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Introduction

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CTBP and MMTSB: Who are we?


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 - Funded by the NSF as a Physics Frontiers Center
 - Partnership between UCSD, Scripps and Salk, lead by UCSD
 - The CTBP encompasses a broad spectrum of research and training activities at the forefront of the biology-physics interface.
 - Principal scientists include
 - José Onuchic, Herbie Levine, Henry Abarbanel, Charles Brooks, David Case, Mike Holst, Terry Hwa, David Kleinfeld, Andy McCammon, Wouter Rappel, Terry Sejnowski, Wei Wang, Peter Wolynes

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 - Funded by the NIH as a National Research Resource Center
 - Partnership between Scripps and Georgia Tech, lead by Scripps
 - The MMTSB aims to develop new tools and theoretical models to aid molecular and structural biologists in interpreting their biological data.
 - Principal scientists include
 - **Charles Brooks**, David Case, Steve Harvey, Jack Johnson, Vijay Reddy, Jeff Skolnick

CTBP and MMTSB: Who are we?



NIH Research Resource Center for the Development of Multiscale Modeling Tools for Structural Biology

News

- *Upcoming workshop to feature newly released [NMFF](#) software for cryoEM structure refinement.*
- *MMTSB collaborative project featured as [Journal of Molecular Biology](#) cover.*
- *VIPERdb featured in recent issue of [Science](#).*

Research Areas

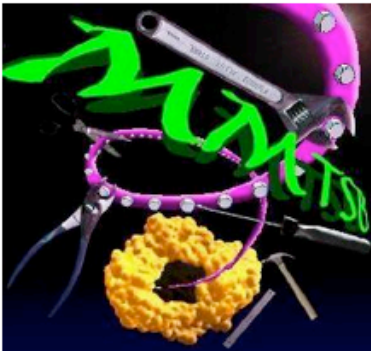
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Software

- **General Modeling:**
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[CHARMM](#) / [Amber](#)
- **Multiscale NA Modeling:**
[Yammp Tools](#)
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Web Services

- **Virus Structures:**
[Virus Particle ExploreR](#)
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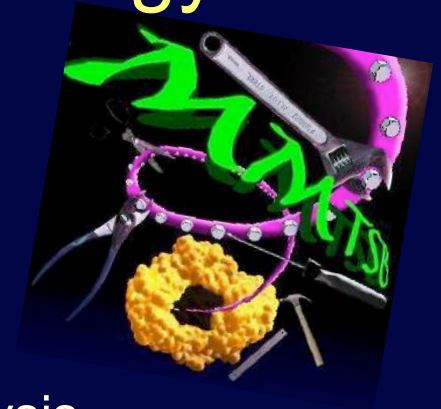
CTBP and MMTSB: Who are we?

- Activities
 - Fundamental research across a broad spectrum
 - Software and methods development and distribution
 - MMTSB distributes multiple software packages as well as hosts a variety of web services and databases
 - Training and research workshops and educational outreach
 - Both centers have extensive workshop programs
 - Visitors
 - Both centers host visitors and collaborators for short and longer term (sabbatical) visits

Center for the Development of Multi-scale Modeling Tools in Structural Biology (MMTSB)

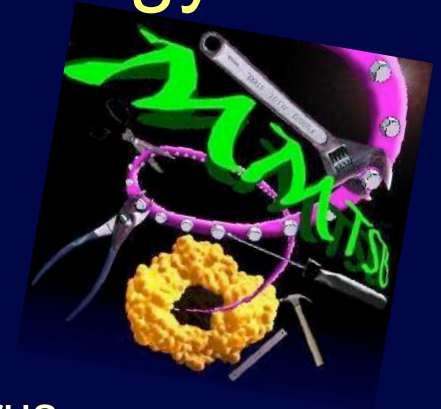
Overview of MMTSB activities

- Research
 - Virus assembly, maturation and structural analysis
 - Structure prediction and protein folding*
 - Homology modeling*
 - Protein, RNA and DNA modeling
 - Large-scale motions in biology
 - Functional displacements in the ribosome
 - Molecular motions from cryo-EM maps
 - Fitting atomic structures into EM densities



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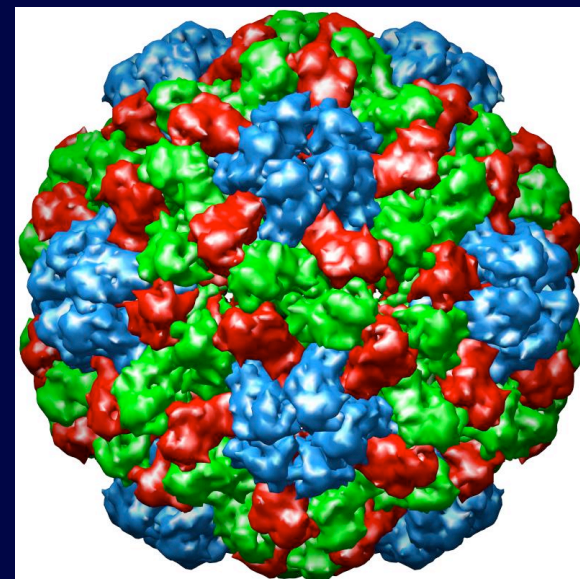


- Tools and resources
 - Virus Particle Explorer (**ViPER**) web-base of virus structures and assemblies
 - <http://viperd.b.scripps.edu>
 - MMTSB computational structural biology toolset*
 - CHARMM, Amber, Situs, nab and YAMMP resource pages
 - NMFF - software package for flexibly fitting atomic structures into electron density maps from cryo-EM and tomography

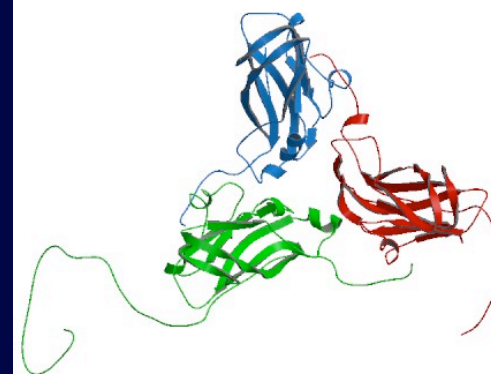
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Virus Particle Explorer (VIPERdb)

The screenshot shows the VIPERdb website interface. At the top, there's a header with the VIPERdb logo, the text "VIRUS PARTICLE EXPLORER", and the MMTSB logo. Below the header, there's a navigation bar with "First Time Users", "Contact Us", "Enter PDB-ID", "Cryo-EM Models", "X-RAY Entries", and "New Utilities". A sidebar on the left contains links: "Main", "Data", "Utilities", "Search", "Help", "Links", "VIPERdb Tour", and "VIPER EMDb". The main content area features a central orange wireframe structure surrounded by six circular icons labeled "Data & Analysis", "Utilities & Tools", "Site Map", "Need Help?", "Search the Site", and "Contact Us". Above this central area, there's a banner for a "NEW Utility" and a mention of being featured in Science magazine's NetWatch. At the bottom, there are statistics: "24668 visits since 2/11/05" and "235 virus entries in VIPERdb". The footer includes the MMTSB logo, a list of links (Main, Data & Analysis, Utilities, Search, Contact Us, Help, Links, Mailing List, Cite VIPERdb, Disclaimer), the copyright notice "©1998-2006. TSRI. All rights Reserved.", and the MMTSB logo again.



