



Conference on Atomistic Simulations of Biomolecules:
towards a Quantitative Understanding of Life Machinery



Stability of Biopolymers in Aqueous Solution. GMPC Approach

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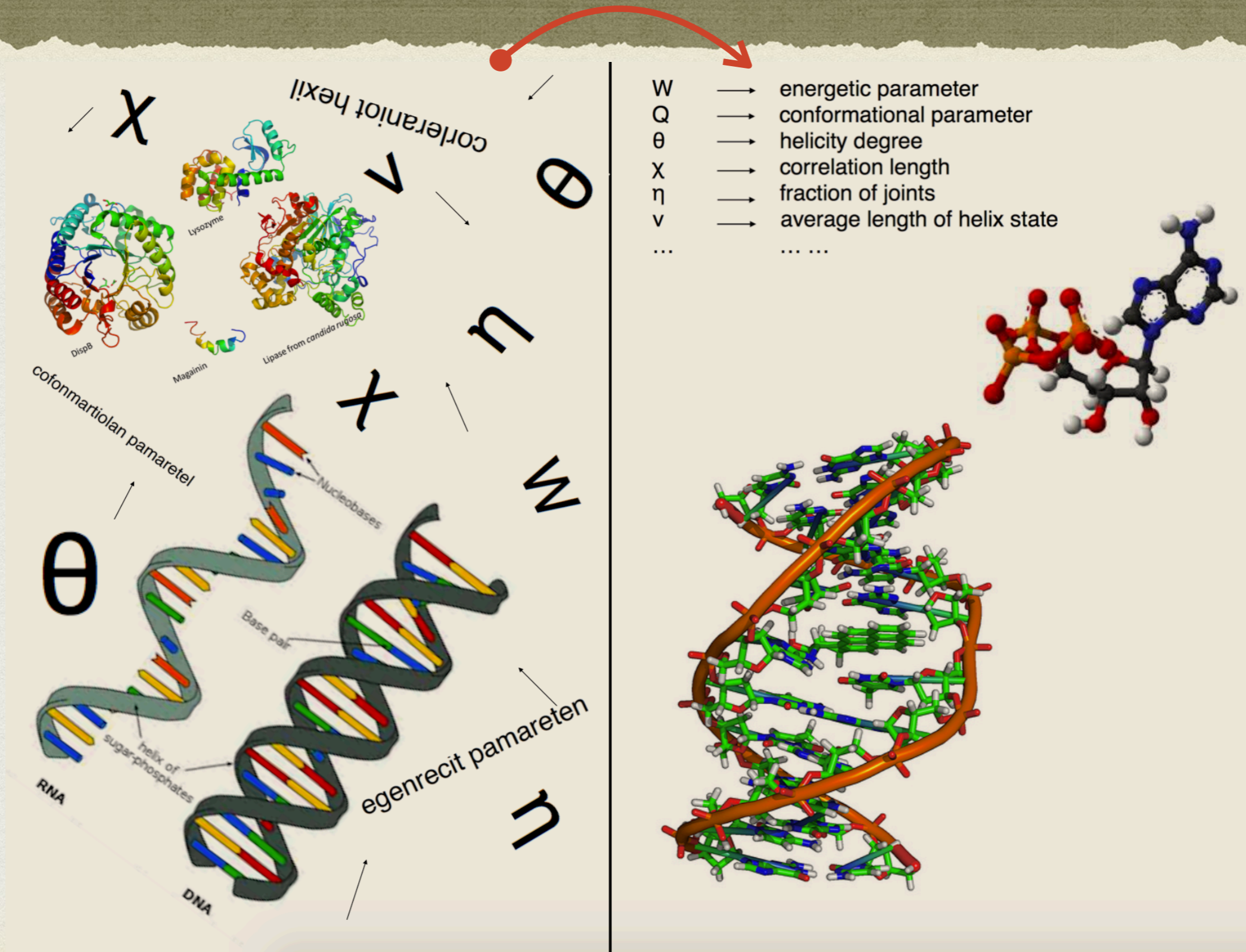
OUTLINE

- Biopolymers, helix-coil transition,
- Generalized Model of Polypeptide Chain (GMPC)
 1. Base model
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 3. Reduced parameters
 4. Transition point
- Transition point for GMPC with solvent and ligand
- Experimental data
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 2. Parameters' redefinition
 3. Conclusion

ENRICO FERMI

This is the main idea of Fermi theory of β decay

MOTIVATION FOR OUR GROUP

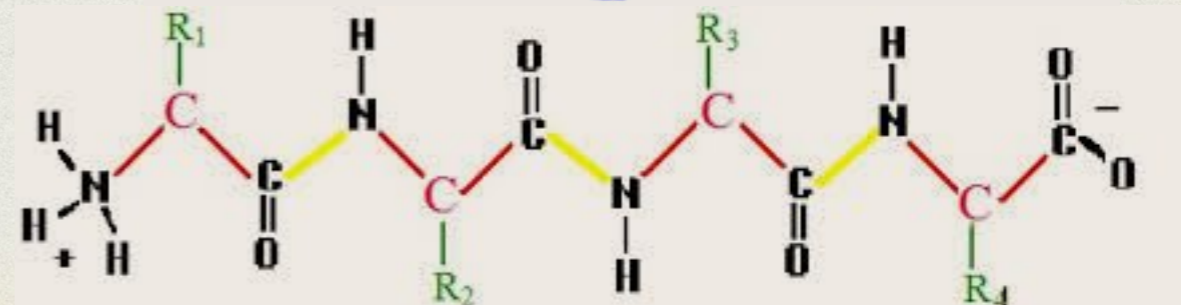
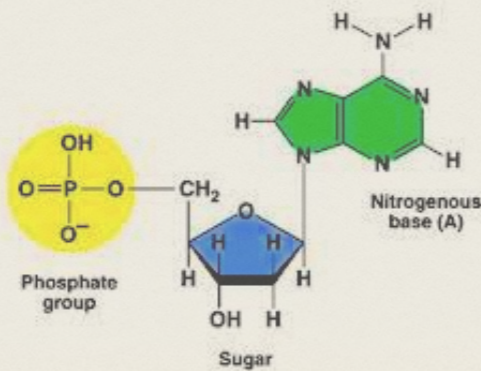
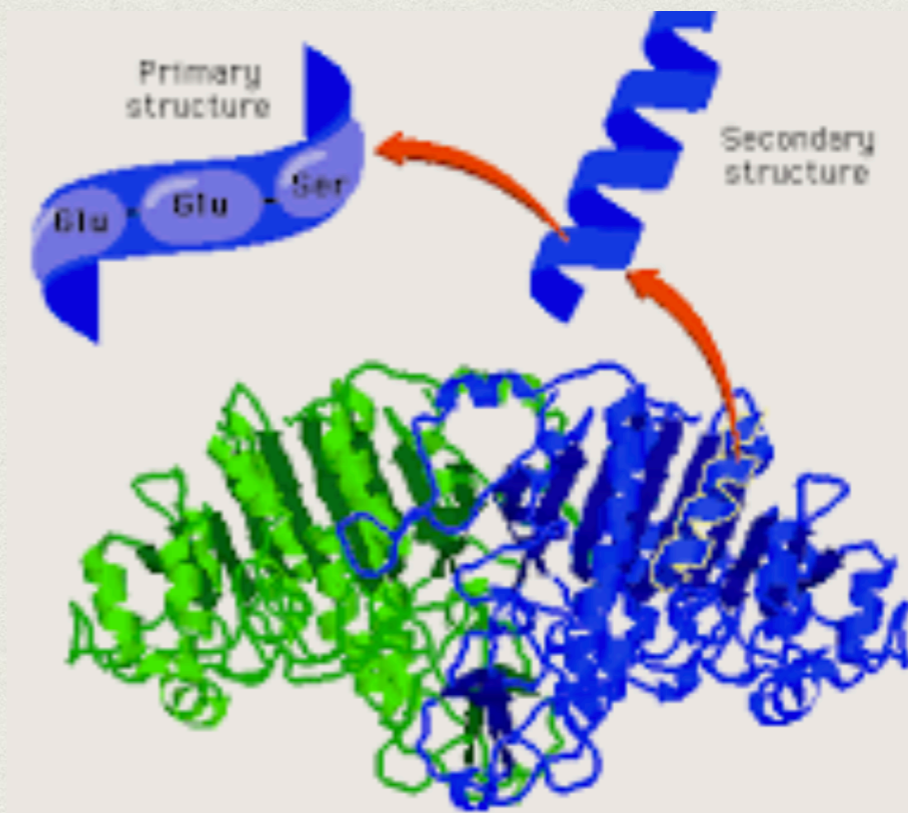
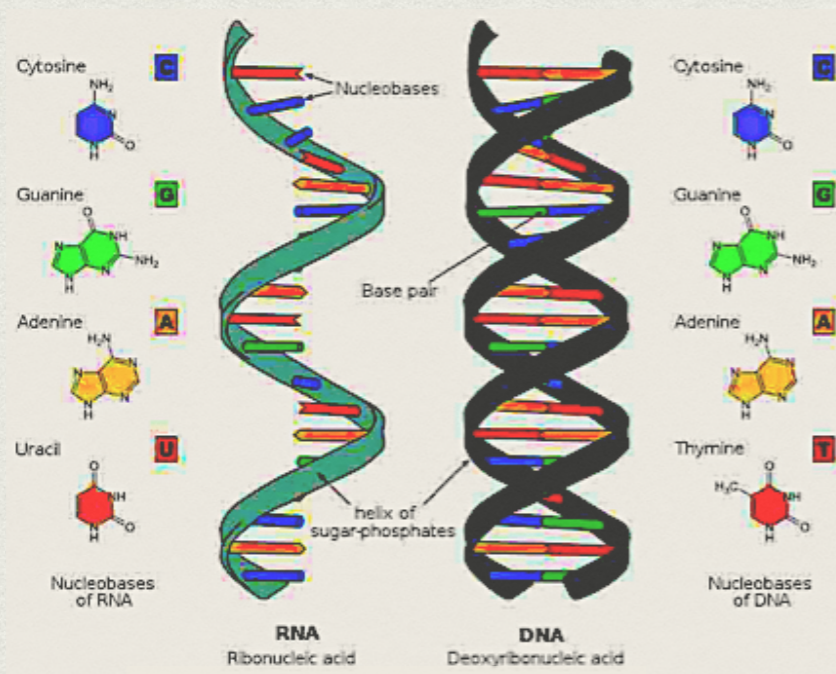


