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Molecular Dynamics Ensemble Refinement of Intrinsically Disordered Peptides According to Deconvoluted Spectra from Circular Dichroism

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Tables:

Table S1 The fractions of secondary structures from CAPITO deconvolution of the CD spectra for the CaMKII peptides. Normalized root mean squared deviation (NRMSD) is a dimensionless parameter to assess the goodness of the fitting as defined by Wiedemann et al. [1]

	helix	β -sheet	irregular	NRMSD
RRK	0.32	0.01	0.68	1.55
RAK	0.21	0.01	0.78	0.73
AAA	0.53	0.06	0.41	0.89

Table S2 Fractional secondary structures derived from CD deconvolution using the non-negative least squares fitting method in conjunction with the SDP48, SP37A, SMP56 and SP43 reference data sets. SDP48 is the data set including denatured proteins. Others include the data set of globular proteins.

Data set	Peptide	Helix	Strand	Turn	Unordered	RMSD ($\Delta\epsilon$)
SDP48	RRK	0.04	0.15	0.09	0.72	0.26
	RAK	0.04	0.21	0.13	0.62	0.23
	AAA	0.04	0.34	0.17	0.46	0.36
SP37A	RRK	0.11	0.35	0.20	0.34	2.14
	RAK	0.11	0.35	0.20	0.34	0.97
	AAA	0.08	0.39	0.22	0.32	0.65
SMP56	RRK	0.11	0.35	0.20	0.34	2.14
	RAK	0.11	0.35	0.20	0.34	0.97
	AAA	0.09	0.39	0.20	0.32	0.64
SP43	RRK	0.11	0.35	0.20	0.34	2.14
	RAK	0.11	0.35	0.20	0.34	0.97
	AAA	0.09	0.39	0.20	0.32	0.64

Table S3 Comparison of the structure ensembles of RRK, RAK, and AAA peptides. Root mean square deviation (RMSD) from the averaged structure is calculated for each peptide ensemble based on backbone heavy atoms. The average ($\overline{\text{RMSD}}$), standard deviation (σ_{RMSD}), the minimum (RMSD_{min}), and maximum (RMSD_{max}) values of the RMSD are provided.

	$\overline{\text{RMSD}}$ (Å)	σ_{RMSD} (Å)	RMSD_{min} (Å)	RMSD_{max} (Å)	number of structures
RRK	4.6	1.4	2.3	12.5	11002
RAK	4.3	1.7	2.1	12.4	2410
AAA	4.7	1.0	3.5	10.5	130

Table S4 Sequence analysis of RRK, RAK and AAA using CIDER.

peptide	κ	FCR	NCPR	hydropathy	disorder promoting
RRK	0.55	0.25	0.25	4.26	0.6
RAK	0.383	0.2	0.2	4.575	0.6
AAA	0.313	0.1	0.1	5.175	0.6

κ represents an order parameter indicating charge segregation within the peptide; FCR is the fraction of charged residues; NCPR is the linear net charge per residue; hydropathy indicates hydrophobicity and ranges from 0 to 9; the fraction of disorder-promoting residues defined by Dunker [2] is provided.

Table S5 Kullback-Leibler divergence between distributions of total potential energy of the peptides over accumulated simulation time.

Peptide	RRK			RAK			AAA		
Temp (K)	277	285	293	277	285	293	277	285	293
1.2 μ s	0.10	0.06	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.08	0.02	0.02
1.8 μ s	0.10	0.01	0.01	0.10	0.02	0.01	0.07	0.01	0.01
2.4 μ s	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.01
3.0 μ s	0.01	N/A		0.03	N/A		0.02	N/A	
3.6 μ s	0.01			0.01			0.02		
4.2 μ s	0.01			0.01			0.02		
4.8 μ s	0.01			0.01			0.01		

Table S6 Details pertaining to the Hieragglo clusters produced by CPPTRAJ are shown for RRK, RAK, and AAA.

peptide	# Cluster	# of frames	fraction	AvgDist (A)	Stdev (A)	Centroid	AvgCDist (A)
RRK	0	7914	0.719	4.5	1.2	9925	8.2
	1	2292	0.208	4.0	1.3	4519	7.7
	2	171	0.016	4.8	1.3	5228	7.1
	3	148	0.013	4.6	1.3	1796	7.0
	4	135	0.012	5.2	1.2	2519	6.9
	5	105	0.01	4.2	1.7	90	7.5
	6	98	0.009	4.7	0.9	16	8.3
	7	87	0.008	5.2	1.0	450	6.9
	8	47	0.004	4.8	1.2	2366	7.4
	9	5	0.0	4.3	1.3	10996	7.2
RAK	0	1883	0.781	4.5	1.6	2042	7.7
	1	197	0.082	4.9	1.2	284	7.1
	2	109	0.045	4.7	1.1	186	8.3
	3	104	0.043	4.4	1.8	1047	8.1
	4	62	0.026	4.1	1.5	1421	7.2
	5	25	0.01	4.1	1.4	608	7.0
	6	14	0.006	4.2	1.3	175	7.4
	7	6	0.002	4.5	0.8	166	7.0
	8	5	0.002	4.7	1.3	233	6.9
	9	5	0.002	3.5	1.0	1532	7.3
AAA	0	59	0.454	2.1	0.8	70	6.6
	1	27	0.208	2.5	0.9	19	6.2
	2	25	0.192	2.4	0.9	41	5.5
	3	9	0.069	1.5	0.5	52	6.0
	4	3	0.023	1.1	0.1	28	5.9
	5	3	0.023	1.9	0.3	128	5.5
	6	1	0.008	0.0	0.0	124	6.9
	7	1	0.008	0	0	125	6.5
	8	1	0.008	0	0	126	5.4
	9	1	0.008	0	0	130	6.9

Table S7 Performance indices for varying subsets of unordered content indicated by a minimum structure content cutoff value. The number of proteins satisfying the cutoff criteria is given by column N. Cells highlighted in red indicate CDSSTR algorithms are the highest performing methods and cells highlighted in green indicate NN-LSQ is the best performing method.

