Thousand Faces of Proteins

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- 1. (protein) 가?
- 2. (protein synthesis) Central Dogma
- 3. Protein folding problem vs. Traveling salesman problem
- 4. Protein structure (prediction)

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Protein Folding Problem

→ 1. (protein) 가?

• DNA, RNA, (carbohydrate), (lipid)

Introduction

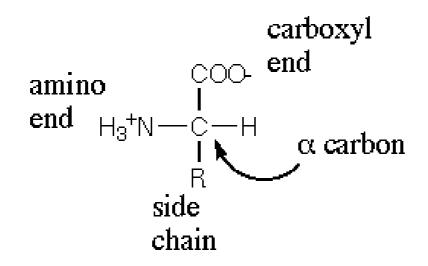
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cys-gly-val-ala-ala-leu-met

• : 20가

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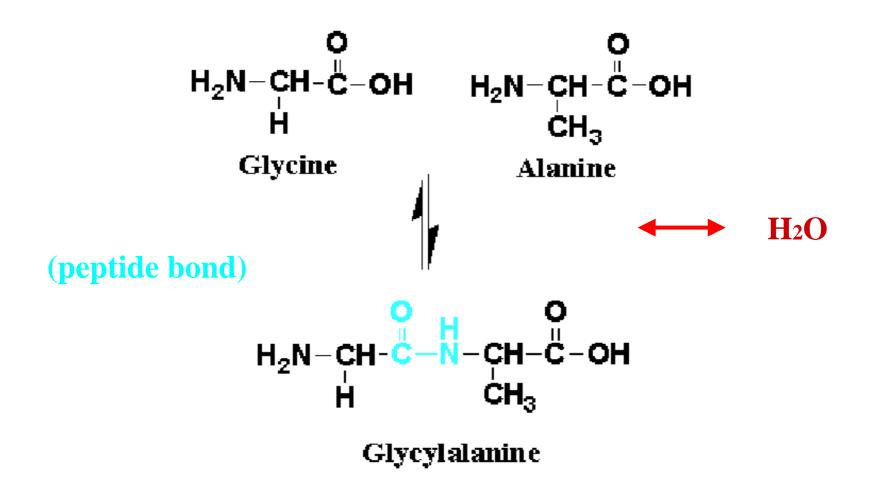
(Amino acid):

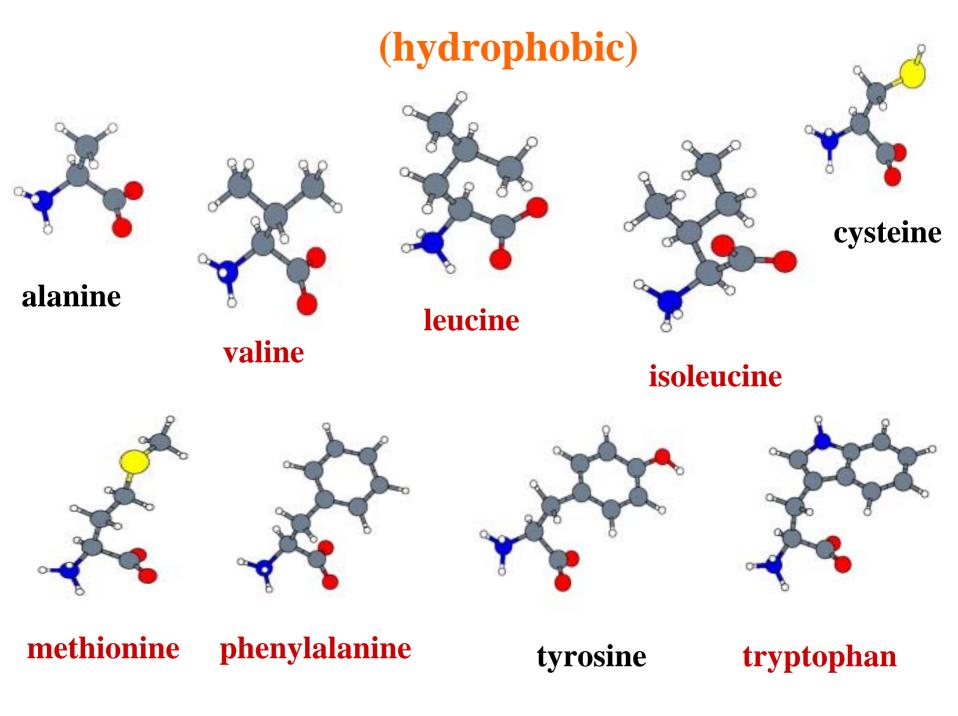


side chain = H, CH_3 ,...

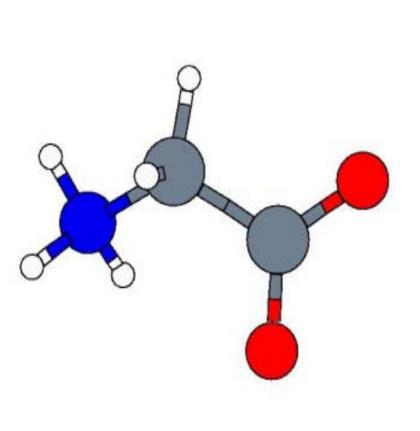
Side chain

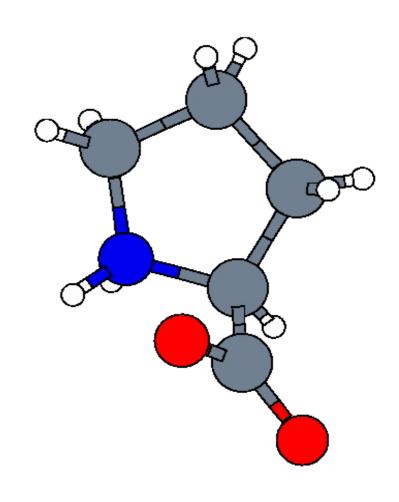
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neither hydrophilic nor hydrophobic but rather H₂O-soluble



