

## sequence alignment

**See book “Bioinformatics Sequence and Genome analysis”, Mount (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press)**

See StringEditDistance.java, LongestCommonSubsequence.java, and notes within them.

Dynamic Time Warping (DTW): for globally aligning two temporal sequences of different speeds and measuring similarity.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dynamic\\_time\\_warping](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dynamic_time_warping)

Global alignment:

input is 2 sequences of nearly same length.

goal: match as many characters as possible.

applications: comparing function in different genes

example algorithms: Needleman-Wunsch

Local Alignment:

input:

goal: match

applications: searching for conserved domains, motifs

example algorithms: Smith-Waterman w/ tailored params for match, mismatch, and gaps

Semi-Global Alignment:

applications: find a DNA fragment in the genome.

Suffix-prefix alignment:

goal: find whether prefix of one is suffix of another

Heuristic alignment:

input :

goal:

applications:

example algorithms: BLAST, FASTA, etc.

Parametric sequence alignment

Multi Sequence Alignment:

input :

goal:

applications:

example algorithms:

Hidden Markov Modeling:

<https://compbio.soe.ucsc.edu/sam.html>

## DNA assembly algorithms

from <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2874646/>

“Assembly Algorithms for Next-Generation Sequencing Data”, 2011,  
Miller, Koren & Sutton

An assembly is a hierarchical data structure that maps the [de novo] sequence data to a putative reconstruction of the target. It groups reads into contigs and contigs into scaffolds. Contigs provide a multiple sequence alignment of reads plus the consensus sequence. The scaffolds, sometimes called supercontigs or metacontigs, define the contig order and orientation and the sizes of the gaps between contigs. Scaffold topology may be a simple path or a network. Most assemblers output, in addition, a set of unassembled or partially assembled reads.

DNA sequencing technologies share the fundamental limitation that read lengths are much shorter than even the smallest genomes. Whole Genome Shotgun (WGS) overcomes this limitation by over-sampling the target genome with short reads from random positions. Assembly software reconstructs the target sequence. *Assembly software is challenged by repeat sequences in the target....non-uniform coverage of the target (coverage variation is introduced by chance, by variation in cellular copy number between source DNA molecules, and by compositional bias of sequencing technologies).*

Algorithms (it's NP-Hard, so these are approximations):

\*The Overlap/Layout/Consensus (OLC) methods rely on an overlap graph.

\*The de Bruijn Graph (DBG) methods use some form of K-mer graph.

\*The greedy graph algorithms may use OLC or DBG

**Conclusion: OLC and DBG are two robust approaches to assembly.**

An overlap graph represents the sequencing reads as nodes and the edges are their overlaps (pre-computed by a series of computationally expensive pair-wise sequence alignments)... Paths through the graph are the potential contigs, and paths can be converted to sequence...There are two ways to force paths to obey the semantics of double-stranded DNA. If the graph has separate nodes for read ends, then paths must exit the opposite end of the read they enter. If the graph has separate edges for the forward and reverse strands, then paths must exit a node on the same strand they enter.

The de Bruijn graph represents strings from a finite alphabet. The nodes represent all possible fixed-length strings. The edges represent suffix-to-prefix perfect overlaps.

A K-mer graph is a form of de Bruijn graph. Its nodes represent all the fixed-length subsequences drawn from a larger sequence. Its edges represent all the fixed-length overlaps between subsequences that were consecutive in the larger sequence...By construction, the graph contains a path corresponding to the original sequence (Figure 1). The path converges on itself at graph elements representing K-mers in the sequence whose multiplicity is greater than one.

The greedy algorithms apply one basic operation, repeated: given any read or contig, add one more read or contig. Each operation uses the next highest-scoring overlap to make the next join. The scoring function measures, for instance, the number of matching bases in the overlap...The greedy algorithms can get stuck at local maxima if the contig at hand takes on reads that would have helped other contigs grow even larger.

