

# Part III - Bioinformatics Study of Aminoacyl tRNA Synthetases

- VMD Multiseq Tutorial
- Web tools

Perth, Australia 2004 Computational Biology Workshop

# Multiple Sequence Alignments

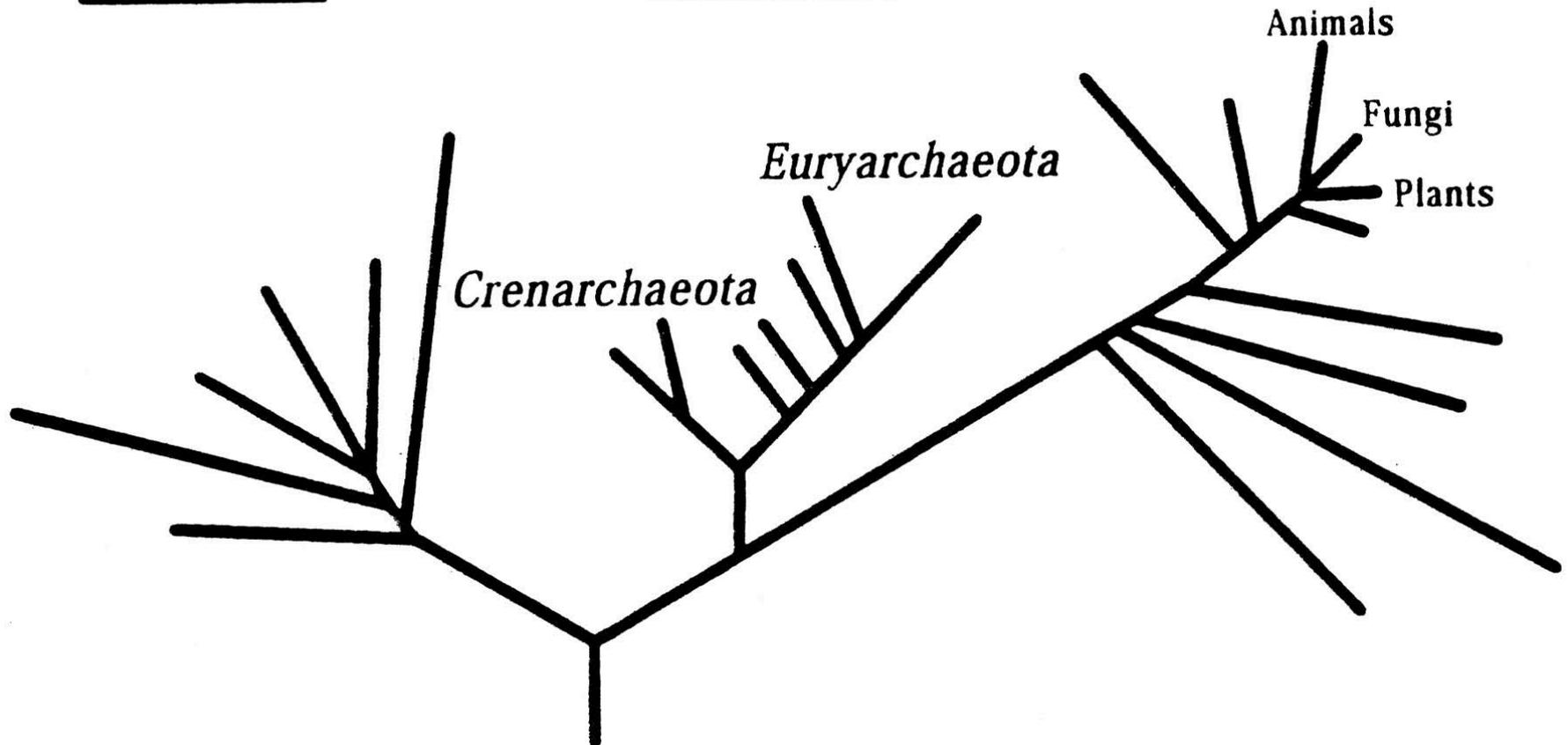
- “The aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases, perhaps better than any other molecules in the cell, optimize the current situation and help to understand (the effects) of HGT” Woese (PNAS, 2000; MMBR 2000)

# Universal Tree

**Bacteria**

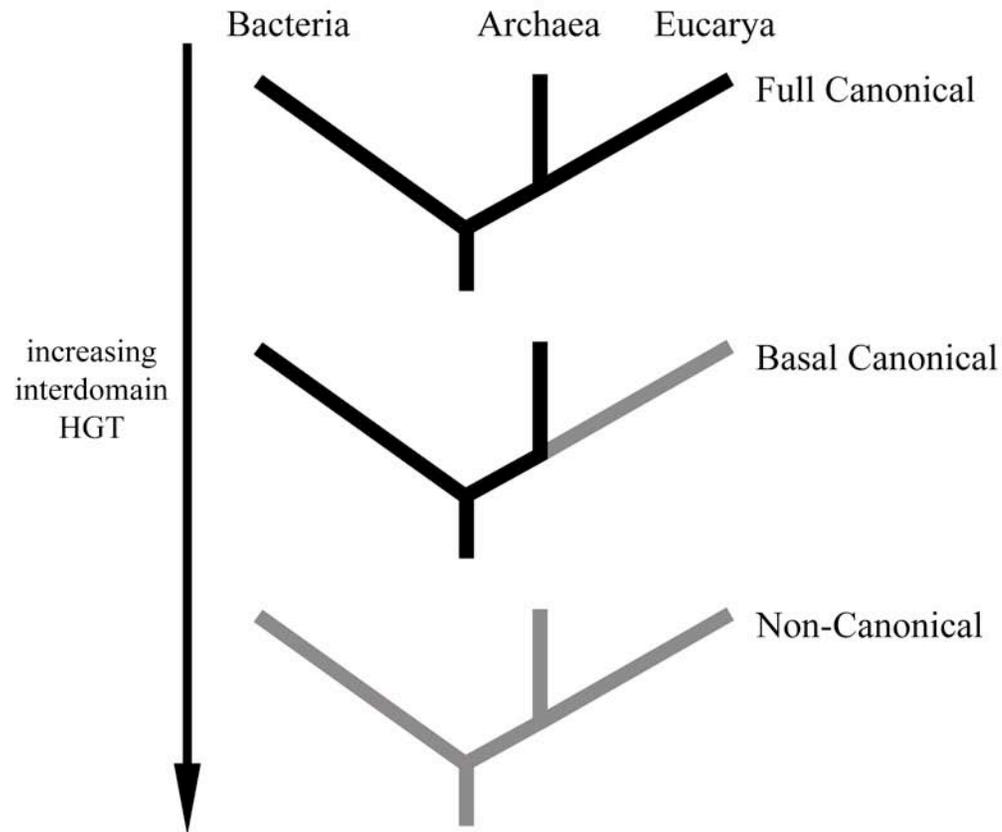
**Archaea**

**Eucarya**



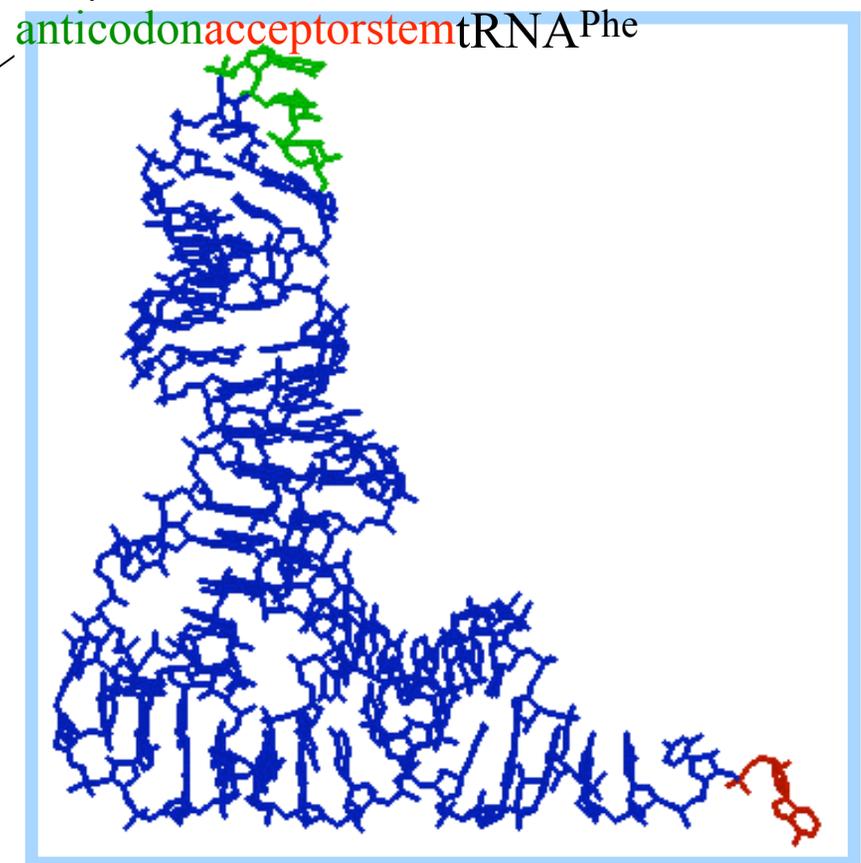
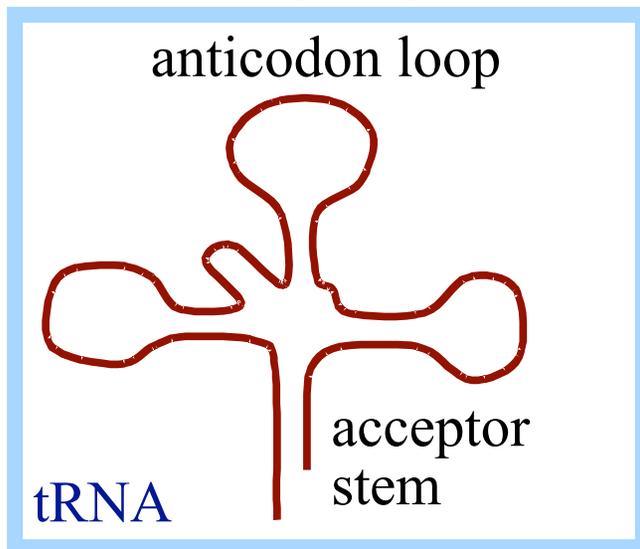
The Universal Phylogenetic Tree inferred from comparative analyses of rRNA sequences: Woese(PNAS, 1990)

