

# Application of the Markov State Model to Molecular Dynamics of Biological Molecules

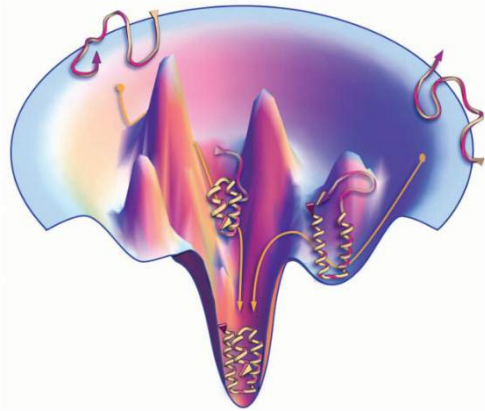
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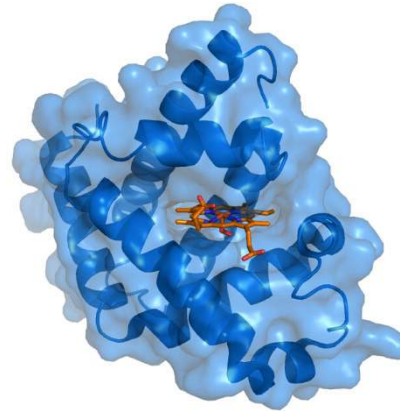
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# Introduction

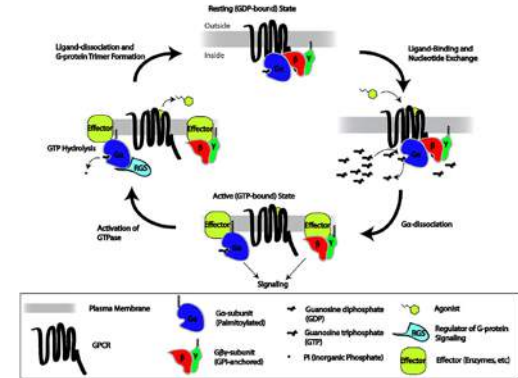
Conformational changes of proteins : essential part of many biological processes



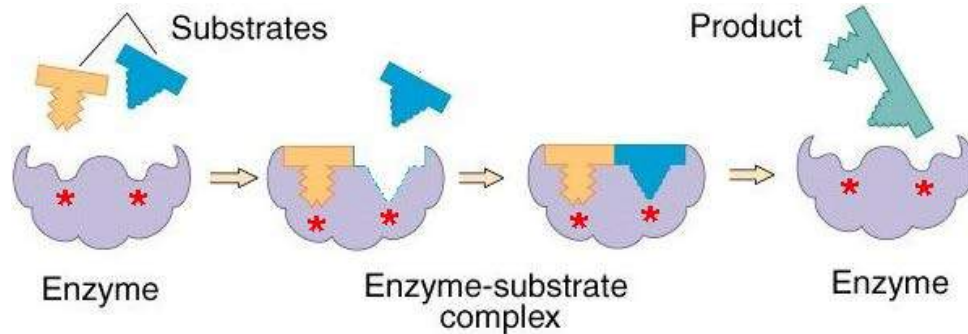
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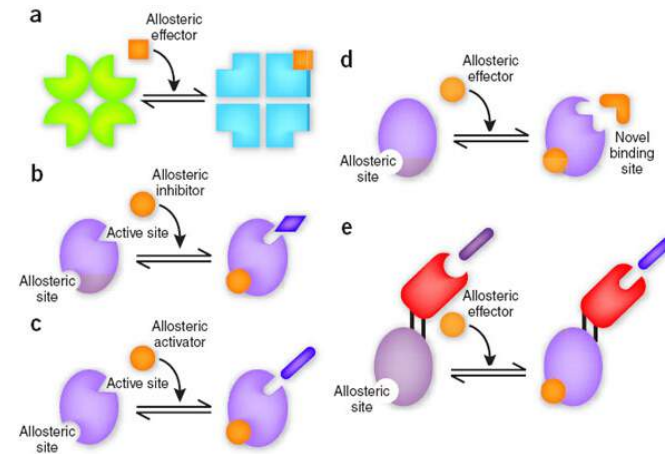
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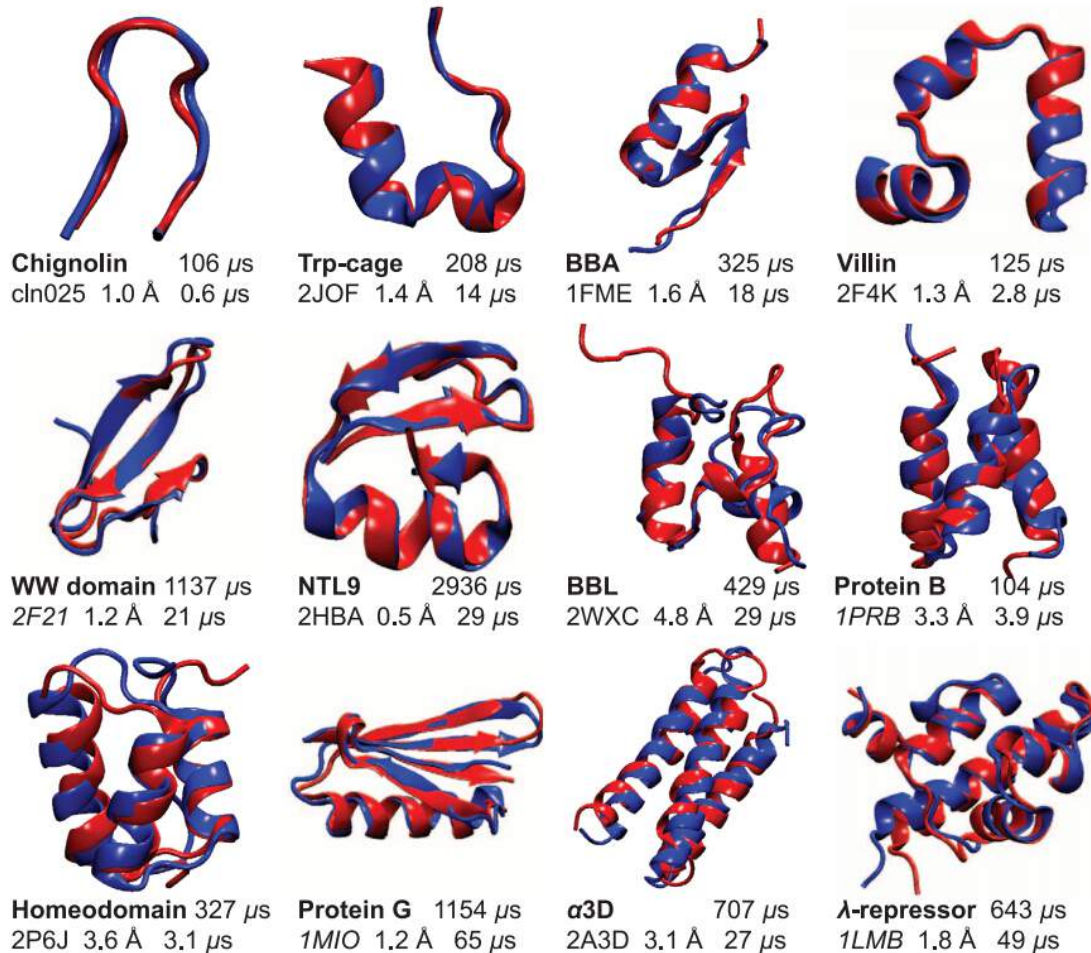
Enzymatic catalysis



Allosteric regulation

# Introduction

Molecular dynamics simulations can describe the dynamics of molecules at atomic level



## How Fast-Folding Proteins Fold

Kresten Lindorff-Larsen,<sup>1\*</sup>† Stefano Piana,<sup>1\*</sup>† Ron O. Dror,<sup>1</sup> David E. Shaw<sup>1,2†</sup>



