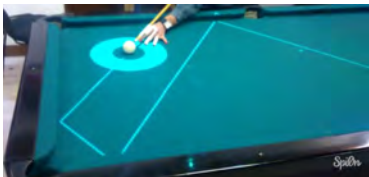


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Overall perspective

- ▷ **When is a well-posed computer science/modeling problem solved?**
 - ▶ Intrinsic difficulty understood
 - ▶ (Almost) Optimal algorithms available
- ▷ **Strategy:**
 - ▶ Identify computationally tractable problems
 - ▶ Approximability is the issue, not NP-hardness
 - ▶ Develop efficient algorithms
 - ▶ Bias on the geometric/combinatorial side
 - ▶ Develop the corresponding software
 - ▶ Software: large research instrument
- ▷ **Structure, thermodynamics, kinetics:** will these problems get solved ?

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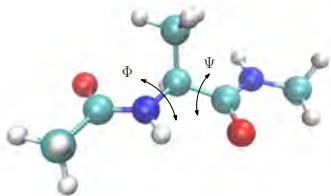
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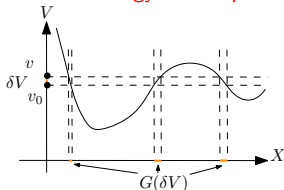
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- ▶ Potential energy:

$$V_{\text{total}} = V_{\text{bonded}} + (V_{\text{vdw}} + V_{\text{electro}})$$

- ▶ Potential energy landscape:



- ▶ Density of states (DoS) for $A \subset X$:

- ▶ For any $v_0 < v$:

$$G([v_0, v]) = \int_A 1_{[v_0, v]}(V(x)) dx$$

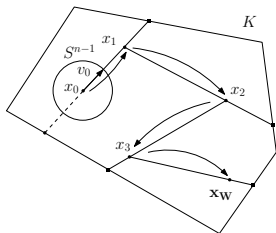
- ▶ Partition function for $A \subset X$ from DoS:

$$Z_A(T) = \int_A e^{-\beta v} dG(v)$$

- ▶ **Nb:** DoS calculation: volume calculation in phase space

Polytope volume calculations

- ▷ **Problem statement:** design effective algorithms to estimate the volume of high dimensional polytopes (dim. $\in [100 \dots 1000]$)

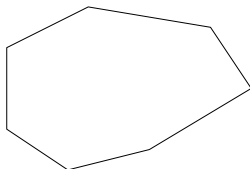


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Volume of polytopes: hardness, randomized algorithms



▷ **Hardness:** no polynomial time algorithm with approx factor $(cd/\log d)^d$ – unless P=NP

▷ **ε -approximation of the volume:** for any parameter $\varepsilon > 0$, a number V

$$(1 - \varepsilon)\text{Vol}(K) \leq V \leq (1 + \varepsilon)\text{Vol}(K).$$

▷ **(ε, δ) -approximation algorithm:** algorithm returning an ε -approximation with a probability at least $1 - \delta$.

▷ **Complexity, the $O^*(n)$ otation:**

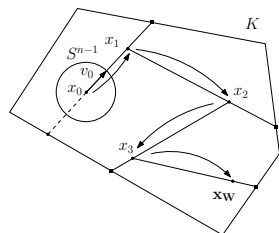
▶ $O(d^4)$: upper bound as a function of the dimension d

▶ $O^*(d^4)$: term in $\log d, \varepsilon, \delta$ removed; focus on the dimension solely

▷Ref: Cousins, Vempala, SIAM J. Comp., 2018

Random walk: hit-and-run

- ▷ Goal: sample point in K according to a prescribed density f
- ▷ (Random-direction) hit-and-run: random point x_W after W steps



- ▷ Iteratively:
 - ▶ pick a random vector
 - ▶ move to random point on the chord $l \cap K$, chosen from the distribution induced by f on l
- ▷ Comments:
 - ▶ risk of being trapped near a vertex
 - ▶ large W helps *forgetting* the origin x_0

- ▷ Thm (Berbee et al) The limit distribution induced by HR is uniform in K .
- ▷ Thm (Vempala et al) HR can be modified to sample an isotropic Gaussian (restricted to K).
- ▷ Thm (Lovász) Let r and R denote the radii of the largest inscribed and circumscribed balls for K . One sample generation: $O^*(d^3)$.

