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DynamicGT: a dynamic-aware geometric transformer model to predict protein binding interfaces in flexible and disordered regions

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Abstract

Protein-protein interactions are fundamental to cellular processes, yet existing deep learning approaches for binding site prediction often rely on static structures, limiting their performance when disordered or flexible regions are involved. To address this, we introduce a novel dynamic-aware method for predicting protein-protein binding sites by integrating conformational dynamics into a cooperative graph neural network (Co-GNN) architecture with a geometric transformer (GT). Our approach uniquely encodes dynamic features at both the node (atom) and edge (interaction) levels, and consider both bound and unbound states to enhance model generalization. The dynamic regulation of message passing between core and surface residues optimizes the identification of critical interactions for efficient information transfer. We trained our model on an extensive overall 1-ms molecular dynamics simulations dataset across multiple benchmarks as the gold standard and further extended it by adding generated conformations by AlphaFlow. Comprehensive evaluation on diverse independent datasets containing disordered, transient, and unbound structures showed that incorporating dynamic features in cooperative architecture significantly boosts prediction accuracy when flexibility matters, and requires substantially less amount of data than leading static models.

Introduction

Protein-protein interactions (PPIs) play a crucial role in many cellular processes and act as structural and functional components within the cell. Identifying the interaction site is crucial to understanding protein functions and serves as the foundation for protein modeling, drug targeting, and therapeutic development [1, 2]. The prediction of PPI sites has seen remarkable progress with the advent of deep learning, leveraging both sequence- and structure-based approaches. Although sequence-based methods [3–5] enable a broader applicability of the model, structure-based techniques have demonstrated superior performance. Among the latter, one important aspect of developing new models lies in determining how best to encode protein structures. A powerful framework for encoding both atom-specific

32 features as well as the interactions between atoms is graph representations of protein structures. Graph
33 neural networks (GNNs) has achieved state-of-the-art performance across diverse applications [6–10].

34 Recent advancements in GNNs, such as geometric vector perceptrons (GVP) [11] and the geometric
35 transformer [12] have further opened novel geometric-based strategies, resulting in state-of-the-art tools
36 such as PeSTo [13]. In addition to classical PPI prediction, recent studies have focused on the role
37 of intrinsically disordered regions (IDRs) in mediating protein interactions [14, 15]. AlphaFold (AF)
38 [16, 17] has revolutionized the field, but still struggles to detect correct binding interfaces when some
39 extent of flexibility is involved such as in IDRs [18, 19] as dynamic information is absent in its training
40 set. Utilizing a dataset of 42 protein-IDR complexes, Bret et al. [19] showed that while AF-multimer
41 [20] only achieves 40% success rate over full length sequences, a fragmentation strategy can increase
42 the success rate up to 89% where the fragment with highest ipTM score corresponds to the region
43 containing the correct binding site. Interestingly, they showed that one of the difficulties encountered
44 by AF-multimer in dealing with large IDR-containing proteins lies in its ability to identify the correct
45 binding site within the partner proteins. While their method showed progress in this direction, for
46 orphan proteins with no homologous sequences, such evolutionary information would be missing. In
47 addition large protein complexes see difficulties to be fragmented to find a correct interaction site.
48 Omidi et al. [21] also showed that AF-multimer can capture the IDR interactions while it is less
49 successful when dealing with more heterogeneous, and fuzzy-like interactions [22].

50 Protein’s conformational dynamics is intricately linked to its function [23, 24]. At interaction sites,
51 changes in solvent-accessible surface area (SASA) can significantly affect interaction specificity and
52 binding affinity [25, 26]. Binding events often alter protein dynamics, and distant sites contribute
53 to function through inter-residue communication pathways [27, 28]. These interconnections highlight
54 the role of structural dynamics and the core residues in mediating protein interactions and functions.
55 To capture the full conformational space of proteins, several approaches have emerged, including the
56 refinement and modification of AlphaFold [29–33], alongside generative models trained on molecular
57 dynamics (MD) data [34]. While computationally intensive, MD simulations remain as a gold standard
58 for providing reliable, and detailed insights into protein dynamics [35].

59 Considering protein conformational dynamics in a deep learning framework for different downstream
60 tasks including binding site prediction holds considerable promise, yet challenging due to several
61 technical difficulties. For example, in graph-based representations, edge definition remains a challenge;
62 some methods use distance cutoffs [36], while others enforce a fixed number of neighbors [13], which
63 can be inconsistent (e.g., surface nodes should have fewer neighbors than core nodes). The choice
64 between all-atom representations and surface-focused approaches such as MaSIF-site [37] that abstracts
65 the core residues, remains a topic of debate, while integrating both through a so-called bipartite
66 graph representation has proven advantageous [38], as subsequent studies demonstrated the potential
67 importance of core residues to enhance prediction [39].

68 Here, we introduce the Dynamic-aware Geometric Transformer (DynamicGT), a novel GNN-based
69 architecture designed to capture the conformational heterogeneity of proteins for residue classification
70 in protein binding sites. Inspired from the principles of cooperative graph neural networks [40], Dynam-
71 icGT enables dynamic message passing between surface and core atoms, where a geometric transformer
72 imposes strict message-passing constraints to predict binding site probabilities. We compiled an exten-
73 sive dataset of MD simulations, and expanded it with generated conformations by AlphaFlow. This
74 dataset served as a comprehensive resource for training the model to predict protein-protein inter-
75 faces. Our findings revealed the crucial role of cooperativity between surface and core residues and the
76 importance of dynamic features in enhancing predictive accuracy for flexible and disordered regions.
77 By incorporating the conformational dynamics of proteins, our model outperformed existing IDR site
78 predictors and demonstrated enhanced consistency across a wide range of bound- and unbound-state
79 benchmarks.

80 Results

81 The dynamic co-operative graph transformer architecture

82 We developed a novel architecture that leverages protein conformational heterogeneity and incor-
83 porates differentiation of the core/surface nodes using cooperative GNNs (Figure 1a, Supplementary
84 Figure S1-S3). This enables the model to autonomously determine and regulate the communications
85 between surface and core residues to predict binding sites. In the first stage, a basic GNN pre-
86 dicted atom-level actions (listening and broadcasting). Communication constraints are then applied to
87 surface-core interactions, while intra-type communications remain unrestricted. The masked graph is
88 then passed to a geometric transformer, and node embeddings are pooled from atom to residue level,
89 followed by label classification through a decoding layer.

90 We proposed a novel time-free feature extraction pipeline using vectors as features in a rotation-
91 ally equivariant manner (Supplementary Note S1), which effectively integrates dynamic data. These
92 features are detailed in the Methods section. In short, we proposed communication propensity (CP)
93 which complements the geometric distance feature, and the motion vector (motion-V) and motion
94 scalar (motion-s) that add dimensionality to edge attributes by capturing dynamic correlations be-
95 tween atoms. The relative accessible surface area (RSA) is computed by averaging across conforma-
96 tions to minimize bias toward any single conformation and enhance core/surface node discrimination.
97 Additionally, the root mean square fluctuation (RMSF) and the directional entropy (DE) characterize
98 the flexibility and variability of the atomic movements (Figure 1b).

99 The underlying intuition behind cooperative GNNs is that the action of each node constrains its
100 communication, which, in turn, affects the final outcomes. To investigate these interactions, we ana-
101 lyzed the in-logit (listening) and out-logit (broadcasting) actions across benchmark datasets, averag-
102 ing them at the residue level. As a proof of concept, we visualized these embeddings for a subset of
103 high-performing predictions (Figure 1c, Supplementary Figure S4a), where increased communications
104 were observed around the binding sites. Moreover, comparing action states between surface and core

105 residues revealed that surface residues exhibit a higher propensity to listen, whereas core residues
 106 predominantly broadcast (Supplementary Figure S4b).

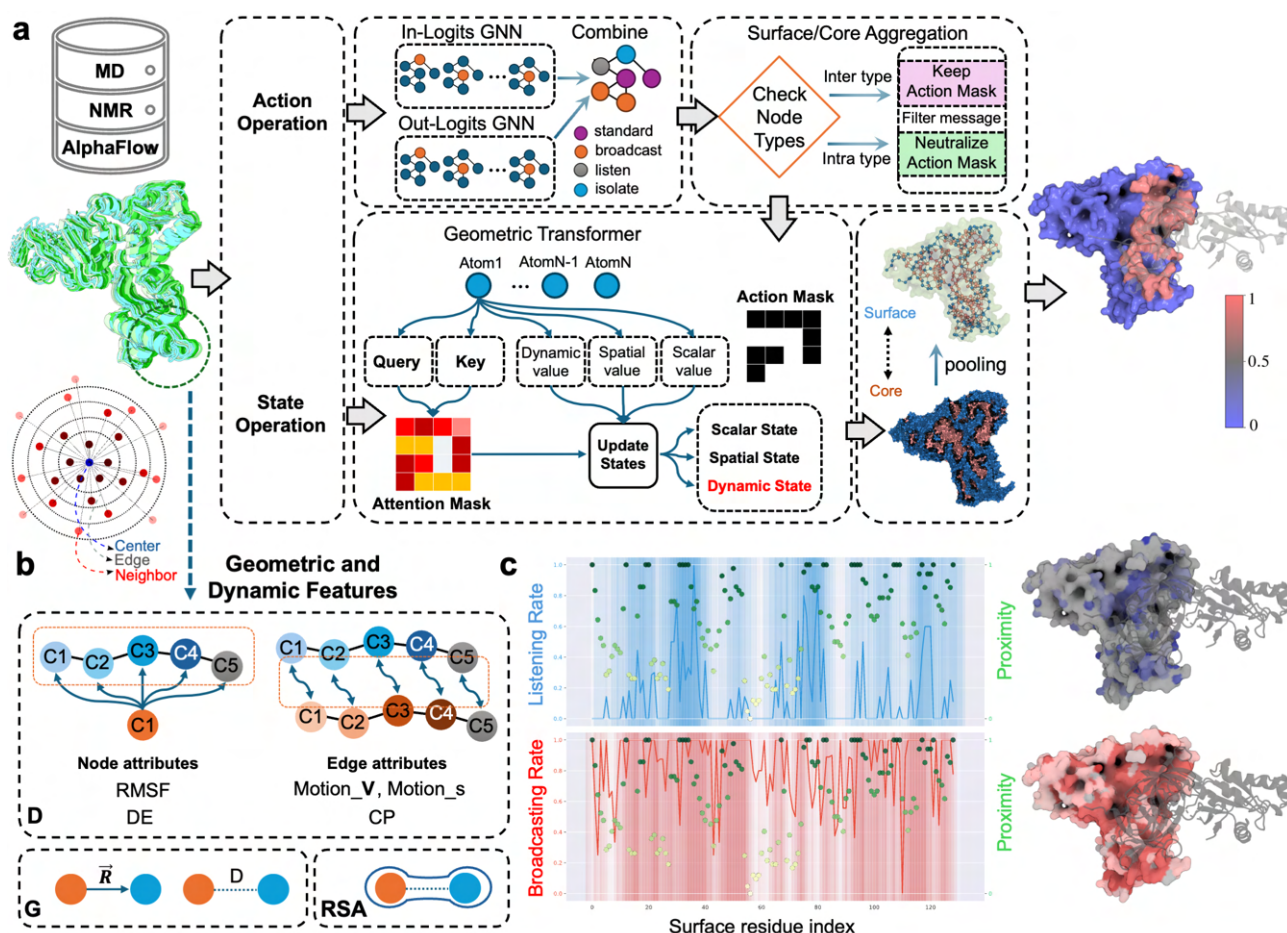


Figure 1: **The computational workflow of DynamicGT.** (a) DynamicGT processes the protein conformational ensemble derived from MD simulations, NMR, and AlphaFlow. The architecture employs cooperative GNNs, where the first two GNNs determine the actions of each atom, effectively constraining message passing between surface and core residues. With each layer of the architecture, the number of residues increases to emphasize closer neighbors. Subsequently, a geometric transformer updates the atomic states. The final block pools atomic information to residues and decodes this into predicted probabilities. (b) RMSF and DE are dynamic features associated with nodes, while motion_V, motion_s, and CP are defined for edges. RSA is calculated by averaging across multiple conformations. Additionally, displacement vectors and distances are defined to capture spatial and geometrical features of the protein structure. (c) Visualization of the broadcasting rate (red) and listening rate (blue) of surface residues, illustrating their relationship with the proximity of each residue to the interface.

107 In binding site prediction, integrating the distance of residues from the actual interface into the
 108 loss function during training enables the model to prioritize interface sites (as a patch of residues)
 109 over individual residues. This approach penalizes false positives proportionally to their distance from

110 the binding interface, rather than uniformly treating all false positives as equals. For instance, a
111 false positive residue located on the rim of a protein interface is less detrimental than one located
112 at a distant site. To address this challenge, we proposed the GeoLoss function, an extension of the
113 focal loss [41] designed to handle class imbalance in binary classification tasks. This spatially-aware
114 loss function adjusts based on the distance of each residue to the interface, allowing the model to
115 differentiate between core and surface residues. Specifically, distances for core residues are computed
116 using the Euclidean metric, while surface residues are evaluated using a geodesic metric by computing
117 the surface mesh. Both types of distances are normalized to ensure a uniform distribution, such that
118 the residue farthest from the interface within the core has the same loss contribution as the farthest
119 residue on the surface (Supplementary Figure S5). The GeoLoss can be formulated as follow:

$$\text{LGeoLoss} = -\alpha_t(1 - p_t)^\gamma \log(p_t) \cdot \exp(-\text{Dist}^\beta), \quad (1)$$

120 where $Dist$ is the calculated distance of each residue from the interface, and β is a hyperparameter
121 that controls the sensitivity of the distance (Figure 2).

