

# Structure calculation with ARIA and CNS

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# Overview

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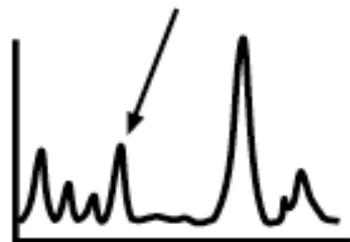
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- (2) Recent Developments
- (3) Practical issues

# NMR structure determination times

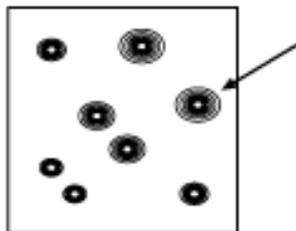
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- NMR experiment: weeks to months



- Resonance assignment: weeks to months



- Structural restraints,
- NOE assignment: months



- Structure calculation: fast
- Structure validation: fast

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- NOE: basis for high resolution NMR structure
  - Interpretation of NOESY spectra complex data analysis problem:
    - (1) Assignment and selection of NOEs
    - (2) Calculation of structures consistent with data

# Historical overview over programs

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- **ASNO**
  - automated calculation of potential assignments from a structure
  - several assignments can be stored in XEASY to be picked from manually
    - P Güntert, KD Berndt, K Wüthrich (1993). *J. Biomol. NMR*, 3: 601–606.
- **NOAH (self-correcting distance geometry, SCDG)**
  - separate restraint for every assignment possibility
  - identification of incorrect restraints by SCDG
    - C Mumenthaler & W Braun (1995). *J. Mol. Biol.* 254, 465–480.

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- **ARIA**

- ambiguities treated by ambiguous distance restraint
- incorrect restraints recognized by SCDG
- network anchoring since 2008
  - Nilges et al. (1997) J. Mol. Biol. 269, 408–422.

- **CANDID**

- Network anchoring
- Ambiguous distance restraints
- SCDG to identify incorrect restraints
  - T Herrmann, P Güntert, K Wüthrich (2002) J. Mol. Biol. 319, 209–22

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- **AUTOSTRUCTURE**

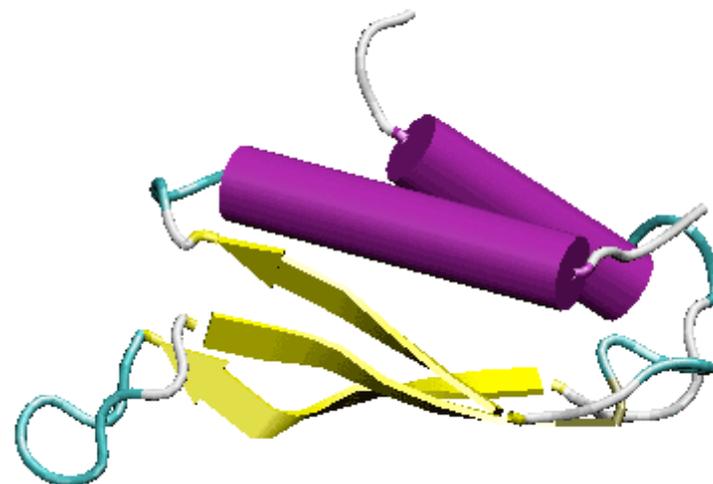
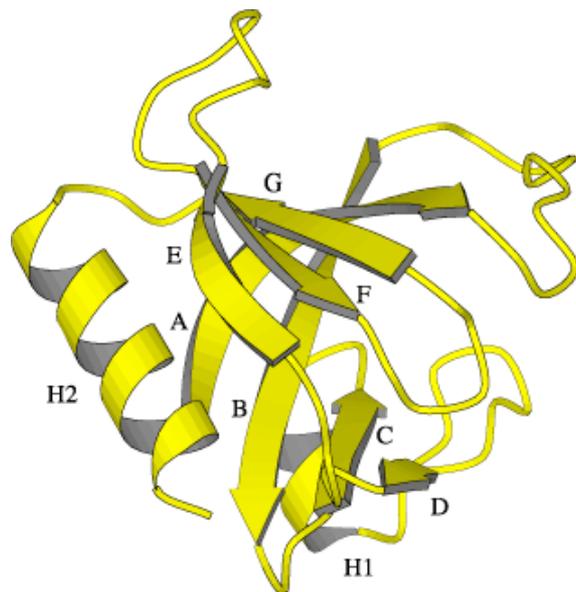
- “bottom up” construction of assignments by application of expert rules
- similarities to network anchoring
  - Huang YJ, Tejero R, Powers R, Montelione GT. *Proteins*: 2006;62:587–603

- **PASD**

- more sophisticated version of SCDG
  - J Kuszewski et al (2004). *JACS* 126:6258–6273

# ARIA 1994...

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- Structures of  $\beta$ -spectrin PH domain and E. coli dsRBD domain solved with prototype versions of ARIA 1994

# Common problems

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- chemical shift assignment virtually complete
- $\beta$ -sheet topology known
- NOE assignment and manual 3D structure determination failed
  
- time pressure...

# Ambiguous distance restraint (ADR)

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- Top-down approach to assign ambiguous NOEs: ADR
  - combine alternate assignment possibilities into single restraint
  - basis: NOE volume depends approximately on distance:

$$V_{ij} \approx \alpha d_{ij}^{-6}$$

- if calibration constant is the same for all  $ij$ , ambiguous  $V$  can be converted to estimated target distance  $D$ :

$$D \approx \left( \alpha^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n_c} V_i \right)^{-\frac{1}{6}}$$

- ADR first concept that allowed automated NOESY assignment
- First used in calculation of oligomers
  - (Nilges & Brünger, 1991; Nilges, 1993)
- Used in several programs:
  - ARIA-CNS, CAR, CANDID, CYANA
- Treatment of different data types:
  - NOEs, hydrogen bonds, disulfide bridges, paramagnetic shift broadening, chemical shift differences (O'Donoghue and Nilges, 1998)

# Iterative structure calculation

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- In each iteration, ARIA
  - reduces ambiguity of NOEs
  - detects of inconsistent peaks
- by an analysis of the previous structure ensemble:
  - recalibration of NOEs to distance restraints
  - statistical analysis of restraint violations
  - removal of most unlikely assignment possibilities
- and then recalculates structures

# Analysis of structure ensembles

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- Use total energy to select a converged structure ensemble
- Calibrate with ensemble averaged theoretical volumes  $V^{th}$

$$\alpha = \frac{\sum_i V_i^{exp}}{\sum_i V_i^{th}}$$

- using a cutoff  $V$  corresponding to cutoff distance (6 Å)
- theoretical volumes for now from ISPA or relaxation matrix
- every spectrum is calibrated separately
- special treatment of first structure calculation round

# Violation analysis

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- Correct restraints are structurally consistent
- Therefore, incorrect restraints will go against “general trend” imposed by entire data set
- Given restraint is violated if it lies outside bounds by more than user-defined threshold
- Restraint  $i$  is systematically violated if  $f_i$  exceeds 0.5
  - (similar to NOAH, CANDID, CYANA,...)

$$f_i = S^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^S [\Theta(L_i - d_i^{(j)} + t) + \Theta(d_i^{(j)} - U_i - t)]$$

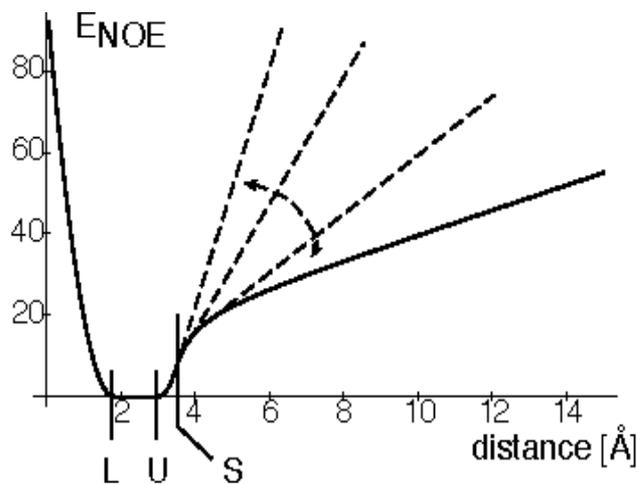
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# Error-tolerant structure calculation

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- Error-tolerant potentials (NOAH, ARIA-CNS, PASD)
- Violation confinement (CYANA)
- Restraint combination (CYANA)

# ARIA-CNS: soft FBHW potential



$$E_{\text{NOE}} = \begin{cases} (r - L)^2 & \text{if } r < L \\ 0 & \text{if } L < r < U \\ (U - r)^2 & \text{if } U < r < S \\ A(r - U)^{-1} + B(r - U) + C & \text{if } r > S \end{cases}$$

finite force for large violations

important for automated removal of noise peaks (ARIA)

same as “violation confinement” in CYANA

similar effect as “restraint combination”

# Reduction of assignment possibilities

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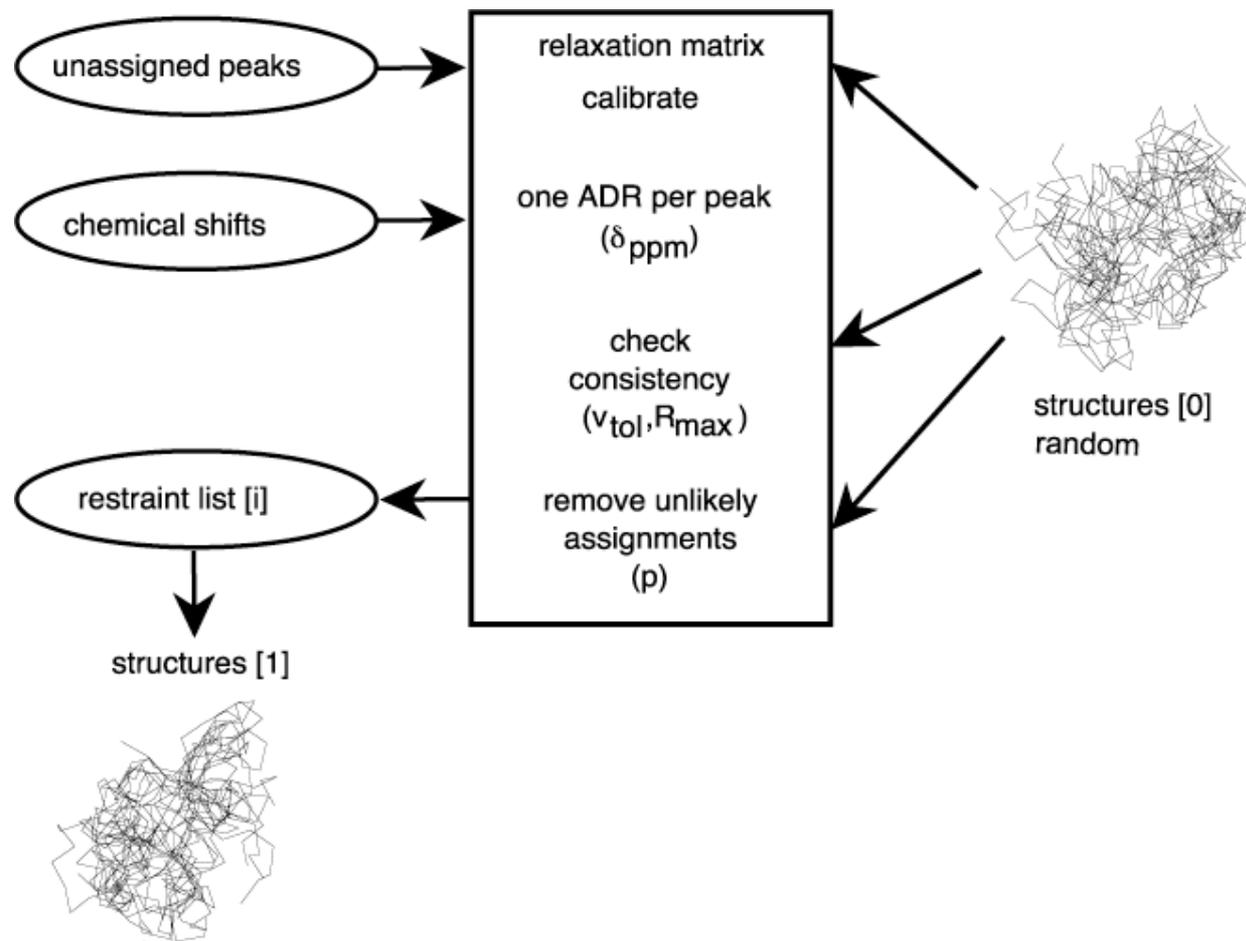
- For each satisfied ADR:
- calculate partial theoretical volume for each assignment possibility
- order them according to size
- normalize
- remove the smallest possibilities such that the sum of the remaining possibilities exceeds threshold
- decrease this threshold from 1.0 to 0.8

# Floating chirality assignment

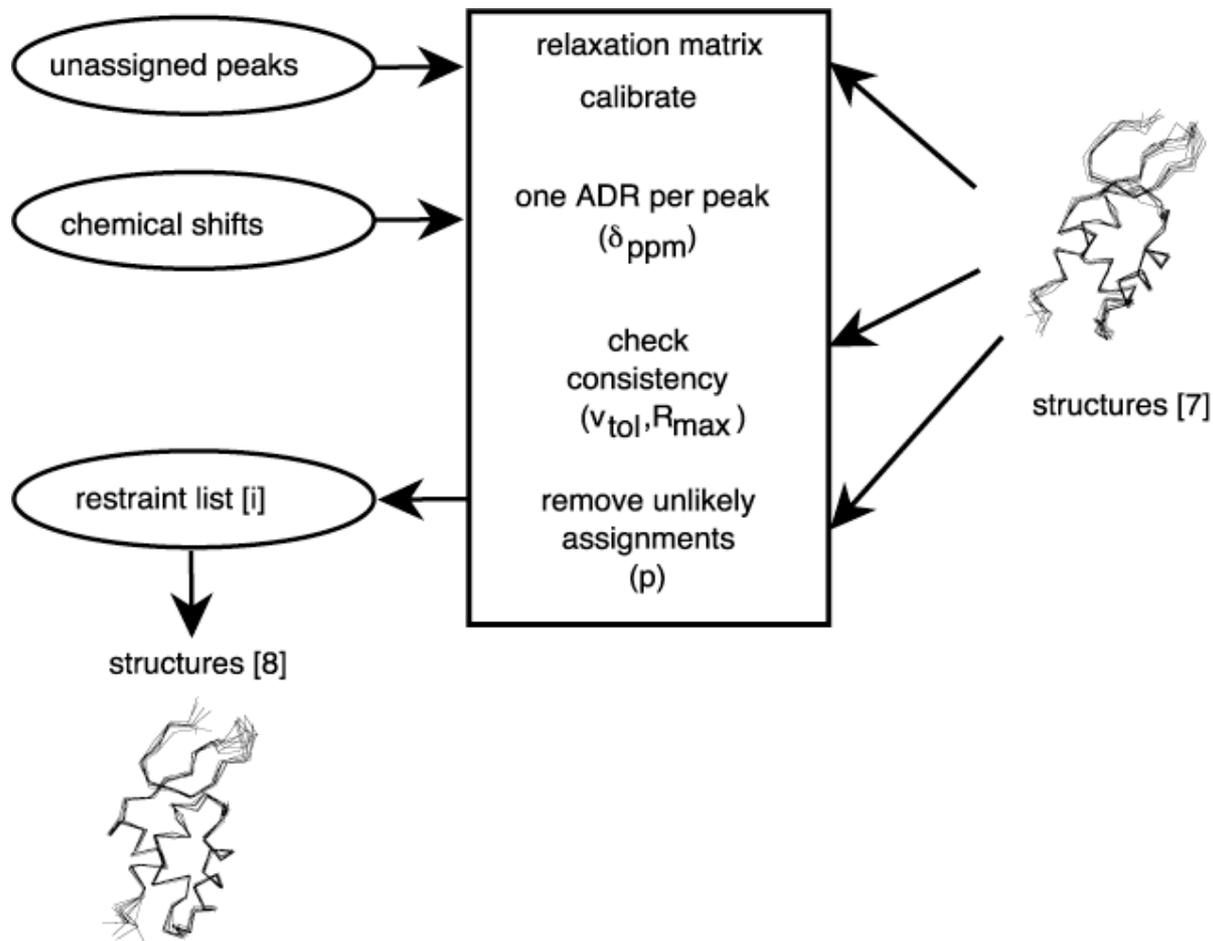
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- Test both possibilities of random selection of prochiral groups at regular intervals
- Keep always lower energy assignment
- Results are stored in “.float” file for each structure

# Iterative interpretation of NOE spectra

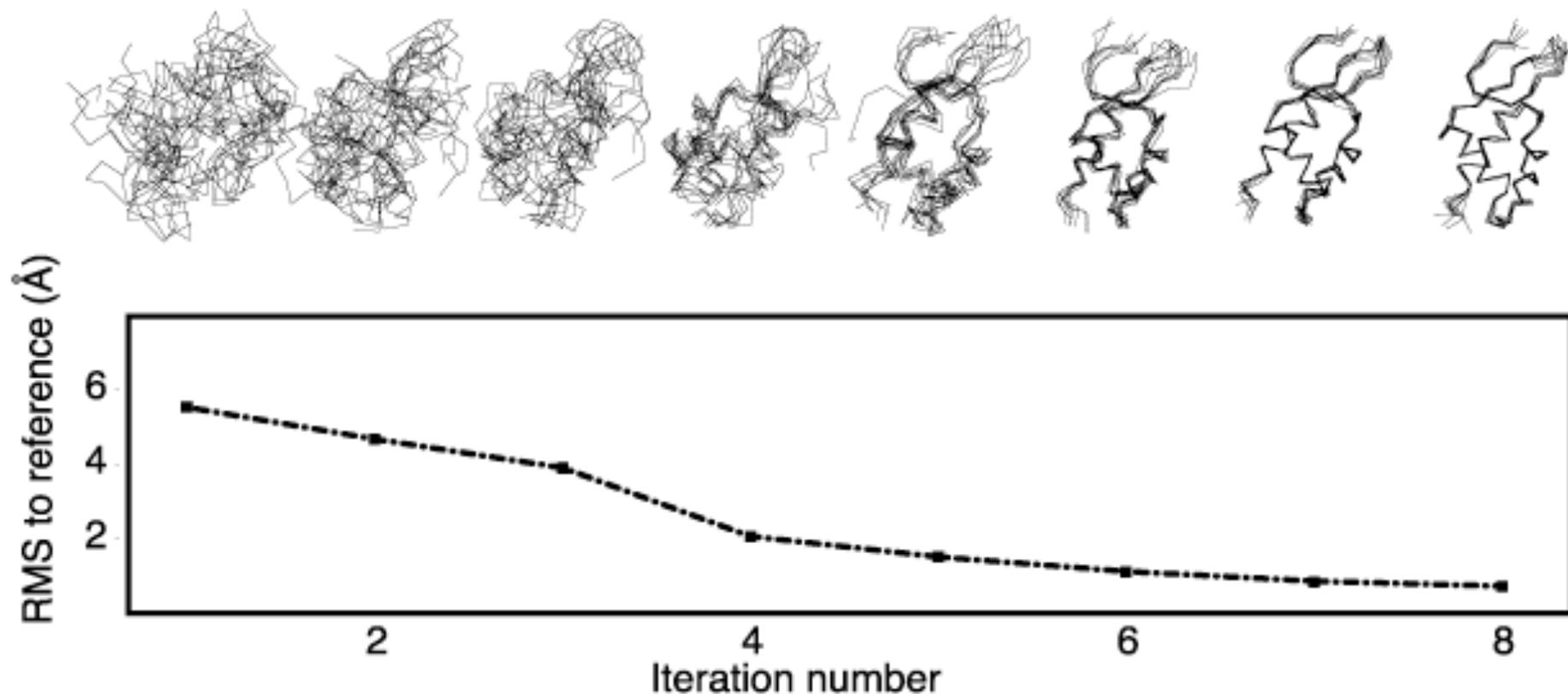


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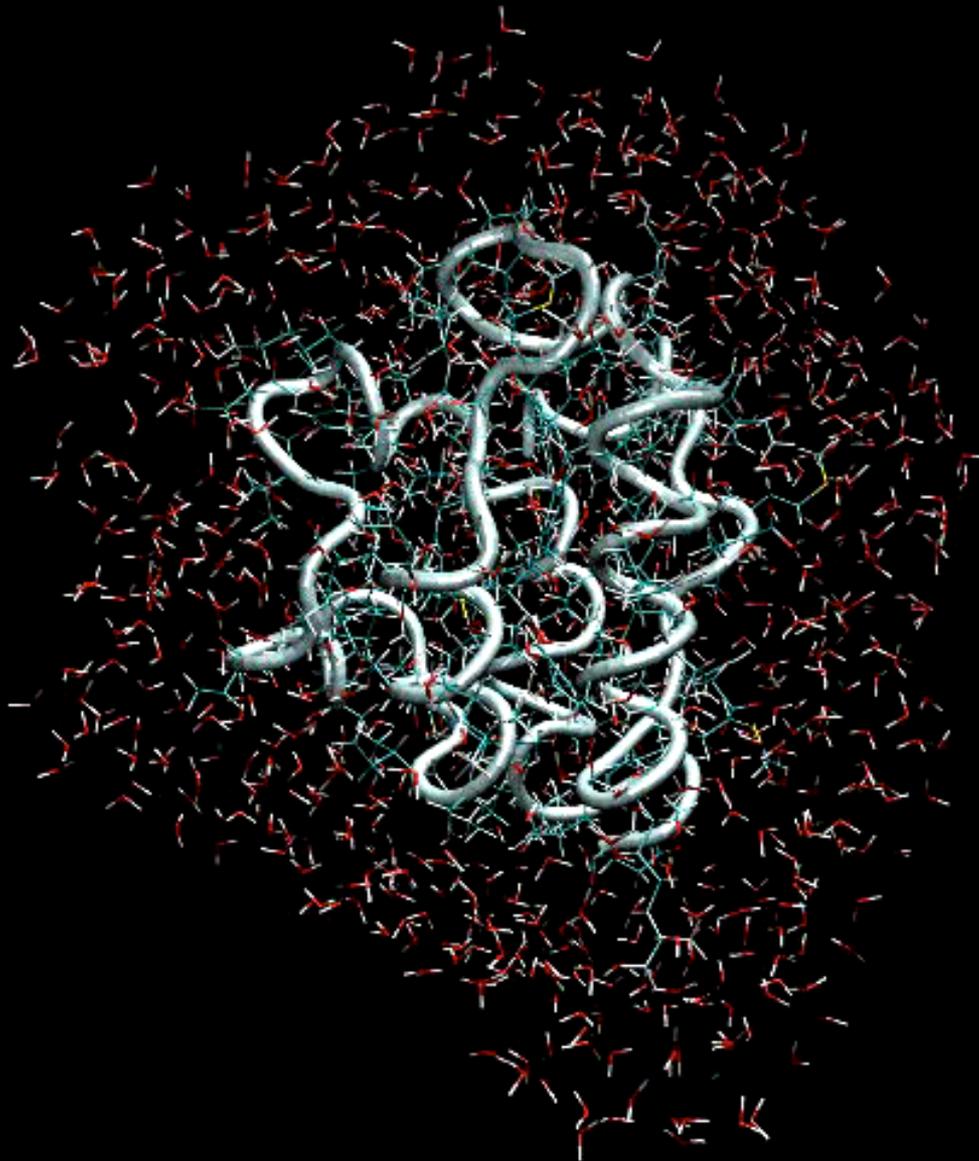


# Example convergence

- Completely automated structure calculation and NOESY assignment from noisy ambiguous data (Sunnerhagen et al., 1996)