Brome Mosaic Virus



PREDICTOR@home

<http://predictor.scripps.edu>



PREDICTOR @ home

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What is Predictor@home?

Predictor@home is a world-community experiment and effort to use distributed world-wide-web volunteer resources to assemble a supercomputer able to *predict protein structure from protein sequence*. Our work is aimed at testing and evaluating new algorithms and methods of protein structure prediction. We recently performed such tests in the context of the Sixth Biannual CASP (Critical Assessment of Techniques for Protein Structure Prediction) experiment, and now need to continue this development and testing with applications to real biological targets. Our goal is to utilize these approaches together with the immense computer power that can be harnessed through the internet and volunteers all over the world (you!) to address critical biomedical questions of protein-related diseases. Predictor@home is a pilot project of the Berkeley Open Infrastructure for Network Computing (BOINC)

12/21/04 - An update from Professor Charles L. Brooks, III: [Update](#)

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
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User of the Day

[Witchkraft](#) 
10m a 25 y.o. Boy from Germany....

News

06/24/06
FYI, There was a power outage Friday -> Saturday.


06/21/06
Reminder: Every Wednesday at noon pacific time we will be offline for several hours to do database backups.

05/11/06
We will be offline for a short time while we relocate the servers into a new rack.

[News Archive](#)
News is available as an [RSS Feed](#)

Current Targets

- [Helix H0010](#)
- [Helix H0011](#)
- [Helix H0012](#)
- [Bovine Prion](#)
- [Cyclophilin A](#)



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Your instructors and mentors: Who are we?

- Charles Brooks
- Michael Feig
- Wonpil Im
- Alex MacKerell
- Lennart Nilsson
 - All biophysicists involved in MMTSB and CHARMM or MMTSB development
 - Jiannhan Chen, Mike Crowley, Jana Khandogin, Karunesh Arora
 - All biophysicists working in Brooks group as postdoctoral professional collaborators

What is CHARMM?

- CHARMM is a software package for molecular simulation and analysis of proteins, nucleic acids, lipids, carbohydrates
 - Originated in the group of Martin Karplus at Harvard University circa 1975
 - Currently distributed in more than 1000 laboratories
 - Under continual development by more than 50 developers worldwide
 - CHARMM website and forum provides a venue to explore documentation, discuss results and get advice from advanced CHARMM users and developers
 - Original publication: J. Comp. Chem., 4, 187 (1983)

<http://www.charmm.org>

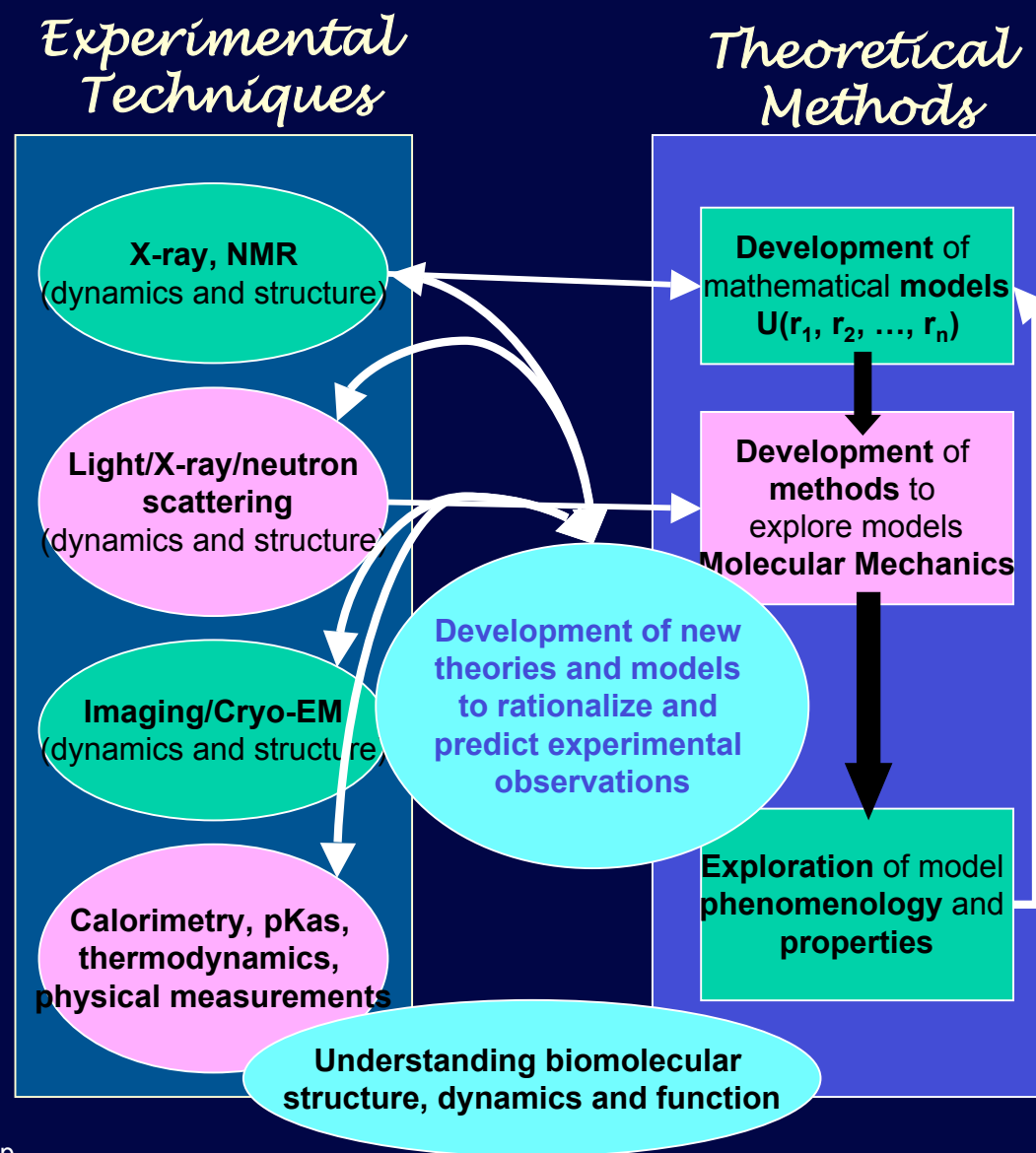
What is the MMTSB Tool Set?

