

Supporting Information for:

Accurate pK_a Calculations in Proteins with Reactive Molecular Dynamics Provide Physical Insight Into the Electrostatic Origins of Their Values

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$$U_{LJ}(r) = 4\epsilon \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right] \quad (S1)$$

Equation S1. The 12-6 Lennard-Jones potential, a function of interatomic distance r . Parameters σ and ϵ were fit in the present model for four pairs of atoms, described in the main text.

$$\mathbf{n}_{\text{prot}} = \frac{\mathbf{r}_{C2} - \mathbf{r}_{C1}}{|\mathbf{r}_{C2} - \mathbf{r}_{C1}|} \quad (S2)$$

$$r_{\perp} = |\mathbf{v}_{\text{CEC}} - (\mathbf{v}_{\text{CEC}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\text{prot}})\mathbf{n}_{\text{prot}}| \quad (S3)$$

$$d_{\text{SC}} = \mathbf{v}_{\text{SC}} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{\text{prot}} \quad (S4)$$

Equations S2-S4. Several relationships first defined in ref⁹ and used for the enhanced sampling performed in this work. \mathbf{r}_{C1} and \mathbf{r}_{C2} are the centroids of the backbone atoms of residues 15-19 and residues 61-65 of SNase, respectively. \mathbf{v}_{CEC} is the vector pointing from the D/E66 sidechain carboxyl centroid to the excess proton CEC. \mathbf{v}_{SC} is the vector pointing from the D/E66 α -carbon to the sidechain carboxyl centroid.

Table S1. fitRMD Parameters Used to Compute Potentials of Mean Force.

	Asp	Glu		Asp	Glu
B	0.000928477	3.94487	V_{ii}	-139.912	-153.282
b	1.41581	1.41583	ϵ_{OE-HH}^{LJ}	0.231526	0.227986
b'	1.08883	1.09180	σ_{OE-HH}^{LJ}	1.36801	1.37334
A	2.72026	3.85746	ϵ_{Ow-HEP}^{LJ}	0.717000	0.730093
a	1.15572	1.15358	σ_{Ow-HEP}^{LJ}	1.22018	1.24711
g_1	-20.2207	-25.0434	ϵ_{OE-OH}^{LJ}	0.141951	0.112701
g_2	3.03394	2.99967	σ_{OE-OH}^{LJ}	3.00880	3.00179
g_3	1.43771	1.40739	ϵ_{OEP-Ow}^{LJ}	0.150728	0.195512
			σ_{OEP-Ow}^{LJ}	3.08218	3.11138
C	5.0917317 ^{a, b}		γ	1.783170 ^a	
c	8.9920023 ^{a, b}		P	0.1559053 ^a	
B	9.9178410 ^{a, b}		k	5.0664471 ^a	
b	1.1021518 ^{a, b}		D_{OO}	2.8621690 ^a	
b'	2.0066249 ^{a, b}			5.2394128 ^a	
q_O^{ex}	-0.0895456 ^a		R_{OO}^0	2.9425969 ^a	
q_H^{ex}	0.0252683 ^a		P'	7.6147672 ^a	
q_H^{ex*}	0.0780180 ^a		α	7.4062624 ^a	
$q_O^{H_3O^+}$	-0.32 ^a		r_{OO}^0	1.8 ^a	
$q_H^{H_3O^+}$	0.44 ^a		V_{const}^{ij}	-21.064268 ^a	
d_{OO}^0	2.4 ^a		d_{OH}^0	1.0 ^a	
$\epsilon_{O^*O^*}$	0.098609686 ^a		$\sigma_{O^*O^*}$	3.118508 ^a	
$\epsilon_{H^*H^*}$	0.000040458 ^a		$\sigma_{H^*H^*}$	0.0 ^a	
$\epsilon_{O^*H_w}$	3.0 ^a		$\sigma_{O^*H_w}$	1.6 ^a	
D_{OH}	136.2026 ^a		α_{OH}	2.0834 ^a	
r_{OH}^0	0.98 ^a		k_α	77.4868 ^a	
			α_0	111.7269 ^a	

^aParameters of MS-EVB 3.2, published in ref²⁸ of the main text. Definitions of all these parameters can be found in ref¹⁵. ^bParameters for water-hydronium interactions only. Similarly-named parameters in the main text and the top half of this table are the equivalent for amino acid-water interactions.