Water and Protein Folding

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Protein Denaturation



Stop of the biological function
Change of optical properties
Change of solubility
Diseases (Alzheimer, Parkinson, Huntington, "Mad cow" BSE,
Creutzfeldt-Jakob, ... allergies ...)

Our approach: Multi-scale modeling



Why multiscale approach?

Fully atomistic: very computationally expensive!

- 2577 water molecules for (only) 16
 residues protein (β-hairpin)
- 2μs-long simulations x 70 replicas (140μs)
- results "indicative of possible cold denaturation" ...
- ø denatured state depends on water model



Yang, C. et al. Nat. Commun. 5:5773 (2014)

Set up of the stage

Multi-scale approach: Hydrated Proteins & Coarse-grain water



THE NEED OF A COOPERATIVE MANY-BODY MODEL

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Cooperative effects in simulated water

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Computer simulation calculations on liquid water, aqueous solutions and biological interfaces have been made almost universally assuming pair-additive interactions. Experimental and theoretical evidence implies this is a serious oversimplification. The development and testing of a different approach is reviewed in which many-body forces are specifically taken into account through molecular

Conclusions

It is necessary to abandon the use of pair potentials for aqueous systems. Although a parametrised effective pair potential

e.g., quantum calculations show that hydrogen bonds (HB) energy in trimers and tetramers is 20-30% stronger than in dimers



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We introduce a density field n(x, y)

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vdW interaction

E = U(r)



Directional and covalent component of the hydrogen bond

cfr. Sastry et al. PRE (1996)

1st shell (five-body) interaction

Coopertivity (Quantum effect)



 $E = U(r) - J N_{HB} - J_{\sigma} N_{\sigma}$ $V = Nv_0 + N_{HB} v_{HB}$

The phase diagram of the Many-Body water model















Exploring the Phase Diagram



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Result: Subdiffusion is not a consequence of heterogeneity in water-surface interaction, but results from increasing H-bonds correlation
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Diffusion Anomaly and 1nm Cooperative Rearranging Regions

At high T: Diffusion maxima and minima



 $0.1 \text{ A}^2/\text{ps} = 10^{-5} \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$

are both monotonic!!

F. de los Santos & G. F., PRE 85, 010602(R) (2012)

Theoretical explanation



The effect of Cooperativity

Tuning the Cooperativity strenght



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ALL THE SCENARIOS FROM THE SAME MECHANISM



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Parameters from Experiments lead to Liquid-Liquid Critical Point (LLCP)



From Experiments: from Ih - liq. => $J\sigma \approx I \ kJ/mol$ $4\epsilon \approx 5.5 \ kJ/mol \ (J\sigma/4\epsilon \approx 0.2)$ $E_{HB}(\epsilon, J, J\sigma) \approx 5.8 \ kJ/mol$ => $J \approx 6-I2 \ kJ/mol \ (J/4\epsilon \approx 1.1-2)$

LLCP predicted in a region inaccessible in experiments <u>so far</u>



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 $x = A(M - M_c)$

at approx. 0.2 GPa and 246 K

T.A. Kesselring, G. Franzese, S.V. Buldryev, H.J. Herrmann, and H.E. Stanley, Sci. Rep. 2, 474 (2012)

Problem with simulations of atomistic water models

The LLCP is very close to Tg (difficult to equilibrate)

very slow
 equilibration on
 approaching LLCP
 from 1-phase region
 (where the Widom
 line should be)

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Response function maxima: Weak and Strong

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Where is the Widom line? (Locus of maxima of correlation length)

Correlation Length and Widom Line



WIDOM LINE: LOCUS OF MAXIMA OF ξ

Correlation Length and Widom Line







The Widom line has much larger slope than predicted from atomistic models atomistic models stop at "weak maxima" line(s)



Correlated-bond Percolation at the liquid-liquid critical point Widom line = Kertész line



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Experimental evidences?

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 (OKE) on vibrational
 dynamics at P=1 atm

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