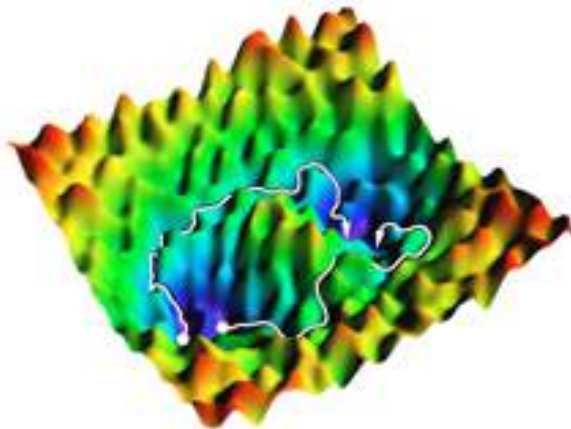
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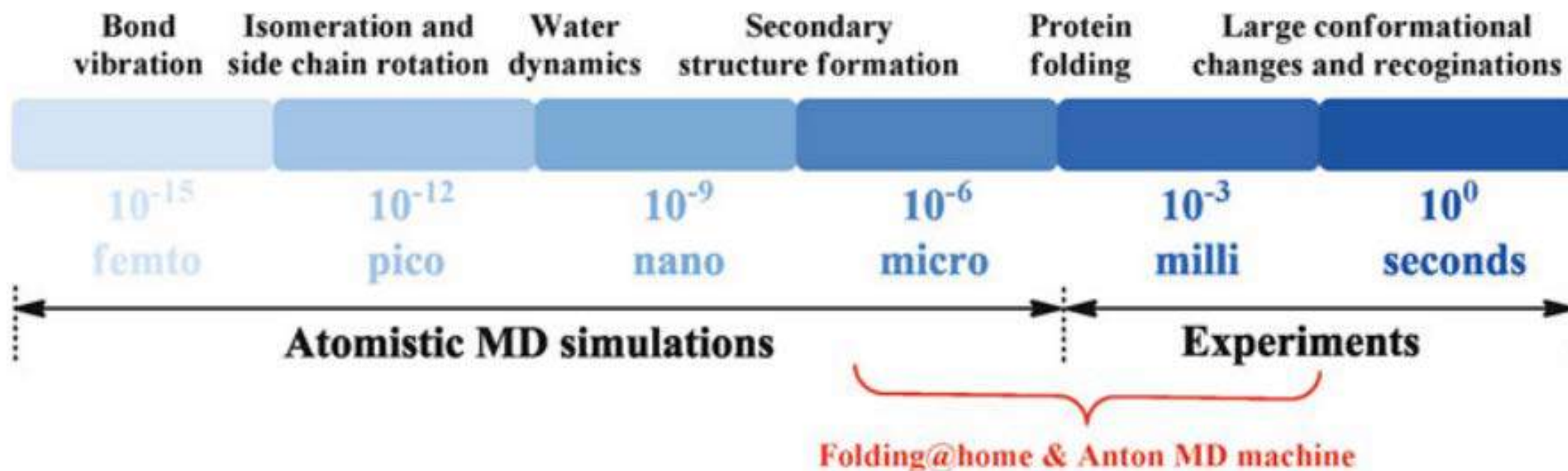
Anton MD machine

# Introduction

**Problem1: Timescale (conventional MD methods) are limited**



Rugged energy surface  
in high - dimensional system

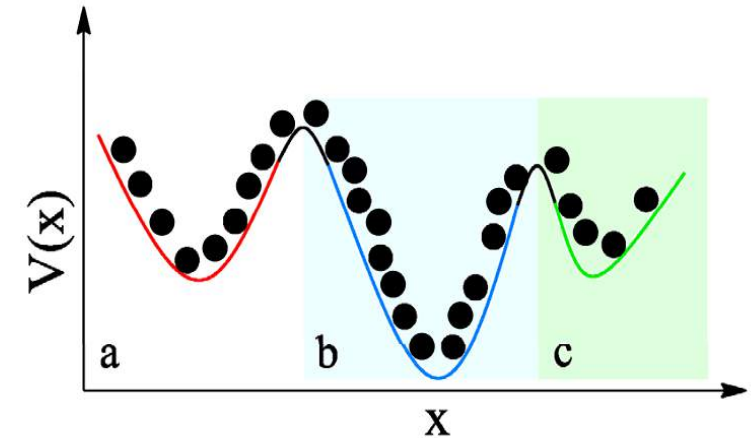
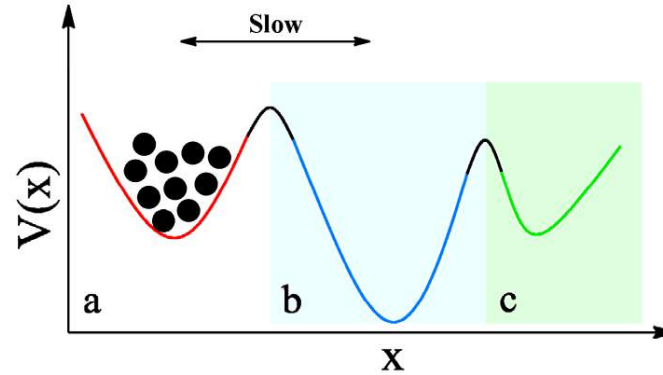


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## Available tools to solve Problem1:

### Enhanced sampling method :

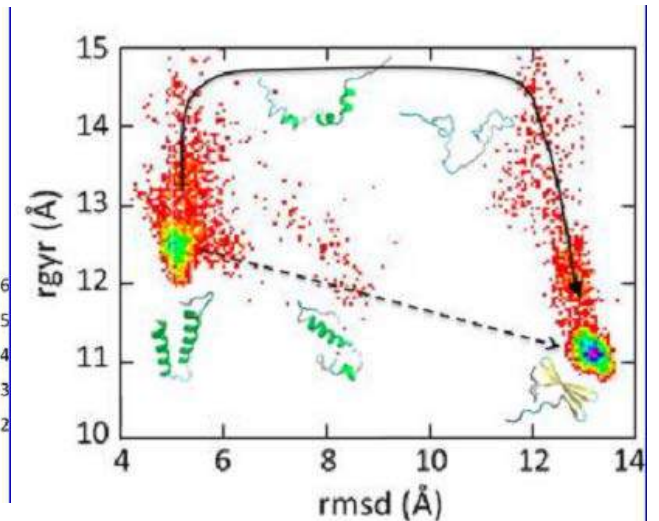
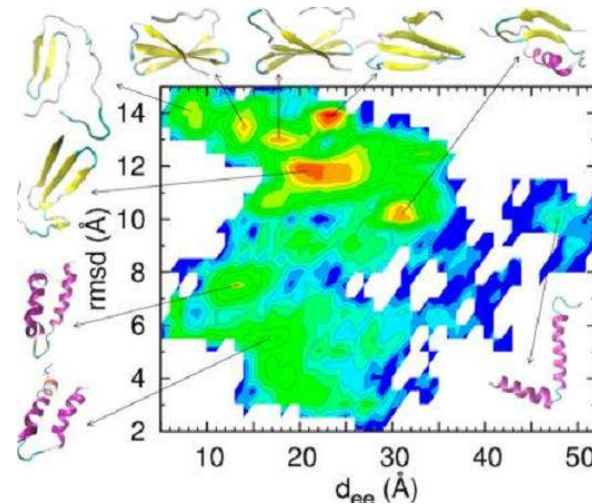
Replica exchange MD  
Targeted MD  
Steered MD  
Metadynamics MD



Reaction coordinates (RMSD, Q, Rg) ?

Markov State Model

Free energy surface



# What is Markov State Model



Andrey Markov

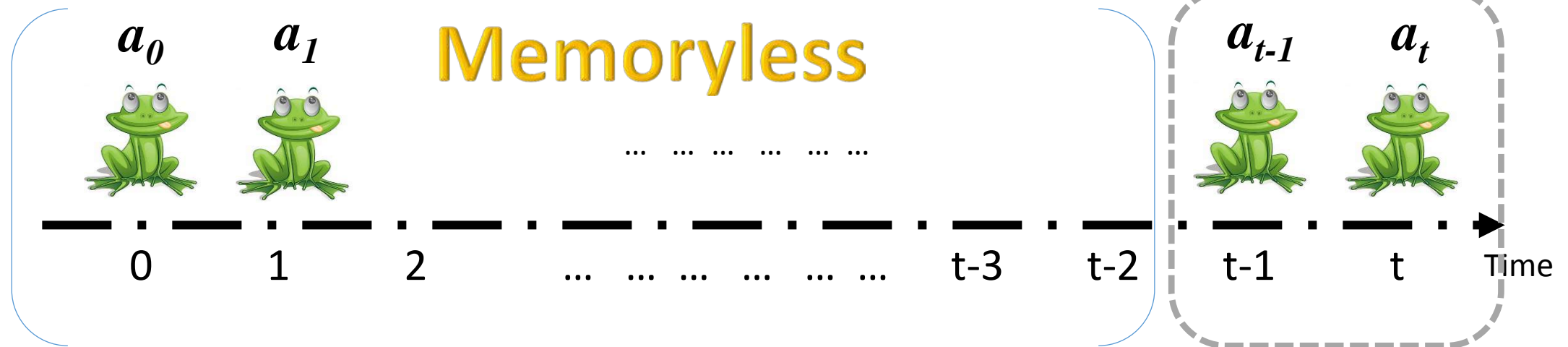
Russian mathematician

## Markov Chain

*Definition: A discrete time stochastic process*

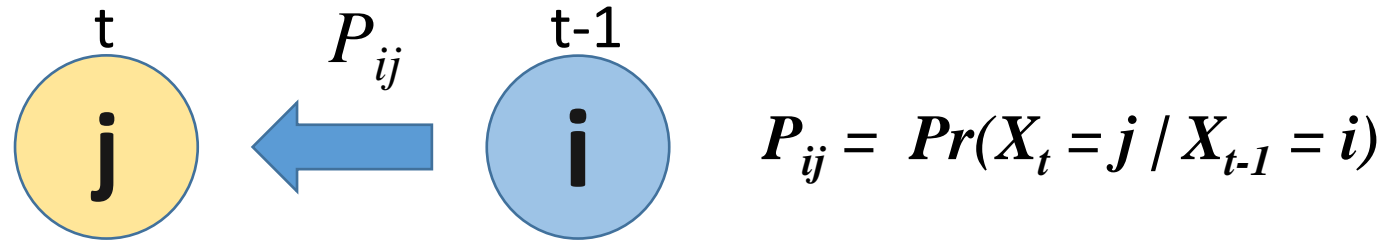
*$X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots$  is a Markov chain if:*

