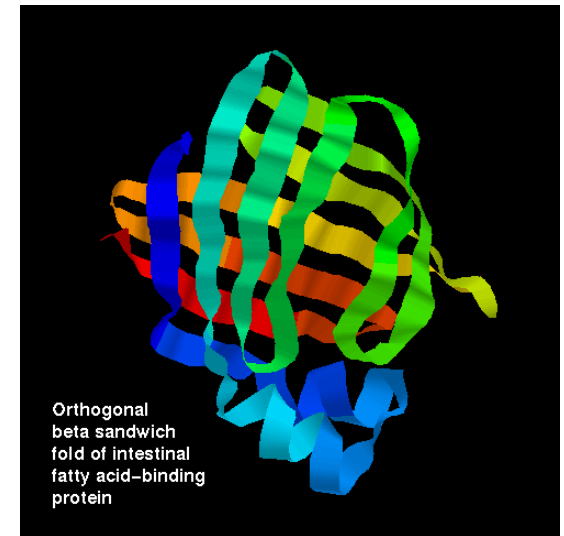
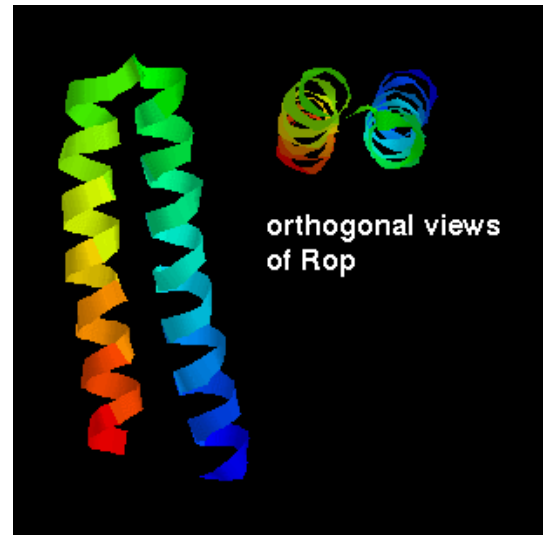


# 3D Structure

## *Prediction and Assessment*

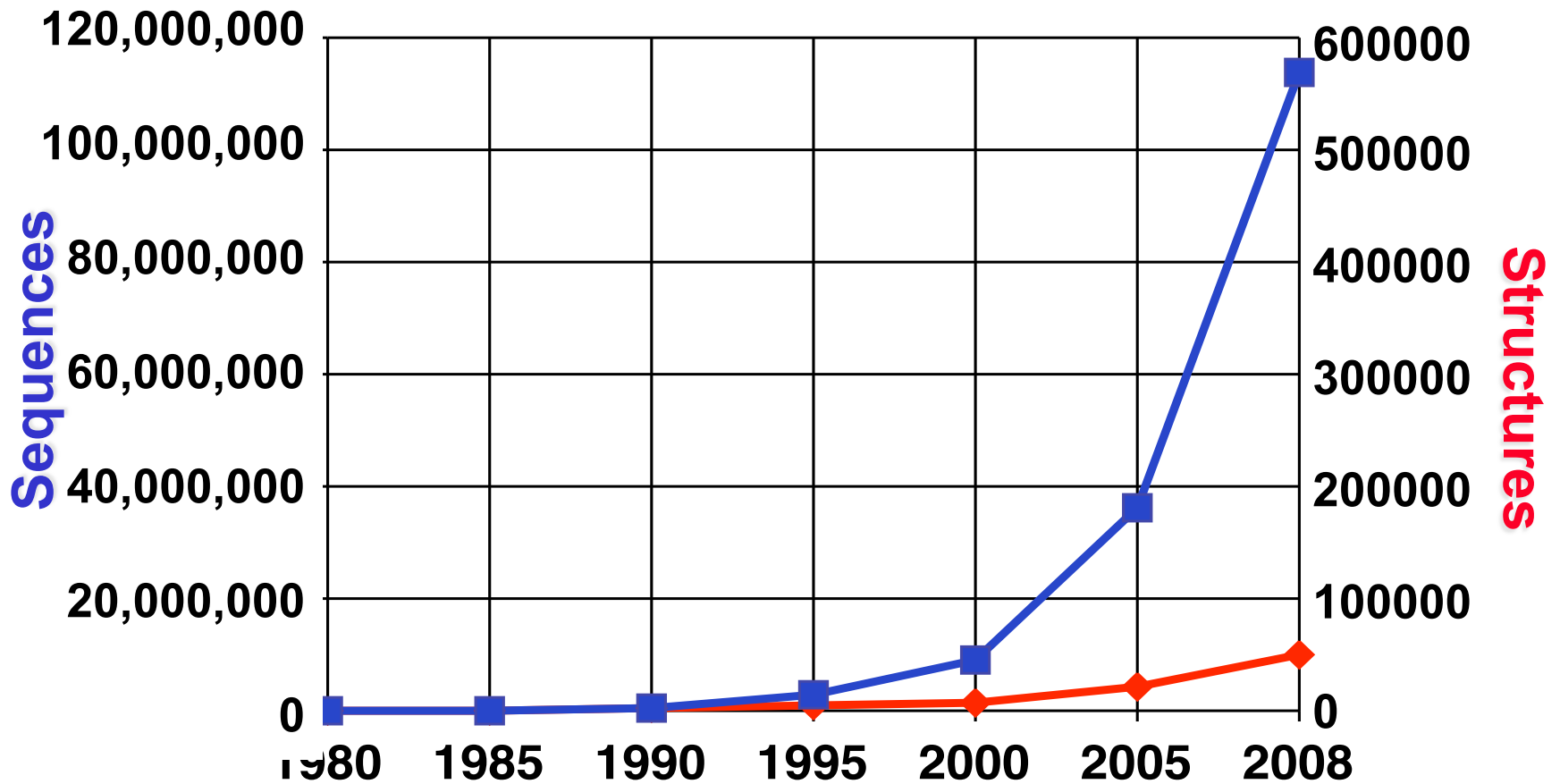


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# Outline & Objectives\*

- **Become familiar with the Protein Universe and the Protein Structure Initiative**
- **Learn principles of how to do homology (comparative) modelling of 3D protein structures**
- **Learn how to do homology modelling on the Web**
- **Learn how to assess 3D structures (modelled and experimental)**

# Structural Proteomics: The Motivation



# Protein Structure Initiative\*

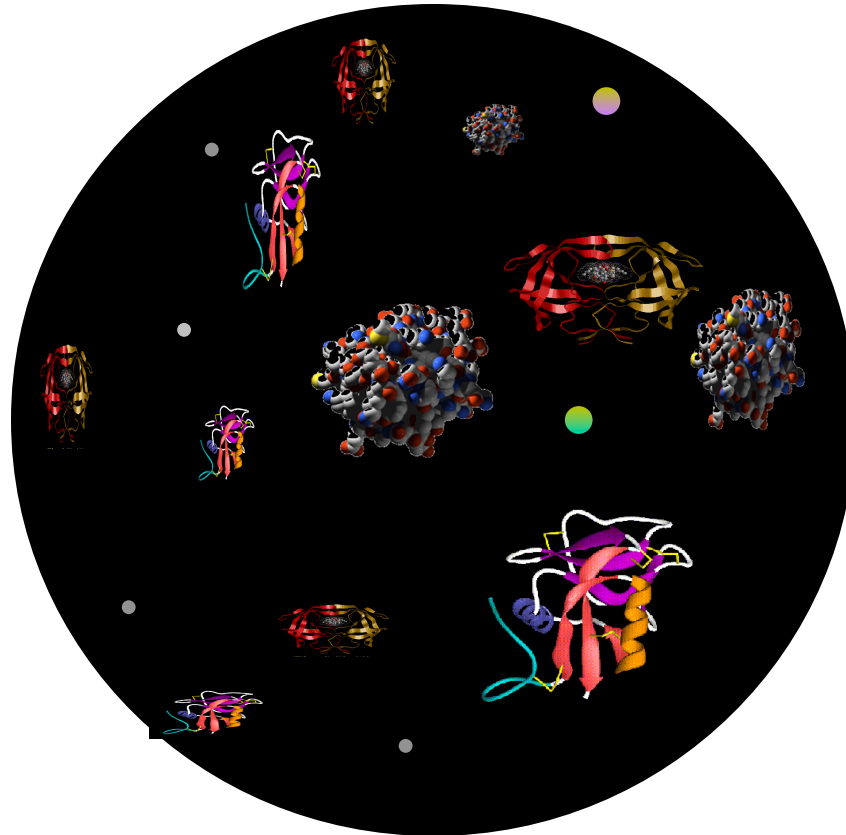
- **Organize all known protein sequences into sequence families**
- **Select family representatives as targets**
- **Solve the 3D structures of these targets by X-ray or NMR**
- **Build models for the remaining proteins via comparative (homology) modeling**

# Protein Structure Initiative\*

- **Organize and recruit interested structural biologists and structure biology centres from around the world**
- **Coordinate target selection**
- **Develop new kinds of high throughput techniques**
- **Solve, solve, solve, solve....**

# The Protein Fold Universe

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Big  
Is  
It???



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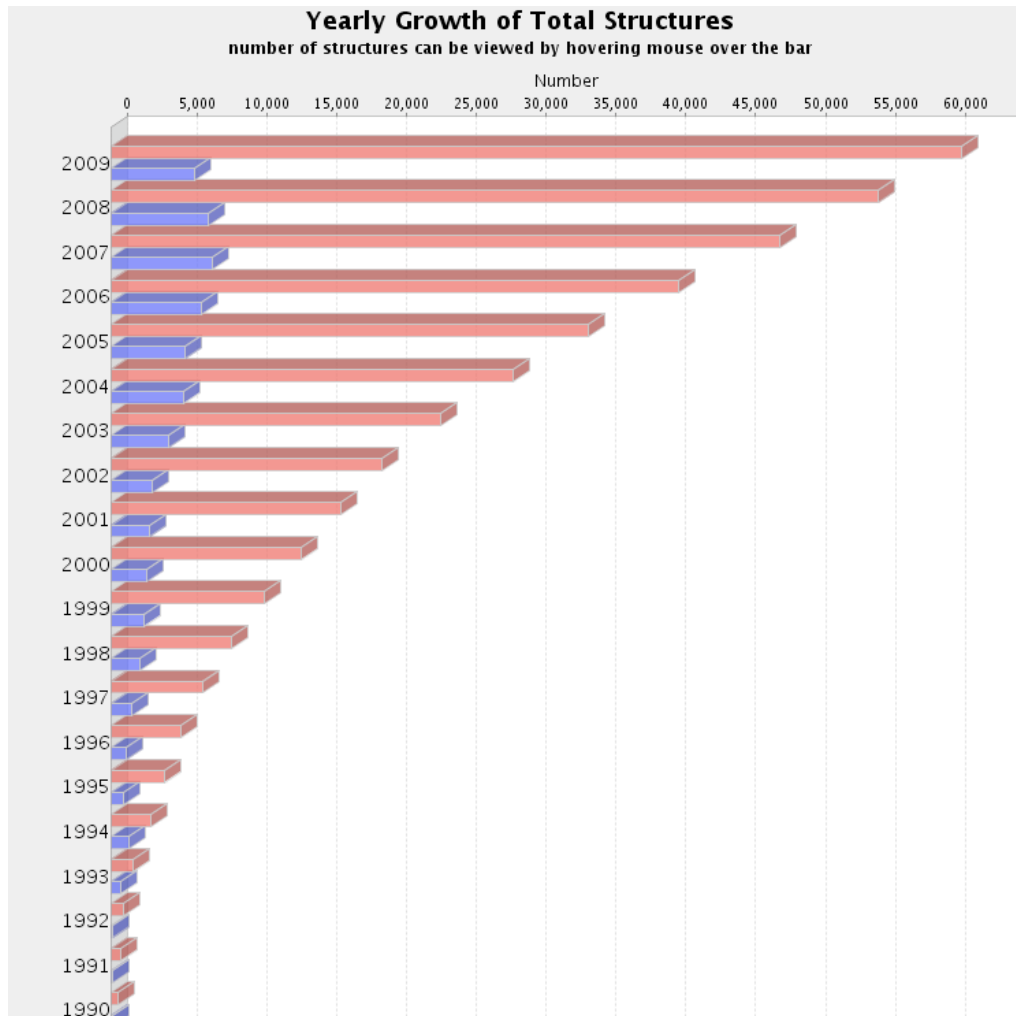
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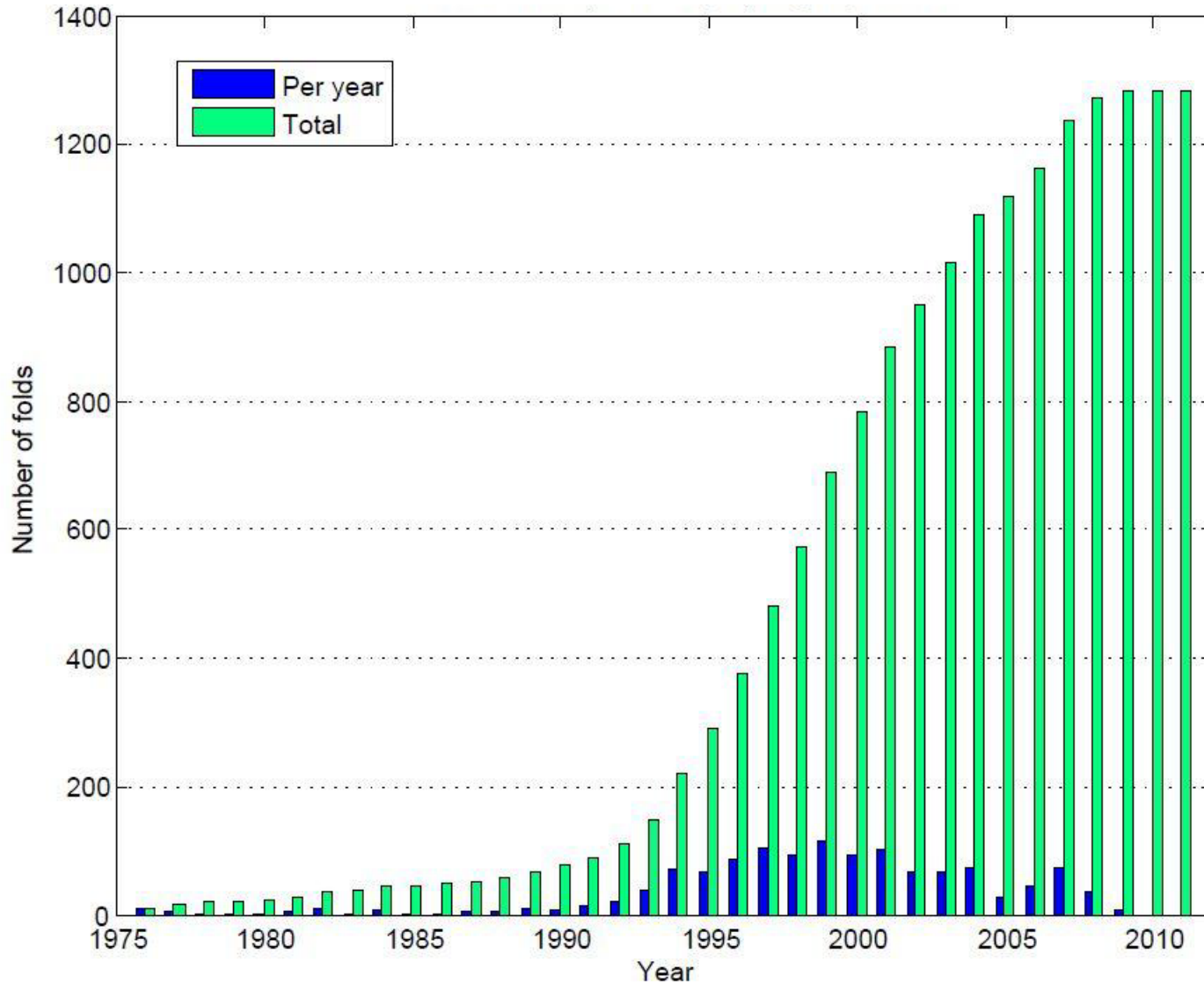
*Human Genome Codes for ~21,000 Proteins*

# Structure Deposition Rate



- **Growth has been exponential for the past 10 years**
- **Approximately 8000 new structures being added each year**