# Horizontal Gene Transfer



# Standard Dogma Molecular Biology

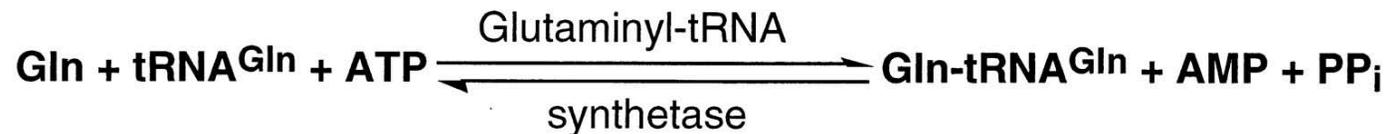
- DNA → RNA → Proteins
- Role of AARS?
- Charging of t-RNA



# Charging the tRNA

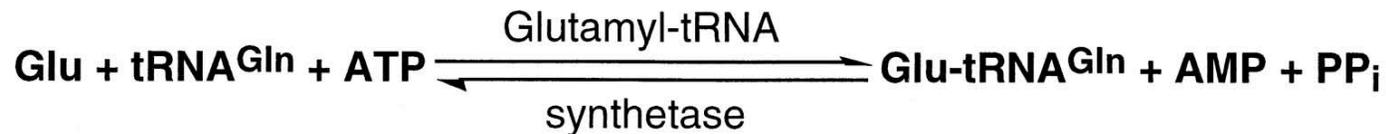
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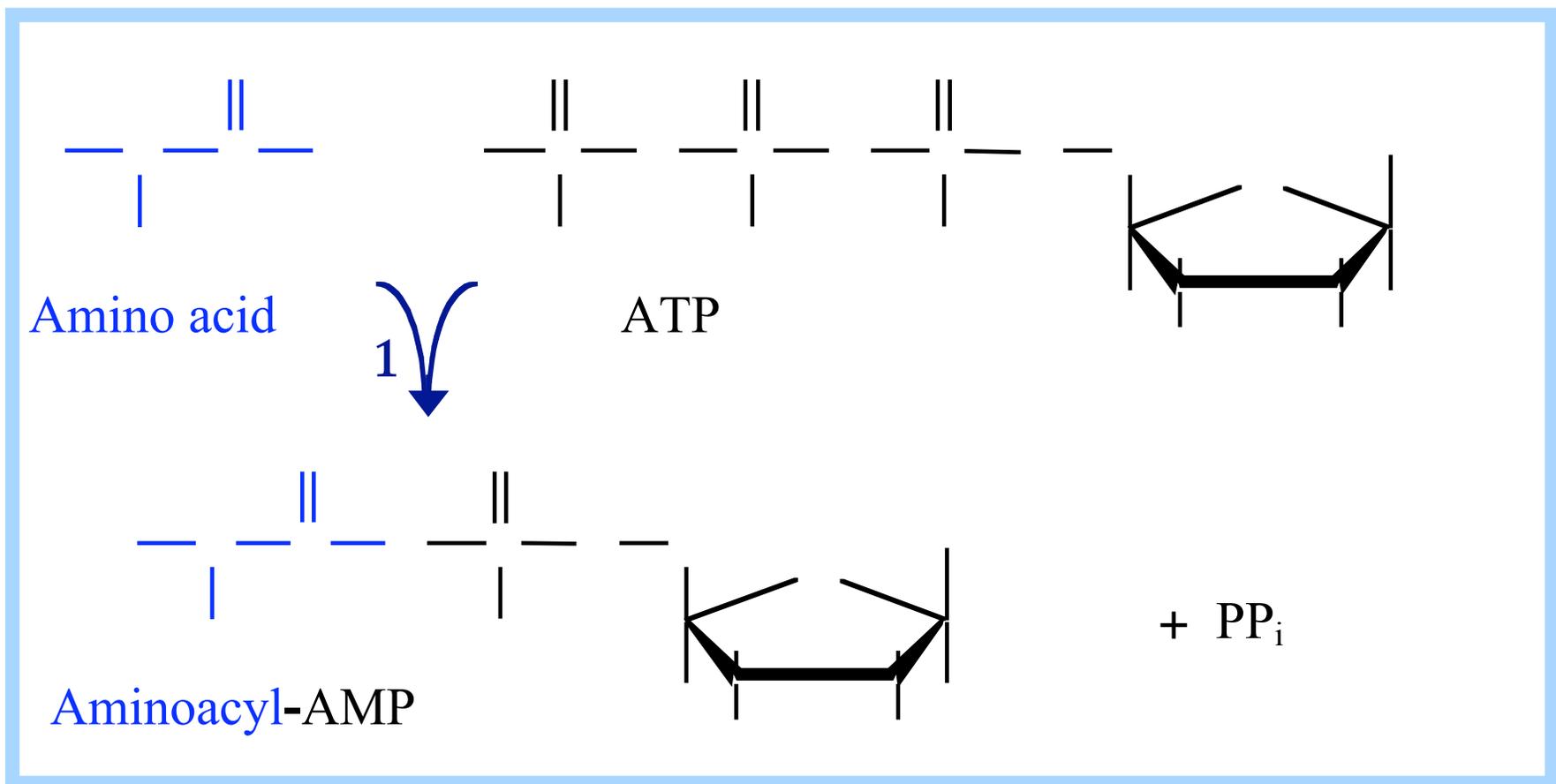
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## *tRNA-dependent amino acid modification*

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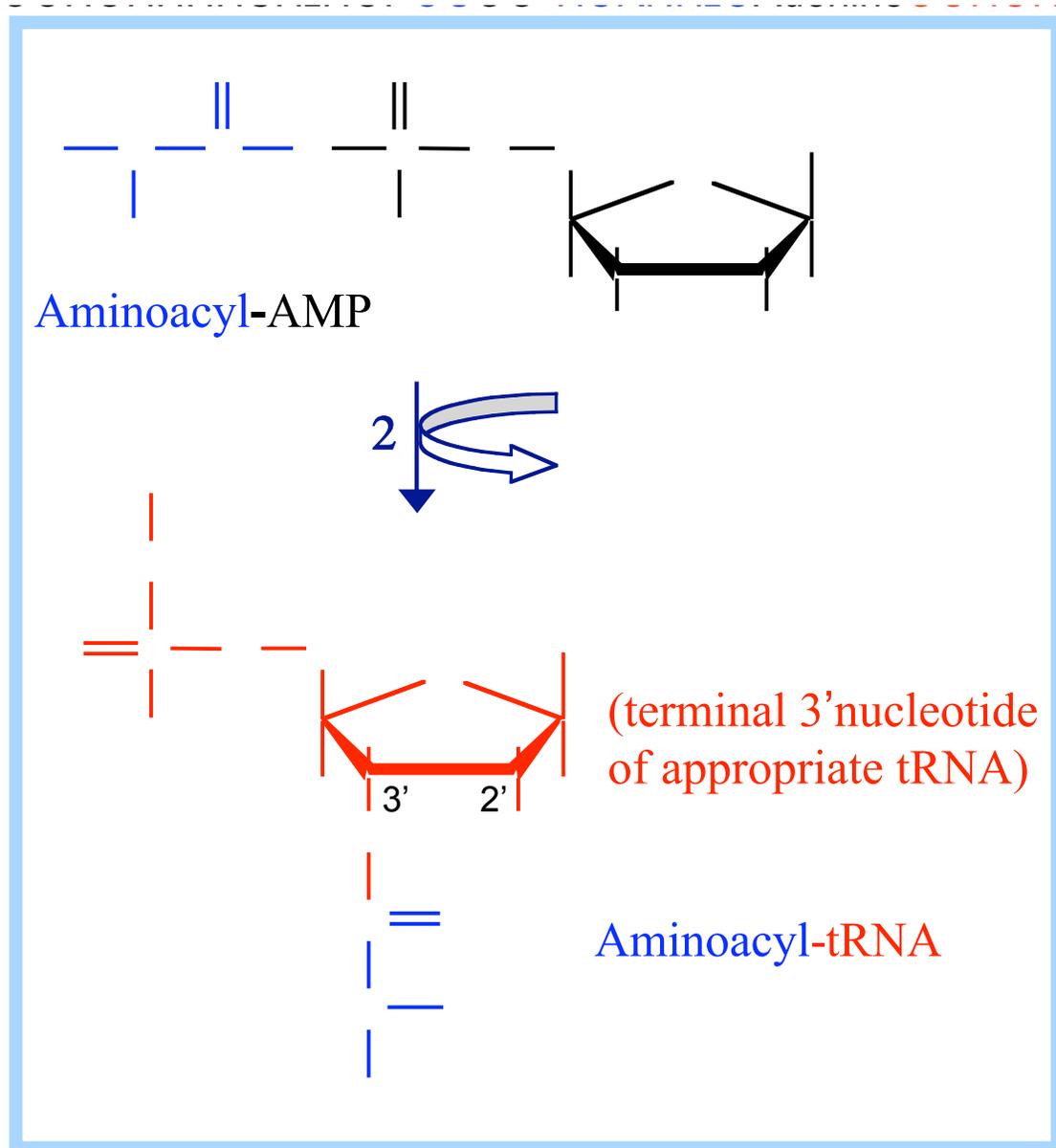




**Aminoacyl-tRNA Synthetases** catalyze linkage of the appropriate amino acid to each tRNA. The reaction occurs in two steps.

