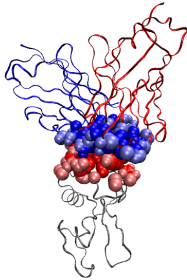


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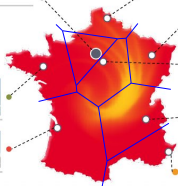
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▷ History

- Team created : July 2007

▷ Composition

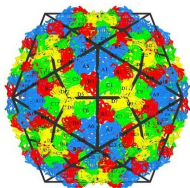
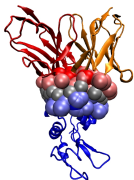
- Permanent: D. Mazauric, F. Cazals
- (part time) Engineer: T. Dreyfus
- PhD students
 - A. Chevallier (Energy landscapes)
 - R. Tetley (Structural alignments)
 - D. Bulavka (Collective coordinates)
 - M. Simsir (Modeling drug efflux in cancer)

▷ Graduated over the past 4 years

- D. Agarwal: Native mass spectrometry; Harvard med school
- A. Lhéritier: Machine learning/Two-sample tests; Amadeus SA
- S. Marillet: Modeling antibody-antigen complexes; CHU Poitiers

The structure-to-function relationship

▷ Protein complexes and biological functions



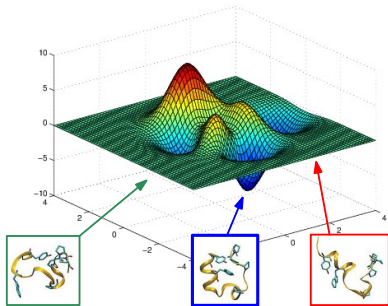
- Understanding the stability and the specificity of macro-molecular interactions
- Exploiting structural information crystallography, NMR, EM, SAXS,...
- Performing predictions with little/no structural information using remote homology information

▷ Structural information is scarce

▷Ref: Janin, Bahadur, Chakrabarti; Quart. reviews of biophysics; 2008

▷Ref: Levitt; PNAS 106; 2009

Emergence of macromolecular function(s) from Structure – Thermodynamics – Dynamics



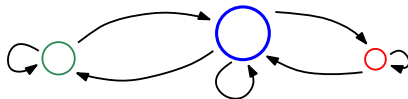
Potential Energy Landscape

- large number of local minima
- enthalpic barriers
- entropic barriers

Structure: stable conformations i.e. local minima of the PEL



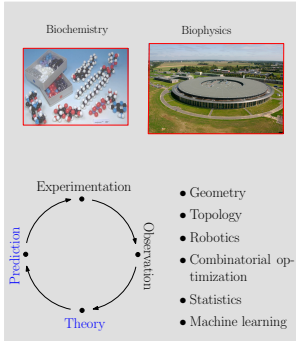
Thermodynamics: meta-stable conformations i.e. ensemble of conformations easily inter-convertible into one - another.



Dynamics: transitions between meta-stable conformations e.g. Markov state model

Vision: synergy computer science - structural biology

▷ Modeling: leveraging experimental data



▷ Complementary approaches

- Machine learning approaches:
classification / regression
- Ab initio approaches:
structure / thermodynamics / dynamics

▷ Work-packages at a glance

- Modeling high-resolution structures
- Modeling large assemblies
- Modeling the flexibility of proteins
- Algorithmic foundations

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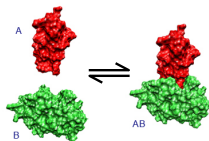
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Estimating binding affinities



▷ Dissociation constant and dissociation free energy:

$$K_d = [A][B]/[AB]$$

$$\Delta G_d = -RT \ln K_d/c^\circ = \Delta H - T\Delta S.$$

▷ **Problem statement:** estimate the binding affinity of two partners from

- High resolution crystal structures of partners and complex
- Specific conditions (pH, ionic strength, ...)
- Key difficulty:
 - enthalpy - entropy compensation (K_d is of thermodynamic nature)
 - (!) predictions with $\Delta G_d < 1.4$ kcal/mol are hard

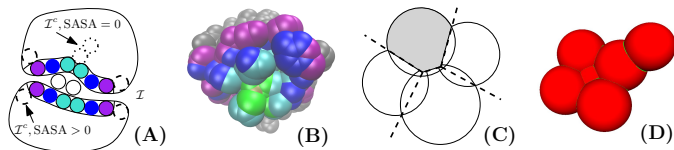
▷ **State-of-the-art:** numerous approaches

