



# Pilot project introduction



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## Equipment used:

- MetaCenter computing cluster, Masaryk University

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## Project goal:

- Web application for visualization, sharing and analyses of experimental data.

## Particular goals:

- Quick data delivery and visualization of biomacromolecular structures (**LiteMol suite**)
- Visualization of quality trends in biomacromolecular data (**ValTrends<sup>DB</sup>**)

## Potential end-users:

= **users of core biomolecular databases (Protein Data Bank, UniProt, ...)**

- Researchers – structural biology, biology, bioinformatics, chemoinformatics, biochemistry, etc.
- Students
- Companies – pharmaceutical, life science software development, ...
- Infrastructures – ELIXIR, Instruct, ...

# Project implementation

## Methodology:

- Programming languages:  
JavaScript, TypeScript  
C++
- Data inputs:  
Protein Data Bank – structures, validation reports

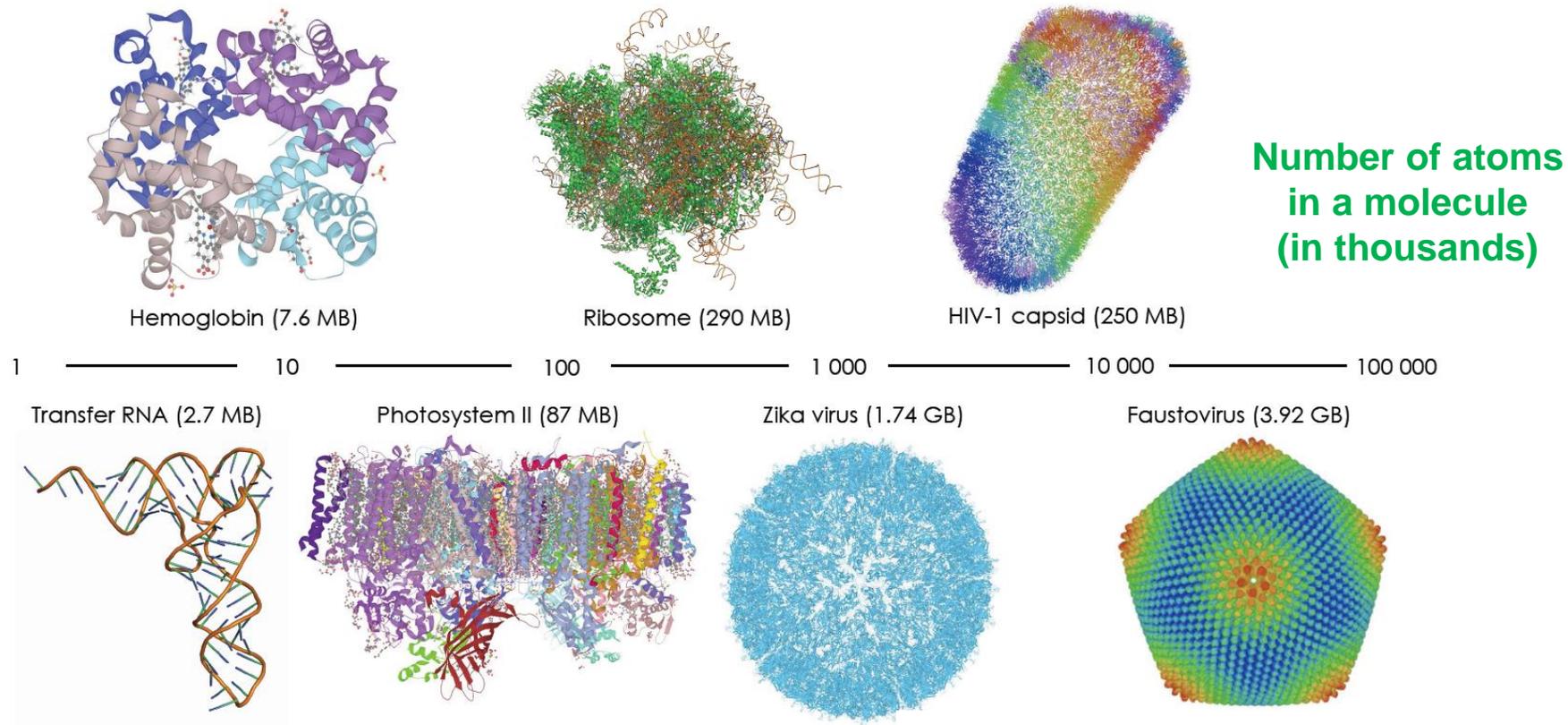
## The way of cooperation:

