Computational Bioelectrostatics

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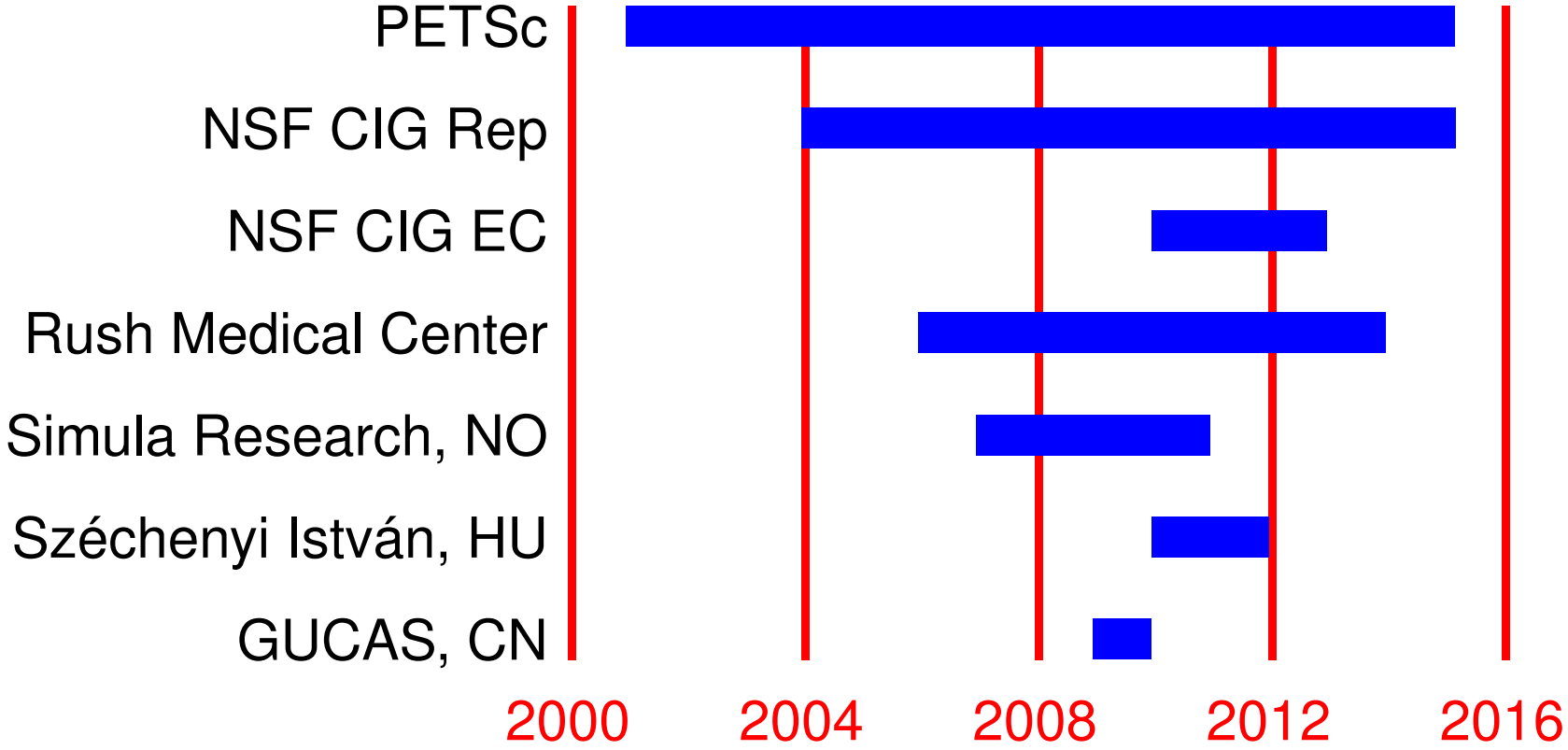
Research Areas

- Mathematics
  - Scalable solution of Nonlinear PDE
  - Discretization on unstructured meshes
  - Massively parallel algorithms
  - Fast methods for integral equations
- Applications
  - Bioelectrostatics
  - Crustal and Magma Dynamics
  - Wave Mechanics
  - Fracture Mechanics

Funding

Community Involvement



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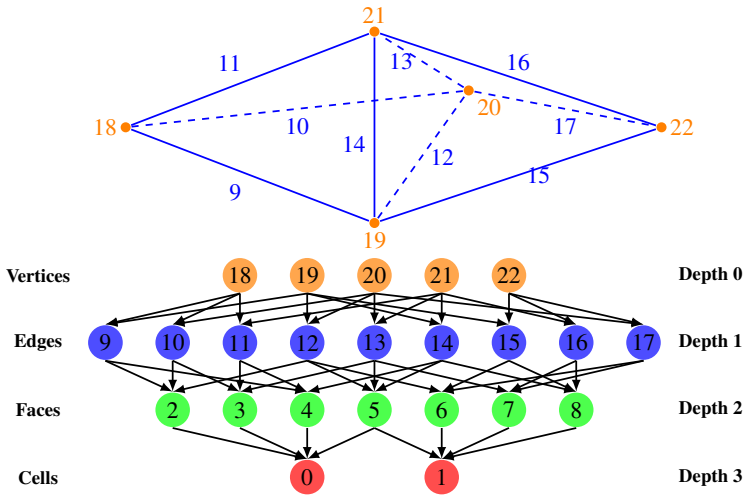

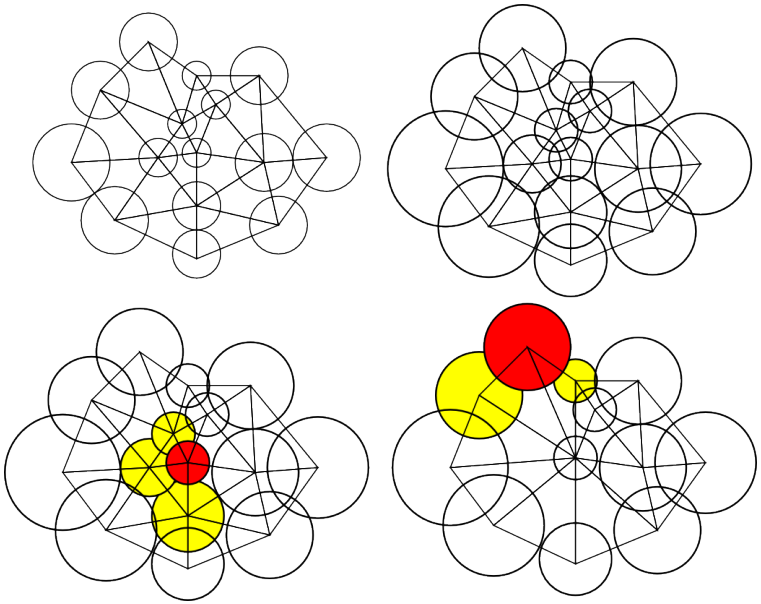

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Multiplicative	$*$	$\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{F}, \vec{x}, \vec{b}), \vec{b})$	$\mathcal{M} * \mathcal{N}$
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Inner Lin. Inv.	$\backslash$	$\vec{y} = \vec{J}(\vec{x})^{-1}\vec{r}(\vec{x}) = \mathsf{K}(\vec{J}(\vec{x}), \vec{y}_0, \vec{b})$	$\mathcal{N}\backslash\mathsf{K}$

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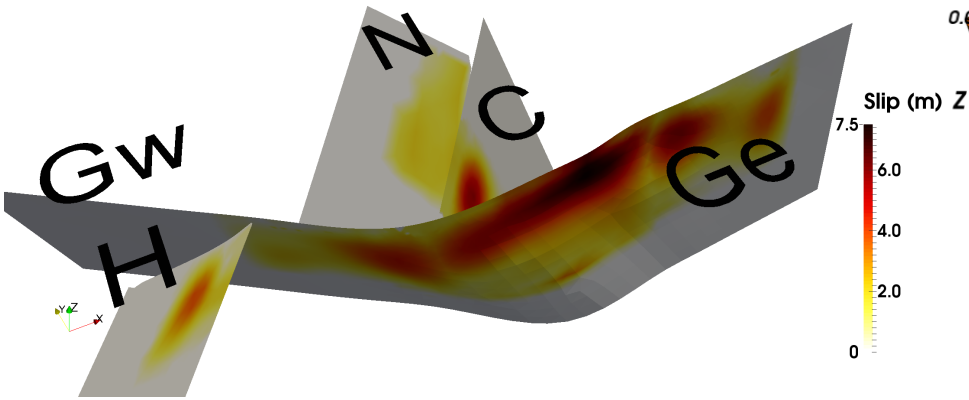

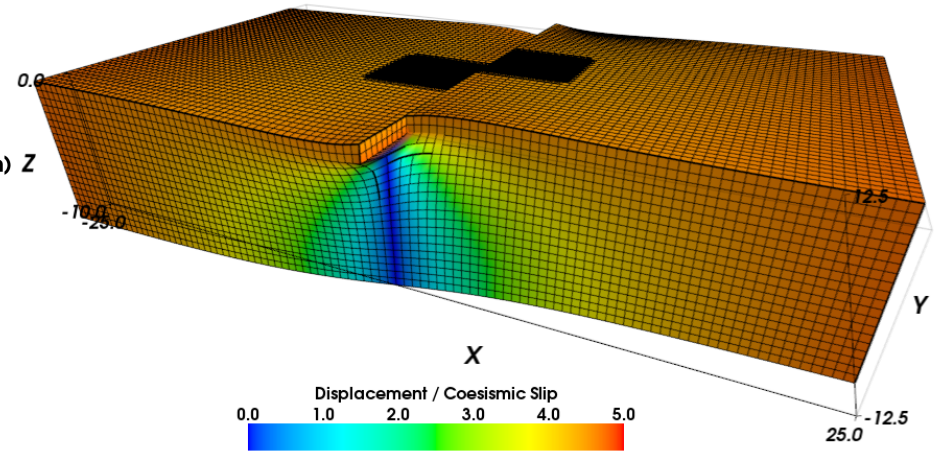

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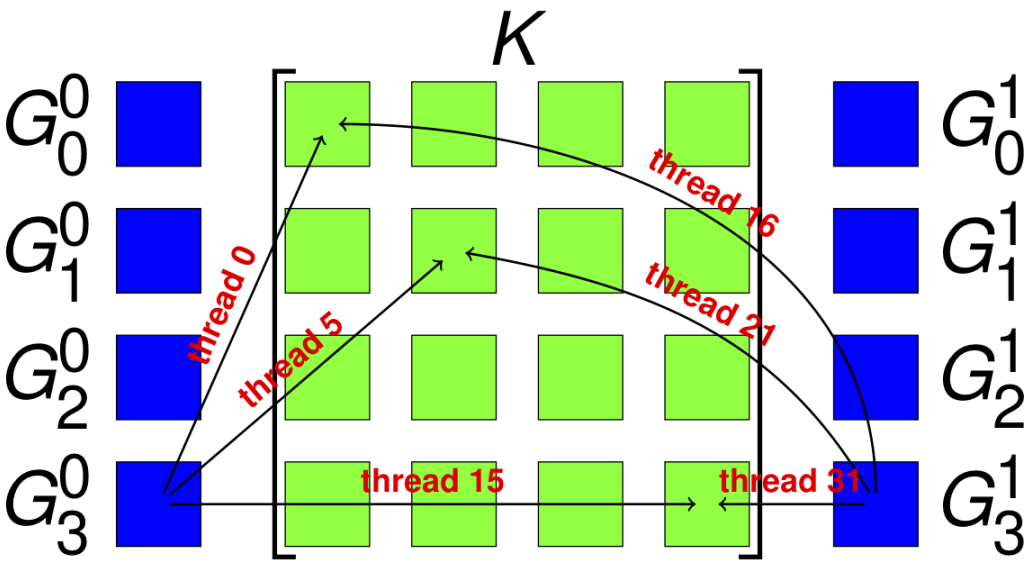