cut(unorder)	N	Method	$\sigma(H)$	$r(H)$	$\sigma(\beta)$	$r(\beta)$	$\sigma(T)$	$r(T)$	$\sigma(U)$	$r(U)$	σ	r
0	411	NN-LSQ	0.1223	0.6953	0.1064	0.6254	0.0623	0.3225	0.1064	0.1601	0.1018	0.6006
		SELCON3	0.1156	0.7023	0.0902	0.6455	0.0537	0.294	0.0863	0.2236	0.0892	0.7147
		CDSSTR	0.1196	0.7255	0.0855	0.7117	0.0604	0.2689	0.0963	0.2519	0.0929	0.7173
		CONTIN/LL	0.1073	0.7632	0.0881	0.698	0.0557	0.2396	0.0921	0.244	0.0878	0.7286
0.1	409	NN-LSQ	0.1213	0.6897	0.1062	0.6239	0.0623	0.3189	0.106	0.1505	0.1014	0.5962
		SELCON3	0.1147	0.696	0.0904	0.642	0.0518	0.31	0.0856	0.2205	0.0885	0.7119
		CDSSTR	0.119	0.7207	0.0856	0.7092	0.06	0.2692	0.0963	0.2318	0.0927	0.7122
		CONTIN/LL	0.1064	0.7595	0.0883	0.6952	0.0552	0.2369	0.0919	0.2276	0.0874	0.7243
0.2	382	NN-LSQ	0.1135	0.656	0.1024	0.6206	0.0631	0.2836	0.1047	0.0967	0.0979	0.561
		SELCON3	0.1137	0.599	0.0868	0.6354	0.0507	0.1805	0.0866	0.0808	0.0874	0.6555
		CDSSTR	0.1158	0.6295	0.0826	0.7097	0.0582	0.1305	0.0978	0.0368	0.0911	0.6511
		CONTIN/LL	0.1076	0.6698	0.0881	0.6615	0.0531	0.1002	0.0934	0.0859	0.0879	0.6582
0.3	31	NN-LSQ	0.101	0.8088	0.0949	0.7596	0.0801	-0.0088	0.2653	-0.1158	0.1549	0.5588
		SELCON3	0.1666	0.6069	0.1163	0.6399	0.0565	0.4048	0.2631	-0.2124	0.1686	0.4654
		CDSSTR	0.1686	0.7112	0.0964	0.7513	0.0647	0.3546	0.2836	-0.1656	0.1749	0.4766
		CONTIN/LL	0.1274	0.7705	0.097	0.7864	0.0872	-0.0871	0.2837	-0.2301	0.1686	0.5025
0.4	10	NN-LSQ	0.079	0.8621	0.1032	0.6008	0.1256	-0.6799	0.4481	-0.5362	0.2416	0.4066
		SELCON3	0.2378	0.2569	0.155	0.0611	0.0732	0.2234	0.4434	-0.4839	0.2658	0.203
		CDSSTR	0.2213	0.4954	0.1025	0.5432	0.086	-0.0818	0.4664	-0.4174	0.2667	0.2552
		CONTIN/LL	0.1525	0.6468	0.1197	0.516	0.136	-0.7972	0.4739	-0.5733	0.2649	0.2813
0.5	3	NN-LSQ	0.0938	0.9636	0.0984	-0.9721	0.0536	0.9672	0.7507	0.9204	0.3824	0.4693
		SELCON3	0.159	0.6424	0.0957	-0.7226	0.0593	0.4159	0.7767	0.5898	0.4004	0.236
		CDSSTR	0.2305	0.6337	0.0797	-0.6898	0.0953	0.5752	0.7986	0.6375	0.4202	0.152
		CONTIN/LL	0.1913	0.618	0.0945	-0.7393	0.0615	0.5737	0.7984	0.4635	0.4144	0.1531

Table S8 Performance indices for varying subsets of beta content indicated by a minimum structure content cutoff value. The number of proteins satisfying the cutoff criteria is given by column N. Cells highlighted in red indicate CDPPro algorithms are the highest performing methods and cells highlighted in green indicate NN-LSQ is the best performing method.

cut(Strand)	N	Method	$\sigma(H)$	$r(H)$	$\sigma(\beta)$	$r(\beta)$	$\sigma(T)$	$r(T)$	$\sigma(U)$	$r(U)$	σ	r
0	411	NN-LSQ	0.1223	0.6953	0.1064	0.6254	0.0623	0.3225	0.1064	0.1601	0.1018	0.6006
		SELCON3	0.1156	0.7023	0.0902	0.6455	0.0537	0.294	0.0863	0.2236	0.0892	0.7147
		CDSSTR	0.1196	0.7255	0.0855	0.7117	0.0604	0.2689	0.0963	0.2519	0.0929	0.7173
		CONTIN/LL	0.1073	0.7632	0.0881	0.698	0.0557	0.2396	0.0921	0.244	0.0878	0.7286
0.1	362	NN-LSQ	0.113	0.6376	0.106	0.5707	0.0626	-0.069	0.1066	0.0882	0.0991	0.5114
		SELCON3	0.1188	0.5111	0.0936	0.5689	0.0467	0.0064	0.0869	0.1162	0.0903	0.5952
		CDSSTR	0.1195	0.5548	0.0889	0.6485	0.0514	-0.0428	0.0948	0.1028	0.0919	0.6067
		CONTIN/LL	0.1095	0.6211	0.0921	0.6312	0.048	-0.0702	0.0925	0.1473	0.0885	0.6195
0.2	58	NN-LSQ	0.0878	0.6399	0.1151	0.6107	0.0571	0.0995	0.0892	0.365	0.0897	0.7253
		SELCON3	0.1462	0.3413	0.1412	0.5324	0.0669	0.0429	0.0938	0.3107	0.1168	0.5429
		CDSSTR	0.1315	0.4752	0.1201	0.5896	0.0557	0.2898	0.0862	0.4486	0.1028	0.6633
		CONTIN/LL	0.1032	0.556	0.1169	0.6527	0.0742	-0.2346	0.1062	0.4373	0.1014	0.6769
0.3	42	NN-LSQ	0.0922	0.4555	0.1288	0.5183	0.0592	0.0527	0.087	0.4293	0.0951	0.7644
		SELCON3	0.1648	-0.0426	0.1584	0.282	0.0578	0.2556	0.0977	0.3222	0.1276	0.5595
		CDSSTR	0.1445	0.0452	0.1285	0.4957	0.0595	0.2715	0.0921	0.4674	0.1112	0.6826
		CONTIN/LL	0.1125	0.0946	0.1265	0.5406	0.079	-0.216	0.1096	0.4625	0.1083	0.7024
0.4	23	NN-LSQ	0.0782	0.4687	0.1519	0.1128	0.0662	-0.3074	0.0916	0.1556	0.1024	0.8132
		SELCON3	0.1897	0.0128	0.2007	0.2033	0.0562	0.4744	0.0973	0.0146	0.149	0.536
		CDSSTR	0.1582	0.0748	0.1526	0.1849	0.0595	0.4935	0.0903	-0.1077	0.1225	0.7038
		CONTIN/LL	0.108	0.0064	0.1489	0.1324	0.0937	-0.3867	0.1228	-0.0335	0.1201	0.7204
0.5	7	NN-LSQ	0.0925	0.0935	0.2384	-0.1961	0.0716	0.6353	0.1223	0.461	0.1462	0.7712
		SELCON3	0.206	0.7873	0.265	0.3653	0.0862	0.4311	0.079	0.1478	0.1777	0.5785
		CDSSTR	0.1785	0.8185	0.232	0.3343	0.0884	0.3004	0.0614	0.1436	0.1559	0.7061
		CONTIN/LL	0.0956	0.883	0.1888	0.5545	0.1081	-0.4405	0.0976	0.3249	0.1285	0.8417

