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Ion-specific Effects on Biocolloidal Systems

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Outline (Lecture 3)

✓ Applications to:

- ✓ Protein adsorption;
- ✓ Ions partitioning;
- ✓ Electrostatic behavior of cell walls:
 - Classical charge regulation model;
 - Charged-regulated volume charge density.



Poisson-Boltzmann Equation in Bispherical Coordinates

- ✓ Hoskins & Levine (1956): nonlinear PBE was first solved in bispherical coordinates.
- ✓ Carnie *et al.* (1994): force between two similar spherical particles using bispherical coordinates and comparing with approximations.
- ✓ Stankovich & Carnie (1996): dissimilar spheres; a sphere and a plate.

Bispherical coordinates

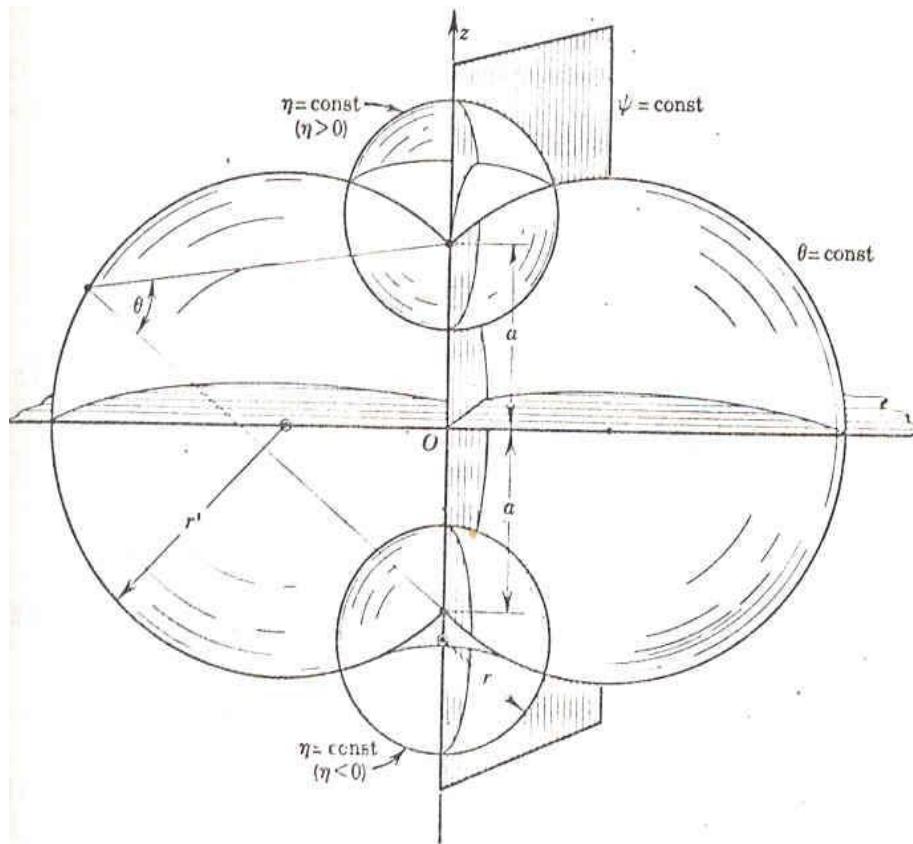
$$x = \frac{a \cdot \sin \theta}{\cosh \eta - \cos \theta} \quad y = \frac{a \cdot \cos \theta}{\cosh \eta - \cos \theta} \quad z = \frac{a \cdot \sinh \eta}{\cosh \eta - \cos \theta}$$

$$\nabla^2 \psi = \frac{(\cosh \eta - \cos \theta)^3}{\beta^2 \sin \theta} \cdot \left[\begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\sin \theta}{\cosh \eta - \cos \theta} \cdot \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right) + \\ + \sin(\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \left(\frac{1}{\cosh \eta - \cos \theta} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta} \right) \end{array} \right]$$

Bispherical Coordinates

$$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

$$\eta_{01} \leq \eta \leq \eta_{02}$$

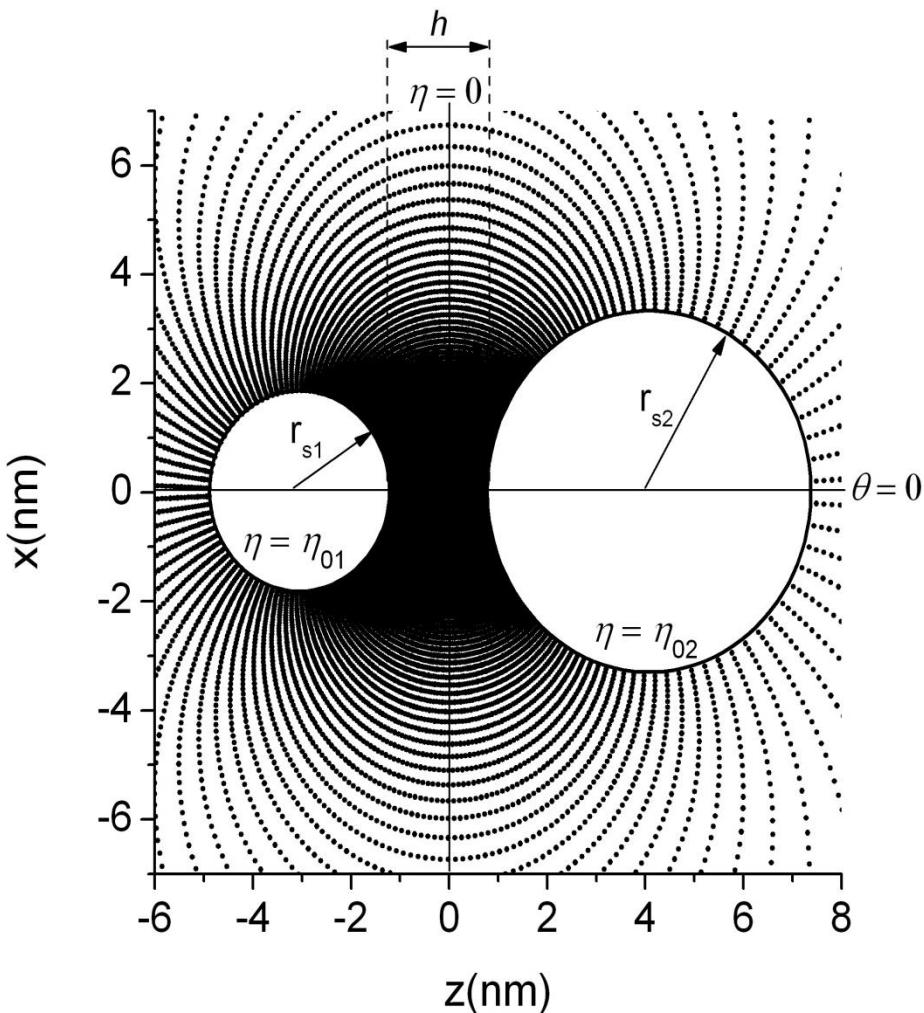


Moon & Spencer (1961)



Wikipedia (2008)

Bispherical Coordinates



Similar Spheres:

$$\cosh(\eta_0) = 1 + h / 2r_s$$

$$a = \kappa r_s \sinh(\eta_0)$$

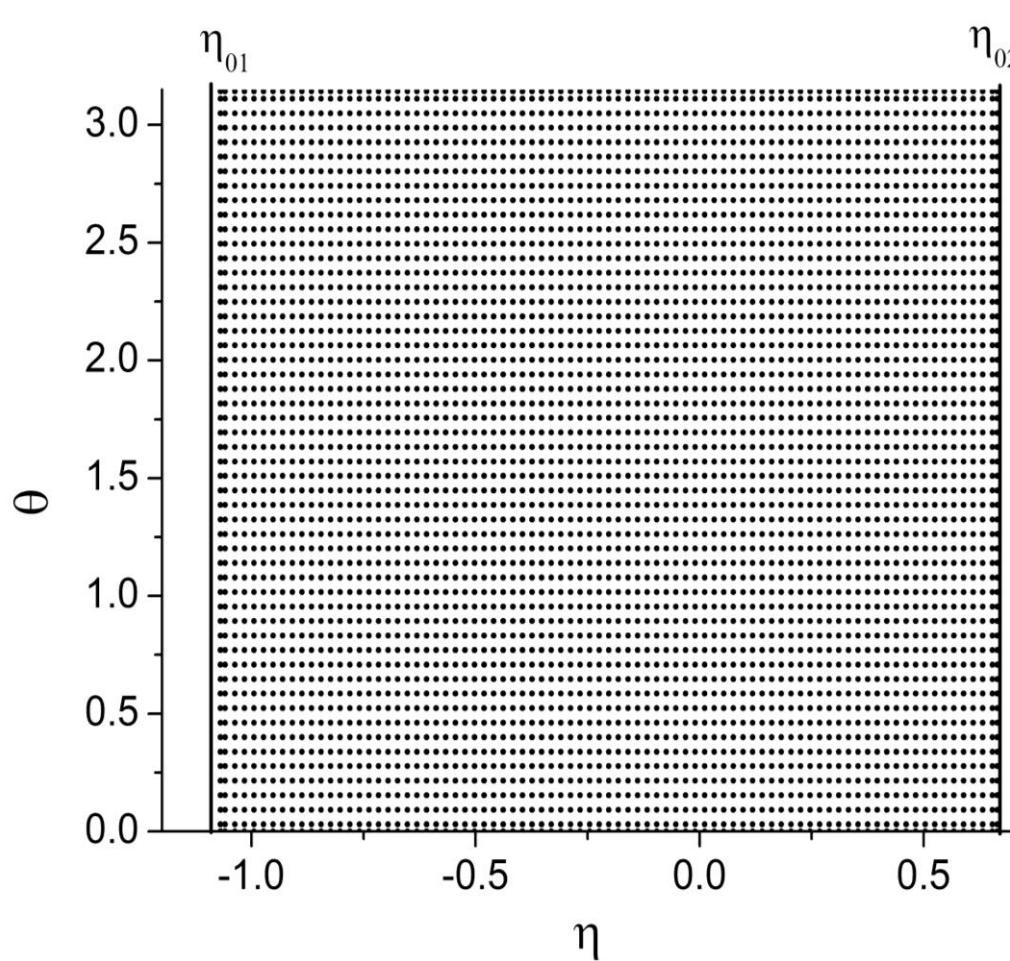
Dissimilar Spheres:

$$-\frac{a}{\sinh(\eta_{01})} = \kappa r_{s1}$$

$$\frac{a}{\sinh(\eta_{02})} = \kappa r_{s2}$$

$$\frac{a}{\tanh(\eta_{02})} - \frac{a}{\tanh(\eta_{01})} = \kappa r_{s1} + \kappa r_{s2} + \kappa h$$

Bispherical Coordinates



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Calculation of the Force between Particles

The dimensionless force between the two particles is given by integrating the stress tensor over a surface separating the two particles. Evaluating this integral over a surface of constant η we have