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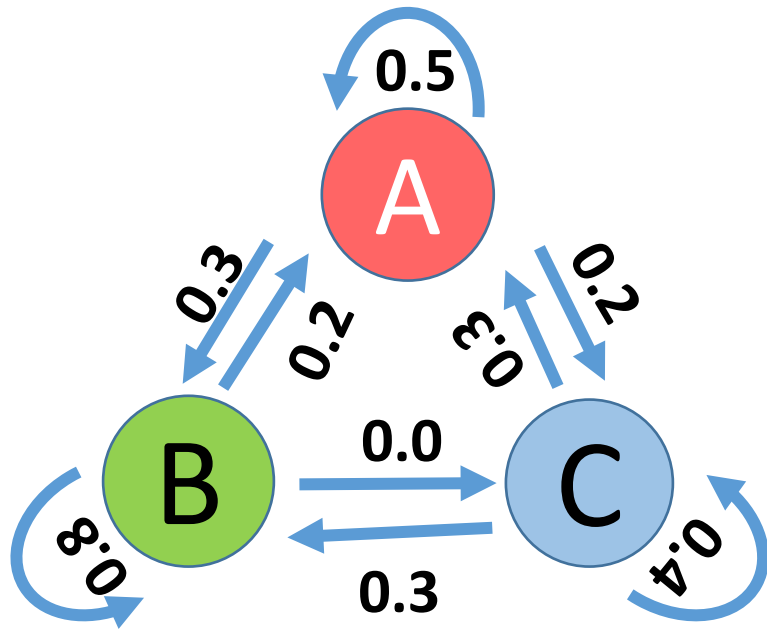


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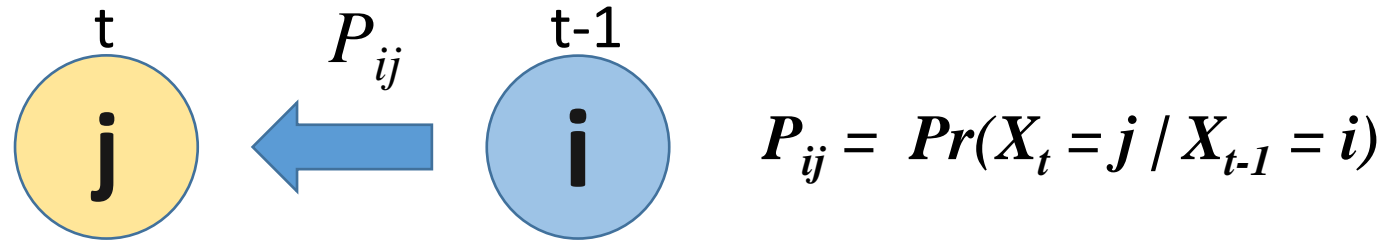


## A simple example: 3 state model

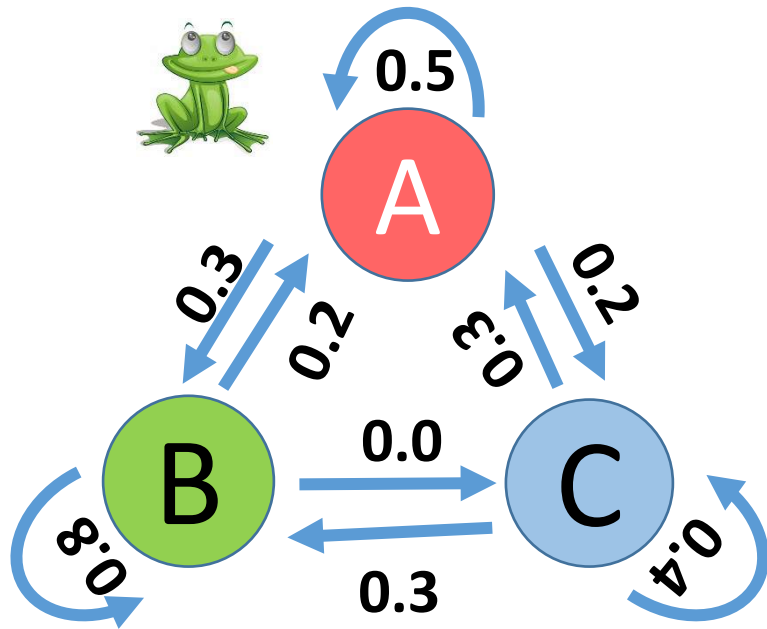


Time	$P_A$	$P_B$	$P_C$
0	1	0	0

# What is Markov State Model



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Time	$P_A$	$P_B$	$P_C$
0	1	0	0
$\tau$	0.5	0.3	0.2

$$P_A = \mathbf{1} \times 0.5 + \mathbf{0} \times 0.2 + \mathbf{0} \times 0.3 = 0.5$$

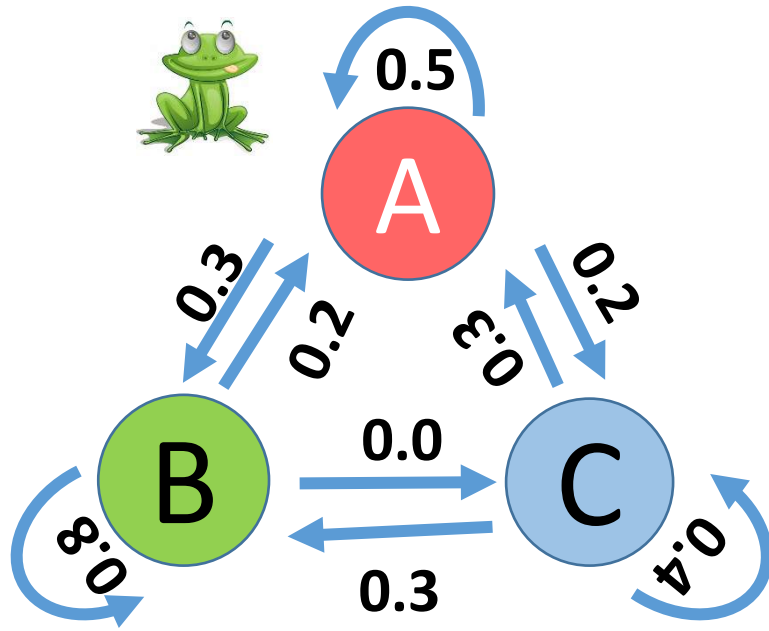
$$P_B = \mathbf{1} \times 0.3 + \mathbf{0} \times 0.8 + \mathbf{0} \times 0.3 = 0.3$$

$$P_C = \mathbf{1} \times 0.2 + \mathbf{0} \times 0.0 + \mathbf{0} \times 0.4 = 0.2$$



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$$P_{ij} = \Pr(X_t = j \mid X_{t-1} = i)$$



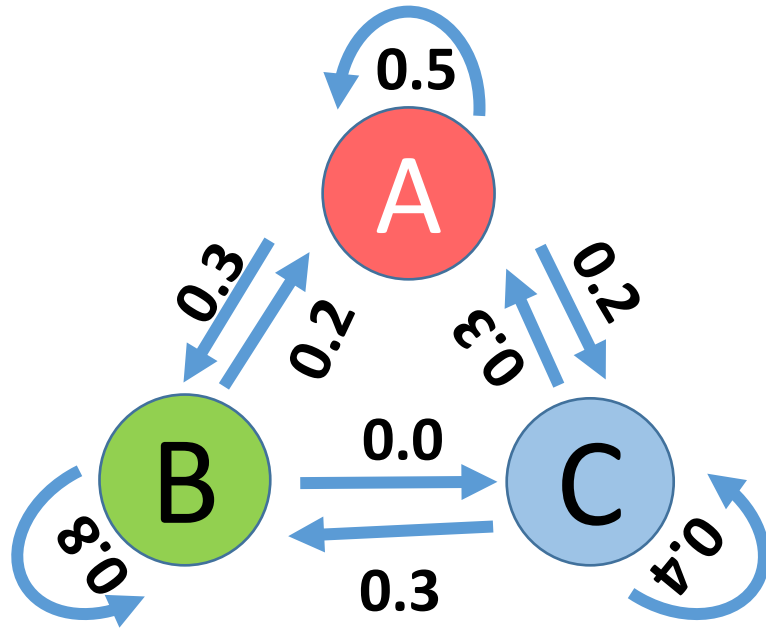
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Time	$P_A$	$P_B$	$P_C$
0	1	0	0
$\tau$	0.5	0.3	0.2
$2\tau$	0.37	0.45	0.18

$$P_A = P_A' \times p_{AA} + P_B' \times p_{BA} + P_C' \times p_{CA} = 0.5 \times 0.5 + 0.3 \times 0.2 + 0.2 \times 0.3 = 0.37$$
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# What is Markov State Model

