

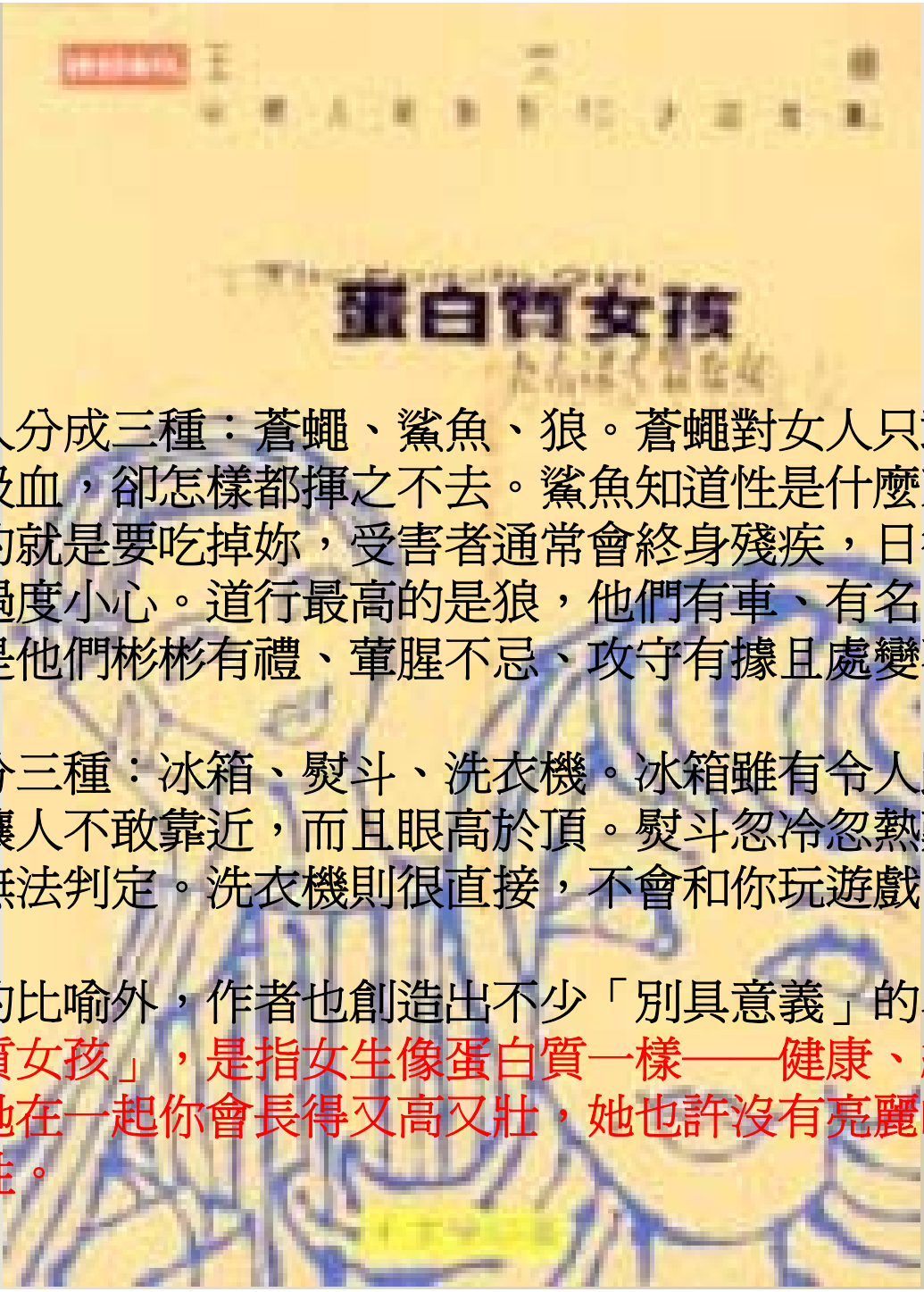
由蛋白質看生物物理

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**(WE WISH YOU) A PROTEIN
CHRISTMAS**



The image shows the book cover of 'Protein Girl' (蛋白質女孩) by Wang Shuang (王雙). The cover has a yellow background with a blue and white abstract line drawing of a person's face and upper body. The title '蛋白質女孩' is written in large, bold, black characters. Above the title, the author's name '王雙' is visible. There is a small red stamp in the top left corner of the cover.

蛋白質女孩

作者將男人分成三種：蒼蠅、鯊魚、狼。蒼蠅對女人只敢繞圈飛行，不咬人不吸血，卻怎樣都揮之不去。鯊魚知道性是什麼東西，他們的目的就是要吃掉妳，受害者通常會終身殘疾，日後對好男人也會過度小心。道行最高的是狼，他們有車、有名、有時間，最重要的是他們彬彬有禮、葷腥不忌、攻守有據且處變不驚。

而女人也分三種：冰箱、熨斗、洗衣機。冰箱雖有令人跌倒的美麗，卻冷酷地讓人不敢靠近，而且眼高於頂。熨斗忽冷忽熱難以捉摸，外表完全無法判定。洗衣機則很直接，不會和你玩遊戲。

除了巧妙的比喻外，作者也創造出不少「別具意義」的名詞，如「**蛋白質女孩**」，是指女生像蛋白質一樣——**健康、純淨、營養、圓滿**，跟她在一起你會長得又高又壯，她也許沒有亮麗的外表，卻有很好的個性。

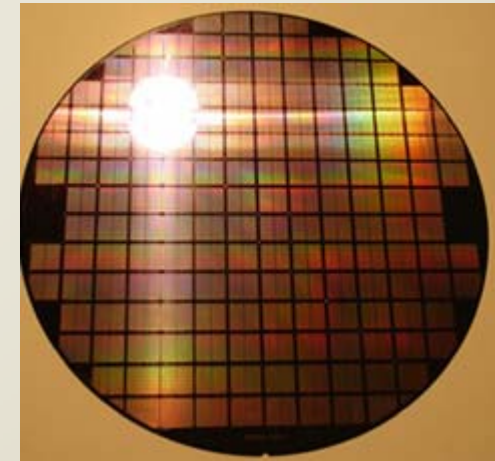
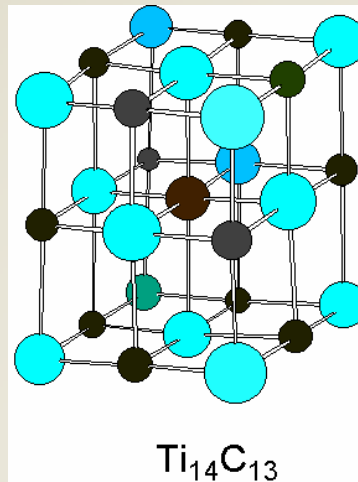
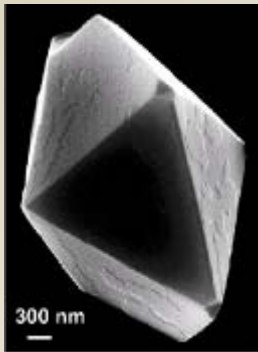
蛋白質折疊是一個典型的生物物理問題
由此問題來看：

- * Why do we care about proteins?
and what is the physics involved?
- * What is the challenge?
- * What can physicists contribute?
--an experience from past researches
- * Summary and outlook
(何以21世紀是生物的世紀?)

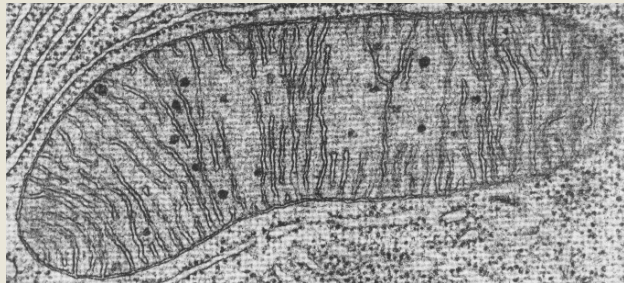
Physics $\Leftrightarrow$ Biology

Physics: mechanical universe

Typical physical matter: regular, crystals, ..



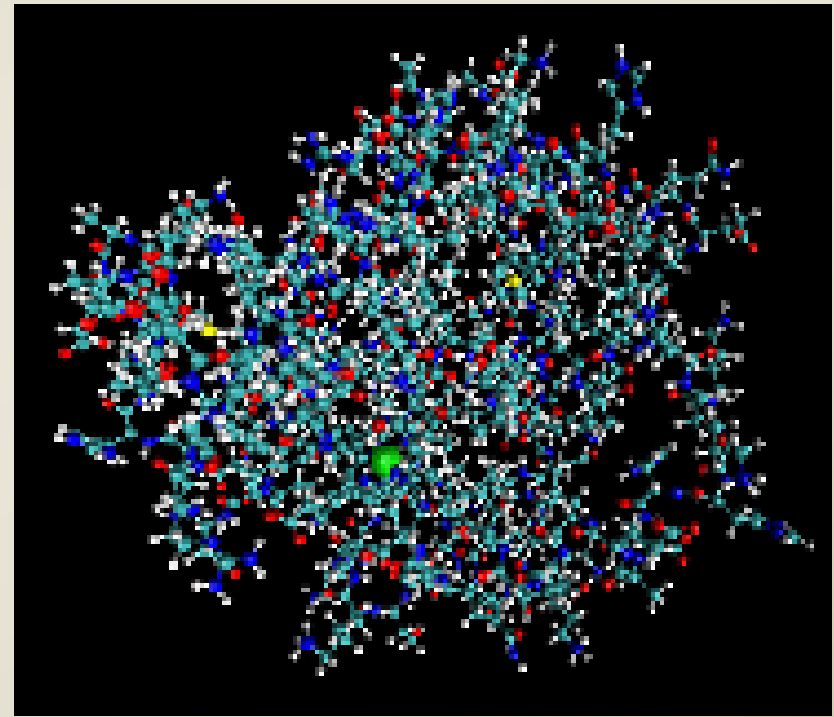
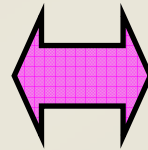
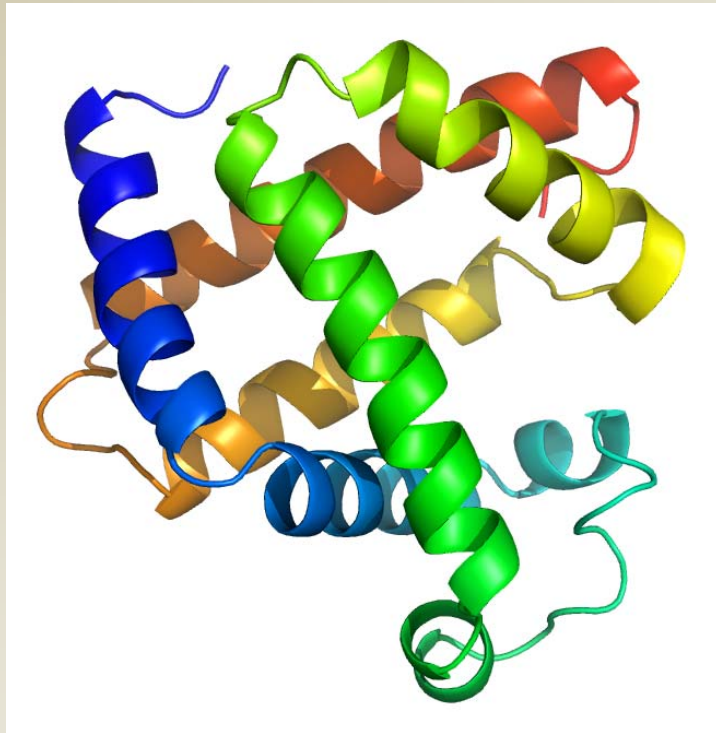
Biological matter: proteins, membrane, ..



irregular, in water, ..

What are proteins?

Proteins are macromolecules



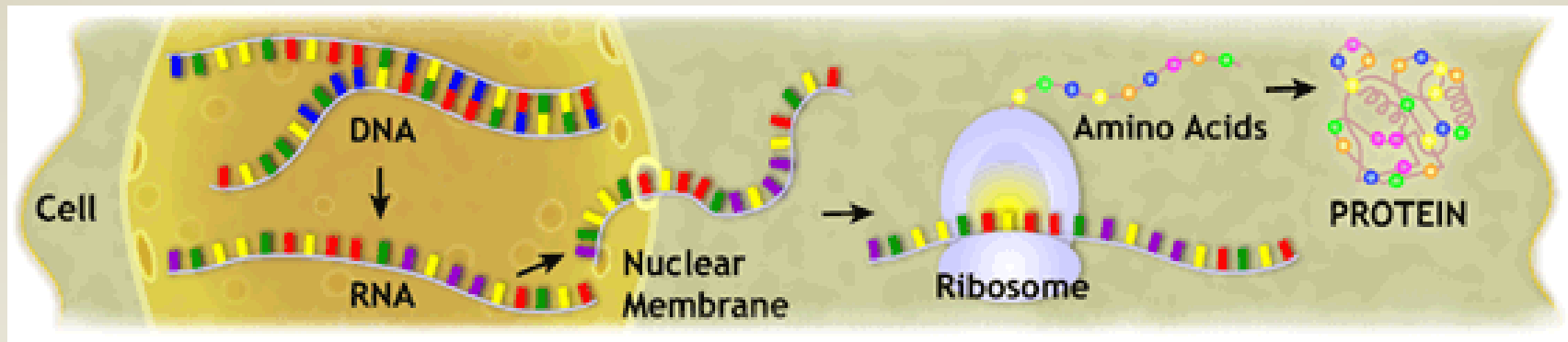
第一個結構被解出來的蛋白質: Myoglobin(肌紅蛋白,存在於紅色的肌肉中):

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Myoglobin.png>

Why should we care about proteins?

生物學的基本教條

DNA 轉錄 RNA 再製造蛋白質



<http://learn.genetics.utah.edu/units/basics/protein/>

蛋白質負責執行生命的主要功能

Building block of structure

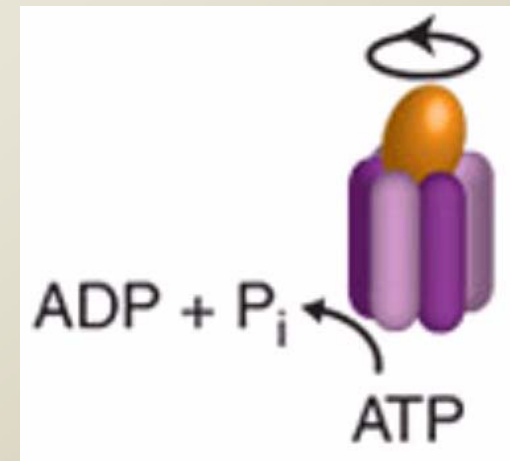
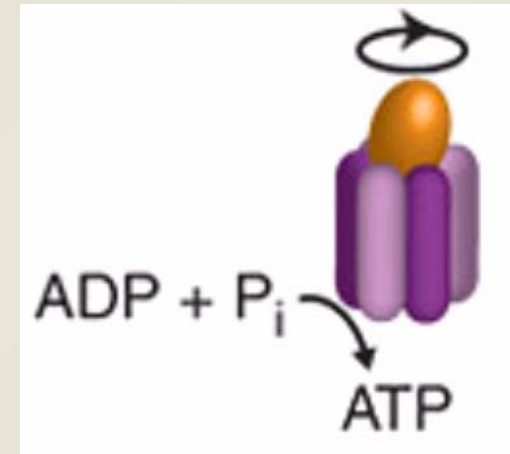
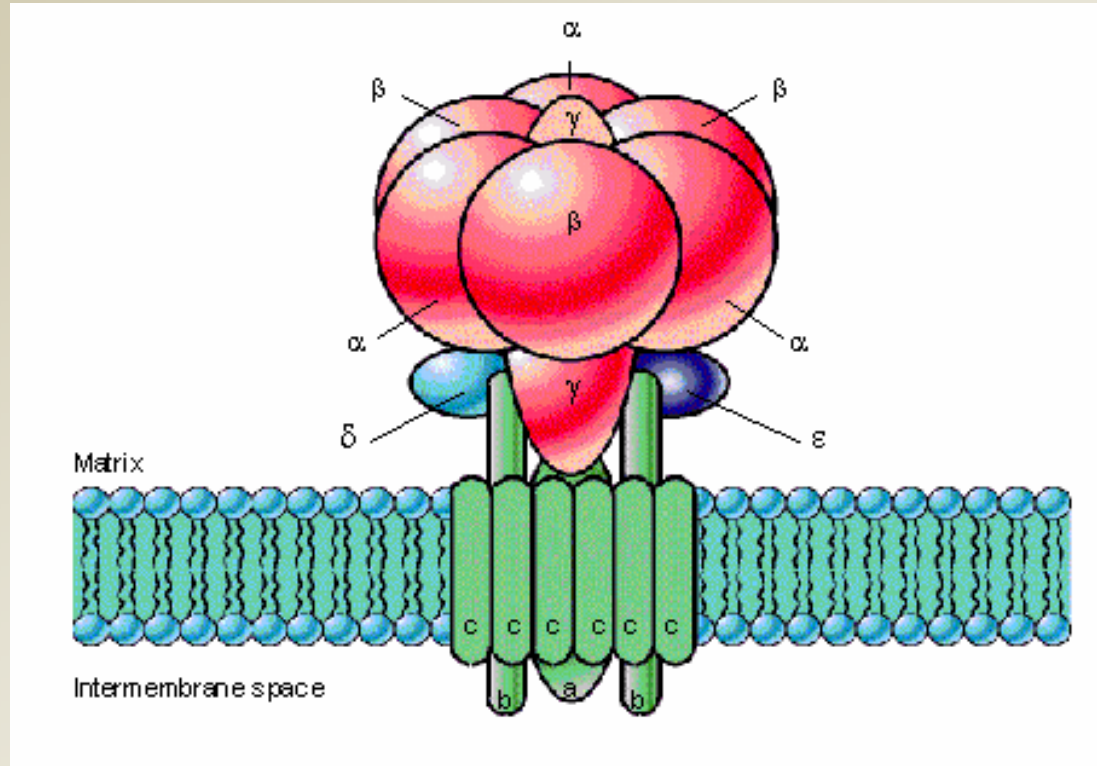
Cell membrane, blood, muscle, bone, etc

Function

酶(催化)、新陳代謝(如傳輸)、免疫、
荷爾蒙等

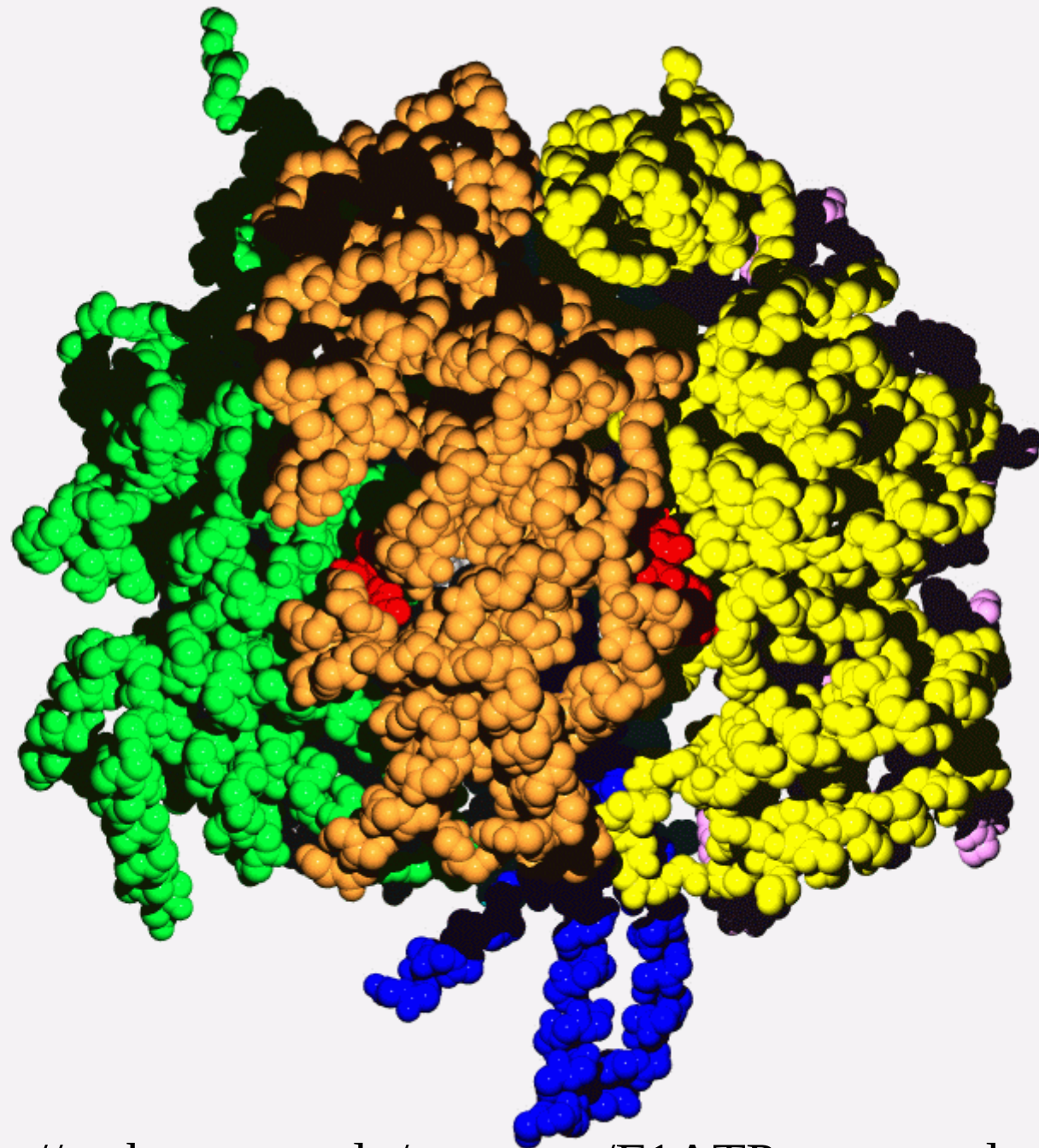
許多藥也是蛋白質（如胰島素、褪黑激素）

Biomachines: F1-ATPase motor



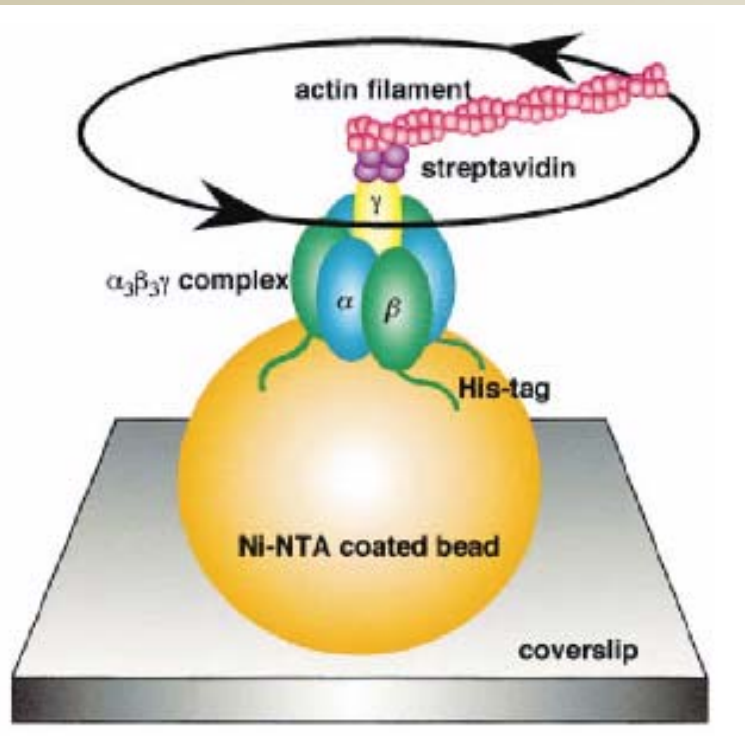
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<http://www.k2.phys.waseda.ac.jp/Movies.html>



