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Multi-Scale Modeling

For students of HI 6327 “Biomolecular Modeling”

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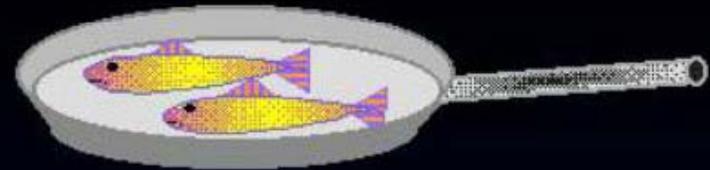
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Structural Biology Techniques



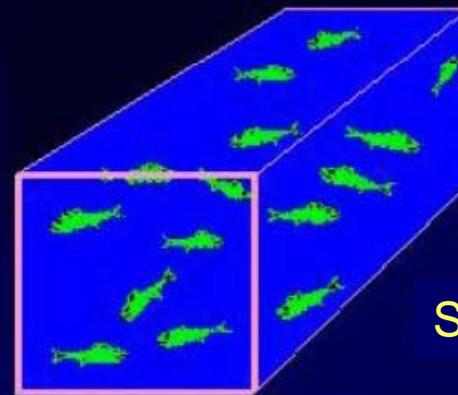
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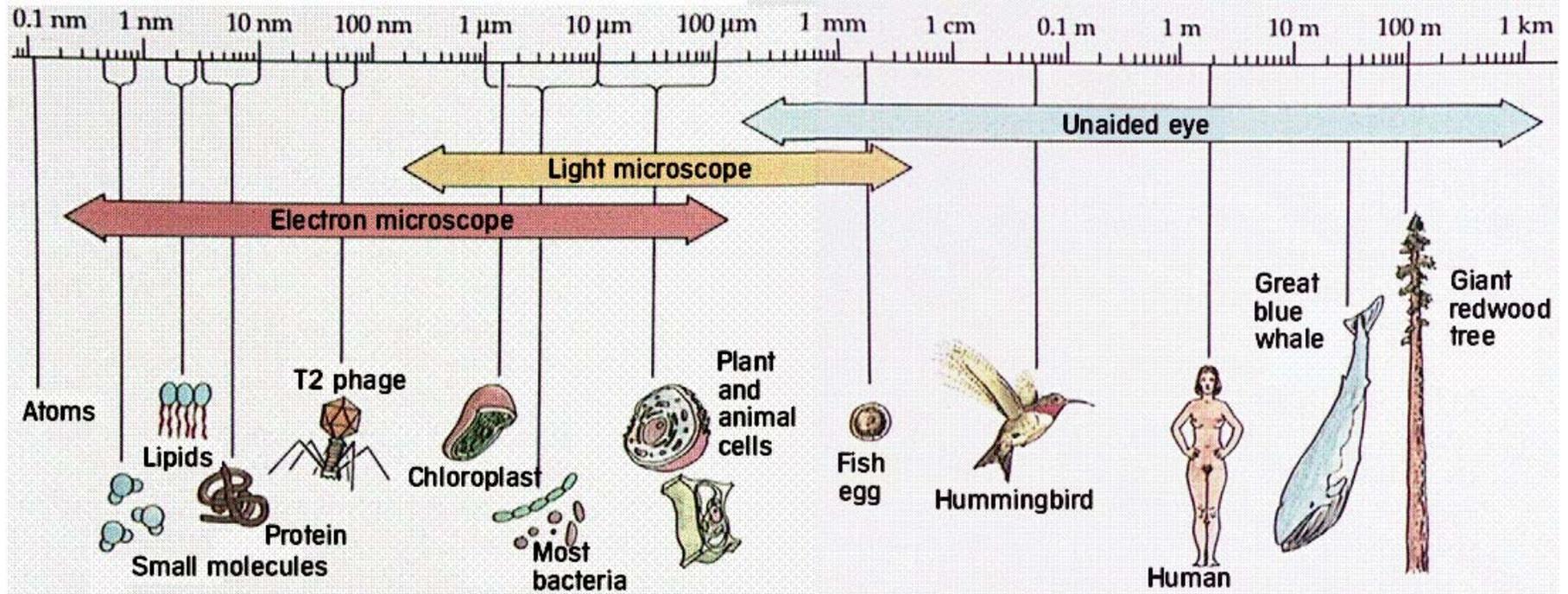


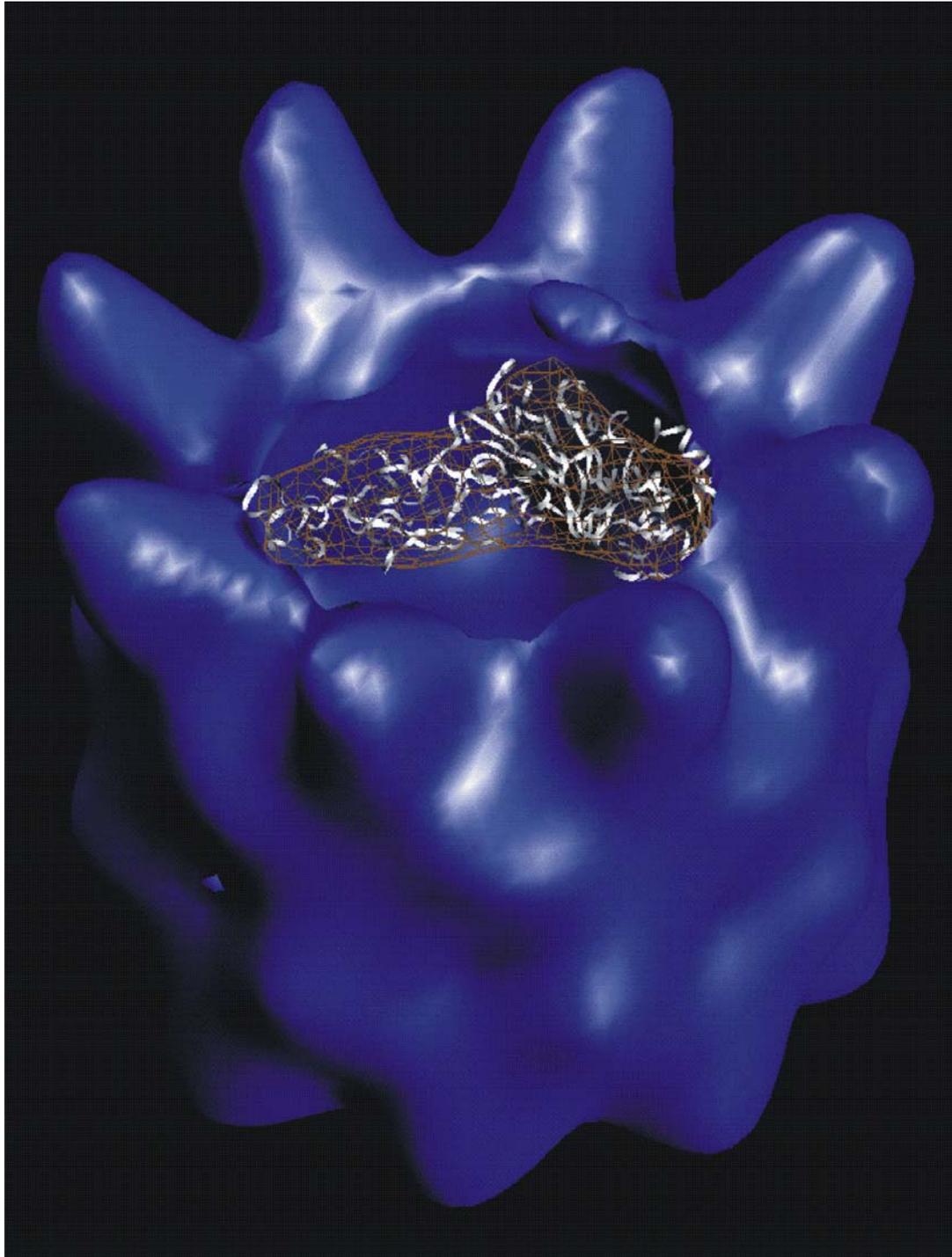
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SAXS

Microscopy Techniques

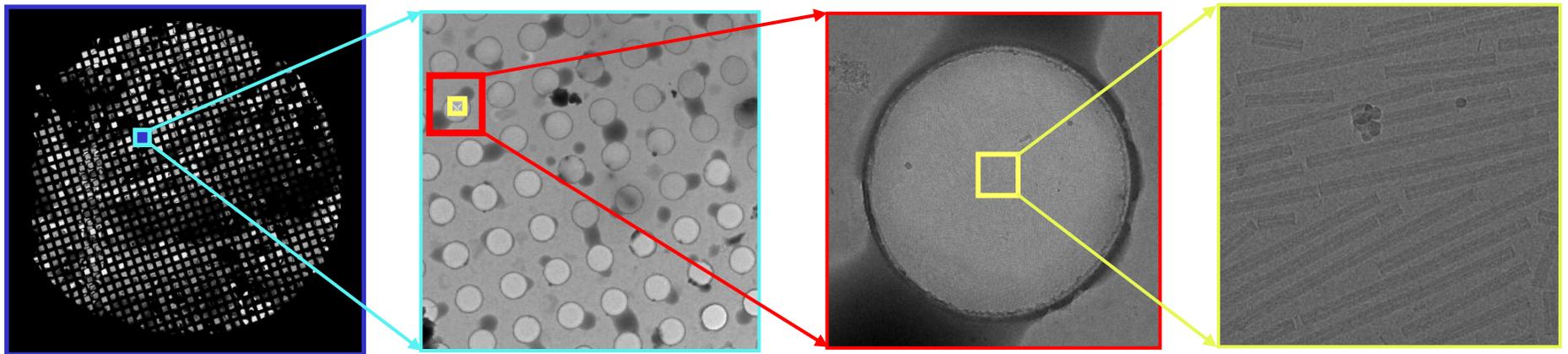




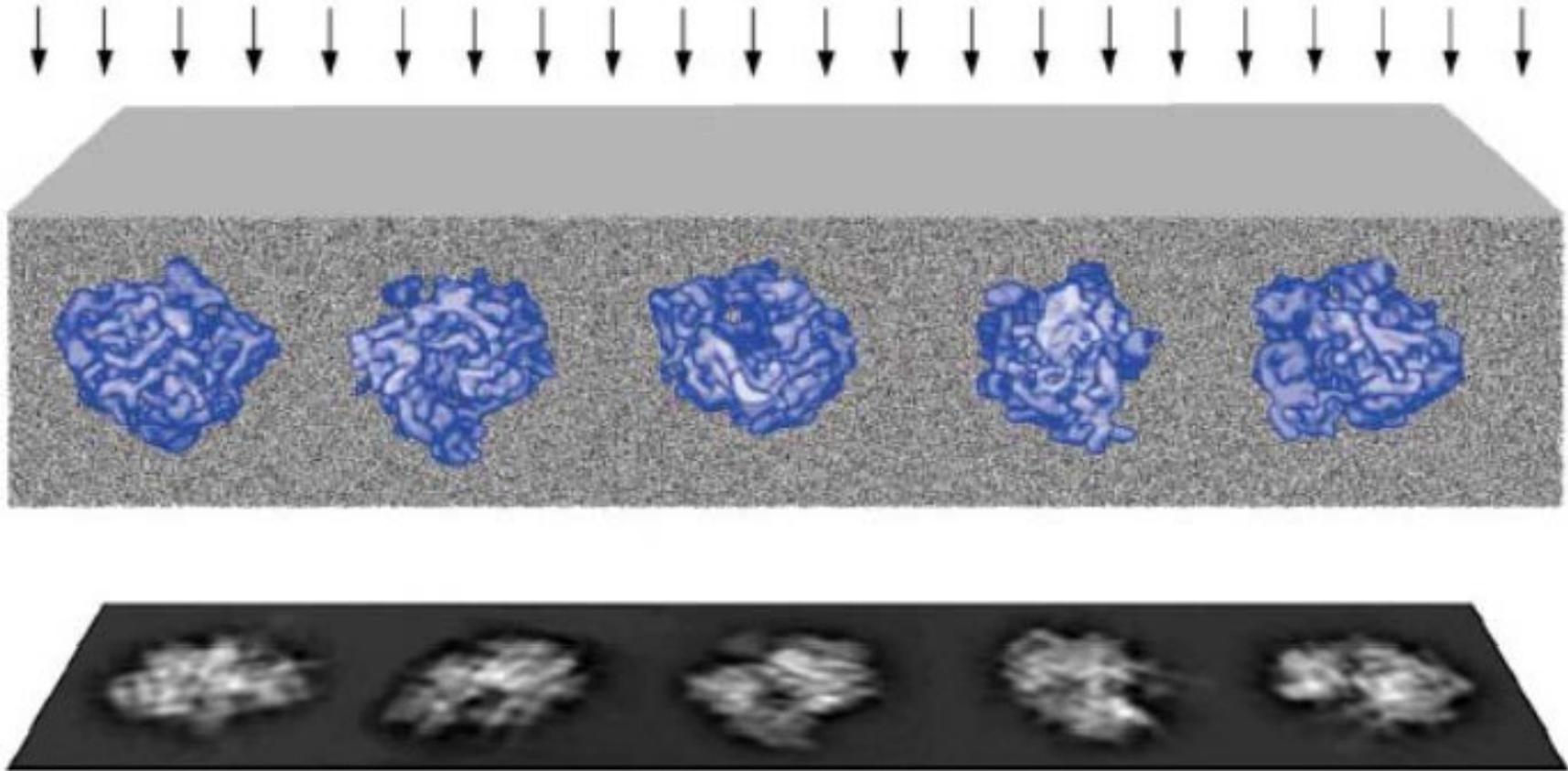
EM: CCT Chaperonin and Actin

Valpuesta lab:
chaperonin CCT unfolds
bound actin (Llorca et al.,
EMBO J. 19:5971, 2000)

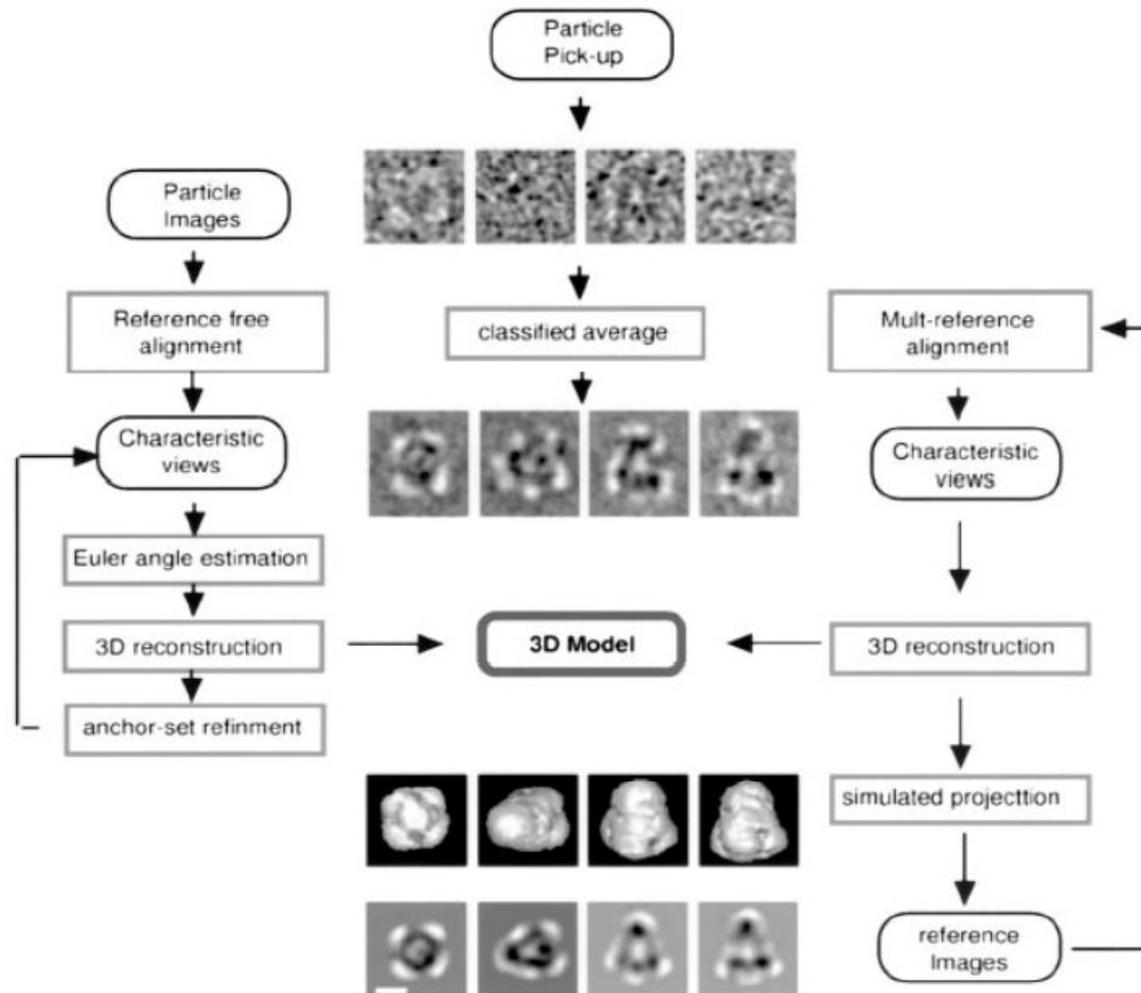
EM Specimen Preparation and Imaging



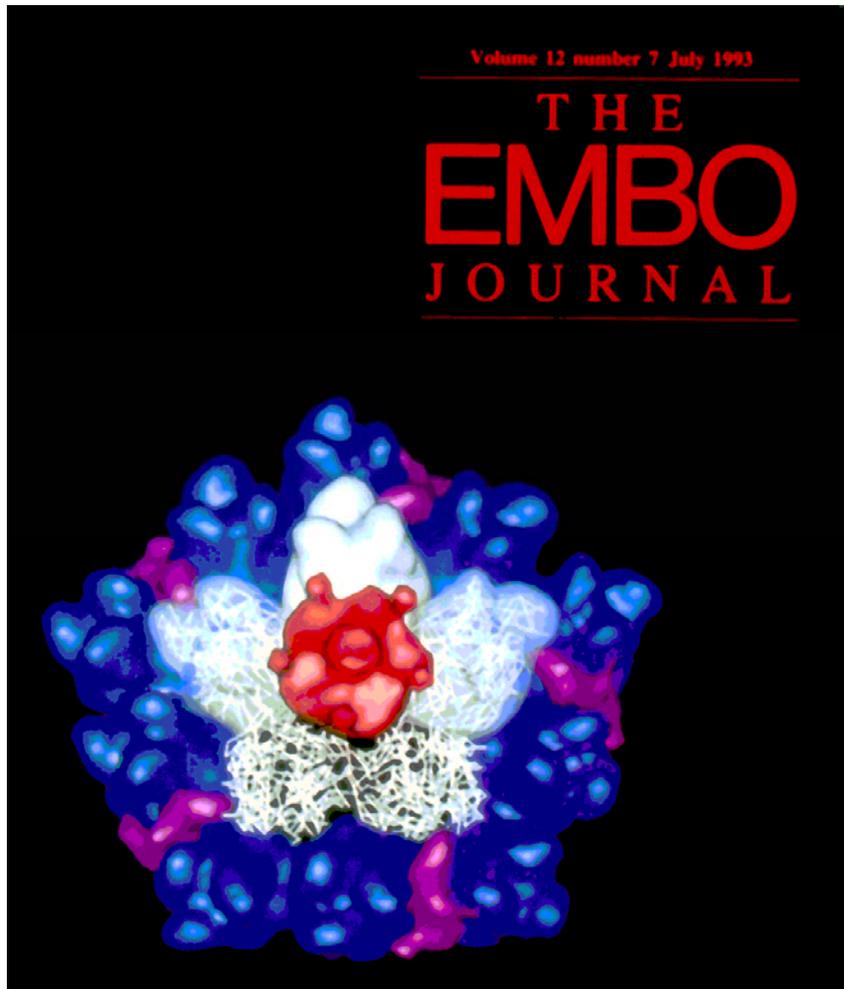
Single Particle Imaging



3D Reconstruction



“Quantitative” Electron Microscopy



**Phoebe L. Stewart, Stephen D. Fuller,
Roger M. Burnett:**

Difference imaging of adenovirus:
bridging the resolution gap between X-
ray crystallography and electron
microscopy.

EMBO J., 12:2589, 1993.

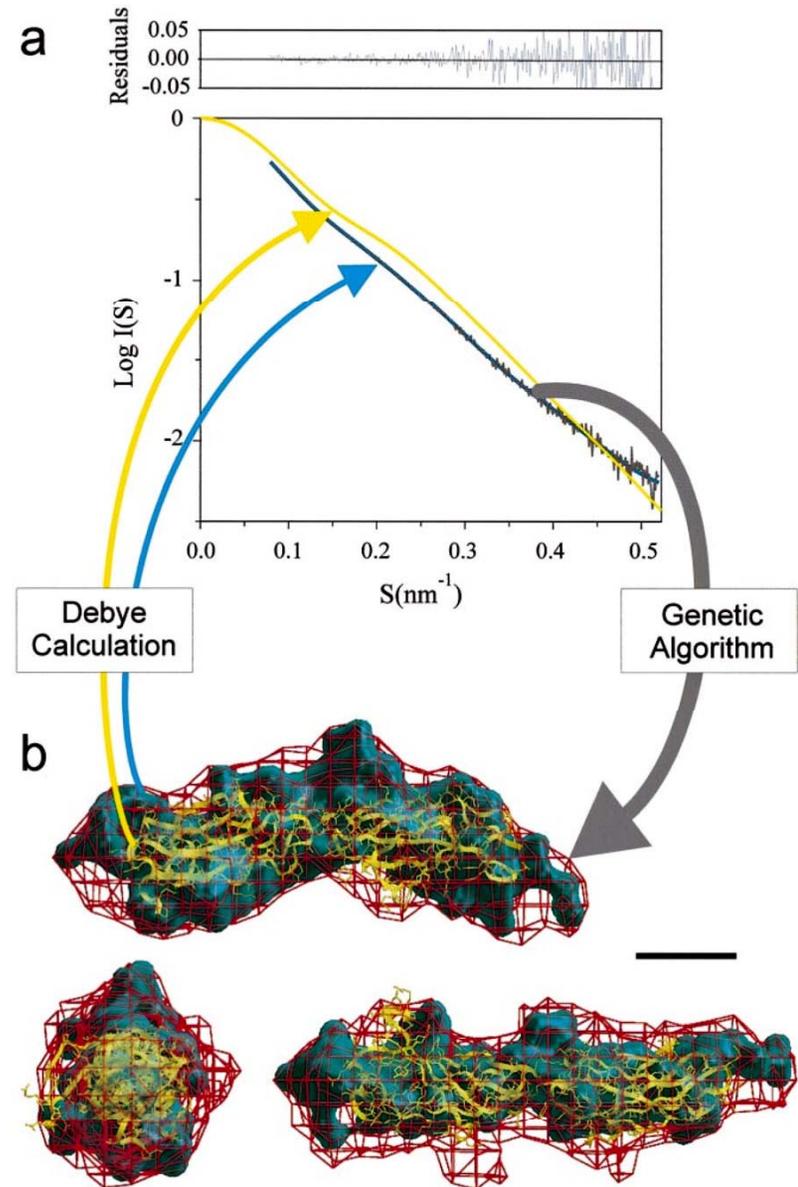
*“At that time, placing an atomic
structure into an EM map seemed like
a very dangerous idea...”*

Phoebe Stewart, GRC 2003

Generating 3D Structures from 1D SAXS Data

Low-resolution 3D shapes from 1D scattering profiles!

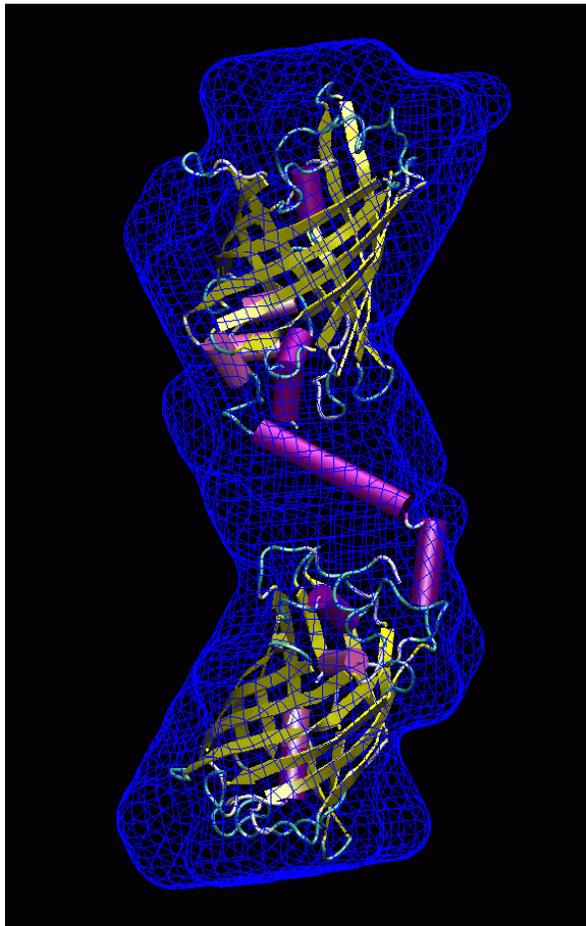
Chacon et al., JMB (2000) 299:1289



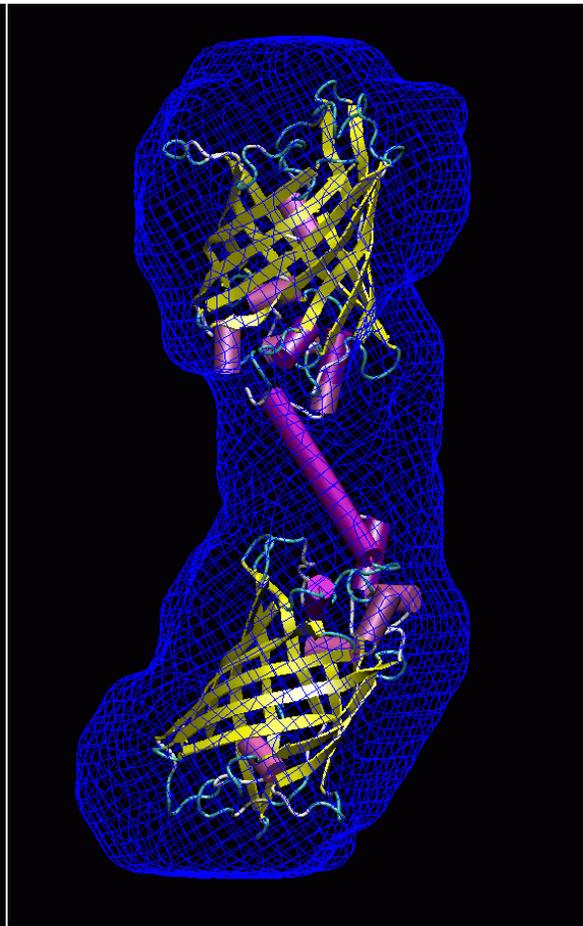


SAXS Application

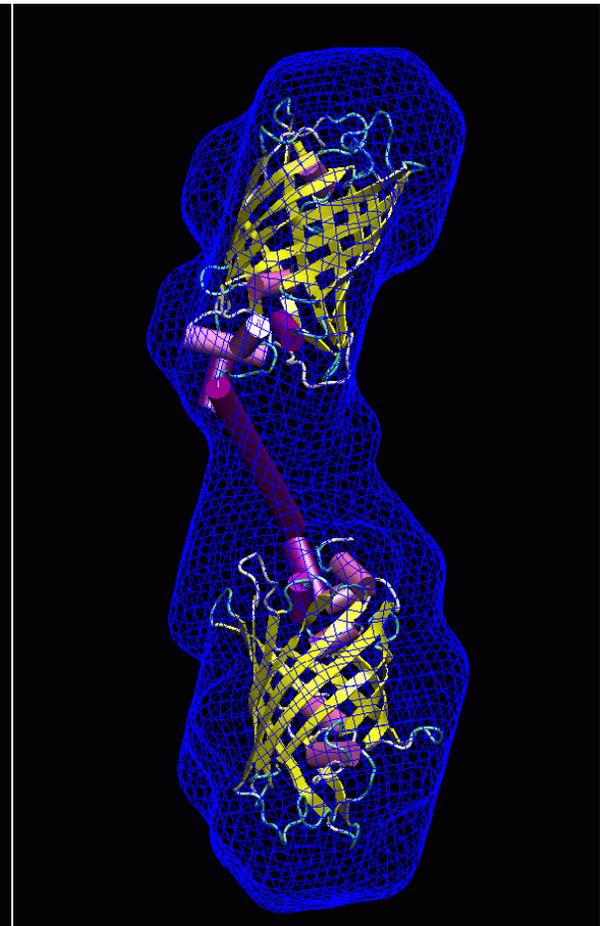
EBFP-linker-EGFP fusion proteins
(Tetsuro Fujisawa)



LAEEAAKEAAAKEAAAKAAA (20)



LAEEAAKEAAAKEAAAKEAAAKAAA (25)



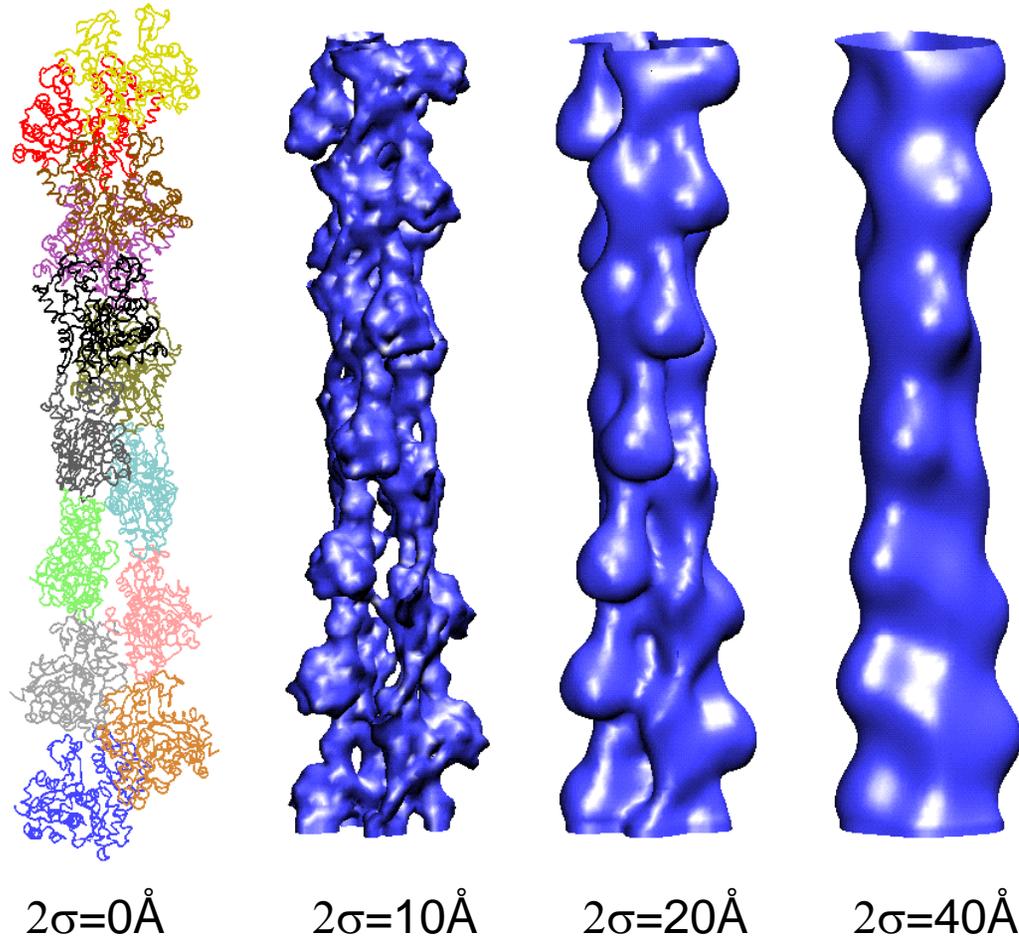
LAEEAAKEAAAKEAAAKEAAAKEAAAKAAA (30)

Combining Multi-Resolution Biophys. Data

Actin filament
(Holmes et al., 1990)

Convolution with
Gaussian:

$$G(r) = \exp\left(\frac{-3r^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

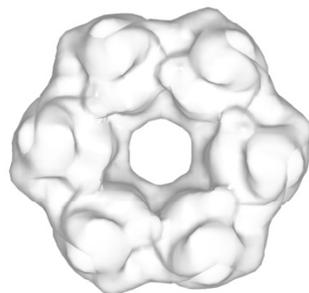


Q: We can lower the resolution of 3D data, but how can one increase it?

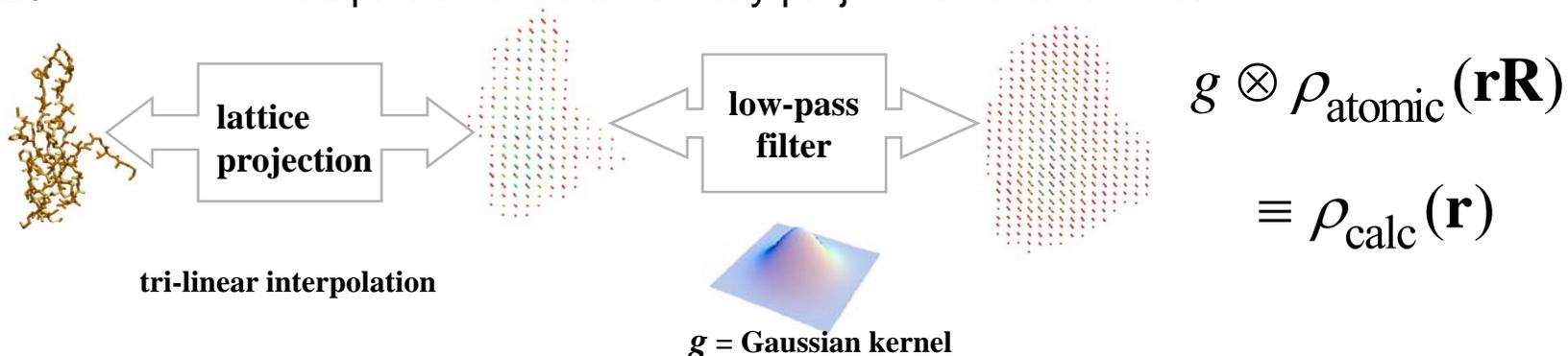
A: Combine low- with high-resolution data by flexible and rigid-body fitting.

