PLUMED-GUI 2.0
a GUI for the Rapid Prototyping of PLUMED Analysis and Biasing Scripts

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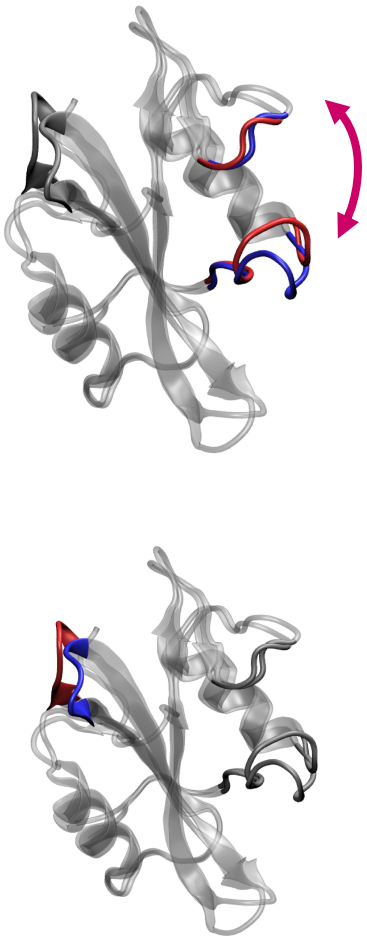
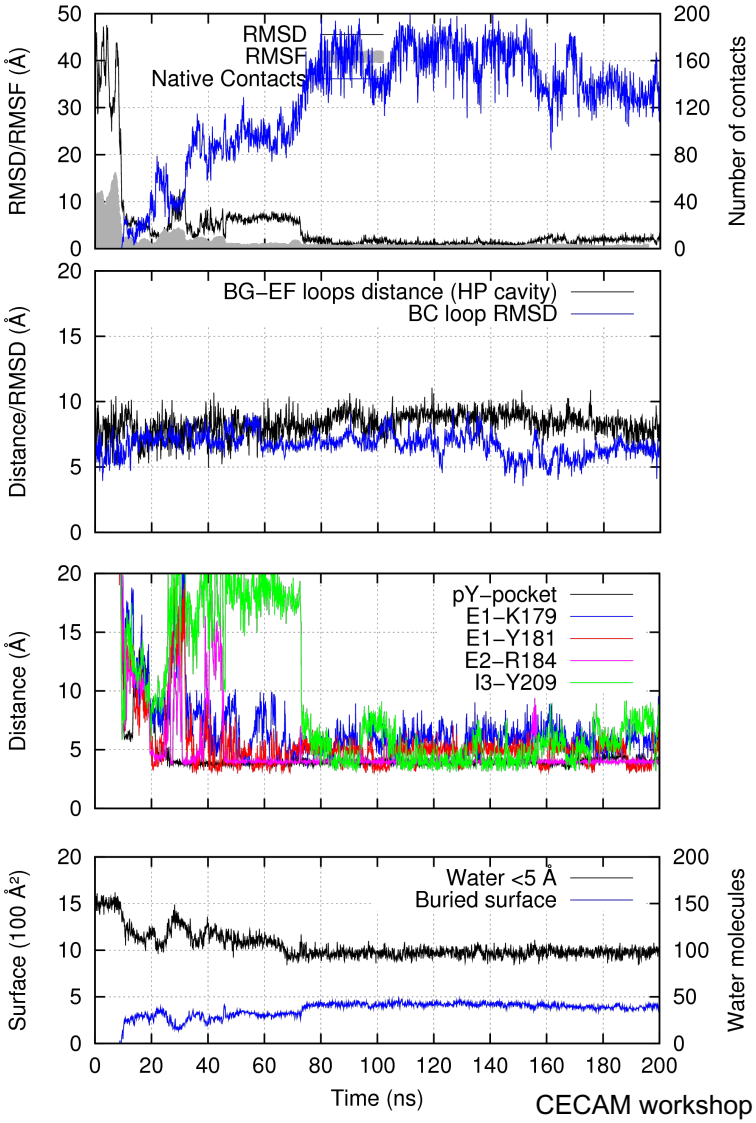
Rationale for a Plumed-GUI





- Local RMSD
- Contacts
- Native contacts
- Hydration
- …

All of them seem good ideas… until you try them

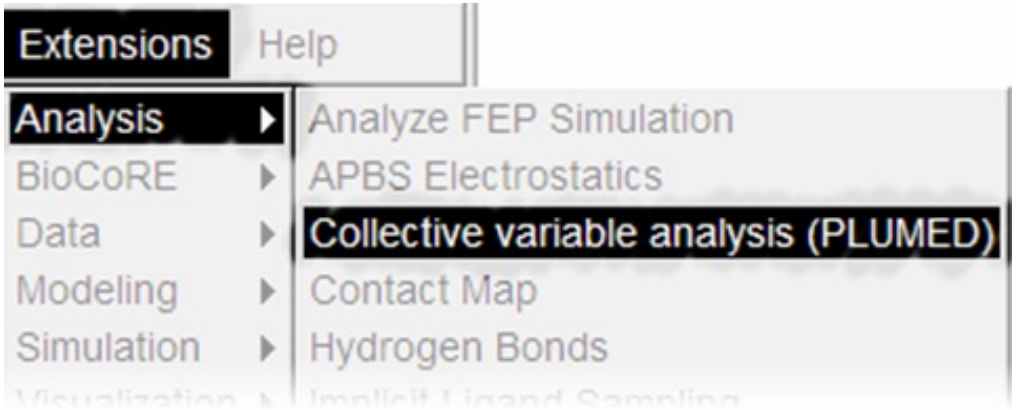
Giorgino et al., JCTC 2012

Managed if we had…

1. A common, *concise* language to define all observables

PLUMED

2. An interface to quickly code, click, and check



- **Assumptions**
  - Mostly dealing with timeseries, $x_i(t)$
  - Analyze existing trajectories → *driver*
- **Enter PLUMED**
  - Replaces scripting with homogeneous one-liners
  - Speeds up *clue-analysis-result*
- **Desiderata**
  - Syntax mnemonics, manual lookup
  - Symbolic atom selections
  - Immediate visualization

Plumed-GUI objectives

1. Provide mnemonics for CVs (and options)
   - "How was it called…?"
2. Help with the generation of non-trivial CVs
   - "Oh no, I need to redo that Z_PATH reference…"
3. Show the results *fast*
   - "Show me! Now!"

