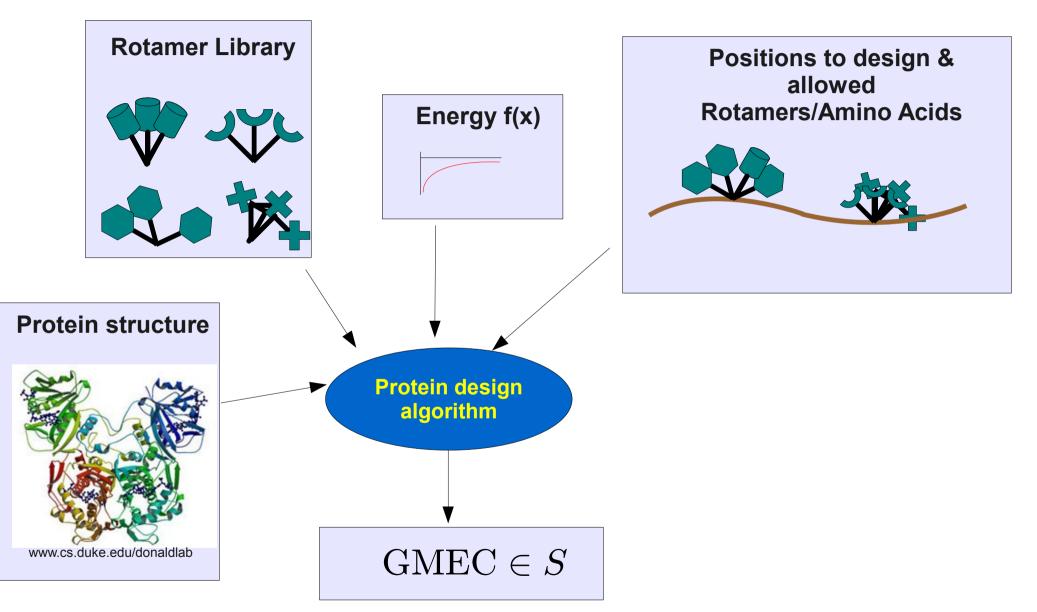
Accurate prediction for atomic-level protein design and its application in diversifying the near-optimal sequence space

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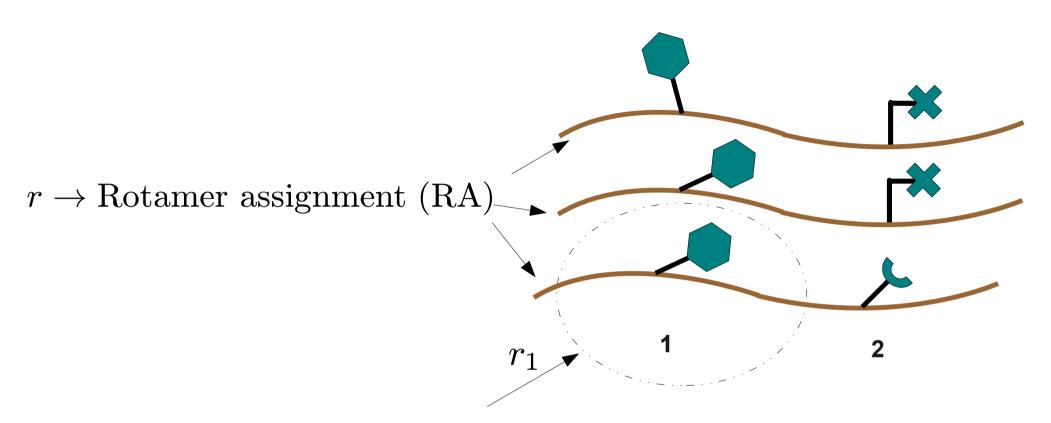
Outline

- 1) Problem definition
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1. Problem Definition



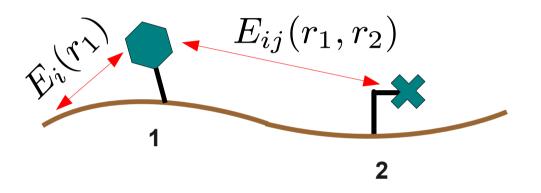
1. Problem Definition (2)



 $r_i \rightarrow \text{Rotamer}$ at position *i* for RA *r*

1. Problem Definition (3)

 $E_i(r_i) \to \text{Energy between rotamer } r_i \text{ and fixed backbone}$ $E_{ij}(r_i, r_j) \to \text{Energy between rotamers } r_i \text{ and } r_j$



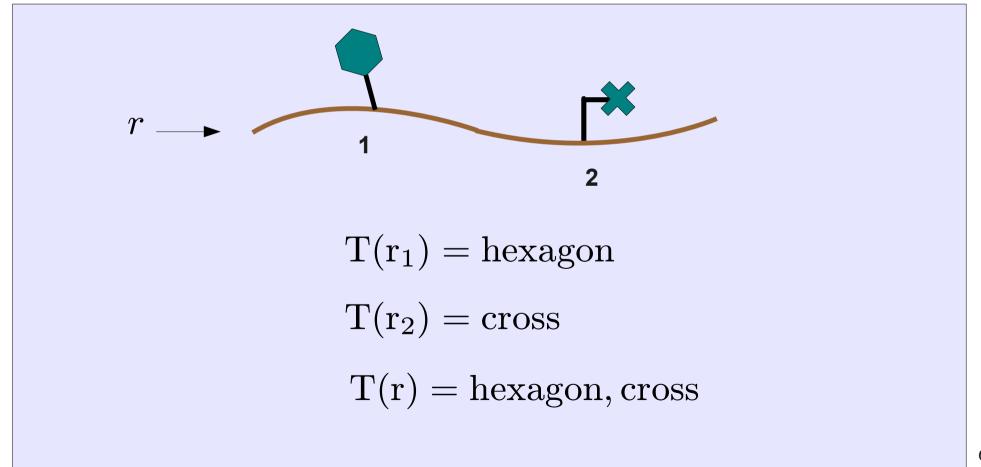
 $E(r) \rightarrow \text{Energy of rotamer assignment } r$

$$E(r) = \sum_{i} E_i(r_i) + \sum_{i,j} E_{ij}(r_i, r_j)$$

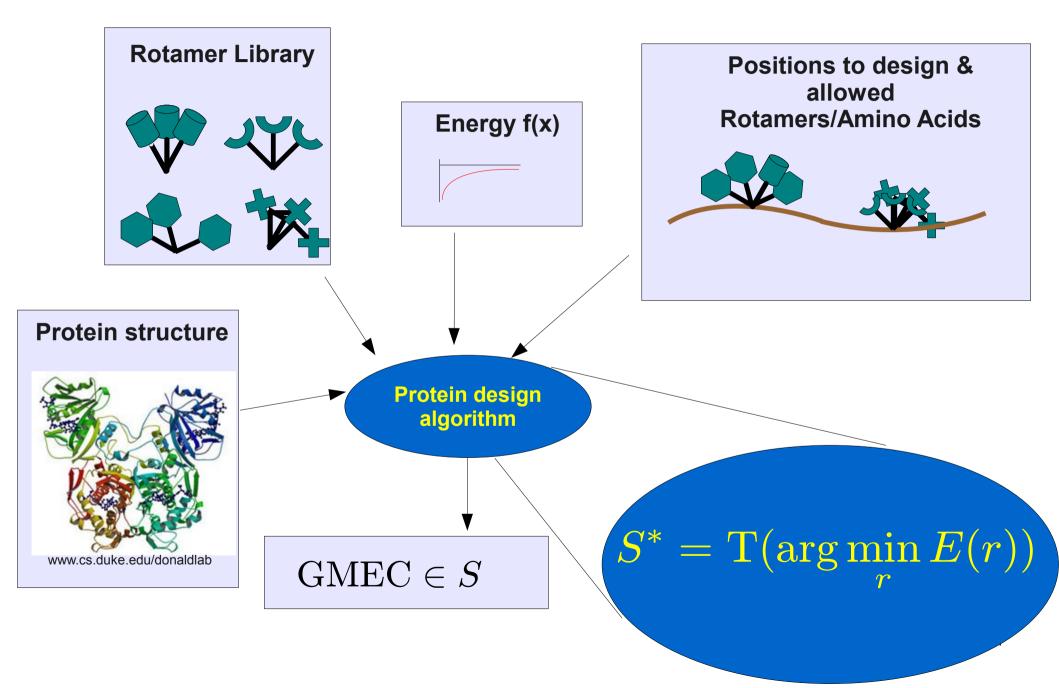
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 $T(k) \rightarrow$ returns amino acid type of rotamer k

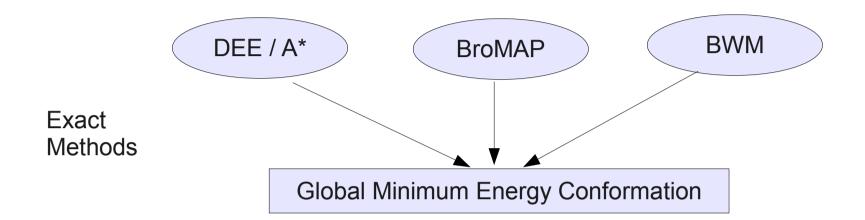
 $T(r) \rightarrow$ returns sequence of rotamer assignment r

