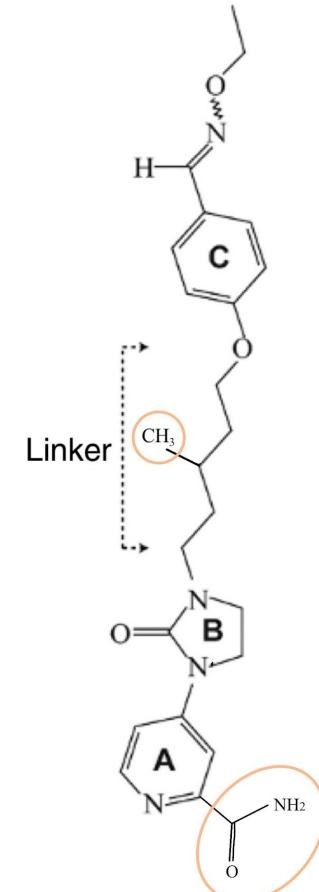
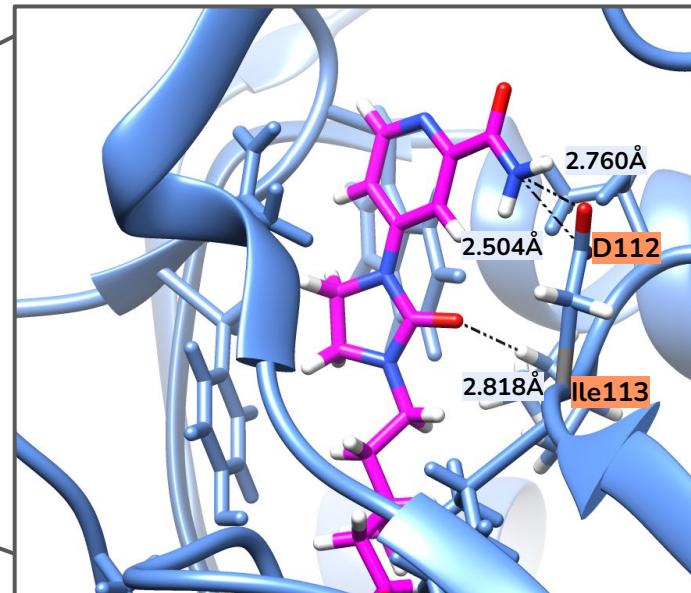
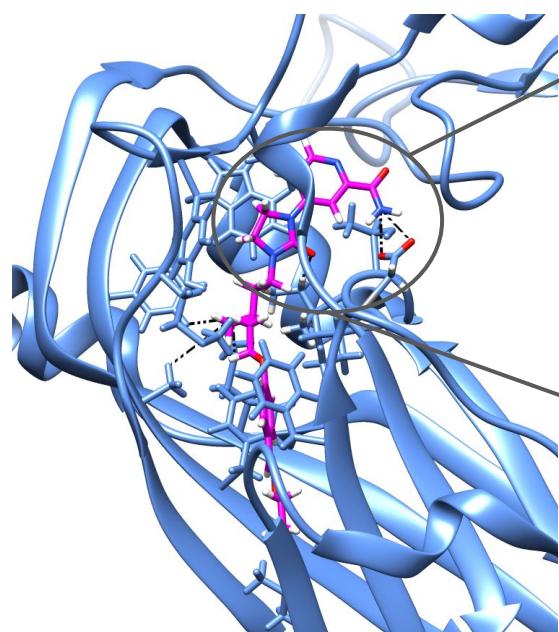
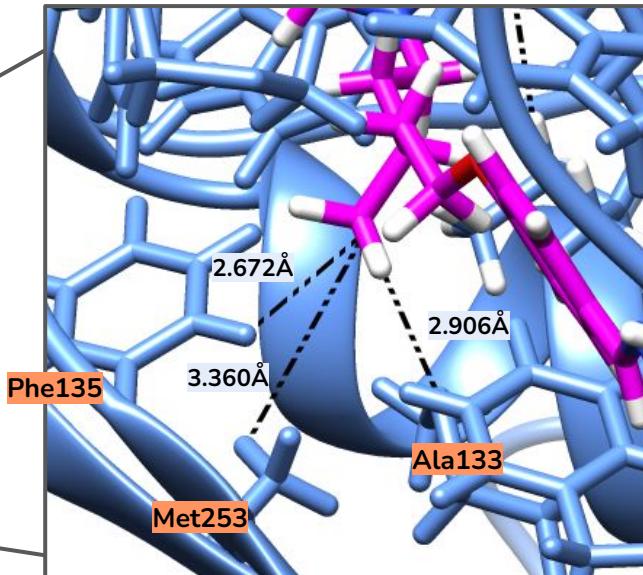
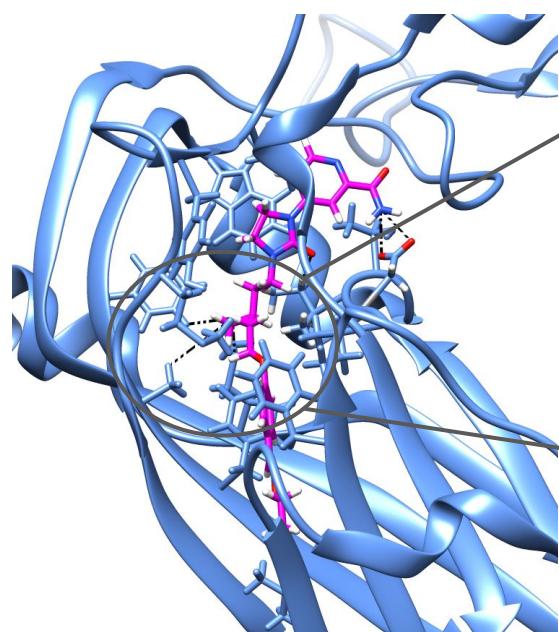


Fig. 19: ALD inhibitor structure. Adapted from De Colibus L, et al. 2014.

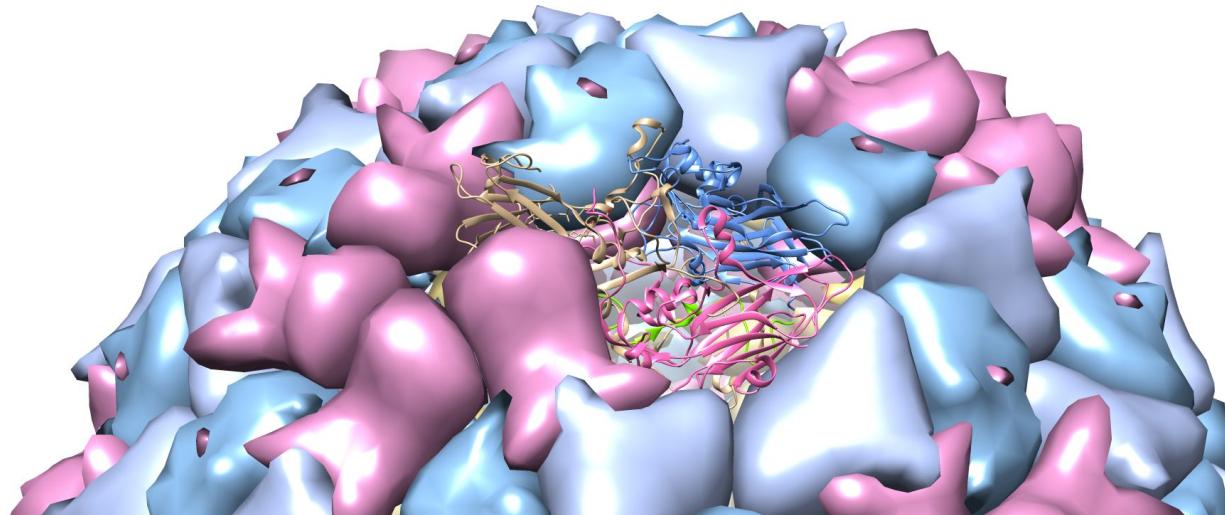
ALD inhibitor: interactions with VP1



ALD inhibitor: interactions with VP1



2. Details of specific H bonds, salt bridges... relevant for the function of the protein and their interactions with other macromolecules



Methodology

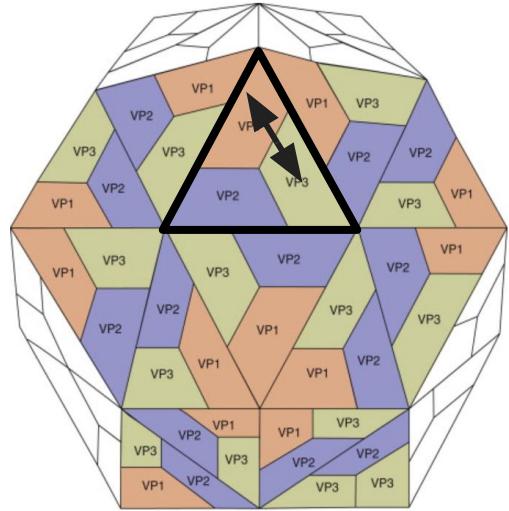
Hydrogen Bonds

1. Obtention of H bonds with **Chimera**
2. Observation of **CLUSTALW** (sequence conservation)
3. Observation of **STAMP** (structural conservation)
4. Representation of most conserved and relevant interactions

Salt Bridges

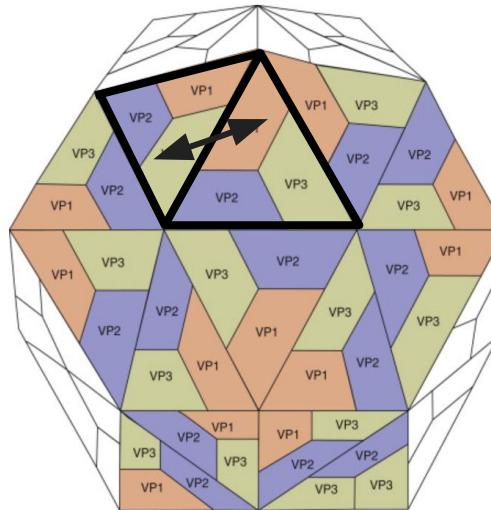
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2. Obtention of **intraprotomeric** Salt bridges with **VMD**
3. Observation of **CLUSTALW** and **STAMP** (conservation)
4. Representation of most conserved and relevant interactions

INTERACTIONS



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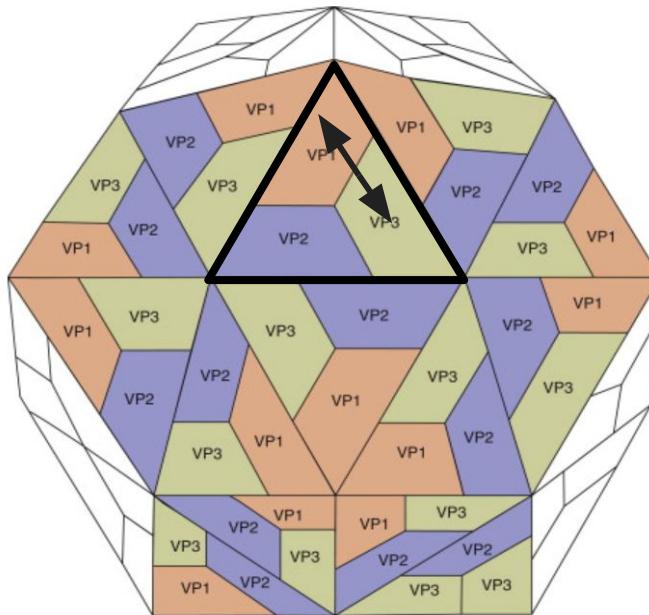
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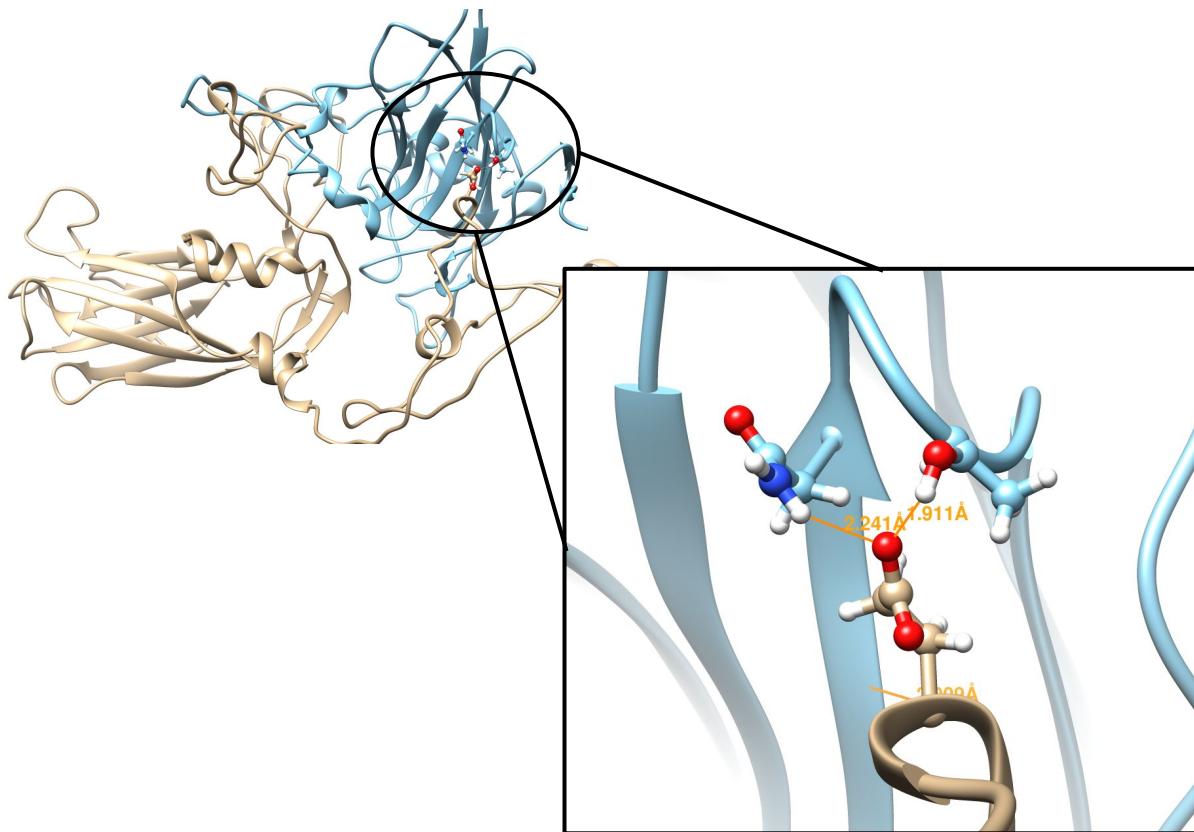
INTER-PROTOMERIC

VP1-VP2
VP1-VP3
VP1-VP4
VP2-VP3

INTRAPROTOMERIC INTERACTIONS



VP1 and VP2: Hydrogen Bond Conservation



VP1	VP2	Distance (Å)
Glutamic 51 O Acceptor	Asparagine 175 NH Donor	2.241
	Threonine 178 OH Donor	1.911