▷ NB: precise statement in terms of total variation distance omitted

▷ Ref: Berbee et al, Math. Prog., 1987

▷ Ref: Lovász, Math. Prog. Ser. A, 1999

Randomized algorithms: complexity

- ▶ Volume estimated using a sequence of isotropic Gaussians:

$$\text{Vol}(K) = \int_K f_0(x) dx \frac{\int_K f_1(x) dx}{\int_K f_0(x) dx} \cdots \frac{\int_K dx}{\int_K f_{m-1}(x) dx} \equiv \int_K f_0(x) dx \prod_{i=1, \dots, m} R_i \quad (1)$$

- ▶ Cooling schedule i.e. sequence of Gaussians f_0, \dots, f_m :

- ▶ f_0 : sharply peaked in K
- ▶ f_m : uniform distribution i.e. $a_m = 0$

- ▶ **Thm.** For a convex body K given by a membership oracle, and such that $B \subset K \subset RB$, an (ε, δ) -approximation can be obtained in time

$$O\left(\frac{d^4}{\varepsilon^2} \log^9 \frac{n}{\varepsilon \delta} + d^4 \log^8 \frac{n}{\delta} \log R\right) = O^*(d^4) \quad (2)$$

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A practical algorithm: outline

▷ Method:

- ▶ multi-phase Monte-Carlo using $m = O(\sqrt{d})$ logconcave functions $\{f_0, \dots, f_{m-1}\}$,
 - ▶ $f_i(x) \propto e^{-a_i^T x}$ or $f_i(x) \propto \exp(-a_i \|x\|^2)$
- ▶ At each step: estimate $r_k \approx \int_K f_k(x) dx / \int_K f_{k-1}(x) dx$

Volume(K, ε): Convex body K , error parameter ε .

- $T = \mathbf{Round}(\text{body: } K, \text{ steps: } 8n^3)$, set $K' = T \cdot K$.
 - $\{a_0, \dots, a_m\} = \mathbf{GetAnnealingSchedule}(\text{body: } K')$.
 - Set x to be random point from $f_0 \cap K'$, $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon / \sqrt{m}$.
 - For $i = 1, \dots, m$,
 - Set $k = 0, x_0 = x, \text{converged} = \text{false}, W = 4n^2 + 500$.
 - While $\text{converged} = \text{false}$,
 - $k = k + 1$.
 - $x_k = \mathbf{HitAndRun}(\text{body: } K, \text{ target distribution: } f_{i-1}, \text{ current point: } x_{k-1})$.
 - Set
- $$r_k = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{f_i(x_j)}{f_{i-1}(x_j)}.$$
- Set $W_{max} = \max\{r_{k-W+1}, \dots, r_k\}$ and $W_{min} = \min\{r_{k-W+1}, \dots, r_k\}$.
 - If $W_{max} - W_{min} \leq \varepsilon' / 2 \cdot W_{max} \rightarrow \text{converged} = \text{true}$.
 - Set $R_i = r_k, x = x_k$.
 - Return $\text{volume} = |T| \cdot (\pi/a_0)^{n/2} \cdot R_1 \dots R_m$.

Piecewise deterministic Markov processes (PDMP)

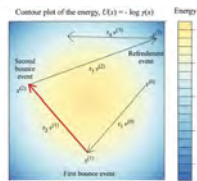
the non-reversible Bouncy Particle Sampler (BPS)

▷ **Notations:** state space (position, velocity): $z = (x, v) \in E = \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$.

▷ **PDMP z_t :** a continuous time

Markov process defined by:

1. a deterministic flow $\phi_t(z)$,
2. function determining the length of steps: jump kernel $\lambda(z)$
3. a jump kernel in phase (x, v) space: $q(\cdot|z)$



▷ **BPS:** PDMP to sample a distribution $\pi(x)$ in \mathbb{R}^d using piecewise linear trajectories bouncing on high energy level set surfaces