- Development: CEITEC
- Feedback and testing: VBCF

# Project results: LiteMol suite

## Protein Data Bank data volume

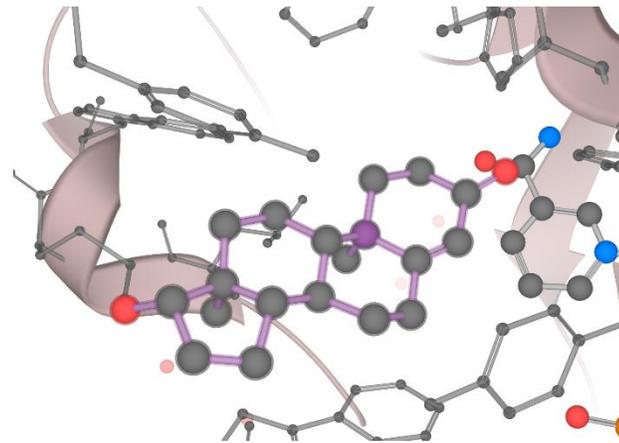
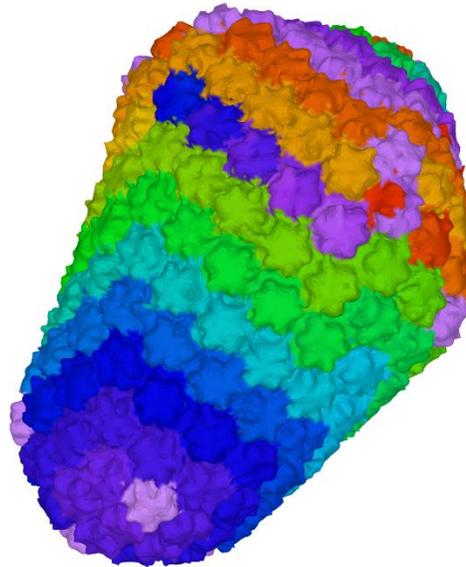
- Size of biomacromolecules markedly grows
- Increasing number of atoms



# Project results: LiteMol suite

## Challenges

- We need to deliver and visualize **all the layers**
- We need to do it also for **large structures**
- We need to show **entire structure**, and also its **details**
- We have to do it **quickly** and **interactively**



