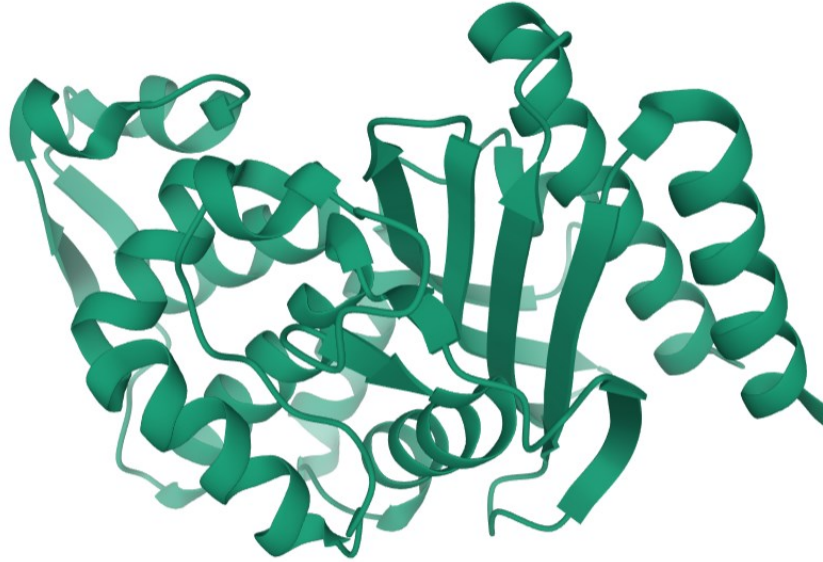


# **Structural biology**

## **Practice 4: Statistical potentials and PROSA**

**Course 2023-2024**

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**Is this model correct?**



**We can use statistical potentials to  
answer this question**

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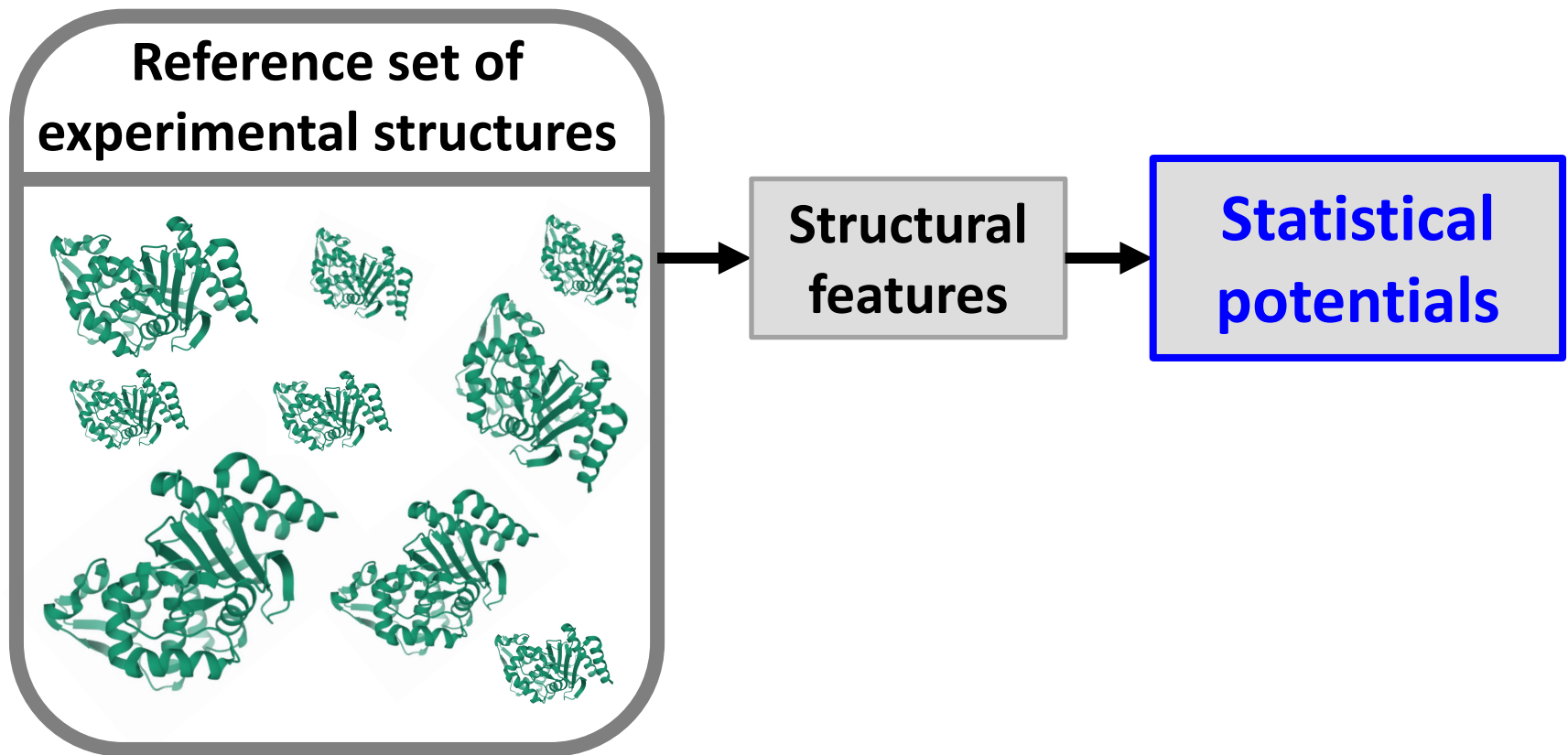


