

Supporting Information for

Atomistic Simulation of Lysozyme in Solutions Crowded by Tetraethylene Glycol: Force Field Dependence

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Table S1. Calculated Viscosities (mPa•s) of PEG-4 Solutions with Different Concentrations^a.

concentration (% w/v)	Amber14SB		a99SB- <i>disp</i>		exp ^b
	$T = 298.15$ K	$T = 370$ K	$T = 298.15$ K	$T = 370$ K	$T = 298.15$ K
0	0.31 ± 0.01	0.16 ± 0.01	1.01 ± 0.01	0.36 ± 0.01	0.89
15	0.49 ± 0.01	0.23 ± 0.01	1.81 ± 0.01	0.54 ± 0.01	1.56
25	0.72 ± 0.01	0.31 ± 0.01	2.92 ± 0.01	0.75 ± 0.01	2.30
35	1.14 ± 0.01	0.42 ± 0.01	5.31 ± 0.02	1.08 ± 0.01	3.42
45	2.07 ± 0.01	0.61 ± 0.01	11.36 ± 0.06	1.65 ± 0.01	4.99
55	4.31 ± 0.02	0.93 ± 0.01	29.99 ± 0.33	2.69 ± 0.01	7.21
65	10.98 ± 0.03	1.50 ± 0.01	95.68 ± 0.65	4.63 ± 0.01	10.36
75	37.98 ± 0.11	2.68 ± 0.01	525.88 ± 14.42	8.61 ± 0.03	14.89
85	223.72 ± 4.44	5.66 ± 0.01	1871.10 ± 118.00	18.21 ± 0.20	22.50
95	1185.67 ± 62.33	13.74 ± 0.05	2654.89 ± 137.94	37.55 ± 0.27	31.80
112	4057.45 ± 279.95	109.42 ± 1.05	4057.45 ± 279.95	109.42 ± 1.05	44.63

^aModel parameters of PEG-4 are identical for the both Amber-like force fields. The viscosities were computed by eq 3 from non-equilibrium simulations. The concentration of 112% w/v means a pure PEG-4 liquid.

^bObtained from polynomial fits of experimental observations [1].

Table S2. Calculated Diffusion Constants ($\times 10^{-5}$ cm²/s) of Water in PEG-4 Solutions with Different Concentrations^a.

concentration (% w/v)	Amber14SB		a99SB- <i>disp</i>	
	$T = 298.15$ K	$T = 370$ K	$T = 298.15$ K	$T = 370$ K
0	6.13 ± 0.10	13.80 ± 0.31	1.91 ± 0.08	6.37 ± 0.15
15	4.37 ± 0.11	10.95 ± 0.24	1.27 ± 0.04	4.77 ± 0.14
25	3.40 ± 0.10	8.97 ± 0.20	0.89 ± 0.04	3.83 ± 0.10
35	2.44 ± 0.07	7.25 ± 0.23	0.57 ± 0.03	2.92 ± 0.08
45	1.67 ± 0.08	5.71 ± 0.18	0.35 ± 0.02	2.18 ± 0.09
55	1.06 ± 0.06	4.29 ± 0.14	0.19 ± 0.02	1.54 ± 0.06
65	0.58 ± 0.04	3.11 ± 0.14	0.09 ± 0.01	1.05 ± 0.04
75	0.26 ± 0.02	2.00 ± 0.11	0.06 ± 0.01	0.63 ± 0.03
85	0.19 ± 0.04	1.17 ± 0.08	0.06 ± 0.01	0.36 ± 0.04
95	0.13 ± 0.02	0.62 ± 0.03	0.06 ± 0.01	0.21 ± 0.03
112	-	-	-	-

^aComputed by eq 5 using the viscosity in Table S1. The concentration of 112% w/v means a pure PEG-4 liquid.

