

# Protein Folding

2D MJ Lattice model on  
D-Wave Quantum Annealing Hardware

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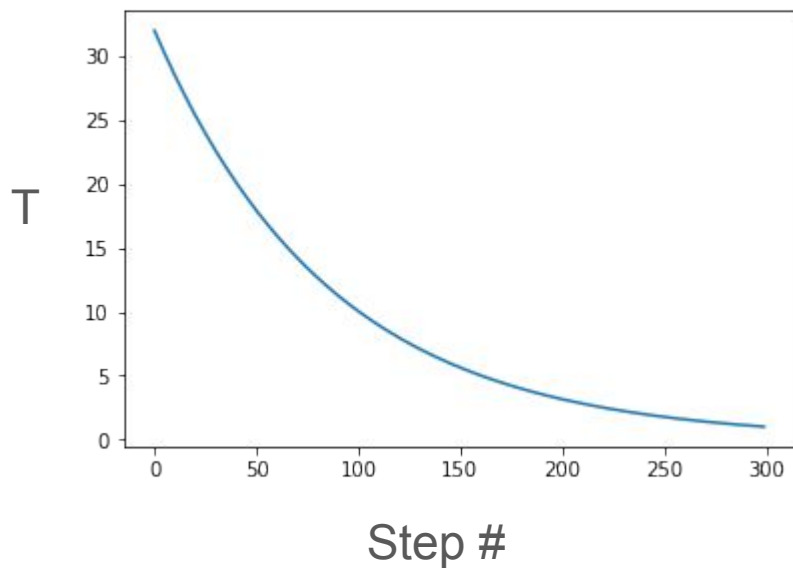
Use Conventional Monte Carlo  
Simulated Annealing

# Methods *Simulated Annealing (Conventional MC)*

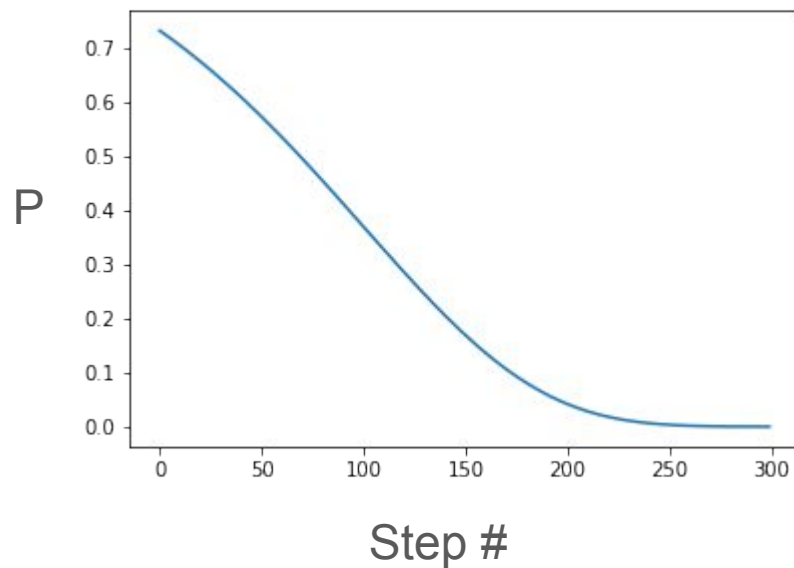
- Define a schedule for annealing temperature  $T$
- Randomly choose  $i$ -th residue  $r_i$
- Perform random walk, with respect to  $r_{(i-1)}$ 
  - Keep residue path directions for  $r_j$  with  $j > i$
- Compute the change in energy  $dE = E - E'$ 
  - $E'$  and  $E$  are the energies before and after the step is taken
- Accept step if  $\exp(-dE/T) > \text{random.uniform}(0, 1)$ 
  - Note that  $dE \leq 0 \rightarrow$  accept always