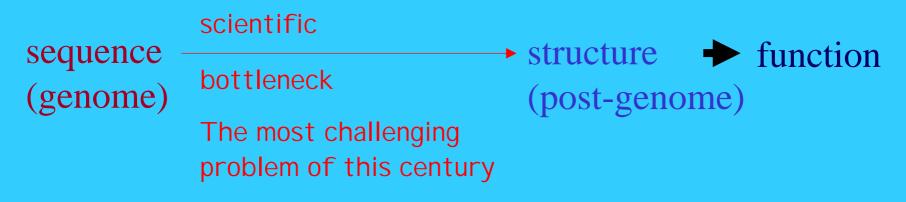


glycine

proline

Why are proteins important?





(Protein Folding Problem)

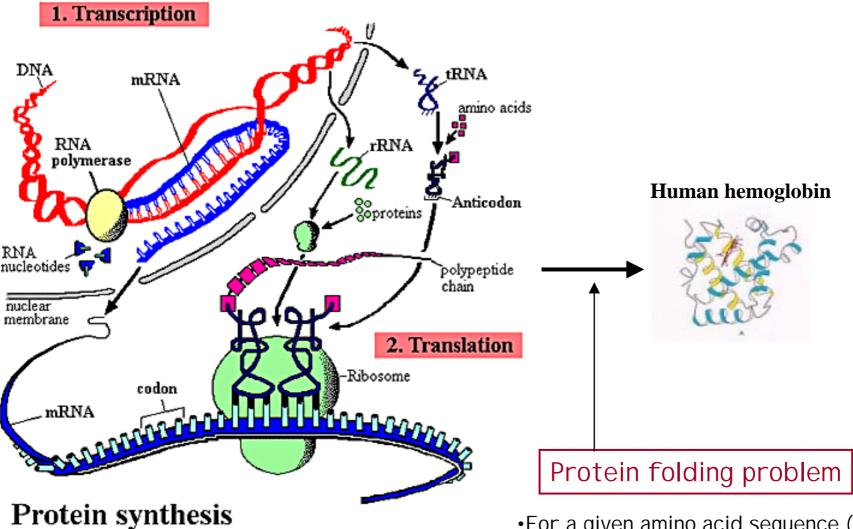
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→ 2. (protein synthesis) Central Dogma

Central Dogma

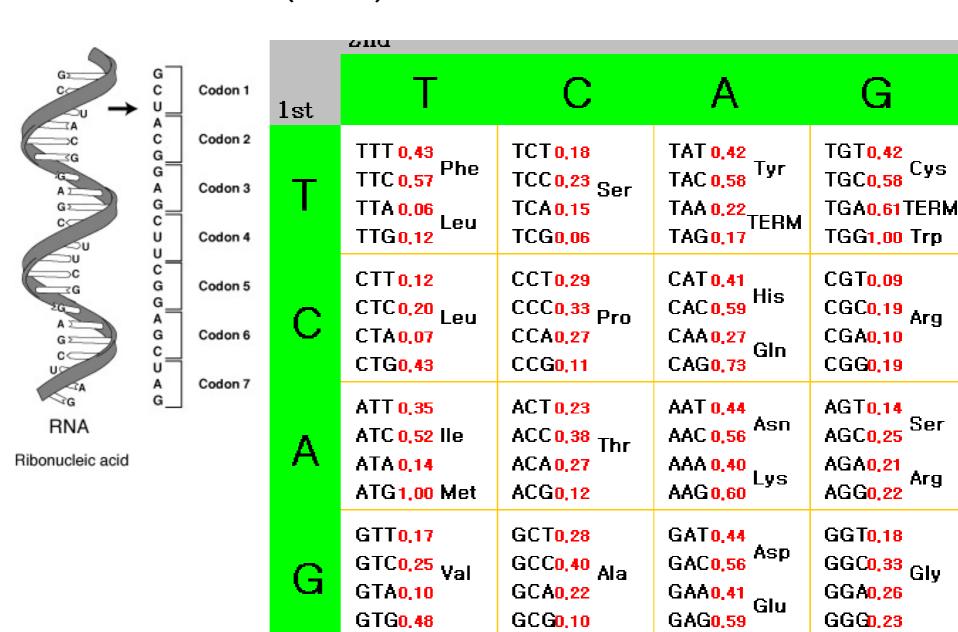
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\begin{array}{cccc} \textbf{DNA} & & & & & \\ \textbf{(nRNA)} & & & & \\ \textbf{(mRNA)} & & & & \\ \end{array}
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- •For a given amino acid sequence (of size n), find the native structure of the protein.
- •Total # of protein structures: 10ⁿ
- mathematically NOT well defined problem

sequence -- structure -- function

DNA (RNA), Codon and Amino acids



(Amino Acid Residue)

• (polypeptide):

(10⁵)

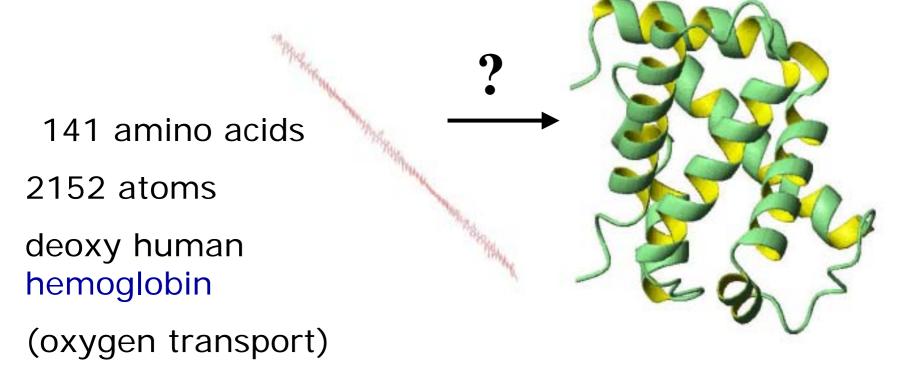
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The Protein Folding Problem

: Native structure) 가? 141 amino acids 2152 atoms deoxy human hemoglobin (oxygen transport)

The Protein Folding Problem

2. (Protein-Folding Mechanisms) 가?