BIOPOLYMERS

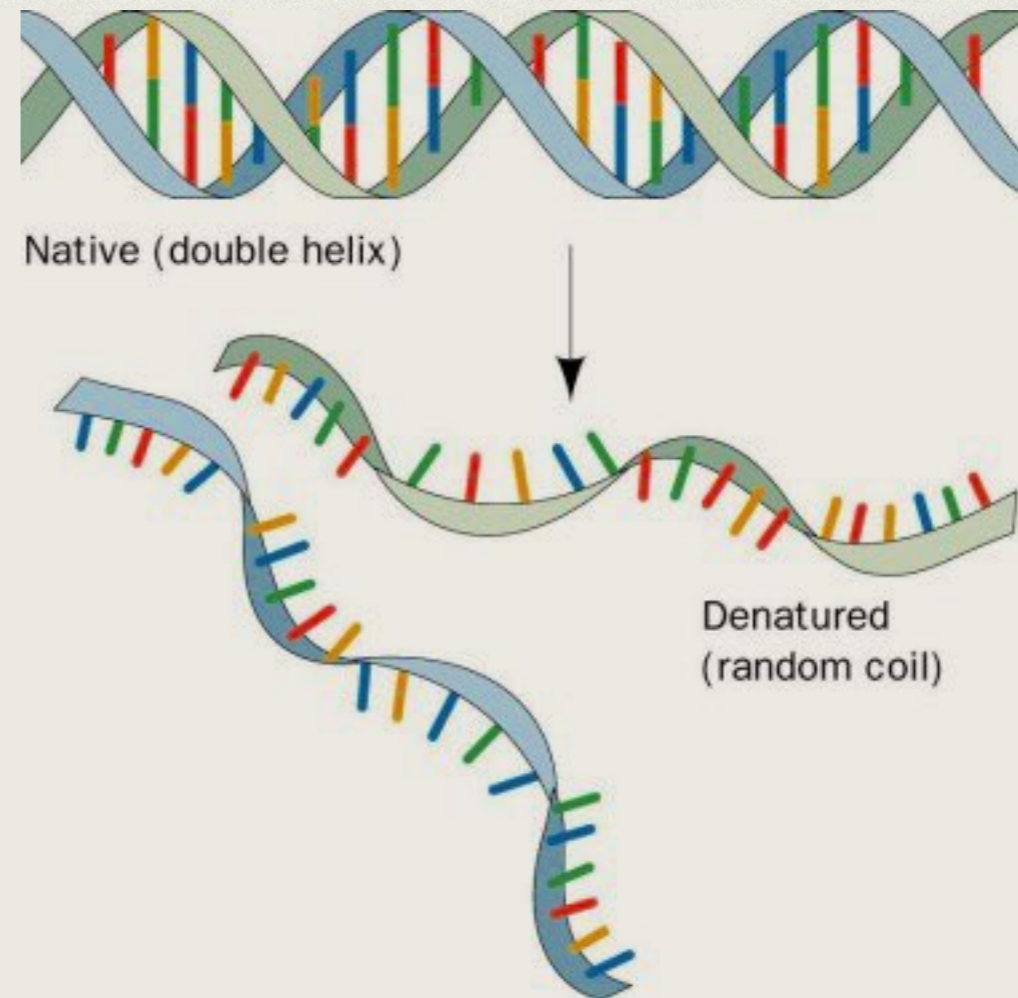
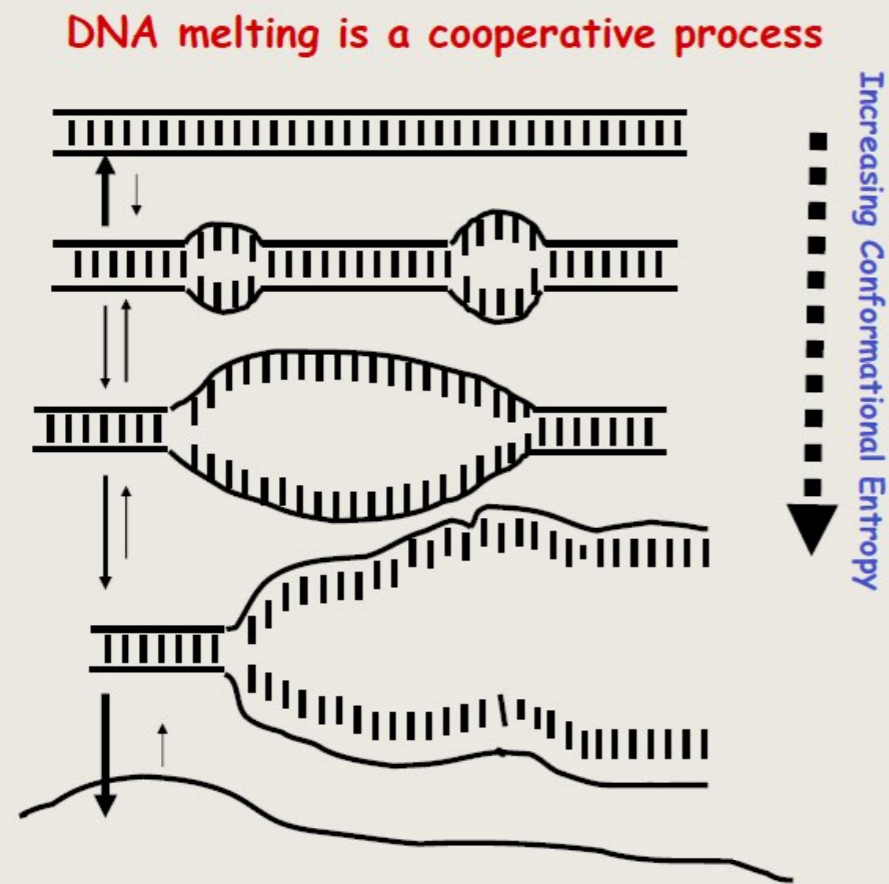
DNA, RNA, Proteins



polynucleotides, polypeptides

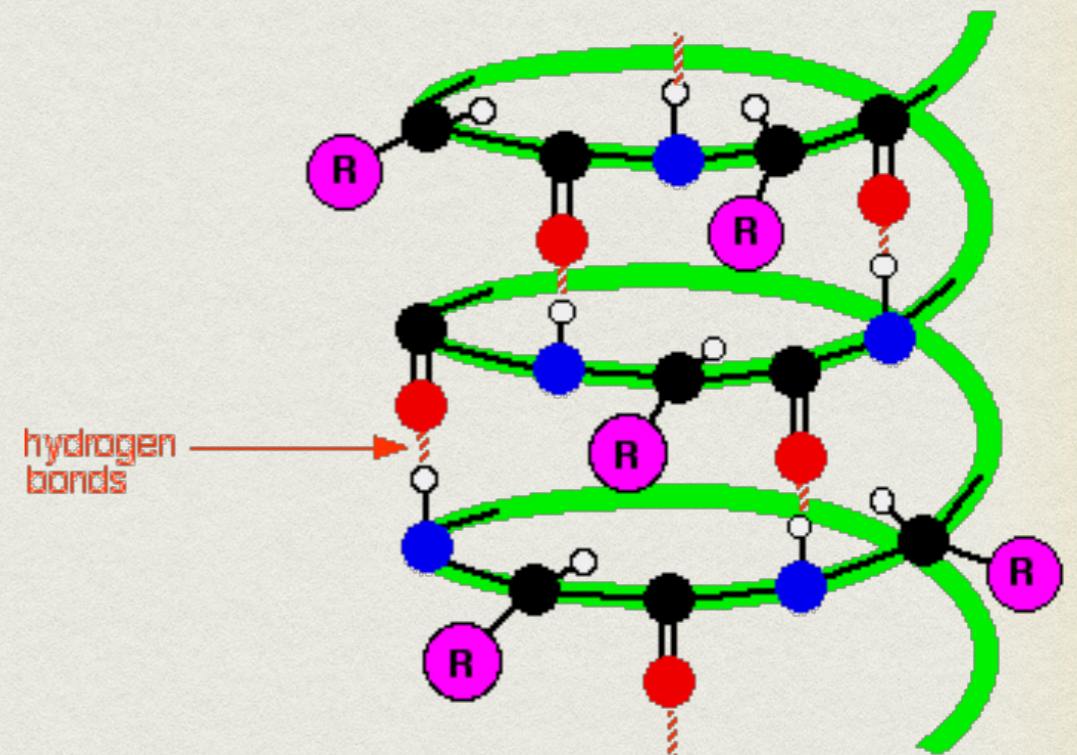


HELIX-COIL TRANSITION



GMPC

- GMPC is a microscopic model, which describes helix-coil transition in biopolymers (DNA, RNA, proteins).
- In these systems conformations are correlated over some dimensional range Δ .
- Conformations are discrete and all of them have the same statistical weight.
- The Hamiltonian uses pure molecular microscopic parameters



BASE MODEL

$$-\beta H = J \sum_{i=1}^N \prod_{j=0}^{\Delta-1} \delta(\gamma_{i+j}, 1) = J \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_i^{\Delta}$$

$$\gamma_i = 1, \dots, Q$$

$$J = \frac{U}{kT}$$

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} W & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & Q-1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdot & \cdot & Q-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda^{\Delta-1}(\lambda - W)(\lambda - Q) = (W-1)(Q-1)$$

$$Z = \text{Tr} G^N = \lambda_1^N$$

Model parameters:

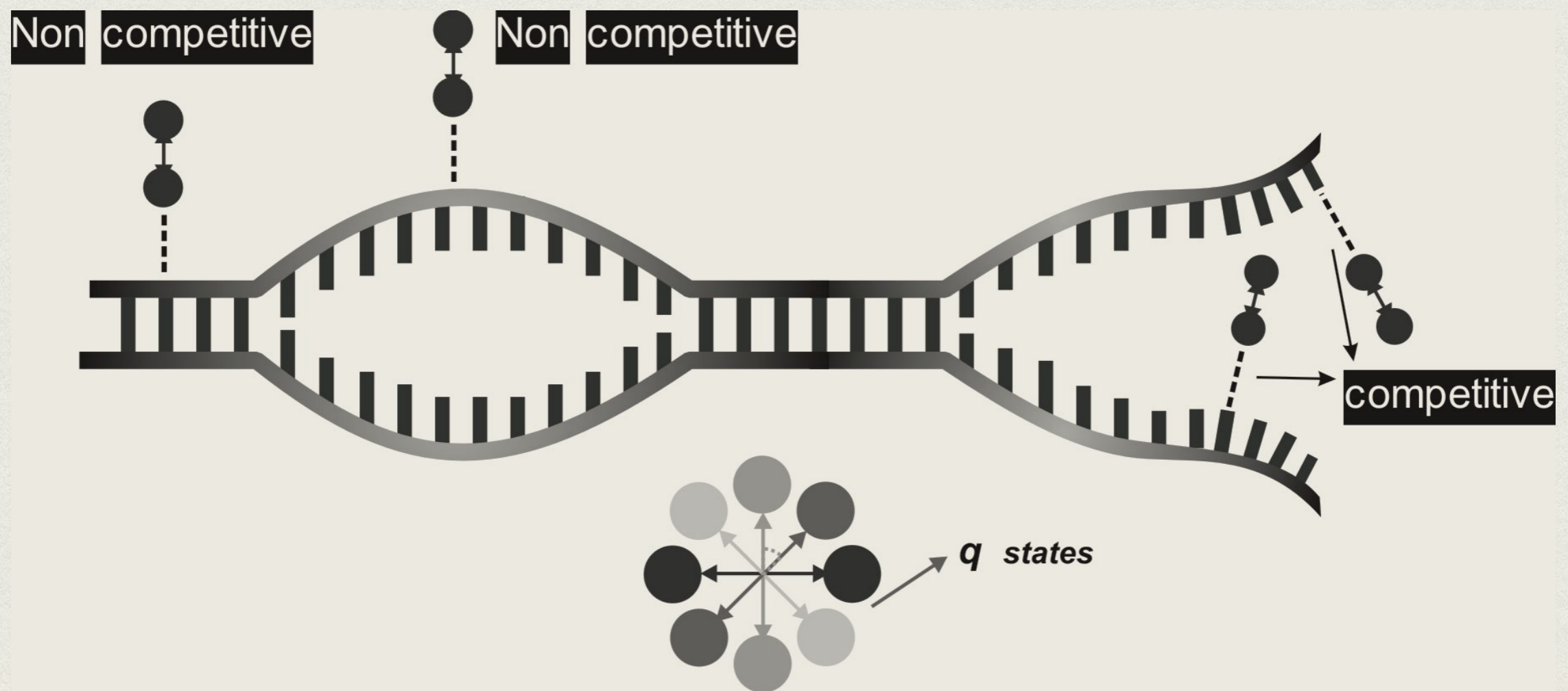
- The energy U of hydrogen bond formation
- The discrete number Q of possible conformations of each repeated unit
- Number of repeated units Δ fixed by one hydrogen bond.

$$W = e^{\frac{U}{T}}$$

$$F = -kT \ln Z = -NkT \lambda_1$$

MODEL WITH SOLVENT

However the basic model is far from reality.
The main thing is interactions with solvent.