VP1 and VP2: Hydrogen Bond Conservation

VP1

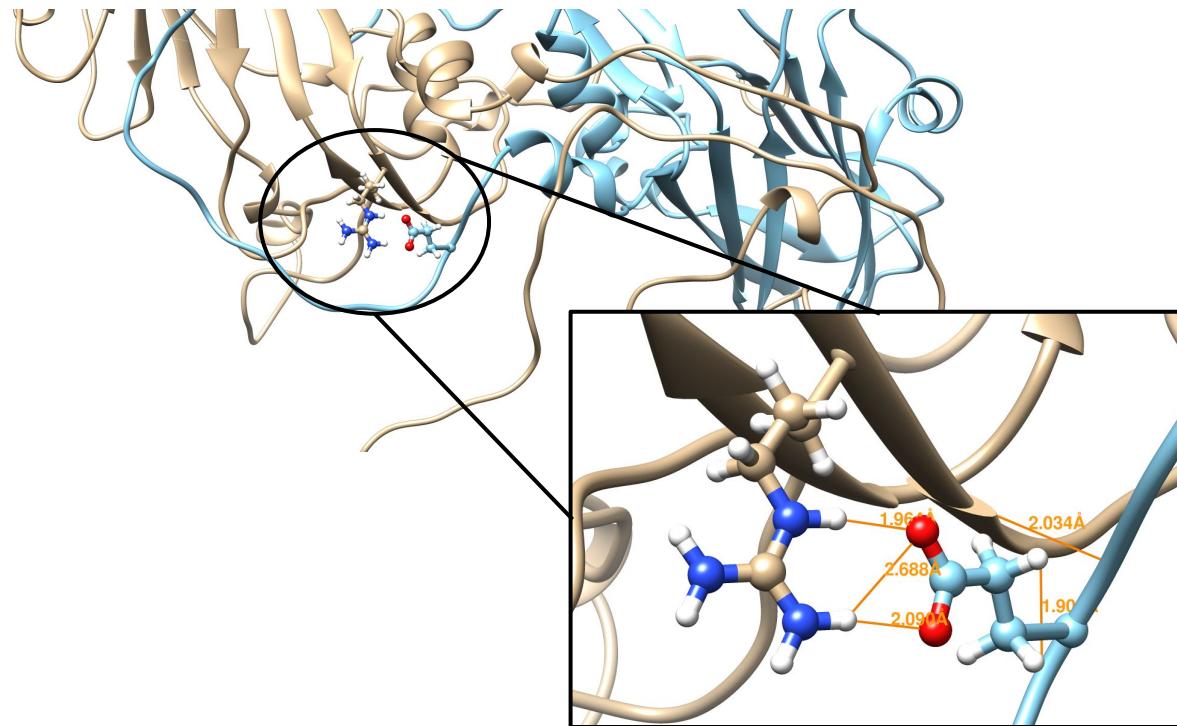
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1hxs1	-----GSSSTAATSRDALPNTTEASGPTHSHKEIPALTA/ETGA	
1z7s1	-----VSQPPSTQSTEATSGVNS0EVPALETA/ETGA	
1nd2A	NPVERYVDEVLNEVLWPNIQSHPTTSNAAPVLDAAETGH	
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VP2

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1hxs2	VDYLLGNGTLLGNNAFVFPHQIINLRTTNCATLIV			
1z7s2	LDYLLGSGVLAGNAFVFYPHQIINLRTTNSATIVY			
1nd2B	-NWLNFDGTLLGNLLIFPHQFINLRSNNSATLIV			
2mev2	--FAMDHQNFQWQWTLYPHQFLNLRTTNTVDLE			

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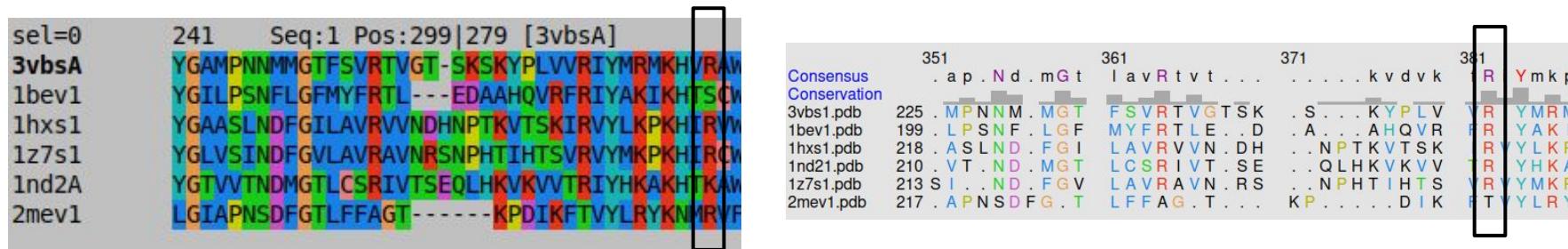
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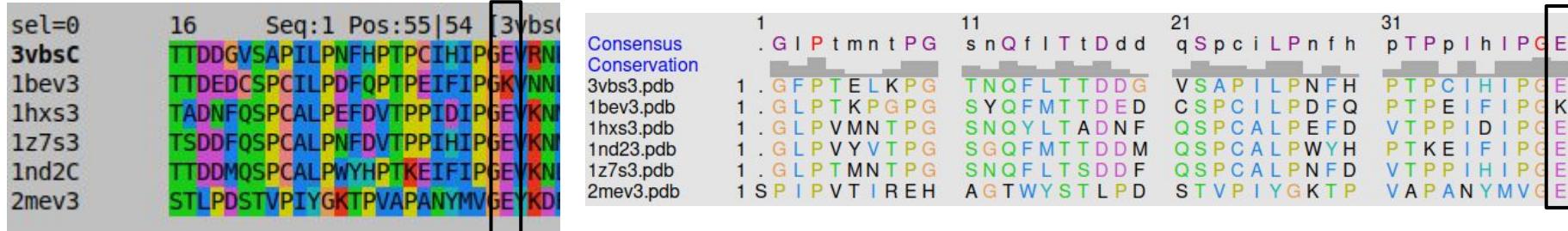
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Arginine 259 NH2 Donor		2.688
		2.090

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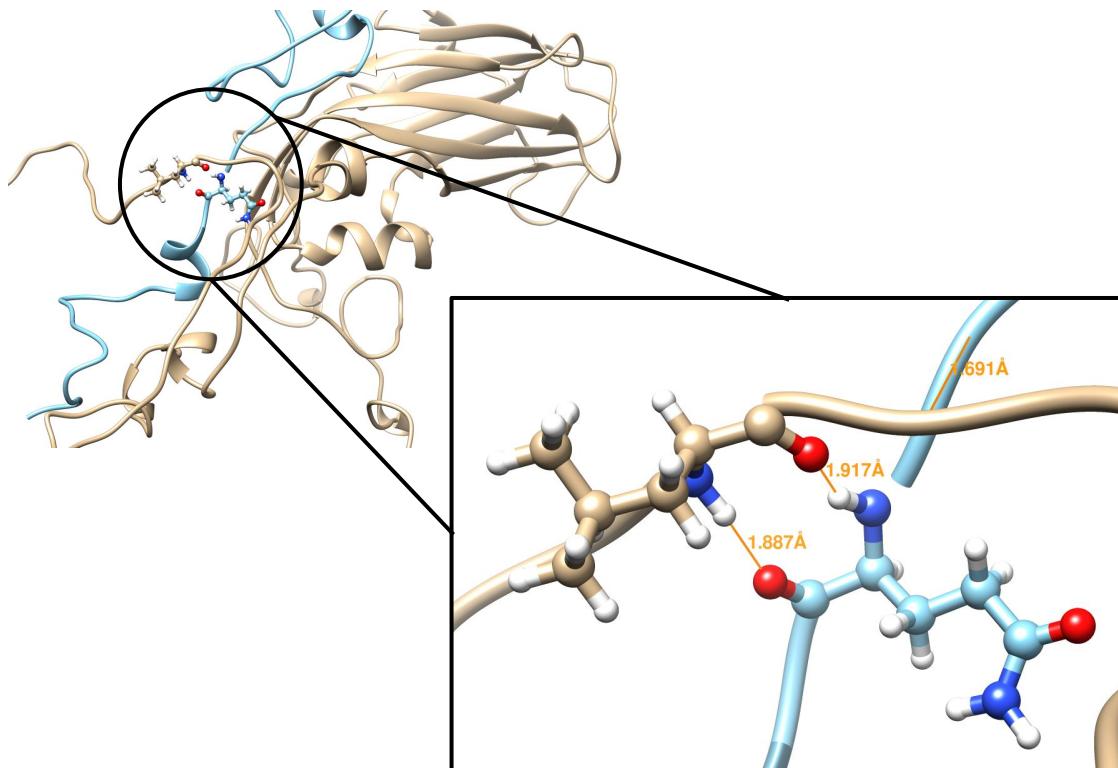
VP1



VP3



VP1 and VP4: Hydrogen Bond Conservation



VP1	VP4	Distance (Å)
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Leucine 24 NH Donor	Glutamine 37 O Acceptor	1.887

VP1 and VP4: Hydrogen Bond Conservation

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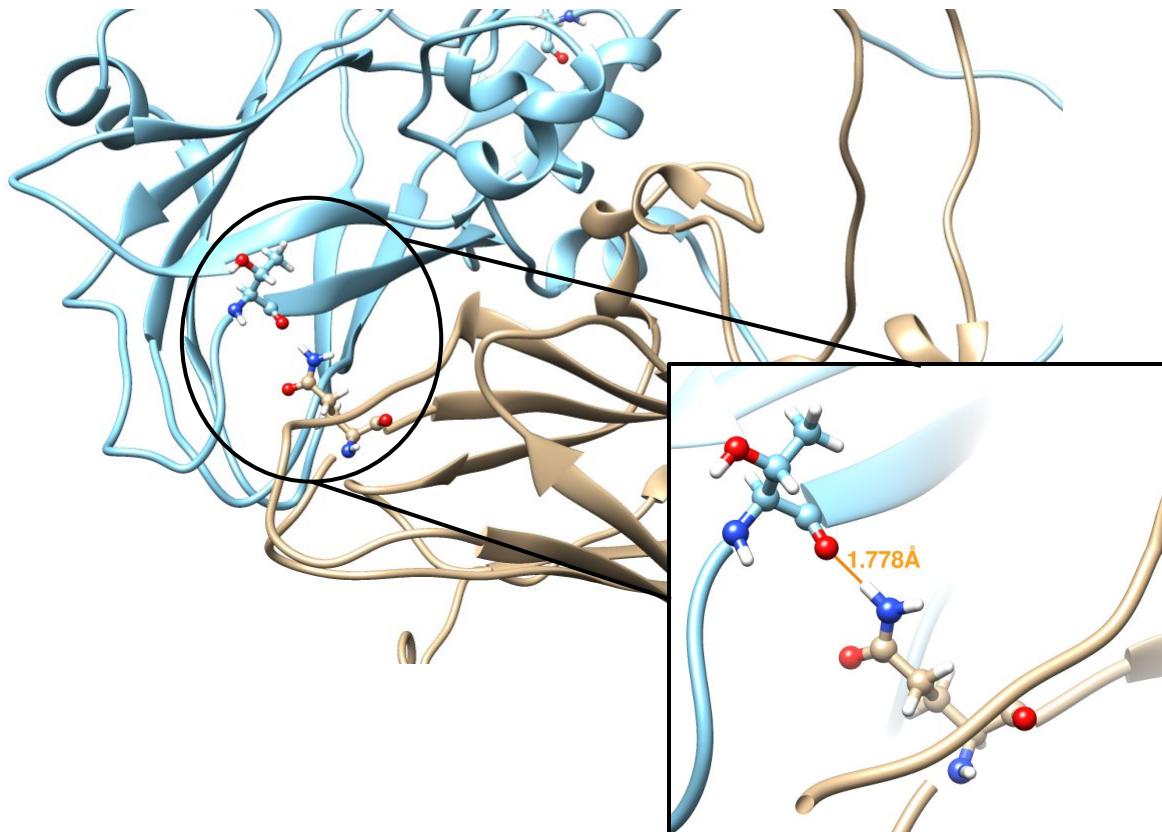
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3vb5D	-----SHENSNSATEGSTIN	-YTTINYYKDS-YAATAGKSQLKOD
1bev4	-----STIN	-YNNINYYSHA-ASAAAQNQDFTOD
1nd2D	-----GAQVSRQSLN	-YFNINYYFKDA-ASSGASRLD-----
2mev4	-----SEGNEGVIINNFYSNQYONSIDLSANATGSDPPTK	

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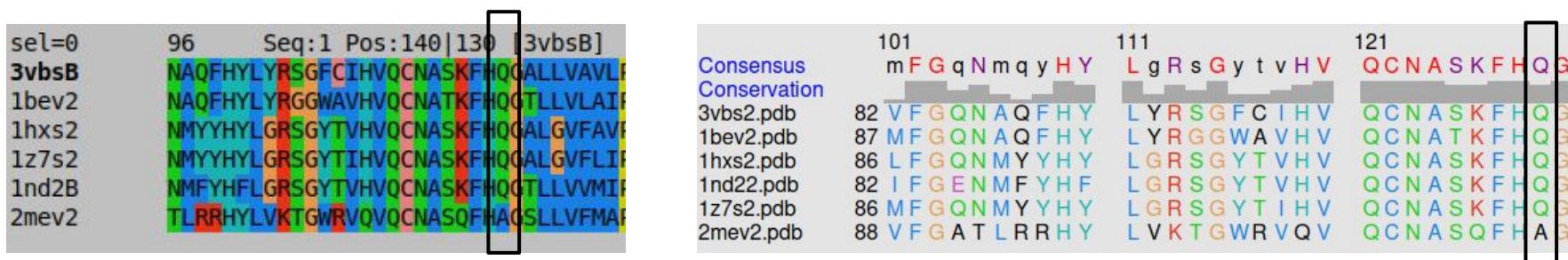
VP2 and VP3: Hydrogen Bond Conservation



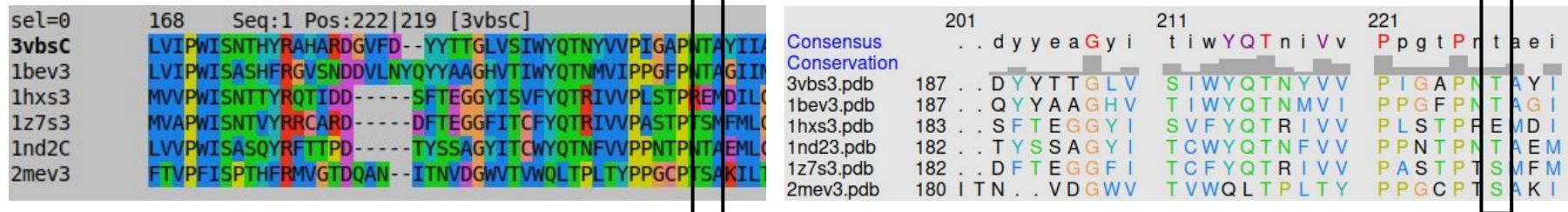
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Glutamine 110 NH Donor	Threonine 211 O Acceptor	1.778