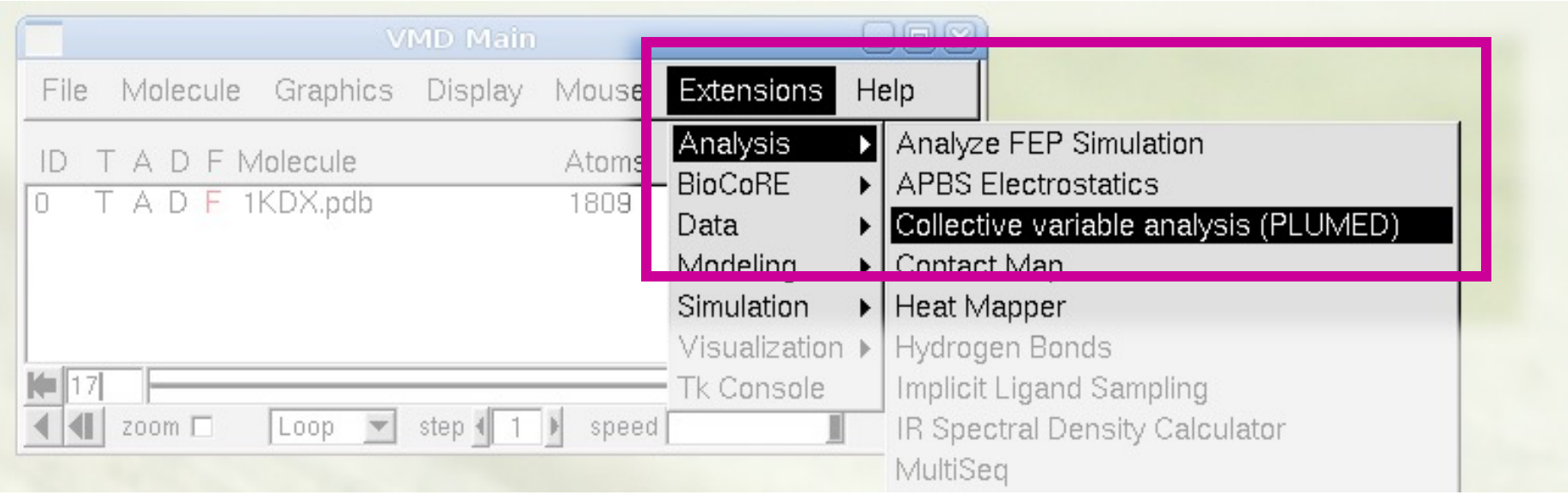
Features in Plumed-GUI 2.3

- Mnemonic aids
  - Menu of CVs
  - Insert short/long templates
  - “Auto” complete
- “Chemical” syntax
- Support PLUMED 1.3 and 2.x
- Look-up docs
- Assist for non-trivial CVs
  - S/ZPATH references
  - Native contacts
  - Ramachandran
- Highlight errors
- Export for simulation

~~Installation~~ Upgrade

- VMD 1.9.1 ~ 2 years old, comes with obsolete version of Plumed-GUI
  - Good: visibility
  - Bad: no support for PLUMED 2
  - Hopefully solved by VMD 1.9.2 release
- No “install” instructions – just upgrade
  - Replace *VMDDIR/plugins/noarch/tcl/plumed0.9*
  -  Non-root instructions, please try them out