## A simple example



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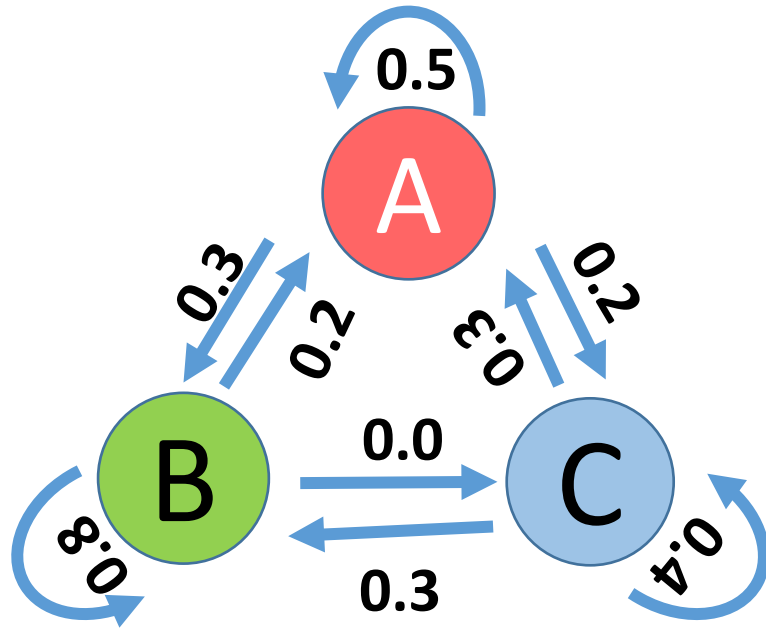
State:	A	B	C	To:
	0.5	0.2	0.3	A
	0.3	0.8	0.3	B
	0.2	0.0	0.4	C

$$T(\tau) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.2 & 0.3 \\ 0.3 & 0.8 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.0 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$
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## A simple example



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# What is Markov State Model

## A simple example

$$P(13\tau) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.30002 \\ 0.59993 \\ 0.10005 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P(14\tau) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.30001 \\ 0.59996 \\ 0.10002 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P(15\tau) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.30001 \\ 0.59998 \\ 0.10001 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P(n\tau) = T(\tau)P((n-1)\tau)$$

$$P(n\tau) = [T(\tau)]^n P(0)$$

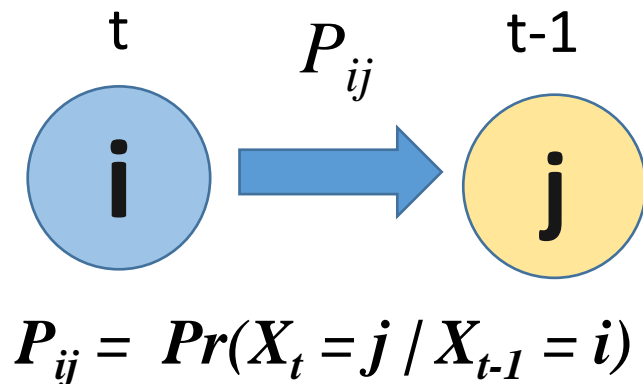
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**One-step transition matrix**

$T(\tau)$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} P_{0,0} & P_{0,2} & \dots & P_{0,j} & \dots \\ P_{1,0} & P_{1,1} & \dots & P_{1,j} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ P_{i,0} & P_{t,1} & \dots & P_{i,j} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \end{pmatrix}$$

# Application of MSM to MD simulation

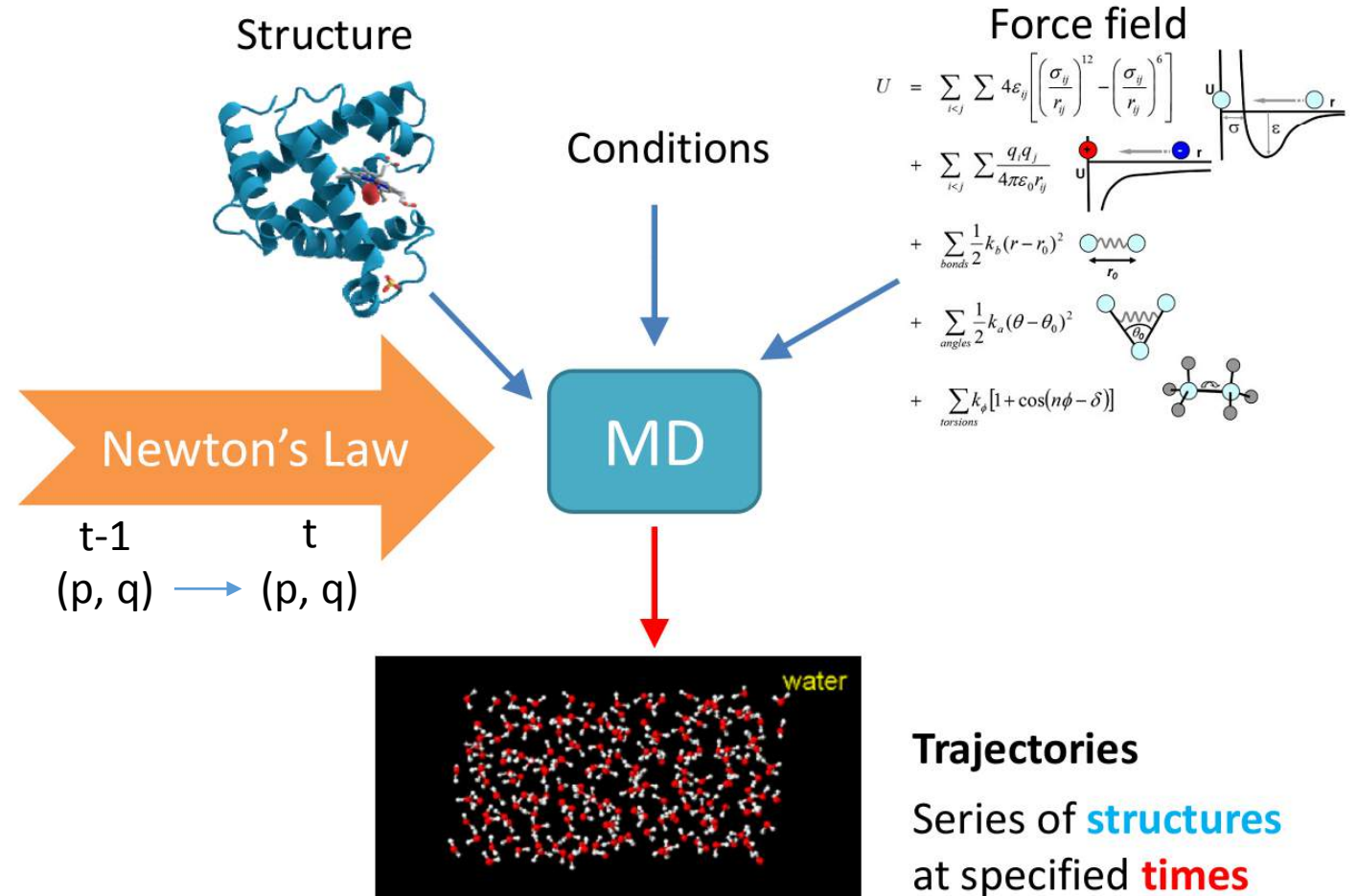
## Markov State Model

*Transition modes  
between different states*

*A discrete time process*

*Independent of the history  
before the last step*

## MD simulation



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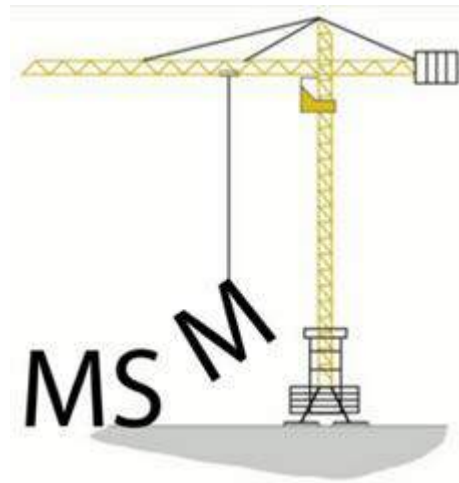
How can MSM be applied to MD?