<http://web.uconn.edu/gogarten/F1ATPasecycle.htm>

Single-molecule physiology is now possible:



Noji H. et al. Nature 386, 299 (1997); Yasuda R, Cell 93, 1117 (1998)

<http://www.k2.phys.waseda.ac.jp/Movies.html>

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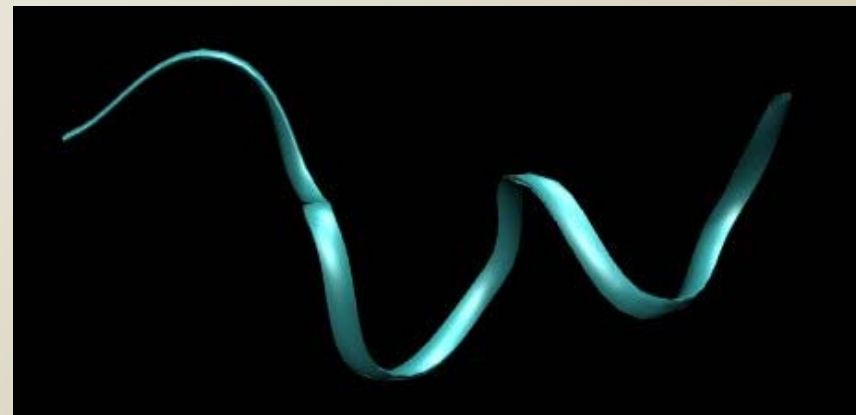
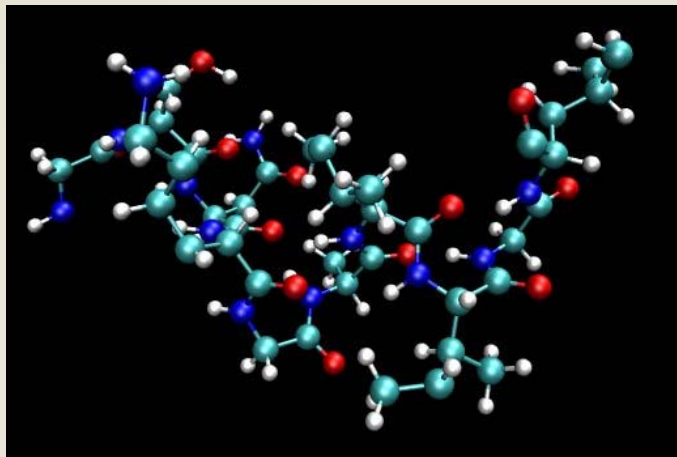
許多疾病起因於蛋白質的不正常功能

Cystic Fibrosis (囊狀纖維化, protein misfolding)

Aggregation of proteins

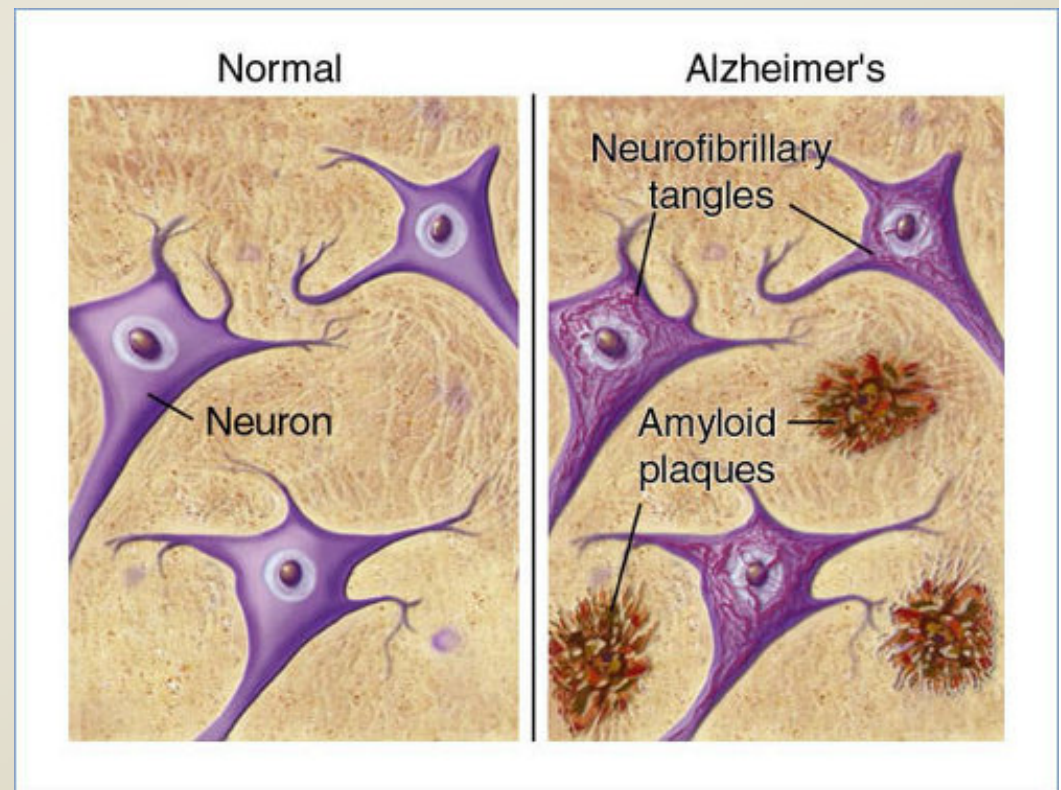
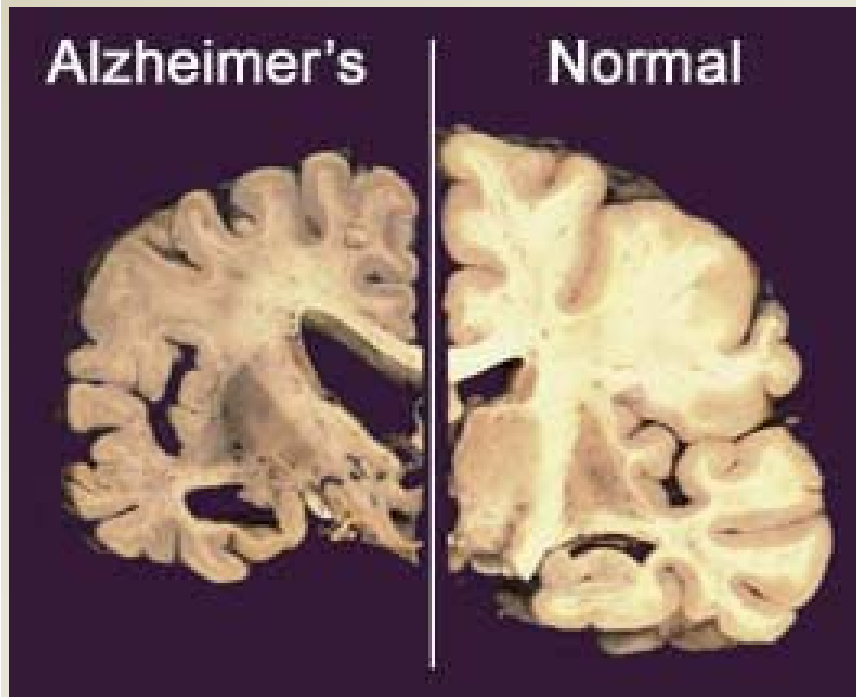
Amyloid beta (Alzheimer)

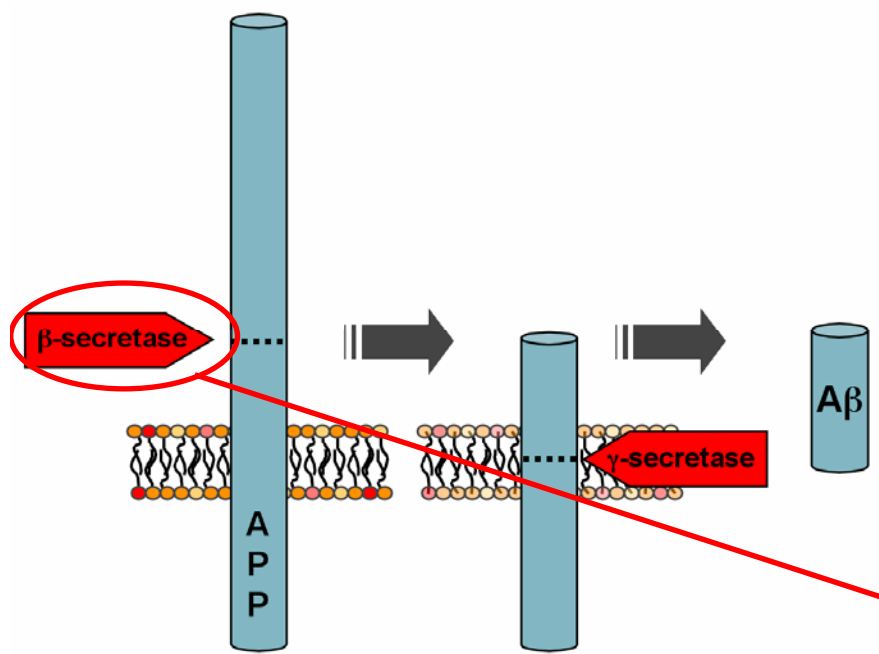
Prions (mad-cow disease)



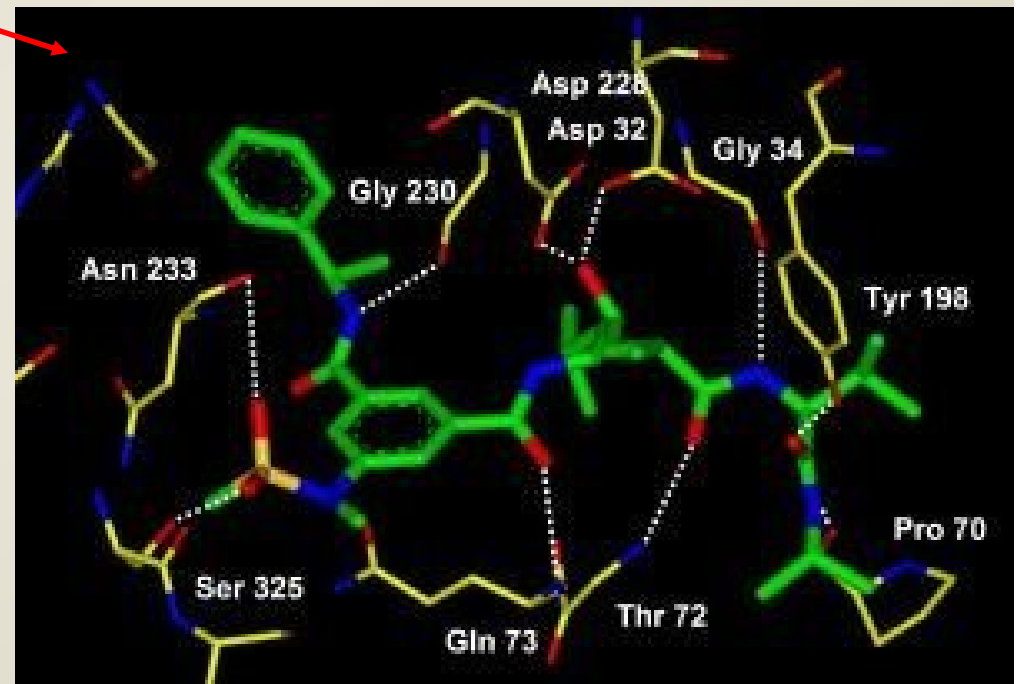
Understanding how proteins work leads to cure many diseases

Example: Alzheimer - amyloid beta protein cascade



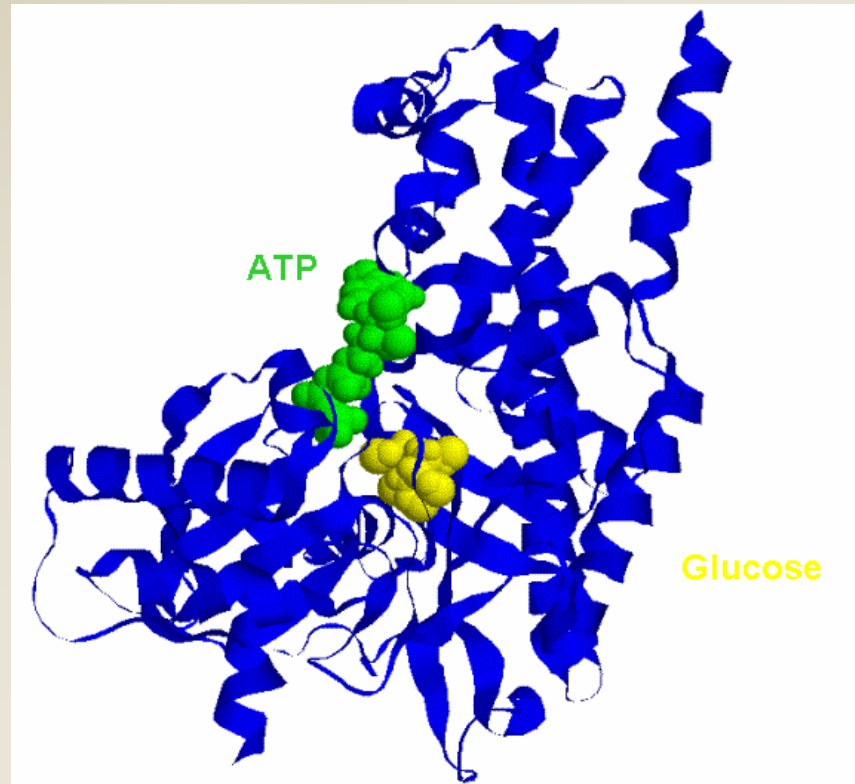


<http://www.lbl.gov/Science-Articles/Archive/LSD-Alzheimers-switch.html>



<http://www.chem.purdue.edu/NewsFeed/newsstory.asp?itemID=214>
Arun Ghosh's group

The function of a protein depends on its physical shape

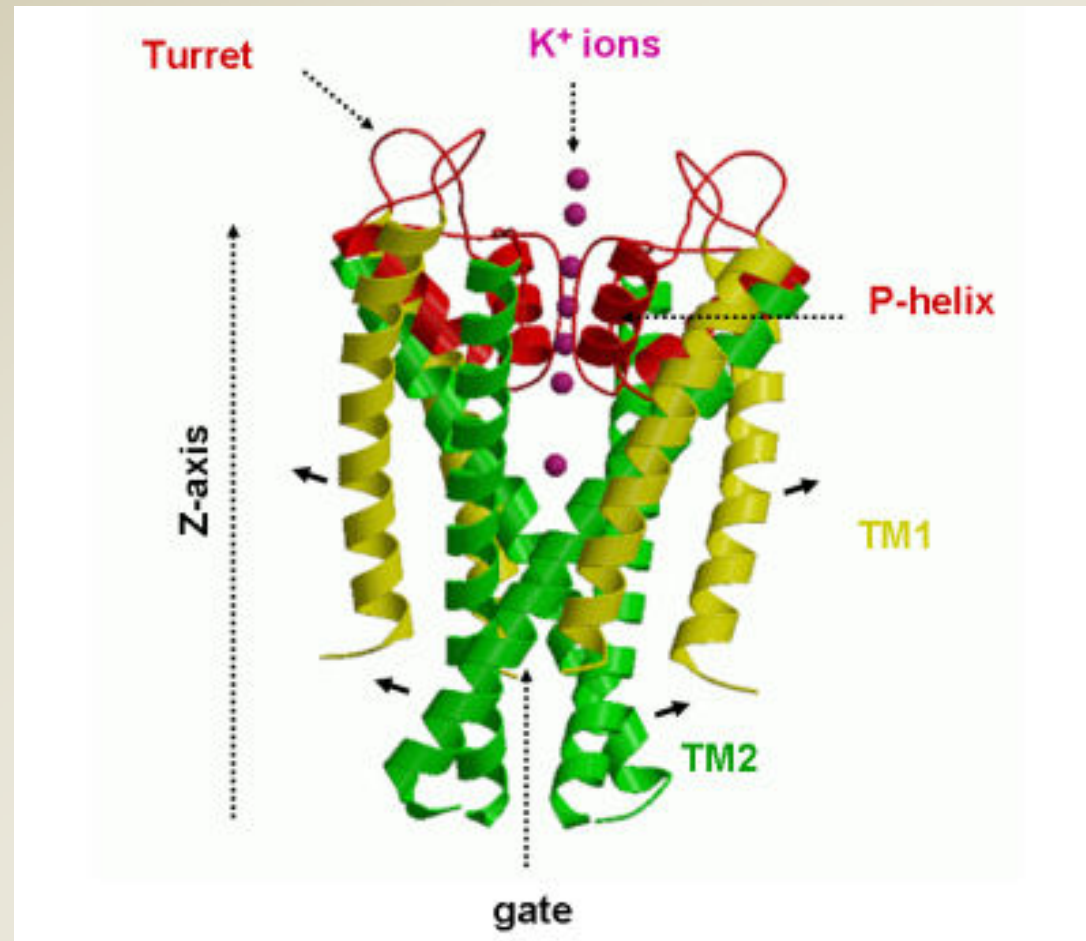


<http://asteris.cs.gsu.edu/~weber/GK-glc-atp03.gif>

Structure of glucokinase when binding ATP and glucose

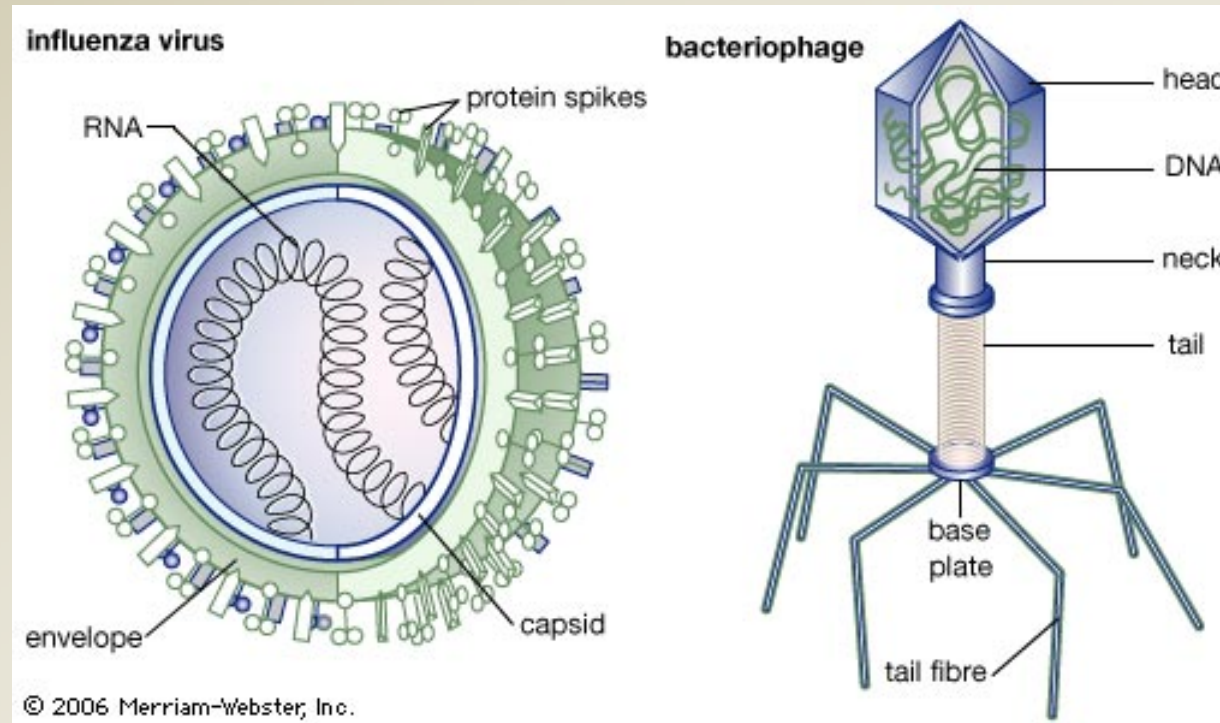
Glucokinase is the glucose sensing enzyme in the liver and the pancreas

Membrane proteins control ion channels



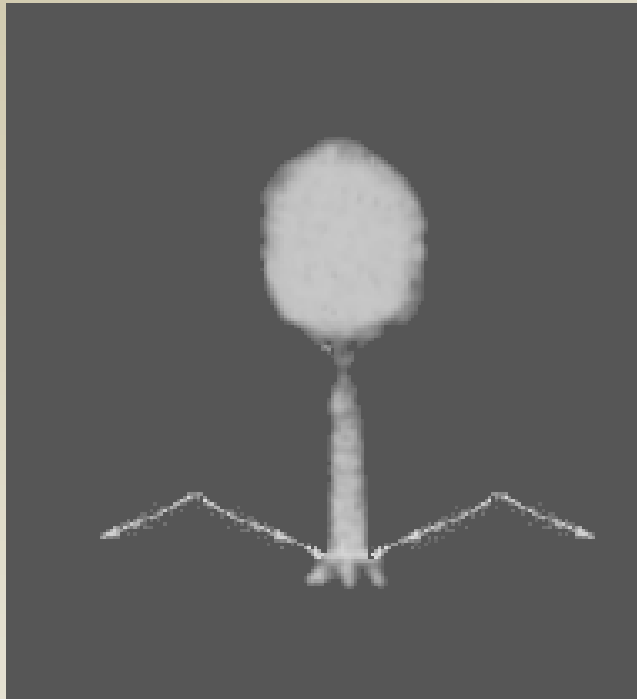
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Proteins also help virus to function

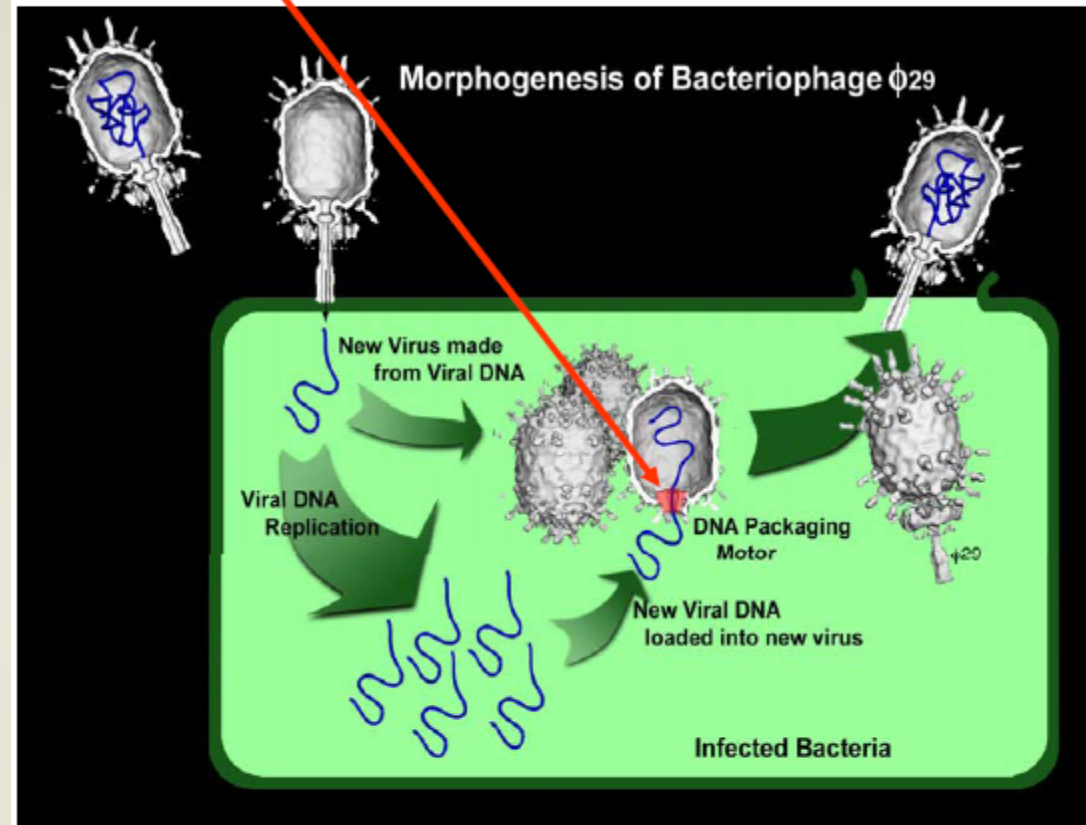


The influenza virus possesses both a protein shell (capsid) and a lipid and protein envelope. The protein spikes of the envelope facilitate adherence and entry into the host cell. The capsid proteins determine the influenza virus type (A, B, C), and the highly variable proteins of the spikes and envelope determine the different strains within each type. The bacteriophage (bacterial virus, 噬菌體) shown here has a head shaped like an icosahedron (with 20 sides).

