

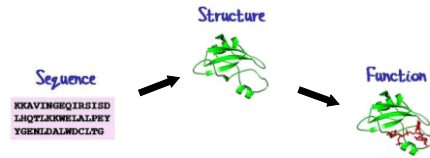
# Algorithmic robotics and Motion Planing

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Dynamic Maintenance of Kinematic Chains

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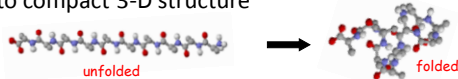
## Central Dogma of Molecular Biology



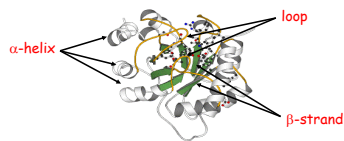
Understanding the 3-D structure of proteins is essential to understanding life

## Protein Folding

- Protein chain spontaneously collapses (folds) to compact 3-D structure

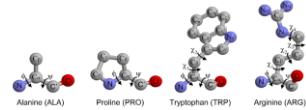


- Recurring structural elements:

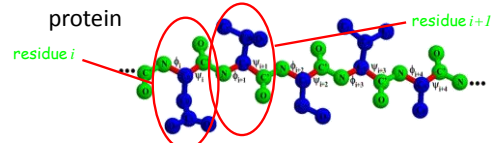


## Chain of Amino-Acids

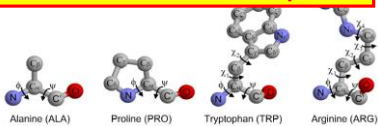
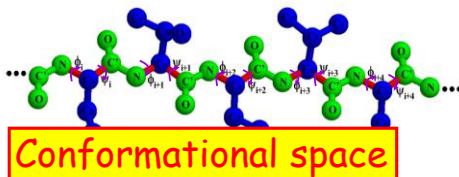
- 20 naturally occurring amino-acids



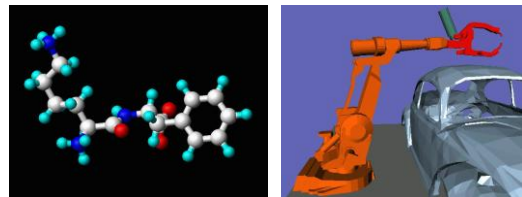
- The amino acids concatenate to form the protein



## $\phi$ - $\psi$ Kinematic Linkage Model



## Molecule $\approx$ Robot

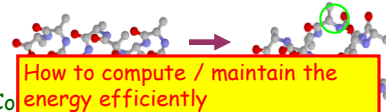


## Monte Carlo Simulation (MCS)

- Popular method for sampling the conformation space of proteins
- Used for
  - estimating thermodynamic quantities
  - searching for low-energy conformations and the folded structure

## MCS: How It Works

1. Perturb current conformation at random



2. Compute energy
3. Accept with probability:

$$P(\text{accept}) = \min \left\{ 1, e^{-\Delta E / k_B T} \right\}$$

[ $E$  - energy,  $k_B$  - Boltzmann's constant,  $T$  - temperature]

Requires  $\gg 10^9$  steps to sample adequately

## Energy Function

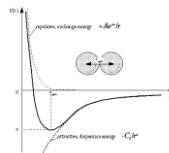
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## Non-Bonded Terms

- Energy terms go to 0 when distance increases
  - Cutoff distance (6 - 12Å)
- vdW forces prevent atoms from bunching up
  - Only  $O(n)$  interacting pairs [Halperin & Overmars, '98]



Challenge: find interacting pairs without enumerating all atom pairs?

