

Martini Workshop 2017 Martini Proteins

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Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes

Oscar Wilde



gcq#259 "You cannot coarse-grain a protein" (Alex H. de Vries)





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gromacs reminds you: "Are you sure you want to coarse-grain a protein?" (Alex H. de Vries)





gromacs reminds you: "Coarse-grain insert_your_system_here? ... Cool!! Interesting Challenge!" (Alex H. de Vries)





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Periole et al. J. Amer. Chem. Soc. 129, 10126 (2007)





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The Standard Martini protein model

- Compatible with v2.1 Martini model for lipids
- > Uses the v2.1 Martini interaction matrix for interactions
- Developed for *membrane* proteins*: the study of protein-lipid and protein-protein interactions

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- 4-to-1 mapping scheme on centers of mass
- 1 bead for BB; 0-4 beads for side chain
- uses extension for rings
- time step 25 fs

*peptides really

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Standard protein model: side-chain beads

	type	Duilding block	examples	
	Q _{da}	H ₃ N ⁺ -C ₂ -OH	ethanolamine (protonated)	
	Q_d	$H_3N^+-C_3$	1-propylamine (protonated)	
		NA ⁺ OH	sodium (hydrated)	5
	Q _a	PO ₄	phosphate	
		CL-HO	chloride (hydrated)	
	Q ₀	C ₃ N ⁺	choline	
	P ₅	H ₂ N-C ₂ =O	acetamide	(
	P_4	HOH (\times 4)	water	- 18
		HO-C2-OH	ethanediol	
	P_3	$HO-C_2=O$	acetic acid	(
		C-NH-C=O	methylformamide	- 7
	P_2	C ₂ -OH	ethanol	
	\mathbf{P}_1	C ₃ -OH	1-propanol	
			2-propanol	
	Nda	C₄—OH	1-butanol	
	Nd	H ₂ N-C ₃	1-propylamine	(
	Na	C3=0	2-propanone	
		C-NO ₂	nitromethane	
		$C_3 = N$	proprionitrile	
		C-0-C-0	methylformate	
		$C_2HC=0$	propanal	1
	N ₀	C-O-C2	methoxyethane	
	C ₅	C ₃ —SH	1-propanethiol	
		C-S-C2	methyl ethyl sulfide	>
	C_4	$C_2 = C_2$	2-butyne	
		C-C-C-C	1,3-butadiene	
		C-X ₄	chloroform	
	C_3	$C_2 = C_2$	2-butene	
		$C_3 - X$	1-chloropropane	
6			2-bromopropane	an
8	C ₂	C ₃	propane	
į.	C_1	C4	butane	
6			isopropane	



 Initial side-chain bead type assignments made according to Martini v2.1 (2007) scheme, i.e. based on oil-water partitioning

> Marrink et al. J. Phys. Chem. B **111**, 7812 (2007); Monticelli et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. **4**, 819 (2008)





Standard protein model: side-chain beads



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^b Note that interactions of Q-types with protein C1 and C2 use normal σ =0.47 nm instead of σ =0.62 nm; this is implemented by types AC1 and AC2

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PMF of side-chain analogues across a membrane was studied and by comparing OPLS-AA (**black**) to Martini (**red**), refinements on side-chain bead assignments were made in some cases to get a closer match (mostly for rings—not shown here)

and AC2 Monticelli et al. *J. Chem. Theor. Comput.* **4**, 819 (2008); MacCallum et al. *Biophys. J.* **94**, 3393 (2008); Marrink et al. *J. Phys. Chem. B* **111**, 7812 (2007);



> Q: reaction quotient

> K: equilibrium constant

Free Energy Differences from Simulations

Direct by counting



$$Q_{12}^{eq} = K_{12} = \frac{p_2^{eq}}{p_1^{eq}} = \frac{\sum_{i \in 2} e^{-(E_i - E^0)/k_B T}}{\sum_{j \in 1} e^{-(E_j - E^0)/k_B T}}$$
$$= e^{-(G_2^0 - G_1^0)/k_B T}$$

> Boltzmann weights!

$$Q_{12} = \frac{a_2}{a_1} \approx \frac{c_2}{c_1} = \frac{N_2}{V_2} \frac{V_1}{N_1} \triangleq \frac{p_2}{p_1}$$

a: activity; *c*: concentration; *N* number of particles; *V*: volume; *p*: probability Reliable value for free energy difference is obtained only if the statistics are good enough: we need many transitions between the states and full sampling of each state to capture the entropy

> A thermodynamic "state" is in fact a collection of configurations!



