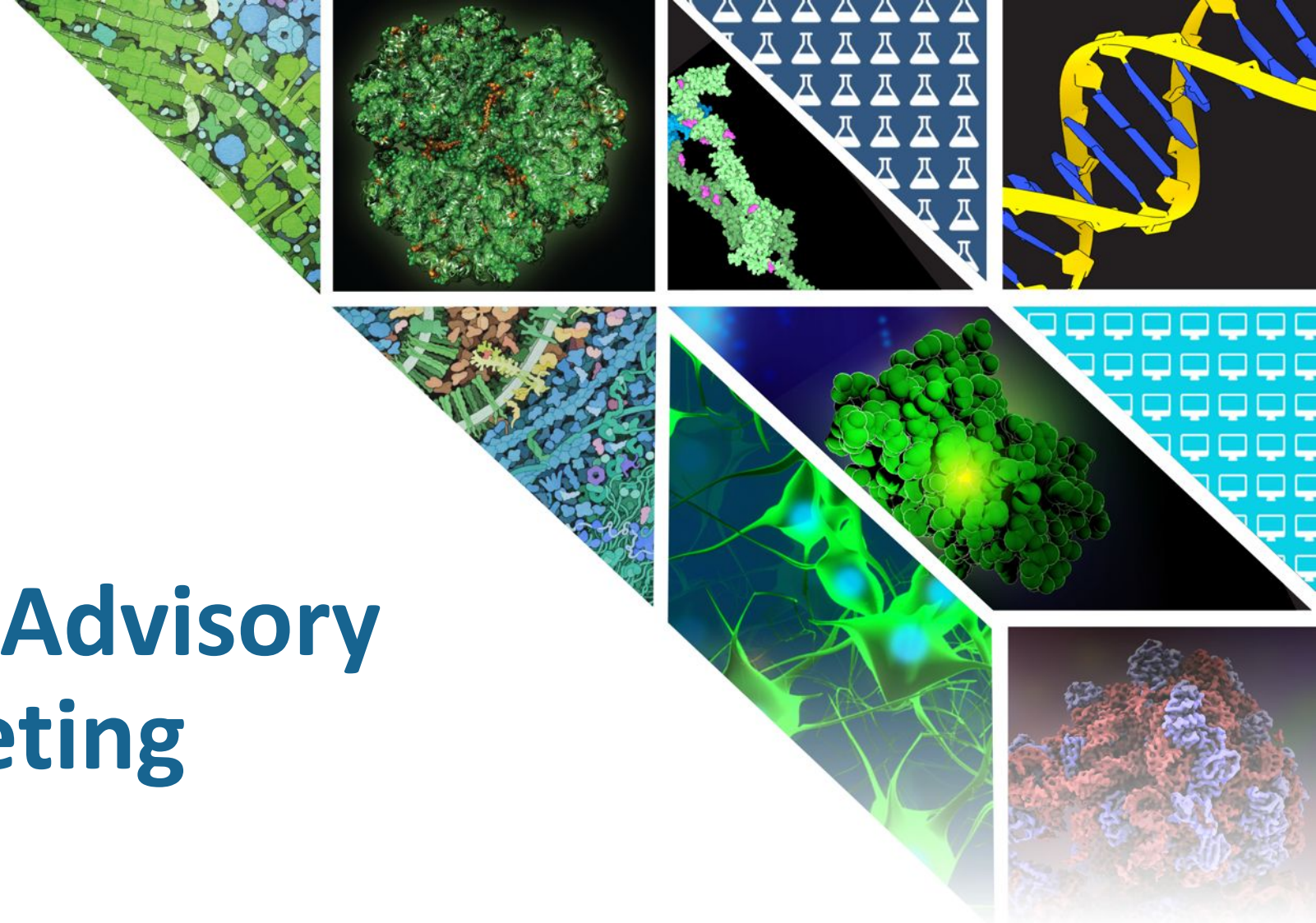


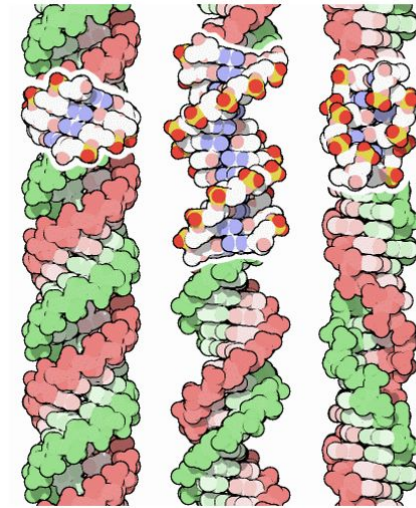
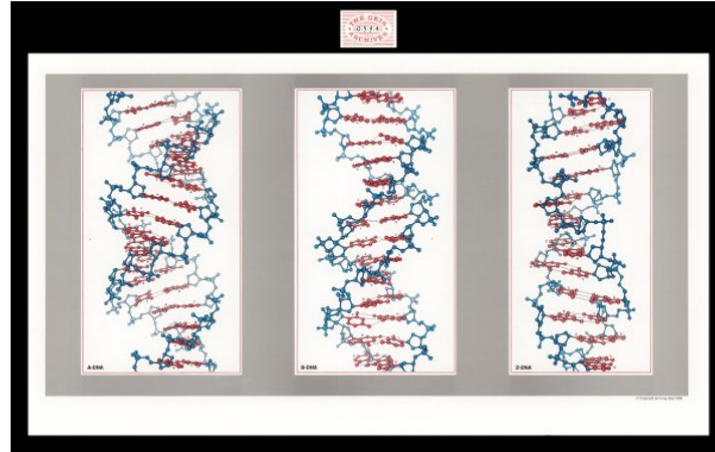
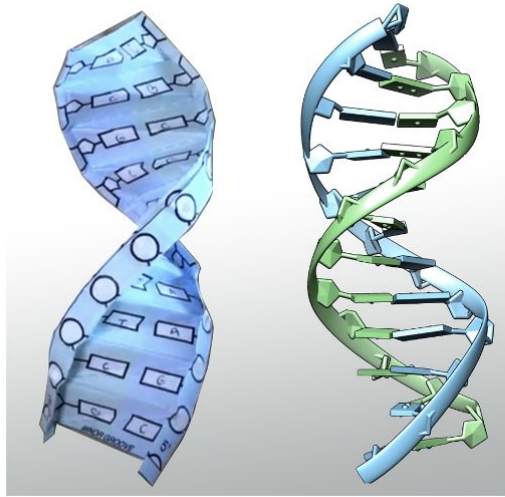
# 2024 RCSB PDB Advisory Committee Meeting

April 25, 2024

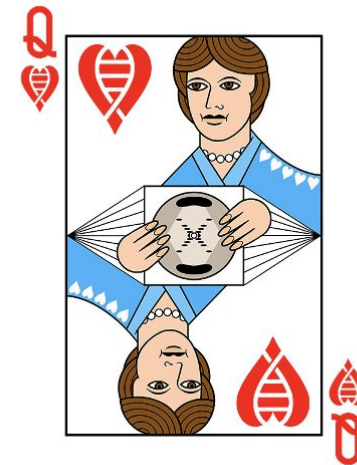
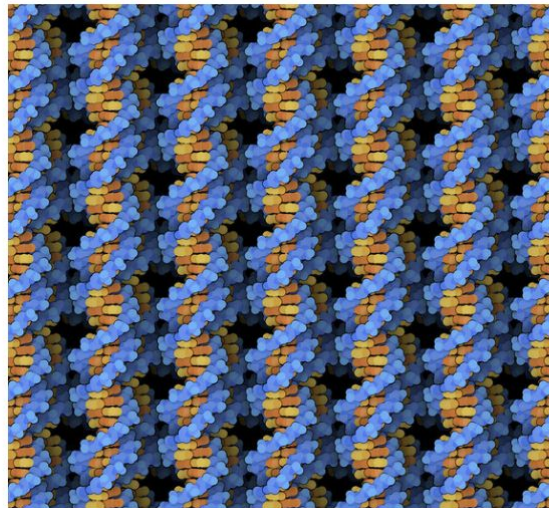
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# Happy DNA Day!