VP2 and VP3: Hydrogen Bond Conservation

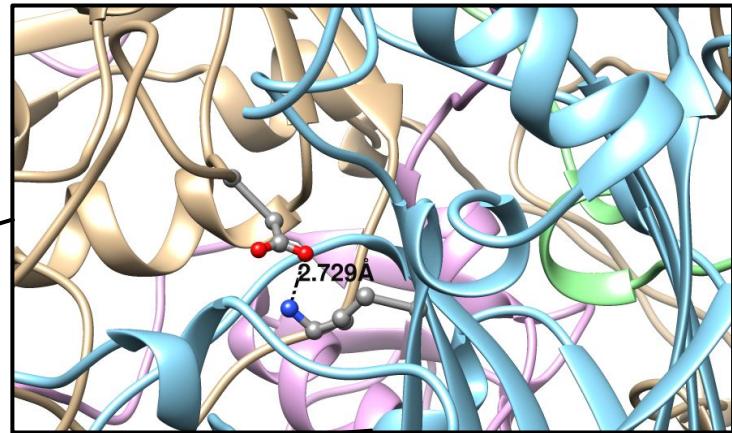
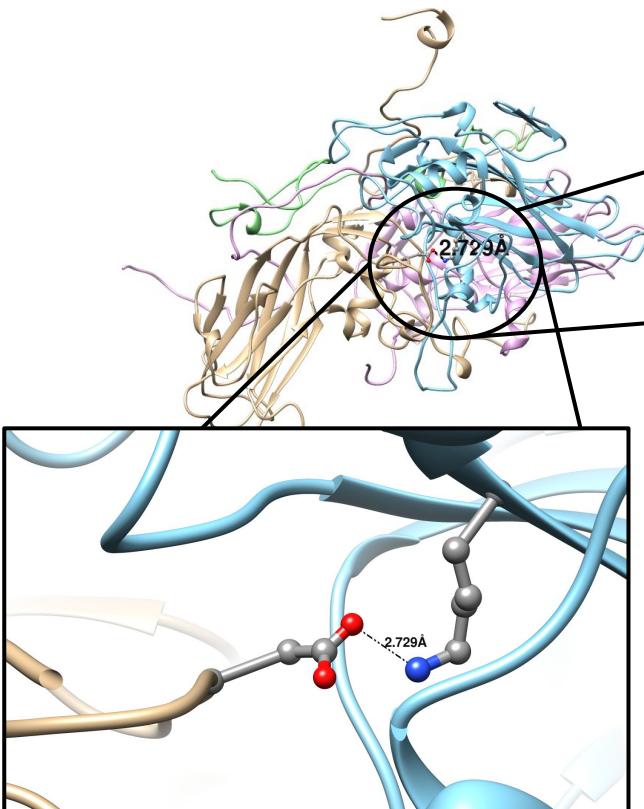
VP2



VP3



VP1 and VP2: Salt Bridges

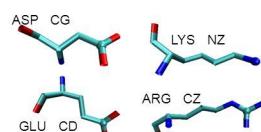


Salt Bridges – Interactions between charged amino acids



Strength of Interaction	Bond Distance
Strong	0.0 – 3.5 Å
Medium	3.5 – 5.0 Å
Weak	5.0 – 8.0 Å

Atom measured from:



Acidic Amino Acids (-)	Basic Amino Acids (+)
Aspartic Acid (ASP or D)	Lysine (LYS or K)
Glutamic Acid (GLU or E)	Arginine (ARG or R)
	Histidine (HIS or H)

Aspartic (-) 206 of VP1 +
Lysine (+) 72 of VP2
2.729 Å

VP1 and VP2: Salt Bridges

VP1

sel=0 215 Seq:1 Pos:2

3vbsA AY-QWFYDGYPTFGEHKQ

1bev1 AY-STVYDGYARFMDTDP

1hxs1 AY-SHFYDGFSKVPLKDQ

1z7s1 AY-SHFYDGFARVPLEGE

1nd2A AY-YMFYDGYDGDTYKSR

2mev1 VLPAAWWYNGHKRFDNTGD

Consensus 301 311

Conservation f S v P y m s i a s A Y s h . f Y D G y

	301	311
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1bev1.pdb	167 F S V P F M S S A N	A Y S T . V Y D G Y
1hxs1.pdb	180 I S V P Y V G I S N	A Y S H . F Y D G F
1nd21.pdb	179 F S L P F L S I A S	A Y Y M . F Y D G Y
1z7s1.pdb	174 M S I P Y V G I A N	A Y S H . F Y D G F
2mev1.pdb	186 F V V P Y N S P L S	V L P A V W Y N G H

VP2

sel=0 47 Seq:1 Pos:86|78 [3vbsB]

3vbsB D K P T R P D V S V N R F Y T L D T K L W E K S S K G W Y W K - - -

1bev2 D K P T E P G V S A D R F Y T L R S K P W Q A D S K G W Y W K - - -

1hxs2 D O P T E P D V A A C R F Y T L D T V S W T K E S R G W W W K - - -

1z7s2 D A P T E P D V S S N R F Y T L E S V S W K T T S R G W W W K - - -

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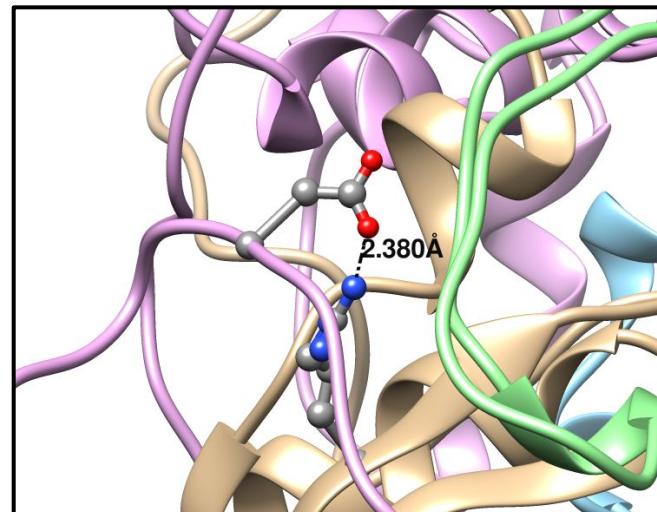
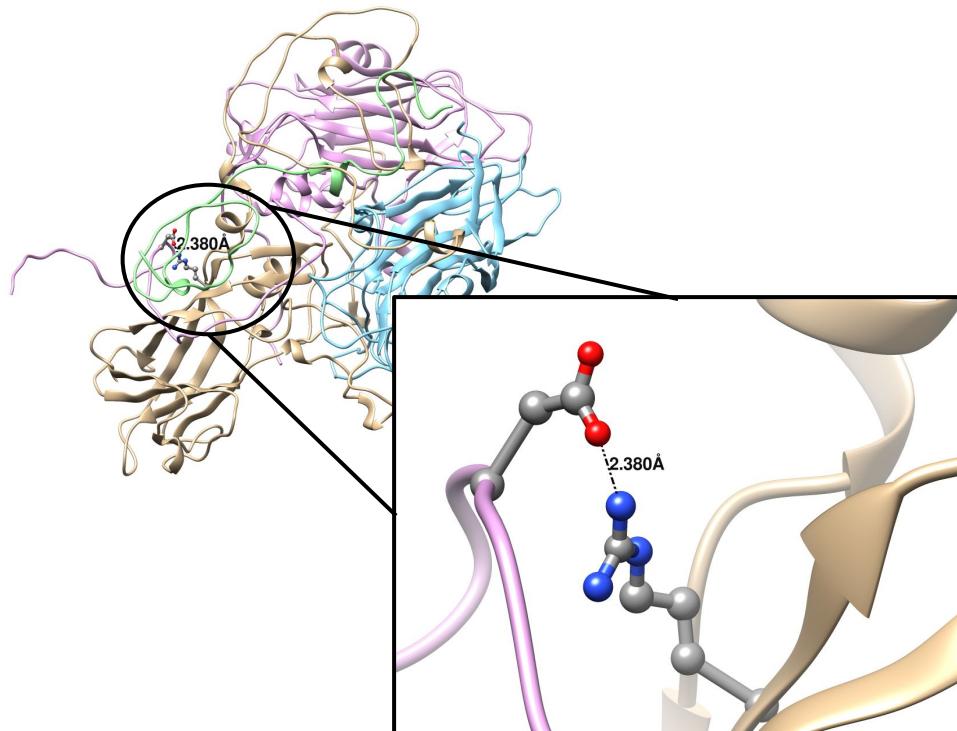
2mev2 D T A S E K I L A V E R Y Y T F K V N D W T S T Q K P F E Y I R I I - - -

Consensus 51 61 71 81

Conservation . A t a v D k P T e P d v s a n R F Y T L d s k s W t k t s . . . k G W w W K L

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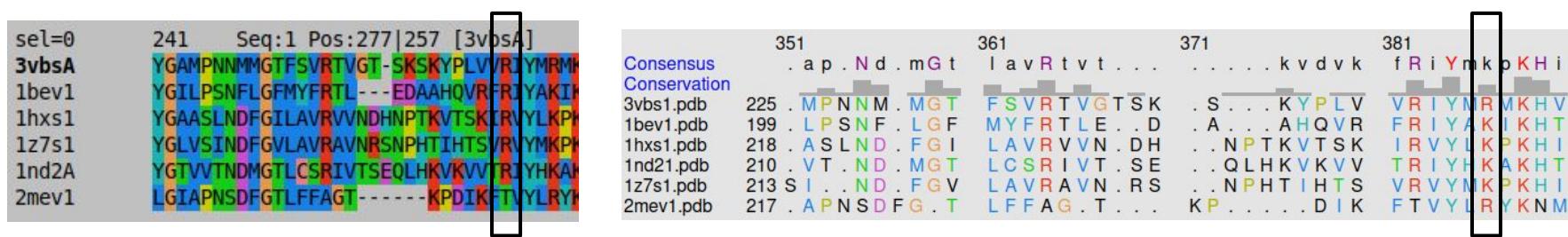
VP1 and VP3: Salt Bridges



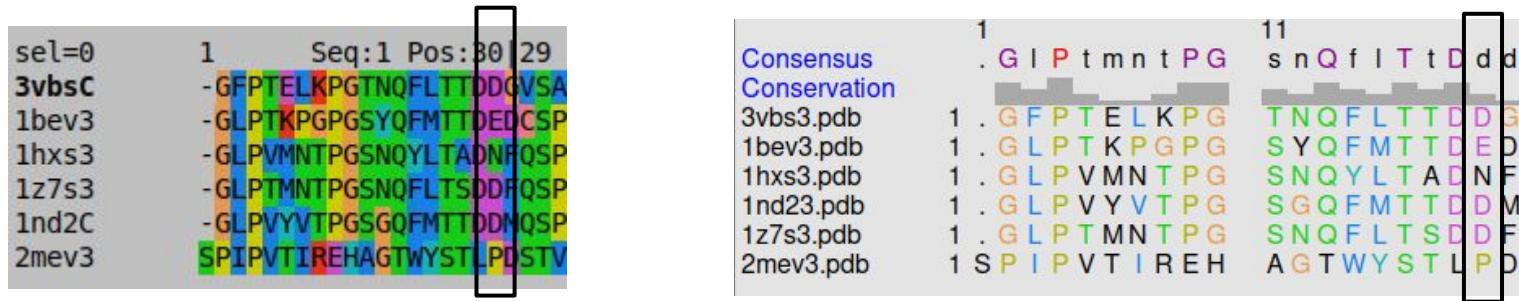
Arginine (+) 254 of VP1 +
Aspartic (-) 18 of VP3
2.380 Å

VP1 and VP3: Salt Bridges

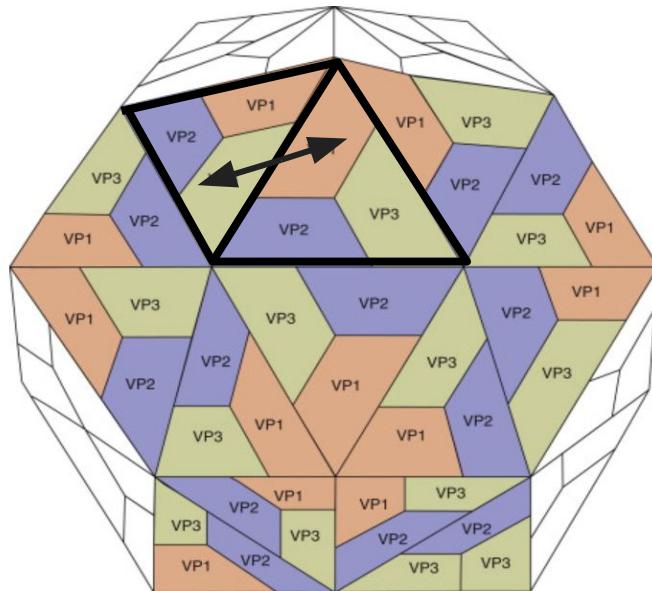
VP1



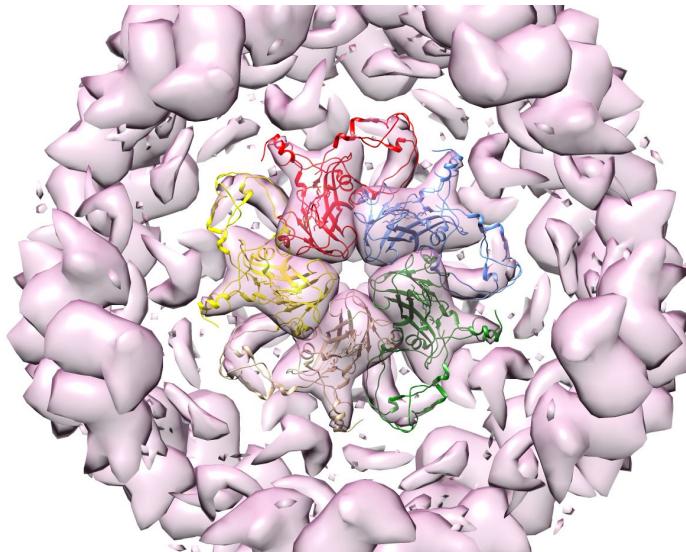
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INTERPROTOMERIC INTERACTIONS

