Why Nature Chose Phosphates?





Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1998



Walter Kohn

Developed the Density Functional Theory (DFT), which became the most widely used quantum chemistry method due to its efficiency and accuracy.

John Pople

Developed numerous algorithms for quantum chemistry methods. Main founder behind the currently most widely used quantum chemistry software, Gaussian.



Walter Kohn



John A. Pople

Their work enables us to

 Obtain the solution of the Schrödinger equation using approximate methods

 $H\Psi = E\Psi$

- Find energies and wave functions of small to medium sized molecules
- Provide accurate models of chemical structure and reactivity
- Determine molecular properties



Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2013



Arieh Warshel

- Worked on force field development for molecular mechanics in Shneior Lifson's group at the Weizmann Institute.
- Developed Quantum Chemistry/Molecular mechanics (i.e., QM/MM) method together with Michael Levitt (1976).
- Performed the first molecular simulations of enzymatic reactions in proteins (1976).
- Performed the first protein folding simulation together with Michael Levitt (1976).



Michael Levitt

- Worked on force field development for molecular mechanics in Shneior Lifson's group at the Weizmann Institute.
- Developed Quantum Chemistry/Molecular mechanics (i.e., QM/MM) method together with Arieh Warshel (1976).
- Wrote the first software to perform molecular dynamics simulations of DNA and proteins.
- Performed the first protein folding simulation together with Arieh Warshel (1976).



Martin Karplus

- Force field development for molecular mechanics collaborating with Shneior Lifson's group at the Weizmann Institute.
- One of the first computational studies of biological systems.
- Main founder behind CHARMM (Chemistry at HARvard Macromolecular Mechanics)
- Pioneered QM/MM simulations, and developed numerous methods for computational modelling of biological systems.



Their work enables us to

- Find the structures of complex biomolecules by calculating their Newtonian dynamics
- Find reaction mechanisms of enzymes
- Model and predict structure and function of biological systems



MM and MD and QM/MM

- Molecular Mechanics (MM) describes an empirical potential energy function (U) that allows us to calculate the approximate energy given as a function of the atomic positions.
- Each atom is represented explicitly, together with its partial charge (q_i), radius (r₀), and the list of all other atoms it is bonded to (with b₀ bond length).
- Bonds cannot break and cannot form.
- Molecular Dynamics (MD) defines the movements of the atoms classically, using Newton's equation of motion on a given potential energy surface.
- The potential energy surface for MD can be defined by MM, (which is an approximation of the quantum mechanical energy of the system), or by the approximate solution of the Schrödinger equation using quantum mechanics (QM) methods.
- The potential energy can also be a combination of QM and MM by defining two sets of atoms, a QM region and an MM region, and accounting for the electrostatic coupling between the two subsystems. In the QM region bonds can break and form.

U= <u>li Bonds</u> (b-b) ² + <u>li Angles</u> (0-Q	
+ $\sum_{AII} K_{\phi} [1 - \cos(n\phi + J)]$	
+ $\sum \varepsilon \left[(r_{\gamma})^{12} - 2(r_{\gamma})^{6} \right]$ All nonbonded pairs	
+ $\sum_{\text{All partial charges}} 3329i9j/r$	



Computational Methods

 QM/MM implementation with Q-Chem
 +CHARMM using full electrostatic embedding

Woodcock et al., J. Comp. Chem., 2007

- DFT B3LYP method (6-31+G* basis)
- Free energy calculations of the reaction with enhanced sampling methods: Hamiltonian replica exchange coupled with finite temperature string method





Shao, Rosta, et al., Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 2006

Umbrella Sampling

$$E_{i}(q_{A}) = U_{pot}(q_{A}) + \frac{1}{2}k_{i}(\xi_{A} - \xi_{i})^{2}$$

- Run parallel simulations with harmonic constraints moving along the reaction coordinate
- Recover the unbiased free energy surface from combined data using e.g., WHAM



Monte Carlo Methods

- Stochastic methods for enhanced sampling
- Using replica exchange (REMD) and simulated tempering (ST)
 - How does it work?
 - How to use it best?
 - How to interpret results?
 - How useful/efficient is it?



E. Rosta and G. Hummer, JCP, 2009 E. Rosta and G. Hummer, JCP, 2010





Statistical sampling

• Generate a random walk (throwing darts):

 $\{x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$

• Average property of interest:

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} A(x_i)$$

 $A(x_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if inside circle} \\ 0 & \text{if outside circle} \end{cases}$

 Obtain the area within the circle (<A>) from random walk!