# Methods *Simulated Annealing (Conventional MC)*

Annealing Schedule



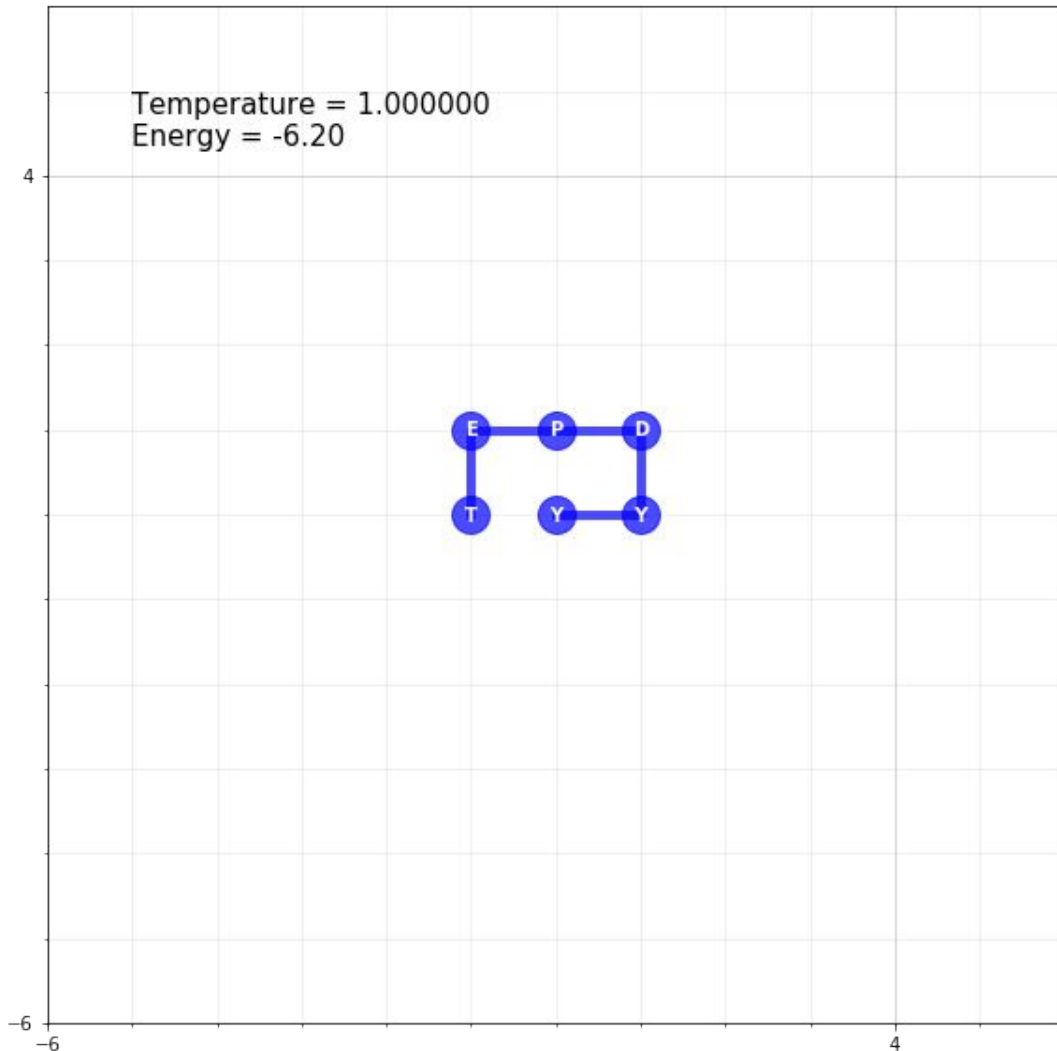
Probability of accepting  $dE = +10$



# Results

*Simulated Annealing*  
*(Conventional MC)*

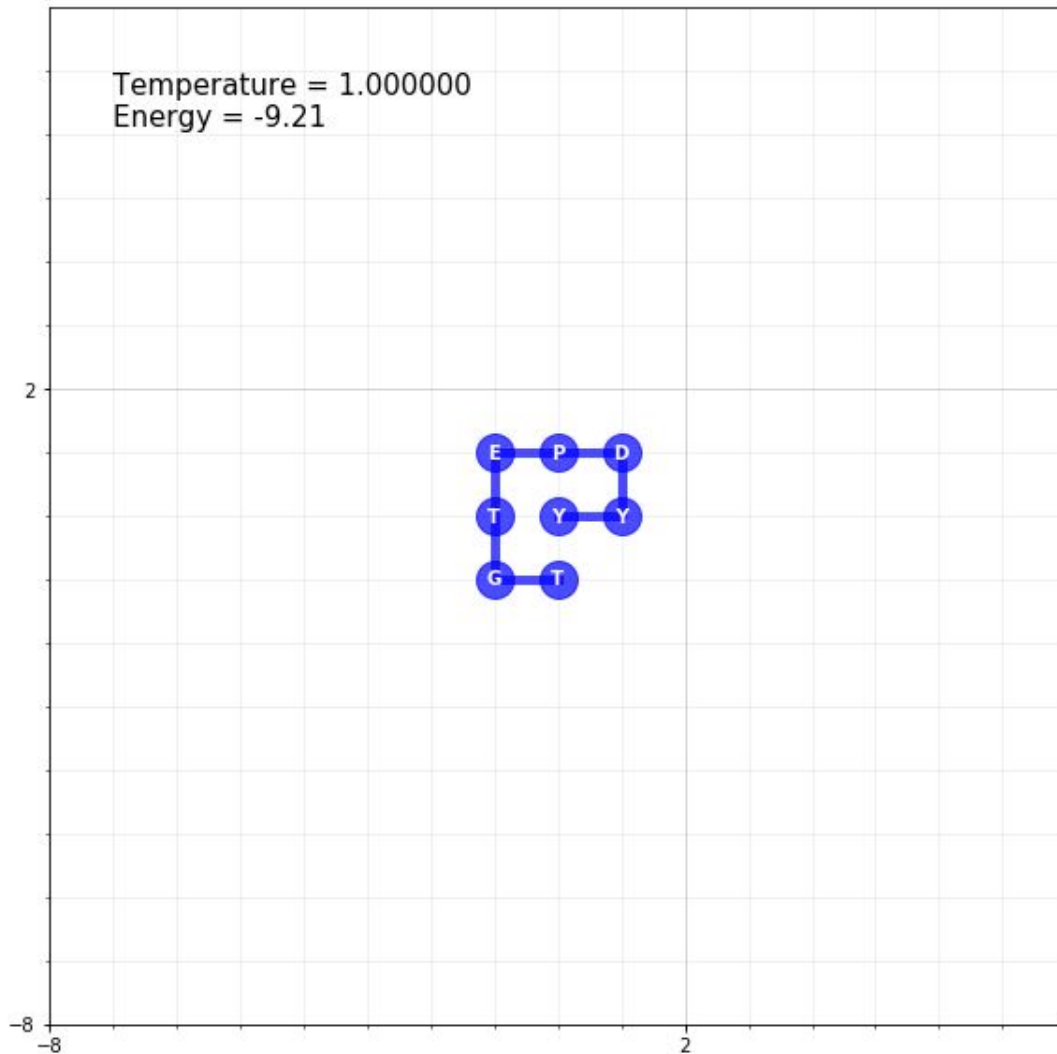
67 out of 360 (18.6%)  
in lowest energy  
conformation



