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## **Overview**



- Introduction
  - Drug Discovery
  - MD simulations
  - Computer-aided Drug Discovery
- MD Simulations: State of the art
  - Decreasing computational cost of MD
  - Markov State Models
  - Adaptive Sampling
- Example case: Benzamidin-Trypsin
  - System preparation
  - Setting up simulations
  - Analysis: Predicting affinity





- The process in which new medications (drugs) are discovered.
- Drugs act on biological targets (normally proteins) by binding to them to change their behaviour or function.
- The Drug R&D is mostly done in vitro and in silico.
- In silico approaches can be used in all the three initial stages of Drug Discovery.



# **Protein-ligand binding**



- One of the goals in the first stages of drug discovery is to predict whether a **given molecule** will **bind** to a **target** and, if so, how strongly (and how fast).
- Macroscopic physical properties can be calculated from the microscopic binding process.



Thermodynamics of binding (taken from https://dsdht.wikispaces.com/)



Depiction of a binding event (taken from https://www.youtube.com/user/ps3grid)

#### **Molecular Dynamics simulations**



- Molecular Dynamics (MD) is a computational method that allows us to simulate an atomic model of the system of interest (e.g. protein-ligand binding).
- Simulations allows us to observe the mechanical movement of the system **along time.**
- From an MD trajectory, one can extract both strucutral and kinetic information with high accuracy.



#### **MD: Molecular Mechanics** Force-fields



- There are different type of atomic interactions: bonded and non-bonded.
- Energy functions describe the different types of interactions.
- The **parameters** of the functions constitute a molecular **force-field**.

6  $U = \sum_{a} \frac{1}{2} K_{b} (b - b_{a})^{2} + \sum_{a} \frac{1}{2} K_{b} (\theta - \theta_{a})^{2}$ + [K, [1-cos(n+5)] All Torsion Angles J + \sum \varepsilon \left[ (1%) 12 - 2(1%) \right] All nonbonded pairs + 2 3329i9j/r All partial charges

#### **MD: Newtonian Time-propagation**



- An MD simulation trajectory can be generated by iteratively applying an integration algorithm
- This algorithm is based on the Newton equations of motion
- Integration step in the order of magnitude of femtoseconds (1 fs = 1 x 10<sup>-15</sup> s)
- Focus on the optimization of algorithms to do MD

Give atoms initial positions  $\mathbf{r}^{(t=0)}$ , choose short  $\Delta t$ 

Get forces  $\mathbf{F} = -\nabla U(\mathbf{r}^{(t)})$  and  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{F} / \mathbf{m}$ 

Move atoms:  $\mathbf{r}^{(t+\Delta t)} = \mathbf{r}^{(t)} + \mathbf{v}^{(t)} \Delta t + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{a} \Delta t^2 + \dots$ 

Move time forward:  $t = t + \Delta t$ 

## **Computer Aided Drug Discovery (CADD)**



- The method of choice usually depends on a speed / accuracy tradeoff.
- MD simulations provide a more accurate solution, while its computational cost keeps decreasing.



## **Practical application**



#### Cryptic pocket detection in Dopamine D3 receptor (GPCR)



Ferruz et al. (2017) Scientific Reports: doi:10.1038/s41598-018-19345-7

## Decreasing computational cost of MD

- The first simulation of protein dynamics dates from 1977 and consisted of a 9.2 ps trajectory of the bovine pancreatic trypsin inhibitor (BPTI) in vacuum.
- In 2010, a 1 ms trajectory of the same protein in explicit solvent was reported, which constitutes a 100 million increase in trajectory length compared to the first simulation



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## **Decreasing computational cost of MD**



• Implementation of MD codes for GPUs





• Distributed computing projects





• Development of special-purpose supercomputers (ANTON)

## **High-throughput MD**



#### **Naive Sampling**







#### **Adaptive Sampling**



#### **Adaptive Sampling**





#### **Markov State Models**





#### **Markov State Models**







# HTMD

A python programmable environment for biomolecular discovery

System building	Simulation	Visualization	Analysis	Protocols
<ul> <li>Molecule manipulation</li> <li>atomselection</li> <li>QM parametrize</li> <li>Solvate, lonize</li> <li>Build Charmm/Amber</li> <li>Protein Prep</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ACEMD integrated, but HTMD is generic</li> <li>Deployment locally, cluster, Amazon EC2</li> <li>Docking (vina)</li> <li>Adaptive sampling</li> <li>Standard sampling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>3D viz integrated</li> <li>webgl</li> <li>VMD</li> <li>Pathways</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dimensionality reduction</li> <li>Projections</li> <li>Markov state models (pyEmma)</li> <li>Affinities</li> <li>Kinetics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Equilibration protocols</li> <li>Allosteric detection</li> <li>Ligand binding</li> <li>Conformation analysis</li> <li>Pocket discovery</li> <li>Protein placement</li> <li></li> </ul>

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