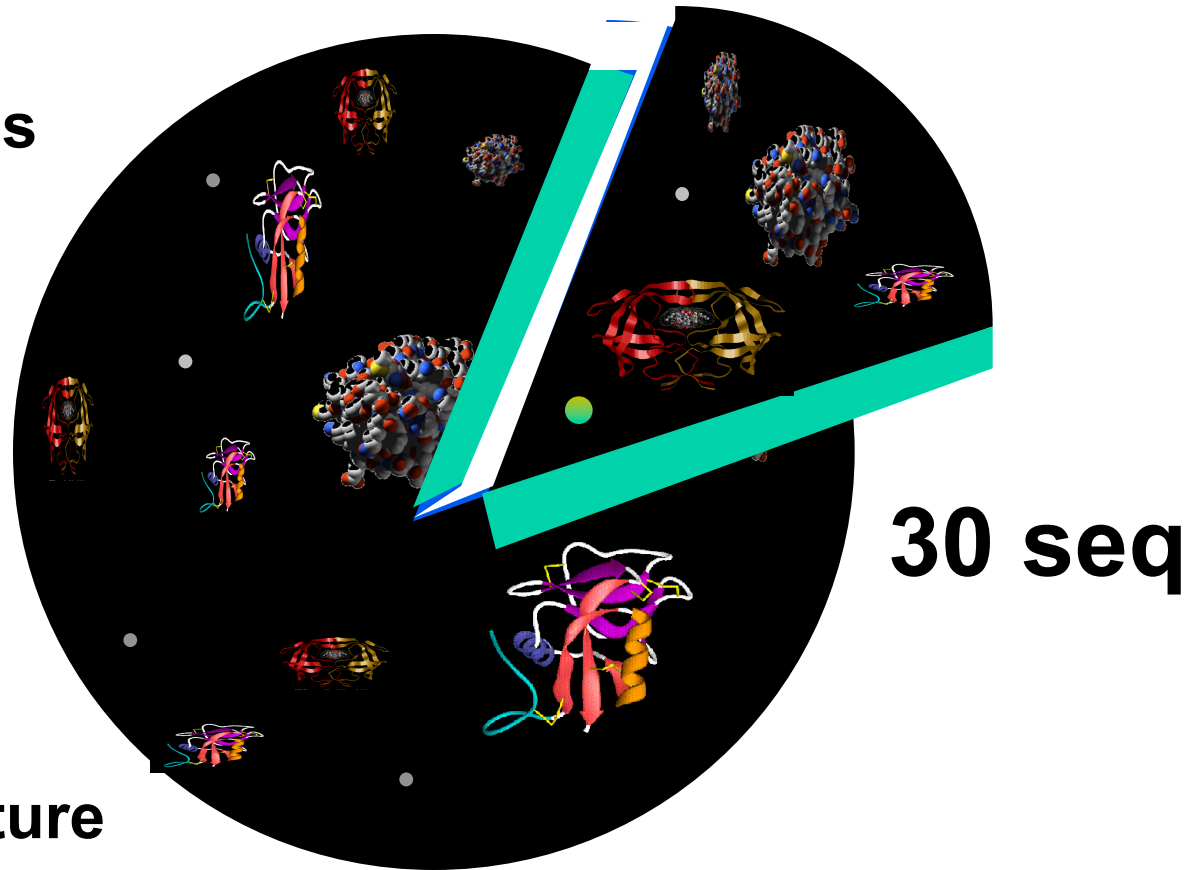
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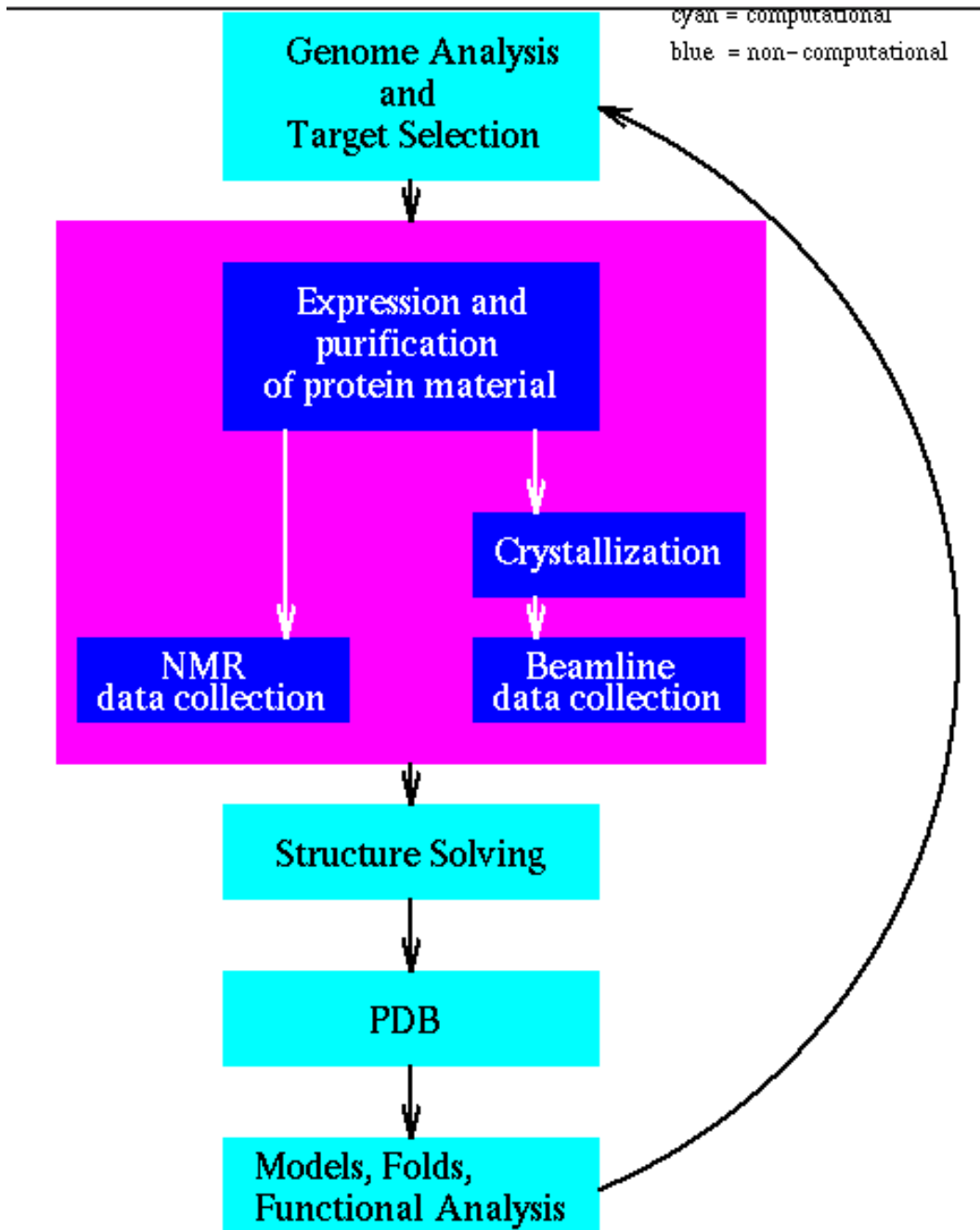




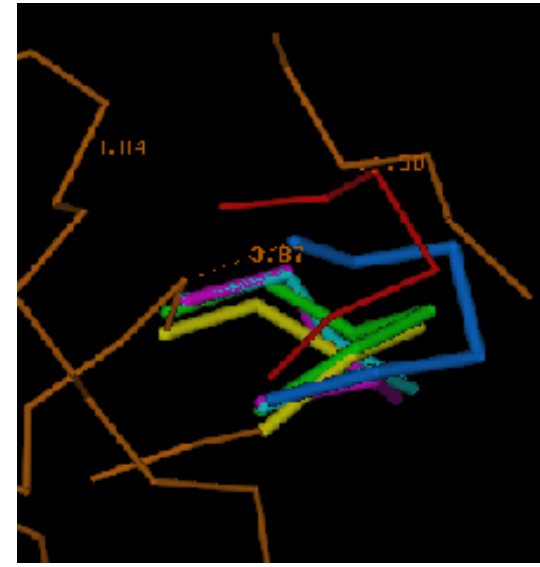
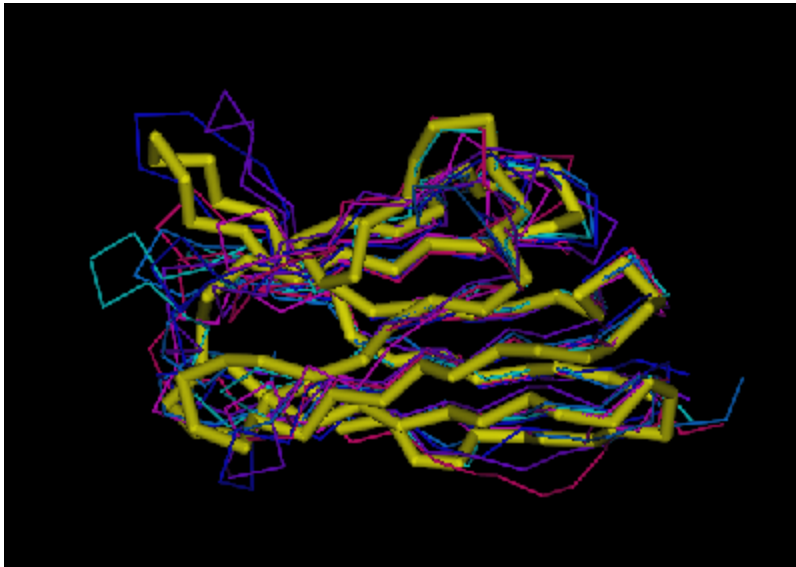
# Protein Structure Initiative

- 25,000 proteins
- 10,000 subset
- 30% ID or
- 30 seq
- Solve by 2010
- \$20,000/Structure





# Comparative (Homology) Modelling



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# Homology Modelling\*

- **Based on the observation that “Similar sequences exhibit similar structures”**
- **Known structure is used as a template to model an unknown (but likely similar) structure with known sequence**
- **First applied in late 1970’ s using early computer imaging methods (Tom Blundell)**

# Homology Modelling\*

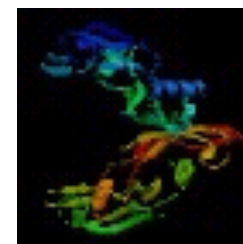
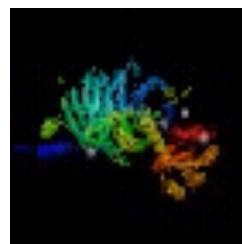
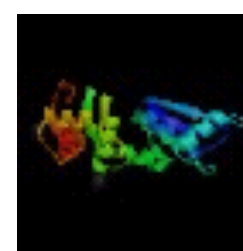
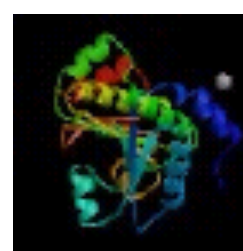
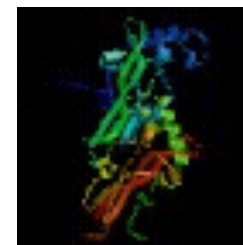
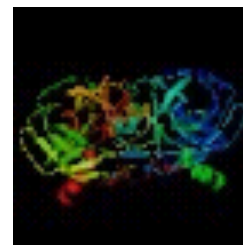
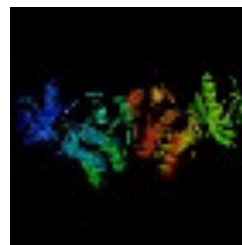
- **Offers a method to “Predict” the 3D structure of proteins for which it is not possible to obtain X-ray or NMR data**
- **Can be used in understanding function, activity, specificity, etc.**
- **Of interest to drug companies wishing to do structure-aided drug design**
- **A keystone of Structural Proteomics**

# Homology Modelling\*

- **Identify homologous sequences in PDB**
- **Align query sequence with homologues**
- **Find Structurally Conserved Regions (SCRs)**
- **Identify Structurally Variable Regions (SVRs)**
- **Generate coordinates for core region**
- **Generate coordinates for loops**
- **Add side chains (Check rotamer library)**
- **Refine structure using energy minimization**
- **Validate structure**

# Step 1: ID Homologues in PDB

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Query Sequence

PDB

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Query Sequence

PDB



# Step 2: Align Sequences

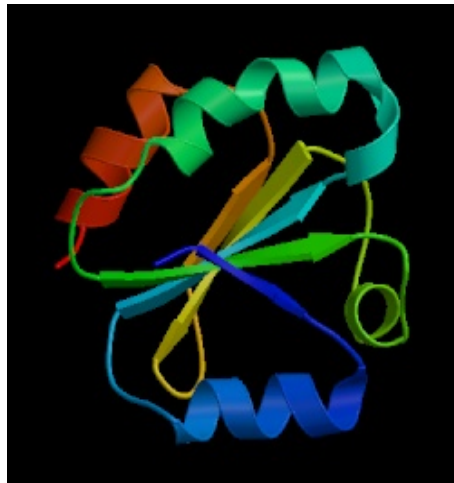
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**Dynamic Programming**

# Step 2: Align Sequences

Query ACDEFGHIKLMNPQRST--FGHQWERT-----TYREWYEG  
Hit #1 ASDEYAHLRILD PQRSTVAYAYE--KSFAPPGSFKWEYEA  
Hit #2 MCDEYAHIRLMNPERSTVAGGHQWERT----GSFKEWYAA



Hit #1

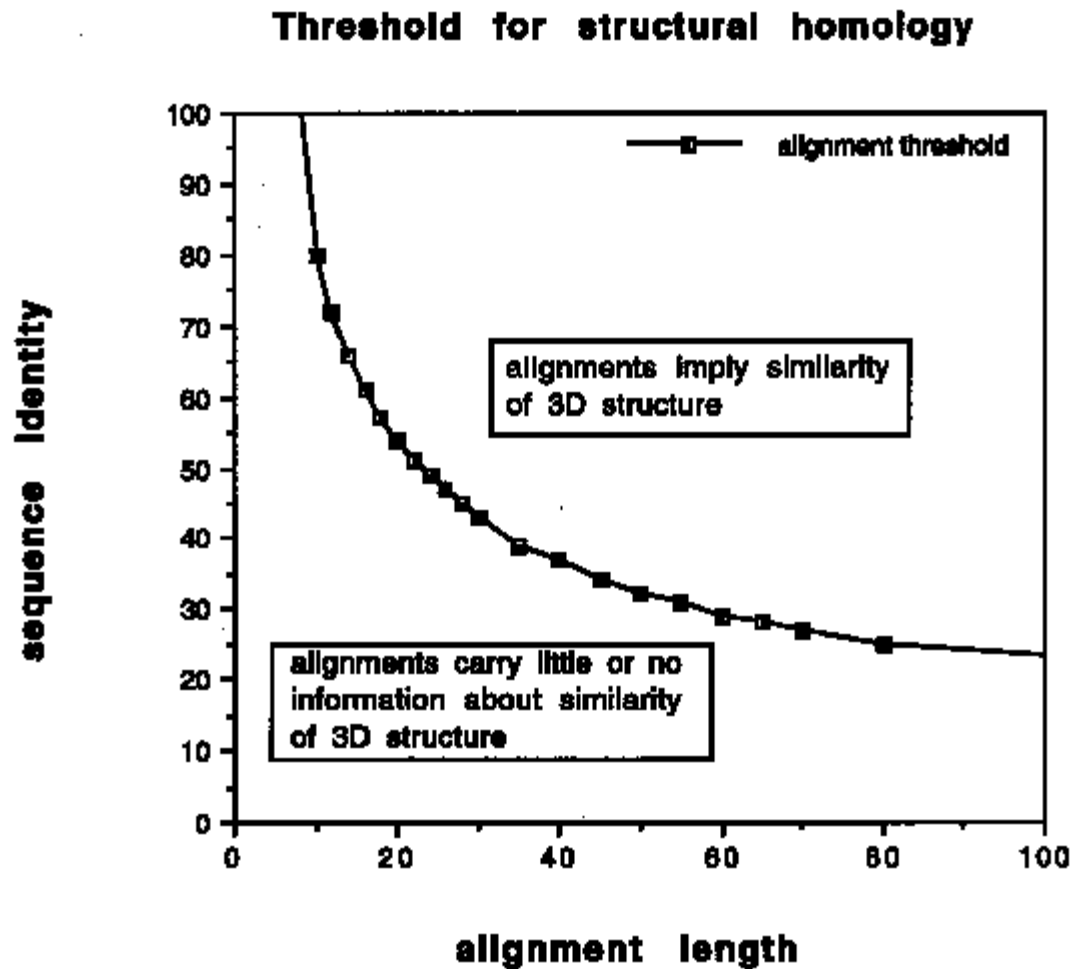


Hit #2

# Alignment\*

- **Key step in Homology Modelling**
- **Global (Needleman-Wunsch) alignment is absolutely required**
- **Small error in alignment can lead to big error in structural model**
- **Multiple alignments are usually better than pairwise alignments**

# Alignment Thresholds\*



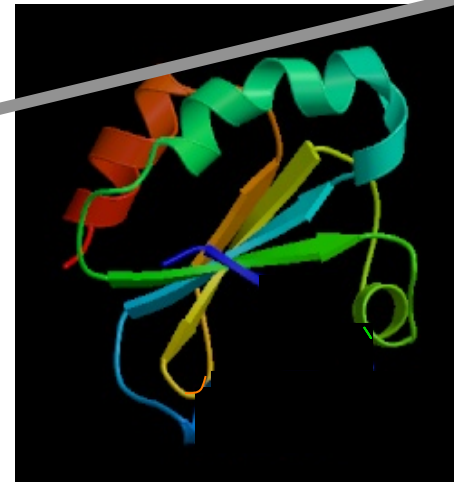
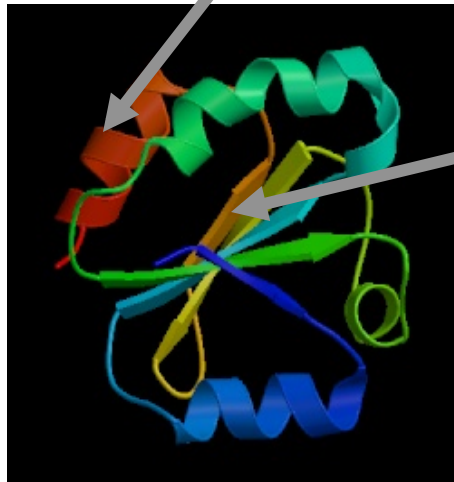
# Step 3: Find SCR's

