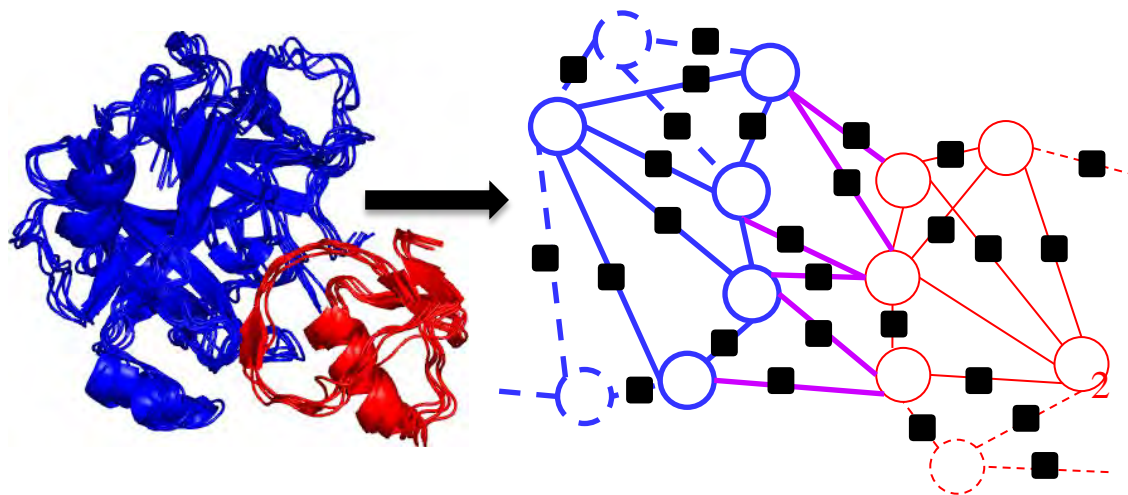# Probabilistic Graphical Model Based Analysis and Modeling of Ensembles of Conformers

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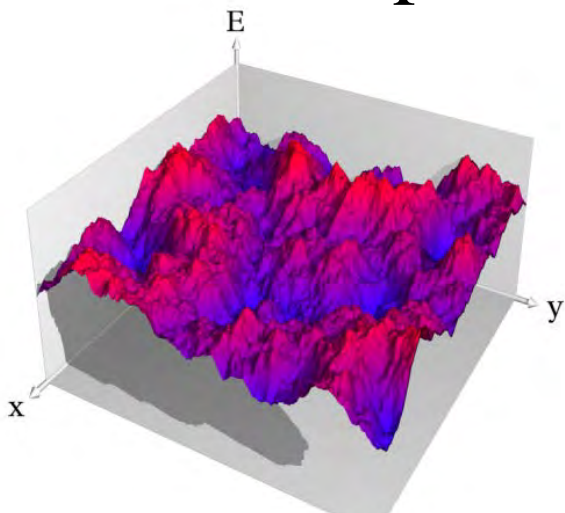**School of Computer Science**

Context within the BTRR

- TR&D1: Molecular Modeling
  - Specific Aims 1 – 3
  - Today's presentation is most relevant to
    - Subaim 1.4: "PGM-based analysis and modeling of ensembles of conformers"
    - Subaim 2.2: "Binding geometry and affinity computations for protein-protein and protein-ligand interactions using novel methods based on PGMs and/or mixed-resolution models with LBMC"

Context within the BTRR

- Relevant C&SPs & DBP
  - C&SP3; DBP1
- Our methods are mostly scale and data agnostic, and so they can also be used for TR&Ds 2 and 3
  - Analysis of trajectories
  - Generative Models
  - Parameter Estimation

Conformational Ensembles

- Molecular Dynamics and Monte Carlo Simulation trajectories consist of molecular conformations sampled from an energy landscape
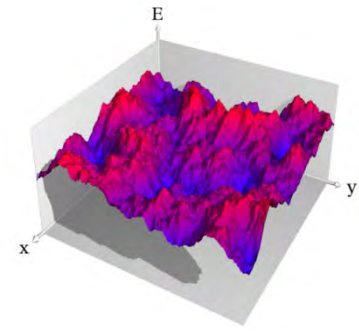