VMD > Extensions > Analysis > CV

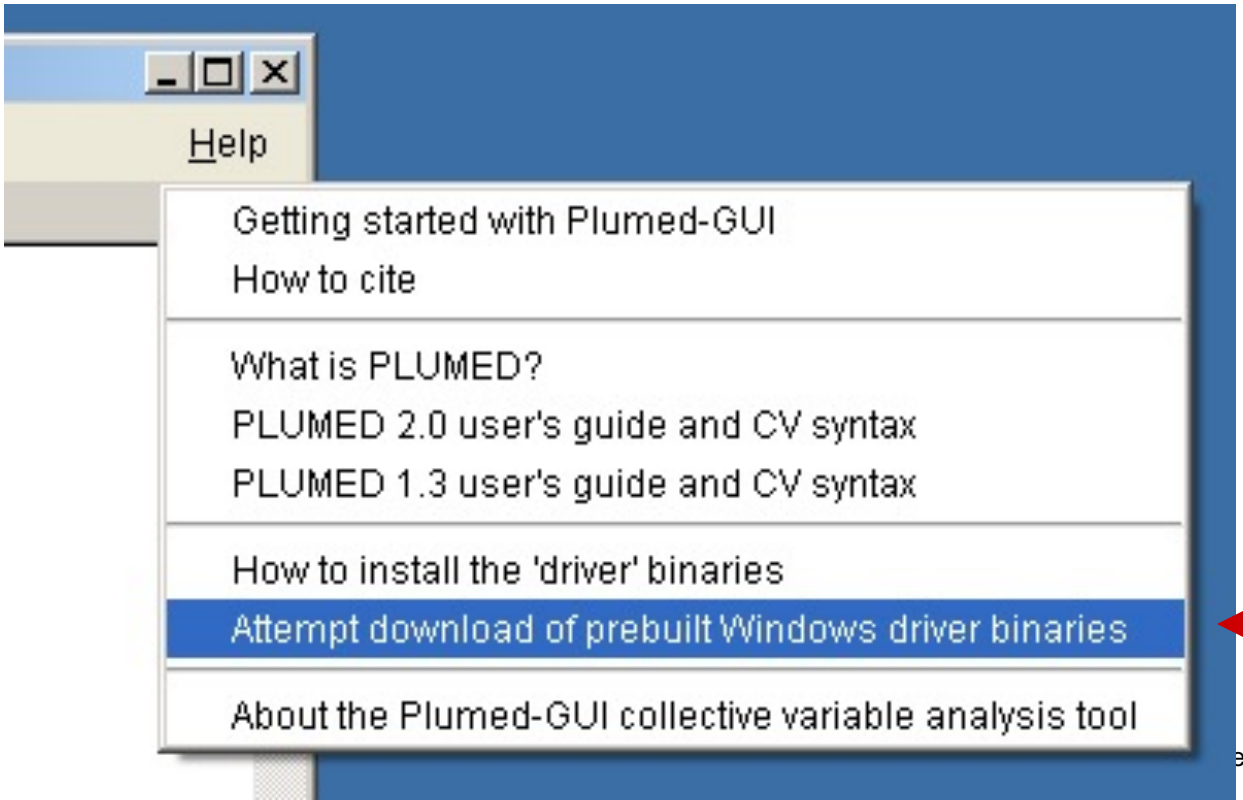


GitHub

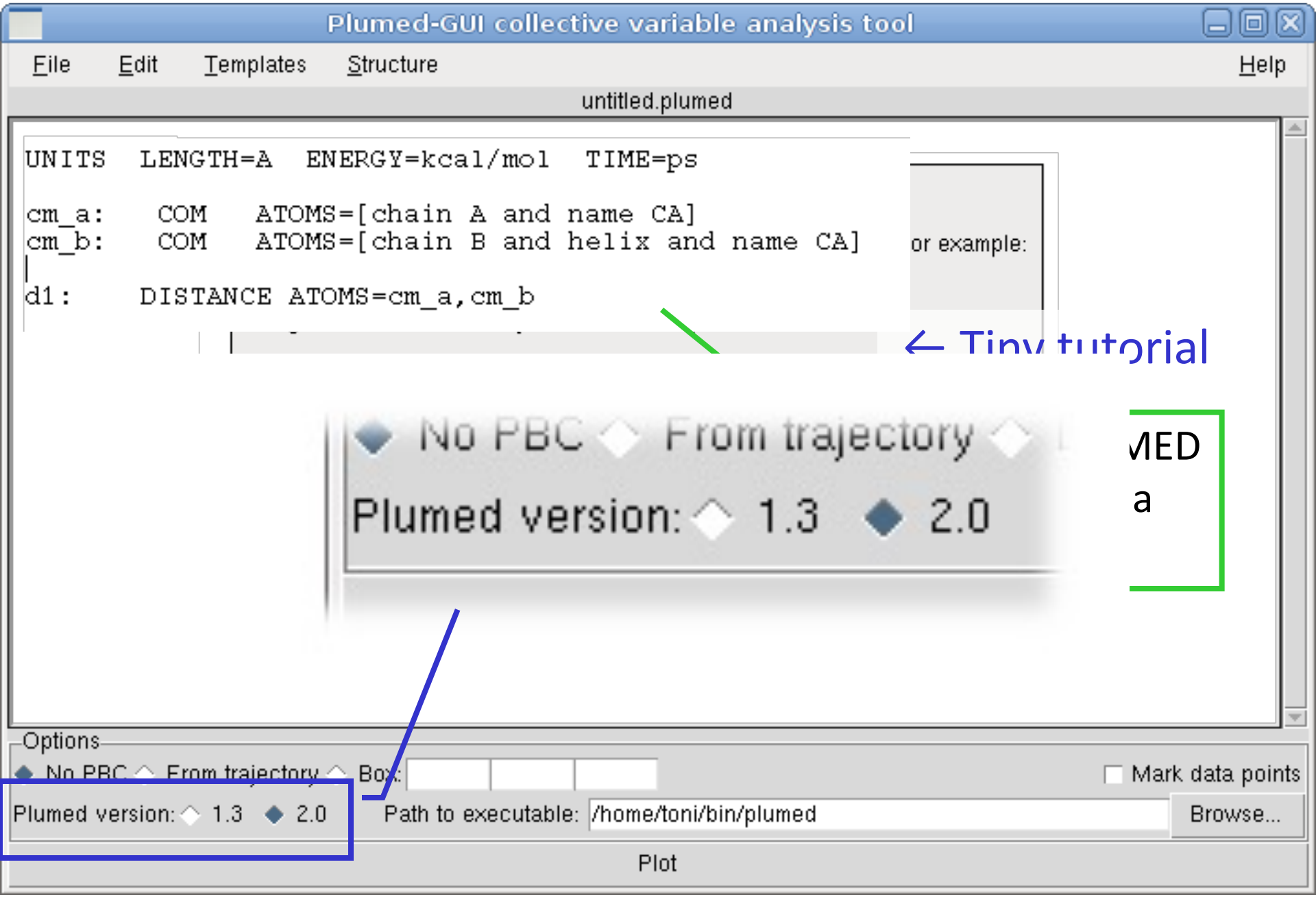
- tonigi/vmd_plumed
- www.multiscalelab.org/toni/PlumedCVTool

Need *driver* and/or *plumed* in path

- **Linux** and **OSX**: supported by PLUMED 2.x's *configure*
- **Windows:** "auto-install" gets both 1.3 & 2.0 (cross-compiling 2.x is also easy)



How does it look like?


Plumed-GUI collective variable analysis tool
File
Edit
Templates
Structure
Help
untitled.plumed
UNITS LENGTH=A ENERGY=kcal/mol TIME=ps
cm_a: COM ATOMS=[chain A and name CA]
cm_b: COM ATOMS=[chain B and helix and name CA]
d1: DISTANCE ATOMS=cm_a,cm_b
or example:
← Tiny tutorial
No PBC
From trajectory
Plumed version:
1.3
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a
Options
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Box:
Mark data points
Plumed version:
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Path to executable:
/home/toni/bin/plumed
Browse...
Plot

Basics

- **File** and **Edit** menus: like a text editor
  - You write a ".plumed" file (unsubstituted brackets)
- **Free text**: syntax-agnostic
  - Only square brackets are parsed into atom lists
  - Custom PLUMED CVs are totally fine
- To get the script *after* substitutions:
  - **File → Export** ("META_INP", with comments)

Syntax-agnostic editor

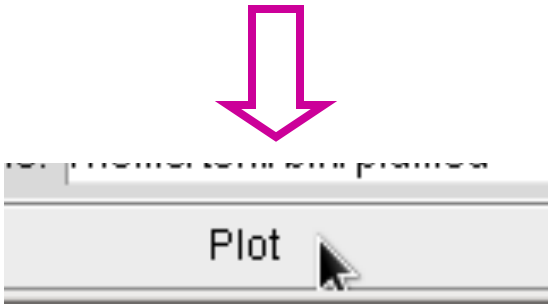
Enter actions as usual…

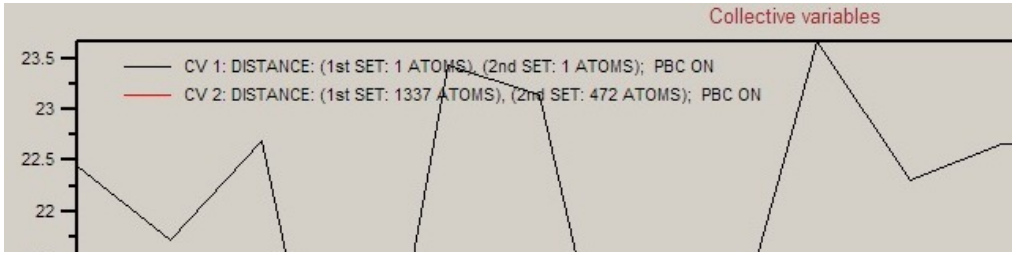
```
nc: COORDINATION GROUPA=kidCA GROUPB=kixCA …
```

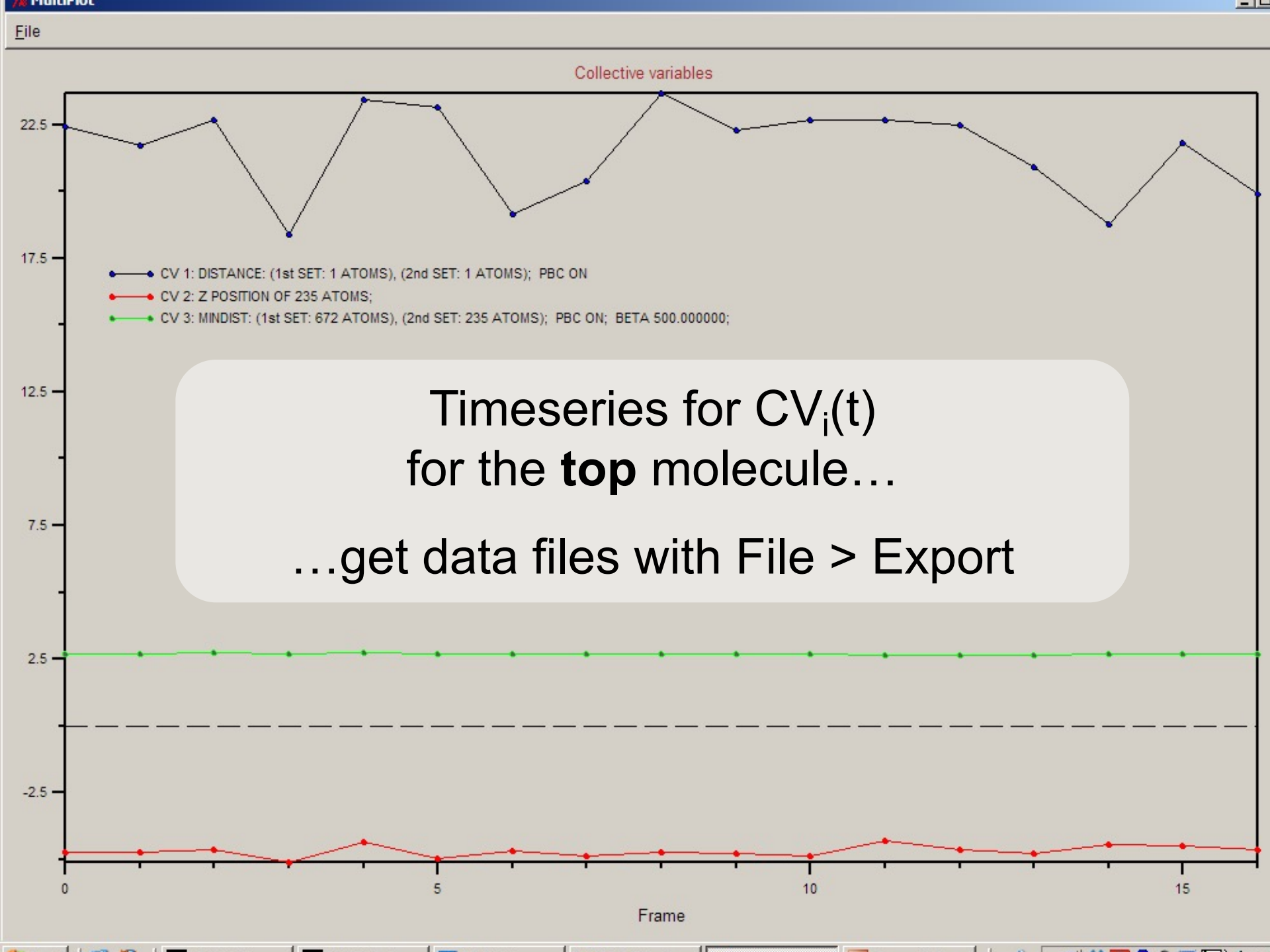
…symbolic atom selections allowed in [·]

```
kixCA:    GROUP ATOMS=[chain A and name CA]
```