Boltzmann weights!

$$\xi \rightarrow$$

$$G(\xi) = PMF(\xi) = -RT \ln p(\xi)$$

$$\Delta G(\xi) = PMF(\xi) = -RT \ln \frac{p(\xi)}{p(\xi_0)}$$

> Free energy profile (also called Potential of Mean Force) can be obtained by defining a reaction coordinate ξ (here position along x direction), and simply collecting probability statistics

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$$\Delta G_{12}^0 = G_2^0 - G_1^0 = -k_B T \ln K_{12}$$

Free Energy from Simulations: ONE of the TRICKS

> Find "extra" (also called biasing) potential—here ΔU to make probabilities equal—better statistics



$$K_{12} = \frac{p_2^{eq}}{p_1^{eq}} = \frac{\sum_{i \in 2} e^{-\beta E_i}}{\sum_{j \in 1} e^{-\beta E_j}} = e^{-\beta \Delta G_{12}^0}$$

$$\frac{p'_{2}}{p_{1}} = 1 = \frac{\sum_{i \in 2} e^{-\beta(E_{i} - \Delta U)}}{\sum_{j \in 1} e^{-\beta E_{j}}} = \frac{e^{\beta \Delta U} \sum_{i \in 2} e^{-\beta E_{i}}}{\sum_{j \in 1} e^{-\beta E_{j}}} = e^{\beta \Delta U} e^{-\beta \Delta G_{12}^{0}} \Rightarrow \Delta G_{12}^{0} = \Delta U$$
$$E^{0} = 0; \quad \beta = \frac{1}{k_{B}T}$$

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$PMF(\xi) = -RT \ln \frac{P(\xi)}{P(\xi_0)}$ Free energy differences from Simulations

- Weighted Histogram Analysis Method (WHAM)
 - Apply a restraining potential at different "points"



- **KALP** dimer PMF
 - Add harmonic restraining potential (bias) to the distance between centers-of-mass

$$\Delta U_R(\xi,d) = \frac{K}{2} (\xi - d)^2$$

Kumar et al. J. Comput. Chem. 6, 1011 (1992) Picture adapted from Arnarez et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. 11, 260 (2015)



 $\Delta U_R(\xi,d) = \frac{K}{2} (\xi - d)^2$

- Weighted Histogram Analysis Method (WHAM)
 - Apply a restraining potential at different values of the collective variable or reaction coordinate



 Measure biased probabilities in different windows: *umbrella sampling*

 $P'(\xi, d_i)$

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$$\Delta U_{R}(\xi,d) = \frac{K}{2}(\xi-d)^{2}$$

> If there is no effective interaction between the peptides in the original system, we expect a Gaussian function in each window because then the only potential acting between them is the one we supplied through the bias

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- Weighted Histogram Analysis Method (WHAM)
- We can get the unbiased distribution in each window by a simple correction, viz. multiplying by the inverse Boltzmann weight of the bias; this is called REWEIGHTING the histogram

$$P_{corr}(\xi, d_i) =$$

$$P'\left(\xi,d_{i}\right) \times e^{+\beta \left(\frac{K\left(\xi-\xi\right)}{2}\right)}$$

 Correct measured probabilities for the bias





- Weighted Histogram Analysis Method (WHAM)
- > The PMFs for the collective variable sampled in each window are obtained from the reweighted histograms.
- The next task is to match the PMFs from the sampled windows by shifting them up and down, accounting for the quality of the data in each bin. This is the essence of WHAM implementations

> Calculate PMF for each window

$$PMF_{i} (\xi) = -RT \ln P_{corr} (\xi, d_{i})$$



$$PMF_i(\xi) = f_i - RT \ln P_{corr}(\xi, d_i)$$

- Weighted Histogram Analysis Method (WHAM)
- Quick-and-dirty matching by hand.
 The approximate free energy of binding of the KALPs is 12 kJ.mol⁻¹.
- As some regions can be noisy, the matching procedure clearly needs to account for the quality of the data!

 Matching the PMFs from the different windows









Standard protein model: side-chain beads

- Fine-tuning of side-chain bead > type assignments based on water-membrane partitioning
- Comparing to OPLS-AA: >
- e energy (kJ/mol) Profiles of charged side > chains miss some subtleties and are generally too low in the middle of the membrane
 - Profiles of polar side chains > miss interface minimum for Gln and Asn
- This is addressed in the updated > version 2.2 (see below)



distance from the phosphate group (nm)

Comparison of PMF across membrane for AA side-chain analogues for OPLS-AA (black) and Martini (red)

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K (|k| = n - 1)

Standard protein model: bonded parameters

- > Based on matching distributions from Protein Data Bank
- > 2,000 protein structures forming representative set
 - > Map structures to Martini model (4-to-1/2-to-1, center of mass mapping)
 - > Try to reproduce target distributions using simple potentials
- > NOTE: dihedral (torsion) potentials are used!



 Target distributions of backboneside chain distances and angles after mapping to Martini model

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 Target distributions of backbone-side chain distances and angles after mapping to Martini model show how to distinguish between similar residues



- > Based on matching distributions from Protein Data Bank
- > Backbone parameters depend on secondary structure!
 - > need to impose secondary structure
 - > model not suitable for folding!!!
 - model uses dihedral potentials
 - $\,\,$ $\,$ $\,$ this is the main reason for using time step of 25 fs iso 40-50 fs