## Finding Pairs

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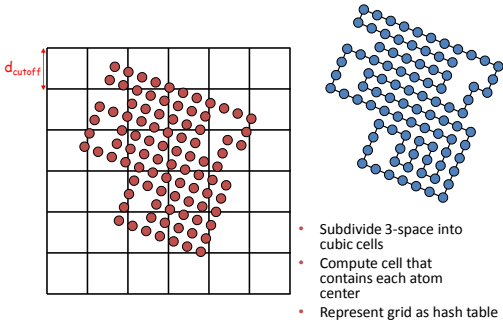
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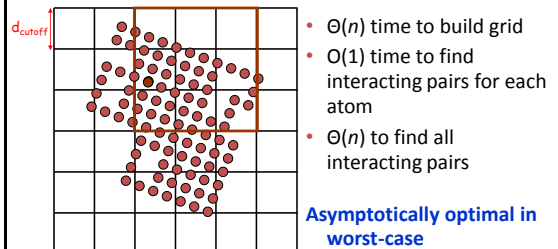
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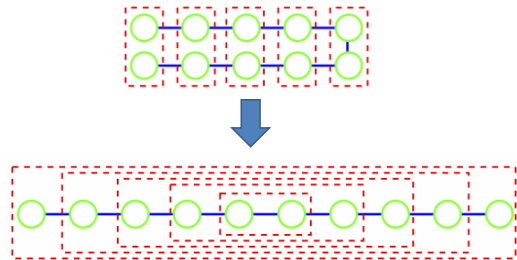


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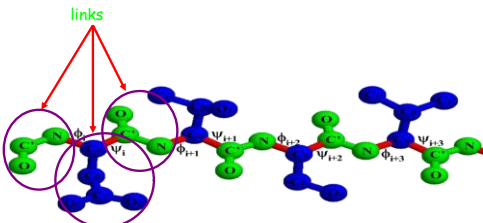
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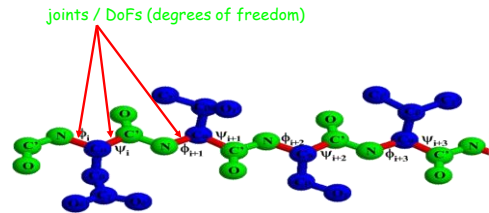
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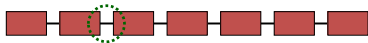


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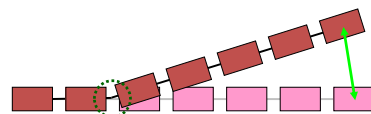
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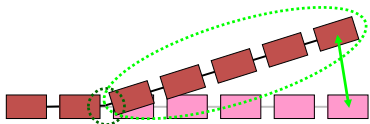
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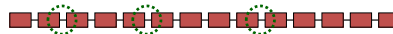
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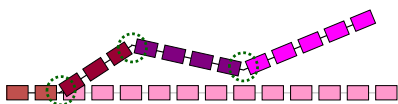
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### ChainTree: A tale of two hierarchies

- **Transform hierarchy:** approximates kinematics of protein backbone at successive resolutions
- **Bounding volume hierarchy:** approximates geometry of protein at successive resolutions

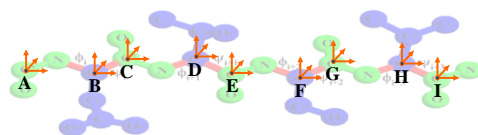
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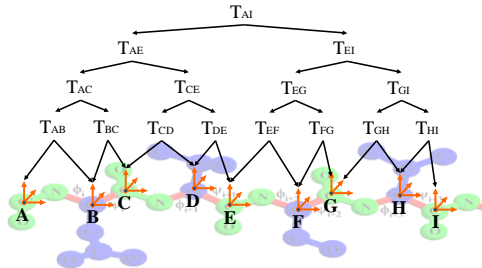
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Rigid Body Transform = Translation + Rotation

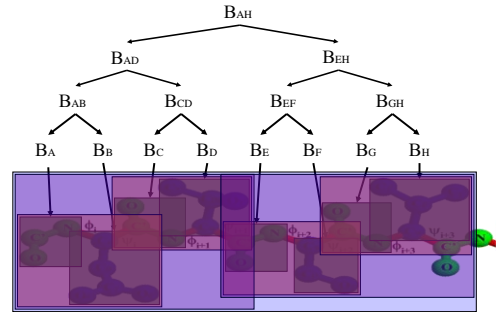
$$T = \begin{bmatrix} t_0 \\ t_1 \\ t_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{0,0} & r_{0,1} & r_{0,2} \\ r_{1,0} & r_{1,1} & r_{1,2} \\ r_{2,0} & r_{2,1} & r_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}$$