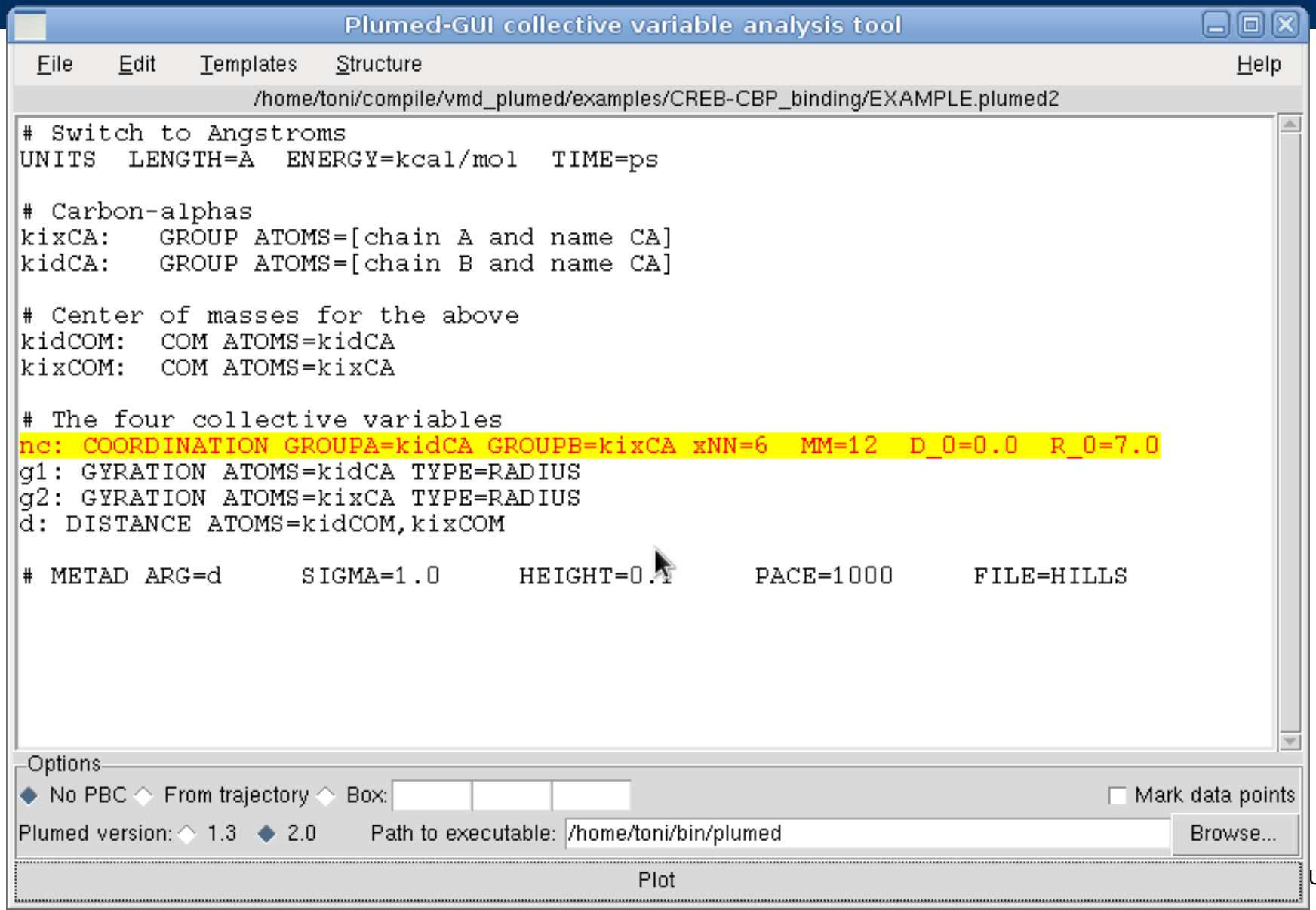
→ 45,66,78,99,… (Transparently)






File
Collective variables
22.5
17.5
12.5
7.5
2.5
-2.5
CV 1: DISTANCE: (1st SET: 1 ATOMS), (2nd SET: 1 ATOMS); PBC ON
CV 2: Z POSITION OF 235 ATOMS;
CV 3: MINDIST: (1st SET: 672 ATOMS), (2nd SET: 235 ATOMS); PBC ON; BETA 500.000000;
Timeseries for $CV_i(t)$
for the **top** molecule…
…get data files with File > Export
0
5
10
15
Frame

Error highlighting (…sometimes)