Query  
Hit #1  
Hit #2

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SCR #1

SCR #2



Hit #1

Hit #2

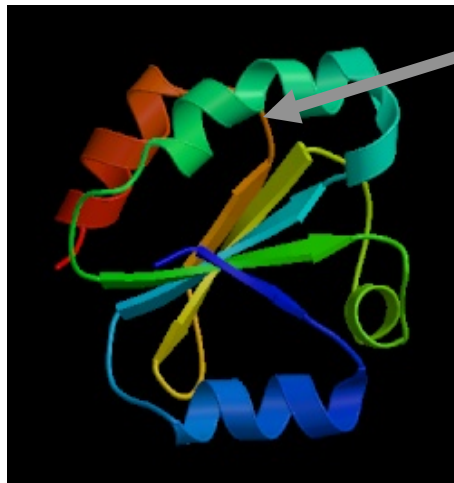
# **Structurally Conserved Regions (SCR' s)\***

- **Corresponds to the most stable structures or regions (usually interior) of protein**
- **Corresponds to sequence regions with lowest level of gapping, highest level of sequence conservation**
- **Usually corresponds to secondary structures**

# Step 4: Find SVR's

Query	ACDEFGHIKLMNPQRST--FGHQWERT-----TYREWYEG
Hit #1	ASDEYAHRLILDPRQSTVAYAYE--KSFAPRGSFKWEYEA
Hit #2	MCDEYAHIRLMNPERSTVAGGHQWERT-----GSFKEWYAA
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*SVR (loop)*



Hit #1



Hit #2

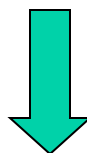
# **Structurally Variable Regions (SVR' s)\***

- **Corresponds to the least stable or most flexible regions (usually exterior) of protein**
- **Corresponds to sequence regions with highest level of gapping, lowest level of sequence conservation**
- **Usually corresponds to loops and turns**



# Step 5: Generate Coordinates

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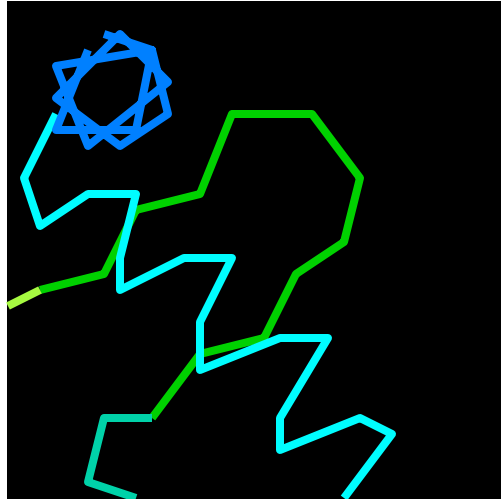


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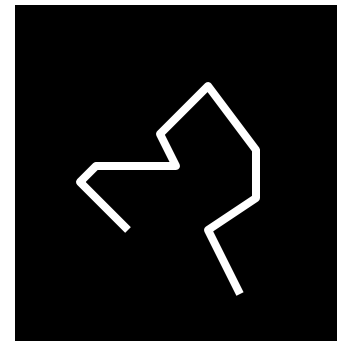
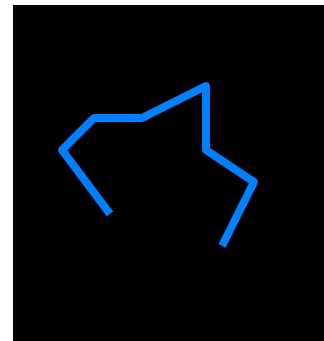
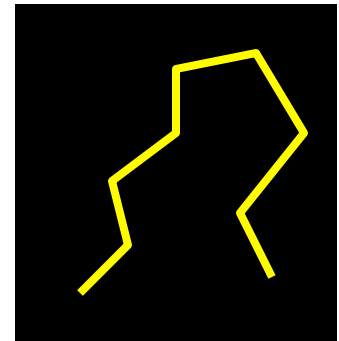
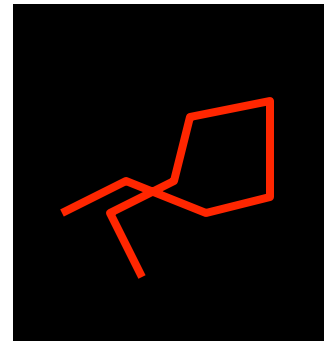
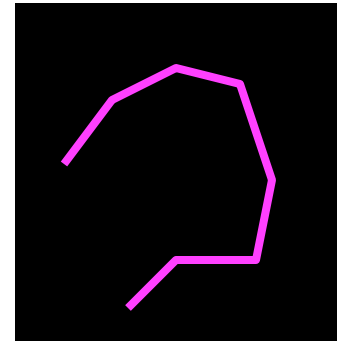
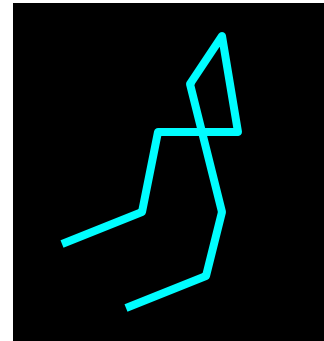
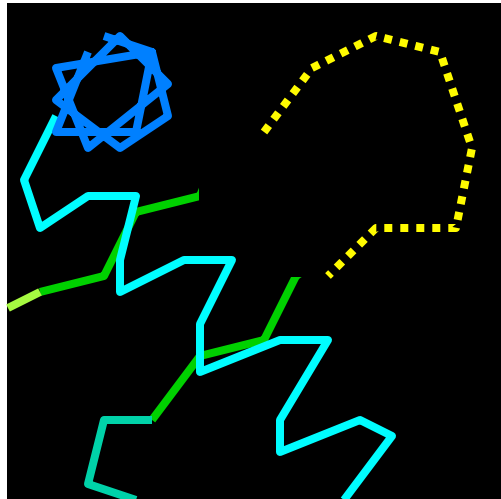
# Step 5: Generate Core Coordinates\*

- For identical amino acids, transfer all atom coordinates (XYZ) to query protein
- For similar amino acids, transfer backbone coordinates & replace side chain atoms while respecting  $\chi$  angles
- For different amino acids, transfer only the backbone coordinates (XYZ) to query sequence

# Step 6: Replace SVRs (loops)



Query **F**GH**Q**W**E**R**T**  
Hit #1 **Y**A**Y**E--**K**S



# Loop Library\*

- **Loops extracted from PDB using high resolution (<2 Å) X-ray structures**
- **Typically thousands of loops in DB**
- **Includes loop coordinates, sequence, # residues in loop, Ca-Ca distance, preceding 2° structure and following 2° structure (or their Ca coordinates)**

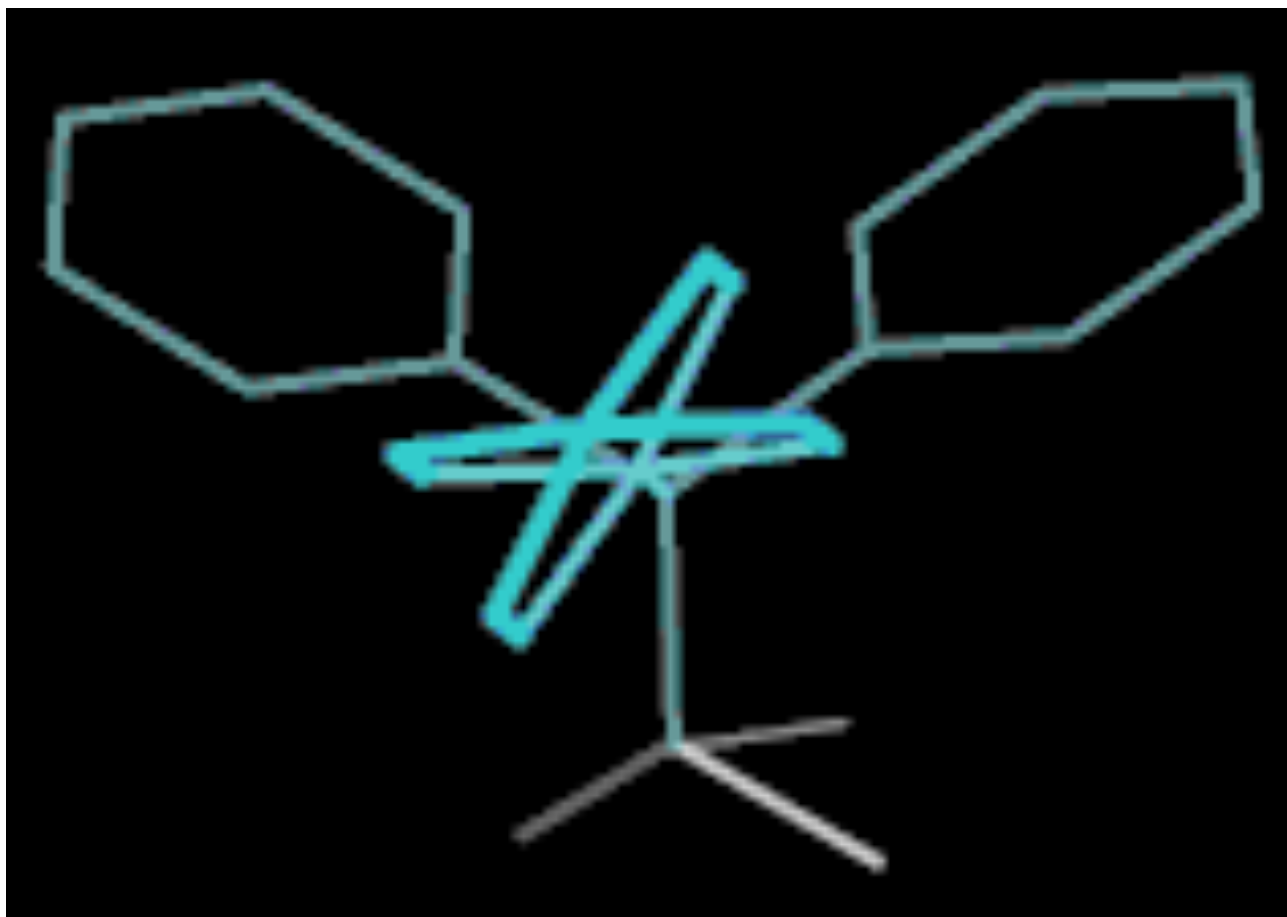
# Step 6: Replace SVRs (loops)\*

- **Must match desired # residues**
- **Must match Ca-Ca distance ( $<0.5 \text{ \AA}$ )**
- **Must not bump into other parts of protein (no Ca-Ca distance  $<3.0 \text{ \AA}$ )**
- **Preceding and following Ca' s (3 residues) from loop should match well with corresponding Ca coordinates in template structure**

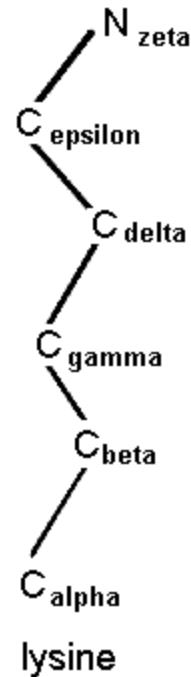
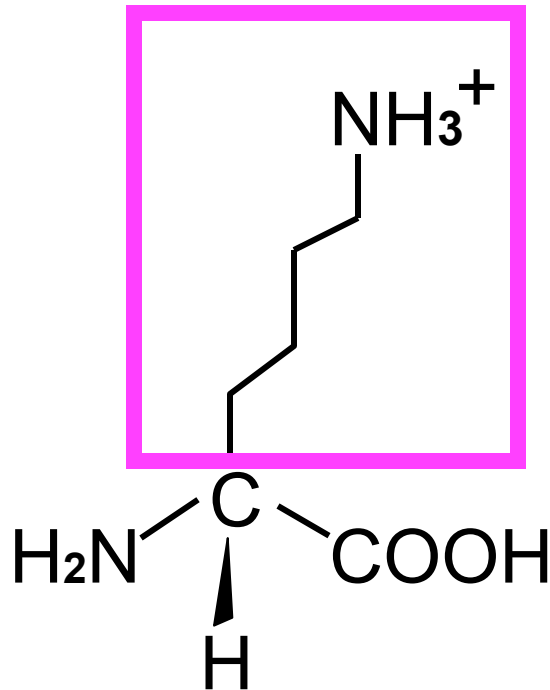
# Step 6: Replace SVRs (loops)

- **Loop placement and positioning is done using superposition algorithm**
- **Loop fits are evaluated using RMSD calculations and standard “bump checking”**
- **If no “good” loop is found, some algorithms create loops using randomly generated  $\phi/\psi$  angles**

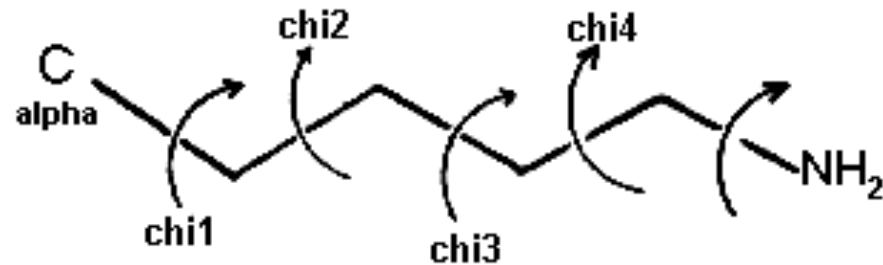
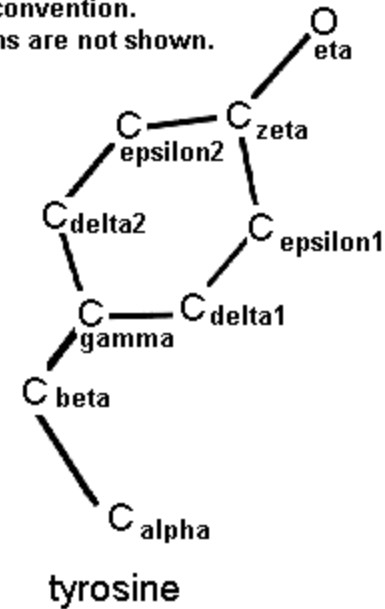
# Step 7: Add Side Chains



# Amino Acid Side Chains\*

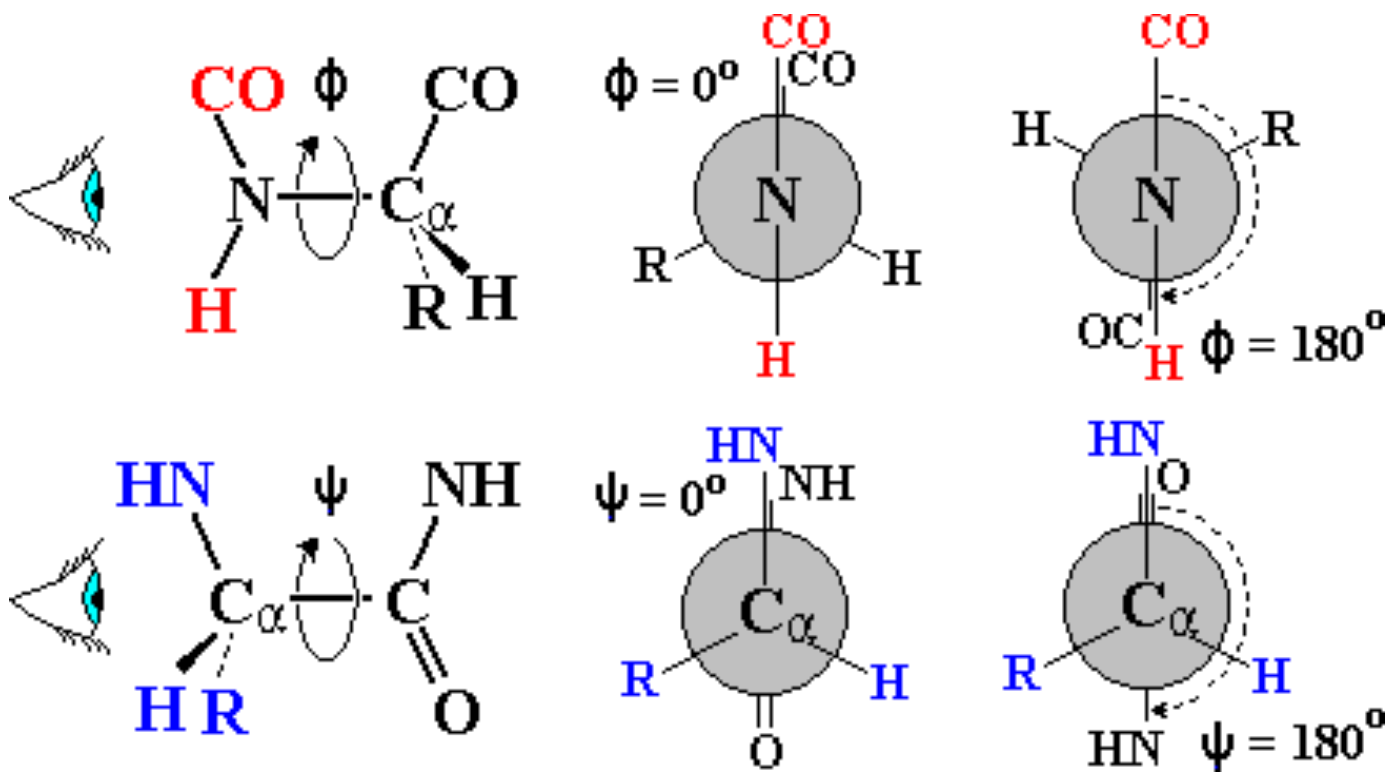


Two amino acid side chains to indicate the atom naming convention. Hydrogens are not shown.