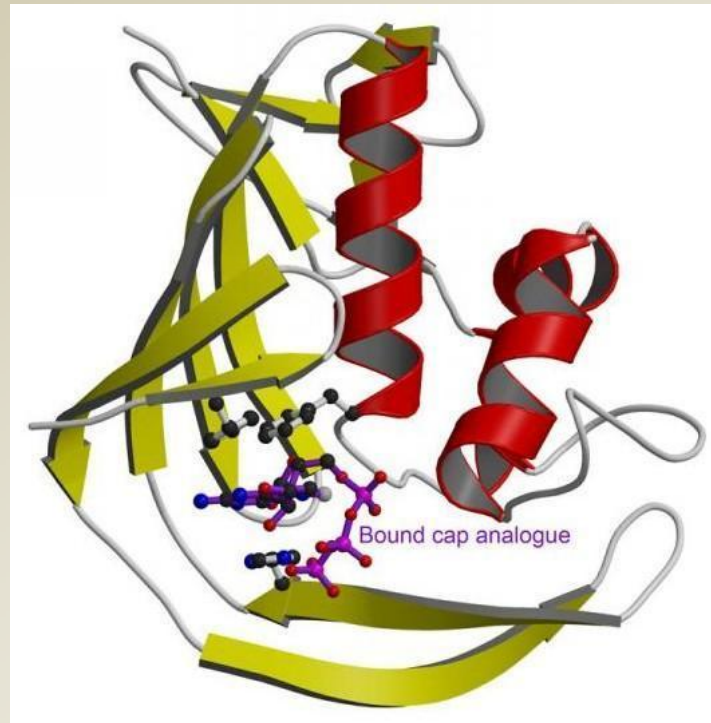
<http://student.britannica.com/comptons/art/print?id=66138&articleTypeId=0>



Packaging motor



<http://www.mcb.uct.ac.za/tutorial/virusentbacteria.htm>



Upon infection the influenza virus starts multiplying in the cells of its host. One protein that is crucial in this process is the viral polymerase – the enzyme that copies its genetic material and helps to produce more viruses. One component of the polymerase, called PB2, plays a key role in stealing an important tag from host cell RNA molecules to direct the protein production machinery towards the synthesis of viral proteins.

The virus steals a 'cap' molecule from its host to take over the protein production machinery and multiply. PB2 binds the cap (purple) by sandwiching it between aromatic amino acids.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/05/080504153820.htm>

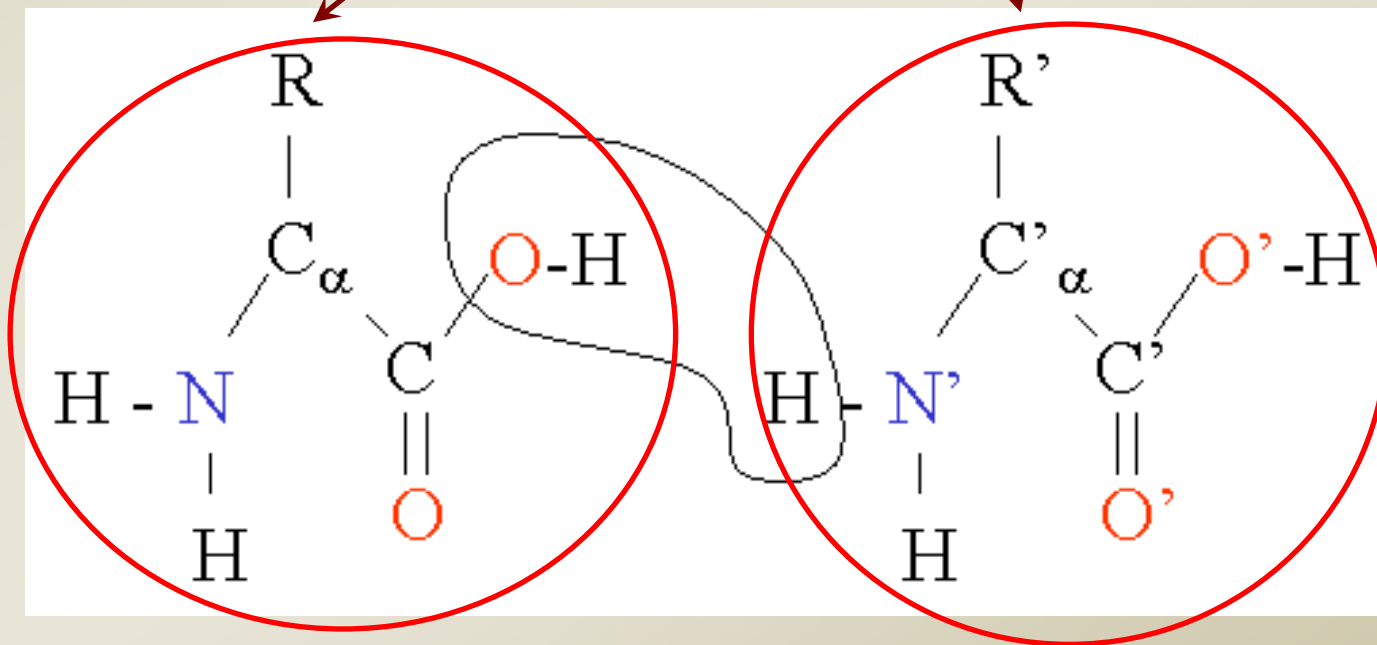
What is the challenge?

蛋白質是典型的 “**Biological Matter**”
與典型的**Solid-State** 有很大的差異
--沒有規則的幾何形狀

如果知道如何設計適當形狀及化學性質的蛋白質

⇒ 可在理論上直接設計新藥
(**Theoretical Drug Design**)

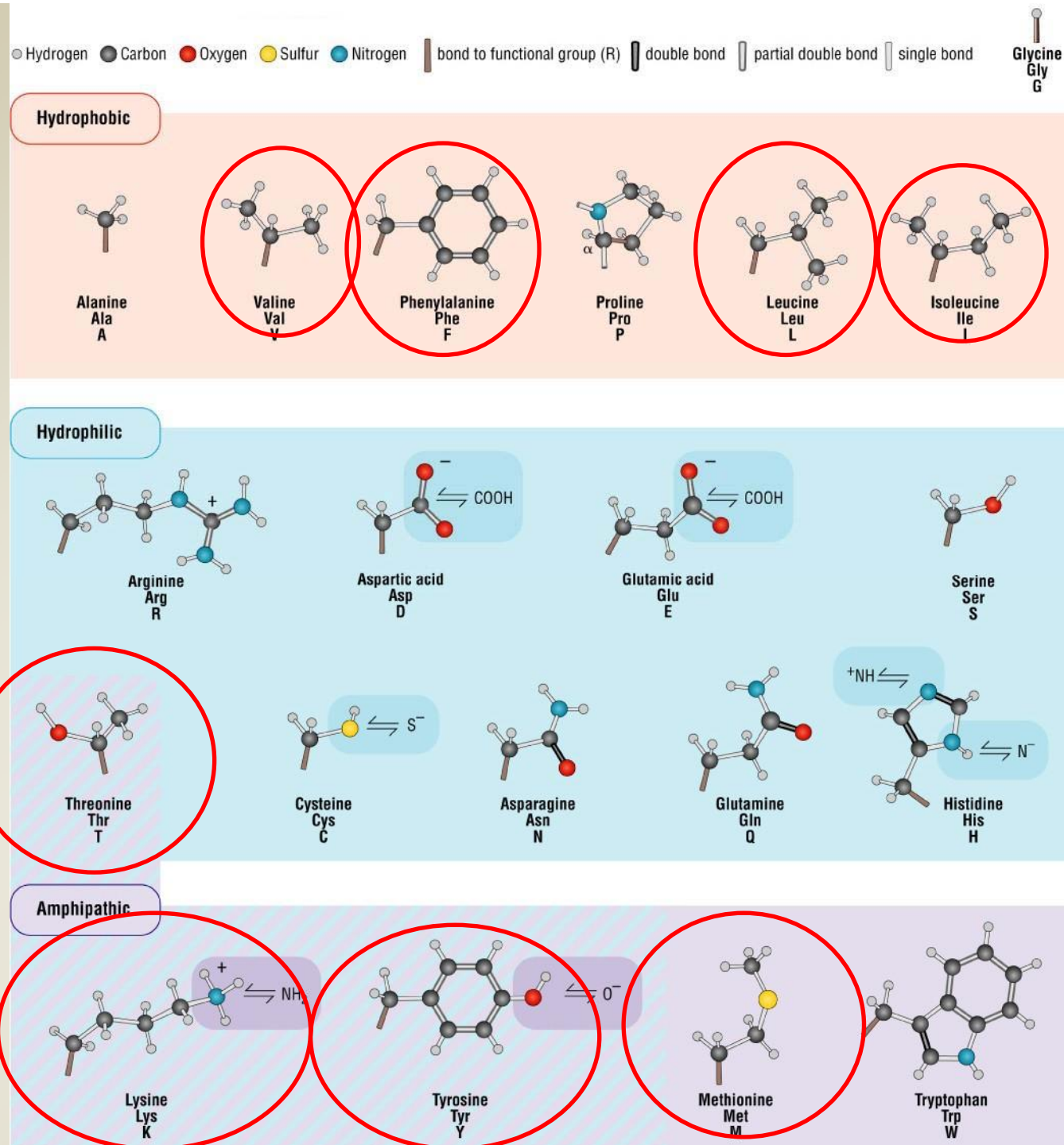
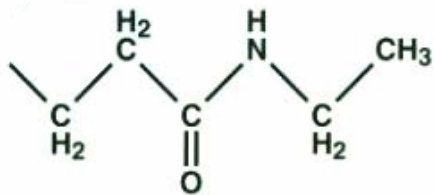
蛋白質由氨基酸組成



人體中有 20種氨基酸

並不是都能
自行合成

此外也有一些
其他的氨基酸
：茶氨酸
(theanine)為
Glutamine變形



蛋白質的四級結構：

一級結構 – amino acid sequence

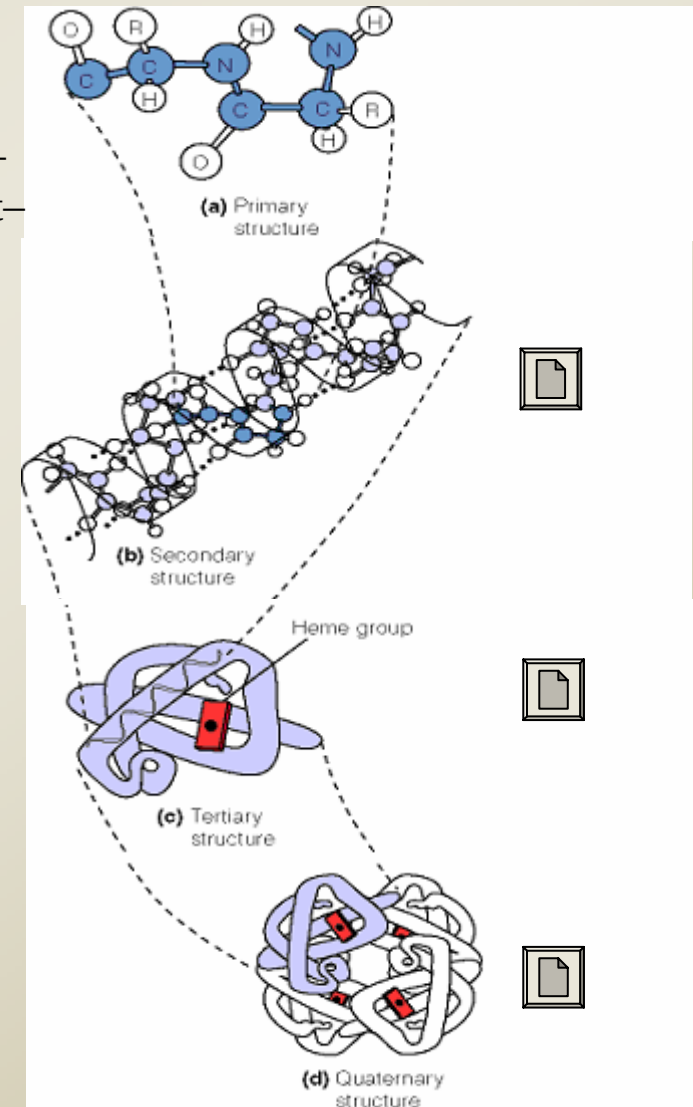
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Phe-Lys-Thr-Lys-Gly-Asn-Leu-Thr-Lys-His-Met-
Lys-Ser-Lys-Ala-His-Ser-Lys-Lys

↓
二級結構 – local structures, α
helices

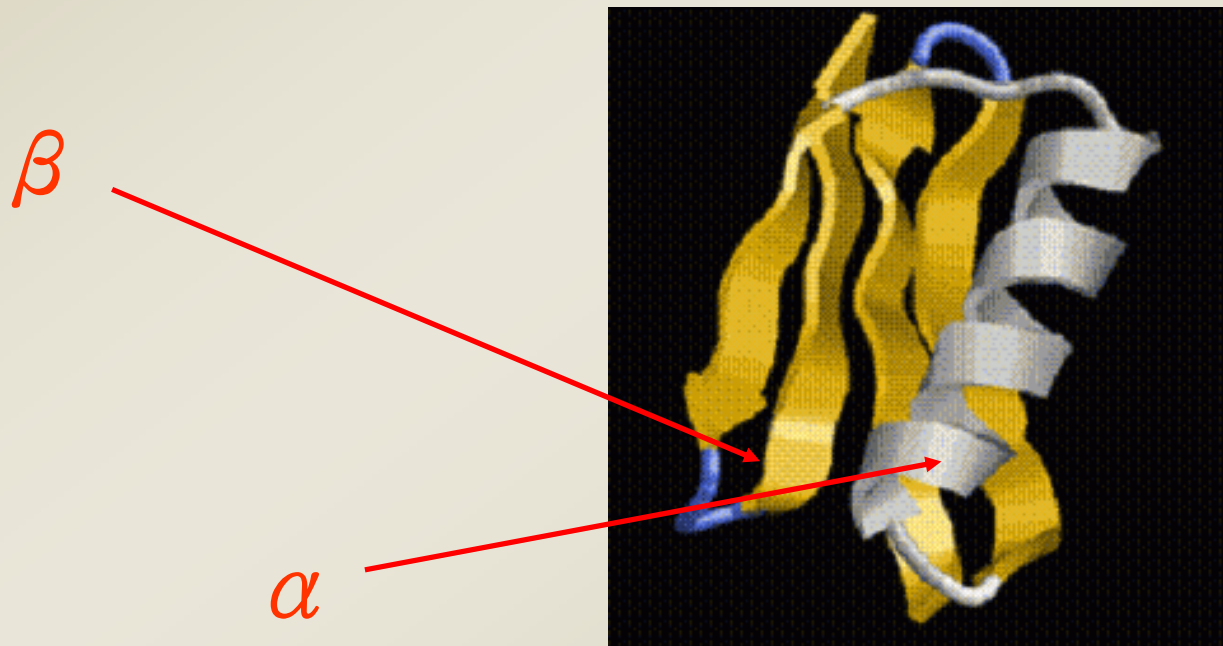
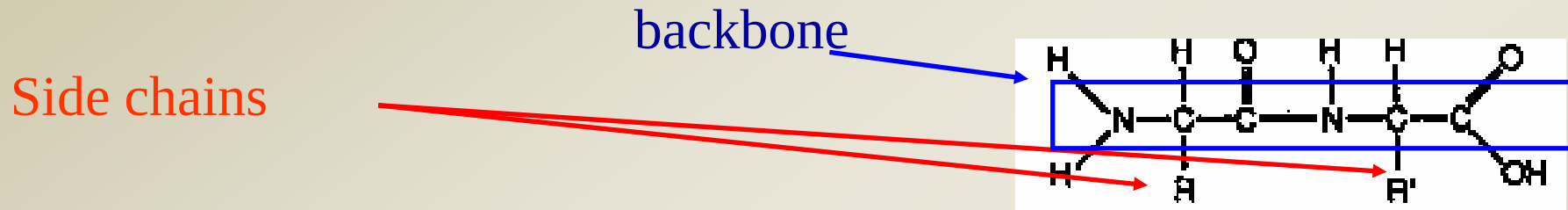
or β sheets

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三級結構 – overall 3-D structure

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四級結構 – subunit organization
protein-protein interactions

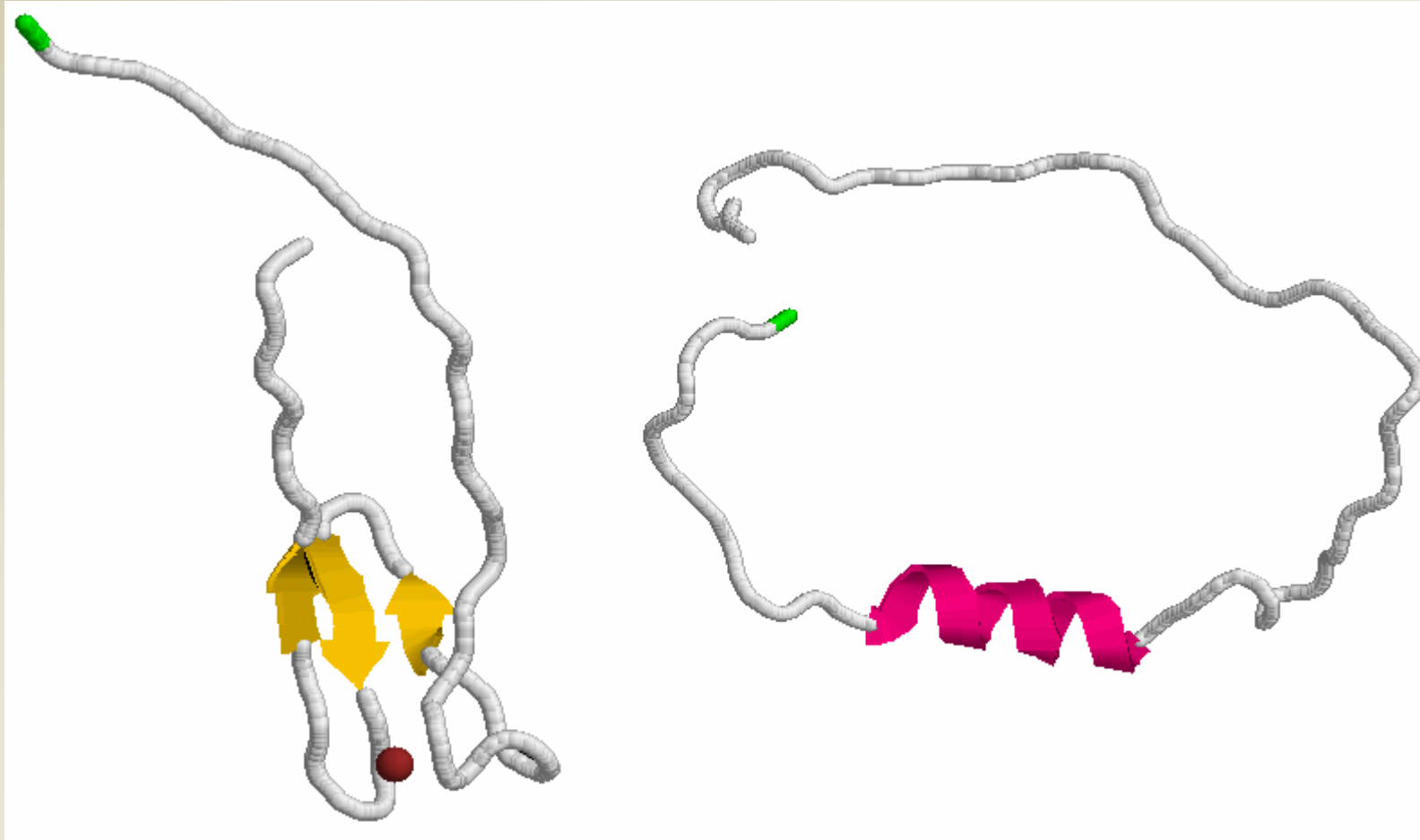


Interesting physics lies in how these ordered structures form for a given sequence



