

# 生命科学中的 随机动力学模型



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- I. Choose the topic interested, then work on it.

# 摘要

## I. 高维动态数据分析

- I. Biomolecular folding
- II. Video (image sequence) analysis
- III. Dynamic (biological/social) networks

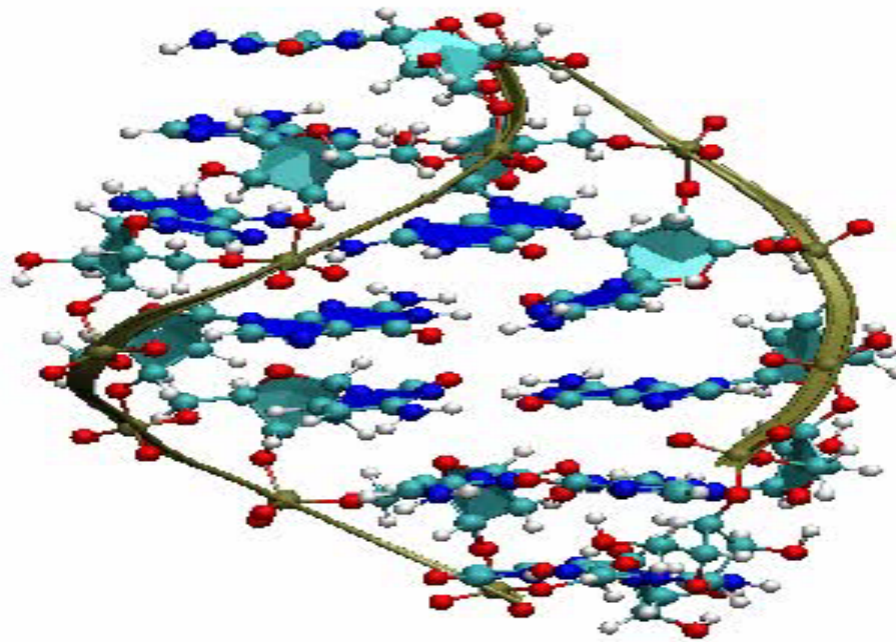
## II. 随机动力学模型:

- I. Markov models
- II. Nonlinear diffusive models, etc.

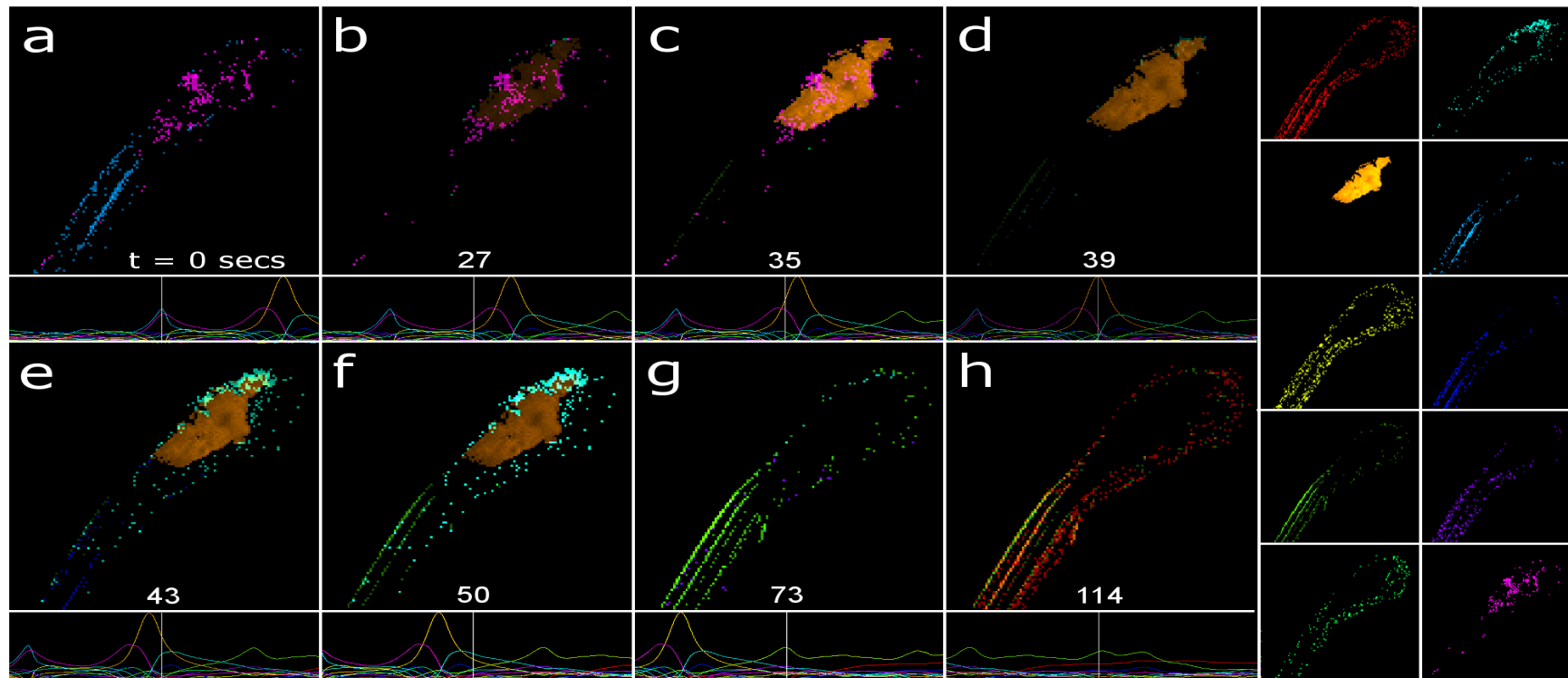
## III. 一个基本问题:

- I. How to reconstruct models given data generated (approximately) from such models?

# Biomolecular Folding



# Neuron Signaling in Zebrafish



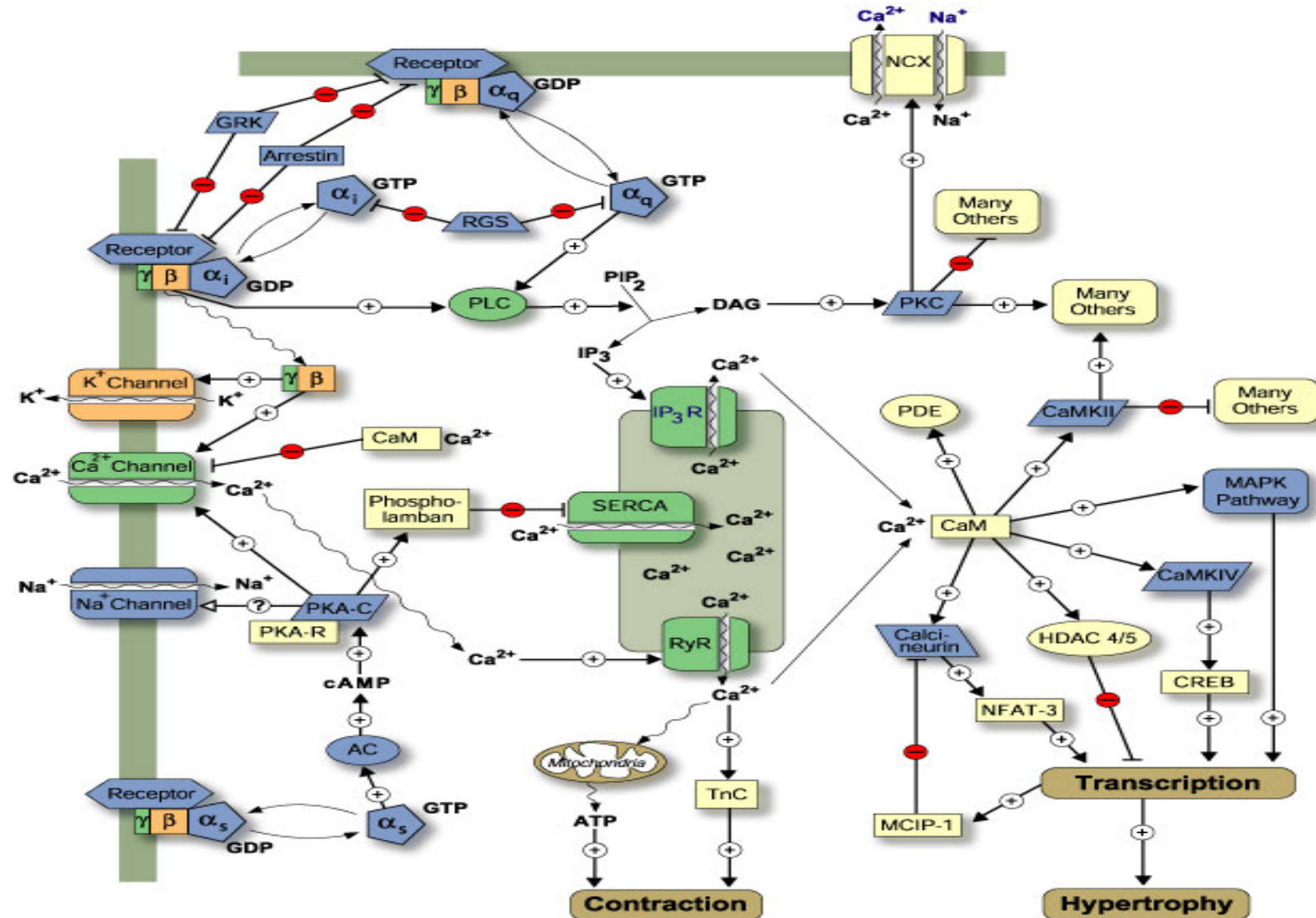
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# Surveillance Video