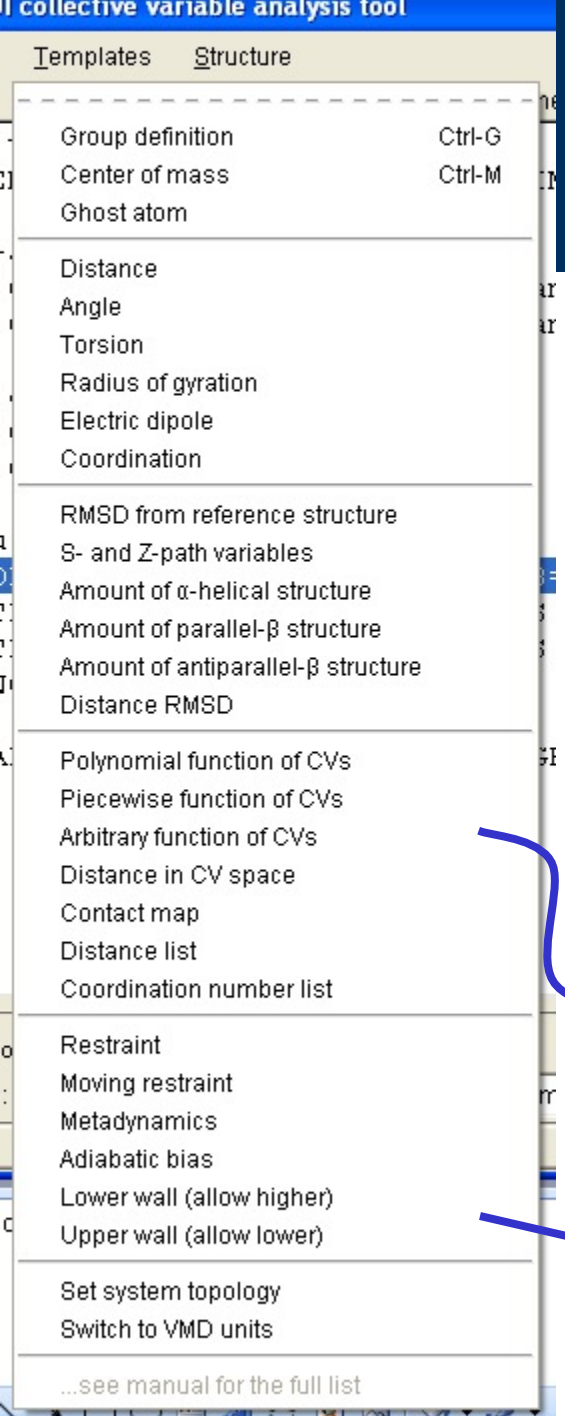


Behind the scenes…

- The current trajectory is saved
- Bracketed **[…]** atom selections expand according to the **top** molecule's topology
- Masses and charges → β/occupancy
- *"plumed driver"* is invoked
- ☹ → Errors appear in console
- ☺ → COLVAR is parsed and plotted

Assisted editing

Templates menu



"What was the that CV named again?"

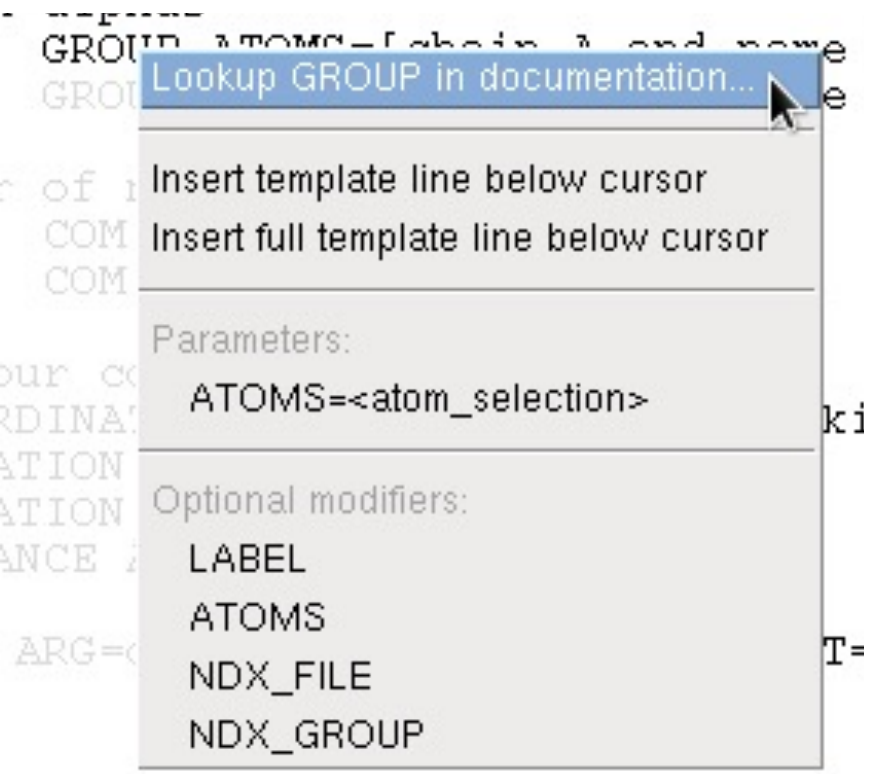
Insert a definition at the cursor

```
kixCA:   GROUP ATOMS=[…]
```

```
PARABETARMSD RESIDUES=<…> TYPE=DRMSD
R_0= D_0=0.0 NN=8 MM=12 STYLE=all
```

```
LOWER_WALLS ARG=     AT=     KAPPA=
OFFSET=0.0  EXP=2.0  EPS=1.0
```

Right-click on action: context-sensitive

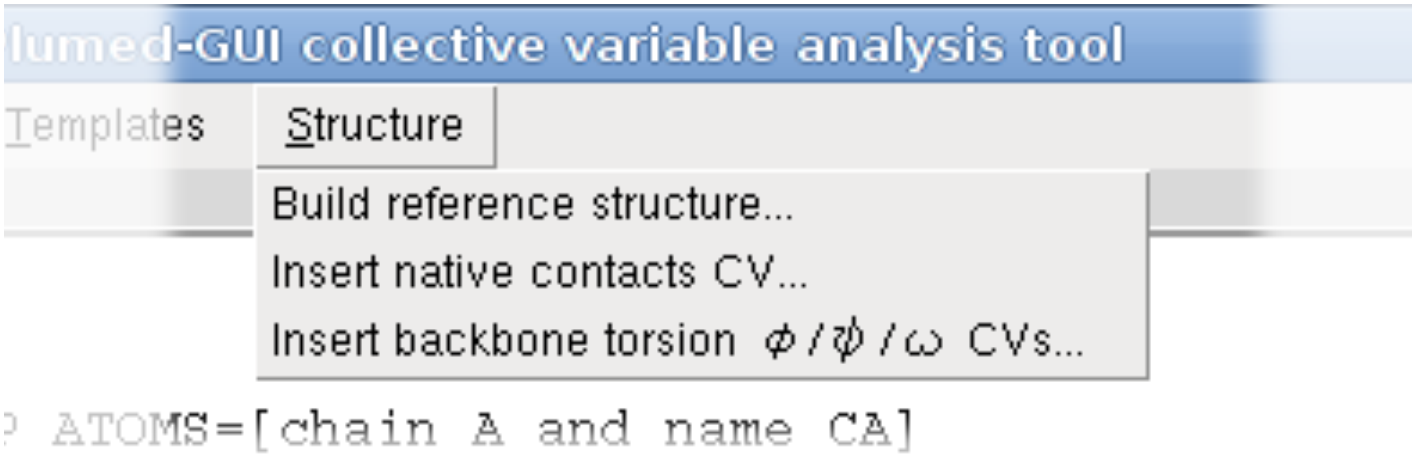


- Doxygen-generated pages are one click away
- If you know the action: insert the template
- Mandatory/optional parameters listed
- Autogenerated with the *gentemplate* tool

```
DISTANCE ATOMS=<atom_selection> [LABEL] [NUMERICAL_DERIVATIVES] [NOPBC] [ATOMS
```