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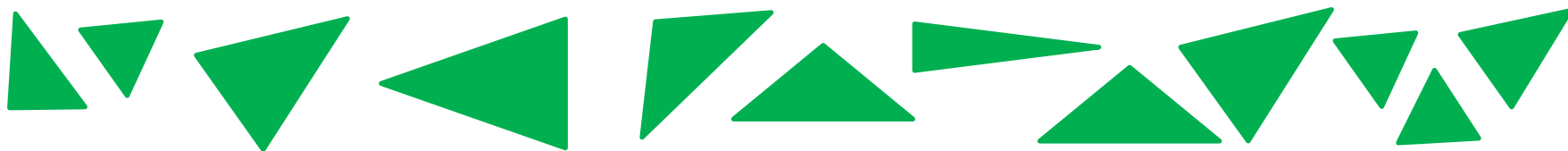
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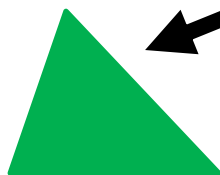
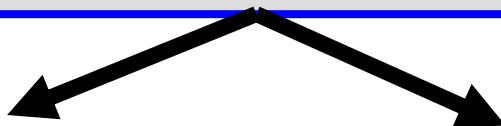


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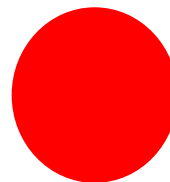
Reference set of experimental structures



Statistical potentials



Good score



Bad score

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Reference set of experimental structures

**If the model has similar structural features to the proteins in the reference set, statistical potentials will provide good scores**

**Good score**



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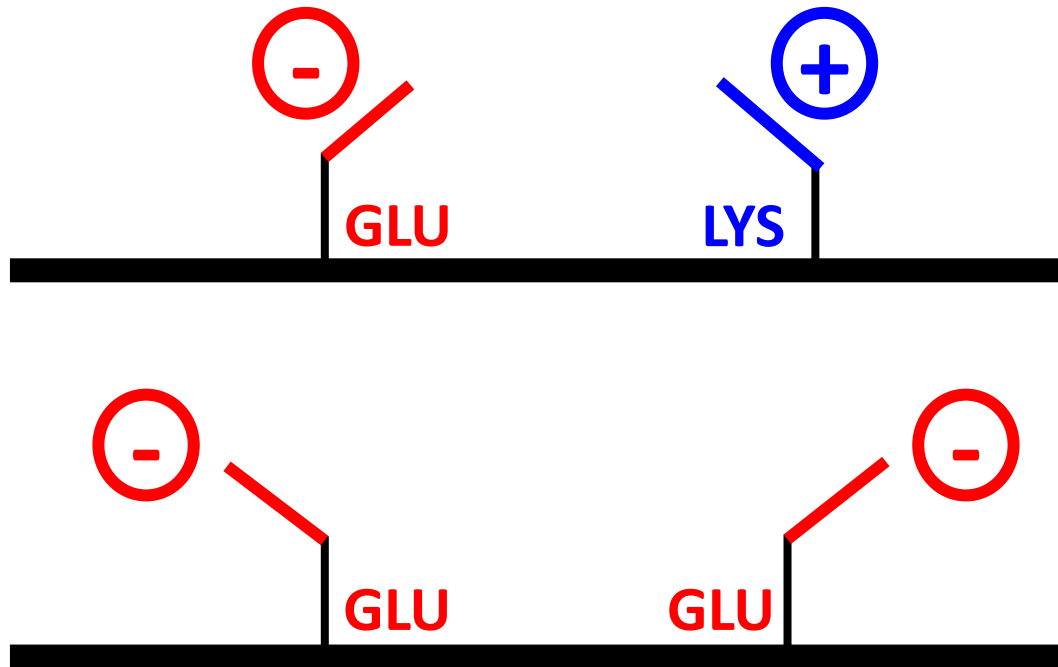
**What are the structural features that statistical potentials  
use?**