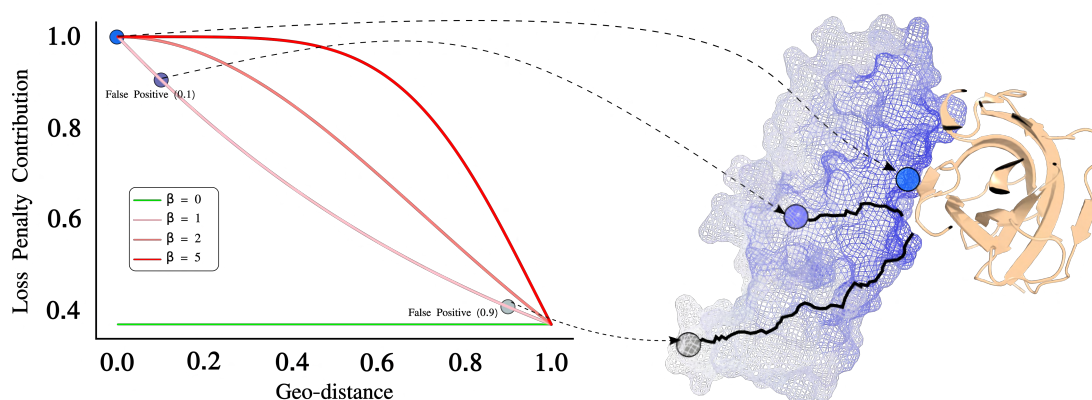


Figure 2: **Spatially-aware loss penalty calculations in GeoLoss.** Impact of β on GeoLoss penalty decay. Left: Loss penalty decreases with geodesic distance ($Dist$), shown for $\beta = 0, 1, 2, 5$. Right: Schematic mapping of false positives at distances 0.1 and 0.9 over the protein structure.

122 A primary challenge in training our model was the limited availability of dynamic data. To address
123 this, we provided an extensive set of MD simulations and collected NMR complexes from PDB (Sup-
124plementary Figure S6). Considering the PDBbind PPI database [42], we curated a set of 1,115 protein
125 chains in their bound forms (after redundancy and structural similarity removal) to carry out MD
126 simulations (Supplementary Table S1, and Supplementary Figure S7). Performing three replicates
127 of 500 microseconds for each entry, we obtained an overall 1-ms MD simulation data, and combined
128 these data with other existing MD resources such as ATLAS (unbound/single chain form) [43], and
129 MDDB (<https://mddbr.eu/>, see Methods section for more details), creating a comprehensive dataset
130 of conformational ensemble for ~ 3000 protein chains. While NMR entries do not fully encapsulate
131 the dynamic conformational landscape of proteins in solution, they contain valuable information on
132 conformational heterogeneity, particularly in regions of structural flexibility such as IDRs.

133 MD simulations as a gold standard provided a systematic probe over conformational states, in-
134 creasing generalizability with varying RMSF ranges (Supplementary Figure S8). To further expand
135 this training data and to facilitate running the model in the inference mode (as MD simulations are
136 costly), we incorporated generated conformations by AlphaFlow to compensate the lack of data (Sup-
137plementary Figure S6), and designed a dynamic-aware (no AlphaFlow) and a heterogeneity-aware
138 (MD, NMR, and AlphaFlow) model. The quality assessment was done using predicted local distance
139 difference test (pLDDT) showing that 92 percent of data entries obtained a pLDDT greater than 70%,
140 despite most of them containing disordered regions (Supplementary Figure S9). Finally, Considering
141 both bound and unbound states allowed the model to make accurate predictions regardless of whether
142 the input protein is in a bound or unbound conformation.

143 **Predicting binding regions with disordered binders**

144 IDRs represent a significant subset of proteins characterized by the absence of a stable 3D structure
145 in isolation. These regions can undergo disorder-to-order transitions upon binding to receptor proteins
146 (i.e., folding upon binding) or remain intrinsically disordered even in the bound state. Due to their
147 inherent conformational heterogeneity, accurately predicting binding interfaces on both IDRs and their
148 receptor partners remains a major challenge in structural biology. Given that DynamicGT is designed
149 to learn and capture dynamic heterogeneity in proteins, we evaluated its ability to predict binding
150 regions on both IDRs and their receptor proteins. To ensure a comprehensive assessment, we considered
151 the full spectrum of IDR binding modes, including disorder-to-disorder interactions, disorder-to-order
152 transitions (folding upon binding), and mutual folding, where both interacting partners are disordered
153 in isolation but adopt secondary structures upon binding (Figure 3a).

154 To address these diverse binding patterns, we benchmarked DynamicGT across multiple datasets:
155 FuzDB [22], a curated collection of protein-IDR interactions characterized by heterogeneous, fuzzy
156 binding; the IDRBind dataset [15], which includes both bound and unbound protein-IDR complexes;
157 Test42 [19], a rigorously compiled benchmark of 42 protein-peptide complexes with no overlap with
158 the AlphaFold2 training set; and the MFIB benchmark [44], containing both homomeric and het-
159 eromeric IDR-IDR complexes that undergo mutual folding upon binding. DynamicGT was run in
160 inference mode on conformational ensembles generated by AlphaFlow using single-chain inputs (se-
161 quences without structural templates), as illustrated in Figure 3b. To mitigate redundancy bias, we
162 applied a cluster-based splitting strategy and excluded entries with sequence similarity to the training
163 set (see the Methods section for details).

164 The model's performance across all benchmarks is summarized in Figure 3c, highlighting metrics
165 such as the Matthews correlation coefficient (MCC), median area under the receiver operating char-
166 acteristic curve (ROC-AUC), and median area under the precision-recall curve (PR-AUC). Among all
167 benchmarks, MFIB demonstrated the highest performance, achieving a median ROC-AUC of 0.88. In
168 comparison, Test42, FuzDB, and IDRBind obtained ROC-AUC values of 0.84, 0.77, and 0.79, respec-
169 tively. Notably, the strong performance on MFIB suggests that DynamicGT effectively captures the
170 cooperative folding dynamics characteristic of mutual folding events, where dynamic features are likely

171 more pronounced. Further analysis of the root mean square deviation (RMSD) distributions relative
172 to reference static structures (Figure 3d) revealed larger conformational variations in MFIB entries,
173 consistent with their dynamic folding behavior. Intriguingly, DynamicGT maintained consistent pre-
174 dictive performance (ROC-AUC) even for entries with substantially larger RMSD values (Figure 3e-f).
175 This robustness suggests that the model's dynamic feature representations are not overly sensitive to
176 structural variability, reinforcing its potential to generalize across diverse conformational landscapes.

177 To dissect the model's performance on structured versus flexible regions, we analyzed the secondary
178 structure content of FuzDB and IDRBind entries. Residues were categorized into flexible regions
179 (turns, bends, or unstructured segments) and structured regions (α -helices, β -strands). As expected,
180 the model performed better on structured residues, achieving a ROC-AUC of 0.83 and an average
181 precision of 0.51. Nevertheless, predictions on flexible regions remained robust, with a ROC-AUC of
182 0.78 and an average precision of 0.40 (Figure 4a). These results highlight DynamicGT's ability to
183 capture binding signals even within intrinsically disordered segments, although with reduced precision
184 compared to structured regions.

185 To further evaluate the impact of IDRs on model performance, we computed per-residue disorder
186 probabilities using MetaPredict [45]. Residues were classified as ordered or disordered based on a prob-
187 ability cutoff of 0.5. We then compared the performance of DynamicGT against a no-dynamic baseline
188 model (by ablating dynamic features) across two groups: proteins with a low extent of IDRs and those
189 with high IDR content (i.e., disordered regions above median). In both groups, DynamicGT signifi-
190 cantly outperformed the no-dynamic model, underscoring the relevance of dynamic features. However,
191 the performance gap between DynamicGT and the baseline was sharper for proteins with low IDR
192 content (Figure 4b). This can stem from challenges associated with sampling the vast conforma-
193 tional space of highly disordered proteins and ineffective distinction of surface and core residues (no
194 core residue can typically be considered for highly disordered proteins) which reduce the impact of
195 cooperative message-passing.

196 Representative predictions are showcased in Figure 4c (more examples in Supplementary Figure
197 S10), including complexes with multiple binding interfaces and an MFIB heteromeric complex. These
198 examples illustrate the model's ability to capture binding regions across diverse conformational states
199 of each binding partner. Notably, even in cases where binding involves transient or partially ordered
200 intermediates, DynamicGT effectively identified key interface residues, highlighting its potential for
201 predicting dynamic, context-dependent binding events.

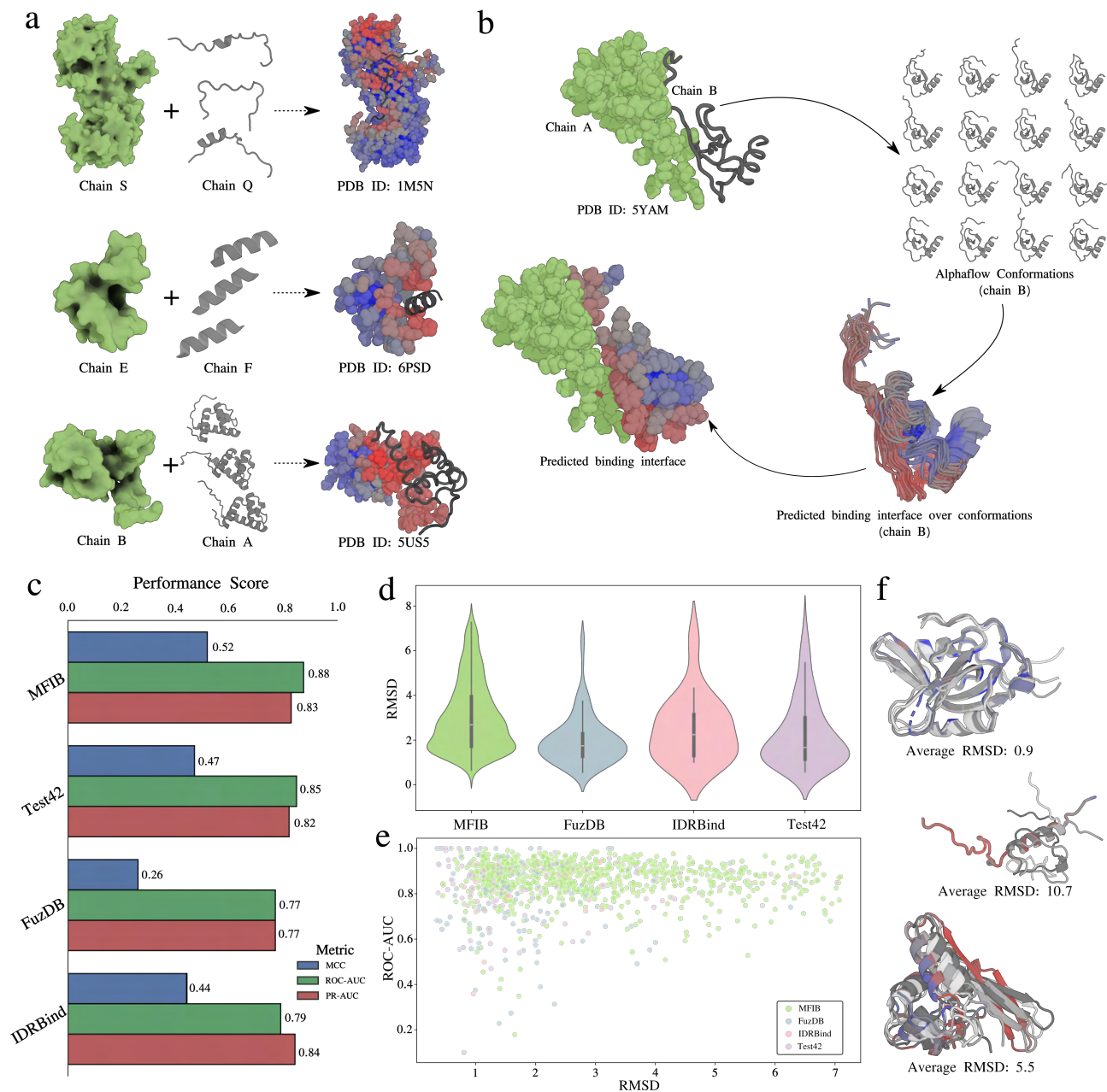


Figure 3: DynamicGT performance in IDR-mediated PPIs. (a) IDR mode of bindings, including disorder-to-disorder, folding upon binding, and mutual folding. The examples illustrated here (PDB IDs: 1M5N, 6PSD, 5US5) are derived from benchmark sets after model prediction, where receptor is depicted in green, and IDR in gray. (b) Workflow for predicting PPI probabilities based on conformational heterogeneity. The conformational ensemble for target chain (B) is generated via AlphaFlow and input into DynamicGT, yielding predicted interface probabilities. These probabilities are mapped over the conformations and evaluated against the native complex interaction (chain A). (c) Model performance on four benchmarks, MFIB, Test42, FuzDB, IDRBind evaluated based on MCC, ROC-AUC, and PR-AUC metrics. (d) RMSD distribution across all benchmarks (with outliers removed), showing the variation of generated ensembles with respect to the native structure. (e) RMSD vs ROC-AUC plot across all benchmarks (with outliers removed), to evaluate the impact of RMSD distribution over performance metrics. (f) Illustrative examples of conformations with low, medium, and high RMSD distributions.

