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# 1 Criteria for identifying various types of interactions

## 1.1 Disulphide bridges

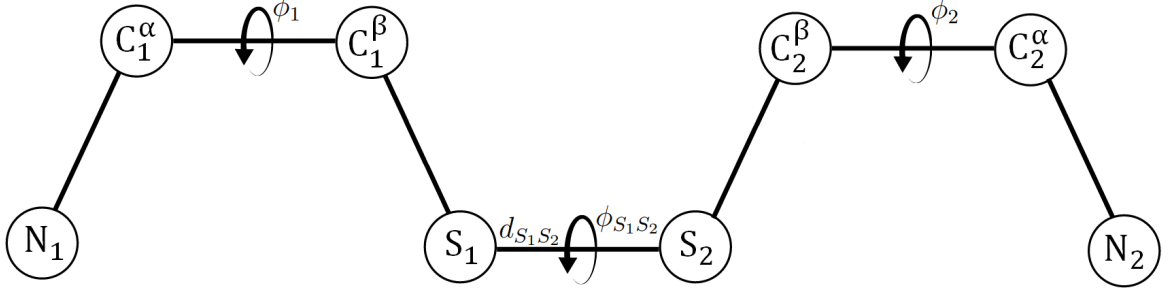


Figure 1: Diagram of a disulphide bridge. Atoms with subscript 1 and 2 represent two cysteines forming a disulphide bridge.  $N$  - a nitrogen atom from amino group,  $C^\alpha$  - a carbon atom  $C^\alpha$ ,  $C^\beta$  - a carbon atom  $C^\beta$ ,  $S$  - a sulphur atom.  $d_{S_1S_2}$  - a distance between sulphur atoms of two cysteines,  $\phi_{S_1S_2}$  - a dihedral angle between planes formed by  $C_1^\beta, S_1, S_2$  and  $S_1, S_2, C_2^\beta$ .  $\phi_1$  - a dihedral angle between planes formed by  $N_1, C_1^\alpha, C_1^\beta$  and  $C_1^\alpha, C_1^\beta, S_1$ .  $\phi_2$  - a dihedral angle between planes formed by  $S_2, C_2^\beta, C_2^\alpha$  and  $C_2^\beta, C_2^\alpha, N_2$ .

**Default criteria for disulphide bridge identification [8]:**

$$d_{C_1^\alpha C_2^\alpha} \leq 6.5 \text{ \AA} \quad \wedge \quad d_{C_1^\beta C_2^\beta} \leq 4.5 \text{ \AA}, \quad (1)$$

$$1.6 \text{ \AA} \leq d_{S_1S_2} \leq 2.4 \text{ \AA} \quad \wedge \quad 60^\circ \leq |\phi_{S_1S_2}| \leq 120^\circ, \quad (2)$$

$$30^\circ \leq |\phi_1| \leq 90^\circ \quad \vee \quad 150^\circ \leq |\phi_1| \leq 180^\circ, \quad (3)$$

$$30^\circ \leq |\phi_2| \leq 90^\circ \quad \vee \quad 150^\circ \leq |\phi_2| \leq 180^\circ. \quad (4)$$

## 1.2 Hydrogen bonds

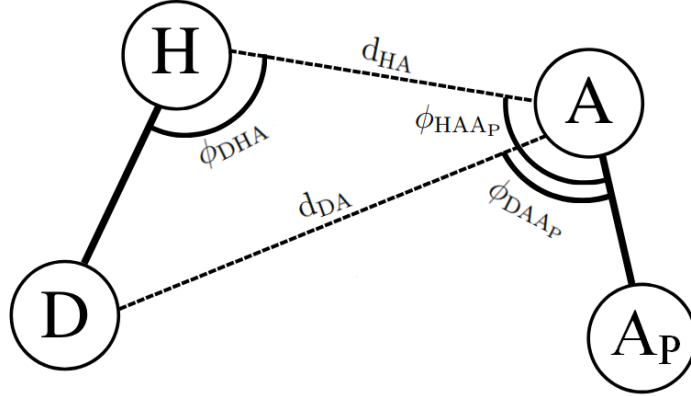


Figure 2: Diagram of a hydrogen bond.  $D$  - a hydrogen bond donor atom,  $H$  - a hydrogen atom forming a covalent bond with  $D$ ,  $A$  - a hydrogen bond acceptor atom, having a lone pair of polarized  $\pi$ -electrons,  $A_P$  - an atom antecedent for  $A$  in the side chain of amino acid.  $d_{HA}$  - a distance between  $H$  and  $A$ ,  $d_{DA}$  - a distance between  $D$  and  $A$ ,  $\phi_{DHA}$  - an angle between the vector  $\overrightarrow{HD}$  and the vector  $\overrightarrow{HA}$ ,  $\phi_{HAA_P}$  - an angle between the vector  $\overrightarrow{AH}$  and the vector  $\overrightarrow{AA_P}$ ,  $\phi_{DAA_P}$  - an angle between the vector  $\overrightarrow{AD}$  and the vector  $\overrightarrow{AA_P}$ .

