

Solution X-ray Scattering from Biological Macromolecules

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INTRODUCTION





- **Limits**

- spherically averaged information → low resolution
- **non unicity of the solution**
- does not distinguish elements in a mixture

- **Advantages**

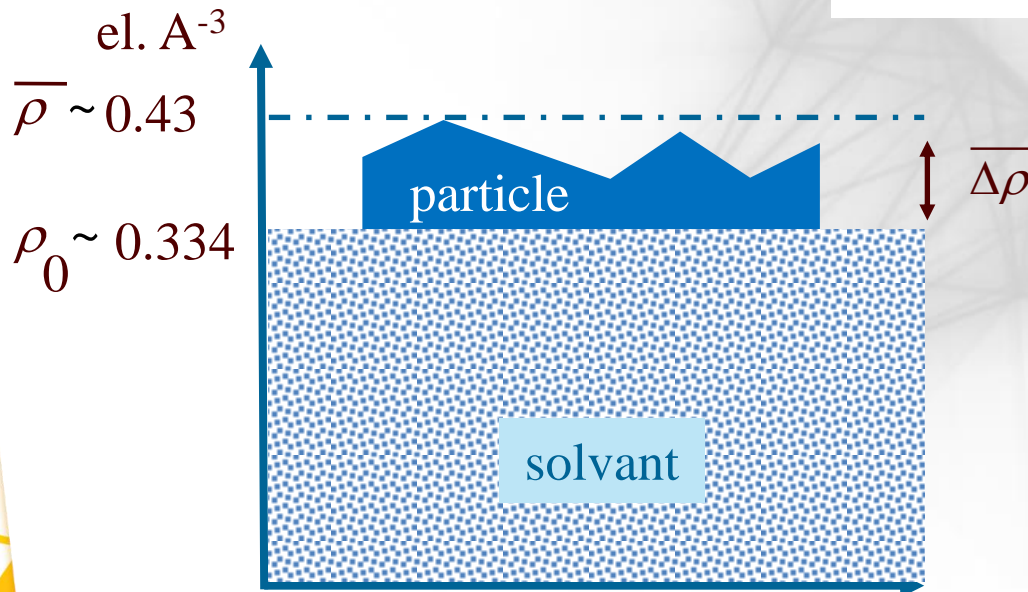
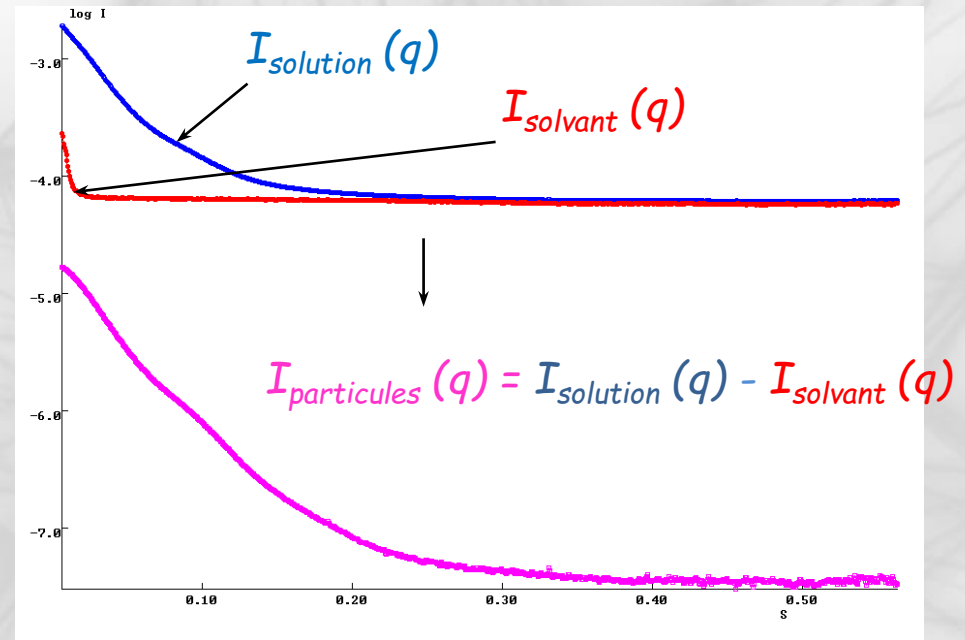
- solution (no crystal) → kinetics, titration, T° , P
- relatively easy to carry experiments
- **can be checked against atomic models**

Principles of Small Angle X-ray Scattering in solution

Method sensible to the difference between the electronic density of the particle and the solvent (contrast)



$I_{\text{solution}}(q)$ $I_{\text{solvant}}(q)$ $I_{\text{particules}}(q)$



In a matrix, what contributes to scattering is the **contrast** of electron density between the particle and the matrix
 $\Delta \rho(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_p(\mathbf{r}) - \rho_0$ that may be **very small** for biological samples.

- **Monodispersity**

- Yes ← Identical particles
- No ← Size and Shape polydispersity

$$i_i(q) = i_1(q)$$

- **Ideality**

- Yes ← No correlations between particles positions
(No short-range or long-range interactions)
- No ← Correlations between particles positions
(Existence of short-range or long-range interactions)

$$I(q) = \sum_{i=1, N} i_i(q)$$

$$I(q) = N i_1(q)$$

Structural information obtained from scattering curve

- ***Biophysical informations calculated directly from the SAXS curve***

- biophysical parameters : size, shape, fold of the object (R_g , $P(r)$, Kratky, ...)
- molecular weight, oligomerization state and volume (I_0 , Porod, ...)

- ***3D structural informations***

- low resolution molecular shape calculation with ab initio method
- comparison with high resolution model
- molecular modeling of unstructured missing part
- molecular modeling rigid body of complex

**SAXS data compatible model
NOT
a structure**

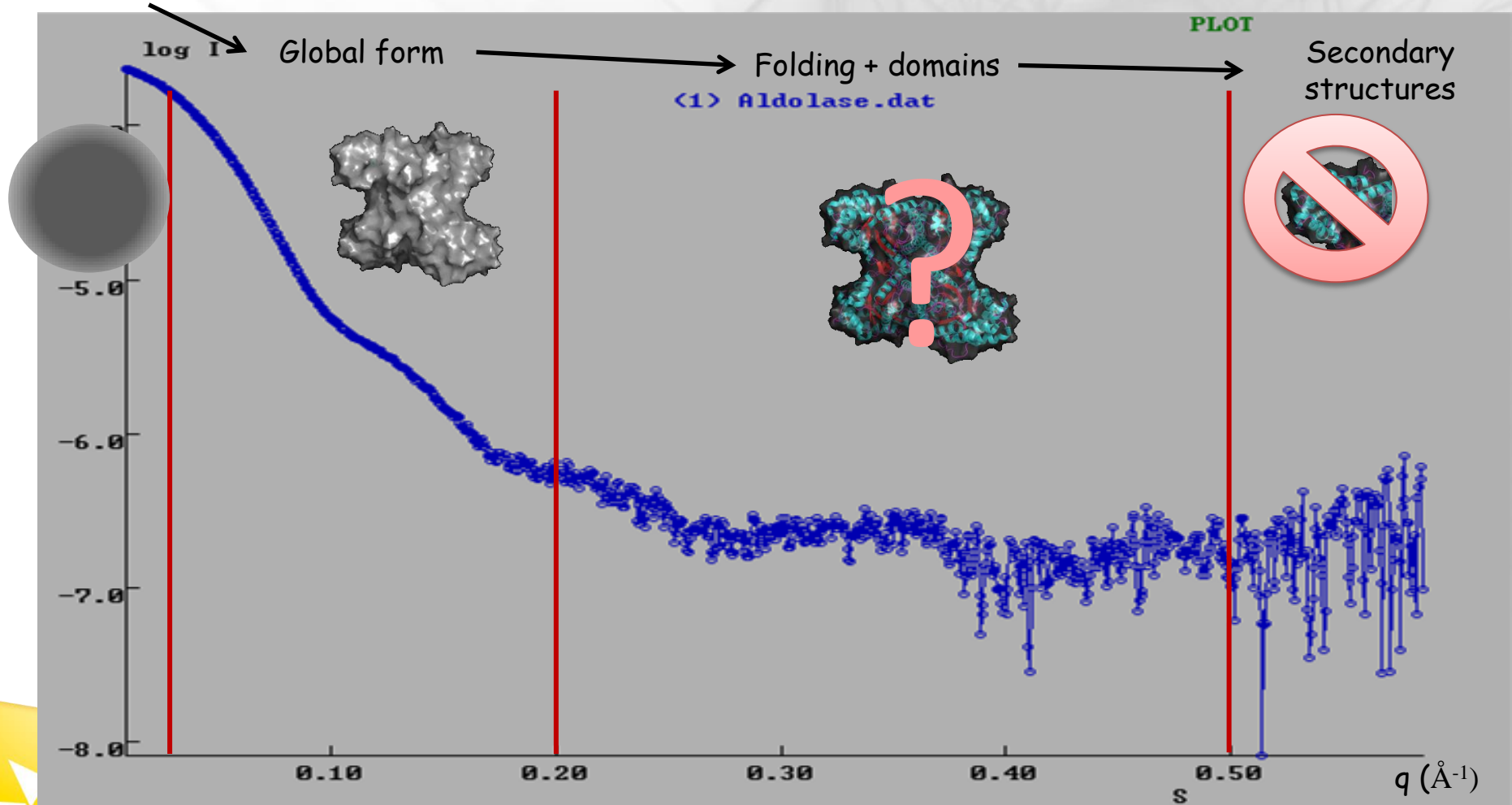


DATA ANALYSIS



What may solution scattering yield?

Global dimension



- Guinier Analysis
- Kratky plot : why is it so interesting ?
- « Real-space SAXS » : Distance correlation function $P(r)$



Data Analysis: Guinier law

Close to $q=0$, the scattering intensity of a particle can be described by a Gaussian curve.

The validity domain actually depends on the shape of the particle and is around $q_{\max} < 1.3 / R_g$ for a globular shape.



*Prof. André Guinier
1911-2000
Orsay, France*

$$I(q) = I(0) \exp\left(\frac{-q^2 R_g^2}{3}\right)$$

Extrapolated intensity at origin

Radius of gyration

Guinier law, in Log scale :

$$\ln[I(q)] = \ln[I(0)] - \frac{q^2 R_g^2}{3}$$

The Guinier law is equivalent of a linear variation of $\ln(I(q))$ vs q^2 (Guinier plot). Linear regression on the experimental Guinier plot directly provides R_g and $I(0)$.

Data Analysis: Guinier law: Mass estimation

$$I(Q) = I(0) \exp\left(\frac{-Q^2 R_g^2}{3}\right)$$

Absolute Unit : cm^{-1}

Classical electron radius

$$I(0) = \frac{c \cdot M \cdot r_0^2}{N_A} \cdot [v_p (\rho_{prot} - \rho_{buf})]^2$$

Mass concentration

Protein specific volume

Electronic density contrast

$$R_g^2 = \frac{\int_V r^2 \Delta \rho_{prot}(\vec{r}) d\vec{r}}{\int_V \Delta \rho_{prot}(\vec{r}) d\vec{r}}$$

R_g depends on the volume
AND on the shape of the particle

$I(0)$ gives an independent estimation
of the molar mass of the protein
(only if the mass concentration, c ,
is precisely known ...)

For globular proteins : $R_g (\text{\AA}) \approx 6.5 * M^{\frac{1}{3}}$, M in kDa
For unfolded proteins : $R_g (\text{\AA}) \approx 8.05 * M^{0.522}$

Bernado et al. (2009), Biophys. J., 97 (10), 2839-2845.

Typically :

$$M (\text{kDa}) = 1500 * I_0 (\text{cm}^{-1}) / C (\text{mg/ml})$$

Guinier analysis

$R_g \rightarrow$ size

$I(0) \rightarrow$ mol mass / oligomerisation state

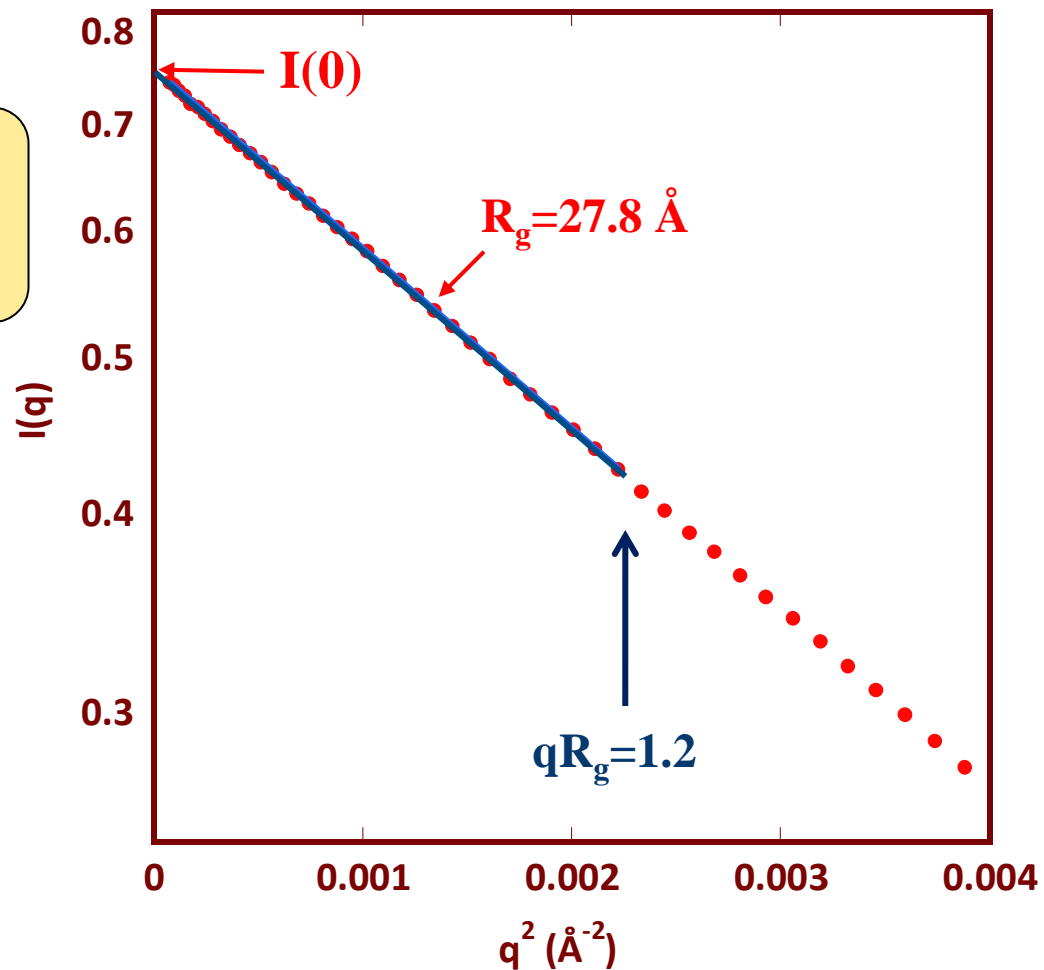
$$\ln[I(q)] \cong \ln[I(0)] - \frac{R_g^2}{3} q^2$$

