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Complex RNA Folding Kinetics Revealed by Single-Molecule FRET and Hidden Markov Models

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Markov State Models (MSM)

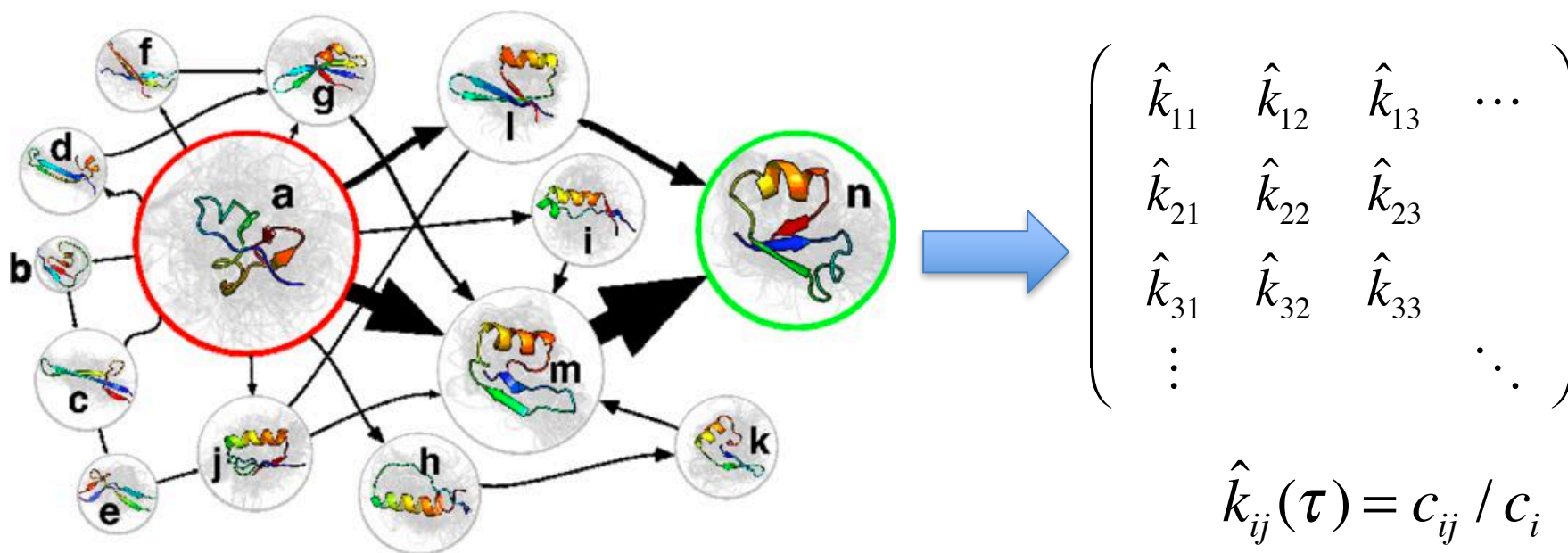
Widely used to analyze and interpret molecular trajectories. The final goal is to infer long time behavior.

Main assumption: The Markov property

$$k_{ij}(\tau) = P\{X_{t+\tau} = j | X_t = i\}$$

Regular simulations are Markovian in their full continuous phase spaces. However any discrete partition of the phase space generates non-Markovian trajectories.

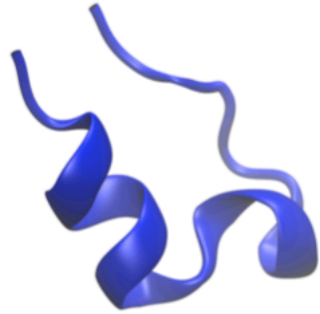
Learning process in MSM



Biased for kinetics

$$\mathbf{K}^T \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}$$

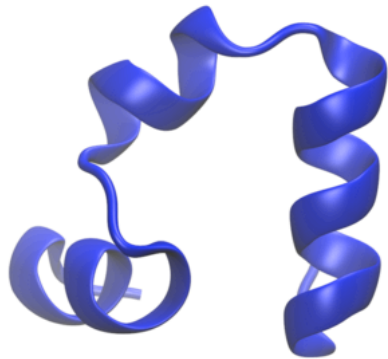
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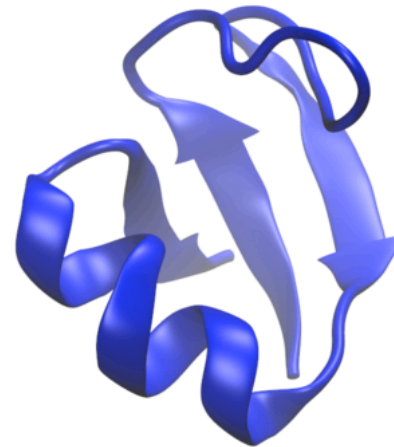
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Chignolin 106 μ s



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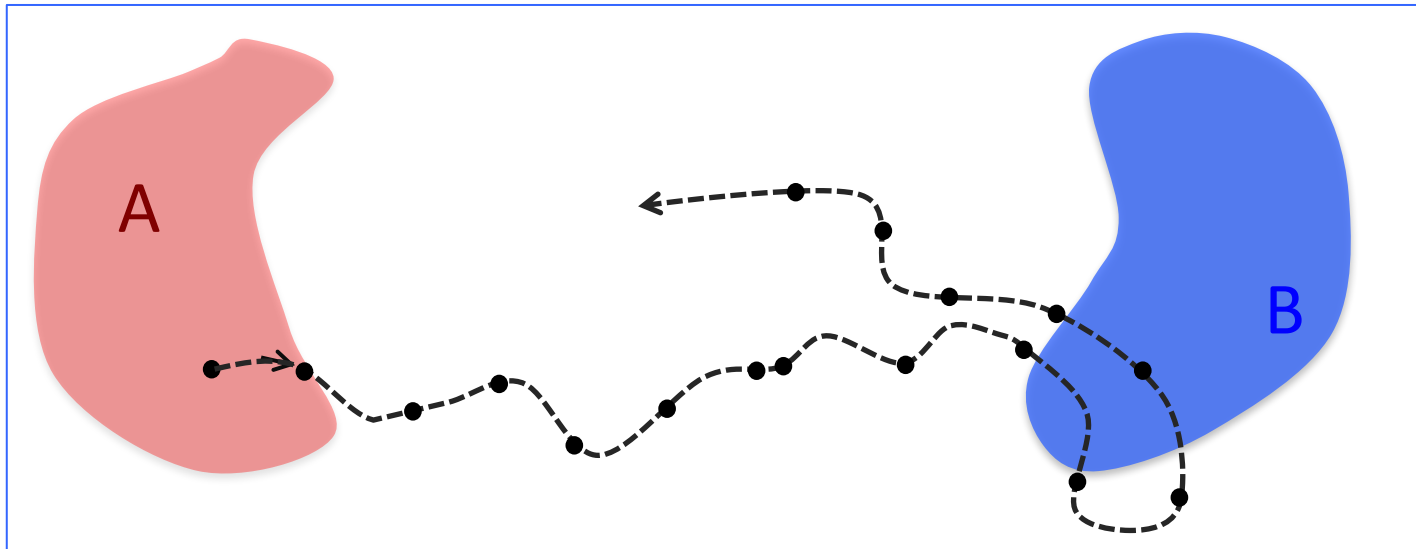
MSM Analysis: Standard Recipe

1. Divide the space in “Markovian” regions
2. Estimate parameters and **select a lag time**
3. Analysis

Estimating kinetic properties

Mean First Passage Time (MFPT)

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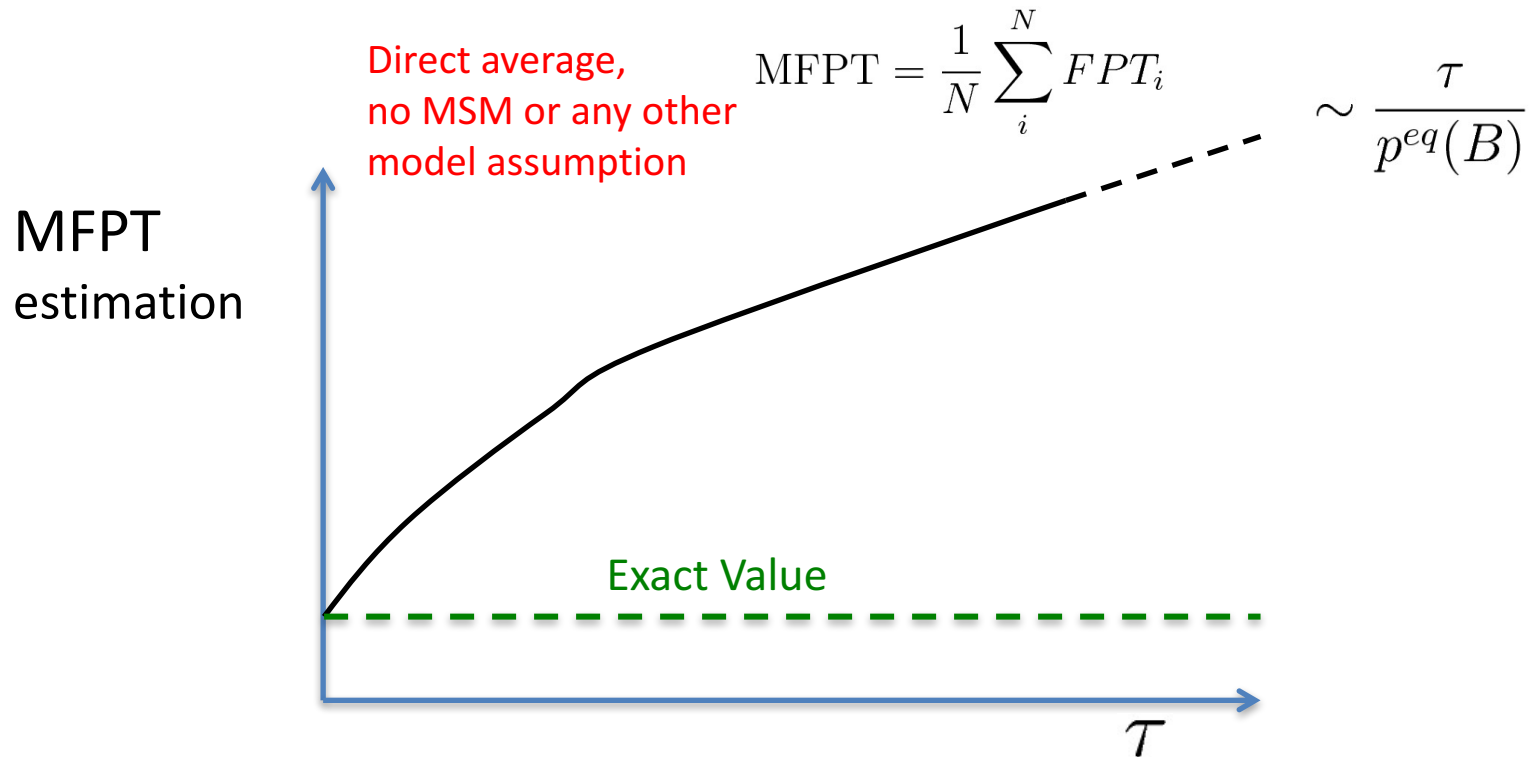


\mathcal{T} = The lag-time \gg integration time step δt

$$\text{MFPT} = \frac{1}{k_{AB}}$$

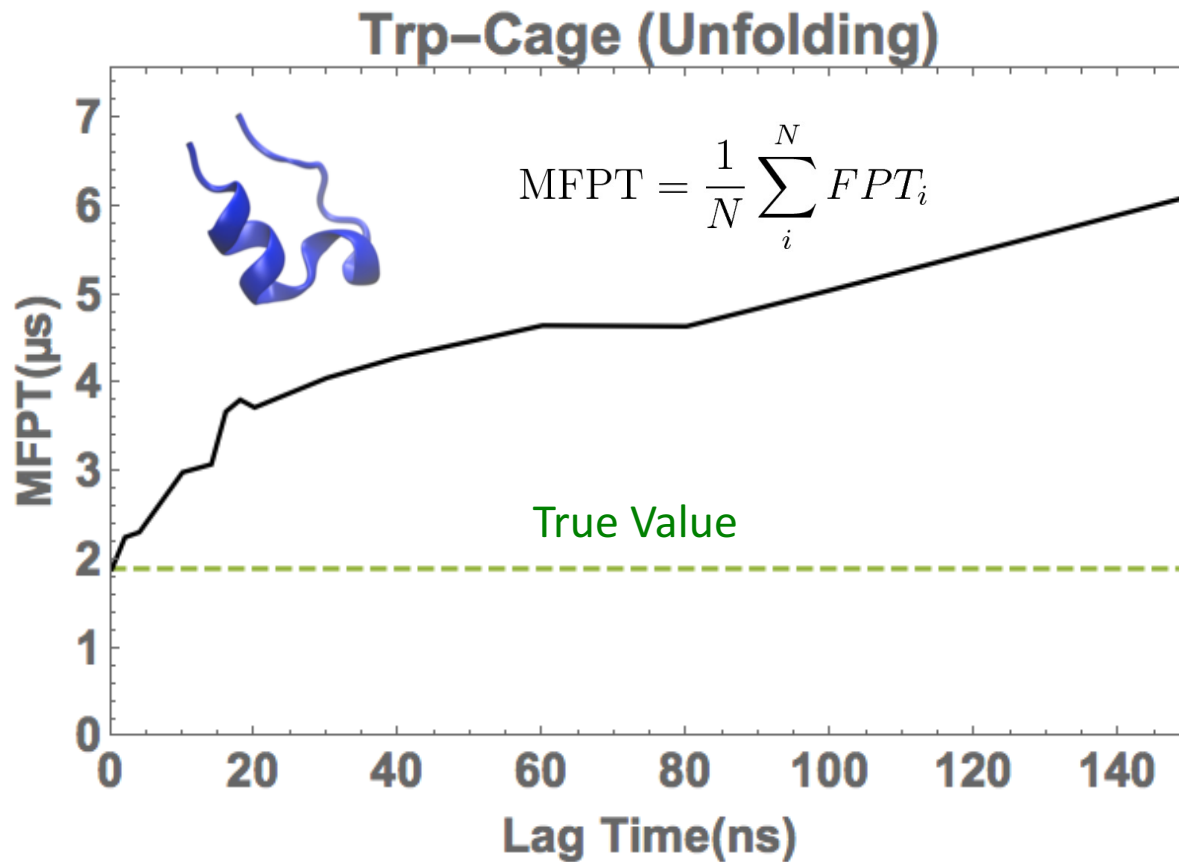
NOT MSM

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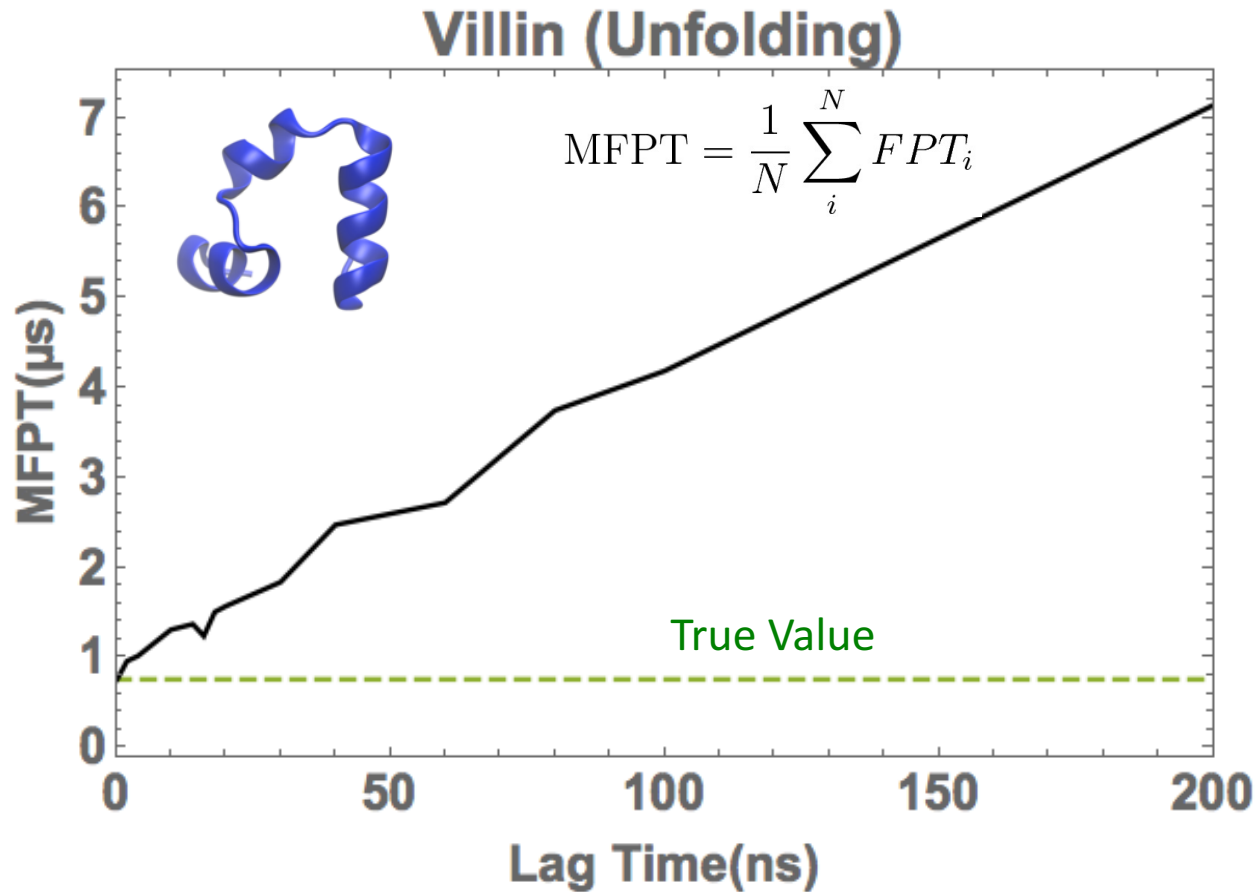
Our estimation of the kinetic properties are lag-time dependent while the thermodynamic properties are the same for every lag-time.