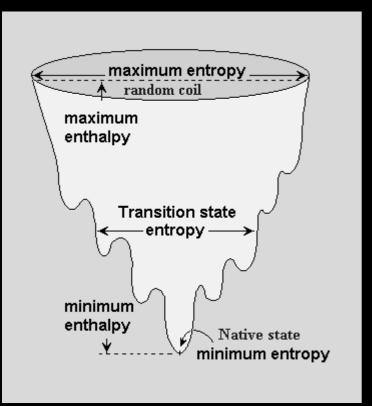
Protein-Folding Mechanisms

Random search of all conformational space requires an immense amount of time (longer than the age of universe).

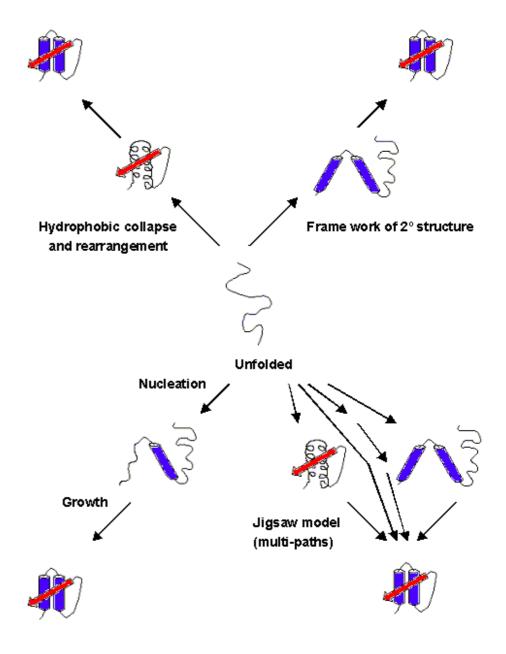
In vitro refolding normally takes seconds or minutes.

-Levinthal paradox

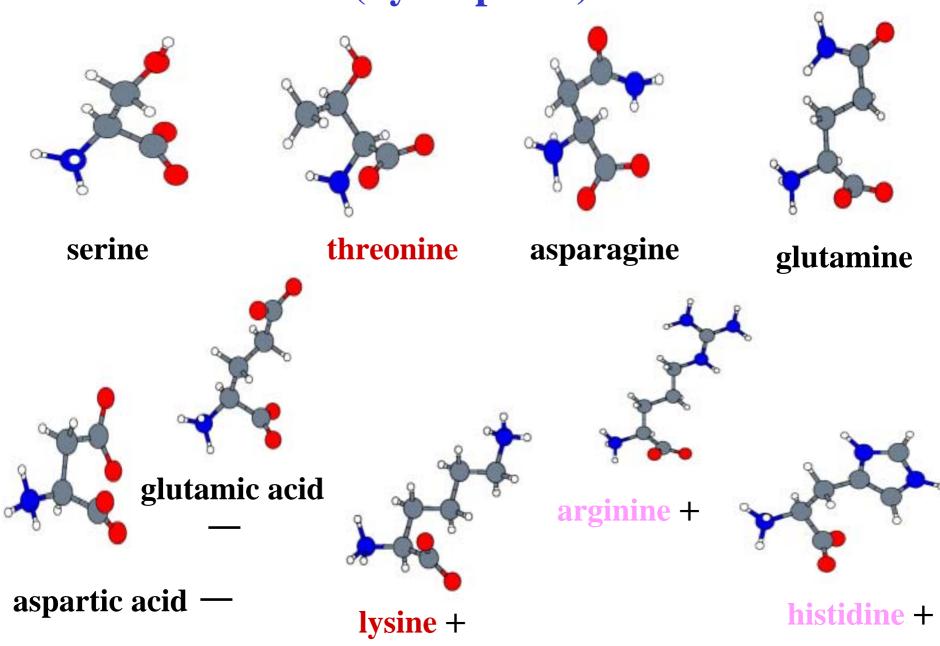
→ Folding pathway problem: identifying intermediates and constructing folding mechanism



Various models for protein folding



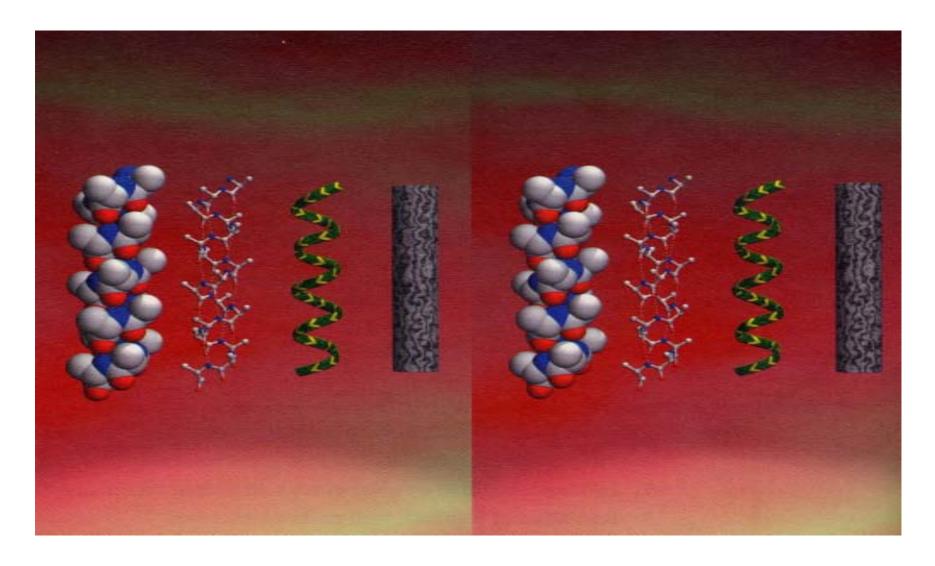
(hydrophilic)