Table S3. Volume Fraction (%) of the Crowder PEG-4 and Mass Fraction (%) of Non-Water Components for the Simulated Systems of PEG-4 Solutions and of Protein/PEG-4 Solutions^a.

concentration (% w/v)	PEG-4 solutions		protein/PEG-4 solutions	
	volume	mass	volume	mass
0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.0 ± 0.0	11.4 ± 0.1
15	12.4 ± 0.4	14.4 ± 0.0	7.9 ± 1.3	20.4 ± 1.2
25	21.1 ± 0.6	24.1 ± 0.0	9.7 ± 0.5	22.7 ± 0.3
35	30.1 ± 0.8	33.5 ± 0.0	14.8 ± 1.1	28.7 ± 0.8
45	39.2 ± 1.0	42.8 ± 0.0	21.0 ± 0.7	35.5 ± 0.2
55	48.5 ± 1.3	51.9 ± 0.0	25.3 ± 1.4	40.3 ± 0.8
65	57.5 ± 1.5	60.4 ± 0.0	31.0 ± 2.5	46.9 ± 1.8
75	66.9 ± 1.4	69.1 ± 0.0	39.6 ± 1.5	55.7 ± 1.0
85	76.1 ± 1.2	77.7 ± 0.0	51.9 ± 1.1	67.4 ± 0.7
95	84.9 ± 0.6	86.1 ± 0.0	62.7 ± 1.0	78.3 ± 0.7
112	100.0 ± 0.0	100.0 ± 0.0	86.1 ± 0.5	98.8 ± 0.0

^aFractions were averaged over the four simulation systems (two force fields and two temperatures). Standard deviations of 0.0 indicate a value of < 0.1. The volume fractions were used to estimate a decrease in the diffusion coefficient for hard spheres based on the Enskog theory.

Table S4. Calculated Diffusion Constants ($\times 10^{-5}$ cm²/s) of PEG-4 in PEG-4 Solutions with Different Concentrations^a.

concentration (% w/v)	Amber14SB		a99SB-disp	
	$T = 298.15$ K	$T = 370$ K	$T = 298.15$ K	$T = 370$ K
0	-	-	-	-
1	2.05 ± 0.75	5.36 ± 1.91	0.60 ± 0.24	2.16 ± 0.74
15	1.22 ± 0.18	3.34 ± 0.38	0.44 ± 0.07	1.49 ± 0.08
25	0.89 ± 0.08	2.41 ± 0.32	0.28 ± 0.03	1.14 ± 0.13
35	0.61 ± 0.05	1.85 ± 0.20	0.18 ± 0.02	0.84 ± 0.07
45	0.40 ± 0.06	1.41 ± 0.10	0.10 ± 0.01	0.65 ± 0.07
55	0.21 ± 0.02	0.98 ± 0.08	0.05 ± 0.01	0.46 ± 0.03
65	0.11 ± 0.01	0.70 ± 0.04	0.02 ± 0.01	0.32 ± 0.02
75	0.04 ± 0.01	0.45 ± 0.03	0.02 ± 0.01	0.19 ± 0.02
85	0.03 ± 0.01	0.27 ± 0.02	0.02 ± 0.01	0.11 ± 0.01
95	0.02 ± 0.01	0.15 ± 0.01	0.02 ± 0.01	0.07 ± 0.01
112	0.01 ± 0.01	0.04 ± 0.01	0.01 ± 0.01	0.04 ± 0.01

^aComputed by eq 5 using the viscosity in Table S1. The concentration of 112% w/v means a pure PEG-4 liquid. The system of 1% w/v contains one PEG-4 molecule and 2129 water molecules.

Table S5. Calculated Viscosities (mPa•s) of Protein/PEG-4 Solutions with Different Concentrations^a.

concentration (% w/v)	Amber14SB		a99SB- <i>disp</i>	
	$T = 298.15 \text{ K}$	$T = 370 \text{ K}$	$T = 298.15 \text{ K}$	$T = 370 \text{ K}$
0	1.36 ± 0.23	1.04 ± 0.07	1.57 ± 0.14	1.50 ± 0.12
15	2.60 ± 0.17	1.58 ± 0.11	5.10 ± 0.92	2.09 ± 0.18
25	1.85 ± 0.25	2.40 ± 0.17	4.47 ± 0.75	2.85 ± 0.46
35	1.47 ± 0.24	1.58 ± 0.13	6.76 ± 0.89	2.90 ± 0.30
45	3.37 ± 0.91	2.22 ± 0.69	9.00 ± 3.19	7.61 ± 1.28
55	5.03 ± 0.70	1.73 ± 0.17	16.26 ± 2.62	2.89 ± 0.37
65	2.77 ± 0.66	3.15 ± 0.25	31.97 ± 3.86	7.37 ± 0.87
75	20.46 ± 1.26	3.26 ± 0.72	105.27 ± 10.03	5.10 ± 1.85
85	57.42 ± 9.19	8.39 ± 1.63	89.82 ± 37.86	15.63 ± 3.24
95	68.75 ± 12.17	11.98 ± 0.99	138.76 ± 45.21	24.70 ± 4.81
112	374.87 ± 52.93	113.57 ± 16.89	378.62 ± 28.43	204.39 ± 26.03

^aThe viscosities were computed by eq 6 from equilibrium simulations. There are 70 water molecules in the 112% w/v solution.