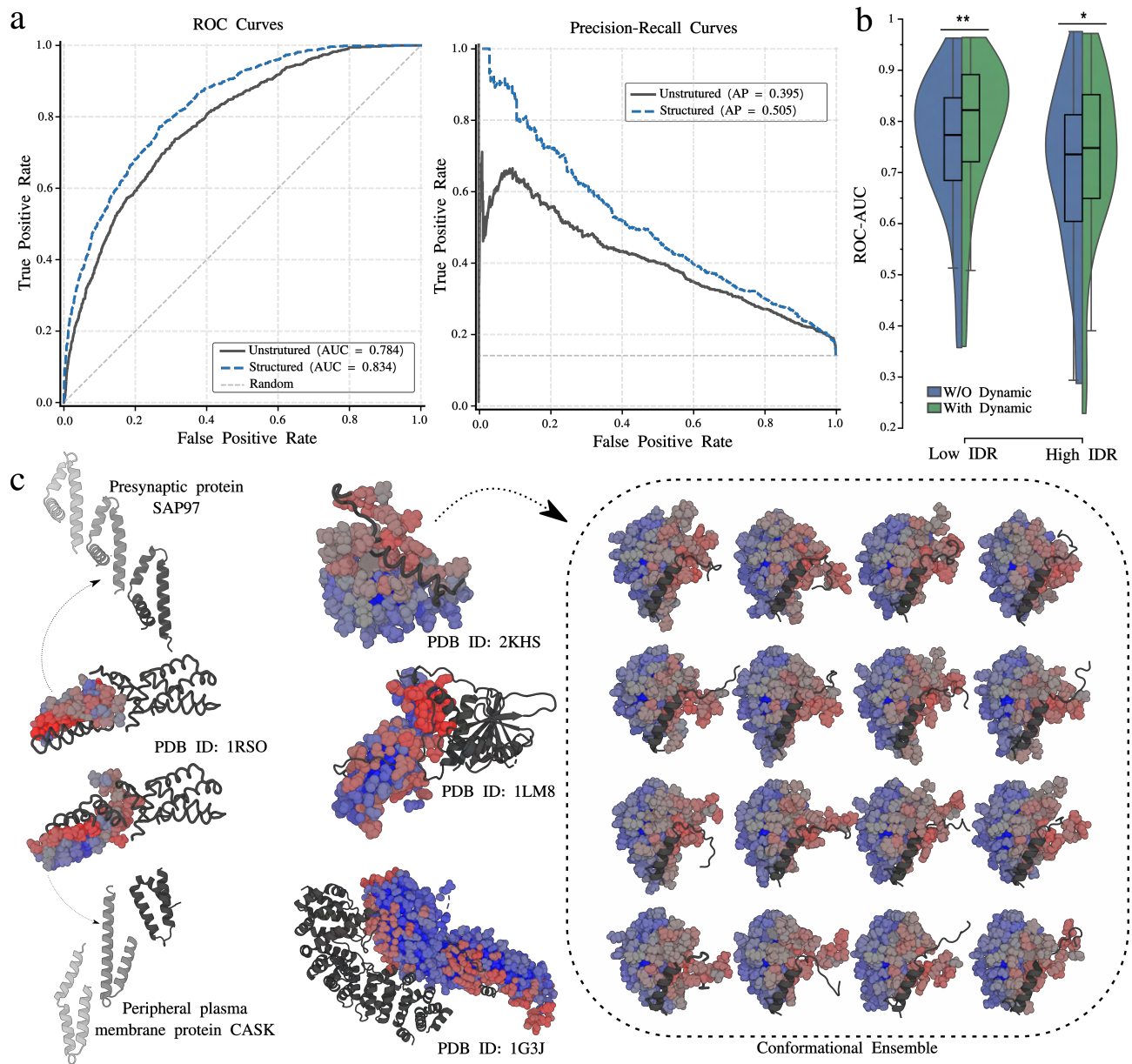


Figure 4: Evaluating the impact of dynamic features on structured and IDR-rich interfaces
(a) Residue-wise performance comparison for structured (ROC-AUC = 0.834, PR-AUC = 0.505) and unstructured (ROC-AUC = 0.784, PR-AUC = 0.395) regions using ROC-AUC and PR-AUC metrics. **(b)** ROC-AUC performance of models with (green) and without (blue) dynamic features across proteins with low and high extent of IDRs. Dynamic features significantly improved performance ($*p \leq 0.05$, $**p \leq 0.01$). **(c-left)** Structure of PDB ID: 1RSO with a stoichiometry of A_2B_2 ; a MFIB example. Conformational ensembles for each chain were generated using AlphaFlow, and interfaces were predicted using DynamicGT. **(c-right)** Examples of model performance evaluated with respect to the native PPIs. The left panel shows structures from PDB IDs 1G3J, 2KHS, and 1LM8. The right panel displays the entire conformational ensemble predicted for the 2KHS (Nase121:SNase(111-143) complex).

202 From Highly Flexible to Transient and Static Interactions

203 PPIs can be broadly categorized as transient or permanent [46], with transient interactions posing
204 greater challenges for predictive models due to their dynamic and often weakly stable nature. While
205 DynamicGT is designed to enhance performance on flexible and disordered regions, we sought to
206 further evaluate its effectiveness in predicting both transient and static interactions, where state-
207 of-the-art models have shown strong performance [13, 36, 37, 39]. To ensure direct comparability
208 with existing methods, we assessed our model using two widely recognized benchmarks: the “Testing
209 Transient” dataset, comprising 53 protein–protein complexes [37], and the “Test60” benchmark [36].
210 To prevent data leakage and ensure unbiased evaluation, a cluster-based dataset splitting strategy was
211 employed (see Methods for details).

212 Since many static models rely on bound structures to predict binding interfaces, potential label
213 leakage—where the bound conformation implicitly contains binding information—could influence the
214 performance. To address this, we performed two distinct evaluations of DynamicGT on the “Testing
215 Transient” benchmark. The first model, trained exclusively on MD simulation data, was tested on an
216 MD-derived benchmark constructed from bound structures, achieving a median ROC-AUC of 0.868,
217 with marginal improvements over leading static models. The second, a generalized model trained on
218 both MD simulation and AlphaFlow-generated data, was evaluated on conformational ensembles gener-
219 ated from single-sequence inputs without structural templates. This model also achieved a comparable
220 ROC-AUC of 0.851, highlighting its robustness even in the absence of explicit structural information
221 (Figure 5a, and Supplementary Table S2). We further evaluated DynamicGT on the “Test60” bench-
222 mark and compared its performance against several state-of-the-art models, including EquiPPIS [36],
223 GraphPPIS [47], MaSIF-site [37], and SPIDER [48]. DynamicGT demonstrated superior performance,
224 achieving the highest PR-AUC of 0.479 (Figure 5a).

225 To quantify the contribution of dynamic features, we conducted a series of ablation studies by sys-
226 tematically removing key components, including dynamic features (RMSF, motion), cooperative mes-
227 sage passing, and AlphaFlow-generated conformations. We first compared DynamicGT (heterogeneity-
228 aware model) with a no-dynamic baseline model (retaining only cooperative message passing and
229 GeoLoss) across the “Testing Transient” and “Test60” benchmarks. The dynamic-enriched model
230 consistently outperformed the static model, achieving 2.6% and 2.4% higher ROC-AUC scores on the
231 “Testing Transient” and “Test60” benchmarks, respectively (Figure 5b). These results highlight the
232 added value of incorporating dynamic information, even when predicting static or transient binding
233 interfaces.

234 Next, we assessed the importance of individual features and cooperative message passing using the
235 dynamic-aware model. Ablating dynamic features resulted in a 3% drop in ROC-AUC compared to
236 the full dynamic-aware model (Supplementary Figure S11a). To further evaluate cooperative mes-
237 sage passing, we disrupted the RSA feature by introducing noise, effectively removing the distinction
238 between core and surface residues. This modification led to the lowest ROC-AUC among all tested
239 configurations, underscoring the critical role of cooperative message passing.

240 Finally, in the heterogeneity-aware model, the impact of dynamic features was less pronounced, but
241 the model incorporating them still achieved the best overall performance (Supplementary Figure S11b).
242 These findings suggest that while heterogeneity-aware predictions benefit from broader conformational
243 sampling, explicit dynamic information derived from MD simulations remains a key factor for interface
244 predictions.

245 The impact of GeoLoss is also illustrated in Figure 5c. Training the model with GeoLoss on the
246 transient benchmark revealed three distinct residue probability distributions: (i) core residues consis-
247 tently exhibited low predicted probabilities regardless of their proximity to the interface, (ii) surface
248 residues near the binding interface displayed high probabilities, and (iii) surface residues farther from
249 the interface showed moderate probabilities. This distribution enables the model to tolerate close false
250 positives by recognizing them as potential rim residues—those peripheral to the core interface—while
251 effectively distinguishing residues based on structural depth and interaction likelihood, improving the
252 model’s spatial awareness of interaction sites. Representative predictions (Figure 5d and Supplemen-
253 tary Figure S12) also illustrate the model’s ability to accurately identify multiple binding interfaces
254 within a single protein chain.

255 To further evaluate DynamicGT in specific application contexts, we conducted additional assess-
256 ments using the ZDock benchmark [49], which includes both bound and unbound protein structures.
257 We excluded entries with sequence similarity to the training set and removed all antibody chains,
258 as their well-defined binding sites could artificially influence performance metrics. The remaining
259 entries were categorized based on complex type and used as targets for interface prediction (Figure
260 5e, Supplementary Figure S13). Among these, chains from GPCR complexes exhibited the highest
261 performance, achieving a median ROC-AUC of 0.89, highlighting the model’s robustness in capturing
262 the dynamic conformational landscapes characteristic of membrane-associated receptors. In contrast,
263 antigen–epitope mapping posed the greatest challenge, with a median ROC-AUC of 0.68, likely due
264 to the structural plasticity and high sequence variability of antigenic epitopes. For enzyme-related
265 complexes, receptor-containing assemblies, and miscellaneous protein interactions, the model achieved
266 median ROC-AUC values of 0.84, 0.75, and 0.77, respectively. These results showed DynamicGT’s
267 adaptability across a wide range of interaction types while identifying areas—such as antigen–epitope
268 recognition—where incorporating additional dynamic features or specialized training strategies may
269 further improve predictive performance.

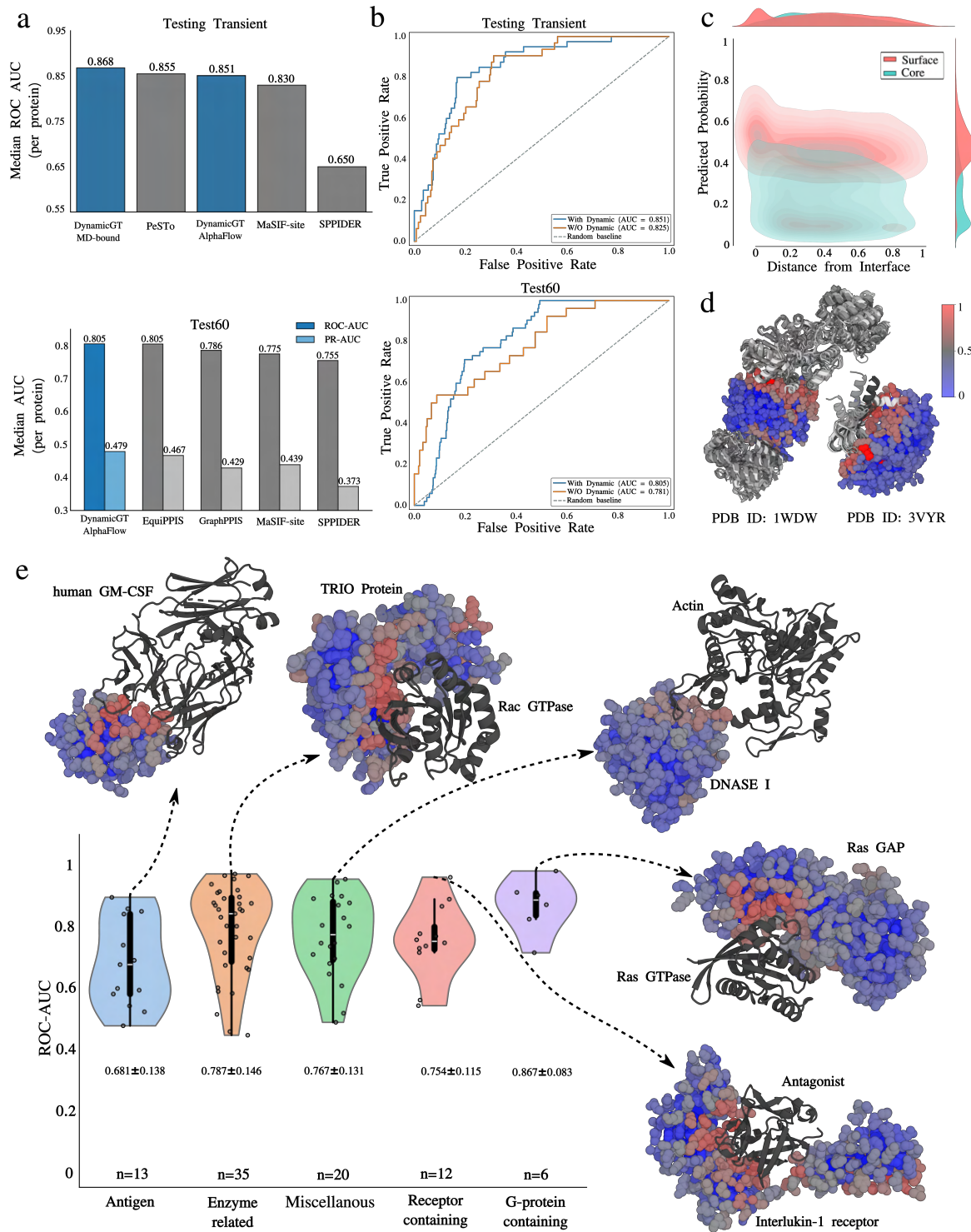


Figure 5: **Prediction of binding sites in static and transient PPIs.** (a) Comparison of DynamicGT model with the state-of-the-art site prediction approaches including PeSTo, MaSIF-site, and SPPIDER over two benchmark sets of single-chain “Testing Transient” and “Test60”. The performance of DynamicGT model trained over only MD simulations data is shown for comparison as well.