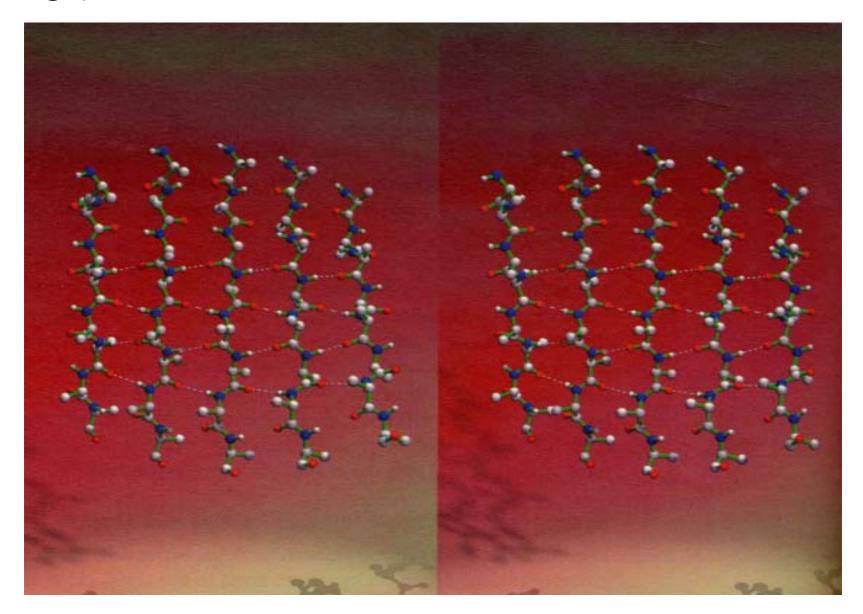
•DNA (sequence) e.g.) ATT-ACG-CAG-CCA-CGG-ATT

- •RNA
 UAA-UGC-GUC-GGU-GCC-UAA
- (Amino acid sequence)
 cys-gly-val-ala-ala
- → 1 (Primary Structure)

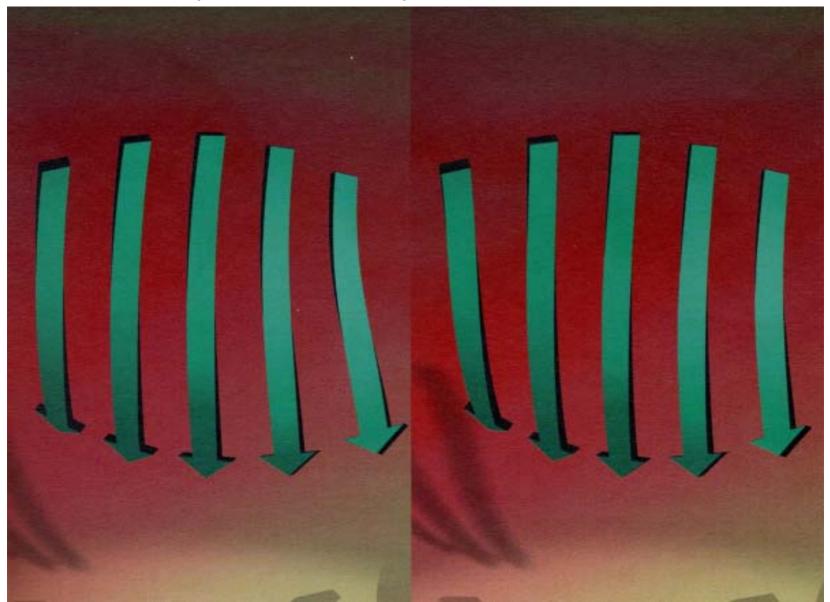
•secondary structure: local conformation of backbones e.g.) α helix



e.g.) β sheet



 β sheet (continued)

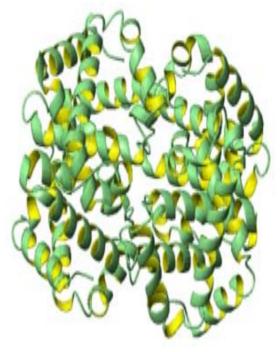


•3 (Tertiary Structure): overall topology of a folded protein



crambin (46 aa)

•4 (Quaternary Structure)



deoxy human hemoglobin

(oxygen transport)