In **step 1**, an O atom of the amino acid  $\alpha$ -carboxyl attacks the P atom of the initial phosphate of ATP.

In **step 2**, the 2' or 3' OH of the terminal adenosine of tRNA attacks the amino acid carbonyl C atom.



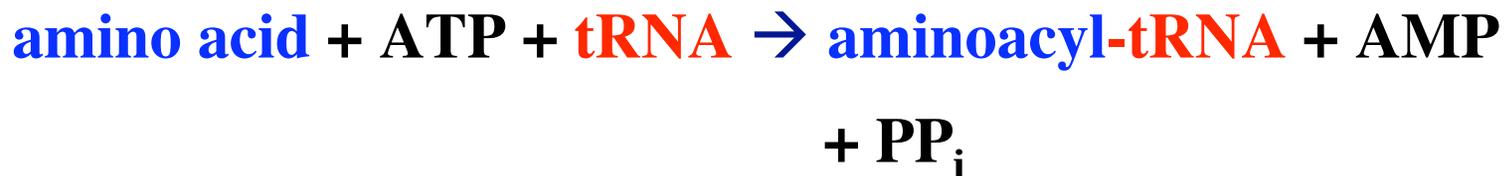
# Aminoacyl-tRNA Synthetase

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Summary of the 2-step reaction:

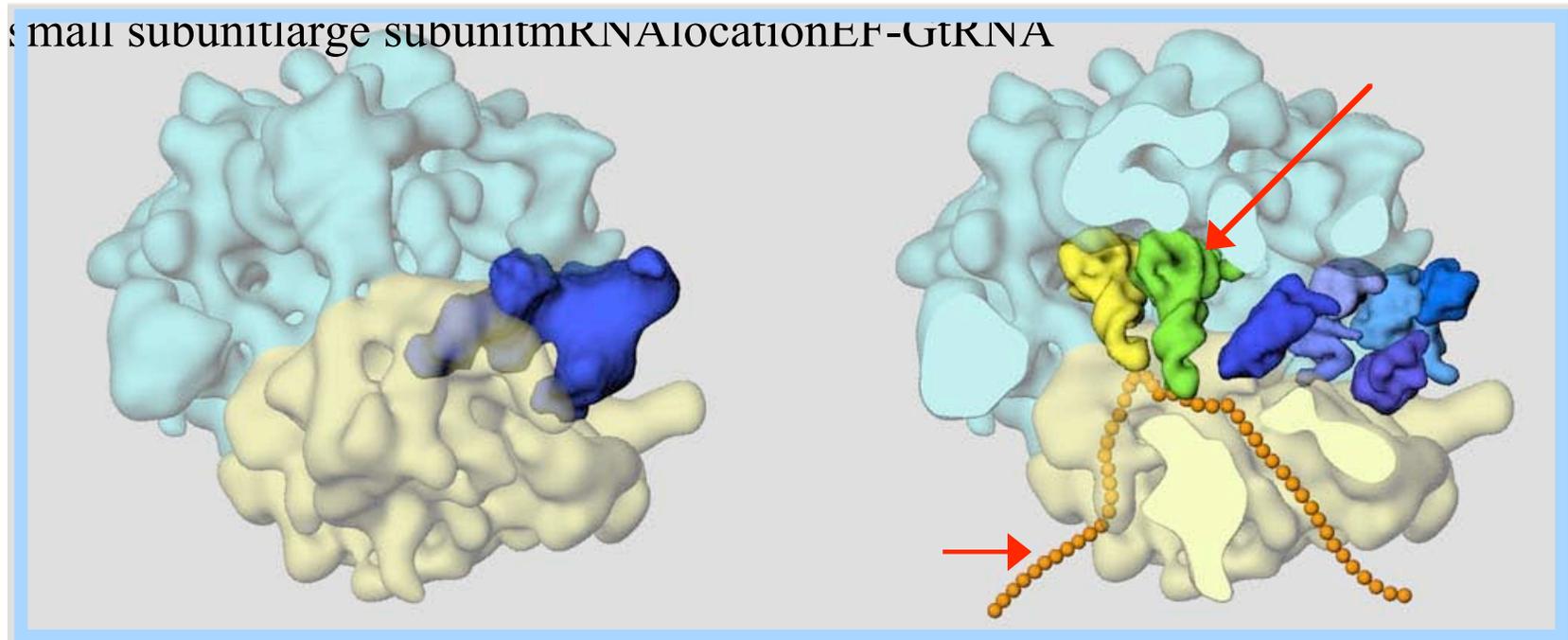


Overall Reaction:



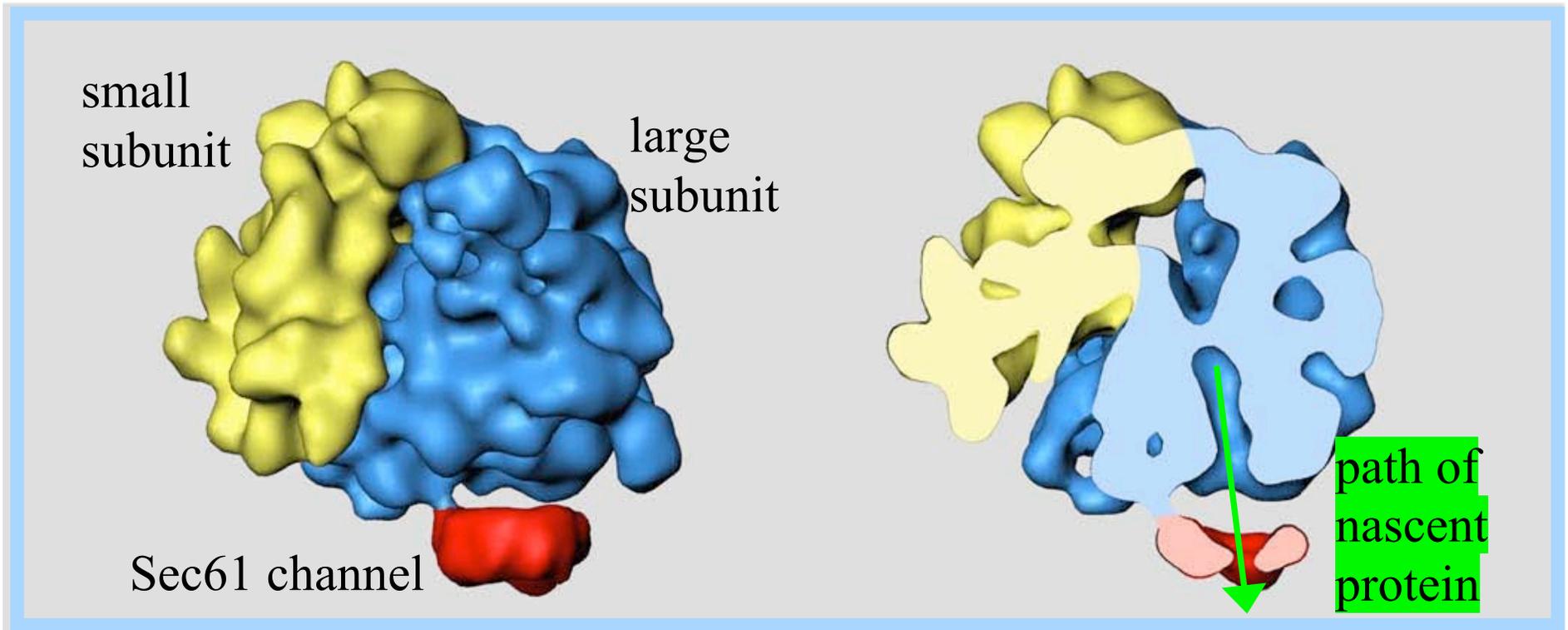
**Next step: EF and Ribosome for Protein Synthesis**

# Structure of the *E. coli* Ribosome



The cutaway view at right shows positions of tRNA (P, E sites) & mRNA (as orange beads).

Figure: Laboratory of Joachim Frank, Wadsworth Center  
cryo-EM and 3D image reconstruction

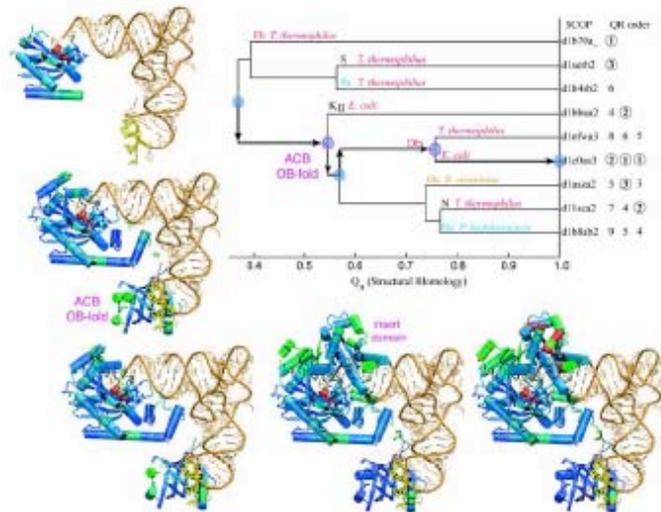


The cutaway view at right shows that the **tunnel** in the yeast large ribosome subunit, through which nascent polypeptides emerge from the ribosome, **lines up** with the lumen of the ER **Sec61 channel**.

