PIPSA **Comparison of Protein Interaction Properties**

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SYCAMORE: Systems biology's Computational Analysis and Modeling Research Environment http://sycamore.eml.org



Fig 1: Example of using the available features in SYCAMORE. The case study is modeling and simulating glycolysis in hepatocytes. First, the database is queried and the relevant kinetic data selected. Then the SBML model file is created. This is checked for completeness (this is not implemented for automatic use yet). A missing parameter (here we asume Km for glucokinase to be missing) is then computed using structural data. Finally, the completed model is simulated.



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Introduction



From Individual Molecules to Cellular Systems



dimensions





protein folding

20 natural amino acids

Sidechain polarity:
Non-polar
Polar
negatively charged
positively charged

Alanine Cysteine* **Aspartic Acid Glutamic Acid** Phenylalanine **Glycine**** Histidine*** Isoleucine Lysine Leucine **Methionine** Asparagine Proline Glutamine Arginine Serine Threonine Valine **Tryptophan Tyrosine**

Ala

Cys

Asp

Glu

Phe

Glv

His

lle

Lys

Leu

Met

Asn

Pro

Gln

Arg

Ser

Thr

Val

Trp

Tyr

(Alanine) Α С (Cysteine) (aciD) D Ε (E comes after D) F (Ph=F) (Glycine) G н (Histidine) (Isoleucine) L Κ (L follows K) (Leucine) L (Methionine) Μ (AsparagiNe) Ν Ρ (Proline) (Qlutamine) 0 R (aRginine) S (Serine) Т (Threonine) (Valine) V W (Double ring - W) (tYrosine) Y

protein folding



- 20 natural amino acids
- E = Glutamic Acid M = Methionine L = Lysine R = Arginine G = Glycine





protein flexibility and biomolecular recognition





- properties
 - mass, isoelectric point, charge, fingerprints,...
- amino acid sequence
 - bioinformatics (sequence alignment, prediction of motives)
- protein structures
 - X-ray, NMR, EM
- protein structure/function relationship
 - QSAR
 - molecular interaction fields (MIFs)









Exploring Protein Interactions via the Computer





Molecular Interaction Fields



Comparing Molecular Interaction Fields











shape complementarity





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non-bonded interactions



- van der Waals excluded volume repulsion
- London dispersive induced-dipole induced-dipole attraction
- short-range (8-10 Å cutoff)



receptor-ligand binding



Streptavidin complex with biotin (1stp)



electrostatic complementarity





Coulomb's Law

- interaction energy of two point-charges in vacuo
- solve Poisson equation
- in SI units:

$$U = \frac{q_1 q_2}{4\pi \varepsilon_0 r_{12}}$$

 ϵ_0 = permittivity of free space (ϵ_0 = 8.85 10⁻¹² F m⁻¹)

• in "Biomolecular" units:

$$U = \frac{332q_1q_2}{r_{12}}$$



Energy, U: kcal/mol Charge, q: electron charges Distance, r: Ångstroms





- Coulombic forces
- Each atom has partial atomic charge q₁, q₂
- Compared to vacuum, the uniform medium weakens (damps/screens/shields) electrostatic interactions between charges
- ε₀: permittivity of free space,
 ε_r: relative dielectric constant of the surrounding medium
- Long range (~1/r) (No cutoff)



Polarization

- Electronic
 - Electrons and nuclei of an atom are shifted in opposite directions by the external field
 - Linearly proportional to applied field $\epsilon_r \sim 1.5-2.5$
- Orientational
 - Molecules that have a permanent dipole moment, e.g. water (μ_D =1.9 D), align to oppose the external field
 - Average dipole moment rises linearly at weak fields, saturates at high fields

 $\epsilon_{\rm r}$ up to ca. 80 (water)