**National**  
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# Agenda

<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Eastern</i>		
<b>11:00am PT</b>	<b>2:00pm ET</b>	<b>10' Executive Session</b>	
11:10	2:10	Brief Welcome	Stephen Burley
11:15	2:15	Proposal Status and Updates	Stephen Burley, Henry Chao, Jasmine Young
11:30	2:30	PDBx/mmCIF Transition Update, S1-2 Roadmap Highlights	Jasmine Young
11:40	2:40	10' Break	
11:50	2:50	Computed Structure Models (CSMs) at RCSB.org S3 Roadmap Highlights	Yana Rose
12:05	3:05	Recruiting Updates and Team Transitions	Stephen Burley
12:10	3:10	Questions for Committee	
		<i>S4 Highlights</i>	<i>if time allows</i>
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>3:30</b>	<b>30' Executive Session</b>	
1:00	4:00	60' Discussion with Available Advisors and RCSB PDB	
2:00	5:00	Meeting ends	

# Today's Participants: Welcome

- **Advisory Committee**

- *Confirmed*: Paul Adams, Wah Chiu, Kirk Clark, Roland Dunbrack, Paul Falkowski, Thomas Ferrin, Cathy Peishoff, Torsten Schwede, Lance Stewart, Kevin H. Gardner
- *Unconfirmed*: Peter Andolfatto, Mandë Holford, Takita F. Sumter
- *Absent*: Bridget Carragher, Robert B. Darnell, Sue Rhee

- **RCSB PDB Participants**

- *Leadership*: Stephen K. Burley (Director/PI), Andrej Sali (UCSF Site Head)
- *Operations Team Representatives*: Jose Duarte (Scientific Software Lead and UCSD Manager), Henry Chao (S0 Lead; IT Infrastructure), Zukang Feng (Principal Scientific Software Developer), Jasmine Young (S1-2 Lead; RCSB PDB Biocuration Team Lead & wwPDB Global Project Lead), Yana Rose (S3 Lead; Scientific Software Developer & Data Architect), Christine Zardecki (Associate Director; S4 Lead)

# *Background Information Slides*

- Slides with an *italicized, light blue title* are provided as background information and can be presented and discussed at the meeting by request.
- Main slides appear with **non-italicized blue titles**
- Underlined text indicates an active link

# 2023 By The Numbers: Another Banner Year!

## Scientific Support and User Engagement

- Maintained 99.9% availability of RCSB.org and APIs
- RCSB PDB help desk supported ~600 conversations with users
  - Additional OneDep and structure-related questions transferred to wwPDB Help Desk

## S1: Deposition/Biocuration

- Record 17063 structures deposited and processed—PDB record (New record! Up from 16,344 in 2022)
  - 1,053 SARS-CoV-2 structures released (~4,000 available)
- 3623 new ligands and 30 new BIRD dictionary items

## S2: Archive Management and Access

- PDB surpassed 200,000 structures on January 10, 2023
- Record ~3 billion data file downloads across the wwPDB
- PDB Certified as a Global Core Biodata Resource
- PDB chemical component IDs now issued in 5-character format

## S3: Data Exploration

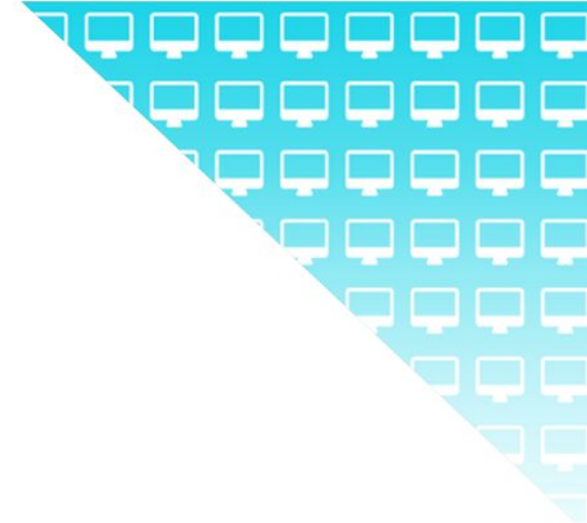
- Record 8.2 million unique RCSB.org clients (unique IP addresses, up from 7.2 million in 2022)
  - 63 million web page views
- 3.5 billion requests/interactions (e.g., data downloads, service usage, RCSB.org views)

## S4: Training, Outreach, Education

- ~548,000 PDB-101 users (down from ~663,000 in 2022)
- >1.8 million page views
- 850,000 YouTube Channel views
- Virtual “crash courses” and webinars
  - Understanding PDBx/mmCIF: ~450 participants
  - Python Scripting: ~160 participants
  - Leveraging RCSB PDB APIs: ~169 participants
  - Teaching Enzymology with the PDB: ~70 participants

