

Computational Bioelectrostatics

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Culminates in scientific discovery.

- Mathematics

- Scalable solution of Nonlinear PDE
- Discretization on unstructured meshes
- Massively parallel algorithms
- Fast methods for integral equations

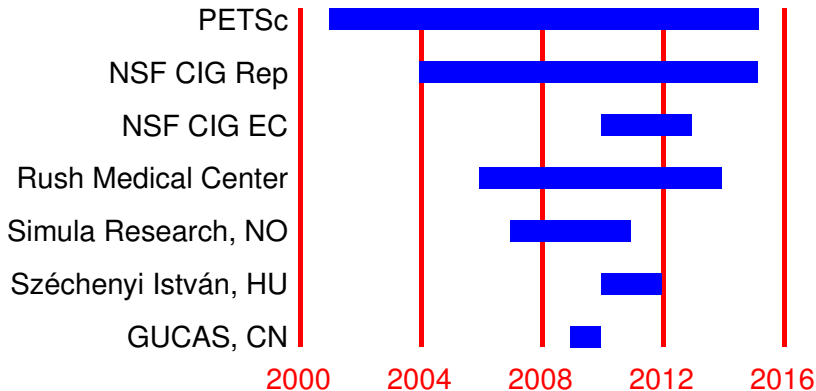
- Applications

- Bioelectrostatics
- Crustal and Magma Dynamics
- Wave Mechanics
- Fracture Mechanics

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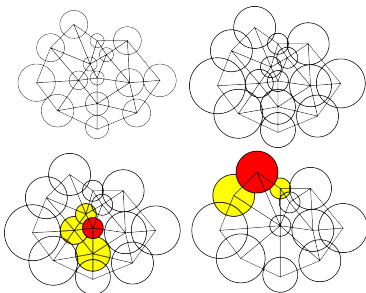
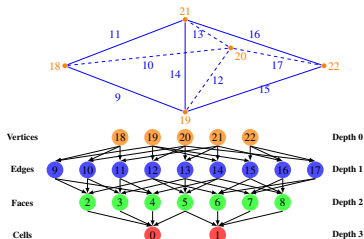
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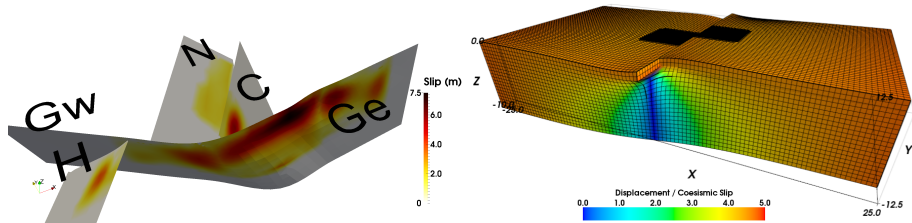
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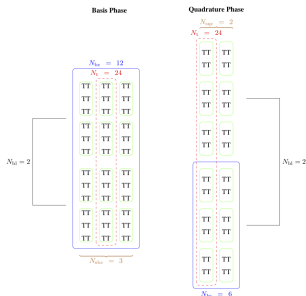
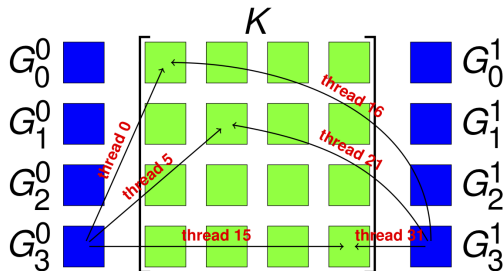


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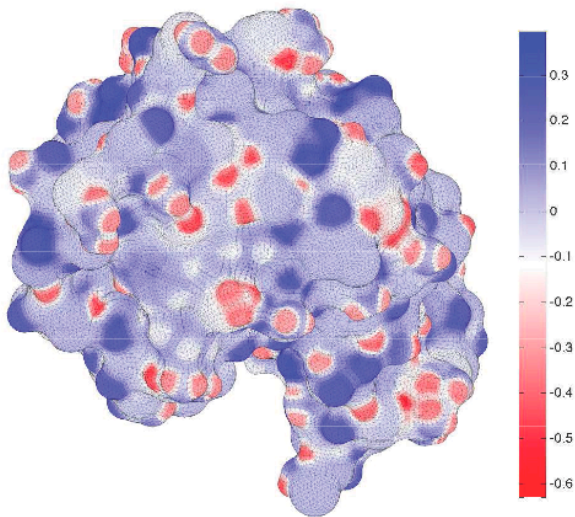
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- 2 Approximate Operators
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Bioelectrostatics