- Knowledge based approaches:
 - complex models face overfitting; sparse models may be overly restrictive
- Molecular mechanics based approaches:
 - require specific hypothesis... or massive calculations

▷ Ref: Kastitis et al, Protein science, 2011 (the SAB; 144 cases)

▷ Ref: Janin, Protein Science, 2014

Estimating binding affinities



▷ **Contributions:** models combining novel parameters and supervised regression

- Novel variables coding enthalpic and entropic variations upon binding
- Model selection procedure based on cross validation
- State-of-the-art binding affinity estimates on the SAB:
 - whole SAB: K_d within one and two *OOM* in 48% and 79% of cases
 - high resolution (2.5Å): K_d within one and two *OOM* in 62% and 89%

▷ **Assessment:**

- Sensitivity to the resolution of crystal structures (cf Cruickshank's formula)
- Sensitivity to coverage of model space by learning set (supervised regression)
- Predicting is not explaining

▷Ref: Marillet, Boudinot, Cazals; Proteins 2015

▷Ref: Marillet, Lefranc, Boudinot, Cazals; Frontiers in Immuno., 2017

▷Ref: Vangone and Bonvin, eLIFE, 2015

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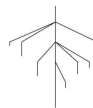
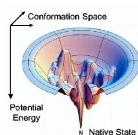
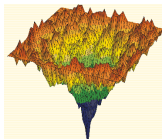
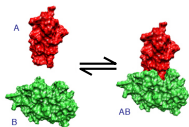
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Energy landscapes: structure – thermodynamics – dynamics

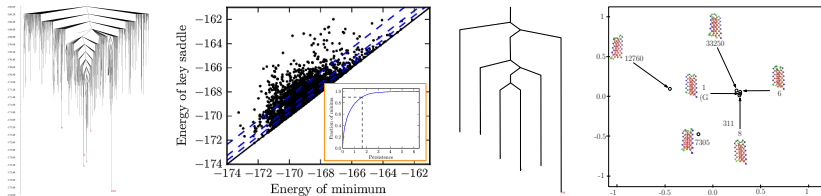
- ▷ **Problem statement:** emergence of function from structure and dynamics
For proteins: understanding *minimal frustration*
- ▷ **Three (overlapping) classes of ab initio approaches:**
 - Molecular dynamics (including REMD, metadynamics)
Model reduction: dimensionality reduction (PCA, Isomap, diffusion maps)
 - Monte Carlo methods (MCMC, importance sampling, Wang-Landau)
Model reduction: Markov state model design via lumping
 - Energy landscapes methods (the basin hopping lineage)
Model reduction: superposition approach via coarse-graining
- ▷ **Bottleneck:** massive calculations required



- ▷Ref: Becker and Karplus, The Journal of Chemical Physics, 1997
- ▷Ref: Wales; Energy Landscapes; 2003
- ▷Ref: Chipot; Frontiers in free-energy calculations; 2014

Analysis of sampled energy landscapes

- ▷ **Contributions:** novel concepts and algorithms to
 - Analyze conformational ensembles
 - Analyze sampled energy landscapes: coarse graining with topological persistence



- ▷ **Assessment:**
 - State-of-the-art algorithms analysis/coarse-graining methods
 - Most of the analysis geared towards potential energy landscapes work ahead on free energy landscapes

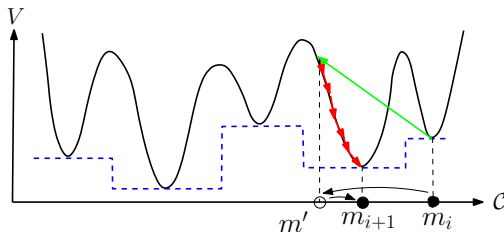
▷Ref: Cazals, Dreyfus, Mazauric, Roth, Robert; J. Comp. Chem., 2015

▷Ref: Carr, Mazauric, Cazals, Wales; J. Chem. Phys.; 2016

Exploring Potential Energy Landscapes:

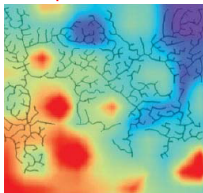
basin hopping

- ▷ **Goal:** enumerating low energy local minima
- ▷ **Basin-hopping and the basin hopping transform**
 - Random walk in the space of local minima
 - Requires a *move set* and an *acceptance test* (cf Metropolis) and the ability to descend the gradient (*quenching*) aka energy minimizations
- ▷ **Limitation:** no built-in mechanism to escape traps

