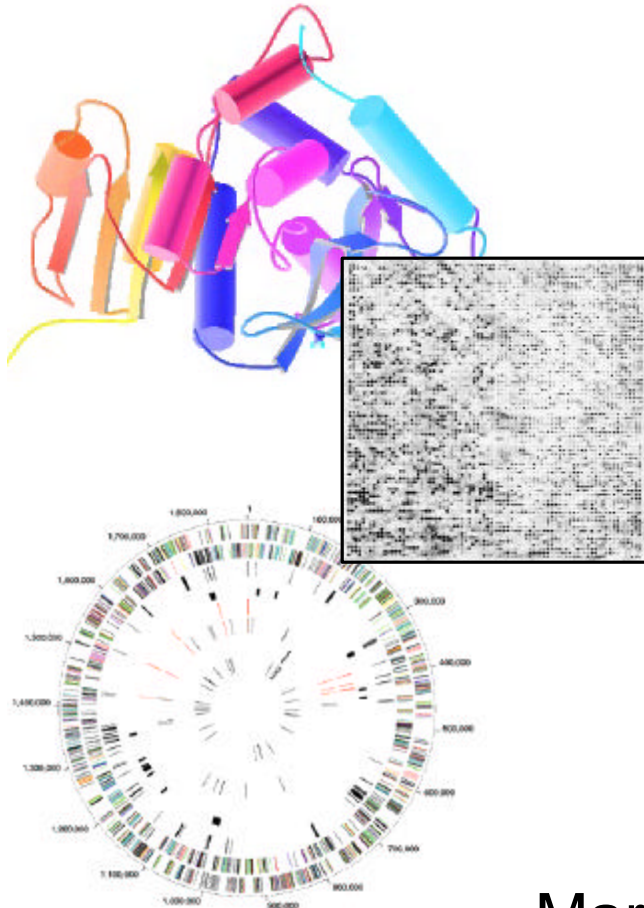


# BIOINFORMATICS

## Structures



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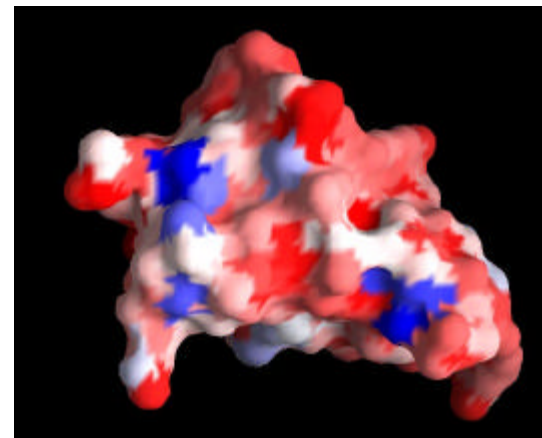
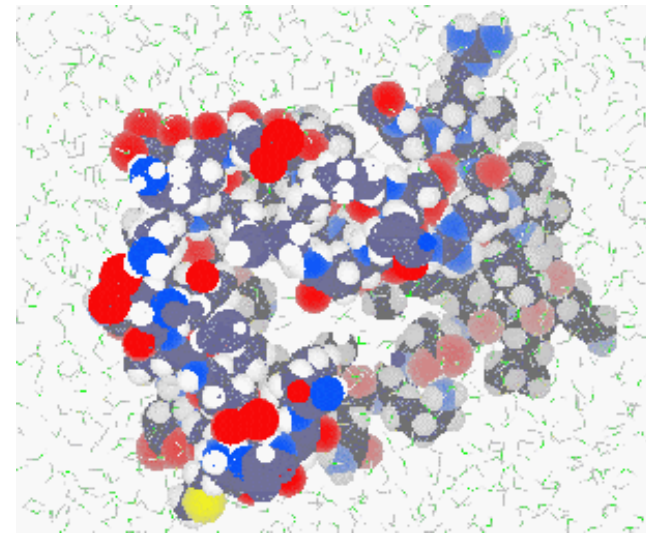
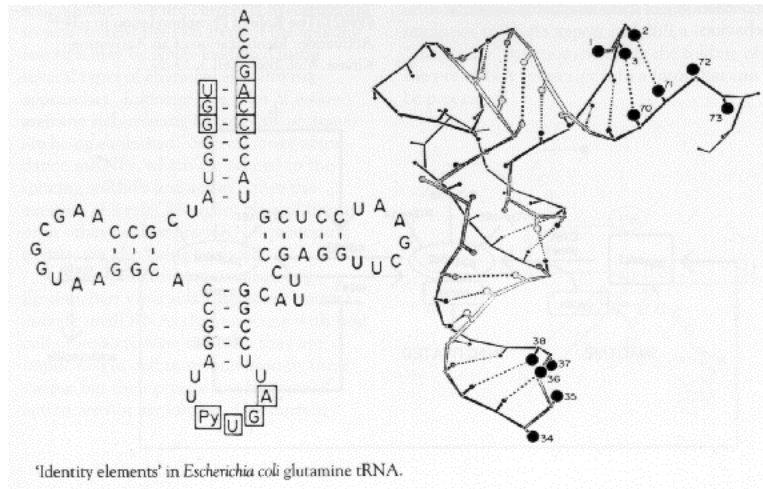
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# Molecular Biology Information: Macromolecular Structure

- DNA/RNA/Protein

- ◊ Almost all protein

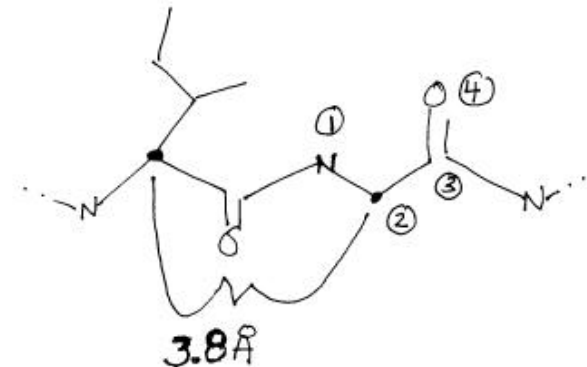
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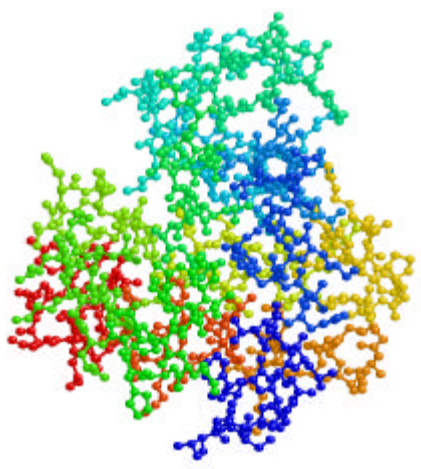
# Molecular Biology Information: Protein Structure Details

- Statistics on Number of XYZ triplets
  - ◇ 200 residues/domain → 200 CA atoms, separated by 3.8 Å
  - ◇ Avg. Residue is Leu: 4 backbone atoms + 4 sidechain atoms, 150 cubic Å
    - => ~1500 xyz triplets (=8x200) per protein domain
  - ◇ 10 K known domain, ~300 folds

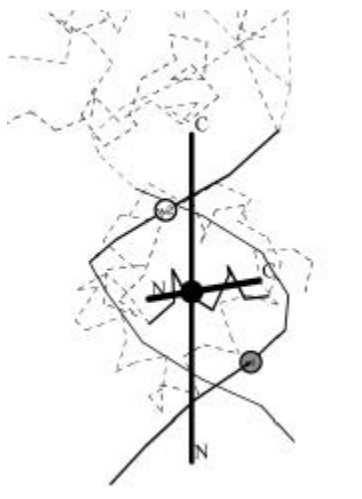
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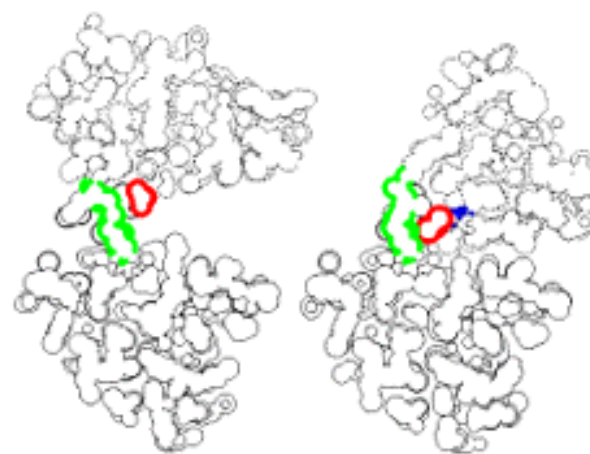
# Other Aspects of Structure, Besides just Comparing Atom Positions



