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## *Session 1 : Visualisation, Graphisme et nouvelles technologies*

### **NAfragDB: a multi-purpose structural database of nucleic-acid – protein complexes for advanced users**

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Many structural bioinformatics databases support automated searches via a limited number of pre-defined criteria and their combinations. Here, we present NAfragDB, a structural database of nucleic-acid (NA) - protein complexes that supports arbitrarily advanced queries and any combination thereof via python-written requests directly on the raw data.

We have extended our earlier pipeline for automated creation of NA fragment libraries to include many "low level" combinable information units. To build a database, we retrieve all protein-NA structures from the PDB, extract relevant data (resolution, NA type, etc), clean each structure (add missing atoms, list incomplete nucleotides, etc), and characterize the interface (sugar/phosphate/base - protein distances, water contacts, etc). We then use the 3DNA program [1] for NA structure description that gives exhaustive data in easily parseable Json format. Finally, we rearrange the data per nucleotide (eg. "nucleotides 5 to 15 make a stem-loop" → "nucleotide 5 is at position 1 in an 11-nucleotides stem-loop").

We provide a description at both the structural and nucleotide levels of the full set of protein-bound NAs from the PDB in a single Json file, and a tool to build customised queries. This allows the user to:

\* create specific benchmarks for targeted purpose (ex. Retrieve all complexes with a stretch of 7 consecutive single-stranded nucleotides, of which at least 5 are within 4 Angstrom of the protein).

\* compute various statistics (ex. Do single-stranded RNA establish H-bonds more preferentially via the base/sugar than via phosphates compared to double-stranded RNA?).

\* build targeted fragment libraries

We will provide a live demo of building a database, applying search queries, and computing statistics. The source code to create, update, and search a database is available at <https://github.com/isaureCdB/NAfragDB.git>. We hope to encourage the sharing of such database capabilities to increase interoperability and ease complex use-cases by advanced users.

[1] X-J Lu & WK Olson. 3DNA: a software package for the analysis, rebuilding and visualization of three-dimensional nucleic acid structures. Nucleic Acids Research (2003) 31(17), 5108-21.

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