Table S6. Comparison of Simulated Proportion of Lysozyme Secondary Structures with the Crystal Structure.

PEG (% w/v)	α -helix (%)		β -sheet (%)		β -bridge (%)		turn (%)		total (%)	
	298.15 K	370 K	298.15 K	370 K	298.15 K	370 K	298.15	370 K	298.15	370 K
Amber14SB										
0	30.7 \pm 0.7	31.2 \pm 0.2	6.3 \pm 0.1	6.8 \pm 0.0	4.3 \pm 0.0	3.9 \pm 0.0	25.4 \pm 0.3	25.0 \pm 0.4	66.7 \pm 0.6	66.8 \pm 0.2
15	31.9 \pm 0.3	31.0 \pm 0.2	6.7 \pm 0.0	6.8 \pm 0.0	4.1 \pm 0.0	3.9 \pm 0.0	26.1 \pm 0.8	24.9 \pm 0.2	68.8 \pm 0.8	66.6 \pm 0.2
25	33.2 \pm 0.1	30.9 \pm 0.2	6.8 \pm 0.1	6.7 \pm 0.0	4.1 \pm 0.0	3.8 \pm 0.1	24.6 \pm 0.1	25.3 \pm 0.2	68.6 \pm 0.1	66.7 \pm 0.2
35	31.8 \pm 0.4	32.0 \pm 0.2	7.1 \pm 0.1	6.9 \pm 0.0	4.0 \pm 0.1	3.7 \pm 0.2	24.8 \pm 0.6	23.6 \pm 0.2	67.6 \pm 0.2	66.1 \pm 0.2
45	33.7 \pm 0.1	30.9 \pm 0.3	6.8 \pm 0.1	7.0 \pm 0.1	4.1 \pm 0.1	3.0 \pm 0.1	24.2 \pm 0.3	24.6 \pm 1.0	68.8 \pm 0.4	65.4 \pm 0.6
55	30.9 \pm 0.2	31.2 \pm 0.1	7.1 \pm 0.1	7.0 \pm 0.1	4.0 \pm 0.1	3.8 \pm 0.1	25.8 \pm 0.1	24.0 \pm 0.8	67.7 \pm 0.2	65.9 \pm 0.8
65	30.1 \pm 0.1	29.5 \pm 0.7	6.7 \pm 0.0	6.5 \pm 0.1	3.1 \pm 0.0	4.0 \pm 0.1	25.0 \pm 0.2	25.8 \pm 0.3	64.9 \pm 0.2	65.8 \pm 0.9
75	31.1 \pm 0.1	30.7 \pm 0.4	6.8 \pm 0.1	6.8 \pm 0.1	4.0 \pm 0.1	3.9 \pm 0.0	26.2 \pm 0.1	25.8 \pm 0.3	68.1 \pm 0.2	67.2 \pm 0.3
85	31.2 \pm 0.4	31.4 \pm 0.3	7.1 \pm 0.5	6.9 \pm 0.1	3.9 \pm 0.1	3.6 \pm 0.3	25.6 \pm 0.2	25.0 \pm 1.5	67.9 \pm 0.5	66.9 \pm 1.4
95	31.3 \pm 0.6	31.3 \pm 0.1	7.0 \pm 0.2	7.1 \pm 0.0	3.7 \pm 0.1	3.8 \pm 0.0	25.5 \pm 0.2	25.0 \pm 0.2	67.6 \pm 1.4	67.1 \pm 0.2
112	30.0 \pm 0.2	31.2 \pm 0.6	6.5 \pm 0.1	6.8 \pm 0.1	3.9 \pm 0.1	3.8 \pm 0.1	25.5 \pm 0.3	25.8 \pm 0.8	65.8 \pm 0.2	67.6 \pm 0.2
a99SB-disp										
0	29.9 \pm 0.1	29.7 \pm 0.3	6.8 \pm 0.1	6.8 \pm 0.1	4.0 \pm 0.1	3.2 \pm 0.1	25.4 \pm 0.1	25.4 \pm 0.5	66.2 \pm 0.1	65.1 \pm 0.9
15	32.0 \pm 0.2	29.2 \pm 0.2	7.0 \pm 0.1	6.6 \pm 0.1	4.0 \pm 0.0	4.0 \pm 0.1	23.9 \pm 0.3	24.0 \pm 0.1	66.9 \pm 0.4	63.7 \pm 0.2
25	30.5 \pm 0.2	30.9 \pm 0.3	6.8 \pm 0.1	6.9 \pm 0.1	4.0 \pm 0.0	3.9 \pm 0.1	25.0 \pm 0.1	24.0 \pm 0.5	66.3 \pm 0.2	65.6 \pm 0.3
35	32.1 \pm 0.1	29.2 \pm 0.2	7.2 \pm 0.2	6.8 \pm 0.0	3.9 \pm 0.1	3.7 \pm 0.1	24.6 \pm 0.3	24.0 \pm 0.3	67.8 \pm 0.3	63.8 \pm 0.6
45	33.1 \pm 0.6	31.5 \pm 0.3	7.1 \pm 0.1	6.9 \pm 0.0	3.9 \pm 0.0	3.9 \pm 0.0	23.4 \pm 0.2	24.4 \pm 0.3	67.5 \pm 0.8	66.7 \pm 0.2
55	30.5 \pm 0.8	31.2 \pm 0.1	6.8 \pm 0.0	6.6 \pm 0.0	4.1 \pm 0.0	4.1 \pm 0.0	24.4 \pm 0.2	23.8 \pm 0.2	65.8 \pm 0.7	65.6 \pm 0.5
65	31.3 \pm 0.2	31.1 \pm 0.1	7.0 \pm 0.0	6.9 \pm 0.0	4.0 \pm 0.0	3.8 \pm 0.0	24.3 \pm 0.2	24.9 \pm 0.1	66.6 \pm 0.3	66.8 \pm 0.1
75	31.9 \pm 0.1	31.2 \pm 0.1	7.7 \pm 0.2	6.8 \pm 0.1	3.8 \pm 0.1	3.1 \pm 0.0	25.4 \pm 0.2	22.9 \pm 0.2	68.8 \pm 0.3	64.1 \pm 0.4
85	29.2 \pm 0.3	31.5 \pm 0.1	6.6 \pm 0.0	7.0 \pm 0.0	4.1 \pm 0.1	3.9 \pm 0.0	26.5 \pm 0.5	24.1 \pm 0.2	66.4 \pm 0.2	66.5 \pm 0.2
95	30.1 \pm 0.2	29.9 \pm 0.1	7.4 \pm 0.1	6.8 \pm 0.1	3.8 \pm 0.1	3.9 \pm 0.0	23.9 \pm 0.6	26.0 \pm 0.5	65.2 \pm 0.8	66.6 \pm 0.4
112	31.2 \pm 0.2	31.2 \pm 0.2	7.4 \pm 0.2	6.7 \pm 0.1	3.7 \pm 0.1	3.9 \pm 0.1	26.0 \pm 0.2	25.6 \pm 0.3	68.2 \pm 0.3	67.3 \pm 0.4
crystal	30.2		6.2		4.7		26.4		67.4	