MFPT vs lag-time



No MSM or any other model assumption

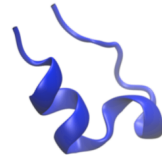
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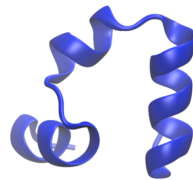
Long MD Simulations



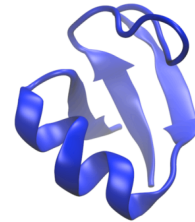
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Full data set

- Markovian
- Non-Markovian



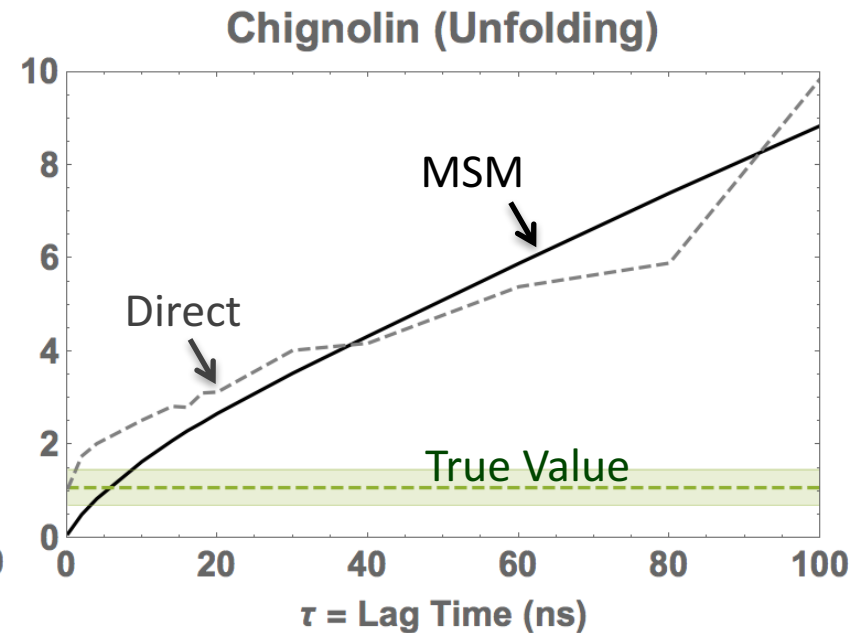
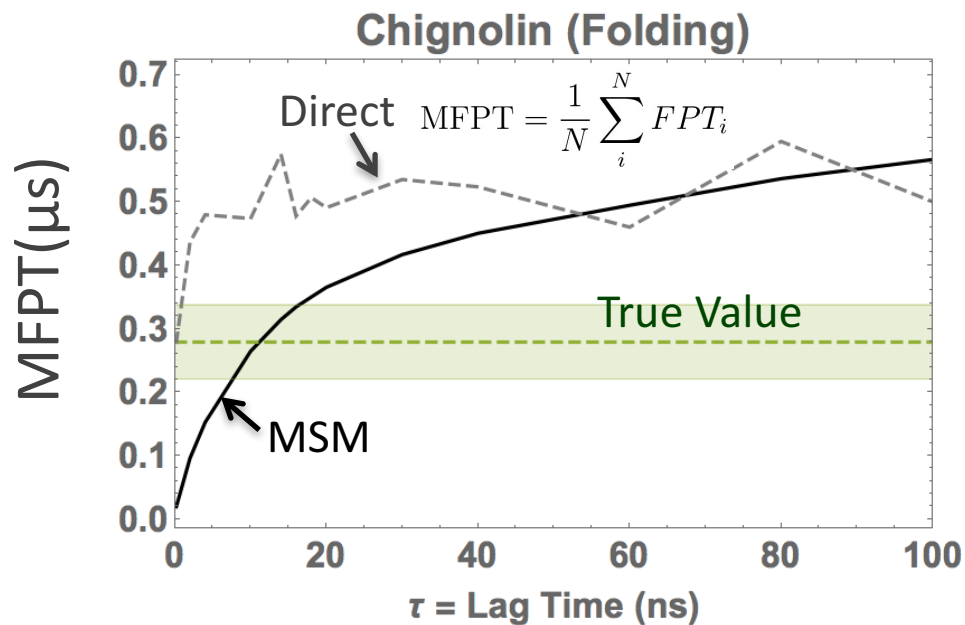
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- Non-Markovian

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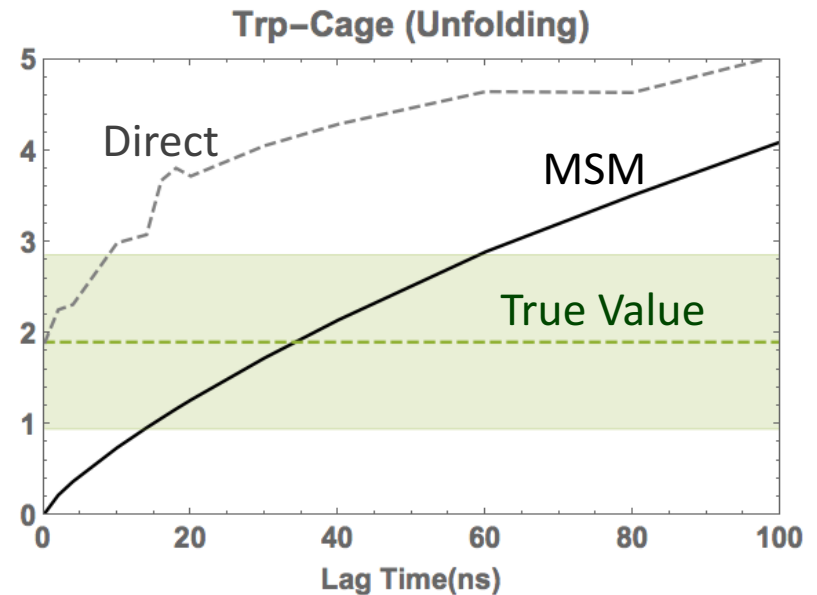
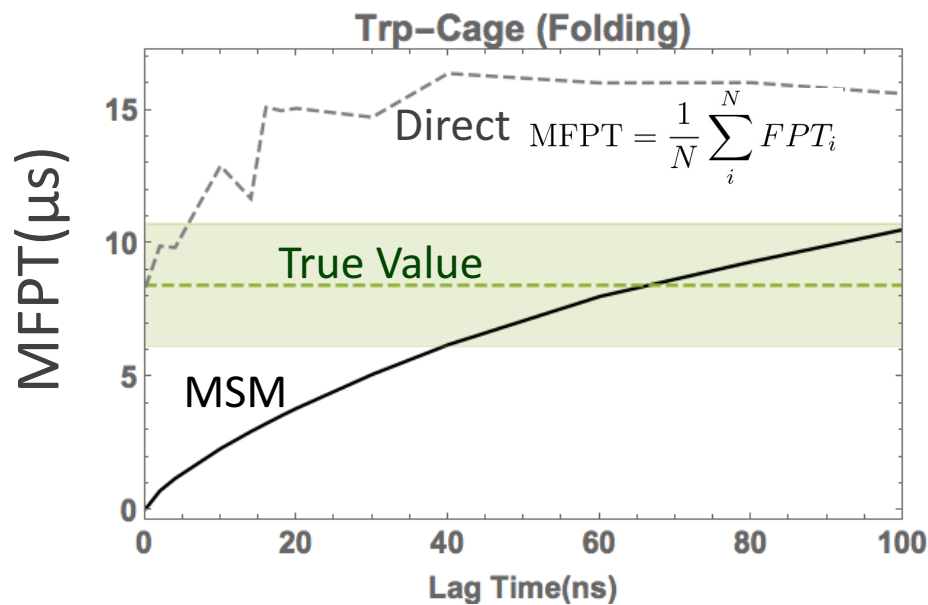
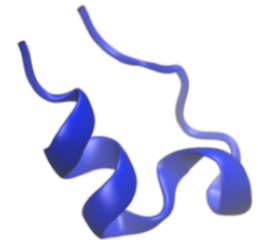
Markov MFPT vs lag-time

Chignolin

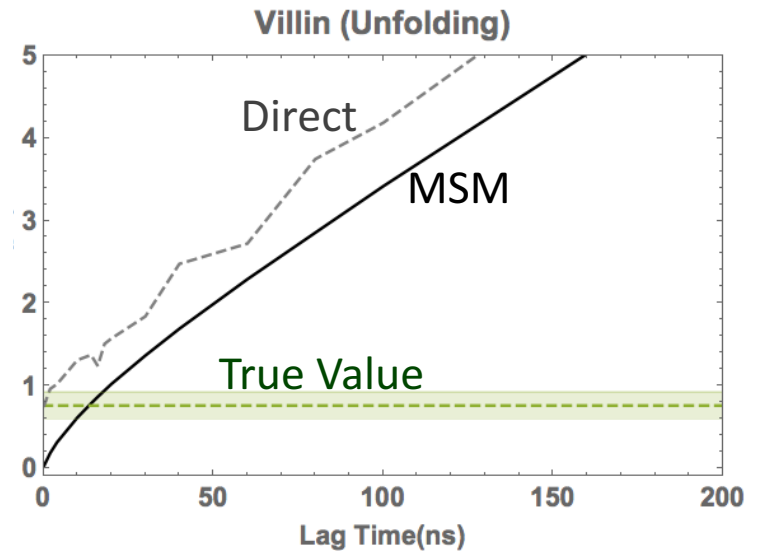
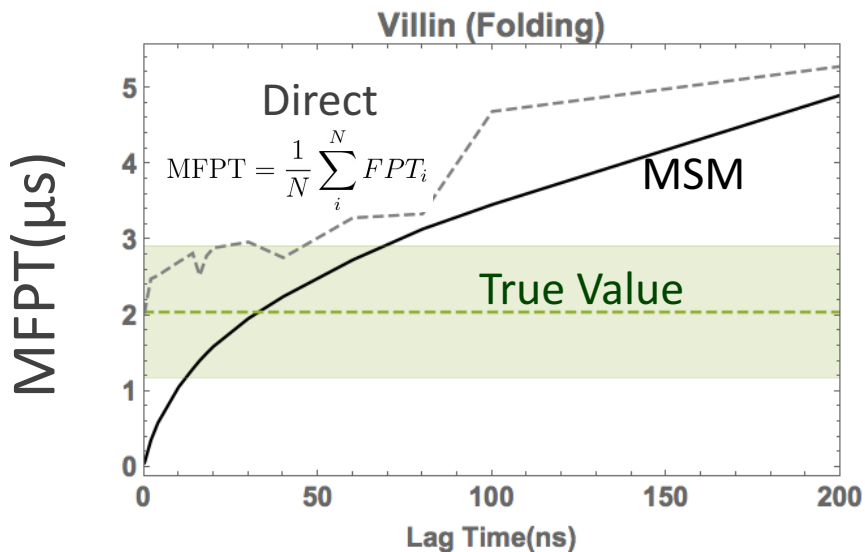


Markov MFPT vs lag-time

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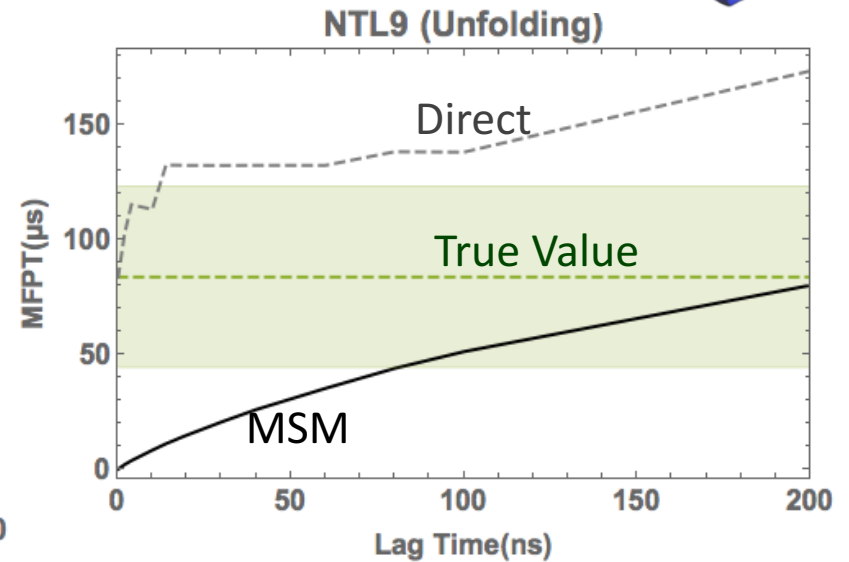
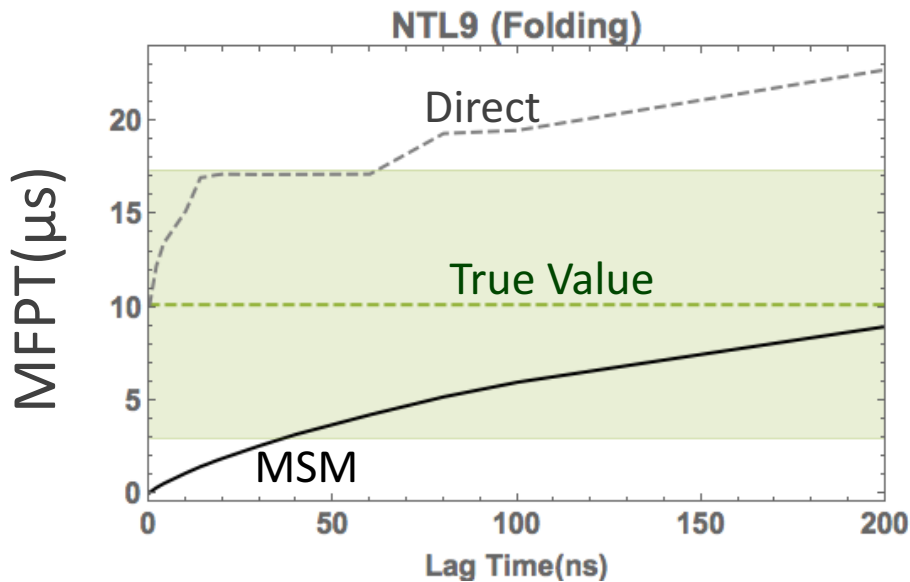


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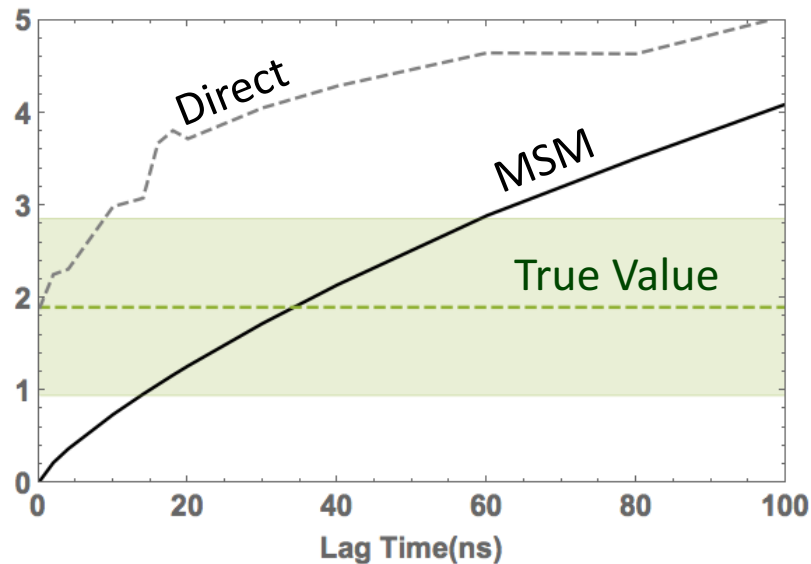
Markov MFPT vs lag-time

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MSM Analysis

- Biased for kinetic properties
 - Discretization error \uparrow MFTP
 - Markov error \downarrow MFPT

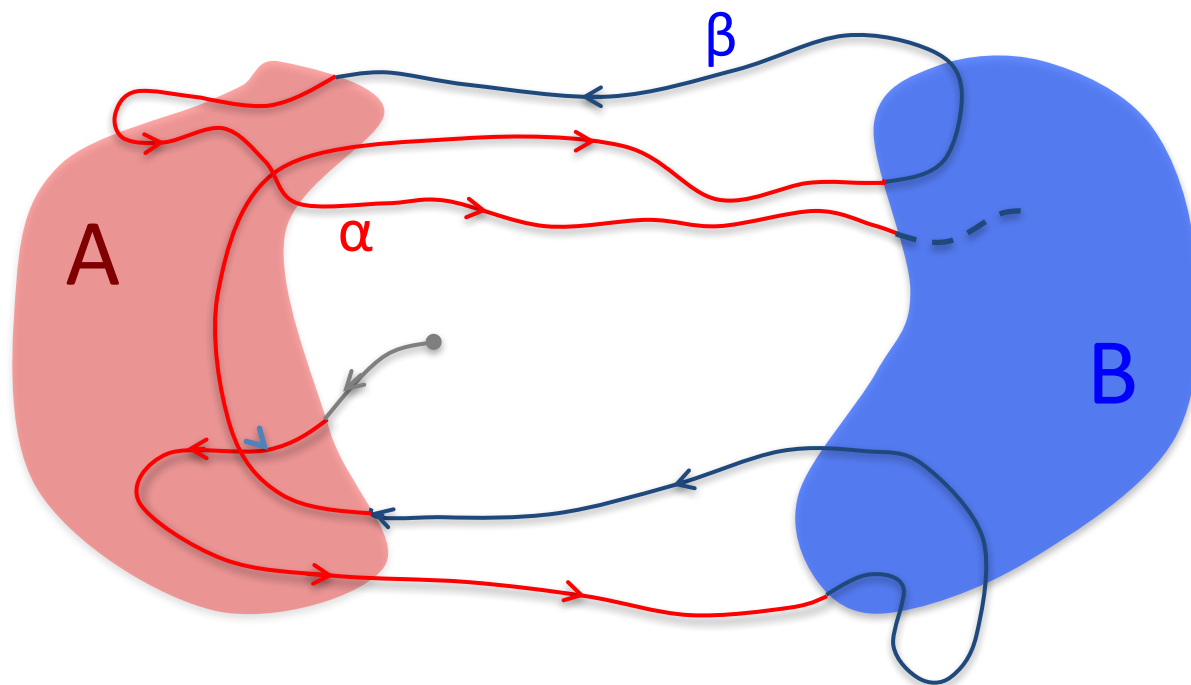


Non-Markovian Analysis

Beyond Markov: Color

α = Last in A

β = Last in B



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Beyond Markov: Color

$$k_{ij}(\tau) = P\{X_{t+\tau} = j | X_t = i\}$$



$$k_{ij}^{\mu\nu}(\tau) = P\{X_{t+\tau} = j, L_{t+\tau} = \nu | X_t = i, L_{t+\tau} = \mu\} \quad \mu, \nu = \alpha, \beta$$