MD/MC Simulation

Energy Landscape

Conformational Ensemble

Motivation

- Conformational Ensembles contain important information relevant to function

- Unfortunately, extracting information from large ensembles (i.e., Big Data) can be challenging

- Our goals are to:
  - Learn generative models from ensembles
  - Use those models to analyze, simulate, and (re)engineer molecular motions

From Conformational Ensembles to Generative Models

- Each conformation corresponds to a point in a high-dimensional space; i.e., $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$

  - One dimension for each degree of freedom

- Examples

  - Internal degrees of freedom

  - Cartesian coordinates

  - Atomic fluctuations from a mean conformation

  - Inter-atomic distance matrices

From Conformational Ensembles to Generative Models

- Let $\mathbf{X} = \{X_1, \ldots, X_n\}$ be a set of random variables corresponding to the degrees of freedom for some system

- A generative model is an encoding of $P(\mathbf{X})$
  - i.e., an encoding of the joint distribution
  - Thus, the ensemble is a sample from $P(\mathbf{X})$

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- Question: how can we compactly represent $P(\mathbf{X})$?

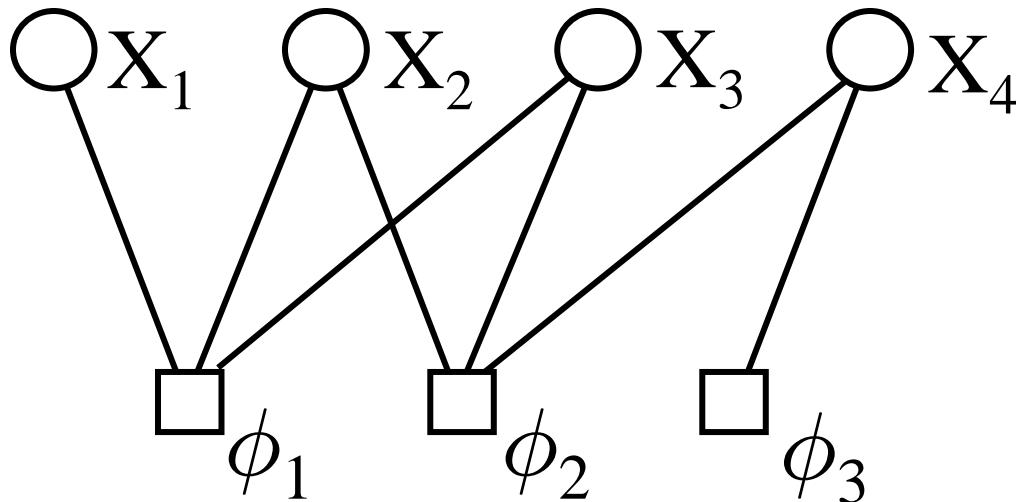- Answer: Probabilistic Graphical Models (PGM)

Probabilistic Graphical Models

- A PGM, (G, Φ), is a factored encoding of a joint probability distribution P(**X**) over a set of variables **X** = {X_1, …, X_n}, in terms of a graph G = (V,E) and a set of non-negative functions Φ = {ϕ_1, …, ϕ_m}

