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Basic Concepts and Thermodynamic Relationships A protein-ligand-solvent system is a thermodynamic system composed of the solute  $i$ . In such a system, there are very complex interactions and heat exchange among these substances; and the relationship between these substances and how heat transfer is related to various energy changes are dictated by the laws of thermodynamics. As a result, the driving forces that dictate the association between protein and ligands are a synthetic result of various interactions and energy exchanges among the protein, ligand, water, and buffer ions. Gibbs free energy, which is a thermodynamic potential that measures the capacity of a thermodynamic system to do maximum or reversible work at a constant temperature and pressure isothermal, isobaric, is one of the most important thermodynamic quantities for the characterization of the driving forces [ 15 , 16 ]. Equation 4 makes it apparent that the higher the binding constant  $K_b$ , the more negative the standard free energy of binding, indicating that the kinetic parameters  $k_{on}$  and  $k_{off}$  and their ratio  $K_b$  determine the thermodynamic properties of the complex,  $i$ . Enthalpy is a measure of the total energy of a thermodynamic system,  $i$ . The binding enthalpy in a non-strict sense is generally treated as the changes in energy resulting from the formations of noncovalent interactions van der Waals contacts, hydrogen bonds, ion pairs, and any other polar and apolar interactions at the binding interface. However, the heat effect of a binding reaction is a global property of the entire system, including contributions not only from the solute, but also from the solvent [ 18 ], and it is barely conceivable to form favorable interactions without disrupting any others [ 6 ]. In fact, the change in enthalpy upon binding is a result of forming and disrupting many individual interactions, including the loss of the hydrogen bonds and van der Waals interactions formed between the protein and solvent and between the ligand and solvent, the formation of the noncovalent interactions between the protein and ligand, and the solvent reorganization near the complex surfaces. These individual components may make either favorable or unfavorable contributions, and the net enthalpy change is a result of the combination of these contributions [ 6 , 19 ]. Entropy is a measure of how evenly the heat energy will be distributed over the overall thermodynamic system. The second law of thermodynamics determines that the heat always flows spontaneously from regions of higher temperature to regions of lower temperature. This reduces the degree of the order of the initial system, and, therefore, entropy could also be viewed as a measure of the disorder or randomness in atoms and molecules in a system. The above three entropic terms determine the net entropy change, with positive and negative net entropy change contributing favorably and unfavorably to the binding free energy, respectively. Generally, the binding reactions would have to overcome the inescapable entropic penalties  $i$ . Binding Driving Forces and Enthalpy-Entropy Compensation Because  $i$  only when the change of the system free energy is negative can the protein-ligand binding occur spontaneously; and  $ii$  the extent of the difference in free energy between the complex state and the unbound free state  $i$ . In fact, both the protein folding and protein-ligand binding processes are driven by the decrease in total Gibbs free energy of the system. The only difference between them is the presence and absence of the chain connectivity, which leads to two different terms: As introduced above, two thermodynamic quantities, the enthalpy change and entropy change, determine the sign and magnitude of the binding free energy. For instance, the tight binding resulting from multiple favorable noncovalent interactions between association partners will lead to a large negative enthalpy change, but this is usually accompanied by a negative entropy change due to the restriction of the mobility of the interacting partners, ultimately resulting in a medium-magnitude change in binding free energy [ 30 ]. Similarly, a large entropy gain is usually accompanied by an enthalpic penalty positive enthalpy change due to the energy required for disrupting noncovalent interactions. This phenomenon—the medium-magnitude free energy change caused by the complementary changes between enthalpy and entropy—is called the