The Natural World

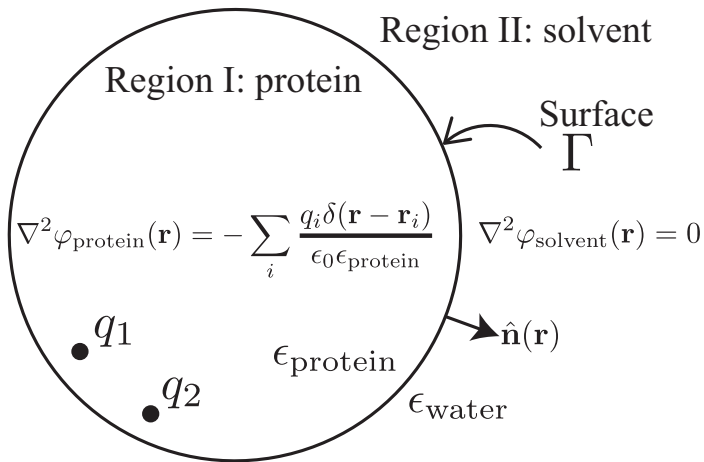


Induced Surface Charge on Lysozyme

Bioelectrostatics

Physical Model

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Bioelectrostatics

Mathematical Model

We can write a Boundary Integral Equation (BIE) for the induced surface charge σ ,

$$\sigma(\vec{r}) + \hat{\epsilon} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\partial}{\partial n(\vec{r})} \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}') d^2\vec{r}'}{4\pi\|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'\|} = -\hat{\epsilon} \sum_{k=1}^Q \frac{\partial}{\partial n(\vec{r})} \frac{q_k}{4\pi\|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k\|}$$

$$(\mathcal{I} + \hat{\epsilon}D^*) \sigma(\vec{r}) =$$

where we define

$$\hat{\epsilon} = 2 \frac{\epsilon_{\perp} - \epsilon_{\parallel}}{\epsilon_{\perp} + \epsilon_{\parallel}} < 0$$

Problem

Boundary element discretizations of the solvation problem:

- can be expensive to solve
- are more accurate than required by intermediate design iterations

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Bioelectrostatics

Mathematical Model

The *reaction* potential is given by

$$\phi^R(\vec{r}) = \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}') d^2\vec{r}'}{4\pi\epsilon_1 \|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'\|} = C\sigma$$

which defines G_{es} , the electrostatic part of the solvation free energy

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta G_{es} &= \frac{1}{2} \langle q, \phi^R \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle q, Lq \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \langle q, CA^{-1}Bq \rangle \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Bq &= -\hat{\epsilon} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial n(\vec{r})} \frac{q(\vec{r}') d^3\vec{r}'}{4\pi \|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'\|} \\ A\sigma &= \mathcal{I} + \hat{\epsilon}\mathcal{D}^* \end{aligned}$$

BIBEE

Approximate \mathcal{D}^* by a diagonal operator

Boundary Integral-Based Electrostatics Estimation

Coulomb Field Approximation:

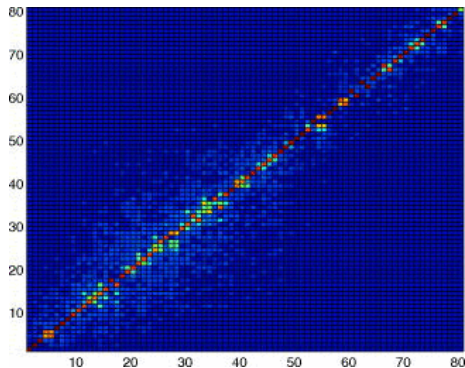
uniform normal field

$$\left(1 - \frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{2}\right) \sigma_{CFA} = Bq$$

