

CHEM 436 / 630

Molecular modelling of proteins

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What to do with a force field ?

Energy minimization :

- The initial structure is relaxed to a configuration for which the forces on all atoms are zero.
- This relaxed structure is a single configuration out of the (usually) many distinct configurations that are thermodynamically accessible.

Molecular dynamics (MD) :

- The time course of all the atoms in the system is generated according to the Newton's equations ($\mathbf{a}_i = \mathbf{F}_i / m_i$).
- Thermodynamic and dynamic/kinetic information

Langevin dynamics / Brownian dynamics :

- The system is divided into *explicit* and *implicit* subsystems (e.g., explicit protein and implicit solvent) and the trajectories are calculated only for the atoms of the explicit subsystem. The influence of the implicit subsystem is described by a random force (representing molecular collisions).
- Thermodynamic information
- Dynamic/kinetic information is biased

Monte Carlo (MC) :

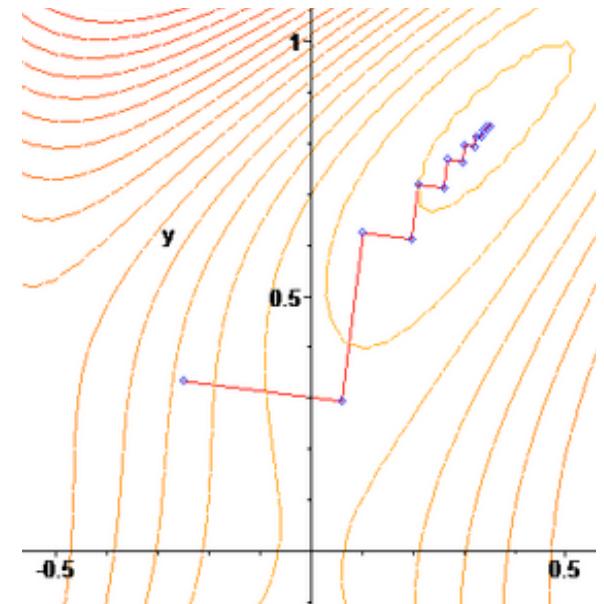
- A series of configurations characteristic of the *canonical ensemble* at temperature T is generated randomly.
- Thermodynamic information only

Energy minimization

- Structure refinement (comparison/relaxation of sidechain rotamers, backbone, solvent, etc.)
- Preparing a structure for molecular dynamics

$$\mathbf{R} = \{\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3, \dots\}$$

(vector of $3N$ elements R_i)



Steepest descent method

$$\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{R} + \gamma \mathbf{F}$$

small constant

$F_i = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial R_i}$

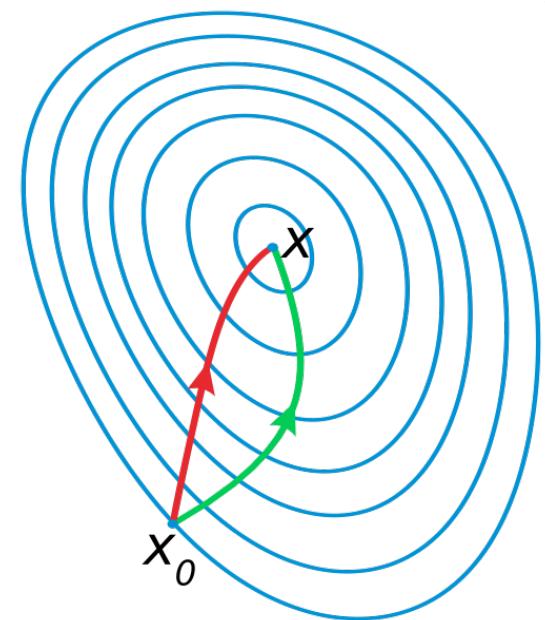
Requires the **forces**
(first derivatives of U)

Newton–Raphson method

$$\mathbf{R}' = \mathbf{R} + H^{-1} \mathbf{F}$$

$H_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial R_i \partial R_j}$

Requires the forces and
the **Hessian matrix**
(second derivatives of U)



Figures from :
[Wikipedia: Gradient descent](#)
[Wikipedia: Newton's method in optimization](#)

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Molecular dynamics

“Putting the thermal fluctuations back into a protein structure”

Basic techniques :

Simulation of a system undergoing thermal fluctuations

- Conformational sampling / searching
- Exploration of dynamics
- Debye–Waller factors (x-ray)
- Diffusion coefficients
- IR spectra
- NMR observables
- Raman spectra

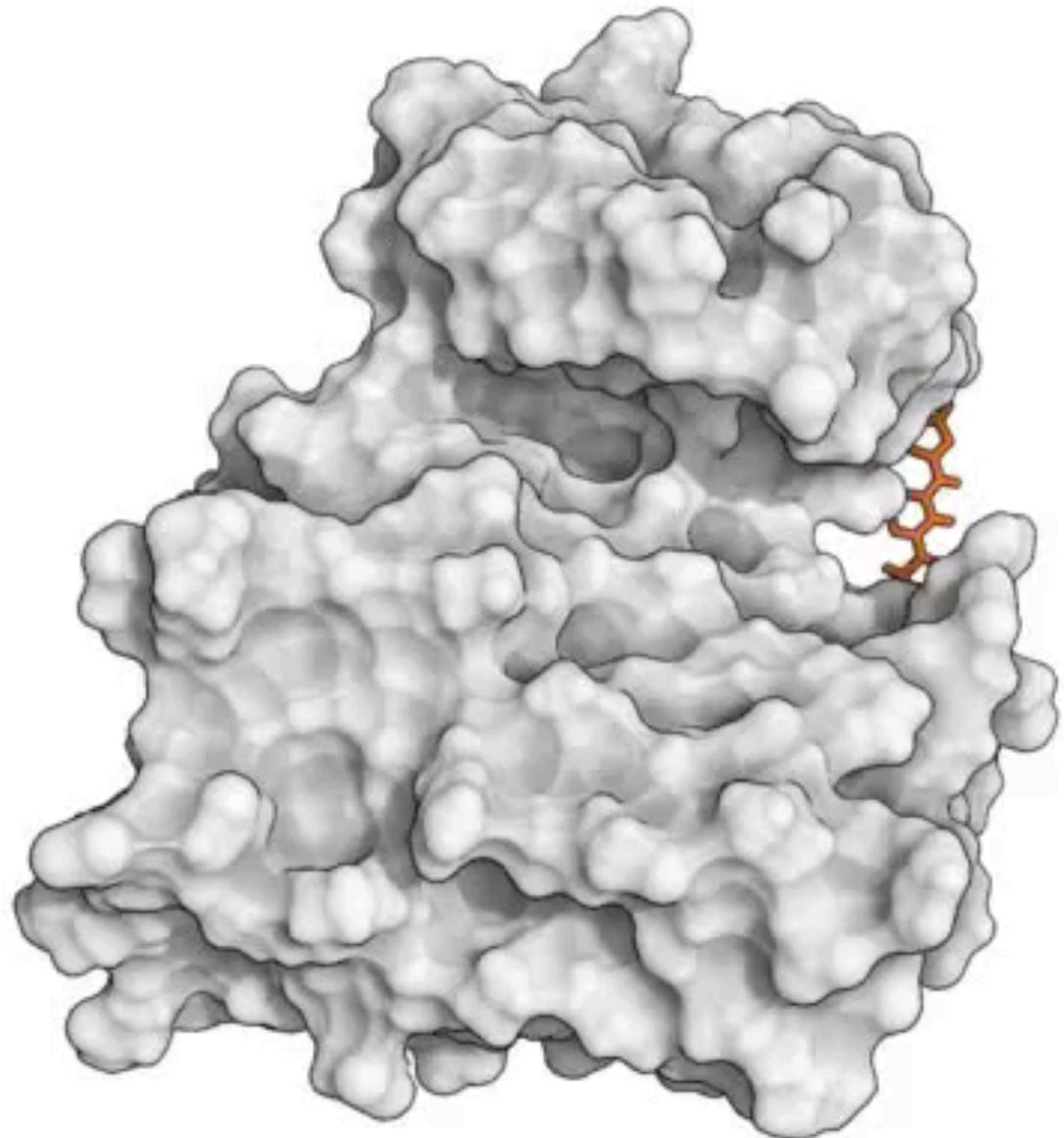
Advanced techniques :