# Project results: LiteMol suite

## Solution – LiteMol suite

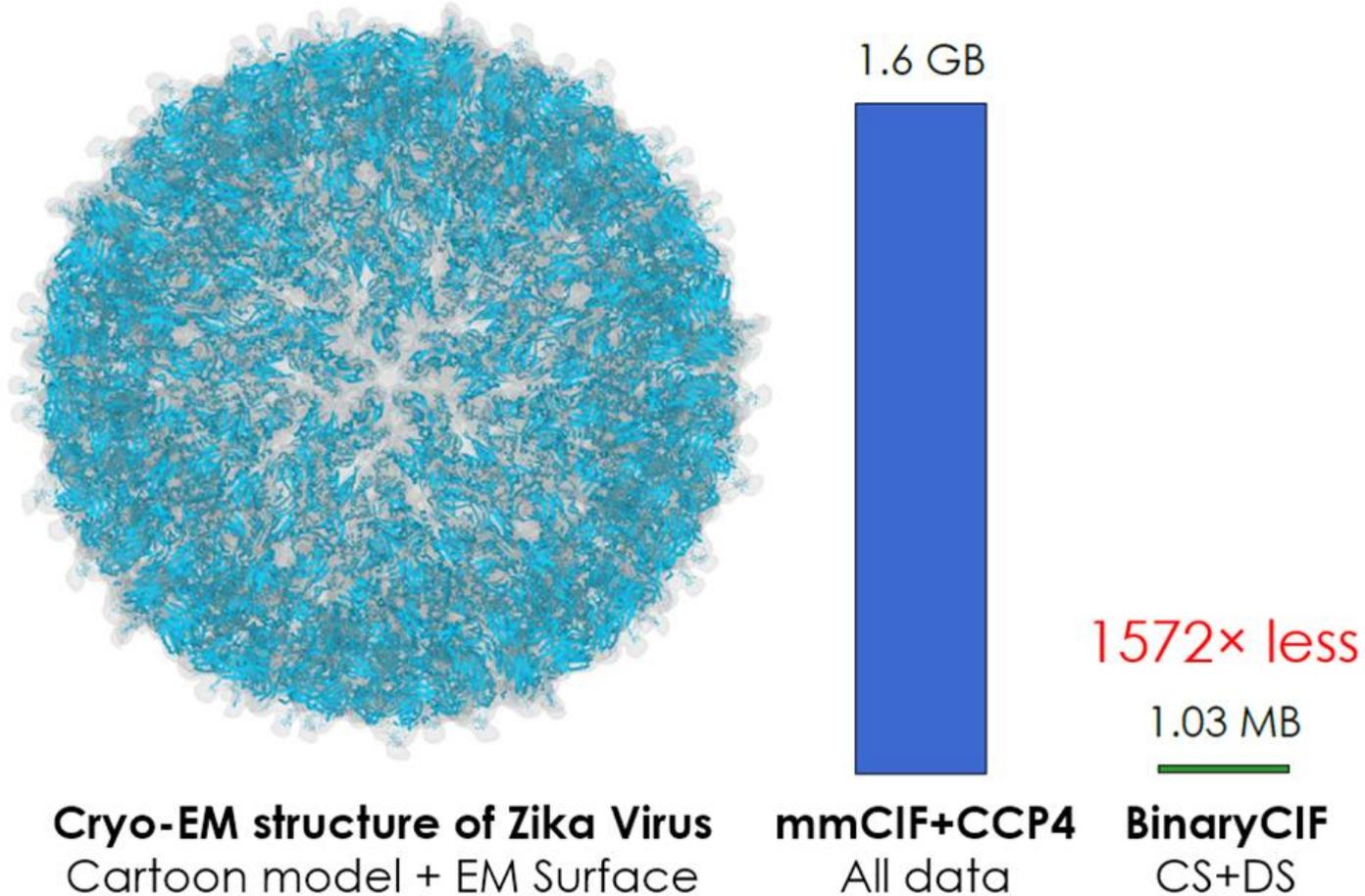
### Principle:

- Works like an interactive microscope
- Deals only with data, which user needs



# Project results: LiteMol suite

## LiteMol suite use case: ZIKA virus



# Project results: ValTrends<sup>DB</sup>

## Validation: Why to validate?

### Nightmare before Christmas



#### Retraction

WE WISH TO RETRACT OUR RESEARCH ARTICLE "STRUCTURE OF MsbA FROM *E. coli*: A homolog of the multidrug resistance ATP binding cassette (ABC) transporters" and both of our Reports "Structure of the ABC transporter MsbA in complex with ADP•vanadate and lipopolysaccharide" and "X-ray structure of the EmrE multidrug transporter in complex with a substrate" (1–3).

The recently reported structure of Sav1866 (4) indicated that our MsbA structures (1, 2, 5) were incorrect in both the hand of the structure and the topology. Thus, our biological interpretations based on these inverted models for MsbA are invalid.

An in-house data reduction program introduced a change in sign for anomalous differences. This program, which was not part of a conventional data processing package, converted the anomalous pairs (I+ and I-) to (F- and F+), thereby introducing a sign change. As the diffraction data collected for each set of MsbA crystals and for the EmrE crystals were processed with the same program, the structures reported in (1–3, 5, 6) had the wrong hand.

The error in the topology of the original MsbA structure was a consequence of the low resolution of the data as well as breaks in the elec-

tron density for the connecting loop regions. Unfortunately, the use of the multicopy refinement procedure still allowed us to obtain reasonable refinement values for the wrong structures.

The Protein Data Bank (PDB) files 1JSQ, 1PF4, and 1Z2R for MsbA and 1S7B and 2F2M for EmrE have been moved to the archive of obsolete PDB entries. The MsbA and EmrE structures will be recalculated from the original data using the proper sign for the anomalous differences, and the new C $\alpha$  coordinates and structure factors will be deposited.