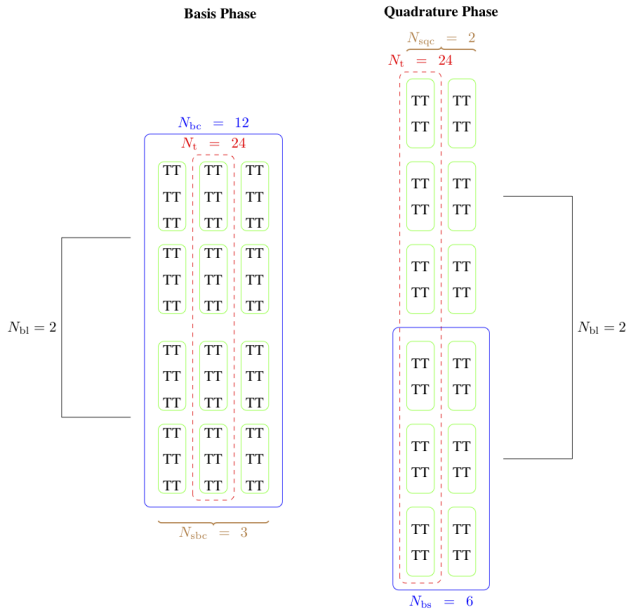

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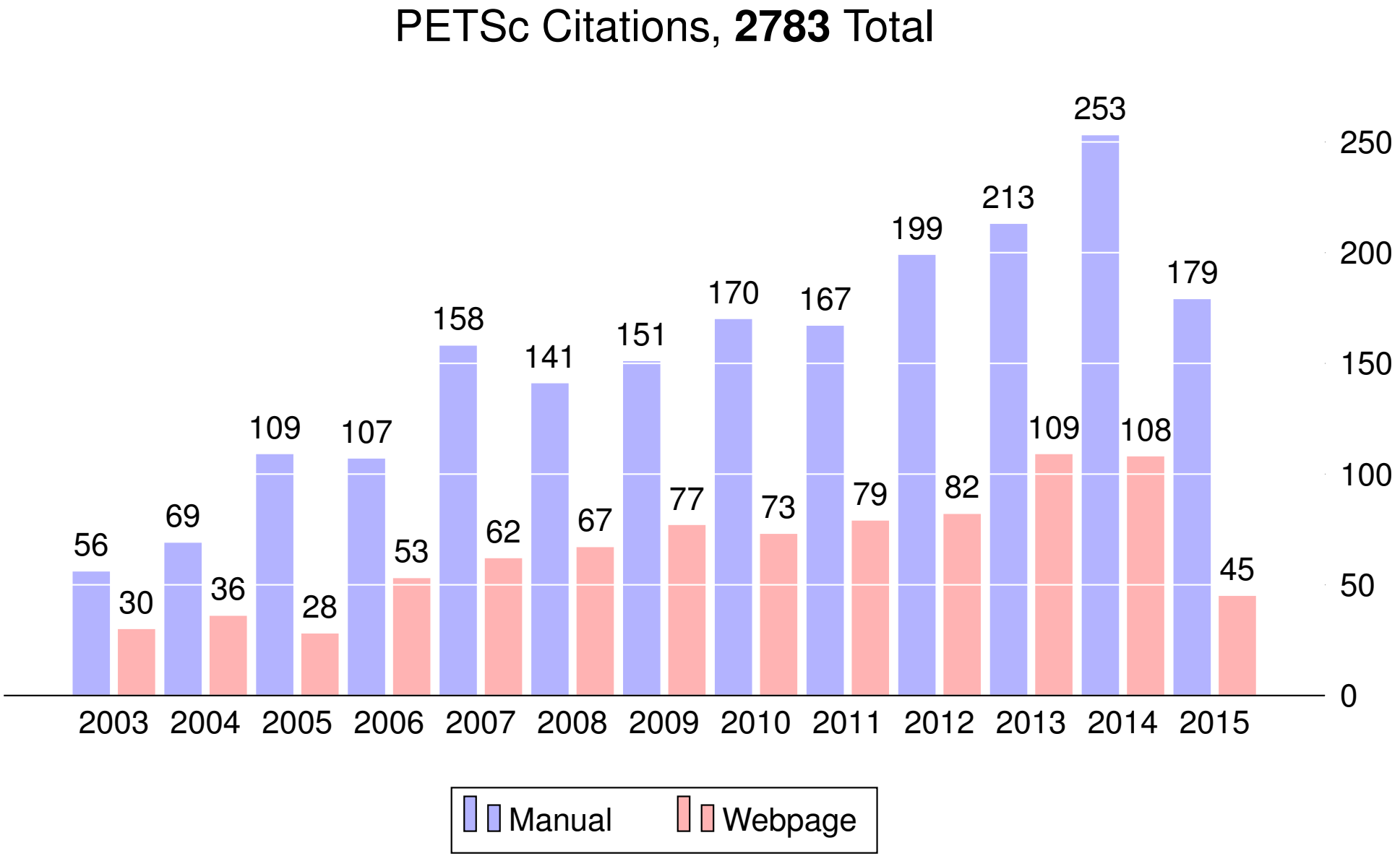

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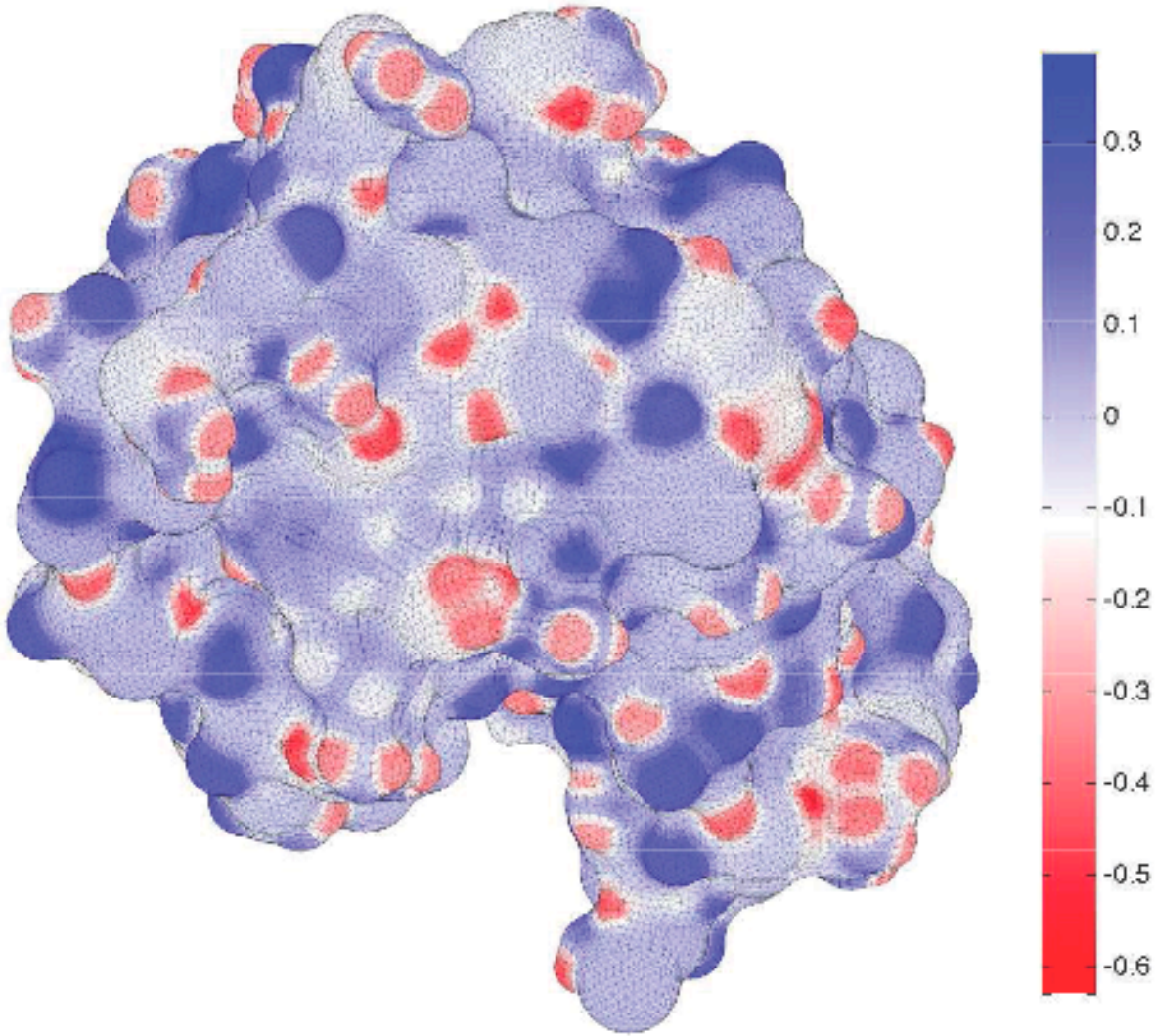
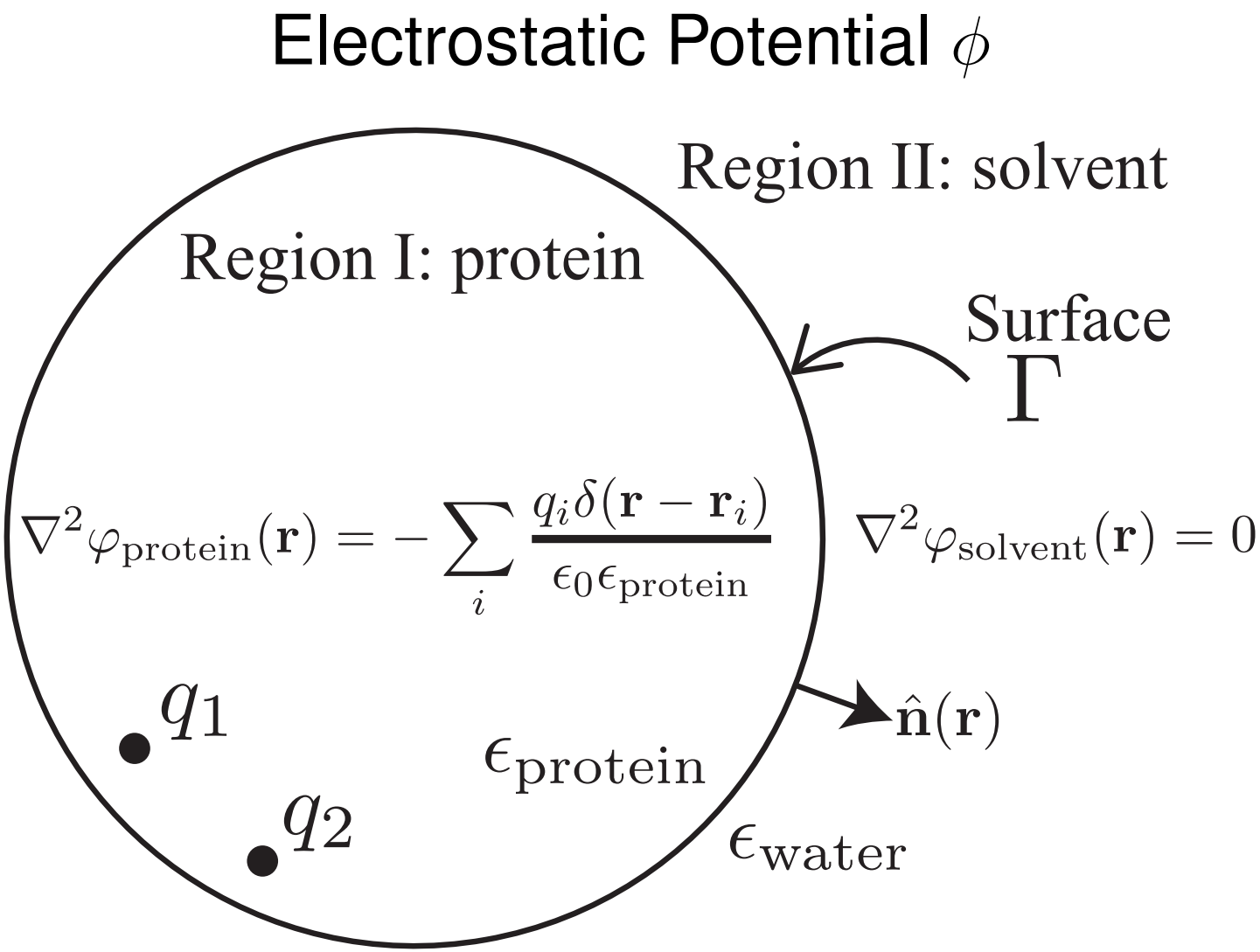
The Natural World



Induced Surface Charge on Lysozyme

Bioelectrostatics
Physical Model



Bioelectrostatics
Mathematical Model

We can write a Boundary Integral Equation (BIE) for the induced surface charge σ,

$$\sigma(\vec{r}) + \hat{\epsilon} \int_\Gamma \frac{\partial}{\partial n(\vec{r})} \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}')d^2\vec{r}'}{4\pi||\vec{r} - \vec{r}'||} = -\hat{\epsilon} \sum_{k=1}^{Q} \frac{\partial}{\partial n(\vec{r})} \frac{q_k}{4\pi||\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k||}$$

$$\left(\mathcal{I} + \hat{\epsilon}\mathcal{D}^*\right)\sigma(\vec{r}) =$$

where we define

$$\hat{\epsilon} = 2\frac{\epsilon_I - \epsilon_{II}}{\epsilon_I + \epsilon_{II}} < 0$$

