Bridging Biophysics and Bioinformatics General Trends of Intramolecular Interactions in Globular Proteins

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- Our approach to protein analysis
 - Entropy of system
 - Enthalpy of system
 - Denatured state
 - Native state
 - Solvent-solvent interactions
 - Solvent-protein interactions
 - Protein intramolecular interactions
 - Covalent interactions
 - Non-covalent interactions
- We calculate interaction energies of non-covalent interactions
- We characterize selected data from structural database by physical means





- Protein containing N amino acids is split into 2N groups of atoms (each residue – 2 groups)
- 4 types of atom groups (fragments) based on their physical character
 - Backbone (BB)
 - Dipoles with special organization
 - Side chain charged (CH D,E,K,R,H)
 - ions
 - Side chain polar (PO N,Q,T,S)
 - dipoles
 - Side chain non-polar (NP G,A,L,I,V,C,M,P,F,Y,W)
 - quadrupoles
 - van der Waals



> 10 types of interactions

- We acquire interaction energy (IE) for each pair of fragments
- OPLS Force field interaction energy between 2 fragments is a sum of their atomic pairwise contributions
 - Coulombic terms
 - Gas phase (ϵ_r =1)
 - Lennard-Jones terms
 - Subsequent backbone interactions set zero

$$E_{LJ} = \varepsilon \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{6} \right]$$

 Structure set – 1358 single chain proteins, no ligands, 70% sequence identity removed

$$E_{coulomb} = k \frac{q_1 q_2}{r}$$

IEM and RIE construction – backbone-backbone interactions

- IE gathered in interaction energy matrix (IEM)
- Protein of N residues \rightarrow NxN matrix of pairwise interactions
- We have 10 types of interactions \rightarrow 10 IEMs for each protein

BB IEM	ALA 1	ALA 2	GLN 3	SER 4	VAL 5	ASP 6	GLN 7	LEU 8	ILE 9	LYS 10
ALA 1	0.00	0.00	-2.90	0.56	0.12	0.81	-0.82	0.74	0.47	0.43
ALA 2	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.34	0.02	-0.11	-0.15	-0.01	-0.03	-0.05
GLN 3	-2.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1.09	-0.02	0.39	0.21	0.00	0.09
SER 4	0.56	-0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.26	-0.95	-3.11	-0.06	-0.21
VAL 5	1.12	0.02	-1.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	-1.09	-3.79	-0.28
ASP 6	0.81	-0.11	-0.02	1.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.05	-1.55	-3.65
GLN 7	0.82	-0.15	0.39	-0.95	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.15	-1.43
LEU 8	0.74	-0.01	0.21	-3.11	-1.09	-0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.06
ILE 9	0.47	-0.03	0.00	-0.06	-3.79	-1.55	-0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
LYS 10	0.43	-0.05	0.09	-0.21	-0.28	-3.65	-1.43	-0.06	0.00	0.00

- Residue interaction energy (RIE)
- Energy content of one residue
- Sum of values in one line of IEM

IEM and RIE construction – nonpolar-nonpolar interactions

NPNP RIE

NPNP IEM	ALA 1	ALA 2	GLN 3	SER 4	VAL 5	ASP 6	GLN 7	LEU 8	ILE 9	LYS 10
ALA 1	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ALA 2	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.22	0.00
GLN 3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SER 4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VAL 5	0.00	-0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.54	-0.32	0.00
ASP 6	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
GLN 7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LEU 8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
ILE 9	0.00	-0.22	0.00	0.00	-0.32	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00
LYS 10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

- Our task statistics of RIEs calculated for large set of structures from database = distributions
- Dependence of RIE distributions on
 - secondary structure content
 - size





Effect of secondary structure content on RIE distributions





Average RIE distributions in proteins. Cumulative distribution function in proteins against RIE / [kcal]/mol. Red – CATH a, blue – SCOP a, green – CATH b, magenta – SCOP b. In the left bottom corner – zoom on BB RIE distributions.



RIE distributions of alanine sampled through whole structure set. ALA contributes to 7 types of interactions.





CHNP





Effect of protein size on average RIE values





Size dependence of RIEs of certain type. Averaged through whole structure set.



CHPO and BBCH interactions are coupled

RIE distribution dependences of CHPO and BBCH on size.



$$E = \begin{cases} E = E_{\infty} \left(1 - kN^{-\frac{1}{3}} \right) & : N \le N_D \\ E_D & : N > N_D \end{cases}$$

NPNP RIE dependence on size – comparison of model and calculated values.



Conclusions

- Secondary structure content does not correlate with RIE distributions except for BB RIEs.
- BB RIEs distributions have more than one peak and are different for each AA.

- Dependence of NPNP average RIEs can be used to determine domain size about 108 residues.
- BB and PO interactions are coupled.

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