Table S7. Calculated Diffusion Constants ($\times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$) of water in Protein/PEG-4 Solutions with Different Concentrations^a.

concentration (% w/v)	Amber14SB		a99SB- <i>disp</i>	
	$T = 298.15 \text{ K}$	$T = 370 \text{ K}$	$T = 298.15 \text{ K}$	$T = 370 \text{ K}$
0	5.05 ± 0.07	11.55 ± 0.16	1.63 ± 0.03	5.33 ± 0.08
15	4.19 ± 0.06	10.06 ± 0.15	1.14 ± 0.02	4.25 ± 0.06
25	3.87 ± 0.05	9.43 ± 0.15	1.09 ± 0.02	4.11 ± 0.06
35	3.34 ± 0.06	8.45 ± 0.13	0.85 ± 0.02	3.50 ± 0.05
45	2.59 ± 0.05	7.09 ± 0.11	0.64 ± 0.01	2.90 ± 0.04
55	2.20 ± 0.05	6.39 ± 0.10	0.47 ± 0.01	2.48 ± 0.04
65	1.79 ± 0.04	5.44 ± 0.12	0.29 ± 0.01	1.86 ± 0.04
75	1.02 ± 0.03	3.93 ± 0.08	0.15 ± 0.01	1.32 ± 0.03
85	0.34 ± 0.01	2.13 ± 0.06	0.10 ± 0.01	0.75 ± 0.02
95	0.22 ± 0.01	1.17 ± 0.04	0.11 ± 0.01	0.31 ± 0.01
112	0.07 ± 0.02	0.14 ± 0.02	0.03 ± 0.01	0.09 ± 0.01

^a Computed by eq 5 using the viscosity in Table S4. There are 70 water molecules in the 112% w/v solution.