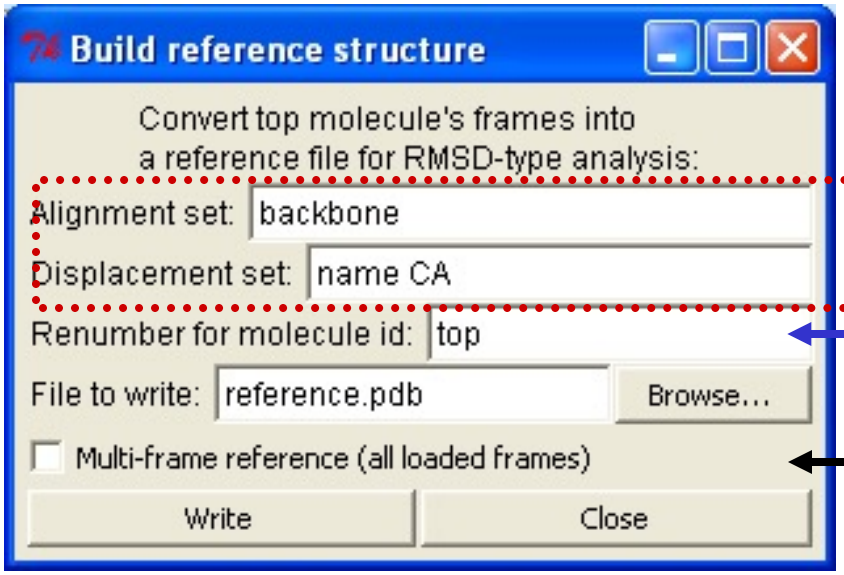
Structure menu

- Simplify preparation of non-trivial CVs
  - More-than-one liners, external files, etc.



Structure → Build reference structure

PDBs for PATHMSD



Source: current frame, top molecule

Target: molecule ID

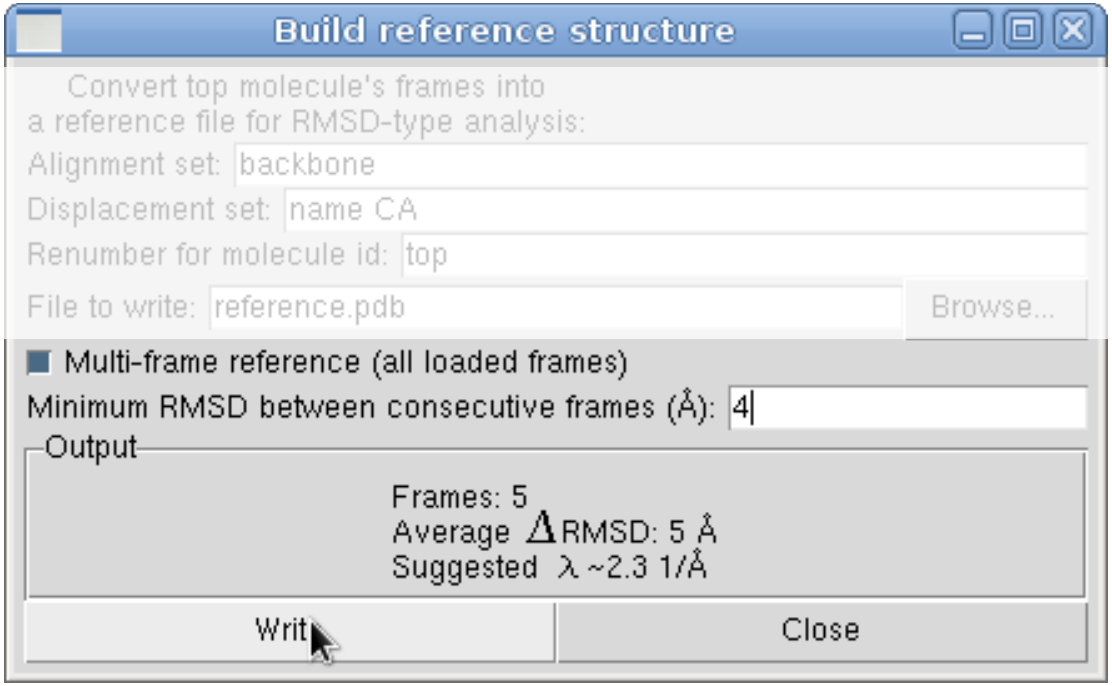
Plumed 2.x allows multi-frame references

Extracts the **current frame** of the **top molecule** (**source**)

Pseudo-PDB numbered for the molecule in the **target box**

Deals with PDB subsetting, fields and parsing quirks

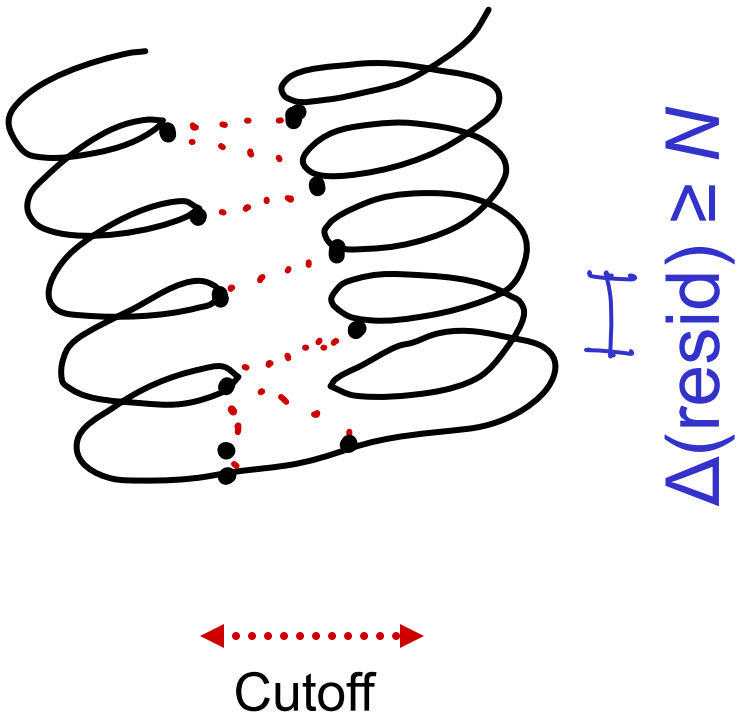
What's next: λ and subsetting



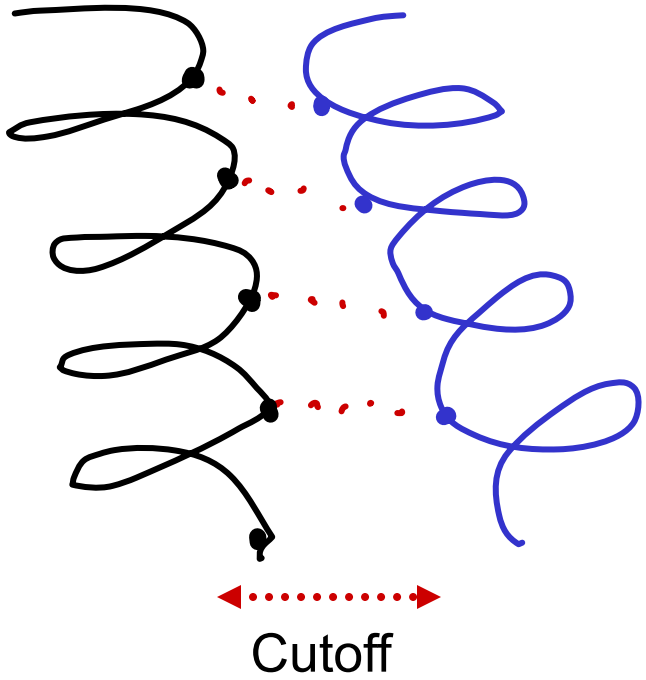
- Subset trajectory so that RMSD(i→i+1) is approximately constant, suggest λ
- Contact maps (suggestions welcome)