**Amino acid contacts**

**Amino acid exposure**

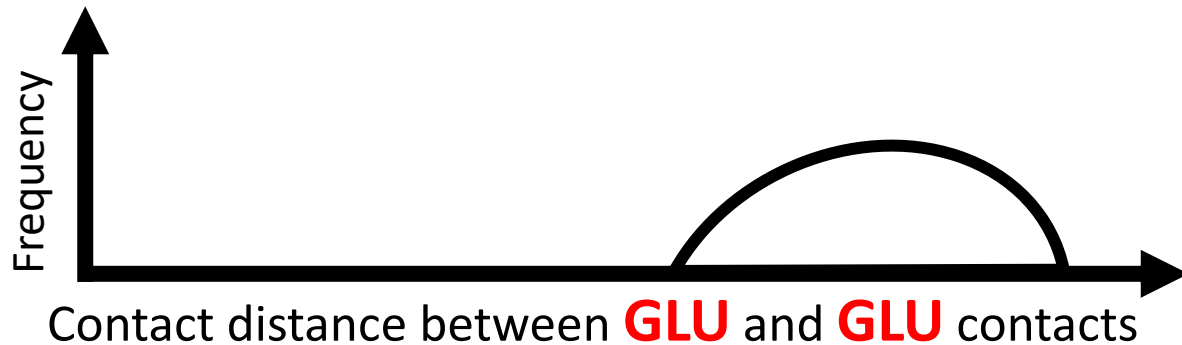
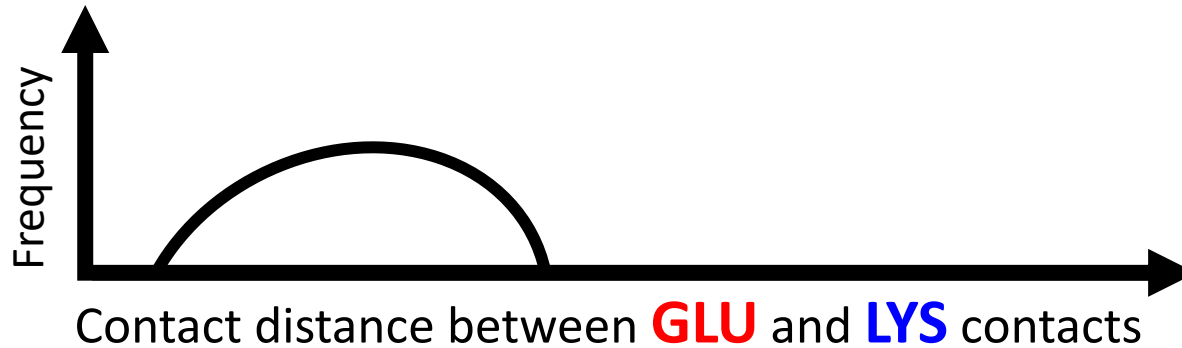
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**Amino acid charge is one of the  
factors that affect distances  
between pairs of amino acids**

→ and **GLU** contacts

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**What atom would you use to measure distances between amino acids?**

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**What atom would you use to measure distances between amino acids?**



**Beta carbon  
(first carbon in the side chain)**



**This is a way of including information regarding side chain orientation into the potentials**

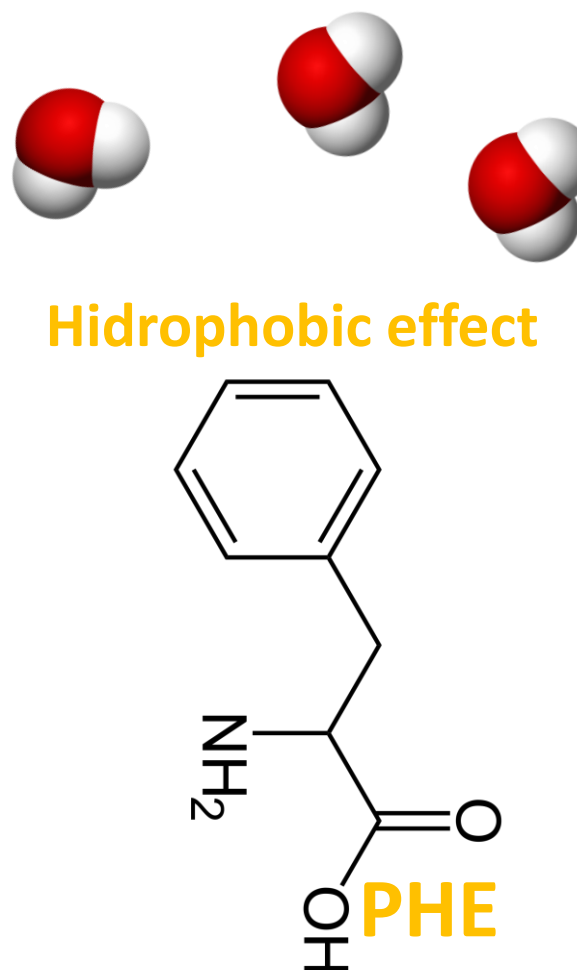
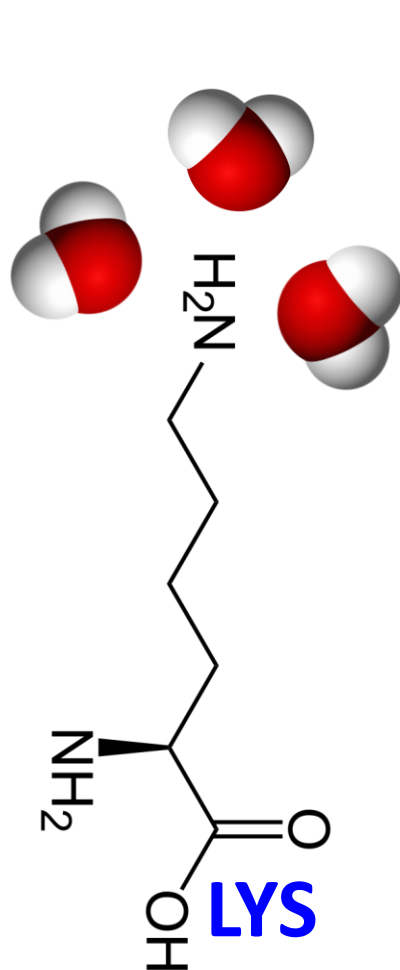
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**Amino acid exposure**

