

Supporting Information

Bringing clarity to the prediction of protein-ligand binding free energies via
“blurring”

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GAFF Parameter Files for the Ligands (.frcmmod)

Benzene:

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MASS

BOND

ANGLE

DIHE

IMPROPER

ca-ca-ca-ha	1.1	180.0	2.0	General improper torsional angle (2 general atom types)
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NONBON

Benzofuran:

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BOND

ANGLE

DIHE

cc-cd-ca-ca	1	2.550	180.000	2.000	same as X -c2-ca-X
cd-cc-os-ca	1	1.050	180.000	2.000	same as X -c2-os-X
ca-ca-cd-ha	1	2.550	180.000	2.000	same as X -c2-ca-X
ca-os-cc-h4	1	1.050	180.000	2.000	same as X -c2-os-X

IMPROPER

cd-h4-cc-os	1.1	180.0	2.0	Using default value
ca-cc-cd-ha	1.1	180.0	2.0	Using default value
ca-ca-ca-cd	1.1	180.0	2.0	Using default value
ca-ca-ca-ha	1.1	180.0	2.0	General improper torsional angle (2 general atom types)
ca-ca-ca-os	1.1	180.0	2.0	Using default value

NONBON

Indene:

remark goes here
MASS

BOND

ANGLE

DIHE

c2-ce-ca-ca	1	2.550	180.000	2.000	same as X -c2-ca-X
ca-ca-ce-ha	1	6.650	180.000	2.000	same as X -c2-ce-X

IMPROPER

c3-ce-c2-ha	1.1	180.0	2.0	Using default value
c2-ca-ce-ha	1.1	180.0	2.0	Using default value
ca-ca-ca-ha	1.1	180.0	2.0	General improper torsional angle
(2 general atom types)				
ca-ca-ca-ce	1.1	180.0	2.0	Using default value

NONBON

Isobutylbenzene:

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MASS

BOND

ANGLE

DIHE

IMPROPER

ca-ca-ca-ha	1.1	180.0	2.0	General improper torsional angle
(2 general atom types)				

NONBON

Indole:

remark goes here
MASS

BOND

ANGLE

DIHE					
cc-cd-ca-ca	1	2.550	180.000	2.000	same as X -c2-ca-X
ca-ca-cd-ha	1	2.550	180.000	2.000	same as X -c2-ca-X

IMPROPER					
ca-cc-na-hn	1.1	180.0	2.0	General improper torsional angle	
(2 general atom types)					
cd-h4-cc-na	1.1	180.0	2.0	Using default value	
ca-cc-cd-ha	1.1	180.0	2.0	Using default value	
ca-ca-ca-ha	1.1	180.0	2.0	General improper torsional angle	
(2 general atom types)					
ca-ca-ca-na	1.1	180.0	2.0	Using default value	
ca-ca-ca-cd	1.1	180.0	2.0	Using default value	

NONBON

n-butyl benzene:

remark goes here
 MASS

BOND

ANGLE

DIHE

IMPROPER					
ca-ca-ca-ha	1.1	180.0	2.0	General improper torsional angle	
(2 general atom types)					

NONBON

p-xylene:

remark goes here
 MASS

BOND

ANGLE

DIHE

IMPROPER					
ca-ca-ca-ha	1.1	180.0	2.0	General improper torsional angle	

(2 general atom types)

NONBON

o-xylene:

remark goes here

MASS

BOND

ANGLE

DIHE

IMPROPER

ca-ca-ca-ha 1.1 180.0 2.0 General improper torsional angle
(2 general atom types)

NONBON

Coordinate files for the initial ligand poses:

Benzene:

@<TRIPOS>MOLECULE

BNZ

12 12 1 0 0

SMALL

bcc

@<TRIPOS>ATOM

1	C1	25.9610	5.3060	4.7870	ca	1	BNZ	-0.130000
2	C2	26.3840	5.0360	3.4850	ca	1	BNZ	-0.130000
3	C3	27.3330	5.8560	2.8760	ca	1	BNZ	-0.130000
4	C4	27.8610	6.9450	3.5700	ca	1	BNZ	-0.130000
5	C5	27.4390	7.2150	4.8710	ca	1	BNZ	-0.130000
6	C6	26.4890	6.3950	5.4800	ca	1	BNZ	-0.130000
7	H1	25.2190	4.6650	5.2620	ha	1	BNZ	0.130000
8	H2	25.9710	4.1850	2.9430	ha	1	BNZ	0.130000
9	H3	27.6630	5.6460	1.8590	ha	1	BNZ	0.130000

10 H4	28.6030	7.5860	3.0940 ha	1 BNZ	0.130000
11 H5	27.8510	8.0660	5.4130 ha	1 BNZ	0.130000
12 H6	26.1590	6.6050	6.4970 ha	1 BNZ	0.130000

@<TRIPOS>BOND

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2	1	6 ar
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4	2	3 ar
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10	5	6 ar
11	5	11 1
12	6	12 1

@<TRIPOS>SUBSTRUCTURE

1 BNZ	1 TEMP	0 ****	****	0 ROOT
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Benzofuran:

@<TRIPOS>MOLECULE

BZF

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SMALL

bcc

@<TRIPOS>ATOM

1 O1	27.6870	6.1320	2.2450 os	1 BZF	-0.204200
2 C2	28.4050	7.3130	2.4230 cc	1 BZF	-0.014900
3 C3	28.2790	7.9020	3.6620 cd	1 BZF	-0.177200
4 C3A	27.4020	7.0140	4.3330 ca	1 BZF	-0.106800
5 C4	26.8980	7.0750	5.6280 ca	1 BZF	-0.083000
6 C5	26.0380	6.0520	6.0410 ca	1 BZF	-0.149000
7 C6	25.7030	5.0060	5.1680 ca	1 BZF	-0.113000
8 C7	26.2250	4.9710	3.8690 ca	1 BZF	-0.121000
9 C7A	27.0780	5.9950	3.4740 ca	1 BZF	0.058100
10 H2	28.9740	7.6140	1.5470 h4	1 BZF	0.189000
11 H3	28.7450	8.8190	4.0180 ha	1 BZF	0.165000
12 H4	27.1650	7.8910	6.2980 ha	1 BZF	0.138000
13 H5	25.6250	6.0680	7.0490 ha	1 BZF	0.133000
14 H6	25.0320	4.2150	5.5020 ha	1 BZF	0.135000
15 H7	25.9720	4.1640	3.1840 ha	1 BZF	0.150000

@<TRIPOS>BOND

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4	2	10 1
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9 5 6 ar
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14 7 14 1
15 8 9 ar
16 8 15 1

@<TRIPOS>SUBSTRUCTURE
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Indene:

@<TRIPOS>MOLECULE
DEN
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SMALL
bcc

@<TRIPOS>ATOM

1 C1	27.8930	8.1940	4.3020 c3	1 DEN	-0.019900
2 C2	28.2820	7.9480	2.8530 c2	1 DEN	-0.173200
3 C3	27.7850	6.7910	2.3920 ce	1 DEN	-0.117200
4 C4	26.3290	4.9370	3.4480 ca	1 DEN	-0.107000
5 C5	25.6760	4.5490	4.6230 ca	1 DEN	-0.133000
6 C6	25.7240	5.3600	5.7650 ca	1 DEN	-0.129000
7 C7	26.4260	6.5710	5.7510 ca	1 DEN	-0.115000
8 C8	27.0720	6.9450	4.5770 ca	1 DEN	-0.094300
9 C9	27.0210	6.1420	3.4560 ca	1 DEN	-0.071800
10 H11	28.7680	8.2500	4.9550 hc	1 DEN	0.074700
11 H12	27.2920	9.1000	4.4130 hc	1 DEN	0.074700
12 H22	28.8940	8.6500	2.2880 ha	1 DEN	0.142000
13 H32	27.8990	6.3550	1.3970 ha	1 DEN	0.144000
14 H4	26.2980	4.3140	2.5560 ha	1 DEN	0.134000
15 H5	25.1250	3.6100	4.6490 ha	1 DEN	0.130000
16 H6	25.2100	5.0460	6.6730 ha	1 DEN	0.130000
17 H7	26.4660	7.2040	6.6370 ha	1 DEN	0.132000