Native structure

Disorder proteins also exist



2K4X

2K5K

蛋白質折疊問題

Two important issues from physics point of view

1. What and how to determine the 3D structure of a protein?



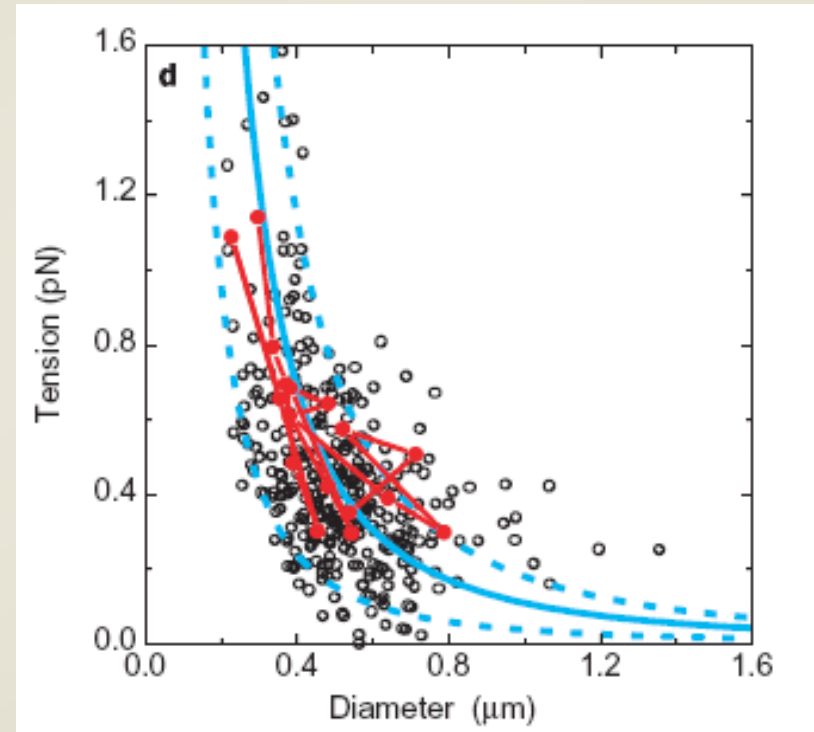
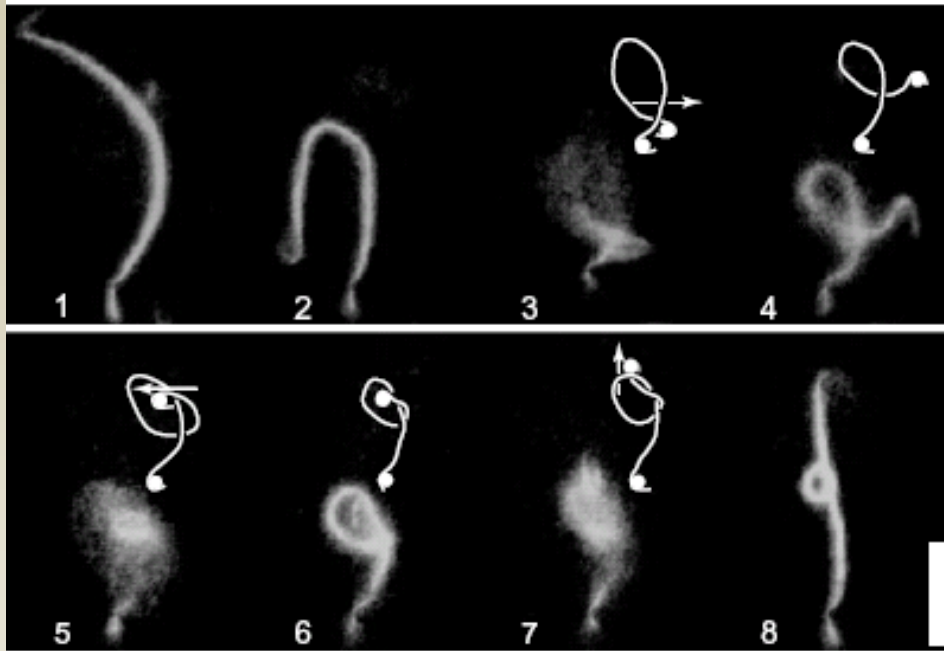
(protein structure prediction)

2. How could proteins find their shapes in such short time?



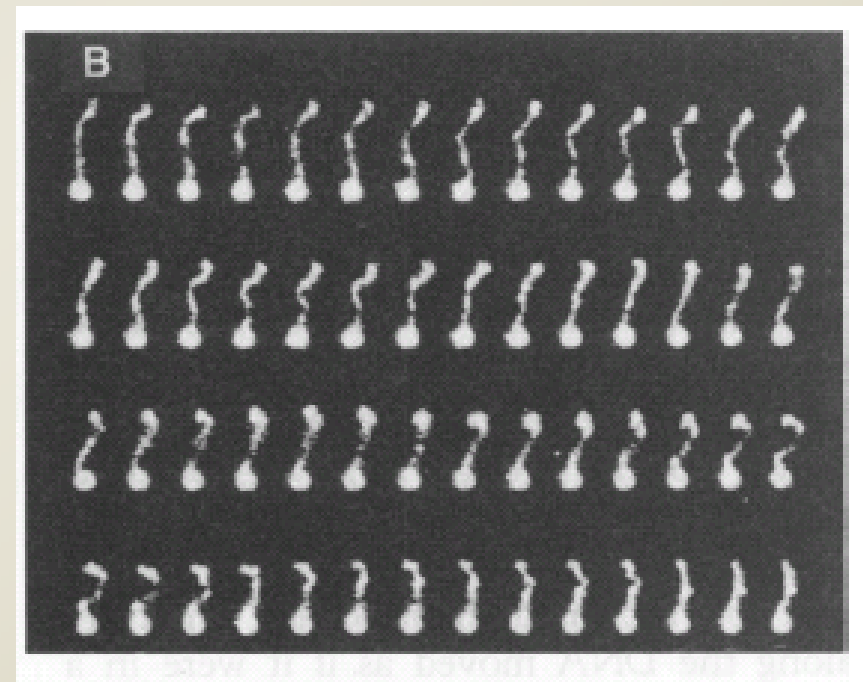
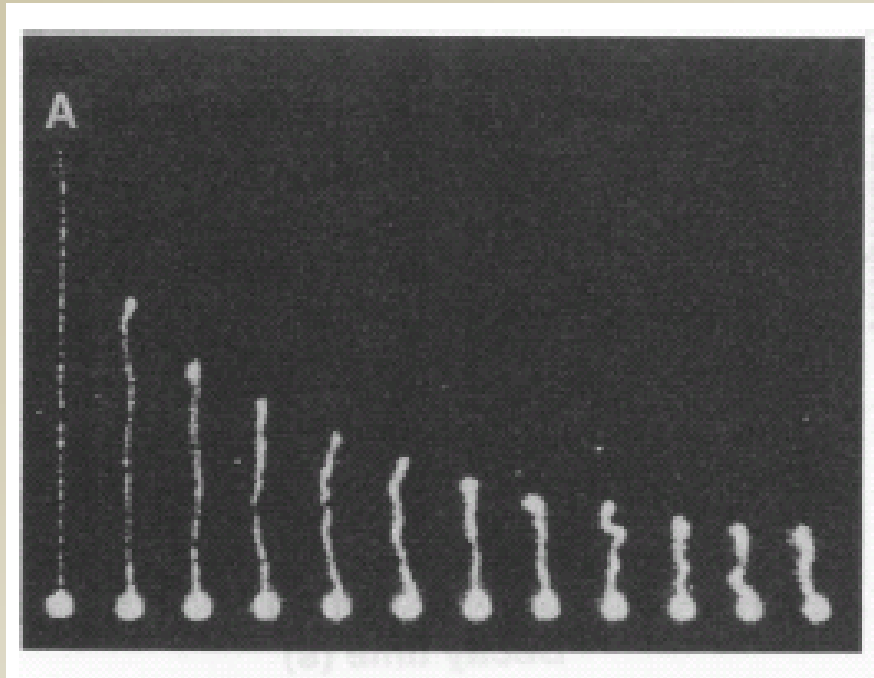
(Dynamical Nature)

Modern experimental tools: Single-molecule physiology is now possible by using optical tweezers



Tying a knot in the protein actin. By using optical tweezers to manipulate the ends of the molecule, the chain is curled into a hoop and threaded on itself.

Y. Arai et al., Nature 399, 446, 1999



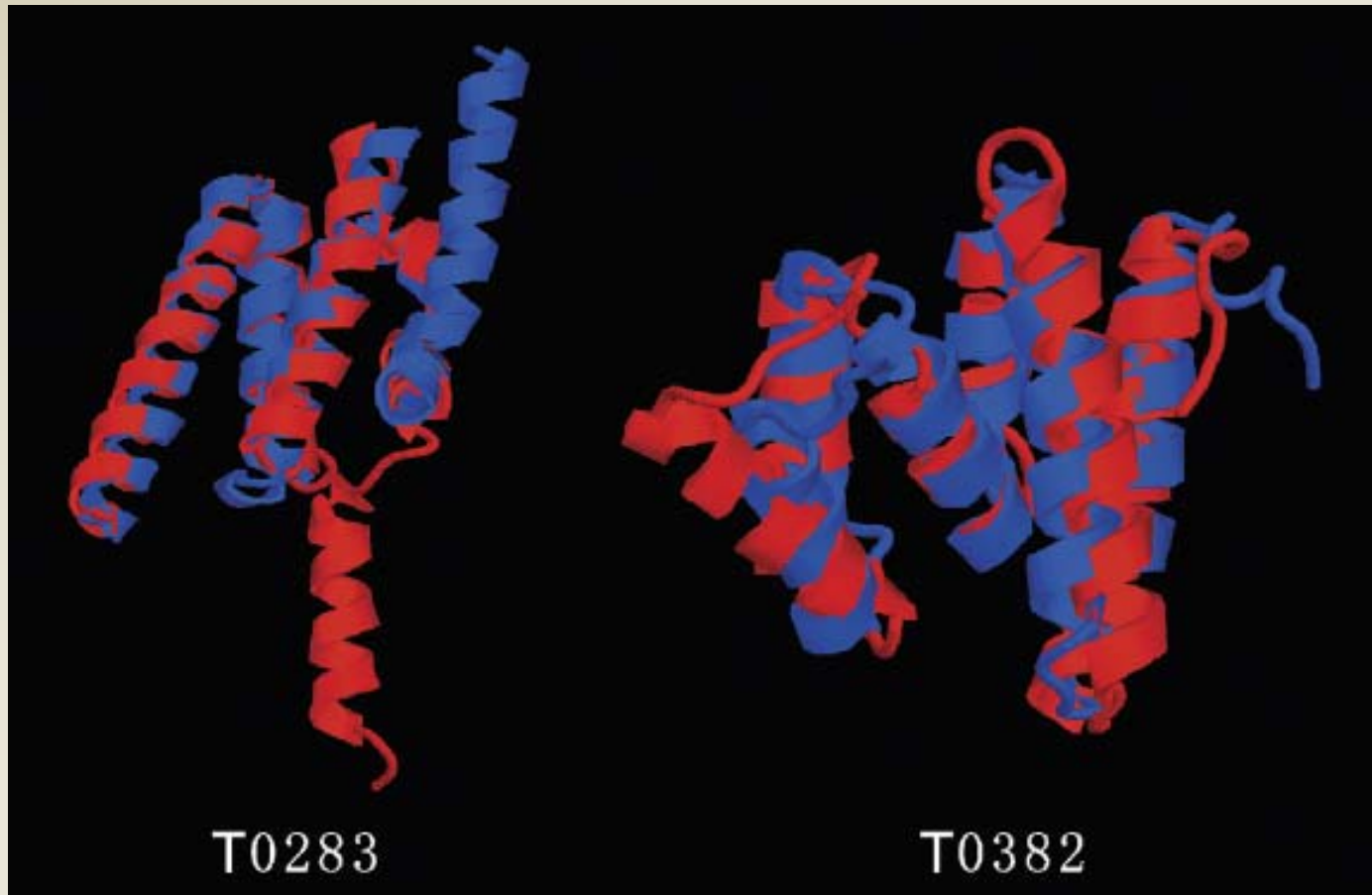
DNA folding: Perkins et al. Science 264, 822 (1994)

But only the protein structure prediction seems to be relevant to biologists.

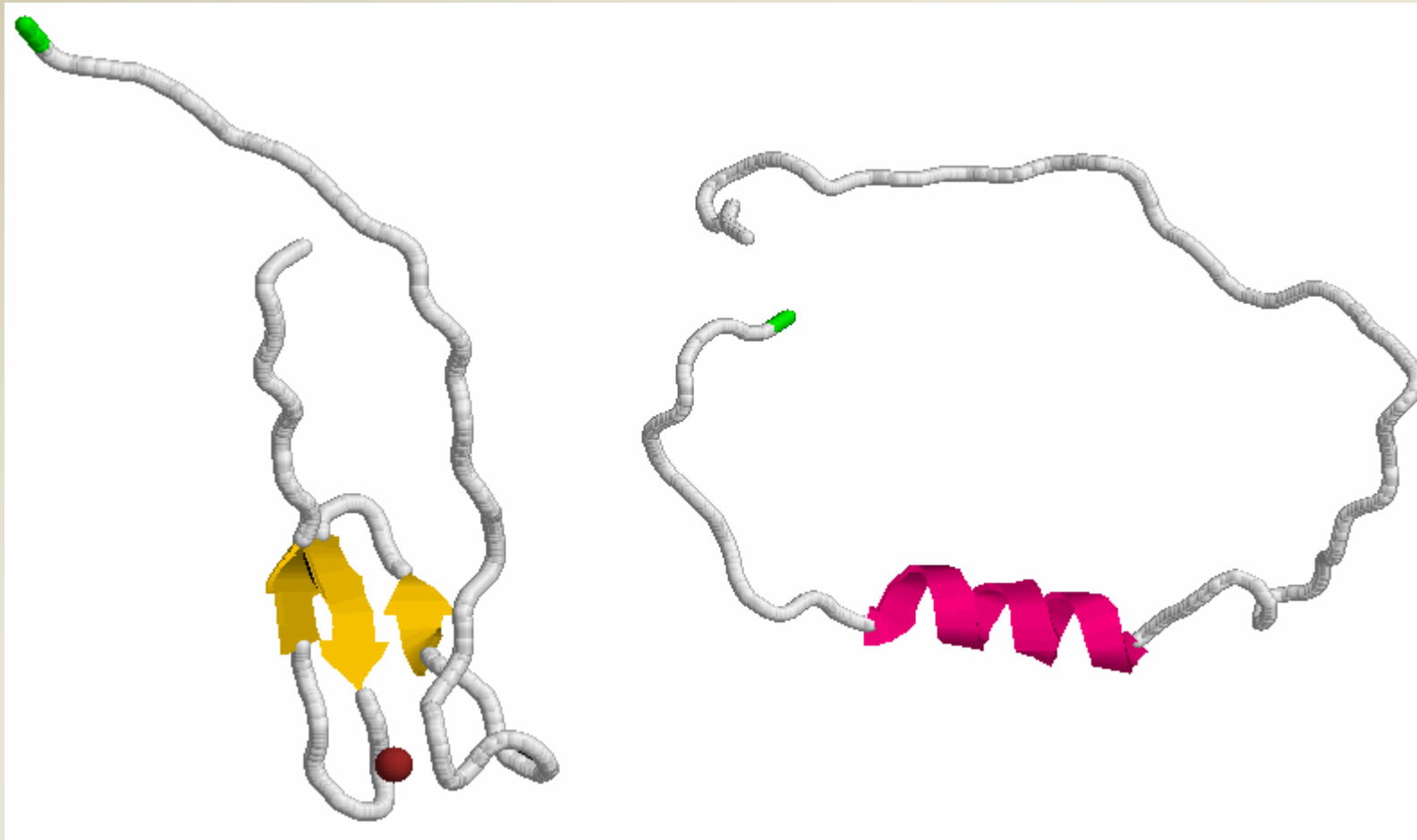
Two approaches for structure prediction:

Template based vs Template free

Template based approach (based on database search)



Have difficulty in treating disorder proteins



2K4X

2K5K



EEEEEEEEEE--EEEEEEEEEE--HHHHHHHHHHHHHHH-----EEEE--EEEEEE
 M**TYKLILNG**KL**KG**ETTTEAVDAATAEKVFKQYANDNGVDGE**WTYDDATKTF**TVTE
 Gb = 1PGA

GD = 1PGA

91.07%

MTYKILILNGKTLKGETTTEAVDAATAEKYFKLYANDKTVEGEWYDDATKTFVTVE

Gb30

GD39

↑

85.71%

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TTYKLILNGKQLKEEAITEAVDAATAEKYFKLYANAKTVEGVWVTKDETFTVT

Gb77

↑

Gb77
 %
 92.86%
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 TTYKLILNLKQAKEEAIKELVDAATAEKYFKLYANAKTVEGVWVTKDETCTFTVTE
 Gb88 = 2JWU

Gb88 = ZJW0

92.86%

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TTYKLILNLKQAKEEAIKEAVDAGTAEKYFKLIANAKTVEGVWYTKDEIKTFTVTE

Gb95

94.64%

Template free approach

Hints from experiments:

Anfinsen (Science, 181, 223-224, 1973)

The native structure

=> minimum of free energy

$$e^{-\beta F} \propto \iiint dr_1 dr_2 \dots dr_n e^{-\beta V(r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots)}$$

Two technical issues

- * What is V ?

- * How to find the global minimum of free energy efficiently?

Whole protein $\sim$ milliseconds to seconds
Hinge motion in proteins $\sim$ nanosecond

} $10^6 - 10^9$

=> Need Optimization algorithms

Various approaches

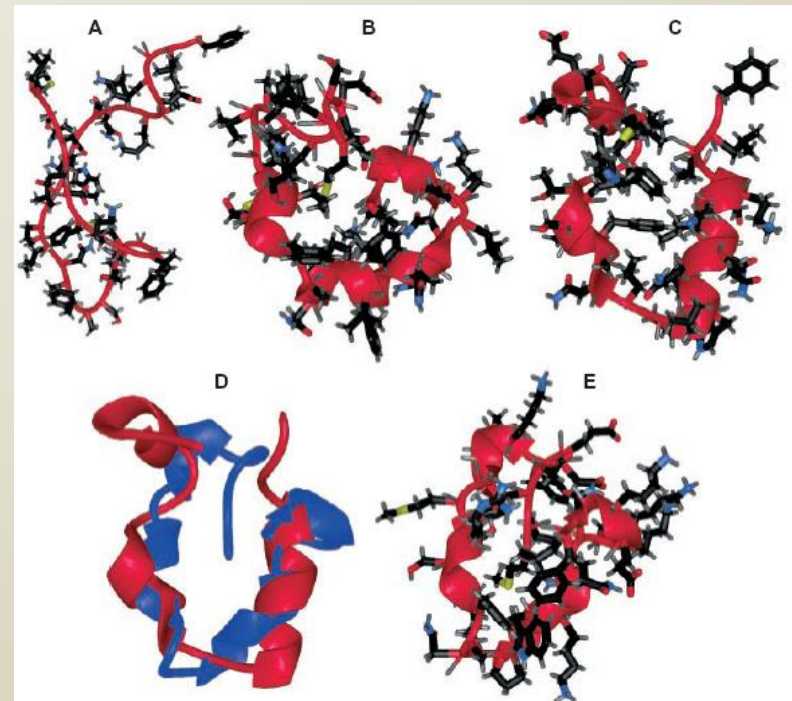
All-atom approach: molecular dynamics
remarkable results for short peptides but lots of problems
for longer proteins (time-consuming & accumulation error, not feasible)

Duan and kollman, Science **282**, 740, 1998

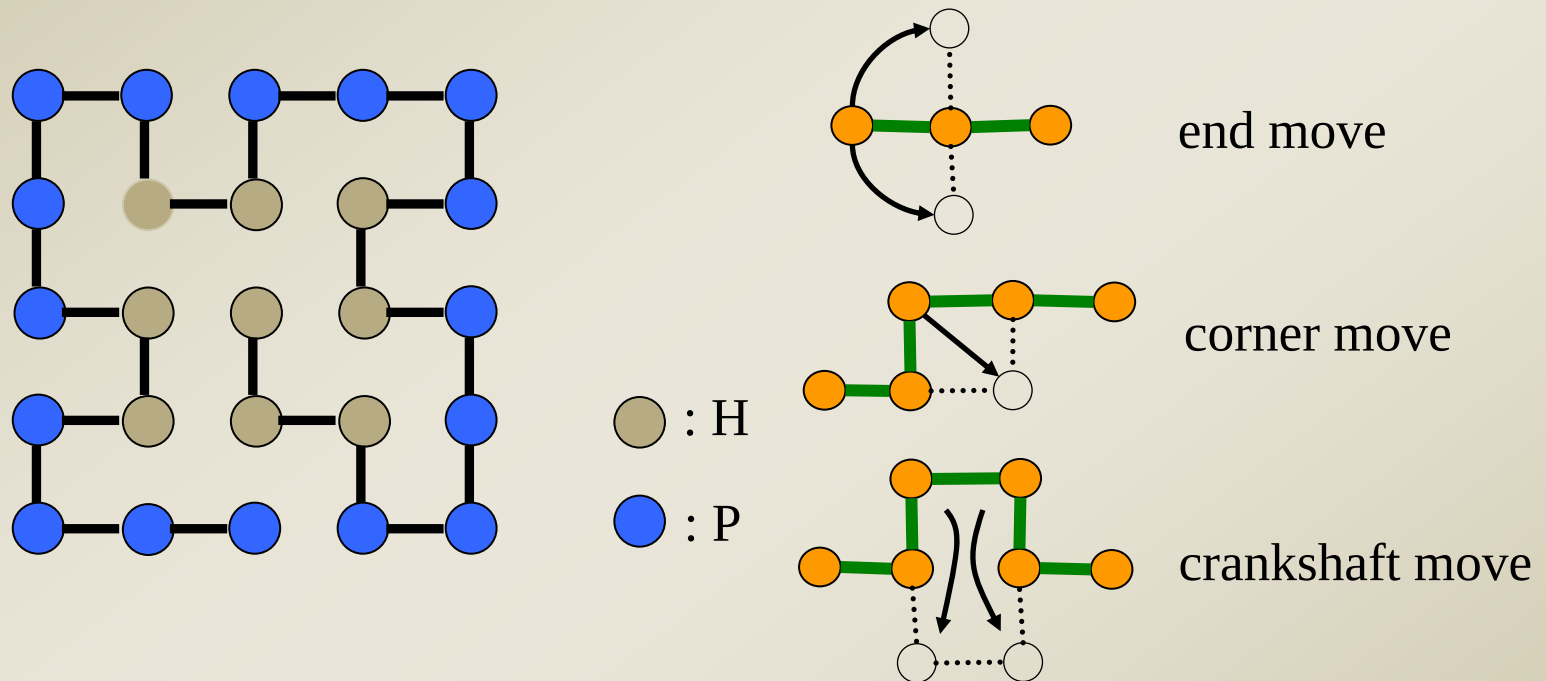
36-residue (1VII)
with 3000 water molecules

Cray3TE (hundreds of CPU in parallel)
1 μ sec simulation

Pathways and marginally stable states are found!