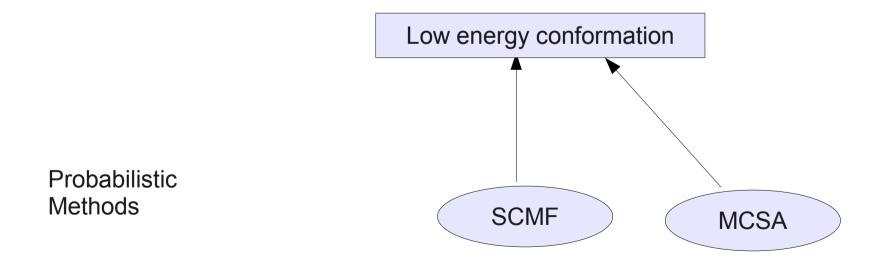


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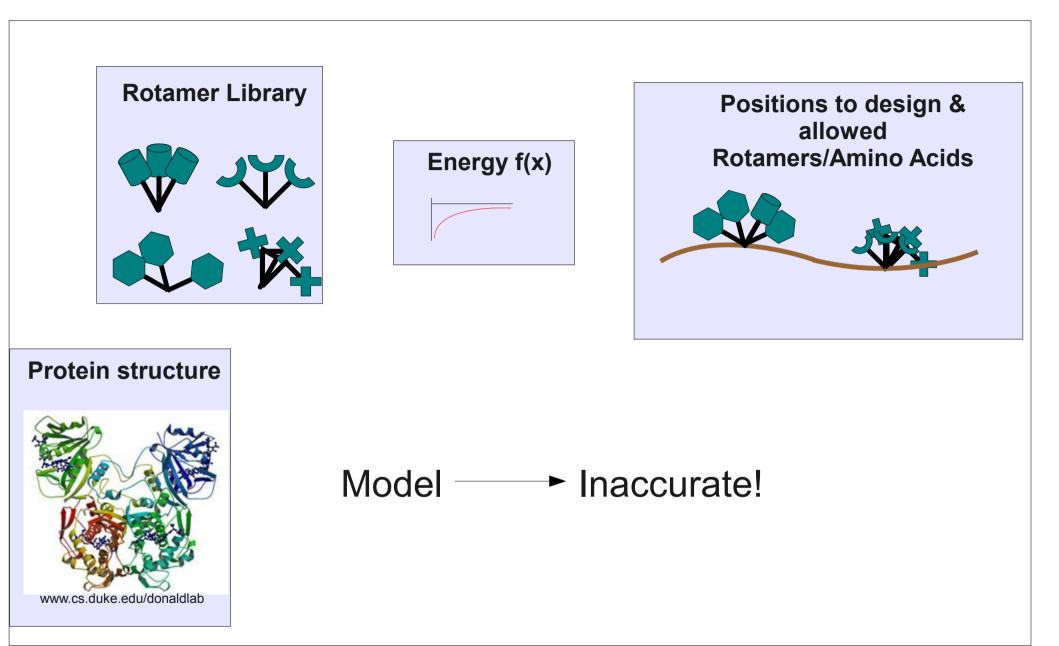


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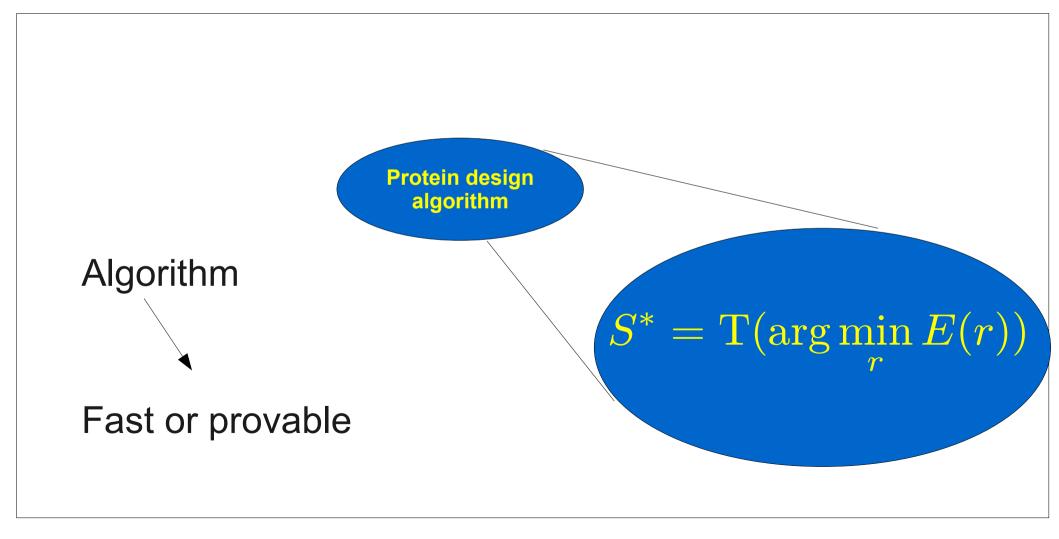




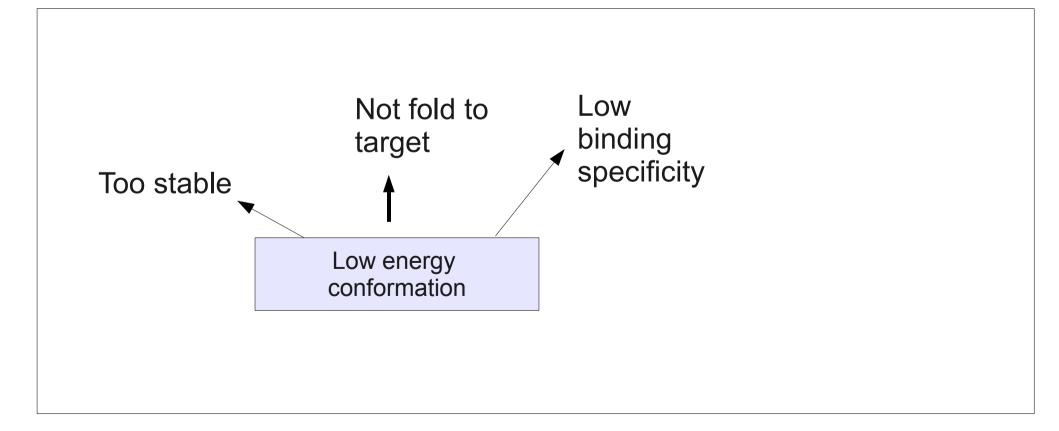
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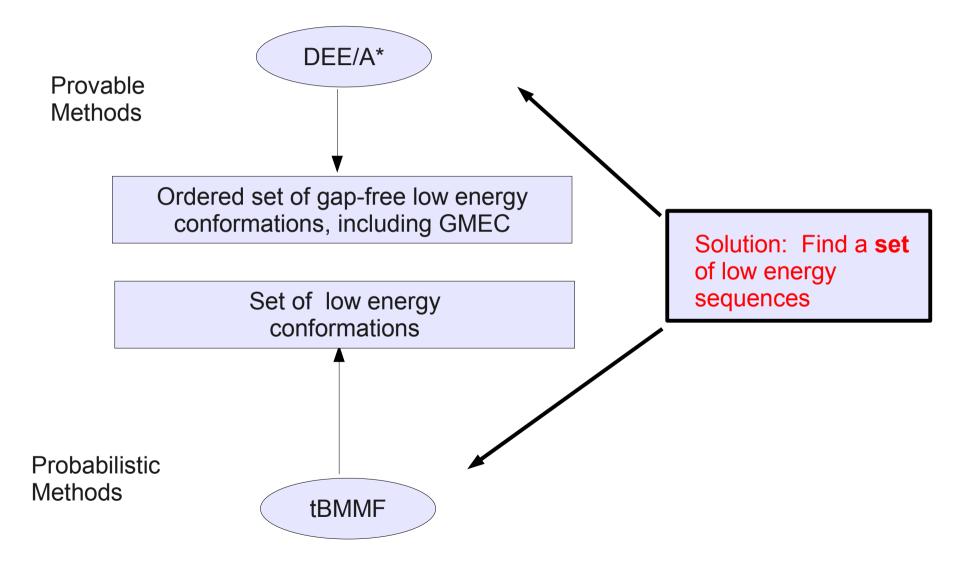
1. Problem Definition (8)



1. Problem Definition (9)



1. Problem Definition (10)



Problem Definition: Summary

- Protein design algorithms search for the sequence with the Global Minimum Energy Conformation (GMEC).
- Our model is **inaccurate**: more than one low energy sequence is desirable.
- Fromer et al. Propose **tBMMF** to generate a **set** of low energy sequences.