Continuum electrostatics for molecules

- dielectric constant is a macroscopic property
- nevertheless, it can be applied microscopically
 - Molecule
 - Part of molecule
- for small molecules, e.g. ethanol, polarizability is primarily electronic
 - Molecule of $\varepsilon_{M} \sim 1.5-2.5$ surrounded by vacuum of $\varepsilon_{s} \sim 1$ or water of $\varepsilon_{s} \sim 80$ etc
- for macromolecules, orientational polarizability is also important
 - $\epsilon_{_M} \! \sim \! 2 \! \cdot \! 80,$ dependent on
 - location
 - theoretical model
- non-uniform dielectric
 - Dielectric boundaries





- non-uniform dielectric leads to distortion of field due to a point charge
- due to total dielectric environment
- effects such as electrostatic focusing



Figure: M. K. Gilson



Continuum Electrostatics

Linearized Poisson-Boltzmann equation

$$-\varepsilon_0 \nabla [\varepsilon_r(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \phi(\mathbf{r})] = \rho^f(r) - \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r(r) \kappa^2(r) \phi(r)$$

$$\kappa^{2}(r) = \frac{\beta}{\varepsilon_{0}\varepsilon_{r}} \sum_{1}^{N} c_{i,bulk} q_{i}^{2} = \frac{2e^{2}N_{A}}{\varepsilon_{0}\varepsilon_{r}kT} I$$

- Finite-difference
- Numerical solution

 ϕ (**r**)=Elec. Potential ρ (**r**)=Charge density





Solving the Poisson-Boltzmann equation

Analytic solutions

– Only for simple geometries: spheres, planar boundaries

- Numerical solutions
 - Convert continuous partial differential equation into discretized problem with systems of linear equations that can be solved by matrix methods



Finite difference method

 Discretize space into a cubic lattice, solve iteratively to convergence for each grid point by finite differences



Solving the finite difference linearized Poisson-Boltzmann equation: Practical aspects

- Need to assign:
- Atomic radii and charges
 - From "standard" force field e.g. CHARMM, AMBER
 - Set specifically for continuum electrostatics, parameterized to reproduce small molecule solvation energies
- Grid size and spacing
 - Large enough for boundary potentials to be sufficiently accurate
 - Focusing using nested grids is possible
 - Spacing of 0.5-1 Å for viewing potentials or Brownian dynamics forces
 - Spacing of 0.2-0.3 Å for energies, pK_as



Solving the finite difference linearized Poisson-Boltzmann equation: Practical aspects

- Need to assign:
- Dielectric boundaries
 - Van der Waals surface
 - Molecular surface



 Smooth dielectric constant over points adjacent to the boundary



Figures: M. K. Gilson



Applications of continuum electrostatics

- Electrostatic potentials
 - Binding complementarity
 - Molecular multipoles
 - Visualization
 - Protein Interaction Property Similarity Analysis (PIPSA)





Fasciculin-Acetylcholinesterase: Electrostatic Complementarity



- AChE: -6e
 - neurotransmitter hydrolysis
 - cholinergic synapses
 - Fasciculin: +4e
 - neurotoxin inhibitor
 - K_d ~ 10⁻¹³ M
- K_{on} ~ 10⁹ M⁻¹s⁻¹
 (zero ionic

(zero ioni strength)





- Barnase : +2e
 - extracellular ribonuclease
 - Bacillus amyloliquefaciens
- Barstar : 6e
 - intracellular inhibitor

K_{on} ~ 10¹⁰ M⁻¹s⁻¹ (zero ionic strength)





Myeloperoxidase: Active site access



Gabdoulline, Kummer, Olsen, Wade, Biophys. J (2003) 85, 1421-1428



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Electrostatics of 3 Peroxidases





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 solves the linearized and non-linearized Poisson-Boltzmann equation

http://adrik.bchs.uh.edu/uhbd.html

<u>A</u>daptive <u>P</u>oisson-<u>B</u>oltzmann <u>S</u>olver (APBS)

http://apbs.sourceforge.net



Structural Alignment based on Electrostatic Potential



Structures of ferredoxin and flavodoxin. Although both proteins differ in structure and size, they perform the same physiological function.