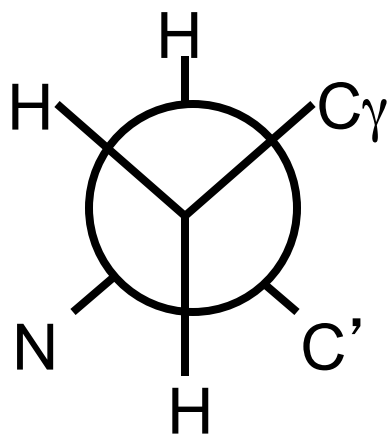
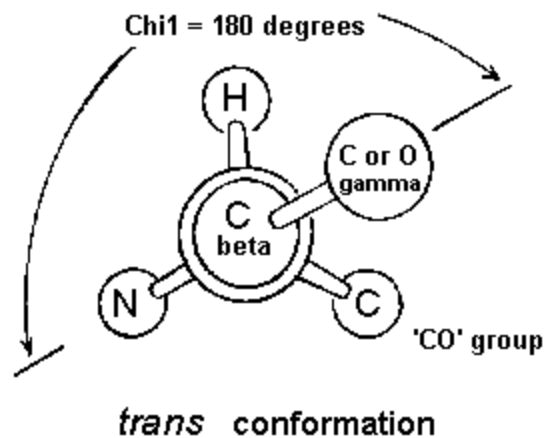




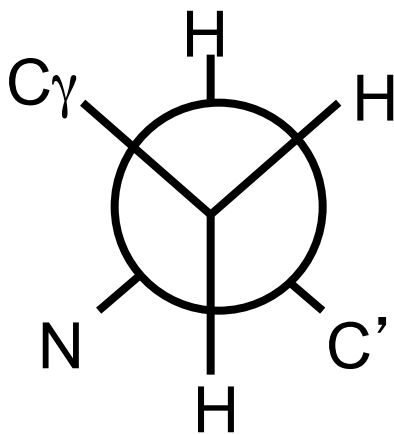
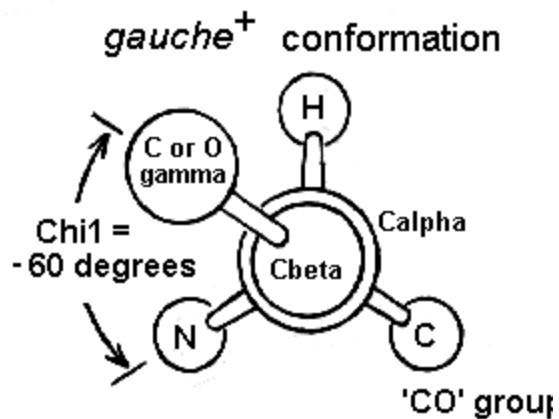
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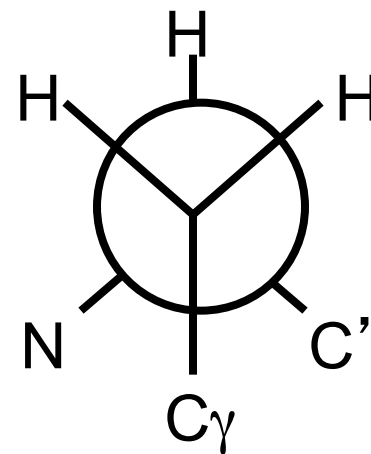
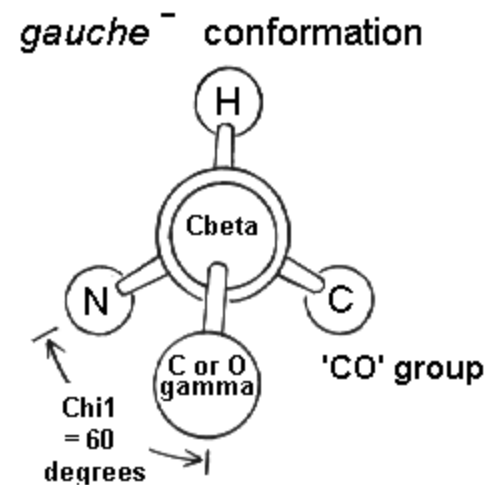
# Newman Projections\*



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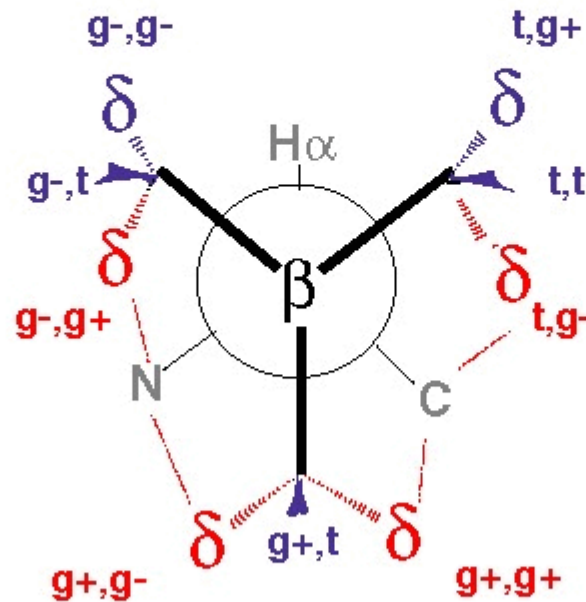


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# Preferred Side Chain $\chi$ Angles\*

Some combinations are **BAD**.

Some are **OK**.

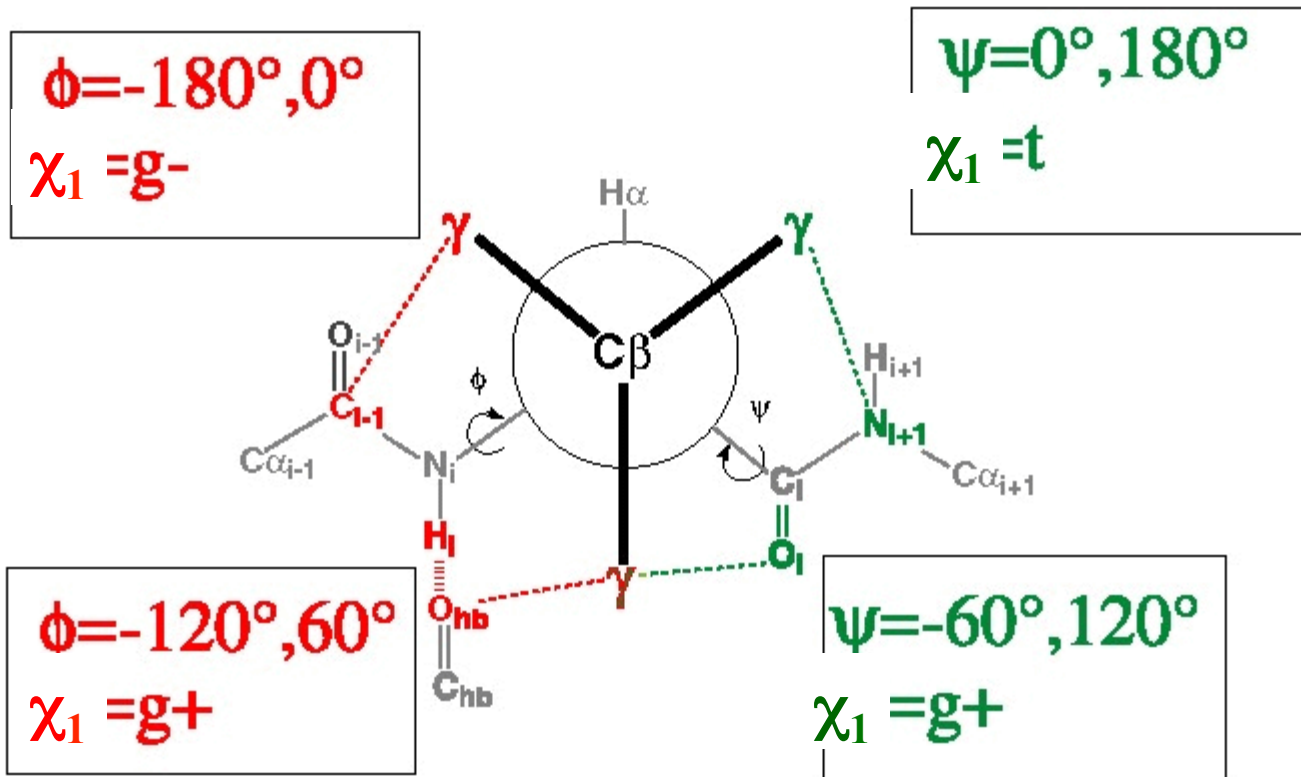


# Relation Between $\chi$ and $\phi/\psi^*$

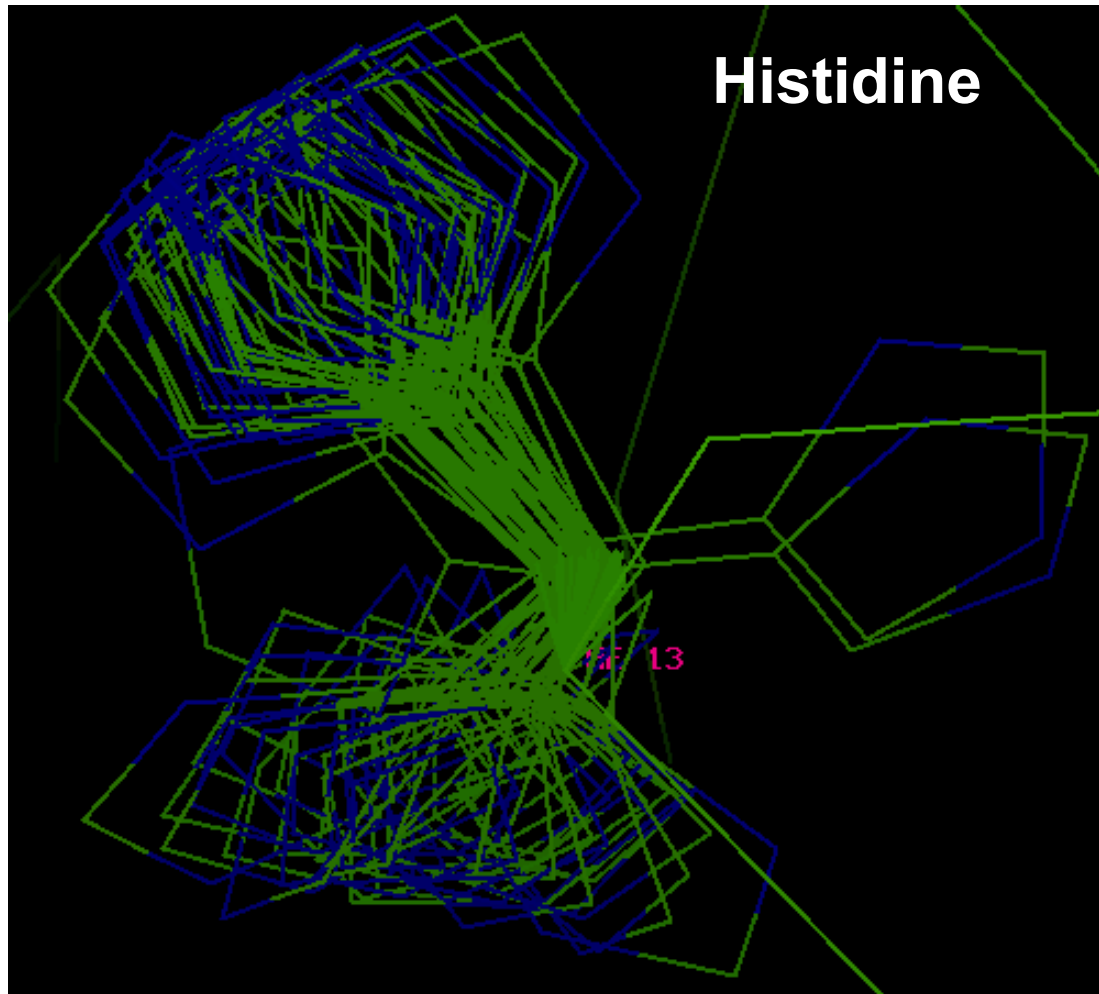
Some  $\phi/\chi_1$  combinations are **BAD**.

Some  $\psi/\chi_1$  combinations are **BAD**.

The rest are **OK**.

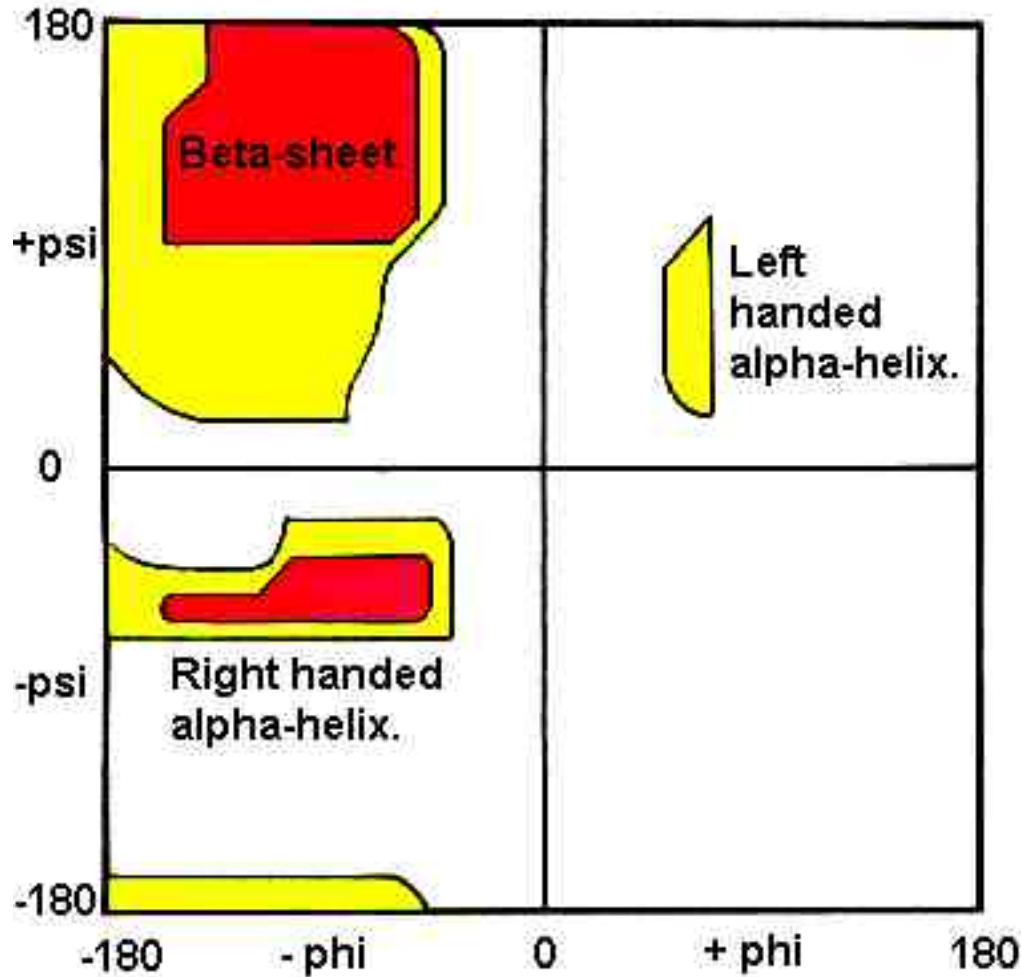


# Relation Between $\chi$ and $\phi/\psi$



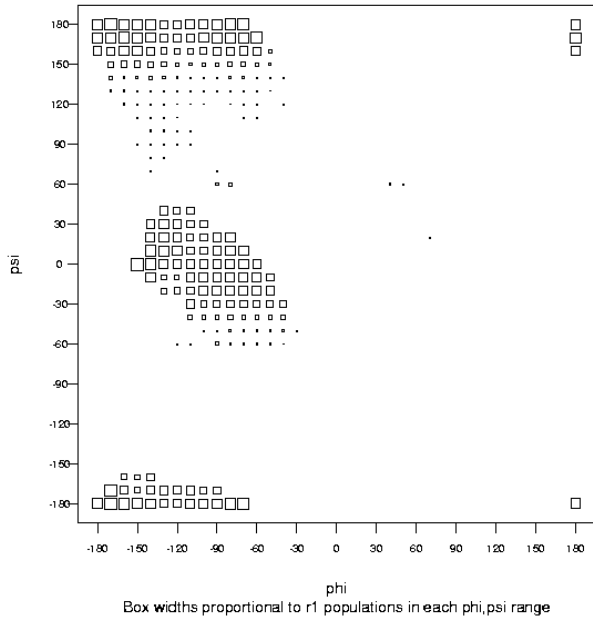
# Relation Between $\chi$ and $\phi/\psi$

The Ramachandran Plot.