The Graphical Model Zoo

- Bayes Nets
- Hidden Markov Models
- Kalman Filters
- Dynamic Bayesian Networks

- Ising Model
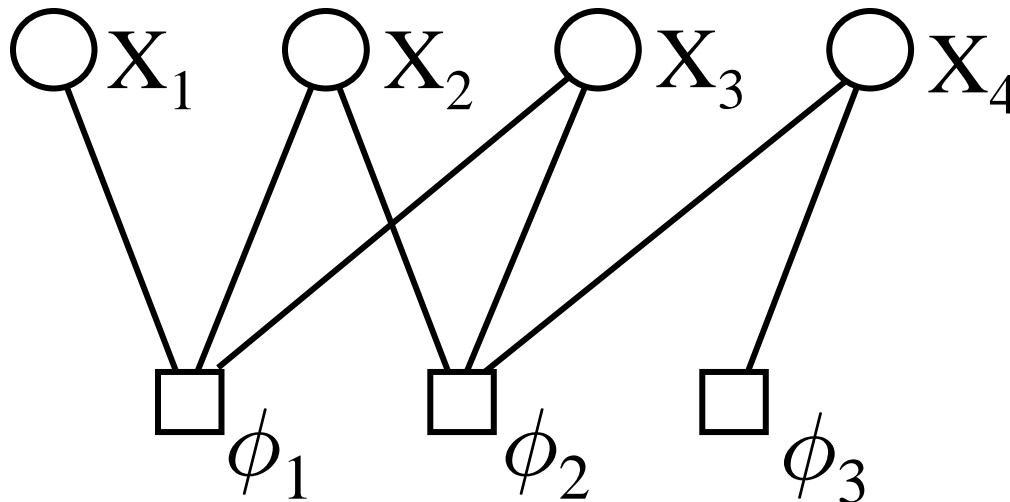- Potts Model
- Markov Random Fields
- Factor Graphs

Etc

Factor Graphs

Circles correspond to random variables
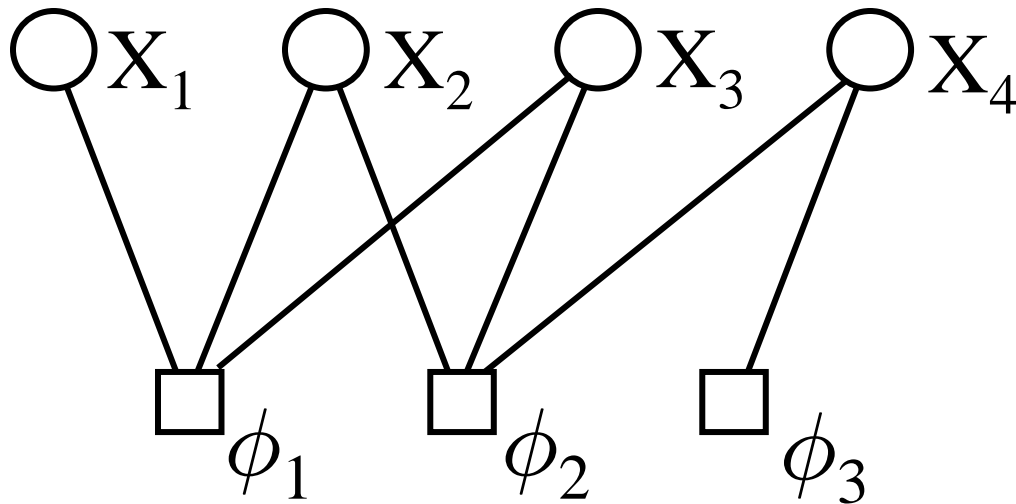Squares correspond to factors (functions) over the variables

Factor Graphs

If each ϕ_i is a positive function …

Theorem (Hammersely and Clifford)

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{a \in \Phi} \phi_a(x_a)$$

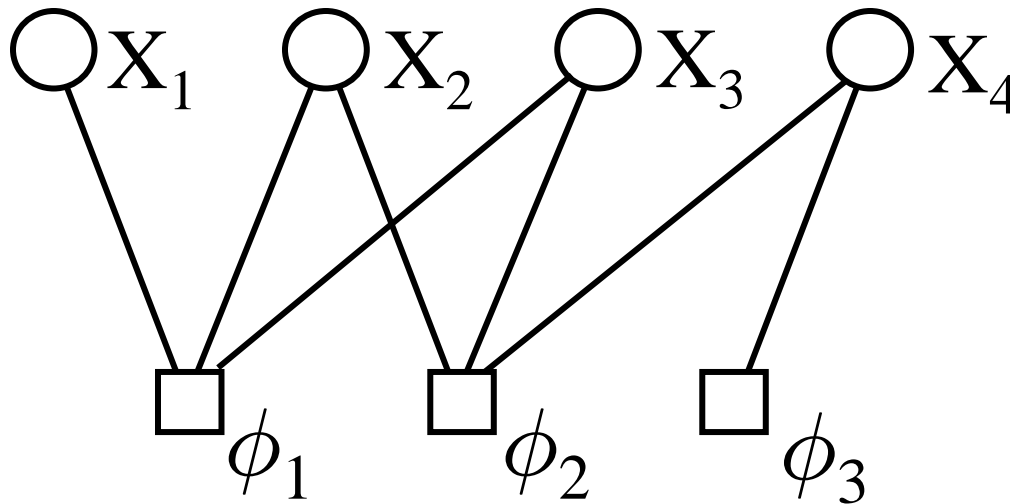$$Z = \sum_X \prod_{a \in \Phi} \phi_a(x_a)$$