Problem

Boundary element discretizations of the solvation problem:

- can be expensive to solve
- are more accurate than required by intermediate design iterations

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Bioelectrostatics
Mathematical Model

The *reaction* potential is given by

$$\phi^R(\vec{r}) = \int_\Gamma \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}')d^2\vec{r}'}{4\pi\epsilon_1||\vec{r}-\vec{r}'||} = C\sigma$$

which defines G_{es}, the electrostatic part of the solvation free energy

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta G_{es} &= \frac{1}{2}\left\langle q, \phi^R \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\left\langle q, Lq \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\left\langle q, CA^{-1}Bq \right\rangle\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}Bq &= -\hat{\epsilon}\int_\Omega \frac{\partial}{\partial n(\vec{r})}\frac{q(\vec{r}')d^3\vec{r}'}{4\pi||\vec{r}-\vec{r}'||} \\ A\sigma &= \mathcal{I} + \hat{\epsilon}\mathcal{D}^*\end{aligned}$$

BIBEE

Approximate $\mathcal{D}^*$ by a diagonal operator

Boundary Integral-Based Electrostatics Estimation

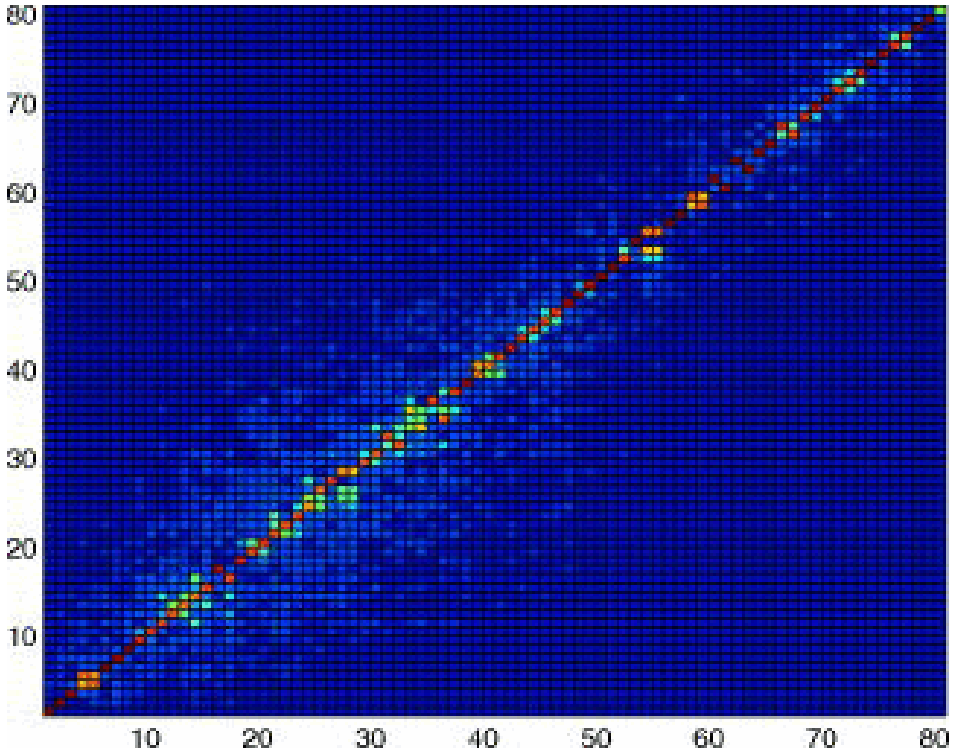
Coulomb Field Approximation:
uniform normal field

$$\left(1 - \frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{2}\right) \sigma_{CFA} = Bq$$

Lower Bound:
no good physical motivation

$$\left(1 + \frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{2}\right) \sigma_{LB} = Bq$$

Eigenvectors: BEM $e_i \cdot e_j$ BIBEE/P



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Preconditioning:
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$$\sigma_P = Bq$$

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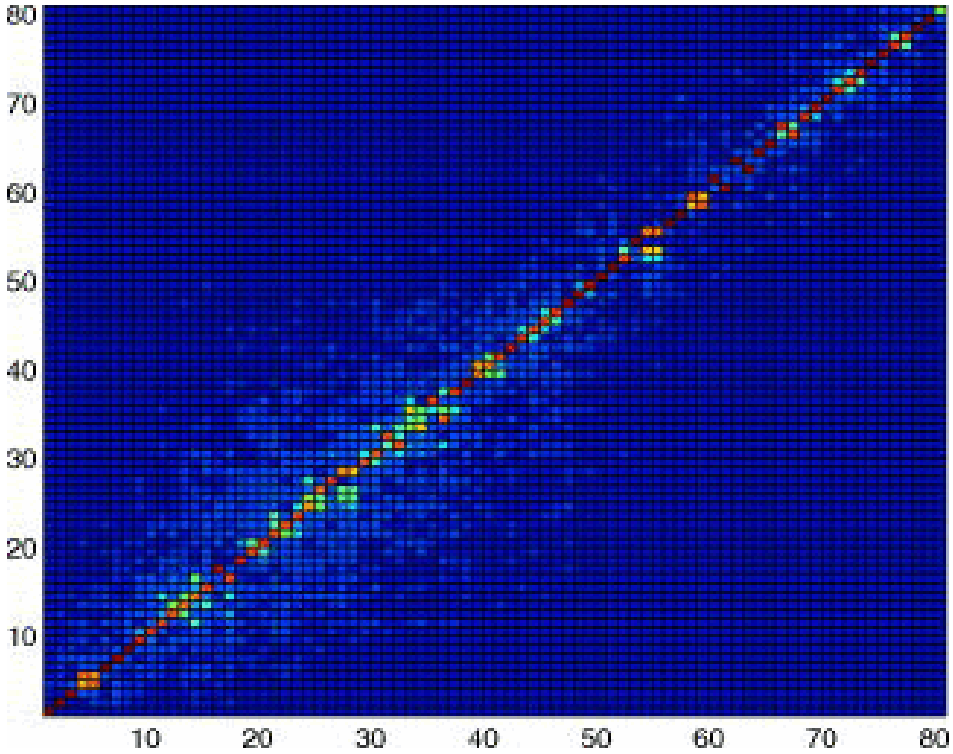

BIBEE Bounds on Solvation Energy

Theorem: The electrostatic solvation energy ΔG_{es} has upper and lower bounds given by

$$\frac{1}{2}\left(1+\frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{2}\right)^{-1}\langle q, CBq\rangle \leq \frac{1}{2}\left\langle q, CA^{-1}Bq\right\rangle \leq \frac{1}{2}\left(1-\frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{2}\right)^{-1}\langle q, CBq\rangle ,$$

and for spheres and prolate spheroids, we have the improved lower bound,

$$\frac{1}{2}\langle q, CBq\rangle \leq \frac{1}{2}\left\langle q, CA^{-1}Bq\right\rangle ,$$

and we note that

$$|\hat{\epsilon}| < \frac{1}{2}.$$

Energy Bounds:

Proof: Bardhan, Knepley, Anitescu, JCP, **130**(10), 2008

I will break the proof into three steps,

- Replace C with B
- Symmetrization
- Eigendecomposition

shown in the following slides.

We will need the single layer operator $\mathcal{S}$ for step 1,

$$\mathcal{S}\tau(\vec{r}) = \int \frac{\tau(\vec{r}')d^2\vec{r}'}{4\pi||\vec{r} - \vec{r}'||}$$

Energy Bounds: First Step

Replace C with B

The potential at the boundary Γ given by

$$\phi^{Coulomb}(\vec{r}) = C^T q$$

can also be obtained by solving an exterior Neumann problem for τ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi^{Coulomb}(\vec{r}) &= \mathcal{S}\tau \\
&= \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{I} - 2\mathcal{D}^*)^{-1}(\frac{2}{\hat{\epsilon}}Bq) \\
&= \frac{2}{\hat{\epsilon}}\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{I} - 2\mathcal{D}^*)^{-1}Bq
\end{aligned}$$

so that the solvation energy is given by

$$\frac{1}{2}\left\langle q, CA^{-1}Bq\right\rangle = \frac{1}{\hat{\epsilon}}\left\langle \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{I} - 2\mathcal{D}^*)^{-1}Bq, (\mathcal{I} + \hat{\epsilon}\mathcal{D}^*)^{-1}Bq\right\rangle$$

Energy Bounds: Second Step

Quasi-Hermiticity

Plemelj's symmetrization principle holds that

$$\mathcal{S}\mathcal{D}^* = \mathcal{D}\mathcal{S}$$

and we have

$$\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}^{1/2}\mathcal{S}^{1/2}$$

which means that we can define a Hermitian operator H similar to $\mathcal{D}^*$

$$H = \mathcal{S}^{1/2}\mathcal{D}^*\mathcal{S}^{-1/2}$$

leading to an energy

$$\frac{1}{2}\left\langle q, CA^{-1}Bq\right\rangle = \frac{1}{\hat{\epsilon}}\left\langle Bq, \mathcal{S}^{1/2}(\mathcal{I} - 2H)^{-1}(\mathcal{I} + \hat{\epsilon}H)^{-1}\mathcal{S}^{1/2}Bq\right\rangle$$

Energy Bounds: Third Step

Eigendecomposition

The spectrum of $\mathcal{D}^*$ is in $[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$, and the energy is

$$\frac{1}{2}\left\langle q, CA^{-1}Bq\right\rangle = \sum_i \frac{1}{\hat{\epsilon}}\left(1-2\lambda_i\right)^{-1}\left(1+\hat{\epsilon}\lambda_i\right)^{-1} x_i^2$$

where

$$H = V\Lambda V^T$$

and

$$\vec{x} = V^T\mathcal{S}^{1/2}Bq$$

Energy Bounds: Diagonal Approximations

The BIBEE approximations yield the following bounds

$$\frac{1}{2}\left\langle q, CA_{CFA}^{-1}Bq\right\rangle = \sum_i \frac{1}{\hat{\epsilon}}\left(1-2\lambda_i\right)^{-1}\left(1-\frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{2}\right)^{-1}x_i^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\left\langle q, CA_{P}^{-1}Bq\right\rangle = \sum_i \frac{1}{\hat{\epsilon}}\left(1-2\lambda_i\right)^{-1}x_i^2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\left\langle q, CA_{LB}^{-1}Bq\right\rangle = \sum_i \frac{1}{\hat{\epsilon}}\left(1-2\lambda_i\right)^{-1}\left(1+\frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{2}\right)^{-1}x_i^2$$

where we note that

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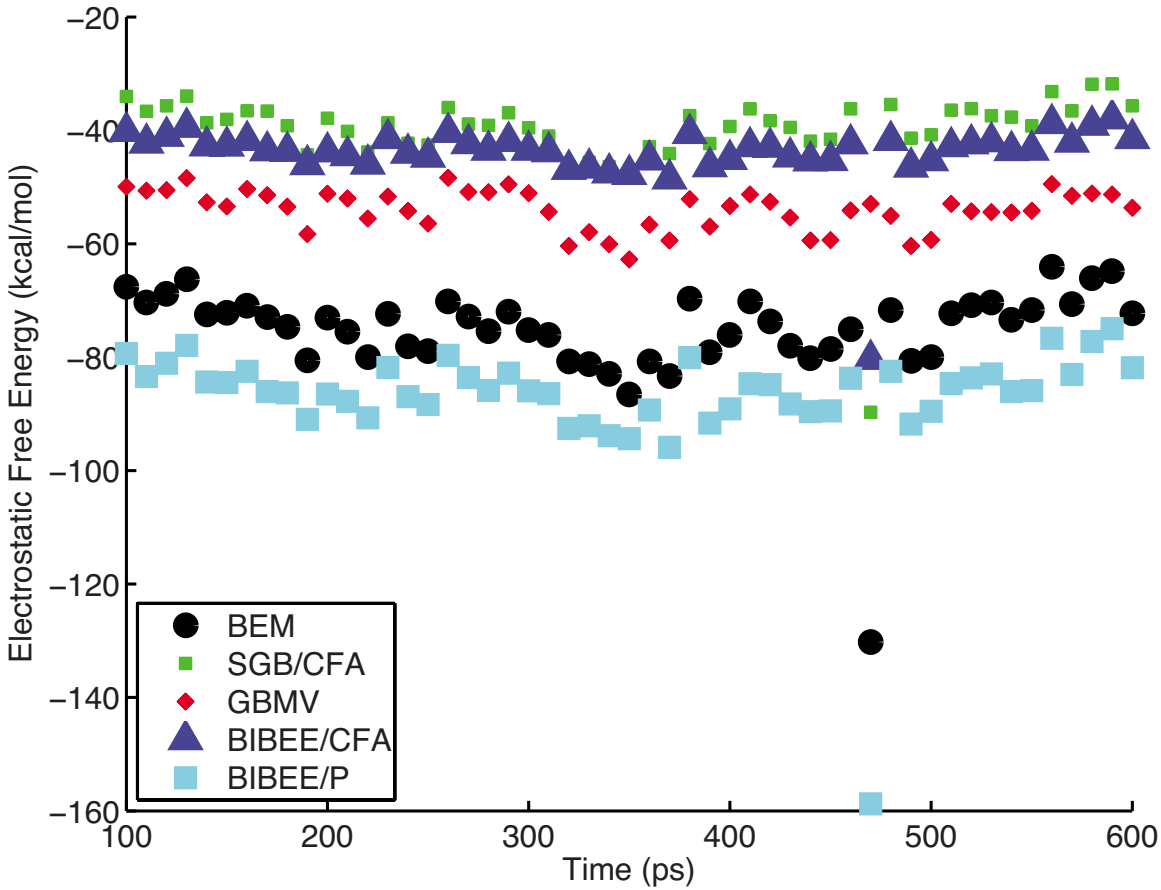
BIBEE Accuracy

Electrostatic solvation free energies of met-enkephalin structures



Snapshots taken from a 500-ps MD simulation at 10-ps intervals.
Bardhan, Knepley, Anitescu, JCP, 2009.