Correlation-Based 'Interior' Docking

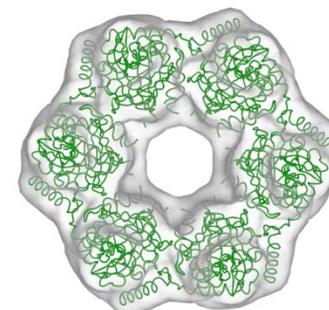
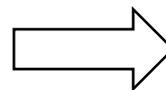
$\rho_{\text{em}}(\mathbf{r})$ target density on lattice



$\rho_{\text{atomic}}(\mathbf{r}\mathbf{R})$ rotated probe molecule density projected to the lattice:



$$C(\mathbf{T}) = \int \rho_{\text{em}}(\mathbf{r}) \times \rho_{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{T}) d^3 r$$



Fitting criterion: e.g, linear cross-correlation,
evaluate for every rotation \mathbf{R} and translation \mathbf{T}

FTM (Fast Translational Matching)

$$C(\mathbf{T}) = \int (e \otimes \rho_{\text{em}})(\mathbf{r}) \times (e \otimes \rho_{\text{calc}})(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{T}) d^3 r = f^{-1} \left[\begin{array}{c} f(e \otimes \rho_{\text{em}})^* \times \\ f(e \otimes \rho_{\text{calc}}) \end{array} \right]$$

Fourier Convolution Theorem:

Direct Approach: N^2 multiplications

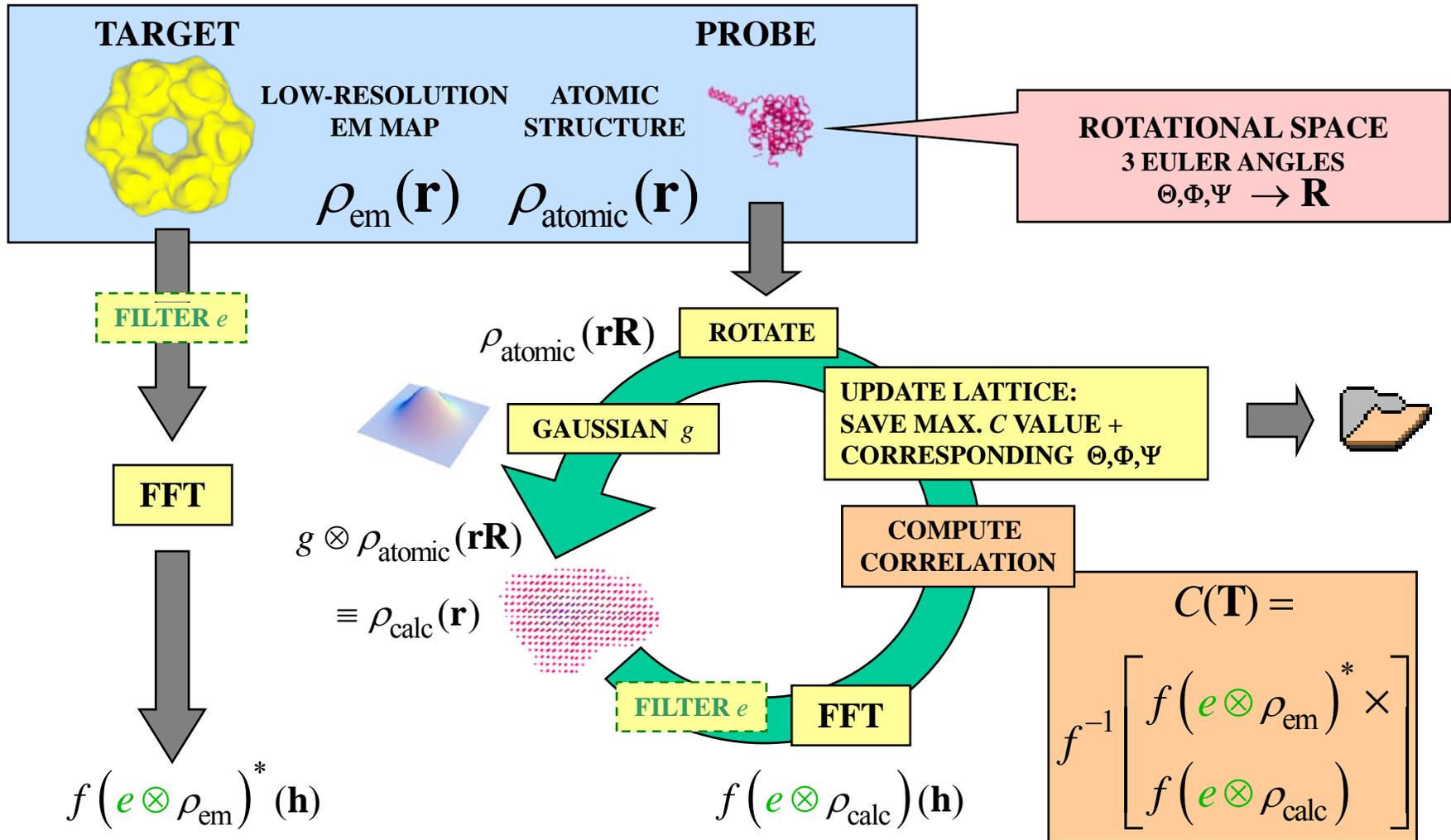
FFT Approach: $N \log N$ multiplications

N = number of voxels

e = optional filter

FFT Acceleration of the Translational Search!

6D Search with FTM



Off-Lattice Refinement

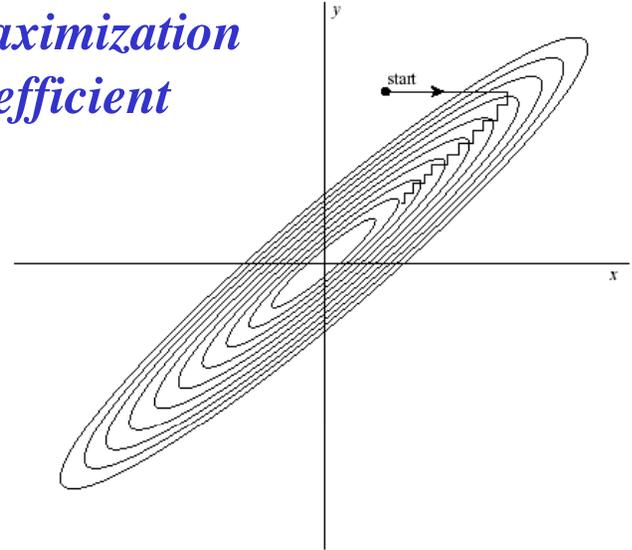
6D exhaustive search is limited:

- Rotational search → Angular sampling
- Translational search → Grid size

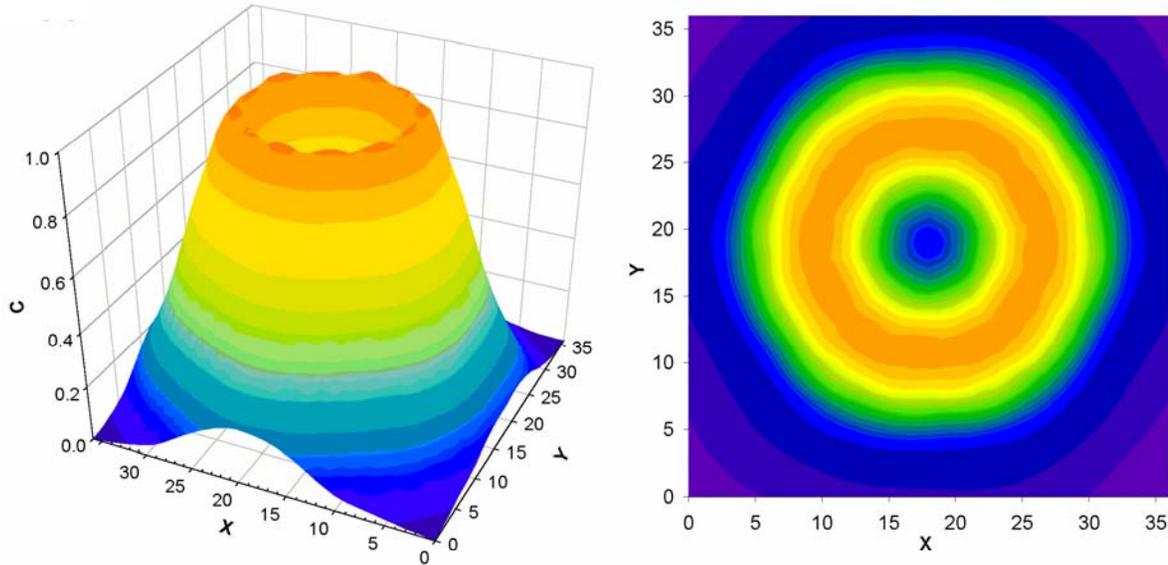
Improve the accuracy

*Off-lattice (6D) local maximization
of the correlation coefficient*

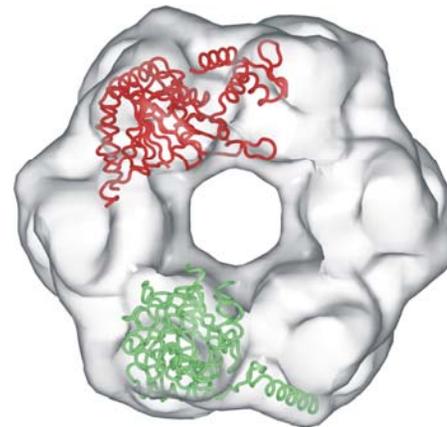
Powell's quadratically convergent maximization method can be used to perform a 6D search around the best fits found on the grid.



Correlation Landscape



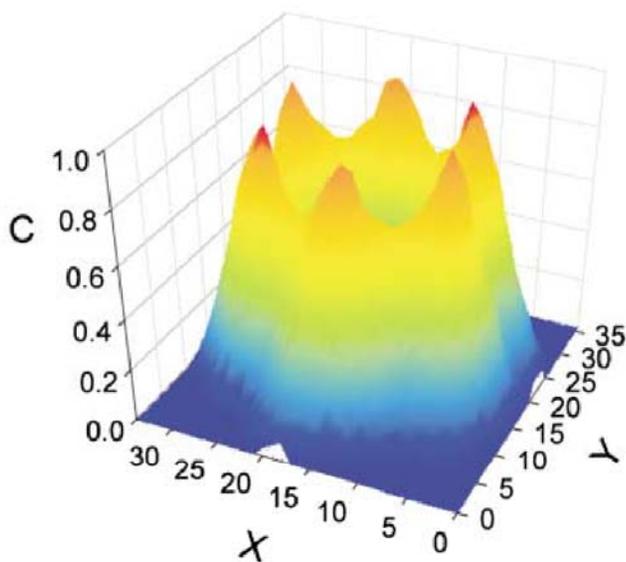
With density cross-correlation
we can not distinguish between
correct and **spurious** fit



Density Masking

Renormalize (mask) the correlation locally

$$C(\mathbf{T}) = \frac{\int_{mask} \rho_{em}(\mathbf{r}) \times \rho_{calc}(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{T}) d^3r}{\sqrt{\int_{mask} \rho_{em}^2(\mathbf{r}) d^3r} \sqrt{\int_{mask} \rho_{calc}^2(\mathbf{r}) d^3r}} \quad \text{mask} \rightarrow \rho_{calc_{l,m,n}} > 0$$



→ extends the reliability of correlation based docking (<15Å)

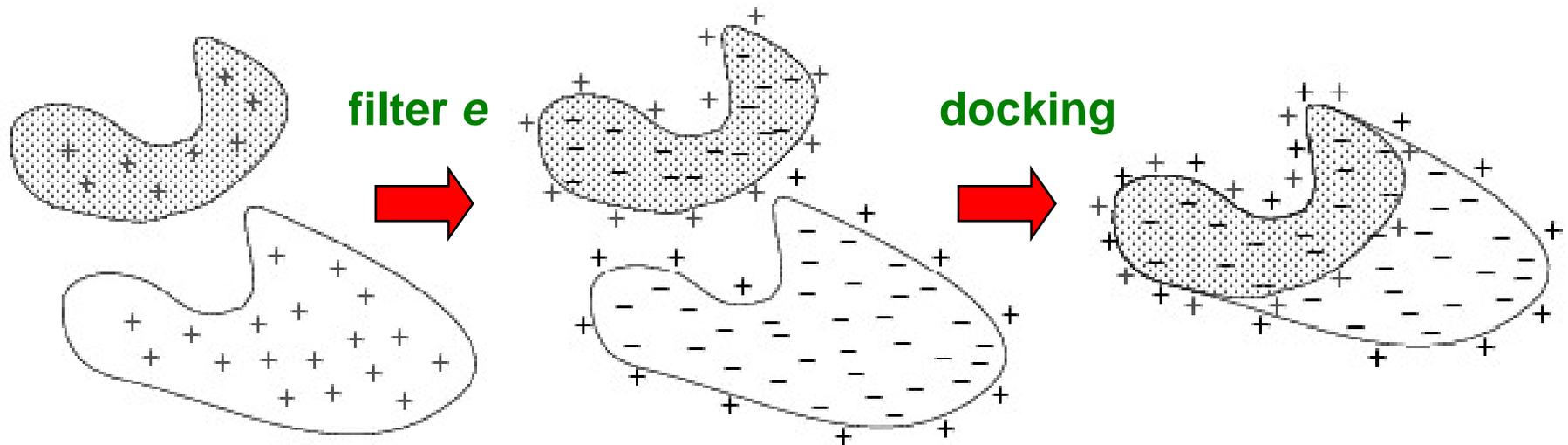
→ Can not be easily FFT accelerated

DOCKEM
A.M. Roseman

Density Filtering

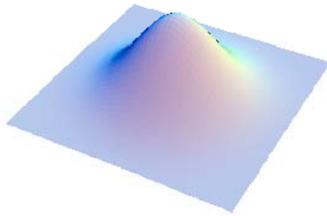
Adding surface/contour information

A suitable filter would assign negative values to the interior, positive values to the molecular contour. Both volume and contour matches would provide positive contributions to the correlation criterion:

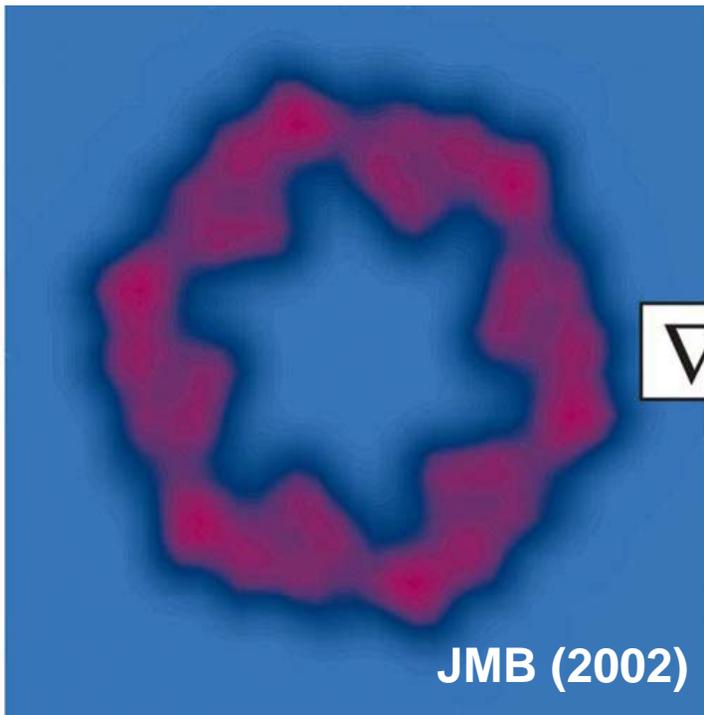
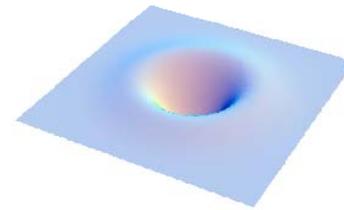
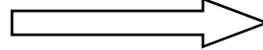


Contour Filter

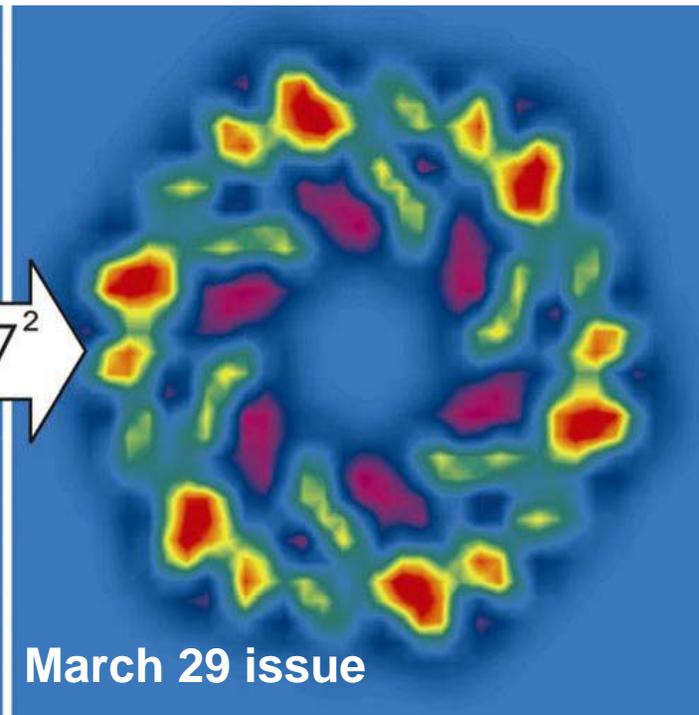
Laplacian



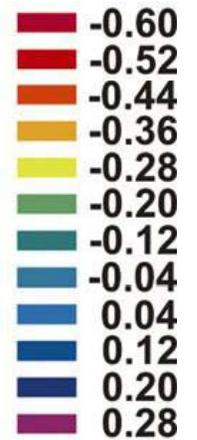
$$\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$



JMB (2002)

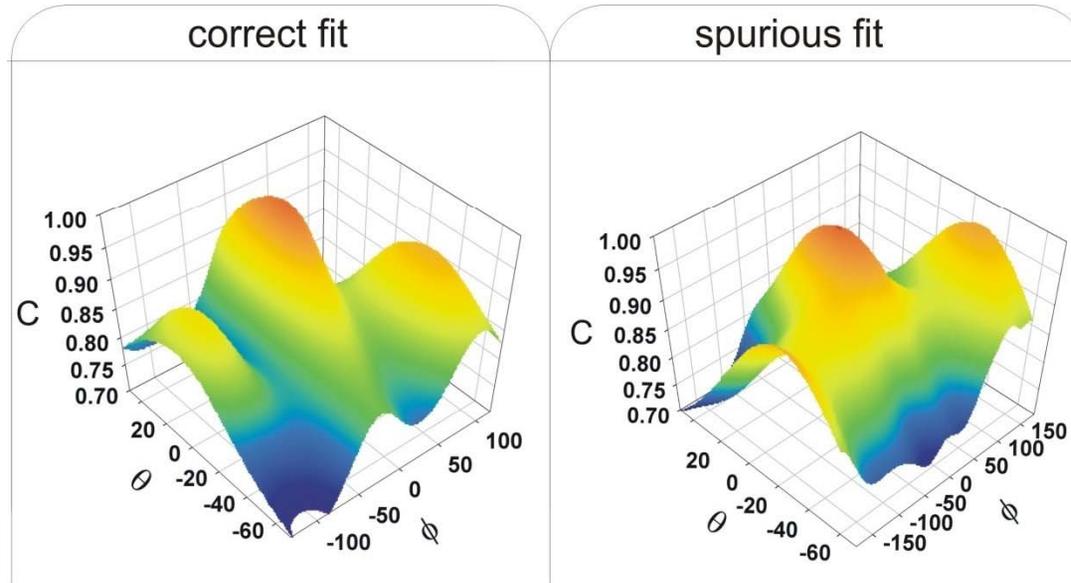


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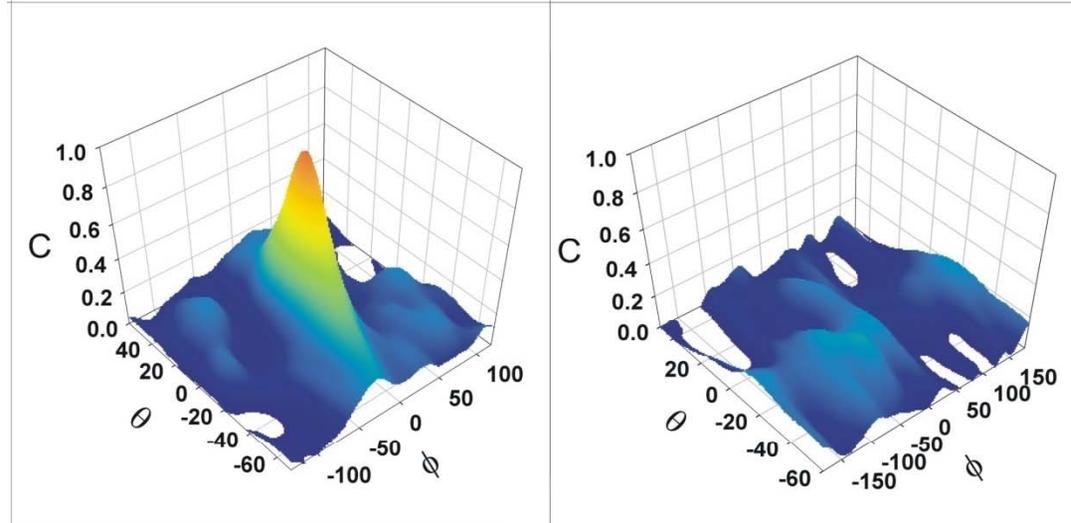


Effect of Filter on Orientation

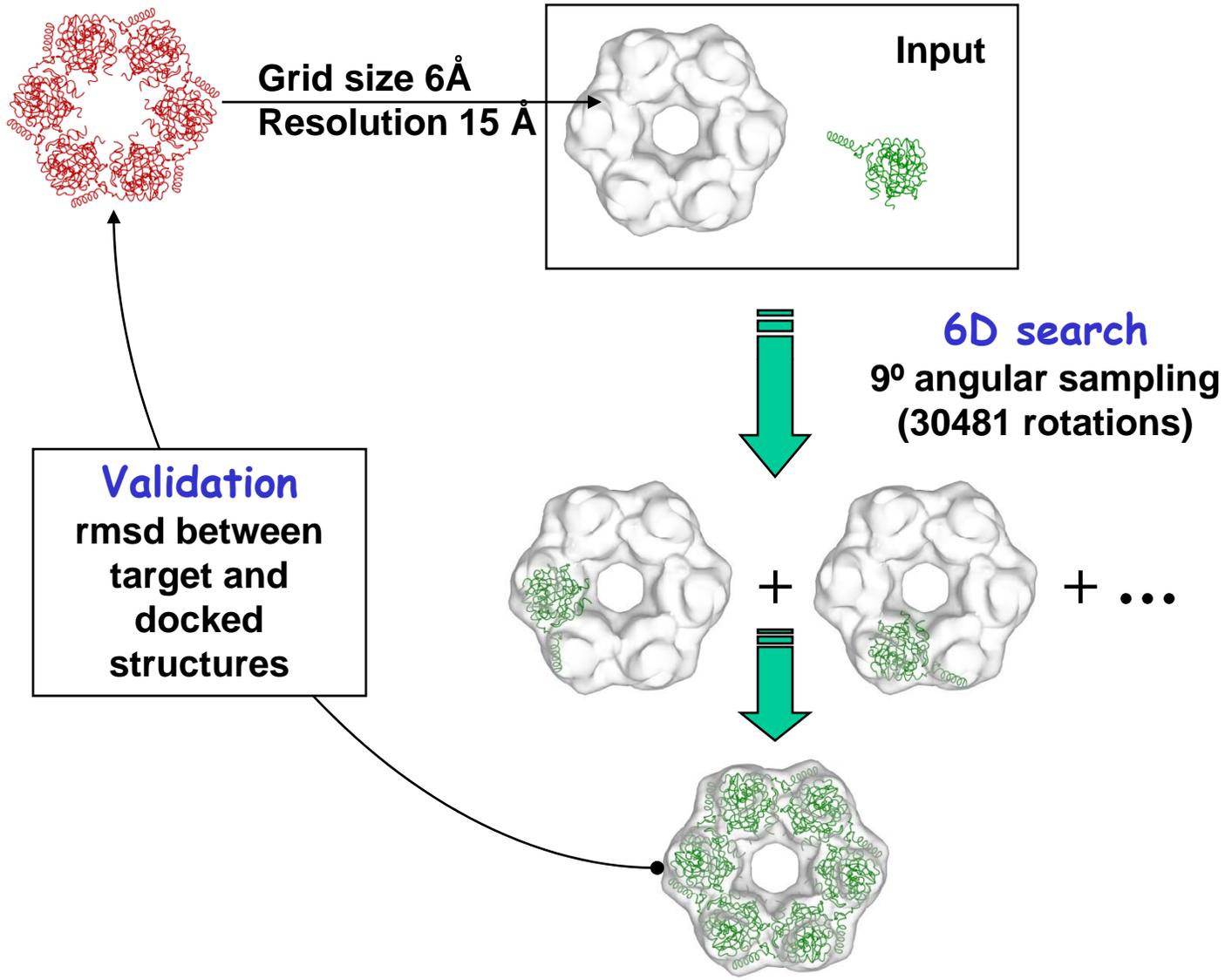
No Filter



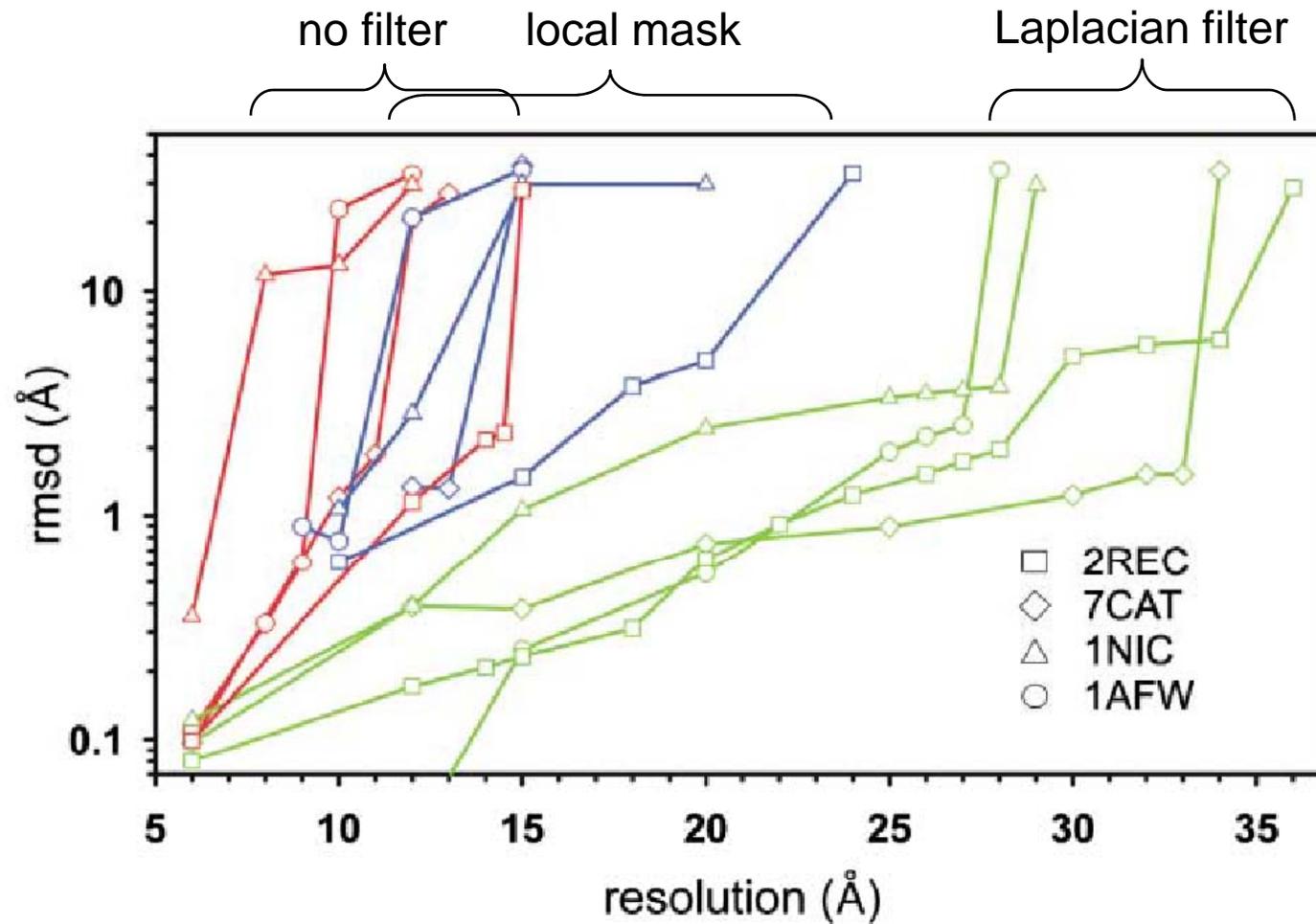
Laplacian Filter



Restoration Tests with Simulated Data



Restoring Various Oligomers

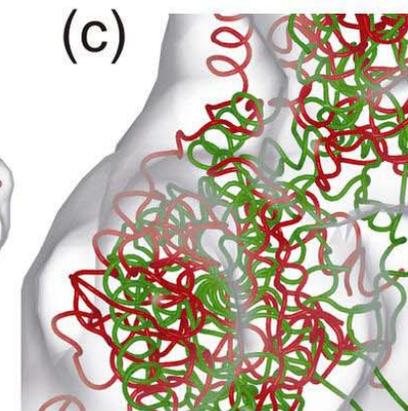
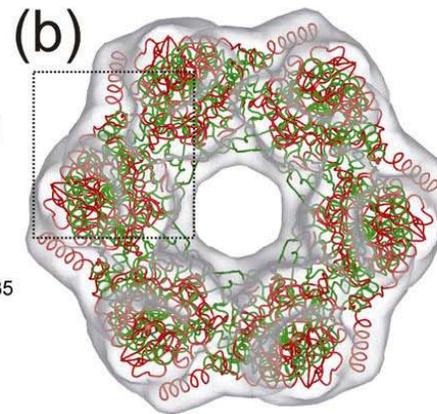
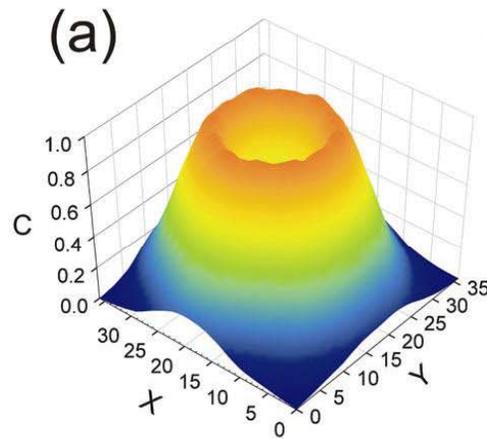


RecA (2REC), thiolase (1AFW), catalase (7CAT), and oxidoreductase (1NIC).

