# **Predicting Drug Resistance: Probability and Statistics Meet the Building Blocks of Proteins**



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### **Amino Acids – The Protein Building Blocks**

- 20 distinct amino acid (aa) types, each assigned a letter: {A, C, D, E, F,G, H, I, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, W, Y}
- What is a protein? A linear sequence (chain) of consecutively linked aa's, selected w/replacement from above set (avg. size ~ 300 aa's), which folds into a precise 3D structure
- Protein structure maintained by atomic interactions between structurally neighboring aa's (may be far apart in linear sequence)
- Genes (DNA) are blueprints or codes for making proteins (the workhorses: enzymes, hormones, receptors, antibodies, etc.)

### **Protein Example: HIV-1 Protease**

Each aa comprised of several atoms: identical backbones, unique side chains



Backbone atoms reveal path



Each CA point has 2 labels:

- 1. Amino acid letter
- 2. Sequence position number

Coarse-grained model: one CA atom per aa

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#### **HIV-1 Protease CA Coordinate Data**

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7	ATOM	CA	TRP	A	6	33.436	32.724	22.604
8	ATOM	CA	GLN	A	7	35.862	31.228	25.107
9	ATOM	CA	ARG	A	8	35.677	28.307	27.53
10	ATOM	CA	PRO	A	9	32.728	28.303	29.863
11	ATOM	CA	LEU	A	10	34.326	28.493	33.308
12	ATOM	CA	VAL	A	11	32.406	29.637	36,403
13	ATOM	CA	THR	A	12	33.031	29.494	40.159
14	ATOM	CA	ILE	A	13	31.807	26.736	42.446
15	ATOM	CA	LYS	A	14	31.406	25.988	46.122
16	ATOM	CA	ILE	A	15	31.756	22.457	47.446
17	ATOM	CA	GLY	A	16	31.721	22.691	51.261
18	ATOM	CA	GLY	A	17	33.076	26.171	51.947
19	ATOM	CA	GLN	A	18	35.737	25.835	49.251
20	ATOM	CA	LEU	A	19	35.495	28.32	46.372
21	ATOM	CA	LYS	A	20	36.239	26.546	43.058
22	ATOM	CA	GLU	A	21	36.094	26.838	39.258
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# Counting Interacting Amino Acids: One Approach

- Consider pairs of neighbor amino acids whose points are within a given distance of each other in the structure
- 20 x 20 = 400 possible ordered pairs (i.e., AC and CA different) No permutation (more approp.): 20 + (20 choose 2) = 210 pairs
- Obtain all pairs from a large diverse set of proteins, and calculate observed relative frequency of interaction for each pair  $f_{ij}$
- Calculate a rate expected by chance for each pair by using a multinomial distribution (n = 2 trials, k = 20 outcomes)  $p_{ij}$
- Inverted Boltzmann principle: propensity for pairwise interaction, also known as a "knowledge-based" empirical potential energy of pairwise interaction, is proportional to  $s_{ij} = \log (f_{ij} / p_{ij})$

# **Our Approach: Four-Body Interactions**

- Identify a diverse set of over 1400 structures of protein chains
- Apply Delaunay tessellation (3D) to amino acid points of each protein: convex hull of space-filling tetrahedra, each objectively identifies a quadruplet of nearest neighbor amino acids
- Qhull (free) at <a href="http://www.qhull.org">http://www.qhull.org</a>, or Matlab (delaunay3)
- Tessellation edges longer than 12 Angstroms removed



# **Counting Amino Acid Quadruplets**

n = size of amino acid alphabet = 20; r = size of the subsets = 4



only realistic choice when identifying quadruplets of interacting amino acids based on the four unordered vertices of tetrahedra in a protein tessellation

# **Counting Amino Acid Quadruplets** Repetitions – yes, permutations – no:

a more "hands-on" counting approach

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	$\binom{20}{2}$
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Total: 8,855 distinct quadruplets

# **Four-Body Statistical Potential**

- Knowledge-based, modeled after the inverted Boltzmann principle from statistical mechanics
- $f_{ijkl}$  = observed proportion of all tetrahedra in the 1400+ tessellations whose four vertex amino acid residues are i,j,k,l
- $p_{ijkl}$  = rate expected by chance (multinomial distribution, based on proportions of amino acids of types *i,j,k,l* in the 1400+ proteins)
- For amino acid quadruplet (i,j,k,l), a log-likelihood score (energy of interaction) is given by  $s(i,j,k,l) = \log(f_{ijkl} / p_{ijkl})$
- Four-body statistical potential: the collection of 8855 amino acid quadruplet types with their respective scores

#### **Multinomial Reference Distribution**

n = number of independent trials of an experiment

k = number of mutually exclusive and exhaustive outcomes for the experiment, say  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$ 

 $P(A_i) = p_i, i = 1, 2, ..., k$  on each trial with  $\sum_{i=1}^{k} p_i = 1$ 

Let random variable  $X_i$  be the number of times  $A_i$  occurs in the *n* trials, i = 1, 2, ..., k.

