Analytical ultracentrifugation

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Questions that can be answered by AUC

- Is sample heterogeneous?
 - in molecular weight, shape, or both?
 - does heterogeneity depend on pH, salt, buffer, etc?
- Is sample pure enough for MX, SAXS, SANS, NMR?
- What is sedimentation & diffusion coefficient?
 - Globular or unfolded/disordered?
 - Is conformation dependent on salt, pH, ligand concentration, deuteration, tagging, mutations etc?

Questions that can be answered by AUC

- Does sample...
 -self-associate?
 - ...aggregate?
- What is M of sample?
- Does sample bind to a ligand?
- What is stoichiometry of binding?
- What is K_d?
 - Is K_d affected by salt, pH, ligand concentration, deuteration, tagging, mutations etc?
- Is sample affected by crowding?



Advantages of AUC

- In solution
- Non-destructive
- Self-cleaning
- Absolute
- Complementary
- Can analyse (nearly) anything
 - Proteins
 - Nucleic acids
 - Carbohydrates
 - Polymers
 - Colloids
 - Complexes



AUC: a high speed preparative UC with optics

- Choice of 3 instruments
 - Beckman Coulter
 - ProteomeLab XL-A/XL-I
 - Optima AUC
 - https://www.beckman.com/centrifuges/analytical-ultracentrifuges

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- Spin Analytical CFA
 - http://www.spinanalytical.com/cfa.php



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Inside the Beckman Coulter XL-I rotor chamber



image from Analytical Ultracentrifuge User Guide Volume 1: Hardware, K. L. Planken & V. Schirf, 2008 (http://www.ultrascan.uthscsa.edu)

Inside the Beckman Coulter XL-I



sample cell (minus casing)

Relationship between data and sample



image from Ralston, 1993

https://www.beckman.com/centrifuges/analytical-ultracentrifuges/proteomelab-xl-a-xl-i

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Sedimentation velocity (SV): shape & homogeneity



Sedimentation equilibrium (SE): mass & self-association



Which optical system?

	Absorbance	Interference	Fluorescence	
Lowest conc	$A_{\lambda} = 0.1$	0.05 mg/ml	100 pM _{fluorescein}	
Dynamic range	2-3 logs	3-4 logs	6-8 logs	
Radial res'n (μm)	20-50	10	20-50	
Scan time (s/cell)	≈ 60	1	≈ 15	
Utility	SelectivitySensitivityNon-dialysables	 Buffer absorbs, sample doesn't Variable extinction coefficient Short column equilibrium Rapid sedimenters 	 Selectivity Sensitivity Non-dialysables Limited sample 	

Sample preparation

- Purify by gel filtration or similar
 - Unless you want to know what is in solution in its entirety
- Estimate concentration
 - Using e.g. NanoDrop
- (Dialyse sample against the desired solvent)
 - Possible problems with detergents
 - Required for interference optics only
- Choose windows
 - Sapphire windows
 - Necessary for interference optics
 - Good for all AUC optics
 - Quartz windows
 - No good for interference







Sample requirements

Sample volume

- SV
 - 360 µl (12 mm pathlength)
 - 90 µl (3 mm pathlength)
- SE
 - 80 µl (2- or 6-channel centrepiece)
 - 20 µl (8-channel centrepiece interference optics only)

Sample concentration

- Absorbance optics: $A_{\lambda} \approx 0.1 1.0$ (12 mm pathlength)
 - λ = 180-800 nm
- Interference optics: typically 0.05-30 mg/ml
- Sample reference
 - Absorbance optics: can be column eluant or dialysate better
 - Interference optics: must be dialysate
- Typical multiplexing: 3 or 7 sample holders ("cells")/run
 - Up to 28 samples per run







SV: radial movement recorded as function of time



Interference optics acquire refractive index data rapidly, independent of chromophores



hemocyanin sedimentation observed with interference optics

SE: data recorded until no change...



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Almost all AUC data analysis software is freely available – here are the most widely used

The RASMB website

- "Reversible Associations in Structural and Molecular Biology"
- http://www.rasmb.org/
- Access to freely available software
- Subscription to AUC-related discussion group
- Schuck lab (SEDFIT, SEDPHAT)
 - http://www.analyticalultracentrifugation.com/default.htm
- Demeler lab (UltraScan III)
 - including US-SOMO
 - http://www.ultrascan.uthscsa.edu/



SV important equations

• The Lamm equation describes SV

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[r \left(c s \omega^2 r - D \frac{\partial c}{\partial r} \right) \right]$$

s is particle velocity per unit centrifugal field

$$s = \frac{v}{\omega^2 r}$$

Svedberg equation relates s, D and M

$$s = \frac{D}{RT}M(1 - \overline{v}\rho)$$

• Stokes-Einstein equation

$$D = \frac{RT}{N_A f} = \frac{kT}{6\pi\eta R_s}$$

• Combining Svedberg with Stokes-Einstein

$$s = \frac{M(1 - \overline{v}\rho)}{N_A 6\pi\eta R_s} = \frac{M_b}{N_A f}$$

s is influenced by solvent density & viscosity and sample partial specific volume (psv or vbar)