Figure provided by Joachim Frank, whose lab carried out the cryo-EM & image reconstruction on which these images are based.

# Evolution of Protein Structure

## Aspartyl-tRNA Synthetase



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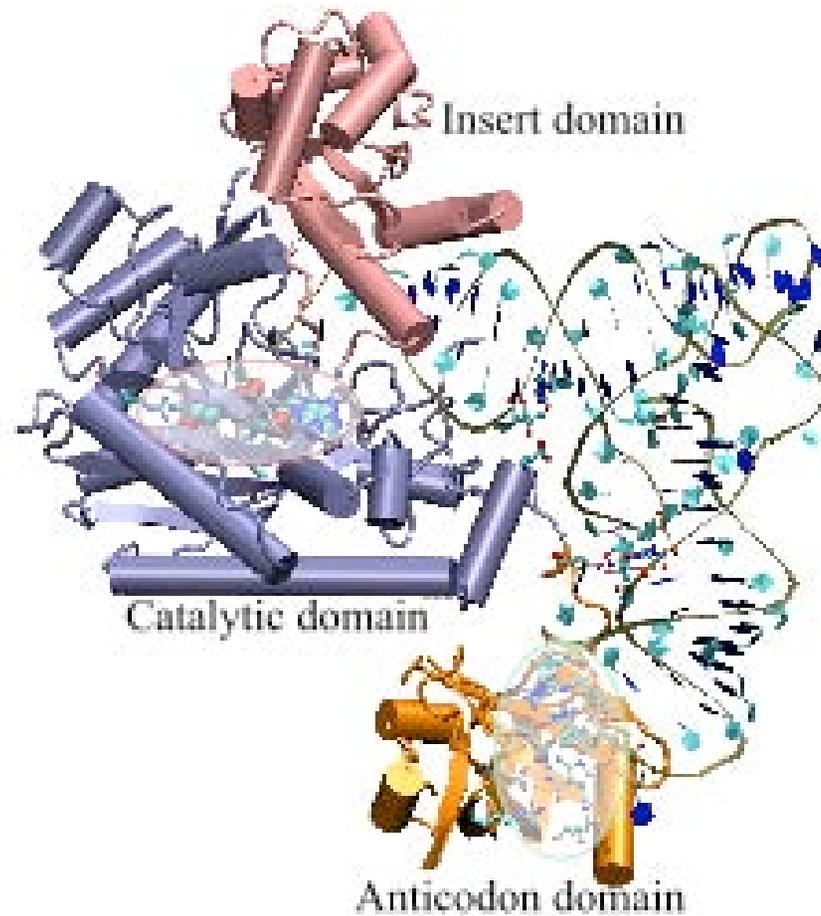
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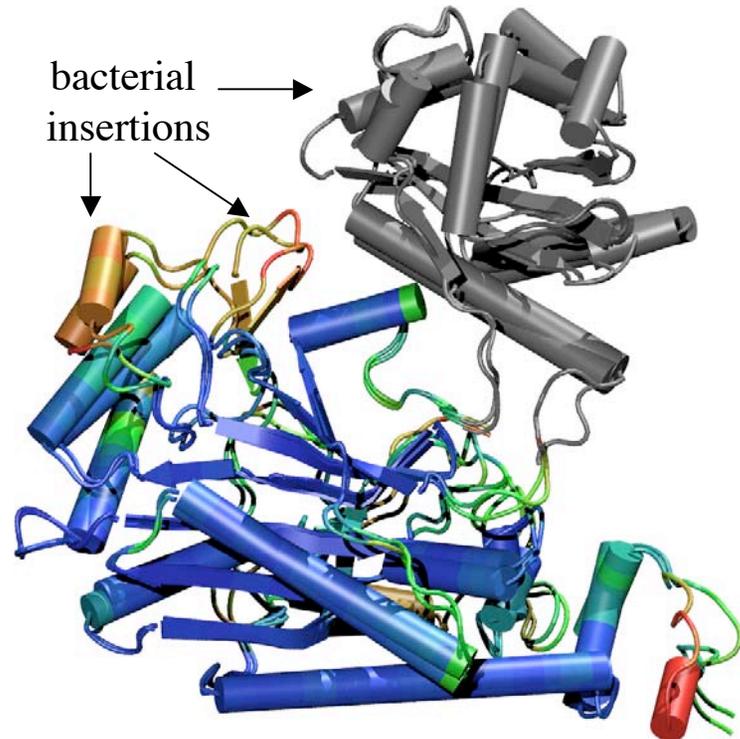
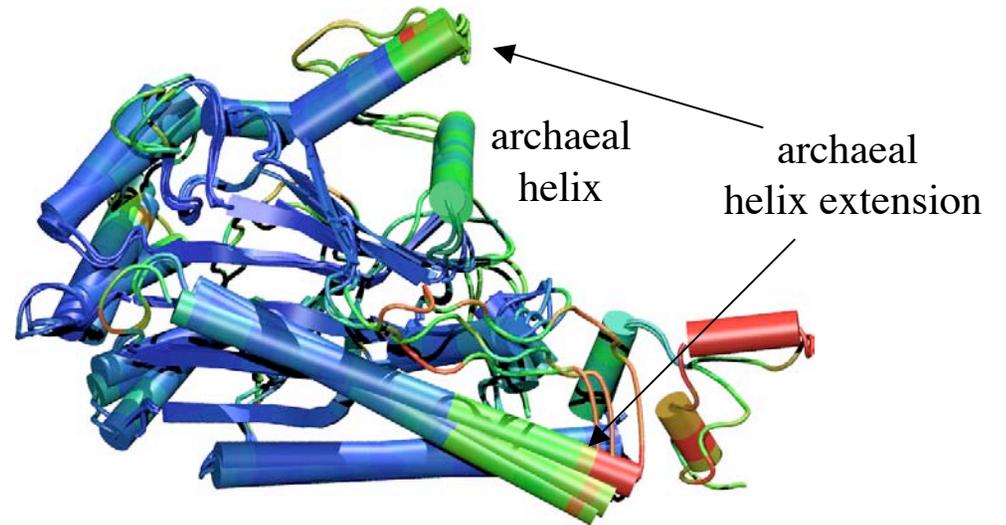
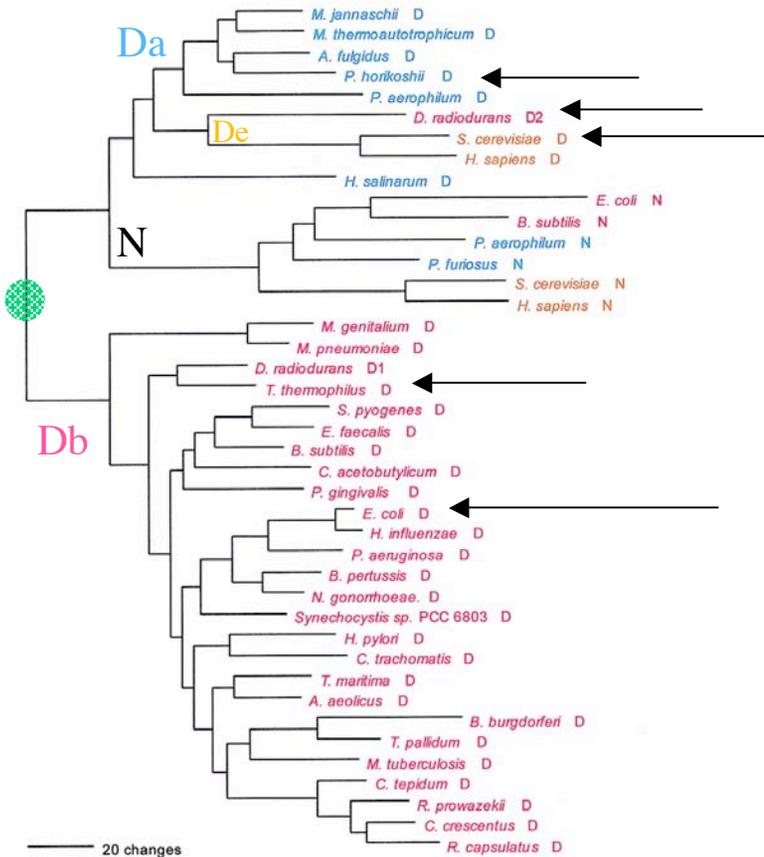
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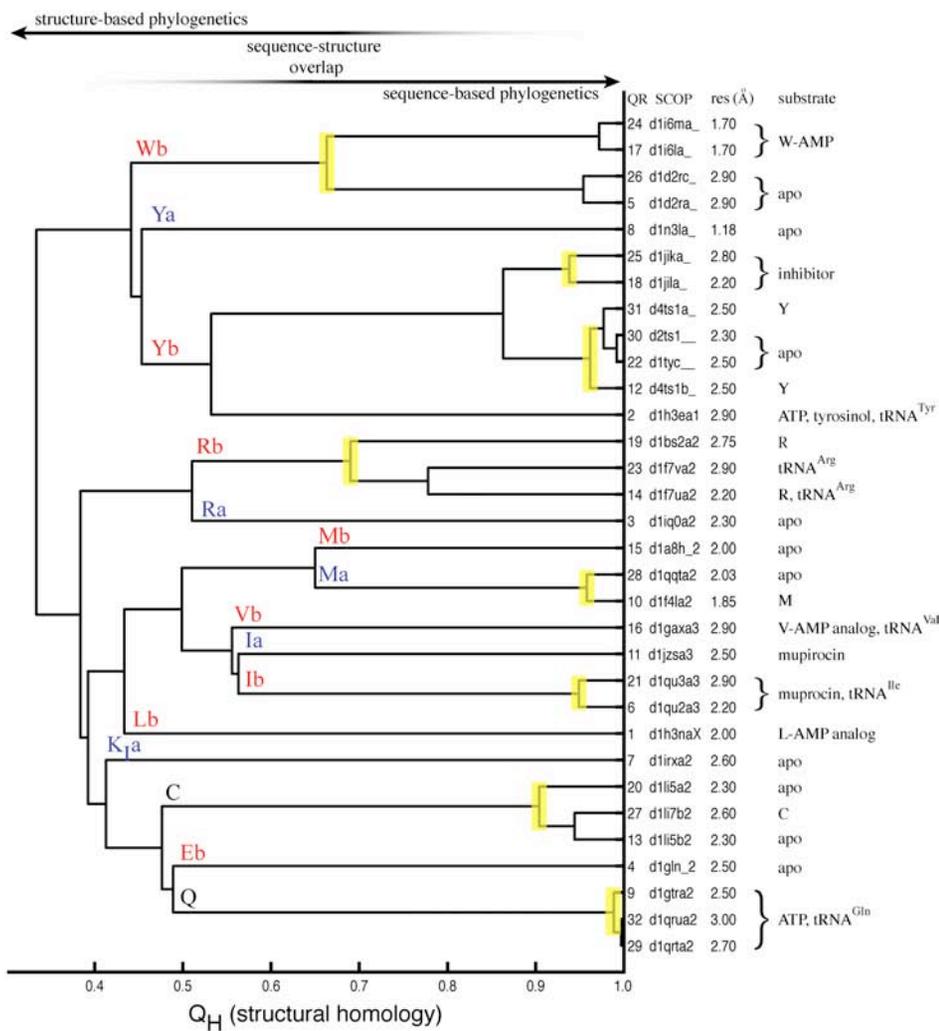
# Horizontal Gene Transfer in Protein Structure