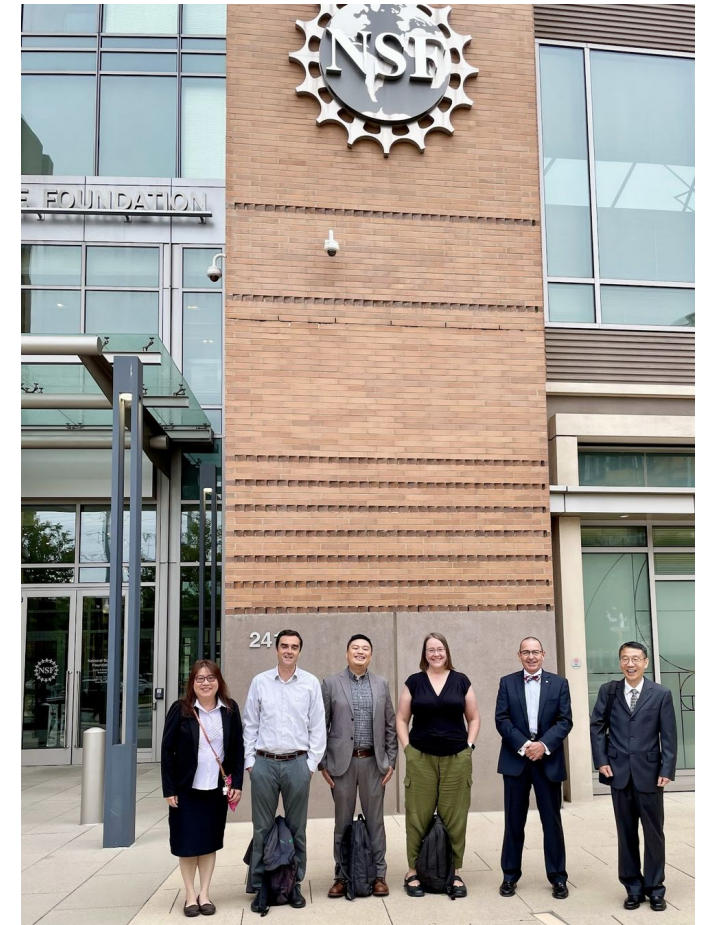
# Renewal Proposal Status and Updates

Stephen K. Burley



# PDB Grant Renewal: Current Status

- Feb 28, 2023: Proposal submitted! (Thanks to RCSB PDB AC and others)
- Jun 22, 2023: Reverse Site Visit with Federal Funders and Review Team
- Sep 21, 2023: Follow-up Discussion with Federal Funders
- Nov 2, 2023: Review of RCSB PDB Response to Federal Funder feedback
- Jan-Feb 2024: Update to NSF, NIH, DOE
- April 10, 2024: NSF Notice of Award received



*June 22, 2023 Review at NSF*



# Overview: Response to Review Critique

## Cyberinfrastructure

- Designated as new Service 0 - IT Infrastructure (as Henry will highlight)
- Planned investments in owned hardware for S3 in Y1 and Y2 reduced significantly
- Will partner with an external high-performance computing provider (likely DOE-funded [NERSC](#)) to reduce reliance on owned-hardware for compute-intensive elements of prerelease data calculation process

## PDB-Dev/PDB Unification

- Schedule accelerated
- PDB IDs will be allocated to extant PDB-Dev holdings and all newly deposited integrative/hybrid method structures starting in the second half of Y1 (versus Y3)

## Computed Structure Models

- CSM caveats made more obvious for users who are not structural biologists (DONE; [example](#))
- Existing documentation will be expanded and user training augmented to promote responsible CSM use

## Data Volumes

- Refined hardware requirements to accommodate projected growth in data volumes

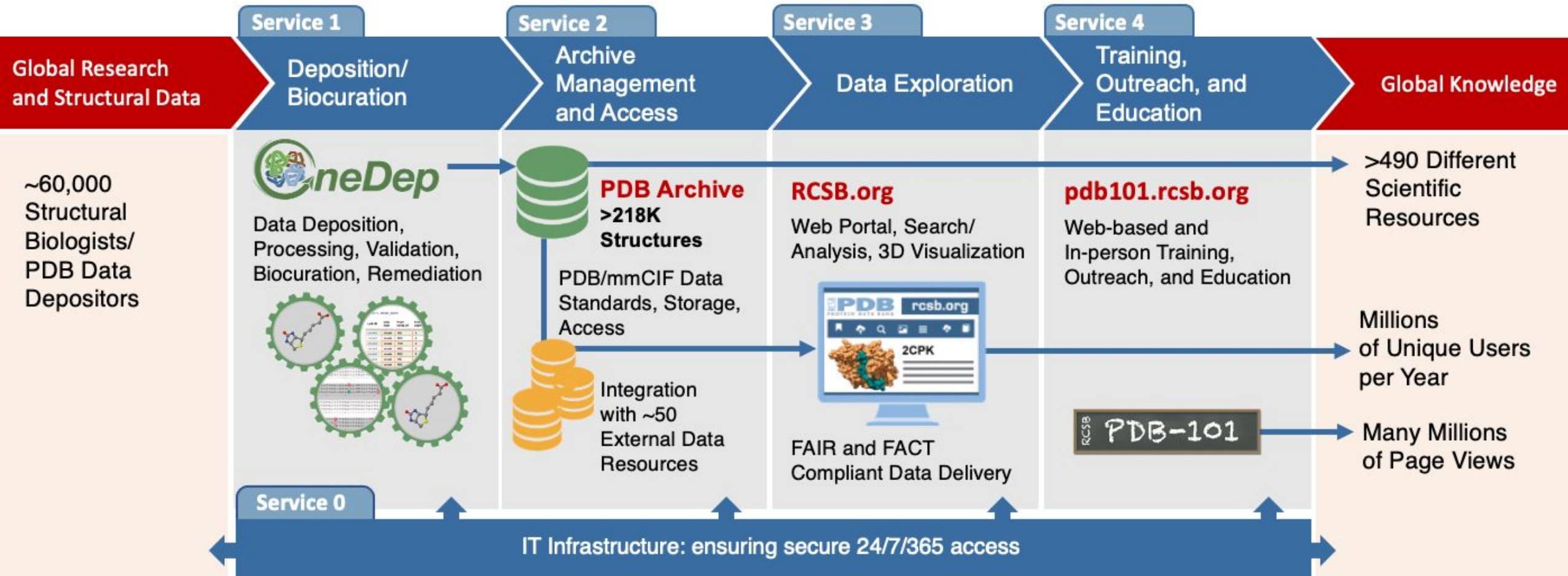
## Agency Interactions

- RCSB PDB will continue to meet regularly with funding agencies to report progress and collect advice

# Establishing Service 0: IT Infrastructure (Henry)

- Mission: Ensuring highly available, secure, and reliable access to IT resources for RCSB PDB by establishing and enforcing policies and processes around the management and operation of our IT infrastructure
- Team Members: Henry, Jeremy, Vladimir, and Aditya (starts June)
- Requirements/Activities
  - Ongoing participation and representation in Operations meetings
  - Roadmap for strategic and long term project planning
  - Ongoing KPI tracking/reviews
  - Strategic engagement with external Cyberinfrastructure organizations/resources/stakeholders

# Introducing Service 0: IT Infrastructure



# Service 0: Outcomes from the Reverse Site Visit

- Designation as an RCSB PDB Service to highlight importance of IT infrastructure work and increase visibility in reporting
- Cyberinfrastructure plans modified to utilize federal agency resources
  - Pivot from previously planned hardware purchases, to using no-cost high-performance computing resources from DOE National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC) for our calculation intensive workloads
  - Limited purchase of new hardware to replace aging S1/S2 hardware and increase S3 computing resources to support future growth and user traffic
- Better positioning in the long run for
  - Anticipated scale of growth in data and user traffic
  - Planned development efforts
  - Access to more advanced resources and capabilities

# Accelerating PDB-Dev Unification (Jasmine)

Goal: Accelerate PDB-Dev unification with the PDB archive to ensure capture and assessment of important IHM structure data

Strategy: Increase the originally proposed FTE effort in Y1-4 to enable

- Issuance of PDB IDs and DOIs for all existing and newly deposited IHM structures in Y1 (new)
- Creation of a parallel weekly release pipeline to pull IHM structures from PDB-Dev into PDB archive early in Y1 (originally planned for Y3)
- OneDep provides entry point to IHM structure deposition system by mid-Y1 (originally planned for Y5)
- Download of all IHM structures from the PDB archive (in parallel to PDB structures) by mid-Y1 (originally planned for Y5)