# Results

*Simulated Annealing*  
(Conventional MC)

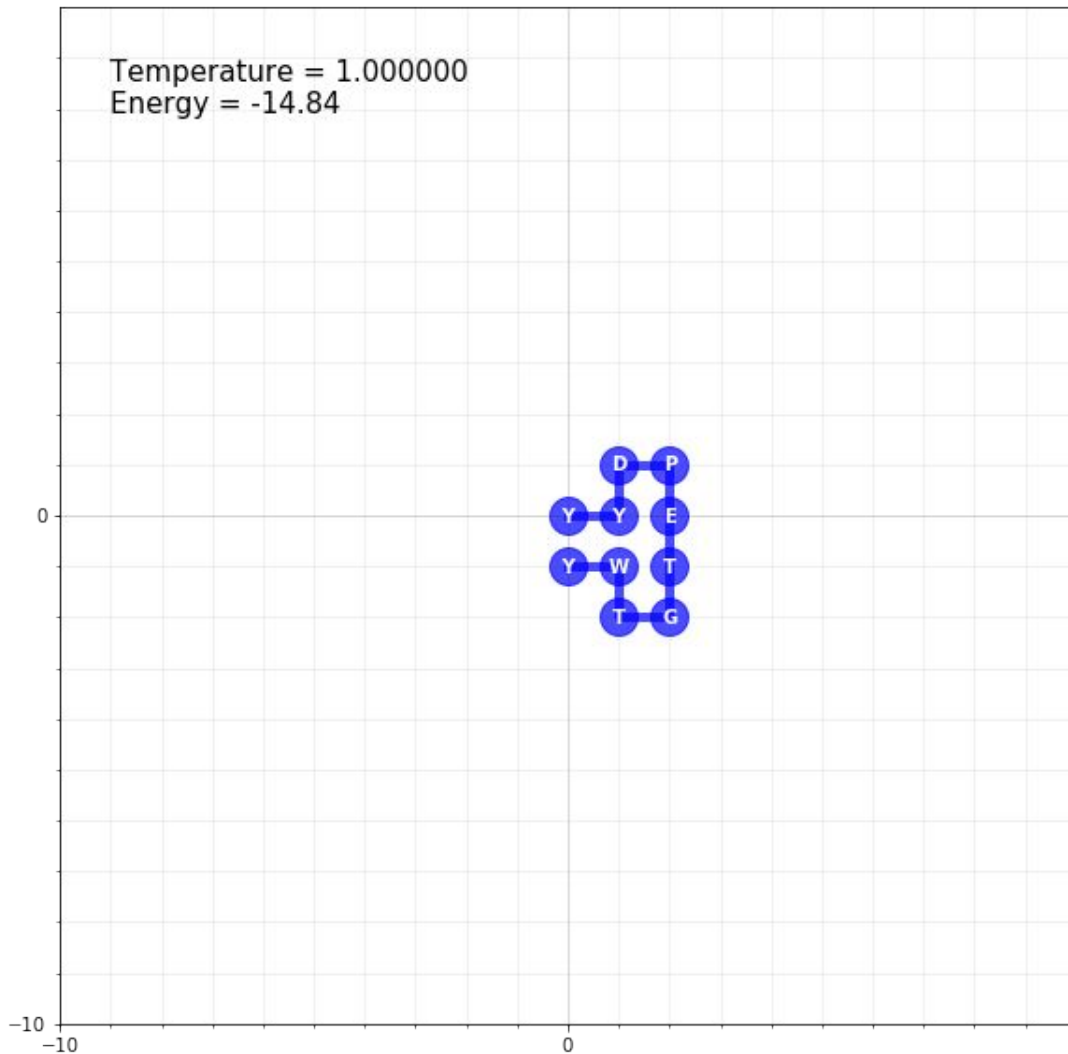
22 out of 360 (6.1%)  
in lowest energy  
conformation



# Results

*Simulated Annealing*  
(Conventional MC)

5 out of 360 (1.4%)  
in lowest energy  
conformation



# Simulated annealing with qbit model: Turn Ancilla Encoding

*Babbush, R., Perdomo-Ortiz, A., O’Gorman, B., Macready, W., and Aspuru-Guzik, A. (2013). Construction of energy functions for lattice heteropolymer models: a case study in constraint satisfaction programming and adiabatic quantum optimization. arXiv preprint arXiv:1211.3422v2*