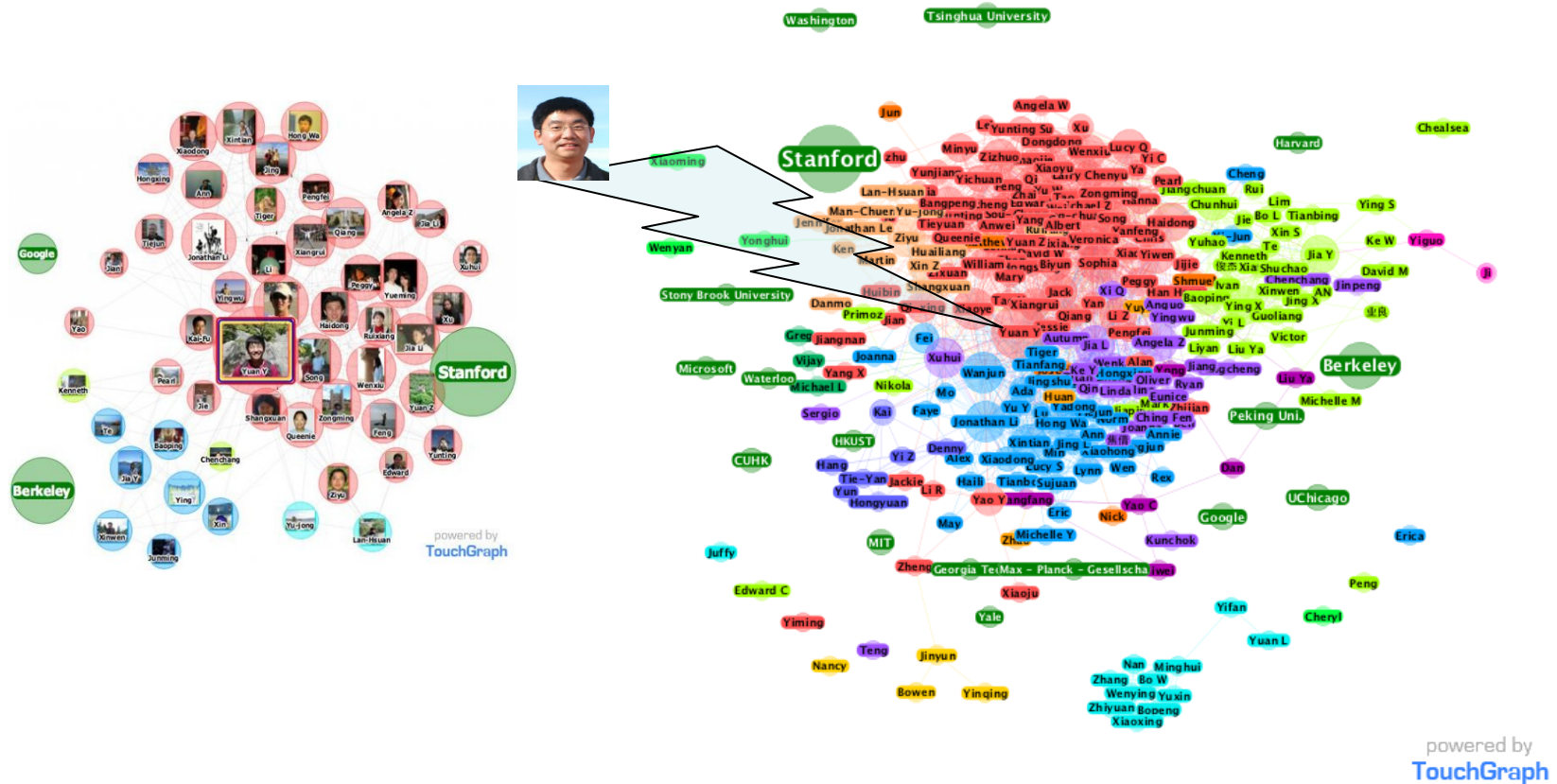


Courtesy of Yi Ma

# Networks are Dynamic!



# Networks are Dynamic!



# My facebook TouchGraph from the year of 2009 to 2011



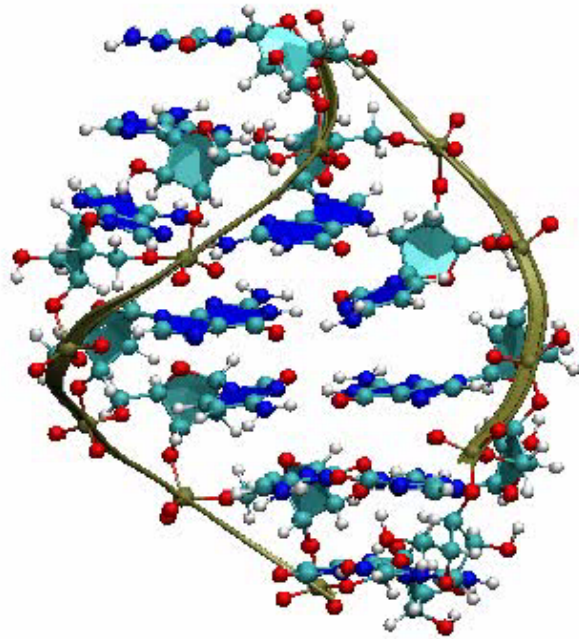
# The following tools may be relevant...

- 降维和粗粒化方法，拓扑和几何方法
  - 非线性降维 nonlinear dimensionality reduction
  - 压缩感知 compressed sensing
  - 低秩矩阵分解 low-rank matrix factorization
  - 在线学习 online learning of dictionary
  - ...
- 粗粒化动态系统近似
  - Markov models
  - ...

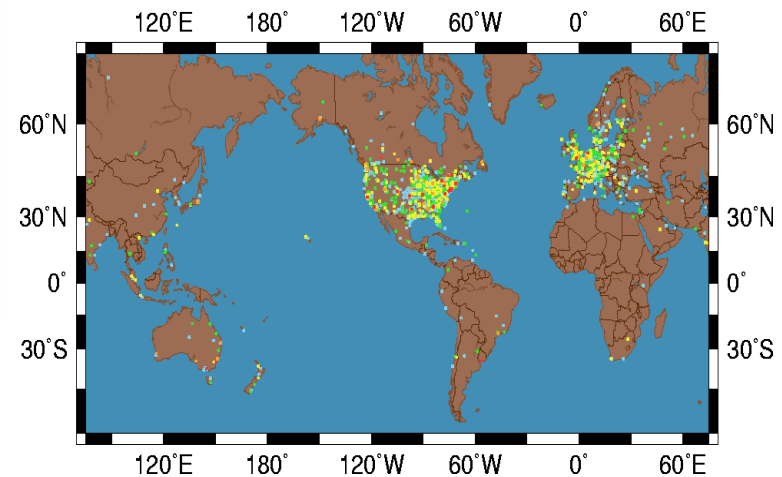
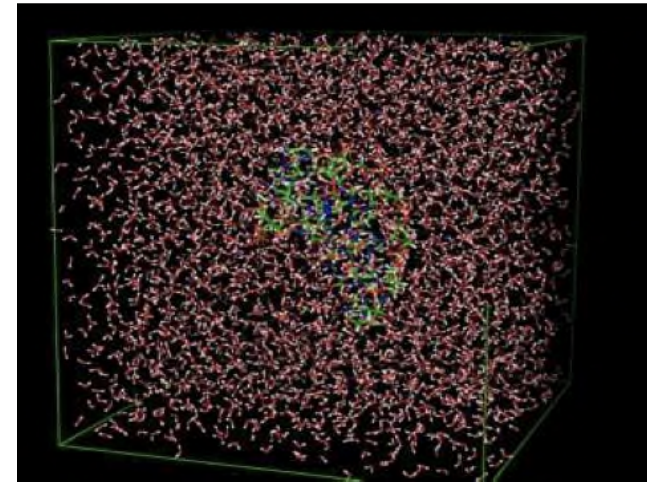
# 生物分子动力学

- I. 分子动力学仿真数据特点
- II. Clustering Analysis
- III. Bayesian Inference of Markov Models

# 生物分子动力系统仿真

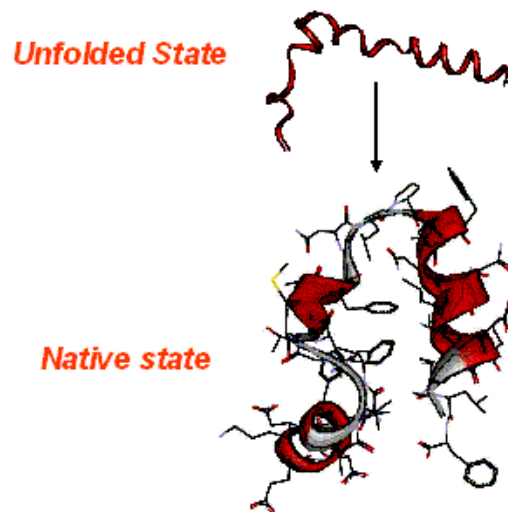


Folding@home distributed computing

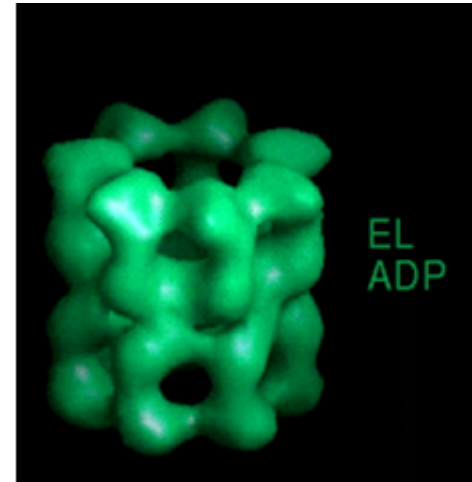


Shirts and Pande, *Science*, 290, 1903, 2000

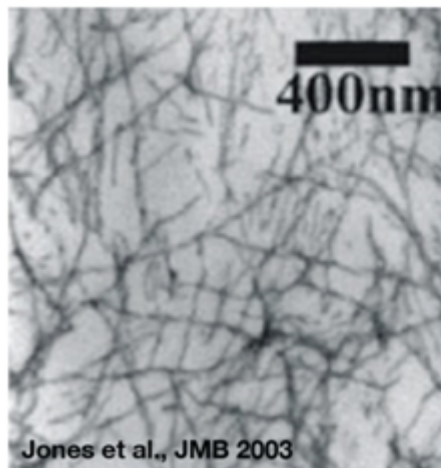
# 生物问题: Conformational Changes



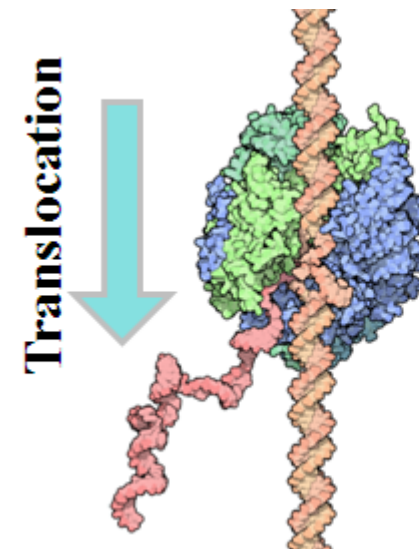
Protein Folding



Protein folding in Chaperone



Protein misfolding and aggregation

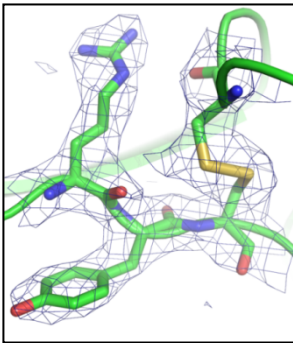


RNA Polymerase Translocation

Illustrations by David Goodsell

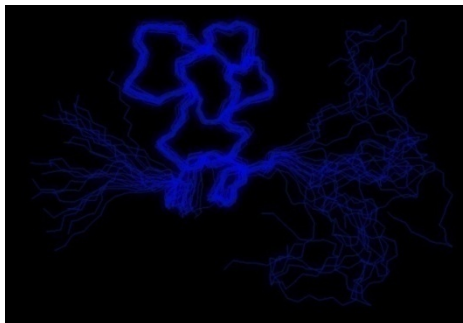
# Understanding Conformational Changes at Atomic Resolution is Difficult Experimentally

Computer simulations may complement experiments!



## **X-ray**

structures are static snapshots

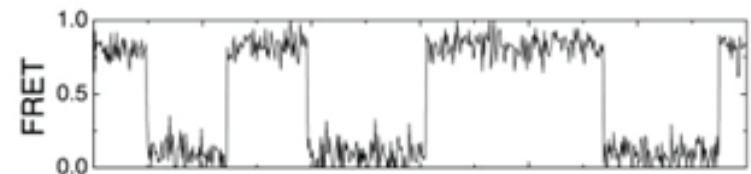


## **NMR**

can provide dynamics, but difficult for large systems

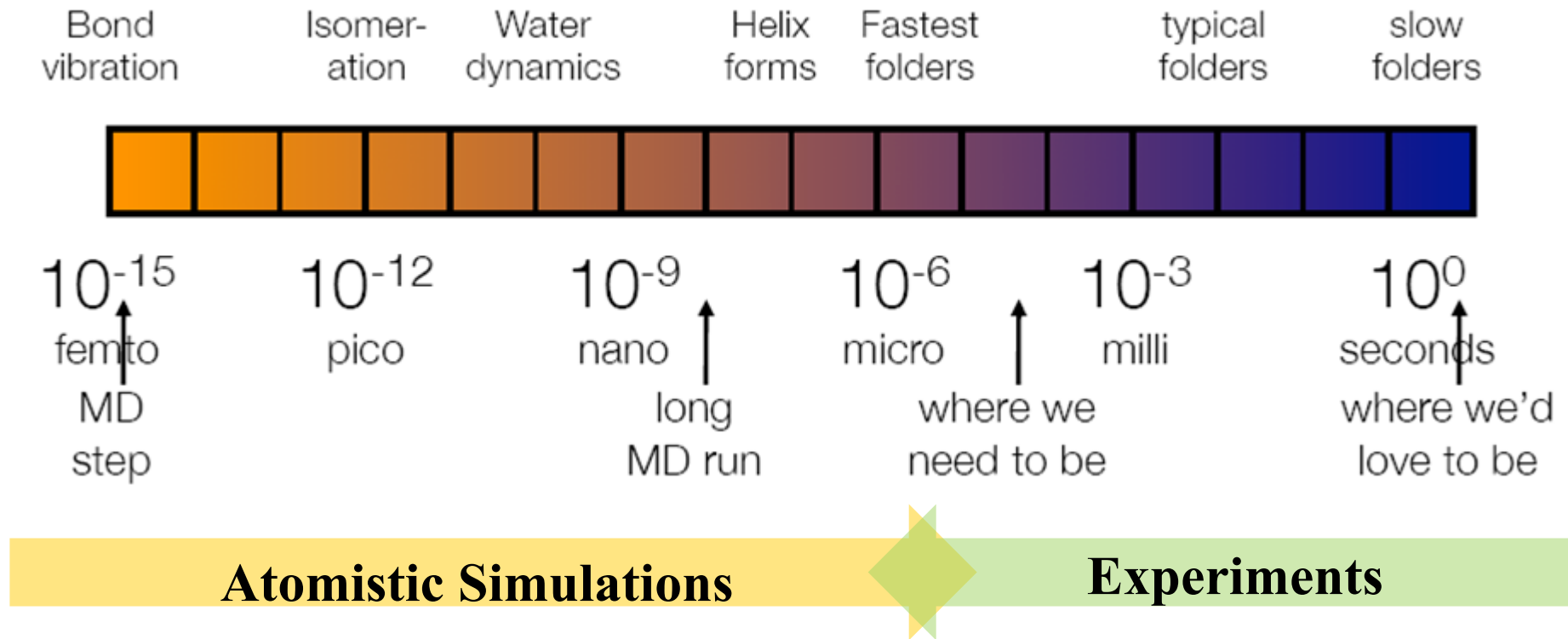
## **Single Molecule FRET**

Provide information of an order parameter



Zhuang, Science 296:1473, 2002.