## Sequence Phylogeny

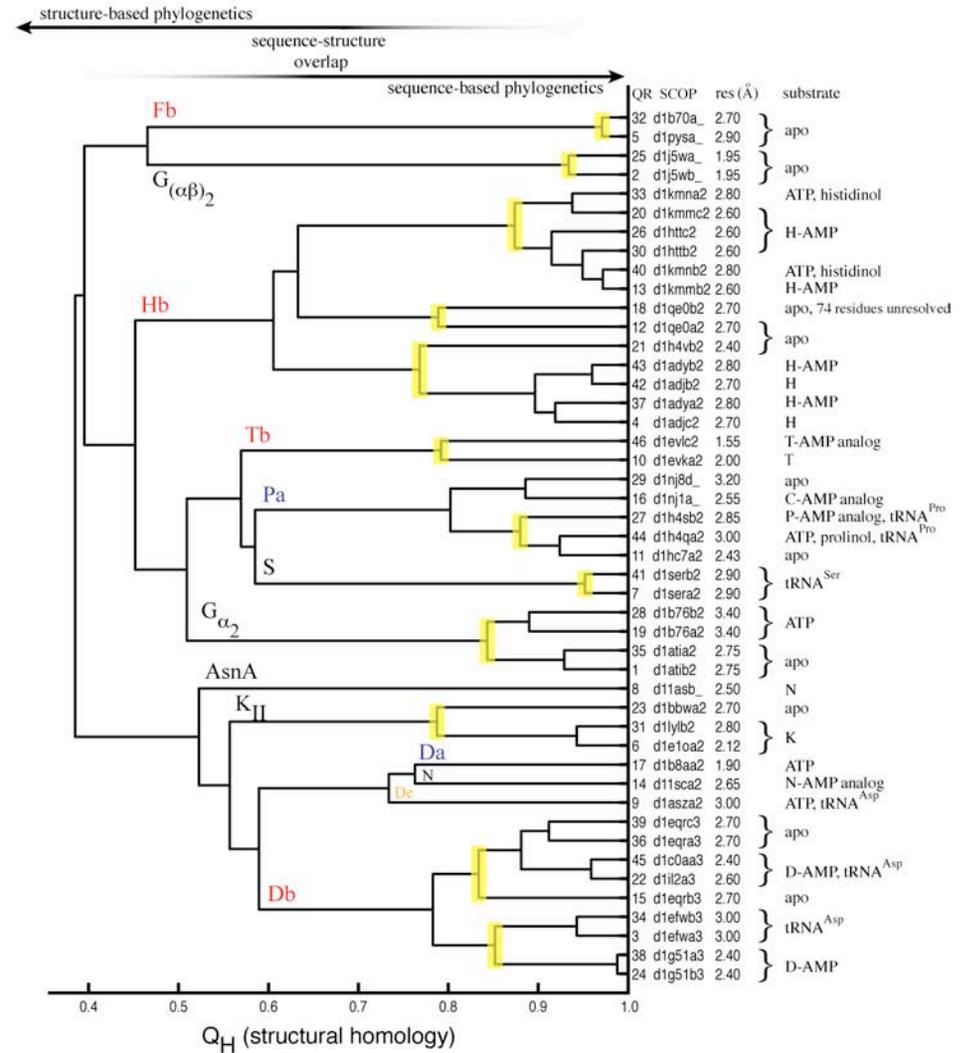
### AspRS-AsnRS Group



# Structure Phylogeny Class I AARSs

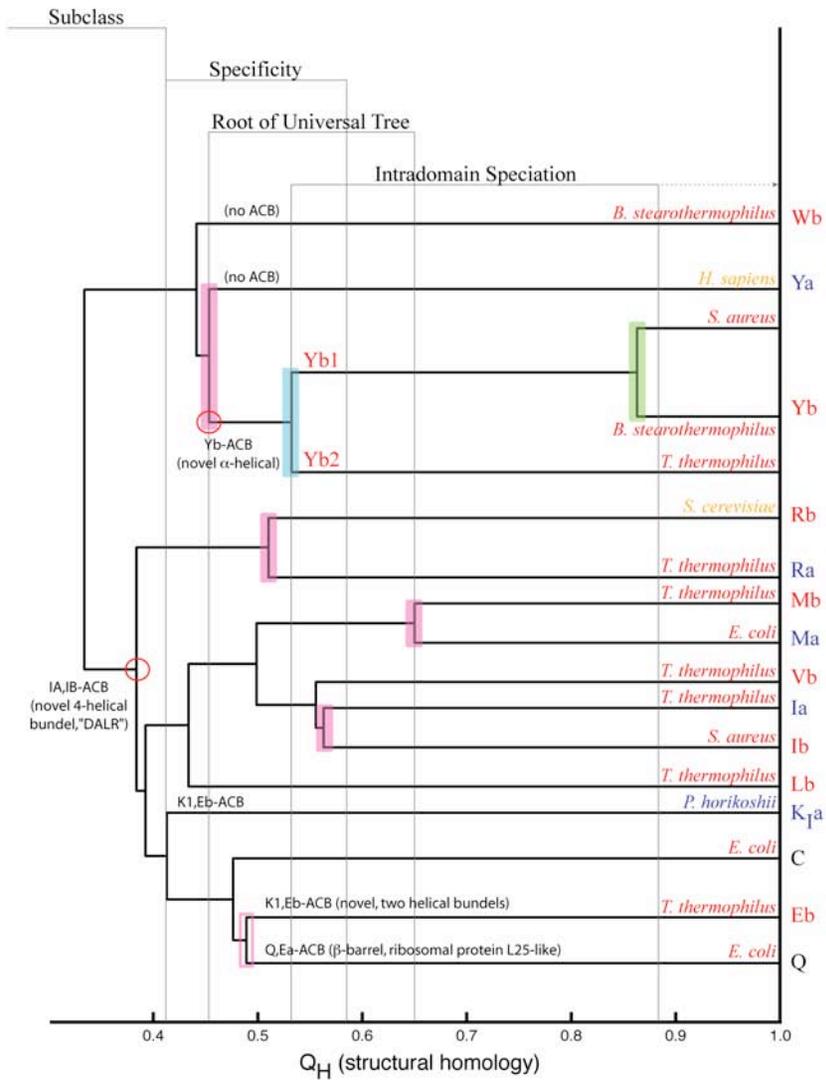


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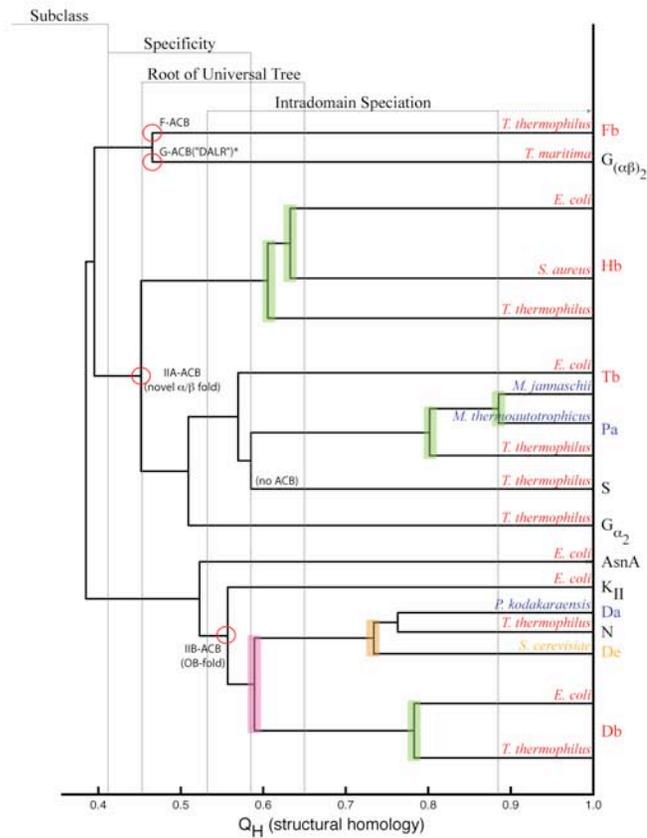