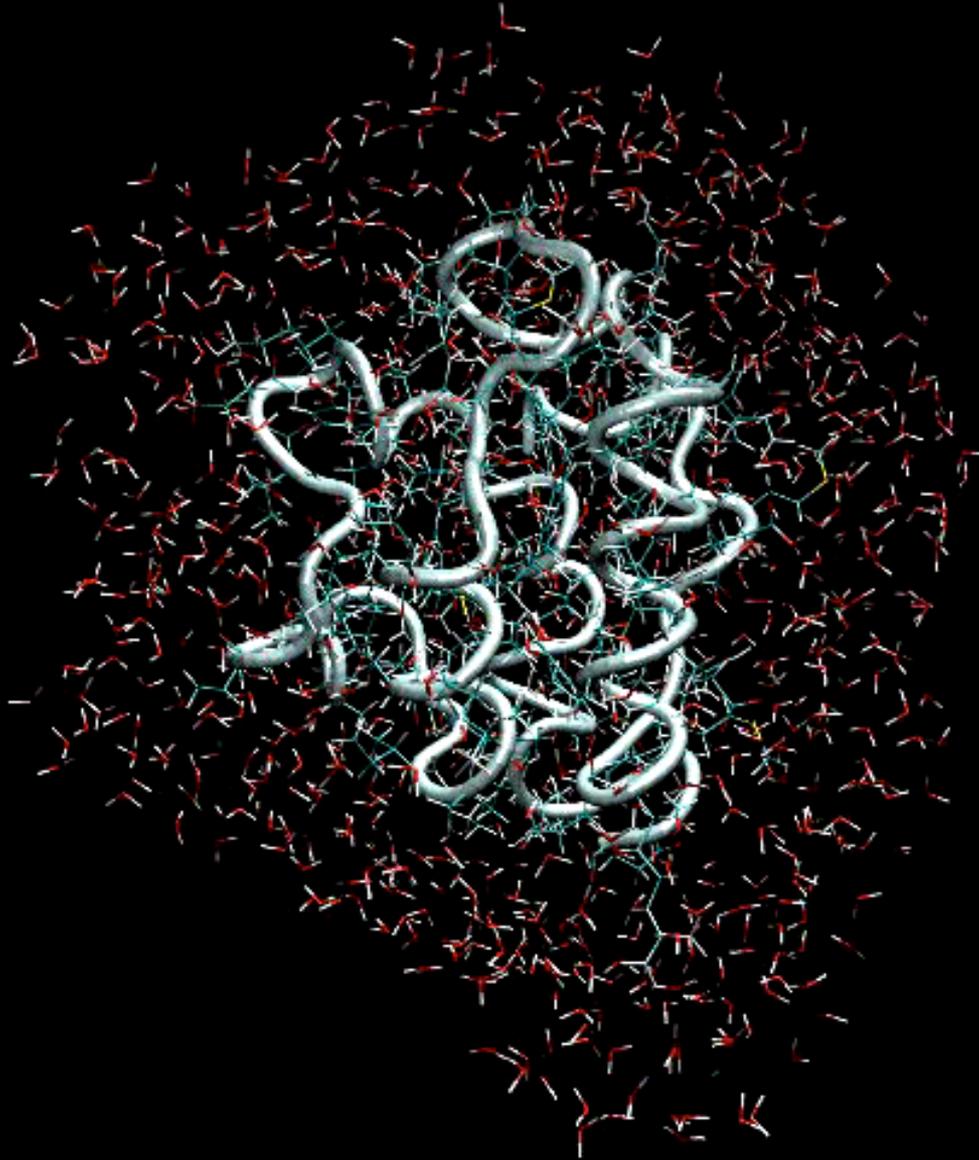


# Final refinement in H<sub>2</sub>O

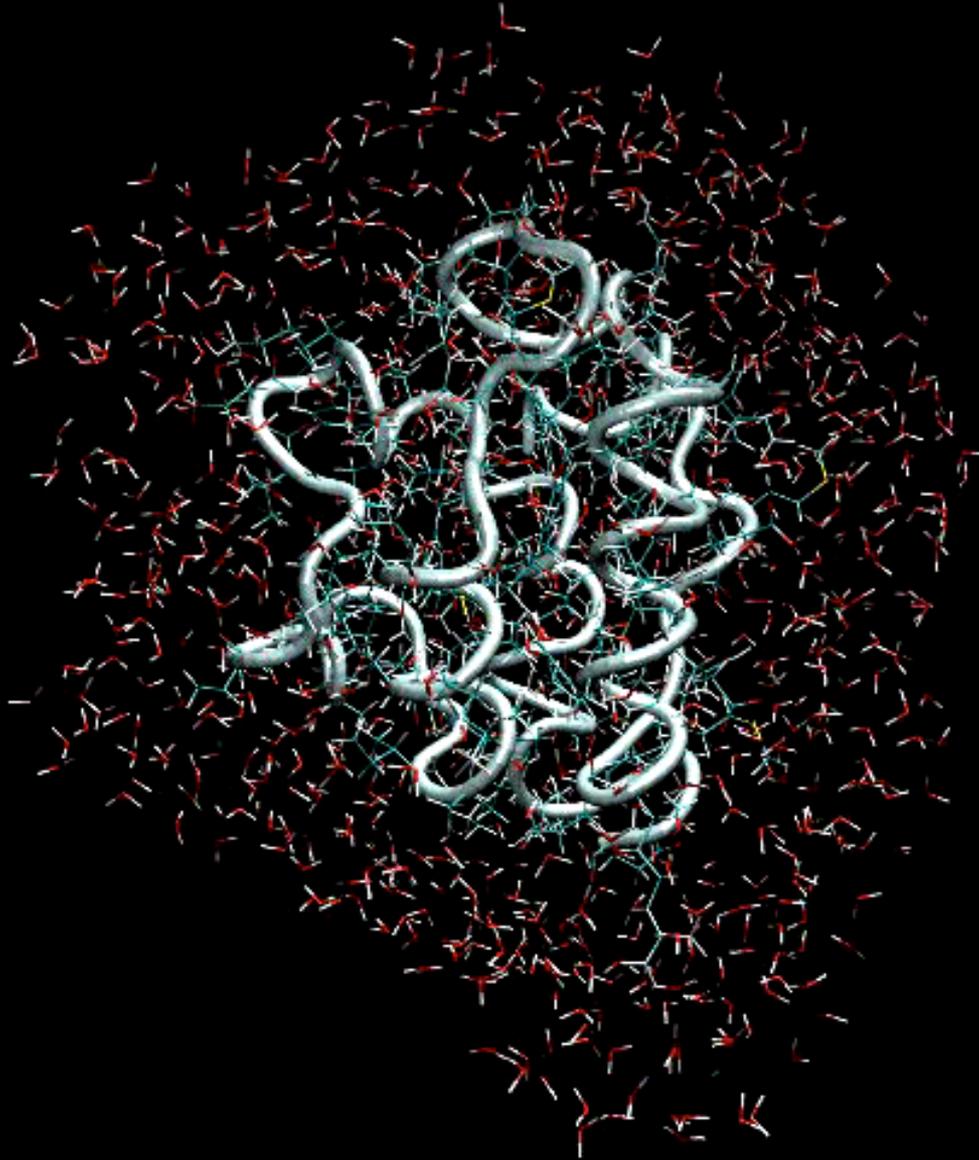


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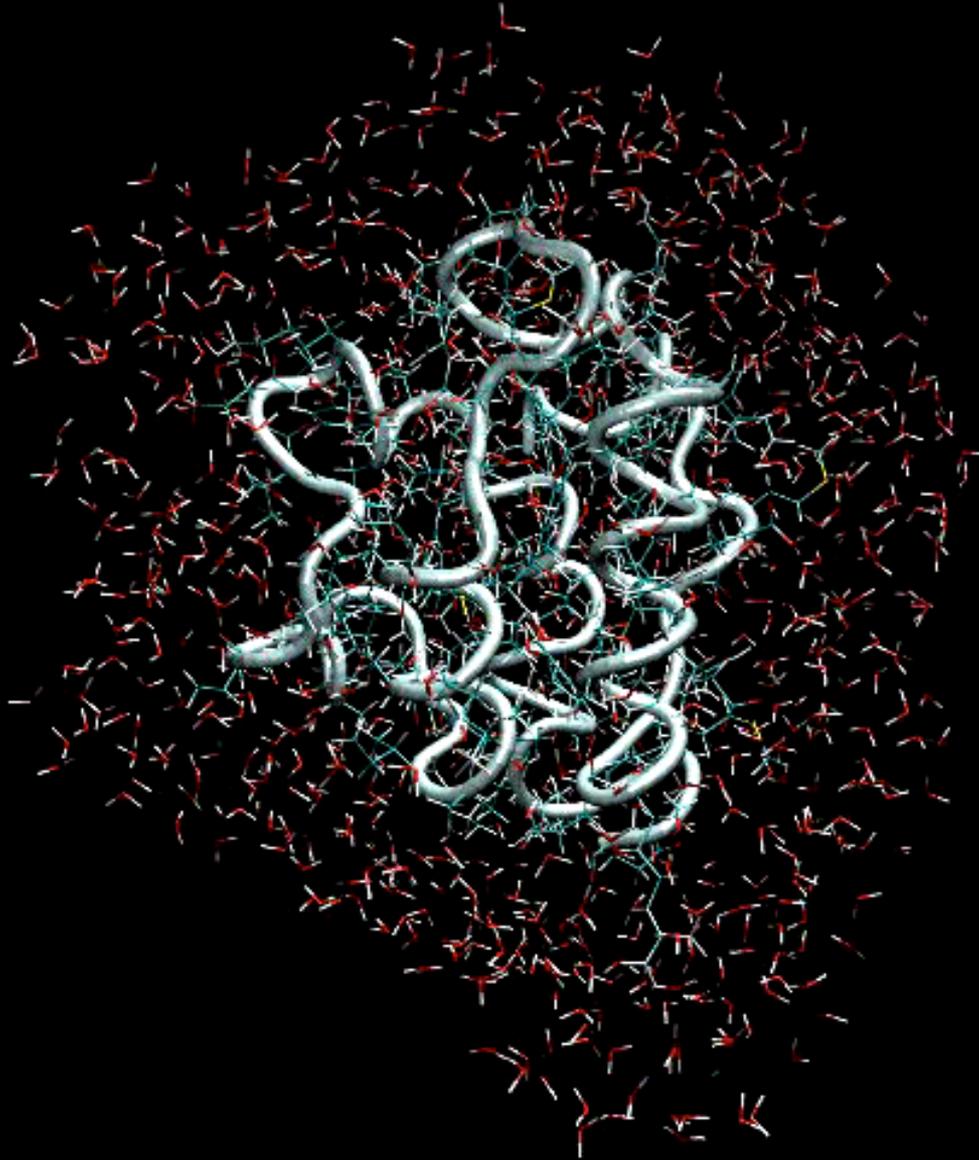
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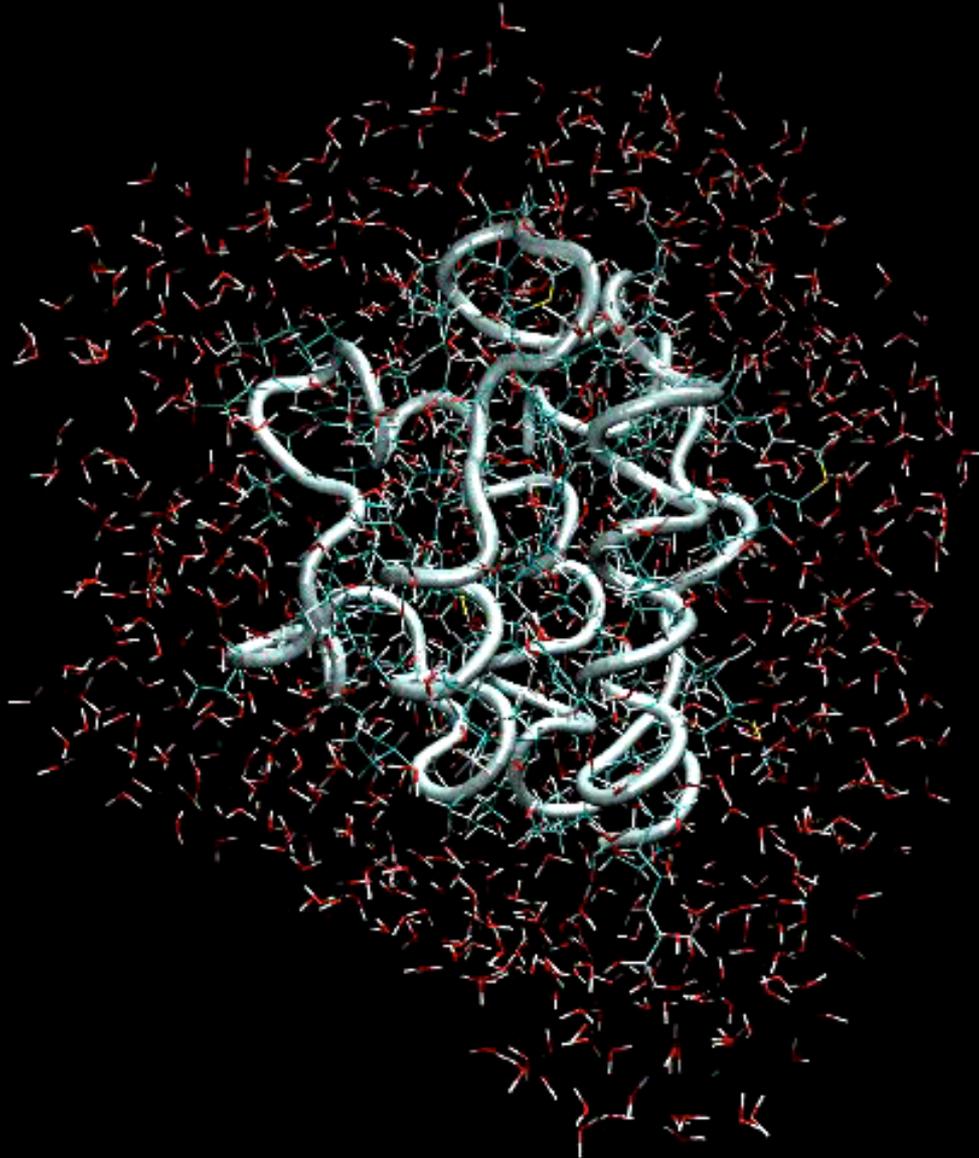


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Improvement of:

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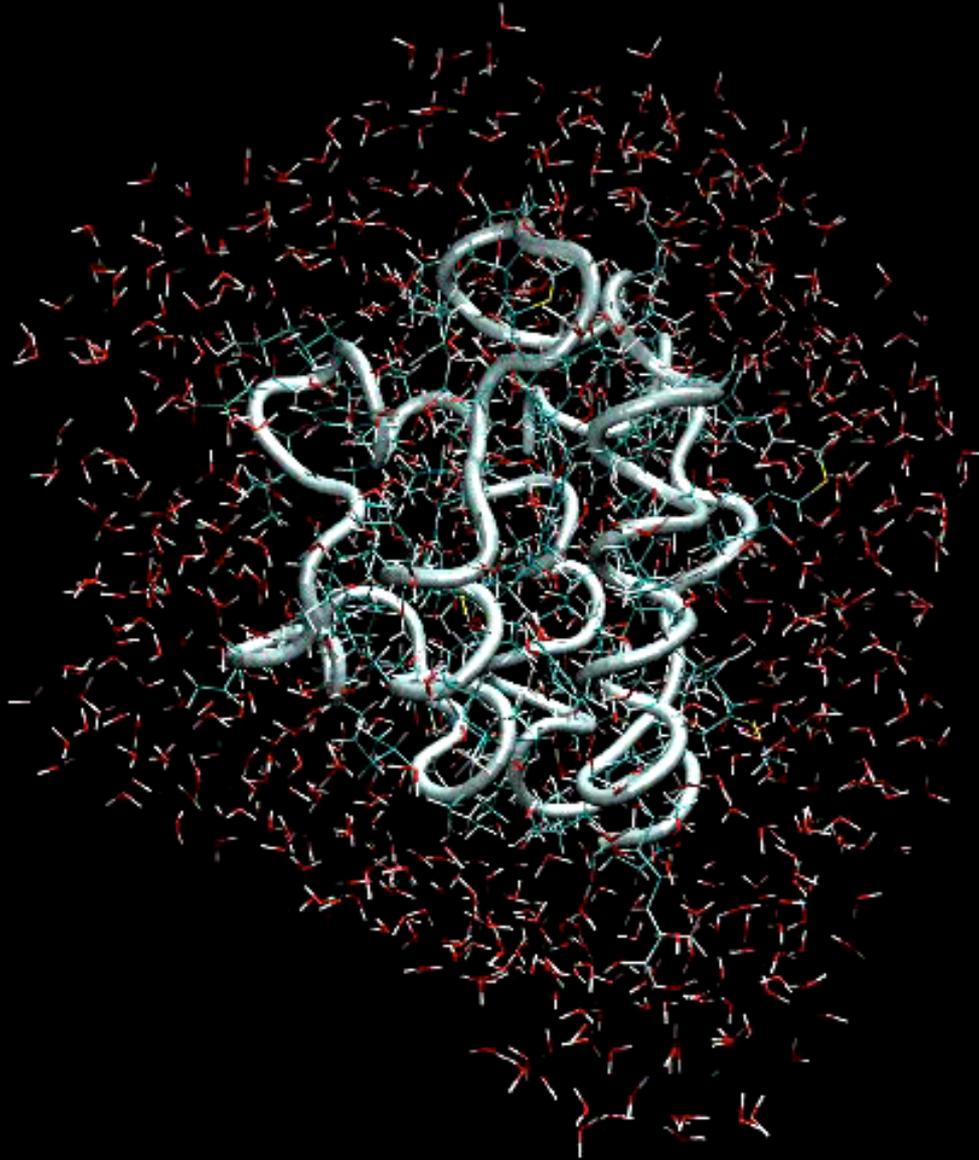
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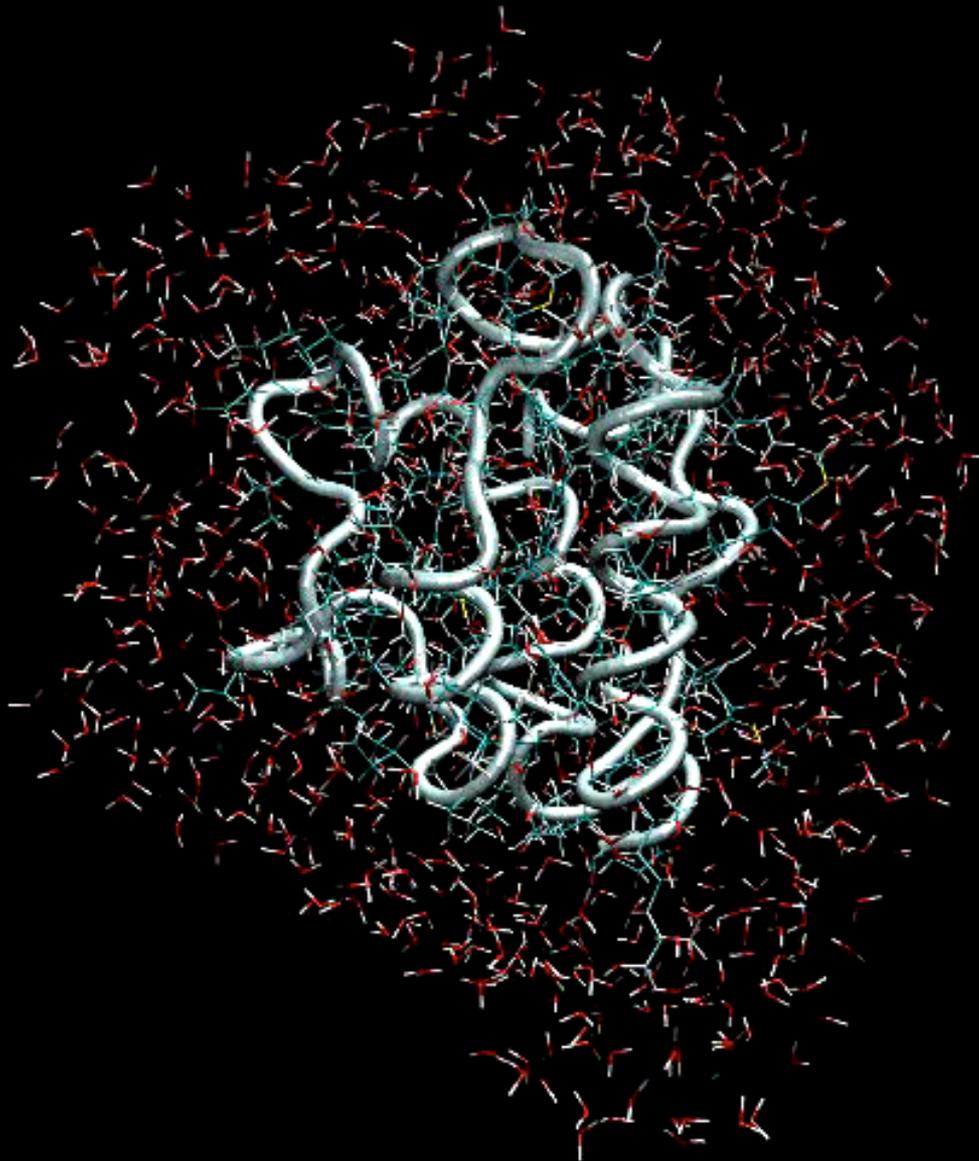
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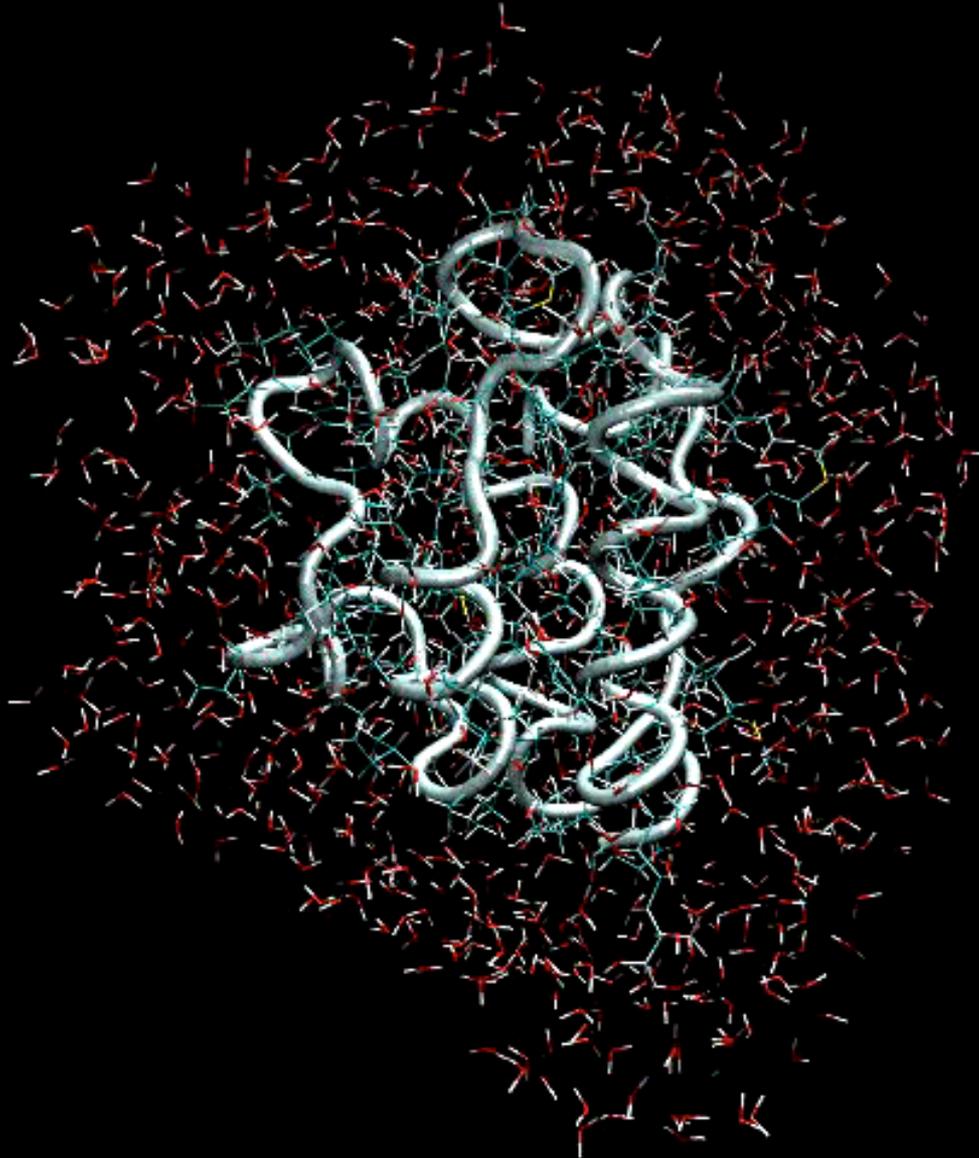
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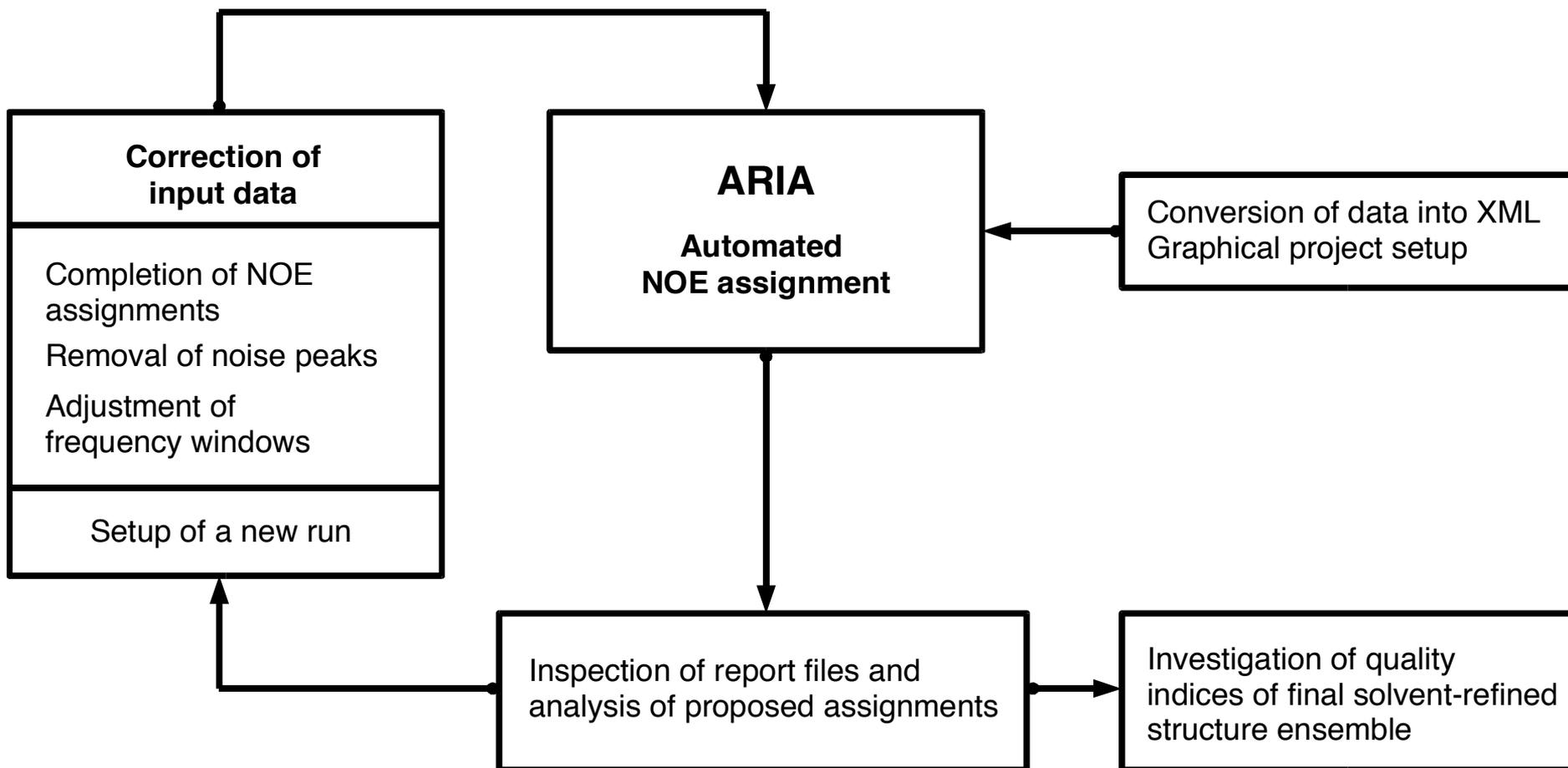
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Improvement of:

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X-ray molecular  
replacement

# Iterations of iterations of iterations ...



# Overview

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(2) Recent developments

GUI development

Single minimum potentials

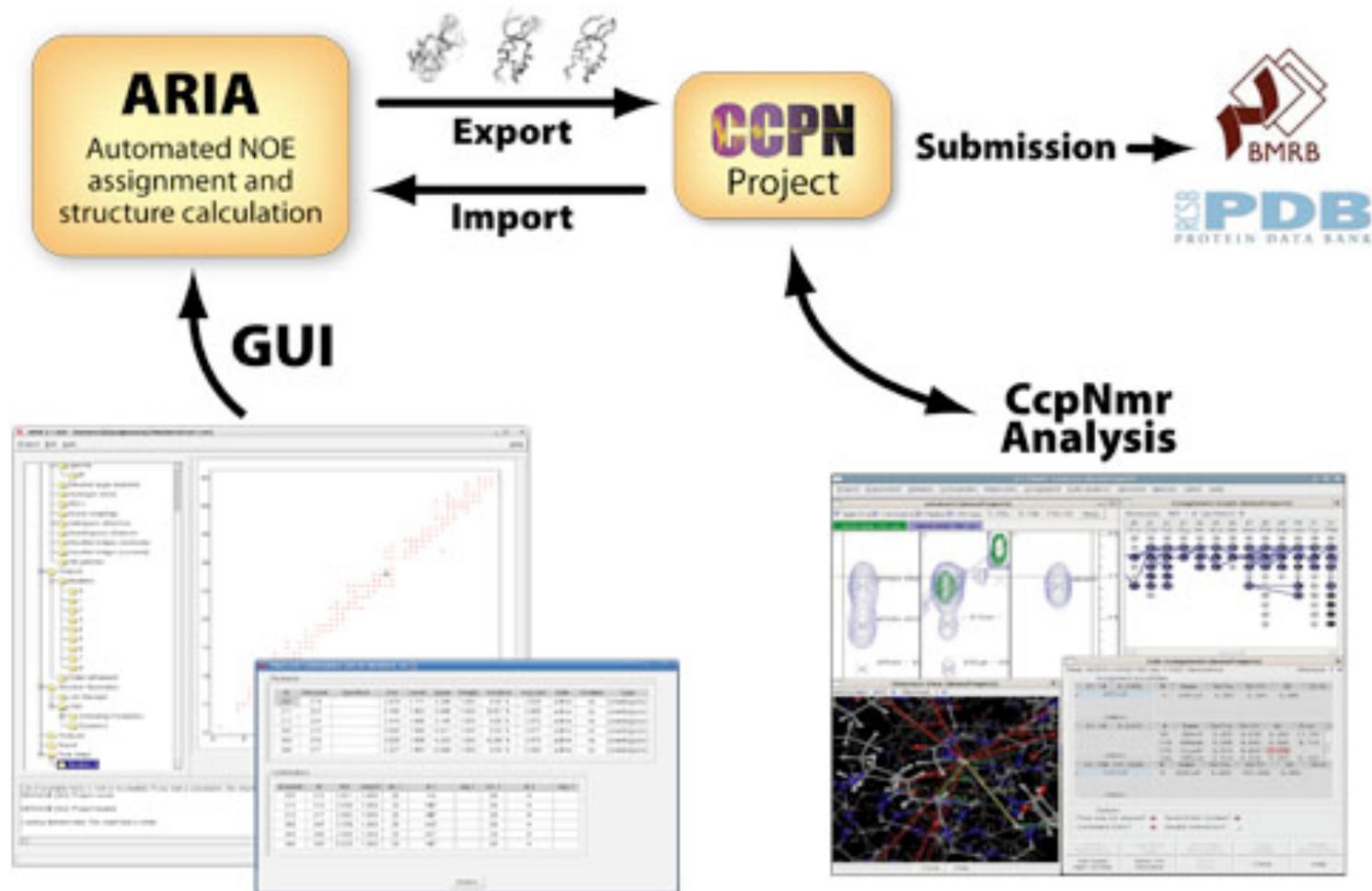
Symmetric structures

Solid state NMR

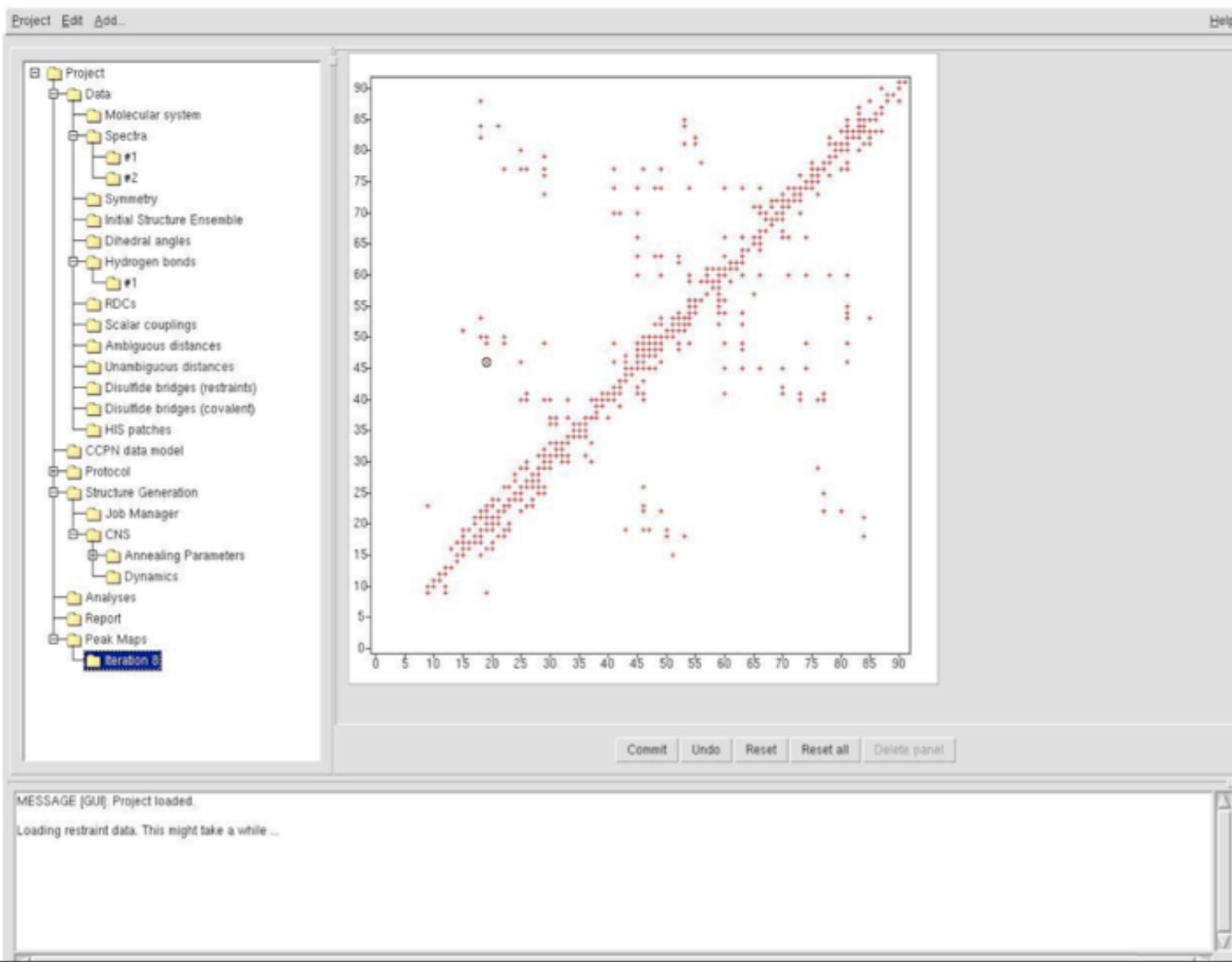
More flexible structure calculation engine (CNS, YASARA, ICMD; to come: Xplor-NIH)

(3) Practical issues

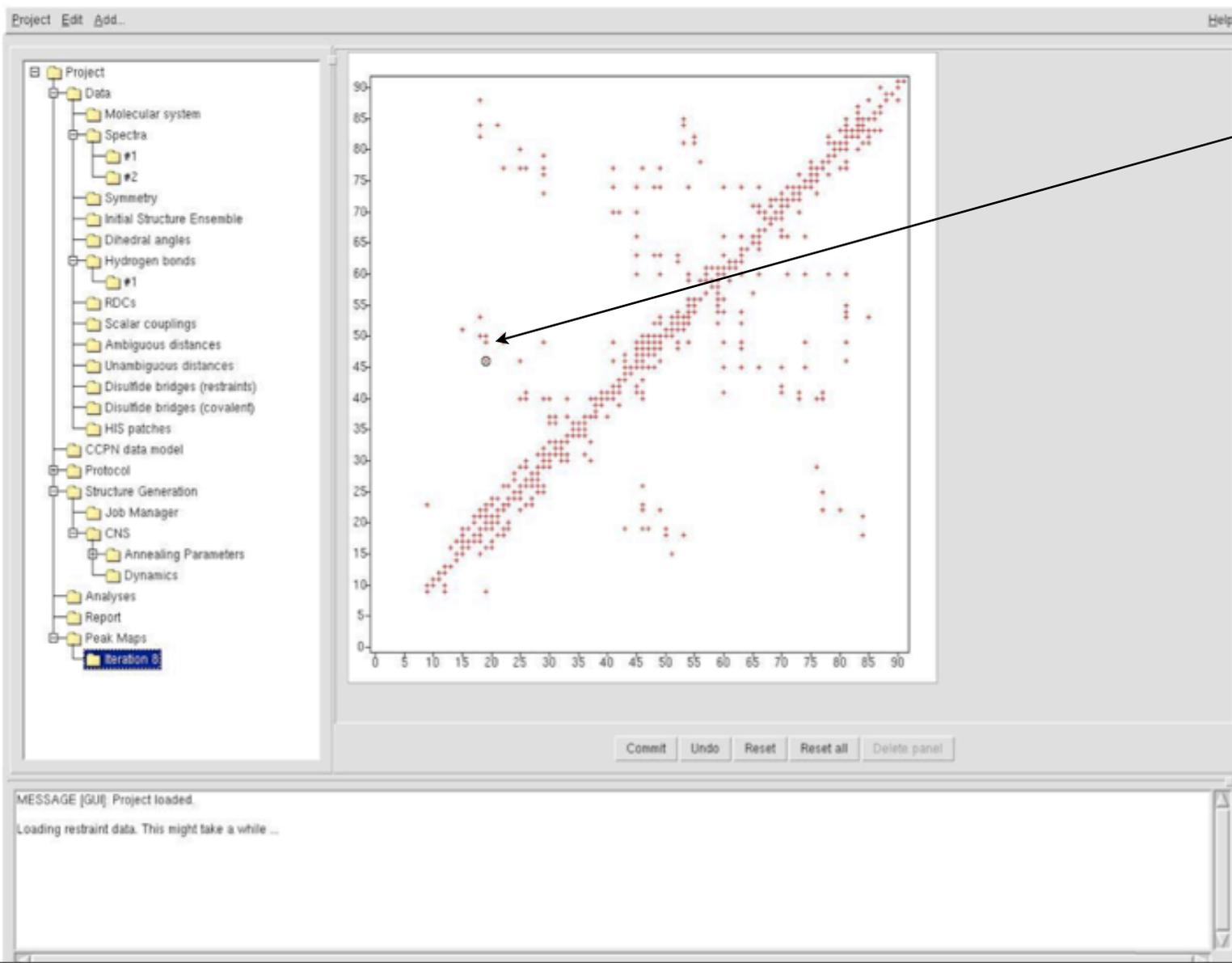
# Current release: ARIA2.2



# Interactive contact map



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# Assignment report for residue pair

## Restrains

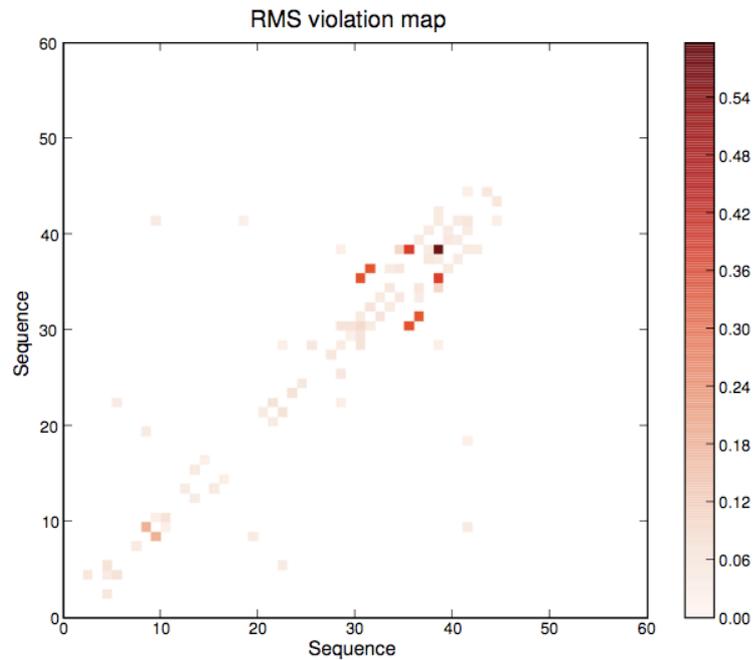
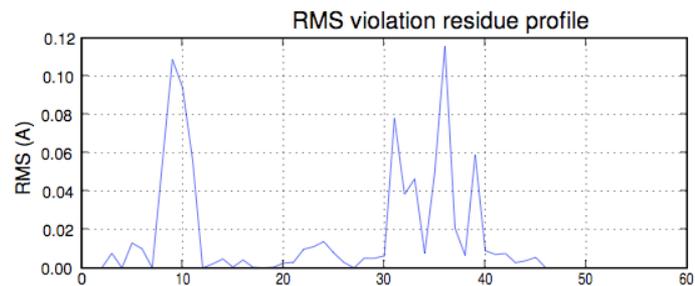
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2331	1985	13C NOESY	2.583	1.749	3.417	1.000	0.00 %	2.064	active	no	unambiguous
2333	1987	13C NOESY	2.725	1.797	3.654	1.000	0.00 %	2.094	active	no	unambiguous
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## Contributions

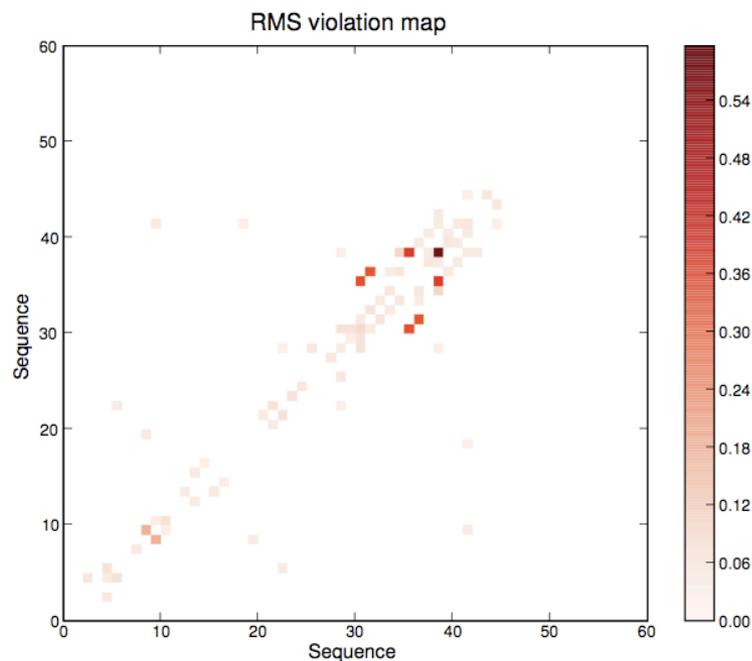
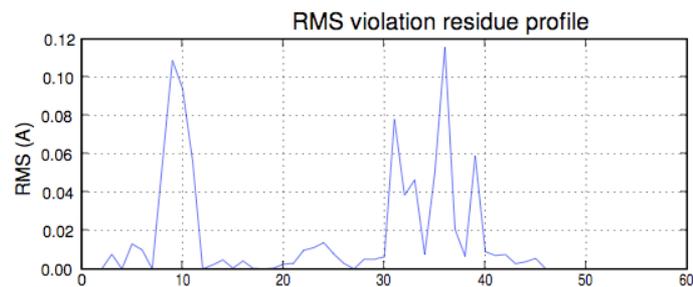
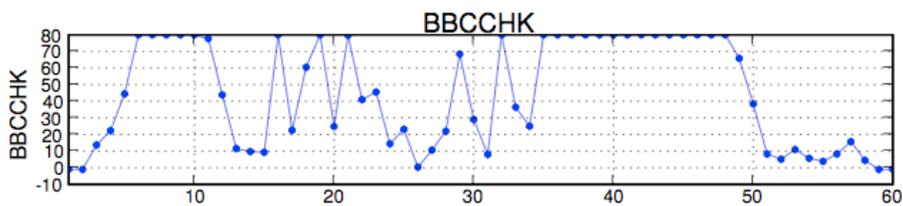
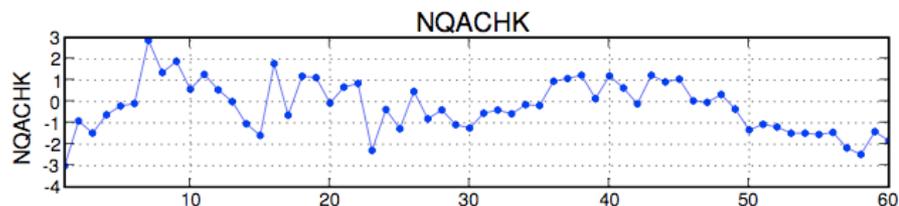
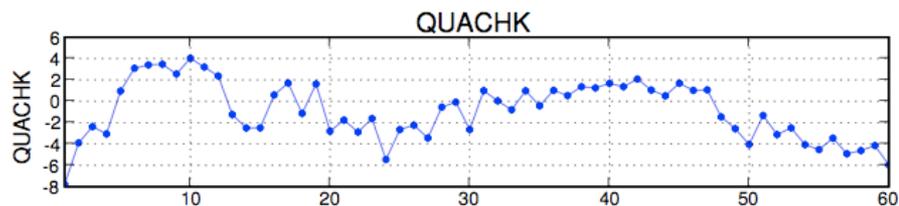
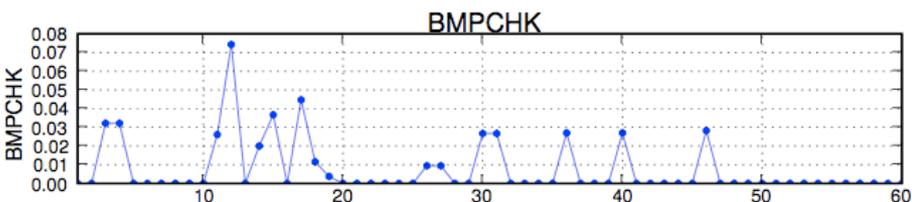
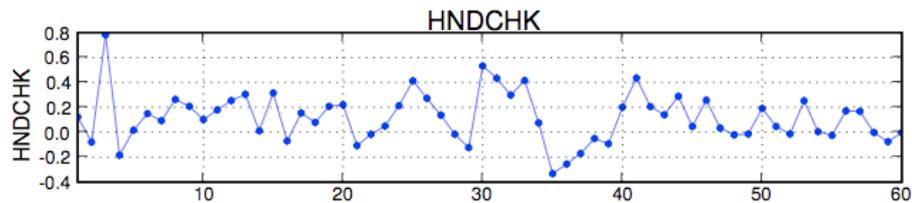
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2333	3394	2.090	1.000	19	HE*		46	HB*	
2346	3415	2.743	1.000	19	HD*		46	HB*	

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# Restraint violation in ARIA



# Validation results from WhatIf in ARIA



# Pseudo-Bayesian structure calculation

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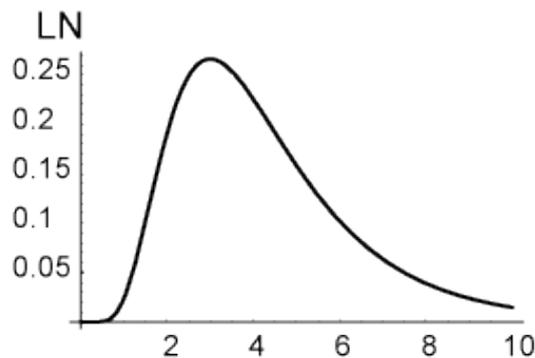
- aim: systematically re-evaluate NMR structures with Bayesian criteria; calculation with a fast method
- data base of NMR structures with more meaningful statistics (RMSD, RMS to data)
- many problems (CPU time necessary, data conversion, ...)
- pseudo-Bayesian:
  - use Bayesian restraint potential
  - use Bayesian iterative determination of most important nuisance parameter
  - standard minimization

# Bayesian restraint potential

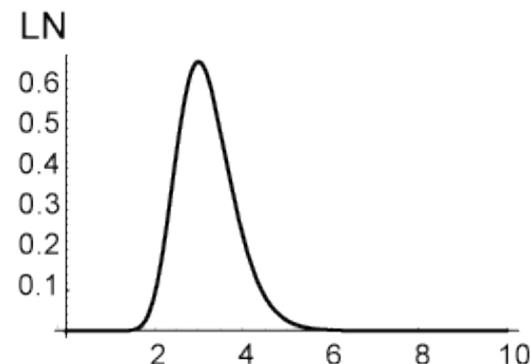
$$E = (\log[d] - \log[d_0])^2 = \left( \log \left[ \frac{d}{d_0} \right] \right)^2$$