@<TRIPOS>BOND

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2	1	8 1
3	1	10 1
4	1	11 1
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7	3	9 1
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9	4	5 ar

10 4 9 ar
11 4 14 1
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15 6 16 1
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18 8 9 ar

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Isobutylbenzene:

@<TRIPOS>MOLECULE
I4B
24 24 1 0 0
SMALL
bcc

@<TRIPOS>ATOM

1 C1	27.2970	6.7760	3.4620	ca	1 I4B	-0.075300
2 C2	27.2970	7.2570	4.7730	ca	1 I4B	-0.128500
3 C3	26.5700	6.5980	5.7640	ca	1 I4B	-0.128500
4 C4	25.8400	5.4530	5.4490	ca	1 I4B	-0.134000
5 C5	25.8390	4.9680	4.1430	ca	1 I4B	-0.128500
6 C6	26.5660	5.6270	3.1520	ca	1 I4B	-0.128500
7 C1a	28.0920	7.4910	2.3770	c3	1 I4B	-0.036100
8 C2a	27.2090	8.3350	1.4260	c3	1 I4B	-0.063700
9 C3a	28.0620	8.9030	0.2710	c3	1 I4B	-0.091100
10 C4a	26.5070	9.4890	2.1770	c3	1 I4B	-0.091100
11 H2	27.8630	8.1520	5.0270	ha	1 I4B	0.131000
12 H3	26.5710	6.9790	6.7850	ha	1 I4B	0.130000
13 H4	25.2710	4.9390	6.2230	ha	1 I4B	0.130000
14 H5	25.2690	4.0720	3.8950	ha	1 I4B	0.130000
15 H6	26.5610	5.2420	2.1330	ha	1 I4B	0.131000
16 H1a1	28.8520	8.1300	2.8340	hc	1 I4B	0.048200
17 H1a2	28.6320	6.7410	1.7930	hc	1 I4B	0.048200
18 H2a	26.4410	7.6880	0.9930	hc	1 I4B	0.050700
19 H3a1	28.5350	8.0940	-0.2920	hc	1 I4B	0.034700
20 H3a2	28.8470	9.5610	0.6530	hc	1 I4B	0.034700
21 H3a3	27.4400	9.4750	-0.4210	hc	1 I4B	0.034700
22 H4a1	27.2380	10.1470	2.6520	hc	1 I4B	0.034700
23 H4a2	25.8390	9.1010	2.9500	hc	1 I4B	0.034700
24 H4a3	25.9060	10.0850	1.4870	hc	1 I4B	0.034700

@<TRIPOS>BOND
1 1 2 ar
2 1 6 ar
3 1 7 1
4 2 3 ar


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5 2 11 1
6 3 4 ar
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8 4 5 ar
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@<TRIPOS>SUBSTRUCTURE

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Indole:

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SMALL

bcc

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1 N1	28.5630	7.3530	3.2020	na	1 IND	-0.196400
2 C2	28.3720	6.5850	2.0520	cc	1 IND	-0.109100
3 C3	27.4350	5.6000	2.3200	cd	1 IND	-0.187200
4 C4	26.1540	5.0890	4.4640	ca	1 IND	-0.082000
5 C5	25.9840	5.5100	5.7880	ca	1 IND	-0.159000
6 C6	26.7070	6.6040	6.2890	ca	1 IND	-0.113000
7 C7	27.6110	7.2920	5.4710	ca	1 IND	-0.146000
8 C8	27.7600	6.8520	4.1610	ca	1 IND	-0.047200
9 C9	27.0580	5.7900	3.6750	ca	1 IND	-0.095800
10 H1	29.1910	8.1450	3.3010	hn	1 IND	0.297700
11 H2	28.9190	6.8040	1.1370	h4	1 IND	0.163000
12 H3	27.0740	4.8440	1.6260	ha	1 IND	0.156000
13 H4	25.5980	4.2410	4.0650	ha	1 IND	0.133000
14 H5	25.2830	4.9830	6.4360	ha	1 IND	0.128000
15 H6	26.5640	6.9200	7.3220	ha	1 IND	0.128000
16 H7	28.1770	8.1420	5.8500	ha	1 IND	0.130000

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5 2 11 1
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7 3 12 1
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17 8 9 ar

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n-butyl benzene:

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N4B
24 24 1 0 0
SMALL
bcc

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2 C2      26.8940  7.0570  5.1920 ca    1 N4B  -0.129000
3 C3      26.0750  6.0000  5.5870 ca    1 N4B  -0.128500
4 C4      25.8600  4.9250  4.7270 ca    1 N4B  -0.134000
5 C5      26.4670  4.9060  3.4720 ca    1 N4B  -0.128500
6 C6      27.2870  5.9630  3.0780 ca    1 N4B  -0.129000
7 C1a     28.3980  8.2010  3.5090 c3    1 N4B  -0.038100
8 C2a     27.6080  9.4730  3.1170 c3    1 N4B  -0.073400
9 C3a     26.6610  9.2820  1.9070 c3    1 N4B  -0.082400
10 C4a    27.4130  8.9860  0.5930 c3    1 N4B  -0.092100
11 H2     27.0580  7.8950  5.8690 ha    1 N4B   0.130500
12 H3     25.6020  6.0160  6.5690 ha    1 N4B   0.130000
13 H4     25.2200  4.0990  5.0350 ha    1 N4B   0.130000
14 H5     26.3000  4.0660  2.7990 ha    1 N4B   0.130000
15 H6     27.7560  5.9410  2.0960 ha    1 N4B   0.130500
16 H1a1   29.0660  8.4500  4.3370 hc    1 N4B   0.047700
17 H1a2   29.0450  7.8940  2.6840 hc    1 N4B   0.047700
18 H2a1   27.0190  9.8020  3.9760 hc    1 N4B   0.041200
19 H2a2   28.3150  10.2770  2.8960 hc    1 N4B   0.041200
20 H3a1   25.9470  8.4810  2.1100 hc    1 N4B   0.043200
21 H3a2   26.0790  10.1980  1.7750 hc    1 N4B   0.043200
22 H4a1   28.1460  9.7690  0.3830 hc    1 N4B   0.031700

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23 H4a2	27.9300	8.0270	0.6400 hc	1 N4B	0.031700
24 H4a3	26.7080	8.9470	-0.2400 hc	1 N4B	0.031700

@<TRIPOS>BOND

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23	10	23	1
24	10	24	1

@<TRIPOS>SUBSTRUCTURE

1 N4B	1 TEMP	0 ****	****	0 ROOT
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p-xylene:

@<TRIPOS>MOLECULE

PXY

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SMALL

bcc

@<TRIPOS>ATOM

1 C1	26.6430	6.1260	4.7030 ca	1 PXY	-0.082300
2 C2	26.7880	5.6320	3.4060 ca	1 PXY	-0.127000
3 C3	27.2620	6.4580	2.3880 ca	1 PXY	-0.127000
4 C4	27.5950	7.7860	2.6570 ca	1 PXY	-0.082300
5 C5	27.4510	8.2810	3.9550 ca	1 PXY	-0.127000
6 C6	26.9770	7.4540	4.9730 ca	1 PXY	-0.127000
7 C1a	26.1260	5.2180	5.8050 c3	1 PXY	-0.052800
8 C4a	28.1110	8.6780	1.5410 c3	1 PXY	-0.052800
9 H2	26.5300	4.5970	3.1850 ha	1 PXY	0.130000
10 H3	27.3710	6.0630	1.3790 ha	1 PXY	0.130000
11 H5	27.7080	9.3150	4.1790 ha	1 PXY	0.130000