Atom  
Position,  
XYZ triplets



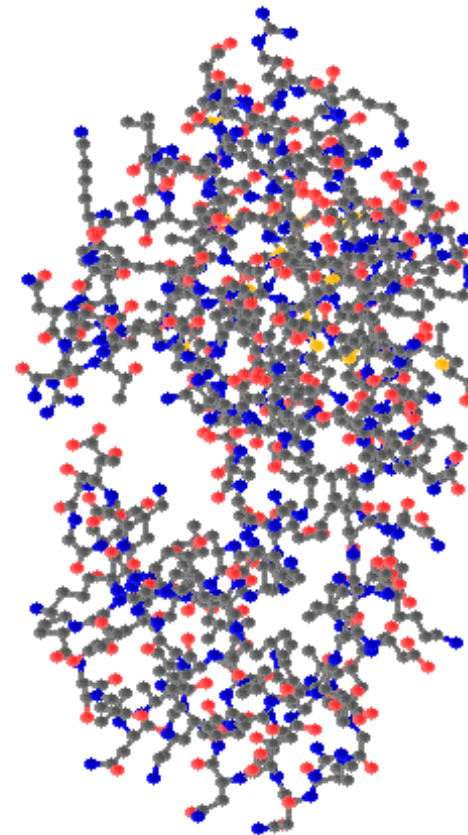
Lines, Axes,  
Angles



Surfaces, Volumes

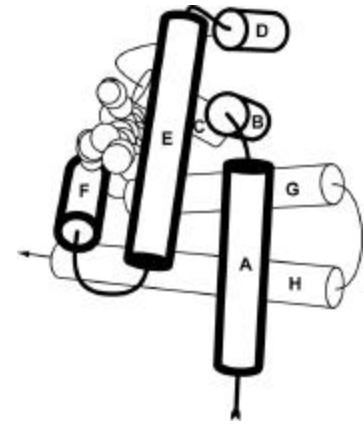
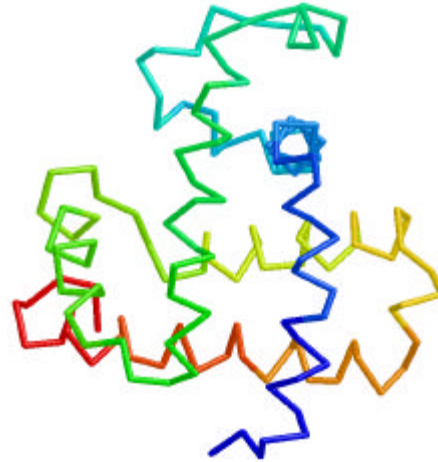
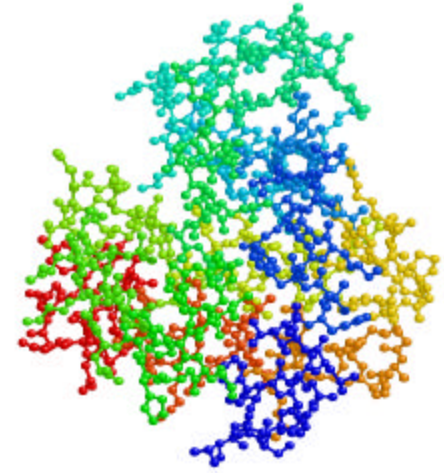
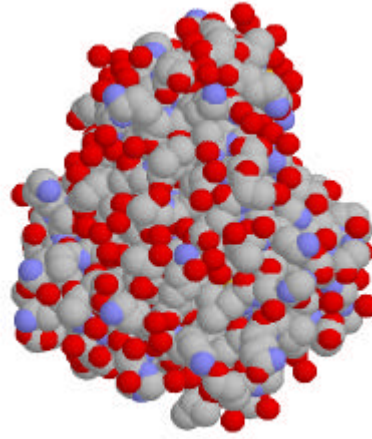
# What is Protein Geometry?

- Coordinates (X, Y, Z's)
- Derivative Concepts
  - ◇ Distance, Surface Area, Volume, Cavity, Groove, Axes, Angle, &c
- Relation to
  - ◇ Function, Energies ( $E(x)$ ), Dynamics ( $dx/dt$ )

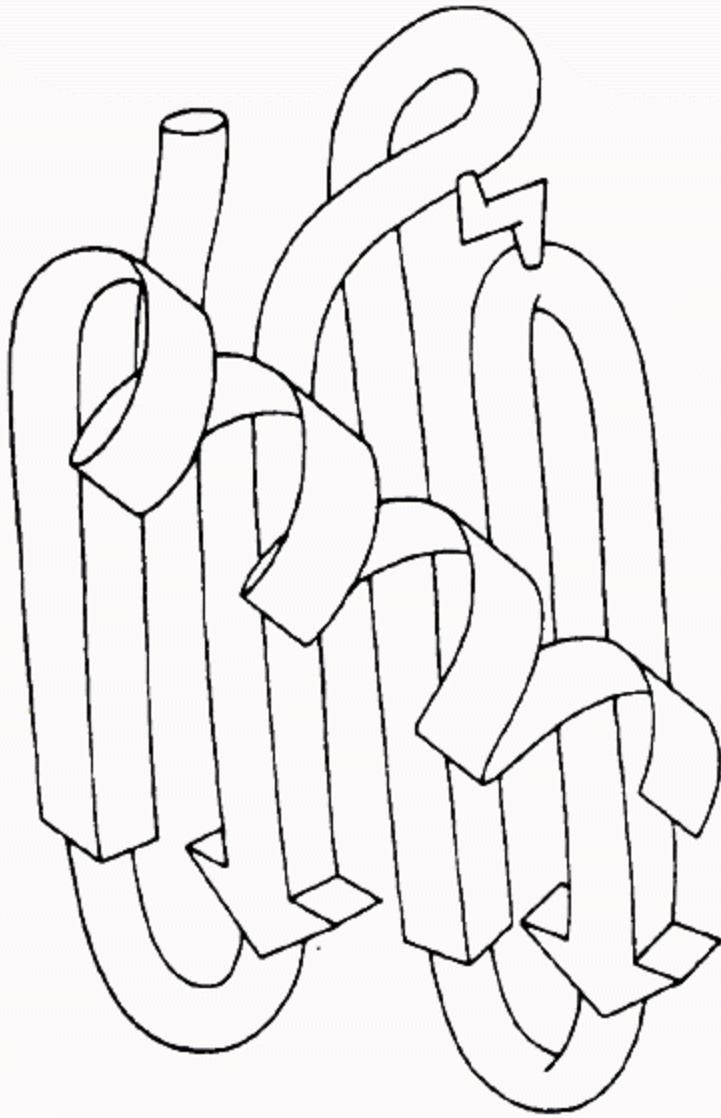




Depicting  
Protein  
Structure:  
Sperm  
Whale  
Myoglobin



# Incredulase



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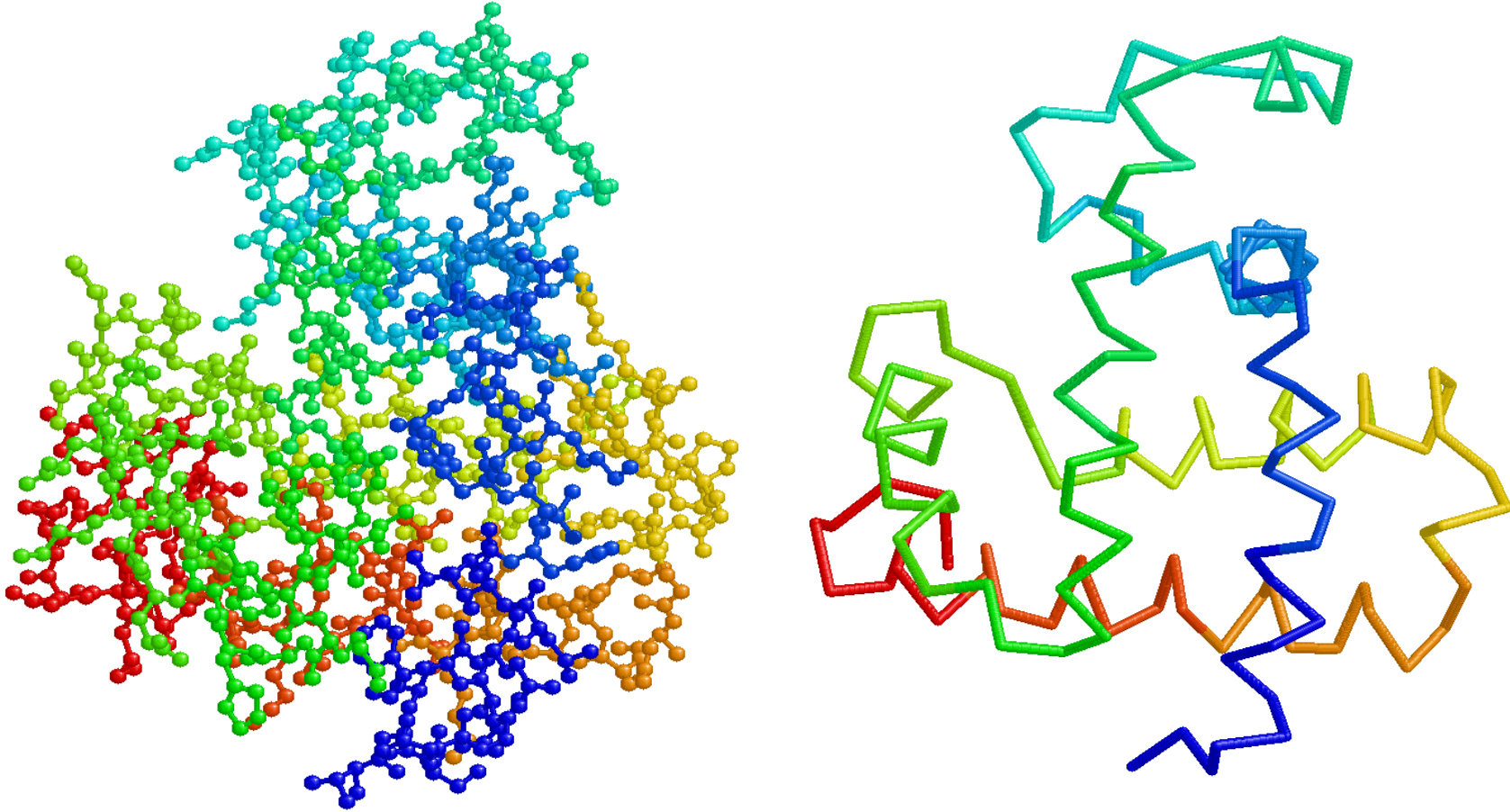
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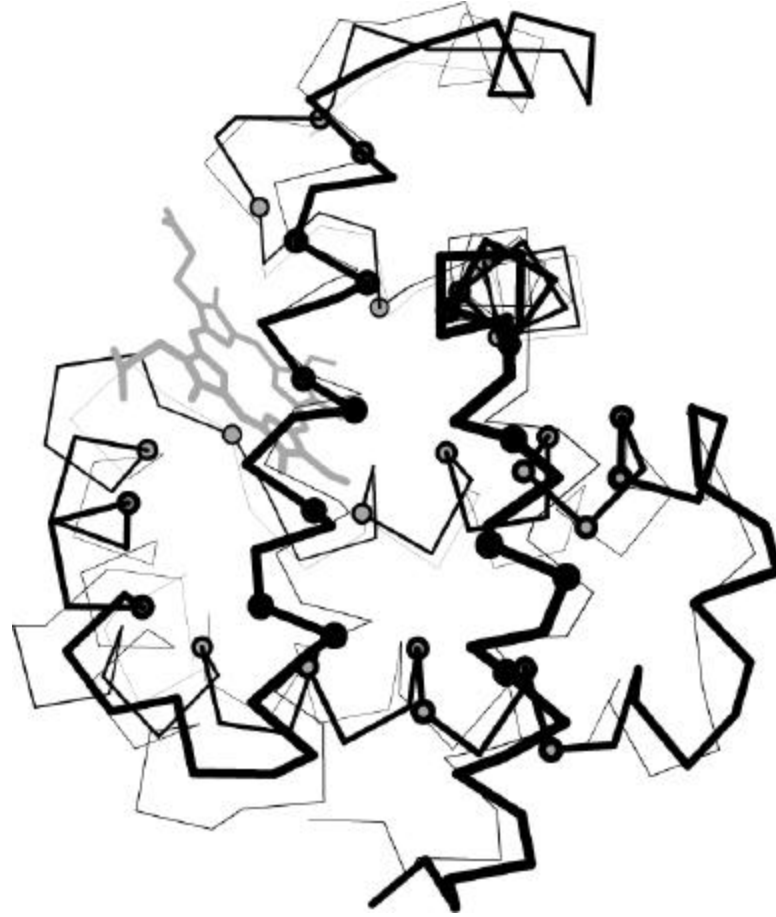
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- Calculation of Volume
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- Surfaces II (Relationship to Volumes)
- Other Applications of Volumes -- Motions, Docking