Model approaches: lattice model (oversimplified)

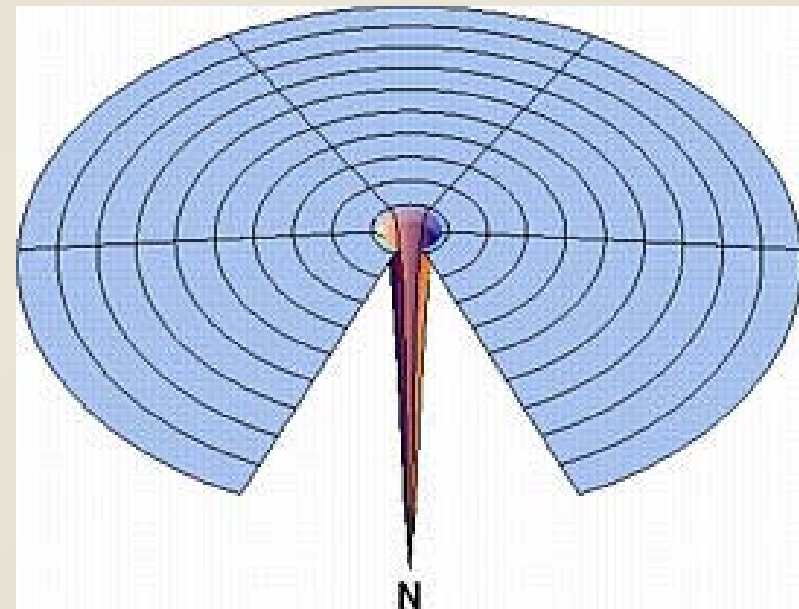
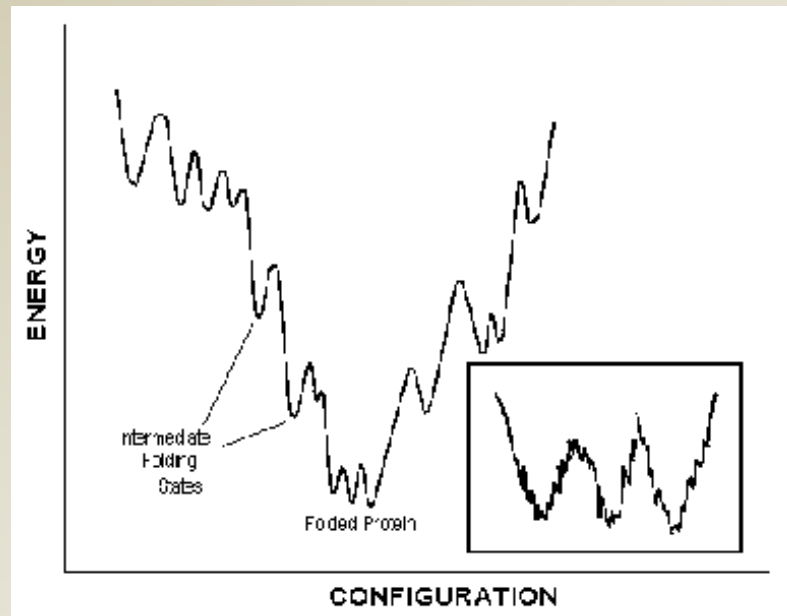


HP model: H. Li, R. Helling, C. Tang and N. Wingreen, Science **273**, 666 (1996)

Hints from Lattice model:

Real dynamics: Side chains move cooperatively

* Nontrivial energy landscape: e.g. funnel (Peter Wolynes)



Drawn by Ken Dill UC at San Francisco

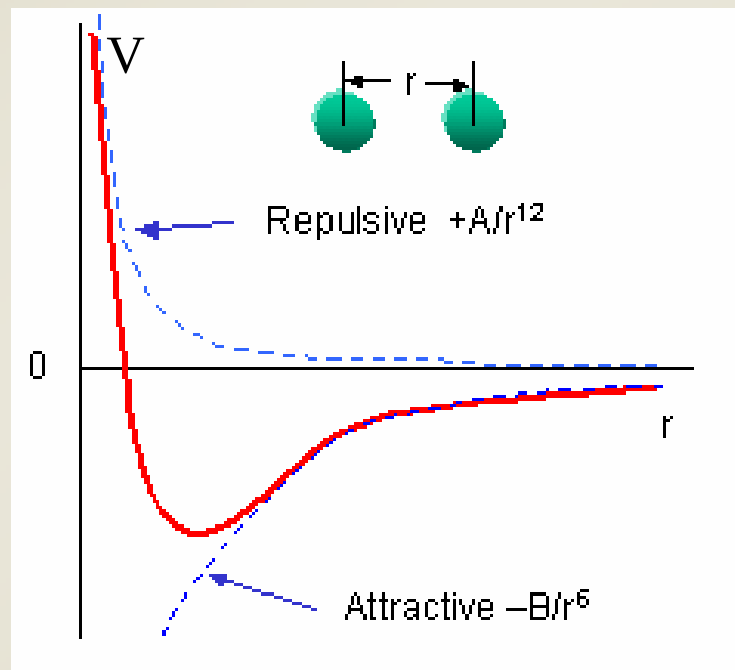
• **May exist kinetic folding pathways or intermediate states**

(Levinthal, J. Chim. Phys., **65**, 44-45, 1968)

Model approaches: based on destination state (biased)

non-bonded atomic-pair $V_{ij}(r) = \varepsilon_{ij} \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right]$

native contact ($r < 6\text{\AA}$) $\Rightarrow \varepsilon_{ij} \times 10$ (biased)



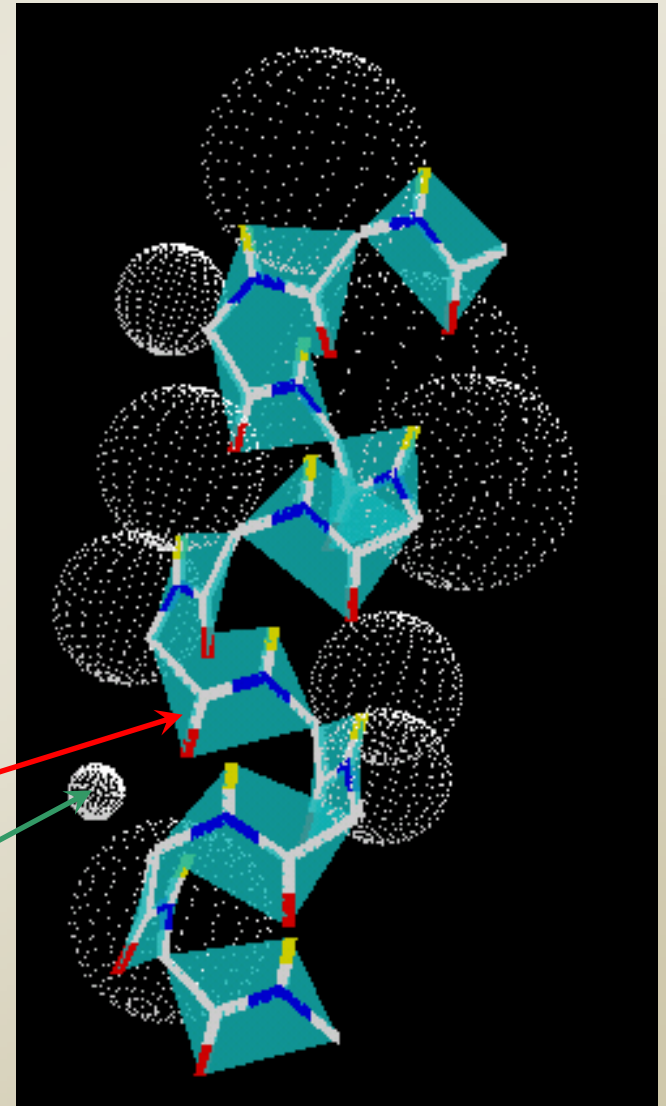
Gō-type model: A. Garg, Stanford Univ.

Coarse-grained approach

Treat back-bone and side-chain as units

$$V_{eff} = \sum_i V_i(\text{on-site}) + \sum_{(i,j)} V_{ij}(\text{two-body}) \\ + \sum_{(i,j,k)} V_{ijk}(\text{3-body}) + \dots$$

i = back-bone or side-chain

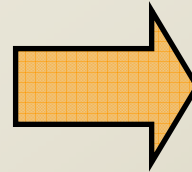


Feasible procedure

1st step: Find $V_{eff}^R = \sum_i V_i^R + \sum_{(i,j)} V_{ij}^R$

Renormalization + coarse-graining

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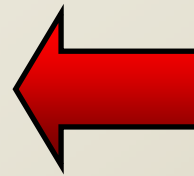
coarse-graining
(neglect higher multipoles)



2nd step

Starting from coarse-grained configuration,
put back all atoms in side chains

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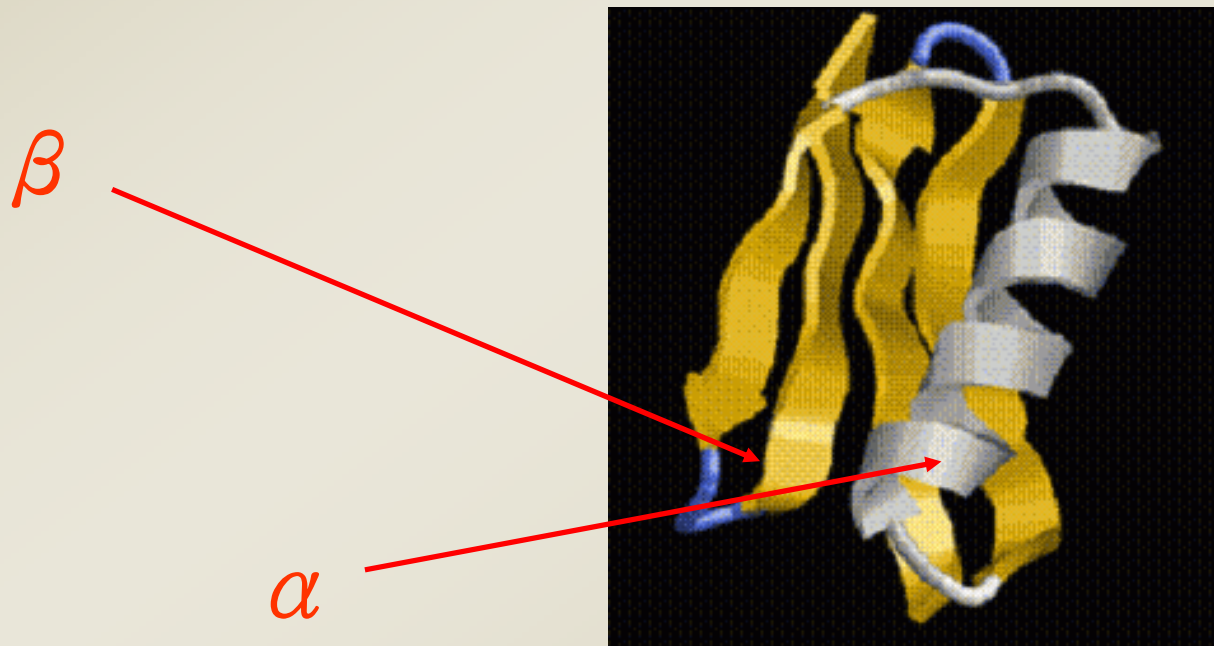


What can physicists contribute?

--an experience from past researches

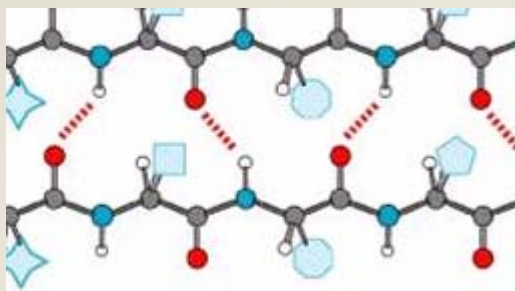
What are essential interactions (V) responsible for the folding?

Must have built-in α & β instability

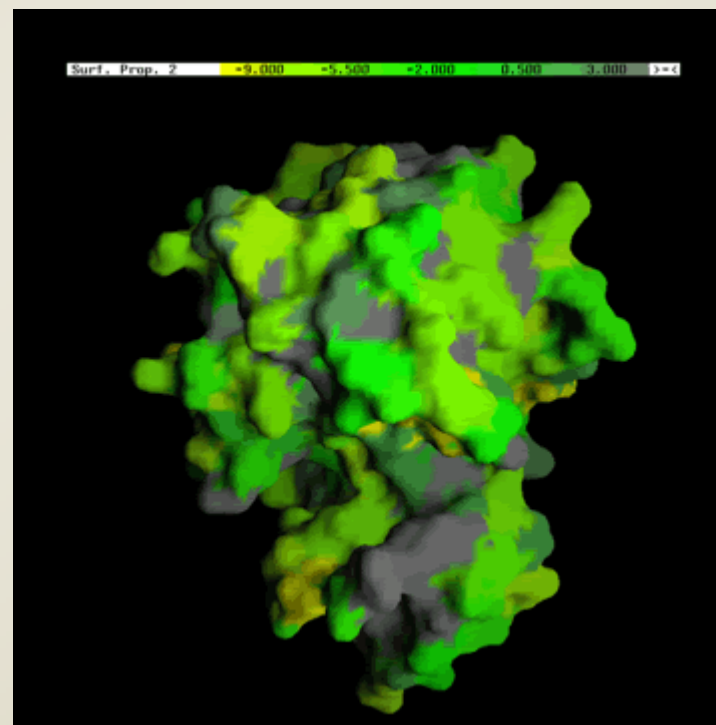


Conventional Wisdom

Hydrogen Bonding



Hydrophobicity(親、厭水性) cause long-range contact

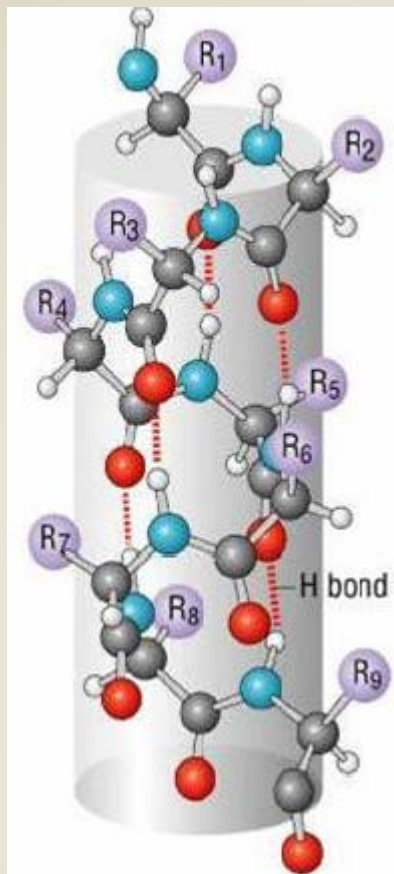


<http://trantor.bioc.columbia.edu/SMS/STINGm/help/img/megahelp19.gif>

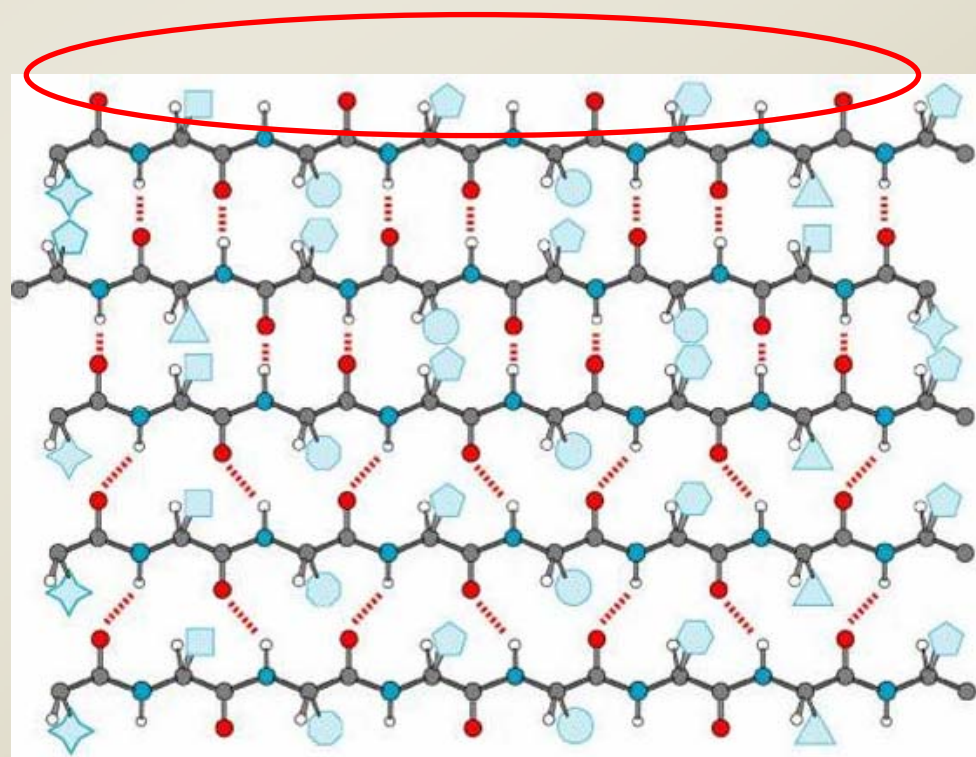
Our observations:

(1) hydrogen bonding and long-range hydrophobicity are not sufficient, **lack of mechanism for stabilizing beta**

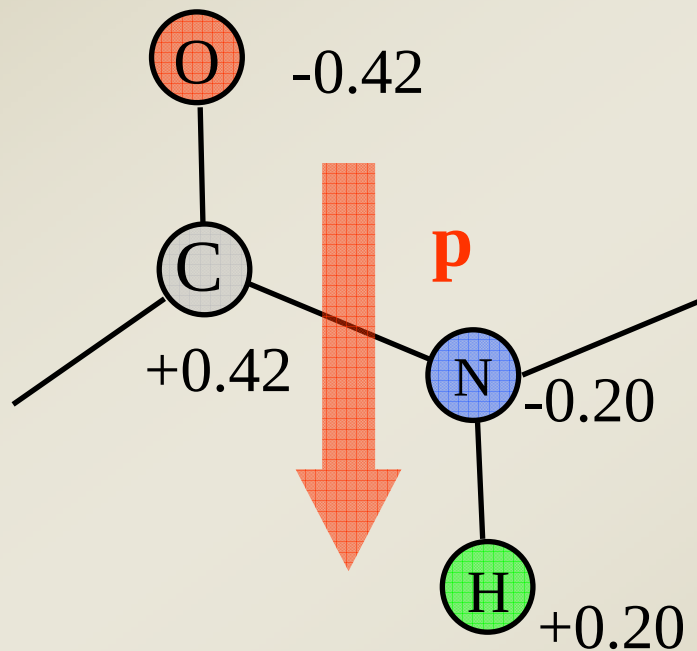
α



β



(2) There exist **electric dipoles** on amide planes and their configurations are strongly correlated with the structures.

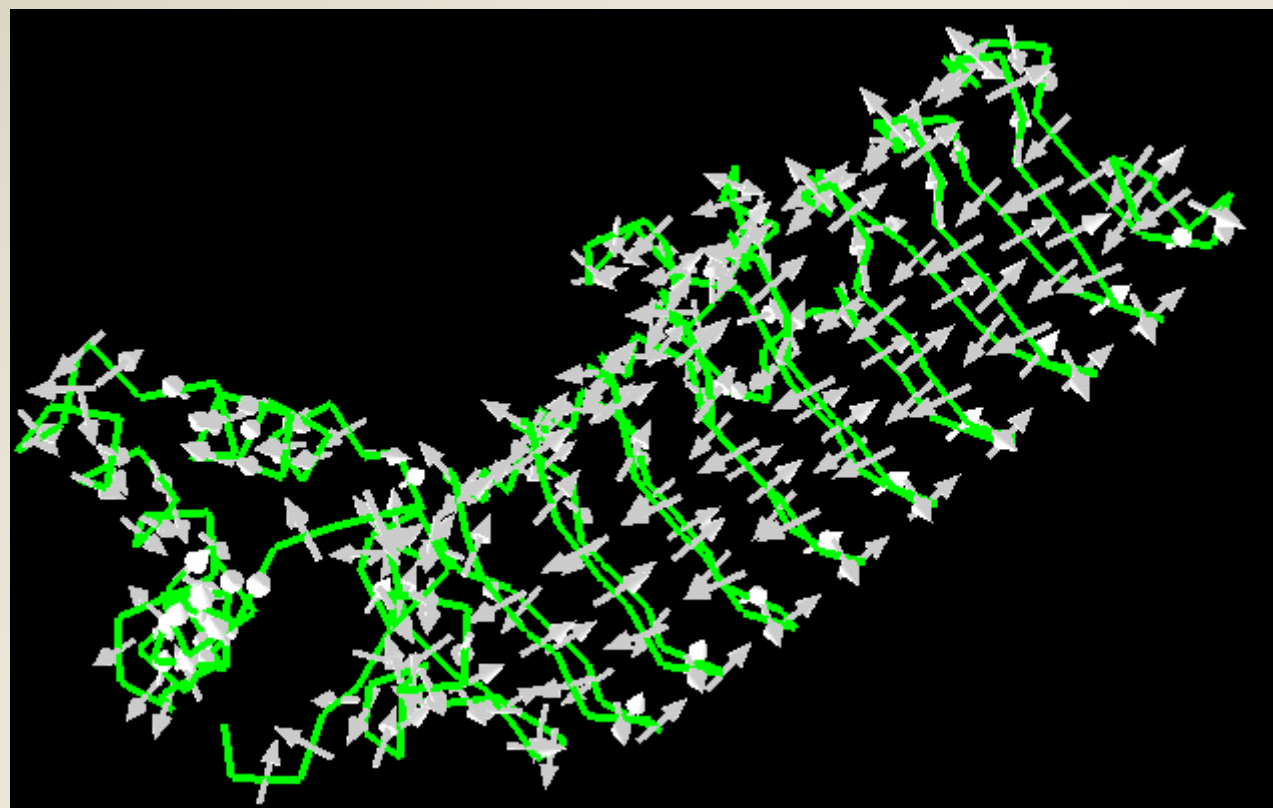
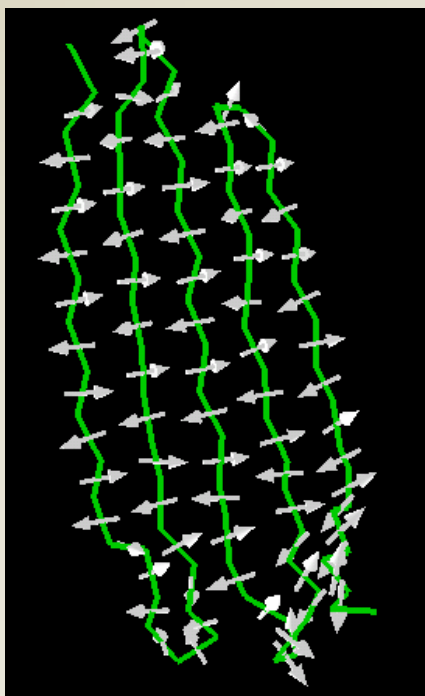
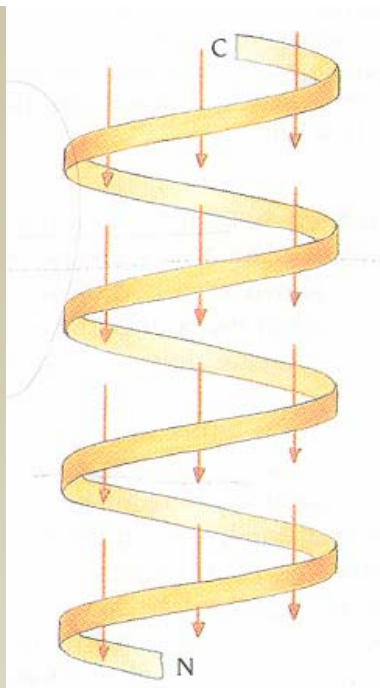