Figure 5: (Previous page.) (b) PRC curves representing the performance of DynamicGT on “Testing Transient” and “Test60” benchmarks, where the network is trained with only geometric (no dynamic), and geometric plus dynamic features. (c) Predicted probability distribution of residues being at the protein interface versus core against the distance from the interface, across the entire of “Testing Transient” benchmark. The contour and marginal density plots highlight the separation between interface (cyan) and core (red) residues. (d) Two test examples of DynamicGT predictions showing well-formed binding sites having conformational states of the input protein. (e) Performance of the model on the ZDock benchmark, shown with structural examples. The number of entries, ROC-AUC, and standard deviation are indicated.

270 Discussion

271 In this study, we introduced DynamicGT, a novel deep learning framework that leverages advanced
272 GNN architectures with cooperative message-passing to capture the dynamic heterogeneity of pro-
273 teins. DynamicGT demonstrates the ability to extract meaningful dynamic features without explicitly
274 modeling trajectories as time-series data. We showed that incorporating these dynamic features signif-
275 icantly enhances binding interface prediction, particularly in systems where conformational flexibility
276 is critical, such as IDRs. By training on large-scale MD simulation data—considered the gold standard
277 for probing protein dynamics—we developed a dynamic-aware model capable of robust interface pre-
278 diction. Additionally, we extended this approach by integrating predictive conformational ensembles
279 generated by AlphaFlow and NMR-derived structures from the PDB, further enhancing the model’s
280 sensitivity to structural heterogeneity, and facilitate running the model on inference mode for both
281 benchmarking and end users.

282 While graph transformers have emerged as powerful tools for binding interface prediction [13, 39],
283 surface-based models have highlighted the critical role of surface residues, often at the expense of
284 oversimplifying the structural complexity of proteins [37]. DynamicGT bridges this gap through co-
285 operative message-passing that integrates information from both surface and core residues. By incor-
286 porating dynamic features, our model learns hidden structural patterns beyond static representations,
287 offering a more comprehensive view of protein interaction landscapes.

288 We performed extensive evaluations of DynamicGT across diverse benchmarks, including a wide
289 range of PPI types and dynamic contexts. Our results demonstrate substantial improvements in
290 predicting binding sites for IDRs and their receptor proteins. Remarkably, DynamicGT achieves
291 performance on par with state-of-the-art static predictors, despite being trained on significantly less
292 data. Moreover, while many existing methods specialize in either IDRs or structured receptor proteins,
293 DynamicGT maintains robust performance across both categories. Importantly, the model performs
294 consistently well on both bound and unbound structures, as evidenced by its performance on the
295 ZDock benchmark, which includes a diverse set of protein complexes with varying functional roles.

296 DynamicGT holds considerable promise for advancing the prediction of protein complexes involving
297 flexible regions or IDRs. Its architecture can be seamlessly integrated with end-to-end structure predic-
298 tion models such as AlphaFold or RoseTTAFold [50], potentially enhancing their accuracy in disordered

299 and flexible regions. Future directions include fine-tuning DynamicGT for partner-specific interactions
300 and extending its application to other biomolecular interaction types, such as protein–ligand and pro-
301 tein–NA complexes. Additionally, by learning dynamic features through cooperative message-passing,
302 DynamicGT opens new avenues for inferring hidden structural relationships. These insights can be
303 further explored to address complex biological questions, such as mutational landscape or stability of
304 proteins.

305 **Data availability**

306 The training data for this study, including clustered representatives of MD simulations, and all
307 AlphaFlow generated models are available at Zenodo through [https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14833854)
308 [14833854](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14833854).

309 **Code availability**

310 The code, model parameters, details regarding the training, test data split, and benchmarking are
311 available at GitHub address <https://github.com/amisteromid/DynamicGT>.

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316 **Contributions**

317 OM, YK, and HK conceived the idea. YK performed all MD simulations and data analysis. OM
318 developed the deep learning model in discussion with SG and HK, and performed the data analysis.
319 HK and YK supervised the project. OM and HK wrote the initial draft with input from all authors.

320 **Competing interests**

321 The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

322 **Methods**

323 **Setup of MD simulations**

324 For every system, we performed three replicates of 500 ns MD simulations starting from the experimen-
325 tal structure. First we removed all the ligands, but kept the ions. Then, missing residues were added
326 using MODELLER for consecutive gaps of maximum 5 residues or with AlphFold3 if the gap was
327 longer than 5 amino acids. For the AlphaFold3 predictions, we chose the one with the highest pLDDT

score. MD simulations were carried out with the GROMACS 2024.2 [51] using the CHARMM36m force field parameter set: (i) Na⁺, Cl⁻ counter-ions were added to reproduce physiological salt concentration (150 mM solution of sodium chloride), (ii) the solute was hydrated with a dodecahedron box of explicit TIP3P water molecules with a buffering distance of up to 12 Å, and (iii) hydrogen atoms were added and the environment of the histidine was checked using the Reduce software [52]. For each system, the energy minimization was performed by steepest descent algorithm for 5000 steps, to minimize any steric overlap between system components. This was followed by an equilibration simulation in an NPT ensemble at 310 K, allowing the lipid and solvent components to relax around the restrained protein. All the protein and lipid non-hydrogen atoms were harmonically restrained, with the constraints gradually reduced in 6 distinct steps with a total of 0.375 ns. During the system equilibration steps, the pressure was maintained at 1 bar with Berendsen thermostat and barostat [53], respectively. For every system, three replicates of 500 ns, with different initial velocities were performed in the NPT ensemble using the time step of 2.0 fs. The temperature was kept constant at 310 K using V-rescale thermostat [54] and a constant pressure of 1 atm was maintained with C-rescale barostat [55]. Isotropic pressure treatment was applied to the system. The bonds involving hydrogen atoms were constrained using the LINCS algorithm [56], while the electrostatic interactions were calculated using Particle Mesh Ewald method [57], and the coordinates of the system were written every 100 ps.

Training data generation

We utilized two pre-existing resources of MD simulations data: the MMB node of the MDDb databank (<https://mmb.mddbr.eu/>), which contains 83 entries, and the Atlas of Protein Molecular Dynamics (ATLAS) [43], a database of single-chain MD simulations. For the ATLAS dataset, we excluded chains classified as monomers in the PDB, reducing the selection from 1,390 to 673 chains. To further extend our dataset, we performed MD simulations across several datasets. First, we utilized PPIs from the PDBbind database [42]. Second, we curated single-chain antigens from the SAbDab database [58], prioritizing entries with both heavy and light chains, as well as those annotated with binding affinity. For both datasets, structural redundancy was eliminated using MM-Align [59], ensuring a diverse and non-redundant selection. Finally, for each entry with available MD simulations, we performed RMSD-based clustering of the snapshots dynamically by varying the cutoff. This approach allowed us to generate a certain number of representative structures. For AlphaFlow-generated conformations, we used the distilled version, obtaining 25 conformations per chain, resulting in a total of around 13,000 chains. For the training dataset, conformations were filtered by comparing AlphaFlow-generated structures to their native counterparts, retaining only those with a RMSD below 4Å. In addition, all NMR solution PPIs from the PDB were used.

Alignment strategy

To ensure uniformity across the dataset, the conformations of each PDB structure—whether derived from MD simulations, NMR, or AlphaFlow—were re-aligned using the Kabsch algorithm [60] via `superimposer` in Biopython before extracting features.

366 **Benchmark sets**

367 We performed MD simulations on complexes from the "testing transient" dataset and conducted ex-
368 tensive benchmarking using AlphaFlow. The benchmarks included "testing transient", "test60" [36],
369 FuzDB [22], IDRBind [15], MFIB [44], Zdock [49], and a set of 42 protein-peptide complexes [19].
370 To evaluate model performance on interactions involving intrinsically disordered regions (IDRs), we
371 utilized FuzDB, IDRBind, MFIB, and the 42 protein-peptide complex dataset. The "set-42" dataset
372 comprises proteins with IDR-containing binding partners, demonstrating the limited performance
373 of AlphaFold-Multimer in such cases. The Mutual Folding Induced by Binding (MFIB) database in-
374 cludes 1,210 complexes exclusively formed by intrinsically disordered proteins (IDPs). FuzDB compiles
375 complexes in which intrinsic disorder is maintained upon interaction with a partner, while IDRBind
376 contains complexes where at least one partner has experimental evidence of being intrinsically dis-
377 ordered prior to binding. The "testing-transient" and "test60" datasets are widely used for general
378 benchmarking and comparison with state-of-the-art methods. Zdock provides a diverse dataset of
379 proteins in both bound and unbound states for evaluating protein-protein docking models, including
380 categorization based on interaction types (rigid-body and medium difficulty) as well as functional
381 classifications.

382 **Inference**

383 For model inference, the conformational ensemble of a given protein is required. This can be obtained
384 either by utilizing AlphaFlow or through MD simulations, with the latter providing more accurate
385 dynamic features but computationally demanding.

386 **Feature extraction strategy and labeling**

387 Feature extraction was performed at the individual chain level, with chains separated for complexes
388 subjected to MD simulations. Binding site residues were annotated from MD representative struc-
389 tures in the case of complexes, capturing the full range of sampled conformations. For single-chain
390 simulations, interface residues were determined from static structural data.

391 **Ground truth labels**

392 We used a SASA-based method to define interface residues by finding those that are buried in complex
393 form and exposed in isolate form as seen previous studies [48, 61]. We used a cutoff of a 4% change in
394 SASA, and this is applied to each conformation to avoid missing transient interactions. Additionally,
395 bound structures come with labels derived from all conformational states, ensuring that interface
396 residues are comprehensively annotated across the dataset.

397 **Dataset splitting strategy**

398 To remove redundancy, and handle data limitation at the same time, we used MMseqs2 [62] with
399 a lenient threshold of 0.9. Then to avoid information leakage between the training, validation, and

400 test splits, we split the data based on clusters made by 0.4 cutoff, rather than individual sequences.
401 Additionally, clusters containing benchmark entries were entirely excluded from the training set.

402 Feature definition and calculation

403 Each protein is represented as a graph where nodes denote atoms and edges represent atom-atom
404 interactions. One-hot encoding of node types is done for 29 frequent elements found in PDB structures,
405 plus 1 for rare elements. The node level features include: RMSF, and DE, and the edge level features
406 include: CP, motion-V, and motion-s.

407 Distance and displacement vector

408 We averaged the positions of each node across all conformations of a protein to calculate the pairwise
409 displacement vectors between all nodes for that protein. These vectors were then normalized by
410 dividing by their norms. Following the same protocol as the displacement vector, we calculated the
411 pairwise distances between nodes to capture the magnitude of displacement vectors.

412 Communication propensity (CP)

413 After computing the pairwise Euclidean distances between elements across different conformations, we
414 calculate the variance of these distances relative to their mean as reported in [63],

$$CP = \text{Var}(d_{ij}) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \left(d_{ij} - d_{ij}^{(k)} \right)^2, \quad (2)$$

415 where $\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K d_{ij}^{(k)}$ is the mean distance across all K conformations.

416 Root mean square fluctuation (RMSF)

417 RMSF quantifies the average deviation of atoms from their mean positions, indicating flexibility within
418 a conformational ensemble

$$\text{RMSF} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \left(x_i^{(k)} - \bar{x}_i \right)^2}, \quad (3)$$

419 where $x_i^{(k)}$ is the position of an atom in conformation k and \bar{x}_i is the mean position of atom i over all
420 conformations.

421 Directional entropy (DE)

422 While RMSF focuses on both magnitude and direction, we extracted an additional feature to quantify
423 the variance in the direction of these fluctuations. We stacked the normalized movement vectors for
424 all conformations of each node, resulting in a tensor of size (number of conformations, number of
425 nodes, 3) and used singular value decomposition (SVD) to extract singular values. First, we compute

426 movement vectors $v_i^{(k)}$, and normalize them

$$v_i^{(k)} = x_i^{(k)} - \bar{x}_i, \hat{v}_i^{(k)} = \frac{v_i^{(k)}}{\|v_i^{(k)}\|} \quad (4)$$

427 where $x_i^{(k)}$ is the position of atom i in conformation k . Then, we stack these movement vectors $v_i^{(k)}$
428 for all K conformations, and we perform singular value decomposition:

$$V_i = [\hat{v}_i^{(1)}, \hat{v}_i^{(2)}, \dots, \hat{v}_i^{(k)}] \quad (5)$$
$$V_i = U_i \Sigma_i U_i^\top$$

429 The three singular values obtained were normalized such that their sum equals 1. Finally, we calculated
430 their directional entropy, which quantifies the spread or uniformity of the distribution of directions:

$$DE_i = - \sum_{j=1}^3 s_{ij} \log(s_{ij}), \quad (6)$$

431 where

$$s_{ij} = \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{\sum_{j=1}^3 \sigma_{ij}}. \quad (7)$$

432 Dynamic correlation

433 To capture the dynamic behavior of protein structures, we define a movement vector for each node
434 in each conformation. This vector represents the displacement from the mean position of the node,
435 averaged across all conformations, to its position in a specific conformation. By calculating the pairwise
436 cross product of these movement vectors for each conformation, we generate a set of vectors for every
437 pair of nodes, quantifying their dynamic correlation. We further define two features to describe this
438 dynamic relationship:

439 **Motion-V:** The averaged cross-motion vector between each pair of nodes across all conformations is
440 given by:

$$\text{MotionV}_{ij} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K (\hat{v}_i^{(k)} \times \hat{v}_j^{(k)}). \quad (8)$$

441 where \hat{v} is defined as the movement vector.

442 Since movement vectors \hat{v} are normalized, the magnitude of MotionV reflects the degree of corre-
443 lation, where 0 indicates perfect correlation and 1 represents minimal correlation.

444 **Motion-S:** The cosine similarity of these correlation vectors for each node pair, capturing the fluctu-
445 ation in their relative motions, is defined as:

$$\text{MotionS}_{ij} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \left(\frac{(\hat{v}_i^{(k)} \times \hat{v}_j^{(k)}) \cdot \text{MotionV}_{ij}}{\|(\hat{v}_i^{(k)} \times \hat{v}_j^{(k)})\| \|\text{MotionV}_{ij}\|} \right). \quad (9)$$

446 **Relative accessible surface area**

447 The relative accessible surface area (RSA) measures the surface area of an amino acid residue that
448 is accessible to a solvent, expressed relative to a standard or maximum value for that residue. We
449 calculated the RSA for each conformation in the unbound state using the DSSP module from the
450 Biopython package [64]. A probe radius of 1.4Å was employed, along with the default parameters
451 provided by DSSP. The RSA values were averaged for each residue across all conformations.