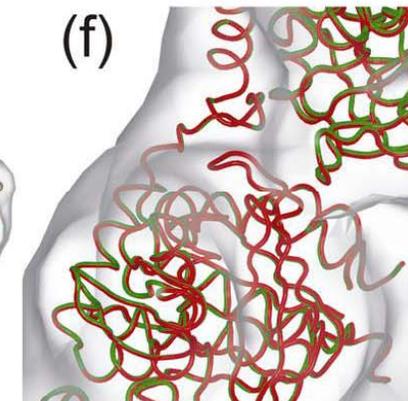
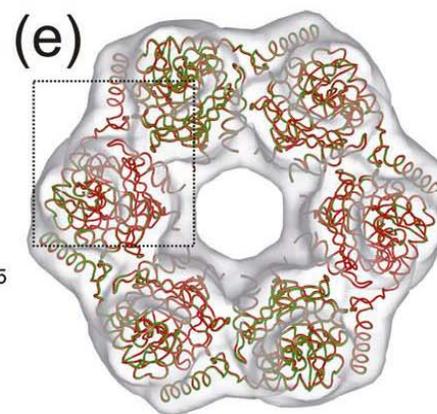
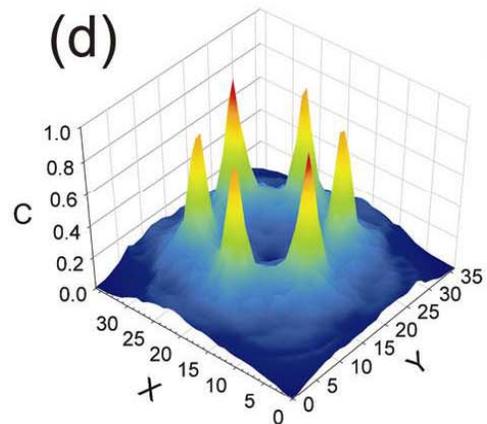
Example: RecA

Grid size 6Å
Resolution 15Å
9° steps (30481 rotations)

standard
cross-
correlation



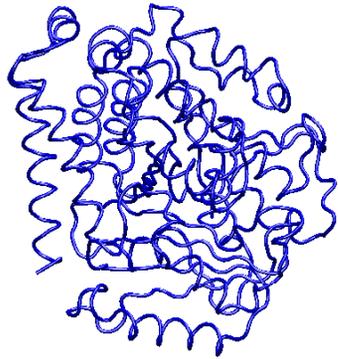
w/
Laplacian
filtering



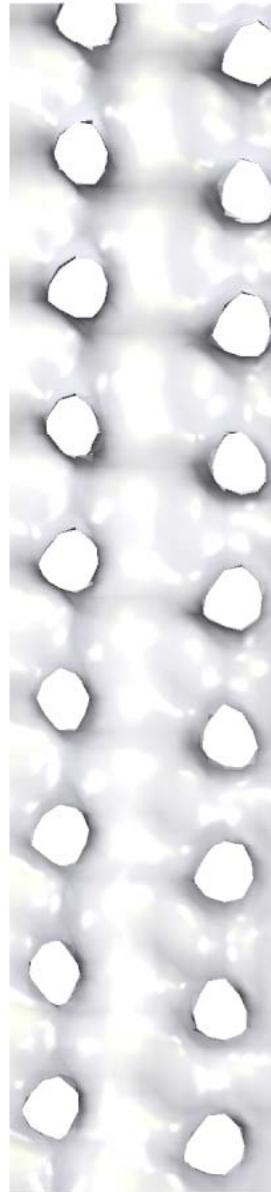
Only Laplacian filtering successfully restores the initial pose

Application to Microtubule Data

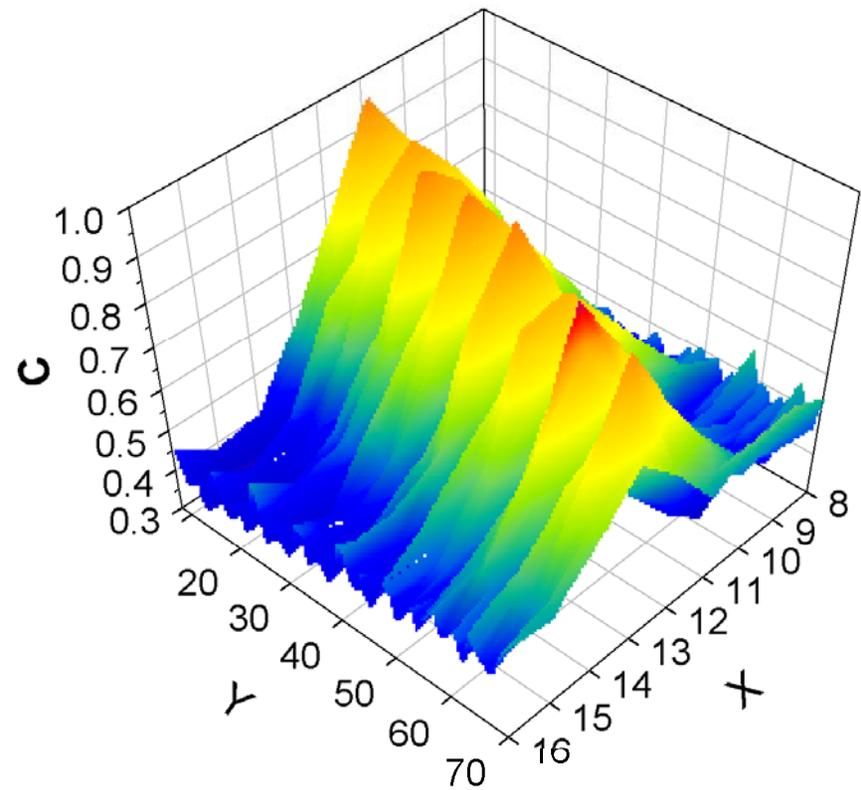
β -tubulin



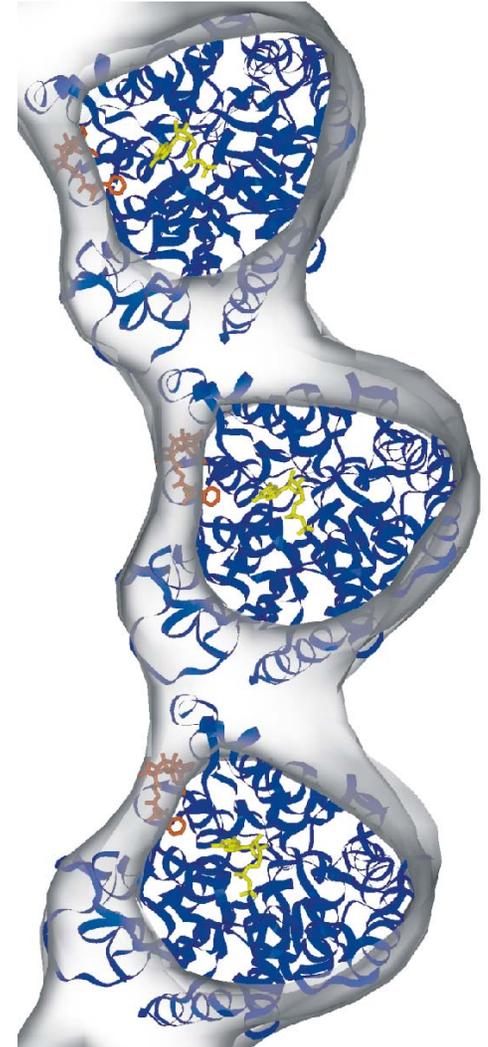
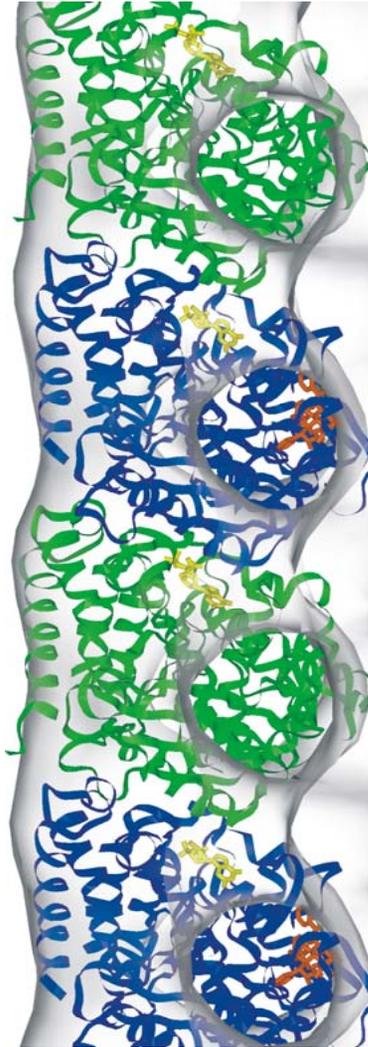
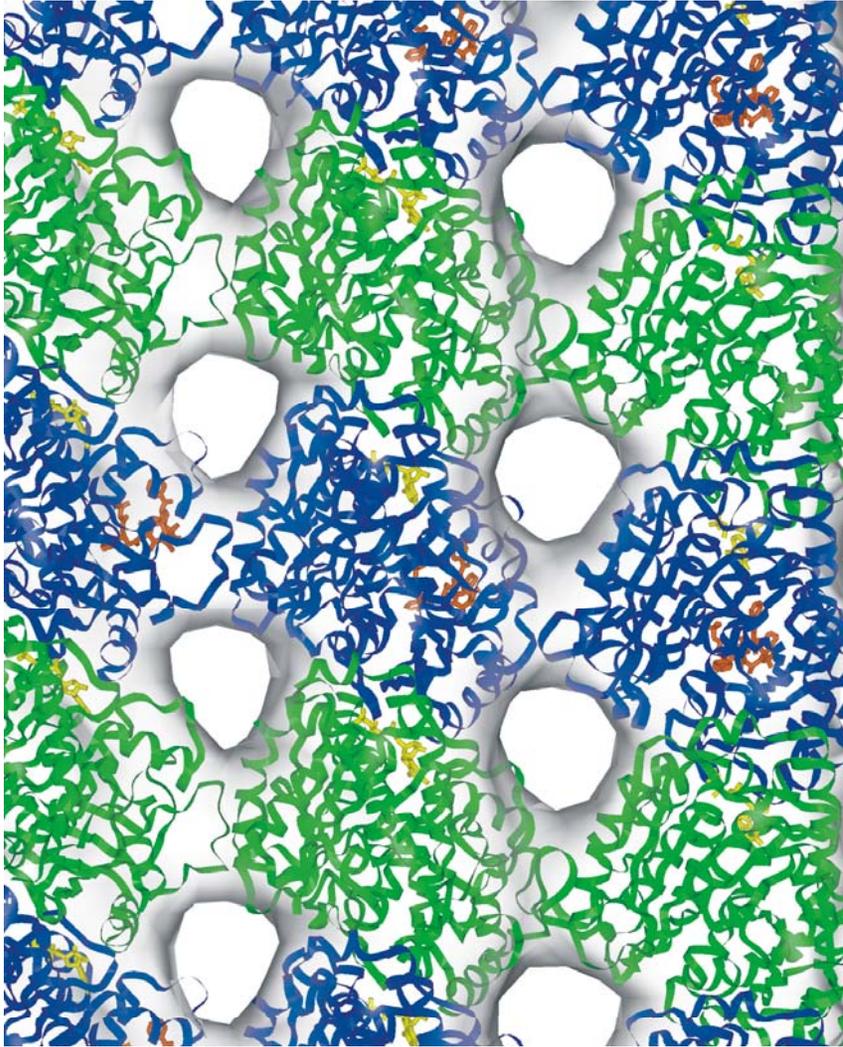
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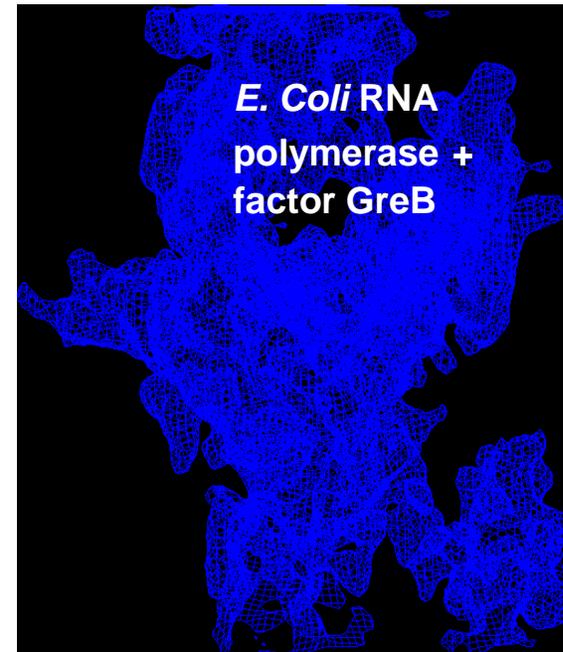
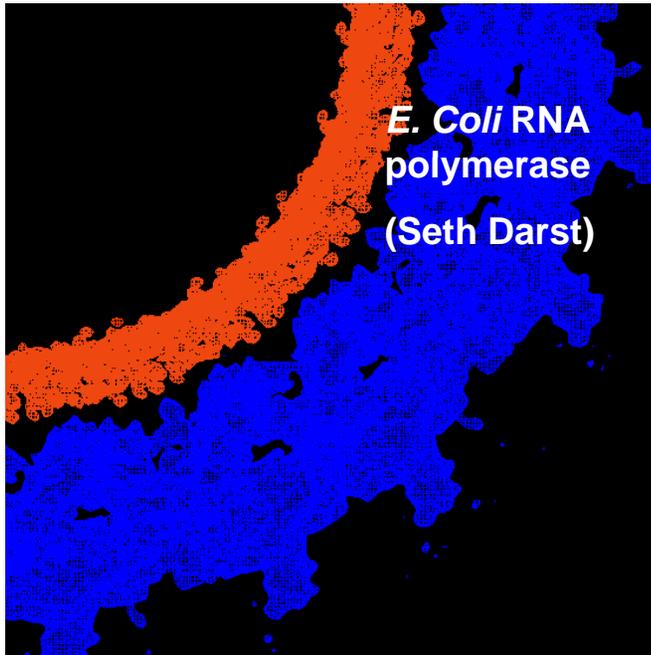
Resolution 20Å
Angular sampling 9°
Grid size 5Å



Microtubule Model



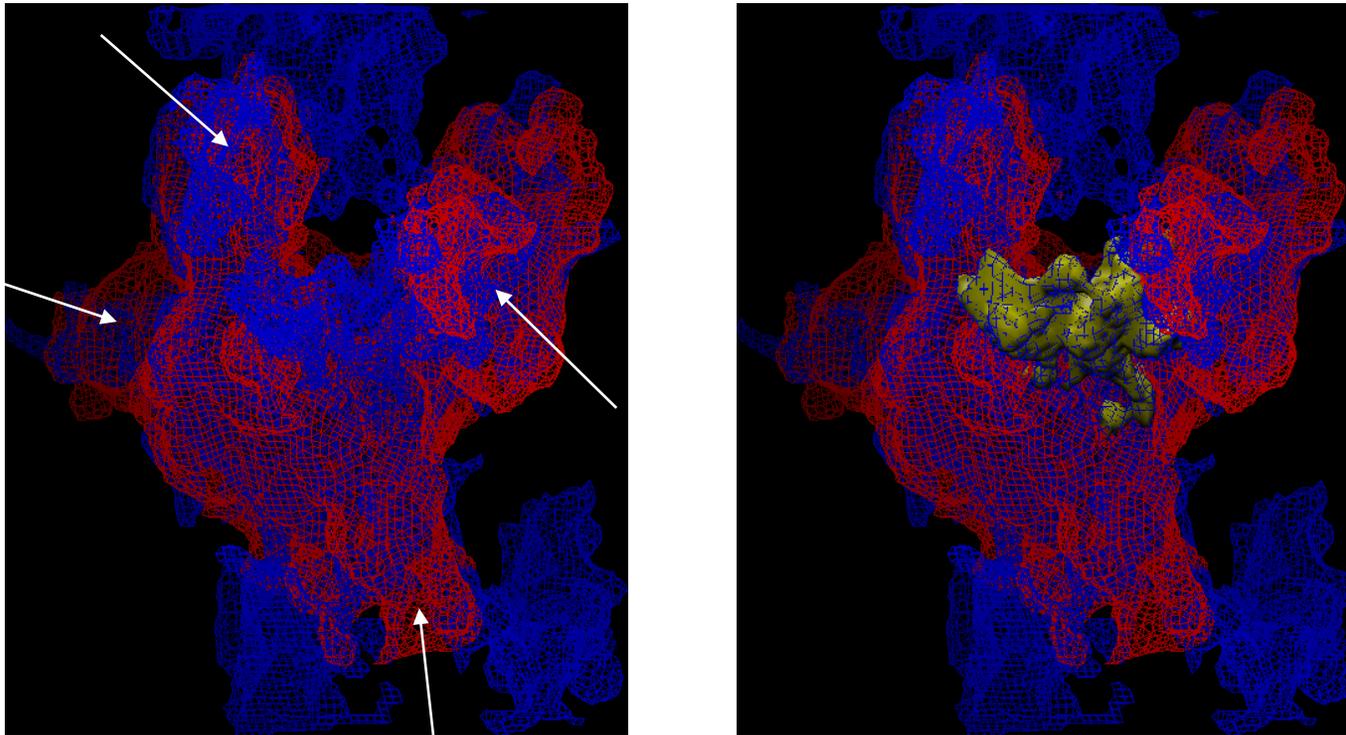
Registration of Two EM Maps



Problem: different helical arrays

**Need to perform difference mapping to localize GreB
(difficult at variable helical symmetry)**

Registration and Difference Mapping



Rigid-body docking: The RNAP “jaws” are open in presence of GrepB factor, perform flexible map fitting

Map fitting will be available in Situs 2.2.

FRM: Fast *Rotational* Matching

Euler angle search is expensive!

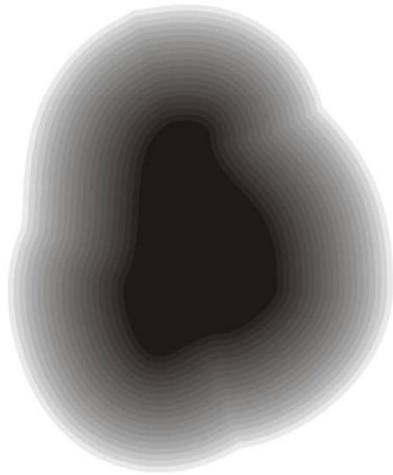
9° angular sampling (30481 rotations) requires > 10 minutes on standard workstation for rotations only.

Rotations + translations: 10-20 hours.

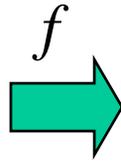
Our Goal: We seek to FFT-accelerate rotational search in addition to translational search.

To do this, we need to do the math in rotational space and take advantage of expressions similar to convolution theorem that are best described by group theory.

Expansion in Spherical Harmonics



Target map

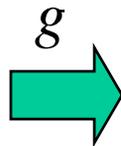


$$f(su) = \sum_{l=0}^{B-1} \sum_{m=-l}^l \hat{f}_{lm}(s) Y_{lm}(u)$$

Y_{lm} are the *spherical harmonic functions*



Probe map



$$g(su) = \sum_{l=0}^{B-1} \sum_{m=-l}^l \hat{g}_{lm}(s) Y_{lm}(u)$$

FRM_{3D} Method

The correlation function is:

$$c(R) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^3} f \cdot g(R) = c(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$$

α, β, γ are specially chosen Euler angles (origin shift).

Expanding f and g in spherical harmonics as before

we arrive at: $\hat{c}(p, q, r) = \sum_l d_{pq}^l\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) d_{qr}^l\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) I_{pr}^l$

where: $I_{pr}^l = \int_0^\infty \hat{f}_{lp}(s) \overline{\hat{g}_{lr}(s)} s^2 ds$

$$c(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = FFT_{3D}^{-1}(\hat{c})$$

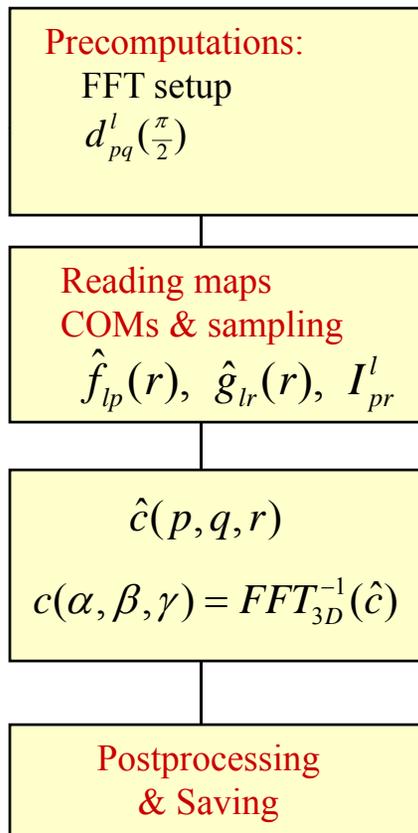
The quantities $d_{pq}^l\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ (which come from rotation group theory) are precomputed using a recursive procedure.

Comparison between FRM_{3D} and Crowther

$$c(R) = c(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$$

$$\hat{c}(p, q, r) = \sum_l d_{pq}^l\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) d_{qr}^l\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) I_{pr}^l$$

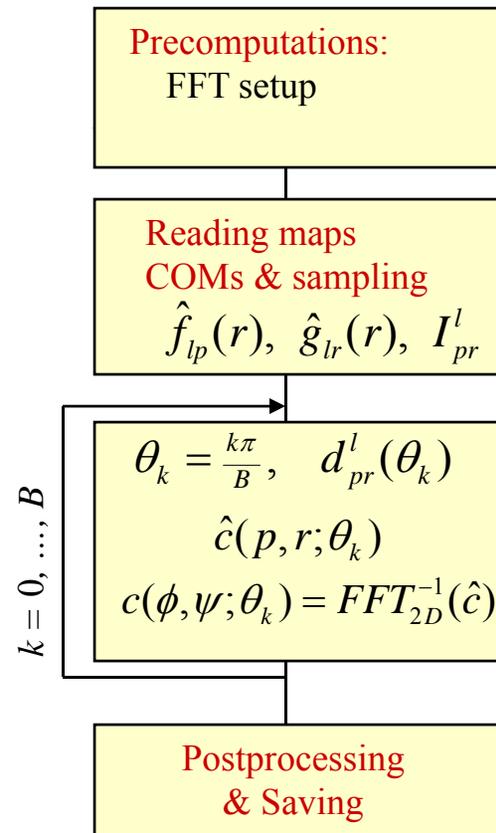
FRM



$$c(R) = c(\phi, \psi; \theta)$$

$$\hat{c}(p, r; \theta) = \sum_l d_{pr}^l(\theta) I_{pr}^l$$

Crowther



Timings of FRM_{3D} and Crowther

(seconds)

<i>angular sampling</i>	Crowther	FRM
6°	1.66	0.97
3°	19.3	3.75
1.4°	337	37.4

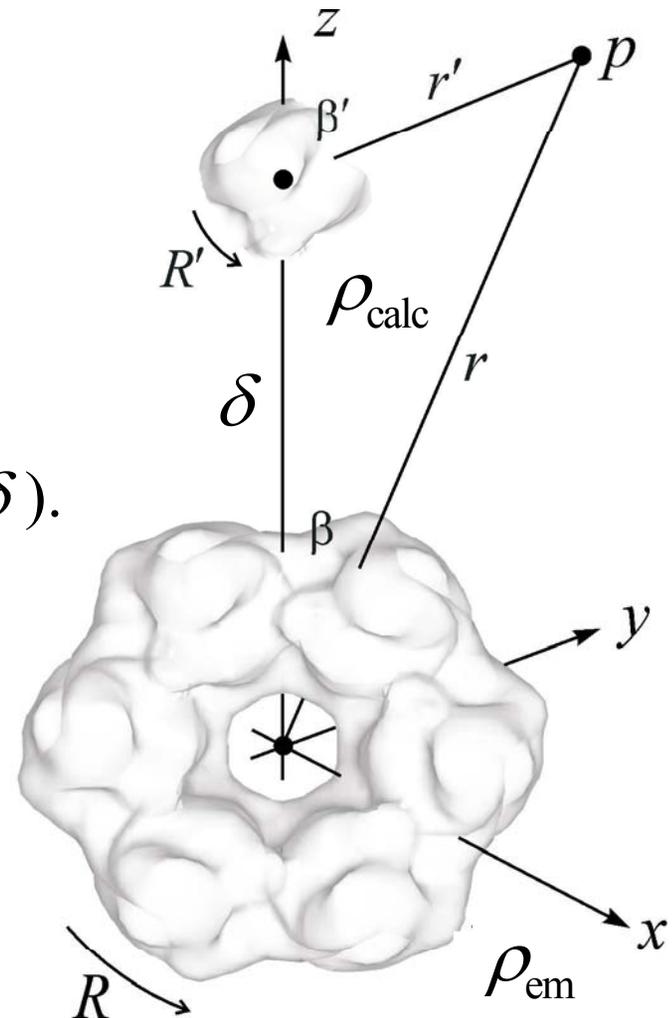
FRM_{6D} (Rigid-Body Matching)

5 angular parameters.

The correlation function is now:

$$c(R, R'; \delta) = \int_{\mathbf{R}^3} (e \otimes \rho_{em})(R) \cdot (e \otimes \rho_{calc})(R'; \delta).$$

1 linear parameter remains,
distance δ of movement along the
 z axis.



Rigid-Body Search by 5D FFT

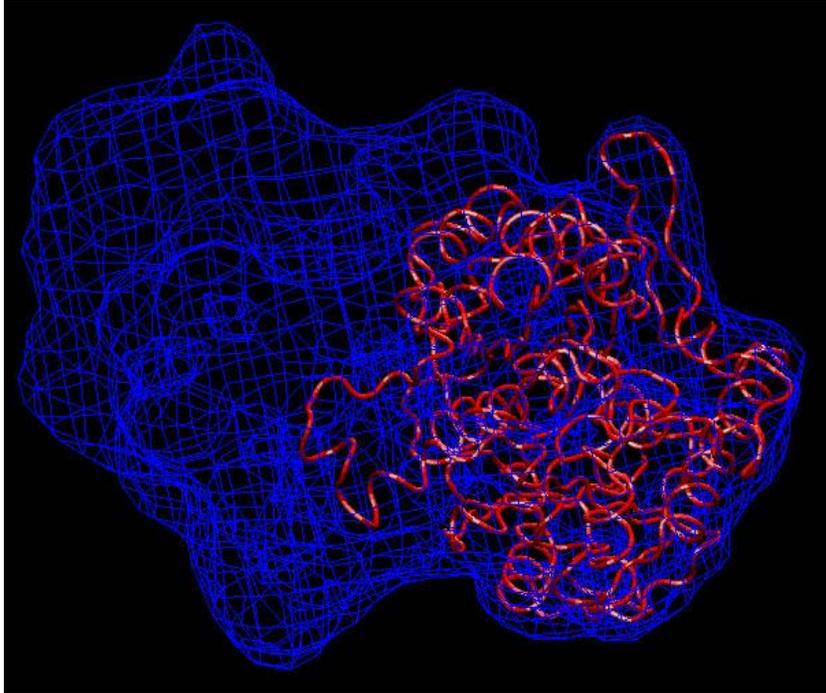
The 5D Fourier transform of the correlation function turns out to be:

$$\hat{c}(n, h, m, h', m'; \delta) = (-1)^n \sum_{l, l'} d_{nh}^l d_{hm}^l d_{-nh'}^{l'} d_{h'm'}^{l'} I_{mnm'}^{ll'}(\delta).$$

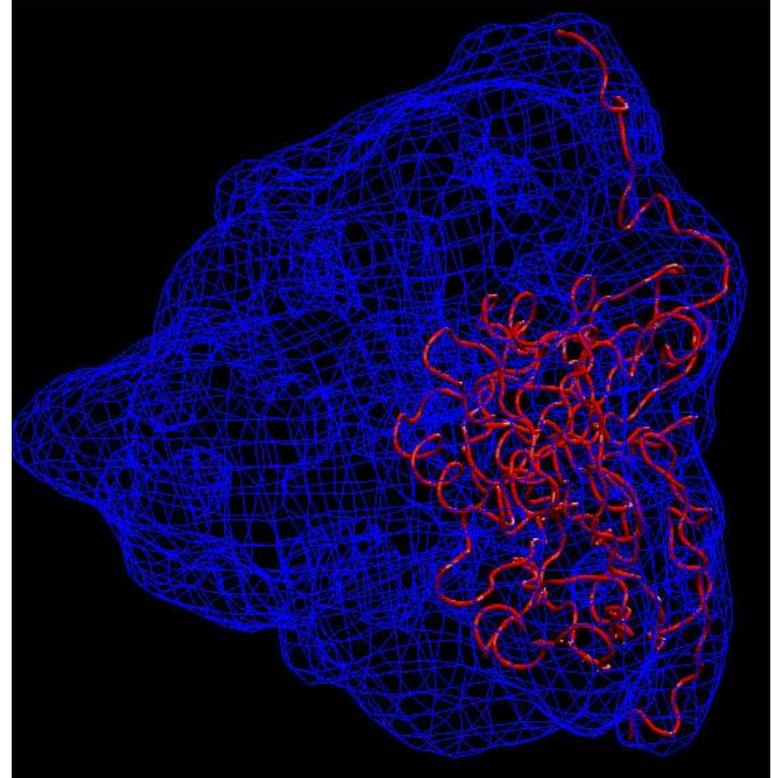
The quantities $I_{mnm'}^{ll'}(\delta)$ are the so called *two-center integrals*, corresponding to the spherical harmonic transforms of the two maps, at a distance δ of one another:

$$I_{mnm'}^{ll'}(\delta) = \sqrt{(l + \frac{1}{2})(l' + \frac{1}{2})} \int_0^\pi \left[\int_0^\infty \hat{\rho}_{em}^{lm}(r) \hat{\rho}_{calc}^{l'm'}(r') d_{n0}^{l'}(\beta') r^2 dr \right] d_{n0}^l(\beta) \sin \beta d\beta$$

Test Cases

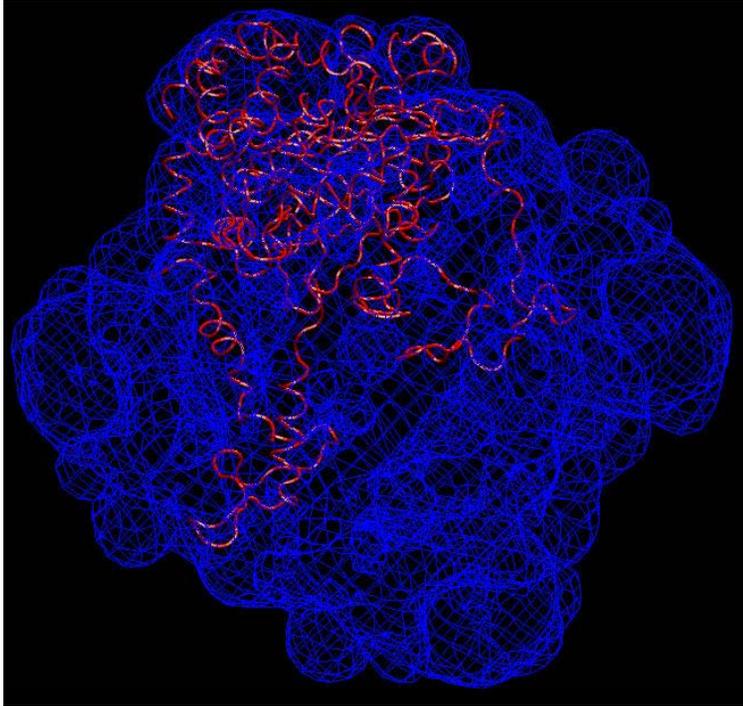


1afw
(peroxisomal thiolase)

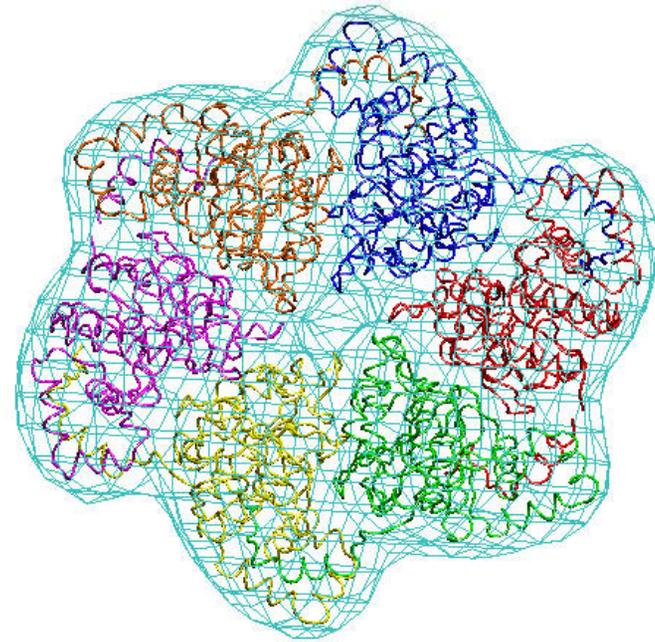


1nic (copper-
nitrite reductase)

Test Cases



7cat
(catalase)

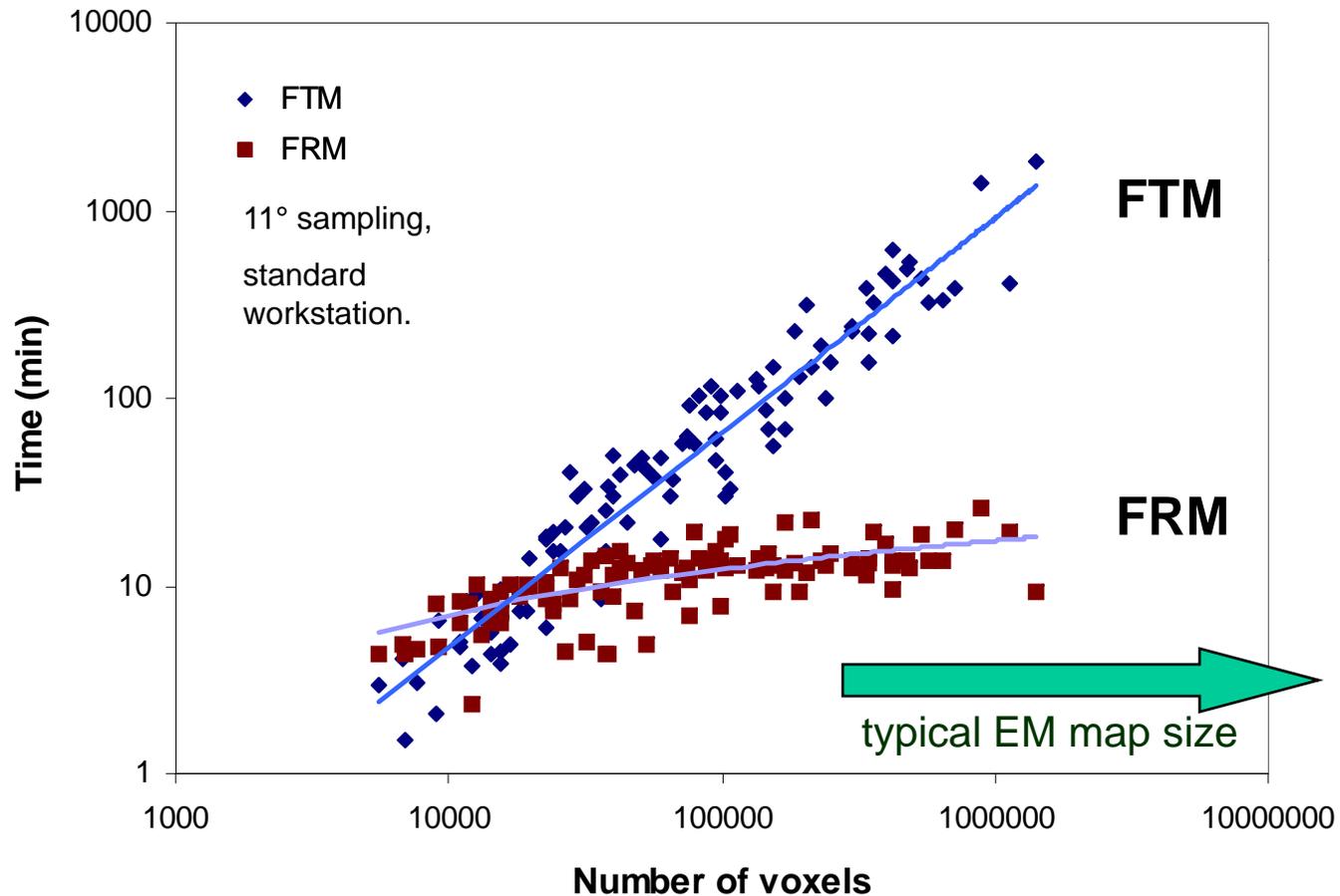


1e0j
(Gp4D helicase)