Target distributions of bonded parameters

involving backbone beads

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Table 3. Backbone Bonded Parameters

backbone	d _{BB} (nm)	<i>K</i> _{BB} (kJ nm ⁻² mol ⁻¹)	θ _{BBB} (deg)	<i>K</i> _{BBB} (kJ mol ^{−1})	ψ_{BBBB} (deg)	<i>K</i> _{BBBB} (kJ mol ⁻¹)
helix	0.35	1250	96 ^a	700	60	400
coil	0.35	200	127	25		
extended	0.35	1250	134	25	180	10
turn	0.35	500	100	25		
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- Target distributions of bonded parameters involving backbone beads show that secondary structure influences bonded parameters





- Secondary structure affects angle distributions but not BB-SC bondlength distributions
- Similar distributions for membrane proteins (200 out of 2,000) and soluble proteins
- Unimodal distributions for particular amino acid
 - Distinction between amino acids in Martini is the result of using different bonded parameters in addition to possibly using different bead types







- > Secondary structure also affects backbone bead type!
- Accessibility to water differs in different conformations and causes differences in backbone polarity and H-bond capability towards water
- > martinize.py tool builds topology for you

Table 2. Backbone Particle Type in Different Kinds of Secondary Structure^a

backbone	coil bend free	helix	helix (N-terminus/C-terminus)	β-strand turn
backbone	P5	N0	Nd/Na	Nda
Gly	P5	N0	Nd/Na	Nda
Ala	P4	C5	NO	NO
Pro	Na	C5	N0/Na	N0

^a Both glycine and alanine have no side chain.

Monticelli et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. **4**, 819 (2008); de Jong et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. **9**, 687 (2013)





Standard protein model: validation (1)

- Partitioning of Wimley-White pentapeptides between water and oil (octanol in experiment, octane in CG model)
- > Ace-WL-X-LL



- Study position of W (Trp) and X with respect to the interface
- Validation based on comparison to atomistic results regarding position of residues (uses cyclohexane)



Monticelli et al. *J. Chem. Theor. Comput.* **4**, 819 (2008); Wimley et al. *Biochemistry* **35**, 5109 (1996)





Standard protein model: validation (2)

- Multiple validation simulations
- Tilt of transmembrane (TM) helices:
 WALP and KALP in DLPC as a function of hydrophobic mismatch: difference in membrane thickness and helix length
- > Experimental data available
- At negative mismatch, lipids adapt around peptide: tilt angle remains low
- > WW(AL)_nWW, KK(AL)_nKK
- W, K anchor helix-ends in interface
 - AL repeat causes helical fold
 - n determines helix length



Monticelli et al. *J. Chem. Theor. Comput.* **4**, 819 (2008); de Planque et al. *Biochemistry* **37**, 9333 (1998)



Alternative protein model: ElNeDyn

- Uses different mapping of backbone: to atoms instead of center of mass
- Applies *selected* elastic bonds inspired by elastic network protein models
- Standard Martini bead types apply and the same number of beads are used
- > Called ElNeDin in the original publication





- Note selected atom positions for mapping
- Ca position used to map BB beads
- time step 20 fs
- (but use S-bead mass 72 iso 45)

Periole et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. 5, 2531 (2009)


ElNeDyn model basics

- Only apply elastic bonds to backbone beads of residues *i* and *i*+3 and further
- Exclude other interactions (Lennard-Jones, dihedral) between the beads connected by an elastic bond
- A cut-off (R_C in figure D) determines beads between which elastic bond network is applied
- Objective of ElNeDyn is to quantitatively reproduce structural flexibility of the protein native state

$$V(d) = \frac{k_{SPRING}}{2} \left(d - d_0\right)^2$$



- > BB-BB distances and BB-BB-BB angles from PDB structure (and so potentially different for each protein and residue!)
- > BB-SC distances and BB-BB-SC angles and force constants from mapped atomistic simulations of Ala-X-Ala tripeptides in water

Periole et al. *J. Chem. Theor. Comput.* **5**, 2531 (2009)





ElNeDyn parameterization (1)

- Scan combination of > different cut-offs and force constants
- Monitor RMSD and RMSF (and other measures of structural similarity and flexibility)



 $R_{2} = 0.6 \text{ nm}$

0.9 nm

1.0 nm

1.2 nm

0.8 nm



gmx rms

RMSD: structural similarity

- Root-Mean-Square Deviation
 - average over all particles at one point in time
- Extensively used in Protein Modeling



- $\sqrt{\frac{1}{N_p}\sum_{k} \left(r_k\left(t\right) r_k^{ref}\right)^2}$
- Here, N_p is the number of particles (atoms/beads) in the molecule
- > r_k^{ref} is the position of particle k in the reference structure
- > $r_k(t)$ is the position of particle k at time t





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ElNeDyn parameterization (2)

- > Use elastic network between BB beads only
- Scan combination of different cut-offs and force constants
- Monitor RMSD and RMSF (and two other measures) for different types of proteins and find best overall combination based on comparison with atomistic model simulations
- > Recommended values (X) are $R_C = 0.9 \text{ nm and}$ $k_{SPRING} = 500 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1} \cdot \text{nm}^{-2}$





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Two brief illustrations using ElNeDyn

- > ElNeDyn is designed to reproduce protein flexibility of the native folded state of well-defined folded proteins and has limited (but finite) capability of altering tertiary structure compared to the standard model
- ElNeDyn models have been used successfully in simulation of large protein assemblies
 - Cowpea Mosaic virus
 (~270,000 CG beads,
 400 ns* in 2009)





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The power of simulation

> Toward realistic systems: aggregation of visual rhodopsin in bilayers





Beware convergence of sampling!