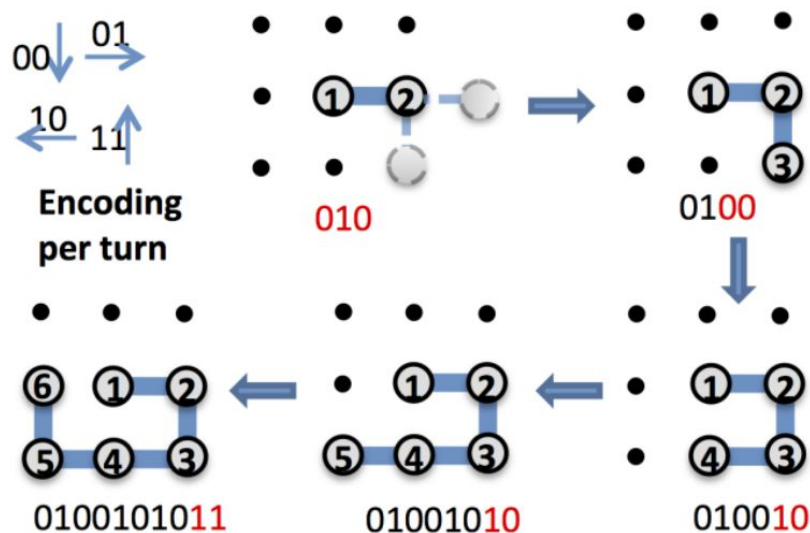


# Methods *Turn Ancilla Encoding*

Babbush, R. et al. (2013). *arXiv preprint arXiv:1211.3422v2*

The model

$$q = 01 \underbrace{0q_1}_{\text{turn}2} \underbrace{q_2q_3}_{\text{turn}3} \cdots \underbrace{q_{2(N-1)-4}q_{2(N-1)-3}}_{\text{turn}(N-1)}$$



# Methods *Turn Ancilla Encoding*

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## The model

$$E(\mathbf{q}) = E_{back}(\mathbf{q}) + E_{overlap}(\mathbf{q}) + E_{pair}(\mathbf{q})$$

- Construct energy functions
  - Penalize bad conformations
  - Favor (or penalize) contact between residues
    - Use Miyazawa-Jernigan interaction potentials
- Optimization problem: minimize objective function  $E(\mathbf{q})$

# Methods *Turn Ancilla Encoding*

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## The model

$$\begin{aligned} E_{back}(\mathbf{q}) &= \lambda_{overlap} (q_1 q_2 + q_2 q_3 - 2q_1 q_2 q_3) \\ &+ \lambda_{overlap} \sum_{i=2}^{2^N-8} E_{back}(q_i q_{i+1} q_{i+2} q_{i+3}) [(i+1) \bmod 2] \end{aligned}$$

$$E_{back}(q_i q_{i+1} q_{i+2} q_{i+3}) = \lambda_{overlap} (2q_i q_{i+2} - q_i - q_{i+2}) (2q_{i+1} q_{i+3} - q_{i+1} - q_{i+3})$$

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## The model

$$E_{\text{overlap}}(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N-4} \sum_{j=i+4}^N [(1+i-j) \bmod 2] \gamma_{ij} \quad \text{with} \quad \gamma_{ij} = \lambda_{\text{overlap}} [2^{\mu_{ij}} - g_{ij} - \alpha_{ij}]^2$$

$$\forall g_{ij} \geq 1 \exists \alpha_{ij} : 2^{\mu_{ij}} - g_{ij} - \alpha_{ij} = 0$$

$$\text{hence } 2^{\mu_{ij}} - g_{ij} - \alpha_{ij} \geq 1 \forall \alpha_{ij} \text{ if and only if } g_{ij} = 0$$

$g_{ij} \rightarrow$  Manhattan distance between i-th and j-th residues

$\alpha_{ij} \rightarrow$  Some number in decimal representation, with  $0 \leq \alpha_{ij} \leq 2^{\mu_{ij}} - 1$

$\mu_{ij} \rightarrow$  Number of qubits used for  $\alpha_{ij}$ 's binary representation

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The model

$$E_{pair}(\mathbf{q}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N-3} \sum_{j=i+3}^N \omega_{ij} J_{ij} (2 - g_{ij})$$

$$\varphi_{ij} = \omega_{ij} J_{ij} (2 - g_{ij})$$

$$\varphi_{ij} = J_{ij} \text{ if and only if } g_{ij} = 1 \wedge \omega_{ij} = 1$$

- $J_{ij}$  → Miyazawa-Jernigan interaction potential between i-th and j-th residues
- ◆ Note that  $J_{ij} < 0$  for all possible pairwise interactions, hence if  $g_{ij} > 2$  then  $\varphi_{ij}$  becomes positive, penalization that is easily removed by setting  $\omega_{ij} = 0$
  - ◆ Only pairs with odd relative positions along the backbone can be in contact, we set  $J_{ij} = 0$  for the rest
- $\omega_{ij}$  → Ancillary bit: a switch which is only “on” without incurring an energy penalty if two amino acids are interacting ( $g_{ij} = 1$ )

# Methods *Simulated Annealing (Ancilla Encoding MC)*

- Define a schedule for annealing temperature  $T$
- Randomly choose  $i$ -th “qbit”  $q_i$
- Perform qbit flip
- Compute the change in energy  $dE = E - E'$ 
  - $E'$  and  $E$  are the energies before and after the step is taken
- Accept flip if  $\exp(-dE/T) > \text{random.uniform}(0, 1)$ 
  - $dE \leq 0 \rightarrow$  accept always