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Beyond Markov: Color

Unbiased kinetics

$2N \times 2N$

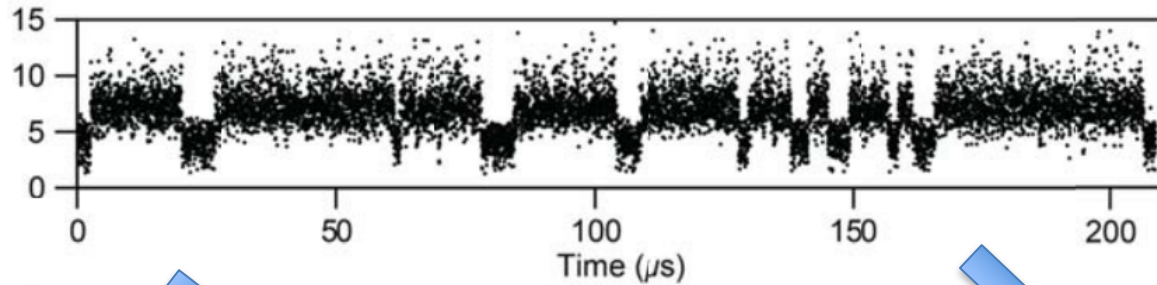
Biased kinetics
 $N \times N$

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & \vdots & k_{12} & \vdots & k_{13} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ k_{21} & \vdots & k_{22} & \vdots & k_{23} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ k_{31} & \vdots & k_{32} & \vdots & k_{33} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} k_{11}^{\alpha\alpha} & 0 & \vdots & k_{12}^{\alpha\alpha} & 0 & \vdots & 0 & k_{13}^{\alpha\beta} \\ 0 & 0 & \vdots & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ k_{21}^{\alpha\alpha} & 0 & \vdots & k_{22}^{\alpha\alpha} & 0 & \vdots & 0 & k_{23}^{\alpha\beta} \\ k_{21}^{\beta\alpha} & 0 & \vdots & 0 & k_{22}^{\beta\beta} & \vdots & 0 & k_{23}^{\beta\beta} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \vdots & 0 & 0 & \vdots & 0 & 0 \\ k_{31}^{\beta\alpha} & 0 & \vdots & 0 & k_{32}^{\beta\beta} & \vdots & 0 & k_{33}^{\beta\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$

Example with 3 bins. A is defined as bin 1 and B as bin 2

$$\mathcal{K}^T \mathbf{p}^\mu = \mathbf{p}^\mu \qquad p_i^{\text{eq}} = p_i^\alpha + p_i^\beta$$

MSM vs Non-Markovian Analysis



MSM

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_{11} & \dots & k_{12} & \dots & k_{13} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ k_{21} & \dots & k_{22} & \dots & k_{23} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ k_{31} & \dots & k_{32} & \dots & k_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

MFPT

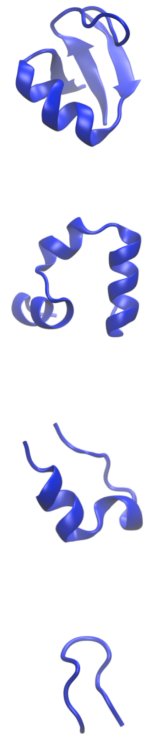
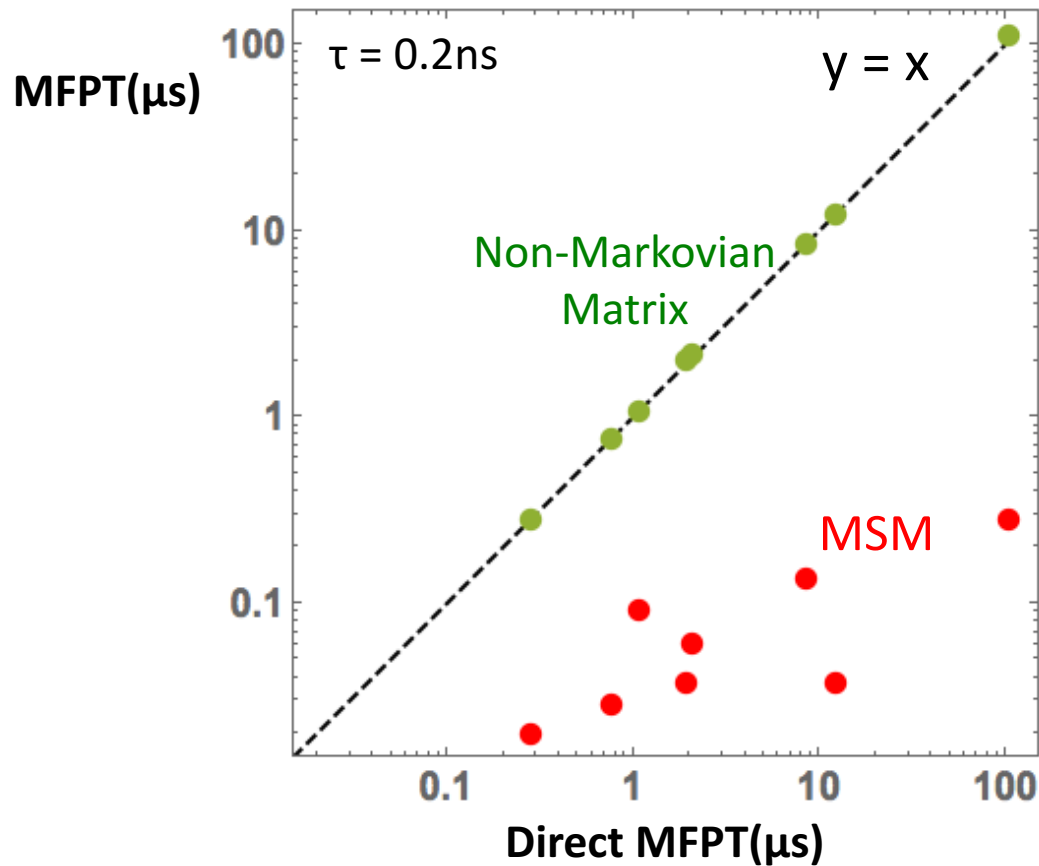
Non-Markovian Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_{11}^{\alpha\alpha} & 0 & \dots & k_{12}^{\alpha\alpha} & 0 & \dots & 0 & k_{13}^{\alpha\beta} \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ k_{21}^{\alpha\alpha} & 0 & \dots & k_{22}^{\alpha\alpha} & 0 & \dots & 0 & k_{23}^{\alpha\beta} \\ k_{21}^{\beta\alpha} & 0 & \dots & 0 & k_{22}^{\beta\beta} & \dots & 0 & k_{23}^{\beta\beta} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ k_{31}^{\beta\alpha} & 0 & \dots & 0 & k_{32}^{\beta\beta} & \dots & 0 & k_{33}^{\beta\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$

MFPT

MSM vs Non-Markovian Analysis

No lag-time
optimization

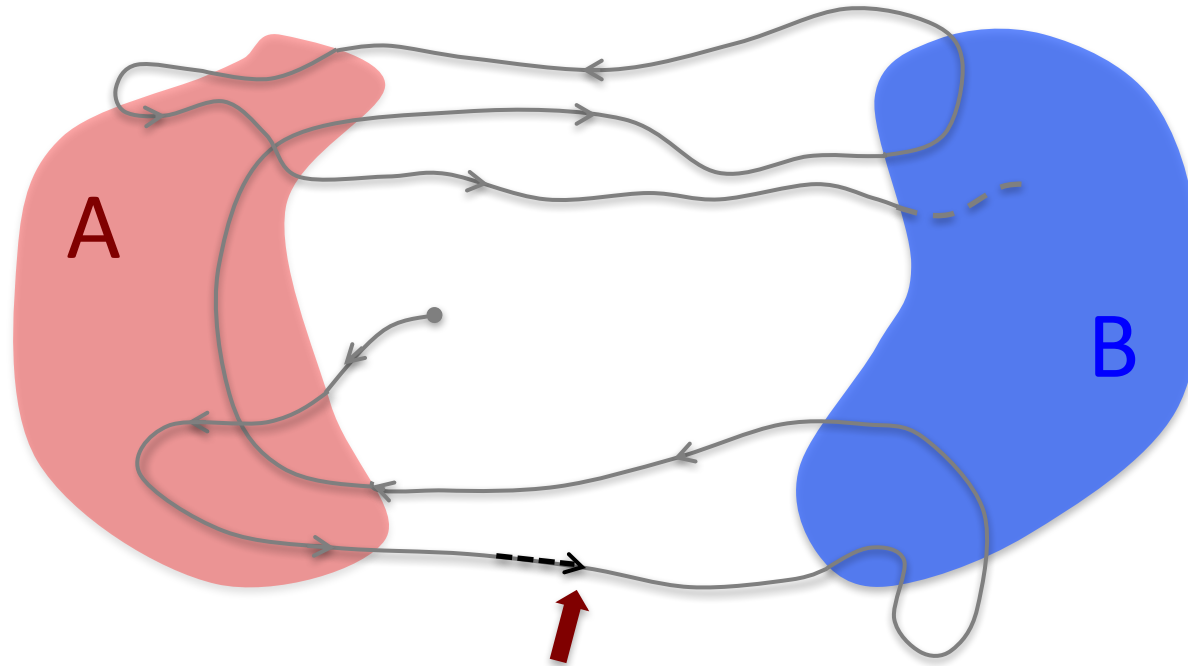


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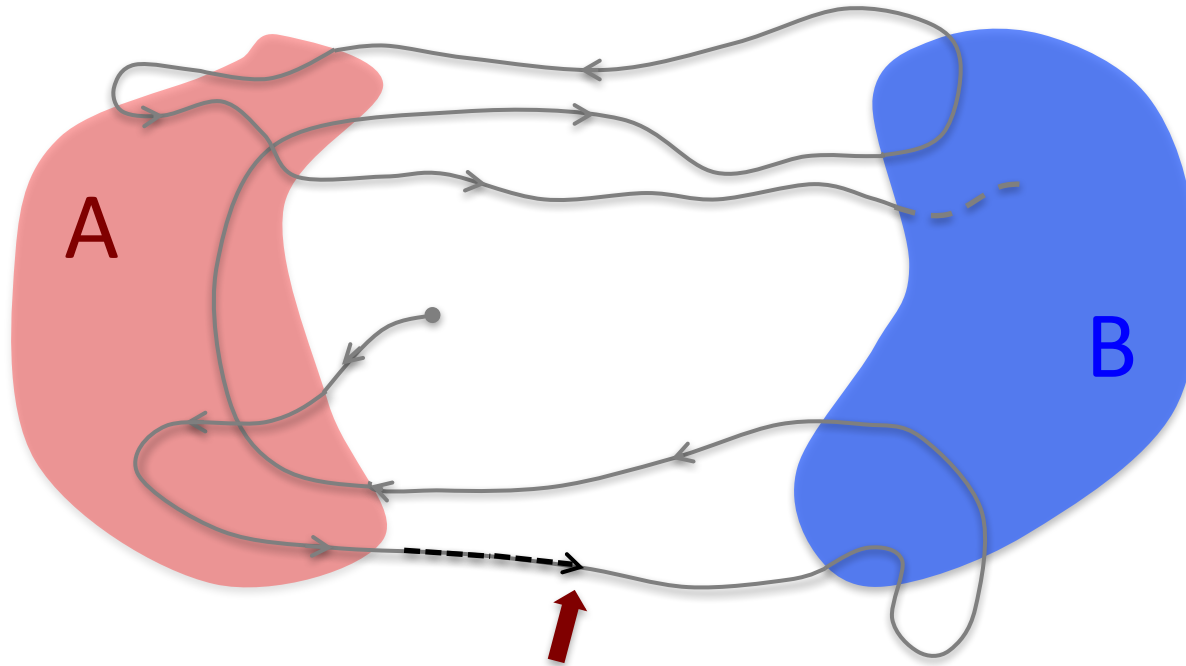
With sufficient history (color) information we get

- Unbiased thermodynamics (populations)
- Unbiased MFPT ($\tau \rightarrow 0$)

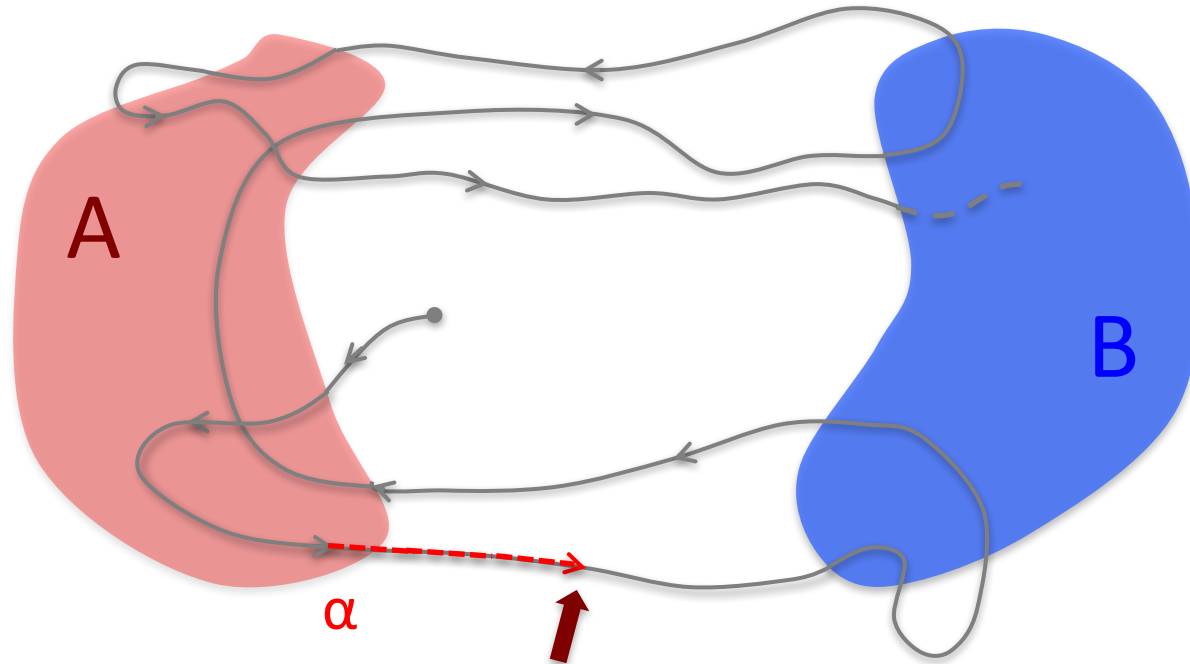
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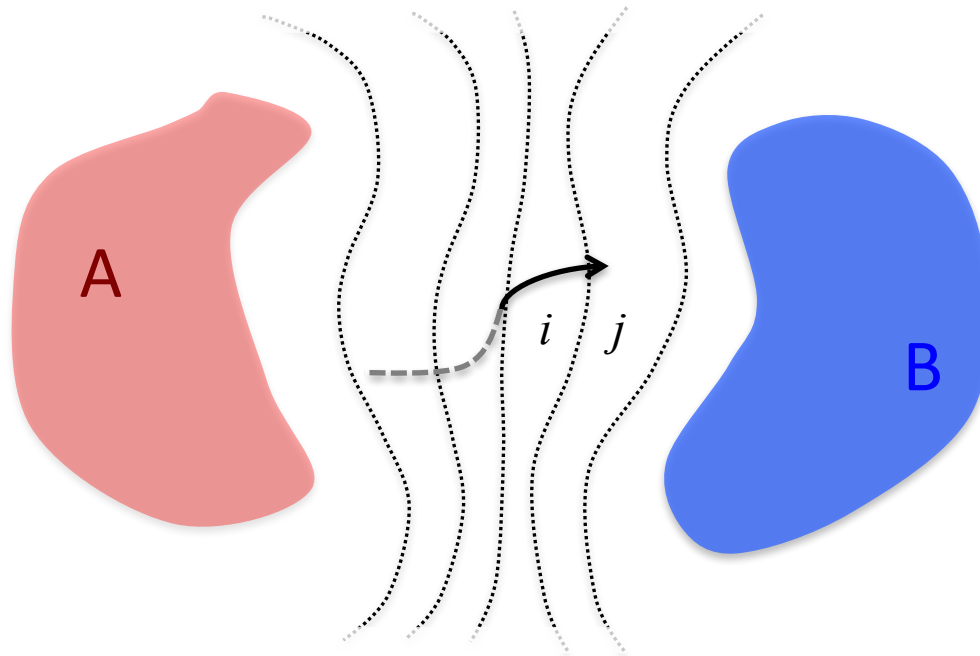
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Other non-Markovian Analyses