Table S9 Performance indices for varying subsets of helix content indicated by a minimum structure content cutoff value. The number of proteins satisfying the cutoff criteria is given by column N. Cells highlighted in red indicate CDPro algorithms are the best performing methods.

cut(Helix)	N	Method	$\sigma(H)$	$r(H)$	$\sigma(\beta)$	$r(\beta)$	$\sigma(T)$	$r(T)$	$\sigma(U)$	$r(U)$	σ	r
0	411	NN-LSQ	0.1223	0.6953	0.1064	0.6254	0.0623	0.3225	0.1064	0.1601	0.1018	0.6006
		SELCON3	0.1156	0.7023	0.0902	0.6455	0.0537	0.294	0.0863	0.2236	0.0892	0.7147
		CDSSTR	0.1196	0.7255	0.0855	0.7117	0.0604	0.2689	0.0963	0.2519	0.0929	0.7173
		CONTIN/LL	0.1073	0.7632	0.0881	0.698	0.0557	0.2396	0.0921	0.244	0.0878	0.7286
0.3	349	NN-LSQ	0.1284	0.5175	0.1051	0.4096	0.06	0.4654	0.1059	0.0661	0.1029	0.5835
		SELCON3	0.1095	0.7455	0.079	0.4808	0.0492	0.3902	0.0851	0.1833	0.0835	0.749
		CDSSTR	0.1178	0.7344	0.0789	0.5047	0.0593	0.3481	0.0965	0.2099	0.0907	0.7298
		CONTIN/LL	0.1094	0.7416	0.0828	0.4907	0.0492	0.4211	0.0874	0.1843	0.085	0.7418
0.4	60	NN-LSQ	0.1754	0.4266	0.1072	0.382	0.0561	0.8437	0.1026	0.2175	0.1183	0.7966
		SELCON3	0.1019	0.8184	0.0626	0.5809	0.0841	0.6933	0.0788	0.3919	0.083	0.9123
		CDSSTR	0.1307	0.7961	0.0582	0.6292	0.0975	0.7272	0.0991	0.4106	0.0997	0.9033
		CONTIN/LL	0.1024	0.7996	0.0592	0.5723	0.0881	0.7568	0.0855	0.465	0.0852	0.9111
0.5	29	NN-LSQ	0.2175	0.0229	0.1313	0.0433	0.0431	0.3811	0.1121	0.1085	0.1405	0.8237
		SELCON3	0.0956	0.6264	0.0473	0.4151	0.0772	-0.1275	0.0753	0.3274	0.0758	0.9557
		CDSSTR	0.1428	0.5189	0.0556	0.3421	0.0786	0.1437	0.0994	0.5186	0.0994	0.9474
		CONTIN/LL	0.0969	0.5642	0.0453	0.4476	0.0676	0.1969	0.0663	0.5269	0.0714	0.9611
0.6	18	NN-LSQ	0.251	0.125	0.1415	0.5355	0.042	0.2448	0.1176	0.213	0.157	0.8304
		SELCON3	0.1089	0.3133	0.0378	0.1845	0.0946	-0.5374	0.0765	0.1061	0.0838	0.957
		CDSSTR	0.1509	0.1306	0.0482	0.2191	0.0864	-0.037	0.0936	0.2677	0.1016	0.9577
		CONTIN/LL	0.1056	0.173	0.0308	0.4261	0.0809	-0.145	0.0579	0.3976	0.0742	0.9663
0.7	8	NN-LSQ	0.2755	0.1155	0.1265	0.3087	0.0348	0.1753	0.1516	0.0521	0.1704	0.8552
		SELCON3	0.1138	-0.2914	0.046	0.2832	0.0531	-0.1667	0.0866	-0.4144	0.0797	0.9649
		CDSSTR	0.1356	-0.3952	0.0506	0.4432	0.0743	-0.6562	0.0718	-0.1813	0.0889	0.9664
		CONTIN/LL	0.1067	-0.4052	0.0361	0.6878	0.0673	-0.2457	0.0688	-0.1383	0.0741	0.9685

Table S10 Performance indices for varying subsets of turn content indicated by a minimum structure content cutoff value. The number of proteins satisfying the cutoff criteria is given by column N. Cells highlighted in red indicate CDPro algorithms are the highest performing methods and cells highlighted in green indicate NN-LSQ is the best performing method.