If  $x_1, x_2, ..., x_k$  are nonnegative integers such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{k} x_i = n$ , then the probability that  $A_i$  occurs  $x_i$  times, i = 1, 2, ..., k is given by

$$P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_k = x_k) = \frac{n!}{x_1! x_2! \cdots x_k!} p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} \cdots p_k^{x_k}$$

In our case, each experiment consists of selecting an amino acid (k = 20), and there are n = 4 trials.. Each  $A_i$  represents a different amino acid type, where  $p_i$  is the proportion of all amino acids in the 1400 + proteins that are of type *i*, and  $x_i$  is the number of times that amino acid  $A_i$  occurs in the quadruplet. So,

$$P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_{20} = x_{20}) = \frac{4!}{\prod_{i=1}^{20} x_i!} \prod_{i=1}^{20} p_i^{x_i}$$

is the random chance of occurrence of any given quadruplet, where  $\sum_{i=1}^{20} x_i = 4$ .

#### **Four-Body Statistical Potential**

Amino Acid	"Pseudo-Energy"
Quadruplet	Log-likelihood s(i,j,k,l)
CCCC CCCH CCCS CCCG CCCF CCCF CCCF CCCP ACCC CCCW CCCHH CCCN HHHH HHHH	3.29042538 2.09542785 1.96177162 1.84022021 1.79961166 1.77139046 1.76378293 1.74840641 1.74777711 1.74711265 1.70747111 1.69741431 1.61473339
HMNP	0.000221495
DGGY	0.000178988
DRSV	9.45855E-05
EHHV	4.979E-06
LRYY	-6.29797E-05
DGKP	-9.73563E-05
NPSS	-0.000100914
IPRW	-0.000136526
MMRT	-0.000168007
GLLP	-0.000294376
EKNT	-0.000312593
EKQR	-0.000343148
HKKW	-0.66398714
KKKP	-0.66875323
CDEQ	-0.67215257
CKKW	-0.75315166
CDKKM	-0.76390474
HHKK	-0.85974
CKKR	-0.88002907
CIKR	-0.90372634
CHKW	-0.94458122
CEEE	-1.02439761
HKKM	-1.14234339

### **Amino Acid (Residue) Environment Scores**

• For each amino acid position, locally sum scores *s*(*i*,*j*,*k*,*l*) of the tetrahedral quadruplets that use the position as a vertex



**Example:**  $q_5 = q(R5) = \sum_{(i,j,k,l)} s(i,j,k,l)$ , sum is taken **only** over all tetrahedral quadruplets (i,j,k,l) that include R5

The scores q<sub>i</sub> of all amino acid residue positions *i* in a protein form a **3D-1D Potential Profile** vector **Q** = < q<sub>1</sub>, q<sub>2</sub>, q<sub>3</sub>,...,q<sub>N</sub> > (N = length of the protein sequence in the structure)

#### **3D-1D Potential Profile: HIV-1 Protease**



#### **Computational Mutagenesis: HIV-1 Protease**



# **Experimental Data**

- Ritonavir is one of many HIV-1 protease inhibitor drugs, amino acid mutations in protease alter its susceptibility to the drugs
- Susceptibility given by a fold change (FC) value, which can be obtained for each distinct mutant protein by a phenotypic test (expensive and has a long turnaround time)
- Sequencing patient virus (genotypic test) is much faster, cheaper; hence, high interest in predicting phenotype from genotype!
- Dataset: 473 mutant HIV-1 protease proteins, each with an already known phenotype (FC value) WRT drug ritonavir; can be categorized as Sensitive/Resistant (FC cutoff known)
- Question: Can we predict mutant FC values or classes (output) based on R vectors of environmental perturbation scores (inputs)

# **Experimental Data**

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# **Statistical Machine Learning Algorithms**

- Classification or regression tree, neural network, support vector machine or regression, random forest, Bayesian network, etc
- Predictive models are trained using the available data, learned models are complex nonlinear functions of the inputs
- Free software: Weka (<u>http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka/</u>)
- User friendly GUI, opens the door to discussing concepts such as:
  - model training, validation, and testing
  - evaluating model performance using resubstitution (training set itself), independent test set, cross-validation, % split
  - defining measures (accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, precision, kappa stat, Matthew's / Pearson's correlation, ROC curves, etc)

# **Comma Separated Data File for Weka**

For each protease mutant, R vector components (inputs) separated by commas, and FC value (or class label) as last component (output)

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### **Trained Classification Tree Model**



#### Regression



# **Relevant Links**

- These slides: <u>http://binf.gmu.edu/mmasso/JMM2014.pdf</u>
- Delaunay tessellation software: Qhull (free) at <u>http://www.qhull.org</u>, or Matlab (delaunay3)
- Weka machine learning software (free): <u>http://www.cs.waikato.ac.nz/ml/weka/</u>)
- PDB codes for dataset of 1417 diverse protein structures: http://proteins.gmu.edu/automute/tessellatable1417.txt
- Four-body statistical potential derived from above dataset: <u>http://proteins.gmu.edu/automute/potential\_1417\_cut12.txt</u>
- Weka-formatted datasets of 473 HIV-1 protease mutants with known phenotypes, represented using our *in silico* method:
  - (regression) <u>http://proteins.gmu.edu/automute/RTV\_train.csv</u>
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