2. Our problem as an inference problem

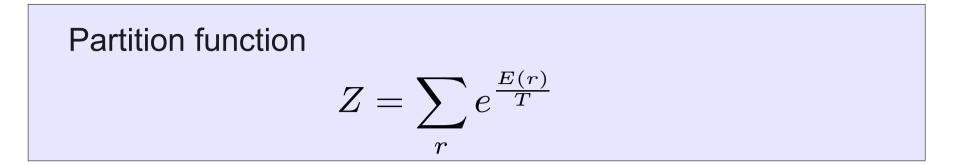
Probabilistic factor for self-interactions

$$\psi_i(r_i) = e^{\frac{-E_i(r_i)}{T}}$$

Probabilistic factor for pairwise interactions

$$\psi_{ij}(r_i, r_j) = e^{\frac{-E_{ij}(r_i, r_j)}{T}}$$

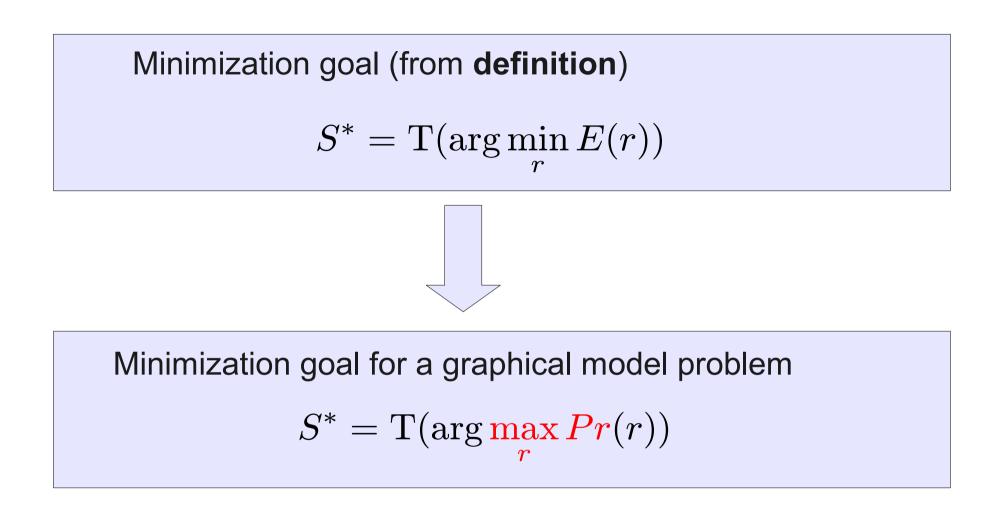
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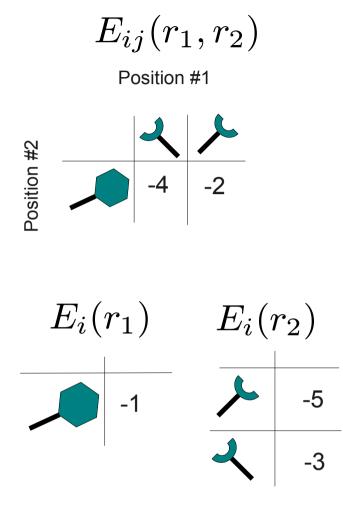
Probability **distribution** for rotamer assignment r

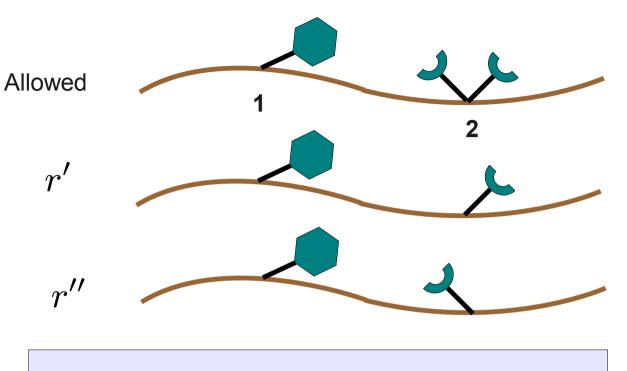
$$P(r_1, ..., r_N) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_i \psi_i(r_i) \prod_{i,j} \psi_{ij}(r_i, r_j) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{\frac{-E(r)}{T}}$$

2. Inference problem (3)



2. Inference problem (4)





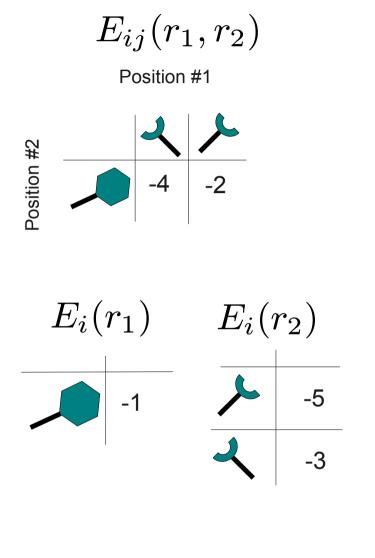
Example: Inference problem

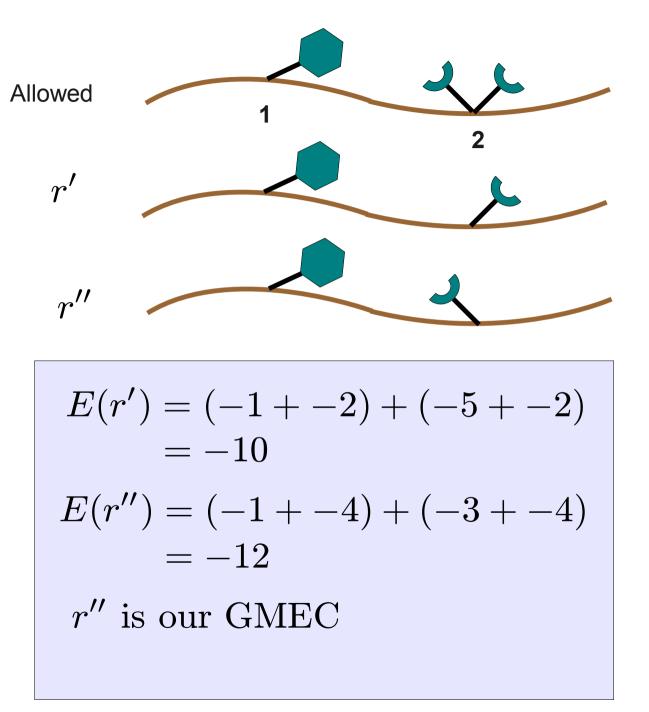
$$E(r') = ?$$

E(r'') = ?

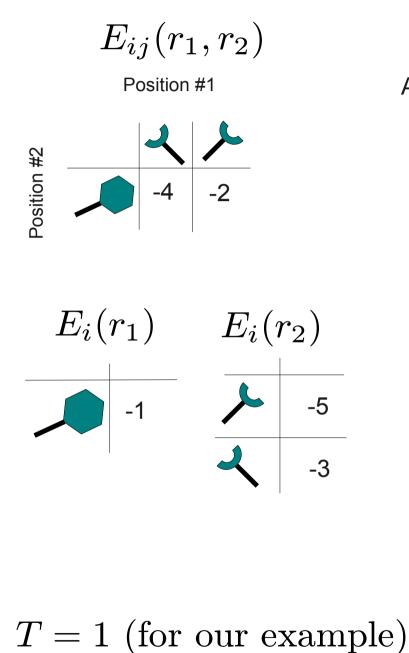
What is our GMEC??

2. Inference problem (5)





2. Inference problem (6)



Allowed

$$r'$$

$$r''$$

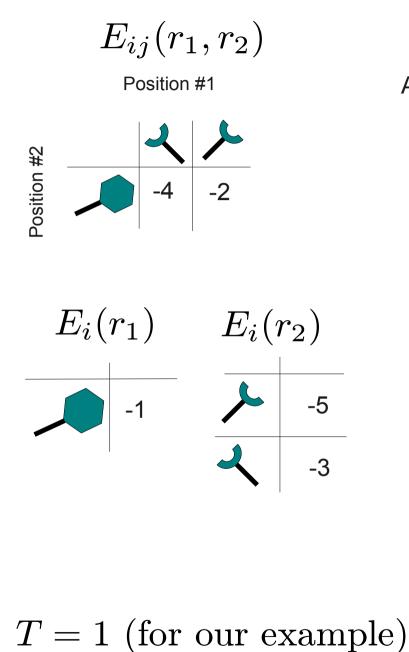
$$\psi_{i}(r'_{1}) = e^{\frac{-E_{i}(r'_{1})}{T}} = e$$