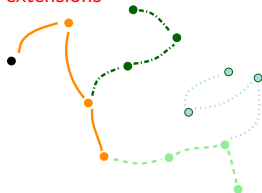


Exploring energy landscapes: *a generic approach yielding BH, T-RRT,...*

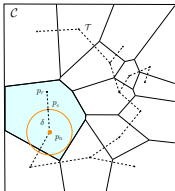
- ▷ Goal: crawl down the potential energy landscape



- ▷ Hybrid algorithm: alternate BH and T-RRT extensions



- ▷ Strategy: force the exploration of empty space



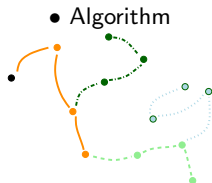
- ▷ Key ingredients:

- ▶ Boosting the identification of low lying minima with the Voronoi bias
- ▶ Favoring spatial adaptation—local exploration parameters
- ▶ Handling distances efficiently

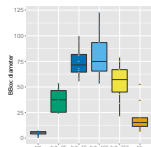
▷Ref: Roth, Dreyfus, Robert, Cazals; J. Comp. Chem.; 2016

Exploring energy landscapes: performances of Hybrid

- ▶ **Contributions:** enhanced exploration of low lying regions of a complex landscape
- ▶ **Protocol:** on BLN69, a model protein with 207 d.o.f:
 - Contenders: BH, T-RRT, Hybrid for various parameter values b

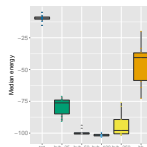


● **BBox \emptyset : low lying mins**



BLN69 – min – E_{-100}

● **Median energies: all mins**



BLN69 – min – all

▶ **Assessment:**

- PEL exploration:
 - doubled the num. of local mins. (458,082 minima to 1,044,118)
 - explored lower regions of the PEL
- Combines critical building blocks:
 - minimization, spatial exploration *boosting*, nearest neighbor searches
- Ongoing: bridging the gap to thermodynamics via DoS calculations

▶ Ref: Oakley et al; J. of Physical Chemistry B; 2011

▶ Ref: Roth, Dreyfus, Robert, Cazals; J. Comp. Chem.; 2015

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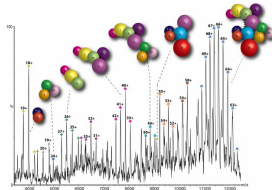
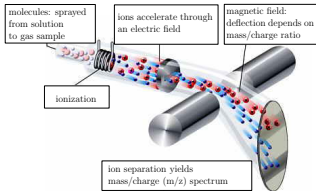
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Large Assemblies: Native Mass Spectrometry

- ▷ **Input:** mass spectrum of oligomers of a (large) assembly



- (1) Disrupting an **assembly** into **oligomers** (from sub-units to bigger complexes)
- (2) Mass spectrometry yields a **m/z spectrum** then a **mass spectrum**
- (3) Decomposing an individual mass yields the **list of proteins in a sub-complex**

- ▷ **Problem:** reconstructing pairwise contacts from the composition of oligomers
NB: coarse structural information (contacts) from combinatorial information
- ▷ **State-of-the-art**
- Experiments: recent techniques mastered by few groups (Robinson, Hecht)
 - Data analysis: heuristics

▷ Ref: Taverner, Robinson et al; Accounts of chemical research; 2008

Connectivity inference with biophysical constraints

▷ Graph constraints reflecting biophysical and structural biology properties:

- subunit with limited number of neighbors \rightarrow bounded maximum degree
- subunit with known contacts \rightarrow family of admissible subgraphs
- presence of symmetries \rightarrow symmetries of admissible graphs

▷ Generalized inference as minimum \mathcal{F} -Overlay: given a graph family \mathcal{F} :

Input: a hypergraph $H = (V, \mathcal{E})$ – with \mathcal{E} the oligomers

Output: a graph $G = (V, E)$ with minimum $|E(G)|$ such that:

- ▶ $\forall S \in \mathcal{E}$: induced graph $G[S]$ has a spanning subgraph in \mathcal{F}

NB: $\mathcal{F} \equiv$ all trees $\Leftrightarrow G[S]$ is connected \Leftrightarrow previous inference problem

▷ Our results:

- ▶ Complexity dichotomy: for every \mathcal{F} , we can tell whether Minimum \mathcal{F} -Overlay is Polynomial or NP-complete.
- ▶ Parameterized algorithms: for almost every \mathcal{F} for which the problem is NP-complete, we can tell whether the problem is FPT or W[1]-hard.