- A general observation from membrane protein association simulations is that proper sampling is a problem, even at coarse-grained level
- GPCR rhodopsin has several possible interfaces of different strengths, some of which have a barrier to association which are therefore less likely to be sampled in a self assembly simulation
- Combination of multi microsecond self-assembly simulation and PMF simulations at different fixed orientations reveal the relative stability of the different interfaces



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- A general observation from membrane protein association simulations is that proper sampling is a problem, even at coarse-grained level
- Glycophorin A complexes may get trapped in a particular type of binding interface
- PMFs reveal three different minima only when sampling a total of 8 µs (green line); shorter simulations show only one minimum (0.5 µs, blue) or two (4 µs, red) minima
- DAFT approach may spot these cases efficiently



Sengupta et al. *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **12**, 12987 (2010); Wassenaar et al. *J. Chem. Theor. Comput.* **11**, 2144 (2015)

PMF (kJ/mol)



Which protein model should I use?

- > The Standard Martini protein model imposes only secondary structure, either based on DSSP or your own assignment; it allows tertiary structure changes and its force field parameters do not depend on the details of the starting structure, as long as the secondary structure assignment is the same
- ElNeDyn requires a structure from which to determine BB-BB bond lengths and BB-BB-BB angles - these are used as parameters for the elastic bonds
- Surveying the Groningen MD group literature, the general rule seems to be that single TM helices are done using the standard model, whereas multipass transmembrane proteins are done using ElNeDyn
- > There is little published by the Groningen MD group on soluble proteins
- In general, researchers feel free to apply simple or more complex elastic networks in combination with standard Martini or ElNeDyn to their own taste



Protein-Ligand Interactions

- > Protein-ligand interactions have been studied relatively little with Martini: does that mean Martini is not suitable for them?
- Recent success: 'flooding' GPCR receptors with two peptides leads to multiple realistic binding poses.
- > Neurotensin-1 with NT8:13
- CVX15 with chemokine CXCR4
- 2-microsecond (affordable) RE-MD followed by clustering analysis; comparing to X-ray structures of bound complexes



Delort et al. J. Chem. Inf. Model. 57, 562 (2017)



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Van Eerden et al. Nat. Commun. 8, 15284 (2017)



Martini Workshop 2017 Developments in Martini proteins

With special thanks to Djurre de Jong

Version 2.2 and 2.2P Beyond 2.2 for soluble protein



Beyond standard Martini for proteins

- > The standard and ElNeDyn Martini protein models appear(ed) to be quite successful for describing protein-lipid interactions and protein-protein interactions for membrane-bound proteins
- > Interactions between soluble proteins appeared problematic, as well as protein-ligand interactions: improvement is an active field of research
 - > Are Martini proteins too "sticky"? In self-assembly simulations, we (and others) got the impression any protein will stick to any other protein, often forming kinetically trapped structures
- > Systematic study into interaction between amino acids was undertaken to substantiate this impression
- > More recently, soluble protein aggregation has been studied more in detail connecting to experimental data





PMFs for amino acid side chain interactions

- > The PMFs for dimerization of charged residues in oil (pure alkane) reveal a problem of the standard Martini protein model (v2.1)
 - > Charge-charge interaction is screened too much in a non-polar environment: remember, in standard Martini we use a dielectric constant $\varepsilon_r = 15$ because our water model is a LJ particle
 - > Switching to polarizable water model (v2.1P) helps, because $\varepsilon_r = 2.5$



de Jong et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. 9, 687 (2013)





PMFs for amino acid side chain interactions

- > Compared to atomistic description, unlike charges are too far apart
 - In the 2.2P model, the charge is moved off-center, leading to a deeper minimum for unlike charge pairs (LJ remains on-center!)





S2p and S2 each have mass 36 de Jong et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. 9, 687 (2013)





Polar amino acid side chains

- > For polar residues, similar arguments as for charged residues apply
 - > In the 2.2P model, two off-center charges are added to the model, modeling the reorientation of a permanent dipole

S1p, S1n: partial charge ±q, no LJ interaction



S1p and S1n each have mass 36 de Jong et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. 9, 687 (2013)





Polar versus polarizable

> In the 2.2P version, amino acid side chains have a permanent dipole, whereas water has a varying dipole

S1p, S1n/WP,WM: partial charge ±q, no LJ interaction

Constraint lengths:

W-WP, W-WN 0.14 nm

W: LJ interaction only

masses W, WP, WN: 24

θ,K_θi WP -q WM

EXAMPLE 1 When using P version, set $\varepsilon_r = 2.5$ iso 15 NOTE: v2.2(P) for AAs differs from polarizable water set-up because in water the angle between the particles is not fixed!

de Jong et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. 9, 687 (2013); Yesylevskyy et al. PLoS. Comput. Biol. 6, e1000810 (2010)