Lower Bound:

no good physical motivation

$$\left(1 + \frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{2}\right) \sigma_{LB} = Bq$$

Eigenvectors: BEM $e_i \cdot e_j$ BIBEE/P

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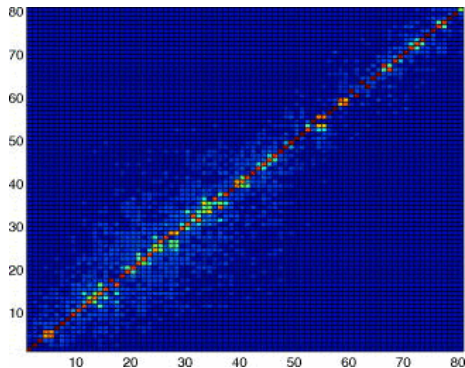
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Preconditioning:

consider only local effects

$$\sigma_P = Bq$$

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BIBEE Bounds on Solvation Energy

Theorem: The electrostatic solvation energy ΔG_{es} has upper and lower bounds given by

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{2}\right)^{-1} \langle q, CBq \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2} \langle q, CA^{-1}Bq \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{2}\right)^{-1} \langle q, CBq \rangle,$$

and for spheres and prolate spheroids, we have the improved lower bound,

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle q, CBq \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2} \langle q, CA^{-1}Bq \rangle,$$

and we note that

$$|\hat{\epsilon}| < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Energy Bounds:

Proof: Bardhan, Knepley, Anitescu, JCP, **130**(10), 2008

I will break the proof into three steps,

- Replace C with B
- Symmetrization
- Eigendecomposition

shown in the following slides.

We will need the single layer operator S for step 1,

$$S\tau(\vec{r}) = \int \frac{\tau(\vec{r}')d^2\vec{r}'}{4\pi\|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'\|}$$

Energy Bounds: First Step

Replace C with B

The potential at the boundary Γ given by

$$\phi^{Coulomb}(\vec{r}) = C^T q$$

can also be obtained by solving an exterior Neumann problem for τ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{Coulomb}(\vec{r}) &= S\tau \\ &= S(\mathcal{I} - 2\mathcal{D}^*)^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{\hat{\epsilon}} Bq \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{\hat{\epsilon}} S(\mathcal{I} - 2\mathcal{D}^*)^{-1} Bq \end{aligned}$$

so that the solvation energy is given by

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle q, CA^{-1}Bq \rangle = \frac{1}{\hat{\epsilon}} \langle S(\mathcal{I} - 2\mathcal{D}^*)^{-1} Bq, (\mathcal{I} + \hat{\epsilon}\mathcal{D}^*)^{-1} Bq \rangle$$

Energy Bounds: Second Step

Quasi-Hermiticity

Plemelj's symmetrization principle holds that

$$\mathcal{S}\mathcal{D}^* = \mathcal{D}\mathcal{S}$$

and we have

$$\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}^{1/2}\mathcal{S}^{1/2}$$

which means that we can define a Hermitian operator H similar to \mathcal{D}^*

$$H = \mathcal{S}^{1/2}\mathcal{D}^*\mathcal{S}^{-1/2}$$

leading to an energy

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle q, CA^{-1}Bq \rangle = \frac{1}{\hat{\epsilon}} \langle Bq, \mathcal{S}^{1/2}(\mathcal{I} - 2H)^{-1}(\mathcal{I} + \hat{\epsilon}H)^{-1}\mathcal{S}^{1/2}Bq \rangle$$

Energy Bounds: Third Step

Eigendecomposition

The spectrum of \mathcal{D}^* is in $[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$, and the energy is

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle q, CA^{-1}Bq \rangle = \sum_i \frac{1}{\hat{\epsilon}} (1 - 2\lambda_i)^{-1} (1 + \hat{\epsilon}\lambda_i)^{-1} x_i^2$$

where

$$H = V\Lambda V^T$$

and

$$\vec{x} = V^T S^{1/2} Bq$$

Energy Bounds: Diagonal Approximations

The BIBEE approximations yield the following bounds

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle q, CA_{CFA}^{-1} Bq \rangle = \sum_i \frac{1}{\hat{\epsilon}} (1 - 2\lambda_i)^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{2}\right)^{-1} x_i^2$$

