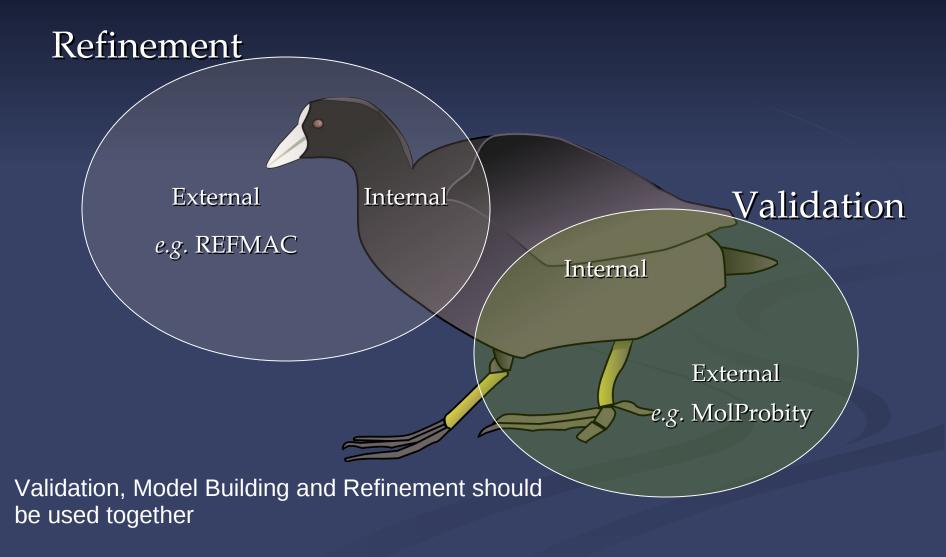


# Model-Building with Coot

Hints & Tips

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## Feature Integration



## Real Space Refinement

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- Major feature of Coot
  - Gradient minimizer (BFGS derivative)
  - Based on mmCIF standard dictionary
  - Minimizing bonds, angles, planes, non-bonded contacts, torsions, chiral volumes
  - link\_list and chem\_link data items
- Provides "interactive refinement"
- •Different minimizer to Refmac...
  - Chi squareds

Refinement has been extended in several ways...

## Refinement "Traffic Lights"

"Traffic Lights" represent the chi-squared values for each of the refined geometry types







**Bad** refinement

## Real Space Refinement (technical note)

- Auto-Zone mechanism
  - The "A" key:
  - Typically have a range of 3 residues to refine, with the middle of the 3 at the centre of the screen
  - Click central atom and "A" key to start the refinement
  - No need to click 2 atoms away from centre

## Refinement Techniques

- Auto-zone
- Single-Atom Drag
- Sphere Refinement
- Key-bindings:
  - Triple Refine
  - Single Residue Refine with Auto-accept
- Ramachandran Refinement
- Coming Soon..?
  - Wii Refinement











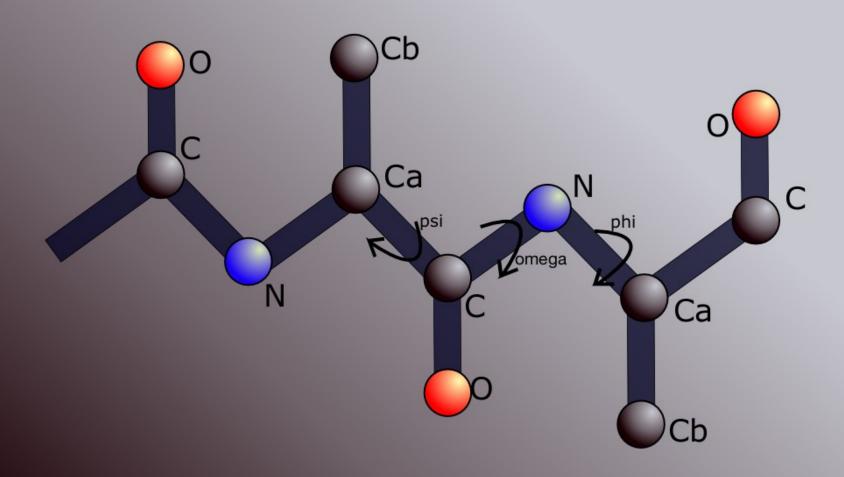
## "Sphere" Refinement

- Given an "Active" Residues
  - (The one at the centre of the screen)
  - Fine a sphere of residues around it and use them all for refinement
    - NOT just a linear selection
  - Residues from different chains (or different parts of the same chain) interact
  - Make CYS-CYS or glycosylation links as you find them
    - Use the group and link\_list chem\_link in the dictionary