We very sincerely regret the confusion that these papers have caused and, in particular, subsequent research efforts that were unproductive as a result of our original findings.

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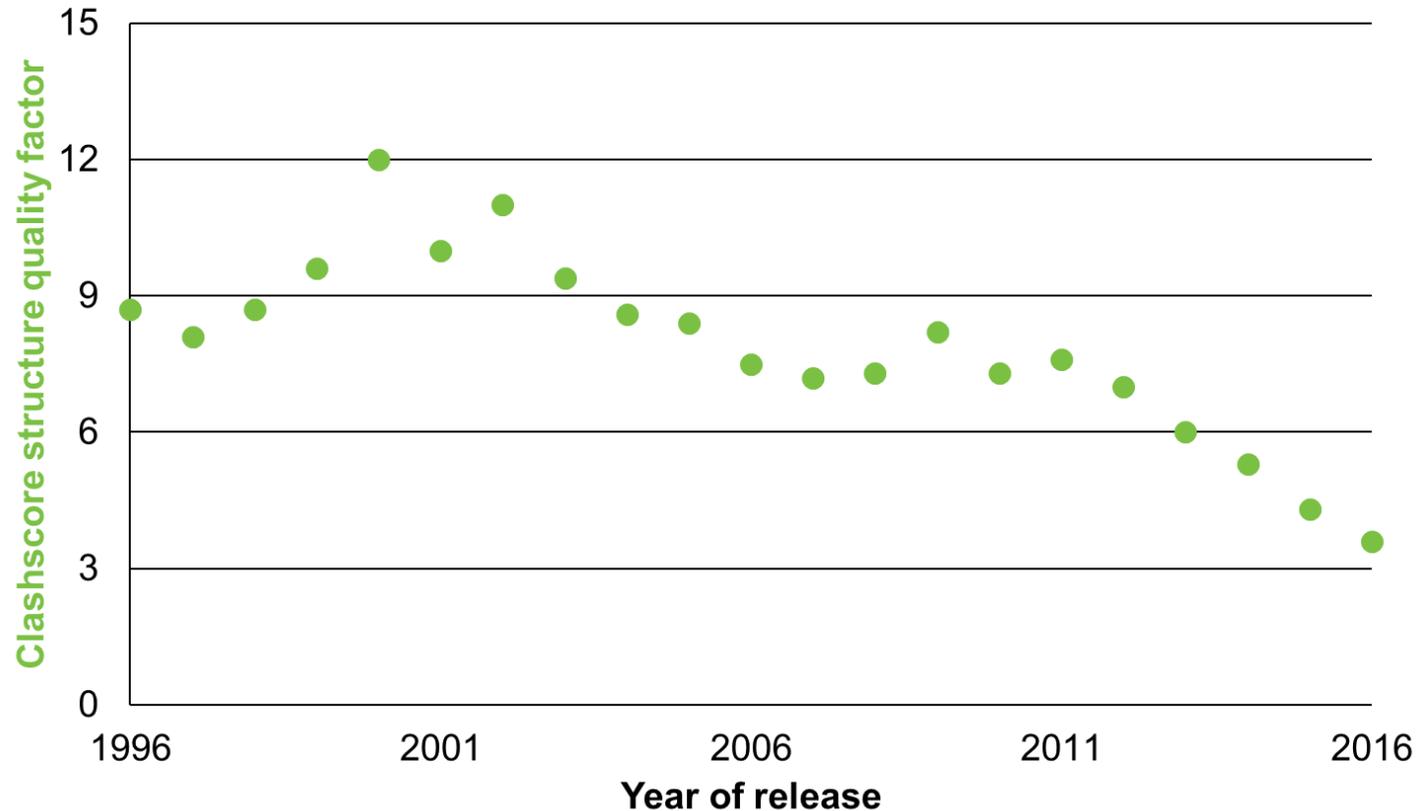
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**Structural biology community found that some published structures contained serious errors**