Generalized Born Approximation

The pairwise energy between charges is defined by the *Still equation*:

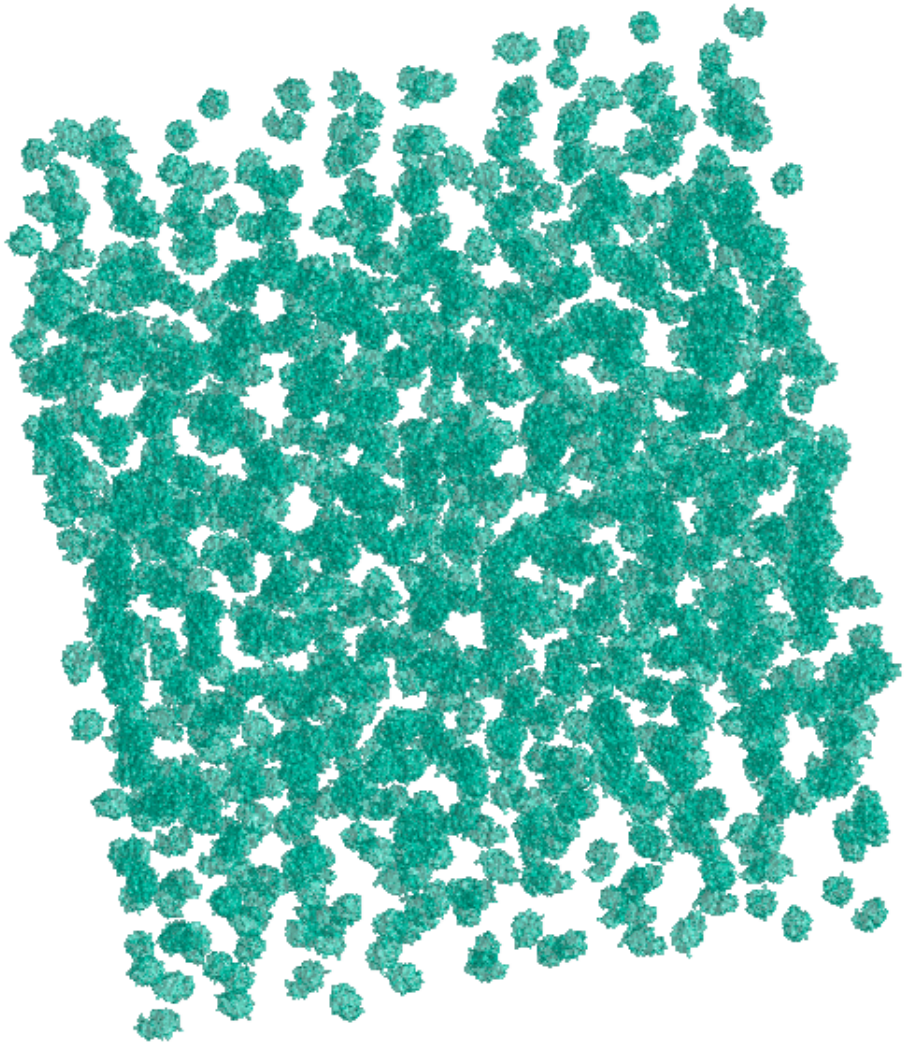
$$G^{ij}_{es} = \frac{1}{8\pi}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_{II}} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_I}\right)\sum_{i,j}^{N}\frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}^2 + R_i R_j e^{-r_{ij}^2/4R_iR_j}}$$

where the *effective Born radius* is

$$R_i = \frac{1}{8\pi}\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_{II}} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_I}\right)\frac{1}{E_i}$$

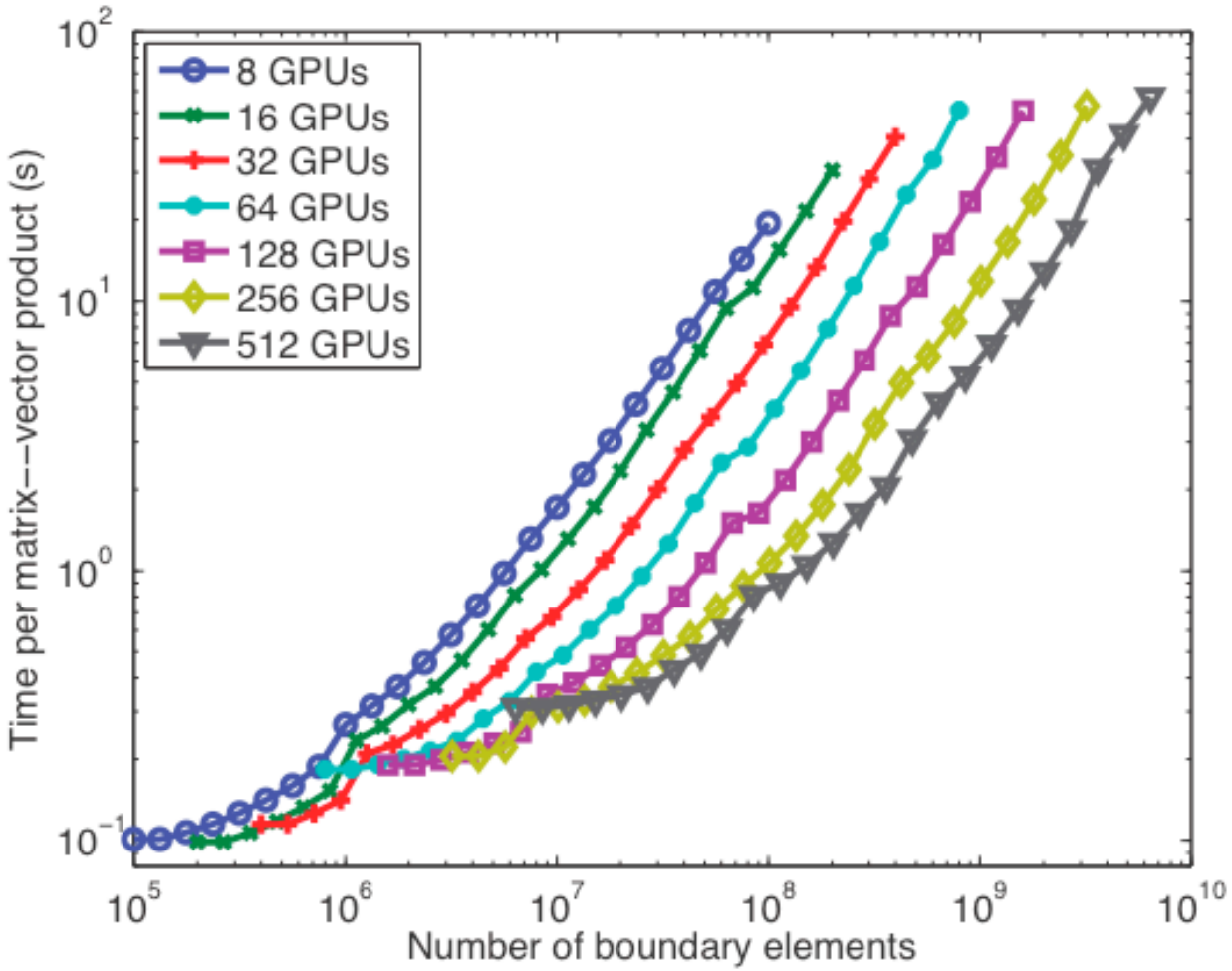
where E_i is the *self-energy* of the charge q_i, the electrostatic energy when atom i has unit charge and all others are neutral.

Crowded Protein Solution



Important for drug design of antibody therapies

BIBEE Scalability



Yokota, Bardhan, Knepley, Barba, Hamada, CPC, 2011.

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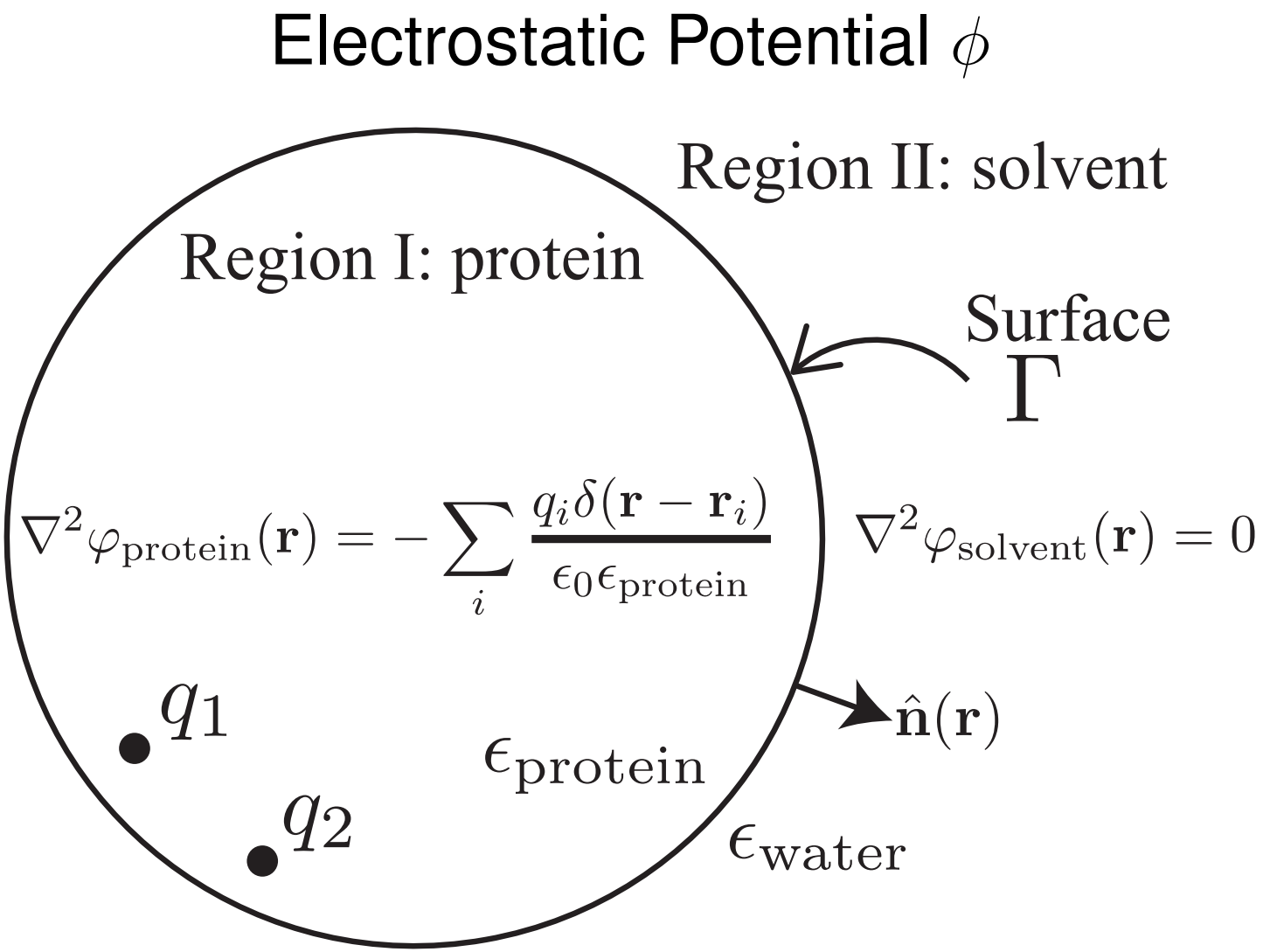