- The MMTSB Tool Set is a collection of Perl-based scripts and modules that provide natural user interfaces to CHARMM, Amber, MONSTER, MODELLER and other molecular modeling packages
 - Developed by M. Feig and J. Karanicolas in the Brooks group in 2002.
 - Currently downloaded more than 5000 times
 - Under development by in a number of laboratories
 - User forum as part of CHARMM forums
 - Original publication: J. Mol. Graph. Model., 22, 377 (2004)

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Molecular Mechanics and Modeling

Molecular Mechanics and Modeling - Why



Overview and Objectives

- What is the basis of molecular mechanics?
 - Mathematical foundations: potential energy functions, energy minimization, molecular dynamics, implicit solvent, boundary conditions
- What are some uses of molecular simulations & modeling?
 - Conformational searching with MD and minimization
 - Exploration of biopolymer fluctuations and dynamics
 - MD as an ensemble sampler
- Free energy simulations
 - Energy minimization as an estimator of binding free energies
 - Application of FEP to protein stability
 - Approximate association free energy of molecular assemblies
 - Approximate pK_a calculations using continuum models

Basic elements of molecular modeling and molecular models

Mathematical Models - Force Fields

- MM force field is a compromise between speed and accuracy
- Force field is mathematical basis for expressing structure-energy relationships in biopolymers
- Common form (CHARMM, Amber, etc.):

$$U(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2, \vec{r}_3, \dots, \vec{r}_N) = \sum_{\text{bonds, } i} \frac{1}{2} k_i^b \cdot (r_i - r_i^0)^2 + \sum_{\text{angles, } i} \frac{1}{2} k_i^\theta \cdot (\theta_i - \theta_i^0)^2$$

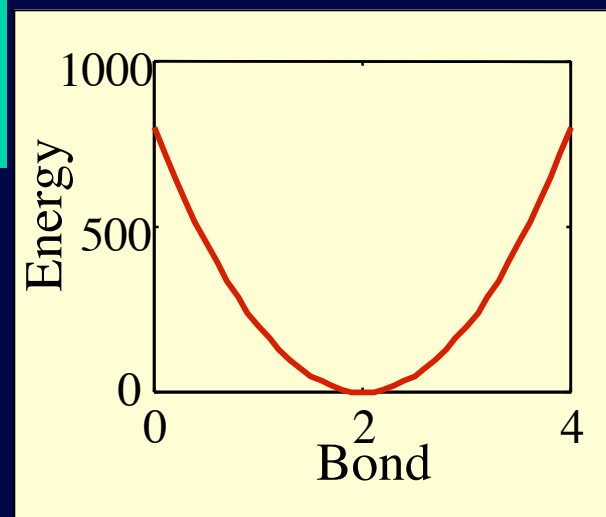
$$+ \sum_{\text{torsions, } i} k_i^\phi \cdot [1 + \cos(n_i \phi_i - \delta_i)]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{nonbondpairs, } (i, j)} \left\{ \epsilon_{\min}^{ij} \left[\left(\frac{r_{\min}^{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - 2 \left(\frac{r_{\min}^{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right] + \frac{q_i q_j}{\epsilon r_{ij}} \right\}$$

$$u_{\text{bond}} = \frac{1}{2} k_i^b \cdot (r_i - r_i^0)^2$$

- Energy terms - bonds

From spectroscopy, IR, etc.

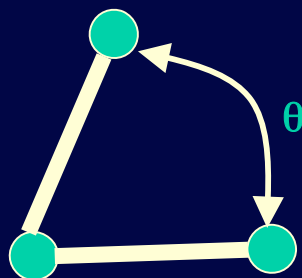


Mathematical Models - Force Fields

- Angles

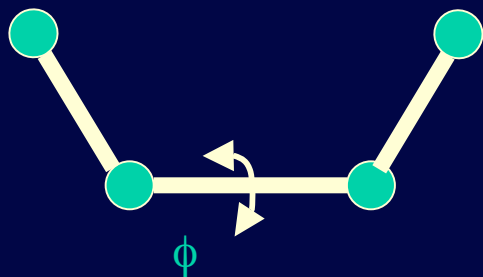
From spectroscopy, IR, etc.

$$u_{angle} = \frac{1}{2} k_i^\theta \cdot (\theta_i - \theta_i^0)^2$$

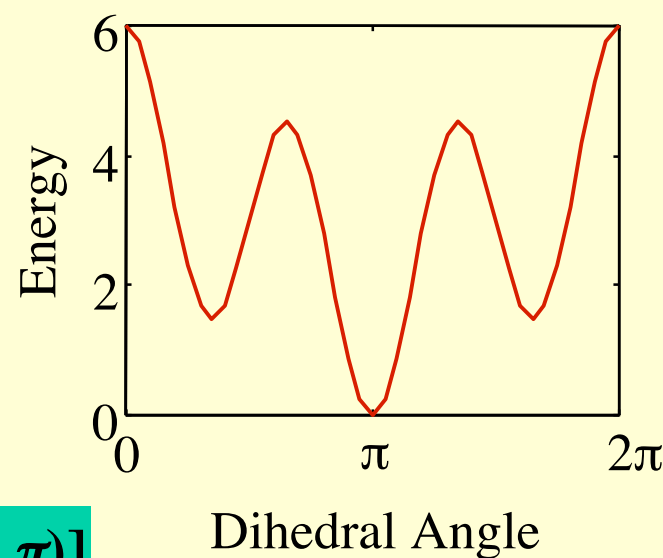
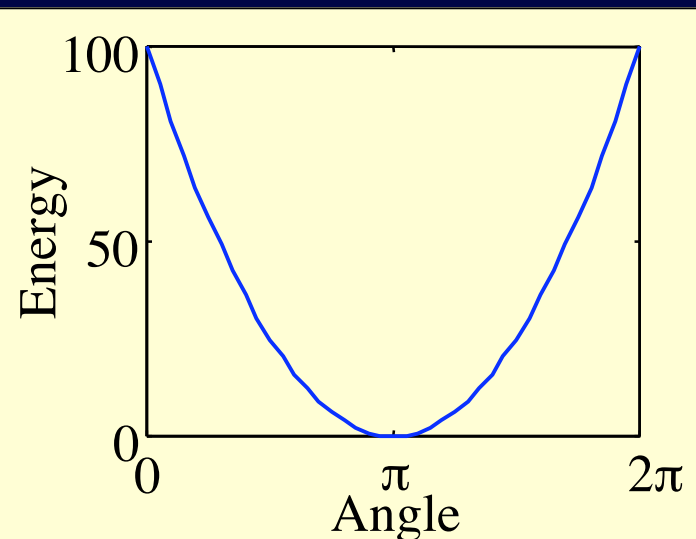