# Sperm Whale Myoglobin



# Structural Alignment of Two Globins



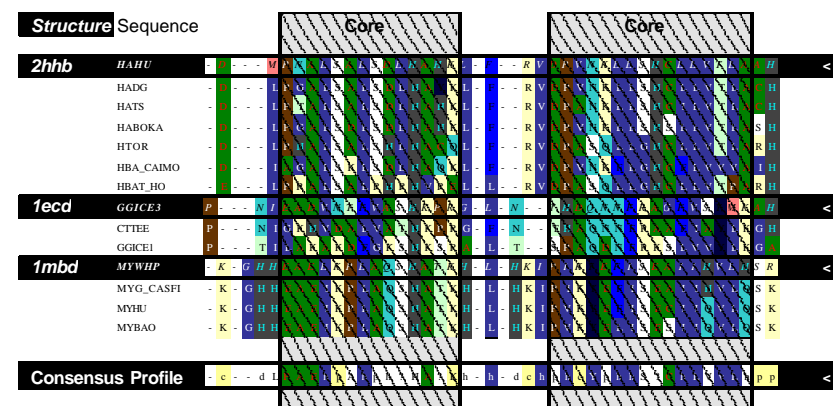
Hb



Hb VLSPADKTNVKAAWGKVGHAHAGEYGAEALERMFLSFPTTKTYFPHF-DLS-----HGSAQVKGHGKKVADALTNV

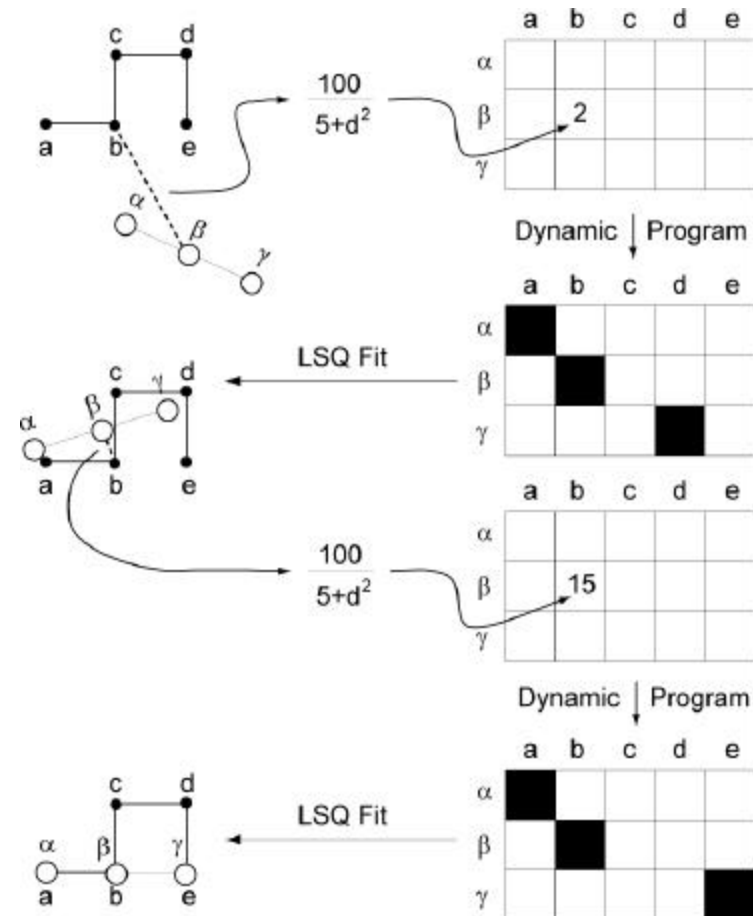
Hb AHVD-DMPNALSALSDLHAHKLRVDPVNFKLLSHCLLVTLAAHLPAEFTPAVHASLDKFLASVSTVLTSKYR-----

Previous work: Remington, Matthews '80; **Taylor, Orengo '89**, '94; Artymiuk, Rice, Willett '89; Sali, Blundell, '90; Vriend, Sander '91; Russell, Barton '92; **Holm, Sander '93**; Godzik, Skolnick '94; Gibrat, Madej, Bryant '96; Falicov, F Cohen, '96; Feng, Sippl '96; G Cohen '97; Singh & Brutlag, '98

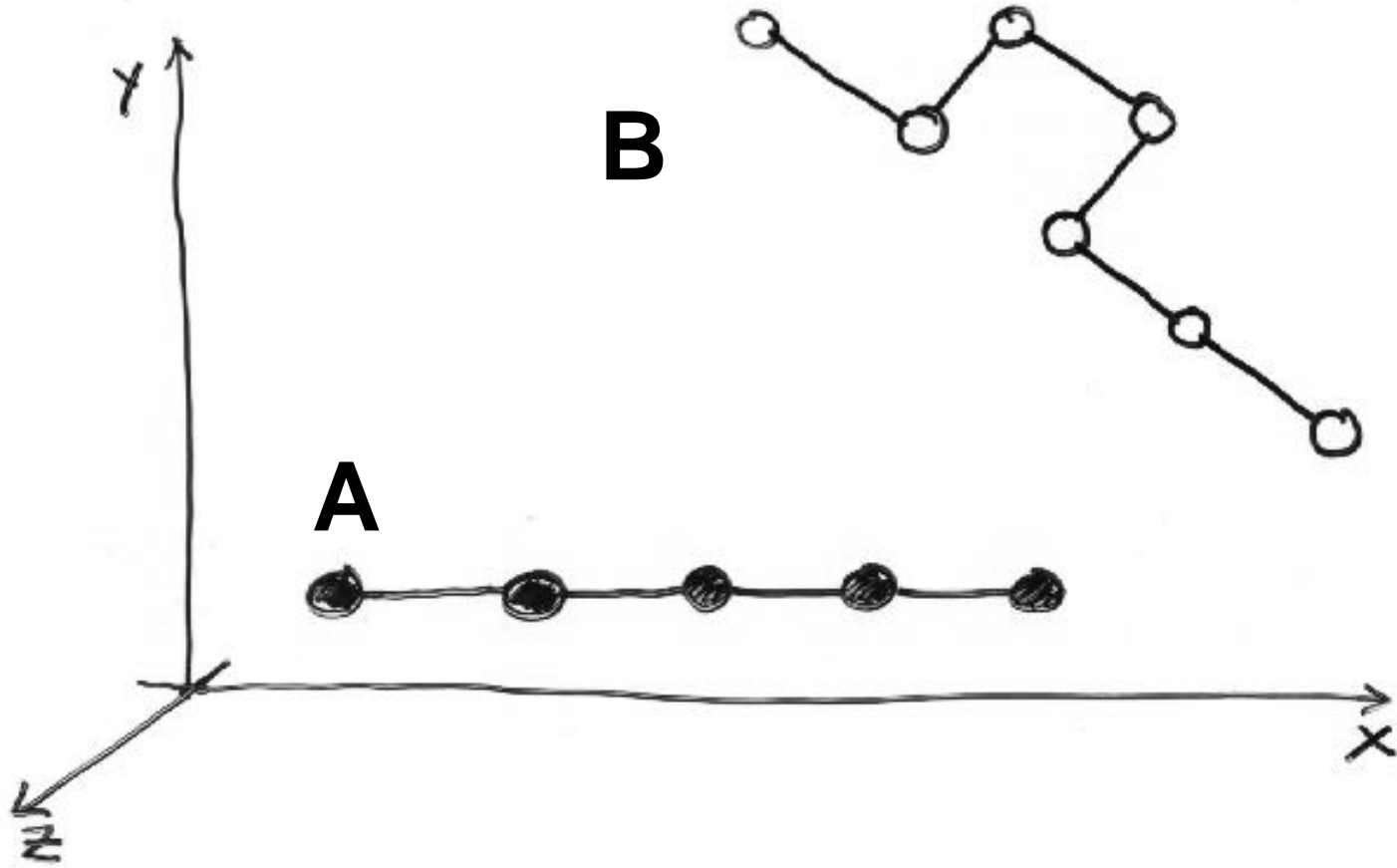


# Automatically Comparing Protein Structures

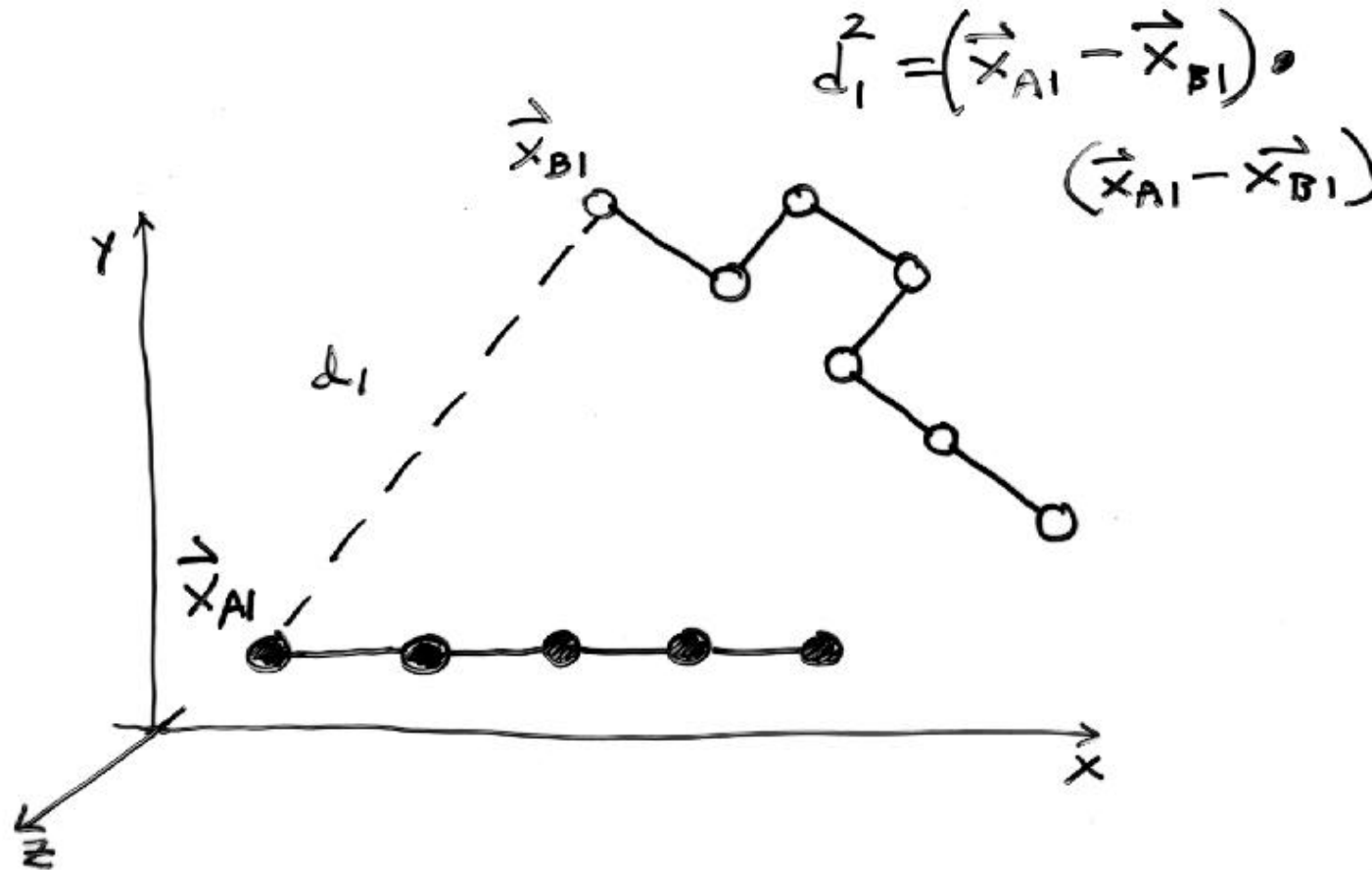
- Given
  - 2 Structures (A & B),
  - 2 Basic Comparison Operations
- 1 Given an alignment optimally **SUPERIMPOSE** A onto B
  - Find Best R & T to move A onto B
- 2 **Find an Alignment** between A and B based on their 3D coordinates