cut(Turn)	N	Method	$\sigma(H)$	r(H)	$\sigma(\beta)$	r(β)	$\sigma(T)$	r(T)	$\sigma(U)$	r(U)	σ	r
0	411	NN-LSQ	0.1223	0.6953	0.1064	0.6254	0.0623	0.3225	0.1064	0.1601	0.1018	0.6006
		SELCON3	0.1156	0.7023	0.0902	0.6455	0.0537	0.294	0.0863	0.2236	0.0892	0.7147
		CDSSTR	0.1196	0.7255	0.0855	0.7117	0.0604	0.2689	0.0963	0.2519	0.0929	0.7173
		CONTIN/LL	0.1073	0.7632	0.0881	0.698	0.0557	0.2396	0.0921	0.244	0.0878	0.7286
0.1	402	NN-LSQ	0.1232	0.6707	0.1059	0.5997	0.0611	0.3253	0.1067	0.1582	0.1019	0.5795
		SELCON3	0.1099	0.729	0.0859	0.6544	0.0528	0.2288	0.0854	0.2365	0.0859	0.7226
		CDSSTR	0.1157	0.7373	0.083	0.7097	0.0594	0.2168	0.0938	0.2802	0.0903	0.7202
		CONTIN/LL	0.1063	0.7619	0.0869	0.683	0.0523	0.2454	0.0895	0.2758	0.086	0.7271
0.2	207	NN-LSQ	0.1029	0.6945	0.1006	0.6267	0.0796	0.4874	0.1335	0.1467	0.1059	0.4636
		SELCON3	0.0927	0.6837	0.0774	0.7	0.0628	0.0373	0.1121	0.101	0.0882	0.6393
		CDSSTR	0.098	0.6848	0.0724	0.7553	0.0757	0.0866	0.1229	0.0434	0.0945	0.6235
		CONTIN/LL	0.0914	0.7171	0.0805	0.7055	0.0636	-0.0783	0.1203	0.0946	0.0913	0.6309
0.3	20	NN-LSQ	0.0866	0.6613	0.0617	0.8478	0.0912	-0.2969	0.094	0.1072	0.0844	0.736
		SELCON3	0.0829	0.7039	0.0712	0.777	0.1307	-0.7941	0.1053	-0.6129	0.1001	0.6196
		CDSSTR	0.0792	0.7744	0.0714	0.8433	0.1397	-0.1234	0.1146	0.0775	0.1049	0.6258
		CONTIN/LL	0.0819	0.6846	0.0663	0.8479	0.1366	-0.6951	0.1216	0.2223	0.1055	0.5872

Table S11 PCDDB entries for the selected CD spectra. The 411 spectra are for proteins with known PDB entries.

CD000001000	CD0000055000	CD0001158000	CD0003670000	CD0003992009	CD0003996005	CD0004000001	CD0004003011
CD0000002000	CD0000056000	CD0001159000	CD0003671000	CD0003992010	CD0003996006	CD0004000002	CD0004003012
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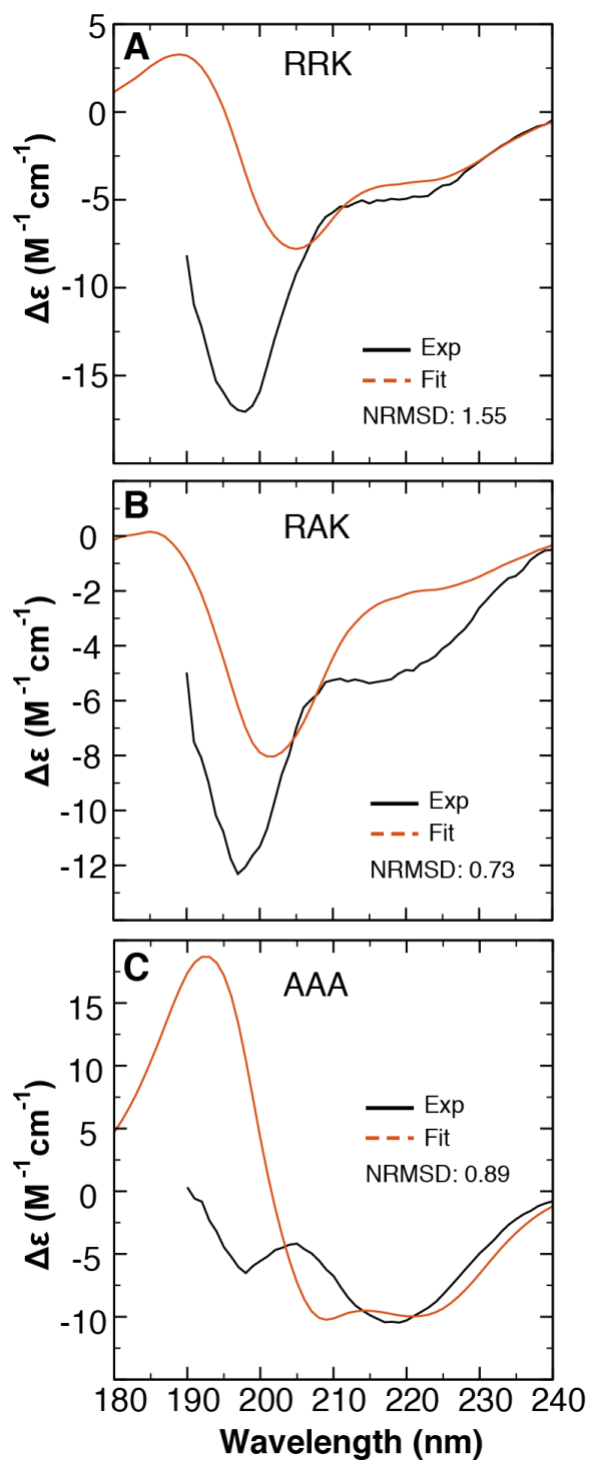


Figure S1 The calculated CD spectra derived from CAPITO for the CaMKII peptides are compared with the experimental data.