## RNA secondary structure

**Secondary structure.** A set of pairs  $S = \{ (b_i, b_j) \}$  that satisfy:

- [Watson–Crick]  $S$  is a matching and each pair in  $S$  is a Watson–Crick complement: A–U, U–A, C–G, or G–C.
- [No sharp turns] The ends of each pair are separated by at least 4 intervening bases. If  $(b_i, b_j) \in S$ , then  $i < j - 4$ .
- [Non-crossing] If  $(b_i, b_j)$  and  $(b_k, b_\ell)$  are two pairs in  $S$ , then we cannot have  $i < k < j < \ell$ .

**Free-energy hypothesis.** RNA molecule will form the secondary structure with the minimum total free energy.

↑  
approximate by number of base pairs  
(more base pairs  $\Rightarrow$  lower free energy)

**Goal.** Given an RNA molecule  $B = b_1 b_2 \dots b_n$ , find a secondary structure  $S$  that maximizes the number of base pairs.

## On Finding All Suboptimal Foldings of an RNA Molecule

MICHAEL ZUKER      doi:10.1126/science.2468181  
Science, 244, 4900, 48–52, 1989

9. R. Nussinov, G. Pieczenik, J. R. Griggs, D. J. Kleitman, *SIAM (Soci. Ind. Appl. Math.) J. Appl. Math.* **35**, 68 (1978).
10. R. Nussinov and A. B. Jacobson, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **77**, 6309 (1980).
11. M. Zuker and P. Stiegler, *Nucleic Acids Res.* **9**, 133 (1981).

These programs work in two stages. The first part, called the fill algorithm, computes and stores minimum folding energies for all fragments of the sequence. The process begins with all **pentanucleotides** and builds up to larger fragments in a recursive fashion. The second algorithm, called the traceback, computes a minimum energy structure by searching systematically through the matrix of stored energies.

<https://www.cs.princeton.edu/~wayne/kleinberg-tardos/pdf/06DynamicProgrammingI.pdf>

**Theorem.** The DP algorithm solves the RNA secondary structure problem in  $O(n^3)$  time and  $O(n^2)$  space.

### Dynamic programming over intervals

**Def.**  $OPT(i, j)$  = maximum number of base pairs in a secondary structure of the substring  $b_i b_{i+1} \dots b_j$ .

**Case 1.** If  $i \geq j - 4$ .

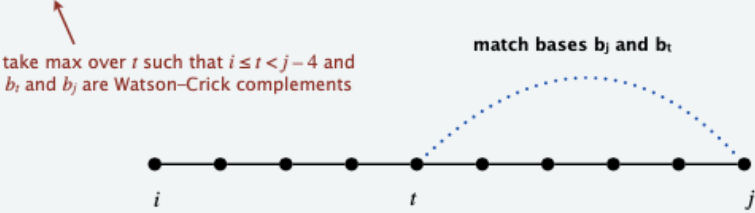
- $OPT(i, j) = 0$  by no-sharp-turns condition.

**Case 2.** Base  $b_j$  is not involved in a pair.

- $OPT(i, j) = OPT(i, j - 1)$ .

**Case 3.** Base  $b_j$  pairs with  $b_t$  for some  $i \leq t < j - 4$ .

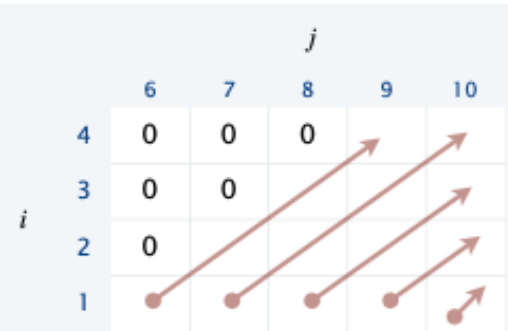
- Non-crossing condition decouples resulting two subproblems.
- $OPT(i, j) = 1 + \max_t \{ OPT(i, t - 1) + OPT(t + 1, j - 1) \}$ .