# Project results: ValTrends<sup>DB</sup>

## A fairy tail of structure quality

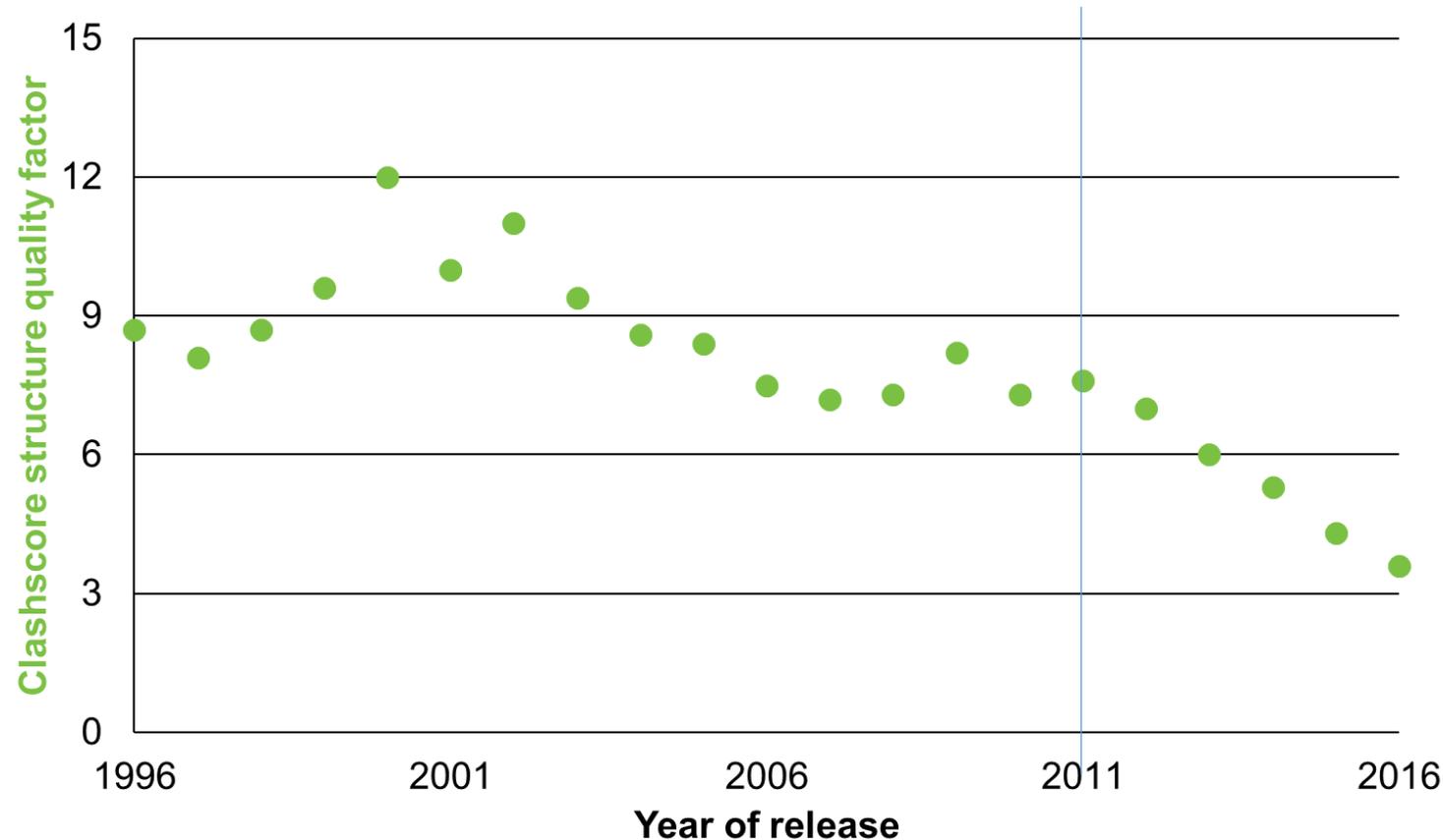


**Clashscore structure quality factor** represents the number of atom clashes per thousand atoms of a PDB structure

Based on data from [ncbr.muni.cz/ValTrendsDB](http://ncbr.muni.cz/ValTrendsDB)