Reparameterization of polar amino acids

- Parameterized on oil/water partitioning and dimerization free energies in > water and in oil
- Checked against partitioning of Wimley-White pentapeptides and PMF > across lipid membrane
- Not all are equally well reproduced but v2.2 is a general improvement > on v2.1 type (charge)^b

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ref: Exp or atomistic MD

italic: v2.1

bold: v2.2P final model

Final parameters are those that reproduce **PMF across lipid** membrane best

Thr	ref.		0.1 ± 0.4	-11	0.2	-5.8
	CG	PI	-1.9 ± 0.1	-12	0.0	-2.3
		N0 (0.36)	-0.3 ± 0.3	-12	-0.5	-4.0
		Nda (0.31)	2.3 ± 0.3	-13	-0.5	-4.2
Ser	ref.		0.2 ± 0.4	-14	1.6	-5.9
	CG	PI	-1.9 ± 0.1	-12	0.0	-2.3
		N0 (0.40)	-0.5 ± 0.3	-14	-0.2	-5.2
Asn	ref.		-1.0 ± 0.4	-28	-0.1	-17.3
	CG	P5	-2.7 ± 0.1	-31	0.3	-4.2
		Nda (0.51)	1.9 ± 0.7	-28	-0.2	-20.6
		Nda (0.46)	2.0 ± 0.4	-23	-0.4	-13.9
		N0 (0.54)	-1.3 ± 0.3	-27	-0.2	-18.1
Gln	ref.		-1.7 ± 0.4	-25	-1.2	-17.2
	CG	P4	-2.0 ± 0.1	-23	-0.1	-3.4
		Nda (0.42)	2.4 ± 0.2	-20	-0.2	-7.2
		N0 (0.51)	-1.1 ± 0.5	-24	-0.6	-14.6



de Jong et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. 9, 687 (2013); Wimley and White Nat. Struct. Biol. 3, 842 (1996)





Reparameterization of polar amino acids

- Parameterized on oil/water partitioning and dimerization free energies in water and in oil
- Checked against partitioning of Wimley-White pentapentides and PMF

\rightarrow N	Vot	$\Delta\Delta G_{WW}$	$\Delta G_{oil/water}$	$\Delta G_{dim}Water$	$\Delta G_{dim}Oil$	nt
0	n v _{ref}	-1.0 (4)	-28	-0.1	-17.3	Lp
ref: Ex italic:	P5 <i>v2</i> .	-2.7 (1)	-31	+0.3	-4.2	
bold:	v2 , Nda (0.51)	+1.9 (7)	-28	-0.2	-20.6	
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hose that reproduce PMF across lipid membrane best

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Wimley-White peptide hydrophobic scale

- Partitioning of Wimley-White peptides between water and POPC membrane
- Series Ace-WL_m, m = 1,6> ΔG (bilayer to water, kcal/mol) AcWL. scale shows monomer Aromat al/mol contributions of each residue based on Leu slope 0.56 kcal·mol⁻¹: Leu monomer AG (bilayer to water contribution to partitioning peptide length (m+1)Ace-WL-X-LL slope to membrane is about half of that to octanol - reflects more complex interface?! Amino Acid Residue X

Wimley and White *Nat. Struct. Biol.* **3**, 842 (1996); Singh and Tieleman *J. Chem. Theor. Comput.* **7**, 2316 (2011)





S1n S1p

PMF of polar amino acids across bilayer

- Final parameters Martini v2.2P were decided by looking at PMF across lipid membrane
- > Gln and Asn now show minimum in bilayer-water interface
 - Price: Wimley-White behavior can be better by choosing different particle type and partial charge

OPLS-AA

2.1



Distance from the phosphates (nm)

de Jong et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. 9, 687 (2013)





Further changes in Martini v2.2 and v2.2P

- Particle type of aromatic residues changed to better reflect oil-water > partitioning
- His+ added; Pro bead types changed >
- BB-BB distances in helical stretches shortened to better reflect helix > length **S2**
- Recommend shorter S-S bond* >



de Jong et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. 9, 687 (2013)



There is still more room for improvement...!

- Aggregation of soluble protein is still too pronounced
- Case study of BPTI (56 a.a., +6e) oligomer distributions shows that by changing the levels (ɛ values of LJ parameters) of all protein-water bead interactions the correct distribution can be obtained
- Straightforward Martini 2.1 simulation of 48 copies shows single large aggregate
- Interaction between water and protein is made stronger to help solvate the protein (ɛ values of LJ parameters are increased)
- > $\epsilon' = \epsilon + 0.35 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ yields best overall result



de Jong et al. *in preparation* (2015); Mereghetti et al. *Biophys. J.* **99**, 3782 (2010)



Determination of oligomer distribution

- Rather indirect >
- Experiment measures structure factor, e.g. from Dynamic Light Scattering >
- S(q) is the Fourier transform* of g(r)> $S(q) = 1 + \frac{4\pi\rho}{q} \int_0^\infty r(g(r) - 1)\sin(qr)dr$
- g(r) is related to B_{22} , the osmotic second virial coefficient

$$B_{22} = -2\pi \int_0^\infty (g(r) - 1) r^2 dr$$

g(r) was obtained by Mereghetti et al in an effective solvent (but all atom protein) Brownian dynamics simulation of 512 protein different ionic strengths



Mereghetti et al. *Biophys. J.* **99**, 3782 (2010)

* formula for isotropic liquid



There is still more room for improvement...!