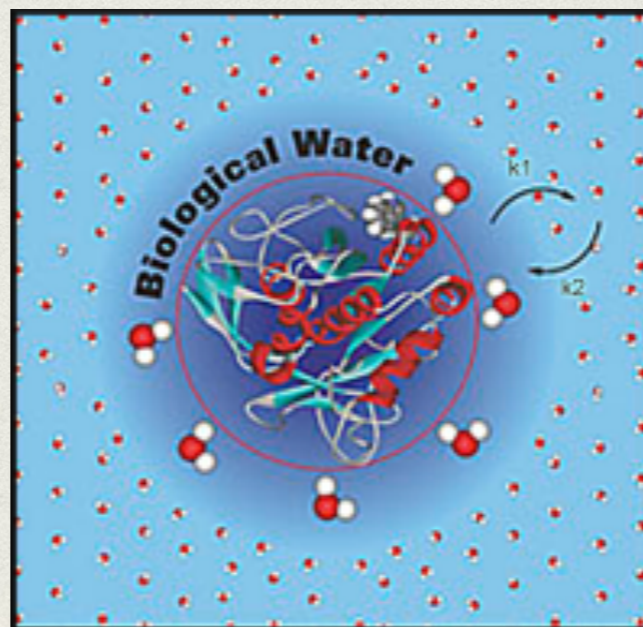
HAMILTONIAN OF THE MODEL OF BIOPOLYMERS INTERACTING WITH SOLVENT

$$-\beta H_S = \underbrace{J \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_i^A}_{\text{basic}} + \underbrace{I_{st} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_i^A \delta(S_i^{st}, 1) + I_{dst} \sum_{i=1}^N (1 - \delta_i^A) \delta(S_i^{dst}, 1)}_{\text{competitive}} + \underbrace{I_h \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_i^1 \delta(\mu_i, 1) + I_c \sum_{i=1}^N (1 - \delta_i^1) \delta(\nu_i, 1)}_{\text{non-competitive}}$$

basic

competitive

non-competitive



PARTITION FUNCTION

$$Z = \sum_{\{\gamma_{i=1}^Q\}} \sum_{\{S_i^{st}\}_{q_s^{st}}} \sum_{\{S_i^{dst}\}_{q_s^{dst}}} \sum_{\{\mu_{i=1}^h\}} \sum_{\{v_{i=1}^c\}} \prod_{i=1}^N e^{-\beta H}$$

$$v_i = 1, \dots, q_s^c$$

$$\mu_i = 1, \dots, q_s^h$$

$$S_i^{dst} = 1, \dots, q_s^{dst}$$

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$$\gamma_i = 1, \dots, Q$$

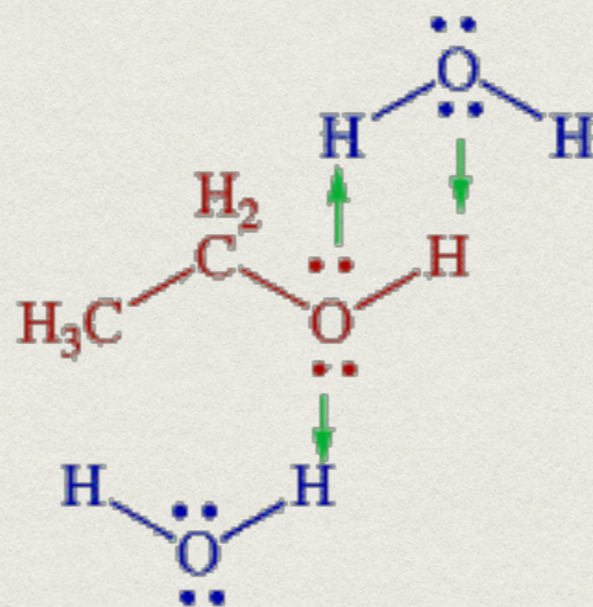
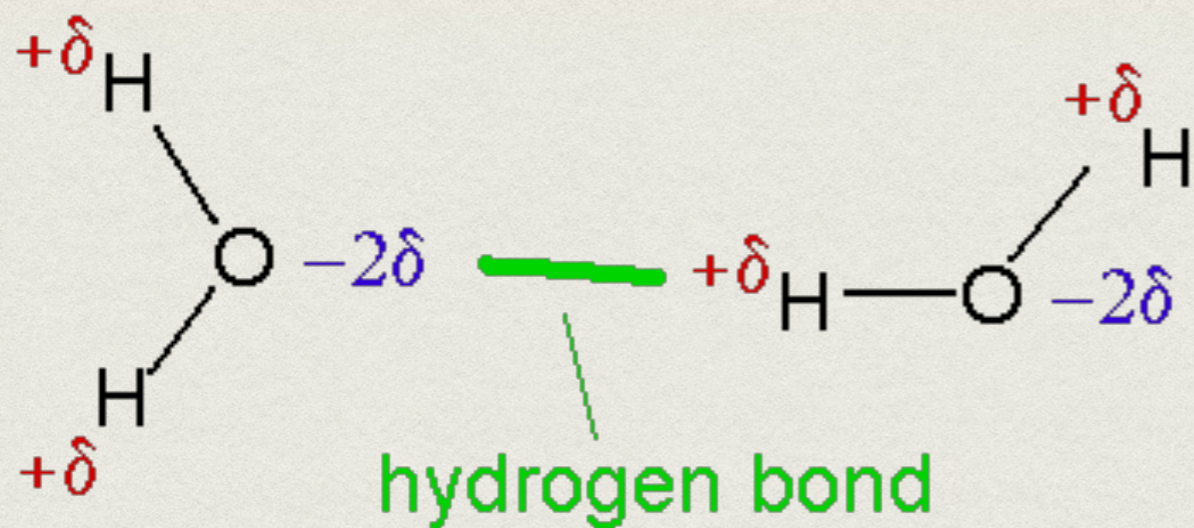
REDEFINITION OF PARAMETERS

$$\tilde{W} = e^J \frac{\left(e^{I_s^{st}} + q_s^{st} - 1 \right)^{2m}}{\left(e^{I_s^{dst}} + q_s^{dst} - 1 \right)^{2m}}$$

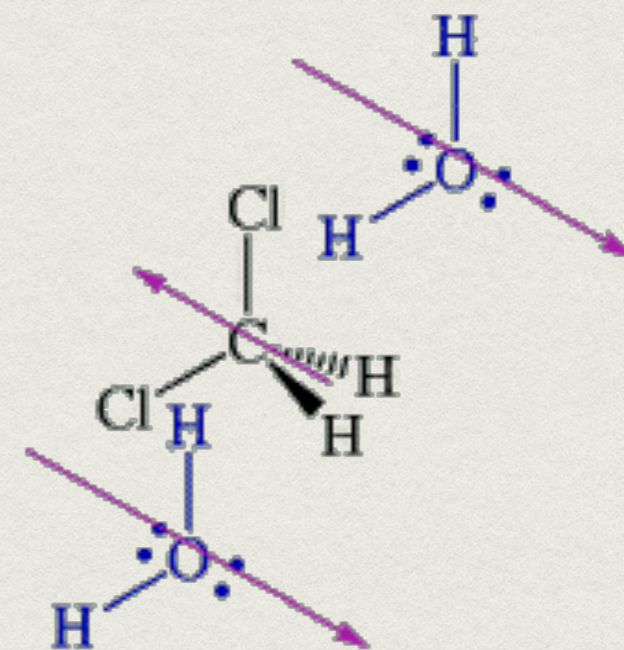
$$\tilde{Q} = 1 + (Q-1) \frac{\left(e^{I_s^c} + q_s^c - 1 \right)}{\left(e^{I_s^h} + q_s^h - 1 \right)}$$

$2m$: number of spin variables required to describe the interaction between solvent molecule and each repeated unit.

INTERACTIONS WITH WATER



Hydrogen bonds



Other interactions

TWO MAIN PARAMETERS

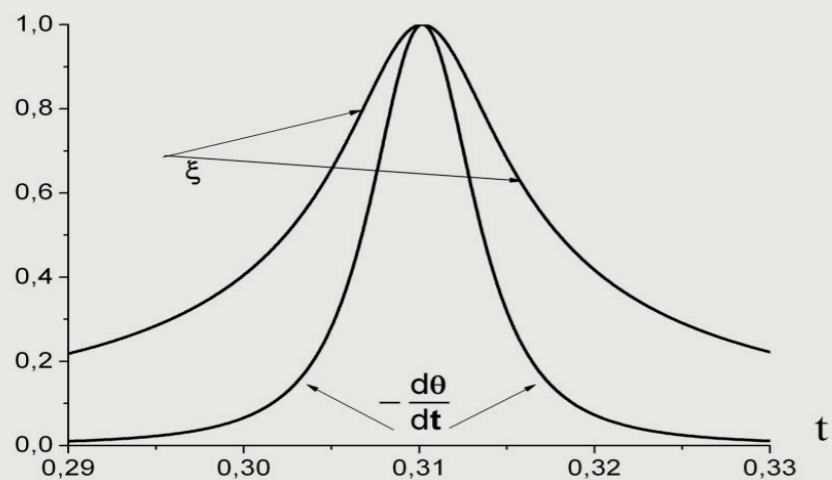
W Q

$$\theta = \frac{\partial \ln \lambda_1}{\partial J} = \frac{W}{\lambda_1} \frac{\partial \lambda_1}{\partial W}$$