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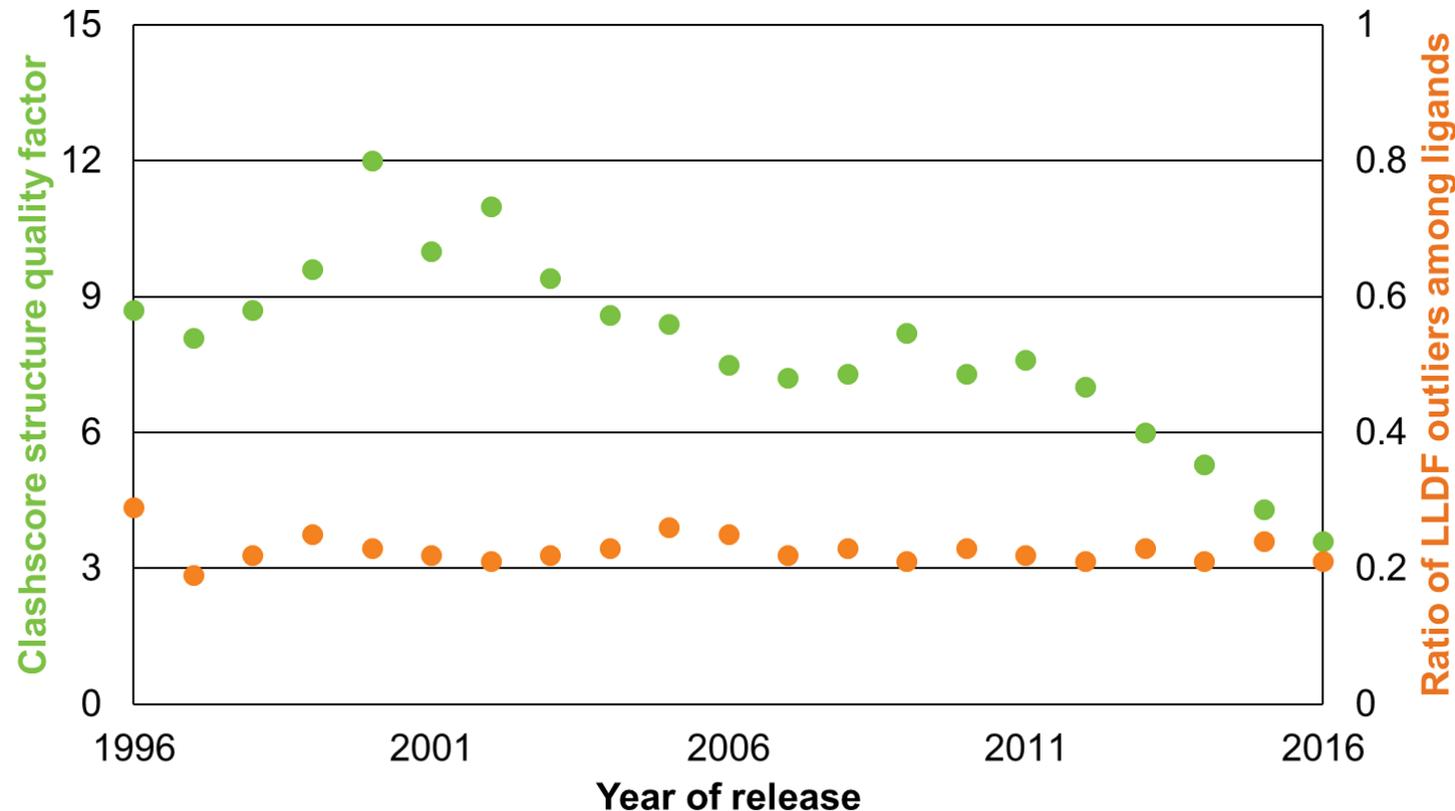
## Validation report paper<sup>1</sup> published



<sup>1</sup>Read, R. J. et al. (2011). A new generation of crystallographic validation tools for the protein data bank. *Structure (London, England: 1993)*, 19(10), 1395–412.

# Project results: ValTrends<sup>DB</sup>

## A fairy tail of structure quality?



**Ratio of LLDF outliers among ligands** represents statistical comparison of ligand model quality to adjacent (5 Å) residue model quality

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# Project results: ValTrendsDB

