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# **Tutorials**

Day 4 http://prody.csb.pitt.edu/tutorials/



**ProDy** 



**NMWiz** 



Evol



Druggability

# Protein Dynamics Analysis in Python



### Representation of structure as a network



http://www.lactamme.polytechnique.fr/

#### Why network models?

for large systems' collective motions & long time processes beyond the capability of full atomic simulations

to incorporate structural data in the models – at multiple levels of resolution

to take advantage of theories
 developed in other disciplines:
 polymer physics, graph theory, spectral
 graph methods, etc.

# Major advantages of ProDy:

Visualizing the global dynamics
 Applicability to large systems
 Assessing cooperative motions
 Efficiency – immediate results
 Relevance to observables

#### Proteins are not static:

They move, breath, work, dance, interact with each other



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#### Many proteins are molecular machines

And mechanical properties become more important in complexes/assemblies





### Each structure encodes a unique dynamics



Signaling dynamics of AMPARs and NMDARs



Dutta A, Krieger J, Lee JY, Garcia-Nafria J, Greger IH, Bahar I (2015) <u>Cooperative Dynamics of Intact AMPA and NMDA</u> <u>Glutamate Receptors: Similarities and Subfamily-Specific Differences</u> *Structure* **23**: 1692-170

#### **GOAL: TO GENERATE DATA FOR MESOSCOPIC SCALE**



### Goal: to generate data for mesoscopic scale

**Developing integrated** methodology for complex systems dynamics, to enable information transfer across scales



### Each structure encodes a unique dynamics



# **Physics-based approach**





Paul J. Flory (1910-1985) Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1974

Elastic Network Model for Proteins

And Pearson (1976), Eichinger (1980), Klockzkowski, Erman & Mark (1989)...



#### **Collective motions**

using elastic network models (ENM)



# **Two elastic network models:**

#### Gaussian Network Model (GNM)

- Li H, Chang YY, Yang LW, Bahar I (2016) <u>iGNM 2.0: the Gaussian network</u> <u>model database for bimolecular structural dynamics</u> Nucleic Acids Res 44: D415-422
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#### Anisotropic Network Model (ANM)

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- Atilgan AR, Durrell SR, Jernigan RL, Demirel MC, Keskin O, Bahar I (2001) <u>Anisotropy of fluctuation dynamics of proteins with an elastic network</u> <u>model</u> Biophys J 80: 505-515.

# Gaussian Network Model (GNM)



Each node represents a residue

Residue positions, **R**i, identified by α-carbons' coordinates

Springs connect residues located within a cutoff distance (e.g., 10 Å)

→ Nodes are subject to Gaussian fluctuations  $\Delta R_i$ 

→ Inter-residue distances  $R_{ij}$  also undergo Gaussian fluctuations

$$> \quad \Delta \mathbf{R}_{ij} = \Delta \mathbf{R}_j - \Delta \mathbf{R}_i$$

Fluctuations in residue positions

Bahar, Atilgan & Erman, Fold & Des 1997

# **Gaussian Network Model (GNM)**



Fluctuation vector:



Fluctuations in residue positions

Bahar, Atilgan & Erman, Fold & Des 1997



# **Rouse model for polymers**

#### Classical bead-and-spring model





#### Kirchhoff matrix



Force constant

 $V_{tot} = (\gamma/2) [ (\Delta R_{12})^2 + (\Delta R_{23})^2 + \dots (\Delta R_{N-1,N})^2 ]$  $= (\gamma/2) [ (\Delta R_2 - \Delta R_1)^2 + (\Delta R_3 - \Delta R_2)^2 + \dots$ 



# **Rouse model for polymers**



## Kirchhoff matrix for inter-residue contacts

For a protein of N residues



**Γ** provides a complete description of contact topology!

## Statistical mechanical averages

For a protein of N residues

$$<\Delta \boldsymbol{R}_{i} \cdot \Delta \boldsymbol{R}_{j} > = (1/Z_{N}) \int (\Delta \boldsymbol{R}_{i} \cdot \Delta \boldsymbol{R}_{j}) e^{-V/k_{B}T} d\left\{\Delta \boldsymbol{R}\right\}$$

$$= (3 k_B T / \gamma) \left[ \Gamma^{-1} \right]_{ij}$$

#### **Γ** provides a complete description of contact topology!

Kirchhoff matrix determines the mean-square fluctuations

$$[\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1}]_{ii} \sim \langle (\Delta \mathbf{R}_i)^2 \rangle$$

And cross-correlations between residue motions

$$[\mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1}]_{ij} \sim \langle (\Delta \mathbf{R}_i . \Delta \mathbf{R}_j) \rangle$$

# 1. Application to hemoglobin





$$B_i = 8\pi^2/3 < (\Delta R_i)^2 >$$



Intradimer cooperativity – Symmetry rule (Yuan et al. JMB 2002; Ackers et al. PNAS 2002.)