Metropolis Monte Carlo

A way to evaluate multidimensional integrals, such as partition functions and thermodynamic properties:

$$Z = \int d\tau \ e^{-U/k_BT} \qquad \langle A \rangle = \frac{\int d\tau \ A e^{-U/k_BT}}{\int d\tau \ e^{-U/k_BT}} = \int d\tau \ A \left(\frac{e^{-U/k_BT}}{\int d\tau \ e^{-U/k_BT}} \right)$$





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N. Metropolis, A.W. Rosenbluth, M.N. Rosenbluth, A.H. Teller, and E. Teller. Journal of Chemical Physics, 21(6):1087-1092, 1953

Metropolis Monte Carlo Algorithm

- I. Randomly generate a new configuration.
- II. Accept or reject the new configuration based on the Metropolis criterion:

$$T(x \to x') = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ for } \Delta \le 0\\ \exp(-\Delta) \text{ for } \Delta > 0 \end{cases}$$

where
$$\Delta = \frac{1}{k_B T} (U(x') - U(x))$$



Stochastic methods: Transition rule

• Generate random walk:

$$x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$$
 ? $p(x) = \frac{e^{-U(x)/k_B T}}{\int e^{-U(x)/k_B T} d\tau} = \frac{e^{-U(x)/k_B T}}{Z}$

- Transition rule for $T(x \rightarrow x')$
 - Time reversible
 - Conserves equilibrium probabilities (p(x))
 - $T(x \rightarrow x')$ has to be between 0 and 1 (probability)

 $p(x)T(x \rightarrow x') = p(x')T(x' \rightarrow x)$ detailed balance condition

$$\frac{T(x \to x')}{T(x' \to x)} = \frac{p(x')}{p(x)} = e^{-[U(x') - U(x)]/k_B T} \quad \stackrel{e.g.\Delta U > 0}{\Longrightarrow} \begin{cases} T(x' \to x) = 1\\ T(x \to x') = \exp(-\Delta U / k_B T) \end{cases}$$

Results in maximum number of transitions

Modify random walk according to transition rule & obtain averages:

$$x_{i+1} \coloneqq \begin{cases} x' \text{ if the transition is accepted} \\ x \text{ if the transition is rejected} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle A \rangle = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} A(x_i)$$

Replica exchange



K. Hukushima and K. Nemotto, J. Phys. Soc. Japan, 1996

- Running MD at different temperatures in parallel
- Couple the runs in order to speed up lowest temperature's dynamics
- Preserve P_{eq} at each temperature
- Detailed balance condition has to be satisfied



Replica Exchange Procedure

- Each replica is simulated simultaneously and independently for a certain number of MD or MC steps
- Pick some pairs of the replicas at neighboring temperatures and exchange the configurations according to the following acceptance rule:

$$T(x_T, x'_{T'} \to x'_T, x_{T'}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } \Delta \le 0 \\ \exp(-\Delta) & \text{for } \Delta > 0 \end{cases}$$

where $\Delta = (1/k_B T - 1/k_B T')[U(x') - U(x)]$

$$\frac{T(x_T, x'_T, \to x'_T, x_{T'})}{T(x'_T, x_T, \to x_T, x'_T)} = \frac{p_T(x')p_{T'}(x)}{p_T(x)p_{T'}(x')} = e^{-[U(x') - U(x)]/(1/k_B T - 1/k_B T')}$$

Simulated tempering (ST)

- Only a single replica
- Changes the temperature of the simulation stochastically
- Preserves P_{eq} at each temperature
- Obtain partition functions (Z) iteratively



$$\frac{T(x,T \to x,T')}{T(x,T' \to x,T)} = \frac{p_{T'}(x)}{p_T(x)} = \frac{e^{-U(x)/k_BT'}}{Z'} \frac{Z}{e^{-U(x)/k_BT}}$$

A. P. Lyubartsev, A. A. Martsinovski, S. V. Shevkunov, and P. N. Vorontsov-Velyaminov, JCP, 1992
E. Marinari and G. Parisi, Europhysics Letters, 1992

State Assignment in Protein Folding Simulations

Master equation

$$\frac{dP_i}{dt}(t) = \sum_{\substack{j=1\\(j\neq i)}}^N k_{i\leftarrow j} P_j(t) - \sum_{\substack{j=1\\(j\neq i)}}^N k_{j\leftarrow i} P_i(t)$$

Hummer, Noe, Pande, Schutte, ...