Example

$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{1}{Z} \phi_1(x_1, x_2, x_3) \phi_2(x_2, x_3, x_4) \phi_3(x_4)$$

Conditional Independencies

- The topology of the graph defines a set of conditional independencies (CI)

  - Variables A and B are conditionally independent, given C (denoted $A \perp B \mid C$) iff $P(A,B|C) = P(A|C)P(B|C)$ or, equivalently, $P(A|B,C) = P(A|C)$

- Informally, CIs let us use 'simpler' functions to encode the joint distribution

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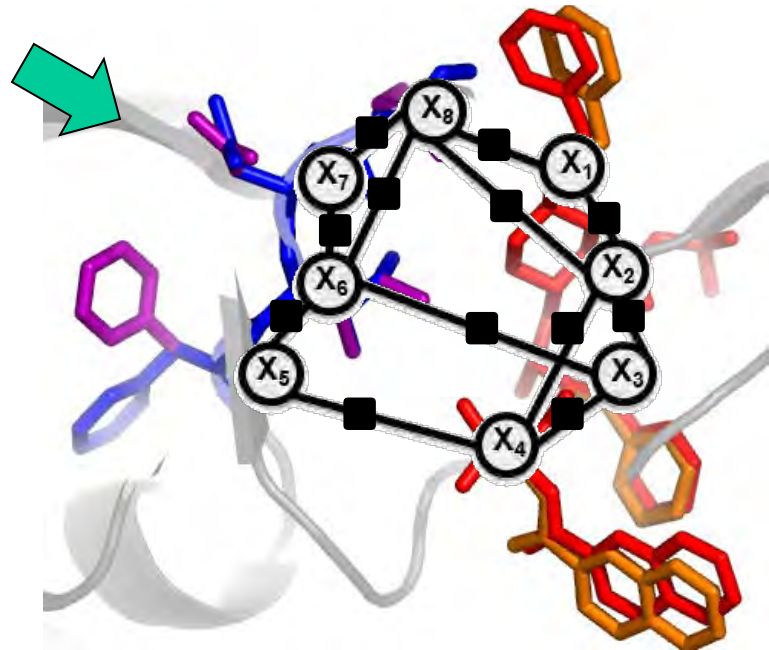
In this graph:
$$X_1 \perp X_4 \mid X_2, X_3$$

Key Point

- *Any* joint probability distribution over N variables can be represented via a suitably defined factor graph

- User must specify (or learn from data):

    1. Topology of the graph
    2. Functional form and parameters of the factors

PGMs of Molecular Structures

- The user gets to decide which degrees of freedom they wish to model
  - Internal degrees of freedom
  - Cartesian coordinates
  - Atomic fluctuations
  - Inter-atomic distances

Learning PGMs from Ensembles
GAMELAN (GrAphical Models of Energy LANdscapes)

- Input
  - Ensemble encoded as an $n \times t$ matrix, D
    - n is the number of covariates $\mathbf{X} = \{X_1, \ldots, X_n\}$
    - t is the number of conformations in the ensemble

- Output : PGM (G, Φ) over $\mathbf{X}$ that "fits" D
  - Algorithmic subtasks:
    1. Learn topology of the graphical mode, $G = (V, E)$
    2. Learn model parameters (i.e., Φ), given G