#### Ramachandran Restraints

- Scenario:
  - I have a loop, with poor density, I know the atoms are there somewhere and I want to provide a "reasonable" model
- Controversial Feature?
  - Ramachandran Plots have been used for "validation" - but here we are deliberately optimizing them
- Ramachandran Plots can be added to the geometry target function

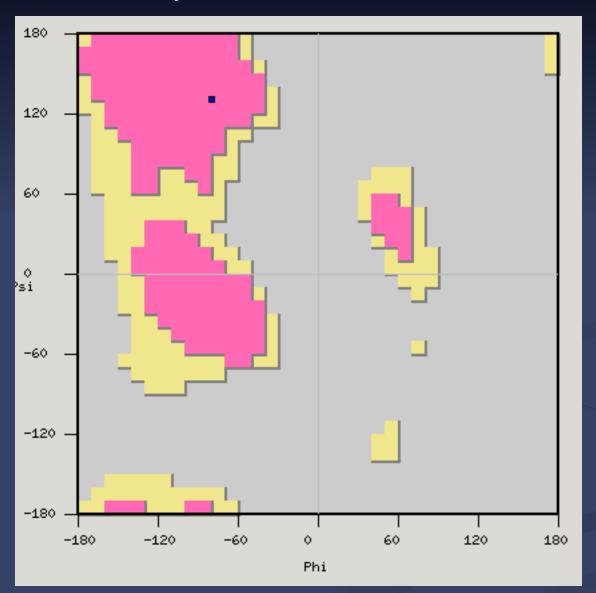
#### Peptide Torsion Angles



#### Ramachandran Distributions

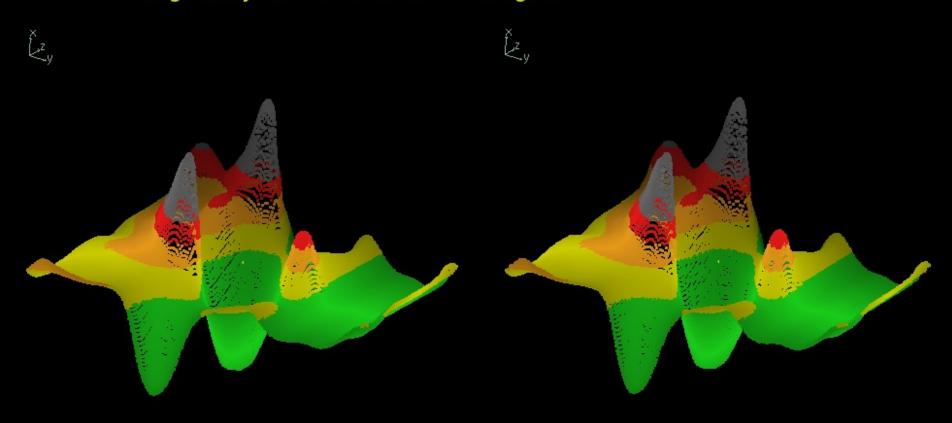
- Using Cowtan distribution only included currently
  - Log-likelihood, "negatively enhance disallowed"
  - Secondary-structure-type independent

