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研究成果の概要(和文)：本研究ではクライオ電子顕微鏡やX線自由電子レーザーにより得られる少数の画像データから大まかな構造を推定するアルゴリズムを開発した。この手法では既知の生体分子の形に関するデータベースを構築し、その中からインプット画像と一致度の高い構造を選択、提案する。まず、電子顕微鏡データによりこの手法の実現性を検討し、少数の画像から比較的正確に正しい形の情報を選択できることを示した。次に、X線自由電子レーザーデータの解析を高速化するためにGaussian mixture modelで粗視的にモデルを表現する手法を開発した。また、画像比較の精度を高めるために最適な画像領域を自動的に選択する手法を開発した。

研究成果の学術的意義や社会的意義  
 生体分子の構造に関する情報はそれらの機能を理解して医薬などの応用に活用するために重要である。本研究ではデータベースを活用することによりクライオ電子顕微鏡やX線自由電子レーザーによる観測データからターゲットの形を素早く推定するための手法を開発した。

研究成果の概要(英文)：In this project, we have been developing new efficient approaches to find 3D biological shapes from a few EM or XFEL images to serve as a starting point for further data analyses. In this approach, databases of known molecular shapes are assembled and numerical algorithms are used to identify the shapes that are consistent with a few query images. We had first developed the protocol for using EM real space images as inputs to test the feasibility of the approach. We showed that a small number of images can be sufficient as query images to identify similar 3D shapes. Then we have been developing algorithms to use XFEL diffraction patterns as inputs. Since simulations of XFEL diffraction patterns is time-consuming, we have developed a new approach to use Gaussian mixture model to model the structure. We have also the algorithms to automatically identify the region with strong information in the diffraction patterns to identify matches.

研究分野：Computational Biophysics

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### 1. 研究開始当初の背景

Developments of X-ray free-electron laser (XFEL) light sources offer a new possibility for imaging biological systems. Its extremely strong X-ray laser allows imaging of biological systems without crystallization and therefore it could be applied to a wider variety of systems under various physiological conditions. In addition, such a strong light enables “single shot” imaging, i.e., one pulse of photons can obtain the image of “damage free” samples. Currently sub- $\mu\text{m}$  systems are actively studied, and one recent example is “live cell imaging”, in which a whole bacterial cell in solution was observed (Nishino, et. al. Nature Comm. 2014). In these experiments, typically a few good diffraction patterns can be used to determine shapes and inside densities of the samples. The measured diffraction intensity is the “absolute square” of the Fourier transform of the electron density (complex numbers). Thus, to reconstruct the real image of the sample through inverse Fourier transform, the phase for each diffraction point needs to be computationally estimated. However, current procedure for phase recovery is not straightforward. If the procedure is not successful, the real image cannot be obtained, or the results are unreliable. Especially, biological systems have weak X-ray diffraction power, and often there are not enough diffraction points to achieve reliable phase recovery.

### 2. 研究の目的

We propose here an alternative hybrid approach that provides an intuitive and discovery driven interface to interpret XFEL diffraction patterns when only a few data are available. The standard approach tries to recover the real image solely from the diffraction data, and it poses difficulty when the diffraction is weak. Here, instead, we pre-compute a large number of hypothetical models and select the models that are in good agreement with the experimental data. We have shown that such an approach can be used to identify conformational transitions of proteins even from very weak diffraction patterns (Tokuhisa et. al., 2016). The goal of this project is to provide an intuitive tool to propose low-resolution models (shapes) that matches XFEL diffraction data, which could be used as an “idea generator” for initial interpretation of XFEL diffraction patterns.