## Methods *Simulated Annealing (Ancilla Encoding MC)*

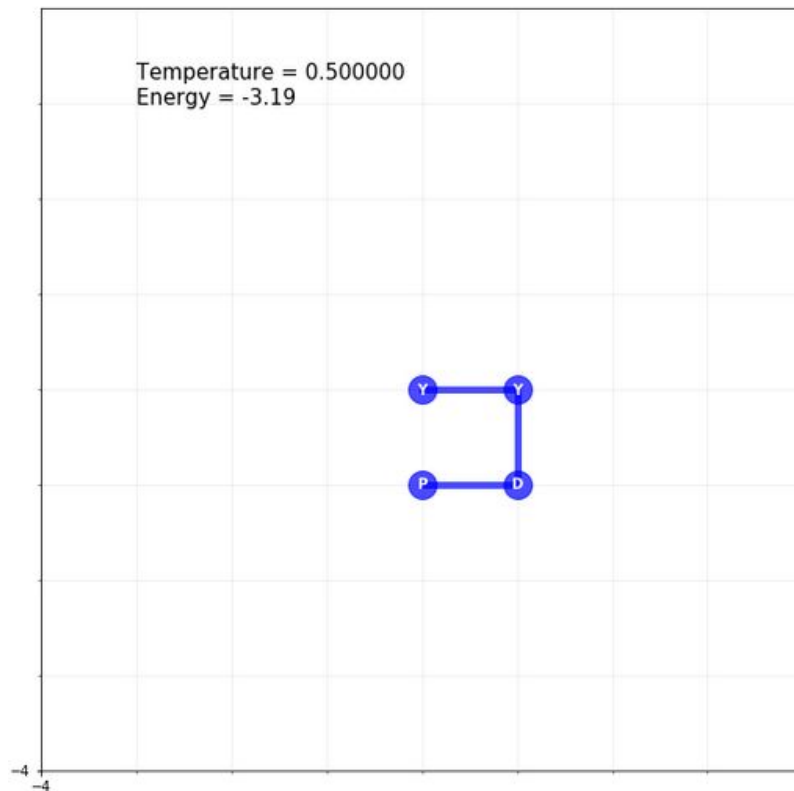
The energy (4 residue protein)

$$\begin{aligned} E = & 20.0q_0q_1q_2q_3 - 10.0q_0q_1q_2 - 10.0q_0q_1q_3 + 5.0q_0q_1 - 10.0q_0q_2q_3 \\ & + 12.76q_0q_2q_6 + 5.0q_0q_3 + 12.76q_0q_4q_6 - 12.76q_0q_6 - 10.0q_1q_2q_3 \\ & + 5.0q_1q_2 + 12.76q_1q_3q_6 + 12.76q_1q_5q_6 - 12.76q_1q_6 + 20.0q_2q_3q_4q_5 \\ & - 10.0q_2q_3q_4 - 10.0q_2q_3q_5 + 10.0q_2q_3 - 10.0q_2q_4q_5 + 12.76q_2q_4q_6 \\ & + 5.0q_2q_5 - 12.76q_2q_6 - 10.0q_3q_4q_5 + 5.0q_3q_4 + 12.76q_3q_5q_6 \\ & - 12.76q_3q_6 + 5.0q_4q_5 - 12.76q_4q_6 - 12.76q_5q_6 + 22.33q_6 \end{aligned}$$