$$\xi = \ln^{-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2} \right)$$

$$\eta = \theta \cdot \frac{(1-W)}{\lambda_1}$$

$$\nu = \frac{\theta}{\eta}$$

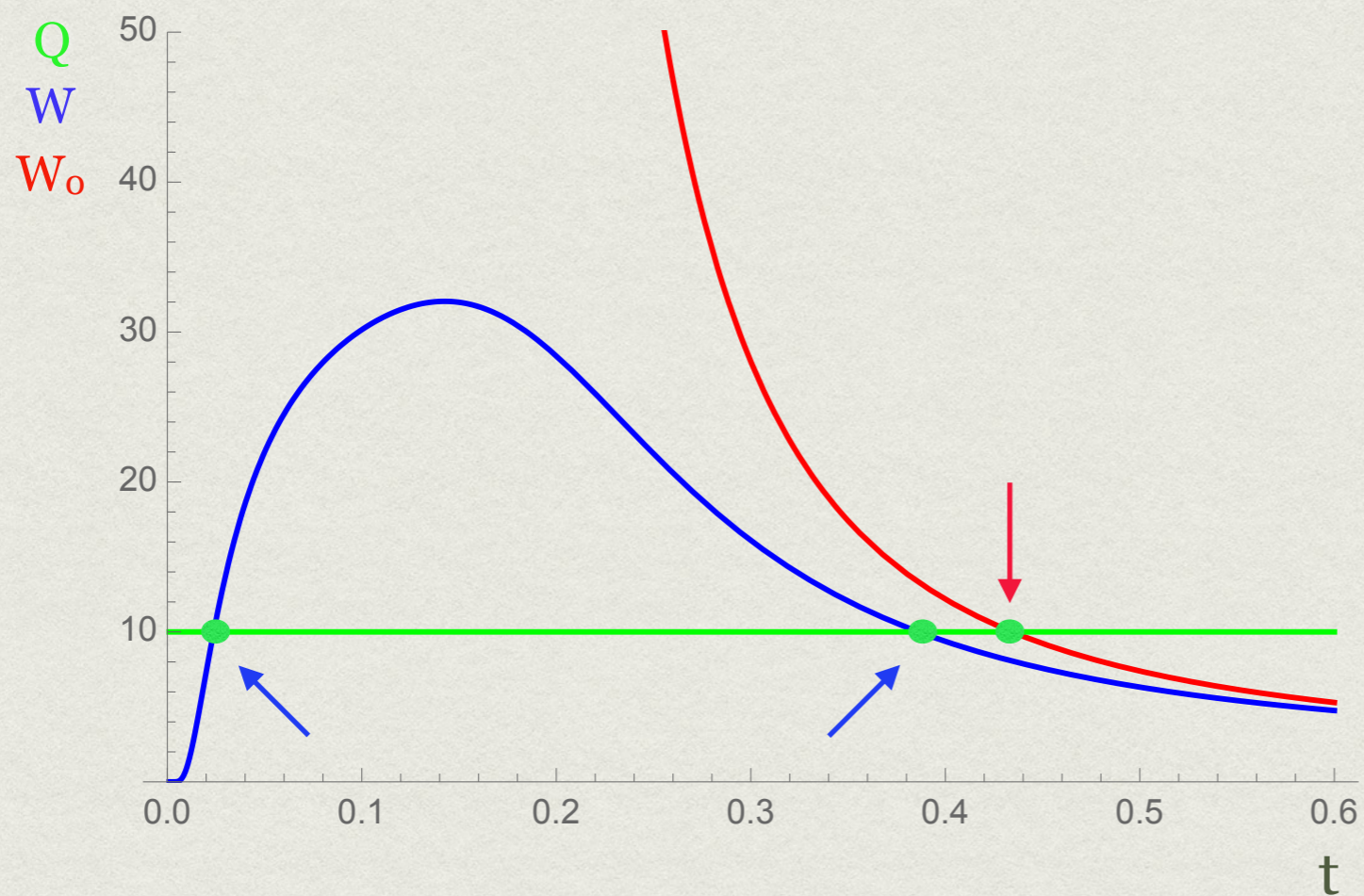


TRANSITION POINT

W: energetic parameter for model with solvent

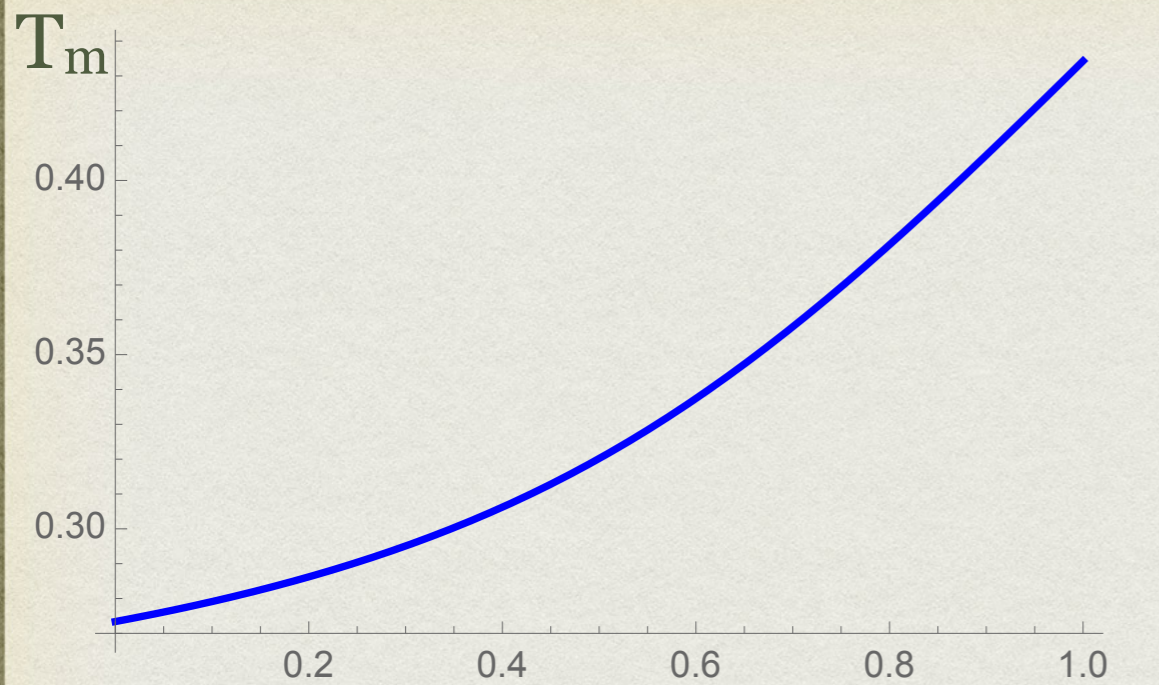
W_0 : energetic parameter for base model

Q: conformational parameter

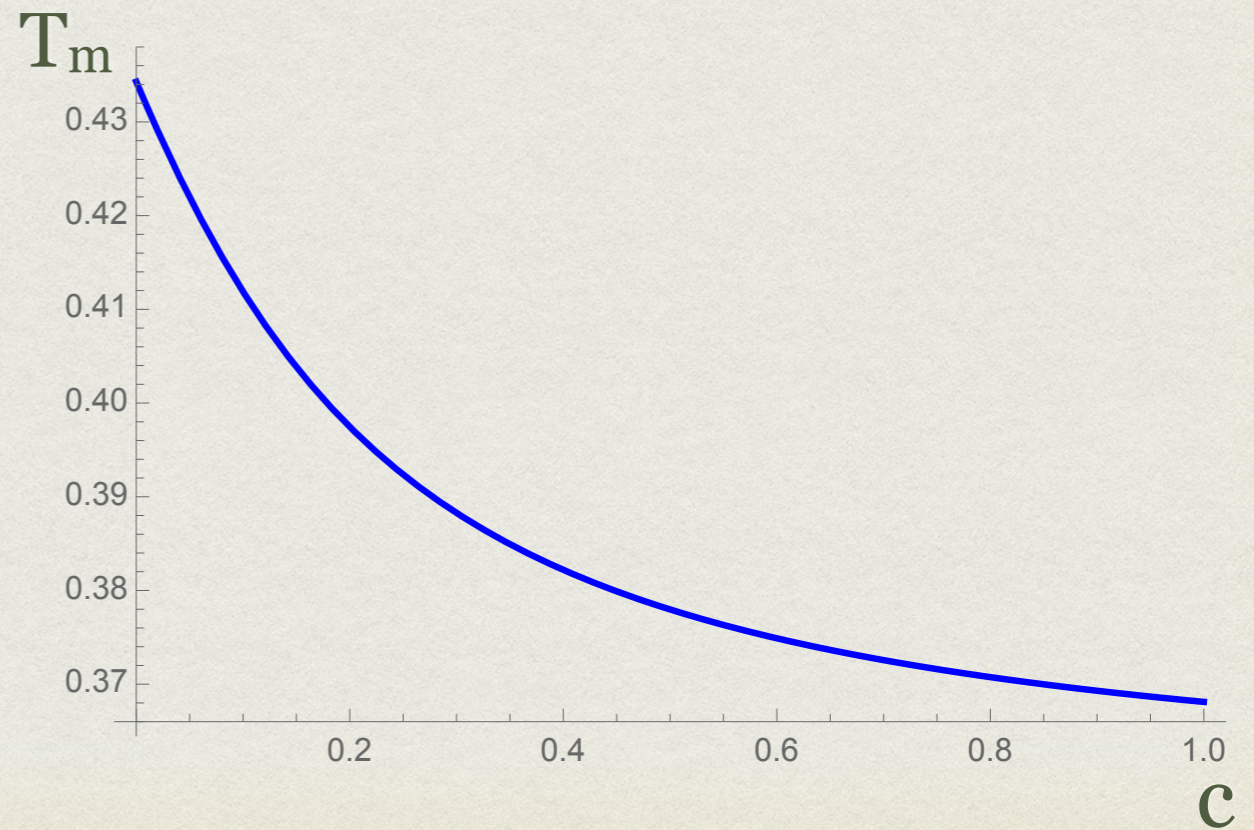
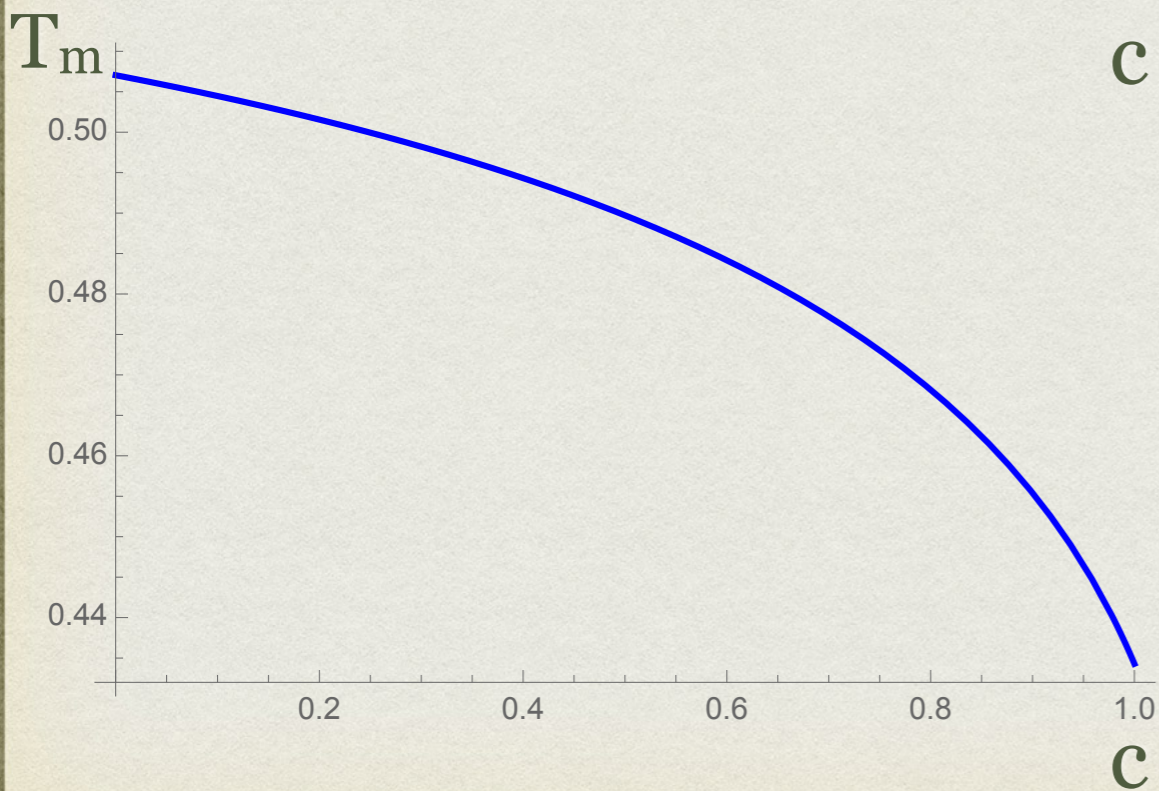