# Key Challenge: Timescale Gap

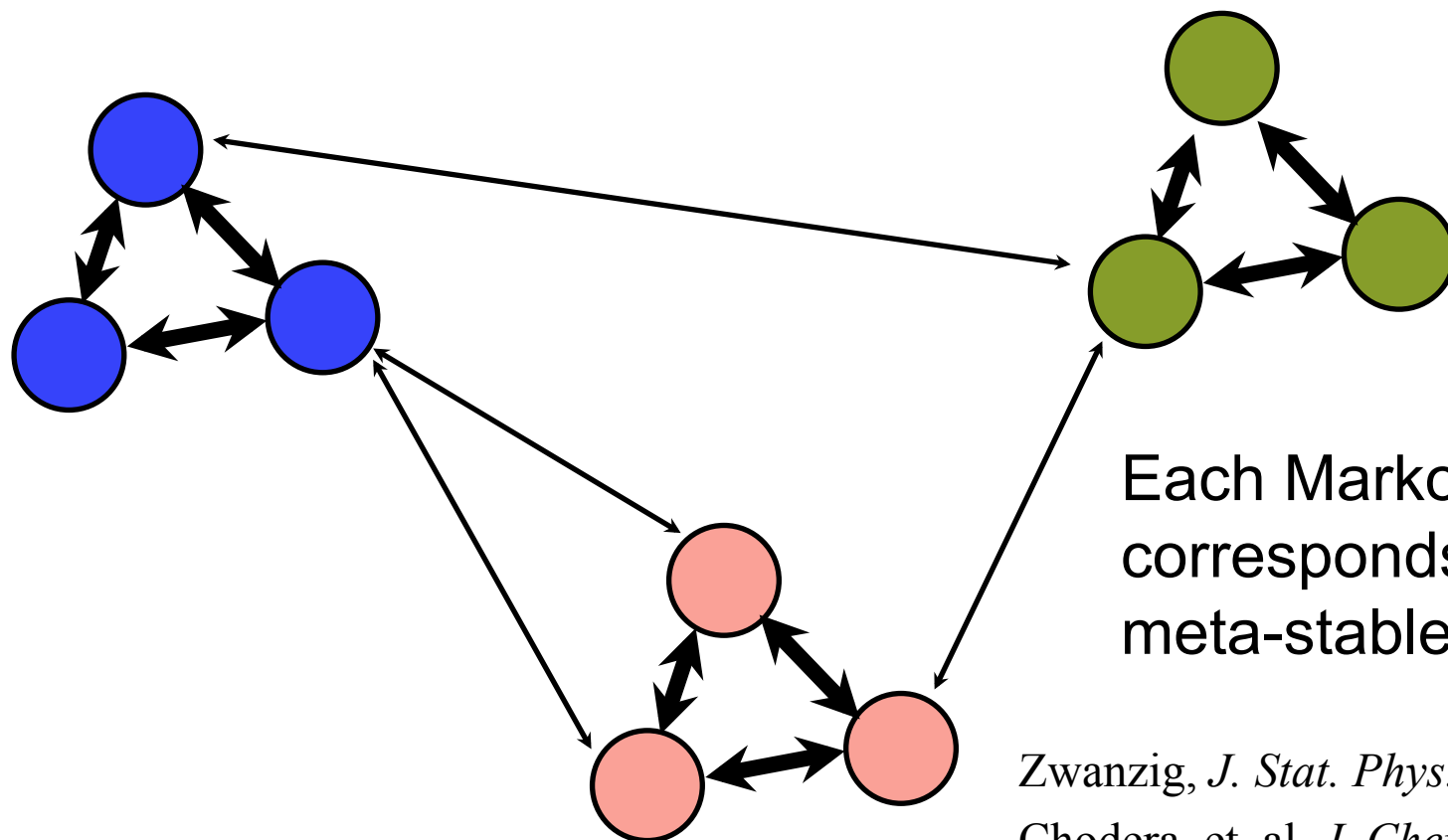


## Solution:

Use short simulations to predict long timescale dynamics

# Conformational Dynamics: Nearly Uncoupled Markov Chains

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Each Markov chain  
corresponds to a  
meta-stable state

Zwanzig, *J. Stat. Phys.* 1983

Chodera. et. al. *J. Chem. Phys.* 2007

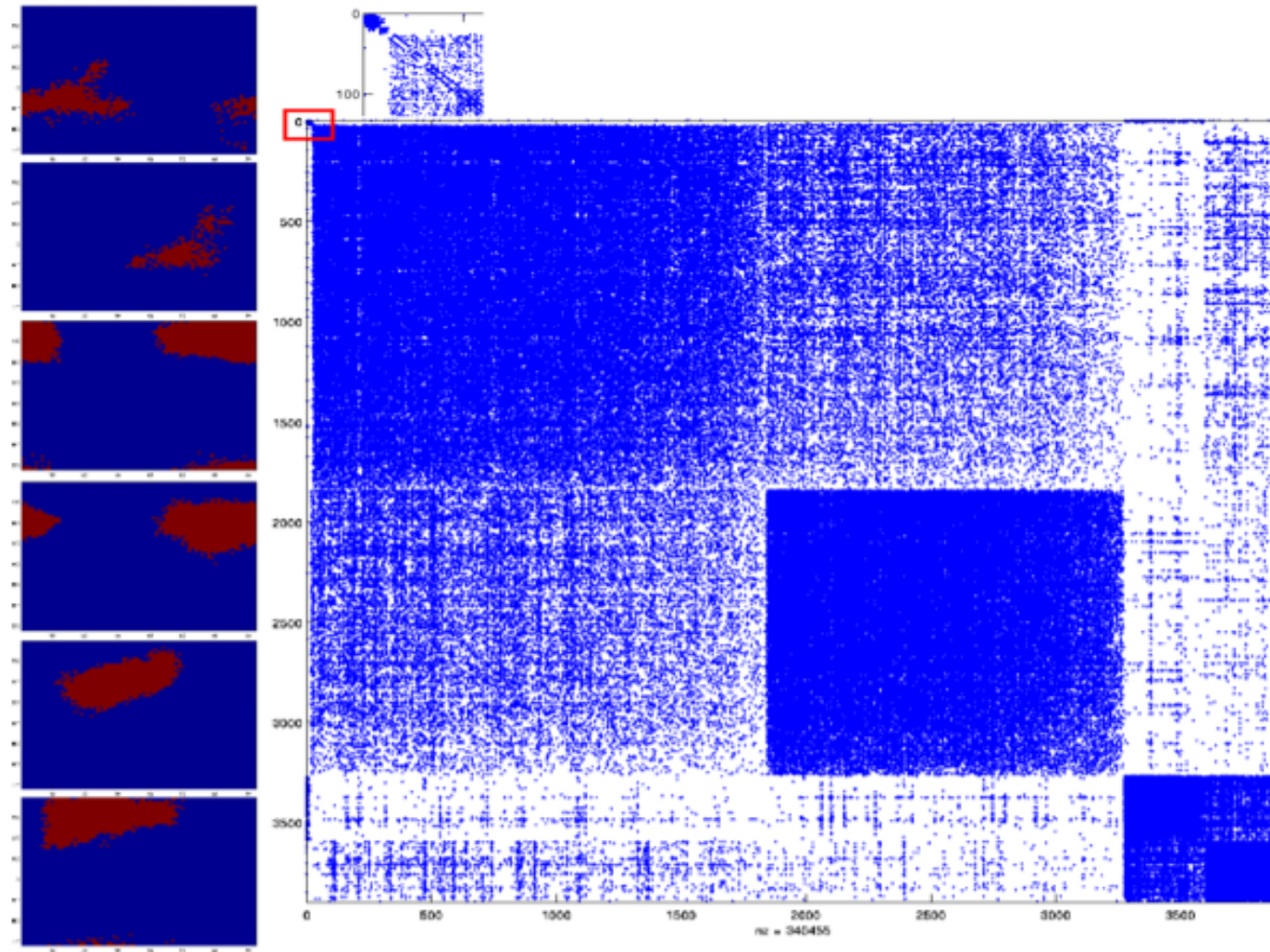
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Huang et.al. 2009, Hummer, Shuttle....

**Figure Courtesy John Chodera**



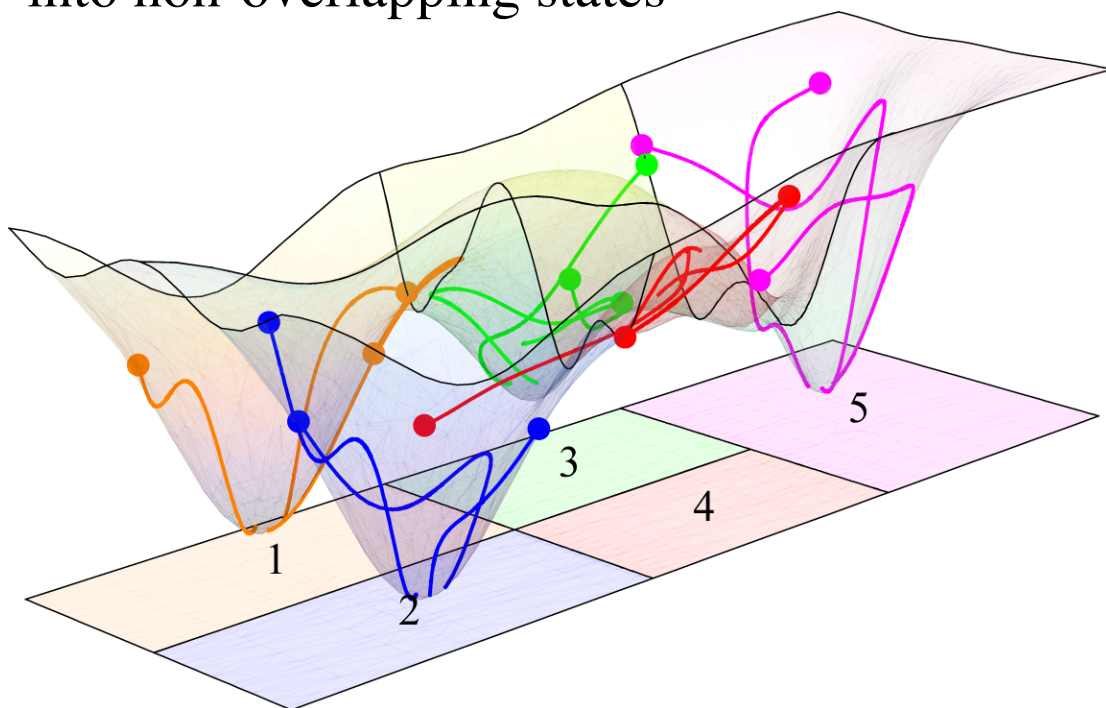
# Block Structure of Transition Matrix





# Markov State Models (MSMs)

The configuration space is decomposed into non-overlapping states



Define transition probabilities between states

$$T(\tau) = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & \cdots & p_{15} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ p_{51} & & & p_{55} \end{bmatrix}$$

**We can extract long time dynamics from MSMs built from short simulations**

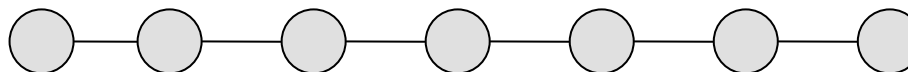
$$P(n\tau) = [T(\tau)]^n P(0)$$

The time is coarse-grained in  $\tau$

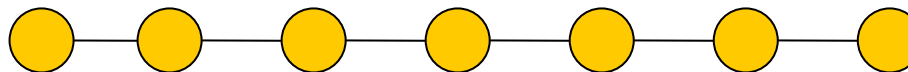
# How to construct MSMs?