LogNormal  
distribution of  
distances

$\sigma = 0.5, x_0 = 2.5$



$\sigma = 0.2, x_0 = 2.5$

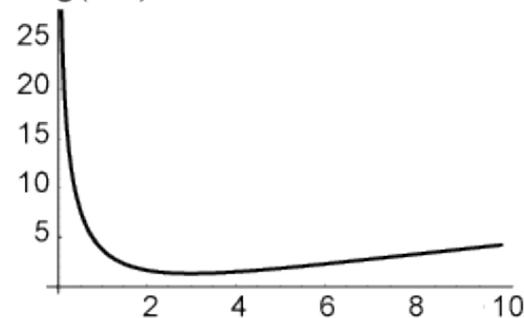


LogHarmonic  
restraint potential

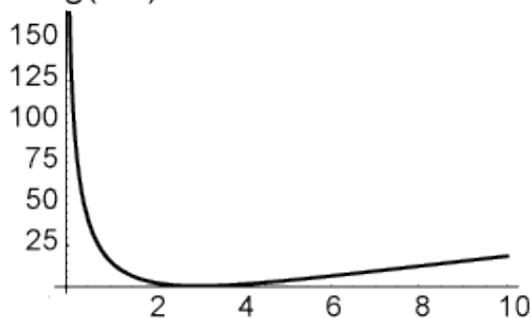
single minimum

no bounds

$-\log(\text{LN})$



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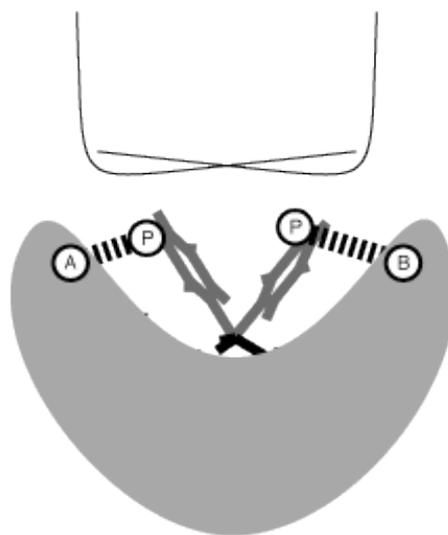
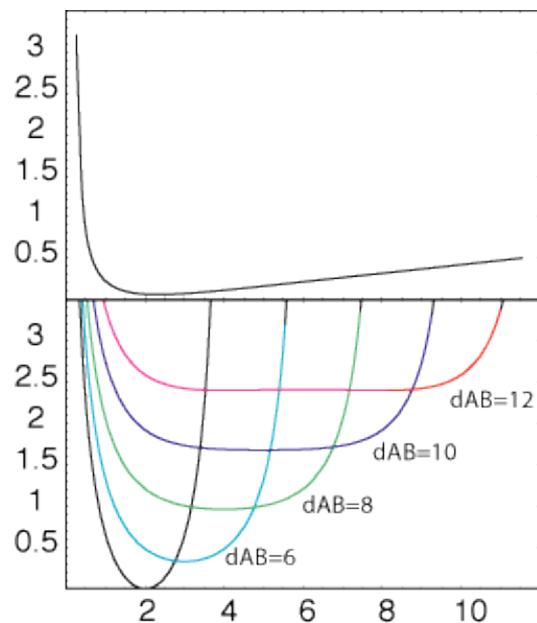


# Why single minimum potentials

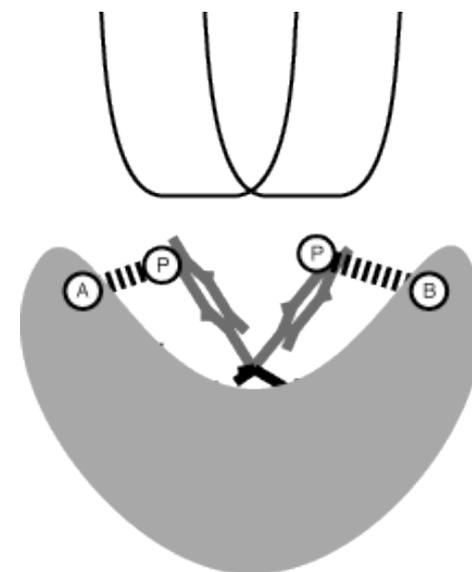
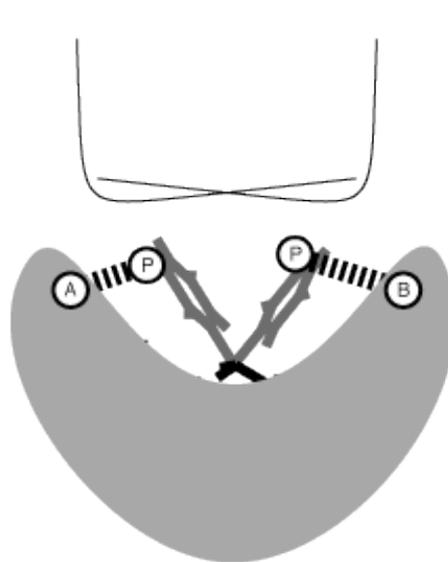
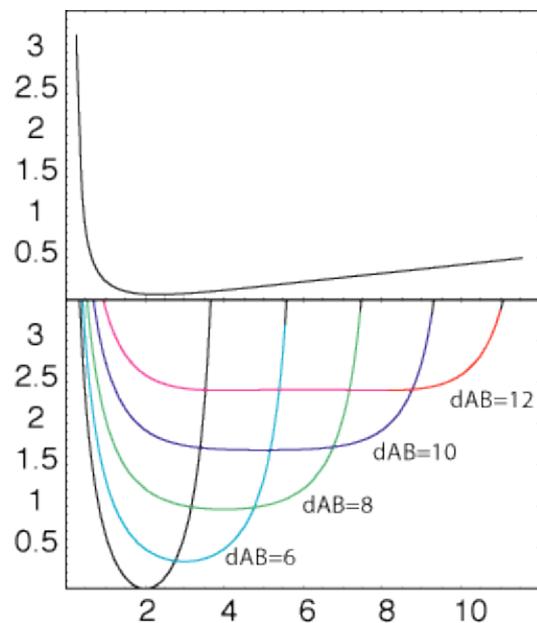
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- Standard way to treat “errors”: wide and generous bounds
  - conservative estimate on data quality
  - but: loss of information, introduction of additional parameters
- Alternative: single minimum potential
  - derived from Bayesian treatment (-> ISD)
  - closer to “raw data”
  - no free parameters

- NOEs and distances follow log-normal distribution well
- derived “log-harmonic” potential has single minimum and is very tolerant to outliers
- desired behaviour for inconsistent data
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# Ideal weight determined by Bayesian analysis

$$E_{hybrid} = E_{phys} + w_{data} E_{data}$$

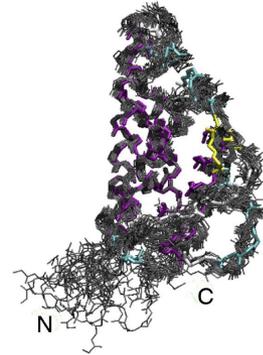
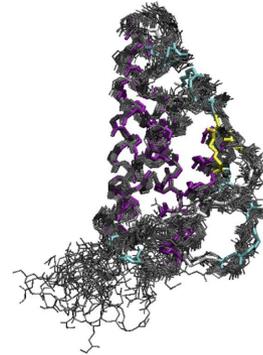
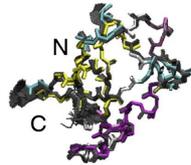
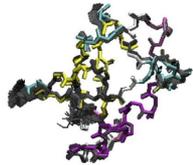
- Bayesian analysis allows for (approximate) determination of optimal overall weight (with known structure):

$$w_{data} = 1/RMS_{data}^2$$

- for *determination*, update iteratively during structure calculation
- equally applicable for any least-square  $E_{data}$
- weight  $\Leftrightarrow$  overall data quality

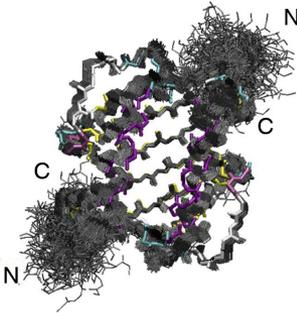
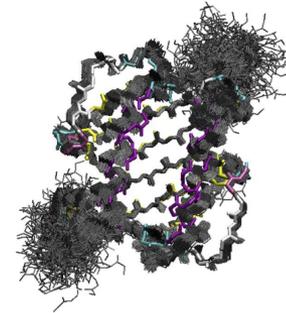
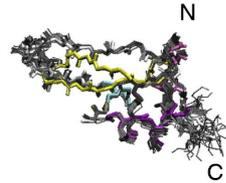
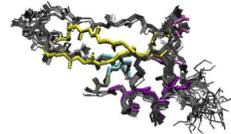
# Some protein structures

GBI



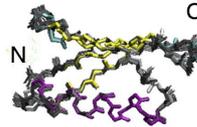
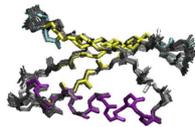
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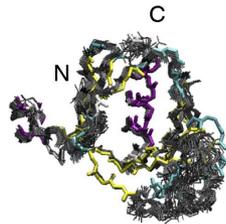
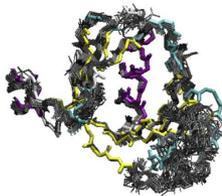


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Ubiquitin



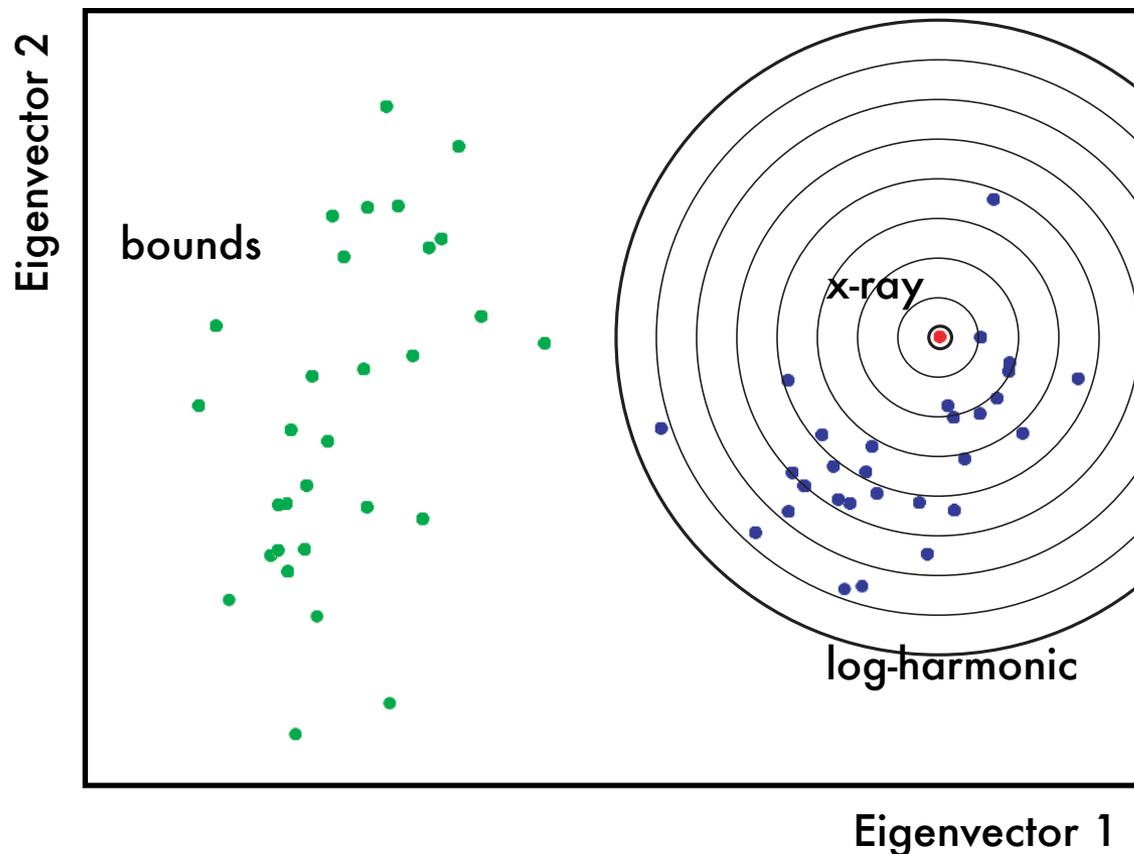
$\beta$  spectrin PH domain



Nilges et al, Structure, 2008

# Ensembles: repeated structure calculation

- Example IL4
  - Principle coordinate projection
  - systematically closer to X-ray
  - also: improvement of independent validation (WHATIF)

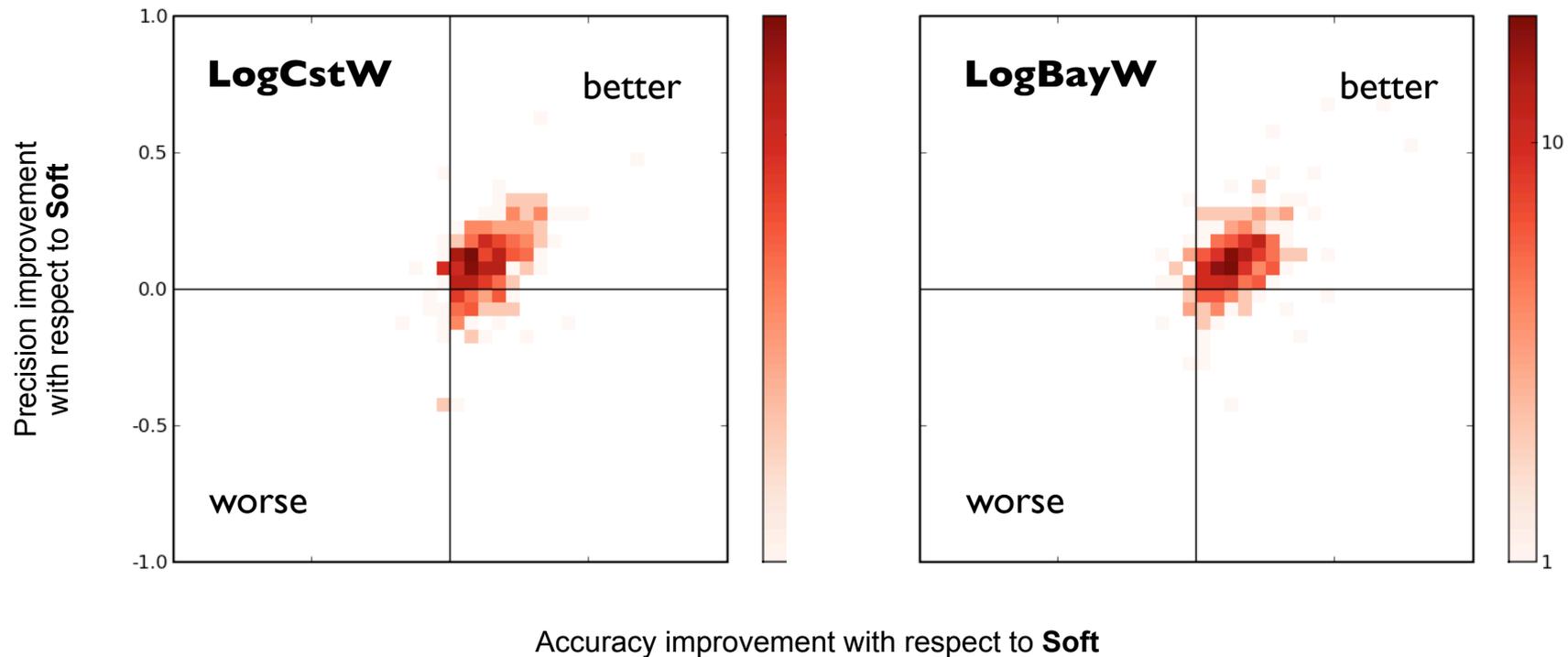


# LogReCoord

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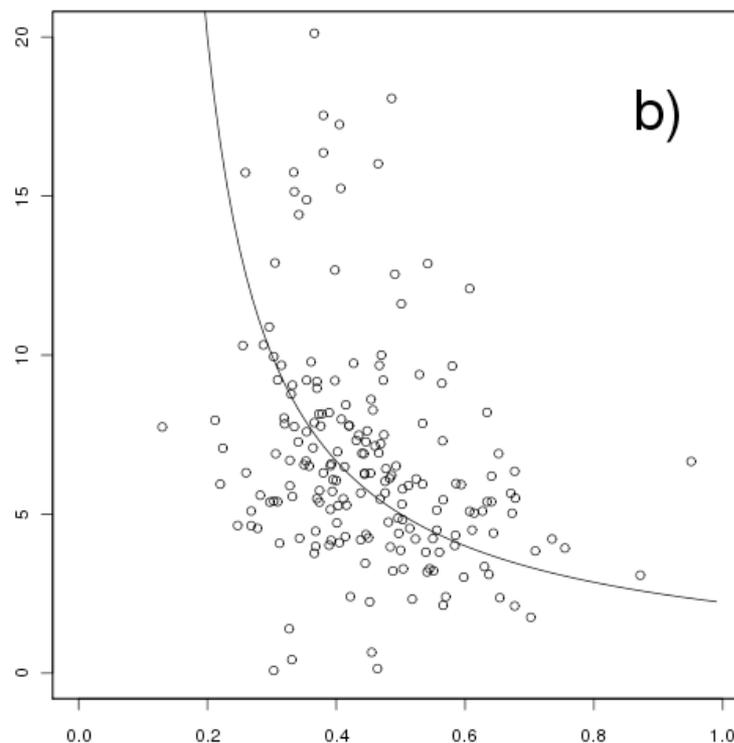
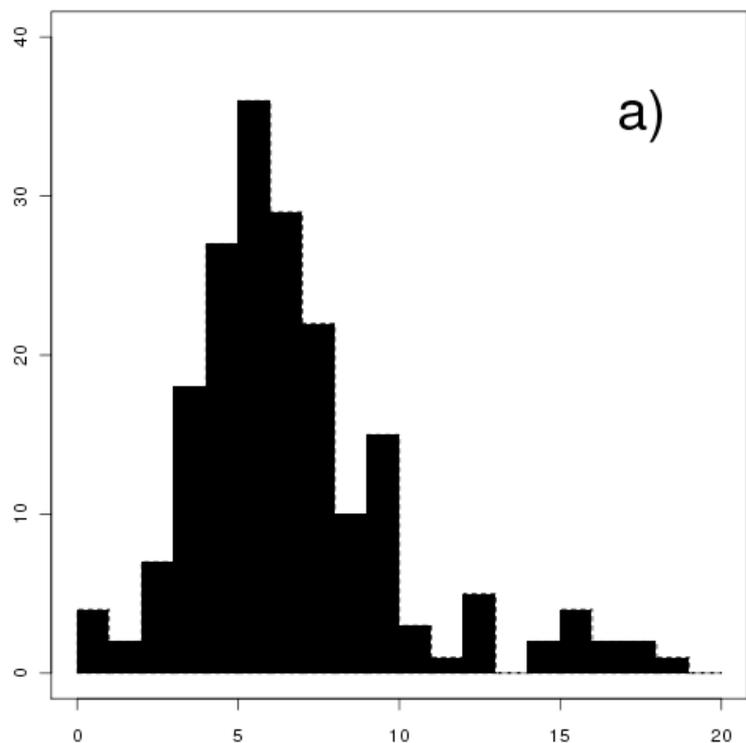
- Recalculation of 300+ NMR structures with homologous X-ray
- LogHarmonic potential with and without Bayesian weighting
- Automated handling of database restraints
  - removal of pseudo atom corrections
  - removal of other undocumented corrections
  - re-calibration to get a single target distance

# Accuracy/precision



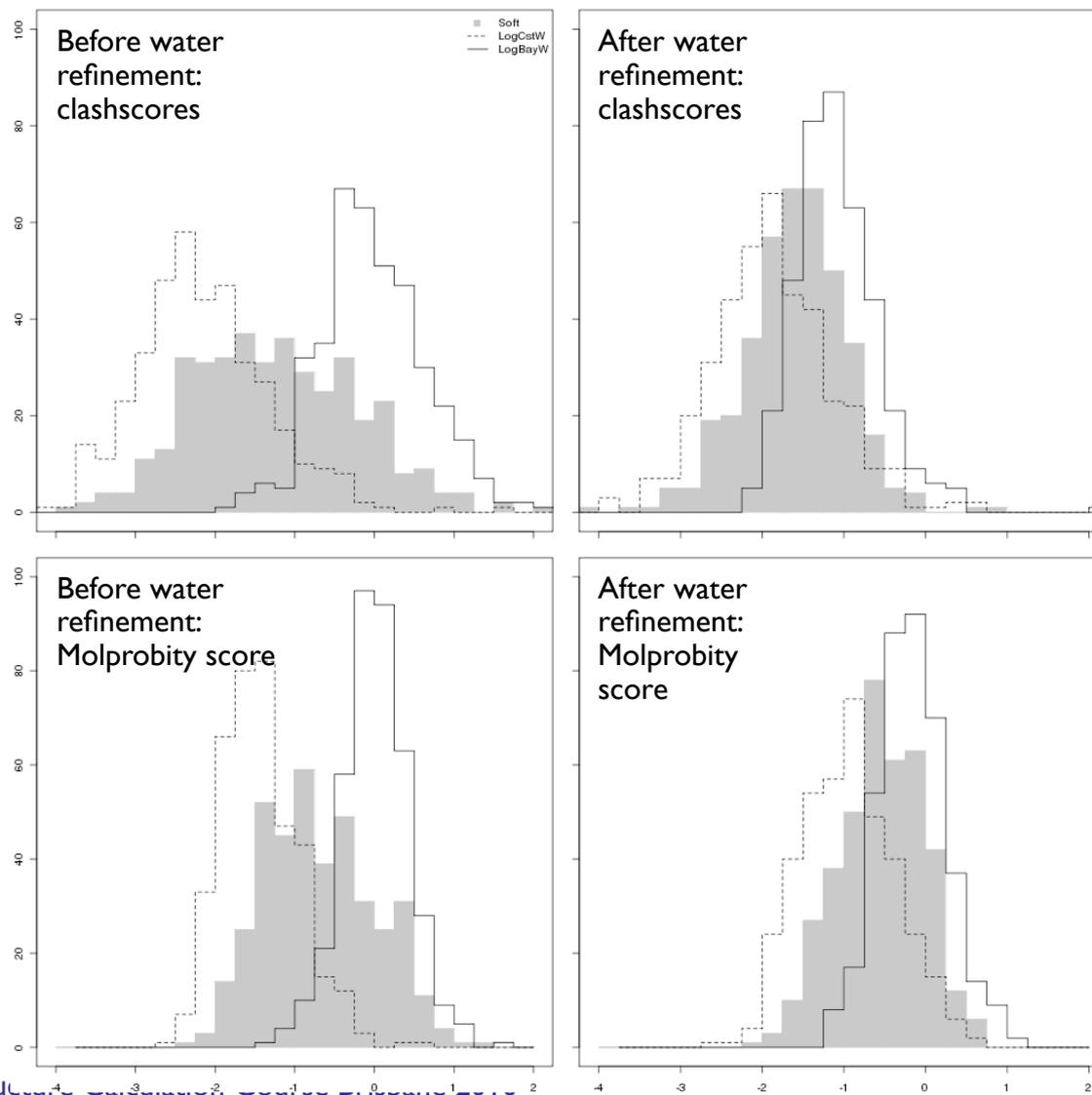
- generally, smaller RMSD and closer to X-ray

# Bayesian weights



- Small weights (6 kcal/mol) for most structures
- Weak relationship between weight and accuracy

# Structure quality: Molprobability



# Conclusions for 300+ structures

- Successful test of LogHarmonic potential on large set of structures
  - LogRecoord database will be provided (Wim Vranken)
- Removal of bias, no modifications of bounds necessary
- Rather tight distribution of optimal weights (around 6) with some outliers (e.g., Ubiquitin, GBI)
- Improvements of structures:
  - Major and systematic increase in precision and similarity to X-ray structure
  - Better fit to restraints (if logarithmic metric is used), but more outliers
  - Improvement of WhatIF and MolProbity analysis for LogBayW calculation
- Improvements due to water refinement and LogBayW not cumulative
  - probably, low weights on NOE distances too low for current water refinement force field/ protocol