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-14,500 -10,000 -5.500







GRID

other examples for molecular interaction fields (MIFs)





Protein structure

Virtual **grid** created by computer

 $\Delta E = \sum_{i} E_{LJ} + \sum_{i} E_{EL} + \sum_{i} E_{HB} + S$

Goodford, PJ J. Med. Chem. (1985) 28, 849-857.

- Most are appropriately parameterized single-point spheres
 - E.g. carbonyl oxygen, hydroxyl, amino, water, dry, sulfate
- Some are multiatom
 - E.g. carboxylate, amide



- Water Probe
 - Hydrophilic protein surface
- Dry Probe
 - Hydrophobic protein surface



GRID: dry / ar-amidine / COO





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PIPSA



- Classification of the proteins in a protein family by interaction properties
- Detection of regions of similarities and differences in molecular interaction fields (MIFs)
- Correlation of MIFs with functional parameters
- Interaction properties: electrostatic, hydrophobic etc. potentials
- Superimposed protein structures needed



PIPSA: Protein Interaction Property Similarity Analysis



- Interaction fields are calculated on a set of points
- Field values on corresponding points are compared
- Φ = electrostatic potential, shape, probe interaction field, ...



similarity of small molecules



Hydrogen Bond Acceptor Potentials



Volumes and Surface Potentials



Comparitive Molecular Field Analysis (CoMFA) Comparitive Molecular Similarity Indices Analysis (ComSIA)



Similarity Index: Tanimoto, Hodgkin, Carbo

Similarity index (SI)

property X of A and B with N bits

• Euclidean Euclidean $Euclidean_{AB} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (X_{iA} - X_{iB})^2}$

Tanimoto_{AB} =
$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} X_{iA} X_{iB}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (X_{iA})^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} (X_{iB})^{2} - \sum_{i=1}^{N} X_{iA} X_{iB}}$$

• Hodgkin $Hodgkin_{AB} = \frac{2\sum_{i=1}^{N} X_{iA} X_{iB}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (X_{iA})^2 \sum_{i=1}^{N} (X_{iB})^2}$

• Carbo_{AB} =
$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} X_{iA} X_{iB}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (X_{iA})^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{N} (X_{iB})^2}}$$

• electrostatic distance $D_{ab} = \sqrt{1 - SI_{ab}}$



PIPSA: Protein Interaction Property Similarity Analysis



Wade et al., PNAS, 1998; Blomberg et al. Proteins 1999; De Rienzo et al. Protein Sci. 2000; Wade et al. Intl. J. Quant. Chem. 2001

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rooted and unrooted trees





42 WW Domains: PIPSA epogram for Molecular electrostatic potential

isopotential contours: -0.4 / +0.4 kcal/mol/e



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heat map

heat map for similarity indices

(PIPSA of various dihydrofolate reductases)

Mycobacterium tuberculosis Saccharomyces cervisiae Salmonella typhimurium Veisseria gonorrhoeae Thermotoga maritima Pneumocystis carinii -actobacillus casei **Heliothis virescens** Crithidia fasiculata -eishmania major **Rattus norvegicus** Candida albicans Mus musculus **Daucus carota** Homo sapiens Gallus gallus Glycine max **Bos taurus** Sus scrofa 00 ші

Thermotoga maritima Lactobacillus casei Leishmania major Neisseria gonorrhoeae Crithidia fasiculata Sus scrofa Mus musculus Rattus norvegicus Homo sapiens Bos taurus Gallus gallus Mycobacterium tuberculosis Salmonella typhimurium Heliothis virescens Daucus carota Pneumocystis carinii Glycine max Candida albicans Saccharomyces cervisiae E. coli







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triosephosphate isomerase

Richter et al., Nucleic Acids Research, 2008



webPIPSA: workflow with homology modeling





qPIPSA



- Rates relative to one Partner
- Training Set Required with Experimental Information
- Predict Relative Ordering and Trends







triose phosphate isomerases from different species





•40/55% sequence identity/homology
•same fold
•very similar active site
•factor of 3 difference in Kcat/Km



Functional Annotation of Enzymes by PIPSA





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