Free energy calculations

- Reaction profiles (conformational change, substrate permeation, etc.)
- Binding free energies of ligands
- Partition constants (“log P ”)
- Thermodynamic effects of a mutation
- pK_a calculations
- Rate constants / kinetics

Dasatinib binding to Src kinase

- Molecular dynamics simulations (total of 35 μ s)
- Ligand “finds” the known position (PDB: 3G5D)
- Amber99SB ff for the protein
- TIP3P ff for water
- GAFF ff with AM1-BCC for the ligand



Movie from:

Y. Shan et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2011, 133, 9181-9183.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/ja202726y>

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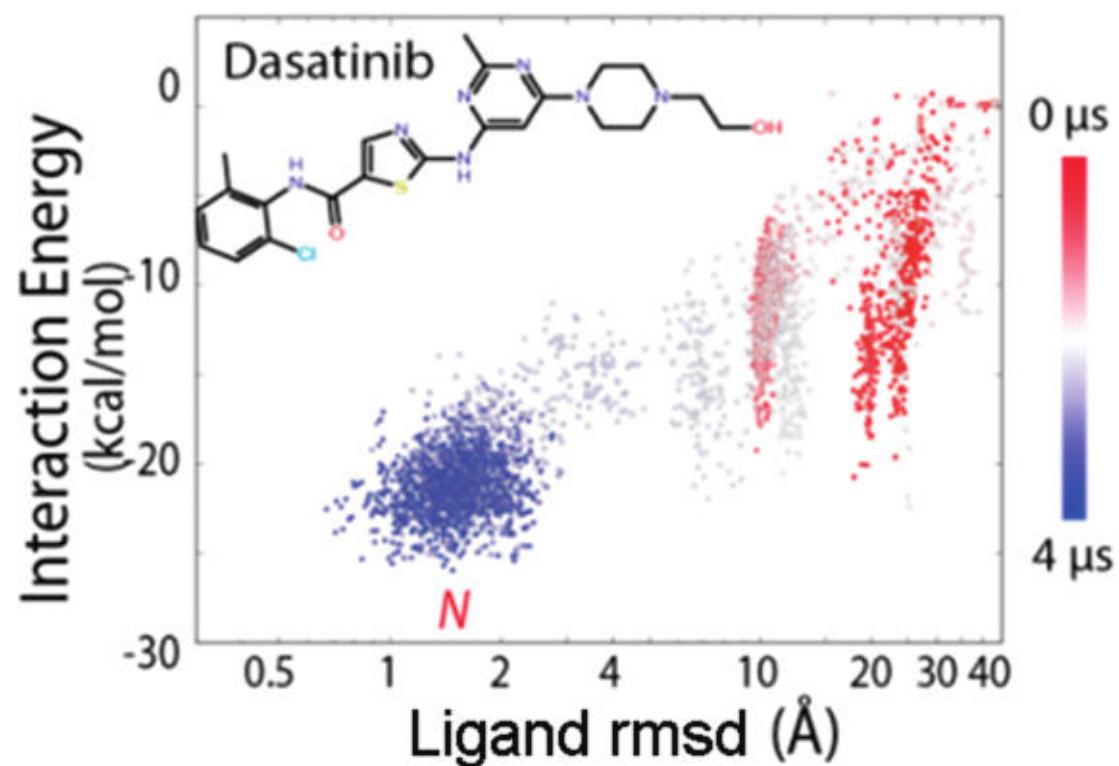
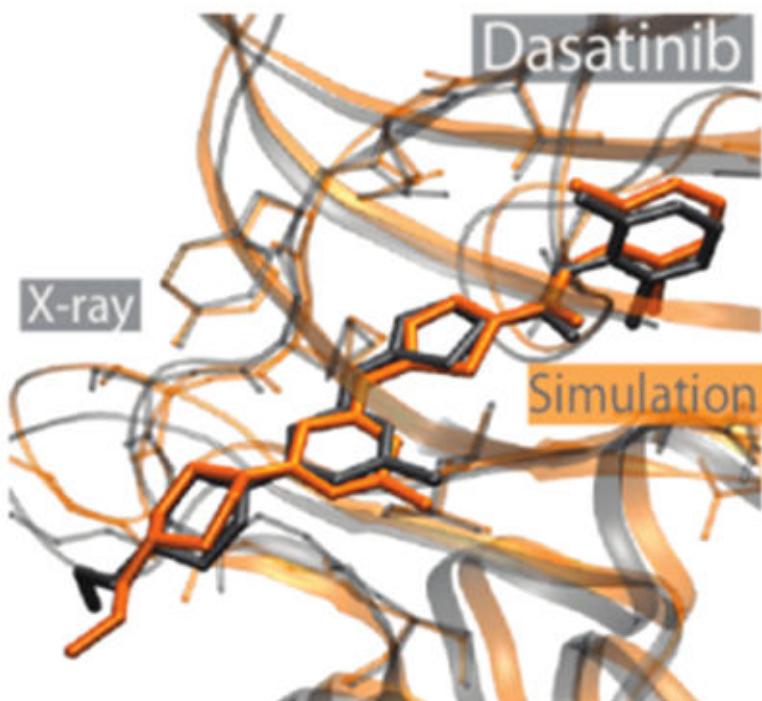


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Molecular dynamics

Newton's equations

$$m_i \mathbf{a}_i(t) = \mathbf{F}_i(t) = -\frac{\partial U}{\partial \mathbf{r}_i}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_i(t)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_i(t)$$

...

$$\mathbf{r}(t)$$
$$\mathbf{r}(t + \delta t)$$
$$\mathbf{r}(t + 2\delta t)$$

...



QM (“ab initio”)