Efficiency: FRM vs. FTM

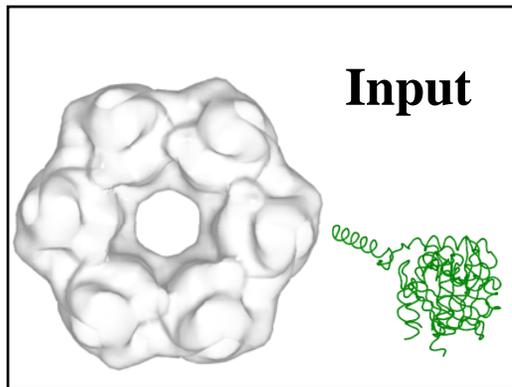
FTM: 3D FFT + 3D rot. search

FRM: 5D FFT + 1D trans. search



- Gain: 2-4 orders of magnitude for typical EM map

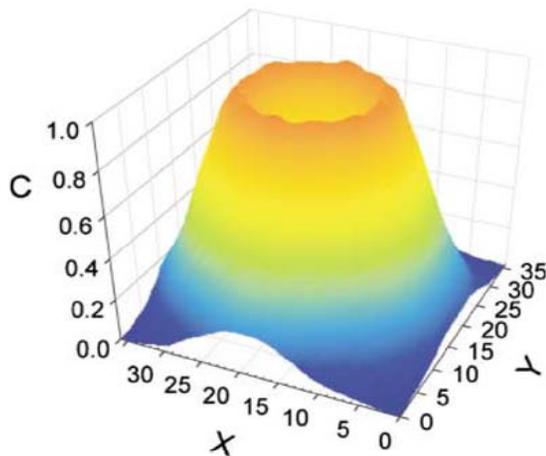
Summary: Correlation Based Matching



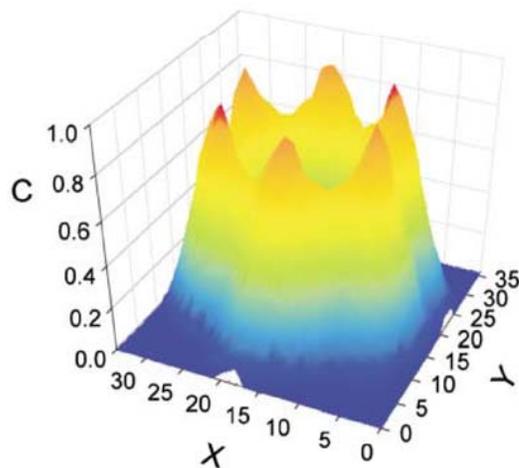
Situs 6D exhaustive searches:

- Rigid Body
- Fast Translational Matching
- Fast Rotational Matching
- Density Filtering

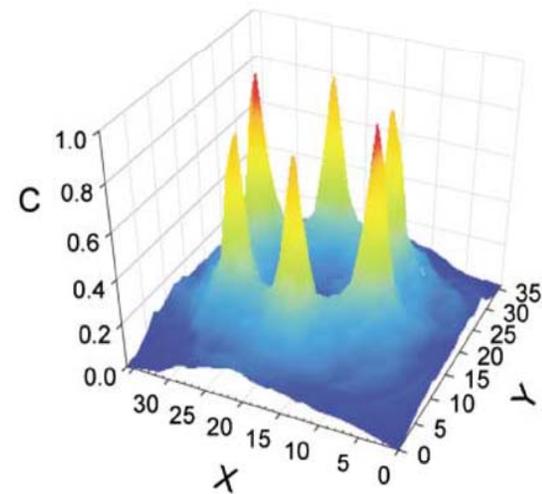
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Local mask



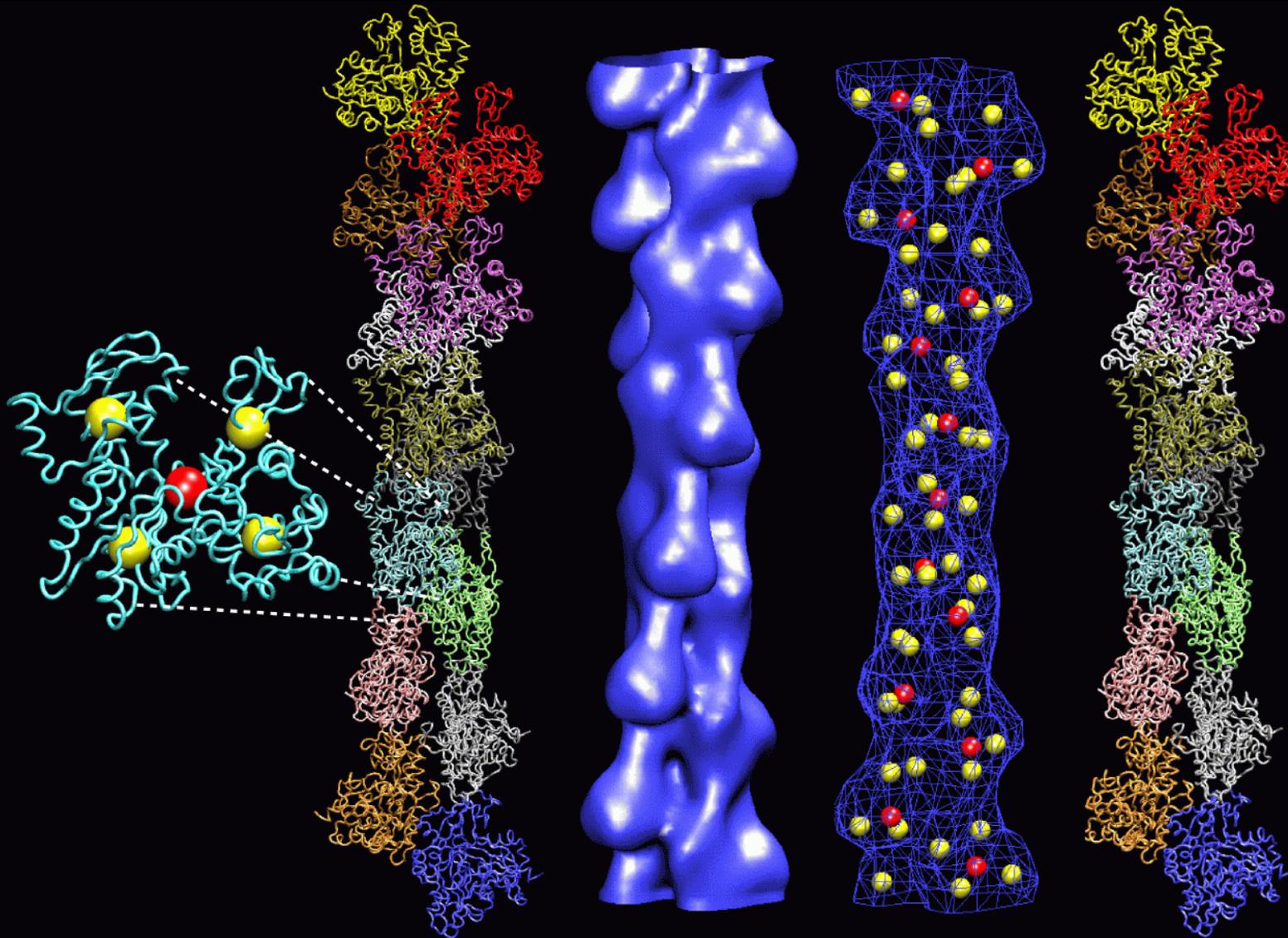
Laplacian filter



→ *Increasing Fitting Contrast* →

Questions?

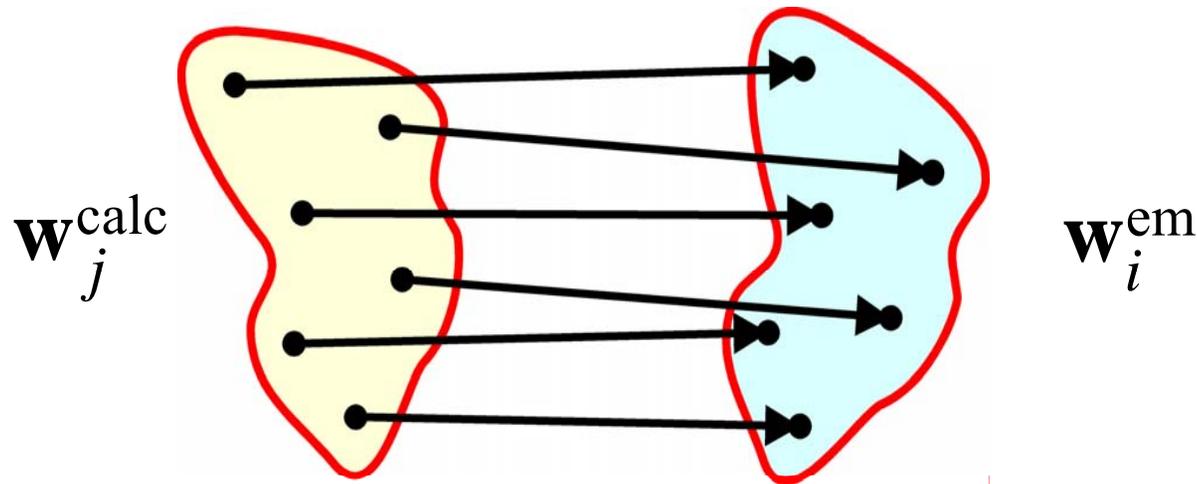
Alternative: “Simulated Markers”



Actin filament: Reconstruction from EM data at 20Å resolution

rmsd: 1.1Å

Reduced Representations of Biomolecular Structure



Feature points (fiducials, landmarks), reduce complexity of search space

Useful for:

- Rigid-body fitting
- Flexible fitting
- Interactive fitting / force feedback
- Building of deformable models

Vector Quantization

Lloyd (1957)	} Digital Signal Processing, Speech and Image Compression. Topology-Representing Network.
Linde, Buzo, & Gray (1980)	
Martinetz & Schulten (1993)	

Encode data (in $\mathcal{R}^{d=3}$) using a finite set $\{w_j\}$ ($j=1,\dots,k$) of *codebook vectors*.
 Delaunay triangulation divides \mathcal{R}^3 into k *Voronoi polyhedra* (“receptive fields”):

$$V_i = \left\{ v \in \mathcal{R}^3 \mid \|v - w_i\| \leq \|v - w_j\| \forall j \right\}$$

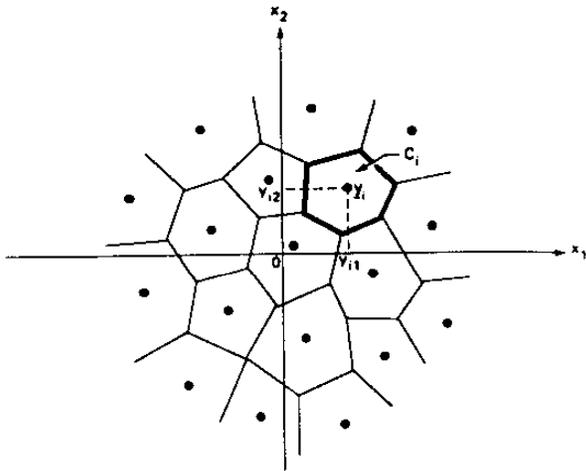
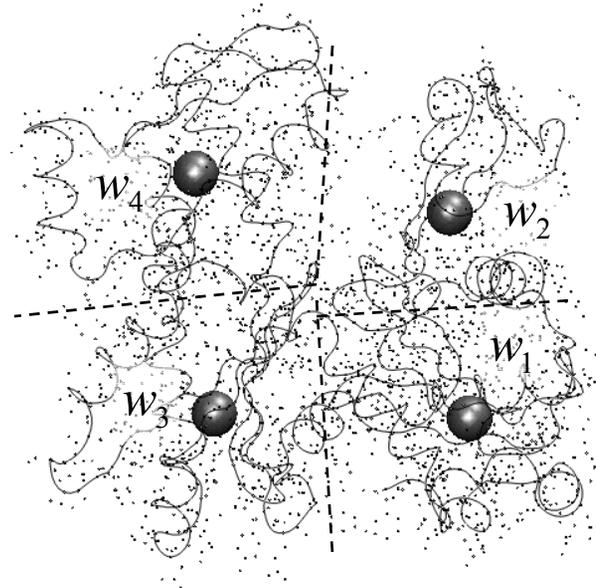
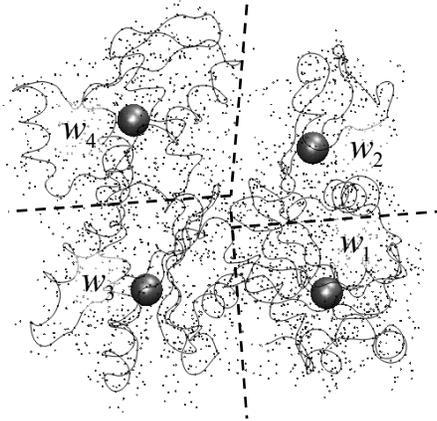


Fig. 3. Partitioning of two-dimensional space ($N = 2$) into $L = 18$ cells. All input vectors in cell C_i will be quantized as the code vector y_i . The shapes of the various cells can be very different.



Linde, Buzo, Gray (LBG) Algorithm



Encoding Distortion Error:

$$E = \sum_{i \text{ (atoms, voxels)}} \left\| v_i - w_{j(i)} \right\|^2 m_i$$

Lower $E(\{w_j(t)\})$ iteratively: Gradient descent $\forall r$:

$$\Delta w_r(t) \equiv w_r(t) - w_r(t-1) = -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_r} = \varepsilon \cdot \sum_i \delta_{rj(i)} (v_i - w_r) m_i .$$

Inline (Monte Carlo) approach for a sequence $v_i(t)$ selected at random according to weights m_i :

$$\Delta w_r(t) = \tilde{\varepsilon} \cdot \delta_{rj(i)} \cdot (v_i(t) - w_r).$$

How do we avoid getting trapped in the many local minima of E ?

Soft-Max Adaptation

Avoid local minima by smoothing of energy function (here: TRN method):

$$\forall r: \Delta w_r(t) = \tilde{\varepsilon} \cdot e^{\frac{-s_r}{\lambda}} \cdot (v_i(t) - w_r),$$

Where $s_r(v_i(t), \{w_j\})$ is the closeness rank:

$$\|v_i - w_{j_0}\| \leq \|v_i - w_{j_1}\| \leq \dots \leq \|v_i - w_{j_{(k-1)}}\|$$

$$s_r = 0 \qquad s_r = 1 \qquad s_r = k - 1$$

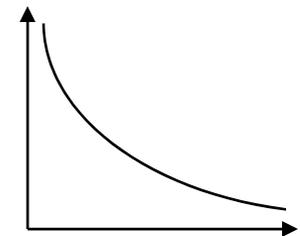
Note: $\lambda \rightarrow 0$: LBG algorithm.

$\lambda \neq 0$: not only “winner” $w_{j(i)}$ also second, third, ... closest are updated.

Can show that this corresponds to stochastic gradient descent on

$$\tilde{E}(\{w_j\}, \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^k e^{\frac{-s_r}{\lambda}} \sum_i \|v_i - w_{j(i)}\|^2 m_i.$$

Note: $\lambda \rightarrow 0: \tilde{E} \rightarrow E$. LBG algorithm.
 $\lambda \rightarrow \infty: \tilde{E}$ parabolic (single minimum). } $\Rightarrow \lambda(t)$



Convergence and Variability

Q: How do we know that we have found the global minimum of E ?

A: We don't (in general).

But we can compute the statistical variability of the $\{w_j\}$ by repeating the calculation with different seeds for random number generator.

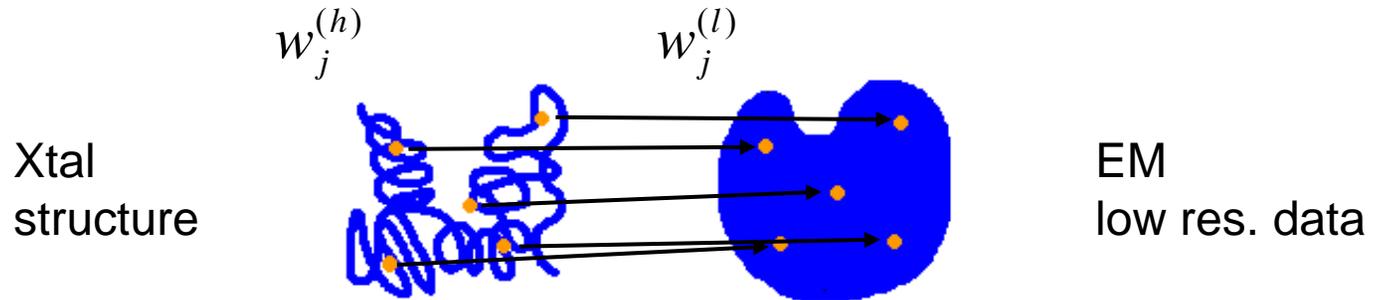
Codebook vector variability arises due to:

- statistical uncertainty,
- spread of local minima.

A small variability indicates good convergence behavior.

Optimum choice of # of vectors k : variability is minimal.

Single-Molecule Rigid-Body Docking

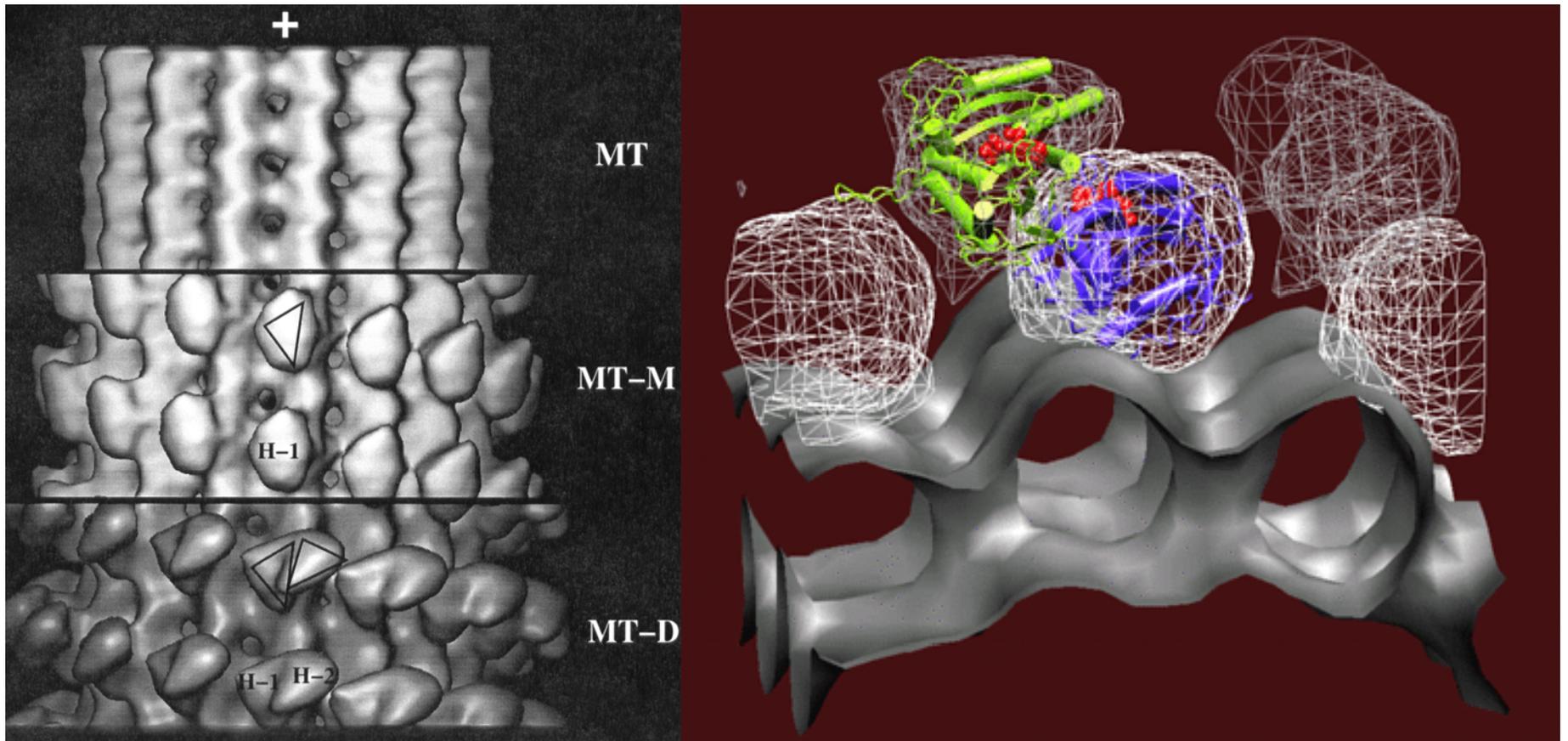


- Estimate optimum k with variability criterion.
- Index map $I: m \rightarrow n$ ($m, n = 1, \dots, k$).
- $k! = k(k-1)\dots 2$ possible combinations.
- For each index map I perform a least squares fit of the $w_{I(j)}^{(h)}$ to the $w_j^{(l)}$.
- Quality of I : residual rms deviation

$$\Delta_I = \sqrt{\frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k \left\| w_{I(j)}^{(h)} - w_j^{(l)} \right\|^2}$$

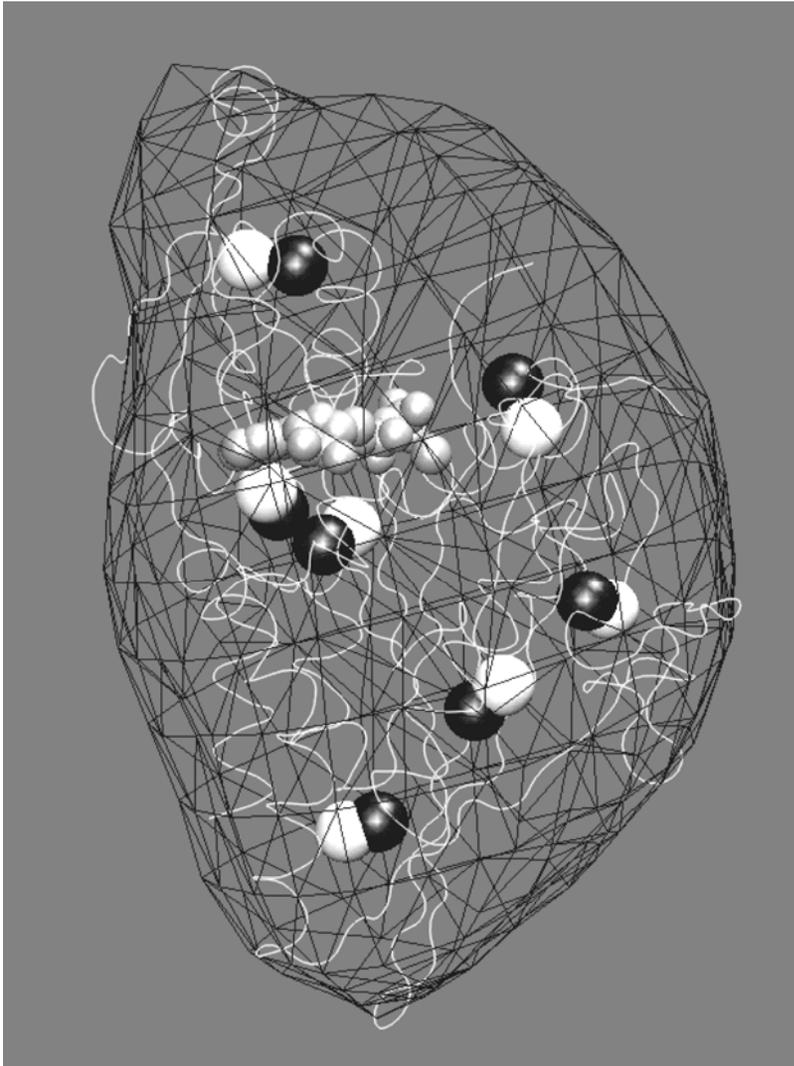
- Find optimal I by direct enumeration of the $k!$ cases (minimum of Δ_I).

Application Example



ncd monomer and dimer-decorated microtubules (Milligan *et al.*, 1997)
ncd monomer crystal structure (Fletterick *et al.*, 1996,1998)

Search for Conformations



Two possible ranking criteria:

- Codebook vector rms deviation (Δ_l).
- Overlap between both data sets:

Voxel-Correlation coefficient:

$$C_{hl} = \frac{\sum_{x,y,z} h_{x,y,z} \cdot l_{x,y,z}}{\left(\sum_{x,y,z} h_{x,y,z}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{x,y,z} l_{x,y,z}^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

ncd motor (white, shown with ATP nucleotide)
docked to EM map (black) using $k=7$ codebook
vectors

Reduced Search Features

Top 20, $7!=5040$ possible pairs
of codebook vectors.

	Δ_I	C_{hl}	I (permutation)
1.	3.115	0.913	(7,5,1,6,4,2,3)
2.	4.946	0.904	(2,3,5,7,4,6,1)
3.	5.455	0.897	(6,1,3,2,4,7,5)
4.	6.316	0.882	(5,7,4,3,1,2,6)
5.	7.612	0.867	(5,7,1,4,6,3,2)
6.	7.855	0.888	(3,2,4,1,5,6,7)
7.	7.994	0.884	(1,6,4,5,3,7,2)
8.	8.001	0.863	(6,1,4,3,5,2,7)
9.	8.192	0.888	(2,6,4,3,1,7,5)
10.	8.244	0.850	(7,5,6,2,1,3,4)
11.	8.298	0.881	(2,6,7,5,1,3,4)
12.	8.340	0.894	(6,2,4,1,3,5,7)
13.	8.481	0.867	(3,4,6,2,1,5,7)
14.	8.516	0.885	(2,3,4,5,1,7,6)
15.	8.532	0.857	(7,5,4,1,3,6,2)
16.	8.985	0.861	(6,1,5,7,4,3,2)
17.	8.988	0.838	(3,4,5,7,1,2,6)
18.	9.092	0.839	(3,2,5,4,7,1,6)
19.	9.124	0.858	(7,5,3,2,4,1,6)
20.	9.236	0.858	(1,6,5,7,4,2,3)

For a fixed k , codebook
rmsd is more stringent
criterion than correlation
coefficient!

Performance (I)

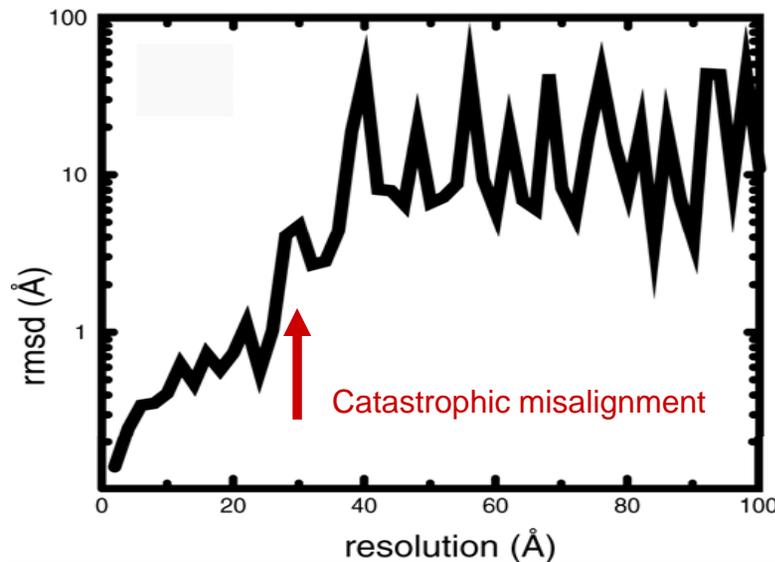
Dependence on experimental EM density threshold (ncd, $k=7$):

orientations are stable:

+/- 5° variability for +/-50% threshold density variation.

Threshold level can be optimized via radius of gyration of vectors.

Dependence on resolution (simulated EM map, automatic assignment of k from $3 \leq k \leq 9$):



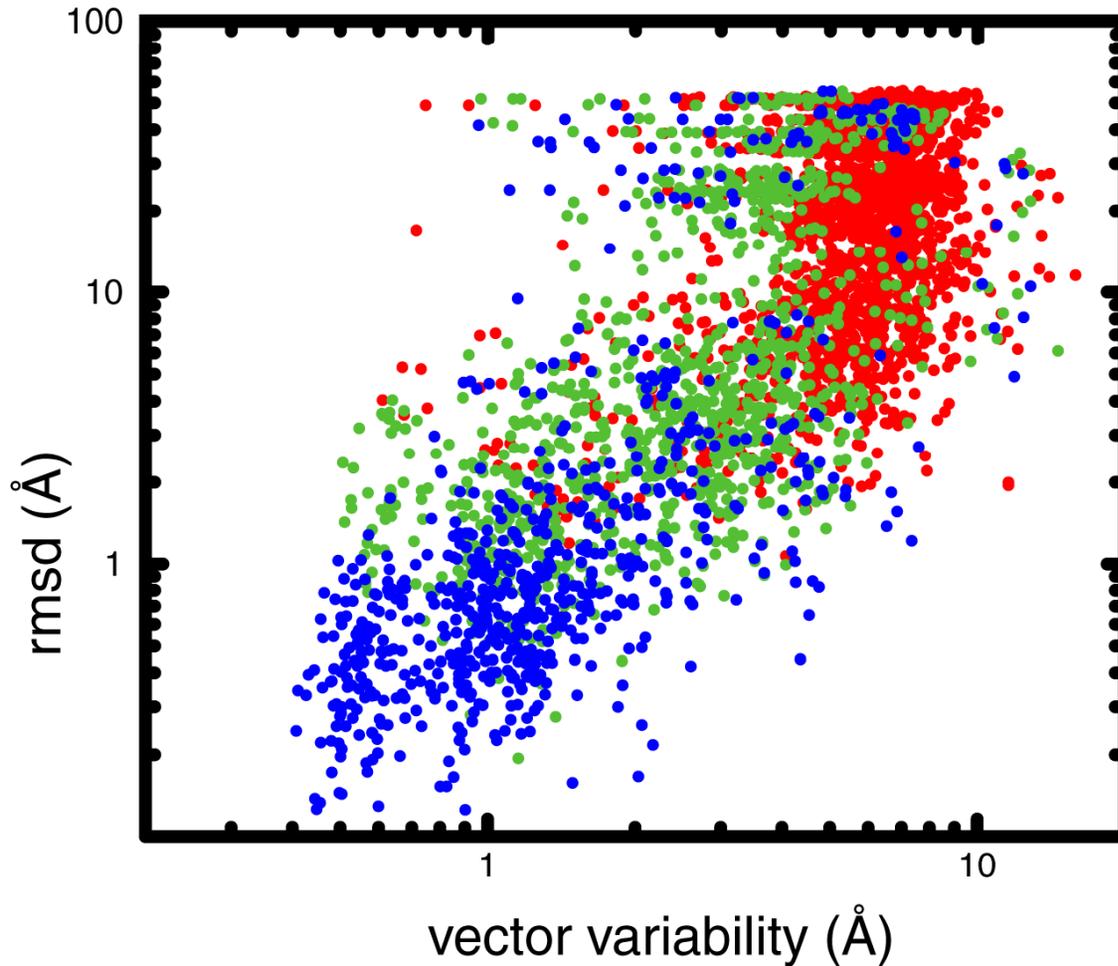
Deviation from start structure (PDB: 1TOP) used to generate simulated EM map.

Accurate matching up to ~30Å

Performance (II)

Is minimum vector variability a suitable choice for optimum k ?

Wriggers & Birmanns, J. Struct. Biol 133, 193-202 (2001)



10 test systems, $3 \leq k \leq 9$
simulated EM densities
from 2-100Å.

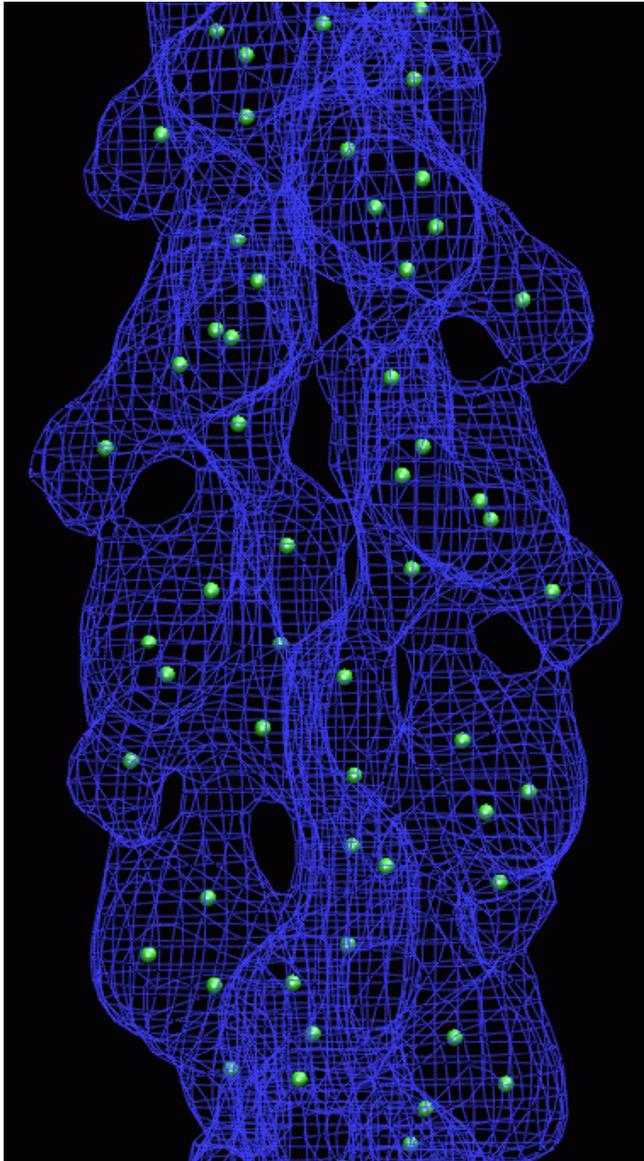
2-20Å (reliable fitting)

22-50Å (borderline)

52-100Å (mismatches)

Reasonable correlation
with actual deviation

No “false positives” for
resolution values $< 20\text{Å}$
and variability $< 1\text{Å}$.



Performance (III)

Multiple Subunits

Egelman lab: High-resolution reconstructions of F-actin - plant ADF based on single-particle image processing.

