

A golden retriever puppy is lying on a blue blanket, looking towards the camera. The puppy's fur is a mix of light and dark golden colors. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue.

KHRYSEOS

Using the Coming Thinking Web
for Epidemic Detection and
Rapid Diagnostic and Vaccine
Design.

by
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KHRYSEOS was the *eternal golden guardian* set by Rhea to guard the infant god Zeus. He is believed to be the same as Lailaps, the hound that Zeus gave to Europa, then passed on to King Minos, then Prokris, Kephalos and Pandareos, before being placed amongst the stars as the constellation Canis Major.

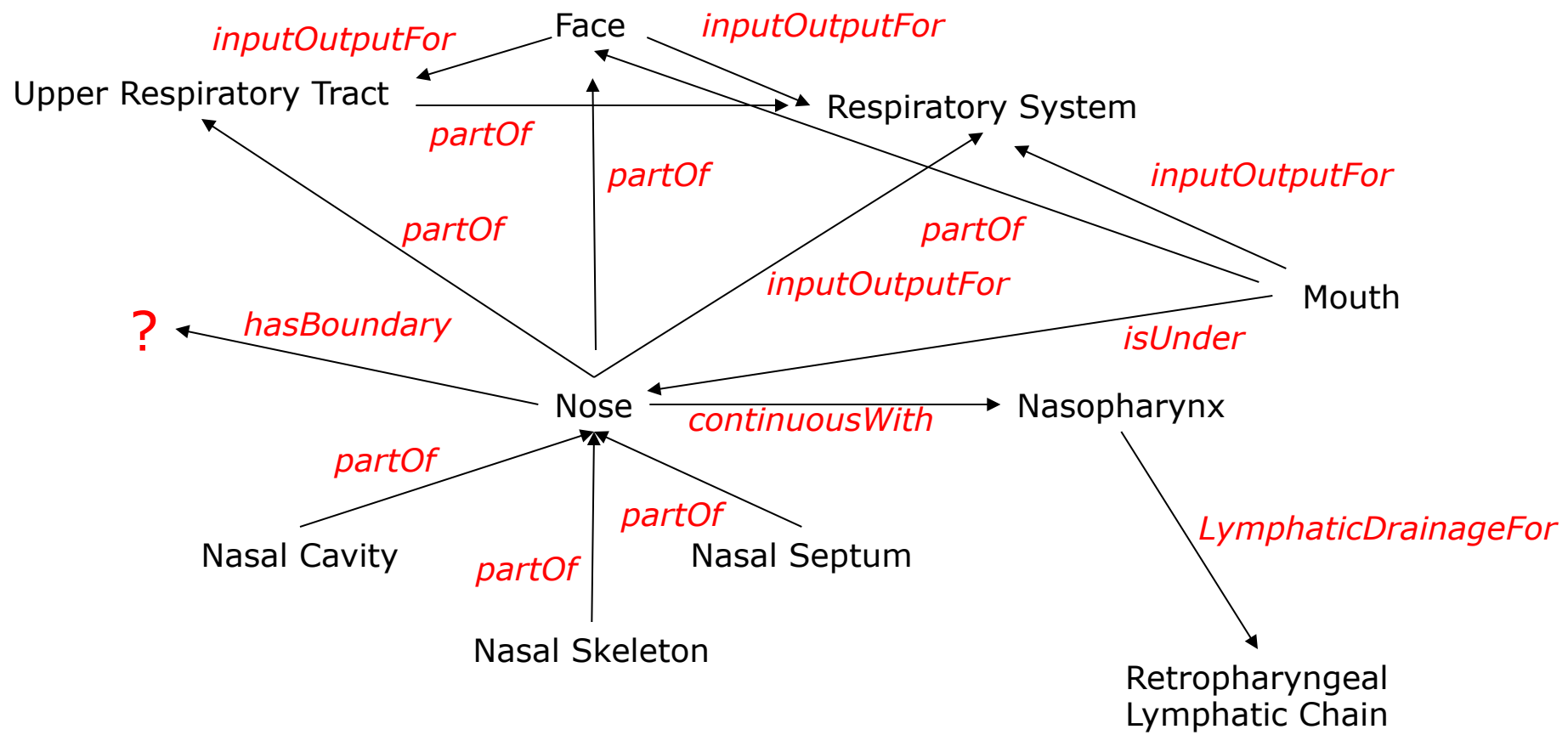
Past and Future Layers of the Internet

- **INTERNET - Connects Computers** - The US Department of Defense awarded contracts as early as the 1960s for packet network systems, including the development of the ARPANET, which would become the first network to use the **Internet Protocol**.
- **World Wide Web 1.0 - Connects Web Pages** - Berners-Lee wrote a proposal in March 1989 for “a large hypertext database with typed **links**” . Although the proposal attracted little interest, Berners-Lee was encouraged by his boss.^[1] He considered several names, including *Information Mesh*,^[7] *The Information Mine* or *Mine of Information*, but settled on *World Wide Web*.
- **World Wide Web 2.0 - Connects People** - It means sites that use technology beyond the static pages of earlier Web sites. Essentially, it connects people by facilitating **social networking**. The term was coined in 1999 by Darcy DiNucci and was popularized by Tim O'Reilly at the O'Reilly Media Web 2.0 conference in 2004.
- **World Wide Web 3.0 – Connects Data and Knowledge - The Semantic Web** is a collaborative movement led by international standards body the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C). The Semantic Web aims at converting the current web, dominated by unstructured and semi-structured documents into a "web of data". The Semantic Web stack on the W3C's Resource Description Framework (RDF).
- **World Wide Web 4.0 - The Thinking Web** - Will organize probabilistic knowledge and reason with it across multiple servers – helps make decisions.

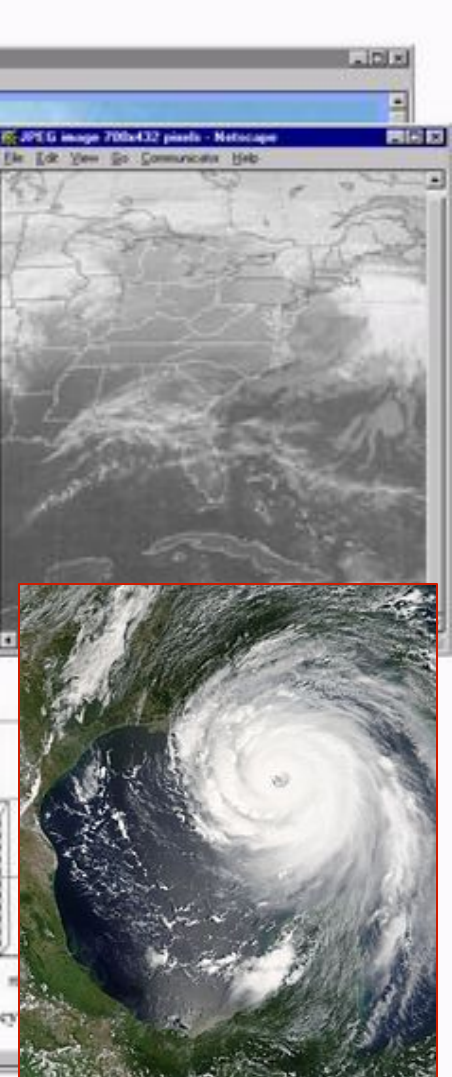
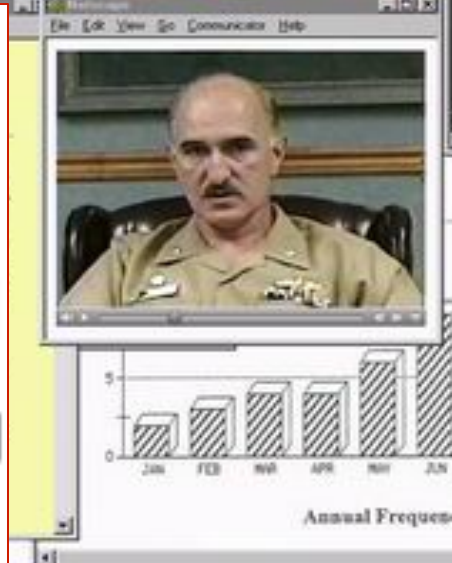
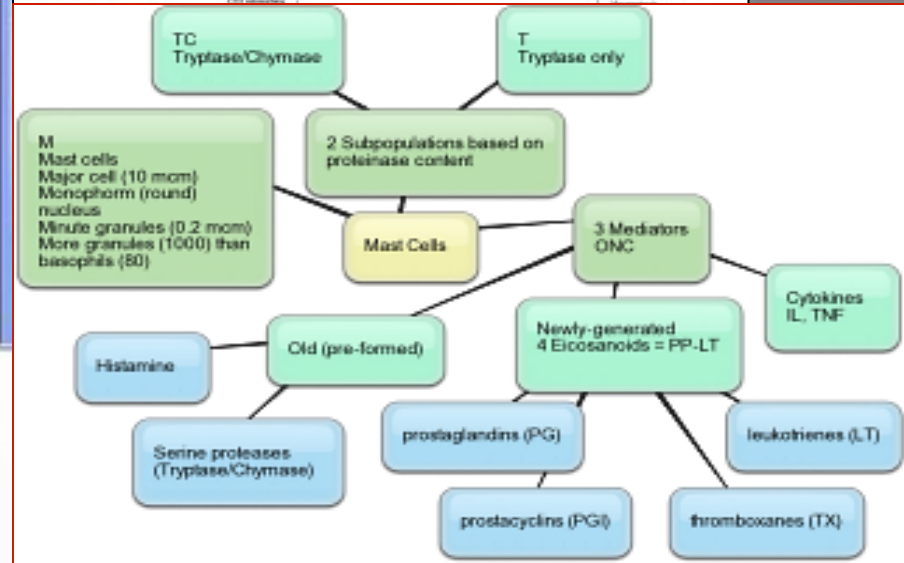
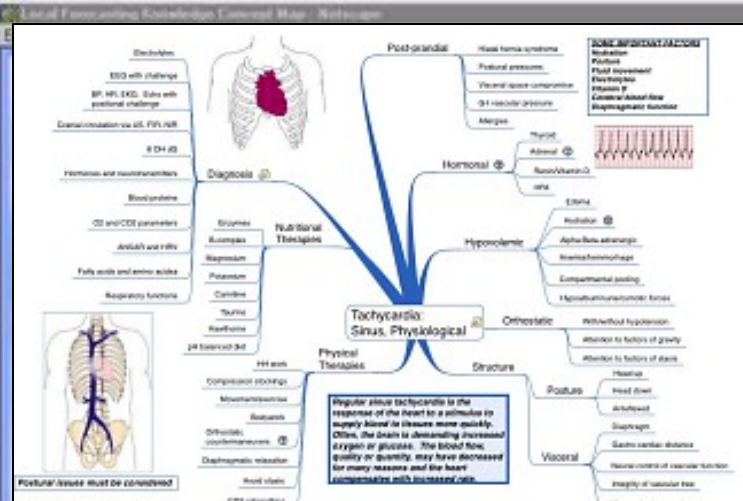