**Polar and charged are more likely to be exposed because of their tendency to interact with water molecules**

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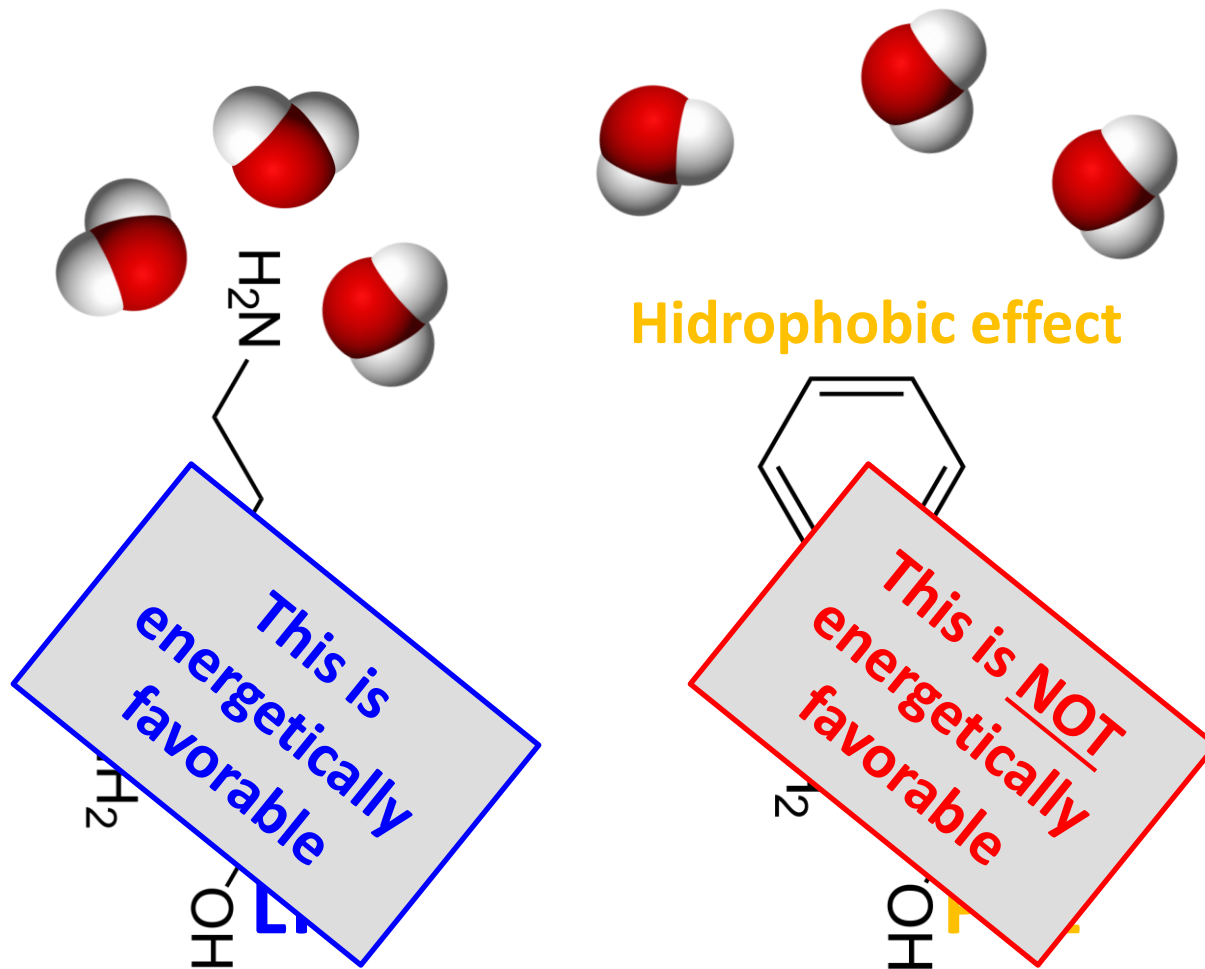