# The CASD “competition” initiated by CERM <sup>43</sup>

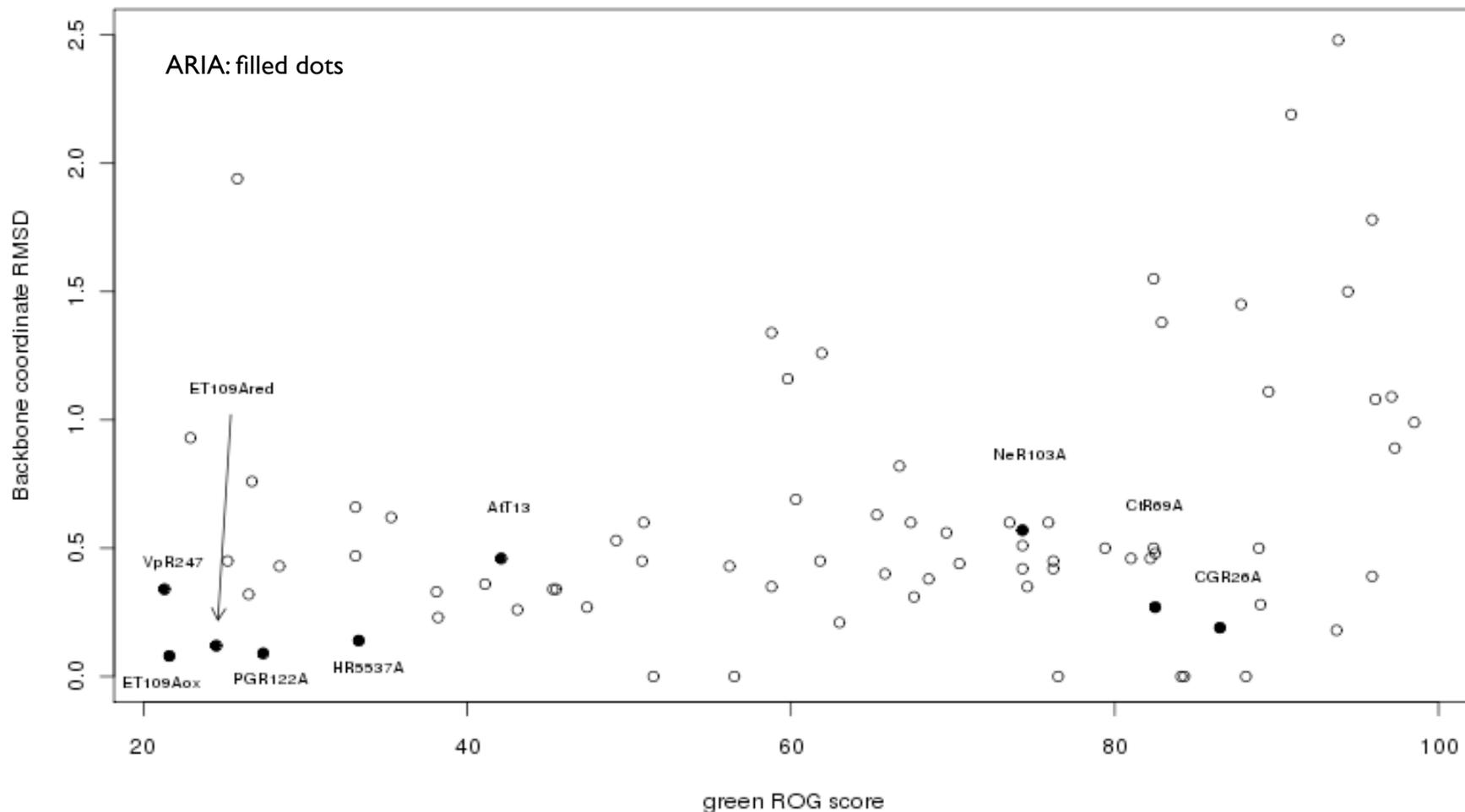
- CASD-NMR
  - Critical Assessment of Automated Structure Determination of Proteins by NMR
  - comparison of automated NMR protein structure calculation methods
  - CASD-NMR open for any laboratory to participate and/or to submit targets
  - community-wide rolling experiment
  - CASD-NMR participants have eight weeks to generate structures
- First round
  - 10 datasets, most of them with known structures (not blind for most)
  - first meeting in Florence, Italy on May 4-6, 2009
- Second round
  - 8 new datasets, blind testing on targets provided by several groups
  - second meeting in Florence, Italy on May 5-7, 2010
- Validation by Geerten Vuister / Jurgen Doreleijers

# LogHarmonic potential in ARIA and CASD

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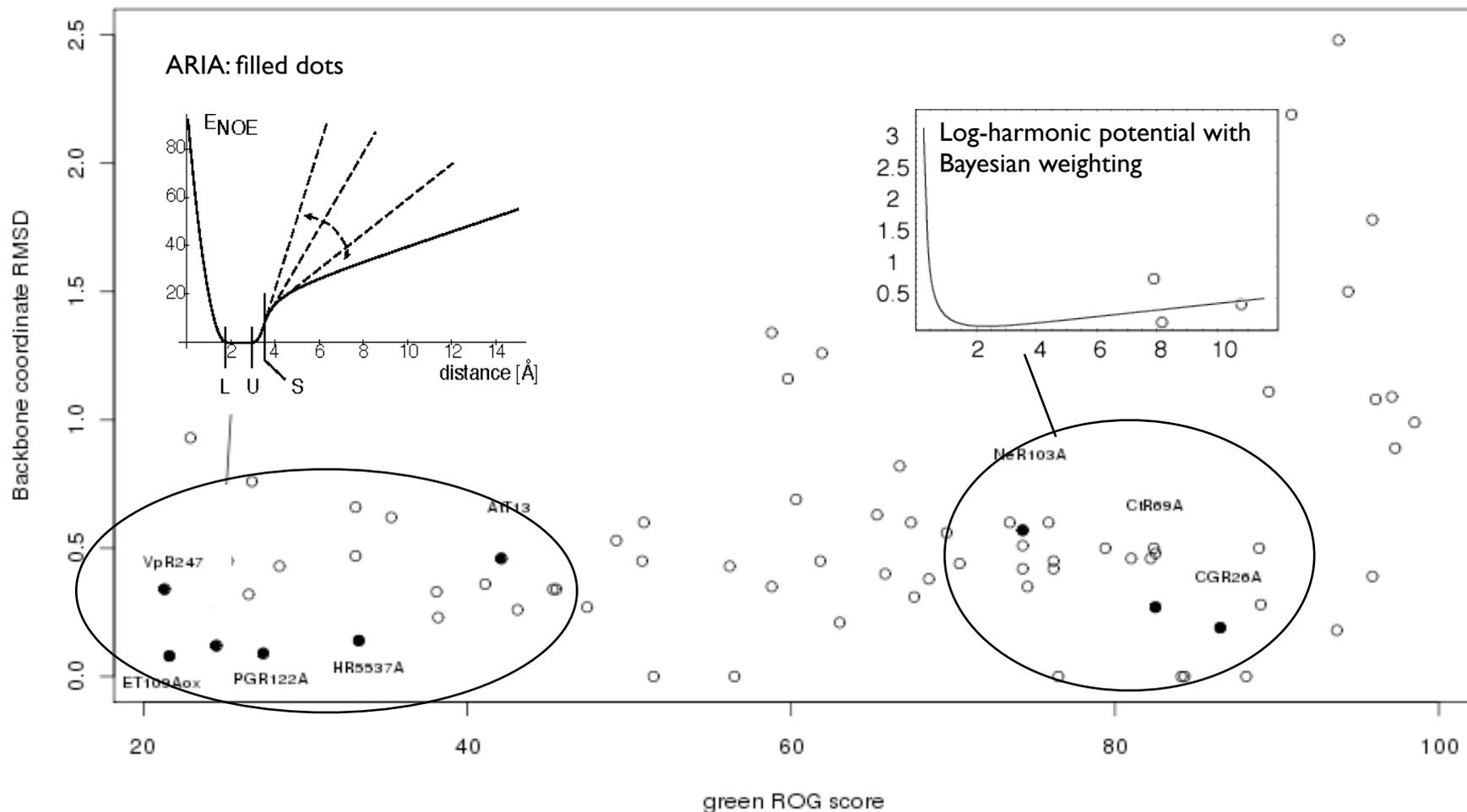
- Different task:
  - much more ambiguities in the data
  - potential false restraints, exclusion of restraints possible
- Implementation:
  - only in cooling phase, as previously
  - rules for assignment of restraints not changed
  - rules for exclusion of restraints not changed (i.e., deviation from **bounds** estimated by ARIA)

# Quality/precision for CASD targets (blind)



- Overview over all calculations, some with, some without LogBayW

# Quality/precision for CASD targets (blind)



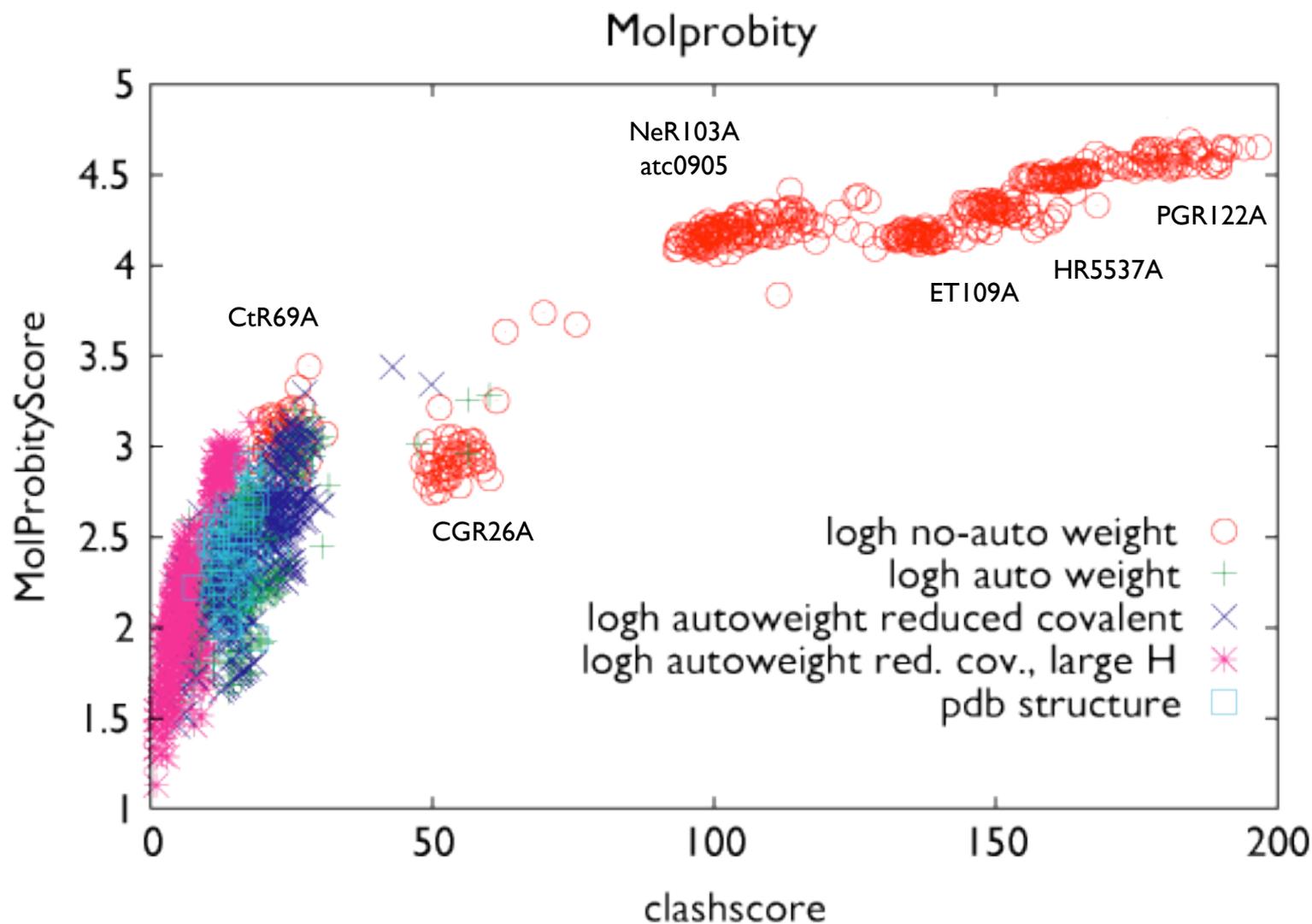
- Overview over all calculations, some with, some without LogBayW

# Recalculation of all CASD targets

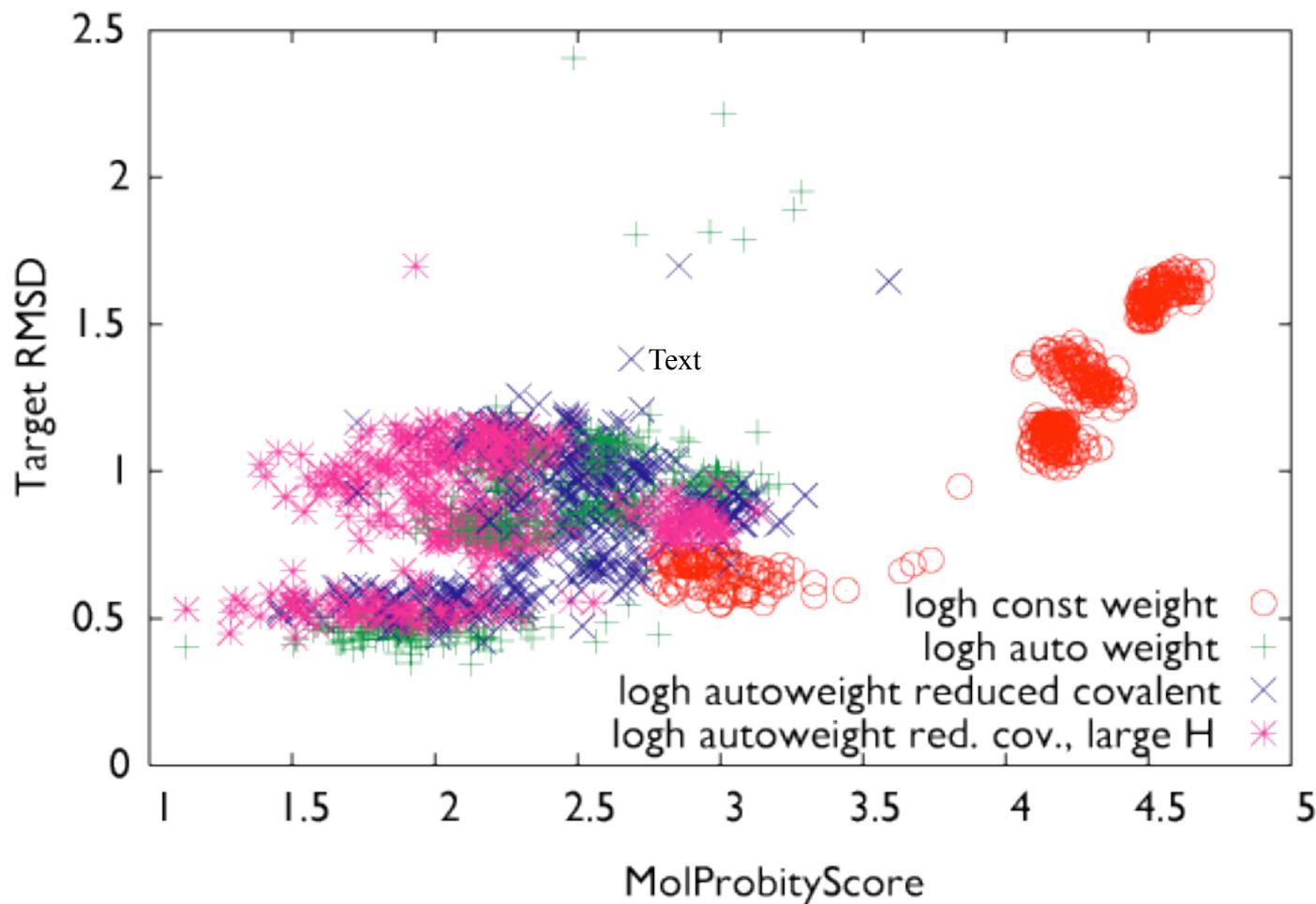
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- LogHarmonic potential and constant weight (LogCstW)
- LogHarmonic potential with Bayesian weight (LogBayW)
- LogBayW w/ reduced angle and planarity constants
  - 50 kcal/(mol rad<sup>2</sup>) vs 500 kcal/(mol rad<sup>2</sup>)
- LogBayW w/ reduced angle and planarity constants and big H
  - 50 kcal/(mol rad<sup>2</sup>) vs 500 kcal/(mol rad<sup>2</sup>)
  - H radii increased by approx. 10 %

# All MolProbity Scores



# RMSD to PDB vs MolProbity



# Conclusions CASD

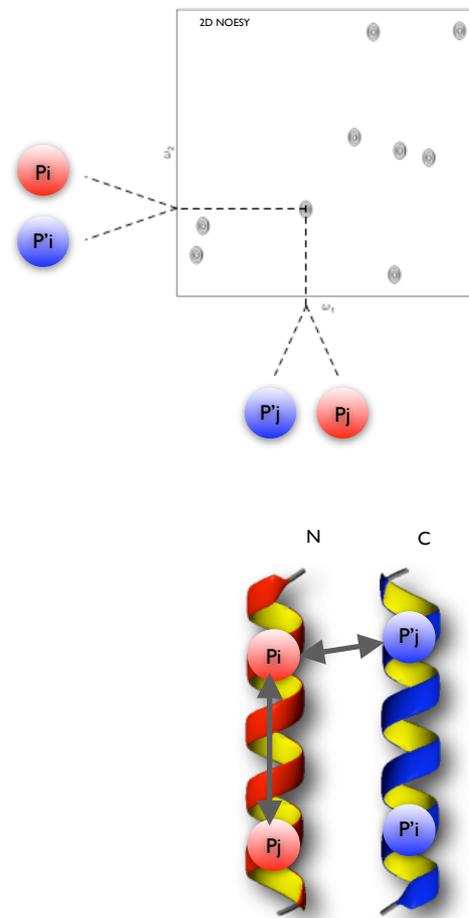
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- LogBayW significantly improves quality of ARIA structures
  - RMSD to target, WhatIf, MolProbity
  - LogBayW will be the default in ARIA
  - softer force field: RMS Z-scores
- Current / future work:
  - improve criteria for restraint removal
  - optimize number of steps / structures per iteration
  - further work on force field
  - further work on water refinement
- Implementation on GRID available

# Calculation support for symmetric structures 51

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- Increased ambiguity (identical chemical environment for all monomers)
- Experimental solution (filtered experiments) sometimes do not work



# Grid search methods (with known structure)

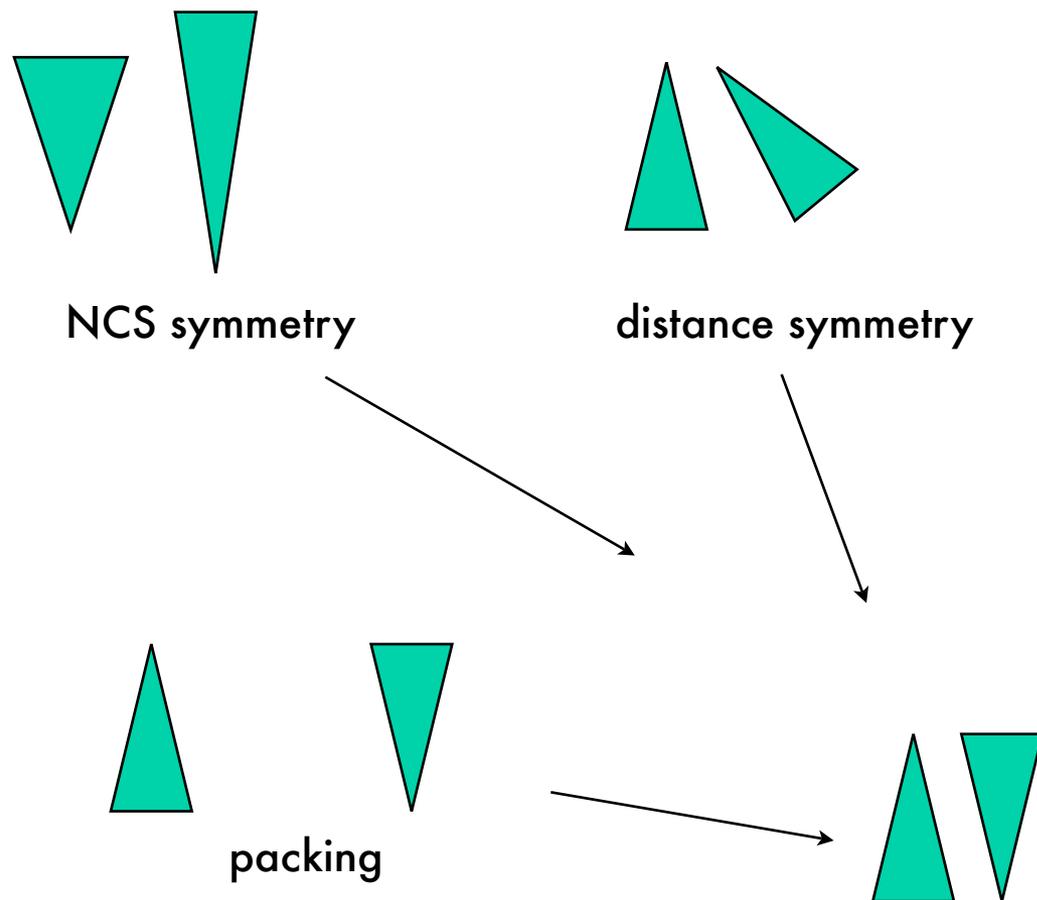
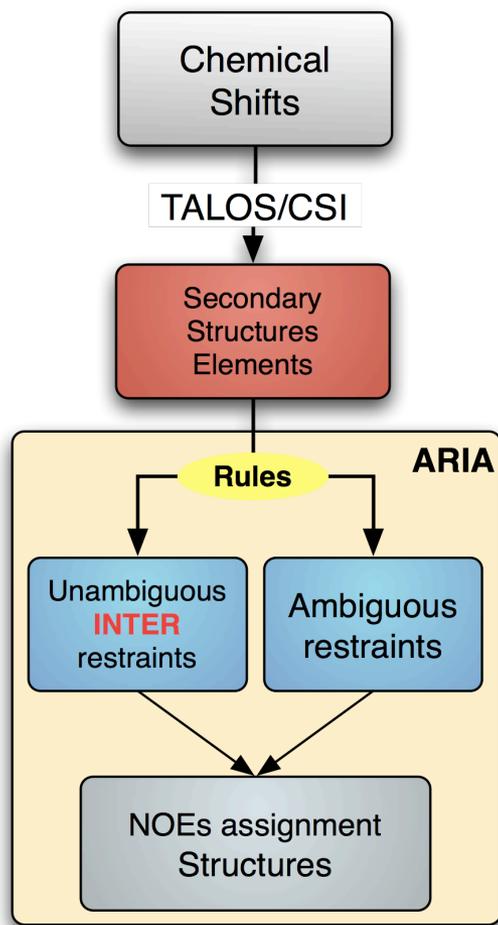
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Wang CS, Lozano-Perez T, Tidor B. AmbiPack: a systematic algorithm for packing of macromolecular structures with ambiguous distance constraints. *Proteins*. 1998 Jul 1;32(1):26-42.

Potluri S, Yan AK, Chou JJ, Donald BR, Bailey-Kellogg C. Structure determination of symmetric homooligomers by a complete search of symmetry configuration space, using NMR restraints and van der Waals packing. *Proteins*. 2006 Oct 1;65(1):203-19.