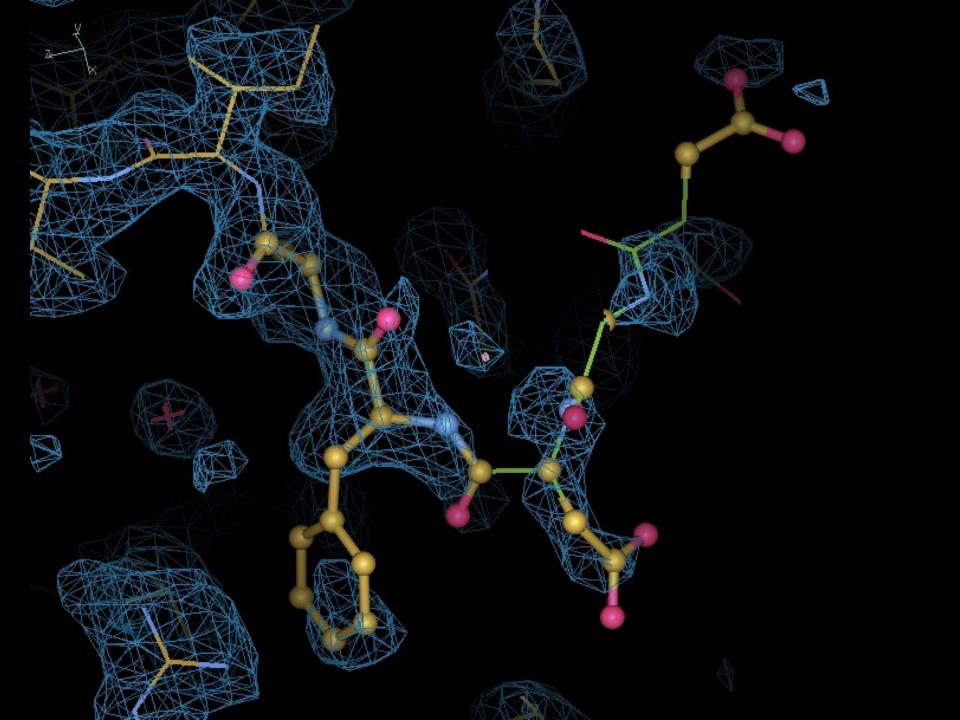
## Conventional Ramachandran Plot As Rendered by Coot



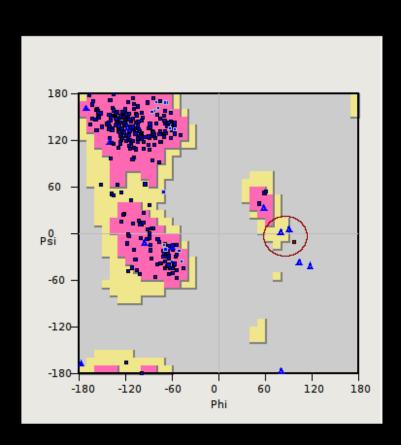
Based on Richardsons "Top500"

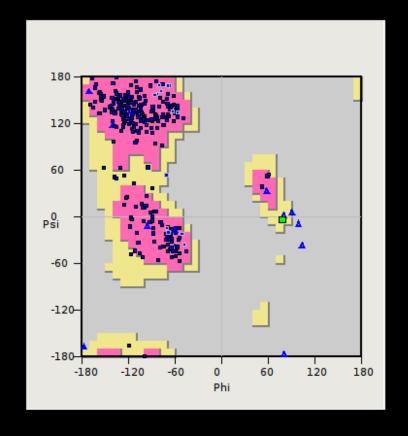
#### Negatively enhanced disallowed regions