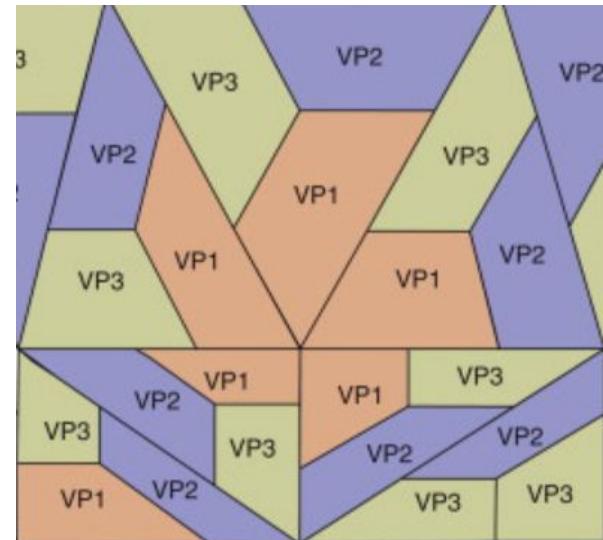


Interprotomeric Hydrogen Bonds VP1-VP1



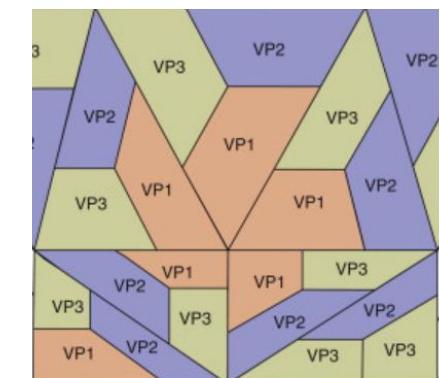
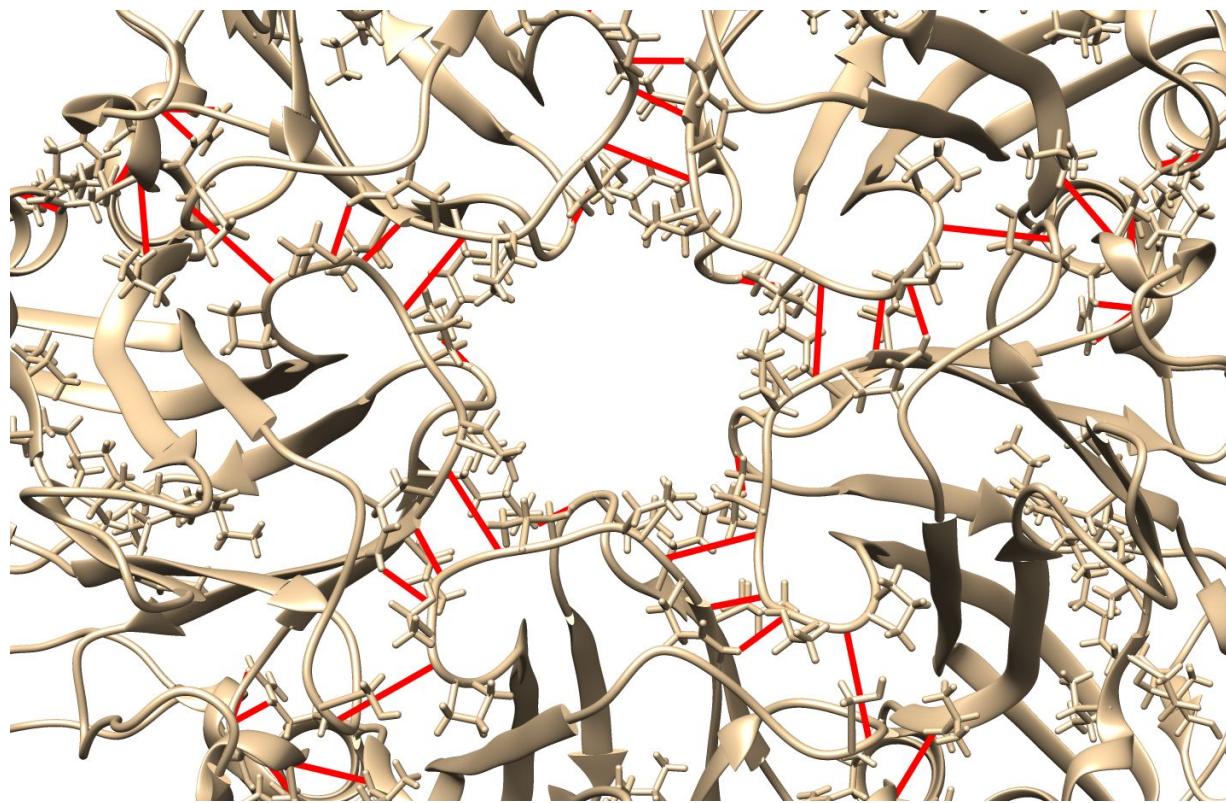
Only VP1s displayed

Each VP1 interacts
with 2 neighbouring
VP1s

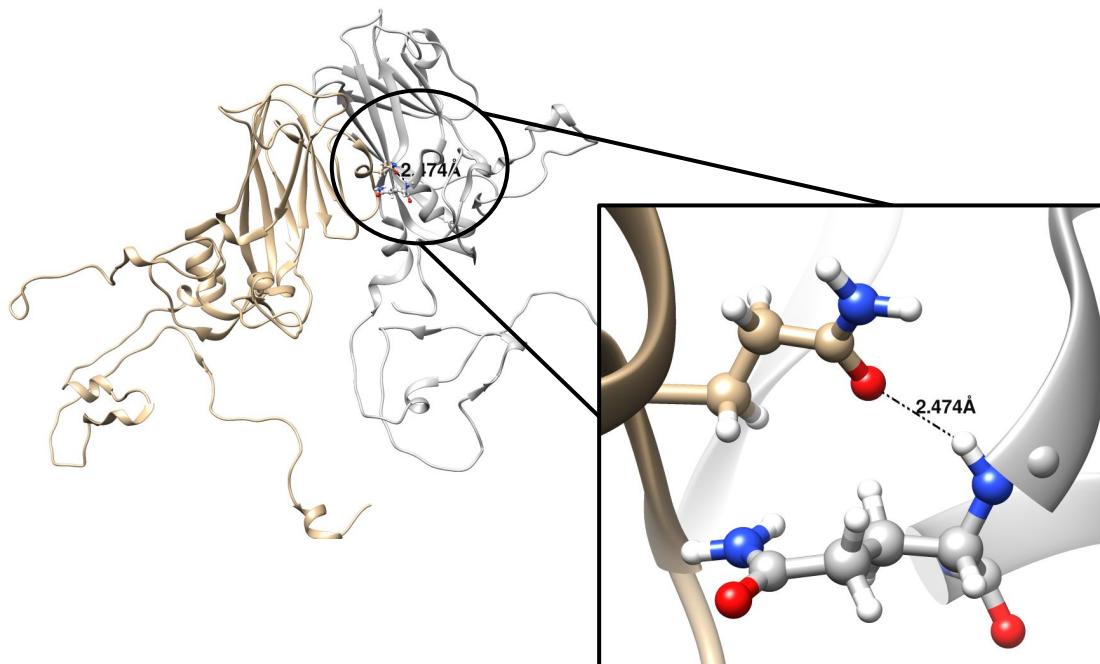


VP1s around 5-fold axis

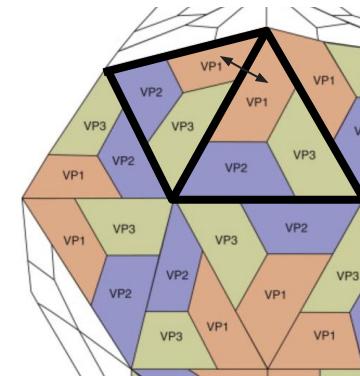
Interprotomeric Hydrogen Bonds VP1-VP1



Interprotomeric Hydrogen Bonds VP1-VP1



VP1	VP1	Distance (Å)
Glutamine 172 O Acceptor	Glutamine 118 NH Donor	2.474



Interprotomeric Hydrogen Bonds VP1-VP1

VP1 (Donor)

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1bev1 LATG--TSITHWRIDFREFVQLR-
1hxs1 STTNKDKLFAVWKITYKDTVQLR-
1z7s1 KSGEEKKKHFNIWNNTYTDTVQLR-
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2mev1 DQLRPQRLTEIWGNNGNEETSEVPP-

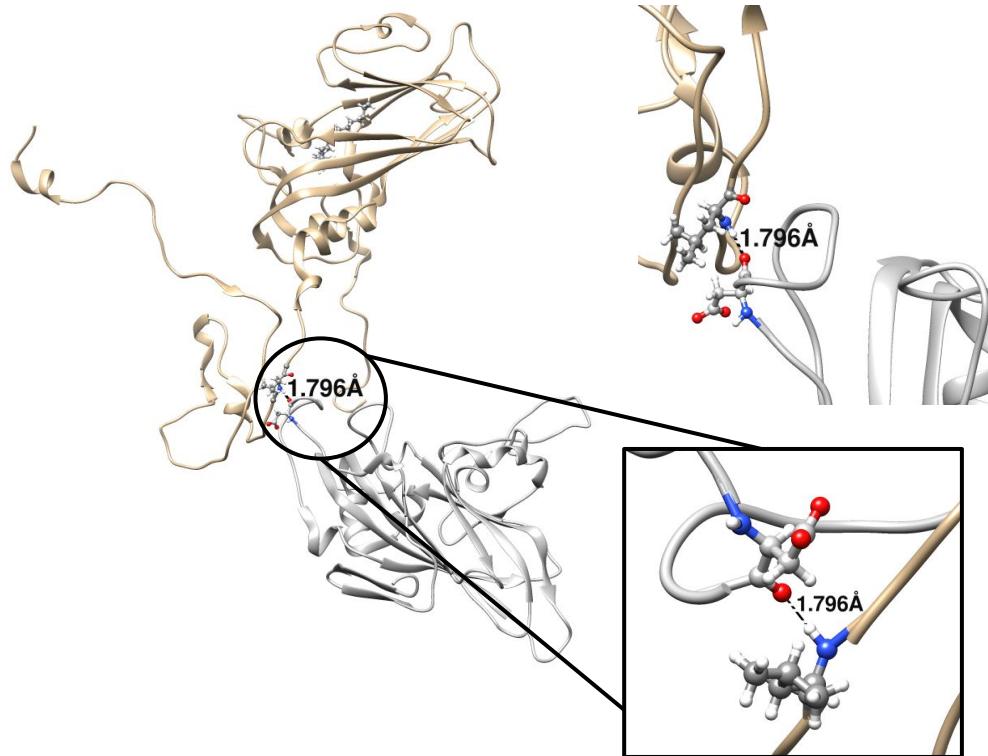
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1hxs1.pdb 100 . D T . V Q L R R K
1nd21.pdb 102 . E M . A Q I R R K
1z7s1.pdb 94 . D T . V Q L R R K
2mev1.pdb 108 T K Q D Y S F C L F

VP1 (Acceptor)

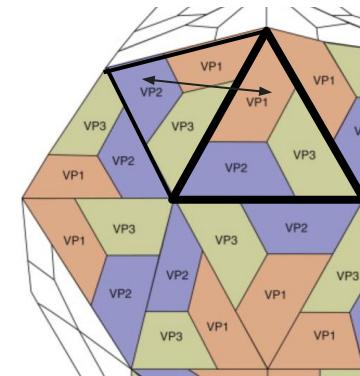
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1z7s1 SS---WDDYTWTQSSSNPSIFYMYG
1nd2A TT---RDDYANQSGTNASVFWQHG
2mev1 PTTQVLHEVSSSIEGRTPQVYSAGP

Consensus 251 261 271
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Interprotomeric Hydrogen Bonds VP1-VP2

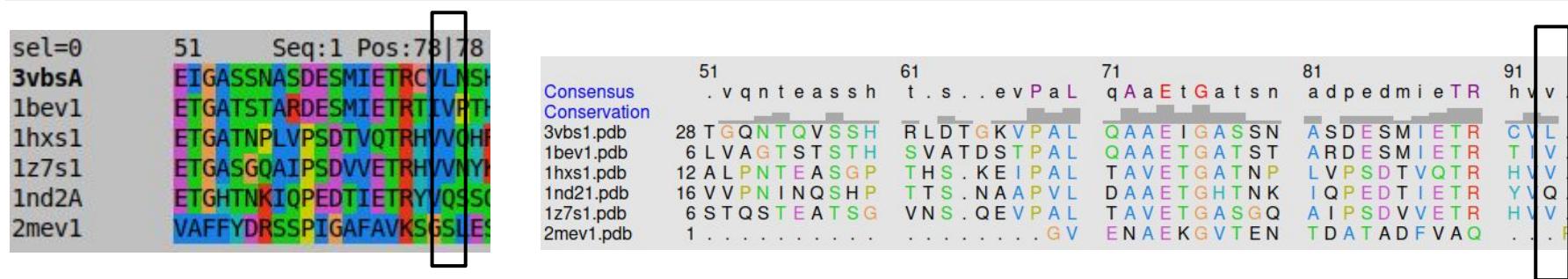


VP1	VP2	Distance (Å)
Leucine 70 NH Donor	Aspartate 44 O Acceptor	1.796

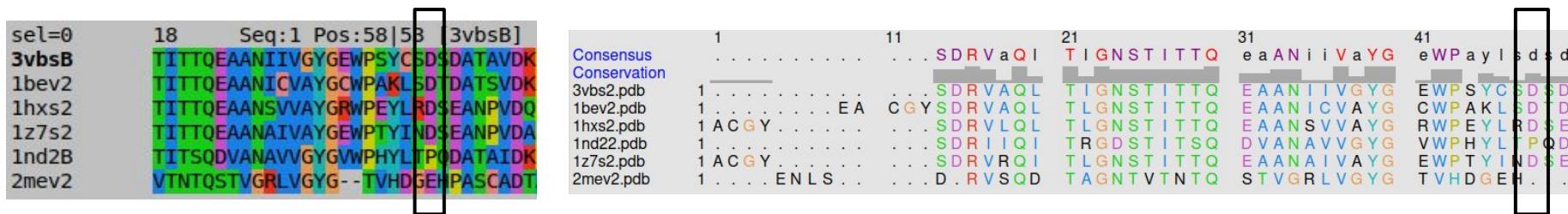


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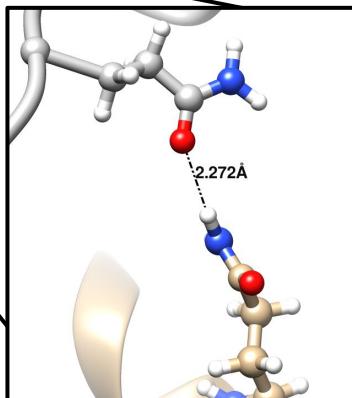
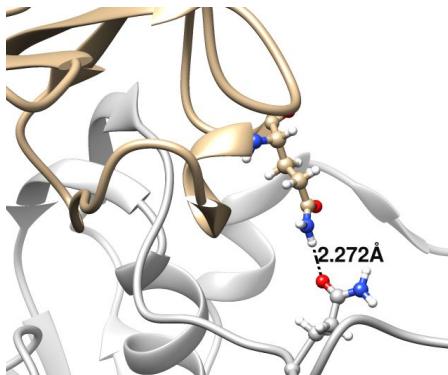
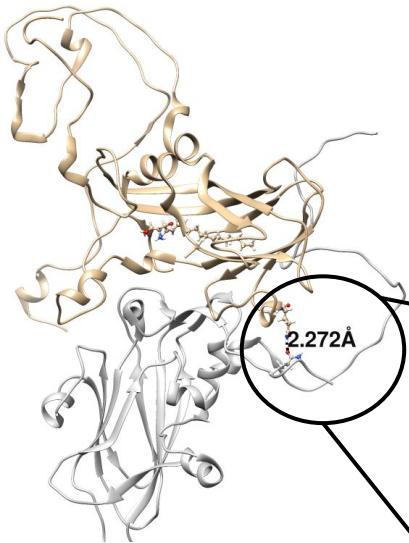
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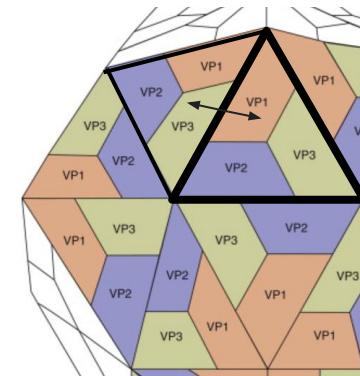
VP2 (Acceptor)