O'Donoghue and Luthey-Schulten, MMBR 2004

# Structure Phylogeny Class I AARSS



# Structure Phylogeny Class II AARSS



# Multiseq extension in VMD

VMD 1.8.3a2 OpenGL Display

**Extensions**

- sequence
- autoimd
- apbsrun
- imd
- contactmap
- pdbtool
- ramaplot
- rmsd
- solvate
- timeline
- multiseq
- tkcon
- vmdmovie

treeWindow

Tree

```

graph LR
    A[d1efwa3.ent Thermus thermophilus B] --- B(( ))
    B --- C[d1c0aa3.ent Escherichia coli B]
    B --- D(( ))
    D --- E[d1n9wb1.ent d1n9wb1.ent]
    D --- F(( ))
    F --- G[d1asza2.ent Saccharomyces cerevisiae E]
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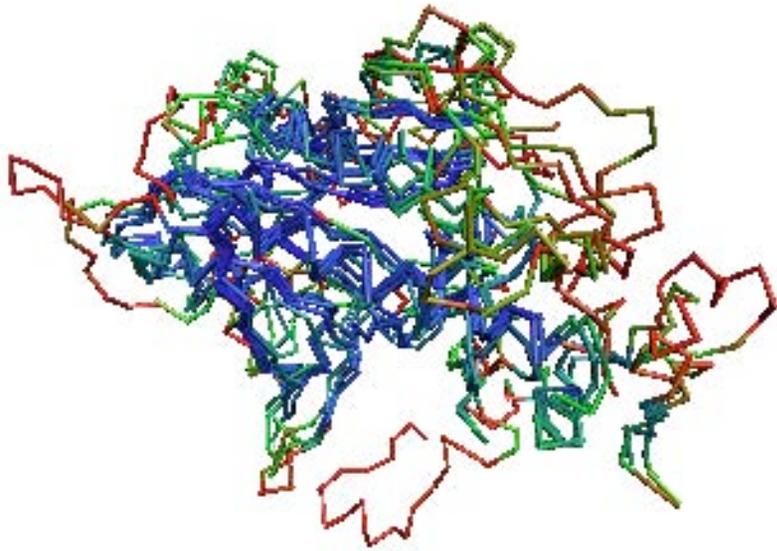
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Sequence Display

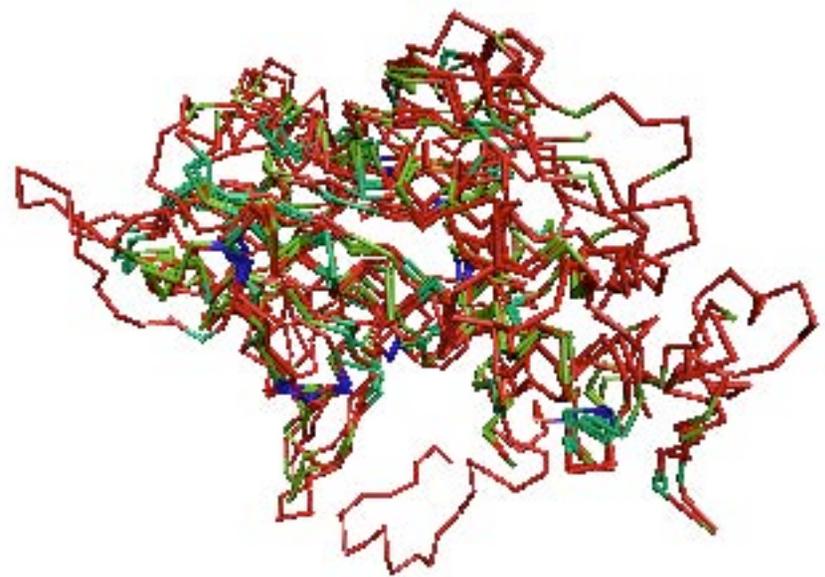
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d1efwa3.ent  ---GSD-KP-DL-RR---EGFRFLWVVDFPILLEWDEEEEAWTYMHHHPFTSPHPED-LP LLEKDPGRVRLAYDLVLNGVI
  
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# Conservation



Core Structure Conserved



Sequence Identity of Core  
Less than 15%

# Useful Web Tools

- [SCOP](#) - Structure Database
- [NCBI Genomes](#) – Sequence and Gene Information
- [SWISSPROT](#) - Sequence Database
- [PFAM](#) Domain Architecture
- [Clustal](#) Multiple Sequence Alignments
- Hidden Markov Methods
- [Phylip](#) Phylogenetic Trees
- Matlab - Statistics UPGMA



## Protein: Aspartyl-tRNA synthetase (AspRS) from *Escherichia coli*

### Lineage:

1. Root: [scop](#)
2. Class: [All beta proteins](#)
3. Fold: [OB-fold](#)  
*barrel, closed or partly opened n=5, S=10 or S=8; greek-key*
4. Superfamily: [Nucleic acid-binding proteins](#)
5. Family: [Anticodon-binding domain](#)  
*barrel, closed; n=5, S=10*
6. Protein: Aspartyl-tRNA synthetase (AspRS)  
*this is N-terminal domain in prokaryotic enzymes and the first "visible" domain in eukaryotic enzymes*
7. Species: [Escherichia coli](#)

### PDB Entry Domains:

1. [1c0a](#)    
  1. [region a:1-106](#)   
2. [1ii2](#)    

*complexed with 1mg, 5mc, 5mu, amo, h2u, psu, so4*

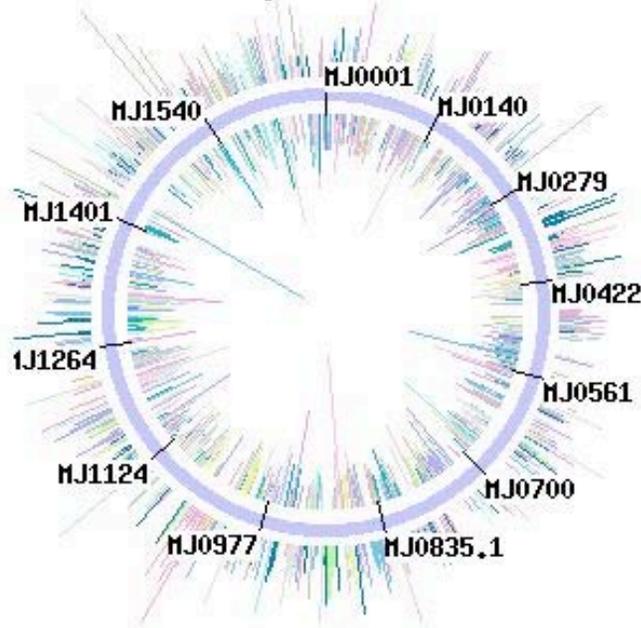
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  2. [region b:1001-1106](#)   
3. [1eqr](#)    

*complexed with mg*

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  2. [region b:1-106](#)   
  3. [region c:1-106](#)   

**Protein coding genes distribution map**

To see map locations of genes, click on a region in the map, to zoom in on that region



Gene Classification based on [COG functional categories](#)

- Translation, ribosomal structure and biogenesis
- Transcription
- DNA replication, recombination and repair
- Cell division and chromosome partitioning