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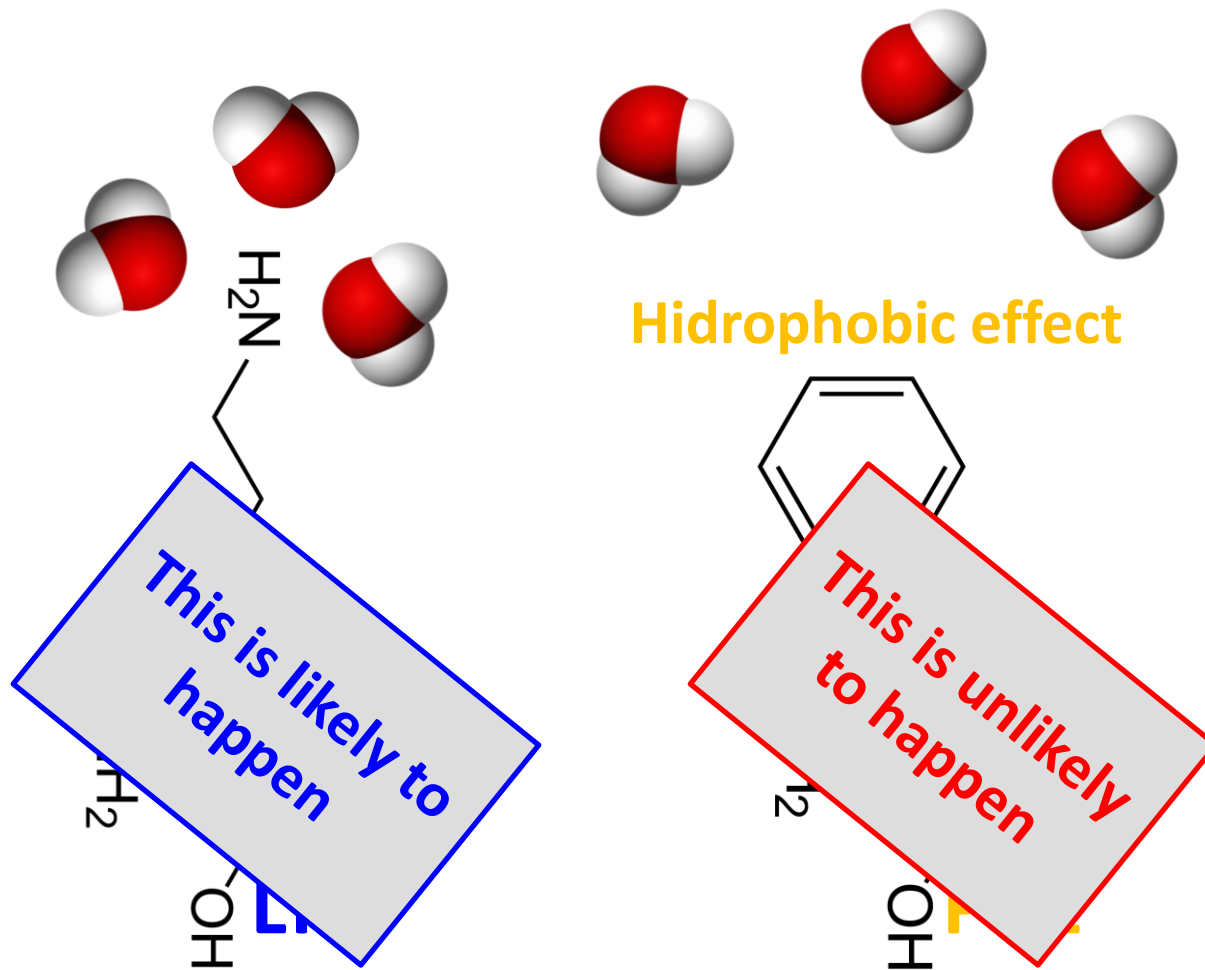
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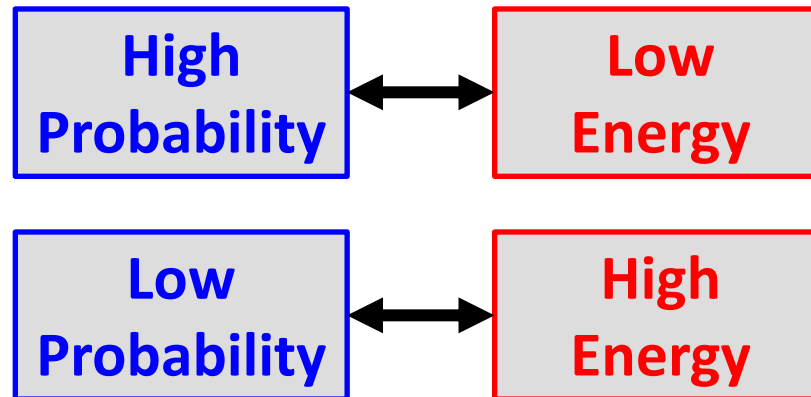
Energy