Unrestrained vectors fail to distinguish between actin and ADF densities (poor segmentation)

Remedies:

- Skeletons (later)
- Correlation-Based Search

Summary: Classic Situs (Versions 1.x)

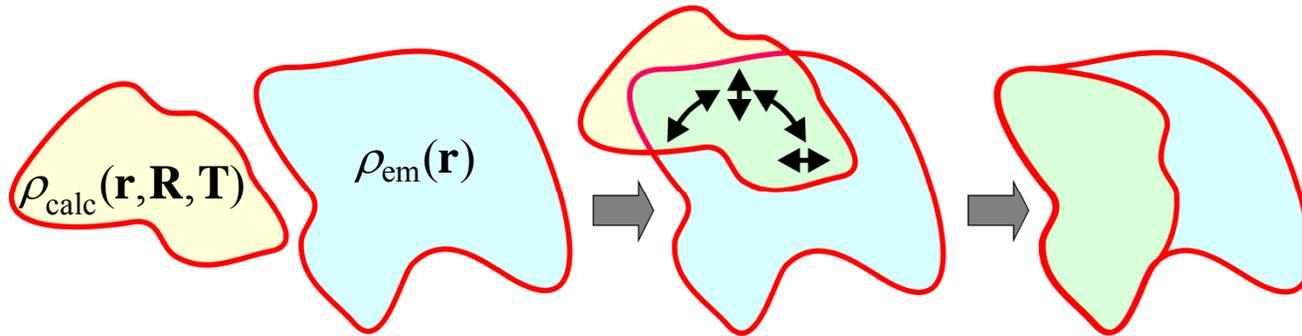
Advantages of vector quantization:

- Fast (seconds of compute time).
- Reduced search is robust.

Limitations:

- No estimation of “fitting contrast” near optimum
- Works best for single molecules, not for matching subunits to larger densities.
- Largely superseded by FTM and FRM in Situs 2.x

Reduced Correlation Criterion



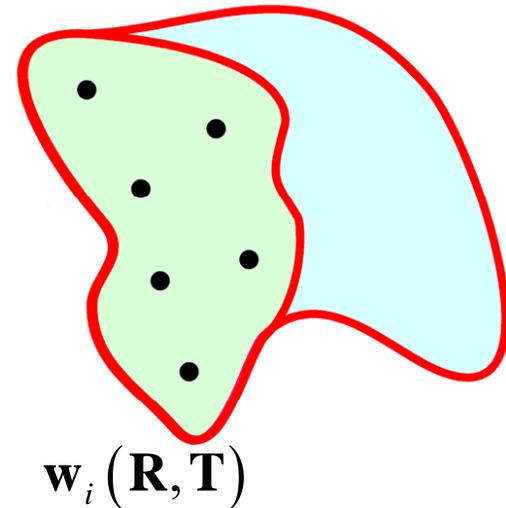
Correlation
Coefficient

$$C(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T}) \propto \int \rho_{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T}) \cdot \rho_{\text{em}}(\mathbf{r}) d^3 r$$

Reduced
Model

$$\rho_{\text{calc}}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^k \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{w}_i)$$

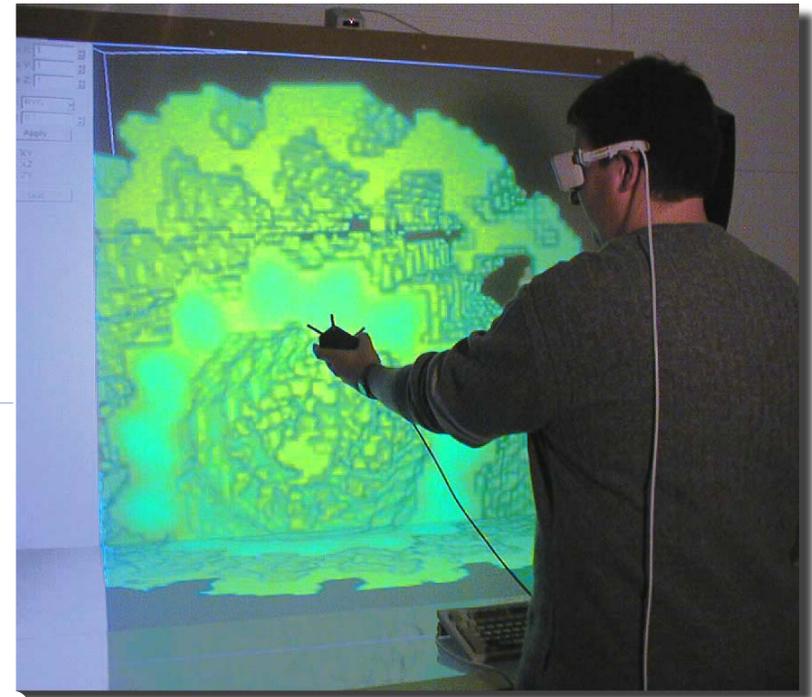
$$C(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T}) \propto \sum_{i=1}^k \rho_{\text{em}}(\mathbf{w}_i(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T}))$$



Application in Haptic Rendering / VR



PHANTOM™ 1.5/6DOF
Haptic Device:
Force-Feedback in 6 DOF

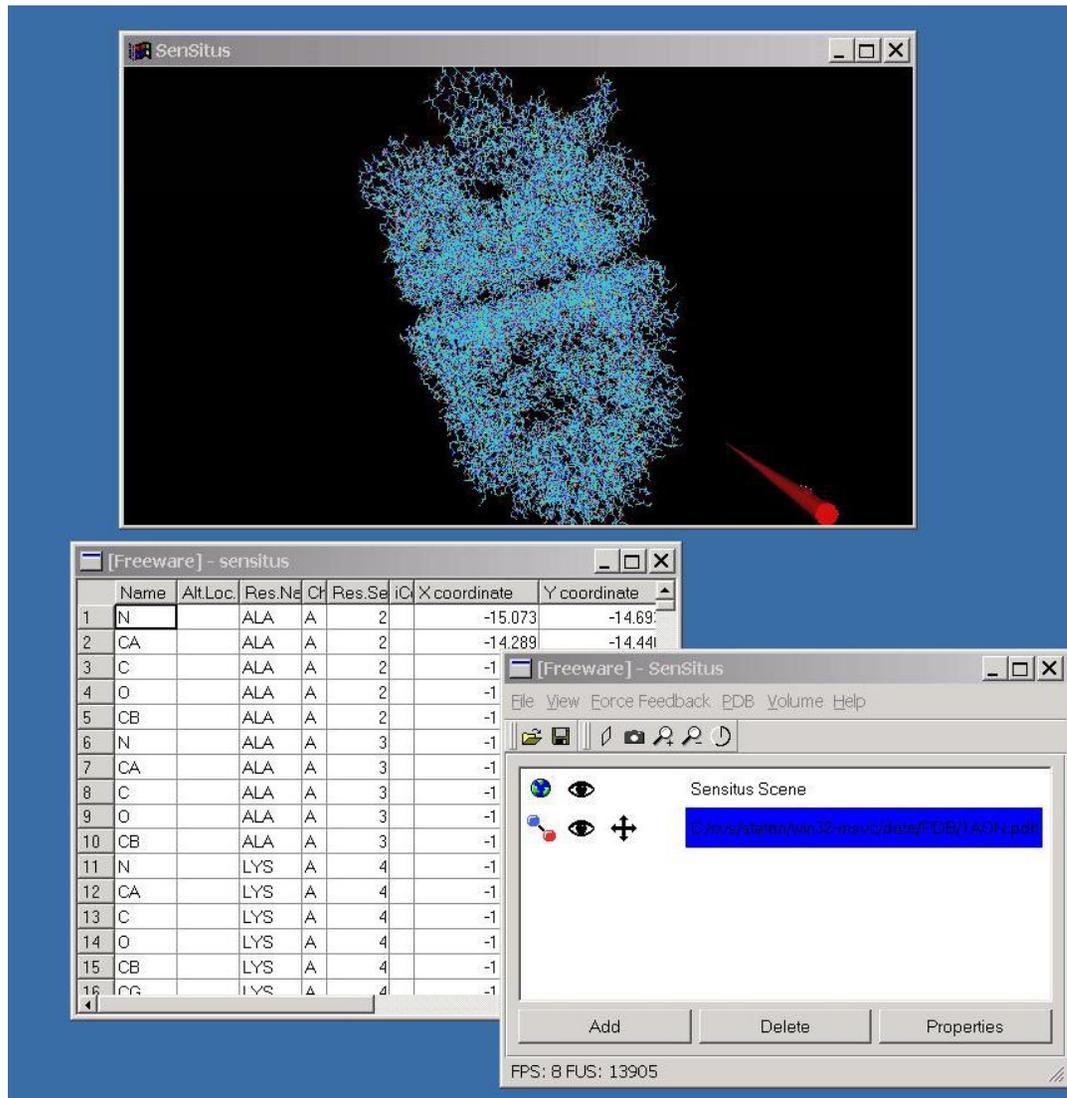


Testing a Prototype of **SenSitus**
in an immersive VR environment.

Force updates (100-1000 Hz) require a reduced model of probe structures.

Interactive Modeling: *SenSitus*

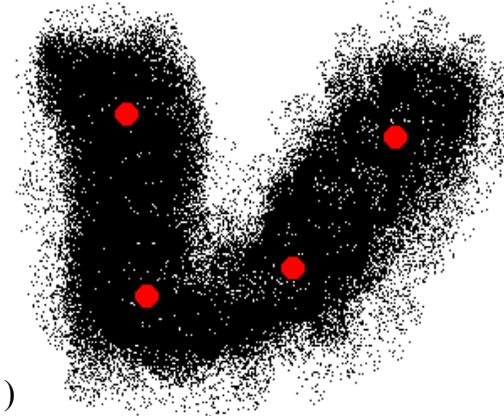
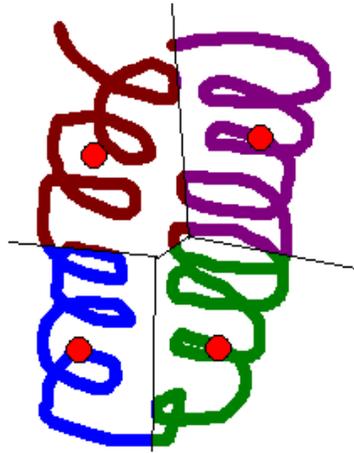
(S. Birmanns)



Application in Flexible Fitting

Xtal
structure

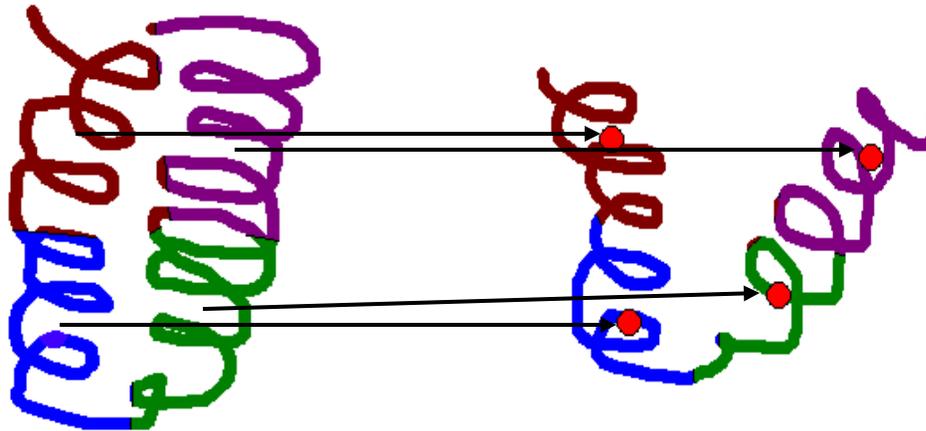
$w_j^{(h)}$



3D EM
reconstruction

$w_j^{(l)}$

constrain
centroids



molecular
dynamics
simulation

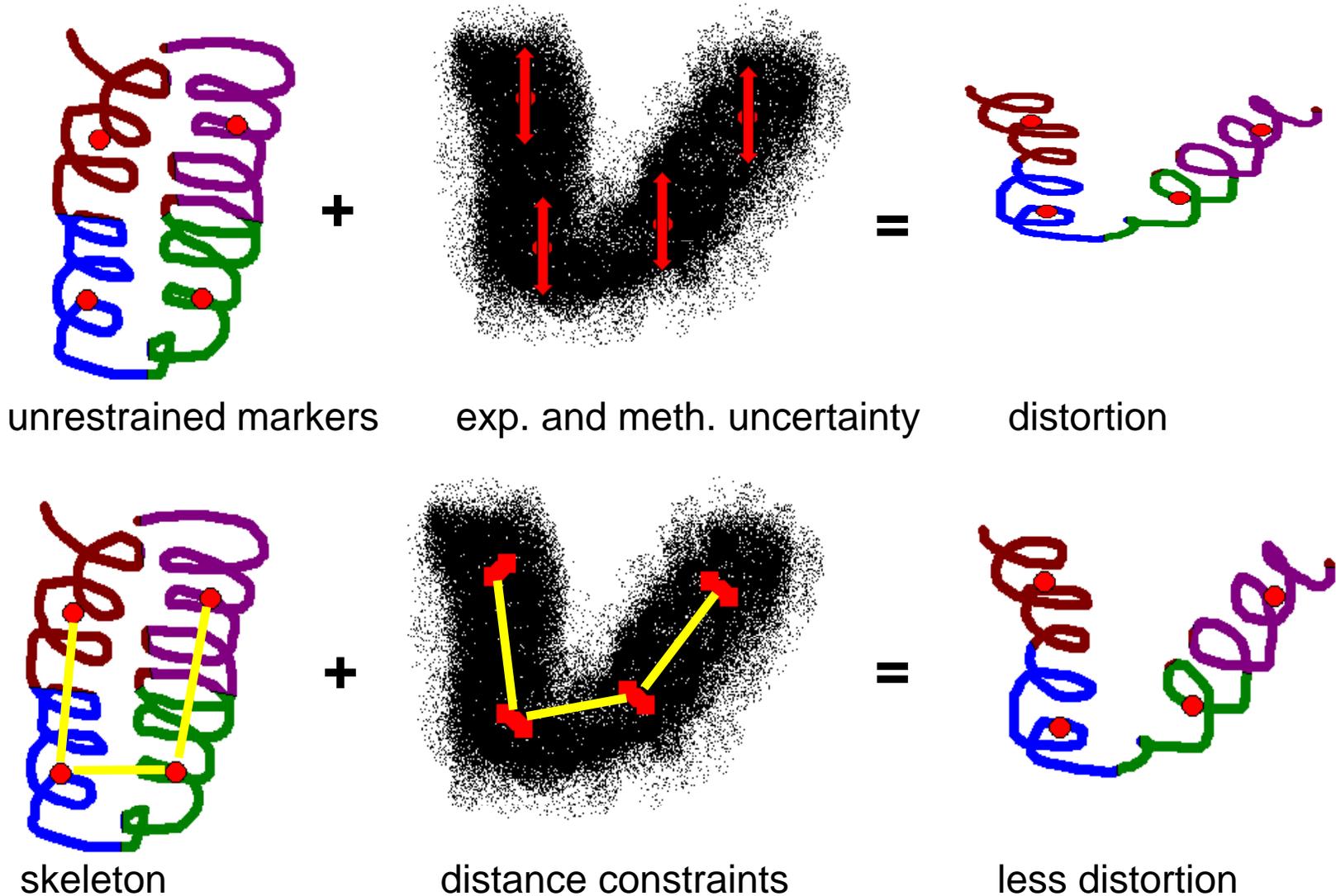
Stereochemical Quality of Flexible Fitting

The atomic model has many more degrees of freedom than there are independent pieces of information in the EM map. Hence, there is the danger that over fitting distorts the structure

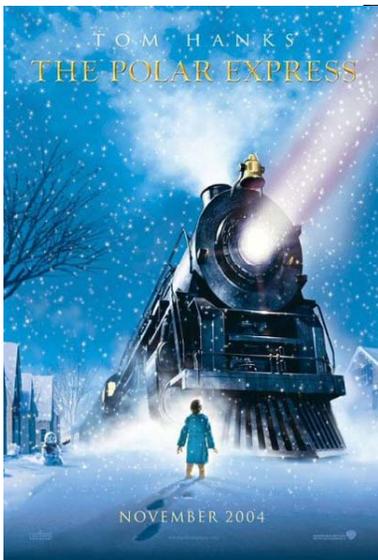
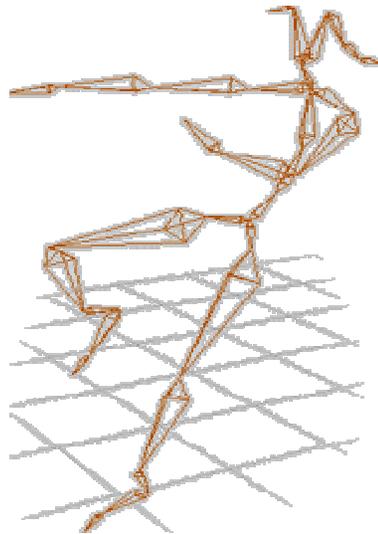
How can over fitting be avoided? Reduce noise by eliminating “inessential” degrees of freedom!...

Skeletons Limit the Effect of Noise:

freezing inessential degrees of freedom:



Fitting Skeletons: Motion Capture

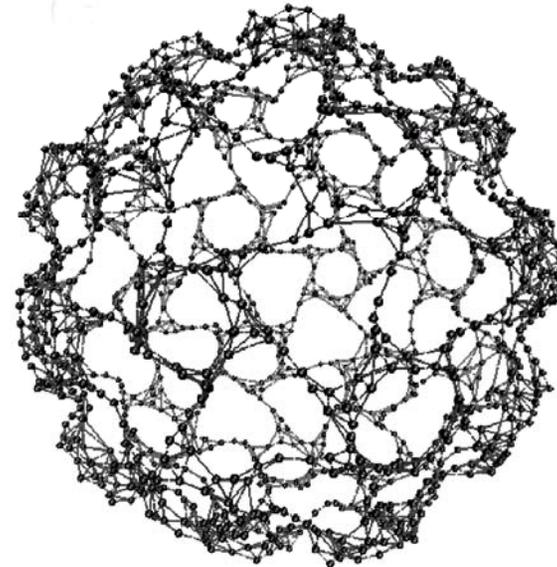
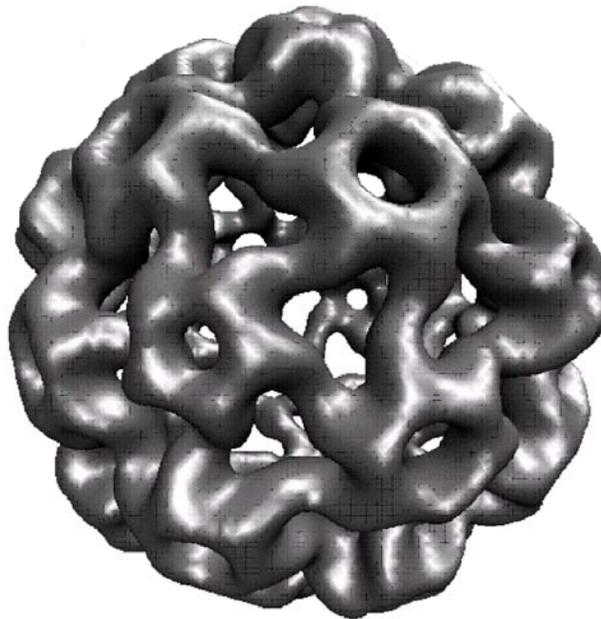


Motion Capture Network

Topology Representing Neural Network
(Martinetz and Schulten, 1993)

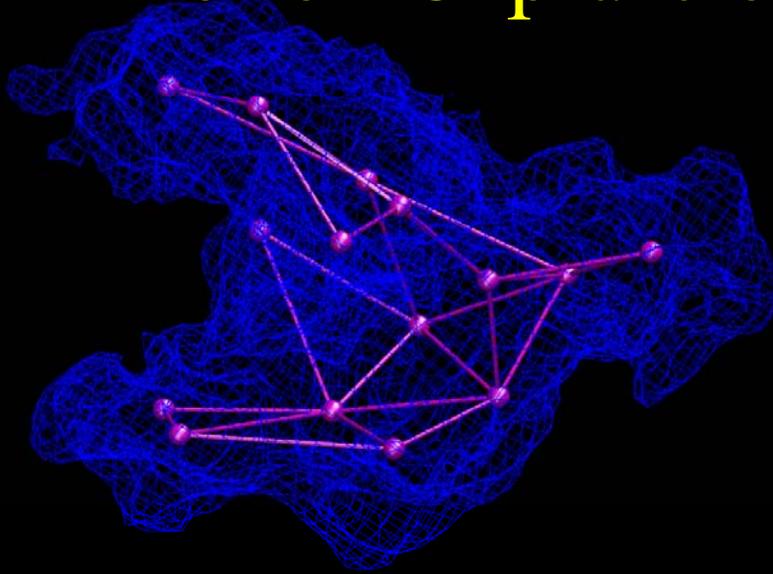
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SHAKE Distance Constraints
(van Gunsteren, 1977)

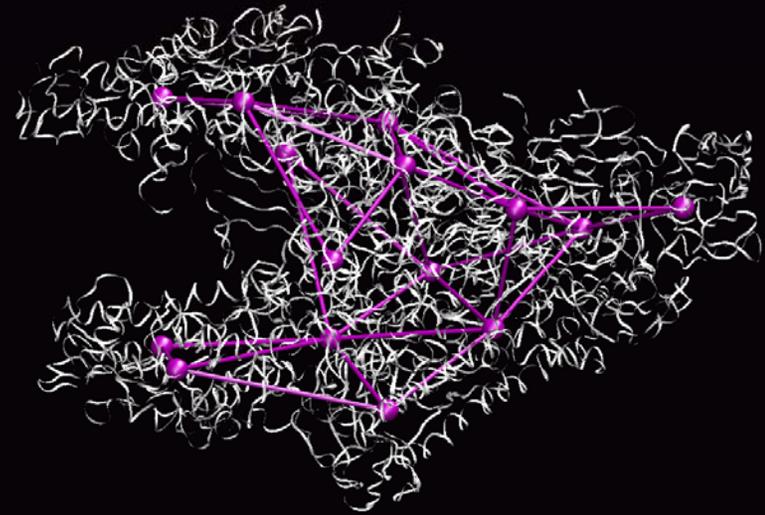


Neurocomputing (2004) 56:365

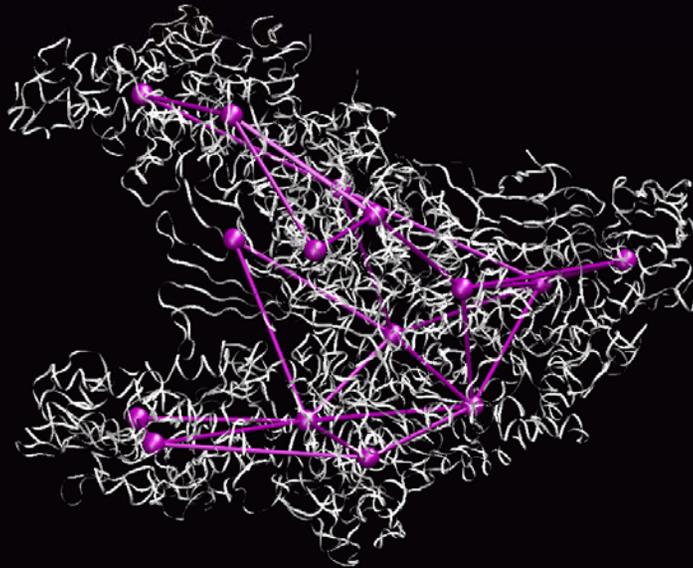
Motion Capture of RNA Polymerase



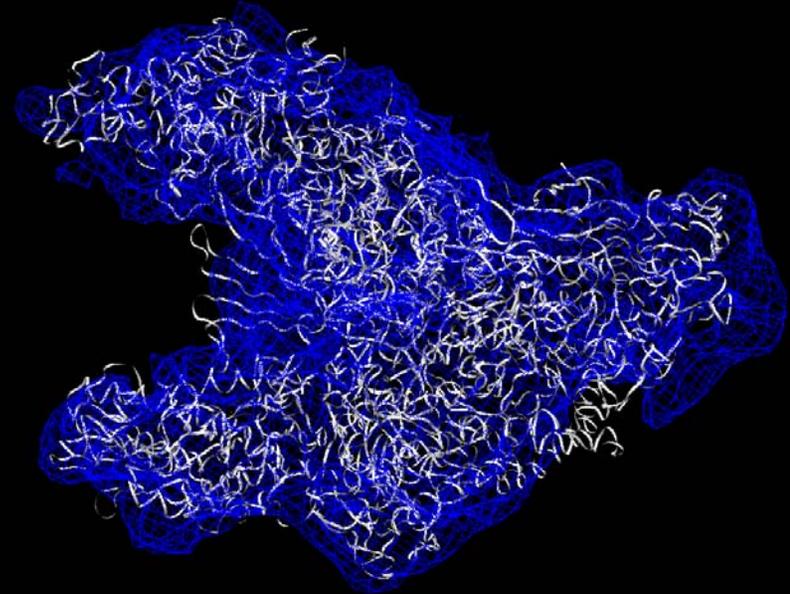
Taq-like single molecule map



Taq RNAP x-tal structure

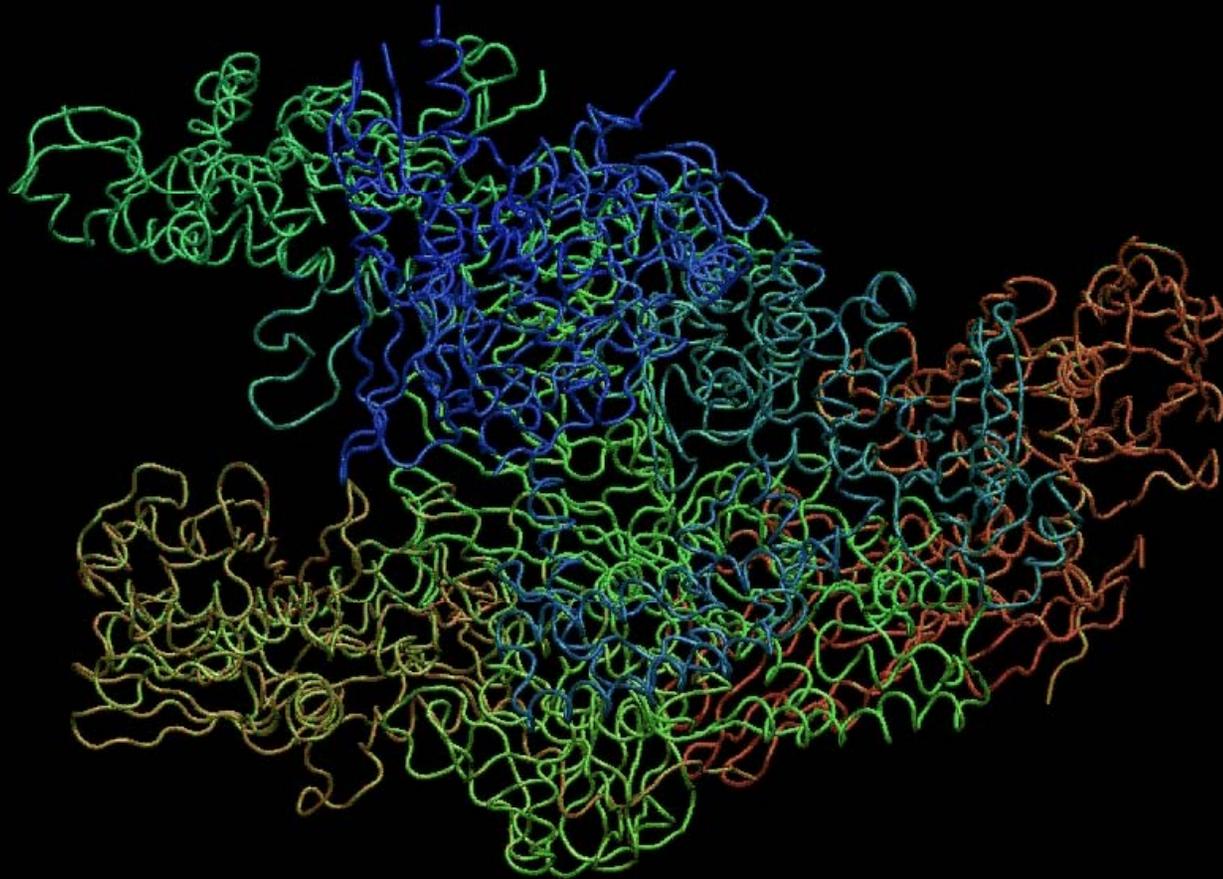


flexible fitting (15 vectors)



final result

Domain Motions

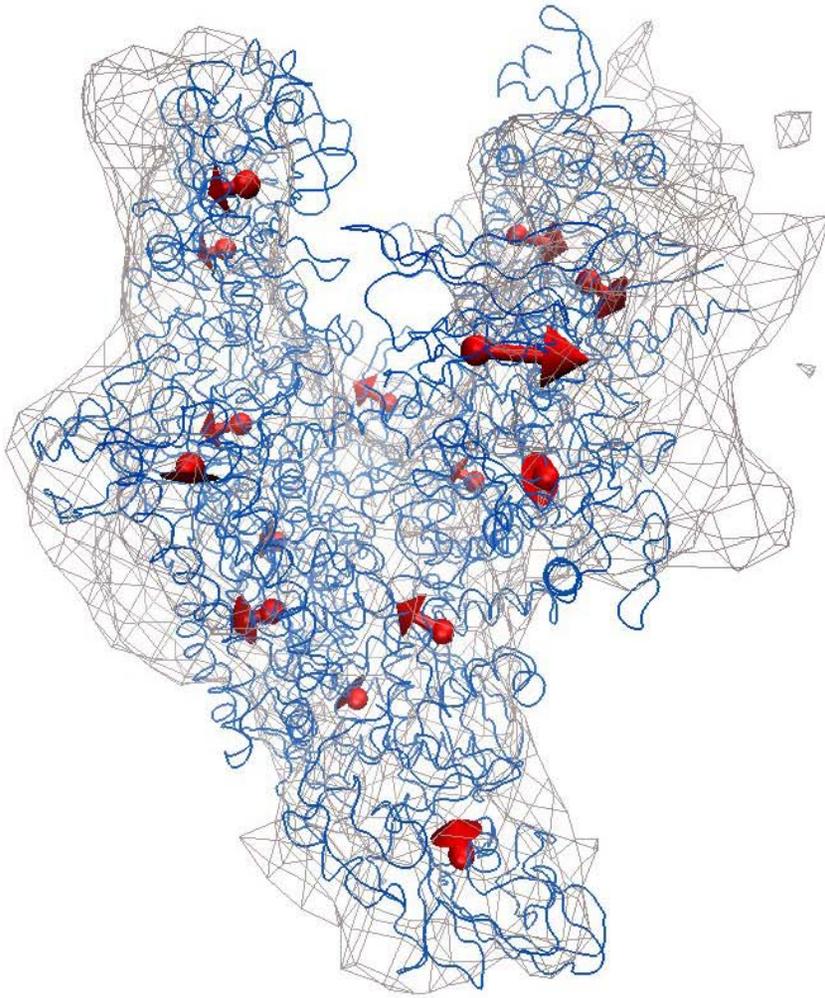


Flexing of the RNAP “jaws” suggests a jaw-closing in presence of DNA

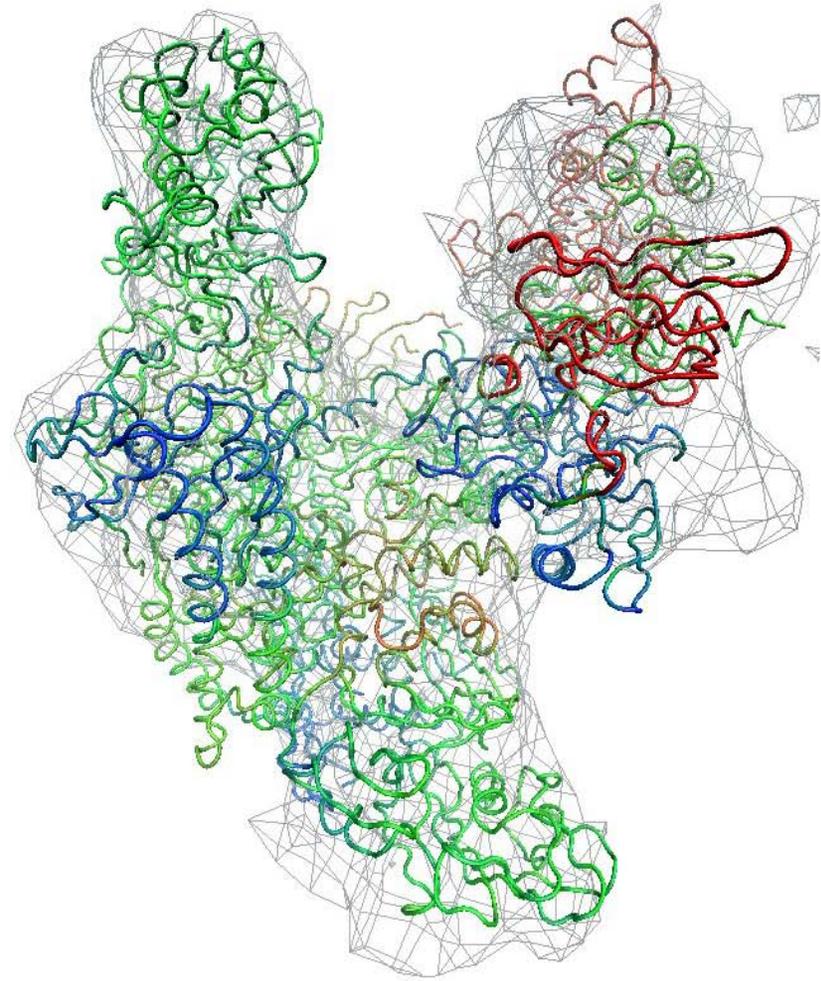
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Cell (2003) 114:335

What Information is Used?