C. Xu, D. Tobi and I. Bahar (2003) J. Mol. Biol. 2003, 153-168

## B-factors are affected by crystal contacts





Two X-ray structures for a designed sugar-binding protein LKAMG

# B-factors are affected by crystal contacts



Particular loop motions are curtailed by intermolecular contacts in the crystal environment causing a discrepancy between theory and experiments

FOR MORE INFO..

Liu, Koharudin, Gronenborn & Bahar (2009) Proteins 77, 927-939.

# Agreement between theory and experiments upon inclusion of crystal lattice effects into the GNM



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# Collective Motions Encoded by the Structure: Normal Modes

## Several modes contribute to dynamics

 $<\Delta \mathbf{R}_{i} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{R}_{j} > = \sum_{k} \left[ \Delta \mathbf{R}_{i} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{R}_{j} \right]_{k}$  $<\Delta \mathbf{R}_{i} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{R}_{j} > = (3k_{B}T / \gamma) \left[ \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \right]_{ij}$ 

Contribution of mode k

$$[\Delta \mathbf{R}_i \bullet \Delta \mathbf{R}_j]_k = (3k_B T / \gamma) \left[ \lambda_k^{-1} \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{u}_k^T \right]_{ij}$$

expressed in terms of kth eigenvalue  $\mathcal{\lambda}_k$  and kth eigenvector  $\mathbf{u}_k$  of  $\Gamma$ 

FOR MORE INFO ...

Bahar et al. (1998) Phys Rev Lett. 80, 2733

## Several modes contribute to dynamics



The first mode selects the 'easiest' collective motion



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## Summary - Gaussian network model (GNM)



## Recipe (GNM)

 Construct the network of masses and springs
 Write the corresponding Kirchhoff matrix G
 Eigenvalue decomposition of G yields the eigenvalues λ<sub>1</sub>, λ<sub>2</sub>, λ<sub>3</sub>,...., λ<sub>N-1</sub> (and λ<sub>0</sub> = 0) and eigenvectors u<sub>1</sub>, u<sub>2</sub>, u<sub>3</sub>,....u<sub>N-1</sub> (and u<sub>0</sub>)



#### Properties

- The eigenvalues scale with the frequency squared ( $\lambda_i \sim w_i^2$ )
- eigenvectors are N-dim vectors, eigenvalues are scalars
- the i<sup>th</sup> element of u<sub>k</sub> represents the displacement of node i in mode k
- The eigenvectors are normalized, i.e.  $u_k \bullet u_k = 1$  for all k
- as such, the squared elements of u<sub>k</sub> represent the 'mobility' distribution
  dynamics results from the superposition of all modes
- $\gg \lambda_k^{-1/2}$  serves as the weight of  $u_k \rightarrow low$  frequency modes have high weights

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I Interior Interior	0 - Gaussian Network Model Database 1   Theory   References   0GNM 2.0   ANM 2.0   Computational & Systems Biology   NTHU site
	What is the GNM DB? Which questions can be answered?         Several studies in the last decade have drawn attention to the significance of intrinsic dynamics as a major determinant of the mechanism of action of proteins and their complexes [1-5]. Intrinsic dynamics refers to conformational changes intrinsically favored by 3D structure, which often underlie the adaptation of biomolecules to functional interactions (D). As a consequence, an important question is to assess which structural elements (e.g. residues, secondary structures, domains, or entire subunits) ) undergo large fluctuations away from their mean positions (i.e. those enjoying high mobility), or which ones provide adequate <i>flexibility</i> to enable conformational changes (i.e. fluge-bending sites) that may be relevant to function. Furthermore, it is often of interest to determine which structural elements expublic to strongly correlated (or anticorrelated) motions, toward gaining insights into allosterically coupled regions. The GNM ( <i>T</i> , <b>B</b> ) addresses these questions. If further allows to dissect these properties into the contributions of individual modes, thus elucidating the cooperative ( <i>global</i> ) couplings (cross-correlations) underlied by low frequency modes. For more information see <u>Theory</u> and <u>Tutorial</u> .         Mote: Query the GNM DB (iGNM 2.0) with a single PDB code (e.g., 101M and 4NIH, etc.); or, search the database with customized condition(s) using the "Advanced search".         PDB ID:       Co IGNM         Biological assembly: • Yes • No       Not         Motecular viewer: • JsMol • Jsmol (fast response for big structures).
	Advanced search: Search conditions • Submit Query
	Contact: The server is maintained by Dr. Hongchun Li in the <u>Bahar Lab</u> at the <u>Department of Computational &amp; Systems Biology</u> at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine, and sponsored by the <u>NH</u> awards #5R01GM099738-04 and #5P41GM103712-03 and the funding #104-2113-M-007-019 from <u>MC&amp;T</u> to the <u>Yang lab</u> at the National Tsing Hua University, Talwan. For questions and comments please contact <u>Hongchun Li</u> .