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By operating with Boltzmann Law's equation we can isolate the energy

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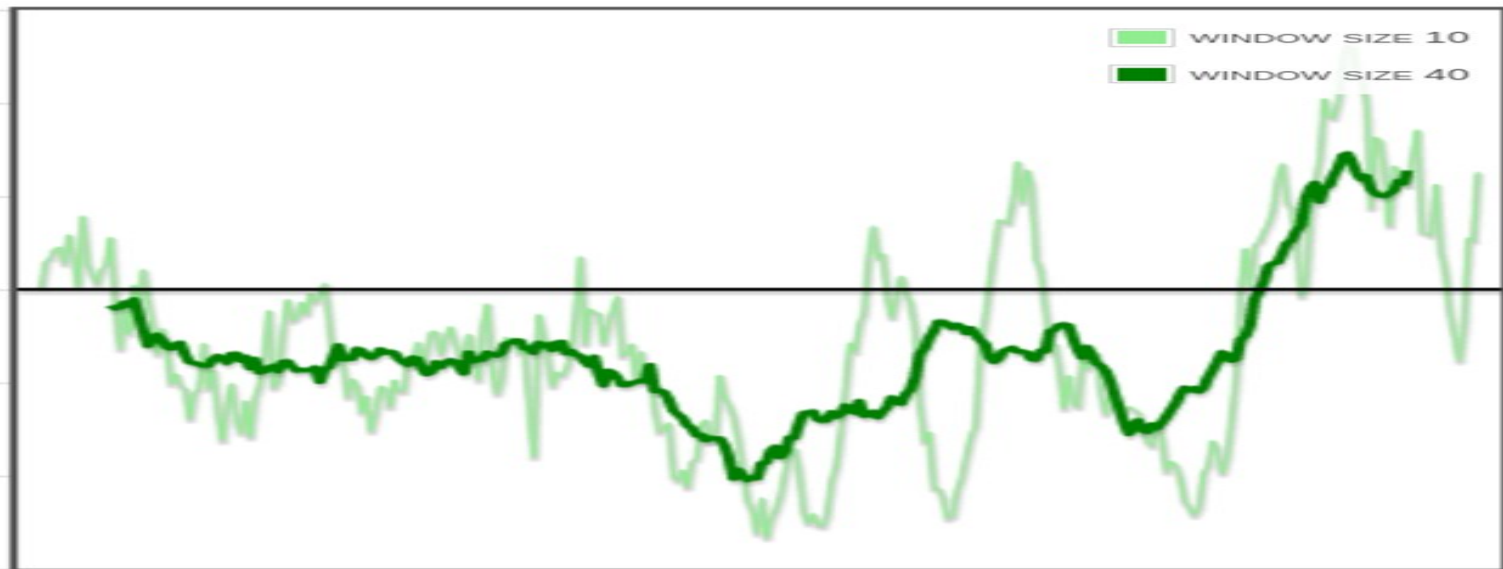
**Remember that probabilities  
come from our reference set of  
structures**

By  
equation we

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We obtain one energy value for each amino acid and display it as a energy profile

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**Statistical potentials are relative measurements**



