RF Diffusion



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RoseTTAFold Diffusion (RF Diffusion)

RF Diffusion is an AI-based tool for protein backbone design



Outline of Talk

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- 2. Intro to RF Diffusion
- 3. How to use RF Diffusion



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What is Diffusion Model



"Photo of a cat riding on a bicycle"

Al image generation tool example:







How Does Diffusion Model Work

Diffusion Model learns to map random noise to data distribution



Forward Process

Reverse Process

Image example





Why Diffusion Model For Backbone Design

- 1. Generates highly diverse outputs that resemble training data
- 2. Can be guided toward design objective
- 3. Can operate directly on amino acid coordinates

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Challenges of Proteins vs Images

- 1. Strong geometric constraints
- 4 backbone heavy atoms
- 3 covalent bonds
- continuous chain

2. Must have a sequence that can encode it

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What Can RF Diffusion Do



Monomer/Higher-order Oligomer Unconditional/Conditional

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Performance – Diverse and New-to-nature





Experimental





Conditional-Fold Family









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Symmetric Oligomers

Symmetric Noise

Symmetric Oligomers





Experiment-Symmetric Oligomers



Conditional-Motif Scaffolding

<u>Given</u>: functional "motif" - set of atoms/residues arranged in space, known or theorised to possess chemical functionality

<u>Goal</u>: Generate a protein sequence which, when folded, recapitulates the structure and dynamics of the original functional motif.





Conditional-Motif Scaffolding



Conditional-Motif Scaffolding-Experiment





Symmetric Metal-Binding Oligomers



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Unconditional

- Specify length of the protein with contigmap.contigs
 Example: 'contigmap.contigs = [150-150]'
 Don't forget the ''
- Specify the output

Example: inference.output_prefix=path_to_output

Number of different backbones

Example: inference.num_designs = 5

• Example command:

```
../RFdiffusion/scripts/run_inference.py \
'contigmap.contigs=[150-150]' \
inference.output_prefix=./output_monomer/monomer \
inference.num_designs=5
```



Examining the Output

Outputs are in output_monomer folder

All outputs are poly-Glycine sequence

- PDB file, containing generated backbone
- .trb file, contains all metadata with the run, including input options
- traj folder, contrains trajectory files (pdb)

Use pymol for visualization:

pymol monomer_0.pdb

Motif Scaffolding

- use 'contigmap.contigs' to specify the motifs.
 - Prefixed by a letter: is motif. e.g. A2-10, residue 2-10 from chain A
 - Not prefixed residue will be built

Example:

'contigmap.contigs=[10-20/E422-440/40-50]'

Means to built 10-20 residues N-terminally of the motif, and then 422-440 from chain E of the input, followed by 40-50 residue

use 'inference.input_pdb=path' to specify the input

Example command:

../RFdiffusion/scripts/run_inference.py \

```
'contigmap.contigs=[20-30/E422-440/40-50]' \
```

inference.input_pdb=6UYG.pdb \

inference.output_prefix=./output_scaffold/scaffold \

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inference.num_designs=1
```

Motif Scaffolding-No Clashing

• A more complicated case:

Also input info of other chains avoid clashes :

Use /0 followed by a space

cd .././ Heavy chain info ./RFdiffusion/scripts/run_inference.py \ 'contigmap.contigs=[10-20/E422-440/40-50/0 H4-22/H29-71/H77-113/0 L2-29/L31-95/L97-109] · \ Light chain info inference.input_pdb=6UYG.pdb \ inference.output_prefix=./output_scaffold/scaffold_Ab \ inference.num_designs=1



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Questions?

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Research Interests

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- Al Drug Discovery
- Geometric/Topological Deep Learning
 - Generative Models
 - Self-supervised Learning



Supplement



High-dimensional Data Distribution



Essentially the image data distribution lives in a high-dimensional space



Each Residue Is Represented as A Translation (C α coordinates) and Rotation





How to Denoise







Self-Conditioning

RFdiffusion









Pretrained RoseTTAFold Weights Make Training Computationally Tractable





Pre-training and Self-conditioning