- > Data for protein oligomerization is also available for HEWL (129 a.a., +8e)
- Using the BPTI result for Martini 2.1 shows that the finding is transferable to HEWL (64 copies) and that versions 2.1 and 2.2 give similar results



de Jong et al. *in preparation* (2015); Mereghetti et al. *Biophys. J.* **99**, 3782 (2010); Stark et al. *J. Chem. Theor. Comput.* **9**, 4176 (2013)



Soluble protein association

- PMF for association of hydrophobic helices (Leu₂₀ helices) in water similar in Martini 2.2 to that in Amber99, but overall more attractive
- P-P or P-W interaction may be changed; both result in better overall behavior but P-W changes reproduces atomistic energy contributions best





No free lunch...

> Even though oligomerization distributions look good, the shifting of the levels leads to overall worse partitioning behavior of amino acid side chains between water and oil as shown below for $\Delta G_{w/o}$ (kJ·mol⁻¹)

AA	Exp	v2.2	v2.2 shift
Ile/Leu	+22	+20	+17
Val	+17	+18	+15
Cys/Met	+5/+10	+5.9 (2)	+2.4 (2)
Phe	+12	+11.7 (3)	+2.1 (3)
Trp	+9	+6.8(5)	-4.2 (2)
Tyr	-2	+1.7 (4)	-7.6 (4)
Ser/Thr	-14/-11	-12.2 (2)	-15.9 (4)
His	-20	-18	-26
Gln	-25	-24	-28
Asn	-28	-31	-35



de Jong et al. in preparation (2015); Mereghetti et al. Biophys. J. 99, 3782 (2010)



Protein-protein interactions: peptides

> All tripeptides were scanned for their self-assembly propensity, investigating the type of aggregate formed (if any). This work leads to design rules for oligo-peptides that were also tested experimentally.



Frederix et al. Nat. Chem. 7, 30 (2015)



Protein-protein interactions: CLUB-Martini

 High-throughput exploration of protein complexes found by docking assays show that Martini can enrich such a set and lead to viable proteinprotein binding interfaces



- Take bound states from CAPRI Score_set
- Determine (1-5) Martini
 PMFs for each pose
- Rank poses based on binding FE
 - Use published X-Ray interface for benchmarking, 20 PMFs

Picture from poster by Hou et al, https://f1000research.com/posters/4-567 More on CAPRI: http://www.ebi.ac.uk/msd-srv/capri/



- High-throughput exploration of protein complexes found by docking assays show that Martini can enrich such a set and lead to viable proteinprotein binding interfaces
- Compared to other ranking methods (denoted CAPRI), CLUB-Martini generally shows improved quality of structures

left: CAPRI, right: CLUB-Martini





The Martini model is a semi-empirical force field and will be under continued development (lecture by Paulo on Thursday)



Martini topologies for a broad spectrum of molecules are readily available, as well as scripts to build membranes, to generate topologies for arbitrary peptides and proteins, to add elastic networks, and to move between coarse grained and atomistic representations.

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Brief Martini Protein Hands-on overview

Image: Second systemImage: Second



- Original by Monticelli et al, 2008
- ElNeDyn by Periole et al, 2009
- Combined with elastic network



Standard tutorial takes you through setting up Martini simulations for a soluble protein (ubiquitin) starting from a PDB structure, using the tool martinize.py (more on that in tomorrow's lecture by Tsjerk), and continues to compare HIV-1 protease in three versions (standard, standard+simple network, ElNeDyn) and lets you compare some properties

> Monticelli et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. **4**, 819 (2008); Periole et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. **5**, 2531 (2009)


TM helices: protein-protein/lipid interactions

Advanced tutorial sets up membrane protein model (KALP), using the tool insane.py (more on that in tomorrow's lecture by Tsjerk) and prompts you to study tilt and diffusion

Go on to study dimerization

Use external tutorial(s) (see gromacs website) to set up calculation of PMF

Extend comparison to newer Martini models (2.2P, polarizable water)



Monticelli et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. 4, 819 (2008)



Advanced

High throughput screening of peptides

Advanced tutorial lets you automate a protocol for studying self-assembly of tripeptides. Here, Martini is used as an industrial tool for high-throughput library screening. It combines a number of tools used in the protocol, building topologies, creating random solution starting structures, equilibration and production runs, and analysis of the final assembly



Good for learning about scripting!

Challenge yourself and put atomistic details back into the CG assembly using backward.py



Frederix et al. *Nat. Chem.* **7**, 30 (2015)



POSTER SESSION 17:00-19:00 hours in the canteen

PUT UP POSTERS JUST BEFORE THE START and take them down at the end...

Drinks & snacks will be served!