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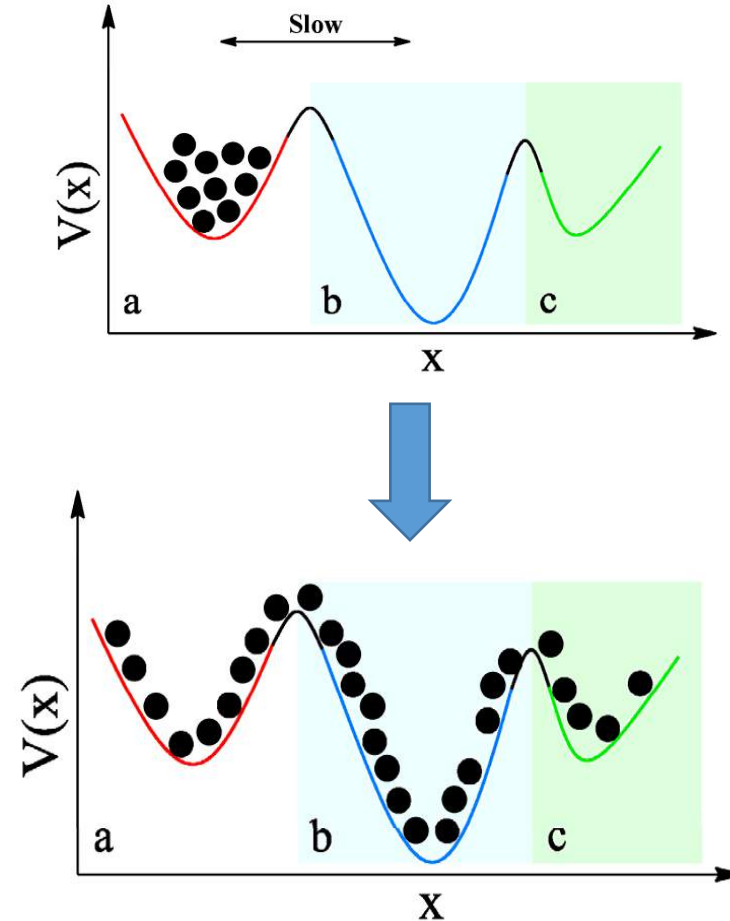
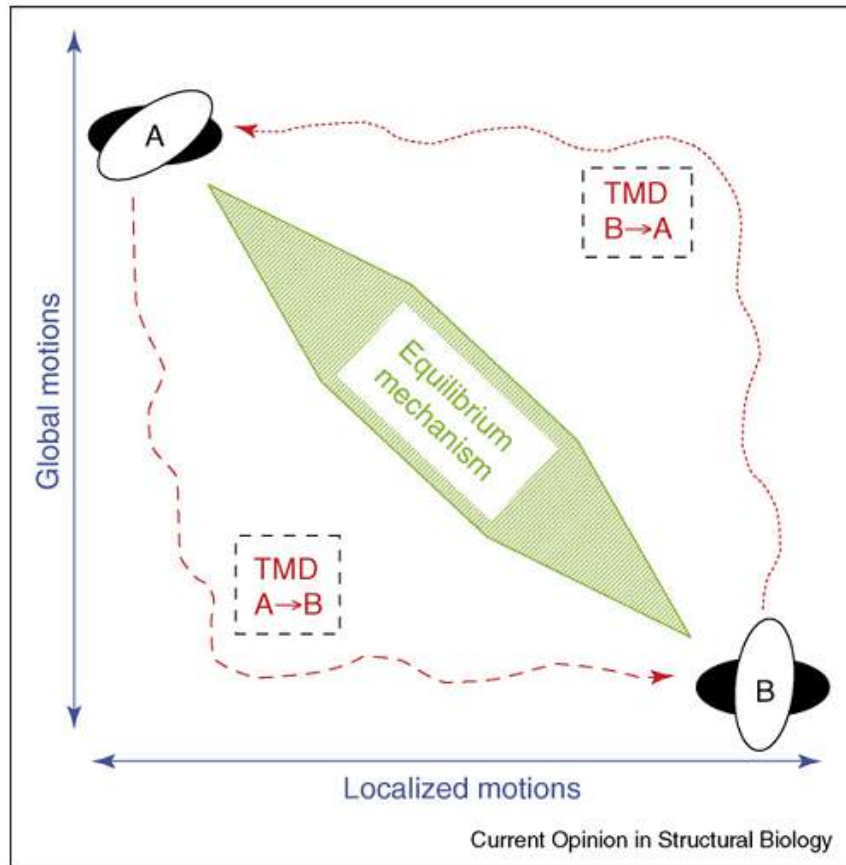


