

## Project: MSM comparison of Ac-AV-NHMe and Ac-VA-NHMe dimer

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The relevant coordinates for the two dimers are given in terms of the Alanine dihedral angles,  $(\phi_A, \psi_A)$  and the Valine dihedral angles  $(\phi_V, \psi_V)$ . We want to build MSMs to compare the dynamics of the two dimer-molecules.

For the Ac-AV-NHMe molecule

- Use the provided file dihedral\_AV.npy containing the dihedral angle trajectory  $(\phi_A, \psi_A, \phi_V, \psi_V)$  with a time-step of 1ps.
- Plot  $(\phi_A, \psi_A)$  and  $(\phi_V, \psi_V)$  trajectories separately and compare your plots to the stationary distribution for Alanine-Dipeptide from the tutorial. What do you observe?
- Define a coarse discretization for the system. It might be helpful to first obtain a discretized trajectory for each monomer and to combine them in a second step.
- Build a reversible MSM and compute time-scales.

Repeat the above for the Ac-VA-NHMe molecule using the dihedral angles in dihedral\_VA.npy. Compare the computed time-scales for both dimers. What do you find? Visualize the dominant right eigenvectors. What can you say about the slowest processes in the system?