# RMS Superposition (1)



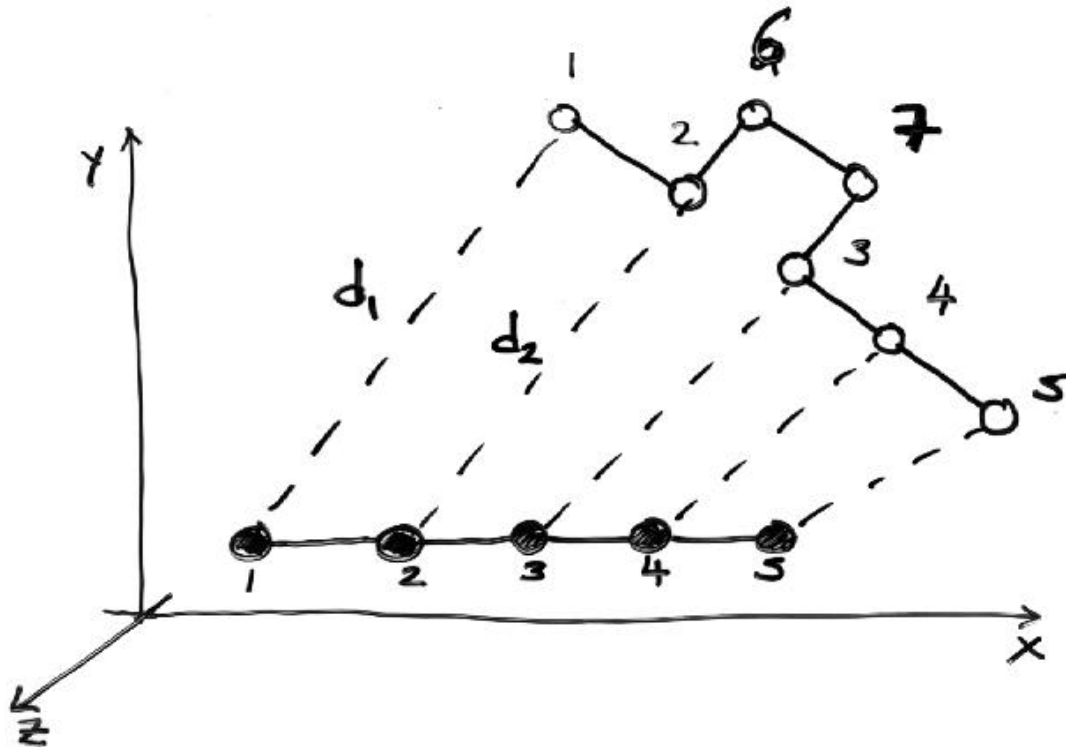
# RMS Superposition (2): Distance Between an Atom in 2 Structures



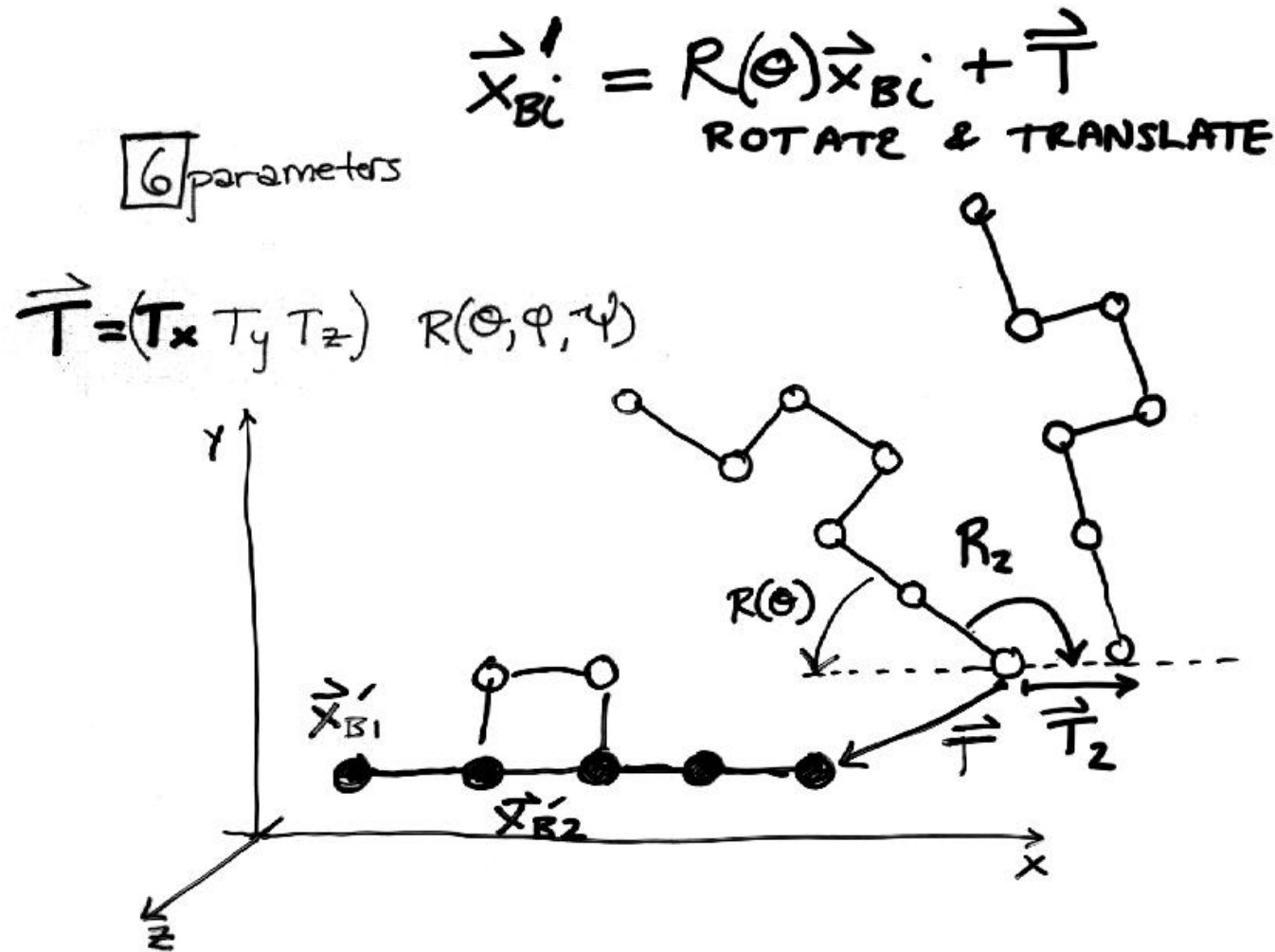


# RMS Superposition (3): RMS Distance Between Aligned Atoms in 2 Structures

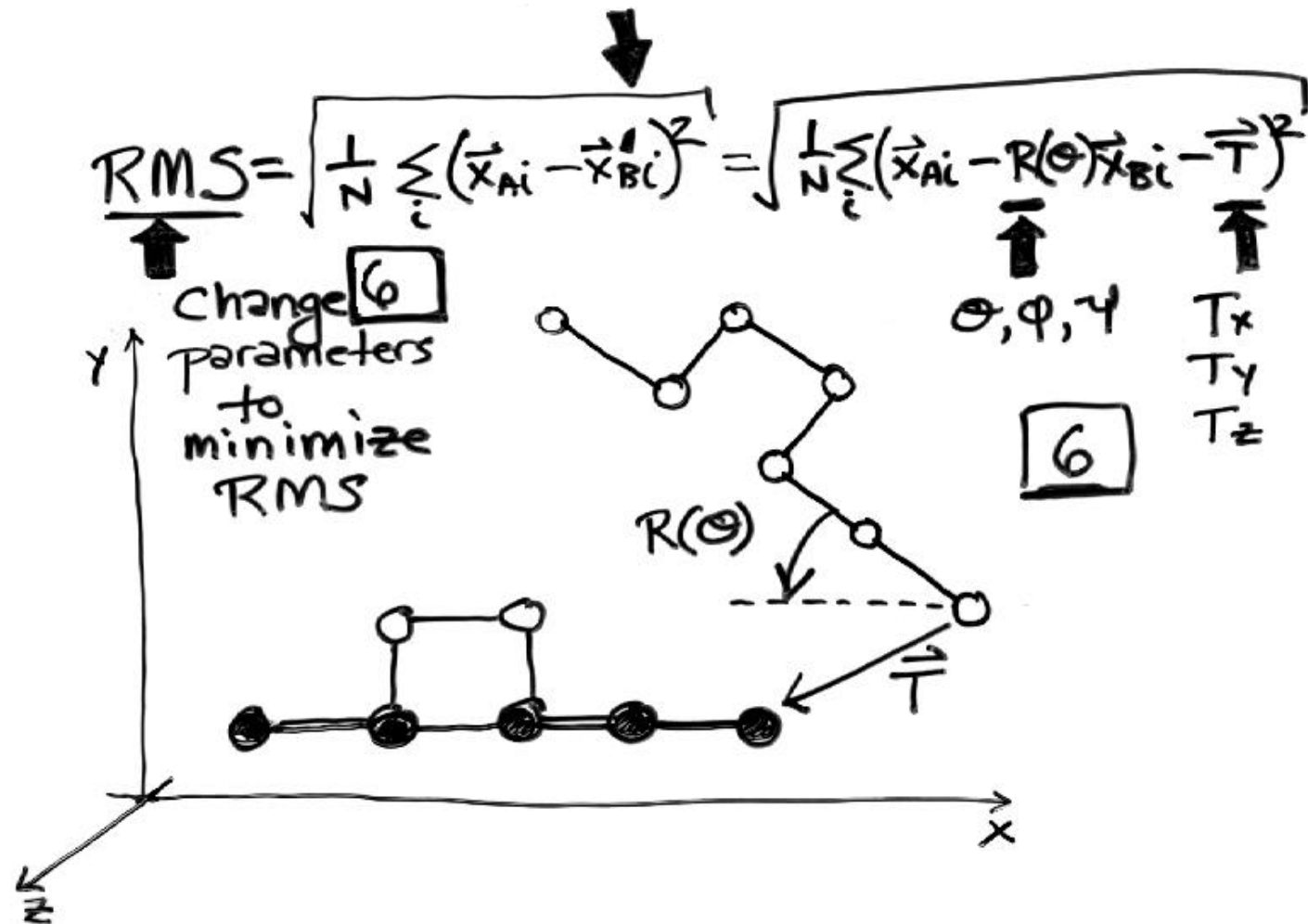
$$RMS = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{(\vec{x}_{Ai} - \vec{x}_{Bi})^2}{5}} \sim \frac{d_1 + d_2 + d_3 + d_4 + d_5}{5}$$