- Dihedrals

From spectroscopy, IR, NMR, empirical



$$u_{dihedral} = k_i^\phi \cdot [1 + \cos(3\phi_i)] + k_i^{\phi'} \cdot [1 - \cos(\phi_i - \pi)]$$



Mathematical Models - Force Fields

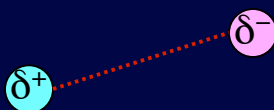
- Nonbonded - Lennard-Jones

$$u_{L-J} = \epsilon_{\min}^{\text{ij}} \left[\left(\frac{r_{\min}^{\text{ij}}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - 2 \left(\frac{r_{\min}^{\text{ij}}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right]$$

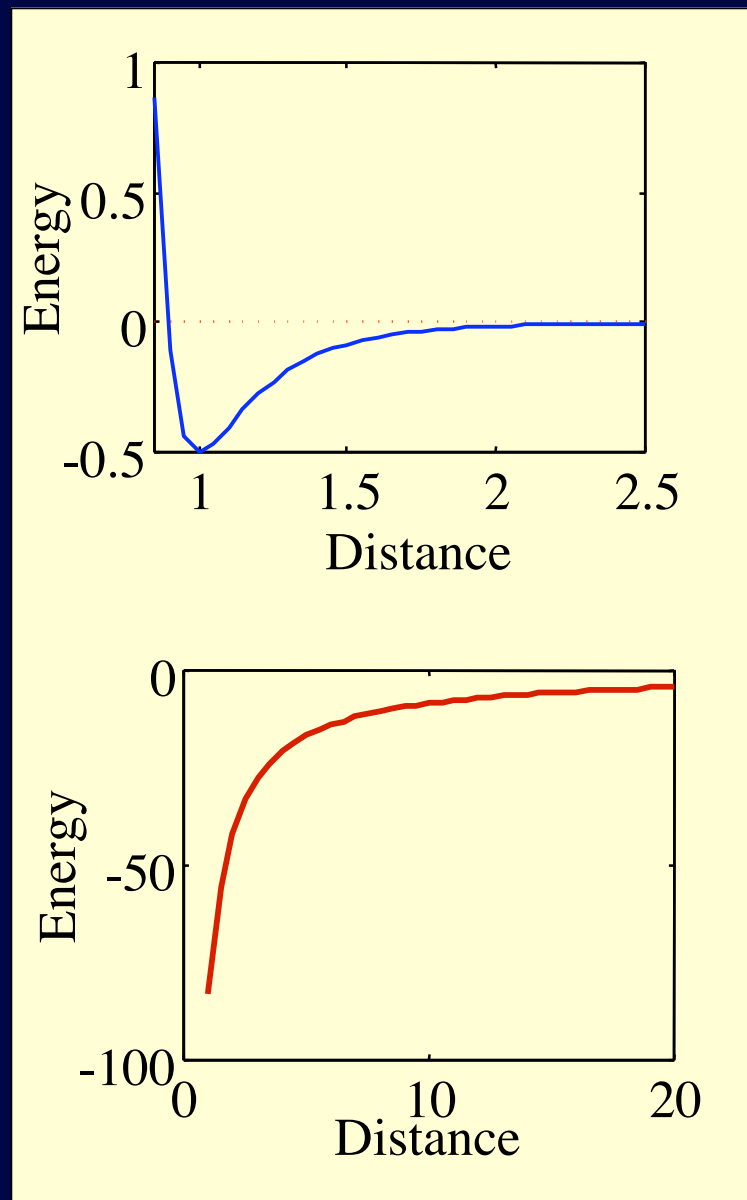


- Nonbonded - electrostatics

$$u_{Coulomb} = \frac{q_i q_j}{\epsilon r_{ij}}$$



Non-bonded interactions
derived from quantum
chemistry,
thermodynamics,
empirical schemes



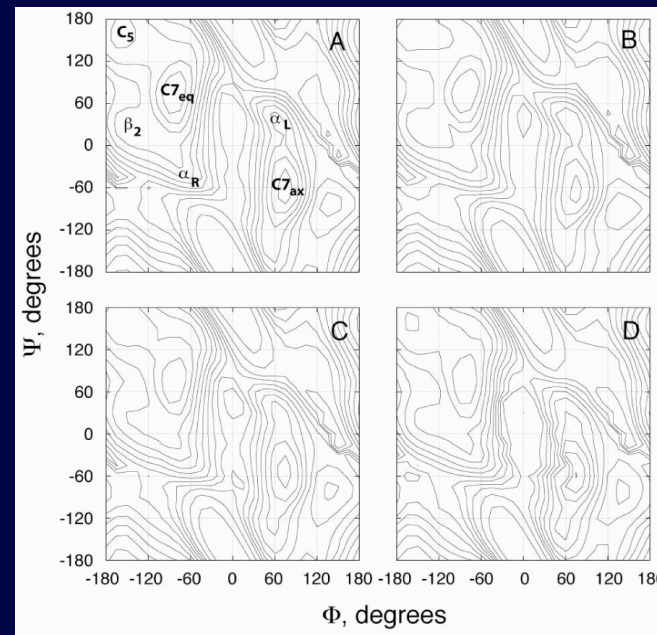
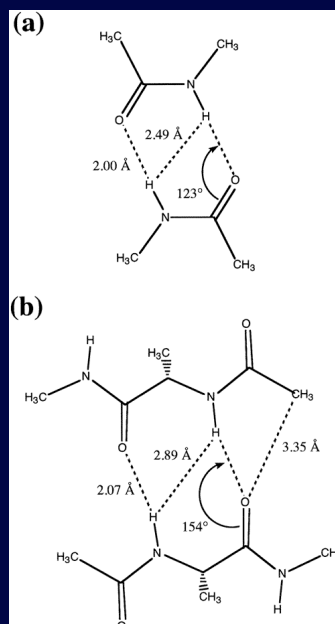
Assessing and deriving energy functions