$$\psi_{i}(r'_{2}) = e^{\frac{-E_{i}(r'_{2})}{T}} = e^{5}$$

$$\psi_{i}(r''_{1}) = e^{\frac{-E_{i}(r''_{1})}{T}} = e$$

$$\psi_{i}(r''_{2}) = e^{\frac{-E_{i}(r''_{2})}{T}} = e^{3}$$

2. Inference problem (7)



Allowed

$$r'$$

$$r''$$

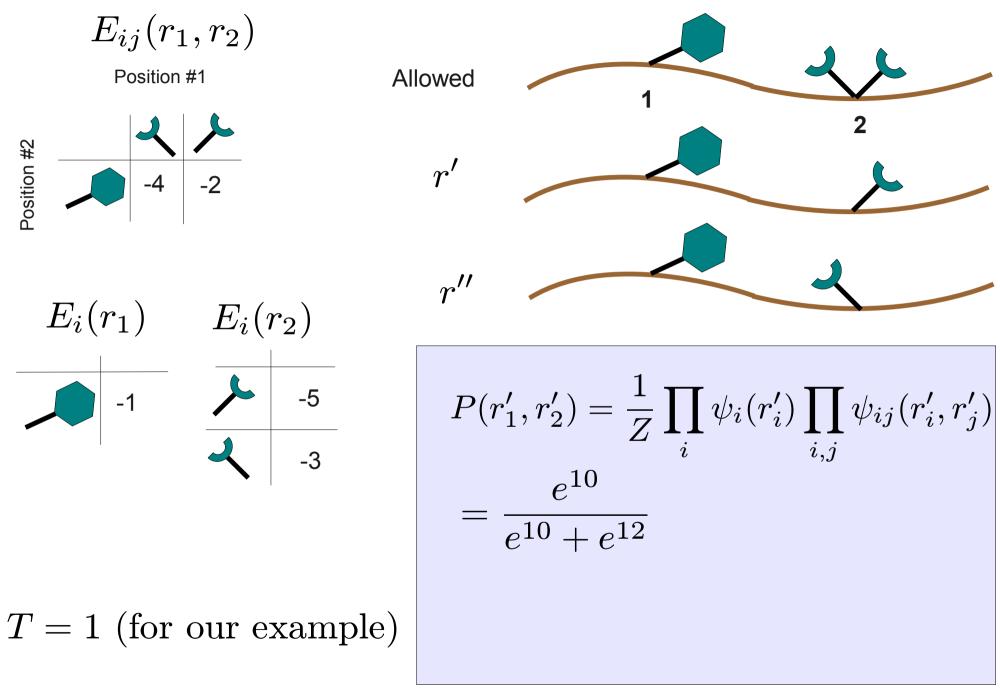
$$r''$$

$$\psi_{ij}(r'_{1}, r'_{2}) = e^{\frac{-E_{ij}(r'_{1}, r'_{2})}{T}} = e^{2}$$

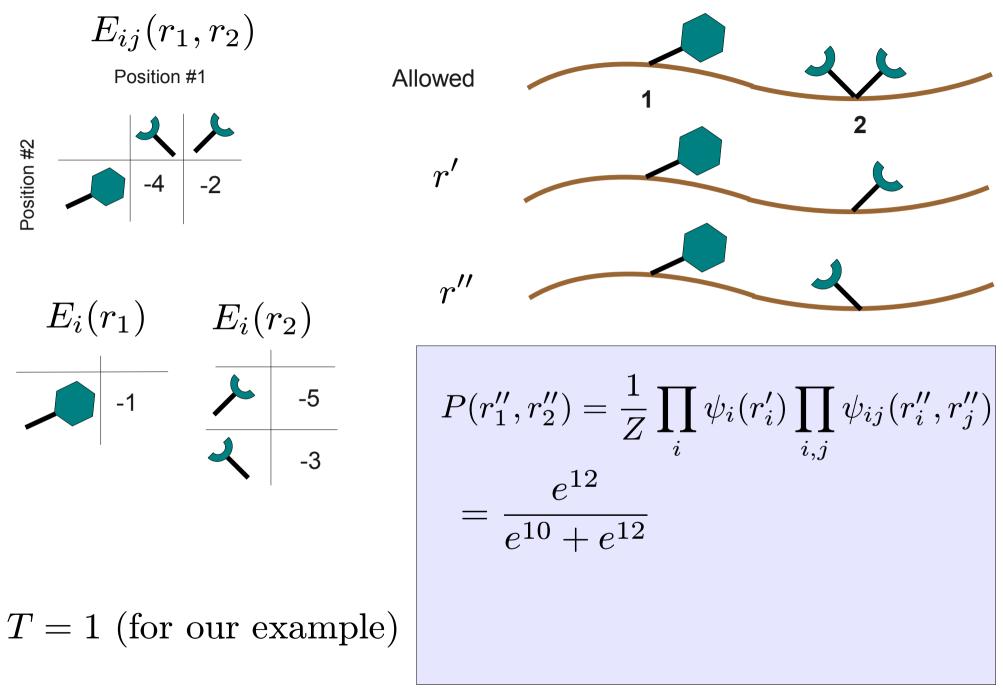
$$\psi_{ij}(r''_{1}, r''_{2}) = e^{\frac{-E_{ij}(r''_{1}, r''_{2})}{T}} = e^{4}$$

$$Z = \sum_{r} e^{\frac{E(r)}{T}} = e^{10} + e^{12}$$

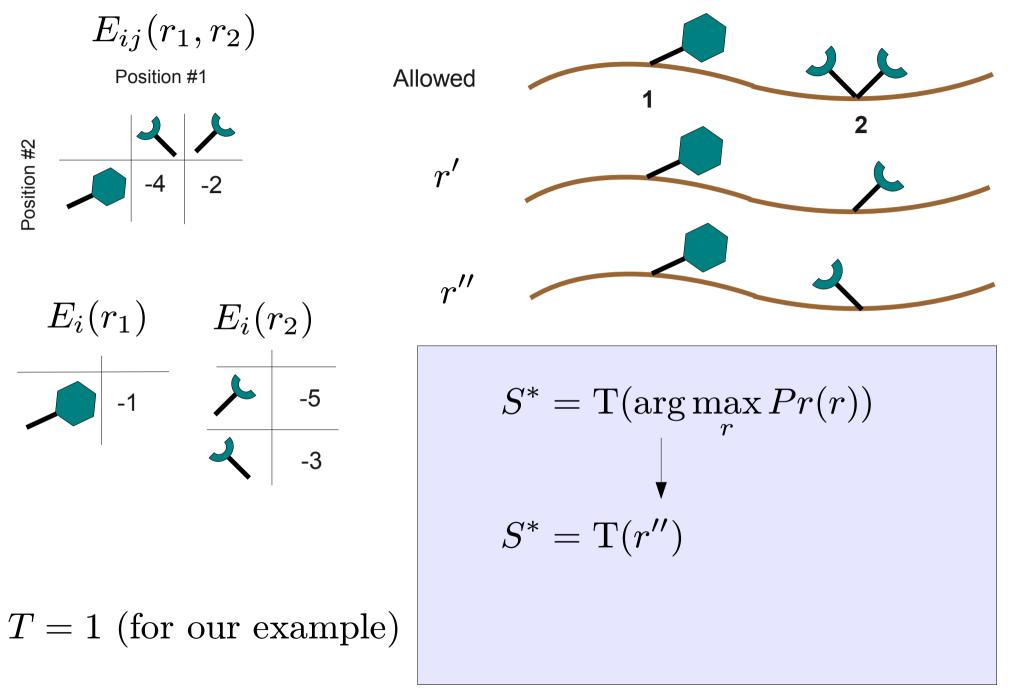
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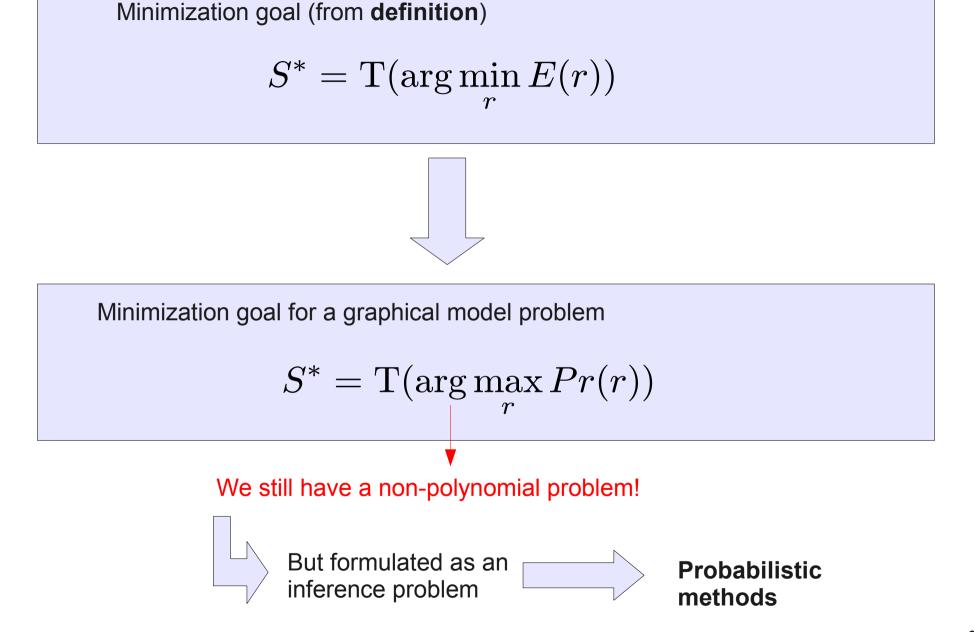
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2. Inference problem (10)



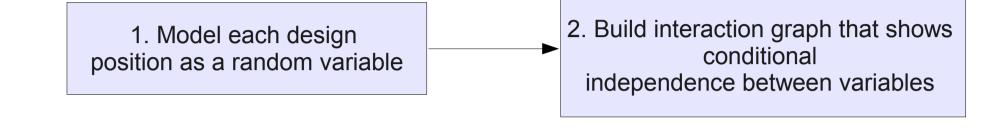
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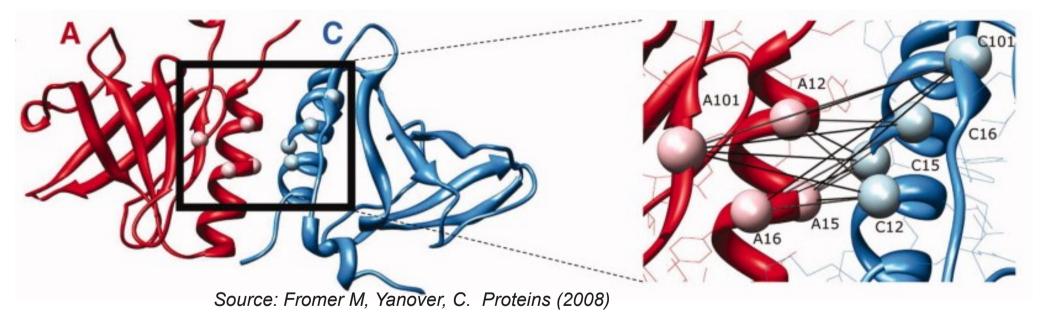


Summary: Inference problem

- We model our problem as an **inference** problem.
- We can use **probabilistic** methods to solve it.