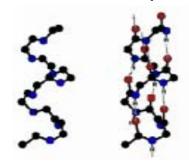
4 proteins

141 - 146 - 141 -

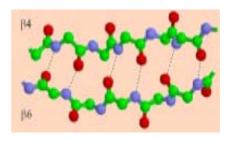
146 aa

1 (Primary Structure)
 1D sequence of amino acids
 e.g.)cys-gly-val-ala-ala

•2 (Secondary Structure)



lpha helix



 β sheet

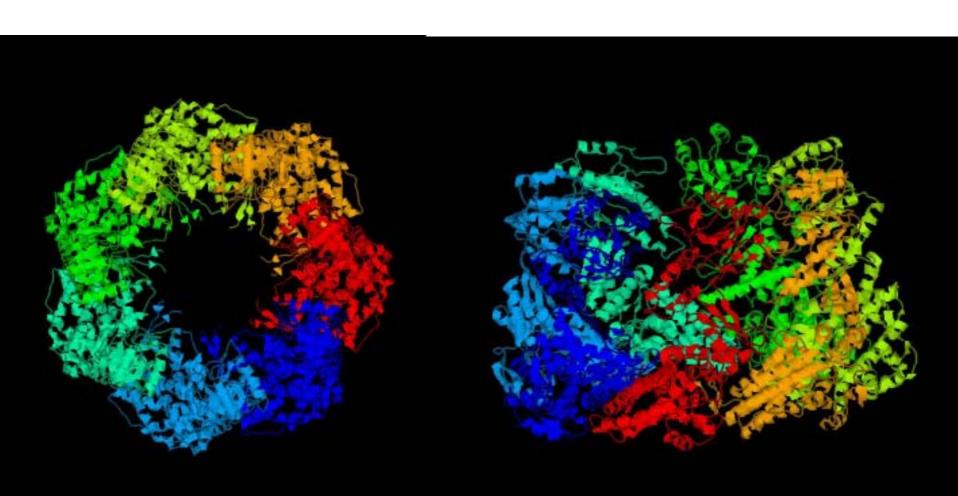
•3 (Tertiary Structure)3D arrangement



GroEL

top view

side view



1. Protein Structure Determination

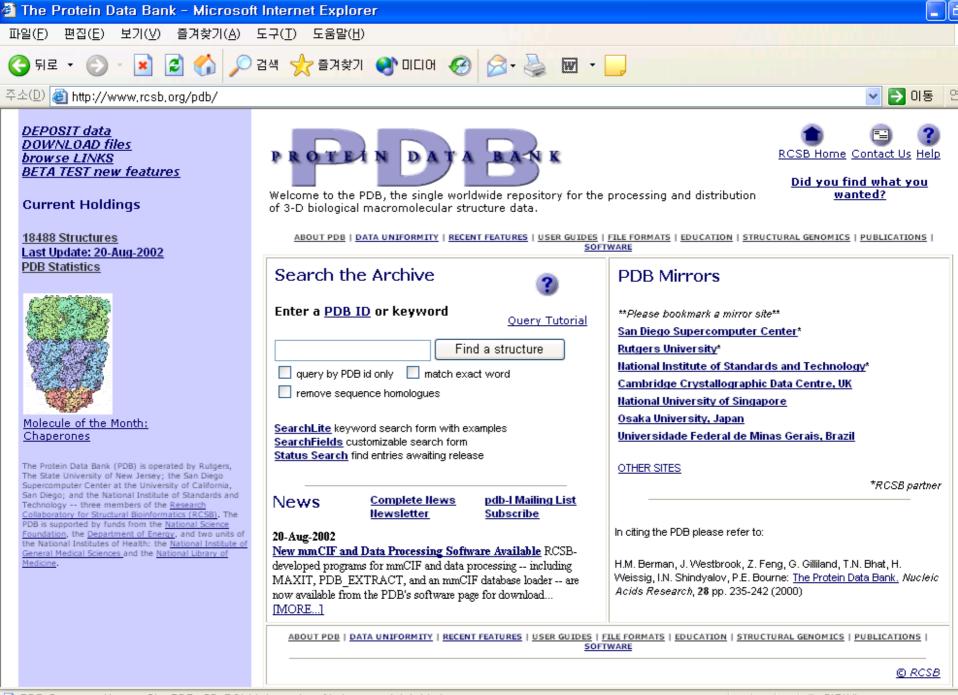
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X-ray crystallography,

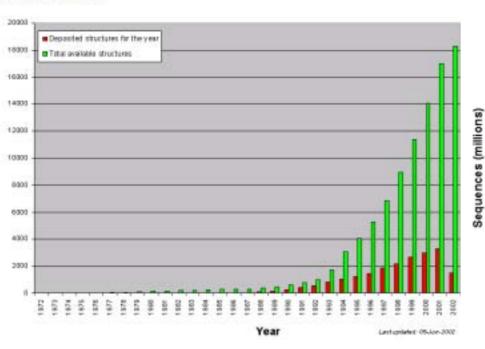
NMR

J. Kendrew (1957): myoglobin

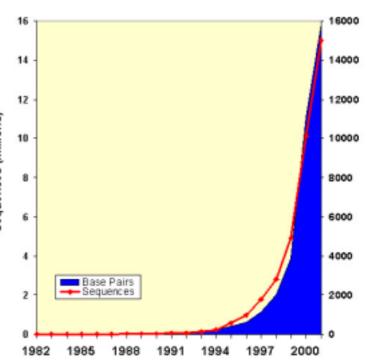
M. Perutz (1959): hemoglobin



PDB Content Growth



Growth of GenBank



Base Pairs of DNA (millions)

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knowledge-based methods

.(Protein Data Bank(PDB) 20000 フト)

physics-based methods (ab initio prediction)

