Computational Chemistry - MD Simulations

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Simulations time scale



Figure : Accuracy w.r.t. time scale for different modeling approaches.

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Early MD simulations

Phase Transition for a Hard Sphere System

PHYSICAL REVIEW

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B. J. ALDER AND T. E. WAINWRIGHT University of California Radiation Laboratory, Livermore, California (Received August 12, 1957)

Correlations in the Motion of Atoms in Liquid Argon*

A. RAHMAN Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois (Received 6 May 1964)

Computer simulation of protein folding

Michael Levitt* & Arieh Warshel*

Department of Chemical Physics, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovoth, Israel

A new and very simple representation of protein conformations has been used together with energy minimisation and thermalisation to simulate protein folding. Under certain conditions, the method succeeds in 'renaturing' bovine pancreatic trypsin inhibitor from an open-chain conformation into a folded conformation close to that of the native molecule. protein, in this case myoglobin, was based on the packing of cylinders supposed to represent a helices¹. The method was not implemented on a computer and cannot be applied more generally to other proteins not built entirely from helices.

Here we tackle the problem differently. First, we simplify the representation of a protein by averaging over the fine details. This is done both to make the calculations much more efficient and also to avoid having to distinguish between many

Figure : Nature, 253 (1975).

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Current MD simulations

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2013





Photo: A. Mahmoud Martin Karplus Prize share: 1/3 Photo: A. Mahmoud Michael Levitt Prize share: 1/3 Photo: A. Mahmoud Arigh Warshel Prize share: 1/3

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2013 was awarded jointly to Martin Karplus, Michael Levitt and Arieh Warshel "for the development of multiscale models for complex chemical systems".

Figure : Taken from: http://www.nobelprize.org.

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Clays

Application of Parallel algorithms

Proteins



Figure : AdK enzyme in water.



Figure : Clay [JPC C, **118**, 1001 (2014)].

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Application of Parallel algorithms

Food Biophysics (2009) 4:340-346 DOI 10.1007/s11483-009-9132-9

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Estimation of Water Diffusion Coefficients in Freeze-Concentrated Matrices of Sugar Solutions Using Molecular Dynamics: Correlation Between Estimated Diffusion Coefficients and Measured Ice-Crystal Recrystallization Rates

Tomoaki Hagiwara • Takaharu Sakiyama • Hisahiko Watanabe

Figure : Ice cream research.

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Construction and Building Materials

journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/conbuildmat

Molecular dynamics study of interfacial mechanical behavior between asphalt binder and mineral aggregate

Guangji Xu, Hao Wang * Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Surgers University, Piscataway, NJ 08854, USA

Figure : Asphalt research.



Fig. 3. Representative model for the MD simulations and schematic of tensile simulation.

Figure : Asphalt [Const. Build. Mat., **121**, 246 (2016)].

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Newton's equation

$$\mathbf{F} = -\nabla U$$
 Newton's Law(1687) (1)

solution of this equation requires the knowledge of an array of particles' positions and velocities

$$\mathbf{X} = (x_1^1, x_2^1, x_3^1, x_1^2, x_2^2, x_3^2 \dots x_1^N, x_2^N, x_3^N)$$
(2)

$$\mathbf{V} = (v_1^1, v_2^1, v_3^1, v_1^2, v_2^2, v_3^2 \dots v_1^N, v_2^N, v_3^N)$$
(3)

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Force fields



Figure : Taken from: http://www.lpwchem.org/force-field-development/

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$$V = \sum_{\text{bonds}} \frac{1}{2} k_{\text{bonds}} (r - r_0)^2 + \sum_{\text{angles}} \frac{1}{2} k_{\text{angle}} (\theta - \theta_0)^2 + \sum_{\text{torsions}} \sum_j V_j (1 + \cos j\phi) + \sum_{\text{Coulomb}}^{i < j} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} + \sum_{\text{VdW}}^{i < j} \left\{ 4\epsilon_{ij} \left[\left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right] \right\}$$
(4)

- Proteins and Hydrocarbons: GROMOS, OPLS-AA, AMBER, CHARMM.
- Clays: CLAYFF
- Coarse-graining: MARTINI

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Force fields: Energy surface



Figure : Energy surface described by V = sin(x) * cos(x)