**Default criteria for hydrogen bond identification: [4, 9]**

$$d_{HA} < 2.5 \text{ \AA}, \quad (5)$$

$$\phi_{DHA} > 90^\circ. \quad (6)$$

Futhermore,  $d_{DA}$ ,  $\phi_{HAA_P}$  and  $\phi_{DAA_P}$  are calculated to provide additional information about the geometry of particular interaction. However, they do not determine the presence of the hydrogen bond in default criteria. The set of considered groups of atoms  $D, H, A$  and  $A_P$  is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Set of donors and acceptors of hydrogen bond [9]. Names of atoms are consistent with the standardized naming convention used in *PDB* files.

| Amino Acid        | Atom            |          |            |       |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|-------|
|                   | Atom Antecedent | Acceptor | Hydrogen   | Donor |
| <b>Main Chain</b> |                 |          |            |       |
| All               | C               | O        | H          | N     |
| C-end             | C               | O        | H          | N     |
|                   | C               | OXT      |            |       |
| N-end             | C               | O        | H1, H2, H3 | N     |
| <b>Side Chain</b> |                 |          |            |       |

|     |           |            |                                |                  |
|-----|-----------|------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Arg | -         | -          | HE<br>HH11, HH12<br>HH21, HH22 | NE<br>NH1<br>NH2 |
| Asn | CG        | OD1        | HD21, HD22                     | ND2              |
| Asp | CG<br>CG  | OD1<br>OD2 | -                              | -                |
| Cys | CB        | SG         | HG                             | SG               |
| Gln | CD        | OE1        | HE21, HE22                     | NE2              |
| Glu | CD<br>CD  | OE1<br>OE2 | -                              | -                |
| His | CG<br>CD2 | ND1<br>NE2 | HD1<br>HE2                     | ND1<br>NE2       |
| Lys | -         | -          | HZ1, HZ2,<br>HZ3               | NZ               |
| Met | CG        | SD         | -                              | -                |
| Ser | CB        | OG         | HG                             | OG               |
| Thr | CB        | OG1        | HG1                            | OG1              |
| Trp | -         | -          | HE1                            | NE1              |
| Tyr | CZ        | OH         | HH                             | OH               |

### 1.3 Amino-aromatic interactions

Amino-aromatic interactions are defined as interactions between side-amino groups of *Lys*, *Arg*, *Asn*, *Gln* and *His* and aromatic rings in side chains of *Phe*, *Tyr* and *Trp*. Histidine was not considered as aromatic amino acid since, although it is aromatic, it is also highly polar and hydrophobic and therefore is mainly involved in other types of interactions [3].

The indole ring of tryptophan is treated as two separate components - pyrrole ring (5 membered) and phenyl ring (6 membered) [7].

For identification of amino-aromatic interactions, it is checked if particular histidine is charged. It is assumed that histidine is charged if it has both nitrogen protonated (both nitrogens' hydrogen atoms are present in *PDB* structure) [4].