Validity range :

$0 < qR_g < 1$ for a solid sphere

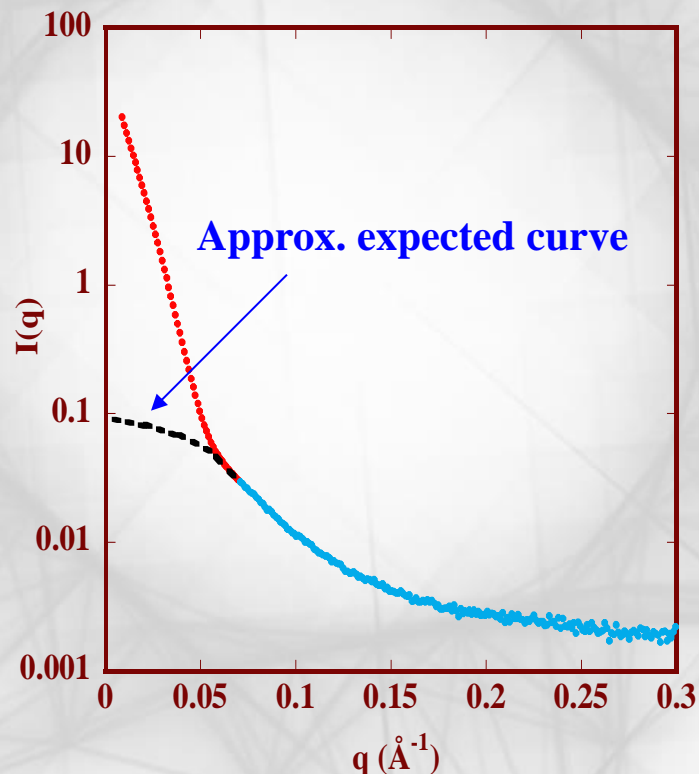
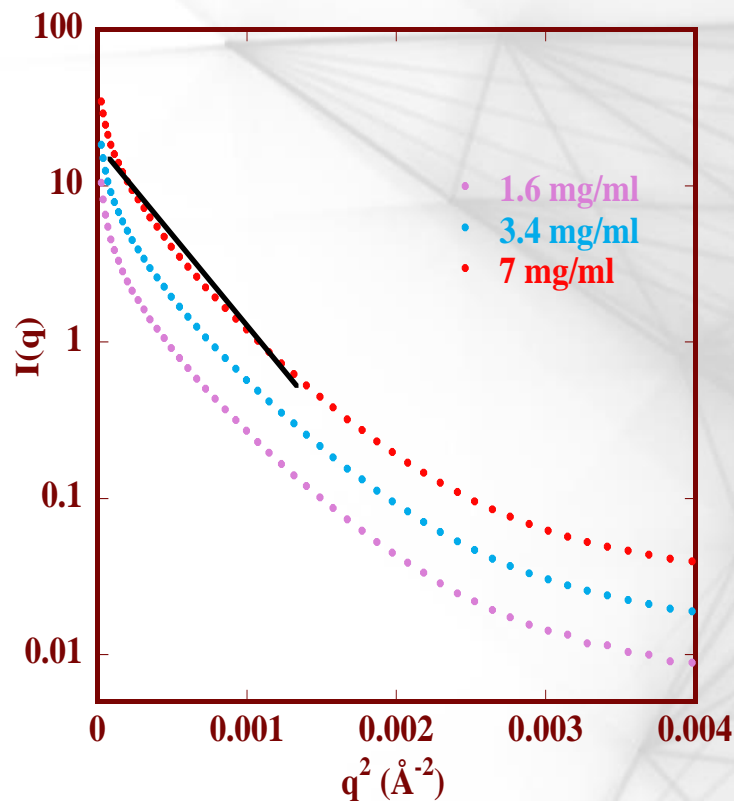
$0 < qR_g < 1.3$ rule of thumb for a globular protein

ideal
monodispersed



Irreversible aggregation

→ Useless data: the whole curve is affected



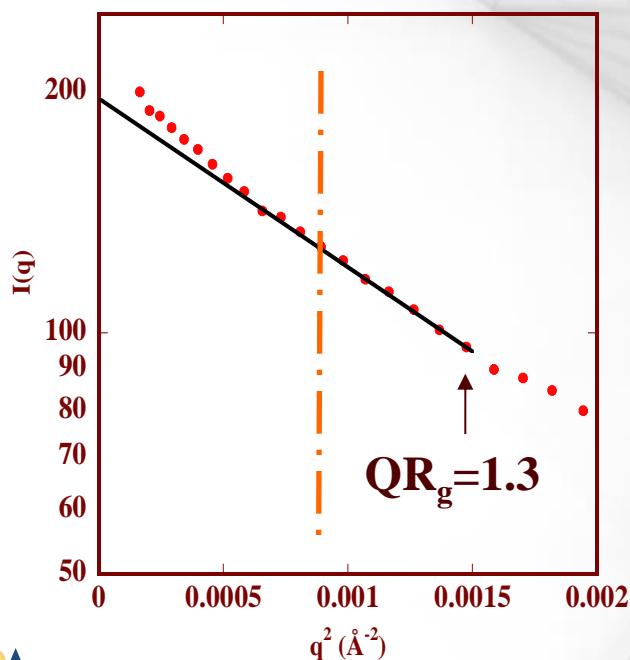
$I(0)$: > 150 fold the expected value for the given MM

Weak aggregation

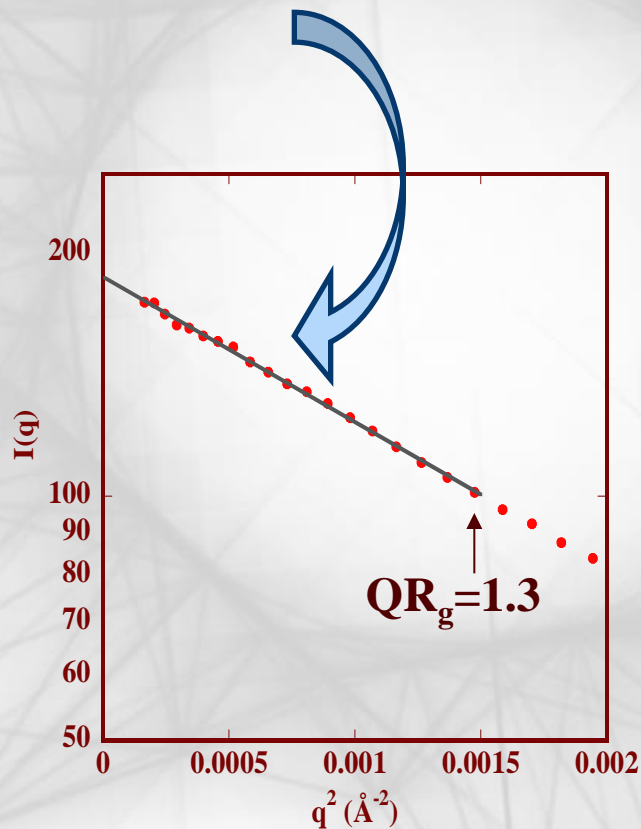


possible improvement

centrifugation, buffer change



$R_g \sim 38 \text{ \AA}$ – too high!!



$R_g \sim 36 \text{ \AA}$

Nanostar –PR65 protein

(Courtesy D. Durand, IBBMCM, Orsay)

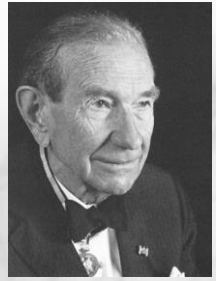
Guinier plot

- A linear Guinier plot is a requirement, but it is **NOT** a sufficient condition ensuring ideality (nor monodispersity) of the sample.



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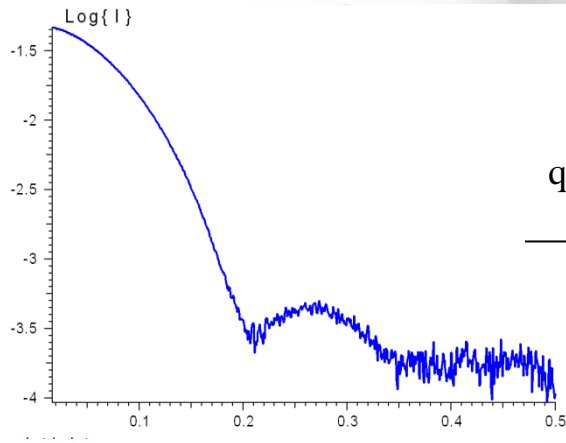


Prof. Otto Kratky
1902-1995
Graz, Austria

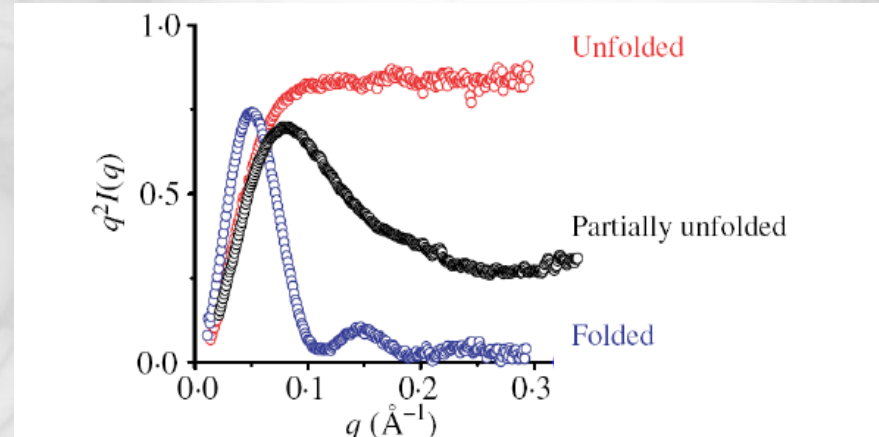
SAXS provides a sensitive means to *evaluate the degree of compactness* of a protein:

- To determine whether a protein is globular, extended or unfolded
- To monitor the folding or unfolding transition of a protein

This is most conveniently represented using the so-called Kratky plot:



$q^2 I(q)$ versus q



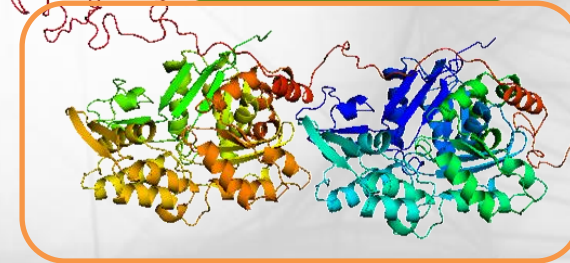
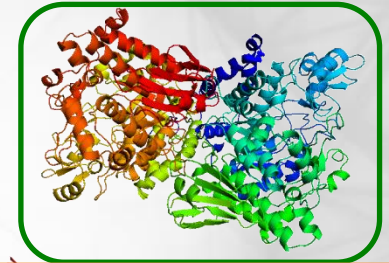
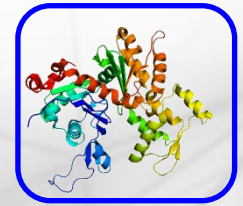
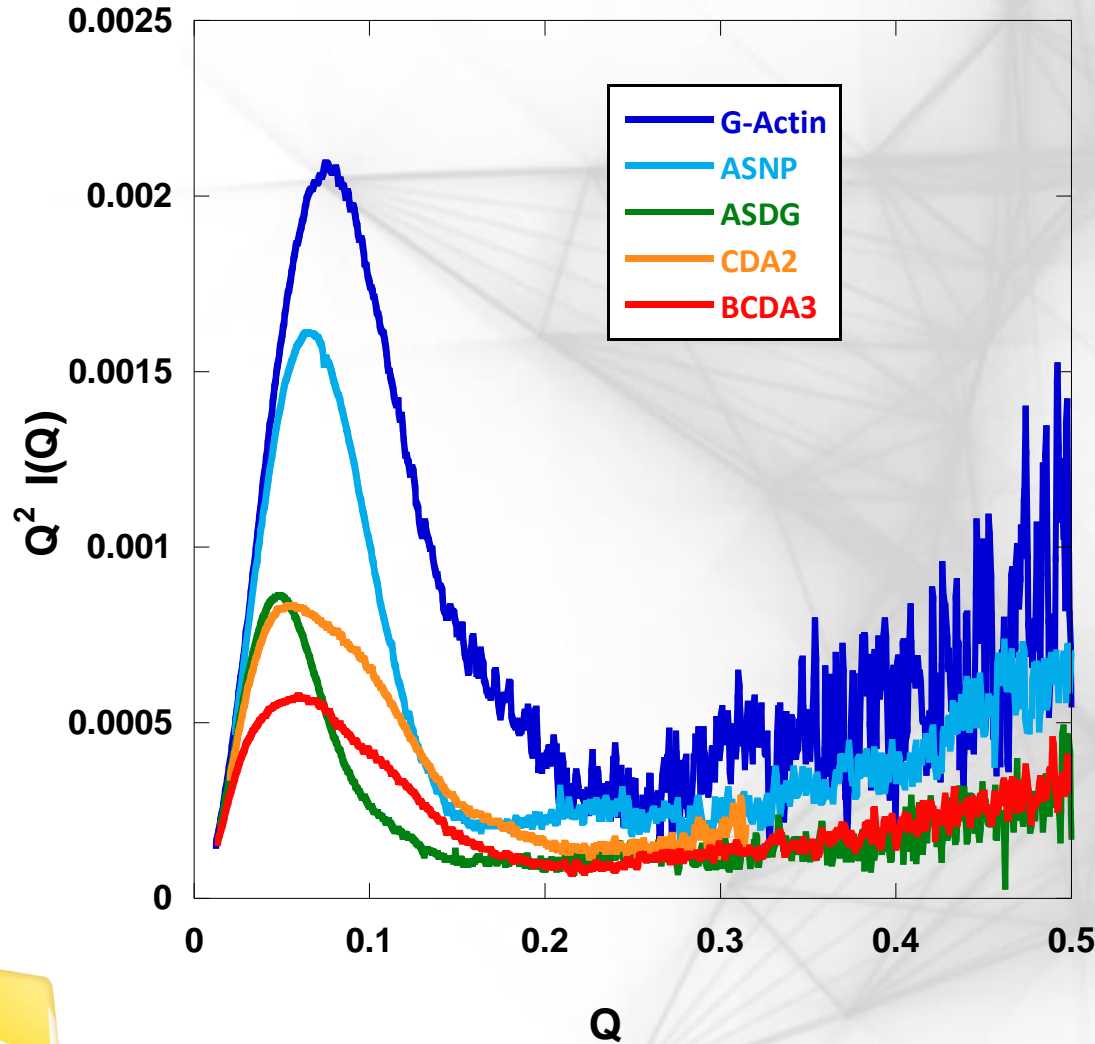
Putnam, D., et al. (2007) Quart. Rev. Biophys. 40, 191-285.