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Water models



Figure : 3-5 sites water models. Taken from: http://www1.lsbu.ac.uk/water/water_models.html

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Water models

TABLE 5: Self-diffusion Coefficients (×10⁻⁹ m² s⁻¹) for All Water Models Using Two Different Lengths of the Slope of MSD(t) vs t

water model	slope (1.9-9.6 ps)	slope (4.0-20.0 ps)	temperature ^c (K)	D (25 °C) ^f
TIP3P original ^a	$5.88^{d}(0.10)^{e}$	$5.87^{d}(0.09)^{e}$	$301.4^{d}(1.7)^{e}$	5.67
TIP3P original ^b	5.59 (0.06)	5.59 (0.08)	297.0 (0.9)	5.65
TIP3P modified ^a	5.92 (0.09)	5.92 (0.11)	301.2 (1.8)	5.73
TIP3P modified ^b	5.83 (0.07)	5.85 (0.08)	299.2 (1.0)	5.78
SPC original ^a	4.39 (0.05)	4.40 (0.06)	301.0 (1.7)	4.22
SPC original ^b	4.22 (0.06)	4.24 (0.08)	298.6 (1.1)	4.20
SPC refined ^a	4.49 (0.08)	4.48 (0.08)	301.0 (1.8)	4.30
SPC refined ^b	4.26 (0.07)	4.24 (0.10)	297.7 (1.2)	4.26
SPC/E originala	2.90 (0.06)	2.89 (0.08)	300.4 (1.9)	2.75
SPC/E original ^b	2.78 (0.04)	2.77 (0.06)	298.2 (1.4)	2.76
expt18,9				2.30

^a Nonbonded list 1 (see Methods). ^b Nonbonded list 2 (see Methods). ^c Temperature of the MD simulation. ^d Mean values. ^e Standard deviations. ^f Self-diffusion coefficients adjusted to 25 °C, using the slope 4.0–20.0 ps.

Figure : See for details: JPC A, 105, 9954 (2001).

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Protein systems



Figure : 20 natural amino acids. Taken from: goo.gl/YrYvwv

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Sequence Chain View



Figure : PDB information of AdK.



Figure : Structure of yeast AdK.

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Periodic boundary conditions (PBC)

The systems we can study with MD simulations are tiny compared to real experimental setups $(10^{23} particles)$.



Figure : PBCs and minimum image convention [Allen & Tildesley, Comp. Sim. of Liquids]

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Electrostatic interactions: Ewald method

The elecrostatic energy for a periodic system can be written as¹,

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^3}^{\infty} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} \frac{q_i q_j}{|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{m}L|}$$
(5)

where $\mathbf{r}_{ij} = \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j$, **m** refers to the periodic images. Primed summation means i = j interaction is excluded for $\mathbf{m} = 0$. q_x is the partial charge on atom x.

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$$\frac{1}{r} = \frac{f(r)}{r} + \frac{1 - f(r)}{r}$$
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$$E = E^{(r)} + E^{(k)} + E^{(s)} + E^{(d)}$$
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Electrostatic interactions

$$E^{(r)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^3}^{\infty} \sum_{i,j=1}^{N} {}^{\prime} q_i q_j \frac{\operatorname{erfc}(\alpha |\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{m}L|)}{|\mathbf{r}_{ij} + \mathbf{m}L|}$$
(7)

$$E^{(k)} = \frac{1}{2V} \sum_{k \neq 0} \frac{4\pi}{k^2} e^{k^2/4\alpha^2} |\tilde{\rho}(\mathbf{k})|^2$$
(8)

$$E^{(s)} = -\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{i} q_i^2 \tag{9}$$

$$E^{(d)} = \frac{2\pi}{(1+2\epsilon')V} (\sum_{i} q_i \mathbf{r}_i)^2$$
(10)

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Electrostatic interactions: Cutoff methods

The elecrostatic energy for a periodic system can be written as²,

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(11)

where $\mathbf{r}_{ij} = \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j$, **m** refers to the periodic images. Primed summation means i = j interaction is excluded for $\mathbf{m} = 0$. Can we truncate the interactions up to $\mathbf{r} = R_c$?