SEDNTERP: Calculation of ρ,η & psv

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http://rasmb.org/sednterp/

Values for vbar

Component	vbar (ml/g)	Comment	
Protein	0.73		
Carbohydrate	0.63	Can be reliably calculated from sequence	
Lipid	1.02	An average value Close to value for solvent, therefore almost invisible	
Detergent	0.7-1.2	Can sediment or float	

SEDFIT c(s) analysis: how many species + s of species I: Load SV data



2: Specify parameters



3: Set meniscus, cell base and analysis limits



4: Run



5: Subtract time and radial invariant noise



6: Fit (with solutions to the Lamm equation)



7: Integrate to obtain estimate of concentration of species and weight-average values



Sum of Lamm equations $0 \le s \le 12$ S discretised by 200



Integrating c(s) peaks reveals region of boundary that contains species



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Two-dimensional spectrum analysis (2DSA) of SV data with UltraScan: model independent fitting giving s & M

Important when f/f₀ varies for components



Interacting systems & monodispersity

Rapid monomer-dimer

- SV will show I symmetrical boundary
- Can be confused with monodispersity
- Position will correspond to average of s_{monomer} & s_{dimer}

Slow monomer-dimer

- Indistinguishable from mixture of monomer and dimer
 - Therefore 2 peaks, or asymmetric single peak
- Except if proportion of species depends on loading concentration

Life-time of FAM-GluA2 ATD dimer is significantly longer than that of Dylight488- or EGFP-GluA2 ATD



Zhao H, Lomash S, Glasser C, Mayer ML, Schuck P (2013) PLoS ONE 8(12): e83439. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0083439



Self-association: "deconvolution" of SE data into individual components



Self-association: SE data are the sum of exponentials

$$\begin{array}{l} A_{r} = \exp[\ln A_{0} + H.M(r^{2} - r_{0}^{2})] & \leftarrow \text{monomer} \\ + \exp[n_{2}\ln A_{0} + \ln Ka_{2} + n_{2}.H.M(r^{2} - r_{0}^{2})] & \leftarrow I - n_{2} \\ + \exp[n_{3}\ln A_{0} + \ln Ka_{3} + n_{3}.H.M(r^{2} - r_{0}^{2})] & \leftarrow I - n_{3} \\ + \exp[n_{4}\ln A_{0} + \ln Ka_{4} + n_{4}.H.M(r^{2} - r_{0}^{2})] + E & \leftarrow I - n_{4} \end{array}$$

Self-association: best model revealed by residuals

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SEDPHAT: species analysis: monomer + heavy



SEDPHAT: species analysis: monomer + "dimer" (both fixed) + heavy



SEDPHAT: species analysis: monomer (fixed) + "dimer" + heavy (both free)



SEDPHAT: Abs + interference, $5.4 - 54 \mu$ M, Kd = 10.8 μ M



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SEDPHAT: Abs + interference, $5.4 - 54 \mu$ M, Kd = $1.7 \times 10^6 \mu$ M³



SE: more than just mass



Ideal monomer

- Globular molecule
- Not highly charged
- Areas of charge neutralised by salt in buffer
- Sediments with monomer mass at most normal concentrations
- Examples: lysozyme, Fab, etc.







Non-ideal monomer

- Asymmetric molecule and/or
- Highly charged
- Areas of charge not neutralised by salt in buffer
- Sediments with mass below that of monomer
- Mass is dependent on concentration
- Examples: myosin, fibrinogen etc.



What is non-ideality ???



Non-ideal monomer data



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Hetero-association example: PDC E3BP:E3 sub-complex

- E3 forms a homo-dimer
- E3BP binds to E3
- Native PAGE & ITC shows 2:1 complex
- Needed confirmation





SV titration: stoichiometry is 2:1

- Expt I: SV of E3 alone; SV of E3BP-DD alone
 - Determine their s
- Expt 2: SV of different E3BP-DD+E3 ratios
 - At what ratio does E3BP-DD peak vanish?
 - This reveals stoichiometry: 2:1
 - Note 2 complex peaks
 - Different conformations
 - s ≈ 6 S peak less compact
 - s ≈ 8 S peak more compact





Mischa Smolle Smolle et al., JBC 281 19771-80 (2006)

SE titration: stoichiometry is 2:1

- Whole-cell weight-average M (M_{w,app}) determined
 - e.g. using species analysis in SEDPHAT with 1 species only
 - No model assumed
- When E3BP-DD is in excess
 - $M_{w,app} < M_{complex}$ until complex is formed
- When E3 is in excess
 - M_{w,app} < M_{complex} because excess E3 lowers M_{w,app}
- ??? Why $M_{w,app} \neq M_{complex}$ at 2:1???
 - Non-ideality



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Illustrative movie of association of 140 detergent molecules with membrane protein FhaC



Gabel, Lensink, Clantin, Jacob-Dubuisson, Villeret & Ebel, C. (2014). Biophys. J. 107, 185-196.