$$U =$$

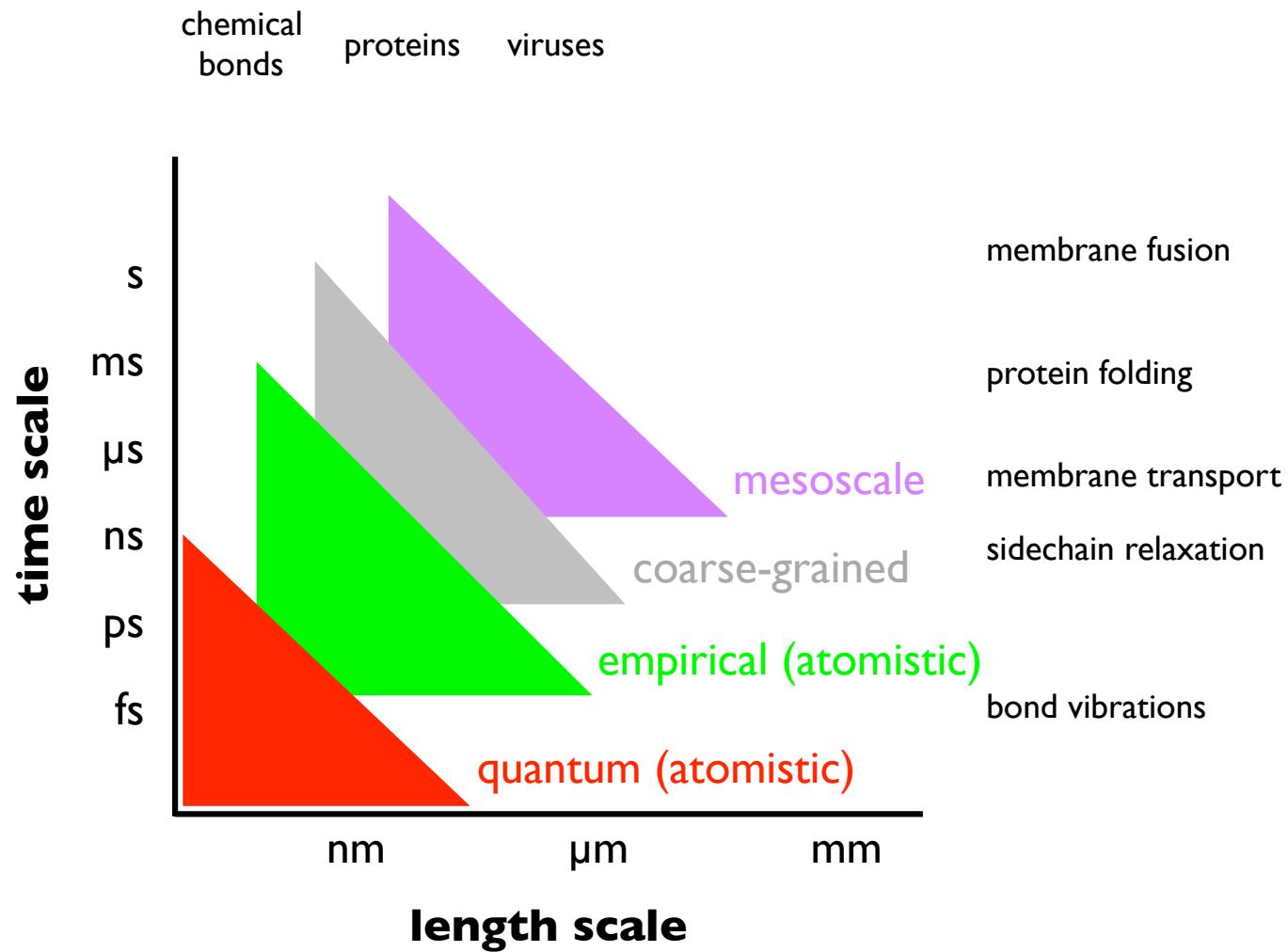
the result of a long
electronic structure
calculation

MM (“empirical”)

$$U =$$

a simple function of the
atomic coordinates

Tell me how you calculate the forces...



(figure adapted from: Nielsen et al.,
J. Phys.: Cond. Mat. 2004, **16**, R481)

Potential energy functions commonly used in molecular dynamics simulations of proteins

CHARMM (proteins, nucleic acids, lipids)

http://mackerell.umaryland.edu/charmm_ff.shtml

MacKerell et al., “All-Atom Empirical Potential for Molecular Modeling and Dynamics Studies of Proteins”, *J. Phys. Chem. B* 1998, **102**, 3586–3616.

Vanommeslaeghe et al., “CHARMM General Force Field (CGenFF):A force field for drug-like molecules compatible with the CHARMM all-atom additive biological force fields”, *J. Comp. Chem.* 2010, **31**, 671-690.

Amber (proteins, nucleic acids)

<http://ambermd.org/AmberModels.php>

Cornell et al., “A second generation force field for the simulation of proteins and nucleic acids”, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1995, **117**, 5179–5197.

Ponder and Case, “Force fields for protein simulations”, *Adv. Prot. Chem.* 2003, **66**, 27–85.

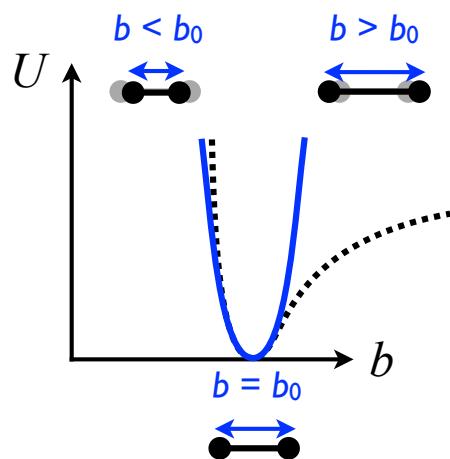
Empirical force fields

Energy calculated using a simple formula, in terms of the positions (x,y,z) of the individual atoms forming the molecule.

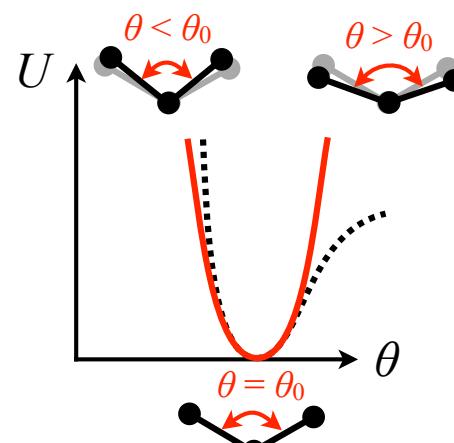
$$U = \sum_{\text{bonds}} k_b(b - b_0)^2 + \sum_{\text{angles}} k_\theta(\theta - \theta_0)^2 + \dots$$

bond strength

(depends on the type of bond: single, double, atoms involved, etc.)



Bond lengths oscillate around their equilibrium values



Bond angles oscillate around their equilibrium values

Note:

These *harmonic approximations* are OK as long as we're interested only in thermal, quasi-classical vibrations (involving heavy atoms).

par_all22_prot.inp (CHARMM)

BONDS

!
!V(bond) = Kb(b - b0)**2
!
!Kb: kcal/mole/A**2
!b0: A
!
!atom type Kb b0
!
C C 600.000 1.3350 ! ALLOW ARO HEM
! Heme vinyl substituent (KK, from propene (JCS))
CA CA 305.000 1.3750 ! ALLOW ARO
! benzene, JES 8/25/89
CE1 CE1 440.000 1.3400 !
! for butene; from propene, yin/adm jr., 12/95
CE1 CE2 500.000 1.3420 !
! for propene, yin/adm jr., 12/95
CE1 CT2 365.000 1.5020 !
! for butene; from propene, yin/adm jr., 12/95
CE1 CT3 383.000 1.5040 !
! for butene, yin/adm jr., 12/95
CE2 CE2 510.000 1.3300 !
! for ethene, yin/adm jr., 12/95
CP1 C 250.000 1.4900 ! ALLOW PRO
! 6-31g* AcProNH2, ProNH2, 6-31g*//3-21g AcProNHCH3 RLD 4/23/93
CP1 CC 250.000 1.4900 ! ALLOW PRO
! 6-31g* AcProNH2, ProNH2, 6-31g*//3-21g AcProNHCH3 RLD 4/23/93
CP1 CD 200.000 1.4900 ! ALLOW PRO
! 6-31g* AcProNH2, ProNH2, 6-31g*//3-21g AcProNHCH3 RLD 4/23/93
CP2 CP1 222.500 1.5270 ! ALLOW PRO
! 6-31g* AcProNH2, ProNH2, 6-31g*//3-21g AcProNHCH3 RLD 4/23/93
CP2 CP2 222.500 1.5370 ! ALLOW PRO

par_all22_prot.inp (CHARMM)

