Implicit Solvent Models

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Simple & Efficient



Competition: Not Simple!





Continuum Electrostatics







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Poisson-Boltzmann (PB) Equation

Poisson Equation :
$$\nabla \cdot [\varepsilon(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \phi(\mathbf{r})] = -4\pi \left[\rho_{\text{prot}}(\mathbf{r}) + \sum_{\alpha} q_{\alpha} C_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}) \right]$$

non-linear PB Equation : $\nabla \cdot [\varepsilon(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \phi(\mathbf{r})] = -4\pi \left[\rho_{\text{prot}}(\mathbf{r}) + \sum_{\alpha} q_{\alpha} C_{\alpha}^{\text{bulk}} \exp(-q_{\alpha} \phi(\mathbf{r})/k_{\text{B}}T) \right]$
 $\int \exp(-x) \approx 1 - x$
linearized PB Equation : $\nabla \cdot [\varepsilon(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \phi(\mathbf{r})] - \overline{\kappa}^{2}(\mathbf{r}) \phi(\mathbf{r}) = -4\pi \rho_{\text{prot}}(\mathbf{r})$
 $\overline{\kappa}^{2}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{8\pi q_{\alpha}^{2} C^{\text{bulk}}}{k_{\text{B}}T}$

$$G_{\text{elec}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum q_i \phi(\mathbf{r}_i)$$

Born Equation: Solvation Energy of Ion

 $\varepsilon_p = 1$ R_{ior} Q^{\cdot} = 80 Q

Reaction Field (Potential)

$$\Delta G_{\text{elec}} = \frac{1}{2} Q \Big[\phi_s(\mathbf{r}_Q) - \phi_v(\mathbf{r}_Q) \Big]$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2}{R_{\text{ion}}} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_w} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_p} \right)$$

 $R_{\rm ion} \uparrow \Rightarrow \Delta G_{\rm elec} \uparrow$

Born (1920) Z. Phys. 1: 45 Roux et. al. (2000) Biochemistry 6739 im1,32955

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Finite-Difference PB Calculations



PB radii are very important Self-energy should be removed

$$\nabla \cdot \left[\varepsilon(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \phi(\mathbf{r}) \right] - \overline{\kappa}^{2}(\mathbf{r}) \phi(\mathbf{r}) = -4\pi \rho_{\text{prot}}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\int \mathbf{on 3d-grid}$$

$$\varepsilon_{x}(i,j,k) \left[\phi(i+1,j,k) - \phi(i,j,k) \right] +$$

$$\varepsilon_{x}(i-1,j,k) \left[\phi(i-1,j,k) - \phi(i,j,k) \right] +$$

$$\varepsilon_{y}(i,j,k) \left[\phi(i,j+1,k) - \phi(i,j,k) \right] +$$

$$\varepsilon_{y}(i,j-1,k) \left[\phi(i,j-1,k) - \phi(i,j,k) \right] +$$

$$\varepsilon_{z}(i,j,k) \left[\phi(i,j,k+1) - \phi(i,j,k) \right] +$$

$$\varepsilon_{z}(i,j,k-1) \left[\phi(i,j,k-1) - \phi(i,j,k) \right] -$$

$$\overline{\kappa}^{2}(i,j,k) \phi(i,j,k) h^{2} = -4\pi \frac{q(i,j,k)}{h}$$

Klapper et. al (1986) Proteins 1: 47 Im et. al. (1998) Comp. Phys. Governmin 1, 1, 1, 2005, 9

Applications of PB Calculations

- Visualization of electrostatic potential of macromolecules
- Solvation free energy
- Protein-protein interactions in solution
- \cdot pKa shifts in specific residues in proteins
- Incorporation of transmembrane potential
- Electrostatic solvation forces

Generalized Born (GB) Equation

$$\Delta G_{\text{elec}} \approx \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{\text{w}}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{\text{p}}} \right) \sum_{\alpha\beta} \frac{q_{\alpha}q_{\beta}}{\sqrt{r_{\alpha\beta}^{2} + R_{\alpha}^{\text{GB}}R_{\beta}^{\text{GB}} \exp\left(-r_{\alpha\beta}^{2} / 4R_{\alpha}^{\text{GB}}R_{\beta}^{\text{GB}}\right)}$$

Still et. al. (1990) J. Am. Chem. Soc.

$$\Delta G_{\mathrm{elec},\alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{w}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{p}} \right) \frac{q_{\alpha}^{2}}{R_{\alpha}^{\mathrm{GB}}} , \quad R_{\alpha}^{\mathrm{GB}} \uparrow \implies \Delta G_{\mathrm{elec},\alpha} \uparrow$$



$$\Delta G_{ ext{elec},lpha} \left.
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m GB}_{lpha}
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m GB}_{eta}$$

"The effective Born radius represents the distance between a particular atom and the effective spherical dielectric boundary."

Calculation of Effective Born Radii

Continuum electrostatics

$$\Delta G_{\text{elec},\alpha} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \int \frac{D^2(\mathbf{r})}{\varepsilon(\mathbf{r})} d\mathbf{r} = \frac{1}{8\pi\varepsilon_{\text{w}}} \int D^2(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} + \frac{1}{8\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{\text{p}}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{\text{w}}} \right) \int_{\text{solute}} D^2(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

Coulomb Field Approximation (CFA)



Dominy and Brooks (1999) J. Phys. Chem. B 103:3765 Lee et. al. (2002) J. Chem. Phys. 116:10606 Im et. al. (2003) J. Comput. Chem. 24©1091pil Im, 2006.