$$W = Q$$

MELTING TEMPERATURE

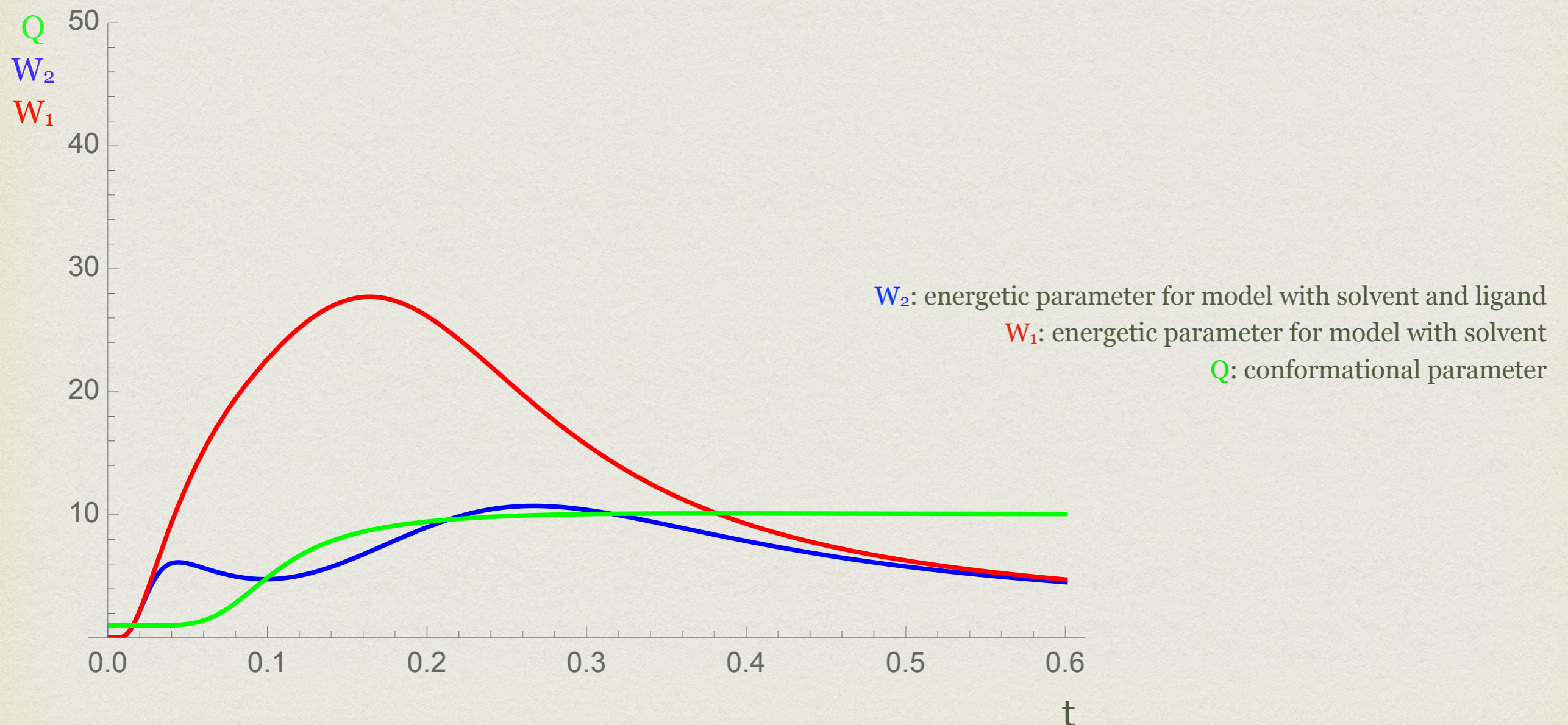


$$W = Q$$



GMPC FOR BIOPOLYMERS INTERACTING WITH SOLVENT AND LIGAND

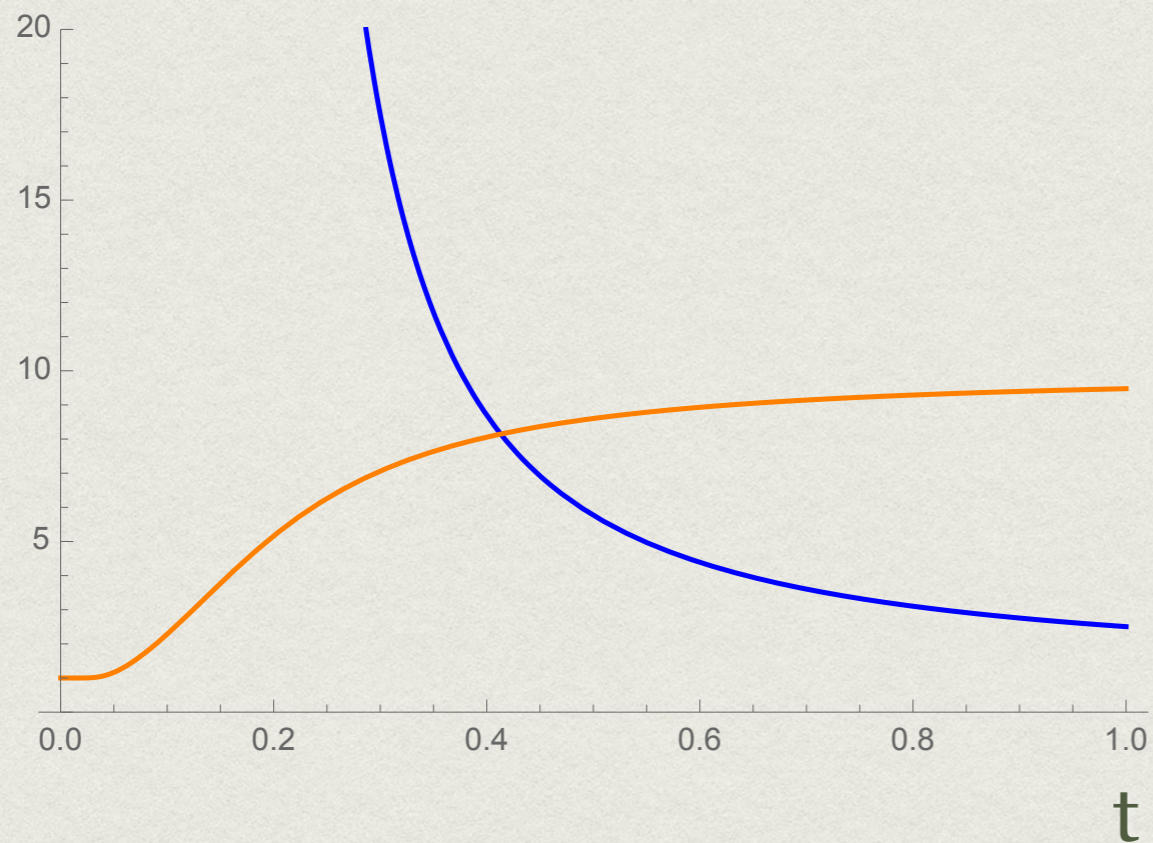
$$-\beta H = J \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_i^{\Delta} - \beta H_S(s_{st}, s_{dst}, s_h, s_c) \delta(f > m) - \beta H_L(l_{st}, l_{dst}, l_h, l_c) \delta(f \leq m)$$



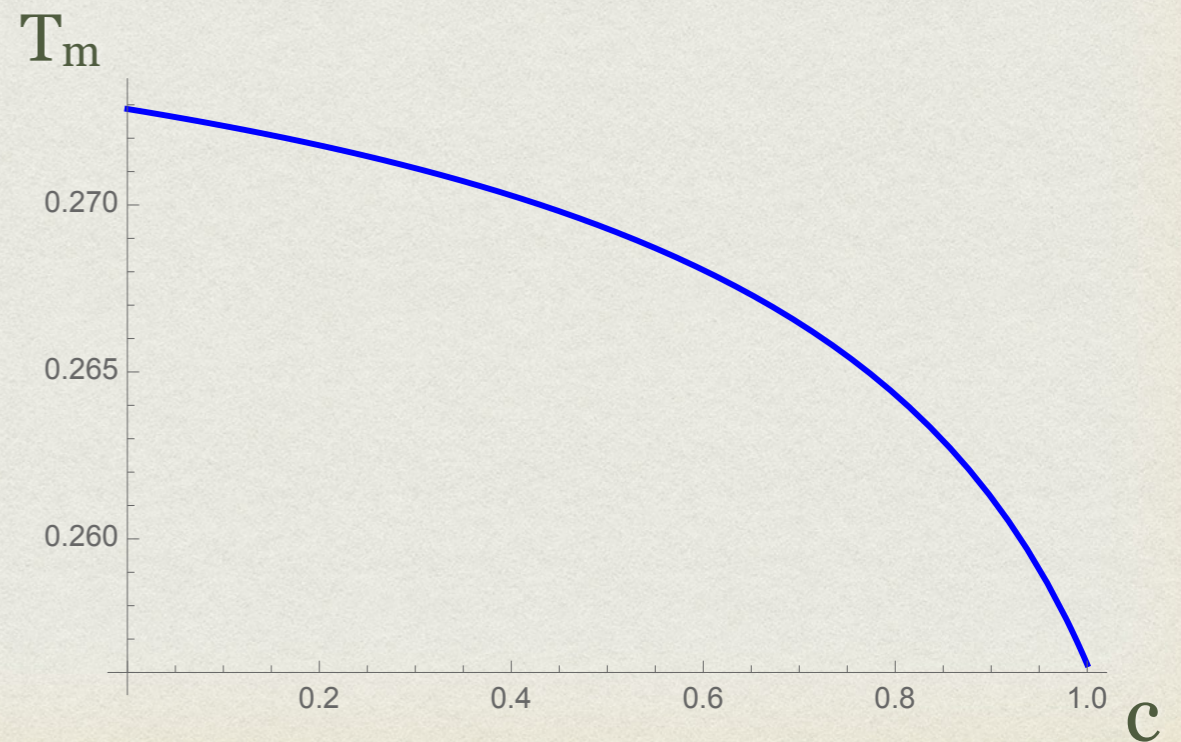
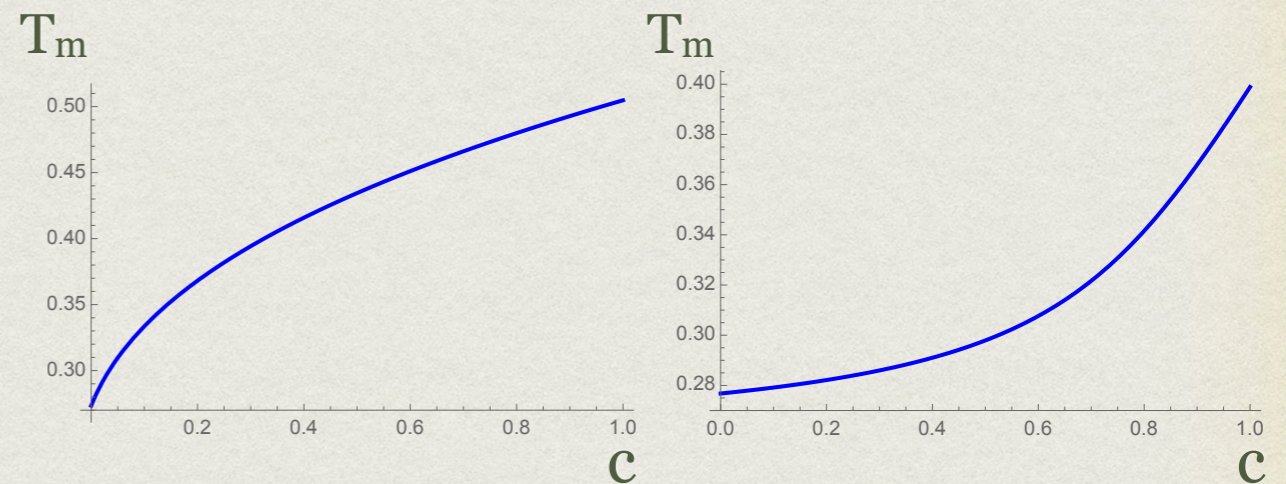
MELTING TEMPERATURE