1. Linear trajectories: $\phi_t(x, v) = (x + tv, v)$,
2. Arrival time of 1D inhomogeneous Poisson process of intensity $\lambda(x, v) = \max(0, -\langle \nabla_x(\log \pi)(x), v \rangle)$,
3. $q(\cdot|z)$: reflection w.r.t. the gradient of the potential:

$$(x, v') = \left(x, v - 2 \frac{\langle v, \nabla_x(\log \pi)(x) \rangle}{\|\nabla_x(\log \pi)(x)\|^2} \nabla_x(\log \pi)(x) \right) \quad (3)$$

4. +Refresh of velocity to ensure ergodicity

▷ Ref: Doucet et al, Stats. and probability letters, 136, 2018

Extension: BPS on a bounded domain – a polytope

▷ Example BPS trajectory in the 2d cube $[-1, 1]^2$:

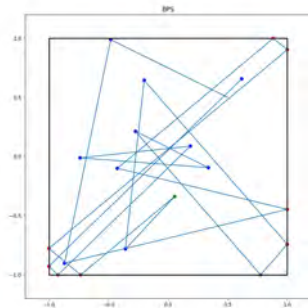
▷ Three types of events:

- ▶ PDMP events: as usual
- ▶ Reflexions on the boundary

$$v' = v - 2 \frac{\langle n, v \rangle}{\|n\|^2} n, \quad (4)$$

- ▶ Refresh events: velocity resampled from isotropic normal distribution

▷ Numerics: lazy update of linear algebra operations



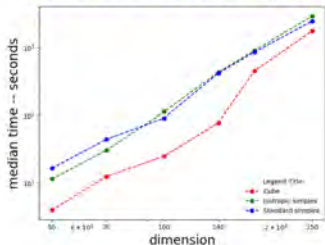
Blue: PDMP jump events, Red: reflections on the boundary, Green: refresh events

Nb: $\pi(x)$: Gaussian of variance $\sigma = 1$.

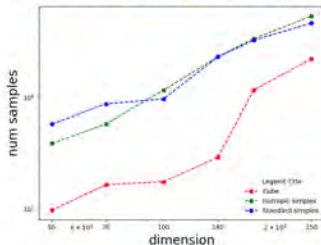
PDMP to compute volumes of polytopes: experiments

- ▷ **Complexity:** $C = O(d^c)$, dimension up to $d = 250$
- ▷ **Protocol:** find the smallest number of samples so that the estimated volume is within $err\%$ from the exact value

log(median time) versus log(dim)



log(num samples) versus log(dim)



- ▷ Linear regression in log log scale for the three polytopes:

model	Time		Num. samples	
	slope	R^2	slope	R^2
cube	3.77	0.96	1.94	0.88
Δ_{iso}	3.52	1.00	1.72	0.99
Δ_{std}	3.18	0.99	1.37	0.96

Computing volumes and DoS: outlook

- ▶ Polytopes: very efficient algorithms, provably correct
- ▶ Beyond polytopes: three classes of questions
 - ▶ Designing cooling schedules
 - ▶ Mixing times of RW – related to the conductance of the Markov chains i.e. narrow passages
 - ▶ Sample generation – beyond line-segments

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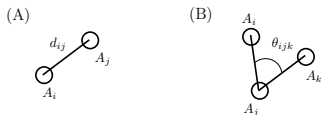
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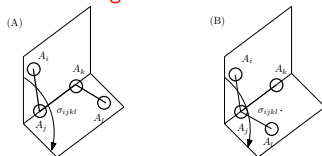
Geometric models: Cartesian and internal coordinates

▷ Cartesian versus internal coordinates: $\{x_i, y_i, z_i\}_i$ versus $\{d_{ij}, \theta_{ijk}, \sigma_{ijkl}\}$

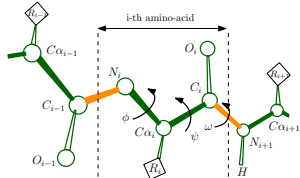
▷ Bond length and valence angle



▷ Dihedral angles



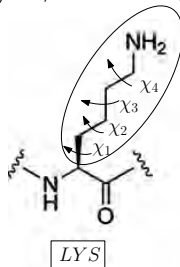
▷ Protein backbone



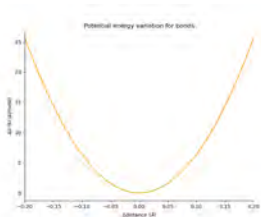
Ramachandran diagram, per a.a. type:

▶ bivariate distribution for (ϕ, ψ)

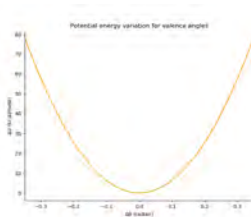
▷ Side chain: 20 natural amino acids
Exple: Lysine, 4 dihedral angles



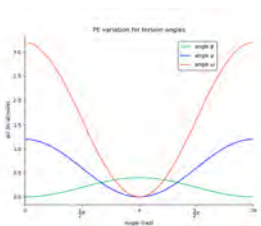
Softness of Internal coordinates –force constants from CHARMM 36



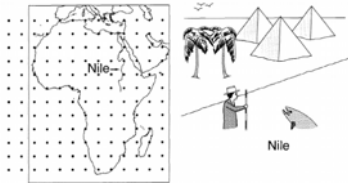
Bonds: $\delta d_{ij} \sim .2\text{\AA} : \Delta V \sim 20\text{kcal/mol}$



Valence angles: $\delta \theta_{ij} \sim 10^\circ : \Delta V \sim 20\text{kcal/mol}$



Torsion angles: $\Delta V \sim 3 - 4\text{kcal/mol}$

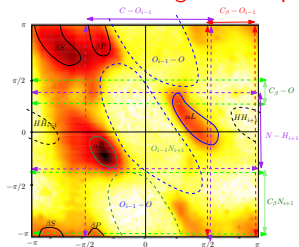


Quadrature vs importance sampling
(Frenkel and Smit, 2002)

⇒ Dihedral angles are indeed *soft* coordinates

The Ramachandran diagrams

▷ Ramachandran diagrams and populated regions

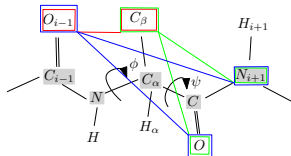


- ▶ Main regions: $\alpha L, \alpha R, \beta S, \beta P$
- ▶ Three prototypical diagrams
 - ▶ Glycine
 - ▶ Proline
 - ▶ Others – e.g. Aspartic acid

▷ Distance constraints and the Ramachandran tetrahedron

$$C1: C_{\beta} - O_{i-1} \quad C2: C_{\beta} - O + C_{\beta}N_{i+1}$$

$$C3: O_{i-1} - O + O_{i-1}N_{i+1}$$

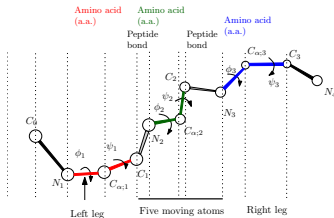


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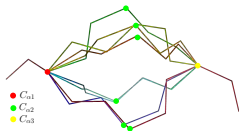
The Tripeptide loop closure – TLC

- ▷ **TLC:** for 3 amino acids, fix all internal coordinates BUT the $(\phi_i, \psi_i)_{i=1,2,3}$ angles

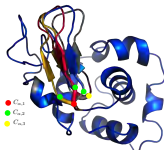


⇒ Find all possible values $(\phi_i, \psi_i)_{i=1,2,3}$ compatible with the fixed internal coordinates

- ▷ **Theorem:** at most 16 solutions



3 consecutive a.a.



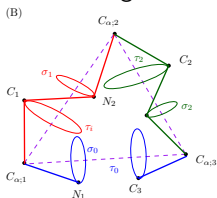
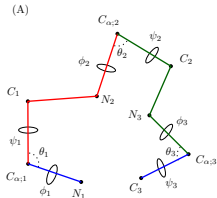
3 a.a. sandwiching SSE-CDRs

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TLC model: from six to three angles

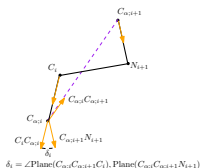
▷ Motions of the 3 rigid bodies: 6 angles



Nb: indices mod(3), e.g., $\sigma_0 = \sigma_3$

▷ ... which are actually three

$$\sigma_i = \tau_i + \delta_i. \quad (5)$$



▷ Key ingredients of TLC:

- ▶ Initially: six dihedral angles $\{(\phi, \psi)\}_{i=1,2,3}$
- ▶ Then: three pairs $\{\delta_i, \tau_i\}$
- ▶ Finally: three angles τ_i

▷ The valence angle constraints: the θ_i angles at the $C_{\alpha;i}$ s must remain constant.