- Quantum chemistry provides means of deriving non-bonded energy functions
 - ϕ/ψ map for alanine dipeptide from QC calculations

Table 8. Interaction Energies (kcal/mol) of Two , β -Sheet Conformation Alanine Dipeptides^a

| | |
|---|---------|
| MM3*($\epsilon=1.5$) | - 7.23 |
| HF/cc-pVTZ(- f) (CP corrected) | - 8.15 |
| MMFF($\epsilon=2.0r$) | - 8.24 |
| HF/6-31G** (CP corrected) | - 9.25 |
| HF/cc-pVTZ(- f) (non-CP corrected) | - 9.42 |
| MM2*($\epsilon=1.5$) | - 9.69 |
| MM3* | - 9.78 |
| AMBER 3 | - 9.84 |
| MM3*($\epsilon=1.0r$) | - 10.23 |
| LMP2/cc-pVTZ(- f) (HF CP corrected) | - 10.73 |
| CVFF | - 10.77 |
| MMFF($\epsilon=1.5r$) | - 11.01 |
| AMBER* | - 11.07 |
| HF/6-31G** (non-CP corrected) | - 11.68 |
| LMP2/cc-pVTZ(- f) (HF non-CP corrected) | - 12.00 |
| CFF95 | - 12.14 |
| AMBER*($\epsilon=1.0r$) | - 12.98 |
| MSI CHARMM | - 12.99 |
| MM2* | - 13.02 |
| OPLS-AA(2,2) | - 13.21 |
| MM2*($\epsilon=1.0r$) | - 13.47 |
| CHARMM 22 | - 14.10 |
| MMFFs | - 14.97 |
| CHARMM 19 | - 15.21 |
| MMFF | - 15.38 |
| AMBER94 | - 16.01 |
| MM2X | - 16.11 |
| AMBER94($\epsilon=1.0r$) | - 16.50 |
| OPLS/A-UA(2,8) | - 16.70 |
| OPLS-UA(2,2) | - 16.91 |
| OPLS* | - 17.63 |

^a Unless otherwise specified, $\epsilon=1.0$.



- Quantum chemistry provides “tests” of force fields

M.D. Beachey et al., *JACS*, **119**, 5908 ('97)

M. Feig et al., *JPCB*, **107**, 2831 ('03)

A. MacKerell et al., *JCC*, **25**, 1400 ('04)

Adding Charge Polarization via Charge Equalization

•Electrostatic Potential Energy

Patel & Brooks, JCC, **24**, 1, 2004

$$E_{electrostatic} = \sum_{i=1}^N \chi_i^0 Q_i + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \eta_{ij} Q_i Q_j$$

equilibrium charge density

penalty for perturbation from equilibrium due to presence of field

Distance dependent coulomb shielding

1-2 (Bond Atoms)
1-3 (Angle Atoms)
1-4 (Dihedral Atoms)

$$\eta(R_{ij}) = \frac{1/2(\eta_i + \eta_j)}{\sqrt{1.0 + \frac{1}{4}(R_i + R_j)^2}}$$

•Parameterization of η and χ^0

$$\eta \Delta \bar{Q} = -\bar{\phi} \Rightarrow \Delta \bar{Q} = -\eta^{-1} \bar{\phi}$$

ΔQ is the difference of the partial charge of an atom due to an applied external potential, ϕ_k , relative to vacuum

Decouples fitting of η and χ

•Objective Function

$$\varepsilon = \|(\Delta Q^{DFT} - \Delta Q^{FQ})\|$$

Hardness parameters scaled to reduce condensed phase polarizability—represents confinement of diffuse tails of molecular electronic density due to Pauli repulsion in dense liquid (perhaps a universal need to employ reduced polarizabilities in classical simulations incorporating polarization).

Electronic Polarization: Fluctuating Charge Dynamics

•Extended Lagrangian Formulation

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_i} \frac{1}{2} m_{i\alpha} \dot{r}_{i\alpha}^2 + \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_i} \frac{1}{2} m_{Q,i\alpha} \dot{Q}_{i\alpha}^2 - E(Q, r) - \sum_{i=1}^M \lambda_i \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_i} Q_{i\alpha}$$

•Charge Equations of Motion

$$m_{Q,i\alpha} \ddot{Q}_{i\alpha} = - \frac{\partial E(\bar{Q}, \bar{r})}{\partial Q_{i\alpha}} - \lambda_i$$

Total charge on molecule 'i' constant

$$\sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_i} \ddot{Q}_{i\alpha} = 0$$



$$\lambda_i = - \frac{\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_i} \frac{\partial E(\bar{Q}, \bar{r})}{\partial Q_{i\alpha}}}{N_i} = - \frac{\sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_i} (\tilde{\chi}_{i\alpha})}{N_i}$$

average electronegativity of molecule 'i'

•Charge Evolution/Dynamics

$$m_{Q,i\alpha} \ddot{Q}_{i\alpha} = - \frac{\sum_{\beta=1}^{N_i} (\tilde{\chi}_{i\alpha} - \tilde{\chi}_{i\beta})}{N_i}$$

force on charge 'a' is proportional to the difference between the **instantaneous site** and average molecular electronegativities

Parameterization of Non-Electrostatic Parameters (Protein Force Field)

$$U = U_{bonds} + U_{angles} + U_{dihedrals} + U_{cross} + \sum_{non-bonded \text{ atom pairs}} (U_{dispersion} + \frac{q_i q_j}{\epsilon r_{ij}})$$

Scaling of
polarizability

Electrostatic Parameters

Vacuum Water-Solute Dimers:
Geometries, Energies

CHARMM atom types

Bulk Liquid Properties:
(vaporization enthalpy, density)

- solute-solvent and solute-solute energetics
- solvent=TIP4P-FQ (protein ff intimately coupled to solvent model)

van der Waals
(dispersion)

Backbone Torsion, Angle, Bond,
intra-molecular dispersion interactions

Protein Molecular Dynamics
(drift from native structure)