Interprotomeric Hydrogen Bonds VP1-VP3

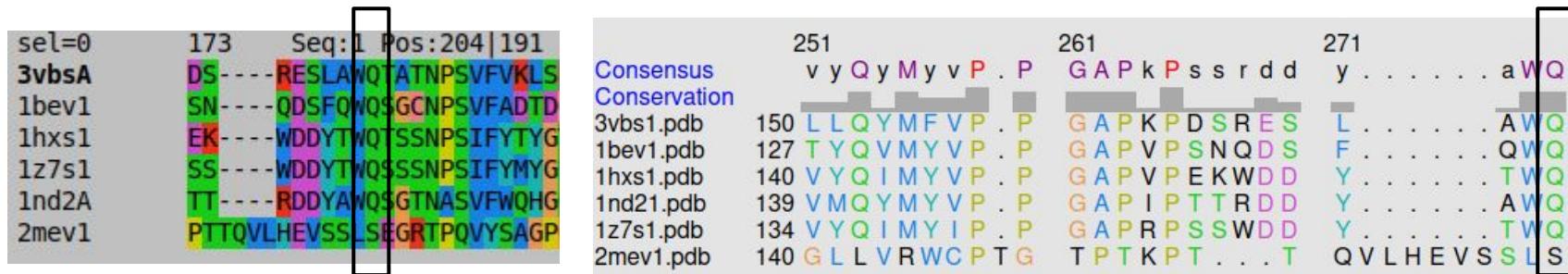


VP1	VP3	Distance (Å)
Glutamine 172 NH Donor	Glutamine 237 O Acceptor	2.272

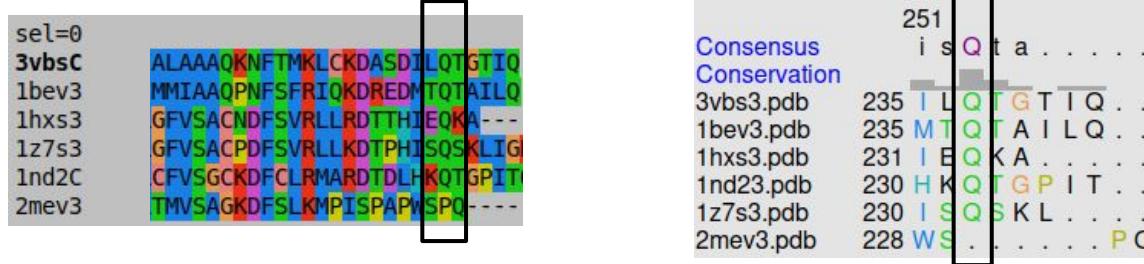


Interprotomeric Hydrogen Bonds VP1-VP3

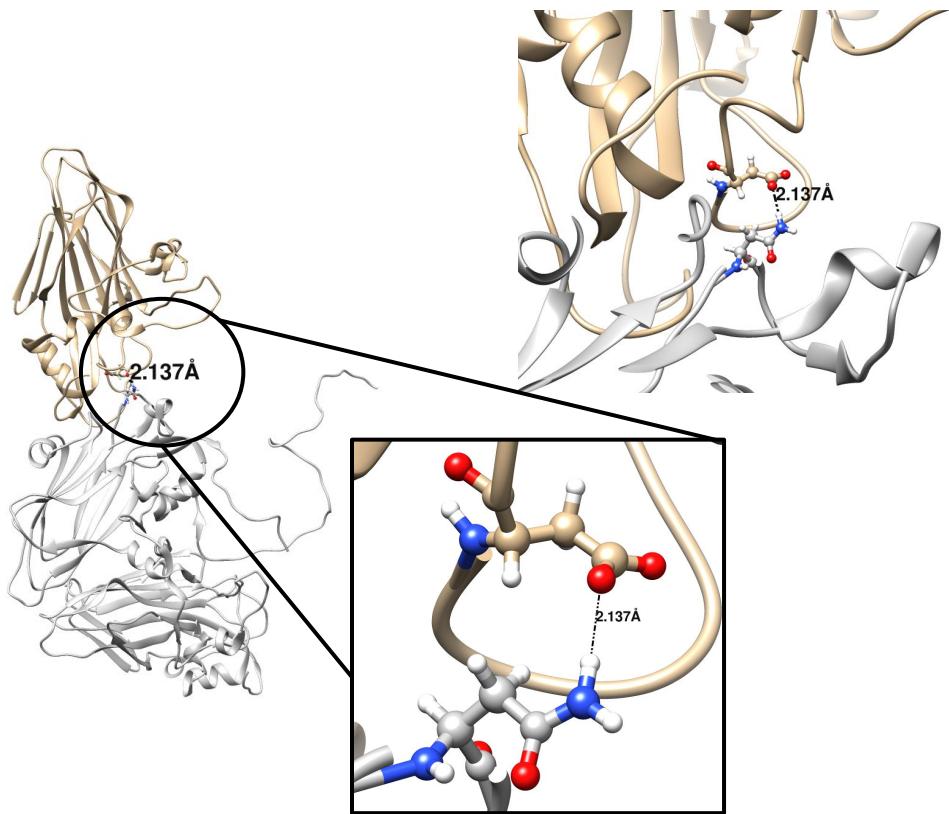
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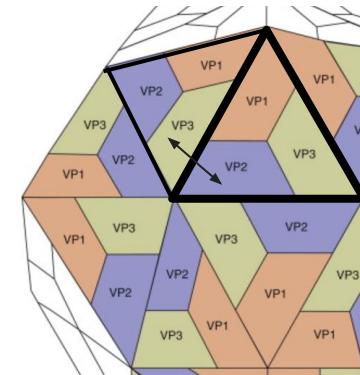
VP3 (Acceptor)



Interprotomeric Hydrogen Bonds VP2-VP3

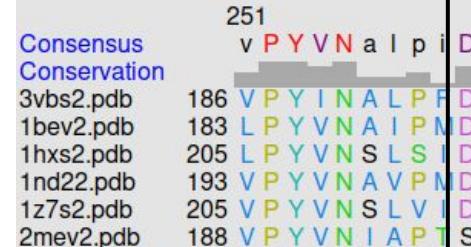
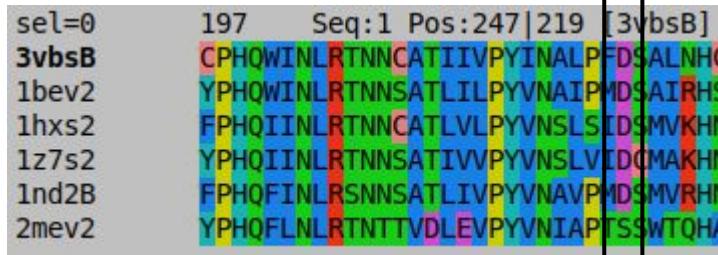


VP2	VP3	Distance (Å)
Aspartate 195 O Acceptor	Asparagine 174 NH Donor	2.137

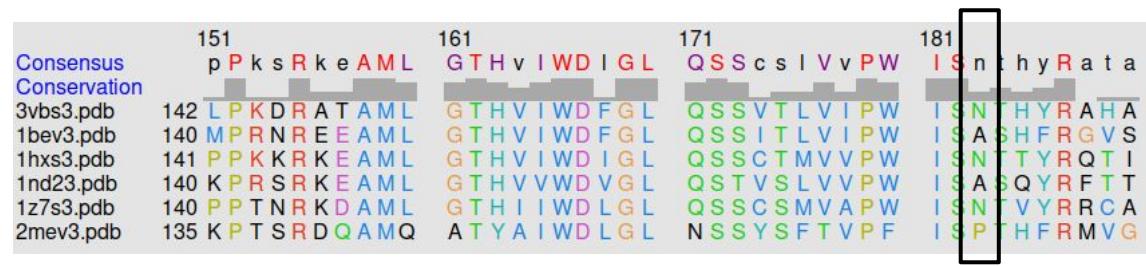


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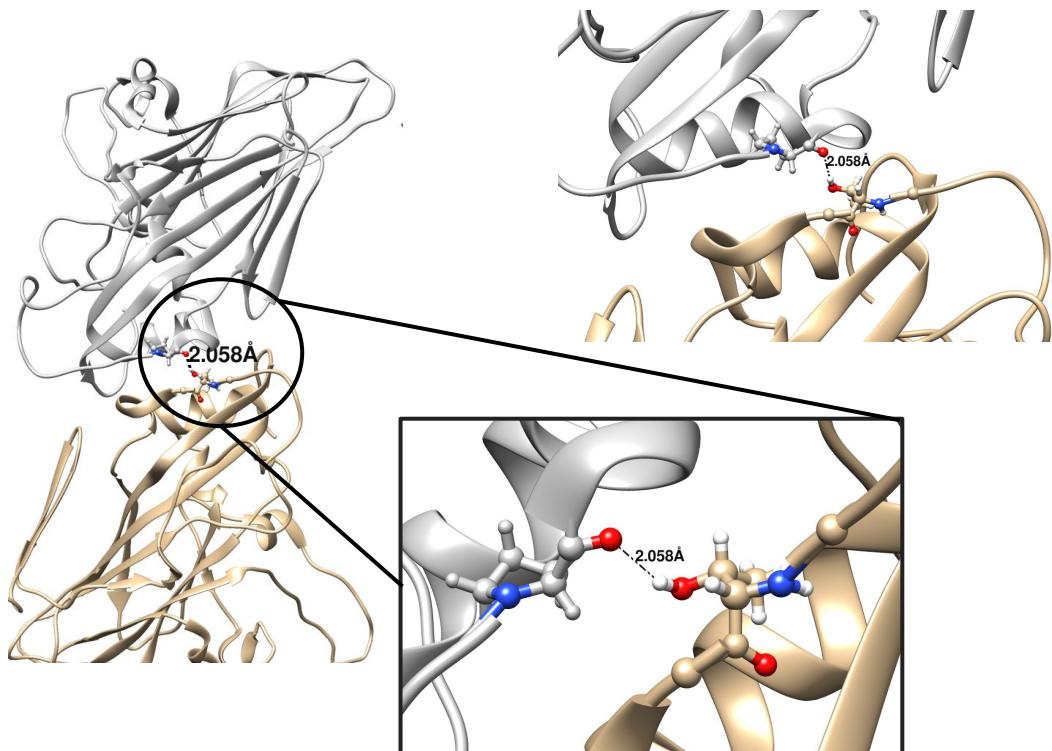
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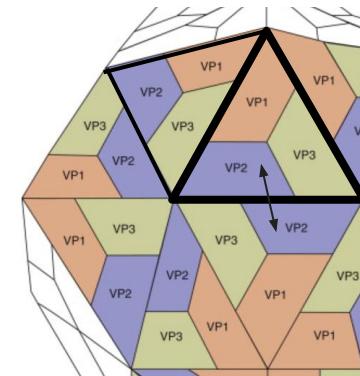
VP3 (Donor)



Interprotomeric Hydrogen Bonds VP2-VP2

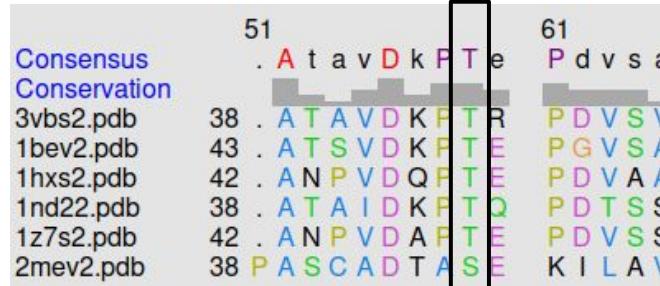
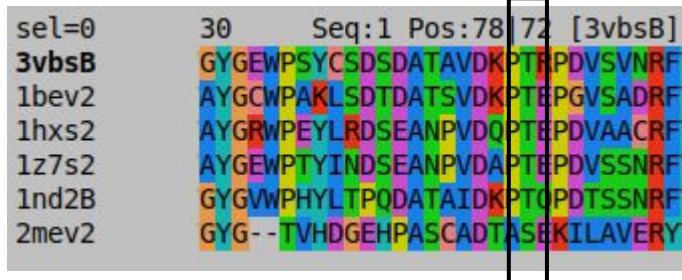


VP2	VP2	Distance (Å)
Threonine 45 OH Donor	Proline 47 O Acceptor	2.058

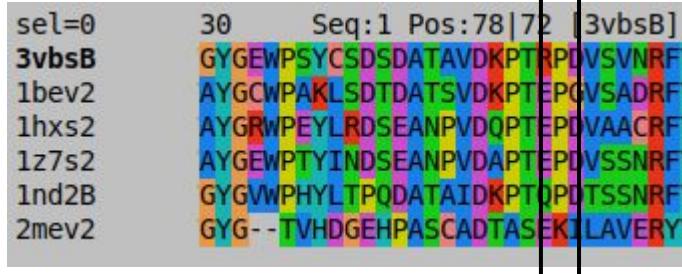


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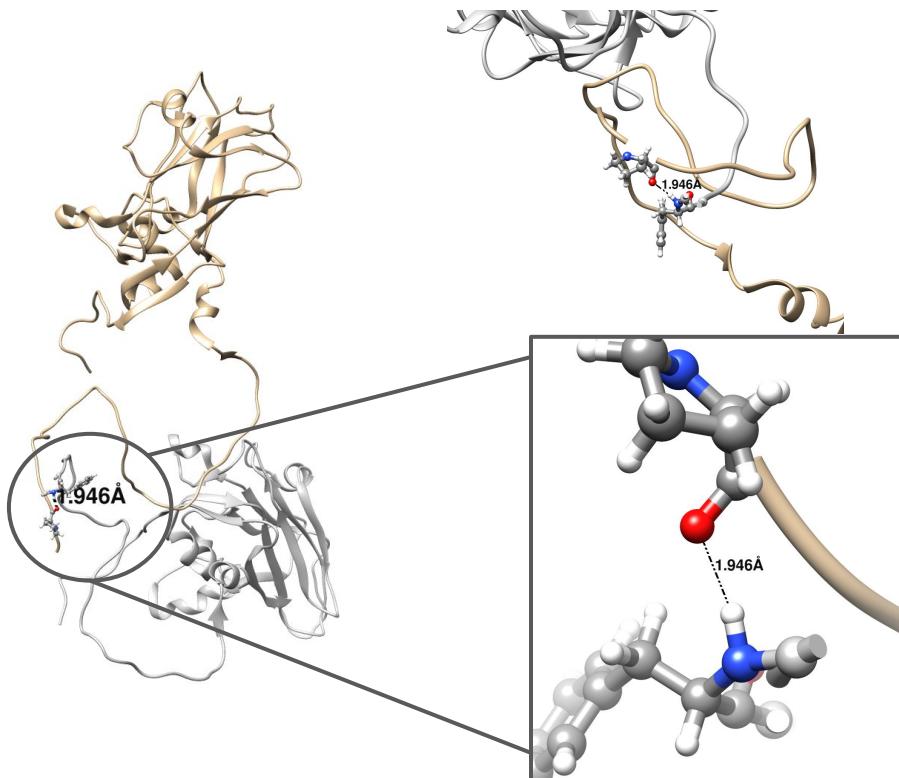
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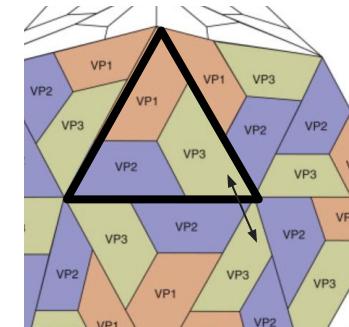
VP2 (Acceptor)