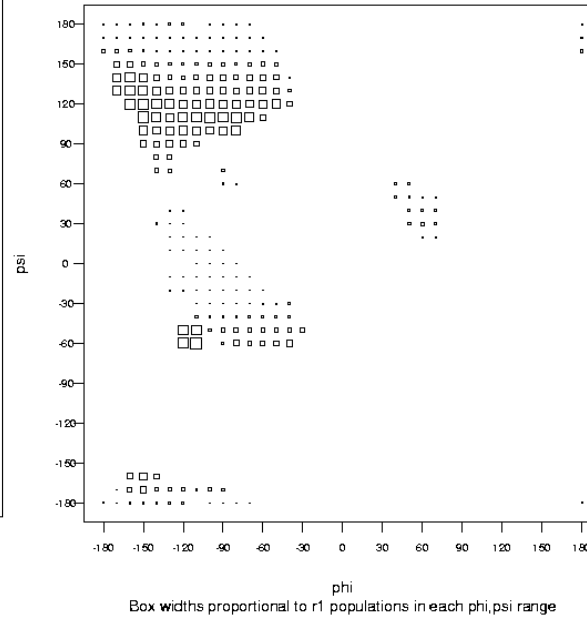
# Relation Between $\chi$ and $\phi/\psi^*$

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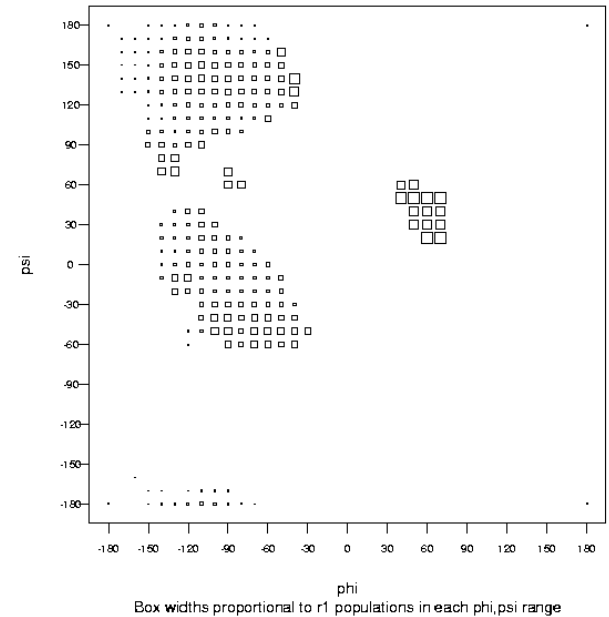
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SER r1=t



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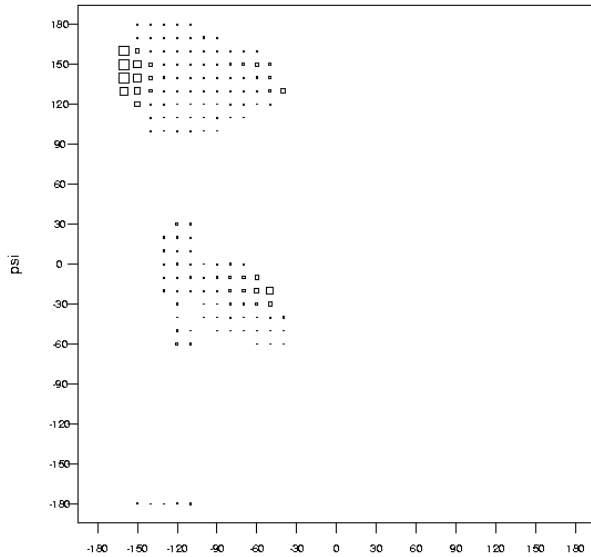


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**Serine**

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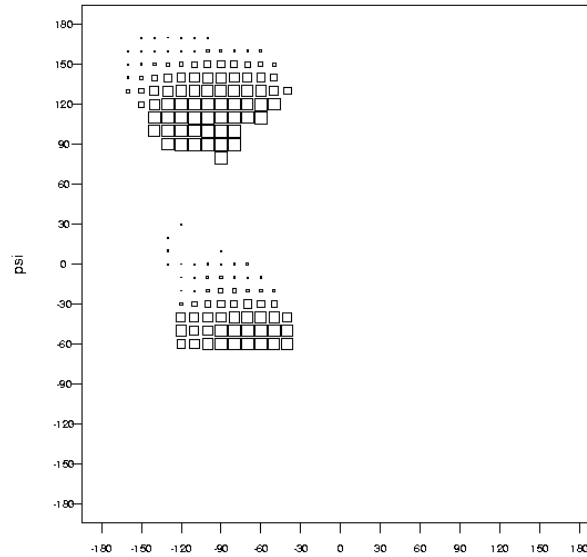
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Box widths proportional to r1 populations in each phi,psi range

**g+**

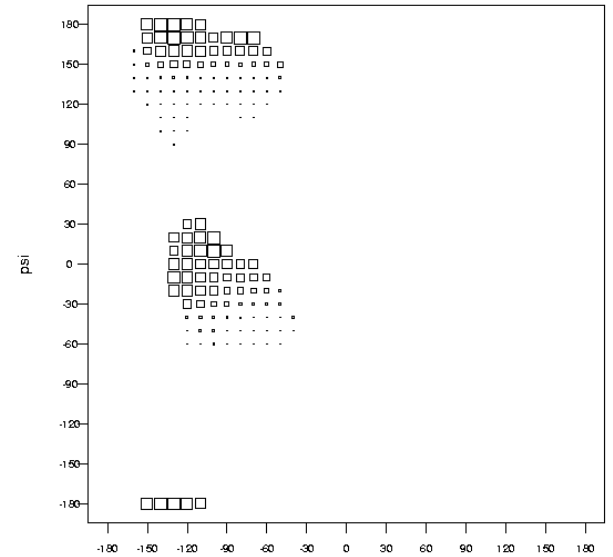
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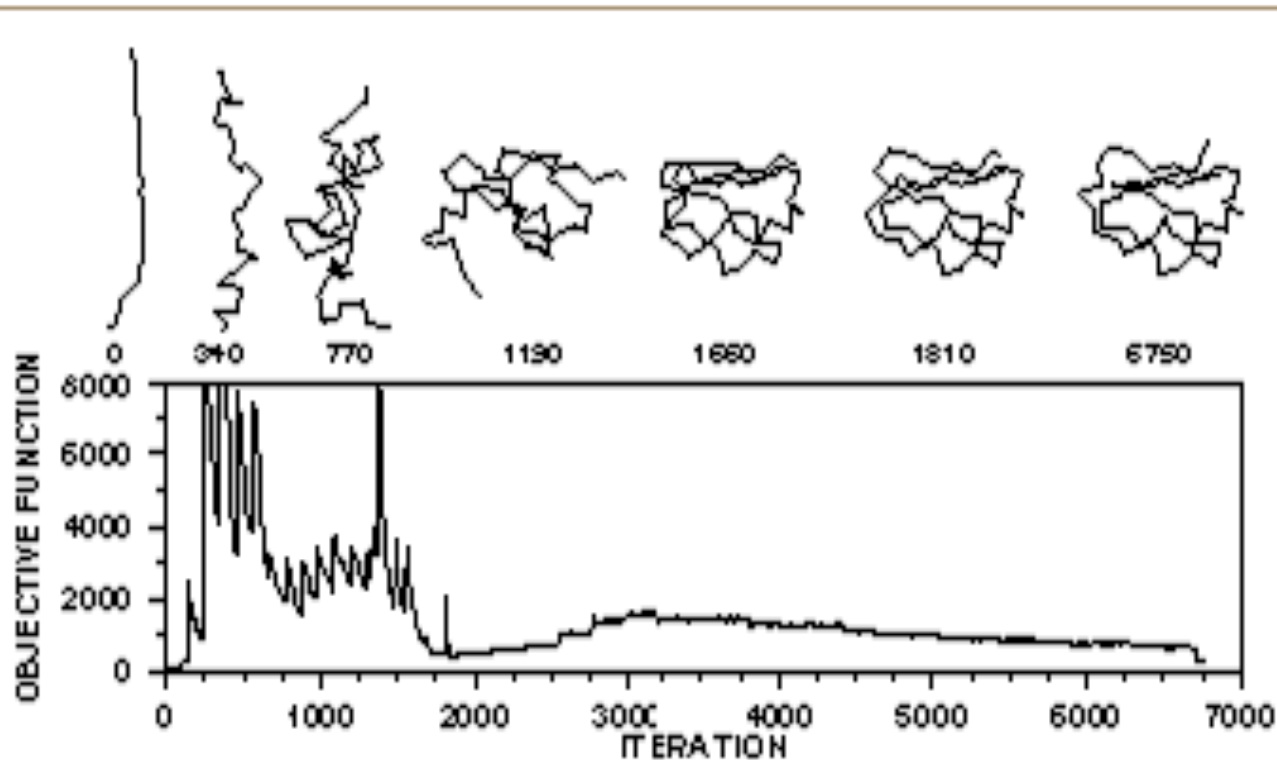
**Valine**



## **Step 7: Add Side Chains\***

- **Done primarily for SVRs (not SCRs)**
- **Rotamer placement and positioning is done via a superposition algorithm using rotamers taken from a standardized library (Trial & Error)**
- **Rotamer fits are evaluated using simple “bump checking” methods**

# Step 8: Energy Minimization\*



# Energy Minimization\*

- **Efficient way of “polishing and shining” your protein model**
- **Removes atomic overlaps and unnatural strains in the structure**
- **Stabilizes or reinforces strong hydrogen bonds, breaks weak ones**
- **Brings protein to lowest energy in about 1-2 minutes CPU time**

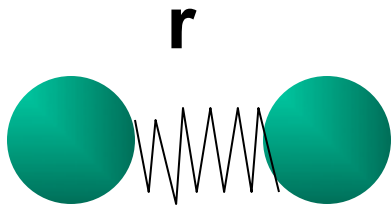
# Energy Minimization (Theory)

- **Treat Protein molecule as a set of balls (with mass) connected by rigid rods and springs**
- **Rods and springs have empirically determined force constants**
- **Allows one to treat atomic-scale motions in proteins as classical physics problems (OK approximation)**

# Standard Energy Function\*

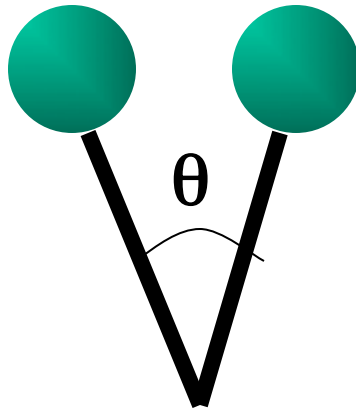
$$E = K_r(r_i - r_j)^2 + \text{Bond length}$$
$$K_\theta(\theta_i - \theta_j)^2 + \text{Bond bending}$$
$$K_\phi(1 - \cos(n\phi_j))^2 + \text{Bond torsion}$$
$$q_i q_j / 4\pi\epsilon r_{ij} + \text{Coulomb}$$
$$A_{ij}/r^6 - B_{ij}/r^{12} + \text{van der Waals}$$
$$C_{ij}/r^{10} - D_{ij}/r^{12} \text{ H-bond}$$

# Energy Terms\*



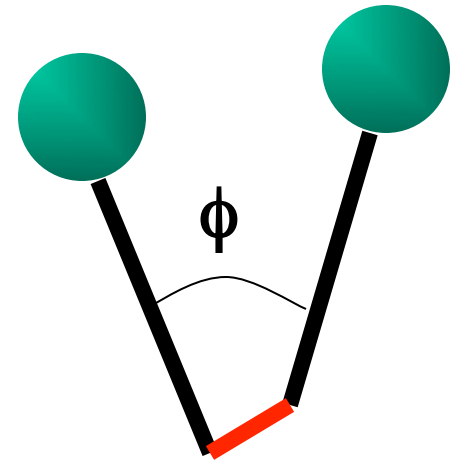
$$K_r(r_i - r_j)^2$$

**Stretching**



$$K_\theta(\theta_i - \theta_j)^2$$

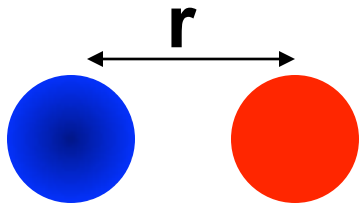
**Bending**



$$K_\phi(1 - \cos(n\phi_j))^2$$

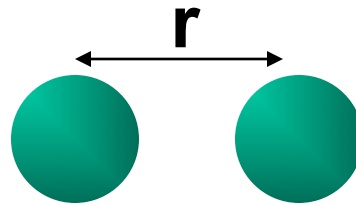
**Torsional**

# Energy Terms\*



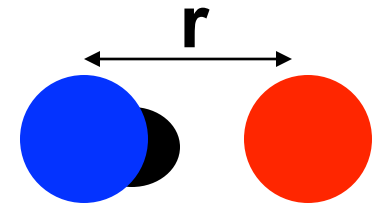
$$q_i q_j / 4\pi\epsilon r_{ij}$$

**Coulomb**



$$A_{ij}/r^6 - B_{ij}/r^{12}$$

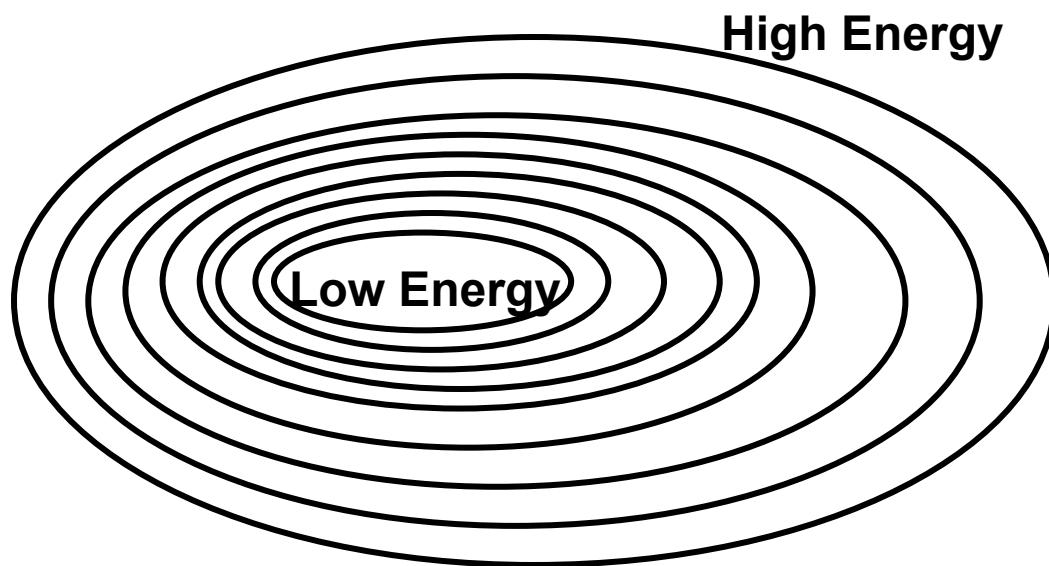
**van der Waals**



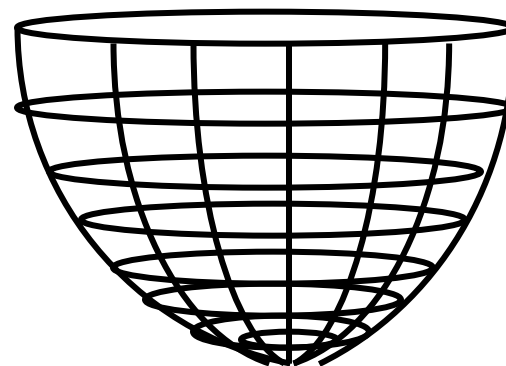
$$C_{ij}/r^{10} - D_{ij}/r^{12}$$

**H-bond**

# An Energy Surface



**Overhead View**



**Side View**



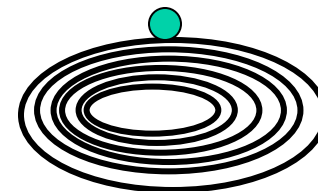
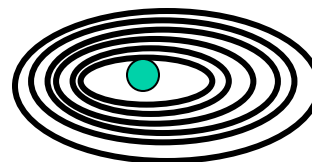
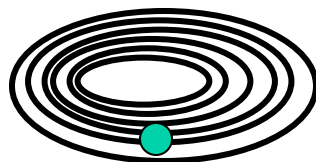
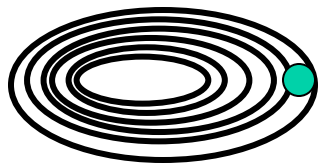
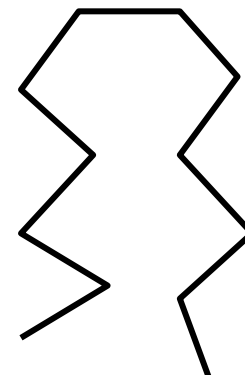
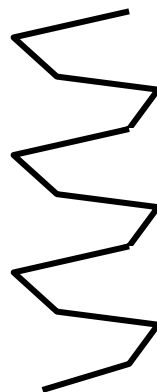
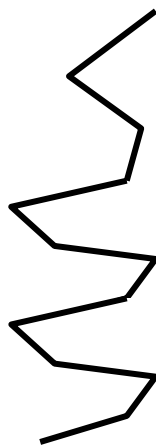
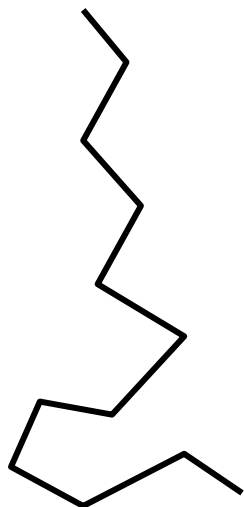
# Minimization Methods\*

- **Energy surfaces for proteins are complex hyperdimensional spaces**
- **Biggest problem is overcoming local minimum problem**
- **Simple methods (slow) to complex methods (fast)**
  - **Monte Carlo Method**
  - **Steepest Descent**
  - **Conjugate Gradient**

# Monte Carlo Algorithm

- **Generate a conformation or alignment (a state)**
- **Calculate that state's energy or "score"**
- **If that state's energy is less than the previous state accept that state and go back to step 1**
- **If that state's energy is greater than the previous state accept it if a randomly chosen number is  $< e^{-E/kT}$  where  $E$  is the state energy otherwise reject it**
- **Go back to step 1 and repeat until done**

