What can be learnt from MD

Micelle Light harvesting complex Reaction Center Restriction enzyme Ubiquitin Biotin - Avidin

Titin







Atomic Force Microscopy Experiments of Ligand Unbinding





500 pN

50 nm



SMD of Biotin Unbinding: What We Learned biotin slips in steps, guided by side groups, water lubricated



Israilev et al., Biophys. J., 72, 1568-1581 (1997)

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Unfolding of Titin Ig Domains





Collaboration with J. Fernandez Mayo Clinic

H. Lu, B. Isralewitz, A. Krammer, V. Vogel, and K. Schulten, *Biophys. J.*, **75**, 662-671 (1998)

P. Marszalek, H. Lu, H. Li, M. Carrion-Vazquez, A. Oberhauser, K. Schulten, and J. Fernandez, *Nature*, **402**, 100-103 (1999)

Titin Ig Mechanical Unfolding Intermediate



Marszalek, Lu, Li, Carrion, Oberhauser, Schulten, and Fernandez, Nature, **402**, 100 (1999).

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Quantitative Comparison

Bridging the gap between SMD and AFM experiments

Steered Molecular Dynamics (SMD)

Force-extension curve





Force-pulling velocity relationship



Mechanical Stability of I27 Mutants



Point mutations of titin modules have the potential for disrupting the finely tuned elasticity of titin Li *et al. Nature Struct. Biol.* **7**:1117-1120 (2001)

Hui Lu, Mu Gao

Water-Backbone Interactions Control Unfolding



time (ps)

Hui Lu and Klaus Schulten, Biophys J.79: 51-65 (2000)

Stretching Fibronectin Modules



Atomic Force Microscopy Flourescence Resonance Energy Transfer

A. Krammer, H. Lu, B. Isralewitz, K. Schulten, and V. Vogel, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, **96**, 1351-1356 (1999) *11,000 atoms*

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Type II Restriction Endonuclease - BamHI



Cognate DNA : $K_{d} \sim 600 \text{ pM}$



Newman, M. *et al.* (1994) *Structure* **2**, 439-452 Newman, M. *et al.* (1995) *Science* **269**, 656-663



Hydrostatic Pressure Effect on K_d



Thomas W. Lynch, Dorina Kosztin, Mark A. McLean, Klaus Schulten, and Stephen G. Sligar. Biophysical Journal, 82:93-98, 2002.

Pressure Effects on Specific Interactions

How do we identify the individual structural elements that are affected by pressure?

X-ray analysis Direct and Water Mediated Contacts





Interaction energies between BamHI and DNA

Molecular Dynamic Simulations

Particle Mesh Ewald Periodic Boundary Conditions

NpT ensemble

> 65,000 atoms

32 counterions - Na⁺

1 ns trajectories

Pressure control: Nose-Hoover













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Photosynthetic Apparatus of Purple Bacteria



- **RC Photosynthetic Reaction Center**
- LH Light Harvesting Complex

Role of Thermal Disorder on Electron Transfer in the Photosynthetic Reaction Center



Electron Transfer Process Coupled to the Protein Matrix

We assumed that the electron transfer $Q_A^- Q_B^- > Q_A Q_B^-$ is coupled to an ensemble of oscillators representing the protein matrix

Hamiltonian
$$\hat{H}_{qo}^{(s)} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{H}_r^{(s)} & v \\ v & \hat{H}_p^{(s)} + E \end{pmatrix}$$

Protein matrix is a bath of oscillators linearly coupled to the electron transfer according to

$$\hat{H}_r = \sum_j \left(\frac{\hat{p}_j^2}{2M_j} + \frac{1}{2} M_j \omega_j^2 q_j^2 \right)$$
$$\hat{H}_p = \sum_j \left(\frac{\hat{p}_j^2}{2M_j} + \frac{1}{2} M_j \omega_j^2 \left(q_j - \frac{c_j}{M_j \omega_j^2} \right)^2 \right)$$

Dong Xu and Klaus Schulten. Chemical Physics, 182: 91--117, 1994.

Klaus Schulten. In D. Bicout and M. J. Field, editors, Proc. Ecole de Physique des Les Houches, pp 85--118, Les Editions de Physique, Springer, Paris, 1995.

Klaus Schulten. Science, 290:61--62, 2000.