***Dataset: Multiple trajectories with a lot of conformations.***

*Trajectory 1*



*Trajectory 2*



*Trajectory 3*

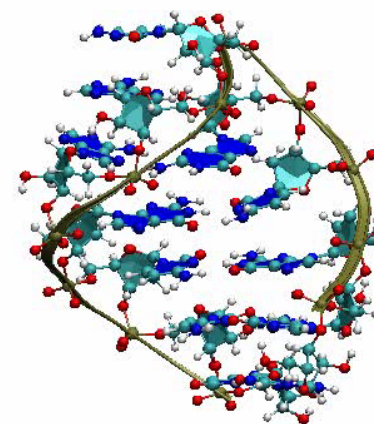
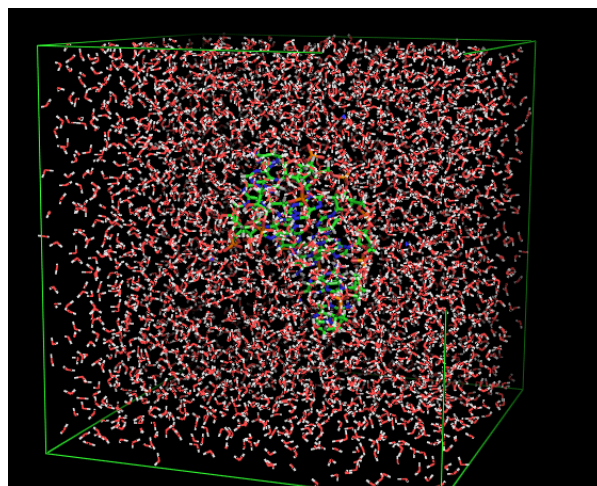


time



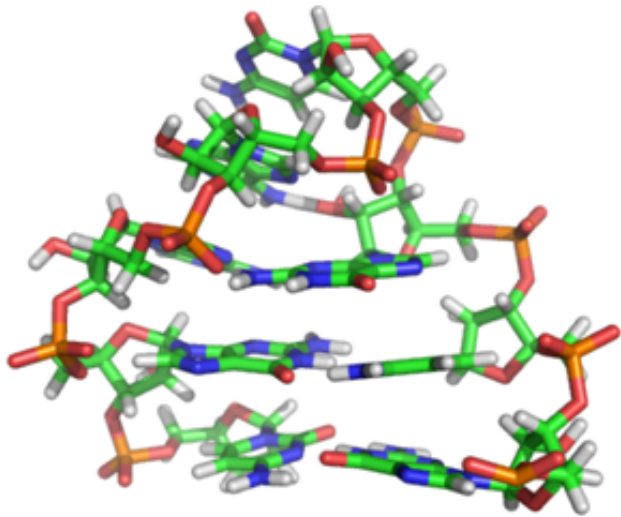
**Trajectory**

**Conformation**



# Example: 8-RNA hairpin

An eight nucleotide RNA GCAA hairpin



- 2,543 TIP3P waters and 7 Na<sup>+</sup> ions
- 9963 45ns simulations

> 2.3 million conformations in total

# How to construct MSMs?

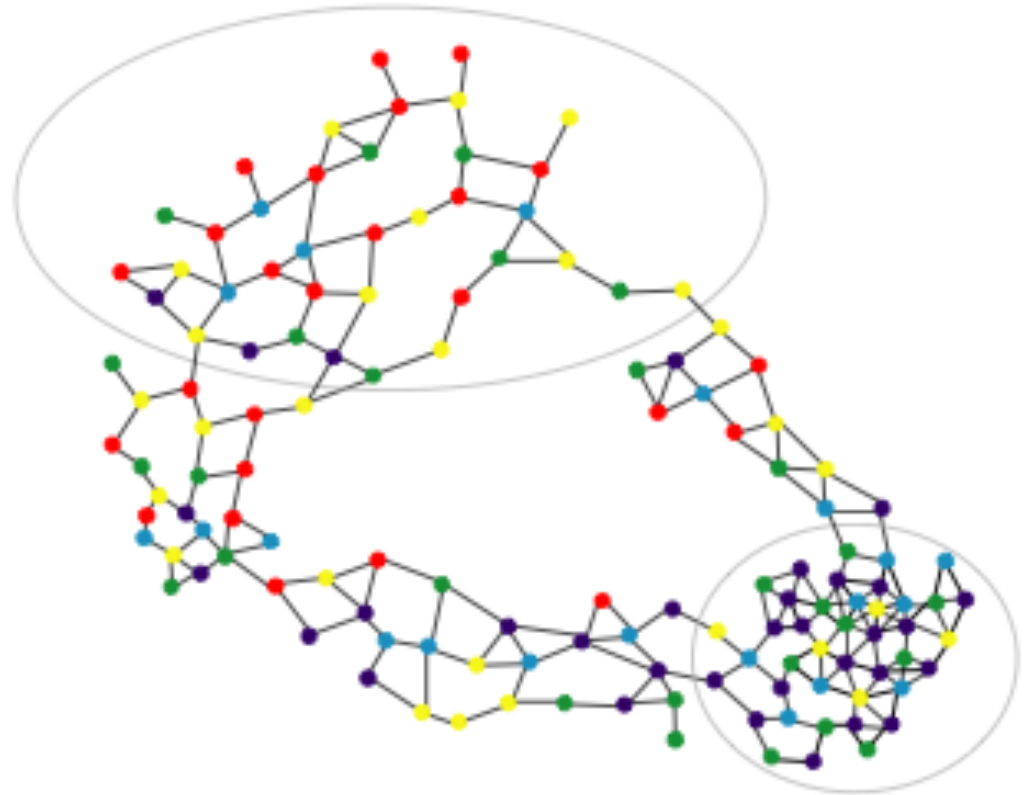
Data: A large amount of conformations



Directly work on conformations

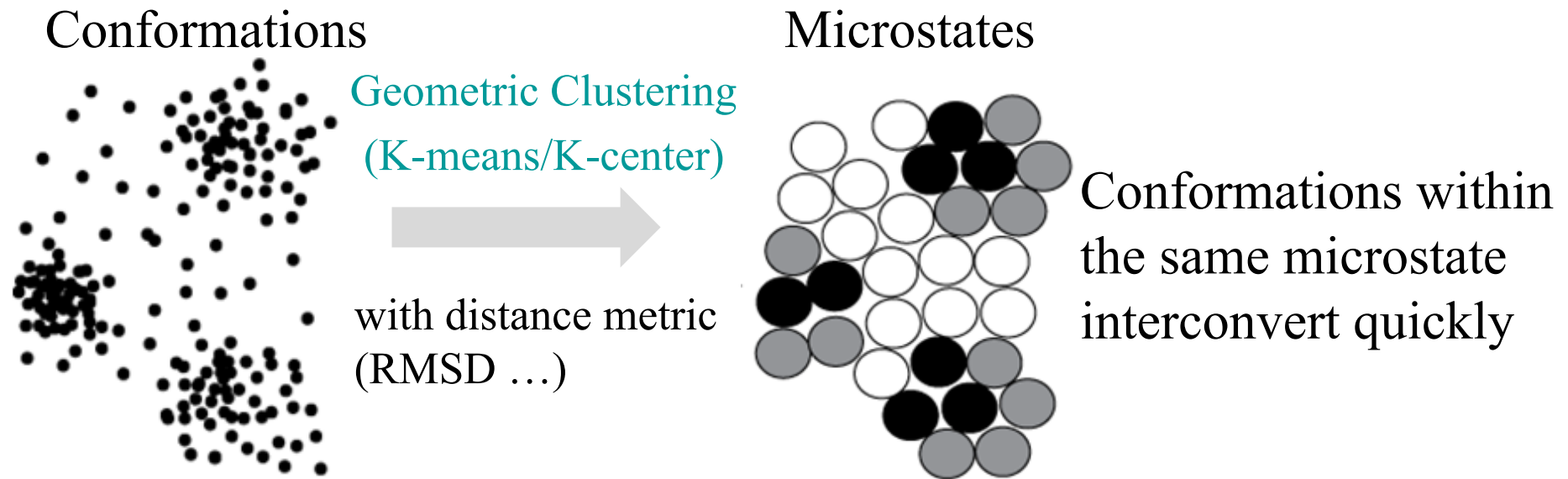
Network nodes are snapshots from multiple simulations.

**800,000 nodes, 7.4 billion edges**

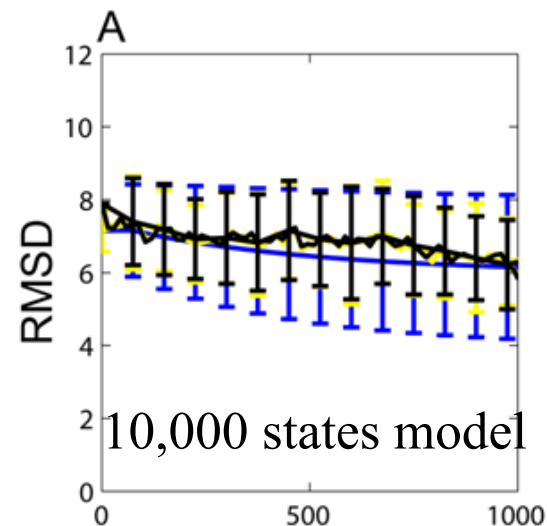


**Very Expensive!**

# How to construct MSMs?



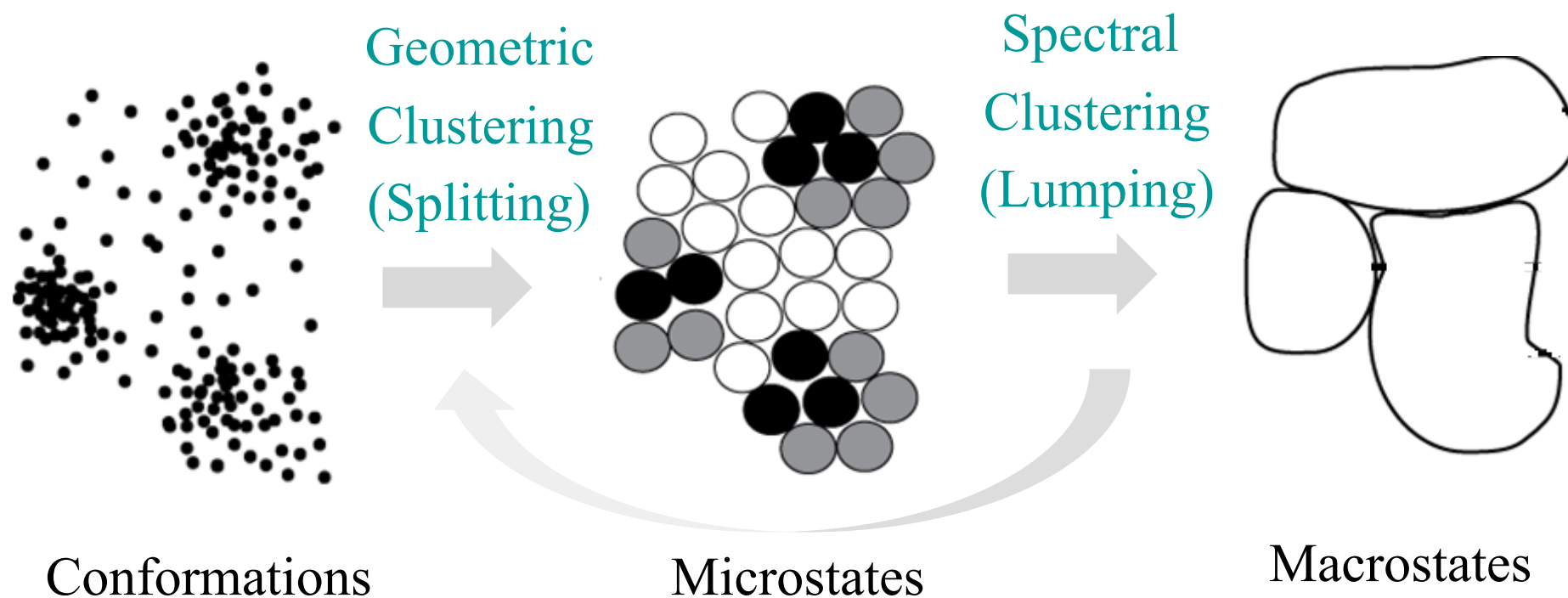
Construct MSMs  
on microstates:



**# of microstates is huge.  
Difficult for studying  
folding mechanisms!**

Bowman, Beauchamp, Boxer, and Pande. Methods 2009.