# Results *Simulated Annealing (Ancilla Encoding MC)*

4 residue protein

625 out of 720 (86.8%)  
in lowest energy  
conformation

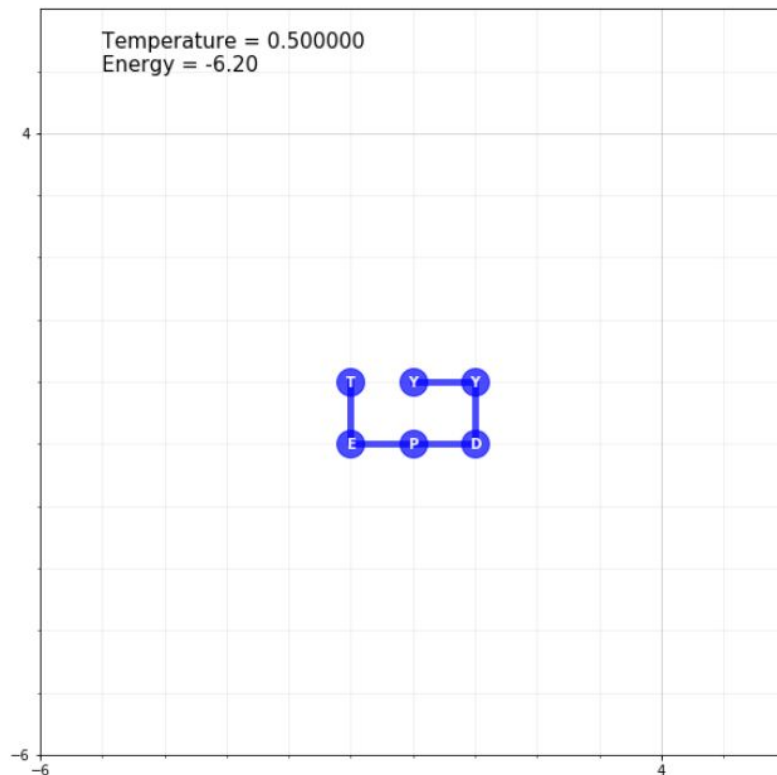




# Results *Simulated Annealing (Ancilla Encoding MC)*

6 residue protein

3 out of 720 (0.4%)  
in lowest energy  
conformation

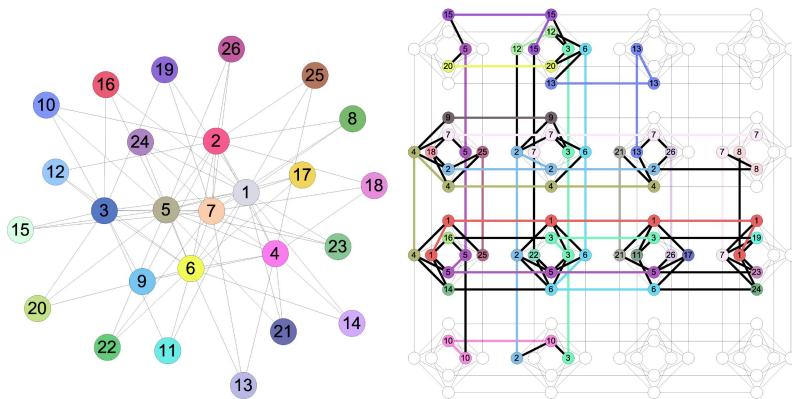


# Adapting the problem

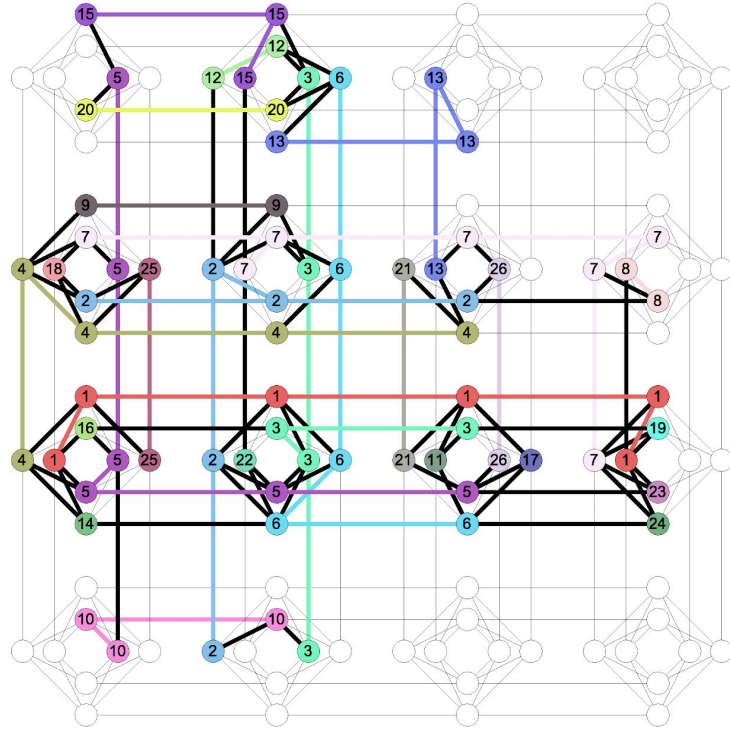
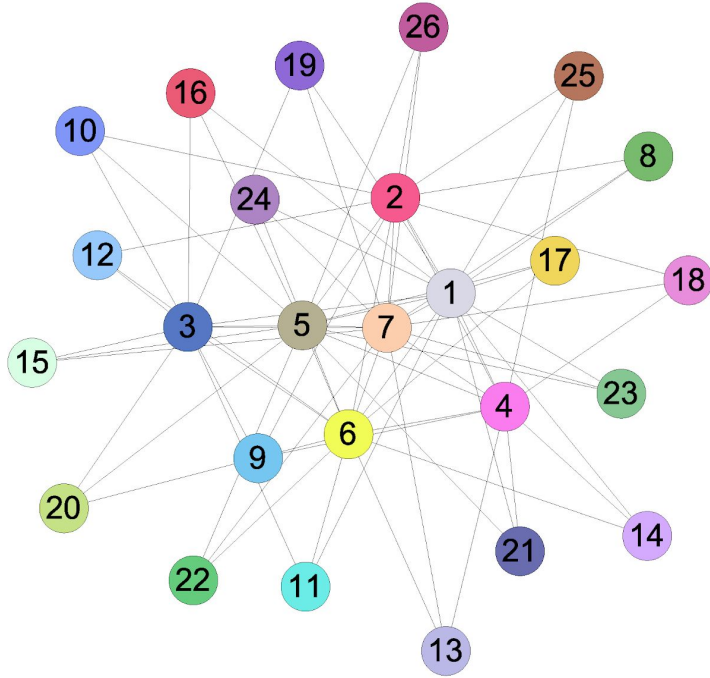
So it fits in D-Wave's Hardware  
with Chimera Architecture

# Methods *Order reduction and D-Wave Minor-Embedding*

- Our energy expression has terms with up to degree 4
  - We need to introduce ancillary qubits to build equivalent expression of order 2
- A qubit in our model may need be coupled with many other qubits
  - Qbit connectivity is limited
  - Qbit chains need to be introduced to build equivalent interaction graph



# Methods *D-Wave Minor-Embedding*



*Image is not related to our problem at hand. Shown here just for illustration of embedding*