# RMS Superposition (4): Rigid-Body Rotation and Translation of One Structure (B)



# RMS Superposition (5): Optimal Movement of One Structure to Minimize the RMS



Methods of  
Solution:

springs  
( $F \sim kx$ )

SVD

Kabsch

# Alignment (1)

## Make a Similarity Matrix

### (Like Dot Plot)

	A	B	C	N	Y	R	Q	C	L	C	R	P	M
A	1												
Y					1								
C			1					1		1			
Y					1								
N				1									
R						1					1		
C			1					1		1			
K													
C			1					1		1			
R						1					1		
B		1											
P												1	

# Structural Alignment (1b)

## Make a Similarity Matrix

### (Generalized Similarity Matrix)

- $PAM(A,V) = 0.5$ 
  - ◇ Applies at every position
- $S(aa @ i, aa @ J)$ 
  - ◇ Specific Matrix for each pair of residues  
**i in protein 1** and **J in protein 2**
  - ◇ Example is Y near N-term. matches any C-term. residue (Y at J=2)
- $S(i,J)$ 
  - ◇ Doesn't need to depend on a.a. identities at all!
  - ◇ Just need to make up a score for matching residue i in protein 1 with residue J in protein 2

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		A	B	C	N	Y	R	Q	C	L	C	R	P	M
1	A	1												
2	Y					1			5	5	5	5	5	5
3	C			1					1		1			
4	Y					1								
5	N				1									
6	R						1					1		
7	C			1					1		1			
8	K													
9	C			1					1		1			
10	R						1					1		
11	B		1											
12	P												1	

J ↓

i →

# Structural Alignment (1c\*)

## Similarity Matrix

### for Structural Alignment

- Structural Alignment

- ◇ Similarity Matrix  $S(i,J)$  depends on the 3D coordinates of residues  $i$  and  $J$

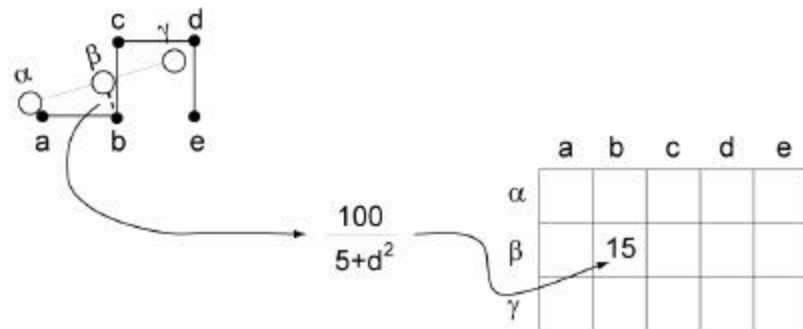
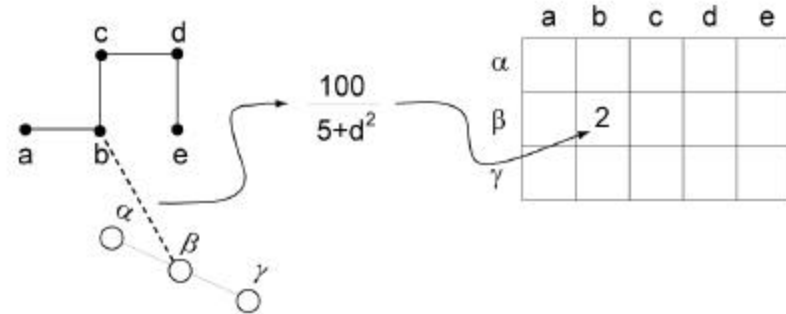
- ◇ Distance between CA of  $i$  and  $J$

$$d = \sqrt{(x_i - x_J)^2 + (y_i - y_J)^2 + (z_i - z_J)^2}$$

- ◇  $M(i,j) = 100 / (5 + d^2)$

- Threading

- ◇  $S(i,J)$  depends on the how well the amino acid at position  $i$  in protein 1 fits into the 3D structural environment at position  $J$  of protein 2



# Alignment (2): Dynamic Programming, Start Computing the Sum Matrix

```

new_value_cell(R,C) <=
  cell(R,C)                                { Old value, either 1 or 0      }
  + Max[
    cell (R+1, C+1),                        { Diagonally Down, no gaps      }
    cells(R+1, C+2 to C_max), { Down a row, making col. gap }
    cells(R+2 to R_max, C+2) { Down a col., making row gap }
  ]

```

	A	B	C	N	Y	R	Q	C	L	C	R	P	M
A	1												
Y					1								
C			1					1		1			
Y					1								
N				1									
R						1					1		
C			1					1		1			
K													
C			1					1		1			
R						1					1		
B		1											
P												1	

	A	B	C	N	Y	R	Q	C	L	C	R	P	M
A	1												
Y					1								
C			1					1		1			
Y					1								
N				1									
R						1					1		
C			1					1		1			
K													
C			1					1		1			
R						1					2	0	0
B	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0



# Alignment (3): Dynamic Programming, Keep Going

	A	B	C	N	Y	R	Q	C	L	C	R	P	M
A	1												
Y					1								
C			1					1		1			
Y					1								
N				1									
R						1					1		
C			1					1		1			
K													
C			1					1		1			
R						1					2	0	0
B	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

	A	B	C	N	Y	R	Q	C	L	C	R	P	M
A	1												
Y					1								
C			1					1		1			
Y					1								
N				1									
R						5	4	3	3	2	2	0	0
C	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	1	0	0
K	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	0	0
C	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	1	0	0
R	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	0
B	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0



# Alignment (4): Dynamic Programming, Sum Matrix All Done

	A	B	C	N	Y	R	Q	C	L	C	R	P	M
A	1												
Y					1								
C			1					1		1			
Y					1								
N				1									
R						5	4	3	3	2	2	0	0
C	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	1	0	0
K	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	0	0
C	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	1	0	0
R	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	0
B	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

	A	B	C	N	Y	R	Q	C	L	C	R	P	M
A	8	7	6	6	5	4	4	3	3	2	1	0	0
Y	7	7	6	6	6	4	4	3	3	2	1	0	0
C	6	6	7	6	5	4	4	4	3	3	1	0	0
Y	6	6	6	5	6	4	4	3	3	2	1	0	0
N	5	5	5	6	5	4	4	3	3	2	1	0	0
R	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	3	3	2	2	0	0
C	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	1	0	0
K	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	0	0
C	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	1	0	0
R	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	0
B	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0



# Alignment (5): Traceback

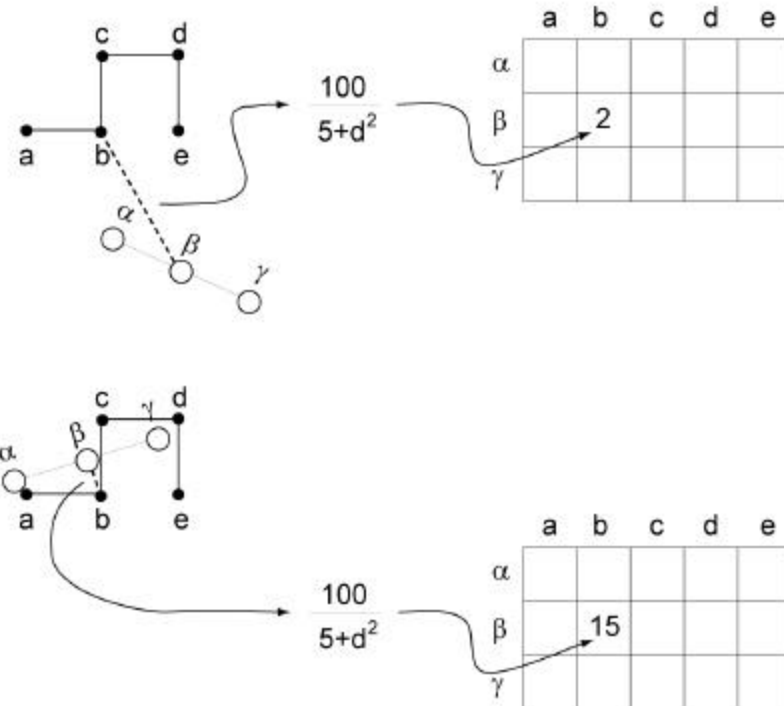
Find Best Score (8) and Trace Back

A B C N Y - R Q C L C R - P M  
A Y C - Y N R - C K C R B P

	A	B	C	N	Y	R	Q	C	L	C	R	P	M
A	8	7	6	6	5	4	4	3	3	2	1	0	0
Y	7	7	6	6	6	4	4	3	3	2	1	0	0
C	6	6	7	6	5	4	4	4	3	3	1	0	0
Y	6	6	6	5	6	4	4	3	3	2	1	0	0
N	5	5	5	6	5	4	4	3	3	2	1	0	0
R	4	4	4	4	4	5	4	3	3	2	2	0	0
C	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	1	0	0
K	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	0	0
C	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	1	0	0
R	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	0
B	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