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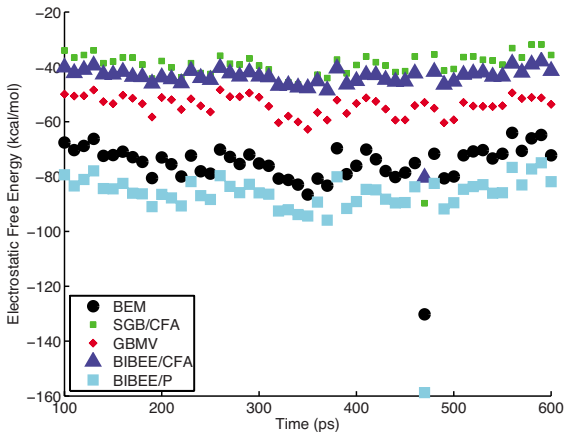
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where we note that

$$|\hat{\epsilon}| < \frac{1}{2}$$

BIBEE Accuracy

Electrostatic solvation free energies of met-enkephalin structures



Snapshots taken from a 500-ps MD simulation at 10-ps intervals.
Bardhan, Knepley, Anitescu, JCP, 2009.

Generalized Born Approximation

The pairwise energy between charges is defined by the *Still equation*:

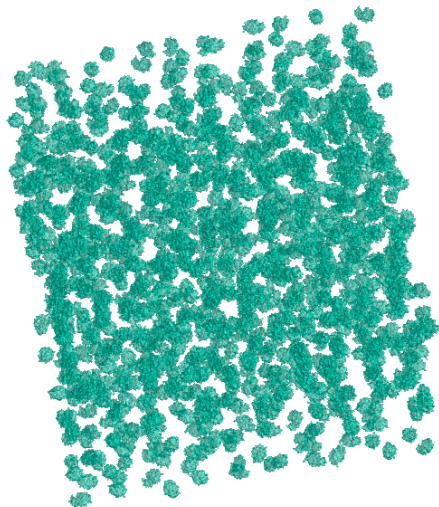
$$G_{es}^{ij} = \frac{1}{8\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_{II}} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_I} \right) \sum_{i,j}^N \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}^2 + R_i R_j e^{-r_{ij}^2/4R_i R_j}}$$

where the *effective Born radius* is

$$R_i = \frac{1}{8\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_{II}} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_I} \right) \frac{1}{E_i}$$

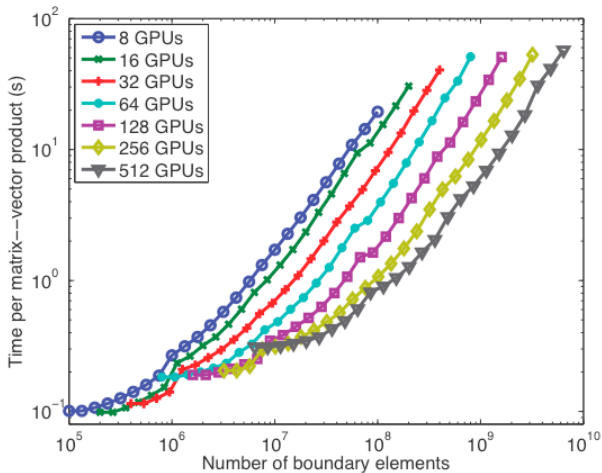
where E_i is the *self-energy* of the charge q_i , the electrostatic energy when atom i has unit charge and all others are neutral.

Crowded Protein Solution



Important for drug design of antibody therapies

BIBEE Scalability



Yokota, Bardhan, Knepley, Barba, Hamada, CPC, 2011.