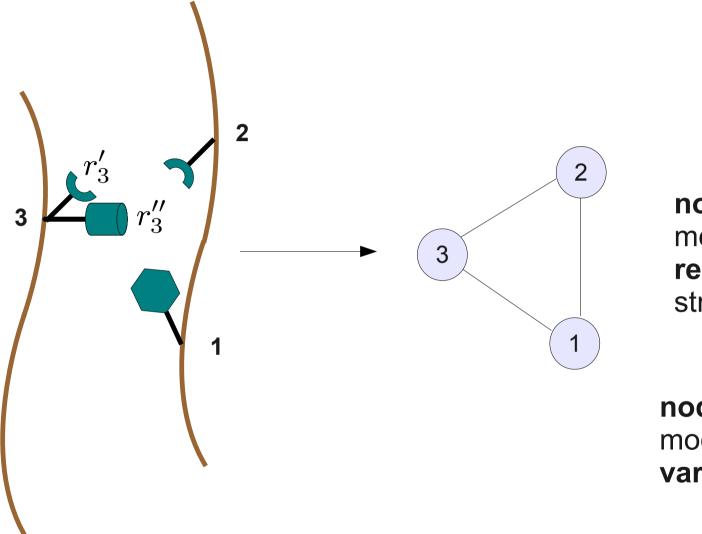
3. Graphical models for protein design and belief propagation (BP)





SspB dimer interface: Inter-monomeric interactions (Ca)

3. Graphical Models/BP (2)



node in the graphical model: **interacting residue** in the structure.

node in the graphical model: **random variable**

3. Graphical Models/BP (3)

2 2 r_3'' 3 3 1 1 4 4

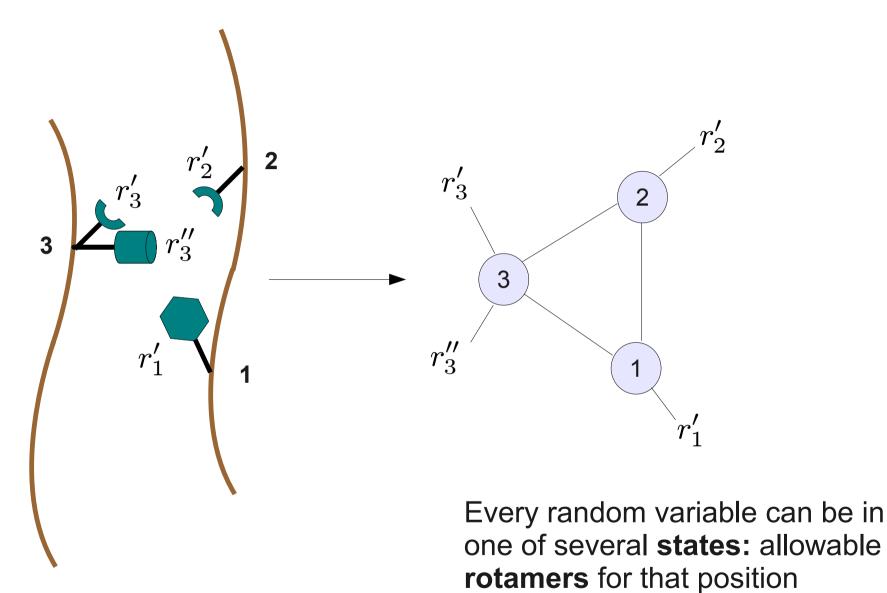
Example: Belief propagation

edge: energy interaction between two residues.

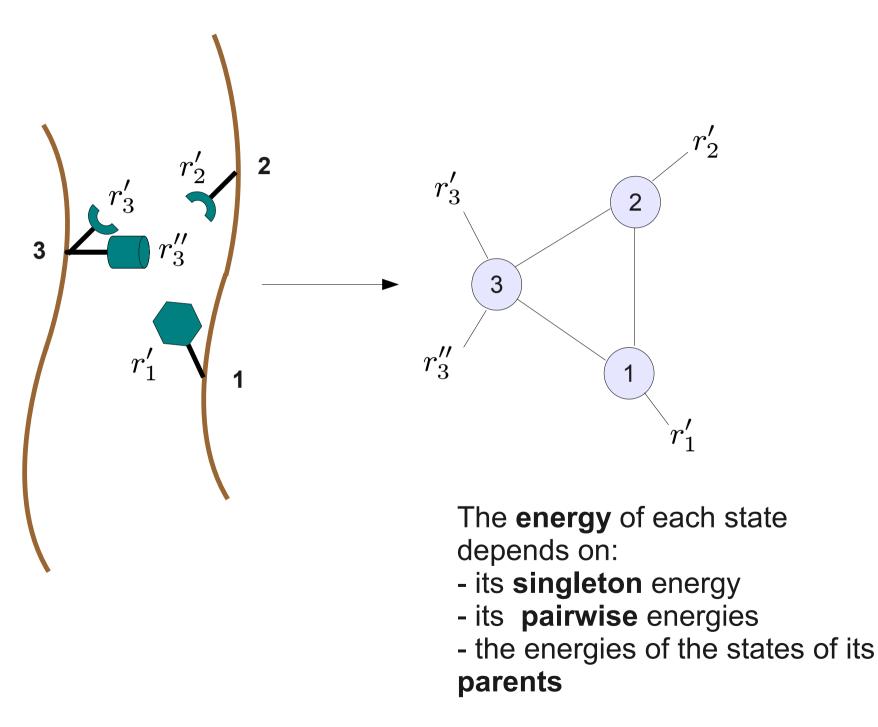
edge: causal relationship between two nodes

If two residues are **distant** from each other, **no edge** between them.

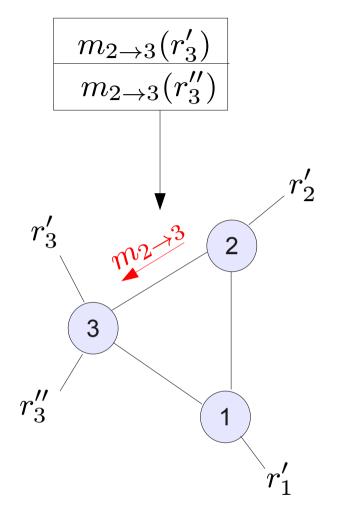
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3. Graphical Models/BP (5)



3. Graphical Models/BP (6)



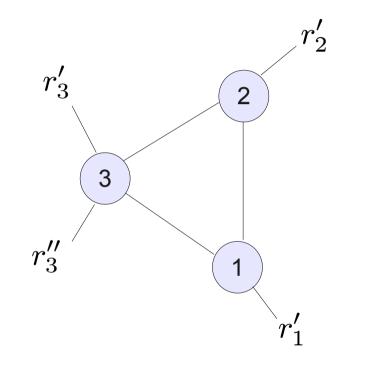
Example: Belief propagation

Belief propagation: each node tells its neighbors nodes what it believes their state should be

A **message** is sent from node **i** to node **j**

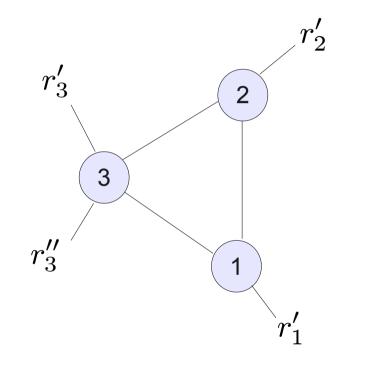
The message is a vector where # of dimensions: allowed states/rotamers in recipient

3. Graphical Models/BP (7)



Who sends the first message?

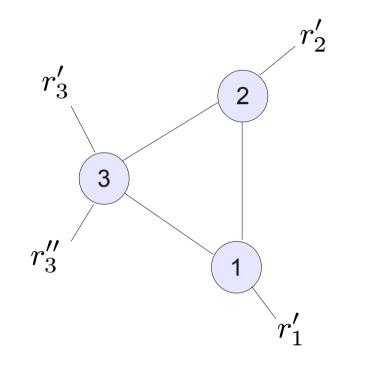
3. Graphical Models/BP (8)



Who sends the first message?

In a **tree**: the **leaves** - Belief propagation is proven to be correct in a tree!

3. Graphical Models/BP (9)



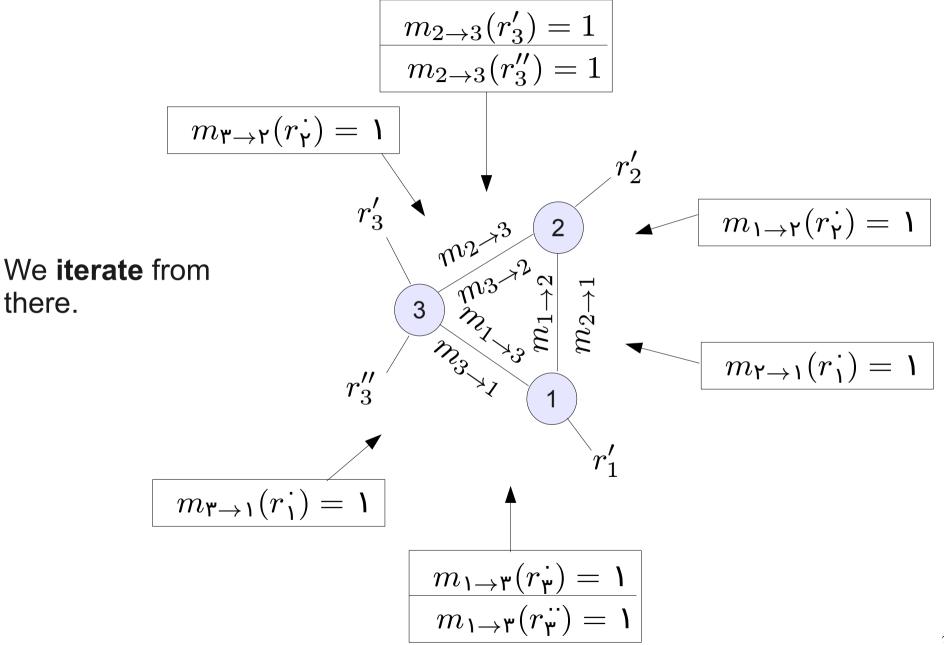
Who sends the first message?