The Medical Semantic Web

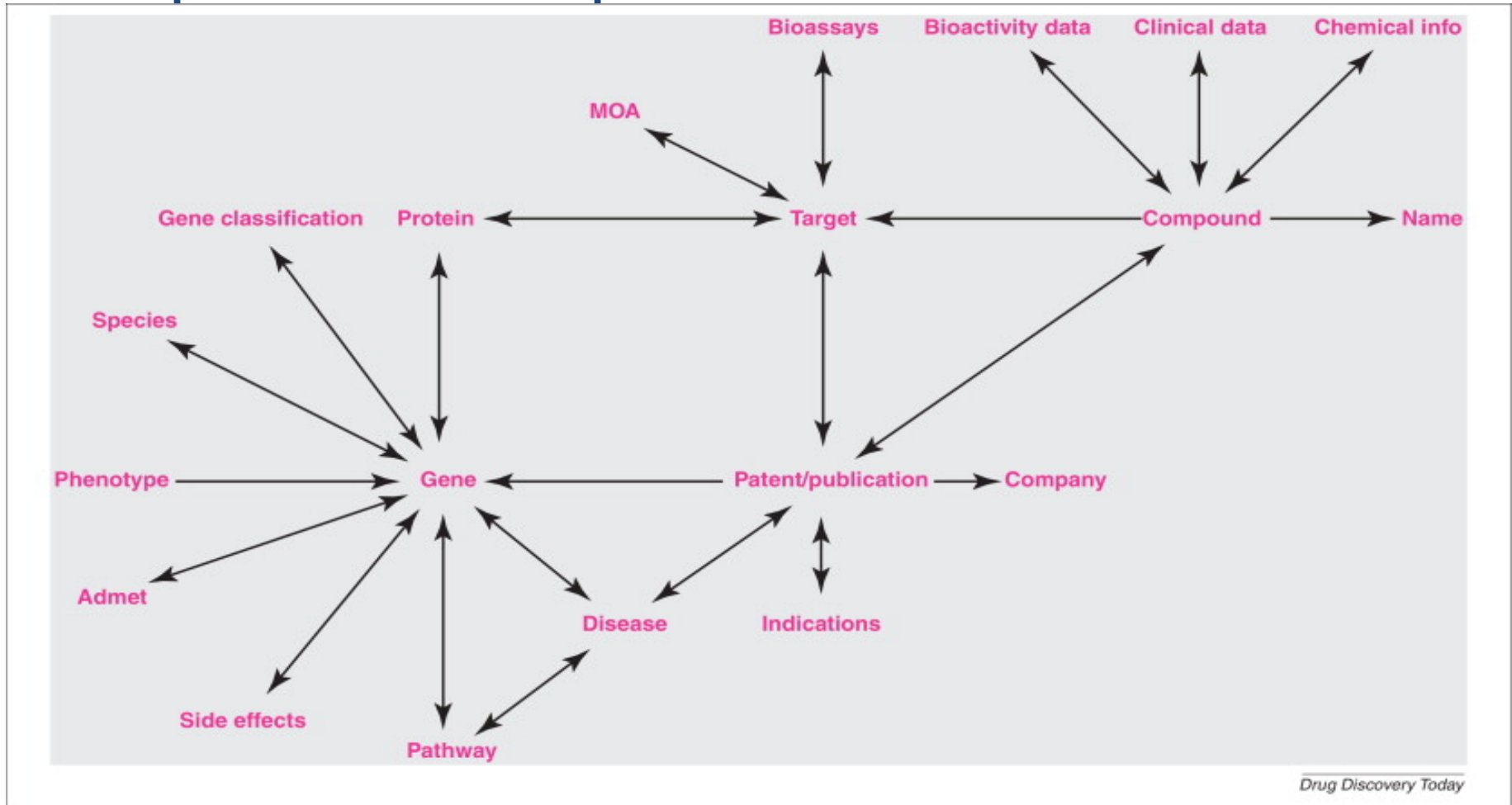
W3C Consortium *Medical Semantic Web* Project is Connecting Knowledge and Data on the Internet, in “tags”, not just Web Pages



Such Knowledge Nets Are Already Increasingly Used To Support Prediction, Risk Assessment, Decision Making



The Network of Associations Implied in the Top Ranked Biopharmaceutical Queries



The network summarizing data associations that are needed to target the top 20 research questions. K. Azzaoui et. al. (2013) "Scientific competency questions as the basis for semantically enriched open pharmacological space development", *Drug Discovery Today*, Vol 18, Issues 17–18, Pages 843–852.

THE CALL FOR A UNIVERSAL EXCHANGE LANGUAGE (UEL) The PCAST Report



REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT REALIZING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE FOR AMERICANS: THE PATH FORWARD

President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (December 2010)

The PCAST Concerns

- “In other sectors, universal exchange standards have resulted in new products that knit together fragmented systems into a unified infrastructure.”
- “The resulting ‘ network effect’ then increases the value of the infrastructure for all, and spurs rapid adoption.”
- “By contrast, health IT has not made this transition.”



•“The market for new products and services based on health IT remains relatively small and undeveloped compared with corresponding markets in most other sectors of the economy, and there is little or no network effect to spur adoption.”

and so they call for an XML-like
“*Universal Exchange Language*”
UEL!

YOSEMITE MANIFESTO

Response to PCAST from the Semantic Web Community

Yosemite Manifesto on RDF as a Universal Healthcare Exchange Language

Position statement from the Workshop on RDF as a Universal Healthcare Exchange Language held at the 2013 Semantic Technology and Business Conference, San Francisco, in response to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) report calling for a universal exchange language for healthcare.

- 1. RDF [the basic link-to-semantic-definition mechanism of the SW] is the best available candidate for a universal healthcare exchange language.**
- 2. Electronic healthcare information should be exchanged in a format that either: (a) is an RDF format directly; or (b) has a standard mapping to RDF.**
- 3. Existing standard healthcare vocabularies, data models and exchange languages should be leveraged by defining standard mappings to RDF, and any new standards should have RDF representations.**
- 4. Government agencies should mandate or incentivize the use of RDF as a universal healthcare exchange language.**
- 5. Exchanged healthcare information should be self-describing, using Linked Data principles, so that each concept URI is de-referenceable to its free and open definition.**

Our Q-U-EL Language Predated the Yosemite Manifesto.

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UEL Challenges, Solutions, and Our Project Status

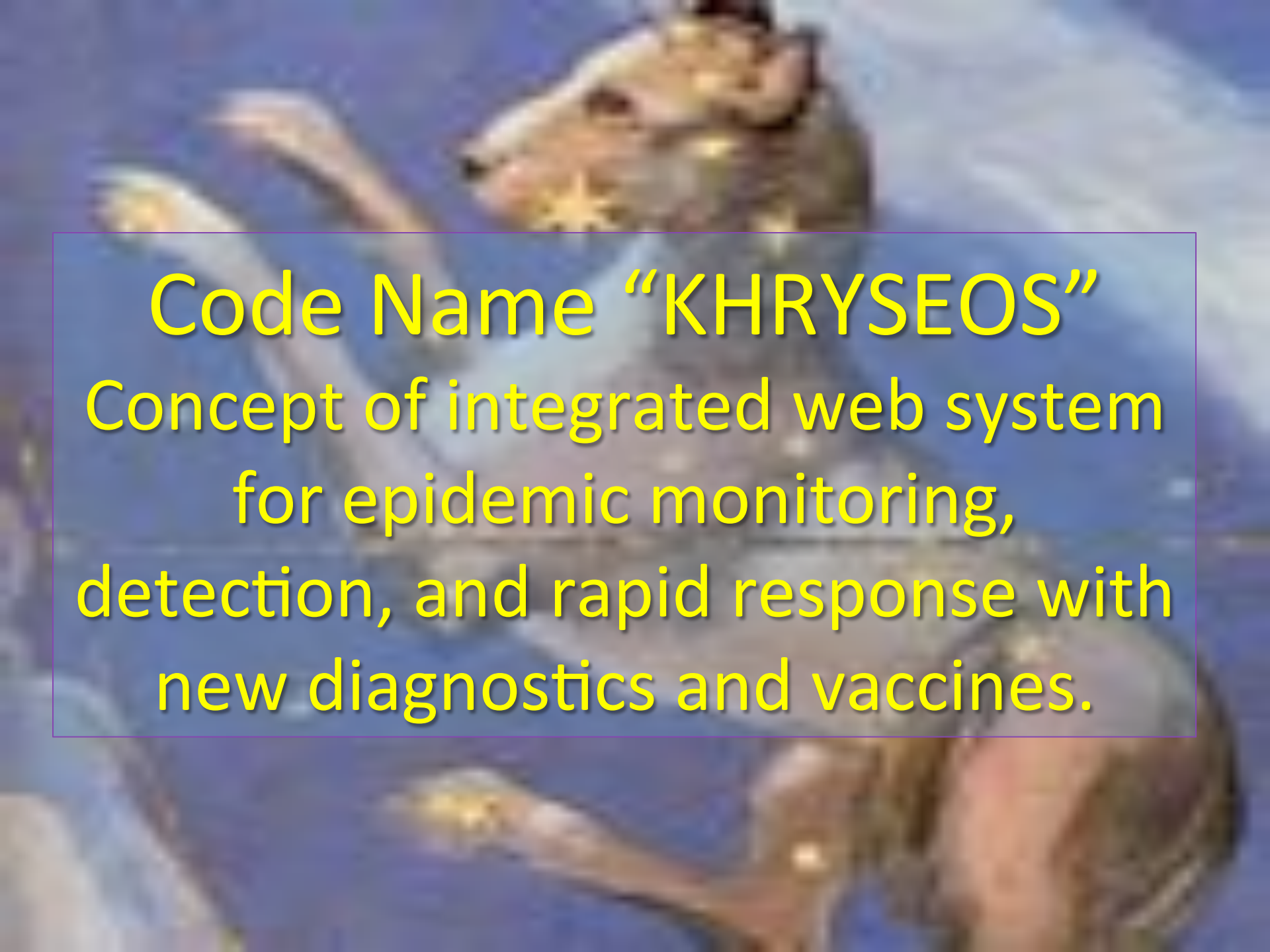
CHALLENGE	SOLUTION	PROJECT STATUS
<p><u>AVAILABILITY.</u> Medical records should be rapidly available on the Internet to treat the patient any time, anywhere, but this risks breach of privacy/security.</p>	<p>Disaggregate (shred) the record amongst many others to add dimension of “entropy protection” on top of encryption, as proposed by PCAST. Use passwords and digital certificates to reaggregate.</p>	<p>A flexible toolkit provides proof of concept with rapid and scalable solutions.</p>
<p><u>SECURITY/AUTHORITY/CONSENT.</u> Only the right people should see the data that the patient wants them to see.</p>	<p>Build fine grained consent instructions into the basic data combined with use of authority keys. Use the fine grained consent to reproduce separately data visible or lightly encrypted for data mining.</p>	<p>Done, but the consent language continues to be expanded to cover more use cases.</p>
<p><u>GRANULARITY.</u> The current XML format has spread the record information such that analysts use unstructured data mining techniques to convert to simple Event Attribute Value formats. But that takes time, and there will soon be some 250m constantly changing digital patient records in the USA.</p>	<p>Rethink data representation. The basic elements of the UEL-based record should essentially be of Event Attribute Value format from the outset.</p>	<p>Data attribute specification has been expanded to a metadata ontology language including time stamp and consent description.</p>
<p><u>PROBABILITY.</u> Medical data and medical summary rules are fundamentally probabilistic, but there is no agreed Best Practice for managing this nor even of all the essential forms of automated reasoning for</p>	<p>Rethink the problem based on long proven observation, measurement and probabilistic inference principles used in physics, and build it into medical information representation in a</p>	<p>Representation and prototype inference engines use a UEL fundamentally based on Dirac notation</p>