### RNA-SECONDARY-STRUCTURE( $n, b_1, \dots, b_n$ )

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FOR  $k = 5$  TO  $n - 1$ 
  FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $n - k$ 
     $j \leftarrow i + k$ .
    Compute  $M[i, j]$  using formula.
RETURN  $M[1, n]$ .
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all needed values are already computed



order in which to solve subproblems

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<http://bioinfo.ict.ac.cn/~dbu/AlgorithmCourses/Lectures/Lec6-Advanced-DP-RNA-Waterman1978.pdf>

energy to the configurations examined. There has recently been considerable work on the tertiary structure of some nucleic acids, in particular in comparisons with the x-ray data on various tRNAs. However, it should be noted that constraints arising from the most probable secondary structure base pairing are normally imposed on the tertiary structure considerations. This is analogous to the methods of predicting protein tertiary structure by starting with the statistics of forming helical and nonhelical regions.

In the present study the first problem is solved. This is accomplished through an iterative definition of all secondary structures and the extension of the sequence metric algorithms of Sellers [14]. The initial steps are based on the work of Needleman and Wunsch [15] and Tinoco et al. [2]. These ideas lead to the calculation of a minimum "distance" between segments of a RNA sequence, where "distance" is measured in free energy. The most probable secondary structure is then assumed to be the configuration having the minimum sum of all such aligned "distances."

Modifying the approach of Tinoco et al. [2], define the base pairing matrix  $P=(p_{ij})$ , for a given RNA sequence  $s=s_1s_2\dots s_n$  (and the reversed order sequence  $s'=s_ns_{n-1}\dots s_1$ ) by  $p_{ij}=1$  if  $s_i$  and  $s_j$  can form a bond and  $p_{ij}=0$  otherwise. (the bonds are A—U, G—C, and sometimes G—U.)

A secondary structure for  $s$  is a configuration of the sequence  $s_1s_2\dots s_n$  with two properties: (i) Each point can be bonded to at most one other point. (ii) If  $s_i$  and  $s_j$  are bonded, then any bonding of  $s_k$  ( $i < k < j$ ) must be with points between  $i$  and  $j$ . It has been shown [6] that this definition includes all possible substructures (such as hairpins, helices, bulges, tails, and interior loops). This definition does not include the  $B_{III}$  structure<sup>1</sup>

The total number of structures having  $i+1$  bonded pairs for a sequence  $n+1$  long is given by a recursion relation. Let  $N_{i,n}^i$  be the number of secondary structures containing exactly  $i$  bonded pairs formed on the subsequence  $s_1s_{l+1}\dots s_n$ . Then

$$N_{i,n+1}^{i+1}=N_{i,n}^{i+1}+\sum_{j=l}^{n-m}\sum_{k=0}^iN_{i,j-1}^kN_{j+1,n}^{i-k}p_{j,n+1}, \tag{1}$$

where all hairpin loops have at least  $m$  bases. The equation follows from the fact that  $s_{n+1}$  is either bonded or not bonded. If  $s_{n+1}$  is not bonded, then

there are  $N_{i,n}^{i+1}$  structures of interest. Otherwise,  $n+1$  is bonded to some  $j$ ,  $l < j < n-m$ , and if  $k$  bonds are formed in  $s_1\dots s_{j-1}$ , then  $i-k$  must be formed in  $s_{j+1}\dots s_n$ . The definition of secondary structure implies that any combination of a  $k$  bonded structure with an  $i-k$  bonded structure gives a secondary structure. Thus  $N_{i,n+1}^{i+1}$  satisfies Eq. (1).

The only sterical constraint in Eq. (1) is that the hairpin loop size must be at least  $m$ . It is possible to modify Eq. (1) so that no helices of length one are allowed. This has been done and the recursion applied to real RNA sequences. For many real RNA sequences of length forty there are over  $10^6$  structures, hundreds of which may have maximal base pairing.

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The problem is analogous to finding the optimal matching alignment between two evolutionary sequences. The solution to that evolutionary distance problem was proposed by Sellers [14] and generalized by Waterman et al. [19]. To help clarify the relationship between the two problems, it is useful to note that regions of homology between different sequences are analogous to complementary helical regions, nonhomologous regions are analogous to noncomplementary internal loop regions, and deletions/insertions are analogous to bulges. It is also helpful to recall that finding the maximum homology between evolutionary sequences is equivalent to finding the minimum mutational distance between them. As noted above, in this work a minimum "distance" measured in free energy is calculated between all subsequences.

