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Transition path sampling approaches for the study of rare events



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Outline

- General introduction on path sampling: TPS -> TIS -> RETIS
- A demonstration (life simulation using PyRETIS!)
- Some more path sampling approaches: PPTIS/Milestoning, TS-PPTIS, FFS
- New MC moves: Stone Skipping and Web Throwing
- Machine Learning for identifying reaction triggers using TIS/RETIS/FFS data
- Conclusions, prospectives, and challenges





Transition Path Sampling (TPS): Sampling of unbiased dynamical trajectories using a Monte Carlo approach (Dellago, Bolhuis, Chandler 1998)







2003: Transition Interface Sampling (TIS): Improves the original TPS approach by:

Different theoretical rate equations based on *overall states*

Path ensembles based on interfaces

Flexible path length ensemble

Faster convergence due to *effective positive flux* expression



2007: Replica Exchange Transition Interface Sampling (RETIS): Improvement of TIS (but more complex to implement) by:

Replica Exchange (RE) moves between path ensembles

Fully based on path ensembles, no initial MD run: increases flexibility of RE moves.





Rate constant theory in Transition Path Sampling vs (RE)TIS

 $k_{AB} = k(t')$ for $t_{mol} < t' \ll t_{rxn}$







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The TIS Algorithm



Transition Interface Sampling, van Erp, Moroni, and Bolhuis, J. Chem. Phys. 118, 7762 (2003)







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MC sampling of MD trajectories (j rs Products Reactants



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PyRETIS: A well-done, medium-sized python library for rare events

Anders Lervik, Enrico Riccardi, Titus van Erp, J. Comput. Chem. 2017

And now a demonstration!

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Conclusions part I:

- Path sampling (TPS) is a MC sampling of short MD trajectories
- Can be applied for all kind of dynamics: Newtonian, Langevin, Brownian, kinetic MC
- TIS and later RETIS have improved the efficiency of the original TPS approach without the need of approximations.
- Implementation of RETIS is non-trivial but user-friendly open-source programs have now been developed (PyRETIS, OPS)

More about path algorithms

- Approximative local path methods: PPTIS/Milestoning, TS-PPTIS
- Splitting based path method: FFS
- Efficiency and reaction coordinate



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The conditional crossing probability









The conditional crossing probability

$$P(\substack{k \mid j \\ l \mid i})$$

$$\mathcal{P}_A(\lambda_{i+1}|\lambda_i) = P({}^{i+1}_0|{}^i_0)$$

$$k_{AB} = f_A \mathcal{P}_A(\lambda_B | \lambda_A)$$
$$\mathcal{P}_A(\lambda_B | \lambda_A) = \mathcal{P}_A(\lambda_n | \lambda_0) = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{P}_A(\lambda_{i+1} | \lambda_i)$$





Partial Path TIS

D. Moroni, P. G. Bolhuis, and T. S. van Erp, JCP 120, 4055 (2004)



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Partial Path TIS

$$p_i^{\pm} \equiv P(_{i-1}^{i+1}|_{i-1}^i), \quad p_i^{\pm} \equiv P(_{i+1}^{i-1}|_{i+1}^i),$$

$$p_i^{=} = P(_{i+1}^{i-1}|_{i-1}^{i}), \quad p_i^{\ddagger} = P(_{i-1}^{i+1}|_{i+1}^{i}),$$

which fulfill the following relations:

$$p_{i}^{\pm} + p_{i}^{=} = p_{i}^{\mp} + p_{i}^{\pm} = 1.$$

$$P_{i}^{+} \equiv P\binom{i}{0} \binom{1}{0}, \quad P_{i}^{-} \equiv P\binom{0}{i} \binom{i-1}{i}.$$

$$P_{j}^{+} = \frac{p_{j-1}^{\pm} P_{j-1}^{+}}{p_{j-1}^{\pm} + p_{j-1}^{\pm} P_{j-1}^{-}}, \qquad P_{1}^{+} = P_{1}^{-} = 1$$

$$P_{j}^{-} = \frac{p_{j-1}^{\mp} P_{j-1}^{-}}{p_{j-1}^{\pm} + p_{j-1}^{\pm} P_{j-1}^{-}}. \qquad \mathcal{P}_{A}(\lambda_{B} | \lambda_{A}) = \mathcal{P}_{A}(\lambda_{n} | \lambda_{0}) = P_{n}^{+}$$
if we choose: $\lambda_{1} = \lambda_{0} + \epsilon$