▷Ref: D. Mazaauric et al, IWCCA 2017

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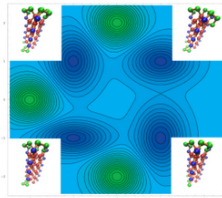
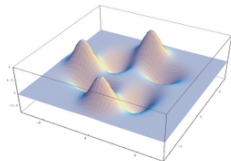
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Structural Bioinformatics Library

A C++/Python API for solving structural biology problems.

Conformational analysis: modeling energy landscapes



Why adopt the SBL ?

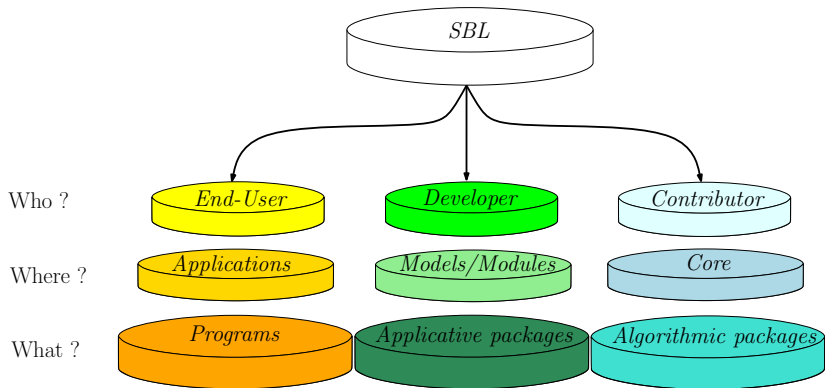
For Biologists:

- comprehensive in silico environment providing applications,
- answering complex bio-physical problems,
- in a robust, fast and reproducible way.

For Developers:

- broad C++/python toolbox,
- with modular design and carefull specifications,
- fostering the development of complex applications.

The Structural Bioinformatics Library: Architecture



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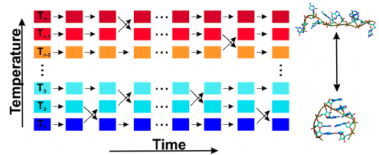
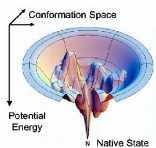
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- ▷ **Task: Enhanced sampling algorithms**
 - Application(s): energy landscape exploration
 - Punchline: atomic move sets (correlated moves, collective coordinates)
- ▷ **Task: Enhanced thermodynamics sampling algorithms**
 - Application(s): thermodynamic sampling
 - Punchline: multi-canonical sampling DoS calculations (adaptive Wang-Landau)



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Modeling high-resolution structures

- ▷ **Task: Reconstruction in integrative modeling (Xtallography, cryo-EM)**
 - Punchline: continuous dynamic programming, enumerative algorithms
- ▷ **Task: Enhanced functional annotations of proteins in sequence - structure studies**
 - Punchline: probabilistic sequence HMM, biased with structural information
- ▷ **Task: Towards understanding dynamics mechanisms**
 - Punchline: identifying meta-stable states of dynamic molecular machines
Example: class II fusion proteins, functions of the influenza polymerase

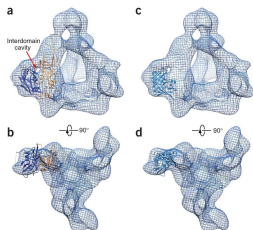
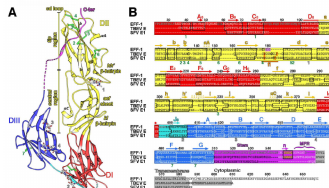


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- ▷ Task: Density of states calculations – high dimensional integration
 - Punchline: improve (polytope) volume calculations / Wang-Landau sampling
- ▷ Task: Graph algorithms techniques for structural biology
 - Punchline: graph decompositions, algorithms, guarantees
- ▷ Task: Structural Bioinformatics Library
 - Punchline: continue development + leverage the impact