Table S8. Calculated Diffusion Constants ($\times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$) of PEG-4 in Protein/PEG-4 Solutions with Different Concentrations.

concentration (% w/v)	Amber14SB		a99SB- <i>disp</i>	
	$T = 298.15 \text{ K}$	$T = 370 \text{ K}$	$T = 298.15 \text{ K}$	$T = 370 \text{ K}$
0	-	-	-	-
15	0.70 ± 0.12	2.09 ± 0.33	0.27 ± 0.03	1.01 ± 0.12
25	0.68 ± 0.10	1.89 ± 0.24	0.25 ± 0.03	0.96 ± 0.09
35	0.58 ± 0.07	1.66 ± 0.18	0.19 ± 0.02	0.80 ± 0.09
45	0.40 ± 0.04	1.29 ± 0.12	0.14 ± 0.01	0.62 ± 0.05
55	0.33 ± 0.04	1.16 ± 0.11	0.10 ± 0.01	0.54 ± 0.04
65	0.27 ± 0.02	0.93 ± 0.09	0.06 ± 0.01	0.38 ± 0.03
75	0.13 ± 0.01	0.64 ± 0.05	0.03 ± 0.01	0.27 ± 0.02
85	0.04 ± 0.01	0.32 ± 0.02	0.02 ± 0.01	0.15 ± 0.01
95	0.03 ± 0.01	0.17 ± 0.01	0.03 ± 0.01	0.07 ± 0.01
112	0.01 ± 0.01	0.03 ± 0.01	0.01 ± 0.01	0.02 ± 0.01

^a Computed by eq 5 using the viscosity in Table S4. There are 70 water molecules in the 112% w/v solution.

Table S9. Calculated Diffusion Constants ($\times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$) of Lysozyme in Protein/PEG-4 Solutions with Different Concentrations^a.

concentration (% w/v)	Amber14SB		a99SB- <i>disp</i>	
	$T = 298.15 \text{ K}$	$T = 370 \text{ K}$	$T = 298.15 \text{ K}$	$T = 370 \text{ K}$
0	23.08 ± 7.68	40.81 ± 19.41	12.01 ± 2.41	21.12 ± 7.76
15	8.76 ± 1.34	19.16 ± 4.87	4.76 ± 1.26	15.59 ± 3.01
25	9.12 ± 2.67	13.91 ± 5.69	3.84 ± 0.82	13.11 ± 2.19
35	13.12 ± 3.60	14.05 ± 5.91	2.19 ± 1.19	11.57 ± 3.65
45	3.95 ± 0.95	11.01 ± 1.72	1.59 ± 0.38	4.95 ± 1.17
55	3.42 ± 0.80	15.46 ± 4.90	1.17 ± 0.50	7.39 ± 2.94
65	4.90 ± 0.73	9.43 ± 2.27	0.46 ± 0.13	3.52 ± 1.23
75	0.94 ± 0.24	6.71 ± 1.41	0.20 ± 0.02	3.62 ± 0.65
85	0.26 ± 0.03	1.88 ± 0.30	0.17 ± 0.04	1.29 ± 0.21
95	0.19 ± 0.02	1.60 ± 0.55	0.13 ± 0.03	0.72 ± 0.10
112	0.05 ± 0.01	0.14 ± 0.01	0.04 ± 0.01	0.11 ± 0.02

^aComputed by eq 7 using the viscosity in Table S4. There are 70 water molecules in the 112% w/v solution.