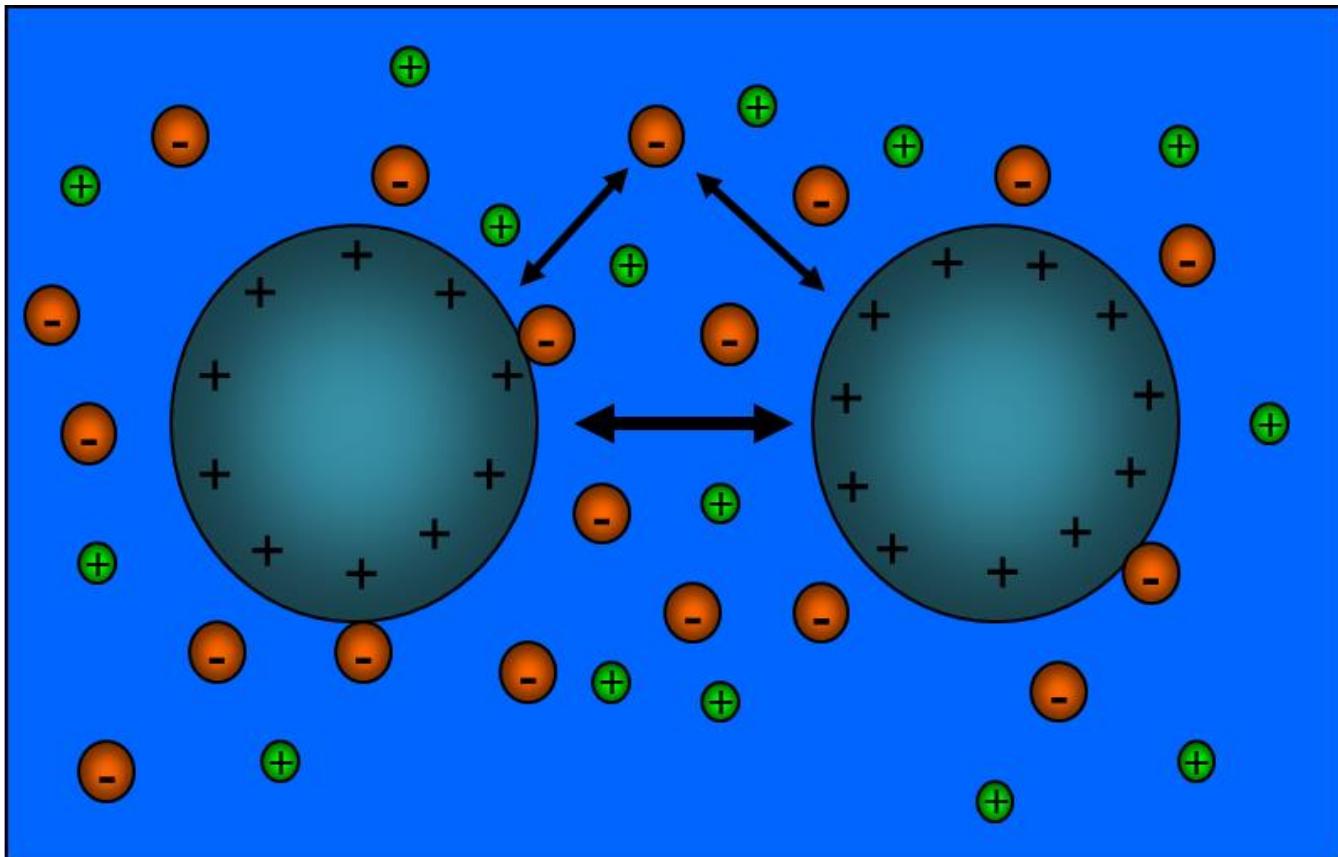
$$f = 2\pi \int_0^\pi \left\{ \left[\frac{a^2(\cosh(\psi) - 1)}{(\cosh(\eta) - \cos(\theta))^2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \right) \right] \times [1 - \cosh(\eta)\cos(\theta)] + \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \eta} \sinh(\eta)\sin(\theta) \right\} \frac{\sin(\theta)d\theta}{\cosh(\eta) - \cos(\theta)}$$

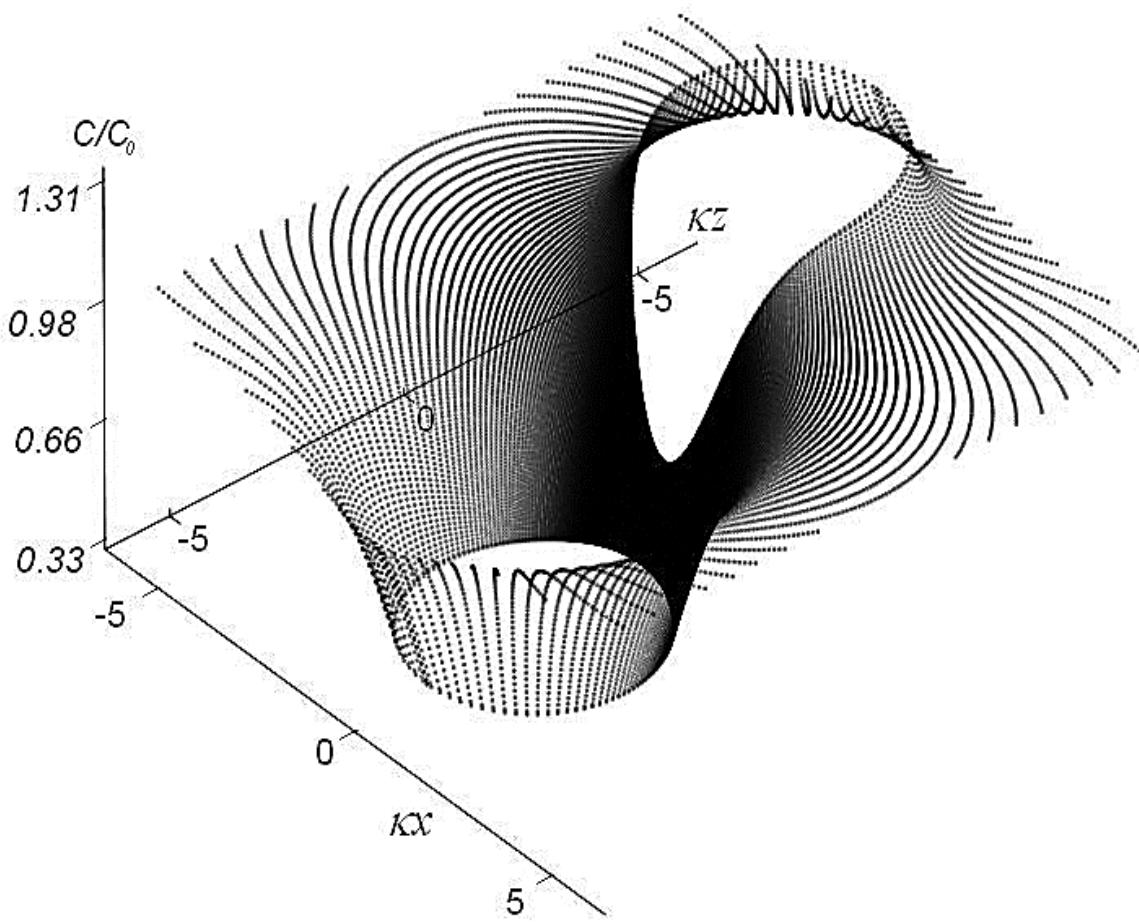
Sphere-plate: integral was evaluated over the surface $\eta = \eta_1/2$
Sphere-sphere, it was evaluated over the surface $\eta = 0$

Lima et al., PCCP 9 (2007), 3174–3180;

Stankovich and Carnie, Langmuir 12 (1996), 1453–1461.