Displacements



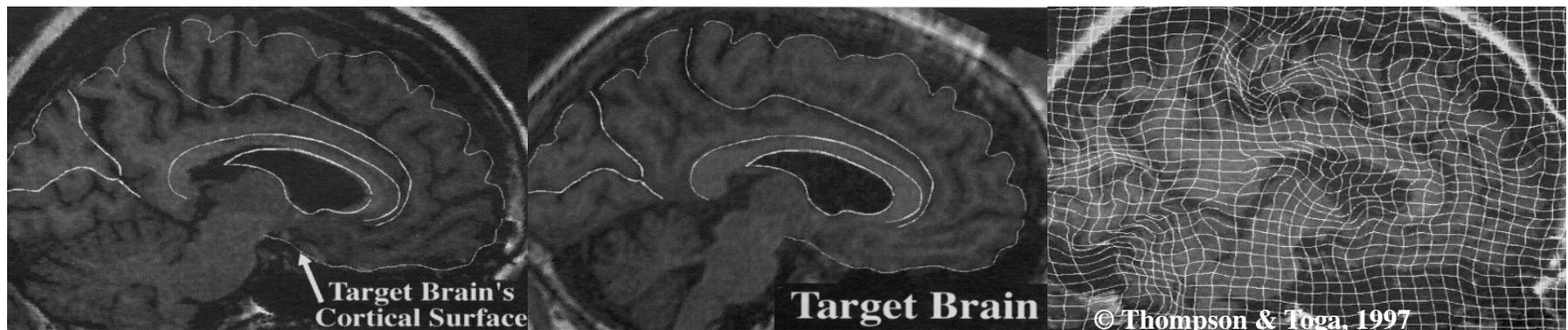
Molecular Dynamics

Molecular Dynamics vs. Interpolation

MD simulation requires an expert user and hours of preparation. We know a sparse estimation of the displacement field at markers. Can we extend the sparse estimate to the full space by an inexpensive interpolation?

Interpolation Pros:

- Ease of use / implementation
- Detailed mass rearrangement plan.
- Linear or nonlinear registration of features
- Used in neuroscience and machine vision:



(i) Piecewise-Linear Inter- / Extrapolation

For each **probe position** find 4 closest vectors.

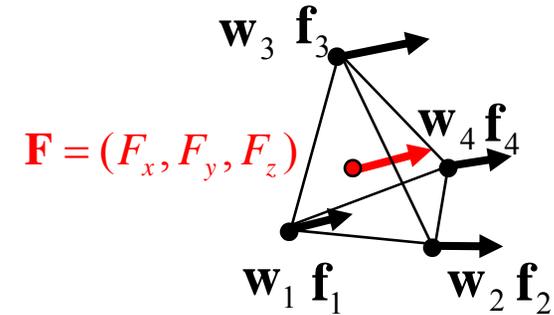
Ansatz: $F_x(x, y, z) = ax + by + cz + d$

$$F_x(\mathbf{w}_1) = f_{1,x},$$

$$F_x(\mathbf{w}_2) = f_{2,x},$$

$$F_x(\mathbf{w}_3) = f_{3,x},$$

$$F_x(\mathbf{w}_4) = f_{4,x} \quad (\text{similar for } F_y, F_z).$$



Cramer's rule:

$$a = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} f_{1,x} & w_{1,y} & w_{1,z} & 1 \\ f_{2,x} & w_{2,y} & w_{2,z} & 1 \\ f_{3,x} & w_{3,y} & w_{3,z} & 1 \\ f_{4,x} & w_{4,y} & w_{4,z} & 1 \end{vmatrix}}{D}, \quad b = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} w_{1,x} & f_{1,y} & w_{1,z} & 1 \\ w_{2,x} & f_{2,y} & w_{2,z} & 1 \\ w_{3,x} & f_{3,y} & w_{3,z} & 1 \\ w_{4,x} & f_{4,y} & w_{4,z} & 1 \end{vmatrix}}{D}, \quad \dots, \quad D = \begin{vmatrix} w_{1,x} & w_{1,y} & w_{1,z} & 1 \\ w_{2,x} & w_{2,y} & w_{2,z} & 1 \\ w_{3,x} & w_{3,y} & w_{3,z} & 1 \\ w_{4,x} & w_{4,y} & w_{4,z} & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

(ii) Non-Linear Kernel Interpolation

Consider all k vectors and interpolation kernel function $U(r)$.

Ansatz:

$$F_x(x, y, z) = a_1 + a_x x + a_y y + a_z z + \sum_{k=1}^k b_i \cdot U(|\mathbf{w}_i - (x, y, z)|)$$

$$F_x(\mathbf{w}_i) = f_{i,x}, \quad \forall i \quad (\text{similar for } F_y, F_z).$$

Solve :

$$\mathbf{L}^{-1}(f_{1,x}, \dots, f_{k,x}, 0, 0, 0, 0) = (b_1, \dots, b_k, a_1, a_x, a_y, a_z)^T,$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{L} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{P} & \mathbf{Q} \\ \hline \mathbf{Q}^T & \mathbf{0} \end{array} \right), \quad \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & w_{1,x} & w_{1,y} & w_{1,z} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & w_{k,x} & w_{k,y} & w_{k,z} \end{pmatrix}, \quad k \times 4,$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & U(w_{12}) & \dots & U(w_{1k}) \\ U(w_{21}) & 0 & \dots & U(w_{2k}) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ U(w_{k1}) & U(w_{k2}) & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad k \times k.$$

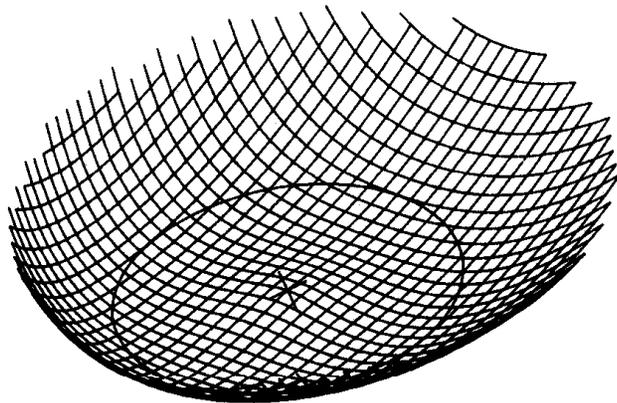
Bookstein “Thin-Plate” Splines

- kernel function $U(r)$ is principal solution of **biharmonic equation** that arises in elasticity theory of thin plates:

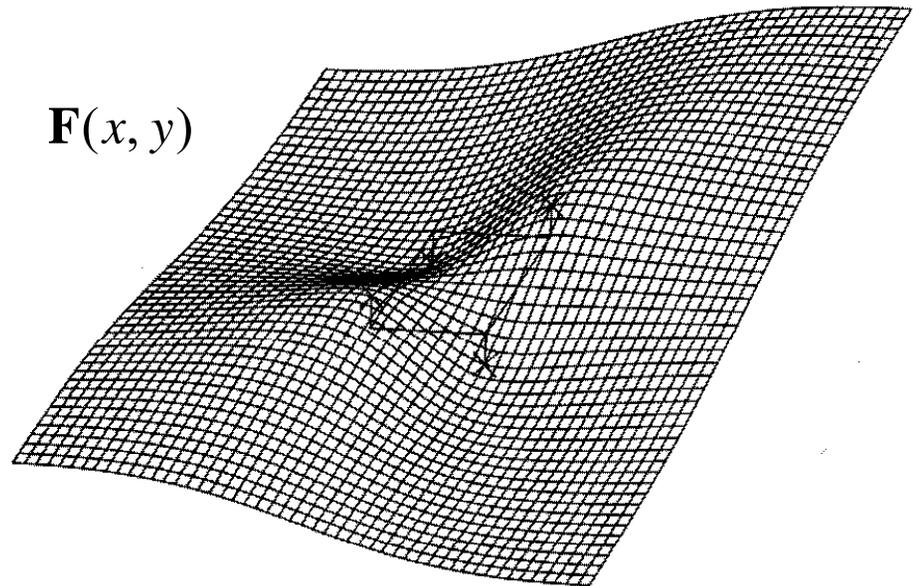
$$\Delta^2 U(r) = \nabla^4 U(r) = \delta(r).$$

- variational principle: $U(r)$ minimizes the bending energy (not shown).
- 1D: $U(r) = |r^3|$ (cubic spline)
- 2D: $U(r) = r^2 \log r^2$
- 3D: $U(r) = |r|$

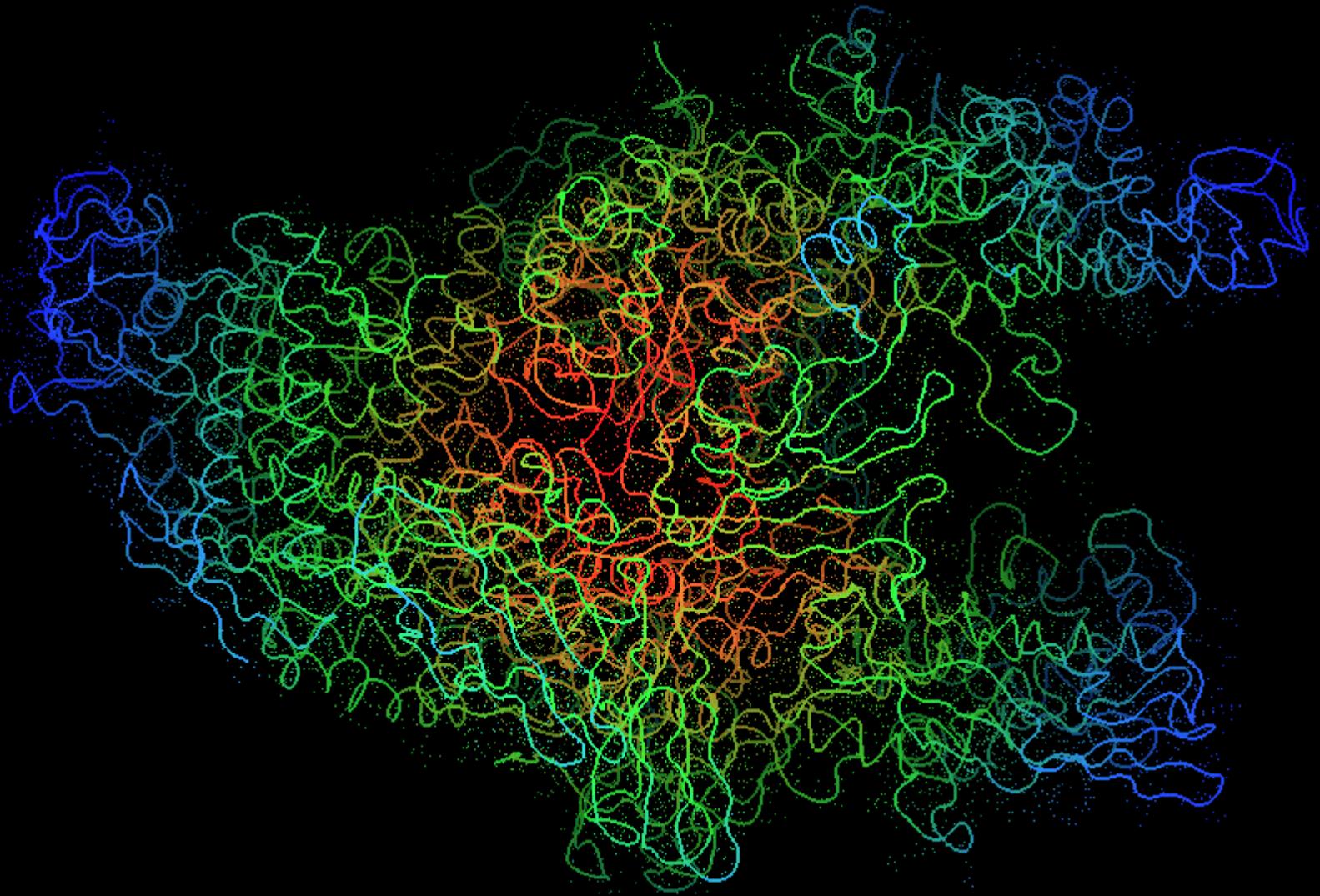
2D: $U(r)$



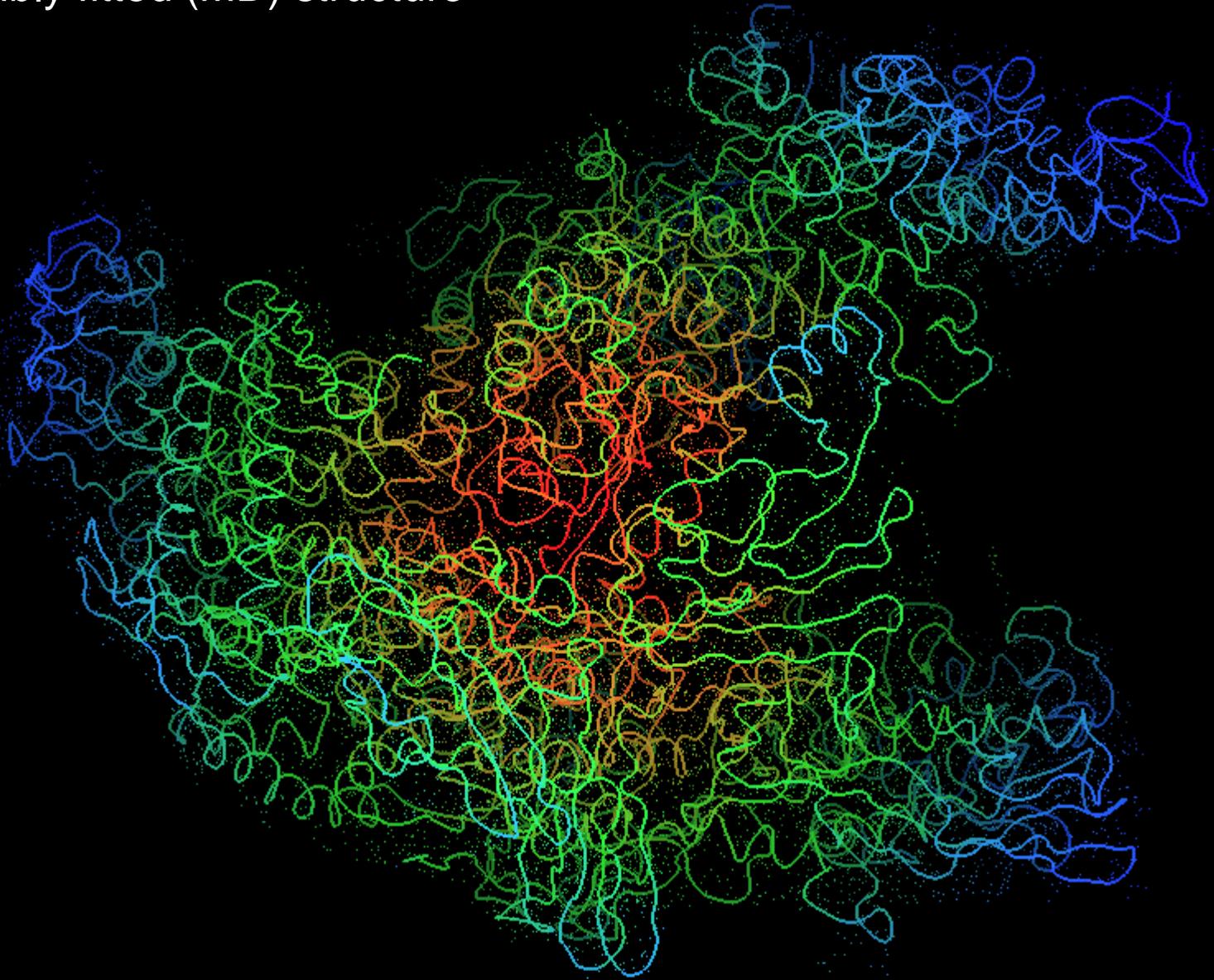
$\mathbf{F}(x, y)$



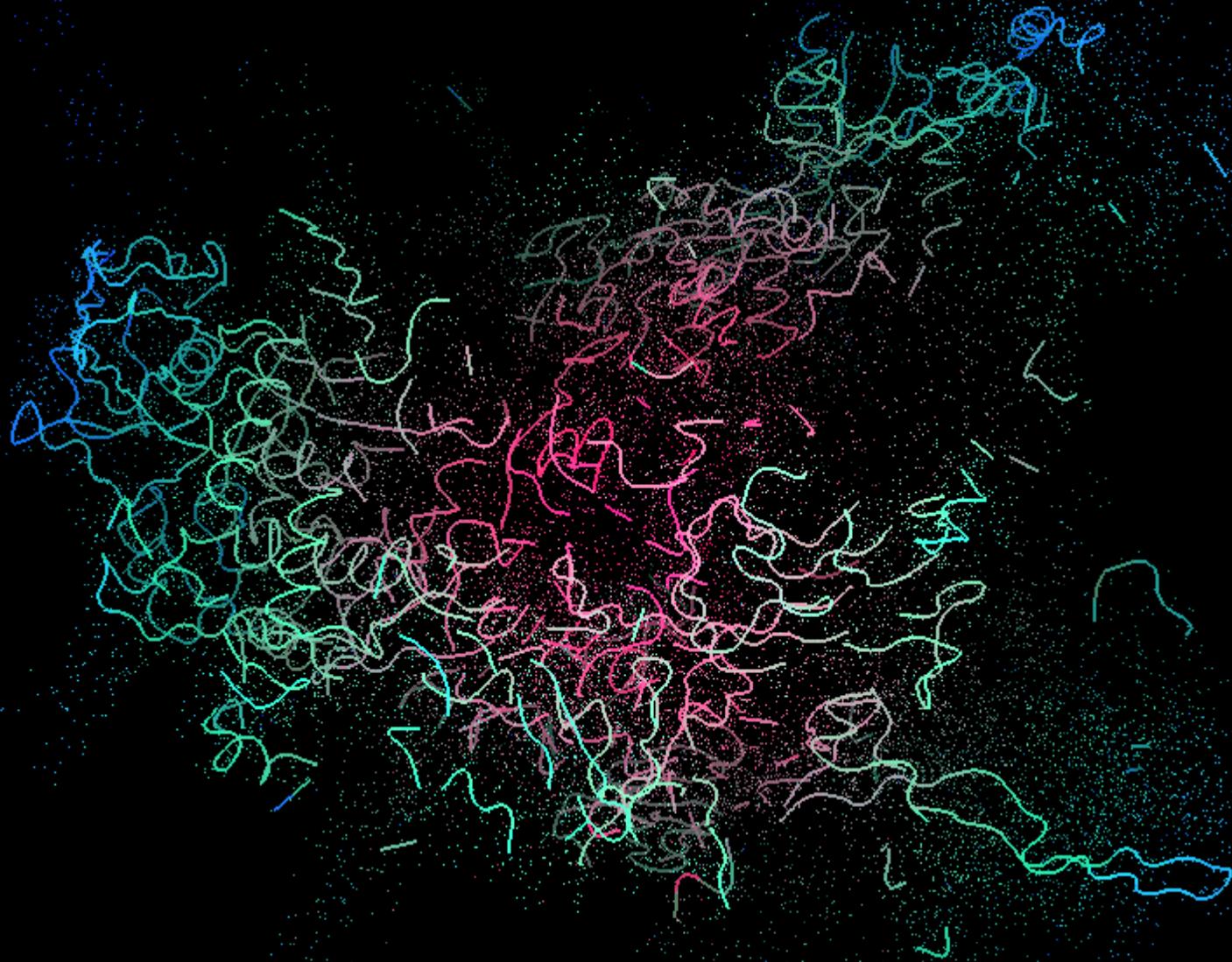
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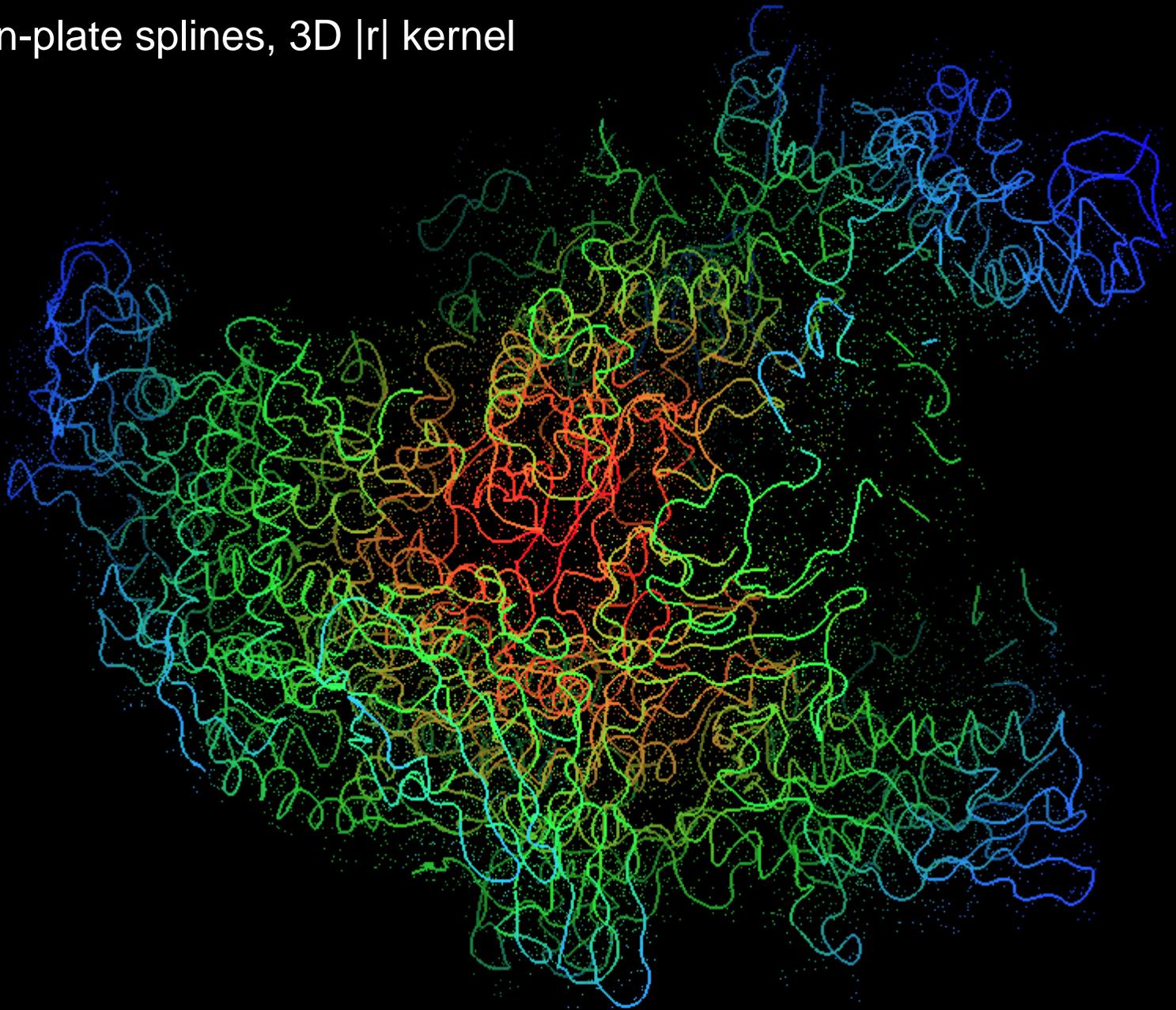
Flexibly fitted (MD) structure



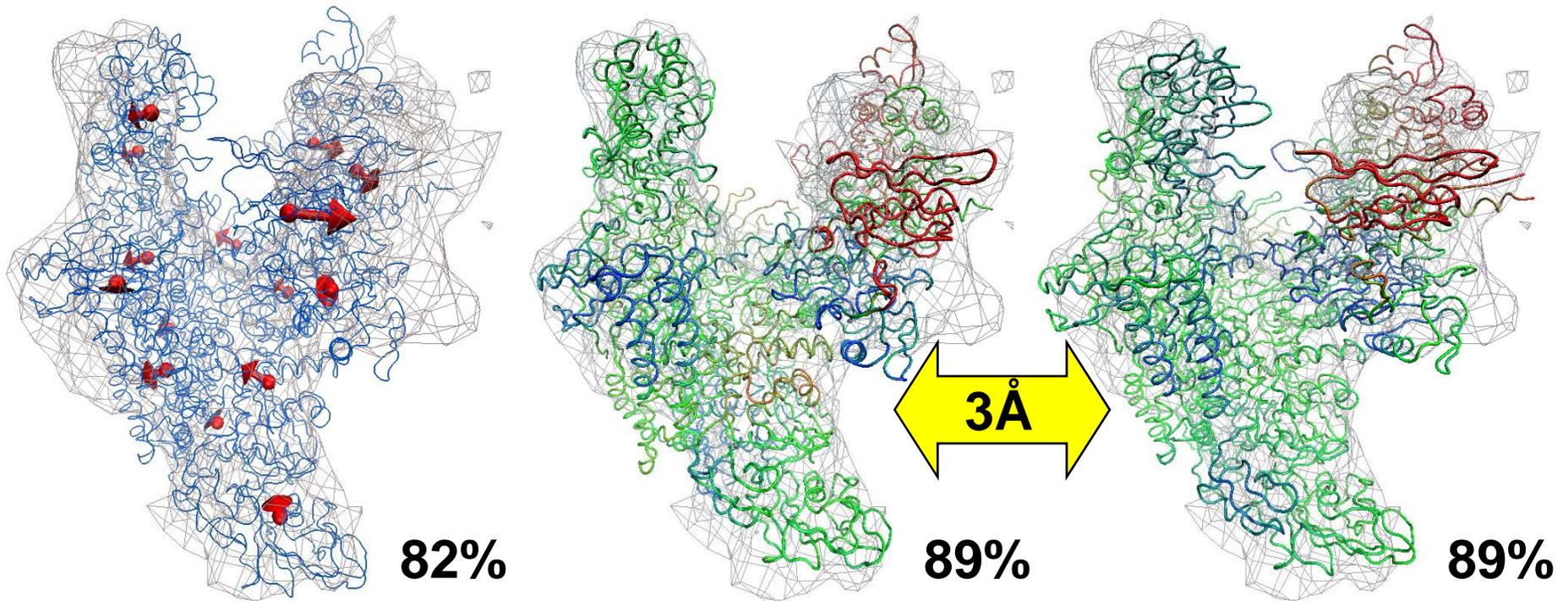
Piecewise-linear inter- / extrapolation



Thin-plate splines, 3D $|r|$ kernel



MD vs. Thin Plate Splines



Displacements

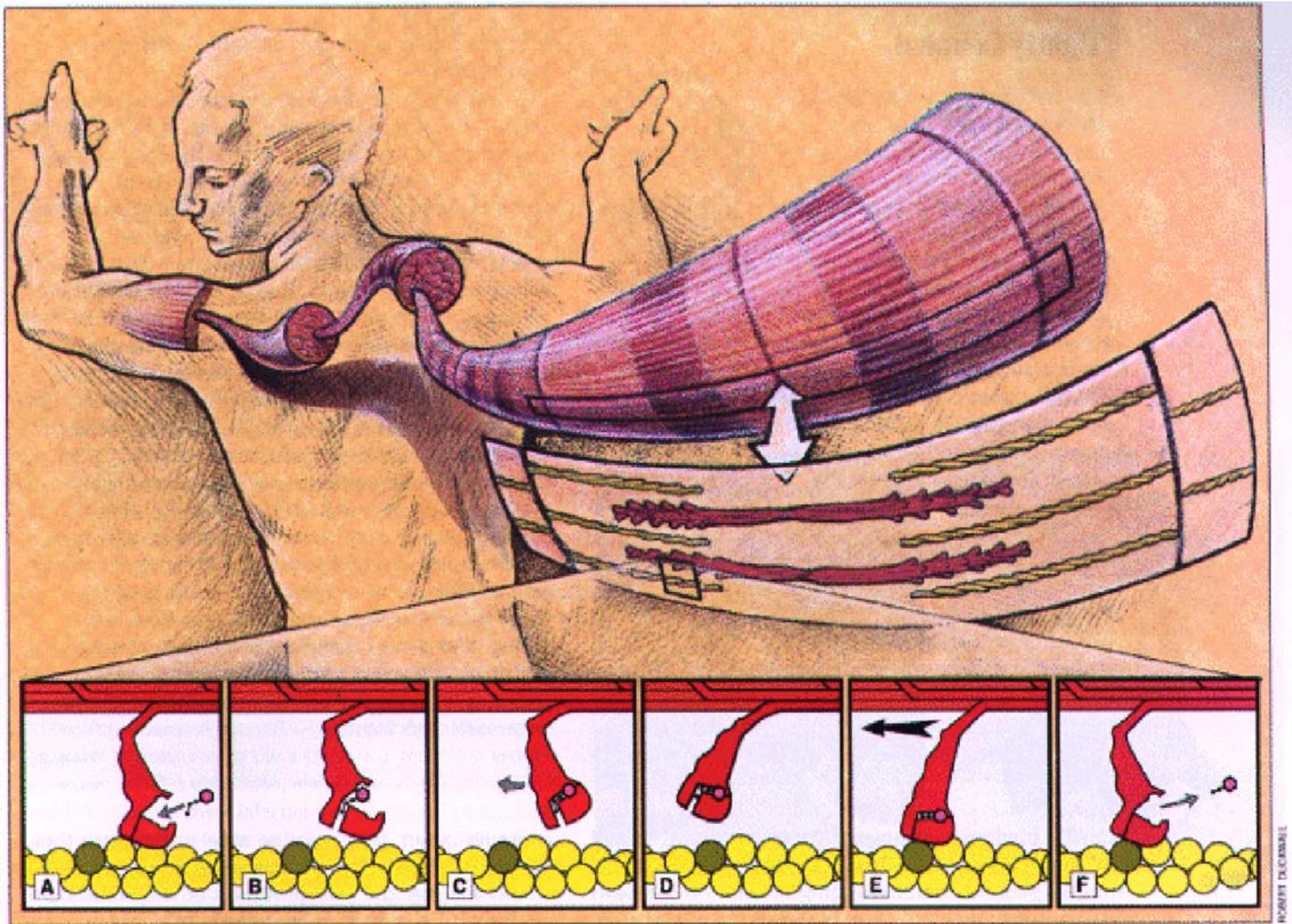
Molecular Dynamics

Thin-Plate Splines

How do we know MD is really better?

