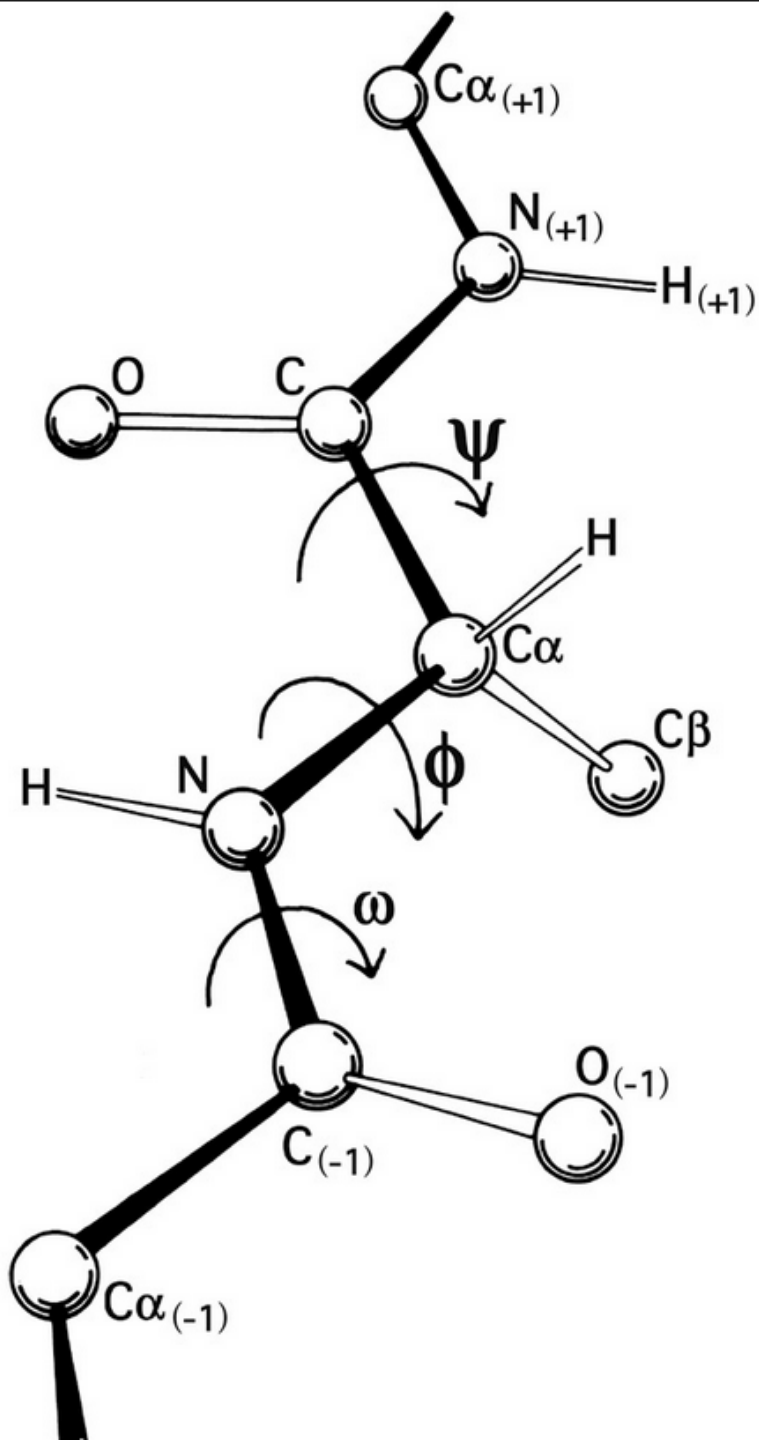


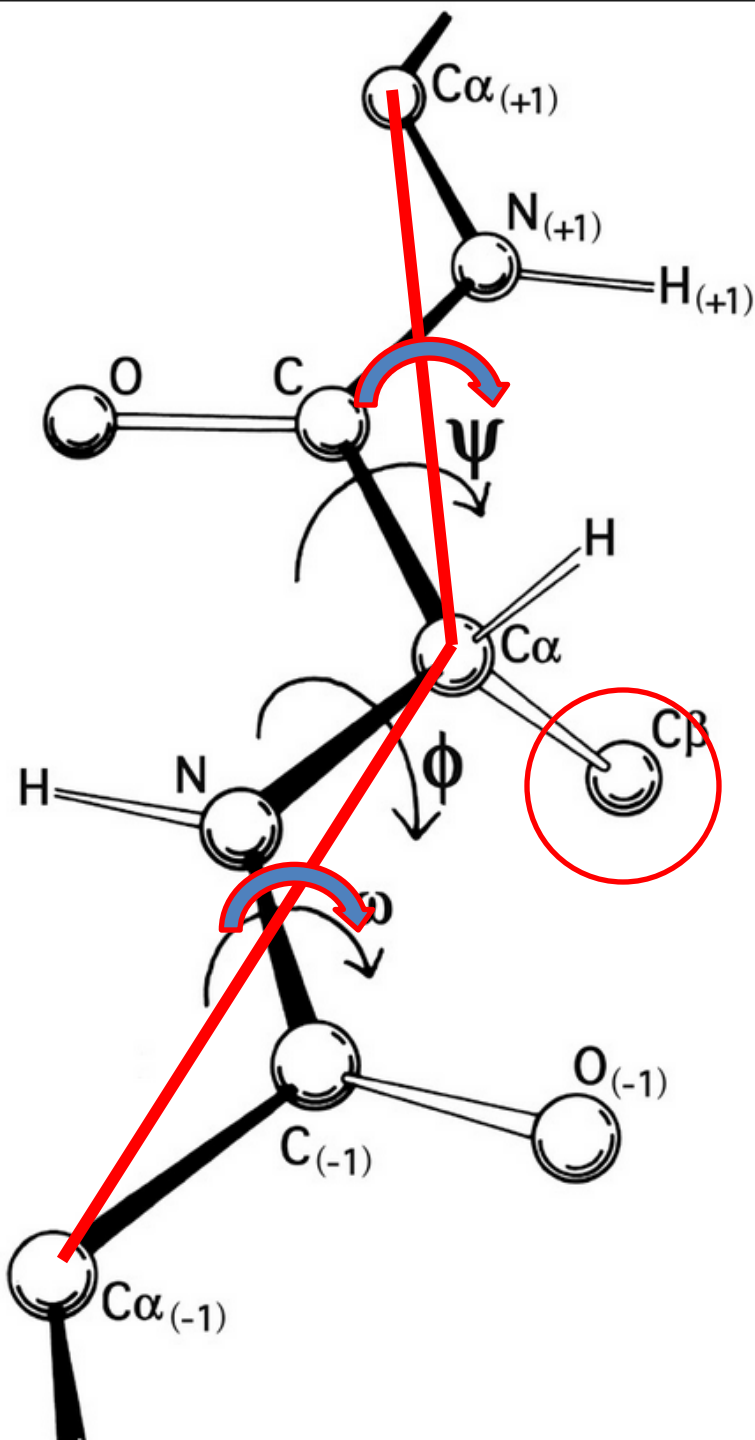
Protein representation



**The protein
backbone and the
dihedral angles**

Proteins and their residues

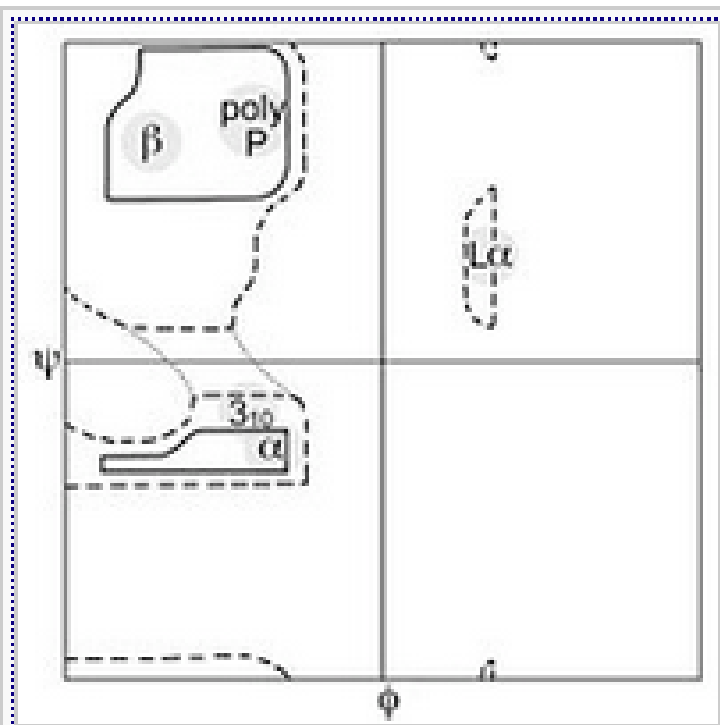
α -Carbon is a term that applies to [proteins](#) and [amino acids](#). It is the backbone carbon before the carbonyl carbon. Therefore, reading along the backbone of a typical protein would give a sequence of N, α -C, carbonyl C, N, α -C, carbonyl