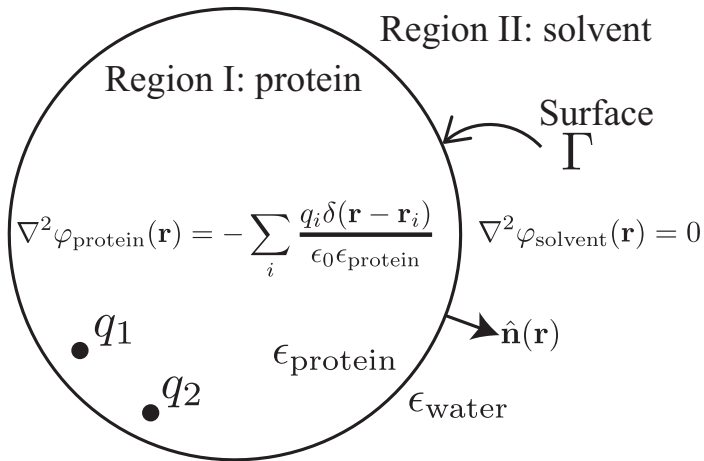
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Kirkwood's Solution (1934)

The potential inside Region I is given by

$$\Phi_I = \sum_{k=1}^Q \frac{q_k}{\epsilon_1 |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k|} + \psi,$$

and the potential in Region II is given by

$$\Phi_{II} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n \frac{C_{nm}}{r^{n+1}} P_n^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\phi}.$$

Kirkwood's Solution (1934)

The reaction potential ψ is expanded in a series

$$\psi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n B_{nm} r^n P_n^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\phi}.$$

and the source distribution is also expanded

$$\sum_{k=1}^Q \frac{q_k}{\epsilon_1 |\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k|} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^n \frac{E_{nm}}{\epsilon_1 r^{n+1}} P_n^m(\cos \theta) e^{im\phi}.$$

Kirkwood's Solution (1934)

By applying the boundary conditions, letting the sphere have radius b ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_I|_{r=b} &= \Phi_{II}|_{r=b} \\ \epsilon_I \frac{\partial \Phi_I}{\partial r} |_{r=b} &= \epsilon_{II} \frac{\partial \Phi_{II}}{\partial r} |_{r=b}\end{aligned}$$

we can eliminate C_{nm} , and determine the reaction potential coefficients in terms of the source distribution,

$$B_{nm} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_I b^{2n+1}} \frac{(\epsilon_I - \epsilon_{II})(n+1)}{\epsilon_I n + \epsilon_{II}(n+1)} E_{nm}.$$

Approximate Boundary Conditions

Theorem: The BIBEE boundary integral operator approximations

$$A_{CFA} = \mathcal{I} \left(1 + \frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{2} \right)$$

$$A_P = \mathcal{I}$$

have an equivalent PDE formulation,

$$\epsilon_I \Delta \Phi_{CFA,P} = \sum_{k=1}^Q q_k \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k)$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_I}{\epsilon_{II}} \frac{\partial \Phi_I^C}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=b} = \frac{\partial \Phi_{II}}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial \psi_{CFA}}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=b}$$

$$\epsilon_{II} \Delta \Phi_{CFA,P} = 0$$

or

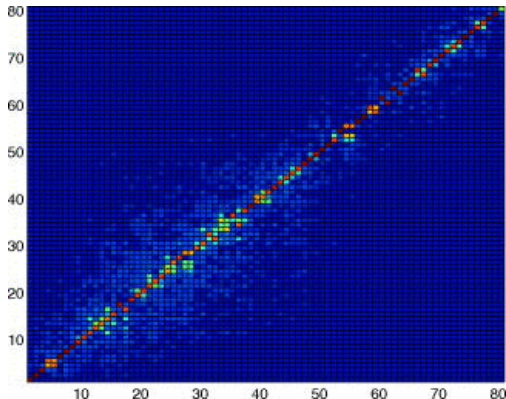
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$$\frac{3\epsilon_I - \epsilon_{II}}{\epsilon_I + \epsilon_{II}} \frac{\partial \Phi_I^C}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=b} = \frac{\partial \Phi_{II}}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial \psi_P}{\partial r} \Big|_{r=b},$$

where Φ_I^C is the Coulomb field due to interior charges.

Approximate Boundary Conditions

Theorem: For spherical solute, the BIBEE boundary integral operator approximations have eigenspaces are identical to that of the original operator.



BEM eigenvector $e_j \cdot e_j$ BIBEE/P eigenvector

Proof of PDE Equivalence

Proof: Bardhan and Knepley, JCP, **135**(12), 2011.