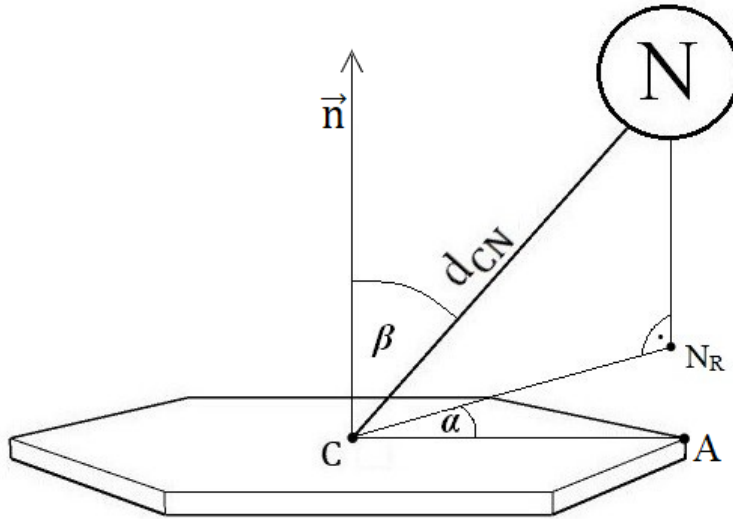


Figure 3: Diagram of an amino-aromatic interaction.  $\vec{n}$  - a normal vector to the aromatic ring plane,  $C$  - a centroid of the aromatic ring,  $N$  - a nitrogen atom or a representative atom of amino group (see Table 2),  $N_R$  - a projection of  $N$  on the plane of the aromatic ring,  $A$  - an atom of the aromatic ring used for calculating the  $\alpha$  angle ( $C^\gamma$  for phenylalanine and tyrosine,  $N^{\epsilon 1}$  for pyrrole ring of tryptophan and  $C^{\zeta 2}$  for phenyl ring of tryptophan).  $d_{CN}$  - a distance between  $C$  and  $N$ .  $\alpha$  - an angle between the vector and  $\vec{CA}$  and the vector  $\vec{CN_R}$ .  $\beta$  - an angle between  $\vec{n}$  and  $\vec{CN}$ .

**Default criteria for amino-aromatic interaction identification [1]:**

$$d_{CN} \in (3.4, 6) \text{ \AA}. \quad (7)$$

Futhermore,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are calculated to provide additional information about the geometry of particular interaction. However, they do not determine the presence of the interaction in default criteria.

Table 2: Representative atoms of amino groups in considered amino acids. Names of atoms are consistent with the standardized naming convention used in *PDB* files.

| <b>Amino acid</b> | <b>Representative atom of amino group</b> |
|-------------------|---|
| Arg               | CZ  |
| Asn               | ND2                                       |
| Gln               | NE2                                       |
| His               | CE1                                       |
| Lys               | NZ  |

## 1.4 Aromatic-aromatic interactions

Aromatic-aromatic interactions are defined as interactions between aromatic rings which are present in side-chain of *Phe*, *Tyr* and *Trp*. Histidine was not considered as aromatic amino acid since, although it is aromatic, it is also highly polar and hydrophobic and therefore is mainly involved in other types of interactions [3].

The indole ring of tryptophan is treated as two separate components - pyrrole ring (5 membered) and phenyl ring (6 membered) [7].

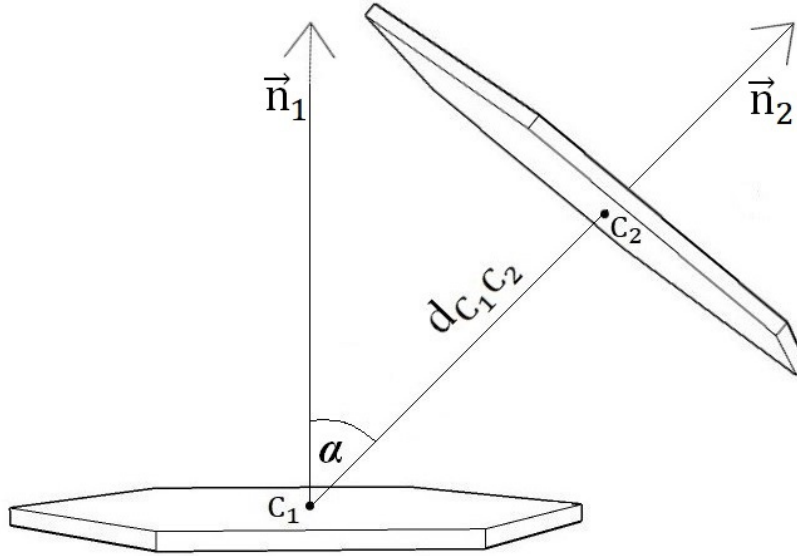


Figure 4: Diagram of an aromatic-aromatic interaction. Atoms with subscript 1 and 2 represent two aromatic rings.  $\vec{n}$  - a normal vector to the aromatic ring plane,  $C$  - a centroid of the aromatic ring.  $d_{C_1C_2}$  - a distance between centroids of two aromatic rings.  $\alpha$  - a dihedral angle between two planes formed by interacting aromatic rings.

**Default criteria for aromatic-aromatic interaction identification [1]:**

$$d_{C_1C_2} < 7 \text{ \AA}. \quad (8)$$

Futhermore,  $\alpha$  is calculated to provide additional information about the geometry of particular interaction. However, it does not determine the presence of the interaction in default criteria.

