The SHO model for implicit solvation

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Phil's methodsIdentification of UNS in monomeric proteins:



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Not recapitulation of fa_sol Hopefully a forcefield term down the road...





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Frequency of UNS

- Cost of an "UNS" backbone polar is 5-6 kcal/mol (Fleming and Rose, 2005)
- The few observed in crystal structures are artifacts (Fleming and Rose, 2005)
- Why did we identify ~25 in the native protein??

Unintuitive "UNS" assignment





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Solution: smaller probe size?

Unintuitive "exposed" assignment





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Solution: try explicitly building ("rotameric") waters

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Not accessible to I.0 Å probe



But potentially solvated!



Shortcomings

- Description of partially buried polar groups not robust
 - "Rotamer approximation" what about non-ideal water positions?
 - Prefer non-binary for incorporation into the energy function (in place of the polar part of EEFI)

Moving off-rotamer



"SHO": solvent hydrogen-bond occlusion



The SHO approach

$$E_{SHO} = -kT \ln \left[P(\text{no solvent at any occluded points}) \right]$$
$$= -kT \ln \left[1 - P(\text{solvent at one or more occluded points}) \right]$$

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Note: E_{SHO} ranges from 0 to 5 kcal/mol (sole adj. param)

What are we capturing?

 $\Delta G_{_{occ}}$



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Recall: many spurious UNS in native proteins (1.4 Å probe)





Mean unsigned error is 0.9 (donors), 0.6 kcal/mol (acceptors)



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Average UNS in lowest-energy decoy: EEFI=1.8, PB=0.6, SHO=0.1



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- Avoidance of UNS is a very stringent criterion probably cuts down conformational space dramatically
 - Evidence from filtering of protein interface designs, etc.

FlexPepDock



Decoys from Raveh, London, Schueler-Furman



Schueler-Furman

Watch for it!

• We're hard at work on a fast, differentiable, pairwise-additive approximate version

 Important caveat - we've only done discrimination tests so far, haven't tried generating decoys yet

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Backbone Acceptors



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Recap

- Model is build by considering solute's potential for Hbonding to *discrete* solvent molecules
- As such, specifically penalizes occlusion that leads to UNS
- Seems to work well for discrimination, decoy generation is upcoming
- May also represent a better way of identifying UNS in decoys / designs

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