Interprotomeric Hydrogen Bonds VP3-VP3

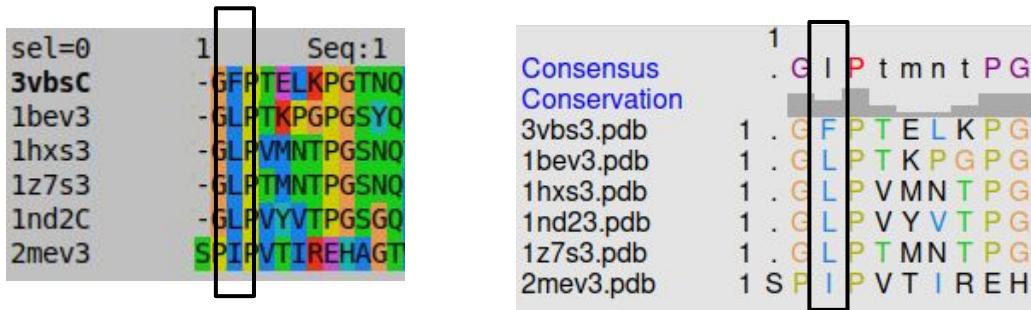


VP3	VP3	Distance (Å)
Proline 3 O Acceptor	Phenylalanine 2 NH Donor	1.946

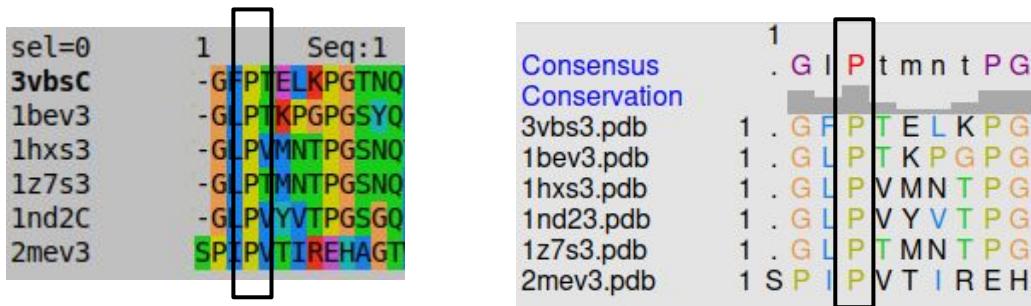


Interprotomeric Hydrogen Bonds VP3-VP3

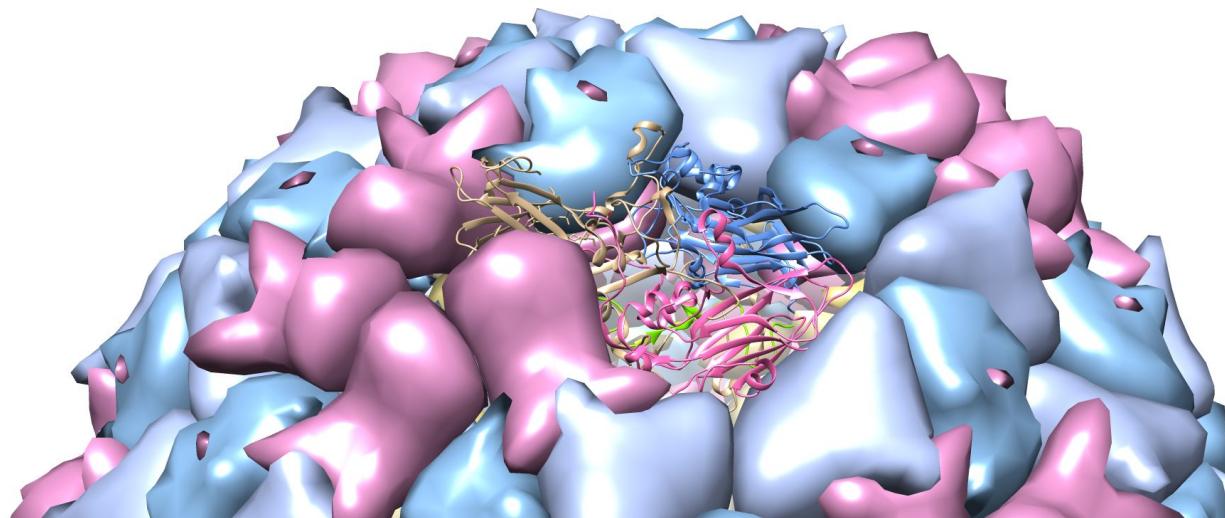
VP3 (Donor)



VP3 (Acceptor)



3. Sequence and structural comparison along evolution



Methodology

1. We selected our templates after a **PSI-BLAST**
2. We performed a **CLUSTALW** alignment
3. We performed a **STAMP** alignment (*roughfit* gave many LOW SCORES warnings, so we used the [alignfit](#) option)
4. We analyzed the clusters formed and created a **phylogenetic tree**

No.	Domain1	Domain2	Sc	RMS	Len1	Len2	Align	Nfit	Eq.	Secs.	%I	%S	P(m)
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Pair 3	3vbsB	1nd2B	8.57	0.82	245	252	256	233	233	0	51.93	100.00	4.55e-58
Pair 4	3vbsB	1z7s2	7.95	0.90	245	267	266	232	229	0	56.33	100.00	1.93e-67
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Pair 6	1bev2	1hx52	7.86	0.84	244	267	264	227	223	0	60.54	100.00	4.71e-76
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Pair 11	1hx52	1z7s2	9.34	0.52	267	267	268	266	258	0	74.42	100.00	0.00e+00
Pair 12	1hx52	2nev2	6.32	1.10	267	249	283	198	194	0	38.14	100.00	1.94e-25
Pair 13	1nd2B	1z7s2	8.36	0.79	252	267	266	239	238	0	57.14	100.00	4.34e-72
Pair 14	1nd2B	2nev2	6.67	1.10	252	249	272	197	196	0	37.76	100.00	2.20e-24
Pair 15	1z7s2	2nev2	6.37	1.16	267	249	281	200	195	0	37.44	100.00	1.54e-24

Reading in matrix file 3vbs.OK.mat...

Doing cluster analysis...

Cluster: 1 (1hx52 & 1z7s2) Sc 9.34 RMS 0.52 Len 268 nfit 260

See file 3vbs.OK.1 for the alignment and transformations

Cluster: 2 (3vbsB & 1bev2) Sc 8.75 RMS 0.67 Len 246 nfit 233

See file 3vbs.OK.2 for the alignment and transformations

Cluster: 3 (1nd2B & 3vbsB 1bev2) Sc 8.96 RMS 0.72 Len 259 nfit 230

See file 3vbs.OK.3 for the alignment and transformations

Cluster: 4 (1hx52 1z7s2 & 1nd2B 3vbsB 1bev2) Sc 8.61 RMS 0.72 Len 272 nfit 230

See file 3vbs.OK.4 for the alignment and transformations

Cluster: 5 (2nev2 & 1hx52 1z7s2 1nd2B 3vbsB 1bev2) Sc 7.42 RMS 1.16 Len 290 nfit 201

See file 3vbs.OK.5 for the alignment and transformations

Example of STAMP output

Reminder: what does my Sc and RMSD mean?

- 5.5 to 9.8 = high degree of structural similarity + functional and/or evolutionary relationship
- 2.5 to 5.5 = more distantly related structures + not always implies a functional or evolutionary relationship
- < 2.0 = little overall structural similarity

RMSD increases as similarity decreases

Template Selection

- Database used: PDB
- Selected templates from round 5
- We checked that the templates were a hit for all VPs
- We split the chains for every template

Sequences producing significant alignments: Sequences used in model and found again:	Score (Bits)	E Value
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1nqt_A mol:protein length:283 Polypeptide	364	7e-127
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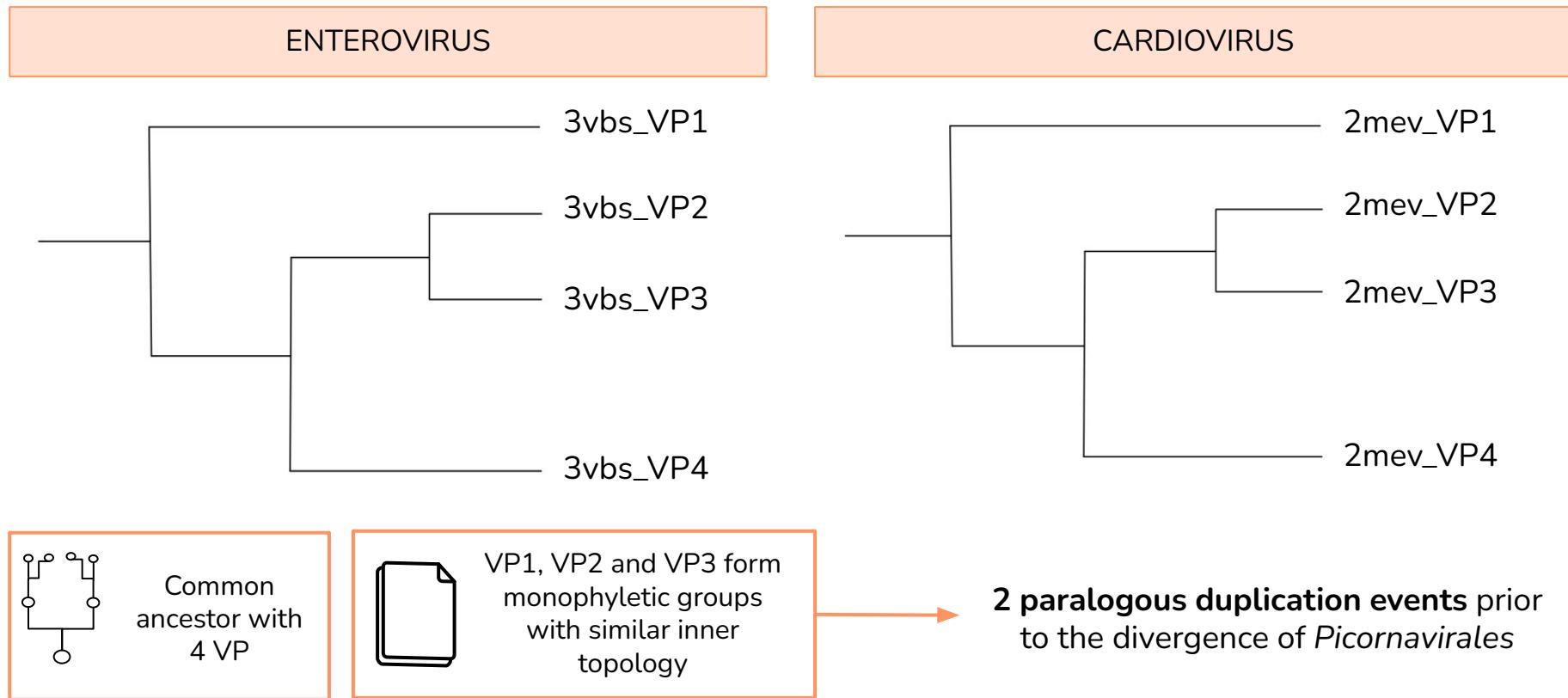
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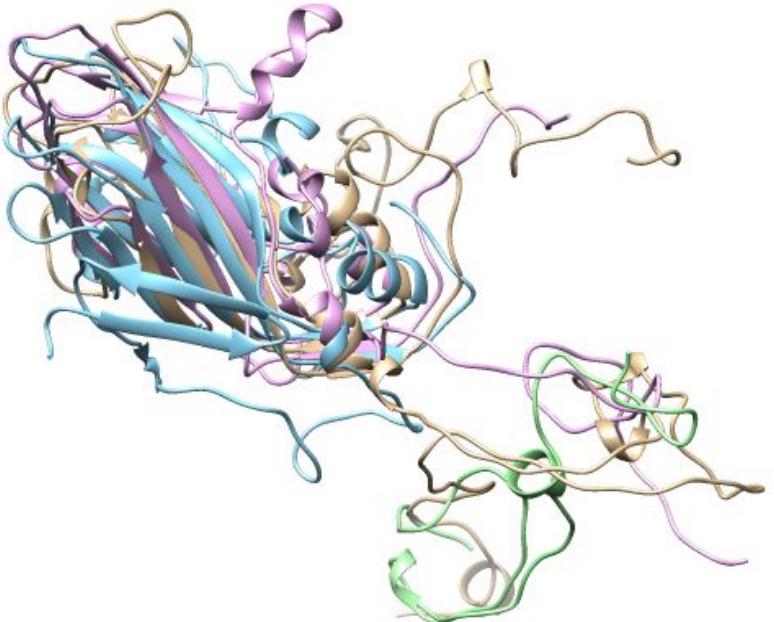
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Phylogeny of the capsid polyprotein

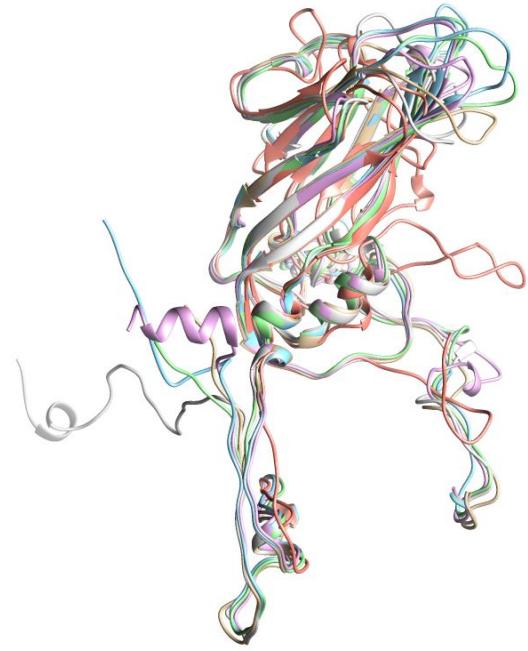
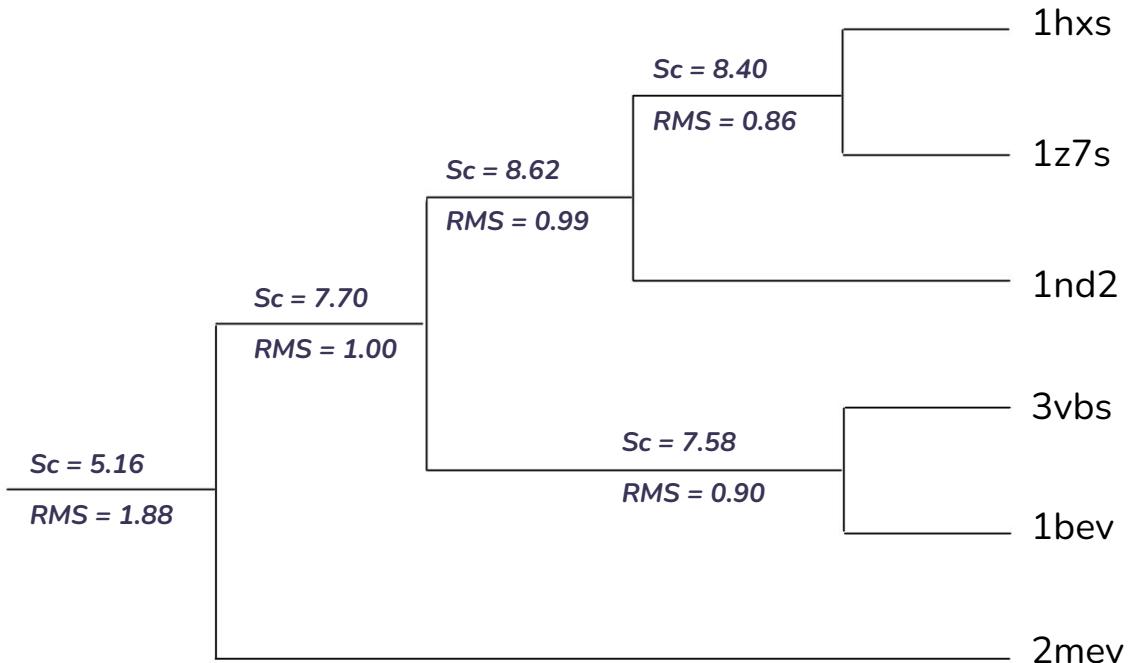