## The ValTrends<sup>DB</sup> database

ValTrends<sup>DB</sup>

Explore relationships

Custom visualization

Statistics

Data download

Help

Contacts

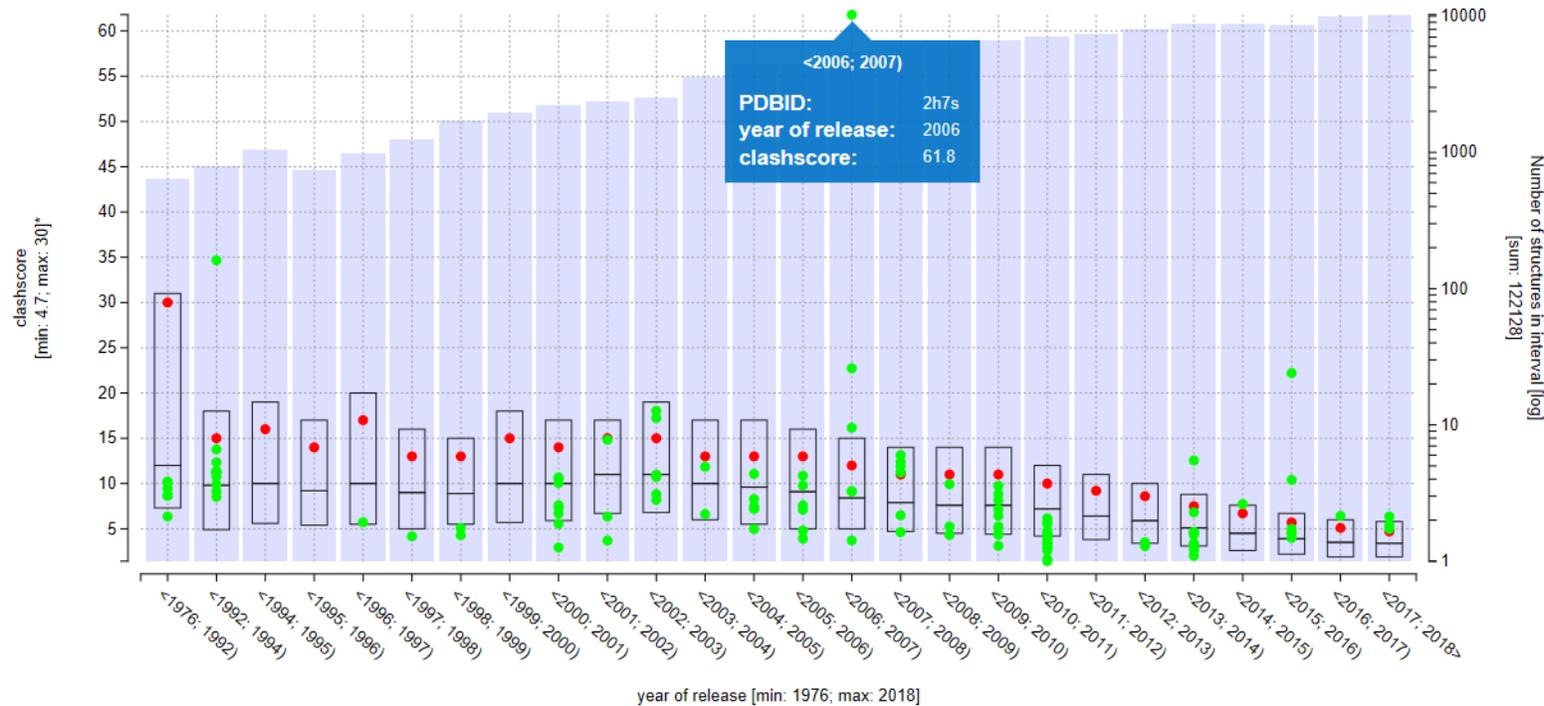
- 88 factors considered, 1852 meaningful pairs of factors evaluated
- Updated weekly
- Results available in **ValTrends<sup>DB</sup>** database at [ncbr.muni.cz/ValTrendsDB](http://ncbr.muni.cz/ValTrendsDB)
  - Predefined plots
  - Custom plots
  - Value distribution
  - Detailed description of the analysis

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## Quality of protein class – example