MSM builder

# Application of MSM to MD

## How can MSM be applied to MD?

### 1. Enhanced sampling



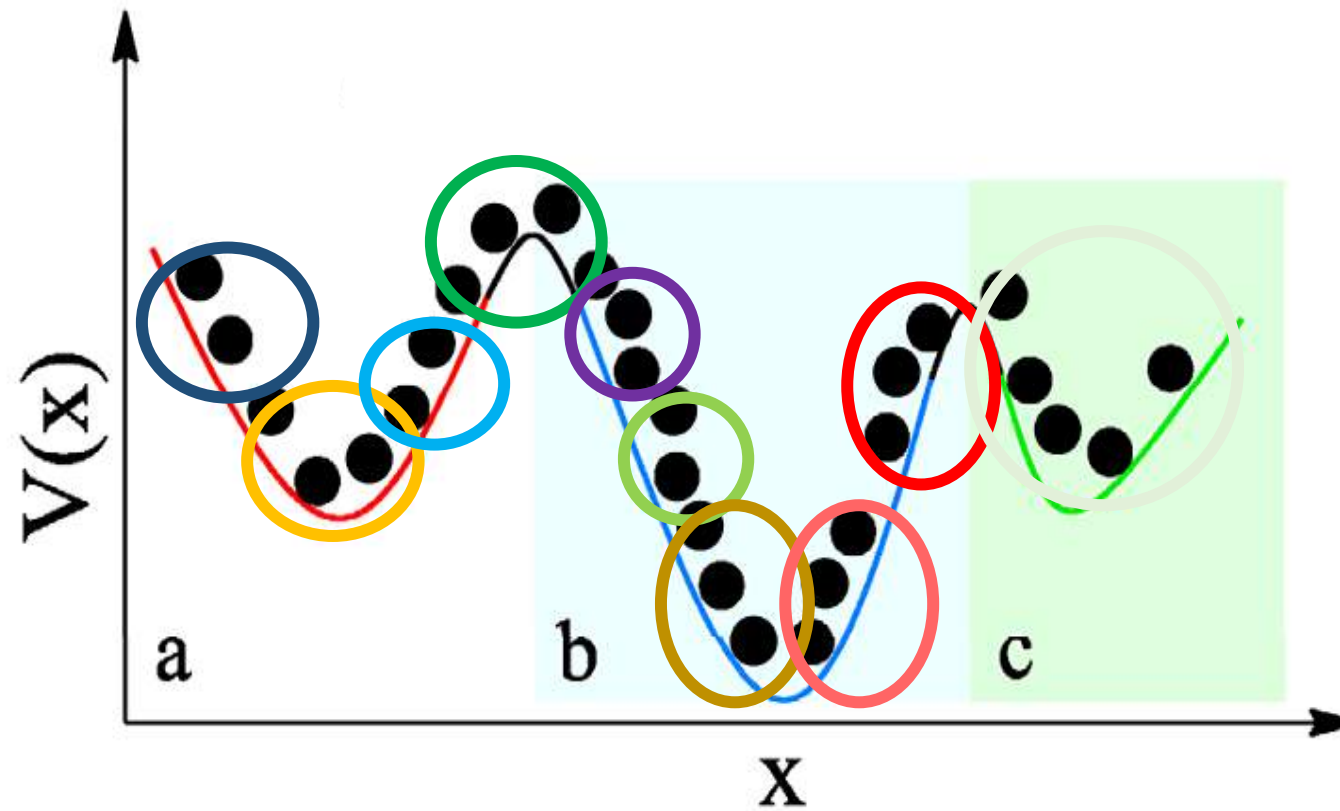
Eg. Targeted MD



# Application of MSM to MD

**How can MSM be applied to MD?**

**2. Geometric clustering for seeding**

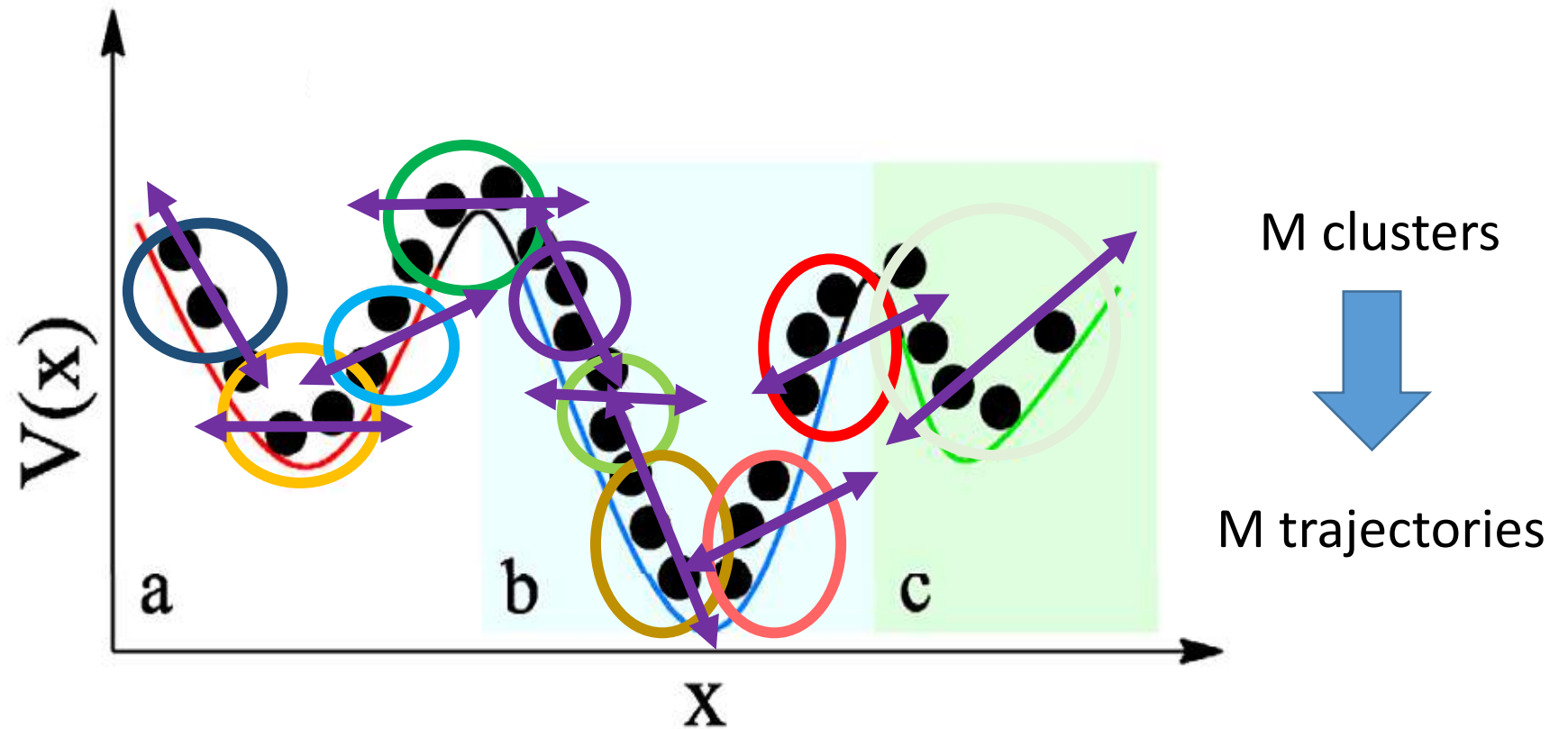


K-center, K-means

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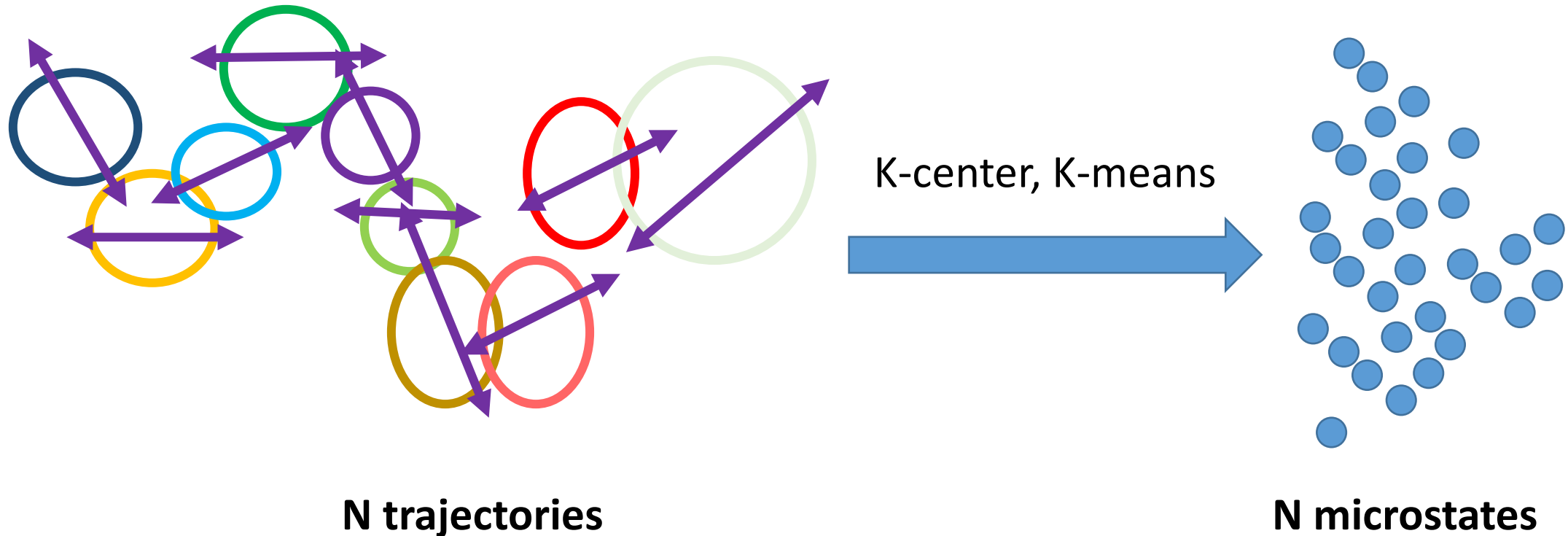
### 3. Unbiased short MD simulations initiated from the seeds clustered



# Application of MSM to MD

## How can MSM be applied to MD?

### 4. Geometric clustering for microstates



# Application of MSM to MD

## How can MSM be applied to MD?

### 5. Building the transition count matrix (Transition probability matrix)



$$N_{11}=1 \quad N_{12}=4 \quad N_{21}=3 \quad N_{22}=2$$

Fulfilling Detailed Balance

$$N_{symm} = \frac{N + N^T}{2}$$

From/to	State 1	State 2
State 1	1	4
State 2	3	2

From/to	State 1	State 2
State 1	1	3.5
State 2	3.5	2



$$P_{ij} = \frac{N_{ij}^{symm}}{\sum (N_{ij}^{symm})}$$

From/to	State 1	State 2
State 1	0.222	0.778
State 2	0.636	0.364

# Application of MSM to MD

## How can MSM be applied to MD?

### 5. Building the transition probability matrix

$$T_{ij}(\tau) = \frac{N_{ij}(\tau)}{\sum_j N_{ij}(\tau)} \longrightarrow \mathbf{T}(\tau) = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & \cdots & P_{1n} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ P_{n1} & & & P_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Transition Probability Matrix