Interactions with both solvent
and ligand

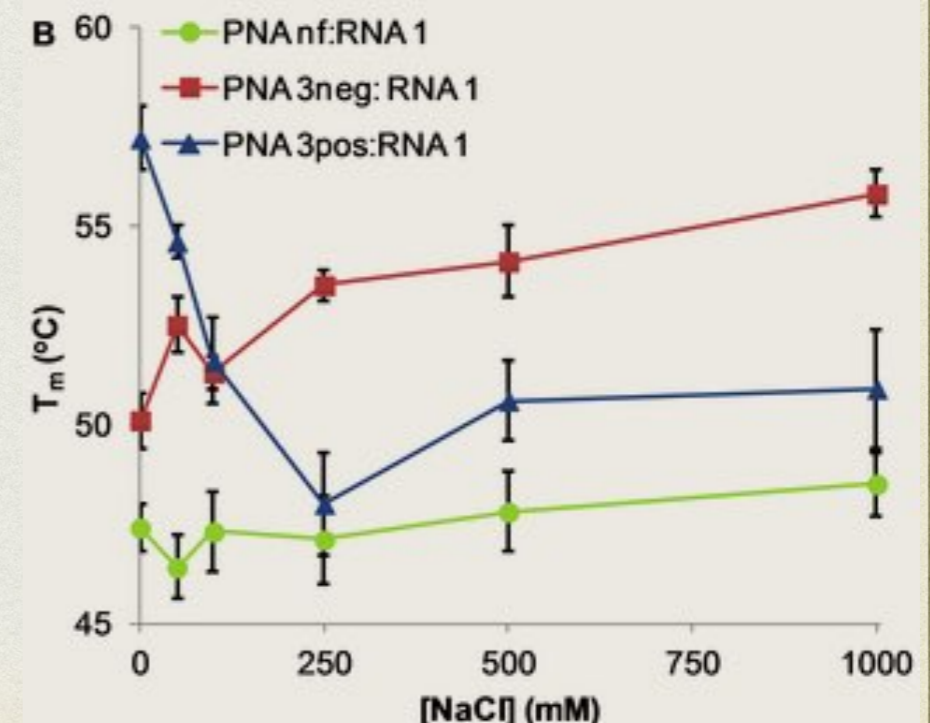
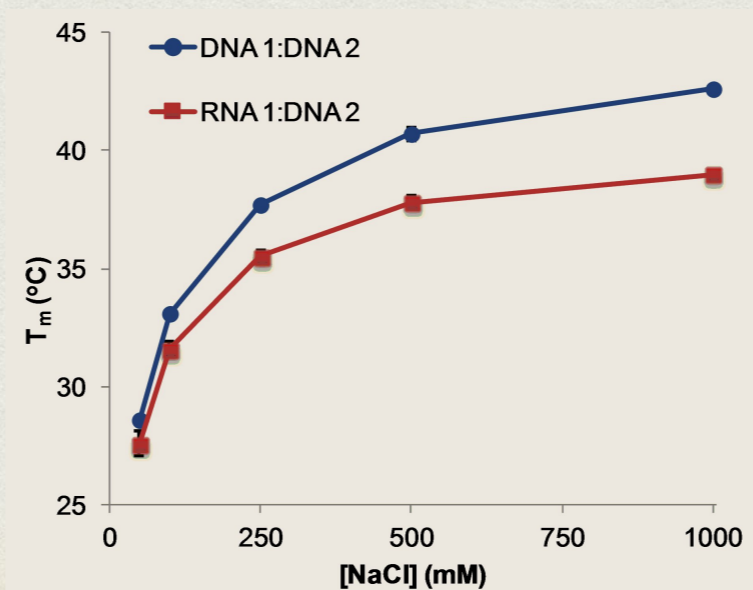
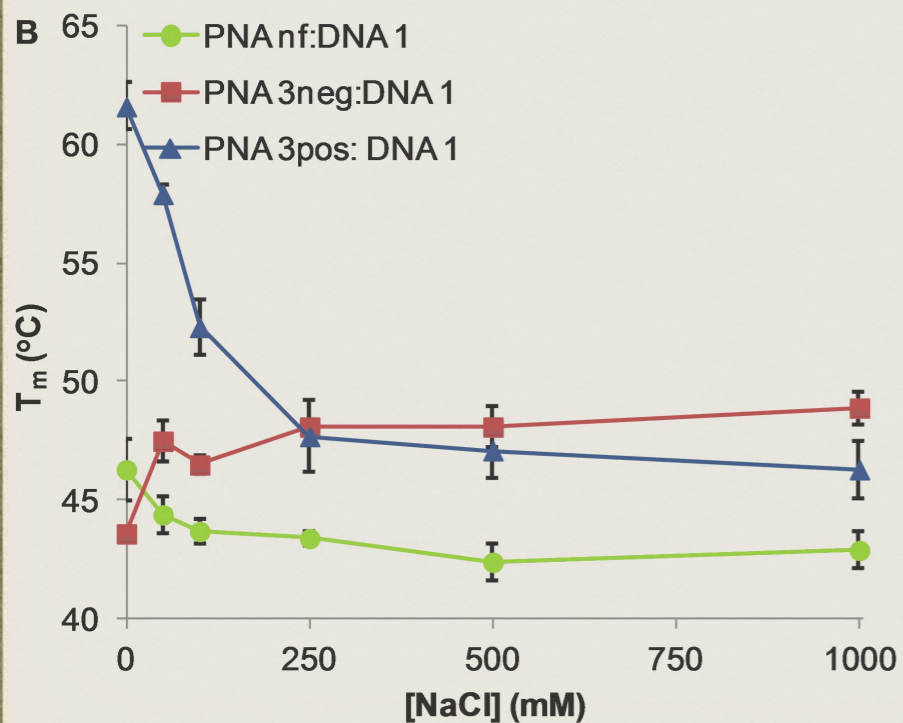
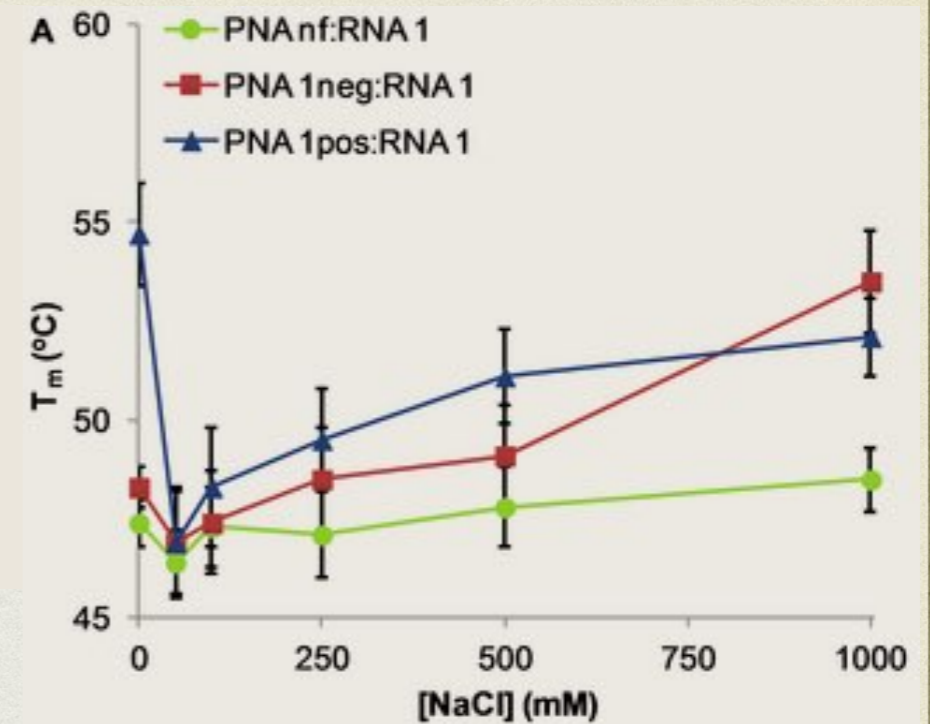
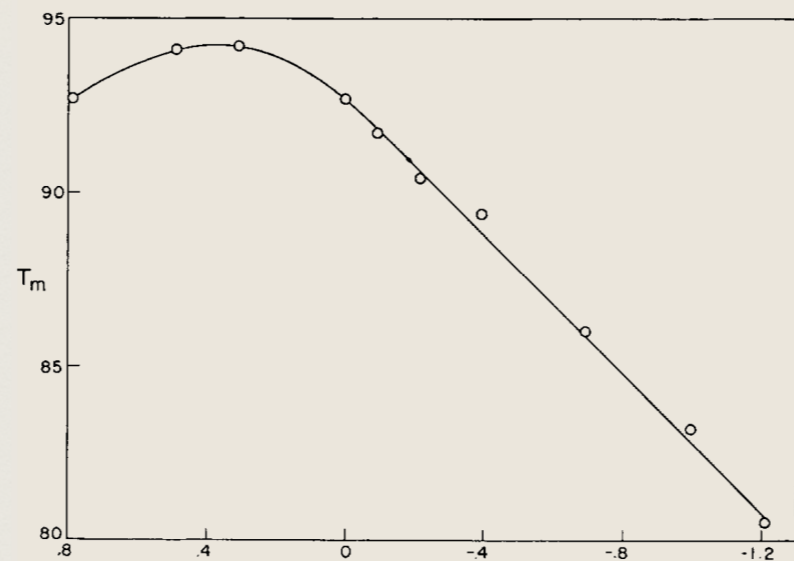
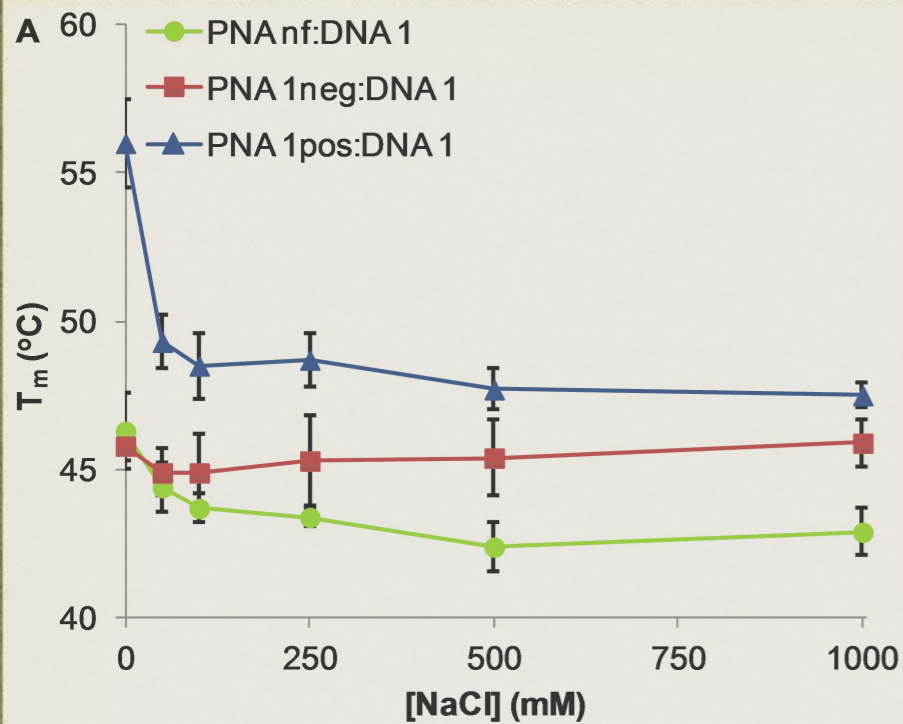
W, Q



$$c(W_L - Q_L) + (1 - c)(W_S - Q_S) = 0$$



EXPERIMENTAL DATA



HAMILTONIAN OF INTERACTIONS IN DIFFERENT BINDING SIDES

$$-\beta H = -\beta H_0 - \beta H_L \cdot H(p - f_i^L) - \beta H_S \cdot H(f_i^S - p)$$

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$



Heaviside function

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w} & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \tilde{Q}-1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \tilde{Q}-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

REDUCED ENERGETIC AND CONFORMATIONAL PARAMETERS

$$\tilde{W} = e^J \frac{(1 - c + c \cdot R_{st}^L R_h^L) \cdot (c + (1 - c) \cdot R_{st}^S R_h^S)}{(1 - c + c \cdot R_{dst}^L R_h^L) \cdot (c + (1 - c) \cdot R_{dst}^S R_h^S)}$$

$$\tilde{Q} - 1 = (Q - 1) \frac{(1 - c + c \cdot R_{dst}^L R_c^L) \cdot (c + (1 - c) \cdot R_{dst}^S R_c^S)}{(1 - c + c \cdot R_{dst}^L R_h^L) \cdot (c + (1 - c) \cdot R_{dst}^S R_h^S)}$$

TRANSITION POINT

$$\tilde{W} = \tilde{Q}$$



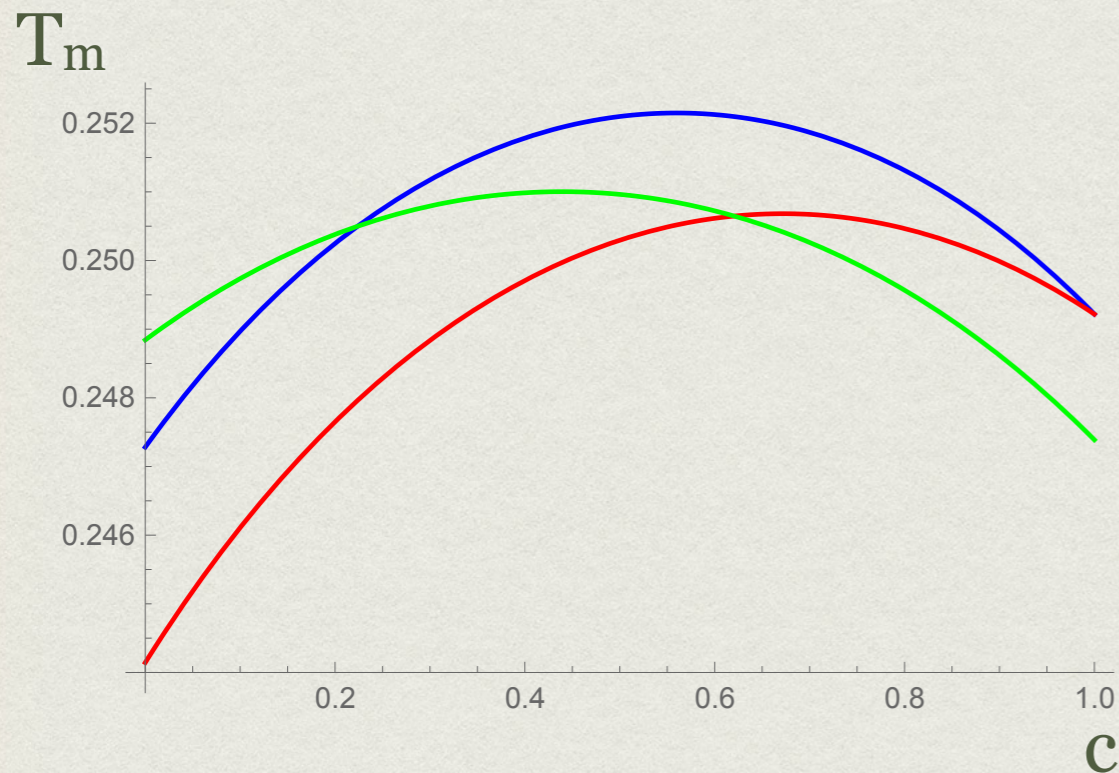
$$e^J (1 - c + c \cdot R_{st}^L R_h^L) \cdot (c + (1 - c) \cdot R_{st}^S R_h^S) =$$

$$= (Q-1) (1 - c + c \cdot R_{dst}^L R_c^L) \cdot (c + (1 - c) \cdot R_{dst}^S R_c^S) + (1 - c + c \cdot R_{dst}^L R_h^L) \cdot (c + (1 - c) \cdot R_{dst}^S R_h^S)$$