452 **Geometric and geodesic distance calculation**

453 To calculate geometric distances, a hybrid approach is used that integrates surface mesh with structural
454 information. The mesh calculation was done using MSMS [65]. The surface mesh is treated as a graph,
455 where nodes correspond to surface vertices, and edges are defined by the triangular faces connecting
456 them. Each C-alpha atom is assigned to its nearest surface vertex considering a threshold of 6Å.
457 Distance calculations depend on whether a residue is on the surface or in the core:

- 458 • **Surface residues:** Residues with mapped surface vertices have their distances computed using
459 the shortest path along the surface mesh to the nearest interface residue.
- 460 • **Core residues:** Residues without nearby surface vertices have their distances measured as the
461 minimum Euclidean distance to an interface residue.

462 To ensure comparability, we normalize distances separately for core and surface residues. Core
463 distances are normalized relative to the maximum observed core-interface distance, while surface
464 distances are scaled based on the minimum and maximum path lengths along the surface mesh.

465 **Architecture**

466 Inspired by the cooperative-GNN architecture [40] and building on state-of-the-art static geometric
467 transformer architecture from PeSTo [13], our architecture integrates the geometric transformer with
468 the power of surface-centric methods [37]. At its core, it consists of two tightly coupled modules for
469 updating action and state of nodes that iteratively refine node states across 35 layers (Supplementary
470 Figures S1–S3). Every five layers, the receptive field expands dynamically—nearest neighbors grow
471 from 12 to 48—allowing the model to progressively encode both local and global structural context.
472 As the architecture leverages conformational ensembles, we extracted both scalar and vector dynamic
473 features. To provide more informative representations, atomic dynamic correlations are captured using
474 the cross product rather than the inner product. We further demonstrate that this approach preserves
475 both rotation equivariance and translation invariance (see Supplementary Note 1).

476 **Action operation**

477 We employ two distinct GNNs to compute the in-logits and out-logits for each node. The in-logits
478 dictate whether a node can receive information, while the out-logits determine if a node can transmit
479 information. This setup results in four possible actions for each node that would be encoded in a mask

480 matrix: standard (both receive and transmit), listen (only receive), broadcast (only transmit), and
481 isolate (neither receive nor transmit).

482 **Surface/core aggregation**

483 Nodes are categorized as either surface or core based on their RSA in the unbound state, using a
484 threshold of 0.16 [66] to distinguish between buried (core) and exposed (surface) residues. A second
485 mask matrix is created at this stage, distinguishing between inter-type (core-surface) and intra-type
486 (core-core or surface-surface) node interactions. Finally, this matrix is merged with the action mask
487 matrix so that the action constraints are only applied to inter-type interactions.

488 **State operation**

489 Each node is assigned three states: scalar state, spatial state, and dynamic state, which are up-
490 dated layer by layer using a geometric transformer designed to be equivariant to both rotations and
491 translations.

492 **Pool layer**

493 An attention mechanism is employed to pool atom-level embeddings into residue-level representations,
494 preparing them for the decoding layer and final predicted probability.

495 **Computation time**

496 The dynamic-aware model was trained on a single NVIDIA A40 GPU (45 GB) for 28 epochs, com-
497 pleting in 28 hours. Early stopping with a patience of 5 epochs was used to prevent overfitting.
498 Hyperparameter optimization was conducted via grid search on a subset of the dataset, yielding a
499 final architecture consisting of 20,907,456 trainable parameters. A primary bottleneck during dataset
500 preparation was the calculation of distance-to-interface metrics for the loss function; however, this
501 step is not required during inference.

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Supplementary Information

DynamicGT: a dynamic-aware geometric transformer model to predict protein binding interfaces in flexible and disordered regions

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26 Supplementary Notes 1

27 Proof of Rotation Equivariance and Translation Invariance for the vectorial Motion feature

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29 Let \mathbf{x}_i^j denote the protein coordinate of node i in conformation j for $1 \leq j \leq K$, and let \mathbf{R} be a 3×3 rotation
30 matrix. The motion vector **motionV** is constructed as follows:

- 31 • The mean position is given by:

$$\bar{x}_i = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{j=1}^K x_i^j.$$

32 Under rotation, \bar{x}_i transforms as:

$$R\bar{x}_i = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{j=1}^K (Rx_i^j).$$

- 33 • The displacements \mathbf{d}_i^j are given by:

$$d_i^j = x_i^j - \bar{x}_i.$$

34 Under rotation, d_i^j transforms as:

$$Rd_i^j = R(x_i^j - \bar{x}_i) = (Rx_i^j) - (R\bar{x}_i).$$

- 35 • The normalized displacements \hat{d}_i^j are given by:

$$\hat{d}_i^j = \frac{d_i^j}{\|d_i^j\|}.$$

36 Under rotation, \hat{d}_i^j transforms as:

$$R\hat{d}_i^j = R\left(\frac{d_i^j}{\|d_i^j\|}\right) = \frac{Rd_i^j}{\|Rd_i^j\|} = \frac{Rd_i^j}{\|d_i^j\|}$$

37 since $\|Rd\| = \|d\|$ for rotation matrices.

- 38 • The cross products c_{mn} for each pair (m, n) are given by:

$$c_{mn} = \hat{d}_m \times \hat{d}_n.$$

39 Under rotation, c_{mn} transforms as:

$$Rc_{mn} = R(\hat{d}_m \times \hat{d}_n) = (R\hat{d}_m) \times (R\hat{d}_n).$$

- 40 • The final motion vector **motionV** is given by:

$$\mathbf{motionV}_{mn} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{j=1}^K c_{mn}^j.$$

41 Under rotation, **motionV**_{mn} transforms as:

$$R\mathbf{motionV}_{mn} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{j=1}^K (Rc_{mn}^j).$$

42 Thus, **motionV** is rotation-equivariant.

43 Node and Edge Inputs

- 44 • Node and edge feature packing: All scalar elements are utilized, including the dot product of $motionV$ and
- 45 p_{motion} , as well as the norm of p_{motion} . Consequently, X_e and X_n remain fully invariant under rotation.

46 Multi-head Key, Query, Value Projection

- 47 • Generating keys (K), values (V), and queries (Q) from the edge and node feature packages using MLPs.
- 48 • Since inputs are rotation invariant, output of MLPs are fixed-size vectors (invariant).

49 Vector Values Packing

- 50 1. The element-wise multiplication of the generated value with $motionV$.
51 Value is invariant, so we would have $V * motionV_{nn} \rightarrow R(V * motionV_{nn})$.
- 52 2. p_{motion} of the center node.
53 $p_{motion} \rightarrow Rp_{motion}$.
- 54 3. p_{motion} of the neighboring nodes.
55 $p_{motion_{nn}} \rightarrow Rp_{motion_{nn}}$.

56 Finally, we would have $V_{P_{motion}} \rightarrow RV_{P_{motion}}$.

57 Attention Mechanism

- 58 • Q (from nqm) is invariant. K_p is derived from invariant X_e , suggesting it's a **fixed** descriptor, not a
- 59 spatial vector.
- 60 • $M_p = \text{softmax}(QK_p)$ is invariant (softmax over $3n$ doesn't alter transformation properties).
- 61 • $Z_{p_{motion}} = \text{matmul}(M_p, V_{p_{motion}})$. Since $V_{p_{motion}} \rightarrow RV_{p_{motion}}$ and M_p is invariant, we conclude that
- 62 $Z_{p_{motion}} \rightarrow RZ_{p_{motion}}$.

63 Projection ($p_{h_{motion}}$)

64 $p_{h_{motion}} = \text{ppm}(Z_{p_{motion}})$, where ppm is a linear layer over $[Nh \times S]$ without bias: For each spatial dimension,

65 $Z_{p_{motion}}[:, i, :] \rightarrow WZ_{p_{motion}}[:, i, :]$ (same W size $[Ns, Nh * Ns]$ applied independently). Since $Z_{p_{motion}} \rightarrow RZ_{p_{motion}}$,

66 we get $p_{h_{motion}} \rightarrow Rp_{h_{motion}}$.

67 Given that **motionV** is rotation-equivariant, we would have:

$$RF(p_{motion}) = F(Rp_{motion})$$

68 **Supplementary Figures**

Input Tensors

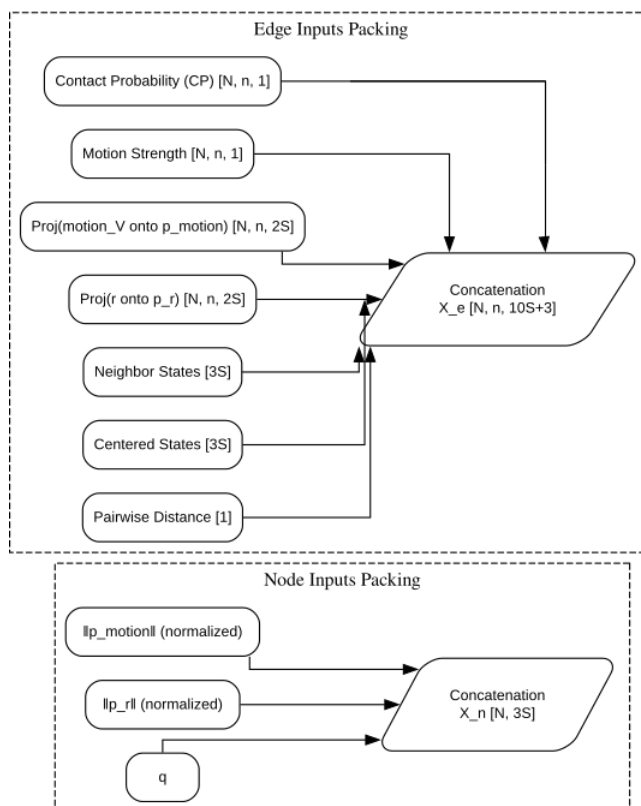


Figure S1: **Node and edge feature packing.** Diagram showing how features are used in the model. The node input q is a concatenation of atom-type, RMSF, DE, and RSA features. For the edge feature packing, each of the projections are calculated for the state of centered node and its neighbors.

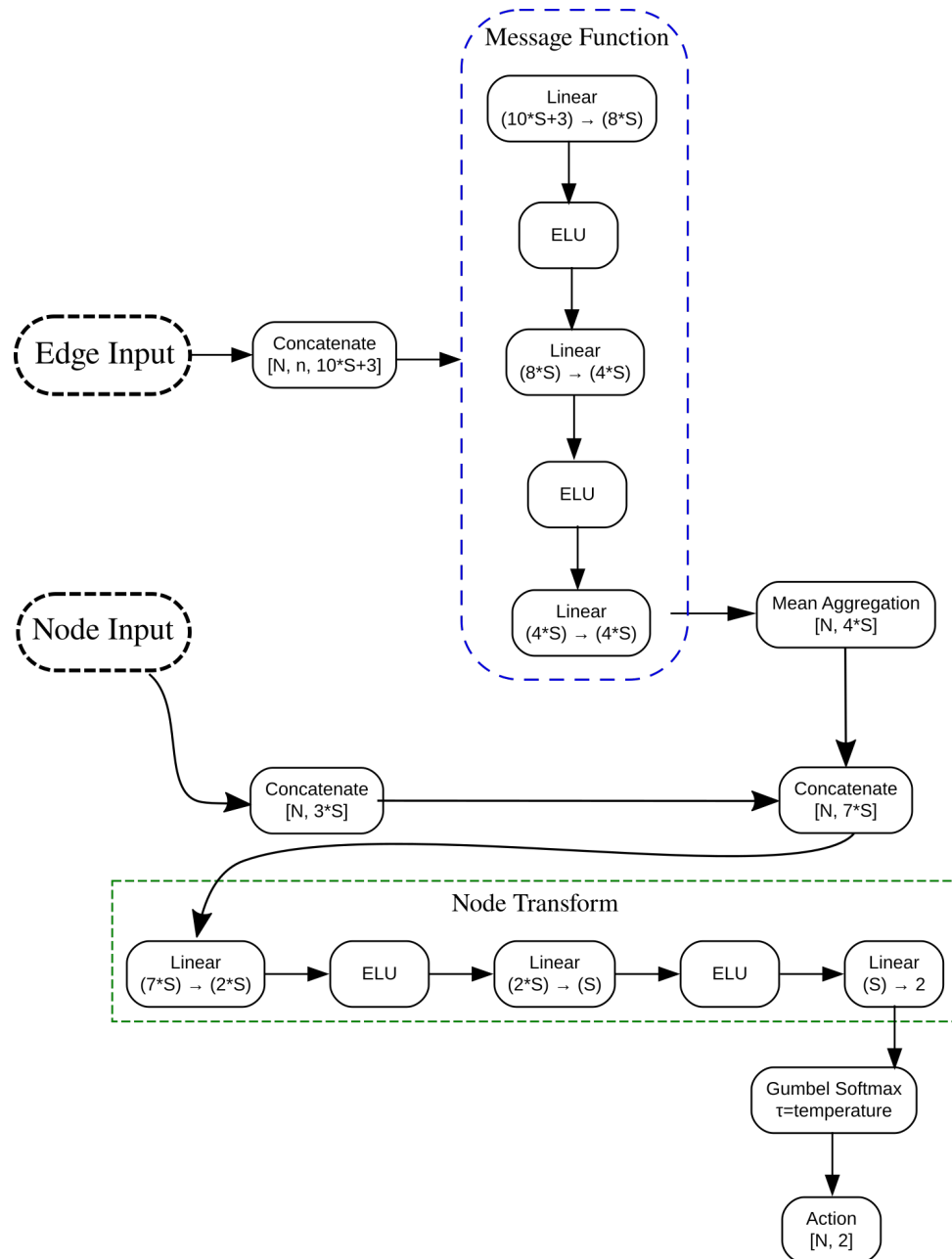


Figure S2: **Complete architecture of the action update neural network module.** Edge features are processed to generate messages, which are then aggregated at each node. The aggregated message is concatenated with node features to form a unified Representative, which undergoes a final transformation and discrete activation via Gumbel-Softmax.