C, N, α -C, carbonyl C, etc. (when reading in the N to C direction). *The α -carbon is where the different residues are covalently linked attach.* That is, the groups hanging off the chain at the α -carbon are what give to proteins their difference in residues. These groups give the α -carbon its [stereogenic](#) properties for every residue except for [glycine](#). Therefore, the α -carbon is a [stereocenter](#) for every residue except glycine. Glycine also does not have a β -carbon, while every other residue does.



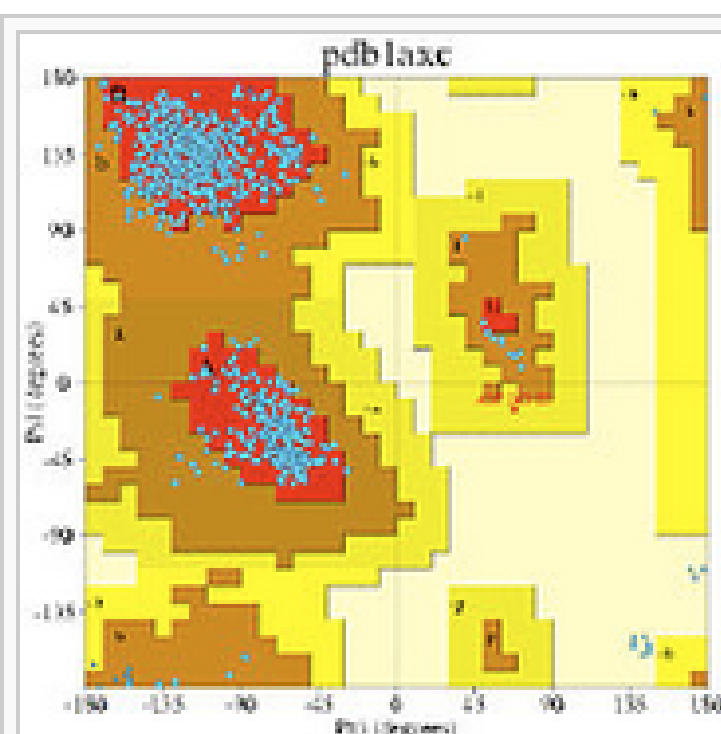
The protein reduced representation and its dihedral angles

The α -carbon of a residue is significant in [protein folding](#). When describing a protein (which is an ethero polymer), one often approximates the location of each residue as the location of its α -carbon. In general, α -carbons of adjacent residues in a protein are about 3.8 [ångströms](#) (380 [picometers](#)) apart.

