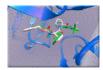


# What is Docking?



"Predicting the best ways two molecules will interact."

- Obtain the 3D structures of the two molecules.
- (2) Locate the best binding site.
- Observation Determine the best binding modes.

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# What is Docking?

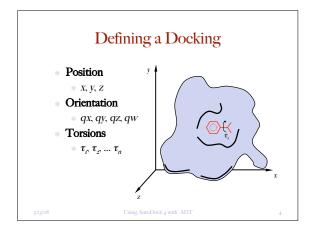
"Predicting the best ways two molecules will interact."

- \* We need to quantify or rank solutions;
- $\ast$  We need a  $\emph{Scoring Function}$  or force field.

"Predicting the best ways two molecules will interact."

- \* (ways—plural) The experimentally observed structure may be amongst one of several predicted solutions.
- \* We need a **Search Method**.

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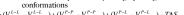


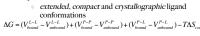
# Key aspects of docking...

- \* Scoring Functions
  - \* What are they?
- \* Search Methods
  - \* How do they work?
  - Which search method should I use?
- \* Dimensionality
  - \* What is it?
  - \* Why is it important?

#### Scoring Function in AutoDock 4: Motivation

- \* To improve scoring function
  - improved hydrogen bonding
  - new desolvation energy term & internal desolvation energy
  - larger training set and new weights
- To permit protein sidechain, loop or domain flexibility (new DPF keyword, "flexres")
- treats protein's moving atoms as part of the non-translating, non-reorienting part of the torsion tree
   To simulate the unbound state of the ligand & protein







# AutoDock 4 Scoring Function Terms



 $\Delta G_{binding} = \Delta G_{vdW} + \Delta G_{elec} + \Delta G_{hbond} + \Delta G_{desolv} + \Delta g_{tors}$ 

 $\Delta G_{wlW} = \Delta G_{wlW}$  12-6 Lennard-Jones potential (with 0.5 Å smoothing)

 $\Delta G_{\rm ckc}$  with Solmajer & Mehler distance-dependent dielectric

12-10 H-bonding Potential with Goodford Directionality

 $\Delta G_{desolv}$ Charge-dependent variant of Stouten Pairwise Atomic Solvation Parameters

Number of rotatable bonds

http://autodock.scripps.edu/science/equations http://autodock.scripps.edu/science/autodock-4-desolvation-free-energy/ Using AutoDock.awith ADT 7

### Pairwise terms in AutoDock 4

$$V = W_{\text{tob}} \sum_{i,j} \left( \frac{A_{ij}}{\sigma_{ij}^{12}} - \frac{B_{ij}}{\sigma_{ij}^{0}} \right) + W_{\text{about}} \sum_{i,j} E(t) \left( \frac{C_{ij}}{\sigma_{ij}^{12}} - \frac{D_{ij}}{\sigma_{ij}^{0}} \right) + W_{\text{effec}} \sum_{i,j} \frac{q_{i}q_{i}}{E(r_{ij})r_{ij}} + W_{\text{tot}} \sum_{i,j} (S_{i}V_{j} + S_{j}V_{i}) e^{(-r_{ij}^{2}/2\sigma^{2})}$$

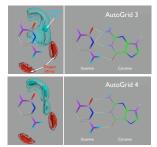
- \* Desolvation includes terms for all atom types
  - Favorable term for C,  $A(aliphatic\ and\ aromatic\ carbons)$
  - Unfavorable term for O. N

  - Proportional to the absolute value of the charge on the atom
    Computes the intramolecular desolvation energy for moving atoms
- Calibrated with 188 complexes from LPDB, Kis from PDB-Bind

Standard error (in Kcal/mol):

- 2.62 (extended)
- 2.72 (compact)
- 2.52 (bound)
- 2.63 (AutoDock 3, bound)
- Improved H-bond directionality

Improved H-bond Directionality



Huey, Goodsell, Morris, and Olson (2004) Letts, Drug Des, & Disc. 2: 178-182

# Why Use Grid Maps?





- Pre-computing the interactions on a grid is typically 100 times faster than traditional Molecular Mechanics methods
- $O(N^2)$  calculation becomes O(N)

#### AutoDock uses trilinear interpolation

- to compute the score of a candidate docked ligand conformation
- AutoDock needs one map for each atom type in the *ligand*(s) and *moving parts of receptor* (if there are any)
- Drawback: The receptor is conformationally rigid (although 'vdW softened')
- Limits the search space

## Setting up the AutoGrid Box

- Macromolecule atoms in the rigid part
  - Center:
  - center of ligand;
  - center of macromolecule;
  - a picked atom; or
  - typed-in x-, y- and z-coordinates.