$$p = 1.15 \times 10^{-29} \text{ Cm}$$

HB $\sim$ 4.8Kcal/mol

hydrophobic $\sim$ 1-3Kcal/mol

dipole $\sim$ 2Kcal/mol



Mean-field theory: bare V_{dipole} still favors helices

Expt data except glycine

Beta strands

3-10 Helix

$\phi = -49$

$\psi = -26$

Standard Alpha Helix

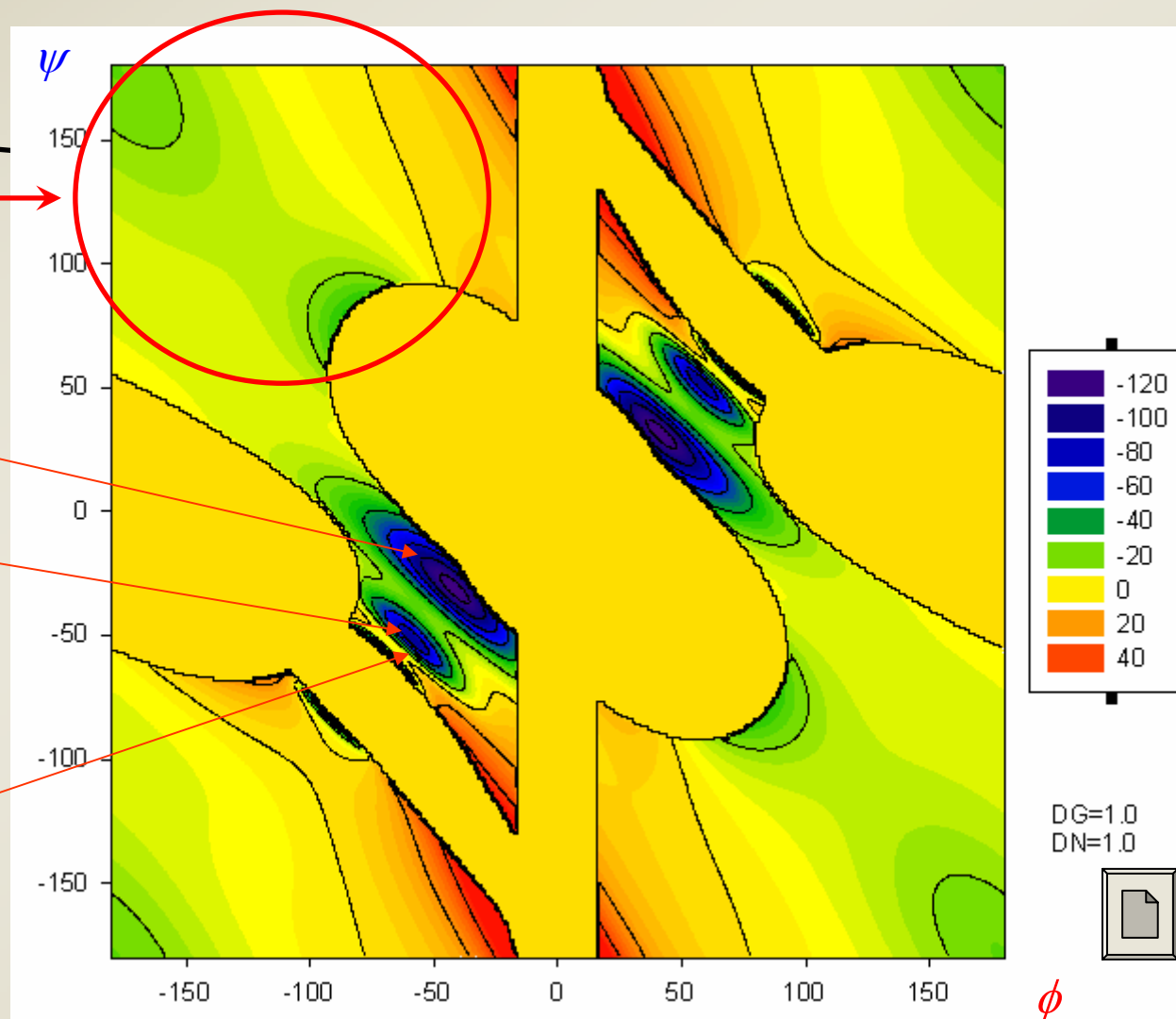
$\phi = -57$

$\psi = -47$

π Helix

$\phi = -57$

$\psi = -70$



What is the rationale for the existence of beta?

Perhaps, the strong correlation between the configuration of electric dipoles and the structures is the consequence not the cause?

Local energetics of dipole-dipole interaction

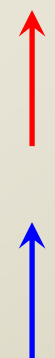
$$V_{dipole} = \epsilon_d \sum_{ij} \left(\frac{\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{p}_j}{r_{ij}^3} - \frac{3(\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij})(\mathbf{p}_j \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij})}{r_{ij}^5} \right)$$



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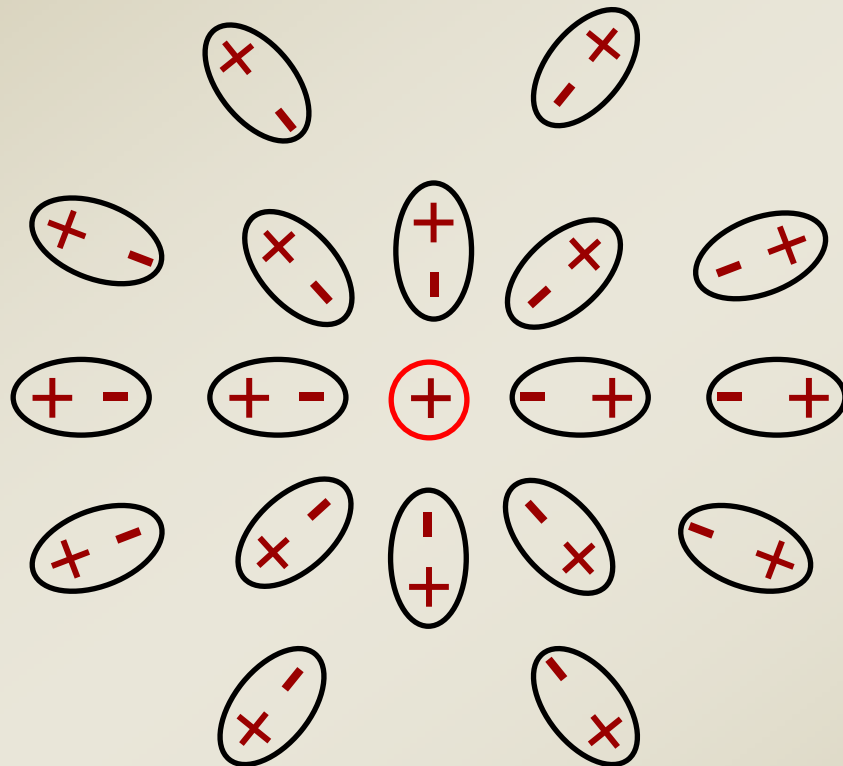
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Mechanism for stabilizing β : effects of screening

$$\epsilon_d = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon}$$



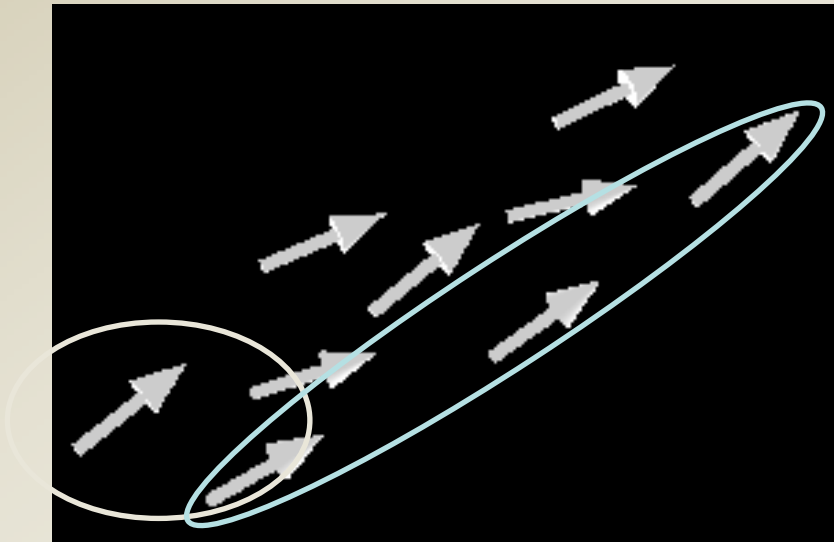
water: $\epsilon \approx 80\epsilon_0$

protein: $\epsilon \approx 2 - 4\epsilon_0$

α helix:

small r – unfavored

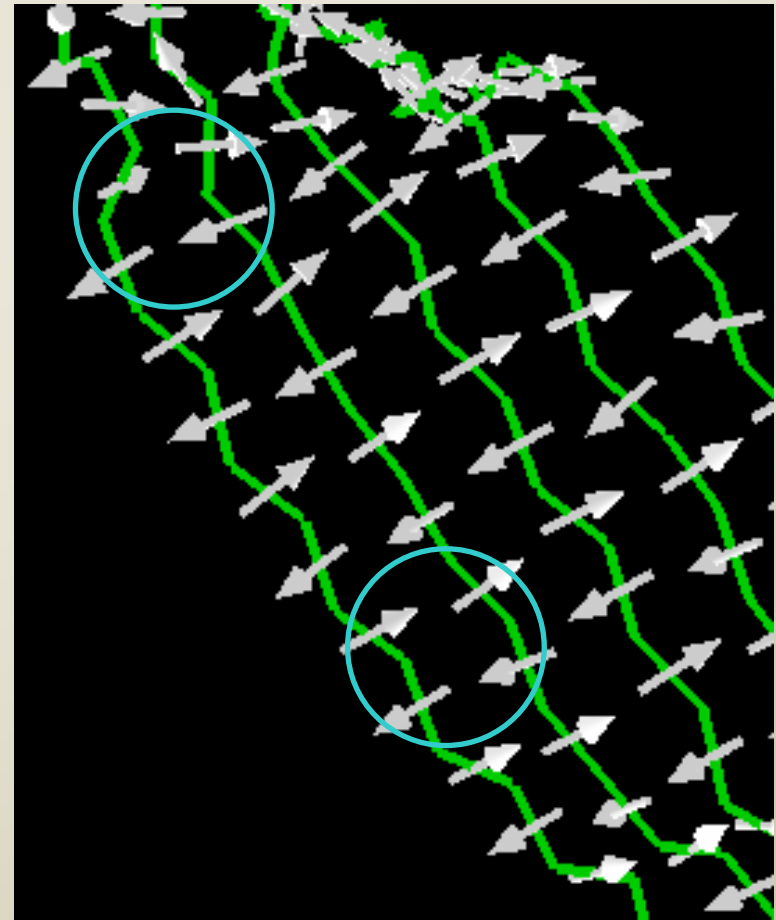
large r -- favored



β sheets:

small r – favoured

large r --neutralized



Different Screening effect for different lengths

large r : $\varepsilon_d = DG$

small r : $\varepsilon_d = DN$

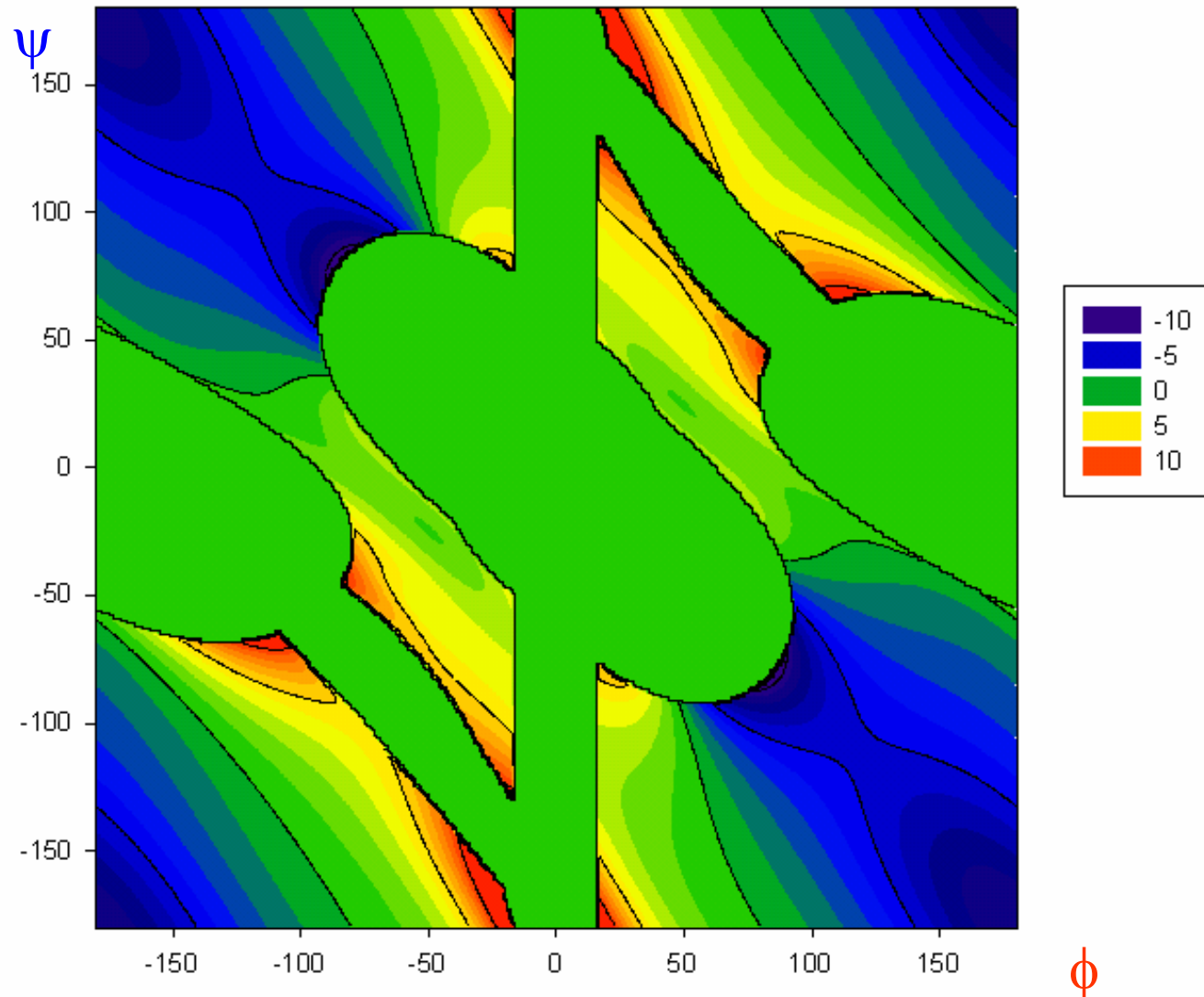
Global:

$$V_{DG} = \varepsilon_{DG} \times \sum_{ij} \left(\frac{\vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{p}_j}{r_{ij}^3} - \frac{3 \times (\vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{r}_{ij})(\vec{p}_j \cdot \vec{r}_{ij})}{r_{ij}^5} \right)$$

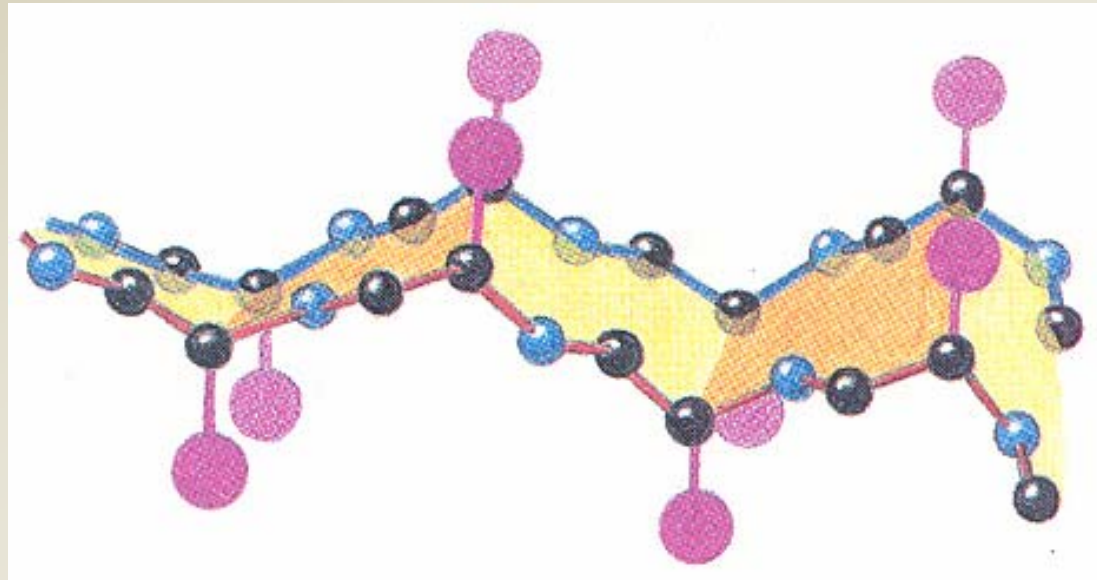
Local:

$$V_{DN} = \varepsilon_{DN} \times \sum_{i,i+1} \left(\frac{\vec{P}_i \cdot \vec{P}_{i+1}}{|\vec{P}_i| \times |\vec{P}_{i+1}|} - 1 \right) \times \frac{1}{2}$$

β strands is stabilized by screening effects!
 $DG=0.0125 < DN=0.333$



(3) Local hydrophobicity is strongly correlated with the structure



Beta strand: **H****P****H****P****H****P**....

Helix: **H****H****P****P****H****H****P****P****H****H****P****P**....

Classification of side-chain units

Amino acids are divided into five classes:

- **Hydrophobic (H) :**

Ala, Val, Cys, Leu, Ile, Met, Phe, Tyr , Trp

- **Polar (P) :**

Ser, Thr, Asn, Gln, His

- **Neutral (N) :** Gly, Pro

- **Positive (+) :** Lys, Arg

- **Negative (-) :** Asp, Glu

Local hydrophobic interaction

Attraction: V_{HH} , V_{PP} , and V_{+-} for $\uparrow\uparrow$
 Repulsion: V_{HP} , V_{++} , and V_{--} for $\uparrow\downarrow$

| | Neutral | Hydrophobic | Polar | Positive | Negative |
|-------------|---------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Neutral | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hydrophobic | 0 | V_{HH} | V_{HP} | V_{HP} | V_{HP} |
| Polar | 0 | V_{HP} | V_{PP} | V_{PP} | V_{PP} |
| Positive | 0 | V_{HP} | V_{PP} | V_{++} | V_{+-} |
| Negative | 0 | V_{HP} | V_{PP} | V_{+-} | V_{--} |

Other ingredients

$$V_{total} = V_{steric} + V_{GlobalHP} + V_{HB} + V_{DD} + V_{LocalHP}$$

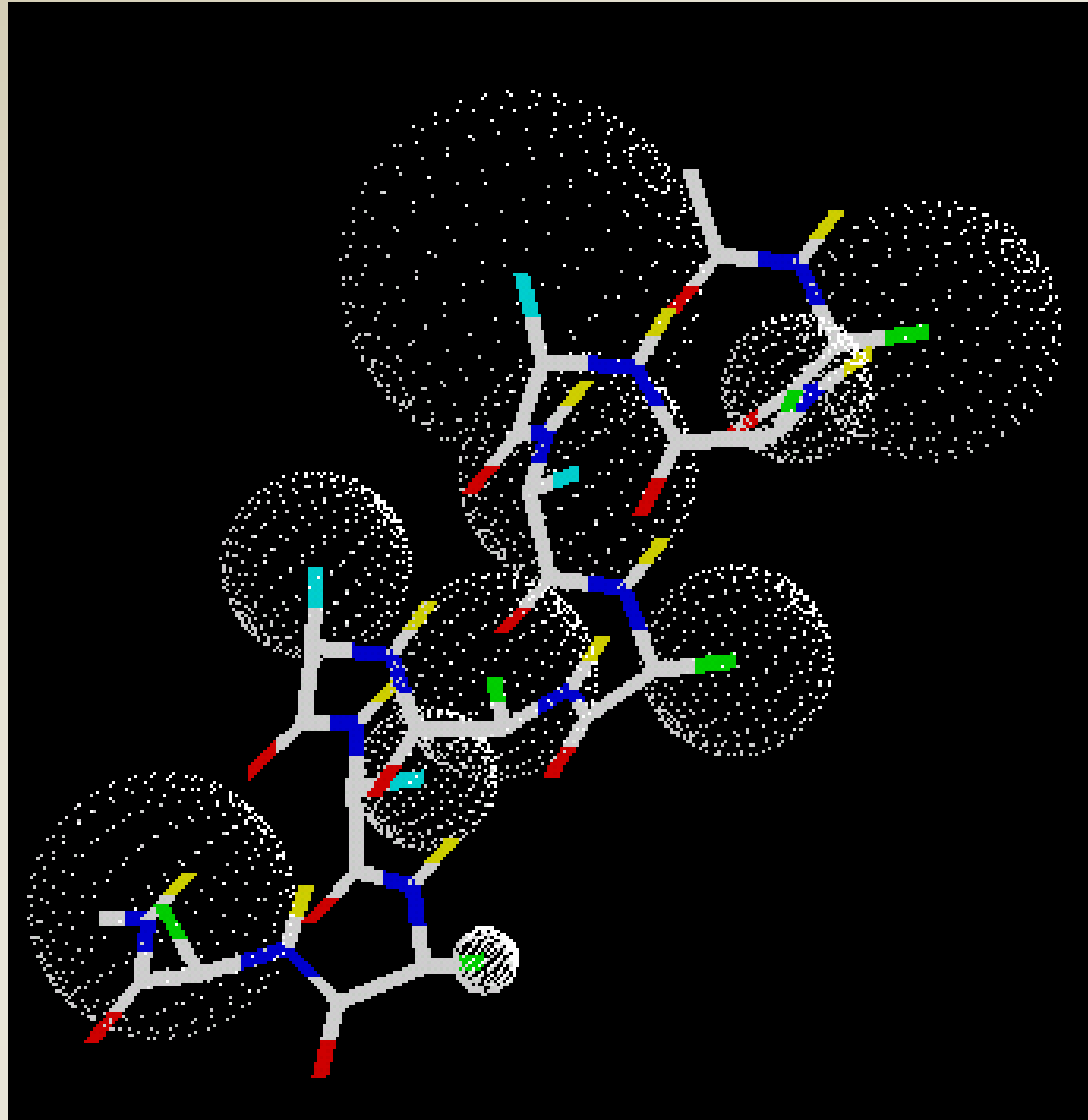
$$V_{steric} = V_{hardcore} + V_{dihedral}$$