The Ramachandran plot



Original hard-sphere, reduced-radius, and relaxed-tau ϕ, ψ regions from Ramachandran, with updated labels and axes



A Ramachandran plot generated from human [PCNA](#), a trimeric [DNA clamp](#) protein that contains both [β-sheet](#) and [α-helix](#) (PDB ID 1AXC). The red, brown, and yellow regions represent the favored, allowed, and "generously allowed" regions as defined by ProCheck

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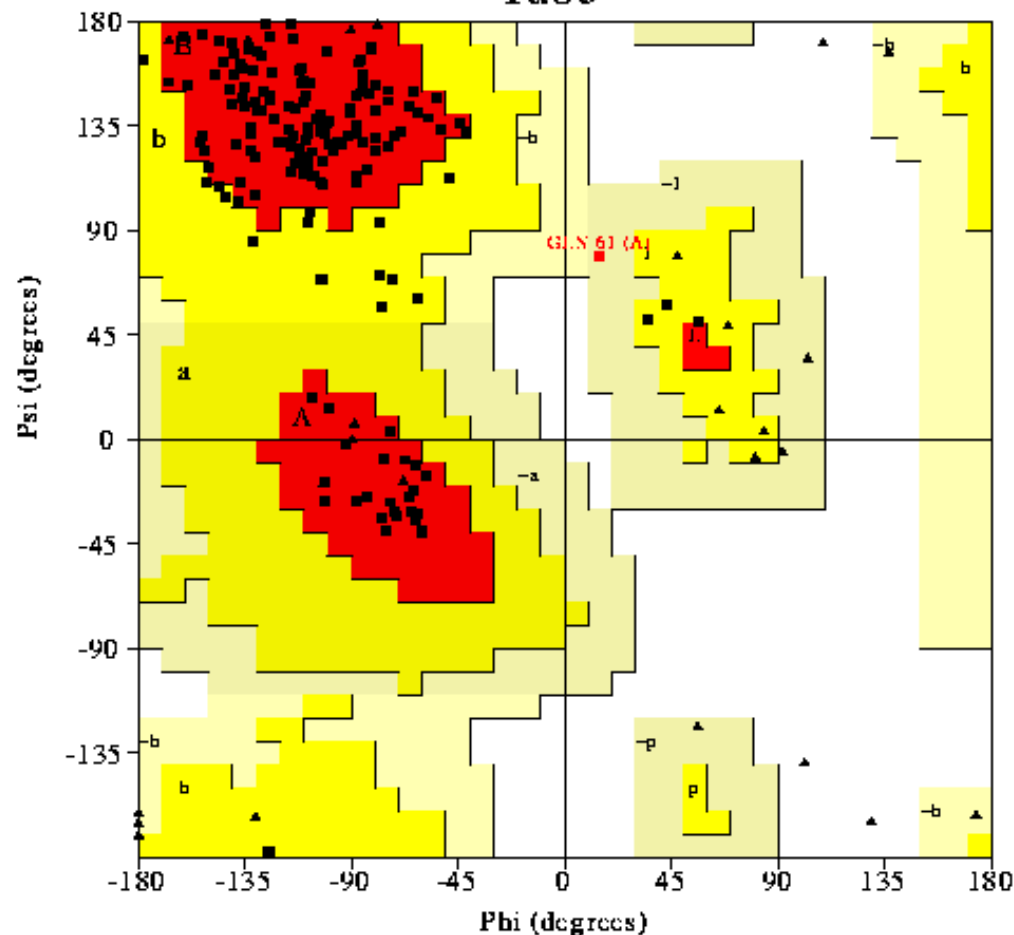
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PROCHECK checks the stereochemical quality of a protein structure, producing a number of PostScript plots analysing its overall and residue-by-residue geometry. It includes **PROCHECK-NMR** for checking the quality of structures solved by NMR.

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Antibacterial protein

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PDB id: 1acx

Name: Antibacterial protein

Title: Actinoxanthin structure at the atomic level (russian)

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Source: Streptomyces globisporus. Organism_taxid: 1908

Resolution: 2.00Å R-factor: not given

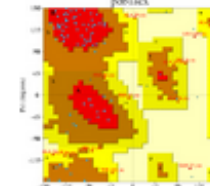
Authors: V.Z.Pletnev, A.P.Kuzin

Key ref: V.Z.Pletnev et al. (1982). Actinoxanthin structure at the atomic level (russian). *Bioorg.Khim.*, 8, 1637.