Learning PGMs from Ensembles
GAMELAN (GrAphical Models of Energy LANdscapes)

- Optimization problem

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1st term reflects the PGM's fit to the data

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2nd term penalizes complex PGMs by counting the number of edges (and thus parameters)

Learning PGMs from Ensembles
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- Algorithms for solving optimization problem
    - Discrete Random Variables: BKLCL11
    - Continuous Random Variables
        - Angular Data (von Mises distribution): RKL11
        - Unimodal distributions: RKL12
        - Multi-modal Distributions: RL12; L14
    - Time-varying models: RMKL10; L14

Using PGMs of Molecular Structures

- Given a PGM, there are algorithms for:
  - Computing (approximate) free energies
    - KXL07; KL08; KBL09; KXL11; KGLB14
  - Visualizing entropic contributions to the free energy
    - KXL11
  - Sampling new configurations
    - RKL11

Heatmap of Configurational Entropy for Lysozyme

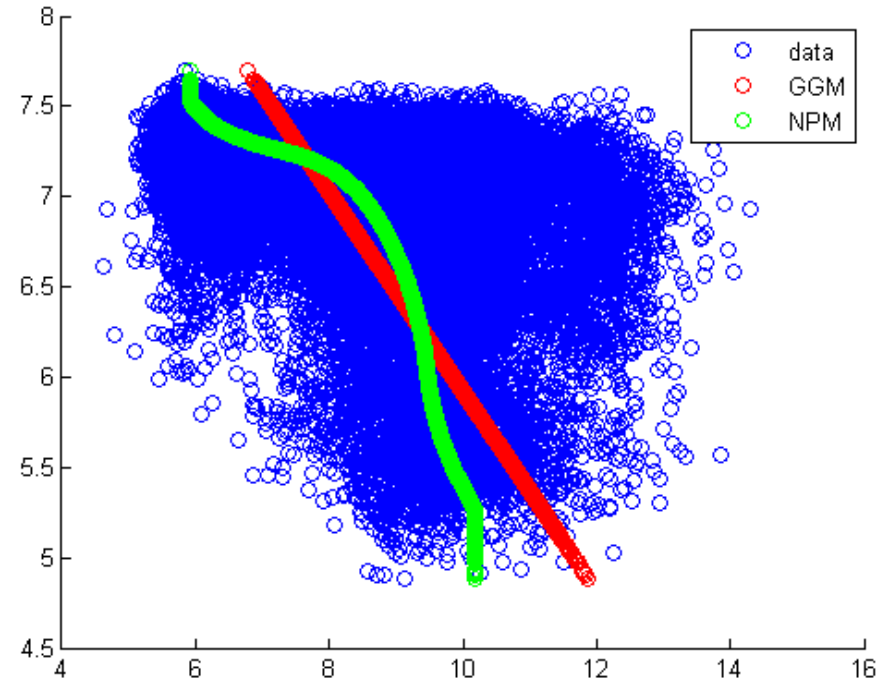*P41 acknowledged

Using PGMs of Molecular Structures

- Given a PGM, there are algorithms for:
  - (re)Designing Proteins
    - KGBL09; KGLB14
  - Predicting how the distribution changes under perturbations [i.e., $P(\mathbf{X} \mid Y)$]
    - Examples: allosteric regulation; effects of mutations
    - KXL11; RKL12; L14

Example: Inference in GGM vs NPN [L14]

- Data: 50 μs simulation of the engrailed homeodomain

- Conditioned model on one variable, computed MLE of remaining variable

argmax $_y$ P(y|x)

argmax $_x$ P(x|y)

Ongoing Work

- Distribution GAMELAN Software
  – Custom-version for Anton Trajectories
- PGM-based Markov-State Models
- Writing manuscripts for semi- and non parametric models
- Rory and Dan are integrating Dan's high-resolution rotamer libraries into our framework