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i}^{N} \sum_{j}^{\mathbf{r}_{ij} < R_c} \frac{1}{\mathbf{r}_{ij}} + \Phi$$
(12)

²Adv. Polym. Sci., 185, 59 (2005)

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Electrostatic interactions: NaCl lattice



Figure : NaCl lattice. (source:goo.gl/Fa7tcL)

$$E_i(R_c) = \sum_{\substack{j \neq i \\ (r_{ij} < R_c)}} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} \quad (13)$$

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Figure : Energy convergence upon charge neutralization. (Wolf et al., JCP, 110, 8256 (1999))

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Isotropic Periodic Sum method: NaCl lattice

$$\epsilon_{ij}^{\mathsf{IPS}}(r_{ij}) = \begin{cases} \epsilon_{ij}(r_{ij}) + \phi_{ij}(r_{ij}) \\ \text{if } r_{ij} \leq R_{\mathsf{c}} \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(14

 ϵ_{ij} is the Coulombic term and ϕ_{ij} is the long-range IPS correction whose operational expression is given by,

$$\phi_{ij}(r_{ij}) = \frac{q_i q_j}{R_c} \left[\sum_{k=1}^6 b_{2k} \left(\frac{r_{ij}}{R_c} \right)^{2k} \right]$$
(15)
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ZC Wolf -1.5 IPSn $|\Delta E| [q^2/a]$ IPSp 10 damped-IPSn Energy / ion [q²/a] 10 10 9 6 12 15 18 21 R_{12}^{12} 15 18

Figure : Single ion energy using different cutoff methods. [JCP, **140**, 164106 (2014), JCP, **122**, 044107 (2005)

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Integration of Newton's equation

We now now the force field and we know the law of motion:

$$\mathbf{F} = m\mathbf{a} - \nabla U$$
 Newton's Law (16)

we need to integrate this equation, here we use the leap-frog scheme $\left[{\rm Hockney}, \ 1970 \right]$,

$$\mathbf{r}(t+\delta t) = \mathbf{r}(t) + \delta t \mathbf{v}(t+\frac{1}{2}\delta t)$$
(17)

$$\mathbf{v}(t+\frac{1}{2}\delta t) = \mathbf{v}(t-\frac{1}{2}\delta t) + \delta t\mathbf{a}$$
 (18)

velocities are updated according to,

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbf{v}(t + \frac{1}{2}\delta t) + \mathbf{v}(t - \frac{1}{2}\delta t) \right)$$
(19)

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Constraints

Collision of two diatomic molecules



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Constraints

Modern approaches to deal with constraints



Figure : ILVES method.

See JCC, 32, 3039 (2011)

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Techniques to speedup simulations

- MPI parallelization
- MPI+OpenMP parallelization
- Domain decomposition scheme
- Multiple communicators



Figure : Nodes (MPI).

do i=1,num_particles
x(i) = x(i) + f(i)*dt
enddo

NUMANode (16GB)						
L3 (6144KB)						
L2 (2048KB)		L2 (2048KB)		L2 (2048KB)		
L1 (16KB)						
Core P#0 PU P#0	Core P#1 PU P#1	Core P#2 PU P#2	Core P#3 PU P#3	Core P#4 PU P#4	Core P#5 PU P#5	

Figure : NUMA machine (OpenMP).

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Ergodicity

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$$egin{aligned} & \mathcal{A} >_{ ext{time}} \ & = < \mathcal{A}(\Gamma(t)) >_{ ext{time}} \ & = \lim_{t_{ ext{obs}} o \infty} \int_{0}^{t_{ ext{obs}}} \mathcal{A}(\Gamma(t)) dt \ & (20) \end{aligned}$$



Figure : Coffee cup.

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Statistical ensembles

• Microcanonical ensemble (NVE) partition function is [Allen & Tildesley, Comp. Sim. of Liquids],

$$Q_{NVE} = \frac{1}{N!} \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{p} \delta(\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) - E)$$
(21)

The thermodynamic potential is the negative of the entropy $-S/k_B = -\ln Q_{NVE}$

• In the case of the Canonical ensemble (NVT) the partition function is,

$$Q_{NVT} = \frac{1}{N!} \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{p} \exp(-\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p})/k_B T) \qquad (22)$$

with thermodynamic potential $A/k_BT = -\ln Q_{NVT}$.