Folded particle : *bell-shaped curve* (asymptotic behaviour $I(Q) \sim Q^{-4}$)

Random polymer chain : *plateau* at large q -values (asymptotic behaviour in $I(Q) \sim Q^{-2}$)

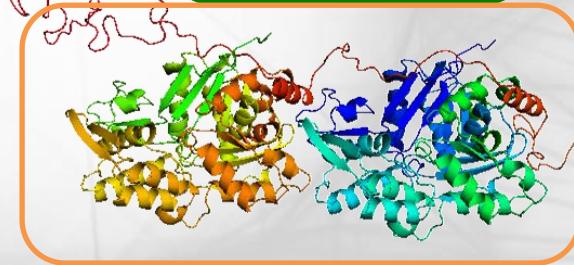
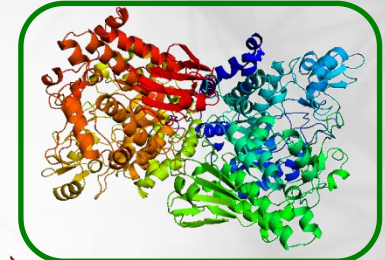
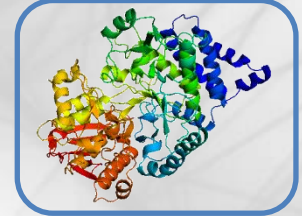
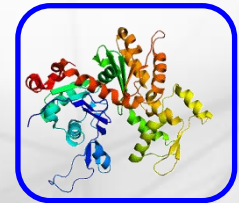
Extended polymer chain : *increase* at large q -values (asymptotic behaviour in $I(Q) \sim Q^{-1.x}$)

Data Analysis: Kratky plot



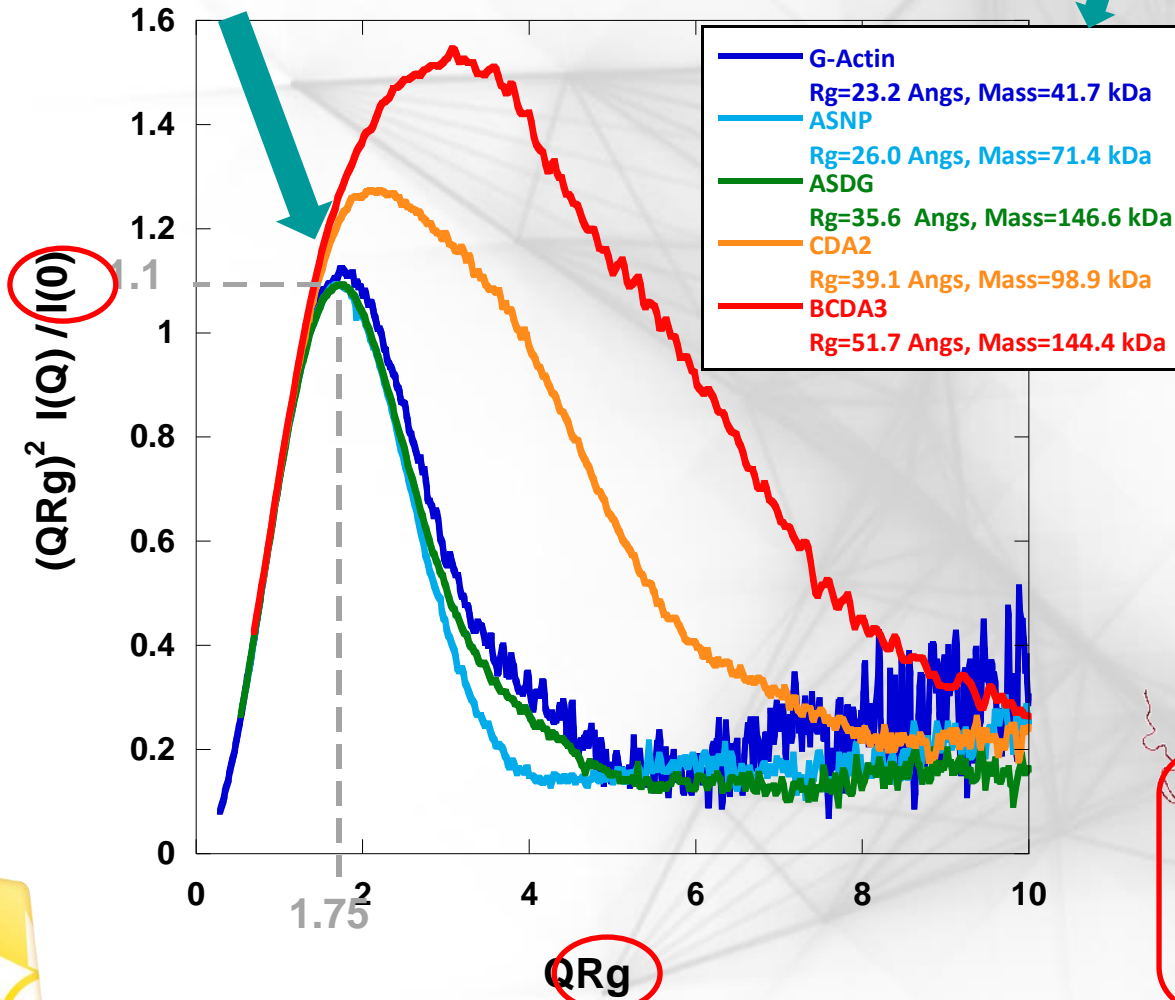
Folded proteins display a bell shape. Can we go further?

Data Analysis: Dimensionless Kratky plot



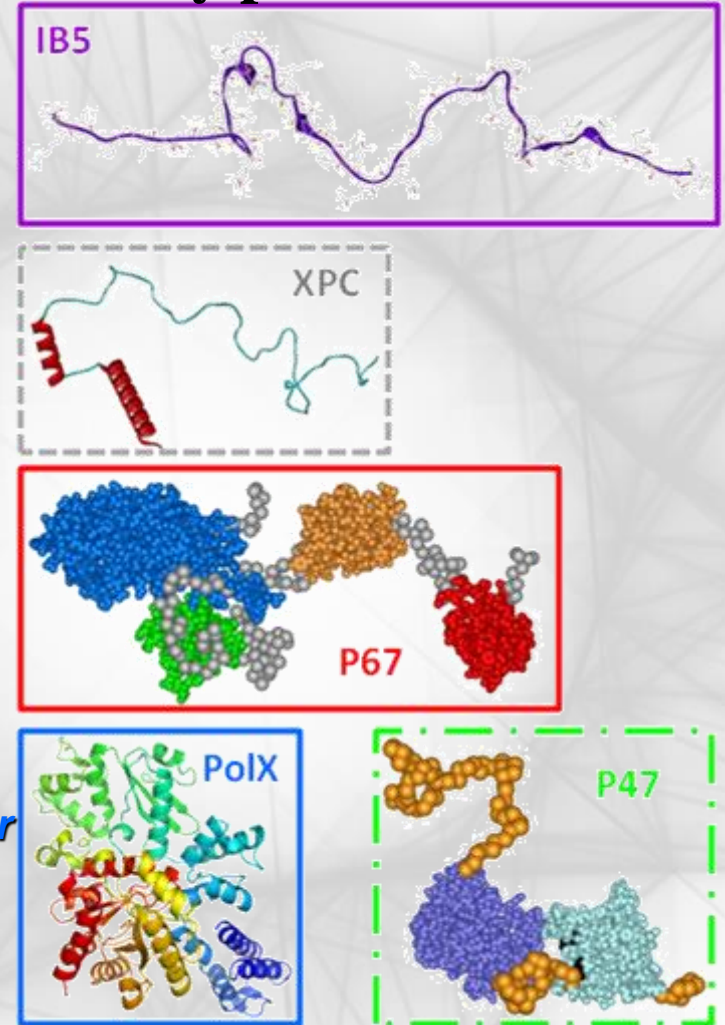
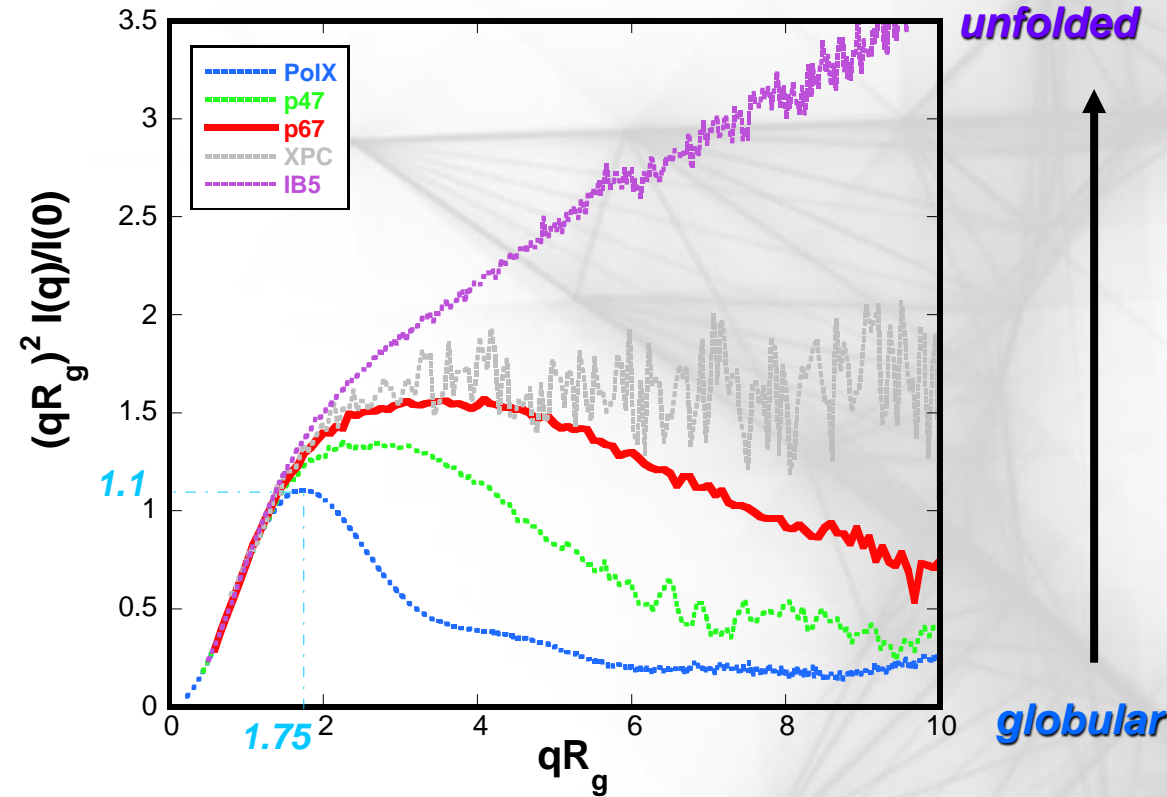
For globular structures, DLKPs fold into the same maximum

The relation $M_{Rg}(\text{kDa}) \approx (Rg / 6.5)^3$ only works for the globular structures, not the elongated



The maximum value on the dimensionless bell shape tells if the protein is globular.

Data Analysis: Dimensionless Kratky plot



The bell shape vanishes as folded domains disappear and flexibility increases.

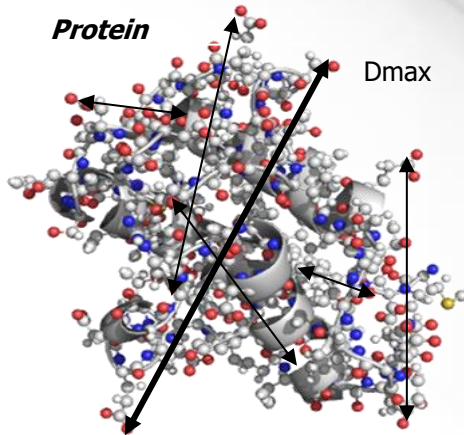
The curve increases at large Q as the structure extends.

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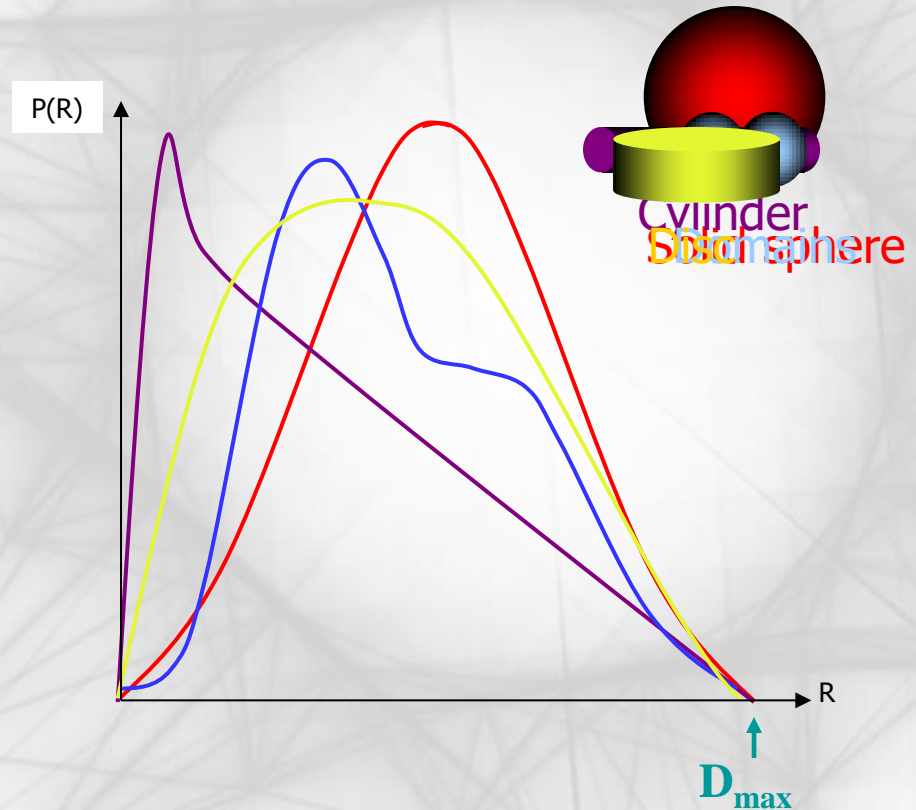


Data Analysis: Distance Distribution Function $p(r)$

The distance distribution function $p(r)$ is proportional to the average number of atoms at a given distance, r , from any given atom within the macromolecule.



$p(r)$ vanishes at $r = D_{\max}$



The distance distribution function characterises the shape of the particle in **real space**

Data Analysis: Distance Distribution Function $p(r)$

Intensity is the Fourier Transform of self-correlation function $\gamma_{obj}(r)$:

$$I(q) = 4\pi r_e^2 \varphi \int_{V_{obj}} \gamma_{obj}(r) r^2 \frac{\sin(qr)}{qr} dr$$

And :

$$p(r) = \gamma_{obj}(r) r^2$$

Then :

$$I(q) = 4\pi r_e^2 \varphi \int_0^D p(r) \frac{\sin(qr)}{qr} dr$$

And :

$$p(r) = \frac{r^2}{2\pi^2 \varphi r_e^2} \int_0^\infty q^2 I(q) \frac{\sin(qr)}{qr} dq$$

Fourier Transform for isotropic samples

$p(r)$ could be directly derived from $I(q)$. Both curves contain the same information.