# How to construct MSMs?



Bayesian  
Inference  
of MSM



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Deuffhard and Weber, *ZIB-report*, 2003

Weber, *ZIB-report*, 2004

Bowman, Huang, and Pande. *Methods* 2009.

Barcalado, et al. *J. Chem. Phys.* 2009

# A Theory of Lumpability

- Lumpability

- (Kemeny-Snell 1976) A finite Markov chain  $T$  is **lumpable w.r.t. partition  $S=(S_1, \dots, S_n)$**  iff its induced dynamics on  $S$  is Markovian
- (Meila-Shi 2001)  $T$  is lumpable w.r.t.  $S$  iff  $T$  has  $n$  piece-wise constant right eigenvectors,  $T_{ij}$  is the transition probability from  $i$  to  $j$ .
- If  $T$  is block diagonal, i.e. uncoupled Markov chain, then  $T$  is lumpable with piece-wise constant right eigenvectors associated with multiple eigenvalue 1.
- (E-Li-Vanden-Eijnden 2007) For reversible chains, optimal approximation of lumpable Markov chains in Hilbert-Schmidt norms
- An spectral algorithm to find lumpable states in nearly uncoupled systems:
  - find top  $n$  piece-wise constant eigenvectors as embedding coordinates
  - Use k-means to find  $n$  clusters
  - Other variants with spectral bipartition also works (PCCA)

But there are issues when using with k-center here!

# 分子动力系统中的聚类分析

## I. Geometric Clustering (距离度量)

- K-means/K-medoids vs. K-center, etc.

## II. Kinetic Clustering

- Spectral clustering, etc.

## III. 聚类分析的性质

- 1) Flat clustering vs. Hierarchical clustering
- 2) Batch vs. Streaming (online) data
- 3) 近似算法和计算复杂性
- 4) 统计性质

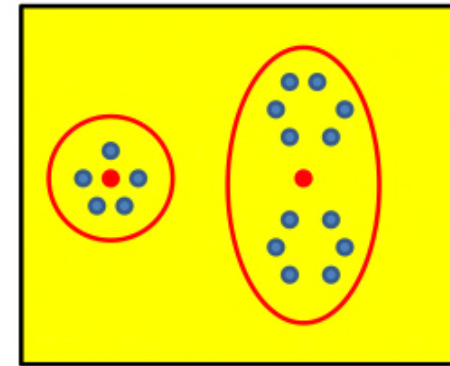
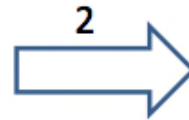
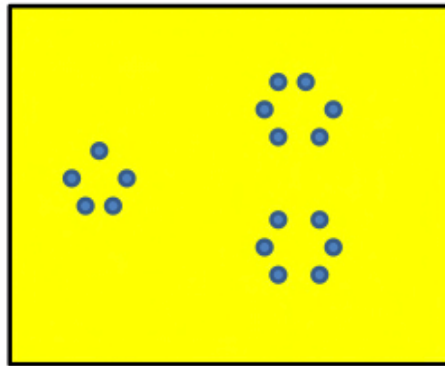


几何聚类分析

GEOMETRIC CLUSTERING

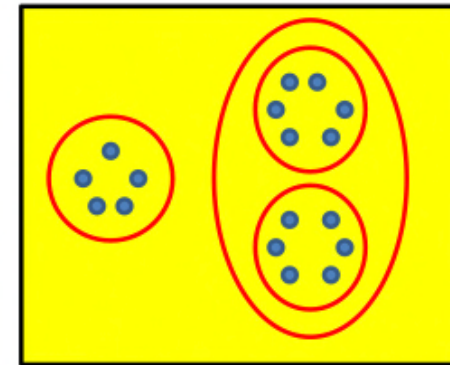
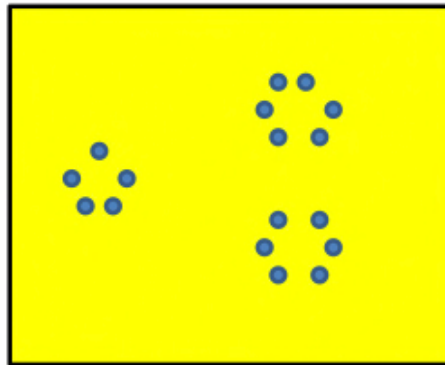
# Two Types of Clustering

Flat  
clustering



"2-clustering"

Hierarchical  
clustering



includes k-clusterings for all k

# How is the data presented

- Batch  
n data point, all at once  
(can store all of them in memory)
- Online/streaming  
n or endless data point, one at once  
( $O(1)$  or  $O(n)$  memory, can NOT store all of them)

Molecular dynamics data is online/streaming in nature!

# K-center vs. K-means

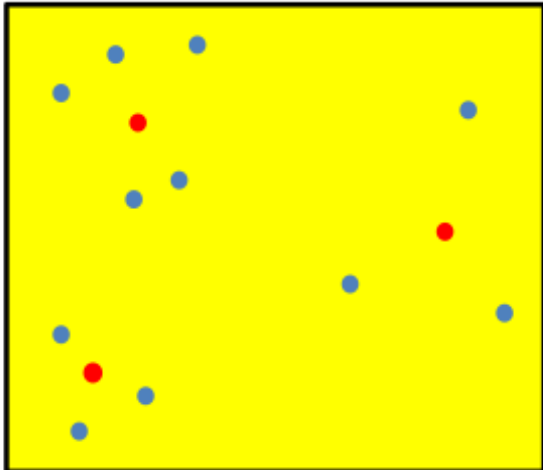
Input: Data set  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^D$ , desired # of clusters  $k$

Goal: Summarize data using a few representatives  $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k\} \subset \mathbb{R}^D$ , to minimize overall distortion.

The *distortion* on a particular  $x$  is  $d(x, C) = \min\{\|x - c\| : c \in C\}$

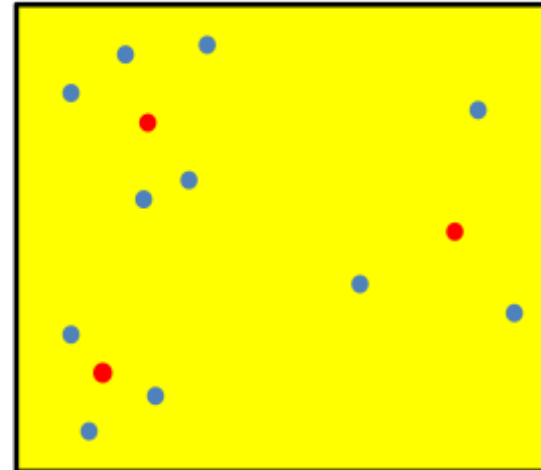
Max distortion (**k-center**)

$$\max \{d(x, C) : x \in X\}$$



Average distortion (**k-means**)

$$\sum \{d(x, C)^2 : x \in X\}$$



# A Greedy Algorithm for K-center

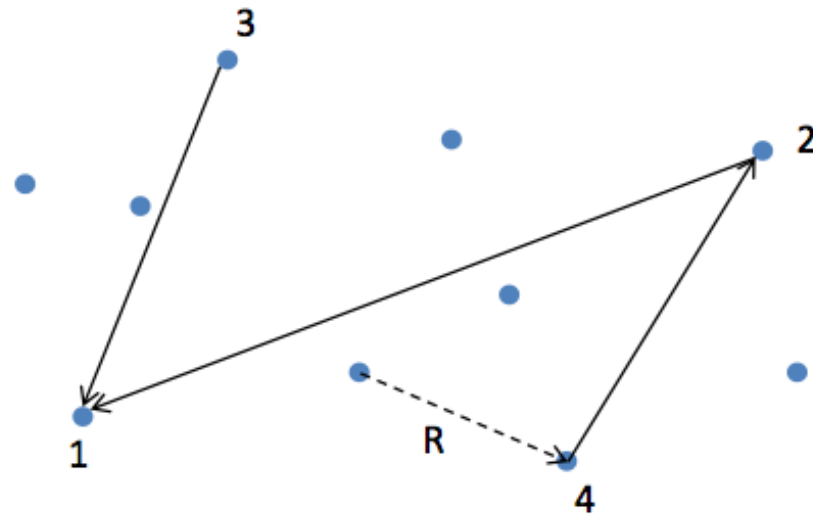
## Farthest-first traversal

[Gonzalez, 1985]

Input: data set  $X$ , integer  $k$

Pick any  $x$  in  $X$  and set  $C = \{x\}$   
for  $i = 2$  to  $k$ :  
    find  $x$  in  $X$  with largest  $d(x, C)$   
    add  $x$  to  $C$   
return centers  $C$

eg.  $k = 4$



**Claim:**  $\text{cost}(C) \leq 2 \text{ OPT}$

Proof:

- (i) Let  $x$  be the point in  $X$  that is farthest from  $C$ ; and let  $R = d(x, C)$ . Thus  $\text{cost}(C) = R$ .
- (ii) The  $k+1$  points  $C \cup \{x\}$  are all at distance  $\geq R$  from each other.
- (iii) Any  $k$ -clustering must put two of these points in the same cluster; and this cluster must therefore have radius  $\geq R/2$ . Therefore  $\text{OPT} \geq R/2$ .

# K-center 几何性质

- K-center形成了样本空间的一个epsilon-net
  - Any two points in  $C$  are  $R$ -distance away
  - Points in  $C$  form a  $R$ -cover of sample space
- 只依赖于度量结构
- K-center is NP-hard, but greedy algorithm is  $O(kn)$
- K-center在ISOMAP(TdL'2000, Science)中被采用, 称为Landmark技术
- Molecular dynamics application [Sun, Y, Huang, et al. JPC, 09]
- 缺点:
  - 对样本空间边缘的outlier和noise比较敏感

# Approximability of K-center

## Upper bounds [Gonzalez, 1985]

Farthest-first traversal achieves factor 2 approximation for data in any metric space.