enthalpy-entropy compensation. It should be noted that this phenomenon has been a subject of debate for decades. The main criticisms are that the compensation could be i a misleading interpretation of the data obtained from a relatively narrow temperature range [ 31 ] or from a limited range for the free energies [ 32 , 33 ]; ii the result of random experimental and systematic errors [ 34 , 35 ]; and iii the result of data selection bias [ 36 , 37 , 38 ]. Nevertheless, enthalpy-entropy compensation has been very frequently observed in thermodynamic binding studies of biological systems [ 6 , 21 , 39 , 40 , 41 ], and analyses of collected calorimetric data for protein-ligand binding [ 36 , 42 , 43 ] and results from theoretical studies [ 44 , 45 ] suggest that it is a genuine and common physical phenomenon, although stringent criteria for the assignment of true compensation effects must be adhered to. The enthalpy-entropy compensation may be rooted in the formations and disruptions of the weak noncovalent interactions. In addition, the mechanisms of entropy-enthalpy transduction [ 42 ] have been proposed to explain entropy-enthalpy compensation. Because the enthalpy-entropy compensation does not give rise to dramatic change in the binding free energy, the discrimination between the entropic and enthalpic contributions to the binding free energy is important in the fields of medicinal chemistry and rational drug design. The ideal optimization strategy is to maximize the favorable enthalpic or entropic contribution while minimizing the entropic or enthalpic penalty. The ultimate goal is to induce the largest decrease in binding free energy, thereby defeating the deleterious effects of the enthalpy-entropy compensation at the thermodynamic level [ 6 ]. The prerequisites of the lock-and-key model Figure 1 a are that both the protein and the ligand are rigid and their binding interfaces should be perfectly matched. As a result, only the correctly sized ligand the key can insert into the binding pocket key hole of the protein the lock. However, the lock-and-key model cannot explain the experimental evidence that a protein binds its ligand when their initial shapes do not match well. This leads to the induced fit model Figure 1 b , which assumes that the binding site in the protein is flexible and the interacting ligand induces a conformational change at the binding site. Because the induced fit mechanism takes into account only the conformational flexibility of the ligand-binding site, this model seems to be suitable for proteins showing merely minor conformational change after the ligand binding. In addition, both the lock-and-key and the induced fit models treat the protein as a single, stable conformation under given experimental conditions. However, most proteins are inherently dynamic and the conformational selection model takes into account this inherent flexibility. In other words, the unbound protein can sample with a certain probability the same conformation as that of the ligand-bound state.

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## Chapter 2 : Protein-Ligand interactions : a practical approach (Book, ) [calendrierdelascience.com]

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Dock Serverâ€™the Supplement and Benchmark pages. We aim to provide a practical tool including this effect, and this article describes the major steps of the implementation without delving deep in the theory. The motivation for this development and the proposal of the method to the community hinges upon two argumentsâ€™the importance of quantum entanglement contribution in overall proteinâ€™ligand interaction and the realistic possibility nowadays to implement it by the availability of supercomputing power. In this way, we provide for the community a modern docking method with practical interface and at the same time one that transcends some limitations of other docking tools. Note that using this measure does not interfere or overlap with the classical continuum electrostatics pKa evaluations, including mutual interactions or steric overlap measure. Entanglement is often referred to as a profound and important concept in molecule science, but our server provides concrete implementation to practical proteinâ€™ligand docking problems. This issue is timely since quantum entanglement is proved to be ubiquitous in molecular interactions and there is considerable evidence of its robustness in biological systems. In molecule physics, there is a relation linking binding energy with entanglement measure, and we implement this notion in the scoring function. It has been our purpose to provide this essential feature for the practicing structural bioinformatician and expert computational biophysicist. Estimation of binding energy contribution is just one side of quantum entanglement evaluation. Of fundamental interest is the explanation of the correlation that is responsible for the energy change upon proteinâ€™ligand docking. Thus, application of quantum entanglement to the molecule recognition problem seems compelling in itself. These calculations have motivic kinship to other issues such as the widely discussed and exciting quantum non-locality in molecular systems including biological macromolecules. For example, besides the overall measure witness characterizing entanglement between the protein and the ligand molecule, one can also report the so-called connectivity which informs us about the quantum correlation range. There is still more cunning in this concept but we will restrict our discussion of it in terms of the practical application docking service. We are not going to delve into details of implementation but just a feeling of the accessibility of this measure for practical proteinâ€™ligand interactions and a notion for the methods used to calculate it. The task is to estimate the amount of entanglement between two subsystemsâ€™the protein molecule and the ligand moleculeâ€™and measure for estimation of the amount of quantum entanglement is the so-called logarithmic negativity, a quantity derived from the eigenvalues of corresponding density matrices as well as the Schmidt rank details are given at the Quantum. Implementation of major concepts In devising our docking scheme, we were supposed to think contrapuntally but design the workflow sequentially. Four major threads of thought emerge as essential: We consider our method intrinsically satisfyingâ€™reflection of a full picture of proteinâ€™ligand interaction, merging new tendencies with high-performance realization of earlier concepts and forging a unique workflow. Although we shifted the overall weight to quantum contributions, let us have a look at the first step rigid-body dock with shape complementarity based on FFT. Spherical FFT sampling of translationâ€™rotation space Whatever level of treatment, a reasonable first step is to search for shape complementarity between the protein and the ligand molecule. It is a common theme of modern docking algorithms to implement Fourier transform-based search for rigid-body docking. Briefly, the molecules are mapped on grids and then a correlation of the maps is calculated via the FFT algorithm. The theoretical arguments lie in the convolution theorem. The method turned out to be a breakthrough but still poses several inconveniences. For example, each sampling step in rotation space requires pre-calculation of grids. Gridless grid-free representation of the protein molecule and the ligand is based on 3D polynomial expansion of spherical polar basis functions spherical harmonic functions Then, sampling docking correlations is reduced to estimation of coefficient vectors of the docking