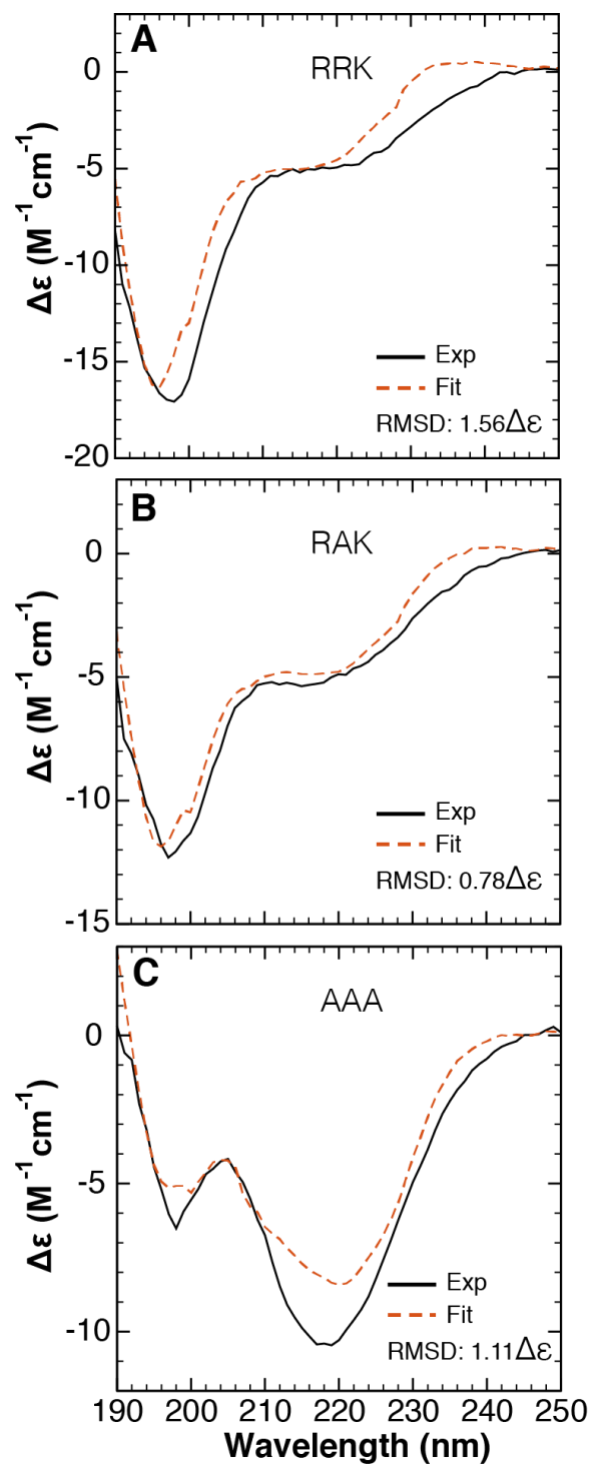


Figure S2 The predicted CD spectra derived from BeStSel for the CaMKII peptides are compared with the experimental data.

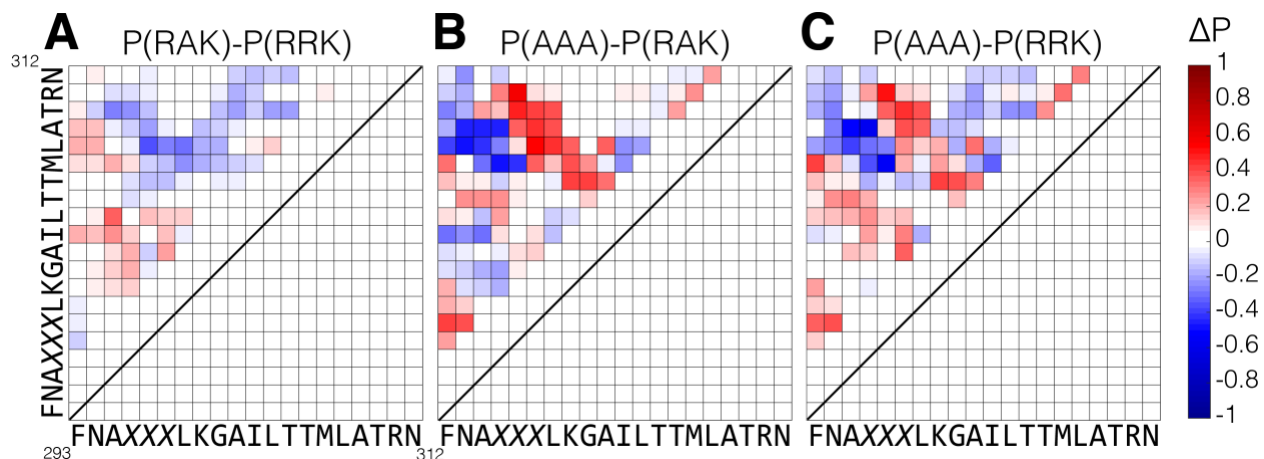


Figure S3 Difference in the probability of contact formation between the CD-refined MD structures of CaMKII peptides. Probability of contact formation are compared between peptide RAK and the wildtype RRK (a), between peptides AAA and RAK (b), and between peptide AAA and the wildtype RRK (c). The amino acid sequences are provided as the axis labels (X refers to any of the three residues RRK/RAK/AAA for corresponding peptides). The criteria of the contact formation can be found in the Method section in the main text.

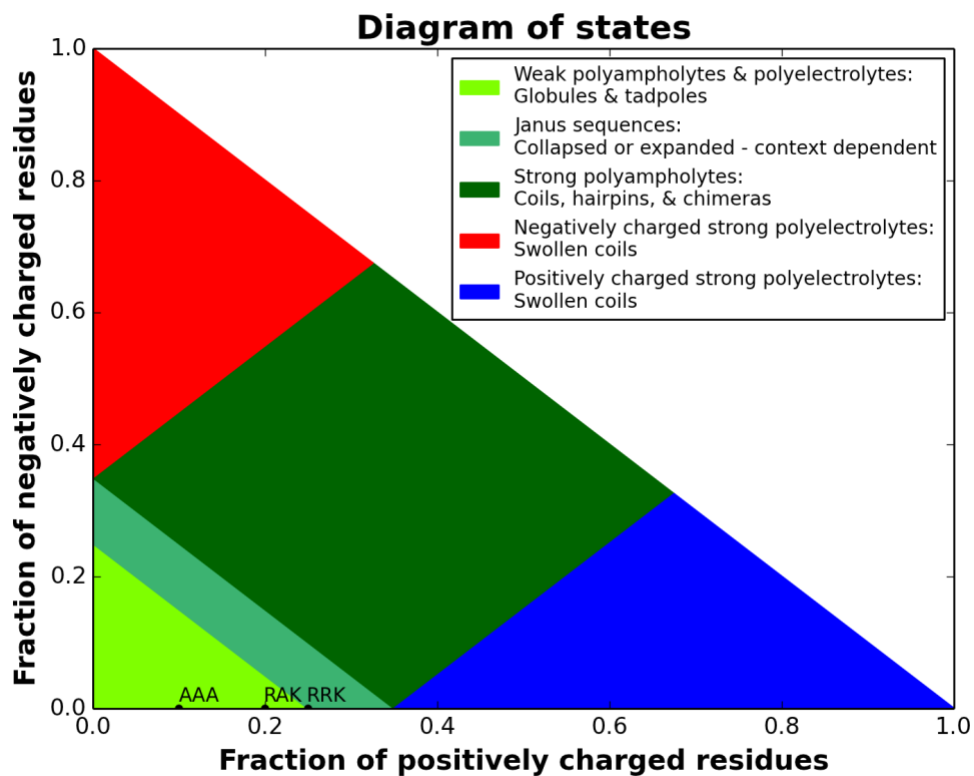


Figure S4 Diagram of states from CIDER analysis for the CaMKII peptides. The distribution of charged residues is indicative of ensemble conformation. RRK is in line with an expanded conformational ensemble, whereas RAK and AAA are predicted to more ordered.