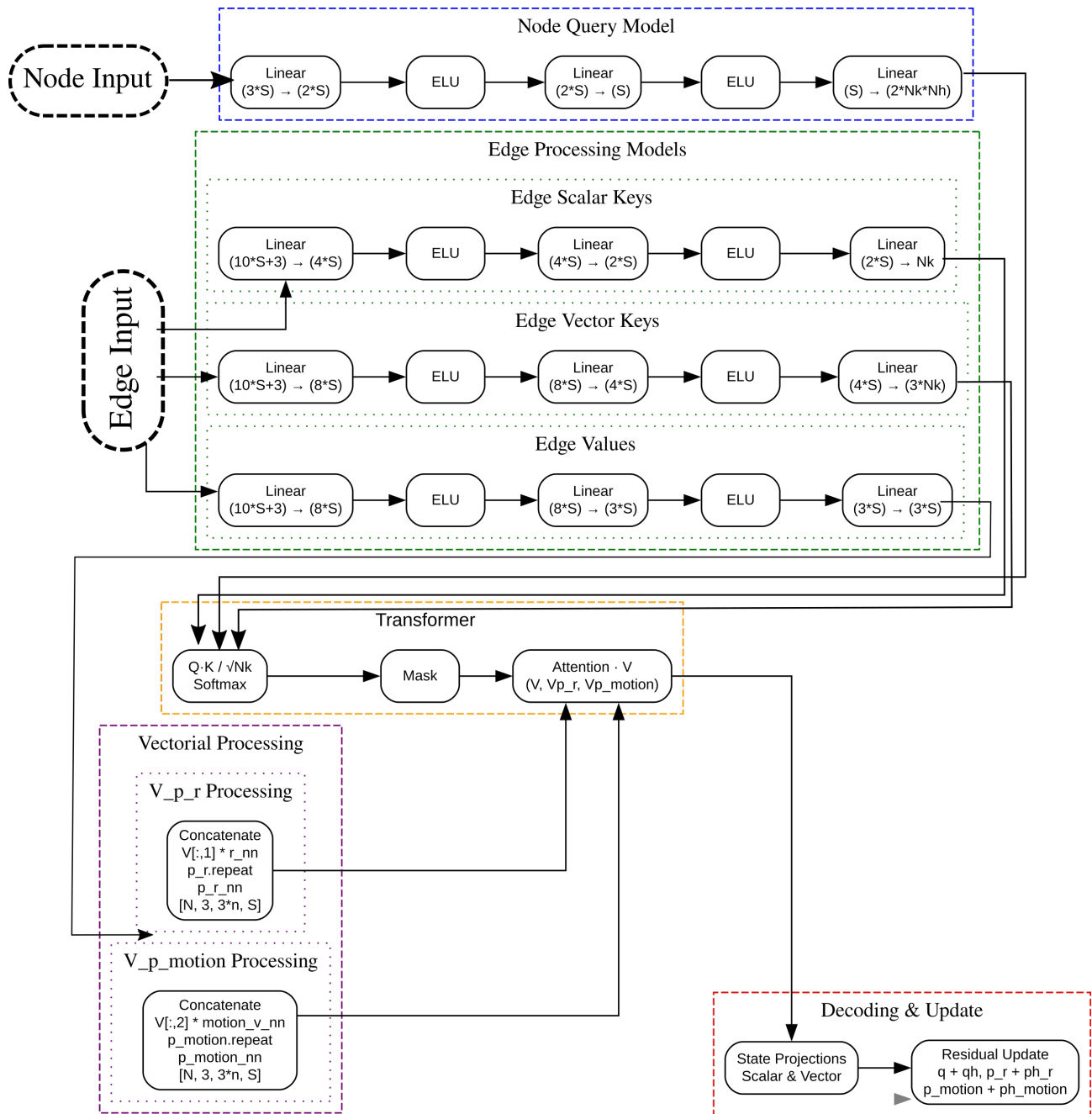


Figure S3: **Complete architecture of the state update neural network module.** Diagram depicting the state update operation, transformer module (inspired from PeSTo), followed by final decoding layer. The updated state is computed and summed with the previous state.

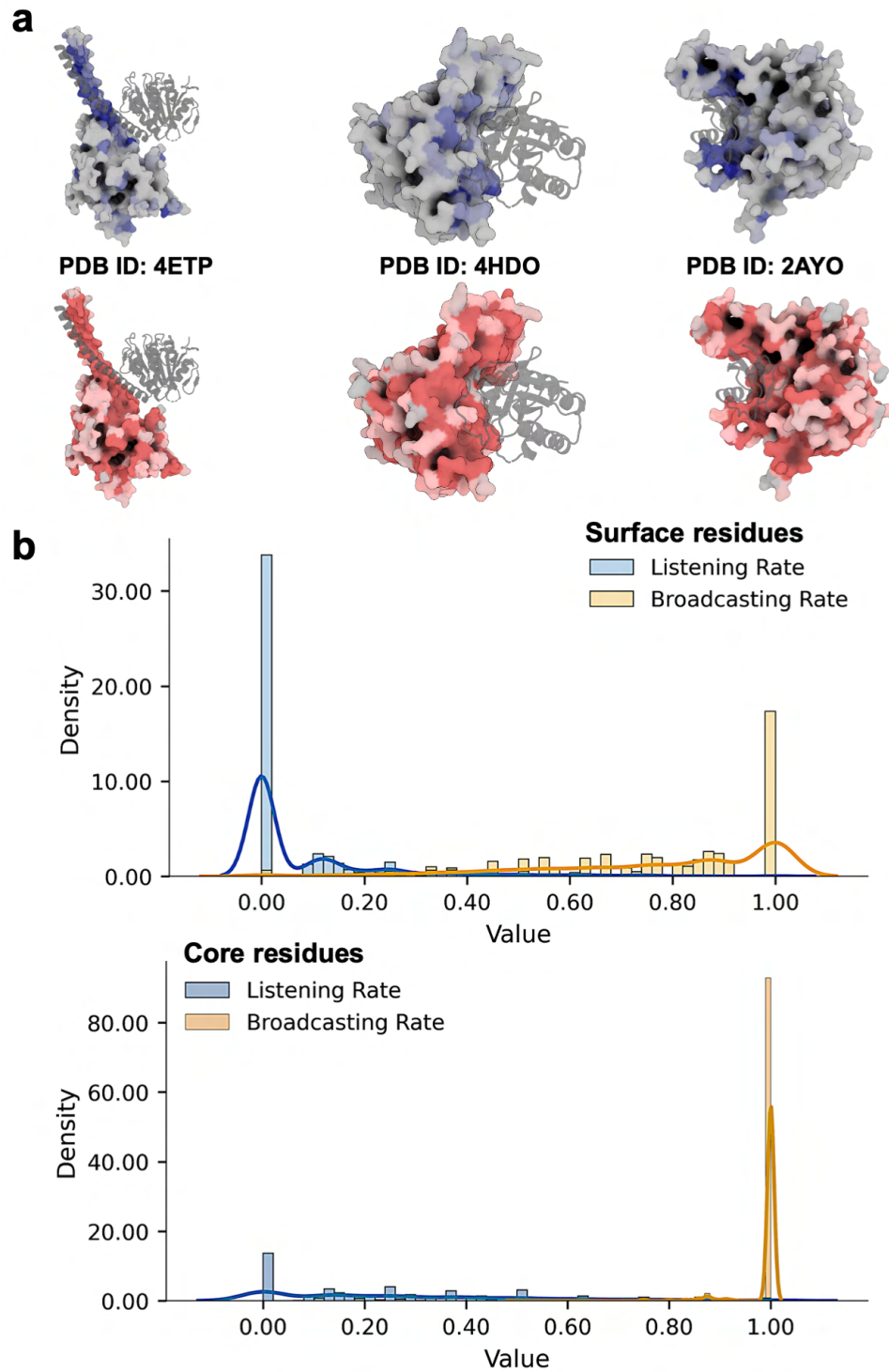


Figure S4: **Listening and broadcasting for surface and core residues.** **a)** visualized examples of listening (blue) and broadcasting (red) rate on protein surface **b)** The distribution of listening and broadcasting rate for two groups of core and surface residues.

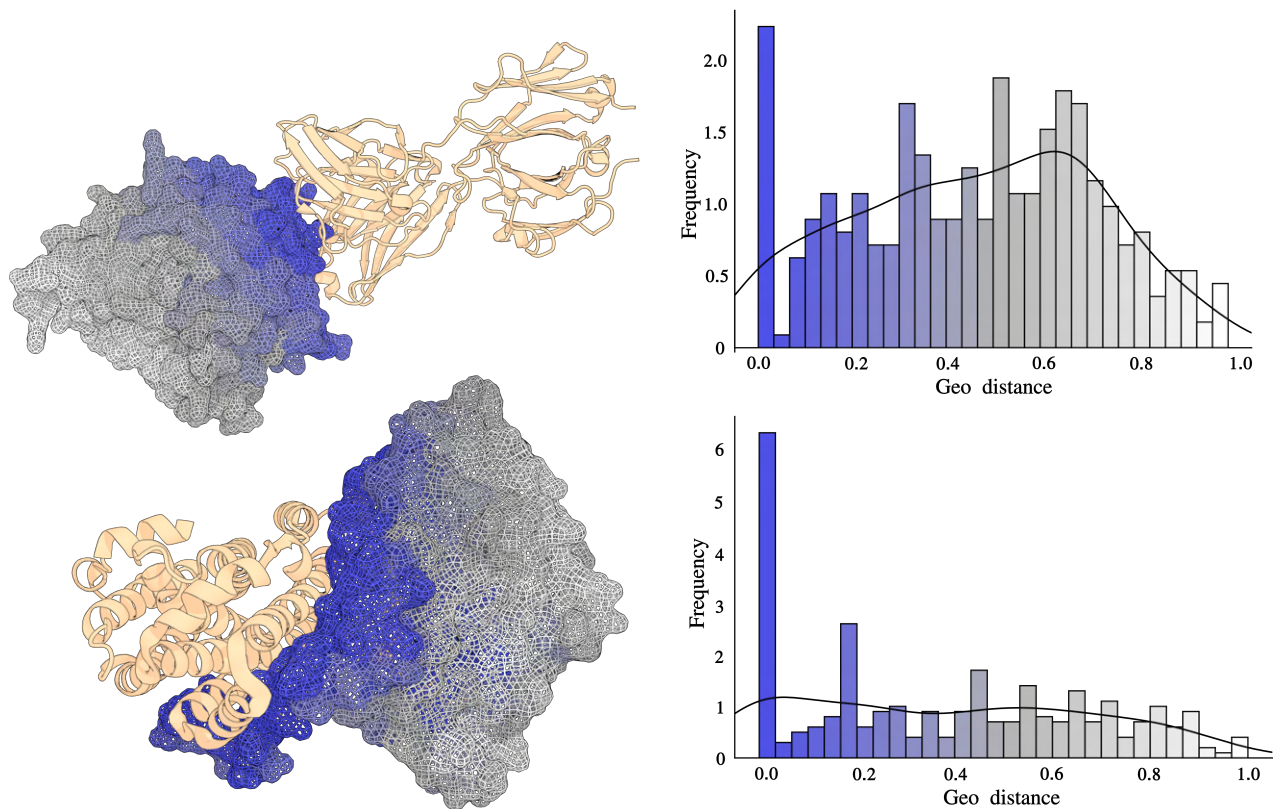


Figure S5: **Geo Distance distribution.** Two example of the distribution of residue level geo-distances with their corresponding visualization.

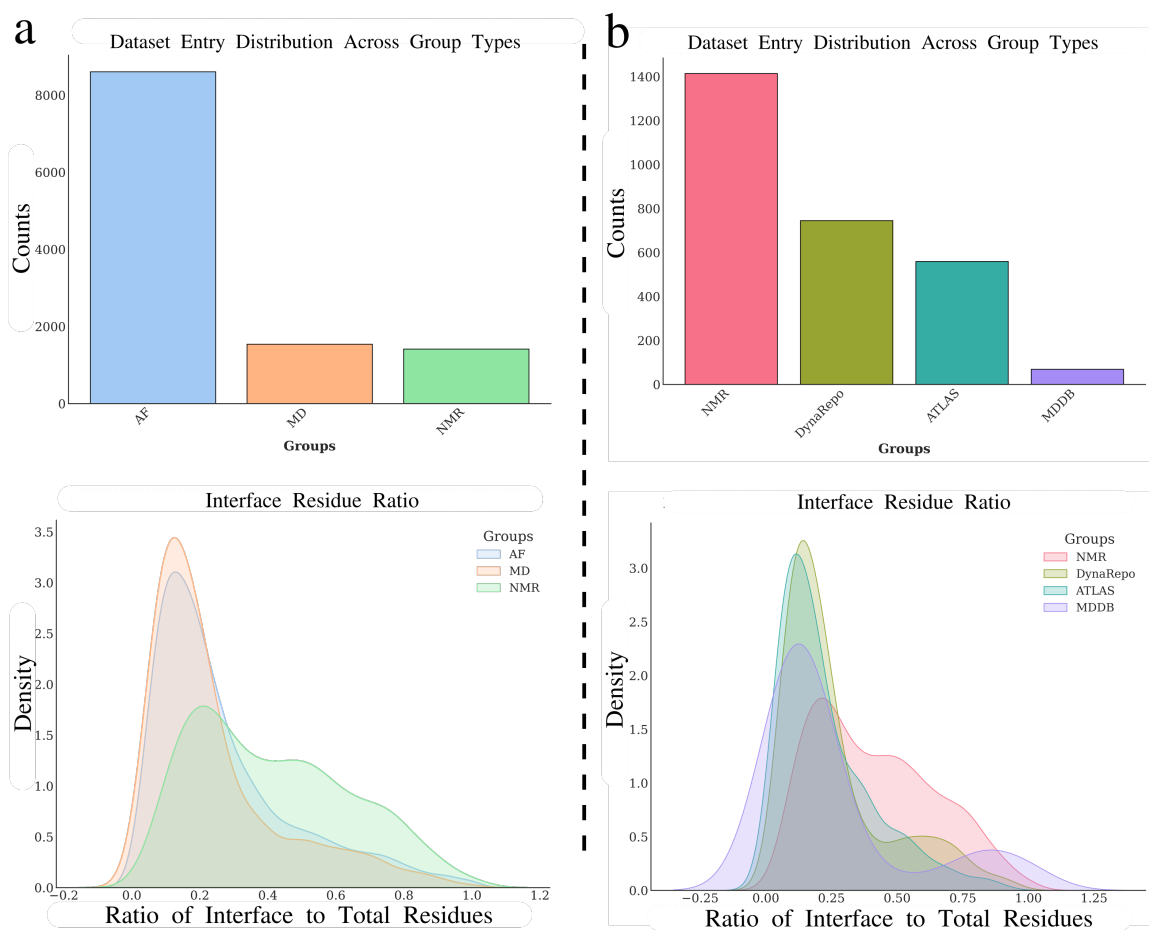


Figure S6: **Dataset entry distribution across group types and the interface residue ratio analysis.** **a)** The heterogeneity-aware model with all AlphaFlow (AF), MD simulation, and NMR entries. **b)** The dynamic-aware model with only NMR and MD simulation entries grouped by dataset source.