⇒ It is the coupling introduced by the θ_i angles onto the rotation angles τ_i yields a degree 16 polynomial.

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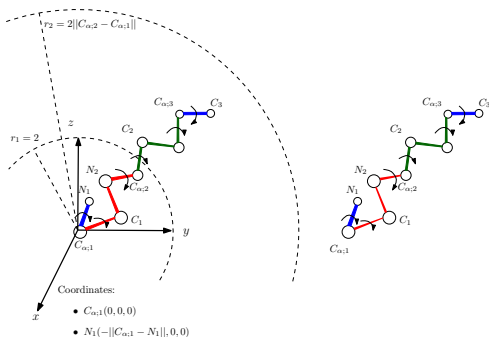
TLC with moving legs and embeddable tripeptides

▷ Geometric model:

- ▶ Tripeptide such that : left leg $N_i C_{\alpha;i}$ fixed, right leg $C_{\alpha;i+2} C_{i+2}$ free to move
- ▶ Six dihedral angles $\{\phi_i, \psi_i\}$ free

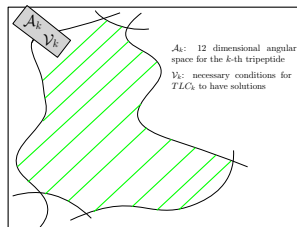
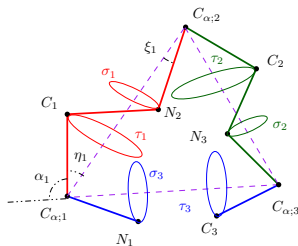
▷ **Question:** provide necessary conditions on the position of the first and last segment—the **legs**, for the Tripeptide Loop Closure (TLC) algorithm to hold solutions.

▷ **Nb:** the relative position of legs suffices; in that case, position + orientation of $C_{\alpha;i+2} C_{i+2}$ yields a 5-dim search space.



TLC: necessary conditions on the existence of solutions

▷ **TLC problem for a tripeptide** – say T_k : degree 16 polynomial parameterized by 12 angles defining the space $\mathcal{A}_k = \{\alpha_{k,i}, \eta_{k,i}, \xi_{k,i-1}, \delta_{k,i-1}\}, i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$.



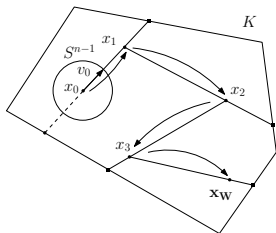
▷ **Contribution:** necessary conditions for TLC to admit solutions

- ▶ Based on the 12 angles in \mathcal{A}_k
- ▶ Defined by 24 hyper-surfaces in \mathcal{A}_k
- ▶ These hyper-surfaces: curved walls for Hit-and-Run

▷ Ref: O'Donnell, Cazals; J. Comp. Chem., 2023

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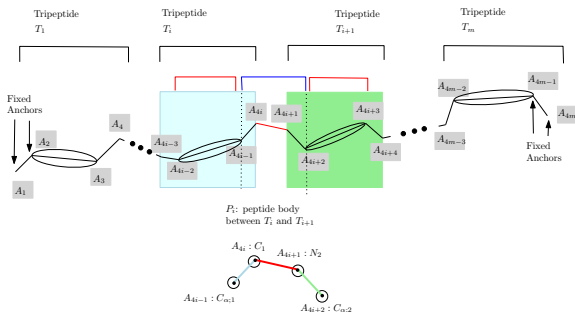
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Global geometric model

- ▶ Loop studied L : $M = 3 \times m$ amino, m tripeptides: $L = T_1, \dots, T_m$
- ▶ Loop decomposition: rigid peptide bodies and their complements

$$L = P_0 T_1' P_1 \dots P_{k-1} T_k' P_k \dots P_{m-1} T_m' P_m. \quad (6)$$

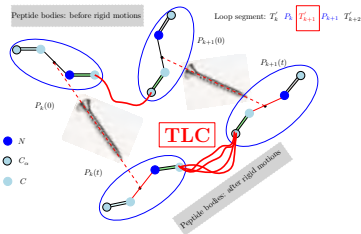


▶ Parametric space:

- ▶ For one peptide body: $SE(3) = SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^3$
- ▶ For one tripeptide: solution space of TLC... except that
 - ▶ The angular parameterization of TLC $\{\alpha, \xi, \eta, \delta\}$: depends on $SE(3) \times SE(3)$ since the left and right legs come from P_{i-1} and P_{i-1}

Loop sampling: spaces involved and solution sketch

- ▶ Loop decomposition into: rigid peptide bodies and tripeptides cores

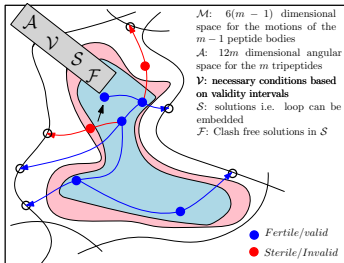


$$L = P_0 T'_1 P_1 \dots$$

$$P_k T'_{k+1} P_{k+1} \dots$$

$$P_{m-1} T'_m P_m.$$

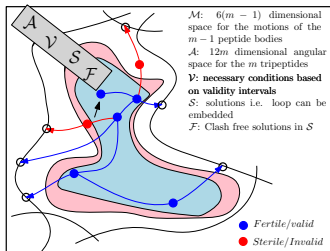
- ▶ Random sampling of loop conformations using Hit-and-Run:



- ▶ Aim: perform rejection sampling in a region V containing all valid loop geometries.
- ▶ How: with Hit-and-Run in a domain characterizing necessary conditions – cf validity intervals

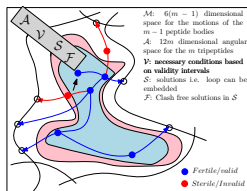
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- ▶ **Global parameterization of the conformational space of the loop:** based on rigid bodies associated with peptide bonds
 - ▶ \mathcal{M} : motion space for the $m - 1$ peptide bodies, essentially $(SE(3))^{m-1}$
 - ▶ \mathcal{A} : $12m$ -dimensional angular space coding the geometry of tripeptides
 - ▶ \mathcal{V} : domain bounded by hyper-surfaces corresponding to Validity Constraints Necessary Constraints for TLC to admit solutions
 - ▶ \mathcal{S} : the fertile space, where TLC admits one solution for each tripeptide
 - ▶ \mathcal{F} : clash free solutions in \mathcal{S} for $\{N, C_\alpha, C, O, C_\beta\}$ pairs
- ▶ **Number of solutions:** $\prod_i(\text{num solutions tripeptide } i)$



Validity domain for the whole chain L with m tripeptides

- ▷ **Angles τ :** $3m$ angles τ (3 for each tripeptide)
- ▷ **Recap per angle τ :**
 - ▶ For one angle: at most 4 Depth One Validity Intervals (DOVI)
 - ▶ For each DOVI: 2 sub-manifolds of \mathcal{A}_k defined by the previous equations; yields (at most) 8 sub-manifolds in \mathcal{A}_k .
- ▷ **For one tripeptide:** 3τ angles \Rightarrow 24 constraint surfaces in the 12 dimensional angular space \mathcal{A}_k .
- ▷ **For the whole loop:** total of $24m$ constraint surfaces.



Algorithms and parameters

- ▶ **Unmixed loop sampler** $ULS_{One|All;N_{ES}}^{N_V;N_{OR}} [p_0]$:
 - ▶ *One|All* a flag indicating how many solutions are retained at each embedding step,
 - ▶ N_{ES} the number of embedding steps,
 - ▶ N_V the number of random trajectories followed in motion space,
 - ▶ N_{OR} the output rate (the number of steps in-between the ones where conformations get harvested),
 - ▶ p_0 : the starting configuration.
- ▶ **Mixed loop sampler** $MLS_{One|All;N_{ES}}^{N_V;N_{OR}} [p_0]$: every other step, the loop is shifted by 1 or 2 units to also sample the peptide bodies.

Loops sampling: ϕ , ψ and ω

- ▶ Typical values of the torsion angle ω :
 - ▶ SSE?
 - ▶ loops?