Markov + Color

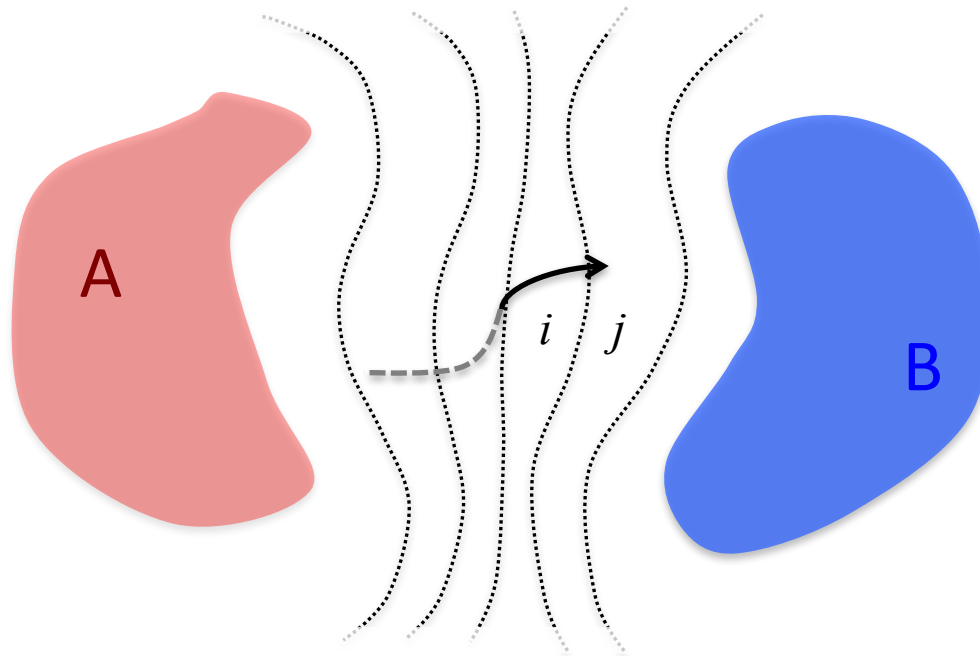
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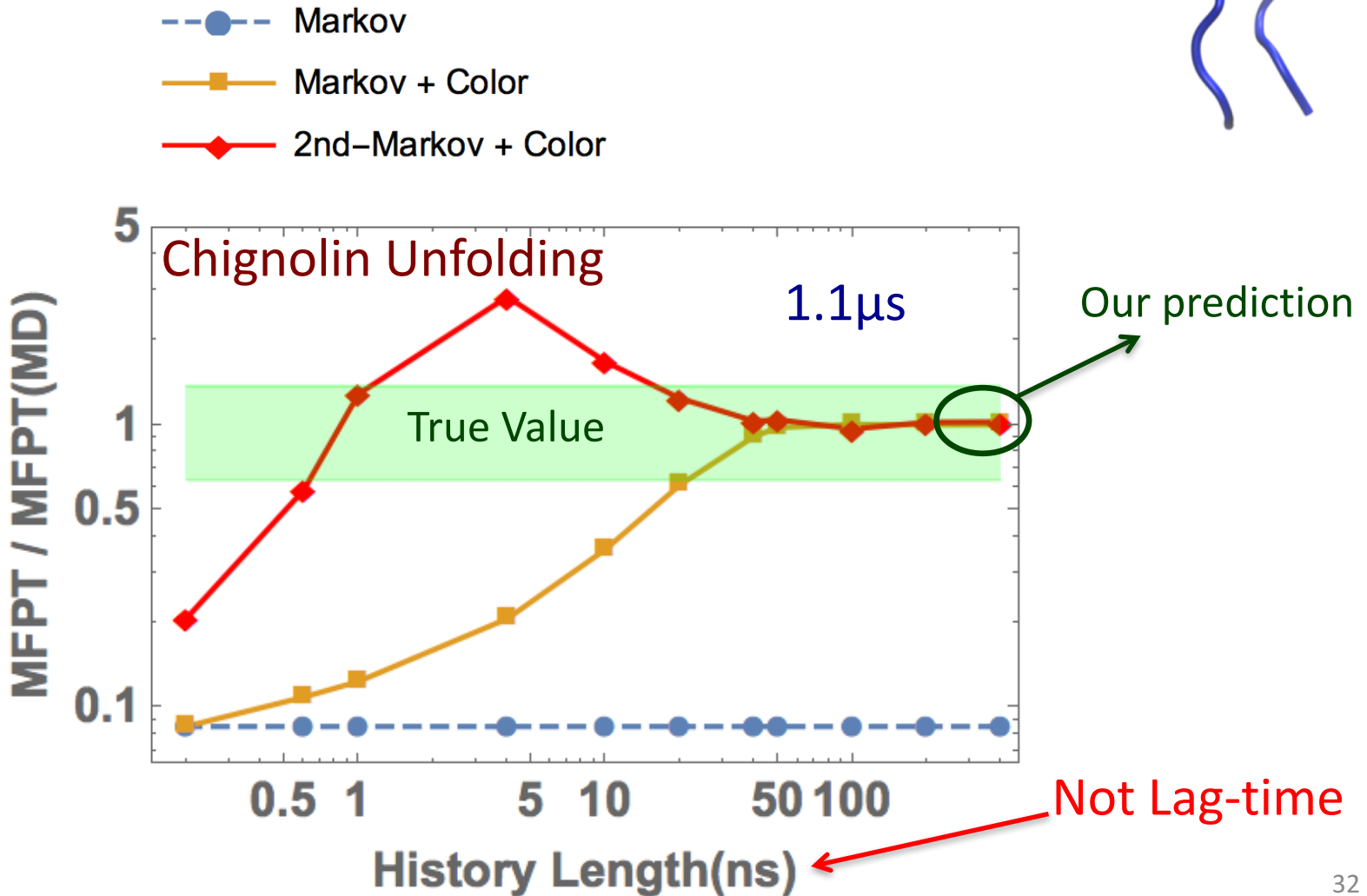
Other non-Markovian Analyses

2nd Order Markov + Color

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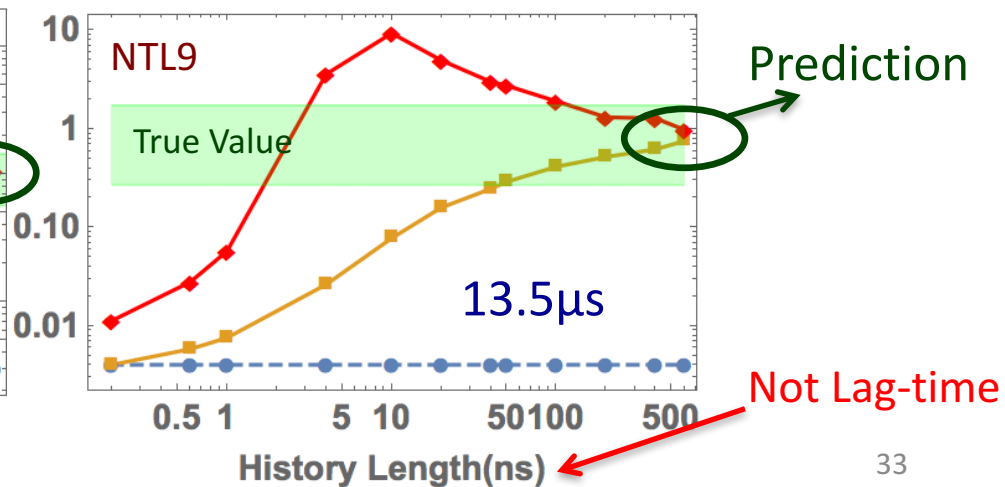
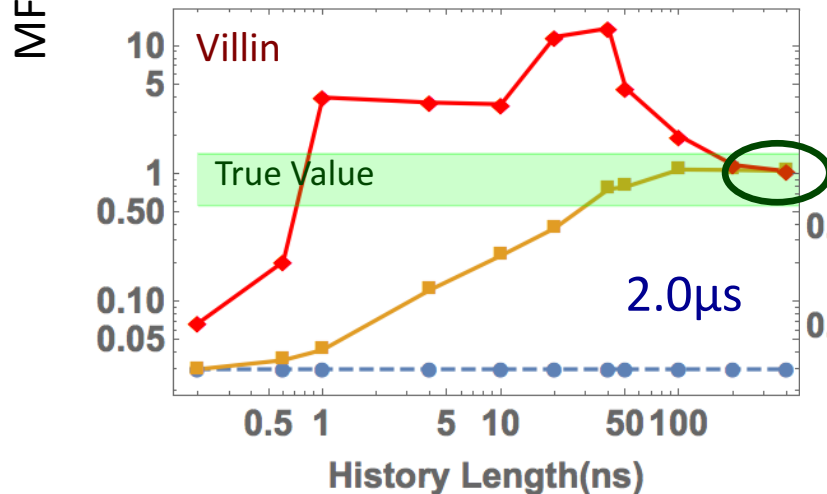
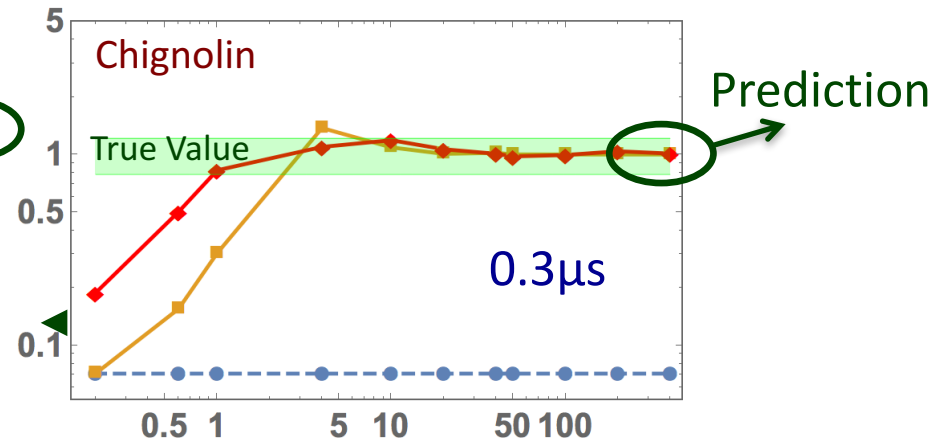
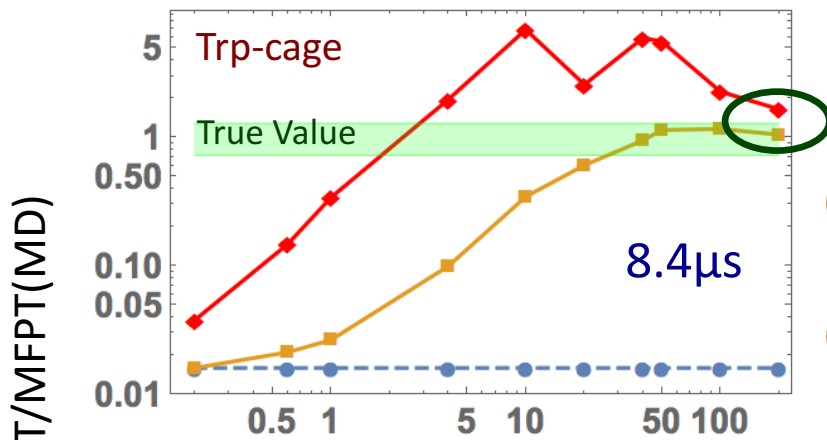
Non-Markovian Analyses



Non-Markovian Analyses (Folding)

- Markov
- Markov + Color
- ◆--- 2nd-Markov + Color

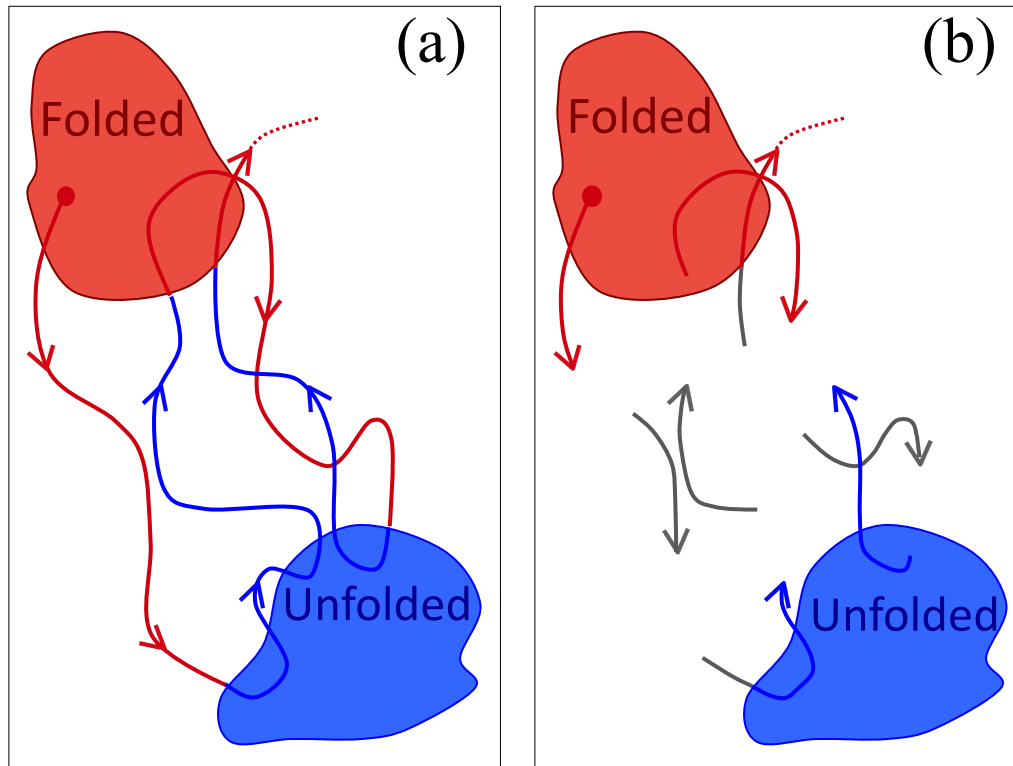
MSMBuilder States



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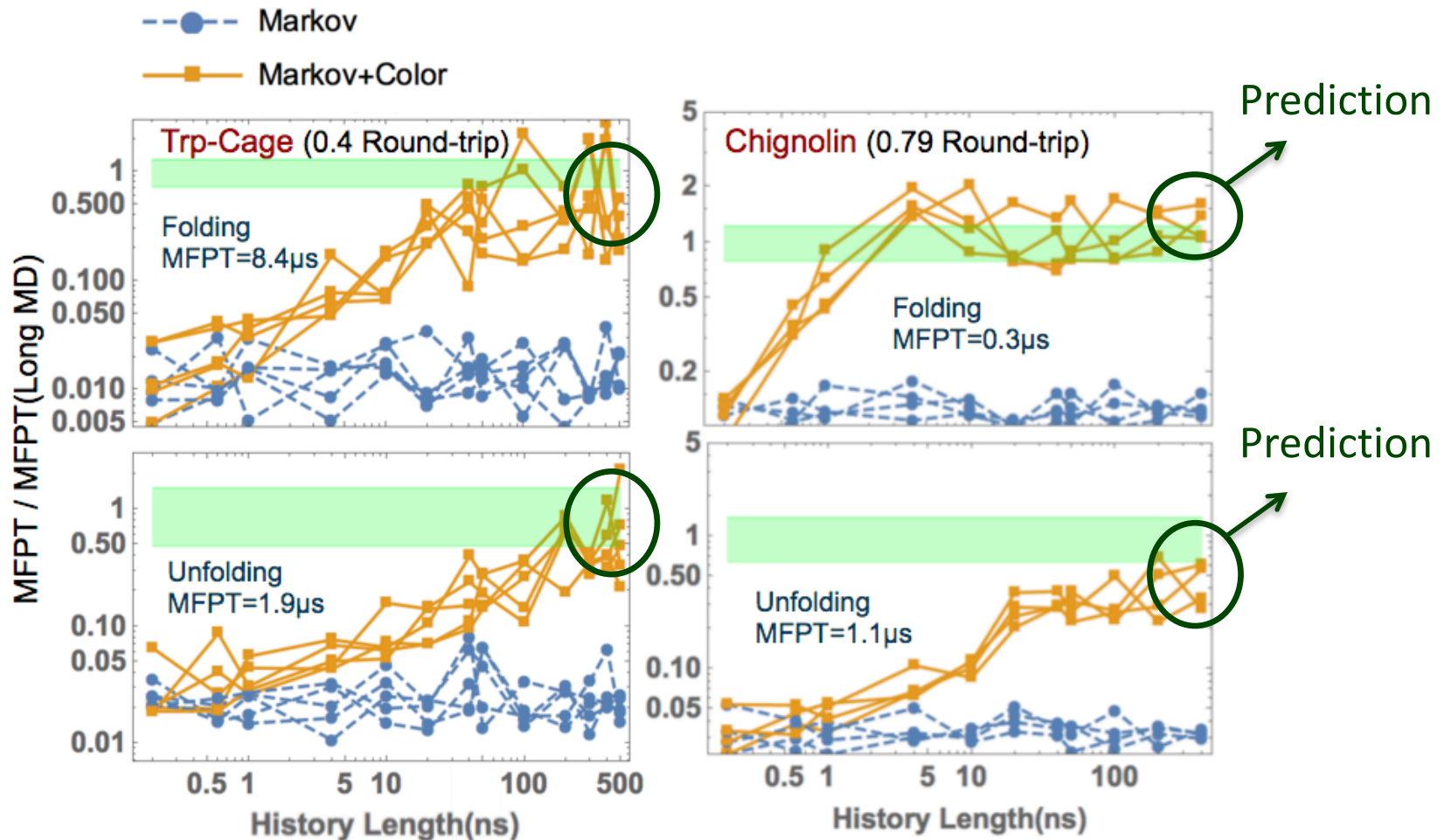
Non-Markovian Analysis

Reducing the amount of Data (< 5%)



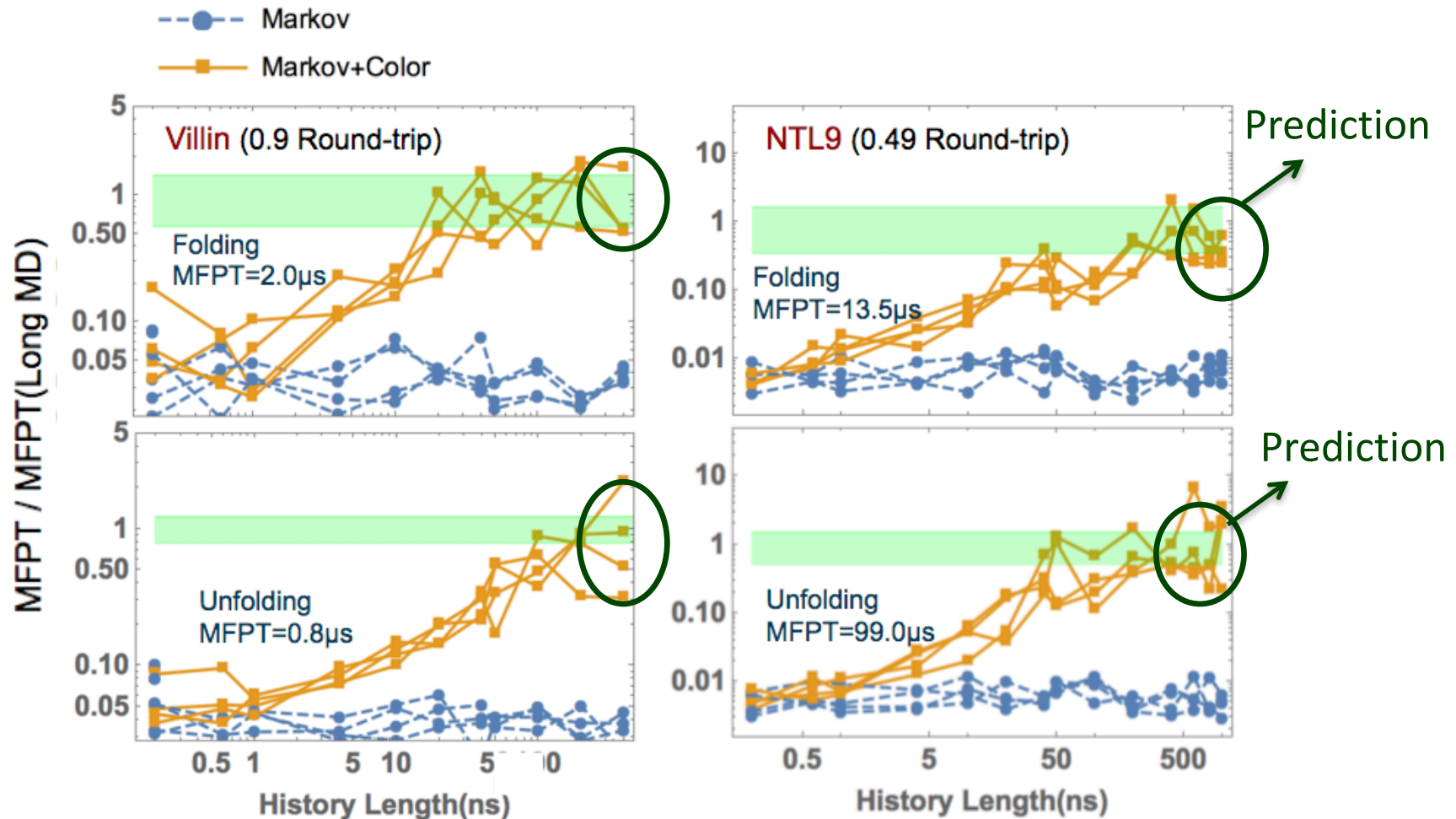
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Reduced data, MSMBuilder States