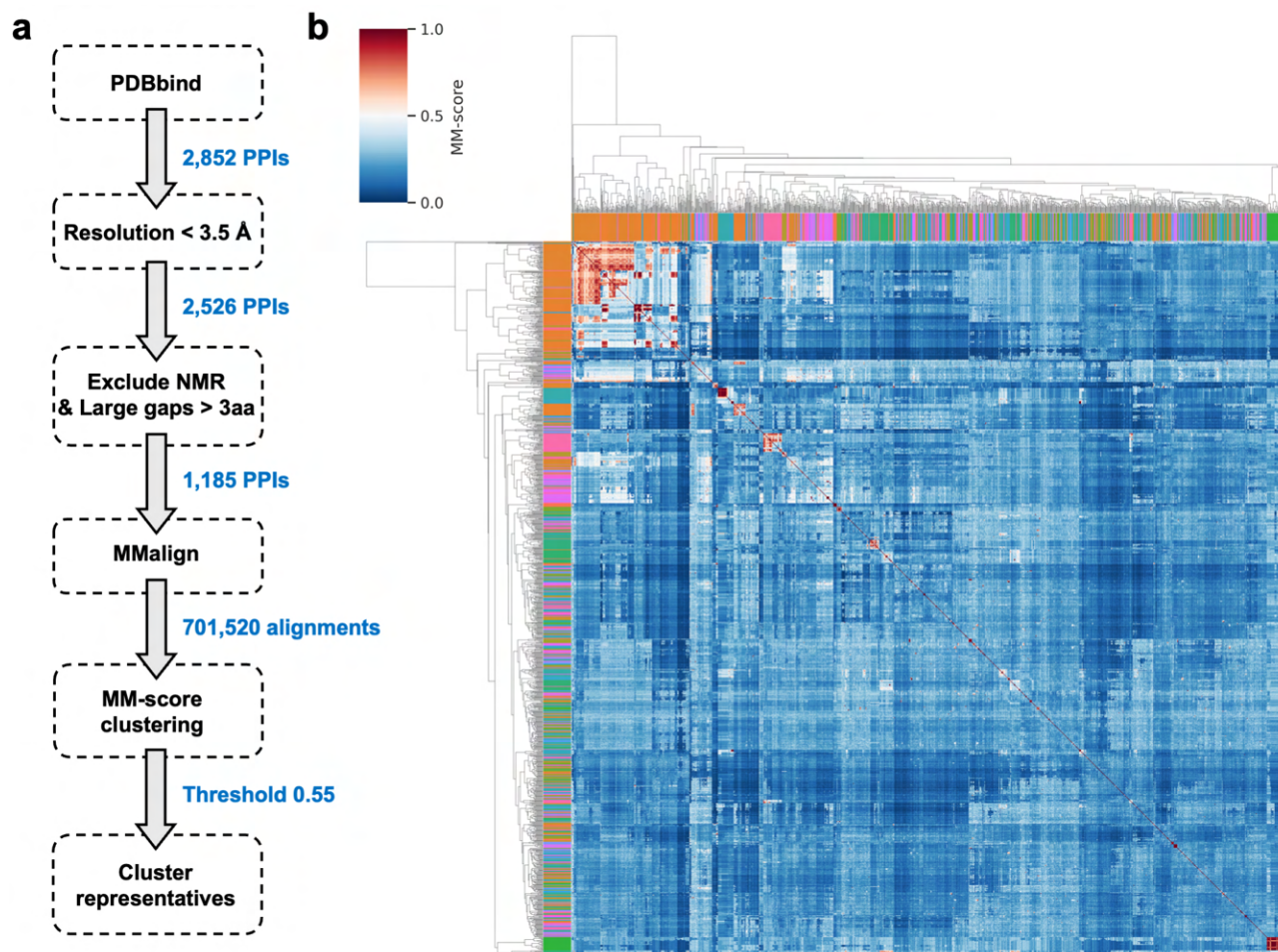


Figure S7: **Building the MD simulation database from PDBbind.** a) The general workflow shows how the PDBbind version 2020 is filtered based on resolution, and the number of gaps, and further clustered by performing pairwise alignment. b) Cluster heatmap displaying pairwise alignment results of representative structures, colored by MM-score.

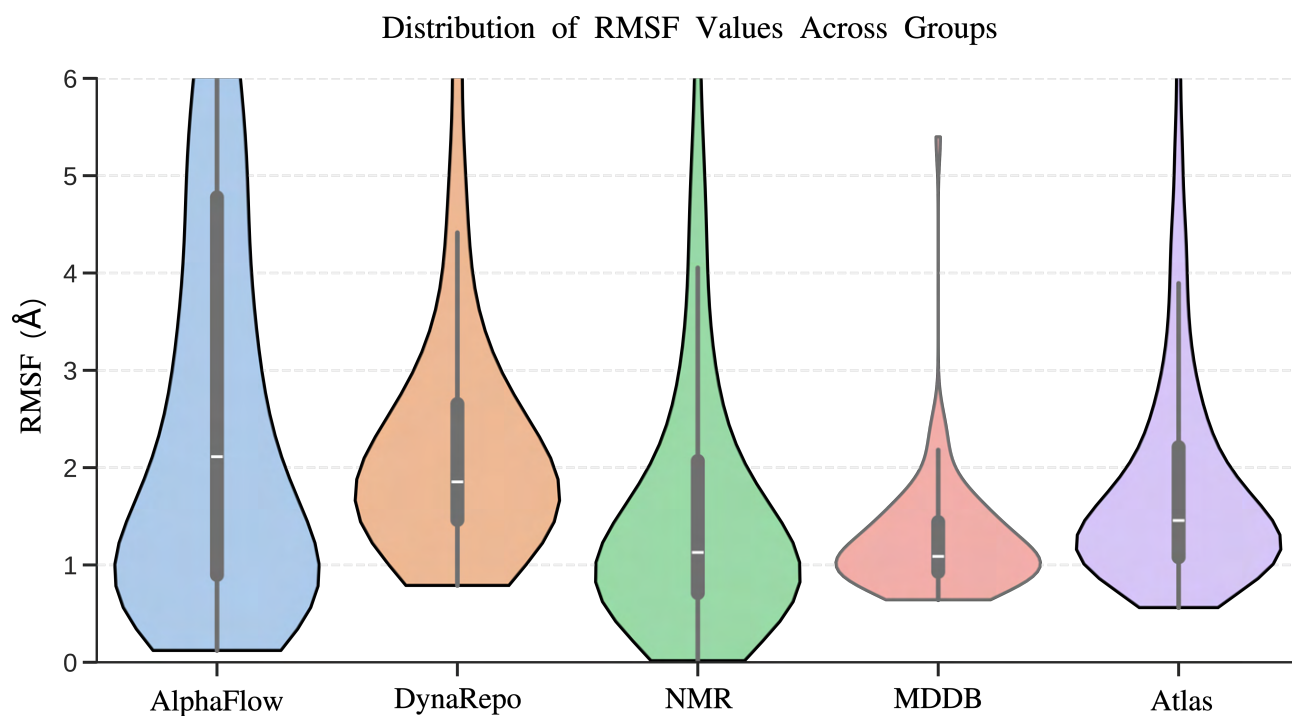


Figure S8: **RMSF Across Data Source.** Violin plot showing the RMSF distribution across dataset groups, excluding the outliers.

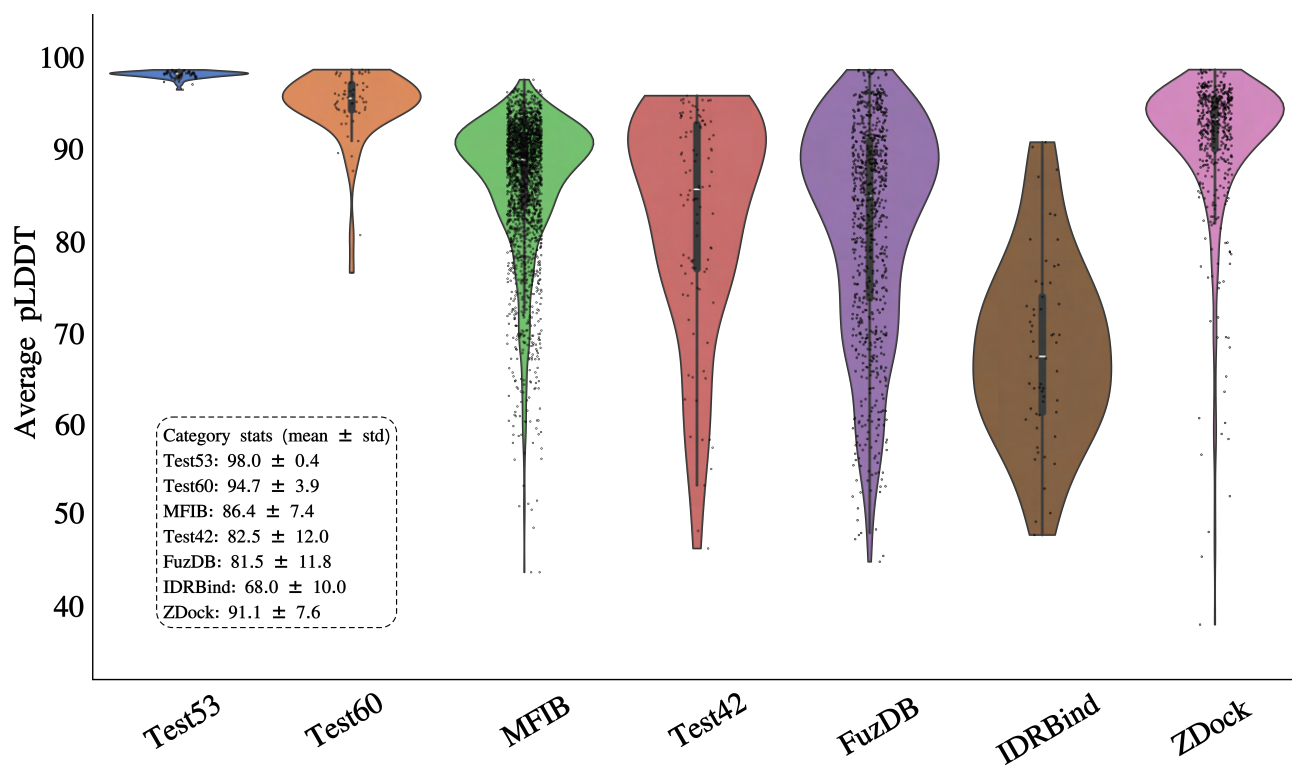
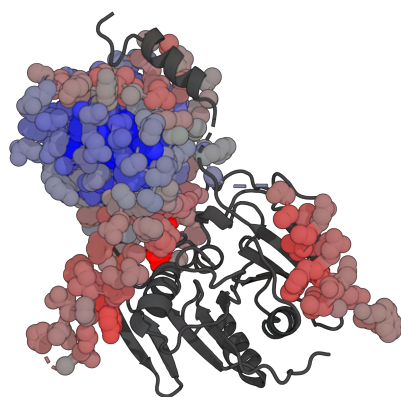
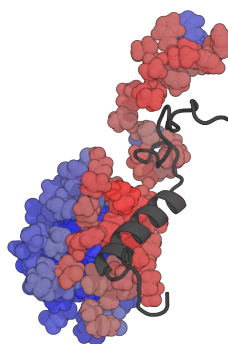


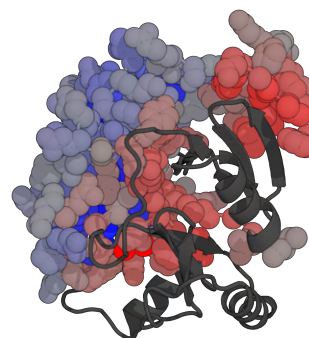
Figure S9: **Violin plot of pLDDT distributions across different benchmark categories.** The distribution of predicted Local Distance Difference Test (pLDDT) scores across various benchmark datasets. Individual data points are represented as scatter overlays, while the inner boxplots indicate the interquartile range and median.



