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# Kernel Methods for Koopman-based Modeling in Molecular Simulation

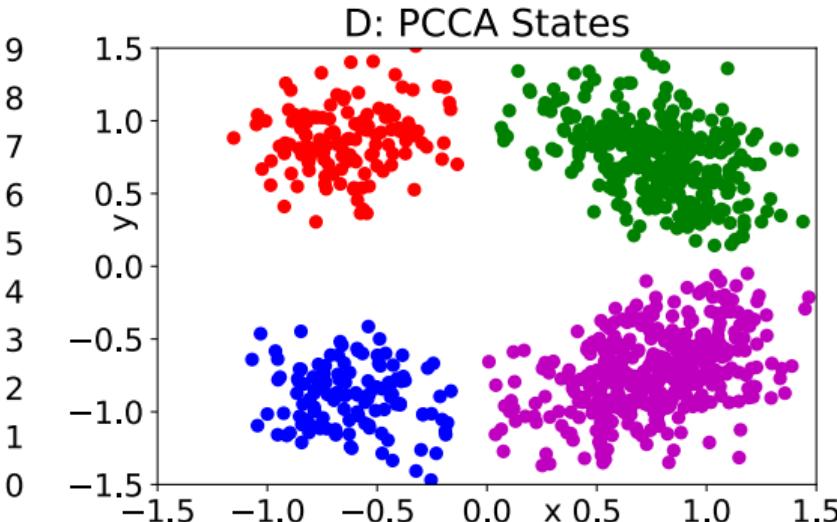
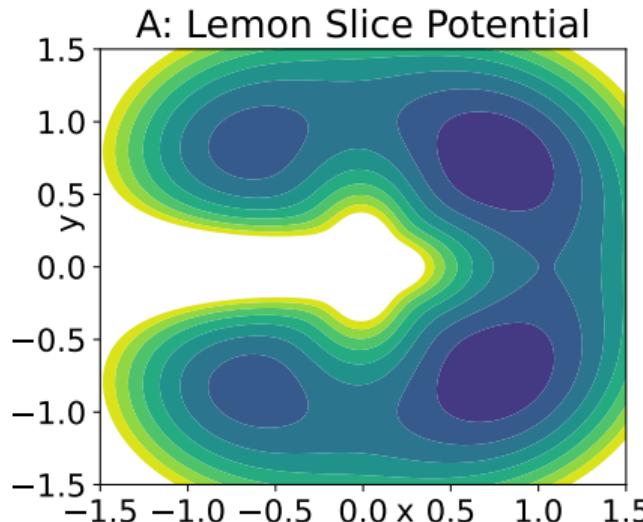
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# Metastable Systems

- **Goal:** Automatically analyse *metastable* systems based on simulation data.
- Example: Langevin Dynamics  $dX_t = -\nabla V(X_t) dt + \sqrt{2kT} dW_t$ .



# Outline

1. The Koopman Operator and EDMD
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# Extended Dynamic Mode Decomposition (EDMD)

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- Solve **regression** problem (EDMD):

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{K}^t &= \operatorname{argmin}_{K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}} \|\Psi(\mathbf{Y}) - \mathbf{K}^T \Psi(\mathbf{X})\|_F \\ &= (\Psi(\mathbf{X})^T \Psi(\mathbf{X}))^{-1} (\Psi(\mathbf{X})^T \Psi(\mathbf{Y})).\end{aligned}$$

# Statistical Limit

- Infinite Data Limit:

$$\frac{1}{m} [\Psi(\mathbf{X})^T \Psi(\mathbf{X})]_{ij} \rightarrow \int_{\mathbb{X}} \psi_i(x) \psi_j(x) d\rho(x),$$
$$\frac{1}{m} [\Psi(\mathbf{X})^T \Psi(\mathbf{Y})]_{ij} \rightarrow \int \psi_i(x) \mathbb{E}[\psi_j(\mathcal{X}_t) | \mathcal{X}_0 = x] d\rho(x).$$