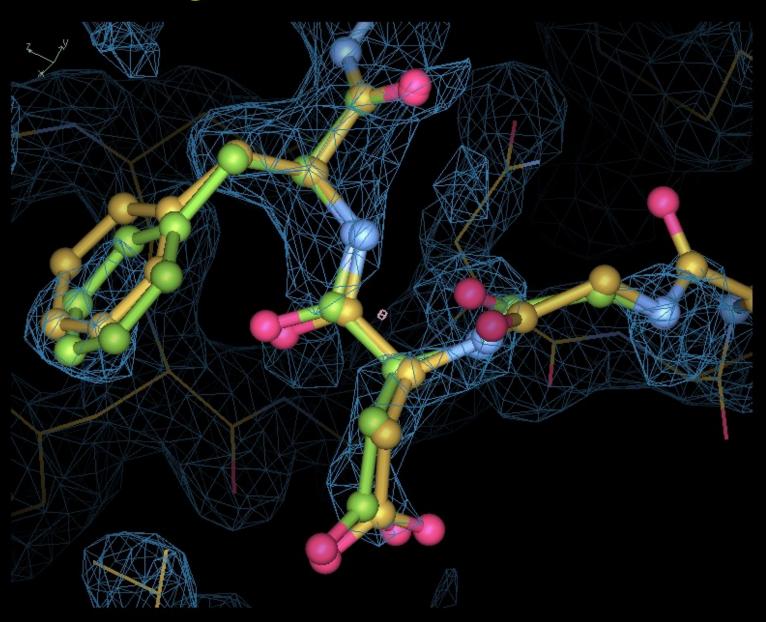


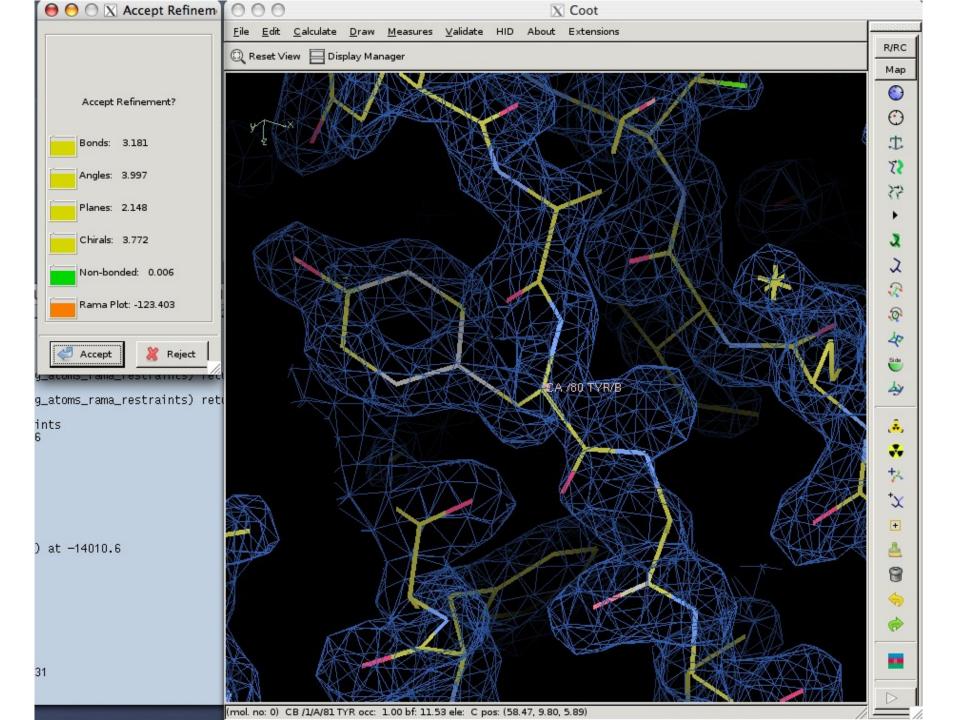
#### Tweaking a Ramachandran Outlier

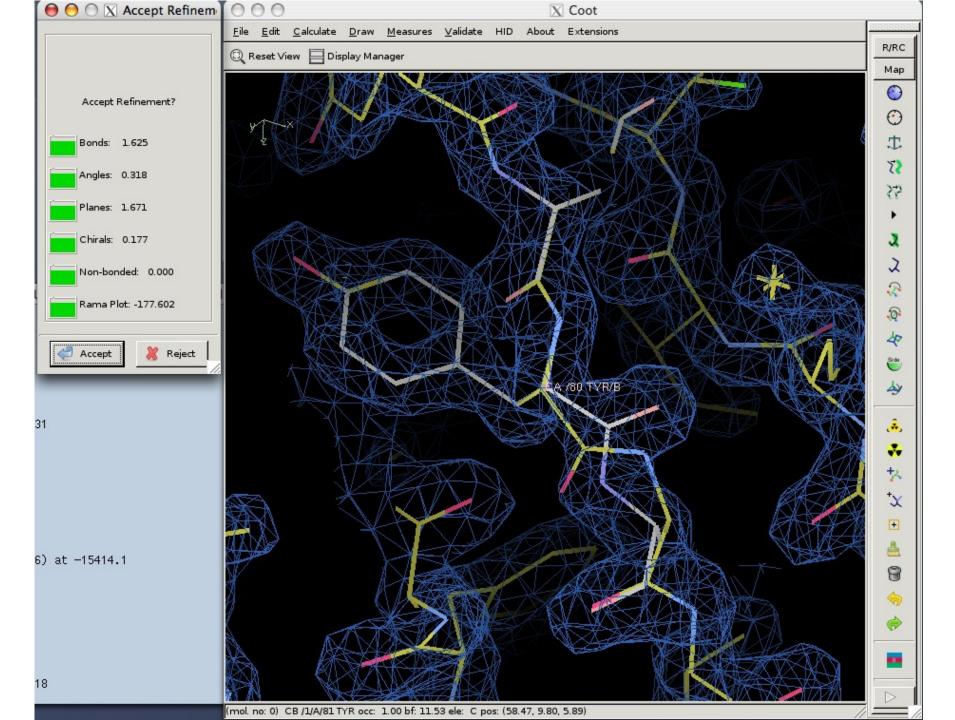


