



TOWARDS SIMULATING THE CELL MACHINERY AT THE ATOMIC SCALE

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MOLECULAR MODELLING VS QUANTUM CHEMISTRY

Why to use a classical formalism and empirical potentials to model protein systems in solution: efficiency

- Much faster computations compared to quantum approaches (DFT, MP2...)
- Large systems (thousands up to millions of atoms)
- Long simulations (from the ns up to the µs scale)

Example : simulating the mature HIV-1 capsid structure



128 000 cores of the Cray "Blue Waters", 300 ns, about 60.10^6 atoms (50.10^6 = water)

Zhao et al, Nature, **497** (2013) 643

Cea THE ANTON MACHINE

Anton, a special-purpose machine for molecular dynamics simulation

Shaw et al, ACM SIGARCH, 35 (2007) 1-12



How fast folding proteins fold

Lindorff-Larssen et al, Science, 334 (2011) 517

STANDARD MM APPROACHES: ACCURACY ?

The main drawback of MM approach: accuracy

Common force-fields are based on additive potentials (CHARMM, AMBER, OPLS ...)

- 1 The model parameters are constant along an MD trajectory
- 2 Reliability of such an approach when mimicking microscopic electrostatic interactions

$$\sum_{\substack{A \\ \delta_{A}^{+}}} \overset{\mathbf{\delta}_{B}^{-}}{\mathbf{O}} \rightarrow U_{Coulombic} = \sum_{i < j} \frac{\delta_{i} \delta_{j}}{r_{ij}} \rightarrow \delta_{i} \text{ are static charges}$$

- 3 Experimental results are commonly used for assigning/refining parameters, transferability ?
- 4 Ok, you may say that for a homogeneous and isotropic system, you are using a mean field approach...

However, what about interfaces ?

POLARIZATION EFFECTS AND INTERFACES

The case of Cm(III) interacting with water



All protein/ligand interactions correspond to an interface problem



These phenomena can not be accounted for using static charges to model the molecular electronic cloud properties

POLARIZABLE FORCE-FIELDS

They allow to account for environmental effects on electrostatic molecular properties considered in classical molecular dynamics

Many approaches have been proposed :

- Fluctuating charge approaches: the "static" δ_i charges are allowed to fluctuate
- Drude oscillators: "extra" atomic charges are introduced
- Induced dipole moments: new degrees of freedom are introduced

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{i} = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{i} \left(\boldsymbol{E}_{i} - \sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^{N} \mathbf{T} \big| \boldsymbol{r}_{j} - \boldsymbol{r}_{i} \big| \boldsymbol{\mu}_{j} \right) \Rightarrow \text{ to be solved iteratively, } O(N^{2})$$

T is the dipolar tensor and α_i is the center *i* polarizability, usually isotropic

- **E**_{*i*} is the electric field acting on center *i*
- μ_i is the induced dipole moment on center *i*

BEYOND POLARIZATION : CHARGE TRANSFER

Accounting for inter atomic interactions with a weak covalent character

2nd coordination sphere



Seems computationally demanding, however scales as *O*(*N*)

A SOLVENT COARSE GRAINED APPROACH

Explicit solvent approach, need of FFT !

Coarse grained approach

Efficiency and microscopic solvation properties



Poisson-Boltzman Warshell's grid approach

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Masella et al, J. Comput. Chem., 29 (2008) 1707

ORIGIN OF COARSE-GRAINED APPROACH EFFICIENCY

In the case of water, number of solvent atoms divided by 3



Systematic truncation of long tail electrostatic interactions



COARSE GRAINED APPROACH

Particle polarizability proportional to their individual volume : $\alpha_s \propto \Delta v_s$

→ a multi-scale coarse grained approach to handle long tail bulk electrostatic



« MULTI-SCALING » THE COARSE GRAINED APPROACH

Potential of mean force of Cl⁻/Cl⁻ and the coarse grained approach level

(1ns simulation, solvent boxes made of 4096 particles, umbrella sampling, etc...)



MULTI-SCALE APPROACH EFFICIENCY

M. Masella et al, J. Comput Chem, 32 (2011) 2664; ibid, 34 (2013) 1112



Now, the bottleneck is handling the interactions within the solute...

THE CODE POLARIS(MD)

The code POLARIS(MD) © CEA/DSV

Masella, Mol. Phys., 2006 ; Masella et al, J. Comput Chem, 2008; ibid, 2011; ibid, 2013



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Reference : Intel Sandy-Bridge octo-cores 2.7 Ghz (CURIE)

All atom simulations+ PME summation techniques

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A water box of 1000 molecules → 3.0 ns per day (1 cpu)
4.5 ns per day (4 cpu)
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Coarse grained simulations + solute interactions $O(N^2)$

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6000 particles + solute = 900 atoms → 15 ns per day (level 0 + 1 cpu)

13 ns per day (level 1 + 1 cpu)

11.5 ns per day (level 2 + 1 cpu)

9.5 ns per day (level 3 + 1 cpu)
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Largest system simulated :

8400 atoms solute + 51 000 particles, 850 ps per day (level 0 + 1 cpu)

TOWARDS LARGE SCALE FREE ENERGY COMPUTATIONS

Free energy $\triangle \Delta G$ computations (TI schemes and 40 steps)



POLARIS(MD) 2013 + solute *O*(*N*²) + 500 000 h CURIE : → 400 △△G computations

A O(N) FAST MULTIPOLE METHOD

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}_b - \mathbf{x}_a) = \frac{q_a}{|\mathbf{x}_b - \mathbf{x}_a|} \longrightarrow \phi(\mathbf{x}_b - \mathbf{x}_a) \approx \sum_{|\mathbf{n}| \le p} \sum_{|\mathbf{m}| \le p - |\mathbf{n}|} \frac{(-1)^{|\mathbf{n}|}}{\mathbf{n}!\mathbf{m}!} r_b^{\mathbf{n}} r_a^{\mathbf{m}} \nabla^{\mathbf{n} + \mathbf{m}} \phi(\mathbf{z}_B - \mathbf{z}_A)$$
$$+ \mu_a = 2q_q^{\mu} \delta l_a$$

+ atoms organized via a kd-tree spatial decomposition



Coles and Masella, arXiv:1408.6527v1



The mature HIV-1 capsid



Coles and Masella, arXiv:1408.6527v1



Standard 2-sided communication scheme

1-sided scheme, MPI v 3.0









Bacillus subtilis bacteriophage SPP1 structure



Lhuillier et al, PNAS, **106** (2008) 8507





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