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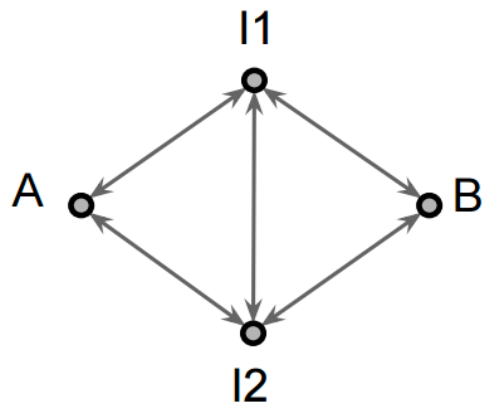


Mechanism

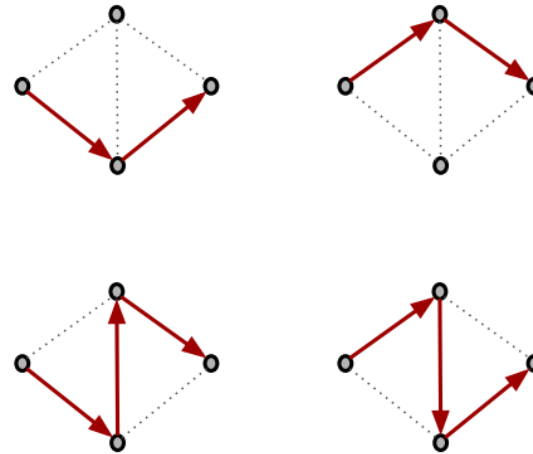
Markov vs Non-Markovian

Mechanism

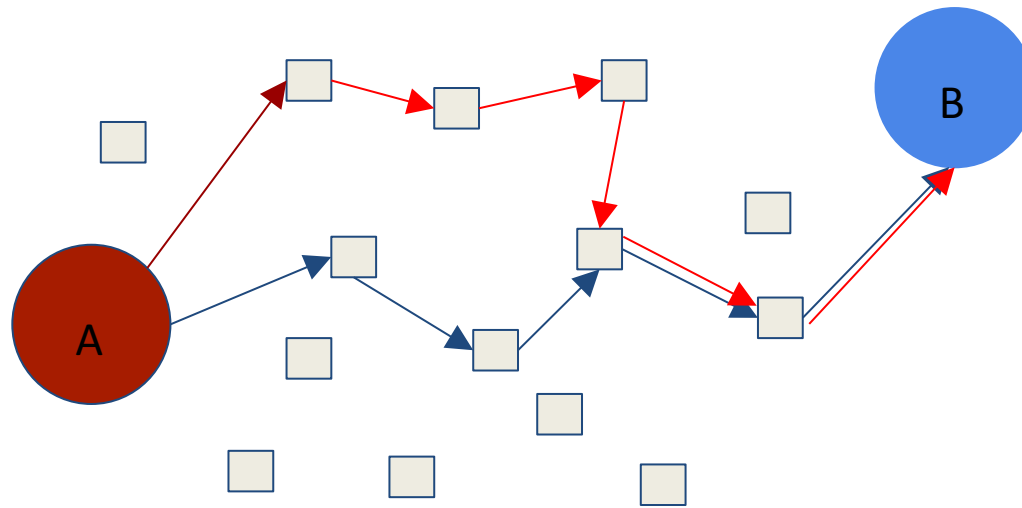
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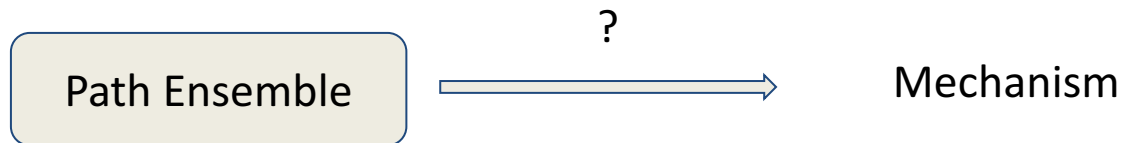
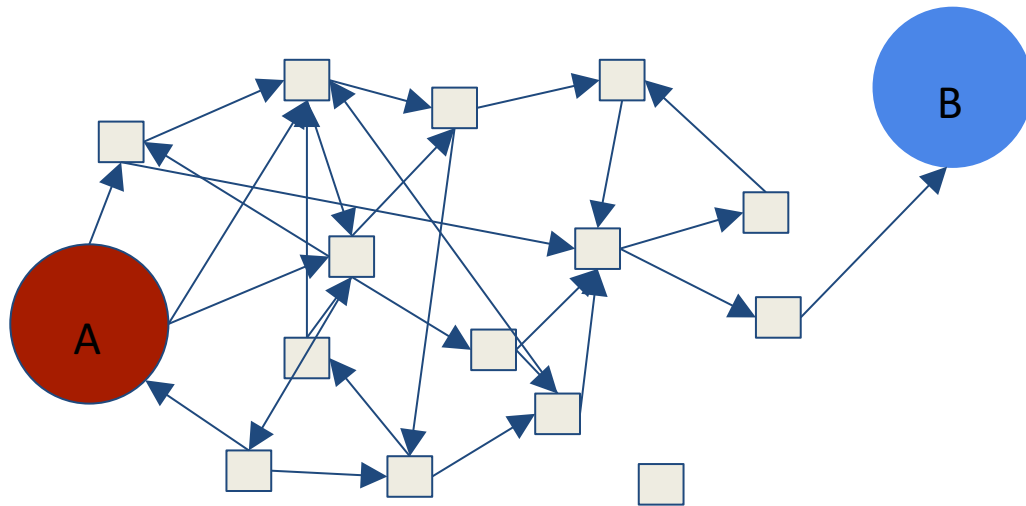


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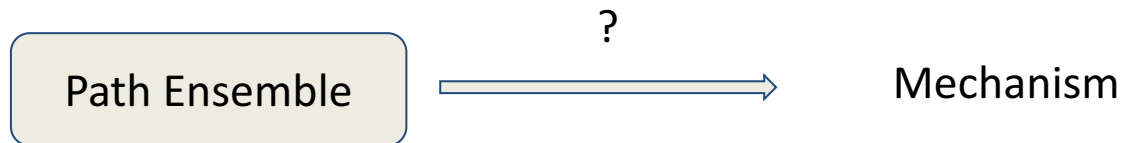
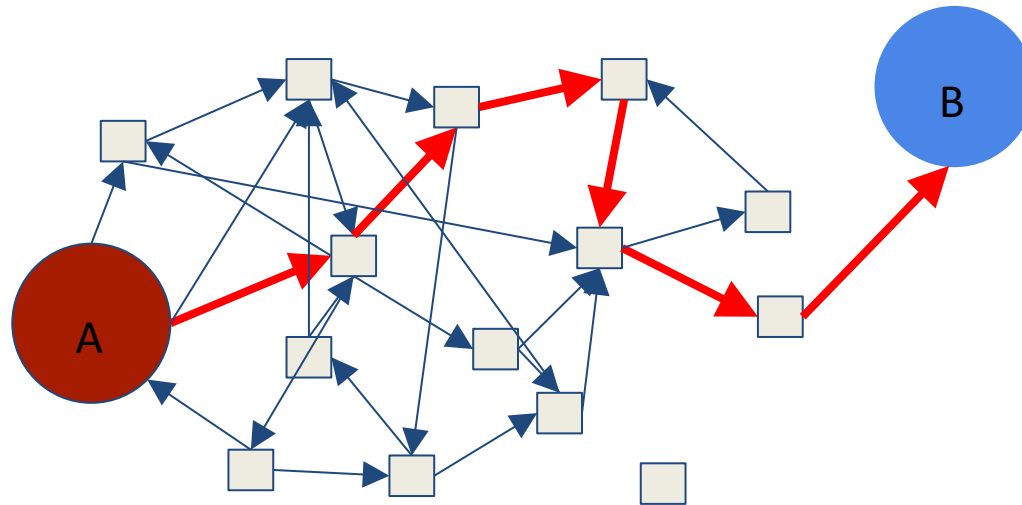


Mechanism

In practice we have...



Mechanism: Fundamental Sequence



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Defining the "backbone" of the path or *fundamental sequence* will allow us to divide the path ensemble in classes using an equivalence relation. Two paths that share the same fundamental sequence belong to the same class.

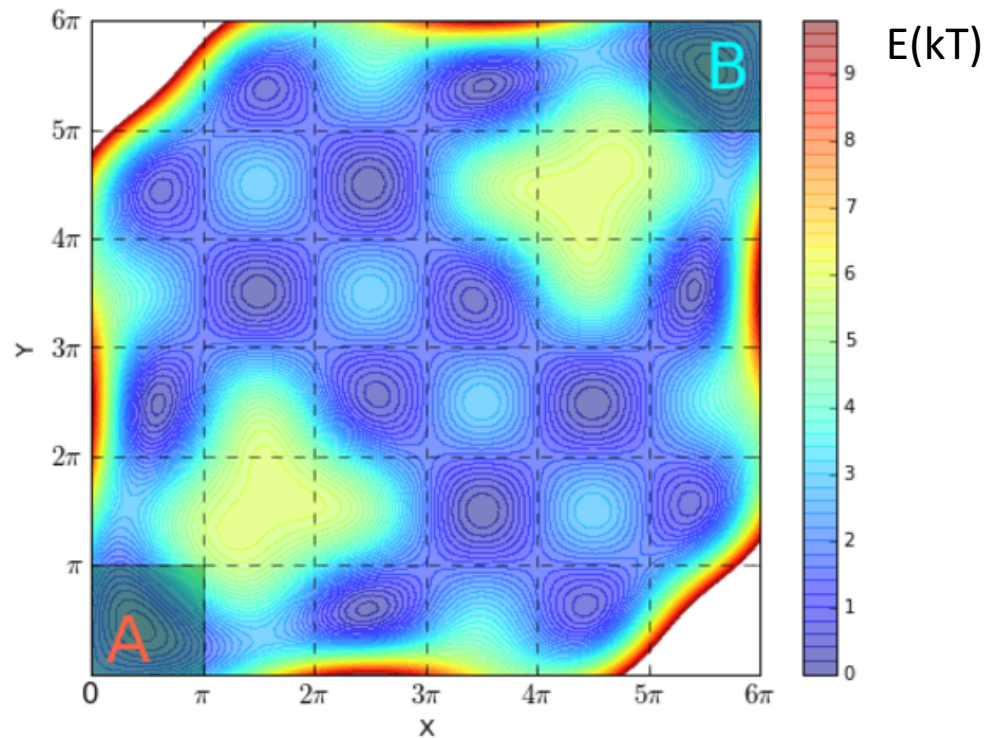
Def.

The fundamental sequence of a path is the most likely sequence that is consistent with the connectivity of the path. The likelihood is maximized in both directions.

$$\text{FS}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{q} \in \Gamma(G)} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathbf{q}|-1} -\log(k_{q_i, q_{i+1}} k_{q_{i+1}, q_i}) \right\}$$

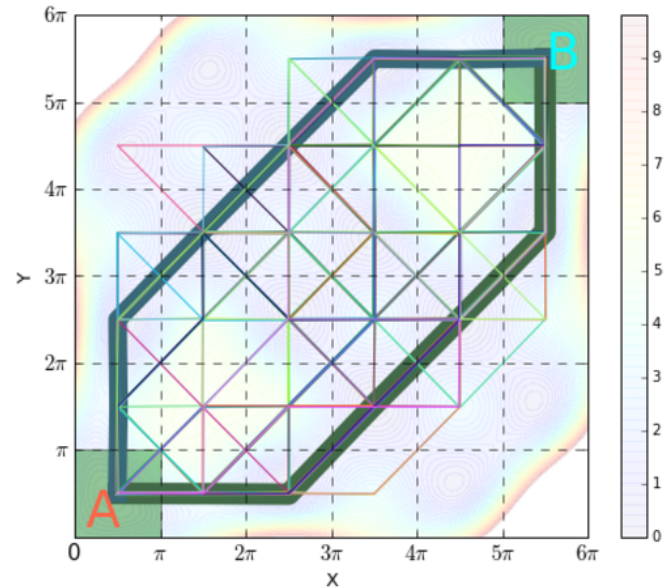
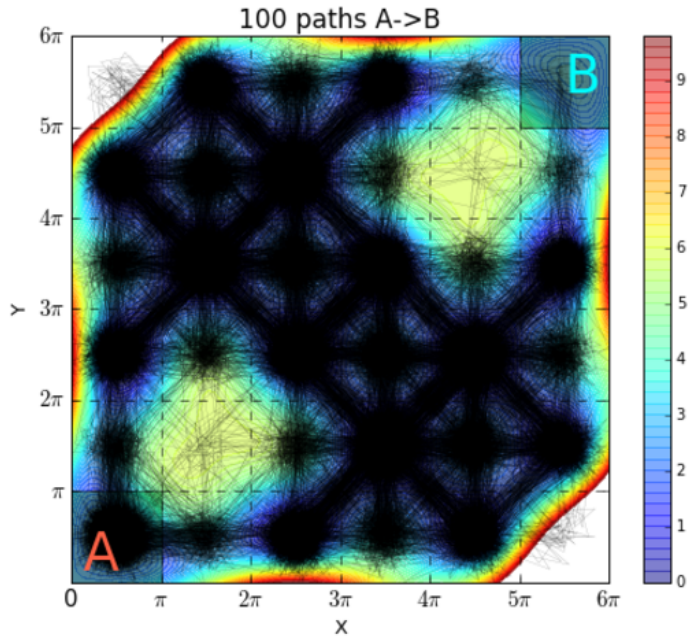
Mechanism: Fundamental Sequence

Example: 2D toy model



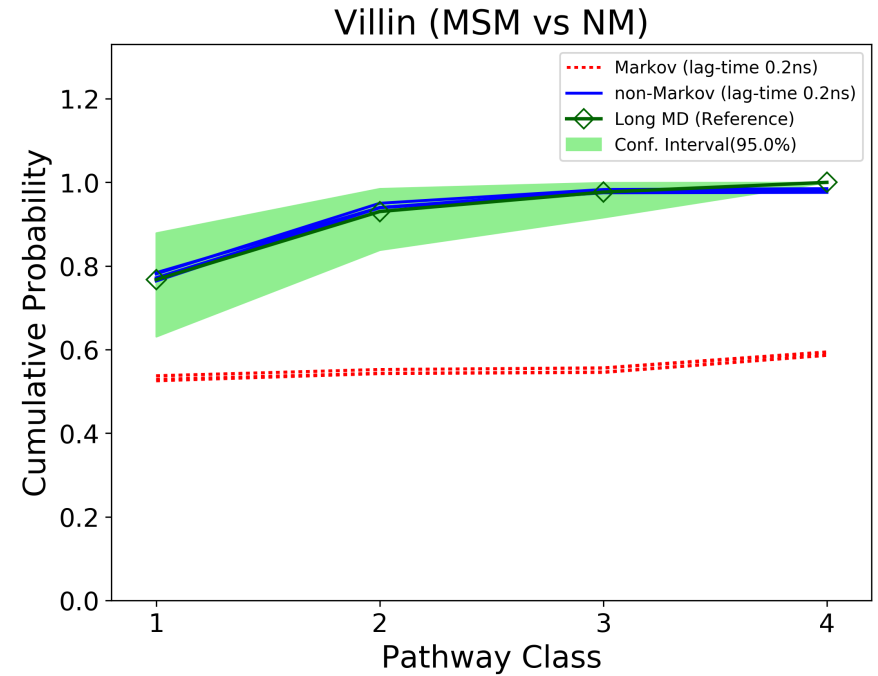
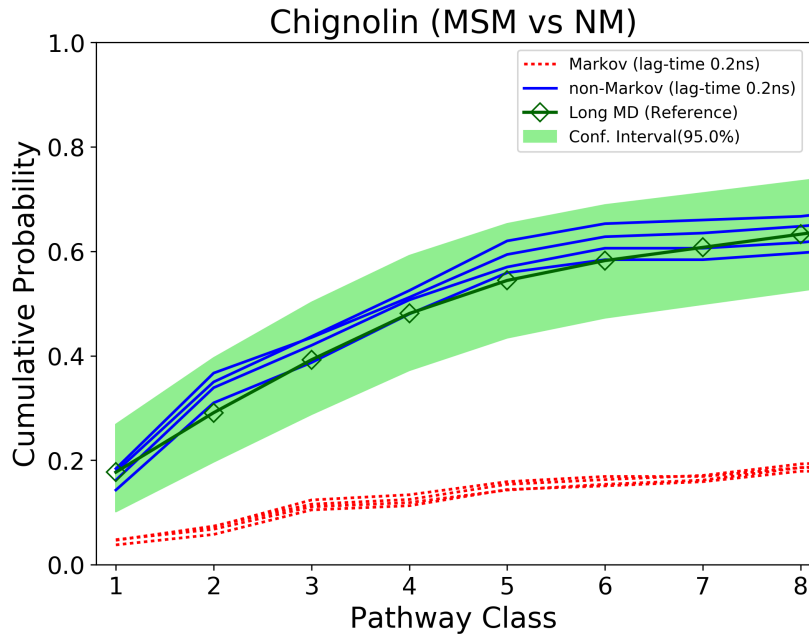
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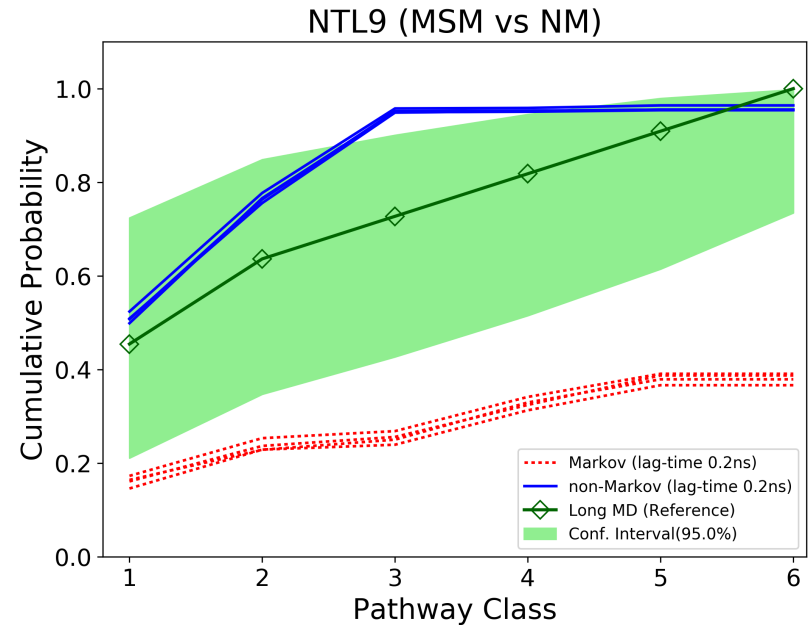
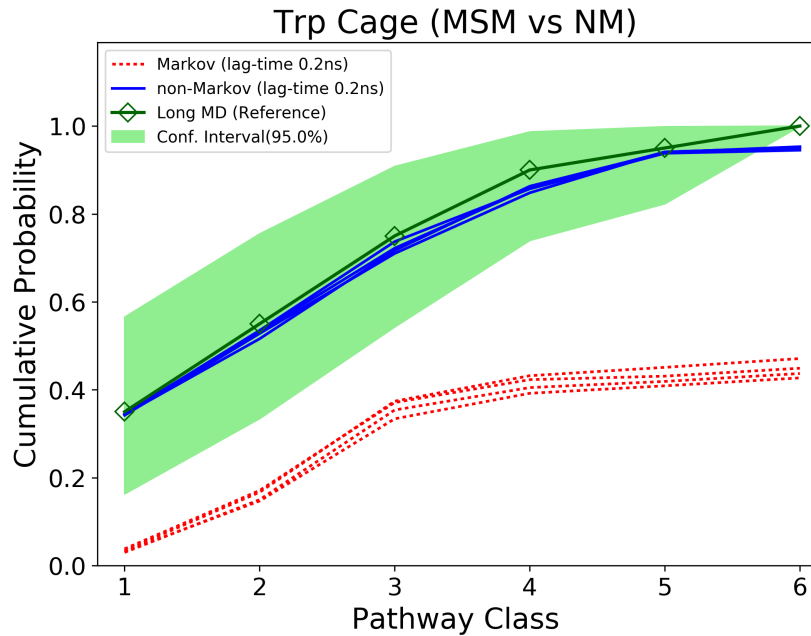
Mechanism: MSM vs NM