- EDMD learns a **finite-dimensional projection** of the **Koopman operator**:

$$\mathcal{K}^t \phi(x) = \mathbb{E}[\phi(\mathcal{X}_t) | \mathcal{X}_0 = x].$$

## Reviews:

Klus, FN, et al, JNLS, 2018,

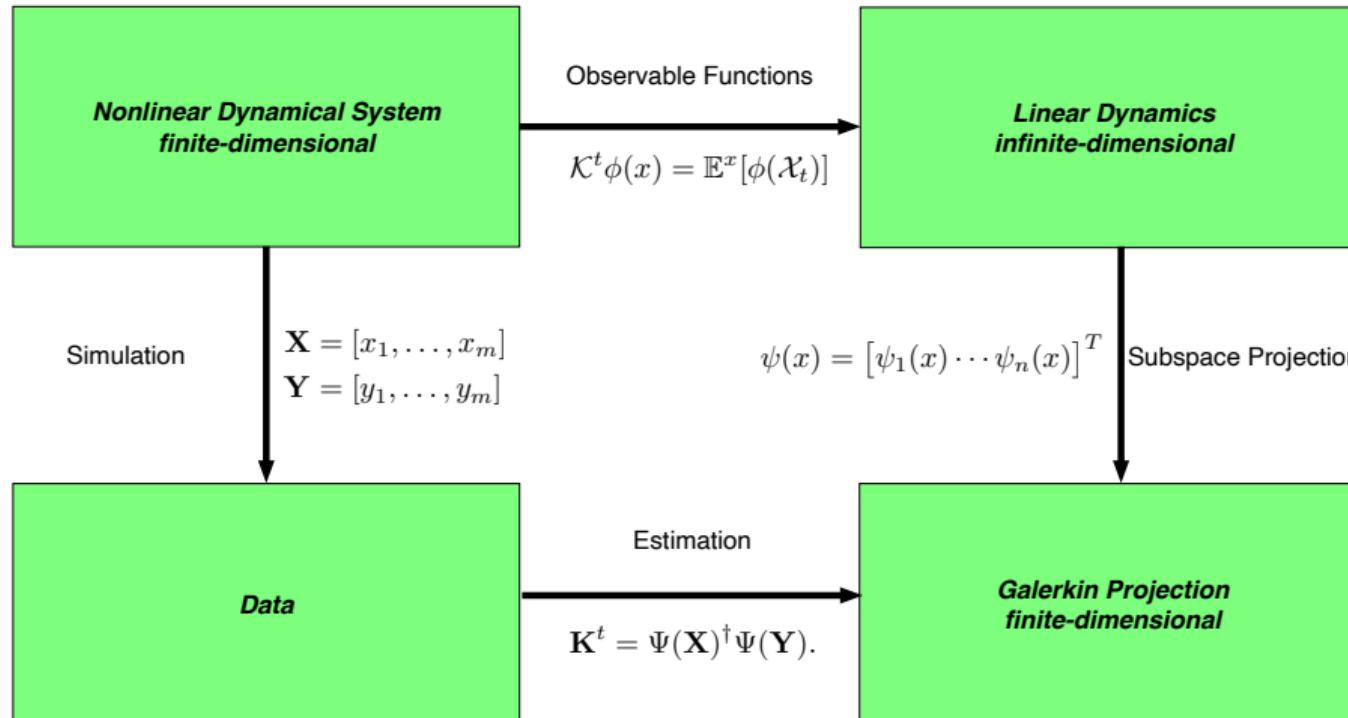
Mauroy, Suzuki, Mezic (eds), *Koopman operator in systems and control*, Springer 2020,

Berry, Giannakis, Harlim, Notices of the AMS, 2020.



