

# Molecular Dynamics Data Input and Featurization in PyEMMA

# The classical MSM analysis pipeline

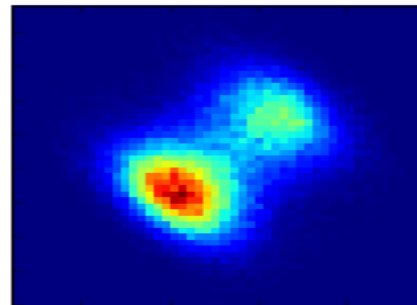
“MD data”



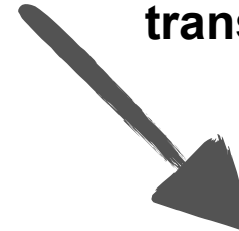
**Featurization**  
“picking observables”,  
e.g. backbone  
torsions



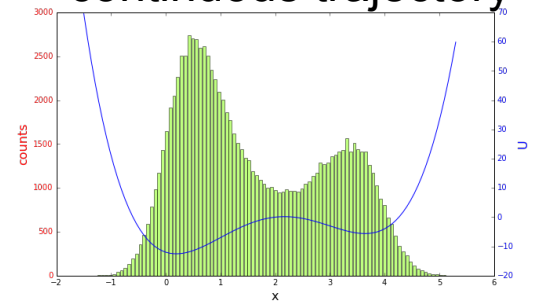
high dimensional  
continuous trajectory



**Coordinate  
transform**  
e.g. PCA,  
TICA



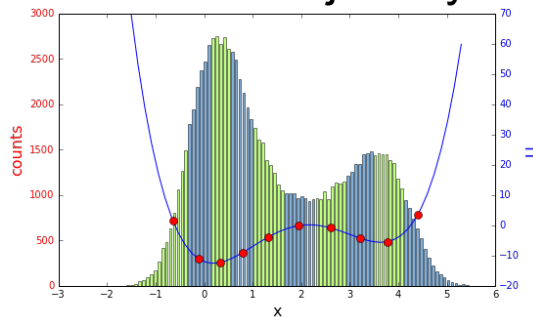
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shortcut



Discrete trajectory



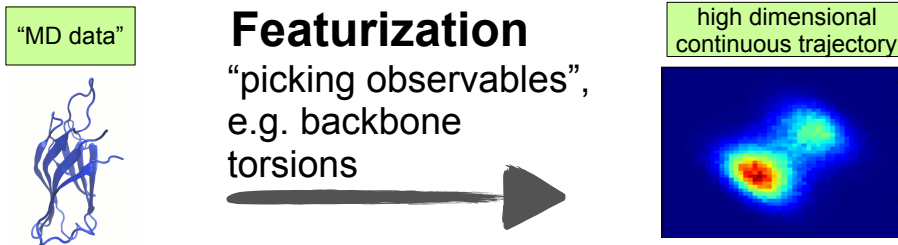
**clustering**  
e.g. k-means



**Markov  
Model**



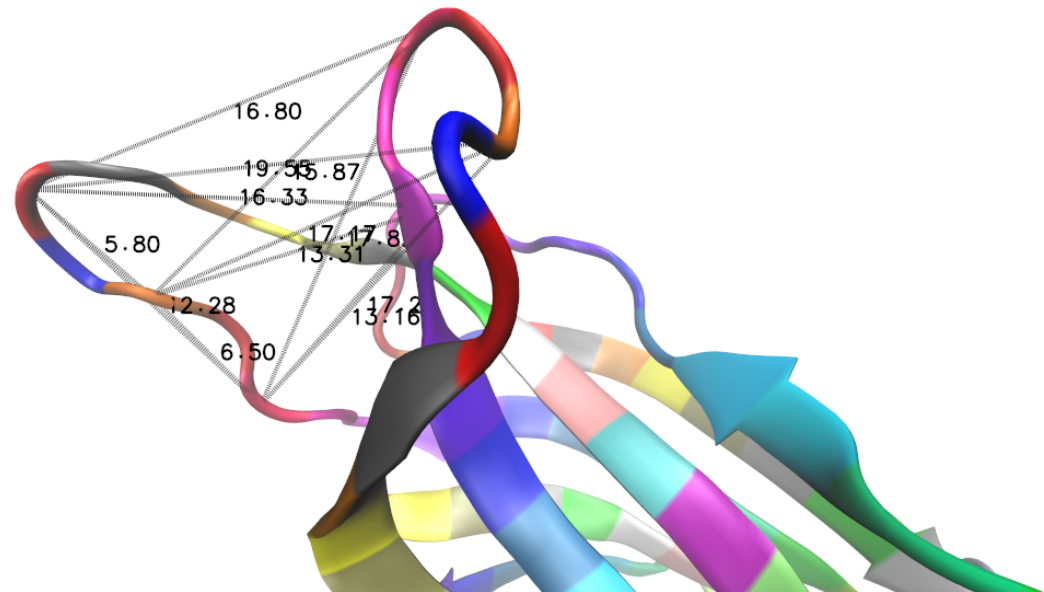
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## PyEMMA natively supported features:

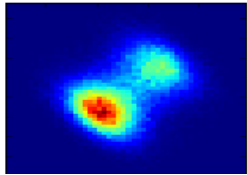
- coordinates: all, heavy, Ca, selection
- angles:
  - backbone torsions
  - sidechain torsions
  - dihedrals
- distances or contacts between
  - all atom
  - Ca
  - heavy atom
- minimum distances
  - between residues or groups
- custom features

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



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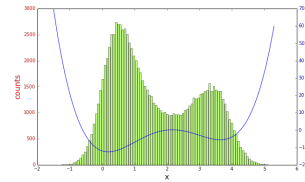
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Coordinate transform



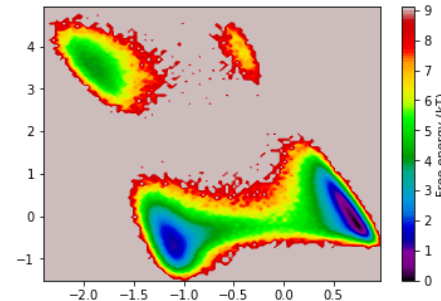
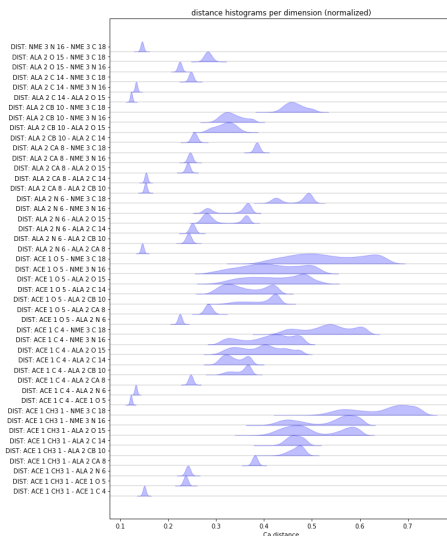
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**PyEMMA natively supported coordinate transforms:**

- TICA (time-lagged independent component analysis)
  - strongly recommended
- PCA (principal component analysis)

*“What is the minimum dimensionality that still represents all of the important processes?”*



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## PyEMMA natively supported clustering algorithms:

- k-means
- regular space
- uniform time

*“What discretization resolves my processes best?”*