### Why use iGNM2.0?

Easy access to precomputed results for 95% of the PDB including

- the largest structures beyond the scope of MD
- protein-DNA/RNA complexes
- biological assemblies (intact, biologically functional structures)

Easy to understand, visualize, make functional inferences for any structure 13.9% of the structures in
the *i*GNM 2.0 (14,899 out of
107,201) contain >10<sup>3</sup> nodes

The biological assembly of 39,505 PDB structures is different from the default structure reported in the PDBs (as asymmetric unit)





### **Collective motions are functional**

**Collectivity** (2D) for a given mode k is a measure of the degree of cooperativity (between residues) in that mode, defined as (\*)

$$Collectivity_{k} = \frac{1}{N} e^{-\sum_{i}^{N} u_{k,i}^{2} \ln u_{k,i}^{2}}$$
 Information entropy associated with residue fluctuations in mode k

where, *k* is the mode number and *i* is the residue index. A larger collectivity value refers to a more distributive mode and *vice versa*. Usually soft modes are highly collective.

(\*) Brüschweiler R. Collective protein dynamics and nuclear spin relaxation. J. Chem. Phys. 1995;102:3396–340

## Anisotropic Network Model (ANM)



Doruker et al. (2000) Proteins; Atilgan AR et al. (2001) Biophys J.; Eyal et al. (2006) Bioinformatics 22, 2619

# Anisotropic Network Model



Doruker et al. Proteins 40 (2000). Atilgan et al. Biophys J 80 (2001).

## ANM server

http://anm.csb.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/anm2/anm2.cgi

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Anisotropic Network Model Web Se	rver 2.0 (2014) 🛚 🗐
What's new in this version? Having Java problems?	,
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pdb coordinates      biological unit	
or	
Submit your own protein	
Choose File No file chosen	
Enter chain (default: all polypeptide chains) *	
Enter model (for multi-model files such as from NMR) all	
Enter cutoff for interaction between Ca atoms (Å) 15	
Enter distance weight factor for interaction between Co atoms 0	
Enter number of normal modes to calculate 20	
Enter engine for eigensolver $\ {ullet}$ Matlab $\ {ullet}$ Blzpack	
Calculate Proceed with advanced input options	
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### 2 Substates may be identified along soft modes



Hybrid ANM/MD methods include atomic details and specificity

# Co-MD: Guiding MD simulations by ANM modes



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#### ANM-guided transition pathways

- Isin B, Schulten K, Tajkhorshid E, Bahar I (2008) Biophysical J 95: 789-803.
- Yang Z, Májek P, Bahar I (2009) PLoS Comput Biol 5: e1000360.
- Gur M, Madura JD, Bahar I (2013) Biophys J 105:1643-52
- Das A, Gur M, Cheng MH, Jo S, Bahar I, Roux B (2014) PLoS Comput Biol 10: e1003521

#### coMD trajectories proceed along the minima of free energy landscape

# Allosteric changes in conformation

#### ANM (anisotropic network model)

Elastic Network Models are particularly useful for exploring the allosteric dynamics of large multimeric structures





Comparison with experimental data shows that the functional movements are those predicted by the ENM to be intrinsically encoded by the structure

# Other ENM applications



Eyal & Bahar (2008) Biophys J 94:3424.

#### Transitions



Z Yang et al. (2009) PLoS Comput Biol 5:e1000360.

#### Steered MD



Isin et al. (2008) Biophysical J 95:789.

**Ensemble Analysis** 



L-W Yang et al. (2009) Bioinformatics 25: 606. Bakan & Bahar (2009) Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 106:14349.

#### **Environmental Effets**



L Liu et al. (2007) Proteins 77:927.