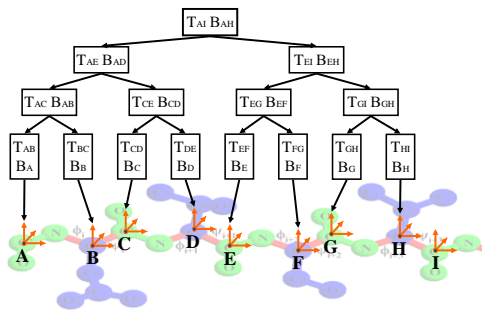
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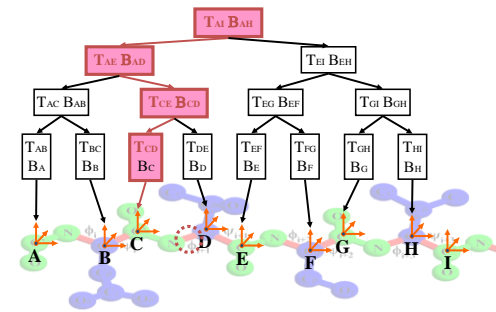
### Hierarchy of Bounding Volumes (BVs)



### The ChainTree



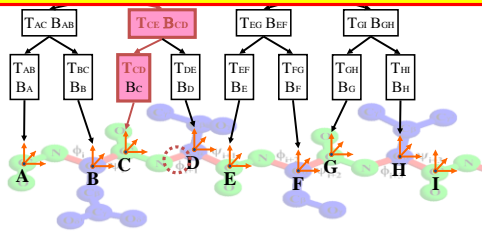
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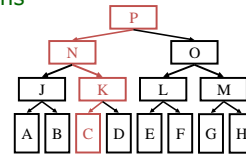
**Update path to root:**

- Recompute transforms that "shortcut" the DoF change
- Recompute BVs that contain the DoF change
- $O(k \log_2(n/k))$  work for  $k$  simultaneous changes



### Detecting Interactions

Recursively search ChainTree for interactions



Pruning rules:

1. Prune search when distance between bounding volumes is more than cutoff distance
2. Do not search inside rigid sub-chains (no marked node between the tested nodes)

## Computational complexity

- Updating:

$$O\left(k \log \frac{n}{k}\right)$$

- Searching:

$$\Theta\left(n^{\frac{4}{3}}\right) \text{ worst case bound}$$

Much faster in practice

## Proof

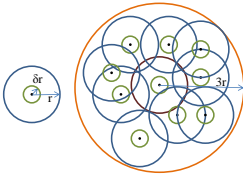
- Regularize the chain:
  - Replace all links by their bounding spheres
  - Make all sphere equal in size by growing smaller spheres
  - Further grow all links equally until each pair of consecutive links is in contact

No effect on complexity of the problem

## Proof

**Assumption:** Distance between link centers  $> \delta \cdot r$

**Proposition:** Each link overlaps at most M other links



At level  $i$ , replace  $r$  with  $2^i \cdot r$

$$M_i = 27 \cdot (2^i)^2 / q \quad 0 < q < 1$$

## Proof

$M_i$  is bounded by number of BVs at level  $i$

$$M_i \leq n/2^i$$

This bound is reached when  $i > 1/3 \log n$

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{1}{2} \log n} \left( \frac{27 \cdot 2^{2i}}{q} \right) \left( \frac{n}{2^i} \right) + \sum_{\frac{1}{2} \log n}^{\log n} \left( \frac{n}{2^i} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{27n}{q} \left( 2n^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1 \right) + \frac{4}{3} \left( n^{\frac{4}{3}} - 1 \right) \\ &= O\left(n^{\frac{4}{3}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