Number of native contacts

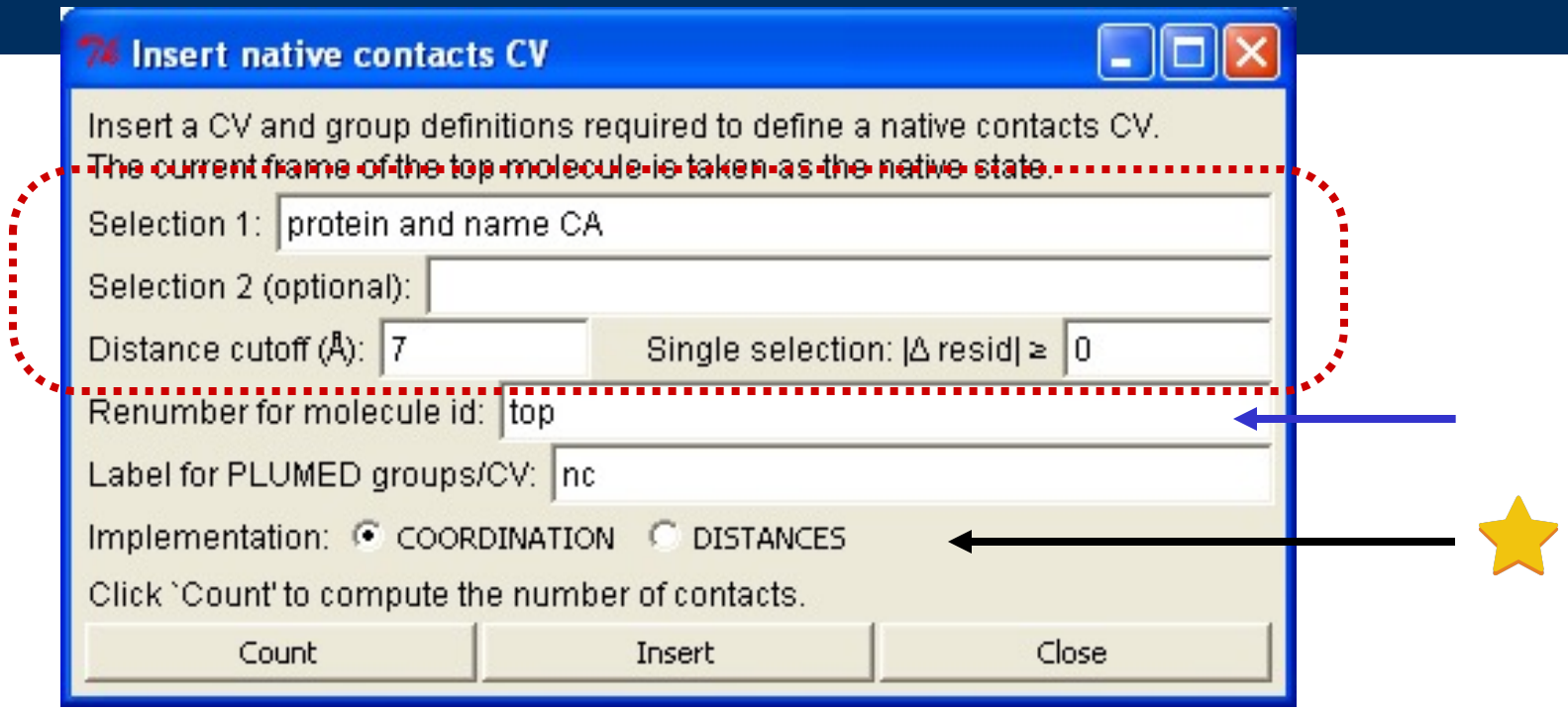
Intramolecular
(one atom set)



Intermolecular
(two atom sets)



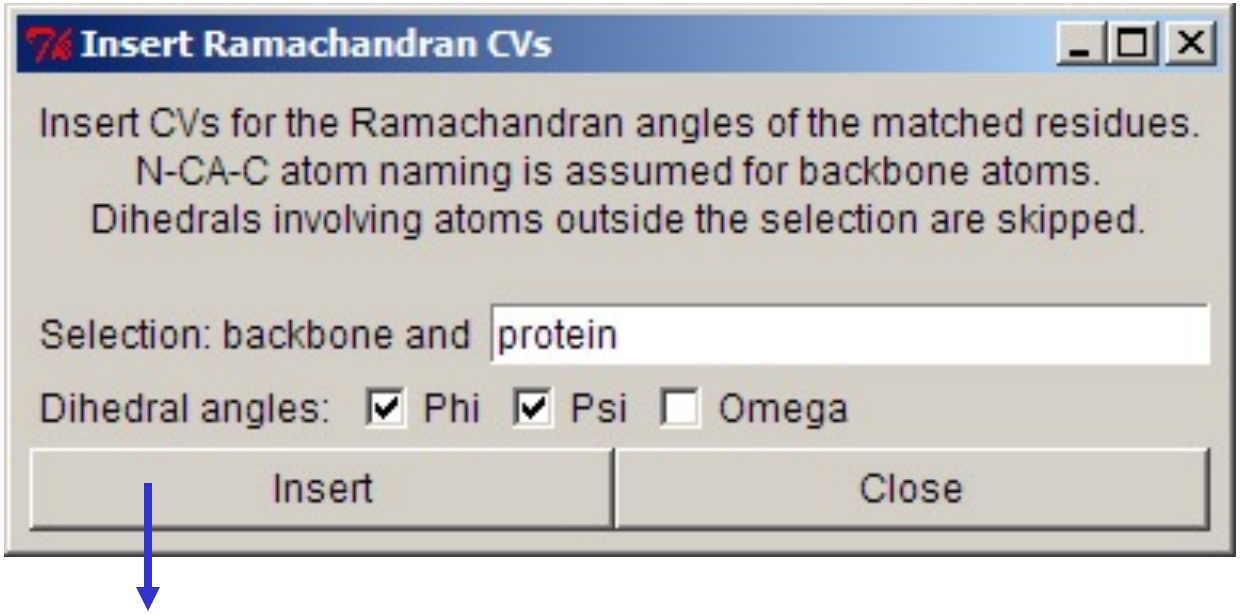
Structure → Insert native contacts CV



- Enumerate **native pairs** in the **current frame** of the **top molecule** (**source**)
- Lists are renumbered for the molecule in the **target box**