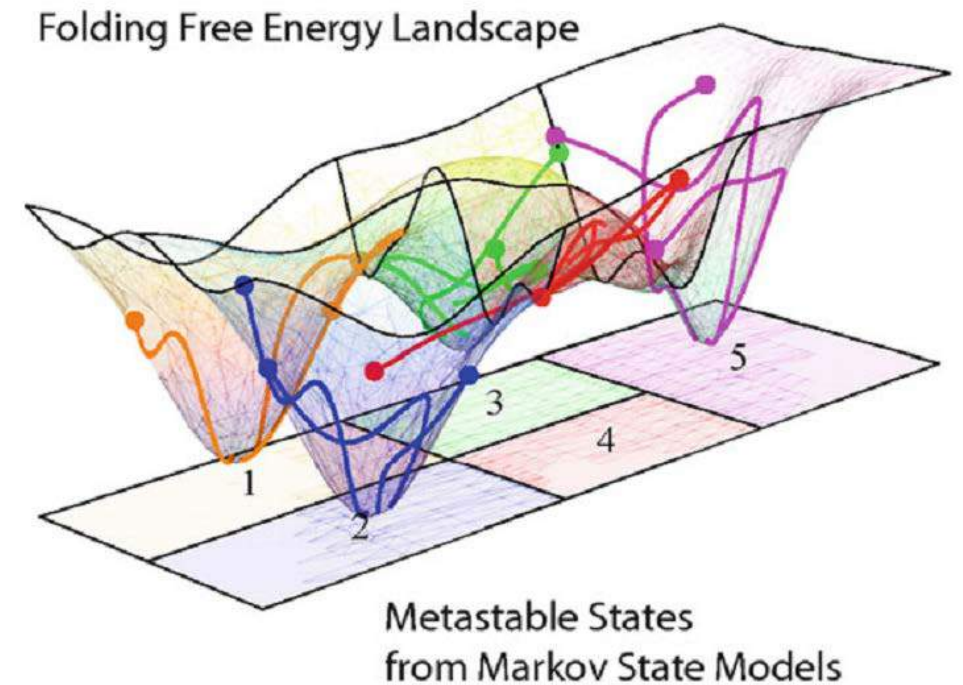
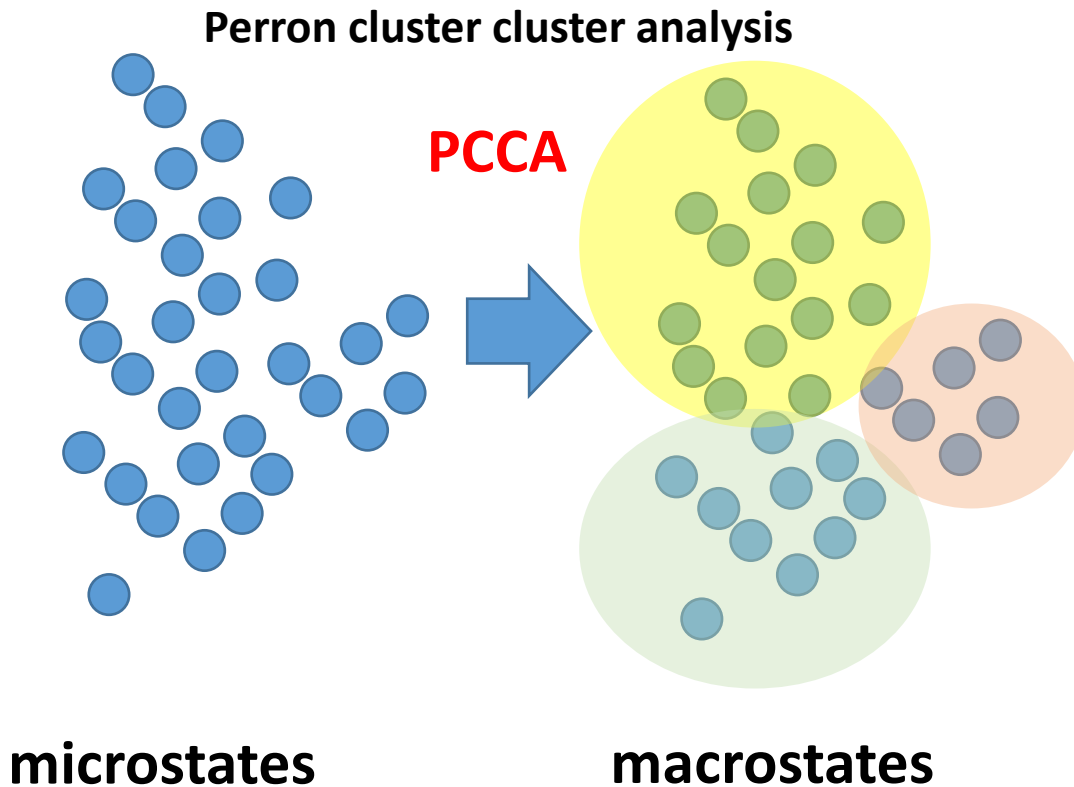
**$P(n\tau)$  is a vector of microstate populations at time  $n\tau$**

$$P(n\tau) = [T(\tau)]^n P(0)$$

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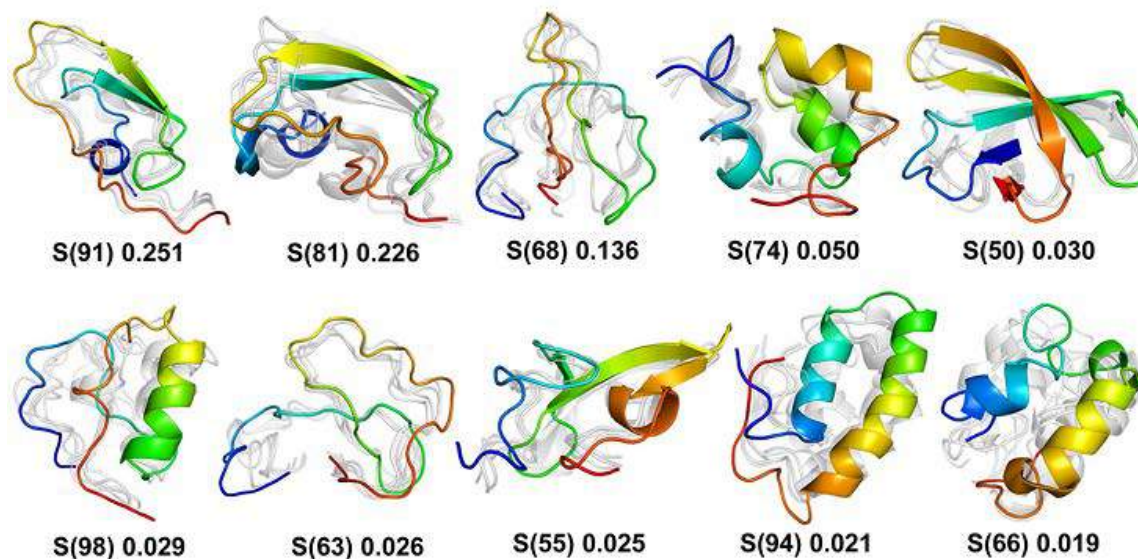
### 6. Lumping microstates into microstates.



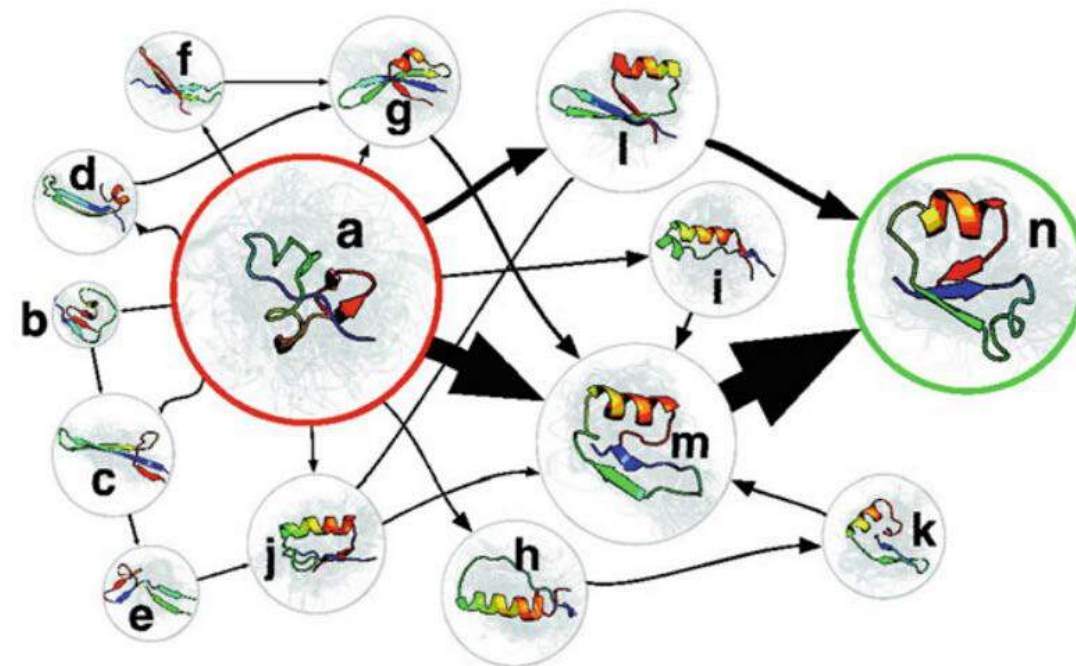
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## How can MSM be applied to MD?