Knowledge-based method

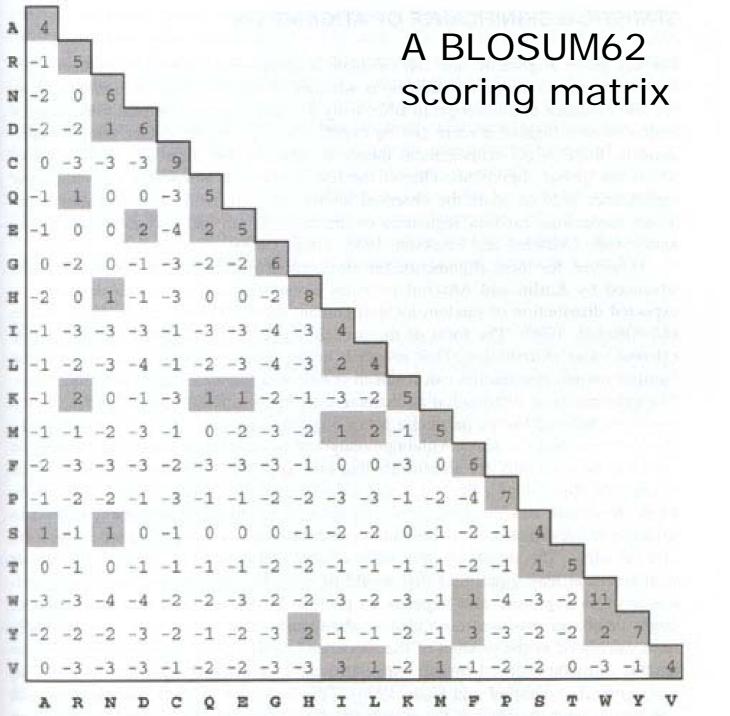
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Comparative modeling (Homology modeling):
   -PDB
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   -PDB
                                             .(high sequence
   similarity)

    Fold recognition (Threading):

   - PDB
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                                                       .(medium
   -PDB
   sequence similarity)
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Sequences and Sequence allignment

- Two main kind of sequences
 - Sequence of base pairs in DNA molecules
 - (A+T+C+G)*
 - Sequence of aminoacids in a protein molecule
 - A(C+D+E+F+G+H+I+K+L+M+N+P+Q+R+S+T+V+W+X+Y)*Z
- Two main kind of sequence allignment
 - Global alignment
 - LGPSSKQT GKG S -RIWDN
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 - LN -ITKSA GKGAIMRLGDA
 - Local alignment
 - -----TGKG-----
 - | ||
 - -----AGKG-----



Basis of Basic Sequence Alignment

Mouse Cravfish

The objective of sequence alignment is to determine if 2 sequences are sufficiently similar to declare them homologous.

Mouse IVGGYNCEENSVPYQVSLNS-----GYHFCGGSLINEQWVVSAGHCYK------SRIQW Crayfish IVGGTDAVLGEFPYQLSFQETFLGFSFHFCGASIYNENYAITAGHCVYGDDYENPSGLQI

Mouse RLGEHNIEVLEGNEQFINAAKIIRHPQYDRKTLNNDIMLIKLSSRAVINARVSTISLPTA Crayfish VAGELDMSVNEGSEQTITVSKIILHENFDYDLLDNDISLLKLSGSLTFNNNVAPIALPAQ

PPATGTKCLISGWGNTASSGADYPDELQCLDAPVLSOAKCEASYPG-KITSNMFCVGFLE

GHTATGNVIVTGWG-TTSEGGNTPDVLOKVTVPLVSDAECRDDYGADEIFDSMICAGVPE

The above illustration shows the alignment of trypsin proteins of mouse (SWISS-PROT P07146) abd crayfish (SWISS-PROT P00765) Identical residues are underlined. Indicated above the alignments are 3 disulfide bonds (-S-S-) with participating cysteine residues conserved, amino acids side chains involved in the charge relay system (asterisk), and active side residue governing substrate specificity (diamond).

Ab-initio(energy-based, Physics-based) method

• PDB . (no sequence similarity)

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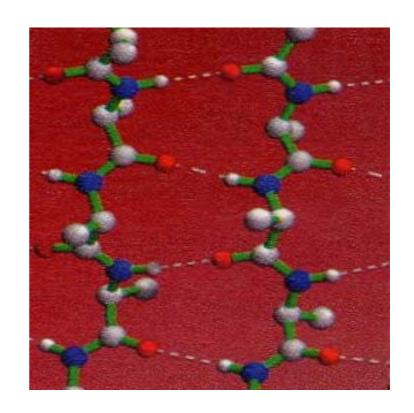
- There was a student who knew nothing about quantum mechanics
- This poor student took a "quantum mechanics" course.
- He had to take a take-home exam: Not to drop out of the class, he has two options to choose:

- 1. Examine last 40 year's problem set <u>with answers</u>. → Homology modeling / Threading.
- 2. Try to understand the problems and write down his own answers. → Ab initio (de novo, Energy-based,...).

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Physics-based method ←
            . (Anfinsen, 1973)
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  F=E-TS (E: energy, T: temperature,
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S: entropy)

(Electrostatic interaction between polar atoms, Van der Waals force, Disulfide bridge, Etc.)



Various Potential Energy Functions

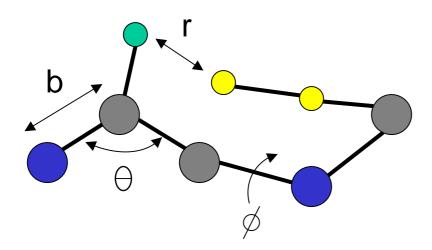
- All-atom Consideration
- Coarse-grained Function
 Atom-centered, Fixed charge...
- Contacts only: Scoring Function

Potential energy functions

- All atom, off-lattice potentials
 - ECEPP, AMBER, CHARMM, and more
 - E terms: vibrational, torsional, non-bonded, electrostatic

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{bonds}} k_b (b - b_{\text{eq}})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{\text{bonds} \\ \text{angles}}} k_\theta (\theta - \theta_{\text{eq}})^2 +$$