Partial Path sampling



$$p_4^{\pm} = rac{\#p_{35}}{\#p_{33}+\#p_{35}}$$

 $p_4^{\pm} = 1 - p_4^{\pm}$

$$p_4^{\mp} = \frac{\#p_{53}}{\#p_{55}+\#p_{53}}$$

 $p_4^{\mp} = 1 - p_4^{\pm}$





On the memory loss assumption in PPTIS





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Transition State PPTIS

Juraszek, Saladino, van Erp, Gervasio, Phys. Rev. Lett., 110, 108106, (2013).



Applied to the Trp-cage miniprotein folding

Basically a Reactive Flux (RF) method using a PPTIS approach to compute small transmission coefficients



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Forward Flux Sampling

R. J. Allen, P. B. Warren, and P. R. ten Wolde. Phys. Rev. Lett., 94, 018104, (2005).

Based on TIS rate constant expression, but uses splitting instead of shooting

















































An example of FFS giving a too low reaction rate:

Rate Constant and Reaction Coordinate of Trp-Cage Folding in Explicit Water Juraszek and Bolhuis, Biophys. J. **95**, 4246–4257 (2008)

TIS: $k_{\rm NL} = (1.2 \,\mu s)^{-1}$

FSS:
$$k_{\rm NL} = (100 \ \mu s)^-$$







Comparison of RF, TIS, RETIS, and FFS on a 1D ! example

T. S. Van Erp Adv. Chem. Phys. 2012



$$U(r) = r^4 - r^2$$

Langevin Dynamics

$$k_B = m = 1$$

$$\gamma = 0.3, T = 0.7$$

8 interfaces

$$\lambda_0 = -0.9, \lambda_1 = -0.8, \lambda_2 = -0.7, \lambda_3 = -0.6,$$

$$\lambda_4 = -0.5, \lambda_5 = -0.4, \lambda_6 = -0.3, \lambda_7 = 1.0$$

transmission coefficient (RF): 100,000 trajectories flux (TIS, PPTIS, FFS): 10,000,000 MD-steps run path=ensembles (TIS, PPTIS, FFS, RETIS): 20,000 trajectories each



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reactive flux method	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\beta m}}$	$\frac{e^{-\beta F(0)}}{\int_{-\infty}^{0} d\lambda e^{-\beta F(\lambda)}}$	κ	$k = \kappa imes rac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\beta m}} imes rac{e^{-eta F(0)}}{\int_{-\infty}^{0} \mathrm{d}\lambda e^{-eta F(\lambda)}}$
EPF algorithm	0.106	$2.63 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$0.874 \pm 4\%$	$2.42 \cdot 10^{-7} \bot 4 \%$
path sampling		f_A	$\mathcal{P}_A(\lambda_n \lambda_0)$	$k = f_A \times \mathcal{P}_A(\lambda_n \lambda_0)$
TIS		$0.263\pm1\%$	$1.52 \cdot 10^{-6} \pm 20\%$	$4.02\cdot 10^{-7}\pm 20\%$
PPTIS		$0.263 \pm 1\%$	$1.04 \cdot 10^{-6} \pm 19\%$	$2.73 \cdot 10^{-7} \pm 19\%$
RETIS		$0.265 \pm 1\%^*$	$1.05\cdot 10^{-6}\pm 25\%^{*}$	$2.79\cdot 10^{-7}\pm 25\%^*$
FFS (long MD run)		$0.263 \pm 1\%$	$4.69\cdot 10^{-8} \perp 6\%^{*}$	$1.23\cdot 10^{-8} \pm 6\%^{*}$
FFS (short MD run)		$0.259 \pm 2\%$	$8.45\cdot 10^{-9}\pm 9\%^*$	$2.18\cdot 10^{-9}\pm 9\%^*$





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How to improve further the RETIS Efficiency?