**We use them to compare structures between them**

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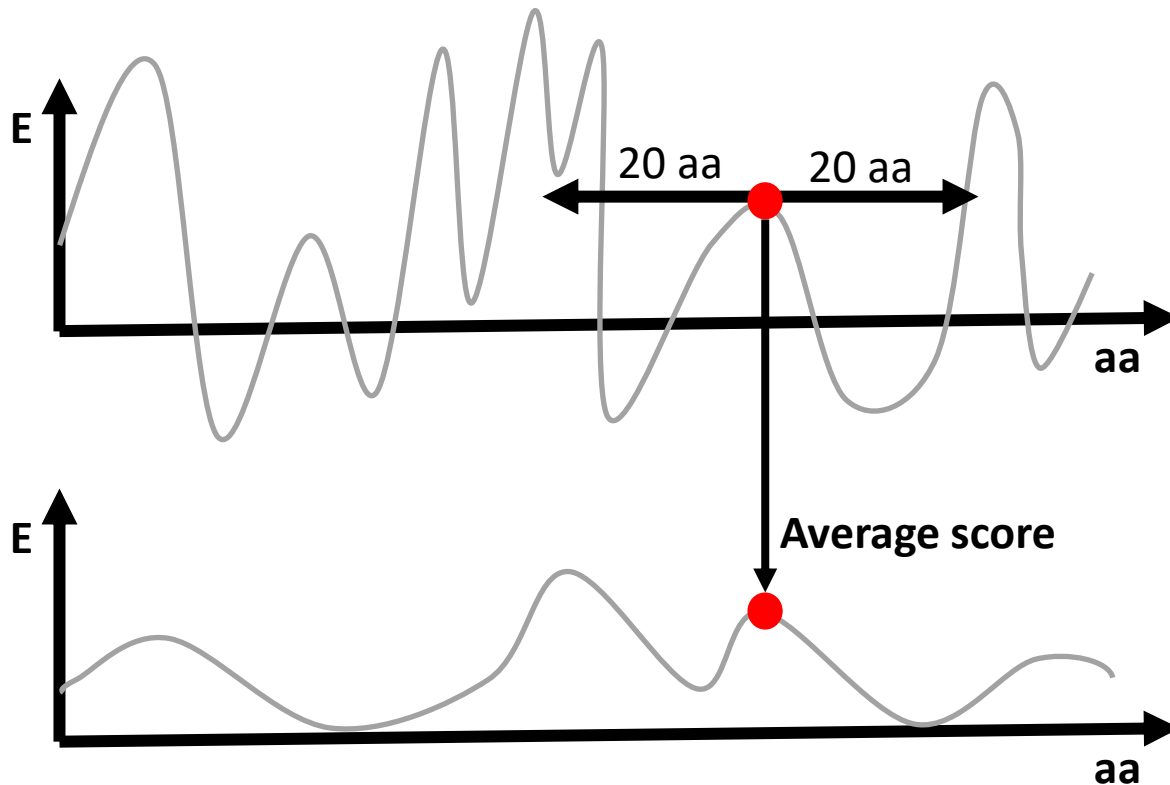
**The template you used in the modeling:**

- **Is an experimental structure, therefore is a reference of what is right**
- **Is a similar protein to the one you modeled**

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## Using sliding windows

Sliding window = 40



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### Working with Z-scores

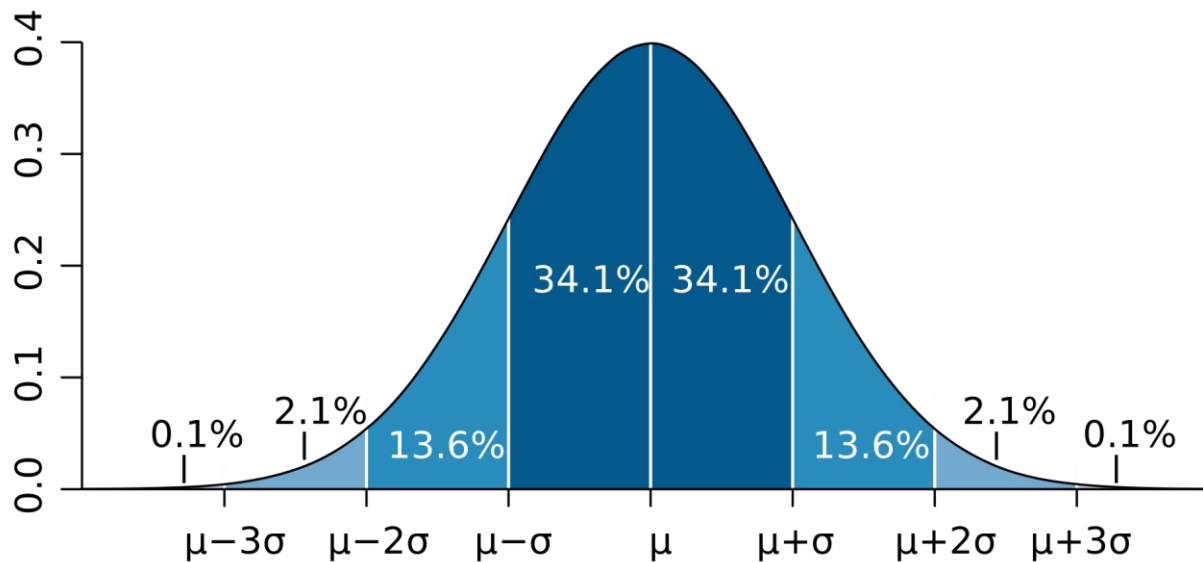
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How good am I in comparison with a reference distribution?