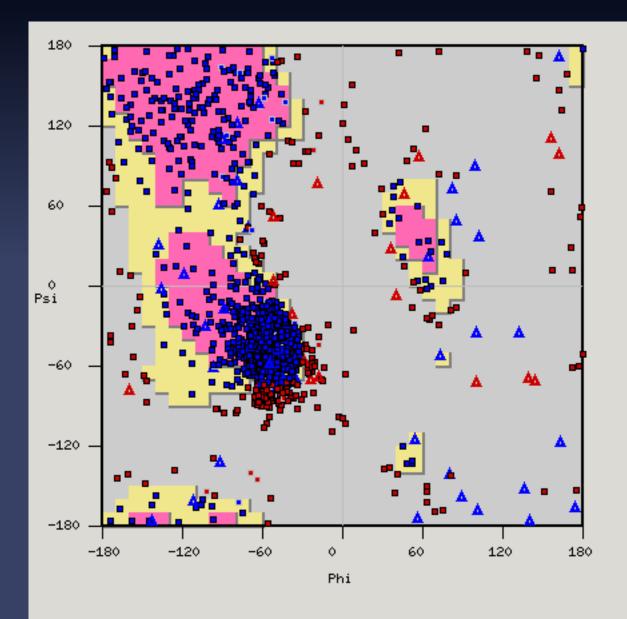


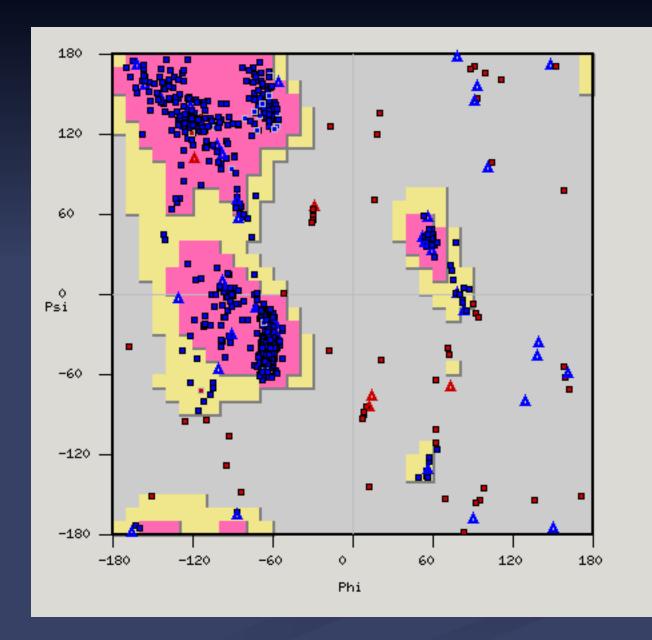
#### Tweaking Phi and Psi







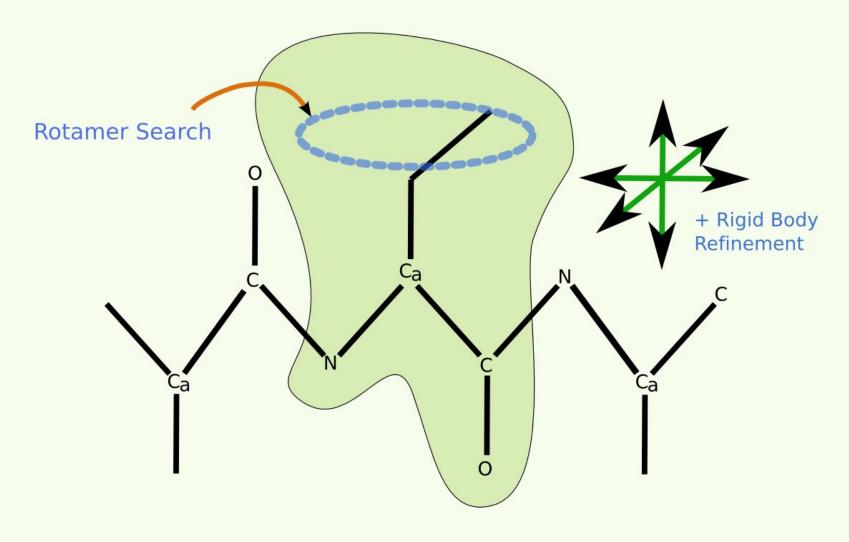




