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## Supplementary information to: From polymer to proteins: effect of side chains and broken symmetry in the formation of secondary structures within a Wang-Landau approach

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## I. PHASE DIAGRAMS OF P MODEL

In Figure 1 we report results obtained from Wang-Landau method applied to model P that are then used to draw the phase diagram (see Figure 2). These include both the specific heat per monomer  $C_v(T)/(Nk_B)$  and the reduced mean-square radius of gyration  $\langle R^2(T) \rangle / N\sigma^2$  as a function of the reduced temperature  $k_b T/\epsilon$ . In Figure 2 the phase



FIG. 1. Left panel. The specific heat per monomer  $C_v(T)/(Nk_B)$  as a function of the reduced temperature  $k_b T/\epsilon$  for the P model with N = 8, 16, 32, 64. Right panel. The reduced mean-square radius of gyration  $\langle R^2(T) \rangle / N\sigma^2$  as a function of the reduced temperature  $k_b T/\epsilon$  under the same canditions.

diagram of the P model in the reduced temperature  $k_B T/\epsilon$  vs interaction range  $R_c$  plane is depicted for N = 50. Upon cooling from a coil configuration, one finds first a transition to a globule, and then a transition to a crystal. The two transitions merge below  $R_c \approx 6$  Åto become a direct coil-crystal transition in agreement with the results by Taylor *et al.* At larger interaction ranges, the crystal structure becomes less definite more similar to a spherical globule as one could expect on a physical ground.

## **II. TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE OF THE CORRELATION FUNCTIONS FOR THE OPSC MODEL**

The three correlation functions (tangent-tangent, normal-normal, and binormal-binormal) of the OPSC model are plotted as a function of the sequence separation and of the reduced temperature  $k_B T/\epsilon$  in Fig. 3. The transition from exponential to oscillating behavior upon cooling below a critical temperature line is evident in all three cases.

TABLE I. Comparison between the ground state energies obtained from the microcanonical Wang-Landau and the canonical replica exchange.

$\lambda = 1.05$	N	$-E_{\rm gs}^{\rm WL}$	$-E_{\rm gs}^{\rm RE}$
	3	1	_
	4	3	_
	5	5	—
	6	7	_
	7	10	_
	8	12	12
	9	15	—
	10	18	—
	12	23	—
	16	34	34
	20	46	_
	32	86	84
	64	205	197
	128	451	—
	256	945 	— — DE
$\lambda = 1.3$	N	$-E_{\rm gs}^{\rm WL}$	$-E_{\rm gs}^{\rm RE}$
	3	1	—
	4	3	—
	5	5	—
	6	8	_
	7	11	-
	8	13	13
	9	16	—
	10	19	_
	12	27	-
	10	40 55	40
	20 20	00 102	109
	52 64	240	102
	198	240 520	237
	256	1113	
$\lambda = 1.5$	200 N	$-E^{WL}$	$-E^{RE}$
. 1.0	3	1 2 gs	–
	4	3	_
	5	6	_
	6	10	_
	7	13	_
	8	17	17
	9	21	_
	10	25	_
	12	34	_
	16	54	54
	20	73	_
	32	139	139
	64	322	330
	128	690	_
	256	1450	_



FIG. 2. Phase diagram of the P model in the reduced temperature  $k_B T/\epsilon$  vs interaction range  $R_c$  plane for N = 50.



Normal-normal correlations



FIG. 3. Three dimensional plot of the tangent-tangent, normal-normal, and binormal-binormal correlation functions as a function of the sequence separation and the reduced temperature  $k_B T/\epsilon$ .

0.8 0.6 0.2 -0.2

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