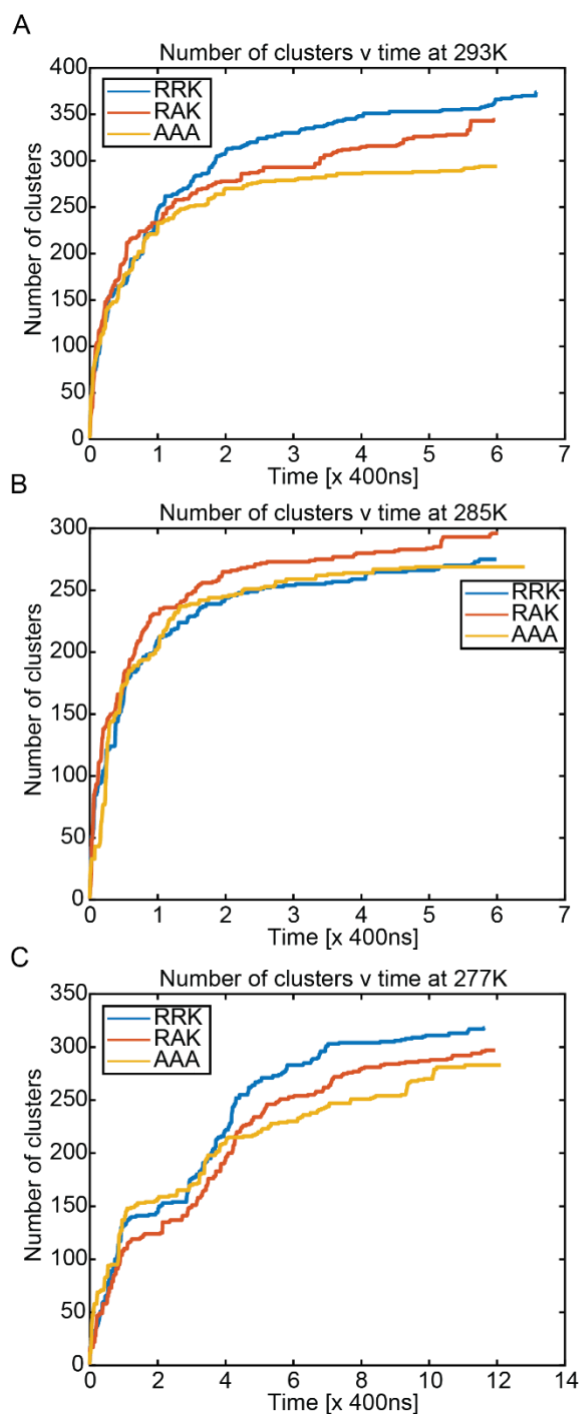


Figure S5 Clustering analysis for the MD trajectories of CaMKII peptides. Number of clusters versus accumulated time were plotted for RRK, RAK and AAA peptides at simulation temperatures of (A) 277K, (B) 285K and (C) 293K. Trajectories belonging to each peptide/temperature combination are concatenated together in chronological order and clustered using an algorithm described by Daura et al. [3]. A cutoff of 2.5 angstroms is used to distinguish clusters by root mean square distance of backbone C_{α} atoms. Clusters were generated using every 10th frame from the MD trajectories.