- **Limitations:**
  - Monomer structure has to be known and rigid
  - Not general in terms of symmetry

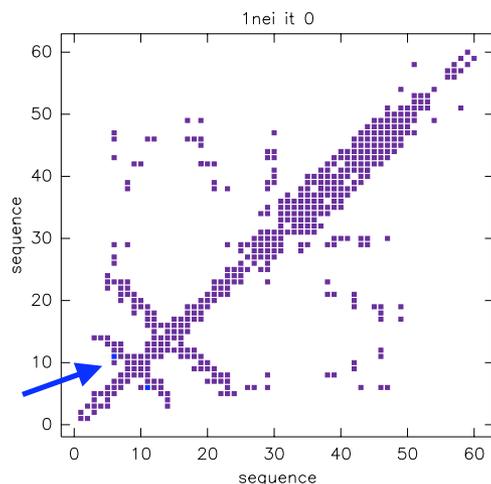
# ARIA2.2: pre-filtering + symmetry restraints



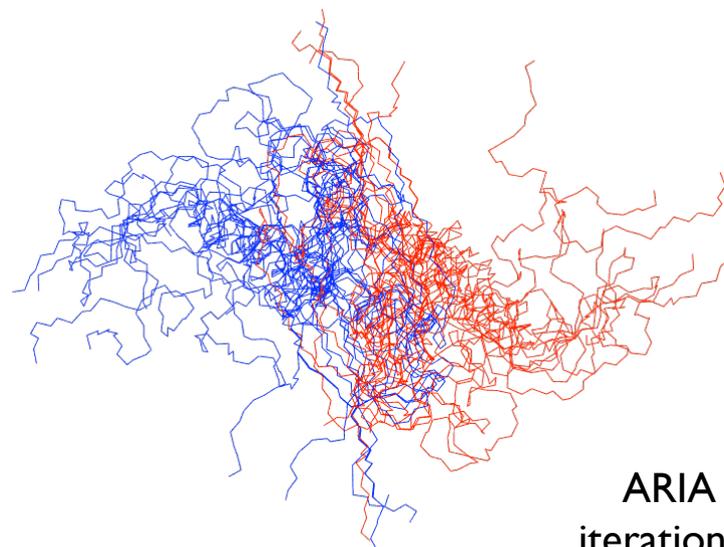
Nilges M, 1993

# Example: Hypothetical protein Yoag

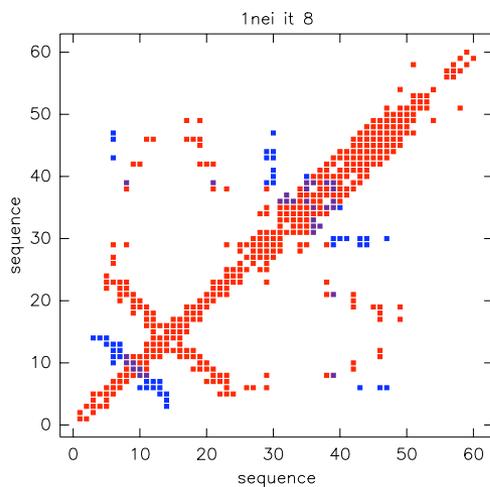
- Data from Wu et al., 2002, pdb: 1NEI
- For test, inter/ intra monomer assignments discarded
- Prefiltering: 2 unambiguous inter-residue restraints



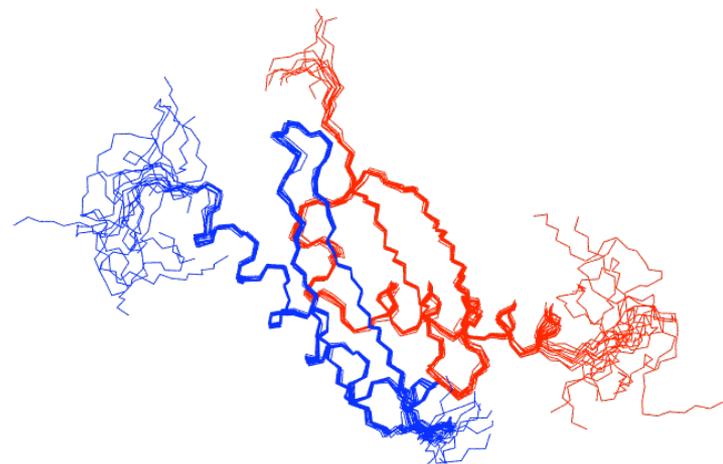
■ Intra/inter  
■ Inter



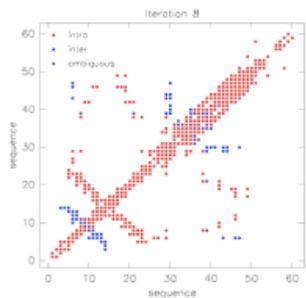
- ARIA 2.2 last iteration



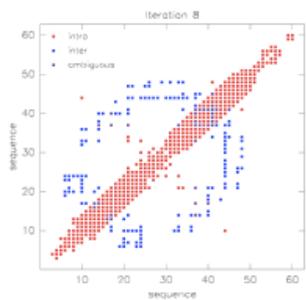
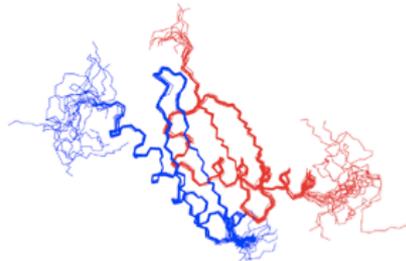
- Intra/inter
- Inter
- Intra



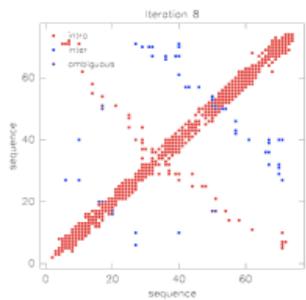
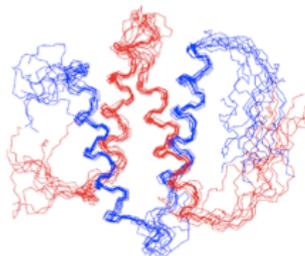
# more examples



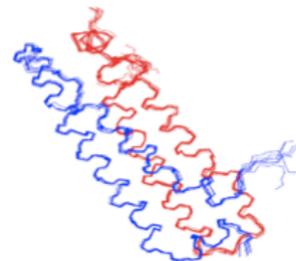
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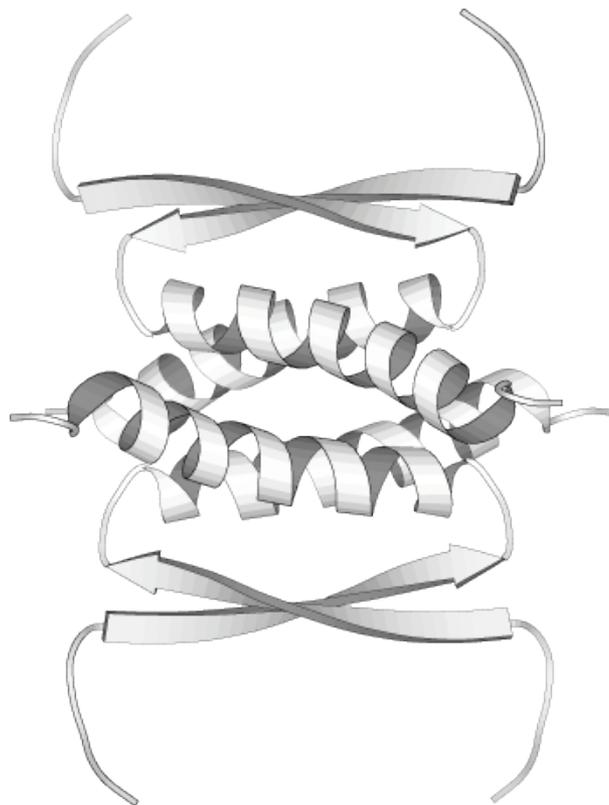


c)



# New developments: strict NCS symmetry

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- Distance symmetry concept is limited
  - fiber symmetries only approximately
  - x-tal symmetries unfeasible (too many neighbours)
- Strict symmetry using symmetry operators

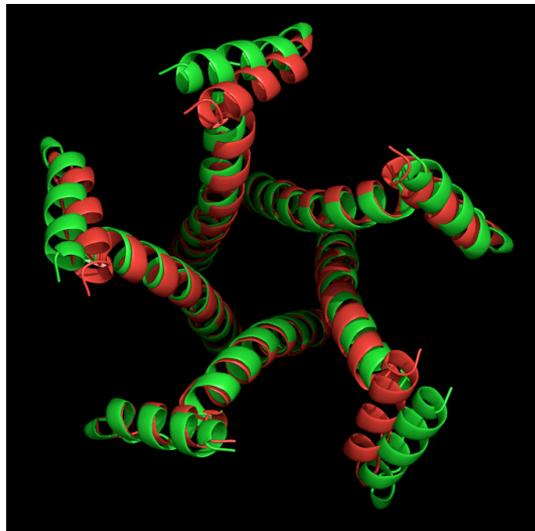
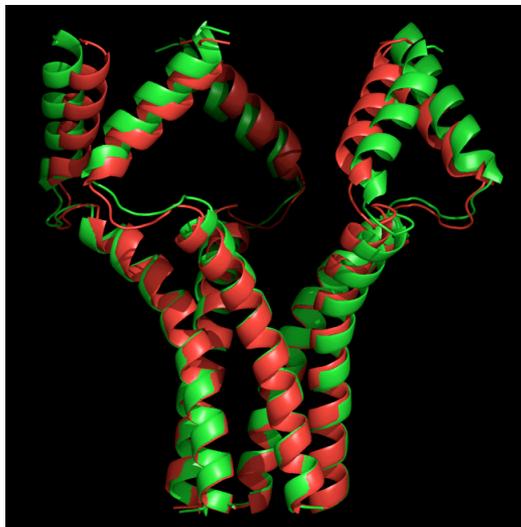
# strict NCS symmetry

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- calculate only monomer
- treat NOE and non-bonded with symmetry operators
- any symmetry possible (also translational, not only  $C_n$ )
- successful test cases:
  - dynein light chain dimer
  - p53 tetramer
  - I18 dimer
  - GBI tetramer

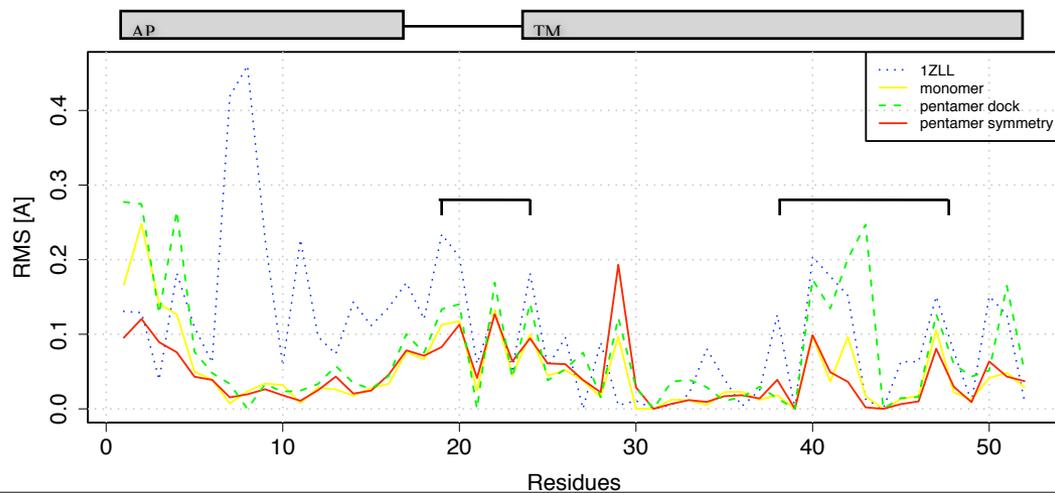
# Phospholamban pentamer



RMSD (heavy atoms)  
 TM domain: 1.1 Å  
 Full pentamer: 2.2 Å

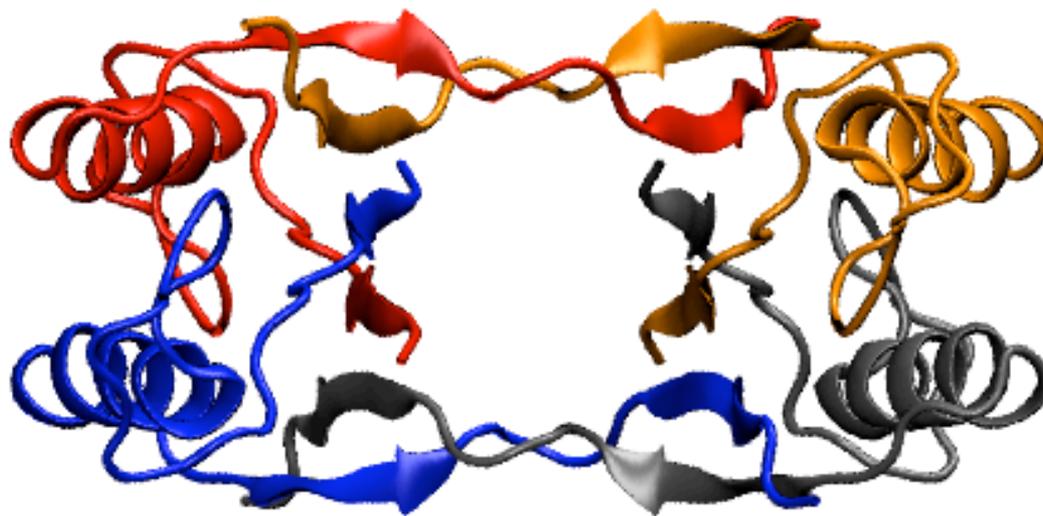
- ambiguous NOEs  
 + RDCs

Docking method  
 Symmetry method



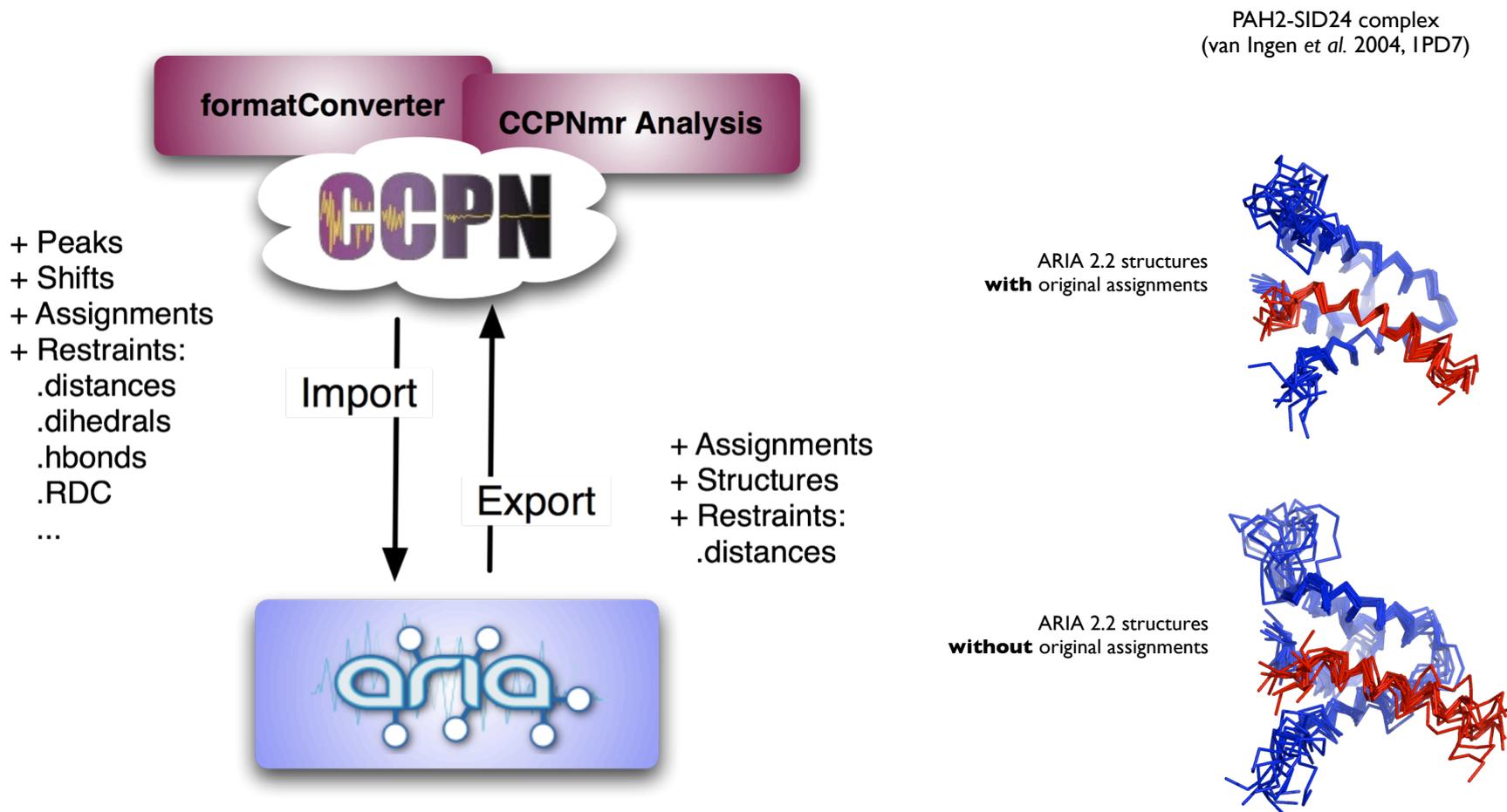
distance restraints  
 RMS deviation

# GBI tetramer (Gronenborn)



- Note: 6-stranded beta sheet with strands from each monomer
- Difficult; present limit of the method

# ARIA2.2 and complexes



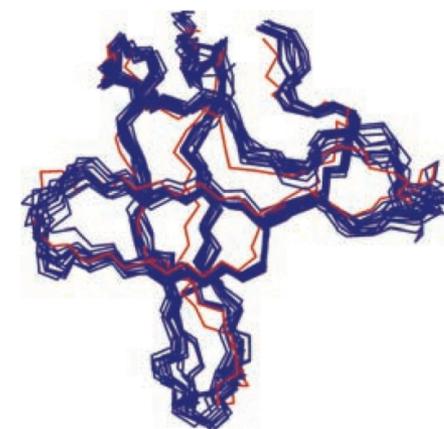
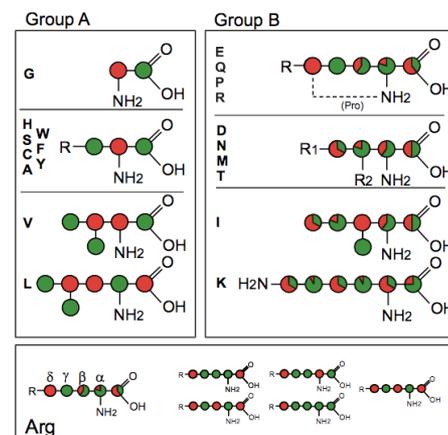
# Calculation support for ssNMR

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- **Specific difficulties:**
  - different type of distance data, distance dependency of signal
  - broader peaks, more ambiguities
  - additional inter-molecular contacts (in filament, microcrystals)
  - labelling schemes may require adapted assignment rules
- **two types of experiments supported in ARIA**
  - 2/3D  $^1\text{H}$ -driven  $^{13}\text{C}$  spin diffusion (PDSD)
  - 2D  $^1\text{H}$  spin diffusion (CHHC/NHHC)

# ssNMR with ARIA: PDSD approach

- CC correlations
- selectively labeled glycerol: 1,3-  $^{13}\text{C}$  or/and 2- $^{13}\text{C}$
- previous setup: SOLARIA (aria 1.2 + ssNMR specific, Fossi et al. 2005)
  - assignments weighted according to labeling rates
  - loose bonds ( $\sim 6.5 \text{ \AA}$ )
  - SH3 structure
    - Coll. with B. van Rossum, H. Oschkinat (FMP Berlin)

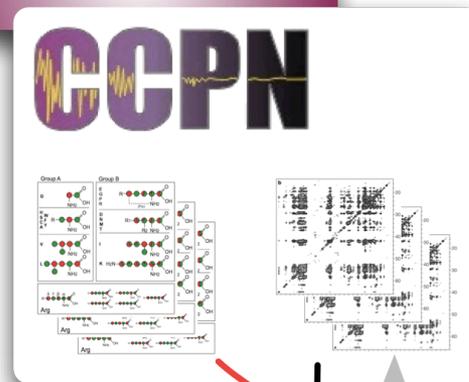


SH3 structure calculated with SOLARIA Precision 1.3A

# ssNMR with ARIA: PDSD approach

- ARIA2.2 already supports CCPN data exchange
  - add labeling schemes management and labeling specific assignment
  - reintroduce SOLARIA's features into ARIA 2
  - Collaboration with CCPN team (E. Laue, Cambridge) and H. Oschkinat group

## CCPNmr Analysis



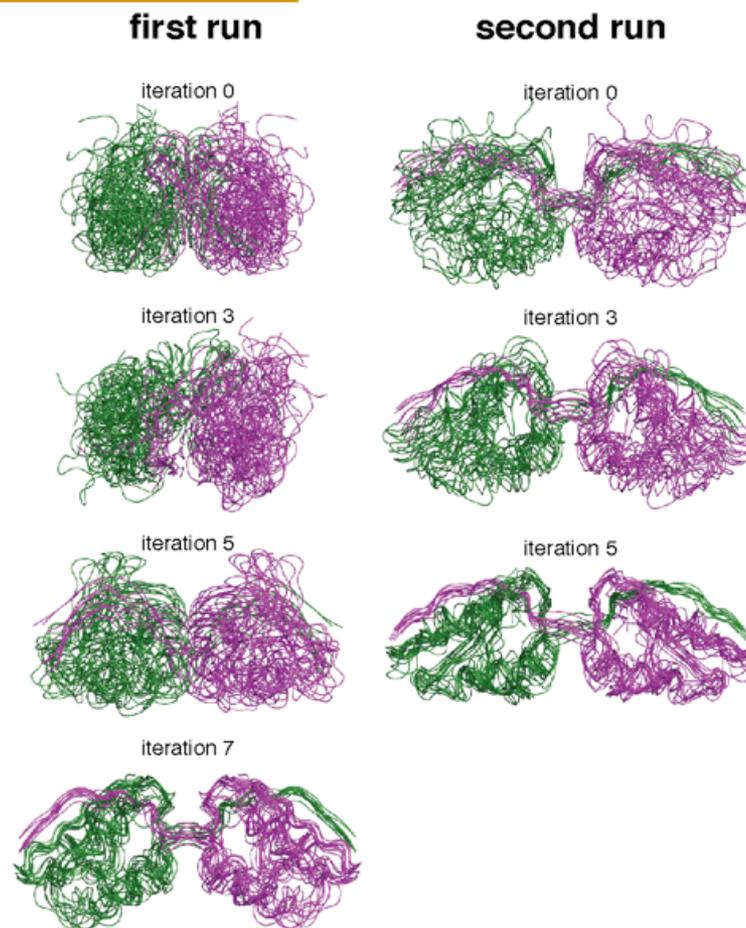
## Labeling-specific assignment

Restricts generation  
Structure calculation



# ssNMR : uniformly labeled approach

- Assignment and structure calculation with ARIA 2.2
- 1002 peaks, 2x16.3 assignment possibilities per peak
- 643 (65%) unambiguously assigned, 131 long-range
- N/C assignments but H-H restraints (1.8 - 5.0 Å)
- coll. with A. Bockmann (IBPC Lyon)

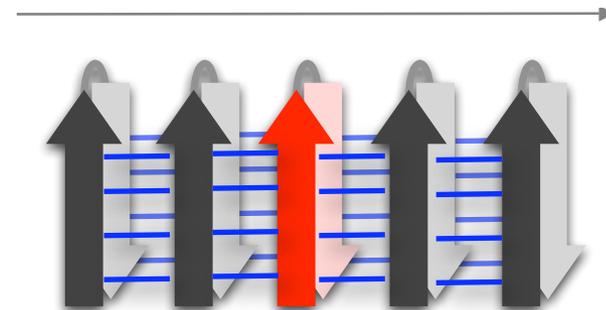


Loquet A, Bardiaux B, Gardiennet C, Baldus M, Nilges M, Malliavin T and Bockmann A *JACS* (2008)

# WW2 fibril calculations

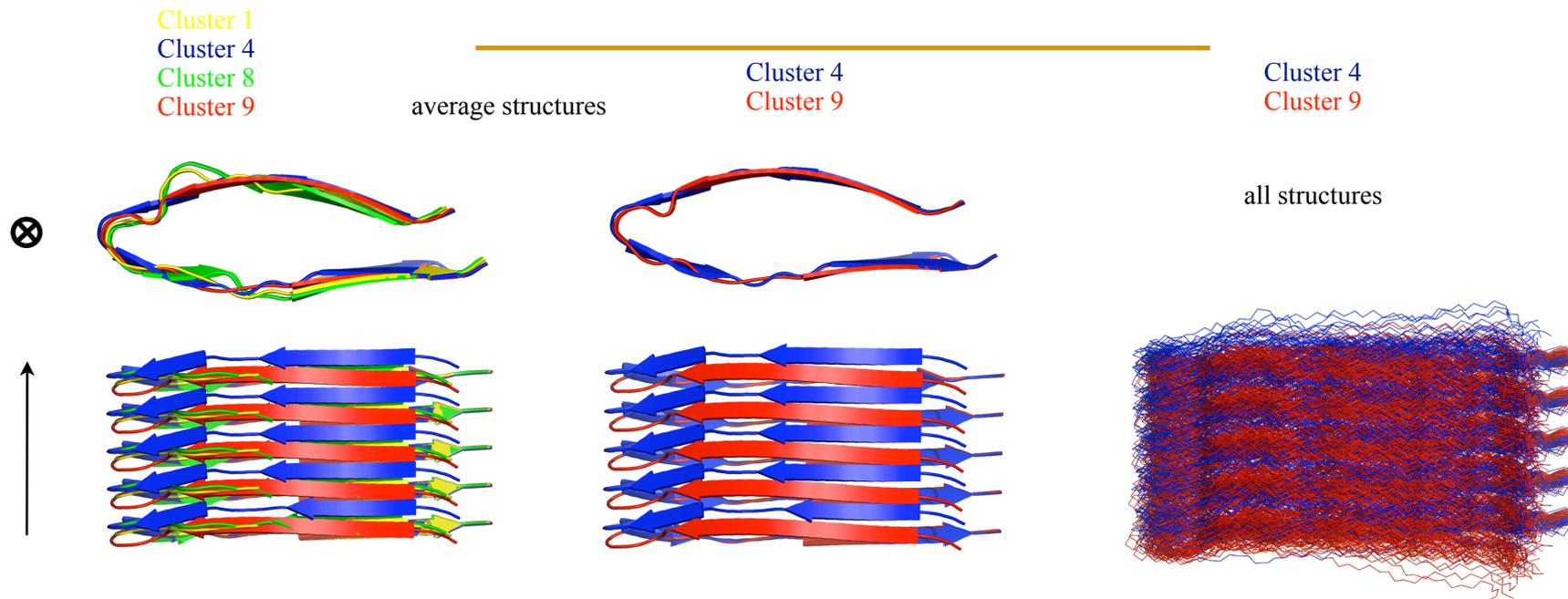
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- 4.73 translation along the fibril axis
- 4 images (+2, -2)
  - Phi/psi dihedral restraints
  - 25 ambiguous distances restraints
    - C-C, up to 5.5/7.5Å
  - inter-monomeric hydrogen bonds restraints
- 1000 structures generated