Detergent solublised proteins are complex mixtures



Sedimentation velocity of proteins solubilised in detergent

Methods 54 (2011) 56-66



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Review Article

Sedimentation velocity to characterize surfactants and solubilized membrane proteins

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Detergent	vbar (ml/g)	Comment
C ₈ E ₅	0.95	
LAPAO	1.002	Doesn't sediment
Octyl-POE	0.997	
Triton X-100		Absorbs @ 280 nm
LDAO	1.13	Floats
DDM	0.82	Aggregation number ≈ 130

SV of AcrB in DDM





- s ≈ 14.9 S for 66% of material (protein-detergent)
- s ≈ 3.3 S (observed from △J) (micelles)

Ebel, Methods (2011) doi: 10.1016/j.ymeth.2010.11.00

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s = deviation from sphericity + hydrodynamic hydration

$$s = \frac{M(1 - \overline{v}\rho)}{N_A f}$$

$$M, f_0$$

$$M, f > f_0$$

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Sedimentation coefficient is a constraint for SAS modelling



• For one sphere

$$f_0 = 6\pi\eta_0\sigma$$

• For an assembly of N spheres

 $\mathbf{F}_{i} = -f_{i} \left(\mathbf{u}_{i} - \mathbf{v}_{i}^{0} \right) - f_{i} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \mathbf{T}_{ij} \mathbf{F}_{j}$ $\mathbf{T}_{ij} = \frac{1}{8\pi \eta_{0} R_{ij}} \left(\mathbf{I} + \frac{\mathbf{R}_{ij} \mathbf{R}_{ij}}{R_{ij}^{2}} \right)$

• where

Byron, O., Introduction: Calculation of hydrodynamic parameters in Analytical Ultracentrifugation: Instrumentation, Software and Application (S. Uchiyama, F.Arisaka, W. F. Stafford and T. Laue, editors), 2016, Springer.
Several freely available programs for HBM

- José García de la Torre et al.
 - http://leonardo.inf.um.es/macromol/programs/programs.htm
 - HYDRO++
 - Computes hydrodynamic & other parameters for any bead model
 - HYDROPRO
 - Computes hydrodynamic & other parameters for models constructed from pdb files
 - And many other programs....

Mattia Rocco, Emre Brookes

- http://somo.uthscsa.edu/
- US-SOMO
 - AtoB and SoMo
 - Generates HBMs from pdb files, computes hydrodynamic & other parameters with "realistic" hydration
 - BEST (Sergio Aragon)
 - Boundary element modeling very precise, computationally intensive
 - Zeno
 - Electrostatic-hydrodynamic analogy

Reviewed in Byron (2008) Methods in Cell Biology 84, 327-373

See also Rocco & Byron, Methods in Enzymology (2015) 562, 81-108



Different HM methods have their own pros and cons

Rocco & Byron, Methods in Enzymology (2015) <u>562</u>, 81-108 Rocco & Byron, European Biophysics Journal (2015) <u>44</u>, 417-431

SOMO is a subprogram of UltraScan III



Loaded SOMO Rigid Body and Brownian Dynamics Bead Modeling...

Mattia Rocco/ Borries Demeler/ Emre Brooks Rai et al. (2005) Structure 13 723-34; Brookes et al. (2010) Eur. Biophys. J; Brookes et al., (2010) Macromol. Biosci. http://somo.uthscsa.edu

Select from Simulation drop-down menu



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Can also upload DAMs to SOMO



Input psv and M for model



Convert DAM to HBM

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- $\alpha_5 \beta_1$ ligands used to immobilise cells on surfaces via
 - 9th type III FN domain synergy site (PHSRN)
 - IOth type III FN domain RGD site
- $\alpha_5 \beta_1$ ligand oligomers facilitate increased binding
- Oligomerisation accomplished via 5 heptad repeats based on GCN4 leucine zipper
 - I/L placed variously @ a and d positions to promote di-, tri- & tetramerisation
- Thiol-linked immobilisation to surface achieved via C-terminal Cys
- Question: do the ligands oligomerise as designed?



Construction of hydrodynamic bead models

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- From vector (including His-tag) too short for e.g. SWISSMODEL
- FN III 9-10 domain pair homology model (SWISSMODEL)
- Synthesised "missing beads"
- Coiled-coil (42 a.a.) SWISSMODELs generated for underlined segment

Oligomerisation of synthetic polyvalent integrin $\alpha_5 \beta_1$ ligands - AUC SV: c(s) reveals complex composition



AUC SV + DTT: c(s) composition simplified



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