Electron Transfer Process Coupled to the Protein Matrix

Relaxation rate

 σ

$$k_{\rm rel} = \frac{2v^2}{\hbar^2} \int_0^{+\infty} dt \cos(-tE/\hbar) \cos(Q_1(t)/\pi\hbar) e^{-Q_2(t)/\pi\hbar}$$

$$Q_1(t) = \int_0^{\infty} d\omega \, \omega^{-2} J(\omega) \sin\omega t$$

$$Q_2(t) = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\infty} d\omega \, \omega^{-2} J(\omega) \, \coth\frac{\hbar\omega}{2kT} \left(1 - \cos\omega t\right)$$

$$\frac{J(\omega)}{\omega} = \frac{\sigma^2}{k_B T} \int_0^{\infty} dt \, C(t) \cos\omega t$$

 $C_{\epsilon\epsilon}(t) = \frac{\langle (\epsilon(t) - \langle \epsilon \rangle) (\langle \epsilon(0) - \langle \epsilon \rangle) \rangle}{\langle \epsilon(0) - \langle \epsilon \rangle \rangle^2}$

energy gap correlation function

rms deviation of energy gap





Temperature Dependence of Electron Transfer Rate



Dong Xu and Klaus Schulten. Chemical Physics, 182: 91--117, 1994.

How does the Light Harvesting System Function with Thermal Disorder?

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Characteristics of ordered system
Static disorder / random matrix theory
Dynamics disorder / linear response th.
Dynamic disorder / polaron model
Role of carotenoids

Structure of LH-II of *Rs. molischianum* Obtained Through a Computationally Derived Search Model



 $\rho = \sum_{j} |f_{j}| \exp[\phi_{j}]$ molecular

replacement



Summary of Crystallographic Data

- space group P4212
- resolution range 8-2.4 A
- unique reflection 30309
- completeness 87.2
- R-factor (%) 21.1
- free R-factor (%) 23.2

Koepke et al., Structure, **4**, 581 (1996)

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B850 BChls of LH-II of Rs. molischianum

New aggregation pattern of chlorophylls, first discovered by R. Cogdell et all in LH-II of Rps. acidophila



B800 BChl-a Binding Site

New ligation pattern of chlorophyll's Mg atom!



The light harvesting system displays a hierarchy of integral, functional units

Photosynthetic membrane generates ATP using light energy



Light harvesting complex II absorbs light and converts it into electronic excitations of BChls

Light harvesting unit funnels excitation energy to photosynthetic reaction center

Molecular modeling of integral, functional units with more than 10⁶ atoms necessary

The light harvesting system displays a hierarchy of integral, functional units

Photosynthetic membrane generates ATP using light energy



Hu and Schulten, Biophys J., **75**, 683-694 (1998) Ritz *et al.*, J. Lumin., **76-77**, 310-321 (1998) Hu *et al.*, PNAS, **95**, 5935-5941 (1998) Koepke *et al.*, Structure, **4**, 581-597 (1996) Hu *et al.*, J. Phys. Chem., **B 101**, 3854-3871 (1997) Cory *et al.*, J. Phys. Chem., **B 102**, 7640-7650 (1998) Damjanovic *et al.*, Phys. Rev. E, **59**, 3293-3311 (1999)



We need to know also the structure of "the LH-I ring! We use again modeling, replacing subunit of LH-II by that of LH-I

Molecular modeling of integral, functional units with more than 10⁶ atoms necessary

LH-I – RC Complex of *Rb*. *Sphaeroides*

Model agrees well with EM map







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View from top

Pigment Organization in the Bacterial Photosynthetic Membrane



Note the conspicuous arrangement of chlorophyll rings!

Structure of Light Harvesting System



Hierarchical aggregate of chromophores



The Effect of Dynamic Disorder

 $\epsilon_{16}(t)$

t(fs)



Ana Damjanovic, Ioan Kosztin, Ulrich Kleinekathoefer, and Klaus Schulten, Phys. Rev. E 65:031919, 2002

every 0.5 fs

Absorption Spectrum – B850 Excitons



and K Schulten, Phys. Rev. E 65:031919, 2002

Folding of Ubiquitin



Edgar Larios

- Collaborator:M. Gruebele, UIUC
- Goals:
 - Experimental and MD studies of the folding of *ubiquitin*
 - Ultrafast fluorescence study of Trp45 in ubiquitin
- Result:
 - Explained the anisotropy of the fluorescence spectra of Trp in different mutants of ubiquitin

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Helix Interaction in Micelle



Micellar sphere of 60 SDS molecules 30,000 atoms

Rosemary Braun

- Collaborator:
 - D. Engelman, Yale Univ.
- Goals:
 - Examine stability of single and two helices in micelle with respect to mutations
- Results:
 - Equilibrated micell
 - Built the helices

Rosemary Braun, Justin Gullingsrud