Kirkwood's Solution (1934)

The potential inside Region I is given by

$$\Phi_I = \sum_{k=1}^{Q} \frac{q_k}{\epsilon_1 \left|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k\right|} + \psi,$$

and the potential in Region II is given by

$$\Phi_{II} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{n} \frac{C_{nm}}{r^{n+1}} P_n^m(\cos\theta) e^{im\phi}.$$

Kirkwood's Solution (1934)

The reaction potential ψ is expanded in a series

$$\psi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{n} B_{nm} r^n P_n^m(\cos\theta) e^{im\phi}.$$

and the source distribution is also expanded

$$\sum_{k=1}^{Q} \frac{q_k}{\epsilon_1 \left|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k\right|} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-n}^{n} \frac{E_{nm}}{\epsilon_1 r^{n+1}} P_n^m(\cos\theta) e^{im\phi}.$$

Kirkwood's Solution (1934)

By applying the boundary conditions, letting the sphere have radius b,

$$\Phi_I|_{r=b} = \Phi_{II}|_{r=b}$$
$$\epsilon_I \frac{\partial \Phi_I}{\partial r}|_{r=b} = \epsilon_{II} \frac{\partial \Phi_{II}}{\partial r}|_{r=b}$$

we can eliminate C_{nm}, and determine the reaction potential coefficients in terms of the source distribution,

$$B_{nm} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_I b^{2n+1}} \frac{(\epsilon_I - \epsilon_{II})(n+1)}{\epsilon_I n + \epsilon_{II}(n+1)} E_{nm}.$$

Approximate Boundary Conditions

Theorem: The BIBEE boundary integral operator approximations

$$A_{CFA} = \mathcal{I}\left(1 + \frac{\hat{\epsilon}}{2}\right)$$

$$A_P = \mathcal{I}$$

have an equivalent PDE formulation,

$$\epsilon_I \Delta \Phi_{CFA,P} = \sum_{k=1}^{Q} q_k \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k)$$

$$\epsilon_{II} \Delta \Phi_{CFA,P} = 0$$

$$\Phi_I|_{r=b} = \Phi_{II}|_{r=b}$$

$$\frac{\epsilon_I}{\epsilon_{II}} \frac{\partial \Phi_I^C}{\partial r}|_{r=b} = \frac{\partial \Phi_{II}}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial \psi_{CFA}}{\partial r}|_{r=b}$$

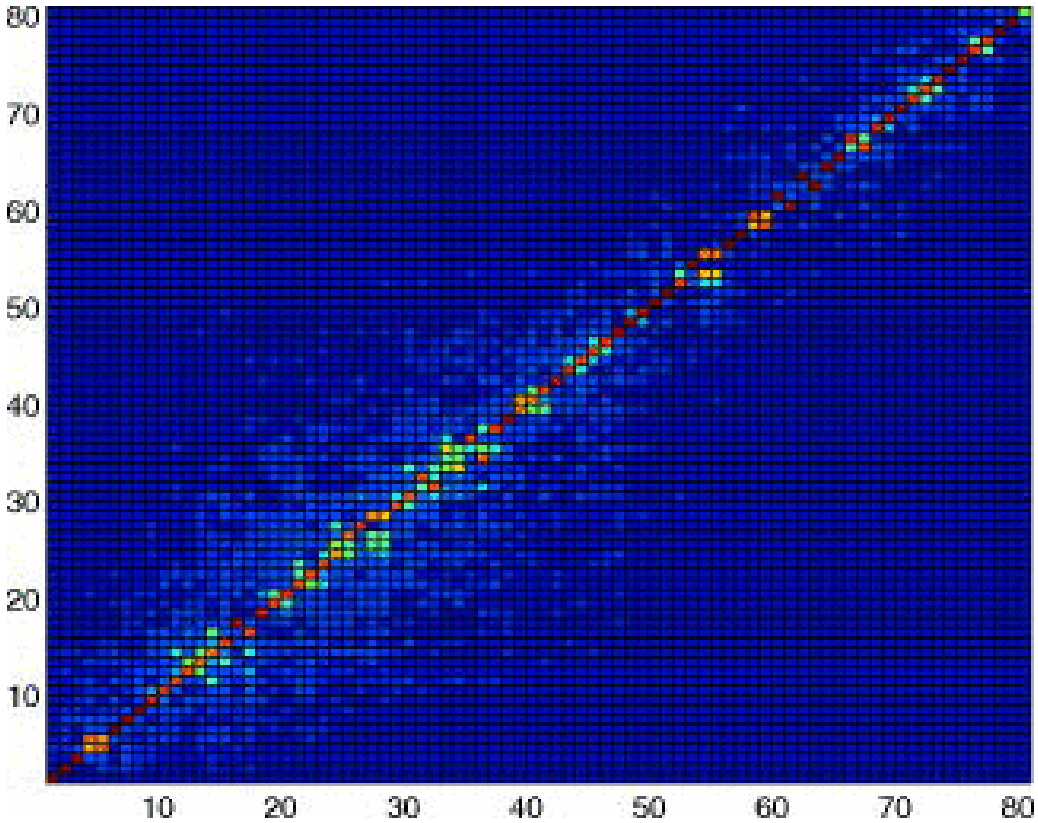
or

$$\frac{3\epsilon_I - \epsilon_{II}}{\epsilon_I + \epsilon_{II}} \frac{\partial \Phi_I^C}{\partial r}|_{r=b} = \frac{\partial \Phi_{II}}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial \psi_P}{\partial r}|_{r=b},$$

where Φ_1^C is the Coulomb field due to interior charges.

Approximate Boundary Conditions

Theorem: For spherical solute, the BIBEE boundary integral operator approximations have eigenspaces are identical to that of the original operator.



BEM eigenvector $e_i \cdot e_j$ BIBEE/P eigenvector

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The result does not hold for general boundaries.

Series Solutions

Note that the approximate solutions are *separable*:

$$B_{nm} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_1 n + \epsilon_2 (n+1)} \gamma_{nm}$$

$$B^{CFA}_{nm} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_2} \frac{1}{2n+1} \gamma_{nm}$$

$$B^{P}_{nm} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2} \frac{1}{n + \frac{1}{2}} \gamma_{nm}.$$

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Asymptotics

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In the limit $\epsilon_1/\epsilon_2 \to 0$,

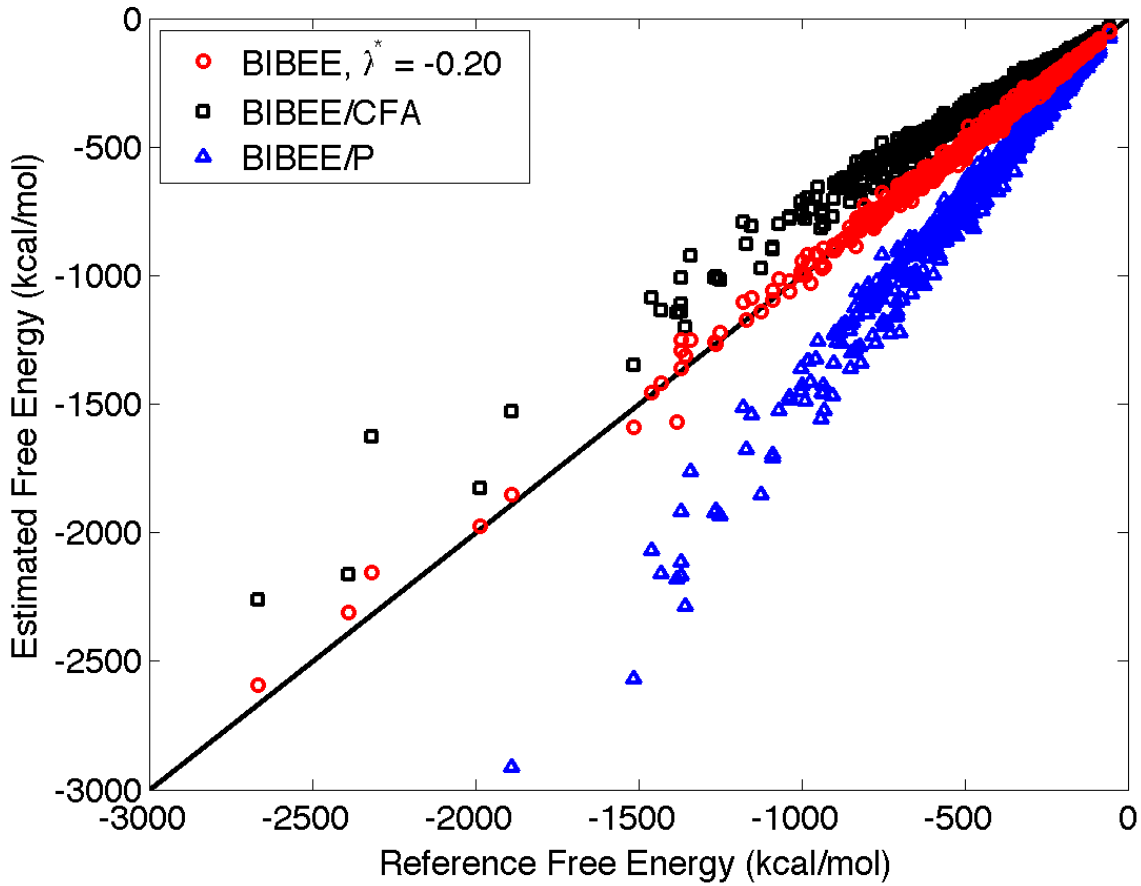
$$\lim_{\epsilon_1/\epsilon_2 \to 0} B_{nm} = \frac{\gamma_{nm}}{\epsilon_2(n+1)}$$
$$\lim_{\epsilon_1/\epsilon_2 \to 0} B^{CFA}_{nm} = \frac{\gamma_{nm}}{\epsilon_2(2n+1)},$$
$$\lim_{\epsilon_1/\epsilon_2 \to 0} B^{P}_{nm} = \frac{\gamma_{nm}}{\epsilon_2\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)},$$

so that the approximation ratios are given by

$$\frac{B^{CFA}_{nm}}{B_{nm}} = \frac{n+1}{2n+1}, \qquad \frac{B^{P}_{nm}}{B_{nm}} = \frac{n+1}{n+\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Improved Accuracy