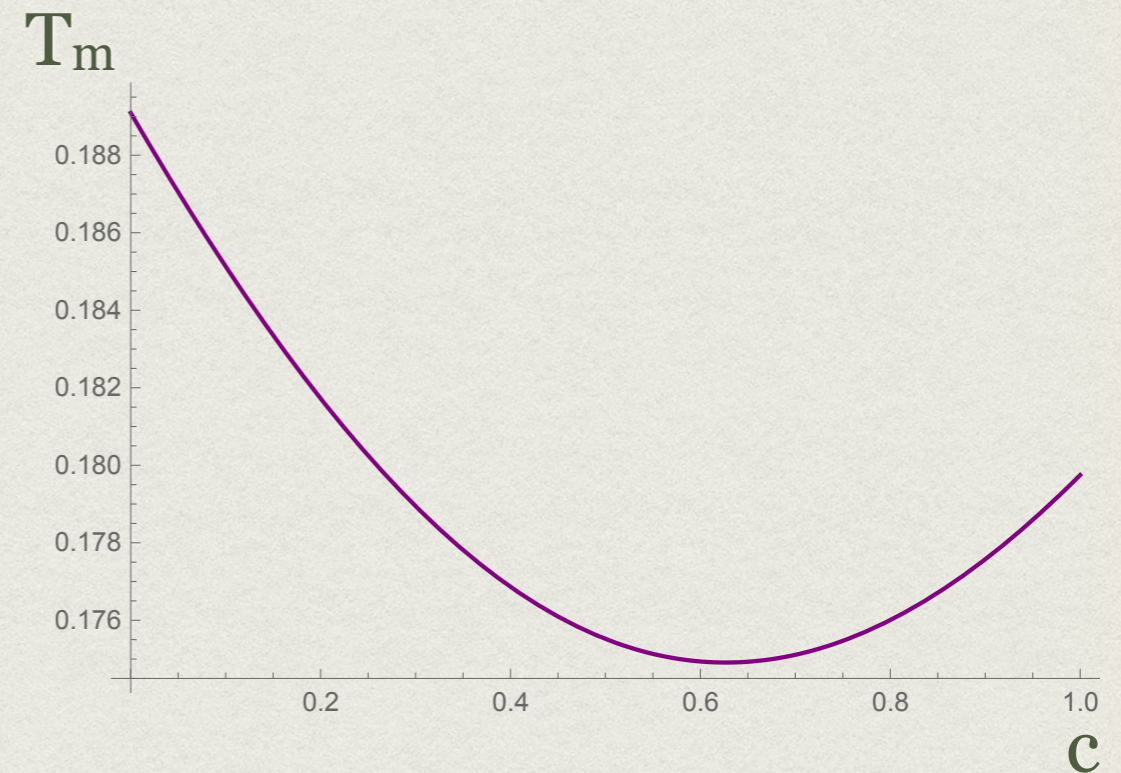
SIMPLEST CASES

$$-\beta H = \sum_{i=1}^N [J \delta_i^{\Delta} + I_L \delta_i^{\Delta} H(p - f_i^L) \delta(l_i, 1) + I_S \delta_i^{\Delta} H(f_i^S - p) \delta(s_i, 1)] \quad (1)$$

$$-\beta H = \sum_{i=1}^N [J \delta_i^{\Delta} + I_L (1 - \delta_i^{\Delta}) H(p - f_i^L) \delta(l_i, 1) + I_S (1 - \delta_i^{\Delta}) H(f_i^S - p) \delta(s_i, 1)] \quad (2)$$

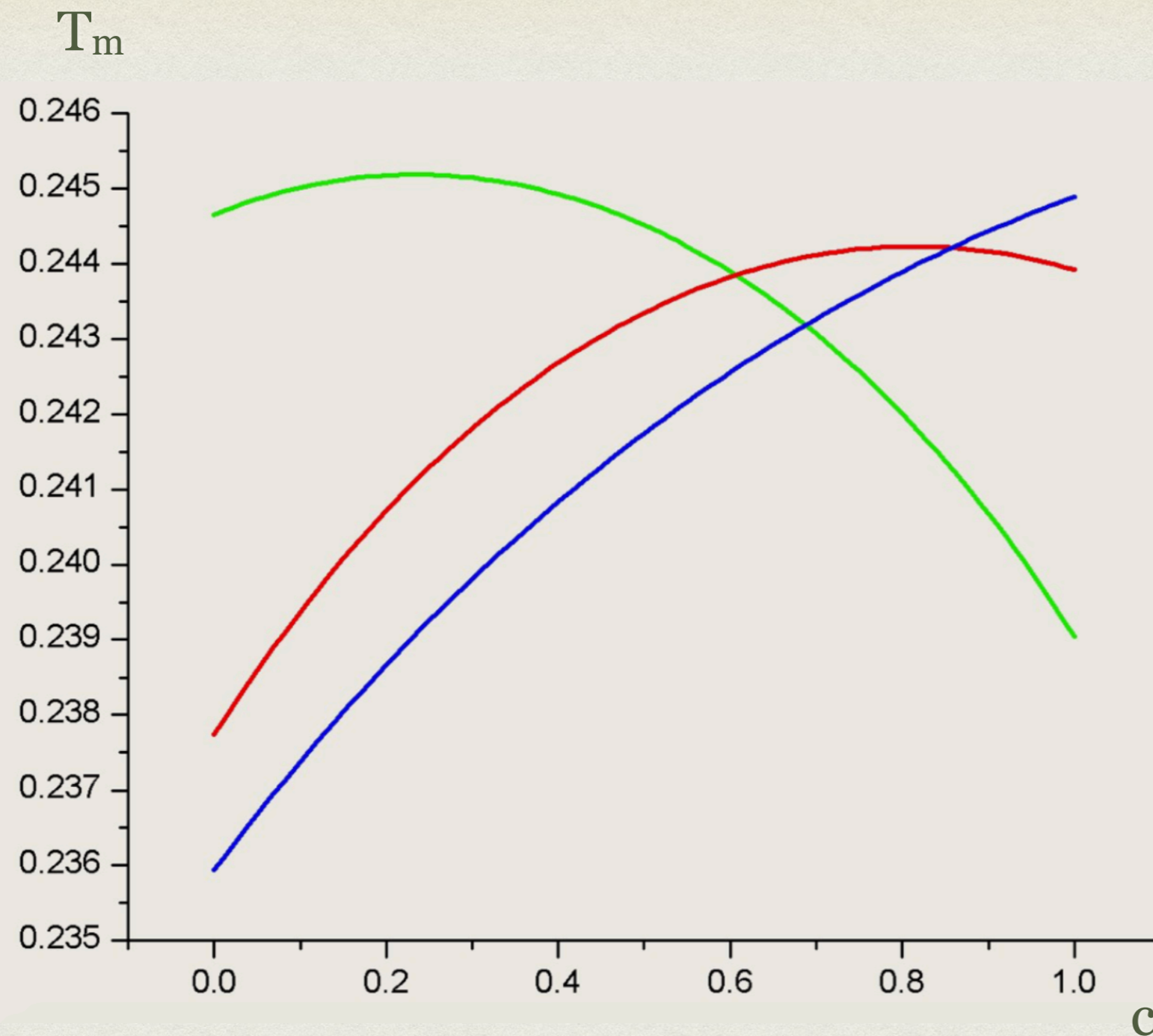


Dependence of normalized temperature of the helix-coil transition from the concentration for the model with Hamiltonian (1) at 1. $\alpha_L=0.48$, $\alpha_S=0.5$, $Q=91$, 2. $\alpha_L=0.55$, $\alpha_S=0.5$, $Q=100$, 3. $\alpha_L=0.55$, $\alpha_S=0.53$, $Q=86.4$.



Dependence of normalized temperature of the helix-coil transition from the concentration for the model with Hamiltonian (2) at 1. $\alpha_L=0.51$, $\alpha_S=0.45$, $Q=100$.

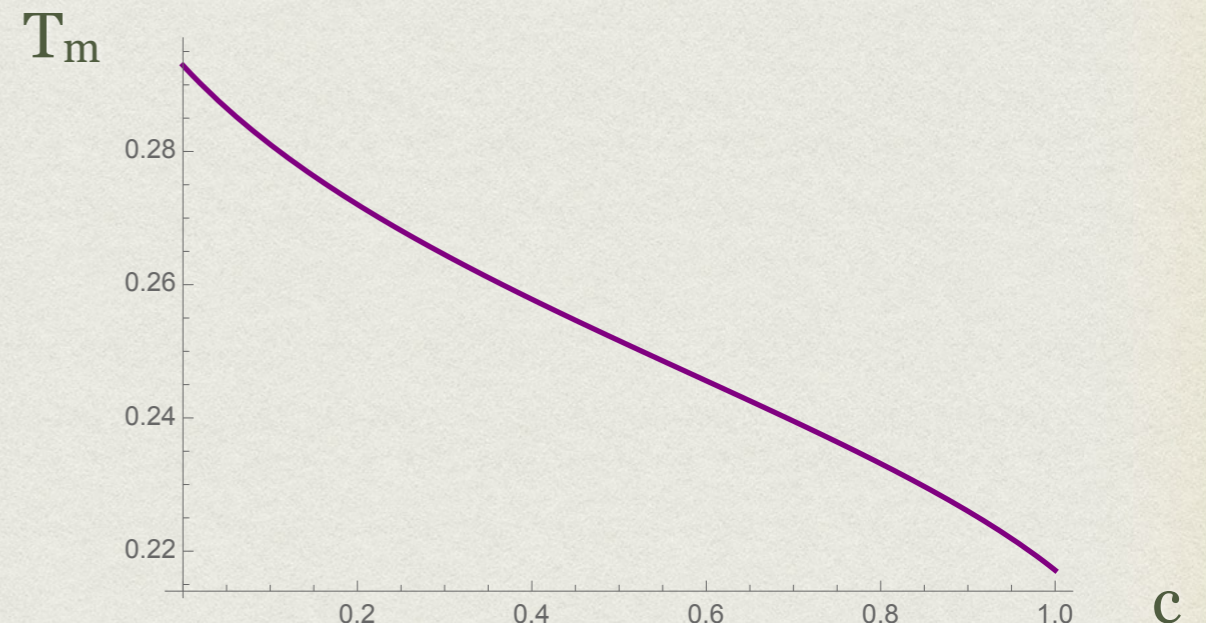
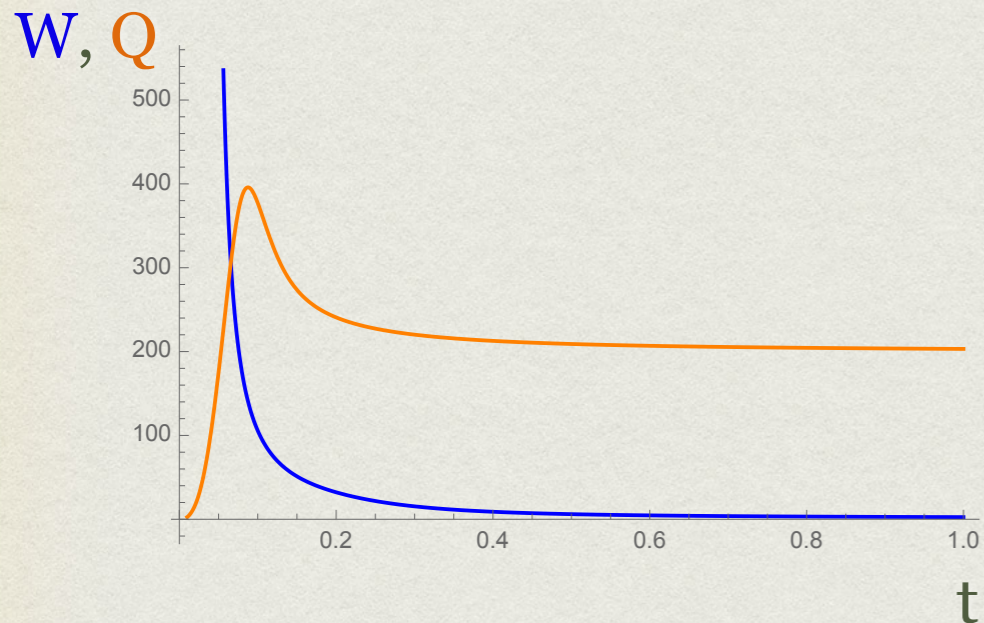
NON-MONOTONE AND MONOTONE BEHAVIORS