Q-UEL Objects called tags autosurf and spawn on the Web, gathering knowledge

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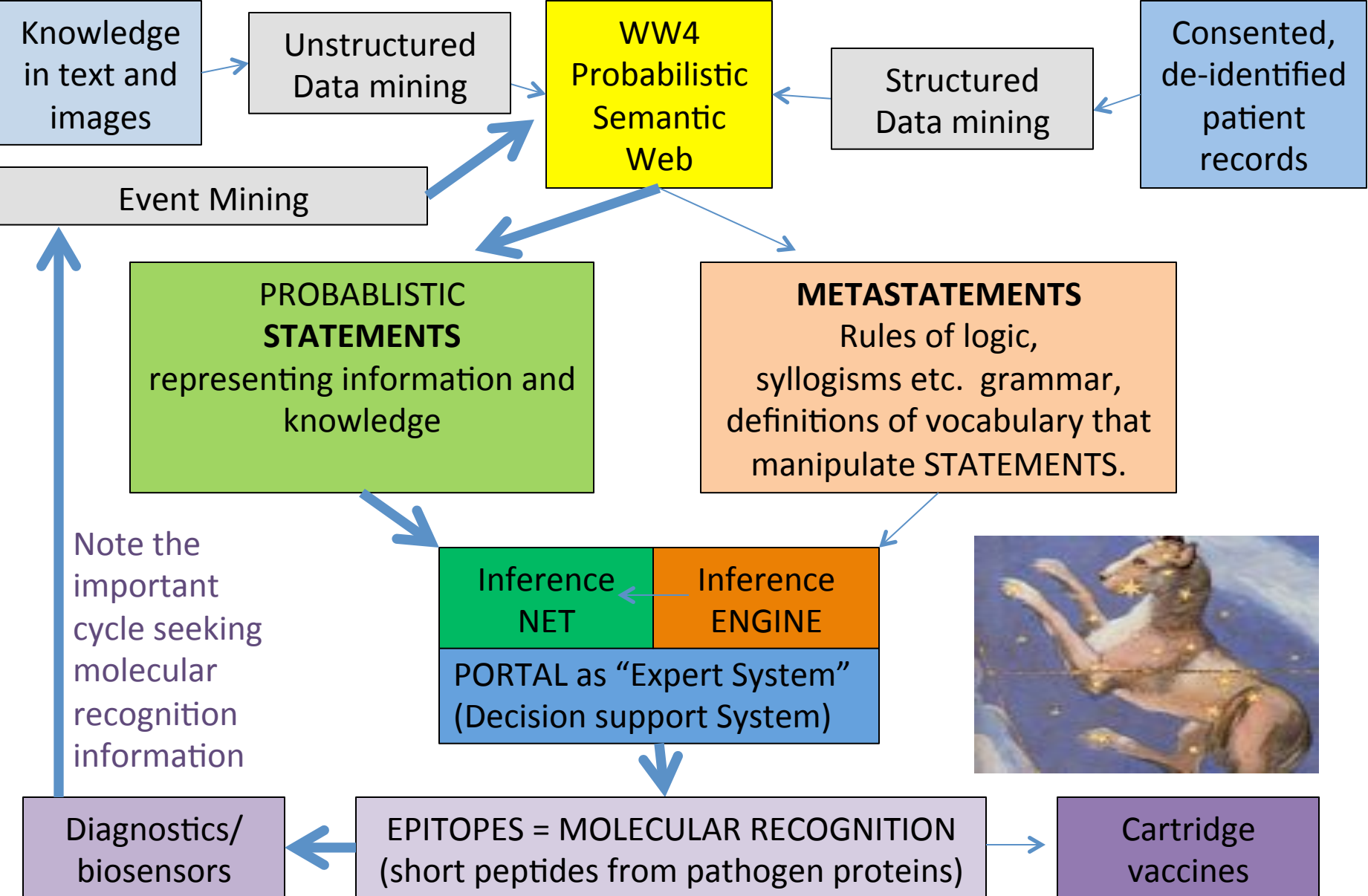
Vaccine and Diagnostic Design - Use of knowledge from a medical Semantic Web

- Identify a new strain emerging by unstructured data mining / text analytics of Internet activity.
- Explore to see if new DNA/RNA sequence is available for the new pathogen or new strain of pathogen.
- See if three dimensional structures are available for proteins with related sequences
 - A protein with a detectable sequence homology is almost always homologous in three dimensional structure.
- Search on knowledge base to find facts about
 - symptoms,
 - attack/incidence/prevalence rate, latency/time to symptoms, mortality and fatality rate,
 - preexisting vaccines for the species of pathogen and their limitations,
 - protein sequence variants, three dimensional structure if known,
 - three dimensional structures of related proteins if known,
 - Immunoinformatics, B-epitopicity and T-epitopicity.
- Raise antibodies for continually growing network of biosensors that directly feed into (constantly report to) the Web.
 - “Living in the Connected World. How Global Sensor Networks are Extending the Human Nervous System/ How a Sensor-Filled World Will Change Human Consciousness “, Gershon Dublon and Joseph A. Paradiso (2014) Scientific American, July.

A photograph of a dog, possibly a Weimaraner, lying on a blue blanket. The dog is looking towards the camera with its mouth slightly open. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting.

Code Name “KHRYSSEOS”
Concept of integrated web system
for epidemic monitoring,
detection, and rapid response with
new diagnostics and vaccines.

Overview of KHRYSSEOS



The web is already used to detect epidemics

Nature **457**, 1012-1014 (19 February 2009)

Detecting influenza epidemics using search engine query data

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- [1] **Google Inc.**, 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, California 94043, USA
- [2] **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, USA
- “One way to improve early detection is to monitor health-seeking behavior in the form of queries to online search engines, which are submitted by millions of users around the world each day. Here we present a method of analyzing large numbers of Google search queries to track influenza-like illness in a population. “
- “Because the relative frequency of certain queries is highly correlated with the percentage of physician visits in which a patient presents with influenza-like symptoms, we can accurately estimate the current level of weekly influenza activity in each region of the United States, with a reporting lag of about one day. This approach may make it possible to use search queries to detect influenza epidemics in areas with a large population of web search users.”

Synthetic (Peptide) Vaccines

- During the H1N1 outbreak in 2009, vaccines only became available in large quantities after the peak of human infections. This was a learning experience for vaccination companies. Creating vaccines synthetically has the ability to increase the speed of production. This is especially important in the event of a pandemic.

- A **synthetic vaccine** is a vaccine consisting mainly of synthetic peptides, carbohydrates, or antigens, usually linked to a carrier protein to render them immunogenic. They are usually considered to be safer than vaccines from bacterial cultures.

- The world's first synthetic vaccine was created in 1982 from diphtheria toxin by Louis Chedid (scientist) from the Pasteur Institute and Michael Sela from the Weizmann Institute.

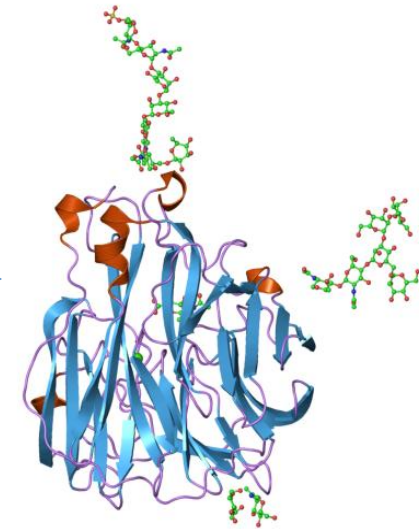
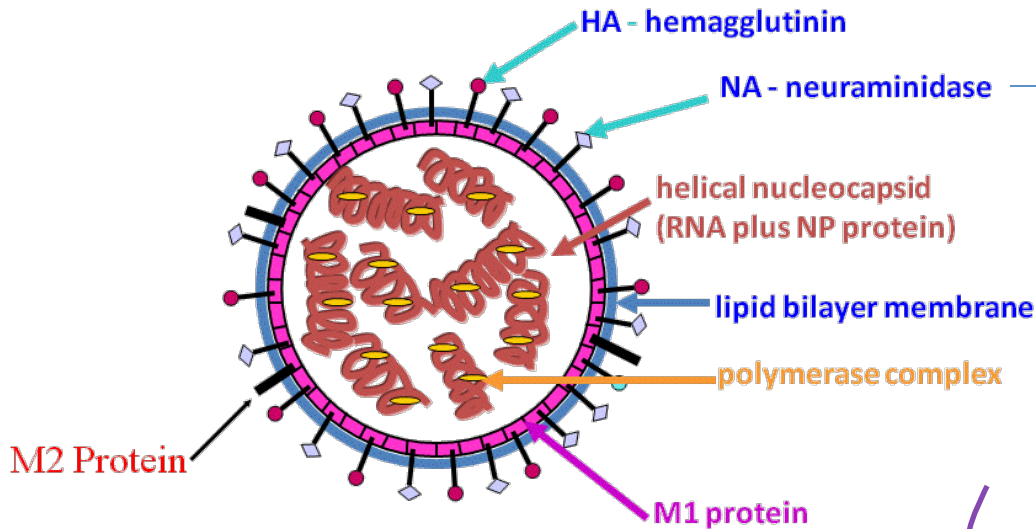
- In 1986, Manuel Elkin Patarroyo created the SPf66, the first version of a synthetic vaccine for Malaria.

- Many early vaccines used dead samples of FMDV to inoculate animals, but those early vaccines sometimes caused real outbreaks. Scientists discovered that a vaccine could be made using only a single key protein from the virus. Further, loops from the surface proteins in cloned or synthetic constructs.

- Novartis Vaccine and Diagnostics, among other companies, developed a synthetic approach that very rapidly generates vaccine viruses from sequence data in order to be able to administer vaccinations early in the pandemic outbreak.

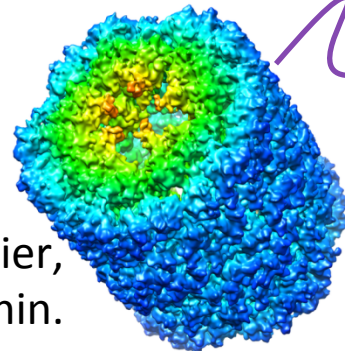
Only small molecular patches, possibly loops that are of 5-10 amino acid residues, matter....

ORTHOMYXOVIRUSES



B-epitope

Protein carrier,
e.g. keyhole limpet hemocyanin.

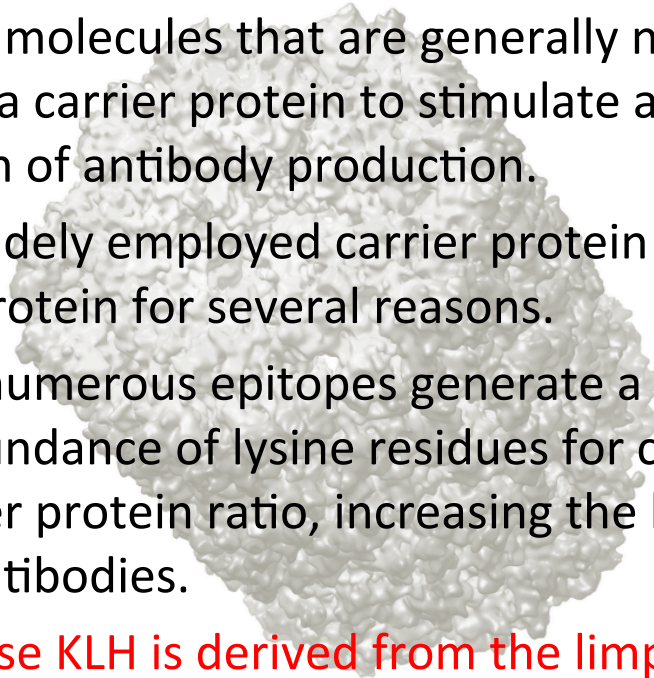


Good for raising antibodies in sheep etc. to use in diagnostics/biosensors. For Vaccines, also attach....