# Methods *Quantum Annealing (Ancilla Encoding on D-Wave QPU)*

```
# Now make sure an embedding can be found
problem = nx.Graph()
for k, v in dict(bqm.linear).items():
    problem.add_node(k)
for k, v in dict(bqm.quadratic).items():
    problem.add_edge(*k)
```

```
: num_cores = 12
embedding_list = Parallel(n_jobs=num_cores)(delayed(find_embedding)(problem, solver_G) for jobid in range(10*num_cores))
```

```
: assigned_qbits = np.array([len(sum(emb.values(), [])) if len(emb) > 0 else np.nan for emb in embedding_list])
assert bool(sum(assigned_qbits[~np.isnan(assigned_qbits)])), "No embedding has been found"
print(np.sort(assigned_qbits[~np.isnan(assigned_qbits)]))
```

```
embedding = embedding_list[np.nanargmin(assigned_qbits)]
```

```
all_assigned_qbits = sum(embedding.values(), [])
print(f"Using {len(all_assigned_qbits)}/{solver.properties['num_qubits']} qbits")
```

```
[1330. 1342. 1354. 1355. 1356. 1362. 1364. 1365. 1367. 1375. 1376. 1380.
 1381. 1387. 1388. 1391. 1394. 1399. 1400. 1402. 1403. 1405. 1405. 1405.
 1407. 1409. 1412. 1413. 1416. 1417. 1418. 1418. 1419. 1420. 1422. 1423.
 1424. 1425. 1425. 1426. 1426. 1426. 1426. 1426. 1426. 1427. 1432. 1433. 1434.
 1435. 1437. 1437. 1438. 1439. 1444. 1446. 1450. 1454. 1455. 1459. 1459.
 1460. 1461. 1463. 1464. 1464. 1466. 1472. 1476. 1479. 1481. 1494. 1496.
 1499. 1500. 1500. 1509. 1518. 1521. 1523. 1550. 1571.]
```

Using 1330/2048 qbits

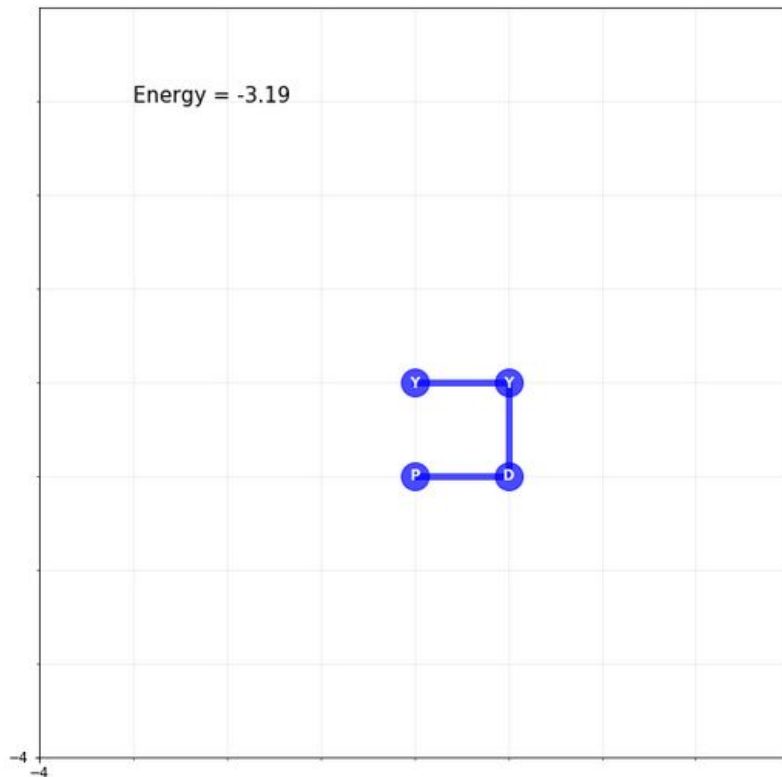
# Methods *Quantum Annealing (Ancilla Encoding on D-Wave QPU)*

```
solver = DWaveSampler(solver="DW_2000Q_5")  
solver_G = nx.Graph(solver.edgelist)
```

```
sampler = FixedEmbeddingComposite(solver, embedding=embedding)
```

```
response = sampler.sample(bqm_spin, num_reads=num_reads,  
                           annealing_time=20,  
                           num_spin_reversal_transforms=2,  
                           postprocess='optimization',  
                           answer_mode='raw')
```

# Results *Quantum Annealing (Ancilla Encoding on D-Wave QPU)*

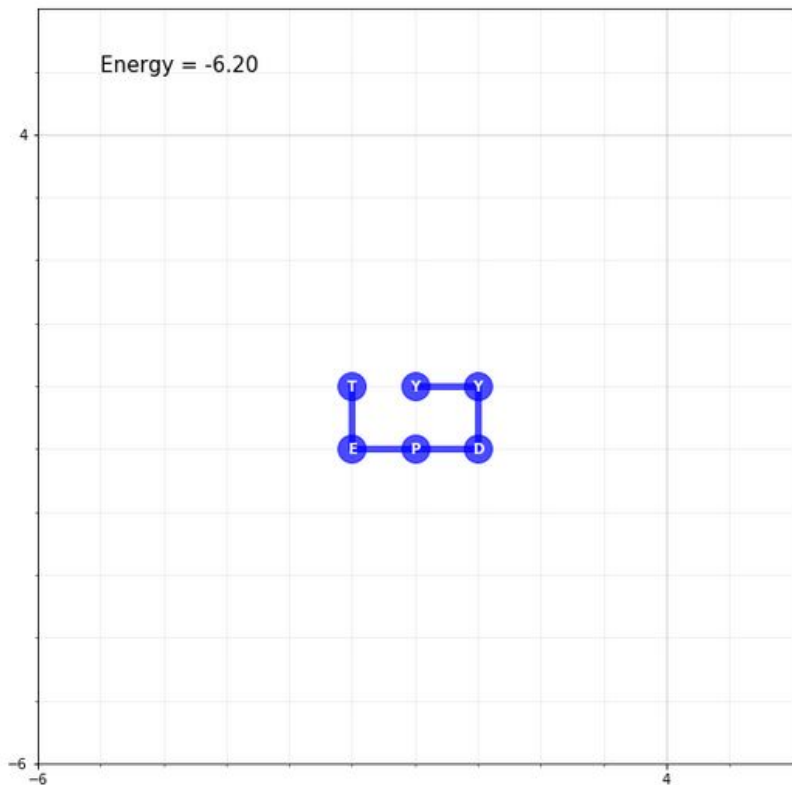


	energy	count
0	-0.075758	1700

- 170 instances in single embedding
  - 1190 qbits used
- 10 reads
- QPU time used: 24 ms