Voelz, Bowman, Beauchamp and Pande, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2010

Kinetic model

Single Temperature:



Simulation Time (ps)

Replica Exchange Rate



Collective replica exchange coupled states



$$FF \longleftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} UF \\ FU \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow UU \qquad FFF \longleftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} FFU \\ FUF \\ UFF \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} FUU \\ UFU \\ UUF \end{pmatrix} \longleftrightarrow UUU \quad \Sigma_0 \longleftrightarrow \Sigma_1 \longleftrightarrow \cdots \longleftrightarrow \Sigma_N$$

How to solve the eigenproblem of the rate matrix & find the eigenvalue λ ?

Kinetic Theory: Continuum Limit

 Smoluchowski equation for diffusion in a one-dimensional harmonic potential



• Analytic solution for the slowest relaxation rate of the system:

$$\lambda = \frac{D}{\sigma^2} = \frac{K_{n_{\max} - 1, n_{\max}}}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\lambda_{REMD} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda(T_i) p_F(T_i) p_U(T_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} p_F(T_i) p_U(T_i)}$$

Exact for $N \to \infty$ and $k_{RE} \to \infty$.

Folding/Unfolding of Ala₅

- All-atom simulations of Ala₅ in explicit water
- State correlation function of all temperatures:

$$c(t) = \frac{\left\langle s(t)s(0) \right\rangle_T - \left\langle s(t) \right\rangle_T^2}{\left\langle s(t)^2 \right\rangle_T - \left\langle s(t) \right\rangle_T^2}$$

 Fit for λ matches the prediction perfectly using the corresponding folding/unfolding rates!



Efficiency of Replica Exchange



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$$\frac{T(x,T \to x,T')}{T(x,T' \to x,T)} = \frac{p_{T'}(x)}{p_T(x)} = \frac{e^{-U(x)/k_BT'}}{Z'} \frac{Z}{e^{-U(x)/k_BT}}$$

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Kinetic model of ST

• Full kinetic scheme



 With appropriate ST rates between temperatures that preserve detailed balance and achieve the desired Q_i-s, the average relative time spent at T_i:

$$Q_i = p\left(T_i\right)$$

Coarse grained kinetic scheme in the limit of fast temperature changes:

$$F_{eff} \xleftarrow{k_U^{eff}}{k_F^{eff}} U_{eff} \quad \lambda^{eff} = k_F^{eff} + k_U^{eff}$$

• With previous notations for p_{F_i} , using local equilibrium approximation:

$$k_{F}^{eff} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} k_{F_{i}} Q_{i} p_{U_{i}}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} Q_{i} p_{U_{i}}} \qquad k_{U}^{eff} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} k_{U_{i}} Q_{i} p_{F_{i}}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} Q_{i} p_{F_{i}}}$$

$$\sigma_{ST}^{2} = \operatorname{var}\left(\frac{\overline{p}_{F_{1}}}{\overline{p}_{F_{1}} + \overline{p}_{U_{1}}}\right) = \sigma_{MD}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{Q_{i}} \frac{k_{F_{1}}^{-1} + k_{U_{1}}^{-1}}{k_{F_{i}}^{-1} + k_{U_{i}}^{-1}}$$

 Identical efficiency with the corresponding RE!

Application to 2D Ising model

2D Ising model using MC simulations:



Temperature autocorrelation functions using predicted (dashed lines) and actual (solid lines) relaxation rates. ST simulations with N temperatures and constant temperature spacing.



Application to 2D Ising model

- Autocorrelation function of the magnetization (solid lines) compared with the effective relaxation rate from the fast limit (dashed lines).
- T_N represents ST simulations using N temperatures with upper temperature T_N .

autocorrelation of magnetization

0.8

0.6

0.4

0.2

0

0

The error of estimating the folded populations quantitatively agrees with the formula for the fast limit for both RE and ST.



Optimal protocol

- For optimal RE/ST:
 - Target temperature should be the lowest
 - Highest temperature should be where number of transitions is the highest, if applicable
 - Use as many replicas as can be afforded, but still be in fast exchange limit
 - Exchange should be fast, attempts should be as often as possible
 - Well chosen nonuniform temperature distribution is more efficient
- If k_F(T) and k_U(T) are known, the kinetic matrix can be solved and the temperature range can be optimized for exact numerical solution.