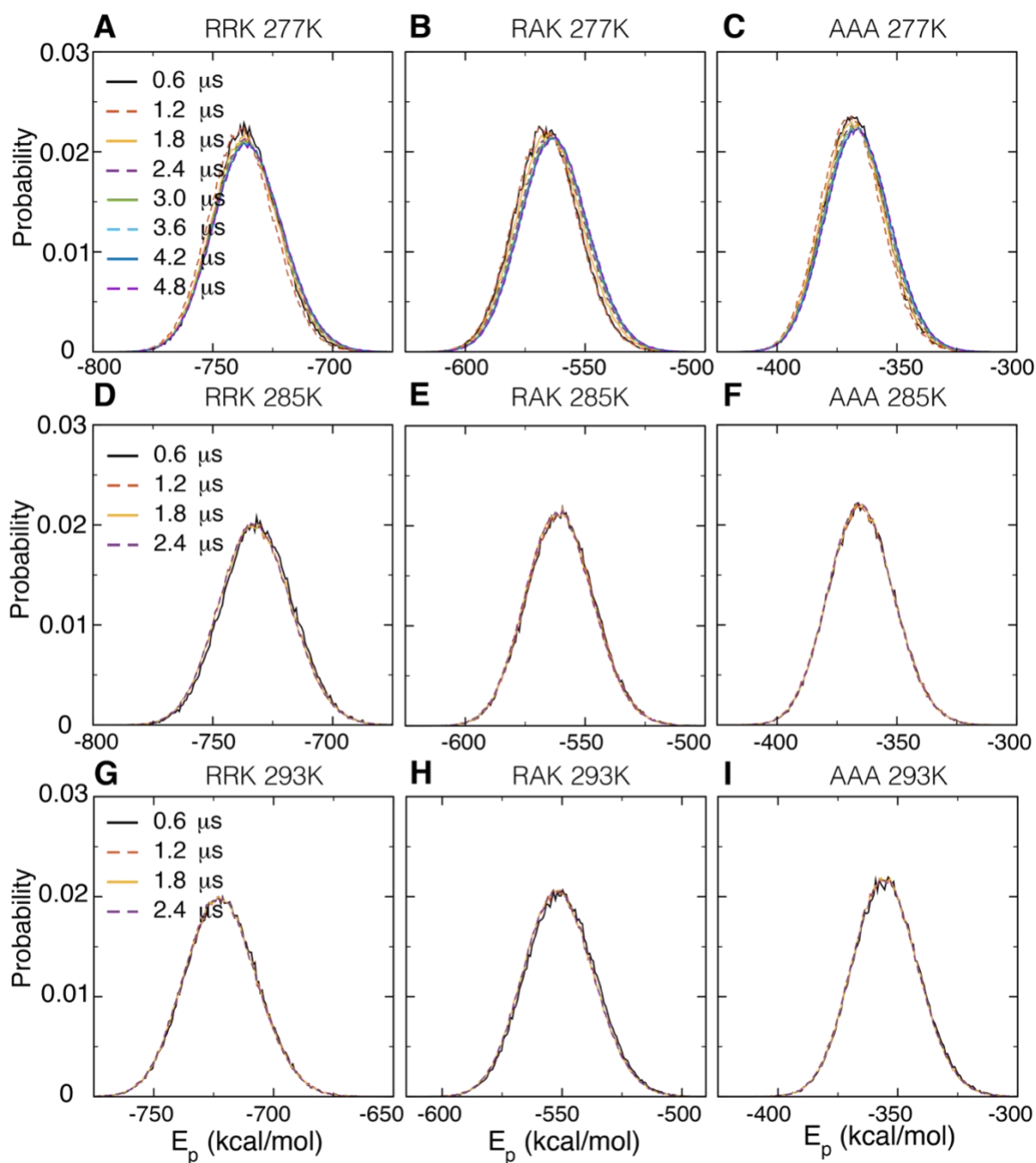


Figure S6 Probability distribution of the potential energy (E_p) for the MD trajectories of CaMKII peptides. The probability distribution of the potential energy for the peptides were compared for each peptide at temperatures of 277K (A, B, C, respectively), 285 K (D, E, F, respectively), and 293 K (G, H, I, respectively) were plotted at accumulated simulation time to show the convergence of the MD simulations.

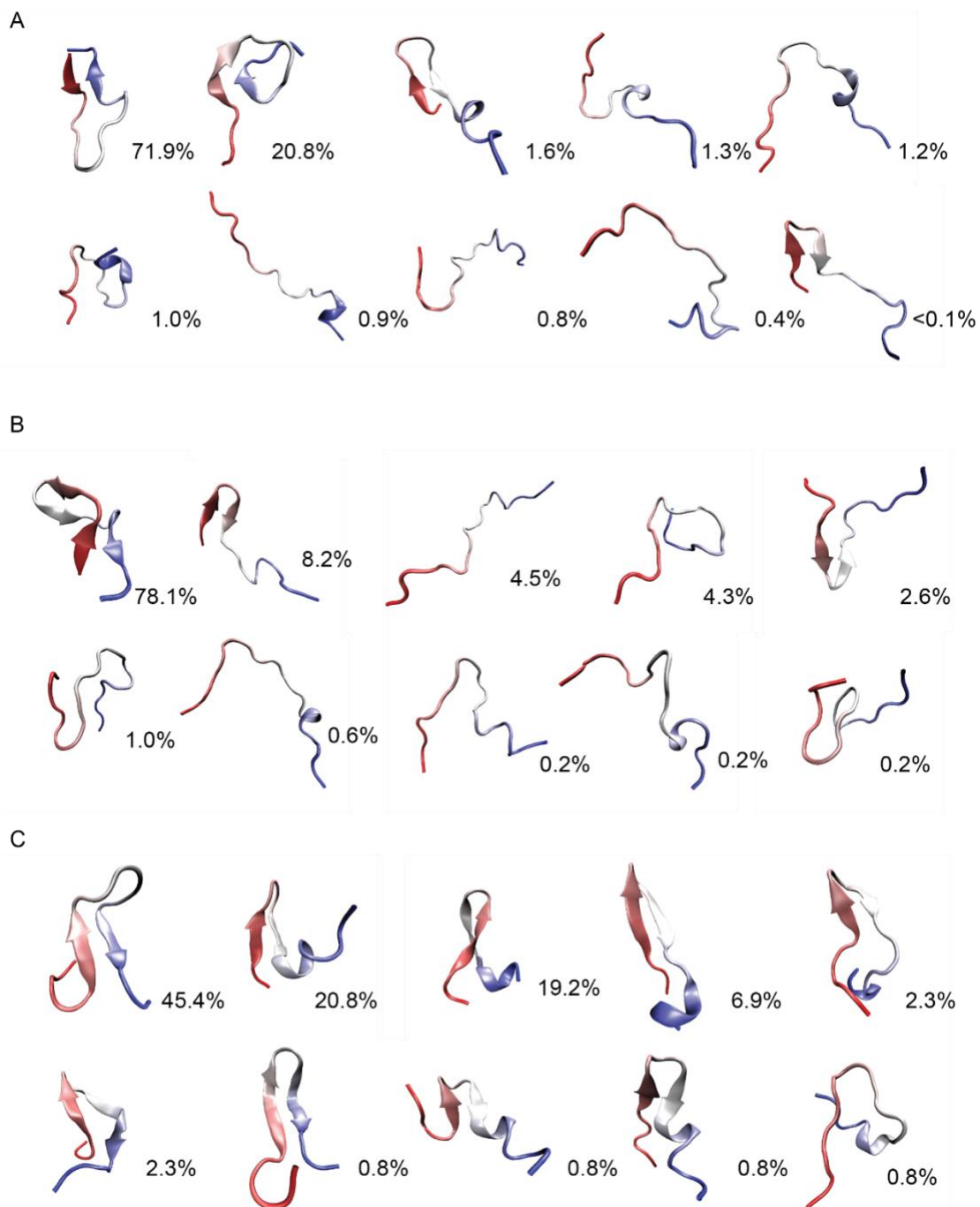


Figure S7 Sample conformations of generated ensembles using CPPTRAJ. CaMKII peptide ensembles are generated by selecting MD trajectory frames from the 293K runs with secondary structure fractions that match the NN-LSQ CD deconvolution results. 10 example structures are produced through Hieragglo clustering of the extracted ensemble using backbone $C\alpha$ RMS distances. The center structures from 10 generated clusters are shown for (A) RRK, (B) RAK, and (C) AAA to illustrate the effect that each mutation has on the overall conformational behavior. The peptides are colored according to atomic index, from N-terminus (red) to C-terminus (blue), and cluster percentages are shown.