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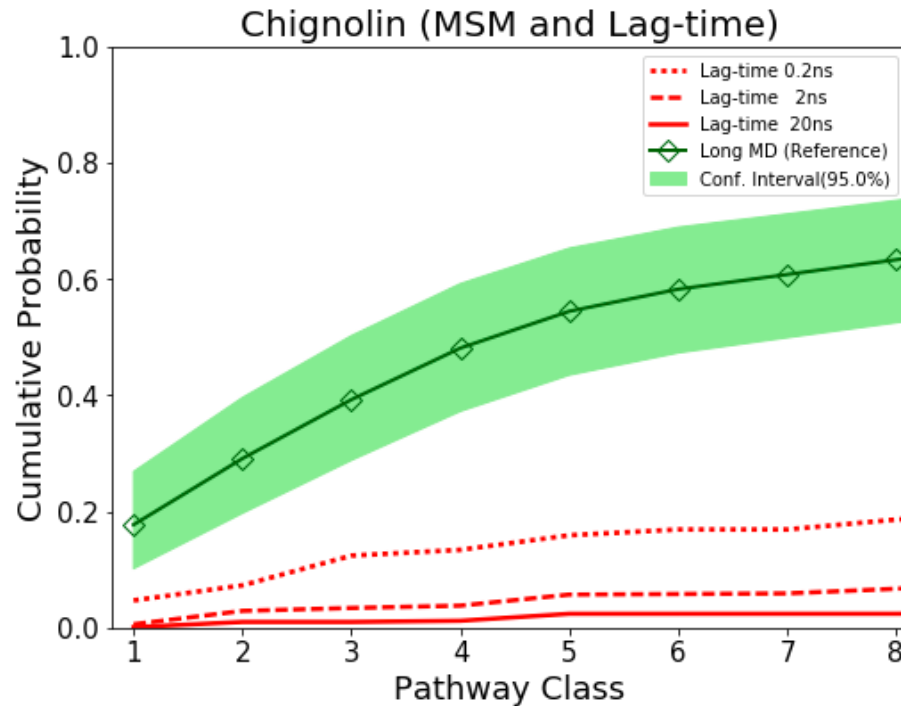
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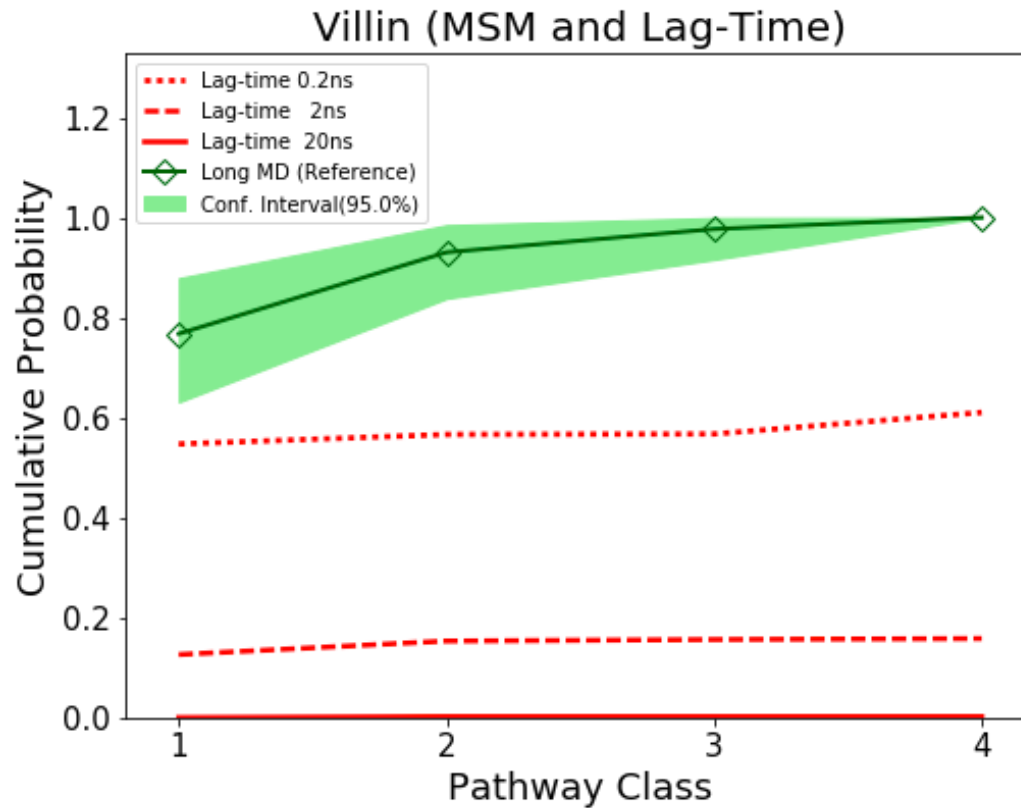
MSM vs Lag-time

Classification based on the FS



MSM vs Lag-time

Classification based on the FS



Conclusions

- The inclusion of color information in the analysis allows us to obtain unbiased MFPTs even when the partition of the space in bins is not optimal.
- In a non-Markovian regime, even with a relatively small amount of history (available in most of the MD simulations), we can improve dramatically the estimation of the MFPTs with respect to regular Markov Models.
- We can drastically reduce the amount of data and still obtain reasonable results.
- If the history is taken in to account, there is no need of lag-time “optimization”.
- The NM approach drastically outperforms MSM in the description of the mechanism/path ensemble.

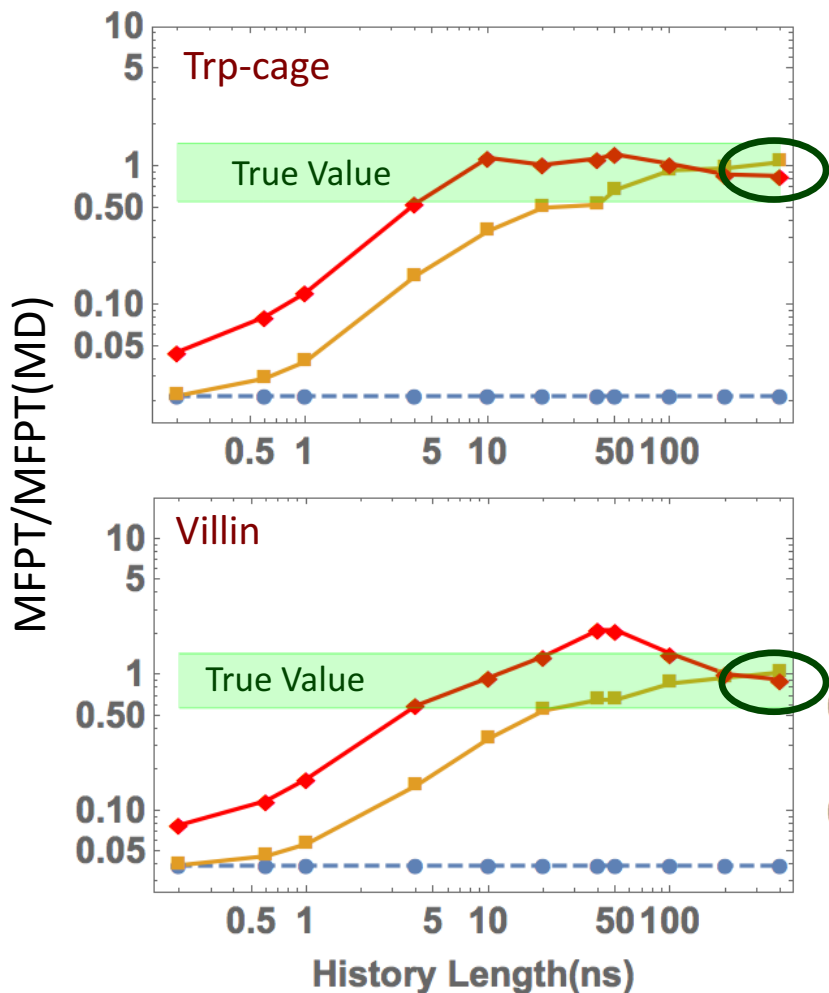
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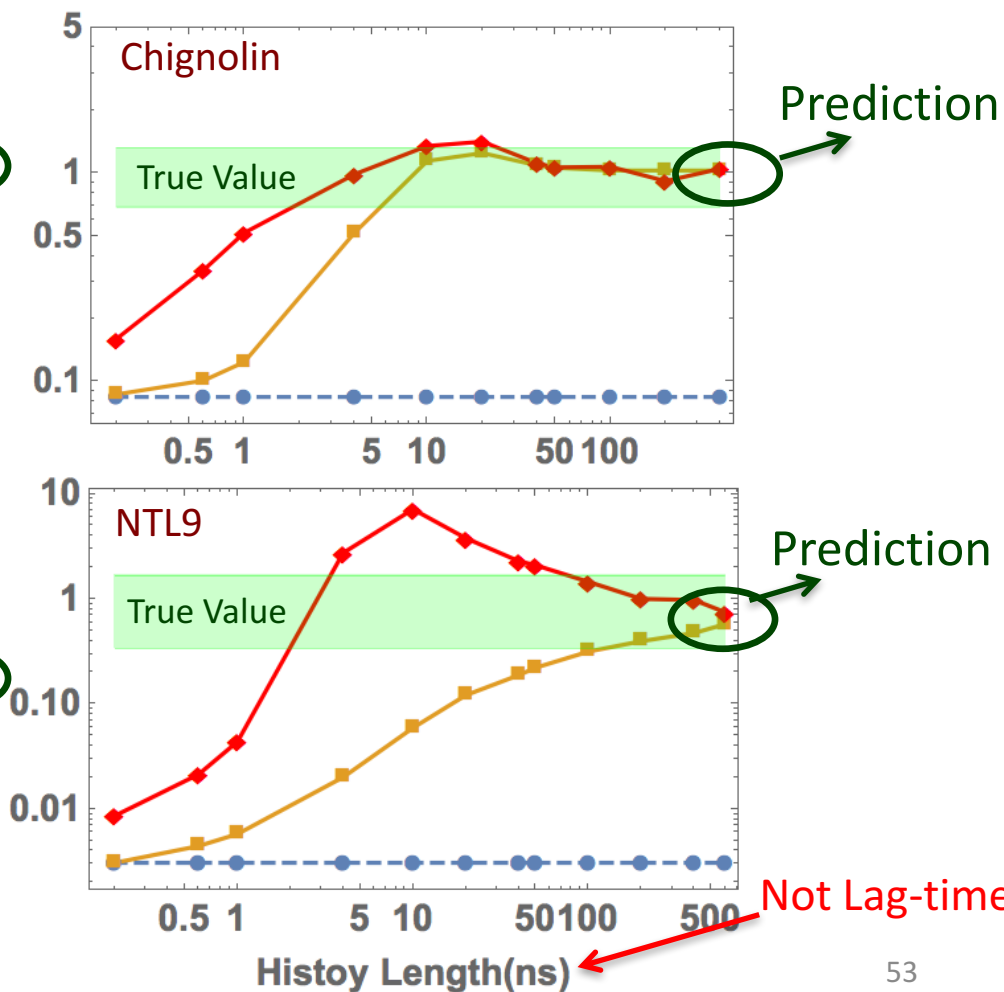
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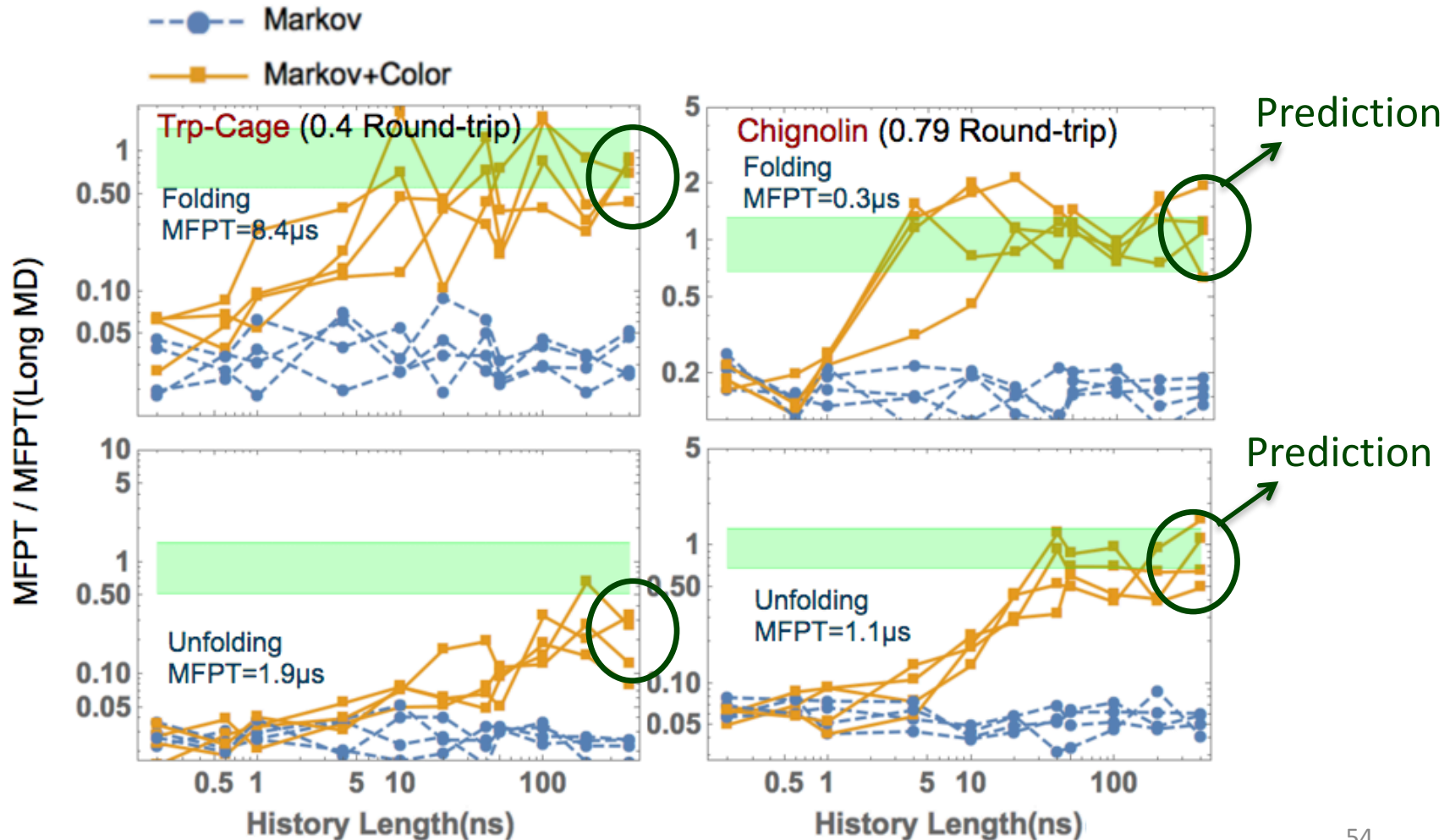