Unchanged

- Data Out data analysis and visualization on IHM structures (Y2-3)
- PDB-Dev website maintenance (Y1-5)
- Development of IHM validation tool, including Bayesian validation (Y1-5)



# **PDBx/mmCIF Transition Update Roadmap Highlights: Service 1 Deposition/Biocuration Service 2 Archive Management/Access**

Jasmine Young

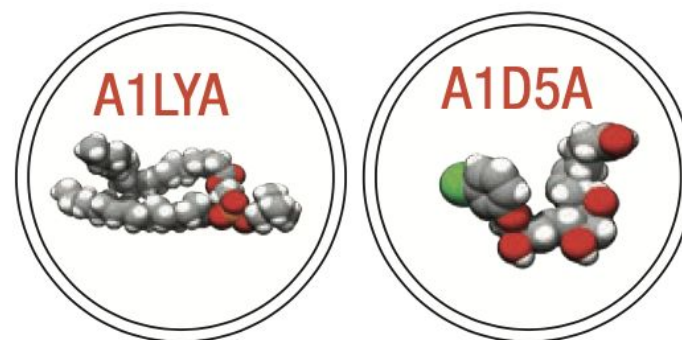
# Chemical Component Dictionary (CCD) ID Extension

2-year project completed in 2023

- Regular ongoing community announcements ([example](#)) and presentations at meetings
- Users encouraged to utilize example files with 5-character IDs (provided via GitHub)
- Software upgrades to enable support (OneDep, PDB archive, partner websites)
- Three character IDs consumed December 2023
- 5-character CCD IDs in use in archive ([example](#))
  - >700 new 5-character IDs already issued
  - N.B.: Files in PDB legacy format files cannot be provided for structures with extended CCD IDs

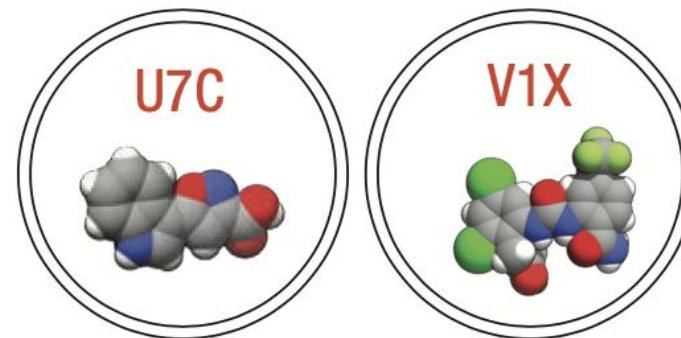
## Late 2023 5 Digits CCD IDs

Examples



## Before 2023 3 Digits CCD IDs

Examples



# Transition to Extended PDB IDs and PDBx/mmCIF

## Goals

- Help users prepare for full transition to PDBx/mmCIF format
- Increase community awareness of transition timeline and available resources

```
loop_  
_database_2.database_id  
_database_2.database_code  
_database_2.pdbx_database_accession  
_database_2.pdbx_DOI  
PDB pdb_00001abc pdb_00001abc  
10.2210/pdb_00001abc/pdb
```

## 5-year Plan for Transitioning to Extended PDB IDs and PDBx/mmCIF

- Create training materials for adoption of mmCIF and extended PDB ID (2024)
  - [FAQs](#), software and documentation [resources guide](#)
- Register new PDB DOIs based on extended PDB IDs for the entire archive (2025)
- Establish “beta” PDB archive designed around extended PDB IDs (2026)
  - New PDB DOIs and extended PDB IDs available in the coordinate PDBx/mmCIF files
  - File directory organized at entry level (using same organization as the PDB Versioned Archive)
  - Directory and file naming use extended PDB ID
- OneDep and Data Out software re-tooling complete (early 2027)
- **“beta” PDB archive becomes PDB main archive (2027)**

[Communication](#) with Data Depositors, Data Consumers, and Scientific Journals/Editors throughout



# S1-2 2024 Roadmap Highlights

- Deposition: Enhance EM deposition with more checks, improve file upload process with better tracking
- Validation: Upgrade 3rd party software (MolProbity, OpenBabel, Refmac), modularize and enable parallel calculations
- Biocuration: more automation, improve large structure processing performance
- Infrastructure: Data exchange among wwPDB partners via [Globus](#) service (replacing rsync protocol)
- Archive: PDB-Dev unification with PDB archive, PTM remediation, inclusion of extended PDB IDs



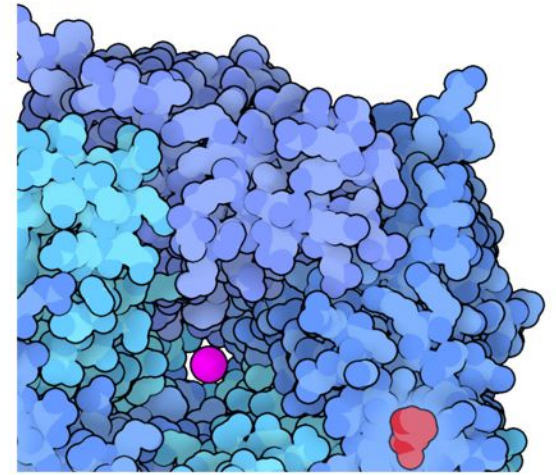
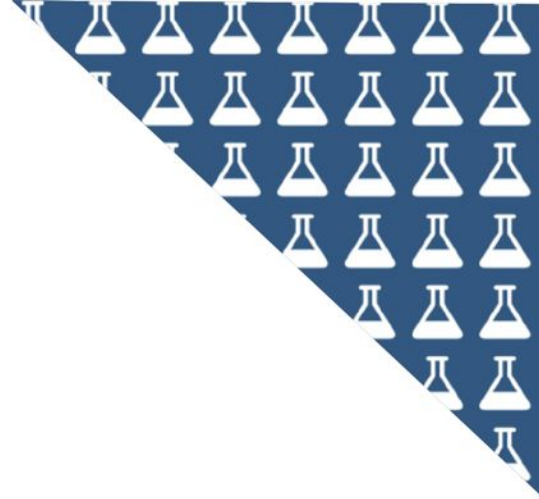
**VIRTUAL WEBINAR**