- Grid point spacing:

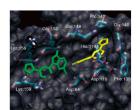
  default is 0.375Å (from 0.2Å to 1.0Å: ).

  Number of grid points in each dimension:

  only give even numbers (from 2 × 2 × 2 to 126 × 126
- AutoGrid adds one point to each dimension.
- Grid Maps depend on the orientation of the macromolecule.
- Make sure all the flexible parts of the macromolecule are inside the grid

To make a molecule PDB file to show where the grid box is, use the script makebox's  $_8$  + \$ makebox mol.gpf, box,pdb\_yr

# Relaxed Complex Method



#### Spectrum of Search: Breadth and Level-of-Detail

# Breadth and Level-of-Detail Search Breadth Local Local Local Atom types

- \* Molecular Mechanics (MM)
  Intermediate
   \* Monte Carlo Simulated Annealing
  (MC SA)
- Monte Carlo Simulated Annealing (MC SA)
   Brownian Dynamics
- \* Molecular Dynamics (MD)
- \* Global
  - \* Docking

- Bond stretching
- Bond-angle bending Rotational barrier potentials
- \* Rotational barrier potential.
- Implicit solvationPolarizability
- What's rigid and what's flexible?

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#### Two Kinds of Search

#### Systematic

- \* Exhaustive
- \* Deterministic
- Outcome is dependent on granularity of sampling
- Feasible only for lowdimensional problems
- \* e.g. DOT (6D)

#### Stochastic

- \* Random
- \* Outcome varies
- \* Must repeat the search to improve chances of
- success
  \* Feasible for bigger problems
- \* e.g. AutoDock

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#### Stochastic Search Methods

- \* Simulated Annealing (SA)\*
- \* Evolutionary Algorithms (EA)
  - \* Genetic Algorithm (GA)\*
- \* Others
  - \* Tabu Search (TS)
  - \* Particle Swarm Optimisation (PSO)
- \* Hybrid Global-Local Search Methods
  - \* Lamarckian GA (LGA)\*

\*Supported in AutoDock

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### AutoDock has a Variety of Search Methods

- Global search algorithms:
  - Simulated Annealing (Goodsell et al. 1990)
  - Distributed SA (Morris et al. 1996)
- Genetic Algorithm (Morris et al. 1998)
- \* Local search algorithm:
  - Solis & Wets (Morris et al. 1998)
- \* Hybrid global-local search algorithm:
  - \* Lamarckian GA (Morris et al. 1998)

### How Simulated Annealing Works...

- Ligand starts at a random (or user-specified) position/orientation/conformation ('state')
- Constant-temperature annealing cycle:

  \* Ligand's state undergoes a random change.
  - Engains state under goes a fancion change.

    Compare the energy of the new position with that of the last position, if it is:

    | lower, the move is accepted;

    | higher, the move is accepted if e<sup>(AEAT)</sup> > 0;
  - - otherwise the current move is 'rejected'.
- otherwise the current move is rejected.
   Cycle ends when we exceed either the number of accepted or rejected moves.

  Annealing temperature is reduced, 0.85 < g < 1  $T_1 = gT_1$ ,

  Rinse and repeat.

- Stops at the maximum number of cycles.