- T-epitopes (cell response, immune memory)
- Molecular adjuvant (e.g. muramyl dipeptide)
- Possibly, anti-inhibitory peptides

Keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH)

- Used extensively as a carrier protein in the production of antibodies for research, biotechnology and therapeutic applications.
- Haptens are substances with a low molecular weight such as peptides, small proteins and drug molecules that are generally not immunogenic and require the aid of a carrier protein to stimulate a response from the immune system in the form of antibody production.
- KLH is the most widely employed carrier protein for this purpose. KLH is an effective carrier protein for several reasons.
- Its large size and numerous epitopes generate a substantial immune response, and abundance of lysine residues for coupling haptens allows a high hapten:carrier protein ratio, increasing the likelihood of generating hapten-specific antibodies.
- In addition, because KLH is derived from the limpet, a gastropod, it is phylogenetically distant from mammalian proteins, thus reducing false positives in immunologically-based research techniques in mammalian model organisms, and clinically avoiding autoimmune effects.



Our Peptide Diagnostic and Vaccine Patents (1)

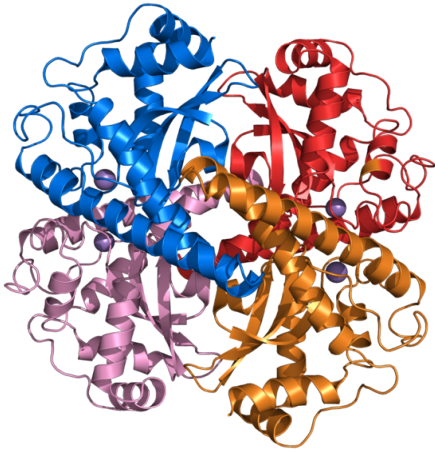
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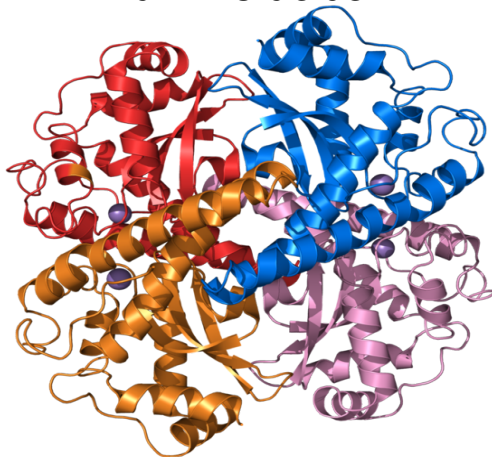
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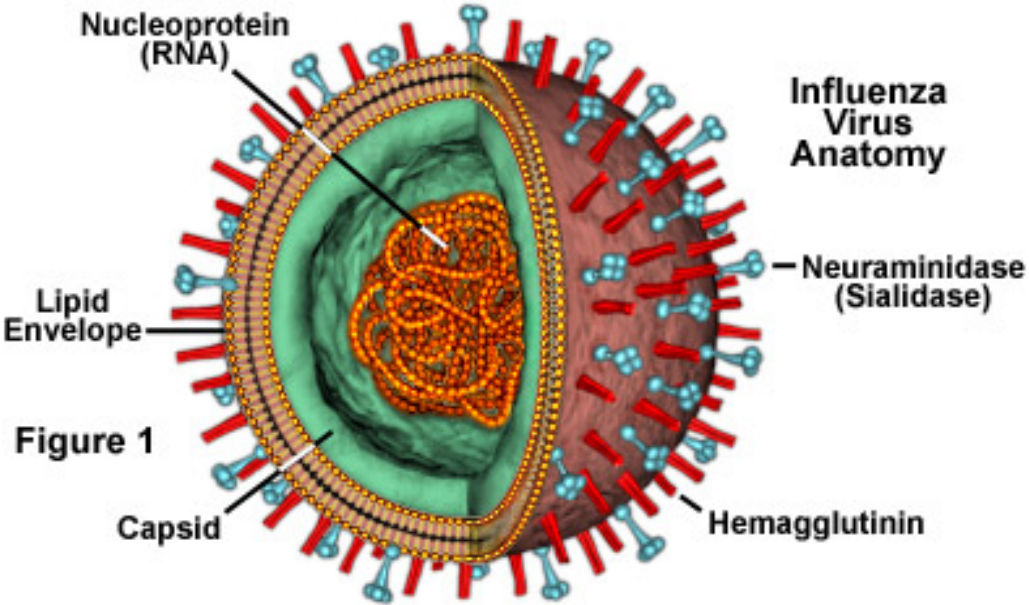


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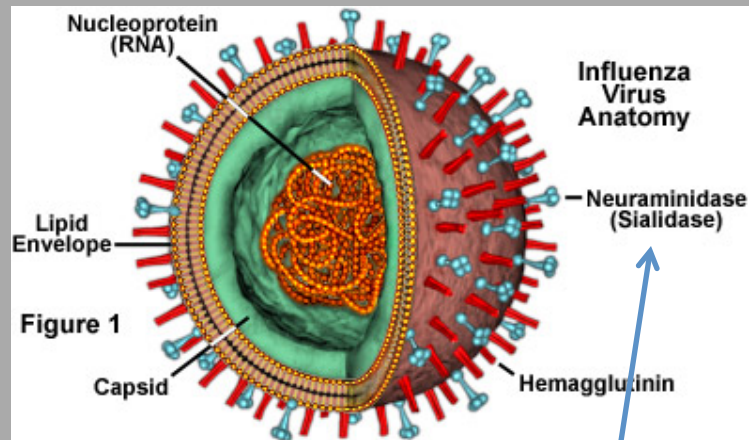
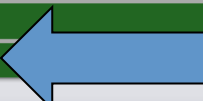
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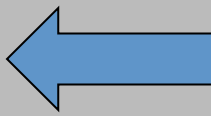
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Translate to amino acid sequence.

Any nucleic acid sequence could be read in 6 reading frames (3 per complementary Nucleic acid strand).

All are done – this shown is reading frame number 1.

Look for the one that has an M (methionine) near the start, and would have the longest ORF (open reading frame). i.e that would not be cut short by a stop codon (blue)

Frame 2, 40 stop codons

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Actually the Workbench does that for you.
The protein sequence from reading frame 3 is best.

Frame 3 [Longest ORF], 0 stop codons

Influenza A virus (A/Puerto Rico/8/34(H1N1)) segment 6, complete Translated

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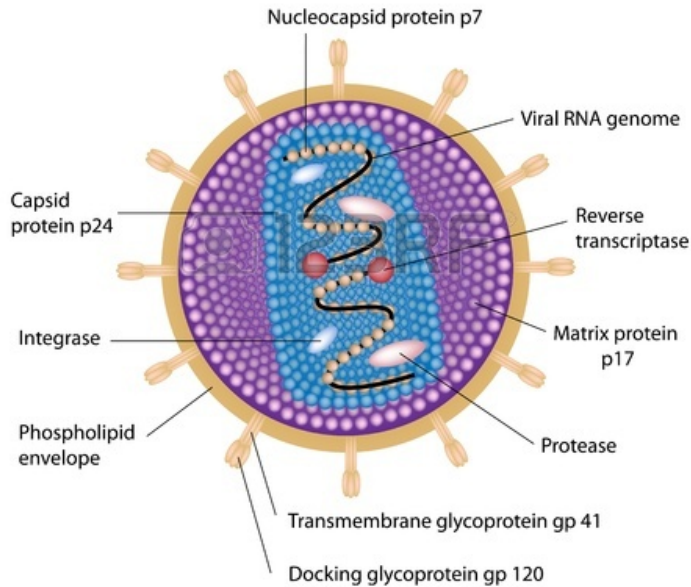
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Now that you have the amino acid sequence, use an old trick ...

Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)

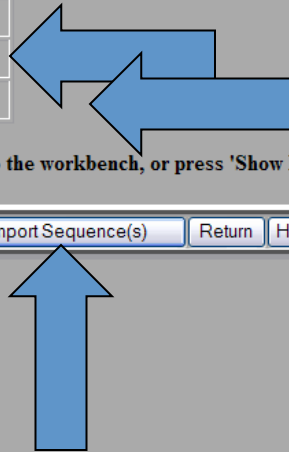


- Compare the *protein sequences* that are implied by two strains of the virus.
- Differences tell you what segments are likely to be at the surface of the protein and what is like to be buried (as for a B- and a T-epitope respectively), because evolution is fast in surface loops.
- They tell you what is fairly conserved between strains of a pathogen and what varies considerably, an important consideration for diagnostics and vaccines.
- Was quickly applied when the second sequence of an AIDS virus appeared
 - Robson, B., Fishliegh, R. V., and Morrison, C. A. (1987) "Prediction of HIV Vaccine", *Nature*, 325, 395
 - But changes of regulations (as to testing) delayed development, and entirely new strains, initially HIV2, came along before a single vaccine could arrest the spread.

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Influenza A virus (A/Puerto Rico/8/34(H1N1)) segment 6, complete Translated - Longest ORF [Frame 3]

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Neuraminidase (EC 3.2.1.18) [Influenza B virus (strain B/Yamagata/16/1988)]

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LEGEND:

Alpha Helix = H Beta Sheet = E Random Coil = C

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Neuraminidase (EC 3.2.1.18) [Influenza B virus (strain B/Maryland/1959)]

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PREDICT LOOPS DIRECTLY.

Use GOR (Garnier-Osguthorpe-Robson) method.

Predict secondary structure of the 3 Sequences, including predictions of loops.

Red alpha-helix, blue=beta sheet, Black – loop or “coil”

When examined, click on “Return”

Select sequences and then press 'Import Sequence(s)' to import them to the workbench, or press 'Show Record(s)' to see the database records.

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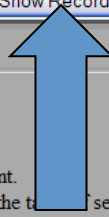
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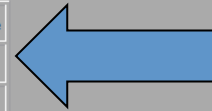
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Click on the score value to view the corresponding alignment.
Click on the sequence key in the alignments to get back to the full sequences.

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Hunt for similar proteins of known 3D structure.

Select and tick a protein with zero Difference Evalue.

Then click on "Show Record"

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Red - Derived Information

Title INFLUENZA B VIRUS NEURAMINIDASE CAN SYNTHESIZE ITS OWN INHIBITOR

Authors Burmeister, W.P., Ruigrok, R.W.H., Cusack, S.