### 7. Analysis of markov state model



The 10 most populated macrostates from the coarse-grained MSM with their equilibrium populations



The top 15 folding fluxes

Transition pathway theory

# Advantages of MSM

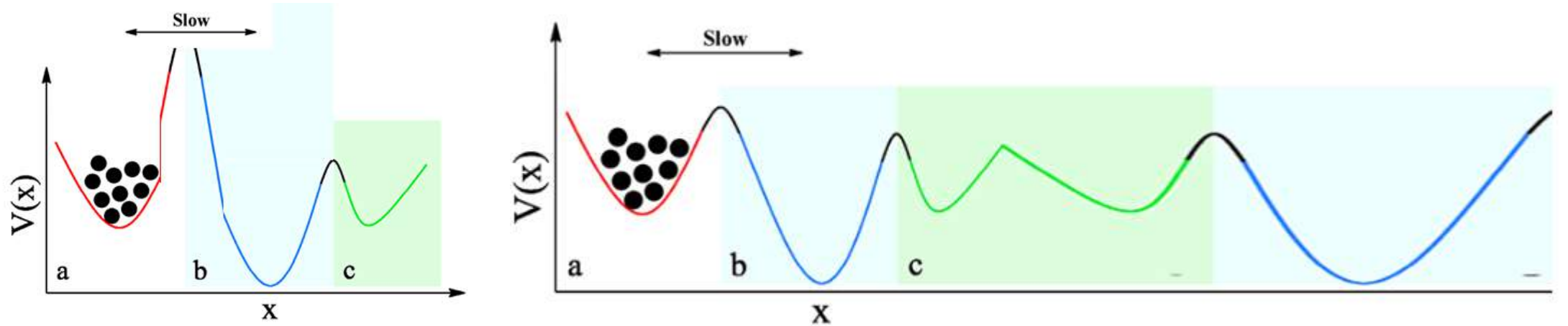
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- Enhanced sampling +  
multi-parallel short conventional MD simulations
- No specified reaction coordinates (clustering)
- Thermodynamic information  
Equilibrium populations
- Kinetic information  
Dominant pathways



# Cautions of MSM

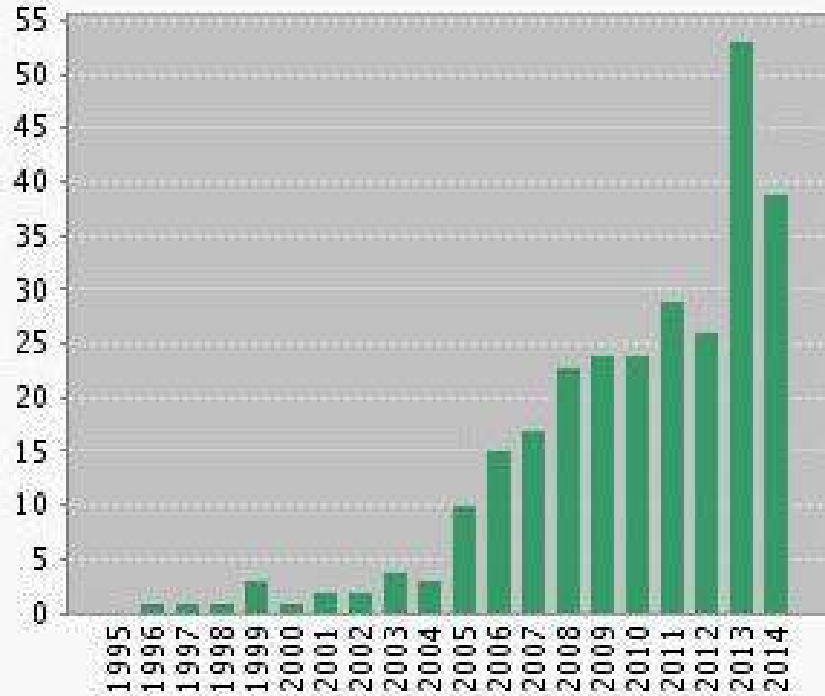
- Sufficiency sampling is still challenging



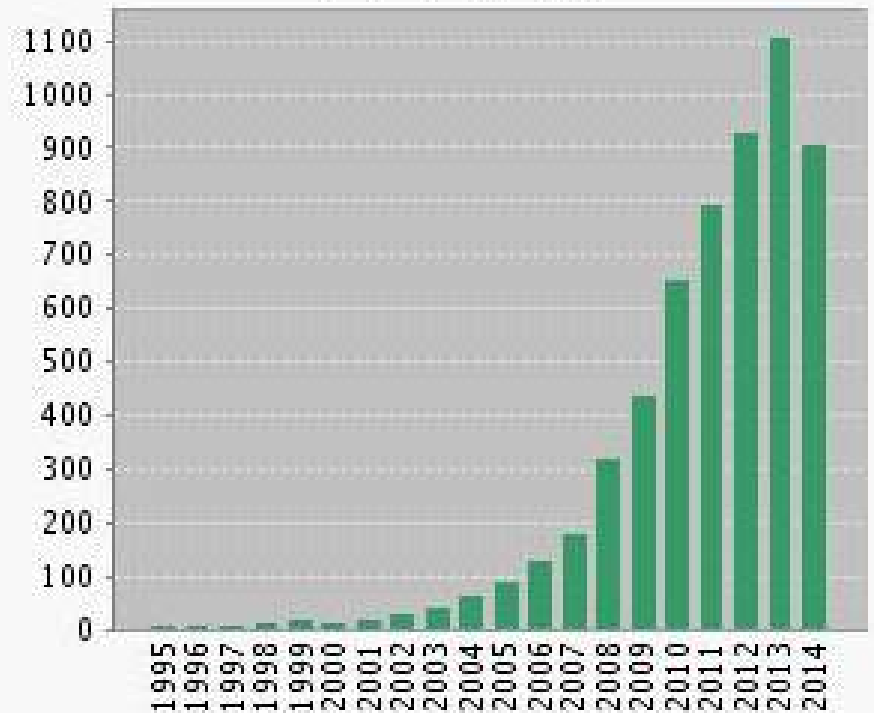
- Accurate force fields
- Connections to experiments

# Popularity of MSM

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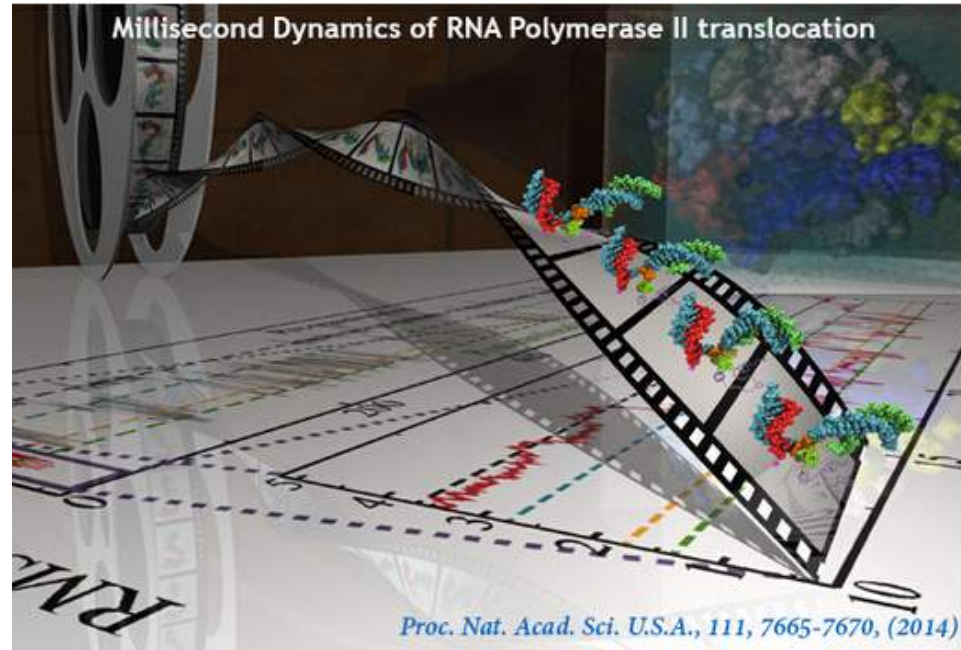
**Key word = 'markov state model' + 'molecular dynamics simulation'**

# Popularity of MSM

## Recent notable work



Prof. Huang Xuhui



Dr. Da Lintai

- **July 2014**  
Congrats on Lu on our collaborative project with Prof. Dong Wang's lab at UCSD on Asymmetric Recognition of Phosphodiester Linkage by RNA Polymerase II, which has just been accepted by PNAS! See [PNAS, 111, E3269, \(2014\)](#)
- **June 2014**  
Congrats on Shuo on his paper on developing a new method to qualify the protein-ligand recognition mechanisms which has just been accepted by PLoS Comp. Bio.! See [PLoS. Comp. Bio., 10\(8\):e1003767, \(2014\)](#)
- **June 2014**  
Shuo's work on virtual screening of protein inhibitors, a project led by Prof. Nancy Ip's group, has just been published on [PNAS, 111, 9959, \(2014\)](#)! Congrats! [See Press release here](#)
- **June 2014**  
Congrats on Lu on her paper on photosynthesis which is just published on Nature Communications! [Nature Communications, 5:4170, \(2014\)](#). See [Media report here](#)

# Summary

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**Markov state model is a mathematical model applied to molecular dynamic simulations**

- Large timescale equilibrium simulations
- Clustering (Higher dimensional data )
- Thermodynamic information (equilibrium populations)
- Kinetic information ( dominant pathways)
- Increasing popularity

Thank you !