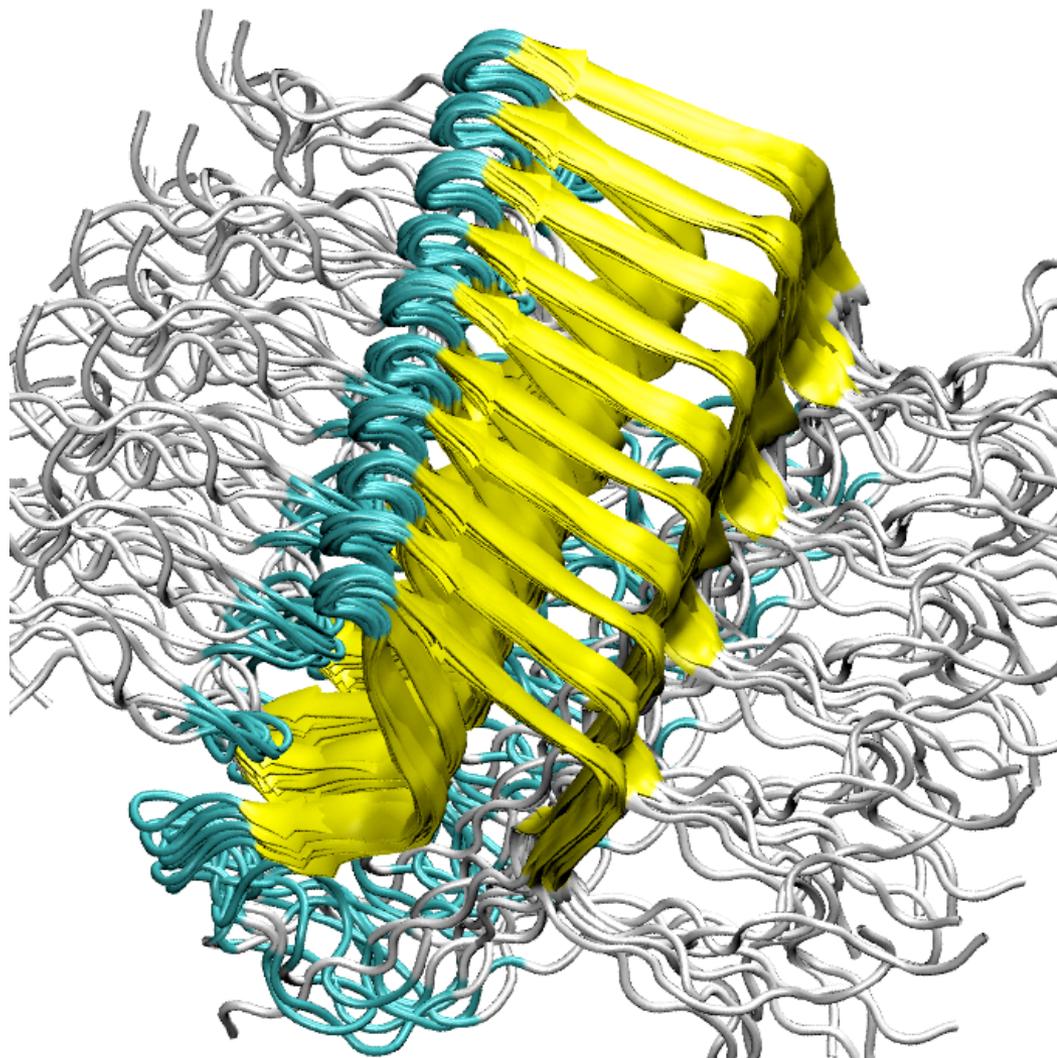
Central monomer  
Images  
Hydrogen bonds

# Sheet alignment



- ▶ Average structures of clusters seems to show a clear distinction between the 2 possible alignments.
- ▶ No clear position when observing all the clustered structures

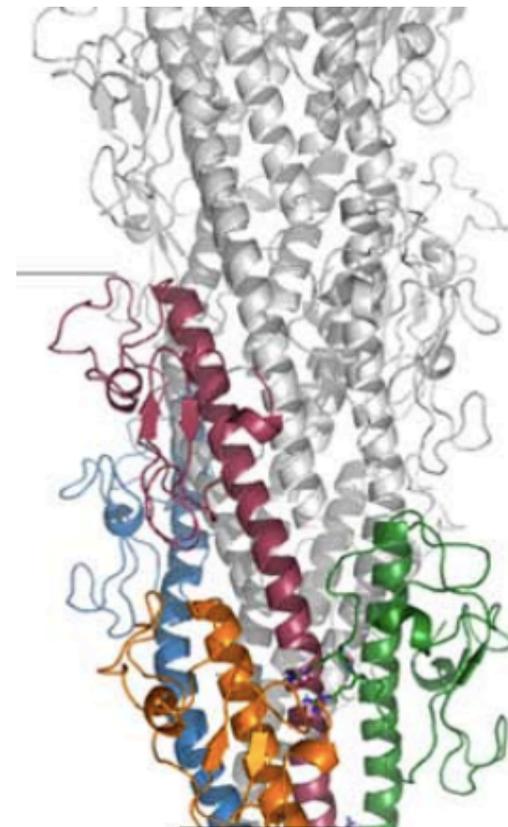
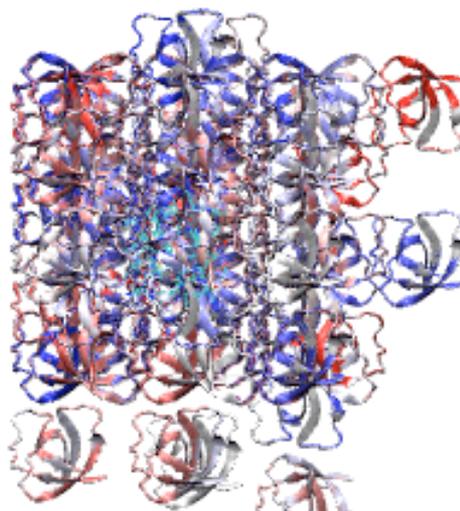
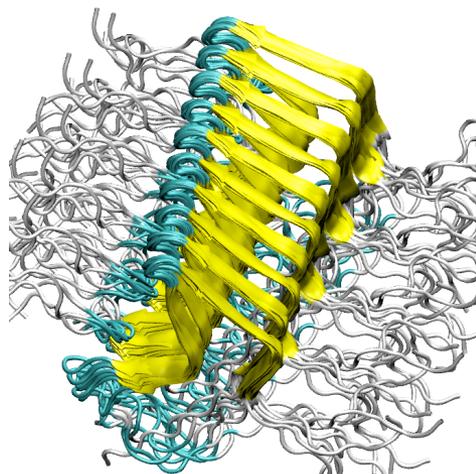
# Fibril structures



- With more complete data (from Riek et al., intra/ inter assignments removed)
- Note: twist is a calculation parameter

# Other news in ARIA

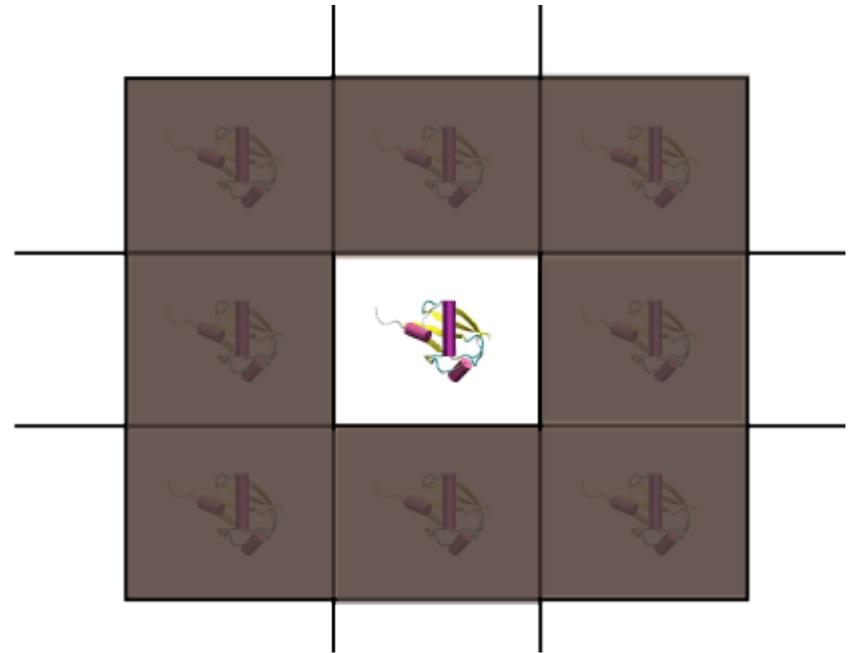
- automatic superposition has always been part of it (Nilges, Gronenborn, Clore, FEBS lett 1987)
- truly general implementation of symmetry (all symmetries, including X-tal symmetries)
- solid state data sets
- soon: Bayesian determination of all weights
  - (coupling constants, RDCs)



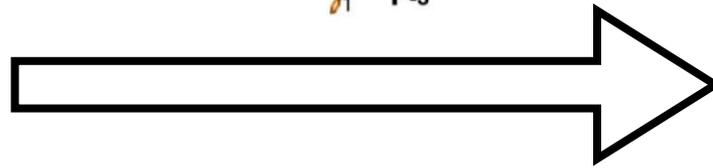
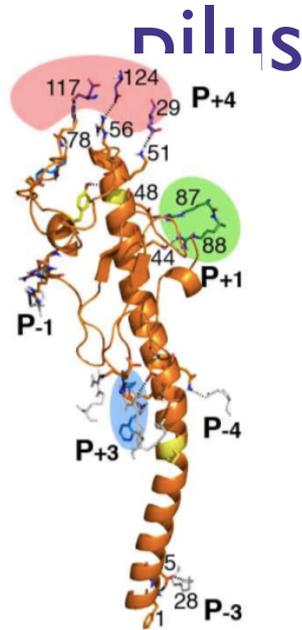
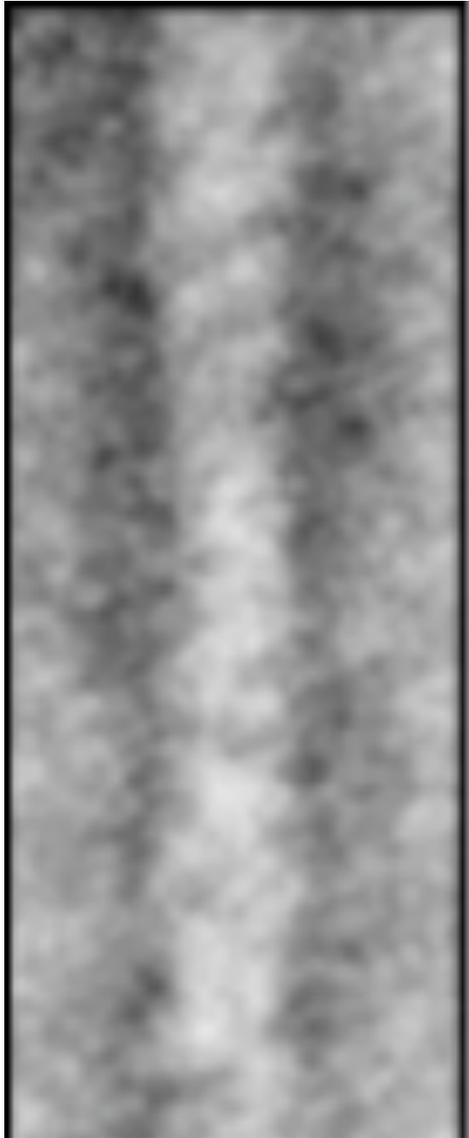
# X-tal symmetries for ssNMR data

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- flexible grid search with known structure
- folding (e.g., amyloid structures)

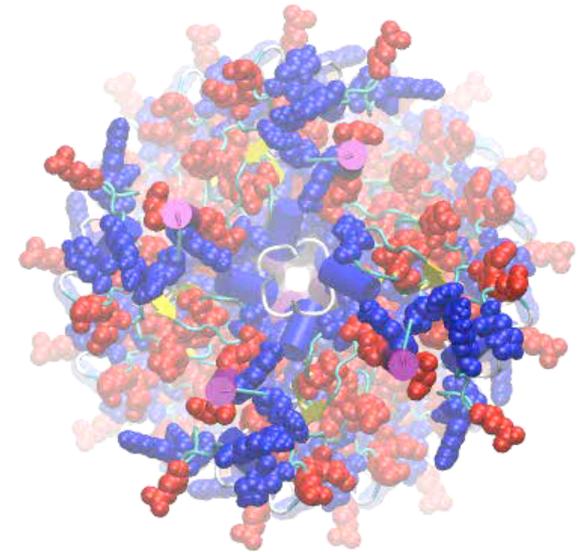
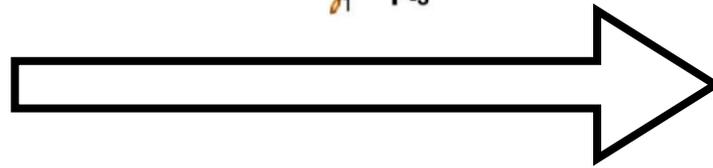
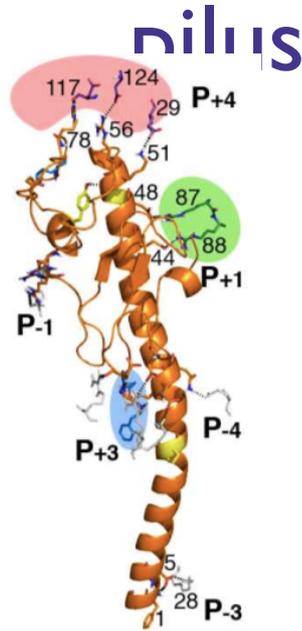
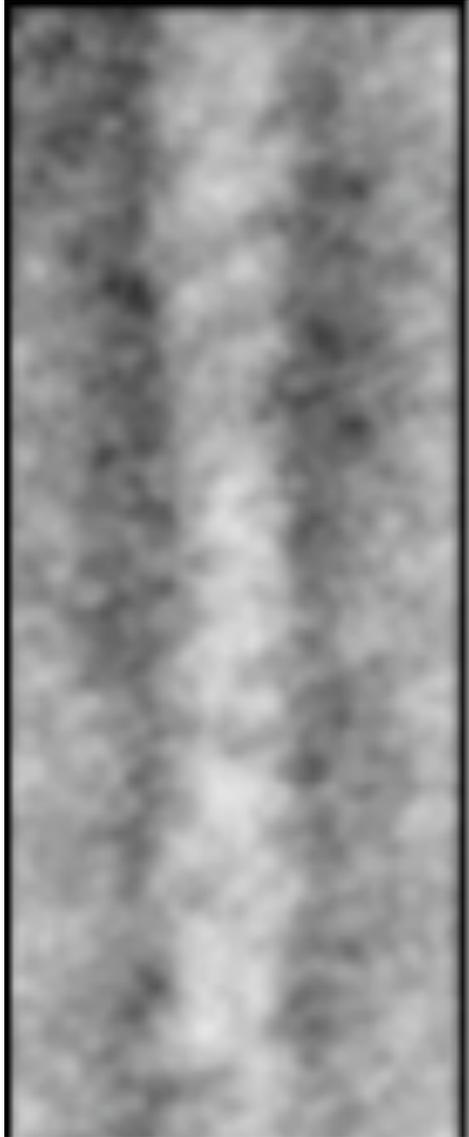


# Low resolution EM + distances: structure of <sup>71</sup>



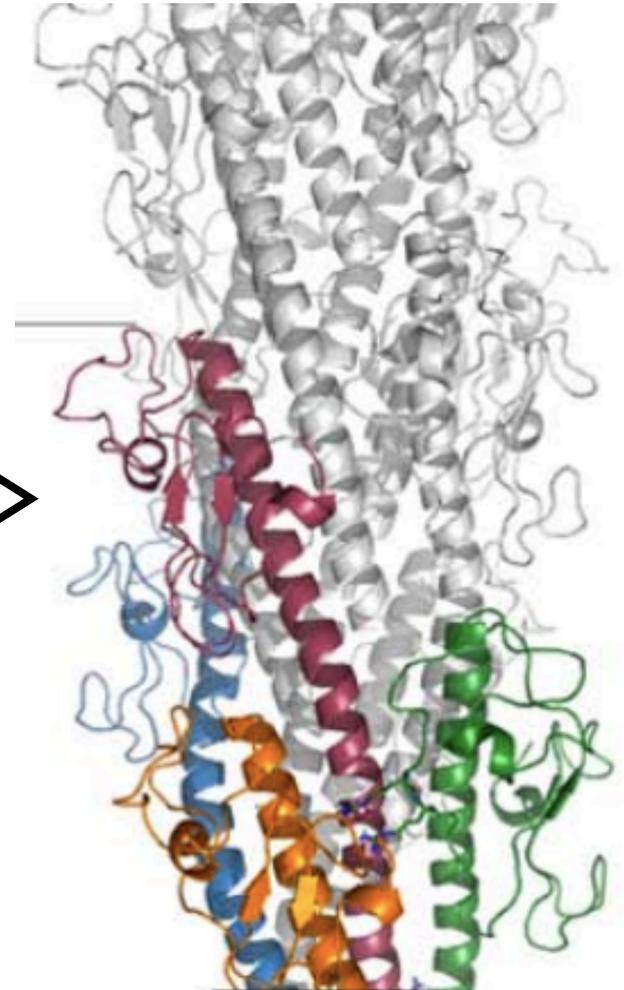
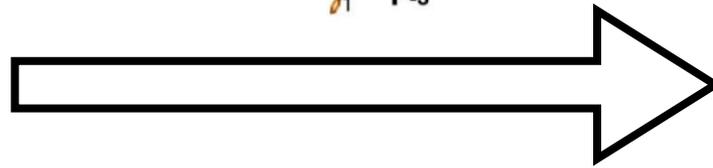
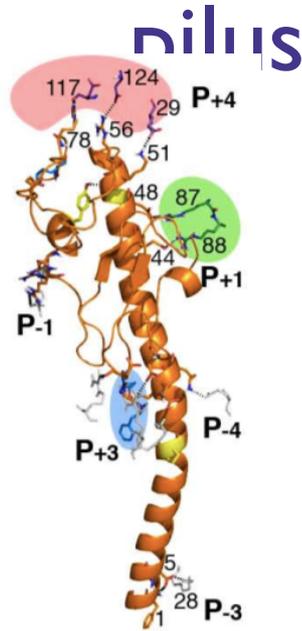
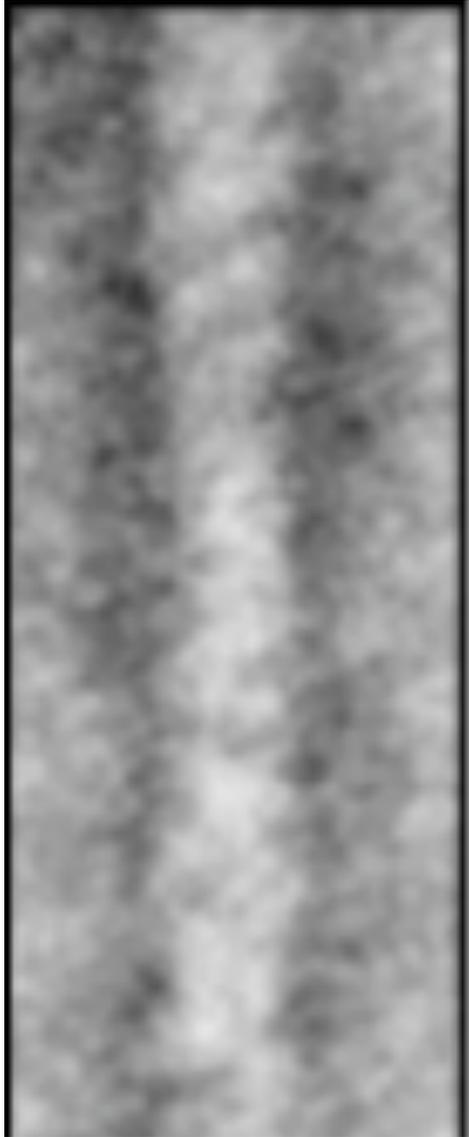
- X-ray structure, homology modelling
- symmetry (from EM)
- 2 distances (mutation experiments)

# Low resolution EM + distances: structure of <sup>71</sup>



- X-ray structure, homology modelling
- symmetry (from EM)
- 2 distances (mutation experiments)

# Low resolution EM + distances: structure of *nifH*



- X-ray structure, homology modelling
- symmetry (from EM)
- 2 distances (mutation experiments)

# Overview

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- (1) Some basic concepts and history
- (2) Recent developments
- (3) Practical issues in ARIA2.2

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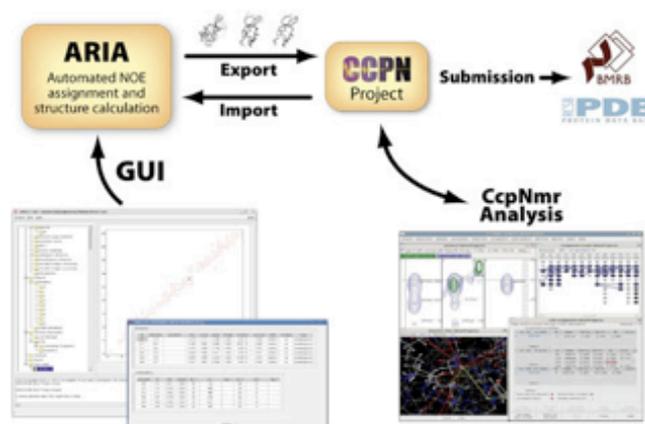
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Our computer program ARIA (Ambiguous Restraints for Iterative Assignment) is a software for automated NOE assignment and NMR structure calculation. It speeds up and automatizes the assignment process through the use of an iterative structure calculation scheme. Additionally, a refinement in explicit water improves the quality of the calculated structures, validation tests help spectroscopists to judge the quality of the final structures, and the support of the CCPN data model simplifies the exchange of information with other NMR software packages.

## How to obtain ARIA

ARIA comes with a free academic license. In order to download ARIA, you first need to register as a member of the ARIA web site. To do so, please click on the link "join", located at the top right which redirects you to the join page. After filling in the registration form, an e-mail is automatically sent to you. To activate your account, please follow the instructions given in the e-mail. Once you have logged in to the ARIA site, you can access the section "Download" located in the main navigation menu on the left.