# **UNDERSTANDING PDB VALIDATION: WHICH EXPERIMENTAL STRUCTURES SHOULD I RELY ON?**

**Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> 2024  
2-3pm Eastern | 11am-12pm Pacific**

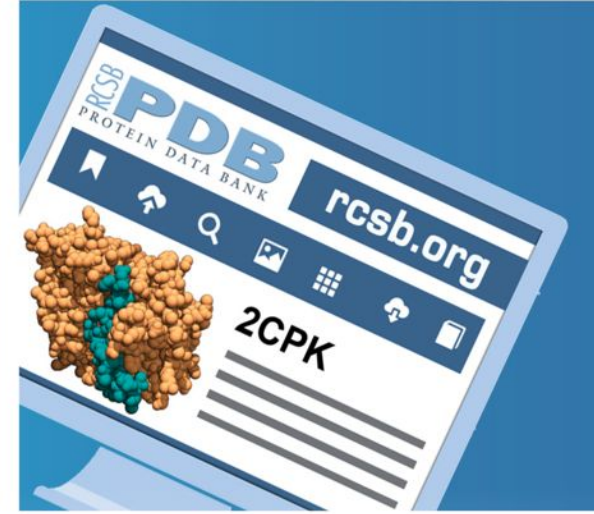


**10' Break**



# Computed Structure Models (CSMs) at RCSB.org; Roadmap Highlights: Service 3 Data Exploration

Yana Rose



# Timeline of CSMs at RCSB.org

- **August 2022:** ~1 million CSMs from AlphaFold DB and ModelArchive for the entire human proteome and key organisms important in research and global health made accessible alongside experimental PDB Structures at RCSB.org
- **September 2022:** First Virtual Crash Course on CSMs (> 150 attendees)
- **February 2023:** updated AlphaFold DB models with latest release and ~68,000 ModelArchive CSMs added, providing coverage of model organisms important to funding agencies (*e.g.*, freshwater sponge, African swine fever virus, *Sphagnum divinum*, cancer interactome)
- **January 2024:** User survey on using CSMs at RCSB.org ([results](#))
- **April 30, 2024:** Second [Virtual Crash Course](#) (~300 registered)
- **Spring 2024:** UXD review (in progress)

# External Annotations Now Available for CSMs

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Computed structure model of Tissue-type plasminogen activator

**External Resource: Annotation**

- Gene Ontology: Gene Product Annotation
- InterPro: Protein Family Classification
- Pharos: Disease Associations

**Gene Ontology: Gene Product Annotation** [Gene Ontology Database Homepage](#)

Chains	Polymer	Molecular Function	Biological Process	Cellular Component
A	Tissue-type plasminogen activator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">protein binding</a></li> <li><a href="#">binding</a></li> <li><a href="#">signaling receptor binding</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">multicellular organismal process</a></li> <li><a href="#">regulation of body fluid</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">apical part of cell</a></li> <li><a href="#">cellular anatomical entity</a></li> <li><a href="#">extracellular exosome</a></li> </ul>

**InterPro: Protein Family Classification** [InterPro Database Homepage](#)

Chains	Accession	Name	Type
A	IPR026280	<a href="#">Tissue plasminogen activator</a>	Family
A	IPR018056	<a href="#">Kringle, conserved site</a>	Conserved Site

**Pharos: Disease Associations** [Pharos Homepage Annotation](#)

Chains	Drug Target ?	Associated Disease
A	Pharos : P00750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">pulmonary embolism</a></li> <li><a href="#">hypertensive disorder</a></li> <li><a href="#">thrombophilia, familial, due to decreased release of tissue plasminogen activator</a></li> </ul>

[Example: AF\\_AFP00750F1](#)

# User Views of CSM Summary Pages at RCSB.org

Year	CSM Summary Page Views	Sequence Accesses
2023	1,088,013	134,890
2022	82,916	30,973

Structure Summary | Structure | Annotations | Sequence | Genome

Assembly ?

AF\_AFA0A009IHW8F1

Computed structure model of NAD(+) hydrolase AbTIR

AlphaFold DB: AF-A0A009IHW8-F1

Released in AlphaFold DB: 2021-12-09 Last Modified in AlphaFold DB: 2022-09-30

Organism(s): *Acinetobacter baumannii* 1295743

UniProtKB: A0A009IHW8

Model Confidence

pLDDT (global): 85.13

pLDDT (local):

Very High | Confident | Low | Very Low

Very High: ~135  
Confident: ~95  
Low: ~25  
Very Low: ~5

Model Confidence ?

- Very high (pLDDT > 90)
- Confident (90 > pLDDT > 70)
- Low (70 > pLDDT > 50)
- Very low (pLDDT < 50)

Computed Structure Models provide per-residue confidence score (pLDDT) between 0 and 100. Some regions below 50 pLDDT may be unstructured in isolation.