# Conformational Sampling



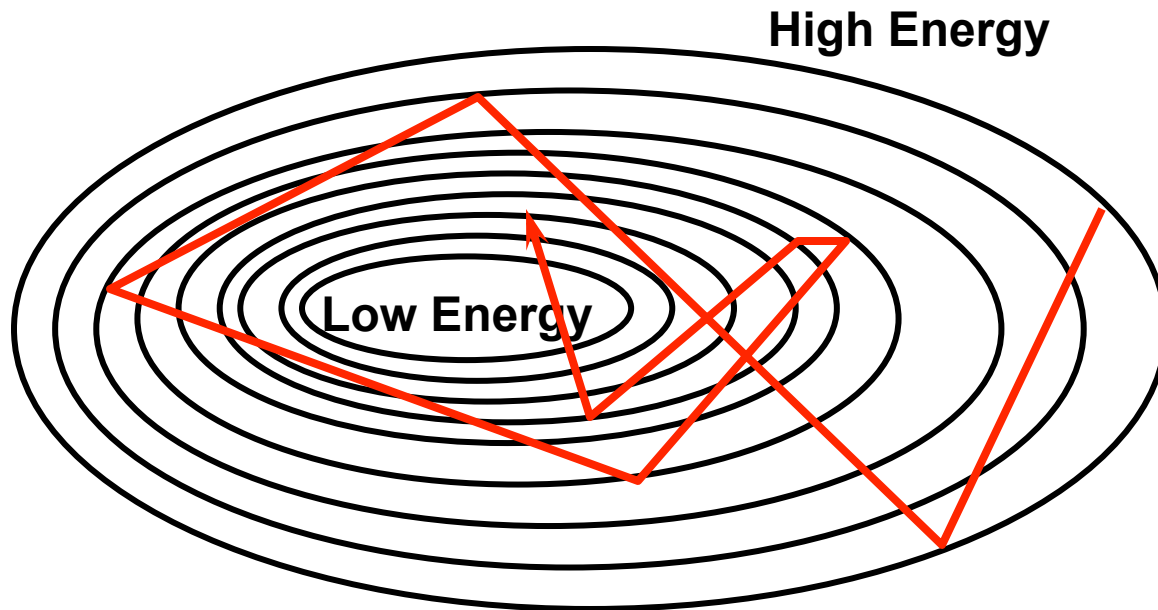
**Mid-energy**

**lower energy**

**lowest energy**

**highest energy**

# Monte Carlo Minimization

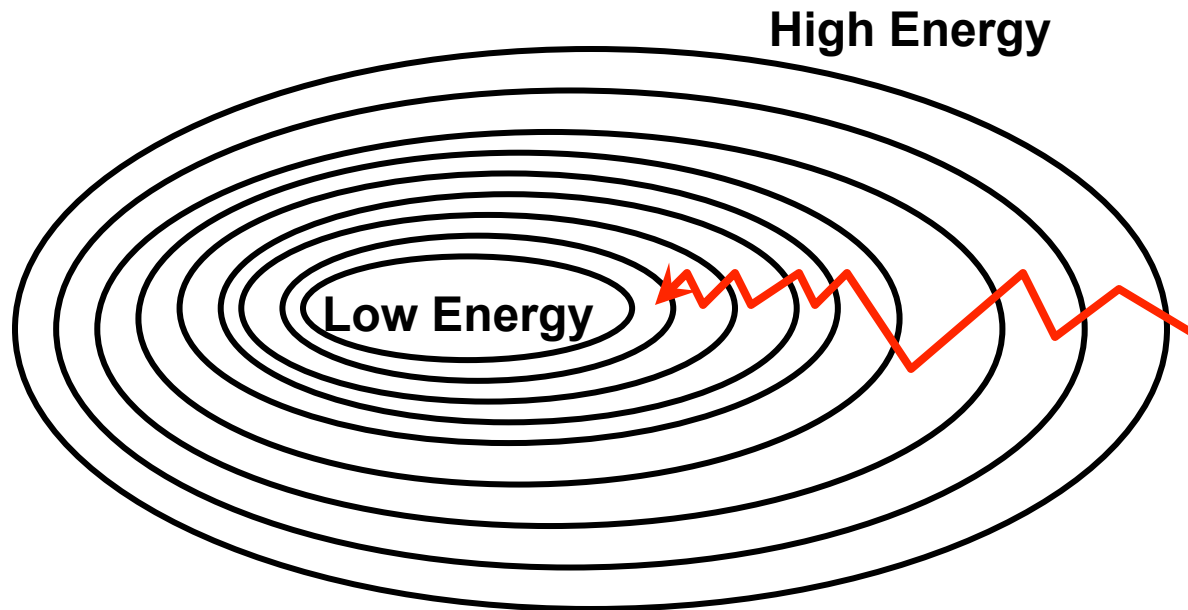


**Performs a progressive or directed random search**

# Steepest Descent & Conjugate Gradients

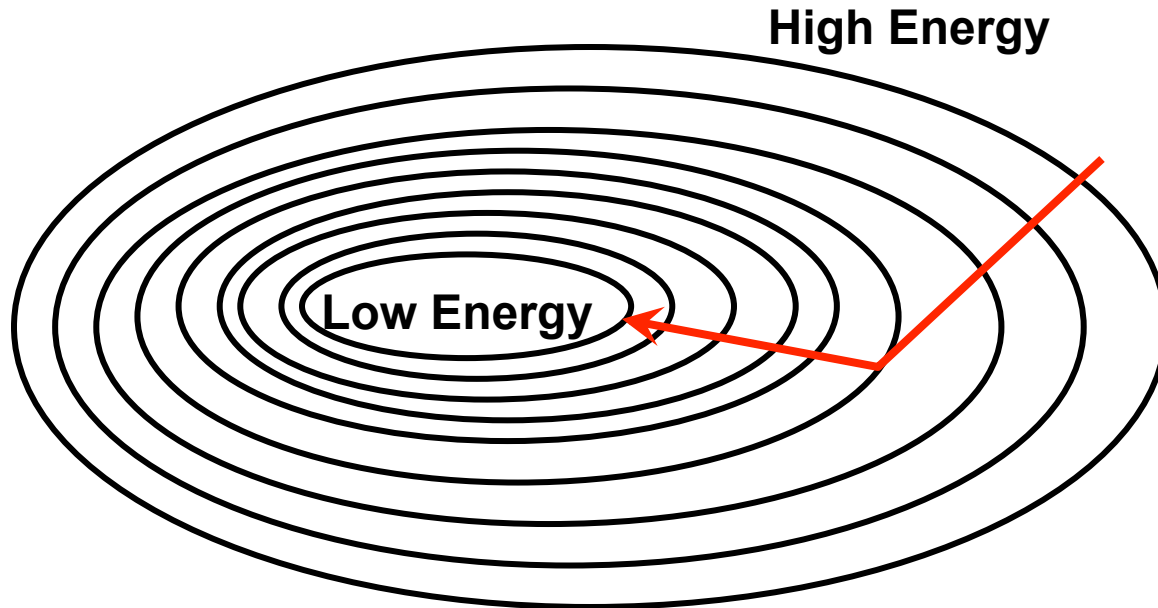
- **Frequently used for energy minimization of large (and small) molecules**
- **Ideal for calculating minima for complex (i.e. non-linear) surfaces or functions**
- **Both use derivatives to calculate the slope and direction of the optimization path**
- **Both require that the scoring or energy function be differentiable (smooth)**

# Steepest Descent Minimization



**Makes small locally steep moves down gradient**

# Conjugate Gradient Minimization



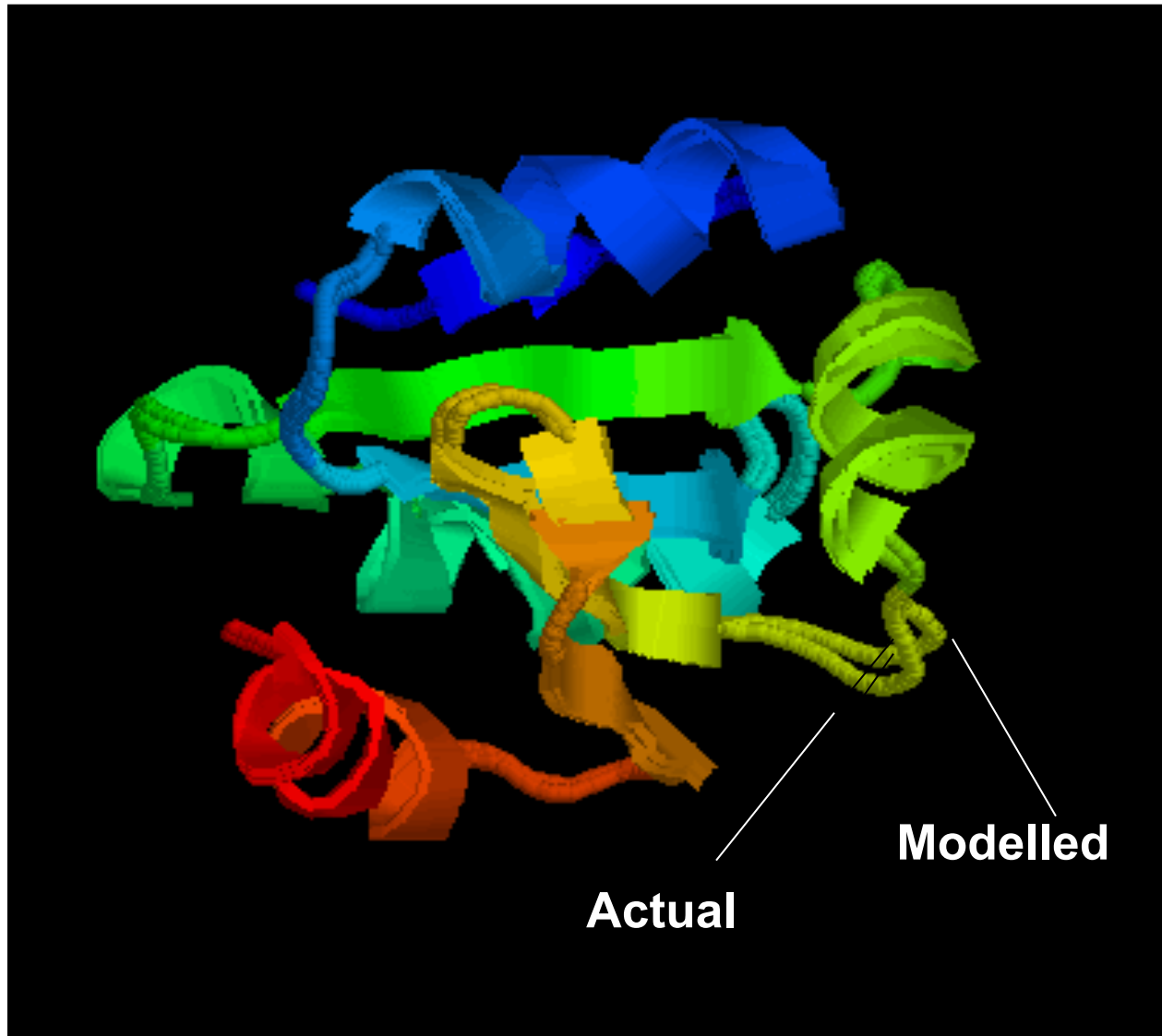
**Includes information about the prior history of path**

# Energy Minimization\*

- **Very complex programs that have taken years to develop and refine**
- **Several freeware options to choose**
  - **XPLOR (Axel Brunger, Yale)**
  - **GROMACS (Gronnigen, The Netherlands)**
  - **AMBER (Peter Kollman, UCSF)**
  - **CHARMM (Martin Karplus, Harvard)**
  - **TINKER (Jay Ponder, Wash U)**



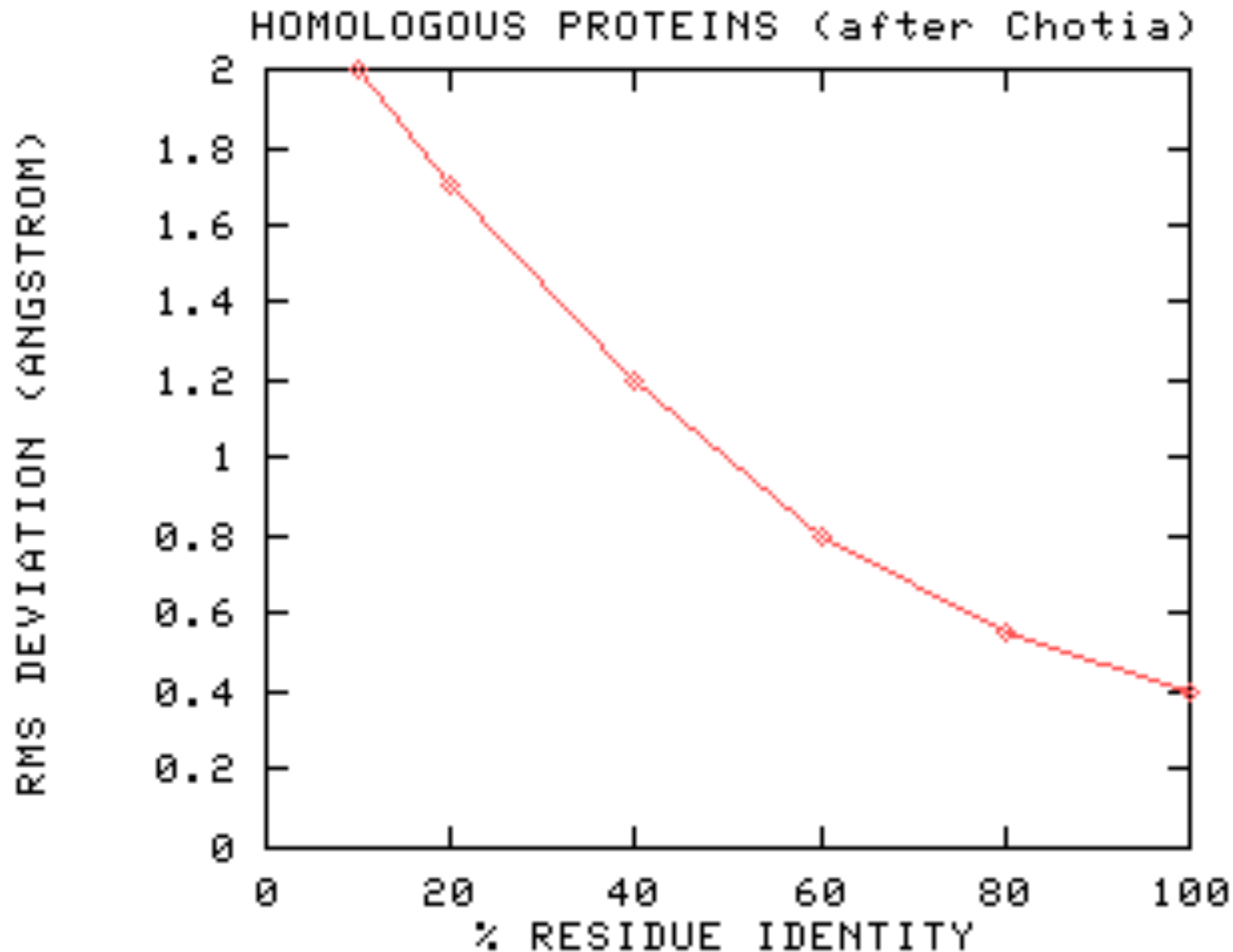
# The Final Result



# Summary\*

- **Identify homologous sequences in PDB**
- **Align query sequence with homologues**
- **Find Structurally Conserved Regions (SCRs)**
- **Identify Structurally Variable Regions (SVRs)**
- **Generate coordinates for core region**
- **Generate coordinates for loops**
- **Add side chains (Check rotamer library)**
- **Refine structure using energy minimization**
- **Validate structure**

# How Good are Homology Models?



# Outline

- **The Protein Universe and the Protein Structure Initiative**
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- **Homology Modelling on the Web**
- **Assessing 3D Structures (modelled and experimental)**

# Modelling on the Web

- **Prior to 1998 homology modelling could only be done with commercial software or command-line freeware**
- **The process was time-consuming and labor-intensive**
- **The past few years has seen an explosion in automated web-based homology modelling servers**
- **Now anyone can homology model!**

# Swiss-Model\*

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying "swissmodel.expasy.org". The page header includes logos for SIB (Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics), BIOZENTRUM (Universität Basel, The Center for Molecular Life Sciences), and the SWISS-MODEL logo. The main content area is organized into several sections:

- Modelling:** Includes links for myWorkspace, Automated Mode, Alignment Mode, and Project Mode.
- Tools:** Includes links for Template Identification, Domain Annotation, Structure Assessment, and Template Library.
- Repository:** Includes links for Search by Sequence, Search by AC, and Search by full text.
- Documentation:** Includes links for SWISS-MODEL Workspace, SWISS-MODEL Repository, Structures & Models, and Helpdesk.

The central text describes SWISS-MODEL as a fully automated protein structure homology-modelling server, accessible via the EXPASY web server or the program DeepView (Swiss Pdb-Viewer). It states the purpose is to make Protein Modelling accessible to all biochemists and molecular biologists worldwide.

**SWISS-MODEL Team:**

- Torsten Schwede: Project Leader
- Florian Kiefer: SWISS-MODEL Repository
- Lorenza Bordoli: Method Development and user support
- Konstantin Arnold: SWISS-MODEL Workspace

**What's new?**

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**References:**

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- Peitsch, M. C. (1995) Protein modeling by E-mail *Bio/Technology* 13: 658-660.

At the bottom of the page, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Google+.

<http://swissmodel.expasy.org//SWISS-MODEL.html>

# 3D-Jigsaw

3D-JIGSAW Protein Comparative Modelling Server

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3D-JIGSAW Protein Compar...