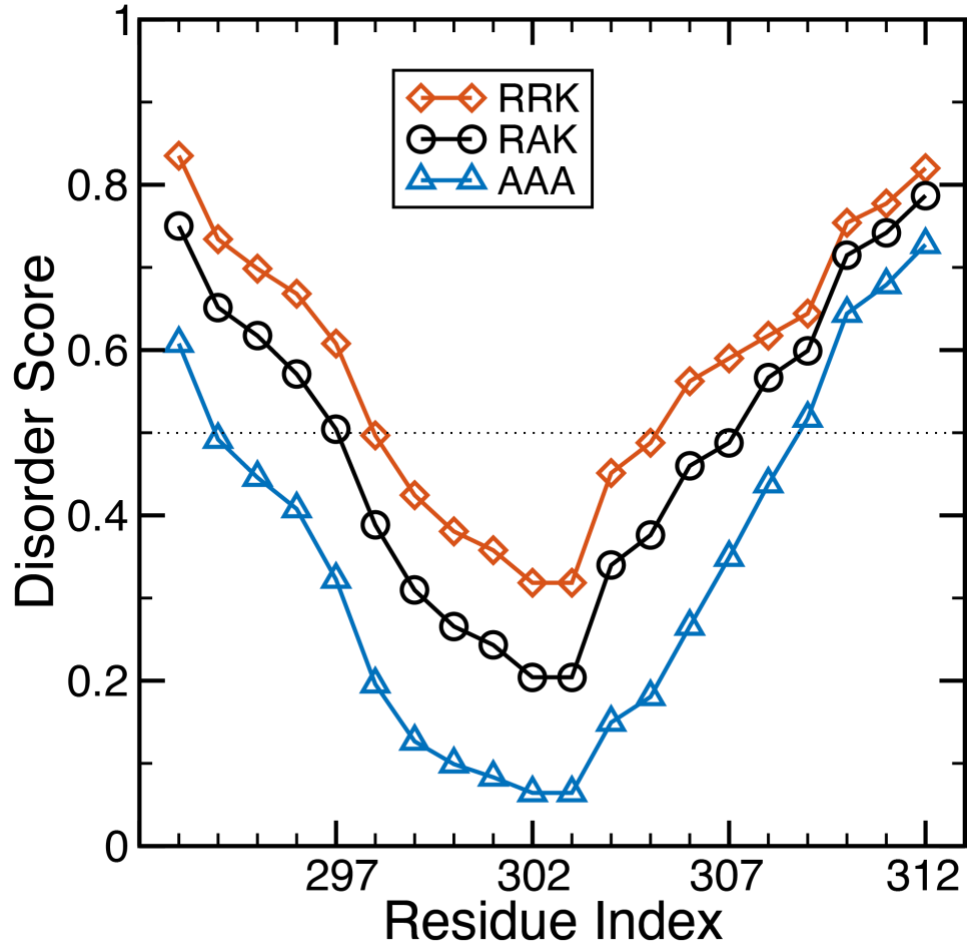


Fig. S8 Computational prediction of unstructured regions in CaMKII peptides using the IUPred web server. The predictor score is plotted against the residue number. The threshold is 0.5 and residues with a higher and lower score are considered to be in disordered and ordered regions, respectively.

Texts:

1. Equations for CIDER analysis:

$$\sigma = \frac{(f_+ - f_-)^2}{(f_+ + f_-)}$$

$$\sigma_i = \frac{(f_+ - f_-)_i^2}{(f_+ + f_-)_i}$$

$$\delta = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (\sigma_i - \sigma)^2}{N}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{\delta}{\delta_{max}}$$

where,

σ is the overall charge asymmetry;

f_+/f_- is the fraction of positively/negatively charged residues;

σ_i is the charge asymmetry for blob segment i ;

δ is the squared deviation between the segmented blobs and the overall charge asymmetry;

δ_{max} is the maximum value of δ in all possible sequences for a given amino-acid composition;

N is total number of residues.

2. Convergence analysis for the MD simulations

Obtaining a well-sampled MD trajectory is crucial for the success of our proposed IDP ensemble generation method, therefore we ensure a well sampled conformation space through convergence analysis of the MD trajectories.

- a. We use clustering analysis (Figure S5) to determine whether the majority of conformations have been sampled in our production runs. The number of clusters generated with respect to simulation time can determine the probably that the system will sample new or previously sampled conformations with additional simulation time. We observed that the change in cluster number with respect to time approaches 0 towards the end of each peptide/temperature trajectory, indicating that the majority of conformations have been sampled. A drawback to this method is that the different clustering cutoffs will change the analysis results. Larger cutoffs will not be able to distinguish minor changes in the backbone structure, resulting in small numbers of clusters and faster convergence. Similarly, smaller cutoffs are too strict and may over separate structures that should be grouped together, erroneously indicating that the trajectory diverges.
- b. In addition to clustering analysis, the histograms of the distributions of the potential energy of the peptides at temperatures 277 K, 285 K, and 293 K clearly show convergence was

approached with increasing accumulated time (Figure S6). To quantically determine how the potential energy distributions change with respect to simulation time, we applied Kullback–Leibler (KL) divergence [4, 5] (Table S5). KL divergence between the probability distribution P (reference) and Q is defined as follows,

$$KL(P, Q) = - \sum_x P(x) \ln \frac{Q(x)}{P(x)}$$

KL divergence analysis indicates a well-sampled trajectory if the changes between potential energy distributions at different times is small. A value of zero indicates that the two distributions are identical. We systematically calculated the KL divergence between the distributions of accumulated trajectories at a simulation time interval of 0.6 μ s. The results of our analysis indicate that all trajectories have reached convergence since the KL divergence between potential energy distributions approach to a small value of 0.01 towards the end of our simulation runs.

3. Clustering extracted peptide ensembles using CATS

Due to the large number of ensemble frames extracted from our MD trajectories, it became necessary to cluster the structures so that identifying features could be possible. In a previous study [6], we developed a clustering algorithm that was designed specifically for IDPs. A requirement of the algorithm is that the trajectory dihedral angle distributions be Gaussian-like. A histogram of the ϕ and ψ dihedral angles of each peptide residue (40 in total) is generated using a bin size of 3.6°. To reduce noise in the distributions, we use a Gaussian weighted moving average filter to smooth the data. We then fit Gaussian curves to the distributions and input the resulting fitting data into CATS. For our analysis of RRK, RAK and AAA, we used an ϵ value of 3, and 4-coordinate relaxation for all initial clusters with populations under 10% of the total ensemble size. We chose to display the top 10 clusters for each peptide ensemble, which varied with respect to accumulative size with RRK having the lowest total population and AAA having the highest total population in 10 clusters.

4. Validation of NN-LSQ deconvolution with SDP48 data set

The performance of NN-LSQ, CONTIN/LL, SELCON3, and CDSSTR deconvolution methods using SDP48 data set was evaluated using RMSD (δ) and correlation (r) coefficients defined by Woody and Sreerama [7, 8] based on 411 protein CD spectra obtained from the Protein Circular Dichroism Data Base (PCDDDB) [9] with known Protein Data Bank (PDB) entries. To determine the effect of secondary structure content on the performance of each deconvolution method, the performance coefficients are calculated

for subsets of proteins with varying amounts of helix, strand, turn and unordered structure content.

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