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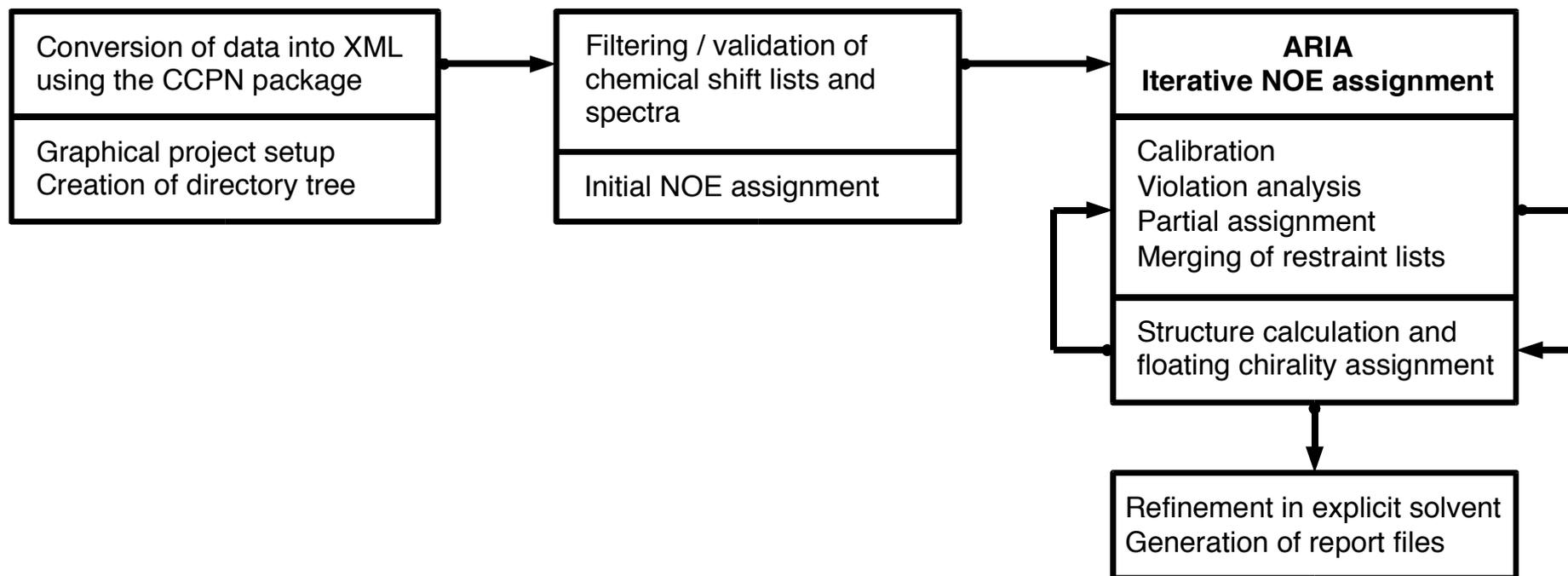
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# ARIA2.2 program structure

- All data analysis in Python
- GUI in Tcl/Tk
- Structure calculation in CNS
- necessary CNS extensions (present or to migrate into Xplor-NIH)
  - floating chirality assignment
  - new developments (symmetry, log-harmonic potential)

# ARIA2 program flow



# ARIA2 input data

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- Definition of the molecular system: AA sequence
- List of chemical shift assignments
- Peak list derived from NOESY spectrum
- Other experimental data that can be used by CNS:
  - scalar couplings,
  - residual dipolar couplings, diffusion anisotropy
  - PRE distance restraints,
  - SAXS,
  - dihedral angles,
  - hydrogen bond distance restraints

# Data exchange with other software: CCPN

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- Data model to store all results and analyses in general format
- CCPN project can be launched to start ARIA calculation
- Direct interaction with other programs complying with CCPN (e.g., CCPN Analysis)
- Data can be converted from a variety of formats (using CCPN Format Converter)

# The project file

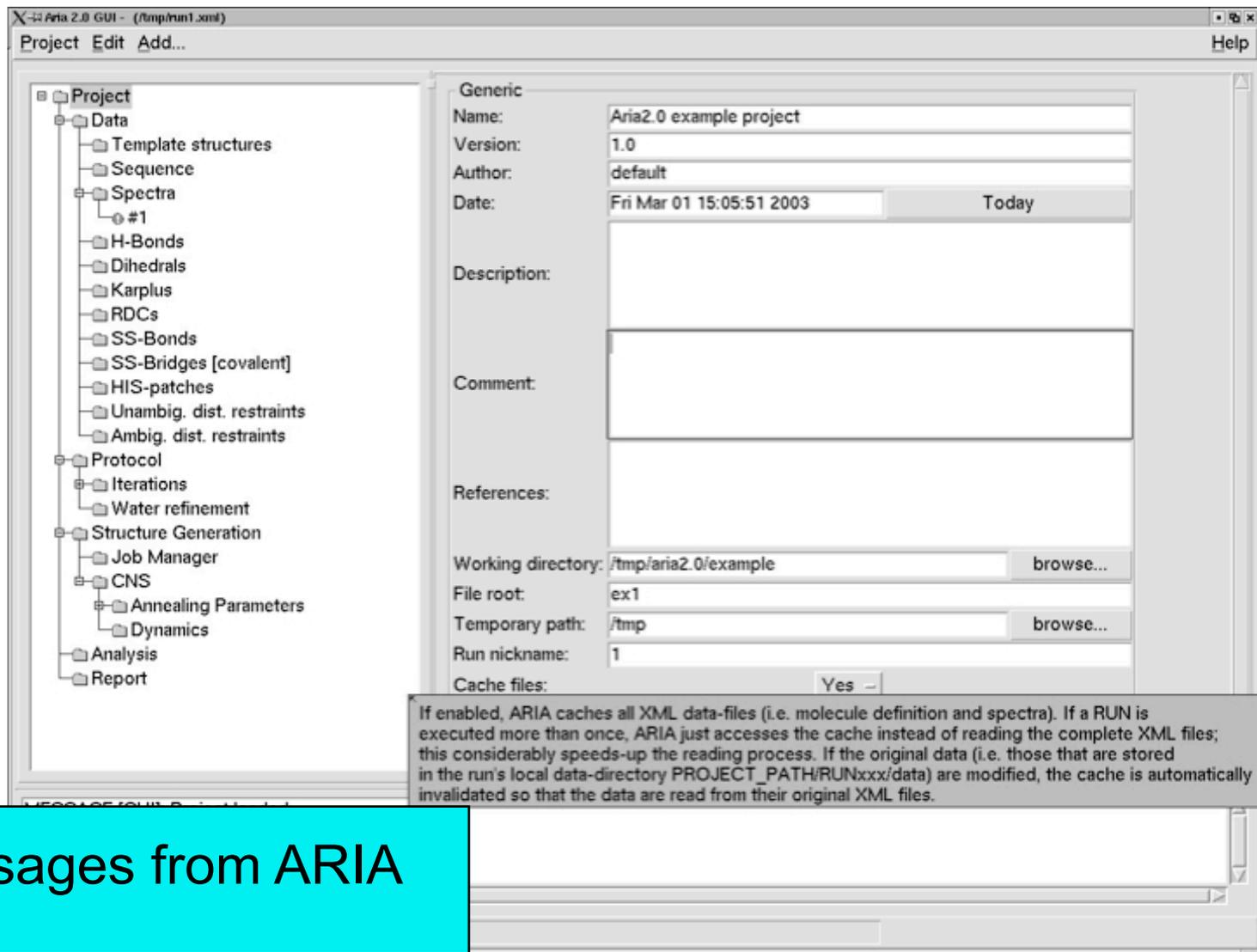
- Contains all program and protocol parameters
  - locations of the input data
  - program parameters
  - protocol parameters
  - generated automatically in data conversion
  - can also be created in GUI by choosing “New”
  - or by
    - `aria2 --project_template project.xml`
- Minimal description of molecule, NOESY peak list and chemical shift list
- Add more peak lists or other data
  - by “Add” in GUI

# more project file mandatory items

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- Working directory
- File root (for naming output files)
- Temp directory for CNS
- CNS executable path

# The GUI



# The GUI

project tree

The screenshot displays the ARIA GUI interface. On the left, a project tree is visible, listing various components such as Sequence, Spectra, H-Bonds, Dihedrals, Karplus, RDCs, SS-Bonds, SS-Bridges [covalent], HIS-patches, Unambig. dist. restraints, Ambig. dist. restraints, Protocol, Iterations, Water refinement, Structure Generation, Job Manager, CNS, Annealing Parameters, Dynamics, Analysis, and Report. On the right, a configuration panel titled 'Generic' contains fields for Name, Version, Author, Date, Description, Comment, and References. Below these fields are input boxes for Working directory, File root, Temporary path, Run nickname, and Cache files, each with a 'browse...' button. A 'Yes' button is located at the bottom of the configuration panel. A text box at the bottom of the window provides information about the cache feature.

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Author: default

Date: Fri Mar 01 15:05:51 2003 Today

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Comment:

References:

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Run nickname: 1

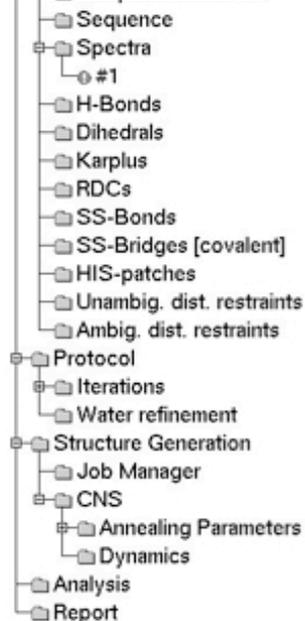
Cache files: Yes -

If enabled, ARIA caches all XML data-files (i.e. molecule definition and spectra). If a RUN is executed more than once, ARIA just accesses the cache instead of reading the complete XML files; this considerably speeds-up the reading process. If the original data (i.e. those that are stored in the run's local data-directory PROJECT\_PATH/RUN:xxx/data) are modified, the cache is automatically invalidated so that the data are read from their original XML files.

messages from ARIA

# The GUI

project tree



fields for values  
and comments  
defaults given

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Temporary path: /tmp

Run nickname: 1

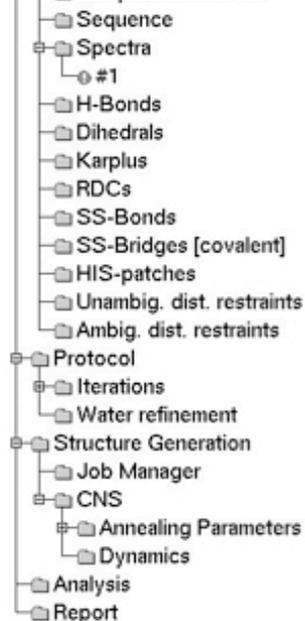
Cache files:  Yes  No

If enabled, ARIA caches all XML data-files (i.e. molecule definition and spectra). If a RUN is executed more than once, ARIA just accesses the cache instead of reading the complete XML files; this considerably speeds-up the reading process. If the original data (i.e. those that are stored in the run's local data-directory PROJECT\_PATH/RUN:xxx/data) are modified, the cache is automatically invalidated so that the data are read from their original XML files.

messages from ARIA

# The GUI

project tree



fields for values  
and comments  
defaults given

Generic  
Name: Aria2.0 example project  
Version: 1.0  
Author: default  
Date: Fri Mar 01 15:05:51 2003  
Description:  
Comment:  
References:  
Working directory: /tmp/aria2.0/example   
File root: ex1  
Temporary path: /tmp   
Run nickname: 1  
Cache files:  Yes  No

help feature

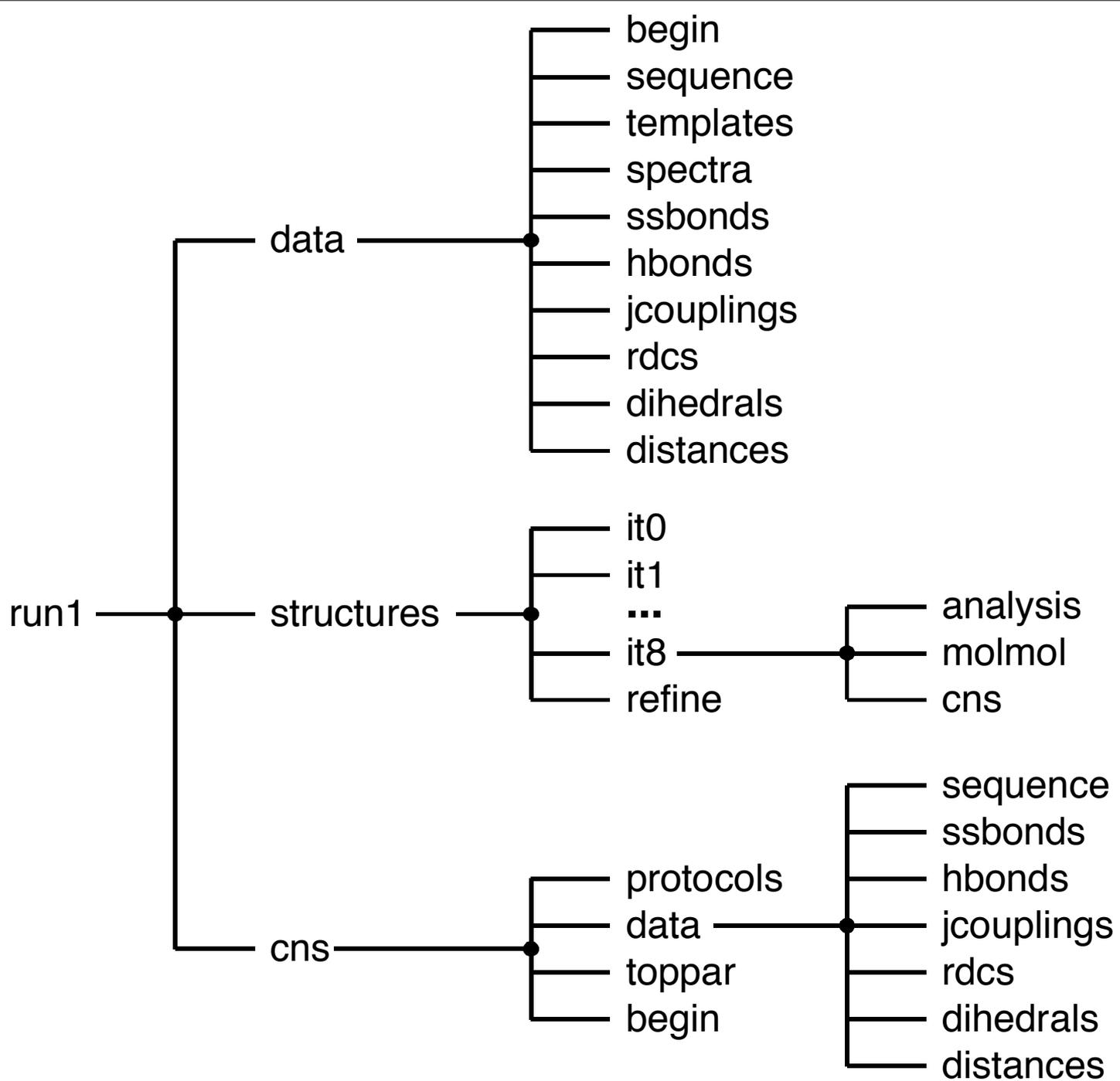
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messages from ARIA

# Setting up a new project

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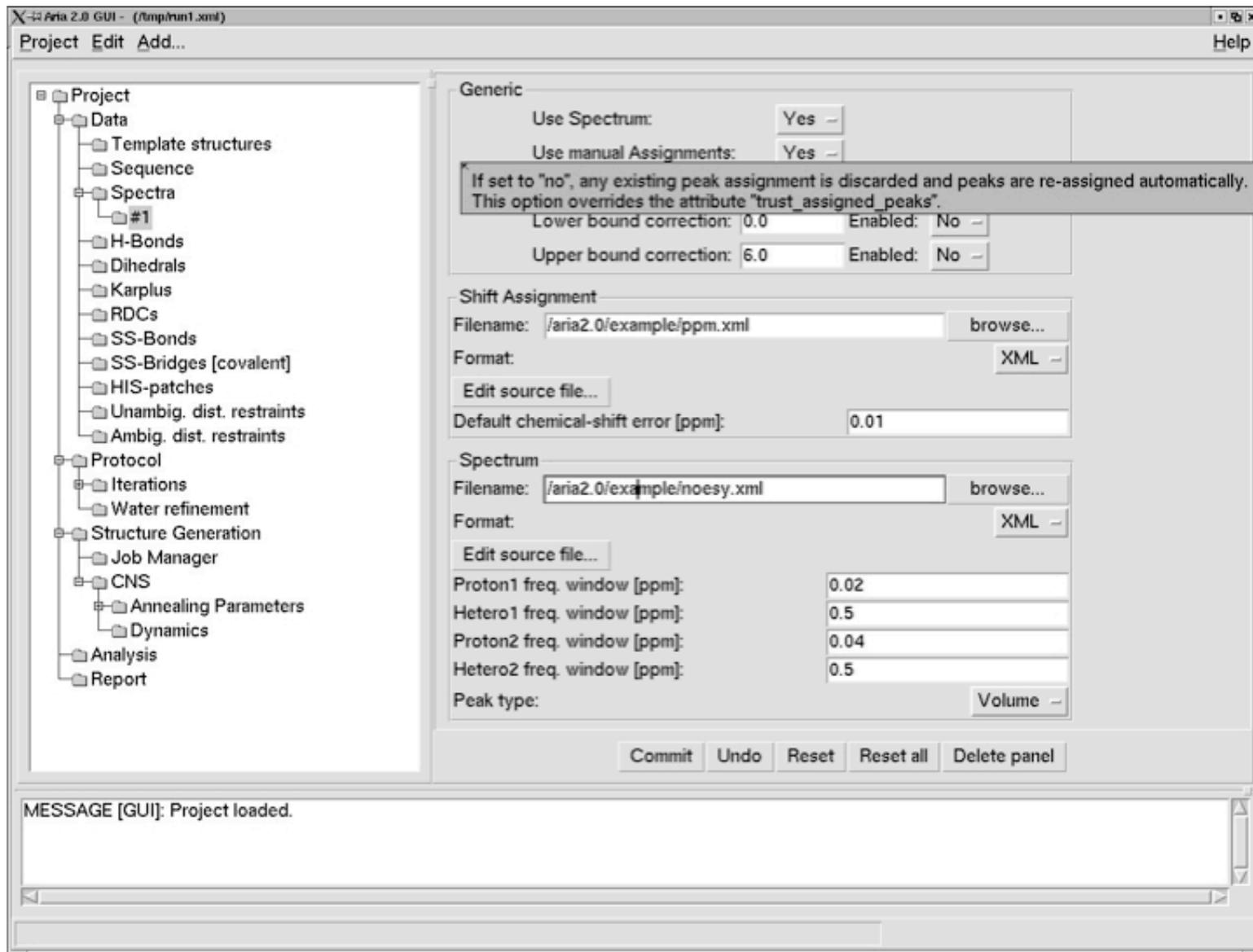
- Once the project file is ready, type
  - `aria2 --setup project.xml`
- this will generate a directory tree
  - primary data
  - structures with
    - iterations
    - all analysis results
  - cns for
    - protocols
    - CNS formatted data



# Preparation stage

- Filtering of data for errors and inconsistencies
  - chemical shifts: unique, degenerate (motion), prochiral
  - peak list: removal of diagonal peaks, use of absolute values for intensities
- Creation of molecular topology file (MTF file)
  - CNS topology file derived from sequence using CNS script
  - pseudo-extended template file
  - standard biopolymers: automatic generation
- “Seed assignment” (list of all possible assignments purely based on chemical shift and frequency tolerances)

# GUI for spectrum



# GUI for spectrum

The screenshot shows the Aria 2.0 GUI interface. On the left, a project tree is visible with the following structure:

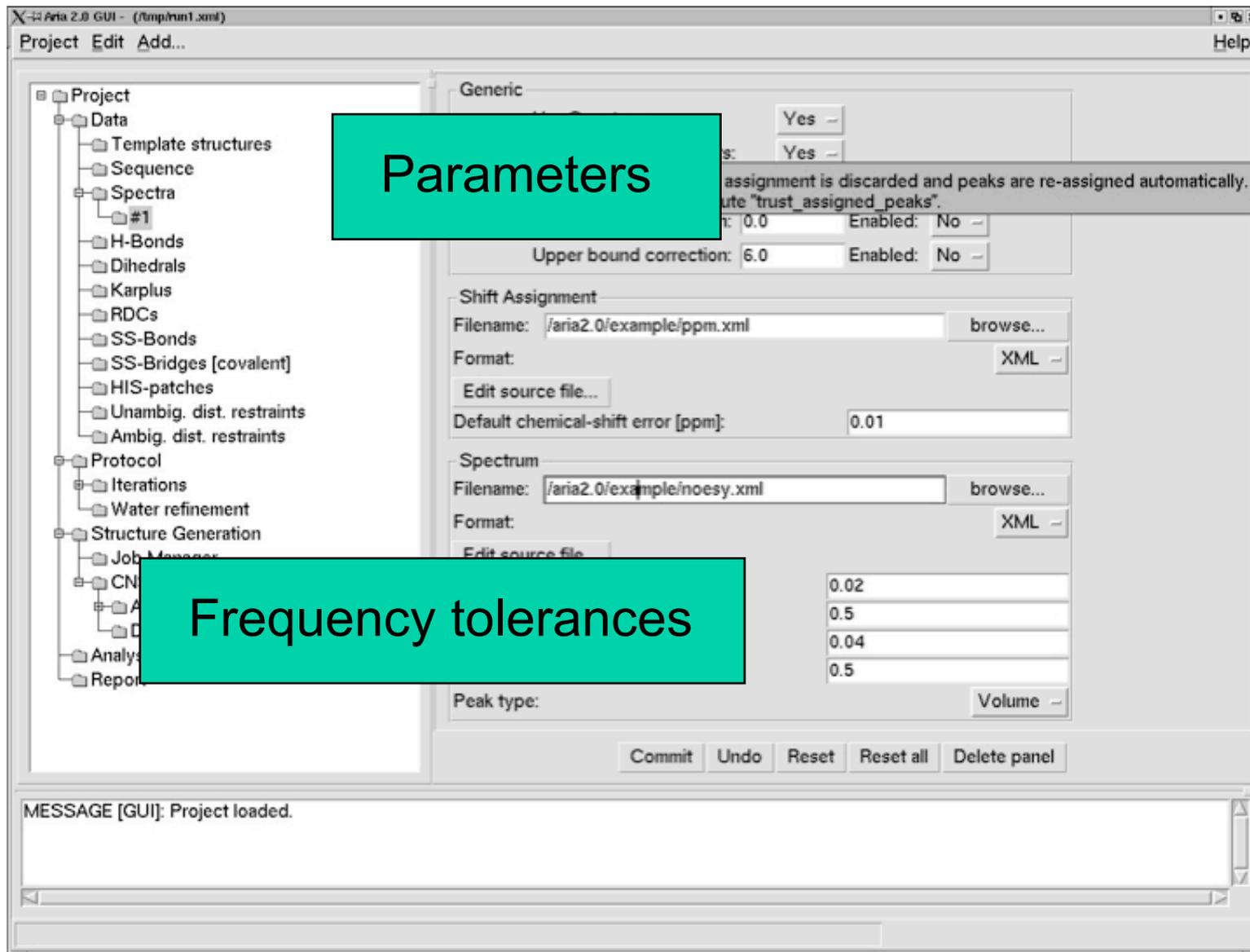
- Project
  - Data
    - Template structures
    - Sequence
    - Spectra
      - #1
      - H-Bonds
      - Dihedrals
      - Karplus
      - RDCs
      - SS-Bonds
      - SS-Bridges [covalent]
      - HIS-patches
      - Unambig. dist. restraints
      - Ambig. dist. restraints
    - Protocol
      - Iterations
      - Water refinement
    - Structure Generation
      - Job Manager
      - CN
      - A
      - D
    - Analysis
    - Report

The main panel is divided into several sections:

- Generic**
  - Use Spectrum: Yes -
  - Use manual Assignments: Yes -
  - If set to "no", any existing peak assignment is discarded and peaks are re-assigned automatically. This option overrides the attribute "trust\_assigned\_peaks".
  - Lower bound correction: 0.0 Enabled: No -
  - Upper bound correction: 6.0 Enabled: No -
- Shift Assignment**
  - Filename: /aria2.0/example/ppm.xml browse...
  - Format: XML -
  - Edit source file...
  - Default chemical-shift error [ppm]: 0.01
- Spectrum**
  - Filename: /aria2.0/example/noesy.xml browse...
  - Format: XML -
  - Edit source file...
  - 0.02
  - 0.5
  - 0.04
  - 0.5
  - Peak type: Volume -

A red box highlights the 'Frequency tolerances' section, which includes the values 0.02, 0.5, 0.04, and 0.5. At the bottom of the main panel, there are buttons for 'Commit', 'Undo', 'Reset', 'Reset all', and 'Delete panel'. The status bar at the bottom shows the message: 'MESSAGE [GUI]: Project loaded.'

# GUI for spectrum



# Data conversion

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- first action: convert all data to XML
- needs:
  - file names and locations
  - additional information: XML conversion file
  - generate a template file to edit by:
    - `aria2 --convert -t conversion.xml`
  - then convert the data by
    - `aria2 --convert -t conversion.xml`
- this also generates a project file

# Formats for data representation

- Data format based on XML:
  - portable
  - human readable
  - document validation
  - strict checking

```
167  2.051 0.001 HB2    10
168  1.970 0.001 HB3    10
169 999.000 0.000 QB     10
```

```
<shift_assignment method="FLOATING">
  <spin_system averaging_method="NONE">
    <atom segid="      " residue="10" name="HB2"/>
    <chemical_shift value="1.97" error="0.001"/>
    <chemical_shift value="2.051" error="0.001"/>
  </spin_system>
  <spin_system averaging_method="NONE">
    <atom segid="      " residue="10" name="HB3"/>
    <chemical_shift value="1.97" error="0.001"/>
    <chemical_shift value="2.051" error="0.001"/>
  </spin_system>
</shift_assignment>
```

# Preparation of structure calculation

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- Each spectrum is treated separately (leads sometimes to problems if there are very few peaks)
- Merge all *accepted* restraints into one distance restraint list by removing duplicates
- Always keep restraint with smallest bound difference U-L

# Running ARIA

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- To start ARIA:
  - `aria2 project.xml`
- recommended to use parallel setup
- project file must provide command to execute CNS
  - “Attribute” in GUI
  - e.g., `ssh hostname csh`

# Interpreting the results

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- Total energies should be below 1000 kCal/mol - depending on details of the calculation (e.g. dihedrals on or off)
- Large average energy, large energy variation
  - increase number of dynamic steps
  - increase bound width
- Low average energy, large energy variation
  - increase number of dynamic steps

# Analysis and output files

- NOE files
  - noe\_restraints.unambig, noe\_restraints.ambig
  - noe\_restraints.violations
  - noe\_restraints.assignments
  - noe\_restraints.merged
  - noe\_restraints.xml
  - noe\_restraints.pickle
  - report
- MOLMOL distance files for graphics
- Structure analysis with WHATIF, PROCHECK, PROSA
- miscellaneous CNS analysis output, including average

# Checking rejected NOEs

ref_spec <sup>1</sup>	ref_no <sup>1</sup>	lower <sup>2</sup>	upper <sup>2</sup>	d_avg <sup>3</sup>	u_viol	%_viol	a_type <sup>4</sup>	n_c <sup>5</sup>
...								
13C NOESY	1568	2.03	5.00	14.73	9.73	100.0	S	2
13C NOESY	1612	1.76	3.30	12.93	9.63	100.0	M	1
13C NOESY	2996	1.89	3.90	13.38	9.49	100.0	A	3
...								

- rejected NOEs should be checked, in particular if the size of the violations

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