12 H6	26.8690	7.8520	5.9810 ha	1 PXY	0.130000
13 H1a1	26.0600	5.7460	6.7590 hc	1 PXY	0.043200
14 H1a2	26.7920	4.3620	5.9370 hc	1 PXY	0.043200
15 H1a3	25.1310	4.8430	5.5550 hc	1 PXY	0.043200
16 H4a1	28.3020	9.6920	1.8980 hc	1 PXY	0.043200
17 H4a2	29.0430	8.2790	1.1350 hc	1 PXY	0.043200
18 H4a3	27.3800	8.7350	0.7310 hc	1 PXY	0.043200

@<TRIPOS>BOND

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@<TRIPOS>SUBSTRUCTURE

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1 PXY      1 TEMP      0 ****  ****  0 ROOT

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o-xylene:

@<TRIPOS>MOLECULE

OXE

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SMALL

bcc

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3 C3	27.3150	5.5880	2.9830 ca	1 OXE	-0.127000
4 C4	26.5320	4.8380	3.8580 ca	1 OXE	-0.132000
5 C5	26.0710	5.4090	5.0400 ca	1 OXE	-0.132000
6 C6	26.3940	6.7290	5.3460 ca	1 OXE	-0.127000
7 C11	27.5150	8.9290	4.8400 c3	1 OXE	-0.051800
8 C21	28.5030	7.7040	2.3040 c3	1 OXE	-0.051800
9 H3	27.6710	5.1310	2.0600 ha	1 OXE	0.130000
10 H4	26.2800	3.8060	3.6160 ha	1 OXE	0.130000
11 H5	25.4580	4.8250	5.7260 ha	1 OXE	0.130000

12	H6	26.0280	7.1660	6.2750	ha	1 OXE	0.130000
13	H111	27.0660	9.2110	5.7960	hc	1 OXE	0.043367
14	H112	28.5950	9.0630	4.9260	hc	1 OXE	0.043367
15	H113	27.1390	9.6160	4.0790	hc	1 OXE	0.043367
16	H211	29.4250	8.0380	2.7850	hc	1 OXE	0.043367
17	H212	28.7790	7.0990	1.4380	hc	1 OXE	0.043367
18	H213	27.9630	8.5810	1.9410	hc	1 OXE	0.043367

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Table SI.1. Experimental binding free energies along with the Glide SP and Glide XP docking scores obtained for the top hits from the standard docking protocol.¹⁻³ The receptor structures were prepared with the Protein Preparation Wizard utility of the Schrodinger 2013-2 Suite using Epik state penalties.^{1,4} Protonation states were assigned via PROPKA at pH 7.0.^{5,6} Hydrogen positions were optimized with the OPLS 2005 force field.^{7,8} Docking was carried out using the Standard Precision (SP) and Extra Precision (XP) algorithms of Glide version 5.9. Experimental free energy of binding values are in kcal/mol.

PDB	Ligand	Exp. ΔG_{bind}	Glide SP Score for the top hit	Glide XP Score for the top hit
181L	benzene	-5.2	-5.67	-5.00
182L	2,3-benzofuran	-5.5	-6.93	-6.85
183L	indene	-5.1	-7.39	-7.25
184L	i-Butyl benzene	-6.5	-7.72	-7.61
185L	indole	-4.9	-6.75	-5.96
186L	n-Butyl benzene	-6.7	-7.03	-7.32
187L	p-xylene	-4.7	-6.71	-6.36
188L	o-xylene	-4.6	-6.75	-6.34

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