Interactions between spherical colloidal particles



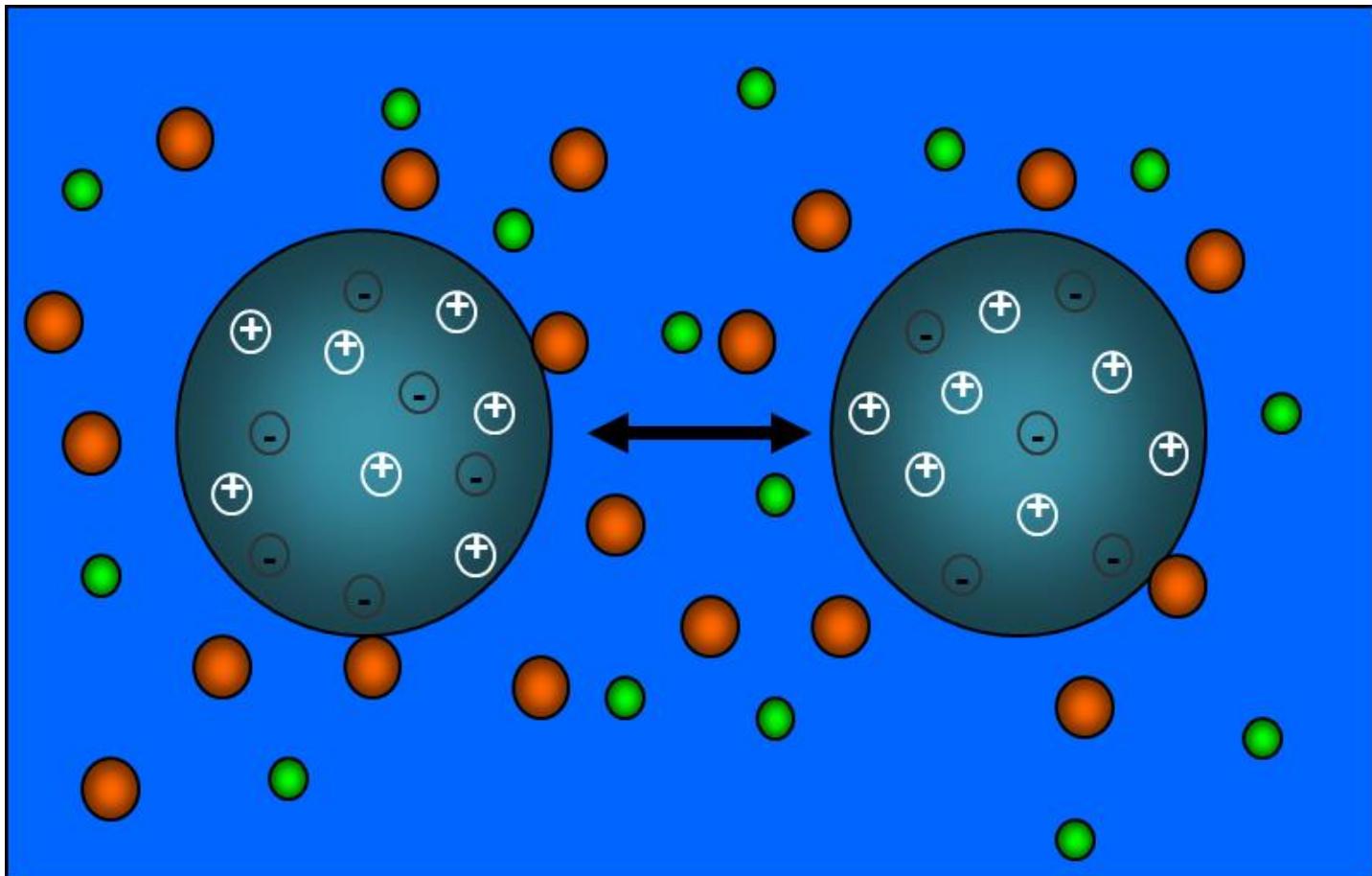


Concentration Profile of iodide ions

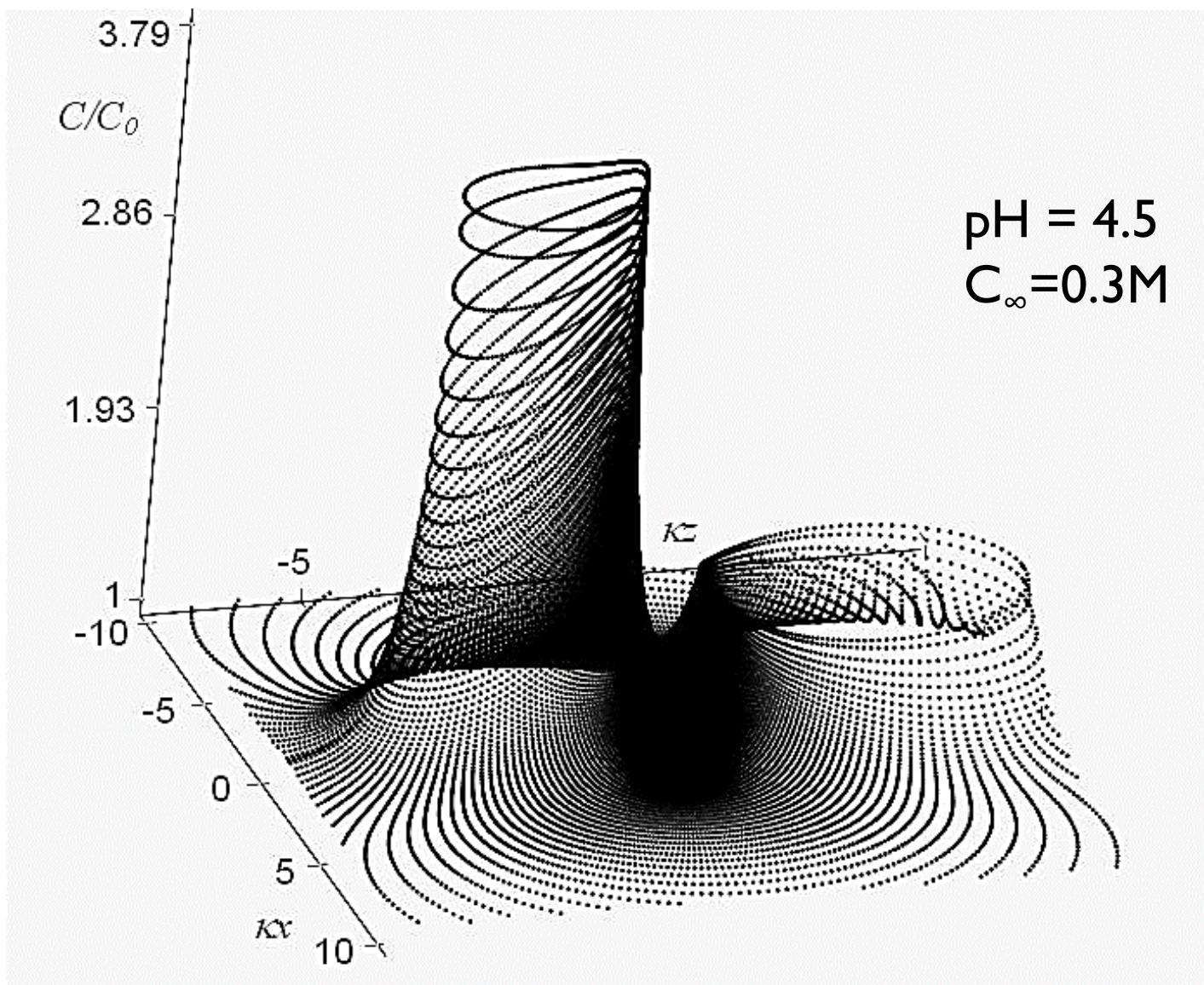
$$\sigma_2 = 0.01 C/m^2$$

$$\sigma_1 = -0.03 C/m^2$$

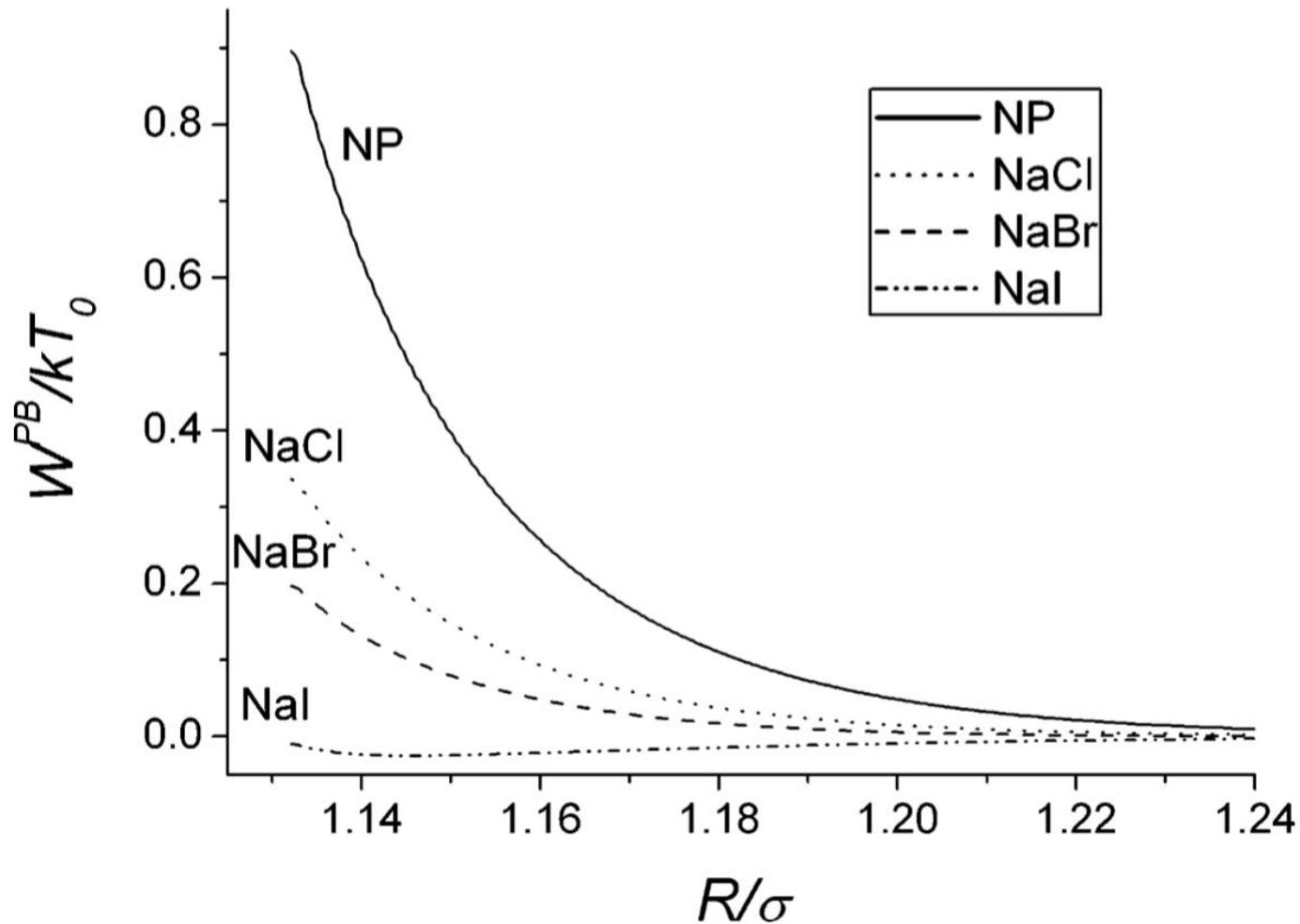
Interactions between globular proteins



Iodide concentration around a lysozyme and a BSA

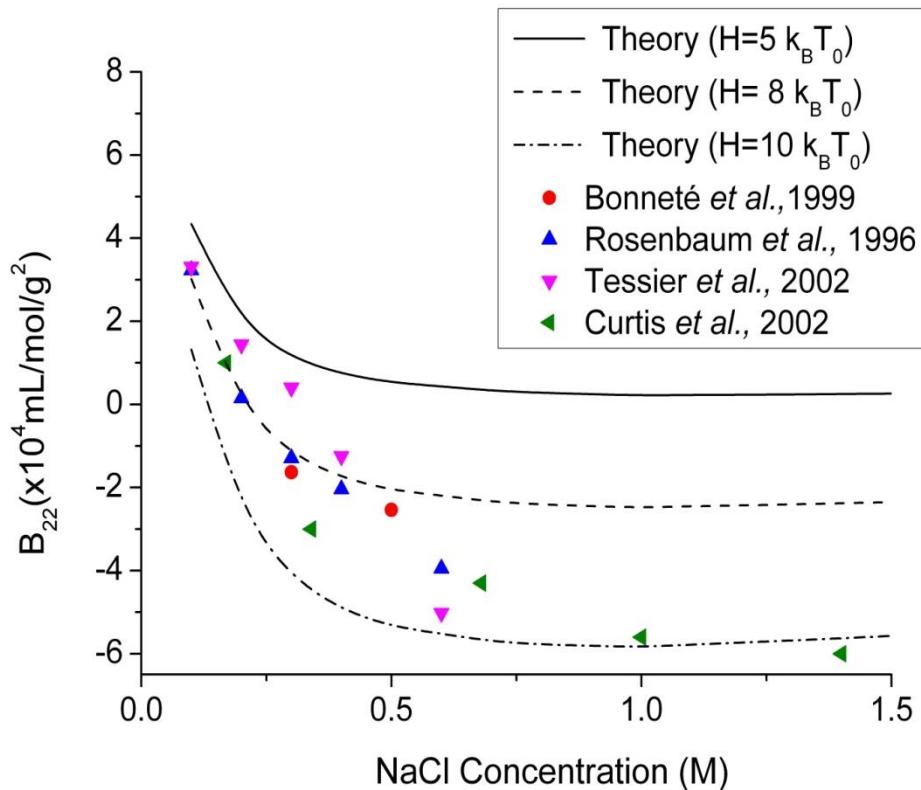


Modified Poisson-Boltzmann contribution to the Potential of Mean Force



Lysozyme in a 0.3M NaCl salt solution at pH = 4.5.

Osmotic second virial coefficient calculations



Lysozyme in a 0.1M NaCl salt solution
at pH = 4.5 and T = 298K.