Loops sampling: ϕ , ψ and ω

▶ Typical values of the torsion angle ω :

- ▶ SSE? $\pi \pm 2 - 3^\circ$
- ▶ loops? $\pi \pm 15^\circ$

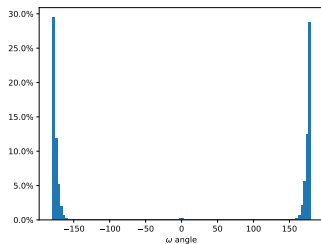
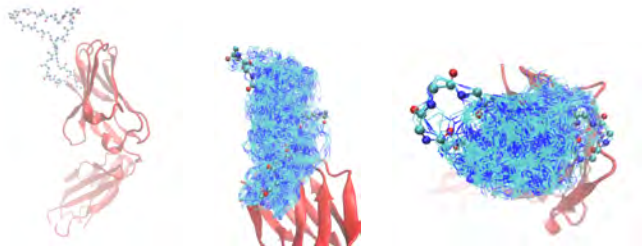


Illustration: CDR-H3-HIV, 30 amino acids

▷ System:

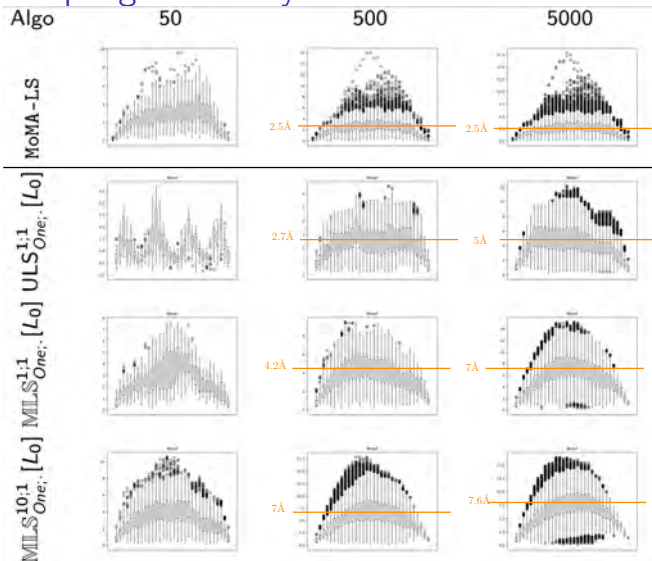
- ▶ The loop is a complementarity-determining region (CDR-H3) from PG16, an antibody with neutralization effect on HIV-1.
- ▶ pdbid: 3mme, chain A; residues: 93-100, 100A-100T, 101, 102.



Conformations generated by algorithm $MLS_{One;250}^{1:1}$. **(A)** Variable domain (red) and the 30 a.a. long CDR3. **(B,C)** Side/top view of 250 conformations.

- ▷ **Generation speed:** ~ 10 conformations per second

Results: sampling and study of fluctuations



Backbone RMSF (36 atoms) for the 12 amino acid long loop PTPN9-MEG2.

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Outlook

▷ Key features:

- ▶ First global parametric model of protein loops amenable to effective sampling strategies a-la Hit-and-Run
- ▶ Results: on par or better with state-of-the-art methods
 - ▶ Atomic fluctuations along the loop
 - ▶ Mutual reachability for existing conformations
- ▶ Insights on the intrinsic difficulty of the problem—via random walks and curved polytopes

▷ Open problems:

- ▶ Uniformity of sampling (Theorem)
- ▶ Connexion to micro-canonical ensembles and densities of states
- ▶ Sampling with side chains

New perspectives on protein flexibility

Volumes of polytopes

Tripeptide Loop Closure (TLC)

TLC: background

TLC steric constraints

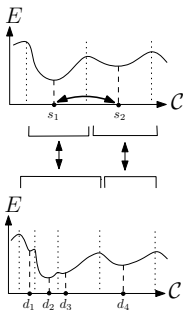
Loop sampling

Comparing energy landscapes

Comparing (Sampled) Energy Landscapes: Motivation

▷ Comparing (sampled) landscapes:

- Assessing the coherence of two force fields for a given system (atomic, CG)
- Comparing two related systems: e.g. wild type/mutated proteins
- Comparing two simulations: different initial conditions and/or algorithms



▷ **Idea:** find a mapping between basins considering

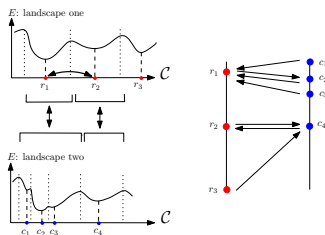
- ▶ the similarity between the *native states* (one per basin)
- ▶ the coherence between the *volumes* of the basins (their probabilities)
- ▶ the connectivity between basins

▷ **Terminology:** sampled (potential) energy landscape:

- portion revealed by a simulation
- given: minima, transitions between them, volumes of basins

Comparing Sets of Local Minima using a Minimum Oriented Spanning Forest (MSF): method

- ▶ Given two sets of local minima and a distance metric to compare them:
 - each local minimum chooses its nearest neighbor
 - cf One-sided Hausdorff distance



NB: local minima

- ▶ all those discovered during exploration
- ▶ persistent ones only (remove ruggedness)

- ▶ **Statistics:**

- ave. weight of edges from the first landscape to the second one: $\overline{W}_{1 \rightarrow 2}^{MSF}$
- ave. weight of edges from the second landscape to the first one: $\overline{W}_{2 \rightarrow 1}^{MSF}$

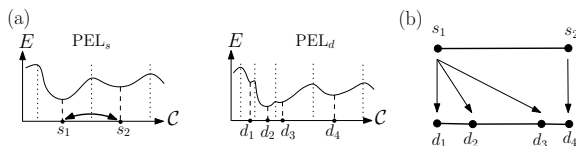
- ▶ **Remarks:**

- can be combined with topological persistence
- algorithm, cf MST: Borůvka/ distributed Kruskal

Comparisons without Connectivity Constraints:

the Earth Mover Distance yields a Linear Program

- ▷ Consider two landscapes : PEL_s with n_s basins, PEL_d with n_d basins



- ▷ Problem Earth-Mover-Distance (EMD):

find the transport plan of minimum cost, i.e. solution of the following linear program

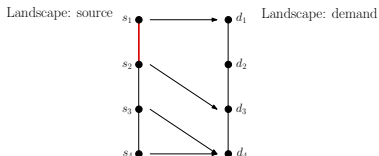
$$LP \begin{cases} \text{Cost: Min } \sum_{i=1, \dots, n_s, j=1, \dots, n_d} f_{ij} \times d_C(s_i, d_j) \\ \sum_{i=1, \dots, n_s} f_{ij} = w_j^{(d)} & \forall j \in 1, \dots, n_d, \\ \sum_{j=1, \dots, n_d} f_{ij} \leq w_i^{(s)} & \forall i \in 1, \dots, n_s, \\ f_{ij} \geq 0 & \forall i \in 1, \dots, n_s, \forall j \in 1, \dots, n_d \end{cases}$$

- ▷ **Property:** in OPT, the number of edges carrying flow is $O(n_s + n_d - 1)$
- ▷ **Pros and cons:**
- Information used: location of minima, weight of basins
 - Linear program: solved in polynomial time
 - Connectivity information not used

▷Ref: Chvátal, Linear programming, 1983; Rubner, Tomasi, Guibas, IJCV, 2000

Comparisons with Connectivity Constraints

- ▶ **Earth Mover Distance:** may violate the connectivity constraints



- ▶ **Def: Transport plan with connectivity constraints:** every connected subgraph of PEL_s exports towards a connected subgraph of PEL_d

✚ There may exist an exponential number of connected subgraphs

- ▶ **Problem EMD-CCC:** maximum flow under constraints of {maximum cost, connectivity constraints (and transport plan size M)}

▶ Complexity results

- Decision versions of EMD-CC and EMD-CCC: NP-complete
- Optimization version of EMD-CC is not in APX
If $P \neq NP$: no polynomial algorithm with constant approx factor

▶ Algorithm Alg-EMD-CCC-G

- Greedy polynomial algorithm producing solutions i.e. respecting the connectivity constraints and the max cost.
Complexity: $O(n^3 m^2)$, with n and m the num. vertices of the graphs

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