Date: 17-Dec-82 Release date: 09-Mar-83

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References

Protein chain [A](#)

P01551 (ATXA_STRGL) - Actinoxanthin

Seq:  143 a.a.Struc:  108 a.a.*

Key:  Family  PfamA domain  PfamB domain  Secondary structure  CATH domain

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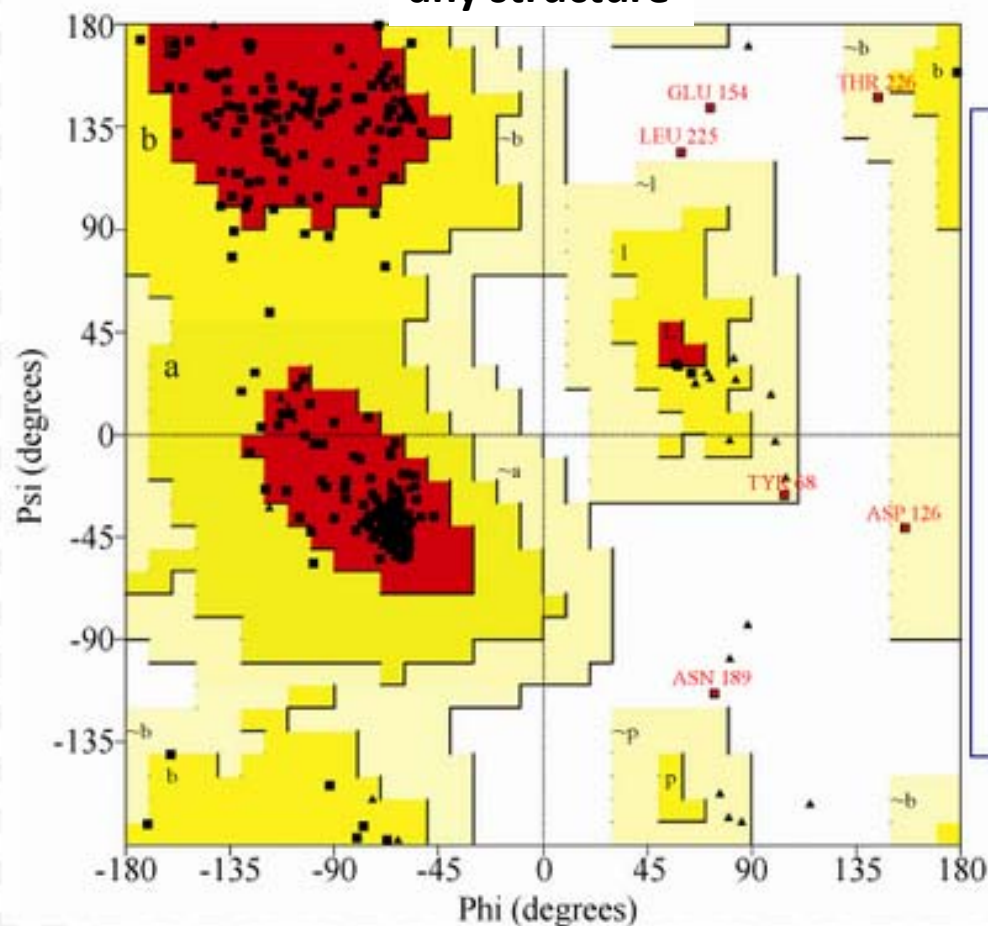
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Ramachandran Plot

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Plot statistics

Residues in most favoured regions [A,B,L]	222	90.2%
Residues in additional allowed regions [a,b,l,p]	21	7.4%
Residues in generously allowed regions [-a,-b,-l,-p]	3	1.2%
Residues in disallowed regions	3	1.2%
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Number of non-glycine and non-proline residues	249	100.0%
Number of end-residues (excl. Gly and Pro)	2	
Number of glycine residues (shown as triangles)	33	
Number of proline residues	13	
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Total number of residues	297	

Based on an analysis of 118 structures of resolution of at least 2.0 Angstroms and R-factor no greater than 20%, a good quality model would be expected to have over 90% in the most favoured regions.