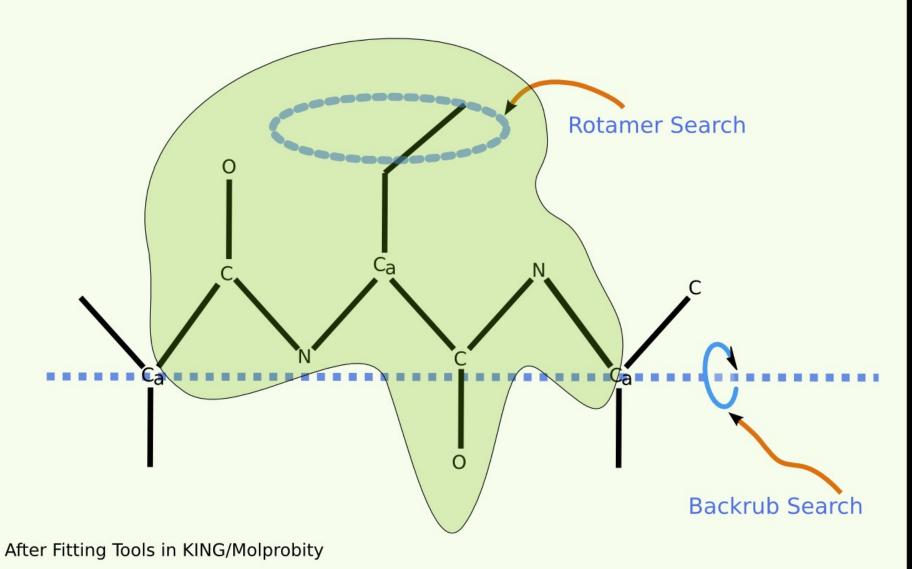
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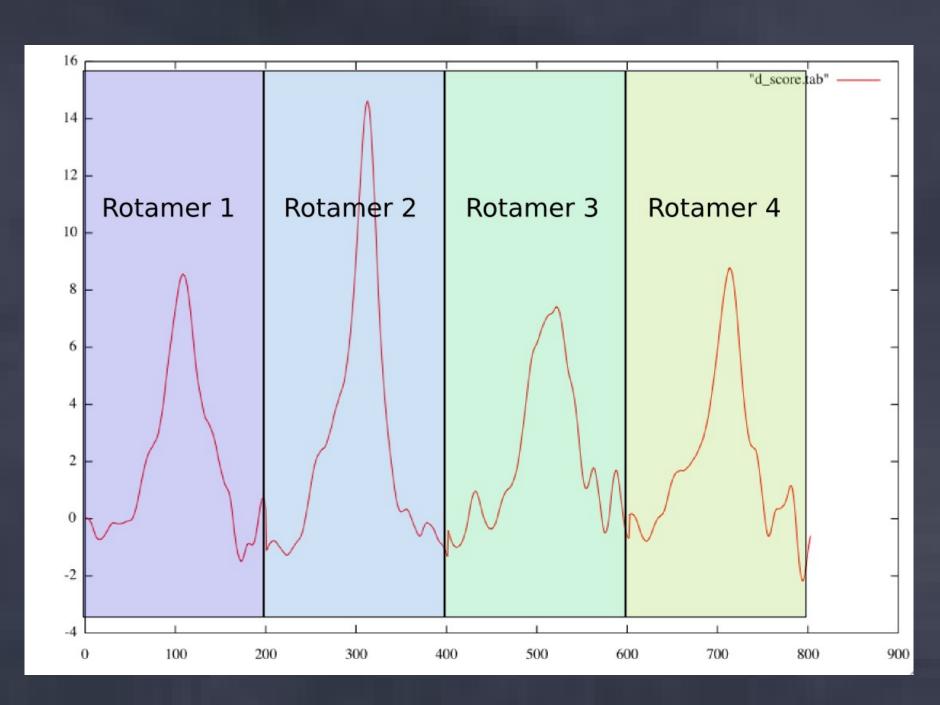
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