 $P(\Delta E) \ = \ e^{\left(-\frac{\Delta E}{k_BT}\right)}$  the Metr

# How a Genetic Algorithm Works...

- Start with a random  $\textbf{population}\ (5\text{o-}3\text{oo})$
- Genes correspond to state variables
  Perform genetic operations

- norm geneue operations

  Crossover

  Froint crossover, ABCD + abcd → Abcd + aBCD

  point crossover, ABCD + abcd → AbCD + aBcd

  miniorm crossover, ABCD + abcd → AbCD + aBcd

  miniorm crossover, ABCD + abcd → AbCd + aBcD

  arithmetic crossover, ABCD + abcd → [α ABCD + (1-α) abcd] +

  [(1-α) ABCD + α abcd] where: 0 < α < 1

Mutation

\* add or subtract a random amount from randomly selected genes, A

- Compute the **fitness** of individuals (energy evaluation) **Proportional Selection** & **Elitism**If total energy evaluations or maximum generations reached, stop

#### Lamarek

- \* Jean-Baptiste-Pierre-Antoinede Monet, Chevalier de Lamarck
- pioneer French biologist who is best known for his idea that acquired traits are inheritable, an idea known as Lamarckism, which is controverted by Darwinian theory.



#### How a Lamarckian GA works

- phenotypic adaptations of an individual to its environment can be mapped to its genotype & inherited by its offspring.

  Phenotype Atomic coordinates
- Genotype State variables (1) Local search (LS) modifies the phenotype.
- (2) Inverse map *phenotype* to the
- genotype Solis and Wets local search
- advantage that it does not require gradient information in order to proceed

  Rik Belew (UCSD) & William Hart (Sandia).

# Important Search Parameters

#### ated Annealing

- Initial temperature (K)
- Temperature reduction factor (K-r cycle) \* rtrf 0.95
- Termination criteria:
- \* accepted moves accs 25000
- \* rejected moves
- annealing cycles

  or cycles 50

# Genetic Algorithm & Lamarckian GA \* Population size

- ga\_pop\_size 300
- Crossover rate
- ga\_crossover\_rate 0.8
- Mutation rate ga\_mutation\_rate 0.02
- Solis & Wets local search (LGA only)
- sw\_max\_its 300
- Termination criteria:
- ga\_num\_evals 250000 # short ga\_num\_evals 2500000 # medium ga\_num\_evals 25000000 # long ga\_num\_generations 27000

# Dimensionality of Molecular Docking

- \* Degrees of Freedom (DOF)
- \* Position / Translation (3)
  - \* X,Y,Z
- \* Orientation / Quaternion (3)
  - \* qx, qy, qz, qw (normalized in 4D)
- \* Rotatable Bonds / Torsions (n)
  - \*  $\tau_r$ ,  $\tau_2$ , ...  $\tau_n$
- \* Dimensionality, D = 3 + 3 + n

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#### Multidimensional Treasure Hunt...

Dimensions	Landscape	Divide into 2	Treasure	Chances?
I			-	1/2
2				1/4
3				1/8
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# Sampling Hyperspace

- $\ast~$  Say we are hunting in  $\ensuremath{\textit{D}}\xspace$  dimensional hyperspace...
- \* We want to evaluate each of the D dimensions N times.
- \* The number of "evals" needed, n, is:  $n = N^D$
- $N = n^{1/D}$
- \* For example, if  $n = 10^6$  and...
  - \* D=6,  $N=(10^6)^{1/6}=10$  evaluations per dimension
  - \* D=36,  $N=(10^6)^{1/36}=1.5$  evaluations per dimension
- \* Clearly, the more dimensions, the tougher it gets.

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#### Next, AutoDock...

\* Now for some specifics about AutoDock...



\* More information can be found in the User Guide!

#### AutoDock/ADT

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Number crunching Visualizing, set-up

Command-line. awk, shell & Python scripts.

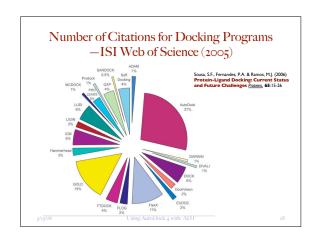
Text editors

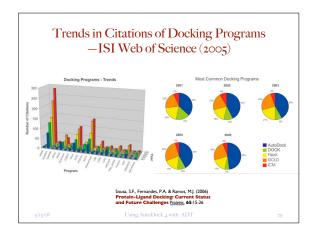
Graphical User Interface. PMV ∴ Python GUI-less, self-logging &

rescriptable

C & C++, compiled Python, interpreted

# Community (1991 - mid 2005) \* AutoDock licenses Papers citing AutoDock (source: Science Citation Index Expanded)





#### **Practical Considerations**

- What problem does AutoDock solve?
  - Flexible ligands (4.0 flexible protein).
- What range of problems is feasible?