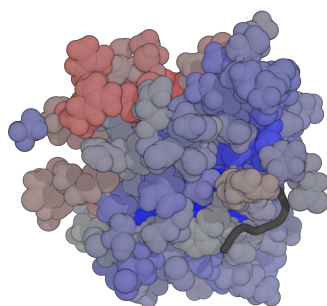
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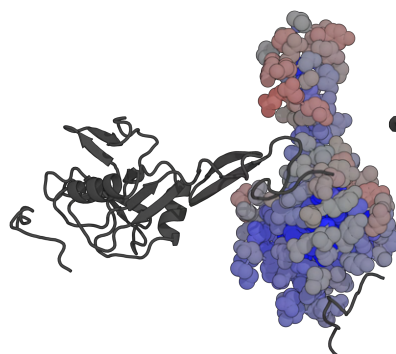
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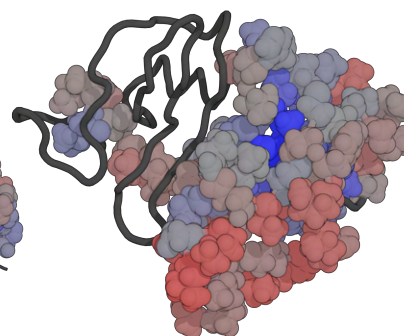
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Figure S10: **Examples of IDR structures.** Selected examples illustrating good and poor predictions for intrinsically disordered regions.

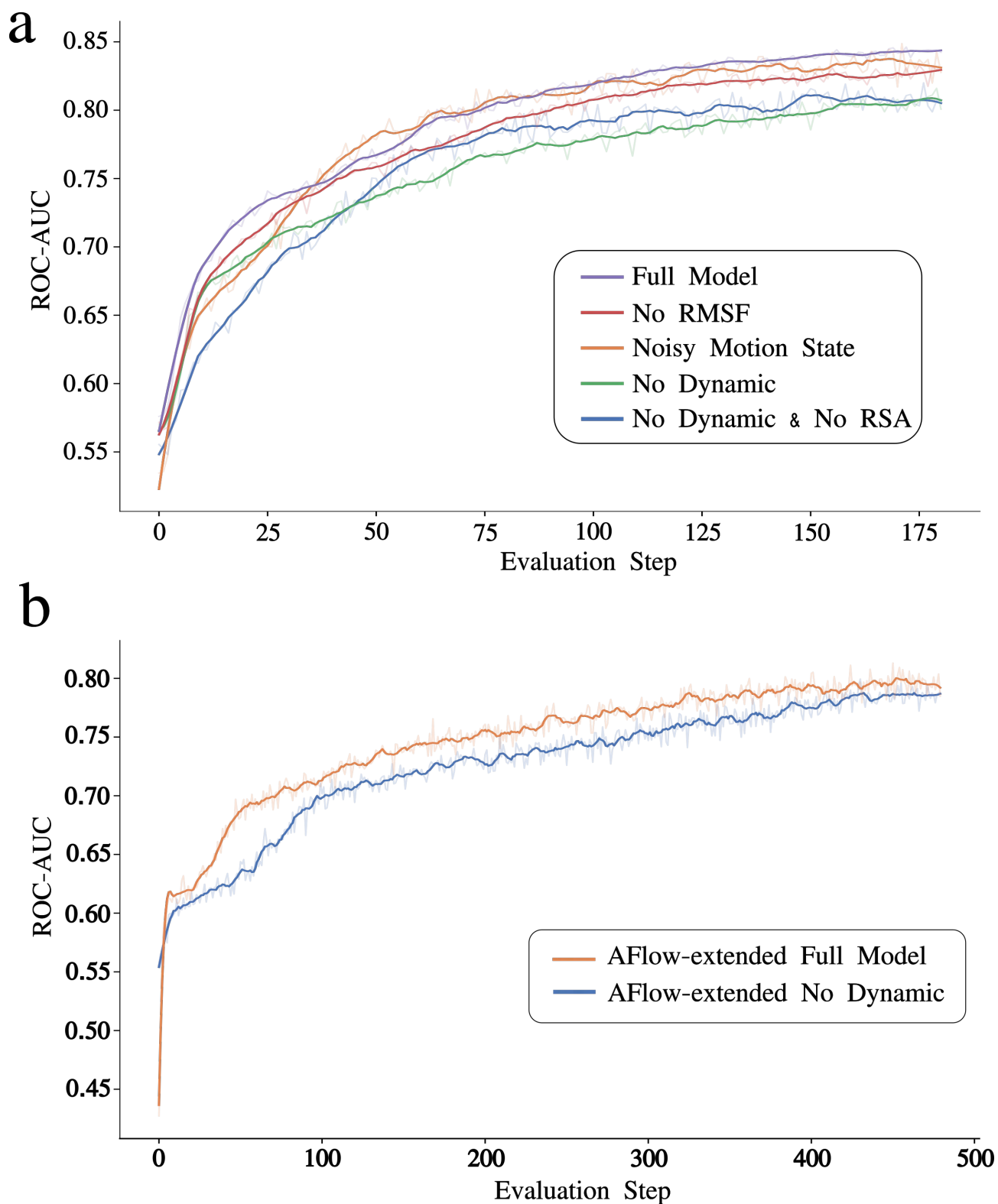


Figure S11: **Ablation study on the impact of dynamic features and cooperative message passing.** The line plot illustrates the validation set performance over time steps during the training process. **a)** represent the ablation study in details for different combination of dynamic features and cooperative message passing for dynamic-aware model trained over MD simulations and NMR data. **b)** Indicates the difference in ROC-AUC for the heterogeneity-aware model trained over all data including AlphaFlow conformations, with and without dynamic features.

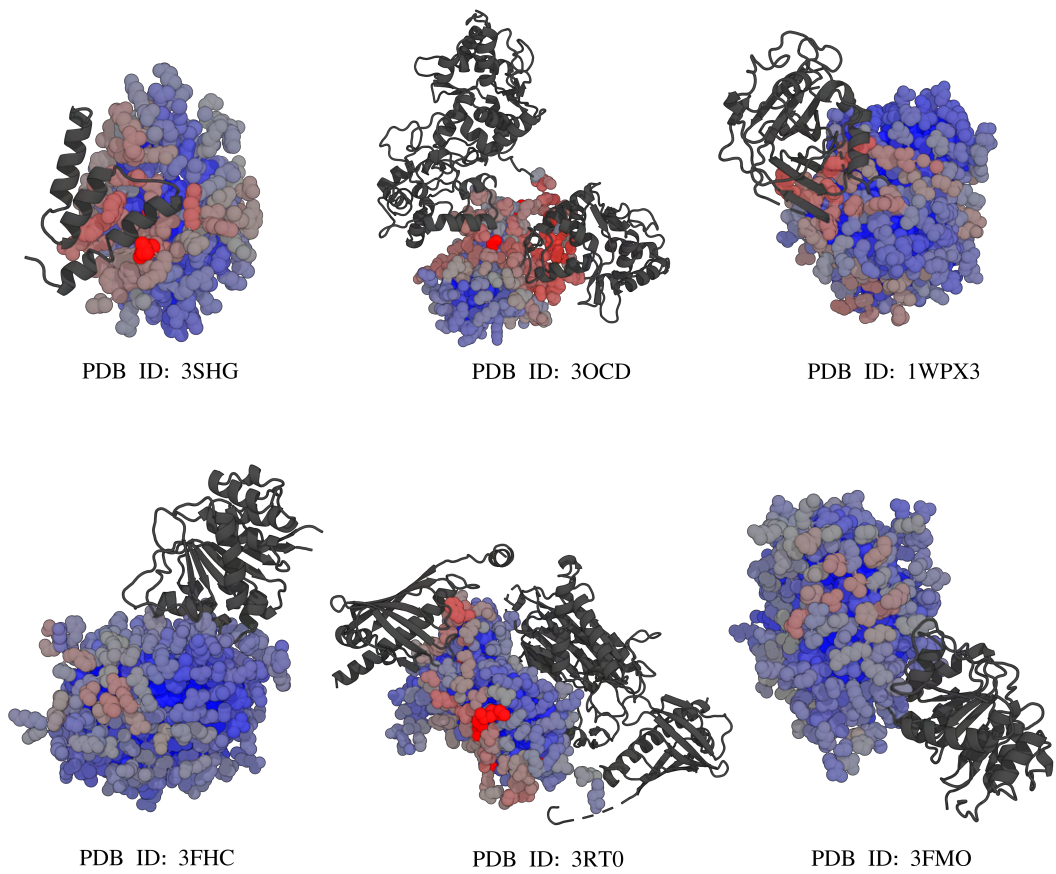


Figure S12: **General structural examples.** Selected cases showing good and poor prediction performance for static or transient complexes.

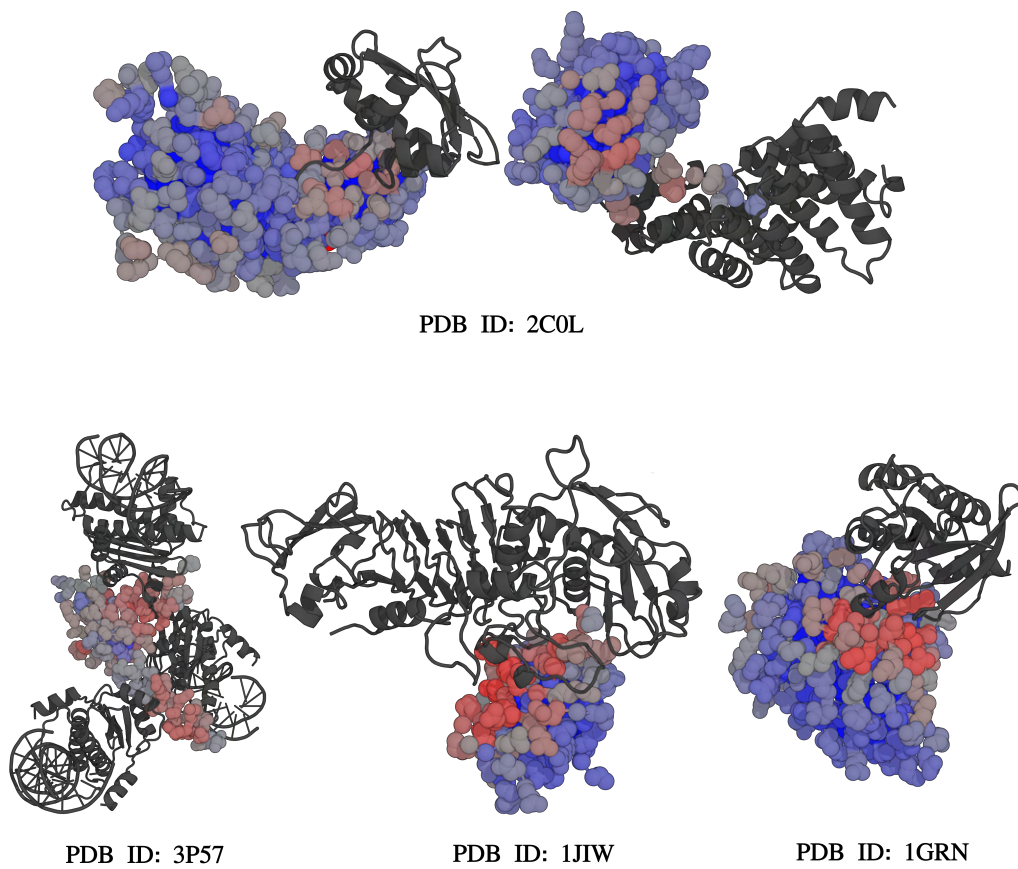


Figure S13: **ZDock examples.** Representative examples from ZDock benchmark.

⁶⁹ Supplementary Tables

Table S1: Number of unique chains per PDBbind entry before and after filtering steps (see Figure S7).

| Number of Unique Chains | Before Filtering | After Filtering |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 | 1608 | 347 |
| 3 | 637 | 49 |
| 4 | 165 | 6 |
| 1 or >4 | 112 | 7 |

Table S2: Median values of performance metrics for different datasets. Values are rounded to two decimal points.

| Dataset | Accuracy | Precision | Recall | Specificity | MCC | ROC-AUC | PR-AUC |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|--------|-------------|------|---------|--------|
| MFIB | 0.76 | 0.64 | 0.92 | 0.67 | 0.52 | 0.88 | 0.83 |
| Test42 | 0.78 | 0.60 | 0.92 | 0.74 | 0.47 | 0.85 | 0.82 |
| ZDock | 0.80 | 0.41 | 0.50 | 0.86 | 0.28 | 0.79 | 0.46 |
| FuzDB | 0.67 | 0.56 | 1.00 | 0.12 | 0.26 | 0.77 | 0.77 |
| Testing transient | 0.87 | 0.38 | 0.42 | 0.92 | 0.32 | 0.85 | 0.41 |
| IDRBind | 0.71 | 0.65 | 1.00 | 0.20 | 0.44 | 0.79 | 0.84 |
| Test60 | 0.82 | 0.39 | 0.59 | 0.85 | 0.32 | 0.81 | 0.48 |

Table S3: Mean values of performance metrics for different datasets. Values are rounded to two decimal points.

| Dataset | Accuracy | Precision | Recall | Specificity | MCC | ROC-AUC | PR-AUC |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|--------|-------------|------|---------|--------|
| MFIB | 0.74 | 0.63 | 0.87 | 0.62 | 0.50 | 0.86 | 0.81 |
| Test42 | 0.77 | 0.57 | 0.77 | 0.63 | 0.43 | 0.83 | 0.71 |
| ZDock | 0.79 | 0.46 | 0.54 | 0.82 | 0.35 | 0.81 | 0.53 |
| FuzDB | 0.65 | 0.54 | 0.90 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.75 | 0.71 |
| Testing transient | 0.86 | 0.36 | 0.42 | 0.91 | 0.31 | 0.82 | 0.42 |
| IDRBind | 0.68 | 0.66 | 0.97 | 0.28 | 0.41 | 0.75 | 0.80 |
| Test60 | 0.78 | 0.41 | 0.57 | 0.80 | 0.33 | 0.81 | 0.50 |