However, direct calculation of $p(r)$ from $I(q)$ is made difficult and risky by $[Q_{min}, Q_{max}]$ truncation and data noise effects.



Main hypothesis : the particle has a « finite » size, characterised by D_{\max} .

- D_{\max} is proposed by the user
- $p(r)$ is expressed over $[0, D_{\max}]$ by a linear combination of orthogonal functions

$$p_{theoret}(r) = \sum_1^M c_n \varphi_n(r)$$

Glatter, O. *J. Appl. Cryst.* (1977) **10**, 415-421.

- $I(q)$ is calculated by Fourier Transform of $p_{theoret}(r)$

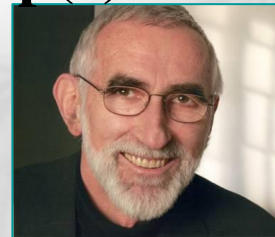
$$I(q) = 4\pi r_e^2 \varphi \int_0^{D_{\max}} p_{theoret}(r) \frac{\sin(q \cdot r)}{q \cdot r} dr$$

Svergun (1988) : program "GNOM"

$M \sim 30 - 100 \Rightarrow$ ill-posed LSQ \Rightarrow regularisation method

+ "Perceptual criteria" : smoothness, stability, absence of systematic deviations

- Each criterium has a predefined weight
- The solution is given a score calculated by comparison with « ideal values »



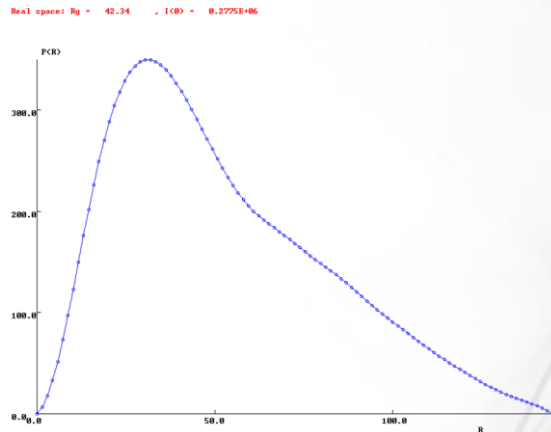
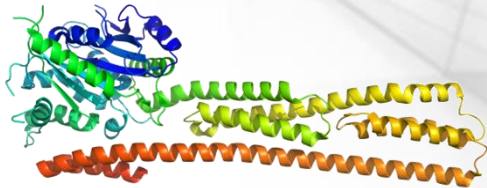
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Guinier Prize 2012
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Dr. Dmitri Svergun
Hamburg, Germany

Experimental examples

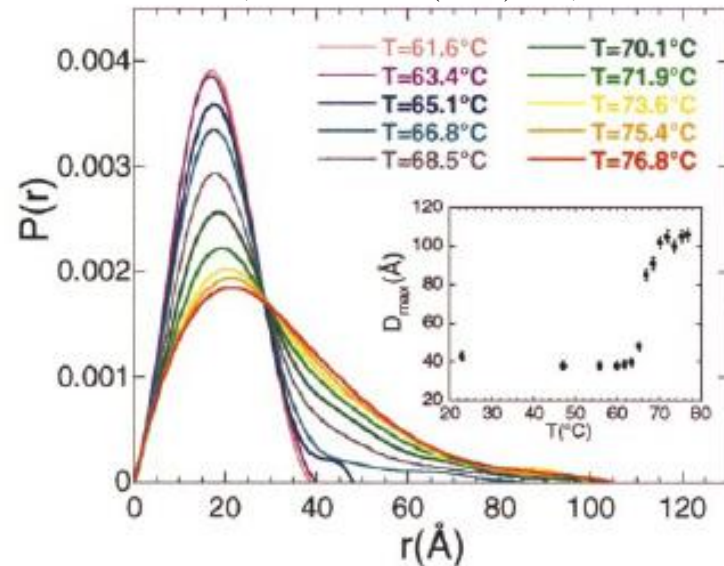
GBP1



Heat denaturation of Neocarzinostatin

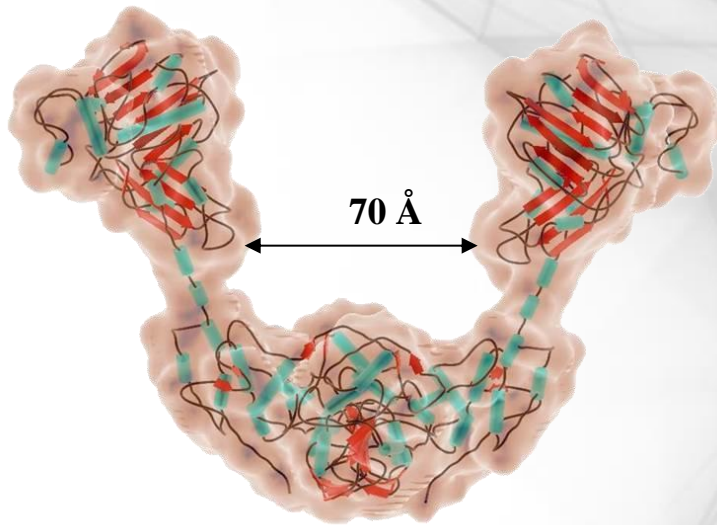


Pérez et al., J. Mol. Biol. (2001) 308, 721-743



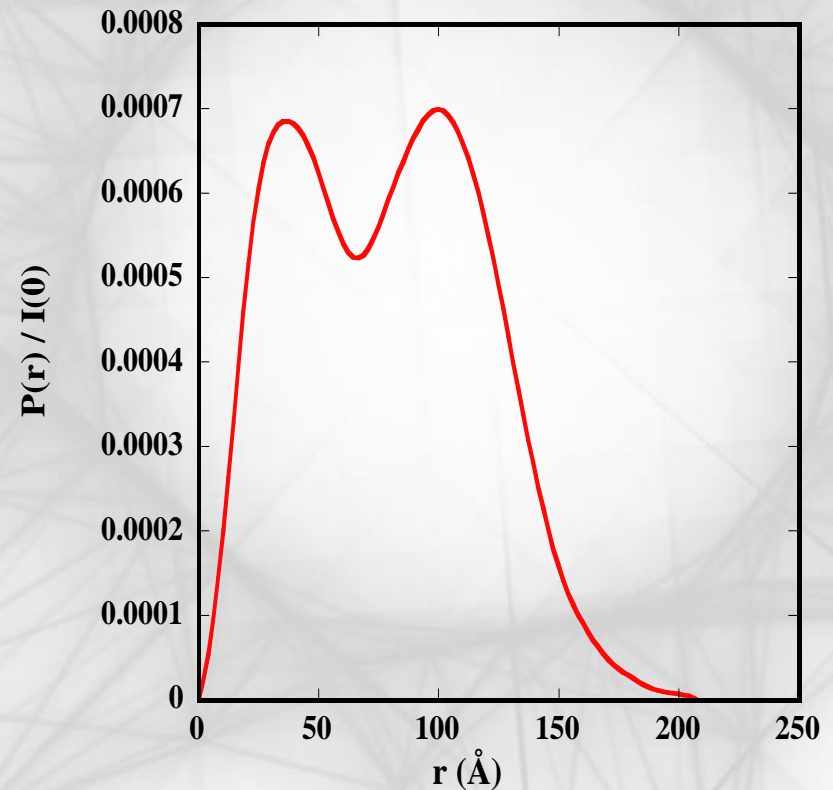
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Topoisomerase VI



M. Graille et al., Structure (2008), 16, 360-370.

Bimodal distribution



Data Analysis: strategy

Data analysis

Guinier approximation

- R_g (size) and $I(0)$ (mass and oligomeric state)

Kratky plot

- type of structure (globular, elongated or unfolded)

Distance distribution function $p(r)$:

- D_{max} evaluation
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- Global form of the object

Molecular modeling

Nothing is known

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- theoretical curves calculation and data comparison

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- molecular modeling rigid body against SAXS data

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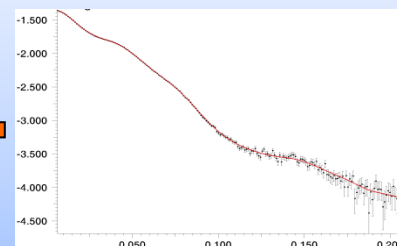
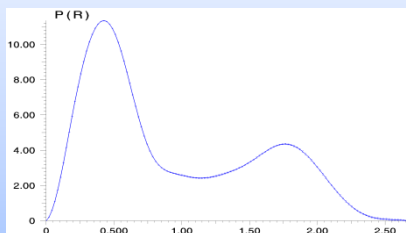
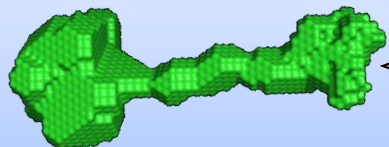
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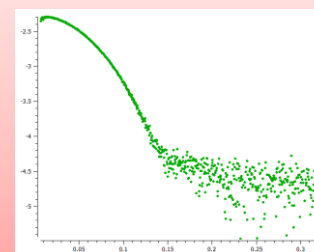
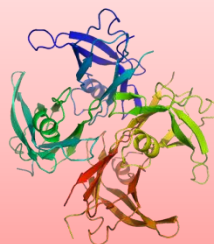
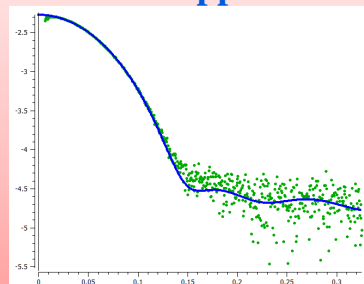
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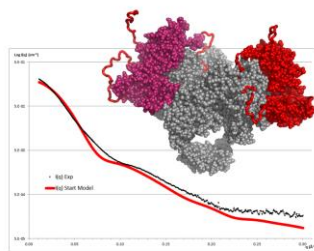
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Known or supposed all-atom models



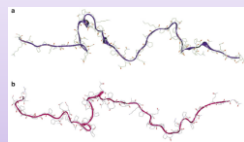
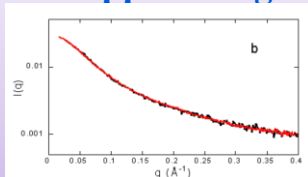
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atomic structures of domains are known

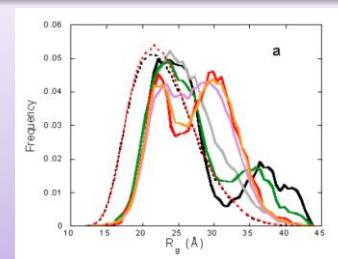


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Zones of supposed high flexibility



Selection within an Ensemble
of Random Conformations



EOM

- ✓ *Monte-Carlo based methods (simulated annealing, genetic algorithm) : no unique solution.*

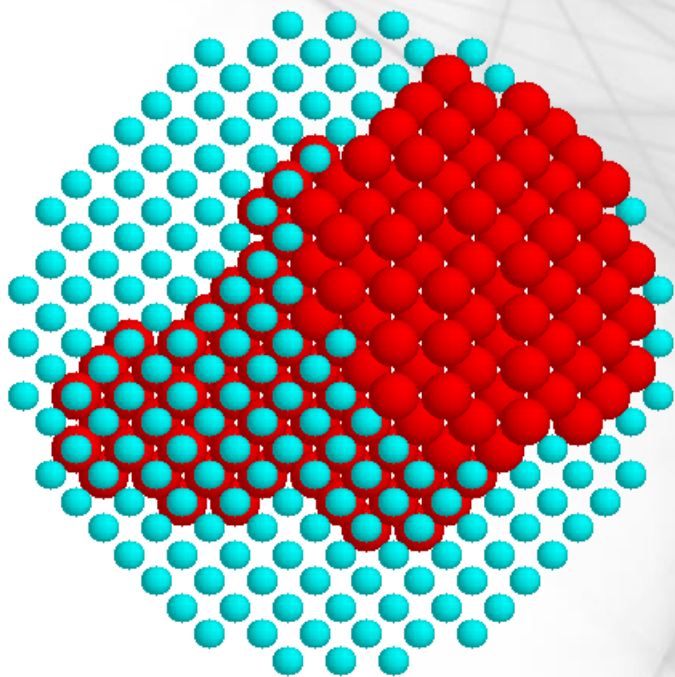
→ *repeat the calculation ca 10 times.*

→ *repeat the calculation n x 100 times followed by clustering.*

- ✓ *make use of constraints to restrict the solution space to (bio)physically meaningful models. The program minimizes the sum of the χ^2 with experimental data and penalty terms such as:*

$$f(X) = \sum_i \chi_i^2 + \alpha_{dist} P_{dist}(X) + \beta_{cross} P_{cross}(X) + \gamma_{cont} P_{cont}(X)$$

Initial volume :
sphere diameter D_{\max}



$$Position(j) = X(j) = \textcolor{red}{1} \text{ or } \textcolor{blue}{0}$$

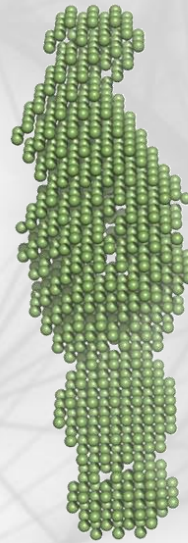
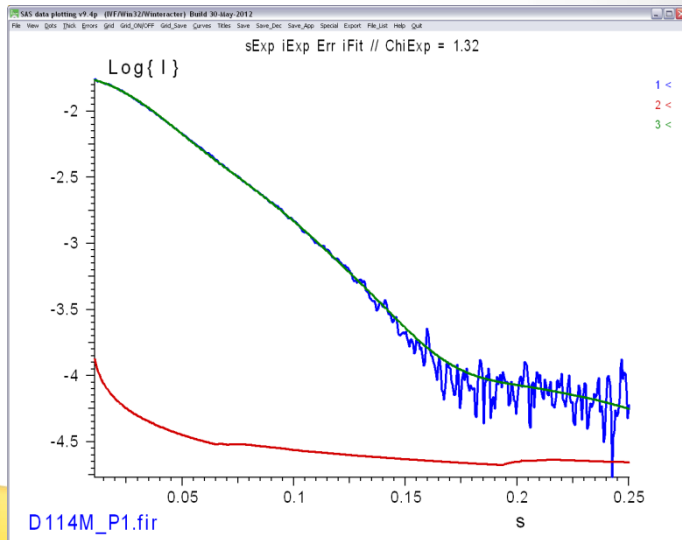
- ◆ $M \approx (D_{\max}/r_0)^3 \approx 10^3 \gg N_s$
parameters, too many for
conventional minimization
- ◆ No unique shape restoration
unless constrained
- ◆ Able to describe complex shapes

Molecular Modeling: Nothing known (except the curve)

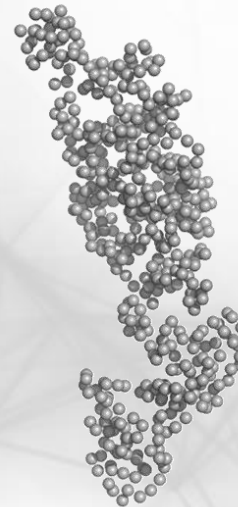
DAMMIN/DAMMIF : very low resolution, restricted portion of the data used ($q < 0.2 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$), very basic constraints

GASBOR : a protein comprising N residues is represented by an ensemble of N spheres centered at the $C\alpha$ positions, the whole q-range can be used.