partners. The major result, i. Rotation is via matrix elements of the real Wigner rotation matrices. Translation is performed in Gauss-Laguerre basis functions. More details on this issue is given in our previous publication 23 describing this procedure in the context of protein-protein docking and its supplement section, including benchmark results. In fact, any interaction potential describing physics of molecule recognition can be represented via spherical polar functions, and in the next section, we describe how to cope with situation of long-range electrostatics. Although a rigid docking algorithm, Quantum. Dock gives some flexibility by inclusion of a softer scoring function. Hence, some structures seem to penetrate each other in visualization mode. In resume, a combination of modern day approaches solves the problem of the computational complexity in sampling protein-ligand search space. Thus, after a careful implementation of the above algorithms, we have to focus on accuracy of the interactions treatment itself. Long-range electrostatics Adequate treatment of electrostatics interactions is the central issue in molecular simulations. This is due to their long-range and pairwise nature quadratic computational complexity. An additional problem to solve in concurrence with electrostatic interactions is the self-consistent treatment of the ionization states of the ligand and the protein and the interdependency of the pKa values evaluation see next section. We have long-term experience with protein electrostatics and its algorithmic implementation, so we avidly look for new ways to improve both accuracy and computational efficiency. A natural extension is to follow the Fourier representation of the previous section, i. Note that this case requires pre-computed electrostatic field and charge distribution which is still a good approximation relevant to standard formal treatment of electrostatics. Then, the pH-dependent electrostatic energy of a protein complex can be expressed as a multiple integral of converged electrostatic potential distribution of the protein molecule and the charge distribution of the ligand molecule. The electrostatic potential computation is performed via multipole expansion  $N \log N$  computational complexity. To apply grid-free correlation, the electrostatic potential is represented as an expansion of spherical polar function basis functions. Again, the orthogonality property gives the overlap of spherical polar functions as a scalar product of the expansion coefficients. Due to the availability of modern GPU supercomputing resources, this branch of the docking workflow can be performed in real time. In this case, we implemented FMM, which accelerates the multipole method via clever techniques to shift multipole expansions and get local representations. The improvements lead to linear  $O(N)$  computational complexity. So, we reached the point where exposition of the next theme is naturally required. Interdependency of electrostatic fields and pKa estimation for docking partners The interdependency of protonation equilibria should be held in perfect balance as is the case for mutually interlocking parenthetical structure. A major point is the mutual influence of the docking partners. Such a calculation requires a separate self-consistent electrostatics run which includes mutual effect of docking partners on each other ionization sites and hence proton equilibria. In this case, we implement an additional kernel to achieve performance adequate for real-time simulation. The model accepts experimentally measured pKa of model compounds e. N-acetyl amides of each  $i$ th ionogenic amino acids  $pK_{mod,i}$  and evaluates Born term  $\epsilon^{-1}$  a linear response approximation. The pairwise interaction between any  $i$ th and  $j$ th ionic groups can be simulated by an empirical three-term function: The  $a_k$  values are estimated by a non-linear procedure for best fit to experimental data reflecting electrostatic interactions in proteins. At a stage before accounting for ionization, the procedure calculates intrinsic constants: For each protonation group and at each step of the iterative self-consistent method, we estimate the pKa shift of the  $i$ th site caused by interactions with all other proton-binding groups. Here, the focus is on the interpretation of the Tanford-Roxby pKa value as an average measure to describe the energy required to protonate individual site at a given pH: This Tanford-Roxby style procedure is a well-controlled approximation of the strict statistical mechanics treatment. We would like to write down the exact expression derivation can be found at the Supplementary section of the Quantum. This relation can be derived in reverse order starting from the canonical Tanford-Roxby equation by trivial substitutions. When the self-consistent iterative procedure meets convergence criteria, the new charge distribution is applied for calculation of the electrostatic potential grid. A multilevel summation technique was also tested but fast multipole algorithms achieved higher performance. A