$\alpha_{ij} = \Delta G$  (free energy change) of binding of the  $i$ th element of the sequence  $s$  with the  $j$ th of  $s'$ ;

$\eta_{ij} = \Delta G$  resulting from nearest neighbor interaction between base pairs  $i-1, j-1$  and  $i, j$ ;

$\beta_j = \Delta G$  of a bulge  $j$  bases long;

$\gamma_{ij} = \Delta G$  of an interior loop of lengths  $i$  and  $j$ ;

$\xi_{ij} = \Delta G$  of an end loop  $n-i-j$  bases long due to the pairing of bases  $i$  and  $j$ ;

$\tau_i = \Delta G$  of a free end or tail of length  $i$ .

The total free energy change of a secondary structure is defined to be the sum of the  $\Delta G$ 's associated with these substructures. This can be accomplished [7] by constructing an  $f$  matrix such that each element  $f_{ij}$  represents the free energy of formation of the  $i, j$  bound pair plus the free energy of that secondary structure having the minimum free energy among all substructures formed from the  $i-1$  subsequence of  $s$  and the  $j-1$  subsequence of  $s'$ . The elements of  $f_{ij}$  are undefined (plus infinity) for all  $i, j$  such that the  $i$ th base in  $s$  cannot form a Watson-Crick pair with the  $j$ th base in  $s'$  ( $p_{ij} = 0$ ).

For the case when  $p_{ij} = 1$ ,  $f_{ij}$  is defined as

$$f_{ij} = \alpha_{ij} + \min \left\{ f_{i-1, j-1} + \eta_{ij}, \min_{k > 0} \{ f_{i-k-1, j-1} + \beta_k \}, \right. \\ \left. \min_{k > 0} \{ f_{i-1, j-k-1} + \beta_k \}, \min_{\substack{k > 0 \\ l > 0}} \{ f_{i-k-1, j-l-1} + \gamma_{k, l} \}, 0 \right\}. \quad (2)$$

The free energy change of the best single loop secondary structure is calculated by

$$F_{1, n} = \min_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq n \\ 1 \leq i \leq n}} \{ f_{ij} + \xi_{ij} \}, \quad (3)$$



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which includes the additional free energy associated with the end loops. Figure 1 shows the values of  $f_{ij}$  for a simple illustrative example using the component  $\Delta G$ 's given in Table 1, Column A. The insert in Fig. 1 shows the spatial relationship between previous elements of  $f_{ij}$  and a given element for a finite value of  $\alpha$ . A complete, mathematical proof that this procedure obtains the minimum is given by Waterman [7].

To calculate more complex minimum free energy secondary structures, the single loop  $F_{ij}$  must be obtained for all viable subsequences  $1 < i < j < n$ . Then the bulges, interior loops, and tails must be examined for the possibility that these subsequences may form bonded single loop structures. It is not entirely easy to calculate the proper free energy changes for the addition of these structures. This is because  $f_{ij}$  gives tails weight zero, when they could become bulges or joins in the new composite structures. It is useful to calculate  $F_{ij}$  only for substructures such that  $s_i$  and  $s_j'$  are bonded. Waterman [7], using these restricted  $F_{ij}$ , was able to iterate and calculate minimum free energy structures of arbitrary complexity.

The secondary structure having the calculated minimum free energy change is obtained from a traceback procedure. Having found the  $f_{ij}$  which gives the single loop minimum  $F_{1n}$  in Eq. (3), one must trace back to find which terms in Eq. (2) and thus which structural component contributed at each step. There is no guarantee that the minimum free energy structure is unique, but a traceback procedure can locate all such structures.

