Summary of Chimera Molecular Assemblies Proposal

Grant renewal for NCRR Resource for Biocomputing, Visualization and Informatics

1) Analyzing atomic models of molecular assemblies.



Develop software to make "composite models" e.g. HIV, or a muscle sarcomere, or a transcription factory, using all available structures. Clicking on the 3-d model components will give direct access to structures, multiple sequence alignments and EM maps. This is a 3-d version of David Goodsell's HIV painting:

http://www.rcsb.org/pdb/static.do?p=education_discussion/educational_resources/hiv-animation.html

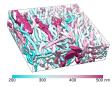
2) Analyzing single-particle EM maps.

Real-time fitting methods mostly for low resolution maps. A) Optimize correlation with full symmetry. B) Iterative fitting and masking away neighbors to get good packing. C) Energy minimization for turns when fitting secondary structure in 5-10 A maps. D) Progressive global search fitting. E) Best fit using NMR or homology ensembles.

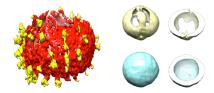
Efficient handling of large maps. F) Display, analyze, save only a few asymmetric units. G) Hidden surface removal (e.g. layers inside viruses). H) Fast transparency rendering. I) Fourier space representation for fast variable resolution display and analysis.

Small-angle x-ray scattering. J) Compute SAXS profiles directly from EM maps for validation.

3) Analyzing structurally heterogeneous assemblies.



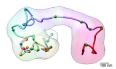
Segmentation. A) Multi-resolution watershed and flood-fill. B) Connect two marked locations through highest density (filaments). C) Auto-size and center spheres on vesicles and virus particles.



Single-particle tomography: D) Solvent-flattening missing wedge correction. E) Alignment with missing wedge correction.

4) Enabling researchers to share and archive analysis (models and maps).

- A) Automatically create an HTML log of Chimera analysis (see example on next page). Includes images, links to data sets (PDB files, maps, sequence alignments, residue lists), Chimera session files, movies, quantitative measurements (correlation, buried area). Organizes hundreds of files of a research project.
- B) Document HDF5 map, segmentation, coarse-grain model standards and encourage use by other software.



C) 3-dimensional movie recording. BluRay, YouTube.

Rous sarcoma virus capsid compared to HIV

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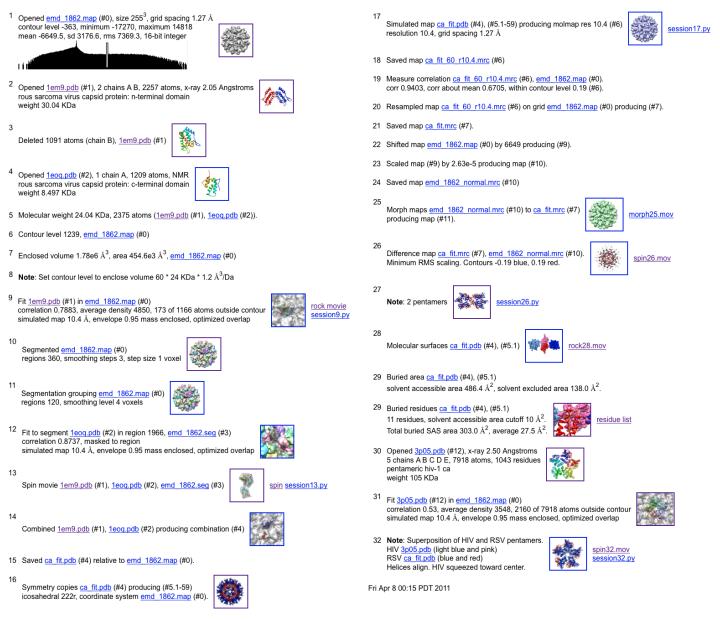


Figure: Illustration of web log file fitting Rous sarcoma virus (RSV) map and comparing HIV virus capsid pentamer. Records analysis done in Chimera fitting of N-terminal and C-terminal capsid protein domains using segmentation, applying symmetry, visualizing residual density, measuring C-terminal dimerization domain buried area, finding dimer interface residues, and aligning and comparing HIV pentamer. Links to maps, PDB files, the segmentation, session snapshots, lists of residues, spin, rock and morph movies, and larger images are provided. Quantitative results are recorded. The proposed Chimera logging tool will create this type of web page, semi-automatically, to record interactive analysis sessions. This example was mocked up by hand.

Possible ideas to add to the proposal

- 1) EM model validation tools
- 2) Animation production tools
- 3) Single-particle segmentation, impose symmetry
- 4) Atomic model building in 3 4.5 Angstrom EM maps (Gorgon).