#### Model Optimization



Lezon & Bahar (2010) PLoS Comput Biol 6:e1000816.

#### Intrinsically accessible motions enable Optimal binding of substrate or drugs



Conformational flexibility + sequence variability mediates substrate selectivity

Two conformations of P450-CYP2B4: open (orange) with a large substrate (bifonazole, red), and closed (light blue) with the smaller substrate 4-(4-chlorophenyl) imidazole (blue)

See.

#### N. Tokuriki and D. S. Tawfik (2009) Science 324: 203-207

# Session I: Plotting $<(\Delta \mathbf{R}_i)^2 >$ and contributions of selected modes

- from prody import \*
- from pylab import \*
- anm = calcANM('l cot', selstr='calpha')
- anm, cot = calcANM('I cot', selstr='calpha')
- anm
- cot
- figure()
- showProtein(cot)
- figure()
- showSqFlucts(anm)
- figure()
- showSqFlucts(anm[:10])
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- figure()
- showSqFlucts(anm[:10], label='10 modes')

Application to cytochrome c PDB: 1 cot A protein of 121 residues

# **Session 2**: Viewing color-coded animations of individual modes

- writeNMD('cot\_anm.nmd', anm, cot)
- Start VMD
- select Extensions → Analysis → Normal Mode Wizard
- Select 'Load NMD File'

# Session 3: Cross-correlations $<(\Delta \mathbf{R}_i . \Delta \mathbf{R}_j)$ > between fluctuations

- cross\_corr = calcCrossCorr?
- cross\_corr = calcCrossCorr(anm[0])
- figure()
- showCrossCorr(anm[0])
- writeHeatmap('anm\_crossl.hm', cross\_corr)

# Session 4: Viewing cross-correlations using VMD

- VMD Load file
- Select cot\_anm.nmd (from your local folder)
- Load HeatMap
- open anm\_cross I.hm (from your local folder)



## **Ensembles of structures**

- Structural changes accompanying substrate (protein) binding
- Structural changes induced by, or stabilized upon, ligand binding



Ubiquitin I 40 structures I 732 models



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# **Ensembles of structures**

- Structural changes accompanying substrate (protein) binding
- Structural changes induced by, or stabilized upon, ligand binding
- Alternative conformations sampled during allosteric cycles



Yang et al. PLoS Comp Biol 2009

### Redistribution of interactions at interfaces



#### Mutations may stabilizate conformers along soft modes – which may be dysfunctional



E461 mutant is a deformed structure along mode 1

E461K mutation causes disruption of inter-ring transfer of ATP-induced signal (Sewell et al NSB 2004)

#### Yang et al. Mol Biosyst 2008

#### Passage between the R and T state of GroEL



Z Yang, P Marek and I Bahar, PLoS Comp Biology 2009



What is the overlap between computations and experiments?

### Computations

ANM yields a series of 3N dimensional deformation vectors

Mode I (slowest mode) Mode 2 Mode 3

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Mode 3N-6 (fastest mode)
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Given by eigenvectors  $\mathbf{u}_{1}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_{2}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}_{3}$ , .... $\mathbf{u}_{3N-6}$ , with respective frequencies of  $\lambda_{1}$ ,  $\lambda_{2}$ ,  $\lambda_{3}$ ,.... $\lambda_{3N-6}$ 

#### **Experiments**







# What is the overlap between computations and experiments?

Correlation cosine between uk and d



Z Yang, P Marek and I Bahar, PLoS Comp Biology 2009

## The softest mode enables the passage $R \rightarrow T$ (with a correlation of 0.81)



See...

Z Yang, P Marek and I Bahar, PLoS Comp Biology 2009

# A better comparison

Consider more than 2 end points for a given structure, but all the **known structures** for a given protein

## **Ensembles of structures**

## **Dynamics inferred from known structures**

**Comparison of static structures** available in the PDB for the same protein in different form has been widely used is an **indirect** method of inferring dynamics.



Different structures resolved for HIV-1 reverse transcriptase (RT)

# Global motions inferred from theory and experiments



 $\rightarrow$  PCA of the ensemble of resolved structures

 $\rightarrow$  ANM analysis of a single structure from the ensemble

# Global motions inferred from theory and experiments



The intrinsic dynamics of enzymes plays a dominant role in determining the structural changes induced upon inhibitor binding

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#### Reference:

Bakan & Bahar (2009) PNAS 106, 14349-54

## Induced Dynamics or Intrinsic Dynamics?





http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOUzdzm68YY

**References:** 

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#### Soft modes enable functional movements





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