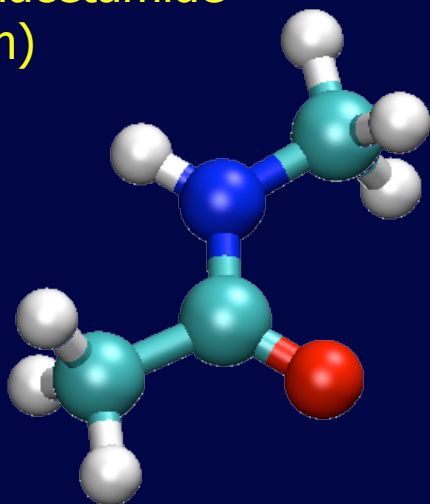
Patel et al., JCC, **24**, 1504, 2004

Electronic Polarization - deriving parameters

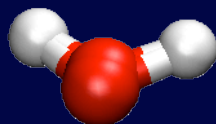
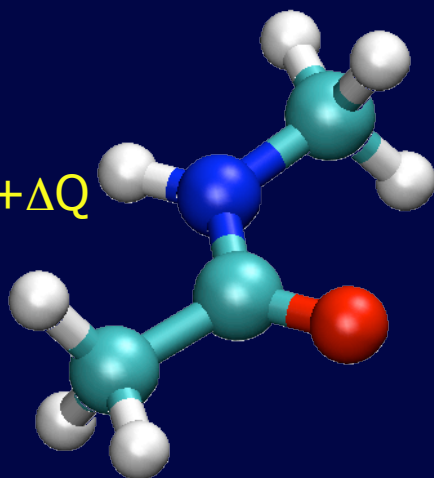
Charge Equilibration/Electronegativity Equalization

N-Methylacetamide
(vacuum)

Q^0



$Q = Q^0 + \Delta Q$



- Equilibrium distribution of charges (i.e. vacuum)
- Redistribution of charge gives rise to electronic polarization (charge flow maintains electronegativity equalization)
- Directionality of charge flow - atomic electronegativity
- ΔQ governed by measure of resistance to charge flow to/from a given site-atomic hardness
- Polarizability $\longleftrightarrow \Delta Q$

Molecular Mechanics

The Basic Algorithms

Demystifying Molecular Mechanics - Energy Minimization

- Minimization follows gradient of potential to identify stable points on energy surface
 - Let $U(\mathbf{x}) = a/2(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}_0)^2$
 - Begin at \mathbf{x}' , how do we find \mathbf{x}_0 if we don't know $U(\mathbf{x})$ in detail?
 - How can we move from \mathbf{x}' to \mathbf{x}_0 ?
 - Steepest descent based algorithms (SD):
 - $\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} + \delta$
 - $\delta = -\kappa \partial U(\mathbf{x}) / \partial \mathbf{x} = -\kappa a(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)$
 - This moves us, depending on κ , toward the minimum.
 - On a simple harmonic surface, we will reach the minimum, \mathbf{x}_0 , i.e. converge, in a certain number of steps related to κ .
- SD methods use first derivatives only
- SD methods are useful for large systems with large forces

Demystifying Molecular Mechanics - Energy Minimization

- Related Conjugate gradient methods

- For this algorithm:

- $x_n \rightarrow x_{n+1} = x_n + \alpha \delta_n$; $\delta_n = -\nabla_n U(x) + \delta_{n-1} A$

- $A = \frac{|\nabla_n U|^2}{|\nabla_{n-1} U|^2}$

- A related method is the Fletcher-Powell minimizer

- CG and Powell methods use first derivatives only

- Newton-Raphson (NR) and adopted basis NR (ABNR) use 2nd derivatives

$$\text{NR algorithm : } x_{n+1} = x_n + \delta_n$$
$$\delta_n = -(\nabla_n U)/(\nabla_n \nabla_n U)$$

- For our 1-D example:

- $\delta_n = -a(x_n - x_0)/a = x_0 - x_n$

- ABNR approximates 2nd derivatives

- **Best near minimum**

Demystifying Molecular Mechanics - Molecular Dynamics

- Molecular dynamics
- Objective: $(r_1(t), \dots, r_N(t)) \rightarrow (r_1(t+\Delta t), \dots, r_N(t+\Delta t))$
- The Verlet central difference scheme (L Verlet, J. Chem. Phys., 1967)

- expand $x(t \pm \Delta t)$ in Taylor's series around t

$$x(t \pm \Delta t) = x(t) \pm v(t)\Delta t + \frac{1}{2m} f(t)\Delta t^2 \pm \frac{1}{6}\ddot{x}(t)\Delta t^3 + O(\Delta t^4)$$

- add expansion $x(t + \Delta t)$ and $x(t - \Delta t)$ and rearrange

$$x(t + \Delta t) = 2x(t) - x(t - \Delta t) + \frac{f(t)}{m}\Delta t^2 + O(\Delta t^4) \text{ (position propagation)}$$

- add expansion $x(t - \Delta t)$ and $x(t + \Delta t)$ and rearrange

$$v(t) = (x(t + \Delta t) - x(t - \Delta t))/(2\Delta t) + O(\Delta t^3) \text{ (velocity propagation)}$$

Demystifying Molecular Mechanics - Molecular Dynamics

- Other “summed forms”

- Leap-frog

$$x(t + \Delta t) = x(t) + \Delta t \cdot v(t + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t) \text{ (position propagation)}$$

$$v(t + \frac{1}{2} \Delta t) = v(t - \frac{1}{2} \Delta t) + \Delta t \cdot \frac{f(t)}{m} \text{ (velocity propagation)}$$

- Velocity Verlet

$$x(t + \Delta t) = x(t) + \Delta t \cdot v(t + \Delta t) + \frac{1}{2m} f(t) \Delta t^2 \text{ (position propagation)}$$

$$v(t + \Delta t) = v(t) + \Delta t \cdot \frac{(f(t) + f(t + \Delta t))}{2m} \text{ (velocity propagation)}$$