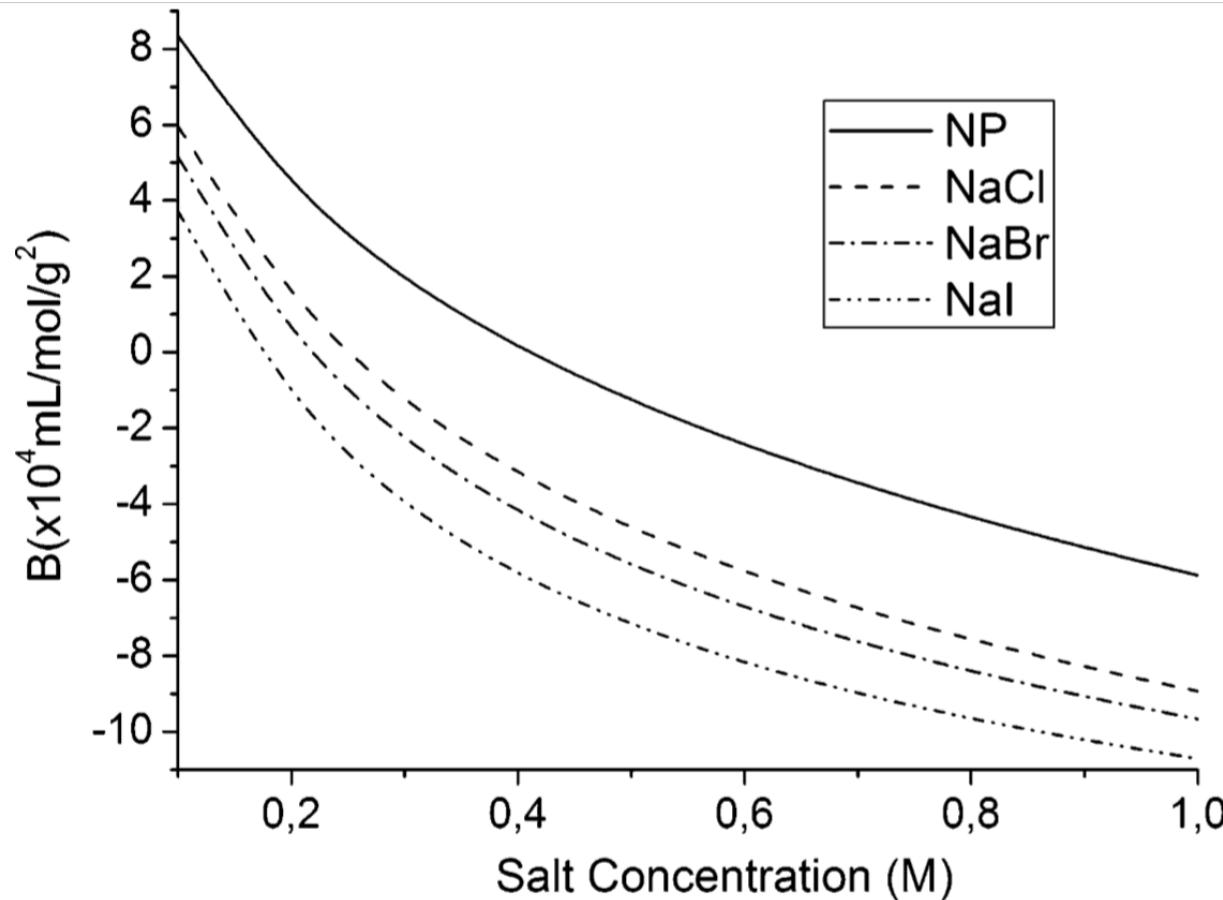
$$\frac{W^{PB}}{k_B T} = \frac{\varepsilon \varepsilon_0 k_B T \sigma}{e^2} \int_{\infty}^{r/\sigma} f \cdot d\left(\frac{r}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$W = W^{PB} + W^{Ham} + W^{hs}$$

$$B_{22} = \frac{N_A}{2M^2} \int_0^{\infty} \left(1 - e^{-W(r)/k_B T}\right) 4\pi r^2 dr$$