# In Structural Alignment, Not Yet Done (Step 6\*)

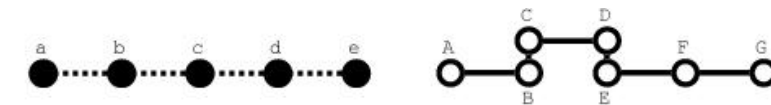
- Use Alignment to LSQ Fit Structure B onto Structure A
  - ◊ However, movement of B will now change the Similarity Matrix
- This Violates Fundamental Premise of Dynamic Programming
  - ◊ Way Residue at i is aligned can now affect previously optimal alignment of residues (from 1 to i-1)



ACSQRP--LRV-SH	-R	<b>S</b> ENCV
A-SNKPQLVKLMTH	VK	<b>D</b> FCV-

# Structural Alignment (7\*), Iterate Until Convergence

- 1 Compute Sim. Matrix
- 2 Align via Dyn. Prog.
- 3 RMS Fit Based on Alignment
- 4 Move Structure B
- 5 Re-compute Sim. Matrix
- 6 If changed from #1, GOTO #2



Initial Equivalences

-	-	a	b	c	d	e
A	B	C	D	E	F	G



a	-	b	-	c	d	e	Score	57
							Nbrk	2
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	RMS	1.96

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
a	7	5	9	2	1	0	0
b	2	9	12	9	7	2	0
c	1	2	2	10	12	8	2
d	0	1	1	2	2	13	7
e	0	0	0	0	1	2	13



a	b	-	-	c	d	e	Score	91
							Nbrk	1
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	RMS	0.65

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
a	19	4	4	1	1	0	0
b	4	16	16	4	4	1	0
c	1	4	4	14	18	4	1
d	0	1	1	4	4	19	4
e	0	0	0	1	1	4	19



a	b	-	-	c	d	e	Score	100
							Nbrk	1
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	RMS	0.23

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
a	20	4	3	1	1	0	0
b	4	20	12	4	4	1	0
c	1	4	4	11	20	4	1
d	0	1	1	4	4	20	4
e	0	0	0	1	1	4	20

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## Score S at End Just Like SW Score, but also have final RMS

S = Total Score

S(i,j) = similarity matrix score for aligning i and j

Sum is carried out over all aligned i and j

n = number of gaps (assuming no gap ext. penalty)

G = gap penalty

$$S = \sum_{i,j} S(i, j) - nG$$



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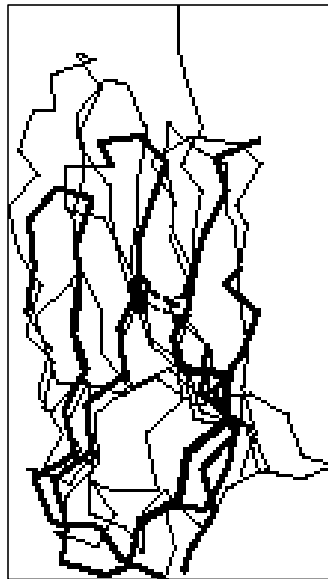
Easy:  
Globins

125 res.,  
~1.5 Å



Tricky:  
Ig C & V

85 res.,  
~3 Å



Very Subtle: G3P-dehydrogenase, C-term. Domain  
>5 Å



# Some Similarities are Readily Apparent others are more Subtle

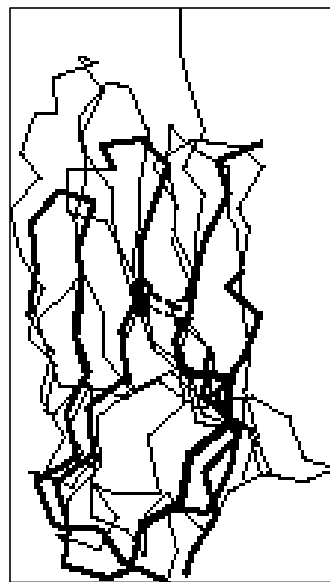
Easy:  
Globins

125  
res.,  
~1.5 Å



Tricky:  
Ig C & V

85 res.,  
~3 Å

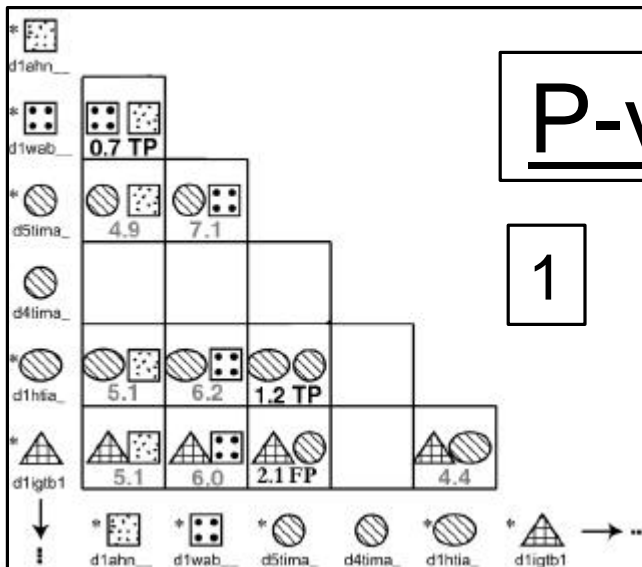


Very Subtle: G3P-dehydro-  
genase, C-term. Domain  
>5 Å

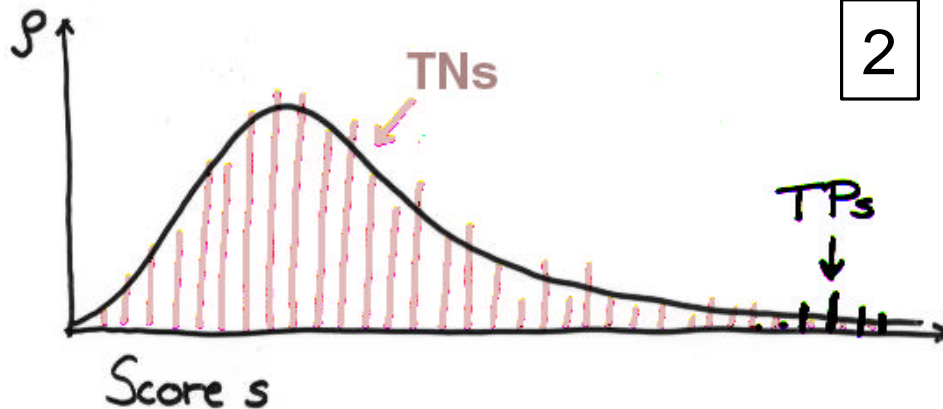


# P-values

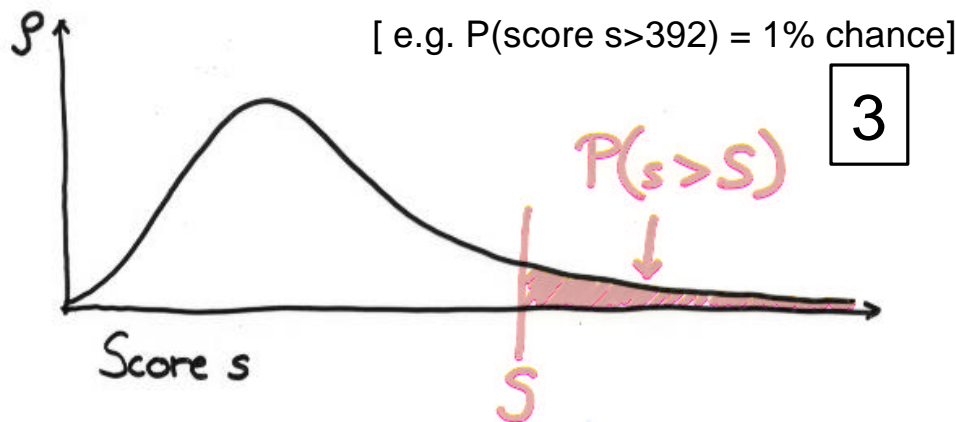
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## •Significance Statistics

◇ For sequences, originally used in Blast (Karlin-Altschul). Then in FASTA, &c.

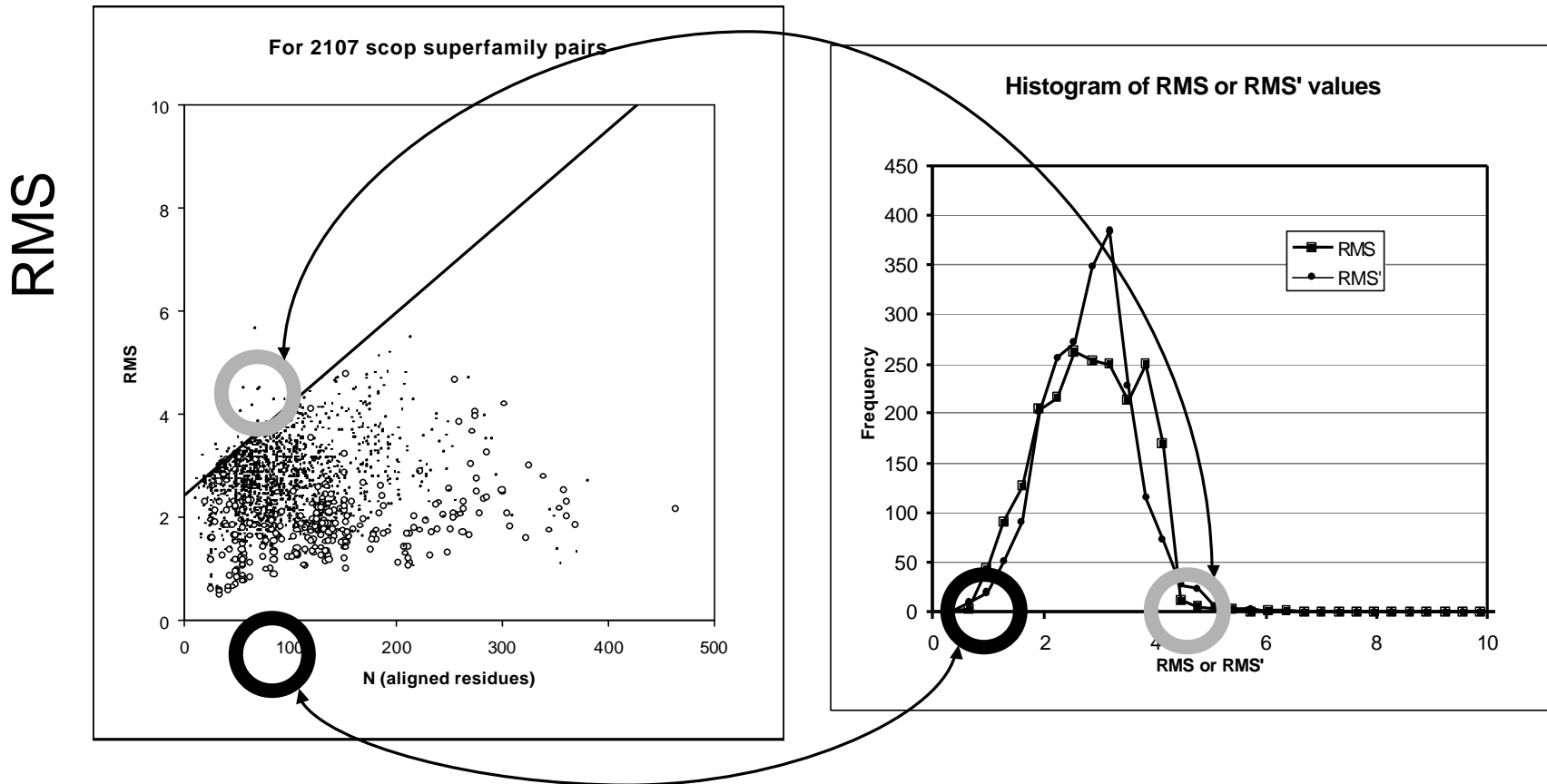
◇ Extrapolated Percentile Rank:  
How does a Score Rank Relative to all Other Scores?