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The result does not hold for general boundaries.

Series Solutions

Note that the approximate solutions are *separable*:

$$B_{nm} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_1 n + \epsilon_2 (n+1)} \gamma_{nm}$$

$$B_{nm}^{CFA} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_2} \frac{1}{2n+1} \gamma_{nm}$$

$$B_{nm}^P = \frac{1}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2} \frac{1}{n + \frac{1}{2}} \gamma_{nm}.$$

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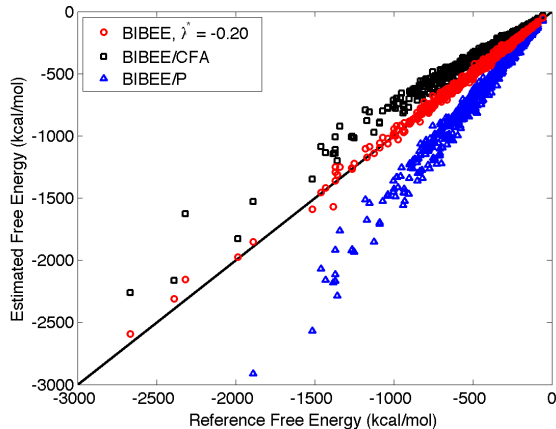
$$\lim_{\epsilon_1/\epsilon_2 \rightarrow 0} B_{nm}^P = \frac{\gamma_{nm}}{\epsilon_2(n + \frac{1}{2})},$$

so that the approximation ratios are given by

$$\frac{B_{nm}^{CFA}}{B_{nm}} = \frac{n+1}{2n+1}, \quad \frac{B_{nm}^P}{B_{nm}} = \frac{n+1}{n + \frac{1}{2}}.$$

Improved Accuracy

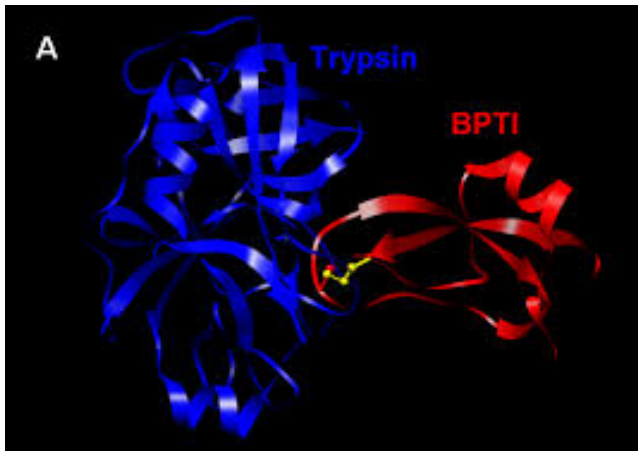
BIBEE/I interpolates between BIBEE/CFA and **BIBEE/P**



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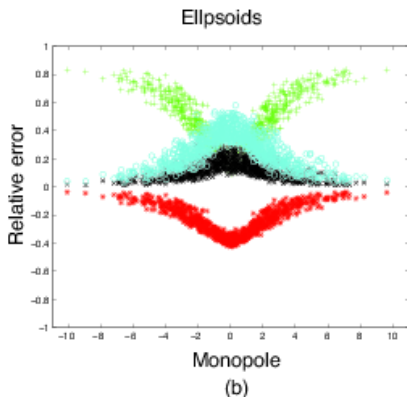
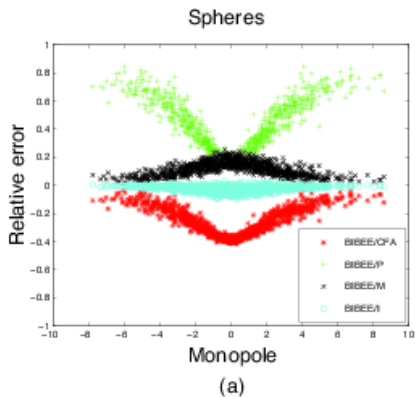
Basis Augmentation

We examined the more complex problem of **protein-ligand binding** using trypsin and bovine pancreatic trypsin inhibitor (BPTI), using *electrostatic component analysis* to identify residue contributions to binding and molecular recognition.