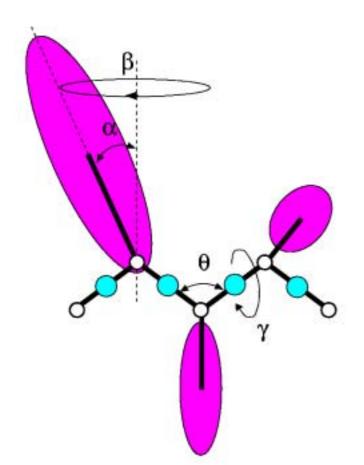
$$\sum_{\substack{\text{dihedral angles}}} k_{\phi} \cos(n\phi - \delta) + \sum_{ij} \left(\frac{A_{ij}}{r_{ij}^{6}} + \frac{B_{ij}}{r_{ij}^{12}} + \frac{C_{ij}}{r_{ij}^{10}} + \frac{q_{i}q_{j}}{Dr_{ij}} \right)$$



2. Coarse grained potentials:

e.g) UNRES(United-residue potential)

- Fixed bond (virtual bond) lengths
- Two interacting centers per residue
- Can treat larger molecules in reasonable CPU time
- Off-lattice model



Definition of degrees of freedom for the UNRES representation of a polypeptide chain

Side-chains are represented as ellipsoids (Gay-Berne potential)

Interaction centers are marked in colors

(Global optimization)



• (global minimum)

(Global optimization)

- Simulated Annealing (SA)
- Genetic Algorithms (GA)
- Hopfield Neural Network
- Monte Carlo with Minimization

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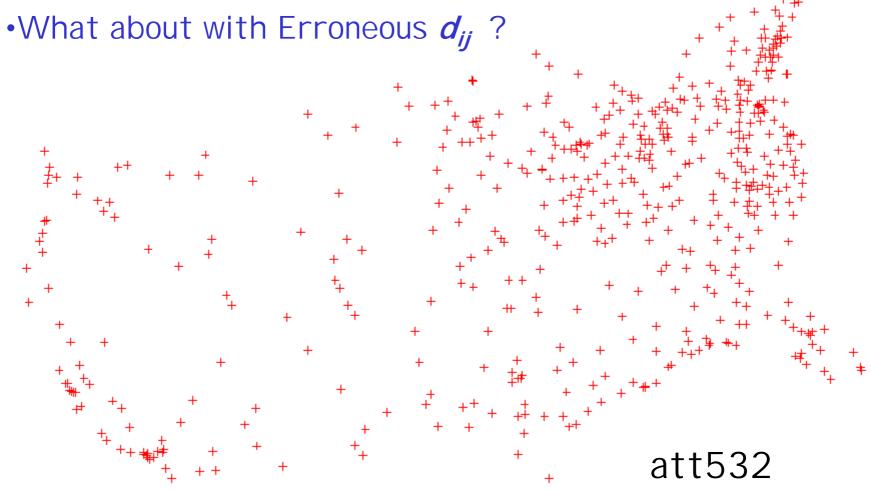
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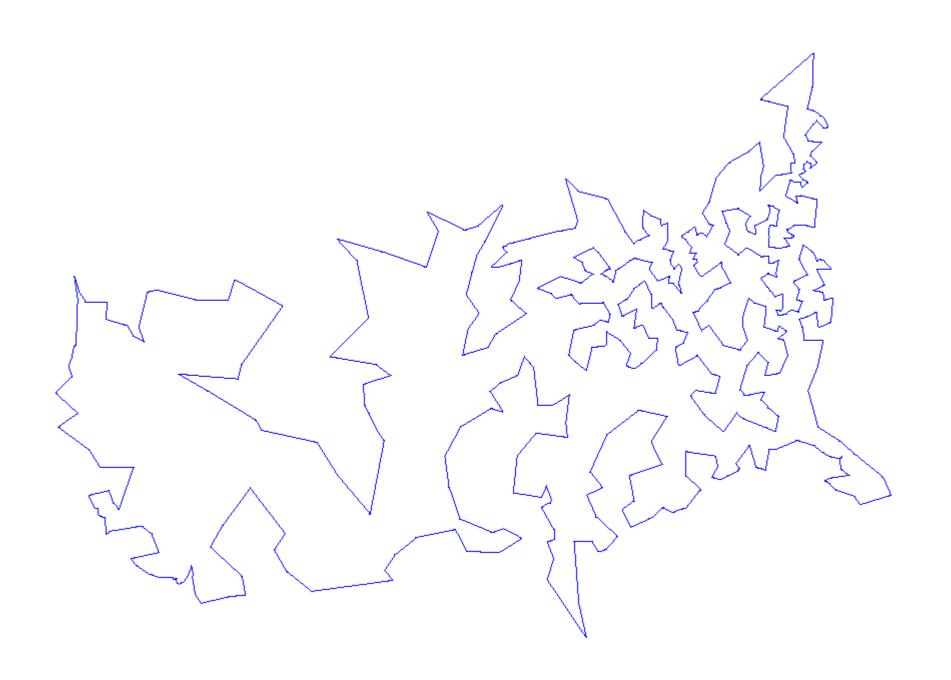
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Traveling Salesman Problem