- Time step controls accuracy of numerical solution

- $\Delta t = 10\text{-}15 \text{ sec} = 1 \text{ fs}$

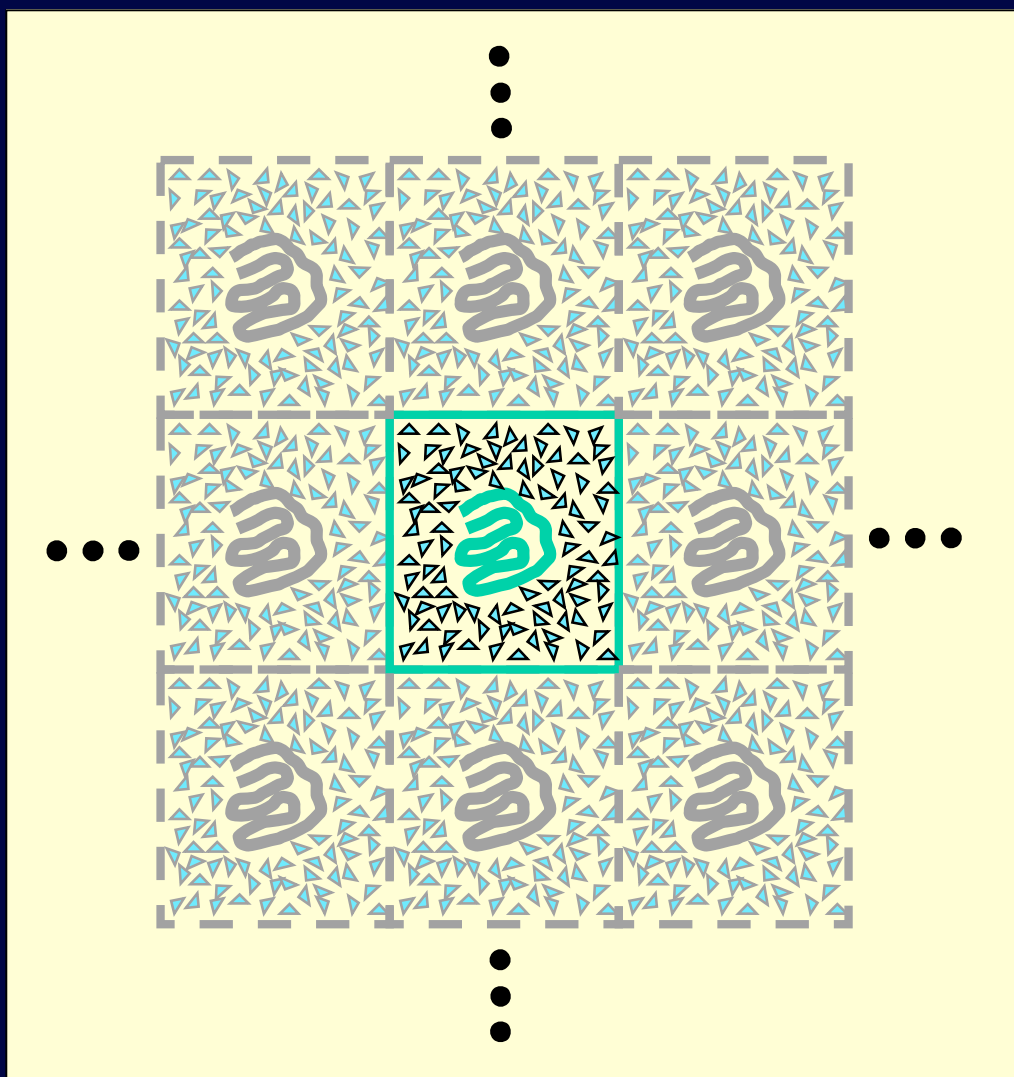
- Fundamental timestep determined by high frequency vibrations (bonds)

- Highest frequency motions removed with holonomic constraints (SHAKE)

- w/SHAKE can increase time step by ~ 2

Boundary Conditions and Statistical Ensembles

Periodic Boundary Conditions and Solvent Effects



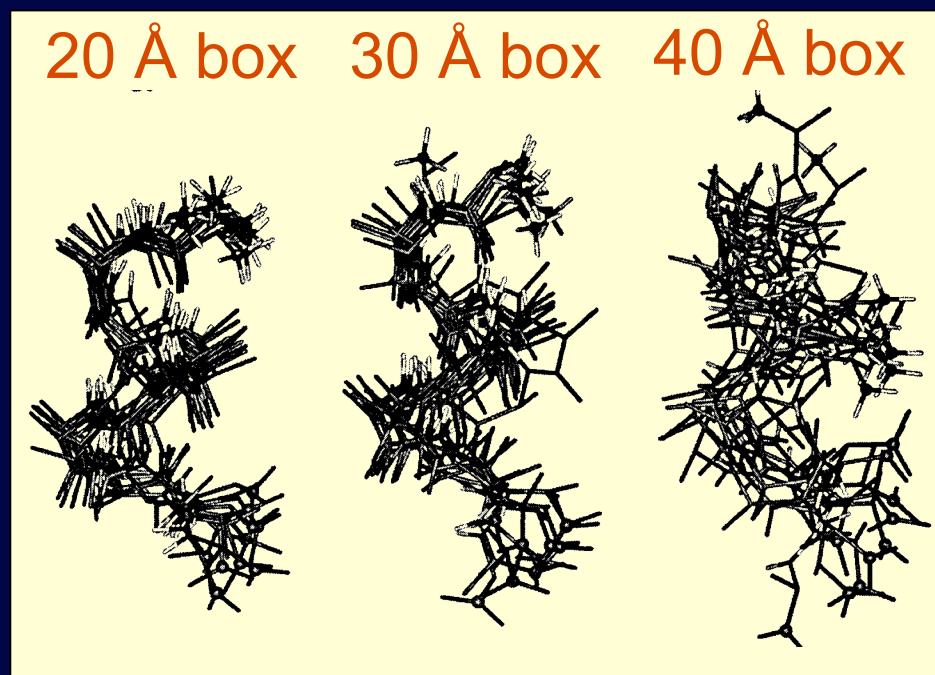
PBCs a Panacea or Not?

Hünenberger & McCammon...

- continuum calculations show artifacts
- reproduced in molecular dynamics simulations
- *J. Phys. Chem. B.* **104**, 3668-3675 (2000)

artificial
stabilization
of α -helix

poly-alanine
octapeptide,
2 ns simulations



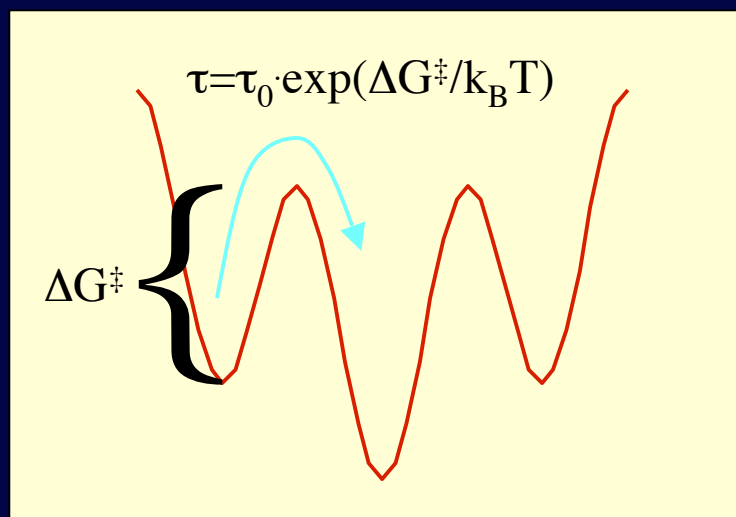
Controlling Thermodynamic Variables

T and P

- Statistical ensembles connect microscopic to macroscopic/thermodynamic
- NVE (microcanonical - Entropy rules!)
- NVT (Canonical - Helmholtz free energy is relevant, A)
 - $T = \sum m \langle v^2 \rangle / (3k_B)$
- NPT (Isothermal-isobaric - Gibbs free energy is relevant, G)
 - $P = \text{kinetic} + \text{virial contributions}$
- Thermostats, barostats, etc., allow one to choose appropriate ensembles
 - Following Nose', Hoover, Evans and others...[see C.L. Brooks, III, Curr. Opin. Struct. Biol., **5**, 211('95)]