  - Depends on the search method:

    LGA>GA>> SA>> LS

    SA: can output trajectories, D < about 8 torsions.
    - \* LGA: D < about 8-32 torsions.
- \* When is AutoDock not suitable?
  - No 3D-structures are available;
  - Modelled structure of poor quality;
  - \* Too many (32 torsions, 2048 atoms, 22 atom types);

    \* Target protein too flexible.

### Using AutoDock: Step-by-Step

- \* Set up ligand PDBQT—using ADT's "Ligand" menu
- OPTIONAL: Set up flexible receptor PDBQT—using ADT's "Flexible Residues" menu
- Set up macromolecule & grid maps—using ADT's "Grid"
- $\label{pre-compute} Pre-compute AutoGrid maps for all atom types in your set of ligands—using "autogrid4"$
- Perform dockings of ligand to target—using "autodock4", and in parallel if possible.
- Visualize AutoDock results—using ADT's "Analyze" menu
- Cluster dockings—using "analysis" DPF command in "autodock4" or ADT's "Analyze" menu for parallel docking results.

AutoDock 4 File Formats

Prepare the Following Input Files

- Ligand PDBQT file
- Rigid Macromolecule PDBQT file
- Flexible Macromolecule PDBQT file ("Flexres")
- AutoGrid Parameter File (GPF)
  - GPF depends on atom types in:

    Ligand PDBQT file

    Optional flexible residue PDBQT f
- \* AutoDock Parameter File (DPF)

Run AutoGrid 4

Macromolecule PDBQT + GPF → Grid Maps, GLG

Grid Maps + Ligand PDBQT + [Flexres PDBQT +] DPF → DLG (dockings & clustering)

Run ADT to Analyze DLG

Things you need to do before using AutoDock 4

#### Ligand:

- Add all hydrogens, compute Gasteiger charges, and merge non-polar H, also assign AutoDock 4 atom types
- Ensure total charge corresponds to tautomeric state
- Choose torsion tree root & rotatable bonds

#### Macromolecule:

- Add all hydrogens, compute Gasteiger charges, and merge non-polar H; also assign AutoDock 4 atom types
- Assign Stouten atomic solvation parameters
- Optionally, create a flexible residues PDBQT in addition to the rigid PDBQT file
- Compute AutoGrid maps

#### Preparing Ligands and Receptors

- \* AutoDock uses 'United Atom' model
  - \* Reduces number of atoms, speeds up docking
- \* Need to:
  - \* Add polar Hs. Remove non-polar Hs.
  - \* Both Ligand & Macromolecule
  - \* Replace missing atoms (disorder).
  - \* Fix hydrogens at chain breaks.
- \* Need to consider pH:
- \* Acidic & Basic residues, Histidines.
- \* http://molprobity.biochem.duke.edu
- \* Other molecules in receptor:
  - \* Waters; Cofactors; Metal ions.

\* Molecular Modelling elsewhere.

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### Atom Types in AutoDock 4

- \* One-letter or two-letter atom type codes
- \* More atom types than AD3:
  - \* 22
- \* Same atom types in both ligand and receptor
- \* http://autodock.scripps.edu/wiki/NewFeatures
- \* <a href="http://autodock.scripps.edu/faqs-help/faq/">http://autodock.scripps.edu/faqs-help/faq/</a> how-do-i-add-new-atom-types-to-autodock-4
- \* http://autodock.scripps.edu/faqs-help/faq/ where-do-i-set-the-autodock-4-force-field-parameters

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# Partial Atomic Charges are required for both Ligand and Receptor

- \* Partial Atomic Charges:
  - $\ast\,$  Peptides & Proteins; DNA & RNA
    - \* Gasteiger (PEOE) AD4 Force Field
    - Organic compounds; Cofactors
    - \* Gasteiger (PEOE) AD4 Force Field,
    - \* MOPAC (MNDO, AMI, PM3);
    - \* Gaussian (6-31G\*).
- \* Integer total charge per residue.
- \* Non-polar hydrogens:
  - \* Always merge

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## Carbon Atoms can be either Aliphatic or Aromatic Atom Types

- \* Solvation Free Energy
  - Based on a partial-charge-dependent variant of Stouten method.
  - Treats aliphatic (°C') and aromatic (°A') carbons differently.
- \* Need to rename ligand aromatic 'C' to 'A'.
- st ADT determines if ligand is a peptide:
  - If so, uses a look-up dictionary.
  - If not, inspects geometry of 'C's in rings. Renames 'C' to 'A' if flat enough.
  - Can adjust 'planarity' criterion (15° detects more rings than default 7.5°).