BIBEE/I interpolates between BIBEE/CFA and BIBEE/P



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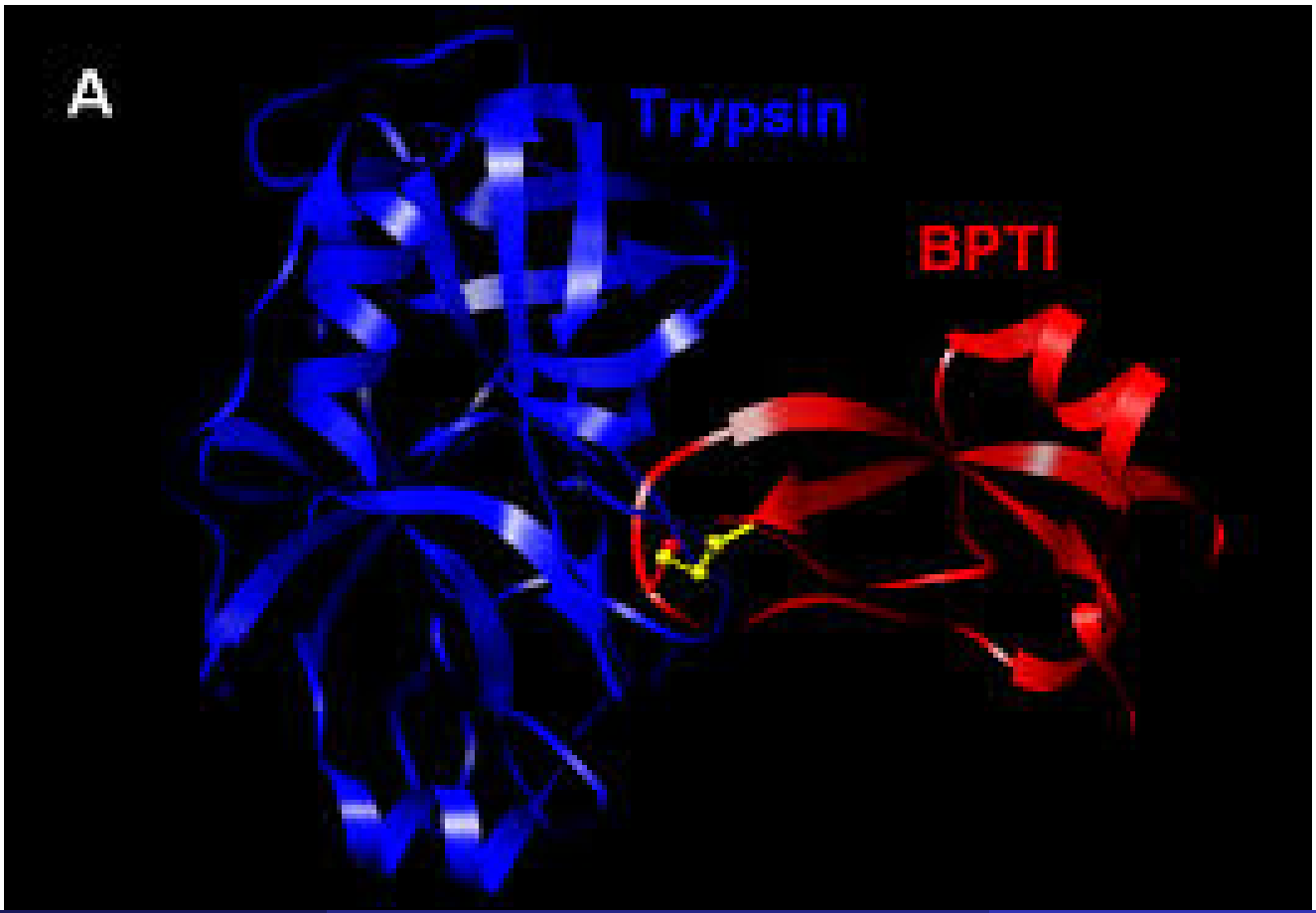

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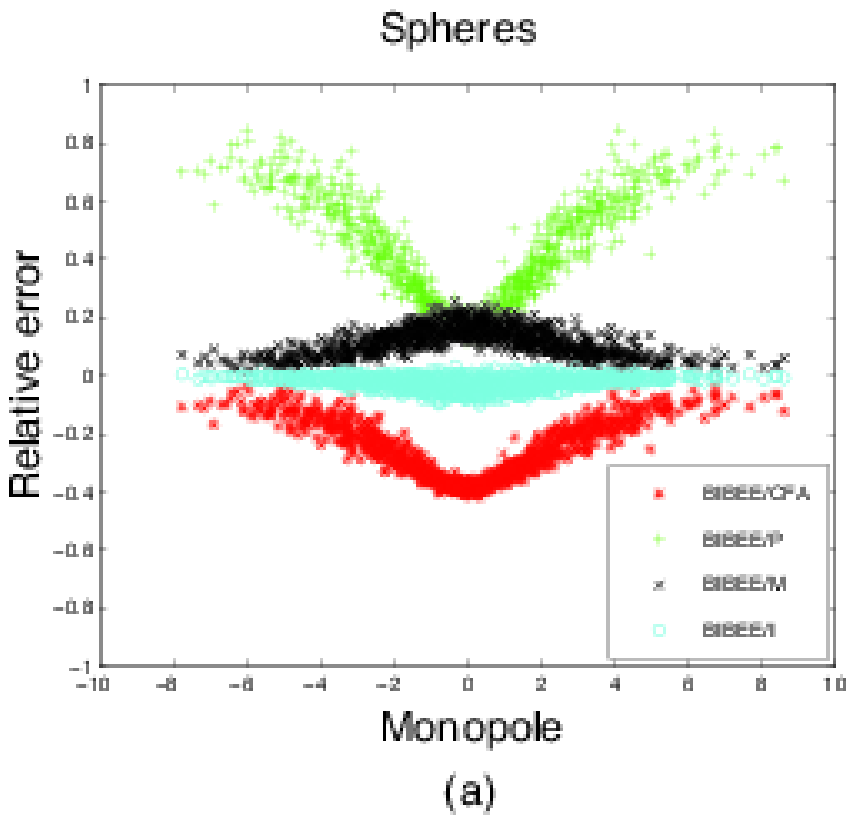

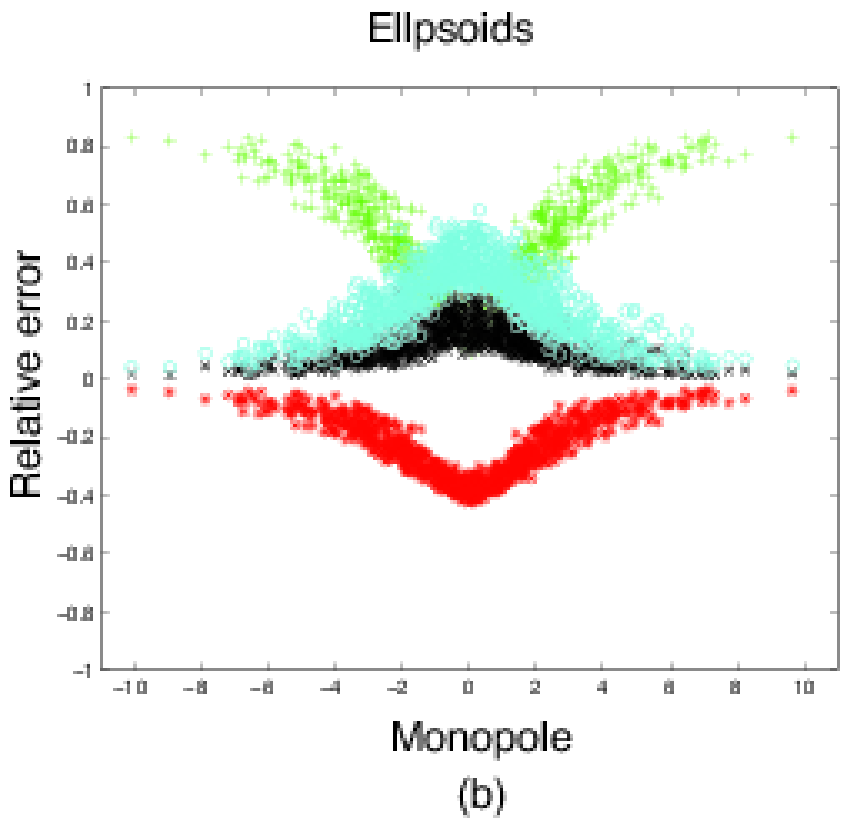

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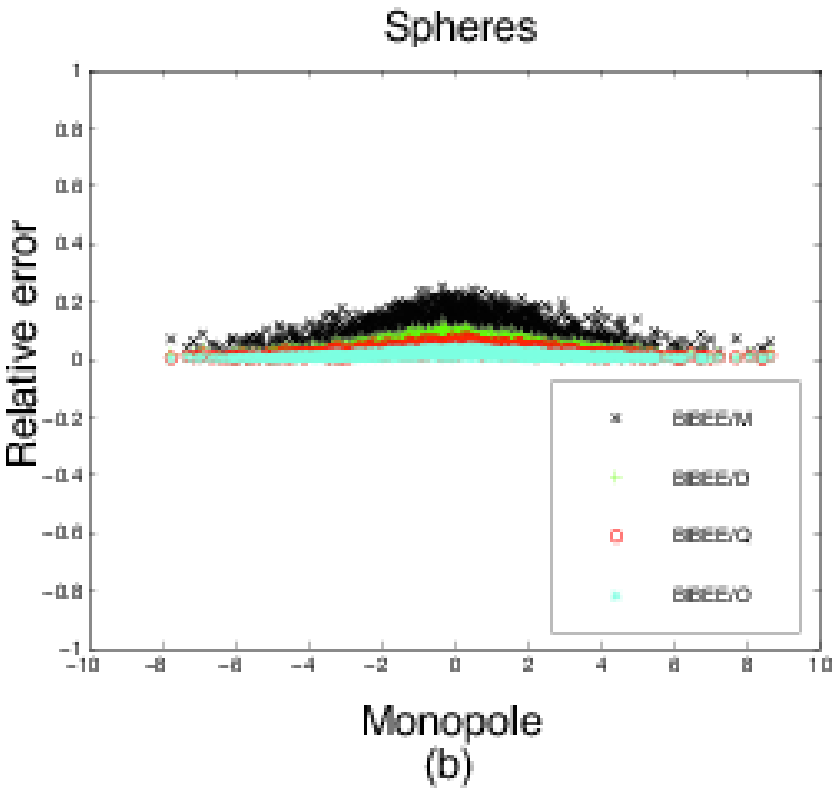

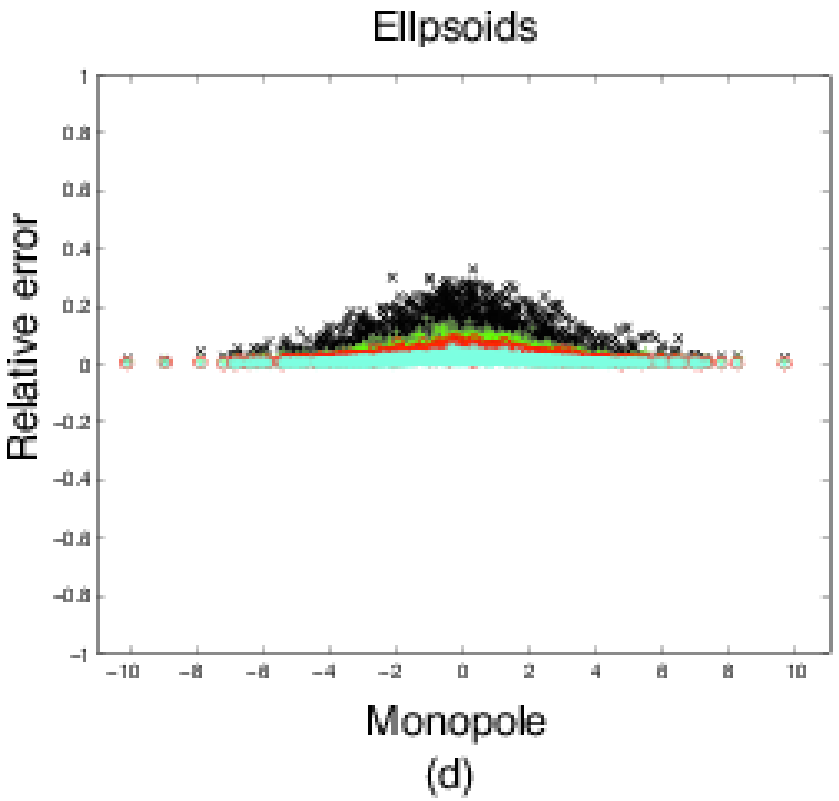

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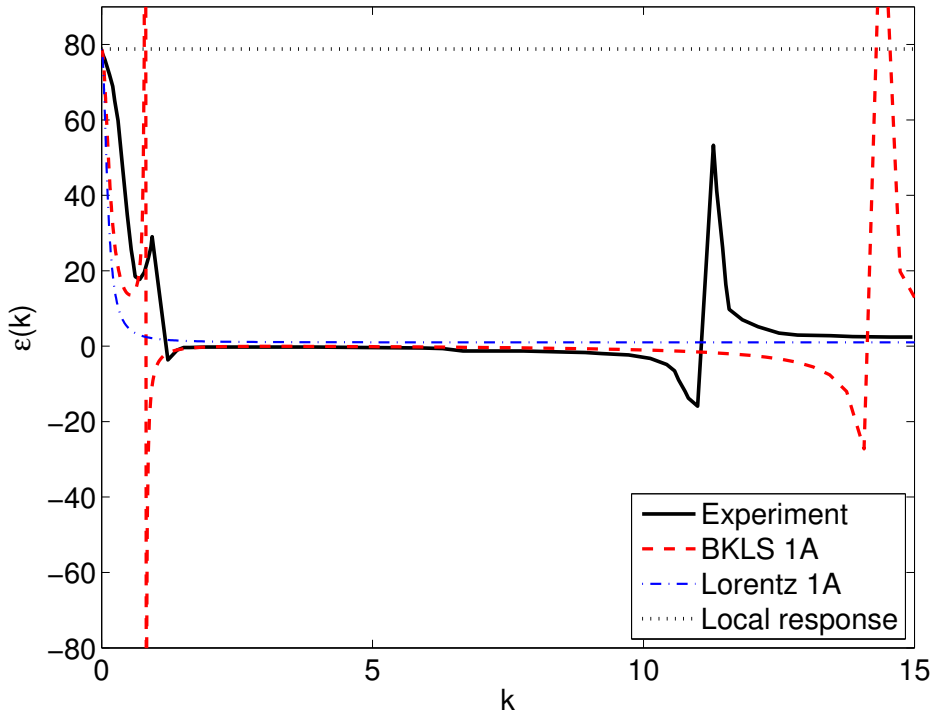

