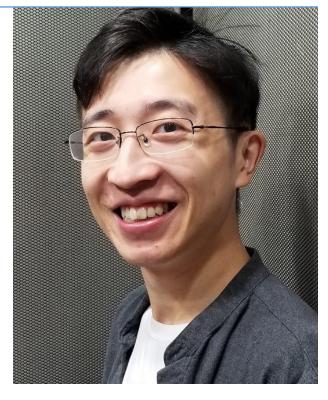
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Loop prediction and homology modeling with high resolution

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Abstract: Knowledge of protein 3D structure is integral to structure-based drug discovery. To achieve robust homology modeling



with atomic-level accuracy, reliable loop predictions are required. I will introduce Protein Local Optimization Program (PLOP) that is designed to produce native-like predictions on loop regions in homology modeling. Promising results are obtained in predicting antibody H3 loop, notorious for its conformational diversity. I will also discuss PLOP-related ongoing projects, including GPU acceleration and deep learning implementation.