TABLE I  
Substructural Component Free Energies  
in kcal at 23°C

A <sup>a</sup>	B <sup>b</sup>
$\alpha_{ij} = -1.0^c$	$\alpha_{AU} = -0.25$
$\eta_{ij} = -1.0^c$	$\alpha_{GC} = -1.4$
	$\alpha_{GU} = +1.9^d$
$\beta_l = 1.0 + 0.5l$	$\eta_{ij} = -1.0^c$
$\gamma_{kl} = 1.0 + 0.5(l+k)$	$\beta_l = 1.0 + 0.3l$
$\xi_{kl} = 1.0 + 0.5(n-k-l)$	$\gamma_{lk} = 1.5 + 0.2(l+k)$
$\Delta G_{\text{join}} = 0.0$	$\xi_{lk} = 3.05 + 0.1(n-k-l)$
	$\Delta G_{\text{join}} = 0.5 + 0.3l$

<sup>a</sup>Values for investigative use only, in the construction of Fig. 1. Such values allow the illustration all the major properties of the proposed algorithm.

<sup>b</sup>Values extrapolated from experimental values. The values for  $\alpha_{AU}$ ,  $\alpha_{GC}$ , and  $\eta$  were chosen to given the standard values of  $-1.25$  and  $-2.4$  kcal in the limit of long bound chains.

<sup>c</sup>For all  $i, j = A, C, G, U$ .

<sup>d</sup>The value of  $\alpha_{GU}$  was set equal to the interior loop value. This results in a  $\Delta G$  for a  $G-U$  pair in the interior of a helical region of only  $-0.1$  kcal. The values for the bulge, interior loop, and end loop contributions are linearizations of those due to DeLisi and Crothers [3], and as such have a limited argument range.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nucleic\\_acid\\_secondary\\_structure](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nucleic_acid_secondary_structure)

RNA secondary structure can be determined from atomic coordinates (tertiary structure) obtained by [X-ray crystallography](#), often deposited in the [Protein Data Bank](#). Current methods include 3DNA/DSSR<sup>[16]</sup> and MC-annotate.<sup>[17]</sup>

**“RNA secondary structure prediction using deep learning with thermodynamic integration.”**

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Accurate predictions of RNA secondary structures can help uncover the roles of functional non-coding RNAs. Although machine learning-based models have achieved high performance in terms of prediction accuracy, overfitting is a common risk for such highly parameterized models. Here we show that overfitting can be minimized when RNA folding scores learnt using a deep neural network are integrated together with Turner’s nearest-neighbor free energy parameters. Training the model with thermodynamic regularization ensures that folding scores and the calculated free energy are as close as possible. In computational experiments designed for newly discovered non-coding RNAs, our algorithm (MXfold2) achieves the most robust and accurate predictions of RNA secondary structures without sacrificing computational efficiency compared to several other algorithms. The results suggest that integrating thermodynamic information could help improve the robustness of deep learning-based predictions of RNA secondary structure.

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there are major difficulties in determining RNA tertiary structures through experimental assays such as nuclear magnetic resonance and X-ray crystal structure analysis, because of the high experimental costs and resolution limits on measurements of RNA. Although considerable advances in cryo-electron microscopy research on RNA tertiary structure determination have been achieved in recent years<sup>2</sup>, these limitations have not yet been completely overcome. Therefore, instead of conducting such experimental assays, we frequently perform computational prediction of RNA secondary structures, defined as sets of base-pairs with hydrogen bonds between the nucleotides.

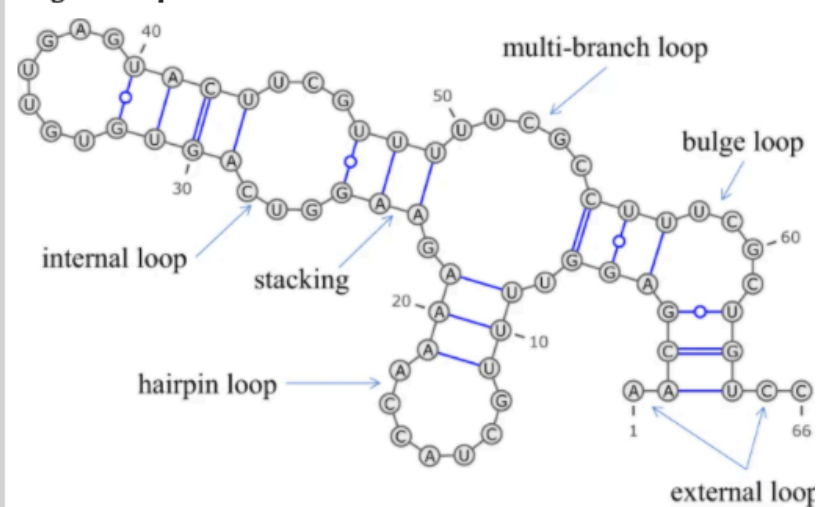
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We can efficiently calculate an optimal secondary structure that has the minimum free energy using a dynamic programming (DP) technique, the well-known Zuker algorithm