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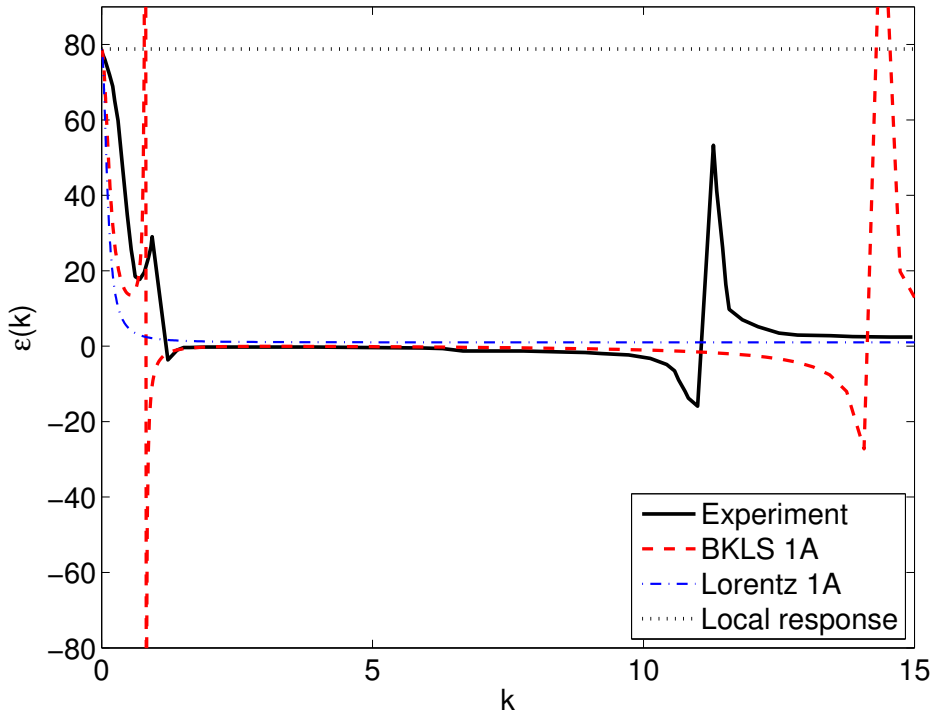

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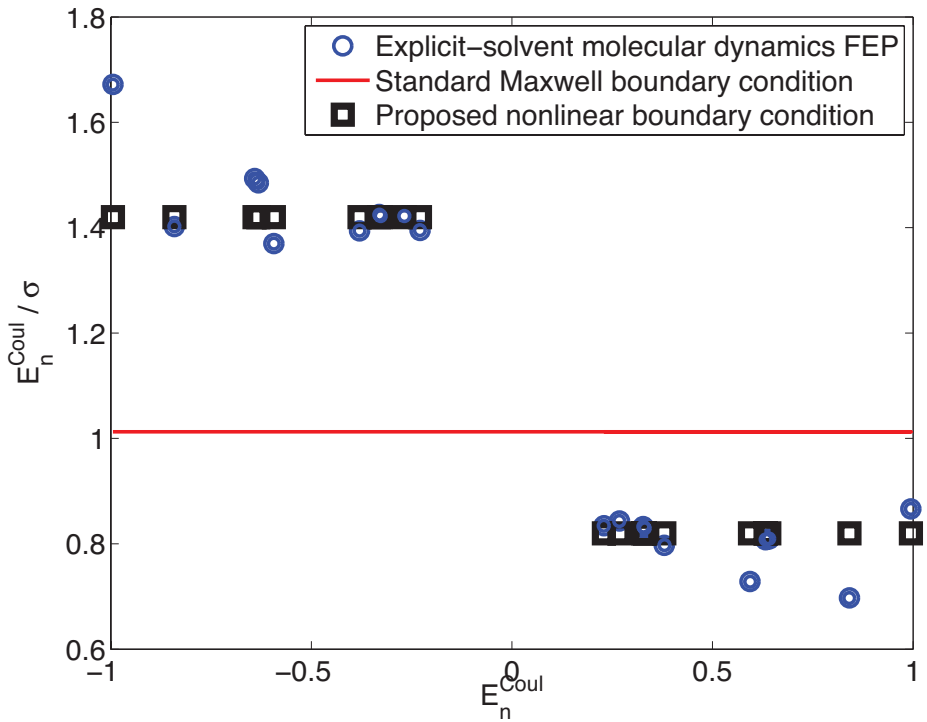

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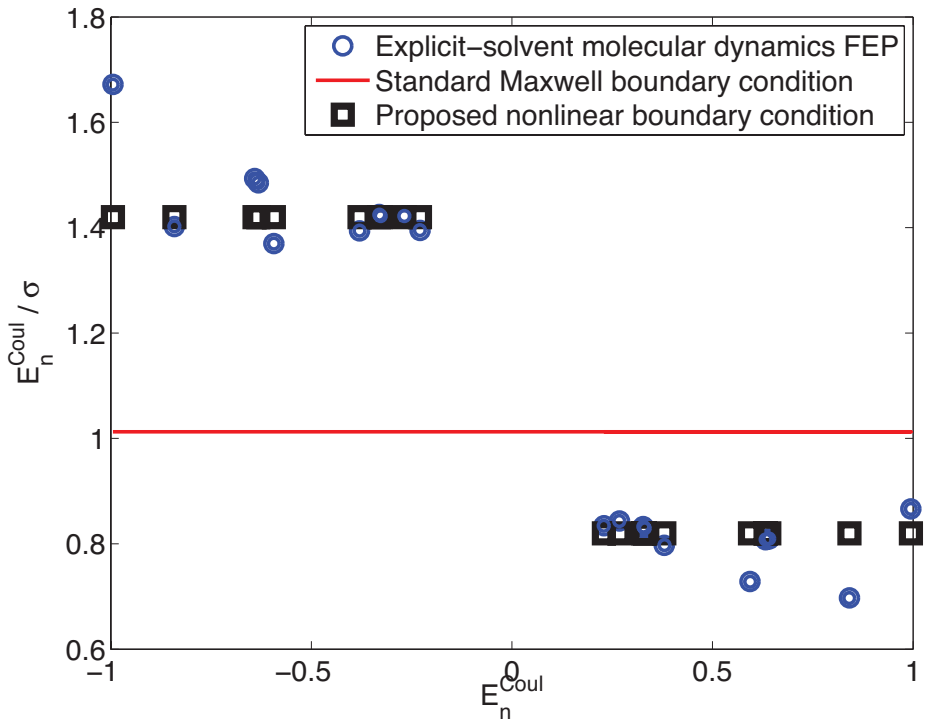

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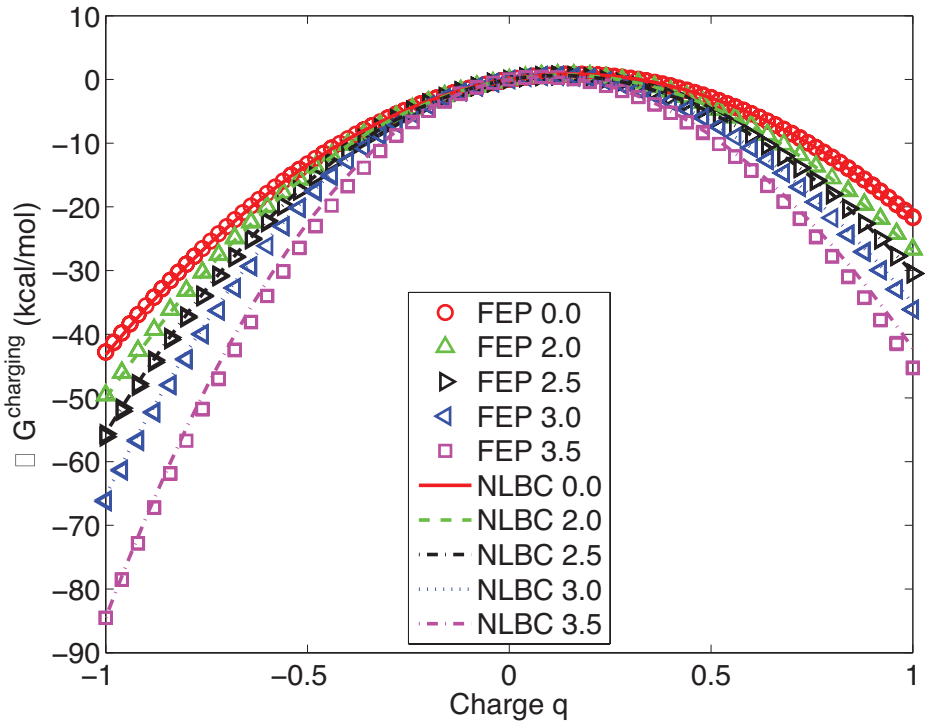

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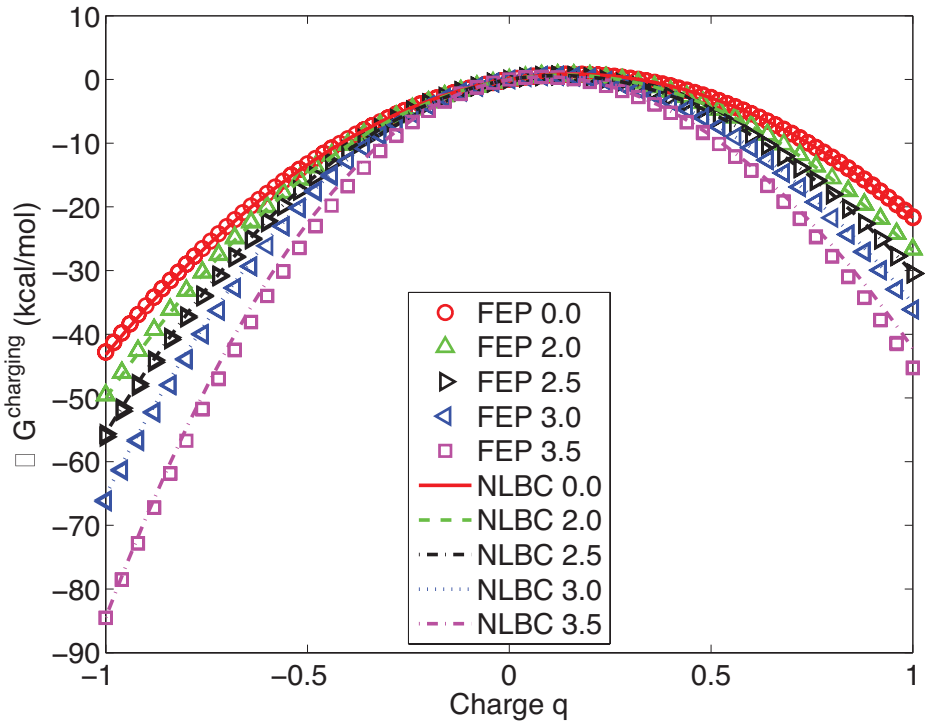

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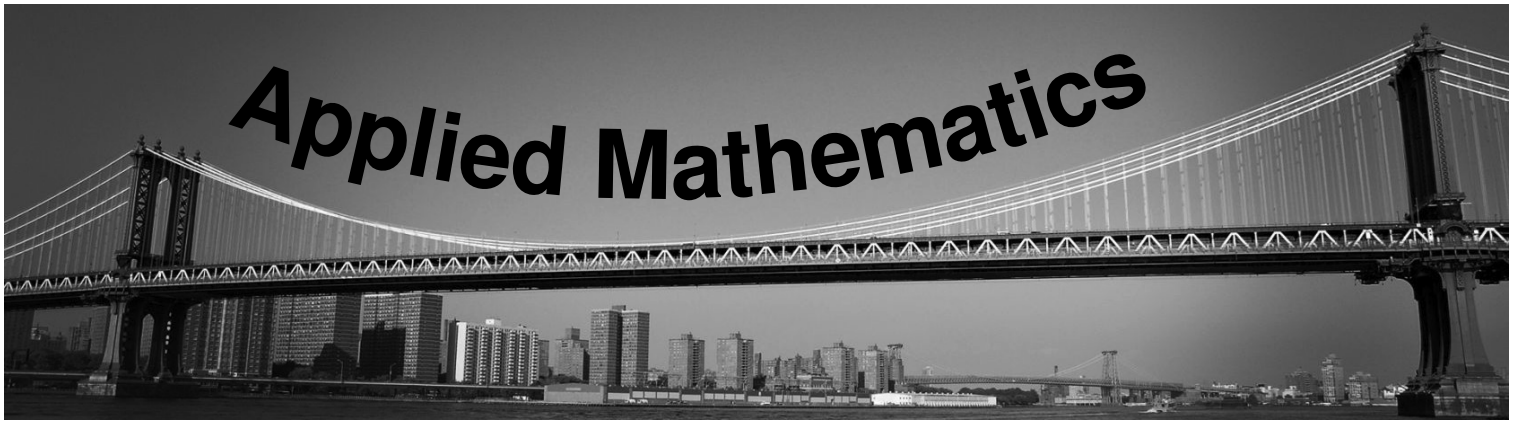