ANGLES

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!
!V(angle) = Ktheta(Theta - Theta0)**2
!
!V(Urey-Bradley) = Kub(S - S0)**2
!
!Ktheta: kcal/mole/rad**2
!Theta0: degrees
!Kub: kcal/mole/A**2 (Urey-Bradley)
!S0: A
!
!atom types      Ktheta      Theta0      Kub      S0
!
CA   CA   CA     40.000    120.00    35.00    2.41620 ! ALLOW   ARO
      ! JES 8/25/89
CE1  CE1  CT2     48.00     123.50    !
      ! for 2-butene, yin/adm jr., 12/95
CE1  CE1  CT3     48.00     123.50    !
      ! for 2-butene, yin/adm jr., 12/95
CE1  CT2  CT3     32.00     112.20    !
      ! for 1-butene; from propene, yin/adm jr., 12/95
CE2  CE1  CT2     48.00     126.00    !
      ! for 1-butene; from propene, yin/adm jr., 12/95
CE2  CE1  CT3     47.00     125.20    !
      ! for propene, yin/adm jr., 12/95
CP1  N    C      60.000    117.0000 ! ALLOW PRO
      ! 6-31g* AcProNH2, ProNH2, 6-31g*//3-21g AcProNHCH3 RLD 4/23/93
CP2  CP1  C      52.000    112.3000 ! ALLOW PRO
      ! 6-31g* AcProNH2, ProNH2, 6-31g*//3-21g AcProNHCH3 RLD 4/23/93
CP2  CP1  CC     52.000    112.3000 ! ALLOW PRO
      ! 6-31g* AcProNH2, ProNH2, 6-31g*//3-21g AcProNHCH3 RLD 4/23/93
CP2  CP1  CD     50.000    112.3000 ! AT.TOW PRO PEP
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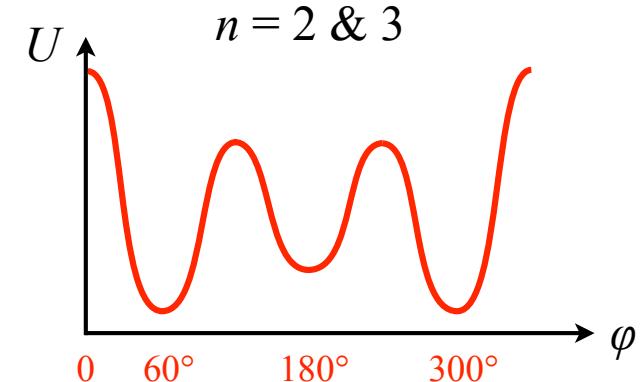
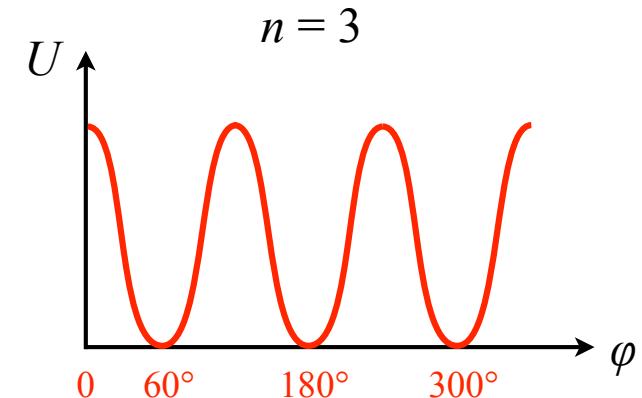
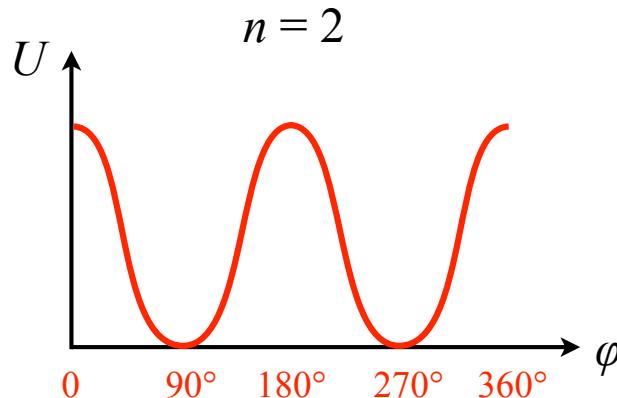
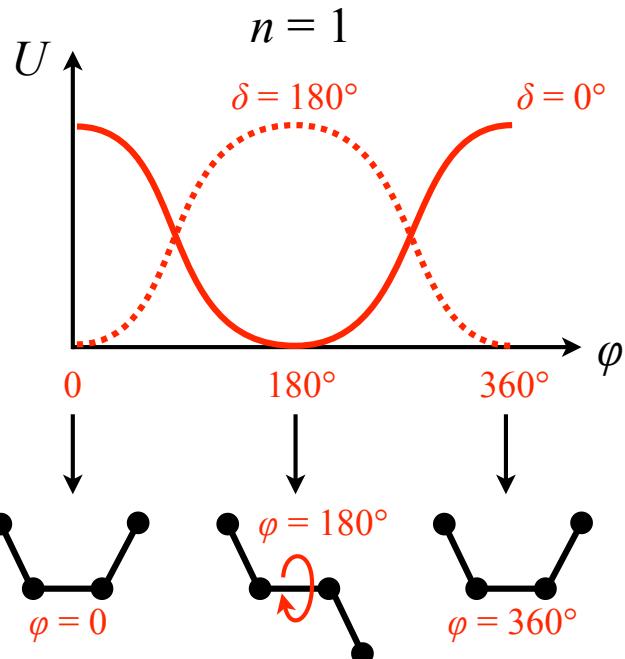
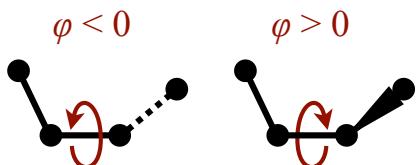
$$U = \dots + \sum_{\text{dihedrals}} k_\phi [1 + \cos(n\phi - \delta)] + \dots$$

multiplicity

$n = 3$ for sp³-sp³ bonds (ex: ethane)
 $n = 2$ for sp²-sp² bonds (ex: ethylene)

phase

$\delta = 0^\circ$ if staggered is most stable
 $\delta = 180^\circ$ if eclipsed is most stable