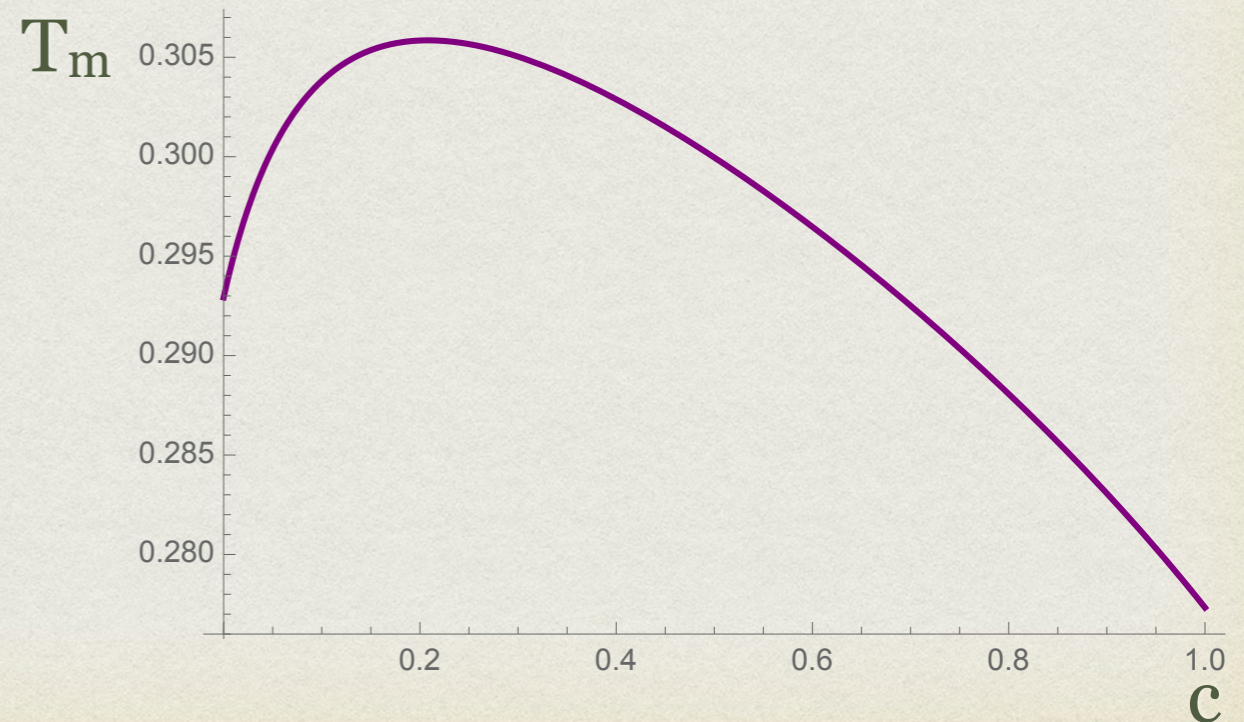
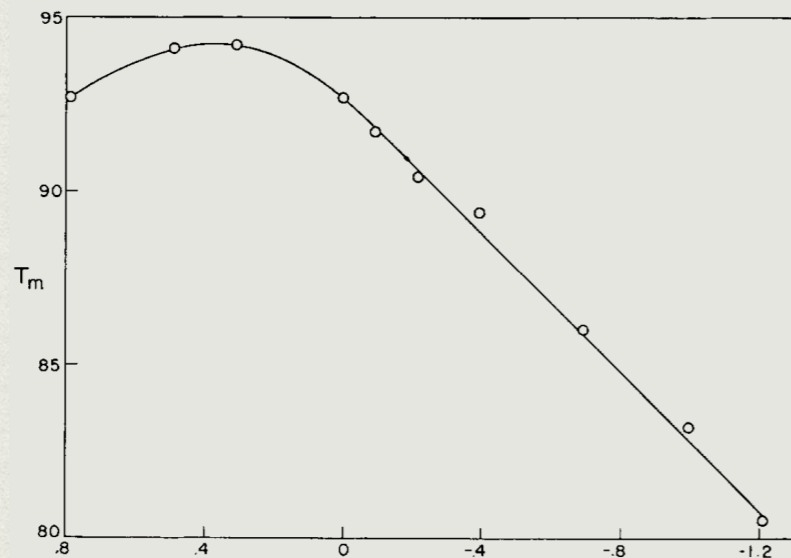
Dependence of normalized temperature of the helix-coil transition from the concentration for the model with Hamiltonian (1) at 1. $\alpha_L=0.438, \alpha_S=0.502, Q=100$, 2. $\alpha_L=0.494, \alpha_S=0.425, Q=100$, 3. $\alpha_L=0.42, \alpha_S=0.296, Q=86.4$.

NON-MONOTONE BEHAVIOR

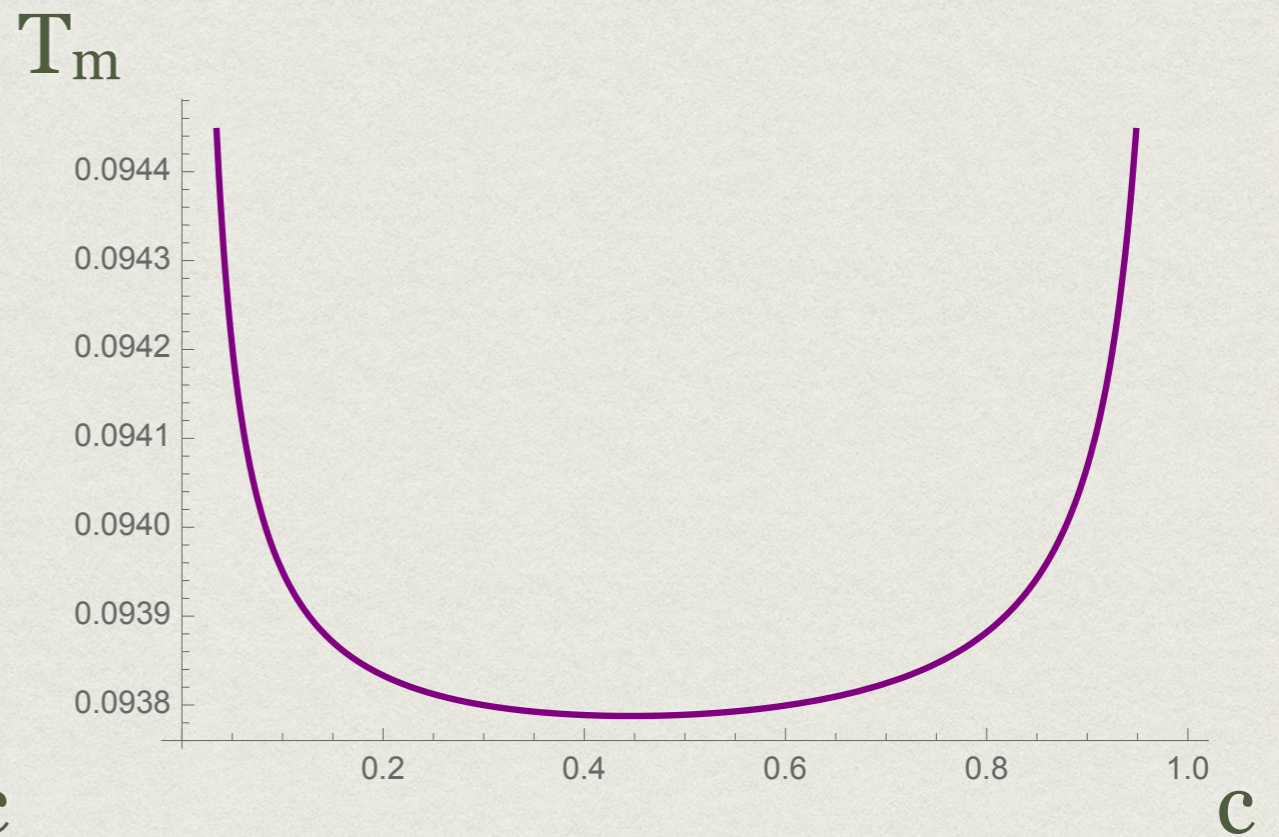
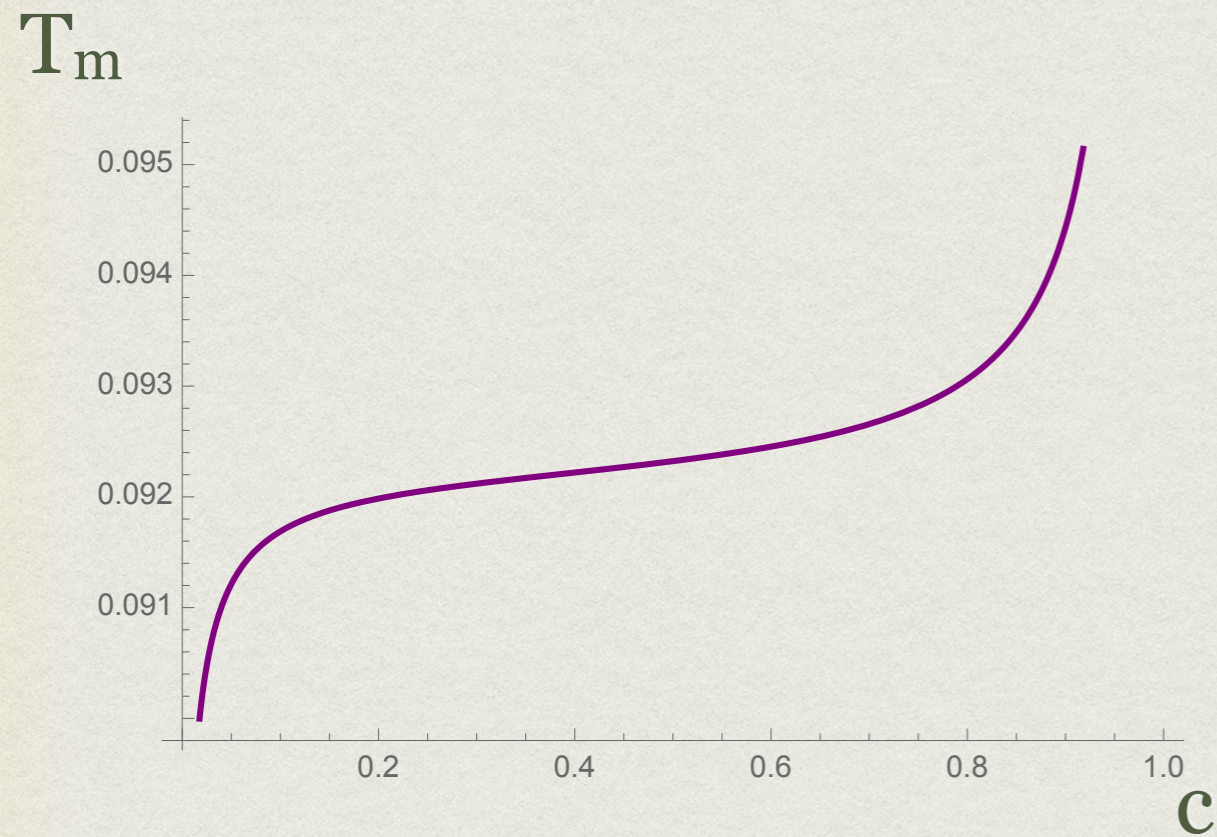
$$-\beta H = -\beta H_0 - \beta H_L \cdot H(p - f_i^L) - \beta H_S \cdot H(f_i^S - p)$$



The T_m of *D. pneumonia* DNA was determined in CsCl solutions having concentrations up to 6M.



MORE COMPLICATED CASES



CONCLUSIONS

- GMPC allows to find microscopic parameters of biological systems if energetic and conformational parameters are defined.
- With last updates, GMPC qualitatively describes the stability of biopolymers in various solutions in both monotone and non-monotone cases.
- In all the models corresponding to the stabilization of helical structure, the helix-coil transition point passes through maximum, in the contrary, the transition point passes through the minimum, for the models stabilizing coiled conformation.
- The changes in regime of helical state stability is not always connected with competition of stabilizing and destabilizing interactions of blend's components, but can be result of both components cumulative effect.
- All the result are qualitative. Although, they are close to some experimental results, we need to do numerical adjustments, to be able to describe real systems more completely.

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