Energy

INTRODUCTION

With Gromacs it is easy to calculate intermolecular interaction energies, for static lists of atoms. When the demand is to calculate the energies for waters occupying a nanopore or protein active site, the list of water molecules dynamically change between each timestep, requiring the user to perform the following Gromacs (versions <5.0) commands for each timestep in their simulation.

- a) g_select. Generates index file for pore water.
- b) tpbvonv. Generates topology file for pore water at each timestep.
- c) trjconv. Generates compressed trajectory file for pore water at each timestep.
- d) mdrun. Recalculate energy functions for solute-solvent or solvent-solvent interactions.
- e) g_energy. Calculates short range LJ and Coulomb intermolecular energy for pore water.
- f) A nested loop to acquire the energies from the output file of g_energy.

Solenergy and Ligenergy are program written in C, wrapped around the Gromacs API. The output is either the average solvent-solvent interaction energy, or solvent-solute interaction energy.

REQUIRMENTS

- 1) Simulation data in compressed trajectory format. Example simulation.xtc.
- 2) Simulation topology file. Example simulation.tpr
- 3) Distance file (.txt). See Structure manual for instructions on how to use g_dist. The distance file for this calculation are a list of the distances of the solvent atoms with respect to the solute center-of-mass, at each timestep.
- 4) (Only required for calculating solute-solvent interaction enegy)Index file for the solute(.ndx), generated using Gromacs command make_ndx.

INSTALLATION

clang solenergy_v4.5.c -o sole

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clang ligsolenergy_v4.5.c -o ligsole

USING

Perform the following commands on your terminal of choice, or in a shell script.

./sole simulation.xtc simulation.tpr distance.txt Nsol NatomsperSol Simlength(ps) Timestep(ps) Poreradius(nm) output

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