Explore in 3D: Structure | Sequence Annotations

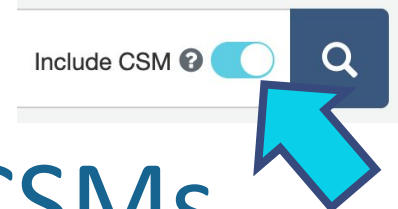
Global Symmetry: Asymmetric - C1

Global Stoichiometry: Monomer - A1

Find Similar Assemblies

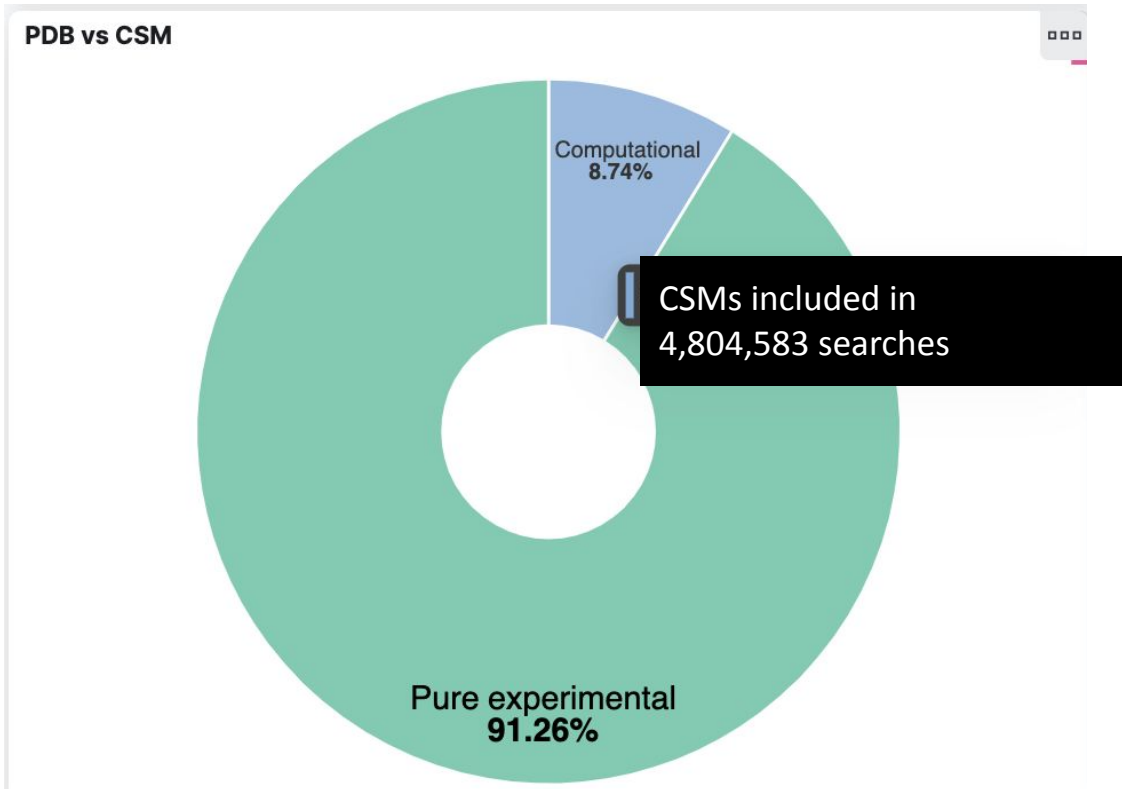
Macromolecule Content

- Total Structure Weight: 30.97 kDa

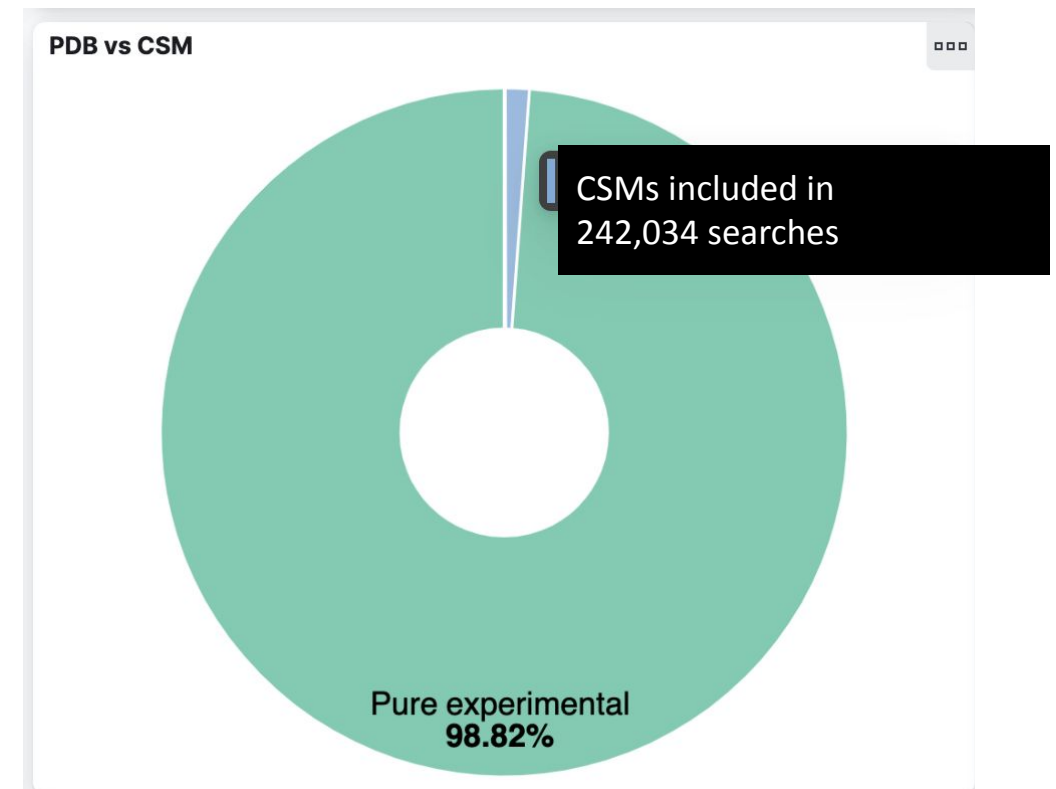


# Programmatic Users "Opt-in" to Include CSMs

## Programmatic (API) Searches (2023)



## Manual Searches (2023)





# Rutgers User Experience Design (UXD) CSM Review

- Spring Semester 2024 Course
  - Students in Master of Business and Science program
- Process
  - Design study to identify how users navigate CSMs at RCSB.org (done)
  - Collect and analyze user needs and pain points (in progress)
  - Deliver recommendations May 2024
- Surveying Encompassed
  - Are users able to include/exclude CSMs in searches?
  - Do users know if they are looking at a CSM or PDB structure?
  - Is it clear how to assess CSM quality?

## MA\_MACOFFESLACC100000G1I1

COFFE MODEL AND FUNCTIONAL ANNOTATION FOR C100000\_G1\_I1

ModelArchive: [ma-coffe-slac-c100000\\_g1\\_i1](#)

Released in ModelArchive: 2022-08-31

Organism(s): [Spongilla lacustris](#)

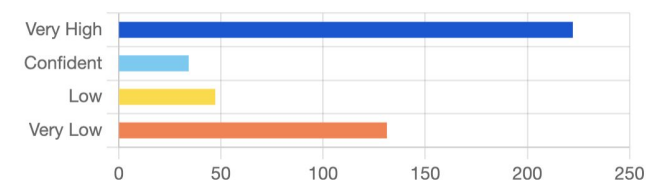
! There are no experimental data to verify the accuracy of this *computed structure model*. See Model Confidence metrics below for all regions of the polypeptide chain.

### Model Confidence

pLDDT (global): 71.807

pTM (global): 0.63

pLDDT (local):



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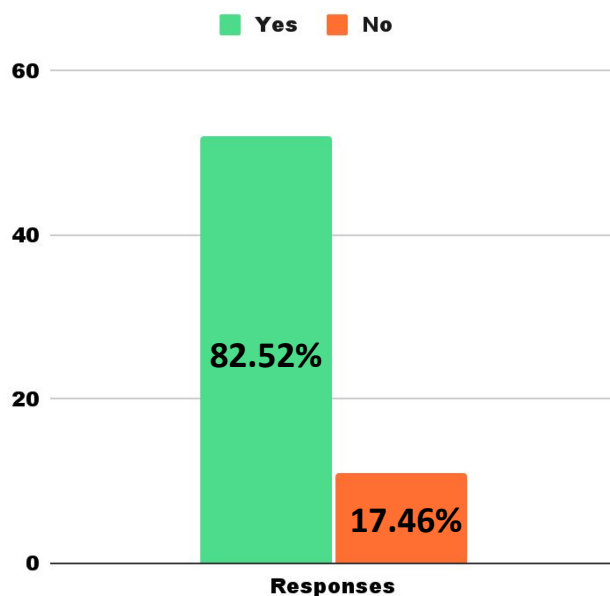
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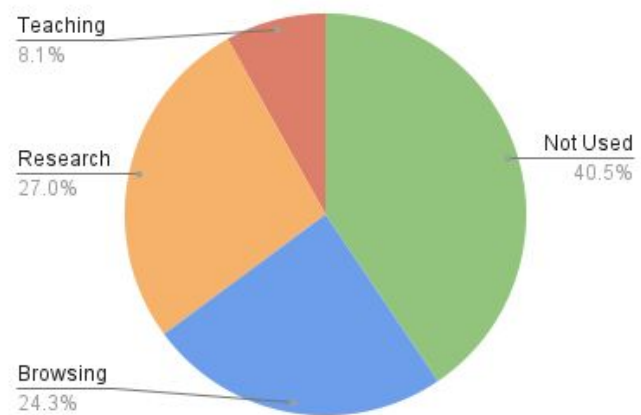
Example: [MA\\_MACOFFESLACC100000G1I1](#)