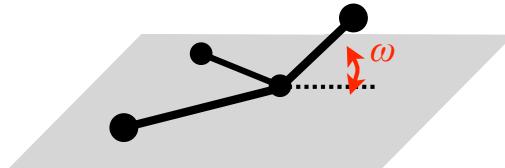


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DIHEDRALS

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!
!V(dihedral) = Kchi(1 + cos(n(chi) - delta))
!
!Kchi: kcal/mole
!n: multiplicity
!delta: degrees
!
!atom types          Kchi     n     delta
!
C    CT1   NH1   C      0.2000  1    180.00 ! ALLOW PEP
      ! ala dipeptide update for new C VDW Rmin, adm jr., 3/3/93c
C    CT2   NH1   C      0.2000  1    180.00 ! ALLOW PEP
      ! ala dipeptide update for new C VDW Rmin, adm jr., 3/3/93c
C    N    CP1   C      0.8000  3    0.00 ! ALLOW PRO PEP
      ! 6-31g* AcProNH2, ProNH2, 6-31g*//3-21g AcProNHCH3 RLD 4/23/93
CA   CA    CA    CA     3.1000  2    180.00 ! ALLOW ARO
      ! JES 8/25/89
CA   CPT   CPT   CA     3.1000  2    180.00 ! ALLOW ARO
      ! JWK 05/14/91 fit to indole
CA   CT2   CT1   C      0.0400  3    0.00 ! ALLOW ARO
      ! 2.7 kcal/mole CH3 rot in ethylbenzene, adm jr, 3/7/92
CA   CY    CPT   CA     3.0000  2    180.00 ! ALLOW ARO
      ! JWK 09/05/89
CA   NY    CPT   CA     3.0000  2    180.00 ! ALLOW ARO
      ! JWK 05/14/91 fit to indole
CC   CP1   N    C      0.8000  3    0.00 ! ALLOW PRO PEP
      ! 6-31g* AcProNH2, ProNH2, 6-31g*//3-21g AcProNHCH3 RLD 4/23/93
CC   CT1   CT2   CA     0.0400  3    0.00 ! ALLOW ARO
      ! 2.7 kcal/mole CH3 rot in ethylbenzene, adm jr, 3/7/92
CC   CT1   NH1   C      0.2000  1    180.00 ! ALLOW PEP POL
      ! ala dipentide update for new C VDW Rmin, adm jr., 3/3/93c
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$$U = \dots + \sum_{\text{impropers}} k_\omega (\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \sum_{\text{Urey-Bradley}} k_u (u - u_0)^2$$



Used to keep “dangling” atom oscillating around their optimal orientation

Examples:

carbonyl oxygens,
hydrogens in aromatic groups,
etc.



Correction terms to reproduce some IR frequencies

Example:

between hydrogens of methyl groups

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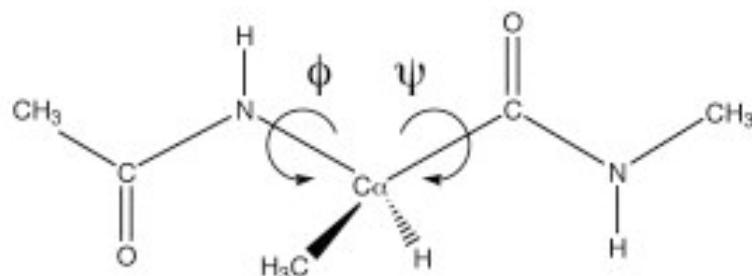
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IMPROPER
!
!V(improper) = Kpsi(psi - psi0)**2
!
!Kpsi: kcal/mole/rad**2
!psi0: degrees
!note that the second column of numbers (0) is ignored
!
!atom types          Kpsi          psi0
!
CPB  CPA  NPH  CPA    20.8000      0     0.0000 ! ALLOW HEM
        ! Heme (6-liganded): porphyrin macrocycle (KK 05/13/91)
CPB  X     X    CE1    90.0000      0     0.0000 ! ALLOW HEM
        ! Heme (6-liganded): substituents (KK 05/13/91)
CT2  X     X    CPB    90.0000      0     0.0000 ! ALLOW HEM
        ! Heme (6-liganded): substituents (KK 05/13/91)
CT3  X     X    CPB    90.0000      0     0.0000 ! ALLOW HEM
        ! Heme (6-liganded): substituents (KK 05/13/91)
!HA   C     C    HA     20.0000      0     0.0000 ! ALLOW PEP POL ARO
        ! Heme vinyl substituent (KK, from propene (JCS))
HA   CPA  CPA  CPM    29.4000      0     0.0000 ! ALLOW HEM
        ! Heme (6-liganded): porphyrin macrocycle (KK 05/13/91)
!HA   CPB  C     C    20.0000      0     0.0000 ! ALLOW HEM ARO
        ! Heme (6-liganded): substituents (KK 05/13/91)
!HA   HA   C     C    20.0000      0     180.0000 ! ALLOW PEP POL ARO
        ! Heme vinyl substituent (KK, from propene (JCS))
HE2  HE2  CE2  CE2    3.0         0     0.00    !
        ! for ethene, yin/adm jr., 12/95
HR1  NR1  NR2  CPH2   0.5000      0     0.0000 ! ALLOW ARO
        ! his, adm jr., 7/05/90
HR1  NR2  NR1  CPH2   0.5000      0     0.0000 ! ALLOW ARO
        ! his, adm jr., 7/05/90
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$$U = \dots + \sum_{\alpha \text{ carbons}} \text{CMAP}(\phi, \psi)$$

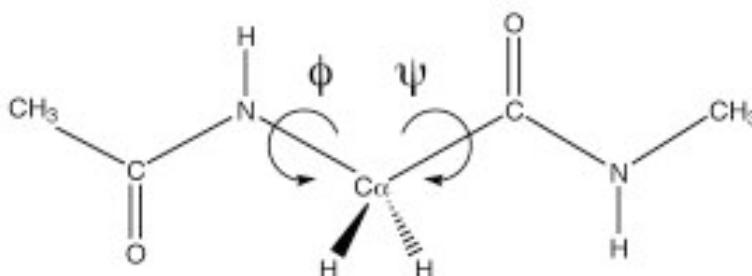
Correction terms to improve
the $\phi\psi$ energy surfaces

(CHARMM force field only)

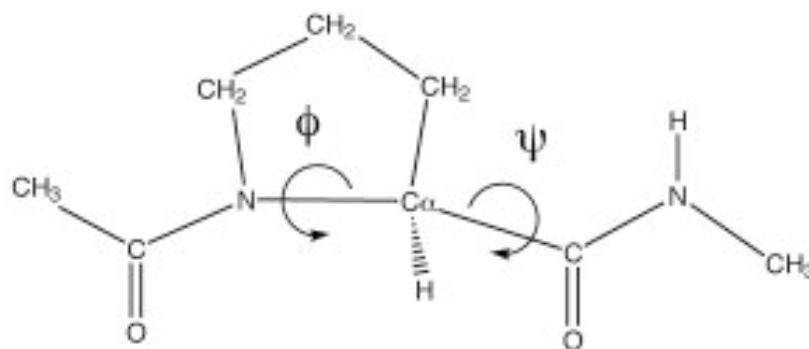
Alanine
dipeptide



Glycine
dipeptide



Proline
dipeptide



Reference:

A.D. MacKerell Jr., M. Feig, C.L. Brooks, III,
J. Comp. Chem. **25**, 1400-1415 (2004).
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/jcc.20065>

par_all22_prot.inp (CHARMM)

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CMAP
! 2D grid correction data. The following surfaces are the correction
! to the CHARMM22 phi, psi alanine, proline and glycine dipeptide surfaces.
! Use of CMAP requires generation with the topology file containing the
! CMAP specifications along with version 31 or later of CHARMM. Note that
! use of "skip CMAP" yields the charmm22 energy surfaces.
!
! references
!MacKerell, A.D., Jr., Feig, M., Brooks, C.L., III, Accurate Treatment of
!Protein Backbone Conformational Energetics in Empirical Force Fields, Submitted
!for publication.

!MacKerell, A.D., Jr., Feig, M., Brooks, C.L., III, Improved Treatment of the
!Protein Backbone in Empirical Force Fields, Journal of the American Chemical
!Society, In Press.