Primary Citation

 Burmeister, W.P., Henrissat, B., Bosso, C., Cusack, S., Ruigrok, R.W. Influenza B virus neuraminidase can synthesize its own inhibitor. *Structure* v1 pp.19-26, 1993
[\[Abstract\]](#) 
History Deposition 1993-05-24 Release 1993-10-31

Experimental Method

Type X-RAY DIFFRACTION Data N/A


Parameters

Resolution[Å]	R-Value	R-Free	Space Group
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Unit Cell

Length [Å]	a	88.90	b	88.90	c	222.80
Angles [°]	alpha	90.00	beta	90.00	gamma	120.00


Molecular Description Asymmetric Unit

 Polymer: 1 Molecule: NEURAMINIDASE Chains: A,B EC no.: 3.2.1.18 
Classification

Hydrolase(o Glycosyl)

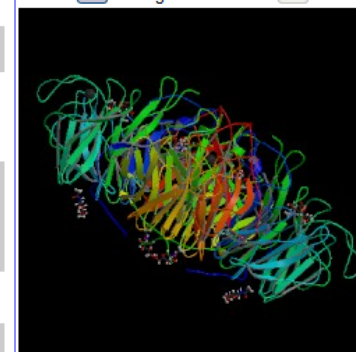
Source

 Polymer: 1 ScientificName: Synthetic construct 
Chemical Component

Identifier	Name	Formula	Drug Similarity	Hapten Similarity	Ligand Structure	Ligand Interaction
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Images and Visualization

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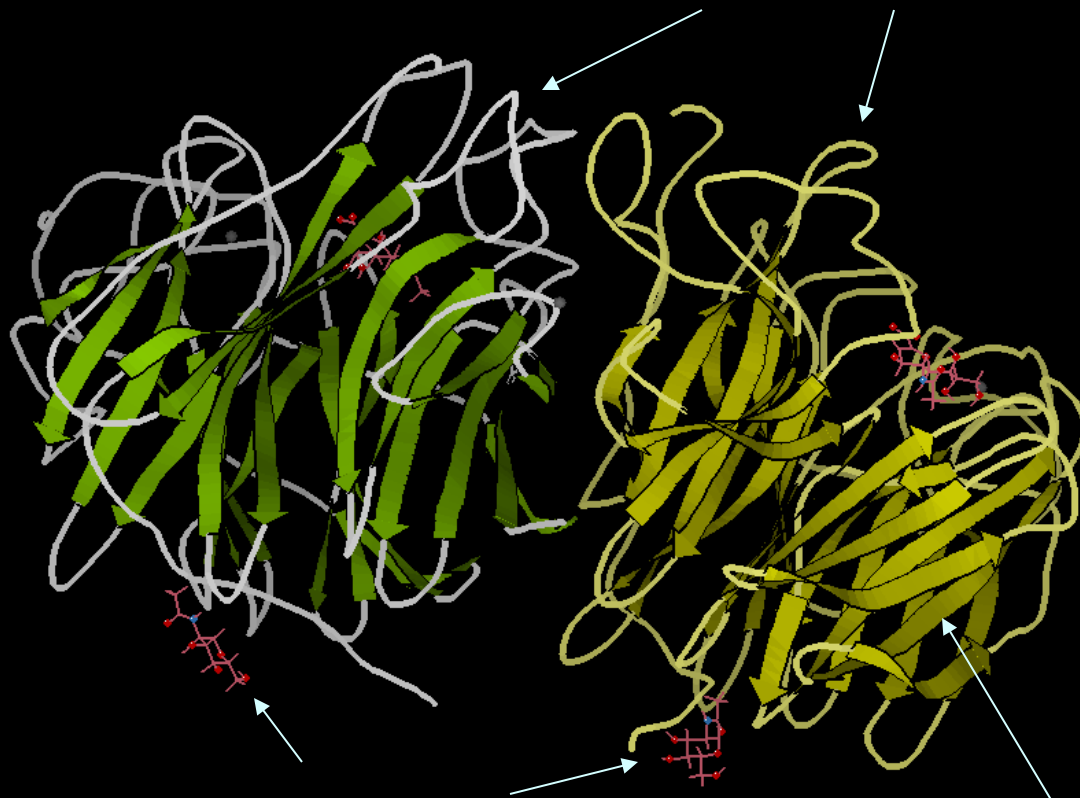

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Surface loops accept mutations easily?
(because the fewer internal interactions do not mess up structure?)



Notice bound sugars

Core is mainly pleated sheet

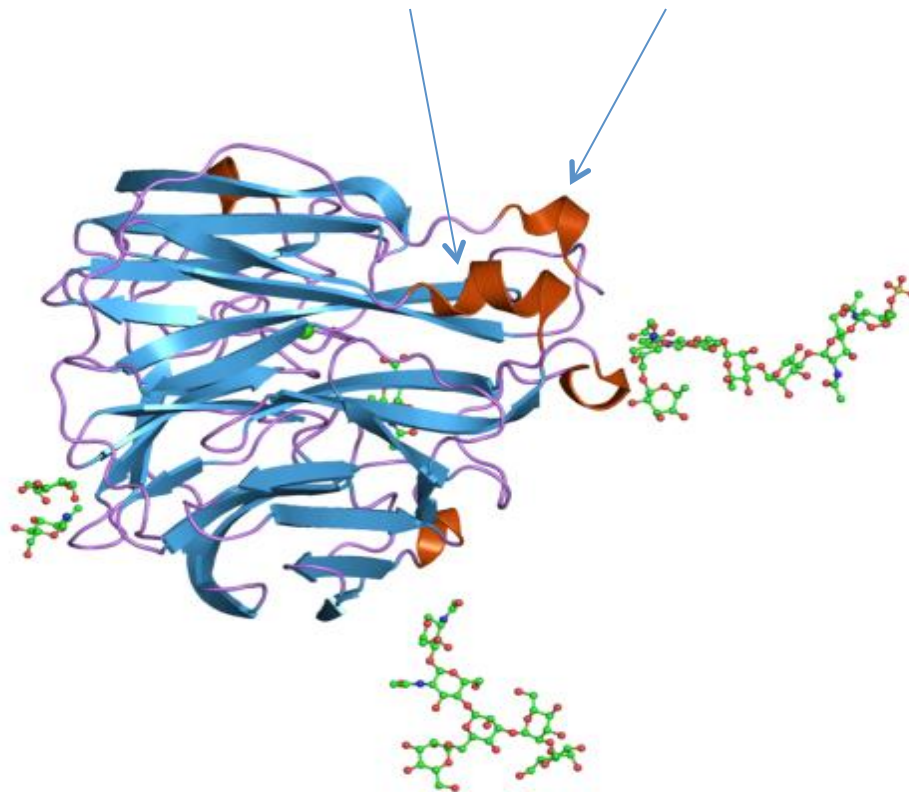
Kinemage #1

- 1NSDa
- 1NSDb
- 1NSD

- hets
- atoms
- ribbon
- coil
- beta

The elements of a-helix are somewhat distorted and show up in that “viewer” as coil/loop, which is unfortunate.

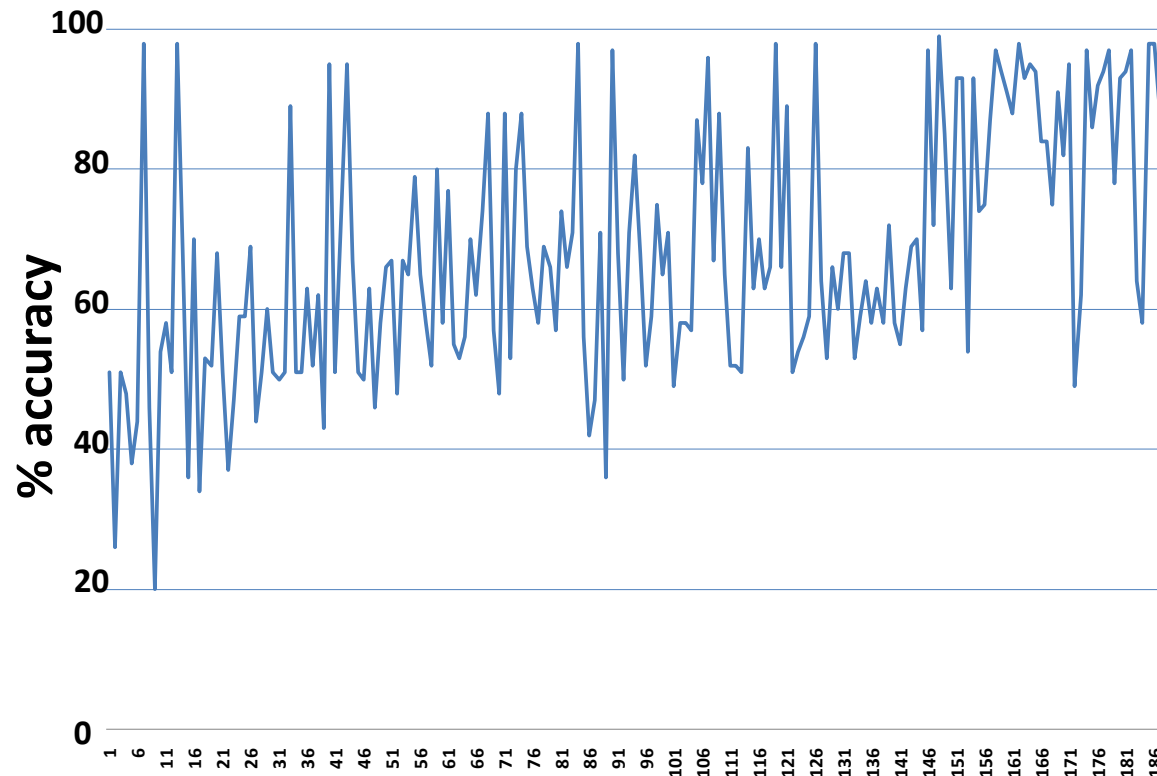
They are clearer in this representation...



Learning to Predict Protein Structure from probabilistic Semantic Web rules about amino acid sequence and 3D structure relationships

Increase in accuracy with size of data set.

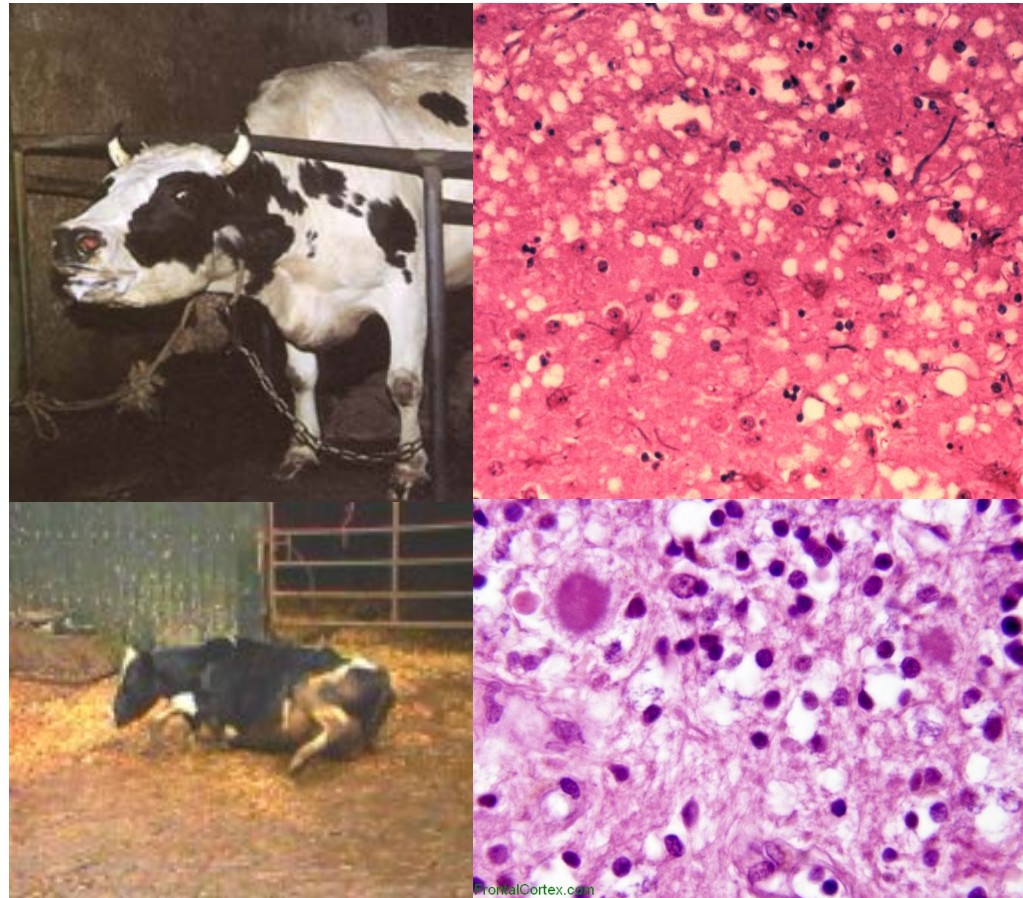
Each predicted protein is not included in the data set, *but is picked arbitrarily without regard to homology* with others except for ignoring those likely to be homologous by name.