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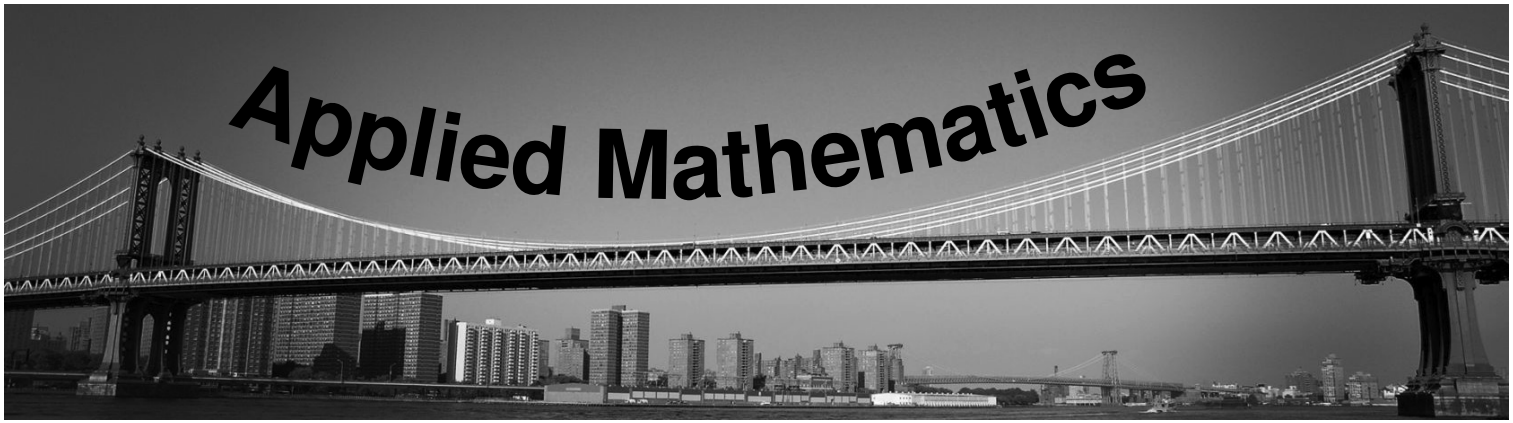

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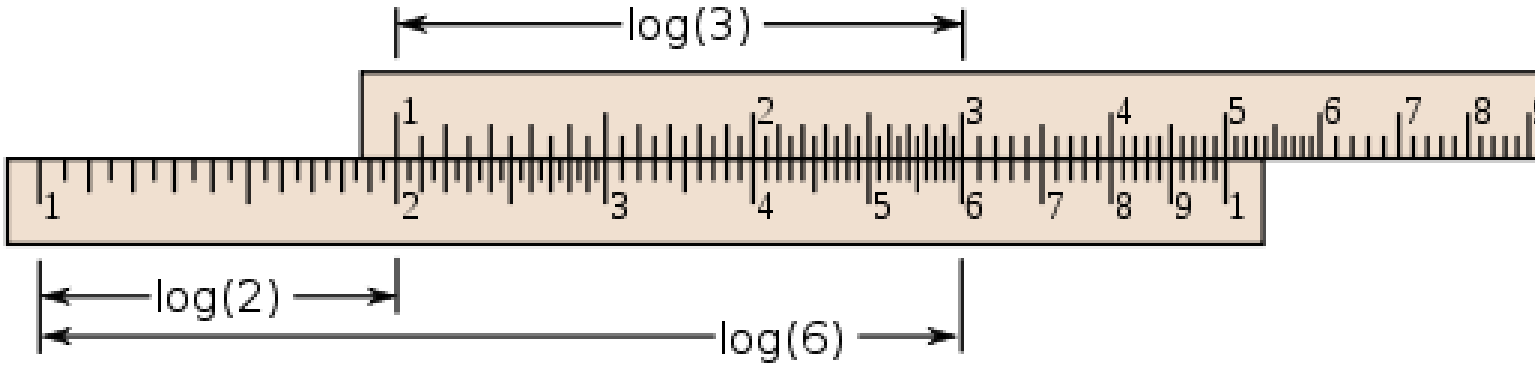

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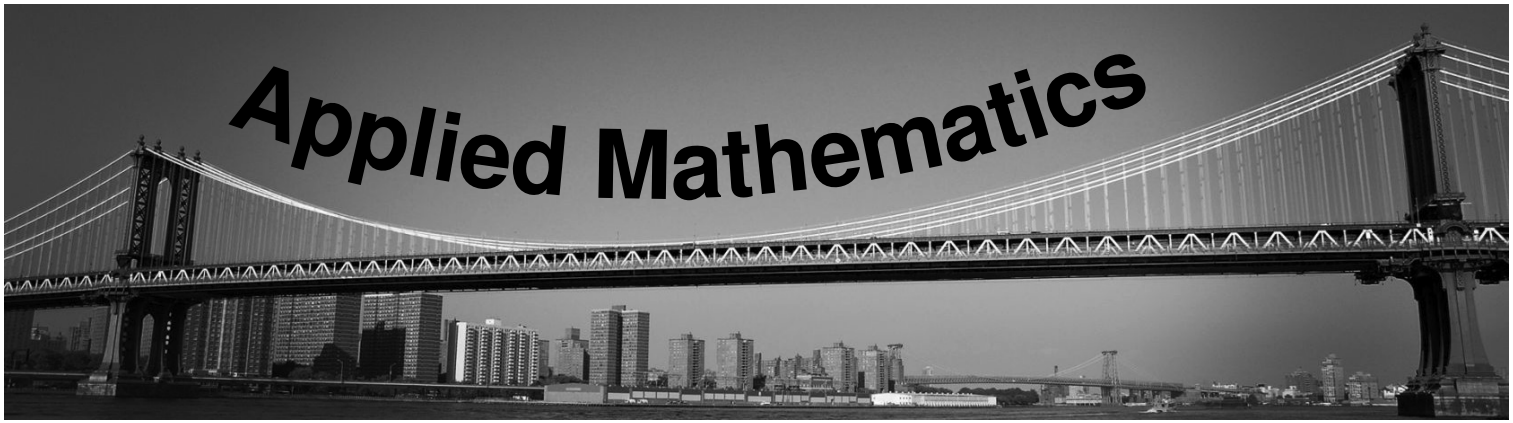

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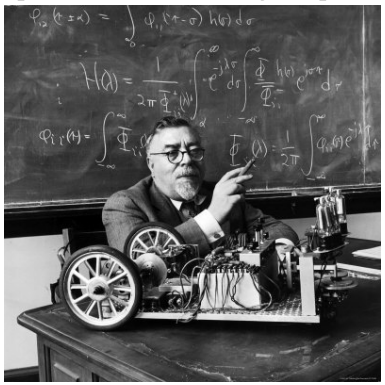

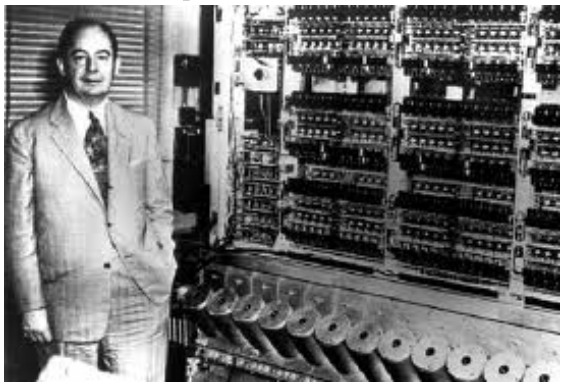

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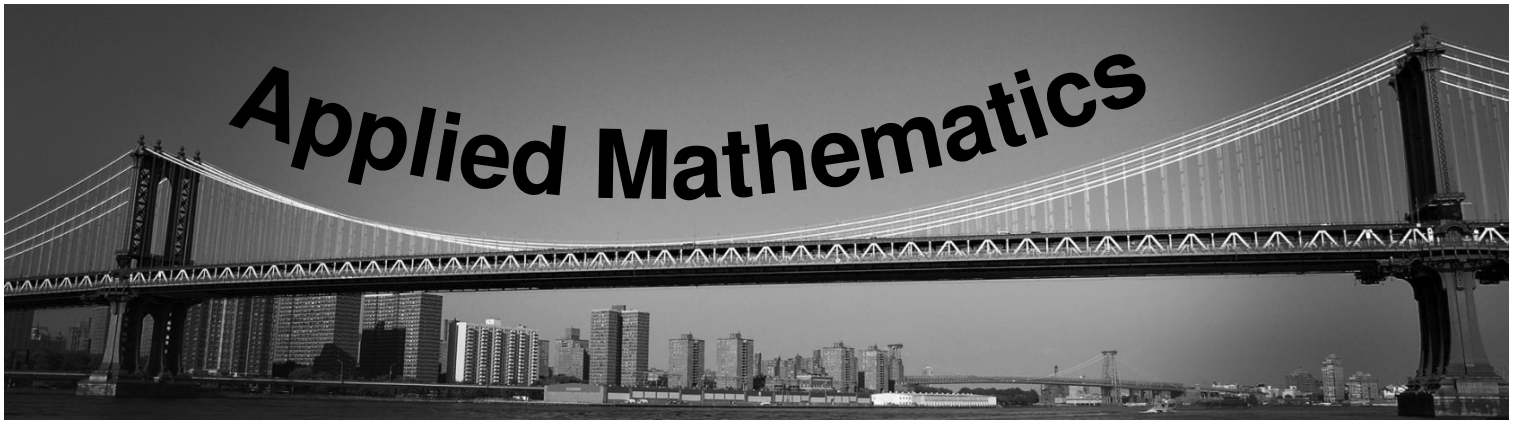

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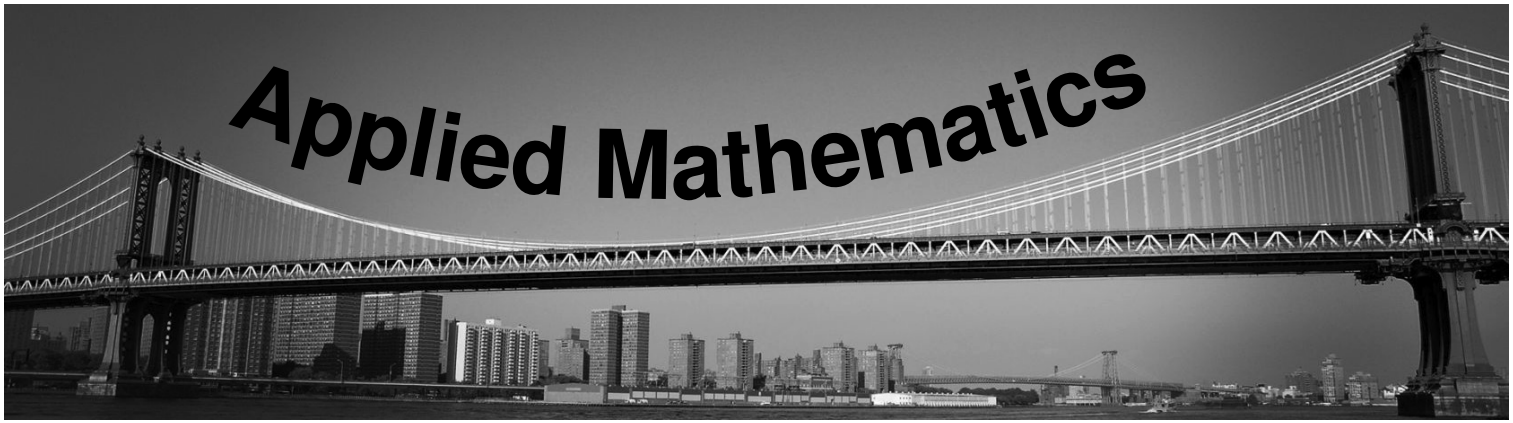

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