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Your E-Mail Address

Your E-Mail Address (verification)

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*Automatic*  *Interactive!*

Split your sequence into domains, choose the modelling templates and edit the alignments

**3D-JIGSAW**

Protein **amino acid** sequence in one letter code

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# Proteus2\*

Submit a sequence for prediction

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## PROTEUS Structure Prediction Server 2.0

Comprehensive 2D and 3D structure predictions

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### Welcome to PROTEUS2

PROTEUS2 is a web server designed to support comprehensive protein structure prediction and structure-based annotation. PROTEUS2 accepts either single sequences (for directed studies) or multiple sequences (for whole proteome annotation) and predicts the secondary and, if possible, tertiary structure of the query protein(s). Unlike most other tools or servers, PROTEUS2 bundles signal peptide identification, transmembrane helix prediction, transmembrane  $\beta$ -strand prediction, secondary structure prediction (for soluble proteins) and homology modeling (i.e. 3D structure generation) into a single prediction pipeline. Using a combination of progressive multi-sequence alignment, structure-based mapping, hidden Markov models, multi-component neural nets and up-to-date databases of known secondary structure assignments, PROTEUS2 is able to achieve among the highest reported levels of predictive accuracy for signal peptides (Q2=94%), membrane spanning helices (Q2=87%) and secondary structure (Q3 score of 81.3%). PROTEUS2's homology modeling services also provide high quality 3D models that compare favorably with those generated by SWISS-MODEL (within 0.2 Å RMSD). The average PROTEUS2 prediction takes ~2 minutes per query sequence. Source code is also freely available [here](#).

**PROTEUS2 Queue Information** = Currently 0 sequences are in queue.

### Submitting a sequence

You can submit your sequence in FASTA Format by pasting the sequence in the box below, or by uploading the file directly to the server. A prediction will be returned to you. You may also specify the source of the sequence.

Run Secondary Structure Prediction

*Organism type is required only when signal peptide prediction is expected*

Gram negative prokaryote  Gram positive prokaryote  Eukaryote

**Paste Sequence (Single or multiple sequence(s) in FASTA format ([example](#)) or a single raw sequence)**

**OR Select a file to upload (FASTA format)**

<http://www.proteus2.ca/proteus2/>



# Modelled Protein Databases

- **Databases containing 3D structural models of 100,000's of proteins and protein domains**
- **Idea is to generate a 3D equivalent of GenBank (saves on everyone having to model everytime they want to look at a structure)**
- **Helps in Proteomics Target Selection**



## Database of Comparative Protein Structure Models



Welcome to ModBase, a database of three-dimensional protein models calculated by comparative modeling.

### General Information

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### Publications

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### Related Resources

#### Note:

MODBASE contains theoretically calculated models, not experimentally determined structures. The models may contain **significant** errors.

### ModBase search form

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[Select specific dataset\(s\)](#)

To include the academic (comprehensive) dataset, go to 'User Login!'

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# Why Assess Structure?

- **A structure can (and often does) have mistakes**
- **A poor structure will lead to poor models of mechanism or relationship**
- **Unusual parts of a structure may indicate something important (or an error)**

# Famous “bad” structures\*

- **Azobacter ferredoxin (wrong space group)**
- **Zn-metallothionein (mistraced chain)**
- **Alpha bungarotoxin (poor stereochemistry)**
- **Yeast enolase (mistraced chain)**
- **Ras P21 oncogene (mistraced chain)**
- **Gene V protein (poor stereochemistry)**

# How to Assess Structure?\*

- **Assess experimental fit (look at R factor or rmsd)**
- **Assess correctness of overall fold (look at disposition of hydrophobes)**
- **Assess structure quality (packing, stereochemistry, bad contacts, etc.)**

# A Good Protein Structure..\*

## X-ray structure

- **R = 0.59** random chain
- **R = 0.45** initial structure
- **R = 0.35** getting there
- **R = 0.25** typical protein
- **R = 0.15** best case
- **R = 0.05** small molecule

## NMR structure

- **rmsd = 4 Å** random
- **rmsd = 2 Å** initial fit
- **rmsd = 1.5 Å** OK
- **rmsd = 0.8 Å** typical
- **rmsd = 0.4 Å** best case
- **rmsd = 0.2 Å** dream on

# A Good Protein Structure..\*

- **Minimizes disallowed torsion angles**
- **Maximizes number of hydrogen bonds**
- **Maximizes buried hydrophobic ASA**
- **Maximizes exposed hydrophilic ASA**
- **Minimizes interstitial cavities or spaces**





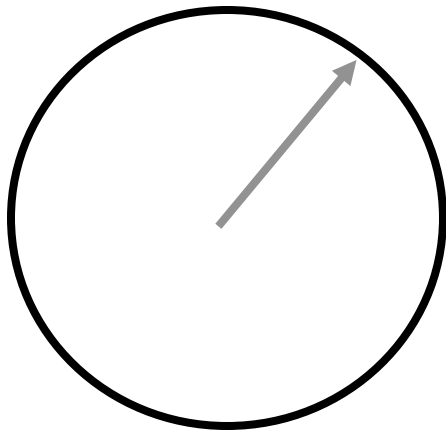
# A Good Protein Structure..\*

- **Minimizes number of “bad” contacts**
- **Minimizes number of buried charges**
- **Minimizes radius of gyration**
- **Minimizes covalent and noncovalent (van der Waals and coulombic) energies**

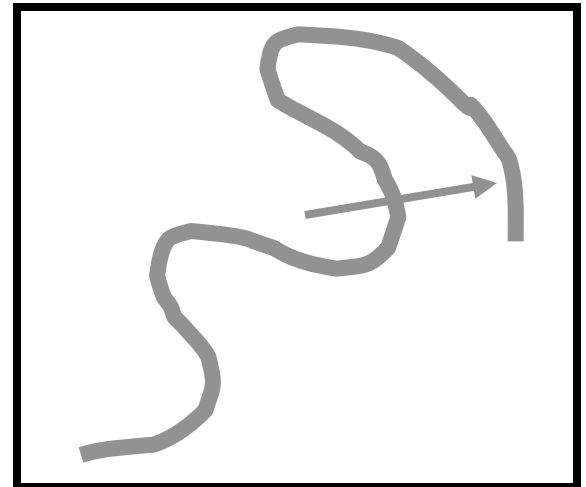
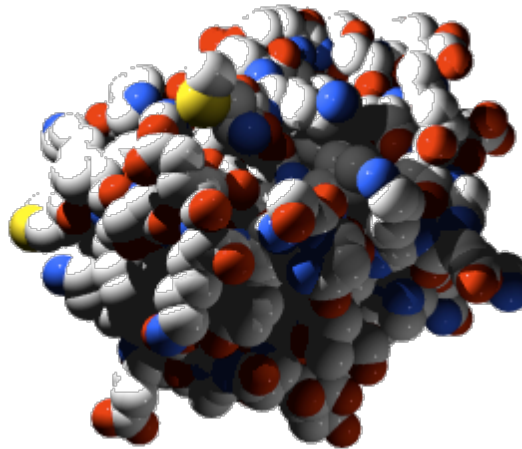


# Radius & Radius of Gyration

- $\text{RAD} = 3.95 \times \text{NUMRES}^{0.6} + 7.25$  (Folded)
- $\text{RADG} = 0.41 \times (110 \times \text{NUMRES})^{0.5}$  (Unfolded)

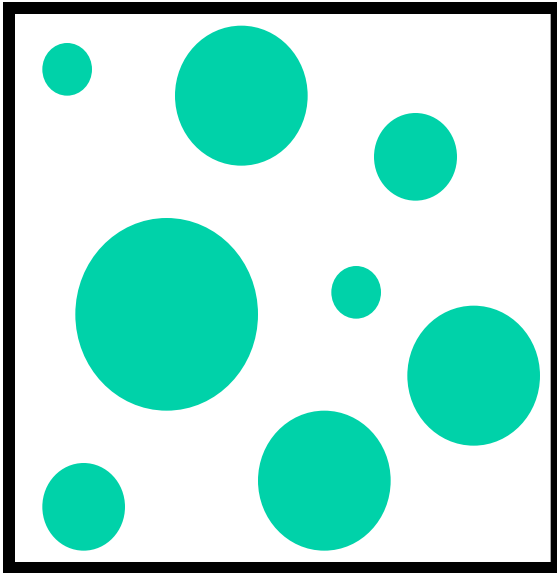


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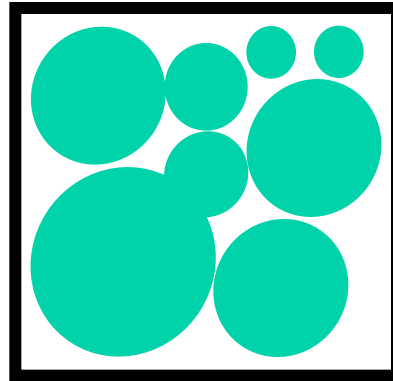


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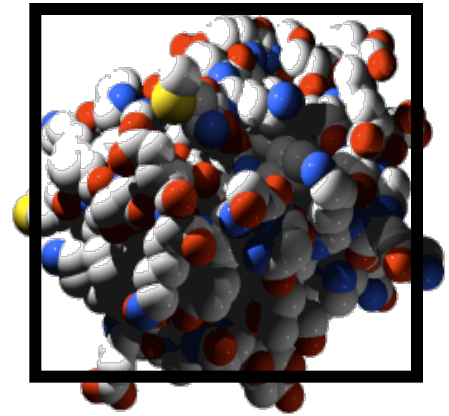
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Loose Packing



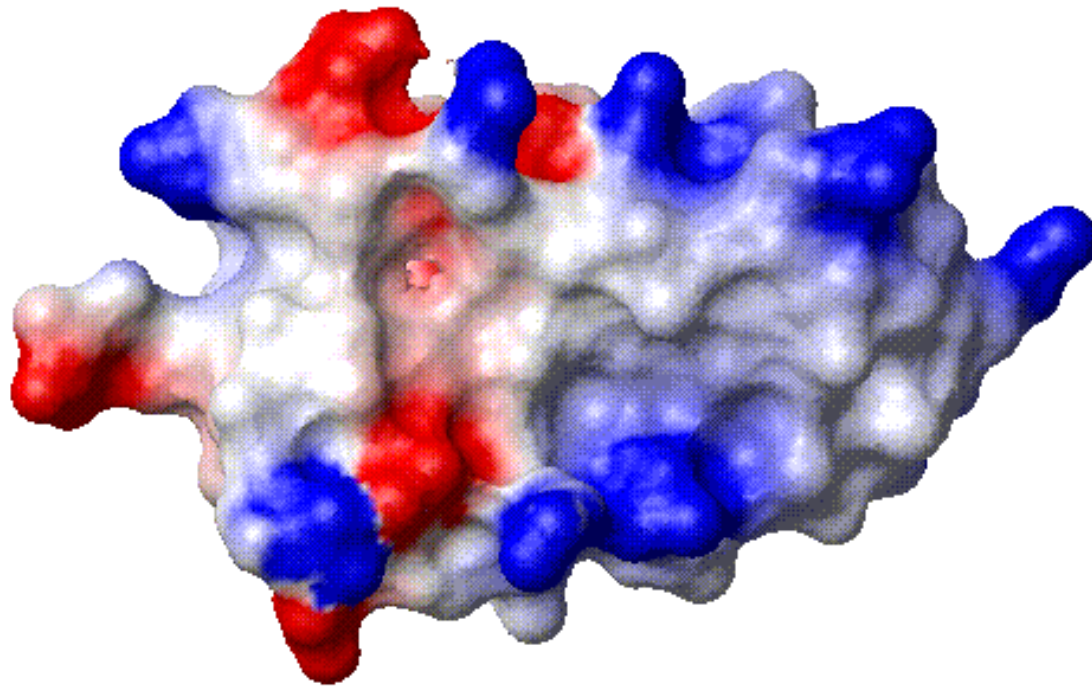
Dense Packing



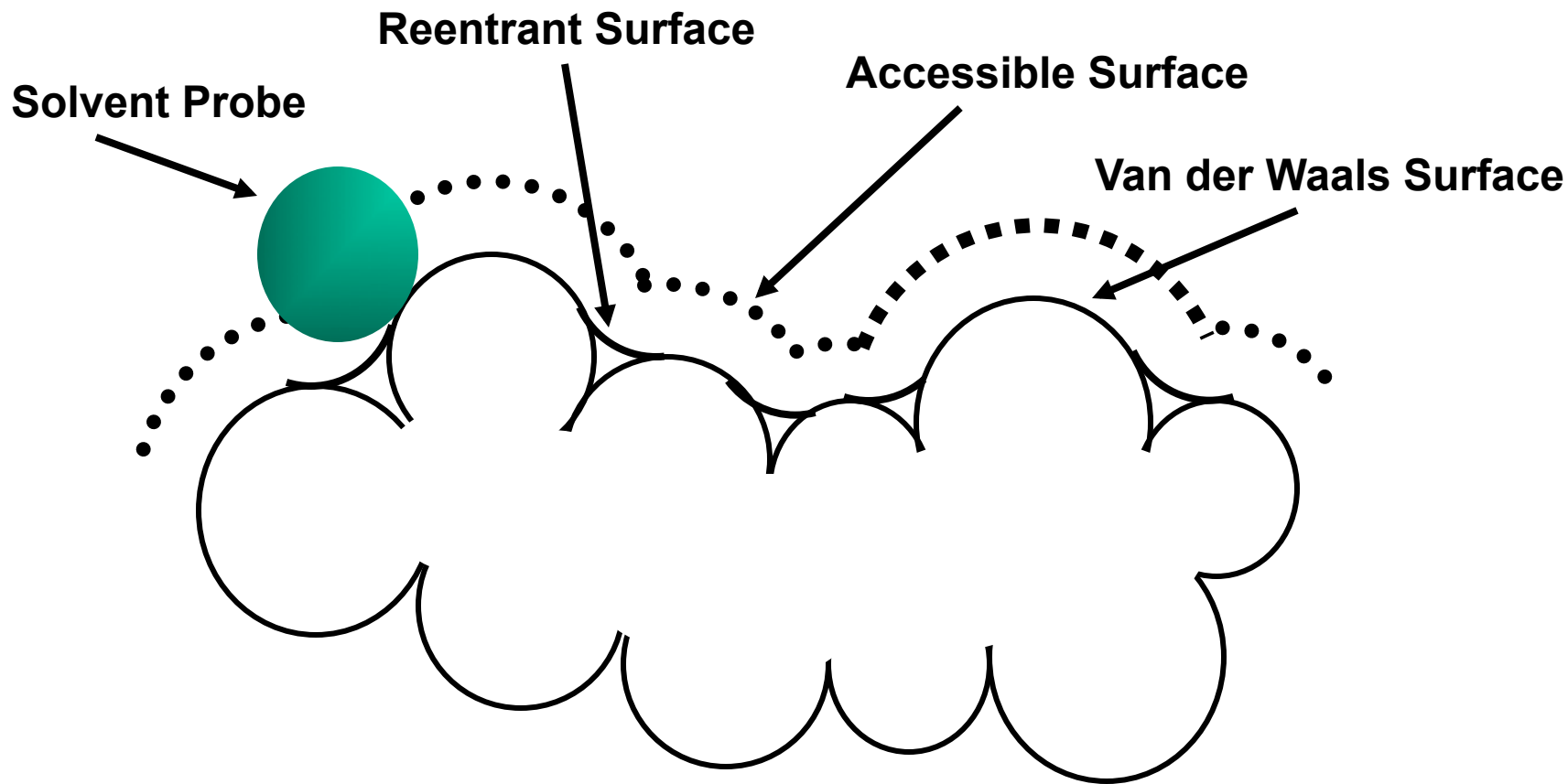
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***Proteins are Densely Packed***

# Accessible Surface Area



# Accessible Surface Area\*

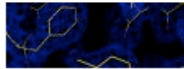


# Accessible Surface Area\*

- Solvation free energy is related to ASA
  - ◆  $\Delta G = \sum \Delta \sigma_i A_i$
- Proteins typically have 60% of their ASA comprised of polar atoms or residues
- Proteins typically have 40% of their ASA comprised of nonpolar atoms or residues
- $\Delta_{ASA}$  (obs - exp.) reveals shape/roughness

# Structure Validation Servers

- **WhatIf Web Server** - <http://swift.cmbi.ru.nl/servers/html/index.html>
- **Protein Structure Validation Suite** - [http://psvs-1\\_3.nesg.org/](http://psvs-1_3.nesg.org/)
- **Verify3D** - [http://nihserver.mbi.ucla.edu/Verify\\_3D/](http://nihserver.mbi.ucla.edu/Verify_3D/)
- **Molprobity** - <http://molprobity.biochem.duke.edu/>
- **PROSESS** - <http://www.prosess.ca/>
- **VADAR** - <http://vadar.wishartlab.com/>



## Verify3D Structure Evaluation Server

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Software ♦ Home



The UCLA-DOE Structure Evaluation server is a tool designed to help in the refinement of crystallographic structures. It will provide you with a visual analysis of the quality of a putative crystal structure for a protein. Verify3D expects this crystal structure to be submitted in PDB format. Please note that Verify3D works best on proteins with at least 100 residues. To submit a crystal structure for analysis, simply select it with the file dialog which is activated by clicking on the Browse button below, then click the Send File button.