<https://rna.urmc.rochester.edu/NNDB/turner04/index.html>

NNDB: the nearest neighbor parameter database for predicting stability of nucleic acid secondary structure.

Turner & Matthews

**Fig. 1: Decomposition of an RNA secondary structure into nearest-neighbor loops.**



An RNA secondary structure can be decomposed into several types of nearest-neighbor loops, including hairpin loops (e.g., bases 11–19), internal loops (e.g., bases 25–29 and 43–47), bulge loops (e.g., bases 4–5 and 57–62), base-pair stackings (e.g., bases 23–24 and 48–49), multi-branch loops (e.g., bases 7–9, 21–23, and 49–55), and external loops (e.g., bases 1–2 and 64–66). This diagram was drawn using VARNA<sup>45</sup>.



## **Proteins**

<https://www.thermofisher.com/us/en/home/life-science/protein-biology/protein-biology-learning-center/protein-biology-resource-library/pierce-protein-methods/overview-post-translational-modification.html>

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### **Overview of Post-translational Modifications**

Protein post-translational modifications (PTMs) increase the functional diversity of the proteome by the covalent addition of functional groups or proteins, proteolytic cleavage of regulatory subunits, or degradation of entire proteins. These modifications include

- \* phosphorylation,
- \* glycosylation (affects protein folding, conformation, distribution, stability and activity),
- \* ubiquitination,
- \* nitrosylation,
- \* methylation,
- \* acetylation,
- \* lipidation
- \* proteolysis (a family of enzymes that cleave the peptide bonds of proteins)

Post-translational modifications are key mechanisms to increase proteomic diversity. While the genome comprises 20,000 to 25,000 genes, the proteome is estimated to encompass over 1 million proteins. Changes at the transcriptional and mRNA levels increase the size of the transcriptome relative to the genome, and the myriad of different post-translational modifications exponentially increases the complexity of the proteome relative to both the transcriptome and genome.

### **Structure**

Crosslinking (a.k.a. conjugation) is the process of chemically joining two or more molecules by a covalent bond.

"Labeling" generally refers to any form of crosslinking or modification whose purpose is to attach a chemical group (e.g., a fluorescent molecule) to aid in detection of a molecule.

Proteins have four levels of structure.

- \* primary structure: the sequence of its amino acids, written from the amino end (N-terminus) to the carboxyl end (C-terminus).
- \* secondary structure: the alpha helix and the beta-pleated sheet.
  - Alpha helices are tight, corkscrew-shaped structures formed by single polypeptide chains.
  - Beta-pleated sheets are either parallel or anti-parallel arrangements of polypeptide strands stabilized by hydrogen bonds between adjacent –NH and –CO groups. Parallel beta-sheets have adjacent strands that run in the same direction (i.e., N-termini next to each other), while anti-parallel beta sheets have adjacent strands that run in opposite directions (i.e., N-terminus of one strand arranged toward the C-terminus of adjacent strand).
- \* tertiary structure: the full three-dimensional, folded structure of the polypeptide chain and is dependent on the suite of spontaneous and thermodynamically stable interactions between the amino acid side chains. Disulfide bond patterns, as well as ionic and hydrophobic interactions greatly impact tertiary structure.
- \* quaternary structure: the spatial arrangement of two or more polypeptide chains (i.e. a monomer, dimer, trimer, etc.) being identical (e.g., homodimer) or different (e.g., heterodimer).

