Hybrid Approach for Biomolecular Structure Modeling

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Structural Biology



Image from: Milne & Subramaniam, Nat. Rev. Microbiol 2009 <u>Structures of biomolecules</u> are important to understand functions, and for drug development

Dynamics is essential for function

Integrative/Hybrid Modeling



Interpretation of new X-ray crystallography data

- X-ray crystallography provides structural information at high-resolution
- Cryo temperatures, crystal packing, artificially modified proteins
- Crystal contact-free space (CCFS) to reconciling X-ray structures with dynamics in solutions

presequence

in the symmetry-related complex

presequence

• MD simulations to refine interpretations



Dynamics of Flexible Loop: MD and Exp

Tim21 loop2 conformation: Experimental data are inconsistent

Xray

NMR

CCFS

L1

MD trajectory vs Experimental Data CCFS best agreement

Conf ensemble from modeling & MD ~40 μsec

> Crystal packing can be examined by MD to improve crystal design





Bala et al BBA General Subjects (2020), Srivastava et al BBA General Subjects (2020)

Fitting X-ray into Cryo-EM Data

Implementation of biased molecular dynamics simulation with EM volume



Replica exchange: Different biasing force constant k_i is assigned to each replica

Miyashita et al (2017), Mori et al (2019)

Biomolecule Imaging by X-ray Free Electron Laser



Single-particle coherent diffraction imaging (CDI)

Experimental setup for single particle CDI



- Application to noncrystallizable samples
- Challenging approach with potentially very high impact
 - Single molecule in natural condition
 - Time-resolved study on Dynamics
 - Requires strong beam

3D Reconstruction from XFEL Single Particle Data



K. J. Gaffney and H. N. Chapman, Science (2007) 316 1444-1448

- Angles are not known
- Arrangement of all 2D diffraction patterns need to be calculated.
- Computationally extensive for a large dataset
- Applications to experimental data with Nishino group @ Hokkaido U



Nakano et al, JSR 2017, 2018 Nakono et al, Biophys. Physicobiol. 2019

Challenges for Biomolecular Modeling from XFEL Data



Challenges: going from Structure to Dynamics



- More experimental data are collected.
- New time resolved experimental techniques
- Modeling of conformational dynamics through analyses of large data sets



Summary

- Development of computational algorithms and tools for integrative structural biology and applications
- Obtain new structural and dynamical information combining experimental data and simulation
- More experimental data and more complex biological molecules require further computational resources and algorithms: Development of tools to utilize new data using Fugaku



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