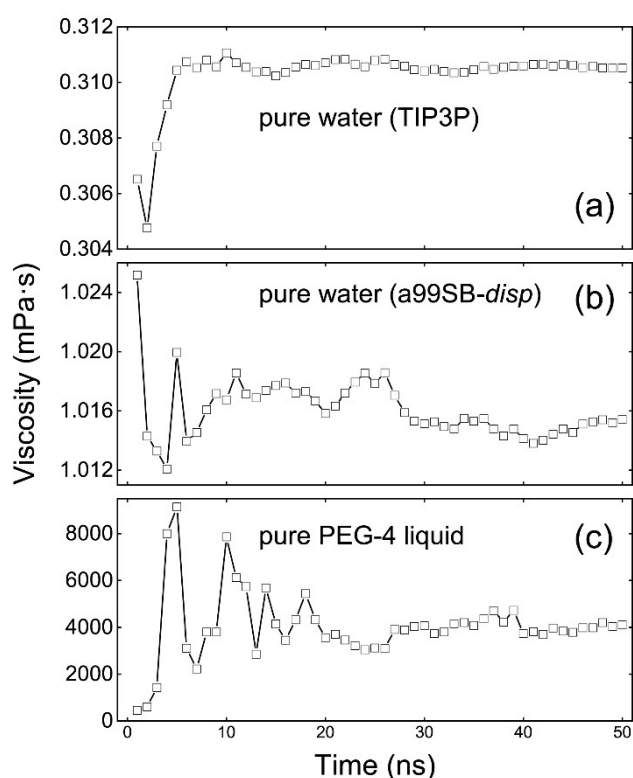


Figure S1. Calculated viscosities of the pure water using TIP3P (a) and a99SB-*disp* (b) models and pure PEG-4 liquid (c) as a function of simulation time.

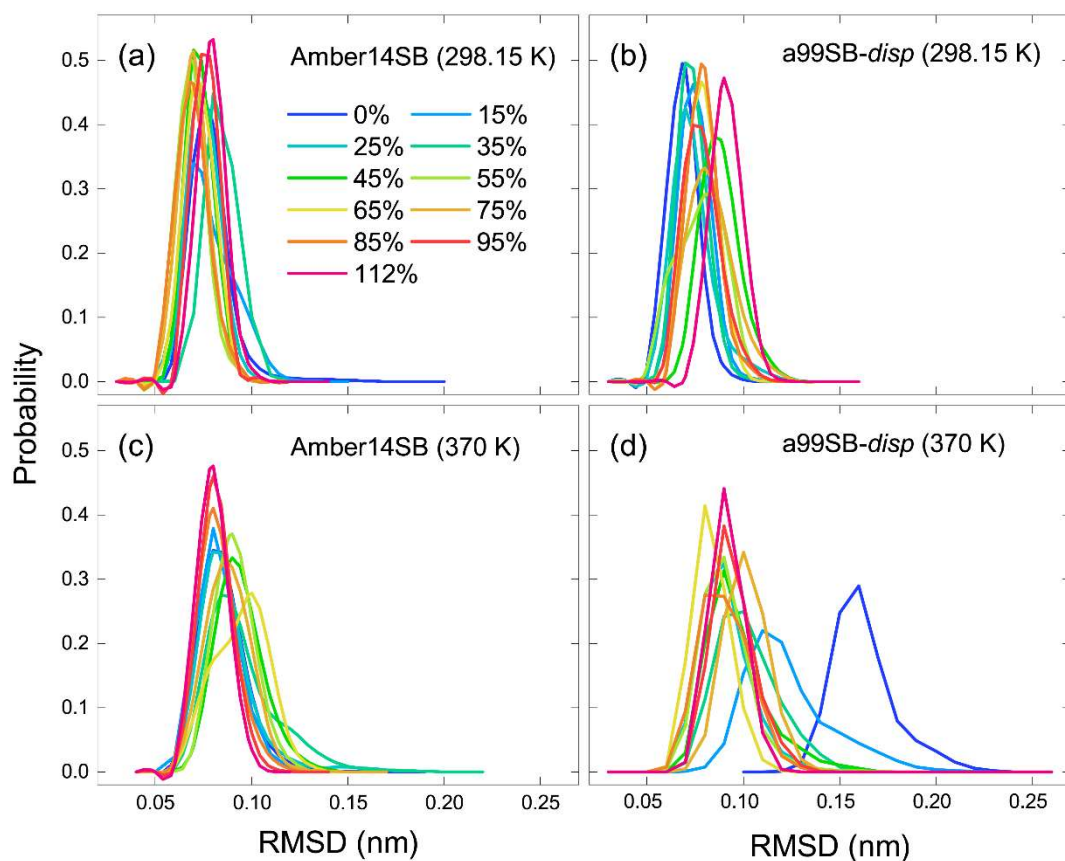


Figure S2. Probability distribution of the RMSDs for lysozyme using Amber14SB (*left*) and a99SB-*disp* (*right*) force fields during the simulations at 298.15 K (a-b) and 370 K (c-d).