! alanine map
C    NH1   CT1   C    NH1   CT1   C    NH1    24
                                        

!-180
0.126790 0.768700 0.971260 1.250970 2.121010
2.695430 2.064440 1.764790 0.755870 -0.713470
0.976130 -2.475520 -5.455650 -5.096450 -5.305850
-3.975630 -3.088580 -2.784200 -2.677120 -2.646060
-2.335350 -2.010440 -1.608040 -0.482250

!-165
-0.802290 1.377090 1.577020 1.872290 2.398990
2.461630 2.333840 1.904070 1.061460 0.518400
-0.116320 -3.575440 -5.284480 -5.160310 -4.196010
-3.276210 -2.715340 -1.806200 -1.101780 -1.210320
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Lennard-Jones

$$U = \dots + \sum_{\text{nonbonded}} \epsilon_{ij} \left[\left(\frac{\text{Rmin}_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - 2 \left(\frac{\text{Rmin}_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right]$$

$1/r^{12}$ term :

Models the “exchange-repulsion-penetration” forces

Always **repulsive**

$1/r^6$ term :

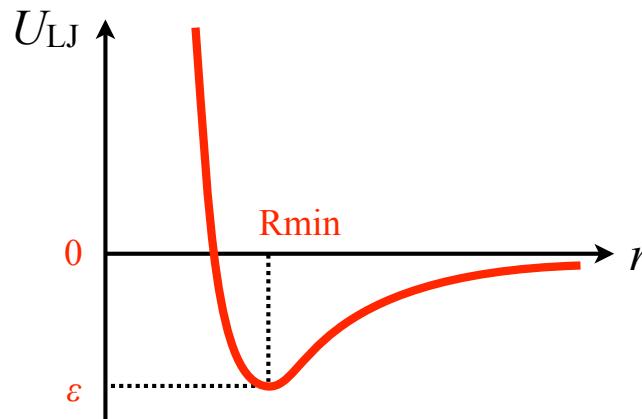
Models the London dispersion forces (first term of the series $1/r^6, 1/r^8, 1/r^{10}$, etc.)

Always **attractive**

ϵ_{ij} and Rmin_{ij} are parameters defined for each pair of atoms, according to the following **mixing rules** :

$$\epsilon_{ij} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sqrt{\epsilon_i \epsilon_j}$$

$$\text{Rmin}_{ij} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{2} \text{Rmin}_i + \frac{1}{2} \text{Rmin}_j$$



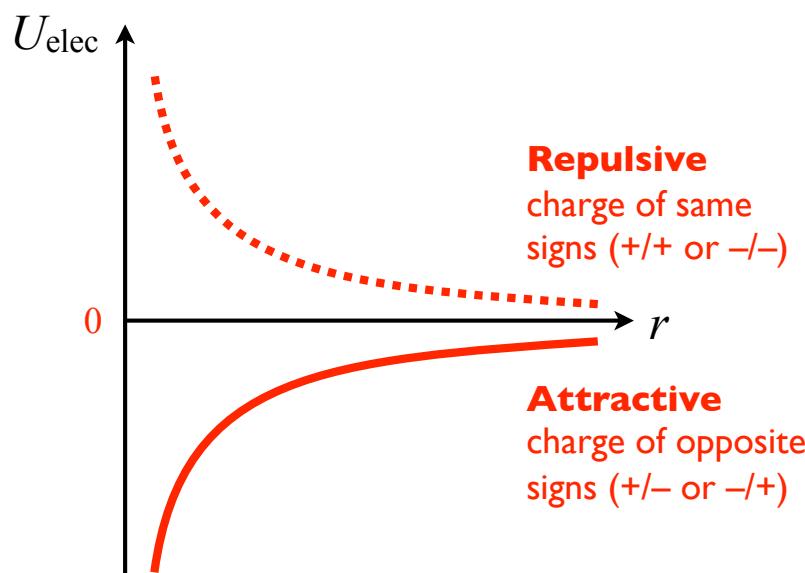
Electrostatics

$$U = \dots + \sum_{\text{nonbonded}} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$$

atomic partial charges

$1/r$ term :
Models the Coulomb forces

Attractive or repulsive, depending on the charges



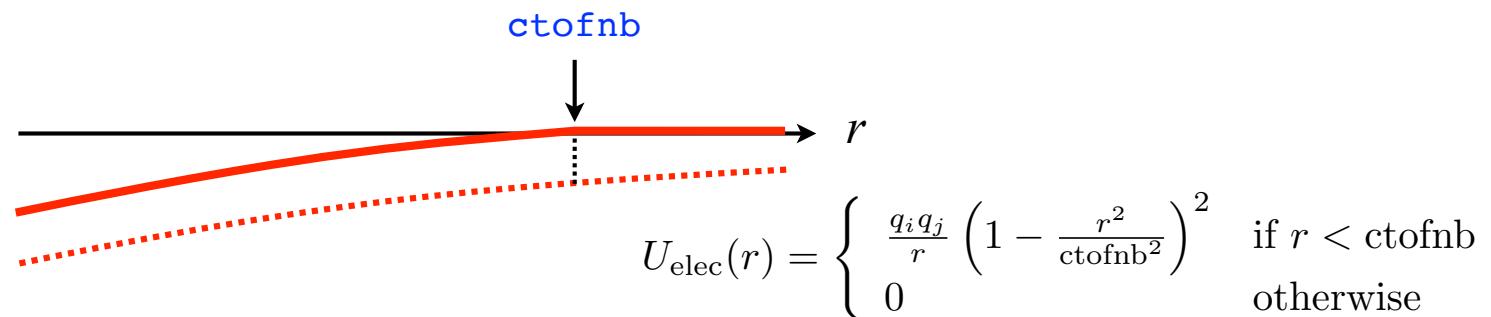
par_all22_prot.inp (CHARMM)