## •Our Strategy: Fit to Observed Distribution

- 1) All-vs-All comparison
- 2) Graph Distribution of Scores in 2D (N dependence); 1K x 1K families -> ~1M scores; ~2K included TPs
- 3) Fit a function  $p(S)$  to TN distribution (TNs from scop); Integrating  $p$  gives  $P(s > S)$ , the CDF, chance of getting a score better than threshold  $S$  randomly
- 4) Use same formalism for sequence & structure

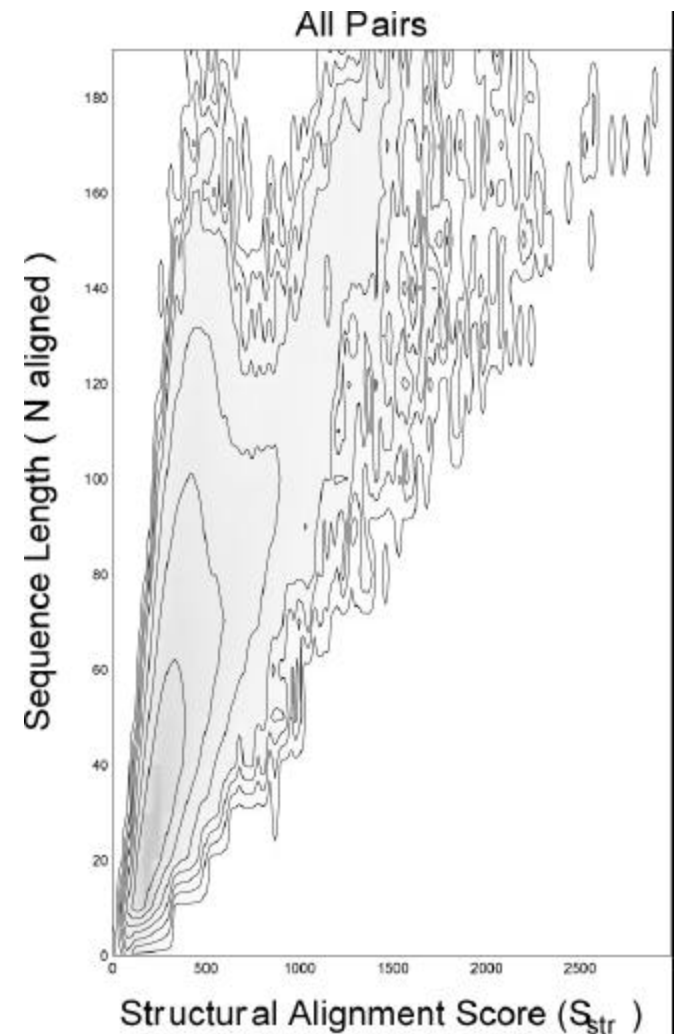
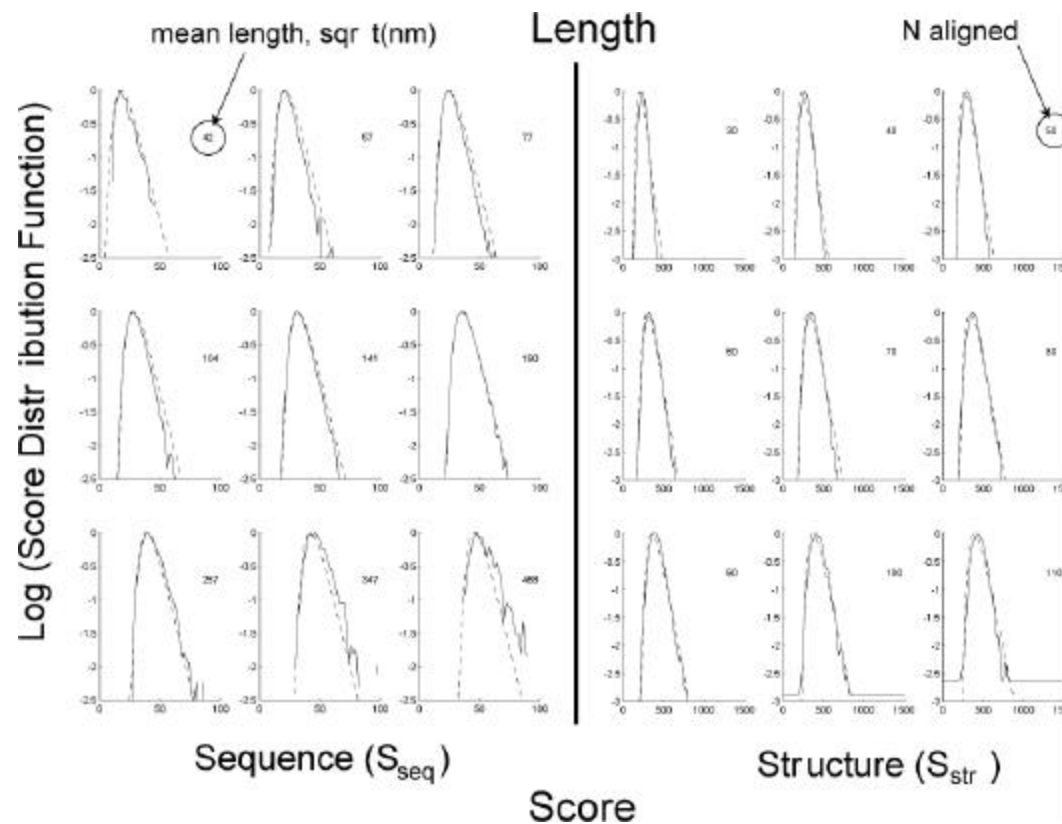
# Statistics on Range of Similarities

For 2107 pairs, only 2% Outliers (with subtle similarity)



Num. Aligned

# Scores from Structural Alignment Distributed Just Like Ones from Sequence Alignment (E.V.D.)



# Same Results for Sequence & Structure

3 Free Parm. fit to EVD involving: ***a, b, s***.  
These are the only difference betw. sequence  
and structure.

$$Z = \frac{S - (a \ln N + b)}{s}$$

$$S = \sum_{i,j} M(i, j) - G$$

$$r(z) = \exp(-z - e^{-z})$$

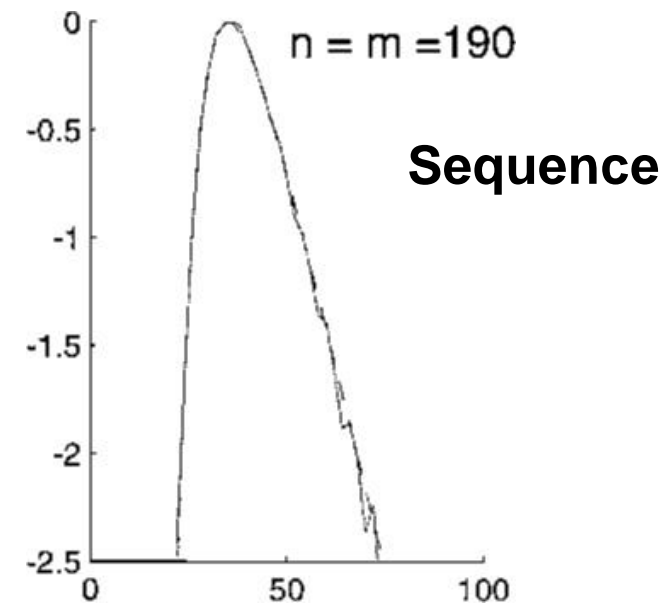
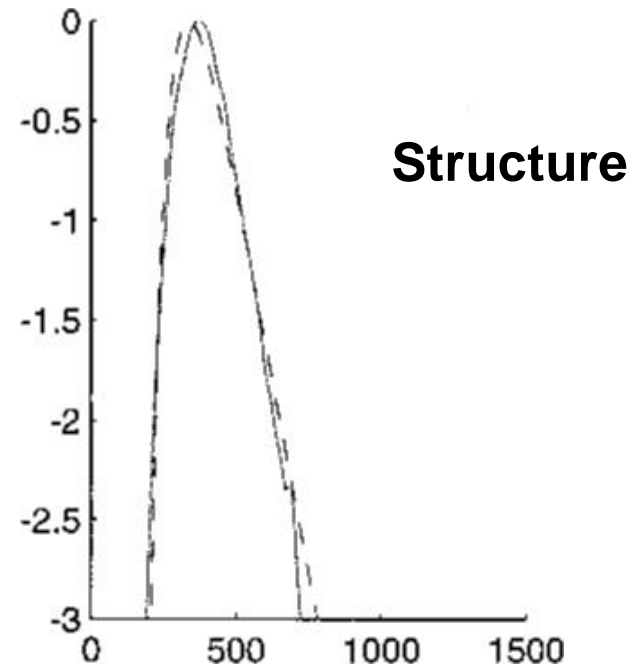
***N, G, M*** also defined differently for sequence  
and structure.

***N*** = number of residues matched.

***G*** = total gap penalty.

***M***(i,j) = similarity matrix

(Blossum for seq. or  $M_{\text{str}}(i,j)$ , struc.)