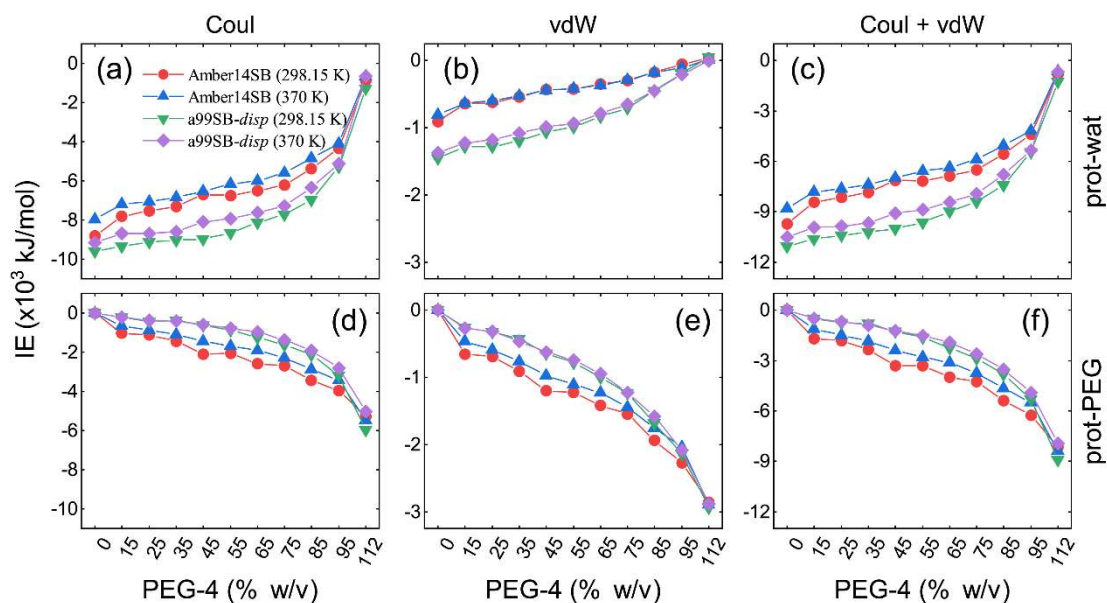


Figure S3. Interaction energy between lysozyme and solvent molecules of water (*top*) and PEG-4 (*bottom*) for the simulations of lysozyme in different PEG-4 concentrations using Amber14SB and a99SB-*disp* force fields at 298.15 K and 370 K.

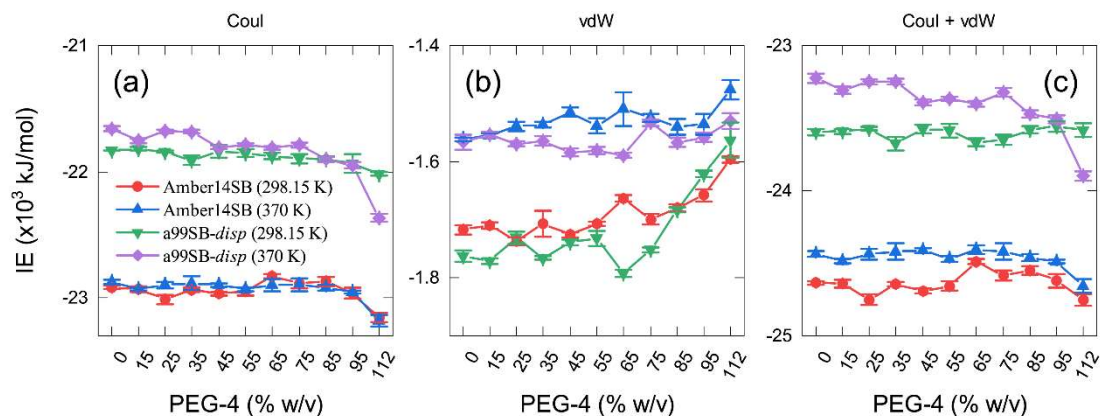


Figure S4. Intramolecular nonbonded interaction energy of protein for the simulations of lysozyme in different PEG-4 concentrations using Amber14SB and a99SB-*disp* force fields at 298.15 K and 370 K.

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