Dependency of clashscore on year of release

Green points are structures of cytochromes P450-cam



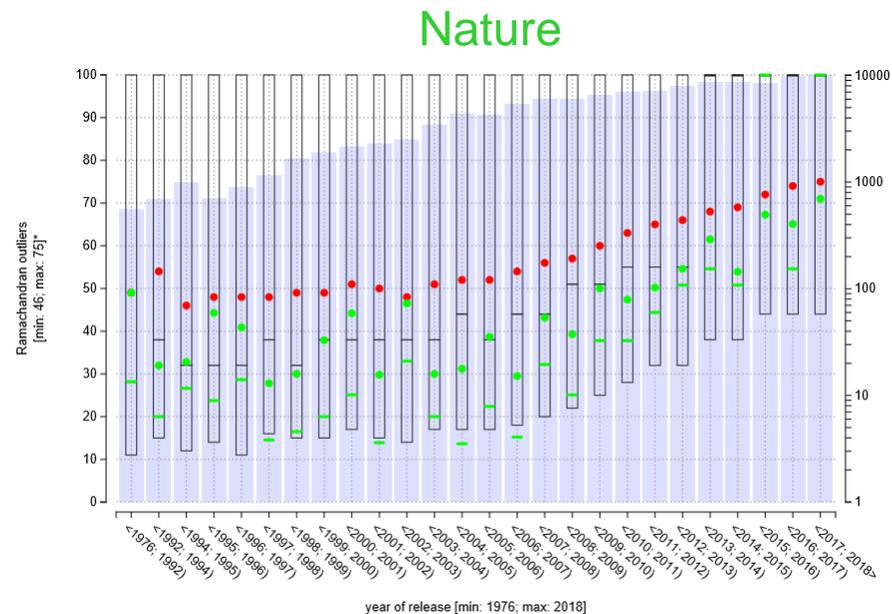
\*clashscore structure quality factor

Note: The graph shows, that the structure 2h7s has markedly lower quality than other structures in the dataset.

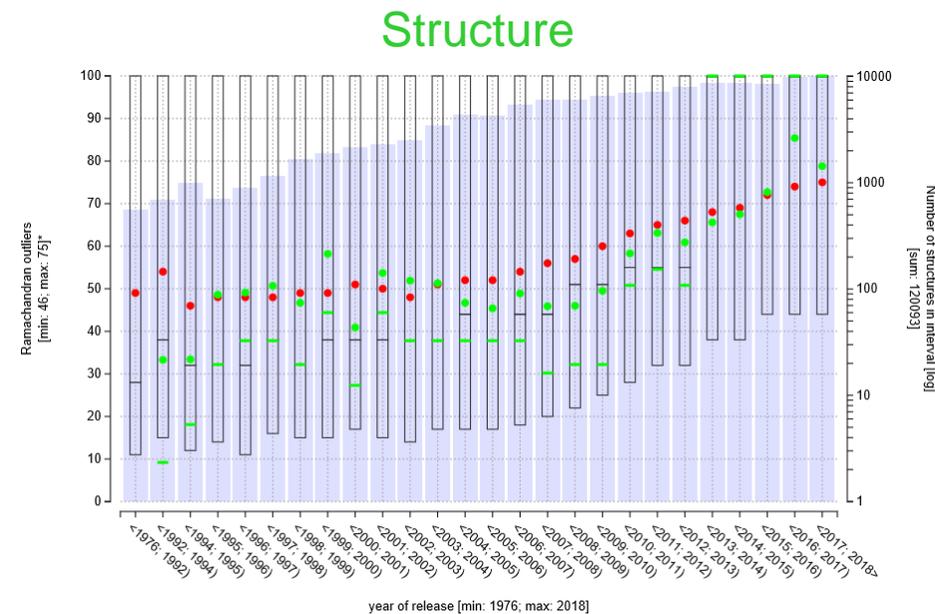
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Quality of proteins published in selected journal – example  
Dependency of Ramachandran outliers on year of release

Green points and lines are average values and medians of quality criteria for structures published in:



\*Ramachandran outliers structure quality factor - percentile version  
(the higher percentage, the better quality)



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Note: The graph shows, structures published in Nature have lower quality than the structures published in Structure.

# Conclusion

- **Web applications LiteMol suite and ValTrendsDB were developed**
- **The tools showed as very perspective:**
  - Used by many users
  - Parts of LiteMol suite integrated in Protein Data Bank and Uniprot
  - LiteMol suite was published in Nature Methods
  - ValTrends<sup>DB</sup> integration is in progress
  - Two articles were published based on ValTrends<sup>DB</sup> analyses
- **Future plans:**
  - Extending the tools and their functionality
  - Preparation for Open access