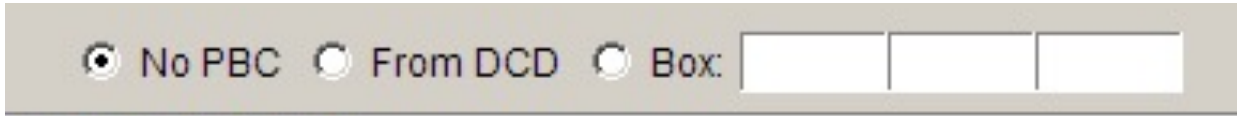
```
co: COORDINATION PAIR GROUPA=nc_a GROUPB=nc_b ... # or
di: DISTANCES LESS_THAN={RATIONAL R_0=0.5 D_0=7} ATOMS1=914,849
```

Structure → Insert ϕ/ψ/ω



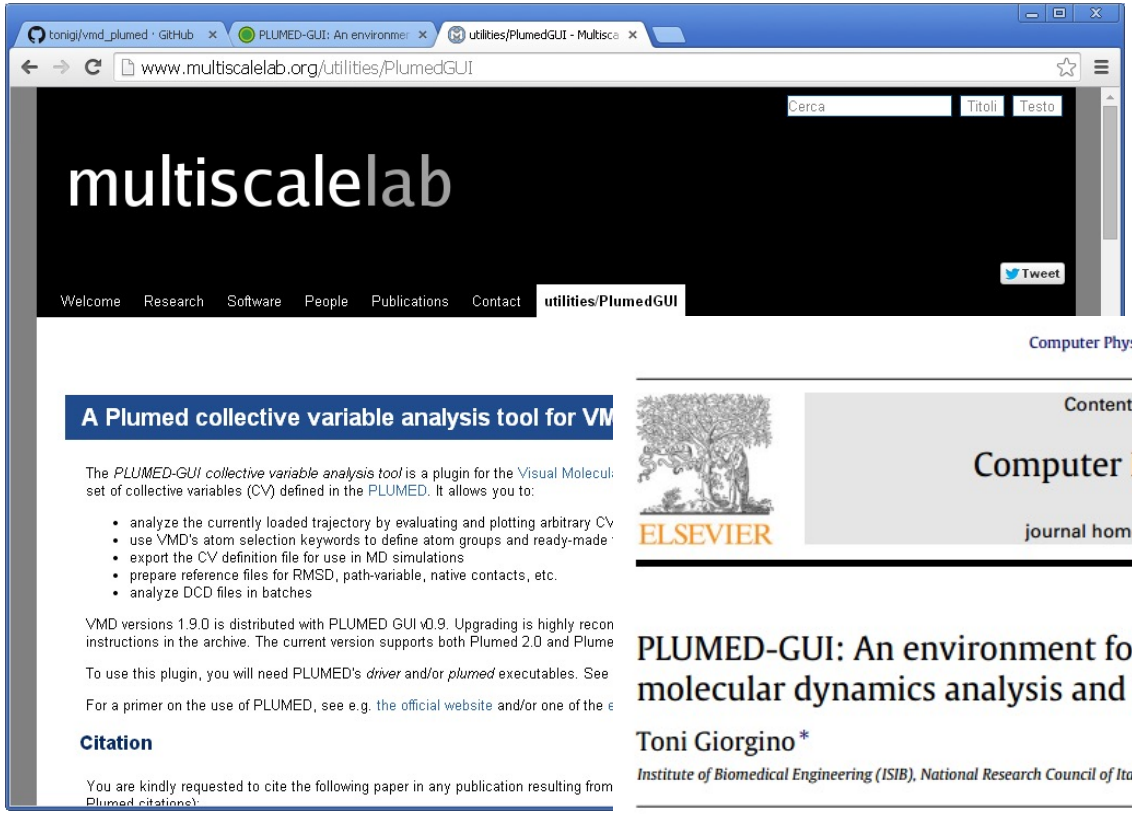

```
TORSION ATOMS=1,2,3,8   LABEL=GLY586_PSI
TORSION ATOMS=3,8,9,10  LABEL=VAL587_PHI
TORSION ATOMS=8,9,10,24 LABEL=VAL587_PSI
...
```

Periodic boundary conditions



- Time-varying cell are now allowed
  - Be mindful of VMD limitation on cell's orientation

Documentation



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ABSTRACT

PLUMED-GUI is an interactive environment to develop and test complex PLUMED scripts within the Visual Molecular Dynamics (VMD) environment. Computational biophysicists can take advantage of both PLUMED's rich syntax to define collective variables (CVs) and VMD's chemically-aware atom selection language, while working within a natural point-and-click interface. Pre-defined templates and syntax mnemonics facilitate the definition of well-known reaction coordinates. Complex CVs, e.g. involving reference snapshots used for RMSD or native contacts calculations, can be built through dialogs that provide a synoptic view of the available options. Scripts can be either exported for use in simulation programs, or evaluated on the currently loaded molecular trajectories. Script development takes place without leaving VMD, thus enabling an incremental try–see–modify development model for molecular metrics.

Long →

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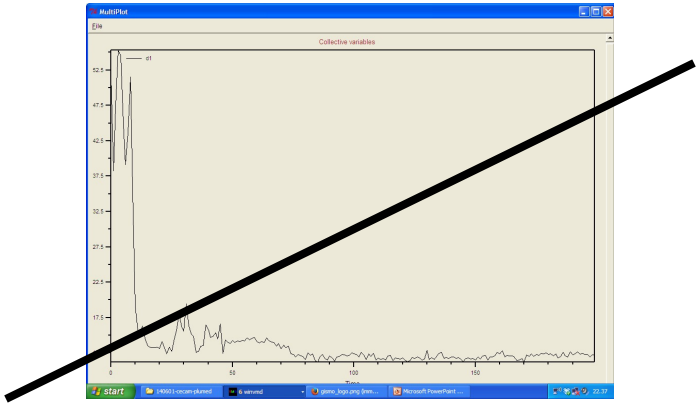
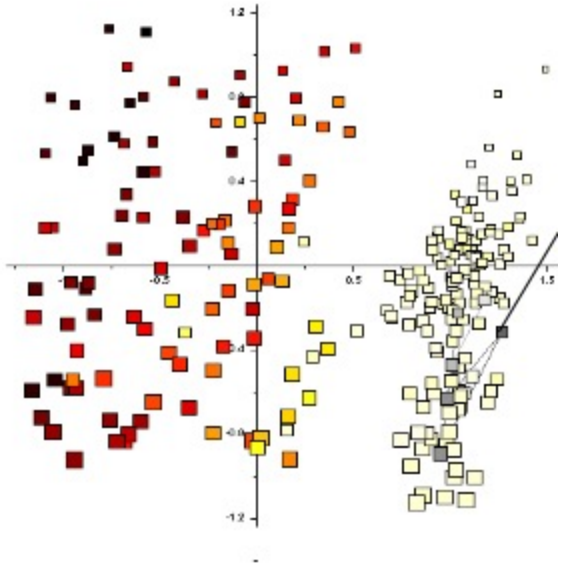
What's next (ideas welcome)

- Merge with Gareth's GISMO? Idea:
  - Enter script, run, then
  - GISMO used for plotting





- With METAGUI? For kinetics

Conclusions

- Philosophy: “Help me generate complex PLUMED inputs (from loaded structures)”
- Makes a human readable, uniform, memory-friendly language for scripts even more human-readable
- In production
- Developers of CVs… feel free to suggest how to build yours!

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