# Score Significance (P-value) derived from Extreme Value Distribution (just like BLAST, FASTA)

$F(s)$  = E.V.D of scores

$$F(s) = \exp(-Z(s) - \exp(-Z(s)))$$

$$Z(s) = As + \ln(N) + B$$

$s$  = Score from random alignment

$N$  length of sequence matched

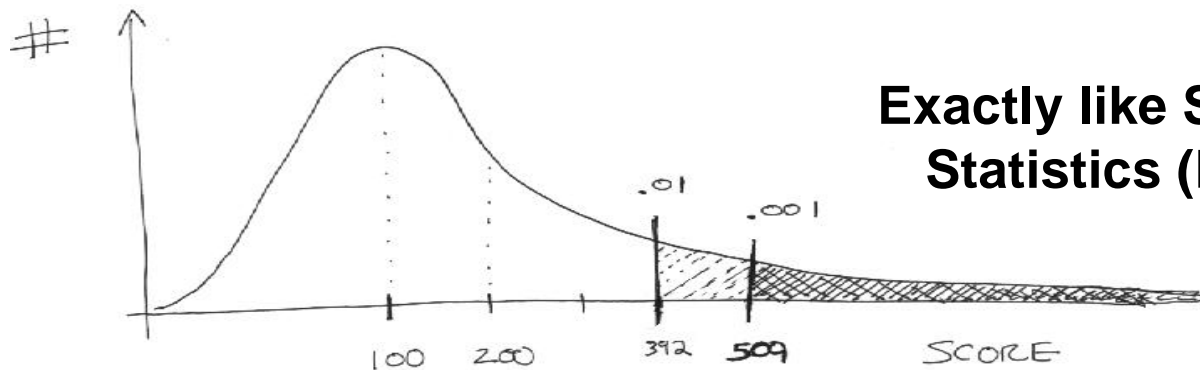
$A$  &  $B$  are fit parameters

$$P(s > S) = \text{CDF} = \text{integral}[ F(s) ]$$

$$P(s > S) = 1 - \exp(-\exp(-Z(s)))$$

Given Score  $S$  (1%),  $P(s > S)$  is the chance that a given random score  $s$  is greater than the threshold

i.e. P-value gives chance score would occur randomly



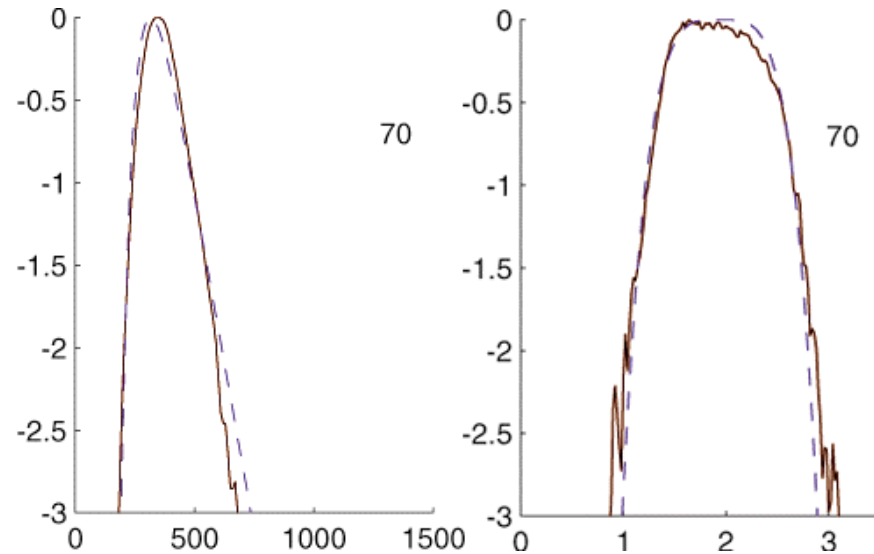
**Exactly like Sequence Matching Statistics (BLAST and FASTA)**



# RMS is a similarity Score

- Also, RMS doesn't work instead of structural alignment (no EVD fit)
  - ◇ RMS penalizes worst fitting atoms, easily skewed

$$S_{\text{str}} \quad \text{RMS}$$
$$\sum \frac{100}{5 + \mathbf{d}_i^2} \text{ vs } \sqrt{\sum \mathbf{d}_i^2}$$



# Structure alignment - Other methods

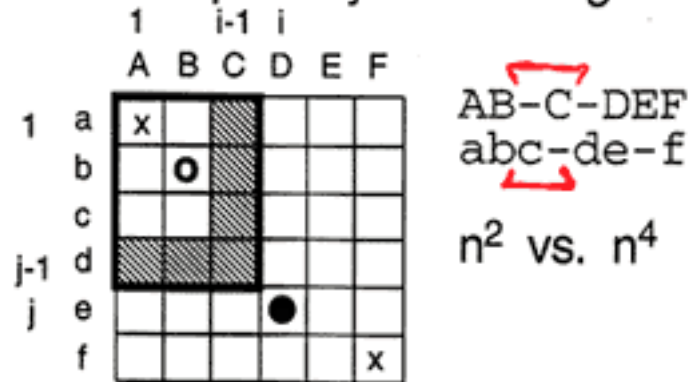
- What Structures Look Like?
- Structural Alignment by Iterated Dynamic Programming
  - ◊ RMS Superposition
- Scoring Structural Similarity
- Other Aspects of Structural Alignment
  - ◊ Distance Matrix based methods
  - ◊ Fold Library
- Relation of Sequence Similarity to Structural and Functional Similarity
- Protein Geometry
- Surface I (Calculation)
- Calculation of Volume
- Voronoi Volumes & Packing
- Standard Volumes & Radii
- Surfaces II (Relationship to Volumes)
- Other Applications of Volumes -- Motions, Docking

# Refine Method

- Multiple Alignment by aligning to central structure



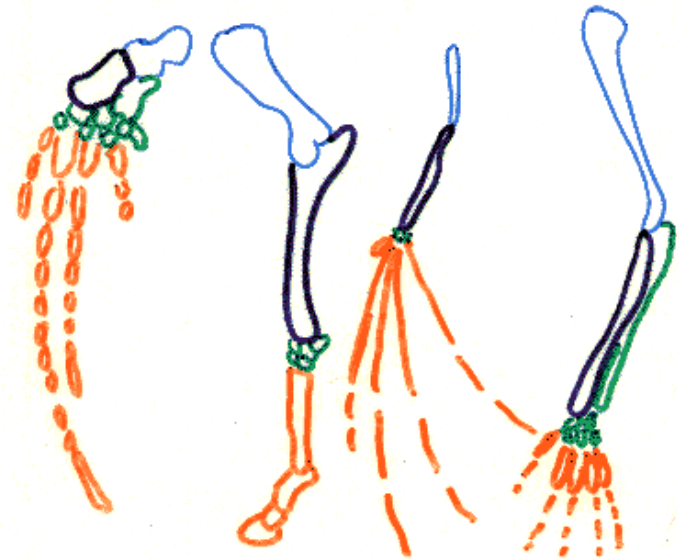
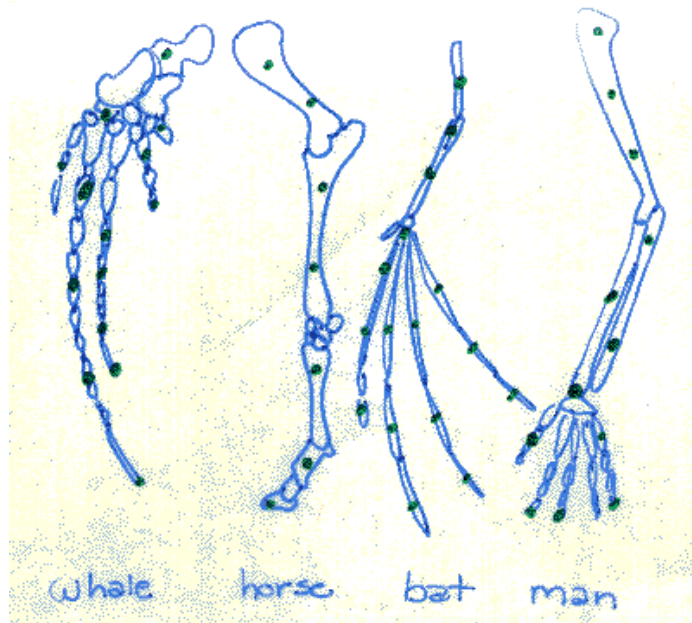
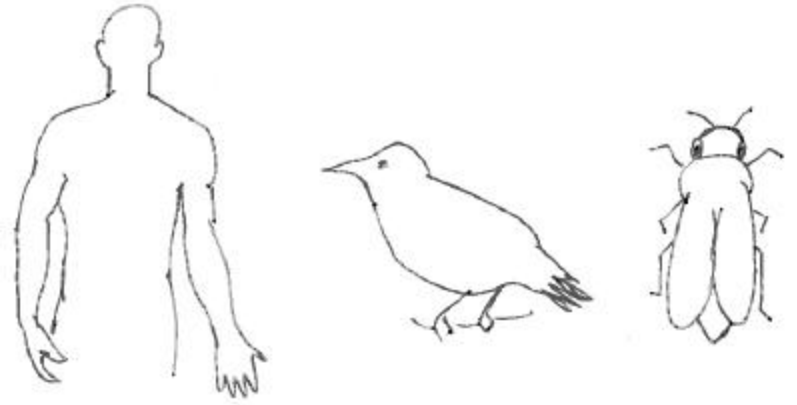
- More Complex Dynamic Programming



- Find "best" aligned regions
  - "Core-finding" to remove outliers
  - "Noisy" suboptimal paths

	A	y	B	C	D	E
A	2	0	0	0	0	0
B	0	2	3	1	1	1
C	0	1	2	5	2	2
x	0	1	1	2	5	4
D	0	1	1	2	6	5
E	0	1	1	2	4	8

# Significance Ignoring Crucial Features in Structural Similarity



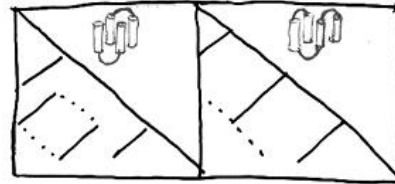
# Other Methods of Structural Alignment

- RMS fitting used universally, but other alignment methods
- Comparison of Distance Matrices

- ◊ Holm & Sander, DALI
- ◊ Taylor & Orengo

Other Methods

Rossmann  
Taylor  
Sander x3 } dist. mat.  
Barton  
Blundell } dist. mat., prop match  
Cohen - soap bubble  
Artymiuk  
Bryant } similar subgraph



Structure Hashing  
Bryant, VAST  
Rice, Artymiuk

Others

Cohen (Soap)  
Sippl  
Godzik (Lattice)