brief exposition of fast multipole application can be found in the Implementation section. The Ways of Quantum. Dock server workflow allows access to several approaches of increasing detail and sophistication in exploring protein-ligand docking mechanism in analogy to our protein-protein workflow. All of them take into account at different levels subtle issues in accounting for ionization states appropriate treatment of pH dependence and protonation states self-consistence. Upon coming at a stage to evaluate electrostatic interactions of the charge system and face the contribution of protonation-dependent electrostatics to correlation functions, Quantum. Dock server provides three alternatives to cope with the diverse needs and specific requirements for electrostatic docking calculation by the protein scientist: A standard, straightforward method that relies on simple Coloumb electrostatics and immutable fields. This is the fastest approach. Each sampling step uses a pre-computed electrostatic field. A step towards improvement still immutable field at each step but a preliminary computation is performed via self-consistent iterative electrostatics. Thus, we have a converged protonation charge distribution after the iterative procedure for a given pH value but no update at each sampling step. Mutual electrostatic influence of the docking partners. We consider this step an essential and crucial contribution to the docking algorithms field both for the protein-protein docking 23 and the current application to the protein-ligand case. Each sampling step in the 6D docking space requires reevaluation of electrostatic potential and reassignment of protonation charges. The user is provided with interactive Jmol Java applet to view docked structures. The results are also available as PDB-formatted complexes enlisted according to the docking score. Such type of output can be readily used for visualization using convenient molecular modelling software for rendering protein 3D structure Chimera 32, VMD 33, etc. The final pages of the Quantum. Dock workflows provide interactive visualization for each of the predicted complexes. The heart of the acceleration is composed of GPU kernels. GPU supercomputers are based on massively parallel and multithreaded hardware architecture and thus achieve their limit with fine-grained parallel decompositions. As mentioned but still worth noting, our application of GPU parallelization is at the stages of long-range pairwise electrostatic calculation, the evaluation of the complementarity correlations by Fourier Transforms FFT algorithm and the quantum entanglement contribution. The direct approach for electrostatics grid estimation is of quadratic time complexity  $O(mn)$  for  $n$  charge sites and  $m$  grid points. Kernel development for electrostatic potential distribution via direct summation is straightforwardly parallelized actually the outer loop of the serial implementation. FMMs are amenable for efficient parallel implementation and their computational complexity is linear  $O(N)$ . Nowadays, they are proved to be the most efficient methods in the class of hierarchical N-body approaches. The FMM idea works as follows: A region of the system transmits its far field expansion to other regions. There are several steps. At first particle-to-multipole P2M expansion is performed.

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Grace Wonlyn Tang Language: With modern day advancements in high throughput technology, we have more genomes, sequences, and protein structures available. An important scientific endeavor is to apply this information towards combating human diseases and disorders. Two key steps in this task involve understanding the function of proteins and developing the means to modulate their behavior. Experimental assays do not possess the necessary throughput to characterize in full the function and drug-binding preferences of these many newly identified proteins. Computational assessment is an attractive alternative, but current algorithms possess many shortcomings. Function prediction tools struggle to annotate sequence and structurally unique proteins; ligand-binding predictors have limited accuracy, as they are largely physics-based with many approximations built into the calculation of intermolecular interactions. With the wealth of biological information, specifically protein structure data, there presents an opportunity to take data-driven, machine learning approaches to these scientific questions. This dissertation thus presents novel computational algorithms for predicting protein function and small molecule interactions that merge protein structure data with machine learning. HMMDf applied to thioredoxin function prediction shows high precision and recall. The second method FragFEATURE addresses the prediction of protein-ligand interactions using an innovative knowledge base of protein structural environments annotated with the small molecule substructures fragments they bind. Given a protein structure of interest, FragFEATURE searches the knowledge base for environments similar to the query to identify statistically enriched fragments. Using this fragment binding predictor, I identified fragments for two bacterial proteins involved in pathogenesis and antibiotic resistance. These fragments may lead us to the development of inhibitors for these therapeutically important protein targets. In summary, the work presented in this dissertation represents novel and powerful methods for interrogating protein function and protein-ligand interactions, strengthening the repertoire of computational tools to assist in the understanding and treatment of human diseases and disorders. Gregory Thomas Ray Language:

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