- Posttranslational modification, protein turnover
- Cell envelope biogenesis, outer membrane
- Cell motility and secretion
- Inorganic ion transport and metabolism
- Signal transduction mechanisms
- Energy production and conversion
- Carbohydrate transport and metabolism
- Amino acid transport and metabolism
- Nucleotide transport and metabolism
- Coenzyme metabolism
- Lipid metabolism
- Secondary metabolites biosynthesis, transport and catabolism
- General function prediction only
- Function unknown
- No COG match

Organism: [Methanocaldococcus jannaschii](#)

Genetic Code: [11](#)

Lineage: Archaea; Euryarchaeota; Methanococci; Methanococcales;

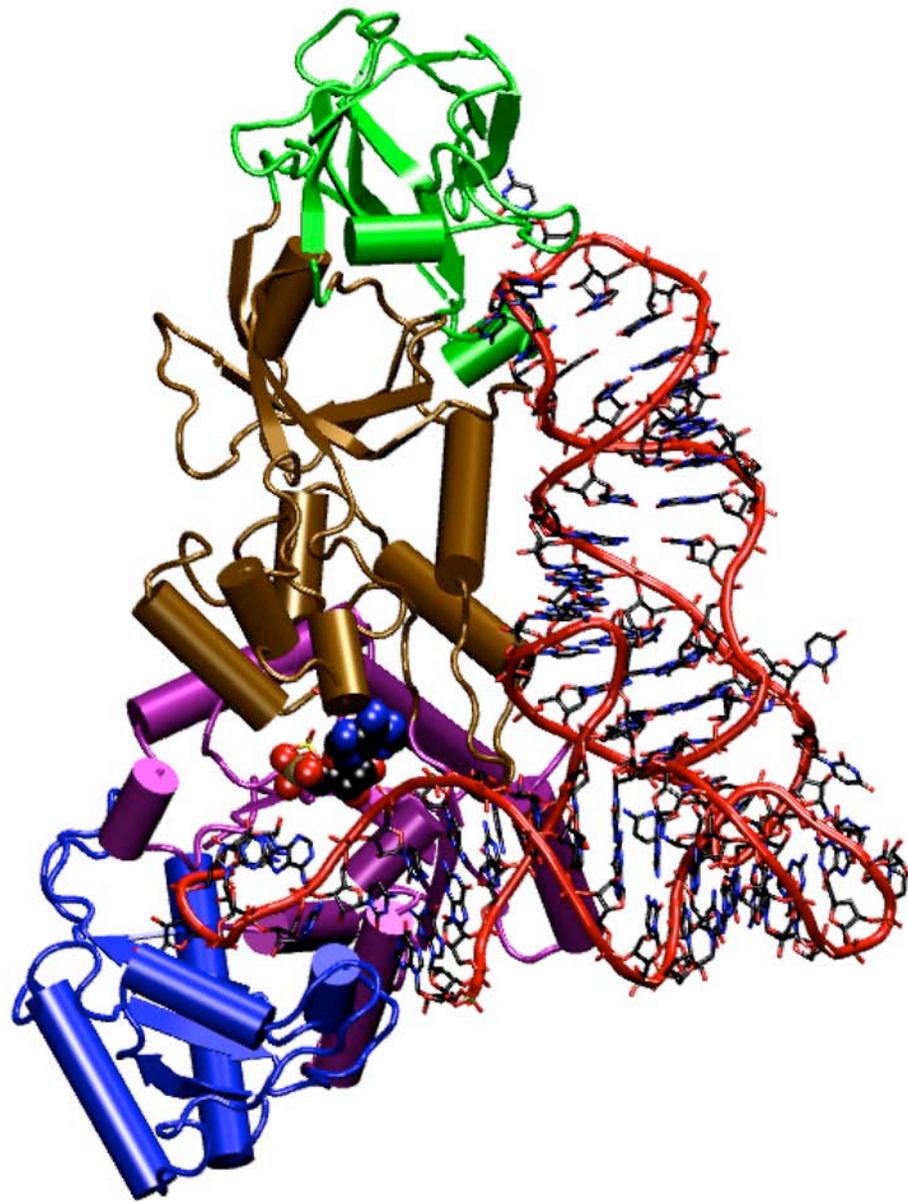
Methanocaldococcaceae; Methanocaldococcus.

**Complete genome sequence of the methanogenic archaeon, Methanococcus jannaschii**

Bult, C.J., White, O., Olsen, G.J., Zhou, L., Fleischmann, R.D., Sutton, G.G., Blake, J.A., FitzGerald, L.M., Clayton, R.A., Gocayne, J.D., Kerlavage, A.R., Dougherty, B.A., Tomb, J.-F., Adams, M.D., Reich, C.I., Overbeek, R., Kirkness, E.F., Weinstock, K.G., Merrick, J.M., Glodek, A., Scott, J.D., Geoghagen, N.S., Weidman, J.F., Fuhrmann, J.L., Nguyen, D.T., Utterback, T., Kelley, J.M., Peterson, J.D., Sadow, P.W., Hanna, M.C., Cotton, M.D., Hurst, M.A., Roberts, K.M., Kaine, B.B., Borodovsky, M., Klenk, H.P., Fraser, C.M., Smith, H.O., Woese, C.R. and Venter, J.C.

Science 273 (5278), 1058-1073 (1996)

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NCBI 3D





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Nucleotide

Protein

*protein-protein* **BLAST**

Translations

Retrieve results for an  
RID



Search

Your Favorite Sequence in Fasta Format

Set subsequence

From:

To:

Choose database

swissprot 

Do CD-Search



Now:

**BLAST!**

or

**Reset query**

**Reset all**

# Report from SWISS-PROT

## Comments

- **CATALYTIC ACTIVITY:** ATP + L-aspartate + tRNA(Asp) = AMP + diphosphate + L-aspartyl-tRN
- **COFACTOR:** Binds 3 magnesium ions per subunit (*By similarity*).
- **SUBCELLULAR LOCATION:** Cytoplasmic.
- **SIMILARITY:** Belongs to class-II [aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase](#) family.

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# PFAM Report

## Representative tRNA-synt\_2 family proteins

This family may contain **overlapping domains**, to change the graphical view click [here](#)

[SYDC\\_YEAST](#) [Saccharomyces cerevisiae (baker's yeast)] aspartyl-tRNA synthetase, cytoplasmic (ec 6.1.1.12) (aspartate--trna ligase)(asprs)



[SYD\\_CAEEL](#) [Caenorhabditis elegans] aspartyl-tRNA synthetase (ec 6.1.1.12) (aspartate--trna ligase)(asprs)



[SYD\\_HUMAN](#) [Homo sapiens (human)] aspartyl-tRNA synthetase (ec 6.1.1.12) (aspartate--trna ligase)(asprs)