Potential Applications to other areas of the BTRR

- Analyzing MCELL/BNG trajectories
- Alternative algorithms for learning PGMs from image data
- Parameter estimation
  - Specifically, learning PGMs over model parameters

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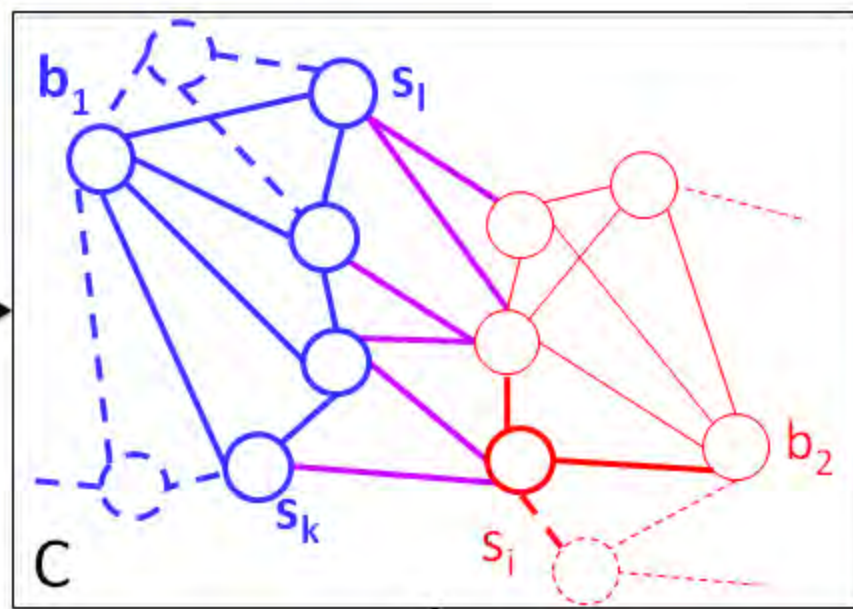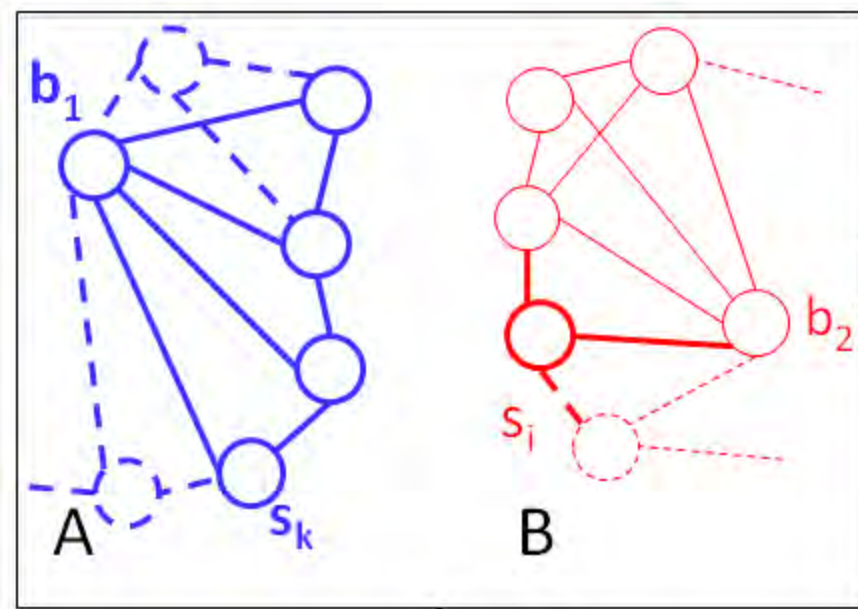 - Dr. Jaime Carbonell