E. Riccardi, O. Dahlen, and T. S. Van Erp, J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 2017





Acceptance rule based on Super-detailed balance

$$P_{\text{acc}} = \min\left[1, \frac{P(p^{(n)})P_{\text{gen}}(p^{(n)} \to p^{(o)}\text{via }\overline{\chi})}{P(p^{(o)})P_{\text{gen}}(p^{(o)} \to p^{(n)}\text{via }\chi)}\right]$$

which leads to

$$\text{SS}: P_{\text{acc}} = \min\left[1, \frac{n_c^{(o)}}{n_c^{(n)}}\right], \text{WT}: P_{\text{acc}} = \min\left[1, \frac{n_s^{(o)}}{n_s^{(n)}}\right]$$

but with alternative weights

$$\tilde{P}(p) = w_i(p)P(p) \equiv n_{c,i}(p)q(p)P(p)$$
 for $p \in [i^+]$

q(p) equals 2 for $A \to B$ and 1 for $A \to A$ paths.

all paths can be accepted except if completion of last sub-path ends in B in both time directions (B->A paths are time-inverted and then accepted)

In the end, correct statistics is obtained by reweighting each path with $\,w_i(p)^{-1}$ 26/34





Rate of DNA denaturation using the mesoscopic PBD model. Horizontal line is result based on partition function integration (nearly exact result).

Stone skipping was found 12 times faster





Conclusions part II:

- Partial Path TIS (PPTIS/Partial Path Sampling) uses a Markovian approximation (though softer than the one used in Milestoning) to reduce average path length.
- RETIS with Stone-Skipping and Web-Throwing reduces the correlation between paths using short sub-trajectories -> can become nearly as efficient as PPTIS or Milestoning but exact!
- FFS allows the study non-equilibrium dynamics but has a serious (underestimated) sampling problem. Solutions?
- Further improvement of RETIS: how to parallelize efficiently path-ensembles which have different path lengths?





Auto-ionization of water: a RETIS/CP2K study





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On the recombination of hydronium and hydroxide ions in water



Ali Hassanali¹, Meher K. Prakash, Hagai Eshet, and Michele Parrinello

The neutralization event involves a collective compression of the water-wire bridging the ions, which occurs in approximately 0.5 ps, triggering a concerted triple jump of the protons. This process leaves the neutralized hydroxide in a hypercoordinated state, with the implications that enhanced **collective compressions of several water molecules around similarly hypercoordinated states** are likely to serve as nucleation events for the autoionization of liquid water.





Analyzing complex reaction mechanisms using path sampling

Titus S. van Erp, Mahmoud Moqadam, Enrico Riccardi, and Anders Lervik J. Chem. Theory Comput. 2016





.86/.14 .75/.25 .21/.79 .04/.96

94/.06

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Parrinello's w4 parameter pops-up as the most important variable of 138 collective variables that were considered in classification and regression decision trees 33/34

.08/.92

.06/.94

0.9

1.0

1.1

 $\lambda_2(\text{Å})$

1.2

3

6

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.67/.33 .05/.95 .20/.80 .64/.36 .16/.84 .19/.81 .14/.86

6%

4%





Conclusions part III:

- Using RETIS we can reach the minute timescale using ab-initio MD and still get exact rates and unbiased dynamics.
- We designed a new approach to analyze the data of path sampling simulation methods like **TIS**, **RETIS**, or **FFS** which can be used to test hypotheses on the reaction mechanism.
- In water auto-ionization, the compressions of several water molecules around a hypercoordinated state seems to be a **necessary** (the most predictive parameter) but by far **not a sufficient** condition for the initiation of water splitting.
- Also other parameters (distortion from tetrahedral ordering, the length of the stretched hydrogen bond of a nearby water molecule) need to be in the right range to let a dissociation event happen.

Thanks! Questions?