## Lower bounds [Feder and Greene, 1988]

Unless  $P = NP$ , no polynomial time algorithm achieves a factor:

better than 2 in a metric space

better than 1.82 in Euclidean space

## Open problems:

1. Close the gap in the Euclidean case.
2. Other algorithms that are better in practice than farthest-first traversal?

# A Greedy Algorithm for K-means

A stochastic farthest-first traversal

**kmeans++**

[Arthur and Vassilvitskii, 2006]

Input: data set  $X$ , integer  $k$

Pick  $x$  in  $X$  at random, set  $C = \{x\}$

for  $i = 2$  to  $k$ :

    pick  $x$  in  $X$  at random, with  
    probability  $\propto d(x, C)^2$

    add  $x$  to  $C$

return centers  $C$



**Claim:  $E[\text{cost}(C)] \leq O(\log k) \cdot \text{OPT}$**



# A Constant-factor Approximation

## local search

[Kanungo et al, 2003]

Input: data set  $X$ , integer  $k$

Pick initial centers  $C$  arbitrarily from  $X$

while  $\exists c \text{ in } C, x \text{ in } X$  with

$\text{cost}(C - \{c\} + \{x\}) < \text{cost}(C)$ :

$C = C - \{c\} + \{x\}$

return  $C$

**Claim:**  $\text{cost}(C) \leq 50 \cdot \text{OPT}$



# Complexity of K-means

## Upper bounds [Inaba et al, 1989]

Can solve optimally in time  $O(n^{kd})$ , where

$n$  = number of points

$d$  = dimension

## Lower bounds [D. et al, 2009; Mahajan et al, 2009]

NP-hard in the following cases:

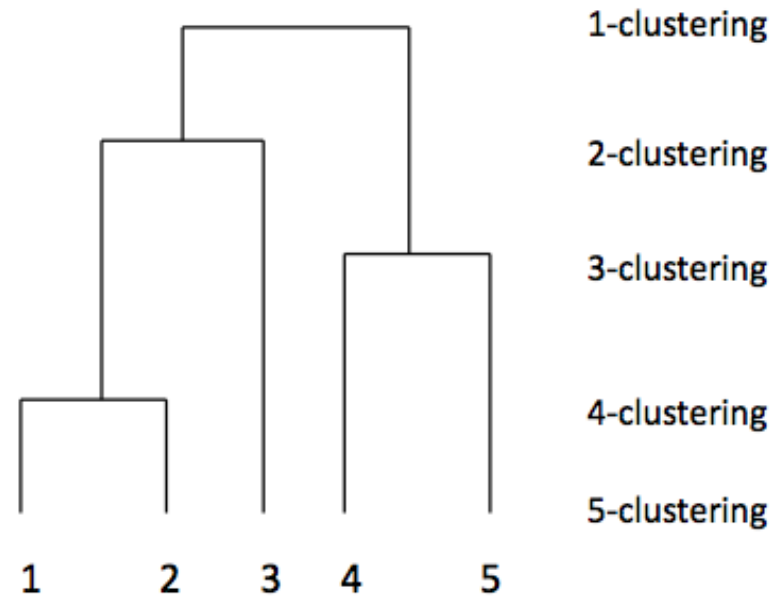
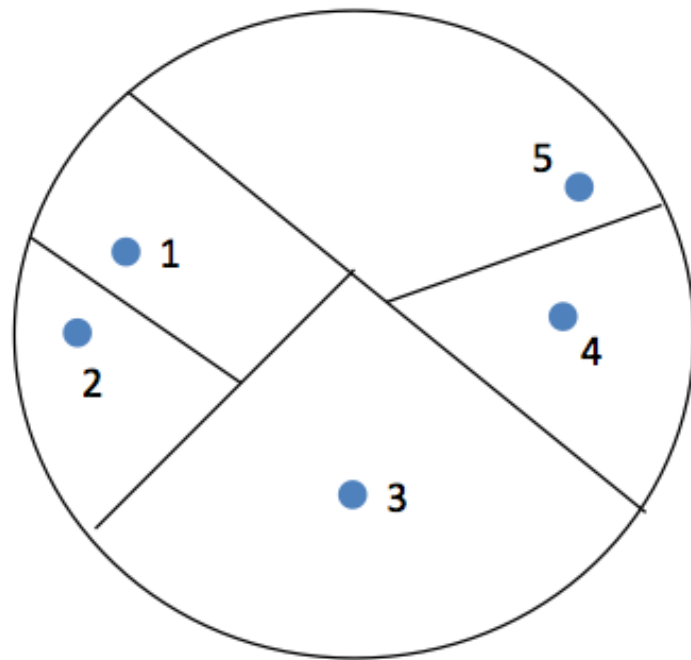
$k = 2$ , arbitrary  $d$

$d = 2$ , arbitrary  $k$

## Open problems:

1. Better approximation algorithms?
2. Hardness of approximation results?

# Hierarchical Clustering



**Popular form of data analysis:**

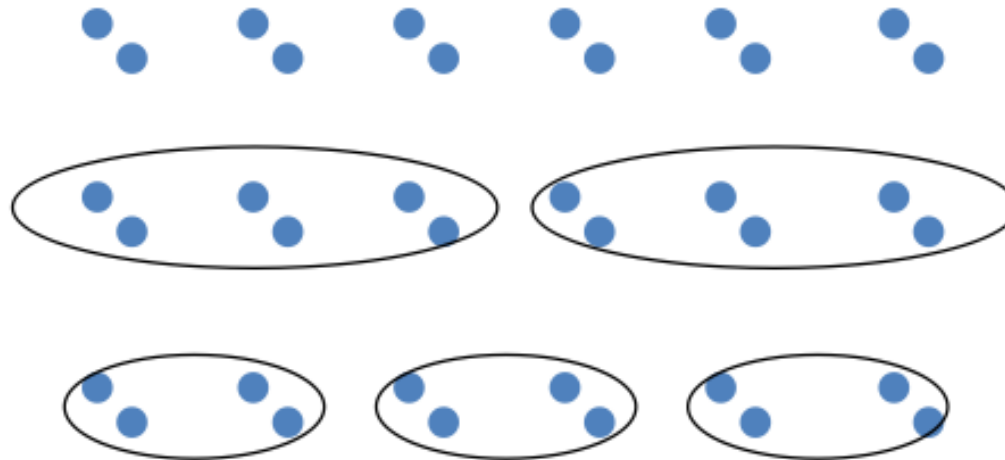
No need to specify number of clusters

Can view data at many levels of granularity, all at the same time

Simple greedy agglomerative heuristics for constructing these clusterings

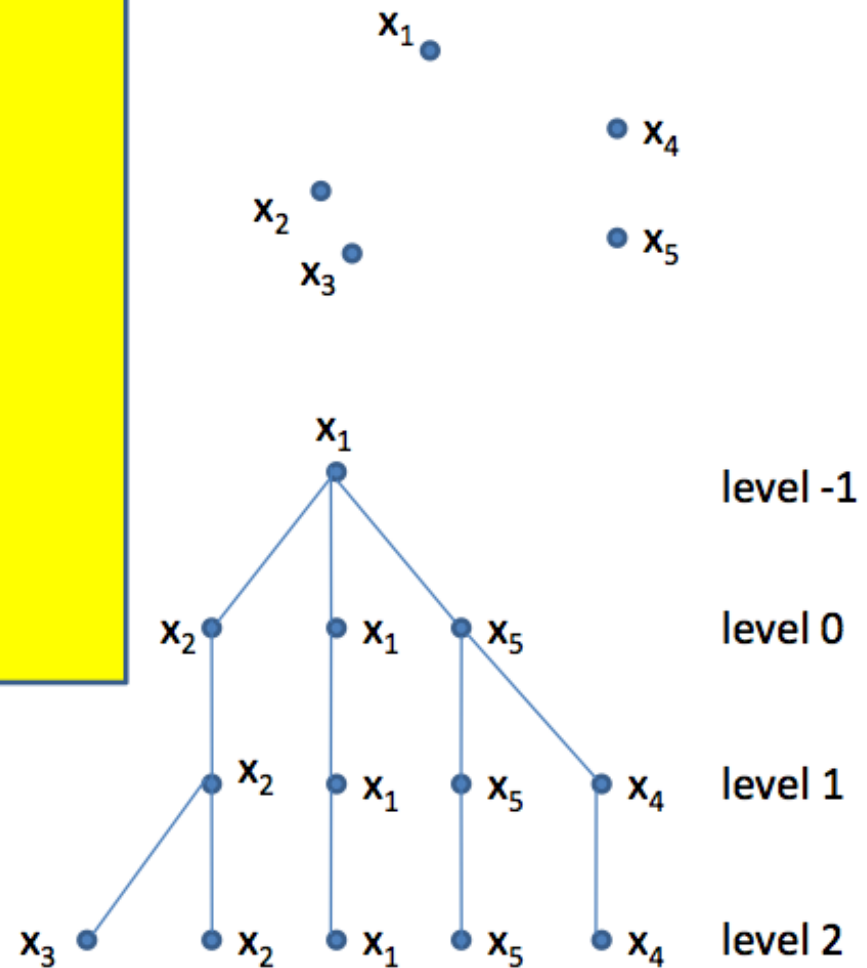
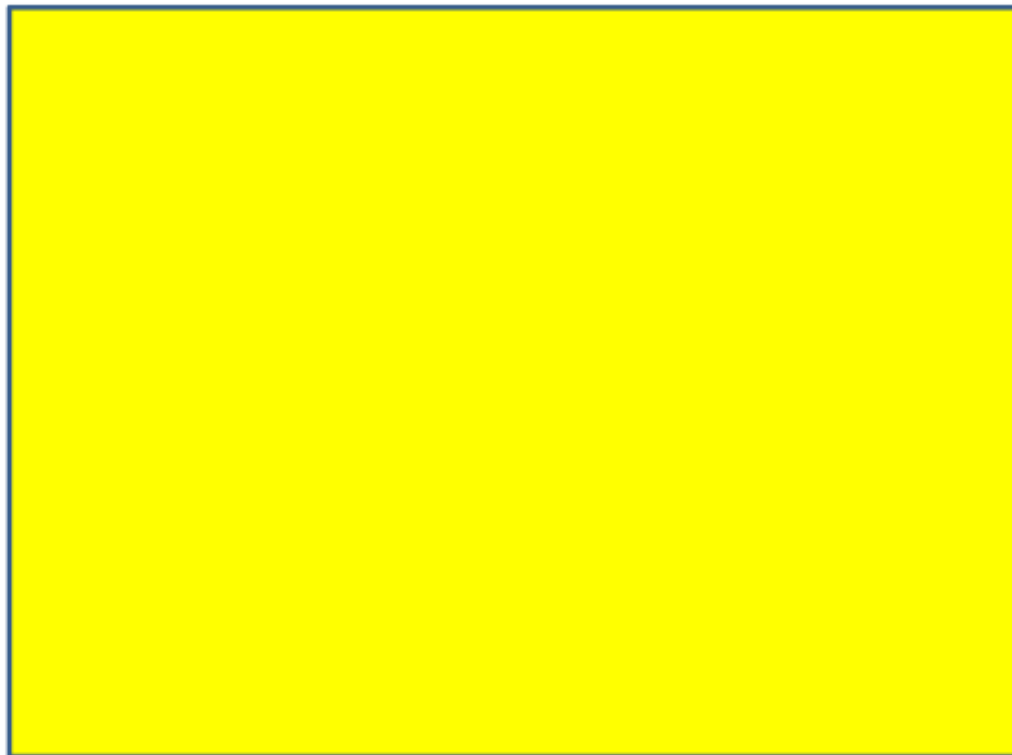
# A Basic Existence Problem

The whole enterprise of hierarchical clustering could use some more justification.



Must there always exist a hierarchical clustering which is close to optimal at *every* level of granularity, simultaneously? [such that for *all*  $k$ , the induced  $k$ -clustering is close to the best  $k$ -clustering?]