# The Koopman Approach

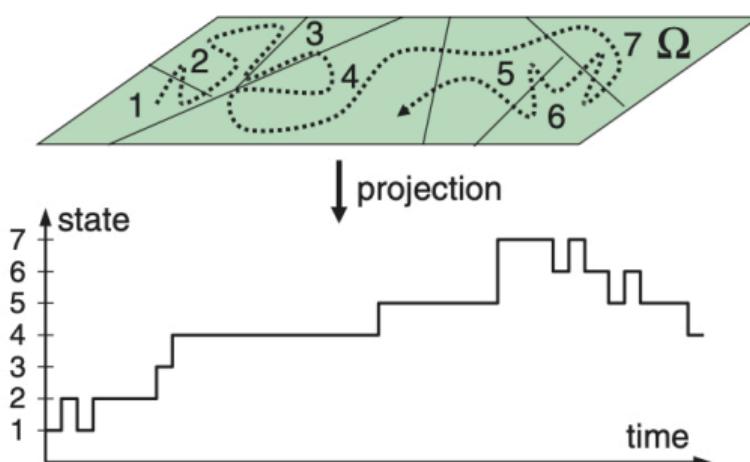
Main Idea: **lifting** into an **infinite-dimensional** space where the dynamics become **linear**.





# Example: MSM

Special case of EDMD framework for piece-wise constant basis functions



$$\psi_i(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in S_i \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases},$$

$$(\Psi(\mathbf{X})^T \Psi(\mathbf{X}))_{ij} = c_i \delta_{ij},$$
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from Prinz et al, JCP (2011)

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- $R(\psi)$  can be used as an **objective function**, subject to the constraint (2).
- All quantities in (1-2) can be **estimated from simulation data**:

$$\langle \phi_i, \phi_i \rangle_\mu \approx \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \phi_i(x_k) \phi_i(x_k), \quad \langle \phi_i, \mathcal{K}^t \phi_i \rangle_\mu \approx \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \phi_i(x_k) \phi_i(y_k).$$



# Linear Variational Approach

- Applied to a finite-dimensional subspace  $\text{span}\{\psi_j\}_{j=1}^n$ :

$$\phi_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{v}_{ji} \psi_j,$$

- leads to generalized eigenvalue problem for Gramian matrices:

$$\mathbf{C}^t \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{C}^0 \mathbf{V} \Lambda, \quad \mathbf{C}^t = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{l=1}^m \psi_i(x_k) \psi_j(y_k), \quad \mathbf{C}^0 = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{l=1}^m \psi_i(x_k) \psi_j(x_k).$$

Noé and FN, SIAM MMS, 2013, FN, Keller, et al, JCTC, 2014

TICA: Pérez-Hernández et al, JCP, 2013,

Deep Learning: Mardt et al, Nat. Commun., 2018

Non-reversible systems: Wu and Noé, JNLS, 2020

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- Learn a data-driven matrix model analogous to EDMD:

$$\Psi(\mathbf{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} \psi_1(x_1) & \dots & \psi_1(x_m) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \psi_n(x_1) & \dots & \psi_n(x_m) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{L}\Psi(\mathbf{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{L}\psi_1(x_1) & \dots & \mathcal{L}\psi_1(x_m) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathcal{L}\psi_n(x_1) & \dots & \mathcal{L}\psi_n(x_m) \end{bmatrix},$$

- matrix model:

$$\mathbf{L} = \left( \Psi(\mathbf{X}) \Psi(\mathbf{X})^\top \right)^{-1} \left( \Psi(\mathbf{X}) \mathcal{L}\Psi(\mathbf{X})^\top \right).$$

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- Projected generator  $\mathcal{L}^\xi = \mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{P}$  is **again the generator** of an **effective SDE** on  $\mathbb{R}^m$ .

$$d\mathcal{Z}_t = b^\xi(\mathcal{Z}_t) dt + \sigma^\xi(\mathcal{Z}_t) dW_t.$$

Legoll and Lelièvre, *Nonlinearity* (2010), Zhang, Hartmann, Schütte, *Faraday Disc.* (2016)

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- Therefore, gEDMD **simultaneously** provides a matrix approximation of  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}^{\xi}$ . [2].