## **Proteins**

<https://www.thermofisher.com/us/en/home/life-science/protein-biology/protein-biology-learning-center/protein-biology-resource-library/pierce-protein-methods/overview-crosslinking-protein-modification.html>

crosslinking is used for many purposes, including to:

- \* Stabilize protein tertiary and quaternary structure for analysis (attachment between two groups on a single protein).
- \* Capture and identify unknown protein interactors or interaction domains (attachment between groups on two different proteins)
- \* Conjugate an enzyme or tag to an antibody or other purified protein.
- \* Immobilize antibodies or other proteins for assays or affinity-purification.
- \* Attach peptides to larger "carrier" proteins to facilitate handling/storage.

Crosslinkers chemical reactivities :

- \* Chemical specificity
- \* Spacer arm length
- \* Water-solubility and cell membrane permeability
- \* Spontaneously reactive or photo-reactive groups

Additional modifications due to reagents:

- \* Pegylation
- \* Block sulfhydryls
- \* Convert amines to sulfhydryls

## **Proteins**

Mass spectrometry database searches and de novo sequence identification:

### **Probability-based protein identification by searching sequence databases using mass spectrometry data**

Perkins, Pappin, Creasy, & Cottrell, 1999, Electrophoresis, 20, 3551±3567

Intensity information in peptide mass finger printing:

- \* peaks below a certain intensity are more likely to be random noise. The noise is mainly chemical (peptides from other proteins, nonspecific enzyme cleavage, unsuspected modifications, etc.) rather than random (shot noise, electrical and electronic artifacts, etc.).

Intensity information in MS/MS spectra:

- \* relative peak intensities within a fragment ion series are a function of several complex processes, including composition-based fragmentation kinetics, parent ion activation parameters, and mass analyser artifacts [26].

Because MS/MS spectra tend to exhibit much higher levels of apparently random noise, often a peak at every mass,

***it becomes essential for peaks to be selected on the basis of intensity.***

NLK: when analyzing MS/MS spectra or any data, one should not use peaks (spectral lines) below a critical signal-to-noise (S/N) threshold.

Papers on the topic of MS/MS spectra intensities:

“Review of factors that influence the abundance of ions produced in a tandem mass spectrometer and statistical methods for discovering these factors.”

Barton & Whittaker, , Mass Spectrom. Rev. 2009; 28:177–187

**“Updated MS<sup>2</sup>PIP web server delivers fast and accurate MS<sup>2</sup> peak intensity prediction for multiple fragmentation methods, instruments and labeling techniques”**