In a graph with cycles:

- Set initial values
- Send in parallel

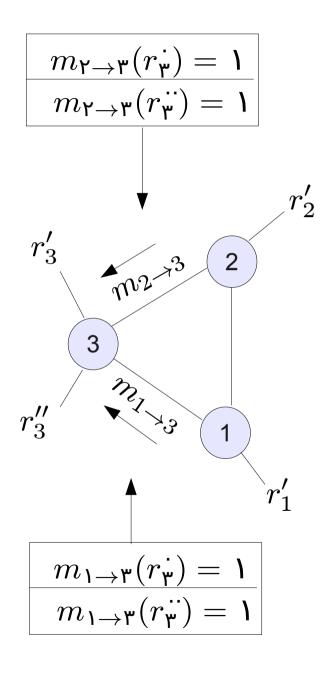
No guarantees can be made! There might not be any convergence

3. Graphical Models/BP (10)



3. Graphical Models/BP (11)

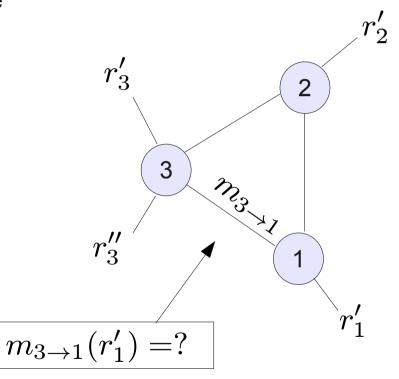
Node 3 receives messages from nodes 1 and 2



3. Graphical Models/BP (12)

Example: Belief propagation

What message does node 3 send to node 1 on the next iteration?

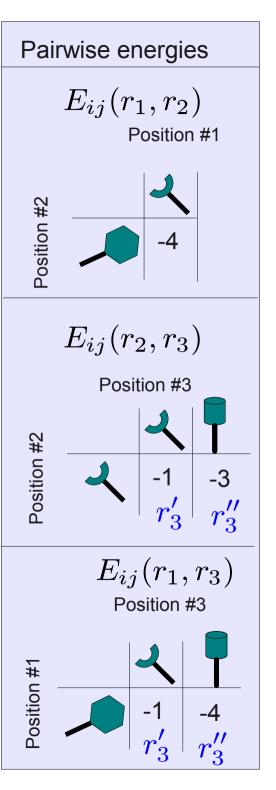


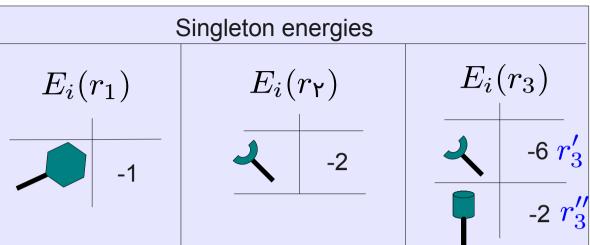
Belief propagation: message passing

 $N(i) \rightarrow$ Neighbors of variable *i*

Message that gets sent on each iteration
$$m_{i \to j}(r_j) = \max_{r_i} \left(e^{\frac{-E_i(r_i) - E_{ij}(r_i, r_j)}{t}} \prod_{k \in N(i) \setminus j} m_{k \to i}(r_i) \right)$$

Example: Belief propagation





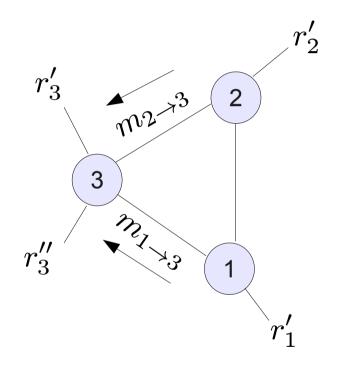
Iteration 0: $m_{3\to1}(r'_1) = \max_{r_3} \left(e^{\frac{-E_i(r_3) - E_{ij}(r'_3, r_1)}{t}} m_{2\to3}(r'_3), e^{\frac{-E_i(r_3) - E_{ij}(r''_3, r_1)}{t}} m_{2\to3}(r''_3) \right)$ =?

3. Graphical Models/BP (15)

Example: Belief propagation

Once it converges we can compute the belief each node has about **itself**

Belief about one's state: Multiply all incoming messages by singleton energy



Belief propagation: Max-marginals

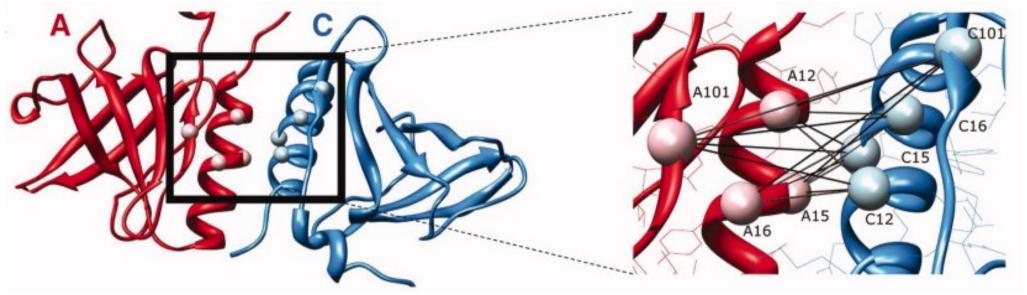
Belief about each rotamer

$$MM_i(r_i) = e^{\frac{-E_i(r_i)}{t}} \prod_{k \in N(i)} m_{k \to i}(r_i)$$

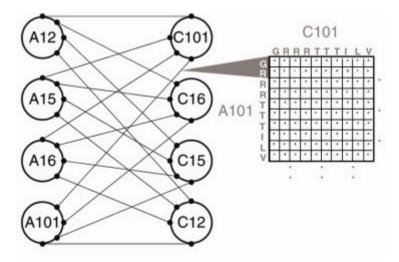
$$\Pr_i^{\infty}(r_i) = \max_{r':r'_i = r_i} \Pr(r')$$

"Most likely" rotamer for position i
$$r_i^* = rg\max_{r_i \in \mathrm{Rots}_i} \mathrm{Pr}_i^\infty(r_i)$$

3. Graphical Models/BP (17)

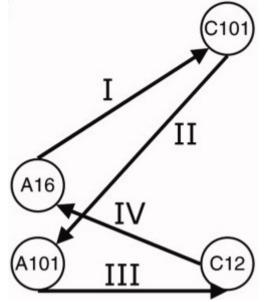


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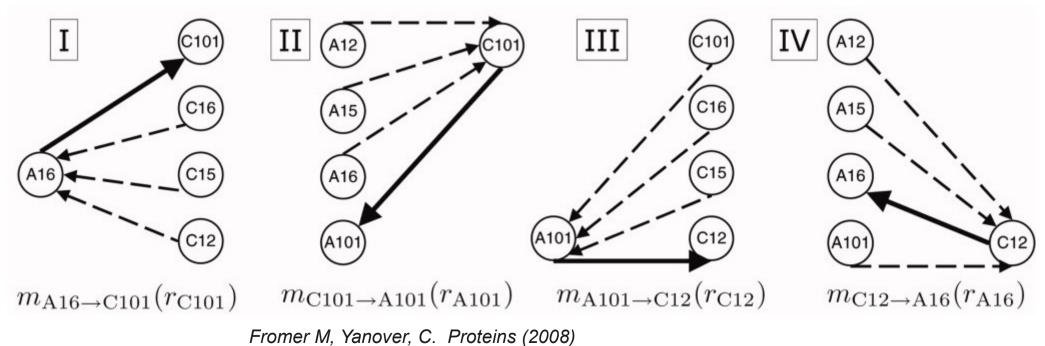


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3. Graphical Models/BP (18)



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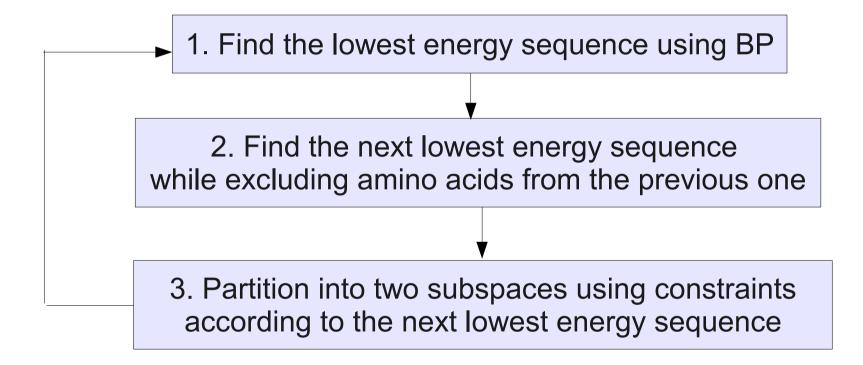
3. Graphical Models: Summary

- Formulate as an inference problem
- Model our design problem as a graphical model
- Establish edges between interacting residues
- Use Belief Propagation to find the beliefs for each position

4. tBMMF: type specific BMMF

- Paper's main contribution
- Builds on previous work by C. Yanover (2004)
- Uses Belief propagation to find lowest energy sequence and constrains space to find subsequent sequences

TBMMF (simplification)



4. tBMMF (3)