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NONBONDED nbxmod 5 atom cdiel shift vatom vdistance vswitch -
cutnb 14.0 ctfnb 12.0 ctonnb 10.0 eps 1.0 e14fac 1.0 wmin 1.5
        !adm jr., 5/08/91, suggested cutoff scheme
!
!V(Lennard-Jones) = Eps,i,j[(Rmin,i,j/ri,j)**12 - 2(Rmin,i,j/ri,j)**6]
!
!epsilon: kcal/mole, Eps,i,j = sqrt(eps,i * eps,j)
!Rmin/2: A, Rmin,i,j = Rmin/2,i + Rmin/2,j
!
!atom ignored     epsilon      Rmin/2    ignored     eps,1-4      Rmin/2,1-4
!
!carbons
C      0.000000  -0.110000   2.000000 ! ALLOW PEP POL ARO
        ! NMA pure solvent, adm jr., 3/3/93
CA     0.000000  -0.070000   1.992400 ! ALLOW ARO
        ! benzene (JES)
CC     0.000000  -0.070000   2.000000 ! ALLOW PEP POL ARO
        ! adm jr. 3/3/92, acetic acid heat of solvation
CD     0.000000  -0.070000   2.000000 ! ALLOW POL
        ! adm jr. 3/19/92, acetate a.i. and dH of solvation
CE1    0.000000  -0.068000   2.090000 !
        ! for propene, yin/adm jr., 12/95
CE2    0.000000  -0.064000   2.080000 !
        ! for ethene, yin/adm jr., 12/95
CM     0.000000  -0.110000   2.100000 ! ALLOW HEM
        ! Heme (6-liganded): CO ligand carbon (KK 05/13/91)
CP1    0.000000  -0.020000   2.275000   0.000000  -0.010000   1.900000 ! ALLOW
        ! alkane update, adm jr., 3/2/92
CP2    0.000000  -0.055000   2.175000   0.000000  -0.010000   1.900000 ! ALLOW
        ! alkane update, adm jr., 3/2/92
CP3    0.000000  -0.055000   2.175000   0.000000  -0.010000   1.900000 ! ALLOW
        ! alkane update, adm jr., 3/2/92
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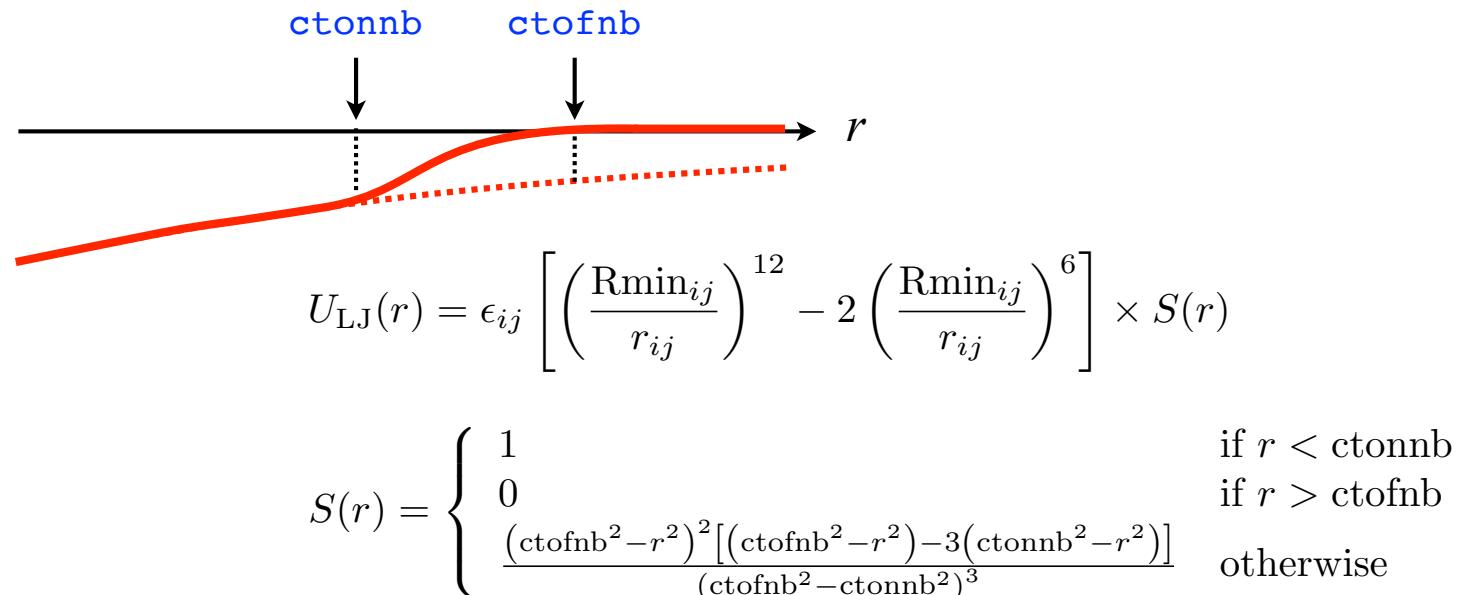
Cutoff scheme