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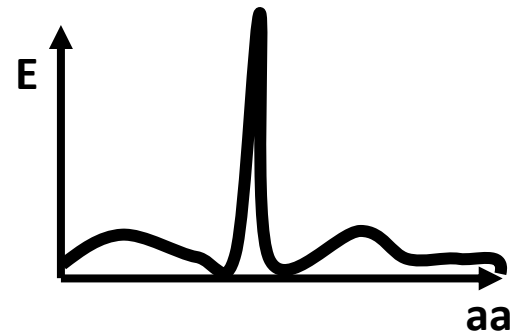
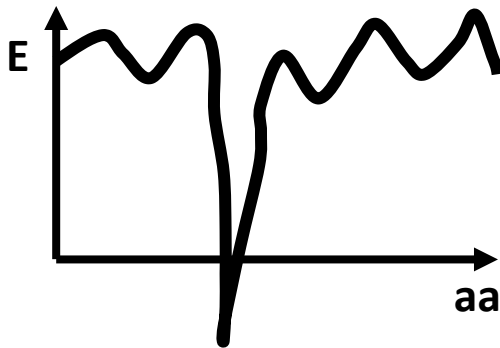
**Am I interested in the model of the whole structure?**

**Am I interested only in one region of the model?**

**Am I interested only in one function of the model?**

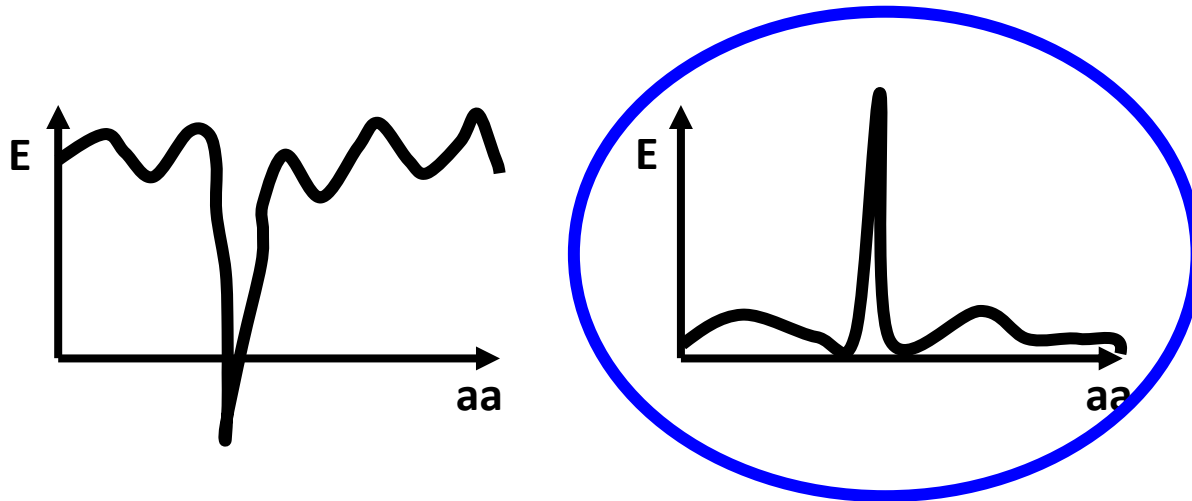
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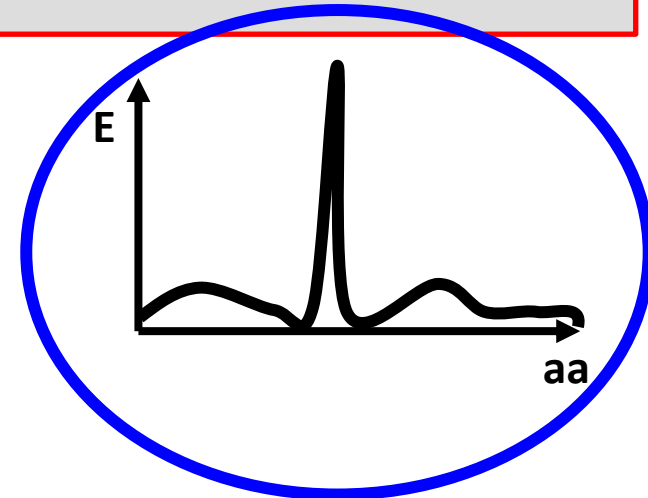
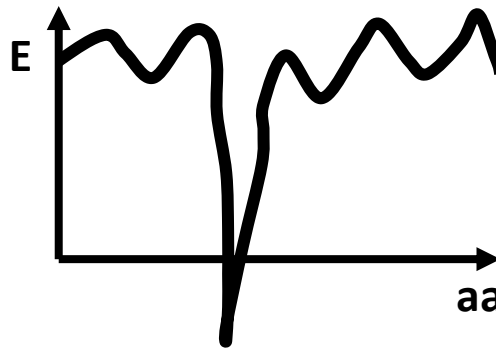


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