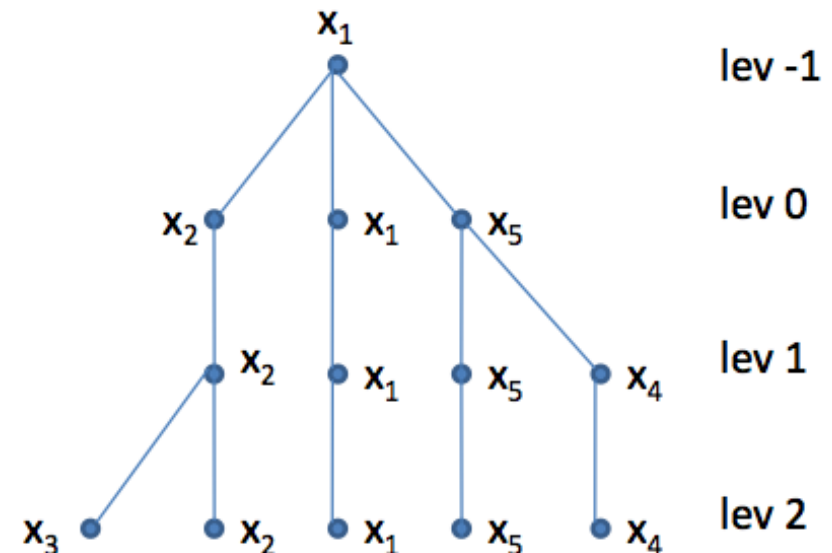
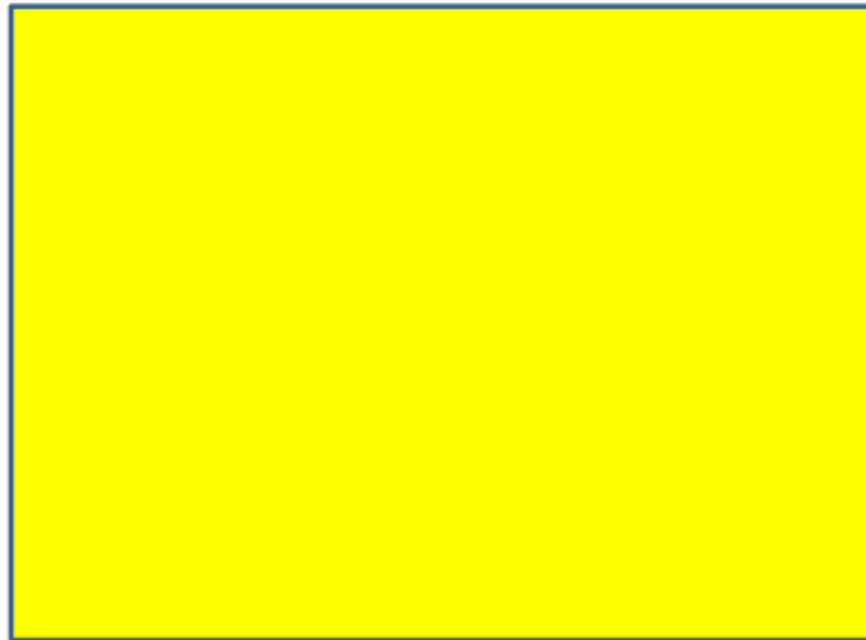
# Hierarchical K-center



Build online! When new point  $x$  arrives:

1. Find largest  $j$  such that  $x$  is within dist  $1/2^j$  of some node  $p$  at level  $j$
2. Make  $x$  a child of  $p$

# Hierarchical K-center: Complexity



**Claim:** For any  $k$ , consider the lowest level with  $\leq k$  nodes, and let  $C_k$  be those nodes. Then  $\text{cost}(C_k) \leq 8 \text{OPT}_k$ .

Proof: (Suppose it is level  $j$ .)  $C_k$ 's children are within  $1/2^j$  of it, and its grandchildren are within  $1/2^j + 1/2^{j+1}$  of it, and so on. Therefore:

$$\text{cost}(C_k) \leq 1/2^j + 1/2^{j+1} + 1/2^{j+2} + \dots \leq 1/2^{j-1}$$

Meanwhile, level  $j+1$  has  $\geq k+1$  nodes, at dist  $\geq 1/2^{j+1}$  from each other. Any  $k$ -clustering puts two of these in the same cluster, and thus has radius  $\geq 1/2^{j+2}$ .

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# Hierarchical Clustering: Open Problems

## 1. Hierarchical k-center: closing the gap

Upper bound: we have a factor 8 approximation. Can we do better?

Two sources of lower bounds:

Hardness of approximation of k-center (factor of 2)

Hierarchical incompatibility of optimal k-clusterings (factor of 2?)

Can these be combined to give a lower bound greater than 2?

## 2. Hierarchical k-means

Good algorithms for this?

# Clustering online/streaming data

## Online

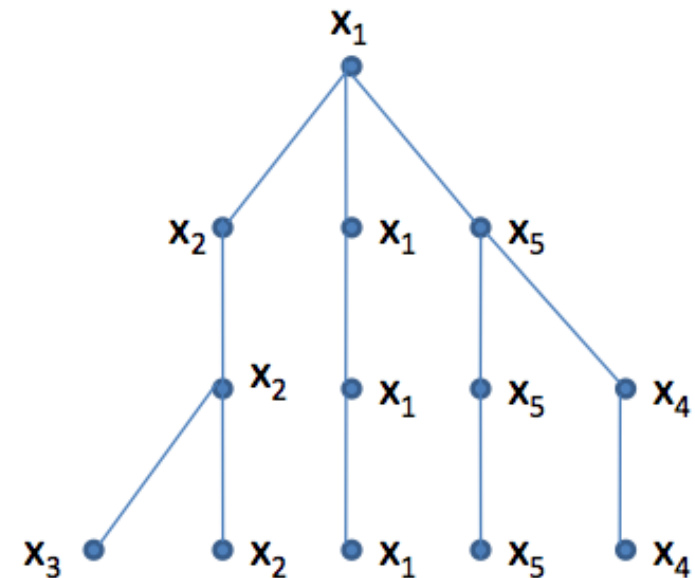
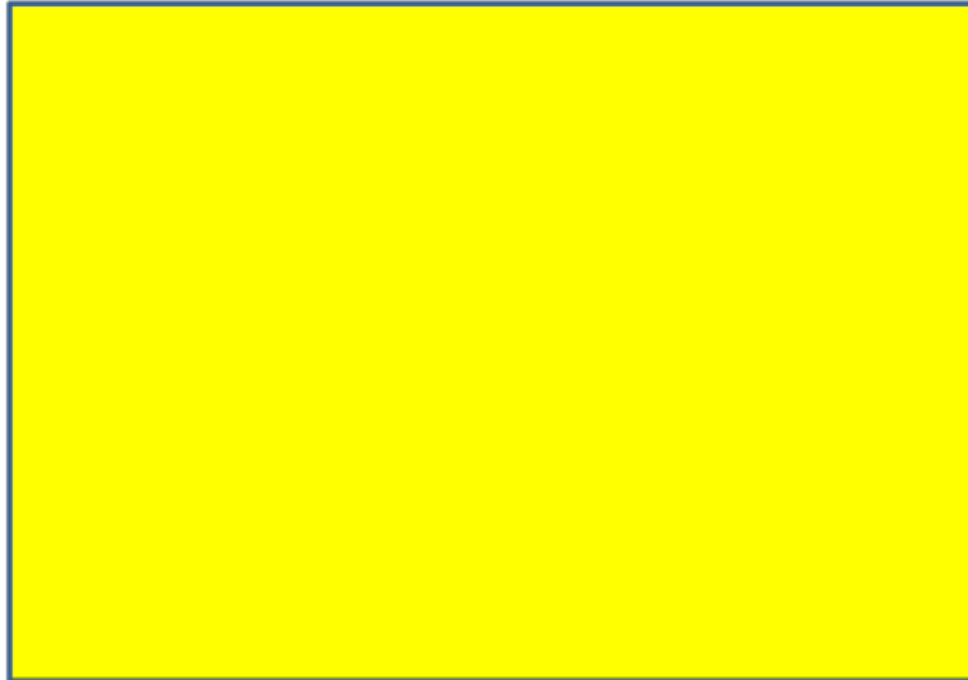
Endless stream of data  
Fixed amount of memory  
Tested at every time step  
Each point is only seen once

## Streaming

Stream of (known) length  $n$   
Memory is  $o(n)$ , e.g.  $\sqrt{n}$   
Tested only at the very end  
More than one pass may be possible



# Online K-center



For each new point  $x$  that arrives:

Find largest  $j$  such that  $x$  is within dist  $1/2^j$  of some node  $p$  at level  $j$

Make  $x$  a child of  $p$

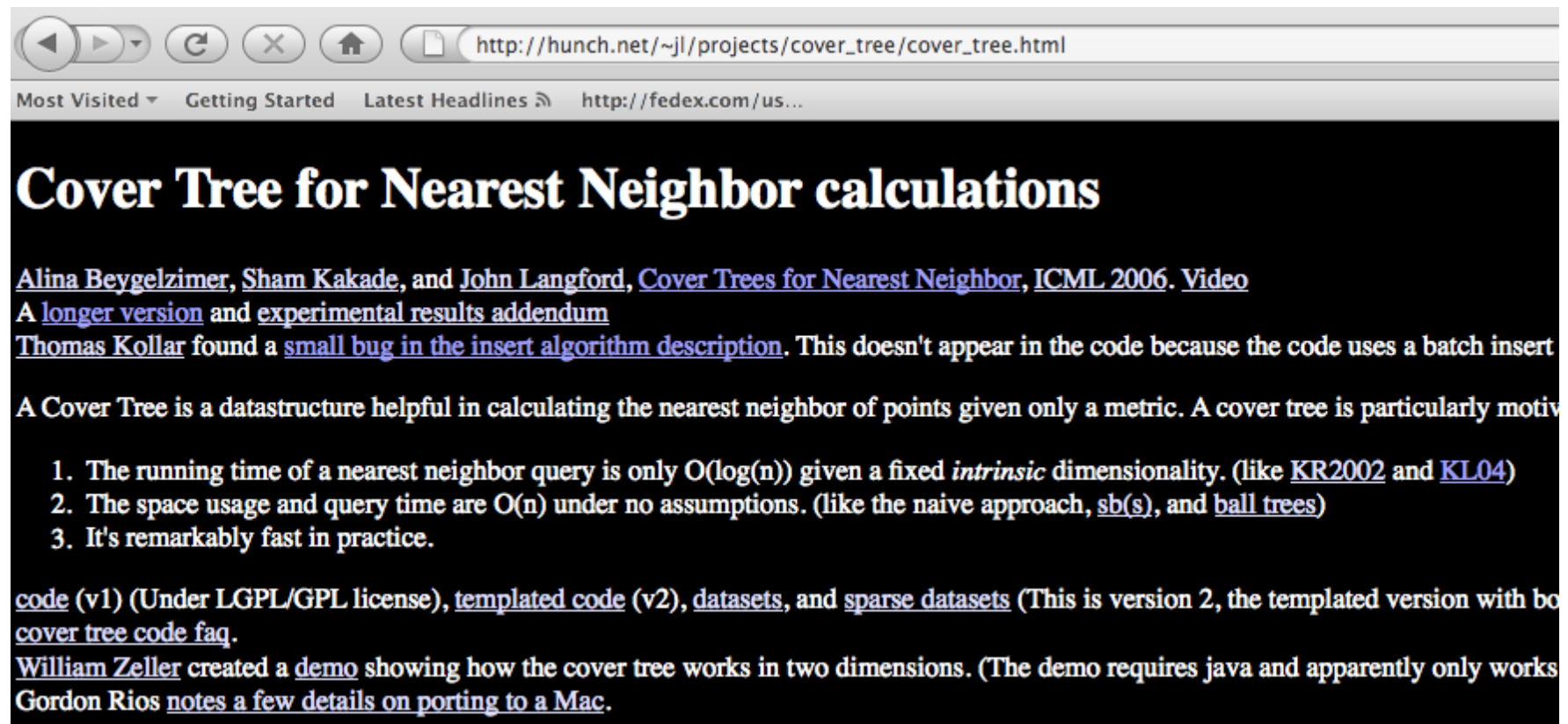
Problem: requires  $O(n)$  space – all points are stored

Solution: only maintain levels upto the first level  $j$  with  $\geq k$  nodes

**Open problem: online k-means.**

# Online K-center Implementation

- Cover Tree



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying [http://hunch.net/~jl/projects/cover\\_tree/cover\\_tree.html](http://hunch.net/~jl/projects/cover_tree/cover_tree.html). The browser's navigation bar includes buttons for back, forward, home, and search, along with a search bar containing the text "http://fedex.com/us...". The main content area has a black background with white text. The title "Cover Tree for Nearest Neighbor calculations" is prominently displayed. Below the title, there are several links and a list of features. The text is as follows:

Alina Beygelzimer, Sham Kakade, and John Langford, [Cover Trees for Nearest Neighbor](#), ICML 2006. [Video](#)  
A [longer version](#) and [experimental results addendum](#)  
Thomas Kollar found a [small bug in the insert algorithm description](#). This doesn't appear in the code because the code uses a batch insert

A Cover Tree is a datastructure helpful in calculating the nearest neighbor of points given only a metric. A cover tree is particularly motivated by the following properties:

1. The running time of a nearest neighbor query is only  $O(\log(n))$  given a fixed *intrinsic* dimensionality. (like [KR2002](#) and [KL04](#))
2. The space usage and query time are  $O(n)$  under no assumptions. (like the naive approach, [sb\(s\)](#), and [ball trees](#))
3. It's remarkably fast in practice.

[code \(v1\)](#) (Under LGPL/GPL license), [templated code \(v2\)](#), [datasets](#), and [sparse datasets](#) (This is version 2, the templated version with both [cover tree](#) and [ball tree](#) code [faq](#)).