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NONBONDED nbxmod 5 atom cdiel shift vatom vdistance vswitch -
cutnb 14.0 ctofnb 12.0 ctonnb 10.0 eps 1.0 e14fac 1.0 wmin 1.5
!adm jr., 5/08/91, suggested cutoff scheme
```

“shift”
(for electrostatics)



“vswitch”
(for Lennard-Jones)



Force field parameterization

$$U = \sum_{\text{bonds}} k_b(b - b_0)^2 + \sum_{\text{angles}} k_\theta(\theta - \theta_0)^2$$
$$+ \sum_{\text{dihedrals}} k_\phi[1 + \cos(n\phi - \delta)]$$
$$+ \sum_{\text{impropers}} k_\omega(\omega - \omega_0)^2 + \sum_{\text{Urey–Bradley}} k_u(u - u_0)^2$$
$$+ \sum_{\alpha \text{ carbons}} \text{CMAP}(\phi, \psi)$$
$$+ \sum_{\text{nonbonded}} \epsilon_{ij} \left[\left(\frac{\text{Rmin}_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - 2 \left(\frac{\text{Rmin}_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right]$$
$$+ \sum_{\text{nonbonded}} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$$

Term	Target data	Source
Bonded		
Equilibrium terms (b_0, θ_0, n, δ)	Geometries	QM, electron diffraction, microwave, crystal surveys
Force constants (K_b, K_θ, K_x)	Vibration spectra	QM, IR, Raman
Nonbonded		
VdW terms ($\epsilon_i, R_{\min i}$)	Pure solvent properties ($\Delta_{\text{vap}}H$, molecular volume)	• Vapor pressure, calorimetry, densities
	Crystal properties ($\Delta_{\text{sub}}H$, lattice parameters, non-bonded distances)	• X-ray and neutron diffraction, vapor pressure, calorimetry
	• Interaction energies (dimers, interaction with rare gases, interaction with water)	• QM, microwave, mass spectrometry
Partial charges (q_i)	• Dipole moments	• QM, dielectric permittivity, Stark effect, microwave
	• Electrostatic potentials	• QM
	• Interactions energies (dimers, interaction with water)	• QM, microwave, mass spectrometry
	Aqueous solution ($\Delta_{\text{solv}}G, \Delta_{\text{solv}}H$, partial molar volume)	• Calorimetry, volume variations

Reproduced from : MacKerell, "Atomistic Models and Force Fields" in *Computational Biochemistry and Biophysics* (Editors: Becker, MacKerell, Roux, Watanabe), 2001, p. 7–38.

We need two things :

Force field

List of parameters associated with each atom type and their combinations (bonds, angles, dihedrals)

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Topology

Description of all molecules and residues in term of their atoms and covalent bonds

+ partial atomic charges...

top_all27_prot_lipid.rtf (CHARMM)

MASS	1 H	1.00800 H ! polar H
MASS	2 HC	1.00800 H ! N-ter H
MASS	3 HA	1.00800 H ! nonpolar H
MASS	4 HT	1.00800 H ! TIPS3P WATER HYDROGEN
MASS	5 HP	1.00800 H ! aromatic H
MASS	6 HB	1.00800 H ! backbone H
MASS	7 HR1	1.00800 H ! his hel, (+) his HG,HD2
MASS	8 HR2	1.00800 H ! (+) his HE1
MASS	9 HR3	1.00800 H ! neutral his HG, HD2
MASS	10 HS	1.00800 H ! thiol hydrogen
MASS	11 HE1	1.00800 H ! for alkene; RHC=CR
MASS	12 HE2	1.00800 H ! for alkene; H2C=CR
MASS	13 HA1	1.00800 H ! alkane, CH, new LJ params (see toppar_all22_prot_aliph
MASS	14 HA2	1.00800 H ! alkane, CH2, new LJ params (see toppar_all22_prot_aliph
MASS	15 HA3	1.00800 H ! alkane, CH3, new LJ params (see toppar_all22_prot_aliph
MASS	16 HF1	1.00800 H ! Aliphatic H on fluorinated C (see toppar_all22_prot_flu
MASS	17 HF2	1.00800 H ! Aliphatic H on fluorinated C (see toppar_all22_prot_flu
MASS	20 C	12.01100 C ! carbonyl C, peptide backbone
MASS	21 CA	12.01100 C ! aromatic C
MASS	22 CT1	12.01100 C ! aliphatic sp3 C for CH
MASS	23 CT2	12.01100 C ! aliphatic sp3 C for CH2
MASS	24 CT3	12.01100 C ! aliphatic sp3 C for CH3
MASS	25 CPH1	12.01100 C ! his CG and CD2 carbons
MASS	26 CPH2	12.01100 C ! his CE1 carbon
MASS	27 CPT	12.01100 C ! trp C between rings
MASS	28 CY	12.01100 C ! TRP C in pyrrole ring
MASS	29 CP1	12.01100 C ! tetrahedral C (proline CA)
MASS	30 CP2	12.01100 C ! tetrahedral C (proline CB/CG)
MASS	31 CP3	12.01100 C ! tetrahedral C (proline CD)
MASS	32 CC	12.01100 C ! carbonyl C, asn,asp,gln,glu,cter,ct2
MASS	33 CD	12.01100 C ! carbonyl C, pres aspp,glup,ct1
MASS	34 CPA	12.01100 C ! heme alpha-C

top_all27_prot_lipid.rtf (CHARMM)

atom types vs atom names

RESI ALA 0.00
GROUP
ATOM N NH1 -0.47 ! |
ATOM HN H 0.31 ! HN-N
ATOM CA CT1 0.07 ! | HB1
ATOM HA HB 0.09 ! | /
GROUP ! HA-CA--CB-HB2
ATOM CB CT3 -0.27 ! | \
ATOM HB1 HA 0.09 ! | HB3
ATOM HB2 HA 0.09 ! O=C
ATOM HB3 HA 0.09 ! |
GROUP !
ATOM C C 0.51
ATOM O O -0.51
BOND CB CA N HN N CA
BOND C CA C +N CA HA CB HB1 CB HB2 CB HB3
DOUBLE O C
IMPR N -C CA HN C CA +N O
CMAP -C N CA C N CA C +N
DONOR HN N
ACCEPTOR O C
IC -C CA *N HN 1.3551 126.4900 180.0000 115.4200 0.9996
IC -C N CA C 1.3551 126.4900 180.0000 114.4400 1.5390
IC N CA C +N 1.4592 114.4400 180.0000 116.8400 1.3558
IC +N CA *C O 1.3558 116.8400 180.0000 122.5200 1.2297
IC CA C +N +CA 1.5390 116.8400 180.0000 126.7700 1.4613
IC N C *CA CB 1.4592 114.4400 123.2300 111.0900 1.5461
IC N C *CA HA 1.4592 114.4400 -120.4500 106.3900 1.0840
IC C CA CB HB1 1.5390 111.0900 177.2500 109.6000 1.1109
IC HB1 CA *CB HB2 1.1109 109.6000 119.1300 111.0500 1.1119
IC HB1 CA *CB HB3 1.1109 109.6000 -119.5800 111.6100 1.1114

top_all27_prot_lipid.rtf (CHARMM)

RESI HSD 0.00 ! neutral HIS, proton on ND1

GROUP

ATOM N NH1 -0.47 ! | HD1 HE1
ATOM HN H 0.31 ! HN-N | /
ATOM CA CT1 0.07 ! | HB1 ND1--CE1
ATOM HA HB 0.09 ! | | / ||
GROUP ! HA-CA--CB--CG |||
ATOM CB CT2 -0.09 ! | | \\
ATOM HB1 HA 0.09 ! | HB2 CD2--NE2
ATOM HB2 HA 0.09 ! O=C |
ATOM ND1 NR1 -0.36 ! | HD2
ATOM HD1 H 0.32
ATOM CG CPH1 -0.05

GROUP

ATOM CE1 CPH2 0.25
ATOM HE1 HR1 0.13
ATOM NE2 NR2 -0.70
ATOM CD2 CPH1 0.22
ATOM HD2 HR3 0.10

GROUP

ATOM C C 0.51
ATOM O O -0.51

BOND CB CA CG CB ND1 CG CE1 ND1
BOND NE2 CD2 N HN N CA
BOND C CA C +N CA HA CB HB1
BOND CB HB2 ND1 HD1 CD2 HD2 CE1 HE1
DOUBLE O C CG CD2 CE1 NE2
IMPR ND1 CG CE1 HD1 CD2 CG NE2 HD2 CE1 ND1 NE2 HE1
IMPR ND1 CE1 CG HD1 CD2 NE2 CG HD2 CE1 NE2 ND1 HE1
IMPR N -C CA HN C CA +N O
CMAP -C N CA C N CA C +N
DONOR HN N

top_all27_prot_lipid.rtf (CHARMM)

RESI HSE 0.00 ! neutral His, proton on NE2

GROUP

ATOM N NH1 -0.47 ! | HE1
ATOM HN H 0.31 ! HN-N /
ATOM CA CT1 0.07 ! | ND1--CE1
ATOM HA HB 0.09 ! | / |
GROUP |
 HA-CA--CB--CG
ATOM CB CT2 -0.08 ! | \| |
ATOM HB1 HA 0.09 ! | HB2 CD2--NE2
ATOM HB2 HA 0.09 ! O=C | \ |
ATOM ND1 NR2 -0.70 ! | HD2 HE2
ATOM CG CPH1 0.22
ATOM CE1 CPH2 0.25
ATOM HE1 HR1 0.13

GROUP

ATOM NE2 NR1 -0.36
ATOM HE2 H 0.32
ATOM CD2 CPH1 -0.05
ATOM HD2 HR3 0.09

GROUP

ATOM C C 0.51
ATOM O O -0.51

BOND CB CA CG CB ND1 CG
BOND NE2 CD2 N HN N CA
BOND C CA C +N NE2 CE1 CA HA CB HB1
BOND CB HB2 NE2 HE2 CD2 HD2 CE1 HE1

DOUBLE O C CD2 CG CE1 ND1

IMPR NE2 CD2 CE1 HE2 CD2 CG NE2 HD2 CE1 ND1 NE2 HE1
IMPR NE2 CE1 CD2 HE2 CD2 NE2 CG HD2 CE1 NE2 ND1 HE1
IMPR N -C CA HN C CA +N O
CMAP -C N CA C N CA C +N

DONOR HN N

top_all27_prot_lipid.rtf (CHARMM)

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RESI TIP3      0.000 ! tip3p water model, generate using noangle nodihedral
GROUP
ATOM OH2  OT      -0.834
ATOM H1   HT      0.417
ATOM H2   HT      0.417
BOND OH2 H1 OH2 H2 H1 H2      ! the last bond is needed for shake
ANGLE H1 OH2 H2      ! required
ACCEPTOR OH2
PATCHING FIRS NONE LAST NONE

! Ion parameters from Benoit Roux and Coworkers
! As of 8/98 no NBFIX terms required
!
RESI SOD      1.00 ! Sodium Ion
GROUP
ATOM SOD  SOD  1.00
PATCHING FIRST NONE LAST NONE

RESI MG       2.00 ! Magnesium Ion
GROUP
ATOM MG    MG  2.00
PATCHING FIRST NONE LAST NONE

RESI POT      1.00 ! Potassium Ion
GROUP
ATOM POT  POT  1.00
PATCHING FIRST NONE LAST NONE

RESI CES      1.00 ! Cesium Ion
GROUP
ATOM CES  CES  1.00
PATCHING FIRST NONE LAST NONE
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Warning :

Empirical force fields have limited transferability.

They should be used in the context for which they were calibrated :

- Amino acids around other amino acids (or around water)
- Ions in water
- Water around polar compounds

Unusual combinations should be tested :

- ions next to nonpolar / aromatic residues
- water in small cavities
- metal binding

For some of these special situations, polarizable force fields may be required.

But luckily :

- “Like dissolves like” (usually)

“Good force field”



“Bad force field”