An initial gas-like distribution of dummy residues is refined using Simulated Annealing to fit the data under constraints ensuring a final chain like distribution



DAMMIF shape

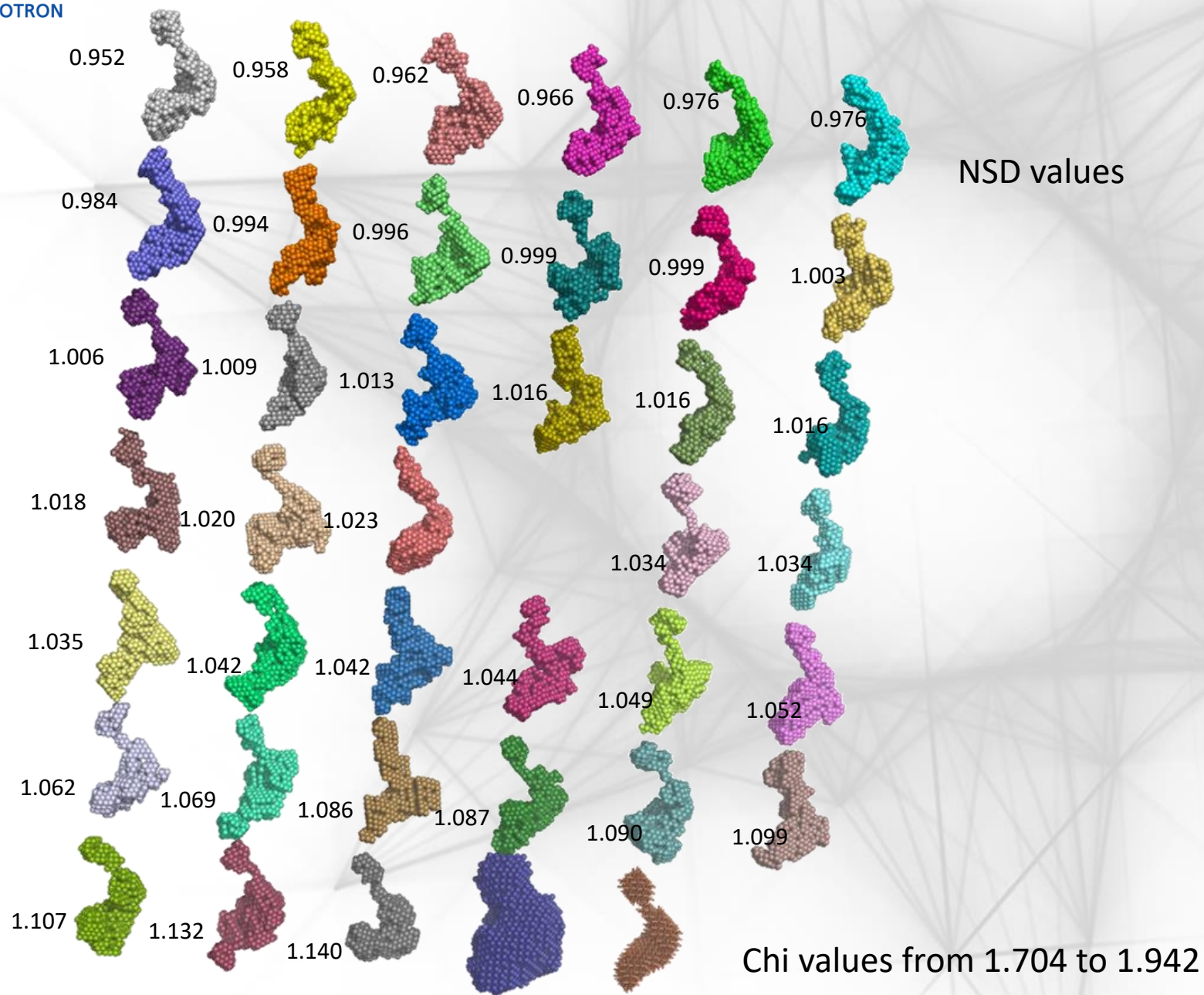


GASBOR beads model

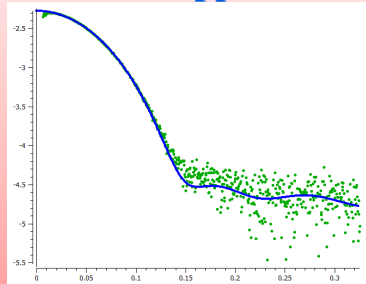


High resolution structure

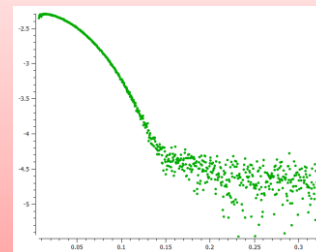
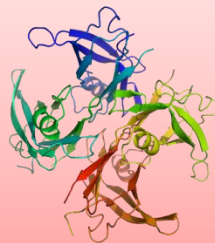
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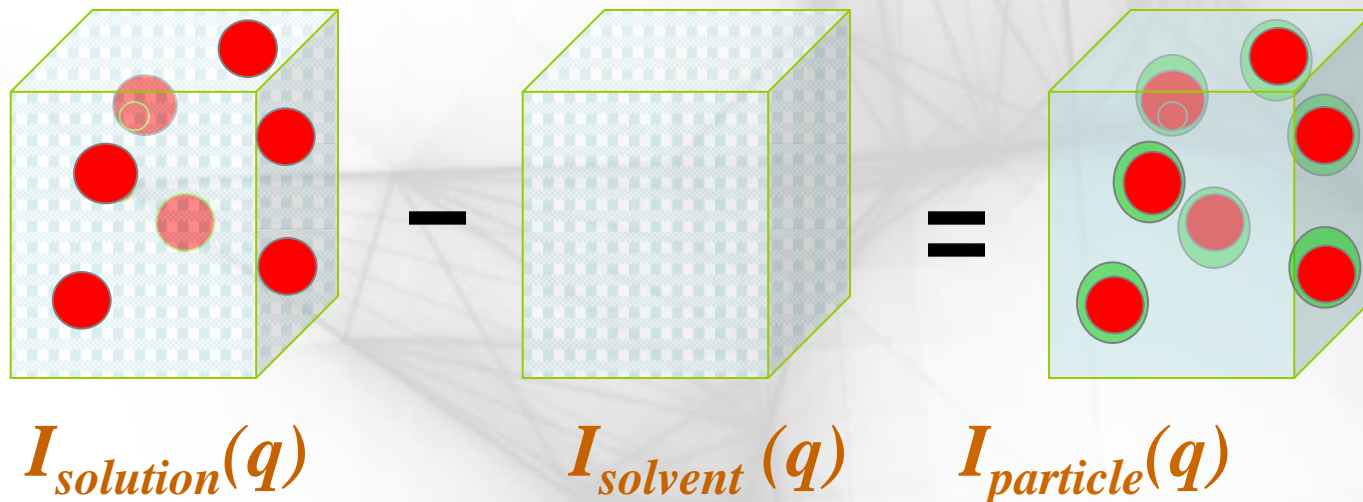
validation / elimination



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From a atomic structure to a solution scattering pattern : program CRY SOL

Molecular Modeling: Solvent scattering and contrast



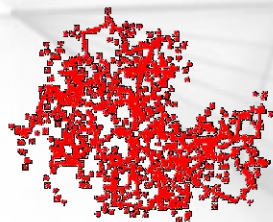
The bound solvent density differs from that of the bulk.

Bulk water density = $0.334 \text{ e}^-/\text{\AA}^3$

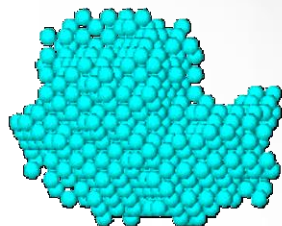
Hydration layer density ~ 5-15 % higher

Molecular Modeling: Scattering from a macromolecule

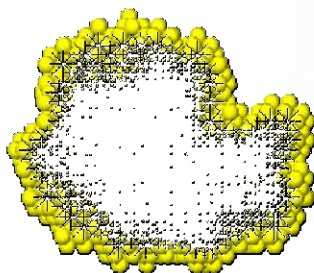
$$I(s) = \left\langle |A(s)|^2 \right\rangle_{\Omega} = \left\langle |A_a(s) - \rho_s A_s(s) + \delta \rho_b A_b(s)|^2 \right\rangle_{\Omega}$$



- ◆ $A_a(s)$: atomic scattering in vacuum



- ◆ $A_s(s)$: scattering from the excluded volume



- ◆ $A_b(s)$: scattering from the hydration shell, layer of thickness 3 Å

Svergun D, Barberato C, and Koch M.H.J. (1995) **CRY SOL** – a program to evaluate x-ray solution scattering of biological macromolecules from atomic coordinates.

J. Appl. Cryst. 28, 768

Most popular for BioSAXS, stand-alone program, fit model to data, fast computational algorithm . 1500 citations.

<http://www.embl-hamburg.de/biosaxs/atsas-online/crysol.php>

Grishaev A, Guo L, Irving T, Bax A. (2010) **AXES** Improved Fitting of Solution X-ray Scattering Data to Macromolecular Structures and Structural Ensembles by Explicit Water Modeling. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 132, 15484-6.

Use explicit water modeling solvation layer, robust fitting approach

<http://spin.niddk.nih.gov/bax/nmrserver/saxs1/>

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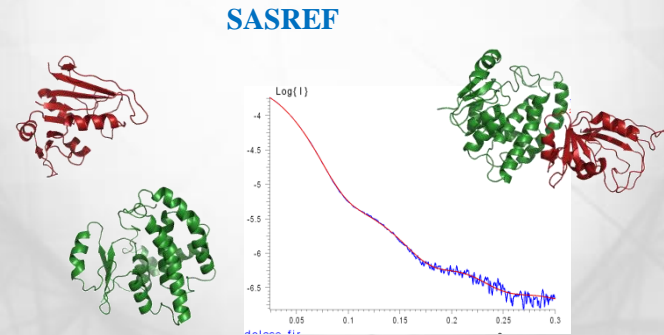
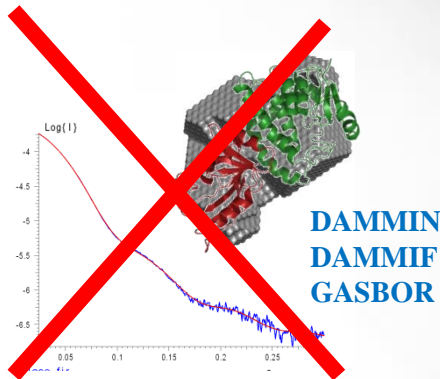
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<https://team.inria.fr/nano-d/software/pepsi-saxs/>

Molecular Modeling: A word of caution, what NOT to do

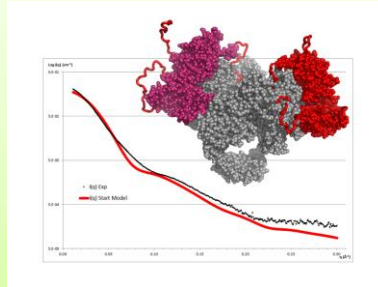
- Common misconception: dummy atom ab initio envelope from DAMMIF (or from Gasbor for that matter) are viewed as similar to EM density maps: NO.
- One should not try and superimpose 3D models of domains in the envelope. There is not 1 but MANY similar (or not) envelopes. One must try and refine the position of domains vs SAXS data.



- Furthermore, in some cases, the volume or envelope notion is simply irrelevant: for instance, for flexible multi domain proteins or even worse, for a flexible IDP.

Molecular Modeling: structures of domains are known

atomic structures of domains are known



SASREF
BUNCH
CORAL
DADIMODO

When atomic structures of domains are known, but not their mutual arrangement



Molecular Modeling: structures of domains are known

SASREF : when atomic structures of domains are known, but no their mutual organization

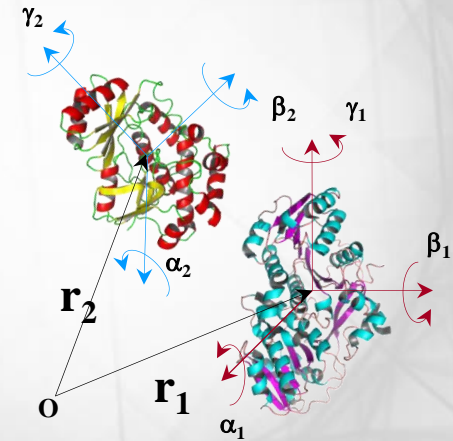
The objective is to find the relative orientation and position of each subunit that gives a good agreement with the SAXS data of the complex.

The scattering intensity $I(q)$ of the complex is equal to the sum squared of the amplitudes of all subunits

$$I(q) = \left\langle \left| \sum_{k=1}^K A^{(k)}(\vec{q}) \right|^2 \right\rangle_{\Omega}$$

$$A^{(k)}(\vec{q}) = \exp(i\vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}_k) \prod (\alpha_k \cdot \beta_k \cdot \gamma_k) [C^{(k)}(\vec{q})]$$

Amplitudes are calculated with **CRY SOL** from the high resolution structure of each subunit.



The algorithm of minimization is the same used with DAMMIN with a penalty function (interconnectivity of the subunits, the steric clashes) and possibility to give information about contacting residues from other experiences.

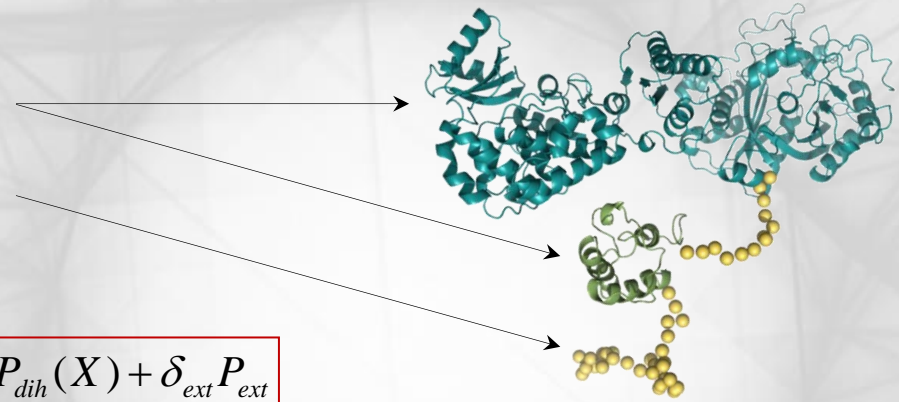
$$f(X) = \sum_i \chi_i^2 + \alpha_{dist} P_{dist}(X) + \beta_{cross} P_{cross}(X) + \gamma_{cont} P_{cont}(X)$$

BUNCH and CORAL : *quaternary structure analysis of multidomain protein*



Combination of rigid body and ab initio modeling :

- *position and orientation of rigid domains*
- *possible conformation of flexible linkers*



$$f(X) = \sum_i \chi_i^2 + \alpha_{ang} P_{ang}(X) + \beta_{cross} P_{cross}(X) + \gamma_{dih} P_{dih}(X) + \delta_{ext} P_{ext}$$

As SASREF, the amplitude are calculated with CRY SOL from the high resolution structure of each monomer

The algorithm of minimization is the same used with SASREF with a penalty function including the steric clashes P_{cross} , the dihedral angle P_{ang} and P_{dih} , and the compactness of the loop P_{ext} . The possibility to give information about contacting residues from other experiences is also added.