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The Generalized Born Zoo

Name	Year	Authors	Program	Calculation of Born radii	CFA Corr.	Dielectric Boundary
GB GB/SA	1990	Still, Tempczyk, Hawley, Hendrickson	Macromodel	FDPB	Yes	Molecular surface
GB	1995	Hawkins, Cramer, Truhlar	Amber, Tinker	Pairwise descreening	No	Overlapping spheres
ACE	1996/ 2001	Schaefer, Karplus	CHARMM	Pairwise sum of atomic volumes	No	Overlapping Gaussians
GB	1997	Qiu, Shenkin, Hollinger, Still	Macromodel,T inker	Pairwise sum of atomic volumes	No	Overlapping spheres
S-GB	1998	Ghosh, Rapp, Friesner	Impact	Surface integral formulation	Yes	Overlapping spheres
GenBorn	1999	Dominy, Brooks	CHARMM	Pairwise sum of atomic volumes	No	Overlapping spheres
GBMV	2002/ 2003	Lee, Salsbury, Feig, Brooks	CHARMM	Numerical integration	Yes	Molecular surface
GBSW	2003	Im, Lee, Brooks	CHARMM	Numerical integration	Yes	Overlapping spheres + smooth boundary
AGB	2004	Gallicchio, Levy	Impact	Pairwise descreening	No	Overlapping spheres
GB	2004	Onufriev, Case	Amber	Pairwise descreening, radius rescaling	No	Molecular surface

Dielectric Boundary: A Key Concept

In continuum dielectric solvent models, the extent of solvent-exposure of each atom at the dielectric boundary dictates all of the electrostatic and most of nonpolar solvation energetics.



Input radii are very important.

GBMV vs. GBSW

Correction term

$$\Delta G_{\text{elec},\alpha}^{0} \approx -a_{0} \Delta G_{\text{elec},\alpha}^{0} + a_{1} \Delta G_{\text{elec},\alpha}^{1}$$

$$\Delta G_{\text{elec},\alpha}^{0} = -\frac{q_{\alpha}^{2}}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{p}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{w}} \right) \left(\frac{1}{\eta_{\alpha}} - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{r>\eta_{\alpha}} d\mathbf{r} \frac{\upsilon(\mathbf{r}; \{\mathbf{r}_{\alpha}\})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{\alpha}|^{4}} \right)$$

$$\Delta G_{\text{elec},\alpha}^{1} = -\frac{q_{\alpha}^{2}}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{p}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{w}} \right) \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\eta_{\alpha}^{2}} - \frac{1}{4\pi}} \int_{r>\eta_{\alpha}} d\mathbf{r} \frac{\upsilon(\mathbf{r}; \{\mathbf{r}_{\alpha}\})}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_{\alpha}|^{5}}$$

Target Surface

GBSW: van der Waals smoothed surface
GBMV: molecular surface



Lee, Salsbury, and Brooks (2002) J. Chem. Phys. 116:10606 Lee, Feig, Salsbury, and Brooks (2003) J. Comput. Chem. 24:1348 Im, Lee, and Brooks (2003) J. Comput. Chem. 24:1691 Wonpil Im, 2006.

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$$W = U_{\rm MM} + \Delta G_{\rm solv}$$
$$= U_{\rm MM} + \Delta G_{\rm elec} + \Delta G_{\rm np}$$
$$\Delta G_{\rm np} = \gamma \cdot S$$

Continuum Electrostatics :

Protein/solvent system is divided into an interior low dielectric (ε_p) and an exterior high dielectric (ε_w) region

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Please, be careful with nonbondpoptions

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PB Forces vs. GB Forces



Im et. al. (2003) J. Comput. Comput. 24:20691

Membrane GB models : GBSWmemb





Im & Brooks (2005) *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* 102:6771 Im & Brooks (2004) *J. Mol. Biol.* 337:515 Im, Feig, and Brooks (2003) Biophys. J. 85:2900







Tanizaki & Feig (2005) J. Chem. Phys W12211124706

GB for Heterogeneous Environments

$$\Delta G_{elst} = -166 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right) \sum_{i} \sum_{j} \frac{q_{i}q_{j}}{\sqrt{r_{ij} + \alpha_{i}\alpha_{j}} \exp(-r_{ij}^{2}/F\alpha_{i}\alpha_{j})}$$

$$\Delta G_{elst} = -166 \sum_{i} \sum_{j} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{ij}}\right) \frac{q_{i}q_{j}}{\sqrt{r_{ij} + \alpha_{i}(\varepsilon_{i})\alpha_{j}(\varepsilon_{j})}} \exp(-r_{ij}^{2}/F\alpha_{i}(\varepsilon_{i})\alpha_{j}(\varepsilon_{j}))}$$

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \frac{\varepsilon_{i} + \varepsilon_{j}}{2} \qquad \varepsilon_{i} = \varepsilon_{eff}(z_{i})$$

Feig, Im, and Brooks (2004) J. Chem. Physiol 120 2903

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Effective Dielectric Constant



Simulations of Membrane Proteins: B₁₂ Transporter ButCD



Recent Optimization for GBSW

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Chen, Im, and Brooks (2006) J. Am. Chem. Socion\$28137288.

Pair-wise Interactions

Hydrogen bonding is often over-stabilized with the original Nina radii;

Agreement with explicit solvent is significantly improved after direct optimization of the pair-wise interactions.

Trpzip2 and Trp-Cage

PDB:1LE1

Folding of Trpzip2

PDB: 1le1 54%, 1.0 Å

Simulation details:

40 ns REX-MD with 16 replicas @ 270-550K; CHARMM22/CMAP^{GBSW}/GBSW; The population shown is computed from clustering the last 10 ns of the lowest temperature ensemble.

Folding of Trp-Cage

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