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(57) Abstract			
According to an embodiment of the present invention, a method for determining a conformation for a molecular structure is provided. The method includes a variety of steps such as computationally decomposing the molecular structure into fragments. A step of normalizing each of the fragments in order to form normalized fragments is also included. The step of determining at least one or possibly many conformers for each normalized fragment is included in the method. Finally, the step of combining at least a first conformer and a second conformer in order to derive the molecular structure is performed. Other conformers may also be included in the combination. Some embodiments will also include a step of searching for one or more conformers fragments in a library. If the fragment is found in the library, then its corresponding conformers are read from the library. Otherwise, the method includes an additional step of storing the fragment and conformer information it produces in the determining step into the library for subsequent analyses. Select embodiments according to the invention can produce low energy conformers by resolving strain and torsion within chemical bonds between atoms in the fragments.			