# Defining Ligand Flexibility

- \* Set Root of Torsion Tree:
  - By interactively picking, or
  - Automatically.
  - \* Smallest 'largest sub-tree'.
- \* Interactively Pick Rotatable Bonds:
  - \* No 'leaves';
  - No bonds in rings;
  - \* Can freeze:
    - Peptide/amide/selected/all;
  - \* Can set the number of active torsions that move either the most or the fewest atoms

# Setting Up Your Environment

- \* At TSRI:
  - \* Modify .cshre
    - Change PATH & stacksize:
    - setenv PATH (/mgl/prog/\$archosv/bin:/tsri/python:\$path)
      % limit stacksize unlimited
- \* ADT Tutorial, every time you open a Shell or Terminal, type:

  \* % source /tsri/python/share/bin/initadtcsh
- To start AutoDockTools, type:
  - % cd tutorial % adt1
- \* Web

  - http://autodock.scripps.edu http://mgltools.scripps.edu

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### Choose the Docking Algorithm

- \* SA.dpf Simulated Annealing
- \* GA.dpf Genetic Algorithm
- \* LS.dpf Local Search
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- \* Solis-Wets (SW)
- \* Pseudo Solis-Wets (pSW)
- \* GALS.dpf Genetic Algorithm with Local Search, *i.e.* Lamarckian GA

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Run AutoGrid

- \* Check: Enough disk space?
  - \* Maps are ASCII, but can be ~2-8MB!
- \* Start AutoGrid from the Shell:

% autogrid4 -p mol.gpf -l mol.glg & % autogrid4 -p mol.gpf -l mol.glg ; autodock4 -p mol.dpf -l mol.dlg

- \* Follow the log file using:
  - % tail -f mol.glg
  - \* Type <Ctrl>-C to break out of the 'tail -f' command
- Wait for "Successful Completion" before starting AutoDock

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Run AutoDock

- \* Do a test docking, ~ 25,000 evals
- \* Do a full docking, if test is OK,  $\tilde{}$  250,000 to 50,000,000 evals
- \* From the Shell:
  - \* % autodock4 -p yourFile.dpf -l yourFile.dlg &
- \* Expected time? Size of docking log?
- \* Distributed computation
  - \* At TSRI, Linux Clusters
  - % submit.py stem 20
    % recluster.py stem 20 during 3.5

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#### Analyzing AutoDock Results

- \* In ADT, you can:
  - Read & view a single DLG, or
  - Read & view many DLG results files in a single directory
  - Re-cluster docking results by conformation  $\&\,\mathrm{view}$  these
- Outside ADT, you can re-cluster several DLGs
  - \* Useful in distributed docking

    \* % recluster.py stem 20 [during|end] 3.5

#### Viewing Conformational Clusters by **RMSD**

- \* List the RMSD tolerances
  - Separated by spaces
- \* Histogram of conformational clusters
  - \* Number in cluster versus lowest energy in that cluster
- Picking a cluster
  - \* makes a list of the conformations in that cluster;
  - \* set these to be the current sequence for states player.

# Advanced Topics

- \* Stochastic search methods rely on random numbers
- \* Random Number Generator, RNG

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# Random number generator

- \* RNG needs a seed or seeds.
  - Different seeds lead to different sequences of random numbers
- \* SA and GA use different RNGs
  - \* SA needs 1 seed
  - \* GA & LGA need 2 seeds
- \* A seed can be:
  - \* A long integer, say "3141529"; or
  - \* "time" = number of seconds since 1970 Jan 1; or
  - \* "pid" = UNIX process ID of this job

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