## 1.5 Sulphur-aromatic interactions

Sulphur-aromatic interactions are defined as interactions between sulphur atom of *Met* and *Cys* and aromatic rings in side chains of *Phe*, *Tyr* and *Trp*. Histidine was not considered as aromatic amino acid since, although it is aromatic, it is also highly polar and hydrophobic and therefore is mainly involved in other types of interactions [3].

The indole ring of tryptophan is treated as two separate components - pyrrole ring (5 membered) and phenyl ring (6 membered) [7].

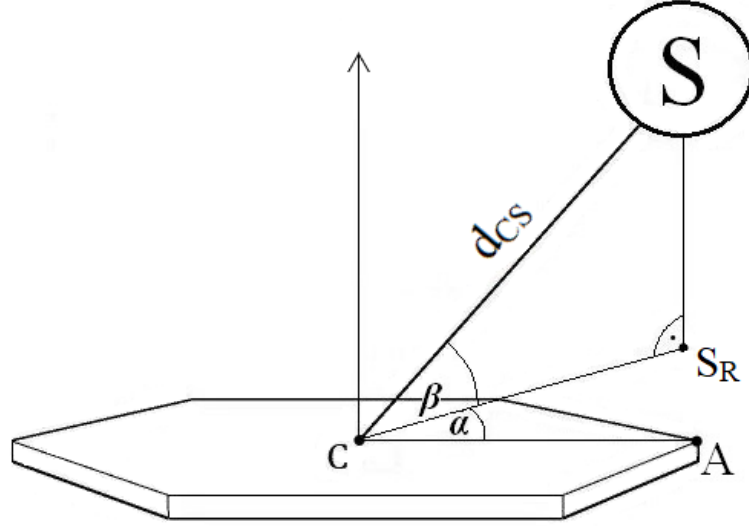


Figure 5: Diagram of a sulphur-aromatic interaction.  $C$  - a centroid of the aromatic ring,  $S$  - a sulphur atom,  $S_R$  - a projection of  $S$  on the aromatic ring plane,  $A$  - an atom of aromatic ring used for calculating the  $\alpha$  angle ( $C^\zeta$  for phenylalanine and tyrosine,  $N^{\epsilon 1}$  for pyrrole ring of tryptophan and  $C^{\zeta 2}$  for phenyl ring of tryptophan).  $d_{CS}$  - a distance between  $C$  and  $S$ ,  $\alpha$  - an angle between the vector  $\overrightarrow{CA}$  and the vector  $\overrightarrow{CS_R}$ .  $\beta$  - an angle between the vector  $\overrightarrow{CS_R}$  and the vector  $\overrightarrow{CS}$ .

**Default criteria for sulphur-aromatic interaction identification [6]:**

$$d_{CS} \leq 6 \text{ \AA}. \quad (9)$$

Futhermore,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are calculated to provide additional information about the geometry of particular interaction. However, they do not determine the presence of the interaction in default criteria.



## 1.6 Ionic interactions

To identify ionic interaction the parameter  $d_{C^+C^-}$  was defined as a distance between centroids of oppositely charged side chain groups of polar amino acids: *Arg*, *Asp*, *Glu*, *His* and *Lys* (see Table 3).

For identification of ionic interactions, it is checked if particular histidine is charged. It is assumed that histidine is charged if it has both nitrogen protonated (both nitrogens' hydrogen atoms are present in *PDB* structure) [4].

Table 3: Set of atoms of charged side-chain groups of polar amino acids, based on which the centroid of charged group is calculated [2]. Names of atoms are consistent with the standardized naming convention used in *PDB* files.

| Amino acid | Atoms of charged side-chain group |              |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
|            | Positive                          | Negative     |
| Asp        | -                                 | CG, OD1, OD2 |
| Glu        | -                                 | CD, OE1, OE2 |
| Arg        | NE, CZ, NH1, NH2                  | -            |
| Lys        | NZ                                | -            |
| His        | CG, ND1, CD2, CE1, NE2            | -            |

Default criteria for ionic interaction identification [2]:

$$d_{C^+C^-} \leq 5 \text{ \AA}. \quad (10)$$

## 1.7 Hydrophobic interactions

To identify hydrophobic interaction the parameter  $d_{C_1^\alpha C_2^\alpha}$  was defined as a distance between  $C^\alpha$  (CA) atoms of hydrophobic amino acids: *Ala*, *Cys*, *Gly*, *Ile*, *Leu*, *Met*, *Phe*, *Pro*, *Trp*, *Tyr* oraz *Val*.

**Default criteria for hydrophobic interaction identification [5]:**

$$d_{C_1^\alpha C_2^\alpha} \leq 9.5 \text{ \AA}. \quad (11)$$

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