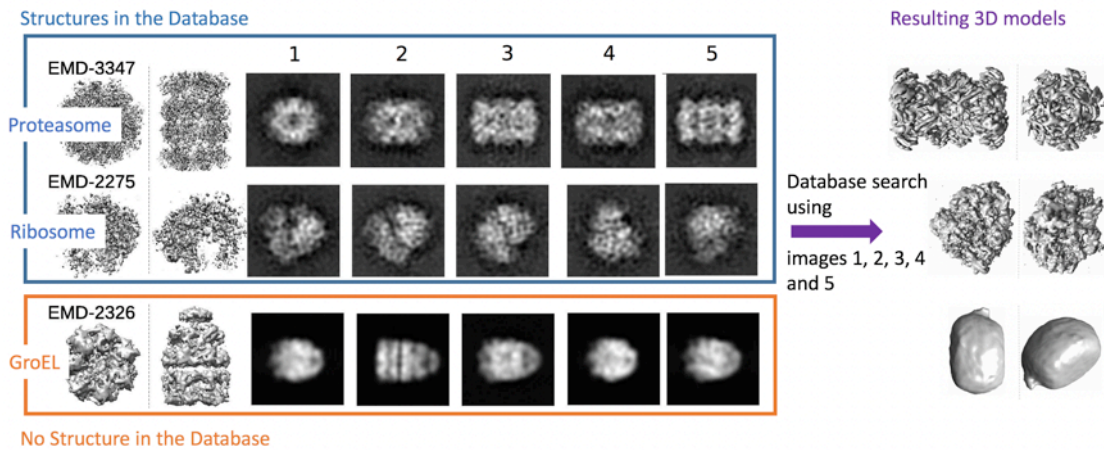
### 3. 研究の方法

In order to develop the proposed tool, we need to perform the following tasks

1. Create database of hypothetical shapes. We need a large collection of shapes that biological systems can possibly have, so that candidate models can be proposed for many experimental data that utilizes the program. Obviously, construction of such a dataset cannot be complete since we do not know the structures of all biological systems, however with sufficient number of shapes, we should be able to provide matches for new data.
  - A. Data Source - As the initial dataset, we will utilize the structures from electron microscopy. In addition, we will also utilize PDB to generate hypothetical low-resolution structures.
  - B. Volume Scales – This tool proposes only candidate shapes, and the size of the system is to be estimated from the experimental data. For example, a shape generated from a small protein may match the diffraction from a system much bigger but with the same shape. Thus, in the dataset, all shapes will be normalized to have similar dimensions
  - C. Redundancy Reduction – To remove redundancy of the data (shapes), all normalized shapes (will be compared in pair-wise manner. We have used Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) (Kawabata 2008) for a similar purpose.

### 4. 研究成果

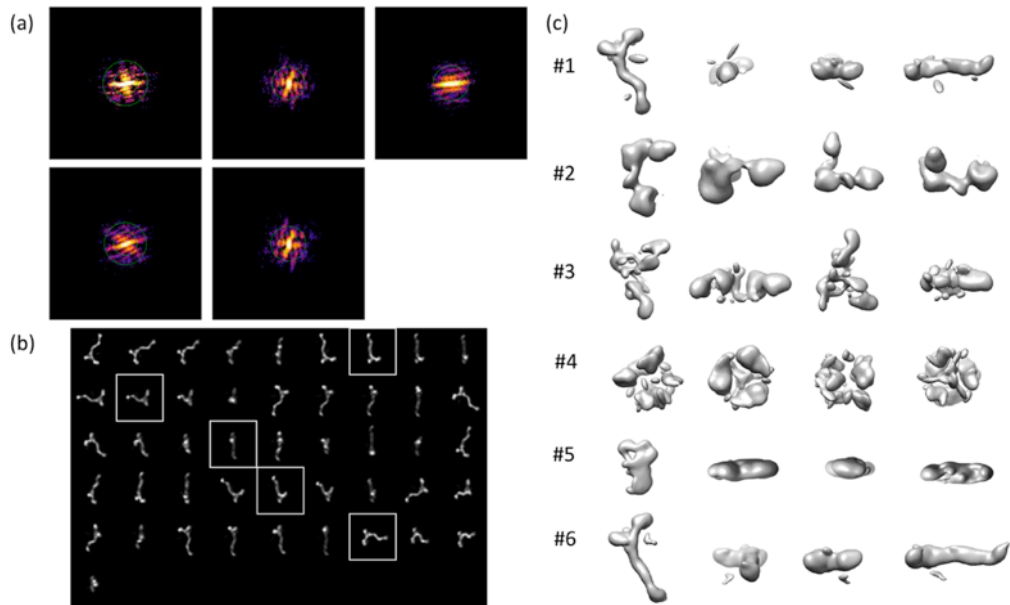
1) To test the feasibility of retrieving shapes from a database, we started with 2D images in real space as obtained from cryo-EM. In addition, it could also provide information for EM data as recent works have also shown that cryo-EM experiments can be performed on cell extracts and therefore many single particle images of different molecules are collected. In such cases, analysis of 2D images could still be used to identify biomolecules observed from the cell extracts as well as to infer their structures from limited data. The protocol developed assembles a non-redundant set of 3D shapes for generating a 2D image library, and to retrieve 3D shapes that potentially match 2D experimental images. We tested the strategy using images from three EM models as query images for searches against a library of 22,750 2D projection images generated from 250 random EM models (Figure 1). We found that our ability to identify 3D shapes that match the query images depends on how complex the outline of the 2D shapes are and whether they are represented in the search image library.