Robson, B. (2014) "Hyperbolic Dirac Nets for Medical Decision Support. Theory, Methods, and Comparison with Bayes Nets" *Computers in Biology and Medicine*, in 2014 Aug;51:183-97.

Proof of Concept: Earlier Similar Work on Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Diagnostic

(a tough one – we have to distinguish the malign form from the same natural protein in the brain/meat)



Prion Diseases

<u>Infected species</u>	<u>Disease</u>
sheep, goat	Scrapie
cattle	Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), mad cow disease
mink	Transmissible mink encephalopathy (TME)
white-tailed deer, elk, mule deer, moose	Chronic wasting disease (CWD)
cat	Feline spongiform encephalopathy (FSE)
nyala, oryx, greater kudu	Exotic ungulate encephalopathy (EUE)
ostrich	Spongiform encephalopathy (Has not been shown to be transmissible.)
<div data-bbox="241 863 879 1428" data-label="Image"> </div>	Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease (CJD)
	iatrogenic Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease (iCJD)
	Variant Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease (vCJD)
	Familial Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease (fCJD)
	Sporadic Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease (sCJD)
	Gerstmann–Sträussler–Scheinker syndrome (GSS)!
	Fatal familial insomnia (FFI)
	Kuru



PROMETHEUS EXPERT SYSTEM

- In 1987, the Internet was just being born. Around then CERN had just begun installation and operation of TCP/IP to interconnect its major internal computer systems, workstations, PCs and an accelerator control system.
- PROMETHEUS by another form and name was the conceptual descendant of a prototype Expert System at the University of Manchester that used communication between computers to share knowledge and design biotechnological compounds.
 - “Proteus was formed in 1987 on the basis of the value of Prometheus and its potential in drug discovery applications.” (It went to the London Stock Exchange as Proteus International plc in 1990)
 - “Initially it was intended that Prometheus be sold as software to other companies but it was soon decided that it made more commercial sense to keep Prometheus as a proprietary piece of software and to apply the software to the discovery of drugs and vaccines, for exploitation with major pharmaceutical companies.”
 - **“Proteus has used the PROMETHEUS software to identify regions on PrP which can be used to raise antibodies that, as part of an overall diagnostic test protocol, can differentiate between normal PrP and the abnormally folded form”**

An Early Role of PROMETHEUS in BSE Science

- Collaborators were doubting that prion protein was the cause of Scrapies (sheep) and BSE (cows).
- It seemed unlikely that a protein without nucleic acid could be a pathogen.
- Knock-out mice without prion protein seemed to be fine.....except for a few hints of learning difficulties (and rather like an Alzheimer's patient in a nursing home!). So the protein seemed to serve no useful function vital to life, suggesting that it was somewhat unimportant.
- PROMETHUES predicted that the level of prion protein conservation between species was high enough that it had an important function.
 - It modeled a system of communication between prion with a dual receptor and transmitter ligand role in its lifetime that caused synapses to make contact between nerve cells involved in the learning process.
 - It suggested how this could go wrong, leading to the disease state.

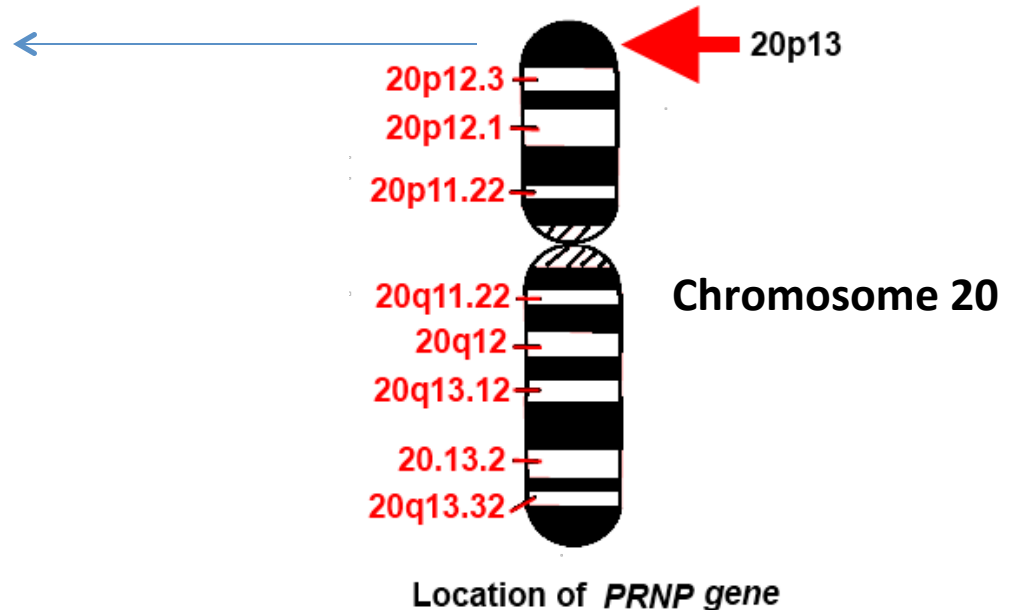
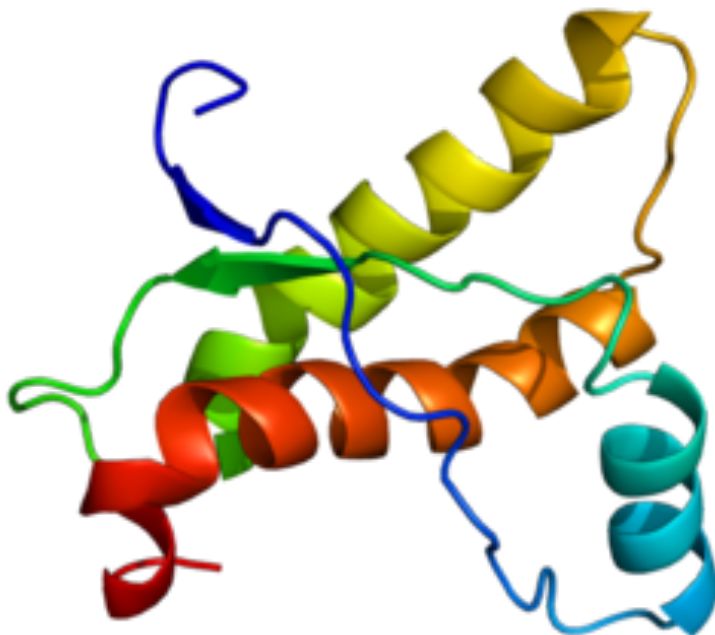
Natural Endogenous Cellular Prion

- **Major prion protein (PrP)**, for **prion protein** or **protease-resistant protein**), also known as **CD230** (cluster of differentiation 230), is encoded by the ***PRNP*** gene (PRionN Protein)

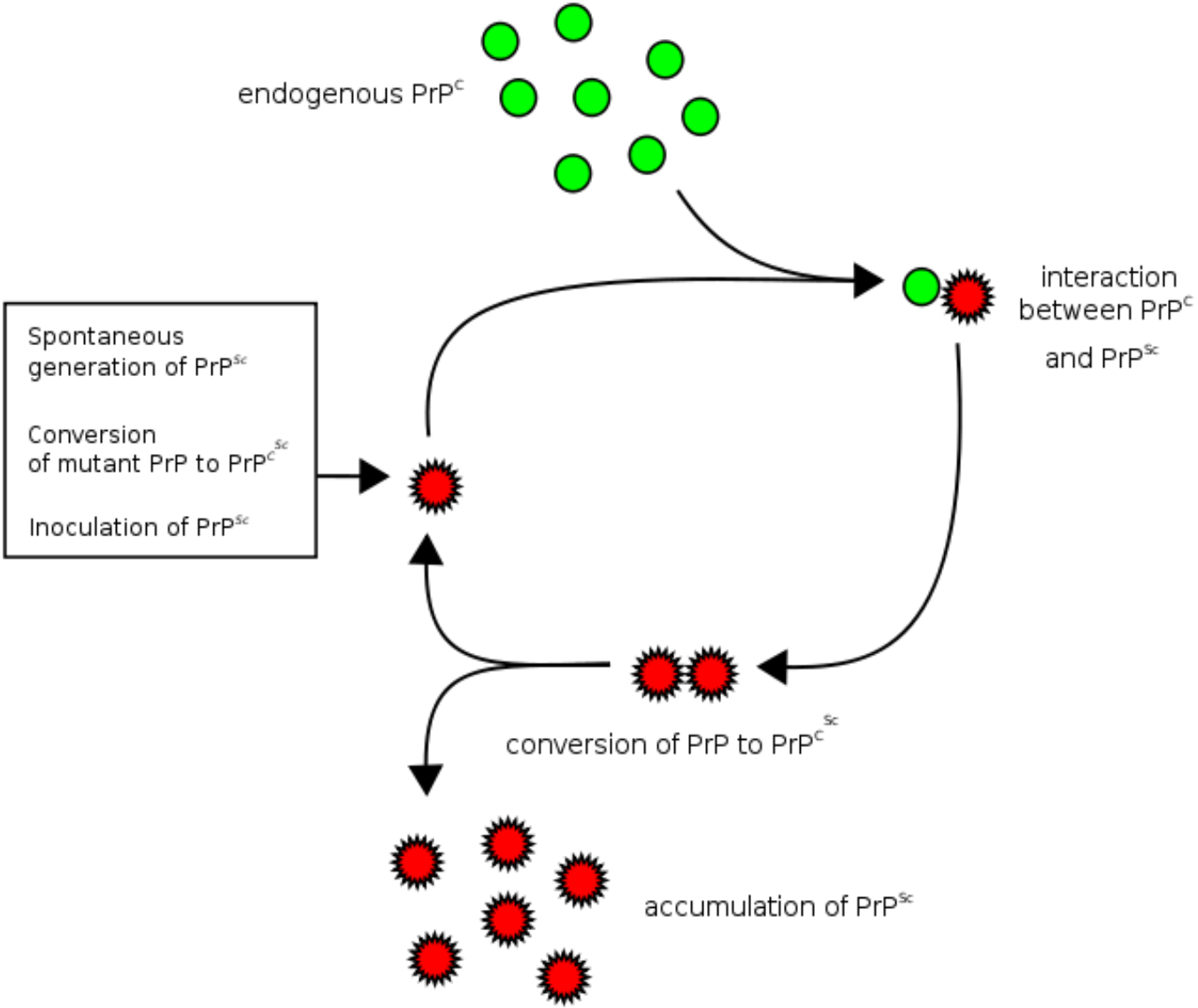
- Researchers subsequently commonly proposed roles for PrP^c in cell signaling or in the formation of synapses, and that it may have a memory role similar to the Alzheimer's precursor protein, but in higher centers of consciousness.

- PrP^c attaches to the outer surface of the cell membrane by a glycosylphosphatidylinositol anchor at its C-terminal Ser231.