RMSD-based States



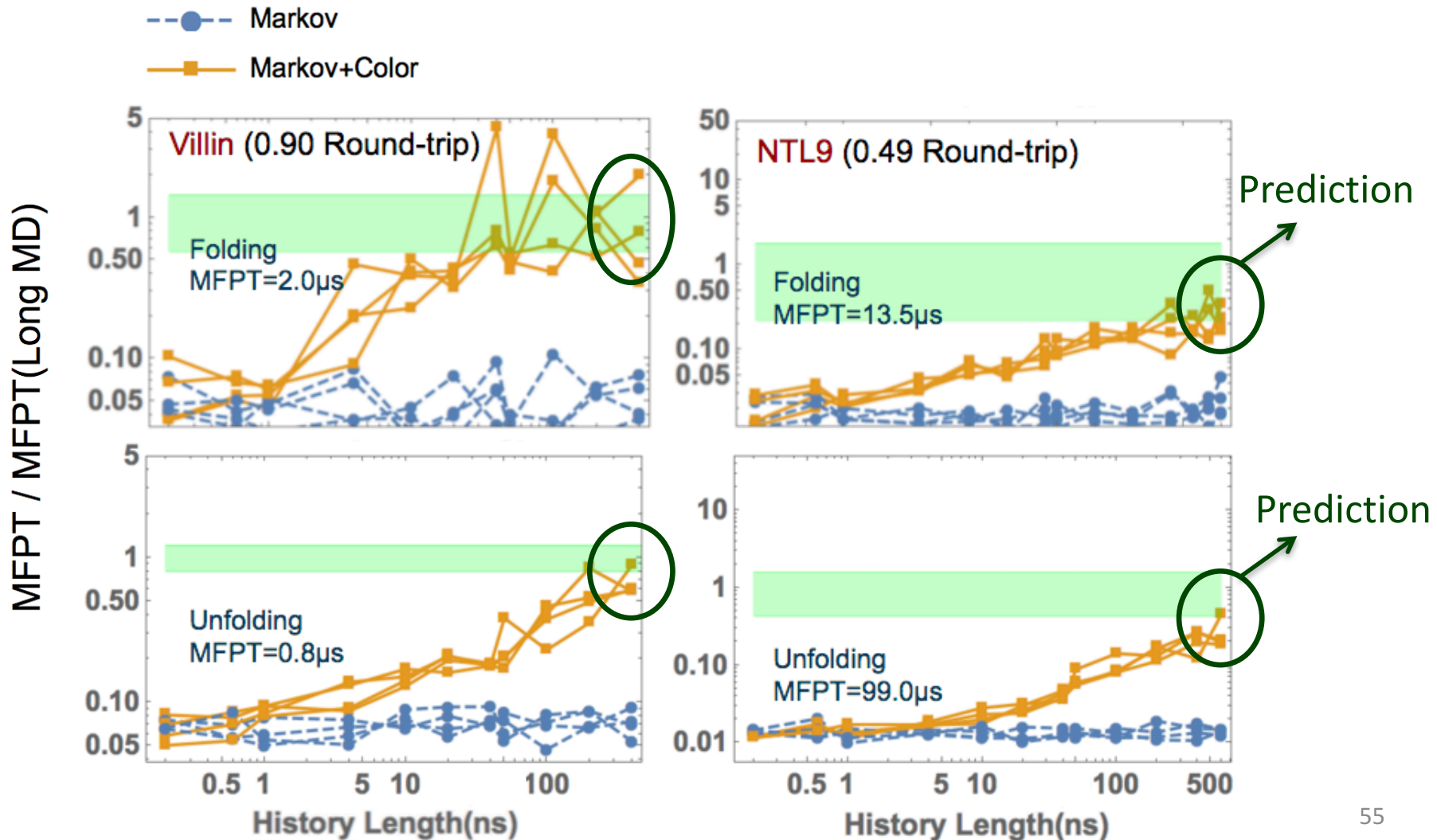
Non-Markovian Analyses

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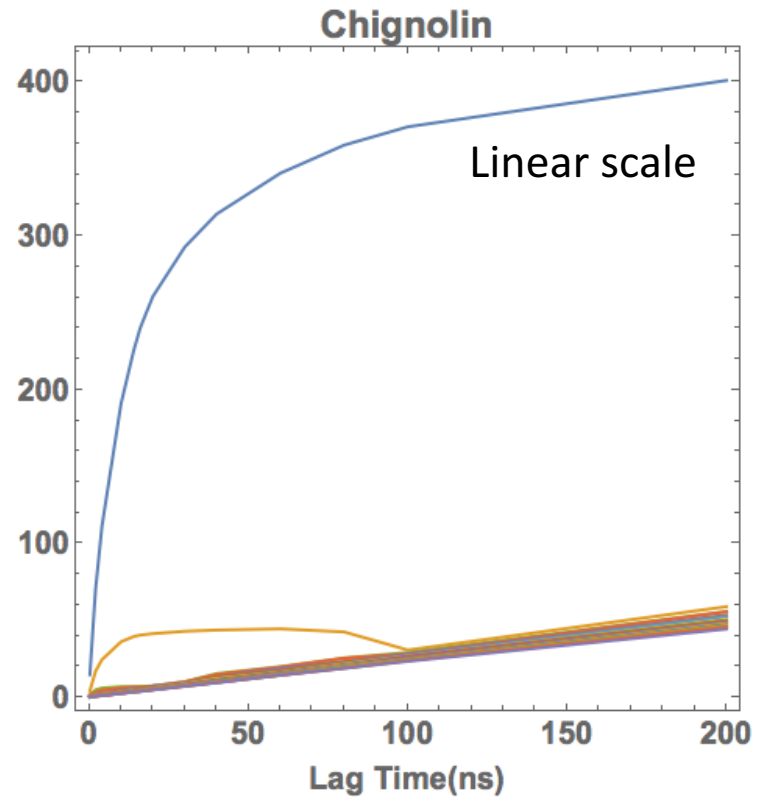
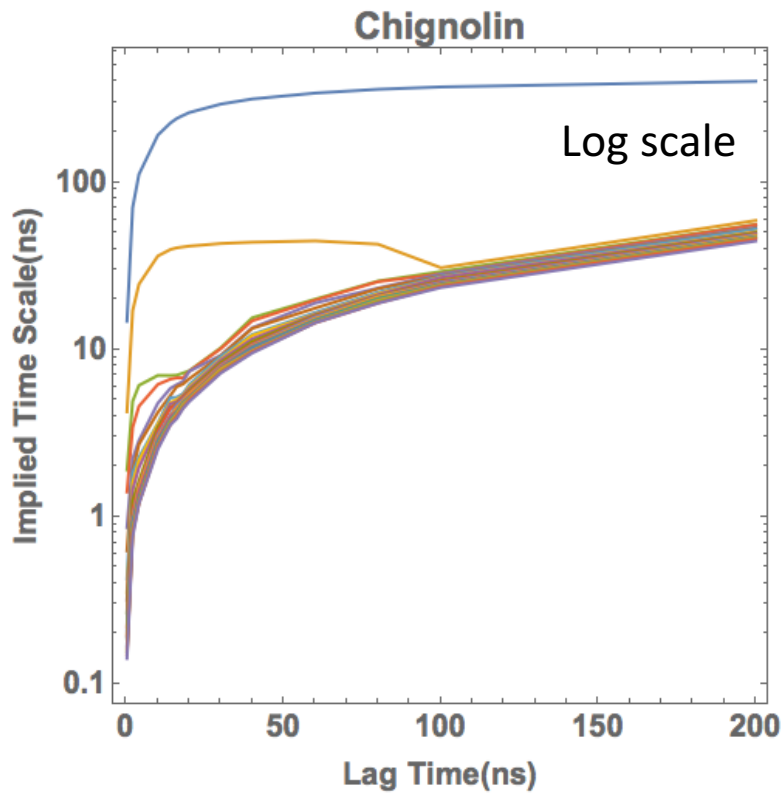
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MSM: Implied time scales

$$t_i = -\frac{\tau}{\ln \lambda_i}$$



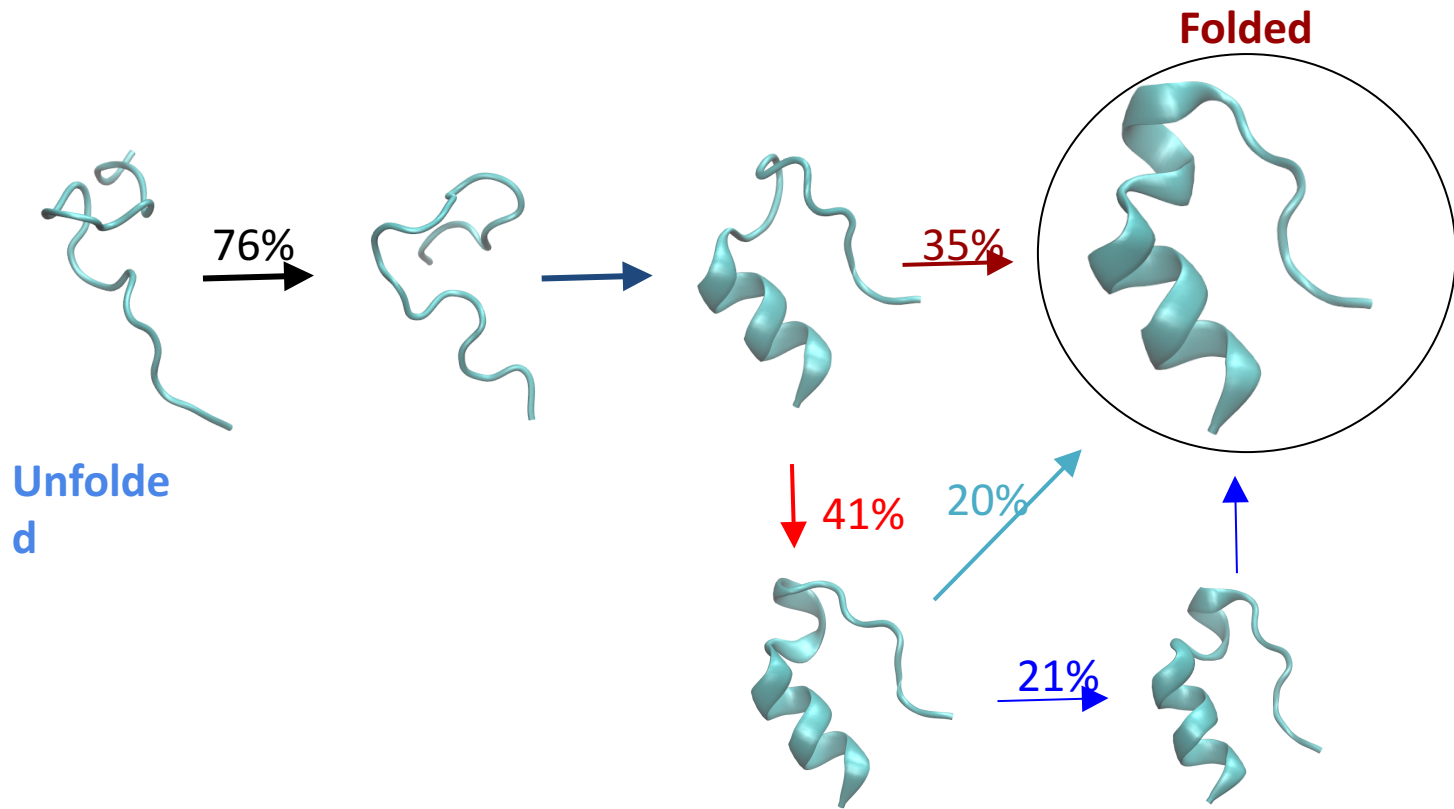
Beyond Markov: Color

$$\mathcal{K}_{ml} = P\{X_{t+\tau} = \left\lceil \frac{l}{2} \right\rceil, L_{t+\tau} = \nu | X_t = \left\lceil \frac{m}{2} \right\rceil, L_t = \mu\}, \mu, \nu = \begin{cases} \alpha, \alpha & \text{if } m, l \text{ are odd} \\ \alpha, \beta & \text{if only } m \text{ is odd} \\ \beta, \alpha & \text{if only } m \text{ is even} \\ \beta, \beta & \text{if } m, l \text{ are even} \end{cases}$$

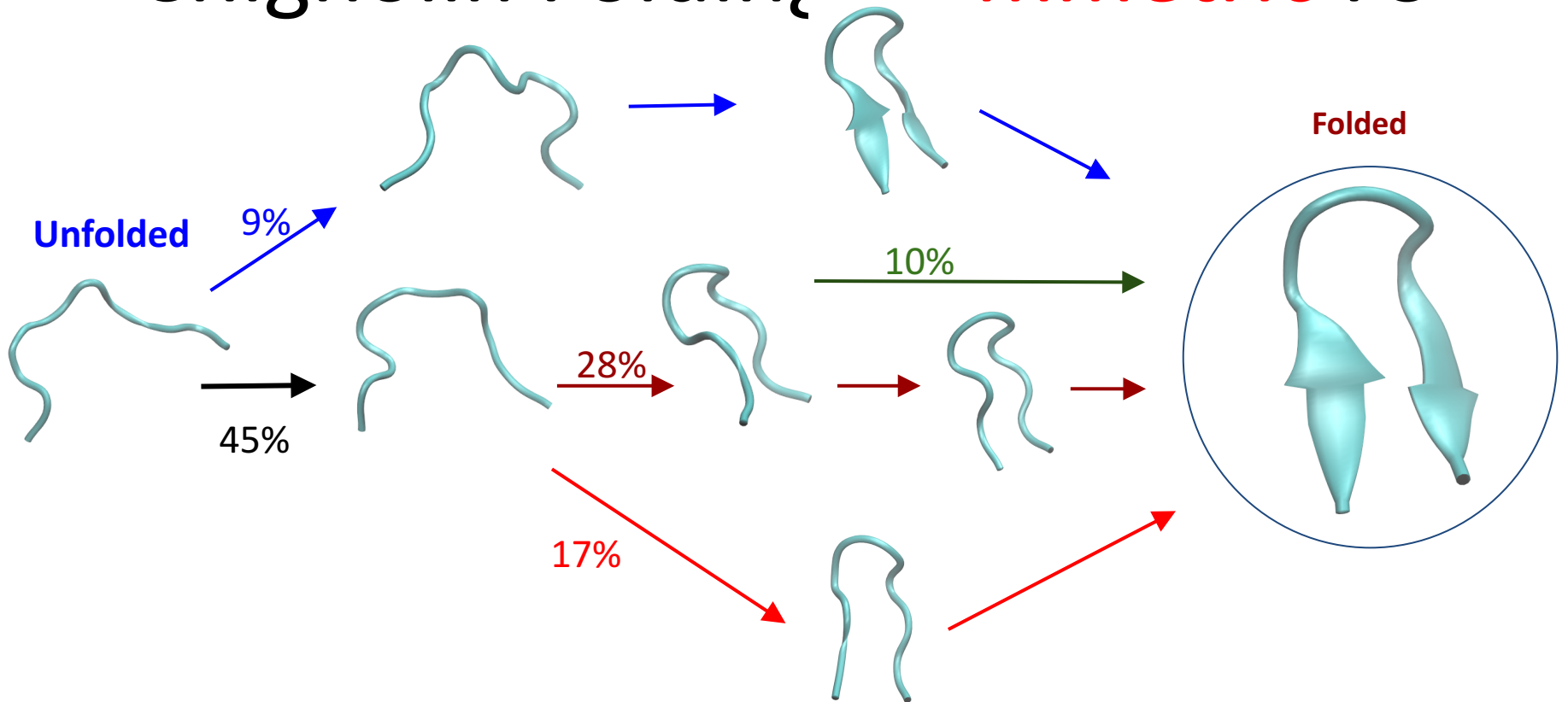
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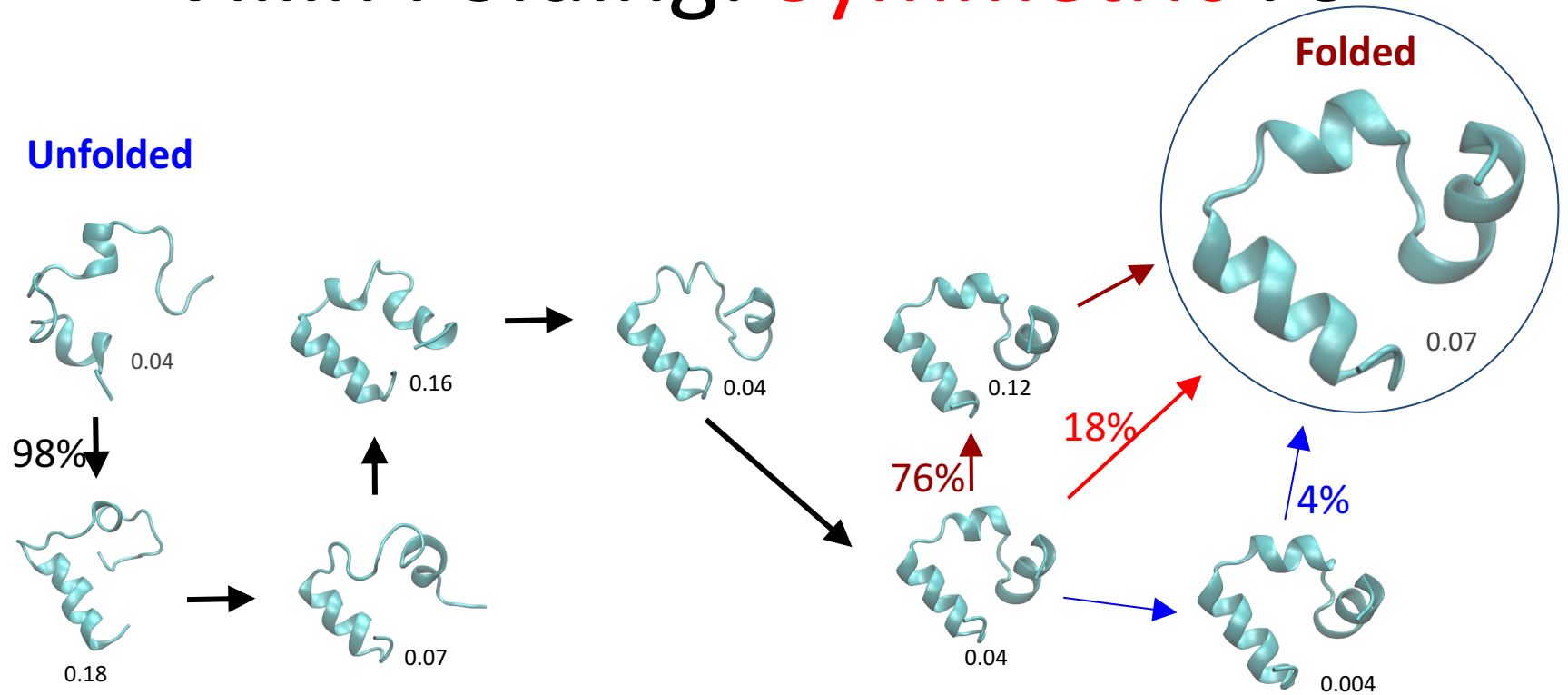
Trp-cage Folding: **Symmetric** FS