Supporting: Overview of Martini Protein publications MD group Groningen



Overview of Martini Protein-Protein studies

Main author, Journal, Year	System	Model	Comments
Periole, JACS, 2007	16 rhodopsin (GPCR) in different membranes	Standard + EN bonds	Intermediate toward ELNEDYN, elastic bonds used to preserve tertiary structure
Yefimov, BJ, 2008; Louhivuori, PNAS, 2010; Ollila, BJ, 2011, Deplazes, PLOS 2012, Mukherjee, FASEB, 2014, Konijnenberg, PNAS, 2014	MscL in membrane	Standard	A number of these papers have combined simulation and experimental results
Treptow, JPCB, 2008	Kv1.2 channel in membrane	Standard	500 ns CGMD of closed state of the channel compared to short atomistic MD and experiment
Berntsson, EMBO J, 2009	OppA* - octapeptide	Standard	Dynamic shifts in register seen
Sengupta, MMB, 2009	ATPase C-subunit in membrane	Standard	C-subunit peptide interfaces in dimer and cyclic decamer
Lycklama, JBC, 2010	SecY channel in membrane	Standard	Dynamics of helix wrt complex in SecY machinery



Overview of Martini Protein-Protein studies

Main author, Journal, Year	System	Model	Comments
Sengupta, PCCP, 2010	TM helix association	Standard	GpA and mutants
Schafer, PNAS, 2011	TM helix association	Standard	WALP helices of different length in mebrane
Sorensen, JPCL, 2011	protofibrillar assembly	ELNEDYN	Self-assembly of 27 amylin protofibrils, consisting of 20 peptides each
Arnarez, PhD Thesis, 2014	CIII-CIV respiratory chain subunits	ELNEDYN	Role of cardiolipin in protein interfaces
Wassenaar, JCTC, 2015	TM helix association	Standard	The DAFT approach



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Main author, Journal, Year	System	Model	Comments
Arnarez, Chem. Sci, 2016	CIII-CIV respiratory chain subunits	ELNEDYN	Role of cardiolipin in protein interfaces
van Eerden, JPCB, 2017	PhotosystemII in thyloakoid membrane	Standard	Emphasis on behavior of cofactors and lipids within a large complex that itself shows relatively litte dynamics



Overview of Martini Protein-Lipid studies

Main author, Journal, Year	System	Model	Comments
Catte, BJ, 2008; Vuorela, PLOS , 2010	HDL	Standard	Lipid droplet including apoA-I protein envelop
Fuhrmans, JACS, 2009; Fuhrmans 2012	Fusion peptides in lipid-water system	Standard	Fusion peptides can induce or stabilize lipid diamond phase
Murtola, SM, 2011	LDL	ELNEDYN	Interaction between ApoB-100 and cholesterol (esters)
Domanski, BBAM, 2012	TM helices in membrane	Standard and ELNEDYN	TM helices can induce lipid domain formation
Arnarez, Sci Rep, 2013	CIV in mixed lipid bilayer	ELNEDYN	Cardiolipin explores different sites on cytochrome c oxidase
Arnarez, JACS, 2013	CIV in mixed lipid bilayer	ELNEDYN	Cardiolipin explores different sites on cytochrome bc1 oxidase



Overview of Martini Protein-Lipid studies

Main author, Journal, Year	System	Model	Comments
Gu, JPCB, 2016	GM1,GM3+WALP and GM1,GM3+AQ1 (aquaporin)	ELNEDYN	Water model and electrostatics treatment influence interactions
van Eerden, Nat. Commun., 2017	PhotosystemII in thyloakoid membrane	Standard	Emphasis on behavior of plastoquinone/-ol cofactor dynamics



Supporting: comparison of Martini Protein force fields



 and the Martini mapping in the standard model





 $V(d) = \frac{k}{2} \left(d - d_0 \right)^2$

Backbone bonds (BB-BB)

	Standard		ElNeDyn	
Sec Struct	d _o (nm)	k _b (kJ·mol ⁻¹ ·nm ⁻²	d _o (nm)	k _b (kJ·mol ⁻¹ ·nm ⁻²
helix	0.35	1,250	from PDB	150,000
coil	0.35	200	from PDB	150,000
extended	0.35	1,250	from PDB	150,000
turn	0.35	500	from PDB	150,000
bend	0.35	400	from PDB	150,000

Monticelli et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. **4**, 819 (2008); Periole et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. **5**, 2531 (2009)



$$V(\theta) = \frac{k_{\theta}}{2} \left(\cos\theta - \cos\theta_0\right)^2$$

Backbone angle (BB-BB-BB)

	Standard		ElNeDyn		
Sec Struct	θ _o (deg)	k _θ (kJ·mol⁻¹)	θ _o (deg)	k _θ (kJ·mol⁻¹)	
helix	96 (PRO: 98)	700 (100)	from PDB	40	
coil	127	25	from PDB	40	
extended	134	25	from PDB	40	
turn	100	25	from PDB	40	
bend	130	25	from PDB	40	

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$V(\varphi) = K_{\varphi} \left[1 + \cos(\varphi - \varphi_0) \right]; \quad V(\chi) = \frac{k_{\chi}}{2} \left(\chi - \chi_0 \right)^2$

