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Abstract

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Outline

1. Surface with and without a barrier

2. Family of curves showing force on the barrier as a function of height and position of the barrier.

3. Optimization of a surface for flux and force with and without a barrier.

Ideas

1. MD and umbrella sampling of a Feringa-type motor.

2. pH change can be modeled as a change in substrate concentration, for our purposes.

3. Can the experimental groups synthesize motors based on an energy surface?

4. CD can be a platform – a scaffold – for building, but it will be hard to figure out the appropriate assays.

Optimization of the potential energy surfaces

It would be nice to be able to design – or suggest how to design – a molecular motor for specific properties (speed, force, torque, gearing, ability to work against a load, resistance to being forced backwards, or something else). To that end, we set out to explore the relationship between the shape of the potential energy surfaces and these properties. [1]

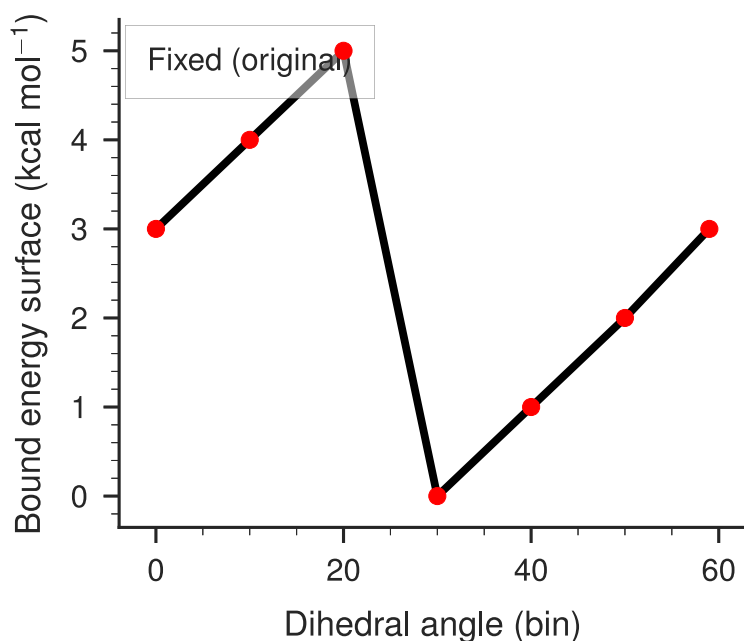## Optimization of a single surface for maximal flux

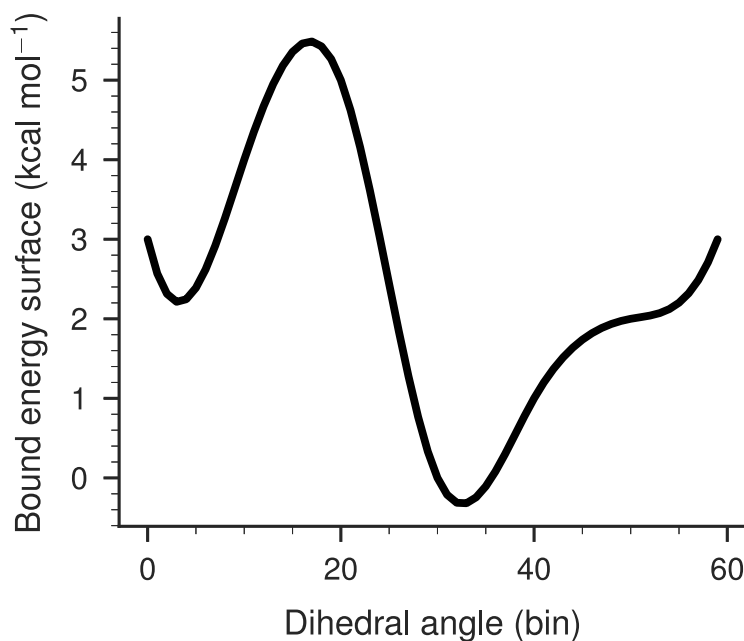Figure 1: The fixed bound potential energy surface, based on a sawtooth wave.

Figure 2: The fixed bound potential energy surface after splining.

To start, let's begin with a fixed bound energy surface created by smoothing a sawtooth with seven spline points 2. I couldn't find a way to spline across the periodic boundary, so the curve looks a little wonkier than expected. My first attempt was to use a downhill simplex method (Nelder-Mead optimization) to optimize the two surfaces together for flux. The results are not completely deterministic, even with with setting `np.random.seed(42)`, and I don't understand that.

Two surfaces, both optimized (?)

Optimization of a surface for maximum force

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