Flexibility → no unique structure !
NOT a structure but a SAXS data compatible model

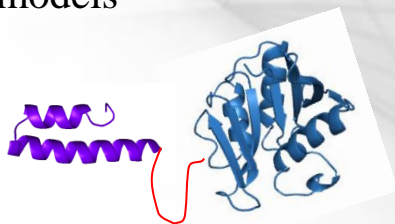
Molecular Modeling: structures of domains are known

DADIMODO : rigid body refinement vs. SAXS / NMR data

Modelling approach : complete atomic model

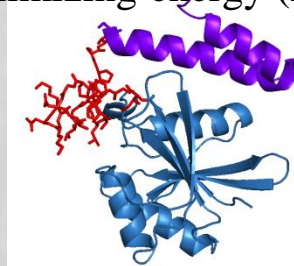
Full structure initiated with :

- Crystal or NMR domain structures
- Homology models



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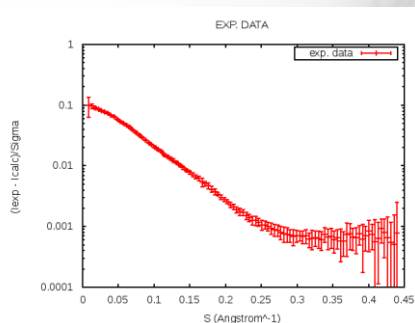
- Sequence
- Sub-parts moved as rigid-bodies (user-defined)
- A correct stereochemistry is maintained at all steps by minimizing energy (Amber 99 Force Field)



Experimental data:

- SAXS
- NMR
- RDC

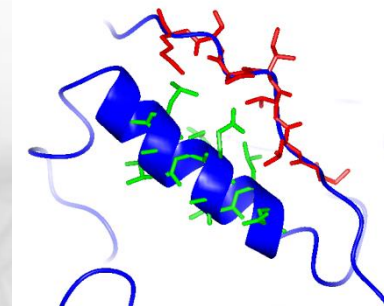
ADR (chem. shift map.)



SAXS score



RDC score

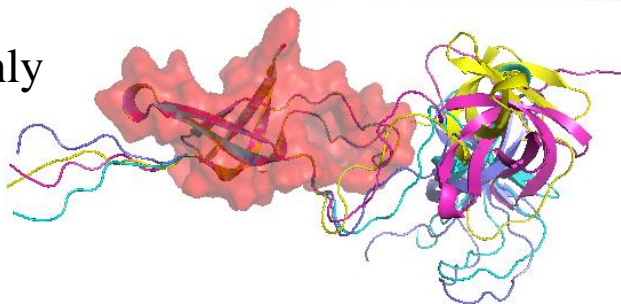


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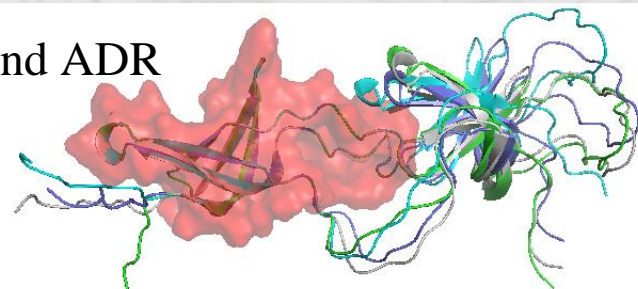
Optimisation of the structure via a genetic algorithm

Molecular Modeling: structures of domains are known

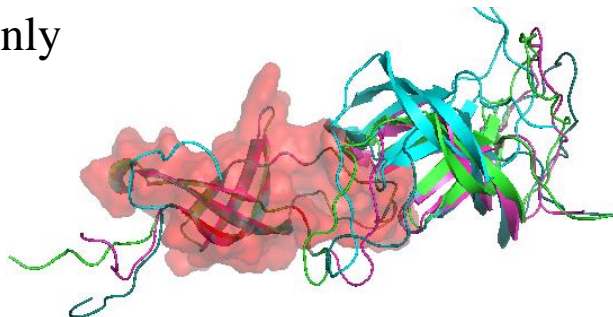
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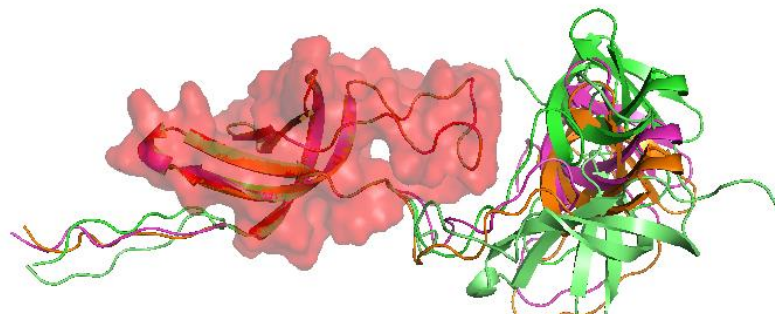
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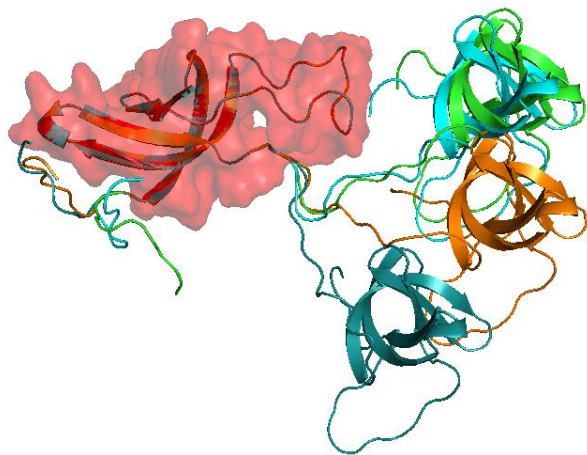
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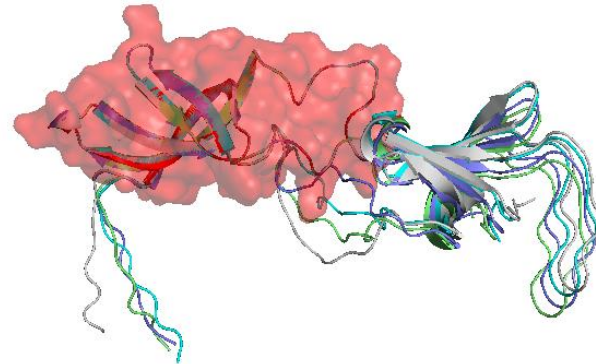
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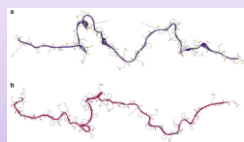
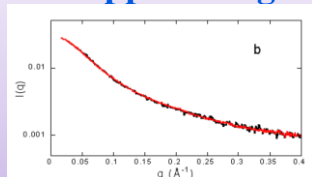
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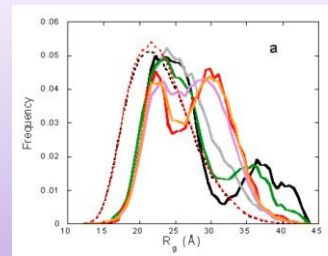
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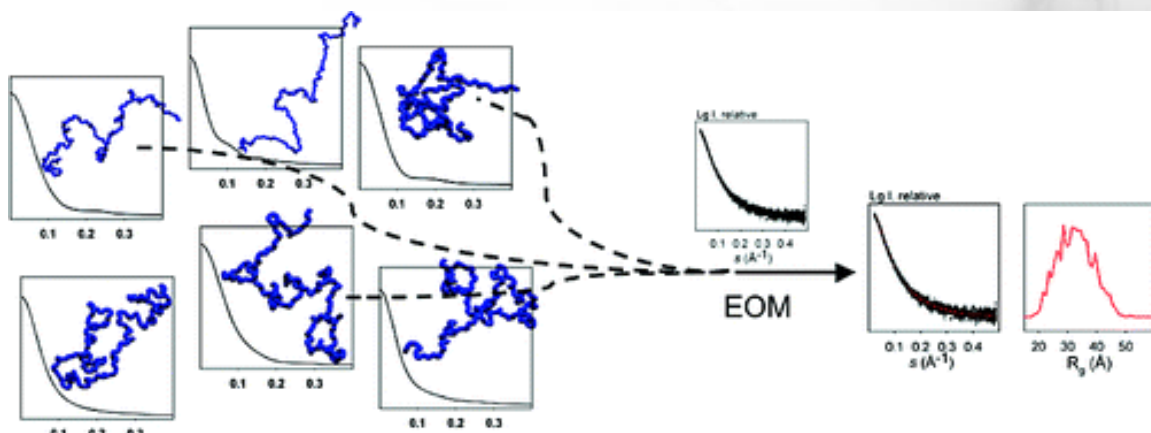


Selection within an Ensemble of Random Conformations



EOM

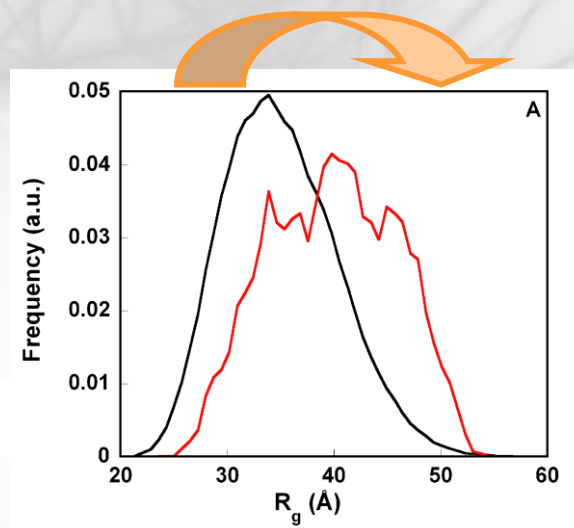
Molecular Modeling: Zones of supposed high flexibility



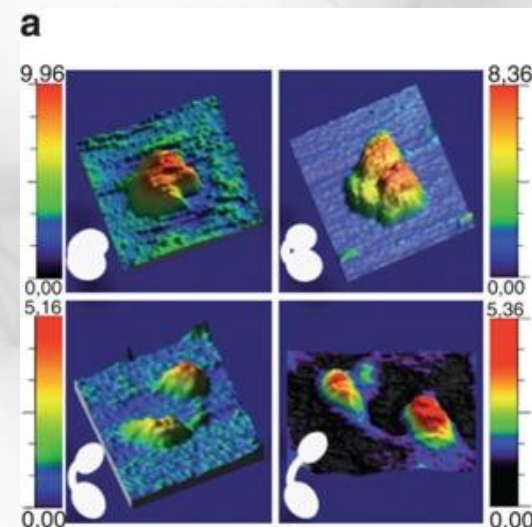
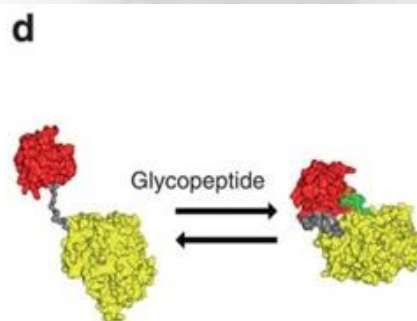
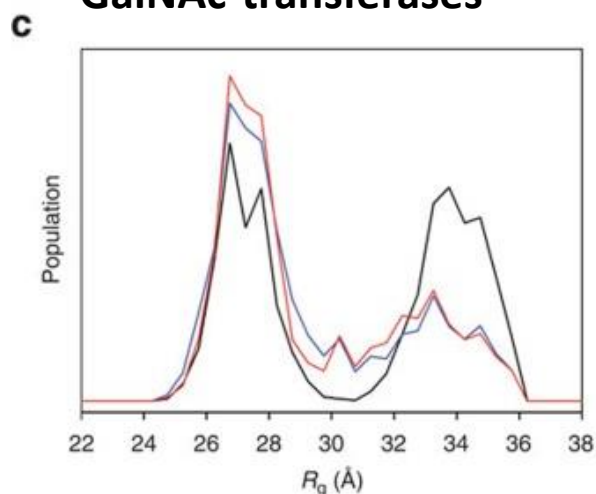
— pool — optimized ensembles

Bernadó et al, J. Am. Chem. Soc 2007

R_g distribution



GalNAc-transferases

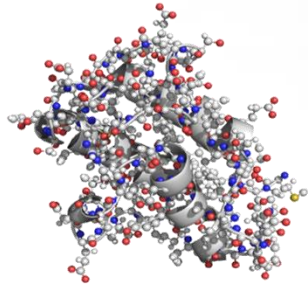


Lira-Navarette et al, Nat. Commun. 2015

Molecular Modeling: SAXS for 3D structure reconstitution

The 1D SAXS profile is the Fourier transform of the $p(r)$ function. Contrary to direct scattering calculation, the inverse problem cannot be solved analytically, i.e., no “inverse computation” can be used to yield 3D position coordinates from scattering data.

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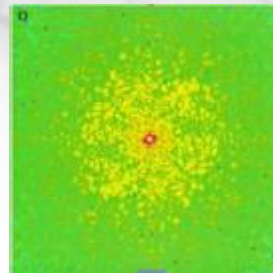


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Reciprocal space
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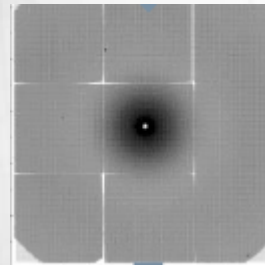


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Orientation
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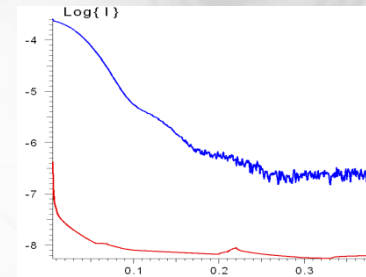
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Radial
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1D profile reciprocal
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**How to reconstruct the 3D structure
from the 1D SAXS profile ?**

Bear in mind !