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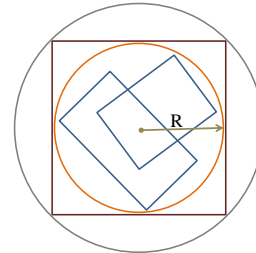
This bound holds as long as each BV at level  $i$  can be enclosed by sphere of radius  $c \cdot 2^i r$

We still need to show this is true for the ChainTree BVs

We will prove the existence of  $c$  by induction

## Proof

**Lemma:** given two OBBs inside sphere of radius  $R$ , their OBB fits inside a sphere of radius  $\sqrt{3} \cdot R$



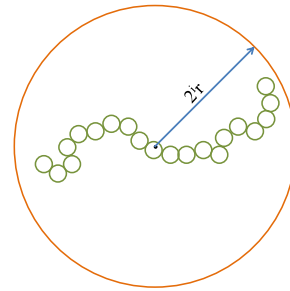
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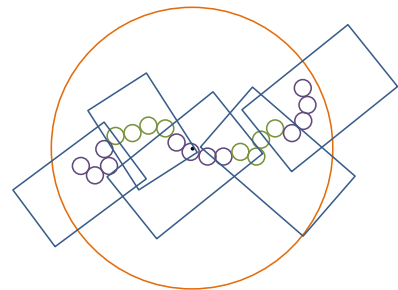
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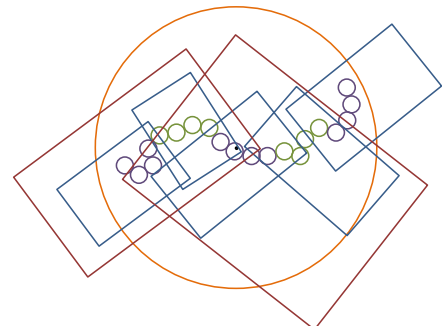
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$$(2^i r + 2c \cdot 2^{i-5} r) \cdot \sqrt{3}^5 \leq c \cdot 2^i r$$

$$\left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}^5} - \frac{1}{16} \right)^{-1} \leq c$$

$$c = \max \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}^5} - \frac{1}{16} \right)^{-1}, c_1 \right\}$$

## Proof

- We have shown  $O(n^{4/3})$
- Still need to prove  $\Omega(n^{4/3})$
- Construct a chain configuration where bound is achieved

## Proof

Each **link** is a sphere of radius  $r$

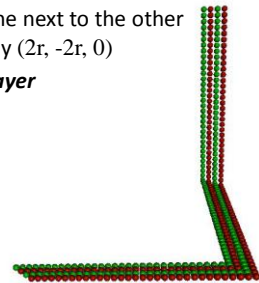
- Place  $d$  **links** along x-axis (starting at origin)
- Place  $d$  **links** parallel to y-axis
- Place  $d$  **links** parallel to z-axis

This constitutes a **unit**

## Proof

- Place  $d/8$  **units** one next to the other each translated by  $(2r, -2r, 0)$

This constitutes a **layer**

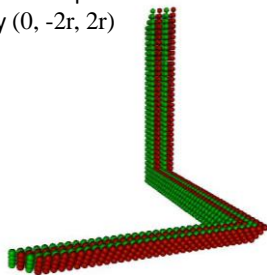


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- Place  $d/8$  **layers** one on top of the other translated by  $(0, -2r, 2r)$

This is the **chain**

$$\begin{aligned} n &= \frac{d}{8} \text{ layers} \\ &= \frac{d^2}{64} \text{ units} \\ &= \frac{3d^3}{64} \text{ links} \\ &= O(d^3) \end{aligned}$$



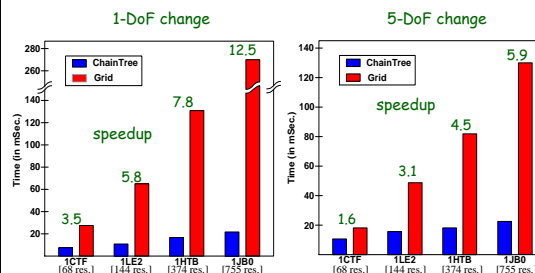
## Proof

- The point  $(2(d-1)r, (d-1)r, \frac{1}{4}(d-1)r)$  is contained inside convex hull of each **unit**
- There is a level in BVH where each **unit** has its own BV
- At this level all BV pairs intersect
- We have  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d^2}{64} \right) \left( \frac{d^2}{64} - 1 \right)$  overlaps:  $\Omega(n^{4/3})$