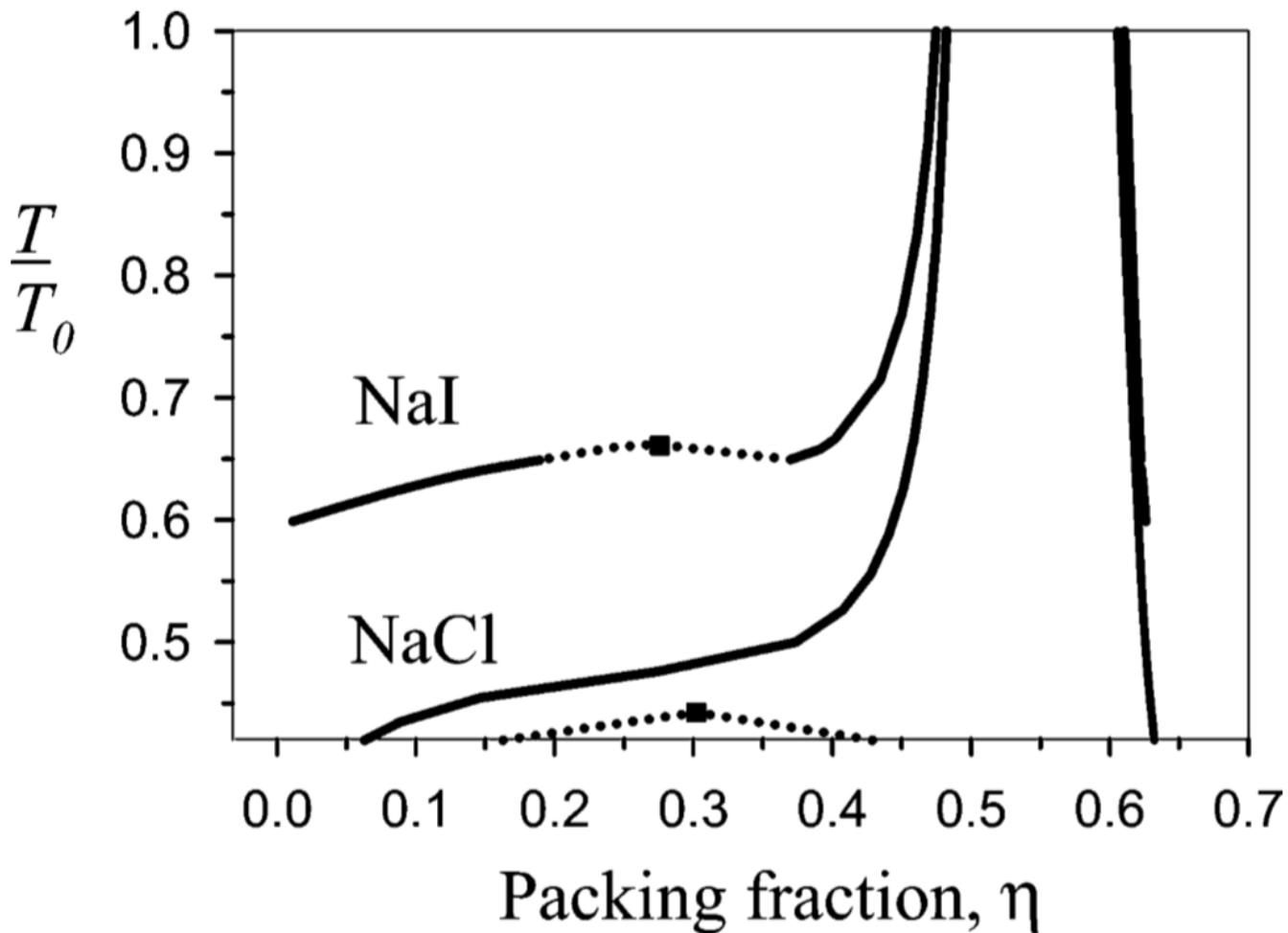
OBS.: Predictive Model

Ion Specificity on Osmotic Second virial Coefficient



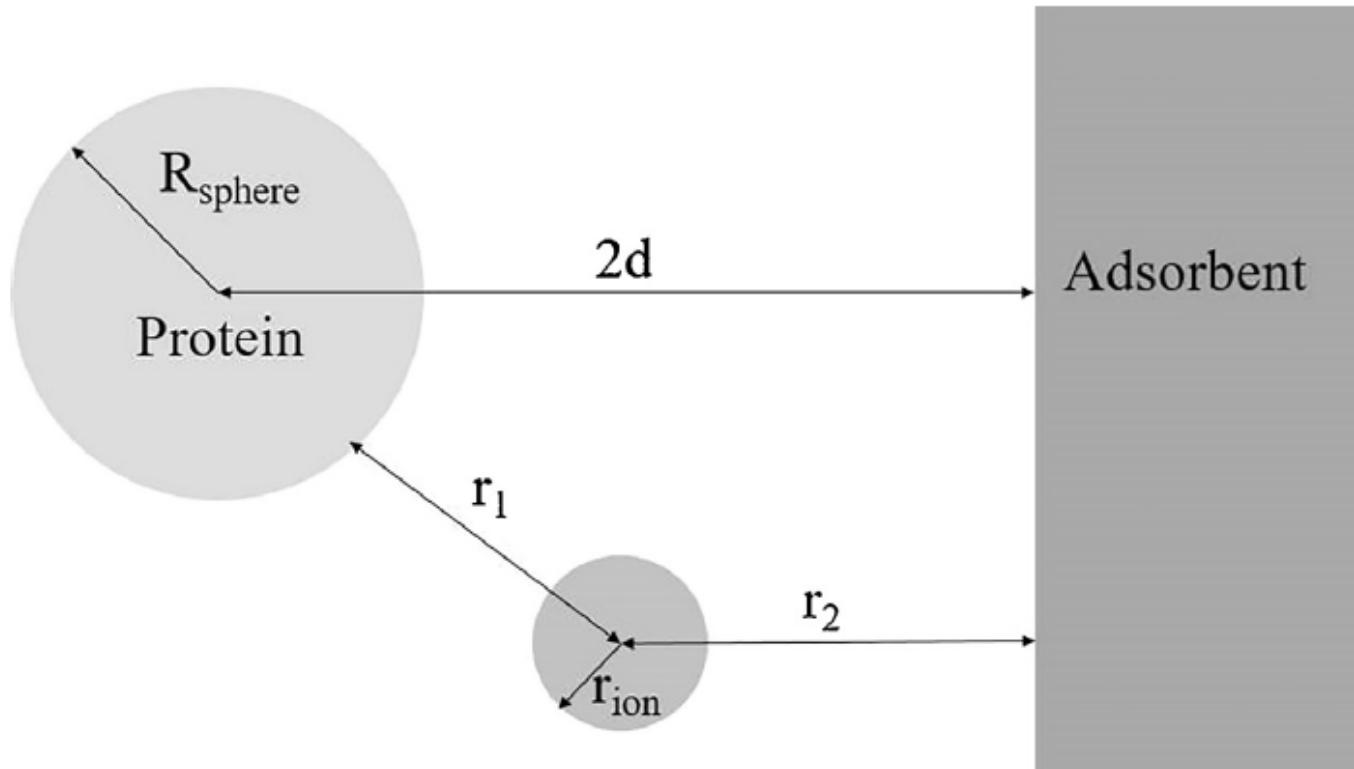
Lysozyme; pH = 4.5; T = 298K

Ion Specificity in Phase Diagrams

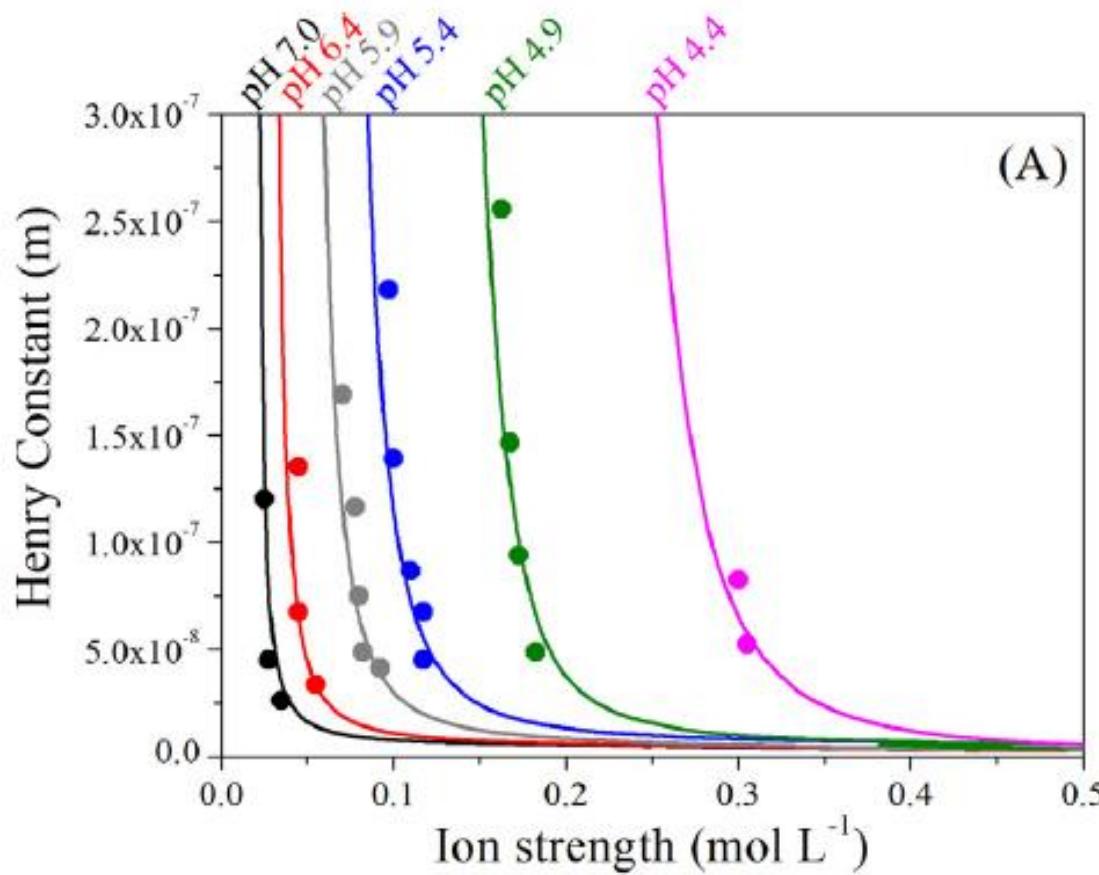


1st order perturbation theory; Lysozyme; C = 0.3 M;
pH = 4.5; T = 298K

Chromatographic Purification of Proteins

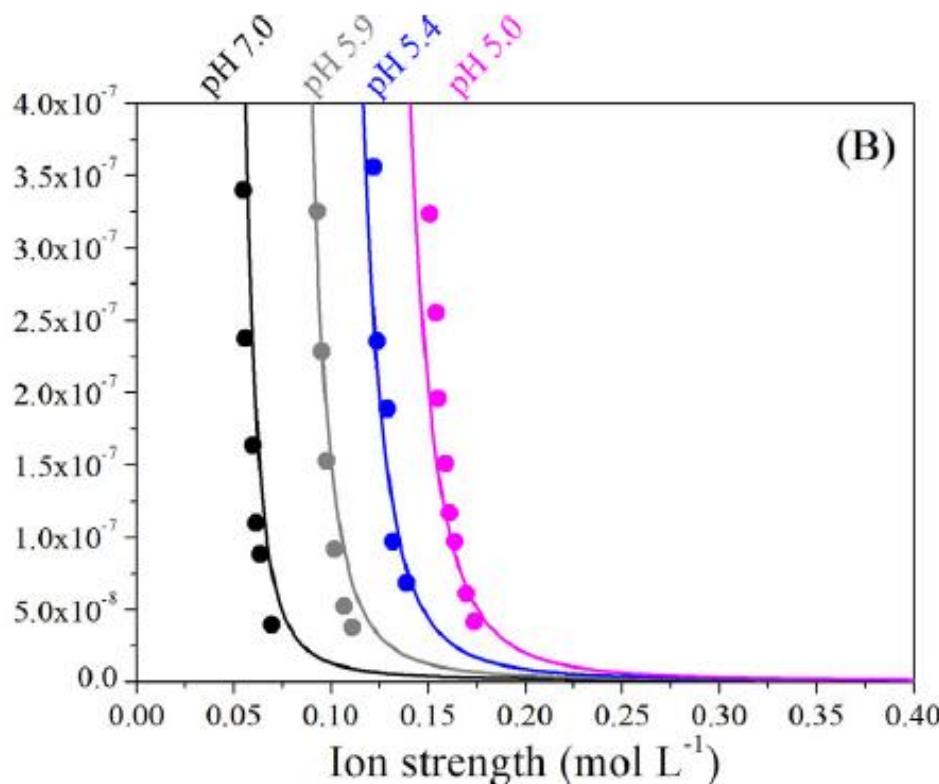


Protein Adsorption



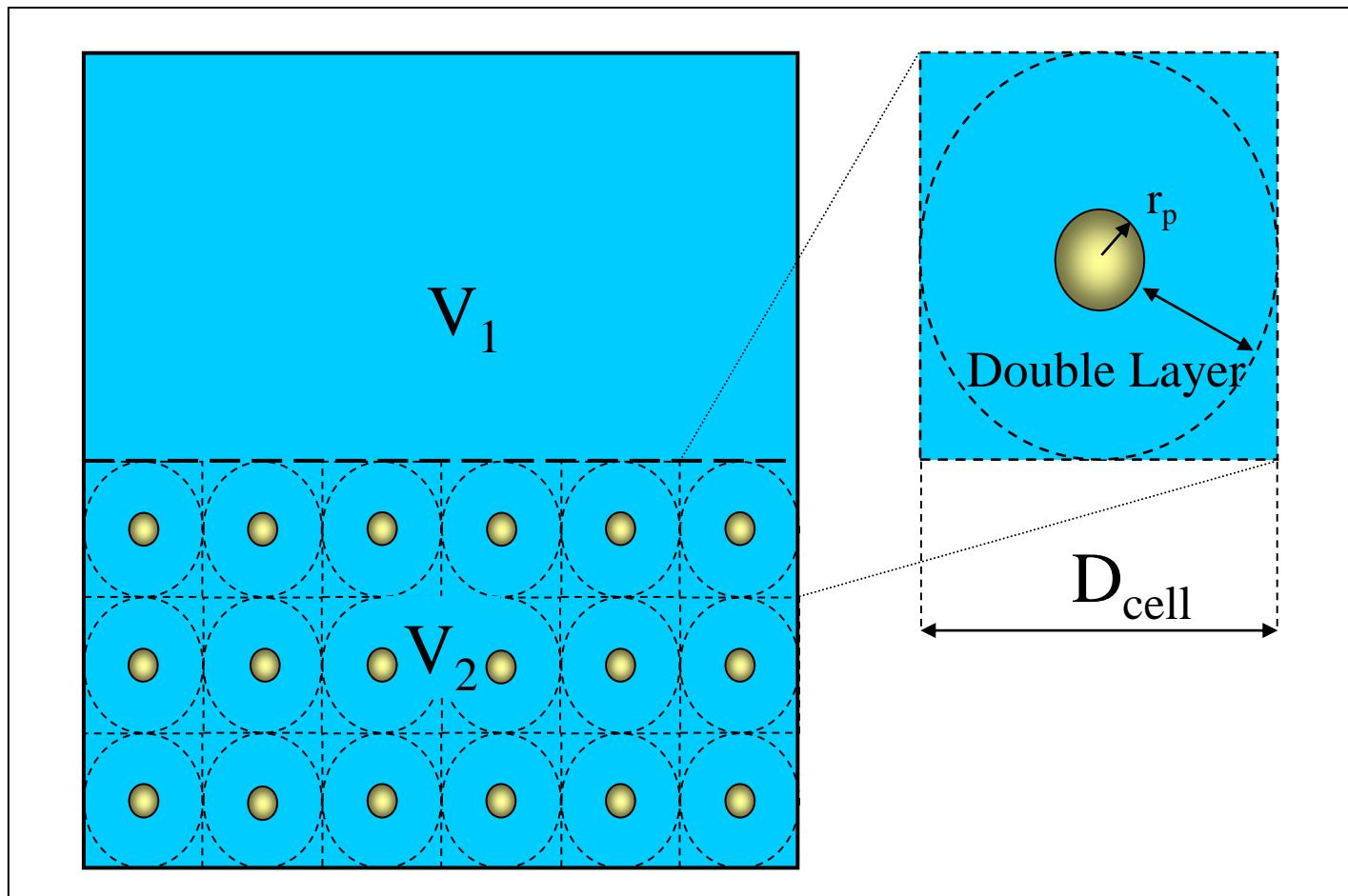
Monoclonal antibody on Fractogel EMD SE HiCap