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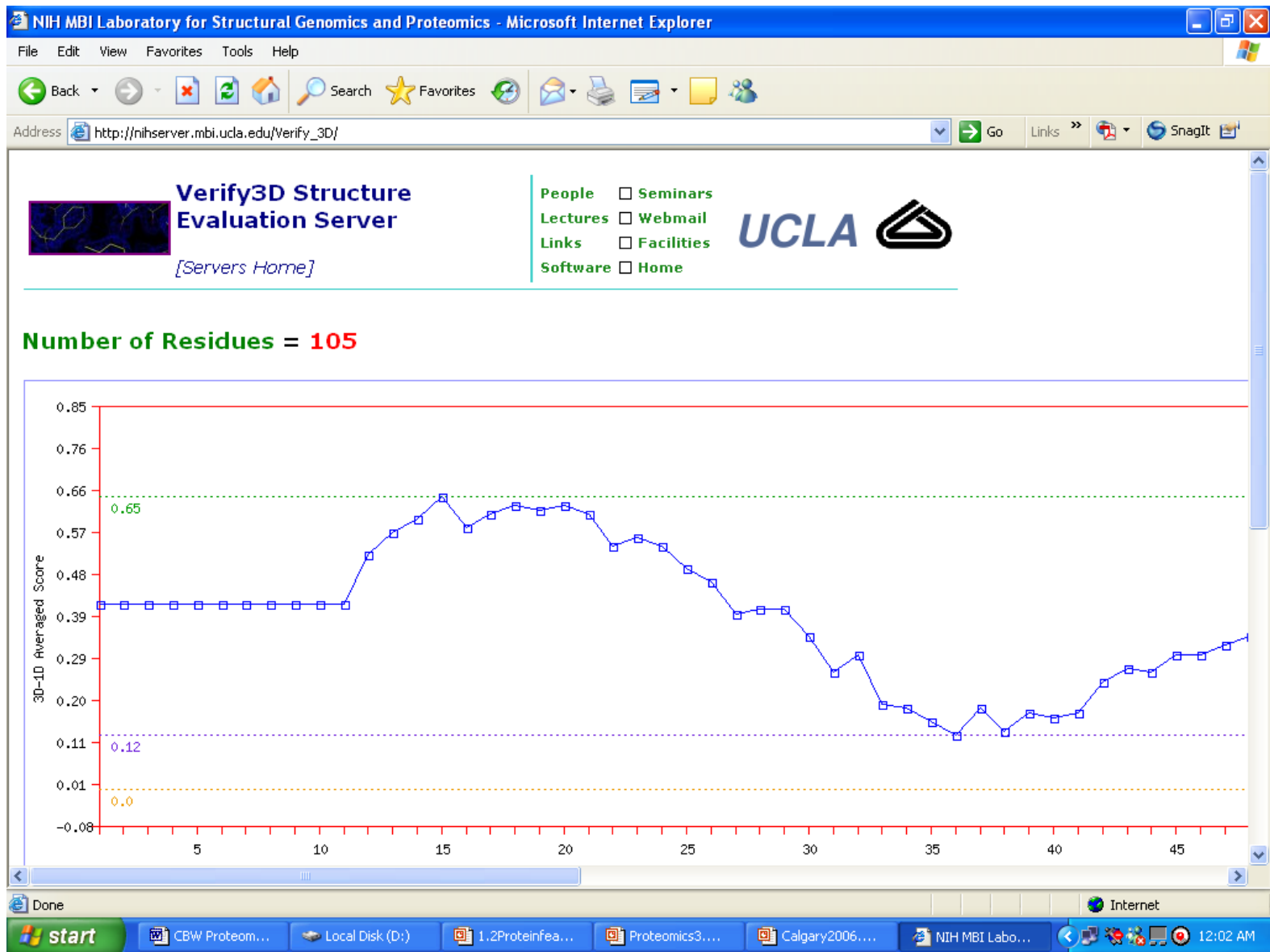
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Verify3D analyzes the compatibility of an atomic model (3D) with its own amino acid sequence (1D). Each residue is assigned a structural class based on its location and environment (alpha, beta, loop, polar, nonpolar, etc). A collection of good structures is used as a reference to obtain a score for each of the 20 amino acids in this structural class. The scores of a sliding 21-residue window (from -10 to +10) are added and plotted for individual residues.

### [Obtain your own standalone copy of Profile Search/Environments program/Verify 3D](#)

References: [[Bowie et al., 1991](#); [Luethy et al., 1992](#)]. end\_a\_page\_with\_links();





**High scores = good Low scores = bad**

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VADAR (Volume, Area, Dihedral Angle Reporter) is a compilation of more than 15 different algorithms and programs for analyzing and assessing peptide and protein structures from their PDB coordinate data. The results have been validated through extensive comparison to published data and careful visual inspection. The VADAR web server supports the submission of either PDB formatted files or PDB accession numbers. VADAR produces extensive tables and high quality graphs for quantitatively and qualitatively assessing protein structures determined by X-ray crystallography, NMR spectroscopy, 3D-threading or homology modelling.

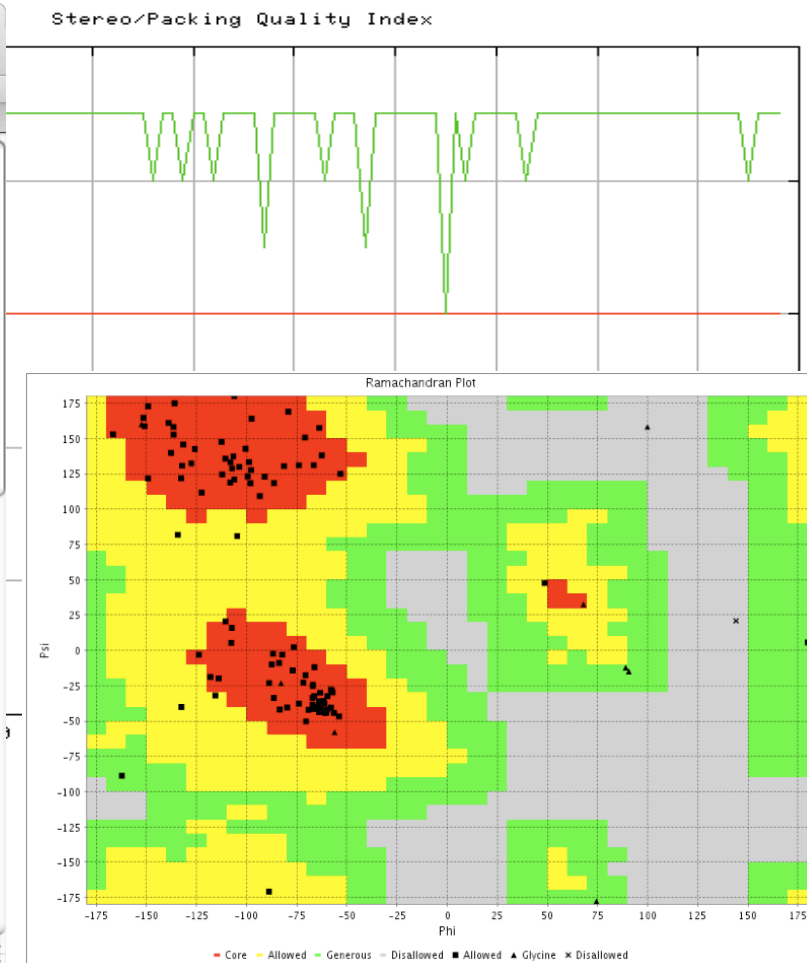
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RES. NUM.	RES. NAME	SCND STRUC	HBOND HBOND	BTURN BTURN	RES. ASA	FRAC. ASA	RES. VOL.	FRAC. VOL.	PHI PHI	PSI PSI	OMEGA OMEGA	PRBLM PRBLM
1	SER	CCH C 3,4	I	83.5	0.63	106.0	1.17	360.0	5.7	-179.8		
2	ASP	CCC C	I	127.7	0.81	116.6	1.02	-67.0	-25.3	-176.6		
3	LYS	CCC C 1	I	79.7	0.37	182.1	1.18	-107.4	15.8	177.3		
4	ILE	BBB B 1	I	12.0	0.06	153.8	0.95	-103.6	129.9	176.9		
5	ILE	BBB B 57,55	I	81.6	0.41	162.6	1.01	-81.3	130.5	177.4		
6	HIS	BBB B	I	109.5	0.54	152.1	0.98	-99.4	123.1	-176.5		
7	LEU	BBB B 57	I	7.0	0.03	157.1	0.96	-97.5	164.2	174.6		
8	THR	CCC C 11	I	76.4	0.51	110.0	0.94	-135.9	174.9	-180.0		
9	ASP	CCC C 11,12	I	40.4	0.26	113.5	1.00	-58.0	-27.9	-179.4		
10	ASP	CCC C	I	122.8	0.78	115.0	1.01	-76.5	2.3	179.8		
11	SER	CCC C 8,16	I	6.0	0.05	93.8	1.04	-83.8	-9.0	-174.8		
12	PHE	CCC C 9	I	14.6	0.06	182.7	0.93	-104.7	80.9	-176.8		
13	ASP	CCC C	I	97.4	0.62	93.8	0.82	144.1	20.7	-172.4		
14	THR	CCC C 19,18	I	71.4	0.47	107.6	0.92	-162.2	-88.9	179.9		
15	ASP	CCC C 11	I	62.3	0.40	111.8	0.98	-66.1	-12.0	177.2		
16	VAL	CCC C 11,14	I	0.0	0.00	130.0	0.96	-132.6	-40.2	-178.1		
17	LEU	CCC C	I	60.0	0.29	144.3	0.88	-86.4	-33.9	177.3		
18	LYS	CCC C 14	I	136.6	0.64	137.0	0.89	-79.8	-40.5	179.8		
19	ALA	CCC C 14	I	28.2	0.23	85.6	0.98	-53.3	125.0	176.8		
20	ASP	CCC C	I	101.4	0.65	96.9	0.85	-88.9	-171.0	178.1		
21	GLY	CCC C 83	I	45.3	0.50	64.7	1.03	74.4	-177.7	-175.8		
22	ALA	BBB B 54	I	15.5	0.13	91.5	1.05	-97.8	127.7	-177.3		
23	ILE	BBB B 81,81	I	6.0	0.03	160.9	1.00	-132.2	130.8	179.5		
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28	TRP	BBB B 60,58	I	42.6	0.16	232.8	1.01	-149.2	172.8	174.1		
29	ALA	BBB B 32	I	0.0	0.00	89.4	1.02	-151.0	158.8	-174.6		
30	GLU	CCC C	I	116.3	0.61	135.5	1.02	-71.8	-22.8	-179.5		
31	TRP	CCC C	I	169.7	0.64	192.5	0.83	-82.2	-3.1	-172.8		
32	CYS	HHH H 29,36	I	6.9	0.05	100.8	0.96	-93.5	109.4	-178.5		
33	GLY	HHH H 36,37	I	31.0	0.34	51.0	0.81	-56.2	-58.1	179.3		
34	PRO	HHH H 37,38	I	59.2	0.38	114.3	0.99	-57.6	-28.6	178.1		
35	CYS	HHH H 32,38	I	3.2	0.02	116.8	1.12	-63.8	-43.7	176.3		
36	LYS	HHH H 32,33	I	120.7	0.56	149.7	0.97	-63.8	-36.2	179.4		
37	MET	HHH H 33,34	I	131.8	0.60	143.3	0.88	-61.7	-36.0	-178.0		
38	ILE	HHH H 42,41	I	1.3	0.01	169.7	1.05	-87.5	-10.1	-177.5		
39	ALA	HHH H 36,43	I	31.7	0.26	101.7	1.17	-56.5	-44.3	179.3		
40	PRO	HHH H 43,44	I	77.2	0.50	106.9	0.93	-66.2	-32.6	179.3		
41	ILE	HHH H 38,45	I	27.9	0.14	164.7	1.02	-64.5	-40.0	-179.4		
42	LEU	HHH H 38,46	I	0.0	0.00	174.7	1.07	-67.1	-33.8	175.3		
43	ASP	HHH H 39,47	I	43.6	0.28	129.9	1.14	-60.8	-44.2	-179.7		
44	GLU	HHH H 40,48	I	78.1	0.41	130.1	0.98	-63.2	-43.5	179.5		

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\* 3D PROFILE QUALITY INDEX \*  
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( 9 = best )  
( 0 = worst )  
( \* = indicates possible problem )

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n omega generous	0 ( 0%)	0 ( 0%)
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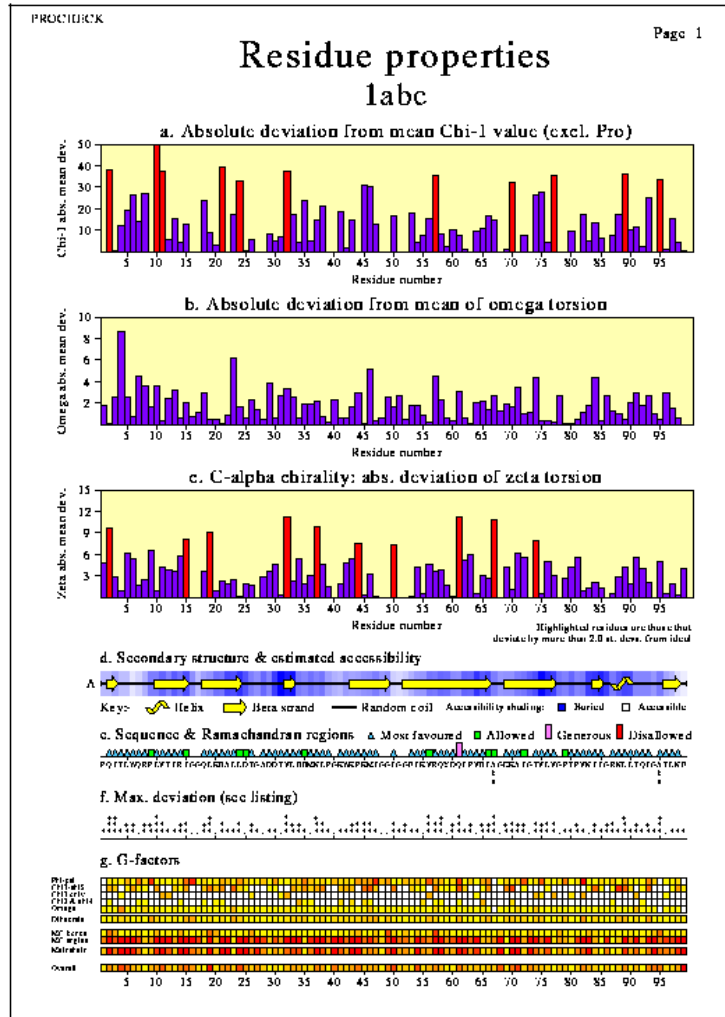
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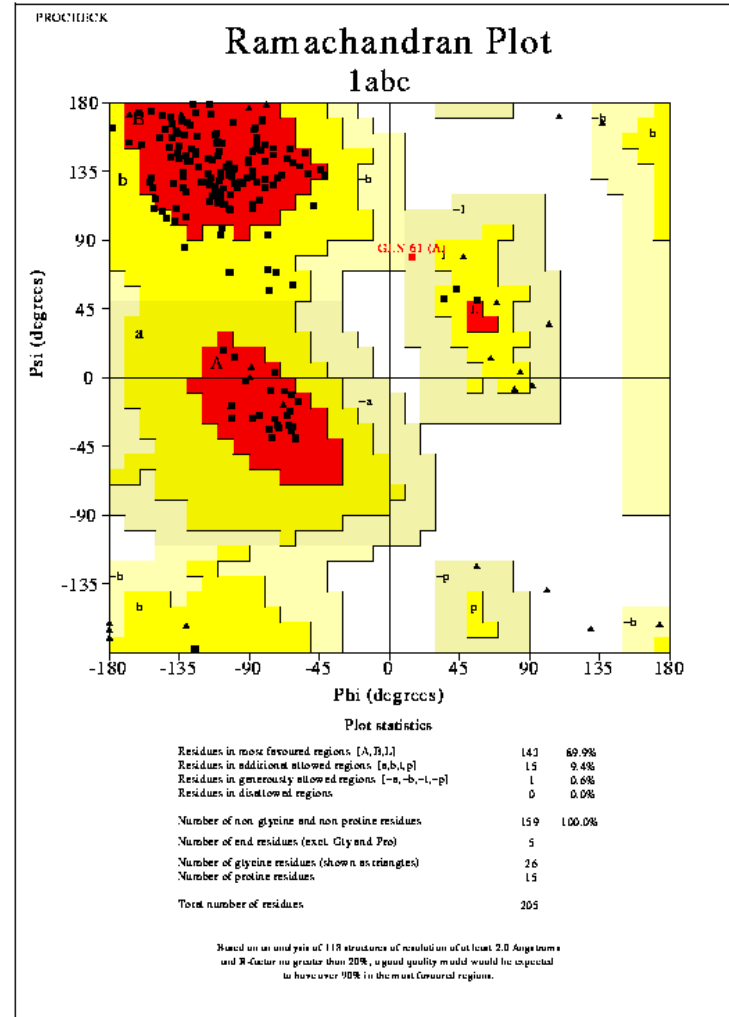
# Structure Validation Programs

- **PROCHECK** - <http://www.biochem.ucl.ac.uk/~roman/procheck/procheck.html>
- **PROSA II** - <http://lore.came.sbg.ac.at/People/mo/Prosa/prosa.html>
- **WhatCheck** - <http://swift.cmbi.kun.nl/gv/whatcheck/>
- **PDB Validation Suite** - <http://sw-tools.pdb.org/apps/VAL/index.html>
- **DSSP** - <http://swift.cmbi.kun.nl/gv/dssp/>

# Procheck\*



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# Summary

- Homology modeling is the most accurate method known for predicting 3D protein structures
- Recent advances have made homology modeling trivial to do over the web
- There are many different ways of evaluating and validating the quality of 3D structure models
- *Homework: spend 15-20 minutes visiting the websites mentioned today*

# How To Do Your Assignment

- **Follow the instructions carefully**
- **Each of the programs or websites you need to use has been mentioned in the last 3 lectures, if you're smart you may only need to use 3 (local) tools**
- **This assignment will take 4-5 hours to complete and should be 6-8 pages long**