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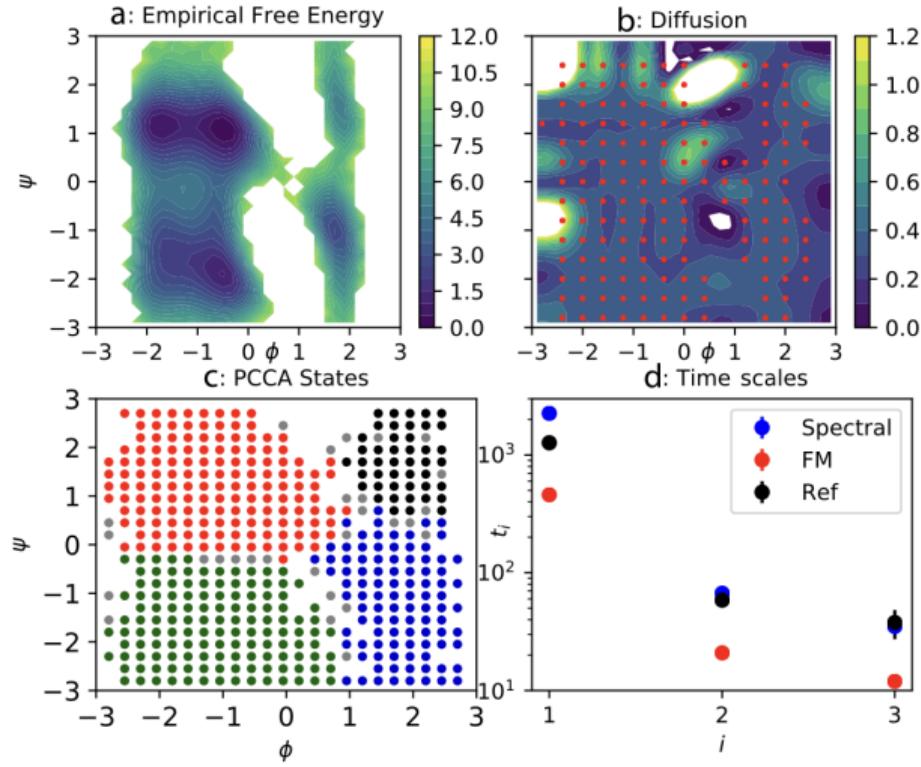
# System Identification

- Effective diffusion can be learned using models for the CG generator models:

$$\left\langle \mathcal{L}_\theta^\xi \psi_i, f_j \right\rangle_\nu = -\frac{1}{2} \int \nabla \psi_i(z) \cdot A_\theta^\xi(z) \cdot \nabla f_j(z) d\nu.$$

- Can be combined with force matching to complete CG dynamics.

FN, Boninsegna and Clementi, *JCP* (2019)



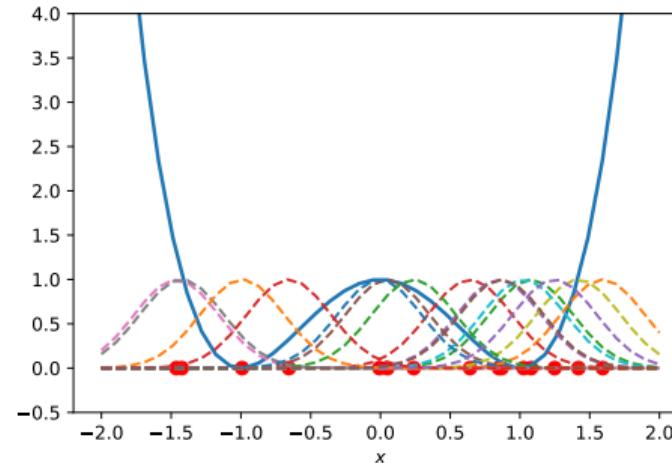
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# Data-driven Basis Sets

- Choosing a good basis set is hard.
- Idea: let the data define the basis.



- Typical choice: **radial basis functions**, e.g.

$$k(x_i, y) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|x_i - y\|^2\right)$$



- Kernel-based basis functions  $k(x_i, \cdot)$  lead to matrices...

$$\mathbf{C}^0(r, s) = \mathbf{K}_X(r, s) = k(x_r, x_s), \quad \mathbf{C}^t(r, s) = \mathbf{K}_X^t(r, s) = k(y_r, x_s).$$

- ... and the generalized eigenvalue problem:

$$\mathbf{K}_X^t \mathbf{w}_i = \lambda_i(t) \mathbf{K}_X \mathbf{w}_i.$$

- Both matrices scale with the **data size** ( $m \times m$ ).