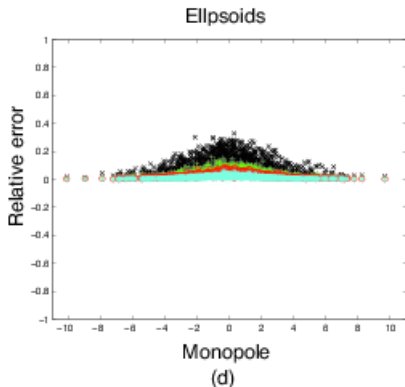
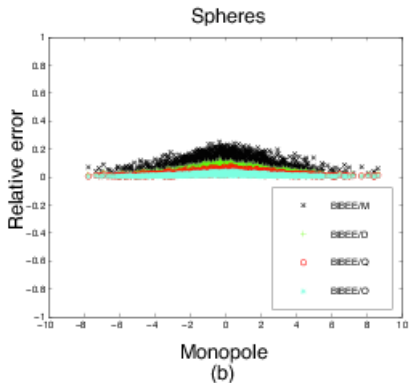
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Looking at an ensemble of synthetic proteins, we can see that **BIBEE/CFA** becomes more accurate as the monopole moment increases, and **BIBEE/P** more accurate as it decreases. **BIBEE/I** is accurate for spheres, but must be extended for ellipsoids.



Basis Augmentation

For ellipses, we add a few low order multipole moments, up to the octopole, to recover 5% accuracy for all synthetic proteins tested.



Resolution

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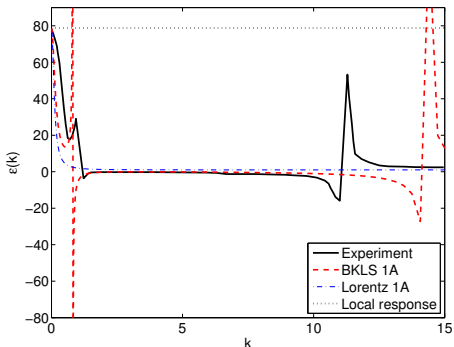
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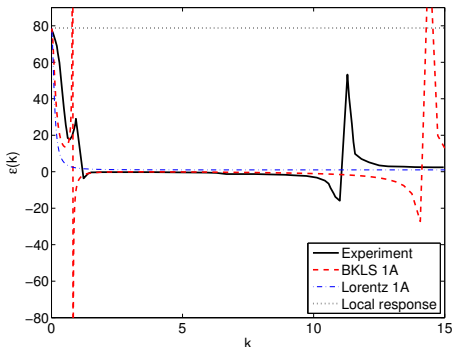
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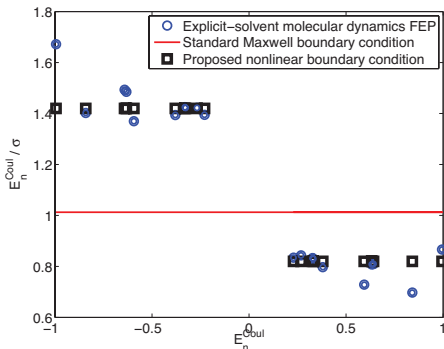


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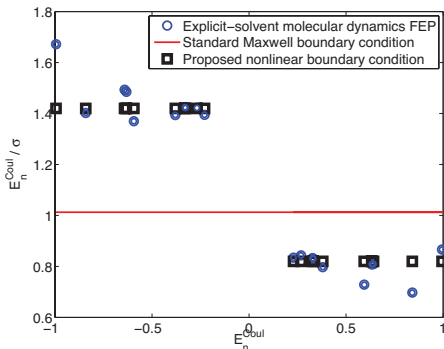
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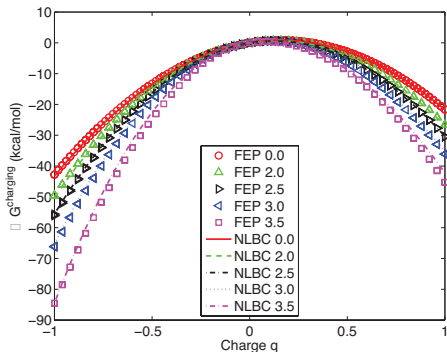