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Statistical ensembles

• Isothermal-isobaric ensemble (NPT) partition function is,

$$Q_{NPT} = \frac{1}{N!} \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \frac{1}{V_0} \int \mathrm{d}V \int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} \mathrm{d}\mathbf{p} \exp(-(\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p}) + PV)/k_B T)$$
(23)

the corresponding thermodynamic potential is $G/k_B = -\ln Q_{NPT}$

• Grand-canonical ensemble (μ VT) partition function is,

$$Q_{\mu VT} = \sum_{N} \frac{1}{N!} \frac{1}{h^{3N}} \exp(\mu N/k_B T) \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{p} \exp(-\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{p})/k_B T)$$
(24)

the corresponding thermodynamic potential is $-PV/k_B = -\ln Q_{\mu VT}$

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Thermostats

- NVE is obtained by solving NE.
- NVT can be achieved with the following thermostats: Berendsen, Velocity-rescaling, Nose-Hoover.

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\mathbf{p}_{i}}{2m_{i}} + U(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{2}, \dots, \mathbf{r}_{N}) + \frac{p_{\xi}^{2}}{2Q} + N_{f}kT\xi \qquad (25)$$

A better approach is Nose-Hoover chain.

- Using general and local thermostats.
- NPT can be simulated with Berendsen and Parrinello-Rahman methods.

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Accelerated MD simulations

The original potential energy surface $V(\mathbf{r})$ is modified according to,

$$V^*(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{cases} V(\mathbf{r}), & V(\mathbf{r}) \ge E, \\ V(\mathbf{r}) + \Delta V(\mathbf{r}) & V(\mathbf{r}) < E. \end{cases}$$
(26)



Figure : Modified potential energy surface [JCP, 120, 11919 (2004)].

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the biasing term is,

$$\Delta V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{(E - V(\mathbf{r}))^2}{\alpha + (E - V(\mathbf{r}))}$$

(27)



Figure : Free energy landscape of Alanine dipeptide [JCP, 120, 11919 (2004)].

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Umbrella sampling (US) simulations

The potential energy is modified as follows JCP, **23**, 187 (1977):

 $E^b(r) = E^u(r) + w_i(\xi)$

with
$$w_i(\xi) = K/2(\xi - \xi_i^{ref})^2$$

For each window the free energy is given by,

$$A_i(\xi) = -(1/\beta) \ln P_i^b(\xi) - w_i(\xi) + F_i$$



Figure : Potential energy surface.



Figure : Probability histograms.

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String method (SM) simulations

Define a set of collective variables z_j and effective forces as follows

$$rac{k}{T}\int_0^T (z_j- heta_j(t))dt\sim rac{\partial F(z)}{\partial z_j}$$

The free energy along the string is computed by PRB, **66**, 052301 (2002),



Figure : Free energy surface.

$$F(z(\alpha))-F(z(0))=\int_0^{\alpha}\sum_{i=1}^N\frac{dz_i(\alpha')}{d\alpha'}\frac{\partial F(z(\alpha'))}{\partial z_i}d\alpha'$$

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Figure : Free energy surface of Alanine dipeptide.

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Coarse-grain simulations



Figure : Reduction of the degrees of freedom [Annu. Rev. Biophys., 42, 73 (2013)].

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Alchemical simulations



Figure : Thermodynamic cycle for binding of two protein ligands L_1 and L_2 , [JCC, **30**, 1692 (2009)].

$$\Delta\Delta G_{L_i \to L_j}^{bind} = \Delta G_{L_j}^{bind} - \Delta G_{L_i}^{bind} = \Delta G_{RL_i \to RL_j}^{prot} - \Delta G_{L_i \to L_j}^{solv}$$
(28)
The Hamiltonian is modified according to,

$$H = T_x + (1 - \lambda)V_0 + \lambda V_1$$
⁽²⁹⁾

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The free energy difference going from $\lambda = 0$ to $\lambda = 1$ is,

$$\Delta G_{\lambda=0\to\lambda=1} = \sum_{\lambda=0}^{1} -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln \left\langle \exp\left(-\beta (H_{(\lambda+\delta\lambda)} - H_{(\lambda)})\right) \right\rangle$$
(30)

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GROMACS

- Setting up the system
- minimization
- solvation
- neutralization
- equilibration
- production
- analysis

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GROMACS files

- *.gro, *.pdb (coordinates)
- *.top (topology)
- *.tpr (binary input file)
- *.mdp (parameter file for simulation)