[William Zeller](#) created a [demo](#) showing how the cover tree works in two dimensions. (The demo requires java and apparently only works on Windows)

[Gordon Rios](#) [notes a few details on porting to a Mac](#).

# Streaming K-means: I

Strategy #1: *divide and conquer*.

[Guha et al 03]

Start with approx alg KM for *weighted* k-means: each point  $x$  has a weight  $w(x)$  and cost of k-clustering  $C$  is:  
 $\text{cost}(C) = \sum \{ w(x) d(x, C)^2 \}$

Divide stream  $S$  into  $p$  groups  $S_1, \dots, S_p$

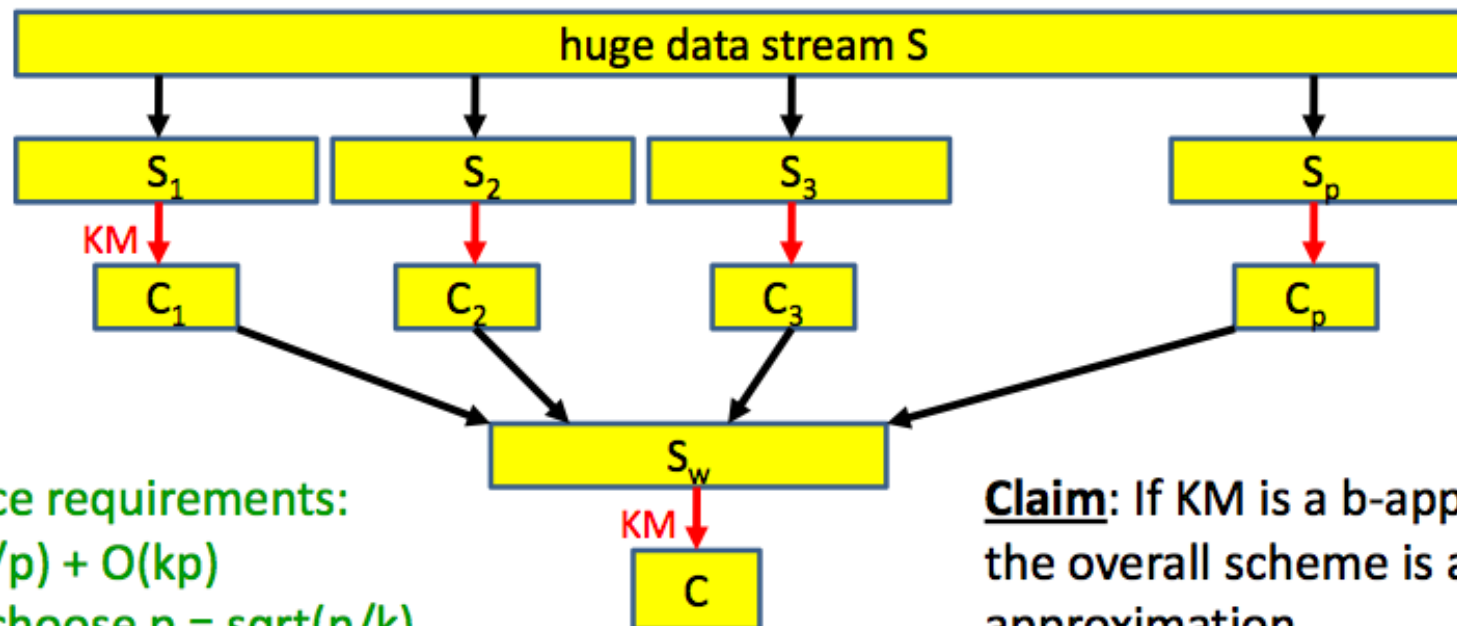
for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ :

KM( $S_i$ ) yields centers  $C_i = \{c_{i1}, \dots, c_{ik}\}$

and clusters  $S_{i1}, \dots, S_{ik} \subseteq S_i$

$S_w = \{\text{all } c_{ij}\}$ , with weights  $w(c_{ij}) = |S_{ij}|$

return KM( $S_w$ )



Space requirements:  
 $O(n/p) + O(kp)$   
eg. choose  $p = \sqrt{n/k}$ .

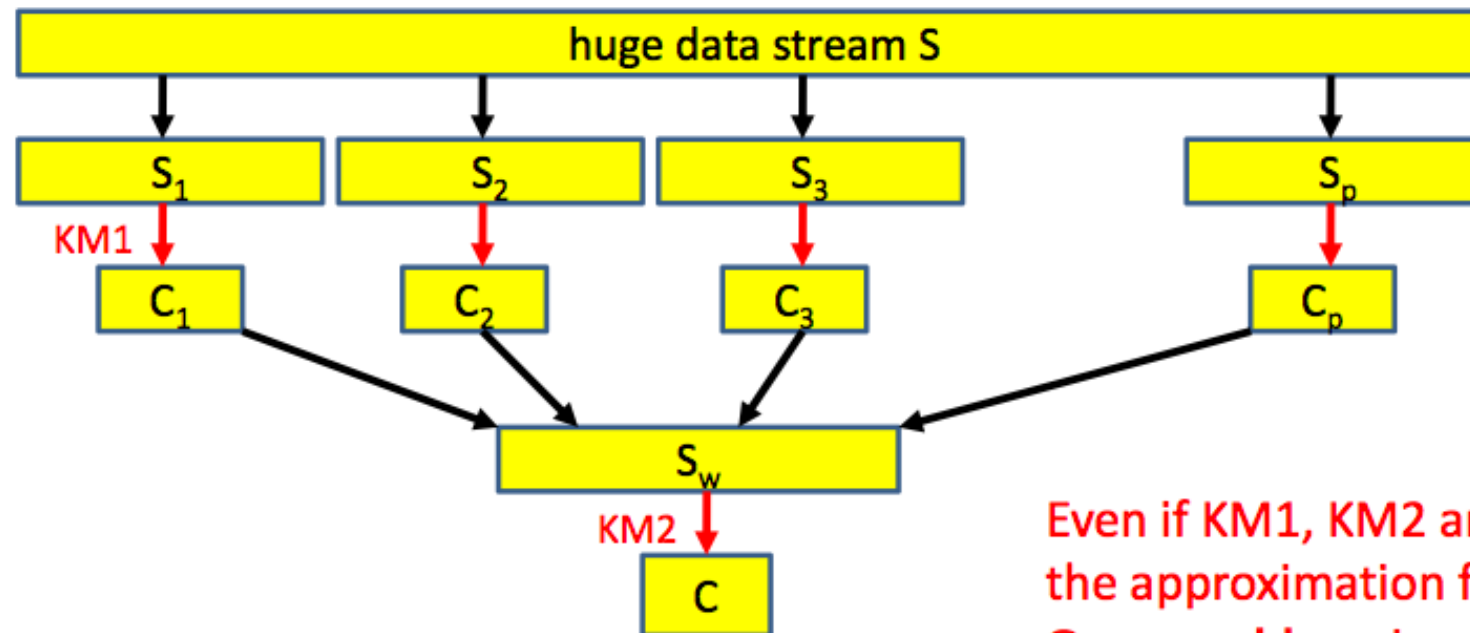
**Claim:** If KM is a  $b$ -approximation, the overall scheme is a  $(6b + 4b^2)$  approximation

# Streaming K-means: I (bicriterion)

*Bicriterion version:*

An  $(a,b)$ -approximation for k-means yields  $ak$  centers with cost at most  $b$  times that of the best k-means solution.

**Claim:** If KM1 is an  $(a,b)$ -approximation and KM2 is an  $(a',b')$ -approximation, the overall scheme is an  $(a', 2b + 4b'(b+1))$  approximation.



Even if KM1, KM2 are perfect, the approximation factor is 10.  
**Open problem:** improve this!

# Streaming K-means: II

Strategy #2: *random sampling*.

[Indyk 99]

Assume we have an  $(a,b)$ -approx alg KM.

Pass 1:

$S'$  = random subset of  $S$ , of size  $s$

$C' = \text{KM}(S')$



All large clusters are sufficiently sampled in  $S'$ , and covered by  $C'$

Pass 2:

$S'' = (8kn/s) \log(k/\delta)$  points farthest from  $C'$

$C'' = \text{KM}(S'')$



Now pick up *all* points not adequately covered by  $C'$

return  $C' \cup C''$

**Claim:** With probability  $\geq 1 - \delta$ , this is a  $(2a, 2(b + 1)(1 + 4/\delta))$  approximation.

# Hierarchical Agglomerative Clustering

Building a hierarchical clustering:

1. Start with each data point in its own cluster.
2. Repeatedly merge two “closest” clusters.

Notion of distance between clusters:

**Single linkage**

closest pair of points

**Complete linkage**

furthest pair of points

**Average linkage** – several variants

(i) distance between centers

(i) average pairwise distance

(ii) *Ward's method*: increase in k-means cost due to merger



# Guarantees for Agglomerative Clustering

Complete linkage has underlying k-center cost function.

Approximability characterization: for all  $k$ , the induced k-clustering is within factor  $\alpha(k)$  of the optimal k-center solution... what is  $\alpha(k)$  ?

Claim: [Dasgupta 09]  $k \leq \alpha(k) \leq k^{\log 3}$

[Recall: cover tree has  $\alpha(k) = 8$ .]

Open Problem: Ward's method of average linkage has the underlying k-means cost function... what is its approximation ratio?

# Statistical Theory for Clustering

I. Consistency of K-means

II. Density Cluster Tree and Consistency of Single-linkage



# Consistency of K-means

Suppose data  $D_n = \{X_i: i=1, \dots, n\}$  is drawn iid from an underlying distribution  $P$ .

Let  $C_k$  be the optimal k-means centers with respect to  $P$ .

Let  $C_{nk}$  be the optimal k-means centers for  $D_n$ .

Claim: [Pollard 81] If  $C_j$  is unique for  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , then  $\text{dist}(C_k, C_{nk}) \rightarrow 0$  a.s.

$$\text{Here } \text{dist}(S, T) = \max_{s \in S} \min_{t \in T} \|s - t\|$$

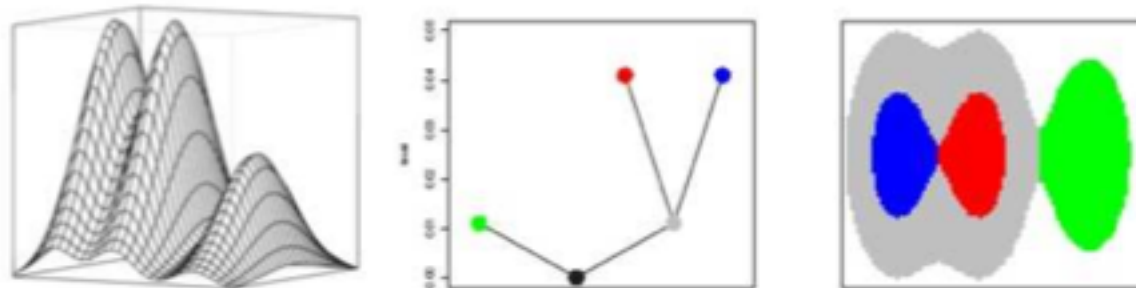
Issues:

1.  $C_{nk}$  is NP-hard to compute.
2. Is  $C_k$  something truly useful?

# Density Cluster Tree

For any density  $p(x)$ , consider the super-level set  $\{x: p(x) \geq r\}$  and let  $C_r$  be the connected components of this super-level set.

Claim: [Hartigan 81] If  $r \leq s$ , then  $C_s \subseteq C_r$ , ie Hierarchical clustering with tree structure.



# Which clustering converges to Cluster Tree

Robust Single Linkage: Build a neighborhood graph  $G_r$ ,

nodes  $\{X_i\}$ ,

edges  $\{(i,j): \text{dist}(X_i, X_j) \leq r\}$ ,

discard nodes with degree  $< c \log n$ ,

Let  $C_{nr}$  be the connected components of such a graph.

Claim: [Stuetzle 03, Zhou-Wong 08]  $C_{nr}$  converges to density cluster tree.

In fact: this is equivalent to the 1-skeleton Rips complex with persistent 0-homology, a special case in computational topology.

Other methods: Witness complex?

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