Klus et al, JNLS, 2020; Klus, FN, and Hamzi, Entropy, 2020



- A translation invariant kernel with  $k(x, x) = 1$  can be written as a superposition of complex plane waves:

$$k(x, y) = \mathbb{E}_{\omega \sim \rho} \left[ e^{-i\omega^T x} \overline{e^{-i\omega^T y}} \right] \approx \frac{1}{p} \sum_{u=1}^p e^{-i\omega_u^T x} \overline{e^{-i\omega_u^T y}},$$

where  $\rho$  is the **spectral measure** in frequency space (Bochner's theorem).

- The spectral measure is known for most popular kernels, sampling from  $\rho$  is easy.

Rahimi and Recht, Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, 2007

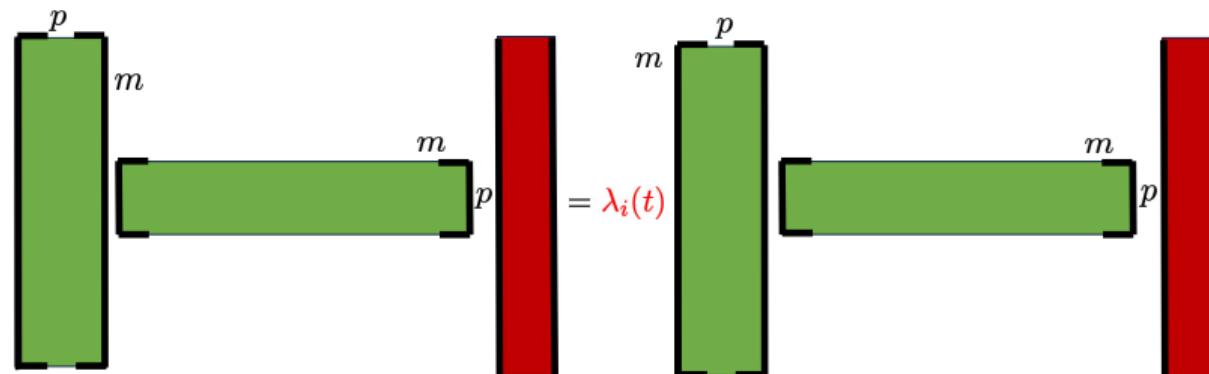


# Low-Rank Kernel GEV

- Low-rank rep of kernel Koopman GEV:

$$\mathbf{K}_X = [k(x_r, x_s)]_{r,s} \approx \frac{1}{p} [\mathbf{M} \mathbf{M}^H]_{r,s}, \quad \mathbf{K}_X^t = [k(y_r, x_s)]_{r,s} \approx \frac{1}{p} [\mathbf{M}^t \mathbf{M}^H]_{r,s},$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \left[ e^{-ix_r^\top \omega_u} \right]_{r,u} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times p}, \quad \mathbf{M}^t = \left[ e^{-iy_r^\top \omega_u} \right]_{r,u} \mathbb{C}^{m \times p}.$$



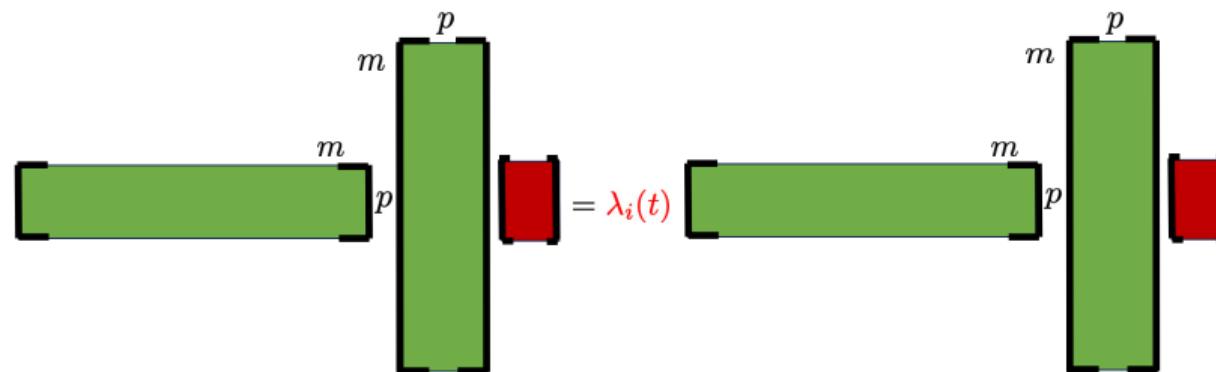


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- Non-zero eigenvalues can be obtained from dual problem