# Q1 User Survey on Using CSMs at RCSB.org

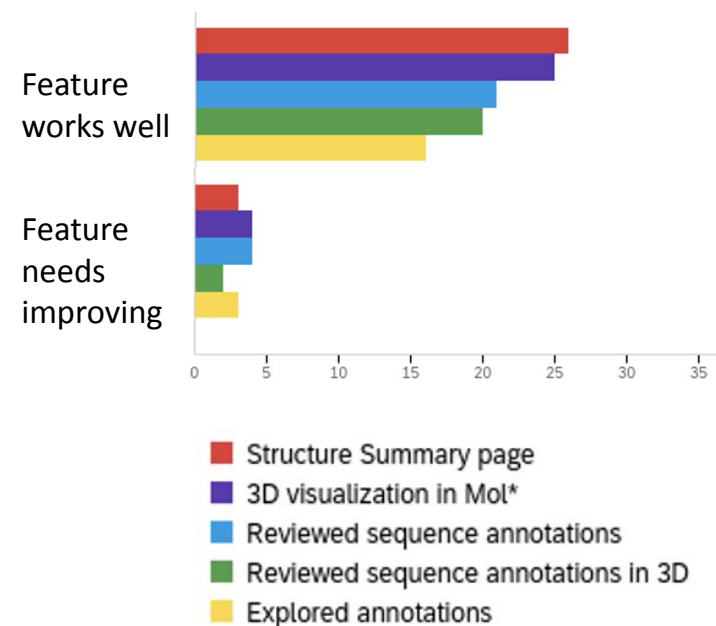
Do you understand the icons used for experimentally-determined structures (🧪) and CSMs (💻)?



What have you used CSMs at RCSB.org for?



Which CSM features have you used/liked?



# Upcoming Training Webinar on CSMs

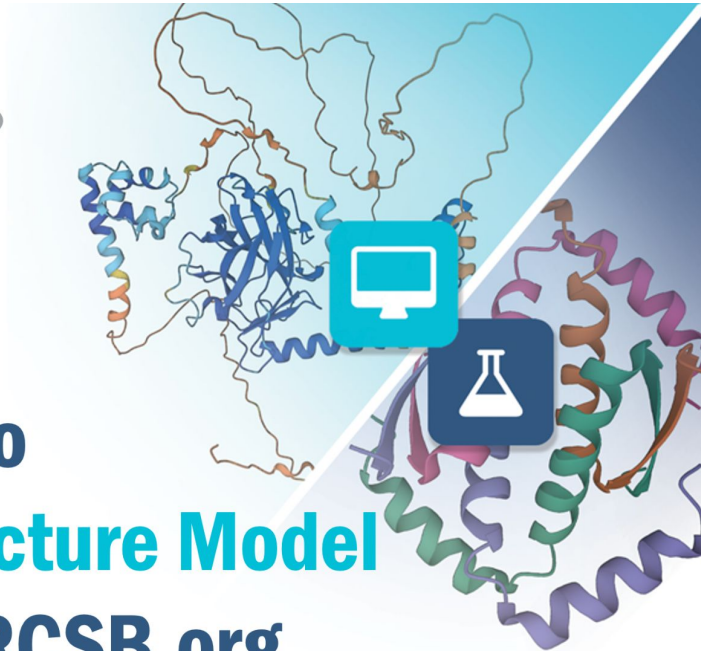
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**VIRTUAL WEBINAR**

## A Deep Dive into Computed Structure Model Exploration at RCSB.org

**Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 • 9-10am Pacific | 12-1pm Eastern**



Join us as we demonstrate how RCSB.org serves as your gateway to structural data exploration on Tuesday April 30, 2024 from 9-10am Pacific, noon-1pm Eastern.

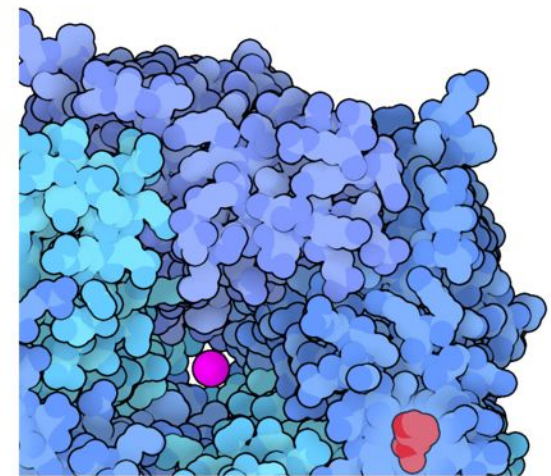
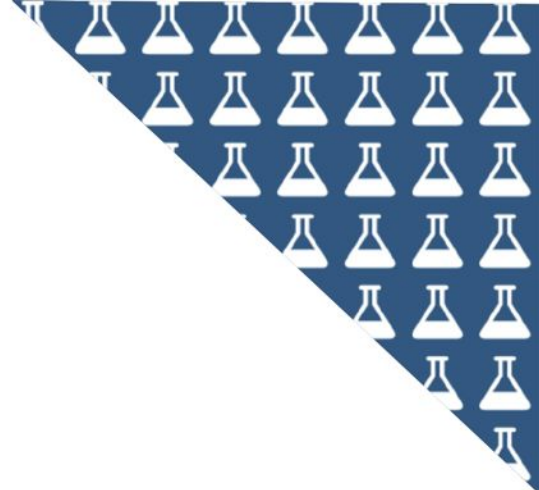
This event will equip you with the knowledge of how to use RCSB.org features to navigate 3D predicted protein structures in the context of experimentally-determined PDB structures.

Registration:

<https://go.rutgers.edu/1ztidbcw>

# S3 2024 Roadmap Highlights

- Research/Prototyping: Exploring application of AI/ML methods in scientific search applications
- Advanced Search Redesign: Improve user experience and increase user engagement with the Advanced Search tool
- Homepage Redesign: Improve navigation and increase traffic towards advanced features
- Display Metadata for Evolving Methods: SX/XFEL
- Documentation Homepage: Enhance user experience for individuals seeking information pertaining to the features and data available on RCSB.org



# Recruiting Updates and Team Transitions

Stephen Burley

# Other Team Member Transitions (April 2023-present)

## Recent Hires

- Senior Front-End Web Developer (Rutgers):  
Ronald Brown starts April 29
- Junior DevOps Engineer (Rutgers): offer accepted,  
background check passed, starting soon
- Scientific Software Developers:
  - Jared Sagendorf (UCSF)
  - Douglas Myers-Turnbull (UCSD)
- Gap Year Science Communication Amy Wu-Wu (Rutgers)
- Jason Kaebler (IQB) serving as new 3DEM advisor

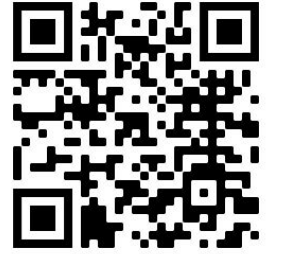
## Departures

- Scientific Software Developers: Li Chen (Rutgers),  
Alicia Evans (Rutgers), Maryam Fayazi (Rutgers),  
Igor Khokhriakov (UCSD), Zintis May-Krumins (Rutgers)



*Li Chen retirement after 22 years;  
Shamara Whetstone recruiting at Rutgers Job Fair*

# OPPORTUNITIES for SCIENTIFIC SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS, GRADUATES, and UNDERGRADUATES



Develop innovative analysis, integration, query, and visualization tools for 3D biomolecular structures at **RCSB.org** to help accelerate research and training in biology, medicine, and related disciplines.