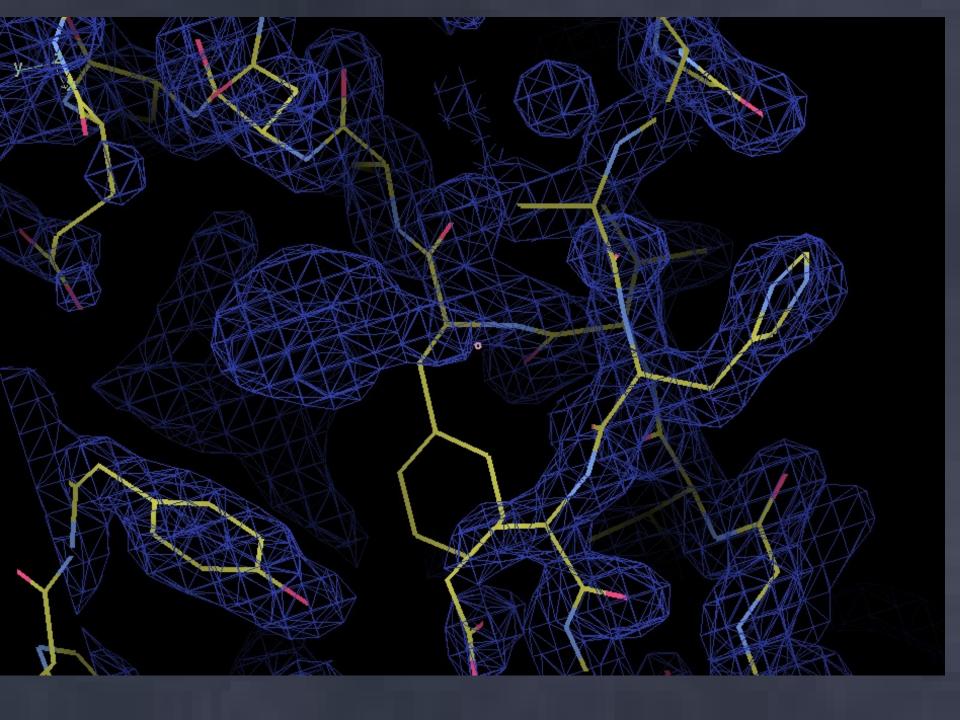
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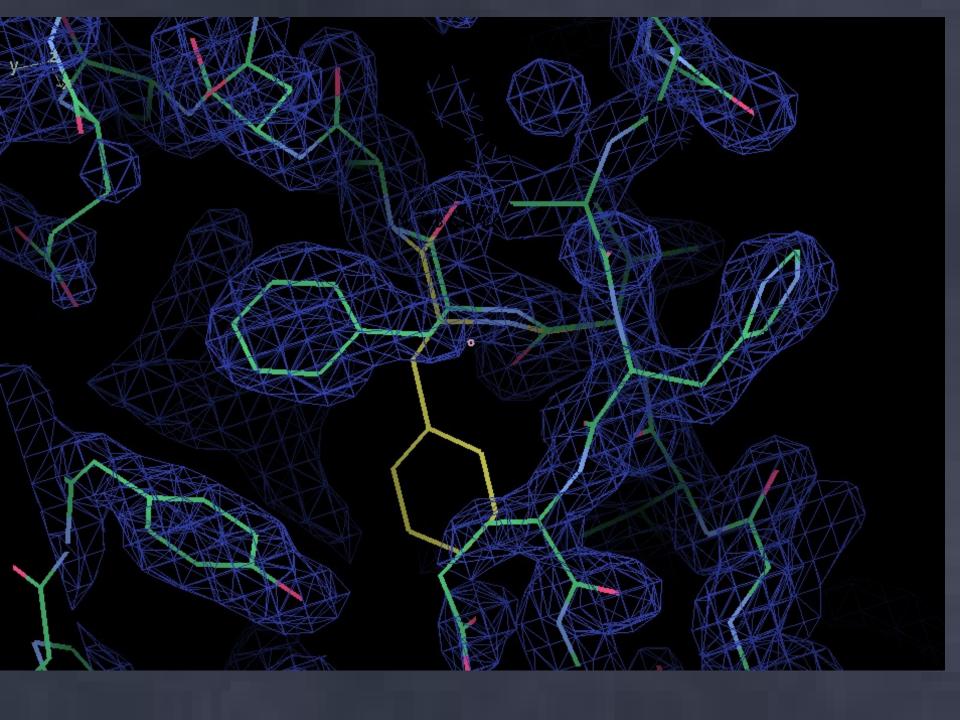