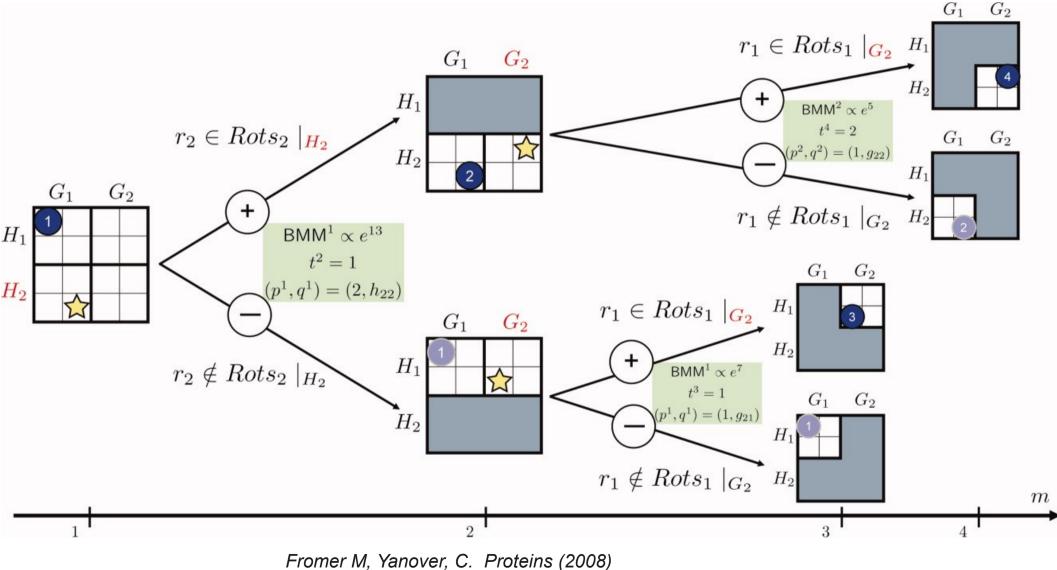
Example: tBMMF (1)

| А | | Position #1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| А | | | aa | G | 1 | G | 2 | | | | | | |
| | Position #2 | aa | rot. | g_{11} | g_{12} | g_{21} | g_{22} | | | | | | |
| | n | H_1 | h_{11} | -15 | -11 | -6 | -3 | | | | | | |
| | iti | 111 | h_{12} | -14 | -10 | -7 | -2 | | | | | | |
| | osi | H_2 | h_{21} | -8 | -9 | 0 | -5 | | | | | | |
| | Ч | 112 | h_{22} | -12 | -13 | -4 | -1 | | | | | | |
| В | | | | | | | _ | | | | | | |
| D | | | r | E(r) | | $\overline{(r)}$ | _ | | | | | | |
| | | | $(1, h_{11})$ | -15 | | $,H_1)$ | | | | | | | |
| | | | $(1, h_{12})$ | -14 | | (H_1) | | | | | | | |
| | | | $(2, h_{22})$ | -13 | | $(,H_2)$ | | | | | | | |
| | | | $(1, h_{22})$ | -12 | | (H_2) | | | | | | | |
| | | | $(2, h_{11})$ | -11 | | (H_1) | | | | | | | |
| | | | $(12, h_{12})$ | -10 | | $(,H_1)$ | | | | | | | |
| | | | $(12, h_{21})$ | -9 | | $(,H_2)$ | | | | | | | |
| | | | $(1, h_{21})$ | -8 | | (H_2) | | | | | | | |
| | | | (h_{12}) | -7 | | (H_1) | | | | | | | |
| | | | (h_{11}, h_{11}) | $-6 \\ -5$ | | (H_1) | | | | | | | |
| | | | (h_{22}, h_{21}) | -3 -4 | | (H_2, H_2) | | | | | | | |
| | | | (h_{21}, h_{22}) | $^{-4}$ -3 | · - | (H_2, H_2) (H_2, H_1) | | | | | | | |
| | | | $(22, h_{11})$ | $^{-3}$ | | (H_1) (H_2, H_1) | | | | | | | |
| | | | (h_{12}, h_{12}) | $-2 \\ -1$ | | $(H_1)_{2}, H_1)_{2}, H_2)$ | | | | | | | |
| | | | (h_{22}, h_{22}) | $^{-1}_{0}$ | · · · | (H_2, H_2) | | | | | | | |
| | | (g_2) | (h_{21}, h_{21}) | 0 | $(G_2$ | (n_2, n_2) | | | | | | | |

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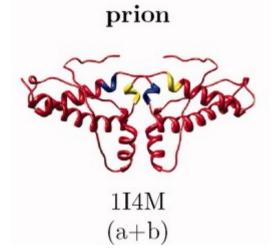
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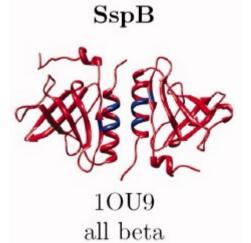
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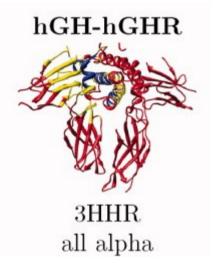


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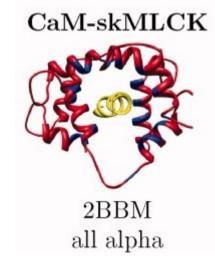
Results







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Results (2)

| | | Num. Positions (Chains ^a) | | | | Search Spa | ace Cardina | Rotamer Library | | |
|---------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|-----|-----------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | She | ll ^b | Sequence | Rotamer | $td-DEE^c$ | Read^{d} | $\rm Added^e$ |
| Small | prion | 7 | (A) | 7 | (B) | 8.95 | 31.88 | 26.60 | Full | χ_1,χ_2 |
| SMALL | SspB | 8 | (A,C) | 0 | 20. IS | 10.23 | 24.82 | 24.07 | Full | χ_1,χ_2 |
| | hGH-hGHR 1 | 6 - | (A) | 135 | (A,B) | 7.67 | 238.95 | 168.01 | Full | χ_1,χ_2 |
| | hGH-hGHR 2 | 6 | (A) | 135 | (A,B) | 7.67 | 237.63 | 164.78 | Full | χ_1,χ_2 |
| Medium | hGH-hGHR 3 | 5 | (A) | 136 | (A,B) | 6.39 | 235.01 | 163.43 | Full | χ_1,χ_2 |
| MEDIUM | hGH-hGHR 4 | 6 | (A) | 135 | (A,B) | 7.67 | 237.68 | 167.38 | Full | χ_1,χ_2 |
| | hGH-hGHR 5 | 6 | (A) | 135 | (A,B) | 7.67 | 236.49 | 159.71 | Full | χ_1,χ_2 |
| | hGH-hGHR 6 | 6 | (A) | 135 | (A,B) | 7.67 | 237.25 | 163.53 | Full | χ_1,χ_2 |
| Large 1 | CaM- $smMLCK$ | 24 | (A) | 19 | (B) | 30.69 | 86.07 | 82.18 | Limited | χ_1 |
| LARGE 1 | CaM-skMLCK | 24 | (A) | 19 | (B) | 30.69 | 80.63 | 73.75 | Limited | χ_1 |
| Large 2 | hGH-hGHR | 35 | (A) | 106 | (A,B) | 44.76 | 213.89 | 167.32 | Limited | χ_1 |
| LARGE Z | Top7 | 92 | (A) | 0 | | 117.65 | 202.20 | 200.19 | Limited | 1999-1999 1997-1997 - 1 |

^aPeptide chains to which the corresponding positions belong, labeled arbitrarily.

^bNon-designed, conformationally varying positions.

^cRotamer space cardinality after application of type-dependent Goldstein DEE.

^dFull: all rotamers read from library; Limited: highest probability rotamers read.

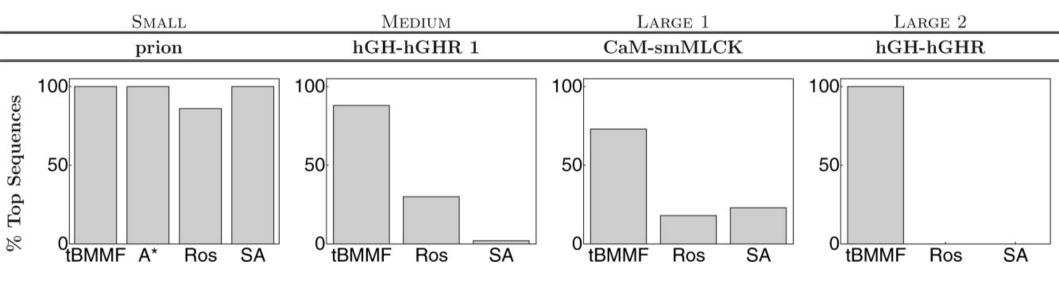
^eSide-chain angles around which additional rotamers were super-sampled from library rotamers.