- VP1, VP2 and VP3 share the same topology despite not being much conserved between them, as for sequence
- VP4 is the most divergent of all the VP → STAMP gives LOW SCORE warnings

3vbsA	GDRVADVISSIG-DSVSRALTHALPAPGQNTQVSSHRLDTGKPALQA
3vbsB	SDRVAQL---TIG-NSTITT-QEAANIIV-----GYGEWPSYCS
3vbsC	GFPTE-L---KPGTNQFLTT-DDGVSAPI-----LPNFHPTCI
3vbsD	SHENSNS---ATE-GSTI-----
	.
3vbsA	AEIGASSNASDESMIETRCVVLNSHSTAETTLDNF--FSRAGLVGEIDLPL
3vbsB	DSDATAVD--K--PTPVDVSVNRFYTLTDLWEK-----
3vbsC	HIPGEVRNLLELCQVETILEVNNVPTNATSLMERLRFPSAQAGKELCA
3vbsD	-----NYT-----TINYKKDSYAATAGKQS-----
	.
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3vbsB	--SSKGWYWKFPDVLTETGVFG----QNAQF-HYLYRSGFCIHV-QCN
3vbsC	VFRADPGRNGPW----QSTLLG----QLCGY-YTQWSGSLEVTF-MFT
3vbsD	-LKQDPDKFAN-----
	.
3vbsA	PTGEVVPQLLQYMFVP-----PGAPKPDSE
3vbsB	ASKFHQGALL-VAVLPEYVIGTVAGGTGTEDTHPPYKQTQPGADGFELQH
3vbsC	GSFMATGKML-IAYTP-----PGGPLPKDRA
3vbsD	-----
	.
3vbsA	SLA-----WQTATNPSVFVKL-SDPPAQSVPFMSPASAYQWFY
3vbsB	PYVLADAGIPISQLTVCP---HQWINLRTNNCATIIVPYIN-----
3vbsC	TAM-----LGT---HVIWDFGLQSSVTLVIPWIS-----
3vbsD	-----
	.
3vbsA	DGYPTFGEHKQEKDLEYGAMPNNMGTFSVRTVGTSKSKYPLVVRIYMRM
3vbsB	-----A
3vbsC	-----N
3vbsD	-----
	.
3vbsA	KHVRRAWIPRPMRNQNYLFKANPNEYAGNSIKPTGASRTAITT-----
3vbsB	LPFDSALNHNCNFLVVPISPLDYDQG----ATPVIPITITLAPM-----
3vbsC	THYRAHARDGVFDYTTGLVSIWYQTNYVVPIGAPNTAYIALAAQKNF-----
3vbsD	PVKDIFTEMAAPL-----
	.
3vbsA	-----L
3vbsB	-----CSEFAGLQRQAVT-Q
3vbsC	TMKLCKDASDILQGTGQ
3vbsD	-----K

Phylogenetic analysis of VP1



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MSA of VP1

3vbs_VP1	GDRVADVIESSIGDSVSRALTHALPAGTQGNTQVSSHRLDTGKVPALQAEIGASSNASD
1bev_VP1	-----QAAAGALVAGT----STSTHSVATDSTPAQLQAAETGATSTARD
1hxs_VP1	-----GSSSTAATSRDALPNTAEASGPTHKSIEIPALTAETGATNPILVP
1z7s_VP1	-----VSQPPSTQSTEATSGVNSQEVPALETAETGASGQAIAP
1nd2_VP1	-----NPVERYVDEVLNEVLVPPNIQSHPTTSNAAPVLDAETGHTNKIQP
2mev_VP1	-----GVNAEKGVTENTDADFVAQPVYLPENQTKVAFFYDRSSP

3vbsA	ESMIETRCVLSNHSSTAETLDSFFSRAGLVGEI--DLPLKGTTNPNGYANWDIDITGYAQ
1bev1	ESMIETRTIVPHTGIHETSVESFFGRSSLVGG---MPLLATG--TSITHWRIDFREFVQ
1hxs1	SDTVQTRHVVQHRSSESSIESFFGARGACVTIMTVDPNASTTNKDKLFAWKITYKDTVQ
1z7s1	SDVVERTRHVVNYKTRSESCLESFFGRAACVTILSLTNSSKGEEGKKHFIWINITYTDTVO
1nd2A	EDTIETRYVQSSQLDEMSVESFLGRSGCITHESVLDIVDNYNDQS--FTKWNINLQEMAQ
2mev1	IGAFAVKSGSLESGFAPFSNKACPNSVILTPGPQFDPAYDQLRPQRRLTEIWGNNEETSE

3vbsA	MR --RKVEL FTY MRFD AEFT VACTP -TGEVVP---QL-QYMFVPPGAPKPD\$--RE
1bev1	LR --AKMSW FTY MRFD VEFT IATSS -TGQNVTTEQHTT\$QMYVPPGAPVPSN---QD
1hxs1	LR --RKLE FTY SRFD MELTF VVTANFTETNN NG HALNQV\$QIMYVPPGAPVPEK---WD
1z7s1	LR --RKLE FTY SRFD LEMFT VFTENYPSA\$GEVRNQV\$QIMYI PPGAPR SS\$--WD
1nd2A	IR --RKFEM FTY ARFD SEIT MPVPSV --AAKDG IGHI HIV\$QMYVPPGAPIPTT\$--RD
2mev1	VFP LTK QD\$ CLFS -PFVYYKC DLE VTLS S H GAH L\$LR W CP TG TP KPT QV LHE

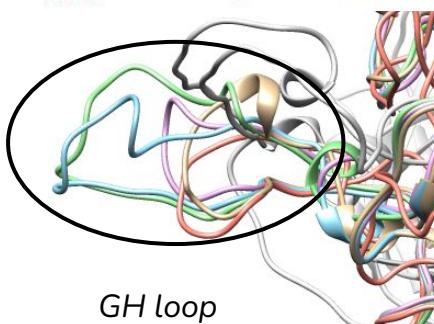
Canyon

Residues conserved among enterovirus (genus) Residues conserved among picornavirus (enterovirus & cardiovirus)

3vbsA
1bev1
1hxs1
1z7s1
1nd2A
2mev1

3vbsA
1bev1
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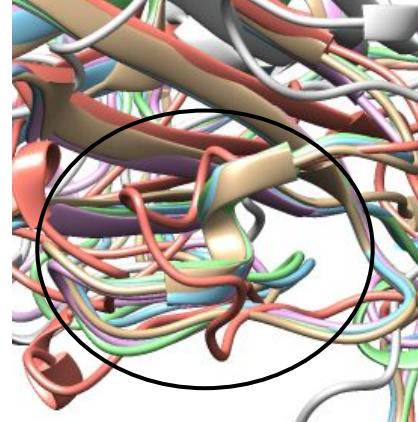
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GH loop

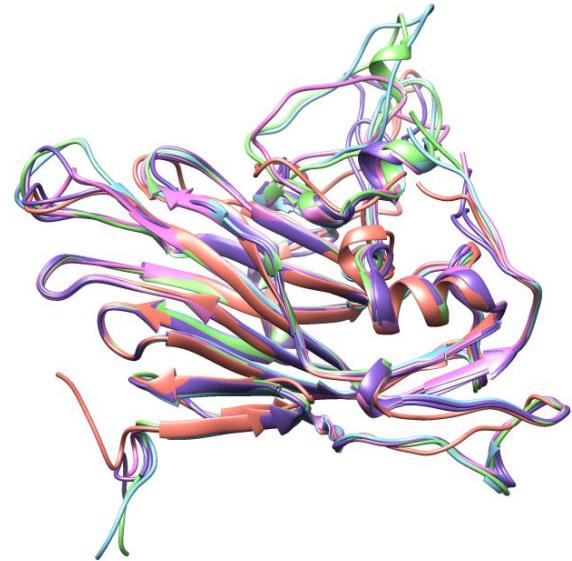
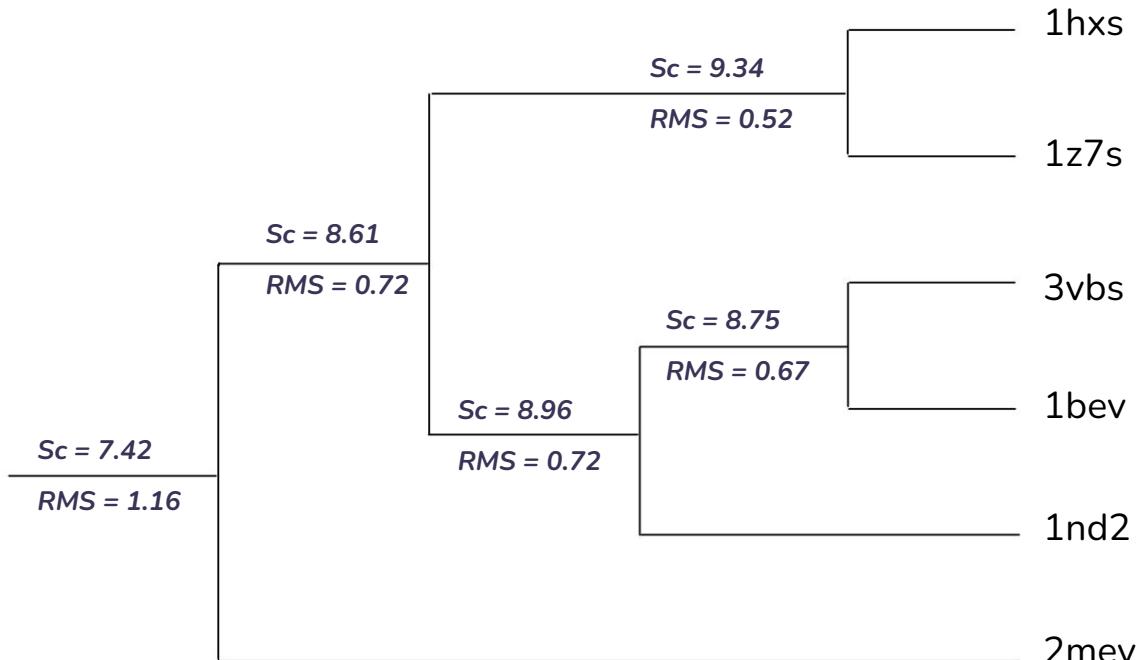
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GNSIKP---TGASRTAITTL
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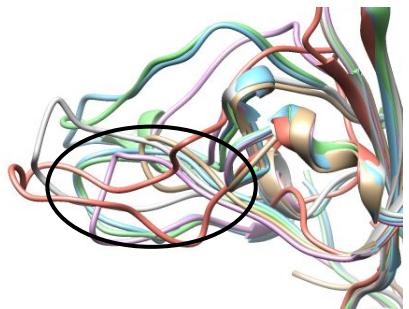
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Phylogenetic analysis of VP2

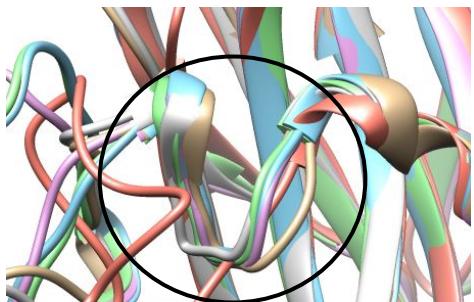


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MSA of VP2



Aa exposed of EF loop



*Aa not exposed of
EF loop*

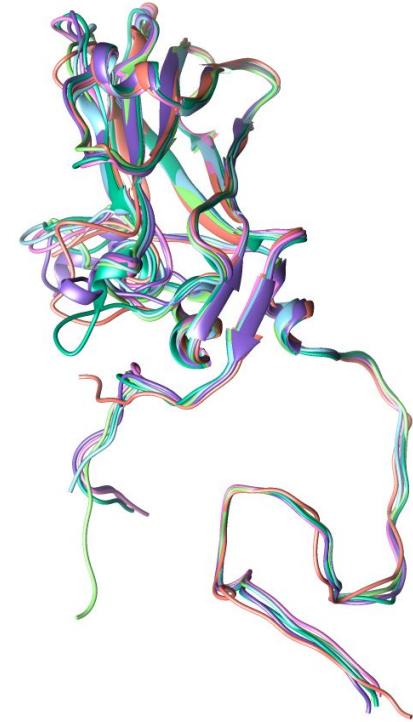
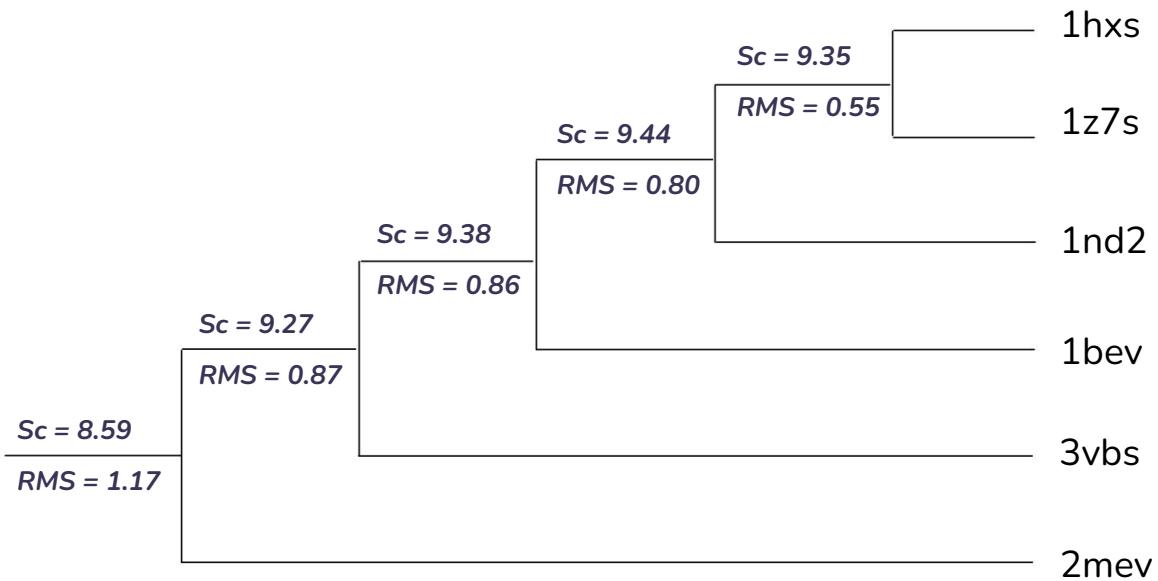
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3vbsB
1bev2
1hxs2
1z7s2
1nd2B
2mev2

EF loop
(non-exposed Aa)

