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# Hands on PyEMMA Data Input, Featurization, Discretization

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#### **The classical MSM pipeline**









Featurization "picking observables", e.g. backbone torsions



#### **PyEMMA natively supported features:**

- coordinates: all, heavy, Ca, selection
- angles:
  - backbone torsions
  - sidechain torsions
  - dihedrals
- distances or contacts between
  - all atom
  - Ca
  - heavy atom
- minimum distances
  - between residues or groups
- custom features

a) "what is the best description of my system?"b) "what do I want to model?"







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#### How to choose features: VAMP score

- It is possible to choose features based upon VAMP-2 score
- Score mirrors the number of processes captured by a fixed number of dimensions
- in practice, need cross-validation to avoid overfitting

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#### **PyEMMA natively supported coordinate transforms:**

- TICA (time-lagged independent component analysis)
- VAMP (variational approach for Markov processes)
- PCA (principal component analysis, not recommended)

"What is the minimum dimensionality that still represents all of the important processes?"



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#### What is TICA?

- Linear approximation to the slow eigenfunctions of the system
- Maximizes auto-correlation for a given lag time (hyper-parameter)
- Estimation from data using

$$C_{ij}^{\text{TICA}}(\tau) = \langle x_i(t) x_j(t+\tau) \rangle_t$$

 Generalized eigenproblem yields basis functions

 $C(\tau)\vec{u}_i = C(0)\lambda_i(\tau)\vec{u}_i$ 



Guillermo Pérez-Hernández et al., 2013, JCP



*"What discretization resolves my processes best?"* 

# PyEMMA natively supported clustering algorithms:

- k-means
- regular space
- uniform time