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- Back End Software Engineer (Rutgers)
- High Performance Computing Workflows Architect (Rutgers)
- Postdoctoral Researcher in Bioinformatics (UCSD)
- Gap Year Opportunities (Rutgers)
- Undergraduate Summer Research (RISE at Rutgers)



*RCSB PDB members with RISE 2023 student developers*

# RCSB PDB Team

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National Science Foundation (DBI-1832184),  
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## Management



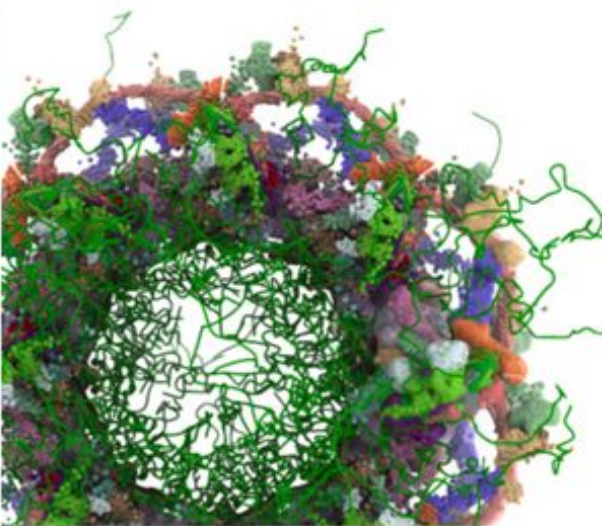
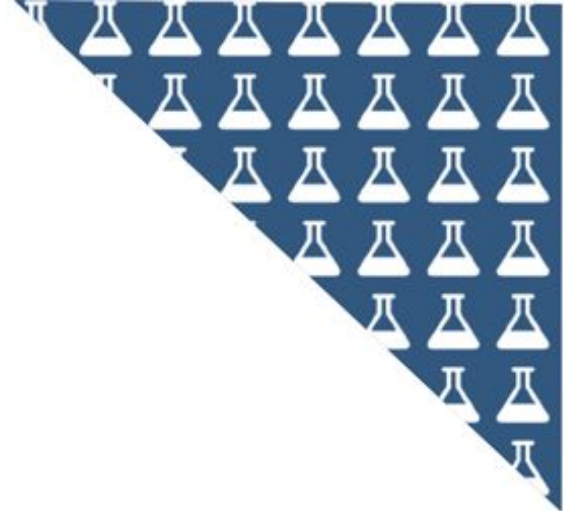
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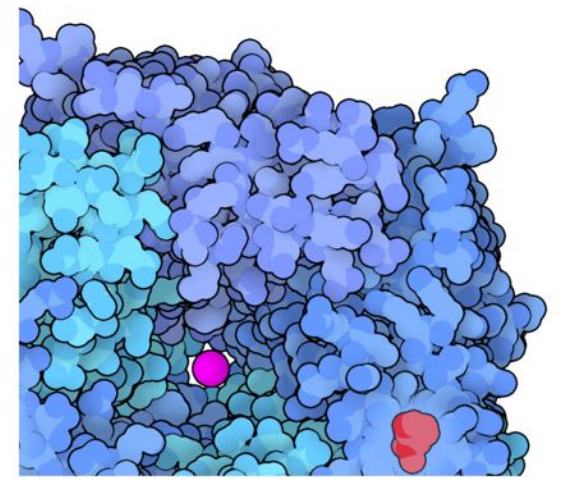
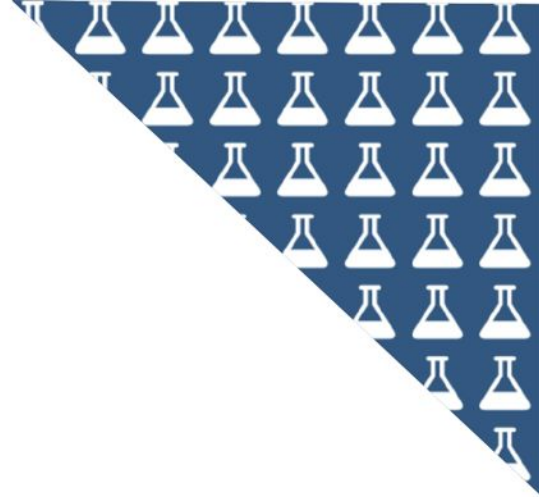


# Responses to 2023 Report Questions for Committee

Stephen Burley

# Responses to 2023 Recommendations

<b>Increase the adoption of community-based feedback to refine services and user experience</b>	RCSB PDB will continue to collect feedback (meetings, help desk, user surveys, and UXD reviews). In 2024, we are testing virtual “office hours” as another mechanism
<b>Engage the User Experience Design group on CSMs</b>	CSMs at RCSB.org will be reviewed as part of the Spring 2024 UXD Review
<b>More user engagement to inform about CSMs and their strengths and weaknesses.</b>	We are highlighting CSMs at meetings and will host an training event in April; <a href="#">materials will be published with other webinars at PDB-101</a>
<b>Create a web-based short video guides to inform users about new features on YouTube</b>	RCSB PDB plans to explore options and best practices for video guides in 2024, with a goal of publishing videos in 2025  RCSB PDB will continue to collaborate with our wwPDB partners on depositor-focused videos published at wwPDB.org and <a href="#">YouTube</a>
<b>Consider a redesign of RCSB.org</b>	RCSB PDB plans to start this process by improving the home page at RCSB.org as well as the Advanced Search interface later in 2024
<b>Crash Courses could expand to advanced searches, APIs, CSMs, and Mol*</b>	We began to offer more courses in 2023, including a focus on <a href="#">PDBx/mmCIF</a> ; <a href="#">APIs</a> ; and <a href="#">using RCSB.org</a> . 2024 training will similarly include <a href="#">crash courses/webinars</a> that target data depositors and data consumers. Advanced Search training events will be scheduled post-redesign.



# *Roadmap Highlights: Service 4 Training, Outreach, Education*

Will be presented if time allows

# S4 2023 Selected Roadmap Achievements

- Webinars
  - [Leveraging RCSB PDB APIs for Bioinformatics Analyses and Machine Learning](#)
  - [Teaching enzymology with the Protein Data Bank: from pandemic to Paxlovid](#)
  - [Use PDB data to their full extent: Understanding PDBx/mmCIF](#)
- New features: Exploring the Structural Biology of
  - [Health and Nutrition](#)
  - [Viruses](#)
  - [Bioenergy](#)



*Brinda Vallat, Santiago Blaumann, Rusham Bhatt, Dennis Piehl developed a Python package ([rcsbsearchapi](#)) that can be used for accessing the RCSB PDB Search API as part of the 2023 Research Intensive Experience at Rutgers*

# S4 2024 Roadmap Planned Highlights

- Virtual Training Events: Mol\*, CSM Exploration, PDB Validation, Teaching Enzymology ([recordings at PDB-101](#))
- Virtual Office Hours: RCSB.org, “Ask a Biocurator”, Mol\*, APIs
- New feature: [Exploring the Structural Biology of Evolution](#)
- New feature: protein folding poster and activity
- DEIA
  - Undergraduate training: API development (through Rutgers Research Intensive Summer Experience program for outstanding students from diverse backgrounds)
  - Annual Biomedical Research Conference For Minoritized Scientists
  - National Diversity in STEM Conference