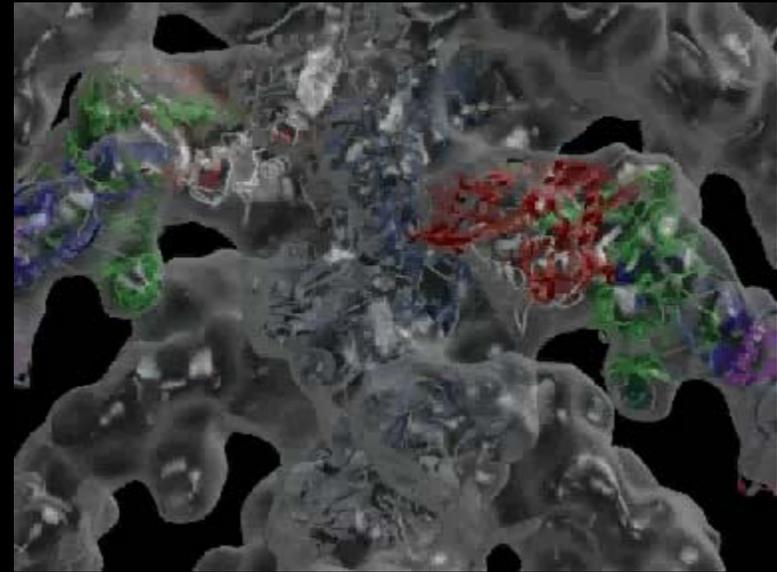
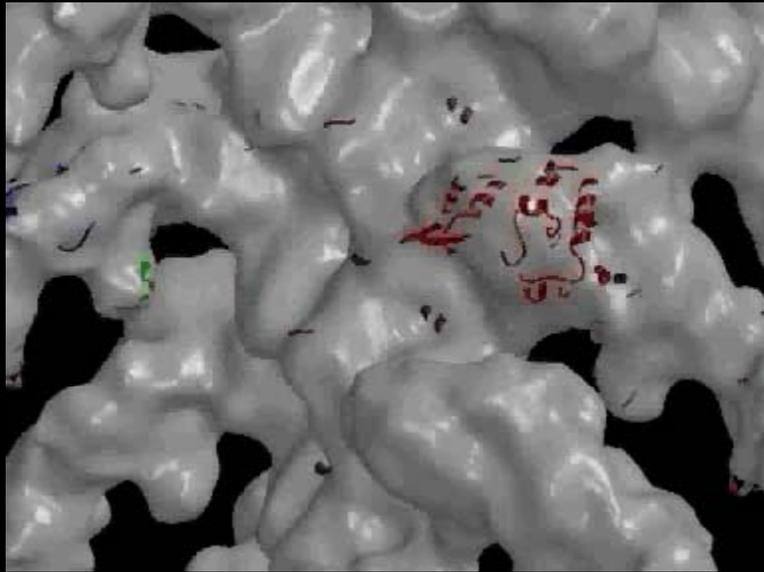
Structure (2004) 12:1

Validation Example: Muscle Contraction



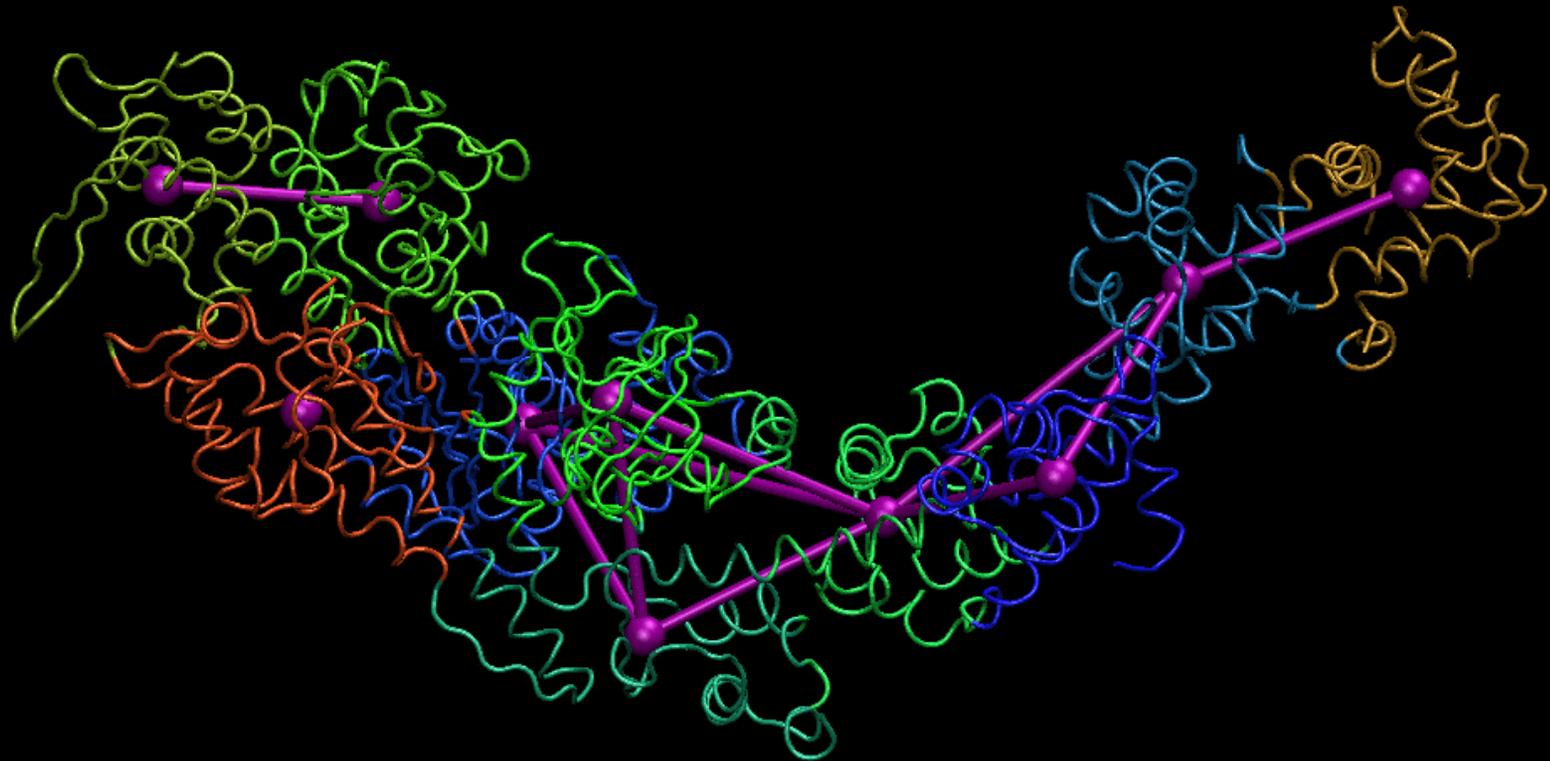
A Hierarchy of Muscle Structure, J. NIH Res. 1993

Acto-Myosin (II) Complex at 14Å

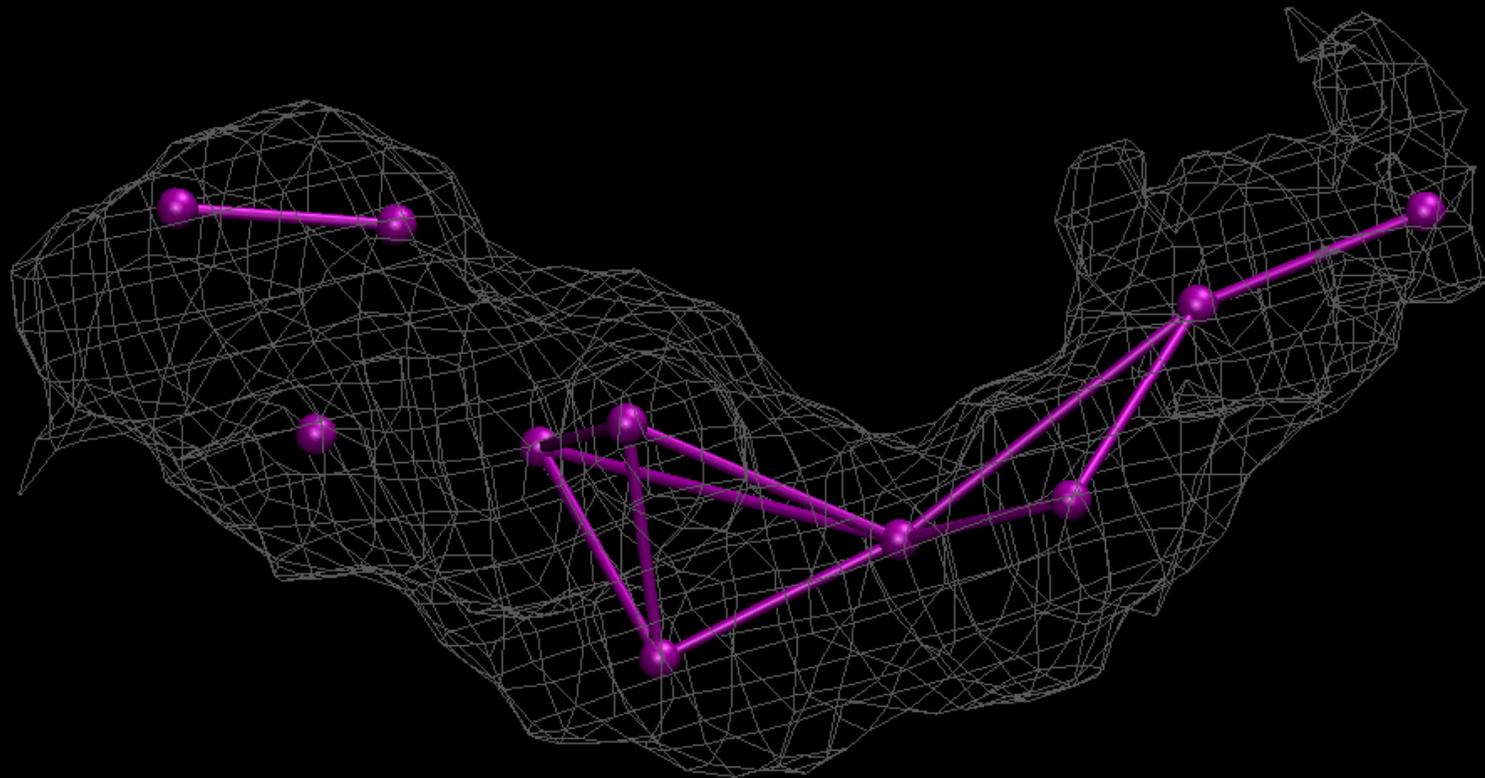


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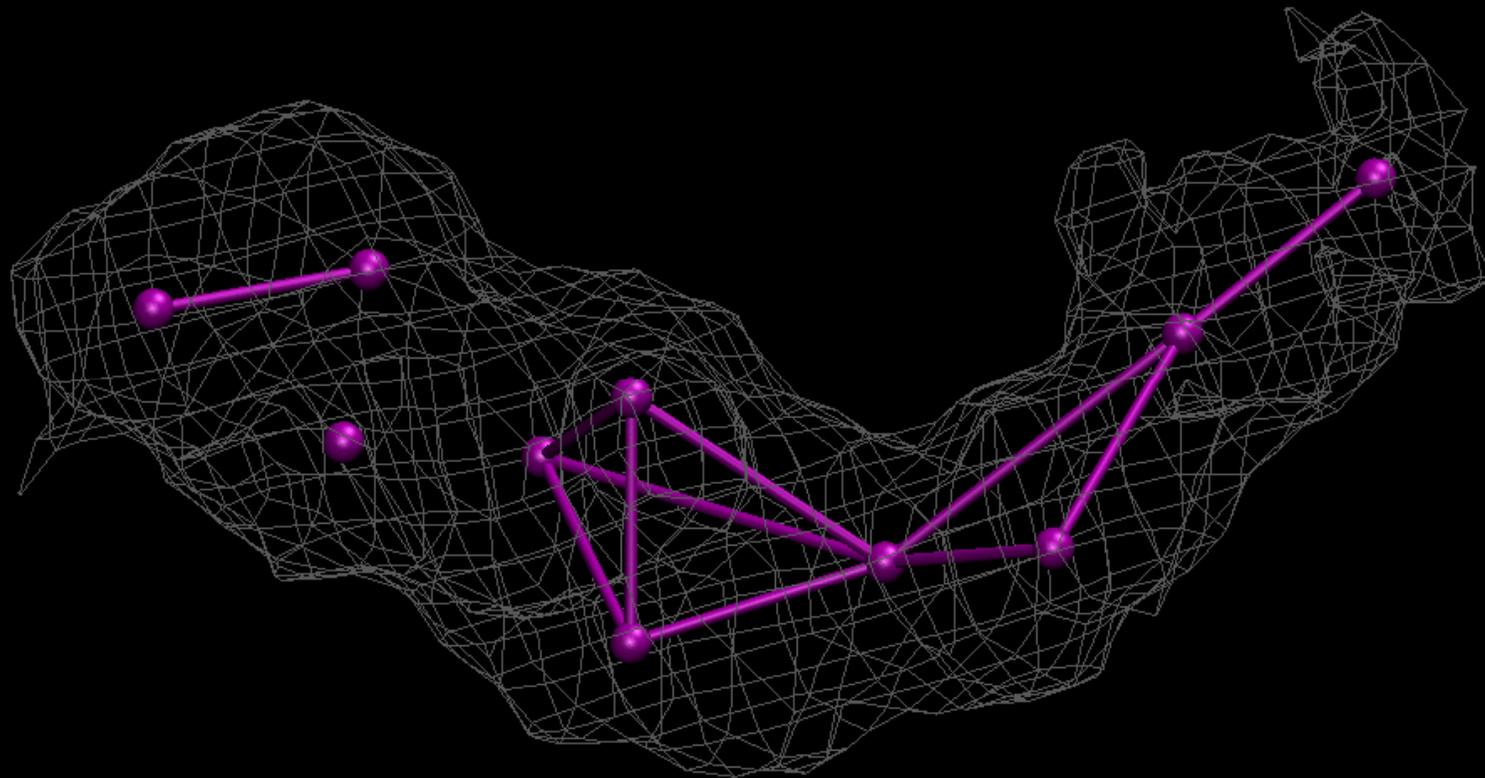
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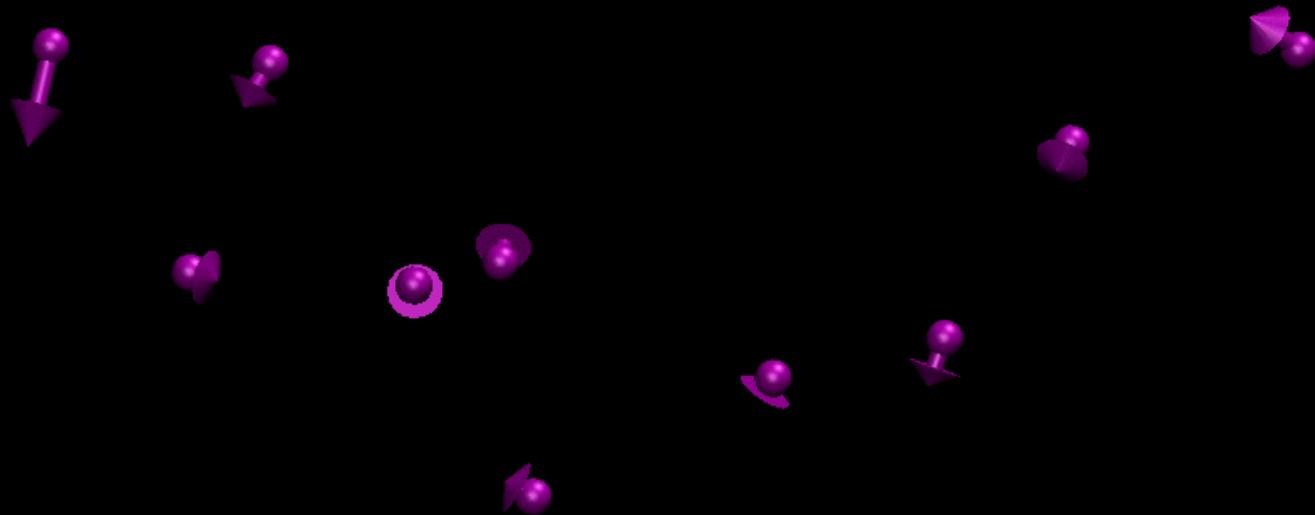
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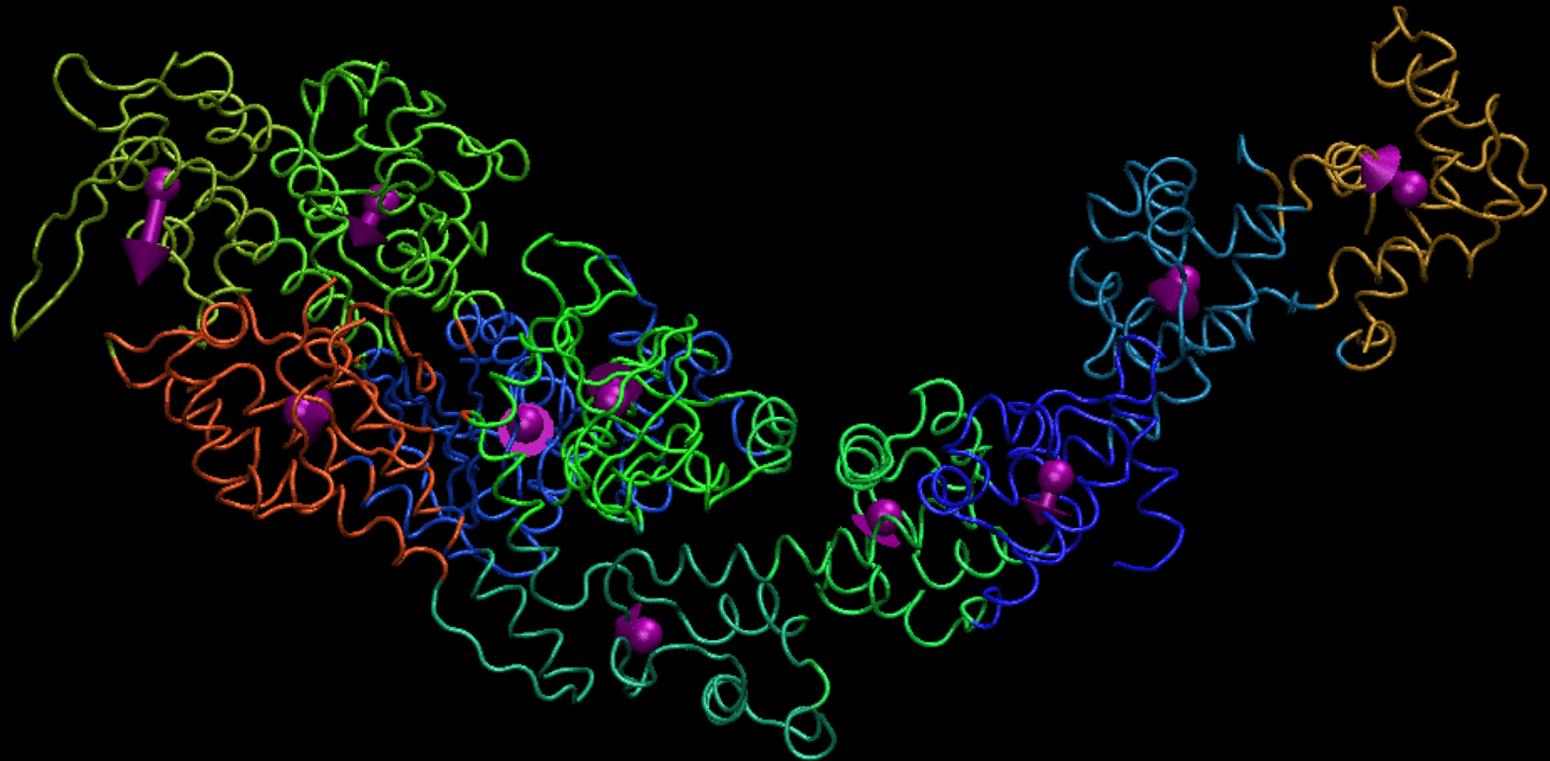
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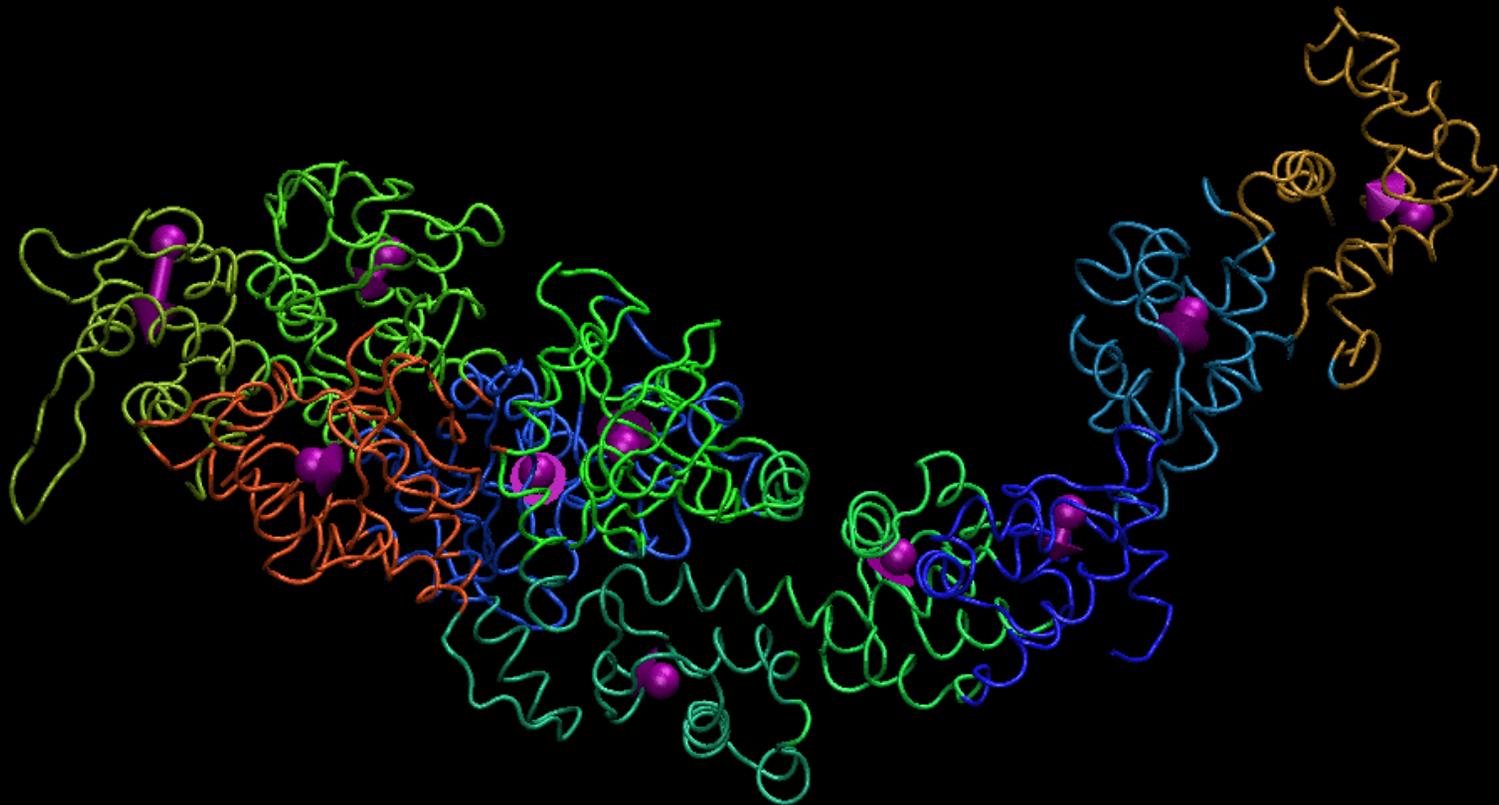
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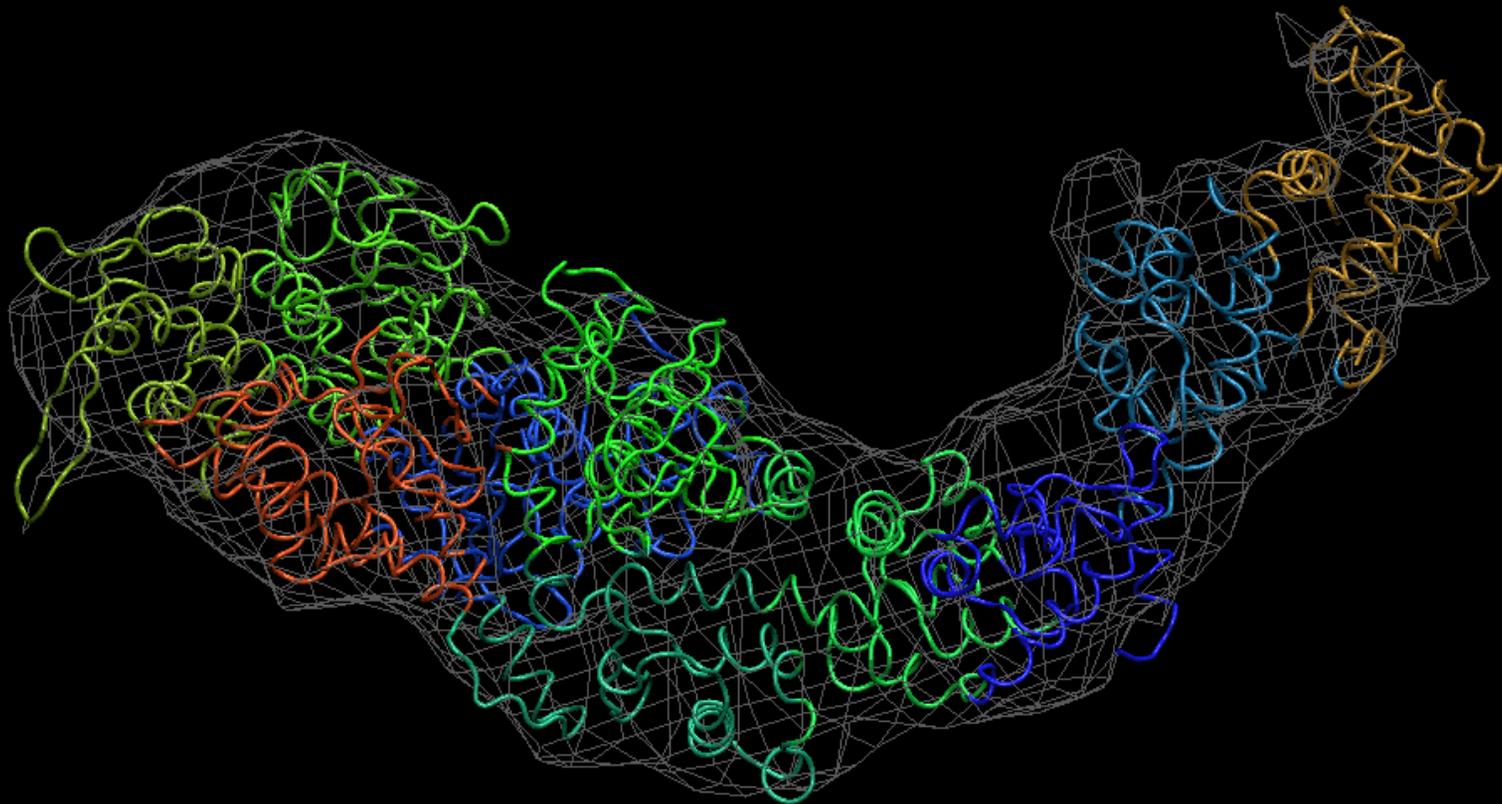
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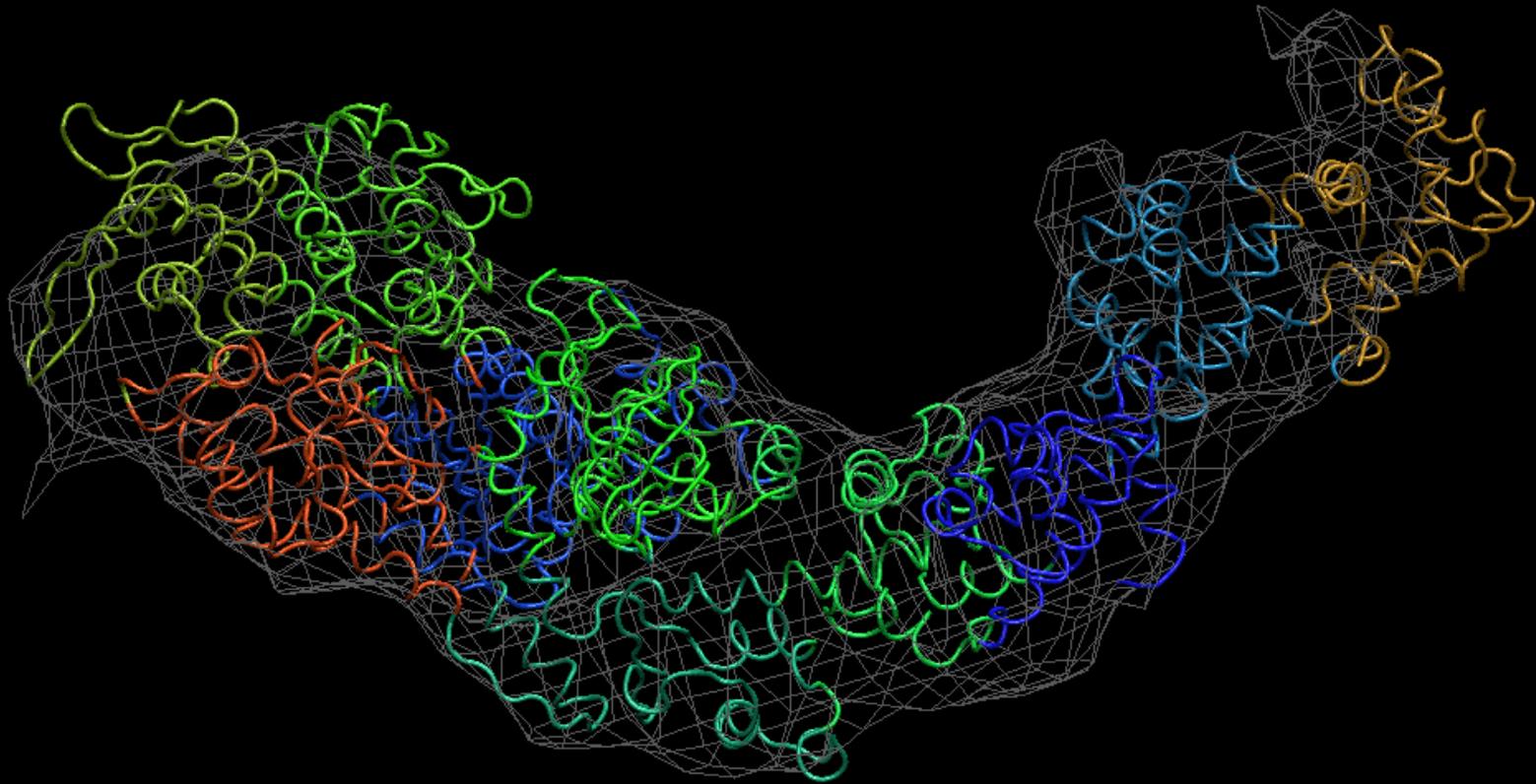
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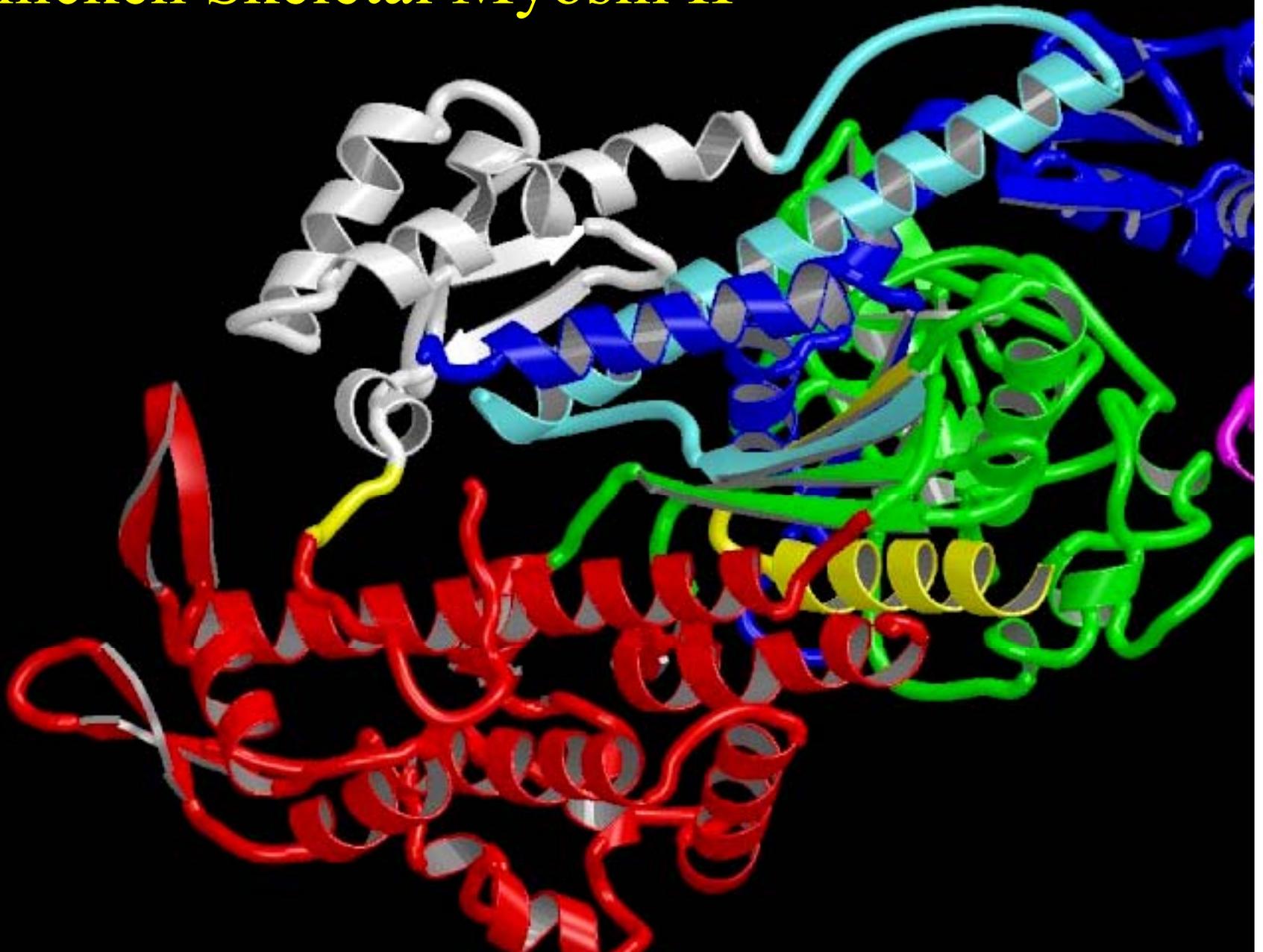
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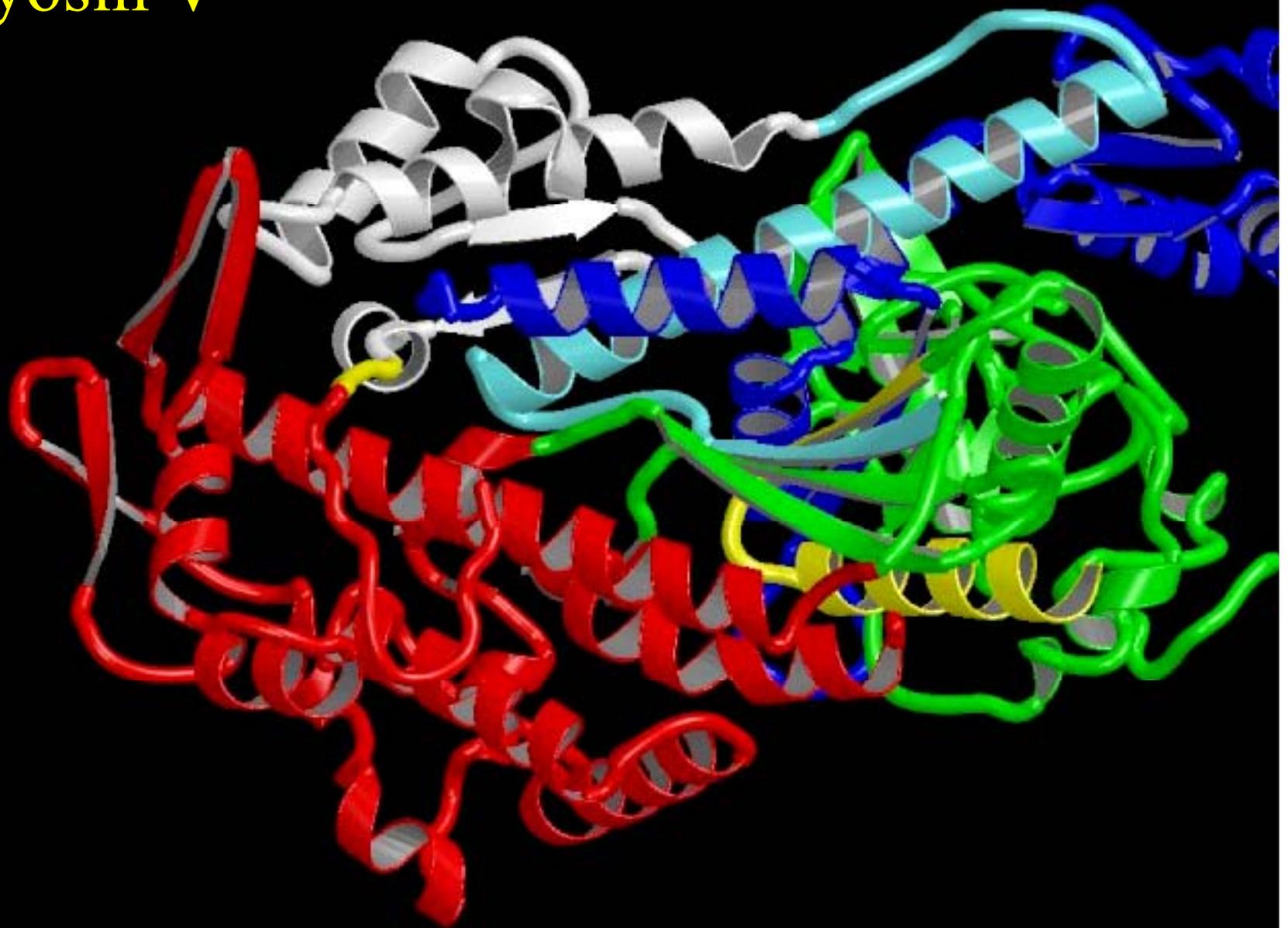
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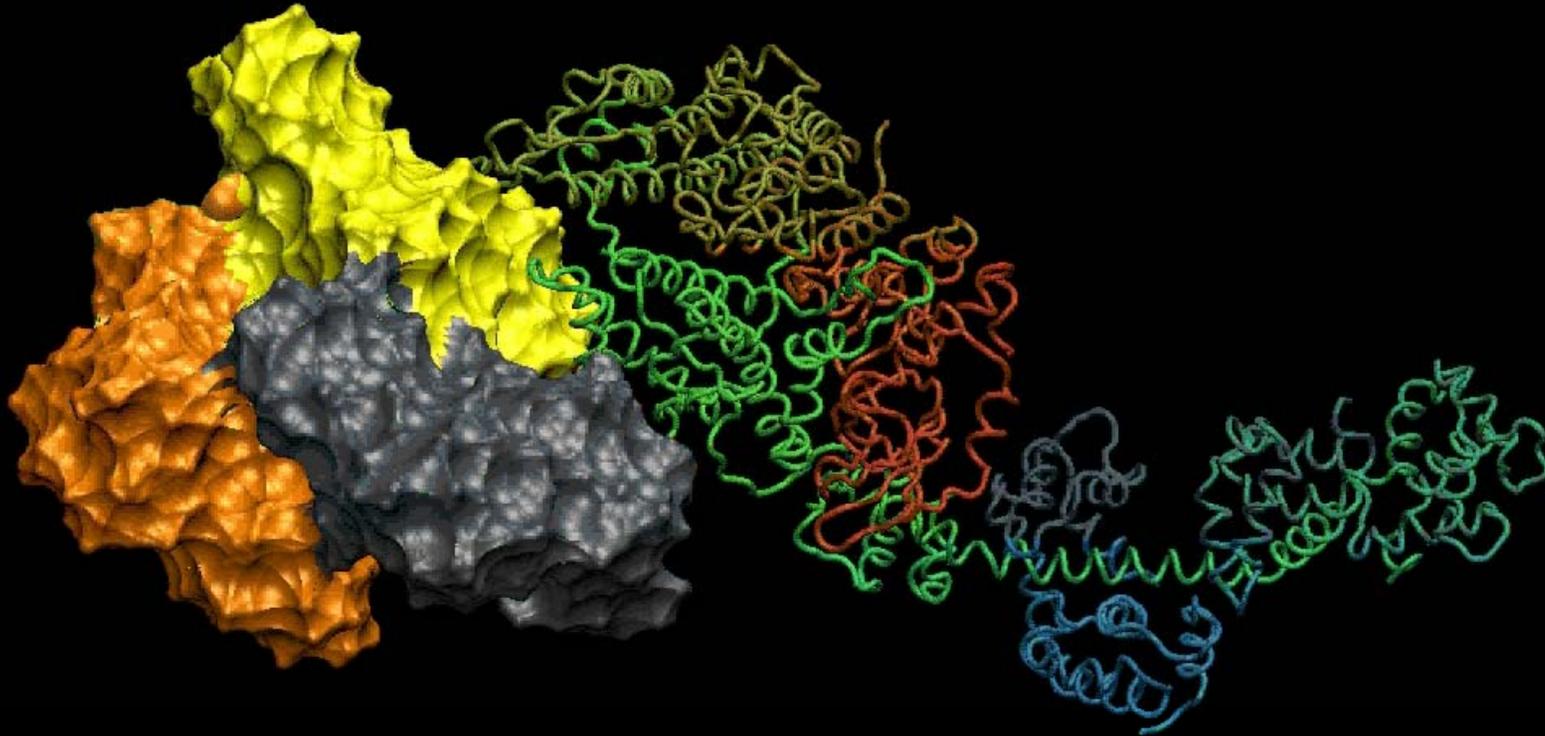
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Myosin V