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Results(3)

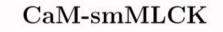
- Algorithms tried:
 - DEE / A* (Goldstein, 1-split, 2-split, Magic Bullet)
 - tBMMF
 - Ros: Rosetta
 - SA: Simulated annealing over sequence space

Results (4): Assessment results



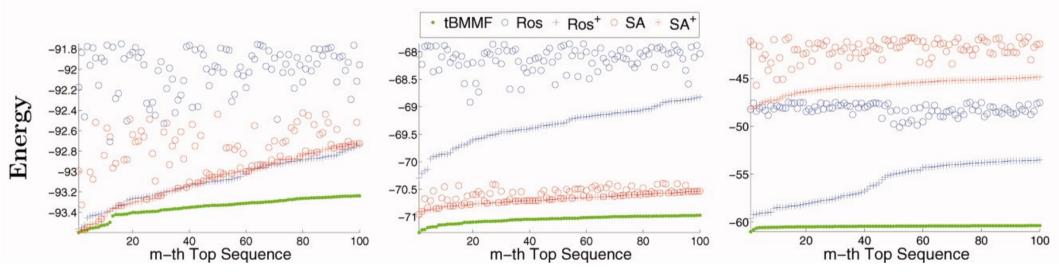
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Results(5)



CaM-skMLCK

hGH-hGHR



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Results(6)

| lable I. | Assessment | and | Analysis | of the | Algorithms | ested | |
|----------|------------|-----|----------|--------|------------|-------|--|
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| | | tBMMF | | Ros | | SA | | A* | | (A* Rotamer | | Space) | |
|---------|------------|------------------|--------|--------------|---------|--------|-----------------|------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|--|
| | | Тор | Time | Тор | Time | Тор | Time | Top ^a | Time | td-DEE ^b | | DEE ^c | |
| Small | prion | 100% | 58.9 m | 86% | 9.3 h | 100% | 12 h | 100% | 3.4 m | 26.60 | \rightarrow | 11.68 | |
| | SspB | 100% | 11 h | 100% | 11.4 h | 97% | 9.6 h | 1% d | Зd | 24.07 | \rightarrow | 15.91 | |
| Medium | hGH-hGHR 1 | 88% | 13.4 h | 30% | 2.1 d | 2% | 7.3 d | Failed | 12 d | 168.01 | \rightarrow | 131.81 | |
| | hGH-hGHR 2 | 60% | 7.6 h | 50% | 2 d | 0% | 5.9 d | Failed | 12 d | 164.78 | \rightarrow | 130.61 | |
| | hGH-hGHR 3 | 100% | 4.1 h | 73% | 1.7 d | 0% | 5.9 d | Failed | 12 d | 163.43 | \rightarrow | 128.58 | |
| | hGH-hGHR 4 | 100% | 8.5 h | 22% | 2.1 d | 0% | 7.4 d | Failed | 12 d | 167.38 | \rightarrow | 134.18 | |
| | hGH-hGHR 5 | 100% | 2.9 h | 27% | 2 d | 0% | 5.8 d | Failed | 12 d | 159.71 | \rightarrow | 120.98 | |
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| Large 1 | CaM-smMLCK | 73% | 10.6 h | 18% | 18 h | 23% | 1 d | Failed | 12 d | 82.18 | \rightarrow | 45.97 | |
| - | CaM-skMLCK | 100% | 2 h | 0% | 10.7 h | 0% | 20.7 h | Failed | 7.2 d | 73.75 | \rightarrow | 47.41 | |
| Large 2 | hGH-hGHR | 100% | 17.6 h | 0% | 2 d | 0% | 2.3 d | Failed | 12 d | 167.32 | \rightarrow | 115.63 | |
| - | Top7 Frome | r 6191 %\ | (añove | ;3 C% | Proteir | ns)(20 | 0 8) 7 d | Failed | 12 d | 200.19 | \rightarrow | 168.38 | |

Results(6)

Table I. Assessment and Analysis of the Algorithms Tested

| | | tBMMF | | Ros | | SA | | Α* | | (A* Rotamer | | Space) |
|---------|------------|-------------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | | Тор | Time | Тор | Time | Тор | Time | Top ^a | Time | td-DEE ^b | | DEE ^C |
| Small | prion | 100% | 58.9 m | 86% | 9.3 h | 100% | 6 12 h | 100% | 3.4 m | 26.60 | \rightarrow | 11.68 |
| | SspB | 100% | 11 h | 100% | 11.4 h | 97% | 9.6 h | 1% d | Зd | 24.07 | \rightarrow | 15.91 |
| Medium | hGH-hGHR 1 | 88% | 13.4 h | 30% | 2.1 d | 2% | 7.3 d | Failed | 12 d | 168.01 | \rightarrow | 131.81 |
| | hGH-hGHR 2 | 60% | 7.6 h | 50% | 2 d | 0% | 5.9 d | Failed | 12 d | 164.78 | \rightarrow | 130.61 |
| | hGH-hGHR 3 | 100% | 4.1 h | 73% | 1.7 d | 0% | 5.9 d | Failed | 12 d | 163.43 | \rightarrow | 128.58 |
| | hGH-hGHR 4 | 100% | 8.5 h | 22% | 2.1 d | 0% | 7.4 d | Failed | 12 d | 167.38 | \rightarrow | 134.18 |
| | hGH-hGHR 5 | 100% | 2.9 h | 27% | 2 d | 0% | 5.8 d | Failed | 12 d | 159.71 | \rightarrow | 120.98 |
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| | CaM-skMLCK | 100% | 2 h | 0% | 10.7 h | 0% | 20.7 h | Failed | 7.2 d | 73.75 | \rightarrow | 47.41 |
| Large 2 | hGH-hGHR | 100% | 17.6 h | 0% | 2 d | 0% | 2.3 d | Failed | 12 d | 167.32 | \rightarrow | 115.63 |
| | Top7 | 69 % | 7.1 h | 31% | 1.5 d | 0% | 1.7 d | Failed | 12 d | 200.19 | \rightarrow | 168.38 |

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Results (7)

- DEE/A* was not feasible for any case except the prion
- SspB: A* could only output one sequence
- DEE also did not finish after 12 days
- BD/K* did not finish after 12 days

Results (8)

- Predicted sequences where **highly similar** between themselves. (high sequence identity)
- Very different from wild type sequence
- Solution: grouped tBMMF: apply constraints to whole groups of amino acids – proof of concept only

Conclusions

- Fast and accurate algorithm
- Outperforms all other algorithms:
 - A* is not feasible
 - Better accuracy than other probabilistic algorithms

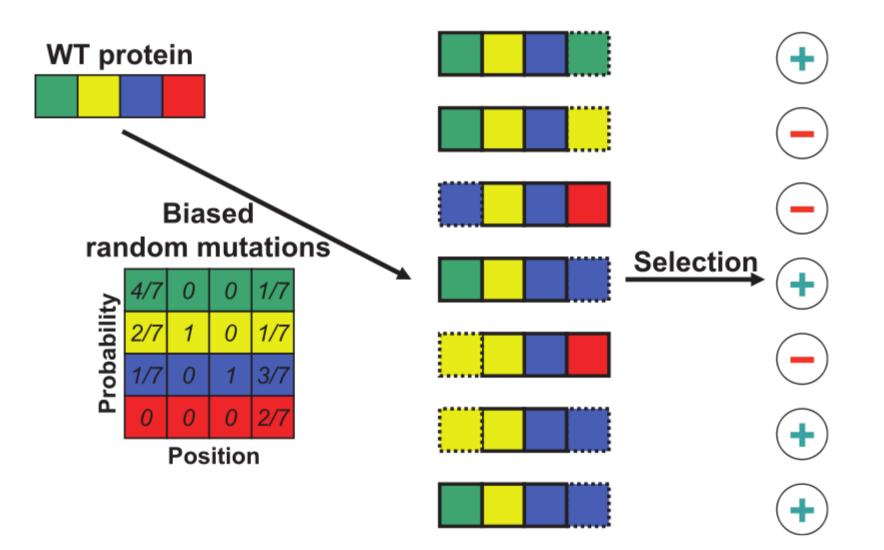
Conclusions (2)

- tBMMF produces a large set of very similar low energy results.
- This might be due to the many inaccuracies in the model
- Grouped tBMMF can produce a diverse set of low energy sequences

Conclusions (3)

• The results lack experimental data for validation.

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- Phage display:
 - 10⁹ 10¹⁰ randomized protein sequences
 - Simultaneously tested for relevant biological function



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- Uses sum-product instead of max-product
- Obtain per-position amino acid probabilities
- Tried until convergence or 100000 iterations; all structures converged

- Conclusions:
 - Model results in probability distributions far from those observed experimentally.
 - Limitations of the model:
 - Imprecise energy function
 - Decomposition into pairwise energy terms
 - Assumption of a fixed backbone
 - **Discretization** of side chain conformations

tBMMF algorithm

1 for $m \leftarrow 1$ to M do if m = 1 then 2 $Cons^m \leftarrow \emptyset$ 3 else 4 /* t^m , p^{t^m} , q^{t^m} are the sub-space, position, rotamer to yield the next lowest energy sequence */ $t^m \leftarrow \arg \max \mathsf{BMM}^{m'}$ 5 m' < m $a \leftarrow \mathcal{T}(q^{t^m})$ // as type of q^{t^m} 6 // Add pos. constraint to $Cons^m$: $Cons^m \leftarrow Cons^{t^m} \cup \{r_{p^{t^m}} \in Rots_{p^{t^m}} \mid_a\}$ 7 // Add neg. constraint to $Cons^{t^m}$: $Cons^{t^m} \leftarrow Cons^{t^m} \cup \{r_{p^{t^m}} \notin Rots_{p^{t^m}} \mid_a\}$ 8 Run BP to obtain: $\mathsf{MM}_p(q) \mid_{Cons^{t^m}}$ 9 // calculate BMM^{t^m} $CalcBMM(t^m)$ 10 end 11 Run BP to obtain: $\mathsf{MM}_p(q) \mid_{Cons^m}$ 12for $i \leftarrow 1$ to N do 13 $r_i^m \leftarrow \underset{r_i \in Rots_i}{\arg \max} \mathsf{MM}_i(r_i) \mid_{Cons^m}$ $\mathbf{14}$ $S_i^m \leftarrow \mathcal{T}(r_i^m)$ // i^{th} as of m^{th} seq. 15end 16 CalcBMM(m)// calculate BMM^m 17 18 end 19 return $\{\mathcal{S}^m\}_{m=1}^M$

/* Use $MM_p(q) \mid_{Cons^n}$ to calculate the BMM for constrained sub-space n */ 20 Function CalcBMM(n) 21 $(p^n, q^n) \leftarrow \underset{p,q: \mathcal{T}(q) \neq \mathcal{S}_p^n}{\arg \max} MM_p(q) \mid_{Cons^n}$ 22 BMMⁿ $\leftarrow MM_{p^n}(q^n) \mid_{Cons^n}$ 23 end