## Experimental Setup

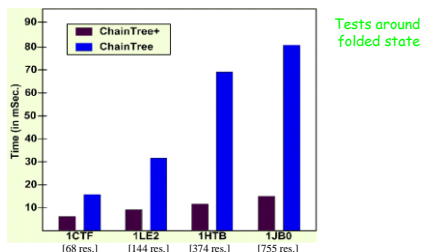
- Energy function:
  - Van der Waals
  - Electrostatic
  - Attraction between folded-state contacts
  - Cutoff at 12Å
- 300,000 steps MCS with Grid and ChainTree
- **Steps are the same with both methods**
- Early rejection for large vdW terms

## Test



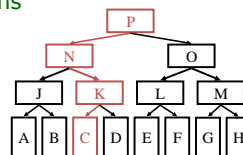
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- 1<sup>st</sup> pass: small cutoff distance to detect steric clashes  
2<sup>nd</sup> pass: normal cutoff distance



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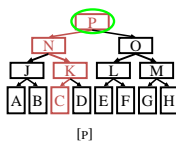
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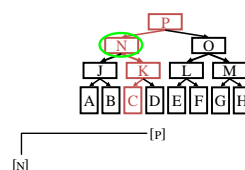
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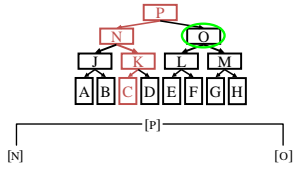
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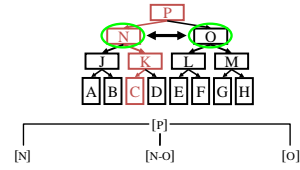
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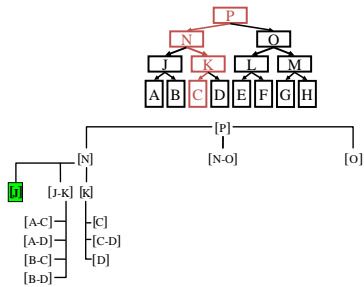
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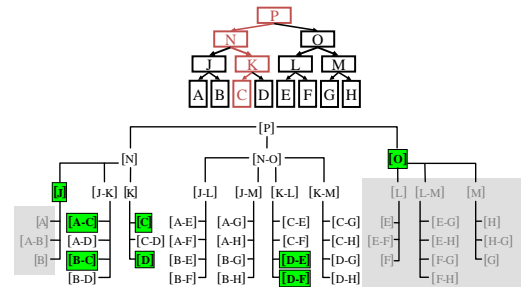
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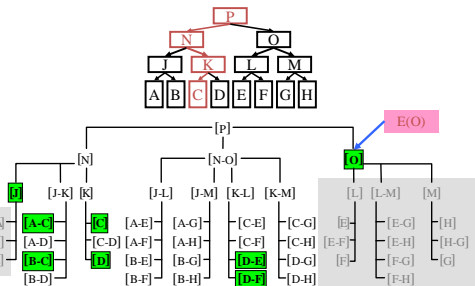
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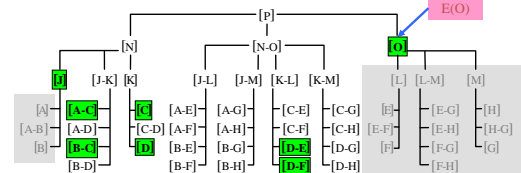


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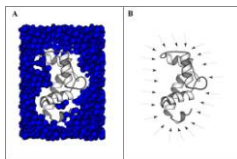


### Computing the Energy

### The Energy Tree



## Extension: Interaction with Solvent



- Implicit solvent model: solvent as continuous medium, interface is solvent-accessible surface

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