Protein Adsorption

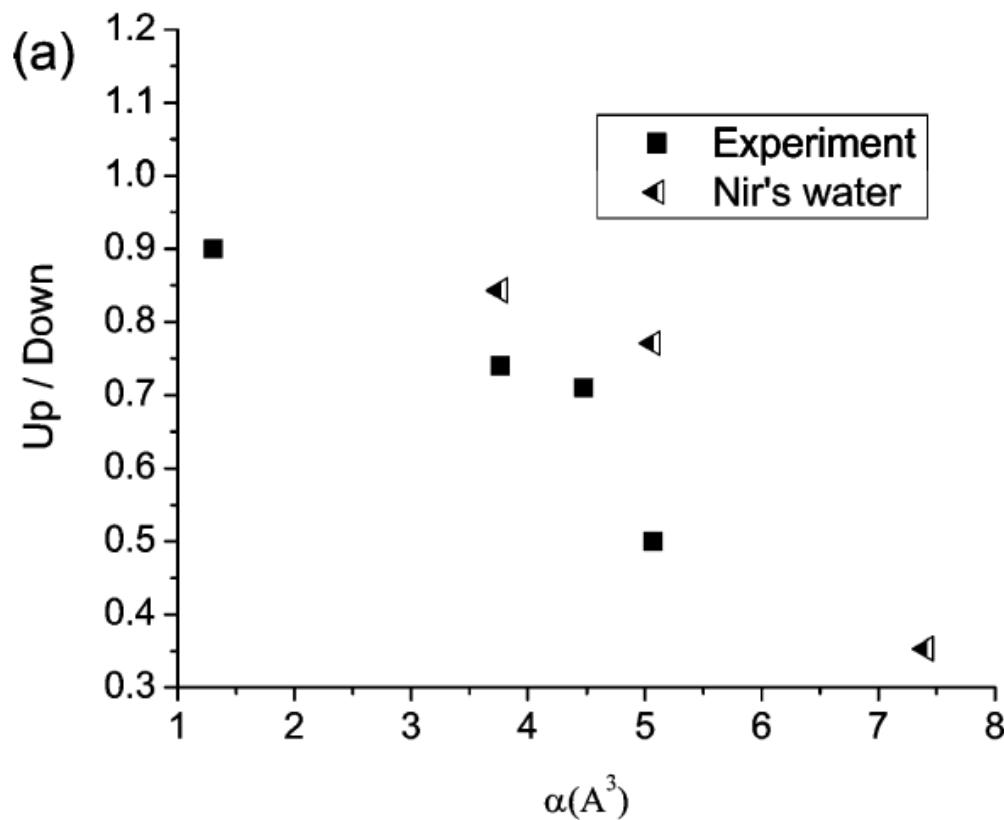


Trastuzumab on YMC BioPro SP

Ions partitioning between two phases



Ion partitioning between two phases

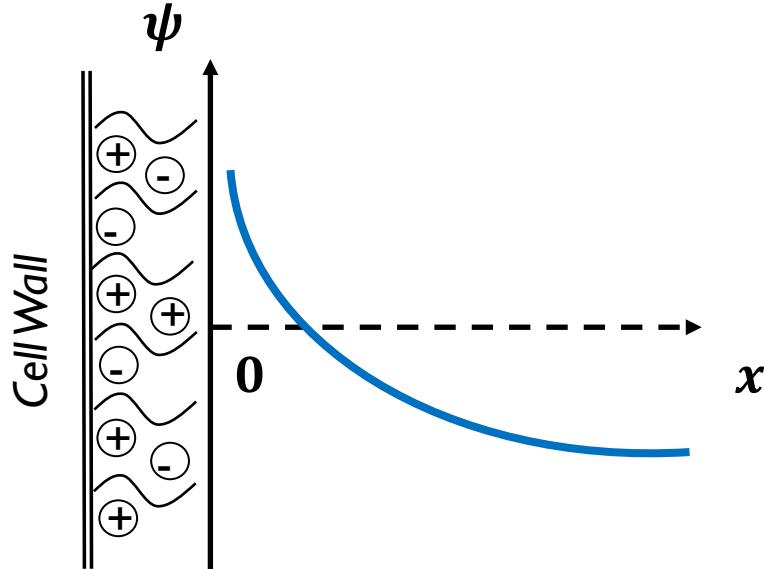


Lima et al. (2009). JPBC, 113, 8124–8127
Experiments: Lagi et al., 2007, JPCB, 111, 589.

Charge Regulation Model

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = - \frac{e}{\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon} \sum_i z_i c_{i,0} \exp\left(\frac{-ez_i\psi}{k_B T}\right)$$

➤ Considering ε constant



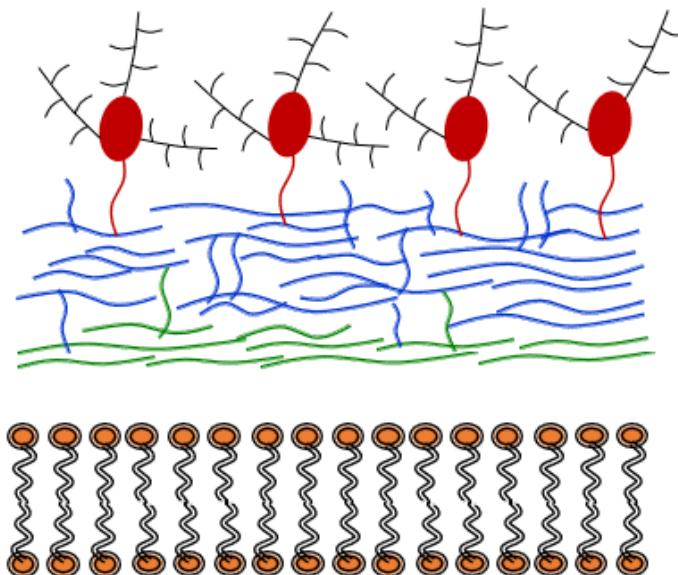
Boundary Conditions:

$$\frac{d\psi}{dx} \Big|_{x=0} = - \frac{\sigma(\psi)}{\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon}$$

$$\frac{d\psi}{dx} \Big|_{x \rightarrow \infty} = 0$$

Charge Regulation Model

Yeast cell wall → Simplified *S. cerevisiae* yeast cell wall structure:



Glycoprotein → Surface charge

Chitin and β -glucan layer

Periplasmic space

Cytoplasmic membrane

S. cerevisiae's Functional Groups

- ✓ Two important parameters that characterize the surface groups are:
 - Number of groups
 - Dissociation constant
- ✓ Potentiometric titration
- ✓ Experimental results from Zhang et al. (2010)

Potentiometric
Titration
Experiments

Group:	pK _a	Site density (mmol/g)
(1) Carboxyl	3.52 – 5.34	0.45
(2) Phosphoryl	6.24 – 7.30	0.35
(3) Hydroxyl	9.47 – 10.13	0.25
(4) Amine	8.86 – 10.92	0.85

Charge Regulation Model

➤ Yeast Surface Charge Function:

Acid and basic groups equilibrium reactions:



The total number of groups and their equilibrium constant can be written as following:

$$N_a = [\text{AH}] + [\text{A}^-]$$

$$N_b = [\text{BH}^+] + [\text{B}]$$

$$K_a = \frac{[\text{H}^+]_s [\text{A}^-]}{[\text{AH}]}$$

$$K_b = \frac{[\text{H}^+]_s [\text{B}]}{[\text{BH}^+]}$$

Charge Regulation Model

- **Yeast Surface Charge Function:**
- The total number of groups and their equilibrium equations can be rewritten to account for the charges present resulting in:

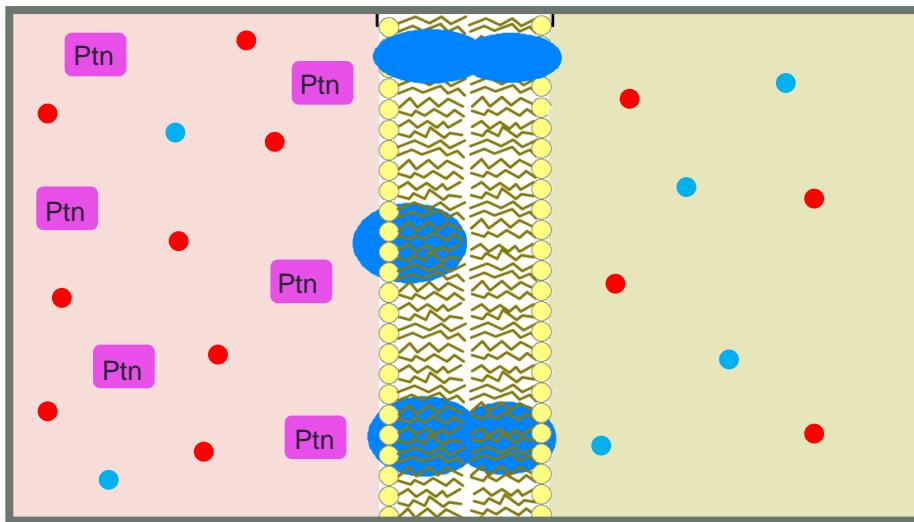
$$\sigma = \sum_k \frac{eN_{b,l}[H^+]_s}{[H^+]_s + K_{a_bas,l}} - \sum_j \frac{eN_{a,k}K_{a_ac,k}}{K_{a_ac,k} + [H^+]_s}$$

- Local proton concentration $[H^+]_s$ on the surface is a function of the surface electrostatic potential.

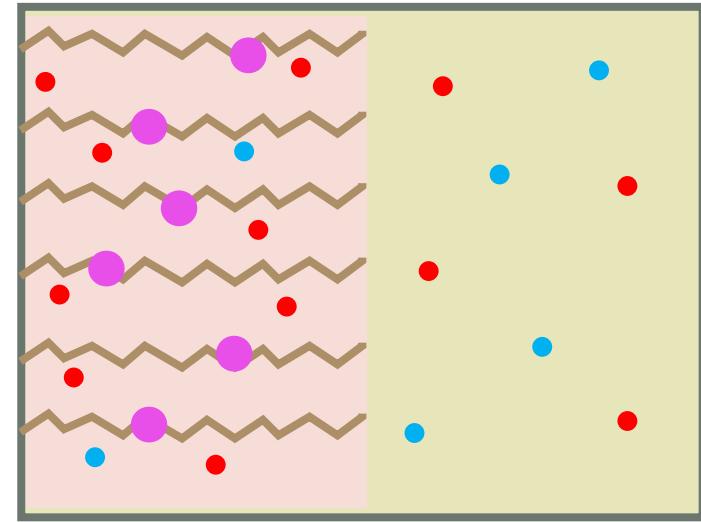
$$[H^+]_s = [H^+]_{bulk} \exp\left(-\frac{e\psi_s}{k_B T}\right)$$

Donnan Potential

A



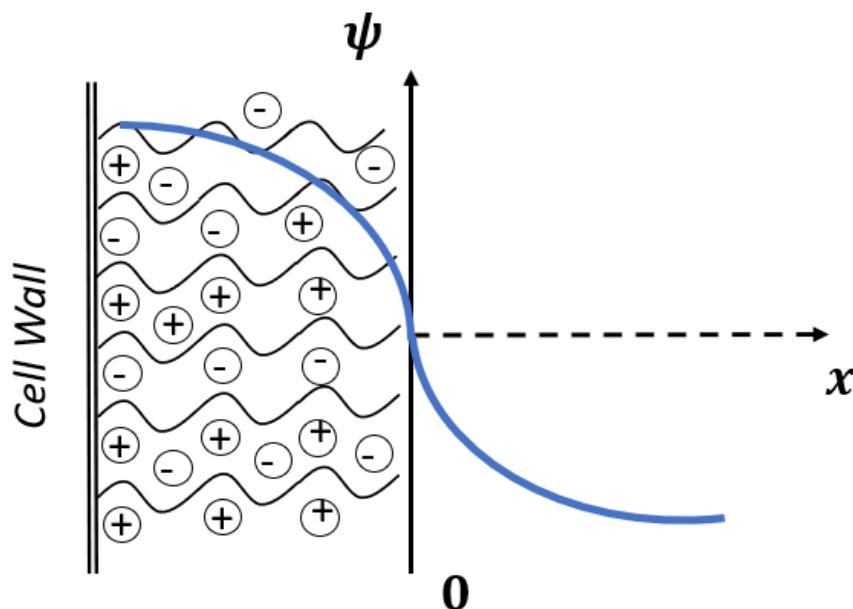
B



Charged-regulated volume charge density

$$\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} = - \frac{e}{\varepsilon_0 \varepsilon} \sum_i z_i c_{i,0} \exp\left(\frac{-ez_i\psi}{k_B T}\right) - \rho_f$$

➤ Considering ε constant



Boundary Conditions:

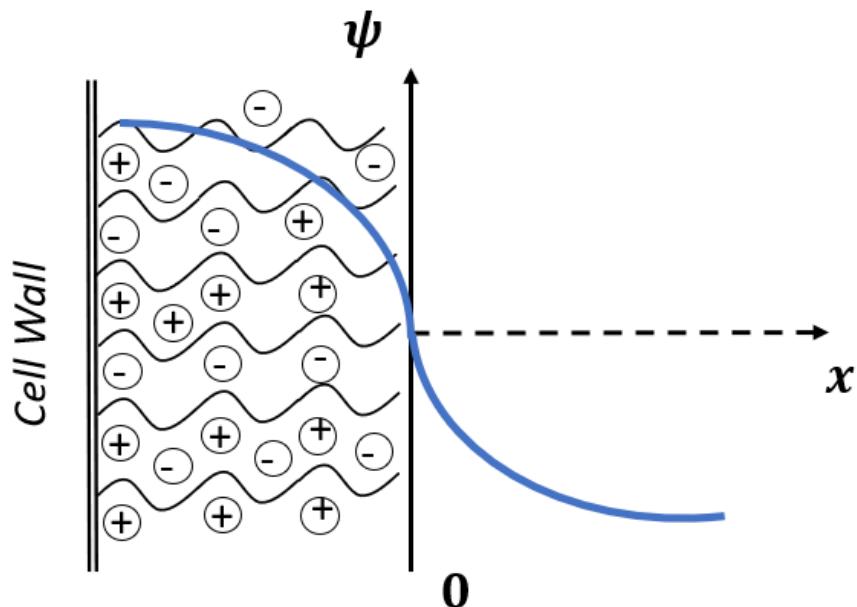
$$\frac{d\psi}{dx} \Big|_{x \rightarrow -\infty} = 0$$

$$\frac{d\psi}{dx} \Big|_{x \rightarrow \infty} = 0$$

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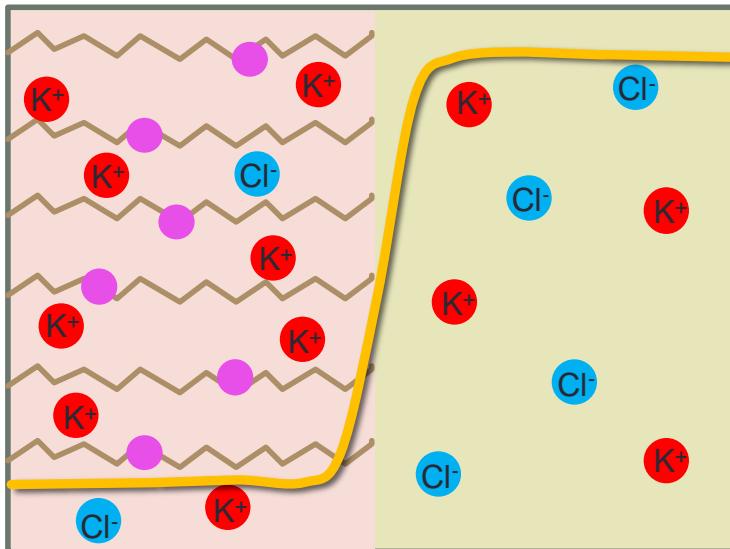


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Smoothing Function



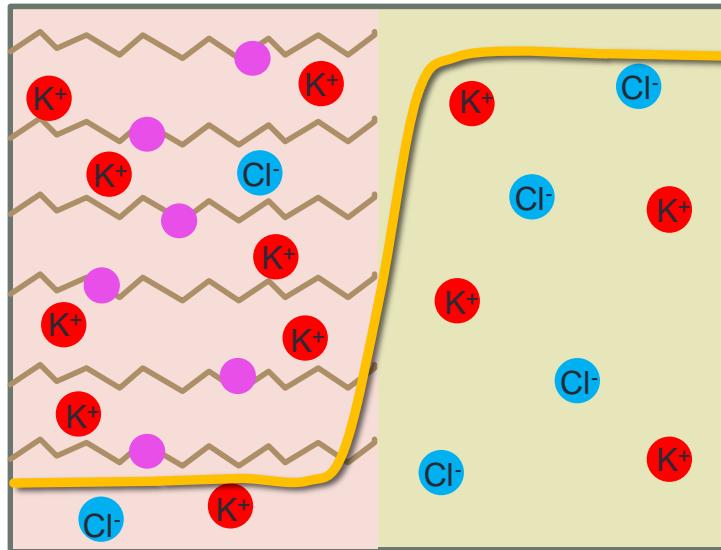
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} g(x), & \text{for } x \leq x^* \\ h(x), & \text{for } x > x^* \end{cases}$$

$$F(x, \eta) = v(x, \eta)h(x) + [1 - v(x, \eta)]g(x)$$

$$v(x, \eta) = \frac{1 + \tanh\left(\frac{x - x^*}{\eta}\right)}{2}$$

Freitas; Quinto; Secchi; Biscaia. An Efficient Adjoint-Free Dynamic Optimization Methodology for Batch Processing Using Pontryagin's Formulation, 2012.
Barbosa; Lima, Boström,; Tavares. J. Phys. Chem. B 119 (2015) 6379-88.

Smoothing Function



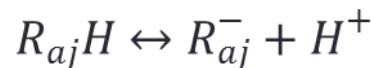
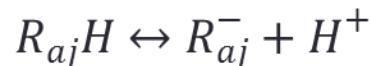
$$\rho_f(x, \eta) = v(x, \eta) \rho_{medium} + [1 - v(x, \eta)] \rho_{cell\ wall}$$

$$\rho_f(x, \eta) = [1 - v(x, \eta)] \rho_{cell\ wall}$$

Charged-regulated volume charge density

$$K_{aj} = \frac{c_{R_{aj}^-} c_{H^+}}{c_{R_{aj}H}}$$

$$K_{bm} = \frac{c_{R_{bm}} c_{H^+}}{c_{R_{bm}H^+}}$$



$$c_{H^+} = c_{H^+, \infty} \exp\left(\frac{-e z_{H^+} \psi}{k_B T}\right)$$



$$N_{aj} = c_{R_{aj}^-} + c_{R_{aj}H}$$

$$N_{bm} = c_{R_{bm}} + c_{R_{bm}H^+}$$



$$\frac{\rho_f(x)}{e} = [1 - \nu(x)] \left[\sum_m c_{R_{bm}H^+}(x) - \sum_j c_{R_{aj}^-}(x) \right]$$

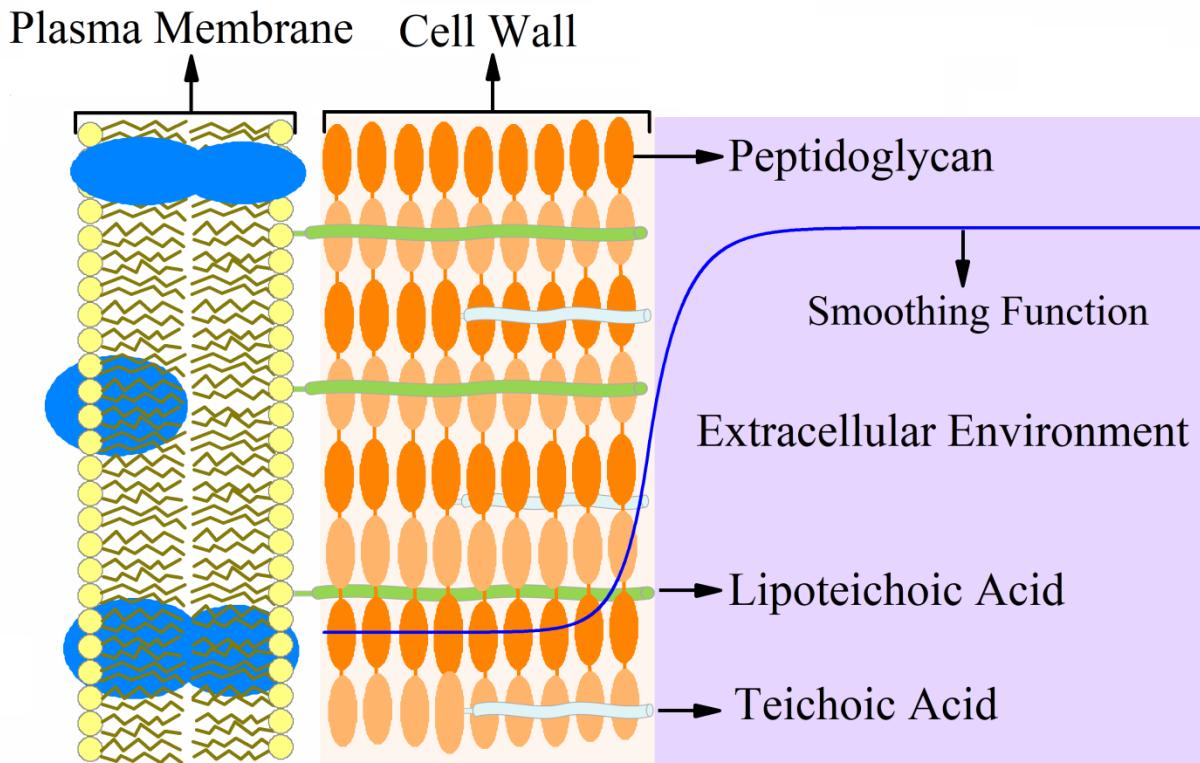
$$\frac{\rho_f(x)}{e}$$

$$= [1 - \nu(x)] \left[\sum_m \frac{10^{-pH_\infty} N_{bm}(x)}{10^{-pH_\infty} + K_{bm} \exp\left(\frac{ez_{H^+}\psi(x)}{k_B T}\right)} \right.$$

$$\left. - \sum_j \frac{K_{aj} N_{aj}(x)}{K_{aj} + 10^{-pH_\infty} \exp\left(\frac{-ez_{H^+}\psi(x)}{k_B T}\right)} \right]$$