$$\mathbf{M}^H \mathbf{M}^t \mathbf{v}_i = \hat{\lambda}_i(t) \mathbf{M}^H \mathbf{M} \mathbf{v}_i,$$

which is of dimension  $p \times p$ .





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**Algorithm 1** RFF-based Spectral Approximation of the Koopman Operator

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**Input:** data matrices  $\mathbf{X} = [x_1, \dots, x_m] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$ ,  $\mathbf{Y} = [y_1, \dots, y_m] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times m}$   
kernel function  $k$  with spectral measure  $\rho$ ,  
number of features  $p$ , truncation rule for singular values.

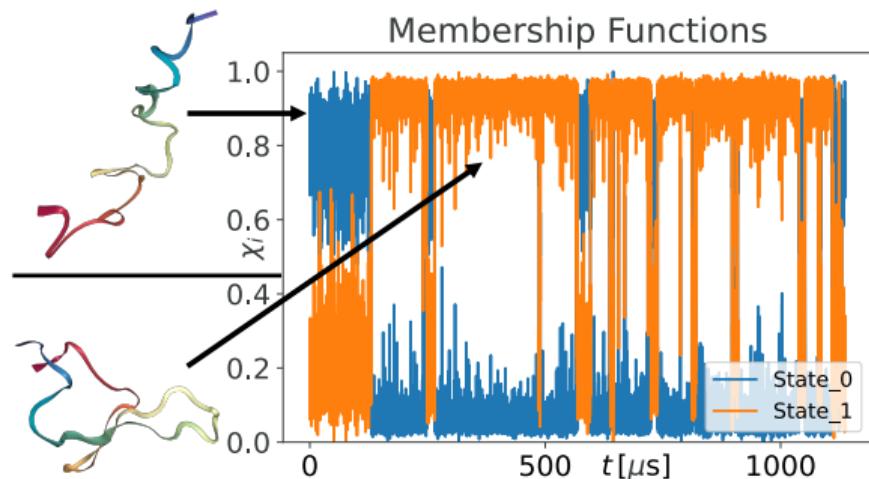
**Output:** Approximate eigenpairs  $(\hat{\lambda}_i(t), \hat{\psi}_i)$ .

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- 1: Draw  $p$  samples  $\{\omega_u\}_{u=1}^p$  from the spectral measure  $\rho$ .
  - 2: Form matrices  $\mathbf{M} = \left[ e^{-ix_r^\top \omega_u} \right]_{r,u}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}^t = \left[ e^{-iy_r^\top \omega_u} \right]_{r,u}$ .
  - 3: Compute SVD of  $\mathbf{M}$ , choose rank  $r$  according to truncation rule:  $\mathbf{M} \approx \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{W}^H$ .
  - 4: Form reduced matrix  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{M}^t \mathbf{W} \Sigma^{-1}$ .
  - 5: Compute eigenpairs of reduced problem  $\mathbf{R}\mathbf{u}_i = \hat{\lambda}_i(t)\mathbf{u}_i$ .
  - 6: Transform to original RFF basis:  $\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{W}\Sigma^{-1}\mathbf{u}_i$ ,  $\hat{\psi}_i(x) = \mathbf{v}_i^H \phi_{\text{RFF}}(x)$ .
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- Small protein, 35 amino acids.
- Gaussian kernel on 600 distances and angles.
- Use  $p = 1000$  Fourier features.
- Compute leading 2 eigenvalues and eigenfunctions.
- Transform into membership functions indicating metastable states.



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