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## Predicting multiple conformations of flexible proteins

We developed a pipeline for predicting multiple conformations of flexible proteins. A range of conformations is first generated using the deep learning model AlphaFold2 (AF2), which are then filtered using distance constraints and solvent-accessibility data from crosslinking mass spectrometry (XL-MS), using two scoring functions we developed: the crosslink and monolink probability scores (XLP, MP). The scoring functions were first benchmarked on 200 proteins (each with 300 structural decoys) using simulated XL-MS data, before being tested on an experimental test dataset. We showed that AF2 alone can only identify two out of six conformations in the test dataset, while a combination of AF2 and XLP/MP was able to identify four of six conformations, highlighting the complementarity between AF2 and XL-MS.

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