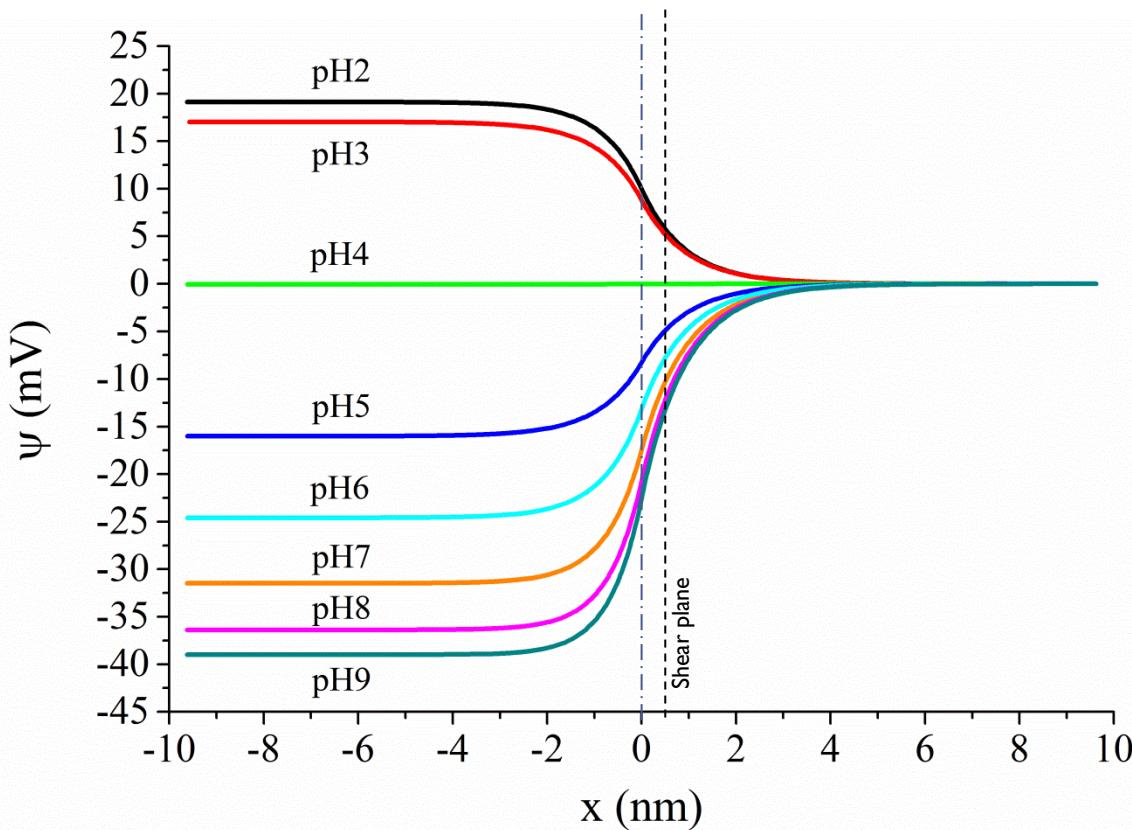
Charged-regulated volume charge density

➤ Cell Wall of a Gram-positive bacteria:



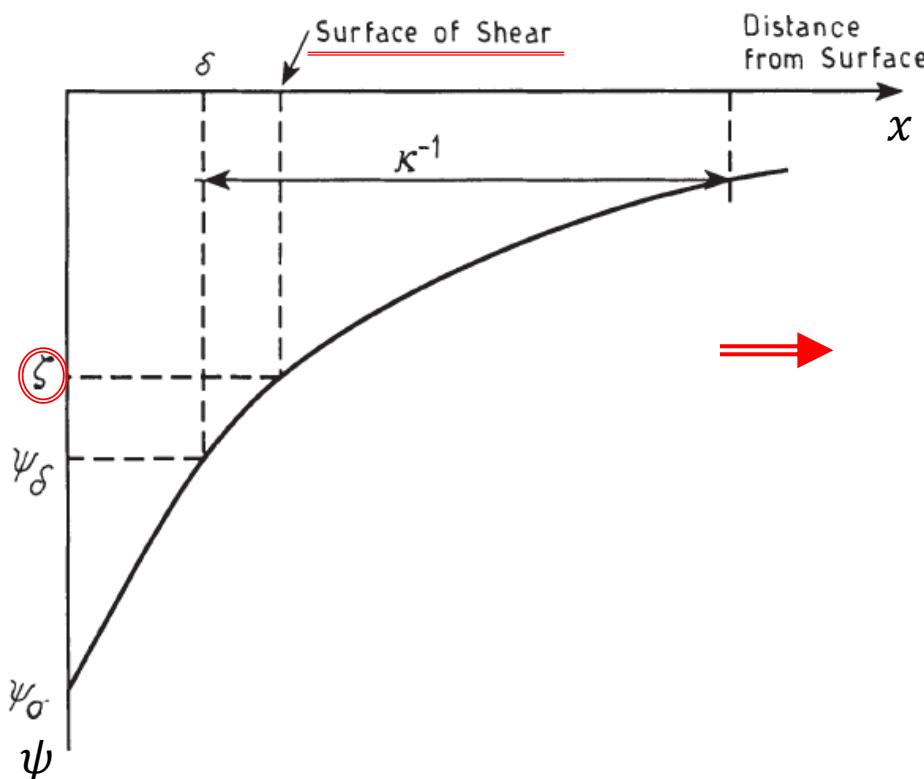
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Electrostatic potential profiles in different bulk pH's:



Zeta potential

- Distribution of electric potential (ψ) x distance (x):

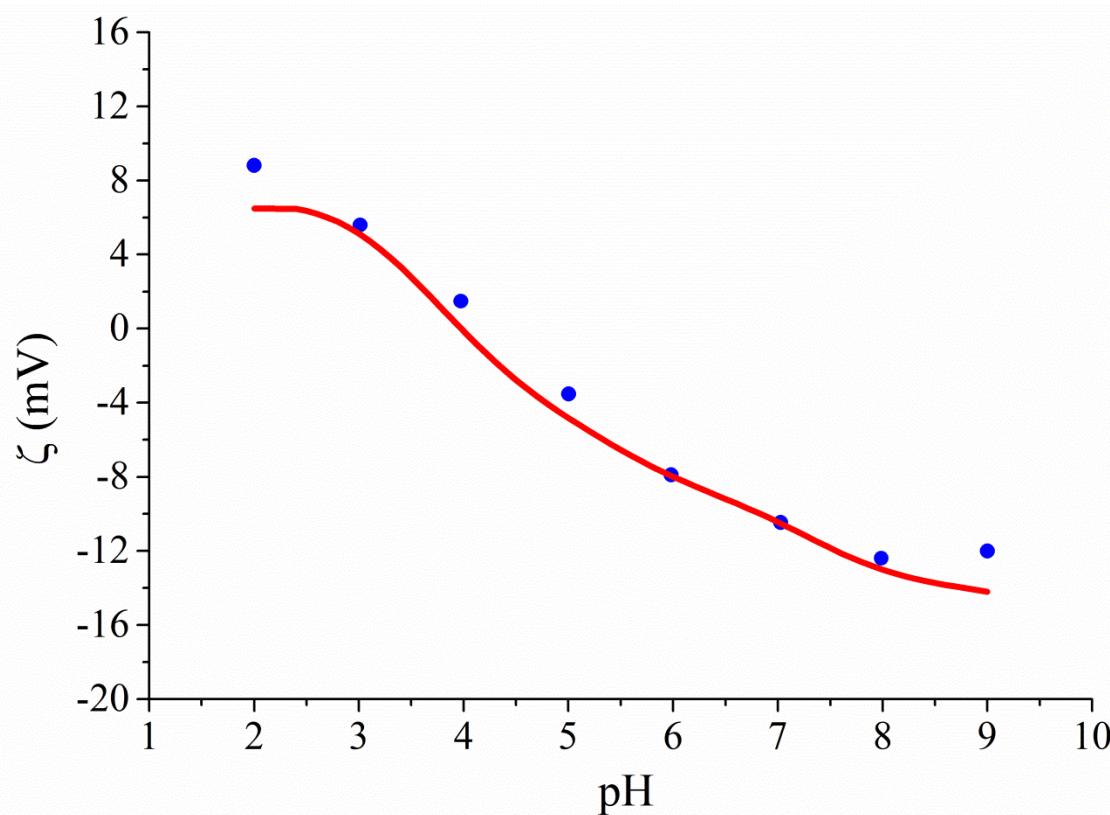


Estimate **zeta potential**

- Important parameter for indicating colloidal stability.
- It can be obtained experimentally.

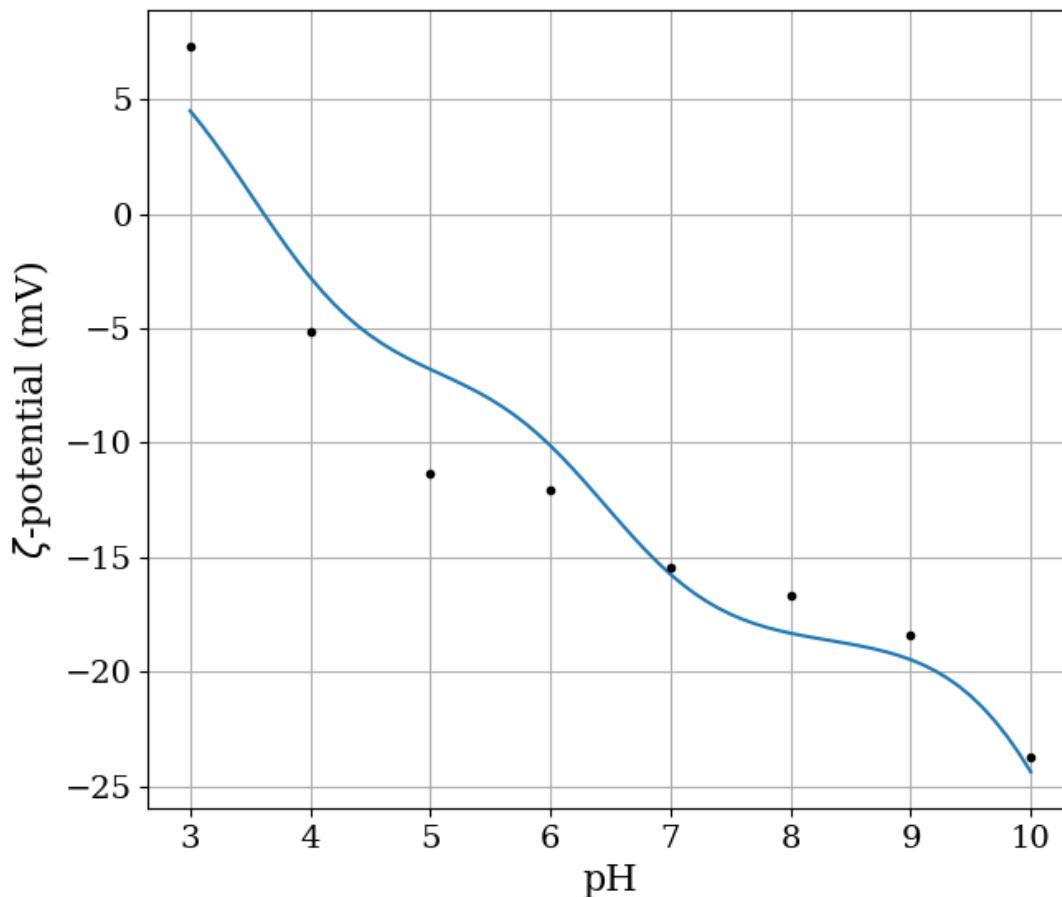
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Bacillus brevis ζ potential as a function of pH:



Charged-regulated volume charge density

S. cerevisiae ζ potential as a function of pH:



Calculated for:

$$I = 10 \text{ mM}$$

$$\lambda_{eff} = 3.34 \times 10^{-4}$$

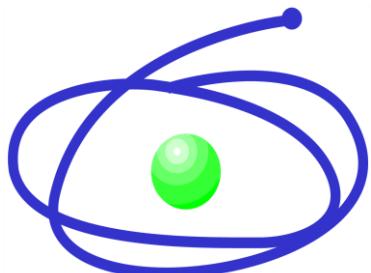
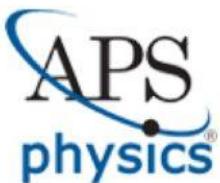
Estimated pK_a :

pK_1	3.52
pK_2	6.24
pK_3	10.13
pK_4	10.92

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