

#### General Path for Scientific Work



#### Plan

- Measurement and modelling: what do we mean by "model" ?
- Thermodynamics aspects of proteins
- Modelling protein structures from NMR data
- Modelling protein's dynamics

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#### Model can be anything

- Analogic model exemple of Galileo ramp
- Analytical equation

$$\Delta E = \hbar \gamma B_0$$

most of the physic we learn / we teach

- Image microscopy
- Computer program molecular modeling any kind of program modeling the system

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# Model depends on chosen experimental approach



### From Data to Models: Two Opposite Ways

**Top-Down Bottom-Up** From Sparse and accurate From Very Large sets of Data Data on Simple systems **On Complex Systems** To Simple Predictive Models To Model Complex Systems ReNaFobis 2016 Models are also involved in Measurements A measure results from a signal which has been processed Transfer function  $meas = F_{\tau}(S) + err$ signal noise measure N **P** Number of parameters Number of points to define the transfer function ReNaFobis 2016

#### Models are also involved in Measurements

- N > P : Modelling the *Phenomenon*
  - Fitting the parameters onto the data
  - Exp: ITC
- N = P : Modelling the Signal
  - Transforms (exp: Fourier Transform)
- N < P : Modelling the Knowledge</p>
  - Reconstruction of data
  - Exp: Structure determination by NMR

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#### Characteristic time of an observation

- All observation method is associated with a characteristic time
  - Interaction light-matter : very short times exp: X-FEL 10<sup>-14</sup> s - 10<sup>-12</sup> s
  - Measure of heat transfer : 10<sup>-1</sup> s
- During the observation characteristic time, we measure an average:
  - If the molecules are static:
  - If the molecules are moving:

$$X = \langle X_i \rangle_{space}$$

X

$$= \langle \mathbf{X}_i \rangle_{time}$$

### Example of N>P : ITC Measurement



#### Ergodicity

• A system is ergodic when time and space averages gave identical results:

$$\left\langle \mathbf{X}_{i} \right\rangle_{\text{space}} = \left\langle \mathbf{X}_{i} \right\rangle_{\text{time}}$$

Methods that are not sensitive (NMR, ITC):

$$X = \left\langle \left\langle x \right\rangle_{time} \right\rangle_{space}$$

 Integrating information from different biophysical methods requires the knowledge of their characteristic times

#### Pure time average methods

smFRET provides pure time average observations



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#### Modelling a complex polymer



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#### Single Structure representation emphasizes the enthalpic contributions



PDB 3I5R Batra-Safferling et al. 2010 JBC 391 p33

First NMR structure BUSI II Wühtrich et al. 1982

#### What is entropy ?

Entropy is a measure of the degrees of freedom for the system defined by the protein and the solvent

degree of freedom

$T \Delta S_{rot,trans}$	
$\mathbf{T} \Delta \mathbf{S}_{sol}$	
T∆S <sub>conf</sub>	

Conformational entropy

Rotational and translational

Organization of the water shell

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### Disorder is conformational entropy



#### The energy landscape of a protein system



The most stable (populated) conformation lies at the global minimum

Solution States That are lowly populated

The barriers between minima report on the kinetics of conformational transitions

The free energy landscape is a convenient way to represent structure **and** dynamics of proteins

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Slow or rapid

interconversion

#### **Examples of free energy landscapes**



### Various protein aspects and Free Energy landscape



#### Examples of free energy landscapes The Ramachandran plot



Ramachandran plot provides a 2D representation of the local energy of a dipeptide

 $\begin{array}{lll} A: \alpha \text{-helices} & K: \text{ ends of helices or in } 3_{10} \text{ helices.} \\ S: \beta \text{-sheets} & T: \text{ turn} \\ R: \text{ polyproline type II} & G: glycine. \end{array}$ 

An thermodynamic (ensemble) view of allostery



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## From NMR measurements to protein's models of structures



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P. Signac port de La Rochelle 1921

#### NMR observables used for protein modelling

Nuclear Overhauser Enhancement (NOE)



#### **Quantification of NOEs**

• The cross-relaxation rate allows interproton distances to be measured



inter-nuclear vector measurement

- $\tau_c$ : rotational correlation time
- $\omega$  : spectrometer frequency
- A : dipolar constant

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#### Effect of conformational averaging on NOE and coupling constants



### The NOESY A tool to measure NOE



#### Handling ambiguous NOE information



9.52 ppm B 4.34 ppm C 4.34 ppm

Ambiguous distances are grouped within d-<sup>6</sup> averages

The redondancy of the data will enable a proper convergence and the distance assignment

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#### Integration of dihedral angle constraints in the model

The dependance of backbone nuclei from local structure is exploited to get  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  dihedral angles using databases approaches



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#### **TALOS**



#### **CS-ROSETTA**

Consistent blind protein structure generation from NMR chemical shift data Yang Shen, Oliver Lange, Frank Delaglio, et al. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA, (2008) 105, 4685-4690

Sélection of rigid fragments based on chemical shifts calculations

Assembly of fragments into a full 3D model using ROSETTA (Monte-Carlo)

Addition of a additional term in the ROSETTA target function to take into account the chemical shift agreement between calculated and measured chemical shifts.

Based on chemical shift calculations from a 3D model using the SPARTA program

#### **CS-ROSETTA**



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### General procedure for structure determination

- Optimisation algorithm : Simulated annealing
  - Model: a set of atoms linked by interaction potentials
  - Atoms dynamics is simulated using Newton equations of motion
  - High temperature allows a random exploration of a large conformational space
  - Cooling down the system leads to a minimal value of the interaction energies

## General procedure for structure determination



## The target function: the potential energy of the molecular system

$$E_{hybrid} = E_{phys} + w_{data} E_{data}$$

Geometry

#### Experiment

Real physical energy term

 $egin{aligned} & \omega_{bond} E_{bond} \ & \omega_{angle} E_{angle} \ & \omega_{dihedr} E_{dihedr} \ & \omega_{vdw} E_{vdw} \end{aligned}$ 

 $\omega_{coulomb}E_{coulomb}$ 

Adhoc energy term to take experimental into account





#### Molecular dynamics simulations

From a starting conformation, we compute the following one (a dt time step after) by numerical integration of the equation of motion

$$m_i \frac{d^2 r_i}{dt^2} = \sum_n F_n = -\sum_n \frac{dE_n}{dr_i} = -\frac{dE_{\text{Total}}}{dr_i}$$

 $E_n$  : Potential energies of the system  $r_i$  : Atom coordinates  $m_i$  : Atom mass

The temperature of the system is defined from the atom velocities

$$T = \frac{1}{(3N)} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{|p_i|}{2m_i}$$

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#### Iterative interpretation of ambiguous distances



#### A simulated annealing protocol



#### Analysis of the resulting structures





#### Conclusions

- Integration of data requires a careful thought about the measurement and modelling processes
- Interesting and biologically relevant features may be hidden by the use of "over-simplified" models of proteins
- NMR provides a unique way to bridge thermodynamics and dynamics
- Complexes motions are captured using single molecule approaches

### Use of Ambiguous Interaction Restraints for soft docking