Questions?

- Monte Carlo methods to sample phase space
- Enhanced sampling methods with MC-based algorithms to enable faster sampling
- Hamiltonian is not modified, no artificial forces besides temperature – this is also a limitation and Hamiltonianbased H-REMD methods can be powerful in many cases



Umbrella Sampling

 Run parallel simulations with harmonic constraints moving along the reaction coordinate

Torrie and Valleau; J. Comp. Phys. 1977

 Recover the unbiased free energy surface from combined data using e.g., WHAM



Ferrenberg, Swendsen; Phys. Rev. Lett. 1989

Kumar, Rosenberg, Bouzida, Swendsen, Kollman; J. Comput. Chem. 1992

WHAM



Umbrella Sampling Simulations & WHAM



- MC simulations
- 7 Umbrellas with 50 kcal/mol biasing force each

Rosta, Hummer, JCTC, 2015

Systematic error when using WHAM in conjunction with small biasing force



- 6 Umbrellas with 50 kcal/mol biasing force each
- 1st Umbrella with 1 kcal/mol biasing force

DHAM: Dynamic Histogram Analysis Method

$$\operatorname{Pr}^{(k)} \propto \prod_{i=1}^{Nbin} \prod_{j=1}^{Nbin} \left(M_{ji}^{(k)} \right)^{T_{ji}^{(k)}}$$

$$\tilde{L} = \ln \prod_{k=1}^{NSim} \prod_{i=1}^{Nbin} \prod_{j=1}^{Nbin} \left(M_{ji}^{(k)} \right)^{T_{ji}^{(k)}}$$

$$M_{ji}^{(k)} = f_i^{(k)} c_{ji}^{(k)} M_{ji} = \frac{c_{ji}^{(k)} M_{ji}}{\sum_{l=1}^{N_{bin}} c_{li}^{(k)} M_{li}}$$





Rosta, Hummer, JCTC, 2015

DHAM: Dynamic Histogram Analysis Method

$$\frac{M_{ji}^{(k)}}{M_{ji}^{(0)}} = \frac{p(x_i \to x_j)^{(k)}}{p(x_i \to x_j)^{(0)}} = \frac{\exp\left(-\left((x_j - x_i) + \gamma\tau \frac{u_j^{(k)} - u_i^{(k)} + u_j^{(0)} - u_i^{(0)}}{x_j - x_i}\right)^2 / 4D\tau\right)}{\exp\left(-\left((x_j - x_i) + \gamma\tau \frac{u_j^{(0)} - u_i^{(0)}}{x_j - x_i}\right)^2 / 4D\tau\right)}$$

$$\frac{p(x_i \to x_j)^{(k)}}{p(x_i \to x_j)^{(0)}} = \exp\left(-\frac{\left(u_j^{(k)} - u_i^{(k)}\right) + \frac{\gamma\tau \left(u_j^{(k)} - u_i^{(k)}\right)^2}{2(x_j - x_i)^2} + \frac{\gamma\tau \left(u_j^{(k)} - u_i^{(k)}\right)\left(u_j^{(0)} - u_i^{(0)}\right)}{(x_j - x_i)^2}}{2D / \gamma}$$
Rosta, Hummer, JCTC, 2015
$$\frac{M_{ji}^{(k)}}{M_{ji}^{(0)}} = f_i^{(k)}c_{ji}^{(k)} \approx \exp\left(-\left(u_j^{(k)} - u_i^{(k)}\right) / 2k_BT\right)$$

DHAM: Dynamic Histogram Analysis Method



$$\frac{M_{ji}^{(k)}}{M_{ij}^{(k)}}\frac{p_i^{(k)}}{p_j^{(k)}} = \frac{f_i^{(k)}c_{ji}^{(k)}M_{ji}}{f_j^{(k)}c_{ij}^{(k)}M_{ij}}\frac{p_i^{(k)}}{p_j^{(k)}} = \frac{f_i^{(k)}c_{ji}^{(k)}M_{ji}}{f_j^{(k)}c_{ij}^{(k)}M_{ij}}\frac{p_i^{(0)}\exp\left(-u_i^{(k)}/k_BT\right)}{p_j^{(0)}\exp\left(-u_j^{(k)}/k_BT\right)} = 1$$

$$M_{ji}^{unnorm} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{Msim} T_{ji}^{(k)}}{\sum_{k=1}^{Msim} n_i^{(k)} \exp\left(-\left(u_j^{(k)} - u_i^{(k)}\right) / 2k_B T\right)}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{Nbin} M_{ij} p_j = p_i$$

 $\tau = -1/\ln \lambda_2$

Rosta, Hummer, JCTC, 2015

Umbrella Sampling with small biasing force



"Downhill" unbiased non-equilibrium trajectories



MD simulations of a Na⁺ in an ion channel

Langevin dynamics MD simulations of the passage of Na⁺ through the transmembrane pore of the GLIC channel.