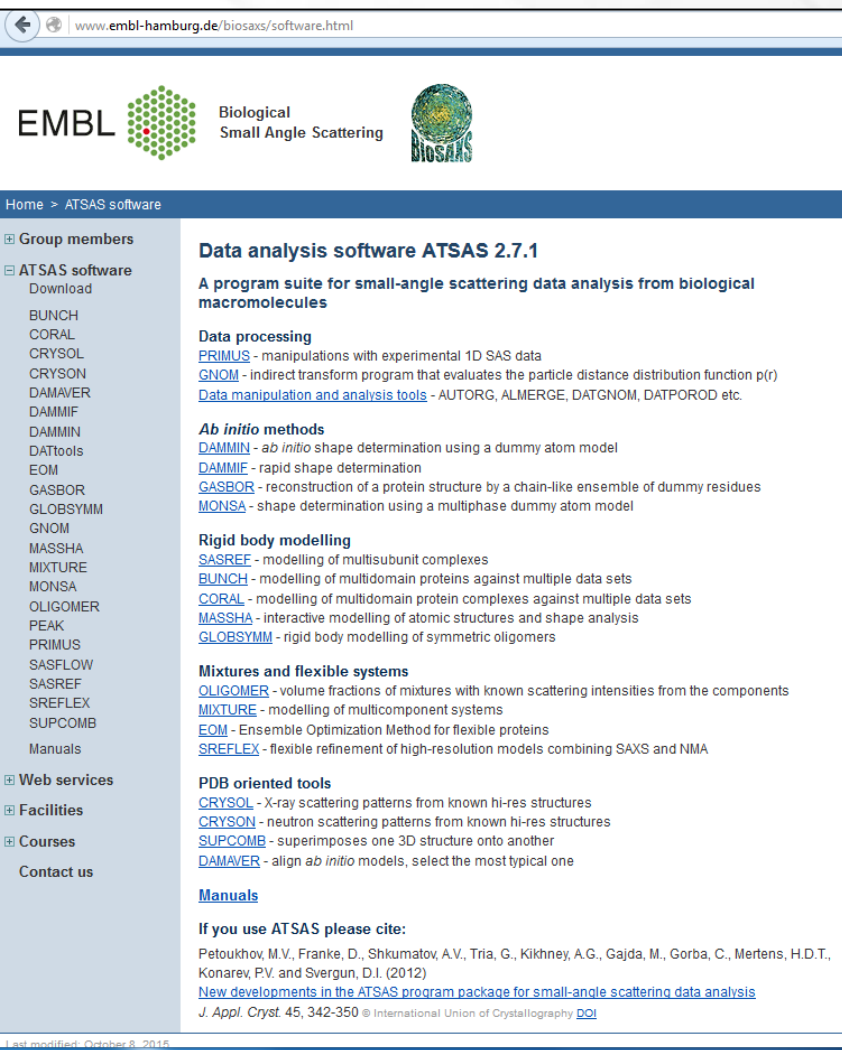
One 3D structure → One SAXS curve

BUT

One SAXS curve → **Many 3D structures, all compatible with the same curve**

Additional constraints are always needed

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Data analysis software ATSAS 2.7.1

A program suite for small-angle scattering data analysis from biological macromolecules

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[PRIMUS](#) - manipulations with experimental 1D SAS data
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Mixtures and flexible systems

[OLIGOMER](#) - volume fractions of mixtures with known scattering intensities from the components
[MIXTURE](#) - modelling of multicomponent systems
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[SREFLEX](#) - flexible refinement of high-resolution models combining SAXS and NMA

PDB oriented tools

[CRYSOL](#) - X-ray scattering patterns from known hi-res structures
[CRYSOL](#) - neutron scattering patterns from known hi-res structures
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[DAMAVAR](#) - align *ab initio* models, select the most typical one

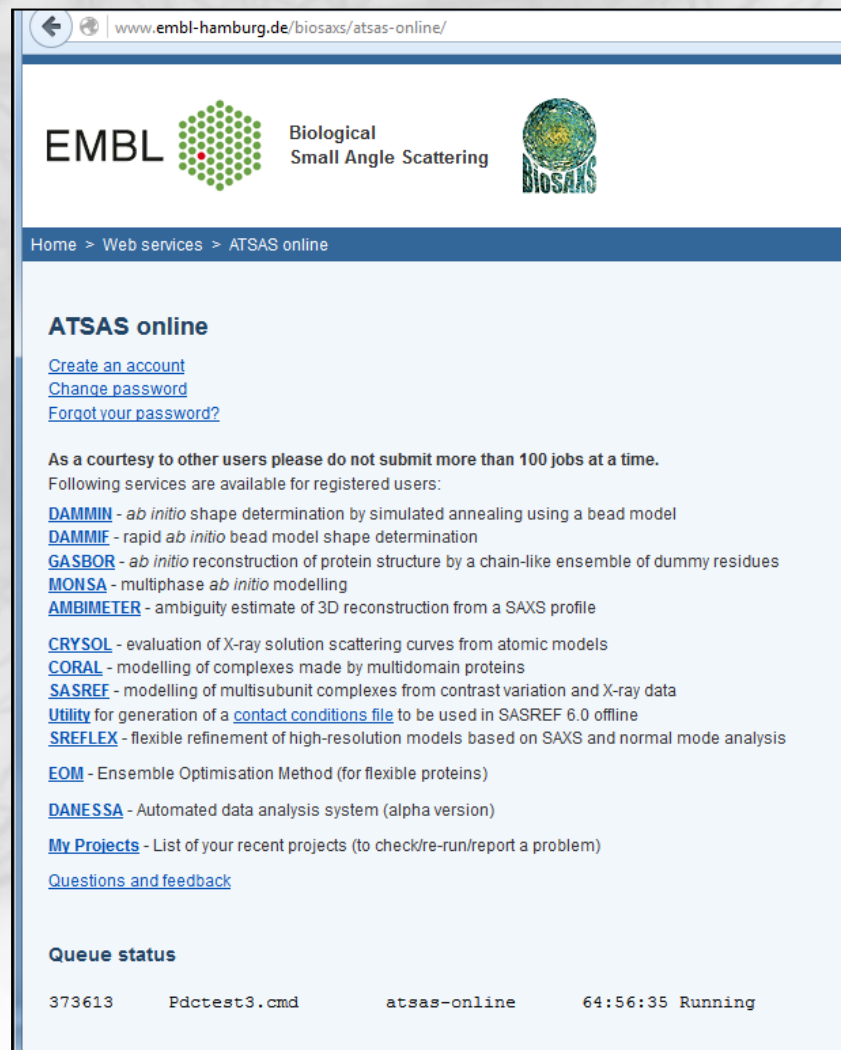
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CONCLUSION

- A scattering pattern can be calculated from atomic coordinates, thereby providing a link between crystal and solution work.
- Using SAXS patterns, *ab initio* methods can determine the shape of a molecule
- Rigid-body modeling allows one to propose models for complexes best fitting the data.
- Useful though limited structural information about flexible systems can be derived from SAXS data.



COMMENTS

- ✓ SAXS is at his best when it is used to distinguish between several preconceived hypotheses.
- ✓ Analysis and modeling require a monodisperse and ideal solution, which has to be checked independently.
- ✓ Otherwise :



IN

SAXS



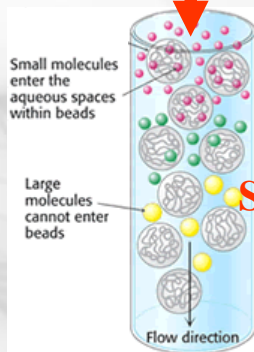
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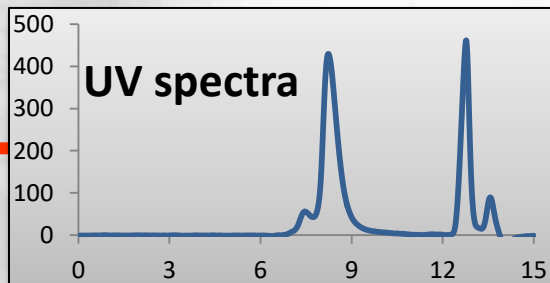
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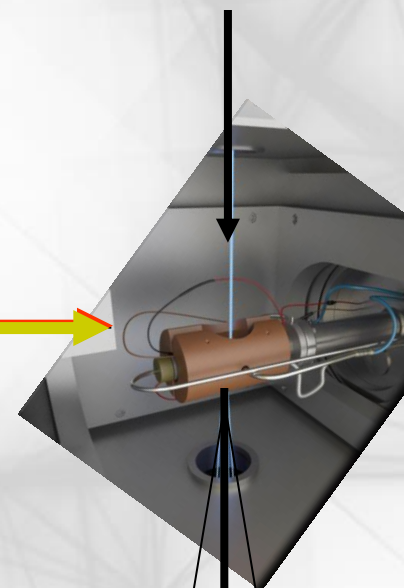


Size Exclusion

- Monodisperse solution
- Aggregation is eliminated
- Oligomeric conformations can be distinguished
- Equilibrium states can be transiently separated
- Perfect background subtraction
- Automatic concentration series



Incident X-ray



Detector

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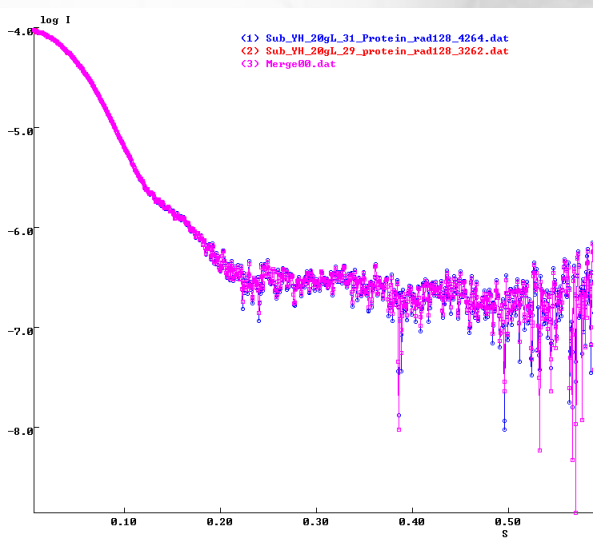
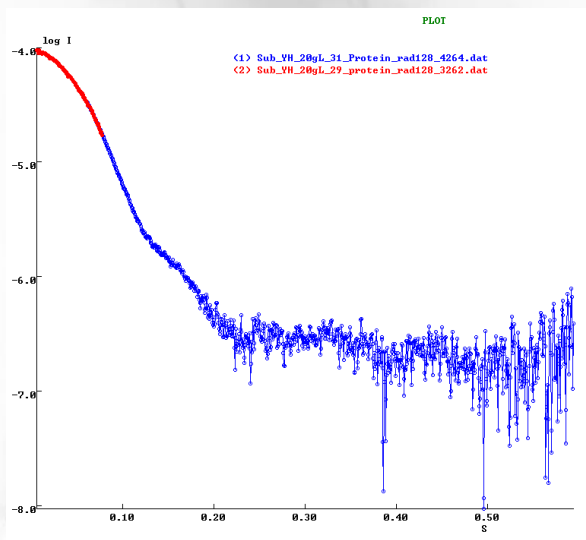
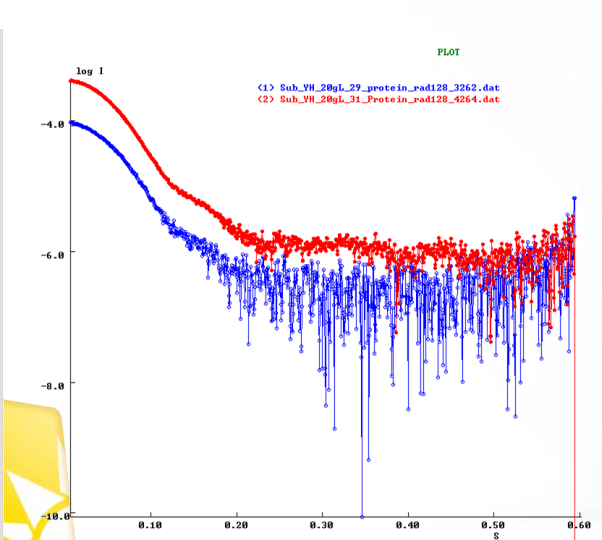
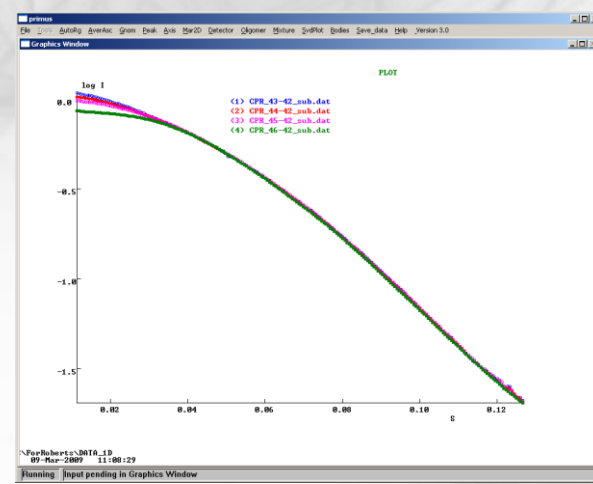
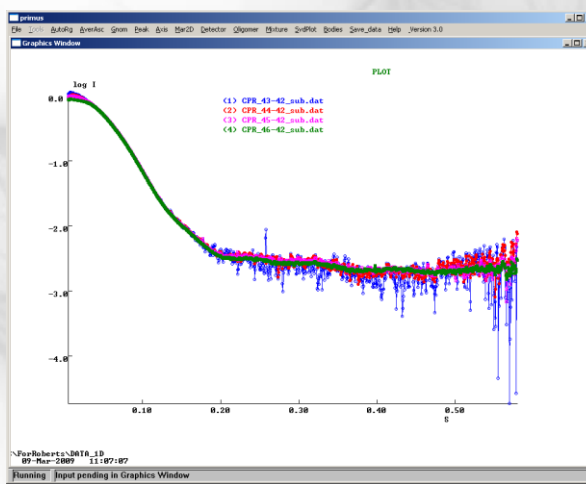
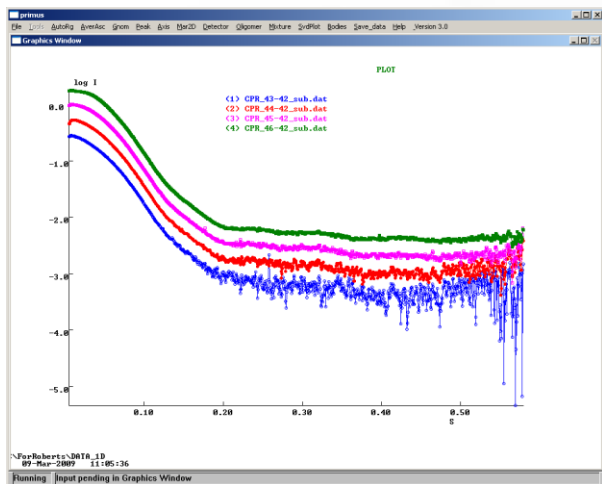
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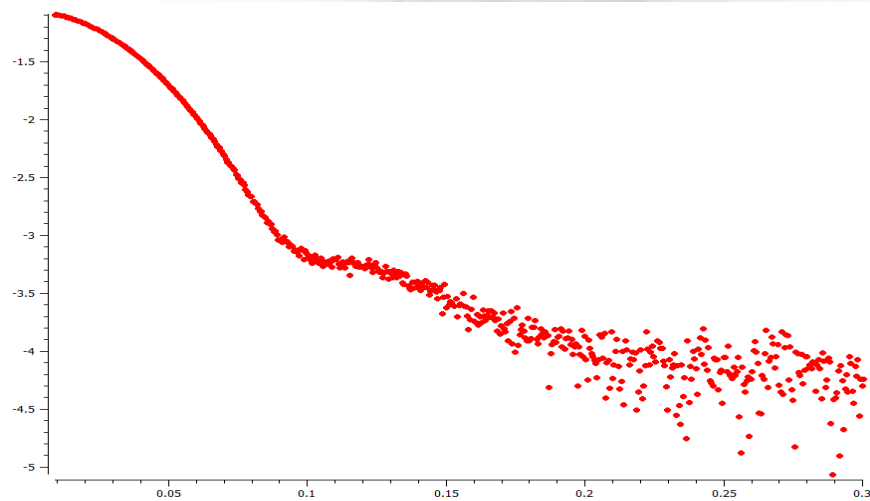
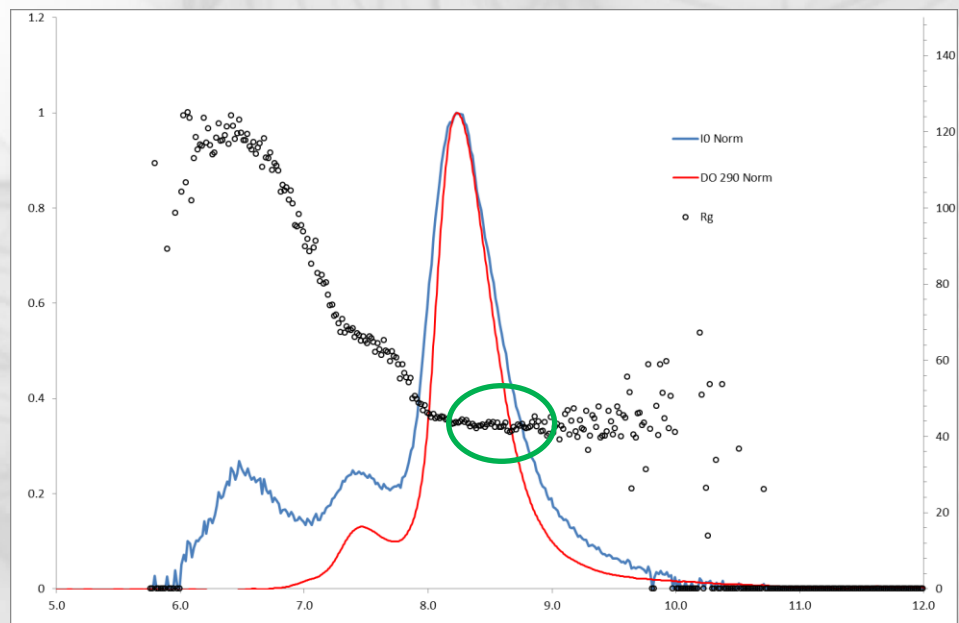
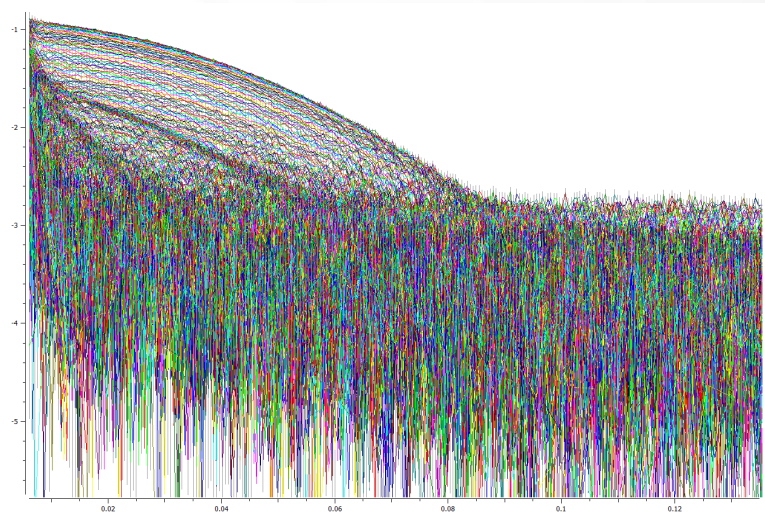
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- High rate (~ 2 minutes/sample)
- Check ideality