$$V_{GlobalHP} = V_{MJ} + V_A$$



$$V_A \propto \text{solvent-accessible-surface-area}$$

Protein representation



Numerical Method

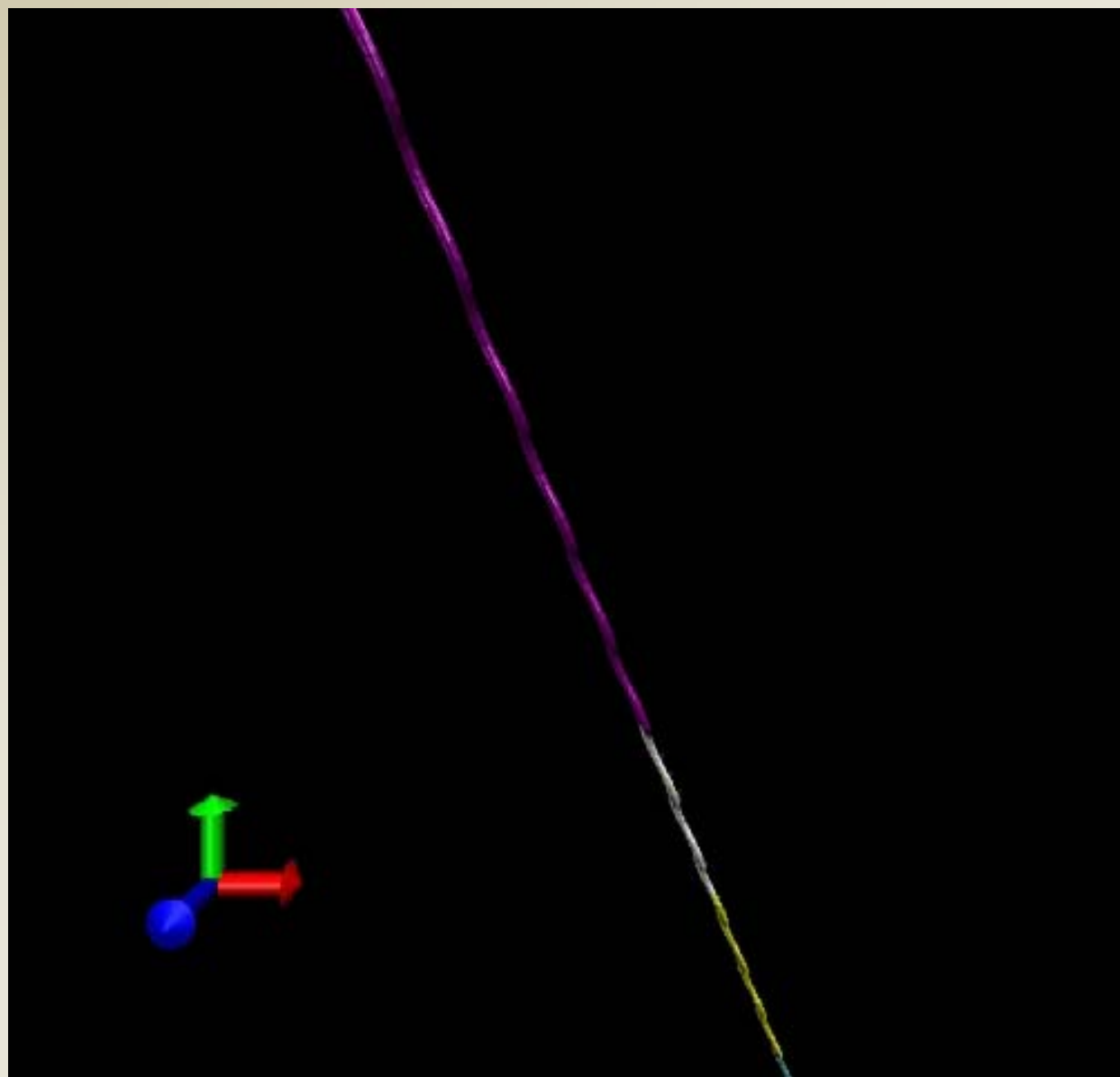
- Monte Carlo method with Metropolis algorithm

$$w_{i \rightarrow j} = \min \left\{ 1, e^{-\beta \Delta E} \right\}$$

$$\Delta E = E_j - E_i, \beta = \frac{1}{kT}$$

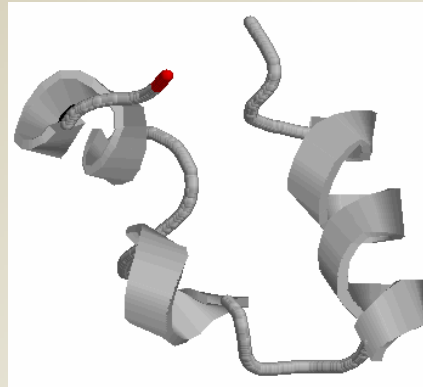
$w_{i \rightarrow j}$ is the probability from state i to state j .

- Initial structures: line structures, random generating structures, or unfolded structures



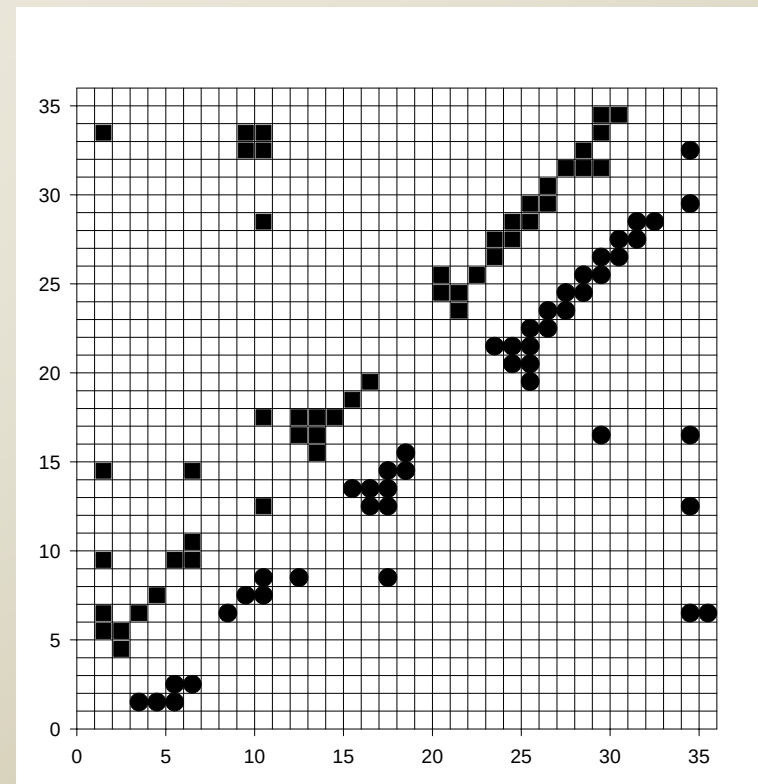
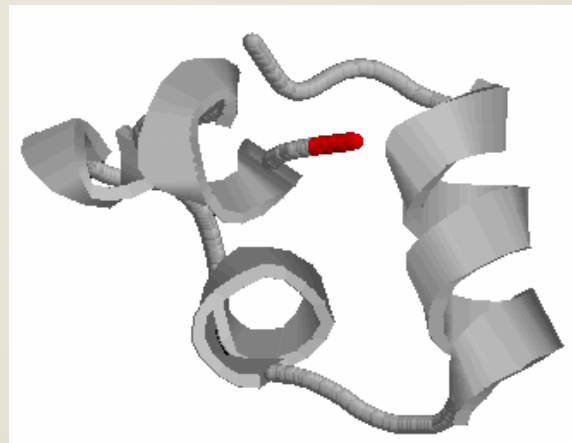
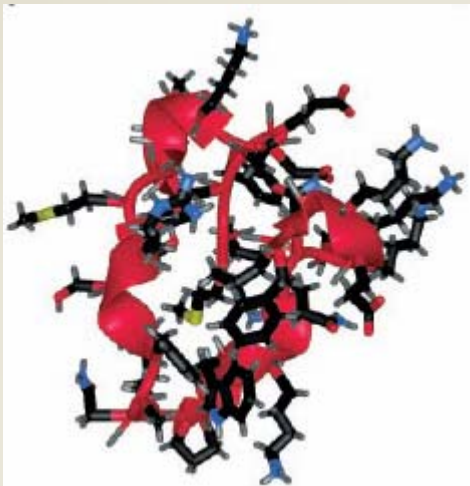
Results

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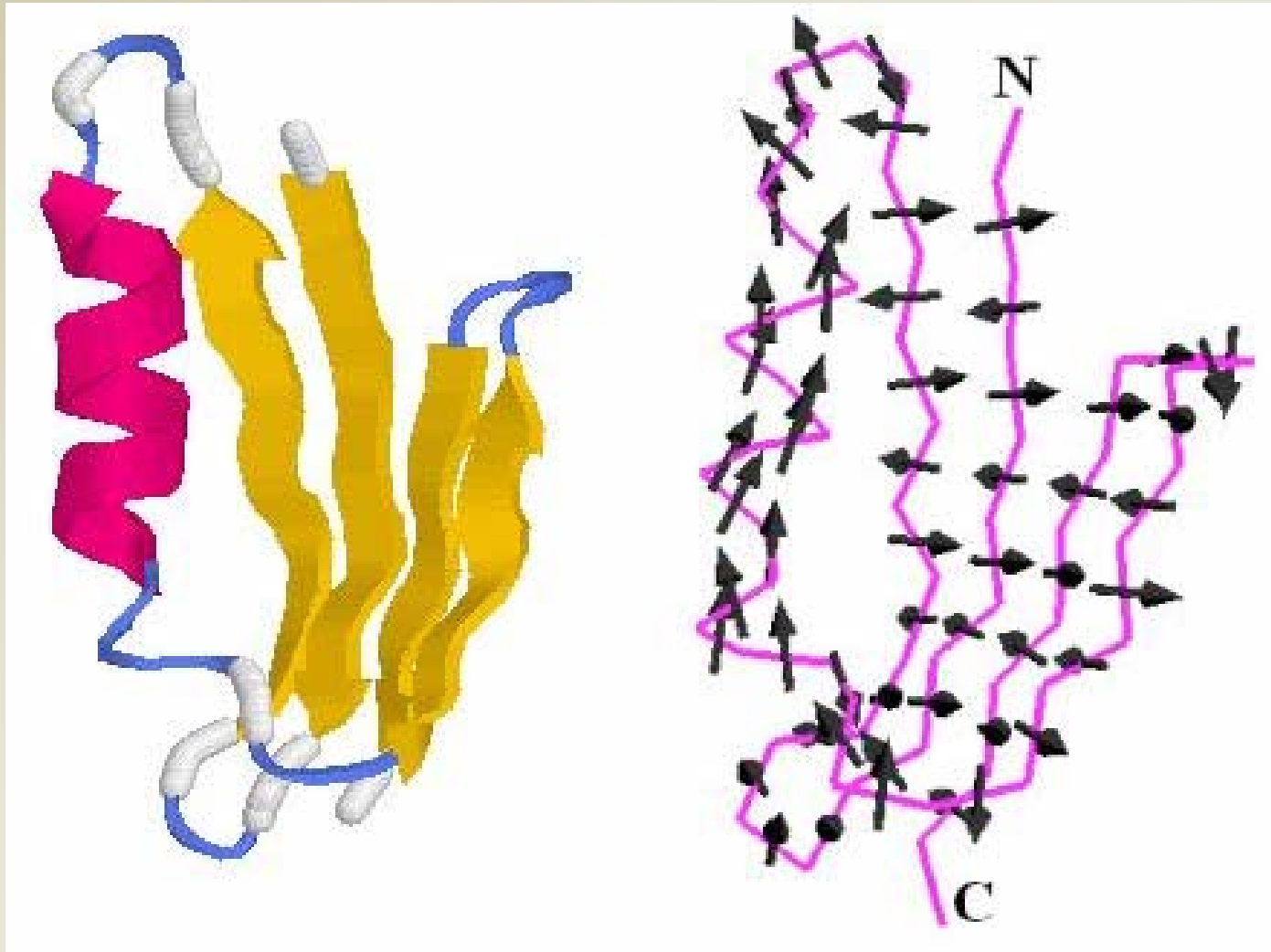
reference

Duan and kollman



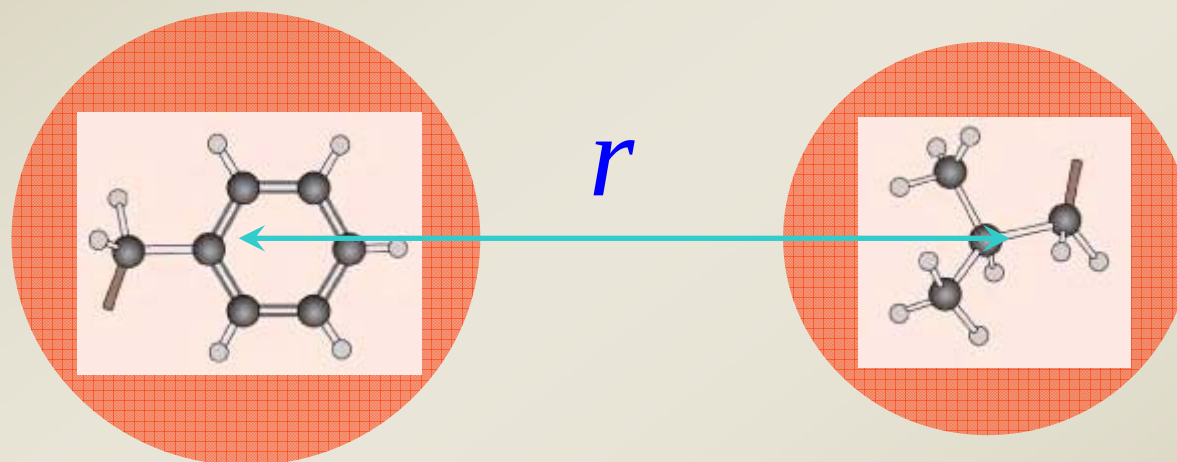
The protein G

- Immunoglobulin binding protein
- PDB ID : 1GB4
- 56 residues
- 15 different types of amino acids
- One α helix
- Two β sheets
- Sequence = M-T-Y-K-L-I-L-N-G-K-T-L-K-G-E-T-T-T-E-A-V-D-A-A-T-A-E-K-V-F-K-Q-Y-A-N-D-N-G-V-D-G-E-W-T-Y-D-D-A-T-K-T-F-T-V-T-E
- 3-4 hours (fastest), 5-8 hours (average) on a P4-3GHz PC



An efficient way of describing shapes

Contact configuration

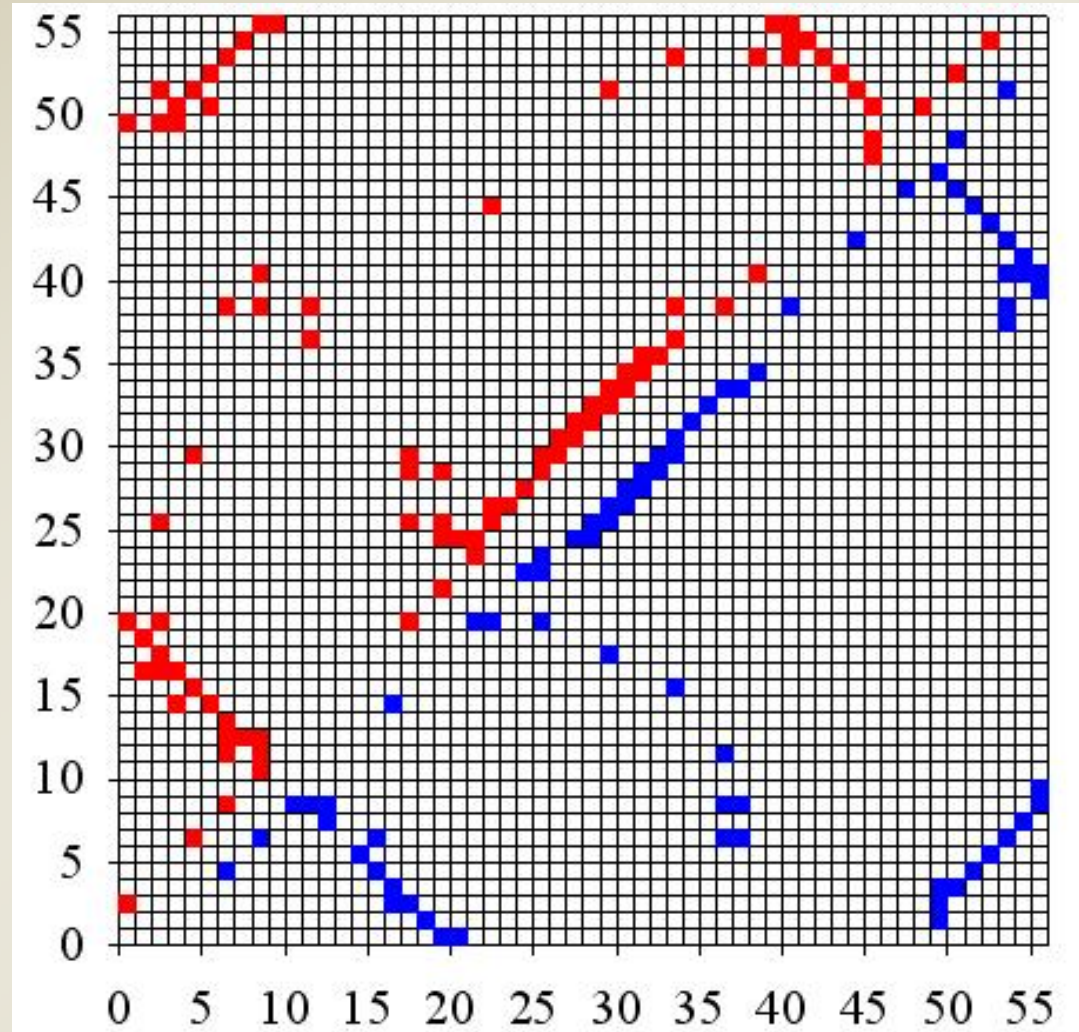


$r < 6.4\text{\AA} = \text{one contact}$

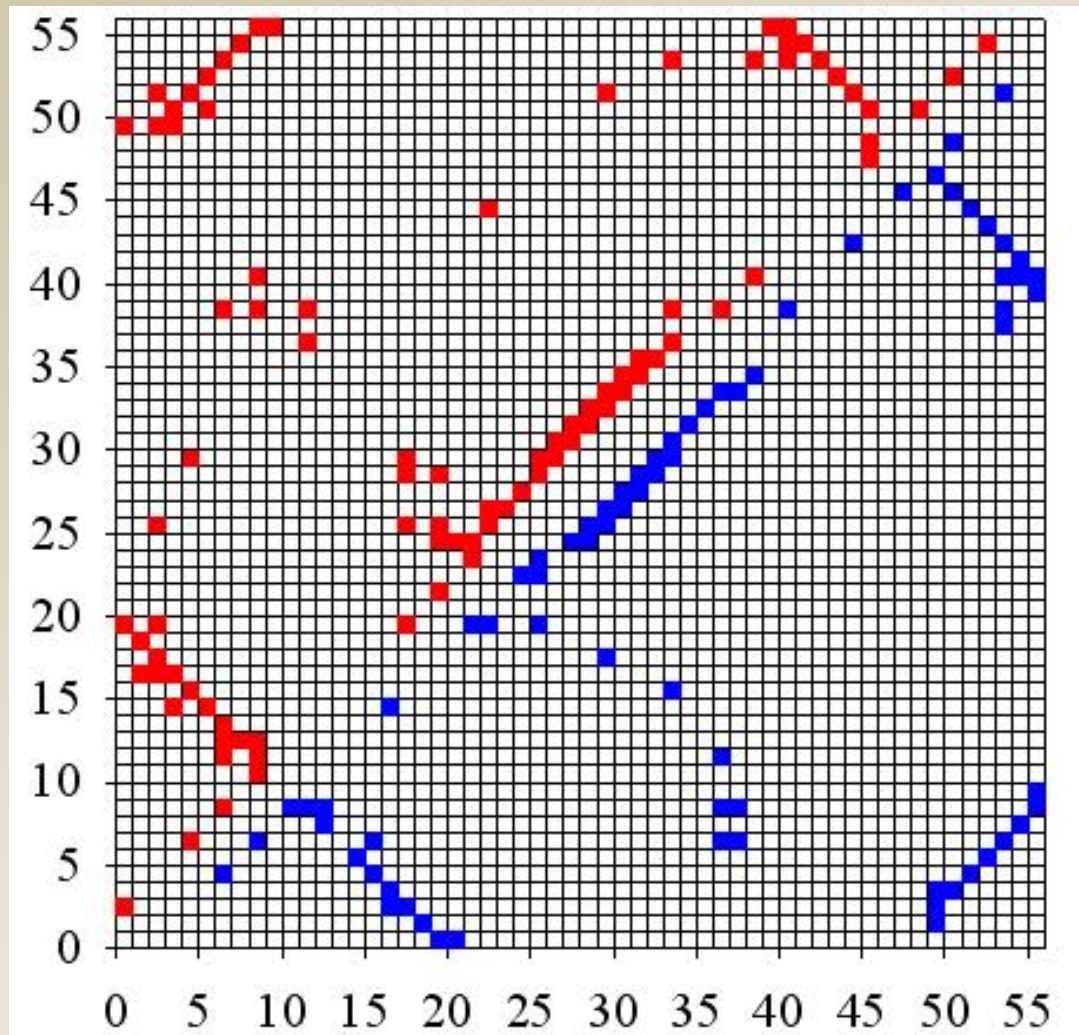
Each nonlocal contact reduces entropy greatly!