Open

Simulation data from: Zhu and Hummer, PNAS 2010, JCC 2012

Umbrella sampling QM/MM simulations of catalytic reactions





Hydrogen abstraction from arachidonic acid in the catalytic reaction of human 15-LOX-2 lipoxygenase.

Umbrella sampling QM/MM simulations of catalytic reactions



Lag time	Rate
1 fs	0.24 s ⁻¹
10 fs	0.17 s ⁻¹
50 fs	0.29 s ⁻¹

Experimental $k_{cat} = 0.7 \text{ s}^{-1}$

 $k = A e^{-\Delta G^{\ddagger}/k_B T}$

k=0.22 s⁻¹ @T=300K Calculated prefactor using a barrier of 18.7 kcal/mol:

 $A = 8.6 \times 10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1}$

 $k_{\rm B}T/h = 6.3 \times 10^{12} \, {\rm s}^{-1}$

Membrane Permeability



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Dickson, Hornak, Pearlstein, & Duca, JACS, 2017

Membrane Permeability

- Umbrella sampling simulations for 7 drugs
- Calculated rates for entering, crossing and exiting the membrane match unbiased MD
- Matching the experimental permeabilities closely as well



Intramolecular electron transfer

- (Q-TTF-Q)⁻ : radical anion of the benzoquinone– tetrathiafulvalene– benzoquinone triad
- Calculated rates match the experimental permeabilities closely
- No need for nuclear tunnelling, TST seems valid

	calculated	experimental
	rate (s-1)	rate (s-1)
tBOH	9.97E+07	2.89E+07
ETA	1.69E+08	2.10E+08
DCM	1.03E+07	2.58E+08
Water	3.00E+05	n/a



 $A = 1.2 - 6.6 \text{ x } 10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ vs.}$ $k_{\rm B}T/h = 6.3 \text{ x } 10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1}$

Koczor-Benda, Mateeva, Rosta, JPCL, 2023

Career Options

- D. E. Shaw & Co. assets of USD 40 billion
- PhD Stanford
- Assistant Professor at Columbia (1980)
- Works for Morgan Stanley (1986)
- Founds the hedge fund company D.
 E. Shaw & Co. (1988)
- Founds his own research company:
 D. E. Shaw Research



David E. Shaw



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About D. E. Shaw Research

D. E. Shaw Research ("DESRES") is engaged in scientific research in the field of c

- The design of novel algorithms and machine architectures for high-speed n of proteins and other biological macromolecules. In particular, we have des supercomputer called Anton, which executes such simulations orders of ma possible, along with a number of software tools and techniques that facilitation
- The use of long MD simulations to study the structural changes underlying time scales far in excess of those previously accessible to computational st significantly advancing the process of drug development. We have been in mechanisms of certain cellular receptors, transport proteins, and enzymes potential treatment of cancer, diabetes, and other diseases.

Members of the lab include computational chemists and biologists, computer scie and computer architects and engineers, all working collaboratively under the direct Scientist, <u>David Shaw</u>.

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Molecular Dynamics simulations

Fig. 1 Representative structures of the folded state observed in reversible folding simulations of 12 proteins.





325 µs



Villin 125 µs 2F4K 1.3 Å 2.8 µs



104 µs 1PRB 3.3 Å 3.9 µs











λ-repressor 643 μs 1LMB 1.8 Å 49 µs



Homeodomain 327 µs 2P6J 3.6 Å 3.1 µs

Protein G 1154 µs 1MIO 1.2 Å 65 µs

K Lindorff-Larsen et al. Science 2011;334:517-520

a3D 707 µs 2A3D 3.1 Å 27 µs



429 µs 2WXC 4.8 Å 29 µs

Protein B



Fig. 2 Formation of topology, native contacts, and secondary structure during protein folding.







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