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Transition path sampling approaches for the study of rare events
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):**
Implements 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

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**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

\[ k_{AB} = k(t') \quad \text{for} \quad t_{\text{mol}} < t' \ll t_{\text{rxn}} \]

\[ k(t) = \frac{dC(t)}{dt}, \]

\[ C(t) = \frac{\langle h_A(0) h_B(t) \rangle}{\langle h_A \rangle} \]

\[ h_X = 1 \quad \text{if} \quad x \in X \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \quad \text{otherwise} \]
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Correlation function and derivative using stable state definitions

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The TIS Algorithm

MD [0⁺] path ensemble [1⁺] path ensemble

The TIS Algorithm

\[ k_{AB} = f_A P_A(\lambda_B | \lambda_A) \]

\[ P_A(\lambda_B | \lambda_A) = P_A(\lambda_n | \lambda_0) = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} P_A(\lambda_{i+1} | \lambda_i) \]
MC sampling of MD trajectories
**Replica Exchange TIS:**

No MD
Swap-Moves

**MC moves:**

- Shooting move
- Time reversal move
- Swapping move $[i^+] \leftrightarrow [(i-1)^+]$
- Swapping move $[0^-] \leftrightarrow [0^+]$
PyRETIS: A well-done, medium-sized python library for rare events

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
The conditional crossing probability

$$P_{(kl|ji)}$$
The conditional crossing probability

\[ P\left(\frac{k}{l} \left| \frac{j}{i}\right.\right) \]

\[ \mathcal{P}_A(\lambda_{i+1} | \lambda_i) = P\left(\frac{i+1}{0} \left| \frac{i}{0}\right.\right) \]

\[ k_{AB} = f_A \mathcal{P}_A(\lambda_B | \lambda_A) \]

\[ \mathcal{P}_A(\lambda_B | \lambda_A) = \mathcal{P}_A(\lambda_n | \lambda_0) = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{P}_A(\lambda_{i+1} | \lambda_i) \]
Partial Path TIS

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

**PPTIS:** time-independent. Memory-loss assumption:

\[ P(k|j_{j+1}) \approx P(k|j_{j+1}) \]

**Milestoning:** time-dependent hopping sequence. Assumes an equilibrium at each Milestone (stronger assumption)
Partial Path TIS

\[ P(i \mid j) \]

\[ p^+_i = P(i+1 \mid i), \quad p^-_i = P(i-1 \mid i), \]
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which fulfill the following relations:

\[ p^+_i + p^-_i = p^+_i + p^-_i = 1. \]

\[ P^+_i \equiv P(1 \mid 0), \quad P^-_i \equiv P(0 \mid i-1). \]
Partial Path TIS

$$p_i^+ = P_{i+1|i-1}^i, \quad p_i^- = P_{i+1|i+1}^i,$$

$$p_i^+ = P_{i-1|i}^i, \quad p_i^- = P_{i-1|i}^i,$$

which fulfill the following relations:

$$p_i^+ + p_i^- = p_i^+ + p_i^- = 1.$$

$$P_i^+ = P_{i|i}^{1\)0}, \quad P_i^- = P_{i|i}^{0|i-1}.$$ 

$$P_j^+ = \frac{p_j^+ P_j^+}{p_j^+ + p_j^- P_j^-},$$

$$P_j^- = \frac{p_j^- P_j^-}{p_j^+ + p_j^- P_j^-}.$$

$$P_1^+ = P_1^- = 1$$

$$\mathcal{P}_A(\lambda_B|\lambda_A) = \mathcal{P}_A(\lambda_n|\lambda_0) = P_n^+$$

if we choose: $$\lambda_1 = \lambda_0 + \epsilon$$
**Partial Path sampling**

\[
p_{4}^{\pm} = \frac{\# p_{35}}{\# p_{33} + \# p_{35}}
\]

\[
p_{4}^{-} = 1 - p_{4}^{\pm}
\]

\[
p_{4}^{\mp} = \frac{\# p_{53}}{\# p_{55} + \# p_{53}}
\]

\[
p_{4}^{-} = 1 - p_{4}^{\mp}
\]
On the memory loss assumption in PPTIS
Transition State PPTIS


Applied to the Trp-cage miniprotein folding

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

Based on TIS rate constant expression, but uses splitting instead of shooting.
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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: \[ k_{NL} = (1.2 \, \mu s)^{-1} \]

FSS: \[ k_{NL} = (100 \, \mu s)^{-1} \]
Comparison of RF, TIS, RETIS, and FFS on a 1D example

\[ U(r) = r^4 - r^2 \]

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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<th>reactive flux method</th>
<th>( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\beta m}} )</th>
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<td>ELF algorithm</td>
<td>0.106</td>
<td>2.63 \cdot 10^{-6}</td>
<td>0.874 \pm 4%</td>
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| path sampling | \( f_A \) | \( P_A(\lambda_n|\lambda_0) \) | \( k - f_A \times P_A(\lambda_n|\lambda_0) \) |
|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| TIS       | 0.263 ± 1\% | 1.52 \cdot 10^{-6} ± 20\% | 4.02 \cdot 10^{-7} ± 20\%                     |
| PPTIS     | 0.263 + 1\% | 1.04 \cdot 10^{-6} + 19\% | 2.73 \cdot 10^{-7} + 19\%                    |
| RETIS     | 0.265 + 1\%* | 1.05 \cdot 10^{-6} ± 25\%* | 2.79 \cdot 10^{-7} ± 25\%*                   |
| FFS (long MD run) | 0.263 ± 1\% | 4.69 \cdot 10^{-8} ± 6\%* | 1.23 \cdot 10^{-8} ± 6\%*                    |
| FFS (short MD run) | 0.259 ± 2\% | 8.45 \cdot 10^{-9} ± 9\%* | 2.18 \cdot 10^{-9} ± 9\%*                    |

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![Graphs showing distribution functions for TIS, RETIS, and FFS](image-url)
TIS: symmetric, good!
FFS: asymmetric, not good!
Efficiency of TIS/RETIS is relatively insensitive to choice of RC

RF: Reactive Flux method = dynamically corrected Transition State Theory

\[ \theta = 0 \]

MD: CPU \( \propto \exp(\beta \Delta E) \)

RF/TIS: CPU \( \propto (\beta \Delta E)^2 \)
Efficiency of TIS/RETIS is relatively insensitive to choice of RC

RF: Reactive Flux method = dynamically corrected Transition State Theory

\[ \alpha = 2\beta \Delta E \sin \theta L_y / W \]
if \( \alpha \gg 0 \)

\[ \text{RF : CPU } \propto \frac{\exp(\alpha)}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \]

\[ \text{TIS : CPU } \propto \left( \beta \Delta E (1 + \frac{2\alpha}{\beta \Delta E}) \right)^2 \]

FFS: no analytical result available but must be exponential as well

"Effective potential" seen by paths
How to improve further the RETIS Efficiency?


Stone-Skipping

Web-Throwing
Acceptance rule based on Super-detailed balance

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

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

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

\[ q(p) \text{ equals 2 for } A \rightarrow B \text{ and 1 for } A \rightarrow A \text{ paths.} \]

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 \[ w_i(p)^{-1} \]
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
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

Parrinello’s w4 parameter pops-up as the most important variable of 138 collective variables that were considered in classification and regression decision trees.
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?