100% in lowest energy conformation

# Results *Quantum Annealing (Ancilla Encoding on D-Wave QPU )*

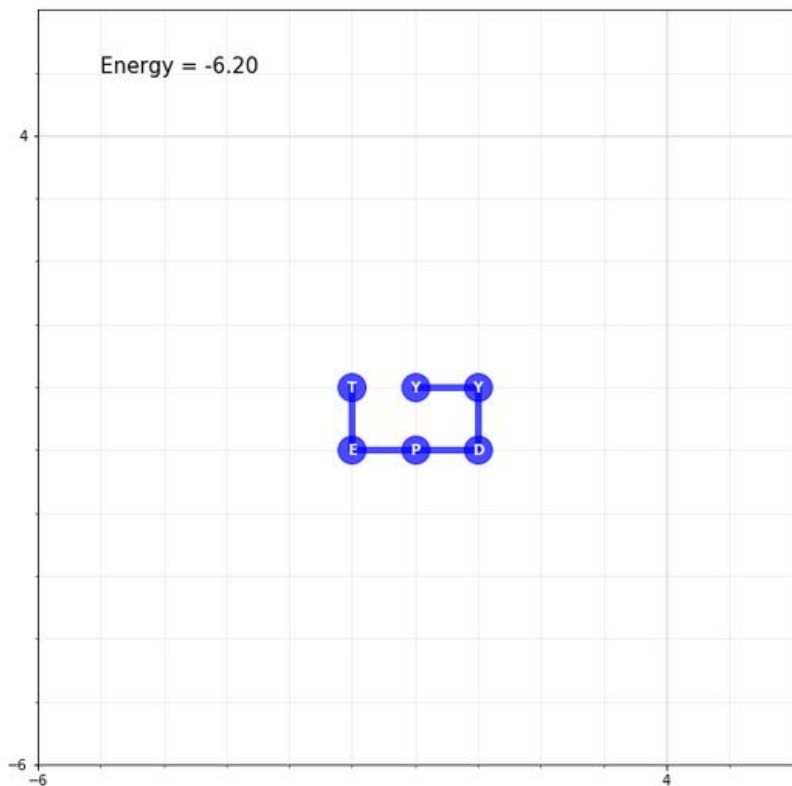


- 7 instances in single embedding
  - 1330 qbits used
- 10000 reads
- QPU time used: 3170 ms

6 out of 70000 (0.00009%) in lowest energy conformation



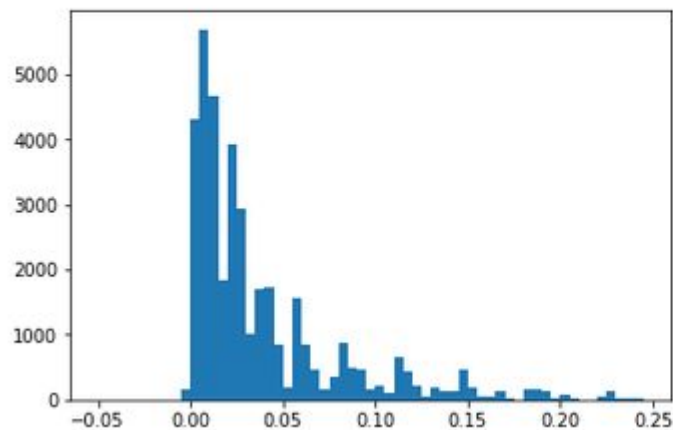
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	state	isvalid	energy	Hb	Ho	Hi	count
0	0101011011100111100	True	-1.391382e-03	0	0	-6.20	6
1	1111010011101110110	True	-1.301616e-03	0	0	-5.80	3
2	1001010011101110110	True	-1.301616e-03	0	0	-5.80	6
3	0100001001100111001	True	-1.119838e-03	0	0	-4.99	15
4	0001011001101110101	True	-1.079443e-03	0	0	-4.81	10
5	0100000001101101000	True	-7.158887e-04	0	0	-3.19	8
6	0100001001100111000	True	-7.158887e-04	0	0	-3.19	10
7	0101010011101101000	True	-7.158887e-04	0	0	-3.19	1
8	0101011011100111000	True	-7.158887e-04	0	0	-3.19	6
9	0100010001100011000	True	-7.158887e-04	0	0	-3.19	8
10	0101000011100011000	True	-7.158887e-04	0	0	-3.19	9
11	1111010011101110100	True	-6.754937e-04	0	0	-3.01	2
12	0001011001101110100	True	-6.754937e-04	0	0	-3.01	9

# Results *Quantum Annealing (Ancilla Encoding on D-Wave QPU )*

```
plt.hist(all_sbsener[all_sbsvald], [-0.05 + 0.005*i for i in range(60)])  
plt.show()
```



# Code available

<https://github.com/argearriojas/2dlattice-protfold>

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