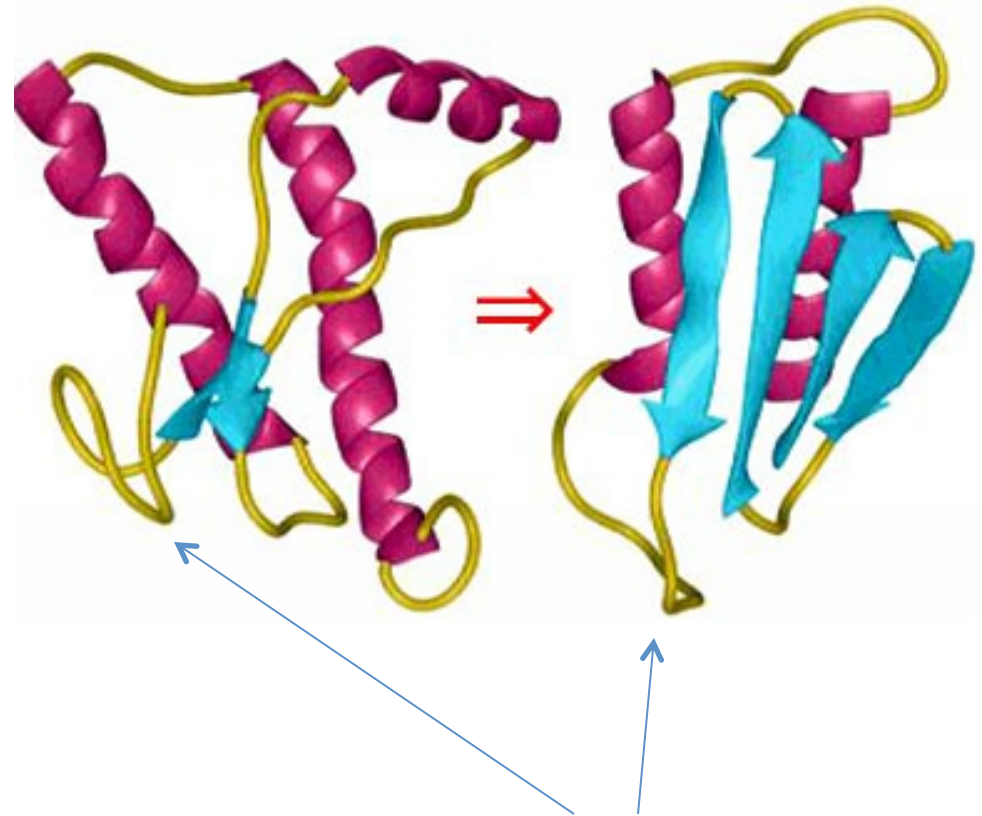
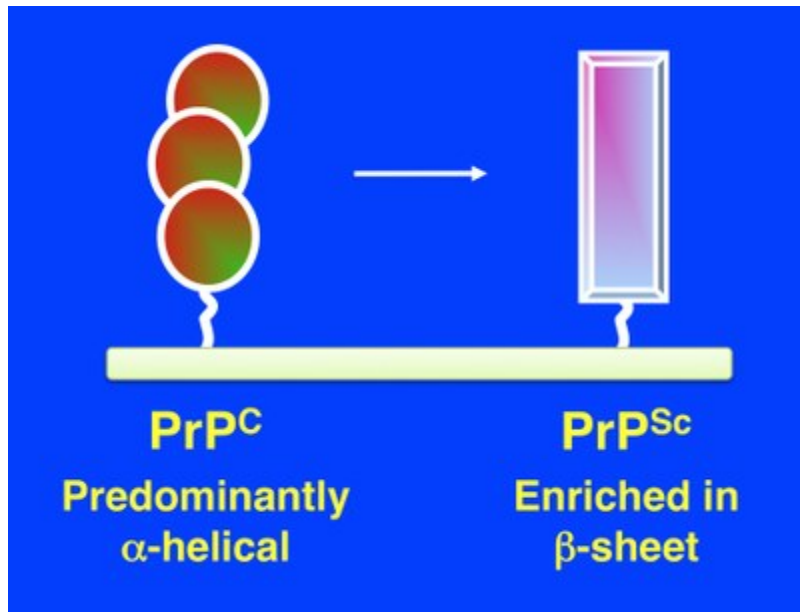
- Prion protein contains 5 amino-terminal octapeptide repeats with sequence PHGGGWGQ. This is thought to generate a copper-binding domain



Coercion of Endogenous Prion

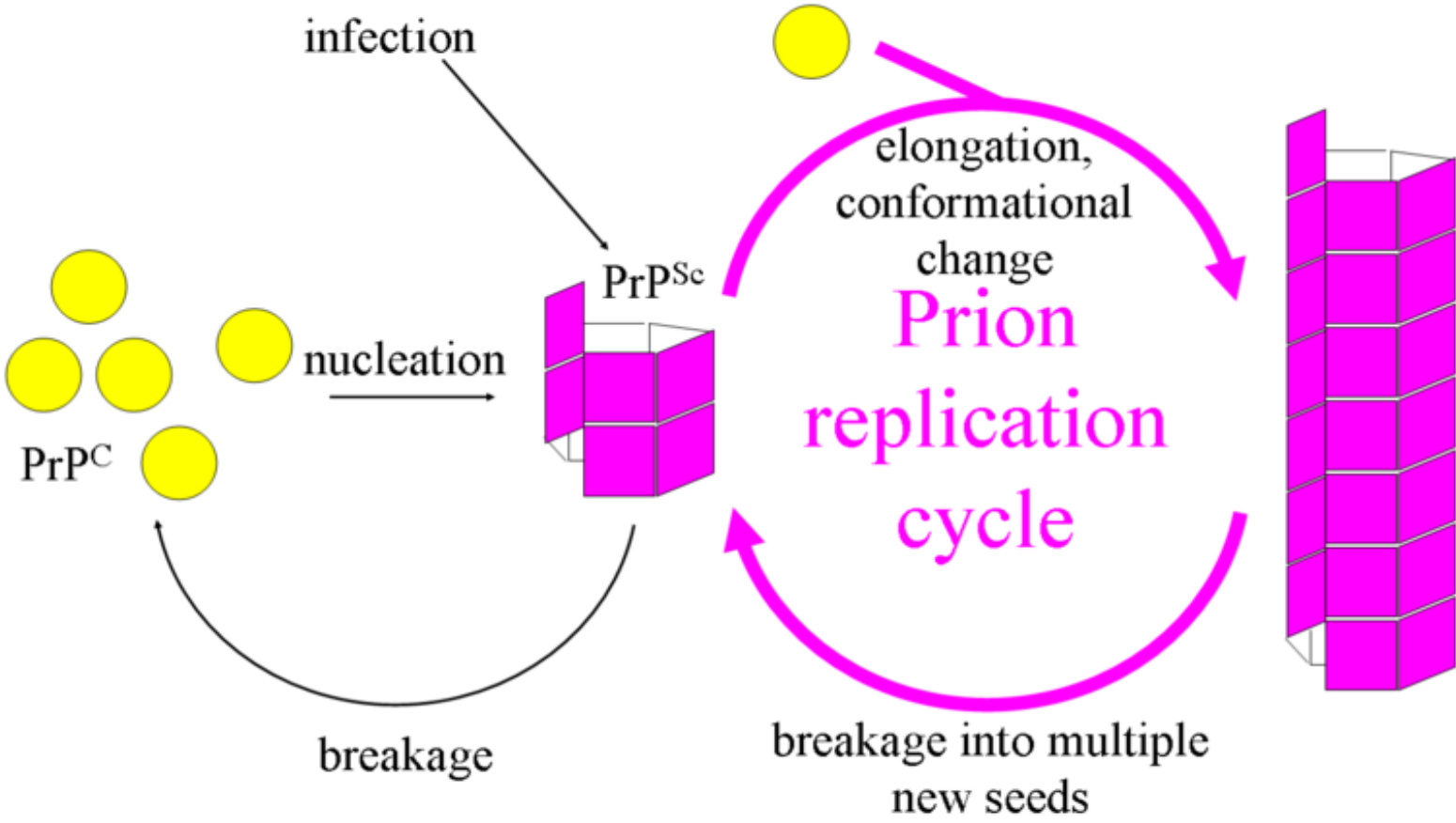


Coercion Involves $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ Transition



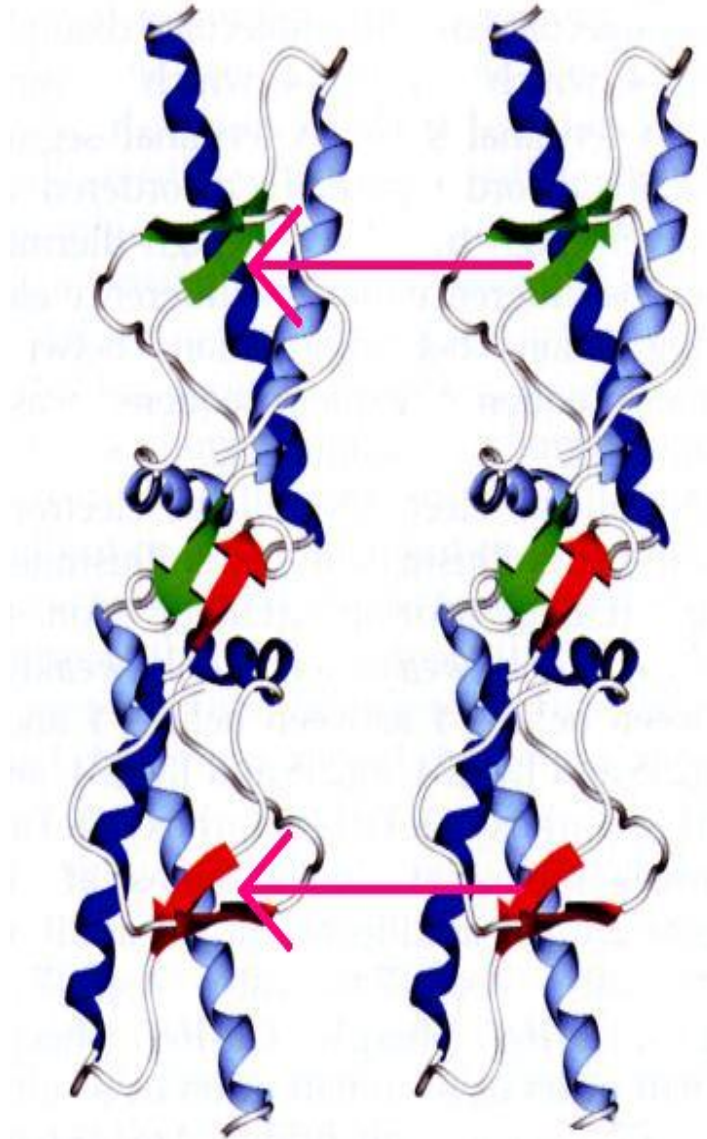
This region will become the one of interest as an epitope.