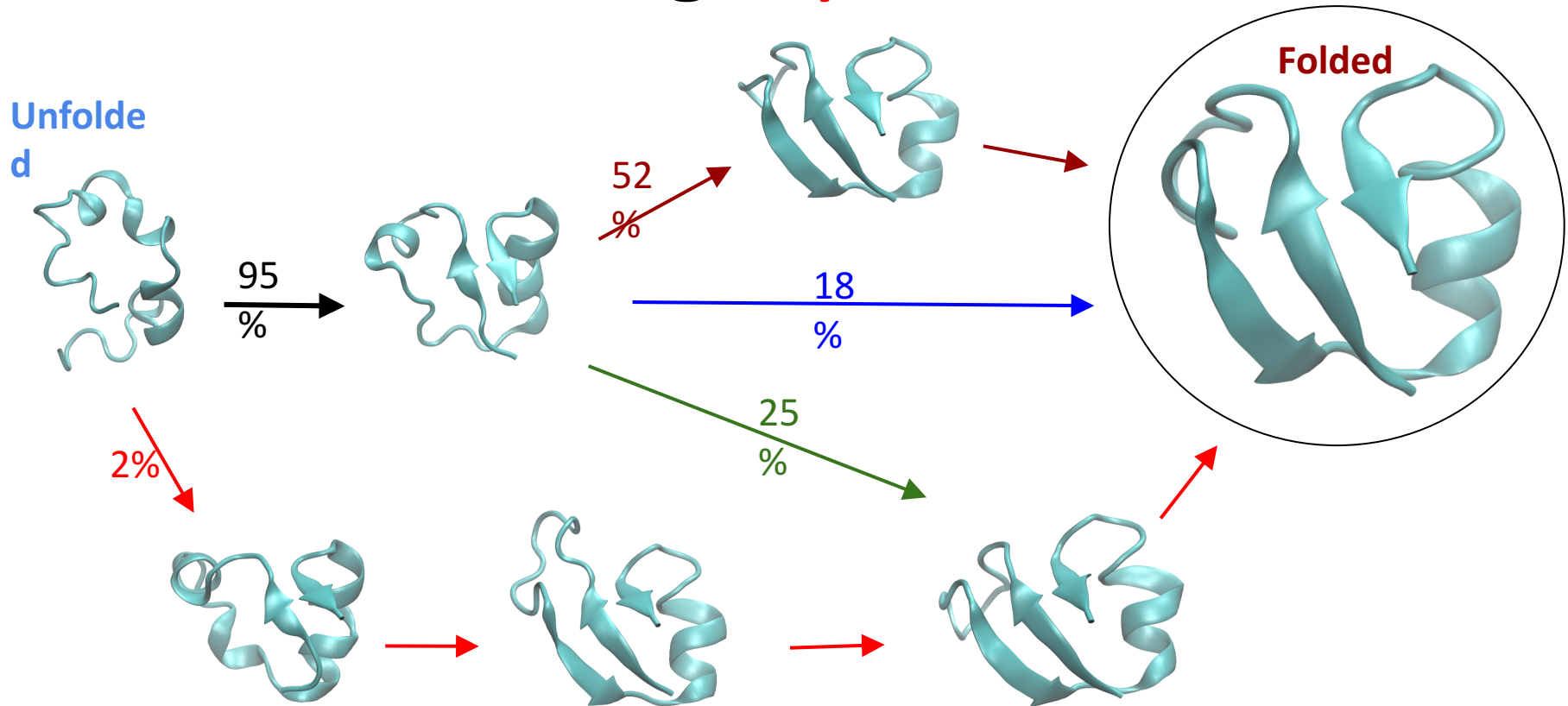
Chignolin Folding: **Symmetric** FS



Villin Folding: **Symmetric** FS



NTL9 Folding: **Symmetric FS**

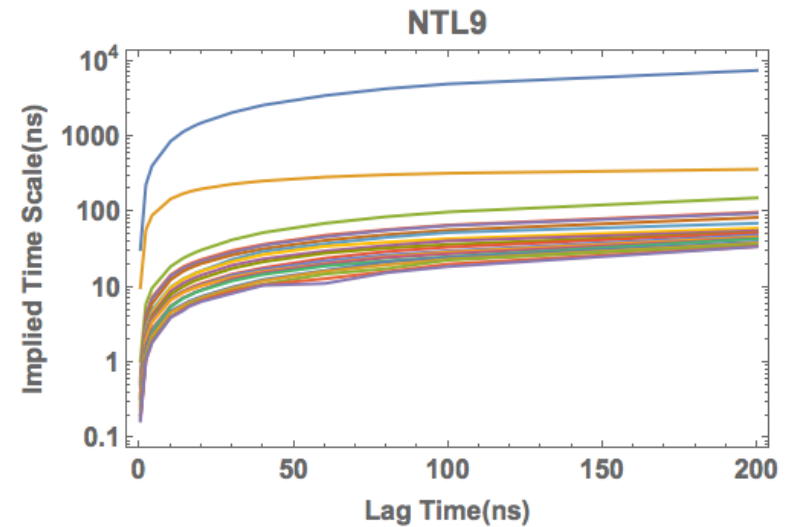
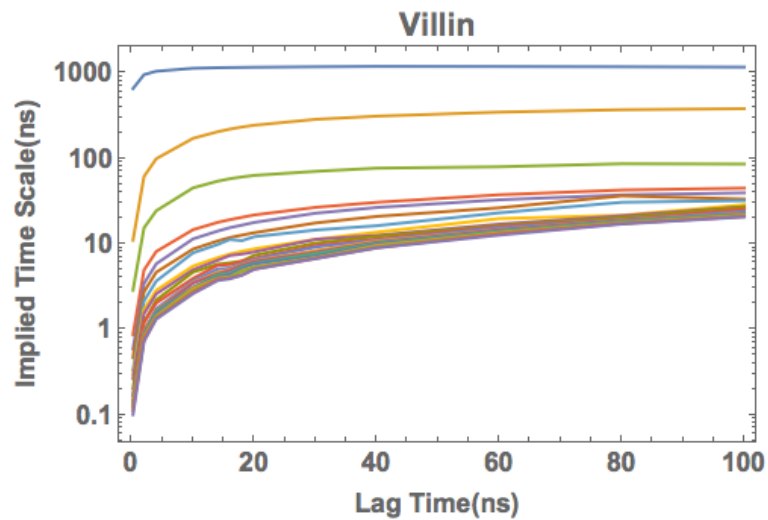
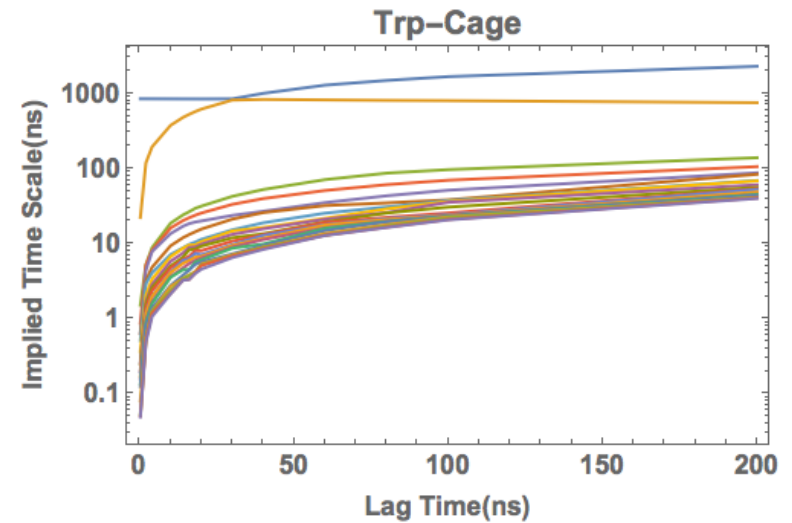
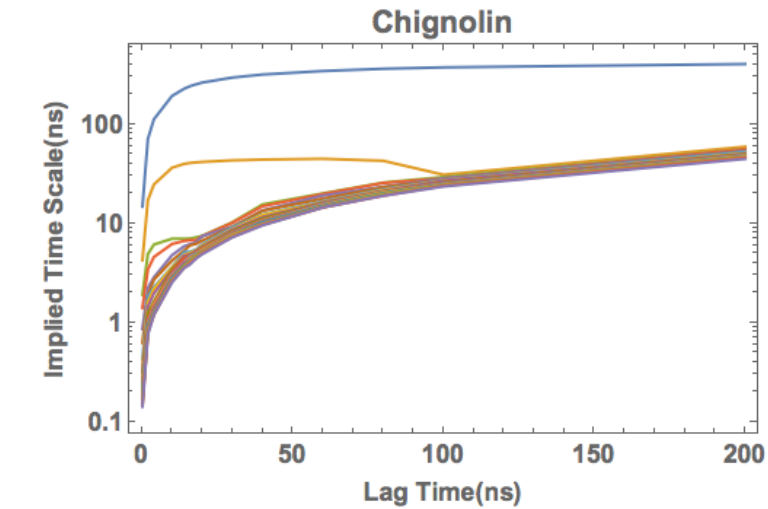


Protein models

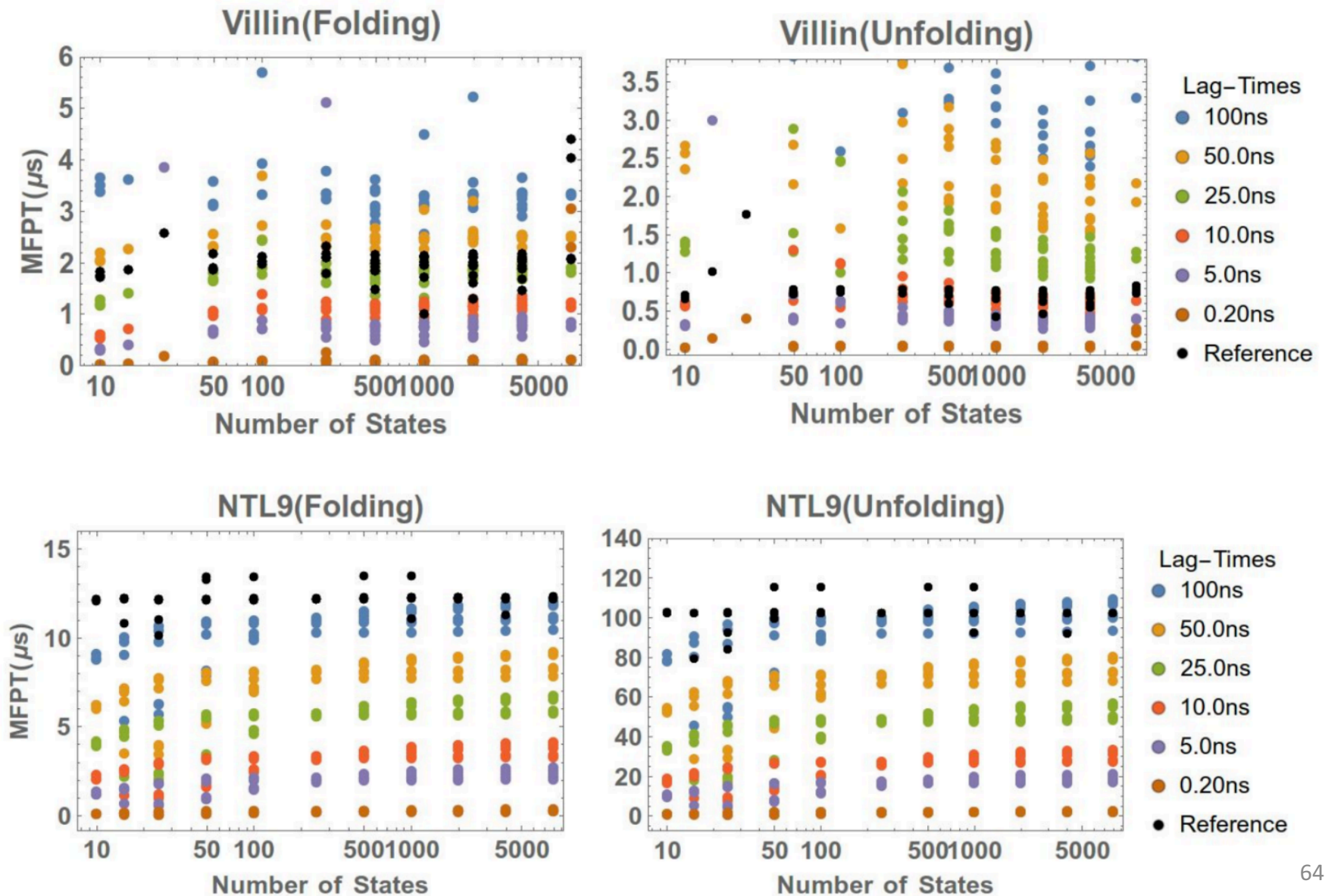
Table 1: Protein models used for Markovian and non-Markovian analyses. For each system, the table shows the number of residues, the total simulation time used in the analysis and the state definitions based on heavy-atom RMSD with respect to the folded structure whose protein data bank code (PDB ID) is given in the last column.

Protein	Num. Residues	Time(μs)	RMSD (Folded)	RMSD (Unfolded)	Reference Structure (PDB ID)
Chignolin	10	106	$< 1.10\text{\AA}$	$> 7.00\text{\AA}$	5AWL
Trp-cage	20	208	$< 1.75\text{\AA}$	$> 10.0\text{\AA}$	2JOF
NTL9	39	1100	$< 1.50\text{\AA}$	$> 10.0\text{\AA}$	2HBA
Villin	35	125	$< 1.50\text{\AA}$	$> 11.0\text{\AA}$	2F4K

Implied time scales

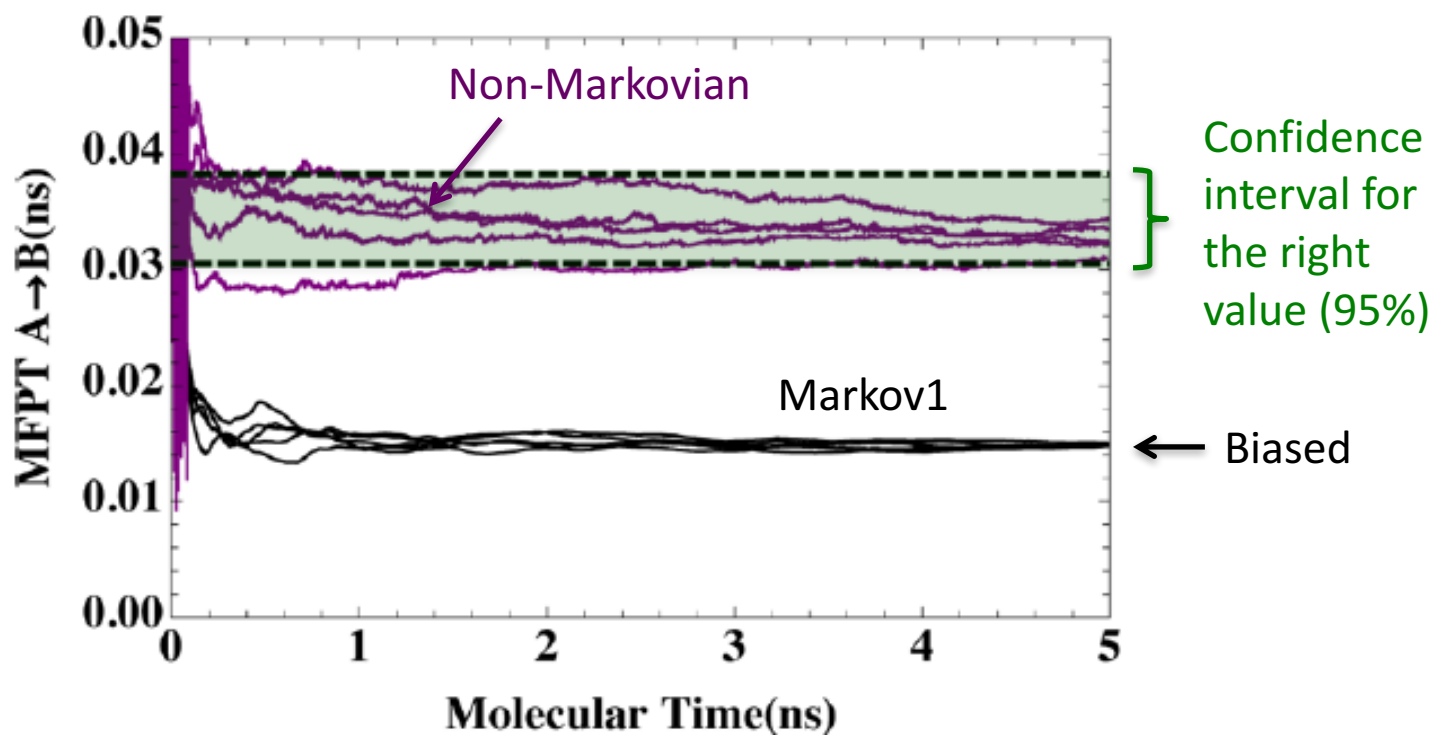


Markov State Models



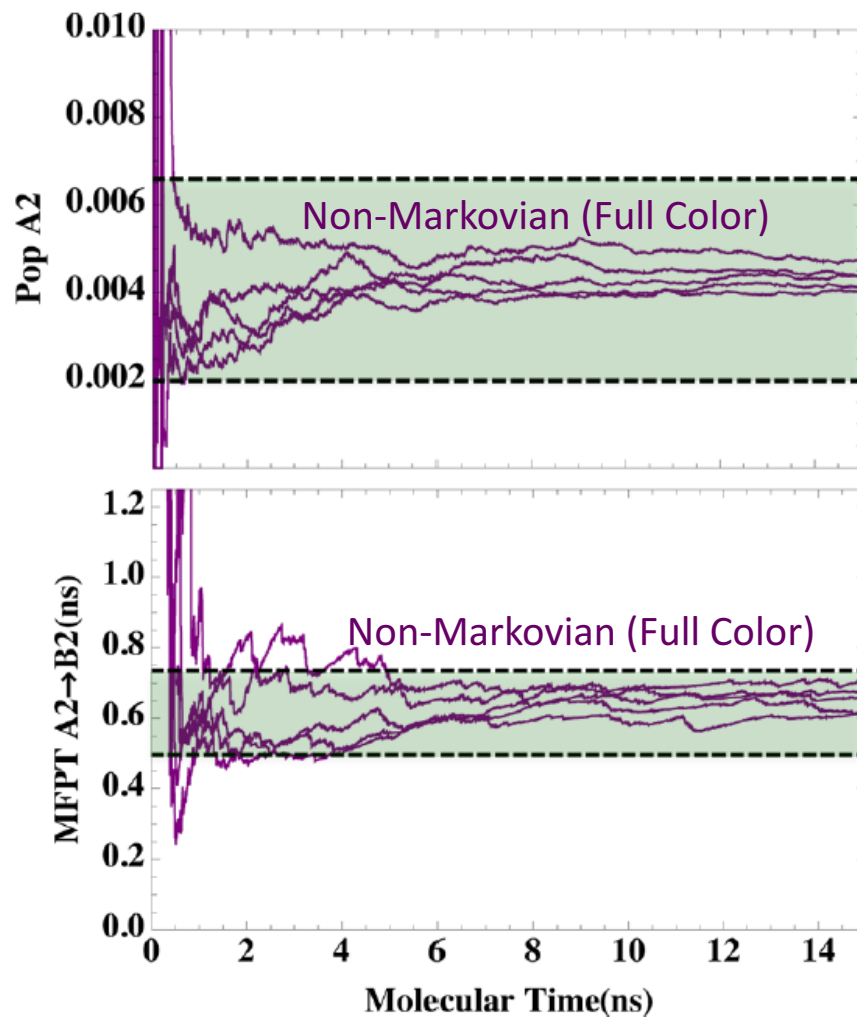
Example: Methane/Methane

Dissociation process, 5 independent WE simulations.



Example: Ala4

5 independent WE simulations.



Ala4

First passage time distribution