- •For given d_{ij} , find the path of the shortest tour length
- •Total # of non-degenerate paths: (n-1)!/2
- mathematically well-defined problem









$$E(x)=...$$

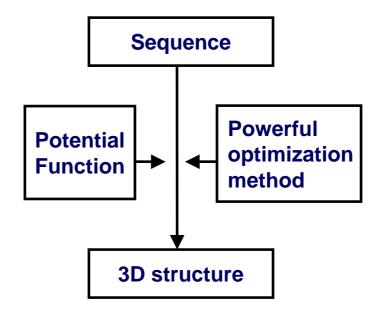


$$E(x) = ...$$



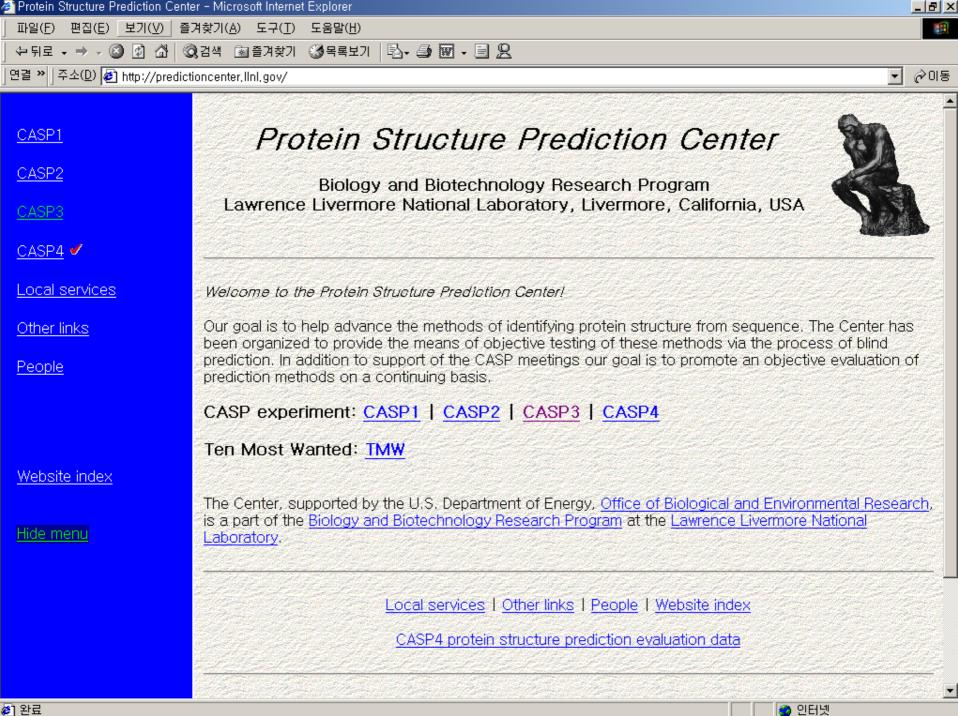
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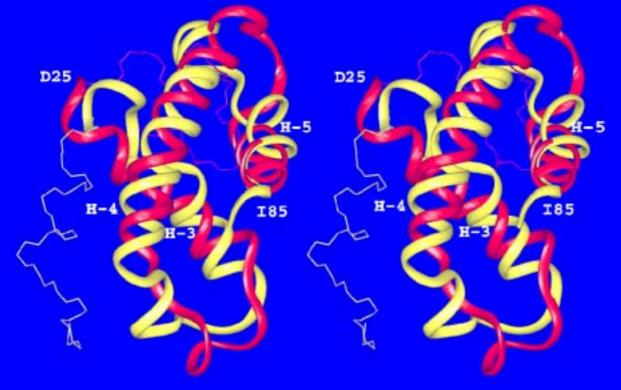
Ab initio protein folding by computer simulation



Protein Folding Problem

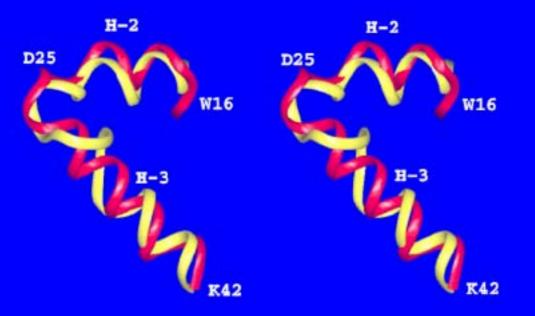
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HDEA

RMSD=4.2 Å for 61 residues (80%, residues 25-85)



HDEA Segment

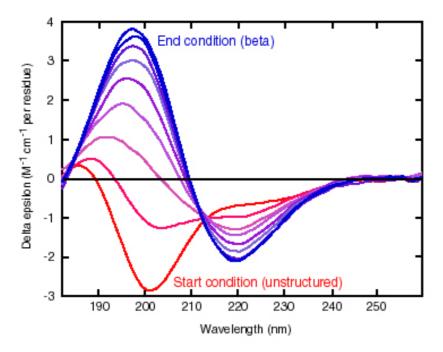
RMSD=2.9 Å for 27 residues (36%, residues 16-42)

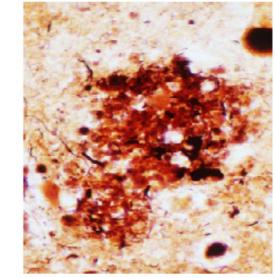
Amyloid diseases

A number of diseases (e.g. Alzheimer's, CJD, BSE) involve the folding of proteins and peptides into beta-sheet structures which can polymerise, forming insoluble

plaques in nerve tissue (below right).

A model for the Alzheimer's peptide is LRRN, which forms spontaneously into gels with a β -sheet structure.





SRCD spectra* (left) taken during the polymerisation of LRRN peptide show that the rate of polymerisation varies with substitution of a single amino acid residue.

*Collaboration with N.Gay and M. Symmons, Cambridge University

The SRCD data provide important information about the processes involved in polymerisation, and may lead to the development of drugs to treat these diseases.

Protein folding research topics:

- Protein structure prediction
- Protein folding mechanism: MD,MC simulations
- Docking problems
- Secondary structure prediction
- Contact prediction
- Order/disorder prediction
- Multiple sequence alignment
- Potential parameter optimization
- •Global optimization of various systems: TSP, molecular clusters, etc.