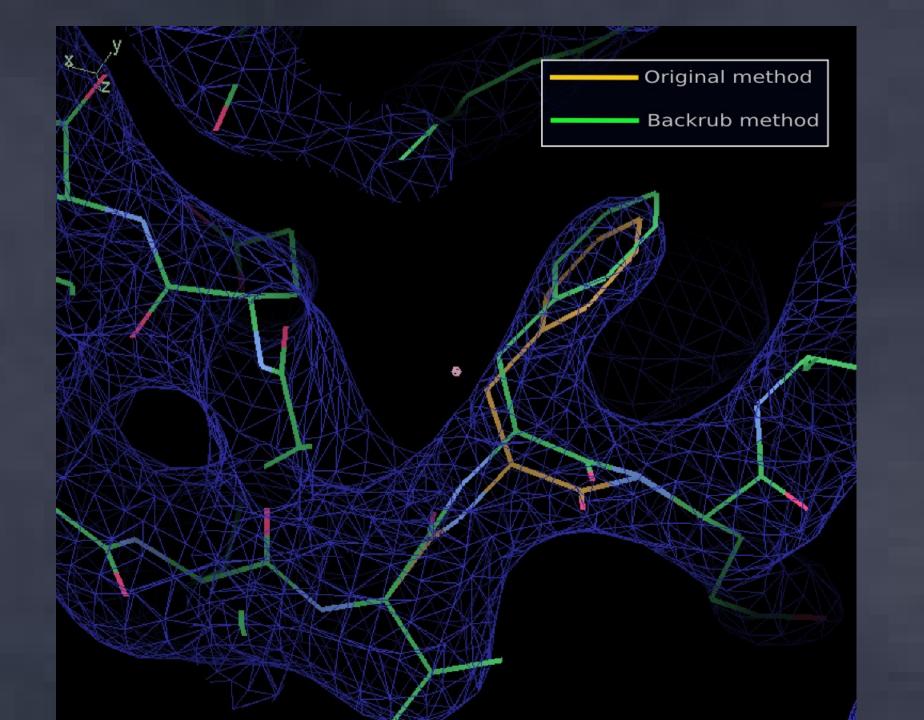
#### New Low Resolution Rotamer Search











## "Ease of Use" vs "Easy to Learn"

#### "Ease of Use" fights back!

- Any function can be bound to a key
  - Allows for personalization/customization
- Here's how you do it:
- (add-key-binding name key function)
- Makes Coot easy to use
  - (but harder to learn)
- See Coot Wiki for more details

## Example Keybindings

- (add-key-binding "Refine Active Residue AA" "x" refine-active-residue)
- (add-key-binding "Refine Active Residue" "r" (lambda () (manual-refine-residues 0)))
- (add-key-binding "Triple Refine" "t" (lambda () (manual-refine-residues 1)))
- (add-key-binding "Triple Refine AA" "h" (lambda () (refine-active-residue-triple)))

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