David Baker, Nature 405, 39, 2000

Contact configuration almost fixes the shape



Contact map



Red : PDB data

Blue : Simulation result

$$RMSD = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2}{n}} = 2.97 \text{ \AA}$$

Capturing structures of proteins G and L with only 25% similarity

Only 25% similarity in sequence but have similar structure

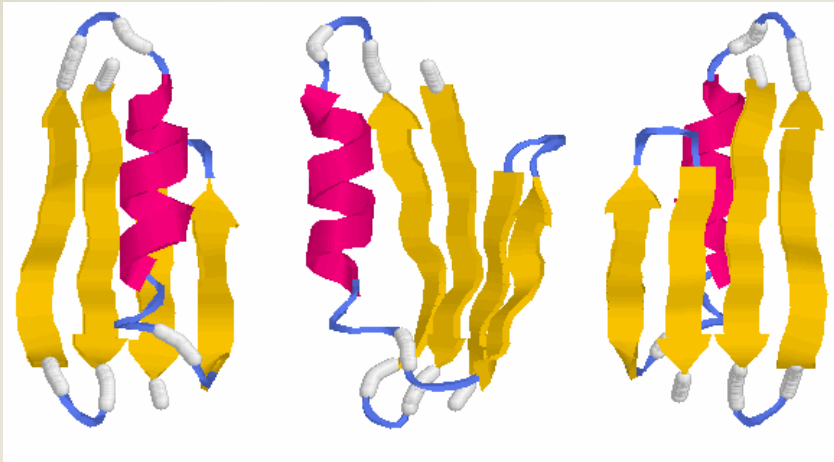
Protein G (1GB4 with 56 residues)

TTFKLIINGKTLKGEITIEAVDAAEA EKIFKQYANDNGIDGEW TYDDATKTFTVTE

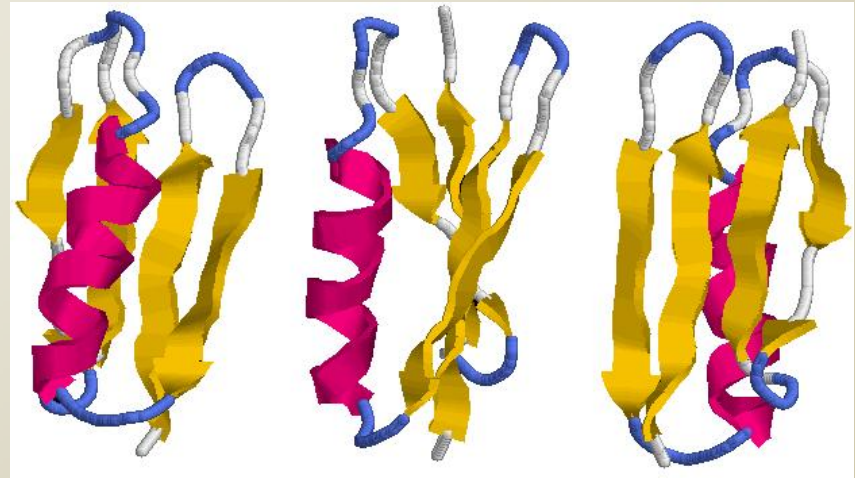
Protein L (2PTL with 61 residues)

VTIKANLIFANGSTQTA EFKGT FEKATSEAYAYADTLKKDNGEYTV DVADKGYTLN IKFAG

Protein G



Protein L



Proteins 1Gb88 and 2Ga88 with only seven amino acids in difference

TTYKLILNLKQAKEEAIKELVDAATAEKYFKLYANAKTVEGVWTKDET~~KT~~F~~FT~~VTE

Gb88 = 2JWU

TTYKLILNLKQAKEEAIKELVDAGIAEKYIKLIANAKTVEGVWTLKDEILTFTVTE

Ga88 = 2JWS



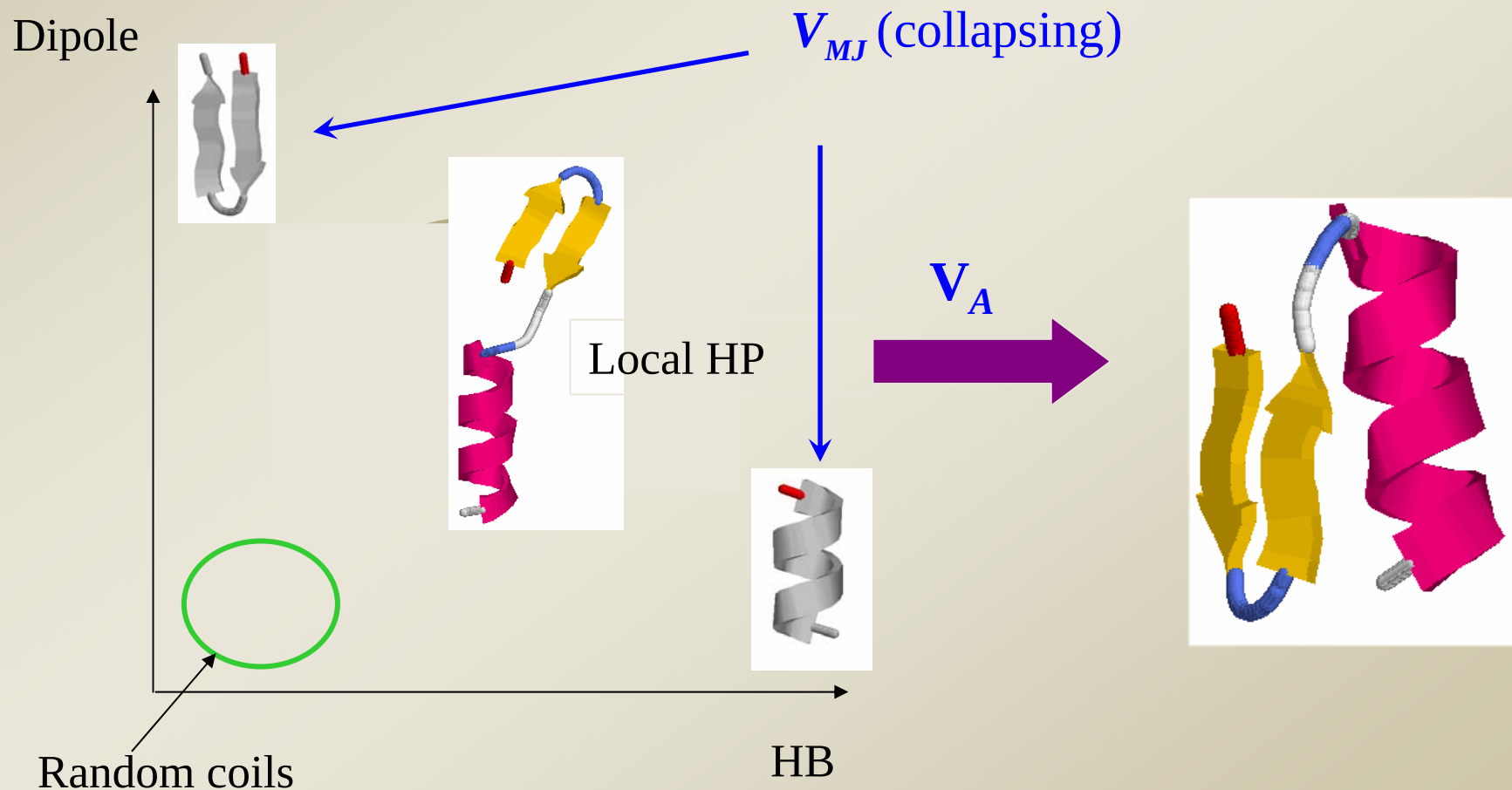
Real proteins

| PDB code | Seq. # | Sequences | Main structures |
|----------|--------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1BYZ | 12 | ELLKKLLEELKG | Helix |
| 1DJF | 15 | QAPAYKKAACKLAES | Helix |
| 1L4X | 15 | DELERAIRELAARIK | Helix |
| 1NJ0 | 16 | RKRIHIGPGRAFYTTK | Sheet |
| 1IBN | 20 | GLFGAIAGFIENGWEGMIDG | Helixes |
| 1PEI | 22 | VEEKSIDLIQKWEEKSREFIGS | Helix |
| 1OEG | 23 | PLVEDMQRQWAGLVEKVQAAVGT | Helix |
| 3ZNF | 30 | RPYHCSYCNFSFKTKGNLTKHMKSKAHSKK | Helix,Sheet |
| 1PIQ | 31 | RMKQIEDKIEEILSKQYHIENEIARIKKLIG | Helix |
| 1LYP | 32 | GLRKRLRKFRNKIKEKLKKIGQKIQGLLPKLA | Helix |
| 1BB1 | 34 | AEIAAIEYEQAAAIKEEIAAIKDKIAAIIKEYIAAI | Helix |
| 1ZDD | 34 | FNMQCQRRFYEALHDPNLNEEQRNAKIKSIRDDC | Helixes |
| 1PPT | 35 | GPSQPTYPGDDAPVEDLIRFYDNLQQYLNVVTRHRY | Helix |
| 1VII | 36 | MLSDEDFKAVFGMTRSAFANLPLWKQQNLKKEKGLF | Helixes |

| PDB
code | GSE,
<i>kcal/mol</i> | R_G , Å | | WAV , Å ³ | | Q | $RMSD$,
Å | $\frac{MCsteps}{10^7}$ |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|------------------------|-------|----------|---------------|------------------------|
| | | NS | Sim | NS | Sim | | | |
| 1BYZ | −96.2 | 5.853 | 6.031 | 5774 | 6084 | 0.923077 | 1.4650 | 24.0 |
| 1DJF | −117.2 | 8.782 | 7.930 | 7436 | 7171 | 0.75 | 2.6396 | 3.4 |
| 1L4X | −129.3 | 7.042 | 7.951 | 7332 | 7556 | 0.75 | 2.2158 | 11.0 |
| 1NJ0 | −115.5 | 8.469 | 7.427 | 8120 | 7765 | 0.470588 | 3.5714 | 11.0 |
| 1IBN | −138.8 | 8.943 | 7.266 | 7926 | 7667 | 0.714286 | 3.7758 | 1.8 |
| 1PEI | −191.2 | 10.484 | 9.933 | 10243 | 9585 | 0.863636 | 2.2651 | 4.4 |
| 1OEG | −176.1 | 10.662 | 10.971 | 10355 | 10778 | 0.681818 | 2.7816 | 5.4 |
| 3ZNF | −234.7 | 8.439 | 9.296 | 10879 | 12510 | 0.2 | 5.7044 | 17.0 |
| 1PIQ | −262.0 | 14.065 | 11.606 | 12420 | 12823 | 0.543478 | 6.6259 | 5.4 |
| 1LYP | −262.5 | 15.175 | 12.293 | 13928 | 13064 | 0.794118 | 2.7162 | 25.0 |
| 1BB1 | −342.5 | 14.637 | 14.973 | 11590 | 13248 | 0.893617 | 2.0816 | 20.0 |
| 1ZDD | −306.8 | 9.243 | 9.271 | 11943 | 11736 | 0.704918 | 4.5887 | 25.0 |
| 1PPT | −260.4 | 10.863 | 12.281 | 14241 | 15209 | 0.509804 | 5.9307 | 11.0 |
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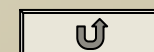
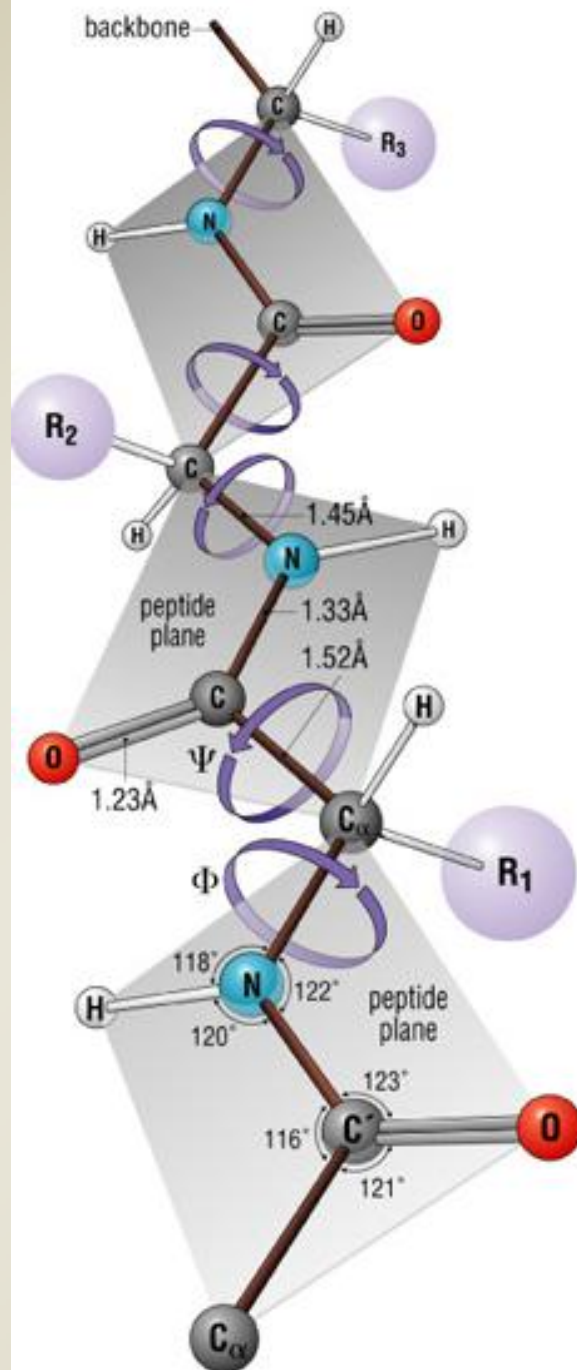
Summary and outlook

Phase diagram of protein structures



*多數物理學家所關心的生物問題本質上是物理問題與生物學家極需要解決的實際問題有一段差距

*物理在分子尺度上技術的成熟是促成21世紀是生物世紀的主要因素



For a given protein sequence, what is the native structure?

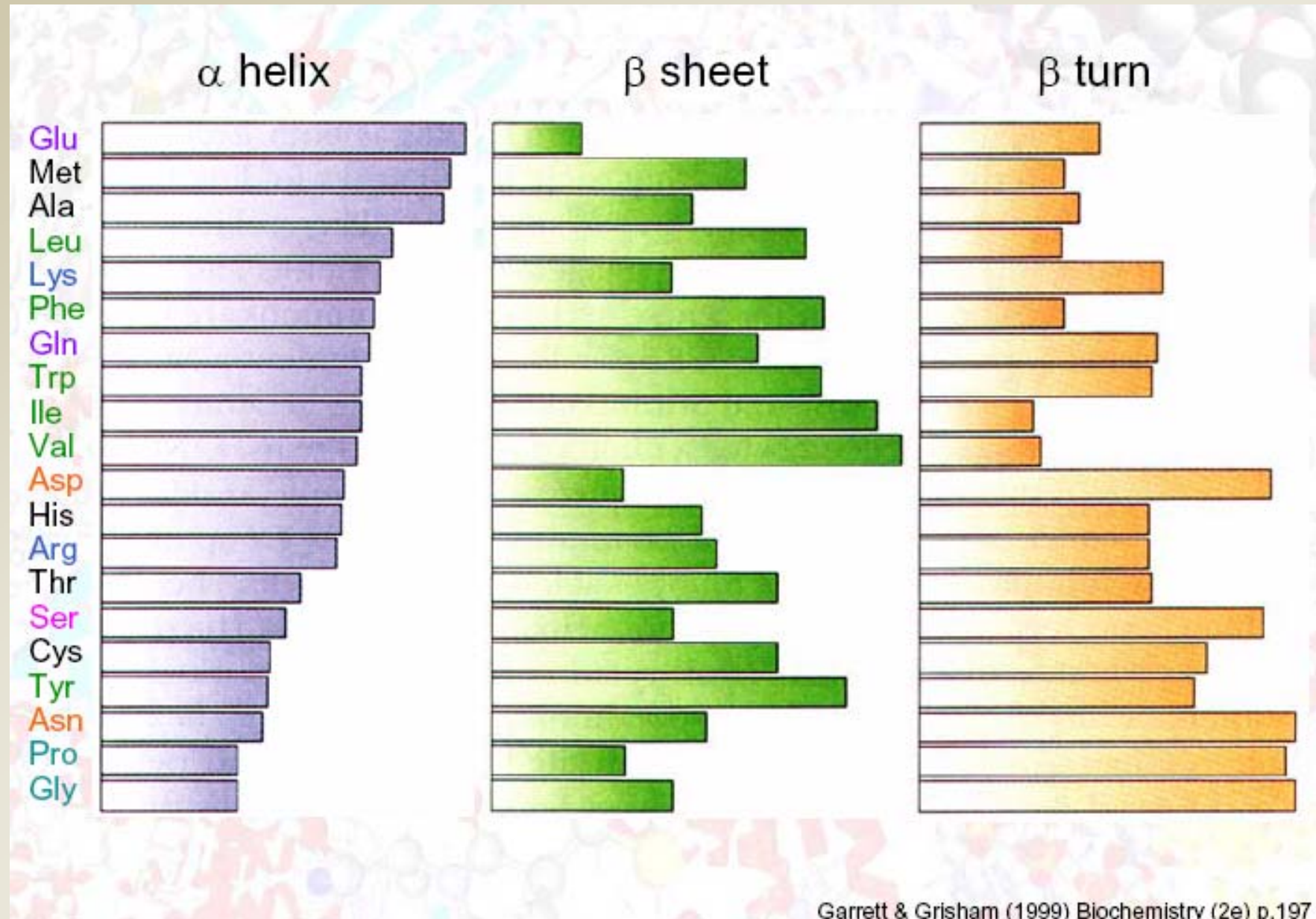


Anfinsen, Science 181, 223-224 (1973):

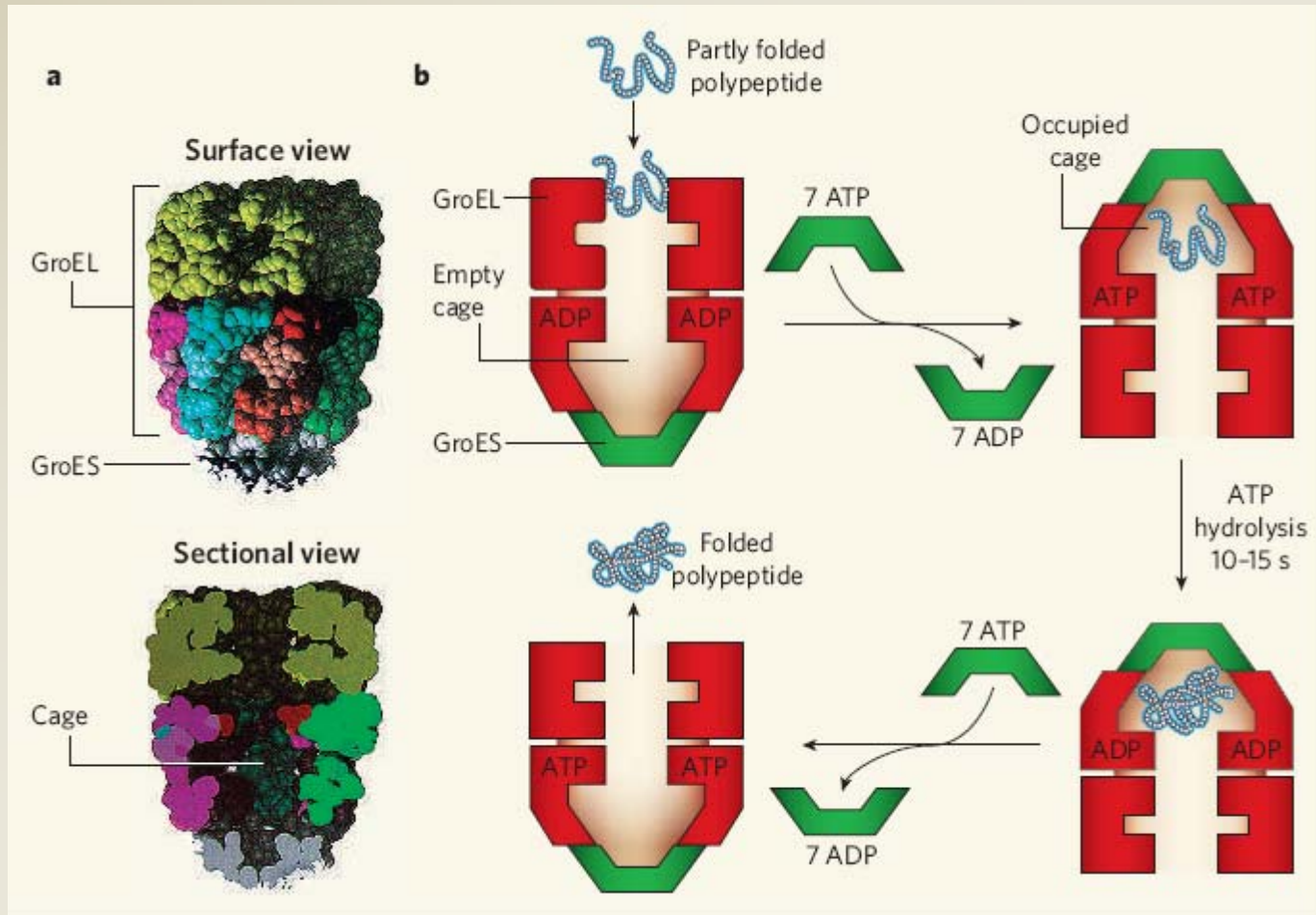
For a given protein sequence and condition, the protein always folds to the same structure (**native structure**).

[primarily based on 核糖核酸水解酶A
(ribonuclease A, RNaseA)]

The whole sequence matters



It turns out that for large, multi-domain proteins, one needs chaperones to help folding proteins:



R. J. Ellis, Nature 442, 360, 2006



Levinthal paradox:

Random search:

100 amino acids, each link with two configuration (at least)

$\Rightarrow 2^{100} \times 10^{-9} \text{sec} \sim 10^{16} \text{ years}$

Whole protein $\sim$ milliseconds to seconds
Hinge motion in proteins $\sim$ nanosecond } $10^6 - 10^9$



The Miyazawa-Jernigan Statistical Interaction

ϵ_{ij} : MJ matrix (20×20)

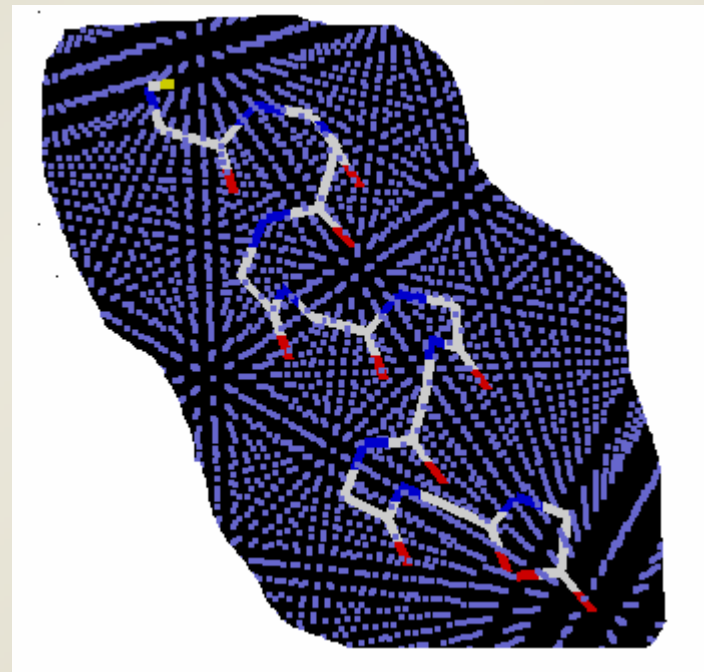
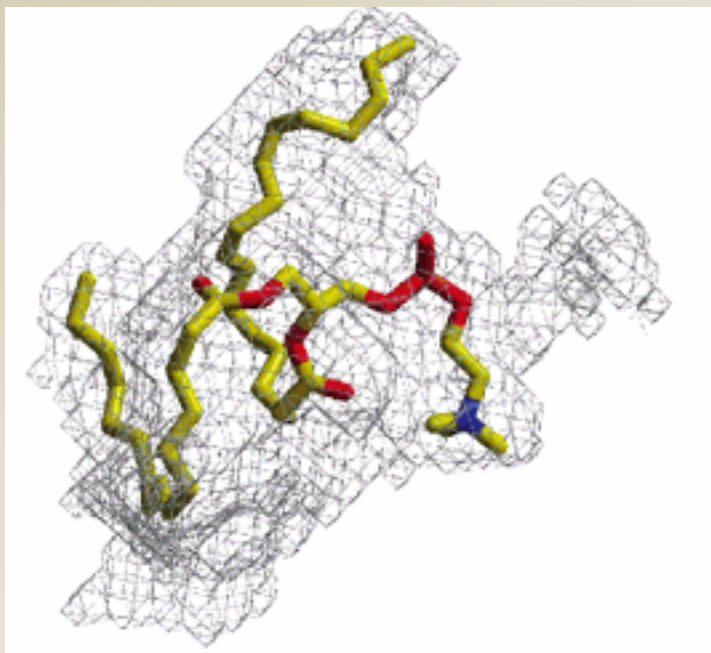
$$\frac{N_{ij}}{\sum N_{ij}} = e^{-\frac{\epsilon_{ij} - \bar{\epsilon}}{k_B T}}$$

N_{ij} : number of contact (<6.5Å) between the
ith and jth amino acids

S. Miyazawa and R.L. Jernigan, Macromolecules 18, 534, (1985) (42 proteins)

S. Miyazawa and R.L. Jernigan, J. Mol. Bio., 256, 623, (1996) (42 proteins)

V_A : On-site potential



$$V_A = \sum_i (\epsilon_{ii} - \overline{\epsilon_{ii}}) A_i + A_{backbone}$$

Solvent-accessible-surface-area of ith side-chain