[SYD\\_RAT](#) [Rattus norvegicus (rat)] aspartyl-tRNA synthetase (ec 6.1.1.12) (aspartate--trna ligase)(asprs)





## CLUSTALW: Multiple Sequence Alignment[\[help\]](#)

### General Setting Parameters:

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Pairwise Alignment:  FAST/APPROXIMATE  SLOW/ACCURATE

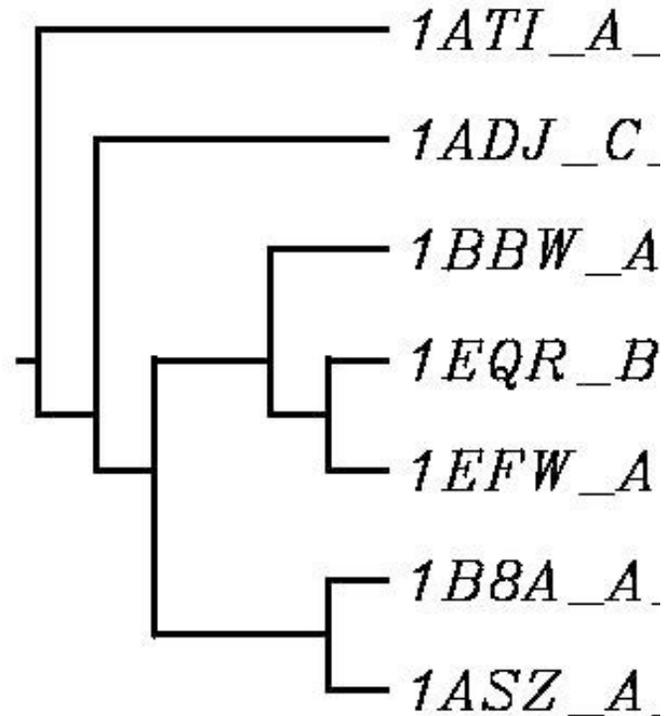
Enter your [sequences](#) (with labels) below (copy & paste):  PROTEIN  DNA

Support Formats: FASTA (Pearson), NBRF/PIR, EMBL/Swiss Prot, GDE, CLUSTAL, and GCG/MSF

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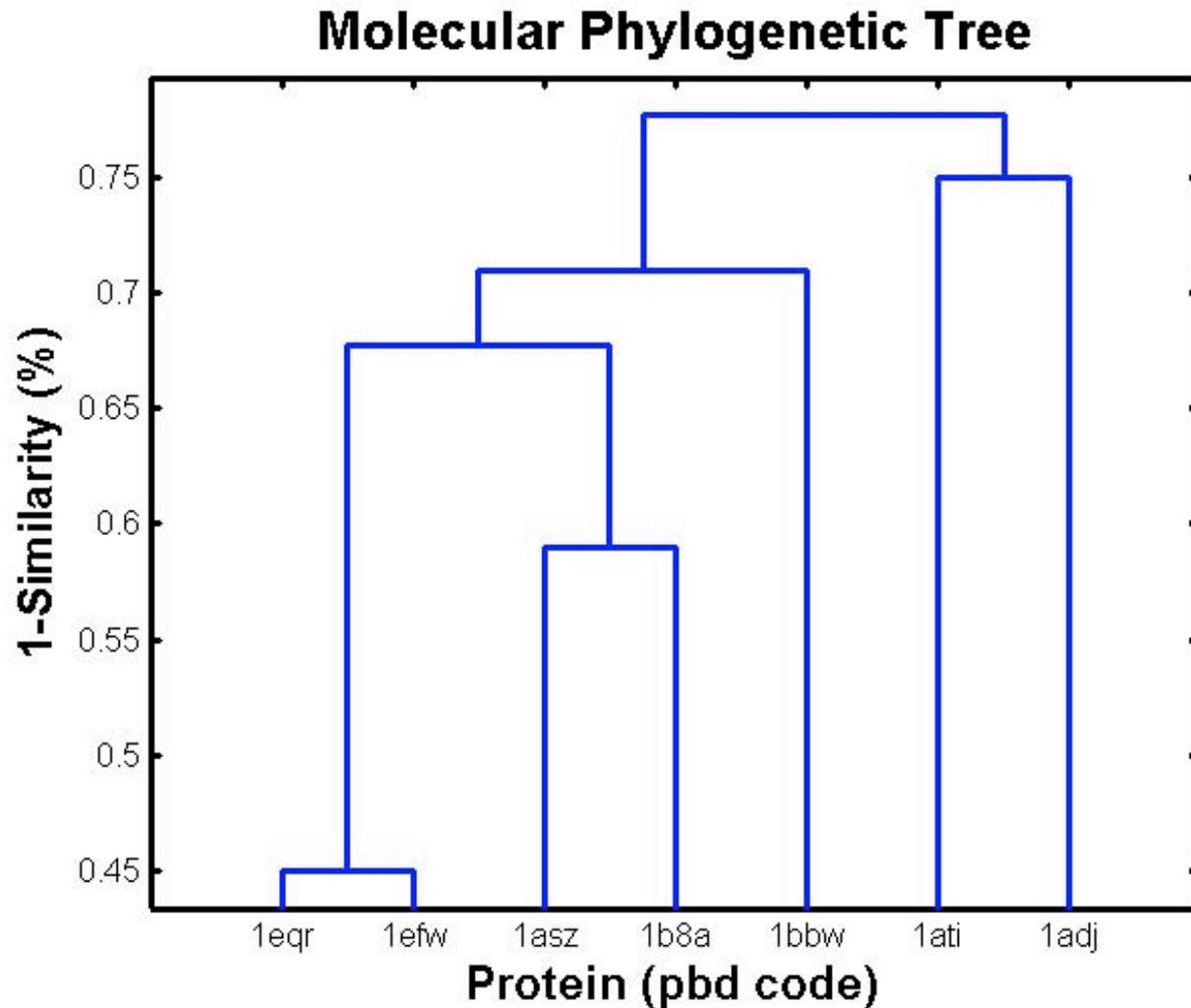
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# Sequence UPGMA Dendrogram - Clustal



Specificity	Organism	PDB code:chain	ASTRAL catalytic domain
Aspartyl	Eubacteria	1EQR:B	d1eqrb3
Aspartyl	Archaea	1B8A:A	d1b8aa2
Aspartyl	Eukarya	1ASZ:A	d1asza2
Glycl	Archaea	1ATI:A	d1atia2
Histidyl	Eubacteria	1ADJ:C	d1adjc2
Lysl	Eubacteria	1BBW:A	d1bbwa2
Aspartyl	Eubacteria	1EFW:A	d1efwa3

# Phylogenetic (UPGMA) Tree - Matlab



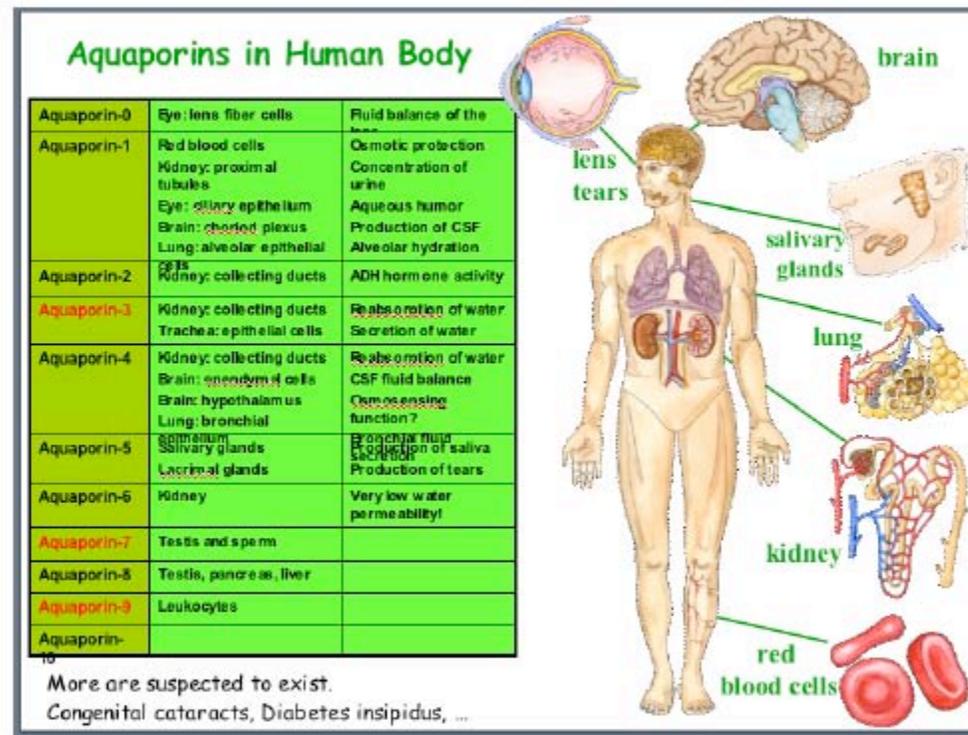
# Bioinformatics of Aquaporin Tutorial

## Week II Perth

Highlights:

- Structural overlap
- Correlation conserved residues and mechanism

# Aquaporins



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Elizabeth Villa

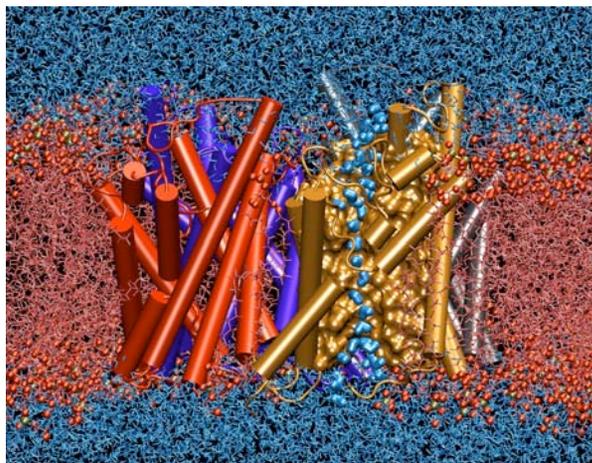
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# Towards Understanding Membrane Channels

## *The versatile, highly selective and efficient aquaporin*



### **GlpF Structure (Stroud et al)**

NAMD with full electrostatics

Periodic boundary conditions

NpT ensemble at 310 K

1ns equilibration

Protein: ~ 15,000 atoms

Lipids: ~ 40,000 atoms

Water: ~ 51,000 atoms

**Total: ~ 106,000 atoms**

**4 hrs / ns – 1024 TSC CPUs**

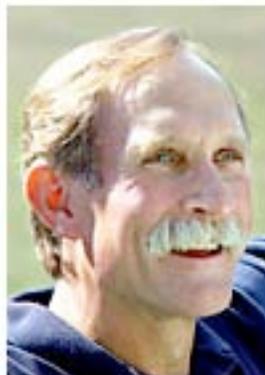


### The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2003

"for discoveries concerning channels in cell membranes"

"for the discovery of water channels"

"for structural and mechanistic studies of ion channels"



**Peter Agre**

🕒 1/2 of the prize

USA

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
Baltimore, MD, USA

b. 1949



**Roderick MacKinnon**

🕒 1/2 of the prize

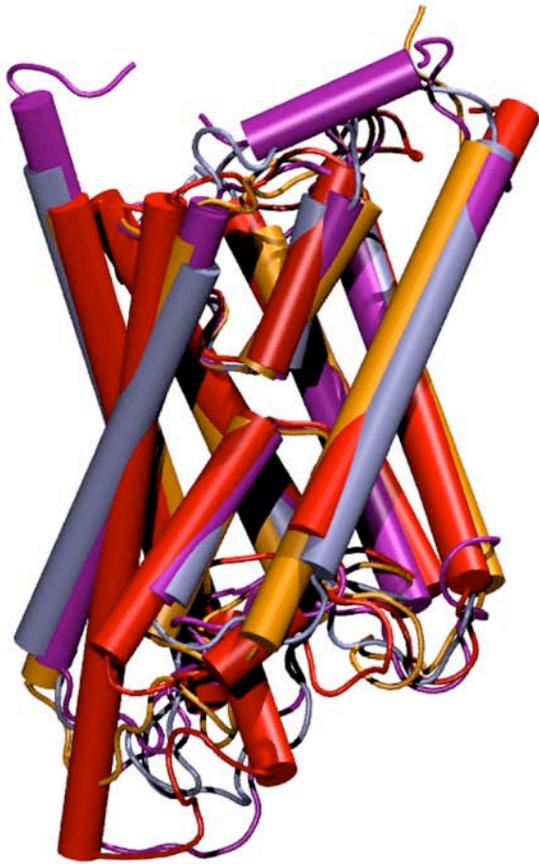
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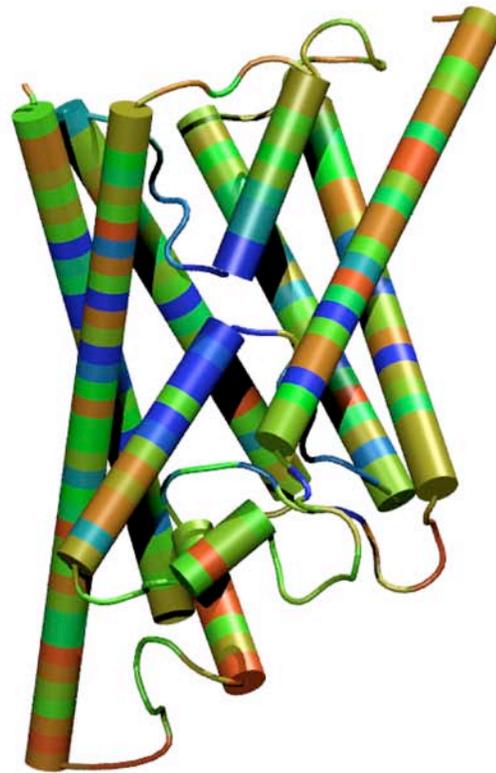
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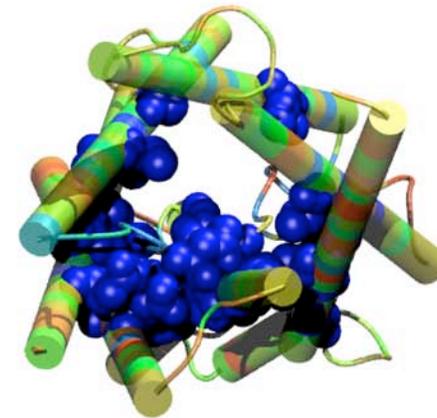
# Structure and Sequence Comparisons Water/Glycerol Channels



2 AQP1, GLPF, AQPZ  
from animal and bacteria



GLPF Sequence Conservation



Top view

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