Coercion of Endogenous Prion



Conformational Change to Malign Form

- Much later than our diagnostic patent, Haire et al. (2004) proposed a mechanism for the oligomerization of normal prion protein rather similar to PROMETHEUS predictions.
- The primary conformational change is the destruction of the cysteine bond that bridges H2 and H3.
- Haire et al. hypothesized that after disruption of this disulphide bond, H3 is exchanged between two PrP molecules, followed by the annealing of the disulphide bonds between the cysteines of the newly aligned PrPs.
- This is just the beginning of oligomerization. Once a dimer is formed, two dimers can aggregate to form a tetramer, and so on. The dimers combine by 'stacking' themselves upon each other. During this process, the anti-parallel beta sheet pairs are transformed into 4 stranded intermolecular beta-sheets

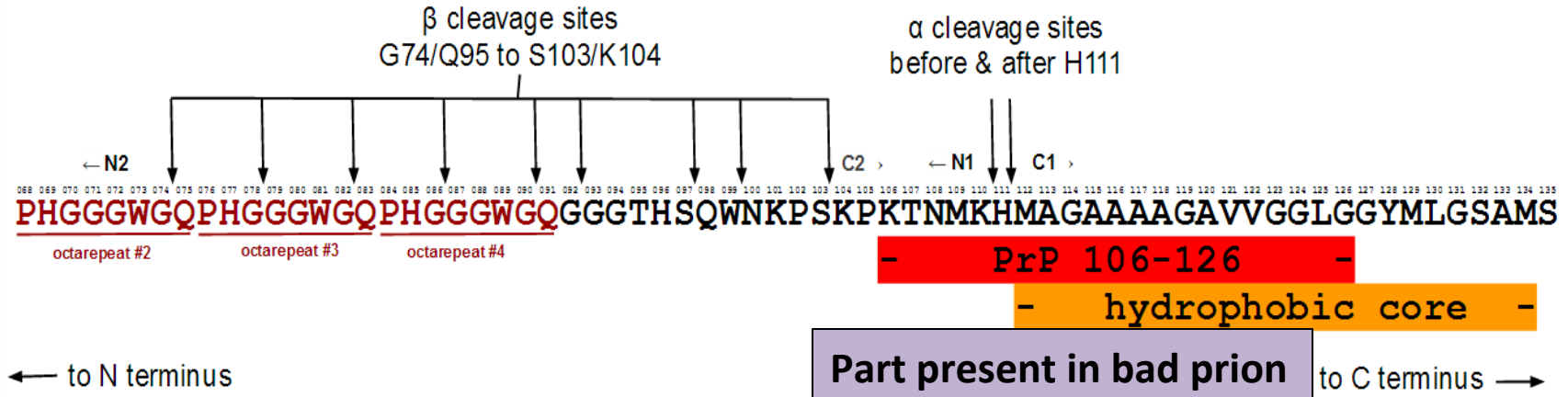


Cleavage Site Tends to Differ in Malign Form

PrP cleavage sites in core region

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HuPrP sequence & codon numbering



• **Alpha cleavage** cleaves through the core region of amino acids 106-126. This is thought to render the remaining C1 fragment incapable of converting to PrP^{Sc}. While a few other studies have suggested that C1 makes cells or animals more sensitive to pro-apoptotic stimuli (which is bad), Westergard observed no neurological symptoms in C1 mice even with ~7x expression levels. Overall, evidence seems to point to **alpha cleavage being a good thing from the standpoint of prion disease.**

• **Beta cleavage**, by contrast, leaves PrP 106-126 intact, and when a C2 fragment starting at amino acid 73 is expressed alone, it is still capable of supporting prion disease [Fischer 1996]. This, together with the observation that C2 is more abundant in prion-diseased brains than healthy ones [Chen 1995], casts **beta cleavage as a bad thing from the standpoint of prion disease.**

Initial Prion Diagnostic Patent

- [Fragments of prion proteins](#)
- **Application number:** 20030199013
- **Abstract:** Synthetic polypeptides having at least one antigenic site of a prion protein, methods for their use and manufacture, antibodies raised against such polypeptides and diagnostic kits containing these polypeptides or antibodies.
- **Type:** Application
- **Filed:** April 5, 2002
- **Issued:** October 23, 2003
- **Assignee:** Proteus Molecular Design Limited
- **Inventors:** Robert Vincent Fishleigh, Barry Robson, Roger Paul Mee
- With regard to region A, our invention provides a synthetic peptide sequence according to general formula (I): **1 Seq. I.D. No: 52 X-(R1-Lys-His-R2)-Ala-Gly-Ala-Ala-Ala-R3-Gly-Ala- Val-Val-Gly-Gly-Leu-Gly-Gly-Tyr-Met-Leu-Gly-Ser- Ala-Met-Ser-(Arg-Pro-R4-R5)-Y (I)**

Later Prion Diagnostic Product

- [Prion-specific polyclonal antibodies](#)
- **Patent number:** 7777011
- **Abstract:** Synthetic polypeptides having at least one antigenic site of a prion protein, methods for their use and manufacture, antibodies raised against such polypeptides and diagnostic kits containing these polypeptides or antibodies.
- **Type:** Grant
- **Filed:** April 5, 2002
- **Issued:** August 17, 2010
- **Assignee:** Protherics Medicines Development Limited
- **Inventors:** Robert Vincent Fishleigh, Barry Robson, Roger Paul Mee

“Synthetic polypeptides having at least one antigenic site of a prior protein, methods for their use and manufacture, antibodies raised against such polypeptides and diagnostic kits containing these polypeptides or antibodies.”

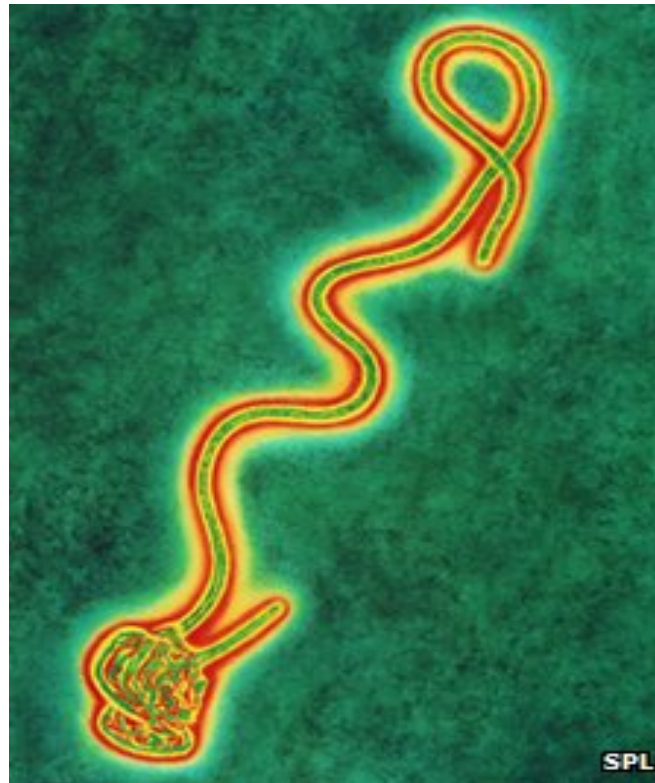
- Seq. I.D. No: 52 (I) **X-(R₁-Lys-His-R₂)-Ala-Gly-Ala-Ala-Ala-R₃-Gly-Ala- Val-Val-Gly-Gly-Leu-Gly-Gly-Tyr-Met-Leu-Gly-Ser- Ala-Met-Ser-(Arg-Pro-R₄-R₅)-Y**
wherein R₁ is an amino acid residue selected from Met, Leu and Phe;
 - R₂ is either Met or Val; R₃ is Ala or is absent; R₄ and R₅ are independently an amino acid residue selected from Leu, Ile and Met; one or more residues within brackets may be present or absent with the proviso that if they are present they are attached to the rest of the peptide in sequence; and X and Y may each independently be absent or independently be one or more additional amino acid residues.
- It will be apparent for example that the residues at the N-terminal of the sequence may be present as “R₂”- or “His-R₂,” or “Lys-His-R₂” or “R₁-Lys-His-R₂.” Similarly, the preferable residues at the C-terminal may be present as “-Arg”, or “-Arg-Pro,” or “-Arg-Pro-R₄,” or “-Arg-Pro-R₂-R₅.”
- Preferably, R₁, if present, is Met, R₃, is Ala and R₅, if present, is Ile. Also, if R₄ is Met then R₄, if present, is Ile. Below are preferred sequences (Seq. I.D. No: 1 and Seq. I.D. No: 2) of formula I relating to bovine and ovine and to human prion proteins respectively:
- Seq. I.D. No: 1 **X-(Met-Lys-His-Val)-Ala-Gly-Ala-Ala-Ala-Ala-Gly- Ala-Val-Val-Gly-Gly-Leu-Gly-Gly-Tyr-Met-Leu-Gly- Ser-Ala-Met-Ser-(Arg-Pro-Leu-Ile)-Y;** and Seq. I.D. No: 2 **X-(Met-Lys-His-Met)-Ala-Gly-Ala-Ala-Ala-Ala-Gly- Ala-Val-Val-Gly-Gly-Leu-Gly-Gly-Tyr-Met-Leu-Gly- Ser-Ala-Met-Ser-(Arg-Pro-Ile-Ile)-Y.**
- A particularly preferred sequence according to formula I is Seq. I.D. No: 51:
Lys-His-Met-Ala-Gly-Ala-Ala-Ala-Ala-Gly-Ala-Val- Val-Gly-Gly-Leu-Gly-Gly-Tyr-Met-Leu-Gly-Ser- Ala- Met-Ser-Arg-Gly-Cys.

“PROTHERICS FILES PATENT FOR HUMAN APPLICATIONS OF EXISTING PRION RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY”

“The Motley Fool – The Worlds Greatest Investment Community” (Feb 5 2004)

- Protherics PLC today announces that it has filed a UK priority patent application in the area of diagnostic testing for Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) in human tissues.
- Enfer Scientific Limited (“ Enfer ”) has the exclusive, worldwide rights to exploit Protherics antibody based TSE detection technology in animal applications.
- Protherics receives royalties from Enfer on the worldwide sales of its post mortem TSE test, including BSE, developed using Protherics' proprietary antibody technology.
- Enfer markets its test in Ireland and has licensed the distribution rights for this test for the rest of the world to Abbott Laboratories (“ Abbott”).
- Following the recent outbreak of BSE in the United States, Abbott has filed a Veterinary Biological Product License Application with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to market and distribute Enfer's BSE test in the US.

A Final Word...



Similar Routes May Work for Ebola Vaccine

- **Survivors have high antibody titres.**
- **Development of a preventive vaccine for Ebola virus infection in primates.**
 - Sullivan NJ, Sanchez A, Rollin PE, Yang ZY, Nabel GJ.
 - Nature. 2000 Nov 30;408(6812):605-9.
 - A combination of DNA immunization and boosting with adenoviral vectors **that encode viral proteins** generated cellular and humoral immunity in cynomolgus macaques. ... findings demonstrate that it is possible to develop a preventive vaccine against Ebola virus infection in primates.
- **A nonreplicating subunit vaccine protects mice against lethal Ebola virus challenge.**
 - Waranyoo Phoolcharoen, John M. Dye, Jacquelyn Kilbourne Khanrat Piensook, William D. Pratt, Charles J. Arntzen, Qiang Chen, Hugh S. Mason, Melissa M. Herbst-Kralovetz
 - PNAS vol. 108, 51 20695–20700
 - Survival after vaccination with EIC [Ebola Immune Complex] plus [polyinosinic:polycytidylic acid (PIC, a Toll-like receptor 3 agonist)] was statistically equivalent to that achieved with an alternative viral vector vaccine candidate reported in the literature.
 - Because nonreplicating subunit vaccines offer the possibility of formulation for cost-effective, long-term storage in biothreat reduction repositories, is an attractive option for public health defense measures.

Problems, but a plausible protein target...

- **Steric Shielding of Surface Epitopes and Impaired Immune Recognition Induced by the Ebola Virus Glycoprotein**
 - Joseph R. Francica, Angel Varela-Rohena, Andrew Medvec, Gabriela Plesa, James L. Riley, Paul Bates
 - P.L.O.S., September 09, 2010 DOI: 10.1371/journal.ppat.1001098
- **Conserved proline-rich region of Ebola virus matrix protein VP40 is essential for plasma membrane targeting and virus-like particle release.**
 - Reynard O1, Nemirov K, Page A, Mateo M, Raoul H, Weissenhorn W, Volchkov VE.
 - J Infect Dis. 2011 Nov;204 Suppl 3:S884-91. doi: 10.1093/infdis/jir359.
 - The matrix protein VP40 is essential for Ebola virus (EBOV) and Marburg virus assembly and budding at the plasma membrane.
 - In this study we have investigated the effect of single amino acid substitutions in a conserved proline-rich region of the EBOV VP40 located in the carboxy-terminal part of the protein.
 - We demonstrate that substitutions within this region result in an alteration of intracellular VP40 localization and also cause a reduction or a complete block of virus-like particle budding, a benchmark of VP40 function.

THANK YOU!

Any Questions?