Comparison of Standard Martini and ElNeDyn

Backbone dihedral (BB-BB-BB-BB and BB-SC-SC-SC)

	Standard		ElNeDyn	l
Sec Struct	φ ο (deg) *	k φ (kJ·mol ⁻¹)	φ ο (deg)	k φ (kJ·mol ⁻¹)
helix	-120	400	-	-
coil	-	-	-	-
extended	0	10	-	-
turn	-* φo not pro	perly stated	-	-
bend	- in 2007	-paper!	-	-
Amino acid	χ ₀ (deg)*	k _χ (kJ·mol ⁻¹ ·rad ⁻²)		
His. Tyr, Phe	0	50	-	-
Trp	0/0	50/100	-	-

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 $V(d) = \frac{k}{2} \left(d - d_0 \right)^2$

Backbone-side chain bonds (BB-SC)

	Standard		ElNeDyn	
Amino acid	d _o (nm)	k _b (kJ·mol ⁻¹ ·nm ⁻²	d _o (nm)	k _b (kJ·mol ⁻¹ ·nm ⁻²
Leu (AC1)	0.33	7,500	0.265	81,500
Ile (AC1)	0.31	constr	0.225	13,500
Val (AC2)	0.265	constr	0.2	constr
Pro (AC2)	0.3	7,500	0.19	constr
Met (C5)	0.4	2,500	0.31	2,800
Cys (C5)	0.31	7,500	0.24	94,000
Ser (P1)	0.25	7,500	0.195	constr
Thr (P1)	0.26	constr	0.195	constr
Asn (P5)	0.32	5,000	0.25	61,000
Gln (P4)	0.4	5,000	0.3	2,400
Asp (Qa)	0.32	7,500	0.224	65,000
Glu (Qa)	0.4	5,000	0.31	2,500

Periole et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. 5, 2531 (2009)



 $V(d) = \frac{k}{2} \left(d - d_0 \right)^2$

Backbone-side chain bonds (BB-SC and SC-SC)

	Standard		ElNeDyn	
Amino acid	d _o (nm)	k _b (kJ∙mol⁻¹•nm⁻²	do (nm)	k _b (kJ∙mol⁻¹•nm⁻
Arg (BB-No)	0.33	5,000	0.25	12,500
Arg (No-Qd)	0.34	5,000	35	6,200
Lys (BB-C3)	0.33	5,000	0.25	12,500
Lys (C3-Qd)	0.28	5,000	0.3	9,700
His (BB-SC4)	0.32	7,500	0.195	constr
His (all sc-sc)	0.27	constr	0.193/0.216/0.295	constr
Phe (BB-SC4)	0.31	7,500	0.34/0.34	7,500/7,500
Phe (all sc-sc)	0.27	constr	0.24	constr
Tyr (BB-SC4)	0.32	5,000	0.335/0.335	6,000/6,000
Tyr (all sc-sc)	0.27	constr	0.24/0.31/0.31	constr
Trp (BB-SC4)	0.3	5,000	0.255	73,000
Trp (all sc-sc)	0.27	constr	0.22/0.25/0.28/0.255	constr

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Backbone-side chain angles (BB-SC-SC)

	Standard		ElNeDyn	
Amino acid	θ _o (deg)	k _θ (kJ·mol⁻¹)	θ _o (deg)	kθ (kJ·mol⁻¹)
Arg (BB-No-Od)	180	25	150	15
Lys (BB-C3-Qd)	180	25	150	20
His (BB-SC4-SP1)	150/150	50/50	135/115	100/50
Phe (BB-SC4-SC4)	150/150	50/50	70/125	100/100
Tyr (BB-SC4-SC4)	150	50	70	100
Tyr (BB-SC4-SP1)	150	50	130	50
Trp (BB-SC4-SP1)	90	50	142	30
Trp (BB-SC4-SC4)	210	50	143/104	20/50
BB-BB-SC	100	25	-	-
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Periole et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. 5, 2531 (2009)



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Comparison of Standard and Martini 2.2(P)

Backbone bonds (BB-BB)

	Standard		Martini 2.2(I	?)
Sec Struct	do (nm)	k _b (kJ∙mol⁻¹•nm⁻²)	d _o (nm)	k _b (kJ∙mol⁻¹•nm⁻²)
helix	0.35	1,250	0.31	constr
coil	0.35	200	0.35	1,250
extended	0.35	1,250	0.35	1,250
turn	0.35	500	0.35	1,250
bend	0.35	400	0.35	1,250

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coil	-	-	-	-
extended	0	10	0	10
turn	- * φ ο not p r	operly stated	-	-
bend	- in 2007 paper!		-	-
Amino acid	χ₀ (deg)*	k _χ (kJ·mol ⁻¹ ·rad ⁻²)	χ₀ (deg)*	k _χ (kJ·mol ⁻¹ ·rad ⁻²)
His. Tyr, Phe	0	50	0	50
Trp	0/0	50/100	0/0	50/100

Monticelli et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. 4, 819 (2008); de Jong et al. J. Chem. Theor. Comput. 9, 687 (2013)