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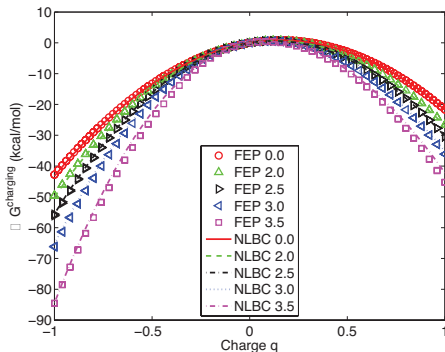
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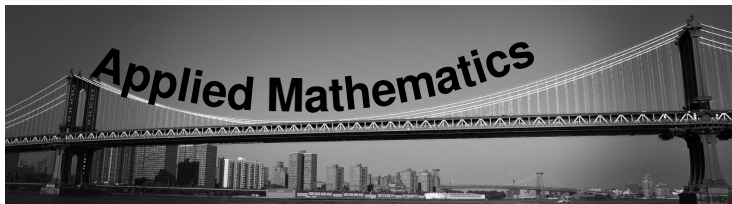
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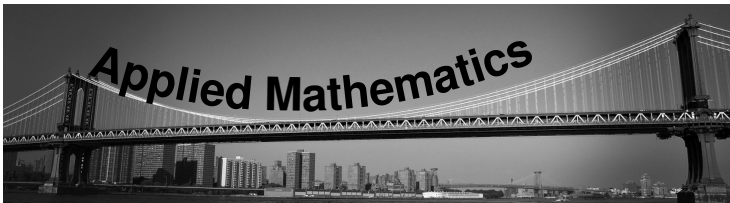


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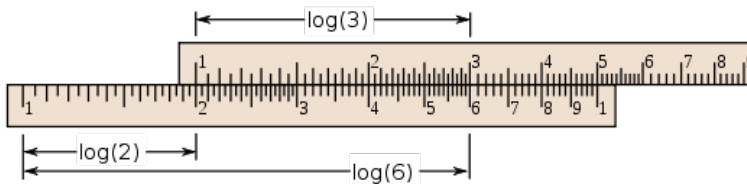


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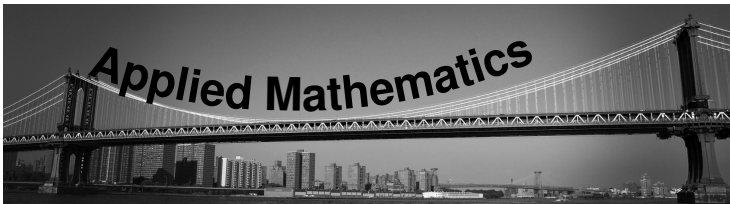
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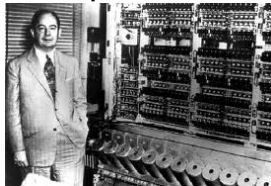
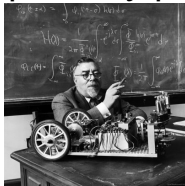
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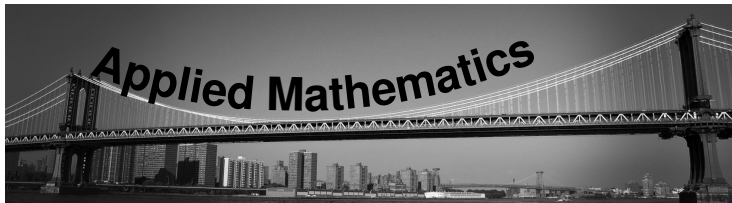
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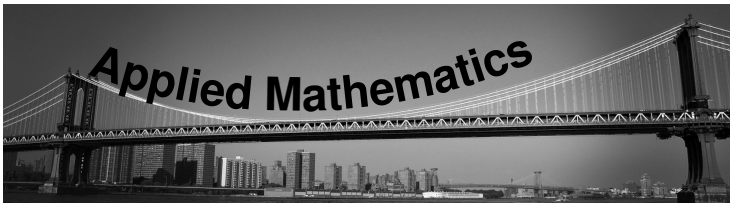


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