# Free energy Calculation



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# Common Concept

What is "Unbiased Enhanced Sampling"?



**Steered Molecular Dynamics** 

The free energy change between two different coordinated states, each states are  $\lambda_0$ ,  $\lambda_1$ 

$$\Delta F = \Delta F_{\lambda_1} - \Delta F_{\lambda_0} = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln \left( \frac{Z_{\lambda_0}}{Z_{\lambda_1}} \right)$$

Free energy change between two states can be exactly related to the ensemble average of the Boltzmann-weighted work performed in many non-equilibrium transformations from the initial to final states.

$$\Delta F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln \langle e^{-\beta W} \rangle$$

sMD restrain to a particular center that changes according to a constant velocity v during a simulation of the irreversible transformation from  $\lambda_0$  to  $\lambda_1$ 

$$V(q,t) = \frac{1}{2}k[\lambda(t) - \lambda'(q)]^2 \text{ where } \lambda(t) = \lambda_0 + vt$$

**Steered Molecular Dynamics** 

Three amino acid residues (Gly49, Gly112 and Ile149) are affected by the restrained force  $F = -k[x_{pull}(t) - x_{pull}(0) - vt]$ .



Replica Exchange Molecular Dynamics

There are much types of REMD (Temperature REMD, Hamiltonian REMD, etc....).

Several replicas of the system are evolved at different temperatures.

A pair of replicas with adjacent temperatures is tried to exchange.



## Replica Exchange Molecular Dynamics

The probability of populating configuration  $X_m$  in the m<sup>th</sup> replica obeys the Boltzmann distribution at  $T_m$ 

$$P_m(X_m) = \frac{e^{-\beta_m E(X_m)}}{Z_m} \qquad \beta_m = (k_B T_m)^{-1}$$
$$P_{all} = \prod_i^M P_i(X_i)$$

Probability that configuration  $X_m, X_n$  in the m,n replicas are exchanged by configuration  $X_n, X_M$  in the n,m.



Replica Exchange Molecular Dynamics

For a system in thermal equilibrium the detailed balance condition holes:

 $P_{all}(X_m, T_m; X_n, T_n; X_o, T_o; X_p, T_p)W(X_m, T_m; X_n, T_n) = P_{all}(X_m, T_n; X_n, T_m; X_o, T_o; X_p, T_p)W(X_m, T_n; X_n, T_m)$ 



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$$\Rightarrow \frac{W(X_m, T_m; X_n, T_n)}{W(X_m, T_n; X_n, T_m)} = \frac{P_m(X_m, T_m)P_n(X_n, T_n)}{P_m(X_n, T_m)P_n(X_m, T_n)} = \frac{\frac{e^{-\beta_m E(X_n)}}{Z_m} \frac{e^{-\beta_n E(X_m)}}{Z_n}}{\frac{e^{-\beta_m E(X_m)}}{Z_m} \frac{e^{-\beta_n E(X_m)}}{Z_n}}$$

$$\frac{W(X_m, T_m; X_n, T_n)}{W(X_m, T_n; X_n, T_m)} = e^{-(\beta_m - \beta_n)(E(X_n) - E(X_m))} = e^{-\Delta} , \qquad \beta_m = (k_B T_m)^{-1}$$

The exchange between replica is accepted according to Metropolis criteria:

$$W(X_m, T_m; X_n, T_n) = 1 \quad for \quad \Delta \le 0$$

$$W(X_m, T_m; X_n, T_n) = e^{-\Delta} \quad for \quad \Delta > 0$$

Exchange between replicas is accepted when the energy of the high temperature configuration is smaller than the energy of the low-temperature configuration.

## Replica Exchange Molecular Dynamics

M-crystallins are long-lived and structural intactness is required for maintaining lens transparency and protein solubility.





Accelerated Molecular Dynamics & Gaussian accelerated molecular dynamics With adding a boost potential /harmonic boost potential to smoothen the system potential energy surface.

$$\Delta V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2}k(E - V(\vec{r}))^2 \text{ for } V(\vec{r}) < E \qquad \Delta V(\vec{r}) = \frac{(E - V(r))^2}{a + (E - V(r))} \text{ for } V(\vec{r}) < E$$
  
The modified system potential is given by  

$$\frac{V^*(\vec{r}) = V(\vec{r}) + \frac{1}{2}k(E - V(\vec{r}))^2 \text{ for } V(\vec{r}) < E}{for V(\vec{r}) \ge E}$$
  
If  $V_1(\vec{r}) < V_2(\vec{r})$   
 $\frac{1}{2}[V_1(\vec{r}) + V_2(\vec{r})] < E < \frac{1}{2}[V_1(\vec{r}) + V_2(\vec{r})] + \frac{1}{k}$ 

With  $V_{\min} \leq V_1(\vec{r}) < V_2(\vec{r}) \leq V_{max}$ , we need to set the **Threshold energy** in the following range.

$$V_{max} \le \mathbf{E} \le V_{min} + \frac{1}{k}$$

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Problem of accelerated Molecular Dynamics

$$\Delta V(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{2}k(E - V(\vec{r}))^2 \text{ for } V(\vec{r}) < E \qquad \Delta V(\vec{r}) = \frac{(E - V(r))^2}{(a + (E - V(r)))} \text{ for } V(\vec{r}) < E$$
$$\Delta U = U' - U = \Theta(E_0 - U) \times \frac{(E_0 - U)^2}{a + E_0 - U}$$
The type of Heaviside function

1) This function form was designed to alter the original energy function efficiently at the same time keeping the **smoothness up to the second order derivative of the energy**.

2) Variance of potential energy's order of tens-to-hundreds of kilocalories per mole.

So , if we can use same exponent with usual harmonic equation , we can avoid this problem !

Gaussian accelerated molecular dynamics



#### Takeaways

Take Home Message 1Use adequate tool for each systems

Take Home Message 2

Always keep conscious about thermodynamics