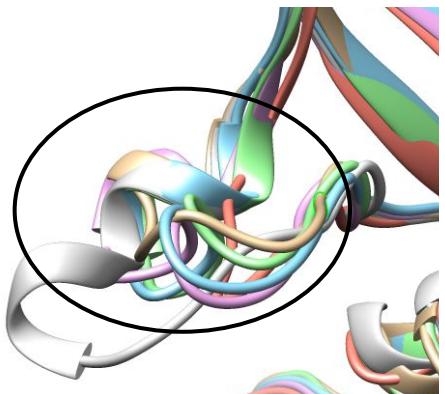
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Phylogenetic analysis of VP3



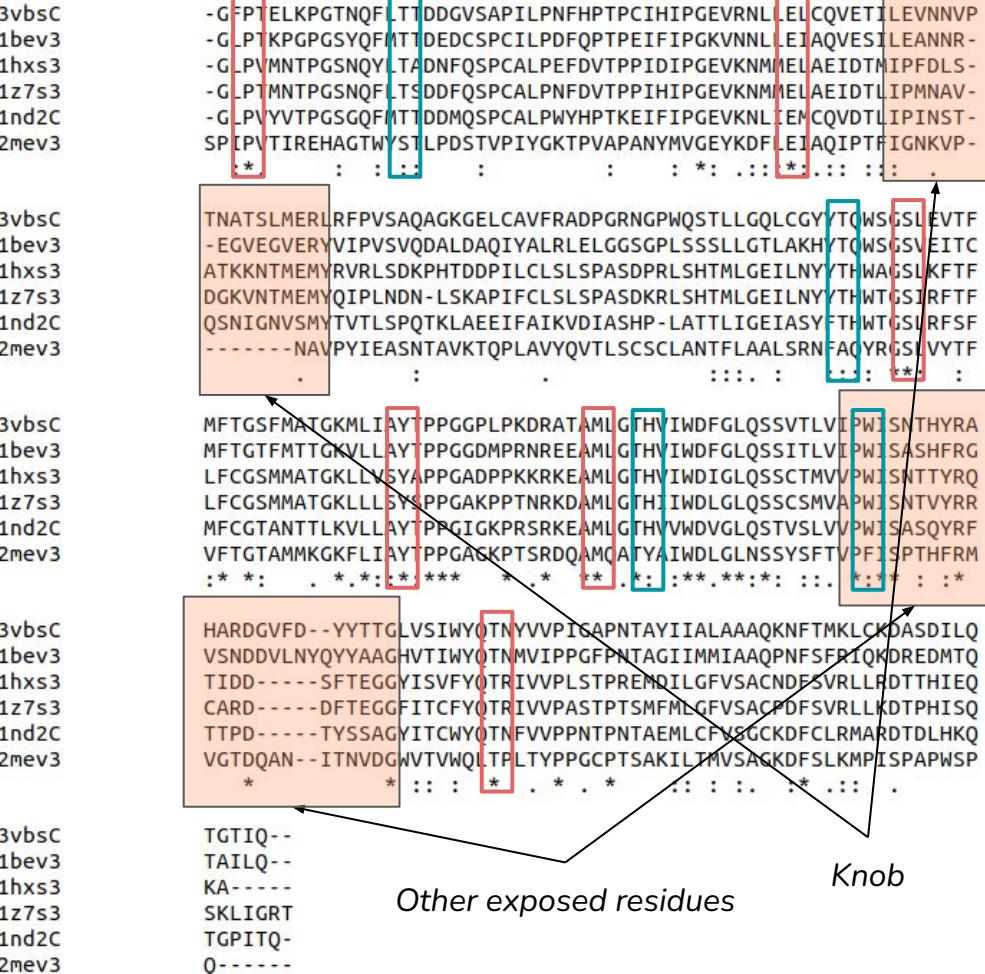
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MSA of VP3

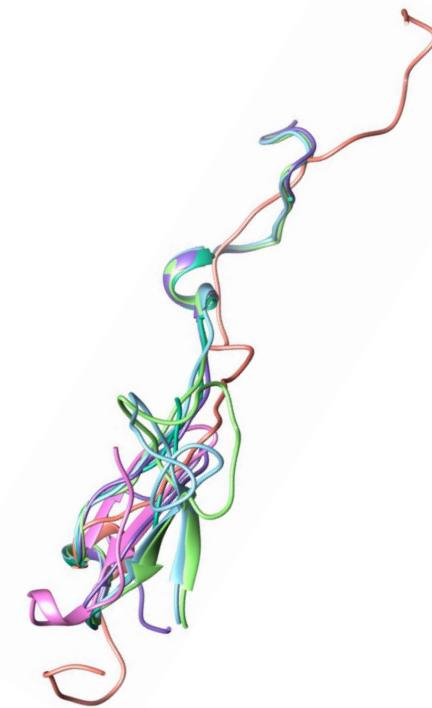
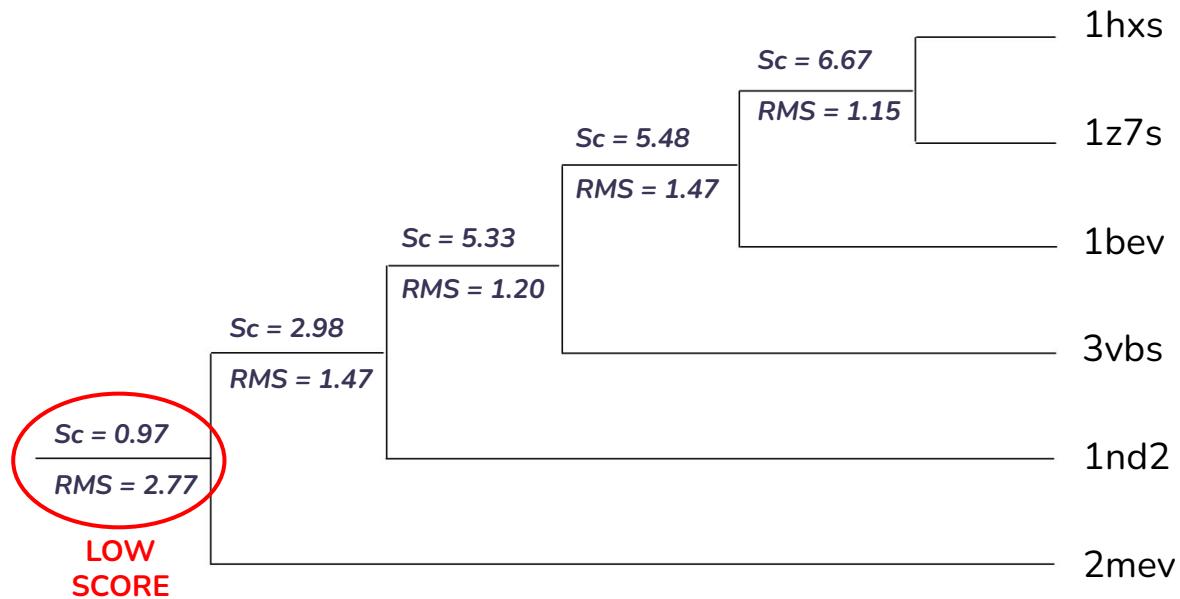


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Consensus	d T i i p a n n v n t m
Conservation	Conservation	
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1bev3.pdb	50 E S I L E A N N R E	G V E G V
1hxs3.pdb	50 D T M I P F D L S A	T K K N T M
1nd2C.pdb	50 D T L I P I N S T Q	S N I G N V
1z7s3.pdb	50 D T L I P M N A V D	G K V N T M
2mev3.pdb	51 P T F I G N K V . P	.. N A .

Residues conserved among enterovirus (genus)
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Phylogenetic analysis of VP4



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MSA of VP4

Residues conserved among enterovirus (genus)
Residues conserved among picornavirus
(enterovirus & cardiovirus)

1hxs4	GAQVSSQKVGAHENSNRAYGGSTIN-YTTINYYRDS-ASNAASKQDFSQDPSKFTTEPIK-
1z7s4	GAQVSTQKTGAHENQNVAANGSTIN-YTTTINYYKDS-ASNSATRQDLSQDPSKFTEPVK-
3vbsD	-----SHENSNSATEGSTIN-YTTTINYYKDS-YAATAGKQSLKQDPDKFANPVK-
1bev4	-----STIN-YNNINYYSHA-ASAAQNKQDFTQDPSKFTQPIA-
1nd2D	-----GAQVSRQSQLN-YFNINIFYKDA-ASSGASRLD-----
2mev4	-----SEGNEGVIINNFYSNQYQNSIDLSANATGSDPPKTYGQFSNLLSG * . . . * : .
1hxs4	--DVLIKTAPMLN
1z7s4	--DLMLKTAPALN
3vbsD	--DIFTEMAAPLK
1bev4	--DVIK-----
1nd2D	-----
2mev4	AVNAFSNMLPLLA

Search of relevant functional motifs: WCPRP example

There is a critical region, highly conserved among picornaviruses, involved in the correct processing of the capsid precursor: WCPRP in enteroviruses and FCPRP in cardioviruses.

ClustalW → extreme conservation of the motif

3vbsA	YGAMPNNMMGTFSVRTVGT - SKSKYPLVVRIYMRMKHVRAWIPRPMRNQNYLFKANPNYA
1bev1	YGILPSNFLGFMYFRTL - - - EDAAHQVRFRIYAKIKHTSCWIPRAPRQAPYKKRYNLVFS
1hxs1	YGAASLNDFGILAVRVVNDHNPDKVTISKIRVYLKPCHIPRPPRAVAY - YGPGVDYK
1z7s1	YGLVSINDFGVLAVRAVNRSNPHTIHTSVRVYMKPKHIRCWCPRPPRAVLY - RGEGVDMI
1nd2A	YGTVVNTDMGTLCSRIVTSEQLHKVKVVTRIYHKAKHTKAWCPRPPRAVQYSHTHTNYK
2mev1	LGIAPNSDFGTLFFAGT - - - - - KPDIKFTVYLRYKNMRVFCPRPTVFFPWPTSGDKIDM

Some key conclusions...

As for structure and interactions:

- There are many intraprotomeric and interprotomeric interactions, in form of H bond, contributing to many key processes of the virus: capsid assembly, infectivity...
- We were also able to find some salt bridges, but no disulfide bonds
- VP1's GH loop, VP3's knob and other relevant parts of the canyon are very conserved, very likely due to their relevance for the virus
- The ALD inhibitor has a great therapeutic potential due to its sphingosine-specific mechanism of action

Some key conclusions...

As for phylogeny:

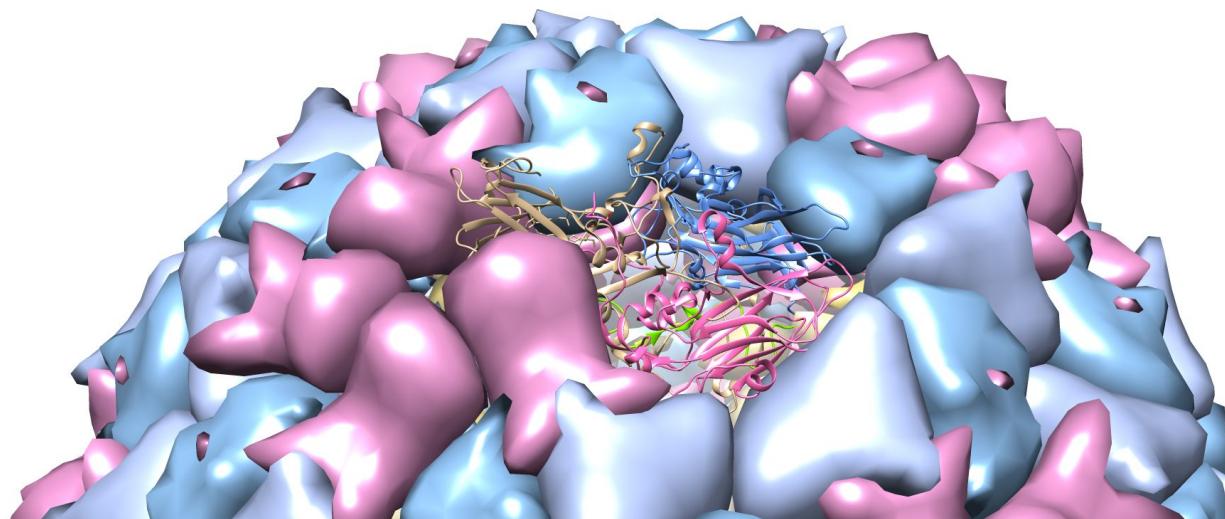
- VP1, VP2 and VP3 are paralogous due to duplication events prior to the divergence of Picornavirales
- In our virus, VP3 is the most conserved and VP4 the least, according to structural and sequence similarity with our templates
- In general, some regions of these VPs are more conserved than others (i.e. the middle region is more conserved than the extremes, which is where the loops take place)
- Sc and RMSD values show high structural similarity and evolutionary relationship
→ many of the most conserved residues correspond to residues involved in H bonds or salt bridges, also structurally relevant regions such as the canyon

Some key conclusions...

As an extra remark...

More research on the structural characteristics of Human Enterovirus 71 and its related species should be pursued to overcome the lack of information available on the functions of many regions and bonds

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



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PEM questions

1. The Human Enterovirus 71 (HEV71) belongs to the family of:

- a. Picornaviridae
- b. Retroviridae
- c. Herpesviridae
- d. Rhabdoviridae
- e. Adenoviridae

2. Choose the correct statement about HEV71:

- a. Its capsid protomer is composed by 3 viral proteins (VP1, VP2 and VP3)
- b. Almost all of the viral proteins have a jelly roll supersecondary structure
- c. Options a) and b) are true
- d. It has a canyon
- e. All of the above are true

3. The most dissimilar viral protein in structure is:

- a. VP1
- b. VP2
- c. VP3
- d. VP4
- e. All of them are very dissimilar in structure

PEM questions

4. Which of the following is true:

- a. The triangulation number gives information about the size of the capsid
- b. The higher the triangulation number, the more protomers compose the capsid
- c. Options a) and b) are correct
- d. All icosahedral viruses have the same number of capsid proteins
- e. All of the above are correct

5. Which of the following is false:

- a. Inter-protomeric interactions occur between two different protomers (capsid units)
- b. There are several interactions found between different protomers, mainly hydrogen bonds
- c. Intra-protomeric interactions occur between proteins within the same protomer (capsid unit)
- d. There are no interactions between neighbouring capsomeres, interactions only occur among proteins of the same capsomere
- e. None of the previous options are false (all of them are true statements)

6. SCOP classifies HEV71 proteins as:

- a. All-beta proteins
- b. All-alpha proteins
- c. Alpha+beta proteins
- d. Alpha/beta proteins
- e. Small proteins

PEM questions

7. HEV71 capsid protomer:

- a. It is composed by 3 viral proteins
- b. It rearranges to make a pore for genome release
- c. Forms pentamers
- d. When in pentamer conformation, 12 of them associate to form the procapsid
- e. All of the above are true

8. VP1 has:

- a. The knob
- b. The puff
- c. A GH loop very relevant for receptor binding
- d. None of the above
- e. All of the above

9. About symmetry and axis:

- a. HEV71 has only a 2-fold axis
- b. HEV71 has only a 3-fold axis
- c. HEV71 has only a 5-fold axis
- d. HEV71 has a 2-fold, a 3-fold and a 5-fold axis
- e. HEV71 has a 7-fold axis

PEM questions

10. About the ALD inhibitor, for HEV71:

- a. It replaces the sphingosine of the hydrophobic pocket
- b. Its main key interaction is established between the amide group and the D112 residue
- c. a and b are correct
- d. It contains a phenoxy group which helps the binding with the pocket
- e. All are correct