**Gabriels, Martens, & DeGroeve, 2019, *Nucleic Acids Research*, Volume 47, Issue W1, 02 July 2019, Pages W295–W299**

De Novo

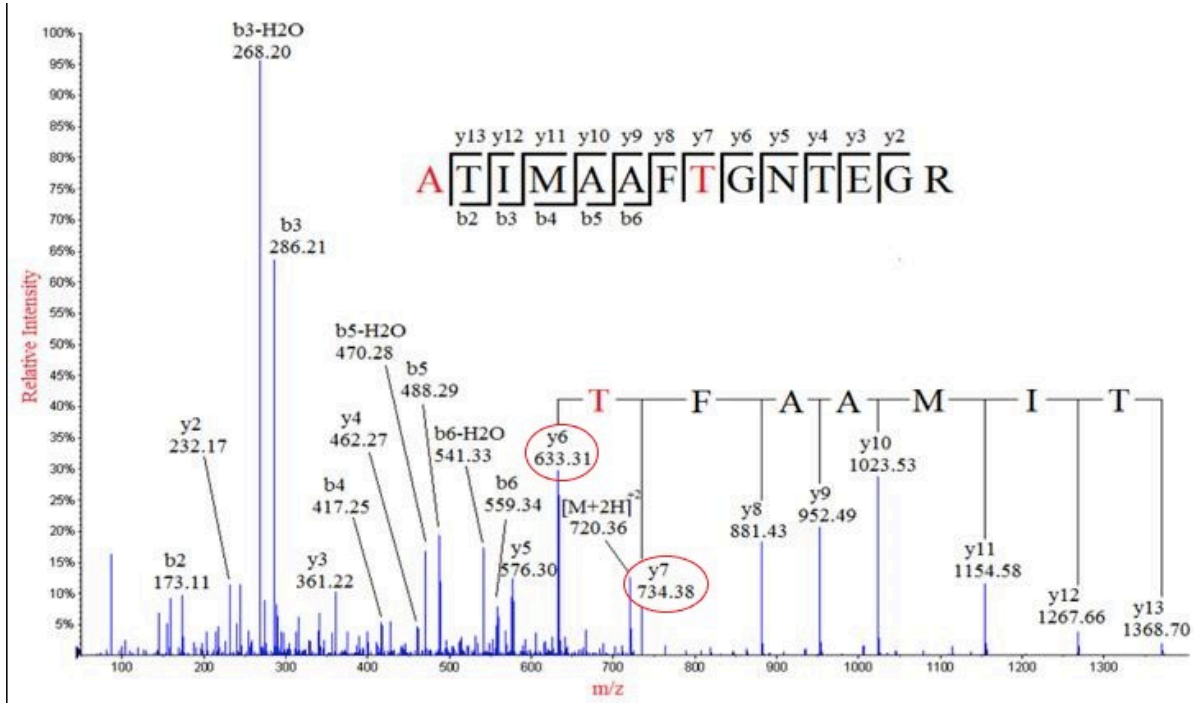
https://www.creative-proteomics.com/blog/index.php/de-novo-peptide-sequencing-method/

The mass can usually uniquely determine the residue. The main principle of de novo sequencing is to use the mass difference between two fragment ions to calculate the mass of an amino acid residue on the peptide backbone.

For example, the mass difference between the y7 and y6 ions in the following figure is equal to 101, which is the mass of residue T.

Thus, if one can identify either the y-ion or b-ion series in the spectrum, the peptide sequence can be determined.

The ion types of the peaks often determined using software such as PEAKS, Lutefisk, PepNovo, SHERENGA, etc



Name	3-letter code	1-letter code	Residue Mass	Immonium ion	Related ions	Composition
Alanine	Ala	A	71.03711	44		C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO
Arginine	Arg	R	156.10111	129	59,70,73,87,100,112	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O
Asparagine	Asn	N	114.04293	87	70	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Aspartic Acid	Asp	D	115.02694	88	70	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>
Cysteine	Cys	C	103.00919	76		C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NOS
Glutamic Acid	Glu	E	129.04259	102		C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>3</sub>
Glutamine	Gln	Q	128.05858	101	56,84,129	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Glycine	Gly	G	57.02146	30		C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> NO
Histidine	His	H	137.05891	110	82,121,123,138,166	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O
Isoleucine	Ile	I	113.08406	86	44,72	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NO
Leucine	Leu	L	113.08406	86	44,72	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NO
Lysine	Lys	K	128.09496	101	70,84,112,129	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O
Methionine	Met	M	131.04049	104	61	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NOS
Phenylalanine	Phe	F	147.06841	120	91	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO
Proline	Pro	P	97.05276	70		C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO
Serine	Ser	S	87.03203	60		C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>
Threonine	Thr	T	101.04768	74		C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>
Tryptophan	Trp	W	186.07931	159	11,117,130,132,170,100	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O
Tyrosine	Tyr	Y	163.06333	136	91,107	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO <sub>2</sub>
Valine	Val	V	99.06841	72	44,55,69	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>9</sub> NO

## **deep learning approaches (including alpha-fold)**

“Deep Learning in Proteomics”

Wen et al, 2020, PROTEOMICS Volume 20, Issue 21-22 1900335

- \* Liquid Chromatography (LC) Retention Time Prediction
- \* MS/MS Spectrum prediction
- \* De Novo Peptide Sequencing
- \* Post-Translational Modification Prediction
- \* human leukocyte (MHC) binding prediction
- \* protein structure prediction
  - progress in Critical Assessment of protein Structure Prediction (CASP)

Highly accurate protein structure prediction with AlphaFold, Jumper et al. 2021, Nature volume 596, pages 583–589 (2021)

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