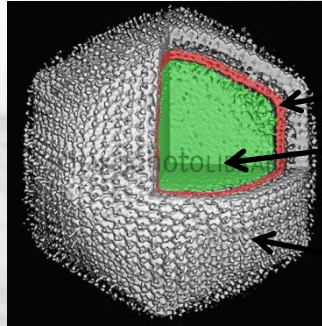
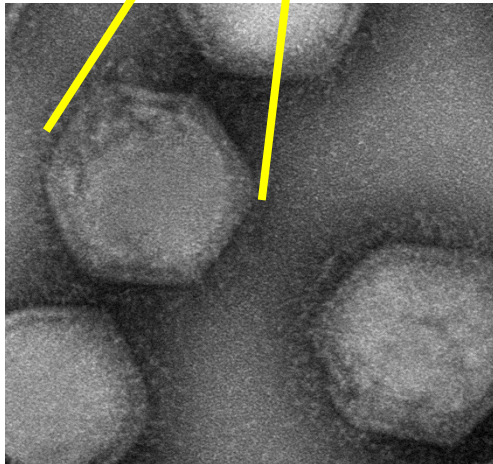
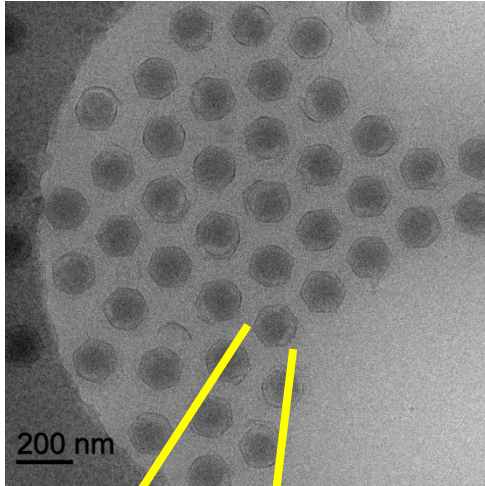




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Chilo Iridescent Virus (CIV)



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Lipid bilayer

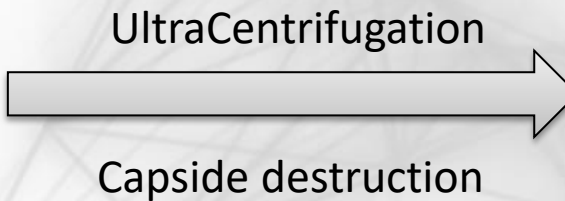
DNA + Protein

Capside:

Major Capsid Protein (MCP)

Protéines fibrillaires

Minor capsid proteins

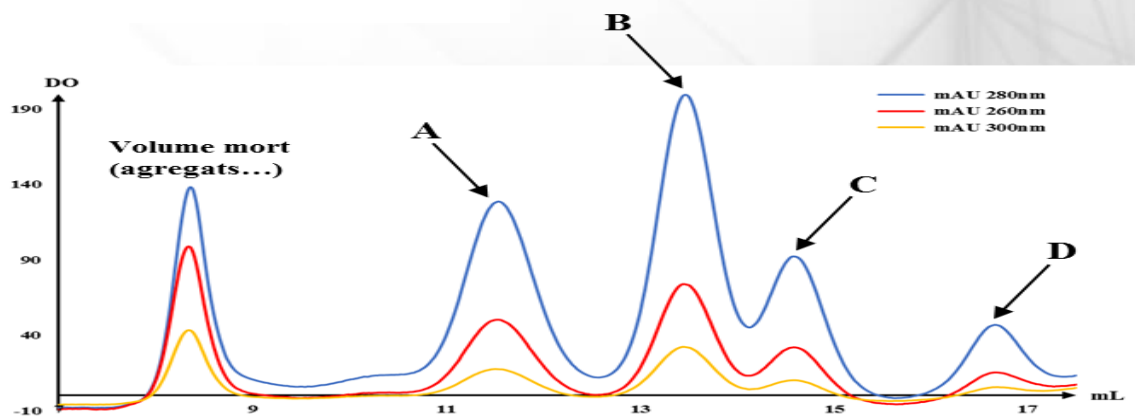


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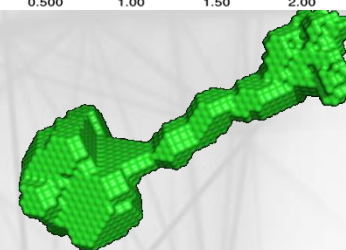
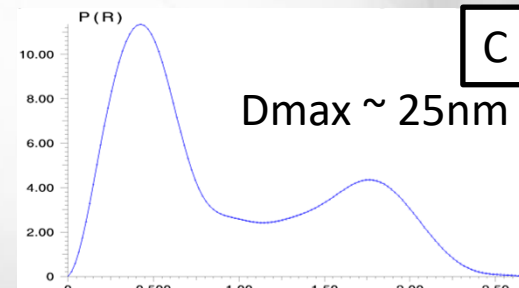
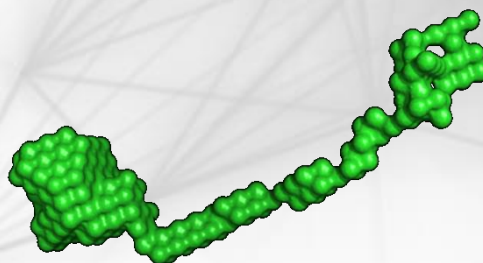
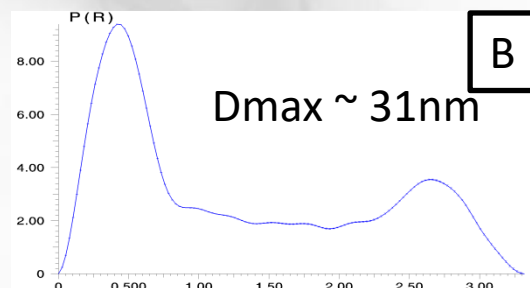
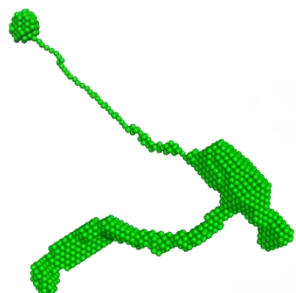
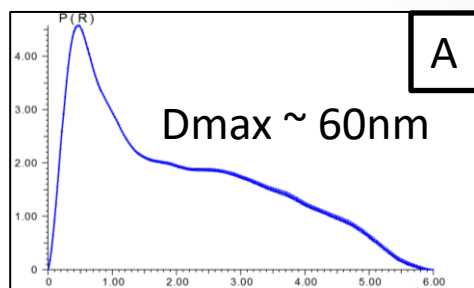
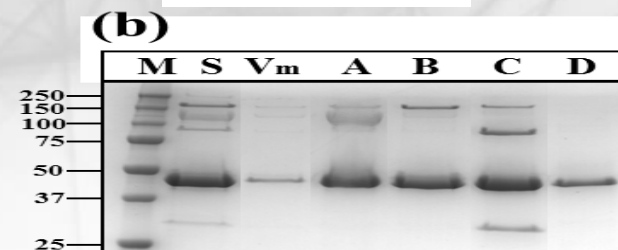
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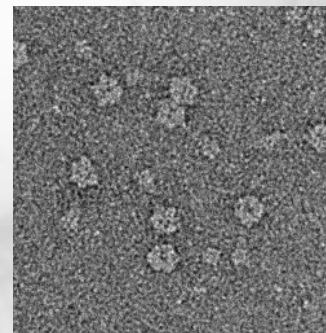
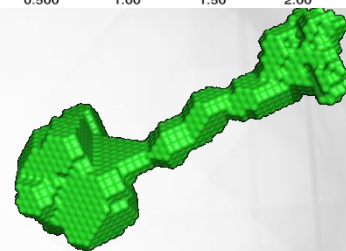
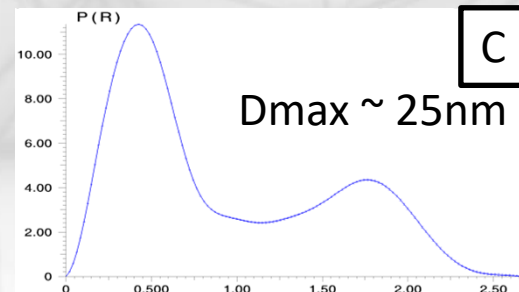
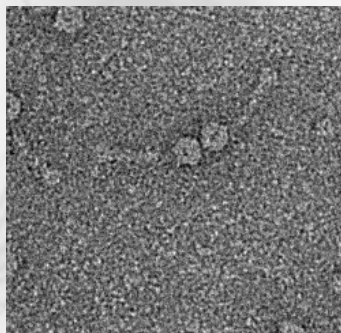
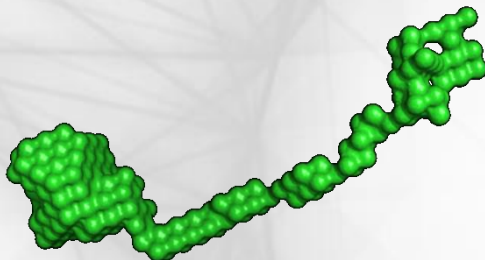
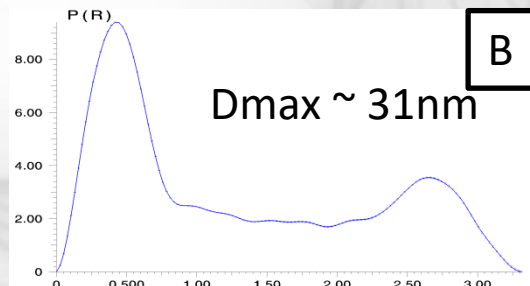
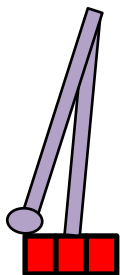
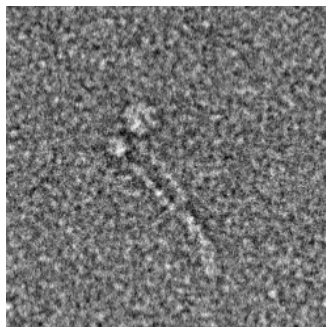
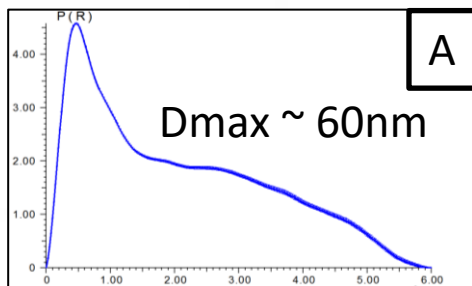
Gel filtration



SDS + mass spectrometry



Chilo Iridescent Virus (CIV)



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