**Figure 1:** Five random 2D projection images used as input for testing 3D initial model search from EMD-3347, EMD-2275 and EMD-2326. Two views of each EM model are displayed below the model name (left) and the input projection images numbered 1 to 5 are displayed in the same row (right). The resulting top search hits is also shown. In the case of EMD-3347 and EMD-2275, we were able to retrieve the most similar 3D models within the first five hits for each. Although the hits for EMD-2326 are less consistent in their shapes and reflect the fact that there is no true match, retrieved molecular shape captures essential features of the query images.

2) For our database, XFEL diffraction patterns from a large number of models with many incident beam angles have to be calculated which is time-consuming. Therefore, we have explored the utilization of Gaussian mixture model (GMM) as a coarse-grained model for structure modeling from XFEL data. GMM approximates a biomolecular shape by the superposition of Gaussian distributions. As the Fourier transformation of GMM can be quickly performed, we can efficiently simulate XFEL diffraction patterns from approximated structure models. We have shown that the resolution accurately reproduced by GMM is proportional to the cubic root of the number of Gaussians used in the modeling. Furthermore, our study showed that GMMs can successfully be used to identify the orientations of the molecule and to detect conformational variation. These results demonstrate that GMMs serve as useful coarse-grained models for hybrid approach in XFEL single particle experiments.

3) XFEL database: We had first developed the protocol for using EM real space images as inputs and then have been developing algorithms to use XFEL diffraction patterns as inputs. Furthermore, we are improving the algorithms so that it can deal with the diffraction patterns from actual experimental data. Diffraction patterns from XFEL experiments contain limited amount of signals due to the weak diffraction intensity. Thus, only a certain region in the diffraction pattern (Region of Interest, ROI) can be used for the proposed match-finding algorithms, which poses a significant challenge in comparison to EM images. To automate the identification of ROI, we have developed a numerical algorithm, in which the approximate size of the sample in the input image is estimated via matching against a theoretical model and used to estimate the ROI. Using the estimated ROI, match-finding algorithms to identify plausible candidate 3D models from a few XFEL diffraction patterns has been improved (Figure 2).



**Figure 2:** (a) Five simulated diffraction patterns that are used as the query inputs. Two circles on each pattern indicate the definition of Region of Interest that are determined using the newly developed algorithm. (b) Projection images of the “answer” structure. Five input patterns correspond to the input diffraction patterns. (c) Six cryo-EM maps that are identified as the models consistent with the input diffraction patterns (shown in (a)).

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