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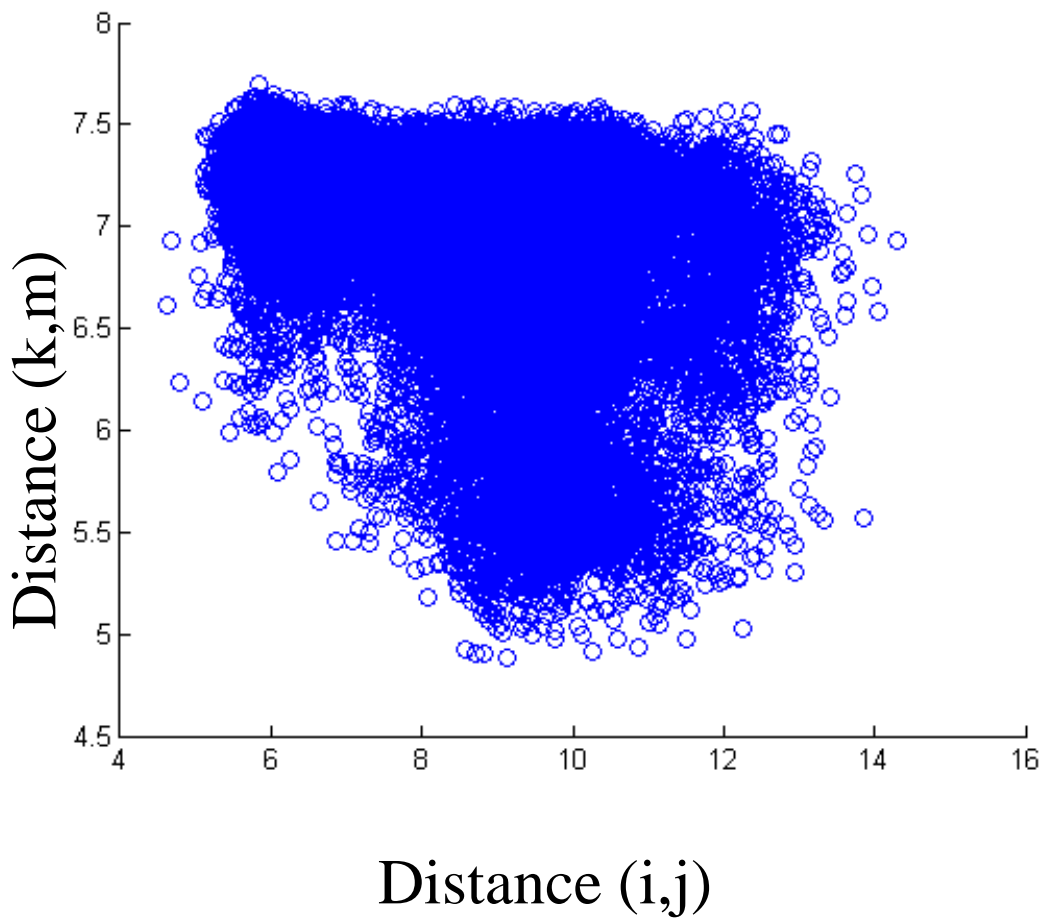
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Timeline

Timeline	Year1		Year2		Year3		Year4		Y5
Aim 1									
1. Inclusion of lipid bilayer into network models									
2. Dev of a hybrid methodology that integrates ENMs, MD & MC									
3. Analysis suite for WE sim & application to neurosignaling proteins									
4. Critical assessment and sampling quality									
5. PGM-based analysis modeling of ensembles of conformers									
6. Combined use of ENM-, WE- and PGM-based methods									
Aim 2									
1. Improving QC methods in hybrid QC/MM									
2. Affinity calculations using mixed resolution models with LBMC									
3. PGM-based binding affinity calculations									
4. Combining PGMs with statistical mechanical libraries									
5. Elucidating allosteric signaling mechanisms & multimerization effects									
Aim 3									
1. Information transfer across scales - scale integration									
2. Application of WE methods to accelerate MCell simulations									
3. Analysis of MCell trajectories using PGMs and PCA-based methods									
4. Software optimization and parallelization									
5. PGM-based software and API									
6. Development of interfaces for easy access and interoperation									
7. Alternative strategies:ENMs & resolution exchange applied to MCell									

Design	Implementation and improvements	Alpha testing	User evaluation and refinements (beta testing)

Example

Marginals

Joint Distribution