Improved Actin Binding Surface



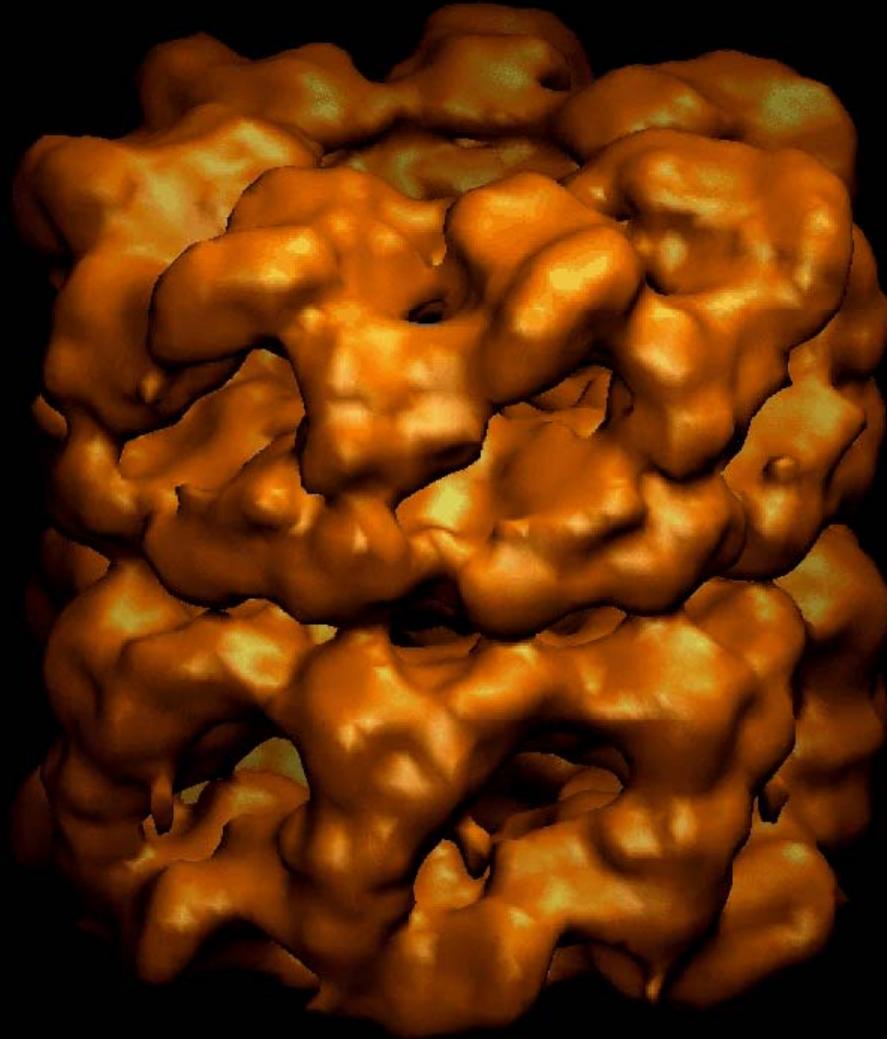
Cleft closure induced by actin binding

Myosin Flexing Validation Results:

- Agreement ($\sim 2\text{\AA}$ rmsd) between flexed myosin II and myosin V too close to be coincidental.
- MD flexible fitting reproduces entire allosteric mechanism (cleft closure, beta sheet twist, etc).
- Mechanism only partially observed with rigid-body fitting.
- Since myosin V was not used for modeling, this validates technique.

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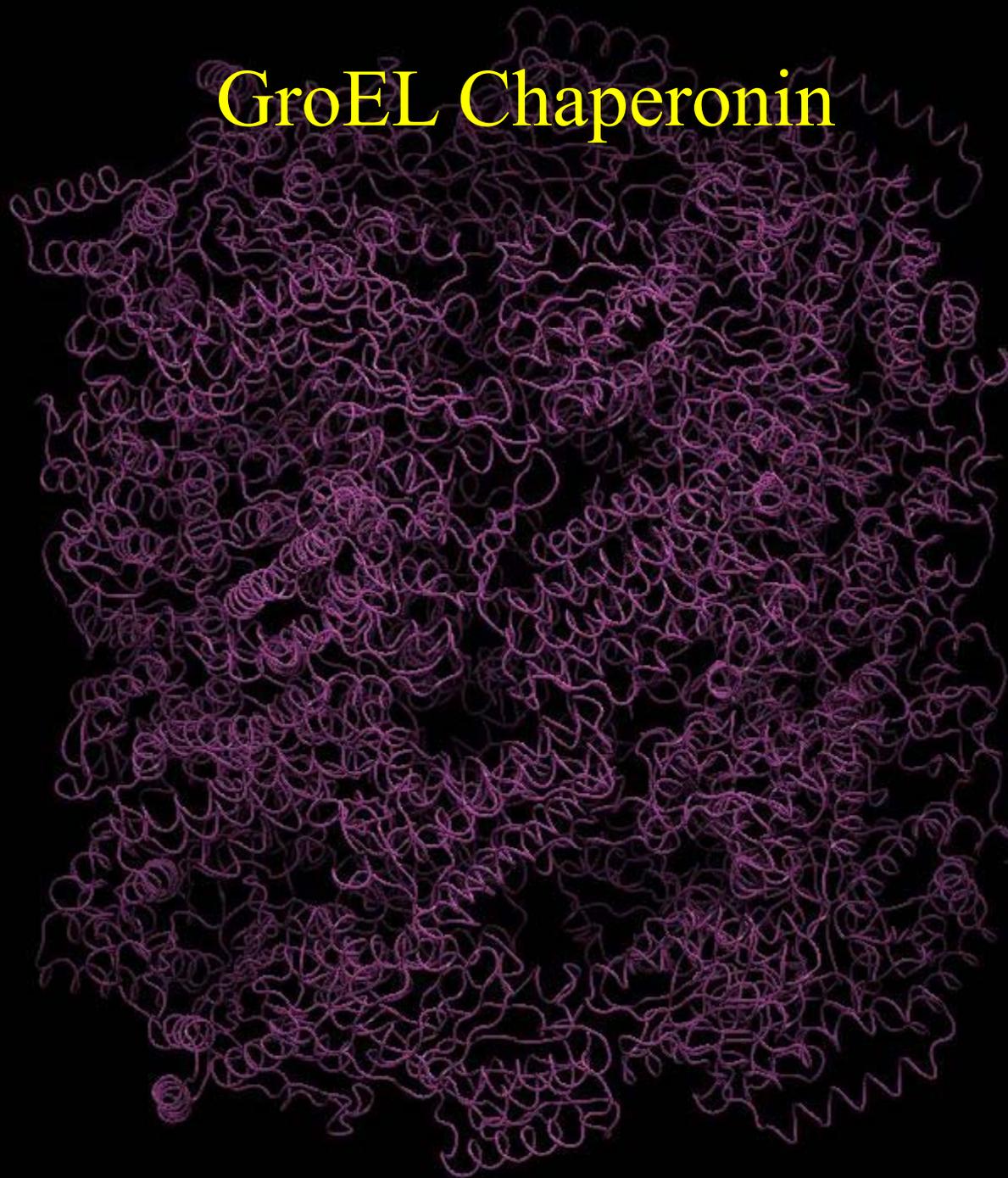
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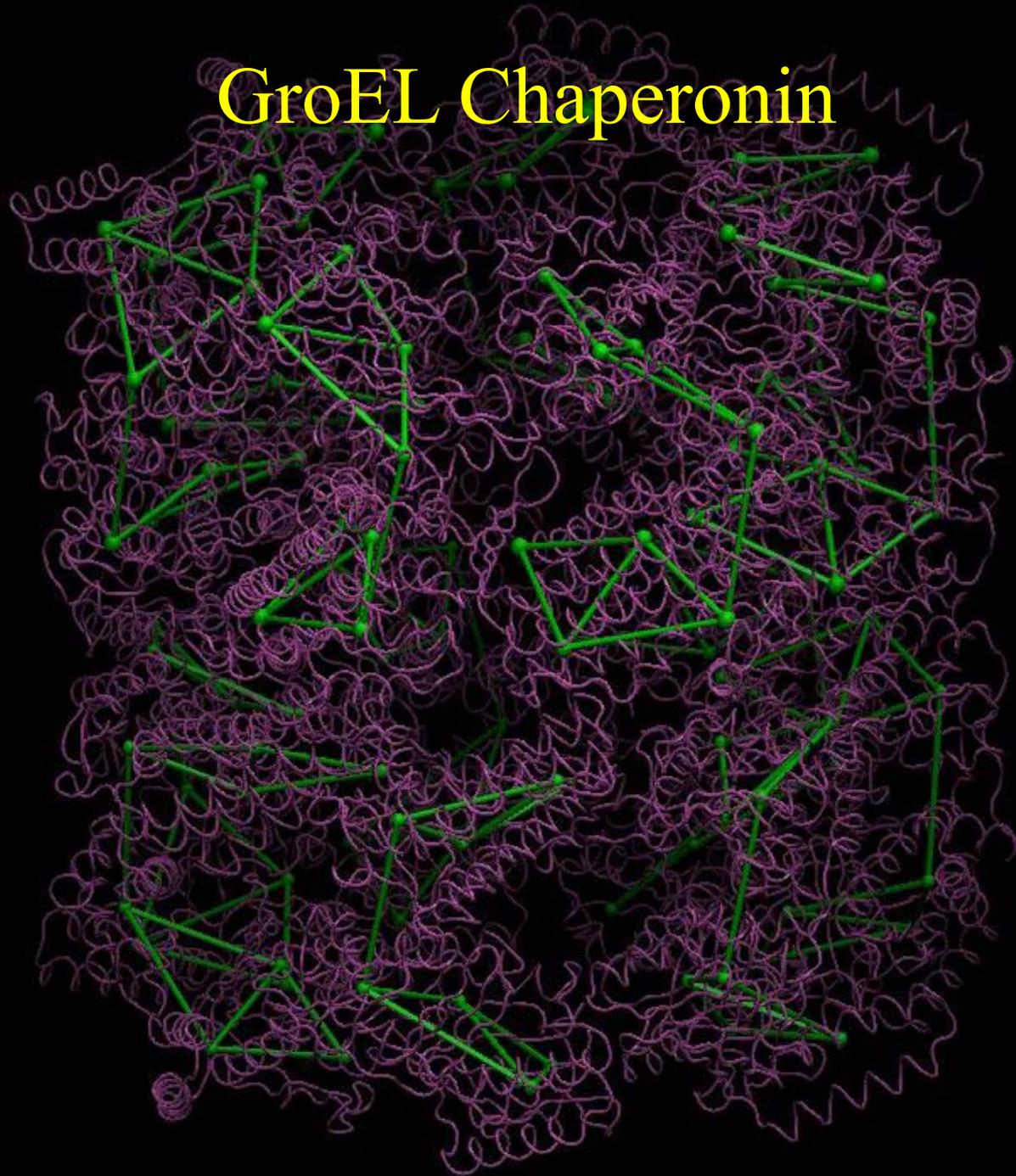
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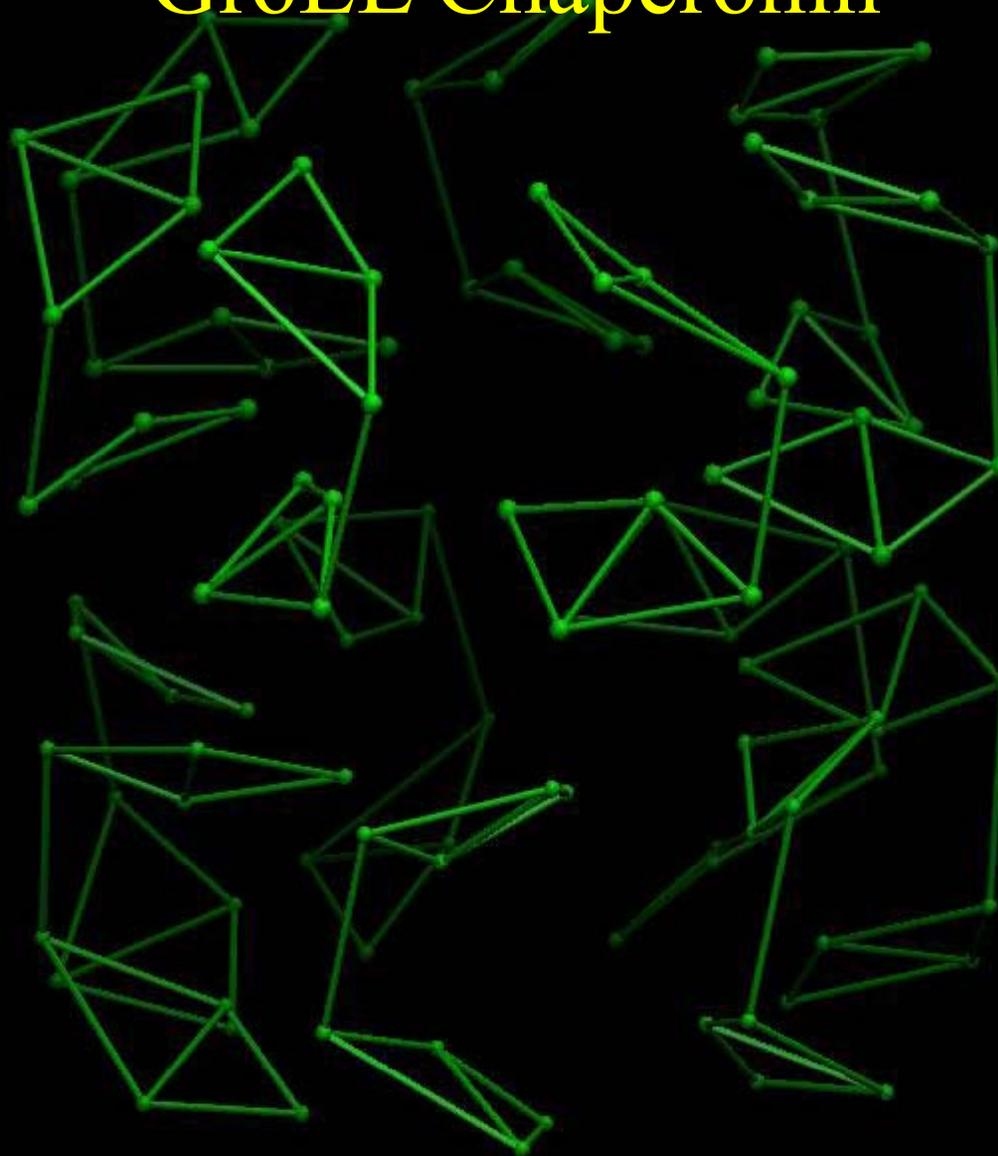
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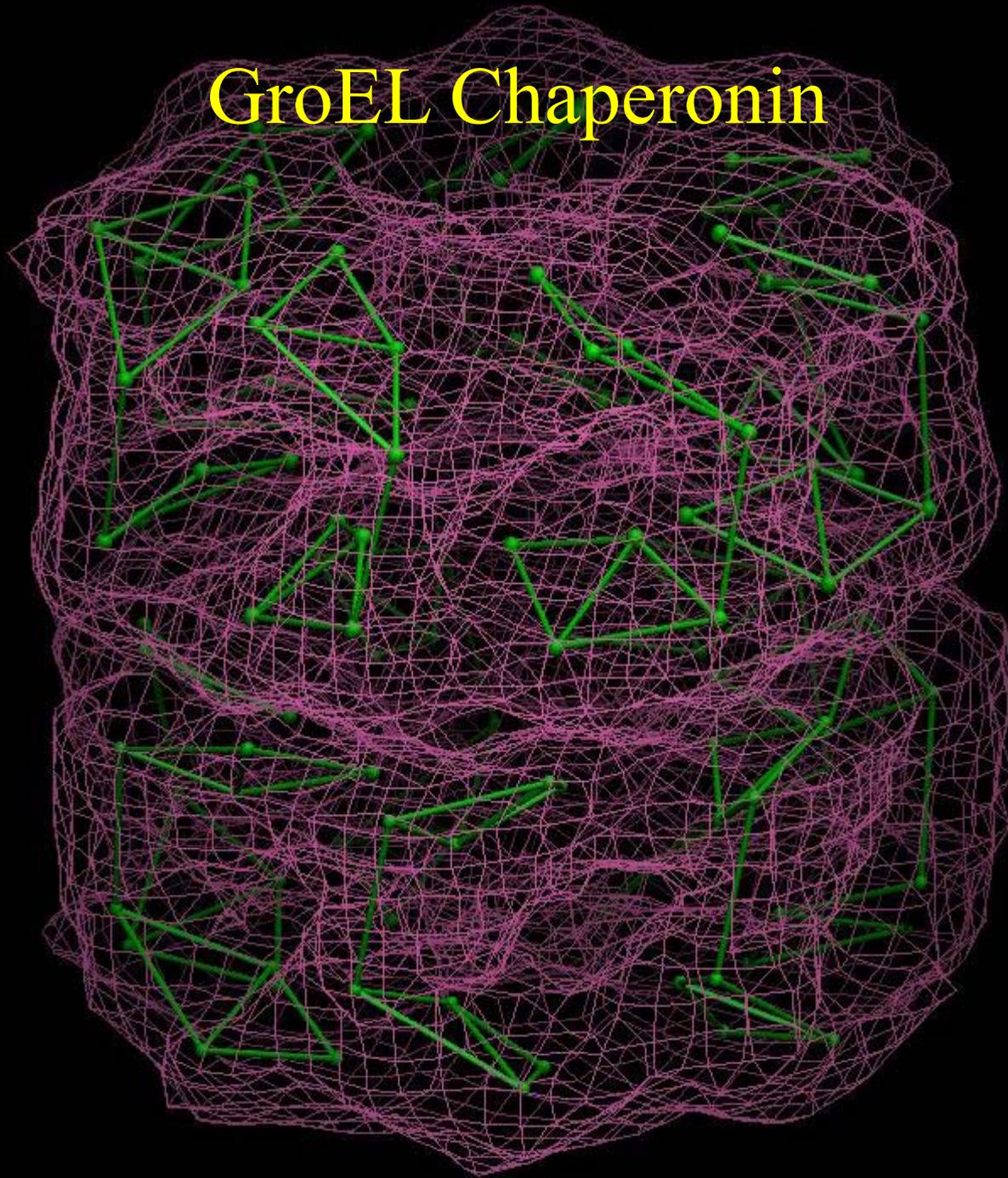
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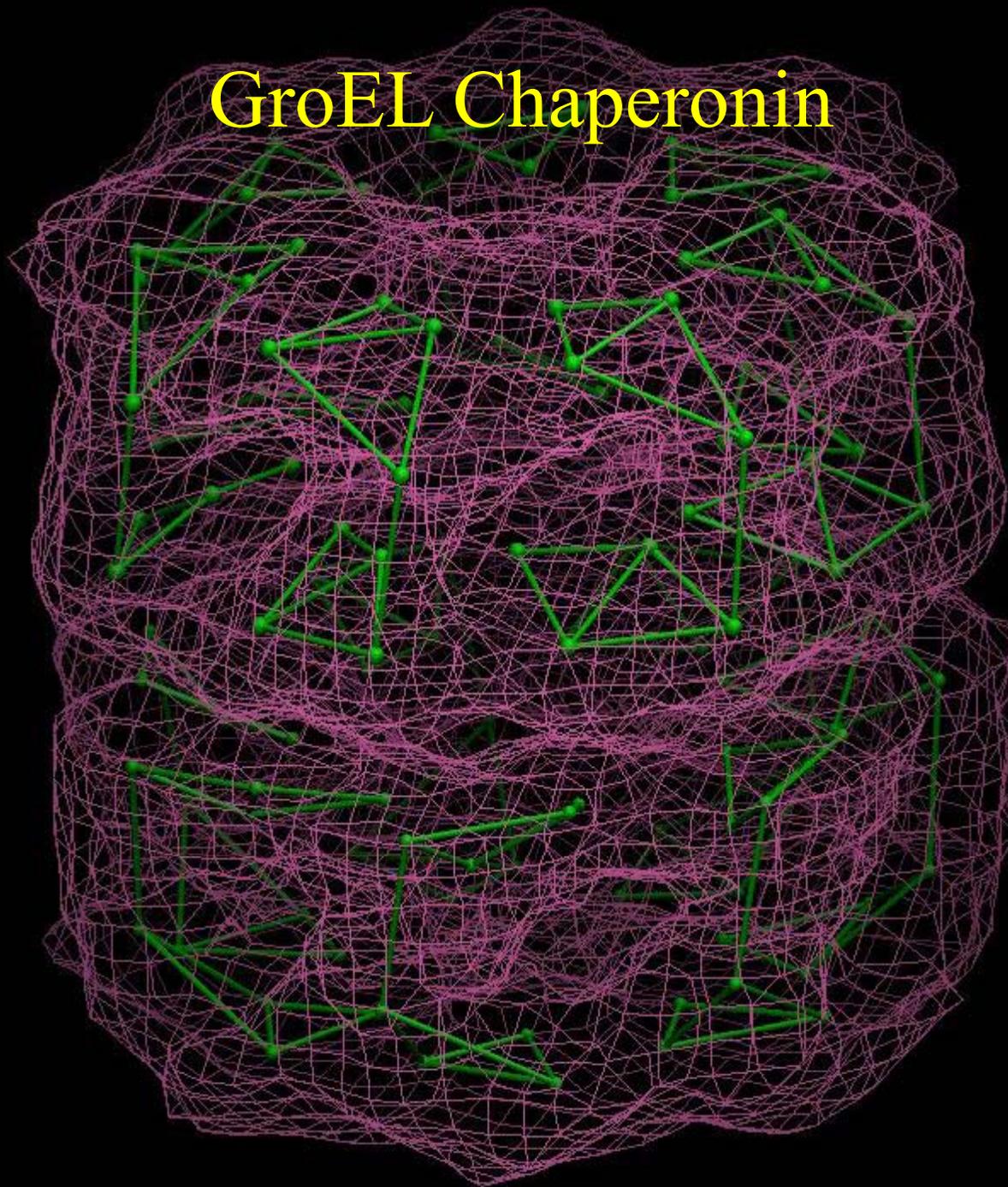
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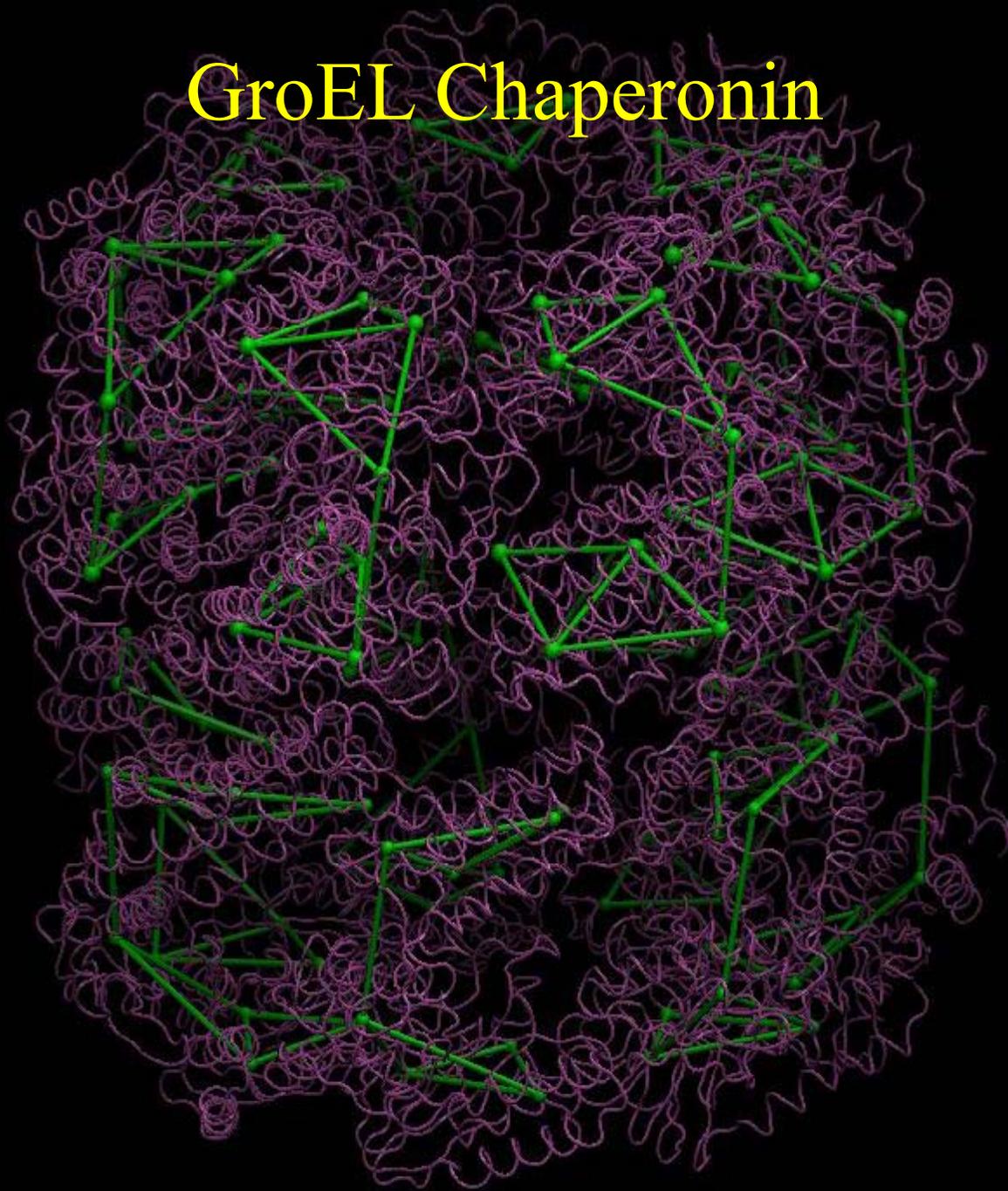
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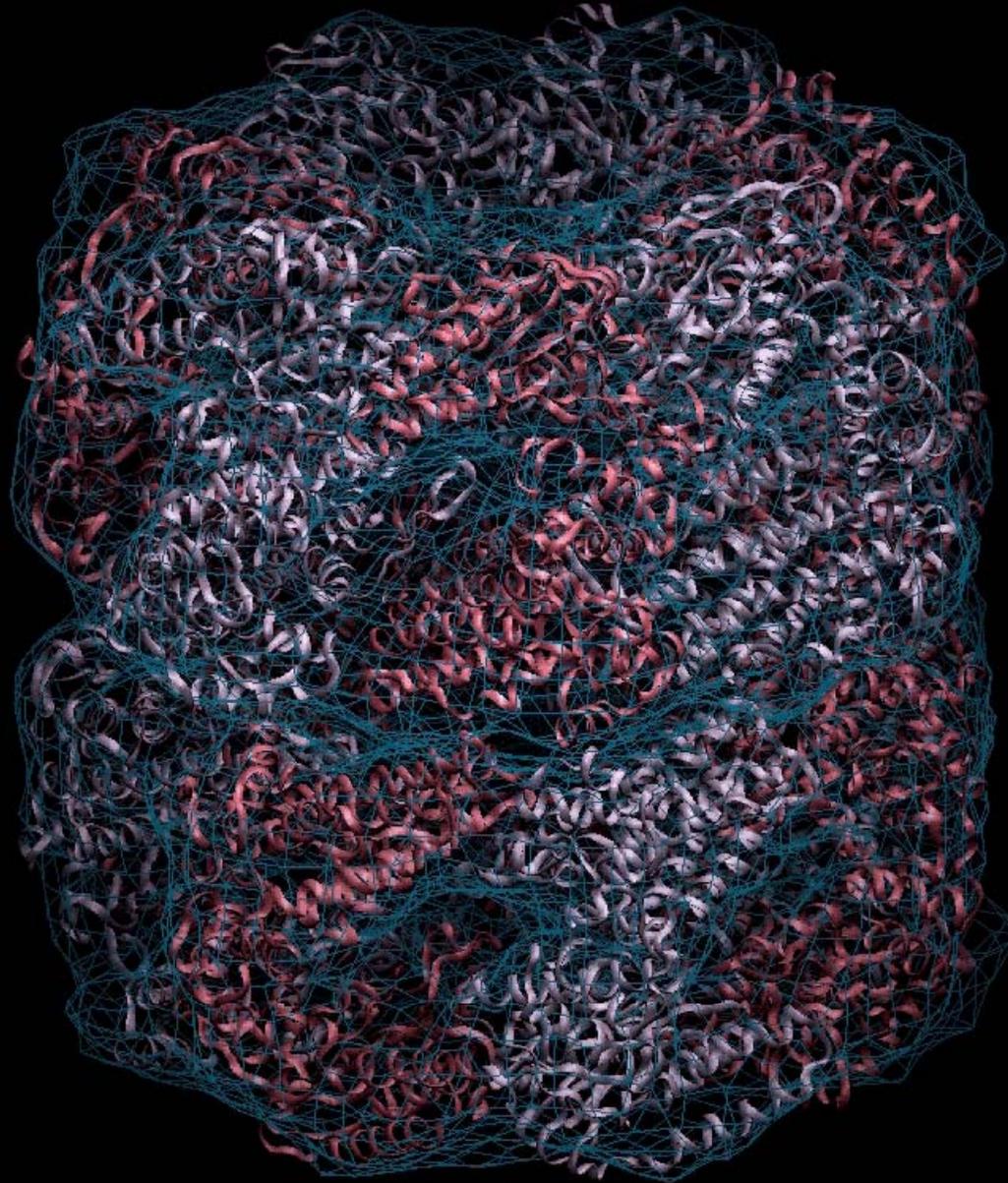
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Critical Assessment of EM Flexing

EM / Xtal Data	Resolution	Source	Precision (rmsd)
Myosin 2 Myosin 5	14Å	Schröder 2003	2.0Å
GroEL EM / Xtal WT	13Å	Saibil 2001	3.0Å
GroEL EM / Xtal WT	11Å	Ludtke 2003	2.5Å
GroEL EM / Xtal WT	6Å	Ludtke 2004	2.0Å
simulated EM / Xtal WT	6-14Å	simulated	<1.0Å

Conclusion (Reduced Models)

Reduced (vector quantization) representations are useful for :

- Rigid-body docking.
- Flexible fitting with molecular dynamics.
- Estimation of displacement vector fields.
- Normal Mode Analysis (see earlier session).

Non-linear interpolation is a fast but less reliable alternative to MD in flexible fitting.

Interpolation allows displacements of markers to be interpolated to full space

Resources and Further Reading

WWW:

<http://situs.biomachina.org>

http://http://situs.biomachina.org/tutorial_colores.html

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Papers:

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