Barriers, Temperature and Size Yield Timescales

- How long should simulations be?



$$\tau_0 \sim 10^{-12}, \Delta G^\ddagger$$

1 kcal/mol: $\sim 1.2 \text{ ps}^{-1}$

5 kcal/mol: $\sim 1.5 \text{ ns}^{-1}$

10 kcal/mol: ms or longer!

- Sampling should exceed timescales of interest by ~ 10 -fold
- Size and complexity also increase required timescales
 - Equilibration of ions, complex landscapes, multiple minima

Simplifications - eliminating explicit solvent and solvent boundary methods

- Free energy changes are partitioned into internal and **external** components
- $\Delta G_{\text{total}} = \Delta E_{\text{internal}} + \Delta S_{\text{conformation}} + \Delta G^{\text{solvation}}$
- $\Delta G^{\text{solvation}} = \Delta G^{\text{electrostatics}} + \Delta G^{\text{H-}\phi}$
- $\Delta G^{\text{H-}\phi} = \sum \gamma_i^* S A_i$
- $\Delta G^{\text{electrostatics}} \sim \text{continuum electrostatics}$

CHARMM Simulations

The flow of data and information in a CHARMM simulation

Input

- Parameters, topologies
- Sequence, coordinates

Generate

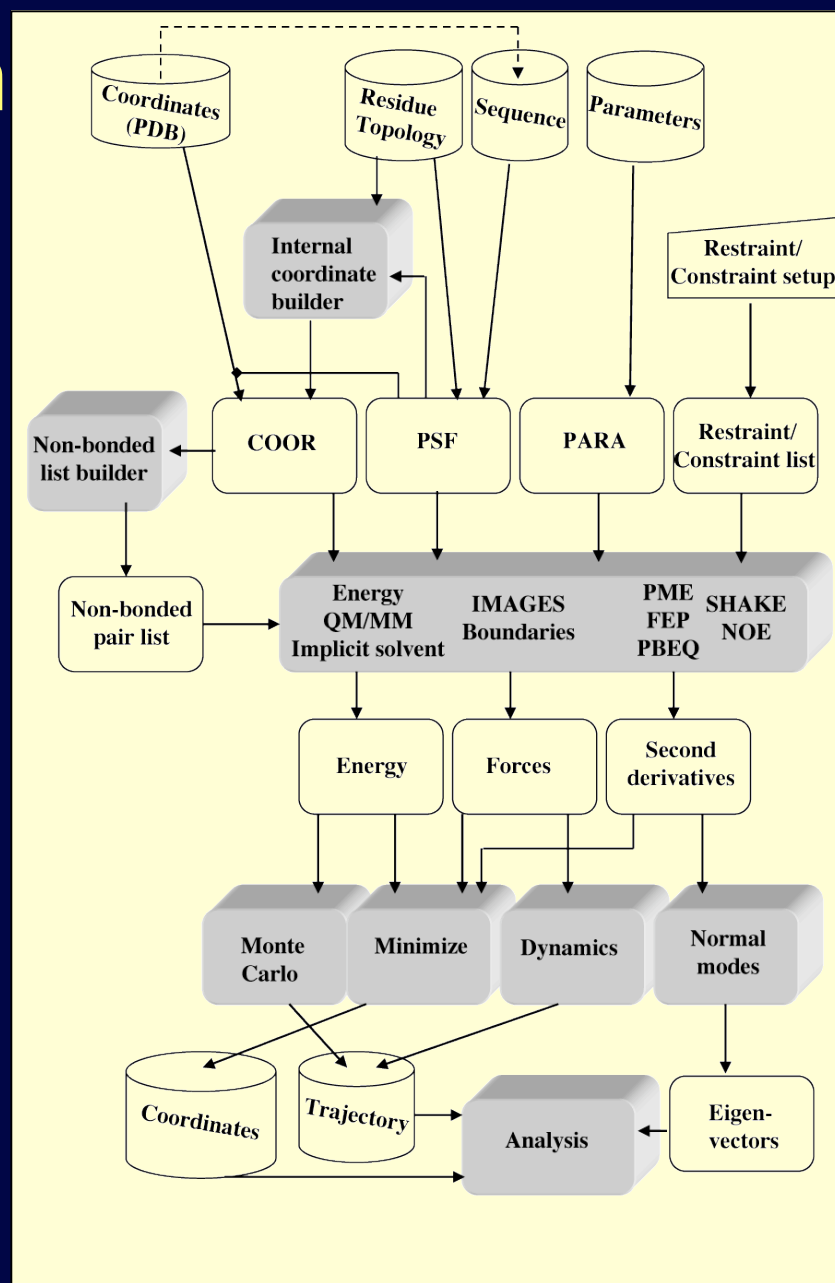
- Protein structure file
- Internal coordinates
- Missing atoms

Input

- Restraints/constraints

Calculate/Analyze

- Manipulate system
 - Energy, dynamics, normal modes, Monte Carlo, minimization
 - Analyze trajectories



The scope and range of methodologies and systems studied with CHARMM

Simulation methodologies

- Classical force field methods
 - Minimization, molecular dynamics, Langevin dynamics, Monte Carlo, normal mode calculations
- Quantum and QM/MM
 - Internal semi-empirical AM1/PM3 and DFFTB methods
 - Interfaces with numerous QM packages
- Sampling methods
 - Umbrella sampling
 - FEP/TI
 - Path and NEB (string of states methods)
 - Multi-canonical and replica approaches

Force fields and systems

- All atom force fields w/ (for proteins and lipids) and w/o atomic polarization
- Extended (polar hydrogen only) force fields
- Many coarse-grained, multi-resolution representations are feasible